



PIRATA et SNO PIRATA : évolution des observations en Atlantique Tropical Est et perspectives



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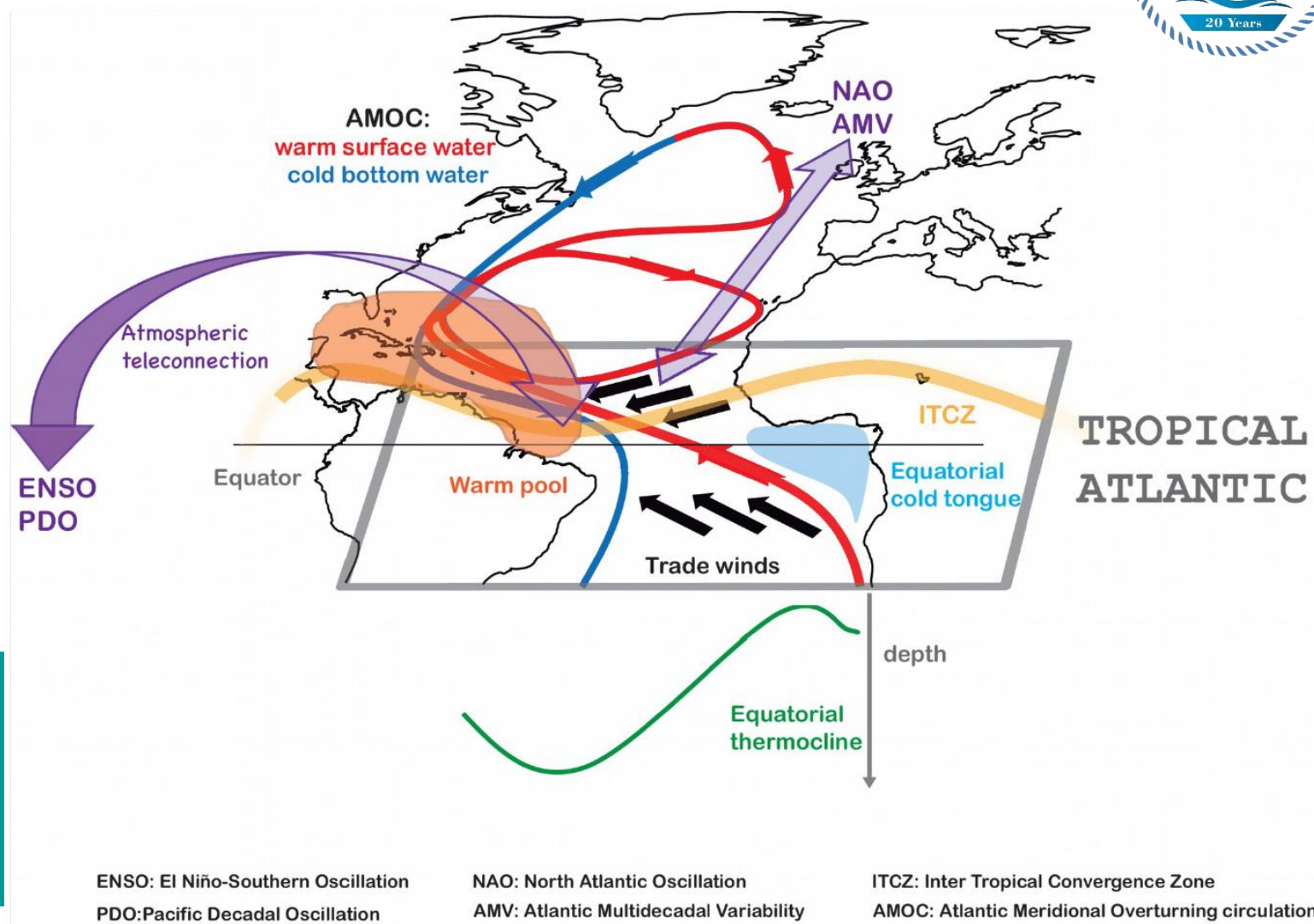


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Science & societal drivers:

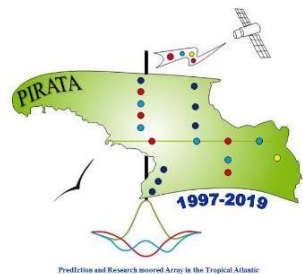
- Rainfall
- Tropical cyclones
- Biogeochemistry, carbon, OMZ
- Ecosystems and pollution



Foltz et al., 2019



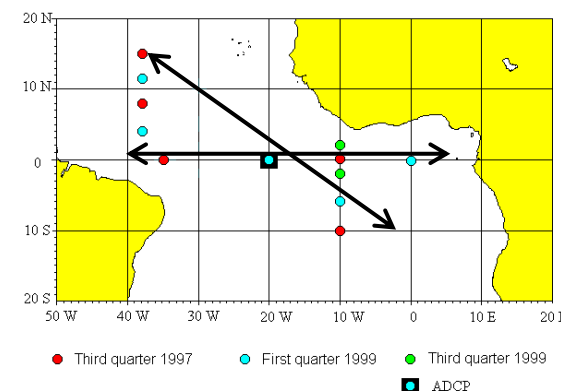
→ Environmental and societal impacts in Northeastern Brazil



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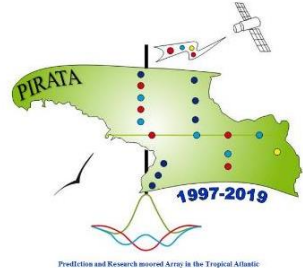
- Fundamental scientific issues
- Societal needs for improved prediction of the climatic variability and its impact on the regional hydroclimates



PIRATA network as drawn initially

Main objectives :

- 1- Improve the description of the intra-seasonal to inter-annual variability in the atmospheric and oceanic boundary layers in the tropical Atlantic
- 2- Provide a set of data useful for developing and improving the predictive models of the ocean-atmosphere coupled system



Short/Long term Forecasts:

Continuous and long term observations are needed

CLIVAR-WCRP (1st PIRATA Review)

10 ATLAS buoys



11 T + 4 C
2 press.
1 ADCP (2001 ...)

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(6 flux ref. sites)
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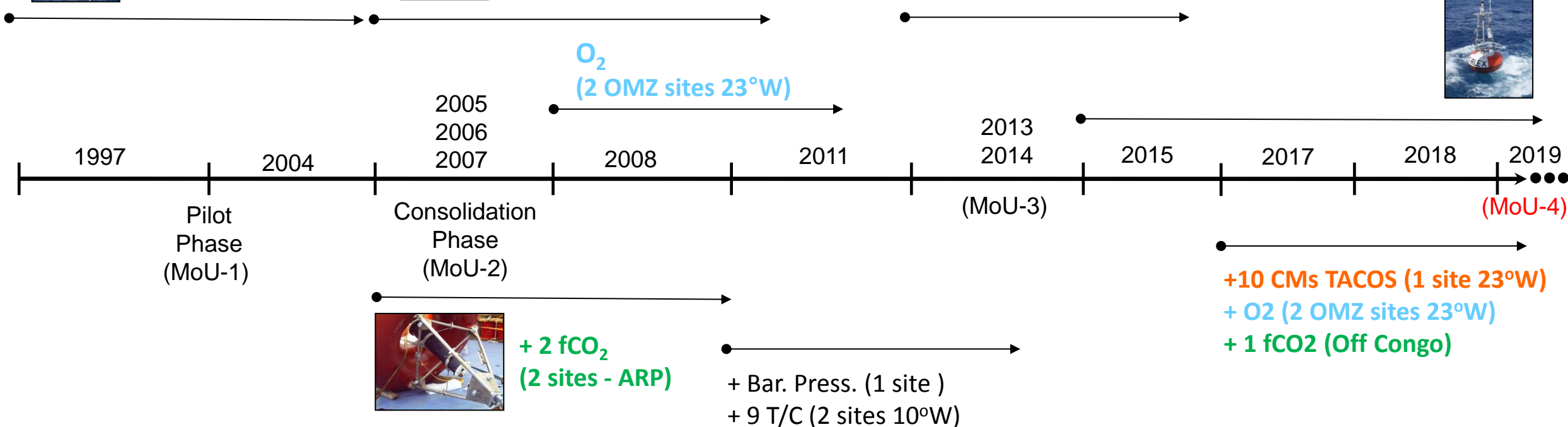
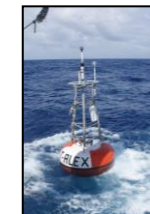
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PIRATA ATLAS buoys:

Measured Parameters :

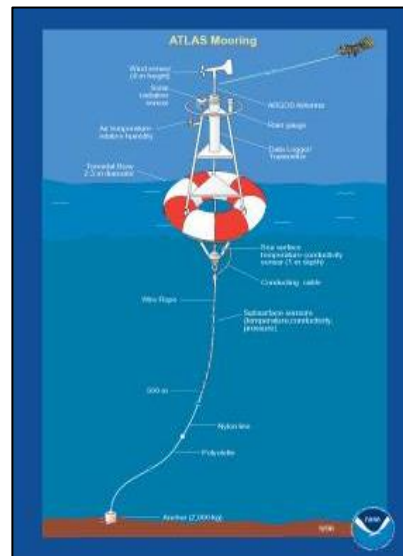
Atmosphere:

- wind (direction, speed)
- relative humidity
- air temperature
- precipitation
- incident radiation

Ocean:

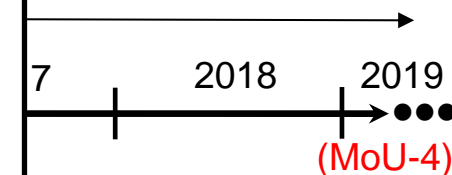
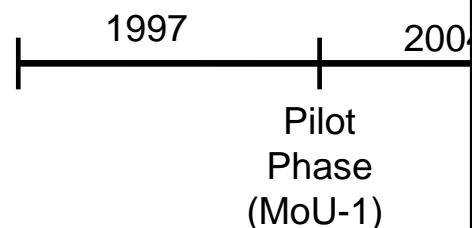
- temperature
(11 levels from surface to 500m)
- salinity
(4 to 9 levels between 0 & 120m)
- pressure (at 300 & 500m)
- surface currents at 4 sites

- Daily averaged data transmitted in real time by Argos;
- High frequency data (10mn) available after servicing operations



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1s TACOS (1 site 23°W)
2 OMZ sites 23°W
2 (Off Congo)



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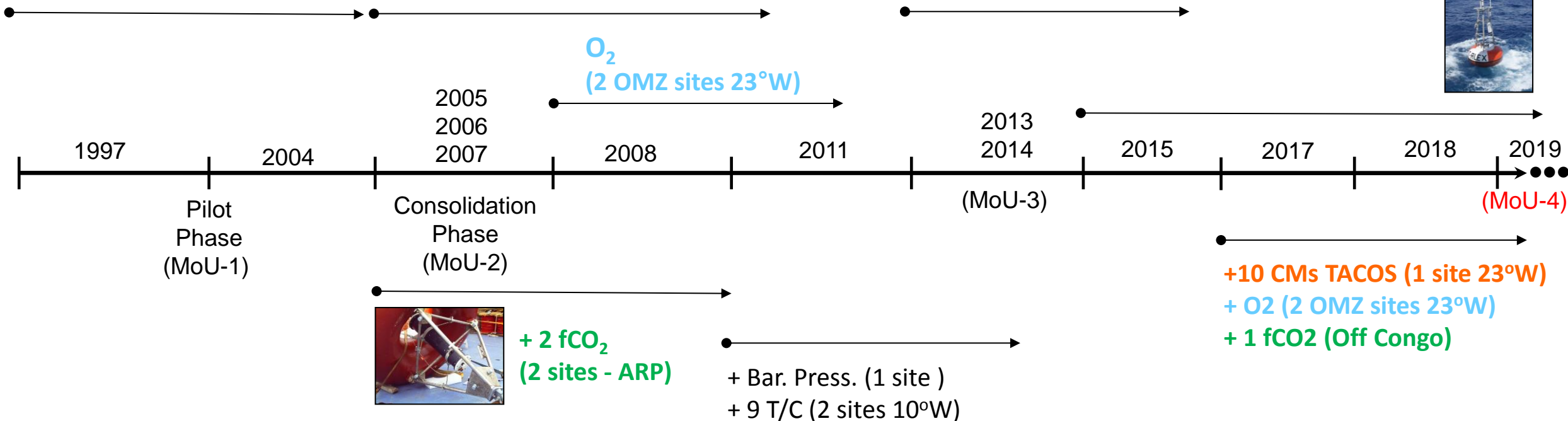
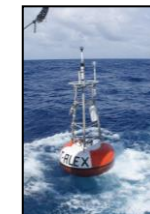
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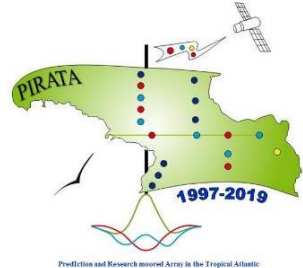


