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Application of sonar systems in Peruvian anchoveta surveys and potential applicability for jack mackerel in Peru and Chile

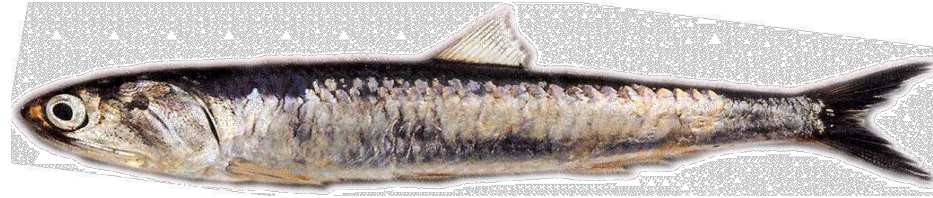
Grados, D; et al





What do we know?

Goal: Quantify the **biomass and spatial distribution of anchovy**.



Engraulis ringens



Anchoa nasus



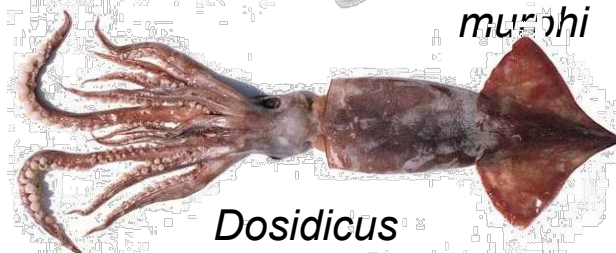
Scomber japonicus



Trachurus murohi



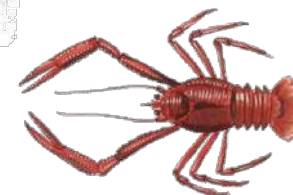
Galeichthys peruvianus



Dosidicus gigas



Vinciguerria lucetia



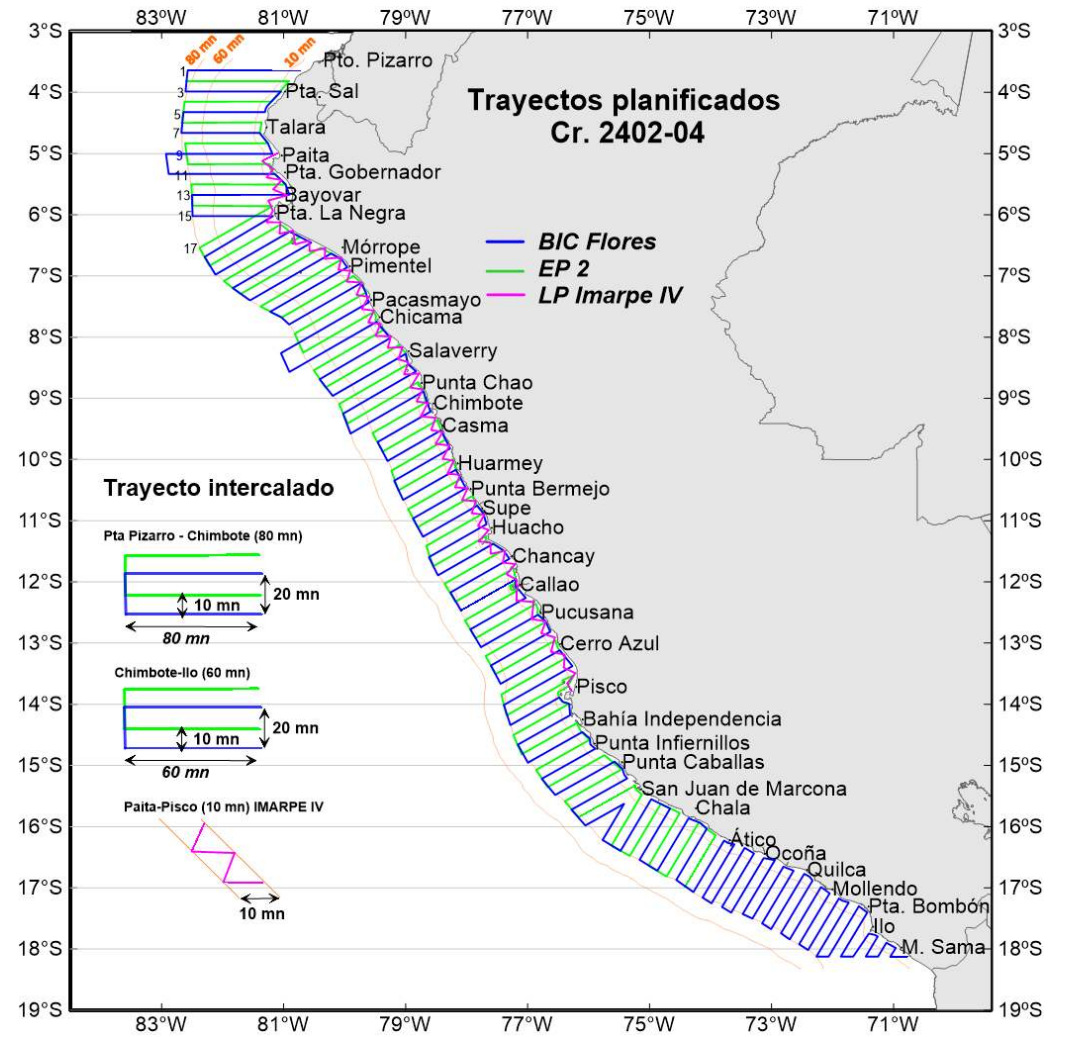
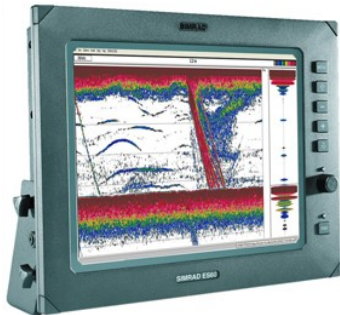
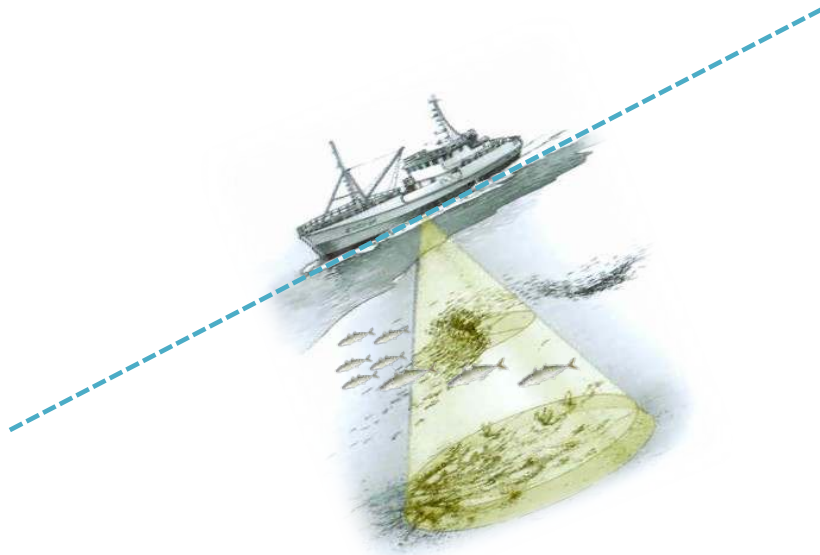
Pleuroncodes monodom



