



Bio and Deep Argo: *technology advances, applications and future role in sustained measurements of the Indian Ocean*

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Why do we need a Bio-Argo network?



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- Oceans are undergoing remarkable stresses: warming, acidification, nutrient supply, melting ice, circulation changes, deoxygenation....
- **Who's looking systematically?**

CHAPTER 4

THE ROLE OF MARINE BIOTA IN THE CO₂ BALANCE OF THE OCEAN-ATMOSPHERE SYSTEM

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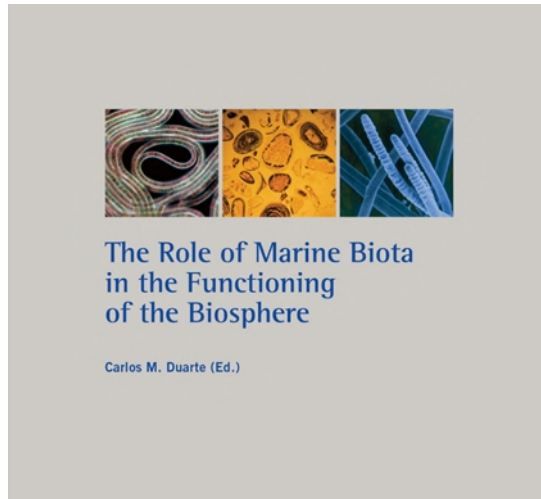
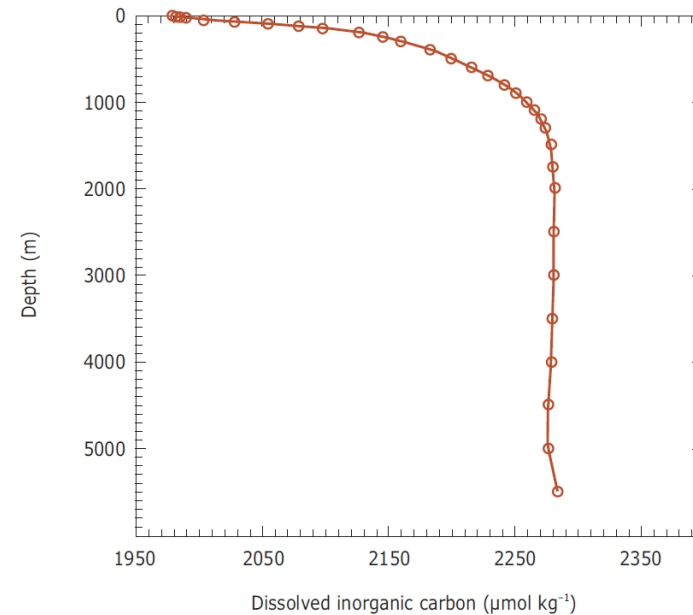


Figure 4.1: Vertical profile of horizontally averaged dissolved inorganic carbon in the ocean



Source: Based on the GLODAP data set of Key et al. 2004.

Simplified model studies show that shutting down the biological pump would release an amount of CO₂ to the atmosphere sufficient to increase its concentration from its pre-industrial value of 280 ppm to something in excess of 450 ppm. Marine biota thus play an important role in establishing the concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide and therefore in the climate of the planet.

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Ocean Station Data (hydrocasts)

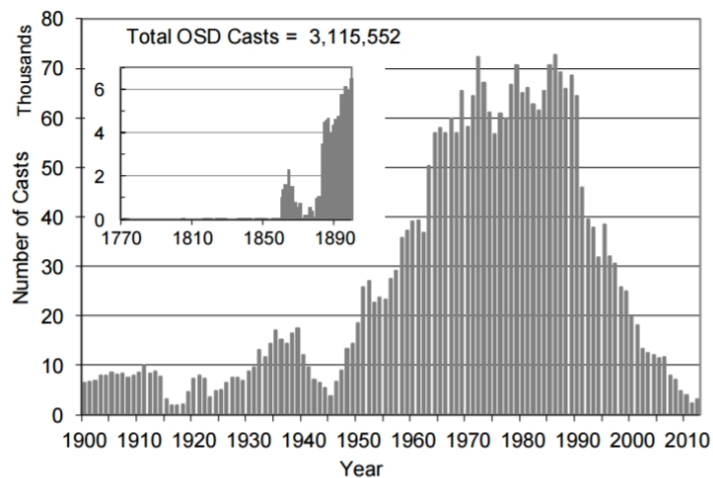


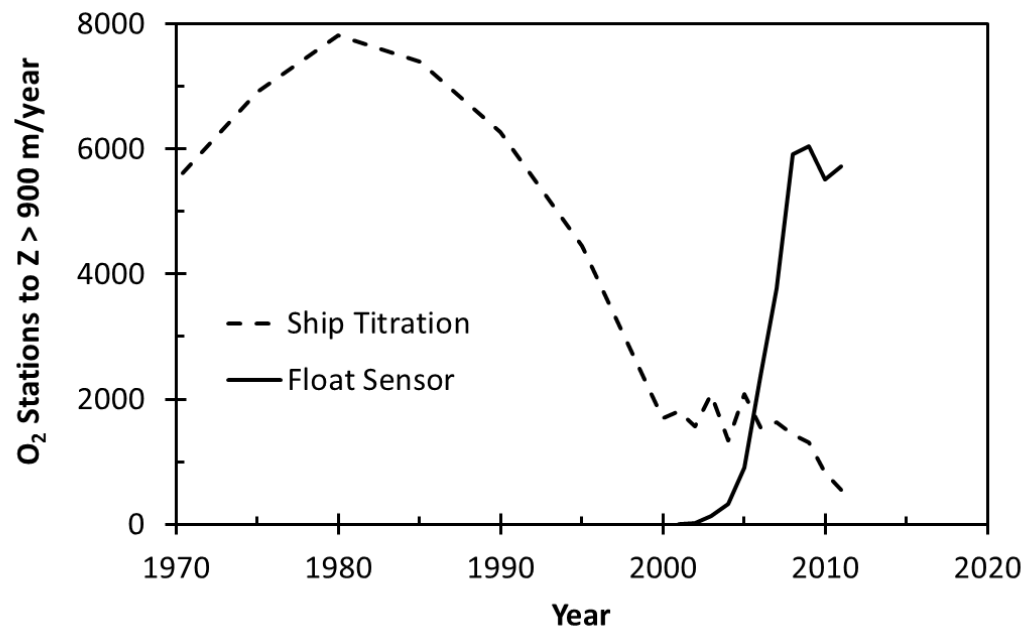
Figure 2.1. Time series of the number of OSD casts in WOD13