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Improving PIRATA network

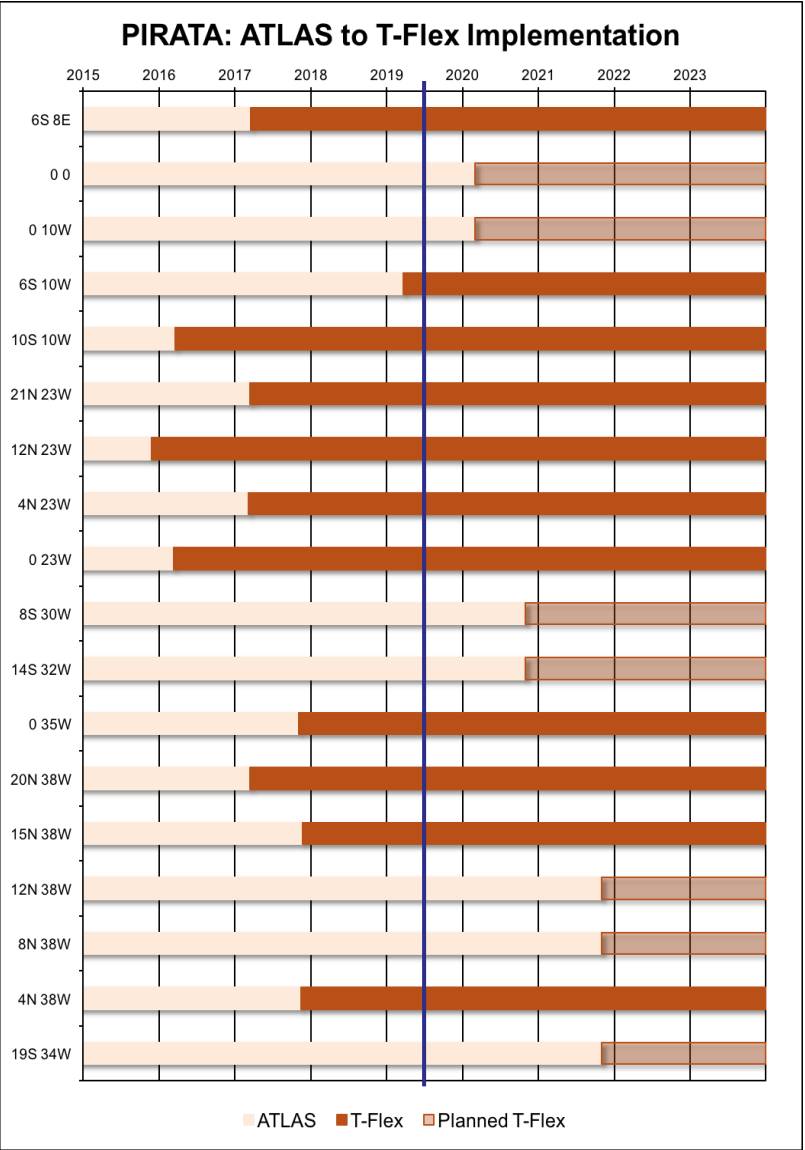
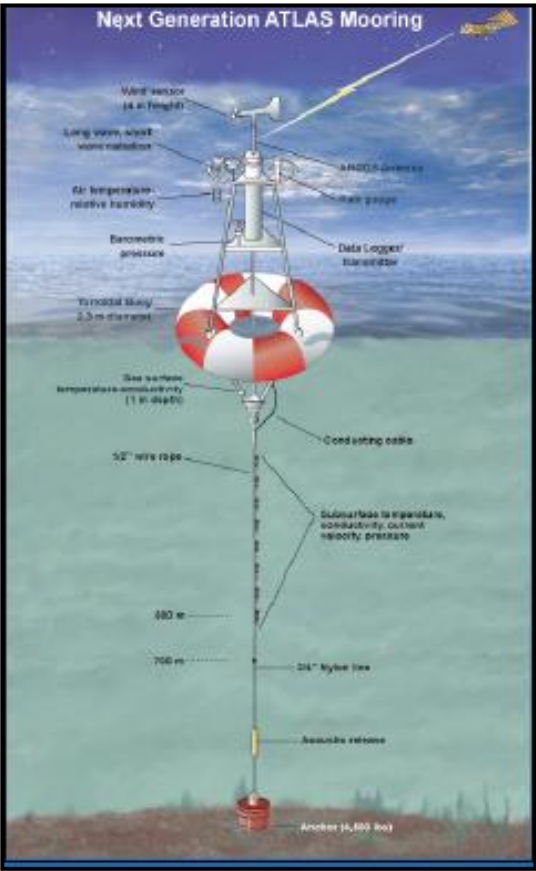


T-FLEX implementation is underway ...

From 2015 : 11 T-FLEX buoys

ATLAS

T-FLEX

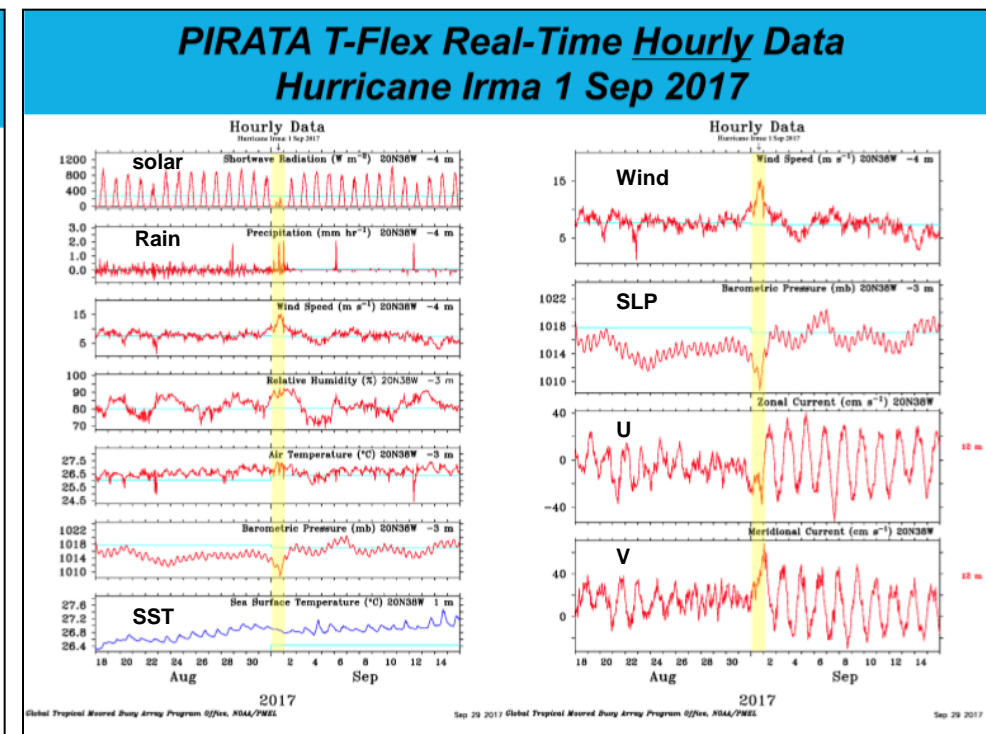
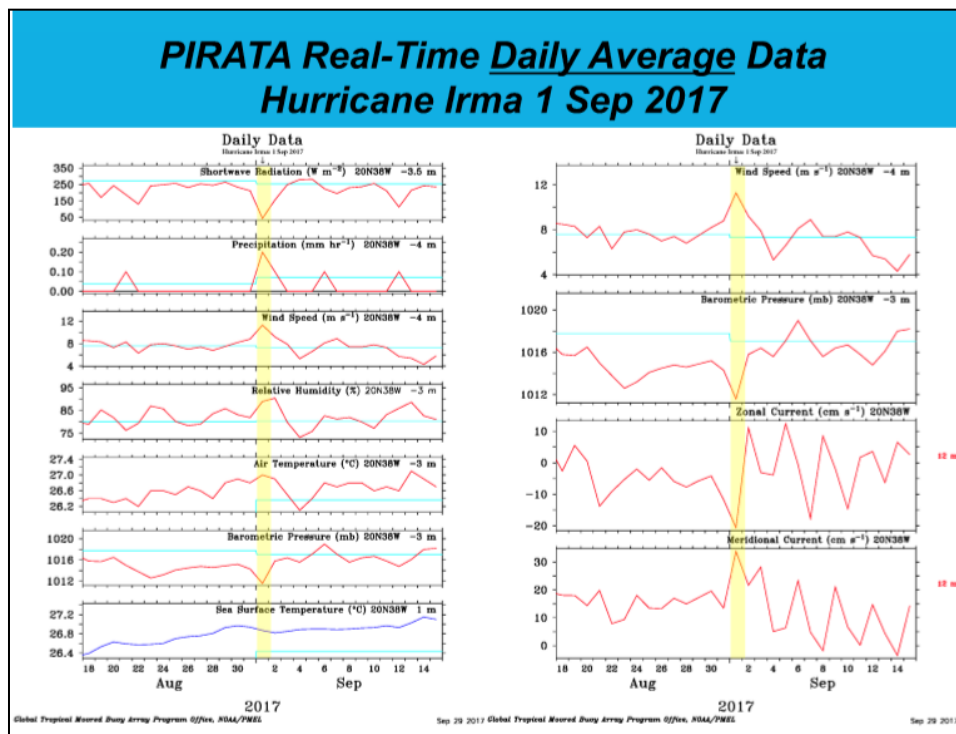
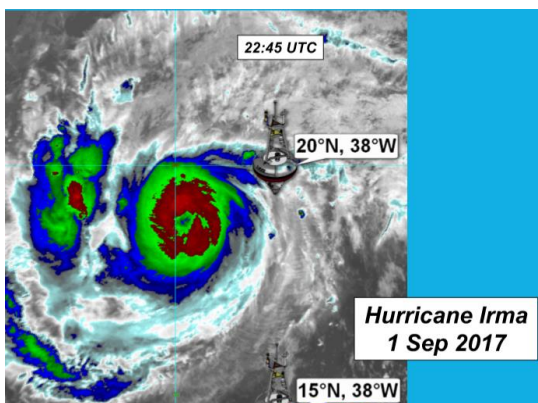
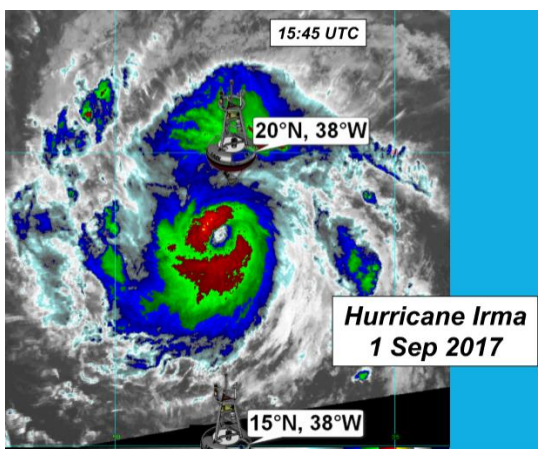




