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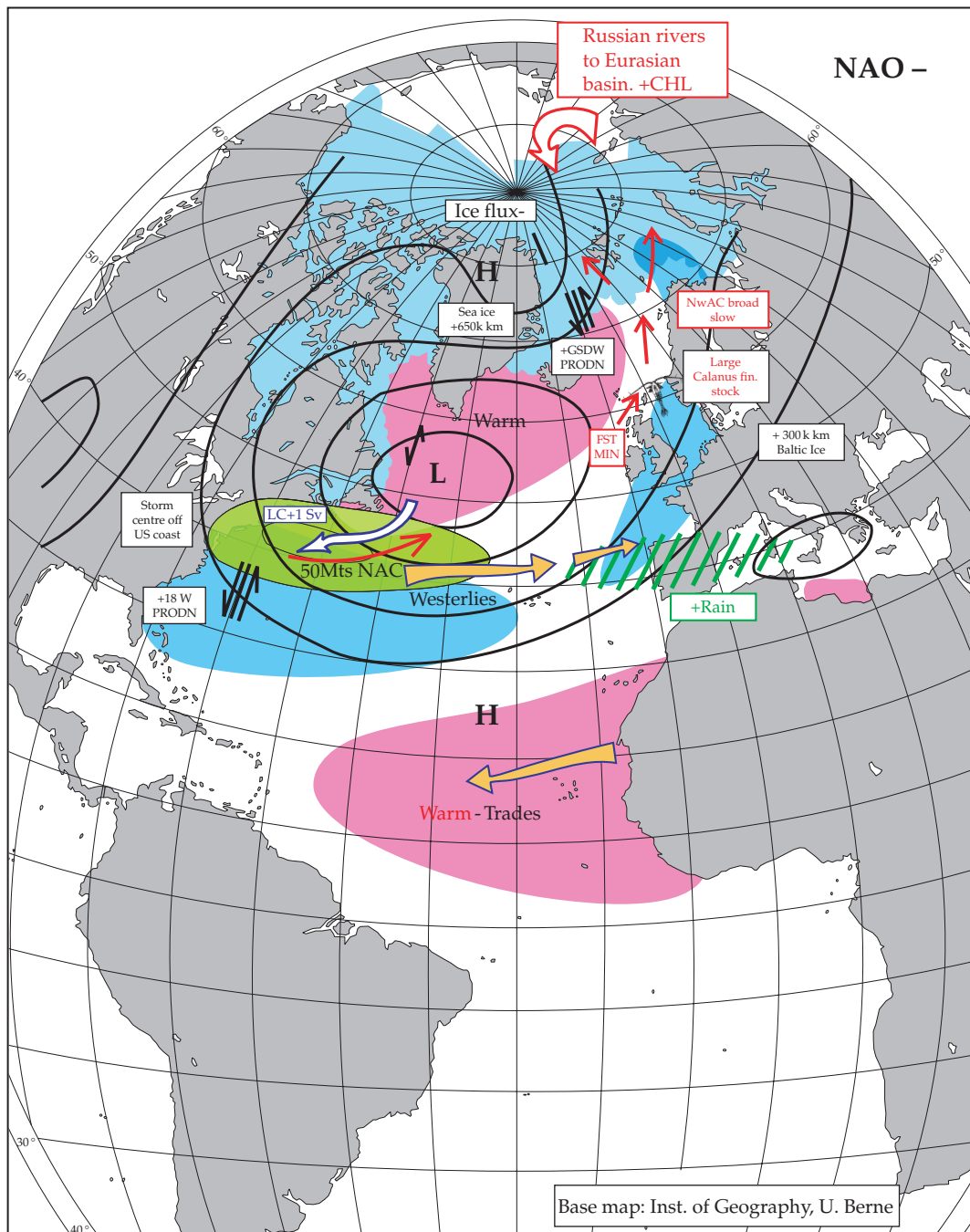


Plate 1b A schematic of the Atlantic–Arctic sector under NAO-negative conditions. The following will explain the abbreviated text and symbols and provide references to the sources of information.

