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carbon  
observation  
system



## ICOS Ocean Thematic Center a tool to secure long term funding for ocean carbon (GHG) observation systems The Oceanflux Greenhouse Gases Evolution meeting

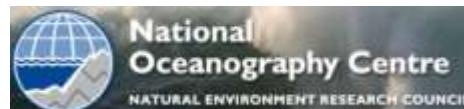


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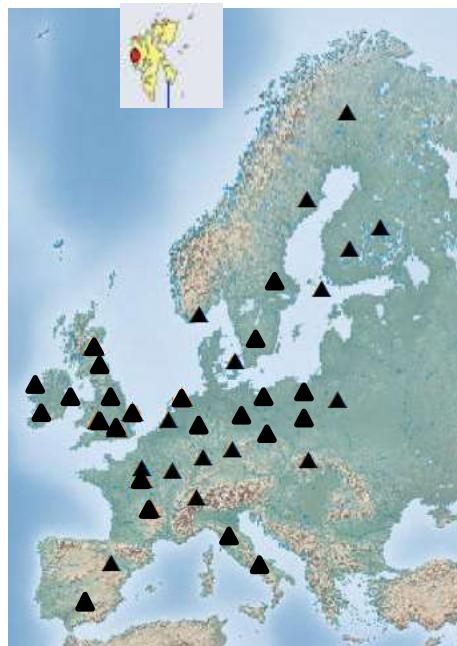


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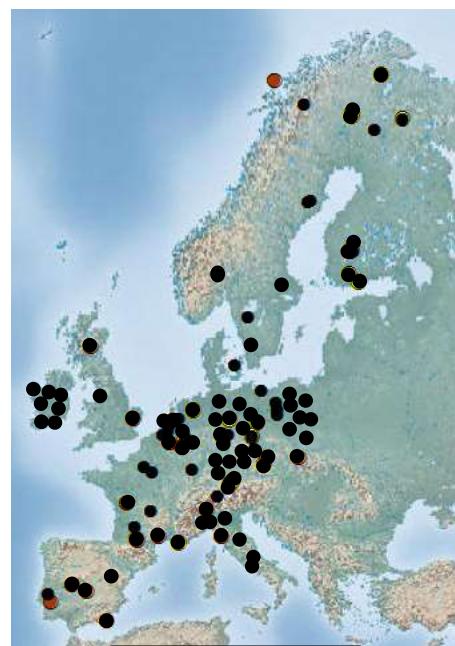


# The potential ICOS station RI-network

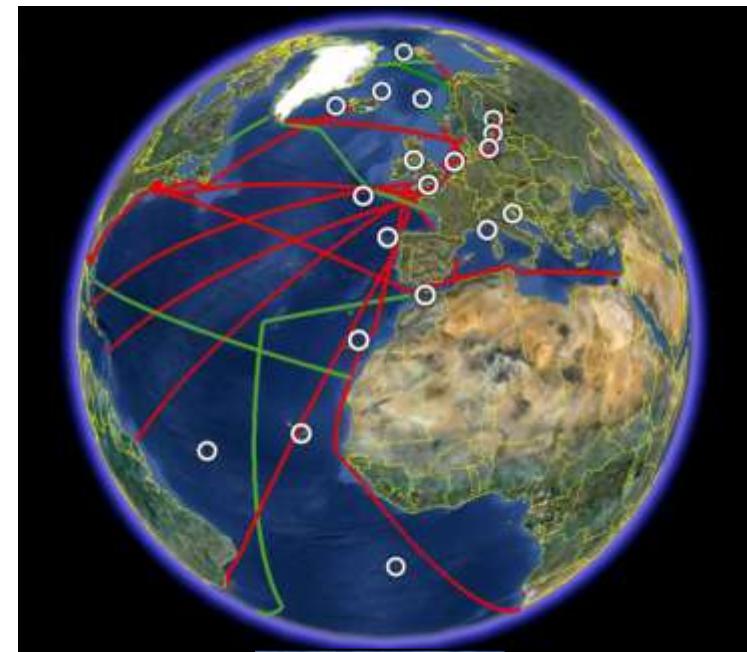
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Ecosystems



Oceans



## IMPORTANT RECENT EVENTS:

- ✓ STATUS: ICOS ERIC accepted and signed by the EU and ICOS
- ✓ ICOS RI became an EU land mark
- ✓ ICOS Norway are now a full member of ICOS ERIC signed by the Ministry of Climate and Environment (August 2015)
- ✓ Kick off meeting of ICOS Norway and OTC, Bergen 11.04.2016
- ✓ July 2016 UK signed ICOS ERIC and are now ready to take formally a part of ICOS

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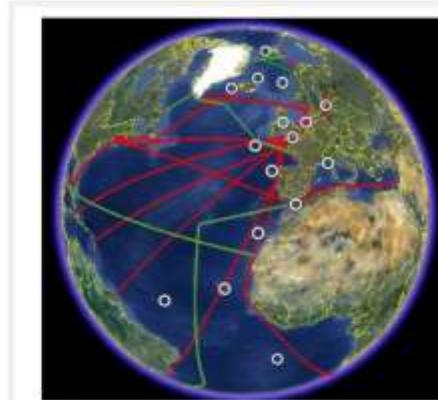
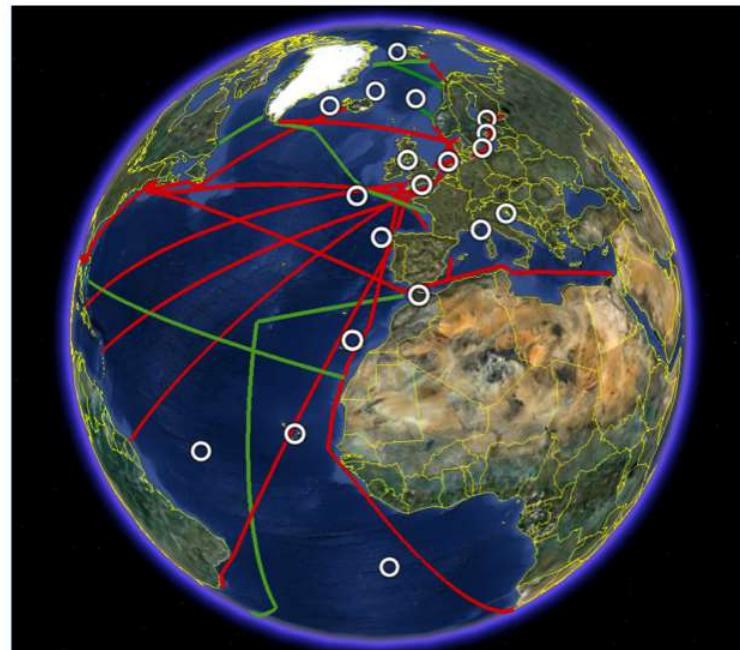


Fig. 1: The suggested network of stations for the ocean-network:  
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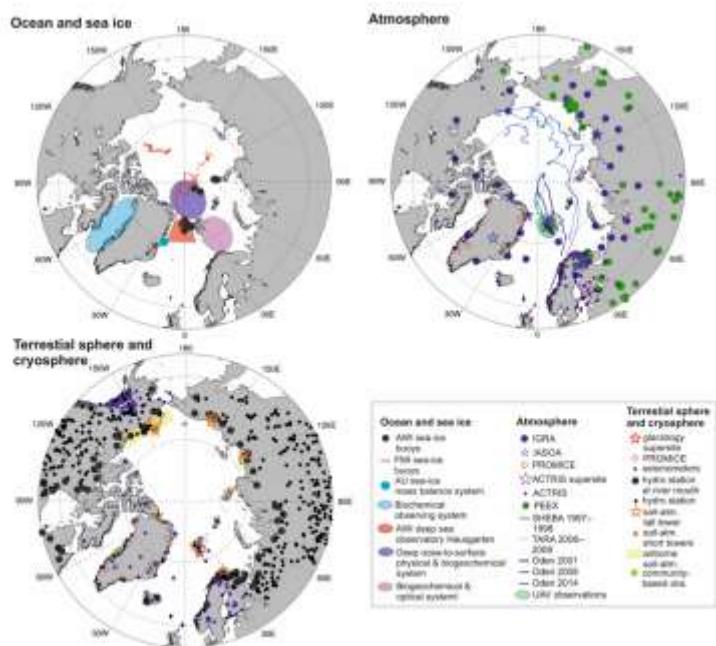
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New acronyms: INTAROS, RINGO, SEACRIFOGL

## Supporting EU-African Cooperation on Research Infrastructures for Food Security and Greenhouse Gas Observations

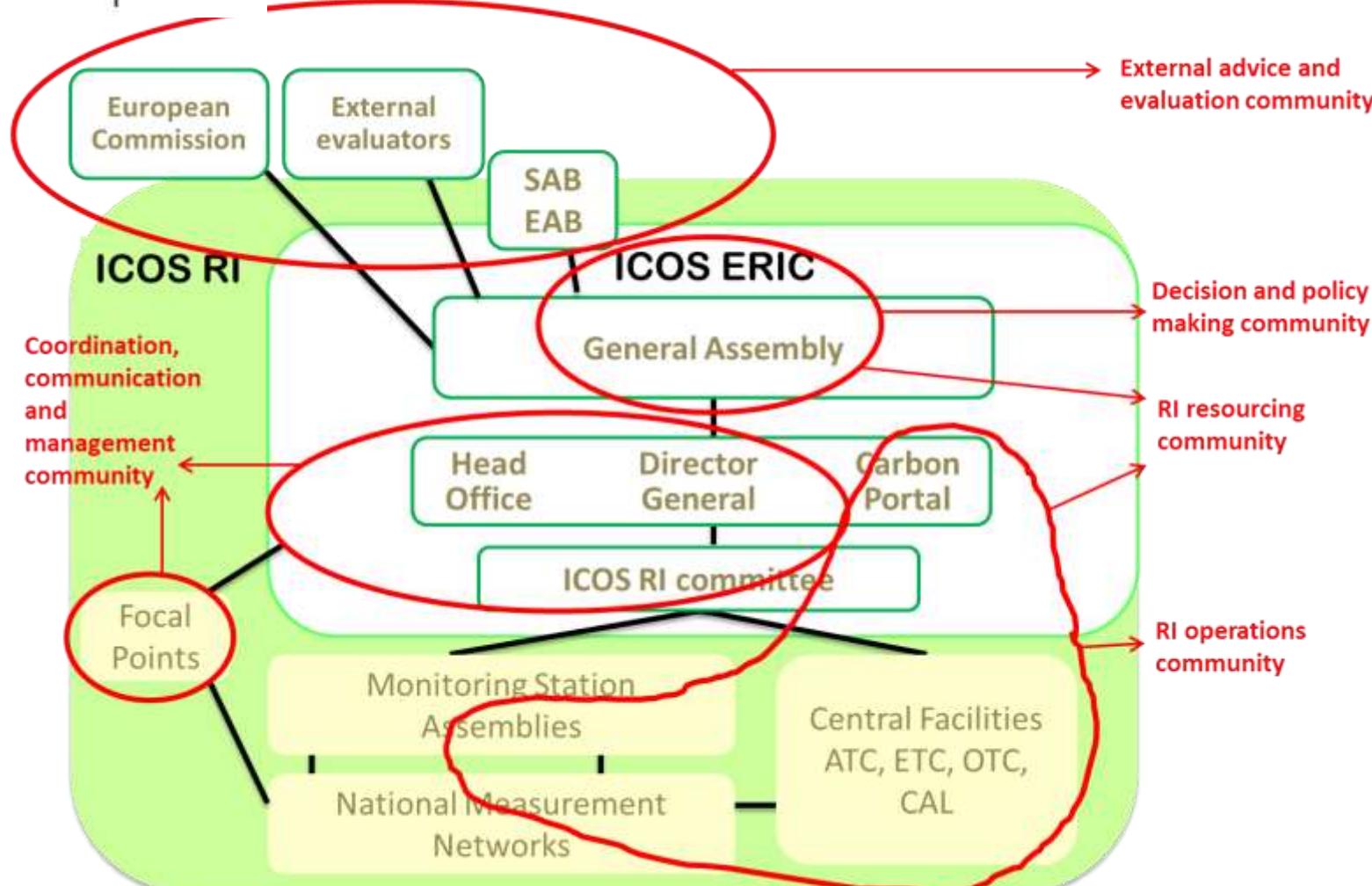
## Readiness of ICOS for Necessities of Integrated Observations



