



# Ocean Observatories Initiative

UNOLs Briefing

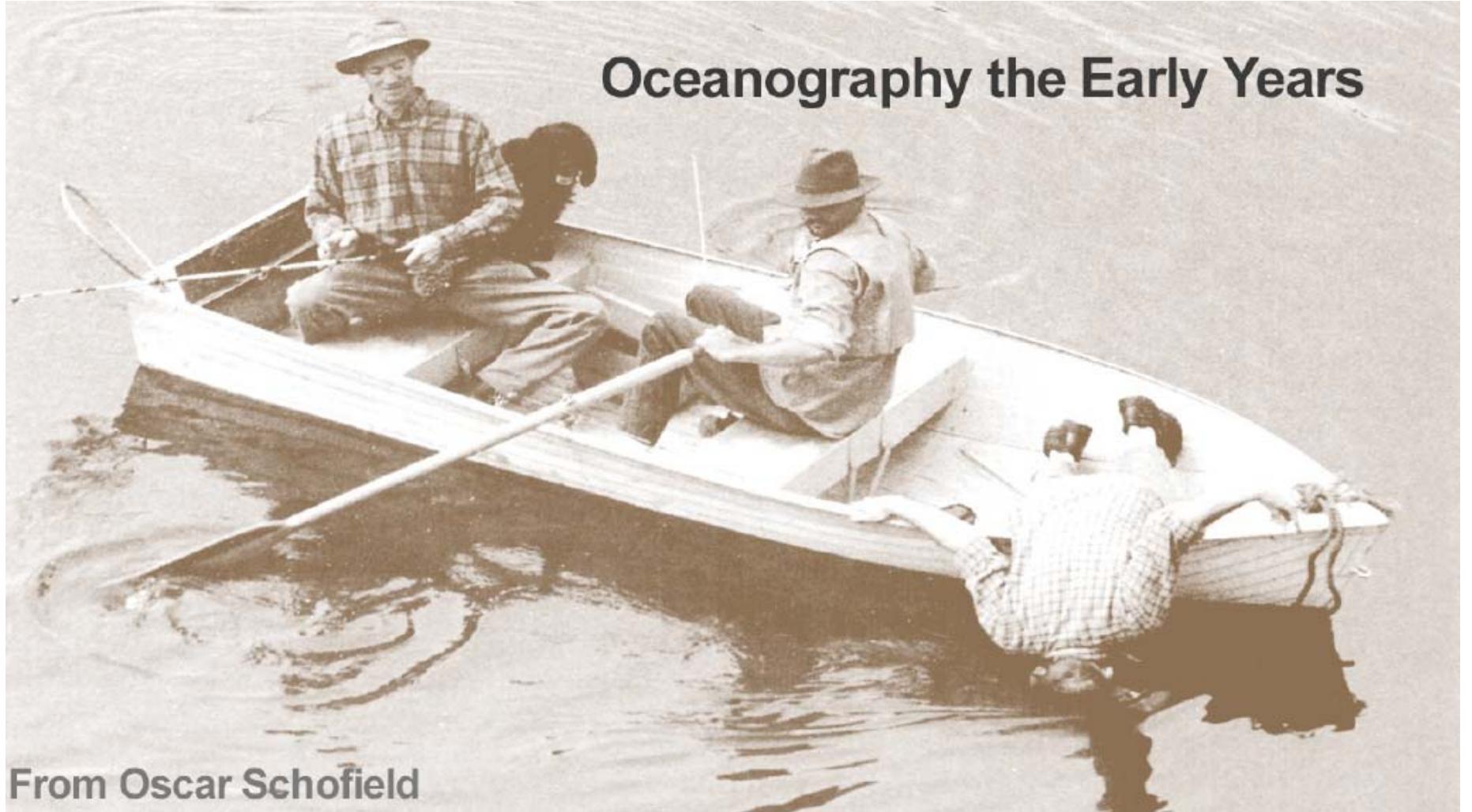
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## Oceanography the Early Years

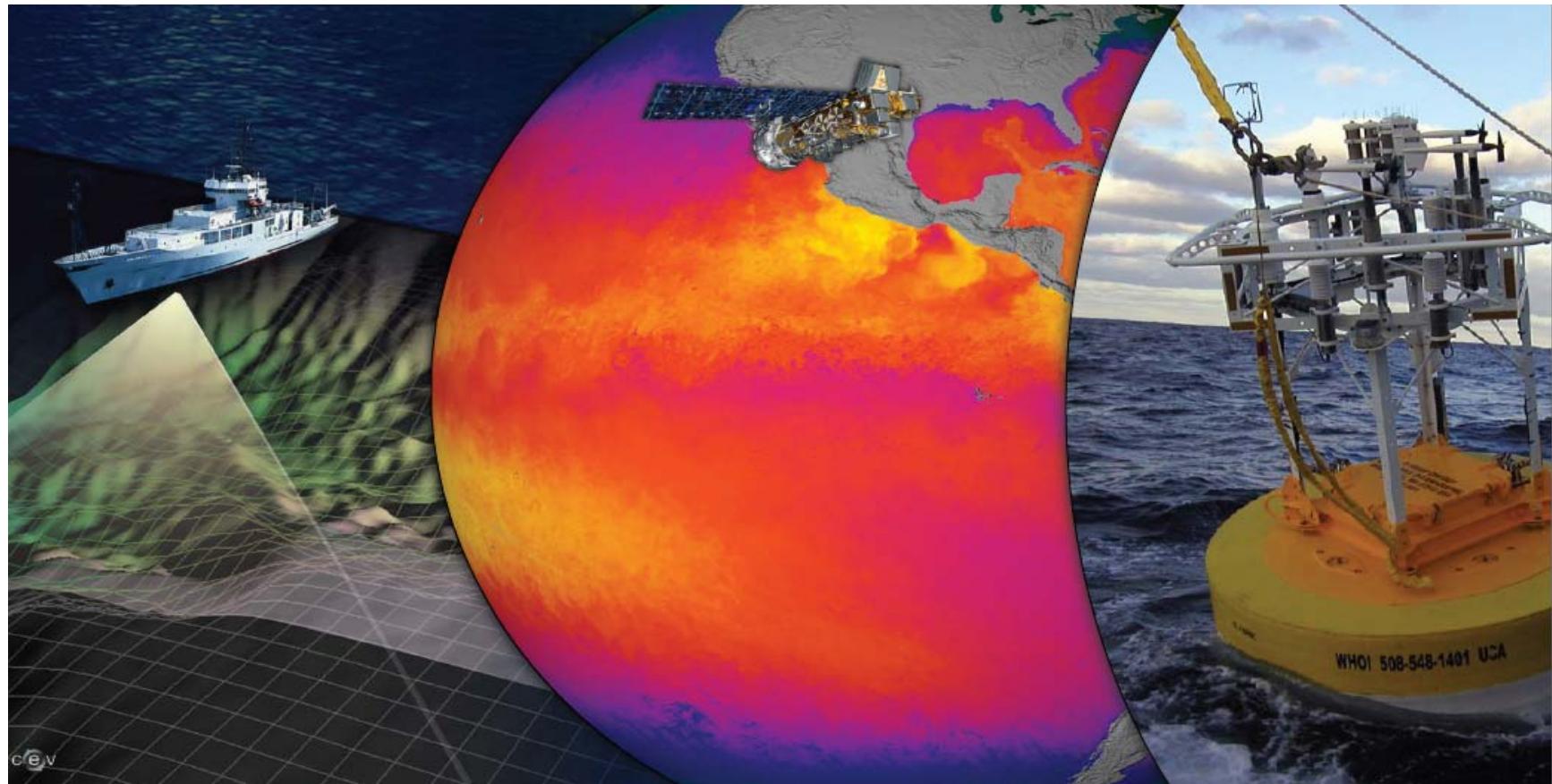


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# Current Oceanographic Research Infrastructure



