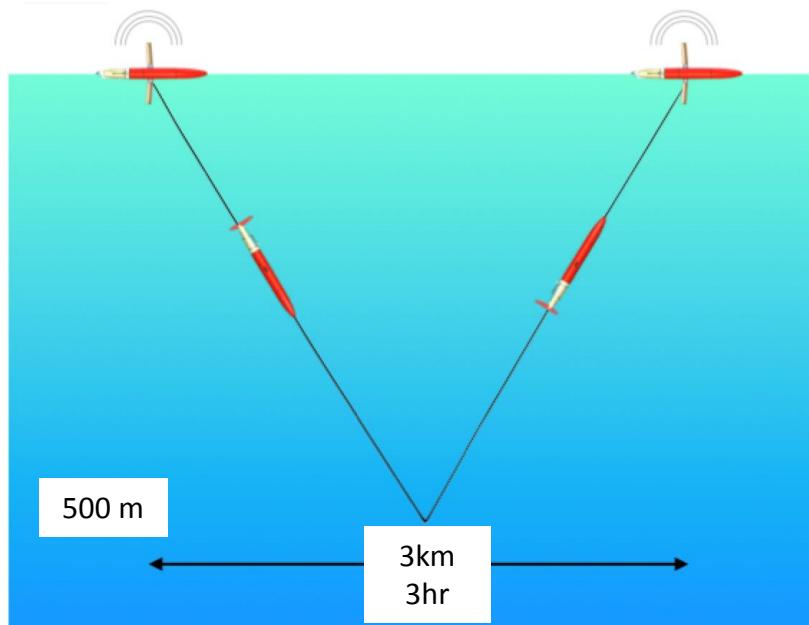


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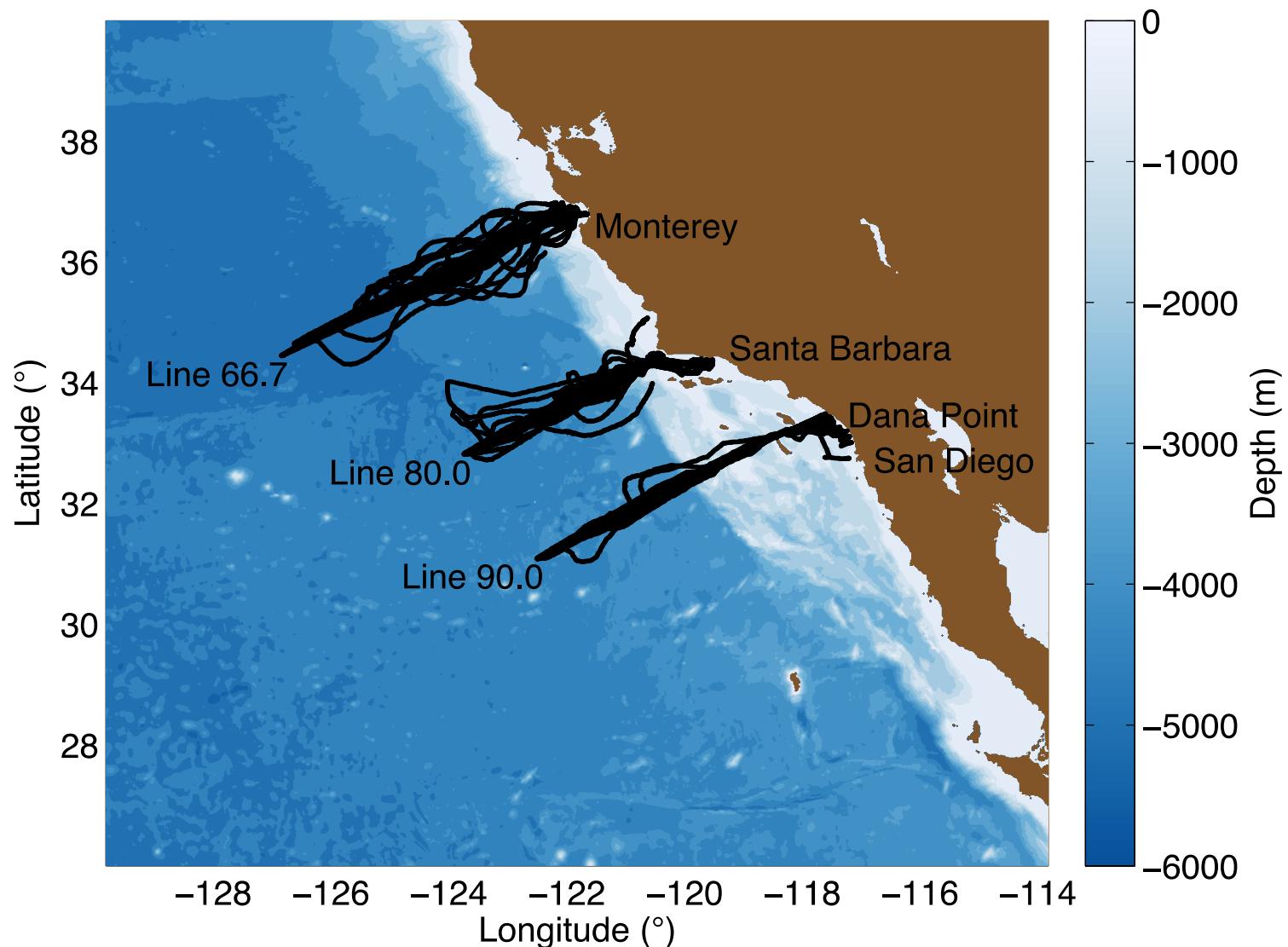
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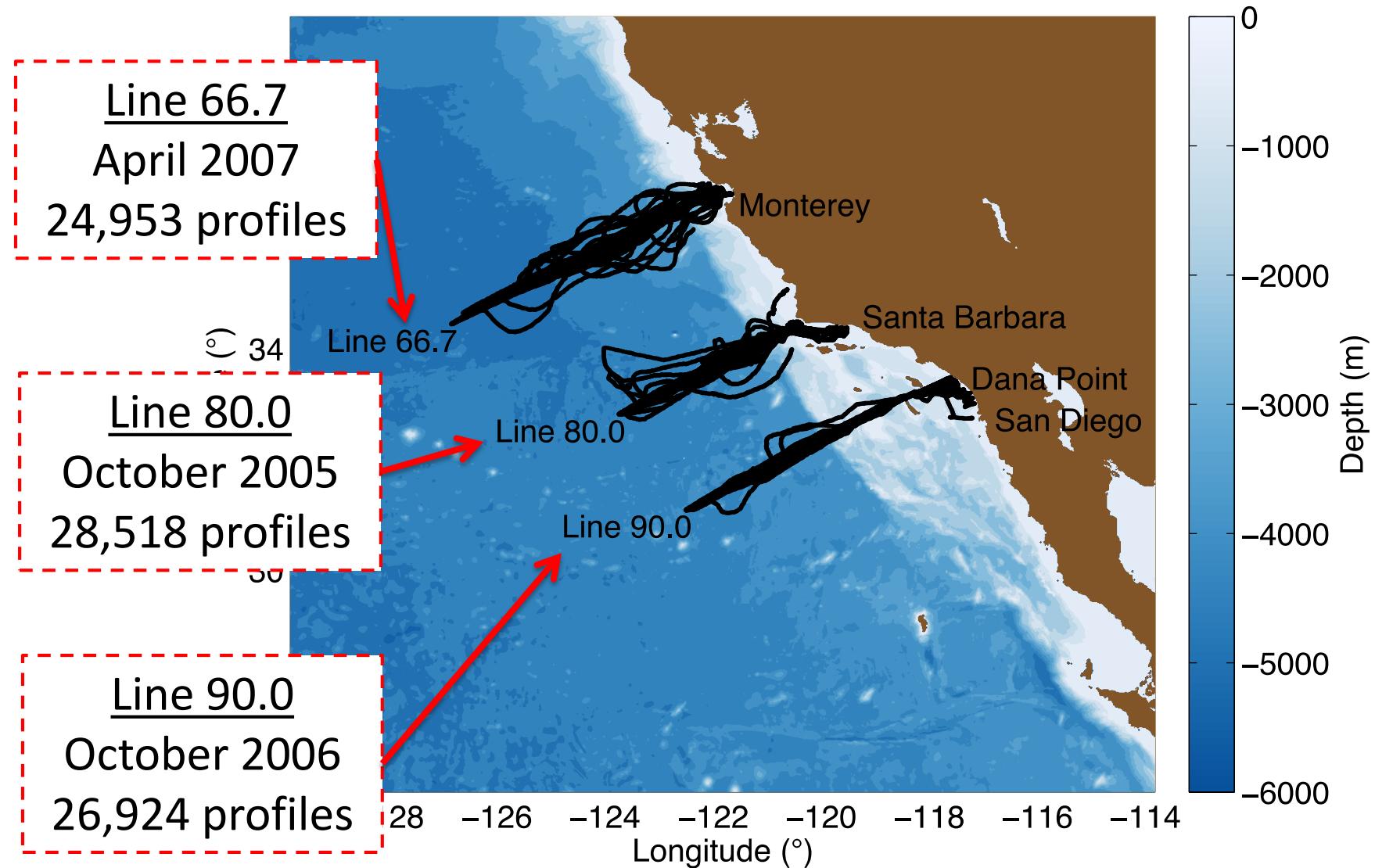