Macrozooplankton



What do we know?



- 40 days
- 80/100 nm

What do we have?



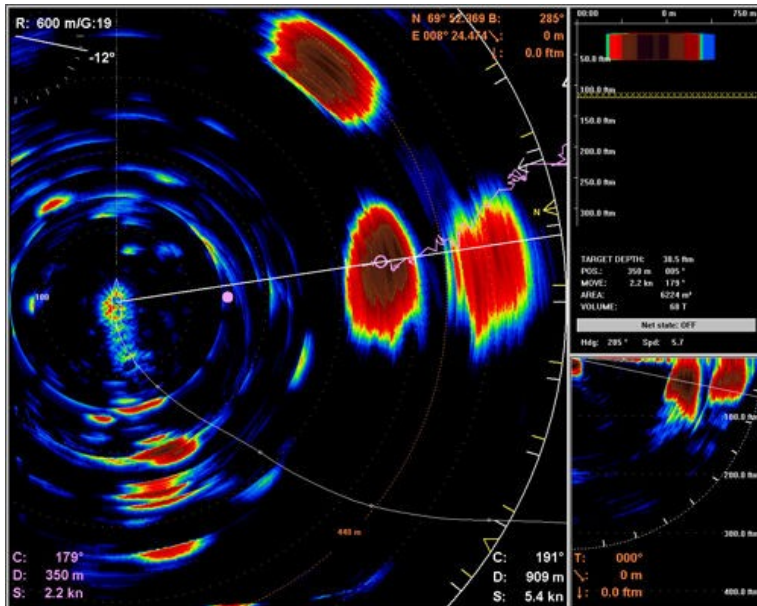
EP Andes 53

ECOSOUNDER EK80



- 2 Scientifics ships
- Different operations → biological and oceanographic samplings
- Moderns acoustic systems → EK80
- SONAR SX90

SONAR SX90

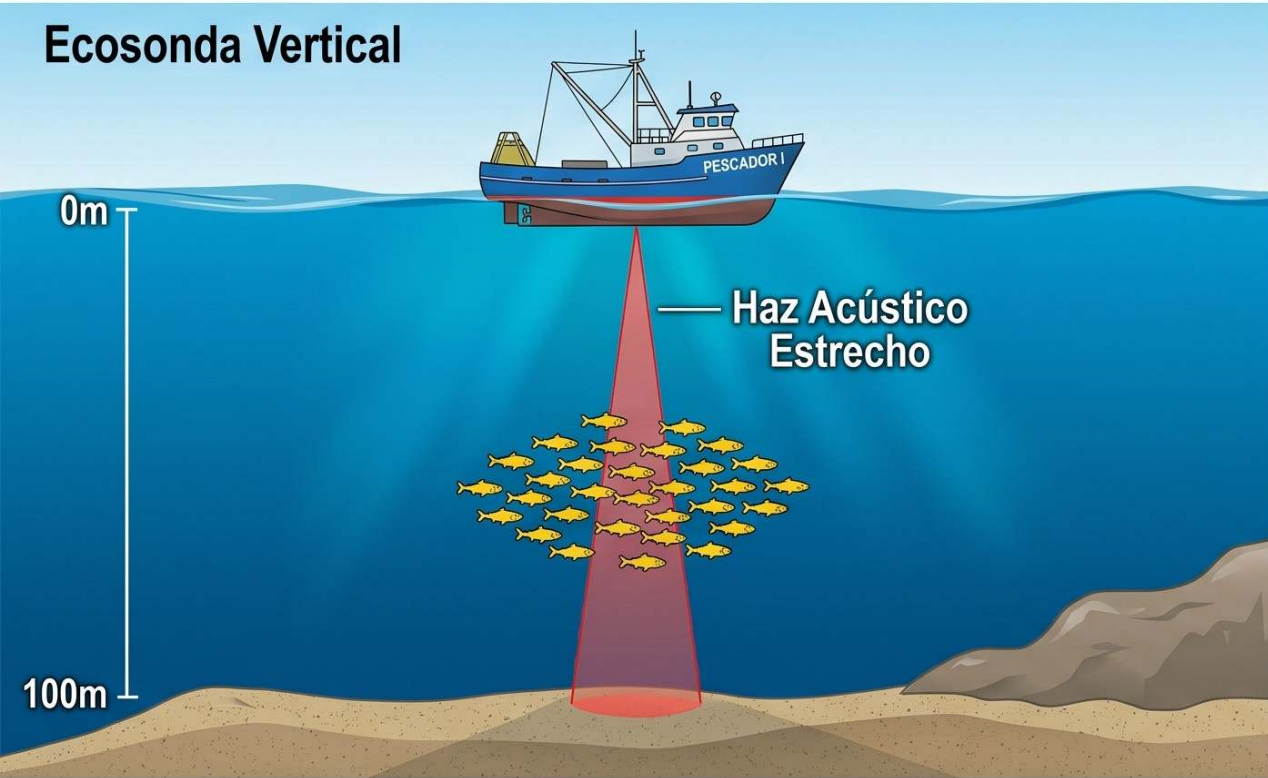


What we can study using sonar data?

