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Life history trajectories of two small pelagic species from
otolith microchemistry:
European anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) and Sardine
(*Sardina pilchardus*) of the Bay of Biscay

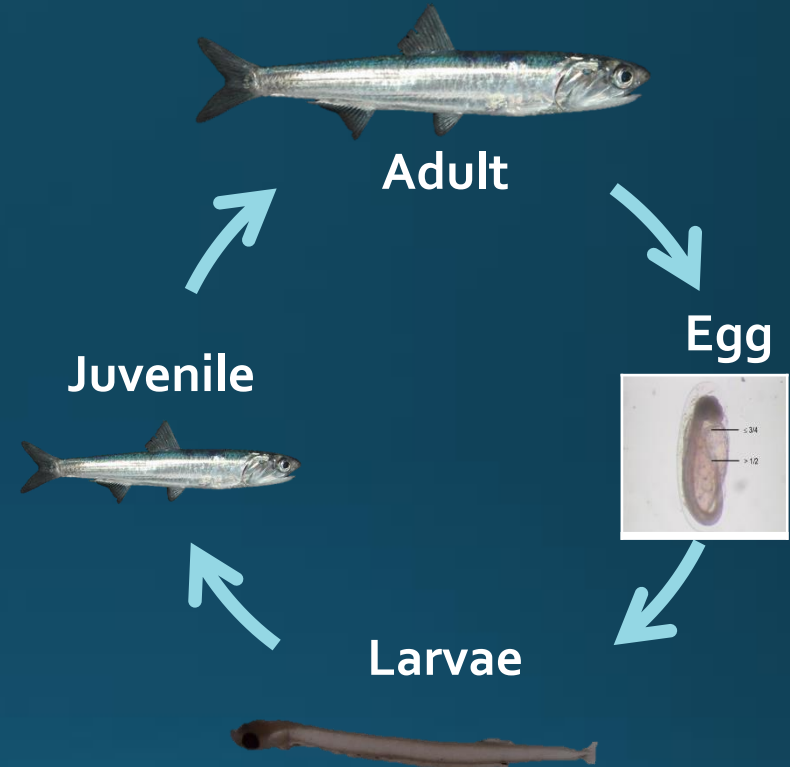
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PHD project

Modelling the **whole life cycle** of anchovy & sardine in the **Bay of Biscay**

- Using **Individual Based Model** (IBM)
- In order to identify
 - **Essential habitats** for every life stage
 - **Connectivity patterns** between these habitats
 - Compare **life history traits** of both species



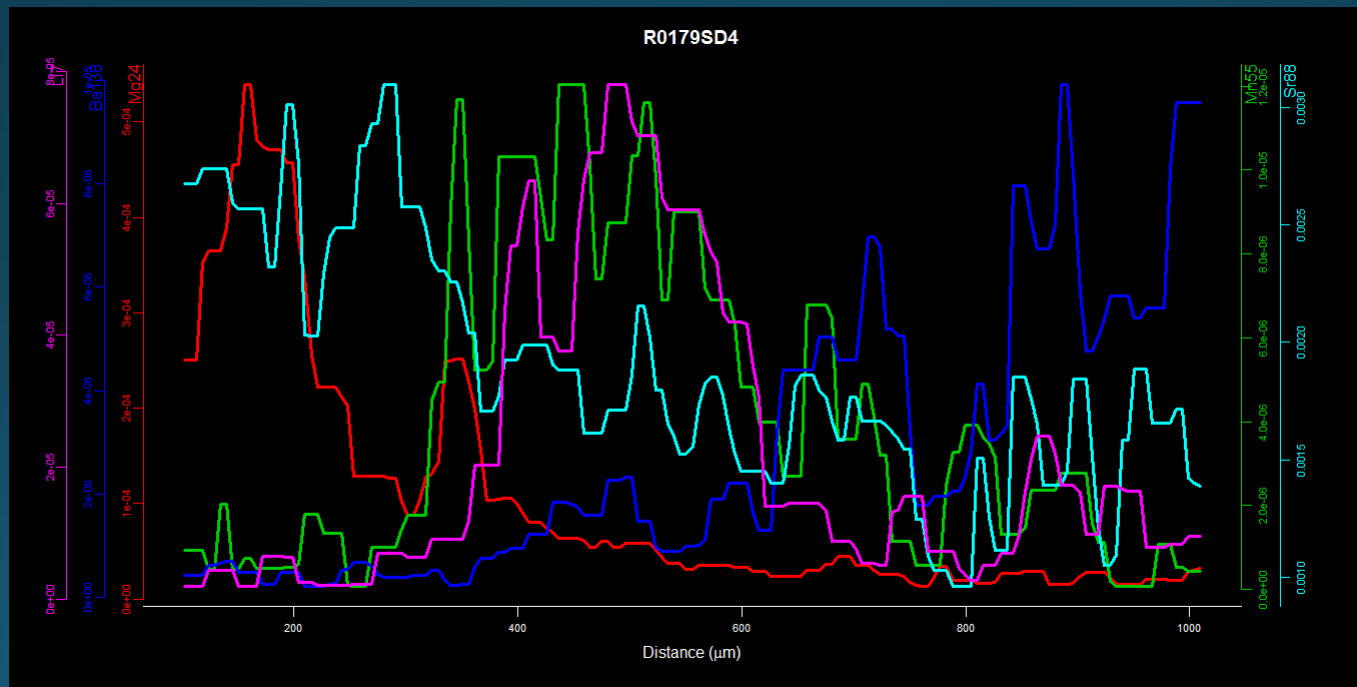
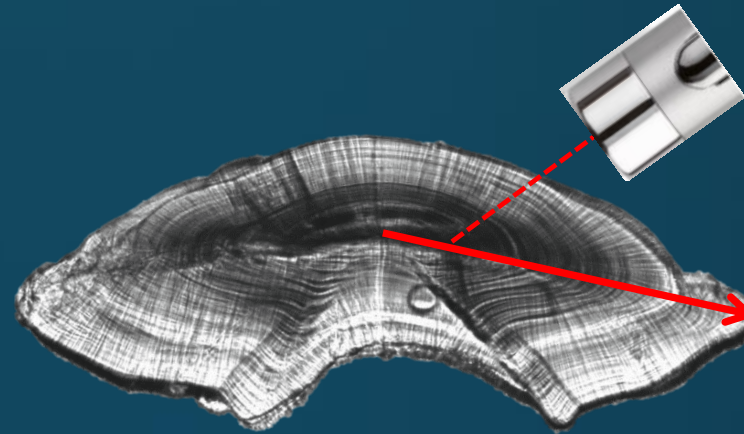
Life history : all processes (biotic & abiotic) affecting the fish during its whole life

- Need of clues about potential **migration patterns / population structure / life history strategy....**
 - The **otolith** hide in its crystal lattice informations about the **whole life history** of the fish, coded with **elemental signatures**, reflecting **a large variety of processes**
- **Otolith microchemistry** to investigate these issues