Real time monitoring enhancement with T-Flex



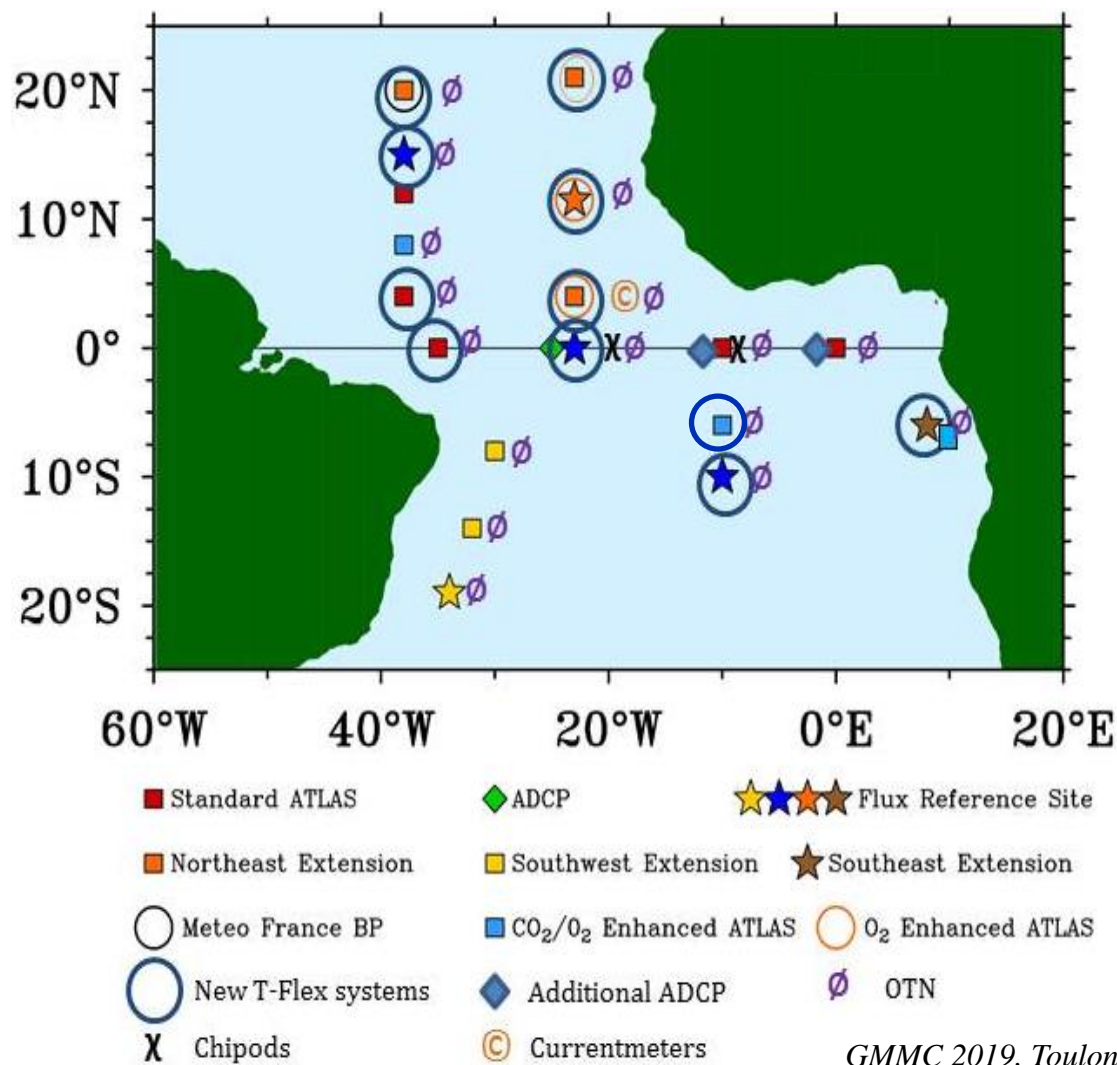
*Predictability of Extreme Events (hurricanes, droughts/floods)
Impacts on Human Security & Health*



Courtesy: M. McPhaden (NOAA)

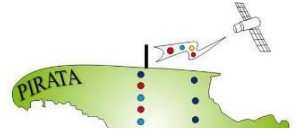


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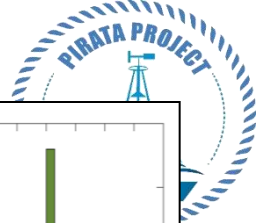


18 meteo-oceanic buoys : ATLAS & T-Flex
atmospheric parameters + EOVS (T, S,
+ currents on some sites)

- OTN (acoustic sensors) at 200 m
- Xpods (turbulence) at 23W-0N & 10W-0N
- 3 surface CO₂ sensors 38W-8N, 10W-6S, 8E-6S
- 2 O₂ subsurface sensors at 23W-4N & 23W-11.5N
- 3 ADCP moorings (0-300 m) along the equator at 23W, 10W & 0E

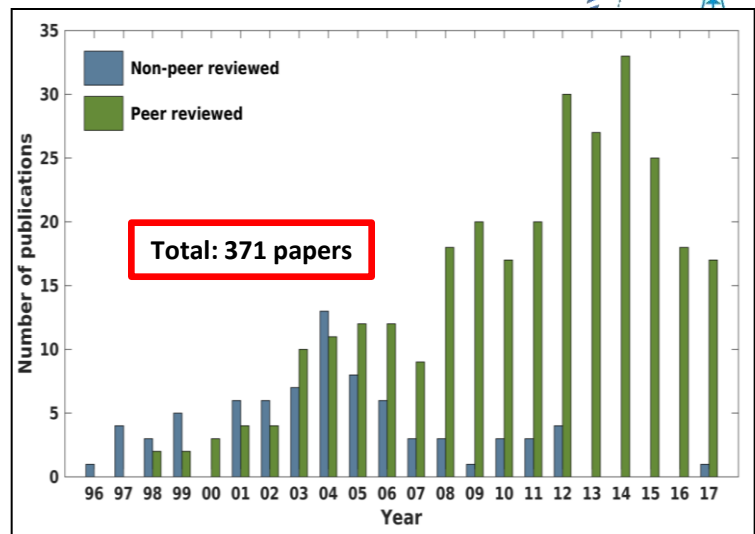
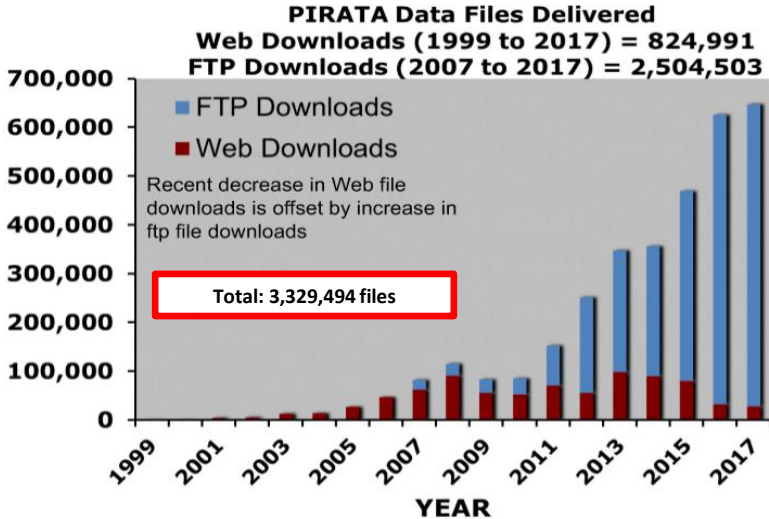
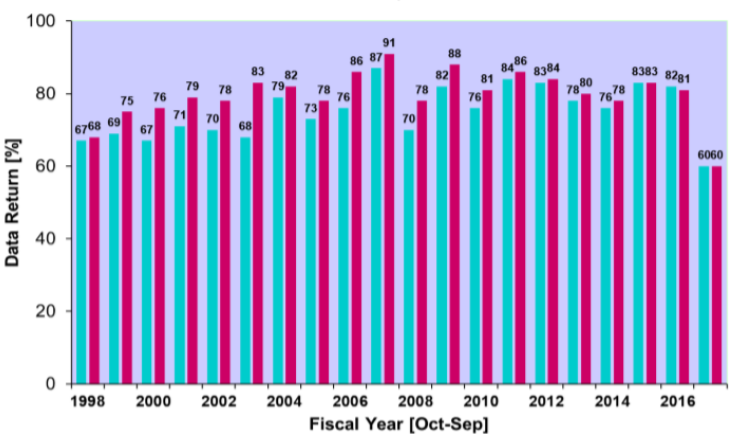


Open Data Policy



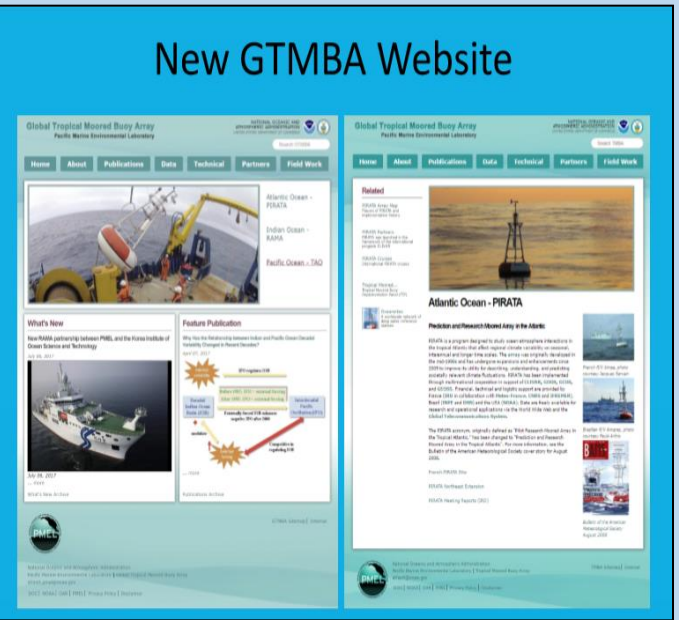
PIRATA Data Return

Real Time Delayed Mode



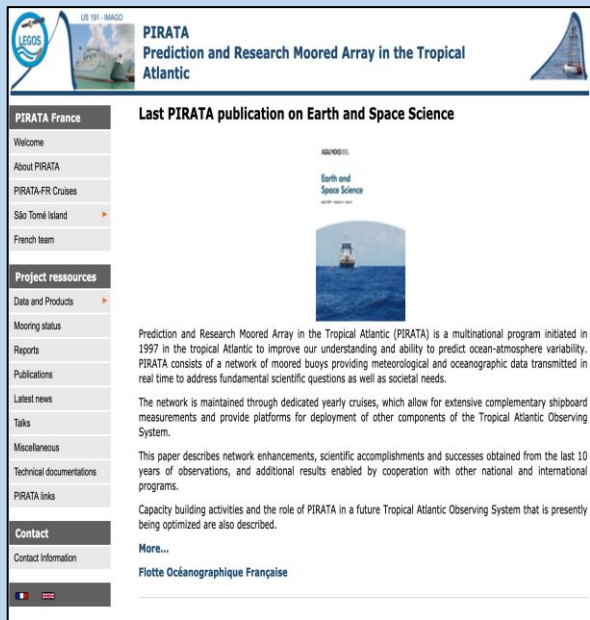
- BUOYS DATA:

New GTMBA Website



www.pmel.noaa.gov/gtmba/

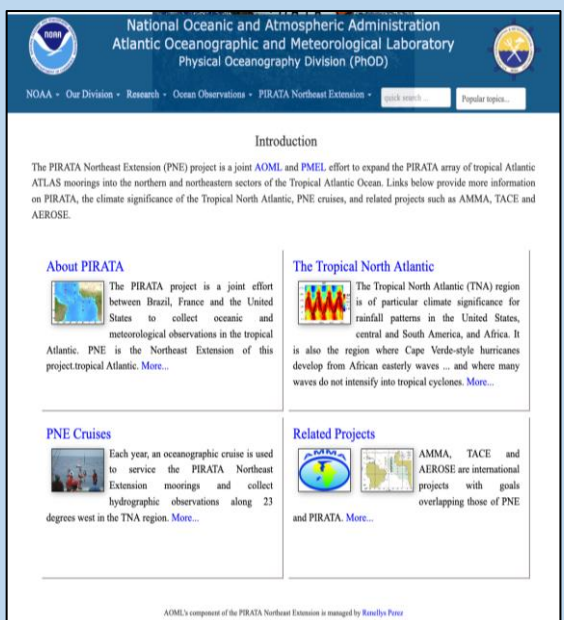
- FR, BR & US CRUISES DATA:



