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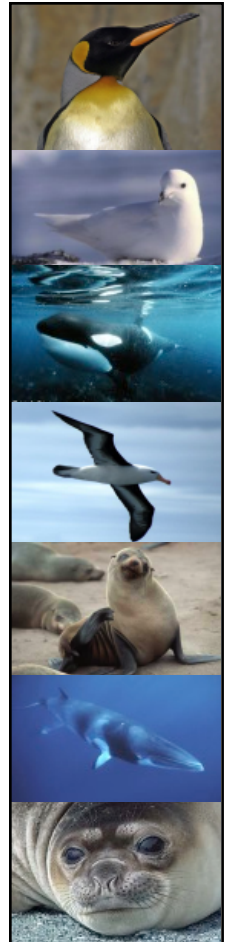
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Southern Ocean shift from physical forcing to marine Biology

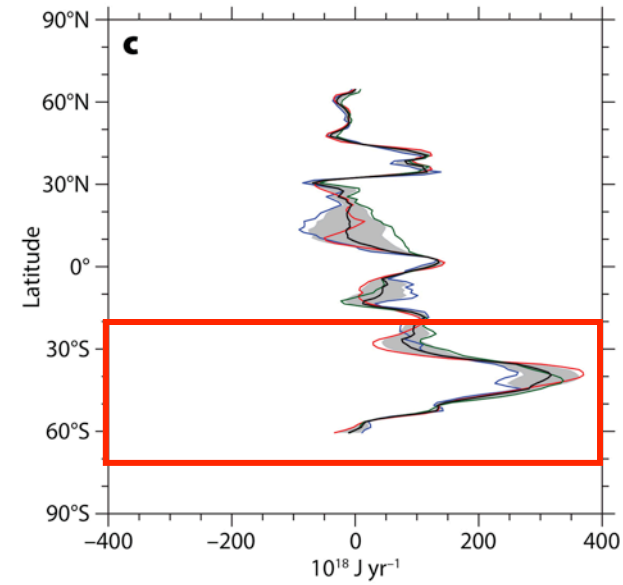
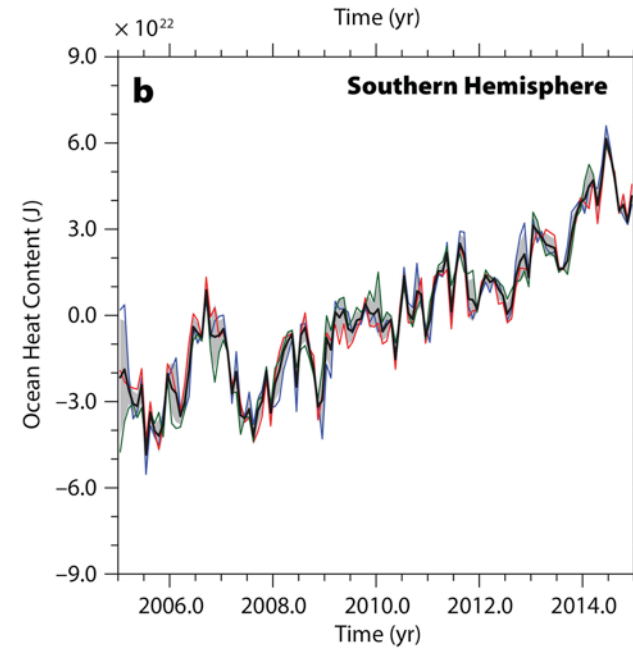
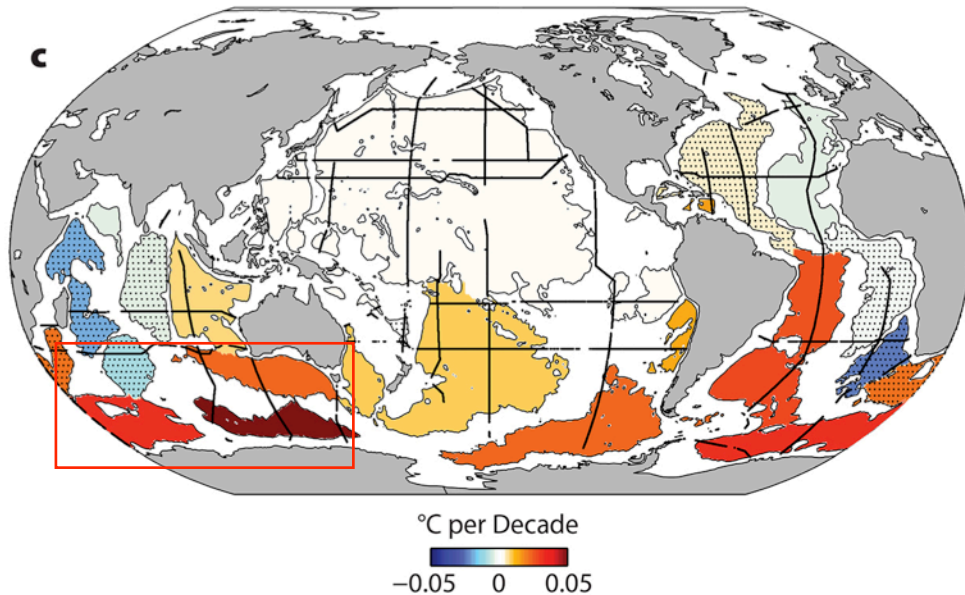
Christophe Guinet, Baptiste Picard et al.

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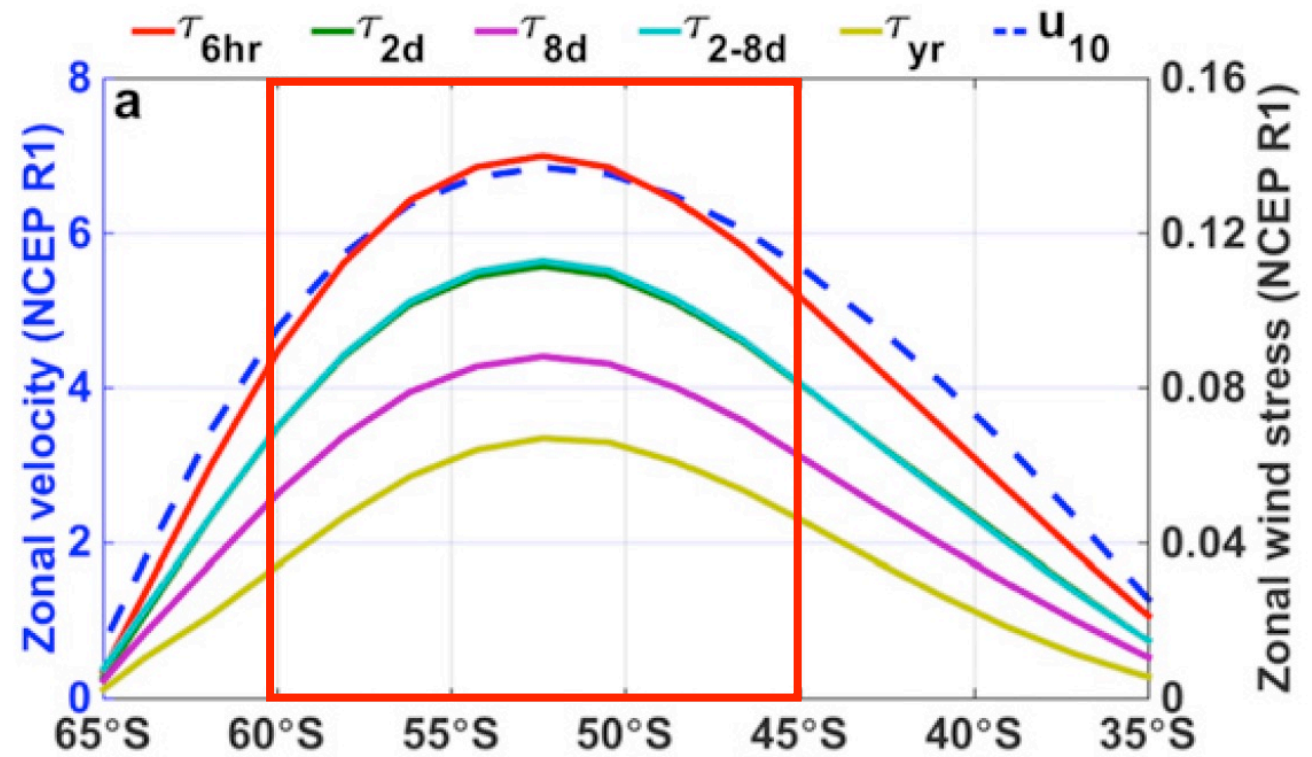
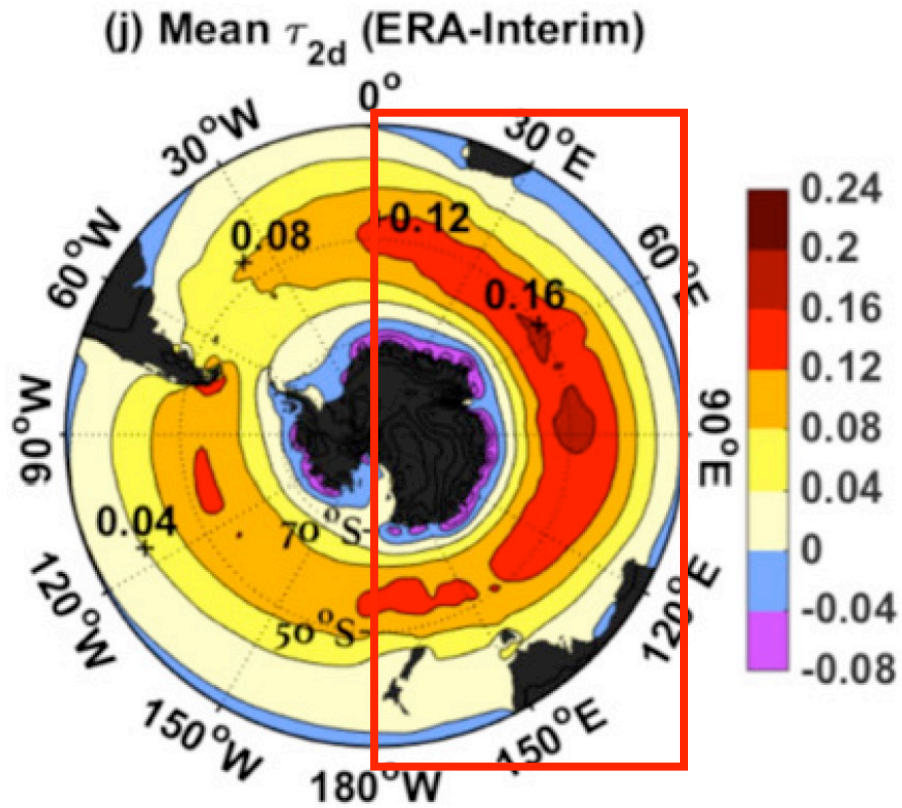
They are increasing evidences that the Southern Ocean is changing:

1. The heat content of the Southern Ocean is rapidly increasing

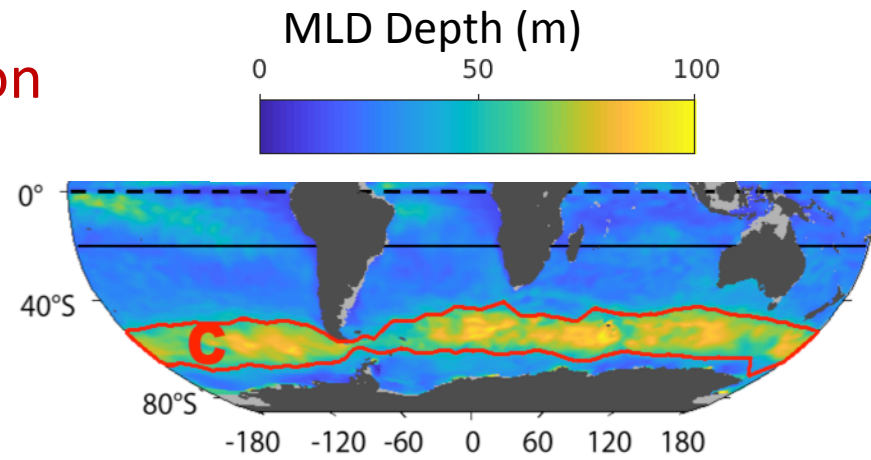


Sallée, J.-B. 2018. Southern Ocean warming. *Oceanography* 31(2):52–62, <https://doi.org/10.5670/oceanog.2018.215>.