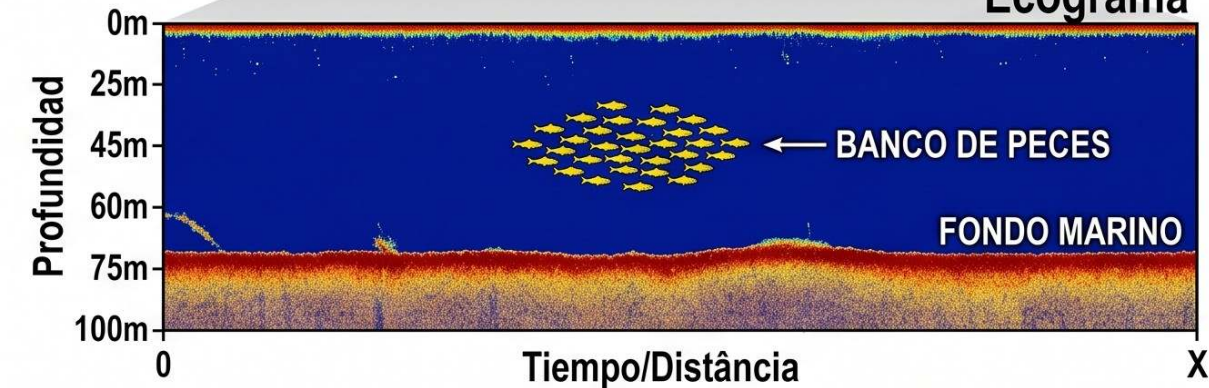
- Anchovy Behaviour
- Biomass estimation?

PANEL IZQUIERDO: ECOSONDA VERTICAL

Ecosonda Vertical



Ecograma

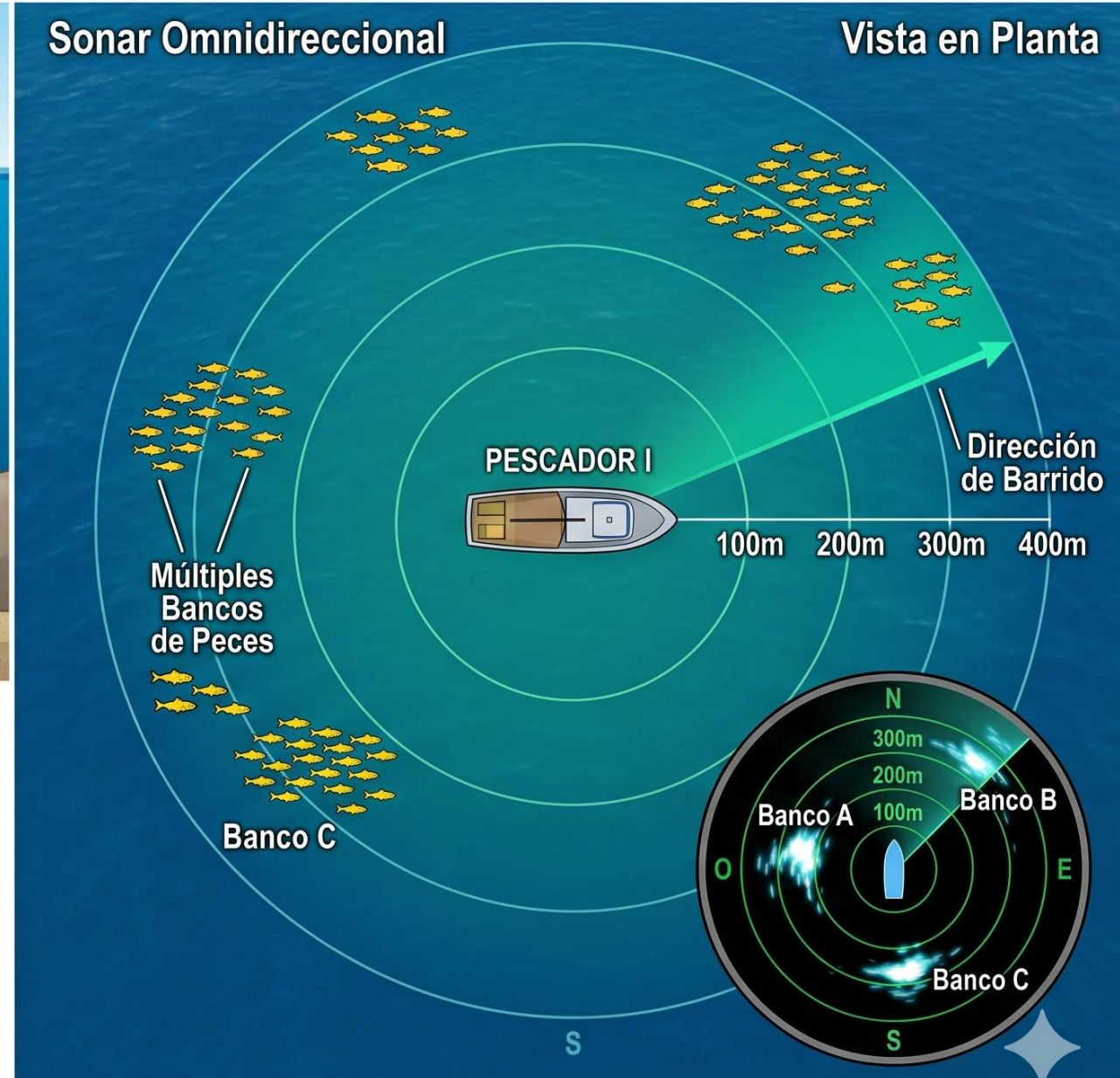


ECOGRAMA (Vertical)

PANEL DERECHO: SONAR OMNIDIRECCIONAL

Sonar Omnidireccional

Vista en Planta



VISUALIZACIÓN DE SONAR (Omnidireccional)

