

Observations and Tools for Studying Ocean Biogeochemistry from the Surface to the Deep



Pathways Connecting Climate Changes to the Deep Ocean Workshop

Tracing physical, biogeochemical, and ecological signals from
surface to deep sea

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Interior Ocean Biogeochemistry Changes: Oxygen

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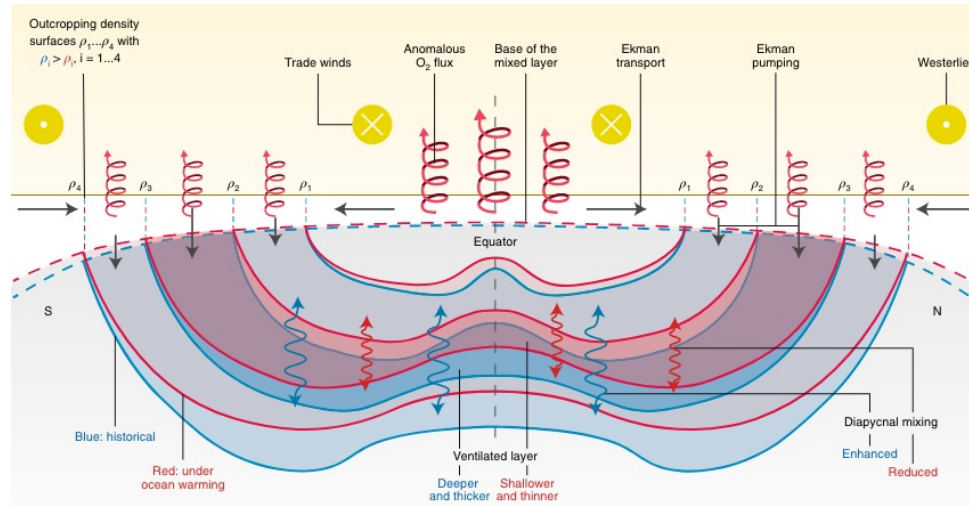
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41561-018-0152-2>

Drivers and mechanisms of ocean deoxygenation

Andreas Oschlies^{1,2*}, Peter Brandt^{1,2}, Lothar Stramma¹ and Sunke Schmidt¹



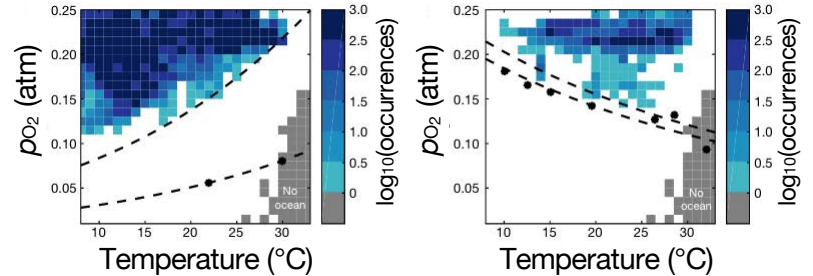
“Warming is considered a major driver: in part directly, via solubility effects, and in part indirectly, via changes in circulation, mixing and oxygen respiration.”



Metabolic trait diversity shapes marine biogeography

Curtis Deutsch^{1,2}, Justin L. Penn¹ & Brad Seibel³

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habitat of Summer flounder
(subtropical eastern Atlantic)

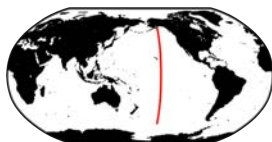
habitat of Sea squirt
(cosmopolitan tunicate)

Interior Ocean Biogeochemistry Changes: Carbon

Global Biogeochemical Cycles

Amplified Subsurface Signals of Ocean Acidification

Andrea J. Fassbender¹ , Brendan R. Carter^{1,2} , Jonathan D. Sharp^{1,2} , Yibin Huang^{1,3,4} , Mar C. Arroyo^{1,4} , and Hartmut Frenzel^{1,2}

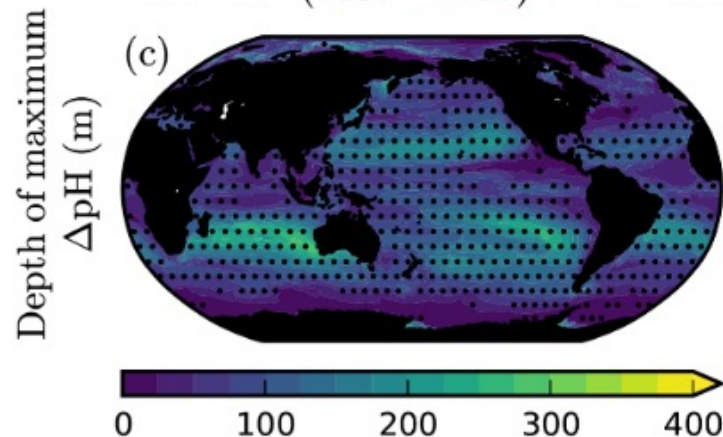
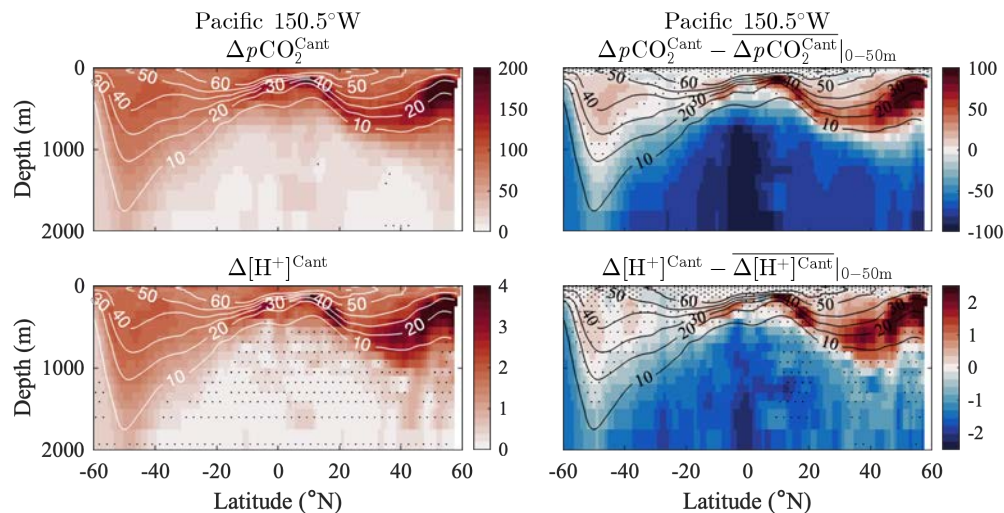


Twenty-first century ocean warming, acidification, deoxygenation, and upper-ocean nutrient and primary production decline from CMIP6 model projections

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(2080 – 2099)



Interior Ocean Biogeochemistry Changes: Biological Productivity → Export

Climate-driven trends in contemporary ocean productivity

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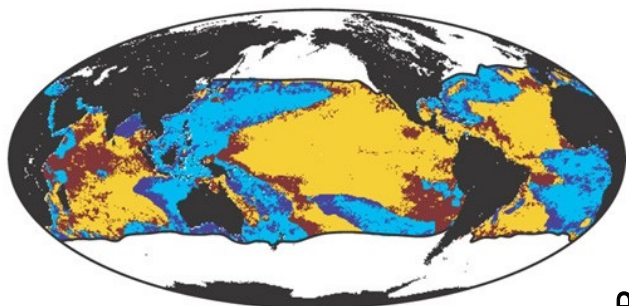
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relationships between annual mean SST and NPP from remote sensing for the period 1999 to 2004

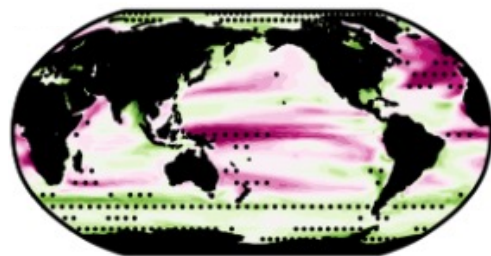
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permanently stratified oceans

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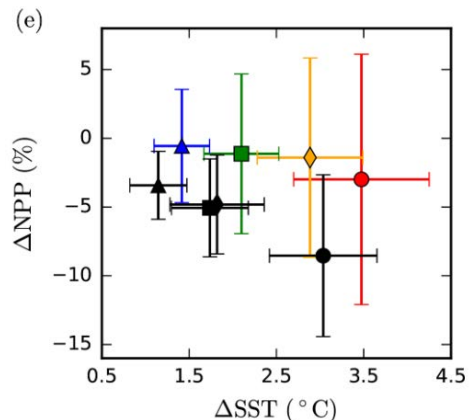
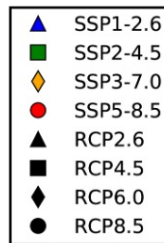
Δ NPP
($\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{y}^{-1}$)