2. Wind stress (N.m^2) is increasing : + 40 % (1979 -2016) (Lin et al. 2018, J. Climate)

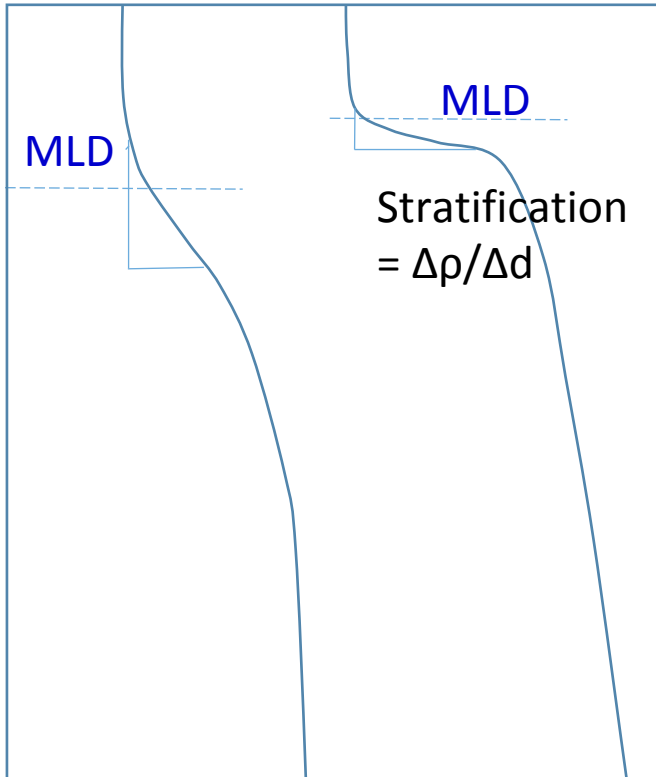


3. Increasing MLD and Stratification



Summer climatological mixed layer depth

Density (ρ)

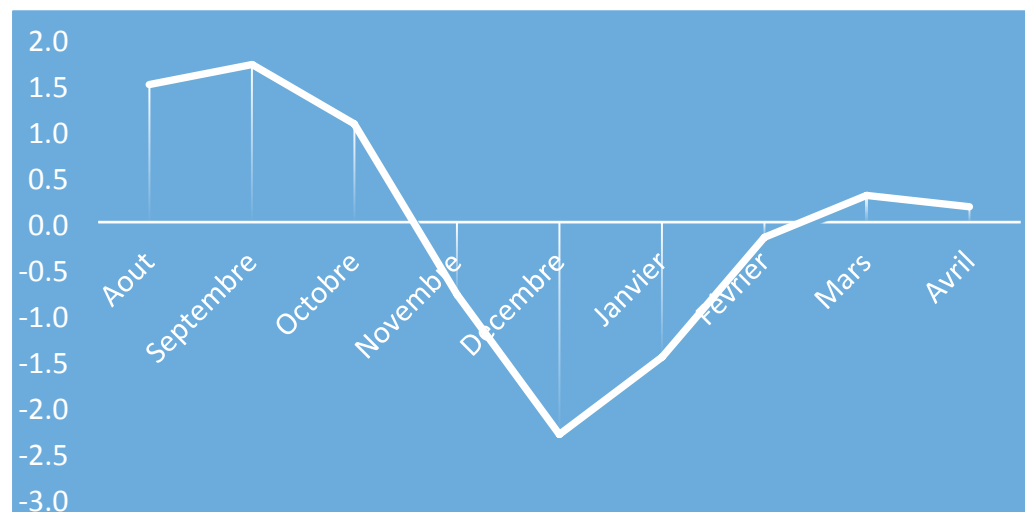
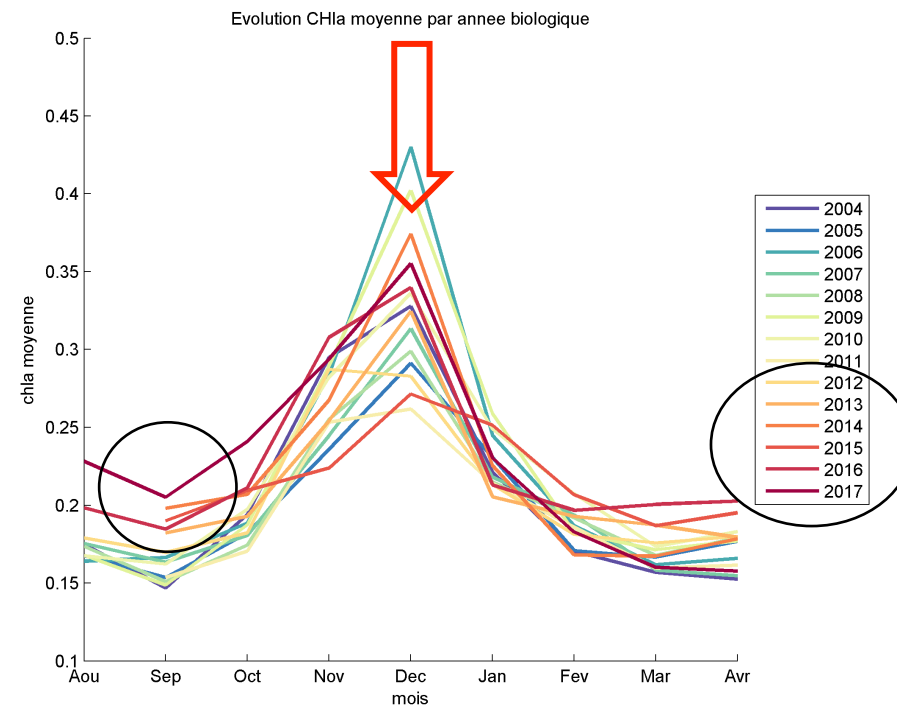
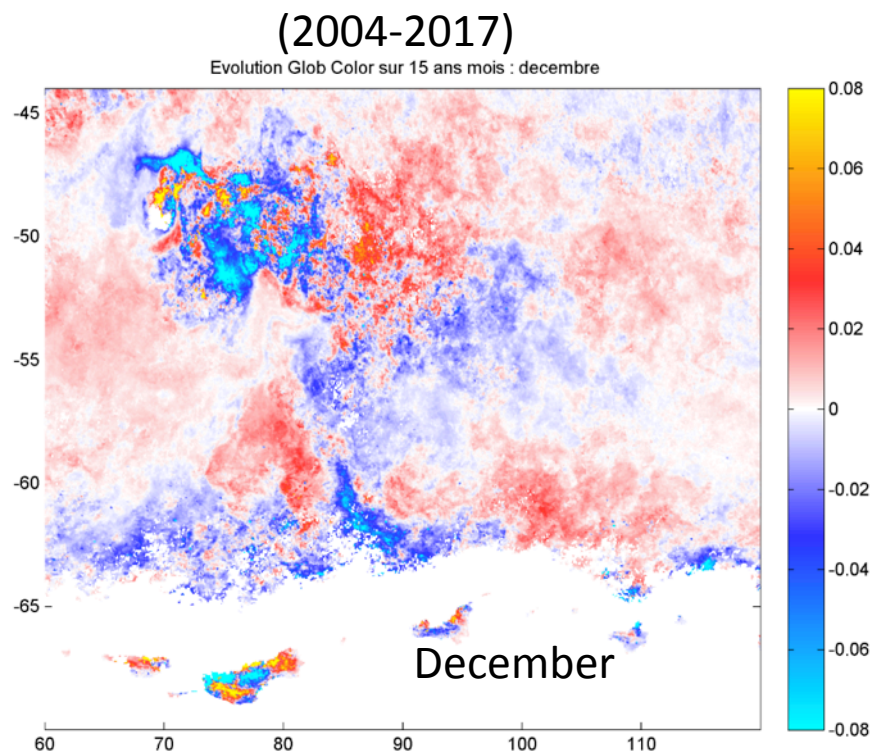


Observed trend in the Southern Ocean

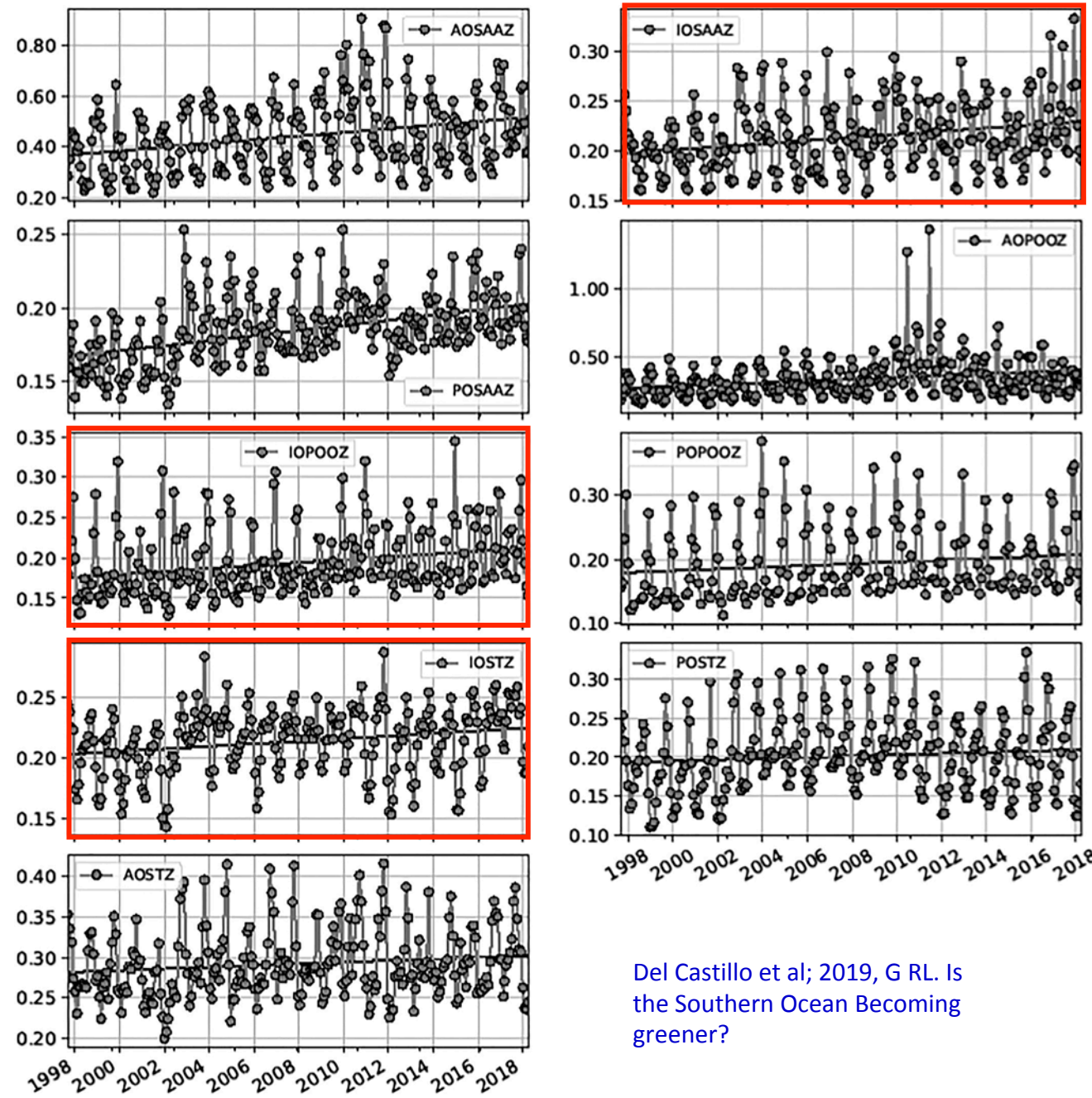
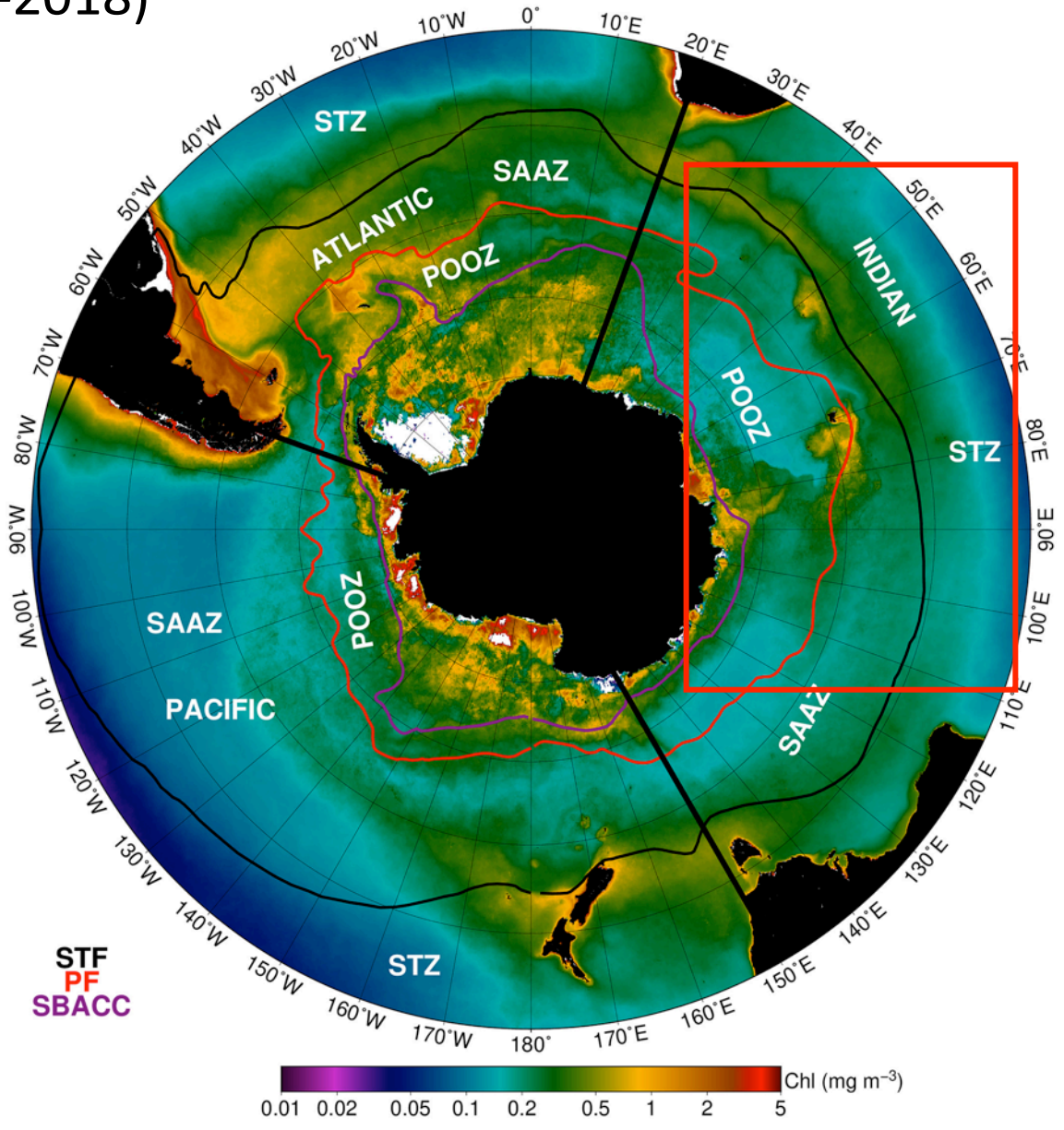
Increasing Stratification and deepening of the Mixed Layer Depth

