Global Ocean Biogeochemistry Array (GO-BGC): Observing ocean chemistry and biology with Biogeochemical-Argo profiling floats

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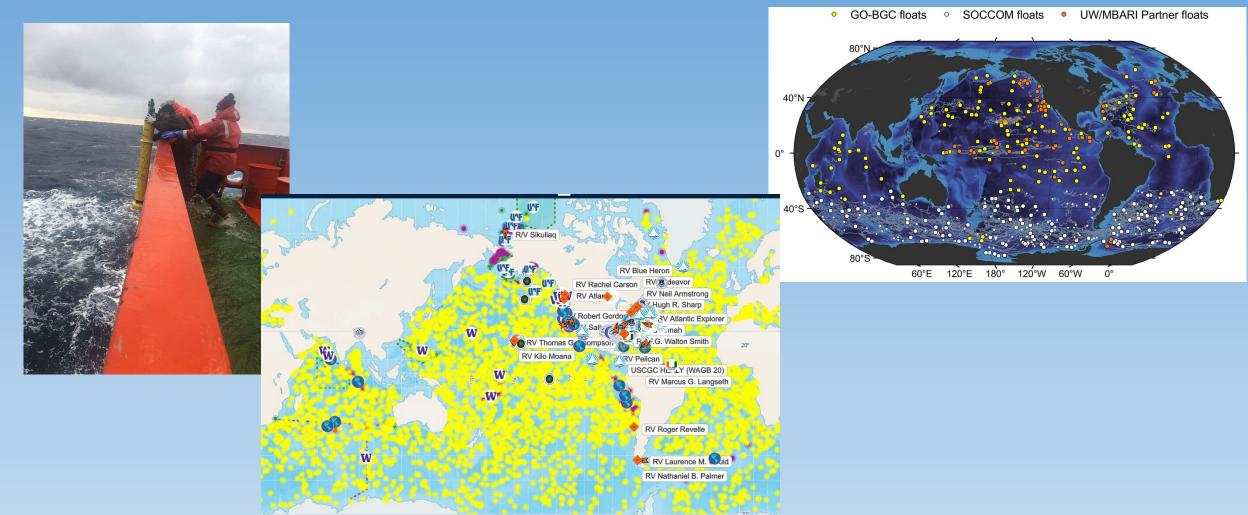




Unlocking the mysteries of the Southern Ocean



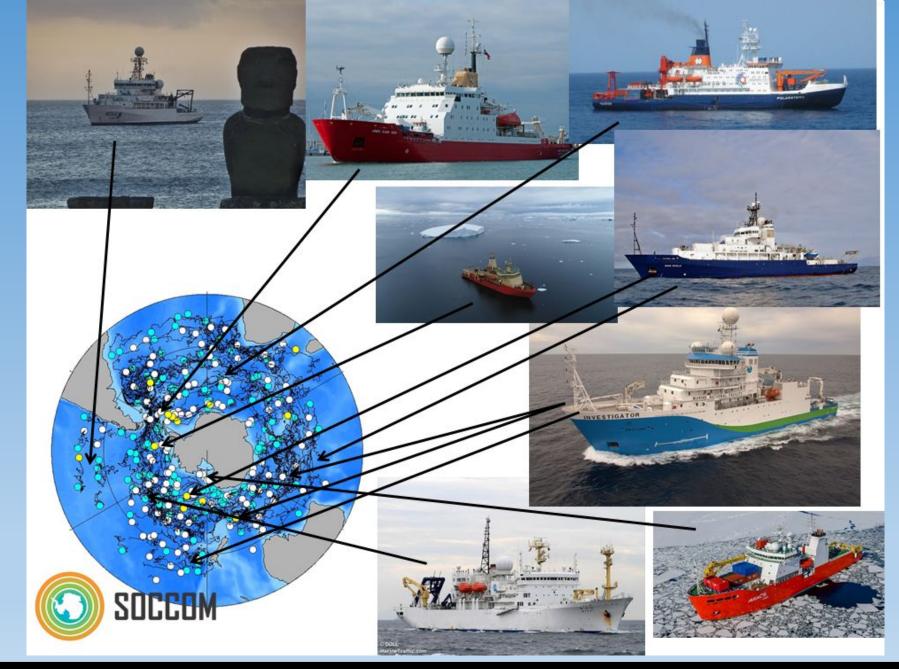
This talk is about building a global array of profiling floats with chemical and biological sensors. How does it relate to UNOLS?











GO-BGC & SOCCOM rely on UNOLS!

Thompson, Revelle, Sally Ride, Kilo Moana, Atlantis, Armstrong, Sikuliaq, Palmer, Ron Brown

Australia, Canada, Germany, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain, Russia, United Kingdom





In the future, "vessels will be support, not monitoring platforms" Mel Briscoe, 2010.

Astronomers no longer go to the "observatory". Data comes to them from the observatory - think Hubble Space Telescope.

What does a global, BGC-Argo array mean for UNOLS?

We can use ships more efficiently with a global network of sensors. Process-oriented studies can be more focused.

There will be an increasing amount of ancillary ship use to deploy platforms.

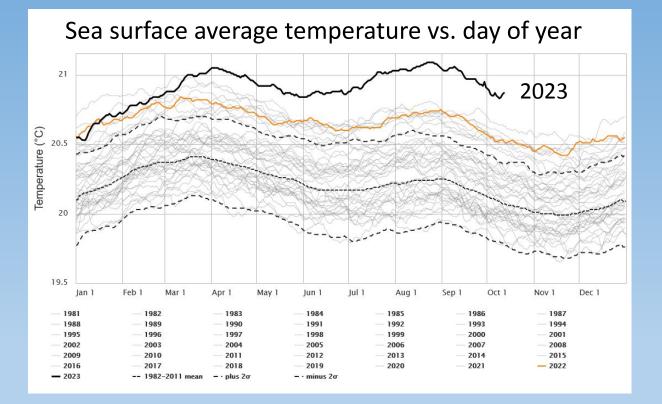
There may be a need for a new class of ships that just support deployments with reduced capital and operating costs.



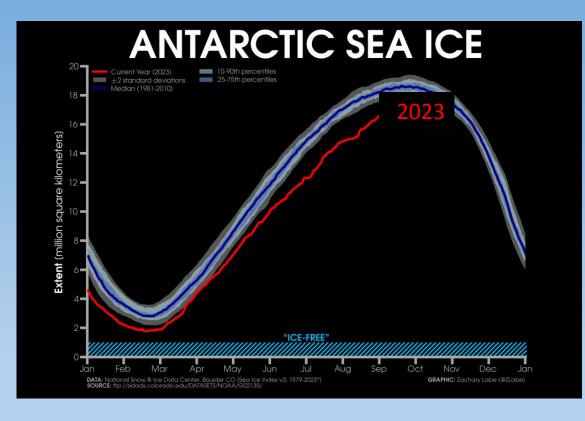


There is an imperative to improve ocean observing! Oceans are undergoing remarkable stresses:

- Warming Acidification Ice melt Oxygen loss Circulation changes
- Over fishing ...