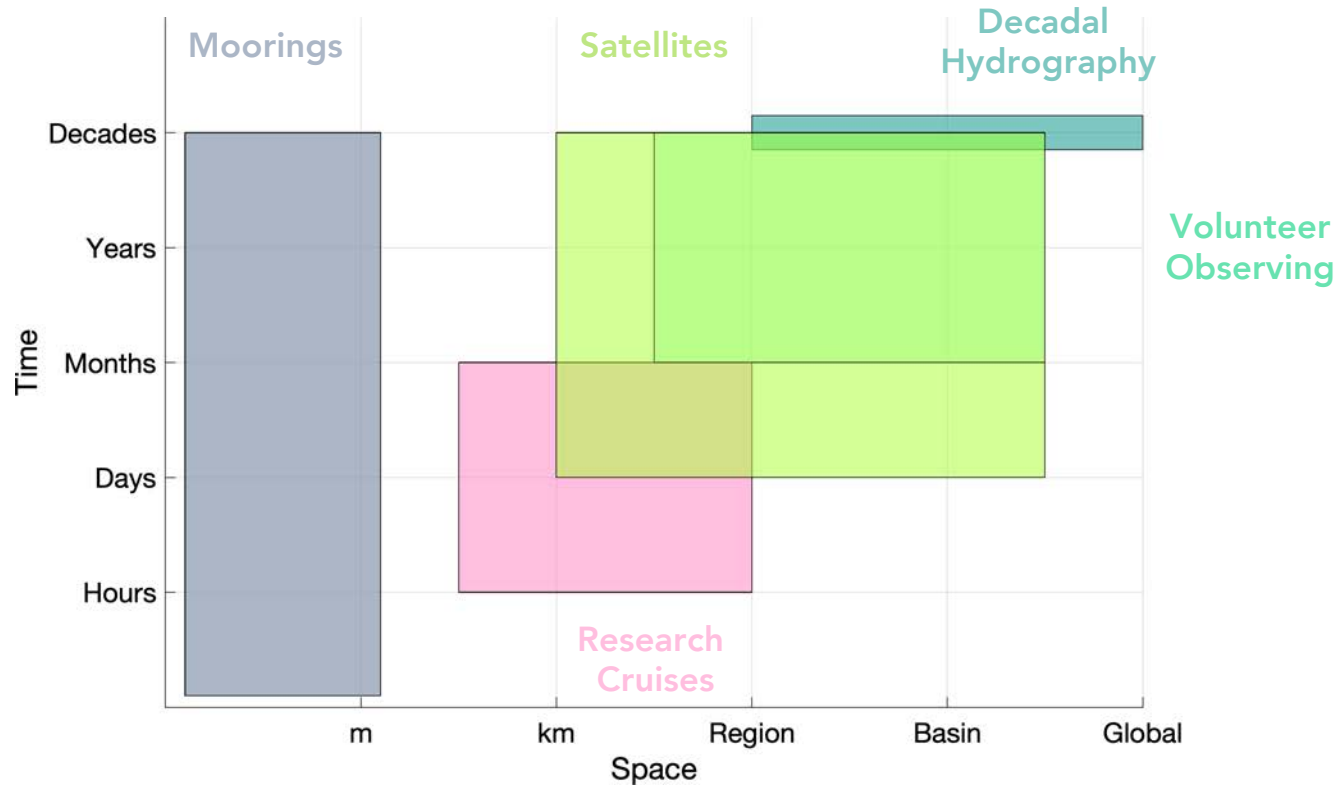
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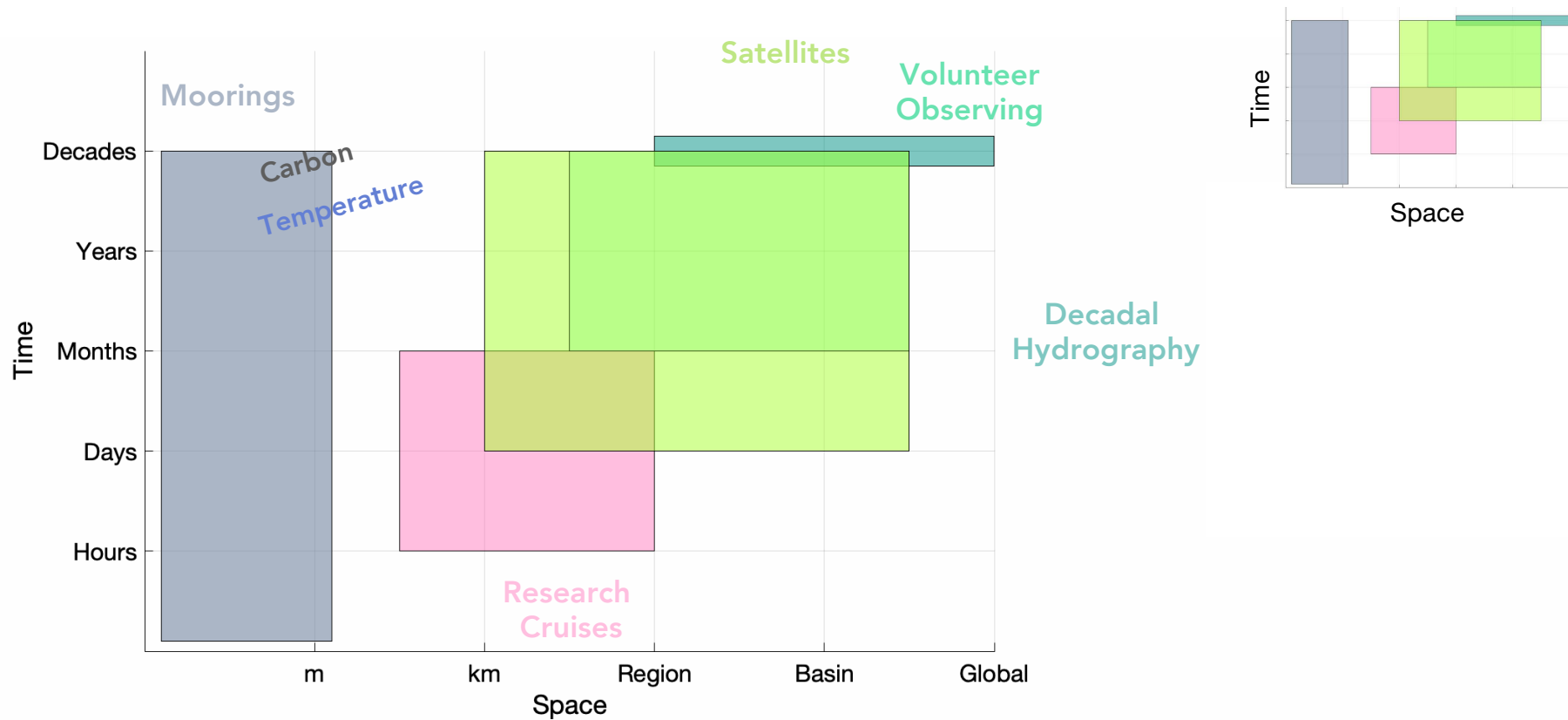