Sallé et al. (in revision)

4. Phytoplankton phenology is shifting (2004 -2017)

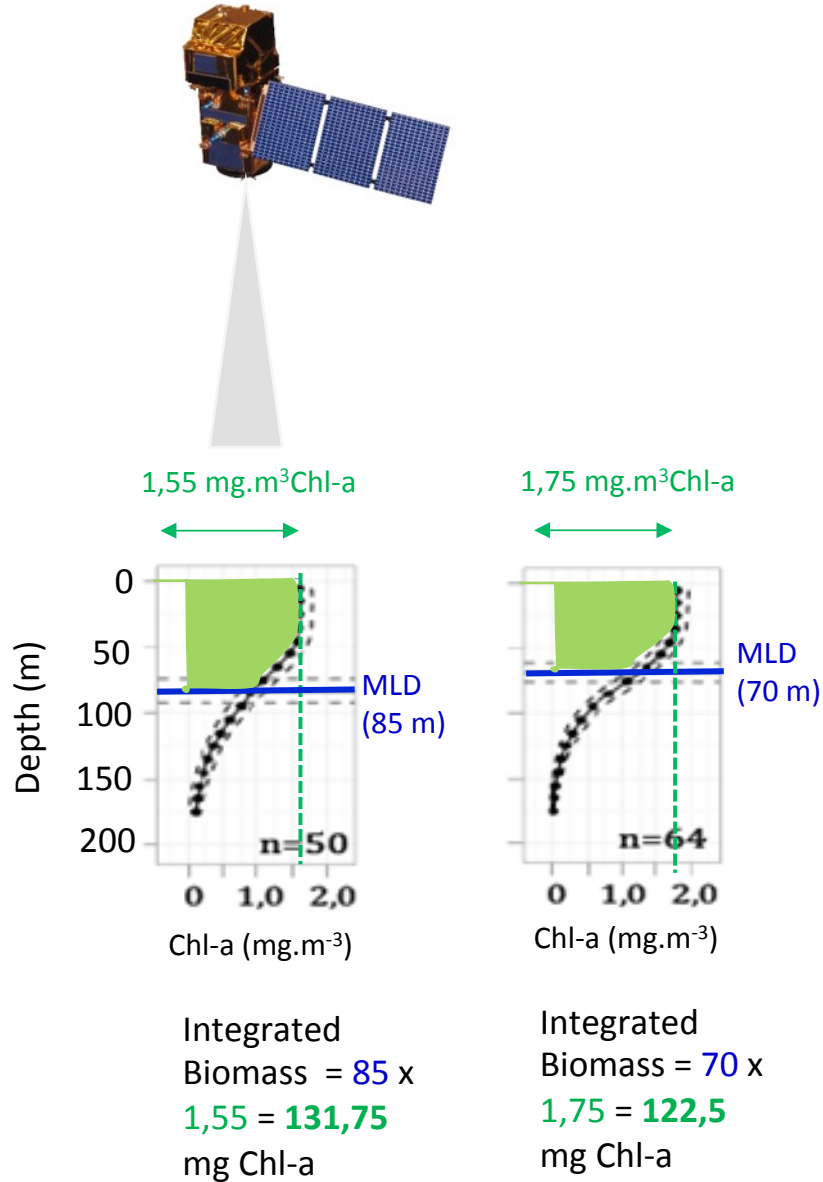


5. Surface chlorophyll-a biomass ($\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^3$) is increasing : (+10, 22 & 28 %) (1997-2018)



Del Castillo et al; 2019, G RL. Is the Southern Ocean Becoming greener?

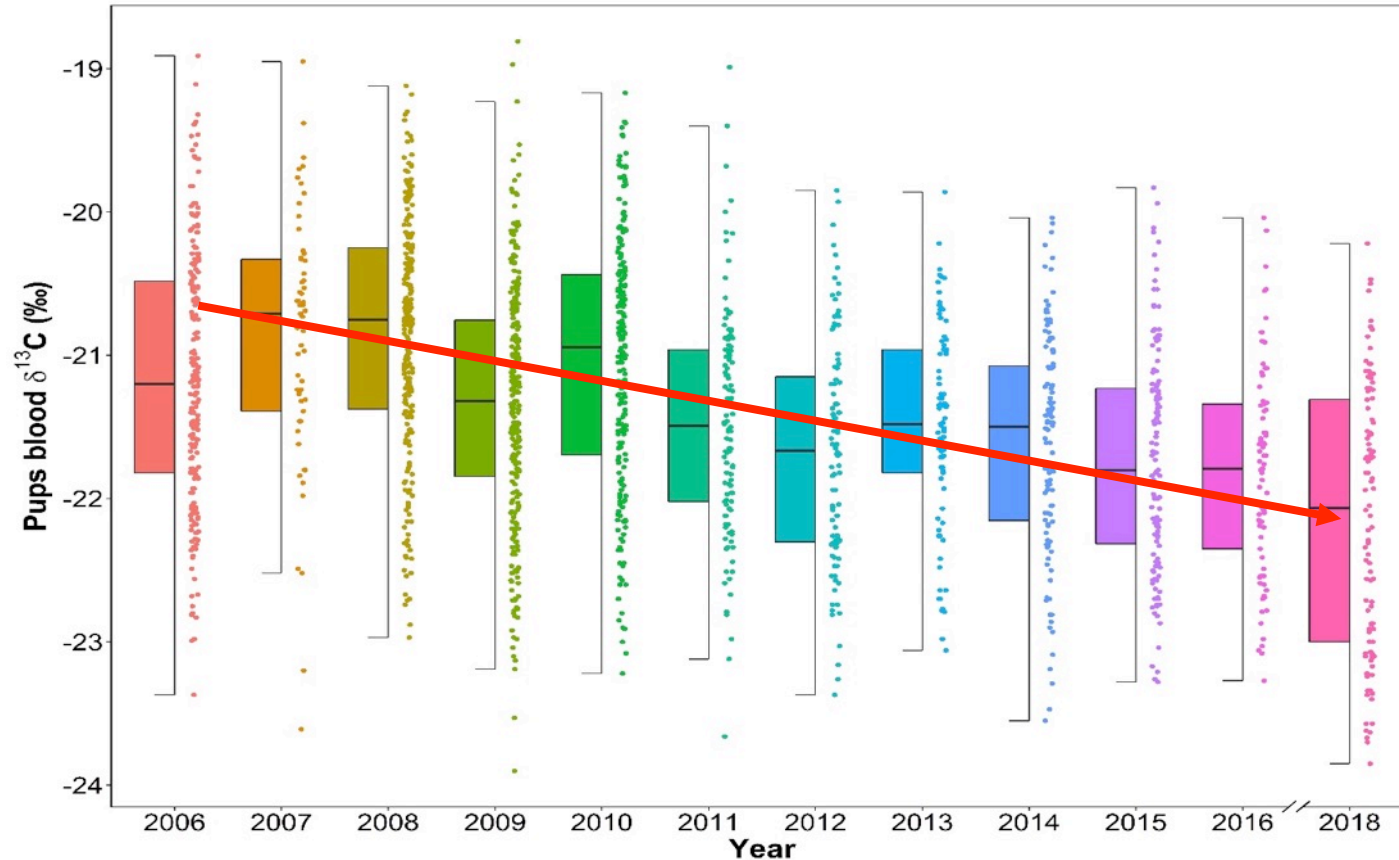
6. What about the overall phytoplankton biomass : likely to be increasing (1997 -2018)



To estimate the total biomass in Chl-a it is therefore essential to have satellite measurements of water color but also to take into account the depth of the mixing layer.

This depth cannot be measured by satellite: models (CMEMS) and in-situ measurements.

7. Ecological changes : a continuous decline in $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ stable isotope signature (2006-2018)



$$\delta^{13}\text{C} = -0.09 * \text{year} + 160; n = 1684, p\text{-value} < 0.001, R^2 = 0.11;$$

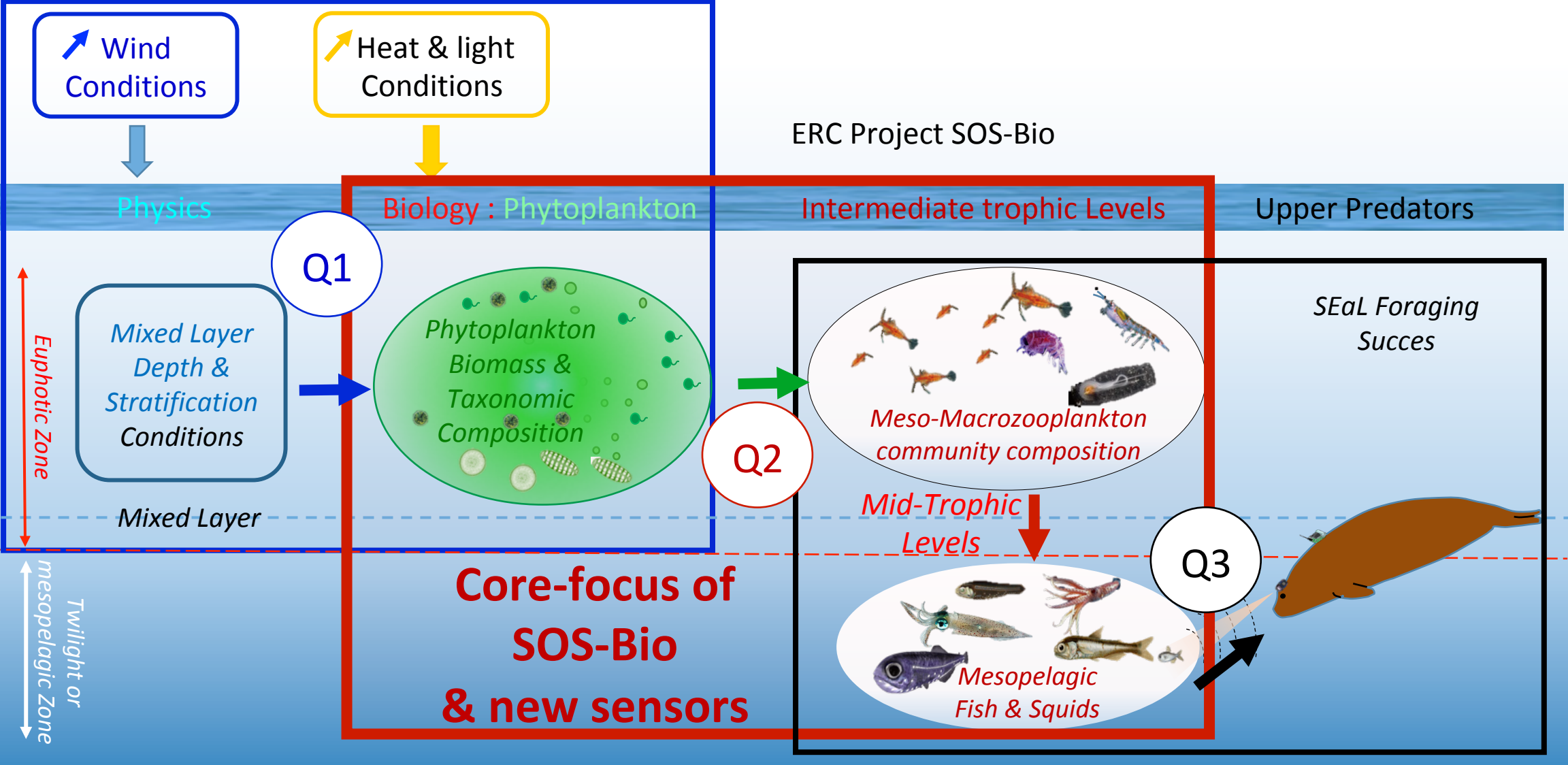
**an overall decrease of 1.08 %
(2006-2018)**