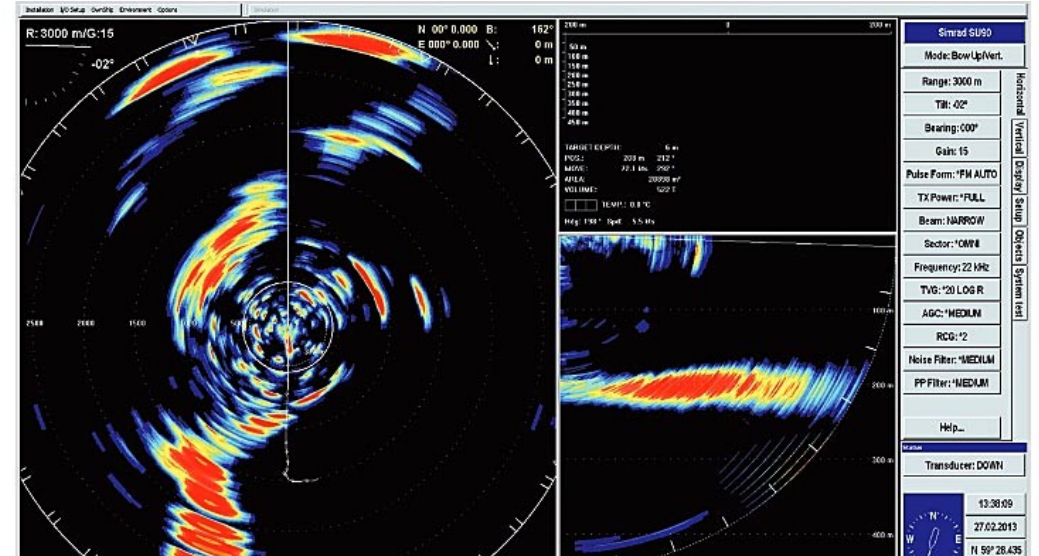
Synchronization



SX90

EK80

SX90 Configuration



- Range: 500 m
- Tilt : 7°
- Noise filter: off

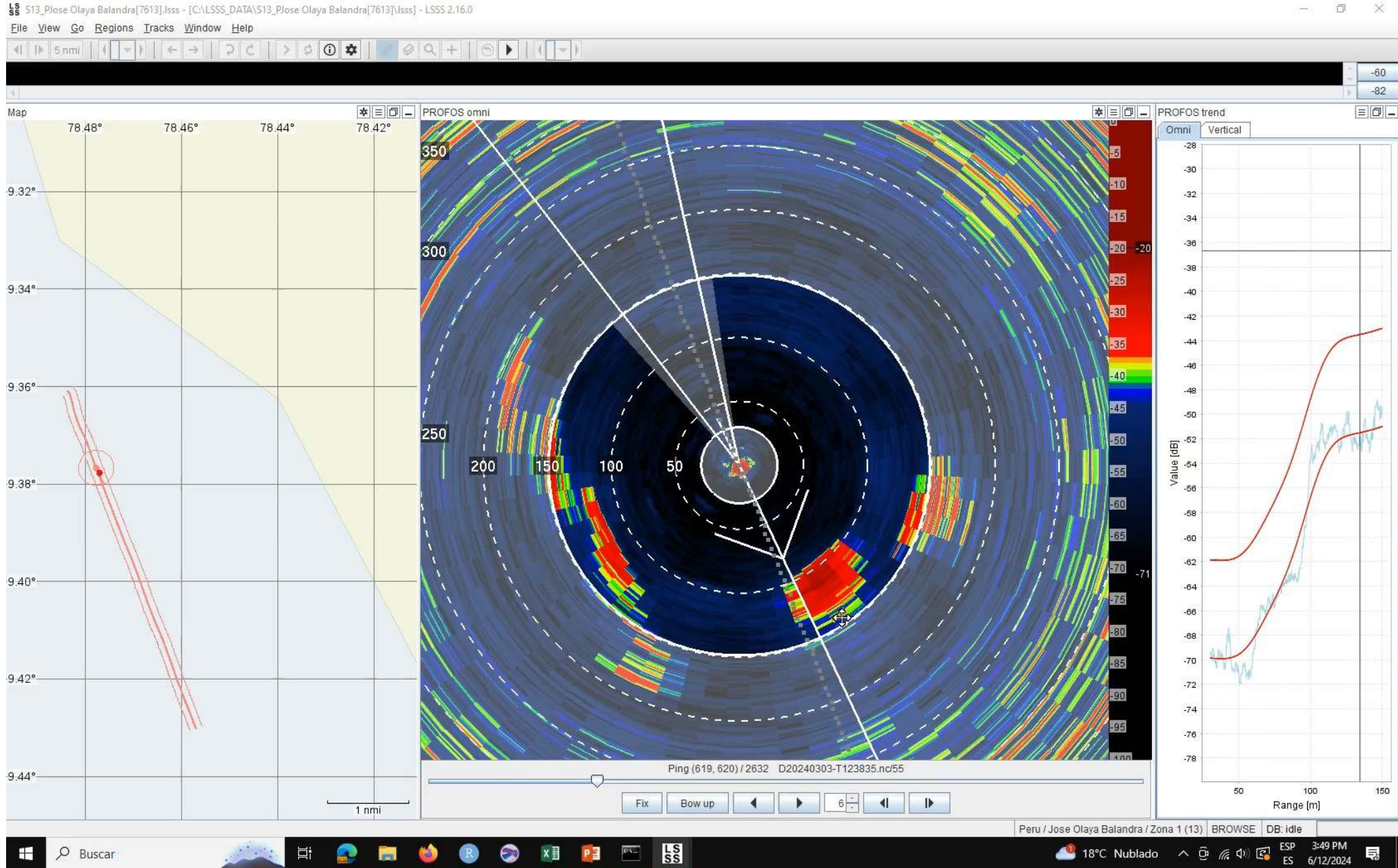


LSSS

**INSTRUCTIVO PARA EL PROCESAMIENTO DE LOS DATOS
ACÚSTICOS RECOPIADO ATRAVEZ DE SONARES
OMNIDIRECCIONALES (SX 90)**



Results





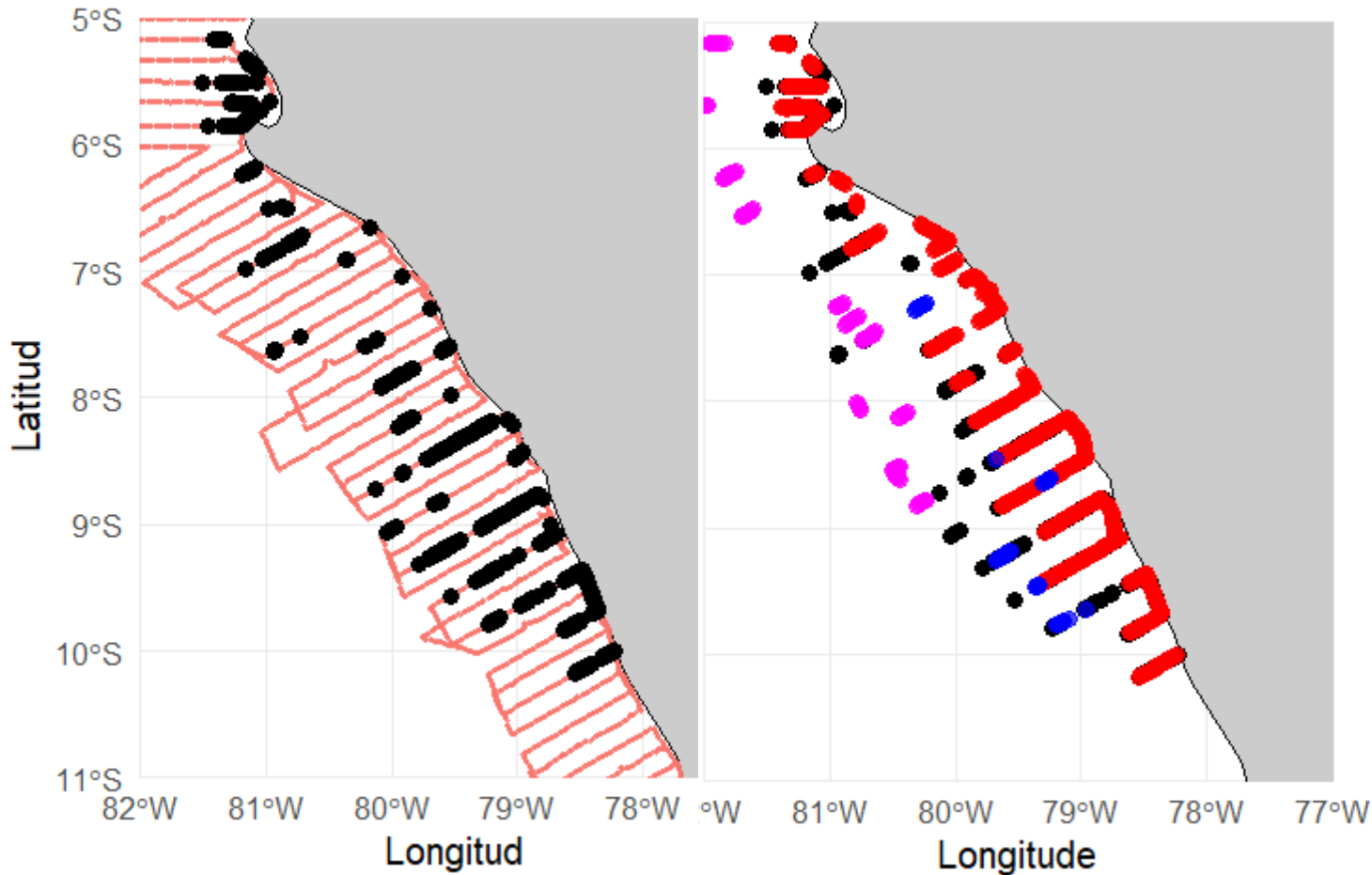
RESULTS