# Ocean Observing Data to Shore – Enabled by Technology





# OOI Subsystems

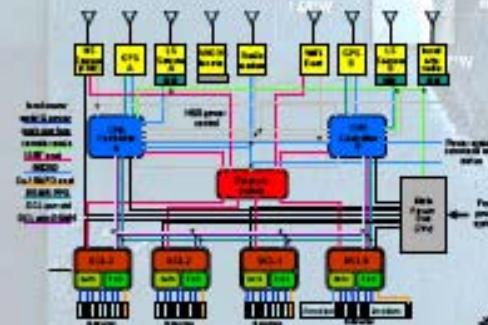
Buoys, Power,  
Telemetry



AUV/Dock



Platform Control, DCL



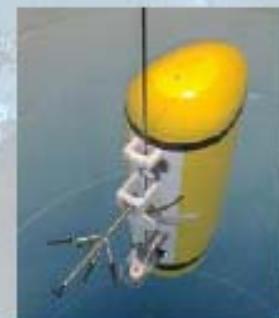
Sensors

Moorings

Benthic Nodes



Shore Station



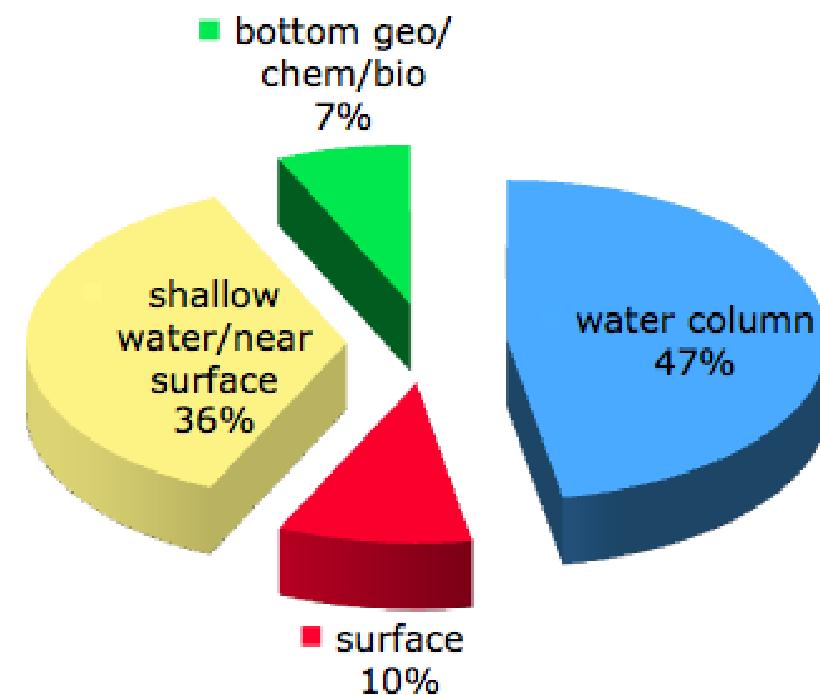
Profilers

Gliders



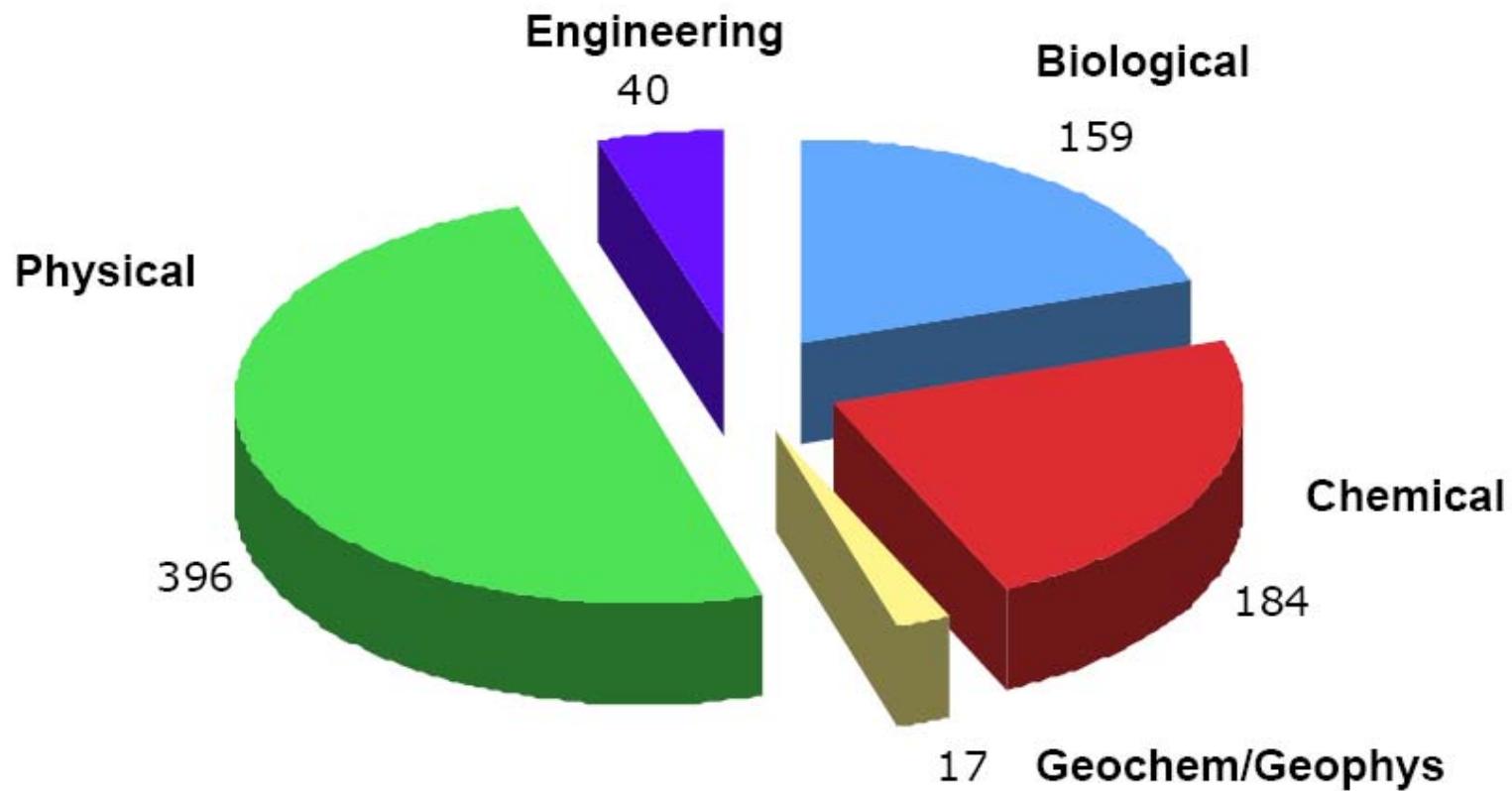
Water Column	Sensor Type	#
	Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler	39
	Conductivity/Temp.	210
	Hydrophone	10
	Inverted echo sounder	5
	pH	37
	Velocity, single point	53
Surface		
	Waves	10
	Meteorology	18
	pCO2	36
	Direct covariance flux	10
Shallow water		
	Fluorometer	81
	Nutrients	25
	Dissolved oxygen	82
	Spectral irradiance	22
	Photosynthetically available radiation	20
	Optical absorption	31
	Zooplankton sensor	13
Bottom		
	Mass spectrometer	2
	Seafloor temperature	1
	Seismometer	13
	Camera	13
	Benthic flow	1
	Particulate DNA	1
	Vent chemistry	2
	Chemical sampling	3
	Seafloor pressure	15