Most likely hypothesis : a change in the composition of phytoplankton community with a decrease in diatoms and an increase in picophytoplankton related to change in MLD and stratification conditions

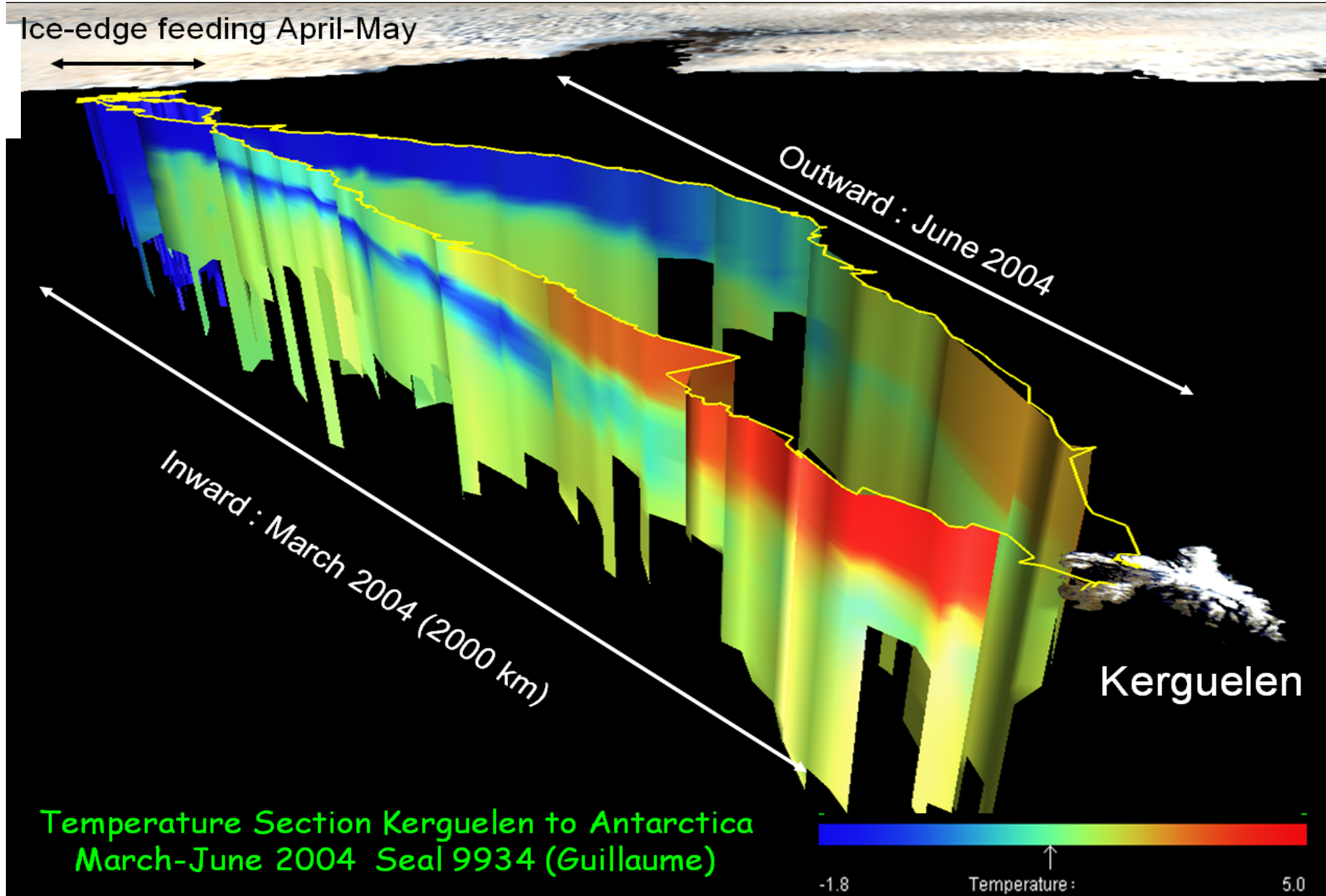
MESTRE J, AUTHIER M, CHEREL Y, HARCOURT R, MCMAHON CR, HINDELL MA, CHARRASSIN JB, GUINET C (2020) Decadal changes in blood $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values, at-sea distribution, and weaning mass of southern elephant seals from Kerguelen Islands. Proc. R. Soc. B, 20201544.<http://dx.doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2020.1544>



But what are the consequences of all the changes on Southern Ocean ecosystems? The elephant seal approach



Temperature & Salinity

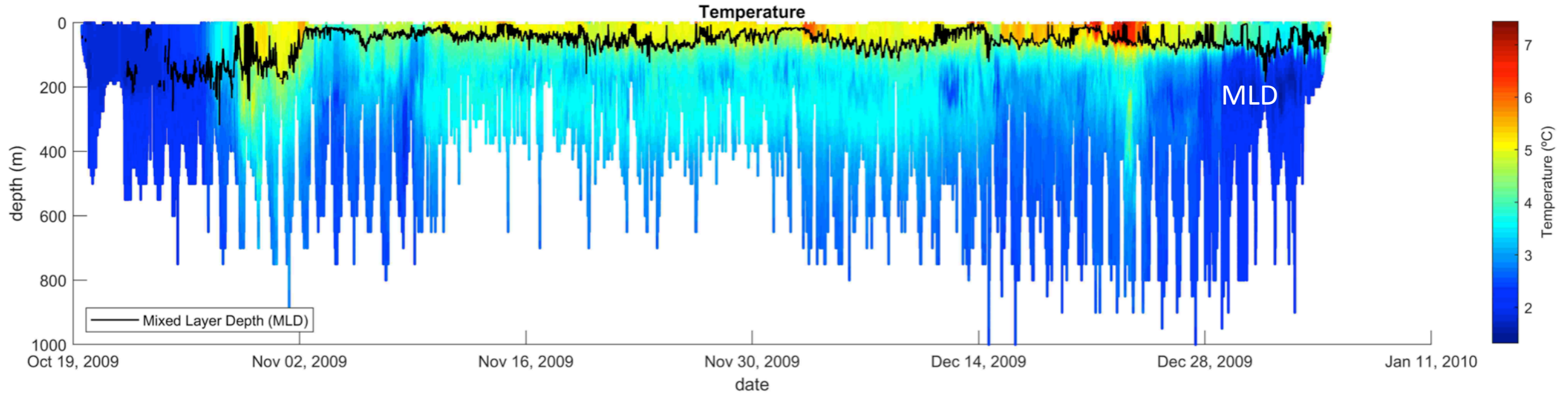


Temperature Section Kerguelen to Antarctica
March-June 2004 Seal 9934 (Guillaume)

-1.8 Temperature : 5.0

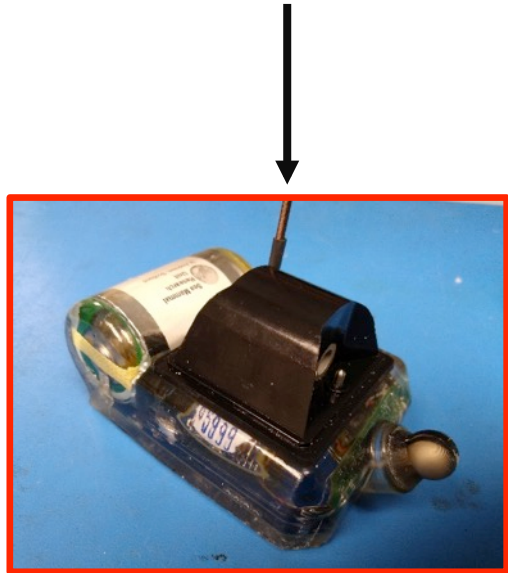
High frequency MLD from SES data

time series2 - platform:mk9-0890197-09 (5840 profiles)



Thèse L. Le Ster (CEBC-LOV)

