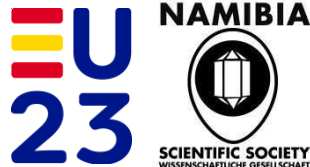


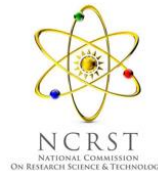
The future of our oceans

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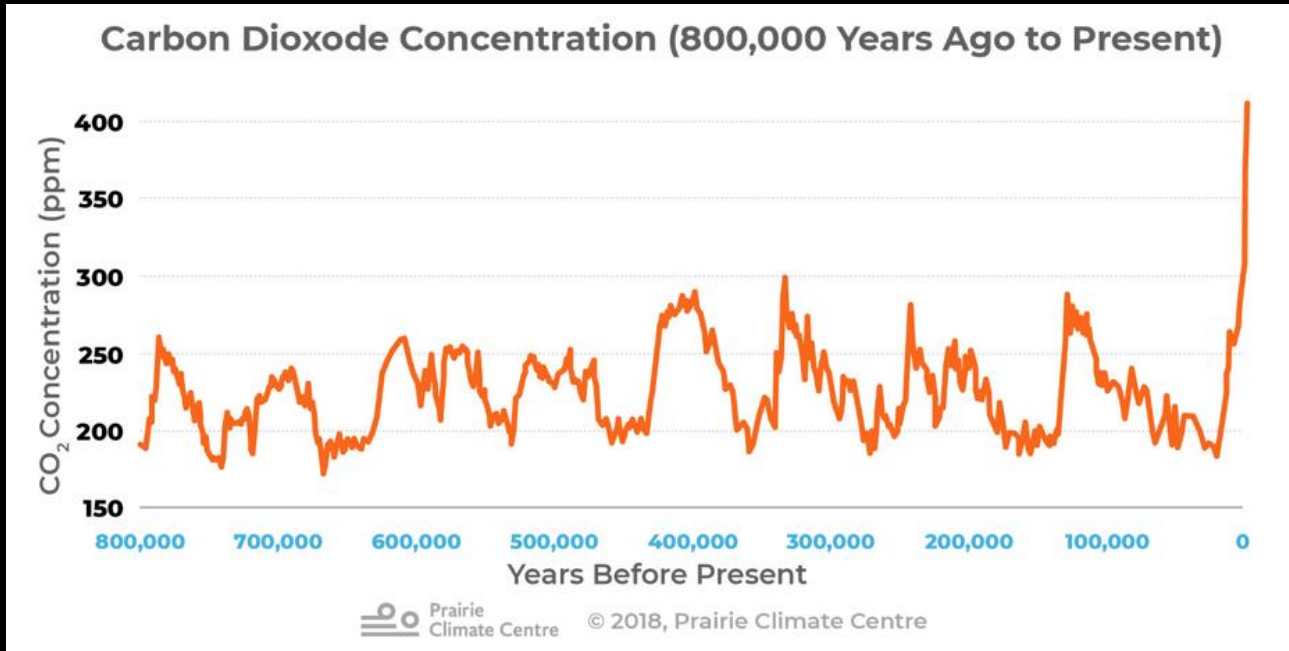


An aerial photograph of the Earth's ocean surface, showing deep blue water with white-capped waves and a small island chain in the upper right. The text is overlaid in the center.

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The Story of CO₂

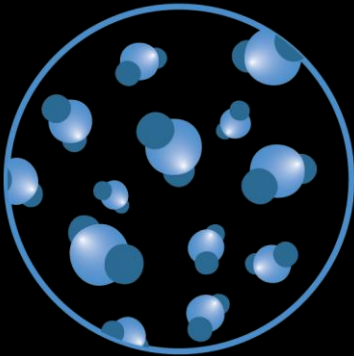
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RATES OF CHANGE.....

