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Observing the Ocean

The role of France with the
French Ocean Observing
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French Ocean Observing System

Opening remarks

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Contexte

Historically, **ocean observation** has been a **core activity** of the French oceanographic research community.

French oceanographers have been — and continue to be — strongly engaged in:

-  the **collection** of in situ data, its long-term storage in high-quality **databases**, and its subsequent valorization and **scientific exploitation**;
-  building synergies and scientific collaboration with the **remote sensing** and **modelling** communities;
-  the establishment and consolidation of **European Research Infrastructures** for marine sciences;
-  the participation to the **international** and **global structures of coordination**



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The **French Ocean Observing System** was established in 2023 to **support** this dynamic, strengthen **individual components**, and promote **cross-component interactions**

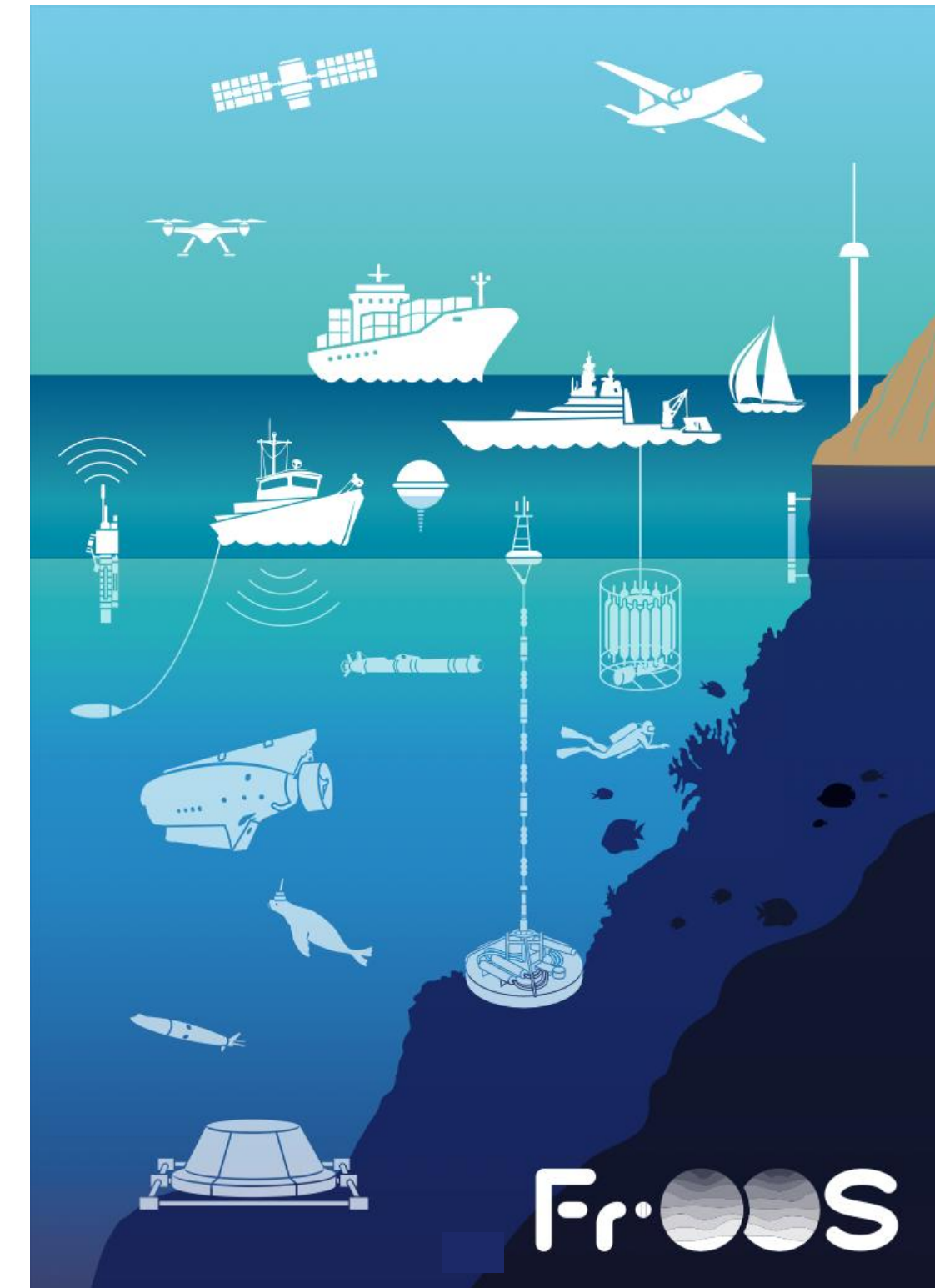


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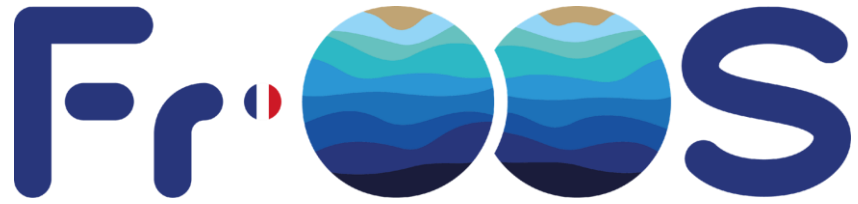
Fr-OOS objectives

-  **Strengthen long-term ocean observation**
-  **Harmonize activities** promote resource pooling and align/simplify associated governance bodies.
-  **Organize the interfaces** between the national marine observation research infrastructures Argo-France (IR* EURO-ARGO), EMSO-France, ILICO, a future open sea infrastructure (OHIS), observation networks not organized as research infrastructures (monitoring, fishery)
-  **Develop transverse activities** : interfaces with the Research Vessel fleet infrastructure, data centers, satellite observations and ocean, weather and climate modeling centers.
-  **Insert the Fr-OOS into the international (GOOS, GCOS, POGO, GEO, UN Decade) and European (EOOS, ESFRI, EMODnet, Copernicus, Digital Twin Ocean, SBEP) landscapes.**



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Focus on its components



Components Committee
composed of representatives from all Fr-OOS components, along with representatives of the ODATIS Research Infrastructure

RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES (RI)

NETWORKS NOT STRUCTURED AS RI

ARGO France
French node of the Euro-Argo ERIC and Argo international program

EMSO France
French node of ERIC EMSO

ILICO
Coastal and littoral research infrastructure

OHIS
Open ocean in-situ
(RI in construction)

CEREMA
Candhis network. National coastal observatory for *in situ* sea states

Météo France
Meteorologicals buoys network

Shom
Tide gauge network: sea level observations

Ifremer
Environmental and biological resources monitoring networks



Session outline

Introduction by Supervisory Authorities



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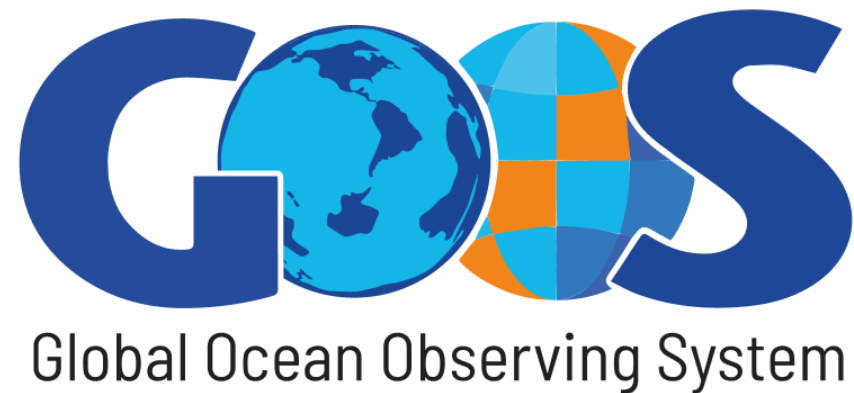
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The Challenges of Long-Term Ocean Observation in the European and International Context



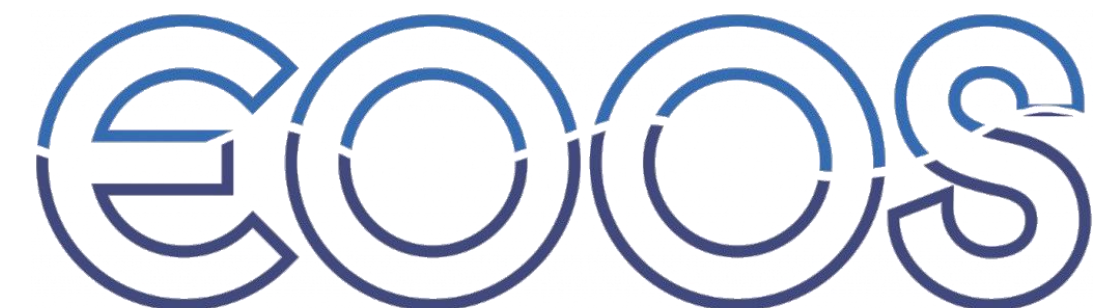
Emma Heslop

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Session outline



Components & Dashboard Presentation: Current Status and Perspectives

- **Introduction – Data Terra RI / ODATIS :**
Frédéric Huynh (*Data Terra*) / Erwann Quimbert (*ODATIS – Data Terra*)
- **Coastal Ocean Observations – ILICO :** Alain Lefebvre (*Ifremer*) / Annaïg Le Guen (*CNRS*)
- **Open Ocean – OHIS :** Sabrina Speich (*CNRS - Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace*)
- **Argo France :** Nicolas Kolodziejczyk (*University of Brest*)
- **Deep Ocean – EMSO France :** Dominique Lefèvre (*CNRS – MIO*)
- **Oceanographic Buoys**
Lotfi Aouf (*Météo-France*)
Matthieu Suire (*Cerema*)
- **Sea Level :** Marie Dauguet (*Shom*)



Session plan

Closing remarks



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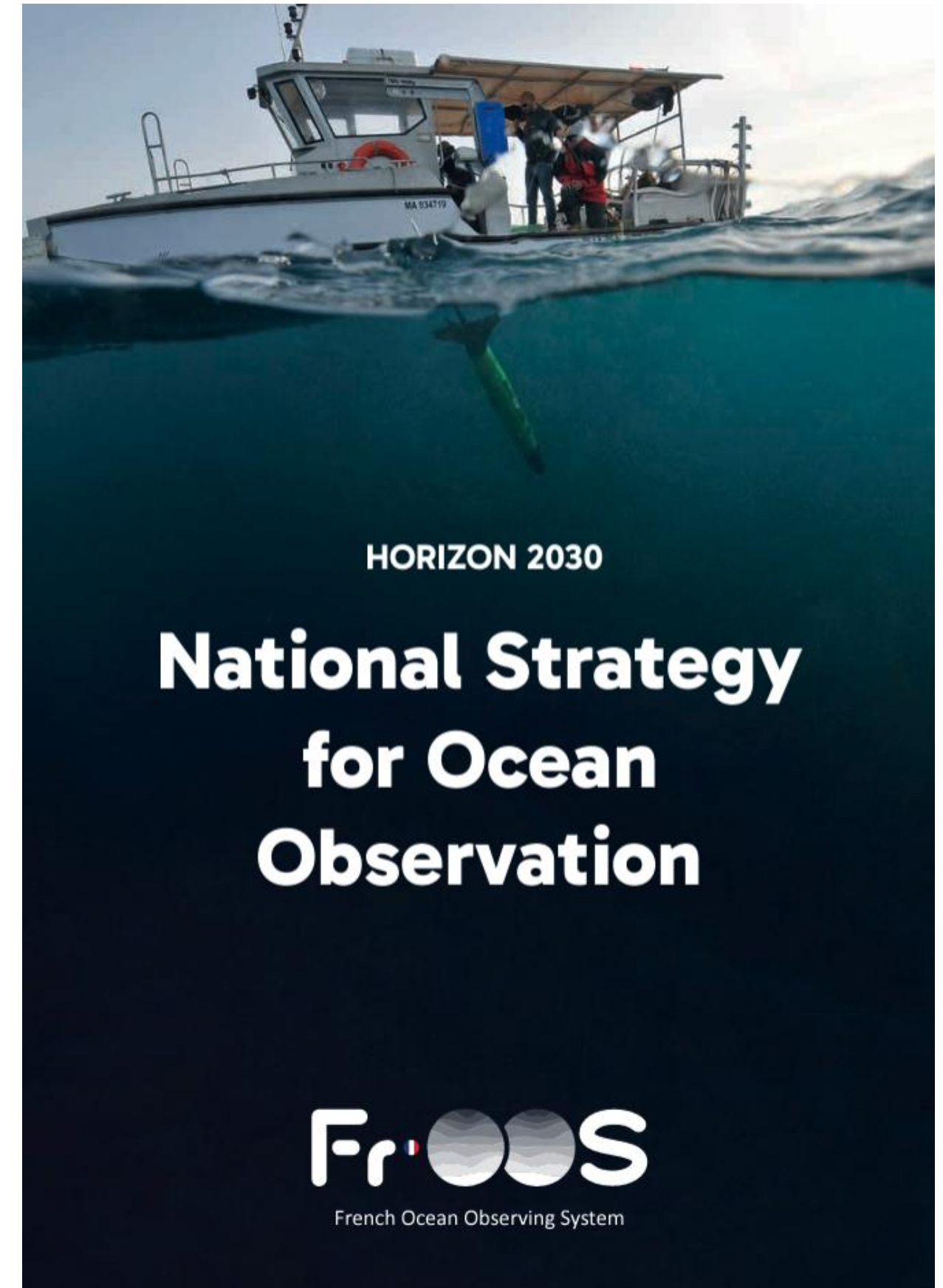
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National Strategy for Ocean Observation

In collaboration with all Fr-OOS
components and scientific experts

Important 2025 deliverable Fr-OOS





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How to monitor the Ocean?

Challenges of long-term Ocean observing internationally and in Europe

Sheila Heyman

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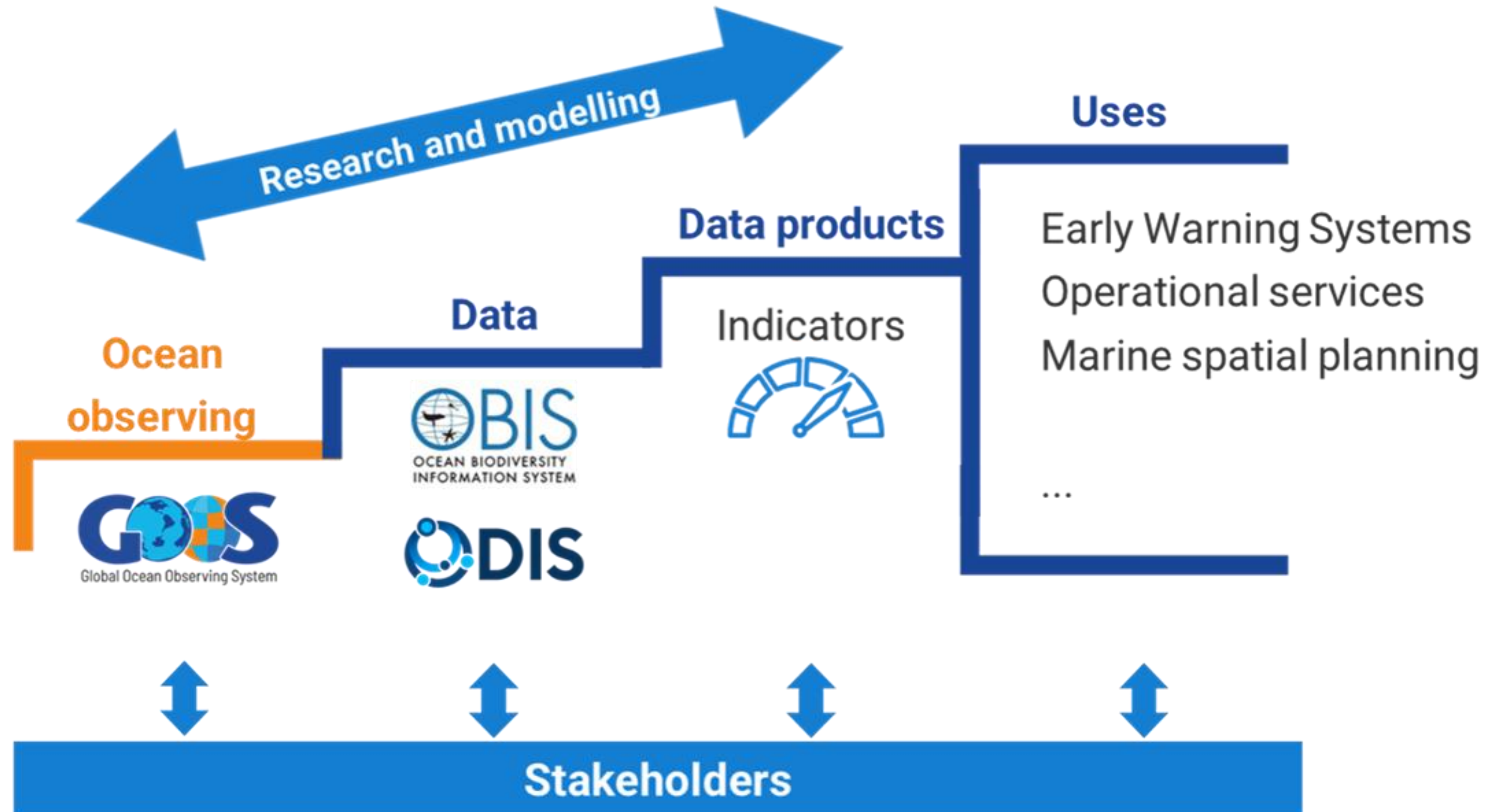


The Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)

Leading and supporting a community of international, regional and national ocean observing programmes, governments, UN agencies, research organisations and individual scientists.



A critical infrastructure for ocean observations - for science and society





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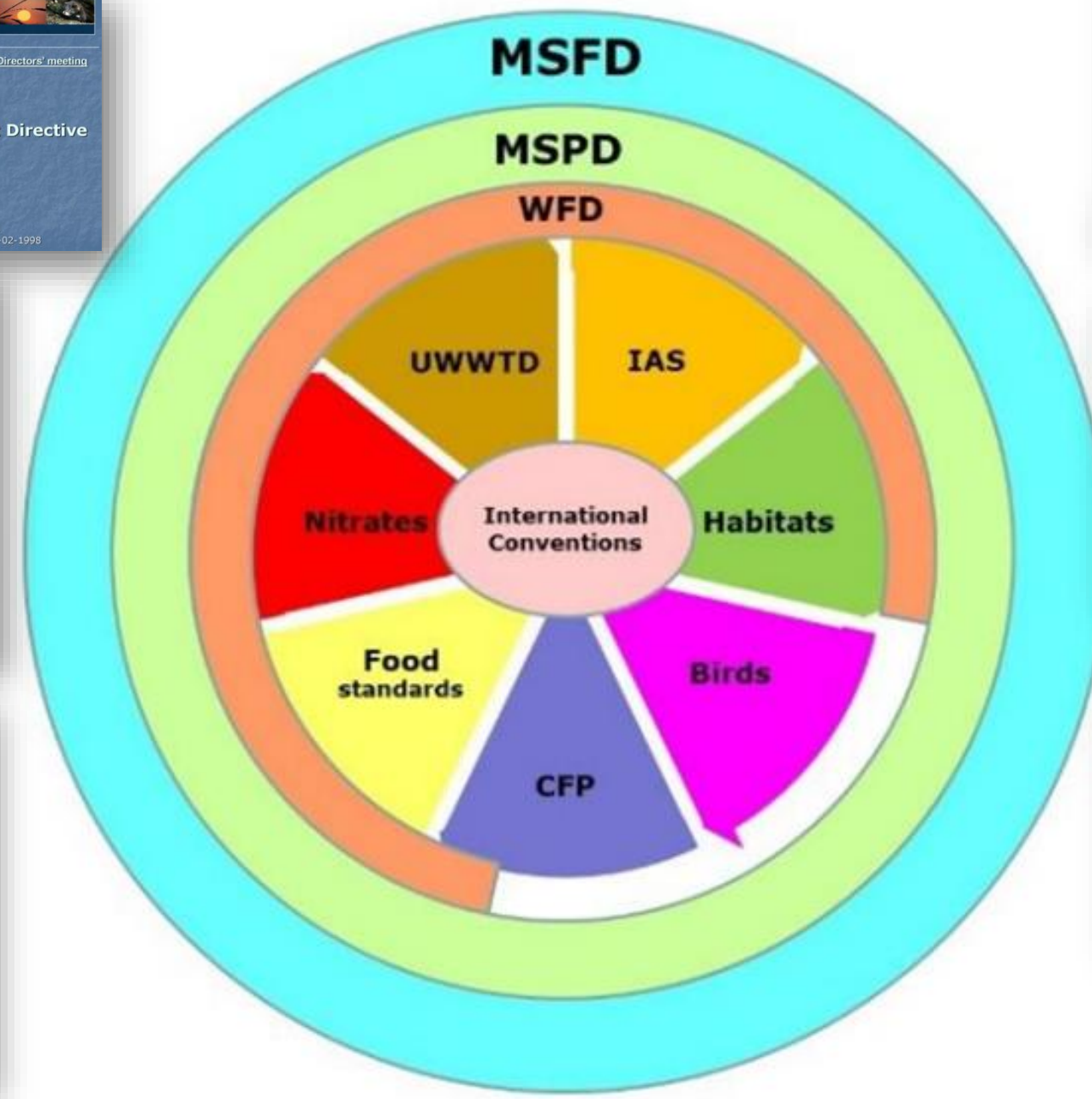
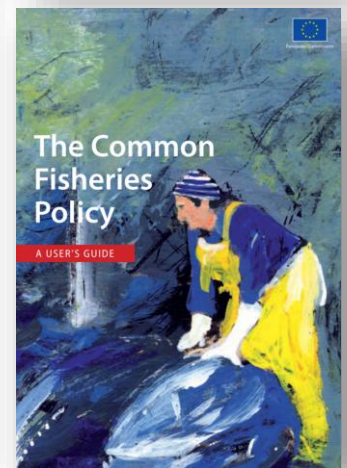
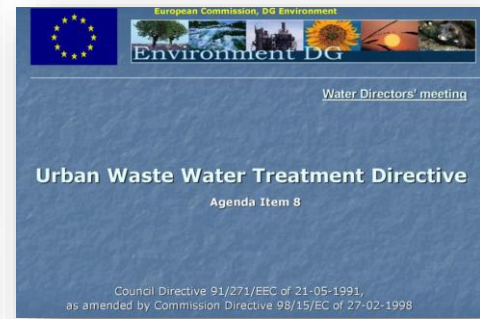


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European Marine Board and EOOS



European Ocean Observing



- In Europe Ocean observing (including monitoring) is done to address many different legal requirements.
- It is done on a case by case basis, with very little coordination between different legal drivers at European level, as these monitoring for these legal instruments are National competency.

European Ocean Observing

National level



Trigger

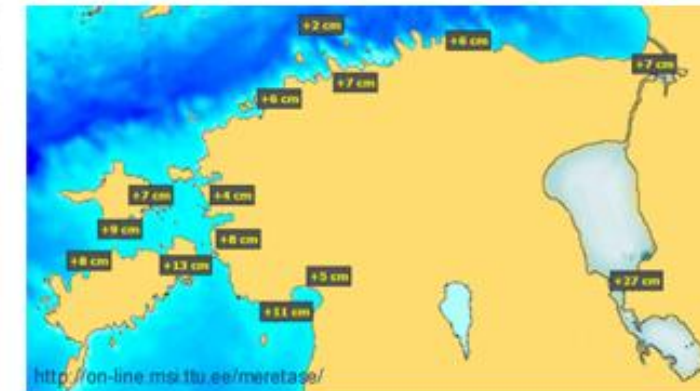
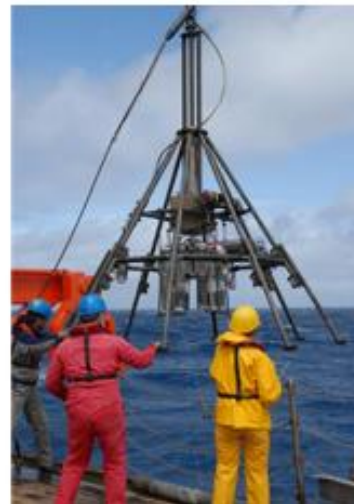


Information/Assessment

Environmental Agencies
Research Institutes
Universities
Local environment centres
NGOs
Private sector
Citizens

National priorities
European Policies
Research interests
Private sector needs
International commitments

Public
Private
Academia
Local Governments
Decisionmakers



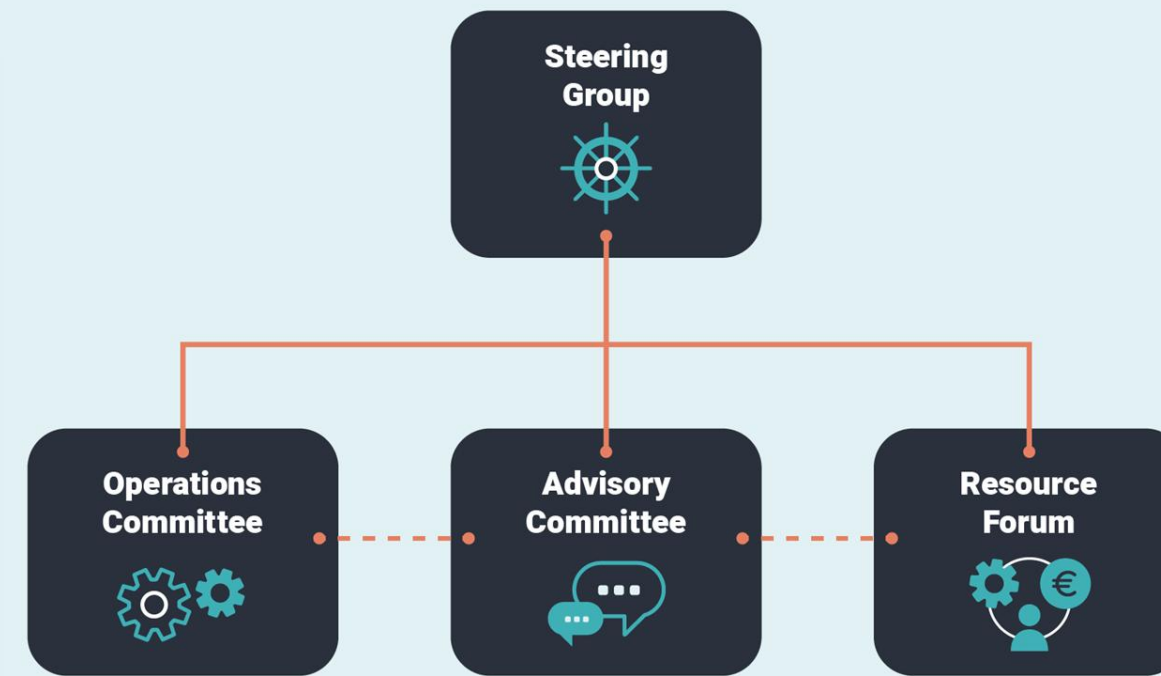
- Ocean observing (including monitoring) is based on national requirements and research interest.
- There is no mandated coordination of these observations at a European Scale or Nationally (in most cases).



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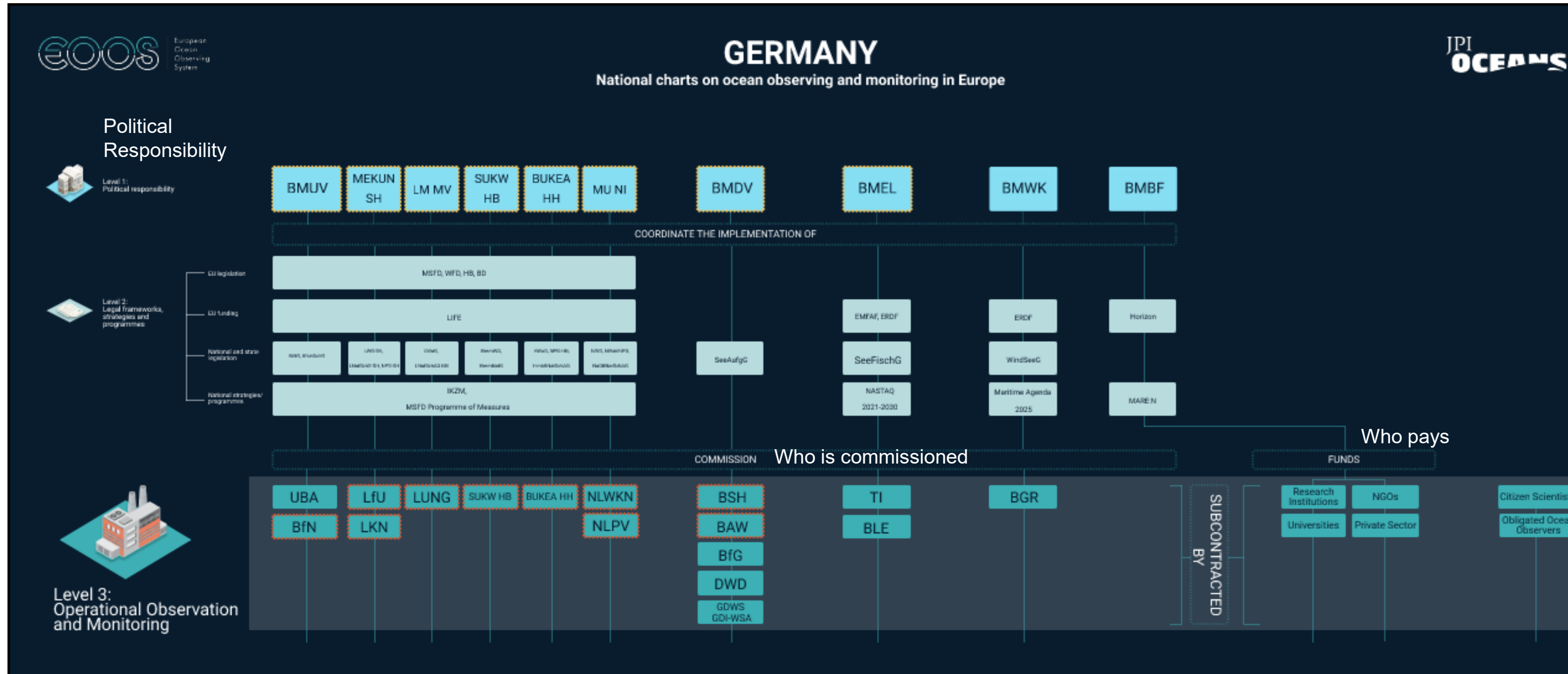
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European Ocean Observing System Framework



- In Europe Ocean observers have self-organised into EOOS, to ensure effective Ocean observing in Europe
- With 2 cycles of Strategy and Implementation (2018-2022; 2013-2027)
- The organisation is working with nations to understand what Ocean observations are being done, and where the information goes

European Ocean Observing System Framework



- EOOS has created National Charts for Germany and Greece to elucidate coordination including who is politically responsible, who is commissioned to take the observations, and who the funders are, among others levels ...



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Ocean
Observing
System

- EOOS has worked with the EC to see if we can formalise this coordination but this requires National mandates
- Nations such as Germany, Greece and France have taken up the challenge
- France created FrOOS to ensure that ocean observations are well coordinated in country.