NOAA Atlas NESDIS 72

WORLD OCEAN DATABASE 2013

Timothy P. Boyer, John I. Antonov, Olga K. Baranova,
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Alexey V. Mishonov, Todd D. O'Brien, Christopher R. Paver,
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US NODC Data



Johnson et al., 2015, *J. Atm. Oceanic Technol.*

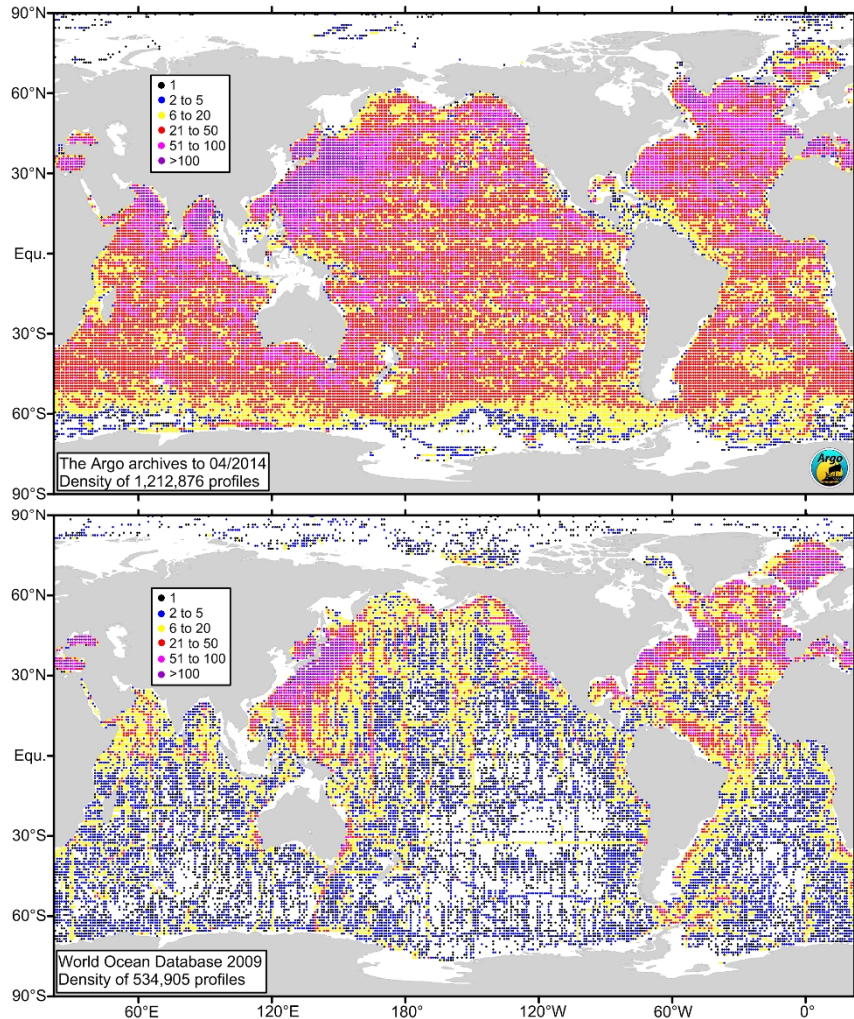
Profiles to a depth of at least 900 m
(through the core of the O₂ minimum)

Table 1.		
Sensor/Analysis	Profiles/year Ships 2000-2010	Argo Profiles 2015
Oxygen	1730	10555
Nitrate	1231	2671
pH direct	460	663

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Argo transformed *global-scale* oceanography into *global* oceanography.

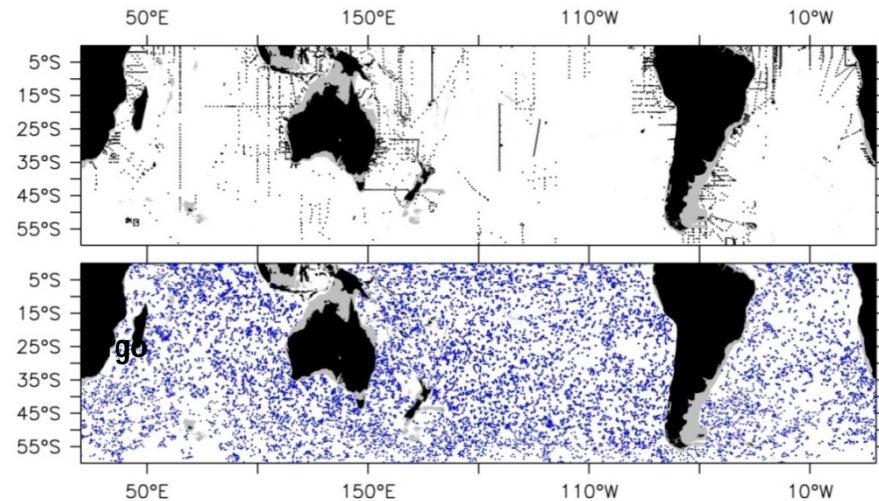
Argo: 1,000,000 T/S profiles milestone achieved in 2012.



20th Century: 500,000 T/S profiles > 1000 m

Argo Floats Do Not Mind Bad Weather

All August T/S profiles (> 1000 m, 1951 - 2000).