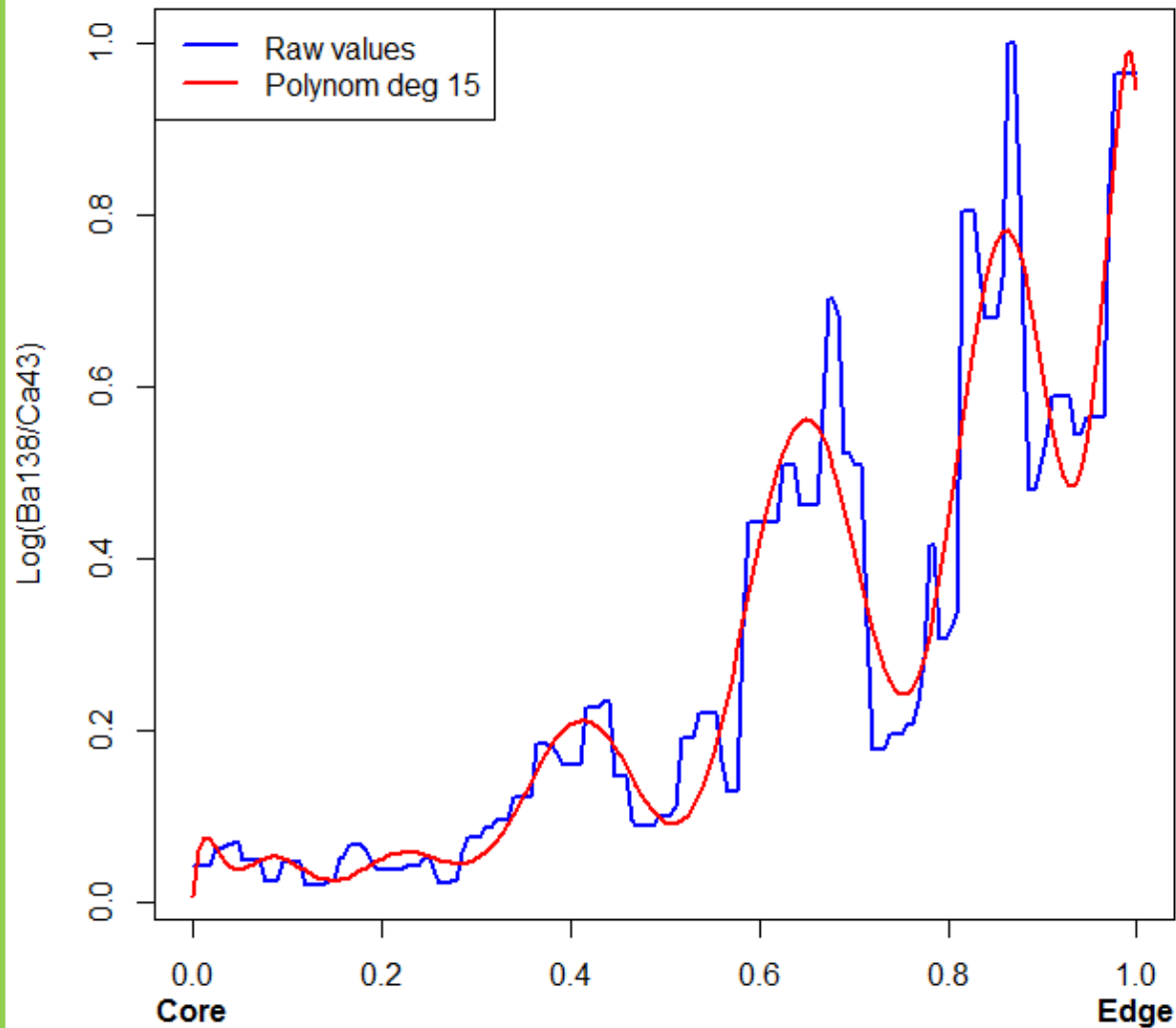
Assumption: *if several fishes display close elemental signatures they experienced similar life histories*

- LA-ICPMS
- Continuous laser transect
- Elements : **Sr**, **Ba**, **Mn**, **Mg** and **Li**



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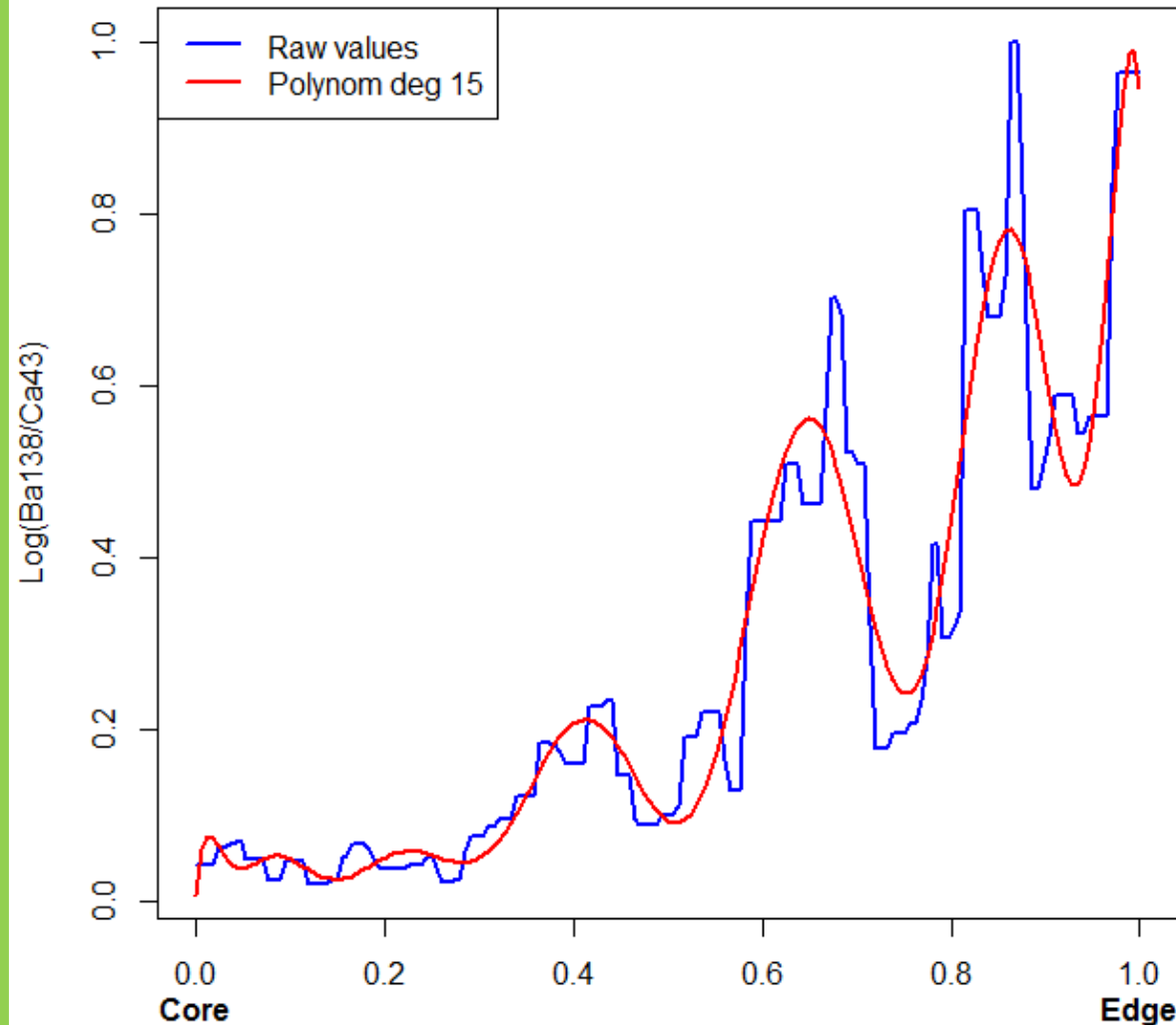
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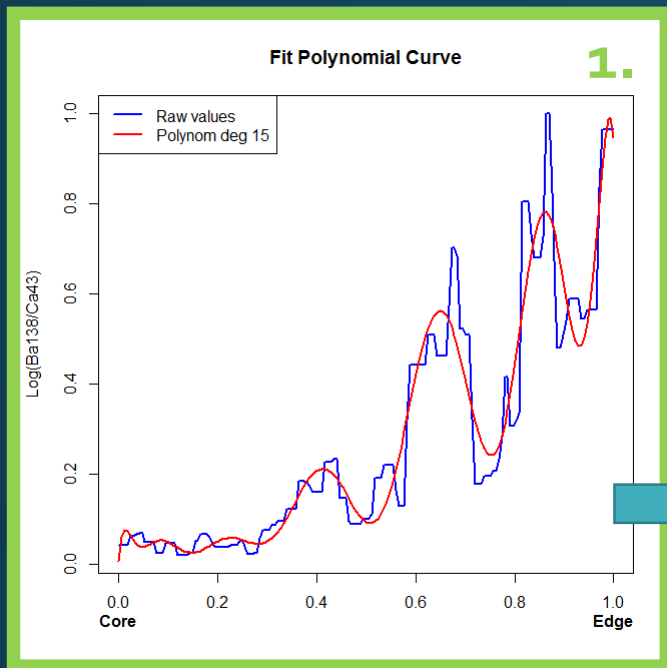
$$[x] = \frac{[x]}{[x_{max}]}$$