## Integrated Arctic observation system

Figure 1. Example of existing observing systems in the Arctic (courtesy FM).

# ICOS ledelse og organisering

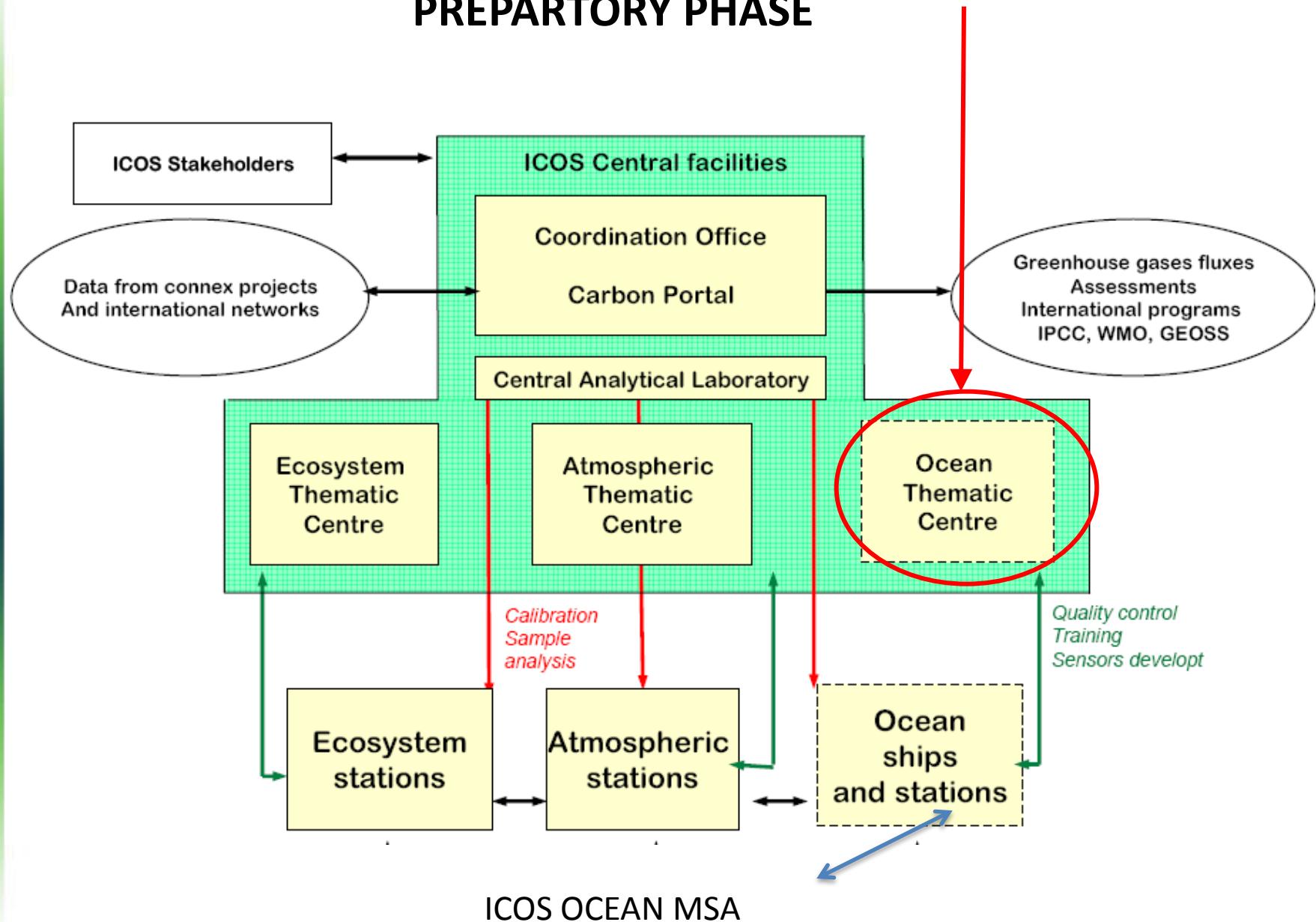


ICOS Norge og OTC vil være en aktiv del av denne strukturen og vil bruke sin innflytelse der det er mulig:

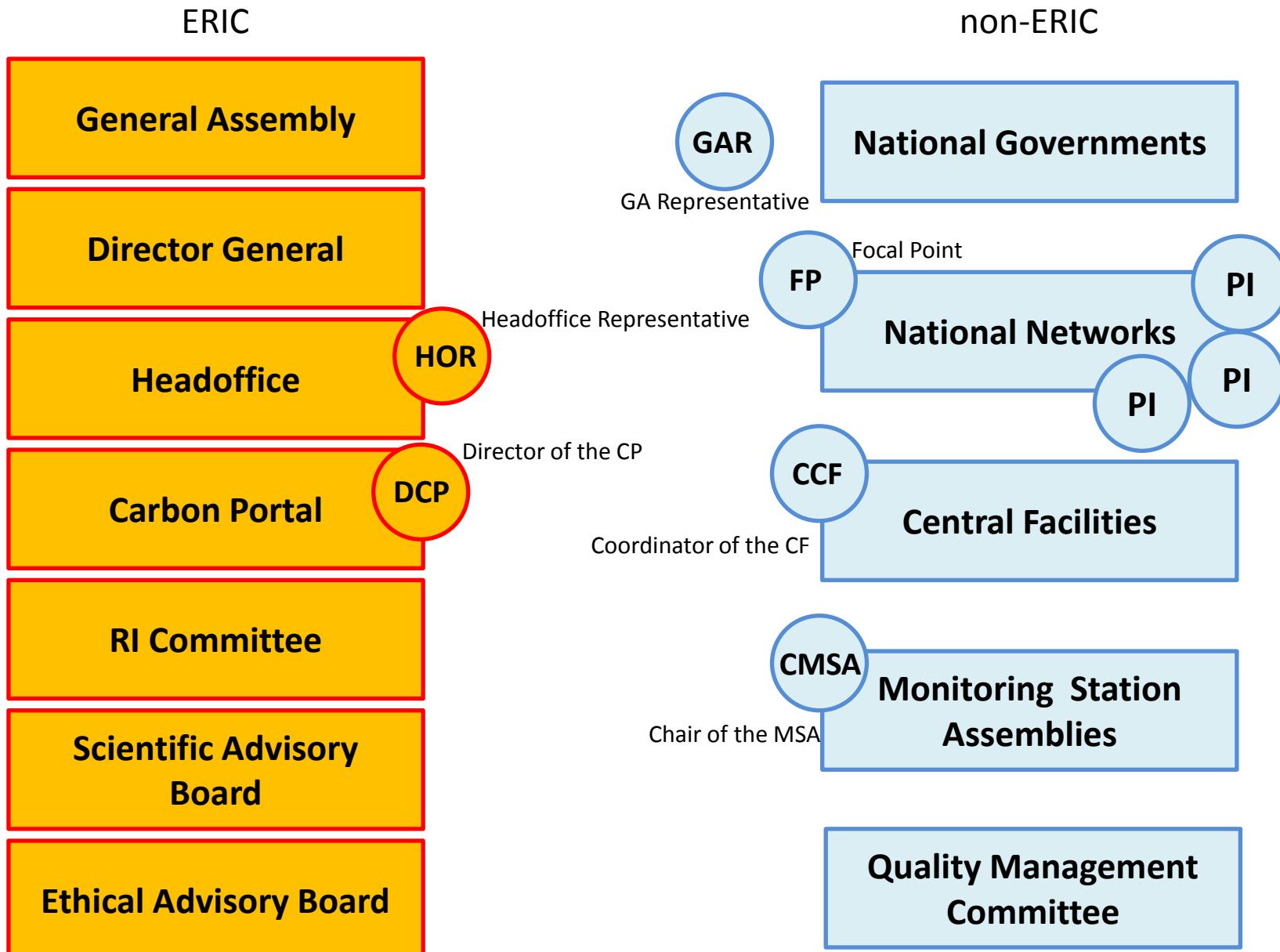
- ✓ ICOS MSA
- ✓ FOCAL POINT (ikke bestemt enda om nasjonale "FOCAL POINTS" skal ha plass i generalforsamlingen)
- ✓ Ledelse av OTC som også gir Norge en ekstra plass i generalforsamlingen

Norske "stakeholders", Forskningsrådet og Miljødirektoratet har plass i GA og kan direkte overvåke og påvirke beslutninger tilknyttet ICOS-Ri spesielt i saker som omhandler nasjonale ICOS-Norge og OTC

# ICOS STRUCTURE DURING THE PREPARTORY PHASE



# Bodies and function owners in ICOS RI ICOS ledelse og organisering



# Prosjektets målsetninger

## Mission ICOS RI:

- ✓ To enable research to understand the greenhouse gas (GHG) budgets and perturbations
- ✓ Provides the long-term observations required to understand the present state and predict future behaviour of the global carbon cycle and GHG emissions
- ✓ Technological developments and implementations, related to GHGs, will be promoted by the linking of research, education and innovation