- Autonomous underwater vehicle
- Buoyancy-driven
- Steering: changes center of mass, battery packs (pitch & roll)
- Deployment duration: 3-5 months
- Horizontal velocity: 0.25 m/s
- Vertical velocity: 0.1 m/s
- Measured variables:
 - Pressure
 - Temperature
 - Salinity
 - Velocity (depth-averaged and depth dependent)
 - Fluorescence
 - Acoustic backscatter, nitrate, dissolved oxygen

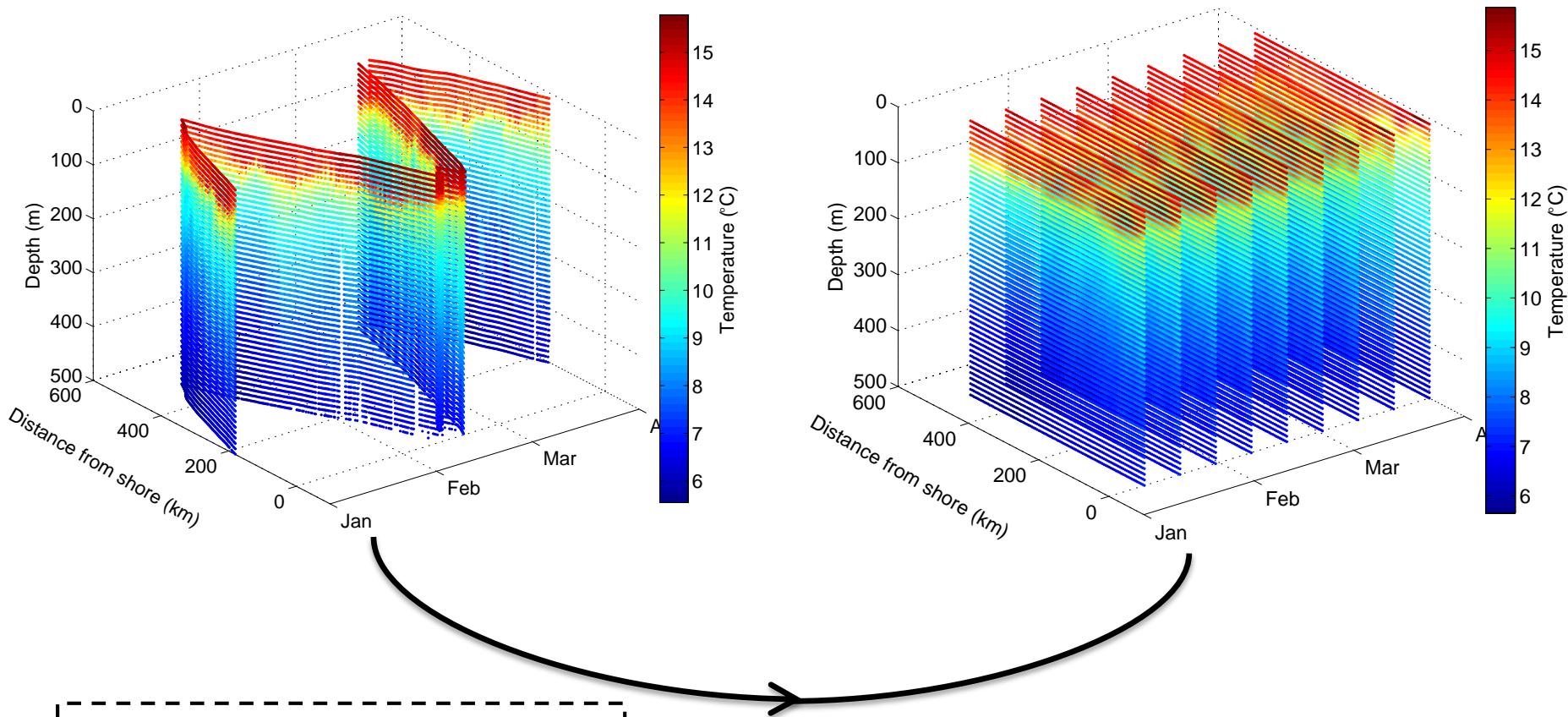
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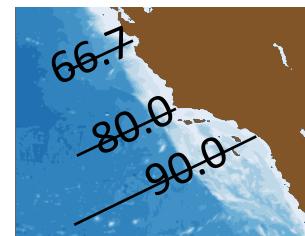
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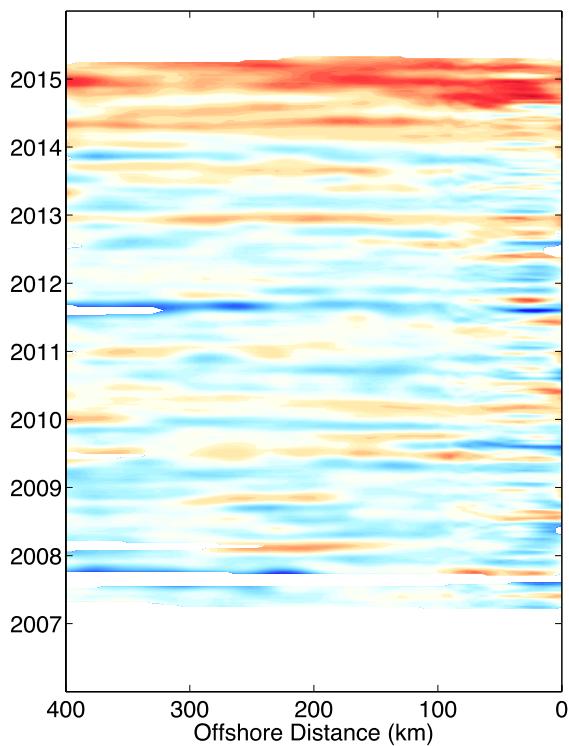
- Non-uniform sampling pattern
- One dive cycle: roughly every 3km, 3hrs
- One section: 2-3 weeks

- Uniform grid
- $dx = 5 \text{ km}$
- $dt = 10 \text{ days}$

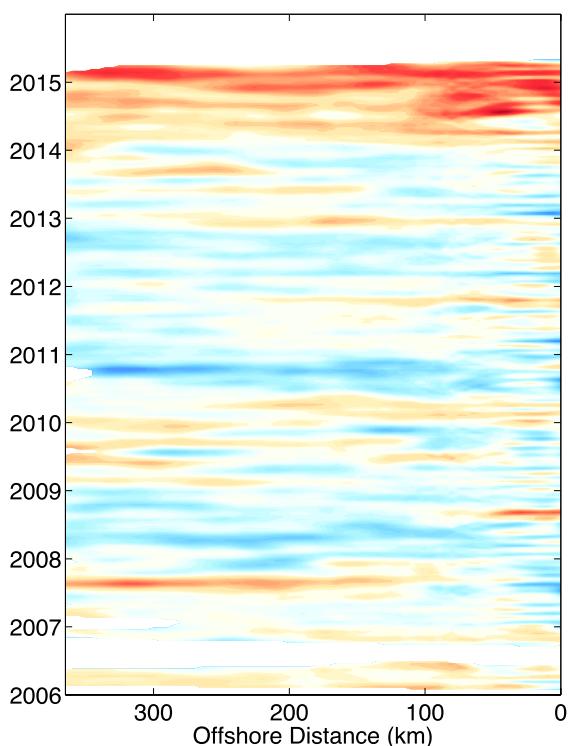
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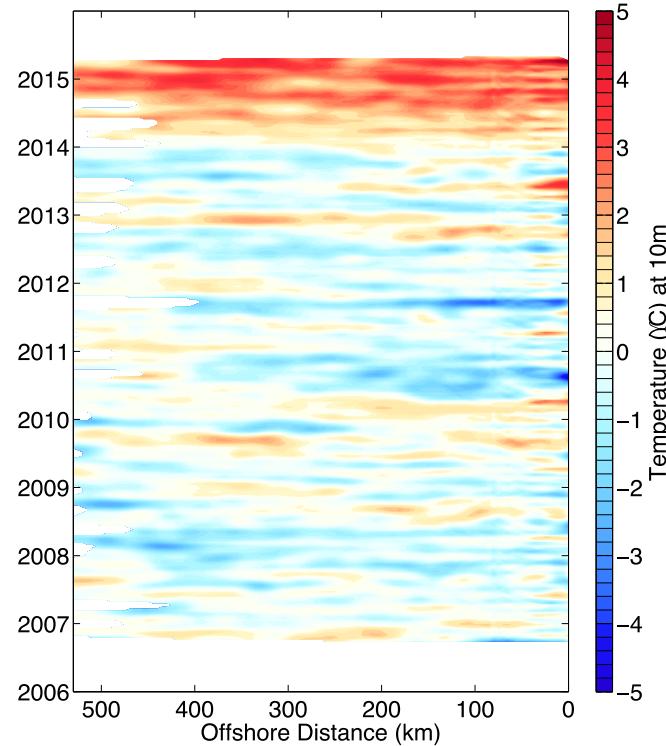
Line 66.7