## Sensor Distribution



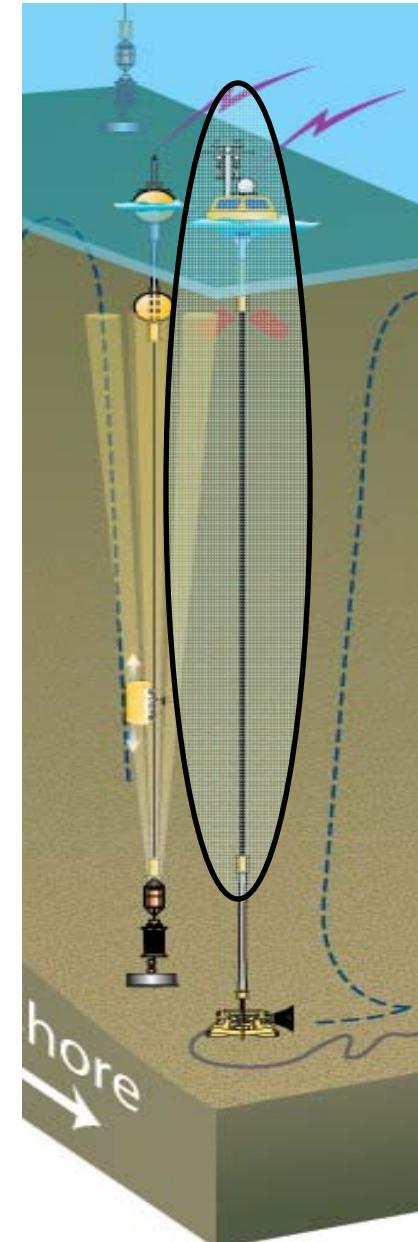
# Core Sensors

Sensor Numbers by Primary Discipline



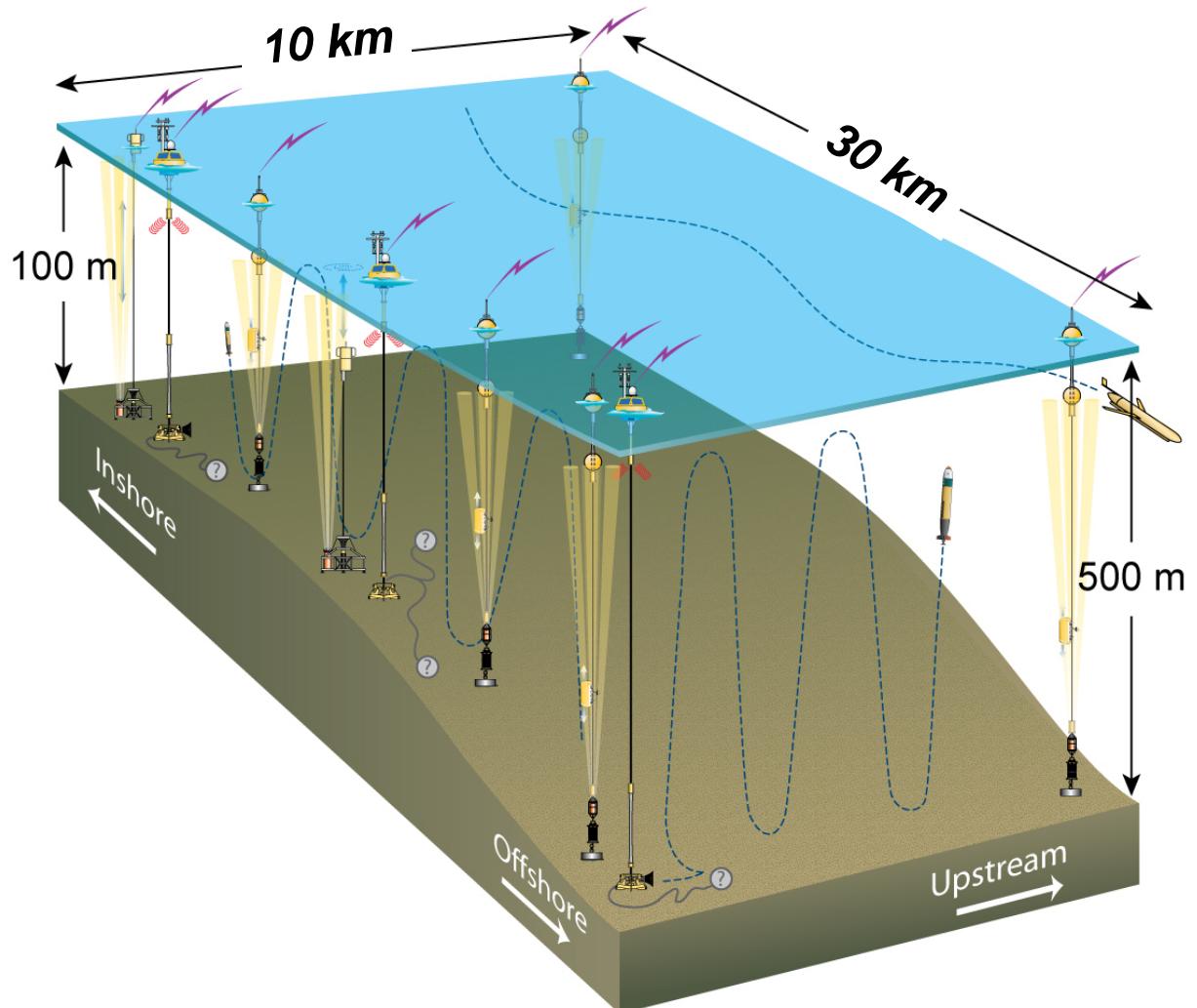
# Surface Mooring

- Buoy (with telemetry to shore)
  - Surface meteorology
  - Waves
  - pCO<sub>2</sub> (air and sea)
- Subsurface
  - Temperature and salinity
  - Dissolved oxygen
  - pH
  - Water velocity
  - Turbidity
  - Optical properties
  - Chlorophyll, organic matter
  - Nitrate



# Pioneer Array

- Full water column
- Cross-front resolution
- Power-generating buoys
- Multi-function nodes
- AUV docks



Plueddemann and Cook (WHOI)  
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# OOI Network Design