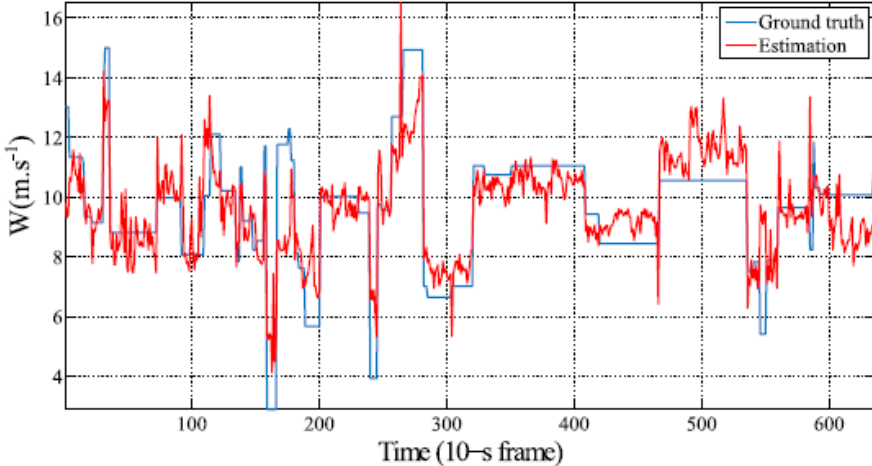
Hydrophone + accelerometer



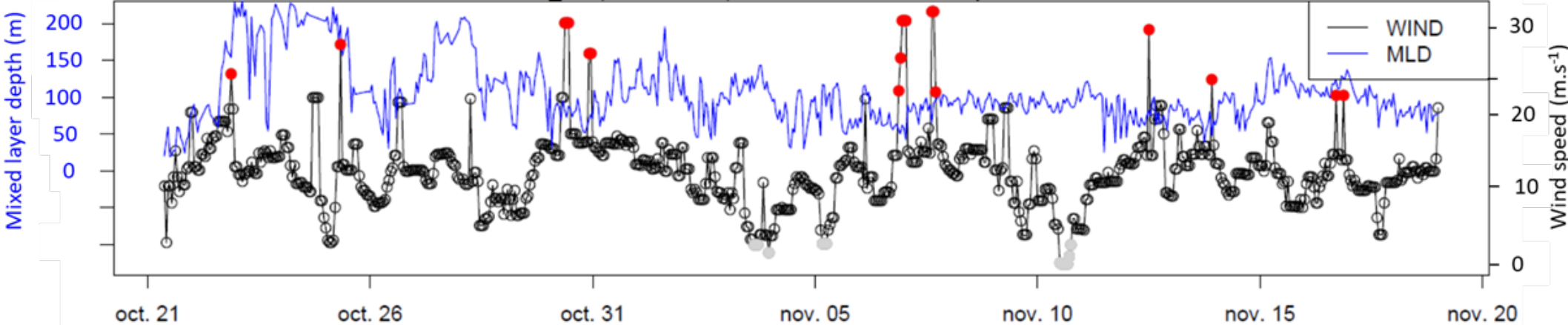
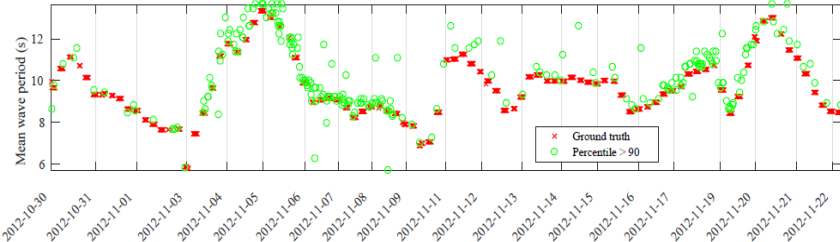
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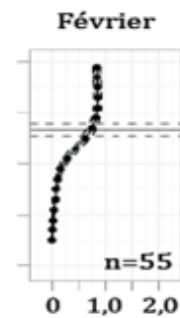
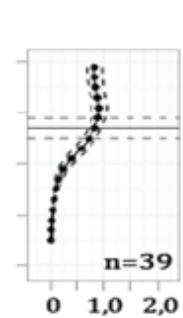
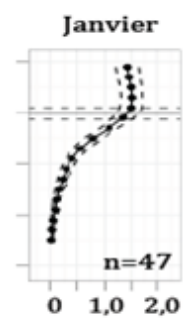
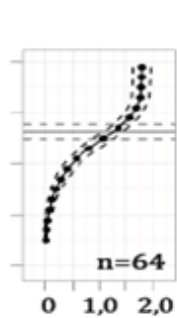
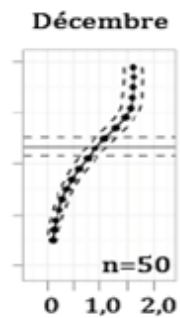
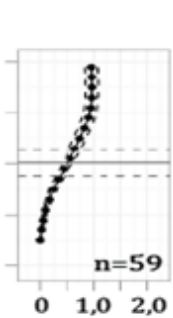
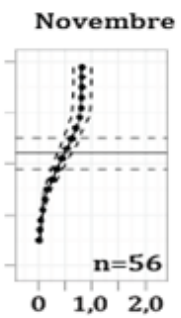
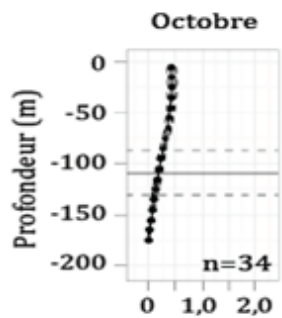
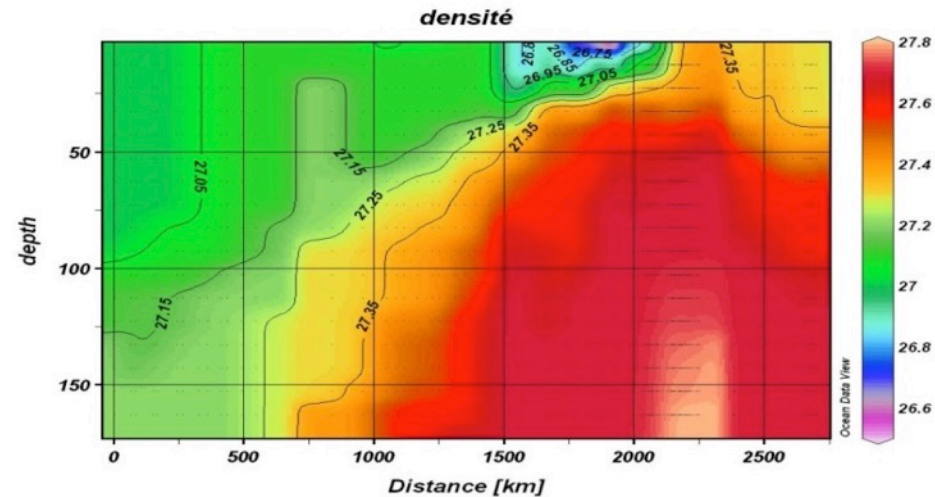
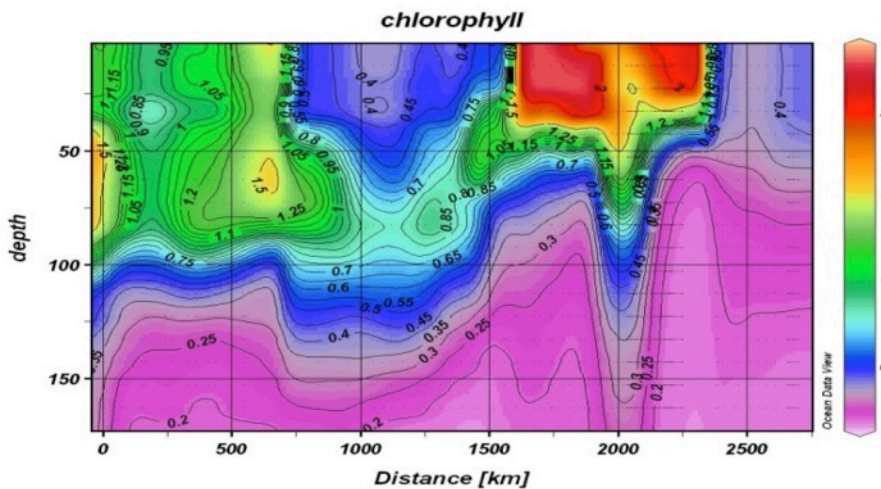
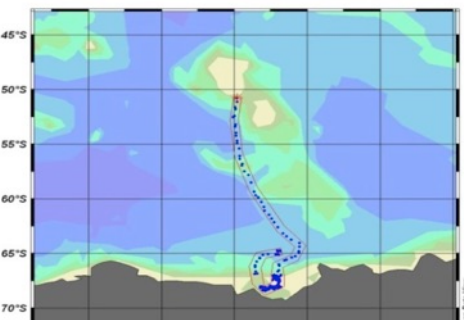
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In-situ estimations from the noise level recorded by SES when diving

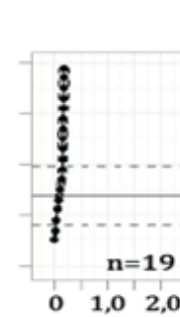
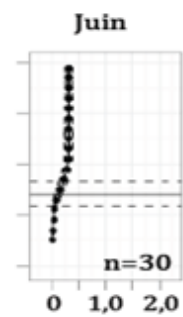
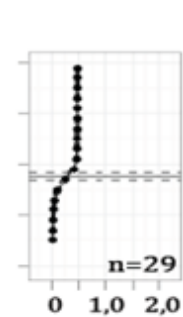
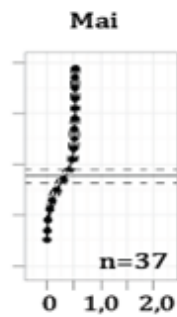
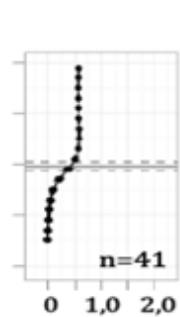
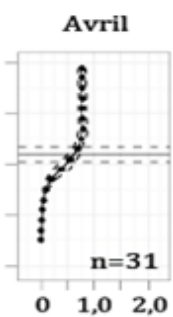
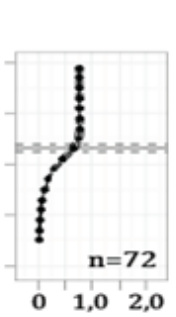
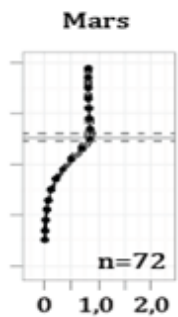
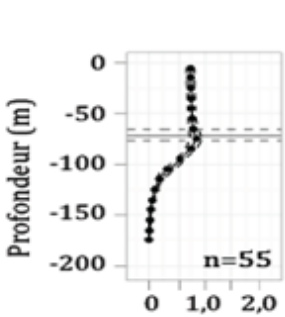


Waves frequency and amplitudes (acceleration)



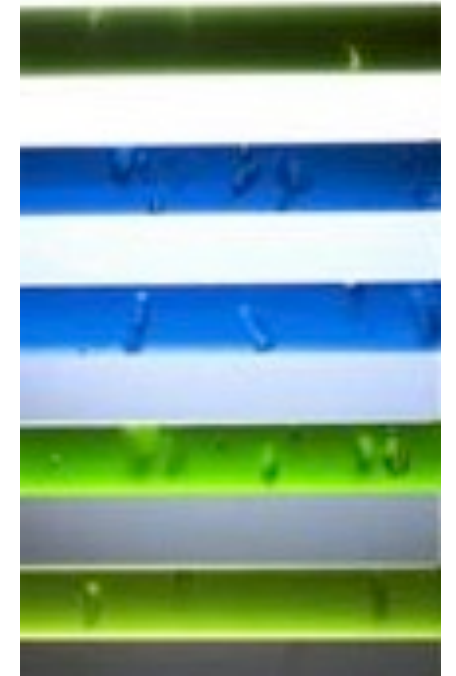
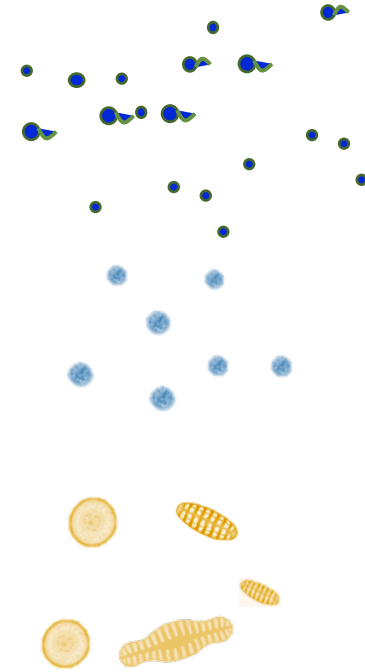
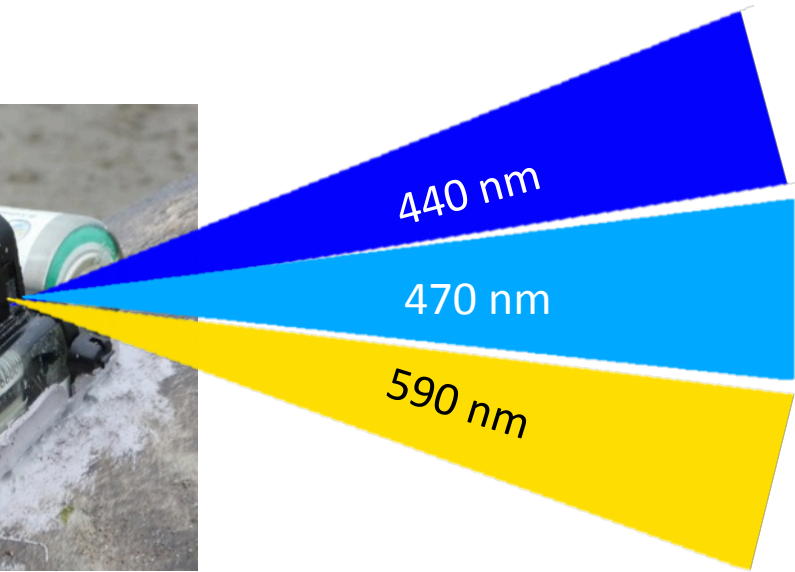


Blain et al. GRL 2013.