- For each element and fish
- Keep only trends
- Same weight for each element

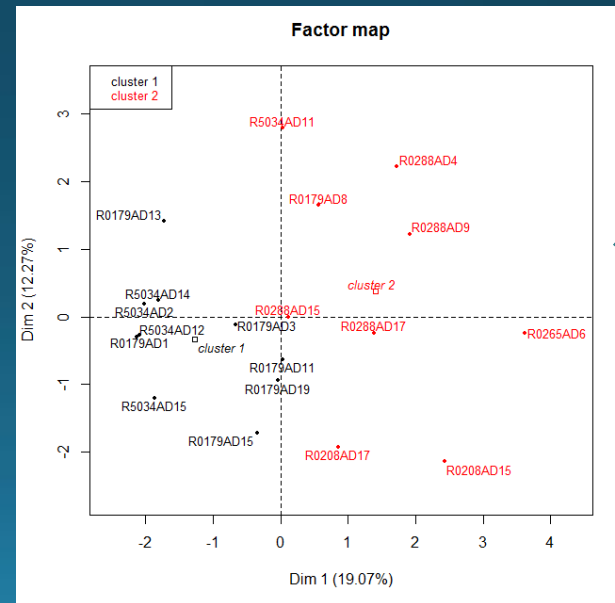
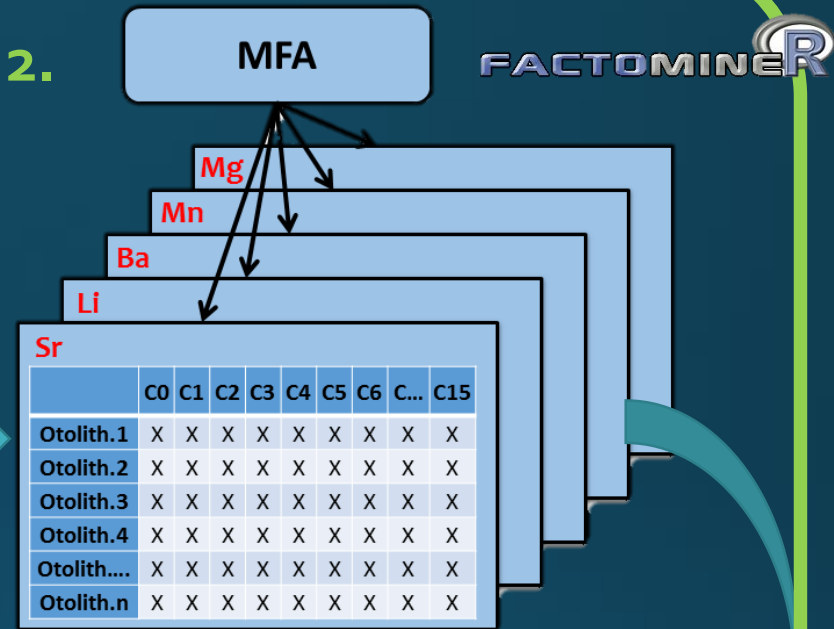
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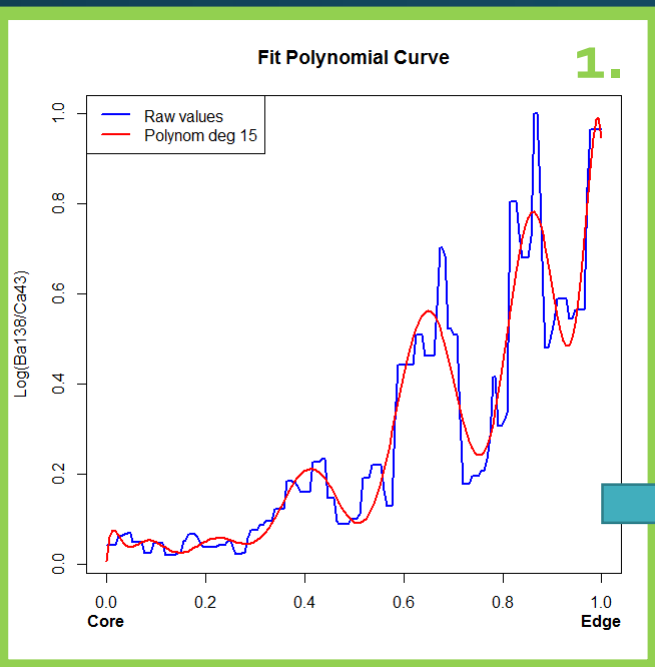
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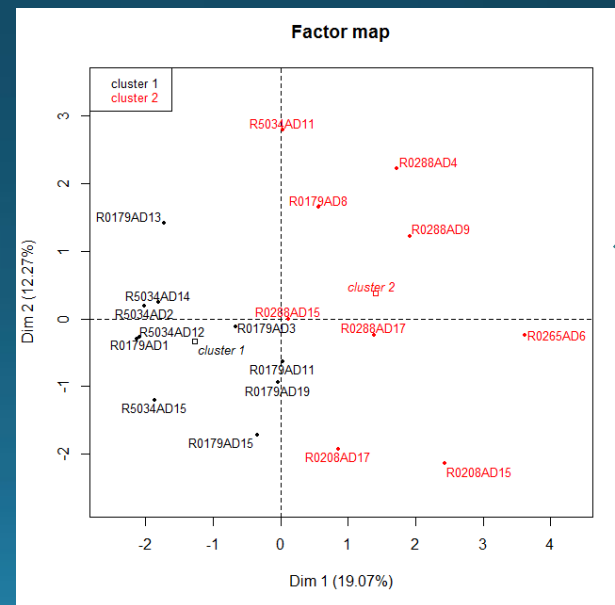
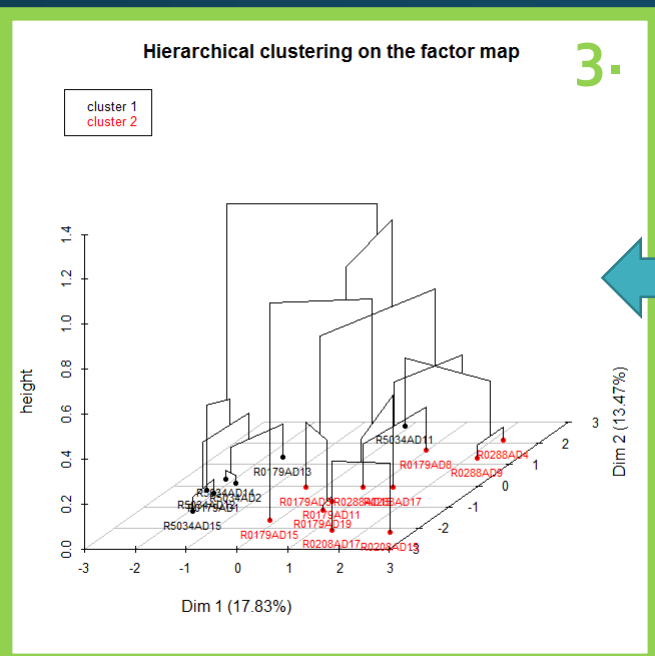
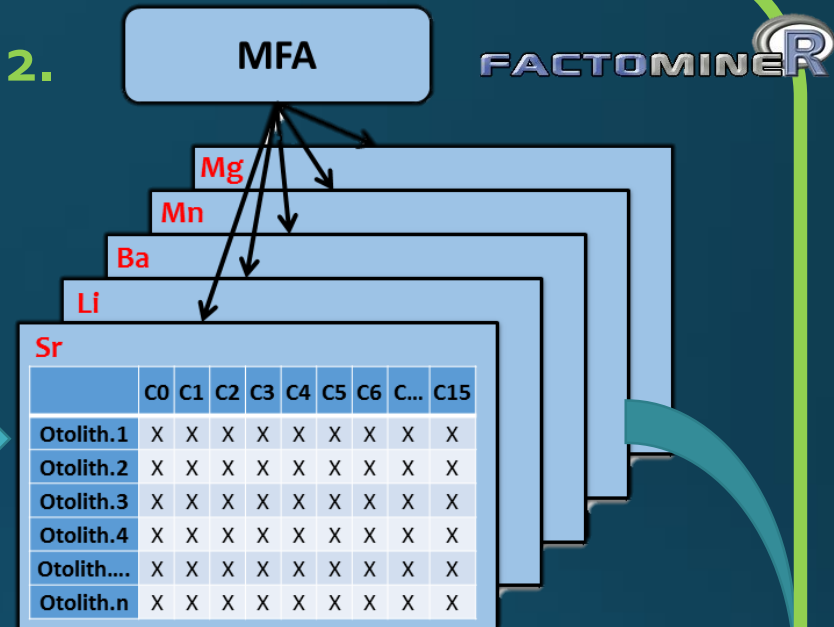