## The first objectives

- ✓ To provide effective access to a single and coherent data set to facilitate research into multi-scale analysis of GHG emissions and sinks, and the processes that determine their strength
- ✓ Aims to establish a template for the future development of similar integrated and operative GHG observation networks also outside Europe

## The second objectives

- ✓ To provide vital information for current evaluation and future forecast of regional budgets of greenhouse gas sources and sinks, their human and natural drivers, and the controlling mechanisms
- ✓ Detect changes in regional greenhouse gas fluxes, early warning of negative developments and the response of natural fluxes to extreme climate events
- ✓ To reduce uncertainties in Earth System models and their predictions

# Fate of anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (2005-2014 average)

$33.0 \pm 1.8 \text{ GtCO}_2/\text{yr}$  91%



## Sources



$3.4 \pm 1.8 \text{ GtCO}_2/\text{yr}$  9%

$16.0 \pm 0.4 \text{ GtCO}_2/\text{yr}$  44%



## Partitioning

$10.9 \pm 2.9 \text{ GtCO}_2/\text{yr}$  30%

Calculated as the residual  
of all other flux components

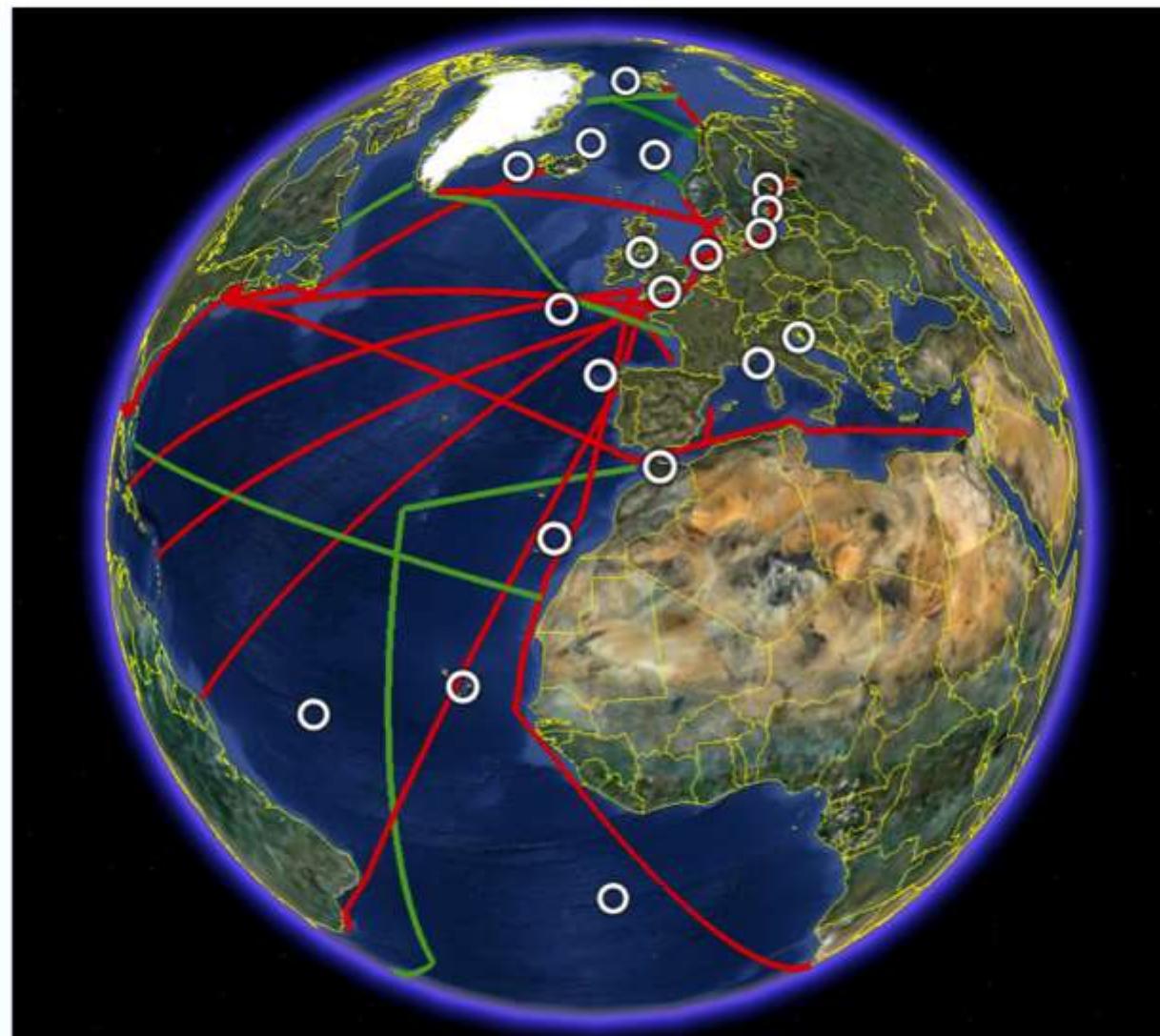


26%

$9.5 \pm 1.8 \text{ GtCO}_2/\text{yr}$



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# Contributions to the Ocean Thematic Centre

	SOC	Exeter	PML	Bergen	Kiel
<b>Leadership</b>		X		X	
<b>VOS</b>	X	X	X	X	
<b>Fixed stations</b>	X	X	X	X	
<b>Repeat sections</b>	X	X	X	X	
<b>Coastal</b>	X	X	X	X	
<b>Liaison with Shipping Industry</b>	X			X	
<b>Technological development (sensors)</b>	X	X	X	X	X
<b>New platforms (floats, gliders etc.)</b>	X	X	X	X	
<b>Data Centre</b>				X	
<b>Flux calculations</b>	X	X	X	X	

***Activity leaders suggested in the OTC proposal:***

<b><i>OTC Director and Vice Director:</i></b>	<b><i>Johannessen/Watson</i></b>
<b><i>VOS:</i></b>	<b><i>Ute Schuster</i></b>
<b><i>Fixed Stations:</i></b>	<b><i>Ingunn Skjelvan</i></b>
<b><i>Repeat Sections:</i></b>	<b><i>Emil Jeansson</i></b>
<b><i>Coastal:</i></b>	<b><i>Vassillis Kitidis</i></b>
<b><i>Liaison with Shipping Industry:</i></b>	<b><i>Richard Sanders</i></b>
<b><i>Technology development (Sensors):</i></b>	<b><i>N.N. Southampton</i></b>
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<b><i>Data Centre:</i></b>	<b><i>Benjamin Pfeil</i></b>
<b><i>Flux Calculations:</i></b>	<b><i>Andrew Watson, Phil Nightingale, Truls Johannessen</i></b>

***The team selected will most likely continue for the whole 5 years period***

# Proposed Ships of opportunity



Denmark to Greenland line - Norway  
Germany to Canada line – Germany  
Germany to Antarctica, Polarstern, Germany  
UK to Caribbean line - UK  
France to French Guiana line - France  
France to Brazil line – Spain  
Iceland to USA line - France  
UK to Spain line – Spain  
Nordic Sea –Lines - Norway  
Norway to Netherlands line Norway  
North Sea to Spain line Netherland  
North Sea line UK  
Baltic Sea line from Germany to Finland – Germany  
Iberian Peninsula line Spain  
France-UK line (Western English channel) UK  
France to Spain line (Bay of Biscay) France  
Belgium announced 2 lines  
AT THE MOMENT 18 LINES

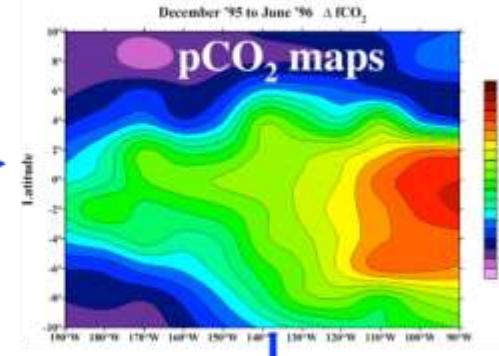
# Producing Seasonal CO<sub>2</sub> Flux Maps



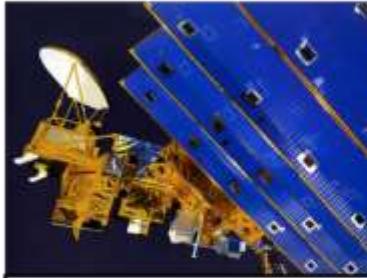
Shipboard sampling  
pCO<sub>2</sub>, SST, SSS

Algorithm development  
 $p\text{CO}_2 = f(\text{SST}, \text{color})$

Apply algorithm to regional SST & color fields to obtain seasonal pCO<sub>2</sub> maps



Co-located satellite data



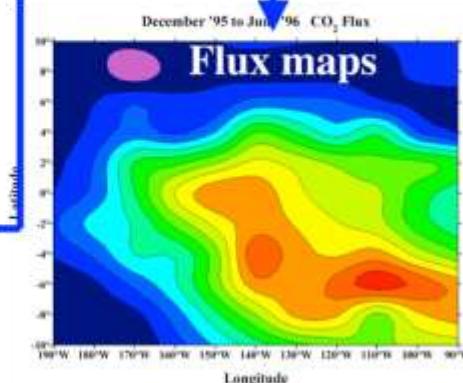
Remote sensing  
pCO<sub>2</sub>, SST, color & wind