In-situ evaluation of the composition of phytoplankton community

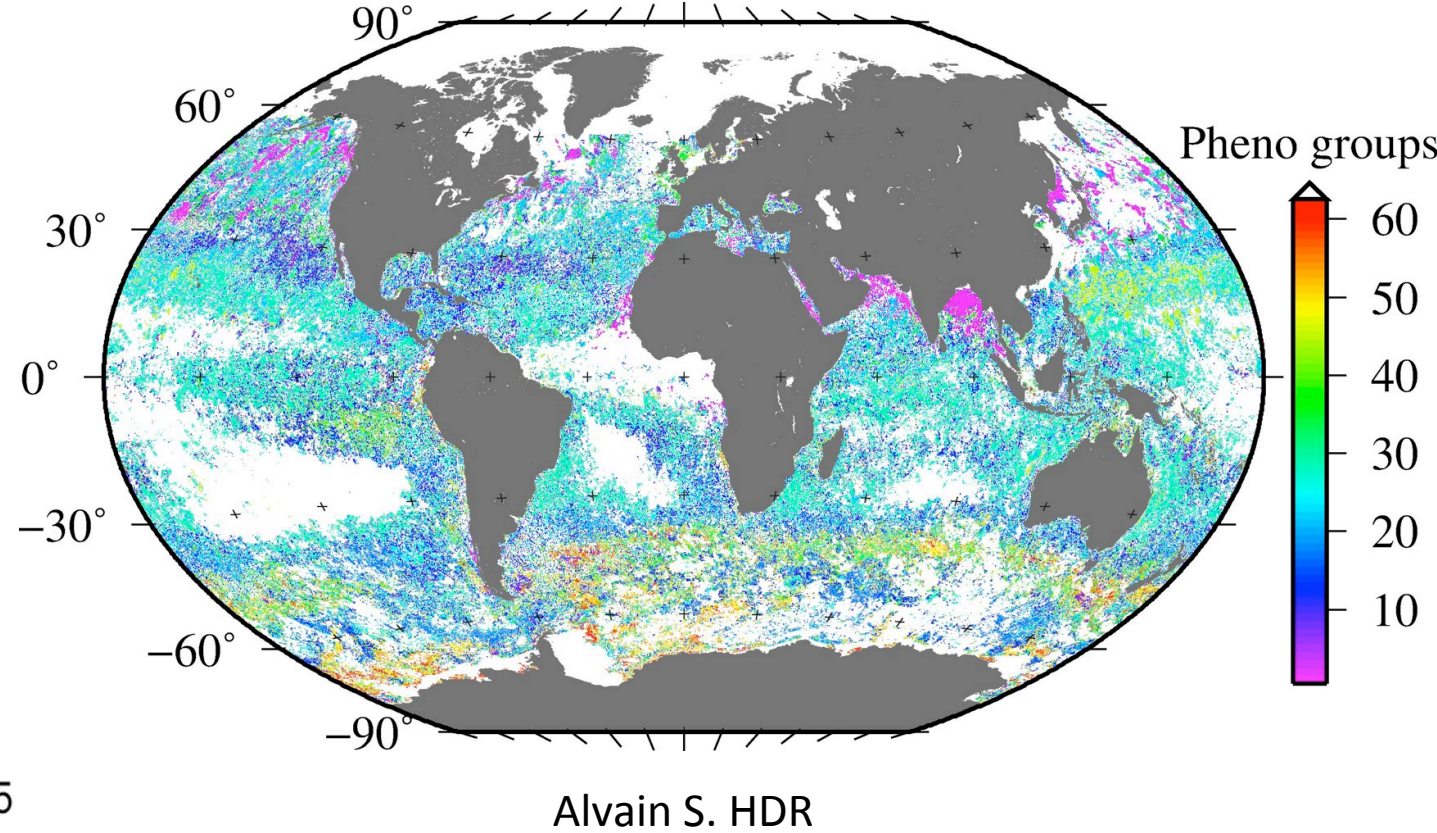
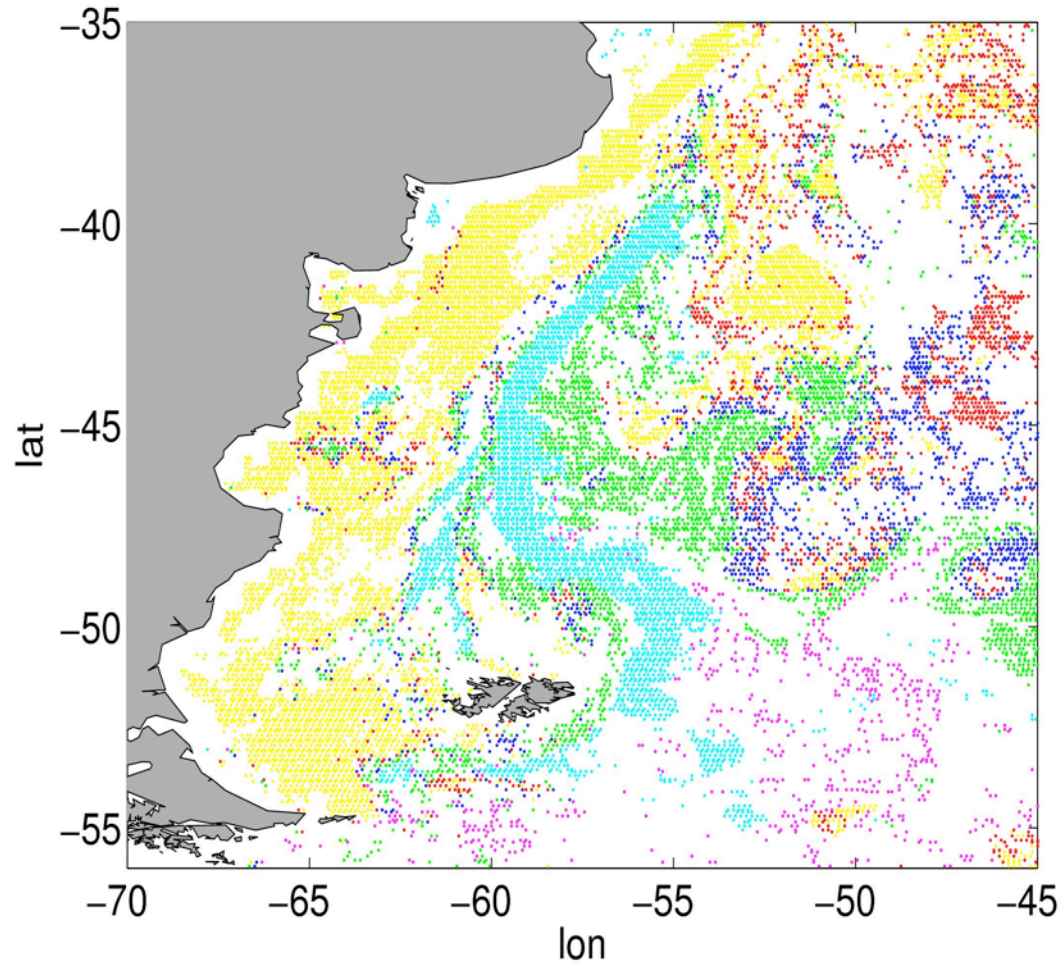
Under development : Multispectral Fluoremeter : 440, 470 and 590 nm (Valeport, UK)



The multi-spectral fluorescence approach is based on selective excitation of the different chlorophylls [Chl-a, Chl-b, Chl-c] and pigments [phycocyanin, fucoxanthin, peridin, phycoerythrin...] highly specific to phytoplankton taxonomic groups and provides a fluorescence “fingerprint” of the main ones.

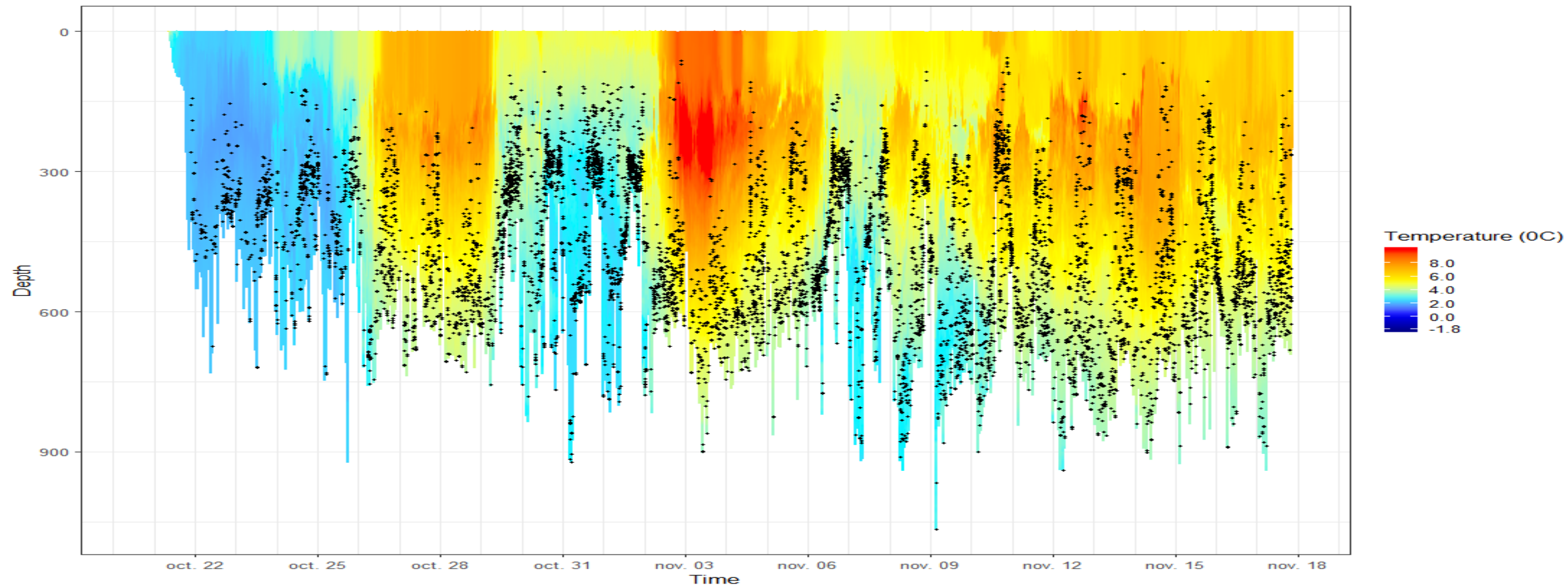
PHYSAT: Assessing Phytoplankton Functional Groups

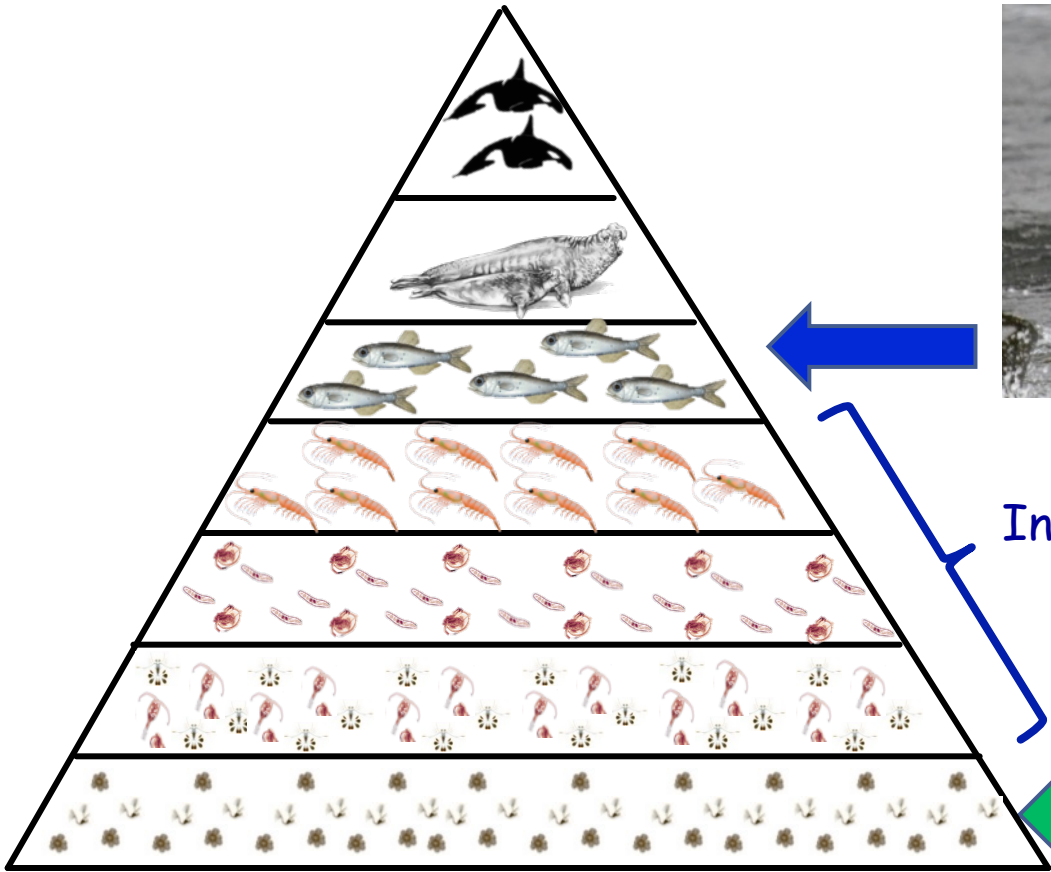
Change in phytoplankton community composition changes over the last 20 years. (L. Le Ster Thèse CEBC-LOV)



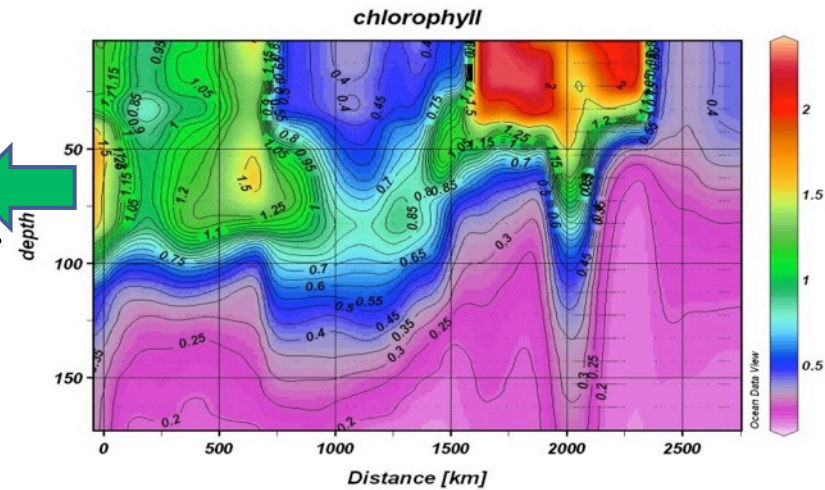
diatoms (green),
Prochlorococcus (red),
Synechococcus (dark blue),
nanoeukaryotes (yellow),
Phaeocystis (magenta),
coccolithophorids (cyan).