Conventional Observing Platforms for Ocean Carbon and Temperature

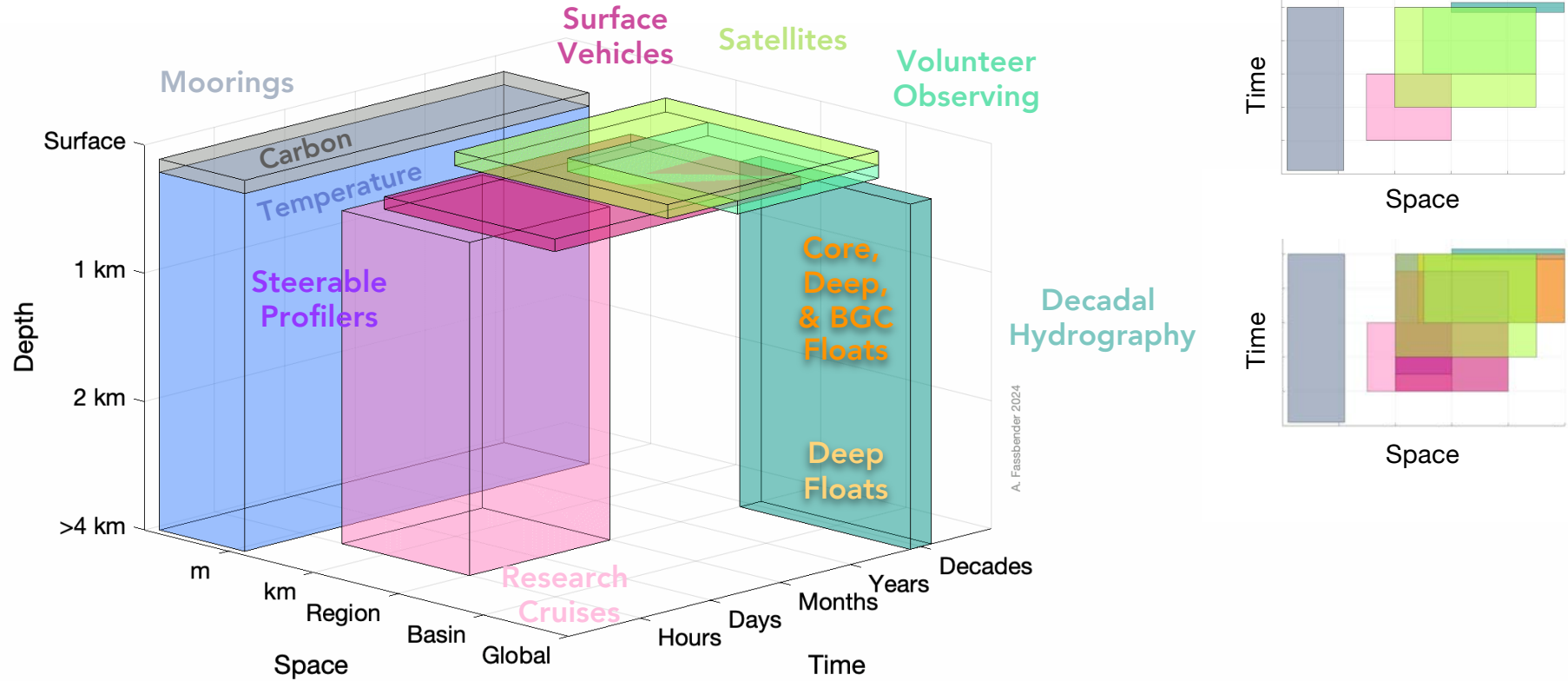


adapted from
Bushinsky et al., 2019

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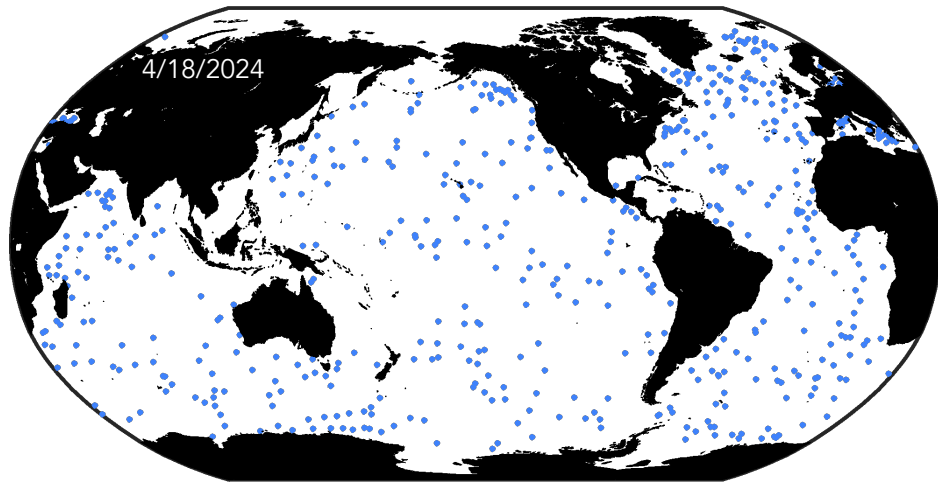


Autonomous Observing Platforms for Ocean Carbon and Temperature



Biogeochemical (BGC) Argo Array Implementation Status

BGC Argo Status Map

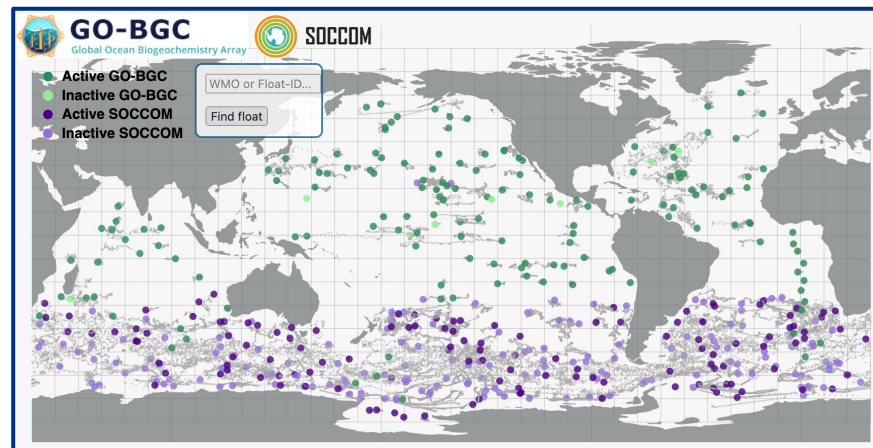
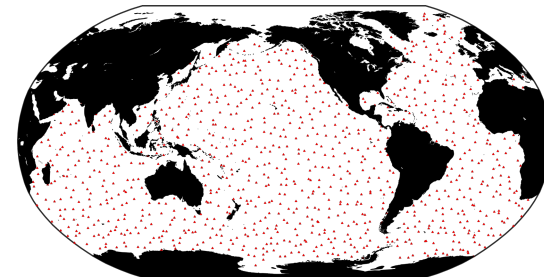


~54% implementation

2% carry all six parameters:
pH, oxygen, nitrate, backscatter,
chlorophyll-f, irradiance

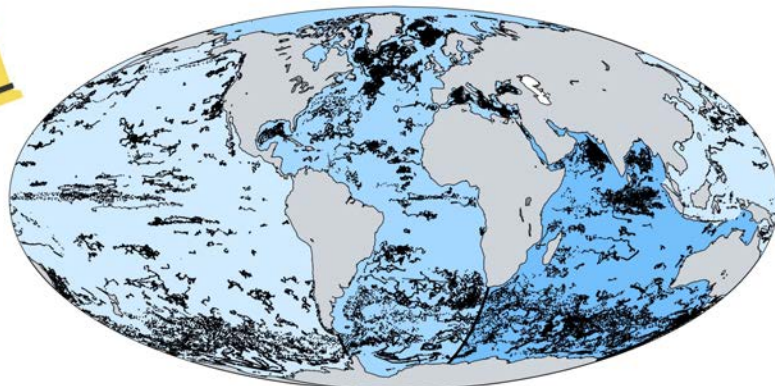


Goal Array: 1000 floats

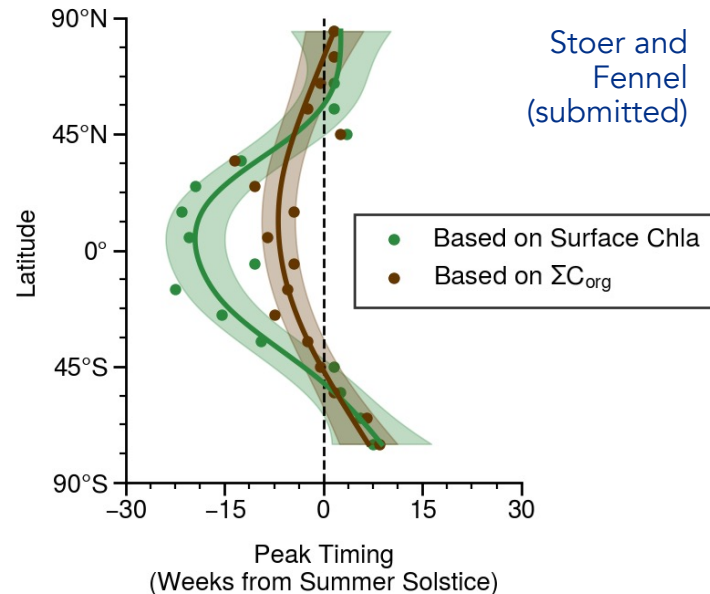


BGC Argo Capabilities: Bloom Timing & Carbon Stocks

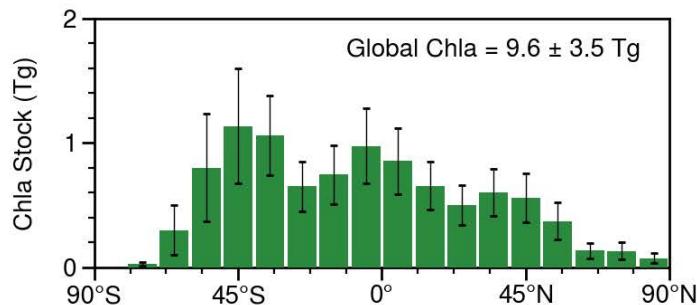
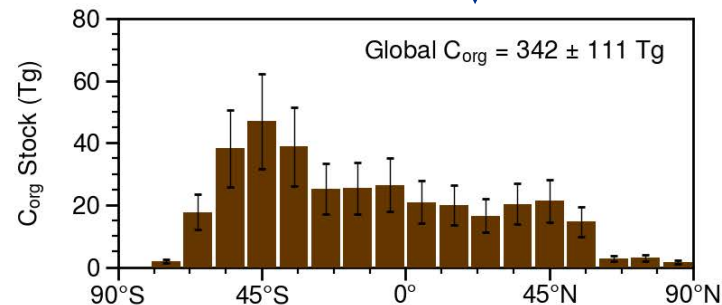
We can now do global-scale carbon-centric phytoplankton dynamics from the >100,000 bio-optical profiles collected