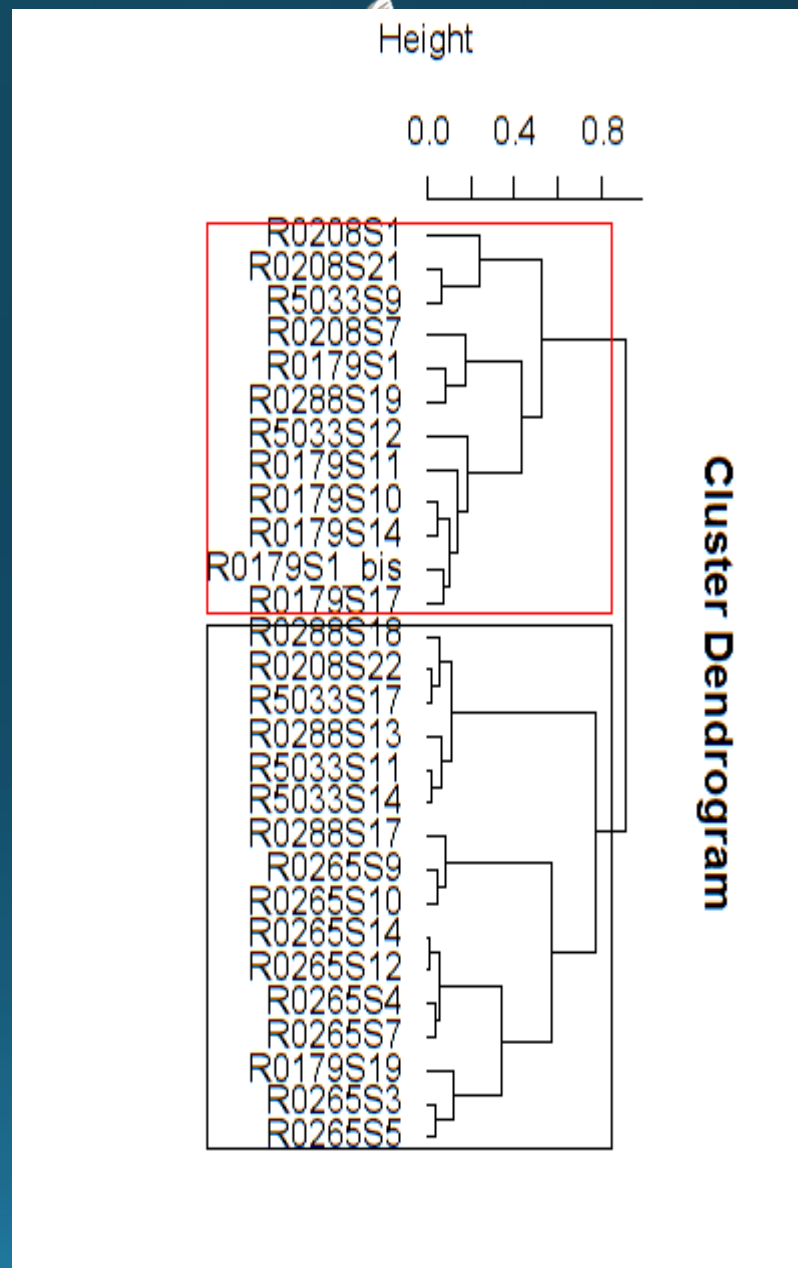
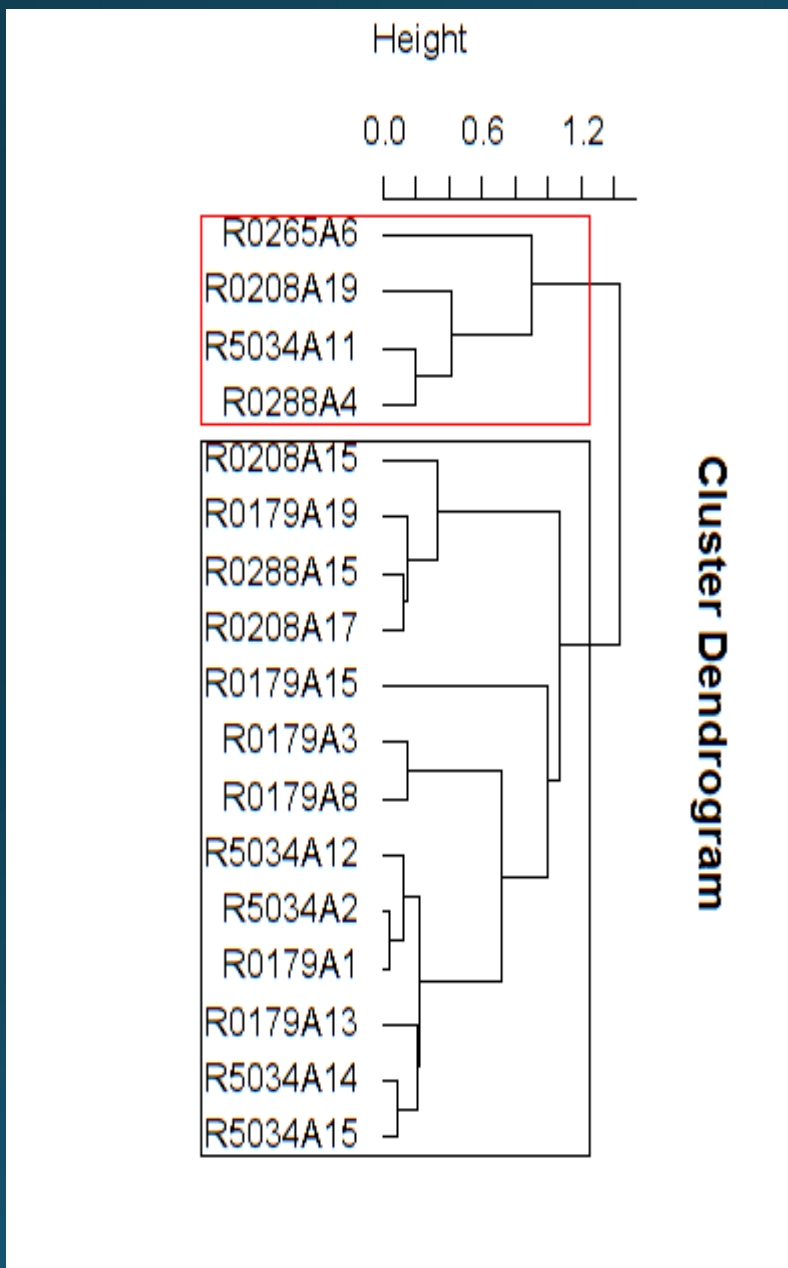
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