D'Ovidio et al. 2010. PNAS





Intermediate levels ?





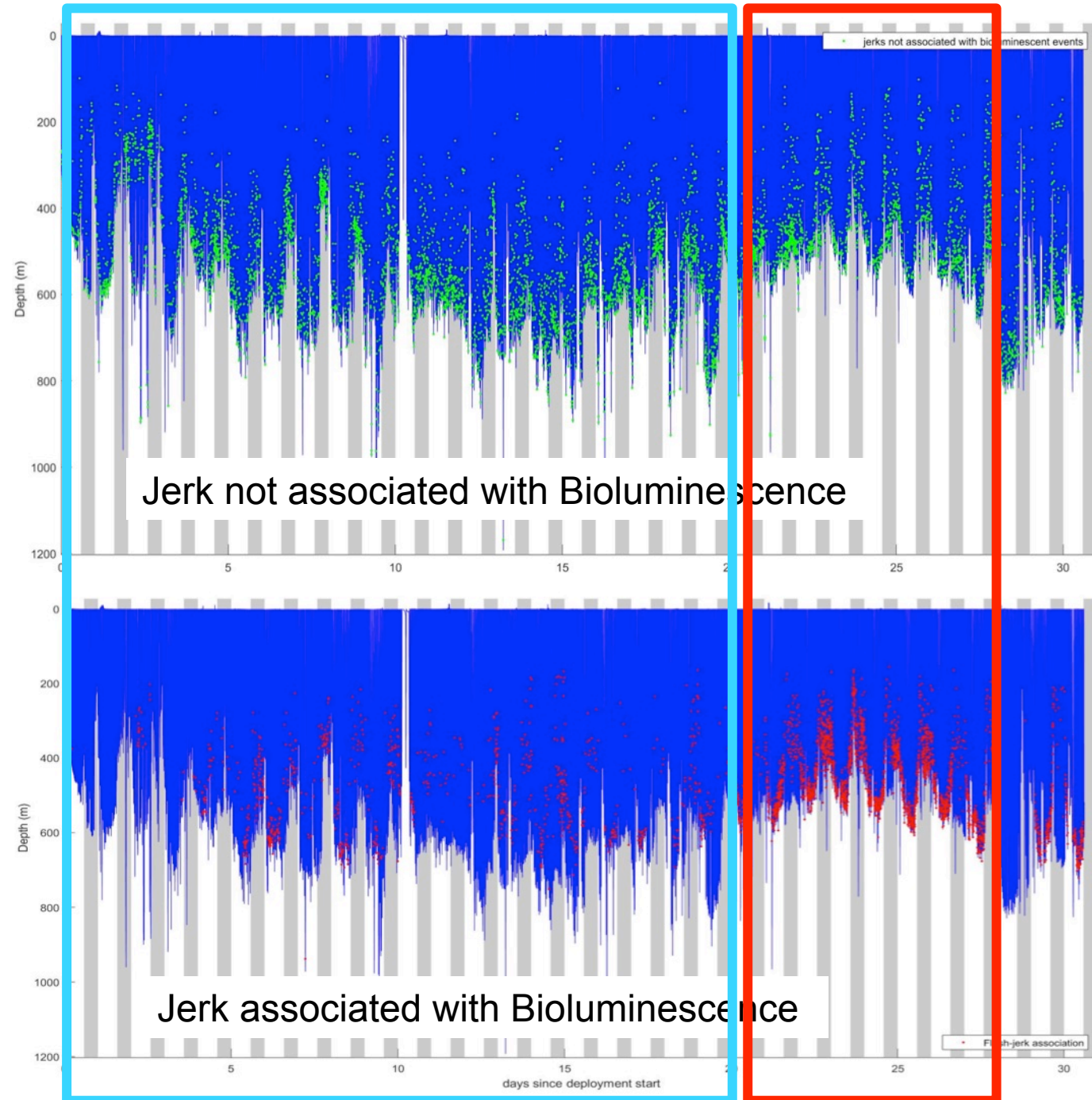
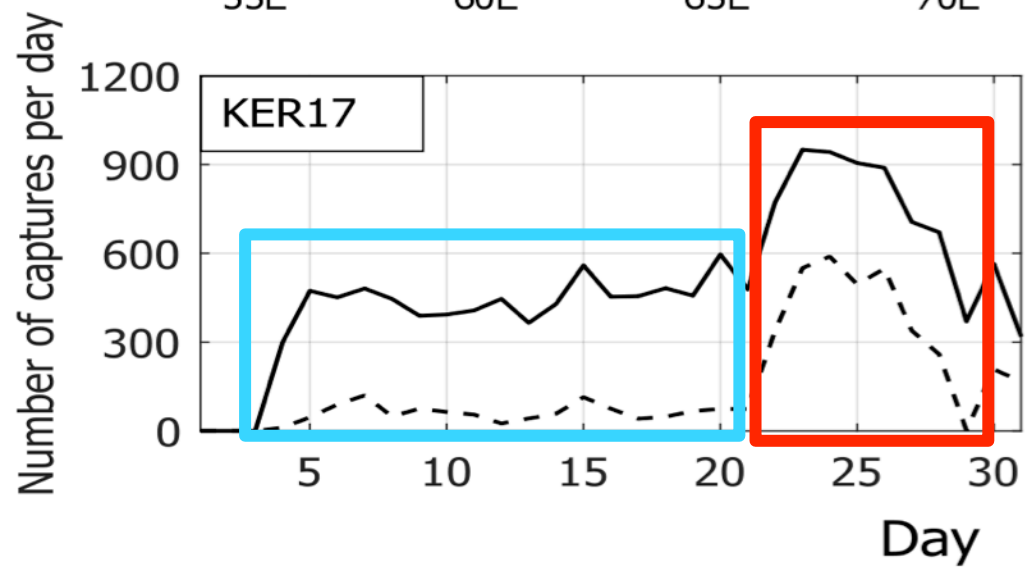
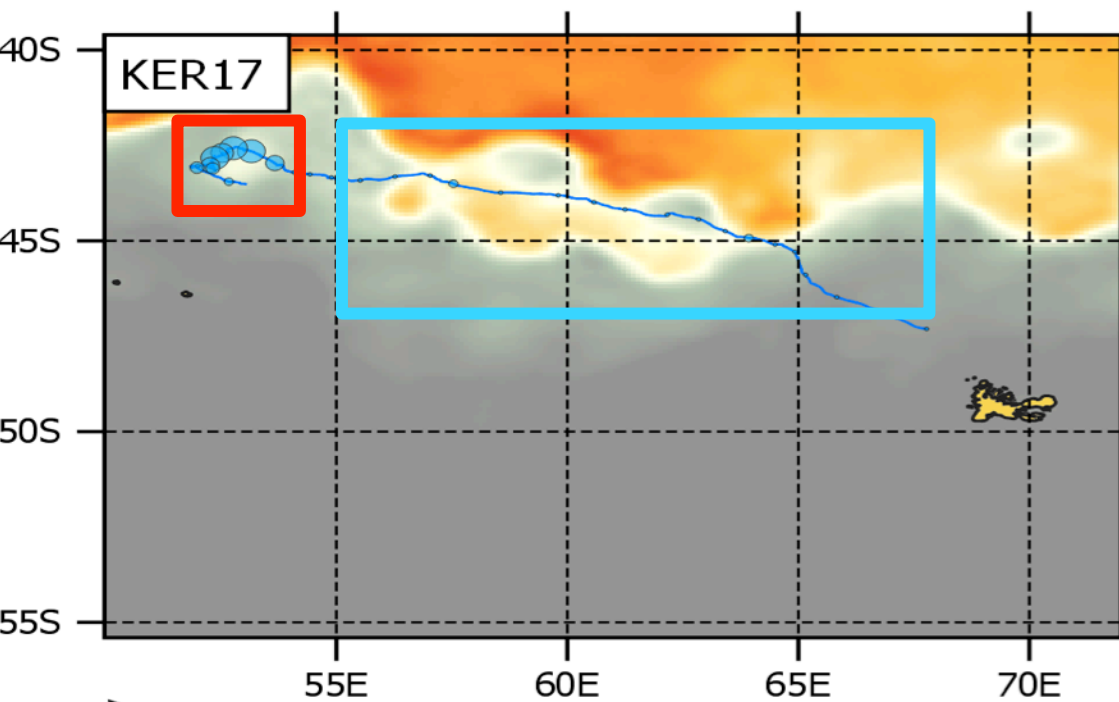
Developing new biologging techniques to observe and investigate intermediate trophic levels