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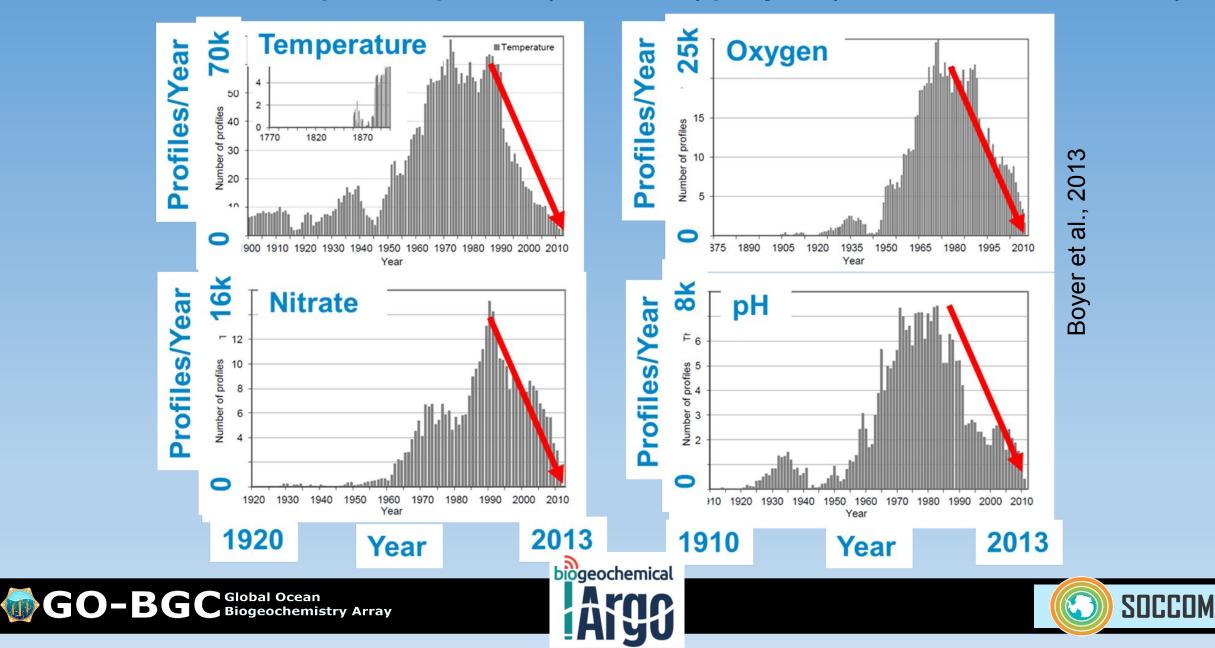


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Yet the number of observations is decreasing. Annual number of ship-based profiles (thousands) per year (NOAA World Ocean Atlas)



The Argo array has transformed physical oceanography!

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Ships last 100 years

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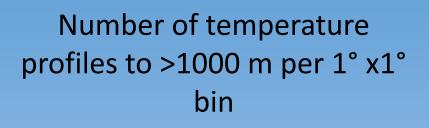
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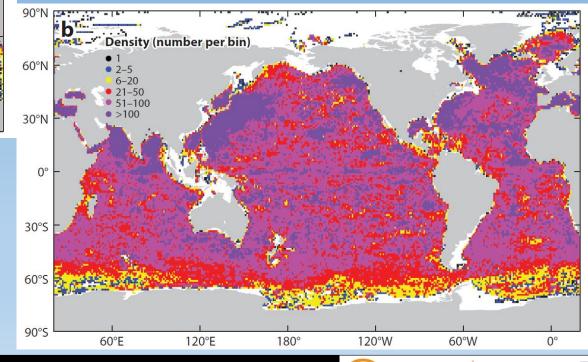
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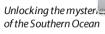
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Annual Review of Marine Science Argo—Two Decades: Global Oceanography, Revolutionized

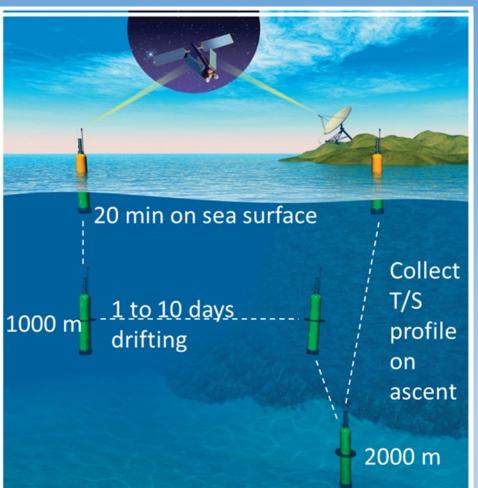
Gregory C. Johnson,¹ Shigeki Hosoda,² Steven R. Jayne,³ Peter R. Oke,⁴ Stephen C. Riser,⁵ Dean Roemmich,⁶ Tohsio Suga,⁷ Virginie Thierry,⁸ Susan E. Wijffels,3 and Jianping Xu9

Global Ocean

Biogeochemistry Array



We need a new approach to sustained ocean observations. Robotic observations with Biogeochemical-Argo!



Argo profiling floats with chemical & biological sensors

- Enough batteries for ~250 cycles from 2000 m to surface
- >5 year mean life at 1 cycle/10 days
- All data available within 24 hours without restriction







The 2016 Biogeochemical-Argo Science & Implementation Plan

- An international plan.
- 1000 profiling floats with

- O₂, pH, NO₃⁻, bio-optics

- Array size set by analysis of science requirements
- Data freely available in real-time.
- US provides 500 floats

Biogeochemical-Argo Science & Implementation Plan





http://biogeochemical-argo.org

Edited by Ken Johnson & Hervé Claustre

An observing system simulation for Southern Ocean carbon dioxide uptake

Joseph D. Majkut, Brendan R. Carter, Thomas L. Frölicher, Carolina O. Dufour, Keith B. Rodgers and Jorge L. Sarmiento

Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A 2014 372, 20130046, published 2 June 2014

Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans

RESEARCH ARTICLE 10.1002/2017JC012819 Observing System Simulation Experiments for an array of autonomous biogeochemical profiling floats in the Southern Ocean

Special Section:

The Southern Ocean Carbon and Climate Observations and Modeling (SOCCOM) Project:

Igor Kamenkovich¹ (b), Angelique Haza¹ (b), Alison R. Gray^{2,3} (b), Carolina O. Dufour^{2,4} (b), and Zulema Garraffo⁵ (b)

Various assessments find that ~1000 floats, spread globally, greatly reduce uncertainty in BGC processes.

Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans

RESEARCH ARTICLE	Correlation Lengths for Estimating the Large-Scale Carbon and	
10.1002/2017JC013408	Heat Content of the Southern Ocean	

Special Section: M. R. Mazloff¹ ^(D), B. D. Cornuelle¹, S. T. Gille¹ ^(D), and A. Verdy¹ ^(D)

Biogeosciences, 18, 509–534, 2021 https://doi.org/10.5194/bg-18-509-2021 © Author(s) 2021. This work is distributed under

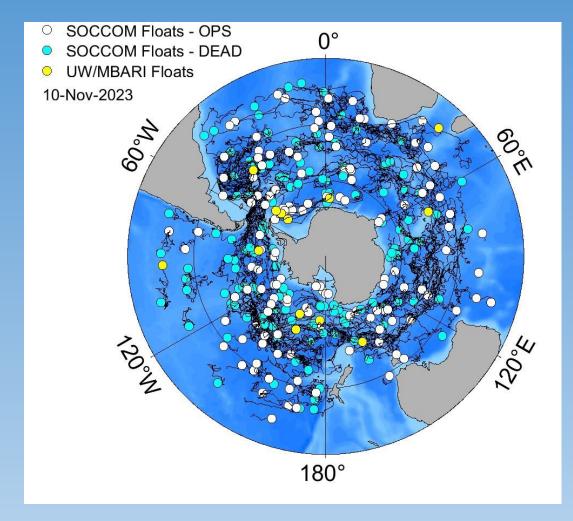
Biogeoscience

Assimilating synthetic Biogeochemical-Argo and ocean colour observations into a global ocean model to inform observing system design

David Ford







Southern Ocean Carbon and Climate Observations and Modeling (SOCCOM):

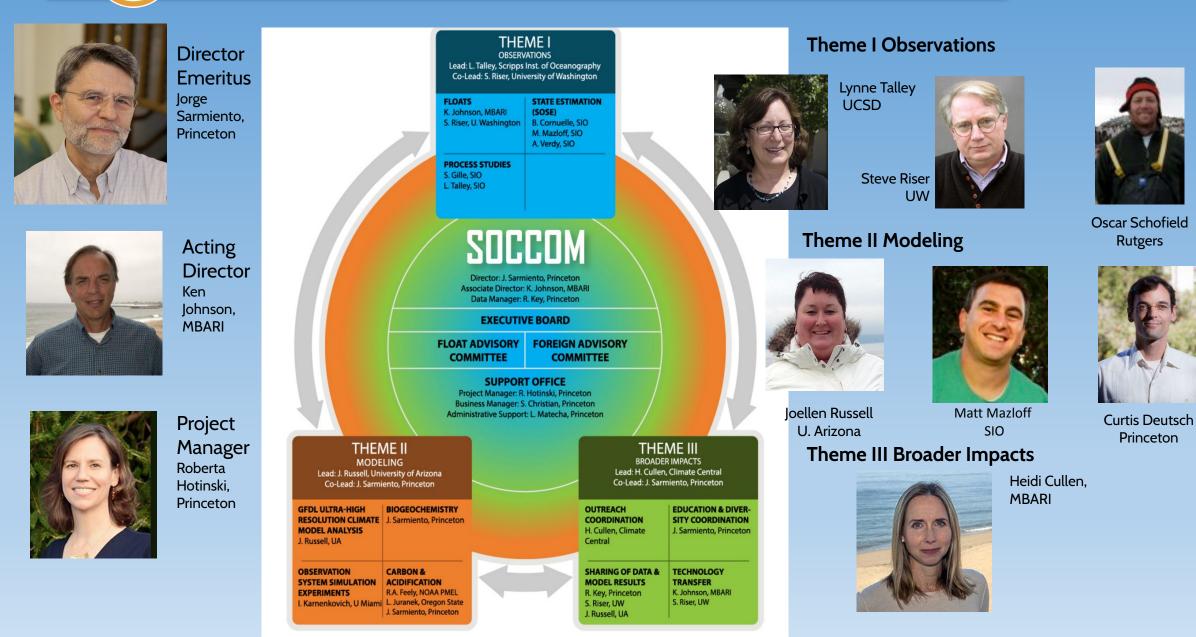
- Initiated in 2014 with NSF OPP funding.
- Renewed for four years (2021-2024)
- 270 floats deployed, 138 active.
- Oxygen, pH, nitrate, bio-optical sensors
- 176 peer-reviewed papers
- SOCCOM-3 proposal in review
- https://soccom.princeton.edu





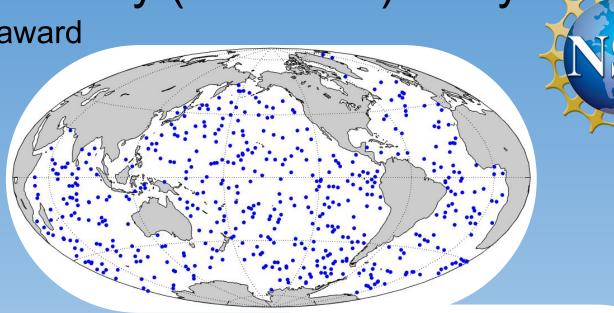


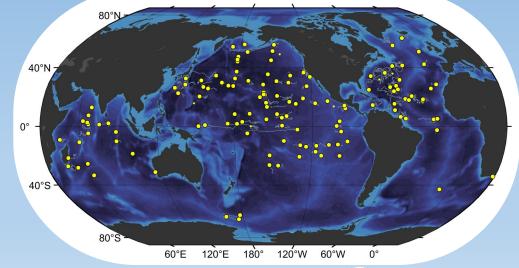
Leadership



Global Ocean Biogeochemistry (GO-BGC) Array:

- Oct. 29, 2020, NSF made a 5 year award for the GO-BGC Array
- 500 profiling floats GLOBALLY.
- O_2 , NO_3^- , pH, bio-optics.
- Partner institutions:
 - Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute
 - University of Washington
 - Scripps Institution of Oceanography
 - Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
 - Princeton University









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GO-BGC and Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure-2

MSRI is one of NSF's 10 Big Ideas

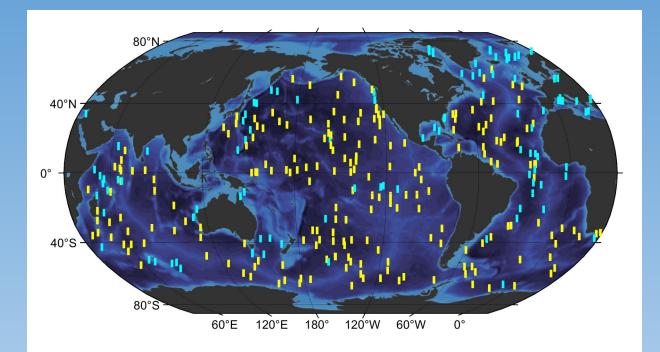
The Mid-scale RI-2 program will NOT support proposals that include the following:

- Pre-implementation research and development and other community or technical preparatory activities;
- Science research (except for validation of operational capability):
- Post-implementation research, operations, and maintenance; and
- General-purpose support systems and equipment that are not directly required for the implementation and eventual operation
 of the proposed infrastructure.