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Fr-OOS Components & Dashboard presentation





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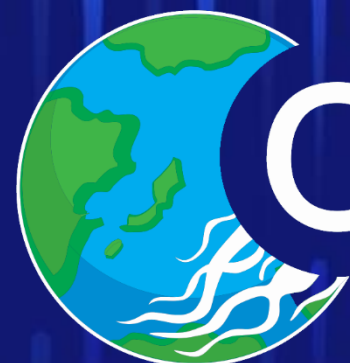
An e-Research Infrastructure to access, process and combine data related to Earth System Sciences



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Frédéric Huynh, IRD

Data Terra Research Infrastructure
director



ODATIS

Erwann Quimbert, Ifremer

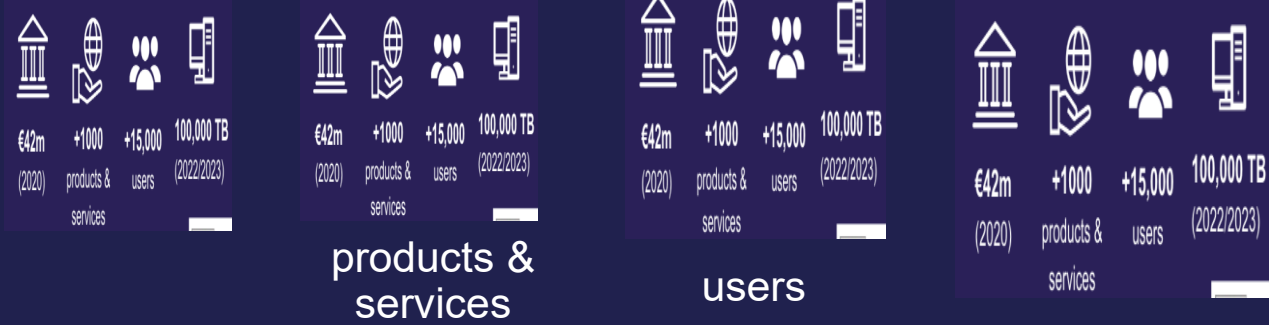
ODATIS, Ocean data hub director





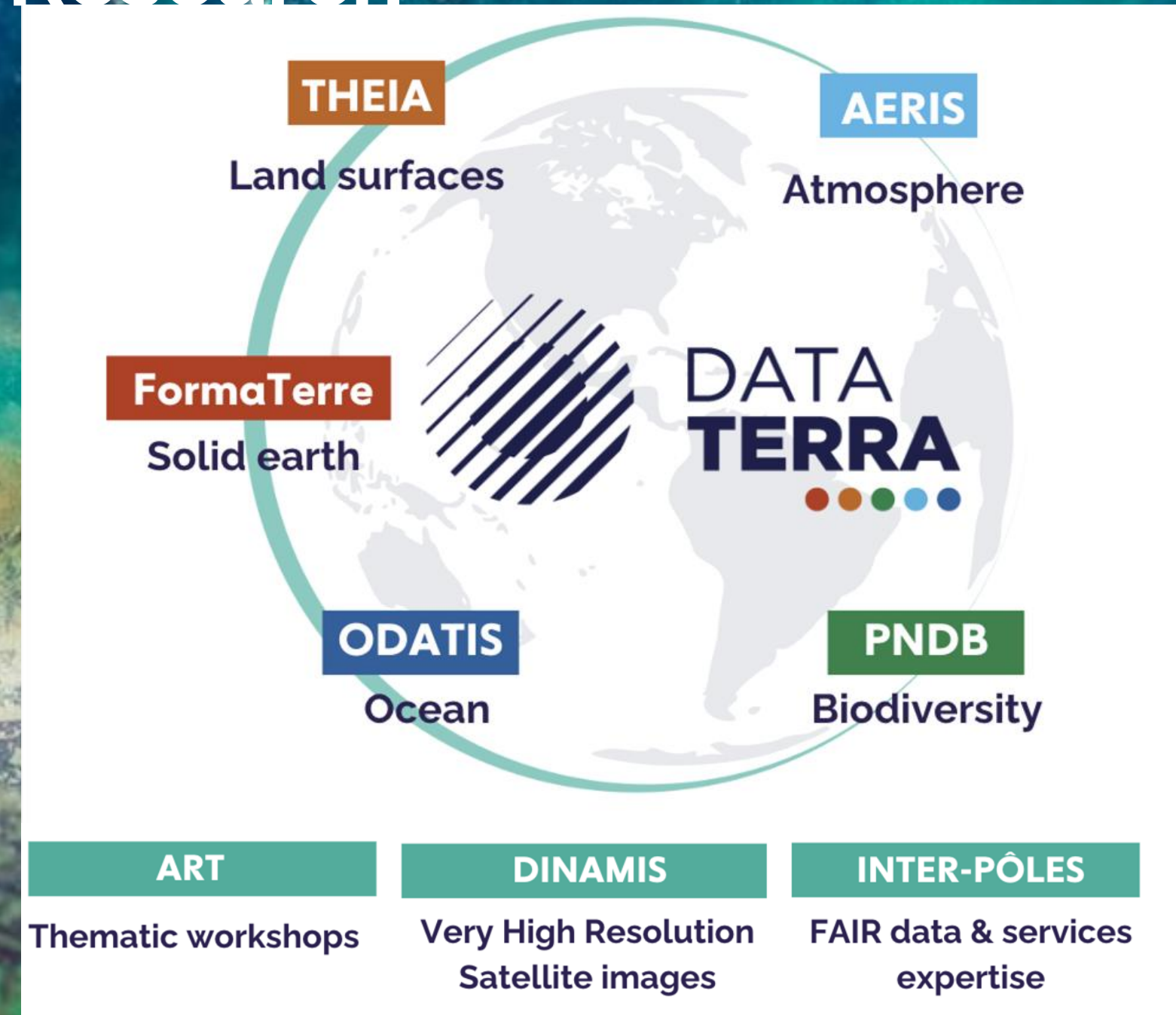
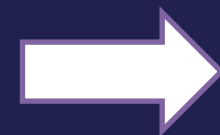
e-Infrastructure for Earth and Environment System Research

Develop a global system for accessing and processing multi-source data and developing services to observe, understand and predict the functioning and evolution of the Earth system in an integrated manner



- 34 Partner organizations
- 27 Data and service centers
- 32 Scientific expertise consortia
- 450 scientists, engineers and technicians

Data Terra offers services with Earth System Observation Data interoperable & interdisciplinary



Five multidisciplinary data hubs

BIODIVERSITY

Bio-indicateurs

Acoustic data

DataONE

PNDDB

ADNe

CONTINENTAL SURFACES

Satellite data

Inventories of biodiversity

Land use occupation

OCAR in situ

LI CO

Theia

Données lidar

Mangroves

Water color

ATMOSPHERE

Satellite data

Clouds

Ground data

Air quality

ERIS

Precipitation

Marine biodiversity

Land-sea Continuum

Algal bloom

Pollution

Sea level

Water quality

Swell

Salinity

Seabed

ODATIS

Currents

Coastline

Heatwaves

Erosion

Ground movements

Earthquakes

Coastline

Satellite data

FormaTerre

DATA TERRA

OCEAN

SOLIDE EARTH



The French ocean data and service cluster

Annual budget: €16 million
FTE: 64

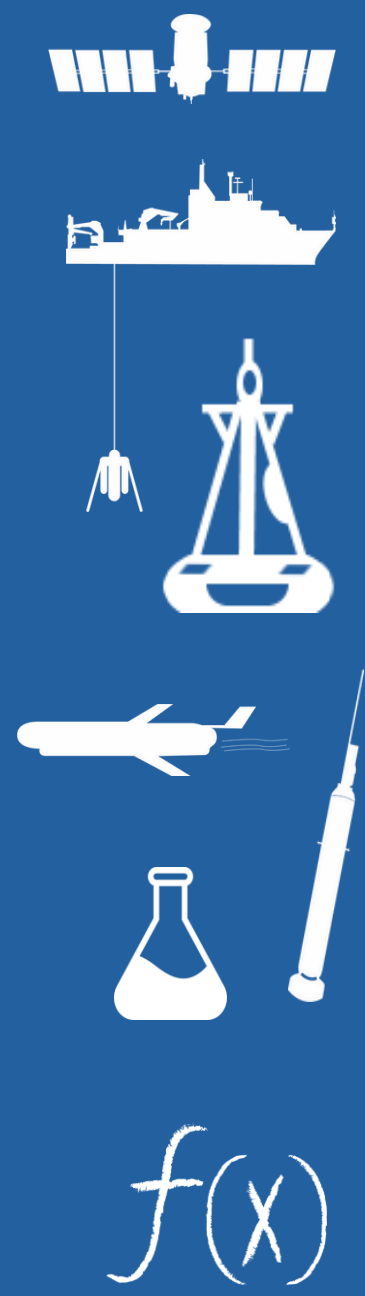
Understanding, sharing and reusing marine data

Promoting and facilitating the use of observations made in the ocean or at its interface with other environments

Satellite, in situ, laboratory and modeling data

From the coast to the open sea, from the surface to the ocean floor

Physics, chemistry, biology in the different compartments :



Data

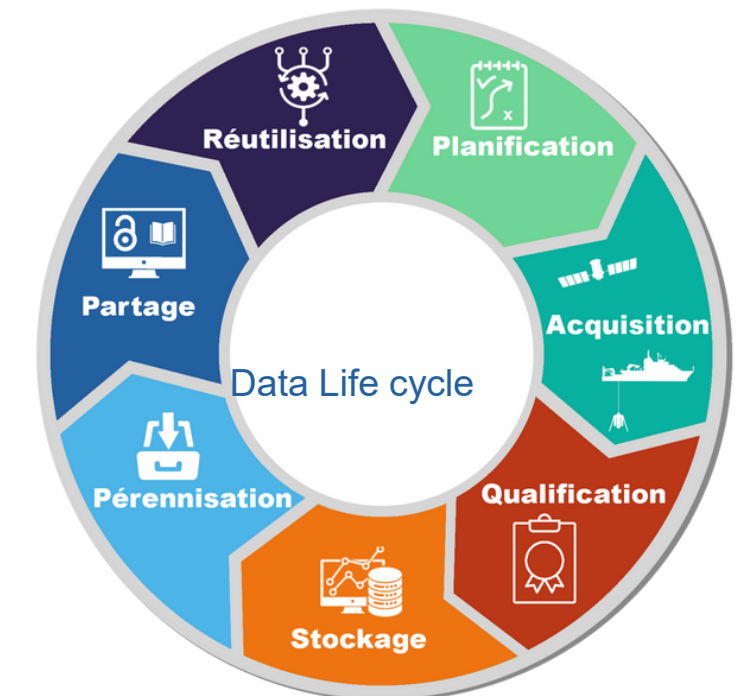
Marine data management applying the FAIR principles: "Findable - Accessible - Interoperable, - Reusable".

Scientific Expertise

Innovative processing methods and products for all ocean data and its interfaces

Services and tools

Training workshops, Services for publishing, host, catalog, combine, analyze, process data.



Ifremer **Brest**

multi-tutelles **Brest**

Shom **Brest**

OSU Roscoff, Banyuls Villefranche

OSU **Toulouse**

OSU **Bordeaux**

Ifremer **Brest**

CNES **Toulouse**

in situ data

Biogeochemistry

Dissolved oxygen, carbonate system - CO₂ Marine pH, nutrients, pigments, CDOM, metals, chemical elements and contaminants, isotopes, marine waste, ...



Marine biology

phytoplankton, zooplankton, benthic habitats, macroalgae, dissolved organic matter, biotoxins, bioinformatics, pathogenic organisms

Ocean Physics

Salinity, temperature, sea surface height, tides, waves, currents, ice, heat content, optical parameters, turbidity, ...



Geology

Geomorphology, coastline, bathymetry, sediment flows, sediment cores, mineral resources, etc.

Meteorology

Surface pressure and wind, radiative flux, ...

A DSC assembles, harmonizes, maintains and makes accessible the data sets for the perimeter for which it is responsible.

- Data Management
- Storage
- Metadata
- Quality control
- Online access services
- Preservation





A full range of services

Storage



ODATIS' IT infrastructure is based on 2 HPC data and computing centres, combining computing resources and storage dedicated to hosting and processing massive amounts of data.

Warehouse

The SEANOE marine data warehouse and the ODATIS CDS data warehouse enable datasets to be deposited, described, stored, searched and disseminated.



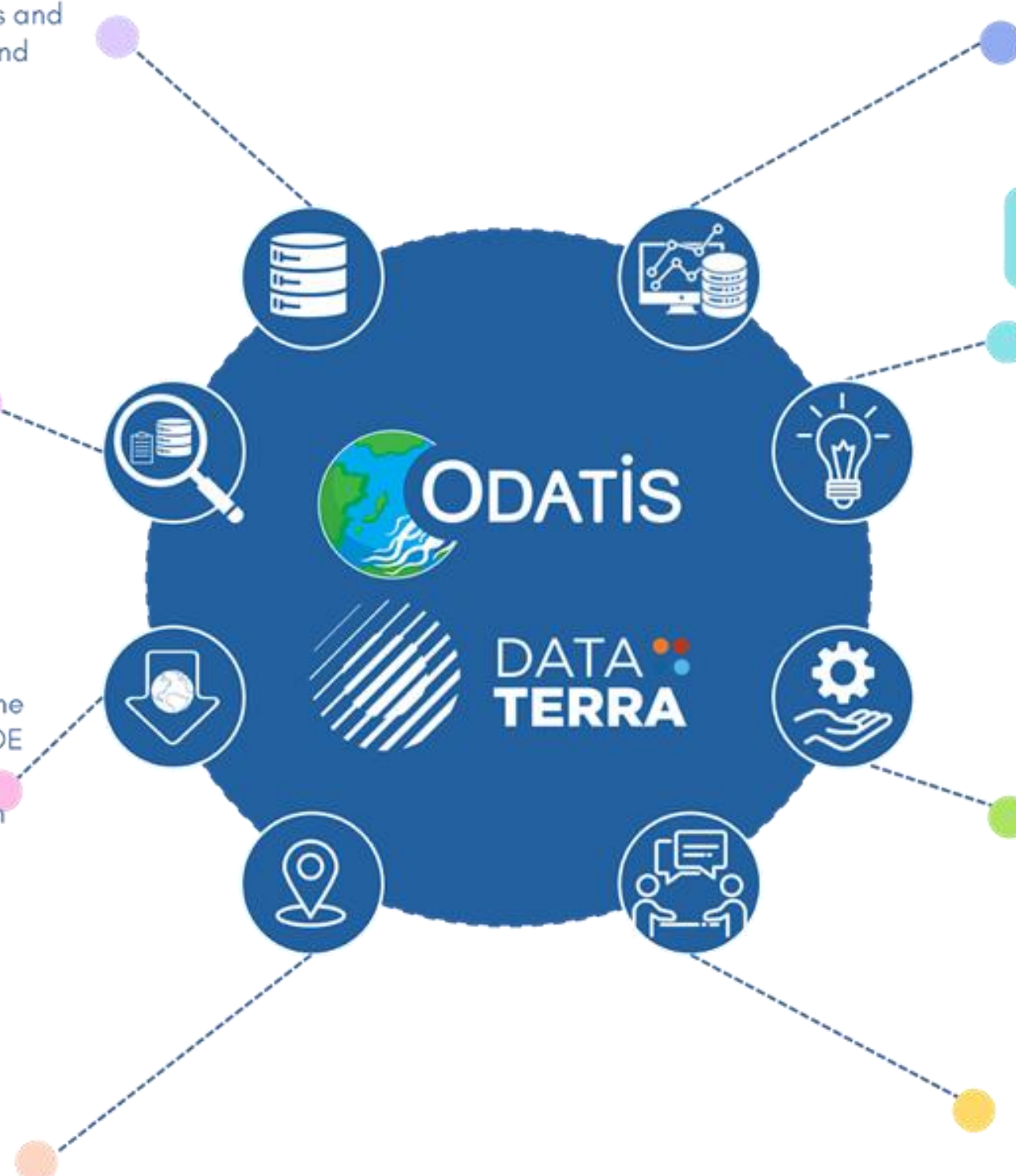
Catalogue

The ODATIS catalogue harvests several existing catalogues in the CDS, OSU, projects and SEANOE with multidisciplinary data in oceanography, with application of the FAIR principles on metadata.



Visualization

The ODATIS catalogue on the Sextant interface enables the creation of interoperable display services and interactive thematic maps.



VRE

Access to virtual research environments with multidisciplinary data and toolboxes for manipulating and exploring multidisciplinary data



VRE pour Niche Ecologique Optimale

Support and guidance

For data producers and users: organisational and technical support (DMP), support for enriching metadata, harmonising formats, publishing data, FAIRising data, etc.



CESSDA Data Archiving Guide

Workshops

Technical and thematic workshops for training in good data management practice, getting to grips with tools, sharing feedback, ...



Webinar

Webinars to promote the activities of the CDS, to share feedback on the use of data and to present useful tools and services to the scientific community.



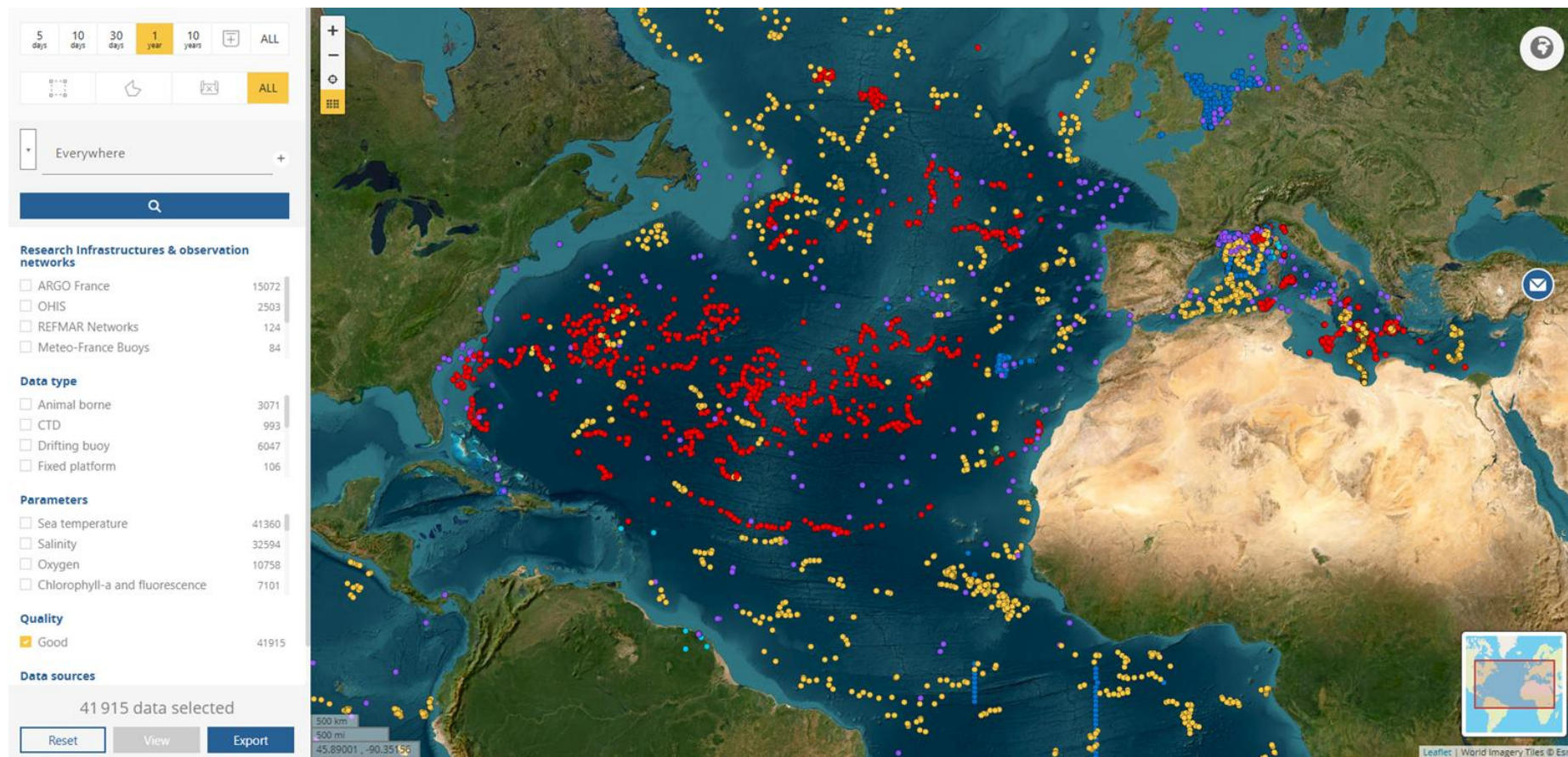


FrOOS-ODATIS dashboard on French observation systems

Objective - To set up a dashboard of the French observation systems, showing the various IRs and observation networks (observation points, parameters measured, access to data) and development plans.

Data selection

Platform catalogue



FrOOS Platforms monitoring

630 Platforms

S	Platform Code	Platform Name	Platform Type	Model	Research Infrastructures & Observation Networks
	IF000503	La Figuerette	Fixed buoy, mooring		REFMAR Networks
	IF000536	Dieppe	Fixed buoy, mooring		REFMAR Networks
	IF000506	Port-Vendres	Fixed buoy, mooring		REFMAR Networks
	IF000503	Sete	Fixed buoy, mooring		REFMAR Networks
	IF000416	Galets	Fixed buoy, mooring		REFMAR Networks
	IF000376	Toulon	Fixed buoy, mooring		REFMAR Networks
	IF000375	Saint-Nazaire	Fixed buoy, mooring		REFMAR Networks
	IF000374	Saint-Malo	Fixed buoy, mooring		REFMAR Networks

Research Infrastructures & observation networks

- ARGO France 282
- REFMAR Networks 108
- CANDHIS Network 23
- OHIS 11

Status

- Active 630

Platform Type

- Argo float 282
- Fixed buoy, mooring 273
- Vessel 55
- Drifting buoy 18

Parameters

- Sea temperature 394
- Salinity 316
- Rainfall 118
- Sea Level 108

International platforms

- Show all platforms

<https://data-selection.odatis-ocean.fr/froos>

<https://platform.odatis-ocean.fr/froos>



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Coastal and Littoral Environmental Observation in France: Towards an Integrated System Led by national research infrastructure ILICO.



Lefebvre A.¹, Le Guen A.²

And colleagues from the direction team, accredited
National Observing Services, Community Codes and
Instrumented Platform

*1 - Ifremer, COAST, Laboratoire Environnement et
Ressources, Boulogne sur mer*

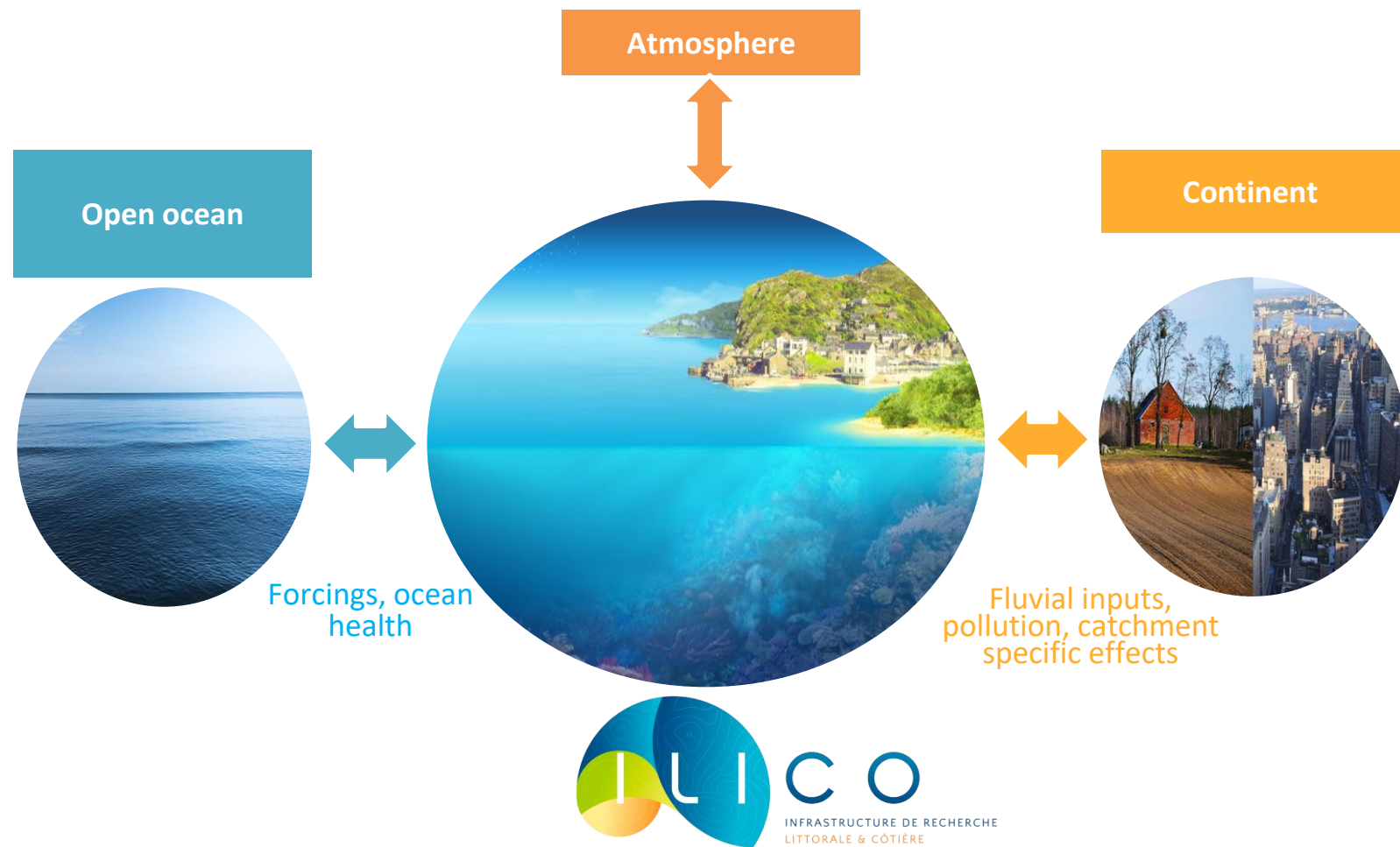
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Coastal Research Infrastructure

A Research Infrastructure of multiple interfaces

Multiple complementary data acquisition technologies



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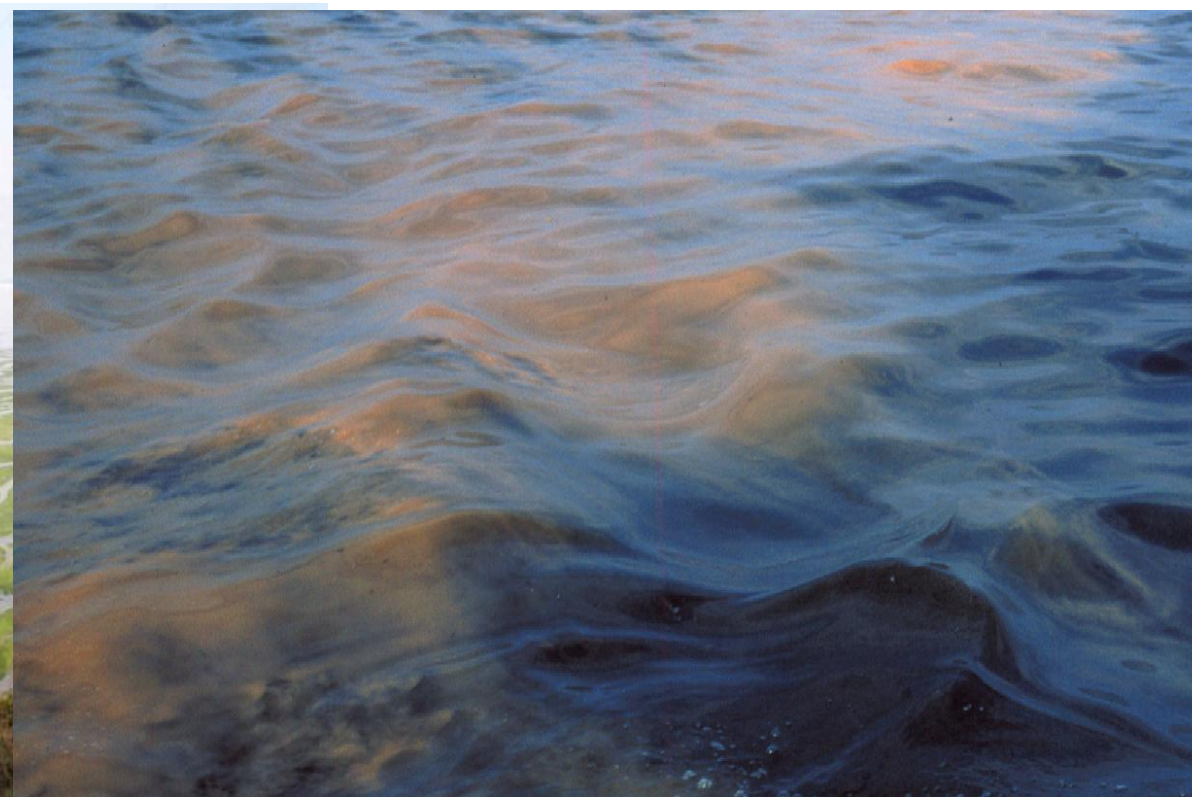
The visible face of eutrophication

Focus on Eutrophication One case Study from SNOs

And the « invisible » face of Eutrophication



Green tide (macro-algae) in Brittany



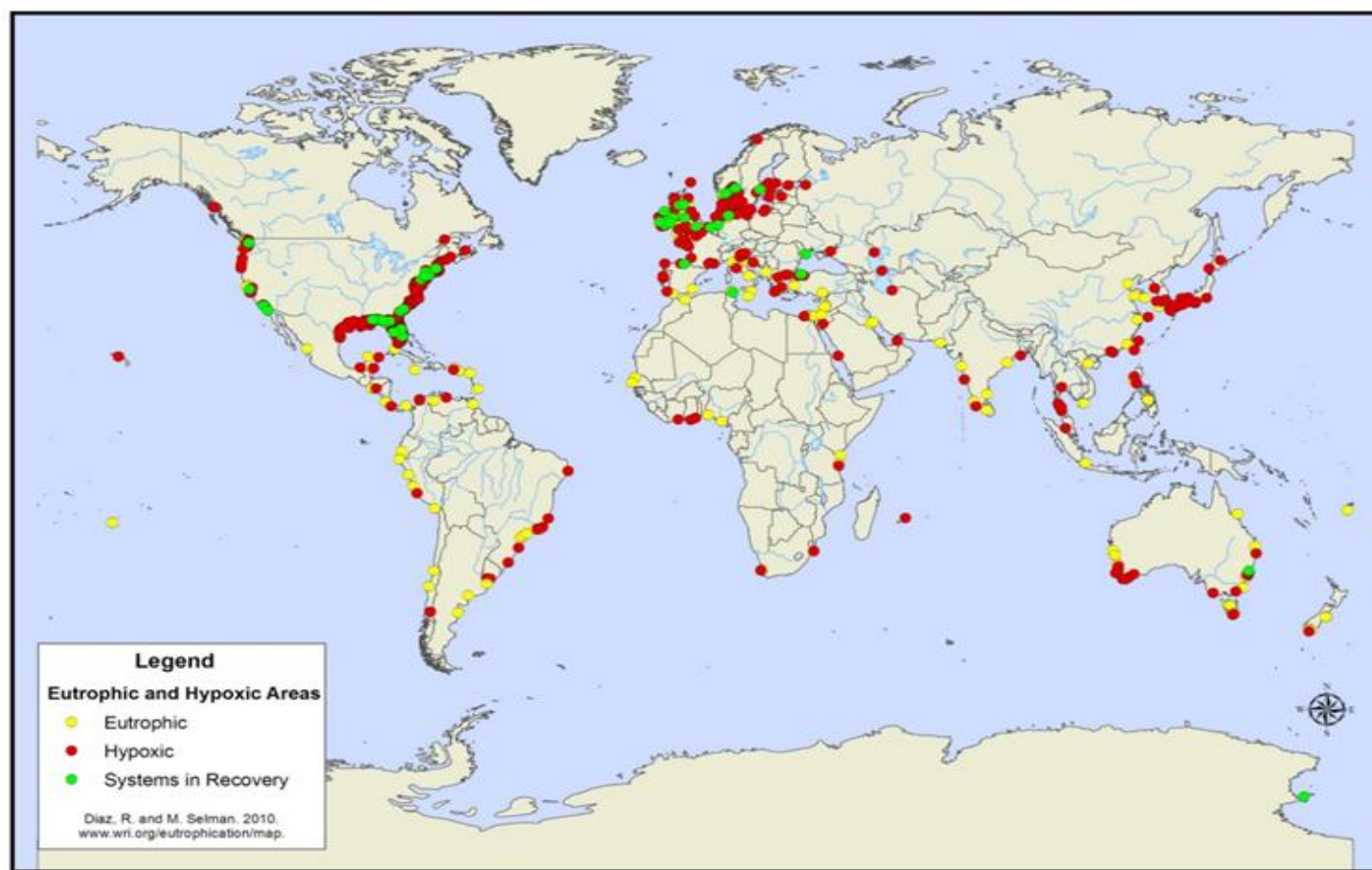
Red Tide (phytoplankton)



