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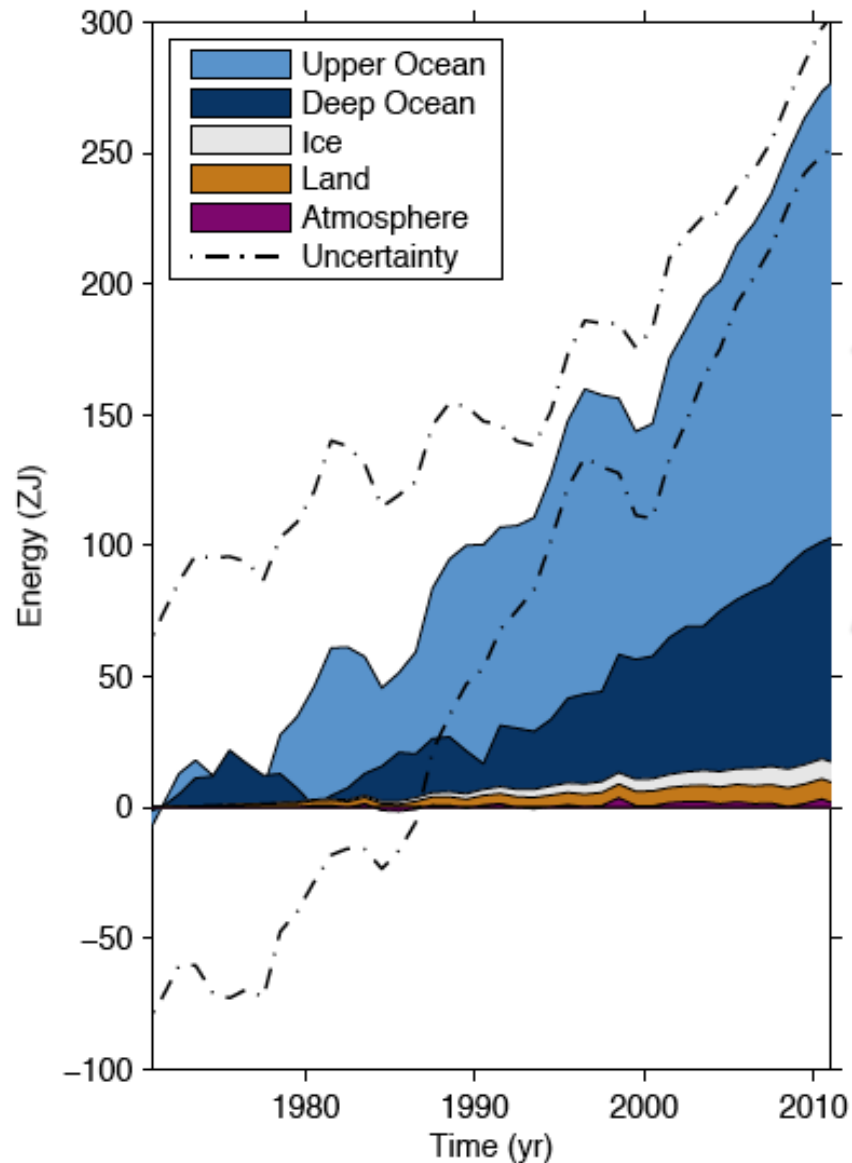
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CLIVAR Southern Ocean Panel: General Southern Ocean comments

- Climate science requires observations
- Southern Ocean observing systems are developing and are as yet INADEQUATE. (remote region, bad weather/seas, sea ice, subice cavities)
- Boundaries between science organizations (CLIVAR/CliC) and observing organizations (GOOS) to be surmounted; we should work out ways to work together. OOPC (GOOS)/CLIVAR regional panel chair meeting is excellent opportunity.
- Build structures to obtain resources that best combine ongoing/new observations and the science that comes from them

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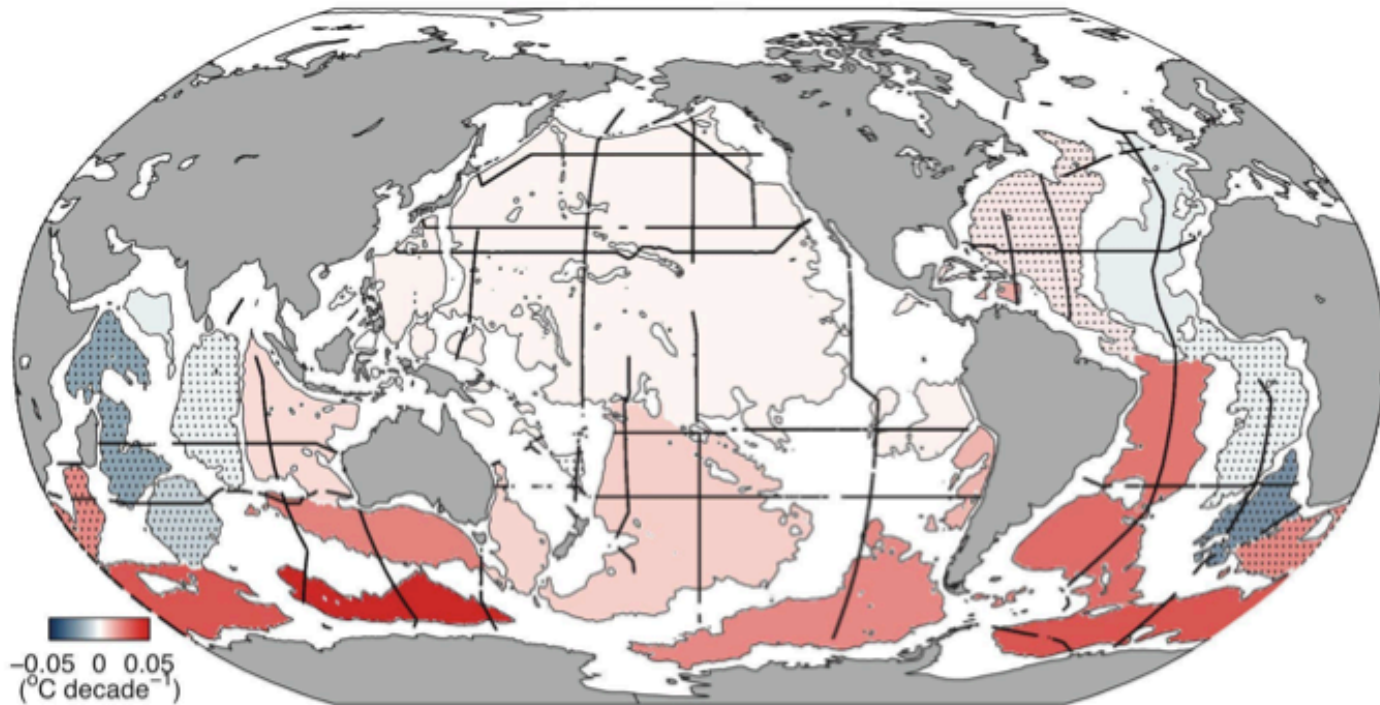


The global energy imbalance goes into the ocean

Box 3.1, Figure 1: Plot of energy accumulation within distinct components of Earth's climate system relative to 1971.

IPCC AR5

1. Need for long-term observations: global heat balance



(IPCC, 2013 based on Purkey and Johnson, 2010)

IPCC AR5

- This map was made using [repeat hydrography \(GO-SHIP\)](#), which is part of the sustained observing systems (GOOS).
- It should be possible to do this with more observations and temporal resolution ([deep Argo](#), [under ice Argo](#)). Need improved air-sea fluxes, sea ice fluxes for understanding changes.

1. Need for long-term observations: sea level and ice sheets

Ice sheet mass balances
→ sea level

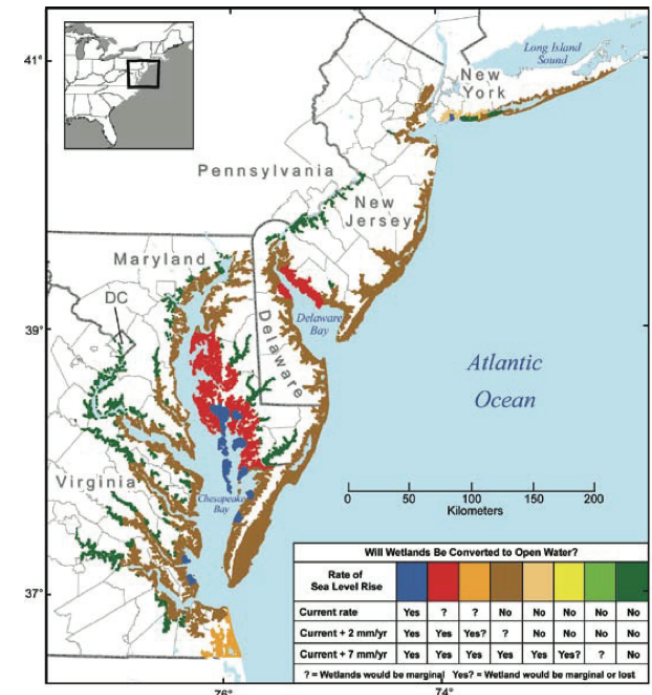
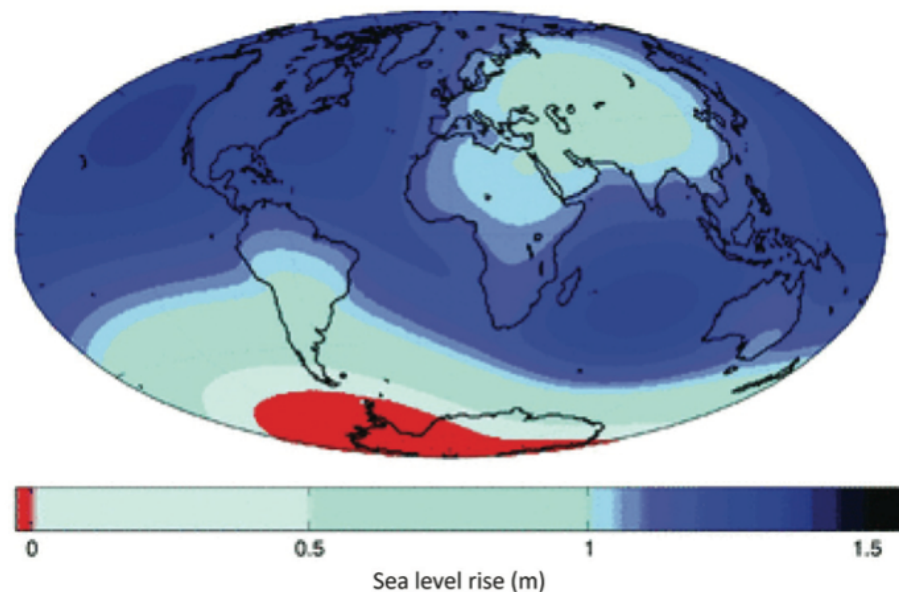


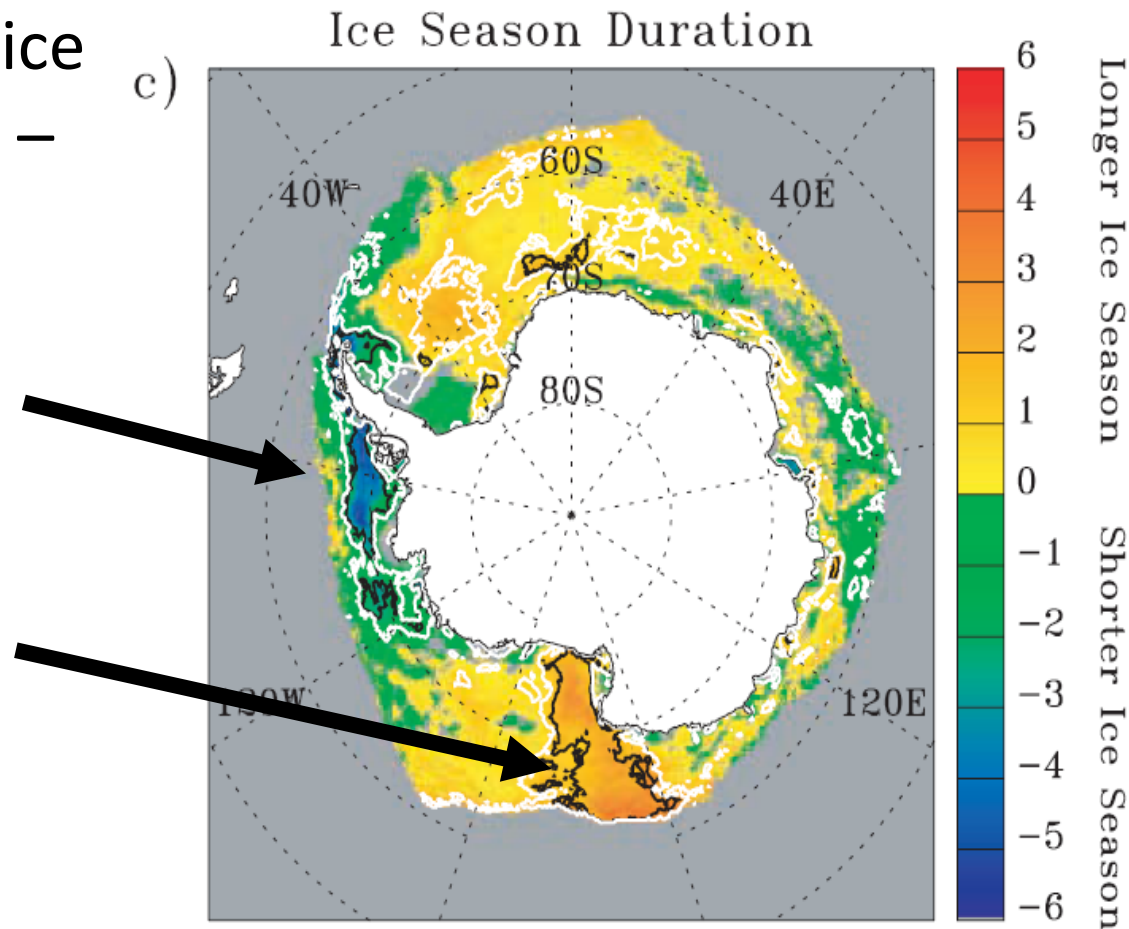
FIGURE 2.2 Sea level changes in response to a collapse of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet represented as an additional change relative to the global average of 5 meters; this highlights the significant local deviations. Sea level rise is 15 percent higher than the global average along the U.S. coast line. Changes over land can be ignored. SOURCE: Mitrovica et al., 2009, reprinted with permission from AAAS.