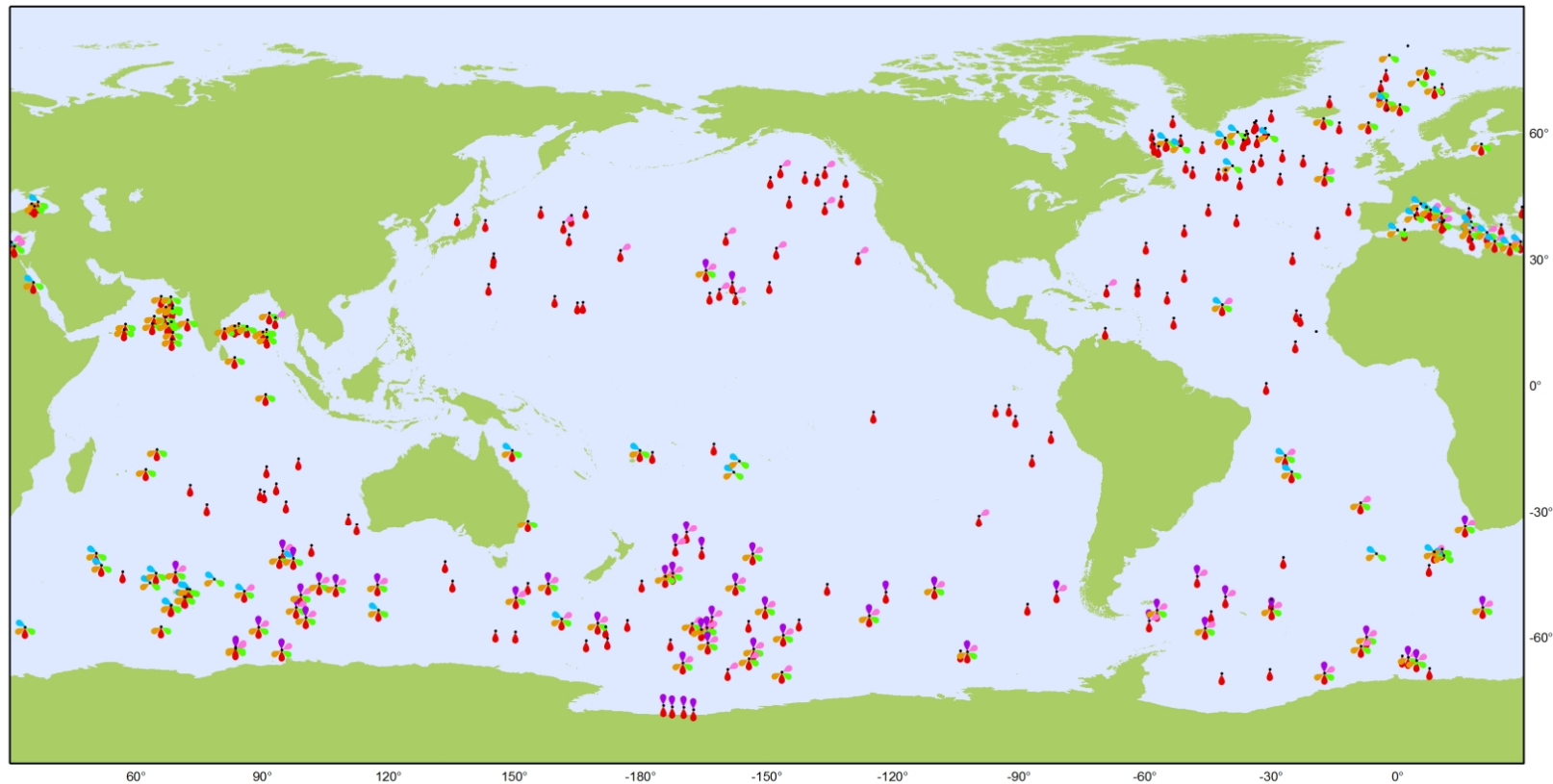


5 years of August Argo T/S profiles (2008-2012).

- The World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) was a global survey of 8,000 T/S profiles in 7 years (1991-1997).
- **Argo is a global survey of 12,000 T/S profiles every month.**

Courtesy S. Piotrowicz

We can now do the same for ocean biogeochemistry and carbon cycling!



Biogeochemical Argo

Sensor Types

November 2016

Latest location of operational floats (data distributed within the last 30 days)

- Operational Floats (290)
- SCATTEROMETER_BBp/TURBIDITY (135)
- RADIOMETER (DOWN_IRR, PAR) (50)
- TRANSISTOR_PH (54)
- SPECTROPHOTOMETER_NITRATE/BISULFIDE (81)
- FLUOROMETER_CHLA/CDOM (135)
- DOXY (270)