Foam of *Phaeocystis globosa* (phytoplankton)
In the Eastern English Channel

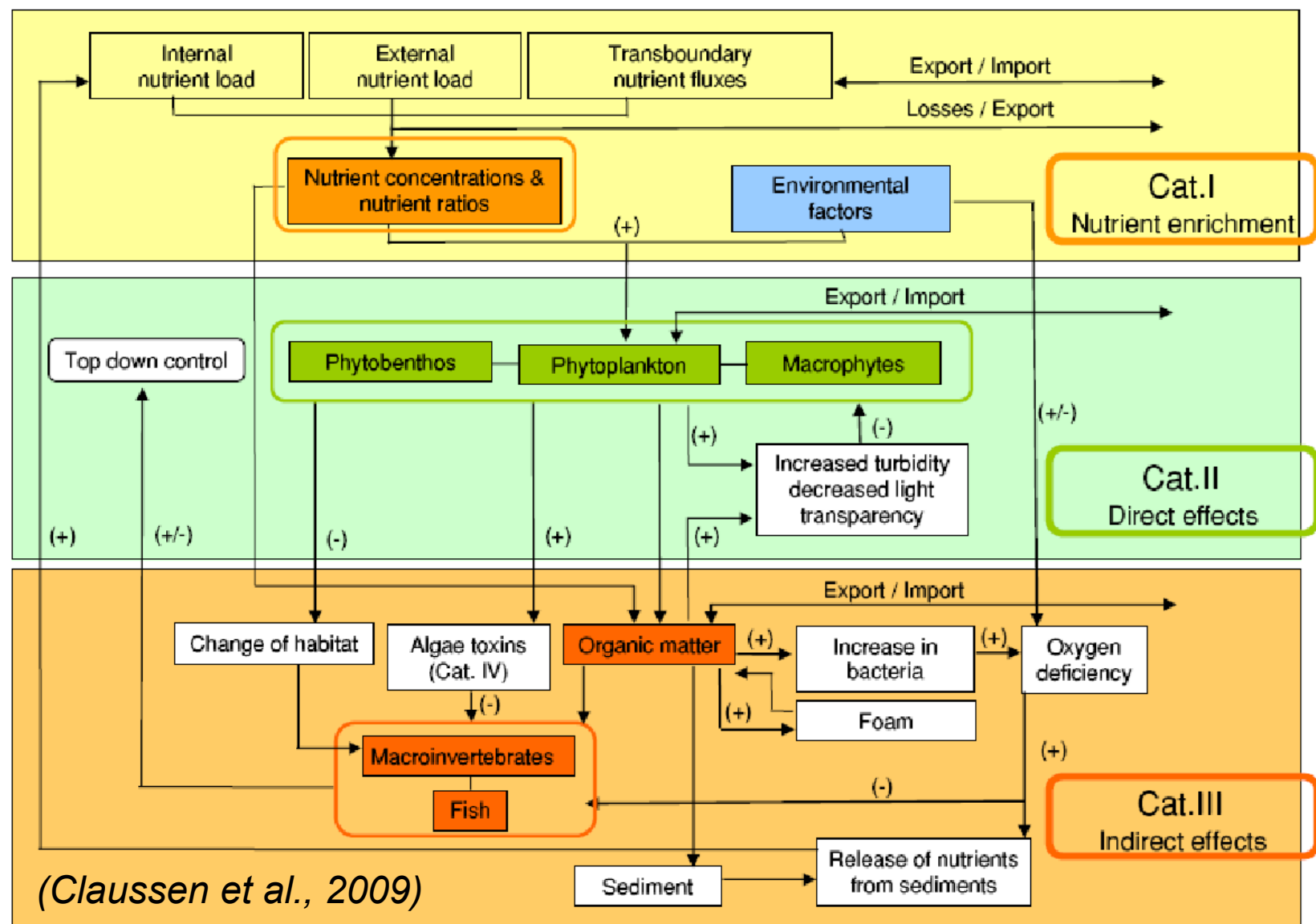
Ex. Modification of Energy
transfer within the trophic network =>
impact on **Biodiversity**

Other ex. **Oxygen** depletion, fish **mortality**



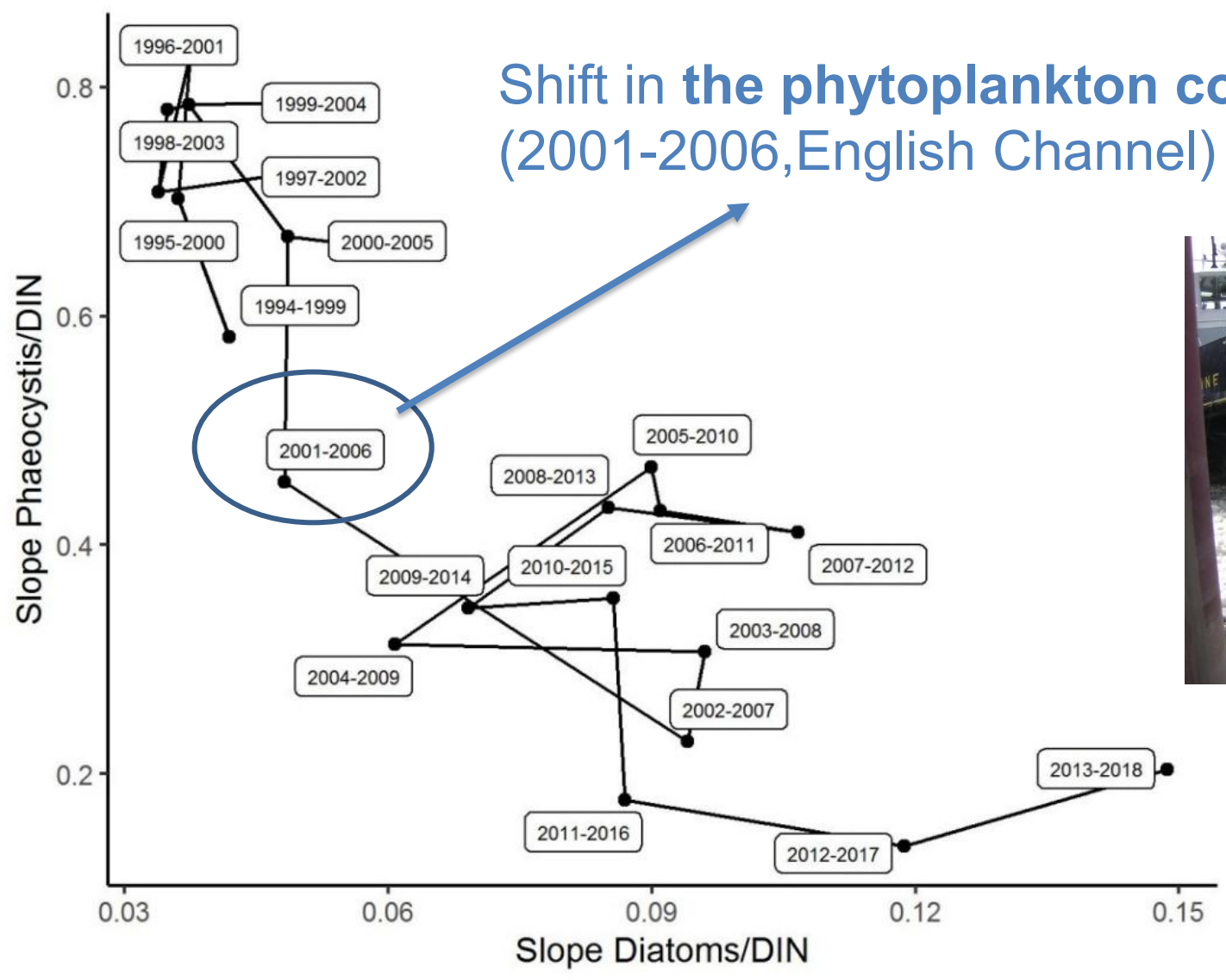
Eutrophication is a worldwide and highly complex process

Eutrophication: Syndrome of an aquatic ecosystem associated with the overproduction of organic matter induced by anthropogenic inputs of phosphorus and nitrogen.



A well-suited selection of sites and variables are needed to track and study direct and indirect effects of eutrophication

Shift in the phytoplankton community (2001-2006, English Channel)



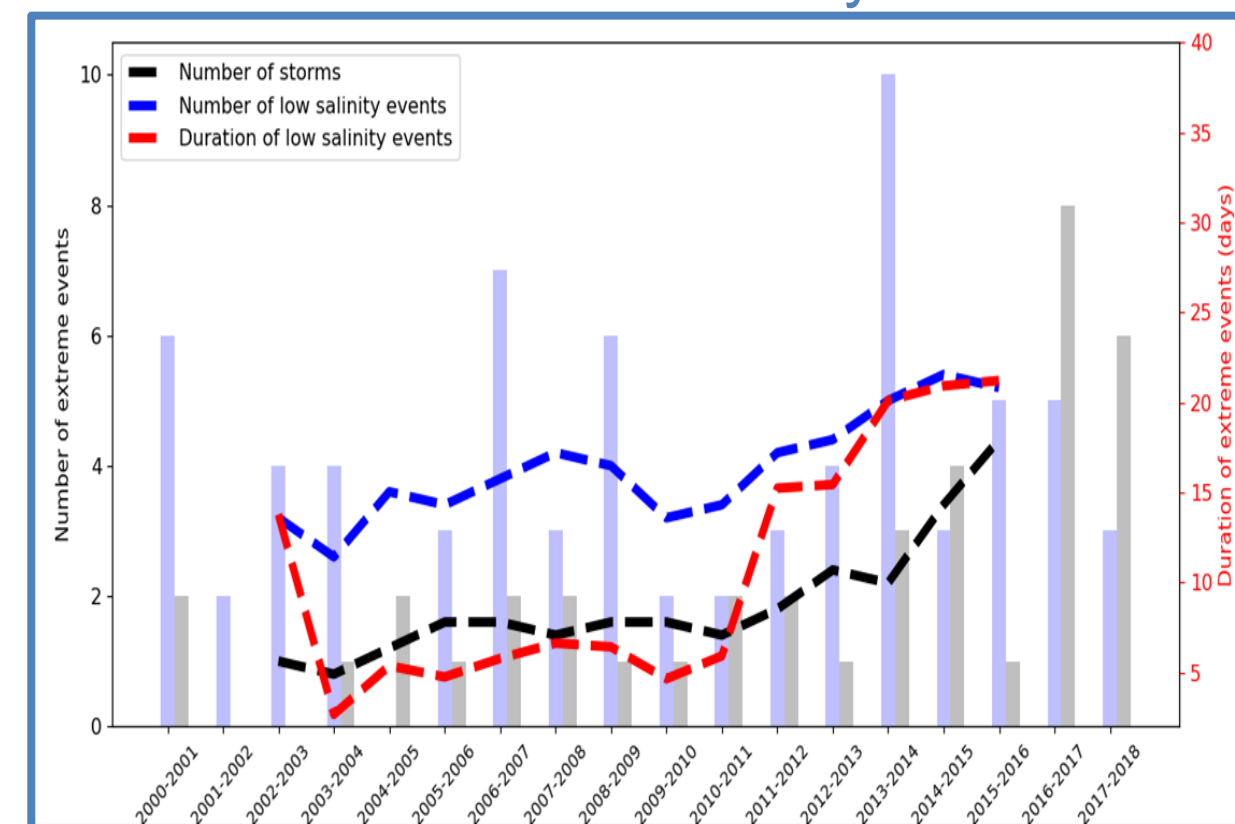
Bloom of *Phaeocystis globosa*

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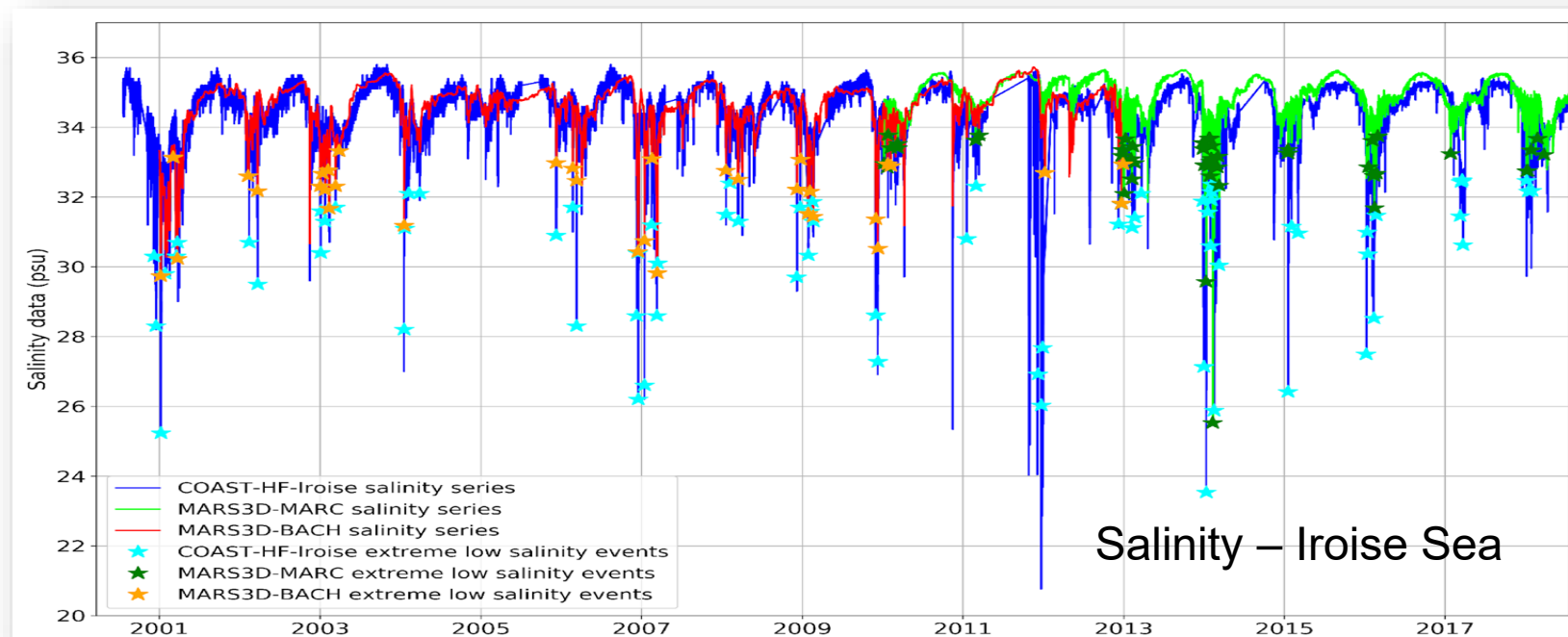
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Increase of continental water influence on the marine ecosystem



Local increase of number and duration of hydrological extreme events



Overall decreasing nutrient concentrations (=pressure on the ecosystem)

Both **climatic changes** and **human activities** drive nutrient concentrations

Ecosystems with trajectories based on their **continental influence**

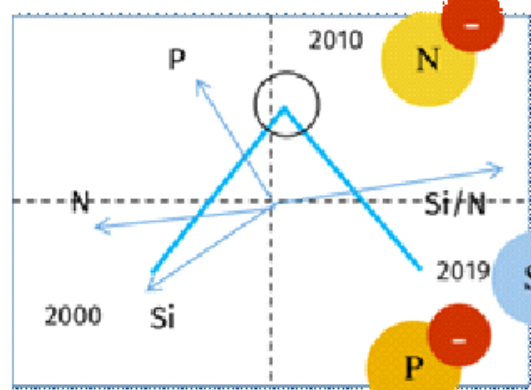
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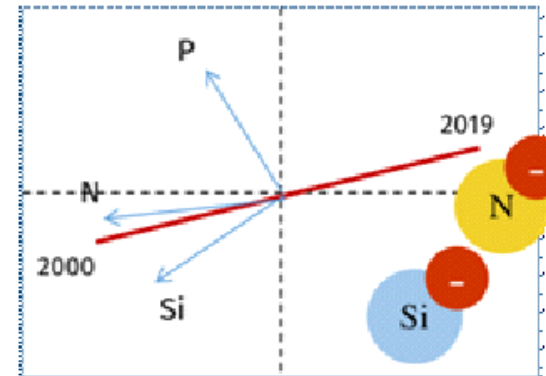
System of high continental influence

- Increase in Si(OH)_4
- Abrupt change 2010
- No stable state



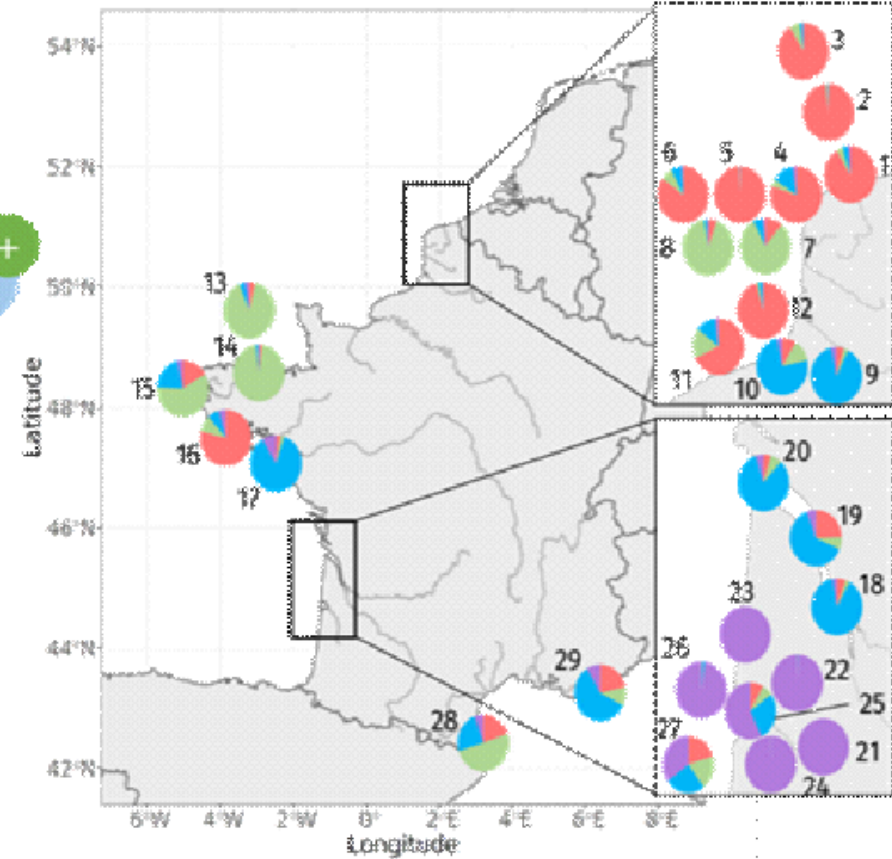
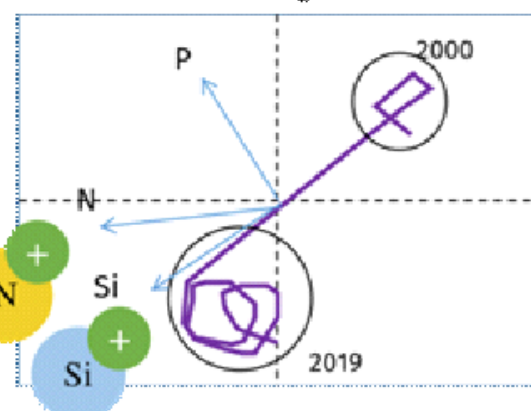
System of medium continental influence

- Overall decrease in nutrients
- No abrupt change
- No stable state



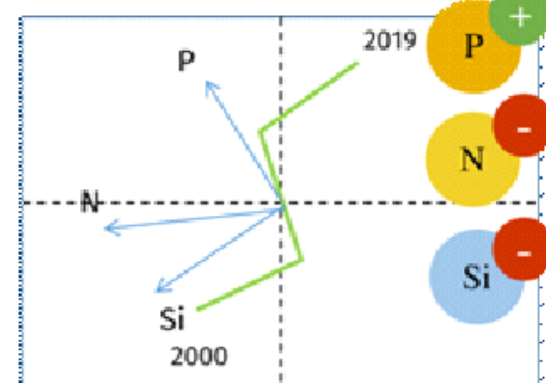
Arcachon Bay

- Increase in NO_3^- , NH_4^+ , Si(OH)_4
- Sustained change of state



System of poor continental influence

- Increase in PO_4^{3-}
- Potential abrupt changes
- No stable state



With long-term coastal observations:

- Ability to **detect and prevent Harmful Algal Blooms**
 - Ability to **deconvolute global and local changes**
- Including changes from low to high trophic levels
=> towards an **ecosystemic approach**



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General Assembly RI ILICO, 28 octobre 2025, Boulogne sur Mer (France)



International Conference “Long term coastal in situ observation from automated platforms of small temporal and spatial scales”, 29 - 31 octobre 2025, Boulogne sur Mer (France)

<https://www.ir-ilico.fr/?ColloqueHauteFrequenceEtHauteResolution>

Organisation: Alain Lefebvre (Ifremer), François Schmitt (UMR LOG / CNRS), Guillaume Charria (Ifremer)



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OPEN OCEAN IN SITU

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OPEN OCEAN IN SITU

- **Centered around long-term observing of the Open Ocean**
- **Connects and supports 5 observation systems around an integrated strategy**
- **Covers poorly-documented areas**



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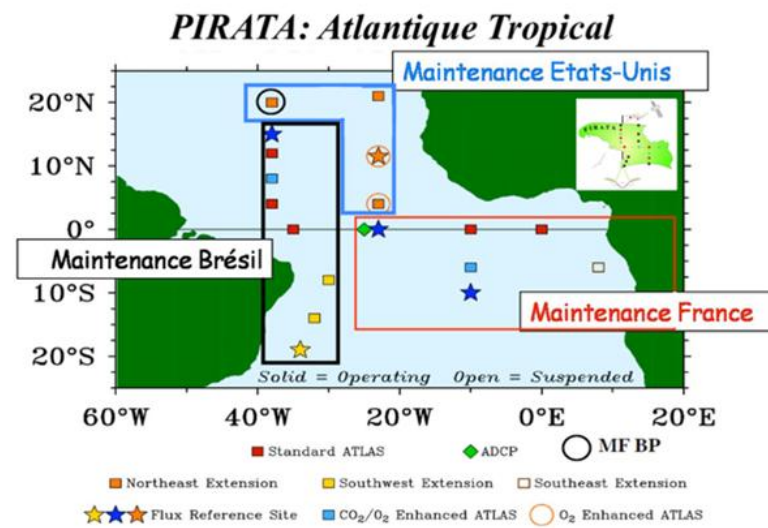
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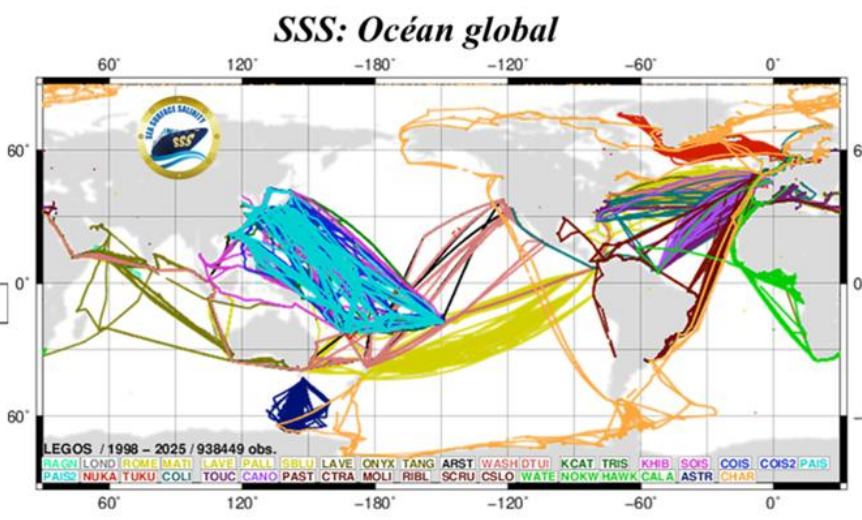


Assembling the open-ocean French national observing system under one strategic umbrella

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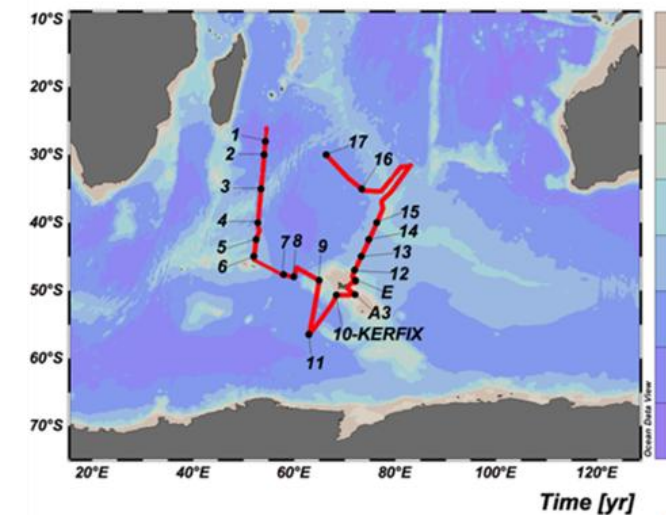


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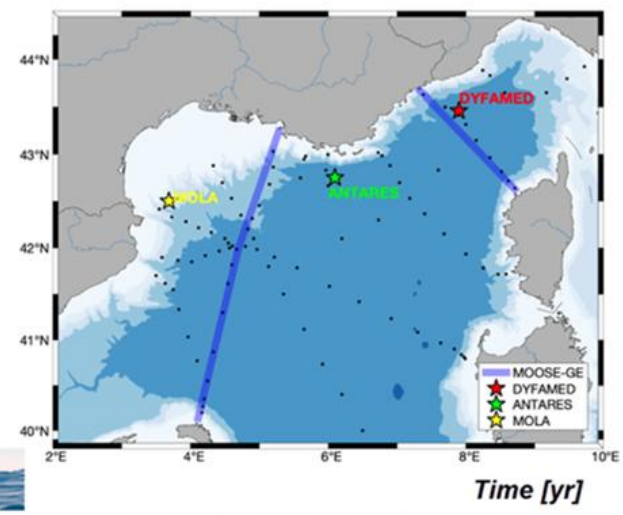


→ SNO COOL

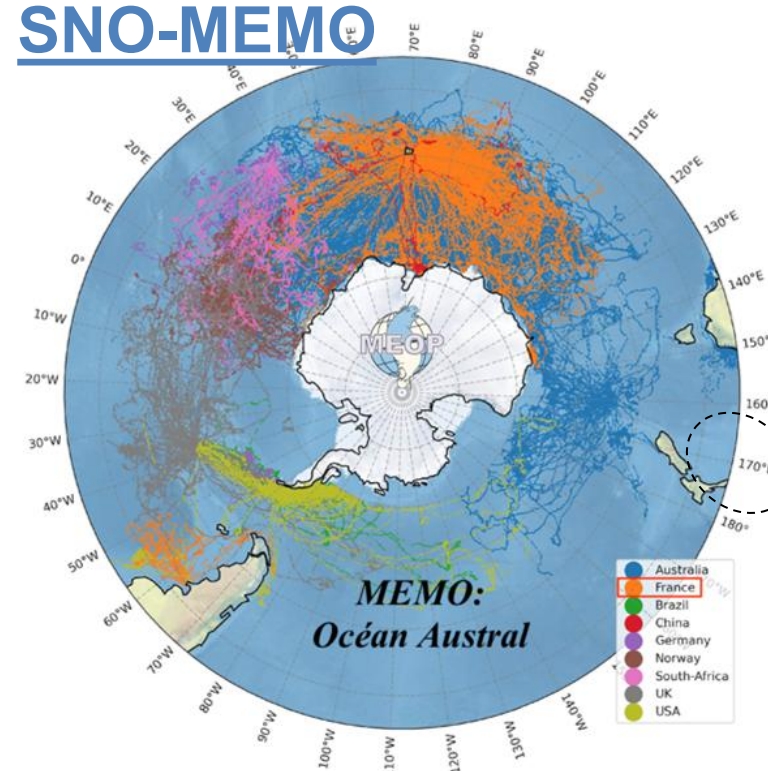
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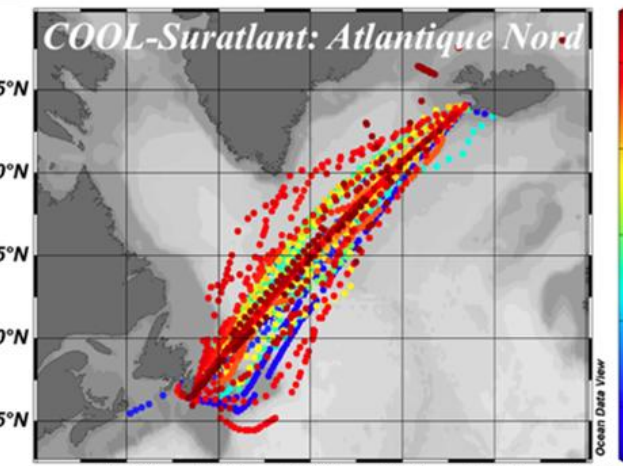
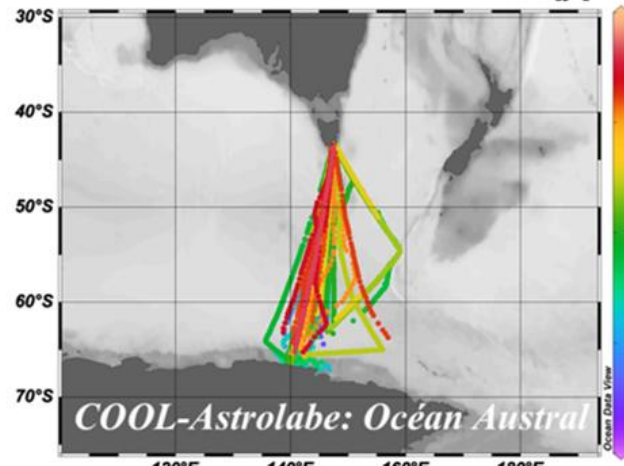
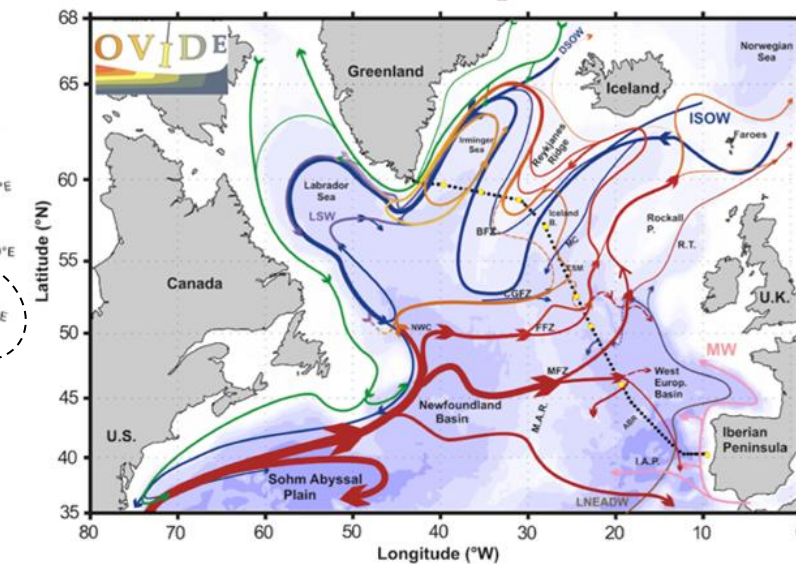