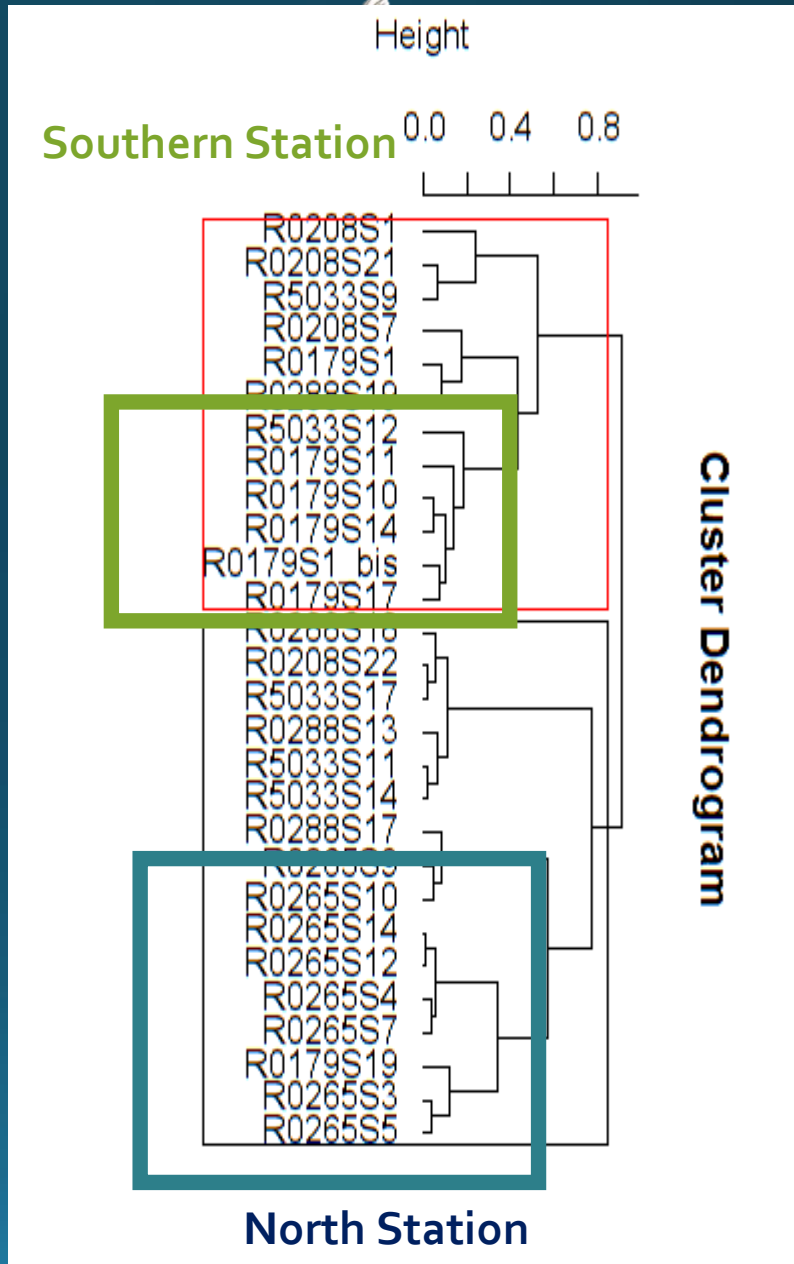
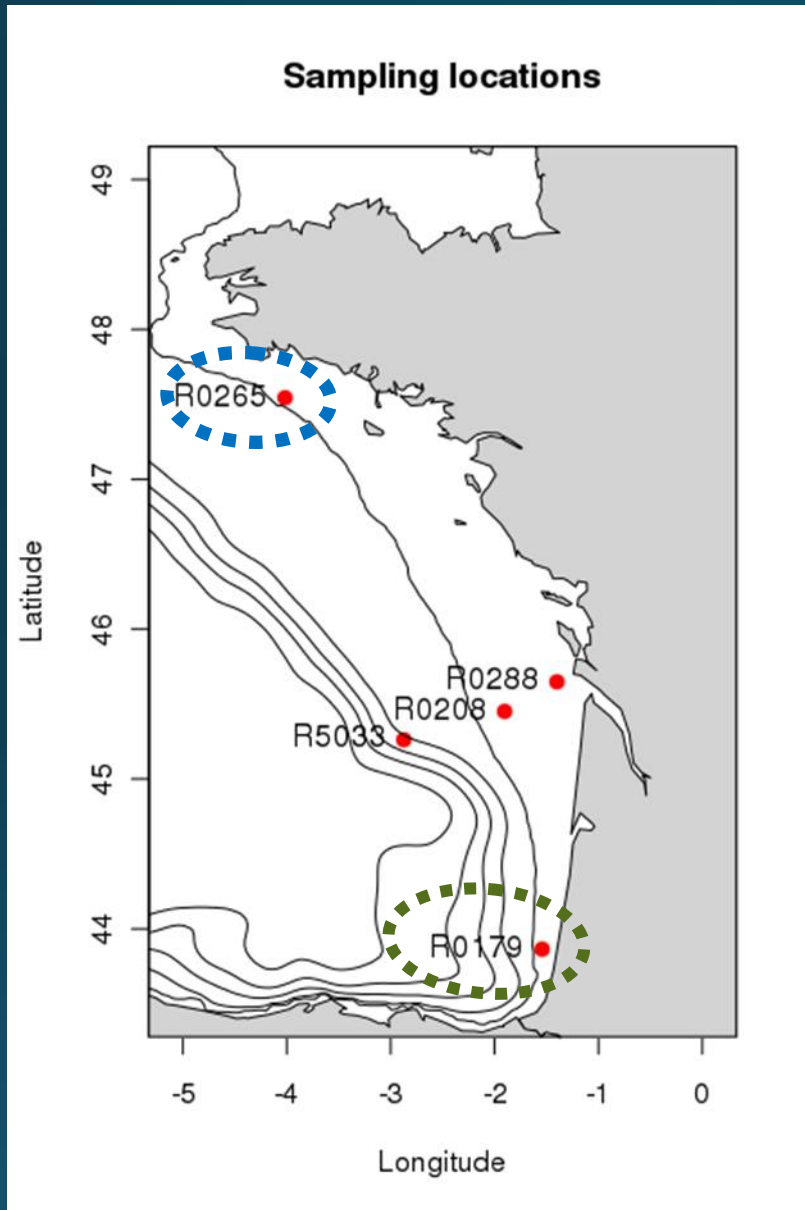