SOCCOM and GO-BGC are the primary US contributions to BGC-Argo.



4+ Sensor BGC Argo Floats 13-Nov-2023

Floats with 4 sensors: 54 Floats with 5 sensors: 239 Floats with 6 sensors: 45 MBARI floats in yellow

18 + nations deploying floats with 1 or more BGC sensors

- AUSTRALIA (12) ۲
- BULGARIA (6) ٠
- CANADA (45)

- CHINA (21) EUROPE (21)
 - GERMANY (9)
- FINLAND (3) INDIA (8)
- **FRANCE (110)** IRELAND (2) ITALY (18)

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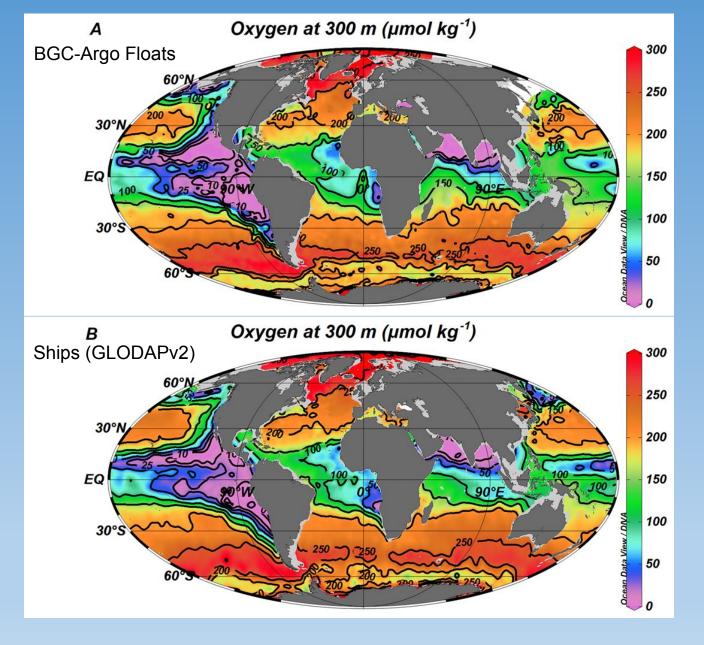
- JAPAN (5)
- NORWAY (27) POLAND (8) SPAIN (1)
- UK (15) USA (264)
 - OTHER (2)



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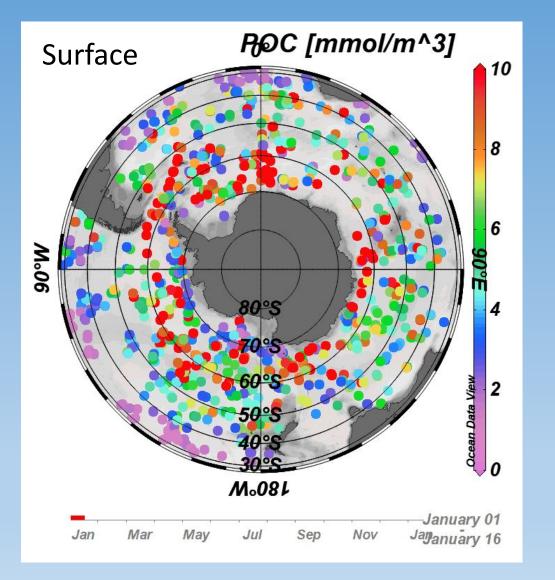
BGC-Argo observations are nearly indistinguishable from high quality lab measurements, with greater temporal resolution.



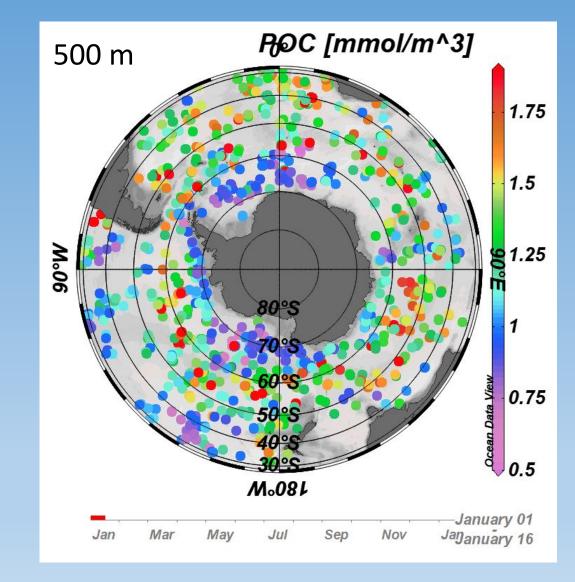




BGC-Argo floats enable year-round observing not possible from ships

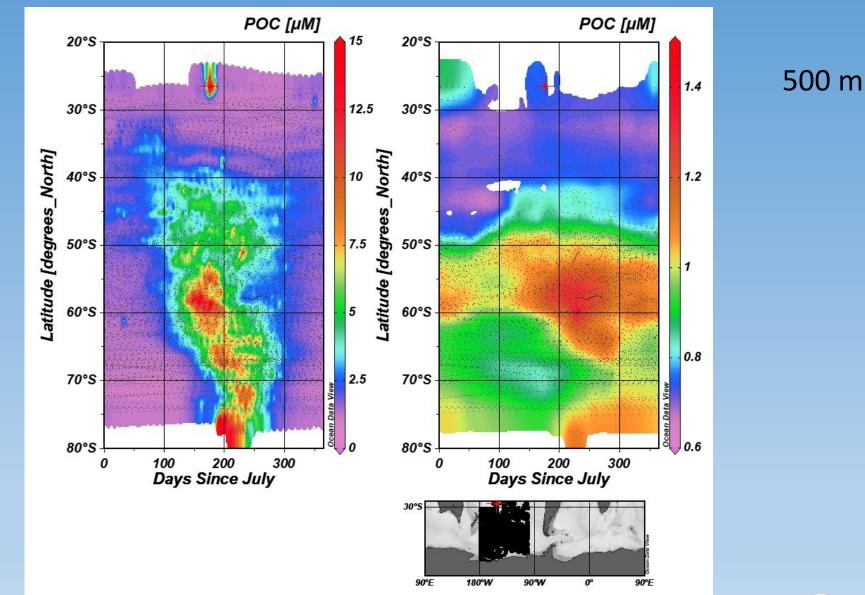


GO-BGC Global Ocean Biogeochemistry Array





BGC-Argo floats provide a view into the ocean interior that is not possible with satellites