Multi-scale Observatory

Global Arrays

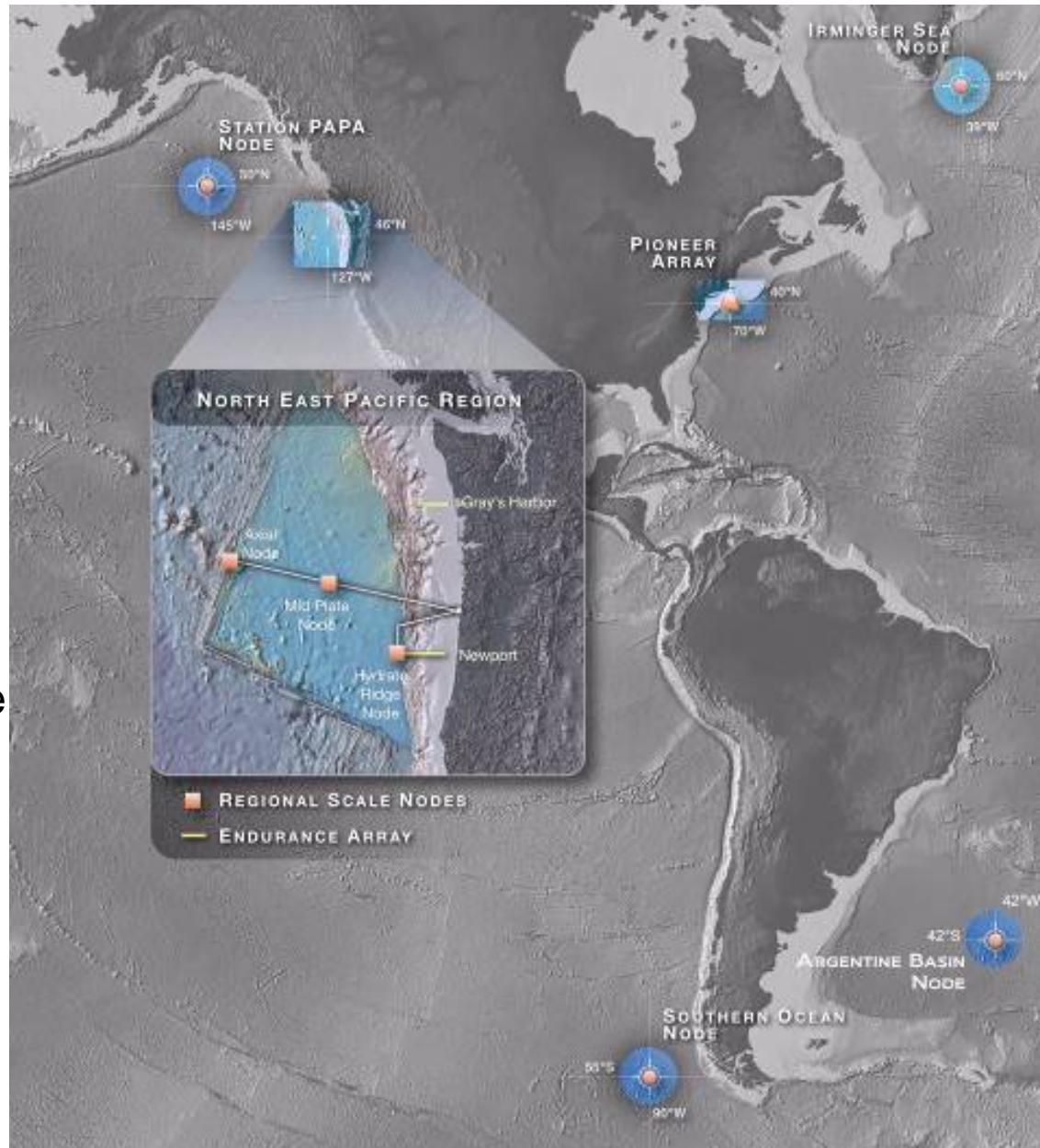
- Gulf of Alaska
- Irminger Sea
- Southern Ocean
- Argentine Basin

Regional

- Cabled
- Juan de Fuca Plate
- Oregon

Coastal Arrays

- Pioneer
- Endurance



# OOI Data Policy

- Rapidly disseminated, open, and freely available
- Near-real-time with latencies as small as technically feasibility allows
- PI data shall be publicly available\*
  - \* PIs may request exclusive access (up to 1 year)
  - \* Requests on a case by case basis
  - \* All data public when exclusivity expires



# OOI Project Team



## Organization

Consortium for Ocean Leadership

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution  
• Oregon State University  
• Scripps Institution of Oceanography  
• Raytheon