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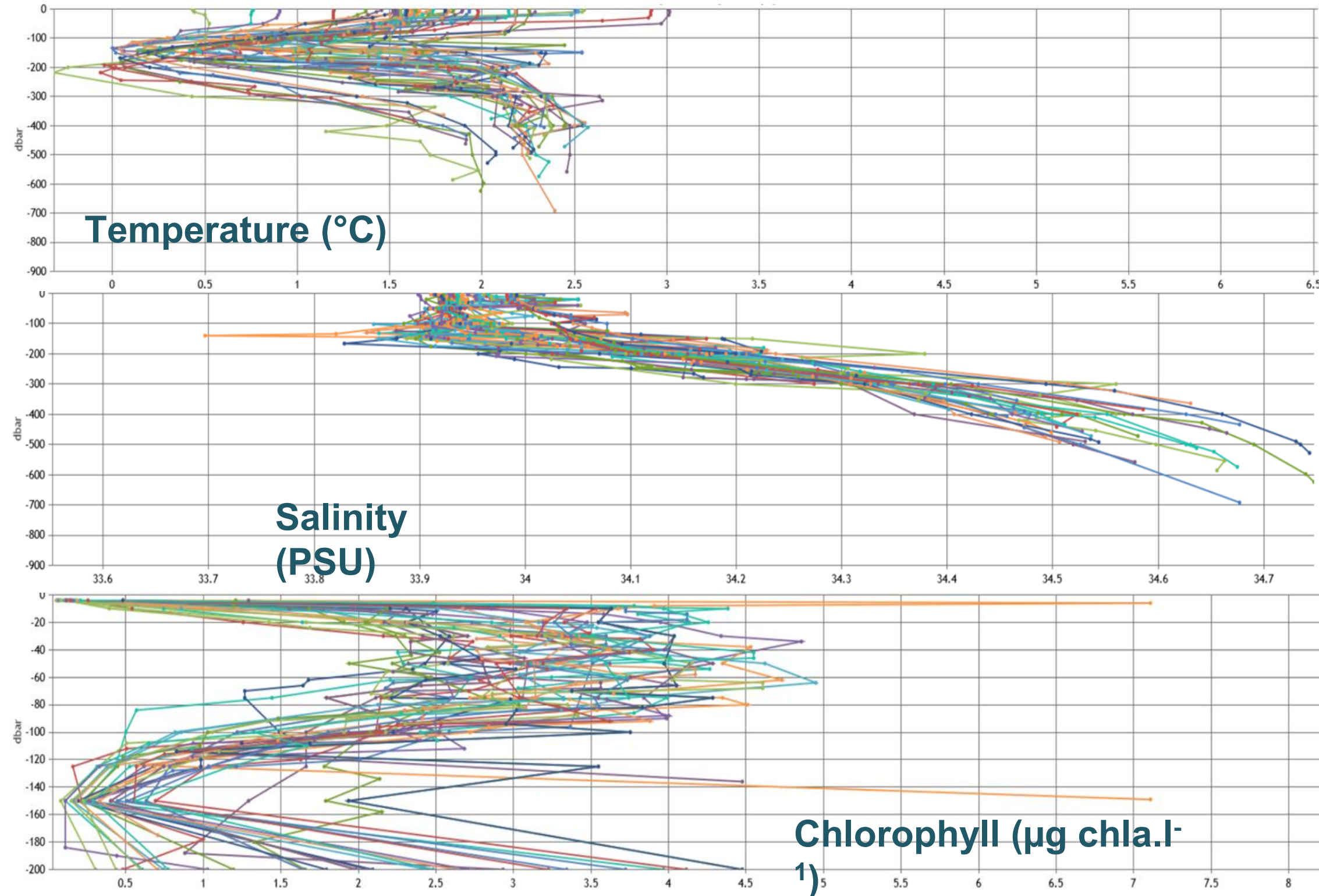


Juvenile male equipped at Kerguelen Island

Real time Transmitted Data 16th-23rd of November 2024



On the 8th January 2025- Currently foraging in Antarctica



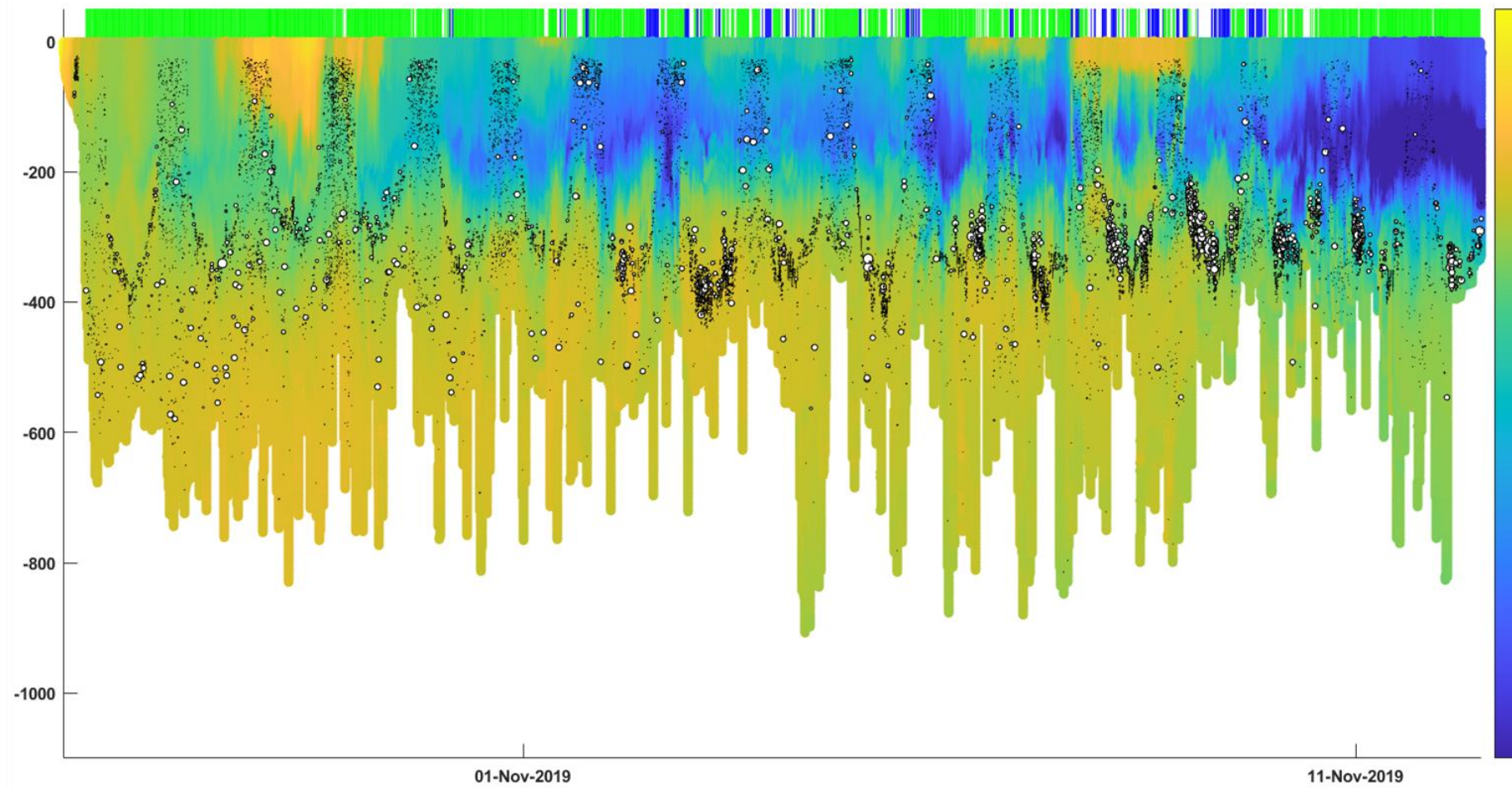


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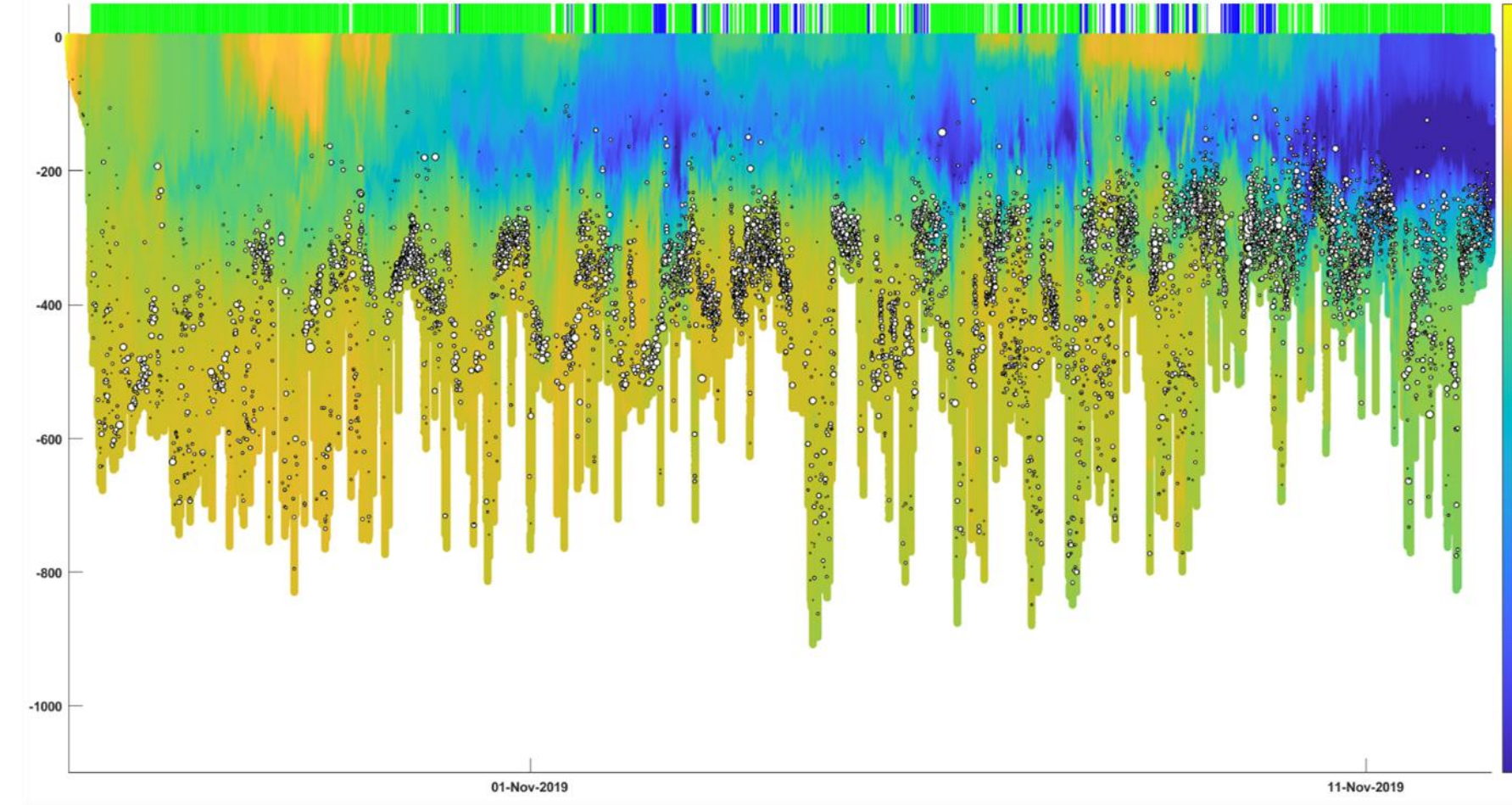
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✓ Delayed mode – high-frequency profile example



Bioluminescence Flashes



Prey Capture Attempts



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Argo France



Nicolas Kolodziejczyk
Physical Oceanographer





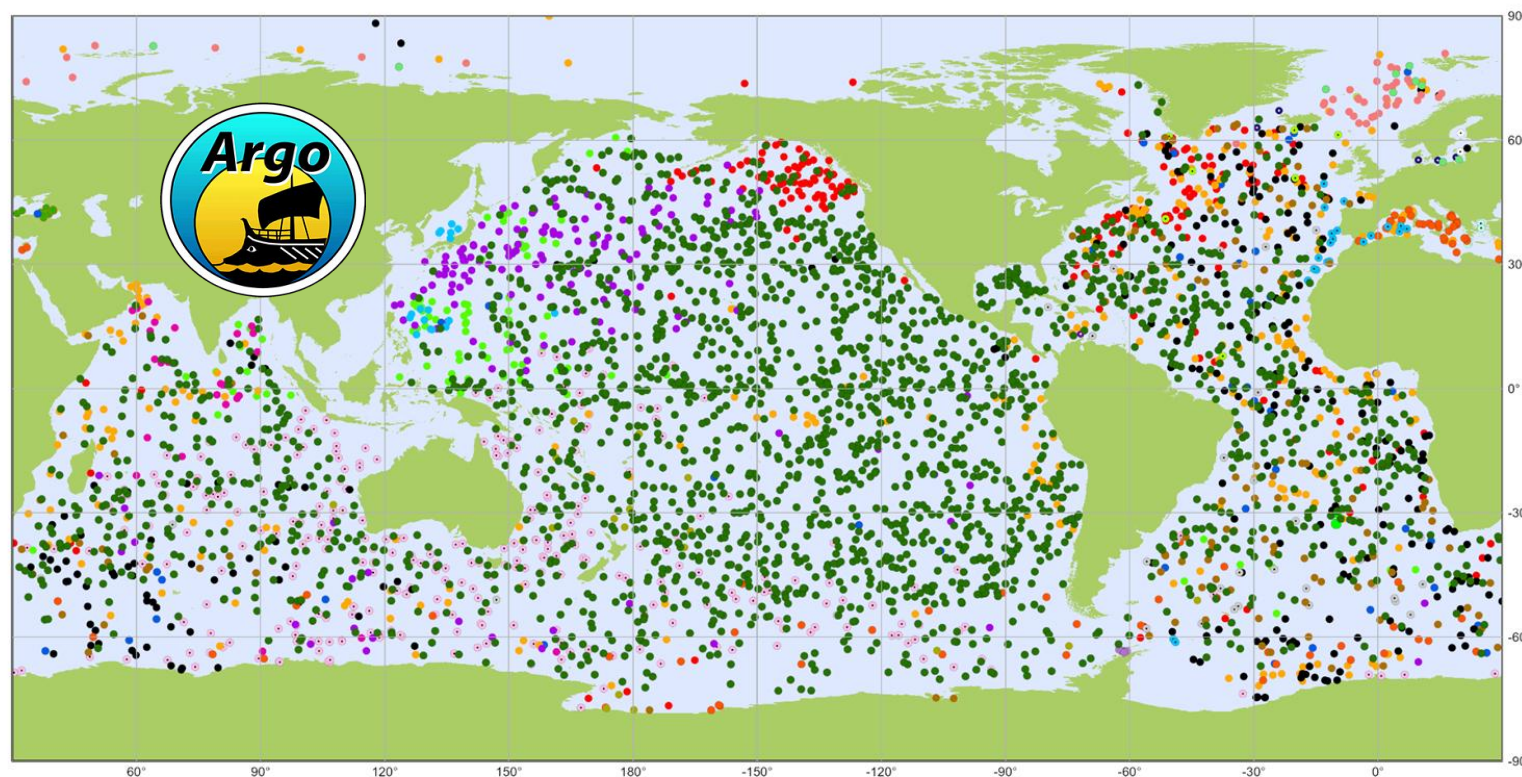
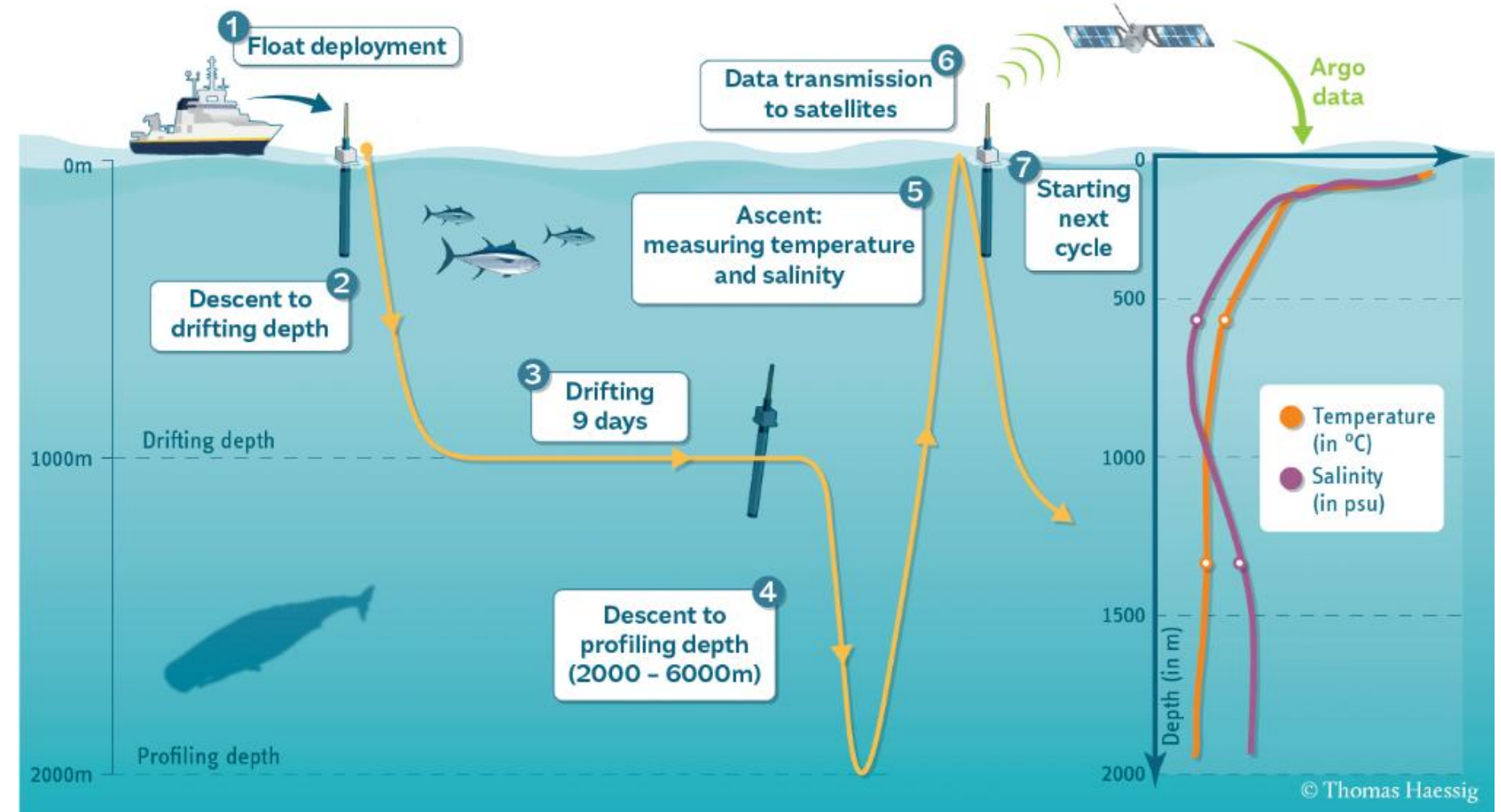
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OneArgo : A global, multidisciplinary surface-bottom ocean observation network pillar of the global ocean observing system

- ✓ 4700 Profiling floats
- ✓ 2500 Core floats
- ✓ 1000 BGC floats
- ✓ 1200 Deep floats

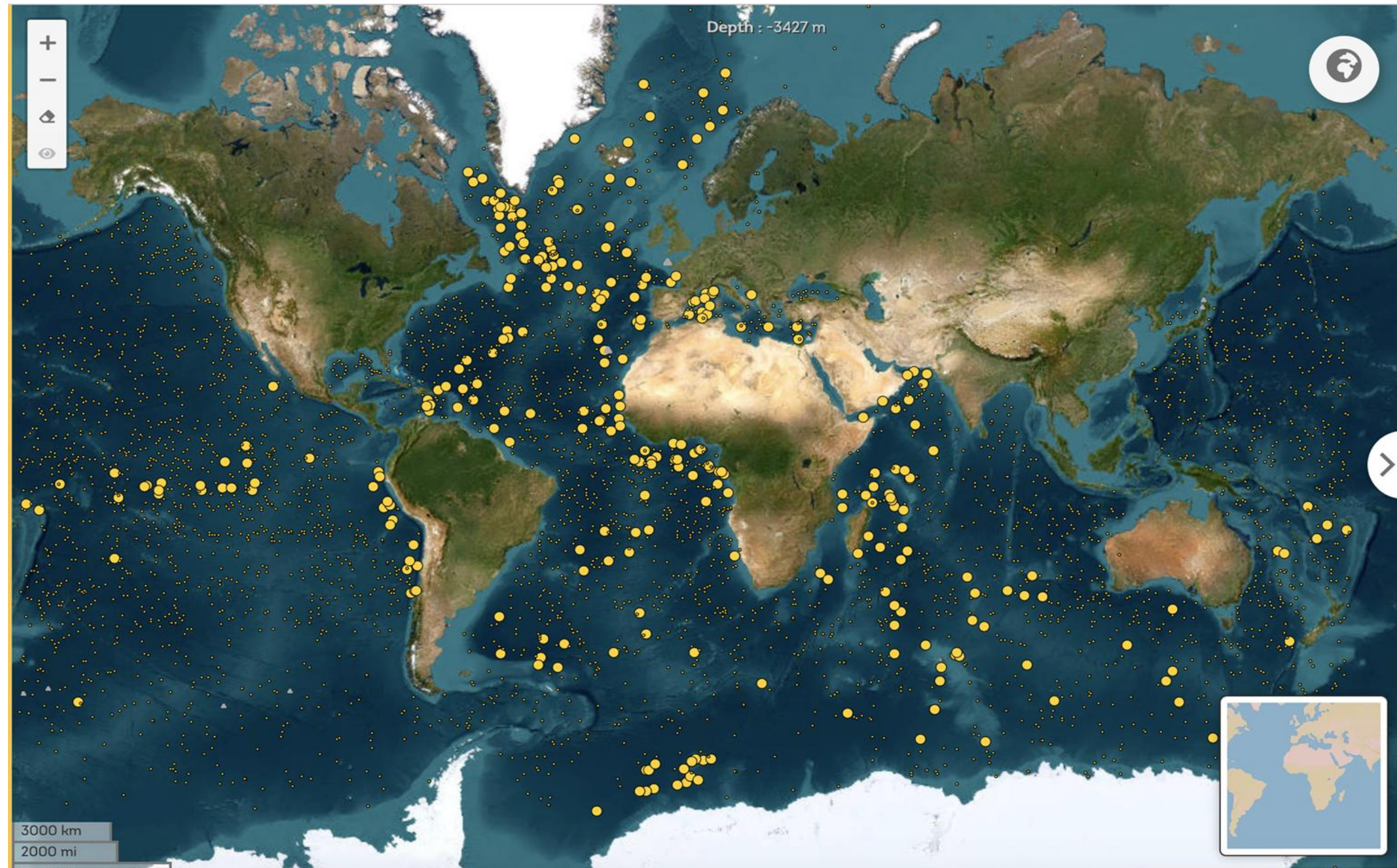


Monitoring ocean warming, freshwater change, and ocean health, pole to pole



Major player in the Argo program (1998) and ERIC Euro-Argo (2014)
IR* Euro-Argo-France since 2014, SNO accredited since 2011

- ✓ 293 French floats
- ✓ 30% European
- ✓ 8% global effort





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30 core/years
P/T/S 0-2000 m



20 core-O2 /years
P/T/S/O2 0-2000 m

15 BGC /years
P/T/S + 6 BGC variables



15 Deep /years
P/T/S/O2 0-4000 m



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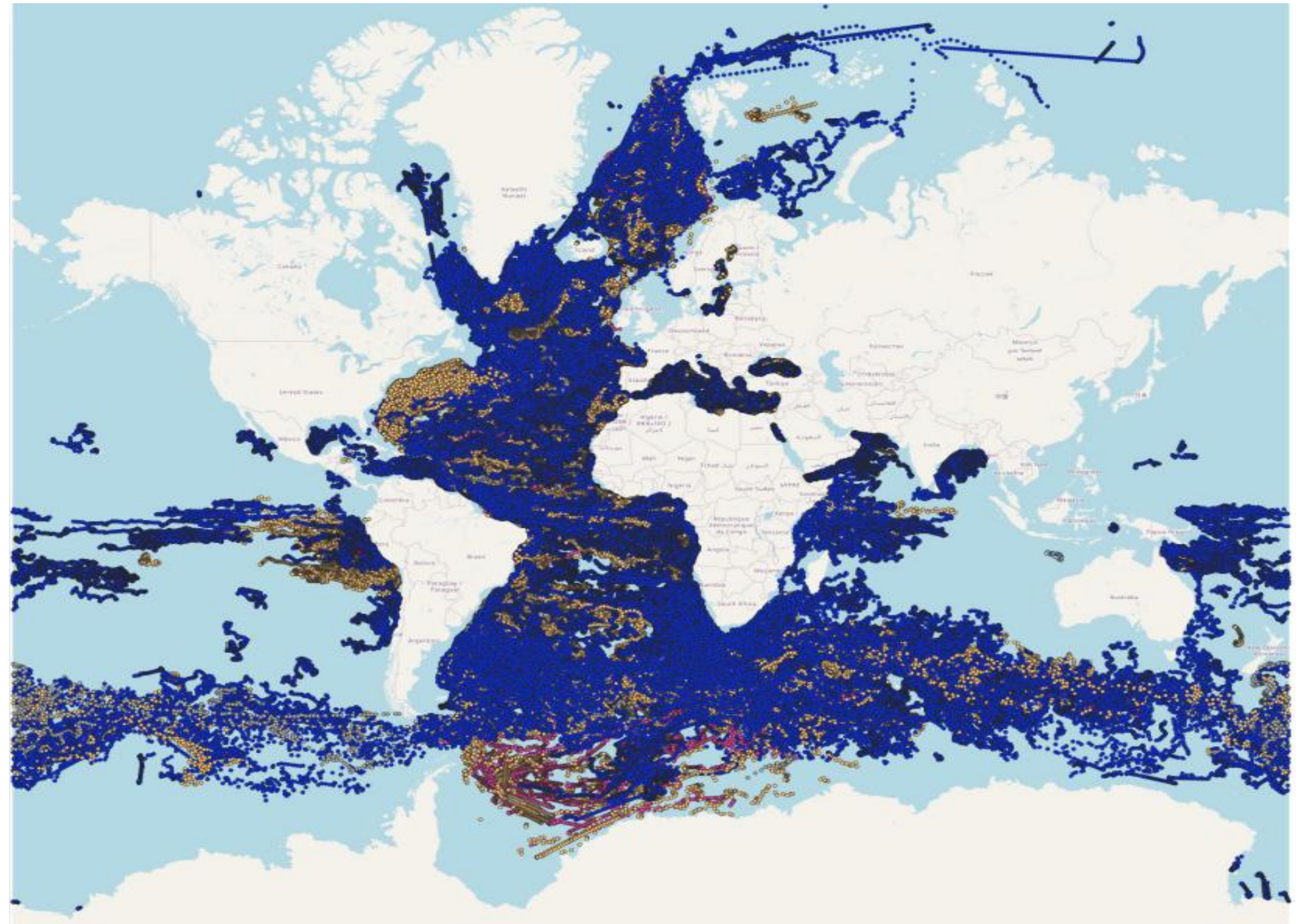
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Coriolis Data Center

DAC (Data Assembly Center) for Argo France and European countries

- ✓ 3601 floats
- ✓ 700 586 data profiles





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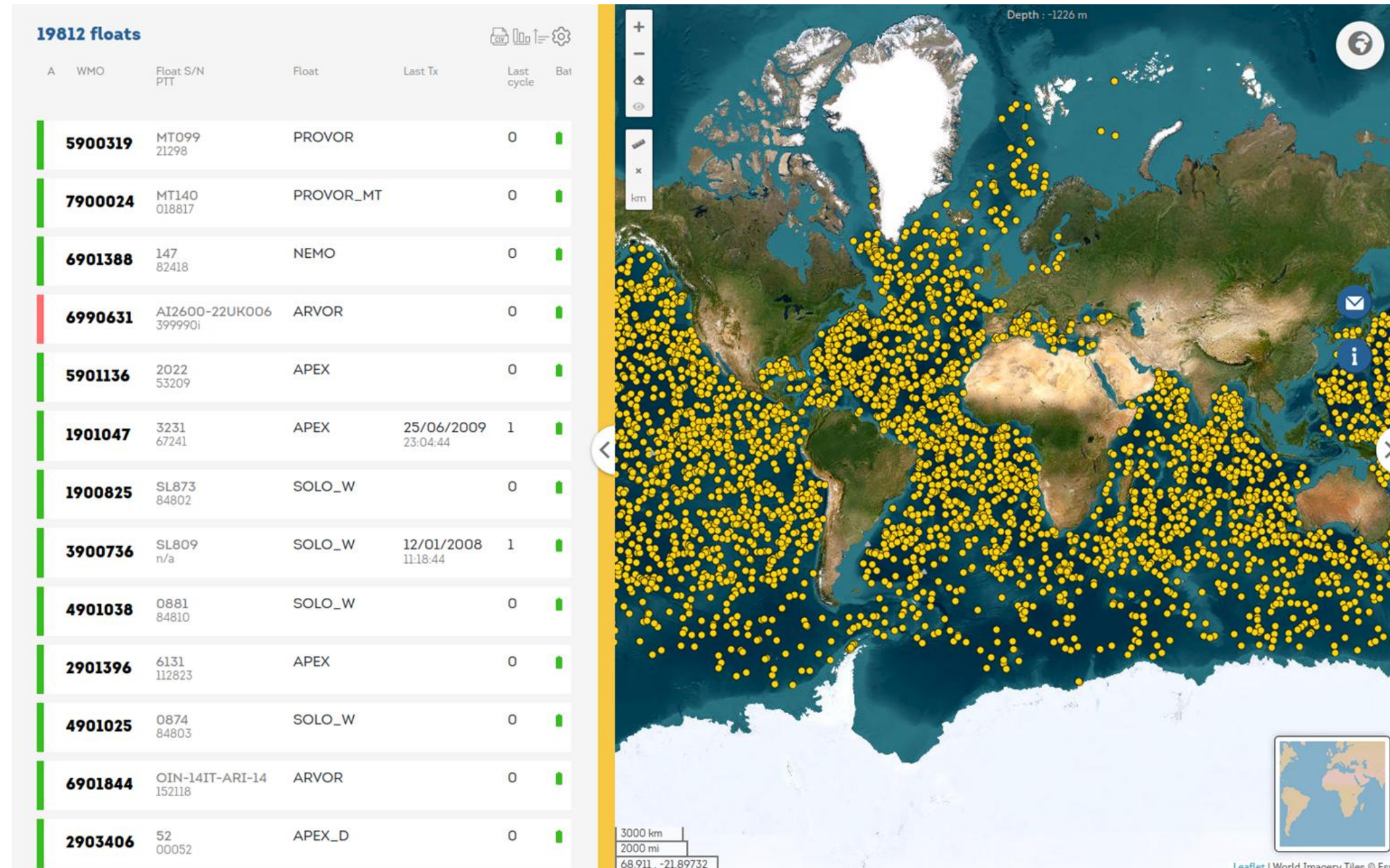
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19812 floats