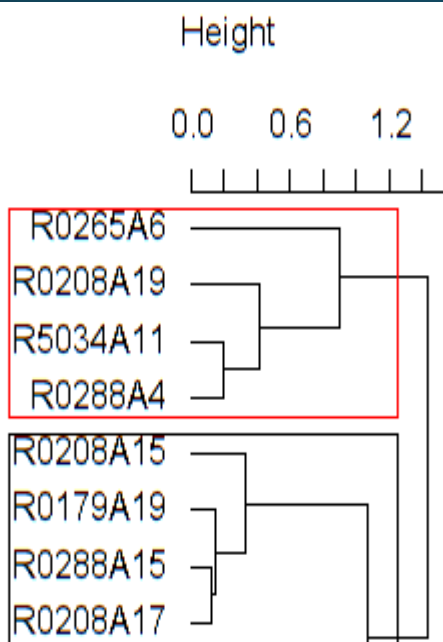


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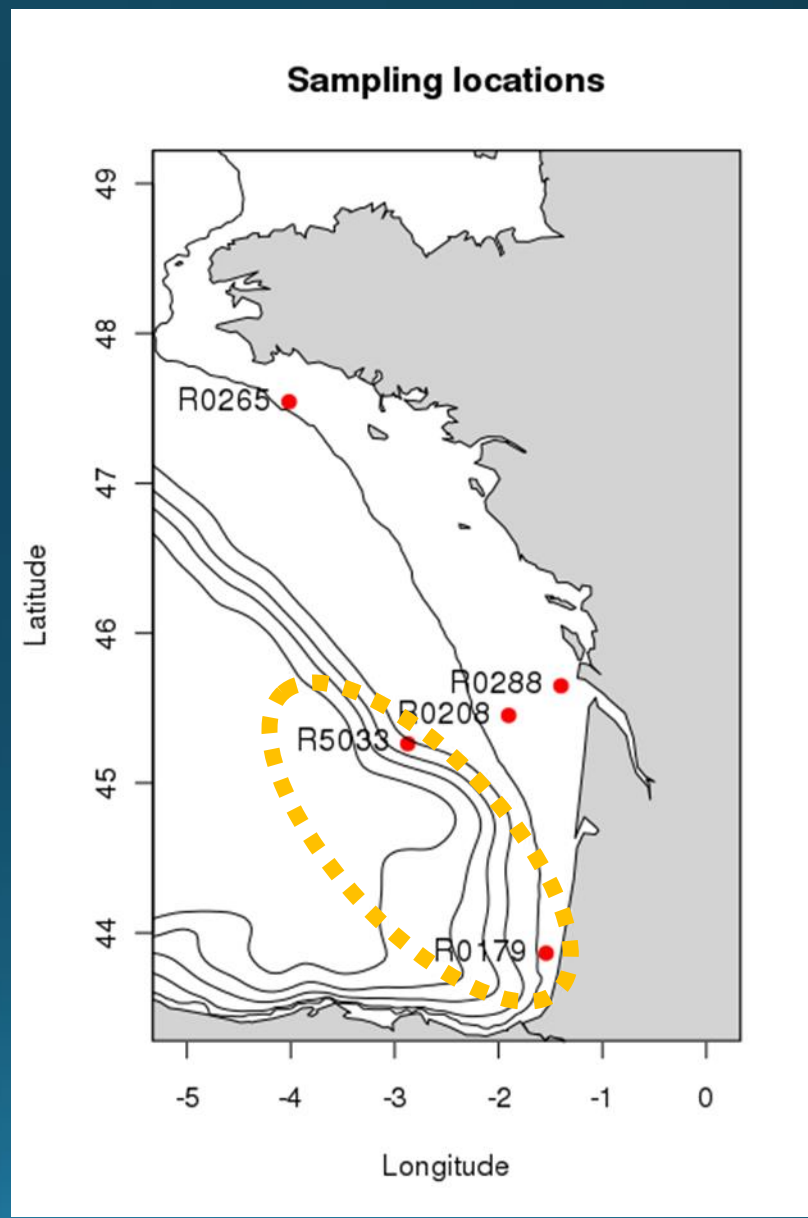