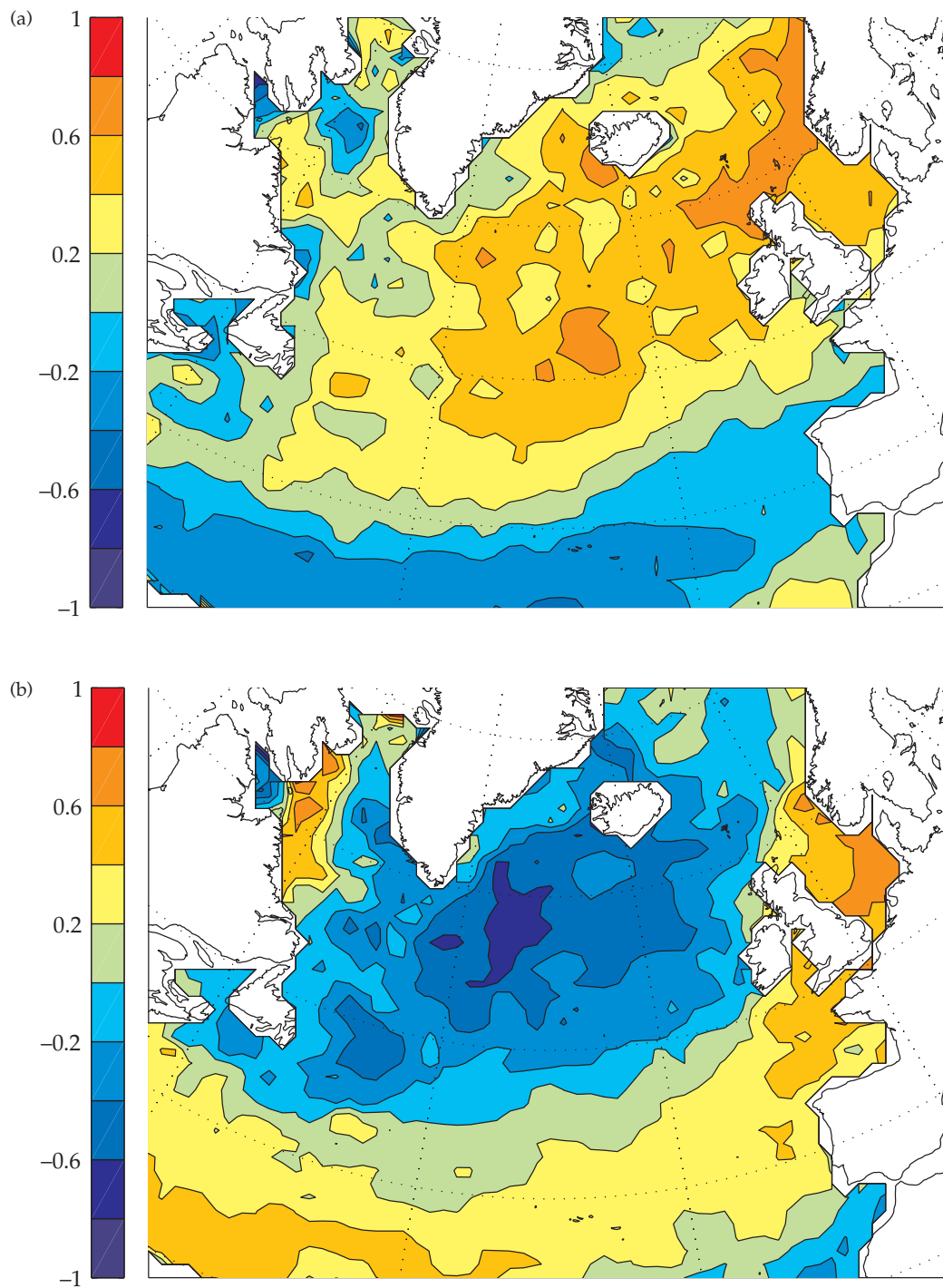


Plate 2 Spatial distribution of the Pearson correlation coefficient between the NAO index and (a) local scalar windspeed and (b) local SST for winter (January–March) over 1950–95 (courtesy of Ben Planque).