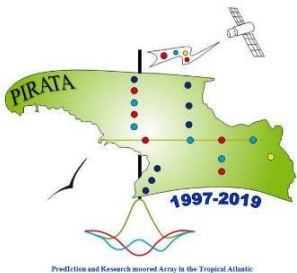
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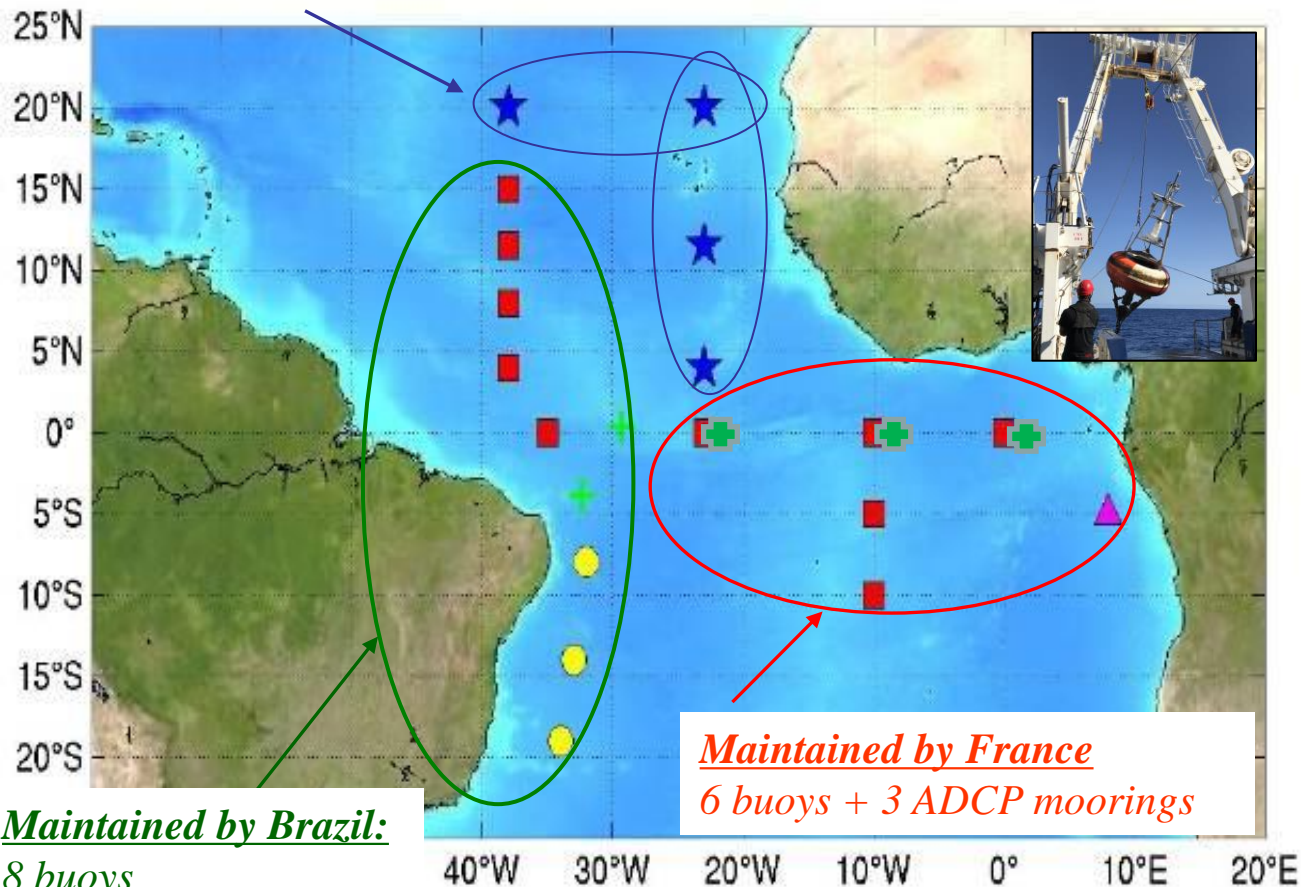
Typical sea work year:

T-FLEX/ATLAS moorings deployed: 18

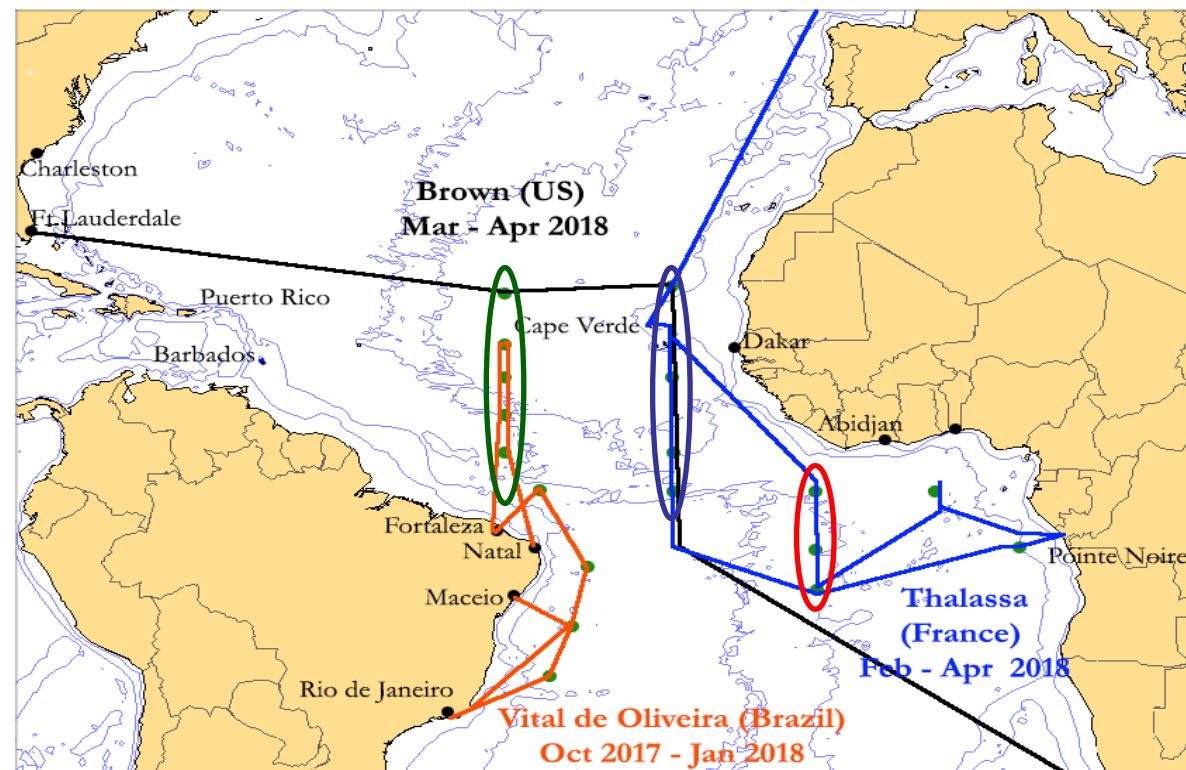
Shiptime: ~ 120 days

Maintained by USA:

4 buoys + sensors calibration



PIRATA Cruises Oct 2017 - Sep 2018



Yearly cruises → repeated sections with CTD profiles at 38°W (BR), 23°W (US), 10°W (FR)



From 2003 : deployment of ARGO profilers in the eastern tropical Atlantic

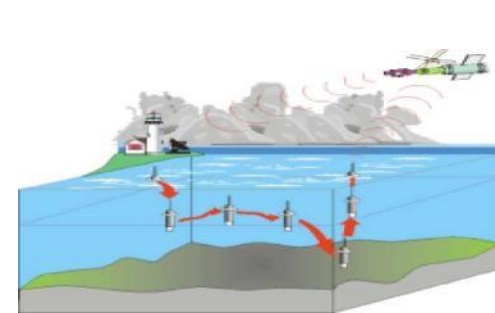
Contribution to ARGO, through CORIOLIS

About 6-8 deployments during yearly French cruise :

142 profilers deployed from 2003



Data in poorly documented regions (southeast)



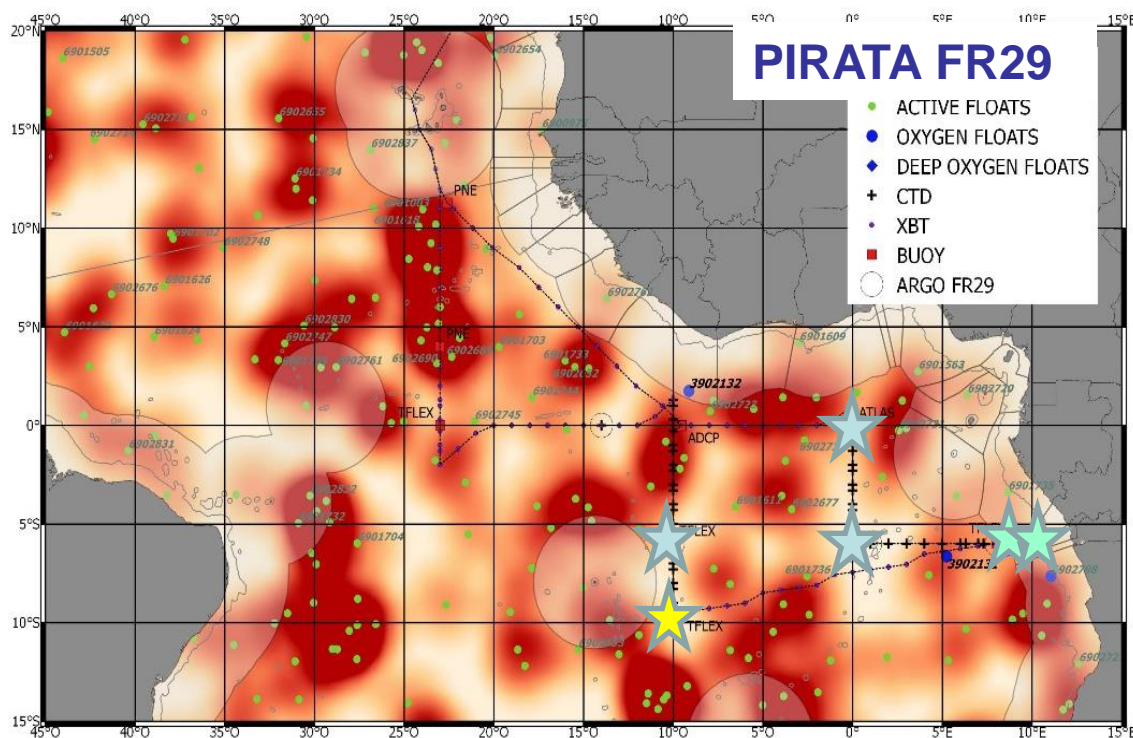
Vertical resolution:

0-100m = 1m

100-200m = 5m

200-2000m = 25m

- ★ Iridium
- ★ Iridium O2
- ★ Argos



From 2013 : profilers with enhanced vertical resolution (1m)

From 2016 : profilers with “double” programming

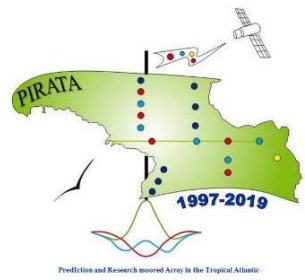
From 2017 : profilers with O₂ sensors

In 2018: 2 deep-ARGO profilers (T, S, O₂)

Courtesy: N. Poffa

=> need of T/C measurements for ARGO profiles validation down to 2000 m (or 4000 m for Deep-ARGO).

=> All CTD-O₂ profiles are down to 2000m depth during all PIRATA-FR cruises.



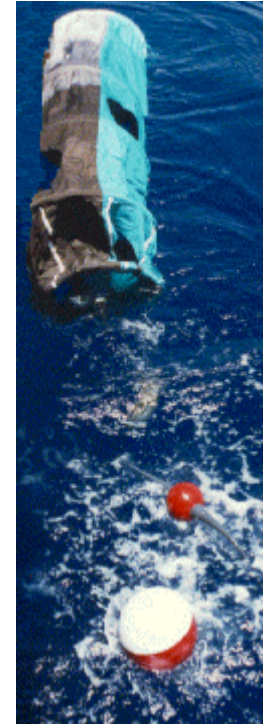
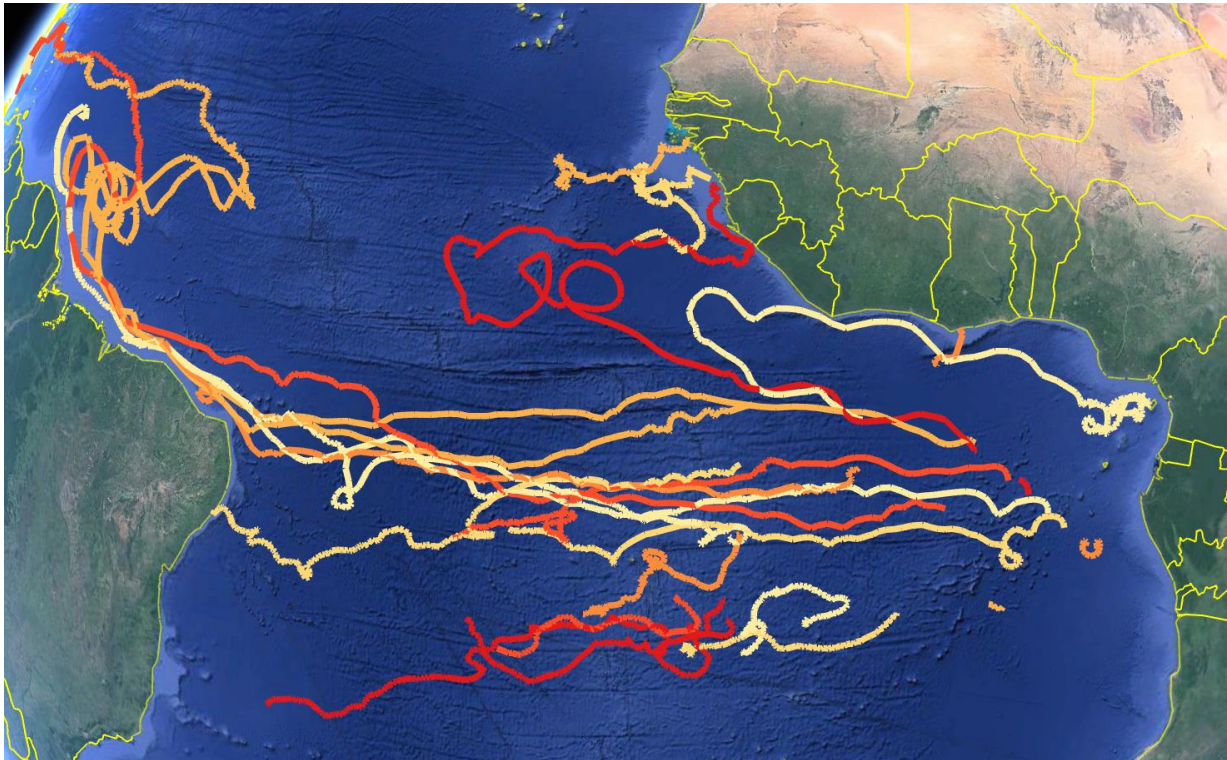
From 2005 : deployment of surface drifters in the eastern Tropical Atlantic