more accurate bloom timing

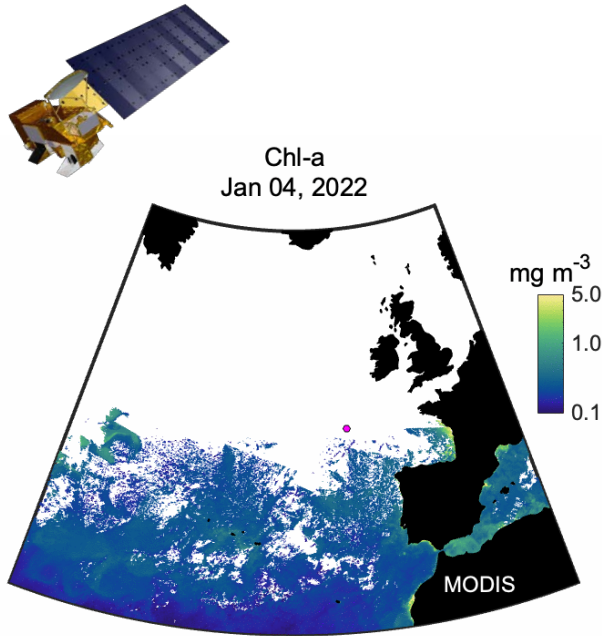


more accurate biogeography

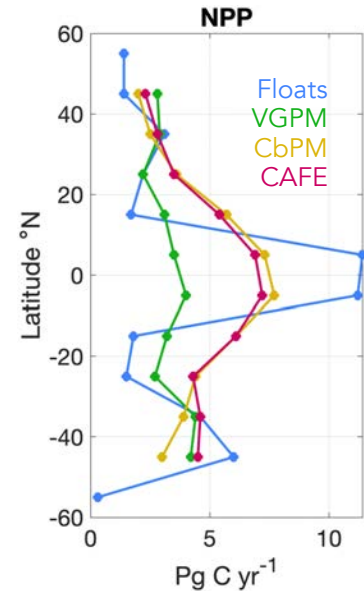
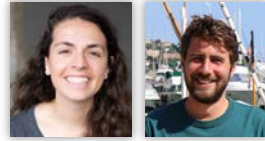


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BGC Argo Capabilities: Biological Productivity



NPP | NCP values from
Nina Buzby | Marin Cornec
Grad Student | Postdoc, UW



Johnson & Bif, 2021

[GPP/NPP rates from composite diel cycles](#): Johnson & Bif, 2021; Stoer & Fennel, 2022

[NPP from algorithms](#): Estapa et al., 2019; Long et al., 2021; Yang et al., 2021; Arteaga et al., 2022; Giddy et al., 2023

[Seasonal/annual NCP \(O₂, NO₃⁻, C\)](#): Johnson et al., 2017; Yang et al., 2017, 2018; Bushinsky et al., 2018; Arteaga et al., 2019; Bif et al., 2019; Su et al., 2022; Sauv e et al., 2023

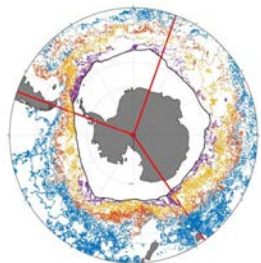
[Productivity by carbon pool \(DOC, POC, PIC\)](#): Williams et al., 2018, Haskell et al., 2020, Huang et al., 2022, 2023

BGC Argo Capabilities: Carbon Export Magnitudes & Mechanisms

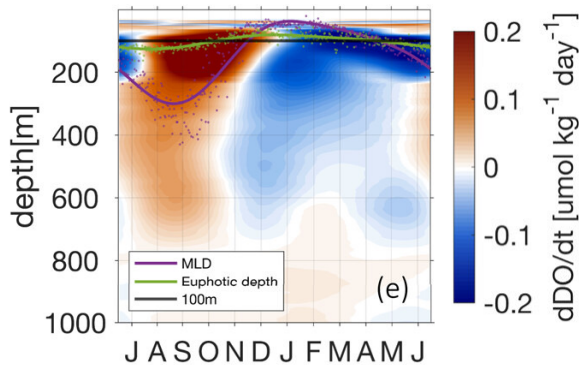
Geophysical Research Letters

New Estimates of Southern Ocean Annual Net Community Production Revealed by BGC-Argo Floats

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Subantarctic Zone (SAZ)



Oxygen utilization: Hennon et al., 2016; Arteaga et al., 2019

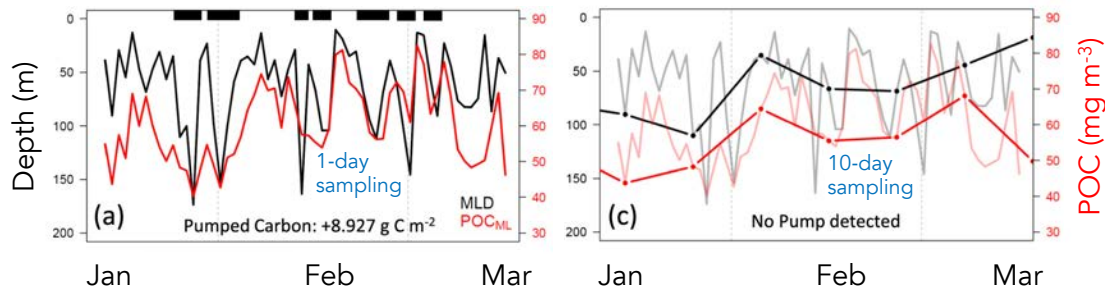
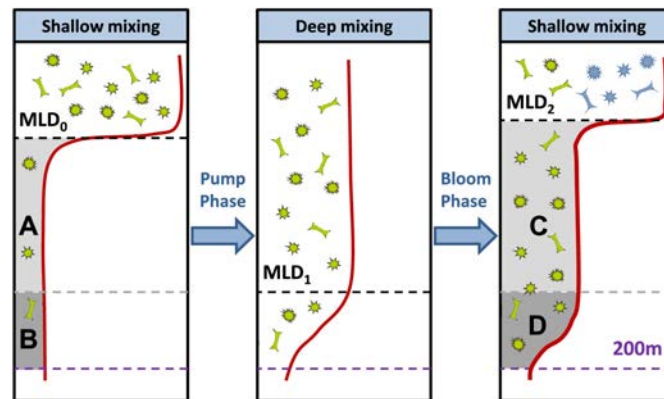
Particle export/pumps/fragmentation: Dall'Olmo and Mork 2014; Kheireddine et al., 2020; Briggs et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2021; Lacour et al., 2019, 2023; Wang & Fennel, 2022; Terrats et al., 2023; McClish & Bushinsky, 2023; Bif et al., 2024; Guo et al., 2024

Inventory balance: Alkire et al., 2012; Huang et al., 2022, 2023

Geophysical Research Letters

Enhanced Winter Carbon Export Observed by BGC-Argo in the Northwest Pacific Ocean

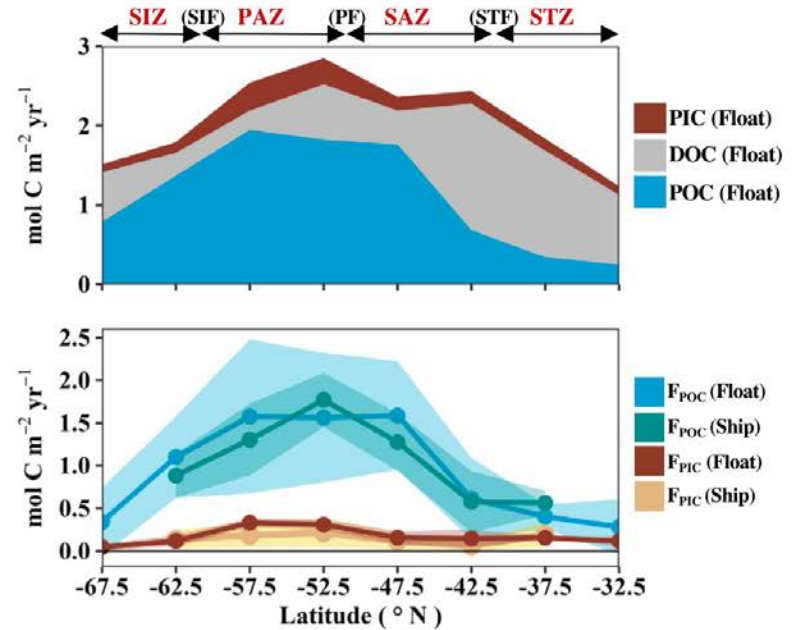
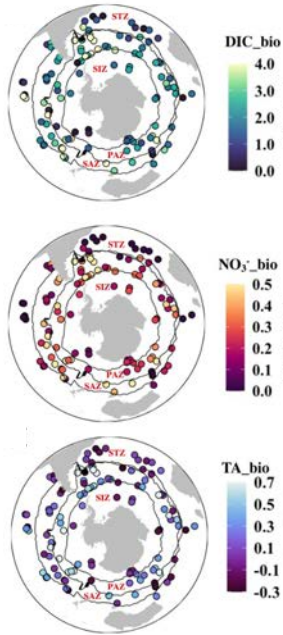
Xiaogang Xing^{1,2}, Mark L. Wells^{3,1}, Shuangling Chen¹, Sheng Lin¹, and Fei Chai^{1,3}