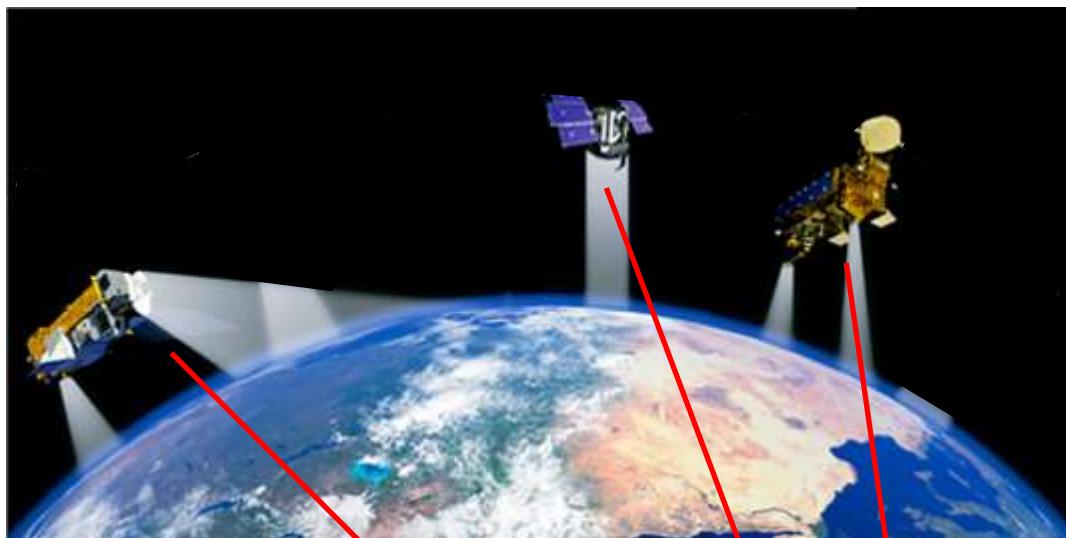
Regional satellite SST & color data

Wind data

Algorithm development  
Gas transfer,  $k = f(U_{10}, \text{SST})$

Flux =  $k s \Delta p\text{CO}_2$





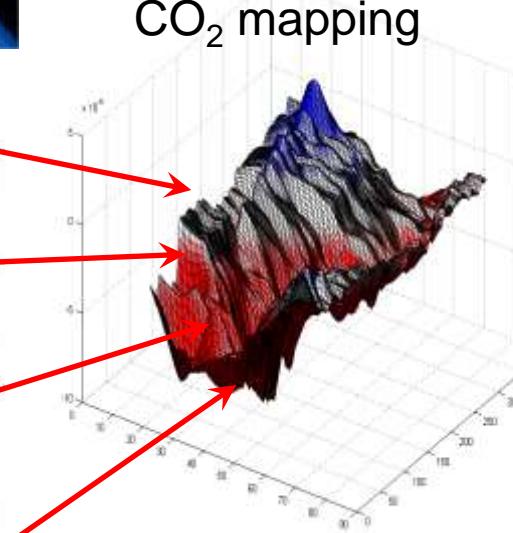
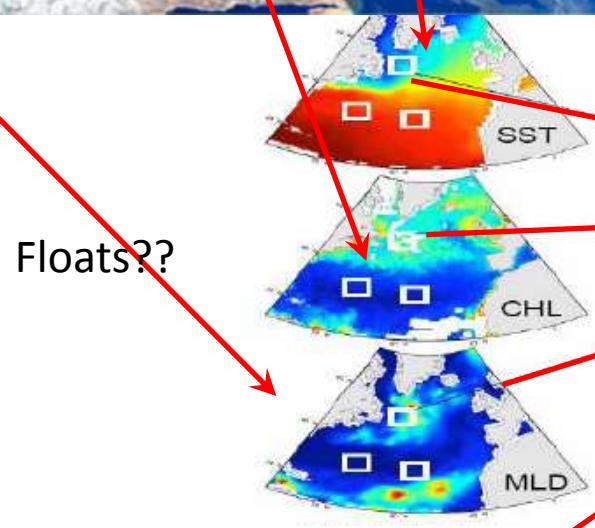
Satellite SST,  
chl, winds can  
be used to  
interpolate the  
network  
observations  
accurately, to  
create mappings

CO<sub>2</sub> mapping

CO<sub>2</sub> measurement  
network



Floats??

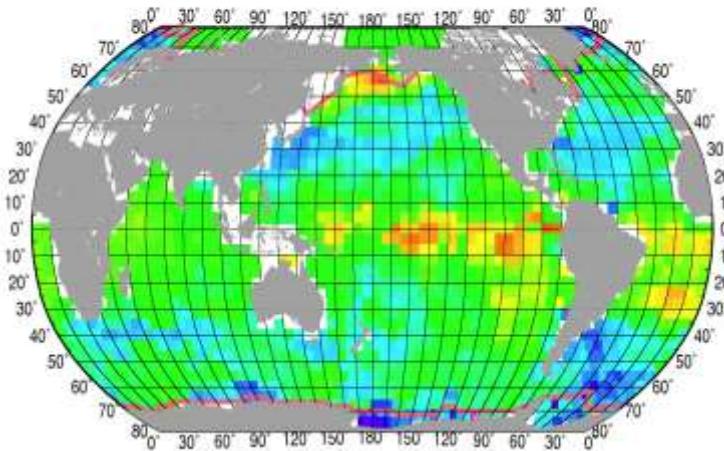


Spot CO<sub>2</sub> values

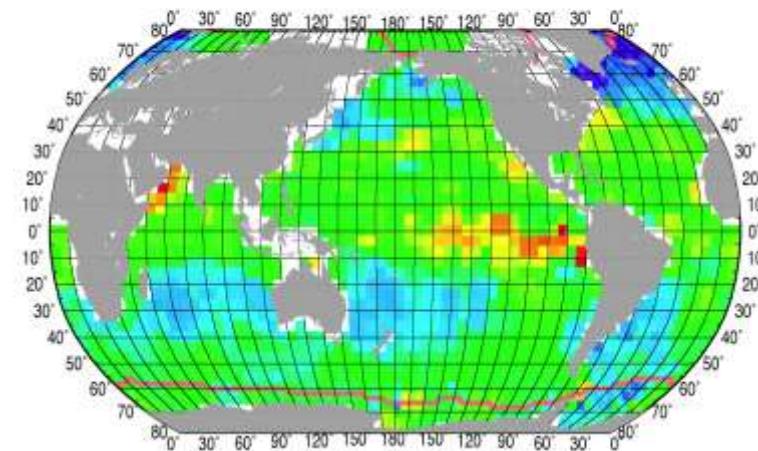


# Global CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes: From global climatology to seasonal fluxes

Climatological pCO<sub>2</sub> in Surface Water [940K] for February 1995

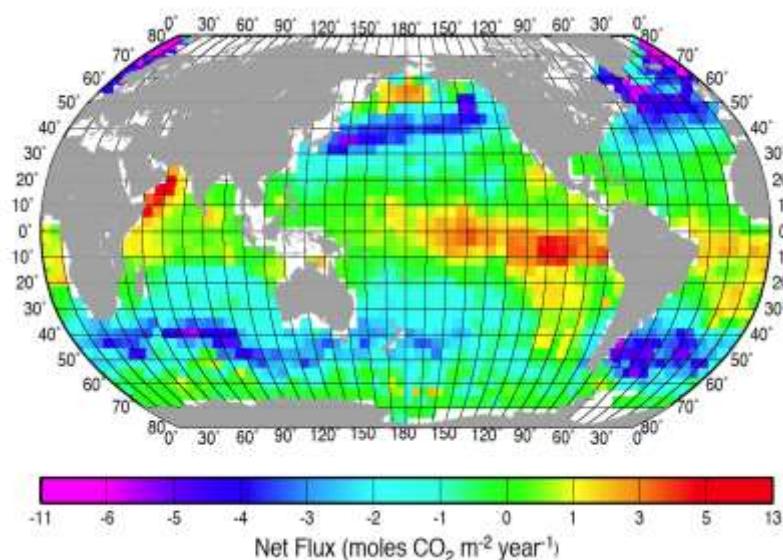


Climatological pCO<sub>2</sub> in Surface Water [940K] for August 1995



Flux:  
On first-order  
controlled by  
 $\Delta p\text{CO}_2$  but  
strongly  
influenced  
by wind

Global average  $\Delta p\text{CO}_2 \approx -7 \mu\text{atm}$



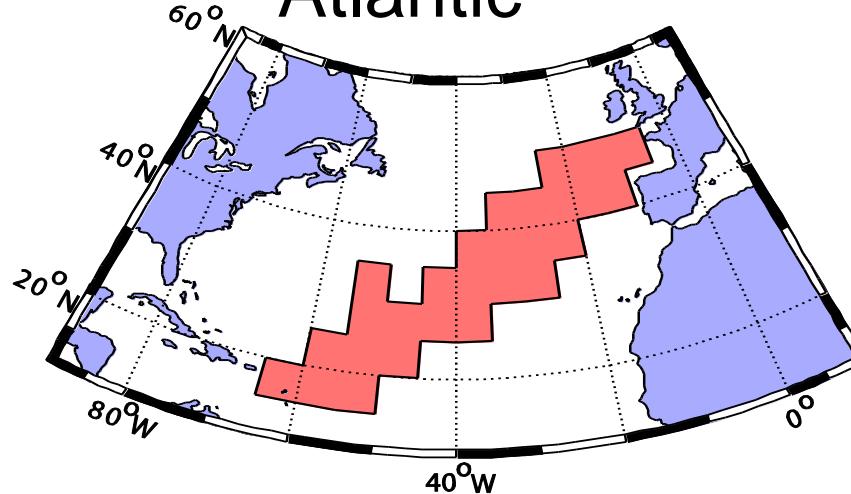
Uptake  $\approx -1.6 \text{ Pg C yr}^{-1}$