1. Need for long-term observations: sea ice cover

Changes in sea ice duration: 1979 – 2006

-83 ± 23 days

57 ± 13 days

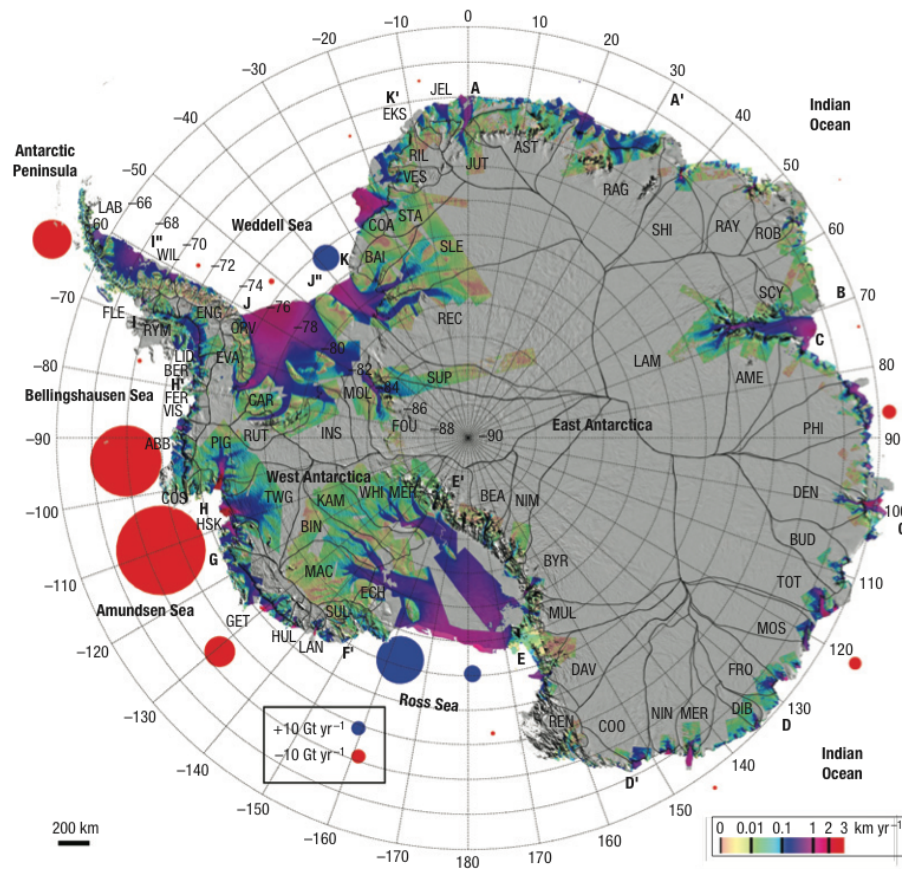


Stammerjohn et al. (2008)

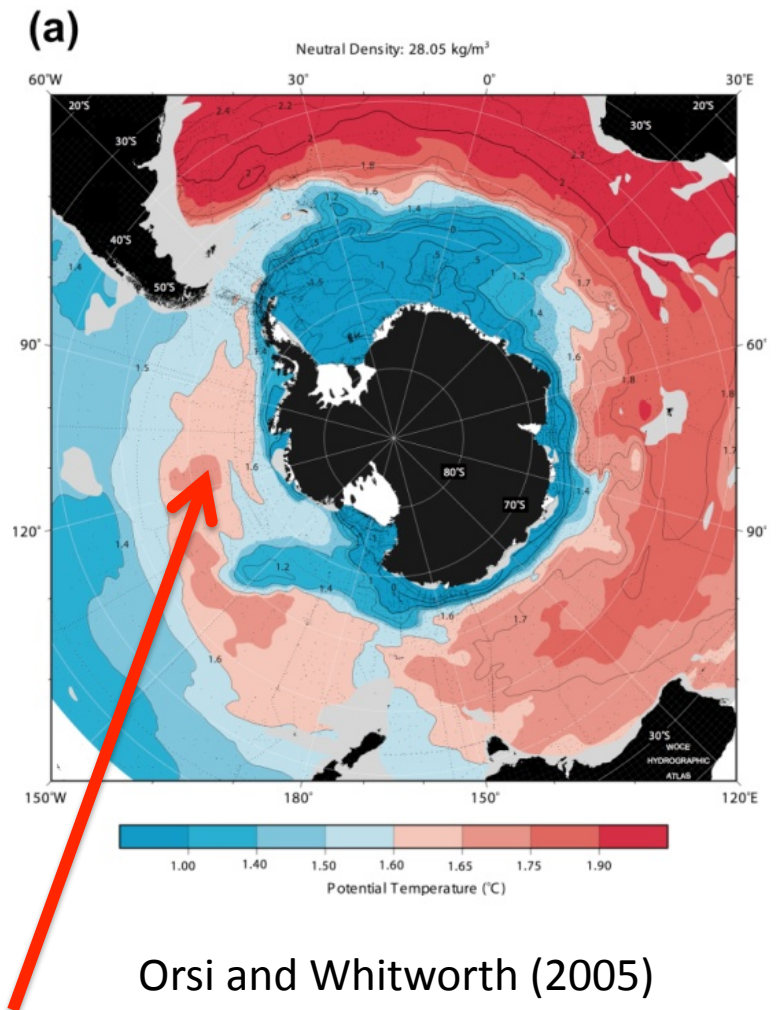
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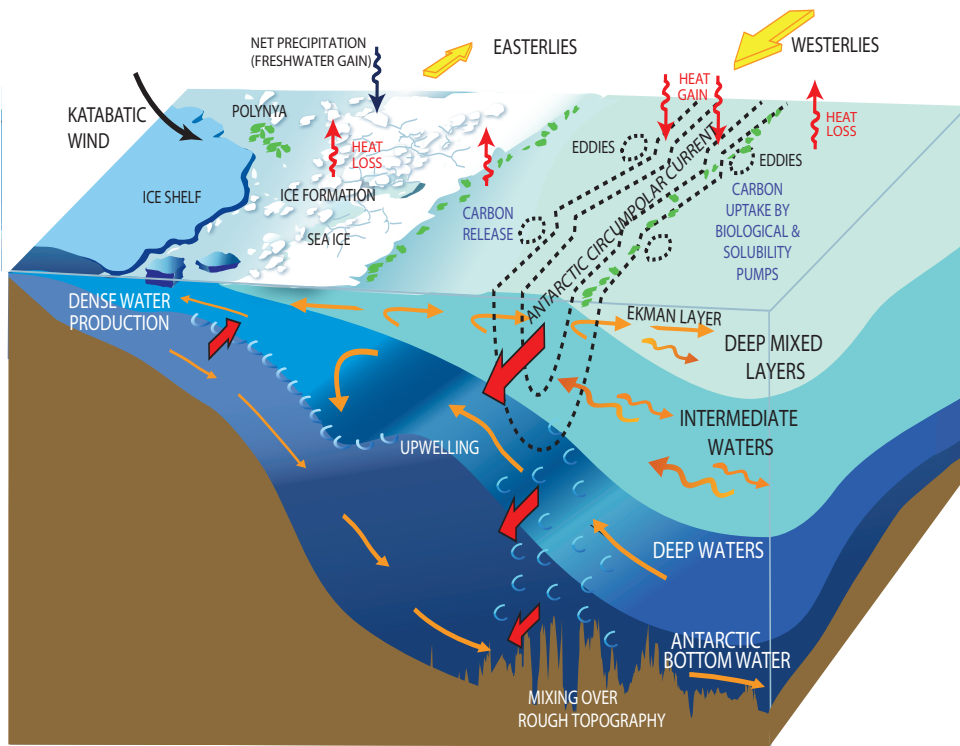


Rignot et al. (2008)

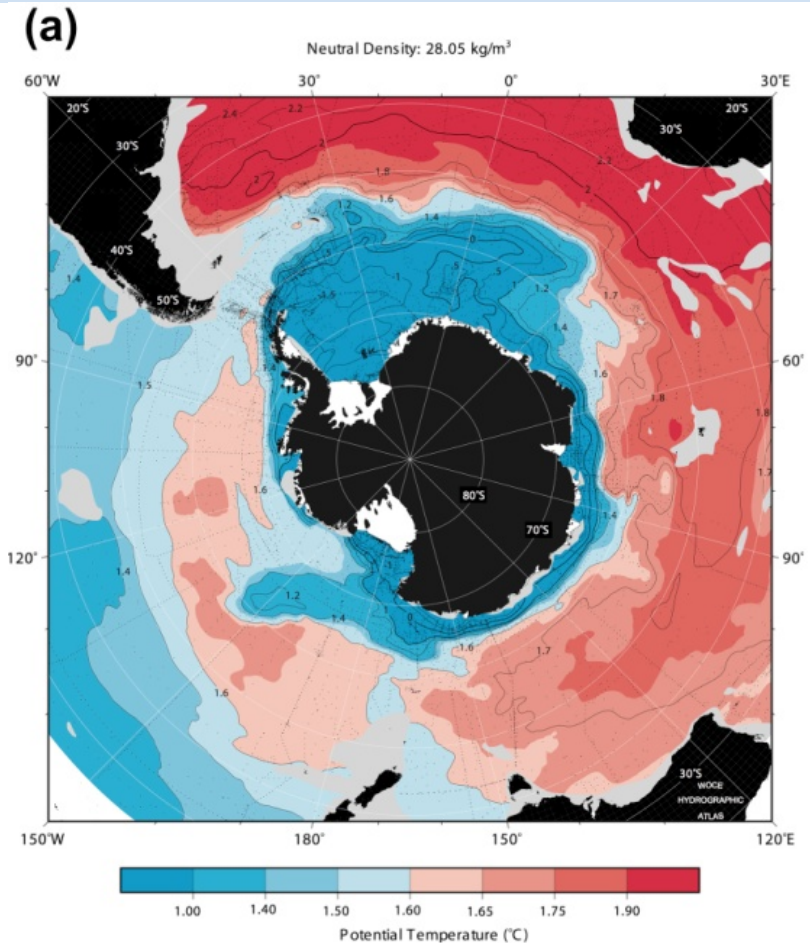


It should be possible to track this heat input on a routine basis, using under-ice Argo profiling, and importantly, shelf under-ice Argo

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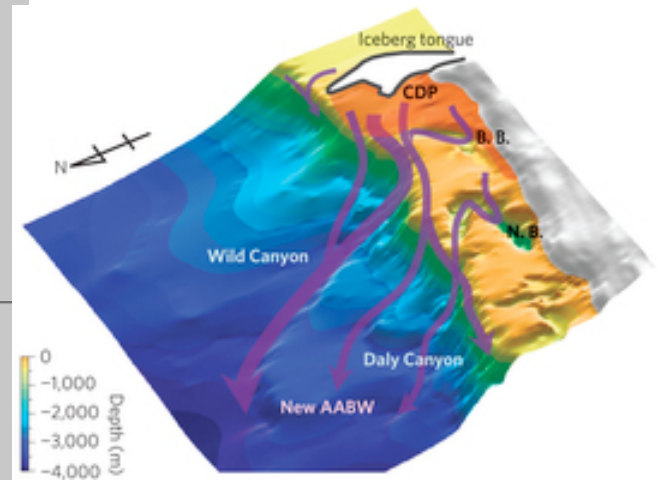
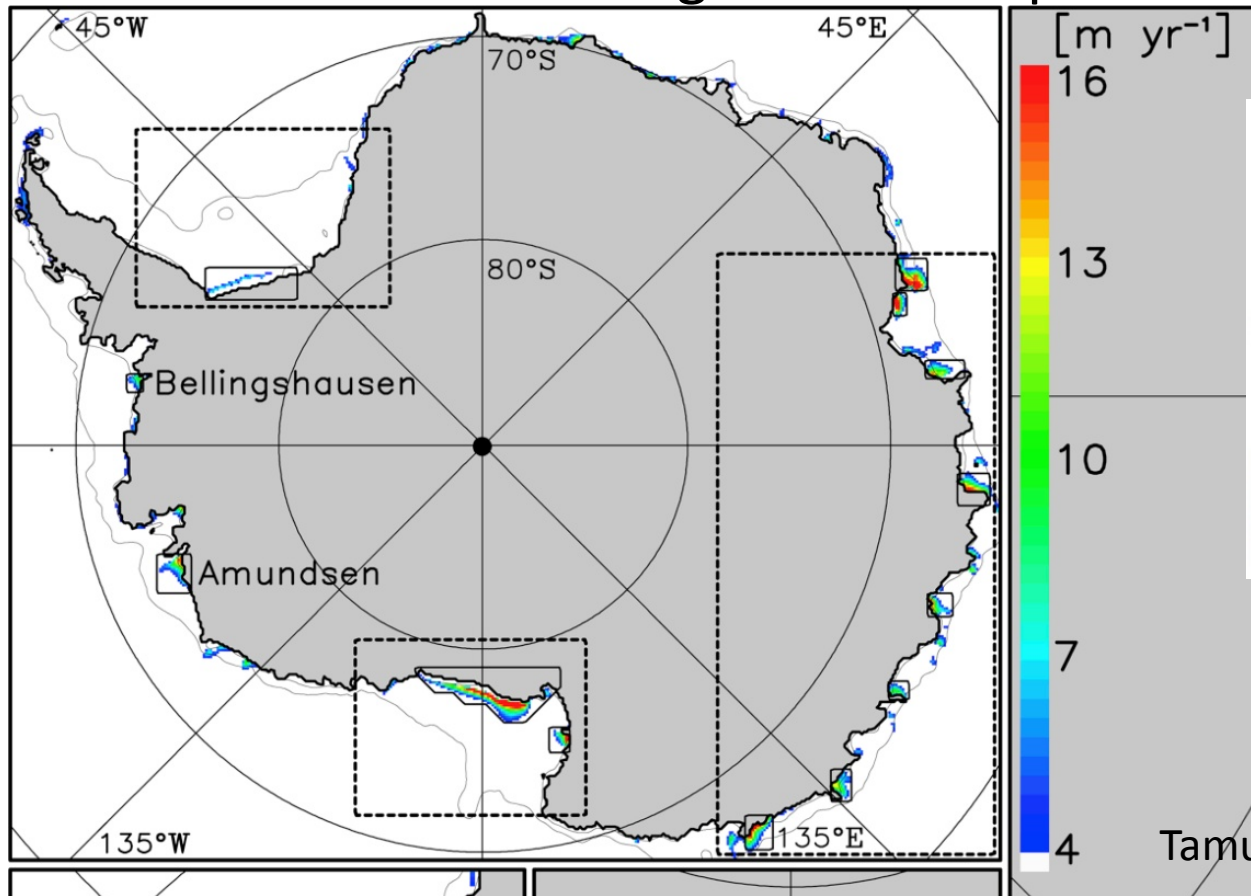
Talley, after NRC (2011)



Orsi and Whitworth (2005)

Three-dimensional circulation: not just overturning, but **significant horizontal structure**, much of it under sea ice in winter

1. Need for long-term observations: global overturning, biogeochemical processes, etc.



Ohshima et al. 2013

Tamura et al. 2008

Locations of dense water formation are distributed along the Antarctic coast.

Need measurements of outflows and properties in many regions

Under-ice and continental shelf Argo, gliders, moorings

CLIVAR and sustained observing systems

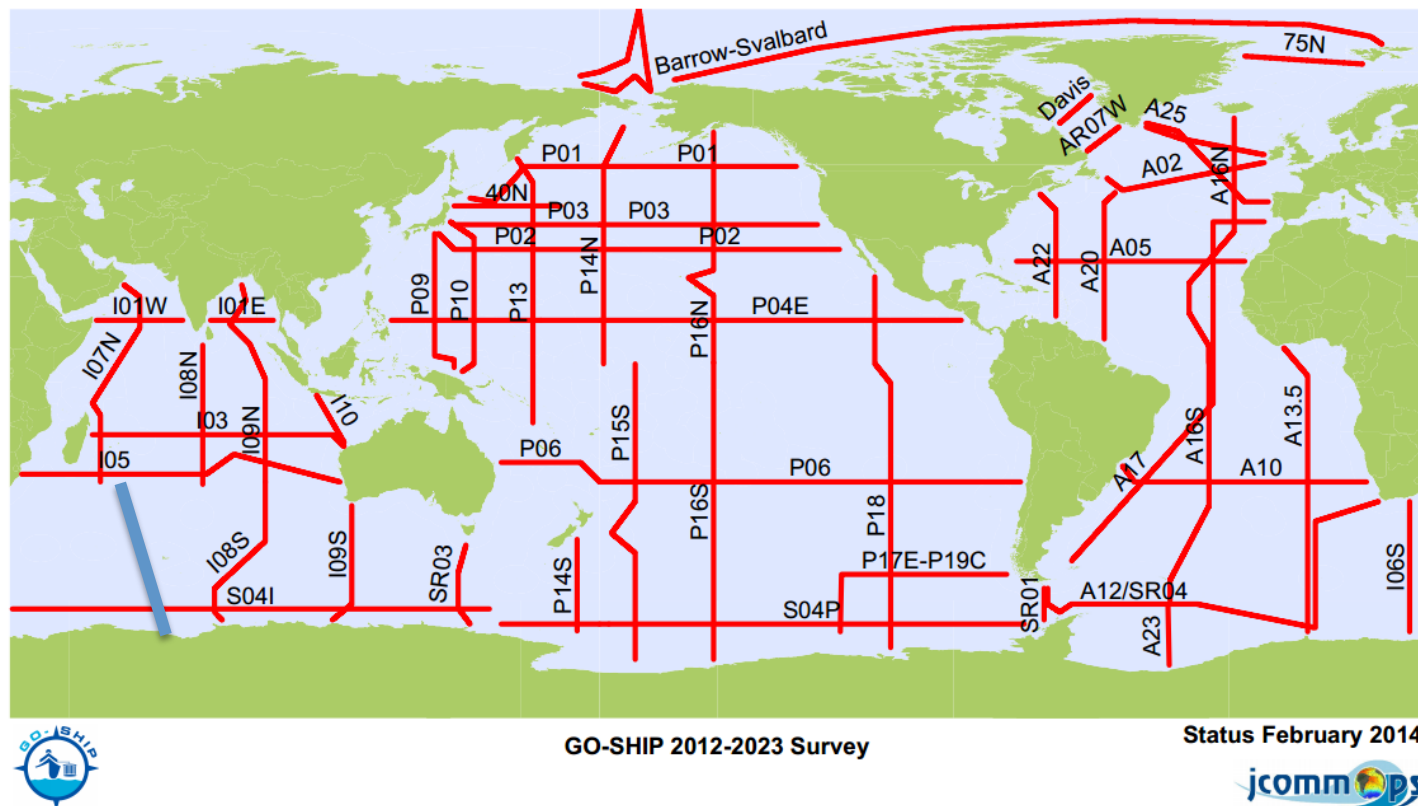
Existing sustained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Argo -> get it under sea ice and up into subice-shelf cavities• GO-SHIP repeat hydrography -> continue supporting• XBT/XCTD lines -> continue supporting (supply vessels)• ADCP lines -> continue supporting (supply vessels)• Regional surveys such as LTER, CAMLR -> continue supporting• APB (elephant seal profiles) -> adopt as part of sustained observations data sets
OOI – new sustained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OOI first S.O. moorings with air-sea fluxes, water column measurements: these are sustained observations already, but only at 2-3 S.O. locations. Perhaps call this “pilot”
Pilot projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under-ice measurements• Biogeochemical floats and BGC moored observatories• Under-ice insonification for acoustic tracking of profiling floats, gliders, other autonomous instruments.• Data-model approaches: State estimation and OSSEs• CPIES-type arrays similar to CDrake at similarly dynamic locations – Macquarie Ridge, Malvinas, Kerguelen, Agulhas retroflexion?• Gliders, wave gliders, jet kayaks (Straneo), etc.• Ice-tethered profilers if they can be adapted to fully seasonal sea ice regions