Results: Detection schools

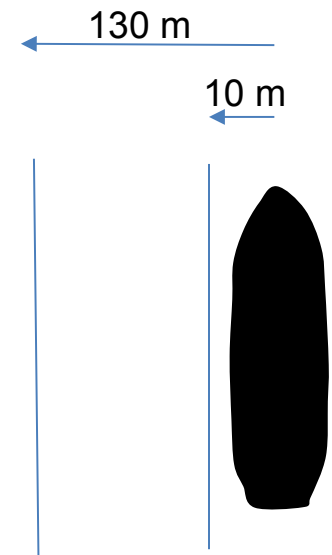
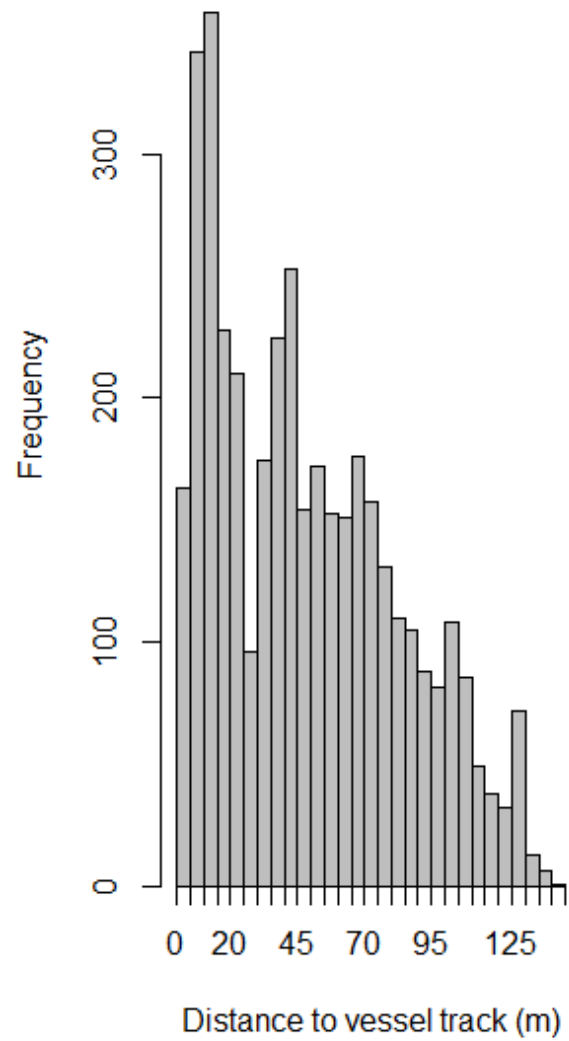
Sonar SX90 detections

Ecosounder species detections

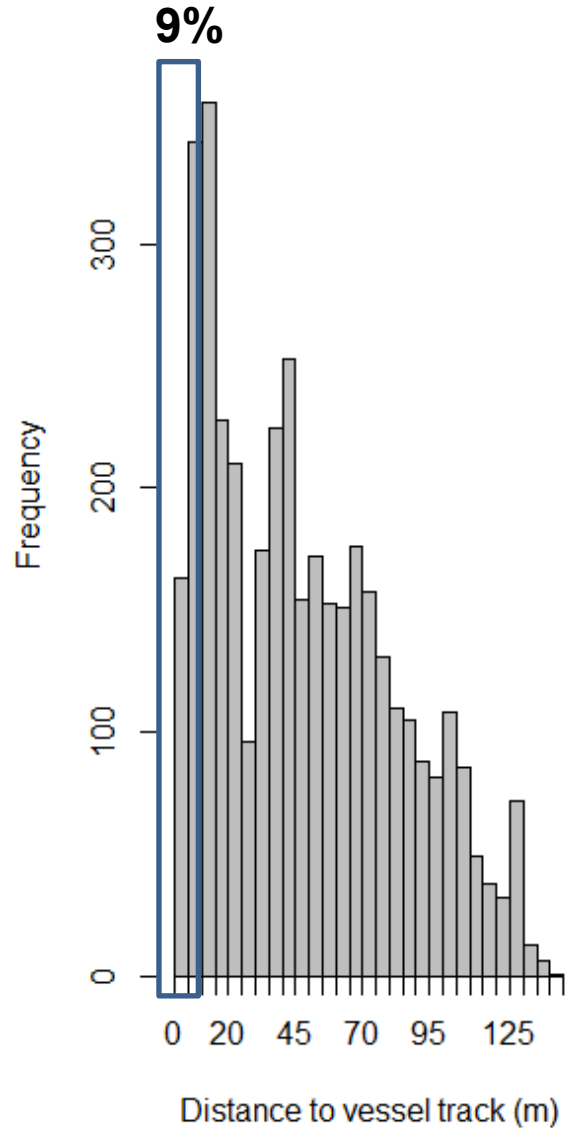


- Day detections
- Validation using different anchovy schools
- Similar patterns in school detection → ecosounder and sonar
- Automatic and visualization detection
- Strong school → 2200 schools