Line 80.0



Line 90.0



Temperature (°C) at 10m

-5

-4

-3

-2

-1

0

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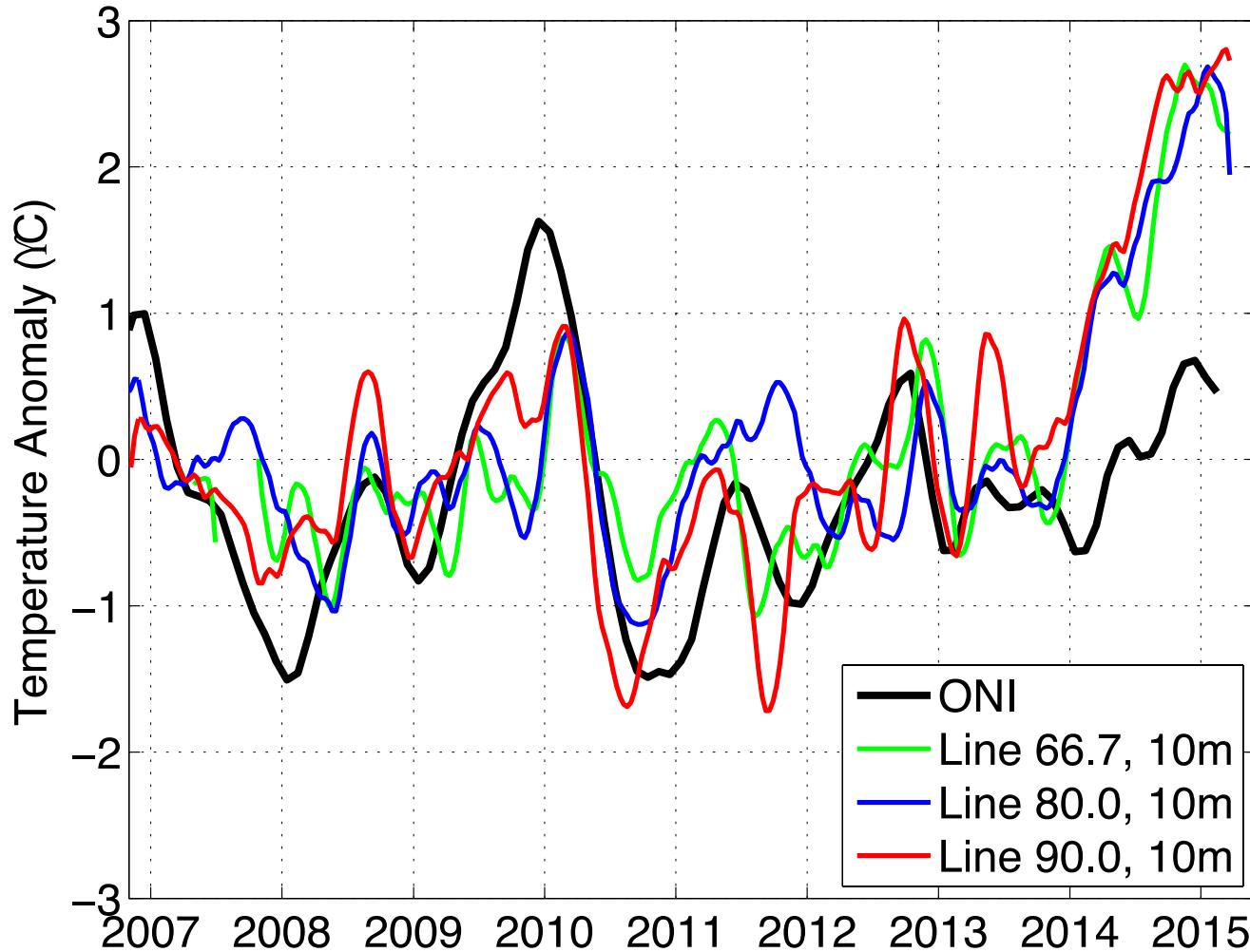
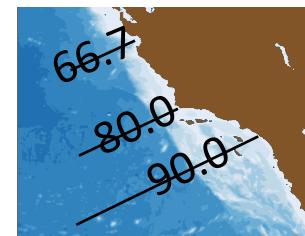