GO-SHIP repeat hydrography

SOOS and GO-SHIP

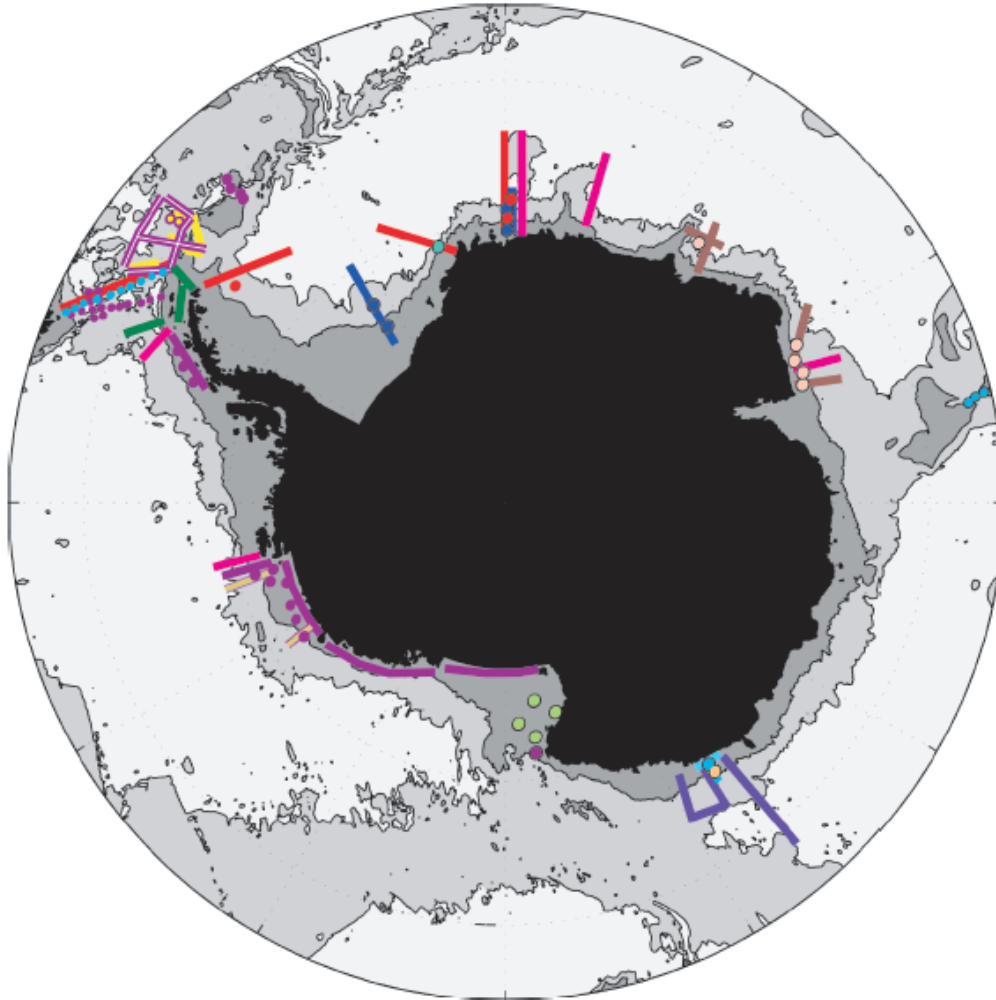
(Existing observing system that needs LOTS of support; also platform for new technologies, new chemistry obs. 18 different PI projects, including one from a postdoc and one from a student, on recent P16S)

<http://www.go-ship.org>



Major gap in Indian Ocean: Kerguelen Plateau to Prydz Bay.
Need for an "I07S".

SOOS: Continental shelf and slope



Sections (lines) and moorings (circles) completed during the SASSI IPY program.

Ongoing continental shelf programs:

- LTER (west coast of Antarctic peninsula) (US)
- Scotia Arc (UK)
- Prydz Bay (China)
- Kerguelen (France)
- Patagonian (Argentina)

Sustained occupations of these sections and arrays would make a substantial contribution to an under-ice observing system.

“Chokepoint” sustained arrays (ADCP, XBT, PIES)

Drake Passage experiment (PIES ended in 2011; underway obs continue)

GoodHope line (Polarstern now recovering its PIES moorings)

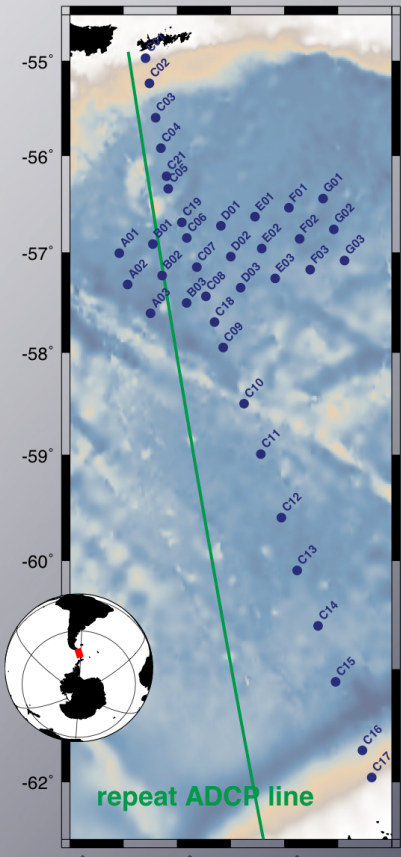
Observations

shipboard ADCP

- 2005-2009 (51 transects)
- Direct velocity observations
- 1000 m range

cDrake

- 2007-2011
- Current and Pressure Recording Inverted Echo Sounders (CPIES)
- transport line
- eddy resolving local dynamics array (LDA)



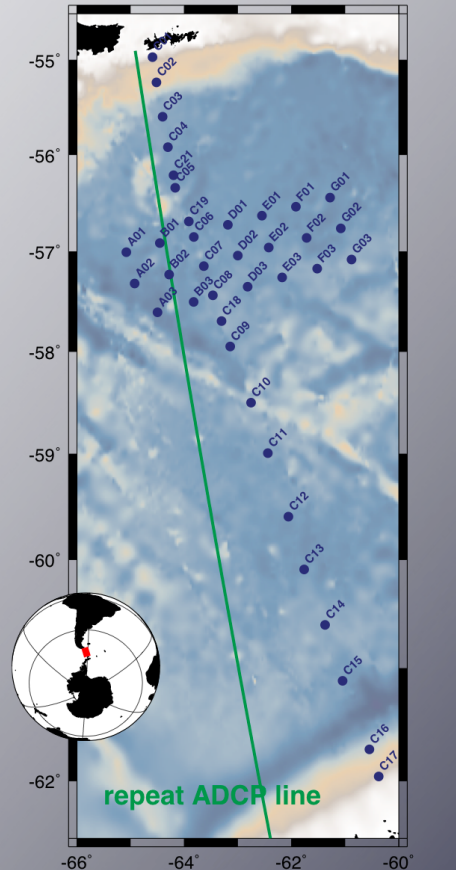
The map displays the Drake Passage region, bounded by 55°S to 62°S latitude and 66°W to 60°W longitude. A green line, labeled 'repeat ADCP line', runs diagonally from the top left to the bottom right. Numerous observation stations are marked with blue dots and labeled: A01, A02, A03, B01, B02, B03, C01, C02, C03, C04, C05, C06, C07, C08, C09, C10, C11, C12, C13, C14, C15, C16, C17, D01, D02, D03, E01, E02, F01, F02, G01, G02, G03. An inset globe in the bottom left corner shows the location of the study area in the southern ocean.

shipboard ADCP

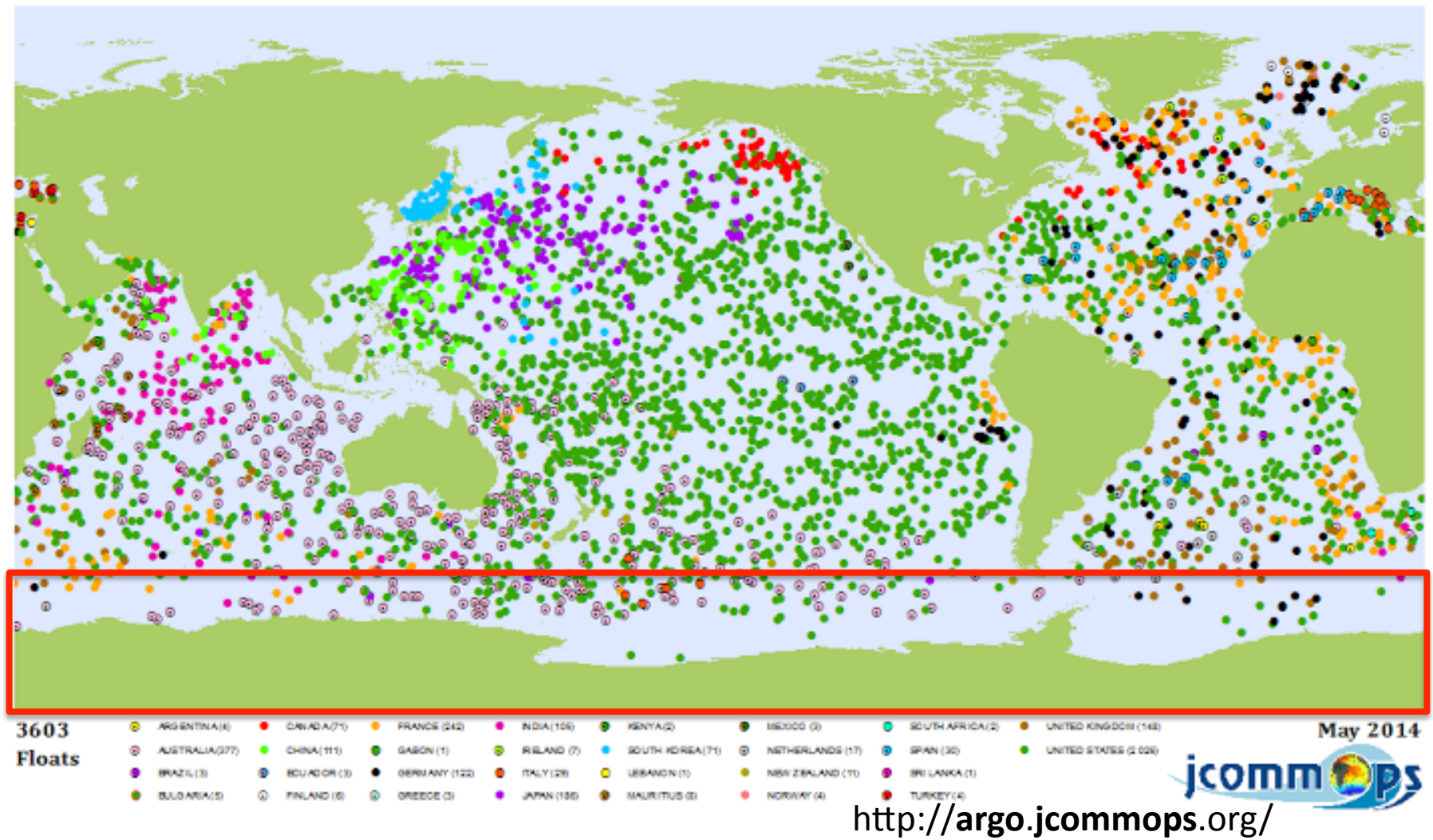
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SOOS: Argo



Under ice regions are very poorly sampled

SOOS: APB (Autonomous Pinniped Bathythermograph)

Profiling from Elephant Seals since 2004

CTD-SRDLs (satellite relay data loggers)

Quality-controlled data base

MEOP (Marine Mammals Exploring the Oceans Pole to Pole)

394 seals for Southern Ocean

➤ 165,000 profiles

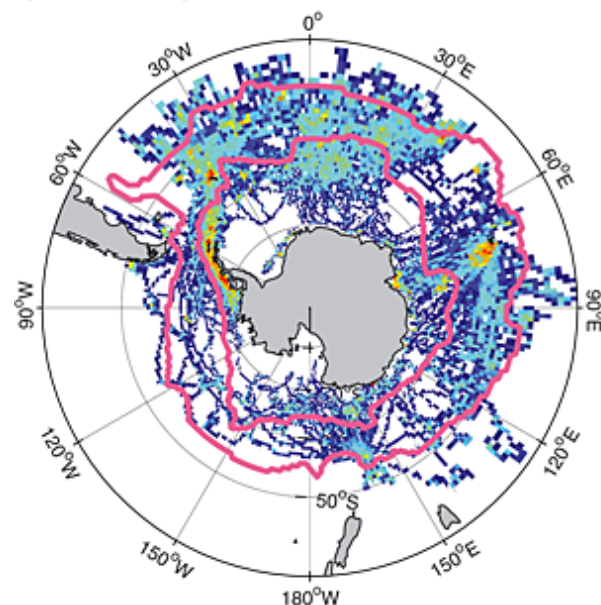
➤ $\pm 0.05^{\circ}\text{C}$, ± 0.05 psu

(Roquet et al., GRL 2013)

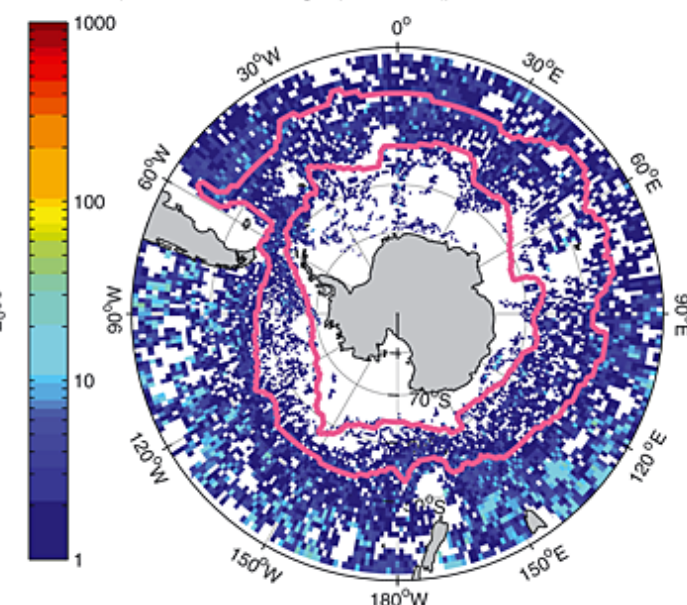


<http://www.meop.info/en/>

a) Number of profiles in the MEOP-CTD database



b) Number of Argo profiles (period 2007-mid2008)

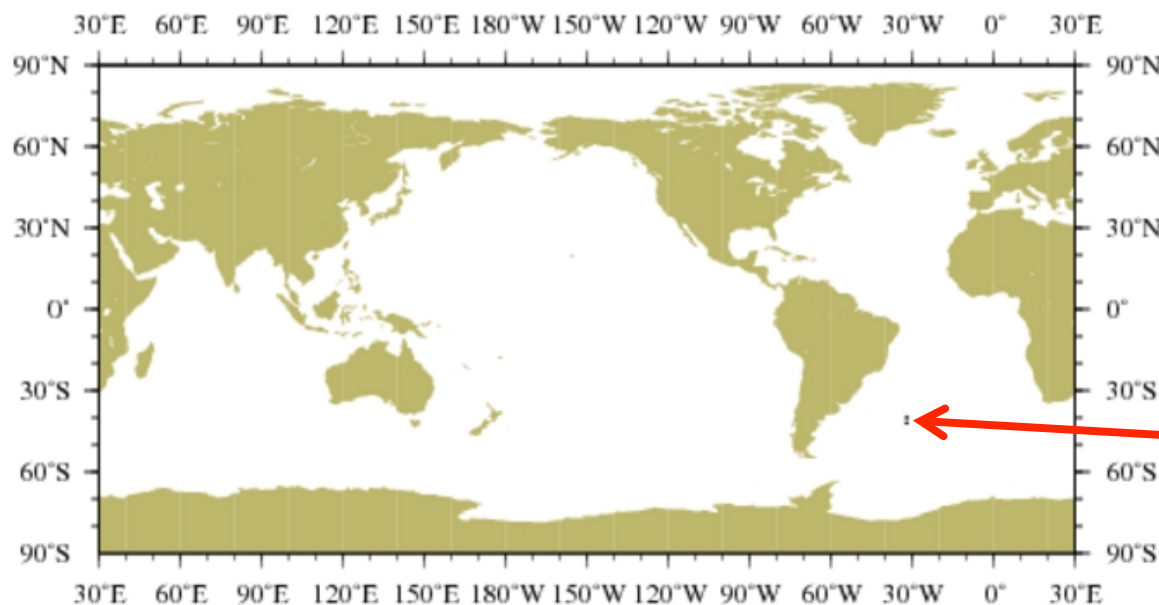




NOAA

NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC
DATA CENTER (NODC)
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- 254,000 pH profiles from ships in US National Ocean Database.
- 55,584 pH profiles since measurements were standardized during the WOCE/JGOFS era (since 1990).



