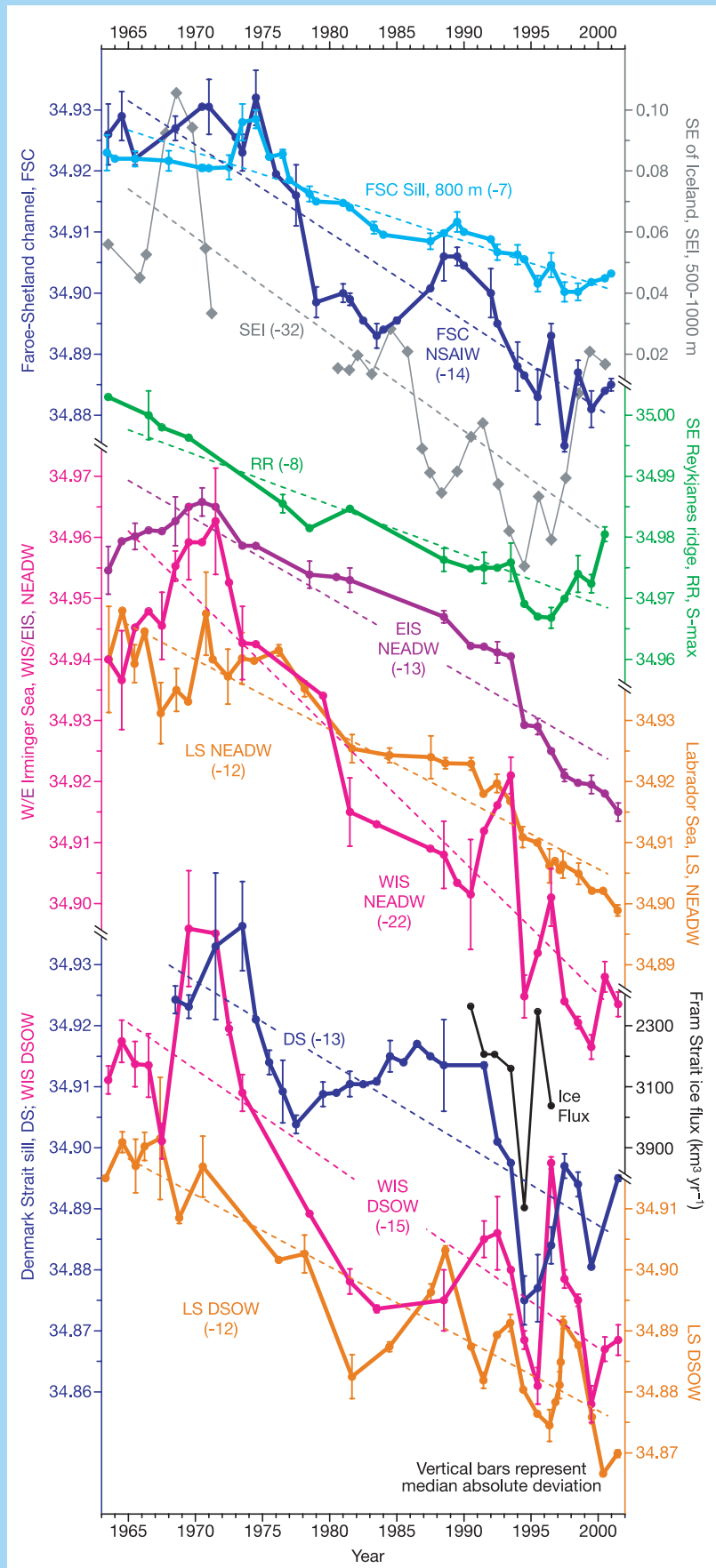


Water Mass Changes in the Nordic Seas



Evidence that the following change in the upper Nordic Seas, the entire system of overflow and entrainment that ventilates the deep Atlantic has steadily changed in character over the past four decades, resulting in a sustained and widespread freshening of the deep and abyssal ocean (Dickson et al., 2002).