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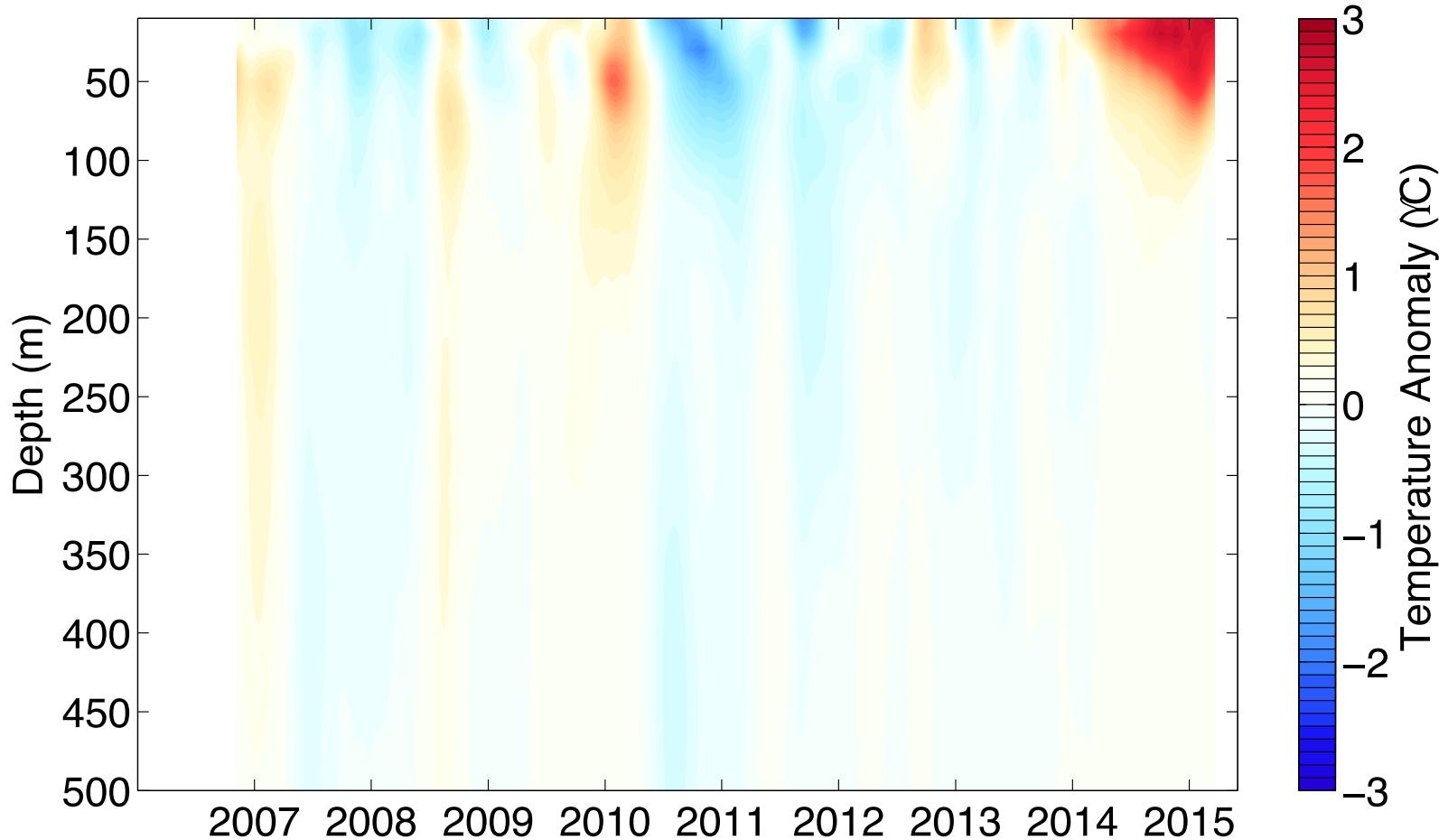
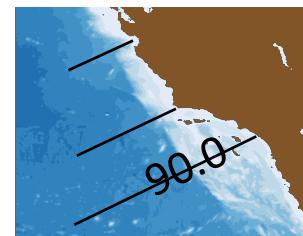
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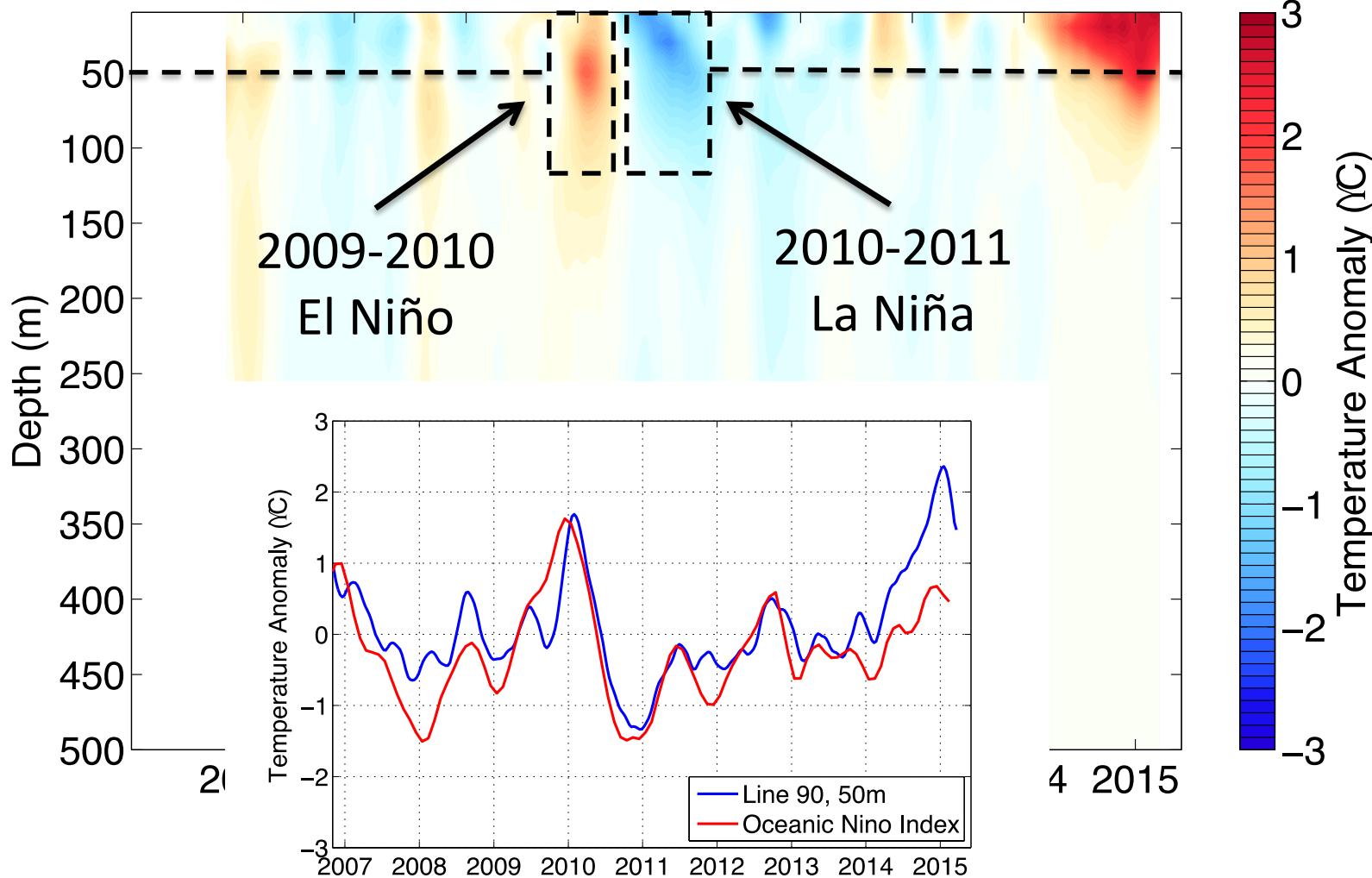
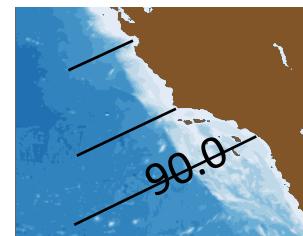