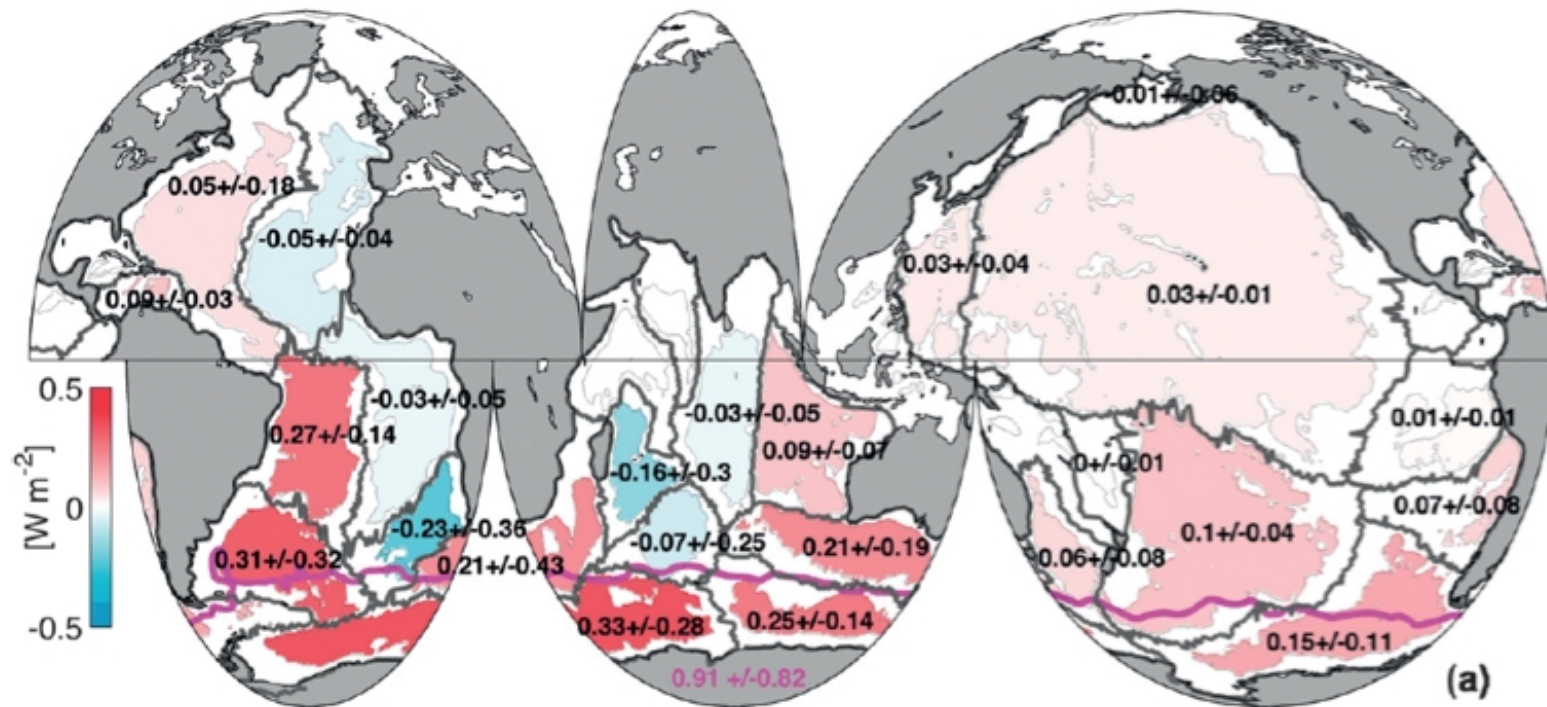


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Deep Ocean

- Sparse repeat ship data show that the ocean below Argo is warming consistently, particularly in the Southern Hemisphere.
- This matters for sea level rise and the Earth's energy budget.
- Model initialization/assimilation requires data below 2000 m.



Bottom Water warming from 1990's to 2000's
Purkey and Johnson (2010)

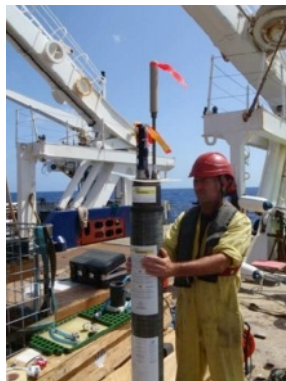
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Deep Argo: Argo to 4000-6000m

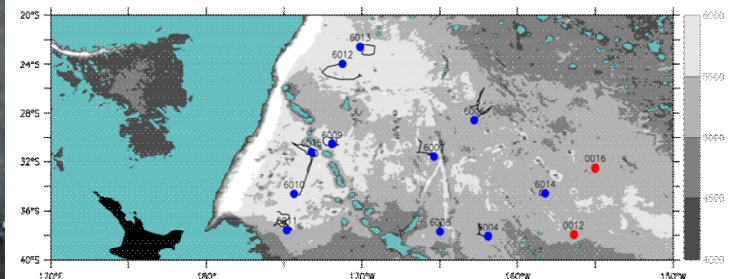
Status

- Four Deep Argo float models have been developed and tested.
- A new CTD sensor (SBE-61) is under parallel development with improved stability and accuracy.
- A Deep Argo Workshop was held to develop a science and implementation prospectus, global design, and costing - to feed into the **GOOS Deep Ocean Observing Strategy**
- 3 coordinated regional Deep Argo pilots are being deployed in the N. Atlantic, S. Pacific, and Southern Ocean

Deep NINJA (left) and Deep PROVOR (below) 4000 m floats.

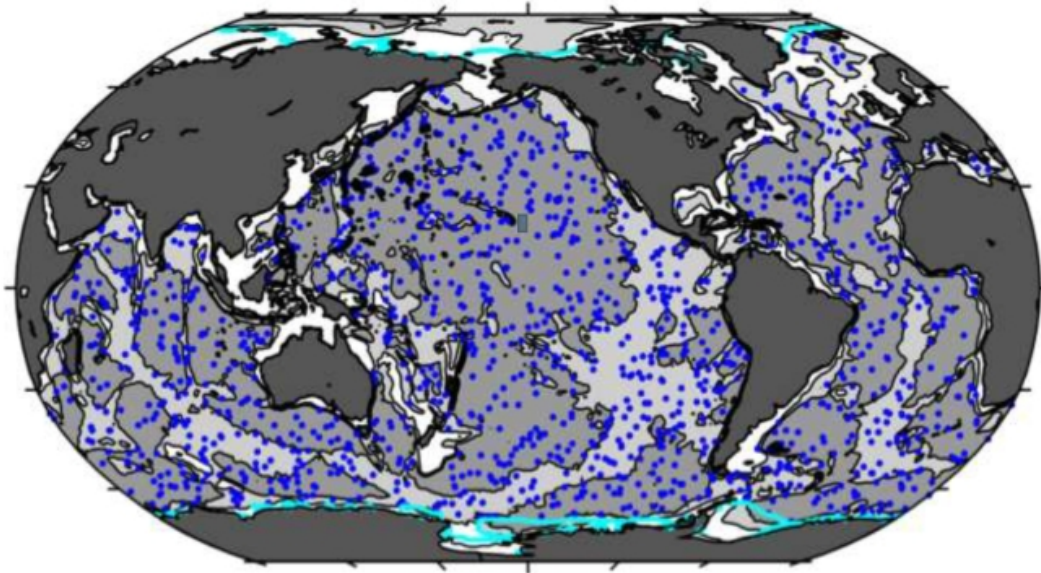


Deep APEX (below left) and Deep SOLO (below center) 6000 m floats. Location of 13 active Deep SOLO (blue) and Deep APEX (red) floats (below right) in the SW Pacific Basin

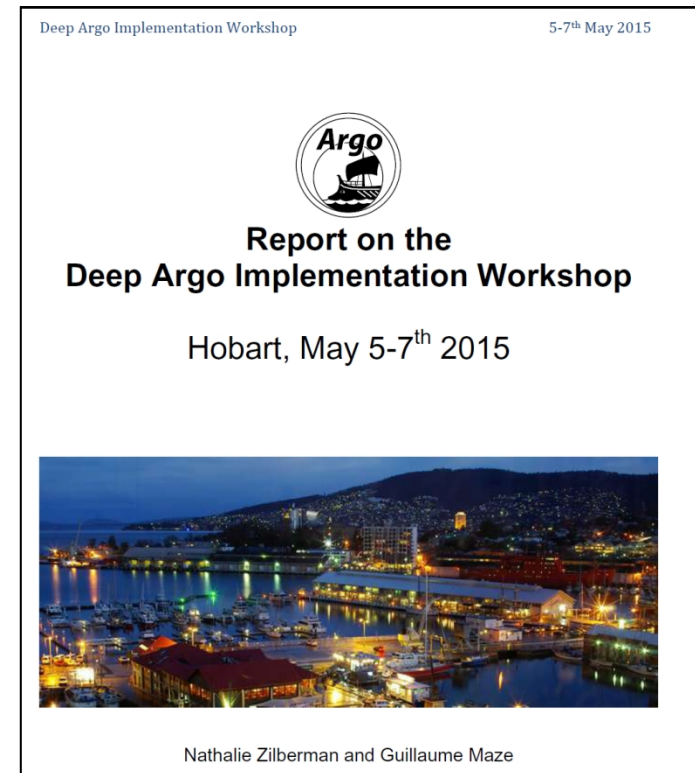


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Deep Argo Implementation Plan



Strawplan for 1228 Deep Argo floats at nominal $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$ spacing (Johnson et al, JAOT, 2015) over the global ocean where depth exceeds 2000 m.