# Time series of annual mean fluxes in central N.

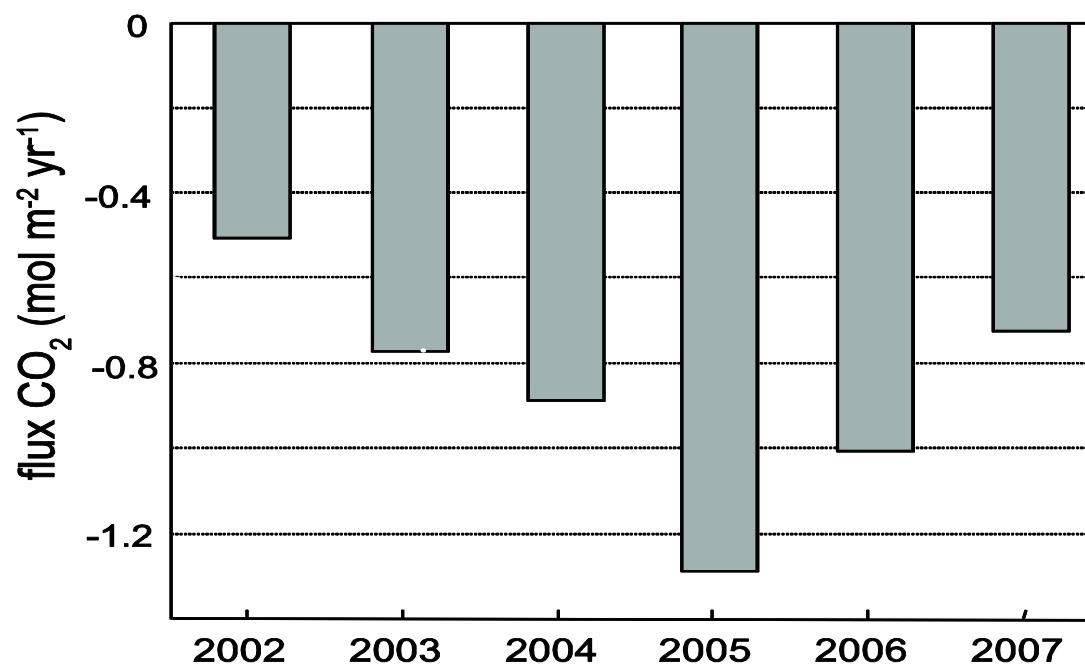
Atlantic

Watson et al. 2009

a



b



# Repeat hydrographic sections from the north to the south

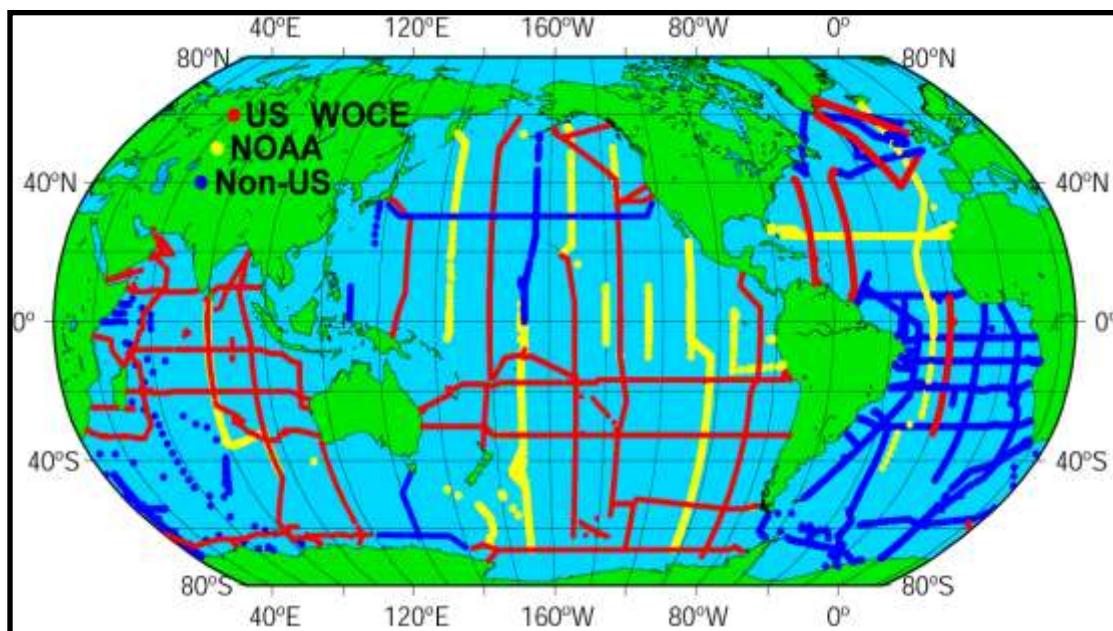


75°N – Norway  
Gimsøy-Greenland - Norway  
Svinøy Section - Norway  
PRIME - UK  
OVIDE - Spain  
24°N - UK  
A17- Spain  
Weddell- Germany  
More lines might be added at the OTC .

8 Full depth Hydrographic Sections

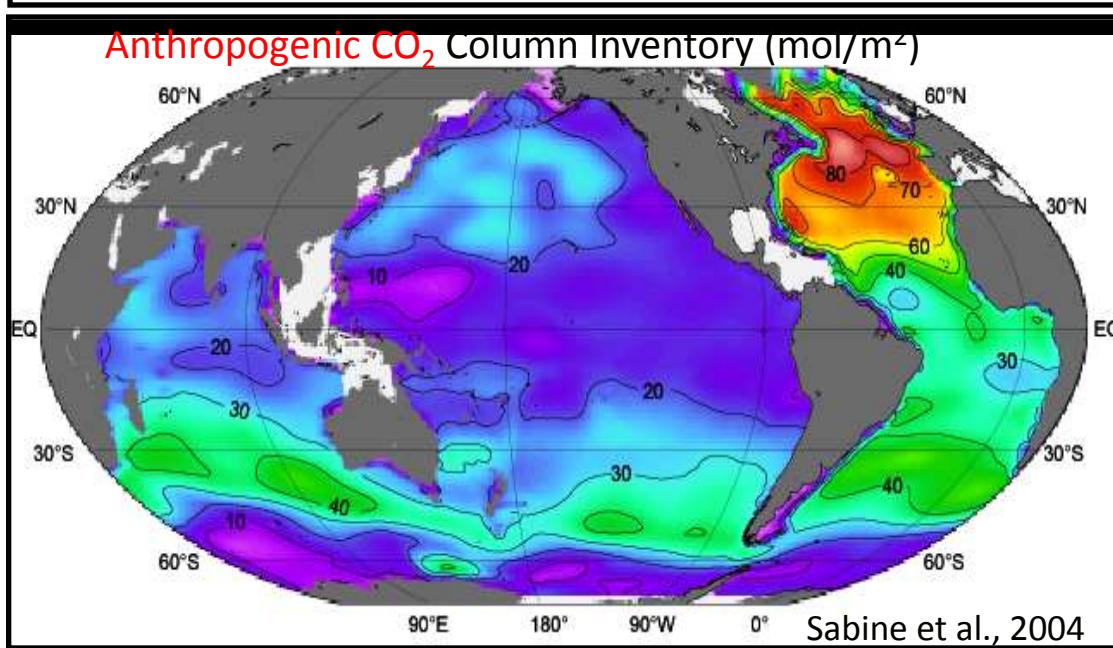
# WOCE/JGOFS/OACES Global CO<sub>2</sub> Survey (1995)

[http://cdiac.esd.ornl.gov/oceans/glodap/Glodap\\_home.htm](http://cdiac.esd.ornl.gov/oceans/glodap/Glodap_home.htm)



~72,000 sample locations  
collected in the 1990s

$$\text{DIC} \pm 2 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$$
$$\text{TA} \pm 4 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$$



$$\text{Mapped Inventory} = 106 \pm 17 \text{ Pg C}$$

$$+ \text{marginal seas} = 6 \pm 6 \text{ Pg C}$$

$$+ \text{Arctic Ocean} = 6 \pm 6 \text{ Pg C}$$

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$$\text{Total Inventory} = 118 \pm 19 \text{ Pg C}$$

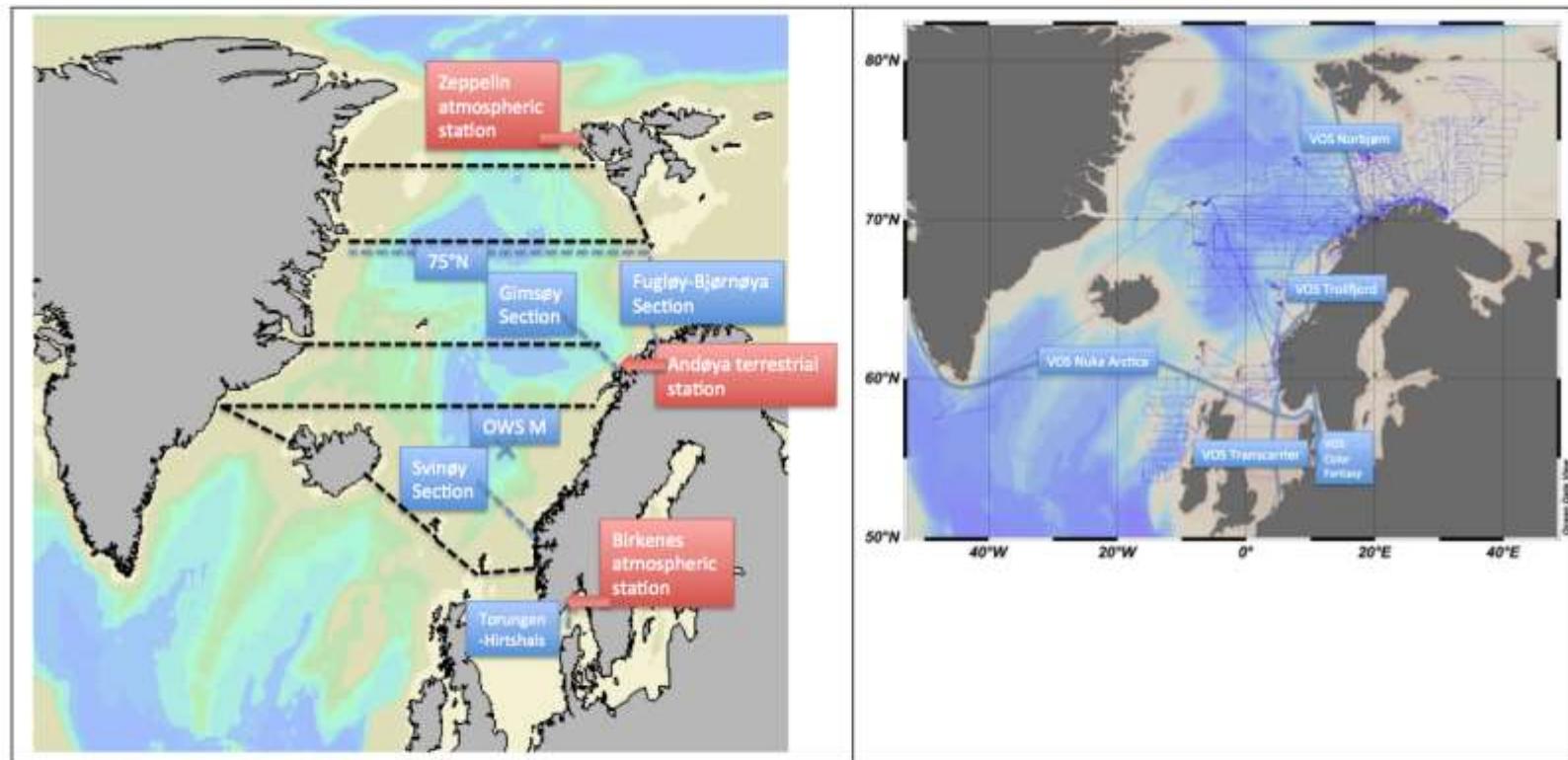


Fig. 4.2: (left) The ICOS-Norway infrastructure. Red denotes atmospheric and terrestrial subsystems and blue the marine subsystems. Dashed blue lines are repeat hydrography lines (IMR: Fugløya-Bjørnøya, Gimsøy, Svinøy, Torungen-Hirtshals; BCCR: 75°N, OWS M), and dashed black lines represent carbon inventory cruises (see Table 4.1). (right) Area coverage of VOS lines in the marine network. Blue thin lines represent, as an example, data collected by G.O. Sars between 2005 and 2007 (BCCR). The suggested VOS Johan Hjort will give similar coverage (increasing the time resolution). VOS Nuca Arctica and VOS Transcarrier are existing BCCR VOS lines, and VOS Norbjørn, VOS Color Fantasy, and VOS Trollfjord are existing NIVA VOS lines.