University of Washington

UC San Diego

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## Project Role

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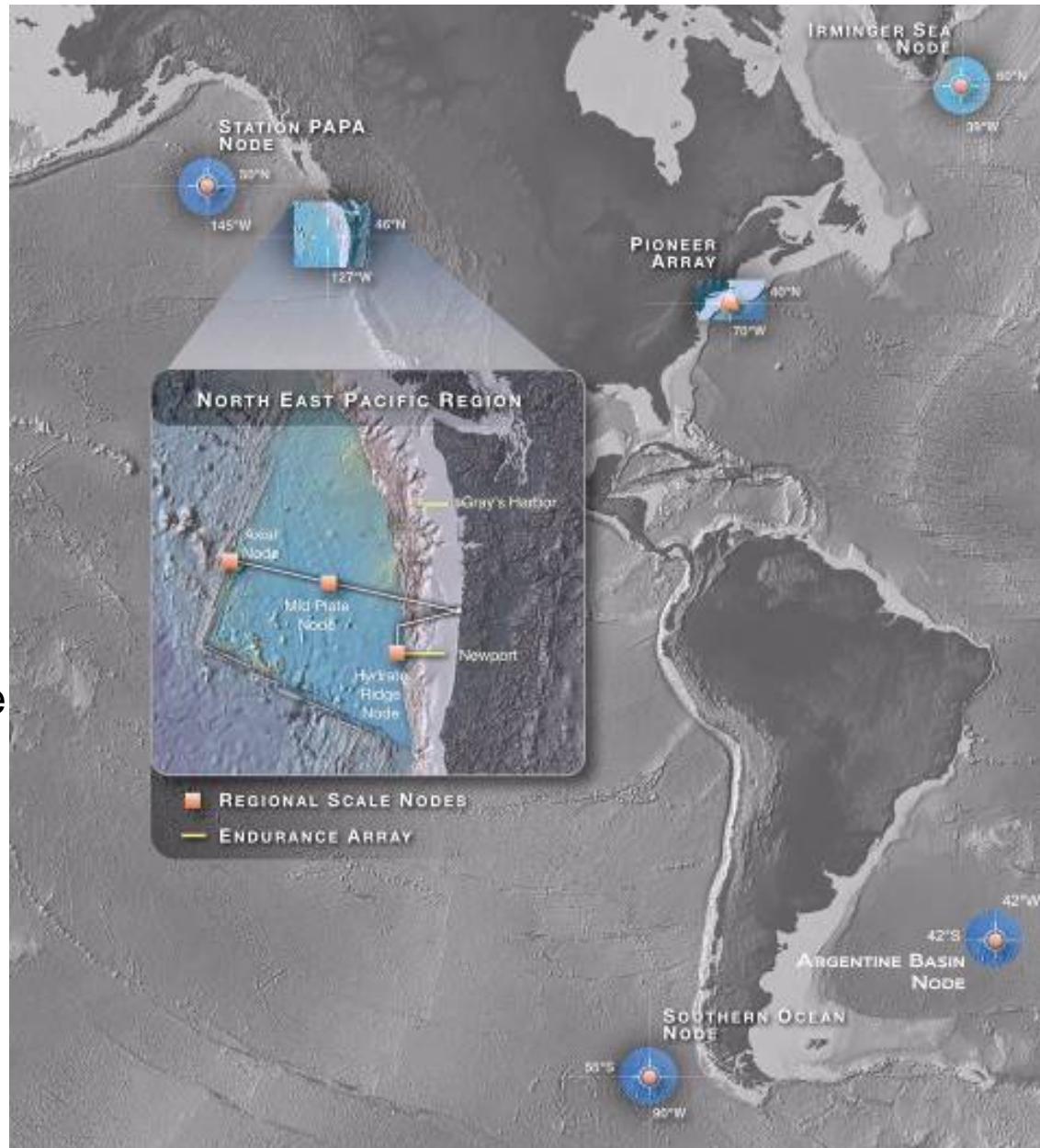
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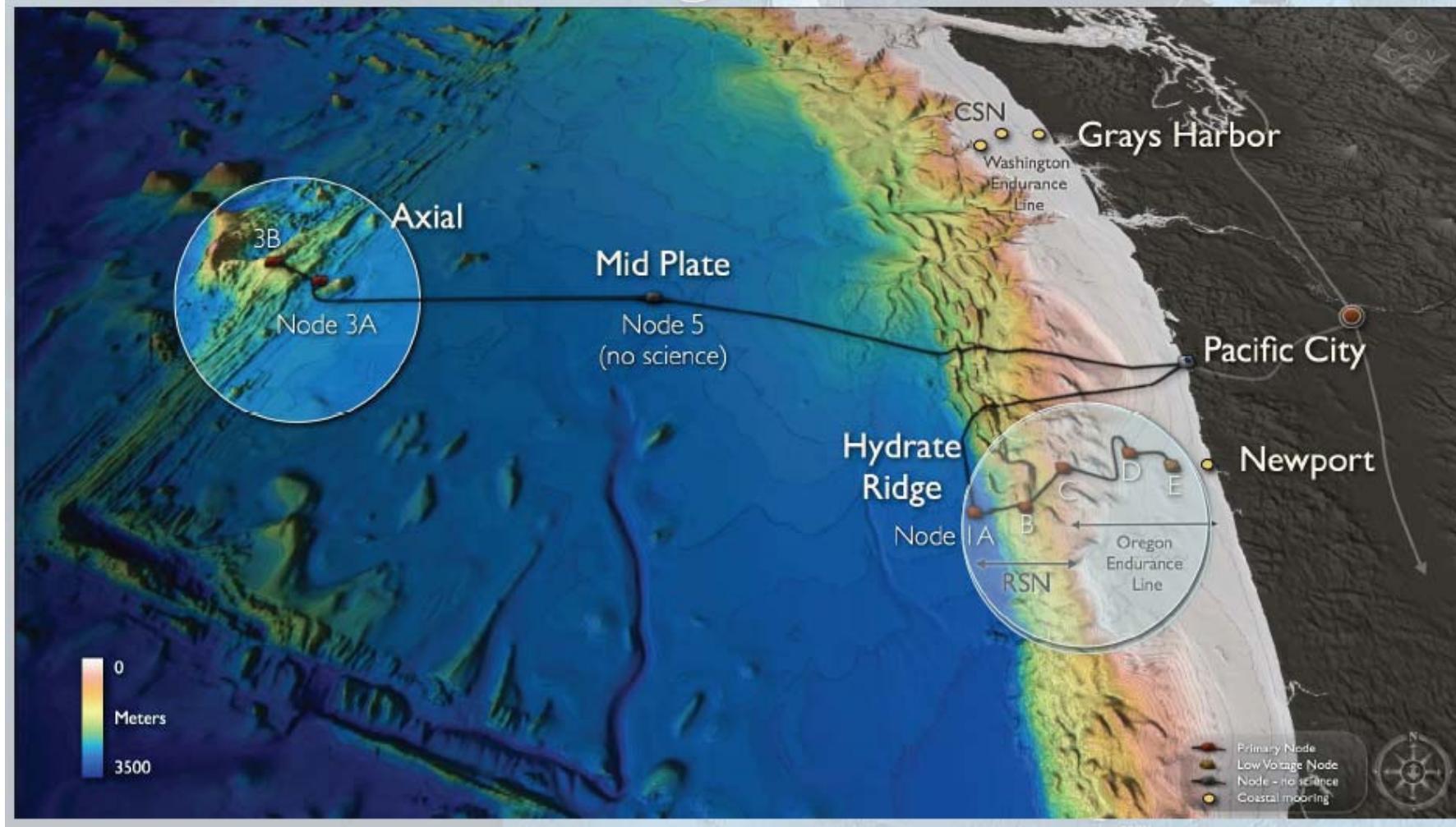
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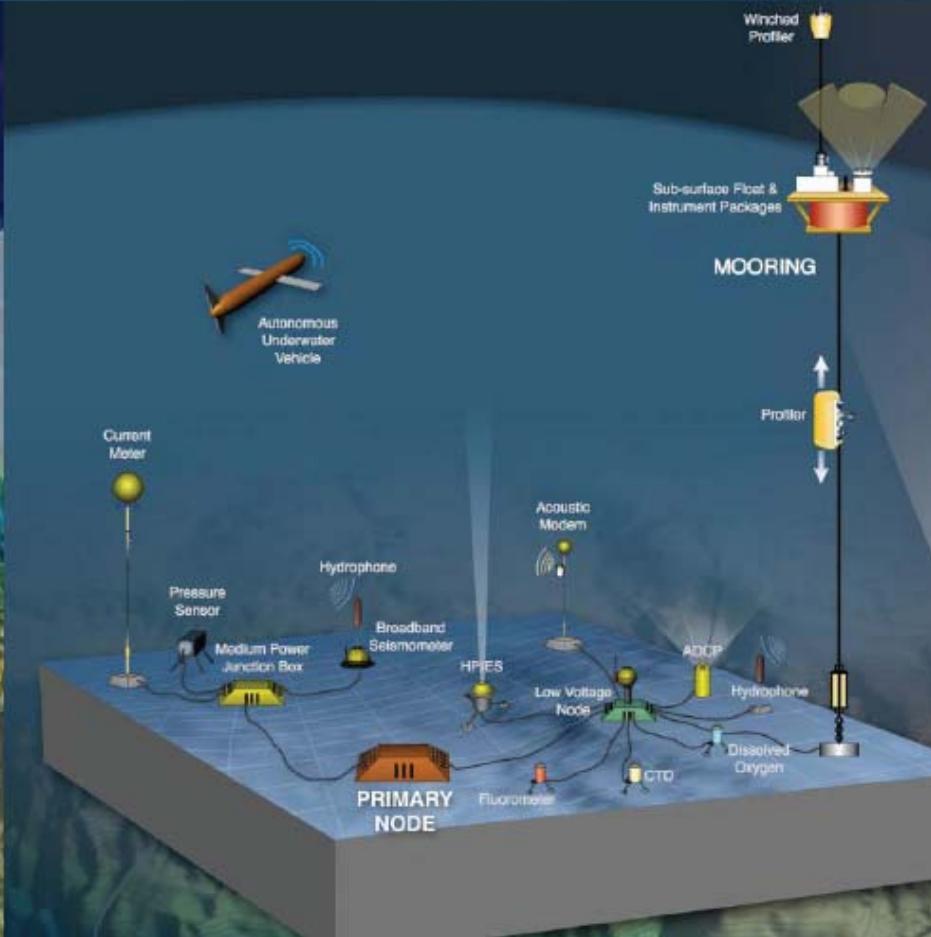
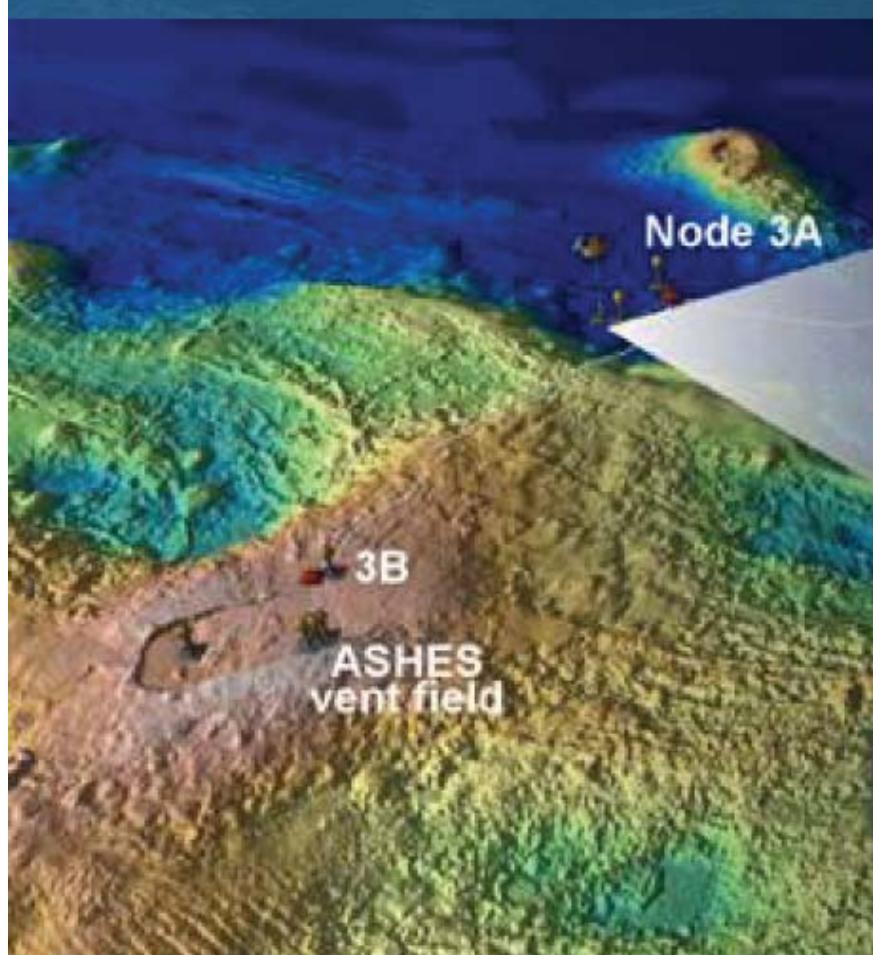