More than 3 million profiles





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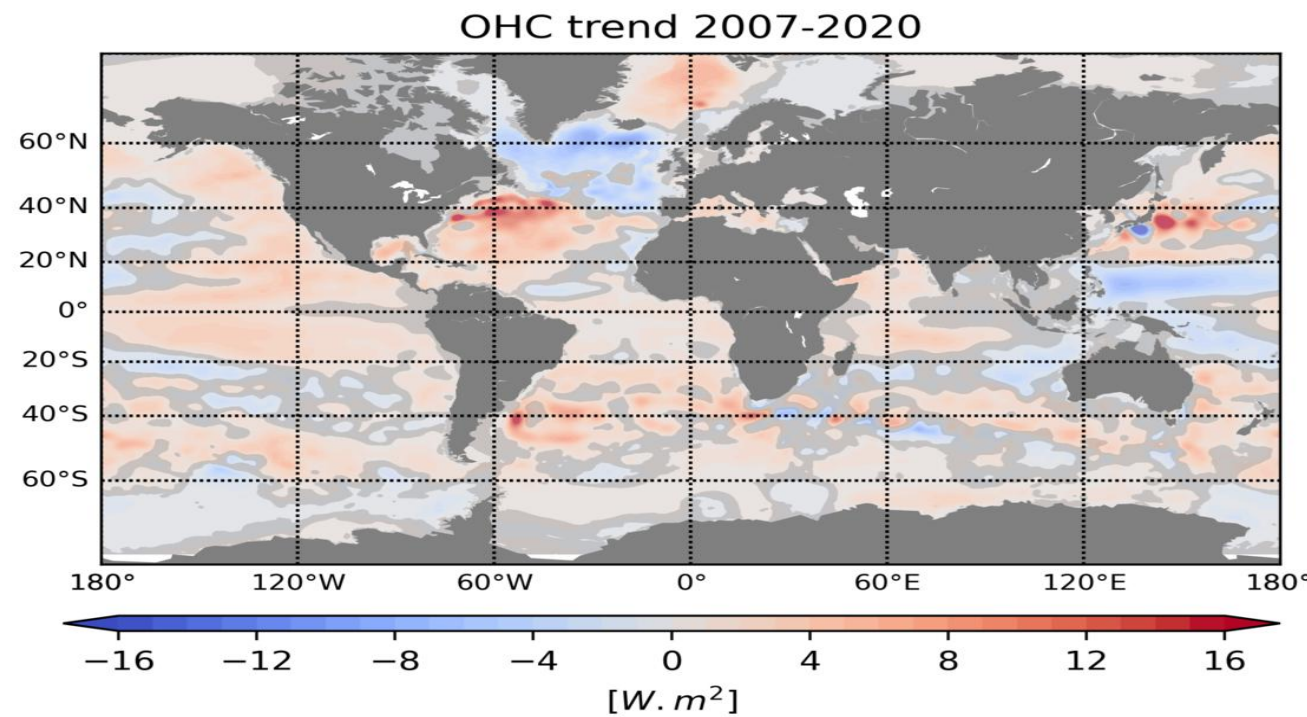
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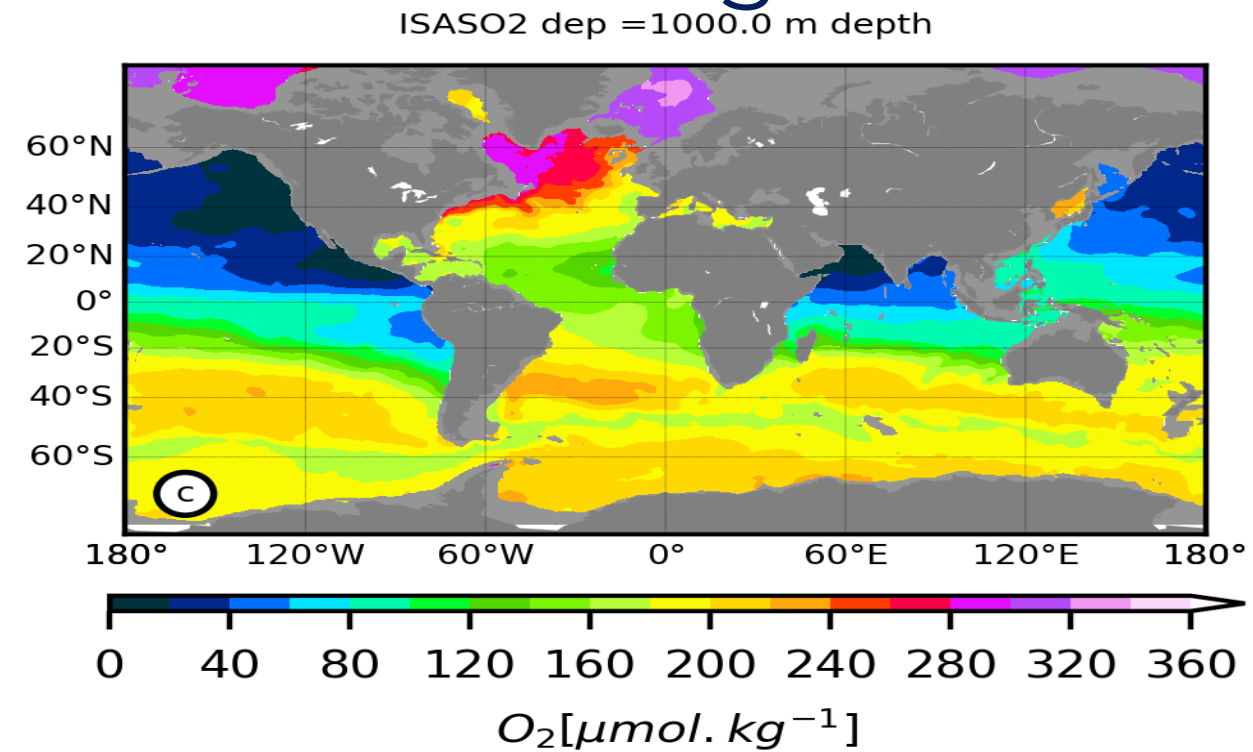
Data products

for ocean science and monitoring

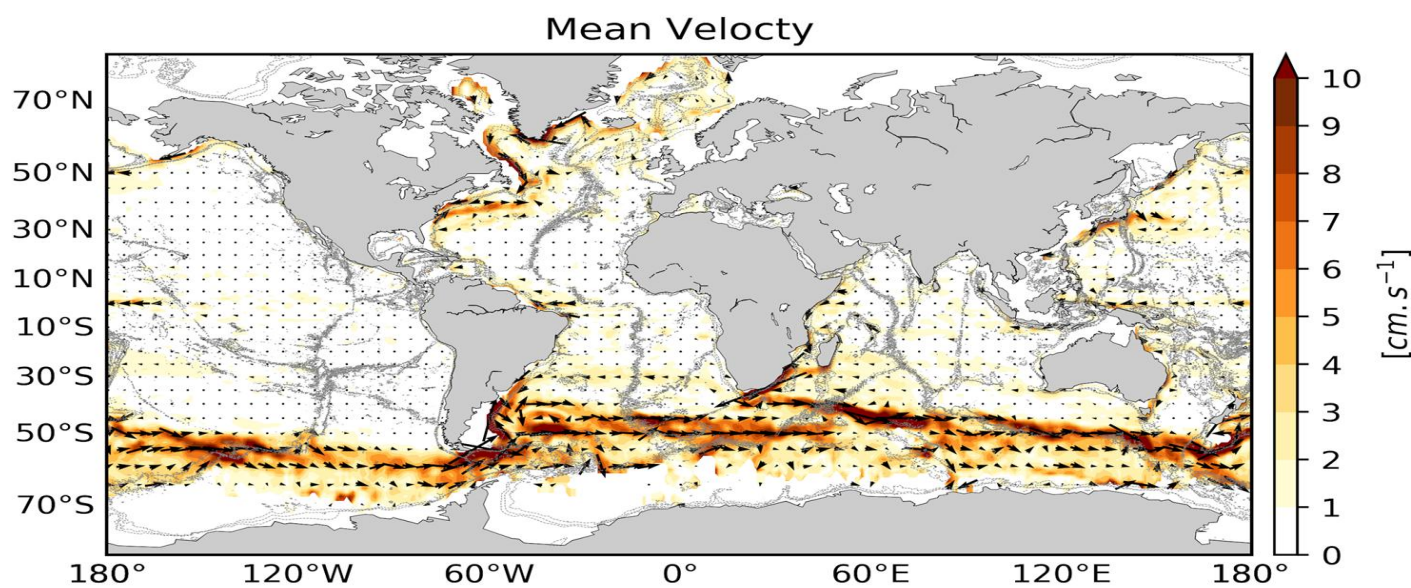
Ocean Heat Content Change



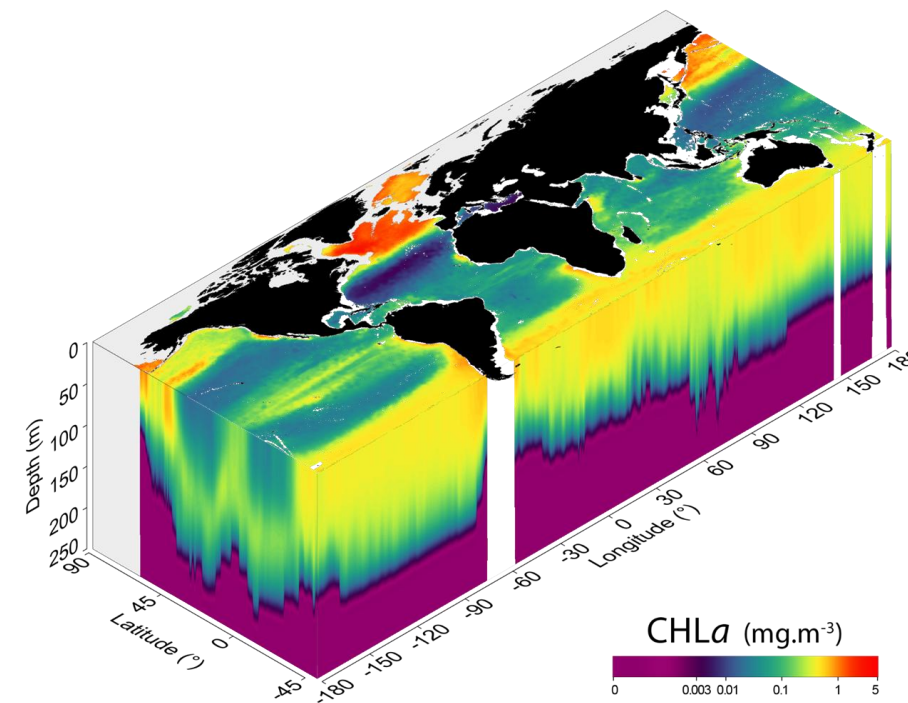
Dissolved Oxygen



Ocean Deep Currents



Chlorophyll-a





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EMSO-France

Nadine Lanteri, Ifremer

Dominique Lefevre, CNRS





EMSO France, Research infrastructure of the national roadmap in charge of :

Developing and maintaining seabed observatories: **Long-term, fixed-point, multidisciplinary observation systems**

Long-term, fixed-point, multidisciplinary observation systems on the ocean floor and in the water column

Coordinating the French contribution to ERIC EMSO

Scientific objectives :

Observation of environmental processes linked to interactions between the **geosphere, biosphere**

and hydrosphere, acquisition of long time series and high frequency, to describe slow

→ describe slow changes (climate, biodiversity, human impact, etc.)

→ capture exceptional events

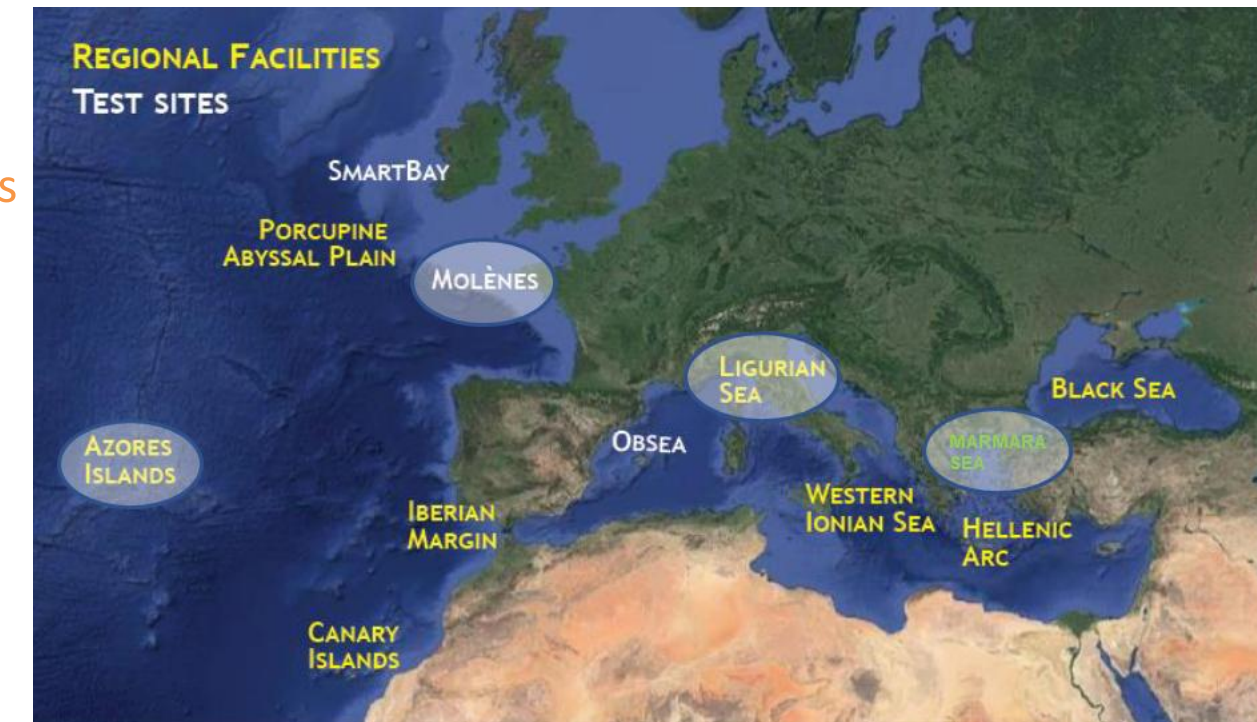
Instrumented sites :

EMSO-Açores: an untethered observatory (bottom stations, buoys and moorings) dedicated to the integrated study of the processes at work in the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

EMSO-Ligure: the geophysical and oceanographic observatories EMSO Nice, Dyfamed, Lion, EMSO Ligure-Ouest (cabled and autonomous systems, moorings) are designed to study slope stability and seismic risks, deep convection, water mass properties and carbon export.

Cabled test sites: shallow water, IROISE, initially on Molène, currently being relocated to Brest harbour, and deep water with EMSO Ligure Ouest and the BJS.

Marmara: development site for seismic measurement methods



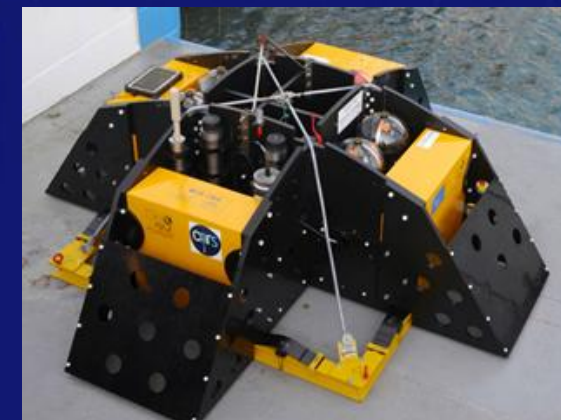
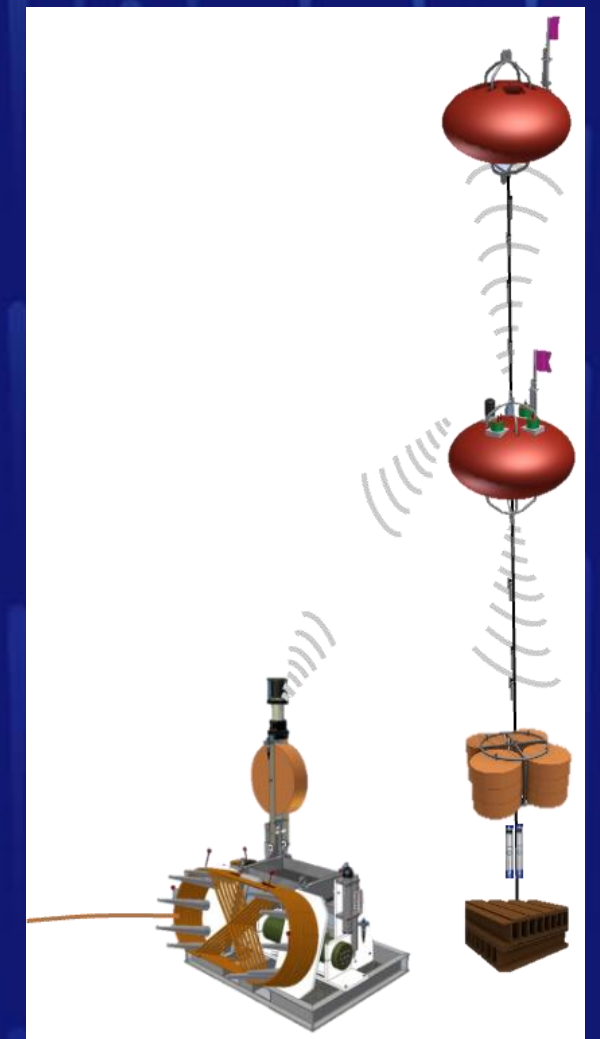
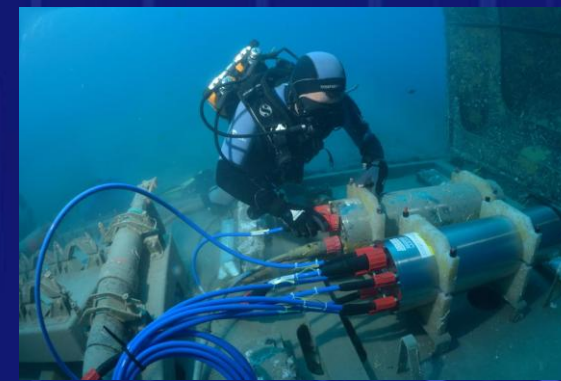
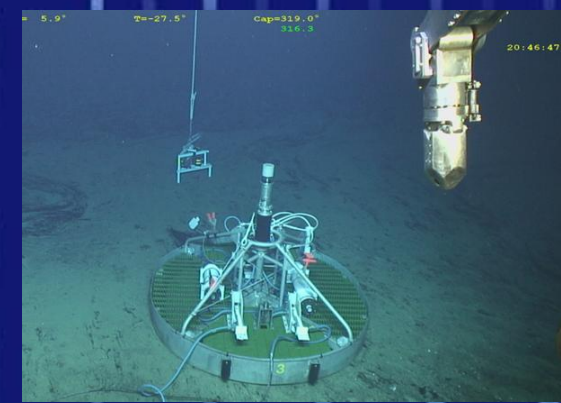


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EMSO France, Expertise & Technology to serve Science

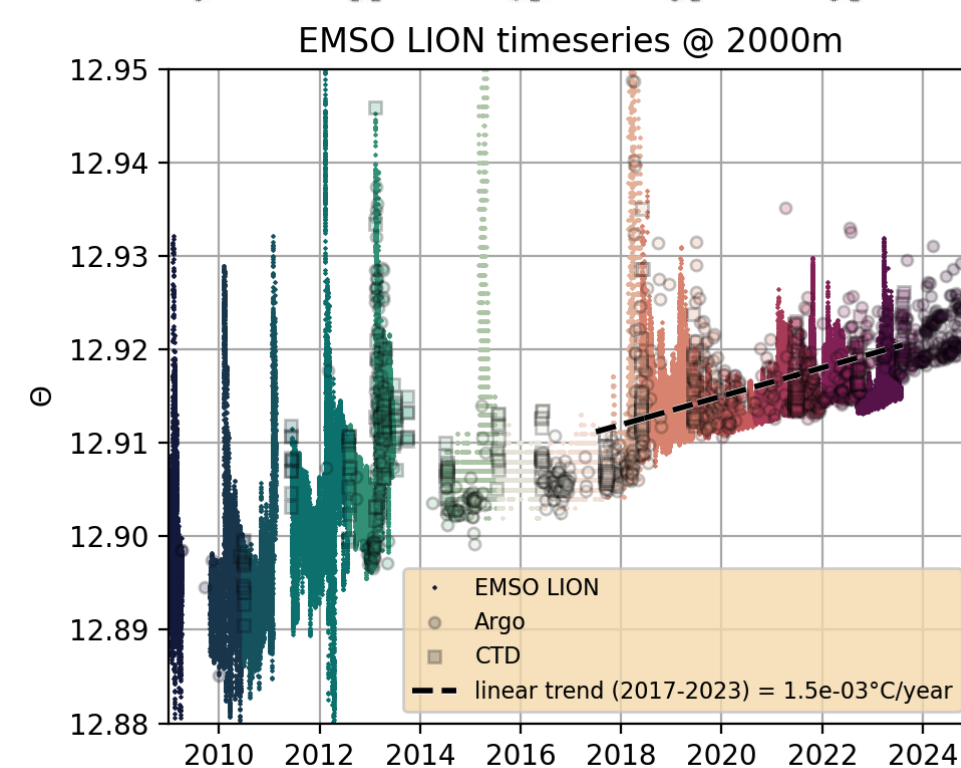
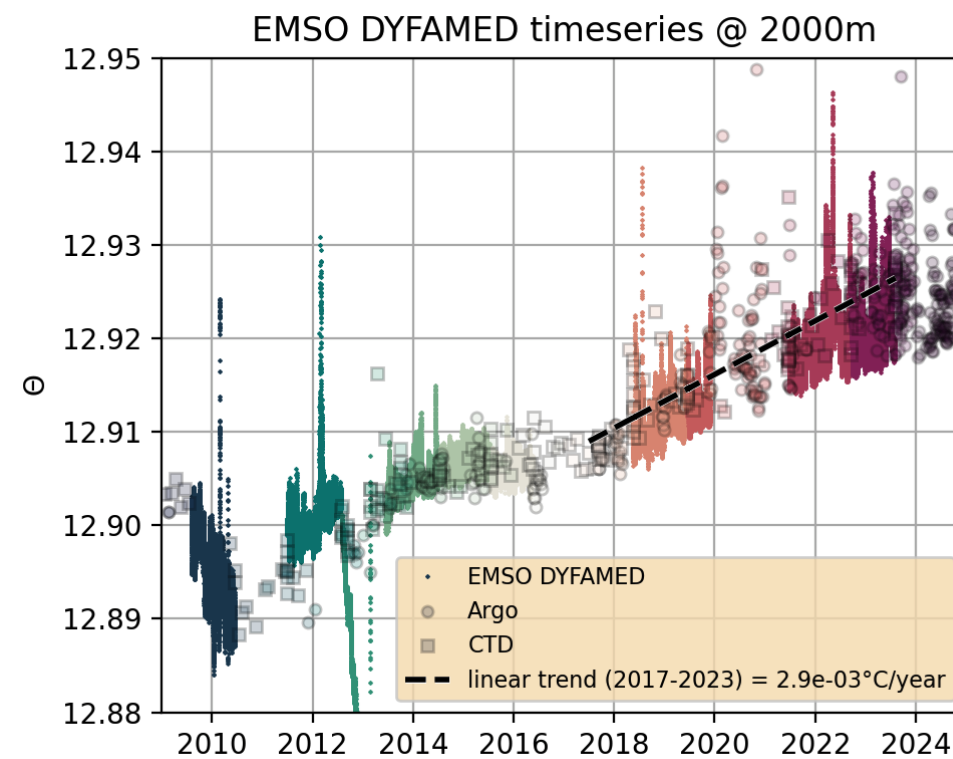
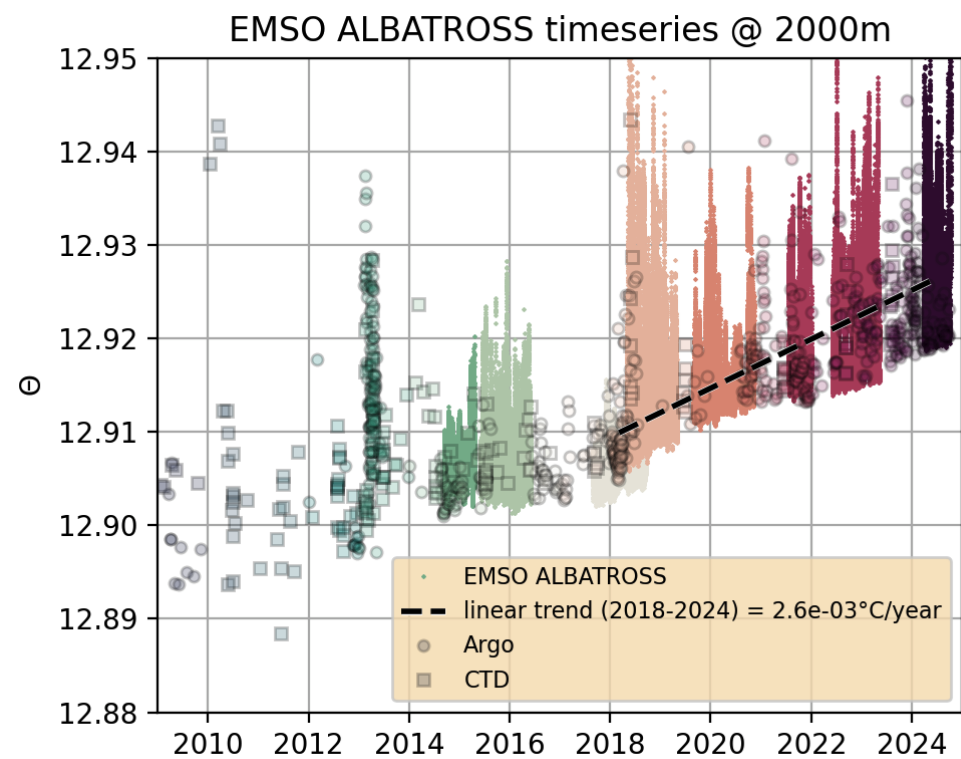
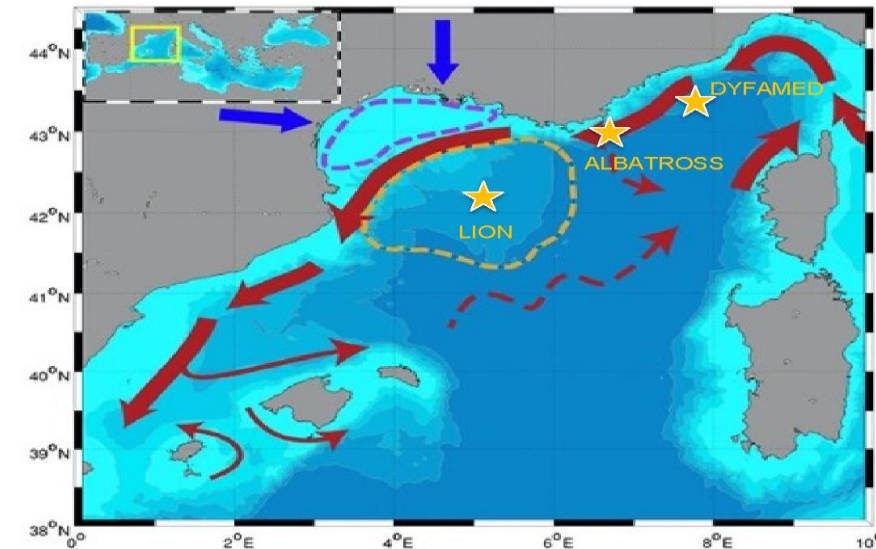
- **Design** of deep-sea observation systems (pressure, corrosion, etc.)
- **Design**, testing and operation of various platforms
 - instrumented mooring
 - cabled systems
 - Autonomous systems
 - **Development** of original tools to answer specific questions (hot fluid sampling, temperature chains, OBS, etc.)
- Long-term maintenance of these observing systems (ageing equipment, obsolescence, etc.)