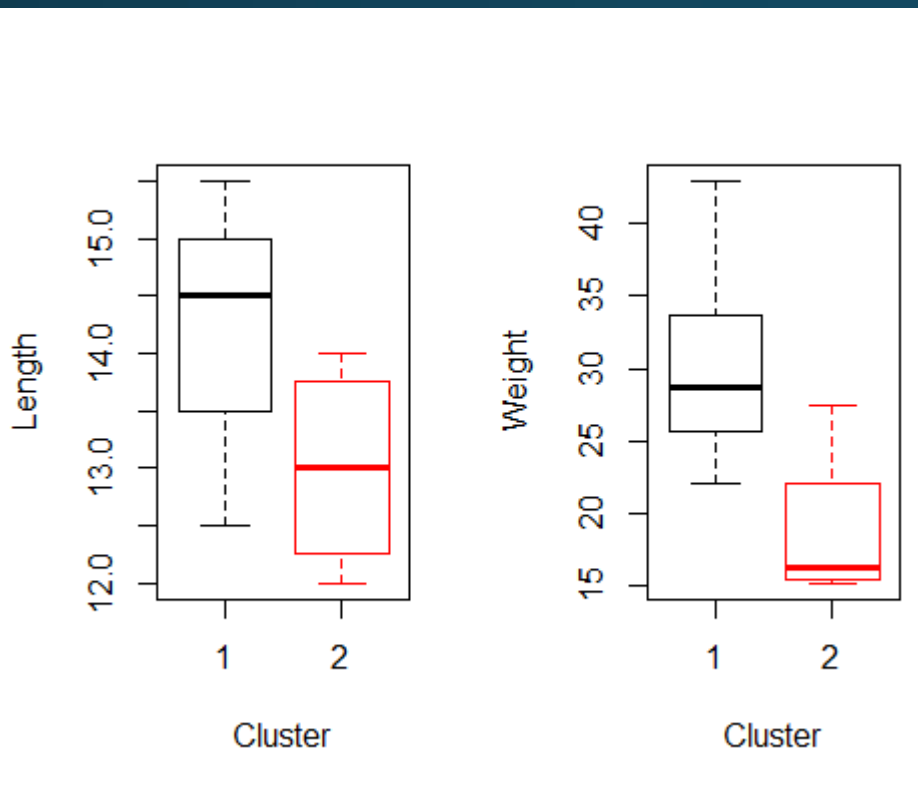




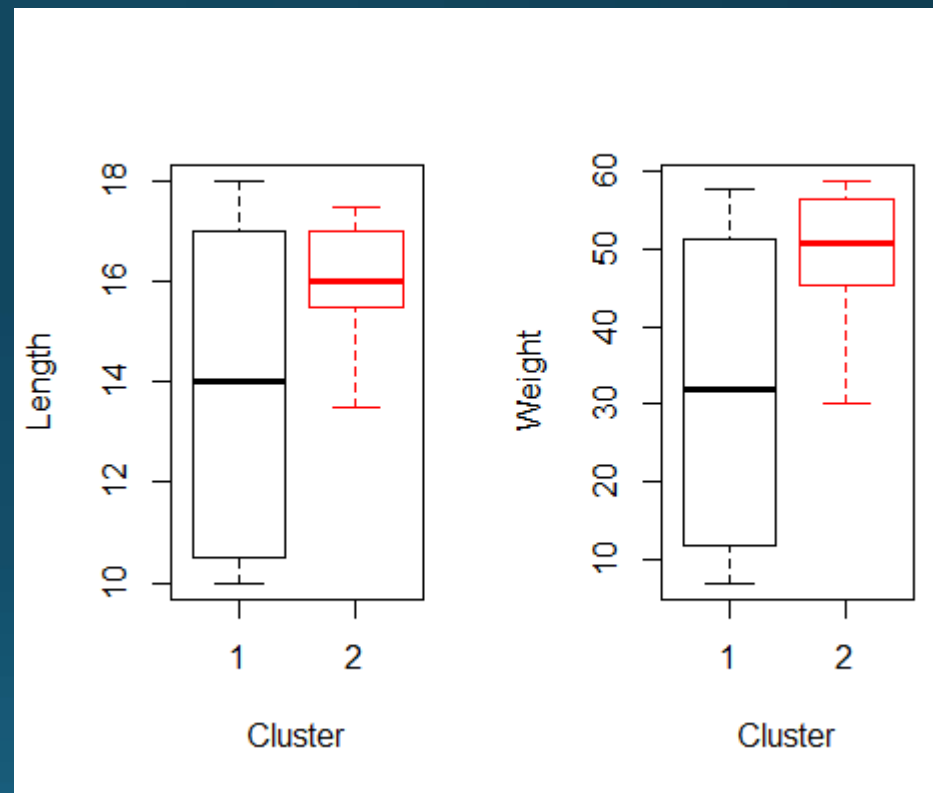
Cluster Dendrogram

South + Shelf break Stations



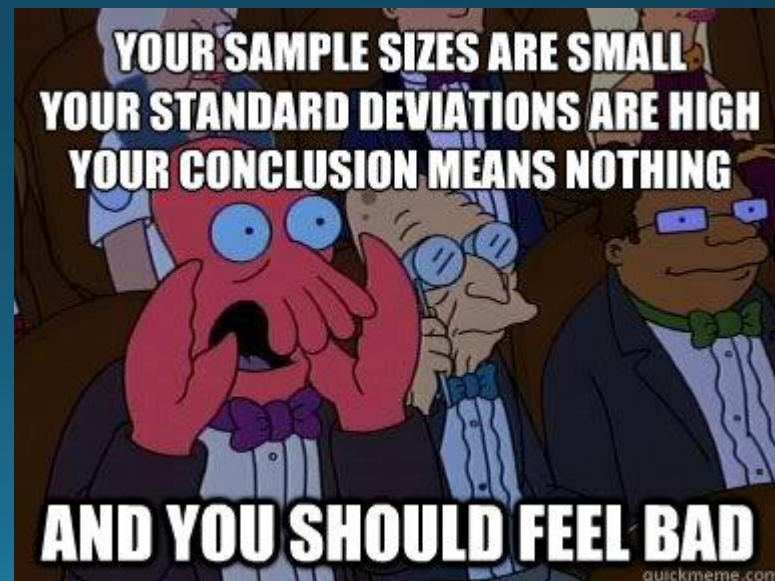


Significatve for weight, pval=1.15%



Significatve for weight, pval=3.3%

- Limited set of samples & sampling coverage
- Potential **groups**, displaying **different size & weight** at the same age
 - Does microchemistry reflect fish condition ?
 - Several life history trajectories ?
 - Several populations ?
Sardine North/South ?
 - Several migration patterns ?

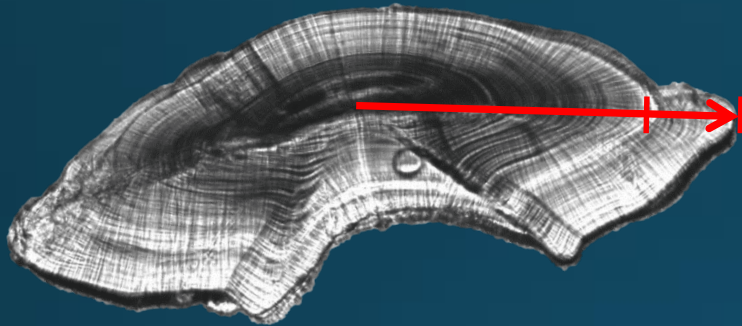


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- ~**40 anchovies** caught in the **English Channel** (EVOHE 14) **M1 Masaya**
 - **Unlikely to prepare other samples**
- Already tried → **not convincing**
- *Small set of data to be analysed ...*