# **Variables to be measured**

Solstrand meeting outside Bergen, 2010

Type	Parameters	Frequency	Accuarcy and precision
Core	Atmospheric pCO <sub>2</sub>	Continuous (30 min)	Essential to within 1 µatm Desirable to within 0.1 µatm
Core	Sea surface pCO <sub>2</sub>	Continuous (30 min)	To within 1 µatm
Core	Barometric pressure	Continuous (30 min)	To within 0.5 mbar
Core	Sea surface temperature	Continuous (30 min)	To within 0.05 °C
Core	Sea surface salinity	Continuous (30 min)	To within 0.1 units
Core	Nutrients (NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> , PO <sub>4</sub> , SiO <sub>4</sub> )	Periodical, water sampling	To within 1 µM
Core	Dissolved inorganic carbon	Periodical, water sampling	Desirable to within 1 µmol kg <sup>-1</sup>
Core	Total alkalinity	Periodical, water sampling	Desirable to within 1 µmol kg <sup>-1</sup>
Additional	Atmospheric flask samples for CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O, SF <sub>6</sub> , CO, H <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub> , <sup>13</sup> C, <sup>18</sup> O, <sup>14</sup> C in CO <sub>2</sub>	As determined by central analytical facility	As determined by the central analytical facility
Additional	Chlorophyll-fluorescence		
Desirable	pH	Continuous (30 min)	To within 0.001 units
Desirable	Total dissolved gas pressure	Continuous (30 min)	
Desirable	Meteorological parameters	Continuous (30 min)	

# Proposed Fixed Time Series Stations

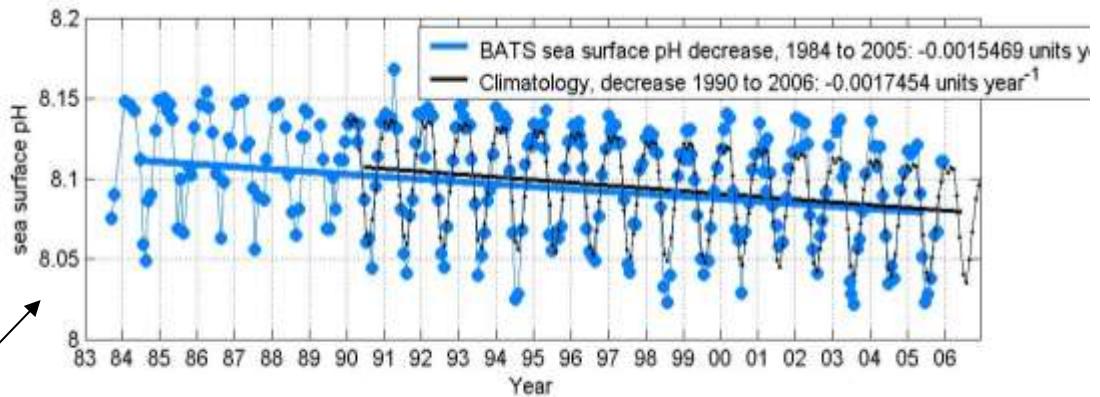


21 stations suggested

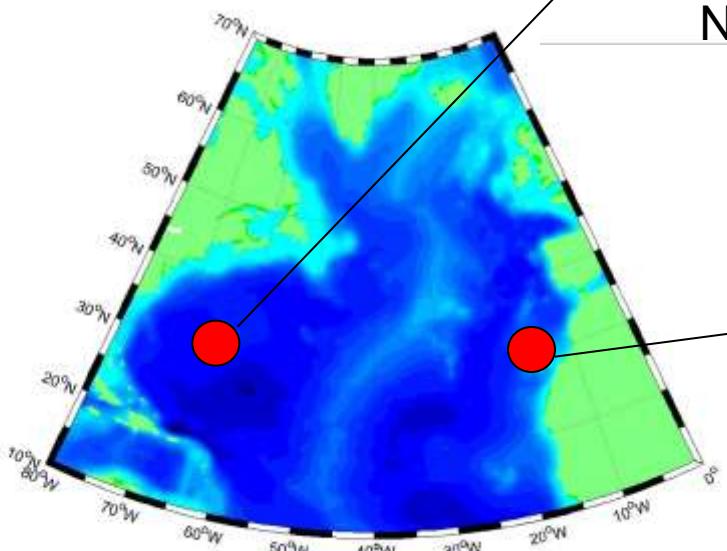
- Hausgarten, Fram Strait - Germany
- Ocean Weather Station M, 66°N / 2°E - Norway
- Irminger Sea, 64.33°N / 28.00°W - Iceland
- Iceland Sea, 68.00°N / 12.67°W - Iceland
- Östergarnsholm, Baltic Sea – Sweden
- Utö, Baltic Sea – Finland
- Marsdiep, North Sea – Nederlands
- Liverpool Bay, Irish Sea - UK
- L4, western English Channel - UK
- E1, western English Channel- UK
- Station Pap, 49°N / 16°W - UK
- MINAS, off Spain, 43°N / 11°W - Spain
- MOOSE, Mediterraenean, 43°N / 7.9°E – France
- PALOMA – Italy
- ODAS – Italy
- ENEA – Italy
- GIFT, Gibraltar, 35°N / 5°W - Spain
- ESTOC, Canary Island, 29°10' N / 15°30' W - Spain
- Cap Verde Islands - Germay
- PIRATA 6°S / 10°W tropical Atlantic - France
- PIRATA 8°N / 38°W tropical Atlantic – France

