# COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO CLIMATE VARIABILITY DURING WARMING AND STEADY CONDITIONS IN THE NORTH PACIFIC ARCTIC

# Caitlin A Meadows

Univ. Chicago, Dept. Geophysical Sciences

Chapter 0: Fossil biomass

# Chapter I: High Latitude Death Assemblages as Archives of Ecologic Information

Chapter 2: Creating a 150-Year History of Benthic Climate and Ecology in The North Pacific Arctic

Chapter 3: Community Response to Climate Variability







#### Living and Dead







- How well do death assemblages reflect living assemblages that have not yet changed?
- Can Live-Dead analysis detect known ecological shift due to environmental change?
- Is biomass more sensitive than numerical abundance in live dead analysis?

Introduction Materials and Methods Results Conclusions

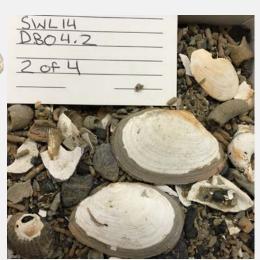
# DATA GATHERED

- I to 4 Van Veen Grabs per station
- 22 Bivalve Families
- Abundance (individuals/m²)
- Biomass (gC/m²) (Meadows, 2017 in prep)





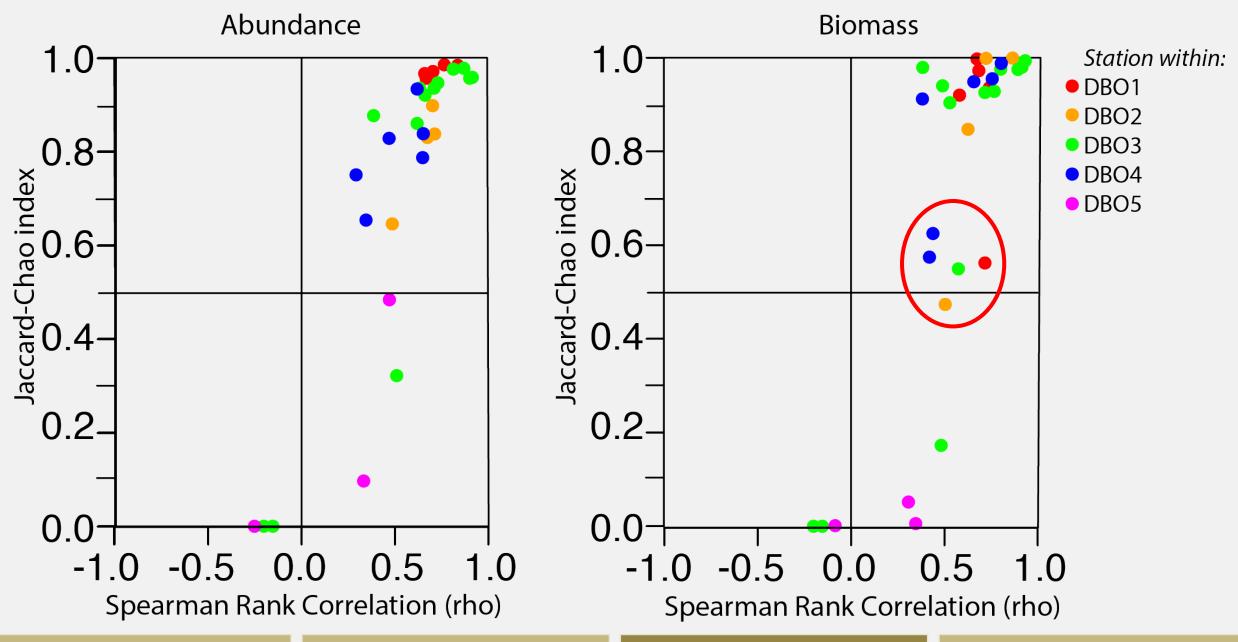






DBOI DBO2 DBO3 DBO4 DBO5

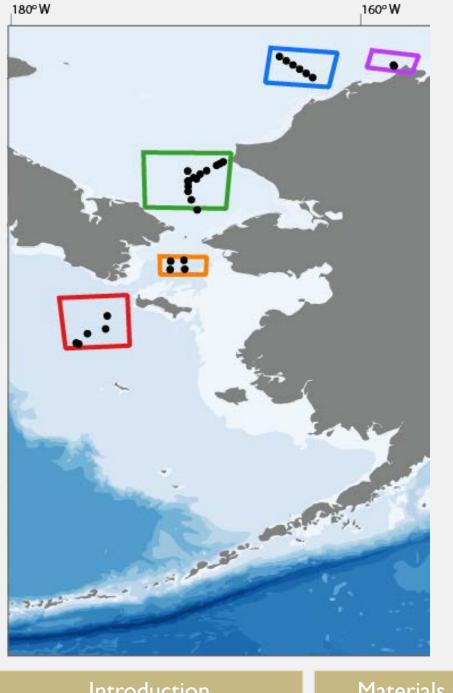
Introduction Materials and Methods Results Discussion