Biogenic carbon pool production maintains the Southern Ocean carbon sink

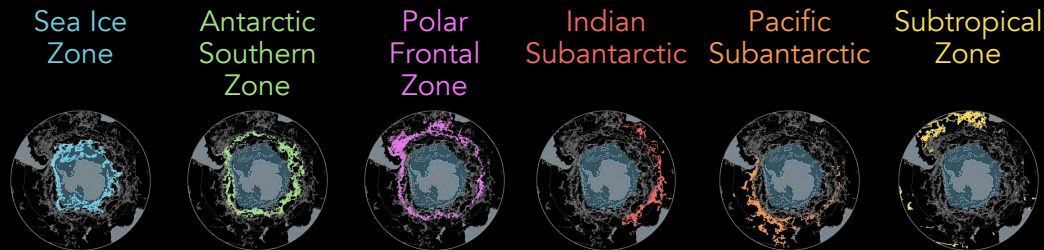
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BGC Argo Capabilities: Phytoplankton Distributions & the Environment

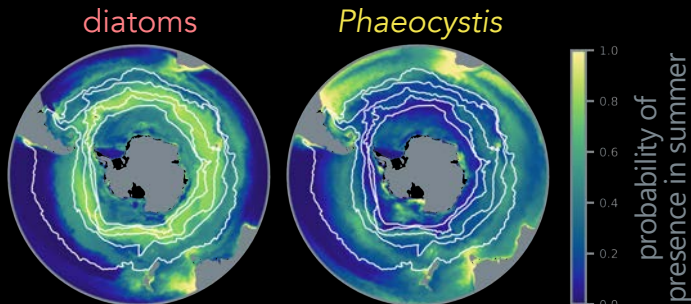
BGC-Argo floats clustered into biophysically similar regions



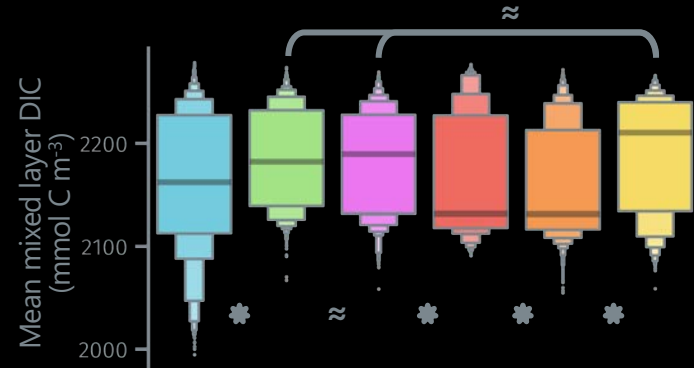
Phytoplankton distributions modeled from microscopy observations



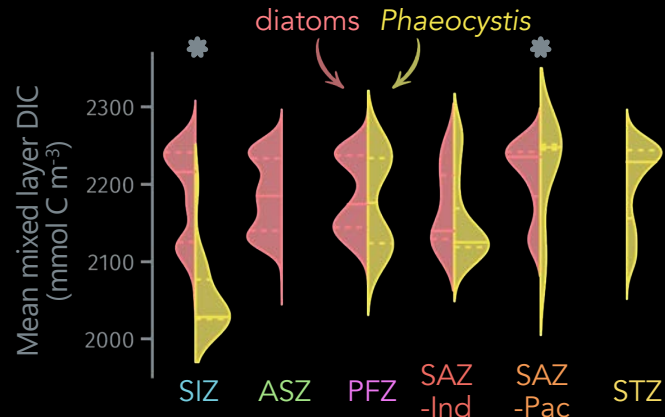
Hannah Joy-Warren
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Biophysical regions have different DIC concentrations



Regional differences in DIC-taxa overlaps

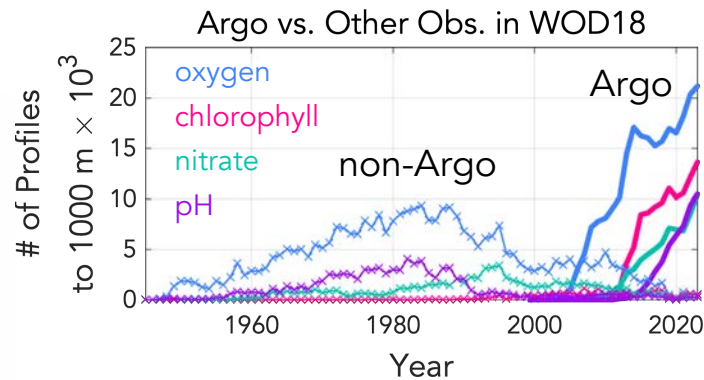
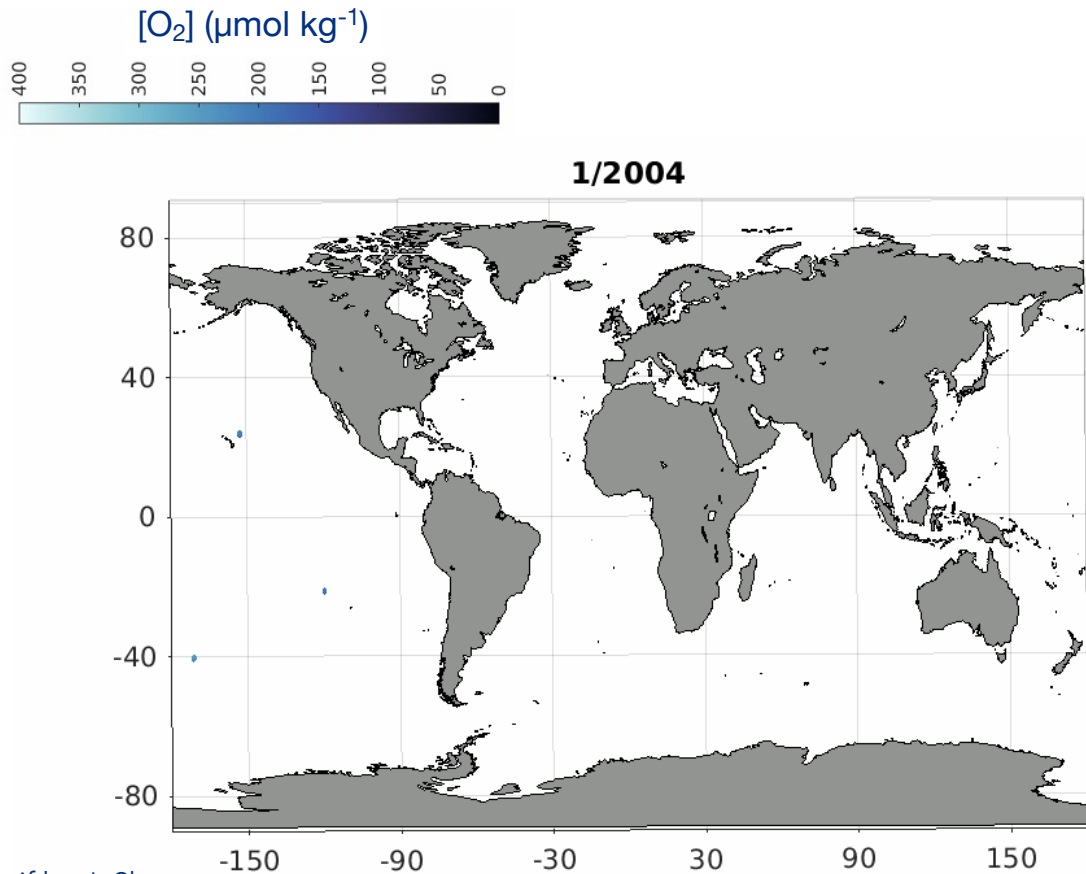


Phytoplankton groups: Rembauville et al., 2017; Terrats et al., 2020

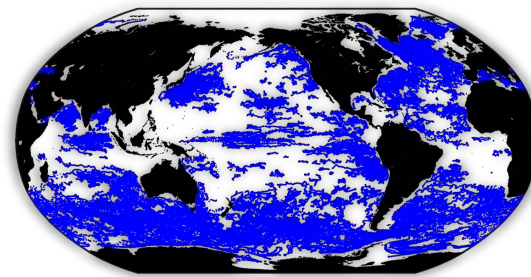
O₂ & CO₂ fluxes: Bushinsky et al., 2017, 2018; Gray et al., 2018; Bushinsky et al., 2019; Prend et al., 2022; Sauv e et al., 2023; Huang et al., 2023