(SVP, SVP-B, SVP-BS)

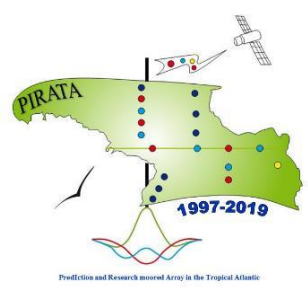
Contribution to Global Drifter Program (GDP/DBCP)

From 5 to 25 deployments during yearly French cruise :
136 drifters deployed from 2005

Through Meteo-France, NOAA/AOML & contribution to AtlantOS



*Example:
Trajectories of the SVP deployed during
PIRATA-FR cruises between 2016 to 2018
as contribution to AtlantOS & NOAA GDP
(M. Le Garrec, pers. comm.)*

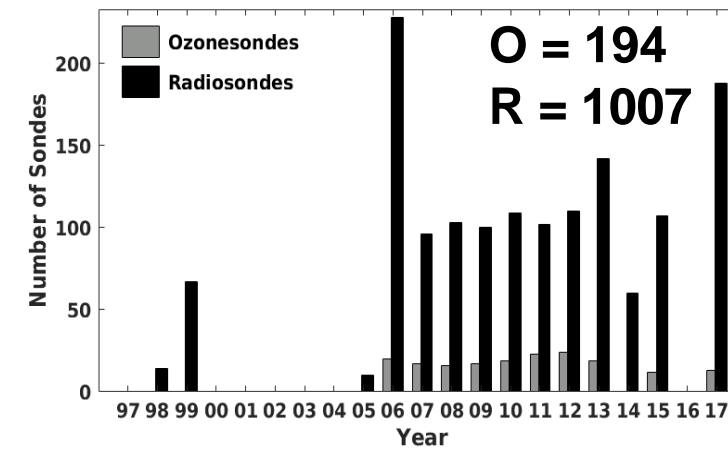
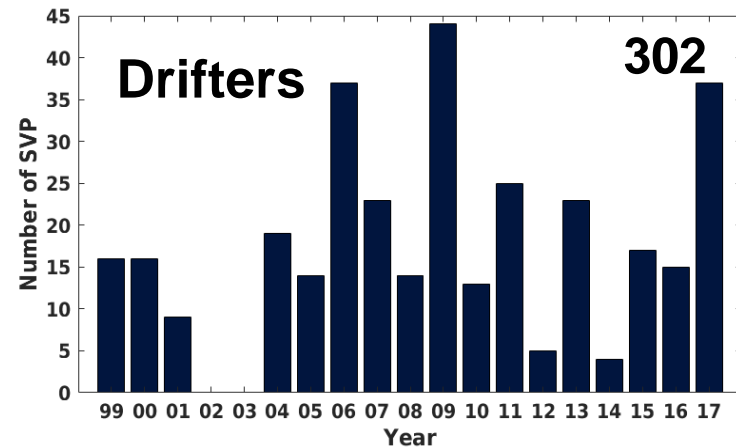
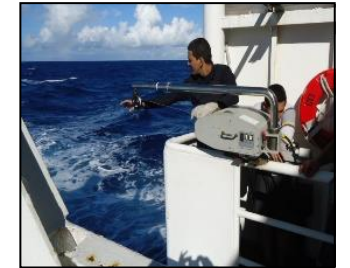
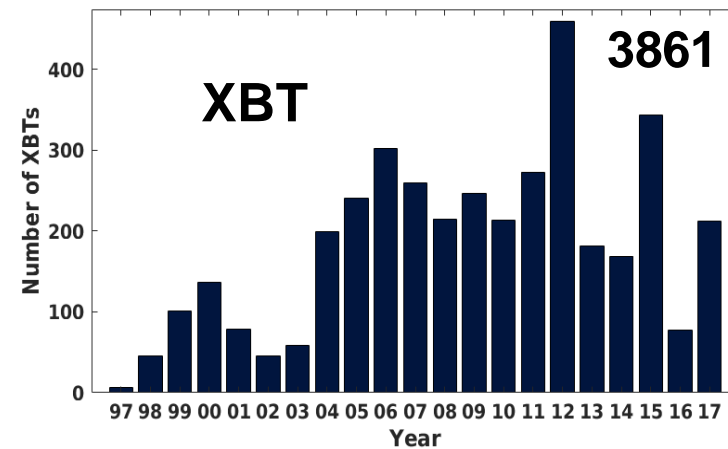
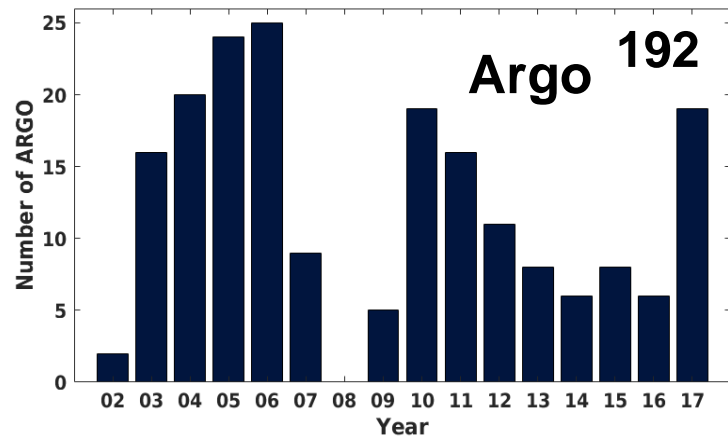


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Network integration: *by cooperating/supporting different networks*

Number of deployed Argo profilers, XBT, SVP, Radiosondes and Ozone sondes during PIRATA cruises (1997-2017)



Bourlès et al. (2019)



From 2006 : acquisition of CO₂ parameters

Contribution to ICOS-Ocean

1) CARIOCA systems added at the buoys located :

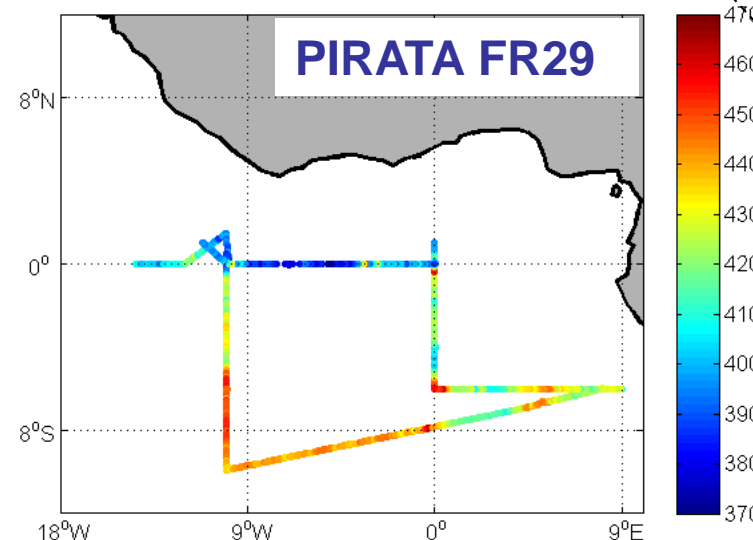
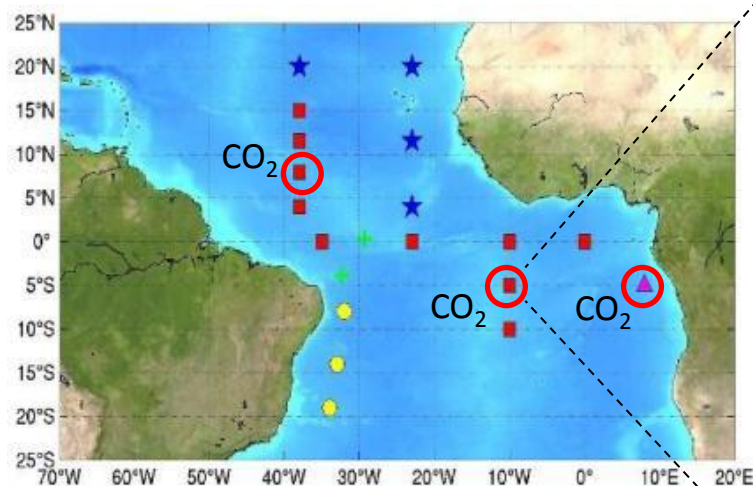
- at **6°S-10°W** (from 2006)
- at **8°N-38°W** (from 2008)
- at **6°S-8°E** (from 2017; AtlantOS).

2) Continuous pCO₂ measurements and surface samplings along the tracklines (every 1°- 2°) for DIC, TA

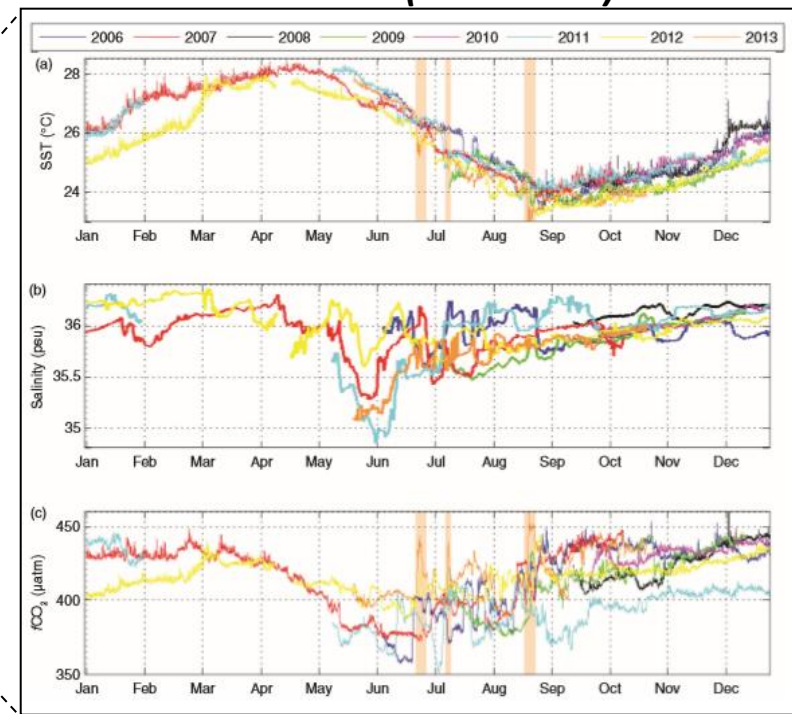
Samplings along the vertical (0-100m) during CTD-O₂ casts at the buoys

=> Amazon & Congo influences ?