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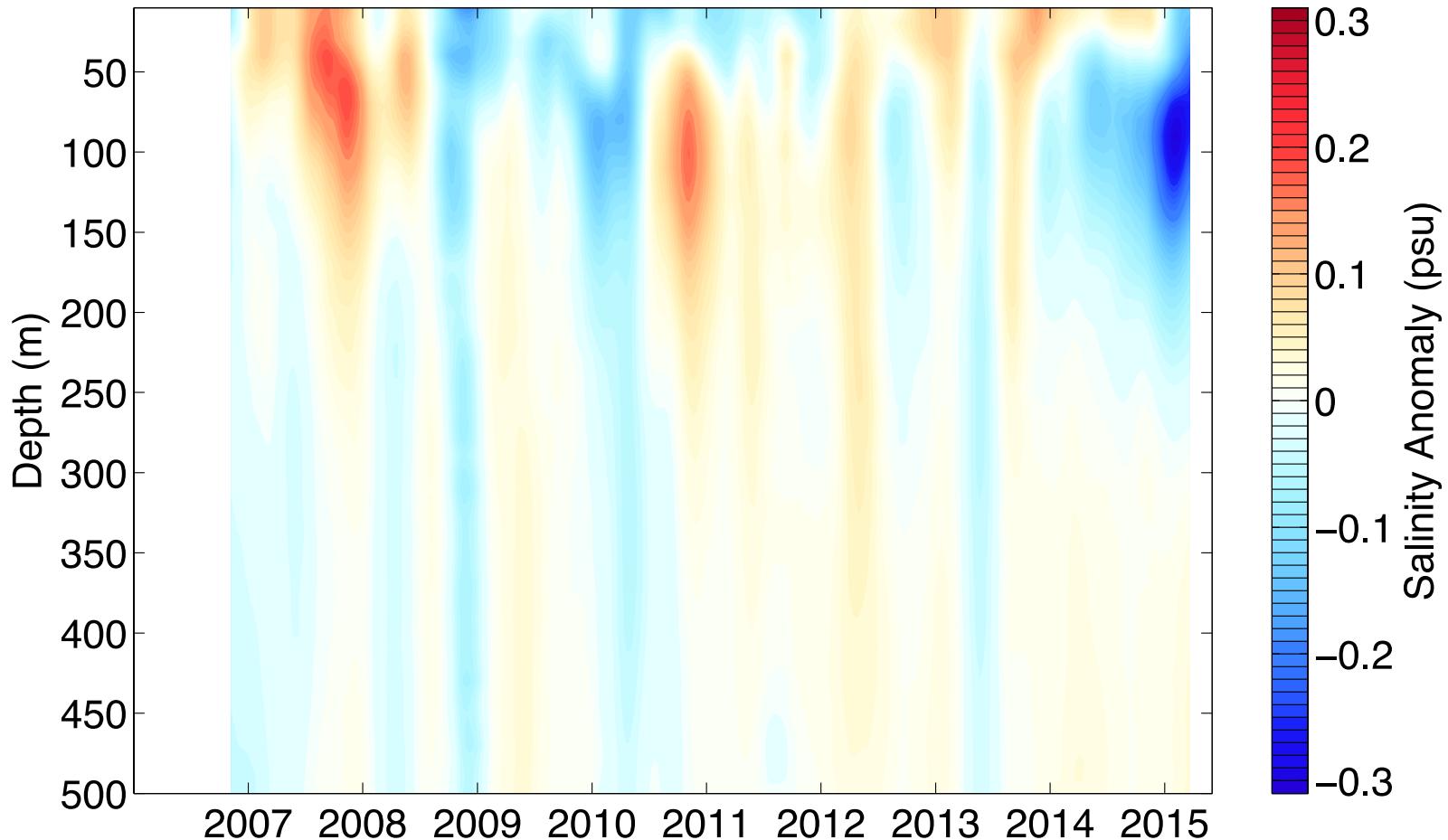
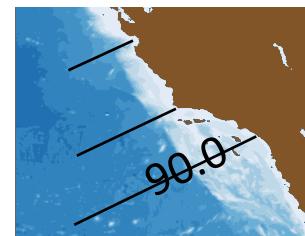
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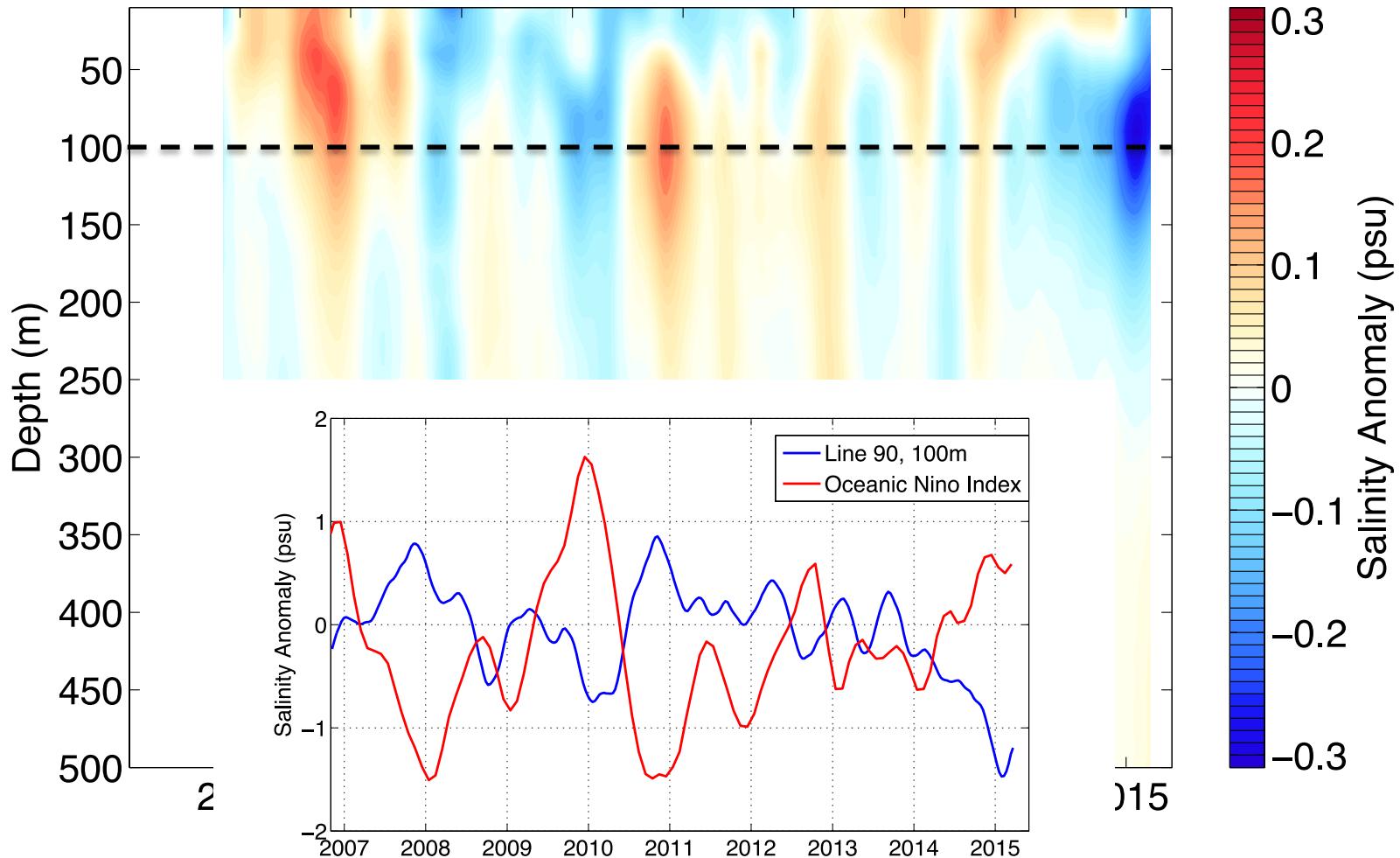