What we can see with long-term observations

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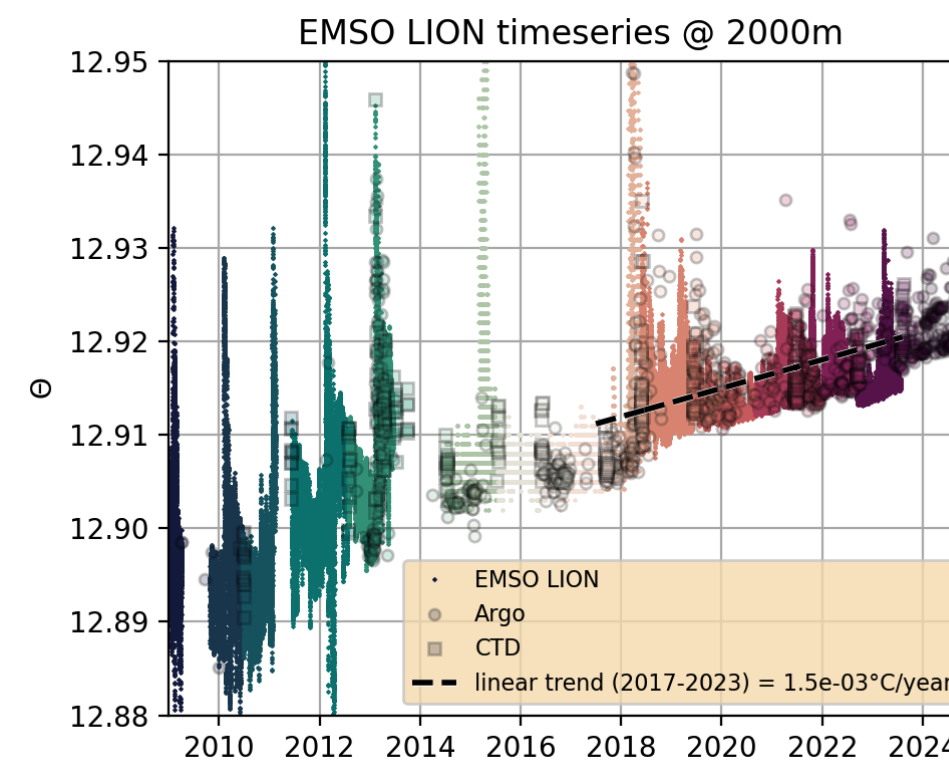
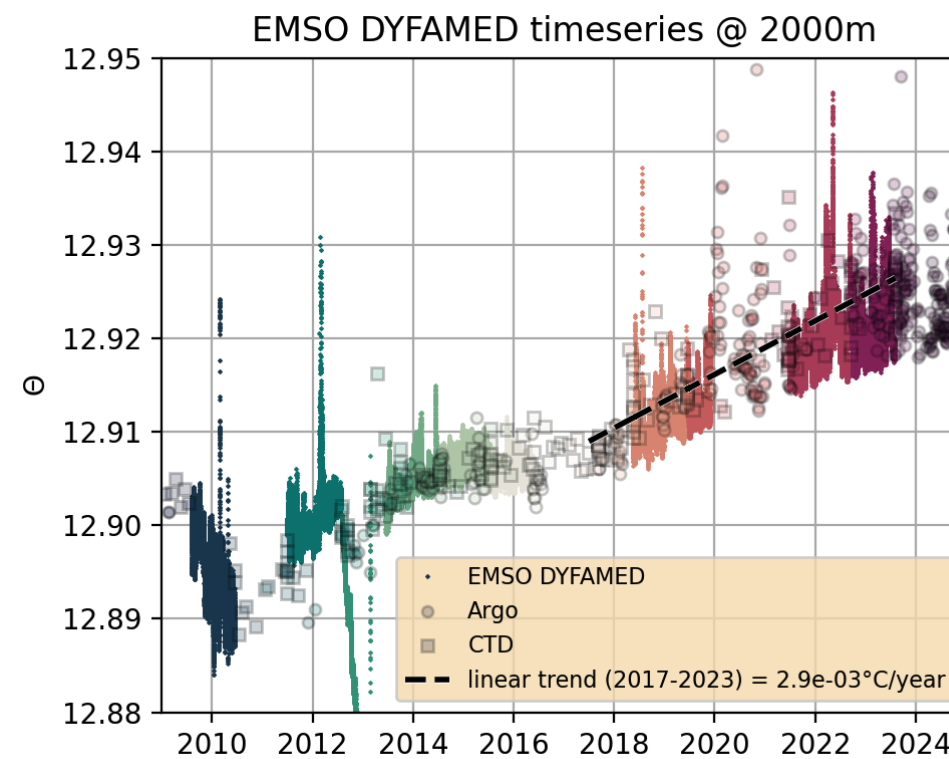
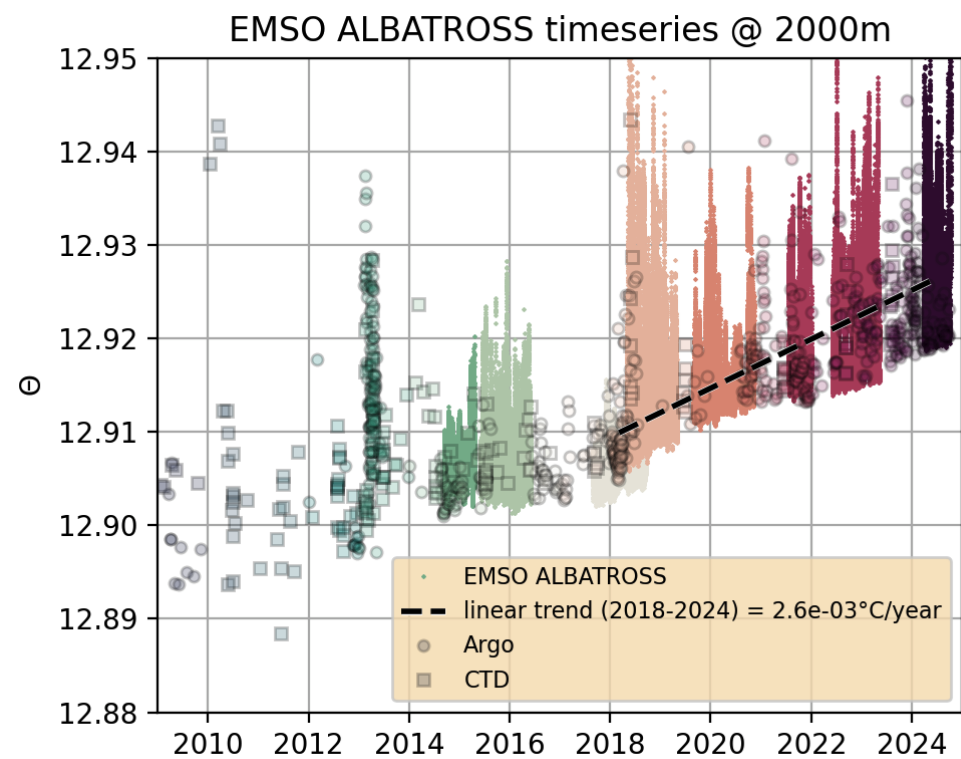
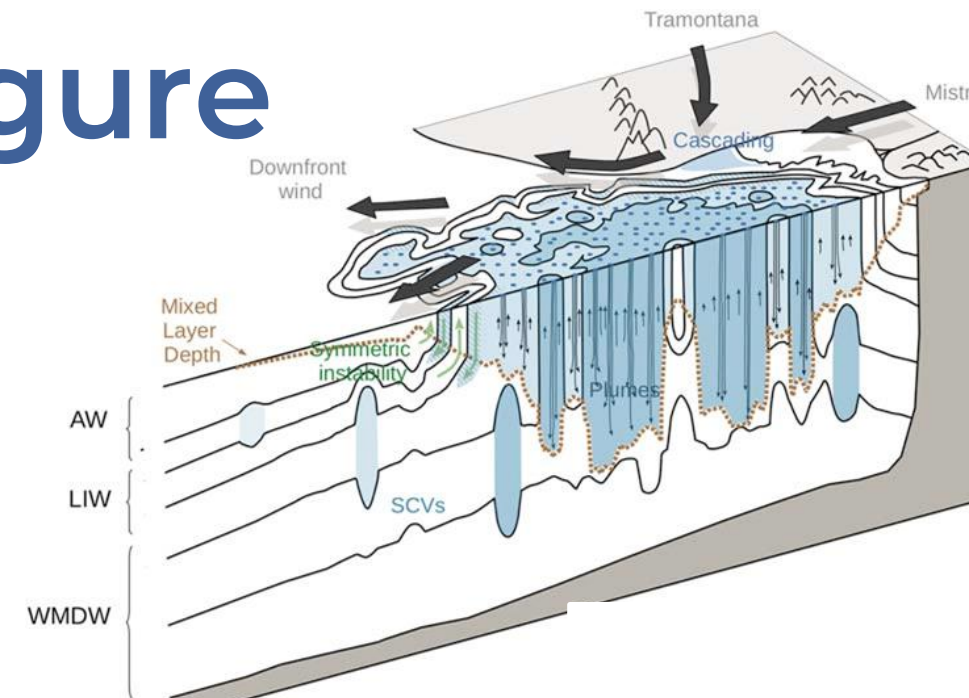
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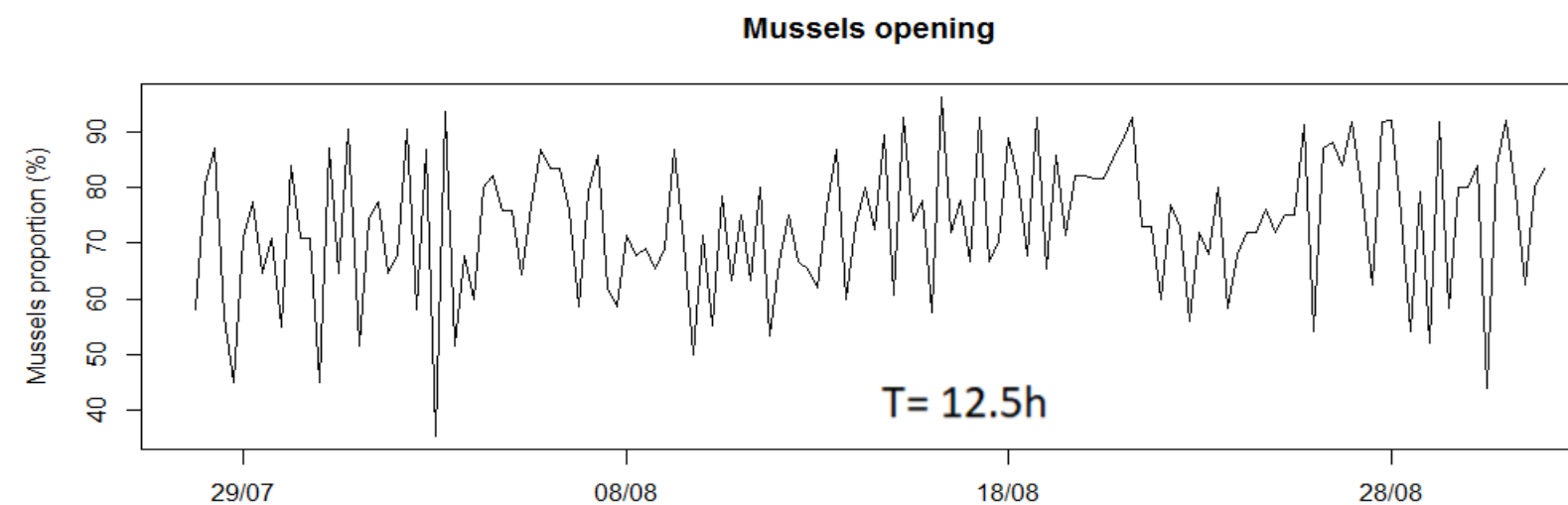
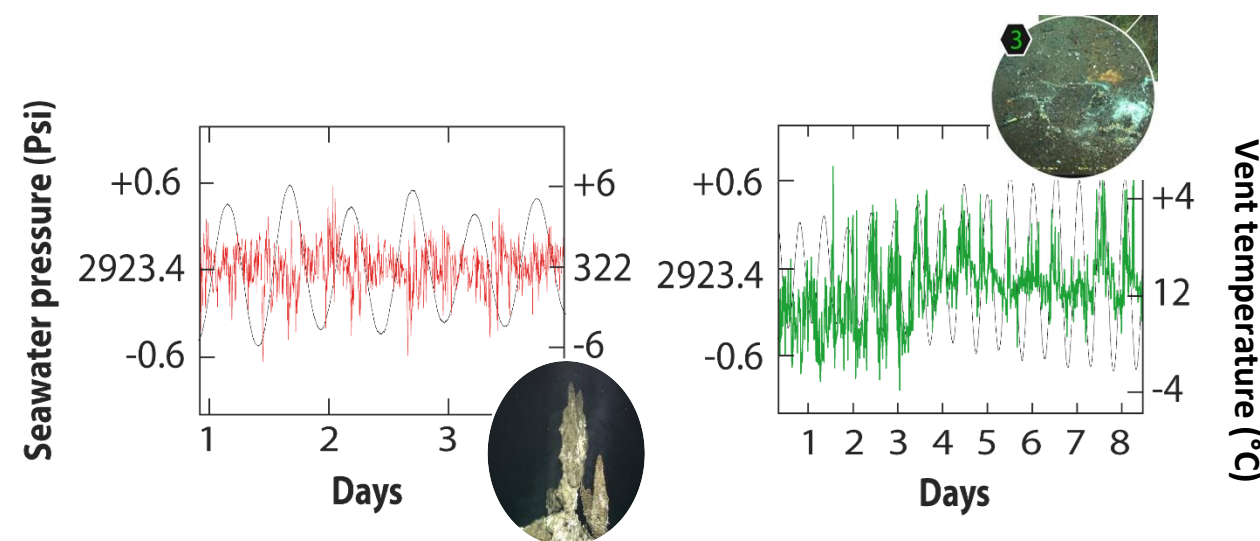
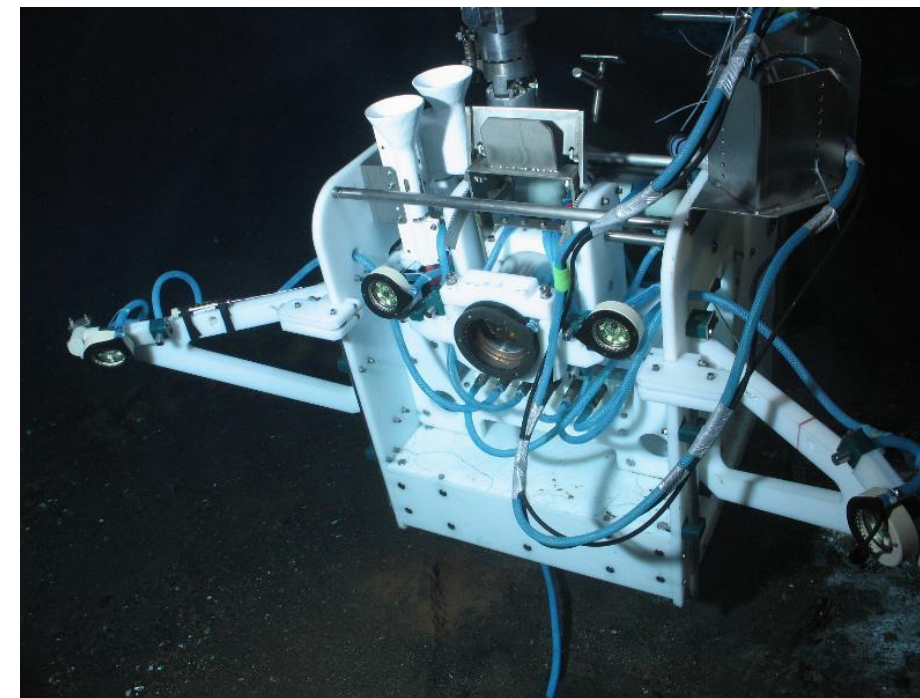
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The rhythm of the tide, internal clock of hydrothermal system on EMSO Azores

All the fluid outflows bear witness to the impact of the tides that induce an overpressure at the seafloor every 12 hours, modifying the permeability of the bedrock. The tides also impact near-seafloor currents, inducing changes in current direction and velocity.

These effects modify the local hydrology above and below the seafloor and induce variations in the effluents' temperature and chemistry that in turn affect species behaviour and physiology as suggested by the occurrence of biological rhythm in *Bathymodiolus azoricus*.

Functional clock? Related to feeding or symbiosis?



At the rhythm of the tide, internal clock of hydrothermal system

B. Wheeler, M. Cannat, F. Fontaine, V. Chavagnac - A. Mat, M. Matabos, J. Sarrazin, C. Fabioux, A. Huvet



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In situ ocean observations are essential for Numerical Weather Prediction and ocean forecasting

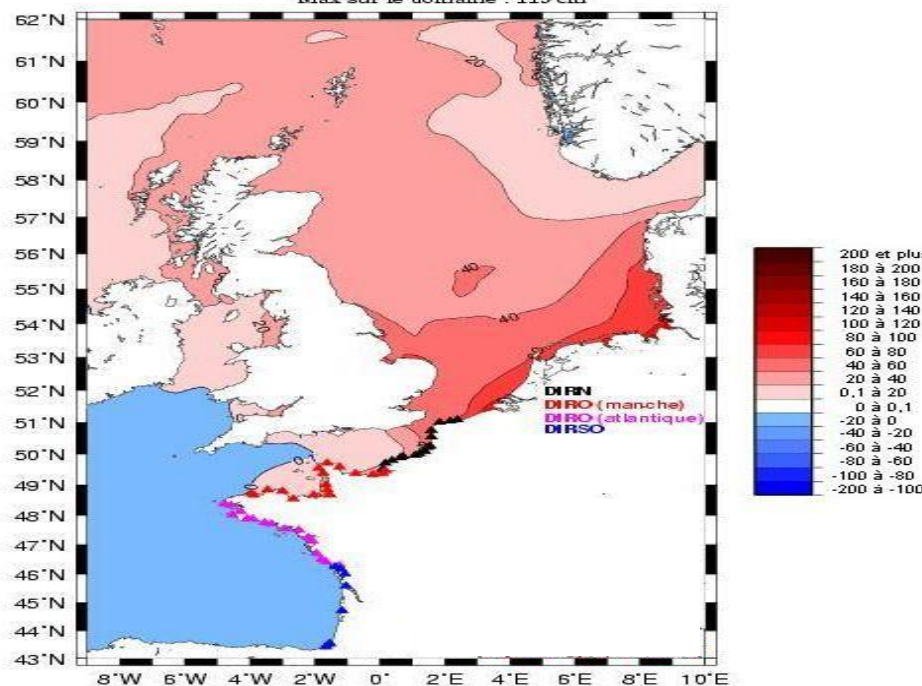
- Sea surface parameters in NWP (sea level pressure, SST, fluxes corrections,...)
- Verification of operational wave and surge forecasting, in open and coastal ocean : vigilance vagues submersion
- Calibration/validation of satellite ocean observations (SWOT, CFOSAT, altimetry,...)
- Understanding of coupled processes and implementation of cupled earth system.

- Ensuring maritime safety
- Accurate coastal flooding warning
- Emergency response at sea



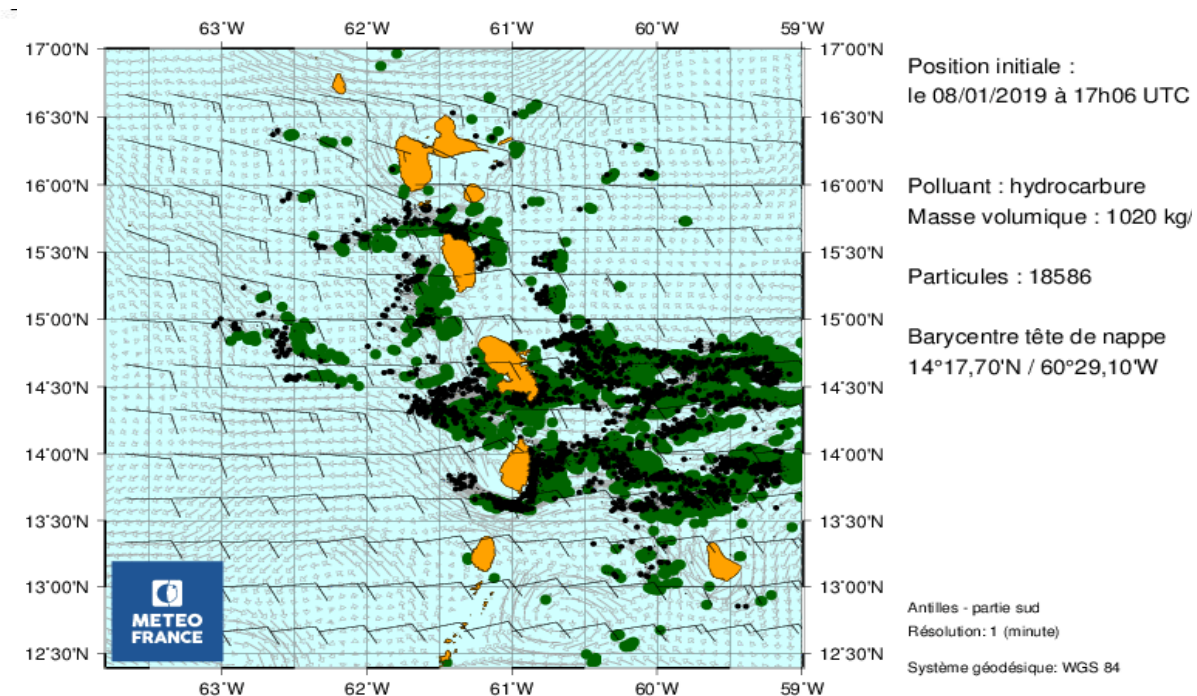
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Surcote maximum (en cm) du 07/03 12h au 08/03 12h
Max sur le domaine : 119 cm



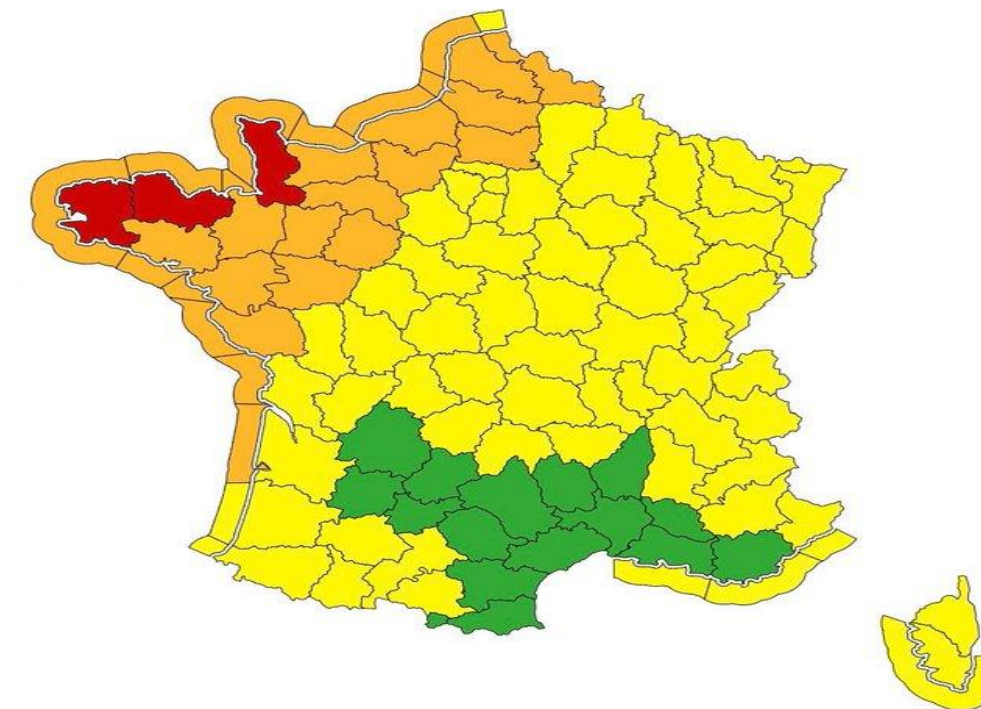
Sargassum drifting

MOTHY/CEP MERCATOR_PSY4 : Prévission pour le 09/01/2019 à 17 UTC



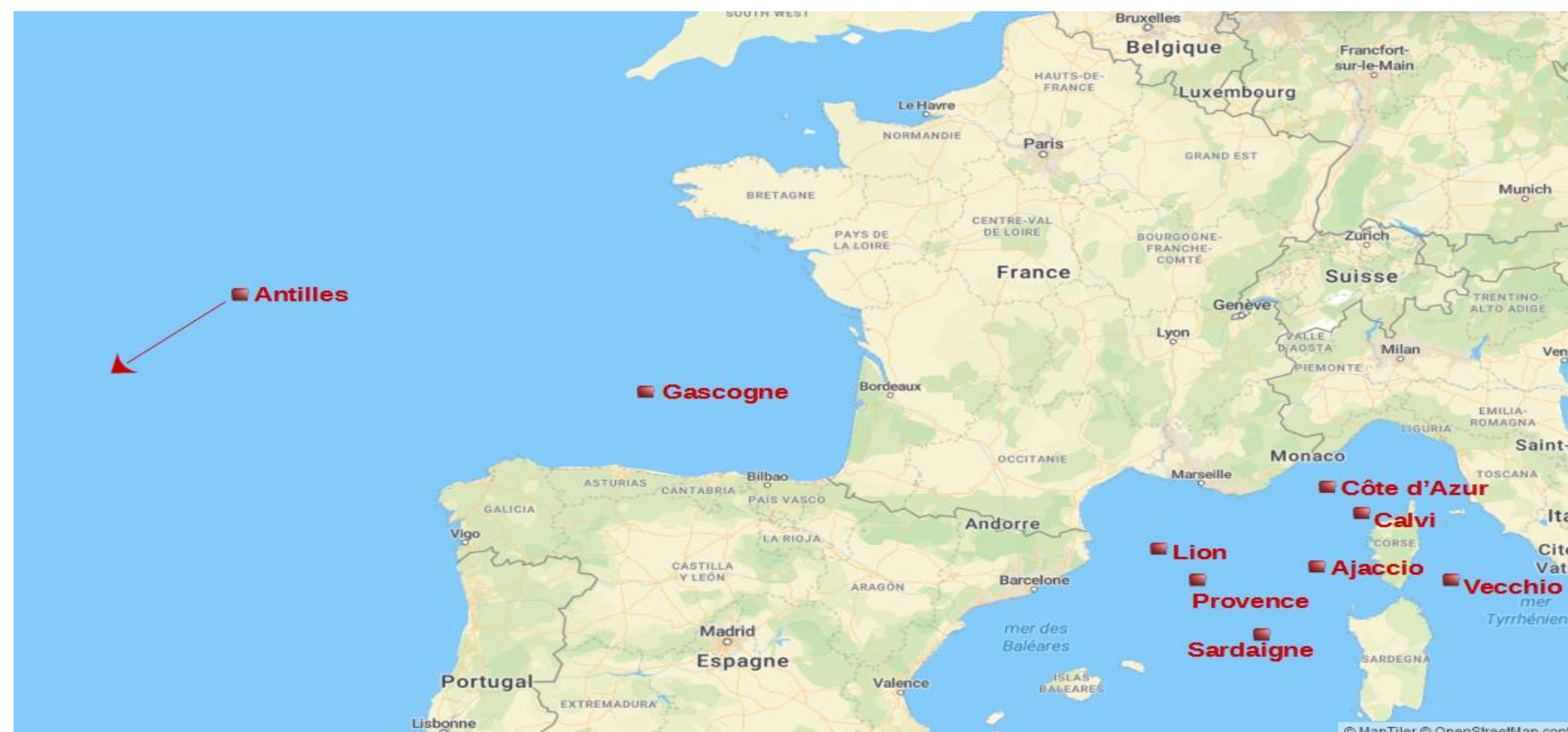
Attention : document technique de prévision de dérive d'hydrocarbure, réalisé à partir d'un seul point choisi dans un ensemble complexe de nappes (observées ou non)
Caution: Technical support for oil drift forecast from a single point out of a complex set of slicks (observed or not).

Vigilance map

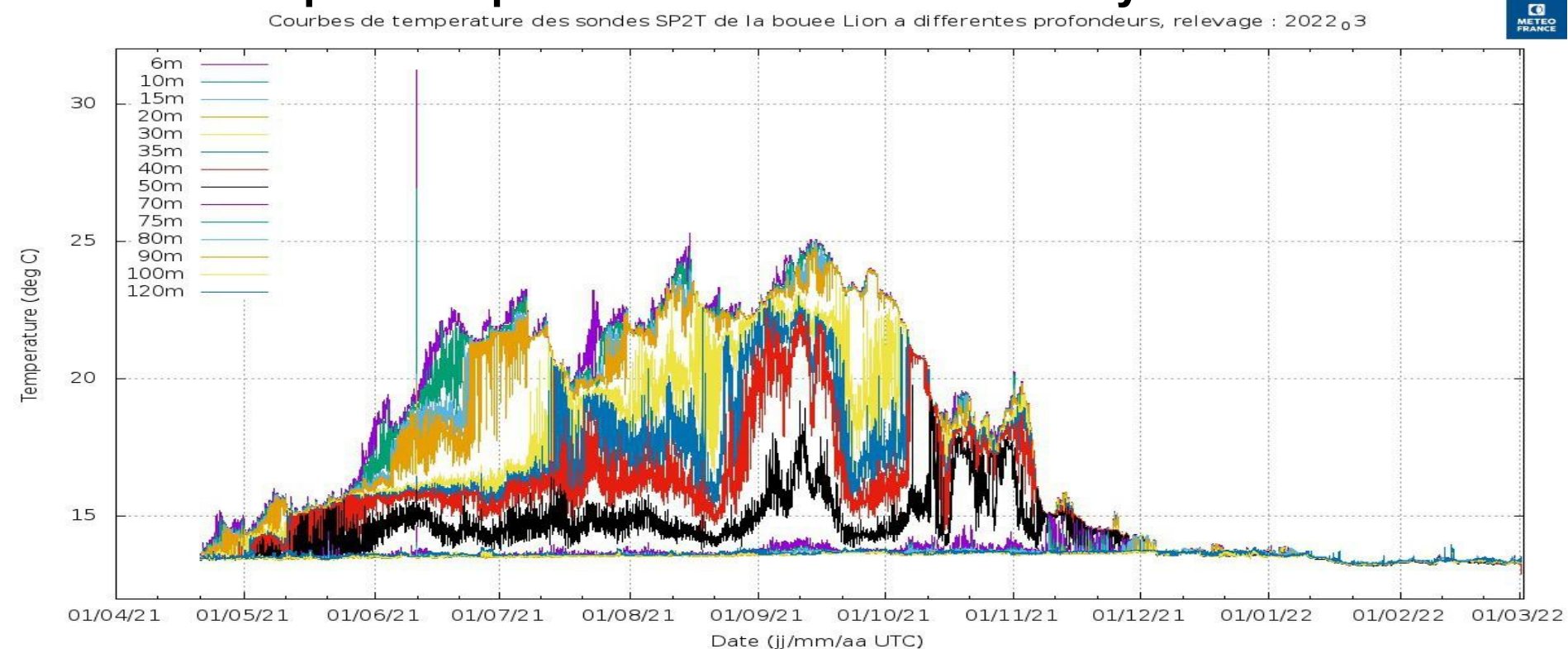


Activities in the frame of EUMETNET (IOC/WMO) : E-surfmar

- **Marine observations Monitoring :**
Mooring and drifting buoys, Ship, Wave coastal buoys, coastal buoys
- **Quality control tools :**
air temperature, SST, wind speed and direction, pressure, key wave parameters
- **Blacklisting of corrupted data. Statistics of comparisons with models outputs established by different meteorological centres**
- **Maintenance of moorings network and deployment of new buoys**



Sea temperature profile time series at Lion buoy



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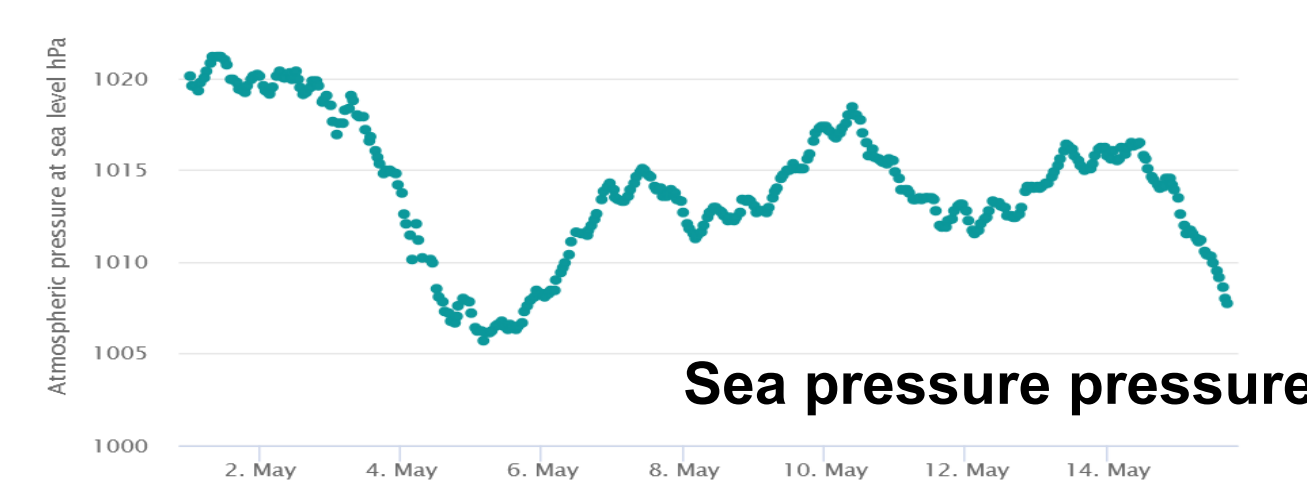
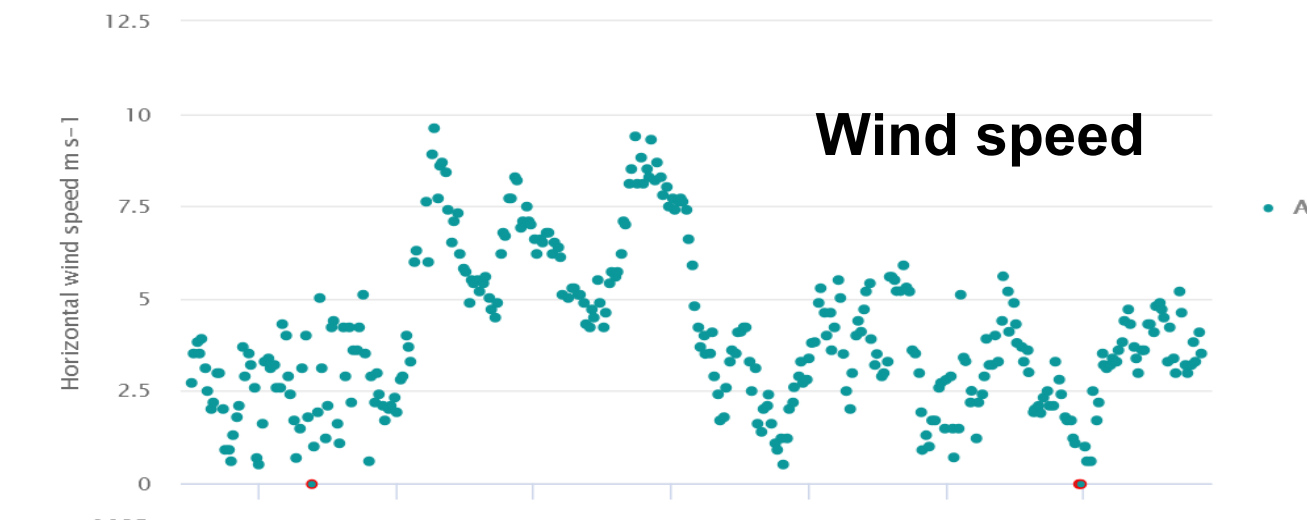
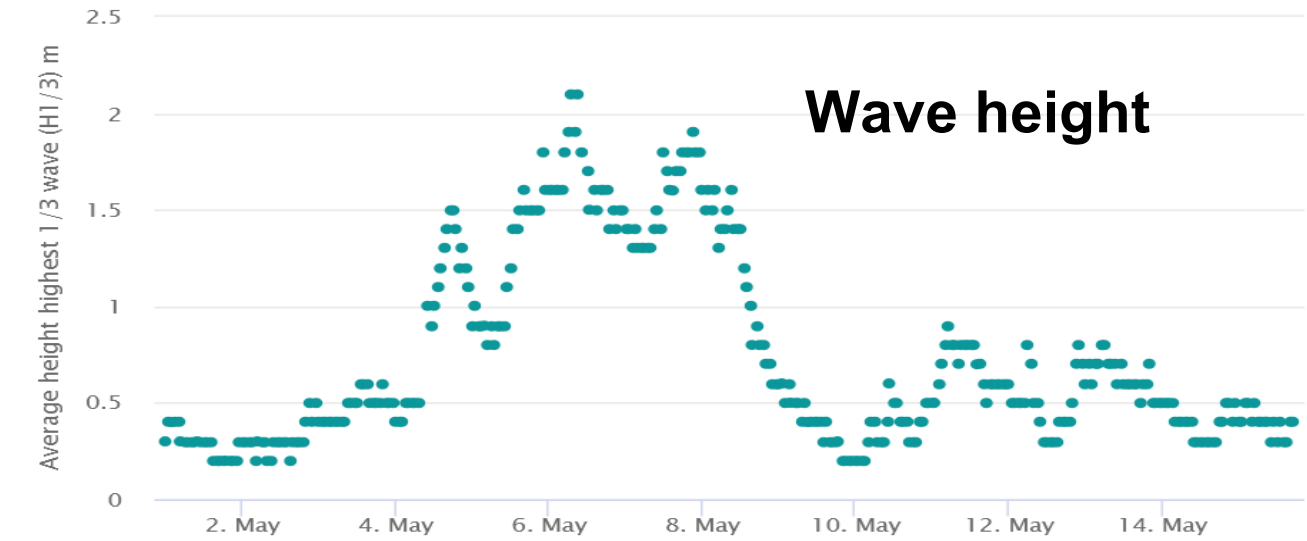