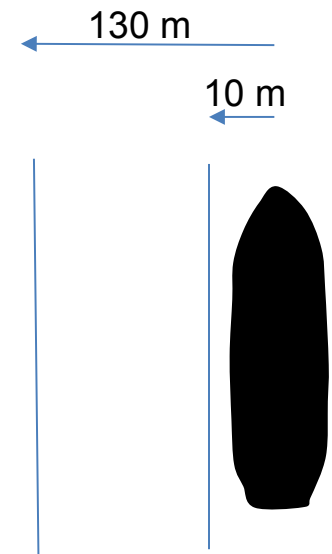
School distance from transect



School distance from transect



- Detection around 130 meters of radio
- Day detection of schools
- 10 first meters → 10% of total school





Results

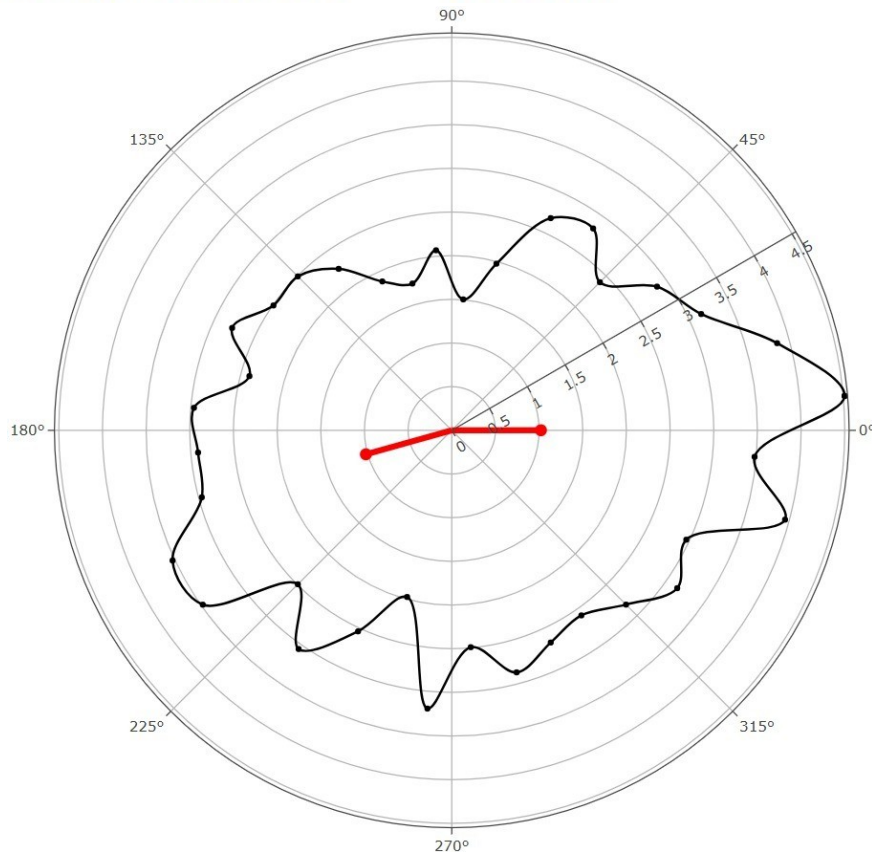
Reference	Scale	Platform	Area	Avg. Total length	Total Avg. Speed	Horizontal Avg. Speed	Vertical Avg. Speed
Gerlotto et al., 2006	School	RESON Multibeam sonar	Peruvian Sea (NC)	--	--	0.48 m/s (u.p.), 0.28 m/s (w.p.)	--
Peraltilla & Bertrand, 2014	School	SX90 Multibeam sonar	Peruvian Sea (NC)	--	--	0.6 m/s	--
Santivañez (in prep.)	Individual	ES60 echosounder	Peruvian Sea (NC)	13.66 cm	0.63 m/s; 4.63 BL/s (u) 0.68 m/s; 4.65 BL/s (d)	0.56 m/s; 4.07 BL/s (u) 0.59 m/s; 4.32 BL/s (d)	0.21 m/s; 1.55 BL/s (u) 0.25 m/s; 1.8 BL/s (d)
IFOP (2022)	Individual	EK60 echosounder	Chilean Sea (N)	10.5 cm	1.3 m/s; 10.48 BL/s	--	--
IFOP (2022)	Individual	EK60 echosounder	Chilean Sea (NC)	12.4 cm	1.4 m/s; 13.33 BL/s	--	--
IFOP (2022)	Individual	EK60 echosounder	Chilean Sea (SC)	12.6 cm	1.7 m/s; 13.49 BL/s	--	--

u.p./w.p.: under/without predation.

u/d: Upwards/Downwards.

N/NC/SC: North/North-Center/South-Center.

BL: Body length.