Surface

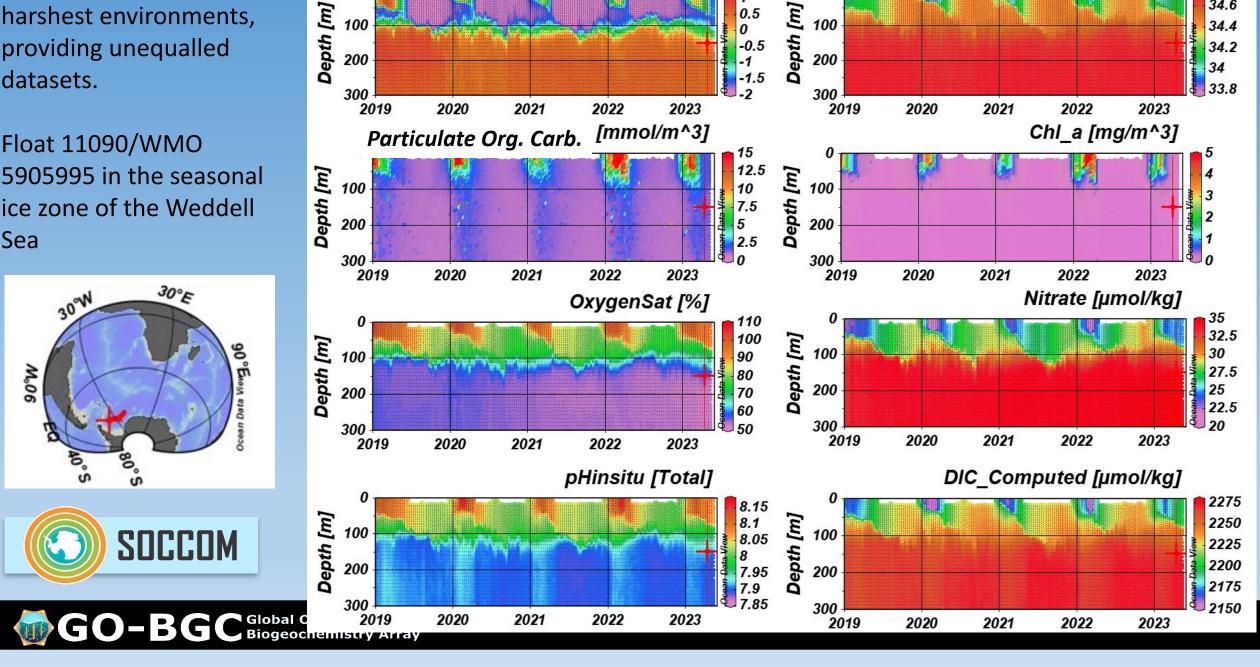




Floats can operate in the harshest environments, providing unequalled datasets.

200

Float 11090/WMO 5905995 in the seasonal ice zone of the Weddell Sea



Temperature [°C]

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0

-0.5

100

200

Salinity [pss]

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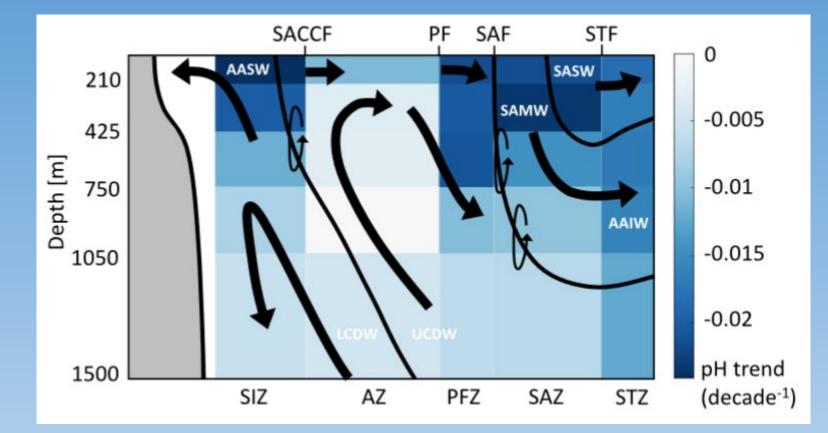
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Float data enables long-term change to be observed across the open ocean

Zonal mean acidification rate consistent with the overturning circulation of the Southern Ocean

SOCCOM



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RESEARCH ARTICLE 10.1029/2022JC019530

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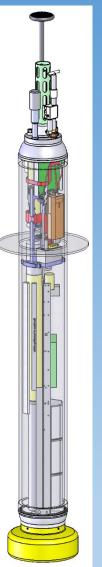
Southern Ocean pH mapped product,

Key Points:

Southern Ocean Acidification Revealed by Biogeochemical-Argo Floats

Matthew R. Mazloff¹, Ariane Verdy¹, Sarah T. Gille¹, Kenneth S. Johnson², Bruce D. Cornuelle¹, and Jorge Sarmiento³

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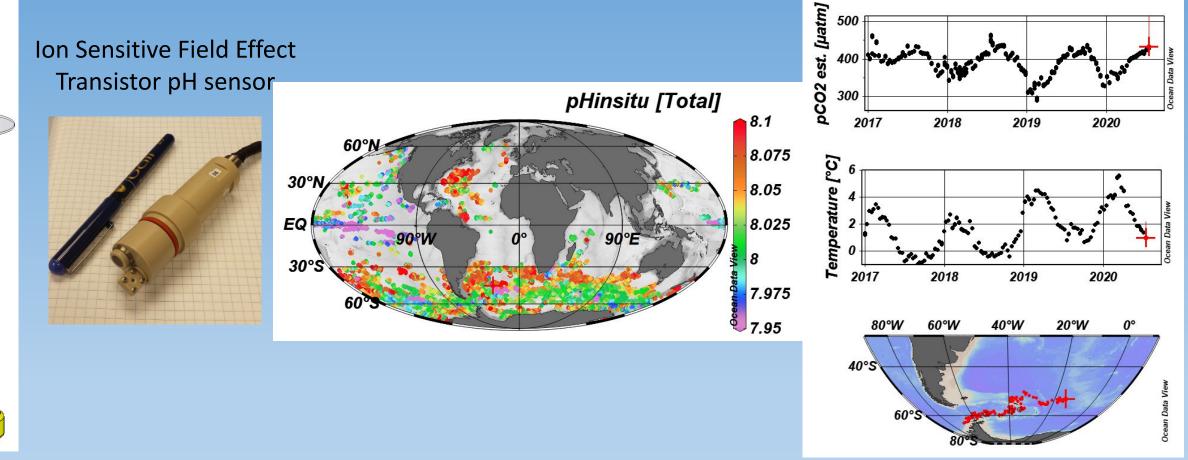
BGC-Argo floats with pH sensors can provide an estimate of pCO_2 .