# Regional Scale Nodes

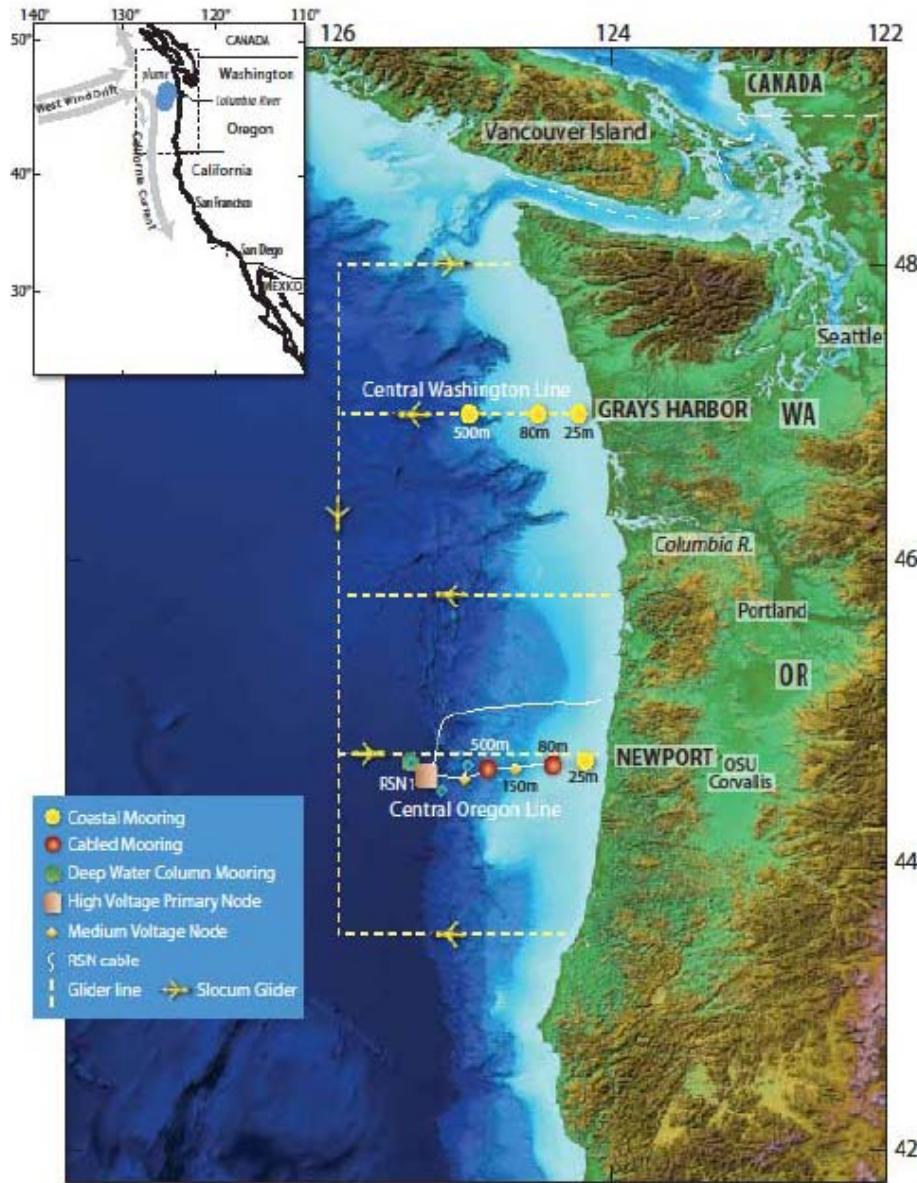




# Axial Seamount

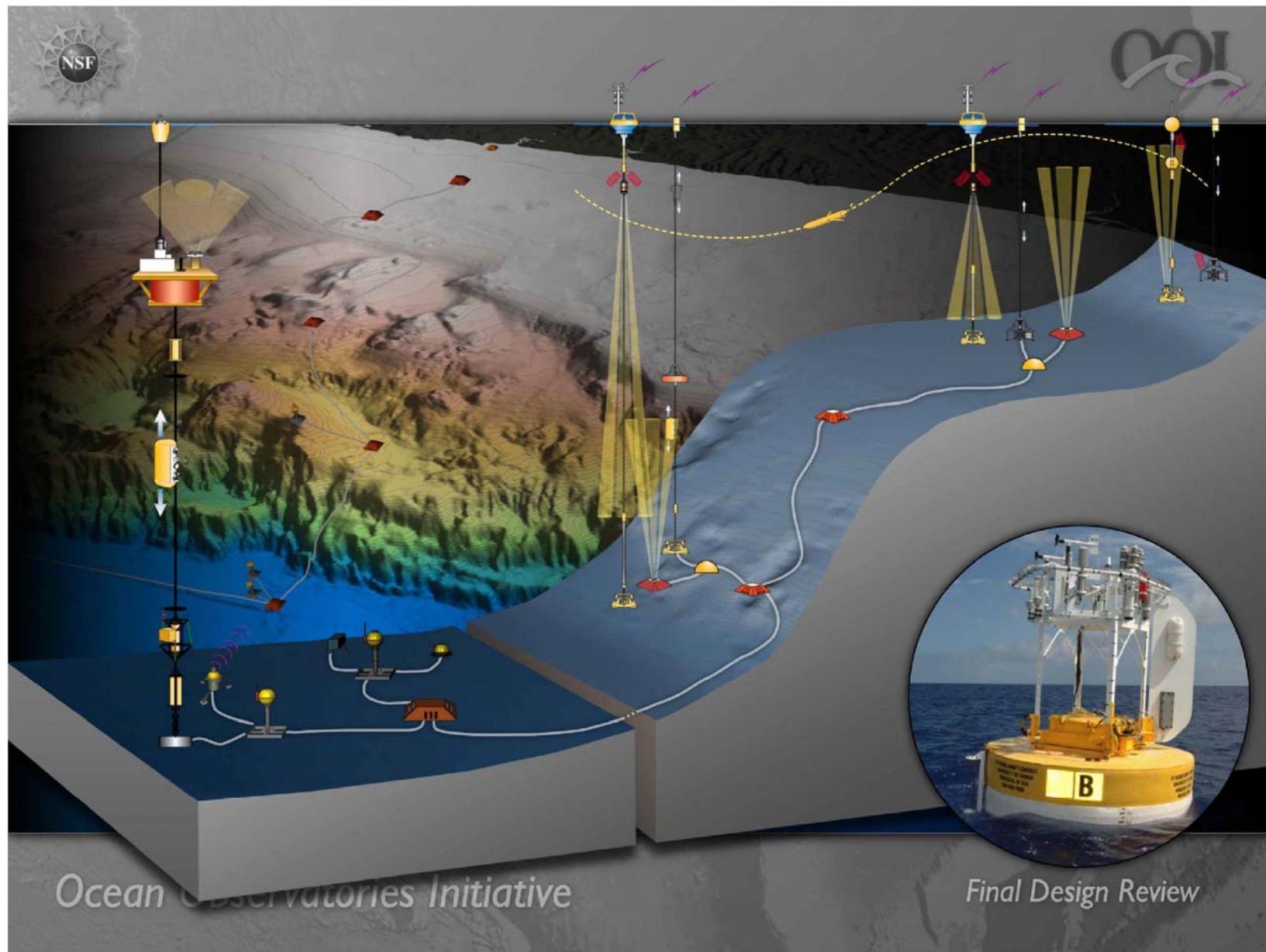


# Endurance Array



- ✓ 2 cross-shelf lines
- ✓ Moorings on inner shelf, mid-shelf, and slope
- ✓ Air-sea, water column, and benthic observing