Extreme events: Yang et al., 2018; Bif et al., 2019; Long et al., 2021; Tang et al., 2021; Weis et al., 2022; Zhang et al., 2023

BGC Argo Global Data Accumulation



D-Mode O₂ Profiles

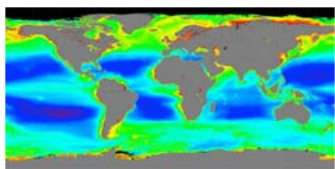


gif by J. Sharp

BGC Argo Data Synthesis: Backscatter, Particulate Organic Carbon, Chlorophyll, Light

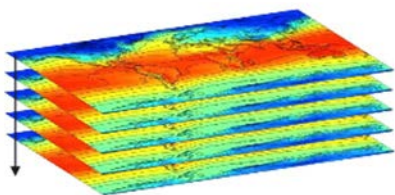
Satellite Ocean Color & Argo (SOCA) data used to map vertical distributions of bio-optical properties

GlobColour Satellite Fields

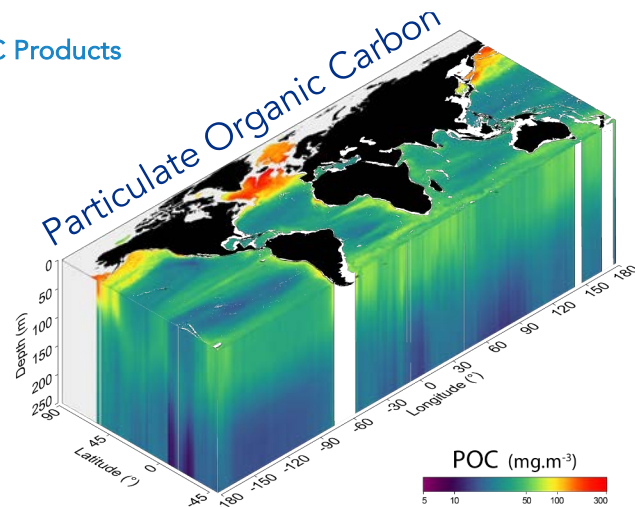
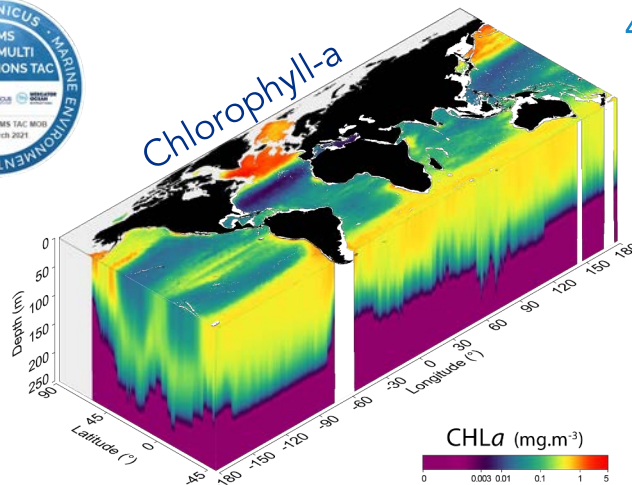


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ARMOR3D Fields (T/S + MLD)



4D BGC Products



SOCA-derived global 4D gridded POC (+ b_{bp}) and Chl from the European Copernicus Marine Service:

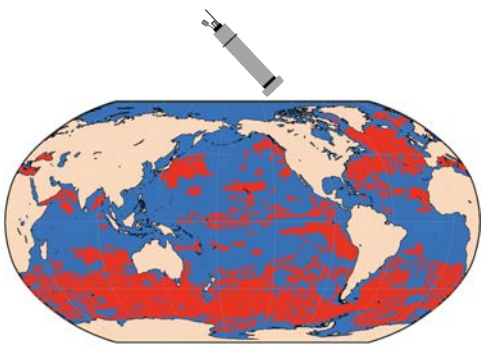
- Horizontal resolution: $\frac{1}{4}$ ($\frac{1}{8}$ after Nov. 2024)
- Vertical resolution: 36 depth levels from surface to 1000 m
- Temporal resolution: weekly from 1998 to 2022 & monthly climatology

Coming soon: SOCA-light (PAR + Ed(490, 443, 555)) - Renosh et al. (2023)

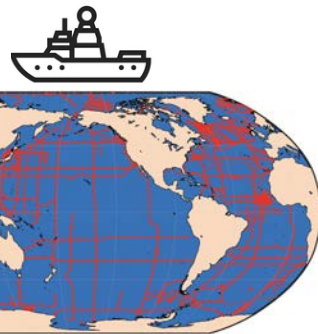


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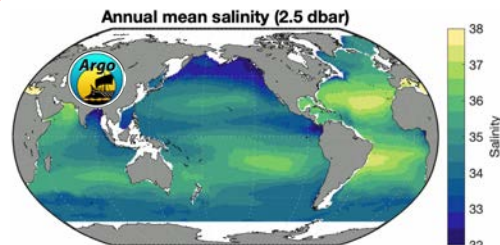
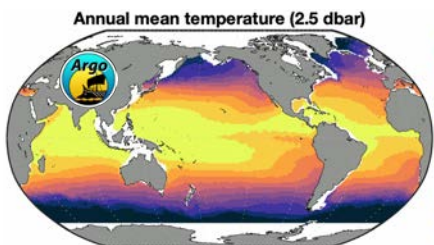
BGC Argo Data Synthesis: Oxygen



1 train machine learning models

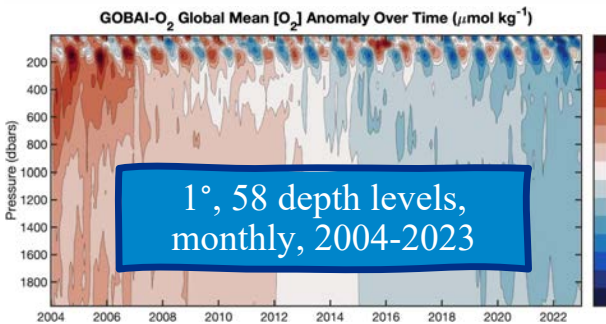
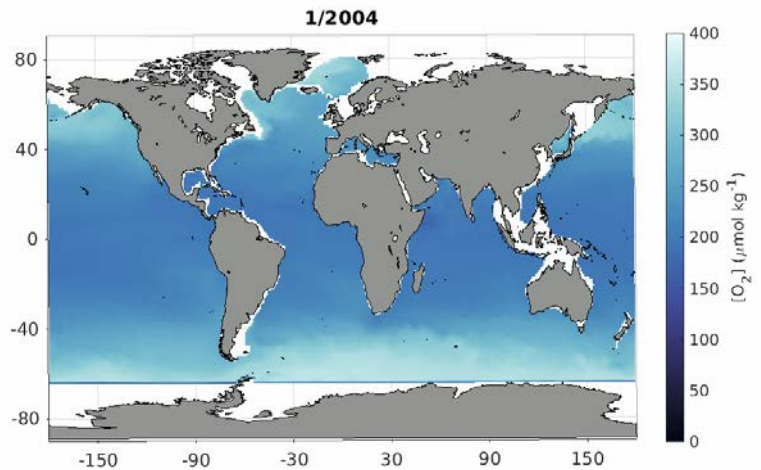


2 apply models to mapped T/S products



Roemmich & Gilson, SIO

3 map ocean oxygen



GOBAI-O₂



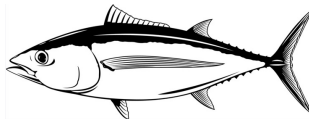
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Applications: Species Distribution Modeling

Mary Margaret Stoll
UW Grad Student



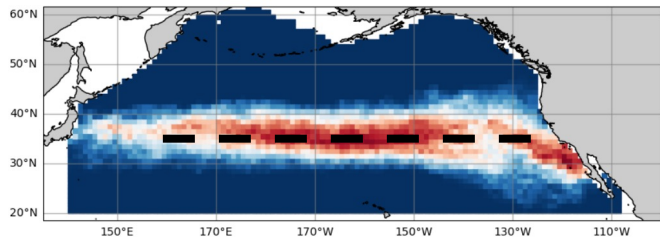
Albacore tuna
(*Thunnus alalunga*)