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Calculating surface ocean pCO₂ from biogeochemical Argo floats equipped with pH: An uncertainty analysis

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Global Biogeochemical Cycles[•]

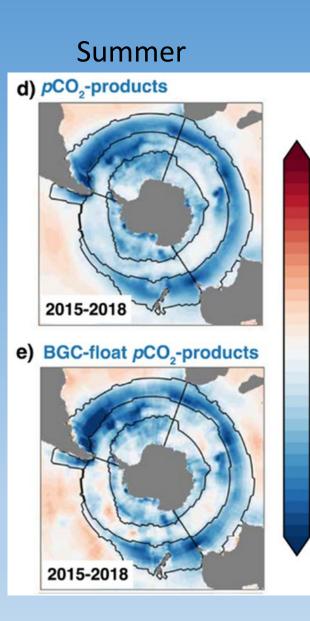
Research Article 👌 Open Access 💿 🛈

The Southern Ocean Carbon Cycle 1985–2018: Mean, Seasonal Cycle, Trends, and Storage

Judith Hauck 🔀, Luke Gregor, Cara Nissen, Lavinia Patara, Mark Hague, Precious Mongwe, Seth Bushinsky, Scott C. Doney, Nicolas Gruber, Corinne Le Quéré, Manfredi Manizza, Matthew Mazloff, Pedro M. S. Monteiro, Jens Terhaar ... See fewer authors

pCO₂ – products are Machine Learning (Neural Networks) products fitted to SOCAT (Shipboard) pCO₂ observations

Almost all SOCAT data is summer time.



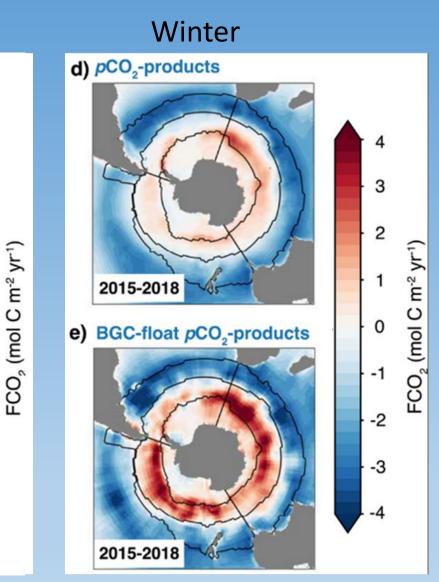
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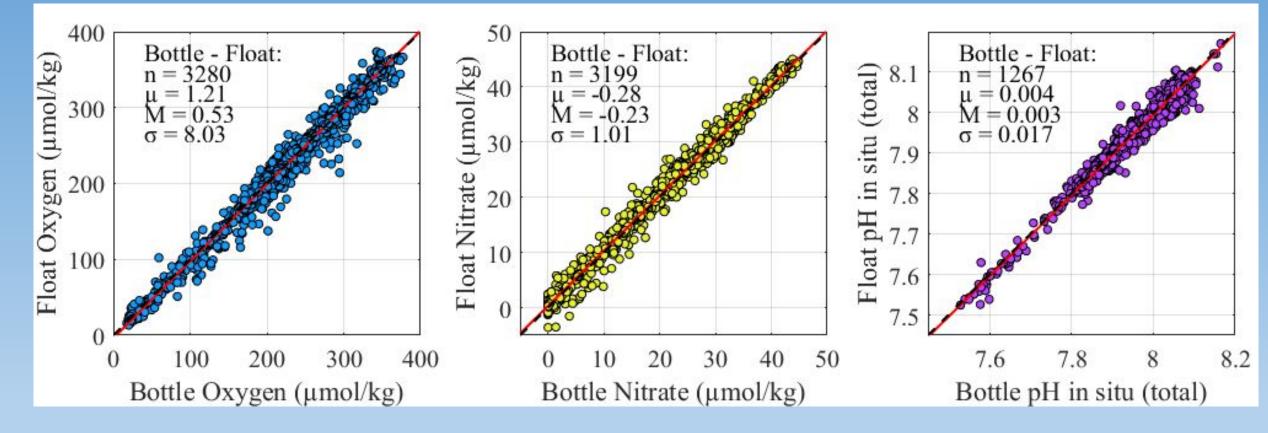








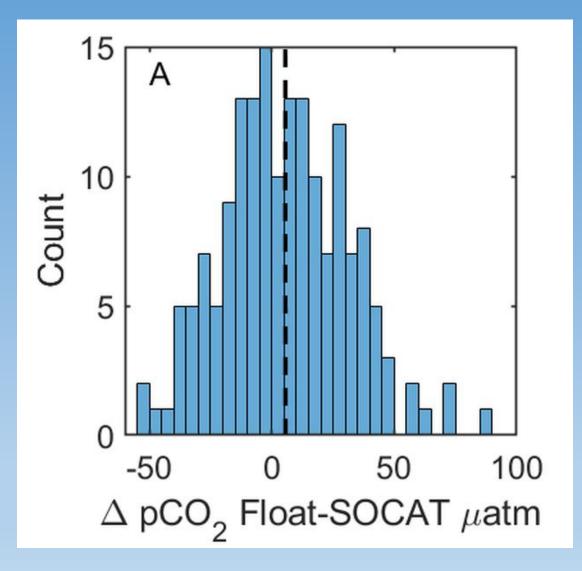
Ship-board data is essential to validate float observations. Opportunistic contributions from GO-SHIP are key.







Underway observations from ships are essential to validate the pCO2 from floats.