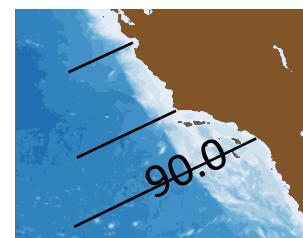
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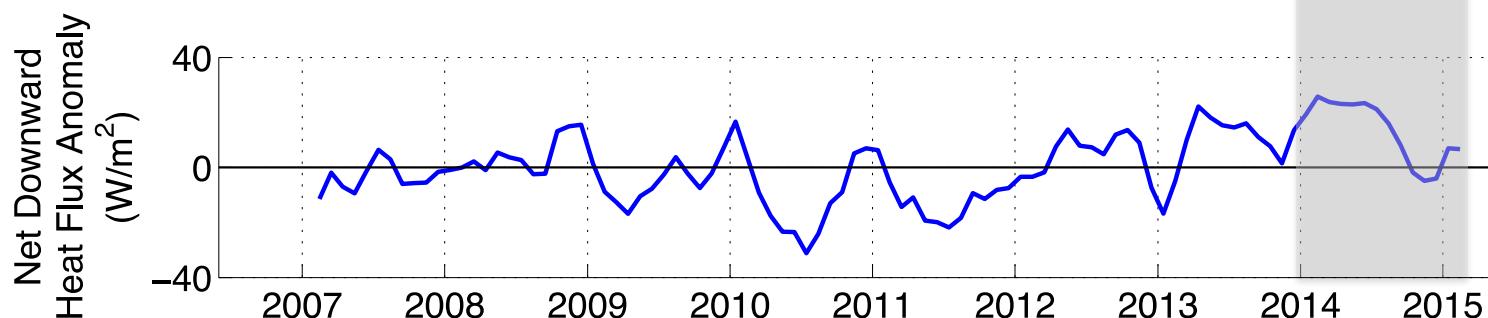
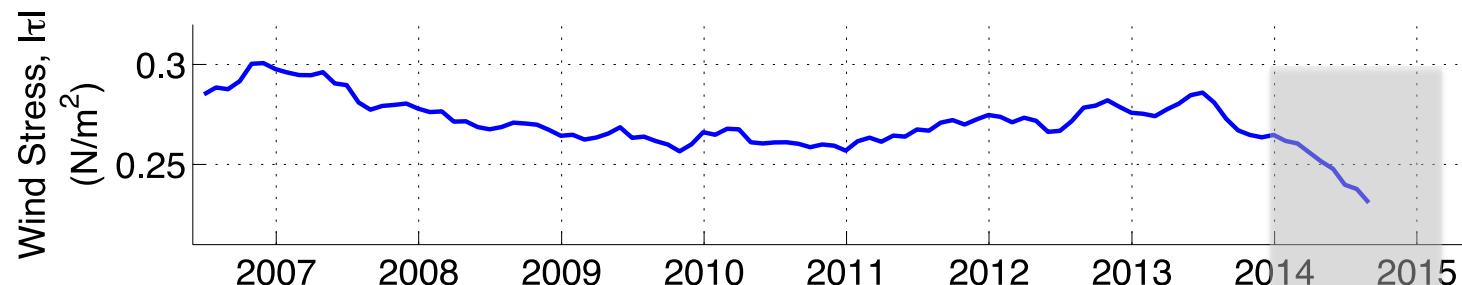
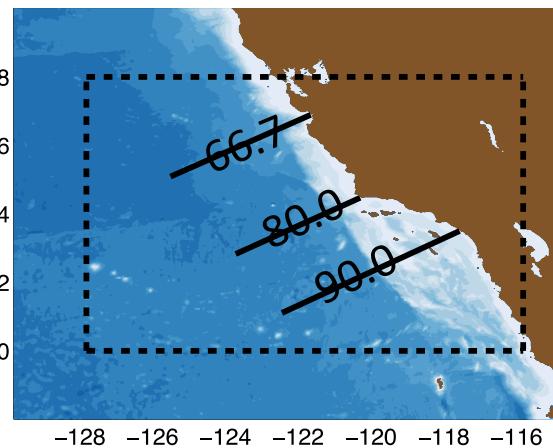