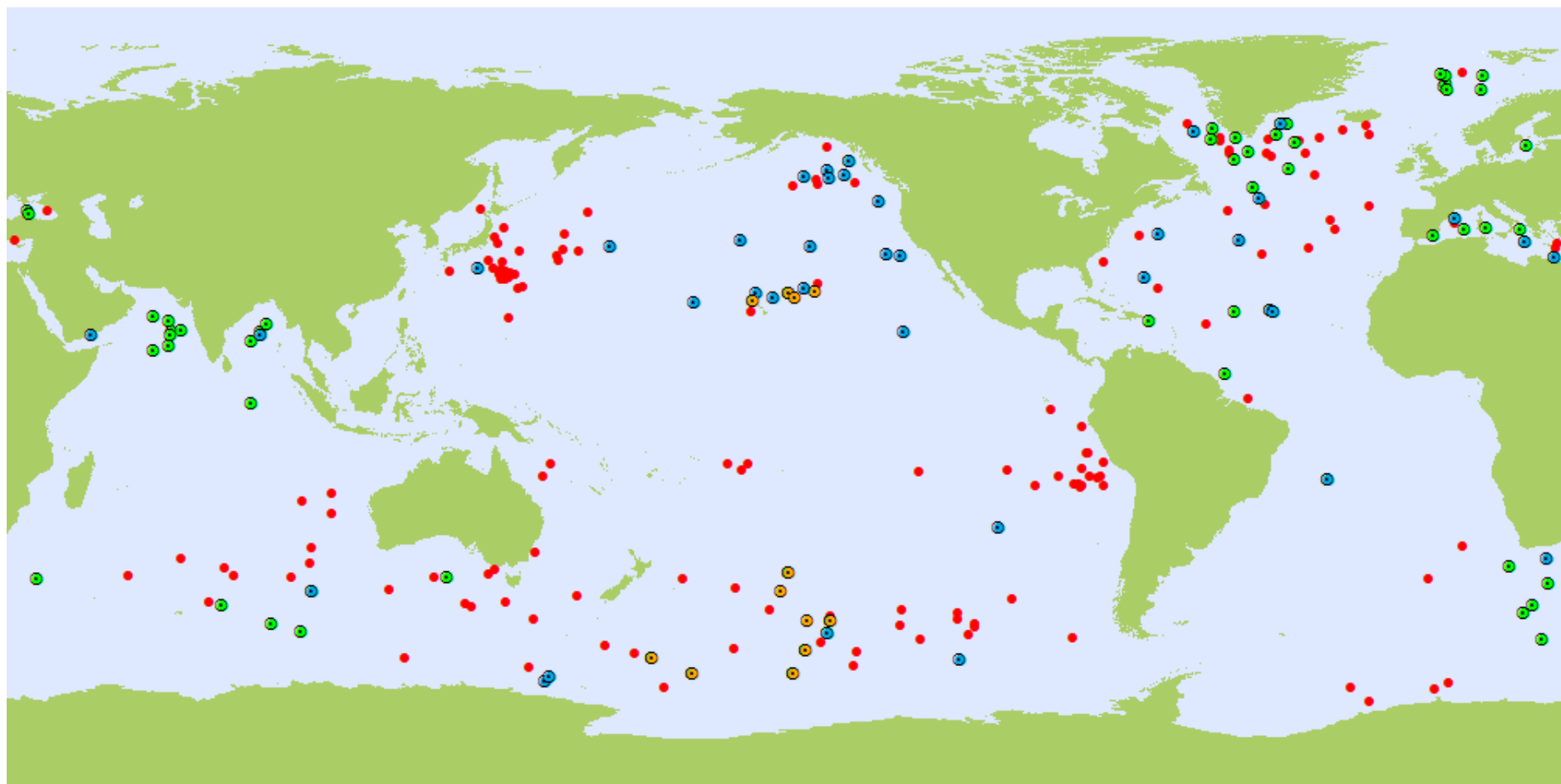
Geographic distribution of casts (2 casts)

NOAA NODC Ocean Climate Laboratory
<http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/OCL/>

For 1990 – 2014 there are only 2 pH profiles found South of 40°S in the database for the Austral Winter (June 21-Sep 22).

COPY OF YOUR SEARCH CRITERIA:

OBSERVATION DATES: Year from 1990 to 2014; Month from 6 to 9; Day from 21 to 22
GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES: Longitude from -180.0000 to 180.0000; Latitude from -40.0000 to -90.0000
DATASET: OSD,CTD,XBT,MBT,PFL,DRB,MRB,APB,UOR,SUR,GLD
MEASURED VARIABLES (must): pH
MEASURED VARIABLES (extract): pH



Bio-Argo (246)

• Dissolved Oxygen (232)

• Bio-optics (66)

• Nitrate (46)

• pH (12)

May 2014



SOCCOM

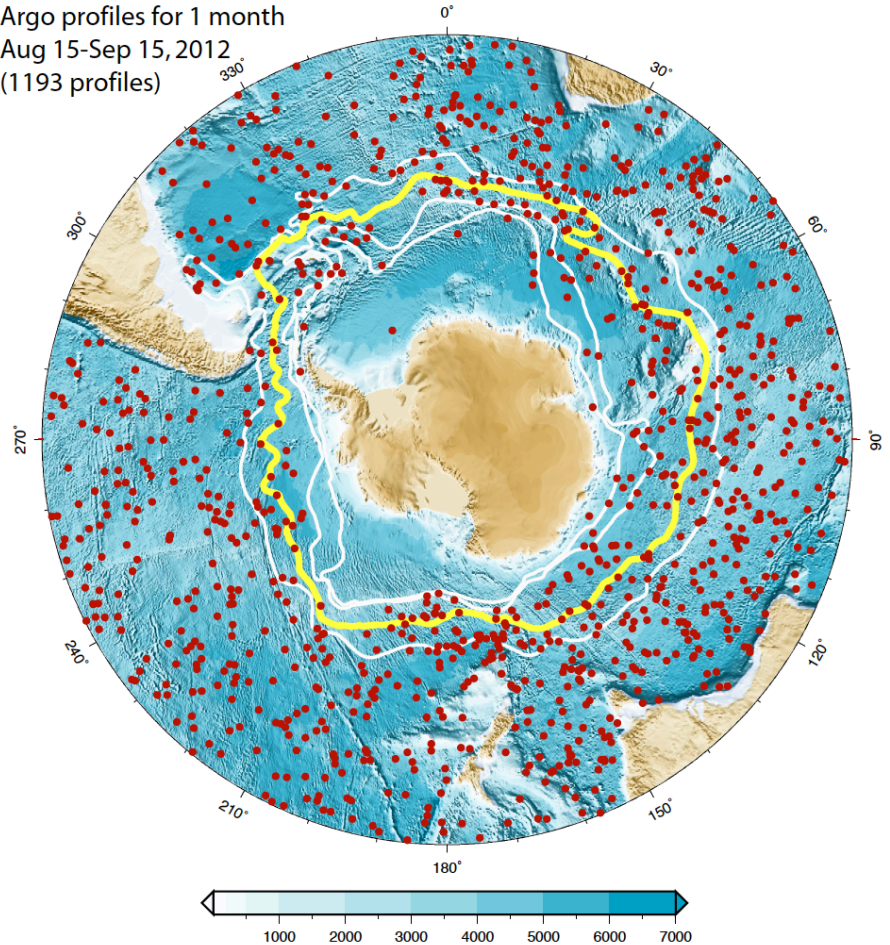
Argo-type profiling for the future

Argo float profiling for temperature/salinity has completely transformed ocean observing over the past 10 years.

Do the same
UNDER ICE and
THROUGHOUT Southern Ocean
for the carbon system, nitrate and
oxygen, and net community
production (including sea ice regions)
by measuring biogeochemical
parameters (pH, nitrate, oxygen,
optics)

“SOCCOM” (Southern Ocean Carbon
and Climate Observations and
Modelling): recommended for funding
by NSF DPP, but not yet funded.

Argo profiles for 1 month
Aug 15-Sep 15, 2012
(1193 profiles)



Argo-type profiling for the near future

SOCOM: biogeochemical floats, part of Argo, including under ice

Planned research cruises on which SOCOM floats can be deployed with rosette water sampling for float sensor calibration.

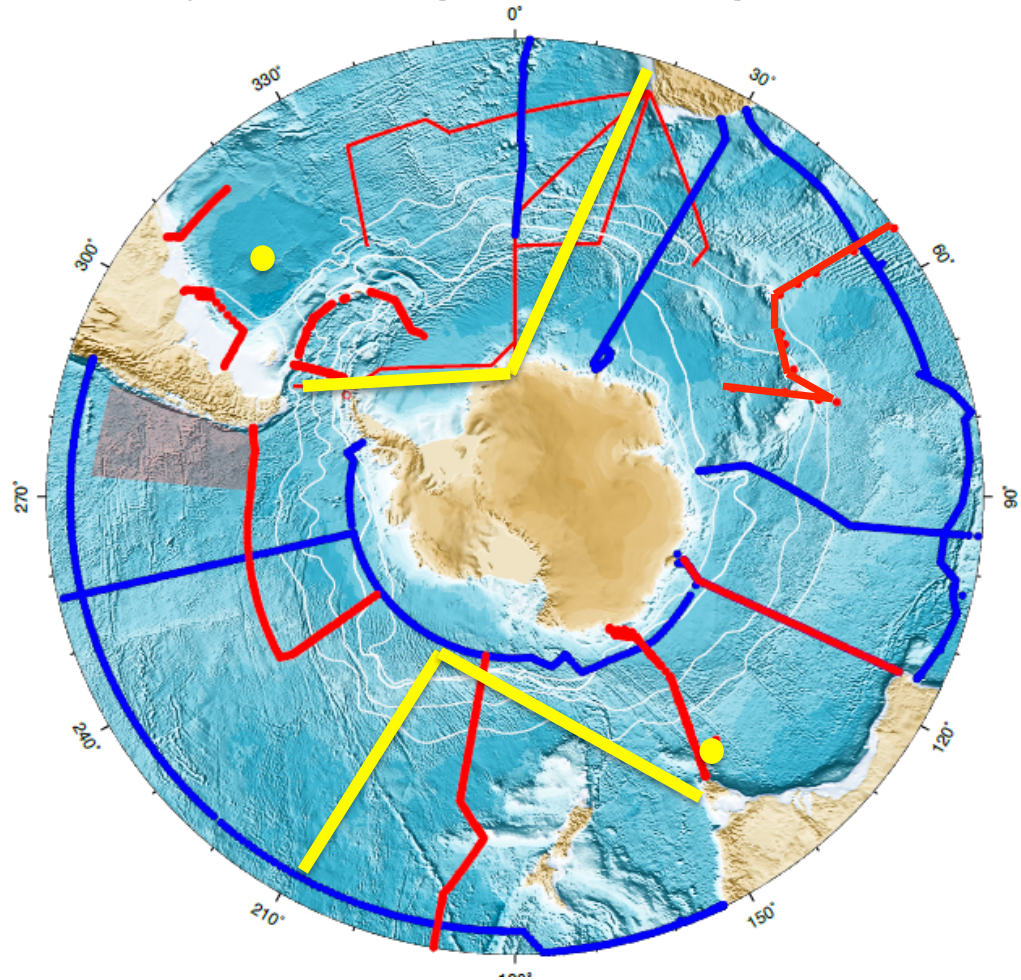
Red – International partners

Blue – US

DONE in early 2014

IN PROGRESS NOW

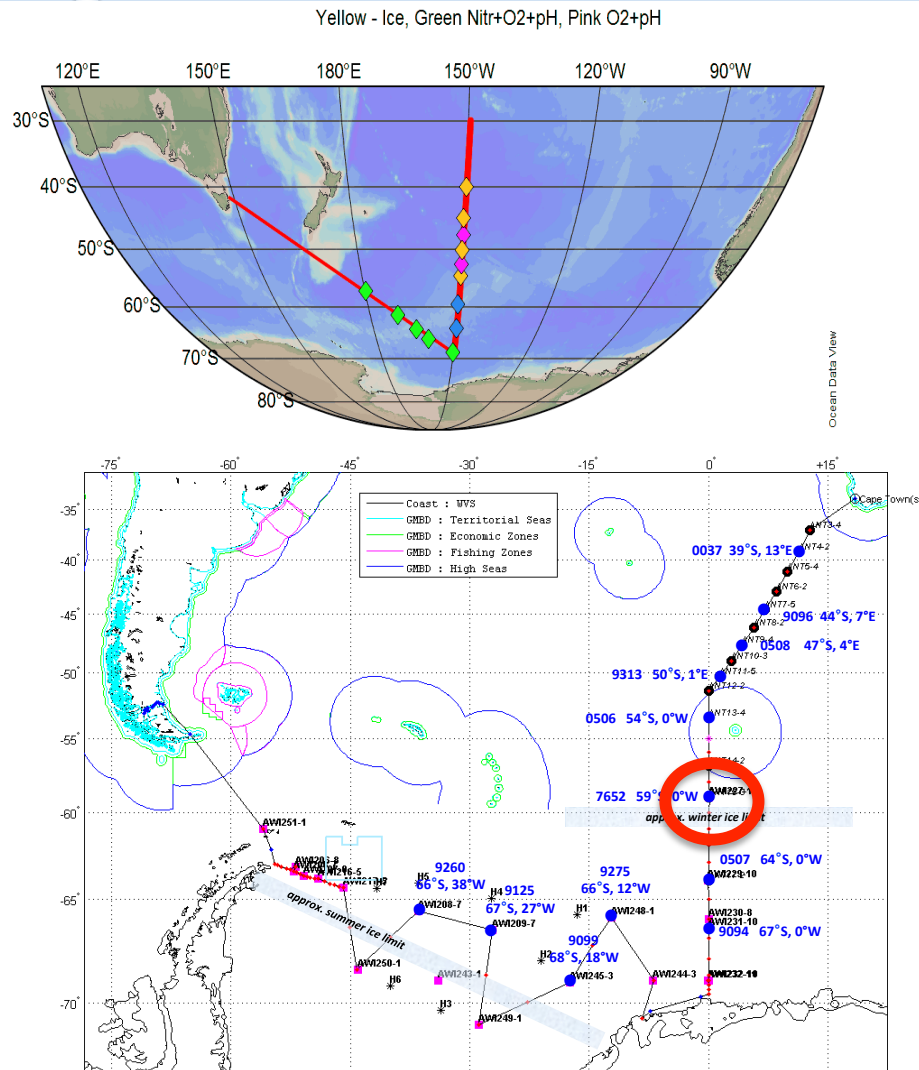
ON TARGET for March 2015





SOCCOM

SOCCOM underway: BGC Argo floats



SOCCOM = Southern Ocean Carbon and Climate Observations and Modeling

Pre-SOCCOM floats deployed March 2014

Polarstern deployments going on NOW (Float 5 deployed yesterday and first iceberg spotted!)