- ✓ 6 Gilders
- ✓ Oregon Line connects to Regional cable; continuity with RSN mooring and PAPA
- ✓ Coastal to deep ocean observing

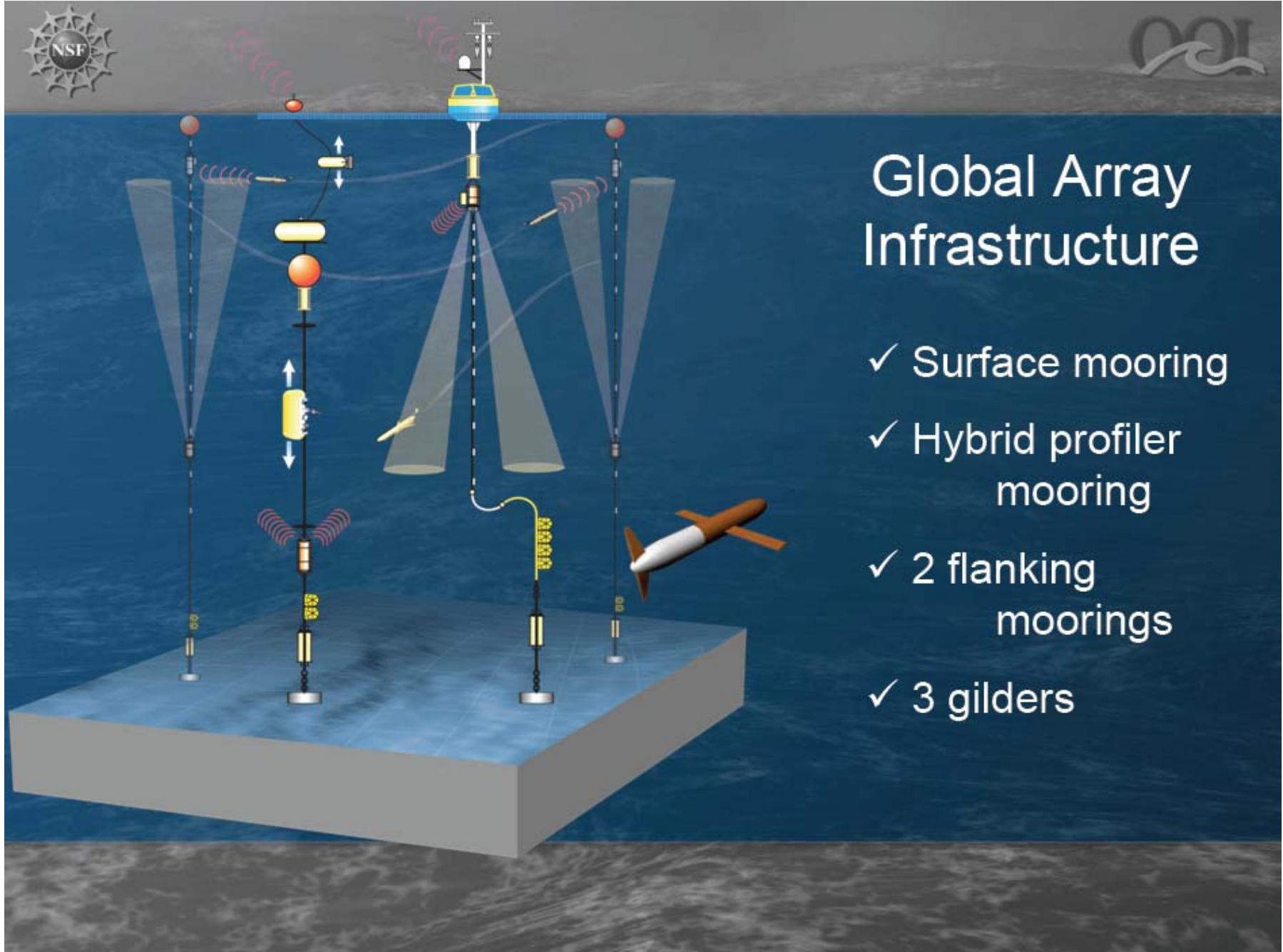
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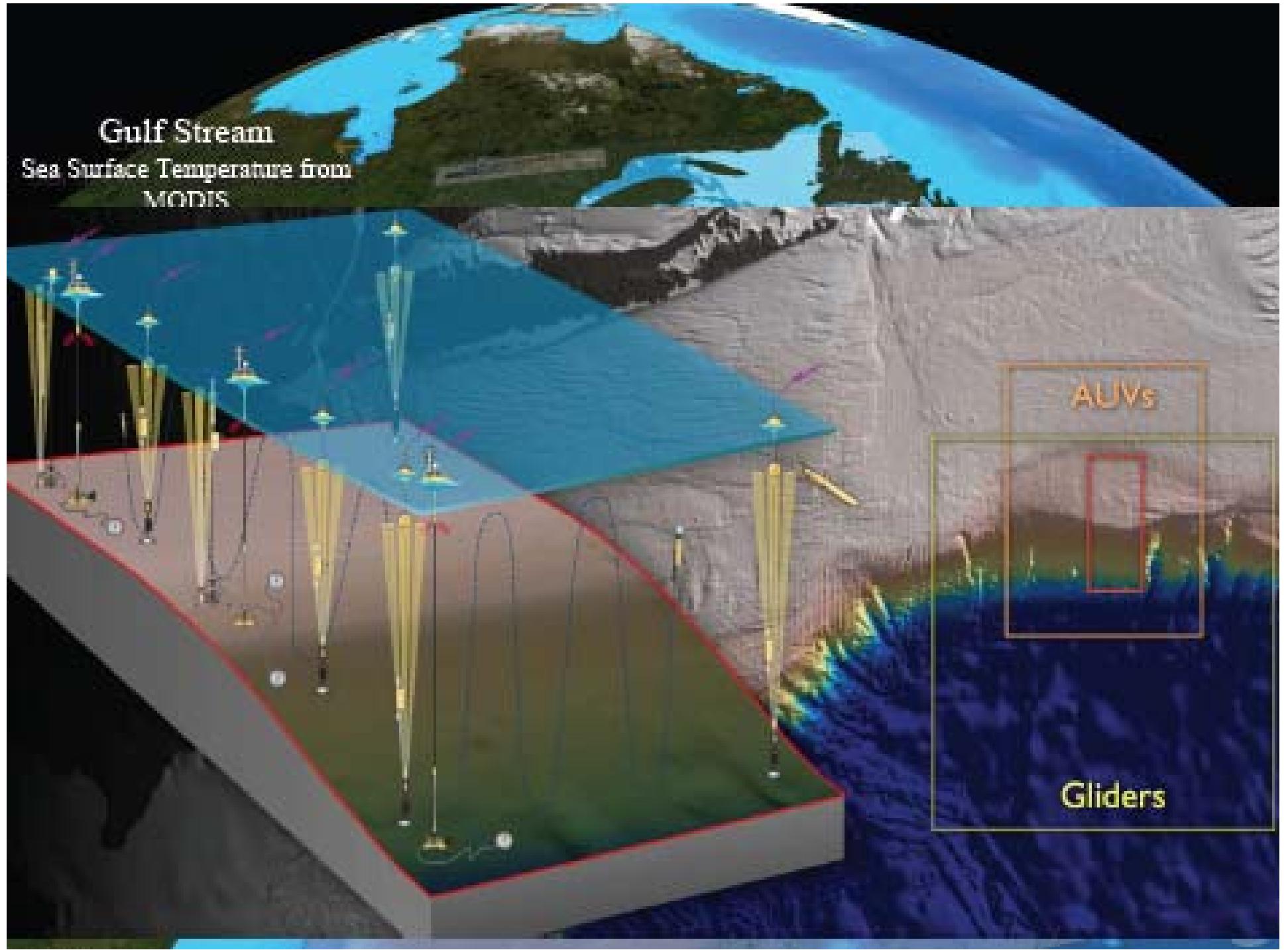