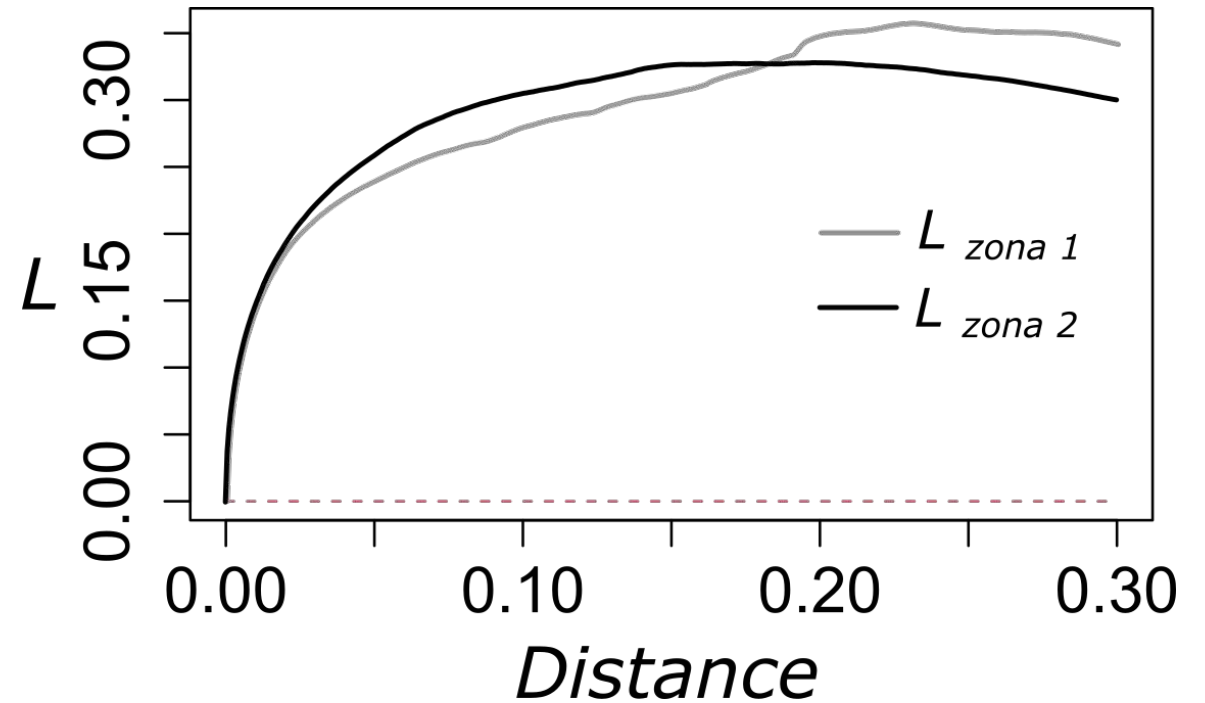
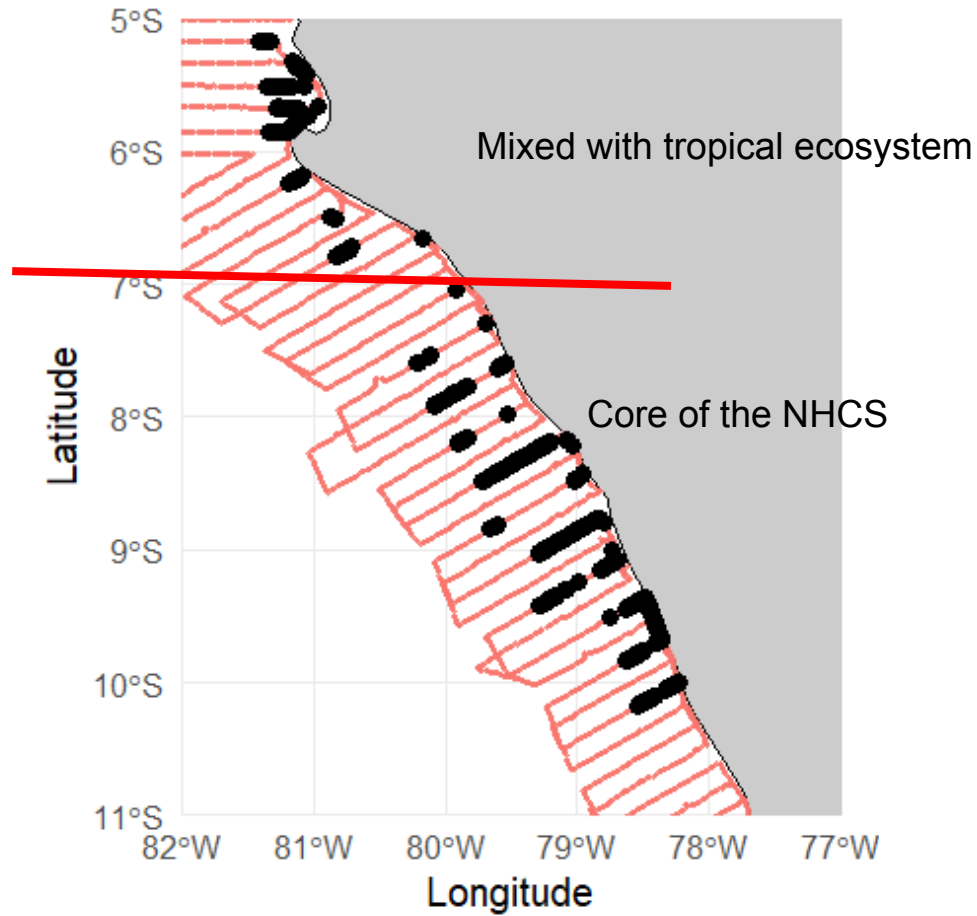


mean = 0.683 m/s,
sd = 0.44 m/s

**Similar results with
others studies**



Results: Spatial differences?