Array will grow to be ~200 floats with pH, O₂, NO₃⁻, biooptics, 5 to 7 year life, year-round coverage

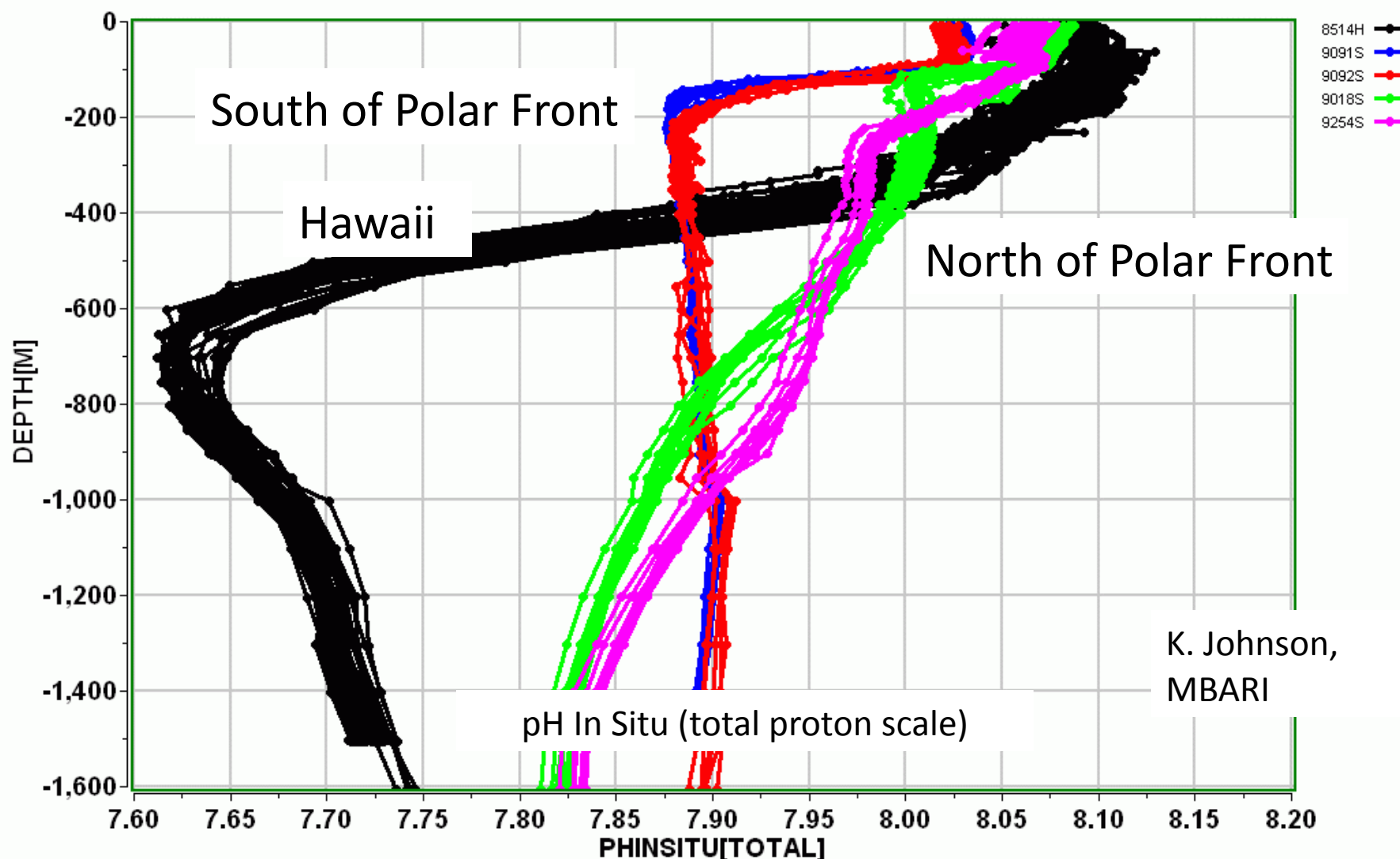
NSF, NOAA, NASA support



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SOCOM floats

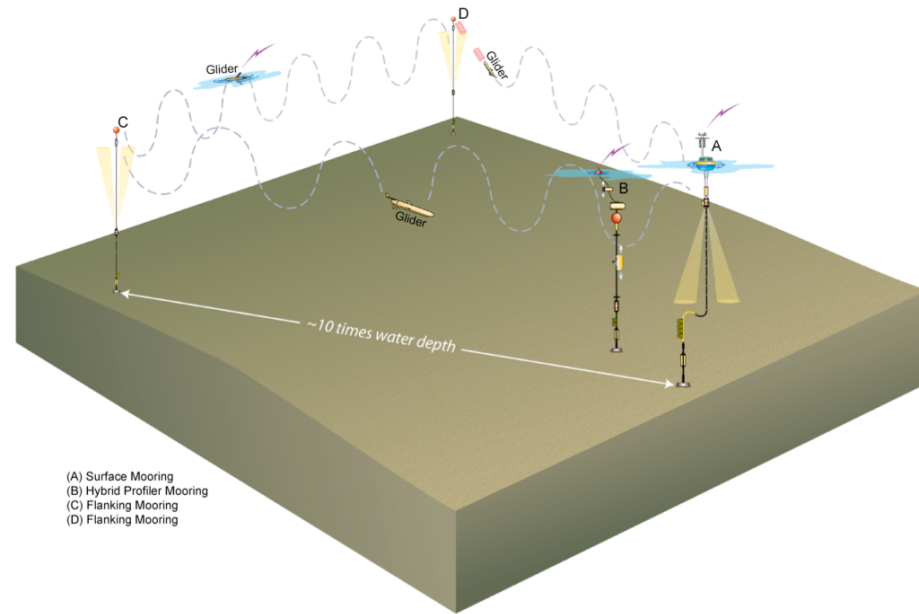
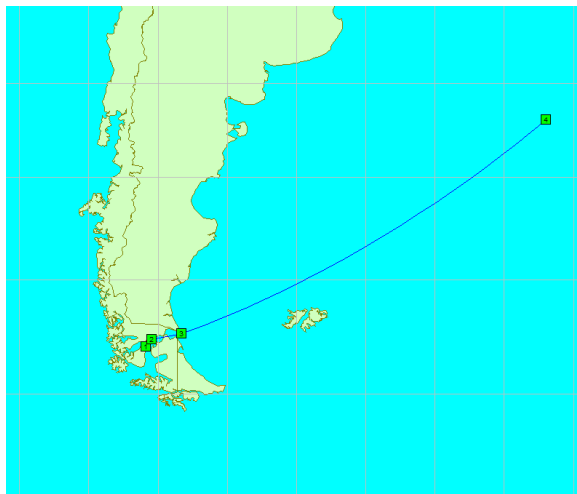
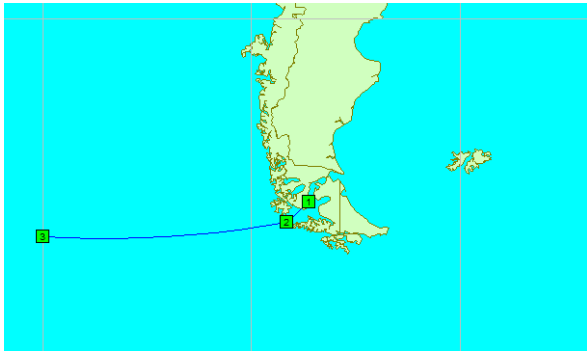
Pacific Pre-SOCCOM floats in the water, working well. More pH profiles south of 40° in June than previous 30 years



OOI (Ocean Observatories Initiative)

First OOI moorings are going into the Southern Ocean March 2015

Southern Ocean, SW of Chile



(A) Surface Mooring
(B) Hybrid Profiler Mooring
(C) Flanking Mooring
(D) Flanking Mooring

Surface flux mooring

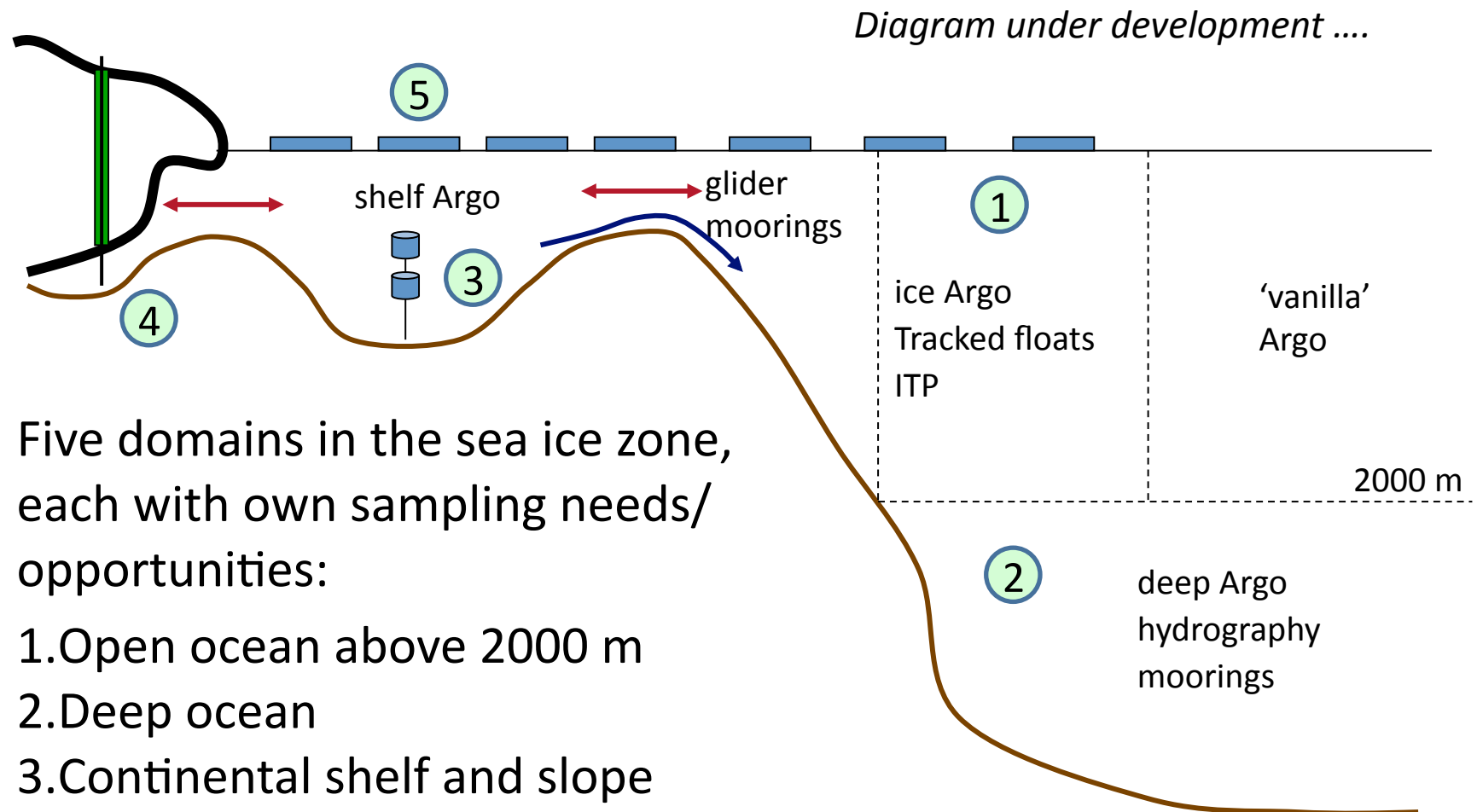
CTDs and pH sensors at various depths

Profiling CTDs

ADCP velocity profiles

3 Gliders sailing between moorings

Observing under the sea ice (from SOOS workshop)

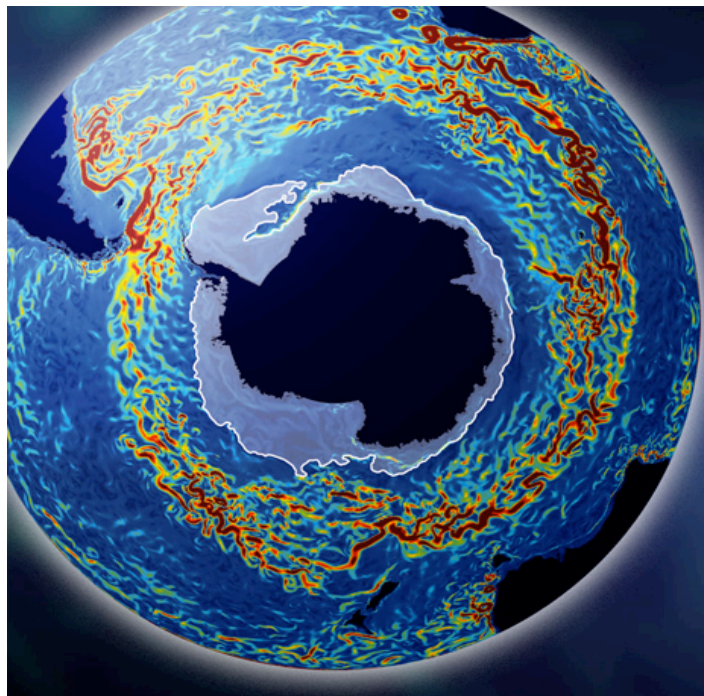




SOCCOM

Pairing sustained observations and state estimation

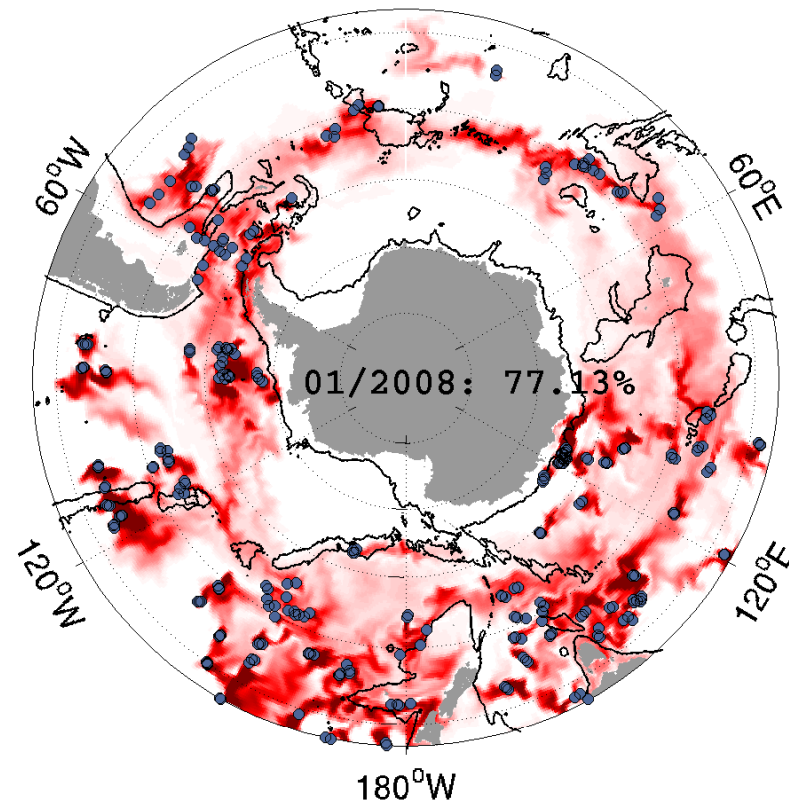
Use of state estimates (ocean reanalysis) to aid with analysis of the broad-scale data



Southern Ocean State Estimate (SOSE)

Use of state estimates and OSSEs to assist with optimizing sampling plans

Sensitivity of pH to surface DIC



SOSE's map of where pH measured on ~100 floats would influence pH field in SOSE

New data/information products

- Biogeochemical Argo-type profile data: will grow enormously in the next several years. Needs for archiving and products similar to T/S Argo.
- Continue to improve data access policies/philosophies/agreements from all nations and programs that routinely survey Southern Ocean regions.
- Need work plan for developing S.O. priorities. SOOS has done a large amount of this work, in consultation/cross-membership with SOP. SCAR is going through the same process.