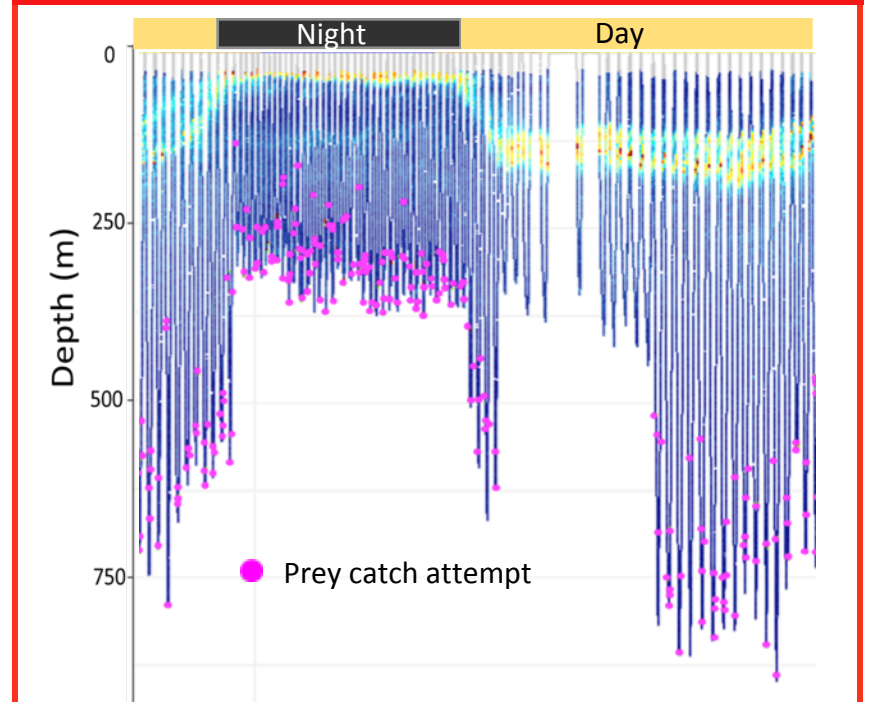
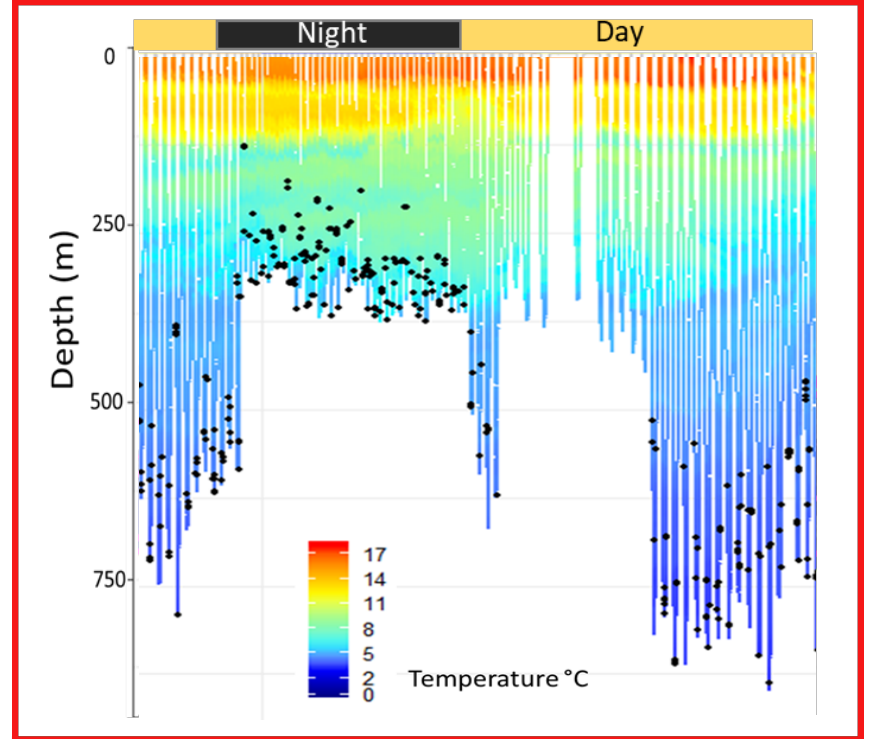
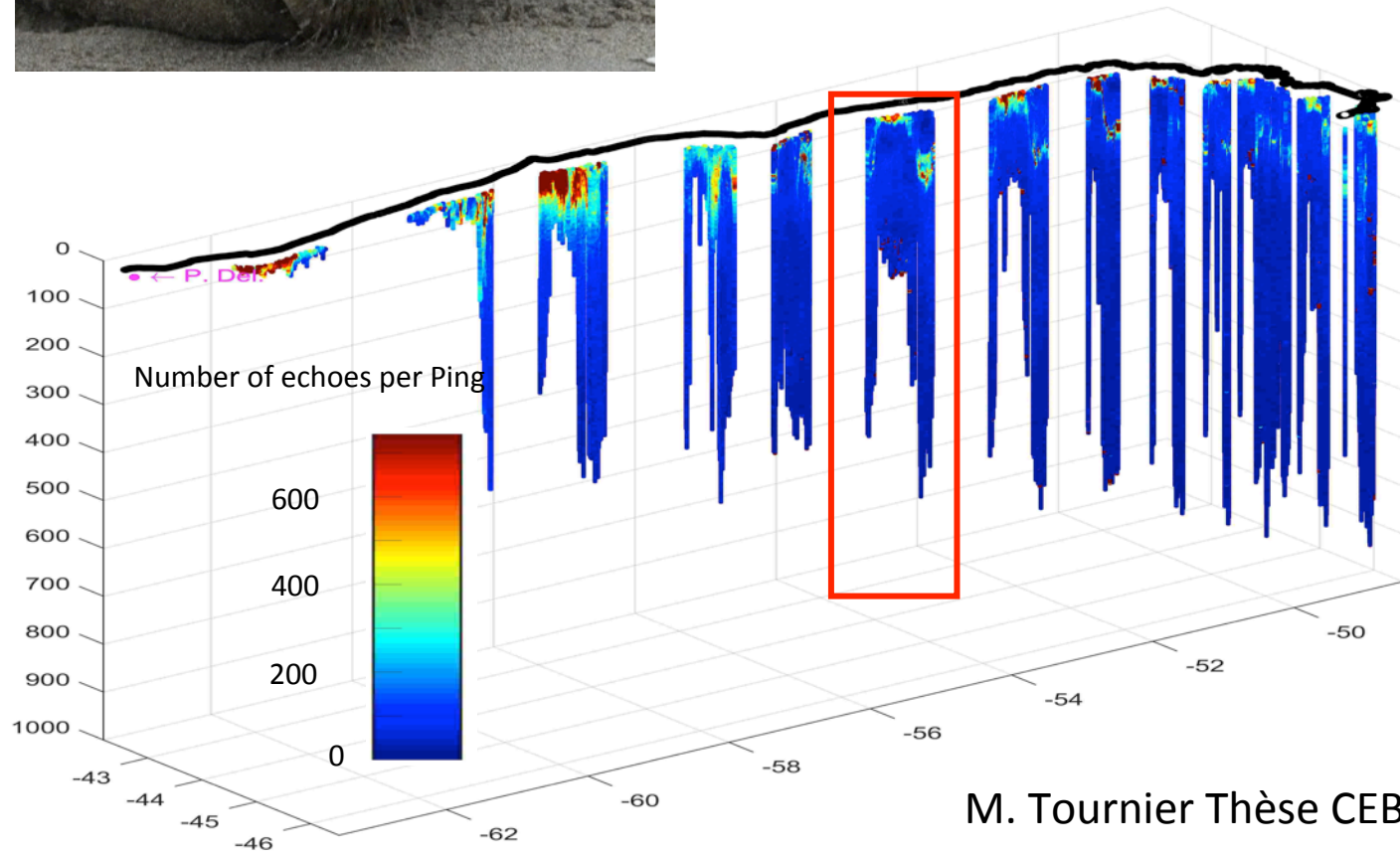
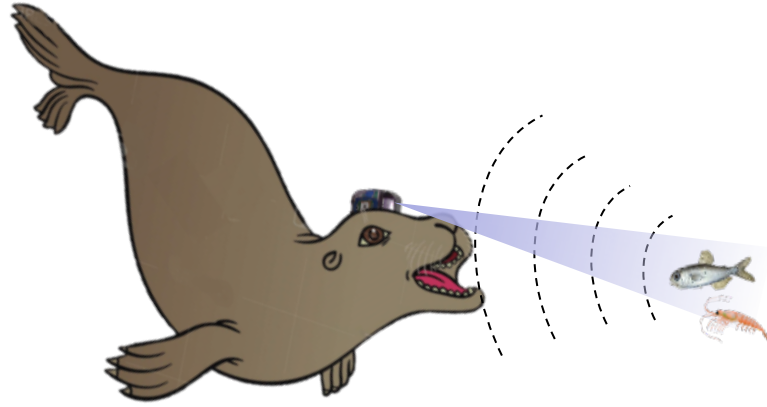
(Collaboration M. Johnson & P. Goulet Sea Mammal Research Unit)



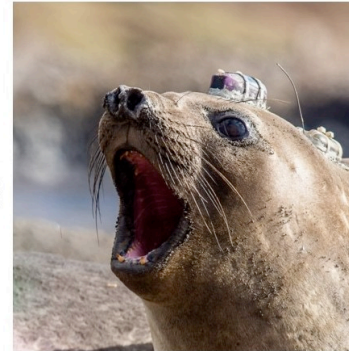
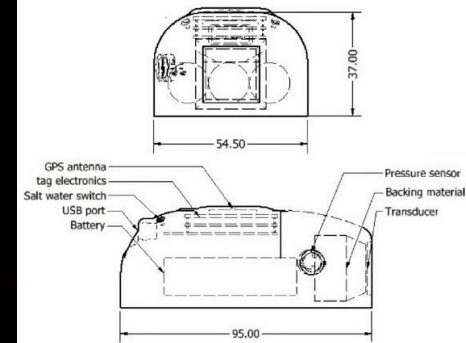
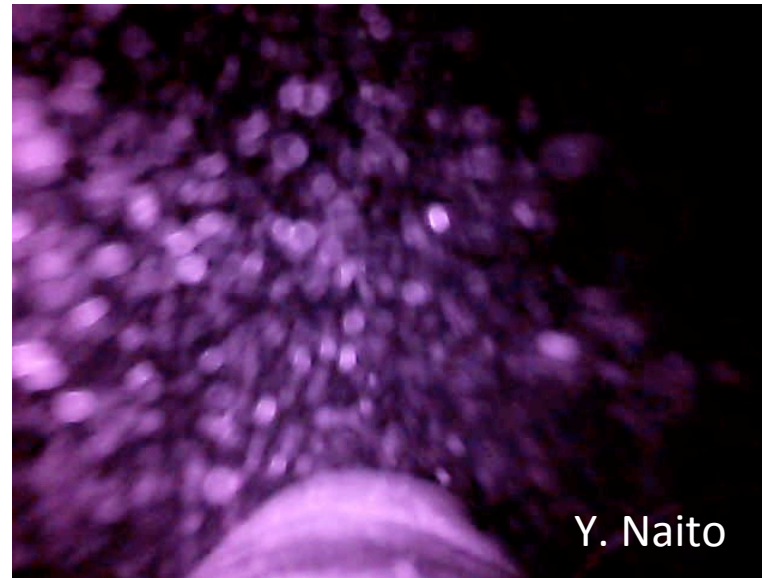
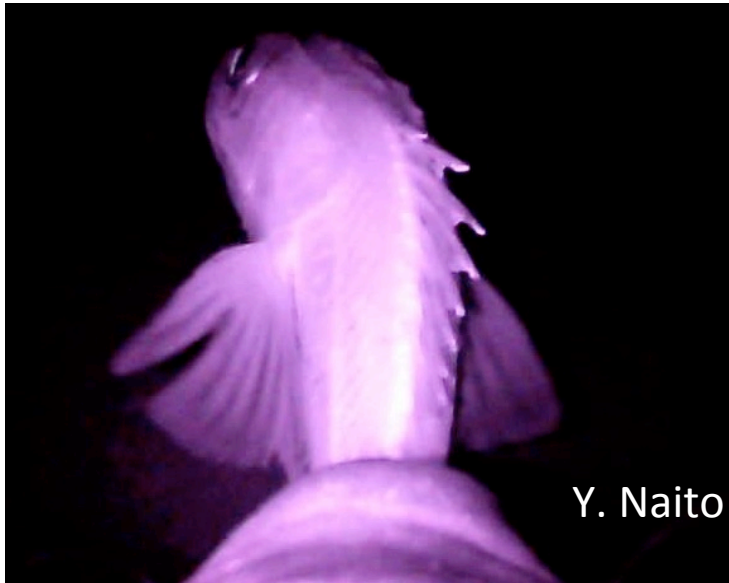
High sensitivity-High frequency 50 hZ sampling Light sensor





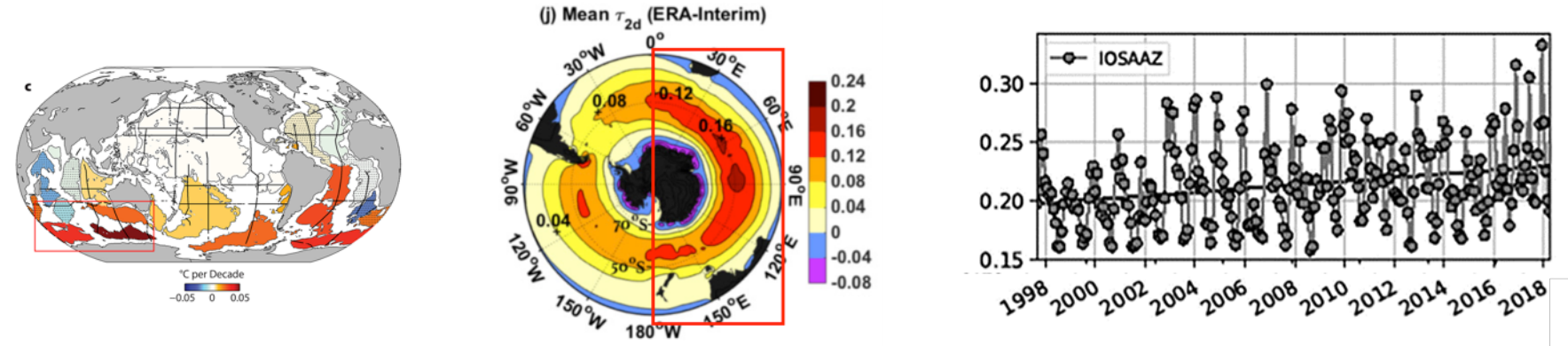


Under development: a micro-camera

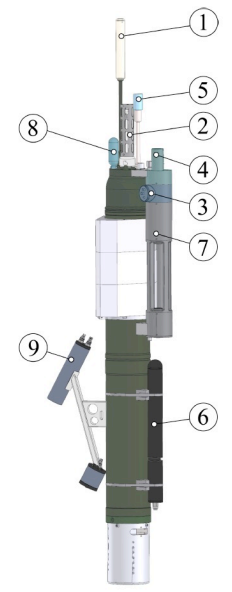


Naito : video camera (not sharp enough to identify small organisms (zooplankton taxonomic groups)

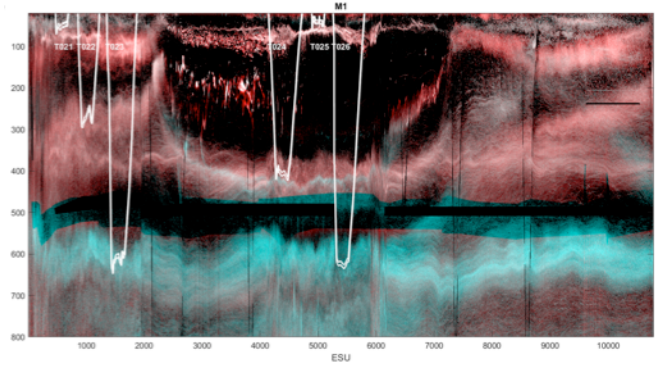
The Indian sector of the Southern Ocean constitute a unique multidisciplinary Study Site located in a rapidly changing Environnement with existing long term time series: KerTrend project (F. D'Ovidio PI)



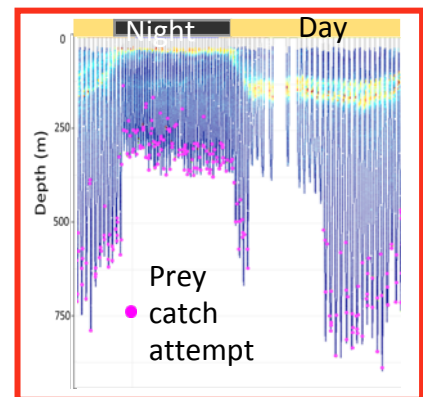
Biogeochemistry profiler



Oceanographic Campaigns



Animal samplers



Long term demographic and population trend monitoring

Changes in the number of breeding pairs (birds) and breeding females (seals) of seven marine predator species at Amsterdam, Crozet, Kerguelen and Terre Adélie