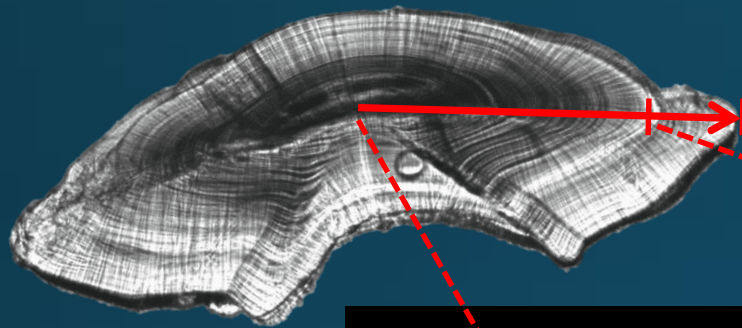
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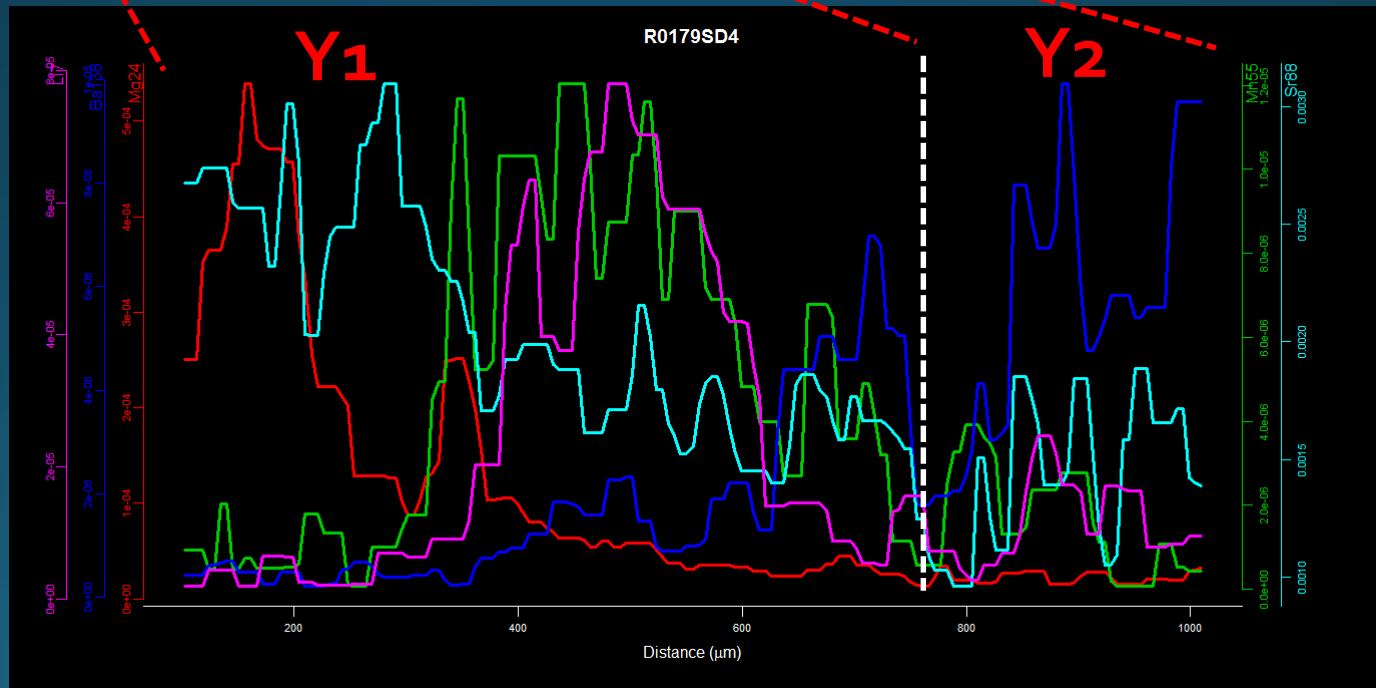


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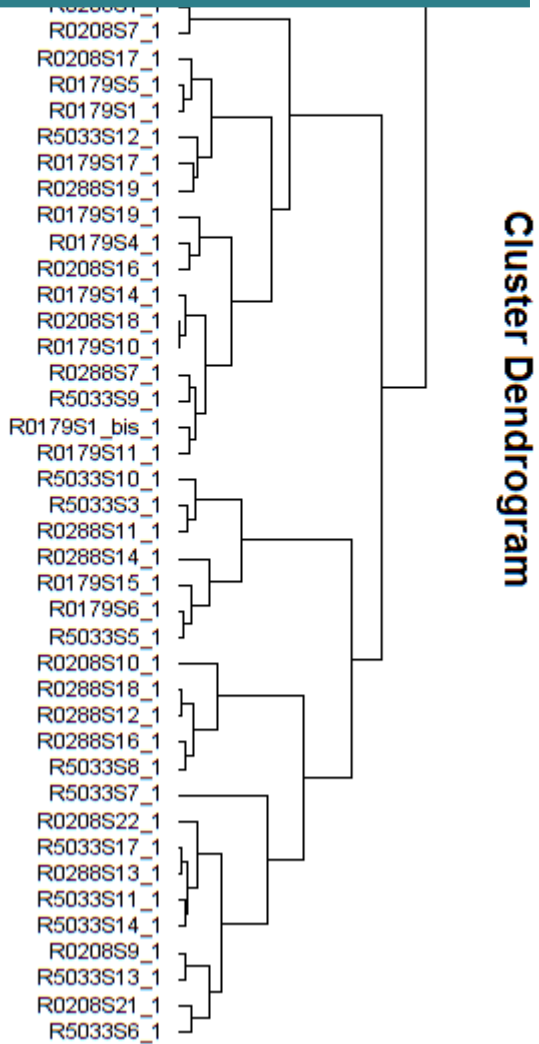
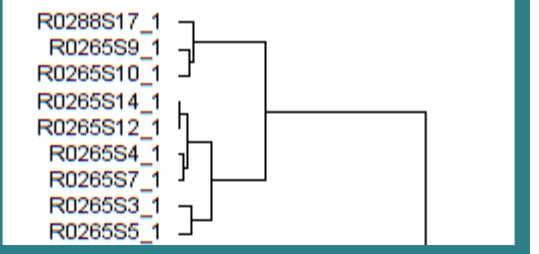
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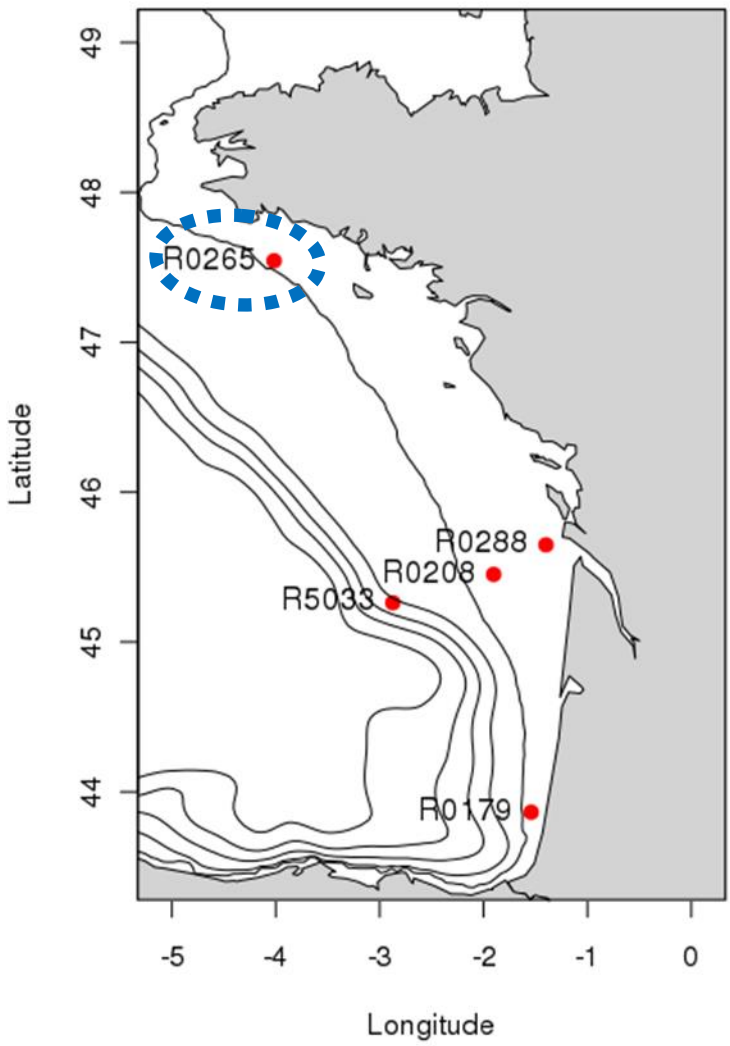
→ **Classify portions of each transects**

- *Is the cluster pattern robust through years ?*
- *Is the cluster pattern robust through cohorts ?*
- *Do the fish experience the same history each year of its life ?*
- *Is there some evidence of school mixing / splitting ?*



Cluster Dendrogram

Sampling locations



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Thank you for your attention



*Up to now, our main certitude
is their final destination...*