Report of the Deep Argo Implementation Workshop
<http://www.argo.ucsd.edu/DAIW1report.pdf>

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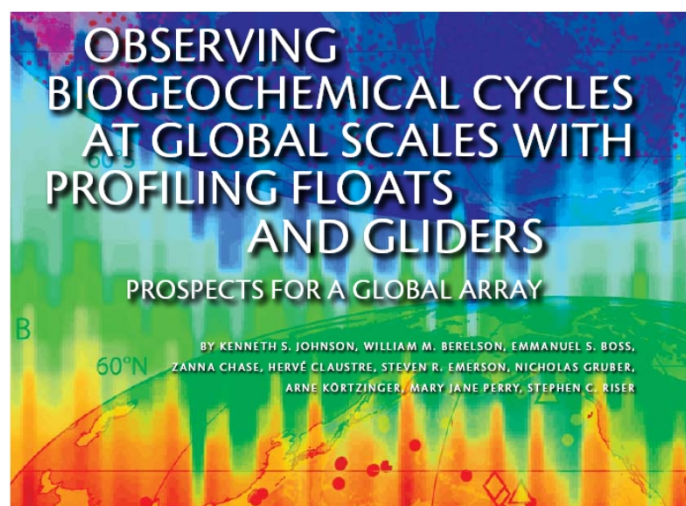
Bio-Argo origins and planning

US Ocean Carbon & Biogeochemistry Scoping Workshop

Observing biogeochemical cycles at global scales with floats and gliders

28-30 April 2009, Moss Landing, CA

<http://www.whoi.edu/sites/OCBfloatsgliders>



Sept. 2009 issue of *Oceanography*



IOCCG Report 11 (2011)

Bio-Optical Sensors on Argo Floats

Edited by Hervé Claustre

OceanObs'09

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sustaining the benefits,
realizing the potential

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PLENARY PAPER

Integrating the Ocean Observing System: Mobile Platforms

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ADDING OXYGEN TO ARGO: DEVELOPING A GLOBAL IN-SITU OBSERVATORY FOR OCEAN DEOXYGENATION AND BIOGEOCHEMISTRY

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BIO-OPTICAL PROFILING FLOATS AS NEW OBSERVATIONAL TOOLS FOR BIOGEOCHEMICAL AND ECOSYSTEM STUDIES: POTENTIAL SYNERGIES WITH OCEAN COLOR REMOTE SENSING.

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Planning for a global network has begun



Biogeochemical-Argo Network - Group photo

First meeting in Villefranche-sur-Mer, 11-13 January 2016.

Draft implementation plan out for comment.

Data available through Argo data centers.

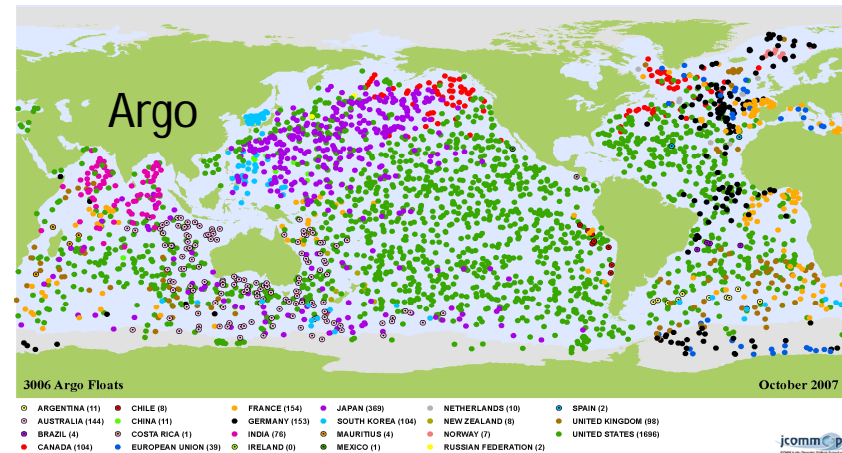
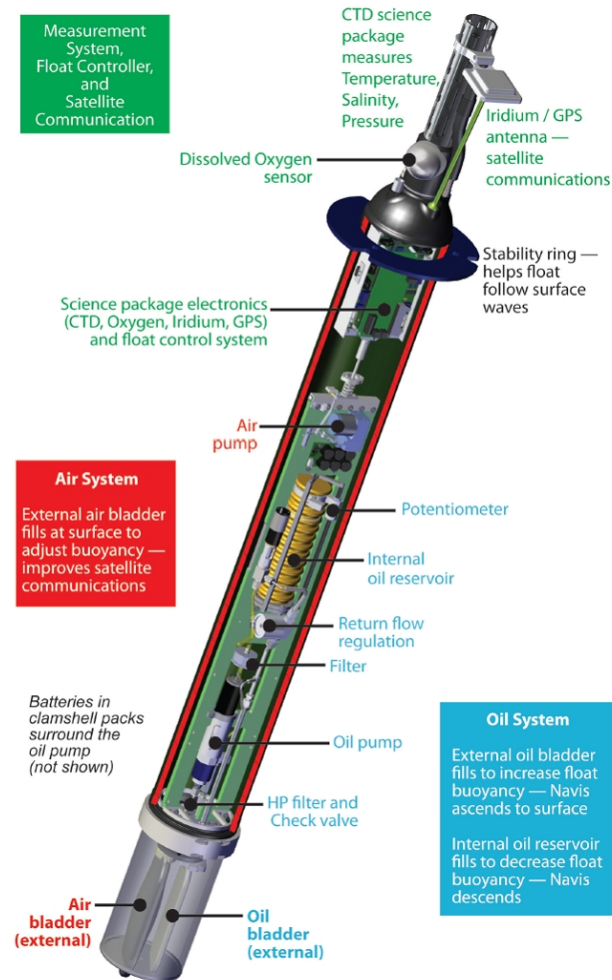
Grand Science Challenges:

- Will ocean carbon uptake continue at the same relative rate as the ocean warms?
- What are the interannual variations in the biological carbon pump? Will its strength be reduced in a warmer ocean?
- How does the volume of Oxygen Minimum Zones change in time? How does this affect the cycling of nitrate?
- What is the variability and trend in ocean pH? How does the changing carbonate saturation state affect biogeochemical processes?
- How do biogeochemical properties shape open-ocean ecological niches?