Monitoring essential variables for NWP and ocean sea state prediction

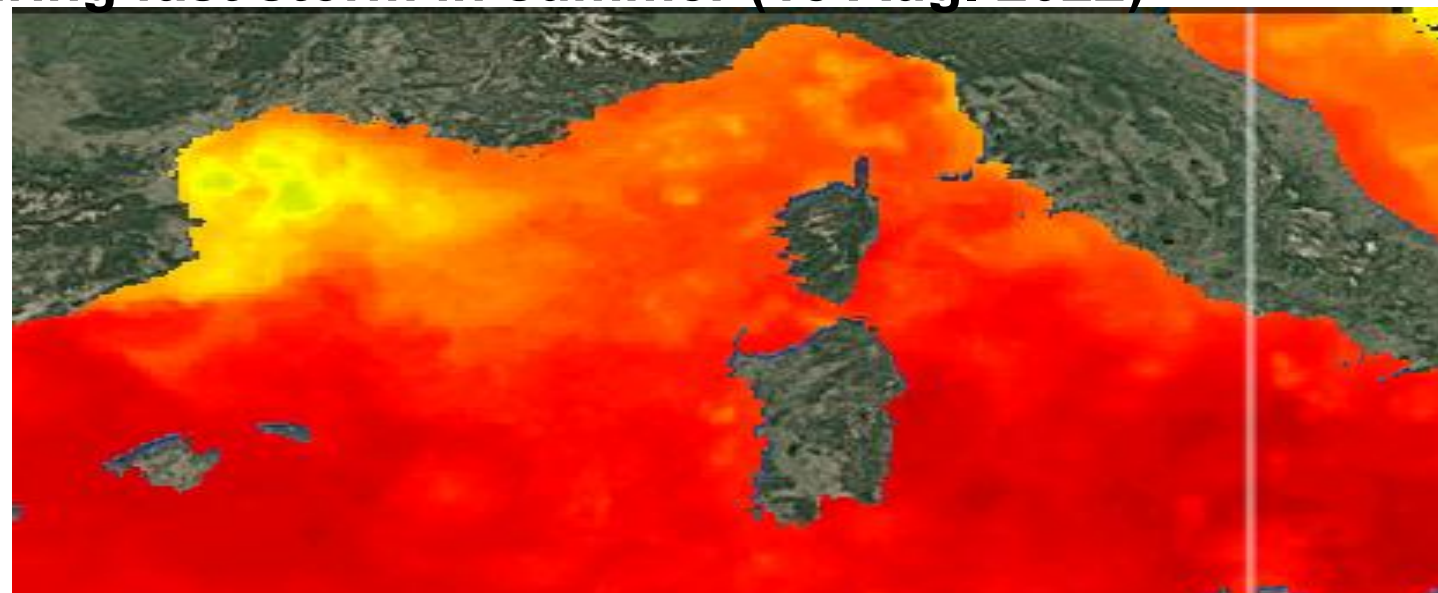
- Verification at real time
- Analysis and characterization of meteorological events
- Model validation and assimilation
- Preventing and understanding extreme events
- calibration/validation of satellite data and new measurements concepts



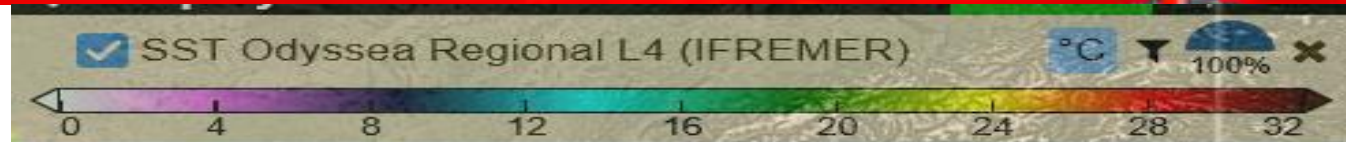
New buoys deployed recently



Sea surface temperature from satellite during fast storm in summer (18 Aug. 2022)



Accounting of sea warming in coupled regional system (atmosphere/wave/ocean : future AROBASE)

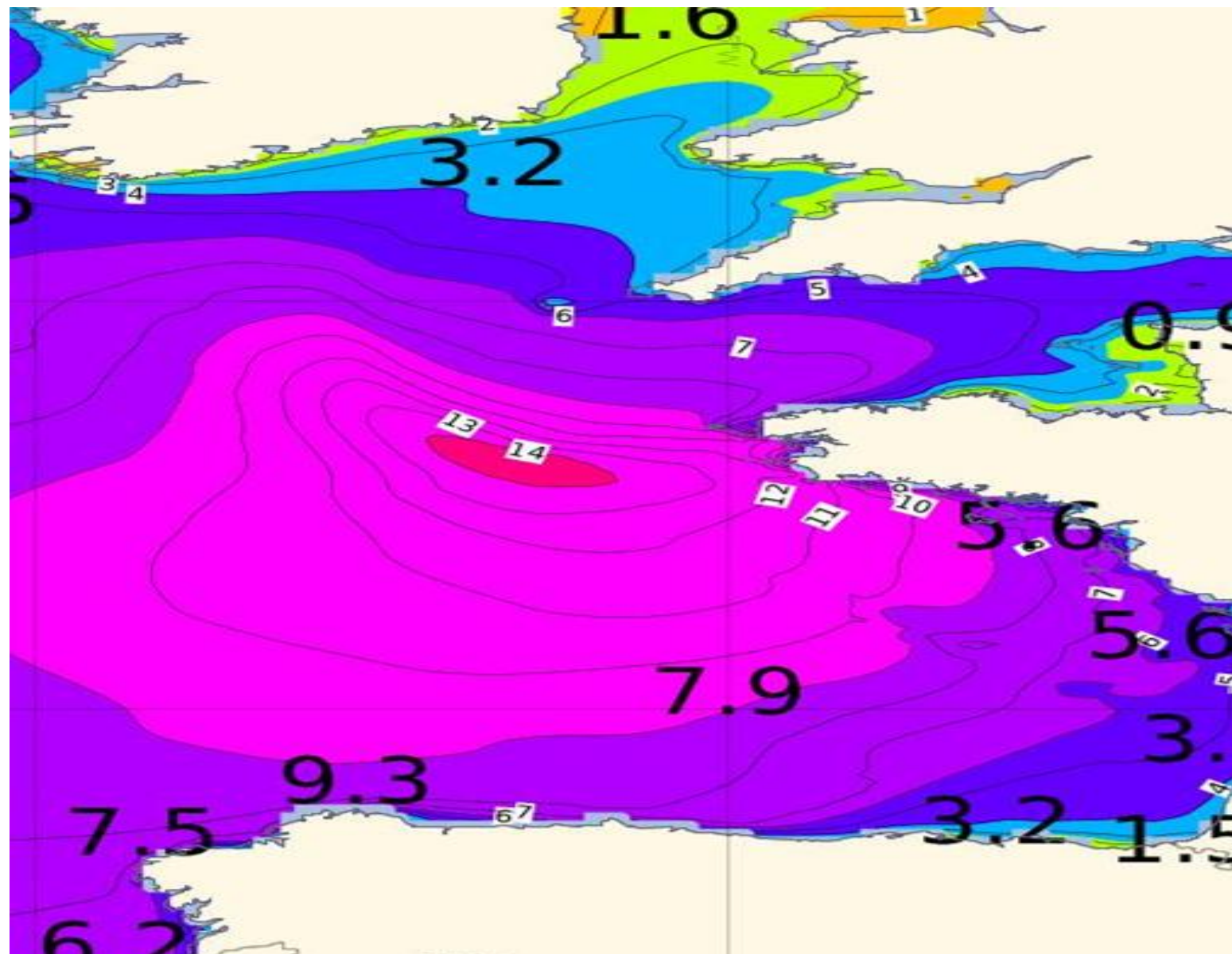




Assisting marine forecasters to critical warning event CIARAN 2023

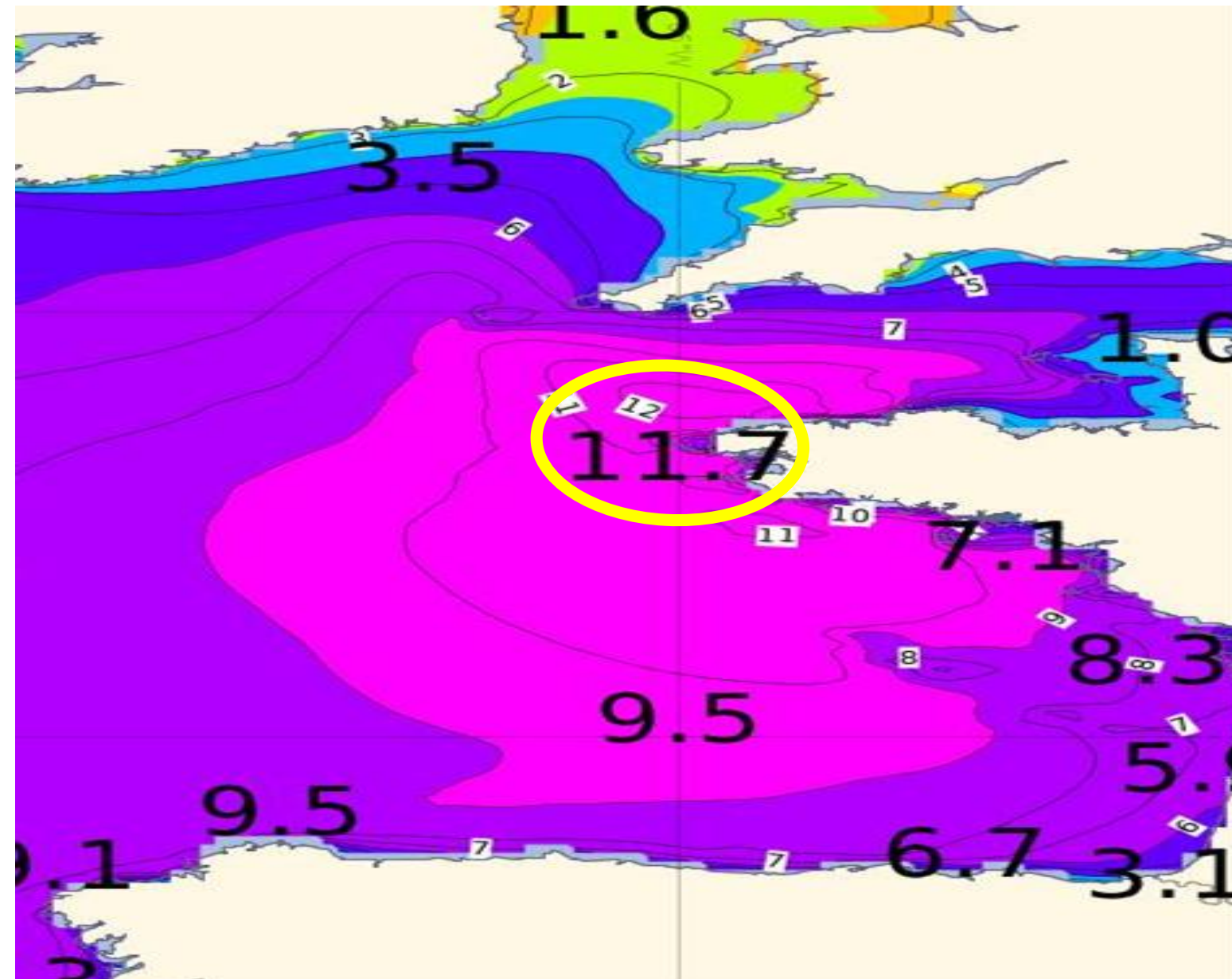
MFWAM SWH 02/11/23 at 1h UTC

Obs in black



MFWAM SWH 02/11/23 at 5h UTC

Obs in black



During Ciaran storm, missing observations near the coast on the storm track for 4 hours (transmitting problem). Marine forecasters delivered security bulletins based only on model forecast



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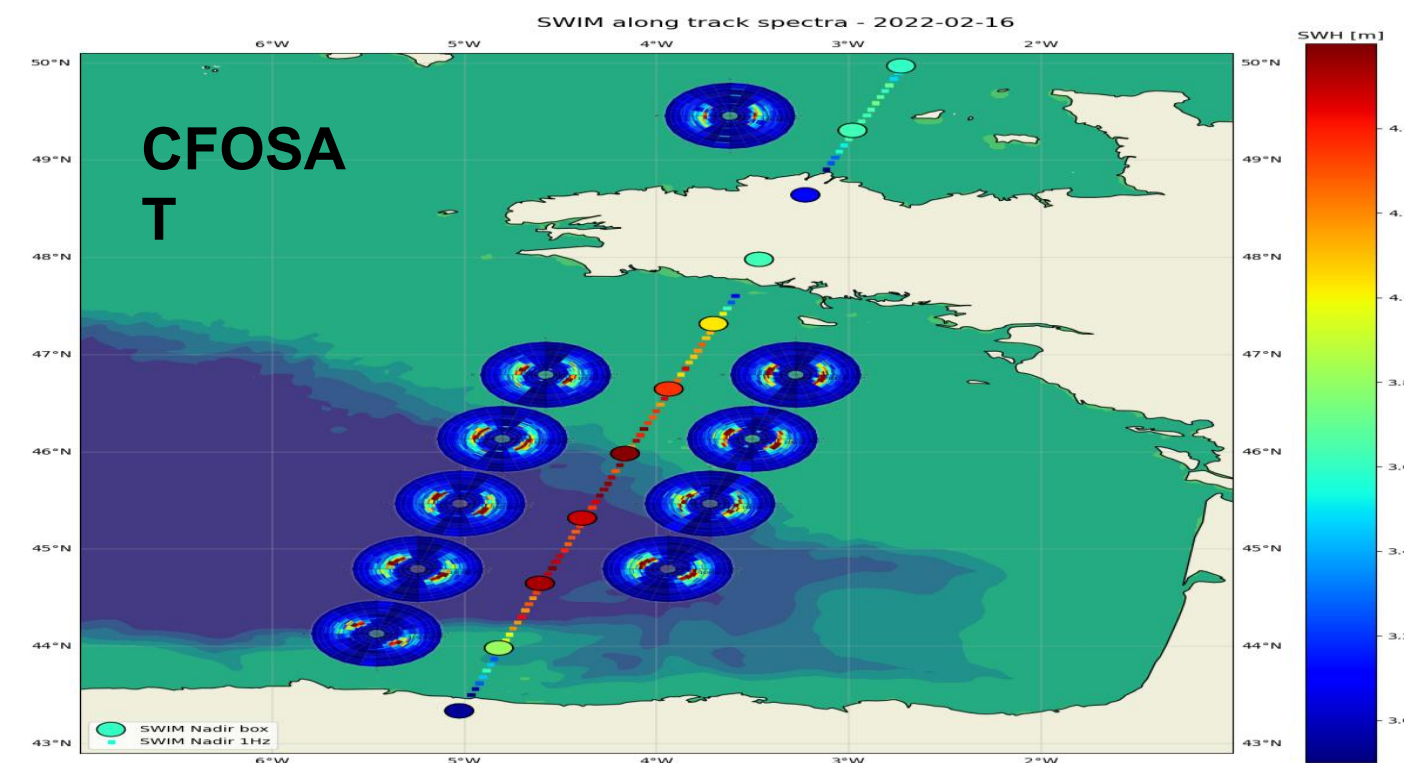
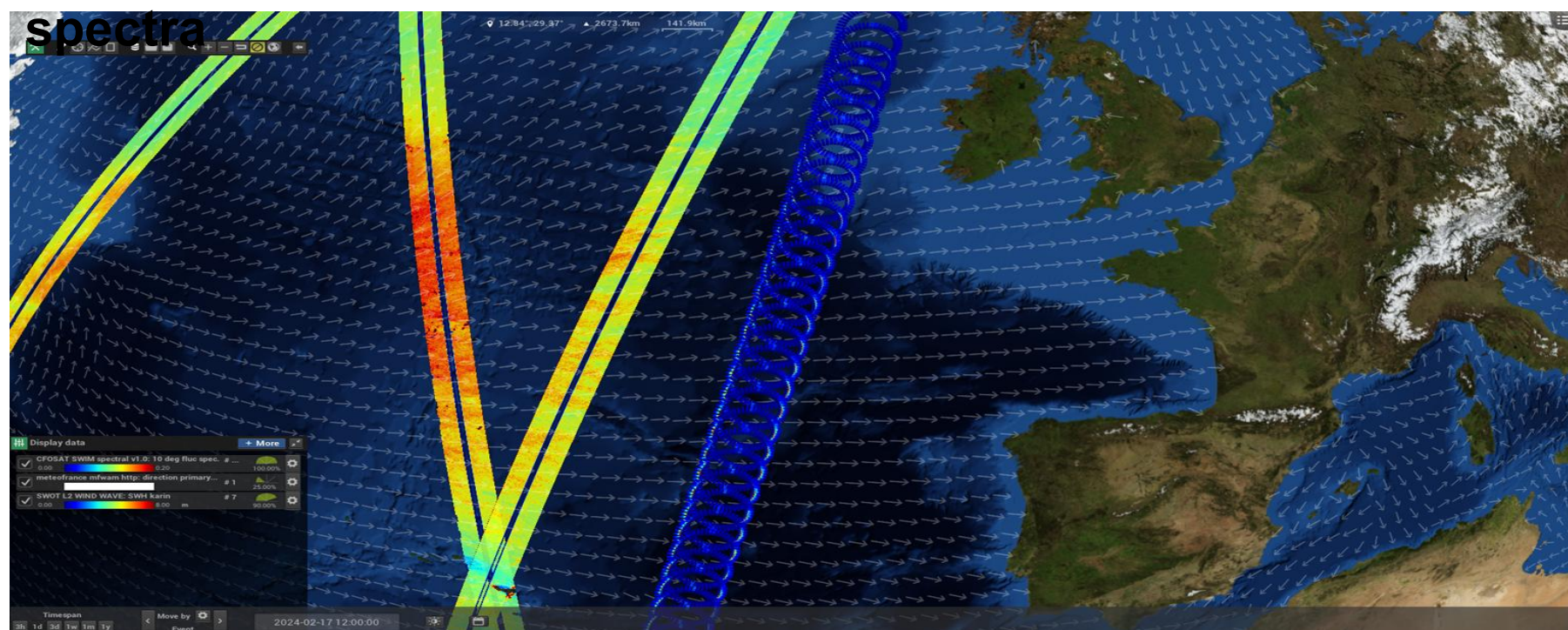
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Key process of calibration/validation of satellite data with in situ observations

Preparation of satellite data to the assimilation in operational models

Wave height on swath and SWIM wave spectra

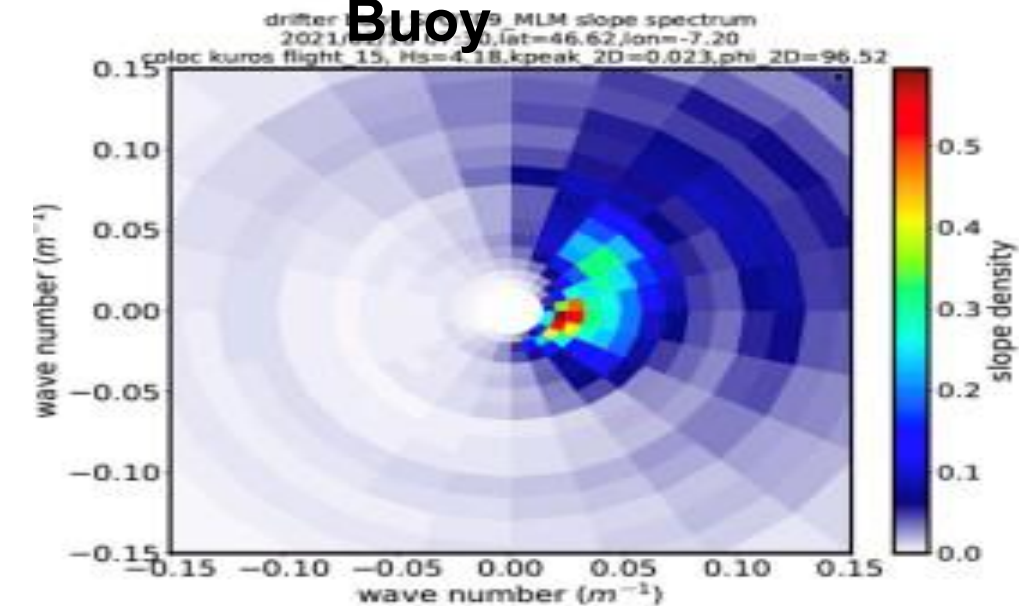
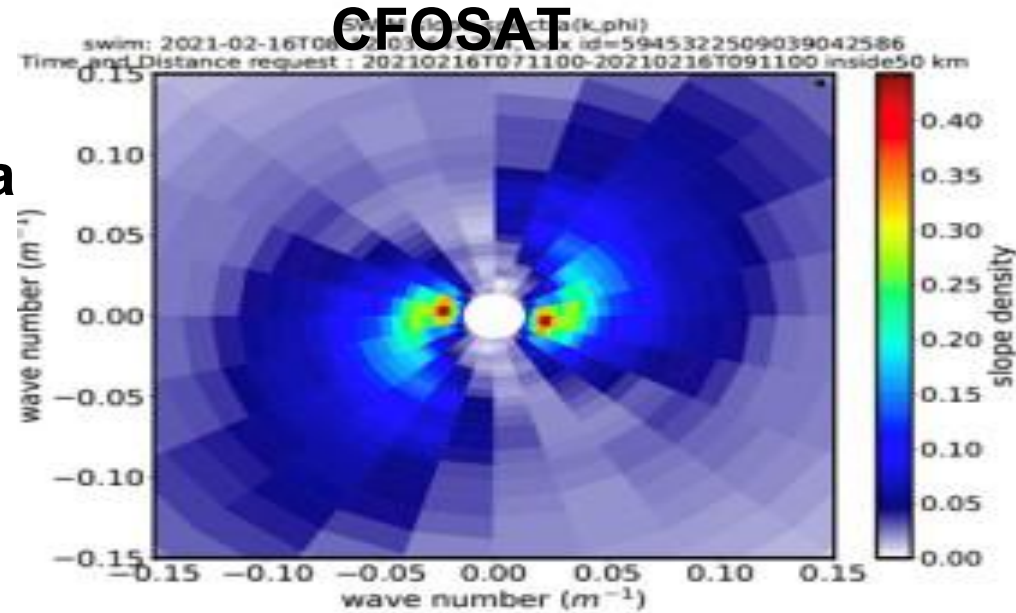


SWIM and SWOT during storm in North Atlantic : 17 February 2024

SWIM-CFOSAT

wave Buoy

Wave spectra (2D energy)





Sea state analysis and qualification of remarkable events compared to climatology

Use of observations	Request to natural hazards certificate, judicial request, medias. Climatology and RETEX on extreme events
constraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Long time series (> 5 years) without data loss.- fast delivery under request.- Quality of measurements.
needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- improve the data coverage off-shore and on the coastal areas (including overseas).- Maintaining long time series (> 10 ans)- automatic control for removal of corrupted data.- availaibility of additional parameters : wave spectrum, Hmax,...etc



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Head of the Sea and Coastal Group at Cerema





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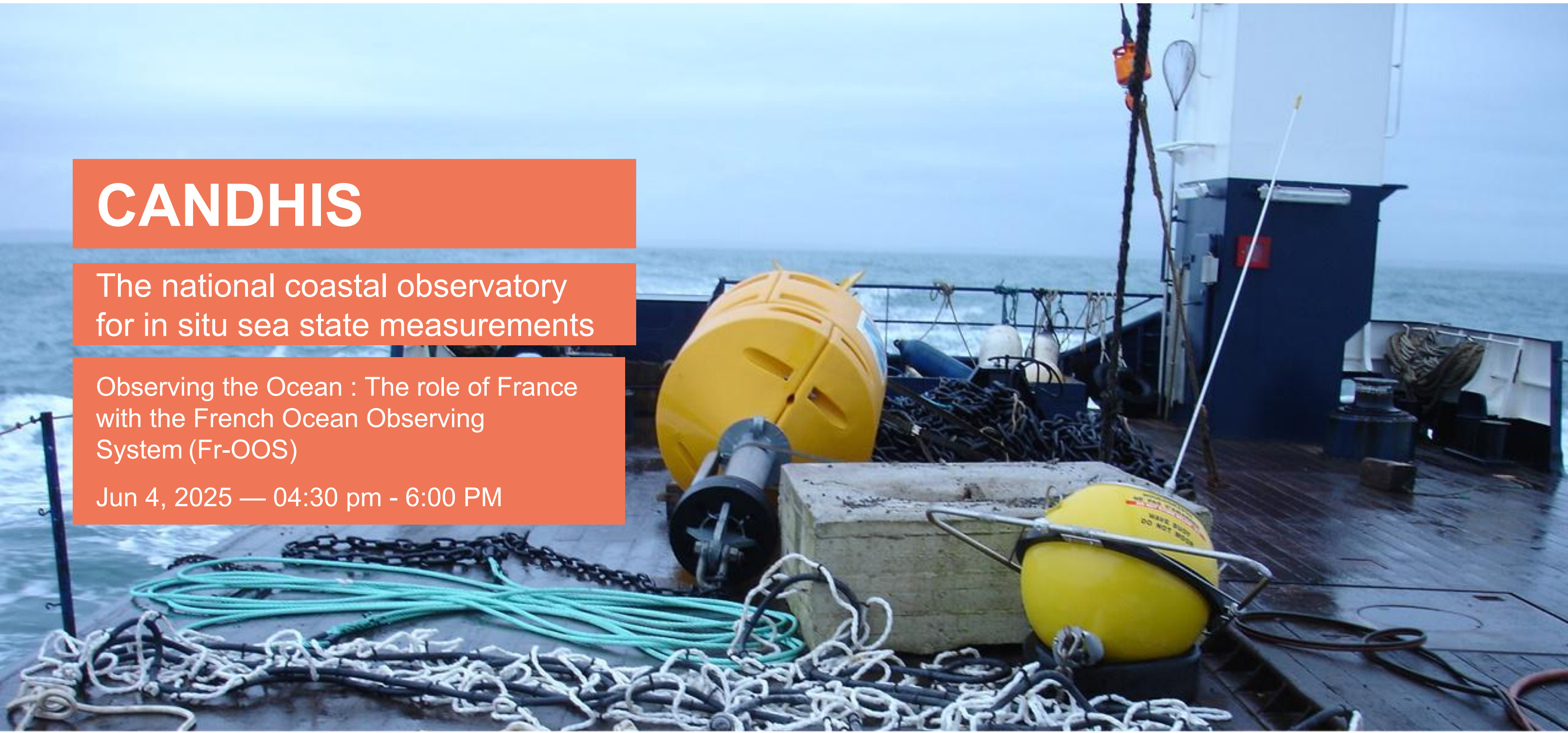


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The national coastal observatory
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Observing the Ocean : The role of France
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Jun 4, 2025 — 04:30 pm - 6:00 PM



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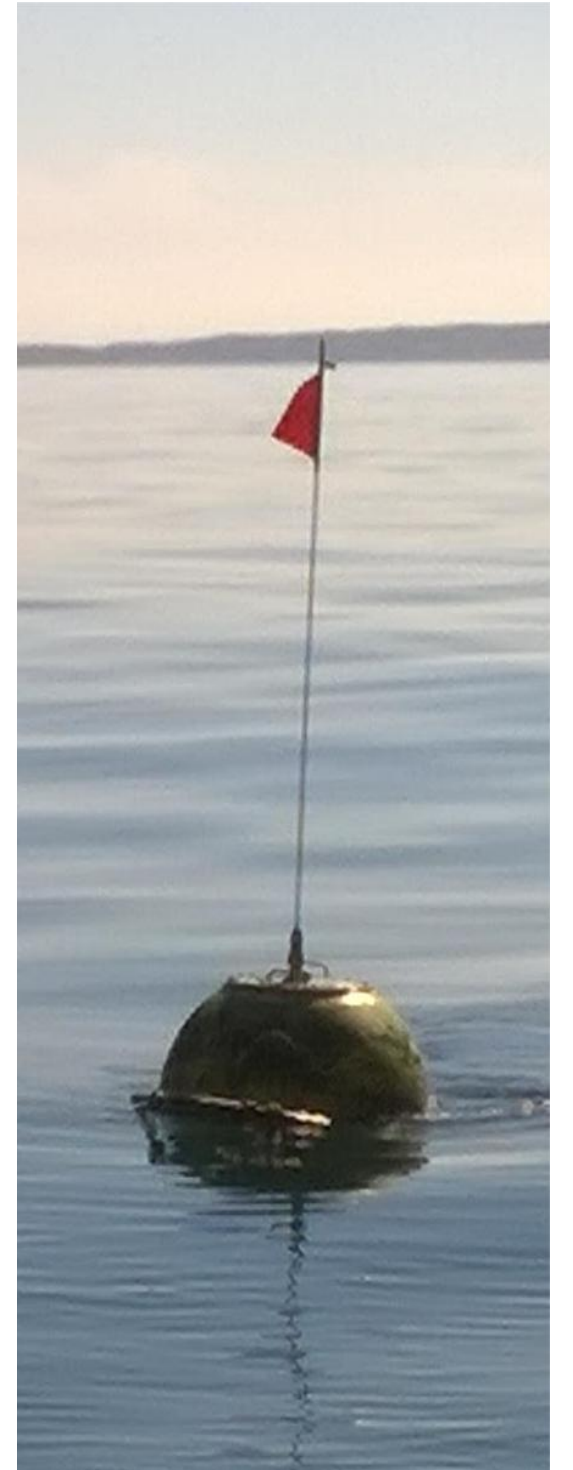
- A measurement network
 - 41 measurement buoy (mainland and overseas)
 - Around 20 partners
 - Coordination led by Cerema
- An information system
 - Managed by Cerema
 - For data centralization, processing, control, archiving, and dissemination
 - <https://candhis.cerema.fr/>
- Gouvernance
 - Cerema (leader), Shom, Météo-France, Ministry of Ecology



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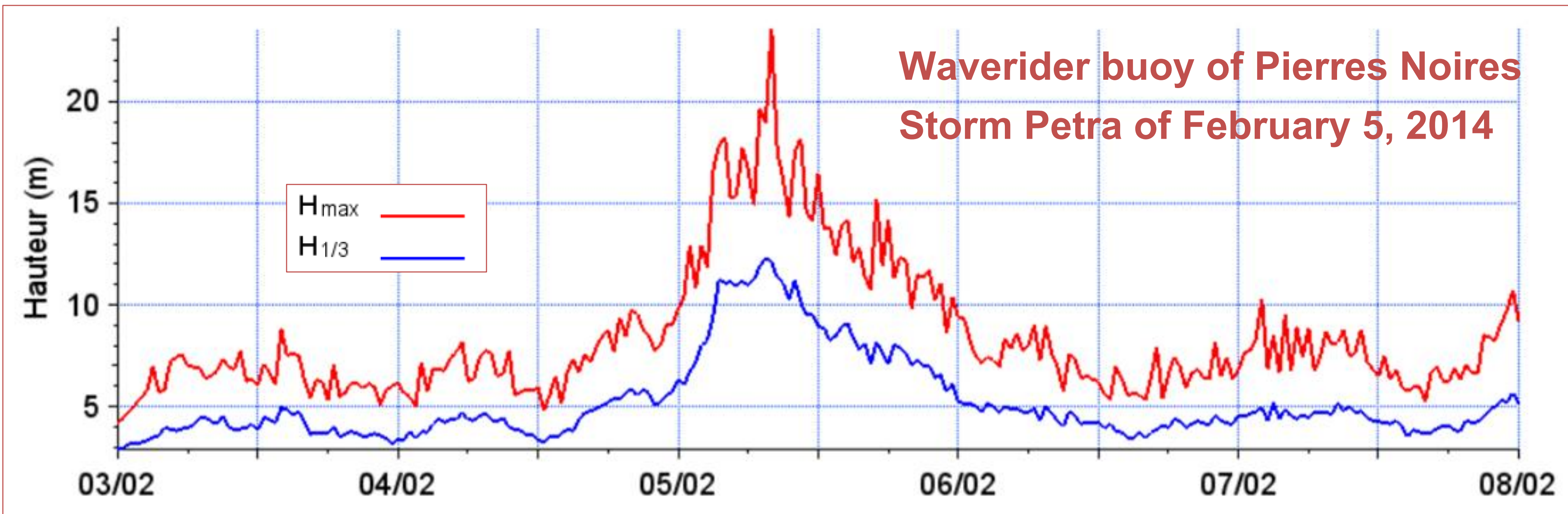
- For public policies and research:
 - Coastal risks
 - Coastal morphodynamics and shoreline monitoring
 - Design of port and coastal structures
 - Navigation safety
 - Marine renewable energies
 - Study of climate change and its impact on the coastline
- Towards a single portal for in situ sea state measurement
 - IGEDD 2022 recommendations
 - Cerema, national reference for in situ sea state measurement
 - <https://candhis.cerema.fr/>