What is SOOS?



Not to mention GOOS...
or FOO...or EOVS or SOCCO or SOCCOM.....
an alphabet soup of **essential** international
oceanography coordination

SOOS (Southern Ocean Observing System)

Science Themes

Key science challenges identified as most pressing issues, both scientifically and societally – to be addressed by the SOOS:

- 1) Role of Southern Ocean in global freshwater and heat balance
- 2) Stability of Southern Ocean overturning circulation
- 3) Stability of Antarctic ice sheet and future contribution to sea-level rise
- 4) Future of Southern Ocean carbon uptake
- 5) Future of Antarctic sea ice
- 6) Impacts of global change on Antarctic ecosystems

Project Office: U. Tasmania, Louise Newman



SOOS structure

SOOS steering committee

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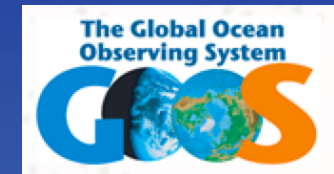
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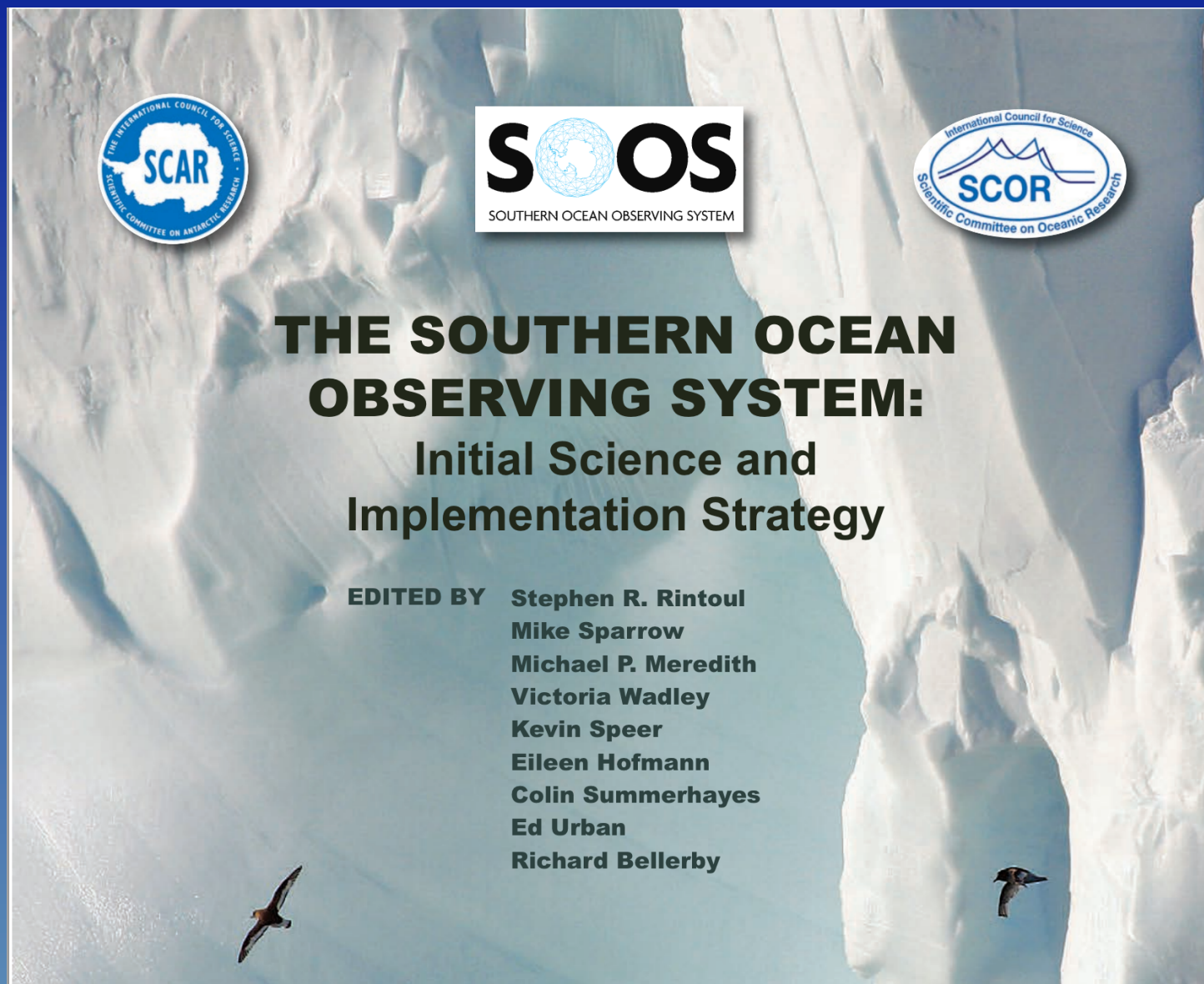
Mike Williams (2015)



WCRP



Progress with SOOS implementation



Ongoing SOOS initiatives

- **Observing the Southern Ocean under ice: workshop**
- **Southern ocean air-sea fluxes task group: 2015 workshop**
- Satellite Data Initiative
- Identification of Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs)
- National Activities and Capabilities Initiative
- Standardised Methods and Protocols Initiative
- **Field projects** are envisioned as part of SOOS
- **Affiliated Programmes (APs)**



Seeing under the ice: a strategy for observing the Southern Ocean beneath sea ice and ice shelves

Steve Rintoul

CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research

Wealth from Oceans National Research Flagship

Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems CRC

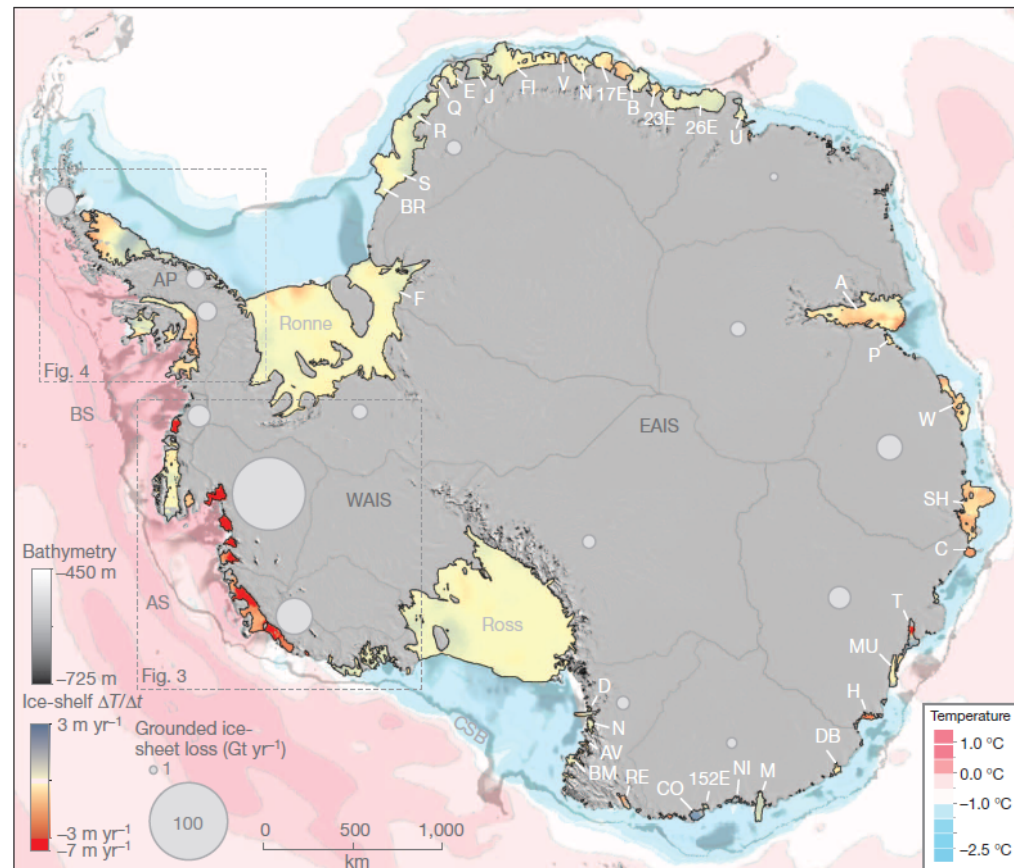
Hobart, Tasmania , Australia

www.csiro.au



Antarctic ice-sheet loss driven by basal melting of ice shelves

“...the most profound contemporary changes to the ice sheet and its contribution to sea level can be attributed to ocean thermal forcing ...”



Pritchard et al. 2012



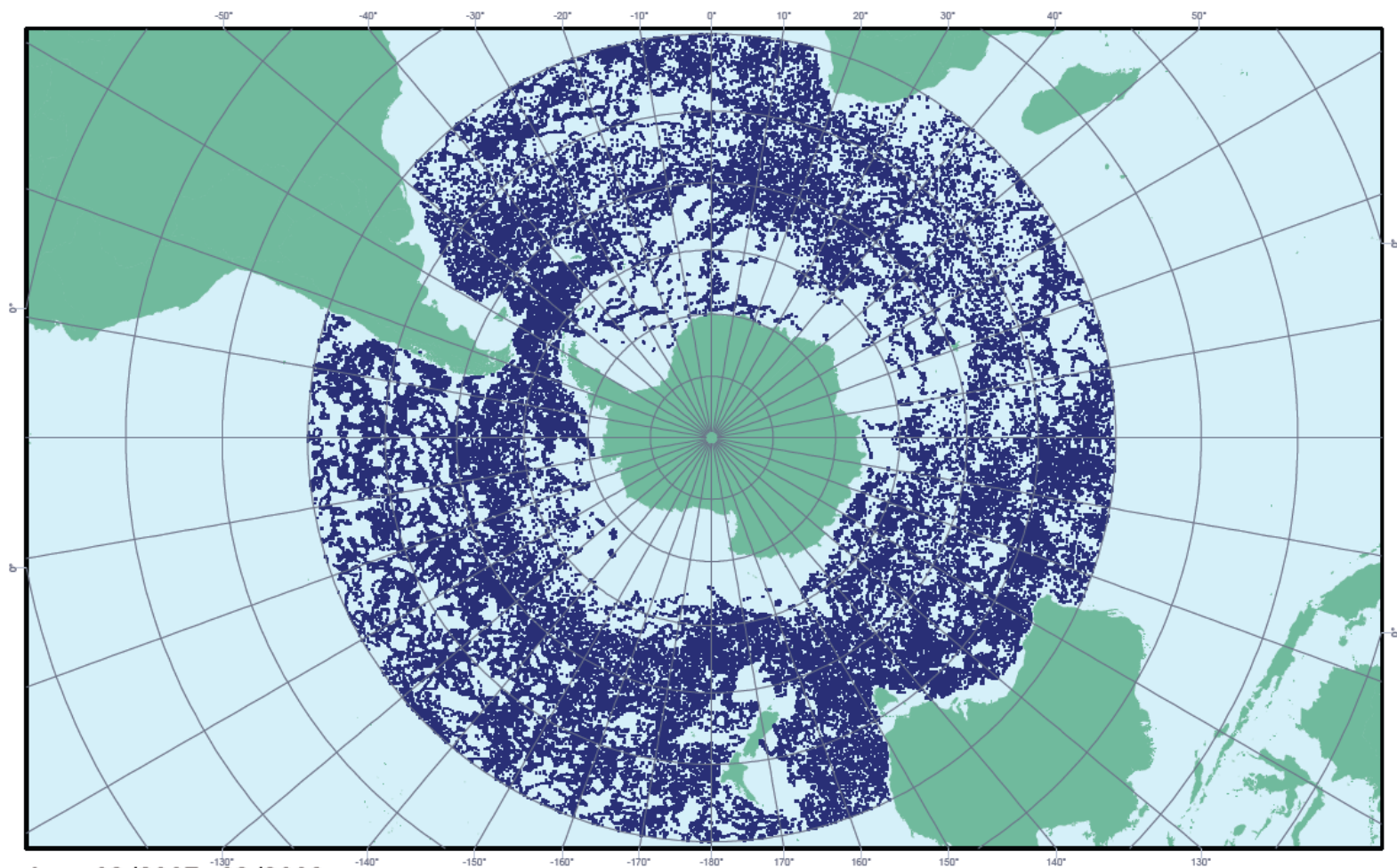
Ocean – ice shelf interaction

Objectives:

1. To determine the sensitivity of Antarctic ice shelves to changes in ocean circulation and temperature.
2. To assess the affect of basal melt of floating ice shelves on the mass balance of the Antarctic ice sheet and its contribution to sea level rise.
3. To determine the response of the ocean to changes in the freshwater input by the Antarctic ice sheet.



Broad-scale sampling in the upper 2000 m



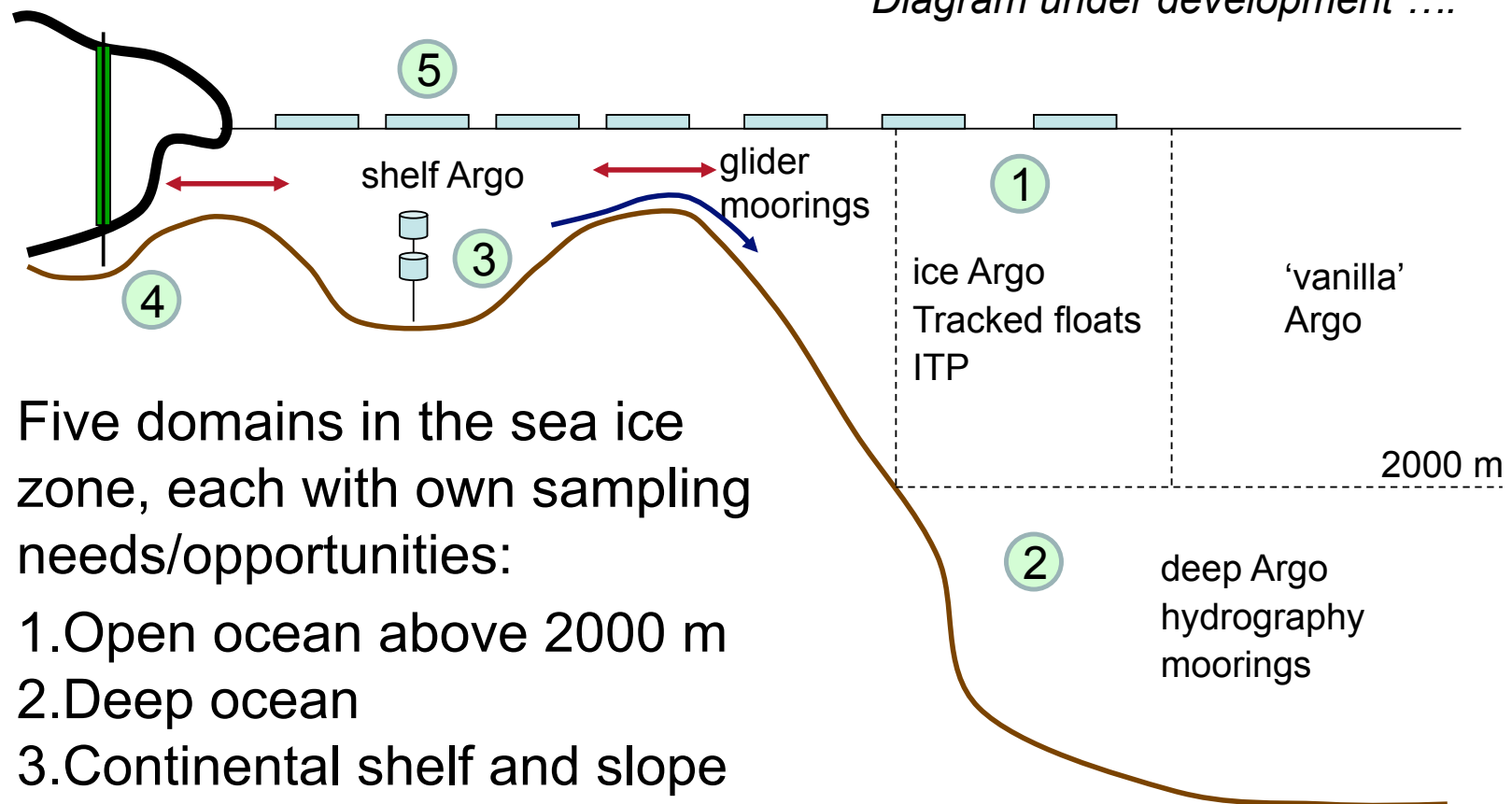
Argo 03/2007 - 03/2009
61965 profiles from 1353 distinct floats