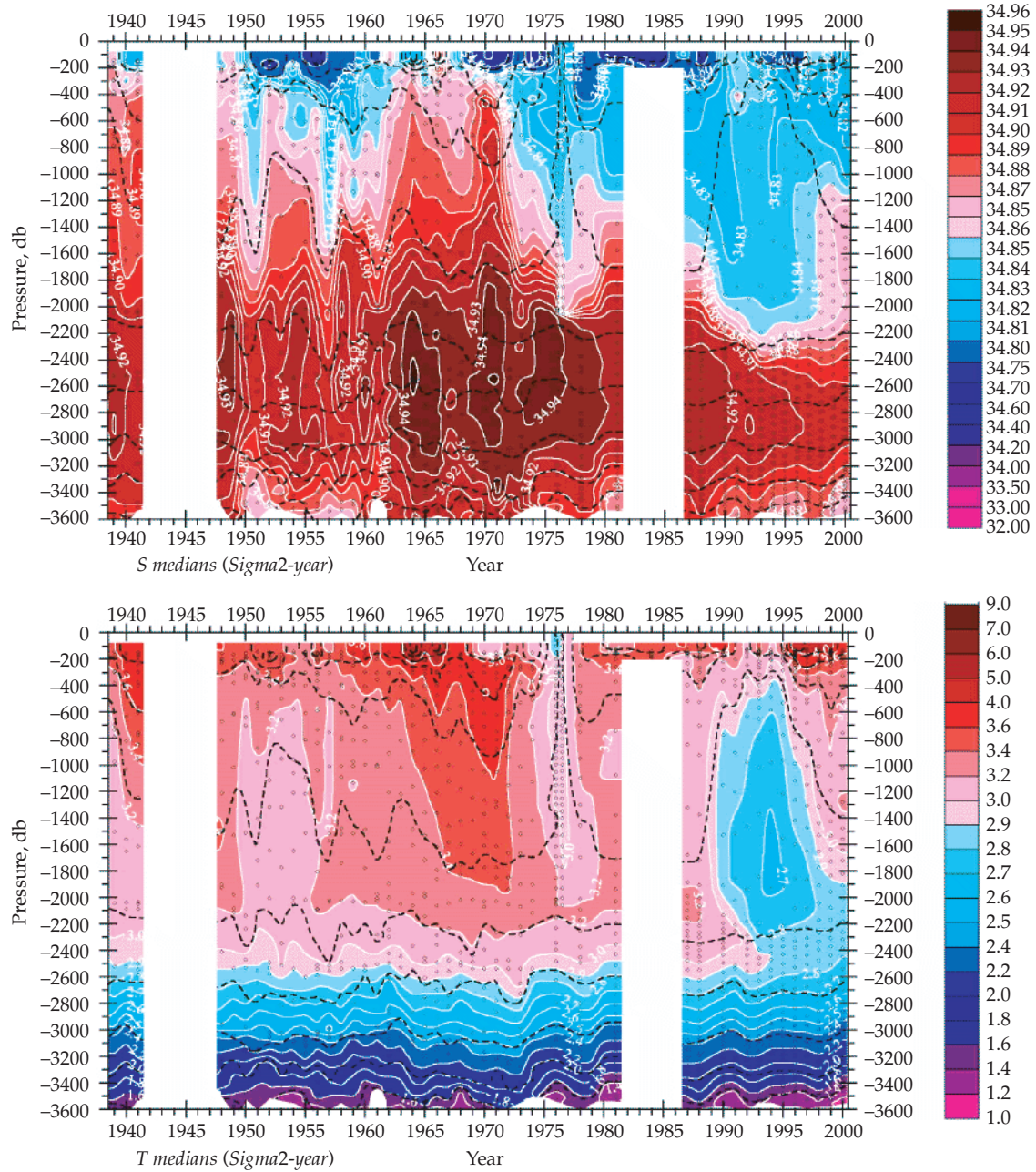


Plate 3 Changes in the potential temperature (θ ; upper panel) and salinity (lower panel) of the watercolumn in the Central Labrador Sea over the complete period of the hydrographic record since 1938. The data set was selected to lie within the 3300-m isobath of the Labrador Sea, and the plots represent the median values of vertical property profiles, binned according to σ_2 density intervals. Kindly provided by Igor Yashayev.