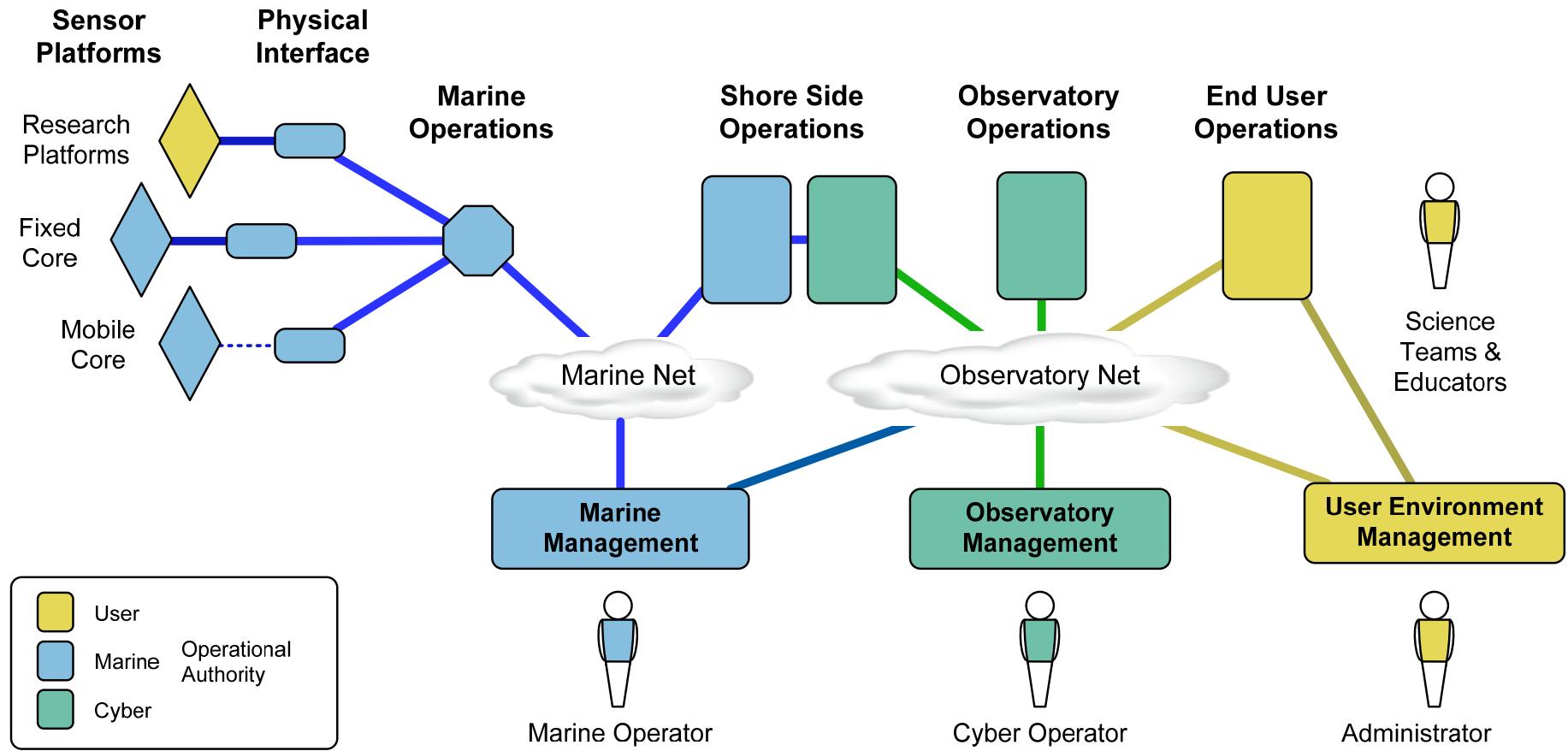


## Global Array Infrastructure

- ✓ Surface mooring
- ✓ Hybrid profiler mooring
- ✓ 2 flanking moorings
- ✓ 3 gilders







## Integrated Observatory Operational Domains



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Proposed OOI Installation Schedule		2011			2012			2013			2014		
		Q1 J F M	Q2 A M J	Q3 J A S	Q4 O N D	Q1 J F M	Q2 A M J	Q3 J A S	Q4 O N D	Q1 J F M	Q2 A M J	Q3 J A S	Q4 O N D
Global Sites	Argentine Basin									G	I	D	C
	Irminger Sea									G	I	D	C
	Southern Ocean 55 S									G	I	D	C
	Station Papa									G	I	D	C
Coastal Arrays	Endurance					G	D			I	D		I D C
	Pioneer					G	D			A	I	D	C
Regional Arrays	Primary Infra- structure		I	Submarine Cable Installed			I	D	Primary Nodes	I	D		
	Secondary Infra- structure									I	D	Sensors	I DC

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I Installation

D Data Flow

C Commissioning

G Gliders  
Deployed

A AUVs  
Deployed

# Cruises: the Jiffy-Pop Diagram