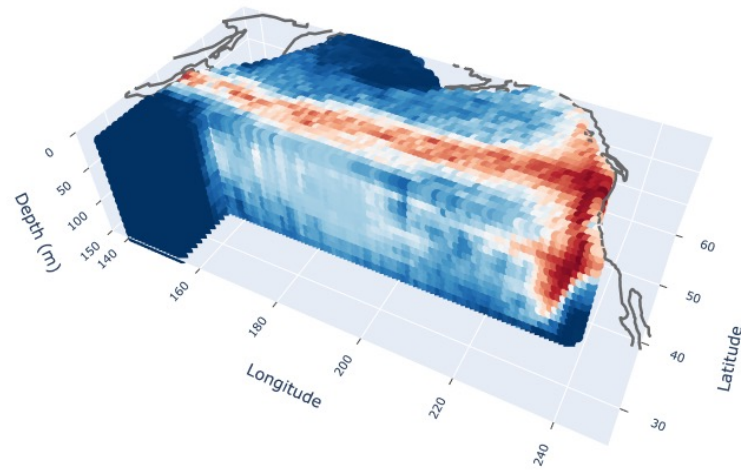
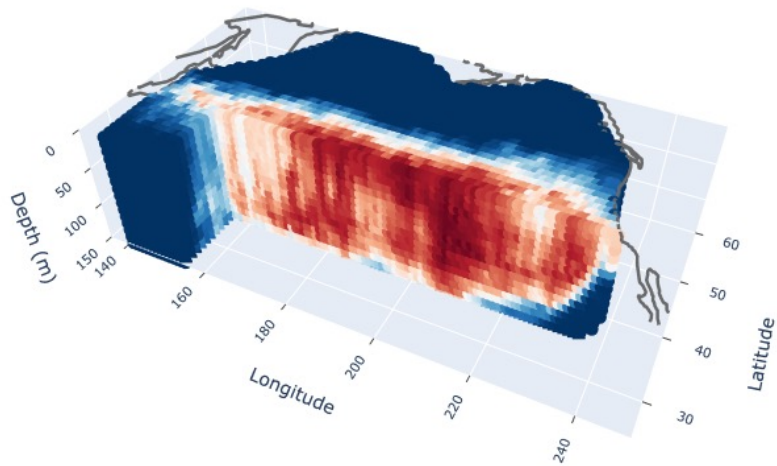
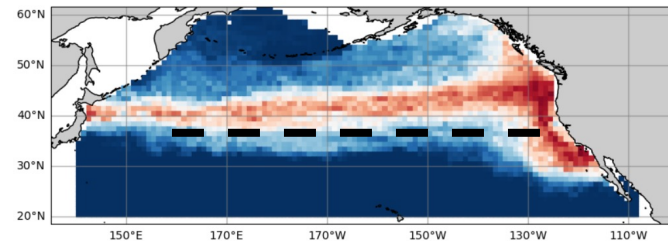
Mean Probability of Occurrence



Winter



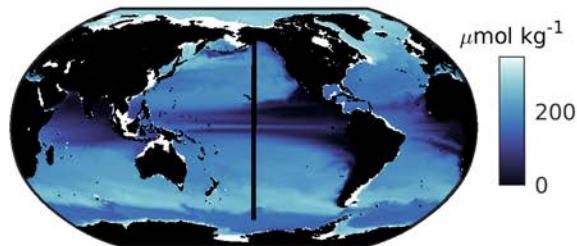
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Applications: Biogeochemical Model Benchmarking

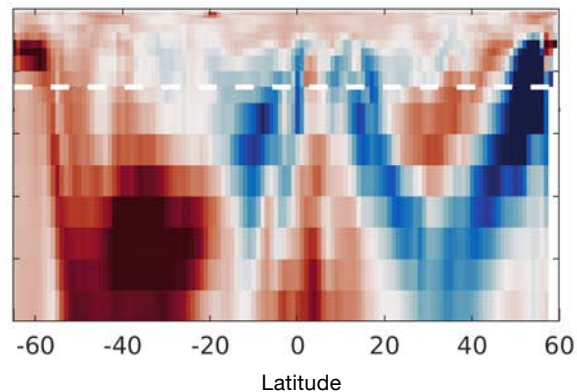
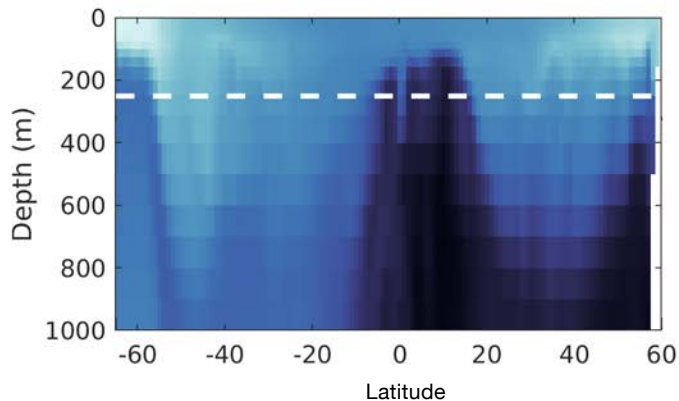
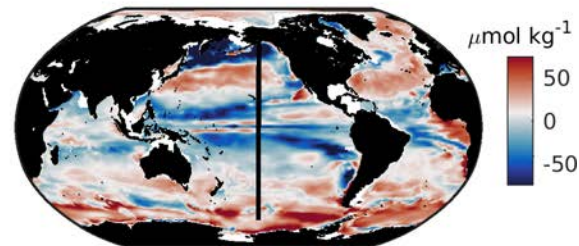
Earth System Model (ESM)

MOM6 COBALTv2
Oxygen @ 250 m
Year 2002



glodap - ESM

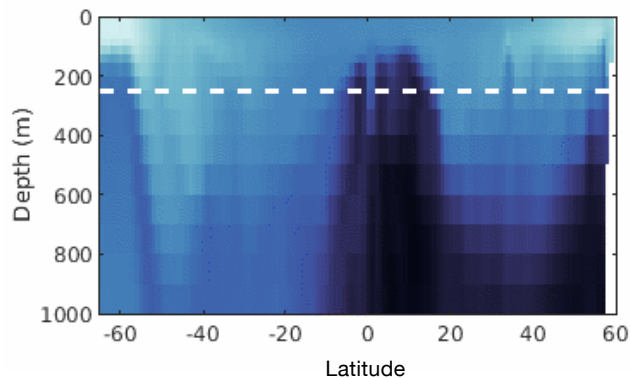
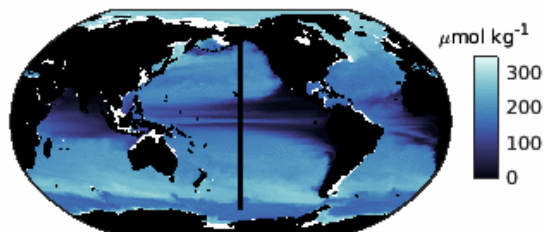
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Climatology @ 2002



Applications: Biogeochemical Model Benchmarking

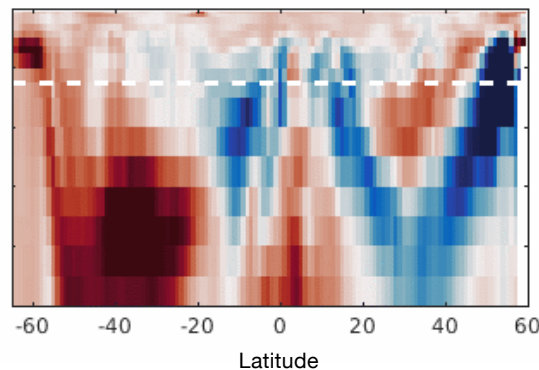
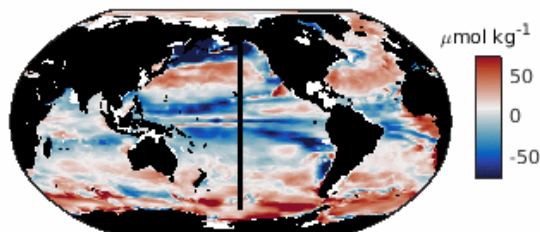
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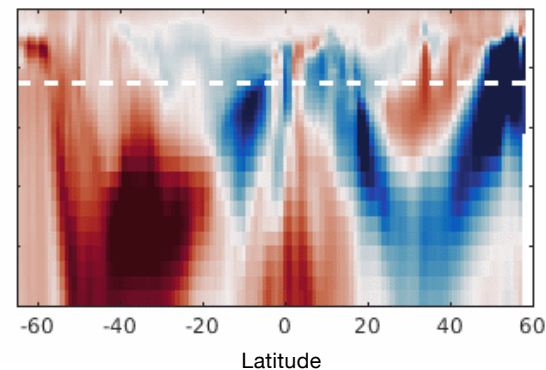
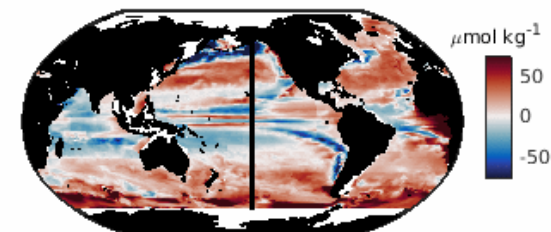
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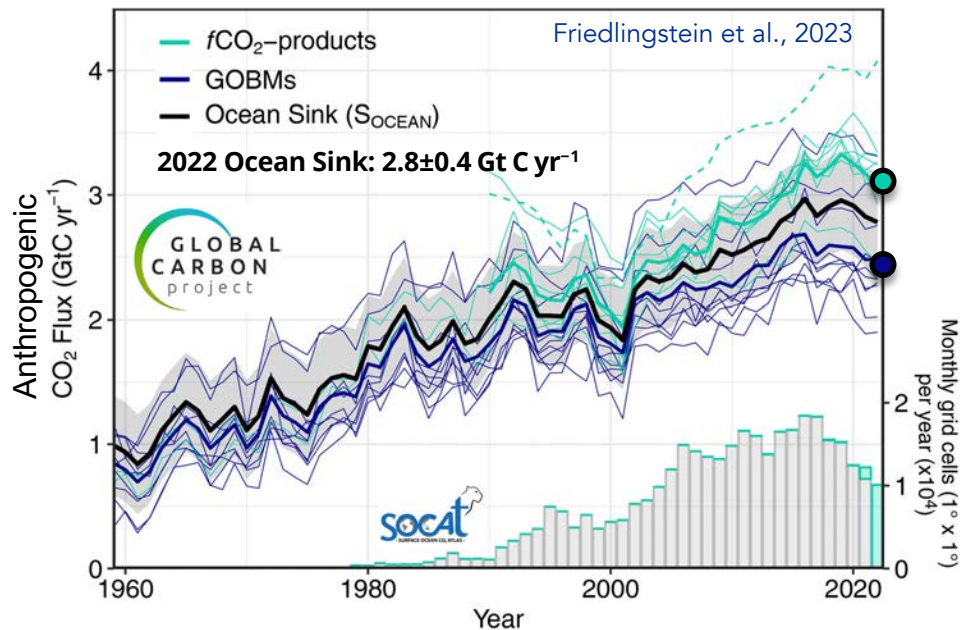