Grand Societal Challenges:

- Can synoptic and real-time data on ecological niche variability improve management of living marine resources?
- Carbon treaty verification: Does an improved ocean carbon budget lead to greater constraints on terrestrial carbon fluxes and a better understanding of global actions to reduce atmospheric CO₂?

What is Bio(geochemical)-Argo?



- Modelled on Argo
- Network of profiling floats equipped with biogeochemical sensors
- Configured to contribute towards a global program of ocean biogeochemical observations
- Data is freely available in near real-time without restriction

Sensors on Bio-Argo floats

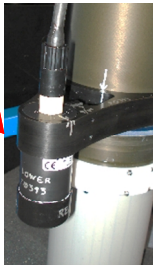


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Iridium

SBE41 Pumped CTD

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SBE63 O₂ Optode

ECO BB3

CRV Transmissometer

Deep SUNA NO₃



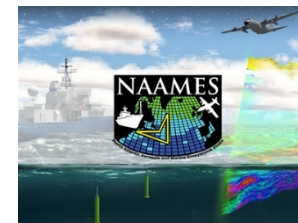
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SeaFET pH

Wetlabs FLBB

Regionally-focused projects

Atlantic Polar / Sub-Polar



Indian



Pacific



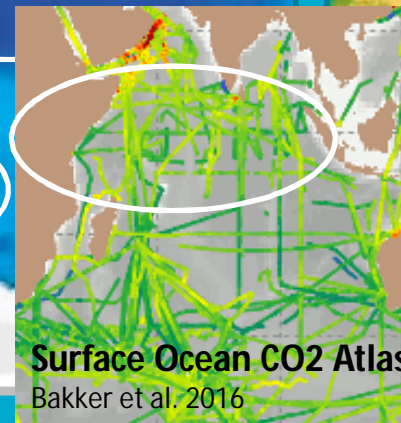
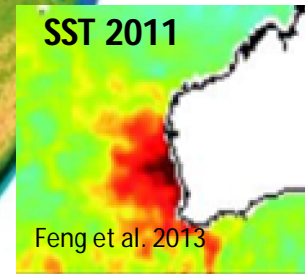
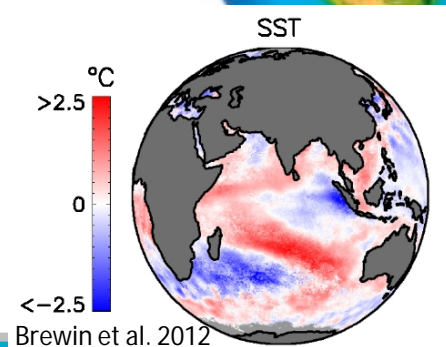
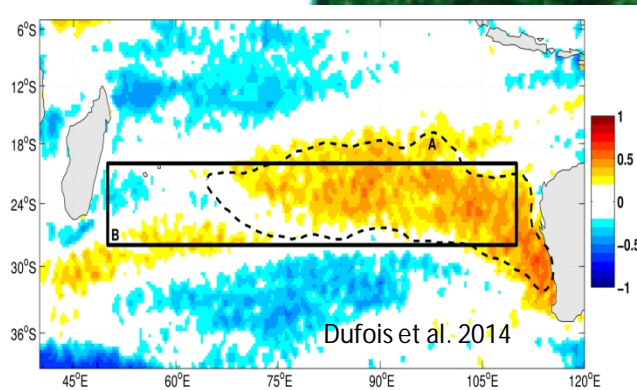
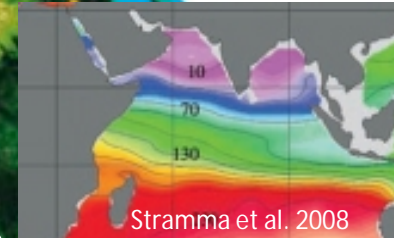
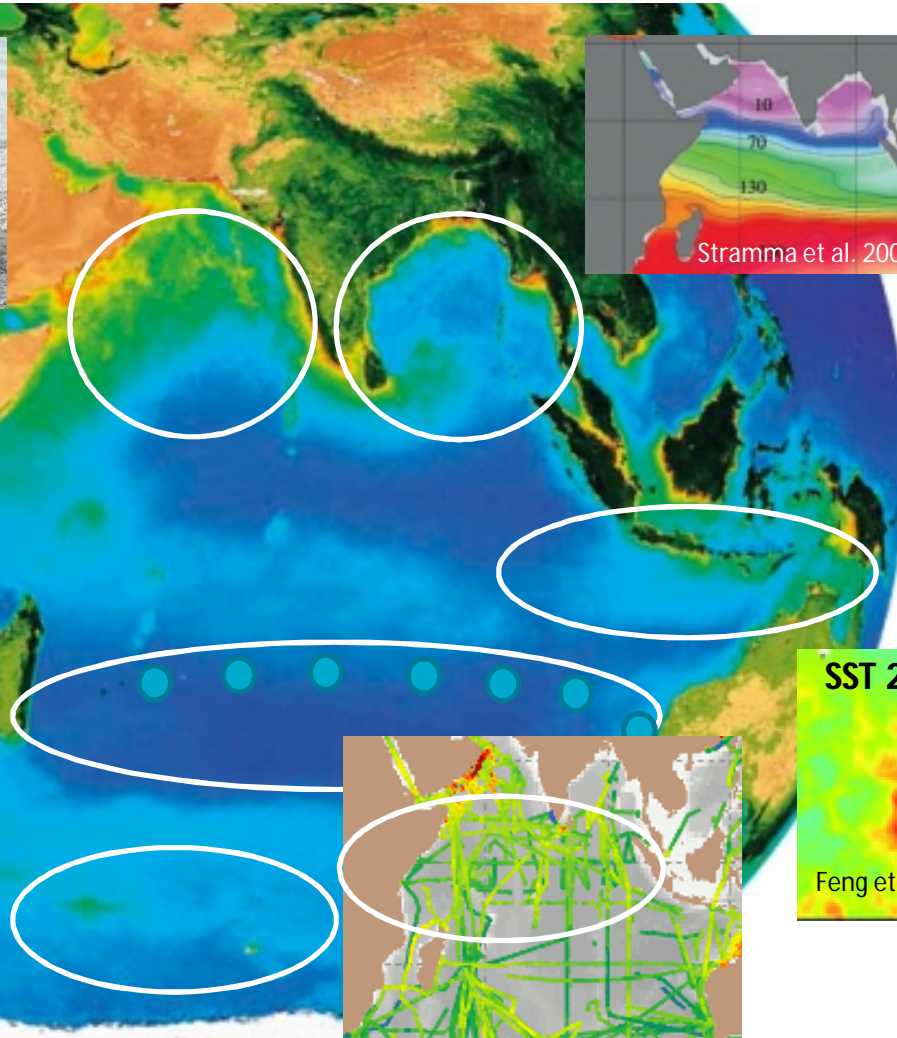
Atlantic / Mediterranean / Red Sea