.....NEVER SEEN BEFORE

CO₂ concentration



**Highest in at least 2
million years**

Sea level rise



**Fastest rythm in at
least 3.000 years**

Artic sea ice



**Lowest level in at
least 1.000 years**

Glacier retreat

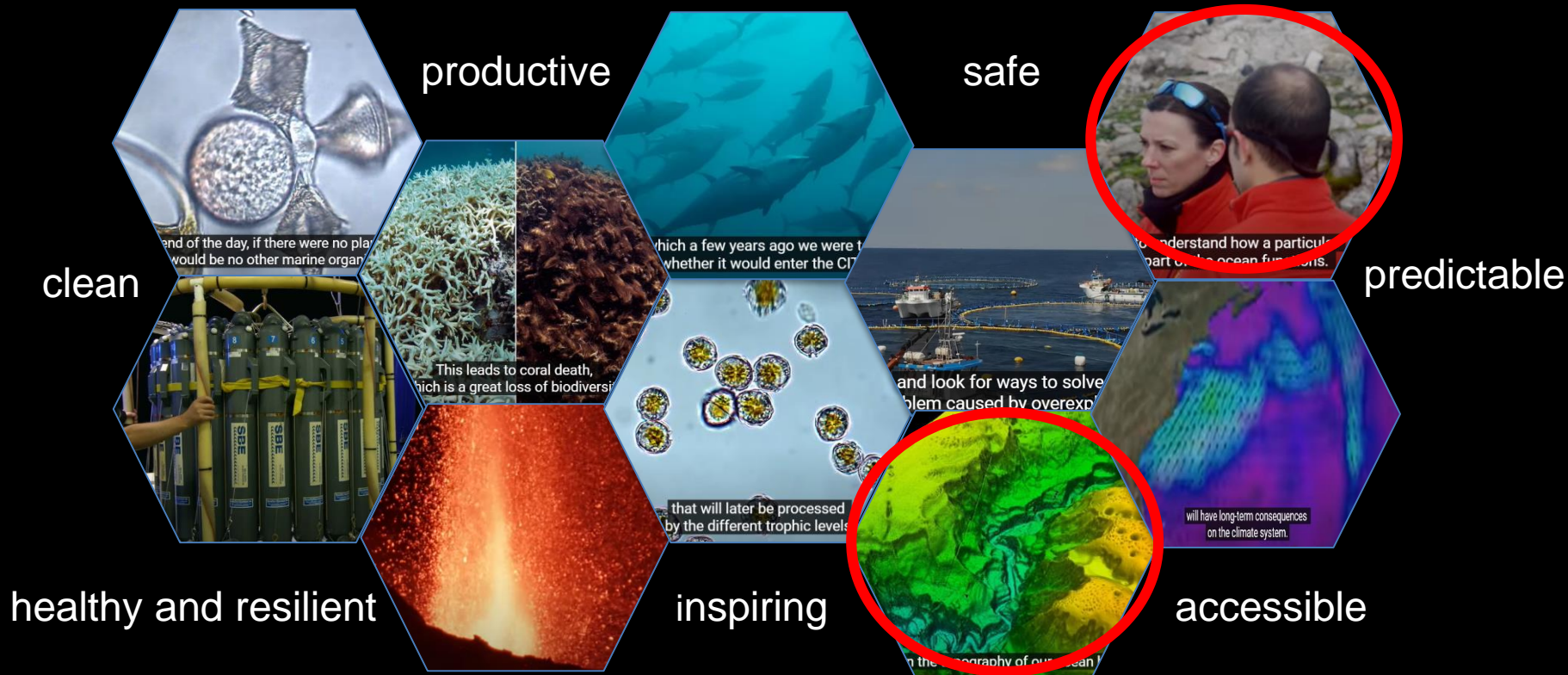