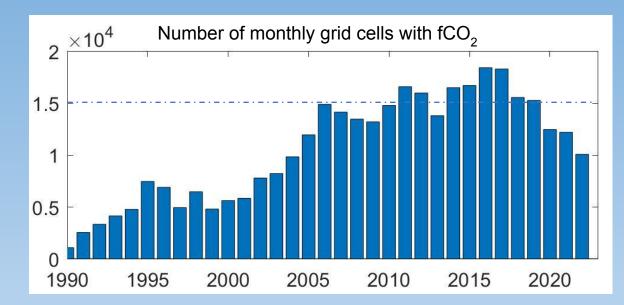


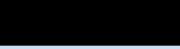
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SOCAT version 2023: An alarming decline in the ocean CO₂ observing capacity Dorothee Bakker









UNOLS vessels have dozens of R2R cruises with pCO₂ in the R2R, but \equiv **ROLLING DECK TO REPOSITORY** almost none gets into the SOCAT Q 683 Results Download Table database used for science analysis. Q View: O Data Sets O Cruises Q Only display results in current map view 1 Dashboard Mercator North Pola SOCAT Data Viewer 2 3 4 5 » **Results per Page** V Print... Link... Animate Correlation Viewer Google Earth Show Values Export to Desktop Application Save As... Ta Data Collections Update Plot 🦳 < SHOW ON One Plot Annotations DATA SET: SOCAT v2023 Data Collection @ RAW DATA MAP 🖨 CRUISE 1 CRUISE DEVICE 🖨 DOI 🖨 Plot Options OPeNDAP URL: https://data.pmel.noaa.gov/socat/erddap/tabledap pCO2 AR31-C Armstrong 10.7284/137327 $\equiv \pm 0$ GeneralOceanics 8050 LAS 8./PyFerret 7.6 NOAA/PMEL pCO2 AR34A = 10 Armstrong 10.7284/144794 fCO2 recommended ~ Print GeneralOceanics 8050 + pCO2 AR34B E 10 Armstrong 10.7284/144790 GeneralOceanics 8050 \Box pCO2 AR35-01 Armstrong 10.7284/135629 = 10 GeneralOceanics 8050 80°N pCO2 AR35-02 Armstrong 10.7284/135666 = 10 90 N GeneralOceanics 8050 180 E pCO2 180 W AR35-03 Armstrong 10.7284/135721 = 10 GeneralOceanics 8050 80 S 40°N pCO2 AR35-04 10.7284/144943 E 10 Armstrong Start date/time: 1957 v Jan v 01 v GeneralOceanics 8050 End date/time: 2022 v Dec v 31 v AR35-05 pCO2 E 10 Armstrong 10.7284/135791 GeneralOceanics 8050 No Data Available Maps pCO2 **AR37** 10.7284/135758 Armstrong Latitude-Longitude 00 General Oceanics 2050 Line Plots **O** Time ly selections: (x) WOCE CO2 water = 2 40°5 (x) fCO2_recommended != NaN (x) platform name = (?i).*armstrong.*

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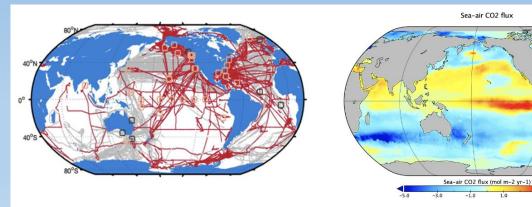
R²R **ROLLING DECK TO REPOSITORY**

Data that does migrate to SOCAT seems to only come from GO-SHIP cruises where there is a science DI

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Surface CO₂ Measurements from Research Vessels (UNOLS) Opportunities (rik.wanninkhof@noaa.gov)

- Automated surface water CO_2 measurements (Underway pCO_2) are the cornerstone of global air-sea CO_2 flux estimates
- As part of SOCONET, measurements will be increased with uniform high-quality data to improve products and product delivery to meet the WMO-Greenhouse-Gas watch (G3W) deliverables
- **Research vessels are uniquely positioned to contribute**:
 - -Onboard expertise: Marine technicians
 - Required infrastructure (scientific seawater line, thermosalinographs, MET sensors, internet controlled, laboratory environments)
 - Sampling of data in sparse regions of the ocean
- □ **Value added**: Observations can be used for checks/validation of other data (e.g. BGC Argo) and contribute to many contemporaneous biogeochemical studies (O₂/Ar, NCP, plankton)
- □ Several (\approx 4) of the new RVs are being outfitted with state-of-the art systems (General Oceanics)



Outputs of G³W

- Monthly GHG net fluxes with 1x1 degree horizontal resolution and a maximum delay of one month;
- ✓ Other policy-relevant output.

Current measurements Red NOAA Example of product: Fluxes for July 2020

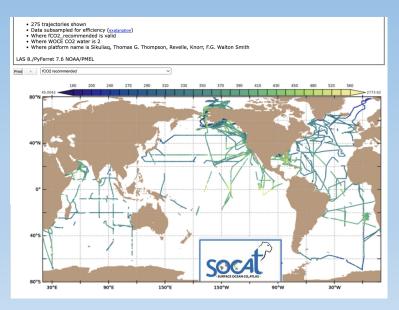
G3W objectives



Surface CO₂ Measurements from Research Vessels (UNOLS) Challenges

- Automated underway pCO₂ instruments are complex
- Require training in operation
- □ Systems need routine maintenance and checks (≈ 20 minutes/day)
- Systems require extra attention for startup and shutdown (\approx 4 hours each cruise)
- Requires shoreside support for assistance in more complex issues
- Data reduction, quality control, and submission requires special expertise
- Oversight is beneficial

Systems have successfully operated on UNOLS vessels (e.g Thompson, Walton Smith, Sikuliac, Revelle) on GO-SHIP and coastal cruises by the NOAA SOOP-CO₂ program



 ${\rm UW}~{\rm pCO}_{\rm 2}$ data from UNOLS ships in SOCAT



Setup of GO system on the Walton Smith



Surface CO₂ Measurements from Research Vessels (UNOLS) Approach, Requirements and Resources (rik.wanninkhof@noaa.gov) Approach:

- □ Follow example of NOAA Ship *Ronald H Brown*: operations since 1998
- □ Close interaction of marine techs on ship with shoreside experts
- □ Marine techs take responsibility of operations at sea
- □ Shoreside experts responsible for remote assistance, data reduction, QC and delivery
- □ Uniform instrumentation and infrastructure

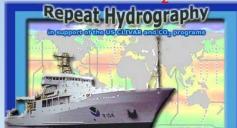
Requirements:

- Dedication and commitment from all parties
- □ Support from home institutions and command of ships
- Interaction between marine techs on ships and shoreside experts (communal knowledge)

Resources:

- □ Instrument and infrastructure (≈ \$150 K) (already available on several UNOLS RVs)
- □ Annual maintenance (≈ \$10-20 K)
- □ Personnel time total ≈ 1 mo/yr marine tech ; 1-3 mo/yr shoreside expert for support and data reduction