# Time series of pH – Ocean Acidification

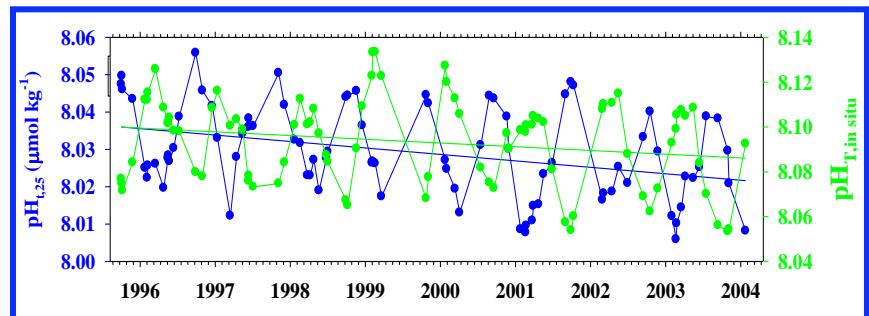
## Bermuda time-series



Nick Bates



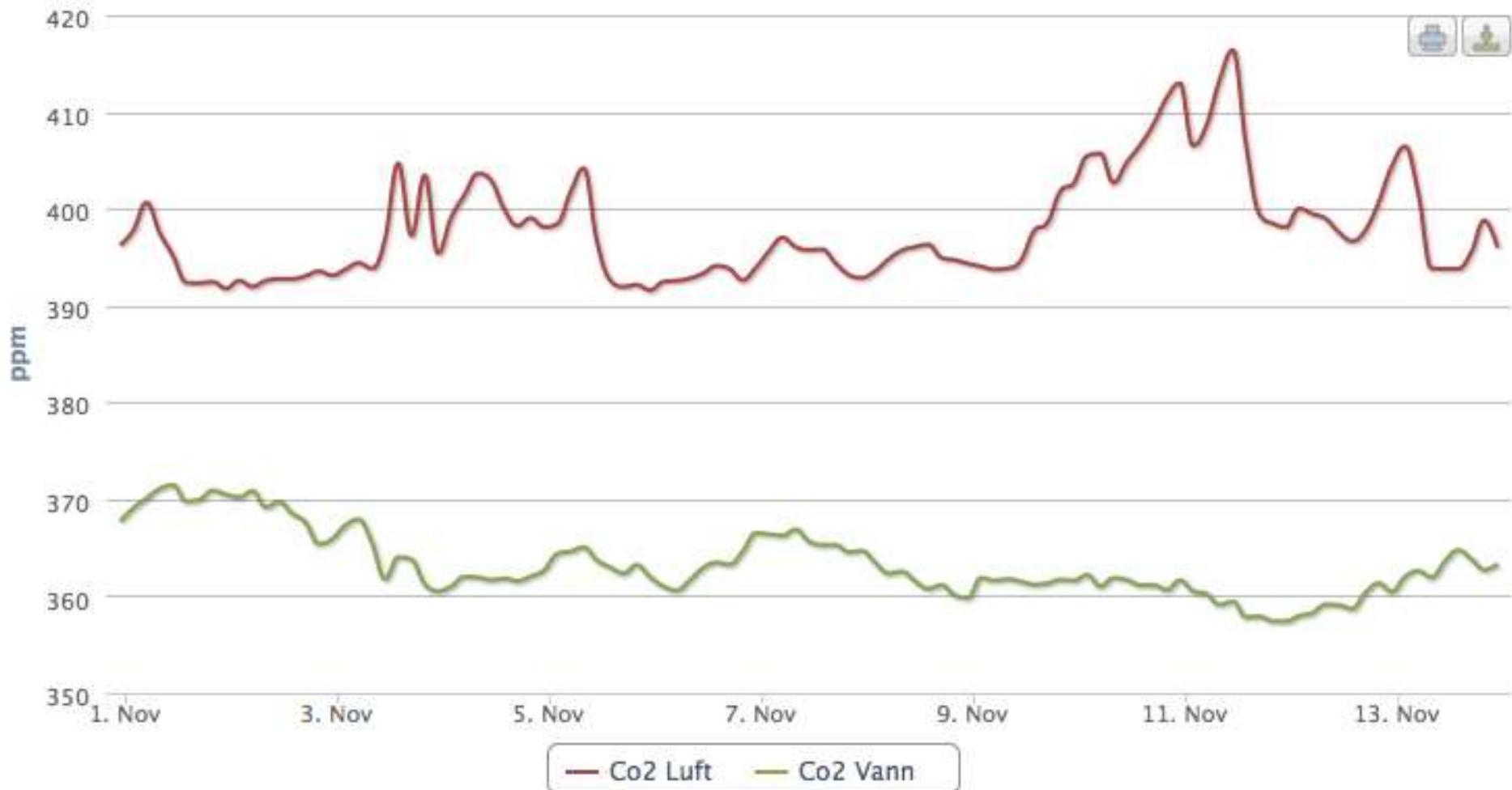
## Canary Islands time-series



Melchor González-Dávila and J. Magdalena Santana-Casiano

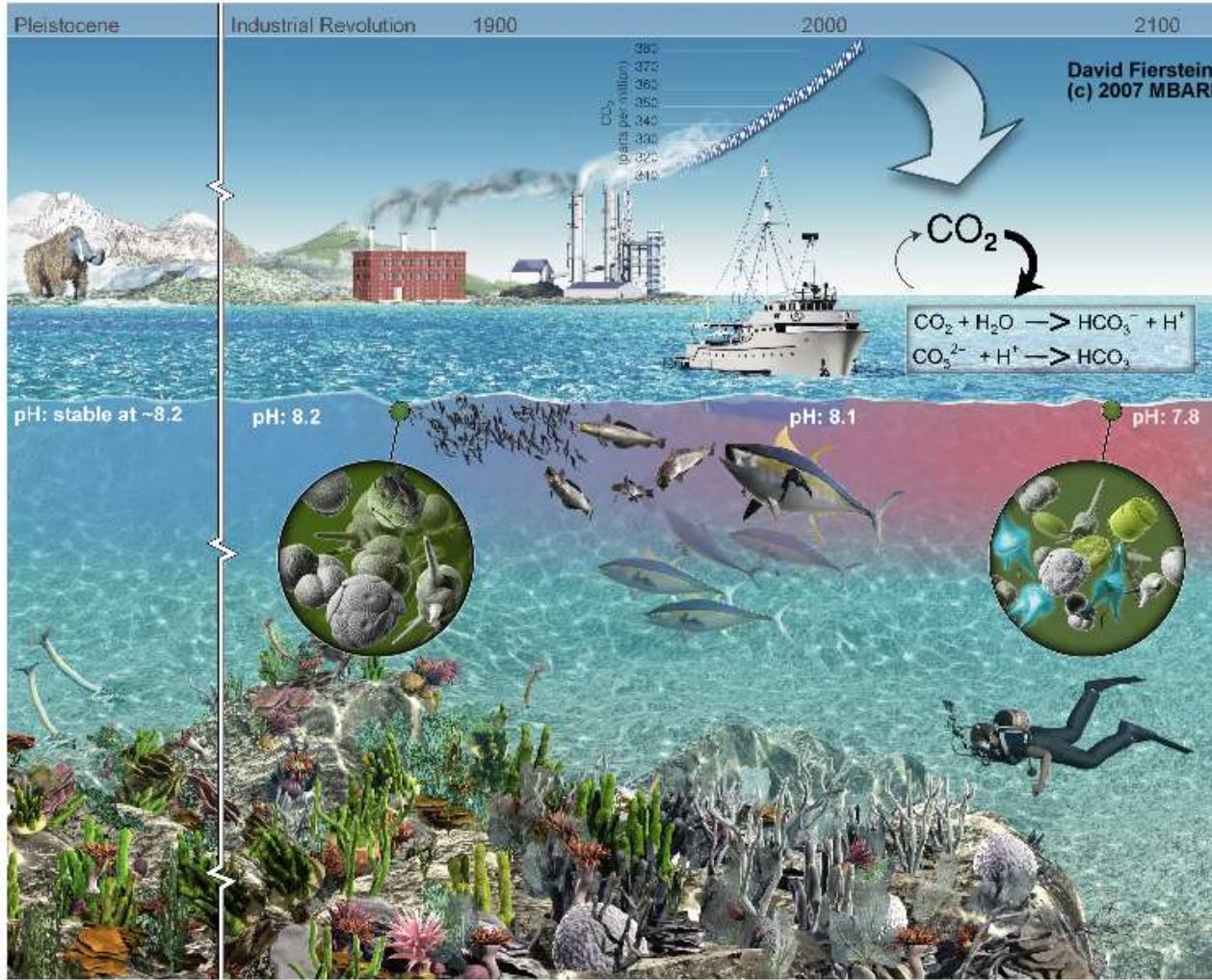


## DATA from New Station MIKE (Polar Buoy)



# Future perspectives

Artist's rendition of anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> and the resulting ocean acidification



**DATA PRODUCTS – that in the future might have the ICOS label on the European level:**

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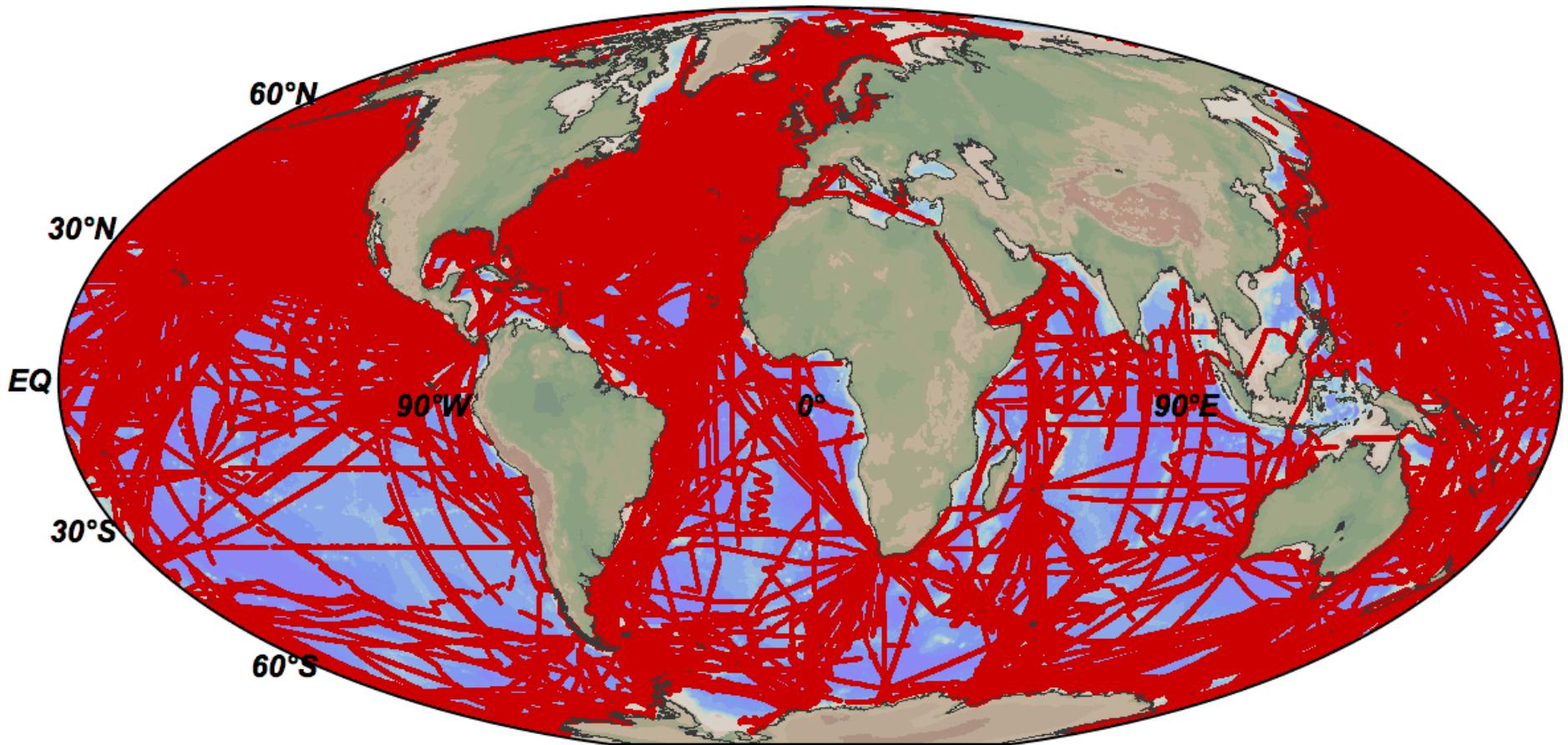


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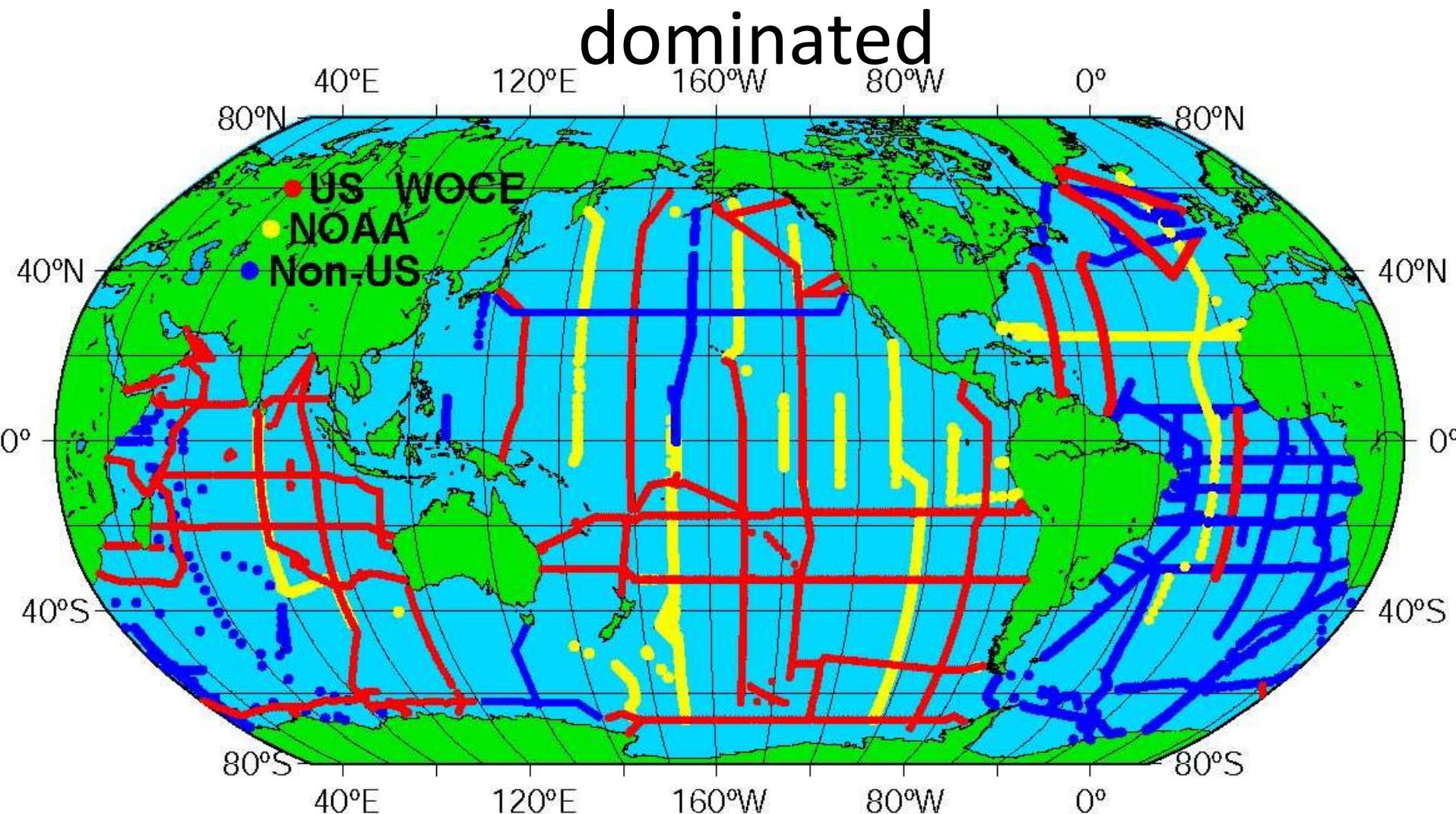
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# Issues during the making of SOCATv3