PI: N. Lefèvre (IRD, Paris)



6°S-10°W (2006-2019)

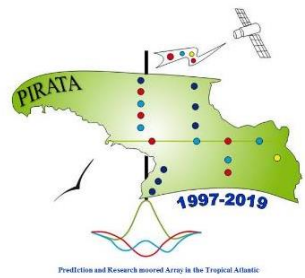


(Lefèvre et al., 2016)



New CO₂ sensor

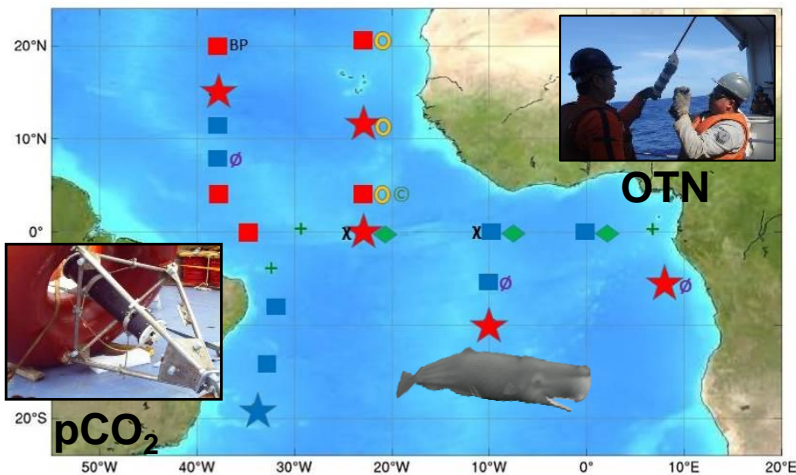
⇒ Moored and ship-based CO₂ data are available through the *Surface Ocean CO₂ Atlas* (SOCAT, www.socat.info)



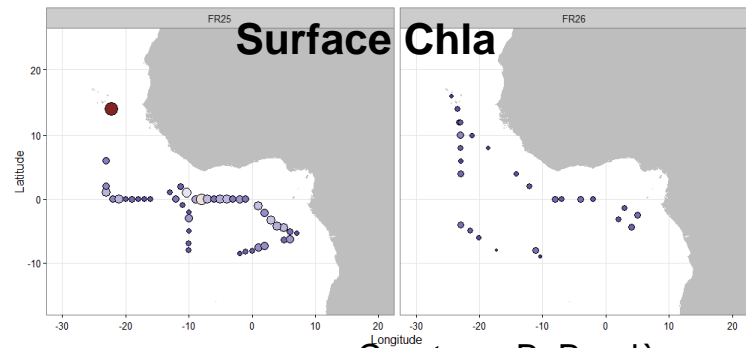
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EOVs integration: by integrating physical-biogeochemical-biological measurements

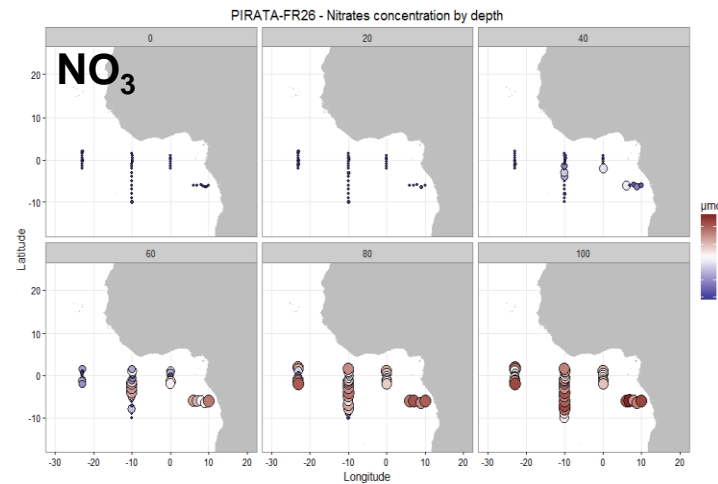
Nutrients, $p\text{CO}_2$ (underway and fixed moorings), O_2 (OMZ), Chlorophyll pigments, Plankton, Acoustics, Mammals (OTN), Tuna Hg contamination



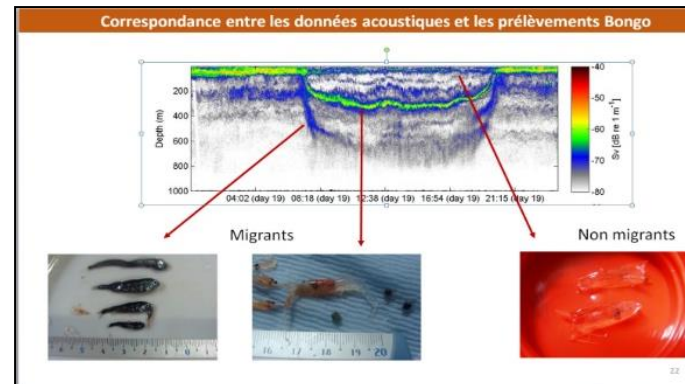
○ : CO_2 sensor ○ : O_2 sensor ○ : Currentmeters X : Turbulence sensors
BP : Barometric pressure sensor



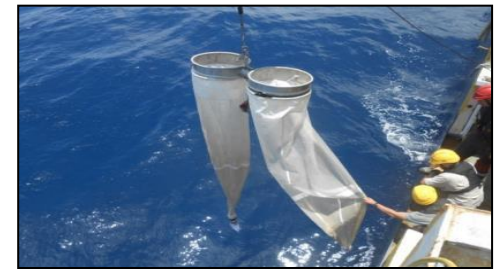
Courtesy: B. Bourlès



Link with **Acoustic data**
(and T/S/O2/ADCP/nutrients/Chl pigments...)

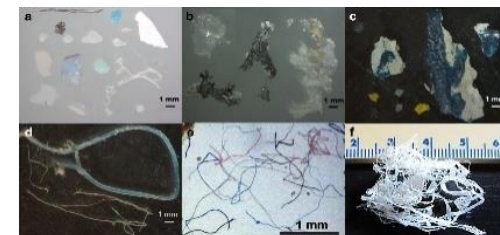


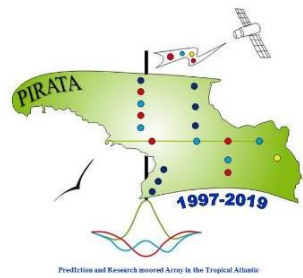
Plankton



New !

Microplastics

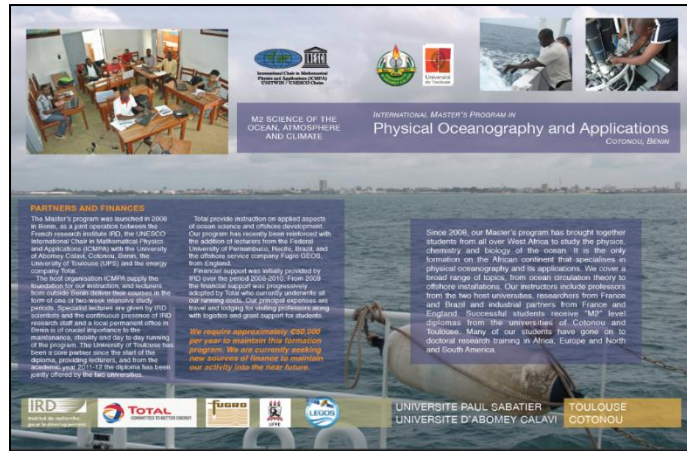




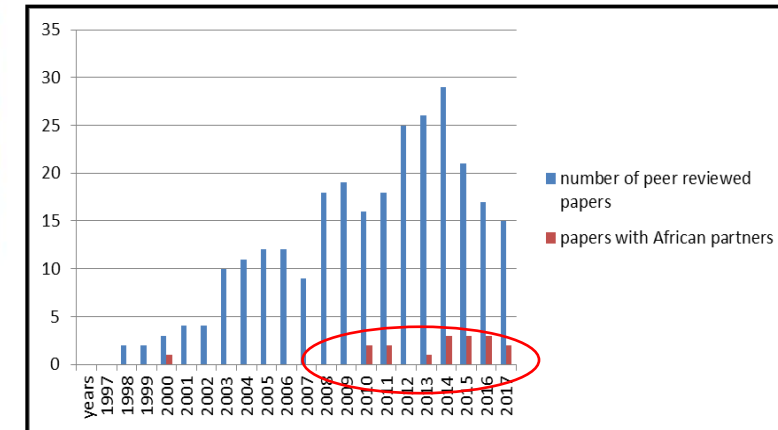
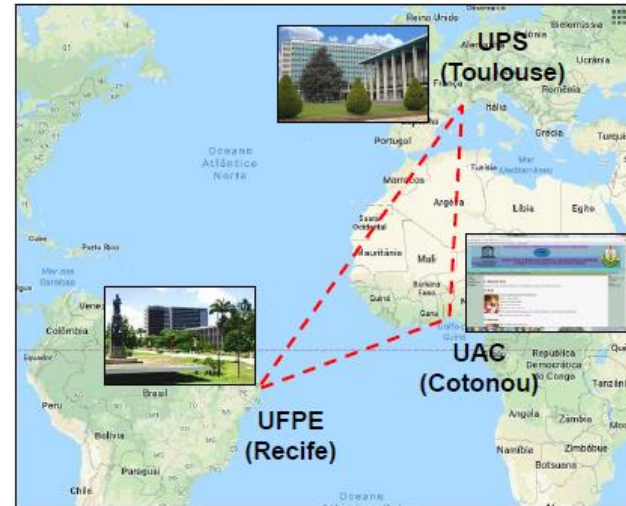
How beneficial PIRATA is ?

Capacity Building

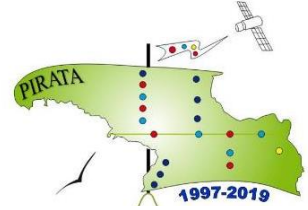
Master in Physical Oceanography and Application - M2 OPA (Cotonou, Benin)



(LONG TERM) COOPERATION UFPE-IRD-UPS-UAC



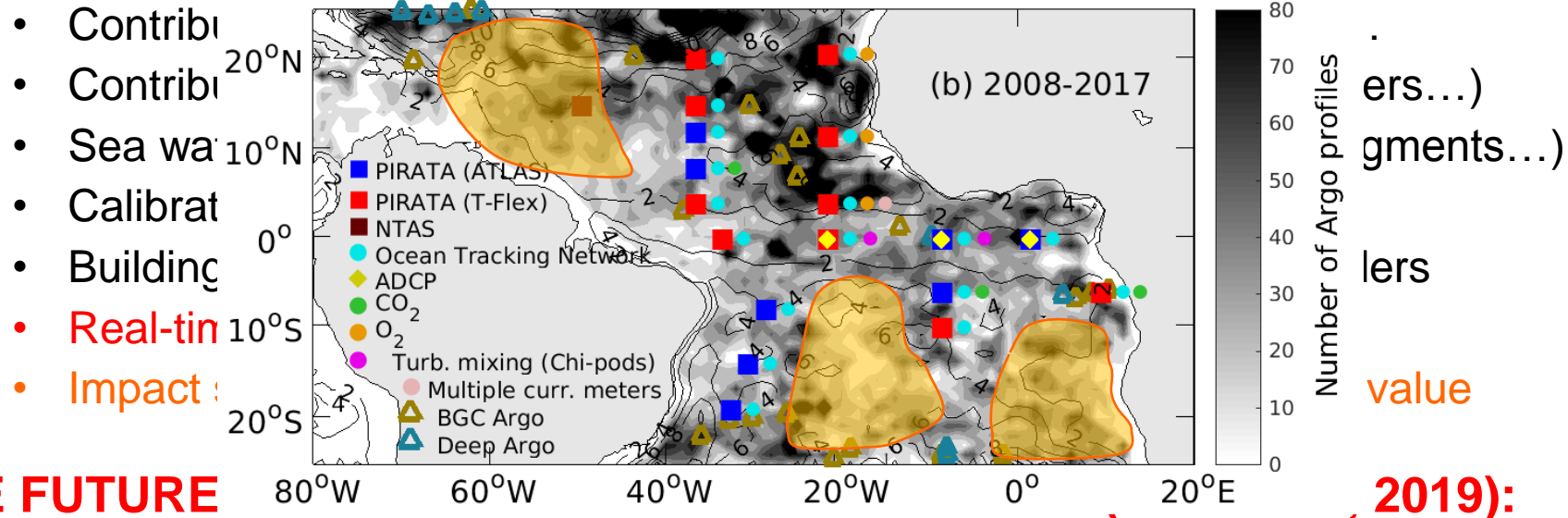
- Students from all over West Africa to study the physics, chemistry and biology of the ocean;
- Lecturers from: France (UPS, LEGOS, ...), Benin (UAC) and Brazil (UFPE);
- >100 students formed from 2008 (Benin, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Togo, Ghana, Senegal, Nigeria);
- >43 Continued in PhD: in France, Brazil, South Africa, Germany, Canada, Cameroon, Benin, ...