<http://argo.jcommops.org>



A strawman strategy for an integrated under-ice observing system

Diagram under development



Five domains in the sea ice zone, each with own sampling needs/opportunities:

1. Open ocean above 2000 m
2. Deep ocean
3. Continental shelf and slope
4. Ice shelf cavity
5. Sea ice and atmosphere

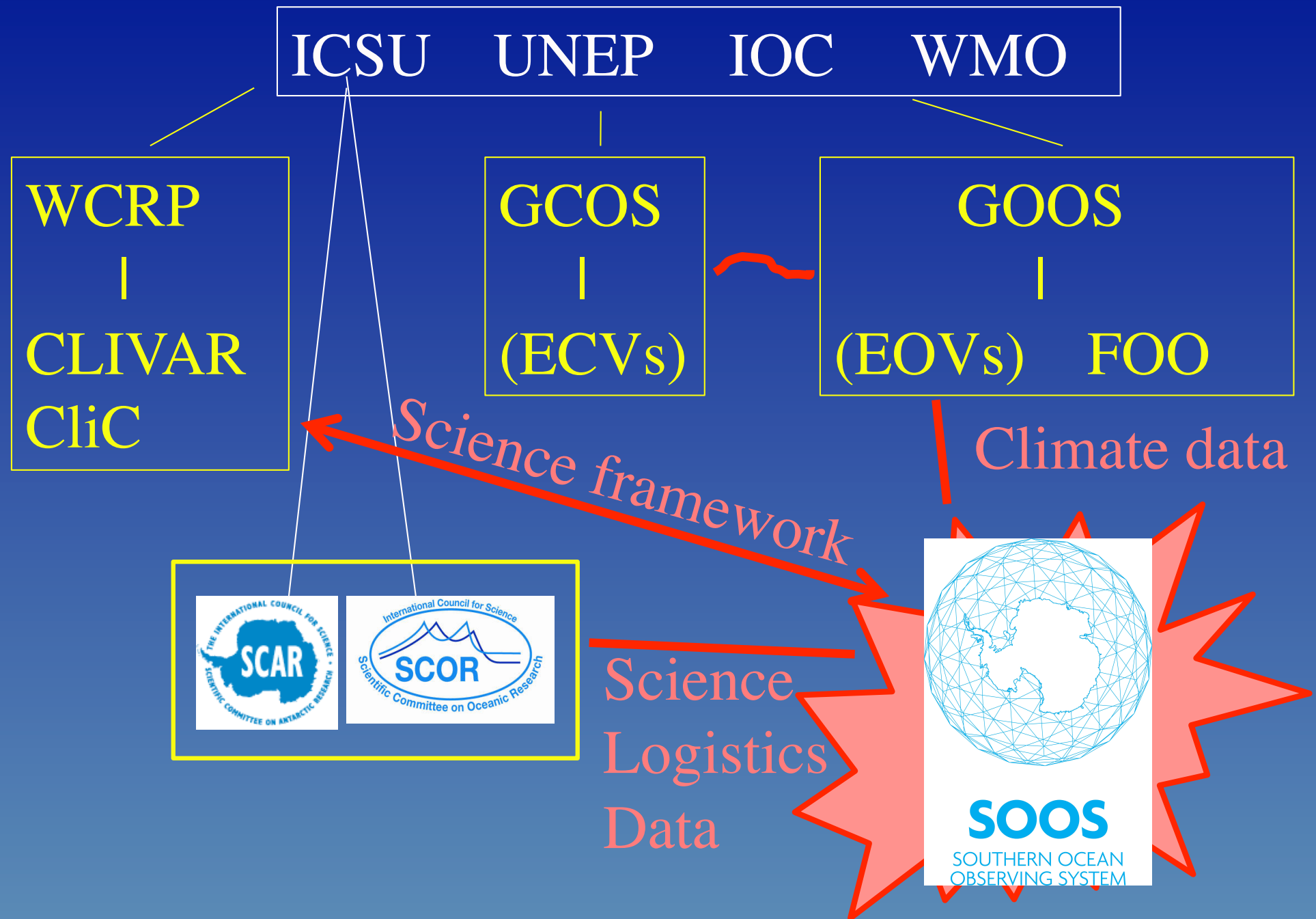
An example: Southern Ocean air-sea fluxes task group

Workshop in Fall 2015 (Frascati, Italy) to initiate and set the course of the development of an international strategy. [CHAIR: S. GILLE]



- Air-sea exchanges of heat, freshwater and gasses climatically critical, yet barely measured and simplistically parameterised
- No existing international vision of long-term observational / assimilation requirements or strategy for addressing issues and knowledge gaps

SOOS structure



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The Global Ocean Observing System



GOOS is a permanent global system for observations, modelling and analysis of marine and ocean variables to support operational ocean services worldwide. GOOS provides accurate descriptions of the present state of the oceans, including living resources; continuous forecasts of the future conditions of the sea for as far ahead as possible, and the basis for forecasts of climate change.

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Latest News

Conference: Sustained ocean observing for the next decade



A combined GO-SHIP/Argo/ IOCCP conference on physical and biogeochemical measurements of the water column

14 - 18 September 2015

Galway, Ireland

The conveners have great pleasure in announcing a science meeting to bring together participants in GO-SHIP, Argo and IOCCP, with the particular purpose of reviewing and stimulating further research that exploits the synergies among the sponsoring programs.

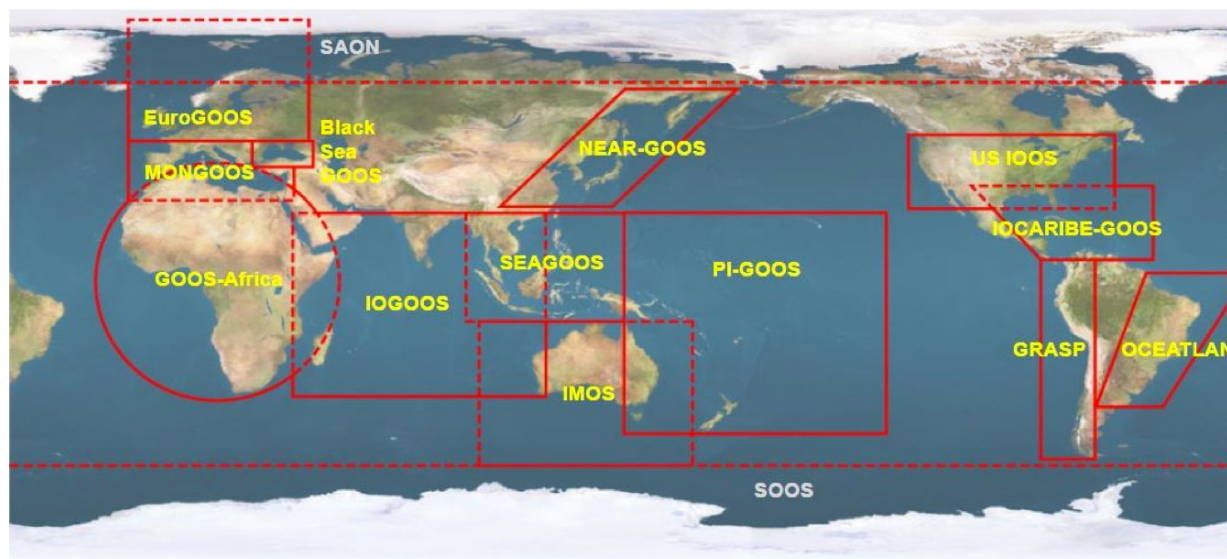
The GAIC2015 conference will be held in Galway, Ireland from 14 to 18 September 2015.

The conference web site can be found here: <http://www.gaic2015.org>

GOOS alliances



GOOS Regional Alliances Map



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- ❑ OCEATLAN
- ❑ GRASP
- ❑ IMOS Australian Integrated Marine Observing System

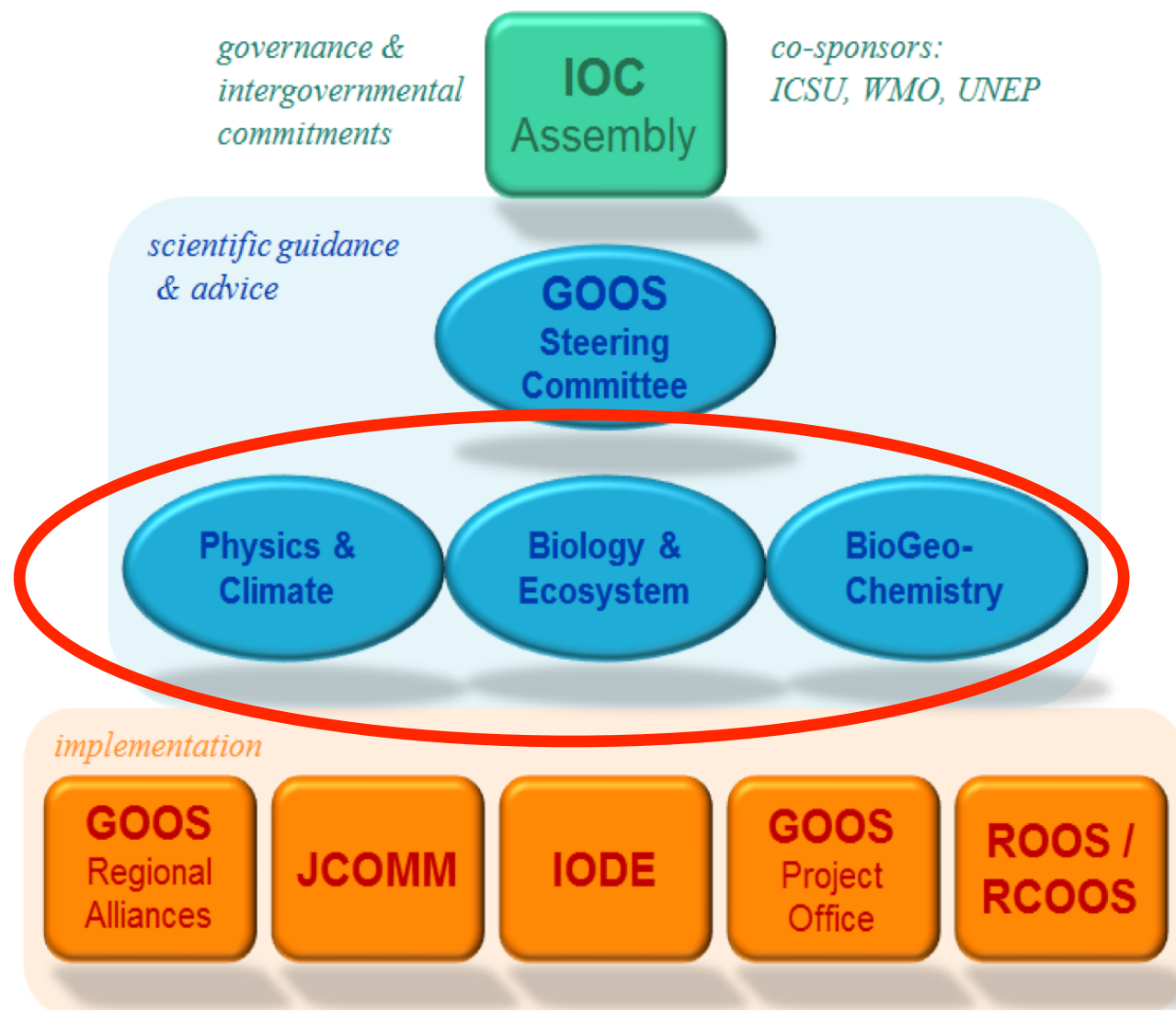
Other developing regional alliances :

- ❑ SAON Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks
- ❑ SOOS Southern Ocean Observing System Workshop 2007

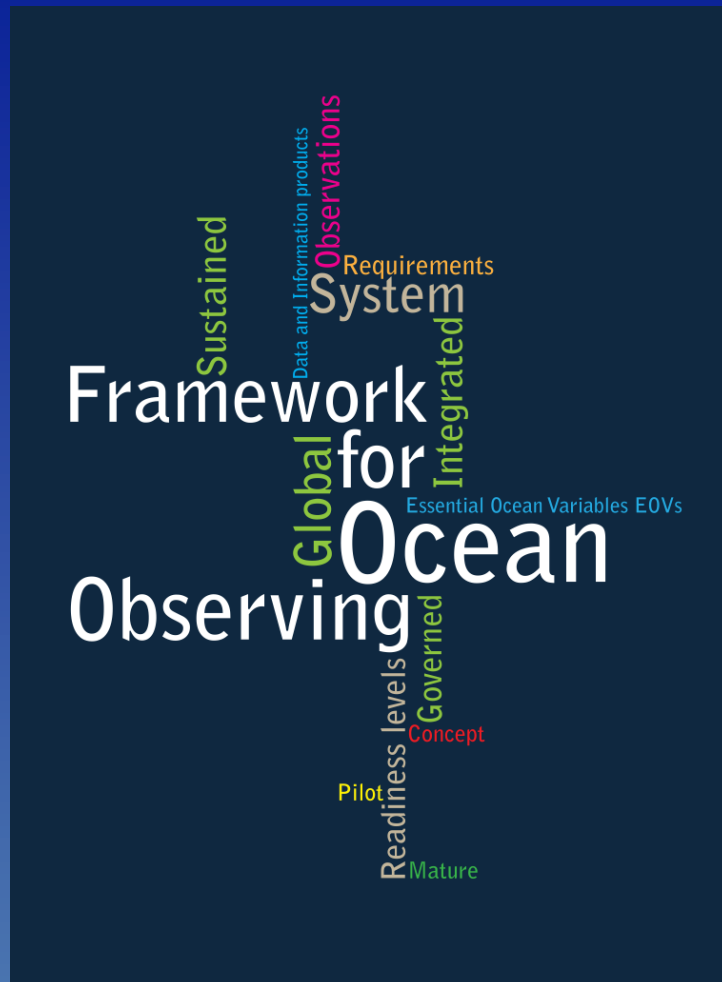
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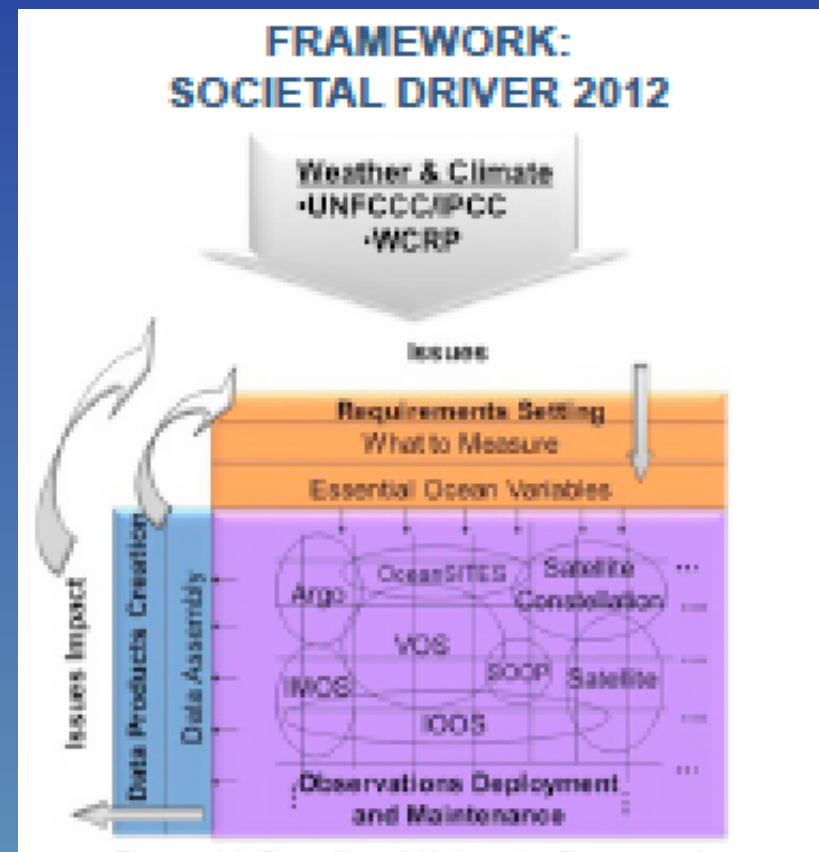
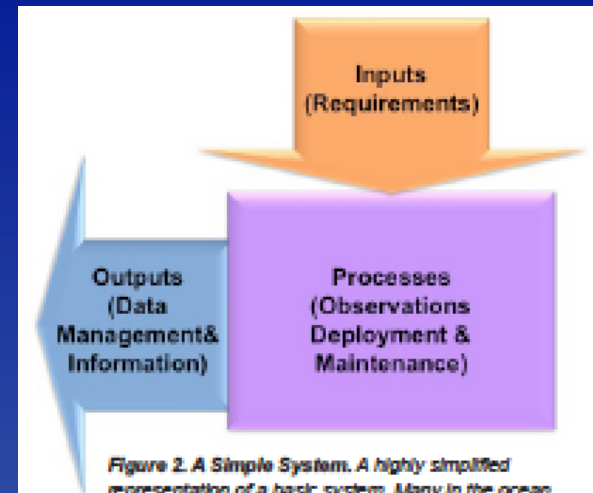
S&S Structure of GOOS



GOOS structure: Framework for Ocean Observing



Eric Lindstrom, John Gunn
co-chairs of committee



GOOS structure: Panels

GOOS Panels

▣ Essential Ocean Variables Panels

are advisory bodies which supply the GSC with scientific studies and expertise underpinning the strategic goals of GOOS. The Ocean Observations Panel for Climate (OOPC) continues its role advising GOOS and GCOS on global ocean physics essential ocean variables. The Biogeochemistry Panel will naturally be organized by the International Ocean Carbon Coordination Panel (IOCCP). The Biology & Ecology panel is a new creation, which has received support for a new Secretariat hosted by Australia. Biology & Ecosystem and Biogeochemistry Panels had their first formative meetings in Nov. 2013.