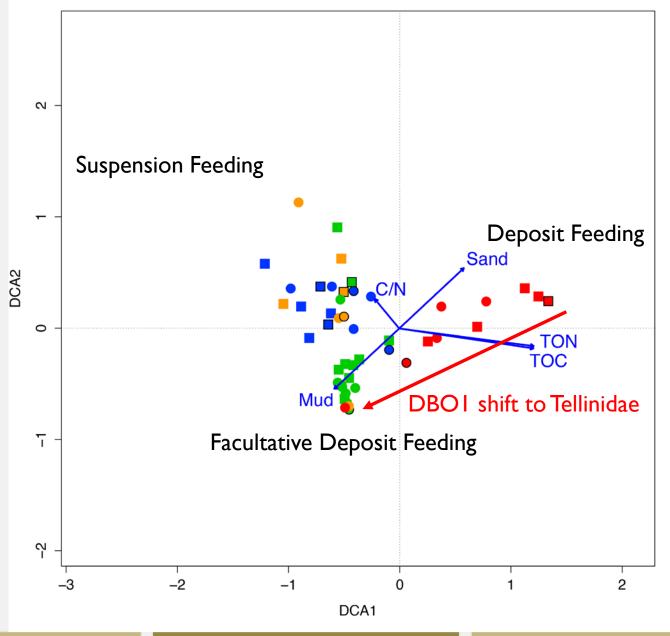


Introduction Materials and Methods

Results

Conclusions



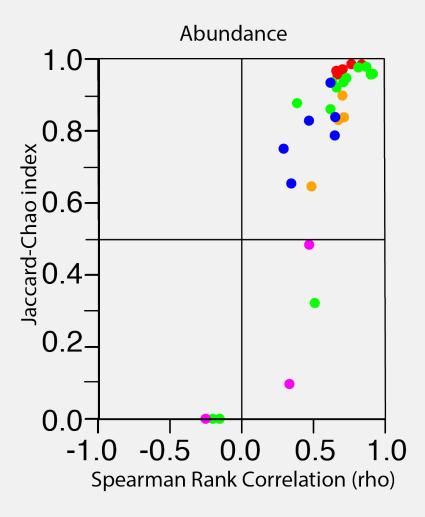


Introduction Materials and Methods

Results

Conclusions

### THE POWER OF HIGH LATITUDE LIVE-DEAD DISCORDANCE



- How well do death assemblages reflect living assemblages that have not yet changed?
  - Yes
- Can Live-Dead analysis detect known ecological shift due to environmental change?
  - Yes
- Is biomass more sensitive than numerical abundance in live dead analysis?
  - Yes

# THE POWER OF HIGH LATITUDE LIVE-DEAD DISCORDANCE

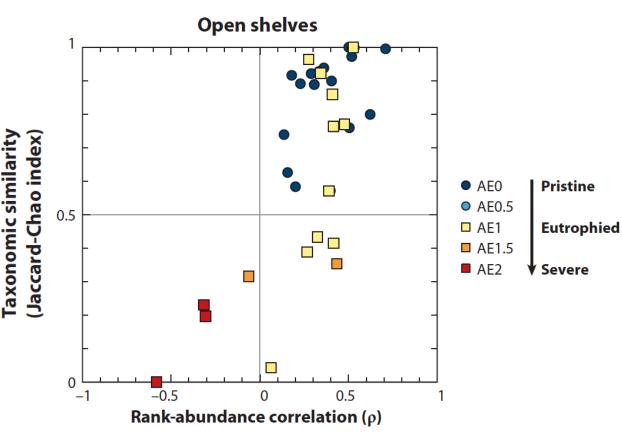
Living and Dead







Don't Throw Out the Dead!









Kidwell and Tomasovych, 2013

Introduction Materials and Methods

Results

Conclusions