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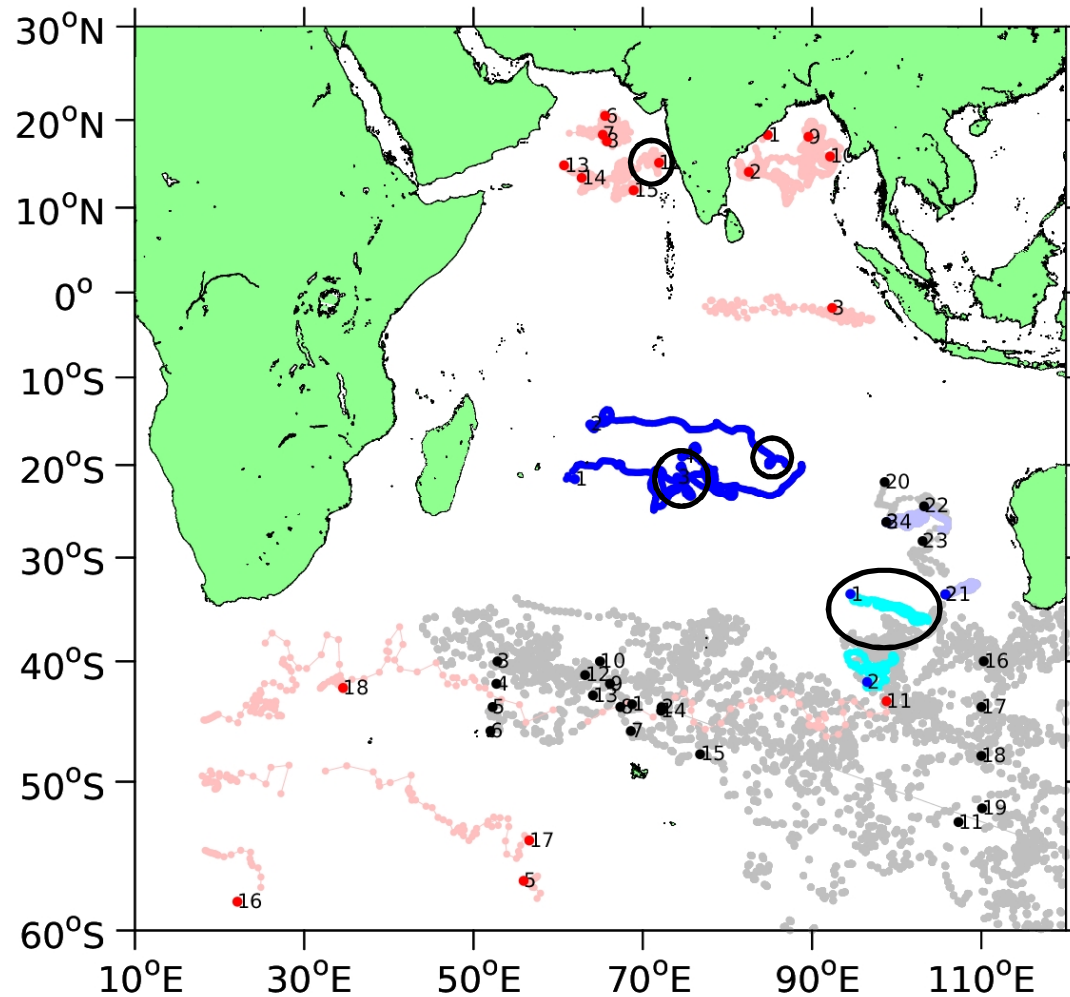