**Unprecedented in
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**TEMPERATURE
INCREASE**

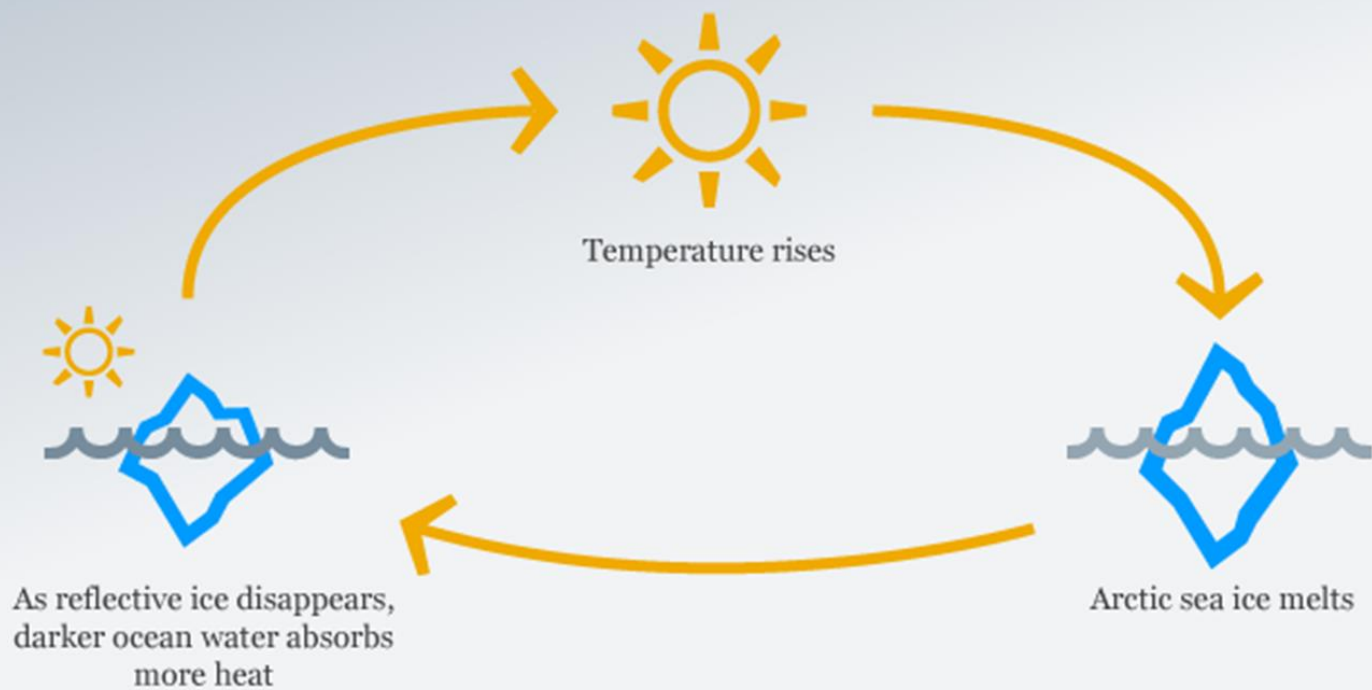
IN ALL SYSTEMS

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Melting of Arctic sea ice feedback loop



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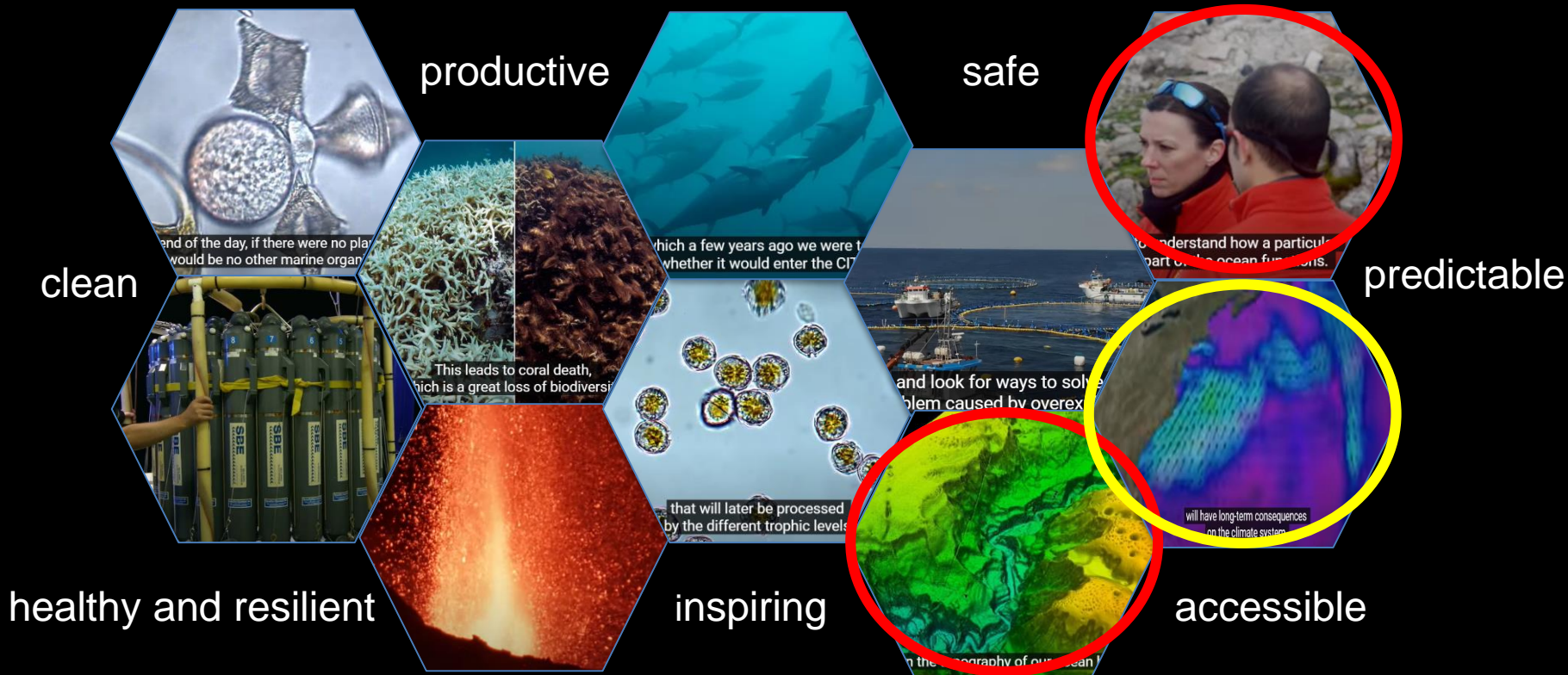