Conclusions and prospective







- ⇒ **PIRATA is a platform for several additional measurements**
- ⇒ **PIRATA servicing cruises offer repeat section sampling and additional experiments**



⇒ IN THE FUTURE

- **Sustain the existing network** to carry on long term time series
- **Increase T/S sensors in the mixed layer**, add **surface currents** and **fluxes** measurements
- Upper **ocean mixing sensors** at few sites
- Expand **biogeochemical measurements at every site**
- Extend PIRATA array (new moorings) in the **South Atlantic**, and in the **North Atlantic warm pool**

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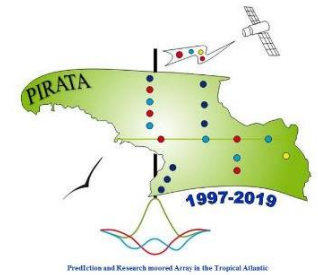
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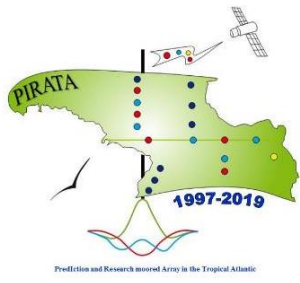
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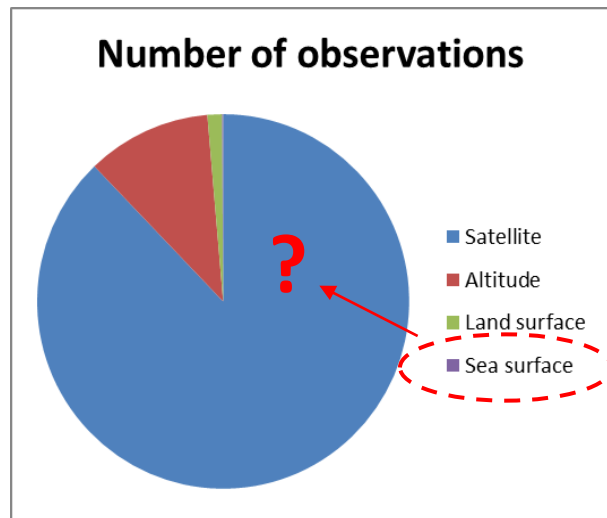
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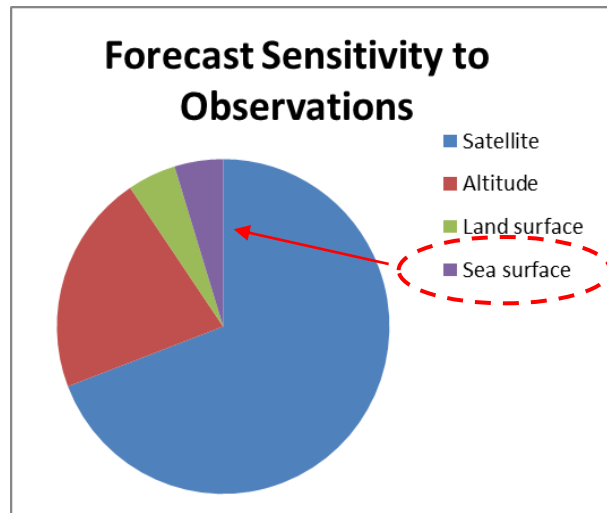
How beneficial PIRATA is ?

OSEs and OSSEs

• Observing System Experiments (OSEs) – EUMETNET/Météo-France/ECMWF (*)



(a)



(b)

$$IF = (b)/(a)$$

Impact Factor

For PIRATA moored buoys:

(a) = 0.000055% of the total number of observations assimilated;

(b) = 0.006076 % of the total 24-hour global error forecast reduction.



IF (PIRATA moored buoys) \cong 110

IF (drifting buoys in the tropics) \cong 128

IF (drifting buoys on the surface of the globe) \cong 400

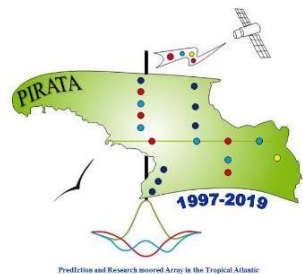
IF (other surface marine observations) \cong 5

IF (surface land-based observing systems) \cong 4

IF (upper-air observing systems, including aircraft and radiosondes) \cong 2

IF (satellites) \cong 0.8

(*) P. Poli et al. (2018). *How useful are PIRATA mooring surface pressure data to improve the weather forecasts ?*
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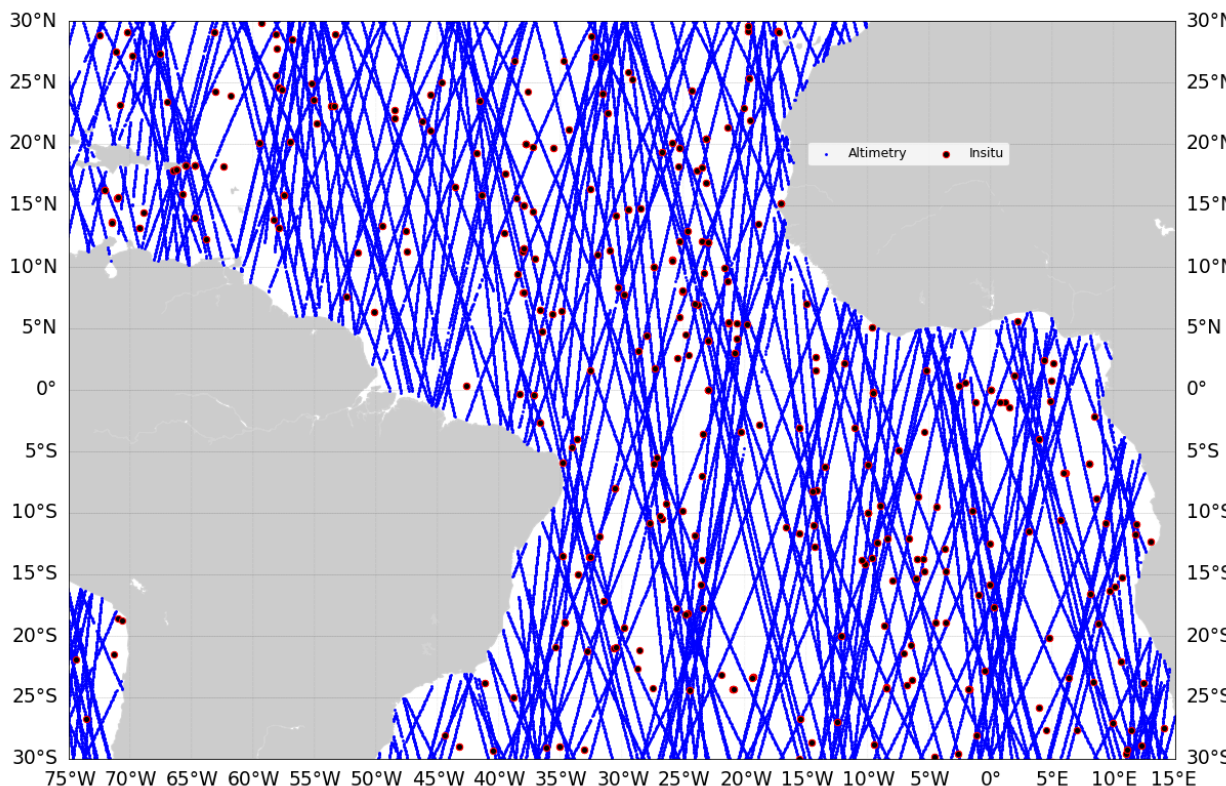


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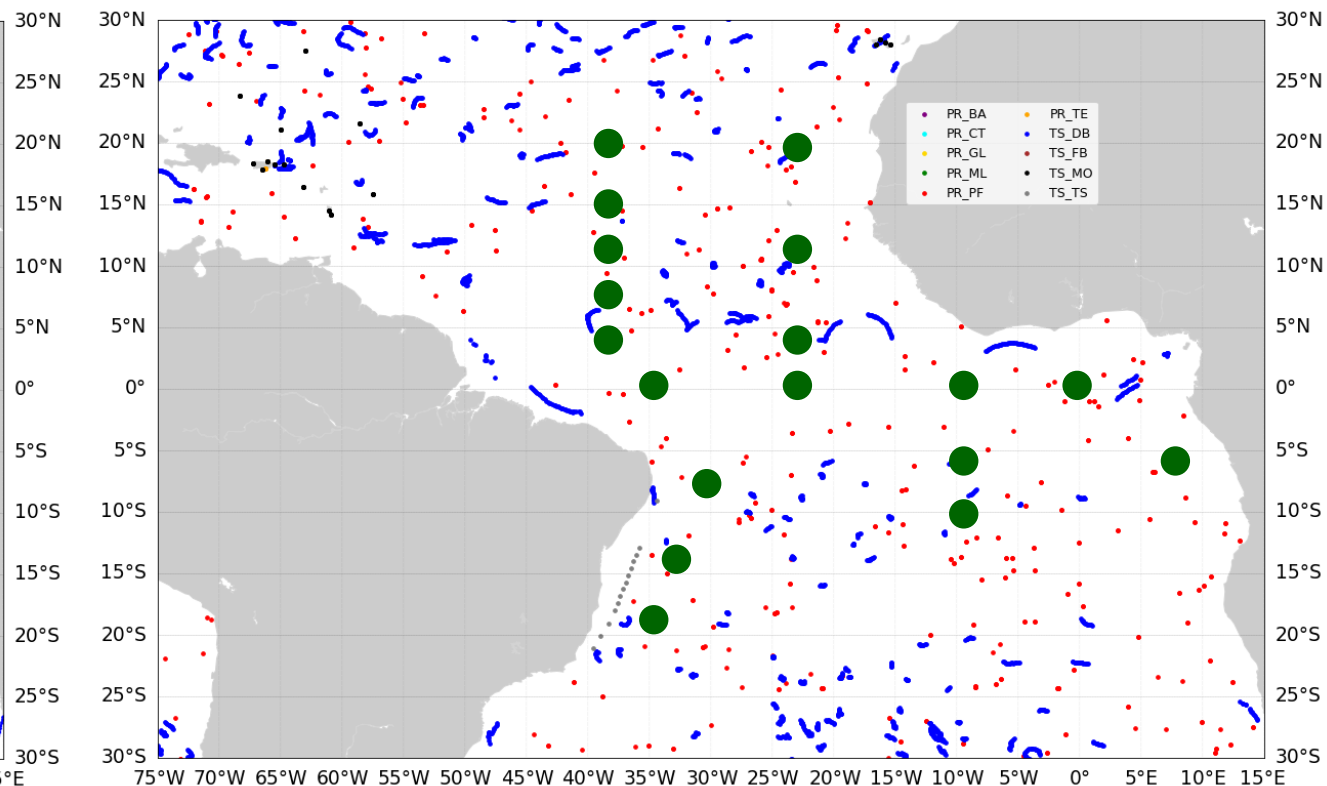
Tropical Atlantic real-time transmitted data are ingested into operational systems



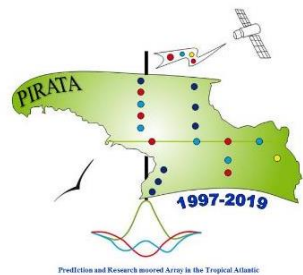
1 week positions of Assimilated data in MERCATOR 1/12



Positions of in situ data in CMEMS 20180704-20180711



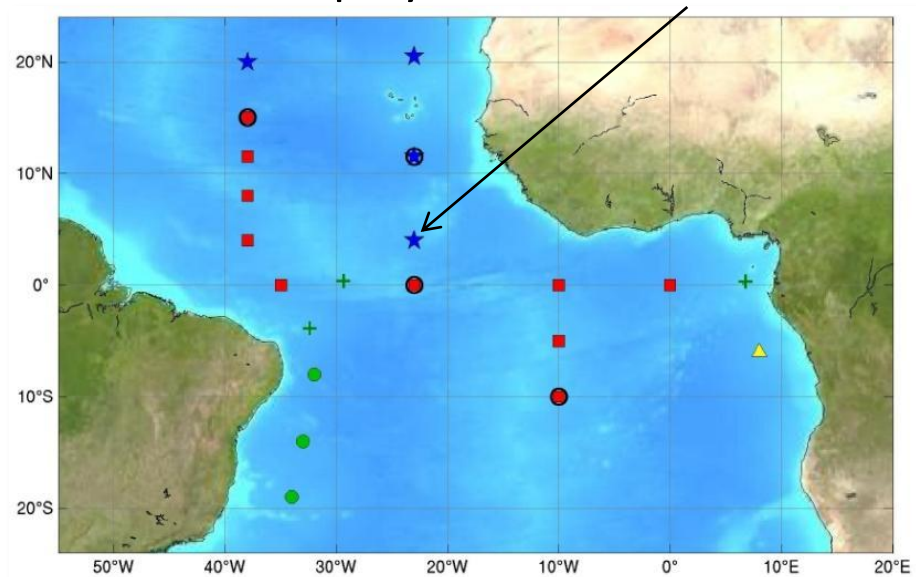
Data assimilated by Mercator 1/12° operational system, 4-11 july 2018 (courtesy of C. Regnier, Foltz et al., 2019)