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The national coastal observatory for in situ sea state measurements

- Measurements since the early 1980s
and a record with a wave height of 23.6 meters





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L'océan en référence

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Sea level - Shom



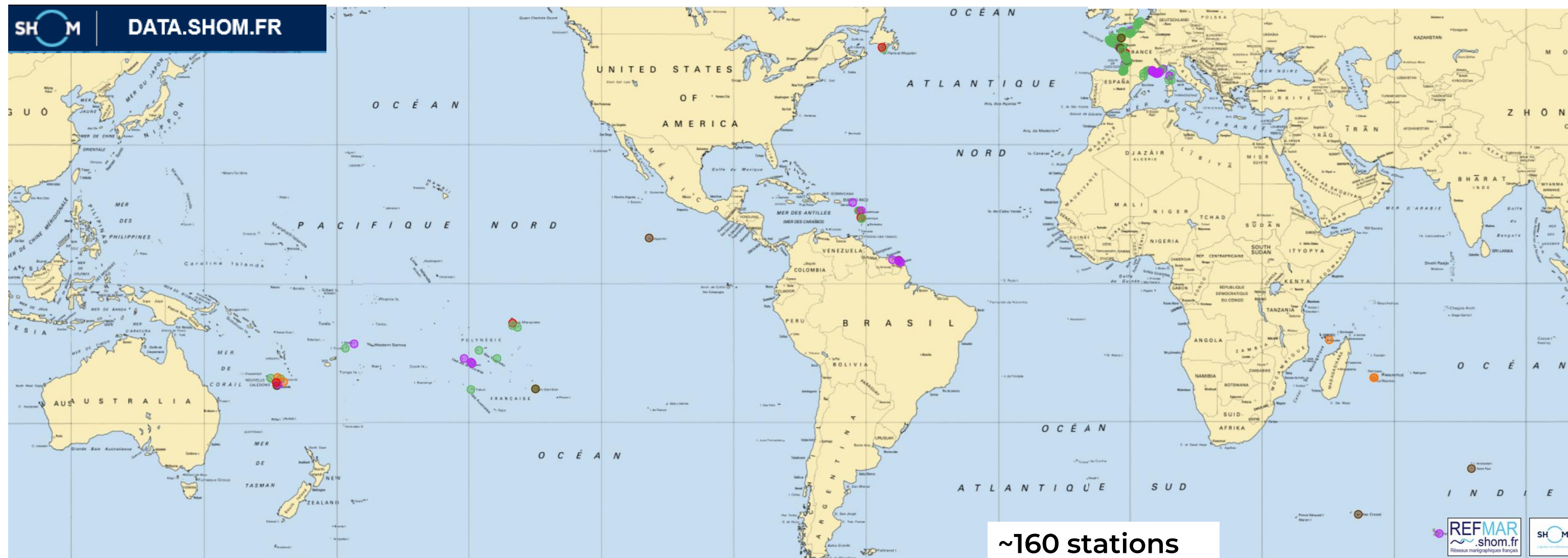
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L'océan en référence

- ✓ National coordination in the collection and dissemination of public data under acronym REFMAR (SGMer - 2010):
 - Partners Tide Gauges Networks : 110 stations
 - RONIM : 50 stations
- ✓ Promotion of international recommendations (IOC, GLOSS, IHO)
- ✓ Support and training for tide gauge implementation

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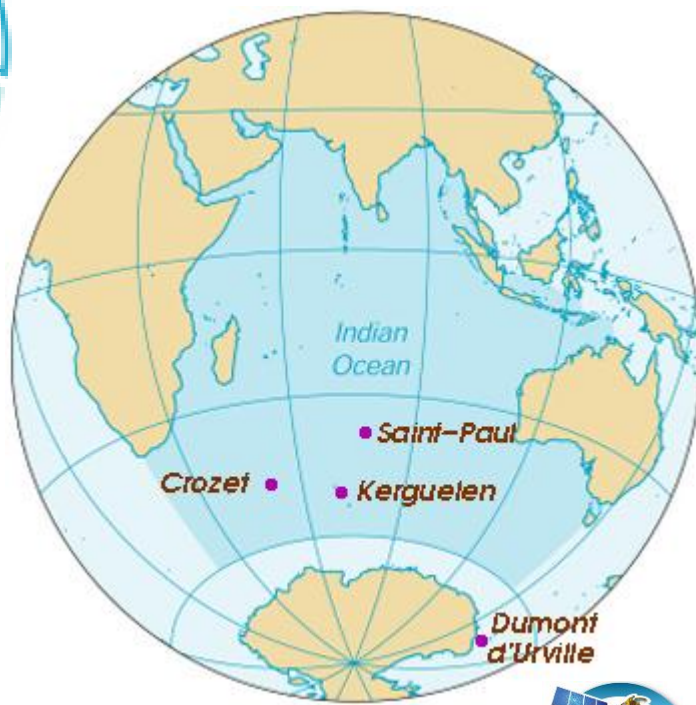
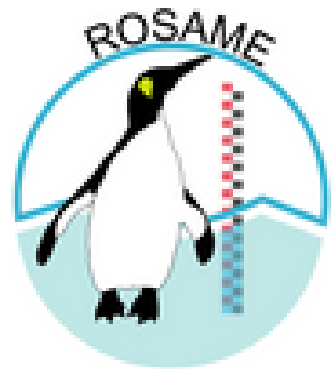


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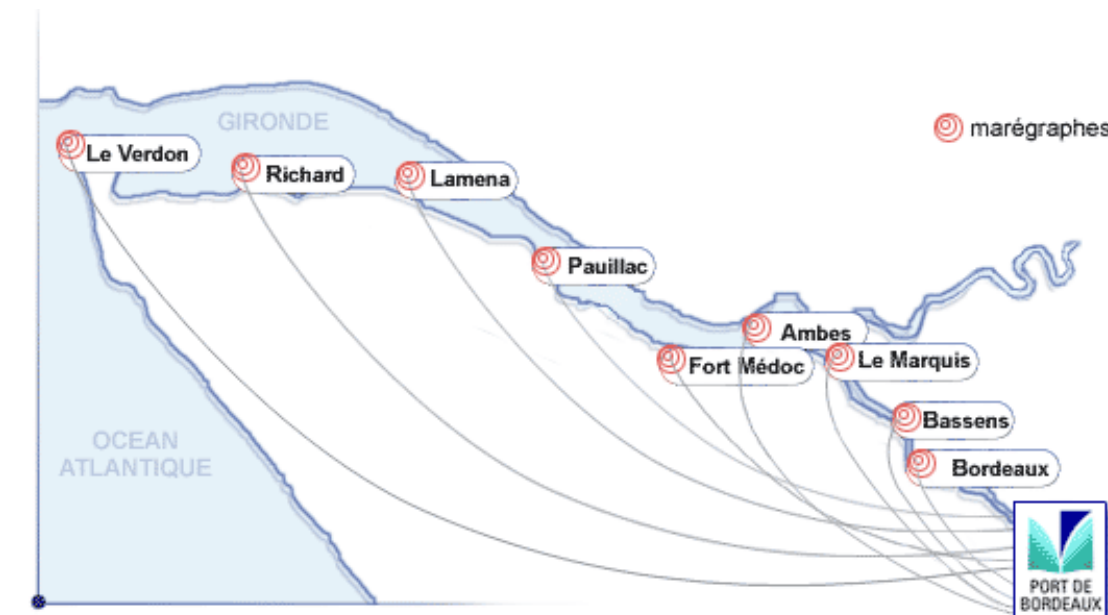
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~ 20 Partners tide gauges networks

- ✓ Autonomous Ports (Bordeaux, Nantes, HAROPA)
- ✓ Local Authorities and Intercommunal Structures
- ✓ Academic Partners & Public Research Organizations
- ✓ National public agency supporting flood forecasting



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Diffusion en clair vers tous les navires, la capitainerie, le pilotage ...

Interrogation et réception des données marégraphiques



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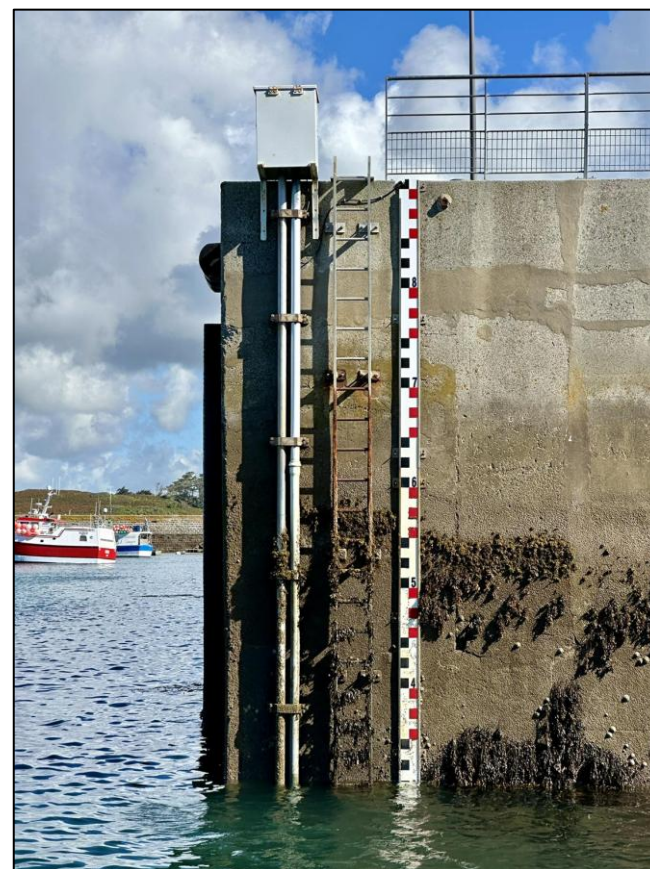
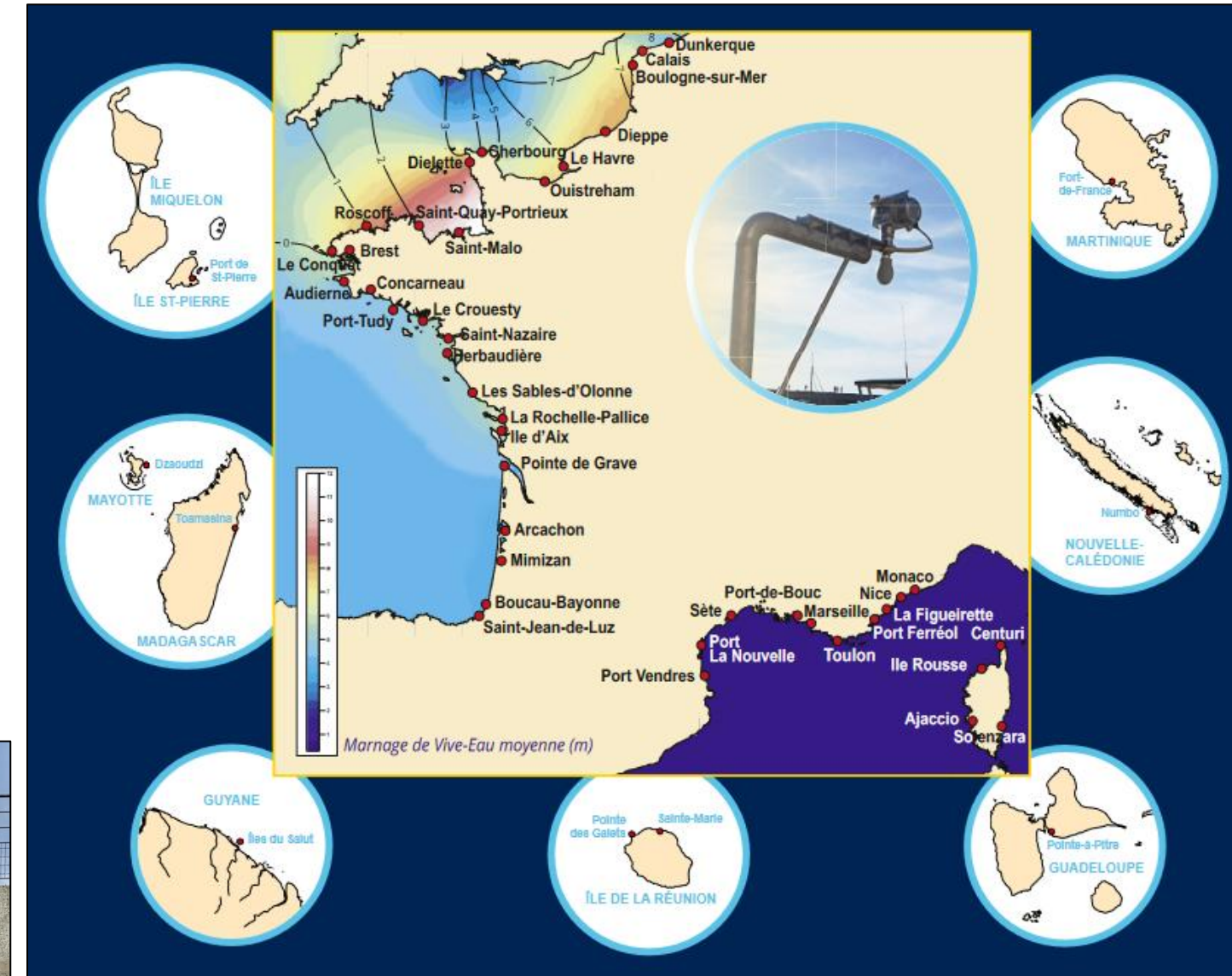


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RONIM network

- ✓ 50+ tide gauges
- ✓ Radar-only technology (1Hz)
Real-time transmission (Internet+Satellite)
« Coupled » with permanent GNSS stations
- ✓ Remote monitoring of real time network status
- ✓ Major equipment modernization (2021-2023)



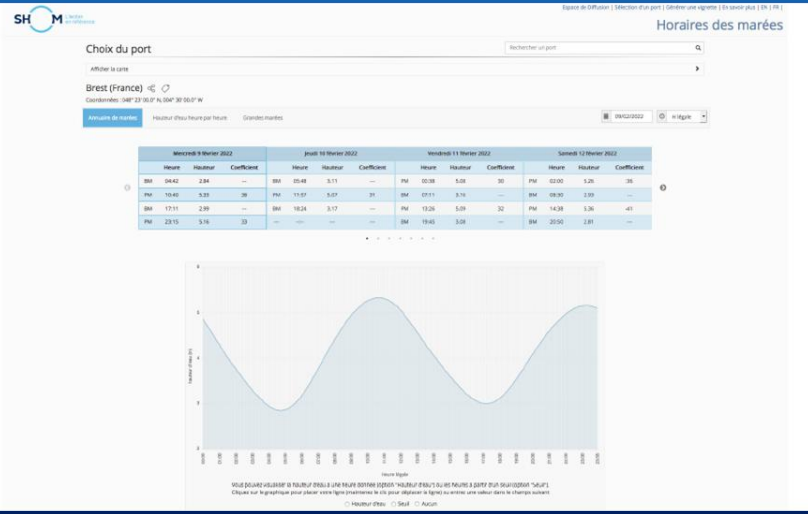


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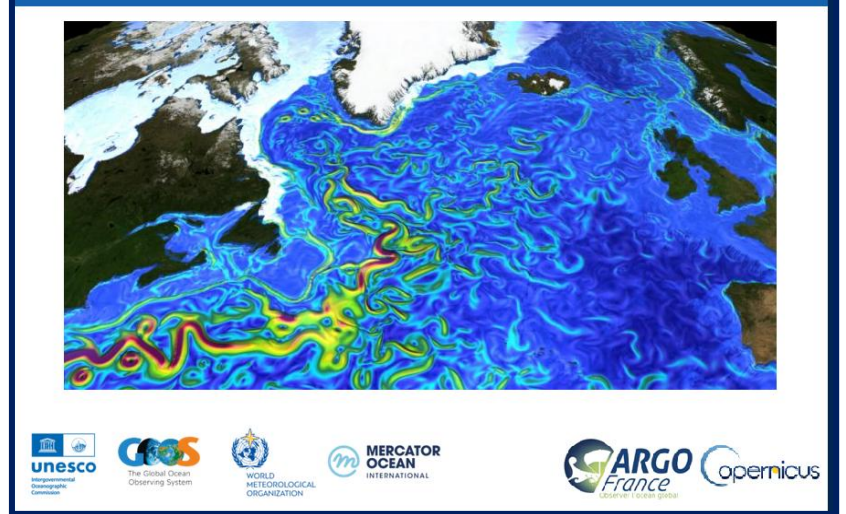
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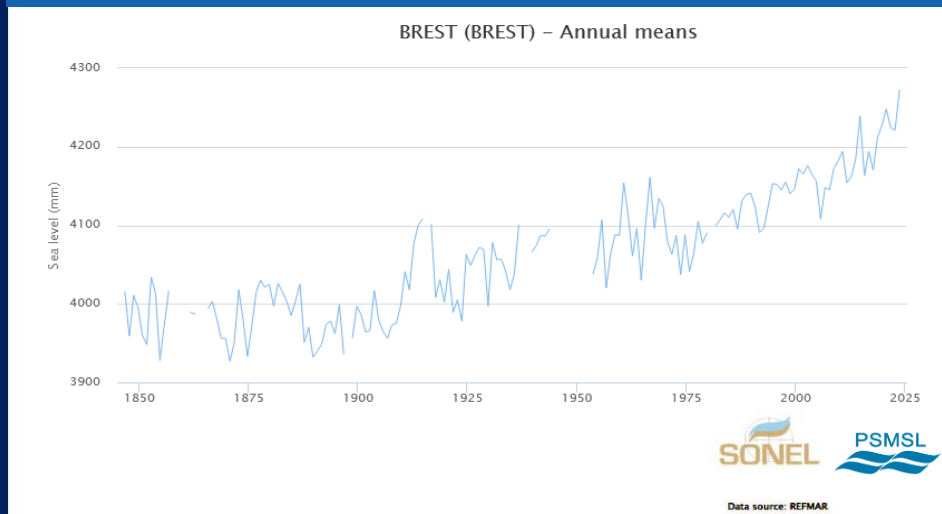
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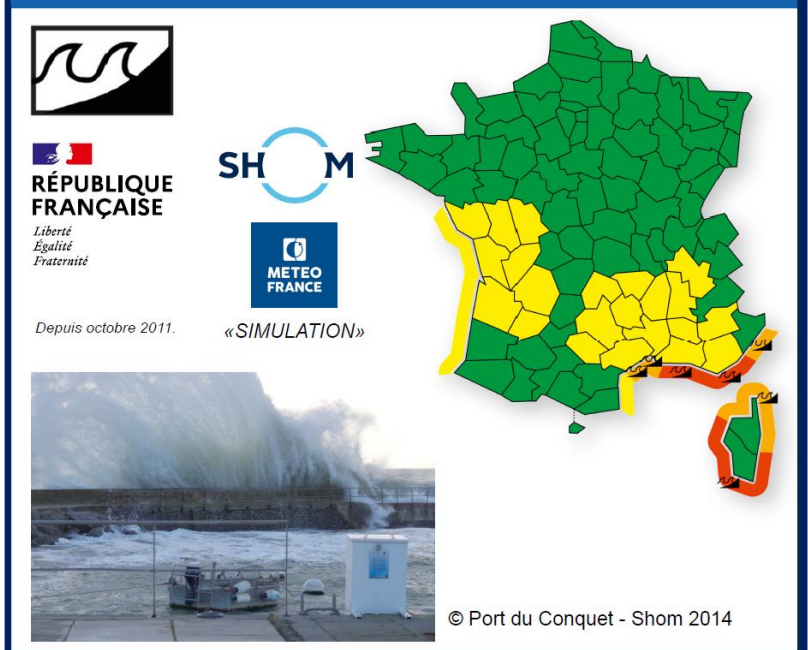
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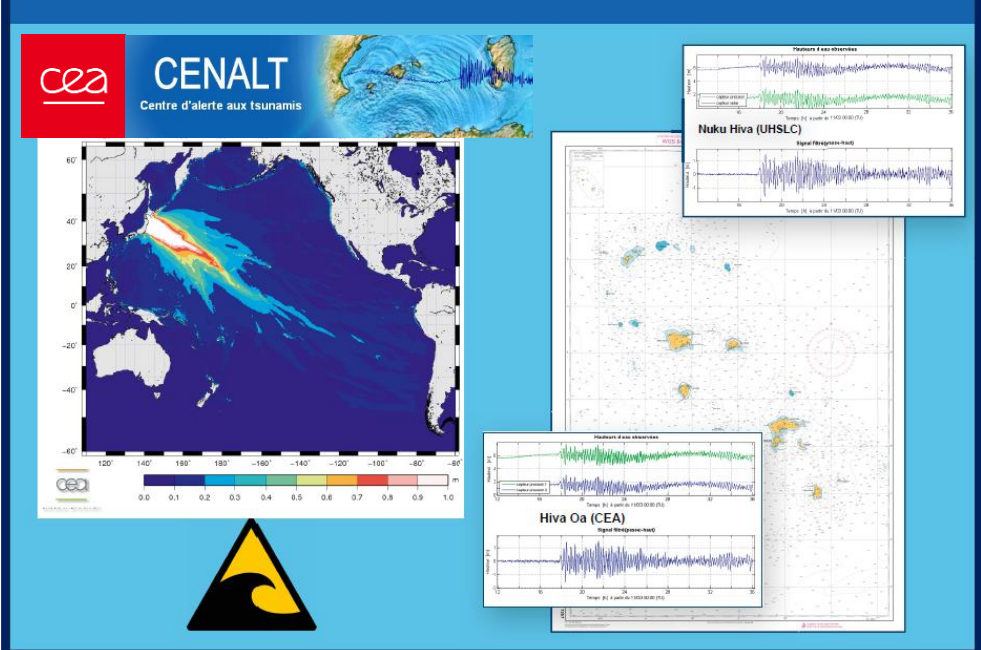
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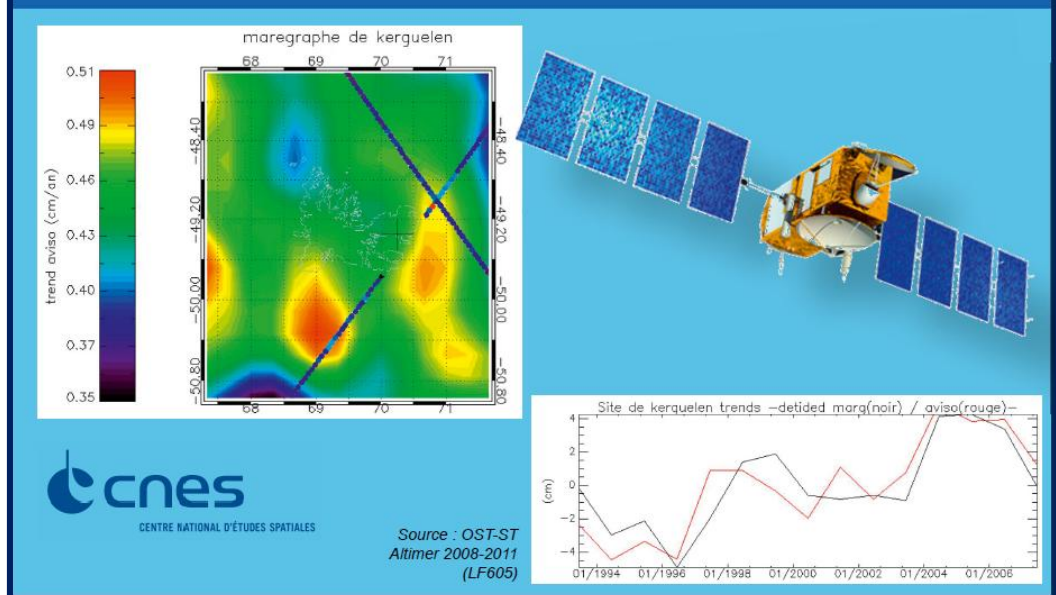
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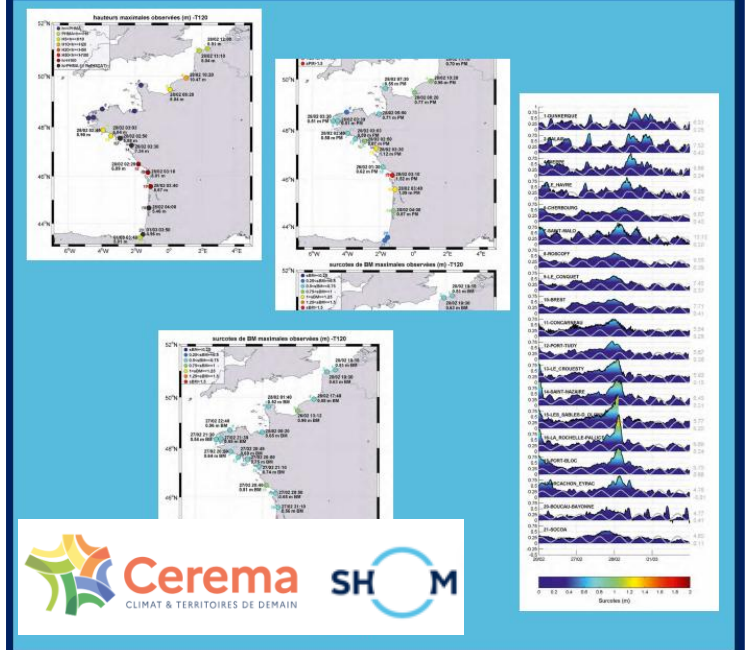
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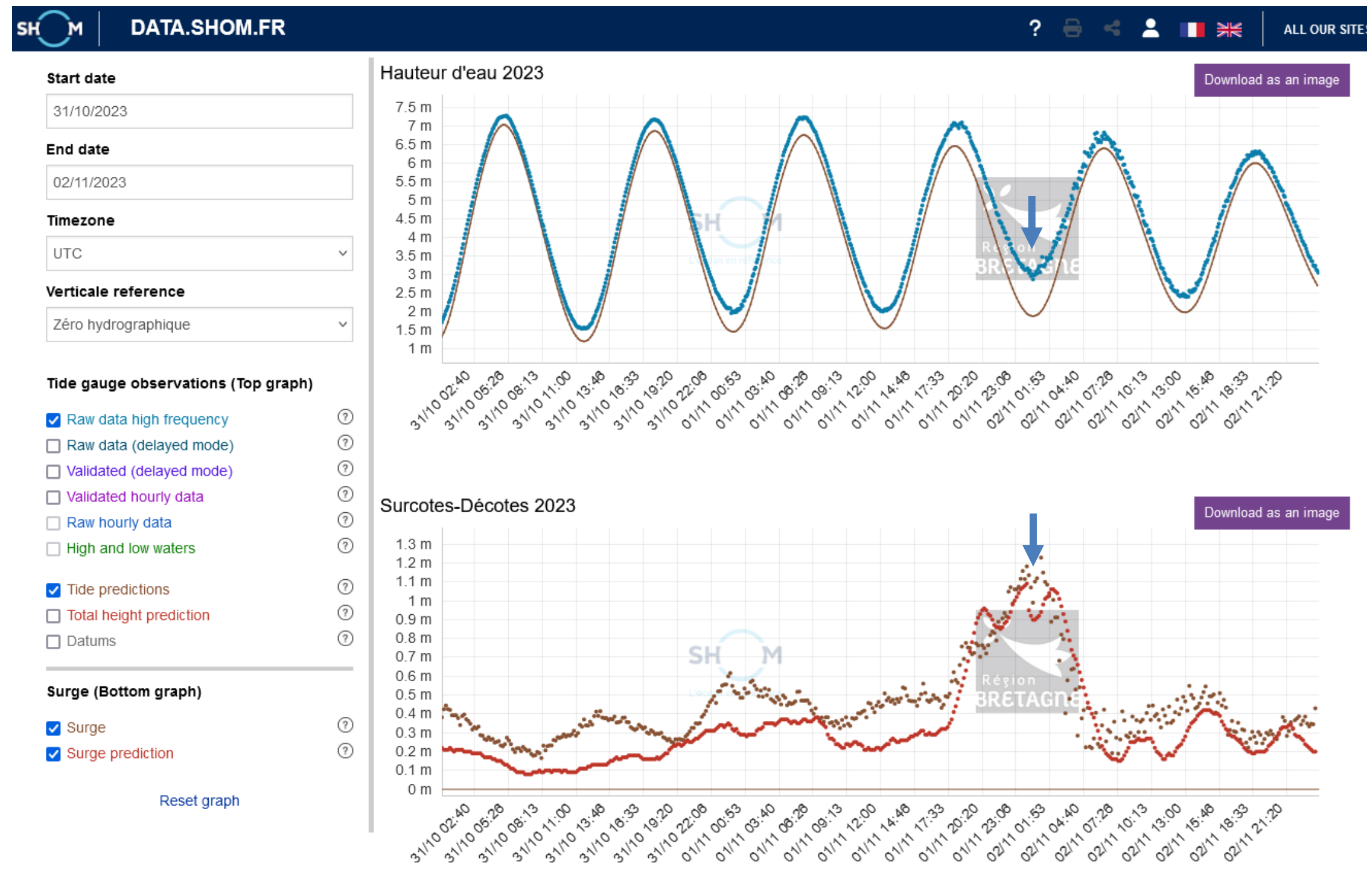
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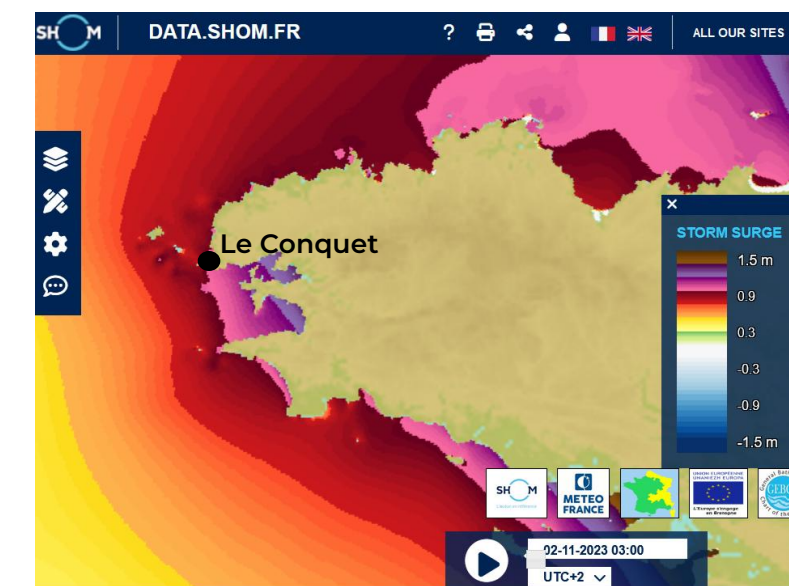
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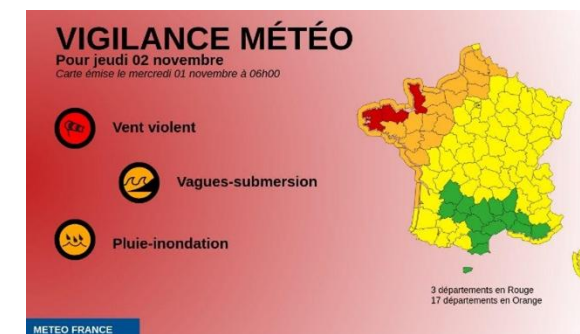


CIARAN Storm at Le Conquet – 01-02 Nov. 2023

- ✓ Open data dissemination <https://data.shom.fr>
- ✓ Tide gauges real time visualization
Automatic download
- ✓ Modelling and forecasting capabilities



Surge from Hycom 2D model (02 Nov. 2023 – 01:00)





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