NOAA's SOOP-CO₂ group interested in collaborating in a UNOLS UW pCO₂ program



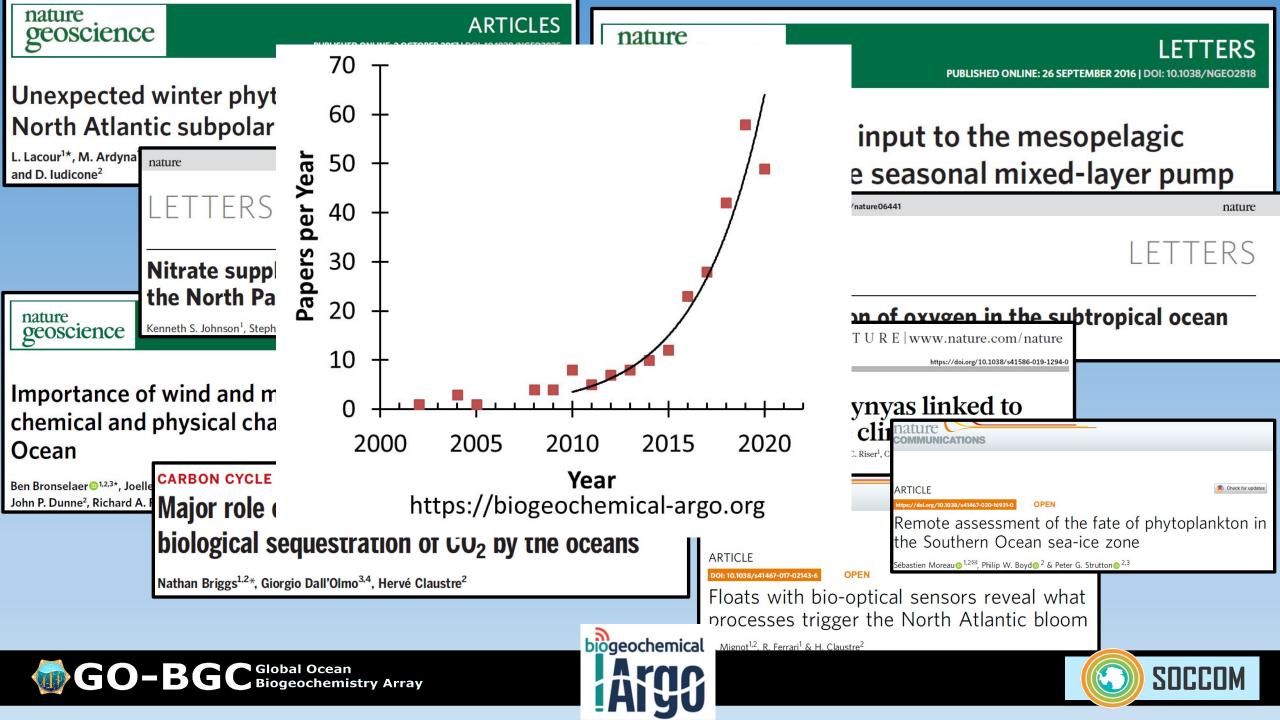
UW pCO₂ data from over 200 cruises from the BROWN have been submitted to SOCAT





Rik Wanninkhof, NOAA AOML (<u>rik.wanninkhof@noaa.gov</u>)

Todd Martz, SIO (trmartz@ucsd.edu) has expressed interest



GO-BGC & SOCCOM data are freely available in real time

Global Biogeochemical Cycles	France		nature	– Australia
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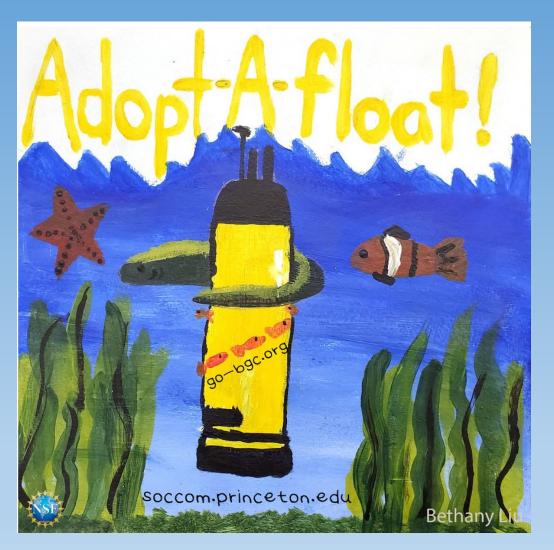




GO-BGC Outreach Efforts

• MATE Floats! In the ROV Challenge

- Marine Advanced Technology and Education (MATE) II
- Adopt-a-Float Program
 - each float is paired with a classroom
- Educator Workshops www.mbari.org/EARTH
- Researcher Workshop June 28/30
- MakerSpace (UCSD-SIO)





AdoptAFloatViz 6.0

Data visualization for adopted floats from the SOCCOM and GO-BGC projects, US NSF sponsored projects focused on carbon and climate in the Global Ocean.

Connecting floats and schools across the country through the Adopt-A-Float program! Click here for quick instructions on how to use this interface.

GO-BGC Adopted Floats SOCCOM Adopted Floats SOCCOM Interactive Map

Adopted floats are either Webb Research Apex or Sea-Bird Electronics (SBE) Navis profiling floats. Both models use ISUS/SUNA nitrate sensors and Deep-Sea DuraFET pH sensors to measure nitrate concentration and pH in the ocean.

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Schools in 45 states, many countries have adopted floats.



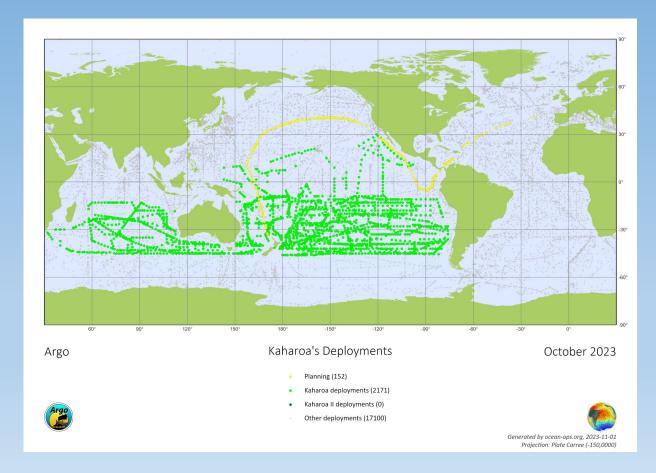
In the future, "vessels will be support, not monitoring platforms" Mel Briscoe, 2010. A new class of ships can be small to control costs.

E.g., 28 meter R/V Kaharoa has deployed more than 2000 Argo floats.

36 m Kaharoa II replacement is in construction that will enable deployments further south.







First science mission of MBARI's new R/V David Packard will be deployment of GO-BGC profiling floats on its delivery voyage (Feb. 2024)







GO-BGC, SOCCOM, BGC-Argo are at the cross-roads of ocean observing. They make observing with ships and satellites better. They don't replace them.