Prediction and Research moored Array in the Tropical Atlantic - PIRATA

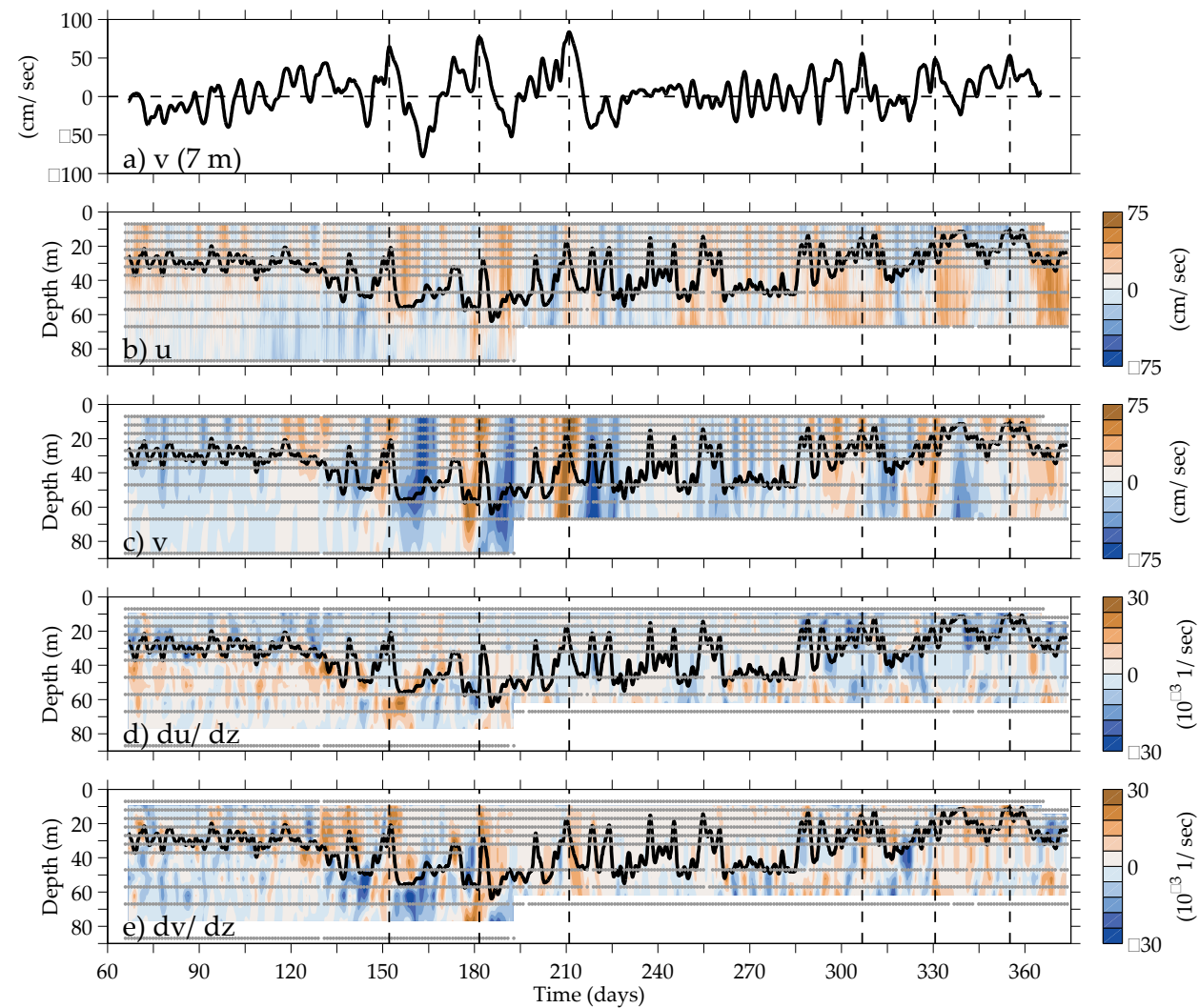
Tropical Atlantic Currents Observations Study (TACOS, R. Perez)

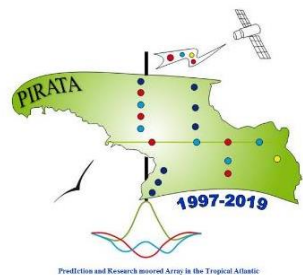
TACOS deployed in March 2017



11 current meters deployed at 4N, 23W mooring

Velocity and vertical shear





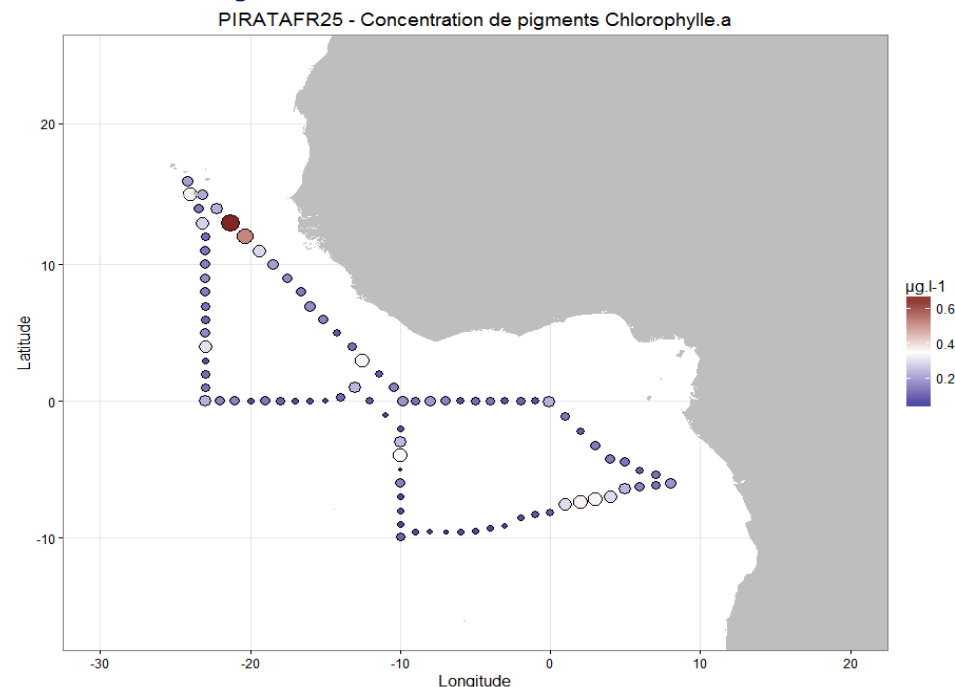
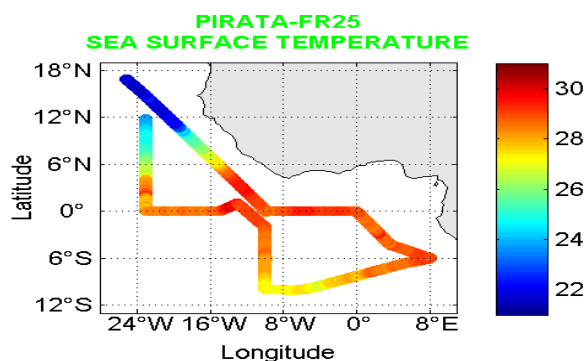
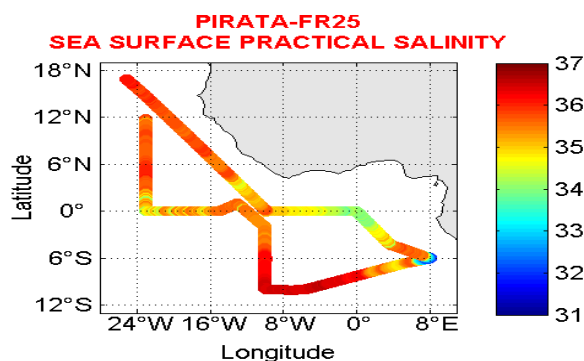
From 2011: Acquisition of Chl pigments (HPLC) in the eastern Tropical Atlantic



Surface samplings along the
trackline (every 2°)

Samplings along the vertical
during CTDO₂ casts

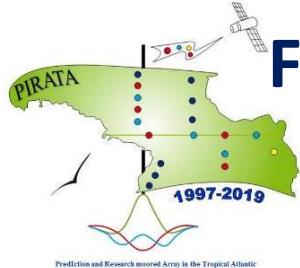
(S. Hillion, IRD-Brest)



Examples:

*Up: Surface Chl pigments concentration
during the PIRATA FR25 cruise -March/April 2015-
(J.Habasque, IRD-Brest)*

*Left: surface SSS & SST along the PIRATA FR25
trackline (J.Grelet, IRD-Brest)*

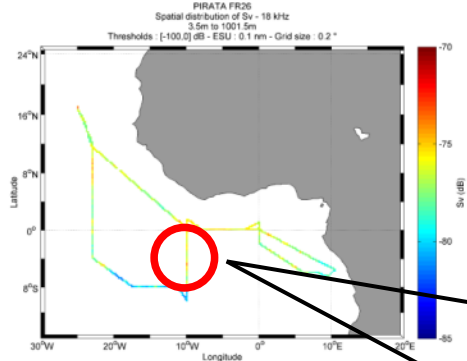


From 2015 (but depending upon the research vessel equipment): Acoustic measurements



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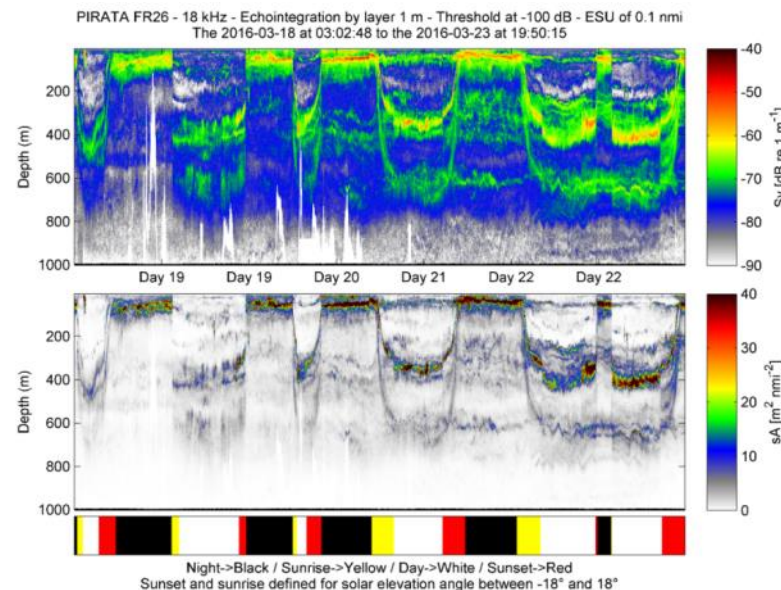
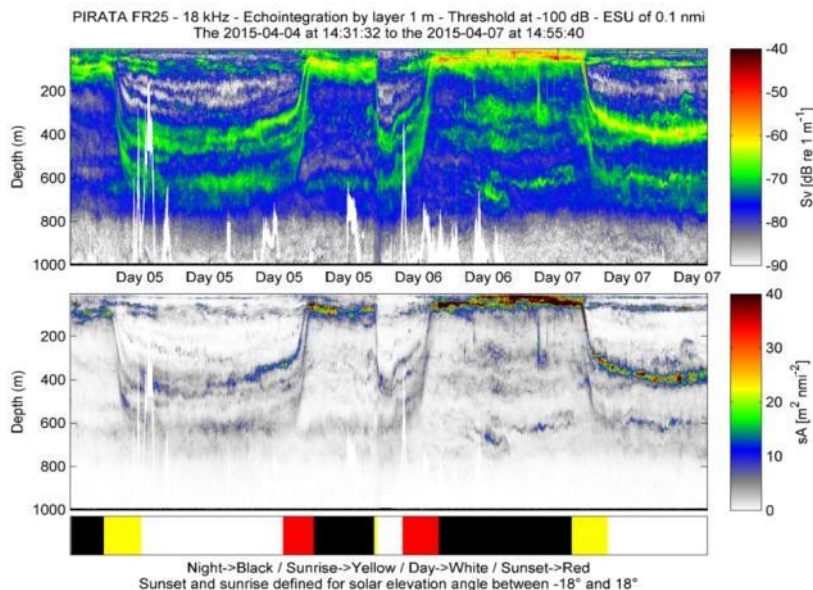
Multifrequency acoustic data (18, 38, 70, 120, 200 and 333 kHz)
=> information on biotic and abiotic ecosystem components.



=> Analysis of the pelagic organism spatial organization,
the planktonic biodiversity, as well as upper trophic level
marine organisms in relation with ocean conditions in
contrasted regions (fronts, upwellings, currents shear...)
+ diel vertical migration.

2015

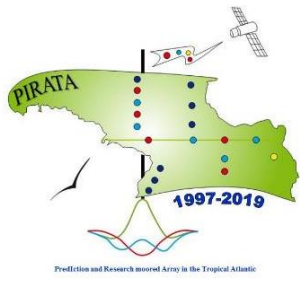
2016



South

North

(J.Habasque, IRD-Brest)



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