# Hydrographic sections: GLODAP - ocean interior data from the 90's – very US dominated

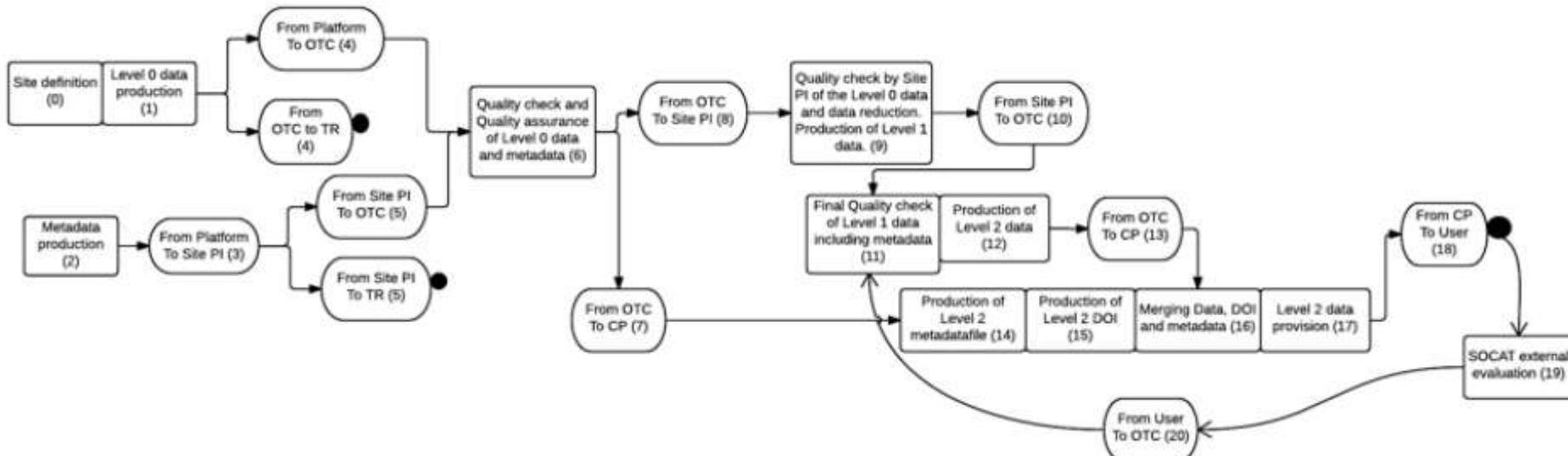


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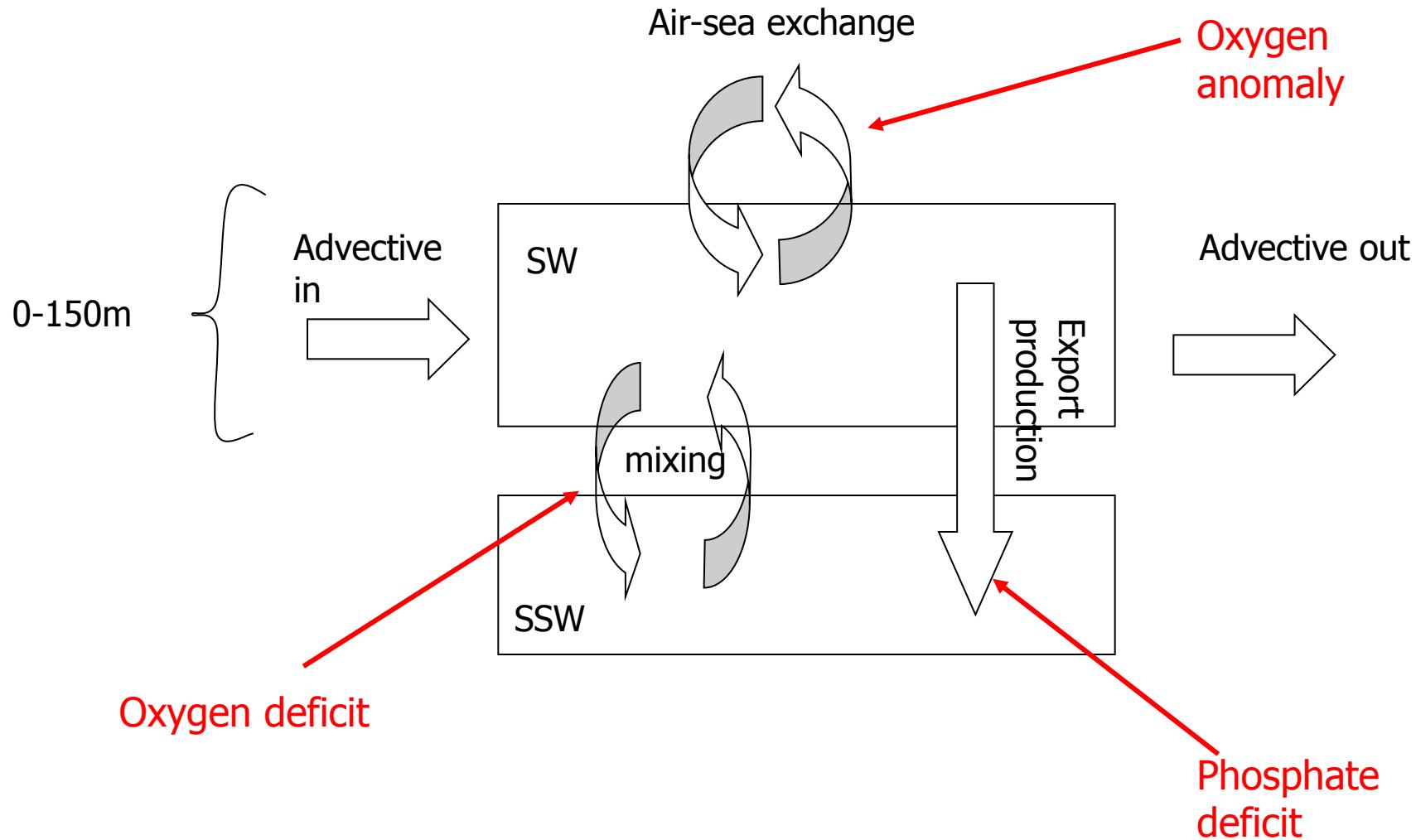
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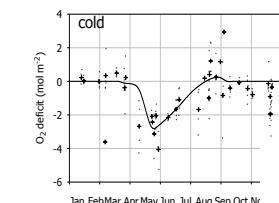
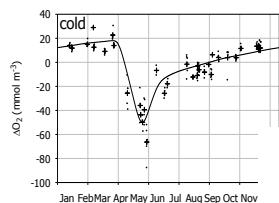
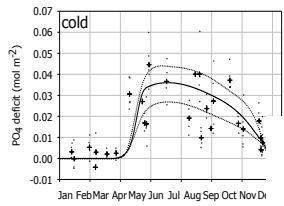
ICOS data policy, ICOS data lifecycle and OTC deliverables ensure:

- Free and open access without any restrictions (data exchange with national data centres)
- 100 % alignment with modern data management plans e.g.

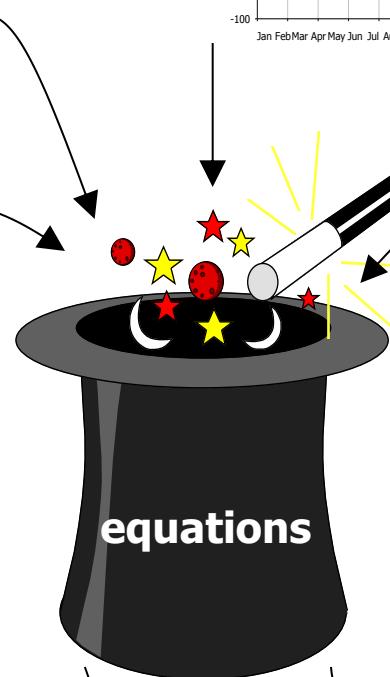


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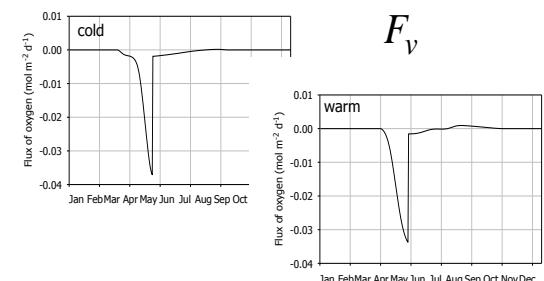
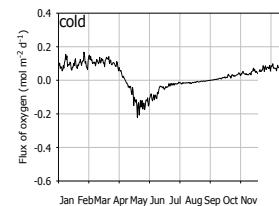
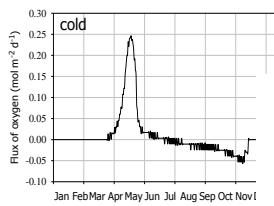




Wind speed



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# SOBER

Surface Ocean Biogeochemical and Ecological Research

CO<sub>2</sub> Uptake estimates on short time and regional space scales:

## Air-water CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes

### Objective:

Constrain the exchange of CO<sub>2</sub> between  
ocean and atmosphere in order to  
improve prediction of future CO<sub>2</sub> levels

### Goal:

“Determine **regional** air-sea CO<sub>2</sub>  
fluxes on **seasonal** timescales to  
0.2 Pg yr<sup>-1</sup>”



Thank You!