Indian Ocean biogeochemistry



NASA: SeaWiFS

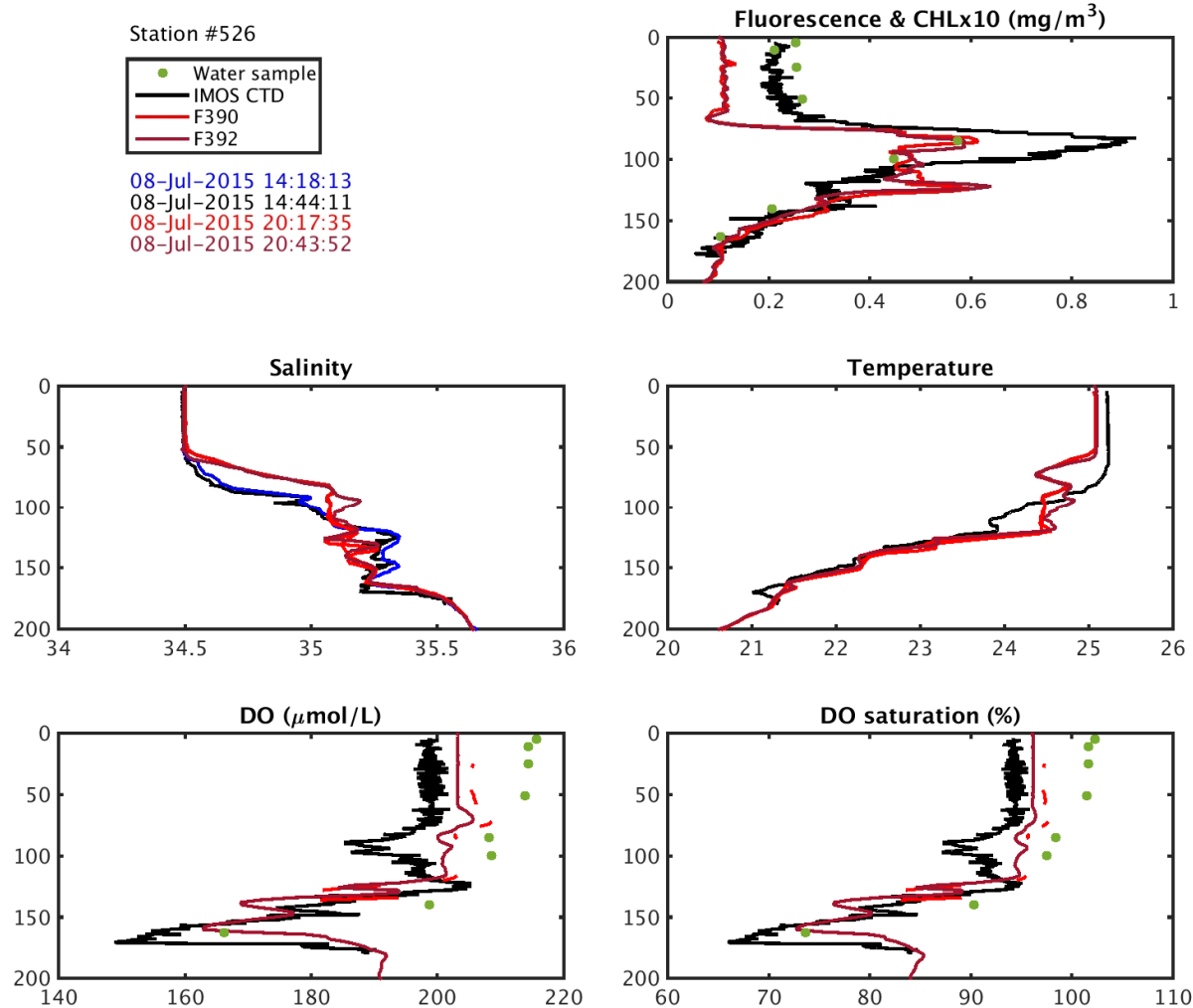
Biogeochemical floats in the Indian Ocean



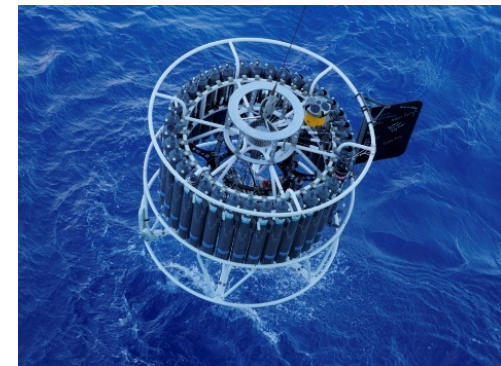
Bio-Argo is a mature technology

- Core sensors are all available off-the-shelf
- Core sensor suite has expected life of 3-4 years (~250 profiles)
- Significant numbers of float-years testing for all core sensors:
 - Oxygen = >600 floats
 - Fluoresence, backscatter >200 floats
 - Nitrate >100 floats
 - pH >50 floats
 - Radiometry >50 floats
- Bio-optical fouling is main control on mission length, mitigated by deep parking and profiling
- Long-term drift characterisation available for oxygen, underway for nitrate and pH – reference deep sections and climatology, surface pCO₂
- Chl, backscatter and radiometry reference satellite ocean colour
- Strongest sensor drifts are in air so initial correction is most important

Ship-board data essential for vicarious calibration



- Differences in sensor scaling
- Need bottle measurements for calibration of Chl, O_2 , NO_3
- Corrections to first profiles can be used to update NRT processing for rest of mission



Global Biogeochemical Argo is the glue that brings these programs together



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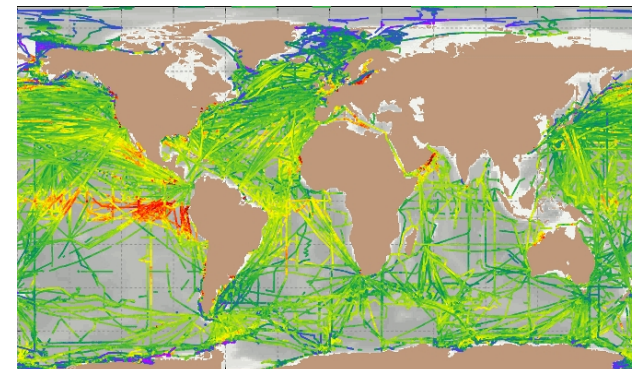
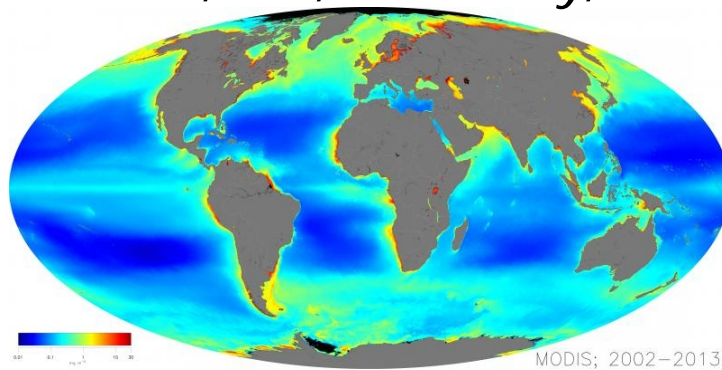
TOWARDS A SUSTAINED GLOBAL SURVEY OF THE OCEAN INTERIOR

GO-SHIP brings together scientists with interests in physical oceanography, the carbon cycle, marine biogeochemistry and ecosystems, and other users and collectors of hydrographic data to develop a globally coordinated network of sustained hydrographic sections as part of the global ocean/climate observing system.

GO-SHIP is a major contributor to [WCRP's Climate Variability and Predictability Experiment \(CLIVAR\)](#) and [International Ocean Carbon Coordination Project](#).
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Ocean color, SST, Altimetry, LIDAR



How many floats do we need globally?

Assessment	Global Array Size
Southern Ocean OSSE extrapolated to global scale	700
Global OSSE of air-sea CO ₂ flux	1000
Satellite chlorophyll reconstruction	1000
pCO ₂ /nutrient decorrelation length scales	1800
Mean of all assessments	1000

Sustaining a 1000 float array will require
~250 floats/year

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