AUC L1

0.087

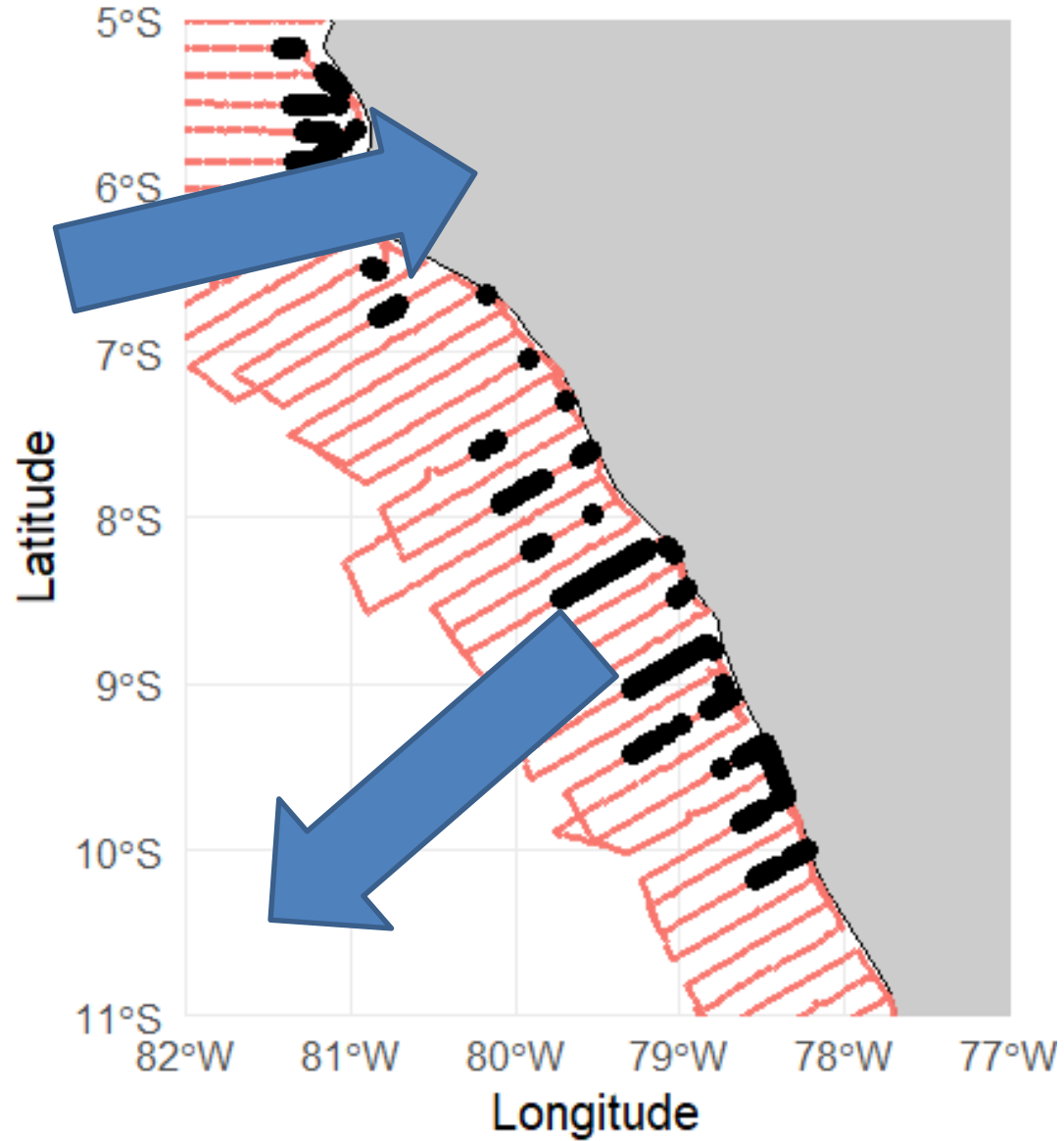
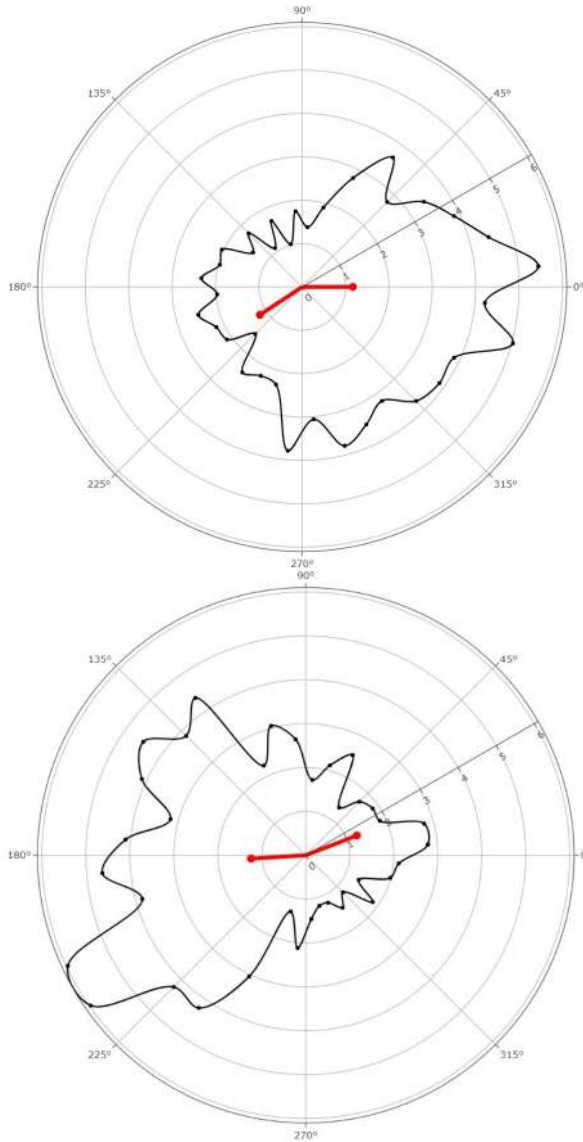
AUC L2

0.086

Aggregation: Not
diferences at small scale



Results



Two directions →
depending the región

Food offers
differences?



Efforts in Sonar calibration

Feb – 2024: ROV system



Unstable in the water

Feb – 2025: two poles system



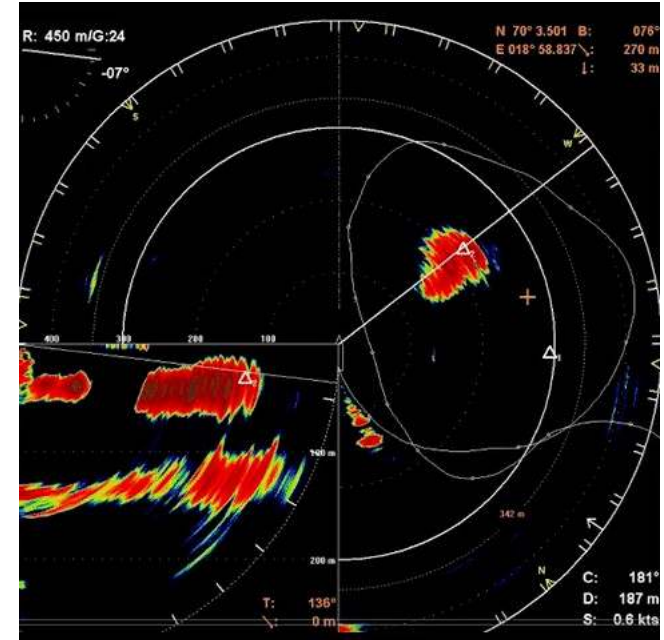
Stable in the water

Easy to implement



Sonar in the industry – What we need?

- Collected sonar data using the industry fleets
- Design parameters to identify jack mackerel
- Design a TS equation to use in the evaluation of
- Design an experiment to quantify school biomass
- Compare the results at the seasonal scale





Conclusions and perspectives

- Geographical comparison
- Test for others species (jack mackerel, others)
- Compare the results at the seasonal scale



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