Links to the Three different Panels

GOOS Biology and Ecosystems Panel

GOOS Biogeochemistry Panel ([IOCCP](#))

GOOS Physics Panel ([OOPC](#))

GOOS structure: Essential Ocean Variables Panels



International Ocean Carbon Coordination Project

Towards a sustained global observation network for marine biogeochemistry



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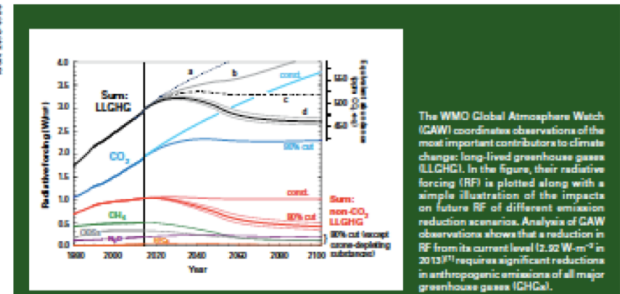
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The IOCCP promotes the development of a global network of ocean carbon observations for research through technical coordination and communication services, international agreements on standards and methods, and advocacy and links to the global observing systems. The IOCCP is co-sponsored by the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO. Read more...

- » Underway CO₂ Observations
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WMO Greenhouse Gas Bulletin reports on Ocean Acidification

Latest WMO Greenhouse Gas Bulletin includes a comprehensive section on Ocean Acidification co-authored by IOCCP's Toste Tanhua, Laura Lorenzoni and Masao Ishii

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News



Pre-registration open for the 18th WMO/IAEA Meeting on Carbon Dioxide, Other Greenhouse Gases and related Measurement Techniques (GGMT-2015)

Wednesday, 01 10 2014



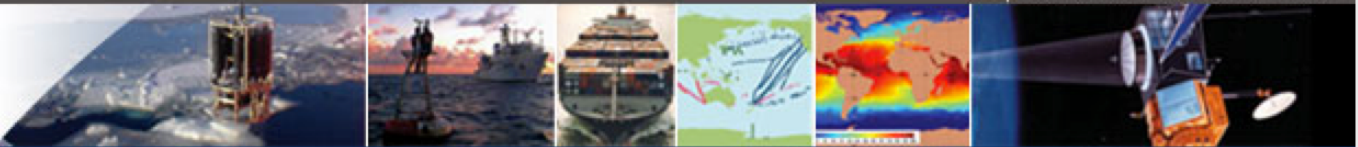
The organizers aim to expand the scope of the meeting to include measurements of dissolved


+ more news

Toste Tanhua, chair

Maciej Telszewski, Project Director

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OOPC Ocean Observations Panel for Climate

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State of the tropical oceans for the week ending 03-DEC-2014

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<p>Indian Ocean dipole DMI map</p> <p>normal east-west temperature gradient</p> <p>mild western cooling / eastern warming over last month</p>	<p>central Pacific Niño3.4 map</p> <p>mild warm anomaly: towards El Niño conditions</p> <p>stationary over last month</p>	<p>tropical North Atlantic TNA map</p> <p>mildly warm tropical North Atlantic conditions</p> <p>stationary over last month</p>
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The sea surface temperatures set by the dynamics of the tropical oceans interact strongly with the tropical atmosphere, affecting winds and patterns of convection and precipitation, coupling back with the ocean dynamics. Atmospheric teleconnections can also affect conditions over many parts of the globe. The **ocean climate indices** above, indicators of tropical sea surface temperature anomalies, help capture the seasonal and interannual variability of the climate system. This quick overview above of some of last week's anomalies is extracted from the OOPC [state of the ocean climate overview](#)

Gathering the data necessary for these and other climate indices, as well as to underpin climate monitoring, forecasting, and research, is the goal of the initial [ocean observing system for climate](#)

The OOPC is sponsored by

GCOS
The Global Climate Observing System

GOOS
The Global Ocean Observing System

WCRP
The World Climate Research Programme

and provides advice on scientific requirements to

jcommo
The Joint WMO-IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology

partners in the
ocean observing system for climate

Mark Bourassa and Toshio Suga, co-chairs
Katy Hill, Technical Secretariat (Geneva)

GOOS structure: Essential Ocean Variables Panels

GOOS Biology and Ecosystems Panel

Following the model successfully employed by GOOS to develop and coordinate global ocean physics observations over the last two decades, the GOOS now includes two new Panels - GOOS Biology and Ecosystems (entirely new), and GOOS Biogeochemistry (led by the SCOR-IOC International Ocean Carbon Coordination Project IOCCP). These panels are guiding extension of global ocean observation systems to include essential biological, ecosystem and biogeochemistry variables. An enhanced information base across this range of ocean system components is seen as an essential contribution towards critical policy development and management decisions on ocean and coastal resource sustainability and health.

The GOOS Biology and Ecosystem Panel will provide technical expertise to:

- identify major scientific and societal challenges that require sustained ocean biology and ecosystem variable observations;
- identify candidate ecosystem and biogeochemical Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs);
- clarify the role of GOOS in developing consensus requirements, coordinating observing networks, and promoting development of a data management system; and
- monitor activities and projects to practically implement the biological and biogeochemistry recommendations in the GOOS Framework for Ocean Observing (FOO) and the Panel for Integrated Coastal Observation (PICO) Plan.

The concept of EOVs adopted by GOOS as a lens for viewing and evaluating the observing system identifies those sustained observations with high impact in the delivery of societal and scientific value, balanced with the feasibility of their sustained monitoring. Identifying the EOVs associated with ocean ecosystem-related societal issues, and in particular identifying the biological / ecosystem EOVs, will assist in evaluating the status of marine ecosystems and in monitoring any future changes. This has been prioritized for action by the FOO and at the last two Sessions of the GOOS Steering Committee.

Two complementary initiatives: the European Commission funded **GEOWOW (GEOSS Interoperability for Weather, Ocean and Water)** and the GEF funded **Transboundary Water Assessment Programme 2013-2014** are providing EOV data for use in the new GOOS Biology and Ecosystem Panel discussions, and ultimately, ocean ecosystem data useful for marine products and policy advice.

Nic Bax and Sam Simmons, co-chairs
Seeking Project Officer (to be based in Australia)

GOOS structure: OOPC's Essential Ocean Variables

OOPC's EOVs are generally adopted as ECVs by GCOS

Atmosphere surface:

Air temperature

Precipitation

Air pressure, sea level pressure (SLP)

Surface radiation budget

Wind speed and direction

Water vapour

Ocean subsurface:

Temperature

Salinity

Current

Nutrients

Carbon

Ocean tracers

Phytoplankton

Ocean surface:

Sea surface temperature (SST)

Sea surface salinity (SSS)

Sea level

Sea state

Sea ice

Current

Ocean colour (for biological activity)

Carbon dioxide partial pressure ($p\text{CO}_2$)



GOOS structure: IOCCP's Essential Ocean Variables

Framework for Ocean Observing

During the webinar given on 17 June 2014 we presented our work on biogeochemical EOVS and asked the community for further input. If you haven't had a chance to watch and interact with us at the time, feel free to watch the recorded version (click on the slide below) and contact us with additional input.

Framework for Ocean Observing - Implementation for Biogeochemistry



The poster is blue with white and orange text. It features several logos: SCOR (International Council for Science), IOCCP (International Ocean Carbon Coordination Project), UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), and GOOS (Global Ocean Observing System). The text on the poster includes:

Toste Tanhua – Scientific Chair
Maciej Telszewski – Project Director

Recorded webinar with Q&A session

Towards Essential Ocean Variables for Biogeochemistry

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Responsible
SSG Member

GOOS structure: IOCCP's Essential Ocean Variables

To kick-start the process, the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) sponsored, through IOCCP, an expert meeting which was carried out side by side with the Biology and Ecosystem Panel meeting. The First Technical Workshop for Biology and Ecosystem and Biogeochemistry Panels was held in Townsville, Australia 13-16 November 2013. During this workshop the GOOS Biogeochemistry Panel sought advice from technical experts to assist with:

- identification of major scientific and societal challenges that require sustained observations of ocean biogeochemistry variables;
- identification of candidate biogeochemical Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs);
- defining the state of readiness of set requirements, existing observing system elements and existing data streams for all proposed EOVs on the various frequency and resolution levels;
- identifying monitoring activities and projects to practically implement the biological and biogeochemistry recommendations in the GOOS Framework for Ocean Observing (FOO), the Panel for Integrated Coastal Observation (PICO) Plan and the upcoming update of the Global Climate Observing System's Implementation Plan.

Input of a wider community was invited before, during and after the town hall meeting organized during the OSM'14 in Honolulu. In order for the FOO implementation to become a truly open and transparent process we would like to continue these community consultations. The town hall meeting in Honolulu and GOOS webinar gave us an opportunity to provide you with a short status update but most importantly we seek your opinion on a biogeochemical EOV proposal drafted over the last 6-8 months. To help you get involved we post the draft EOV Workshop report together with 9 Specification Sheets, one for each proposed EOV. As you will see, it is still very much work in progress and your expert knowledge will be highly appreciated.

Technical Experts Workshop for GOOS Biogeochemistry Panel  [Draft Report](#)

Draft EOV Specification Sheet -  [Oxygen](#)

Draft EOV Specification Sheet -  [Macro Nutrients](#)

Draft EOV Specification Sheet -  [Carbonate System](#)

Draft EOV Specification Sheet -  [Transient Tracers](#)

Draft EOV Specification Sheet -  [Suspended Particulates](#)

Draft EOV Specification Sheet -  [Particulate Matter Export](#)

Draft EOV Specification Sheet -  [Nitrous Oxide](#)

Draft EOV Specification Sheet -  [Carbon Isotope, \$^{13}\text{C}\$](#)

Draft EOV Specification Sheet -  [Dissolved Organic Matter](#)

Southern Ocean observing systems & global organizations?

What have I just tried to tell you about international organization for the Southern Ocean carbon, biogeochemistry, and physics?

1. Framework and practicalities for the observing system (variables, methods, accuracies) lies within GOOS and its panels (IOCCP, OOPC, new BEP)

2. Science framework for the Southern Ocean lies within several organizations

SOOS is very active now

SCAR is active in overall visioning

WCRP: CliC, CLIVAR



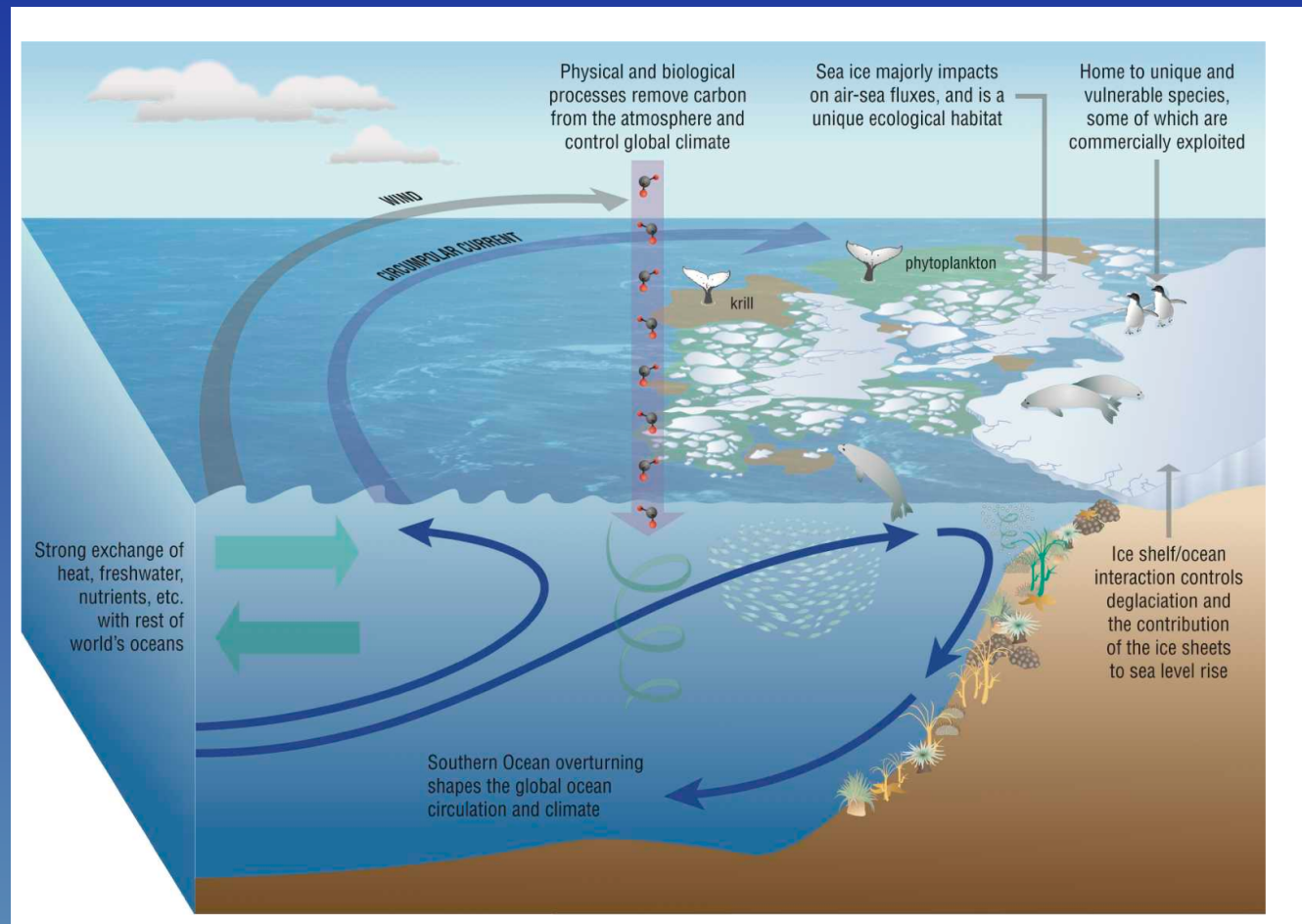
SCAR vision 2013



The vision for a Southern Ocean Observing System

Meredith, Schofield, Newman, Urban, Sparrow (Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability, 2013)

Science schematic



SCAR vision 2013



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Observing system schematic