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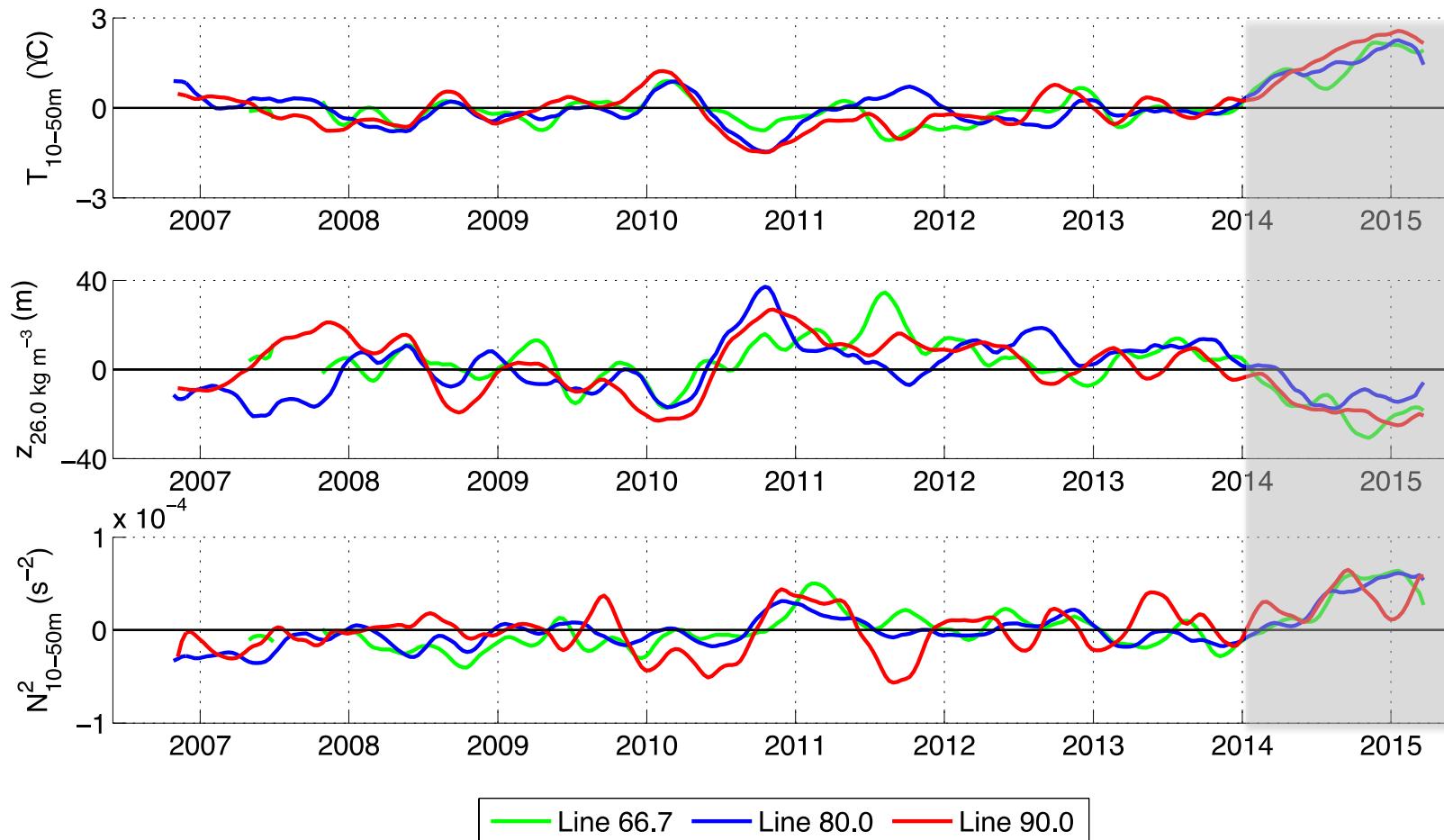
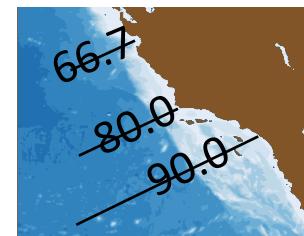
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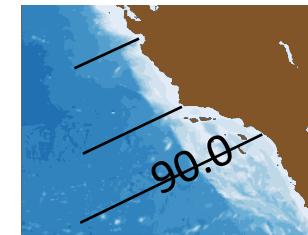