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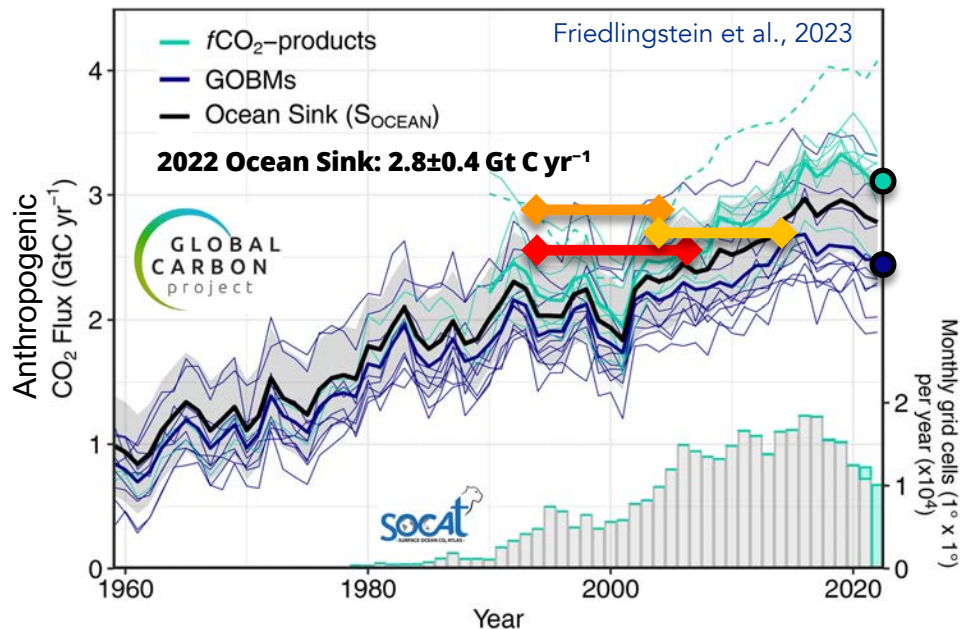
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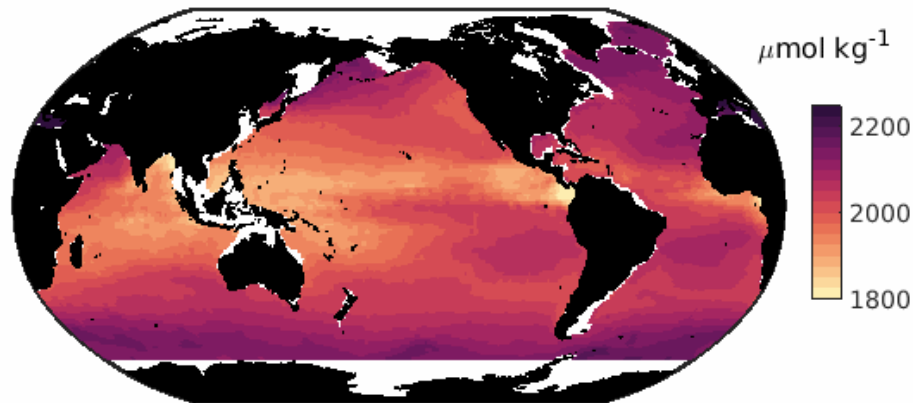
Quantifying the Ocean Carbon Sink:

1. Global Ocean Biogeochemistry Models
2. CO₂ Data Products

Applications: Ocean Carbon Budget



Surface Dissolved Inorganic Carbon
Jan-15-2004



GOBAI-O₂ + ESPERs

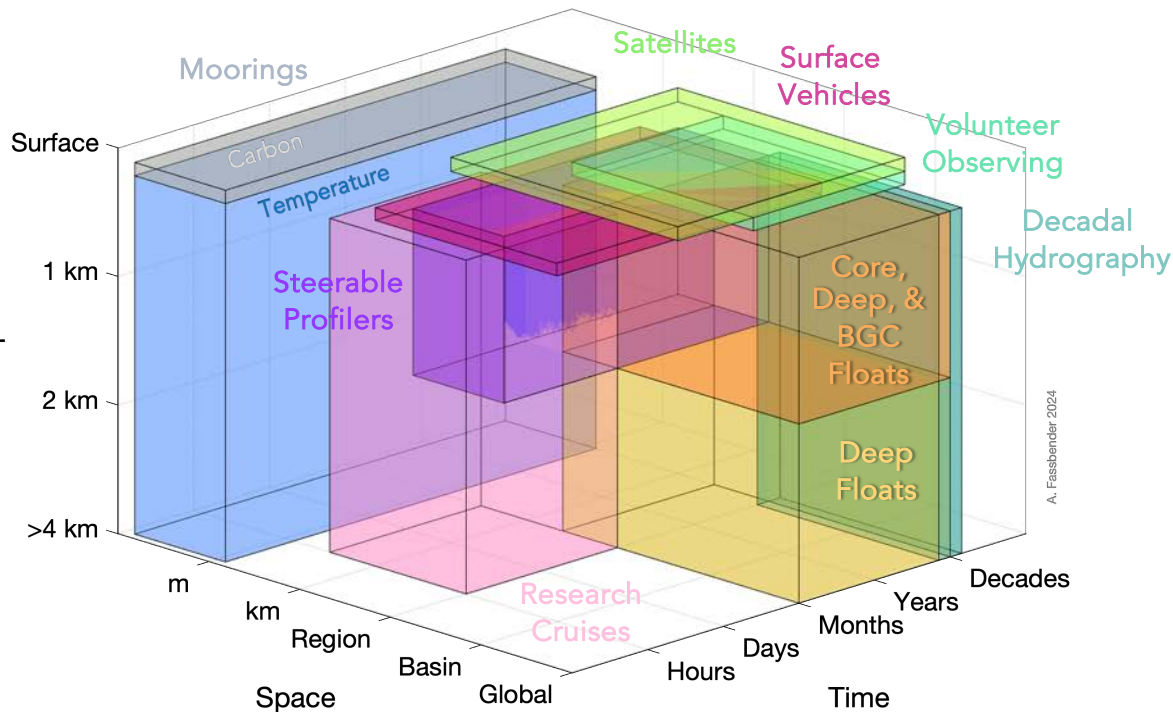
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Quantifying the Ocean Carbon Sink:

1. Global Ocean Biogeochemistry Models
2. CO₂ Data Products
3. Repeat Hydrography (Gruber₂₀₁₉; Müller₂₀₂₃)

Sharp et al., 2023
Carter et al., 2021

Pathways Connecting Climate Change to the Deep Ocean Occur at a Range of Space & Time Scales Requiring a Comprehensive BGC Observing System



Sustained funding for U.S. BGC Argo does not exist beyond a few pilot arrays. The NSF GO-BGC project will conclude in 2026 and it is not clear that SOCCOM will be renewed.

If you think these platforms could be valuable for your research, **please consider writing proposals to NSF to use the data and/or deploy more floats.** Partner with one of the US float-deploying institutions for assistance.