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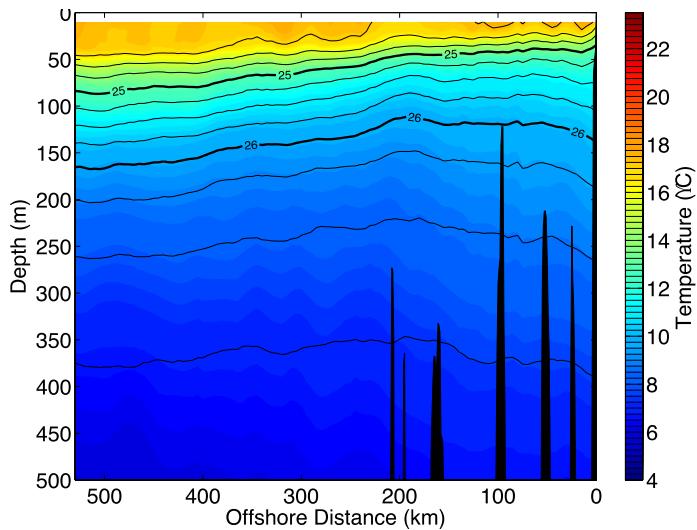
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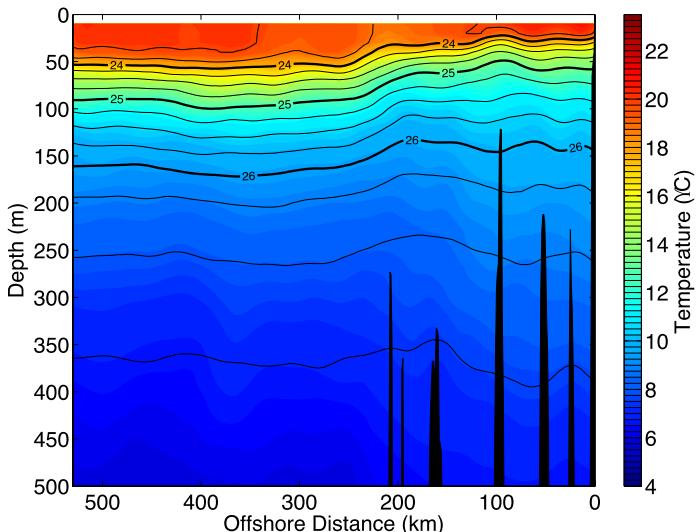


Summary

Average November 6



November 6, 2014



- Spray gliders reveal surface intensified positive temperature anomalies along CalCOFI lines 66.7, 80, 90
- Observed 2014-2015 conditions:
 - Anomalously **low wind stress**
 - Weak upwelling
 - Weak mixing
 - Anomalously **high surface heat flux** from the atmosphere to the ocean
 - Warm, highly-stratified upper ocean