Hard core small science

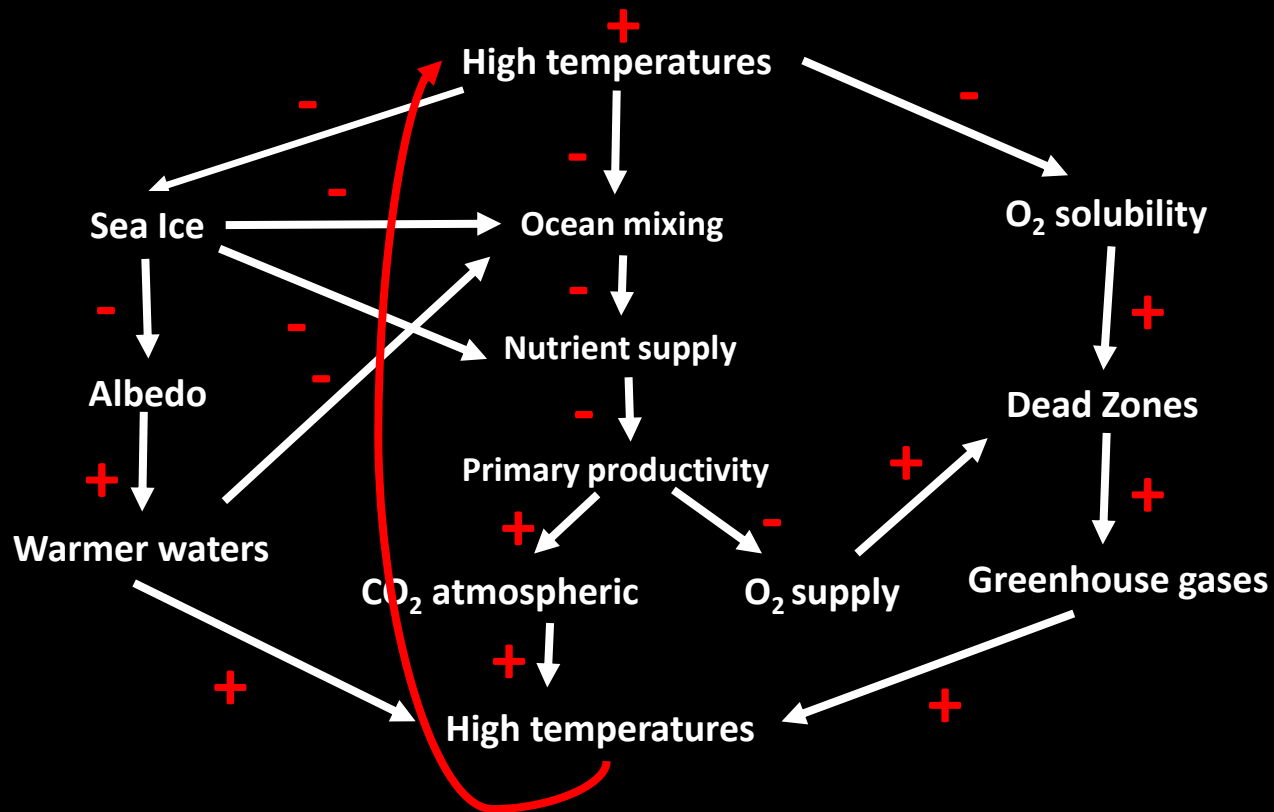
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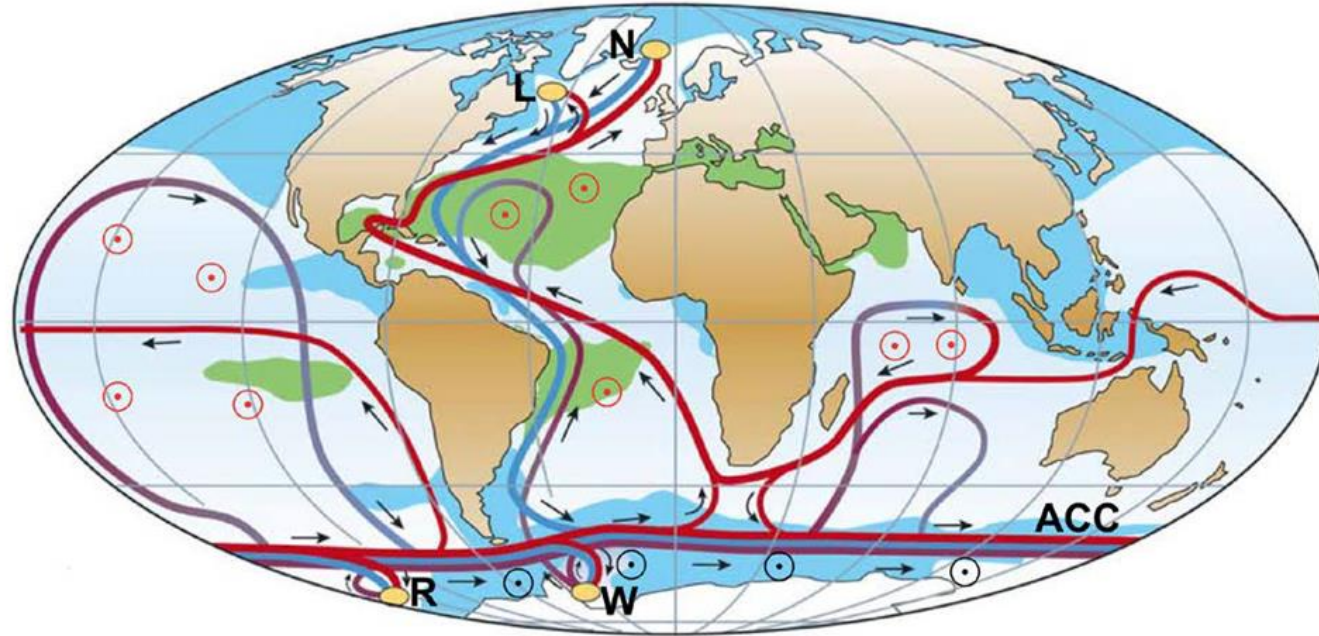
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- Surface flow
- Deep flow
- Bottom flow
- Deep Water Formation

- ⊙ Wind-driven upwelling
- ⊙ Mixing-driven upwelling
- Salinity > 36 ‰
- Salinity < 34 ‰

- L** Labrador Sea
- N** Nordic Seas
- W** Weddell Sea
- R** Ross Sea

Past 50 years oxygen depleted waters have expanded fourfold

→ Up to 40% loss of oxygen in some areas



Ocean Deoxygenation:
Drivers and Consequences
· Past · Present · Future ·

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The ocean is losing its breath

Deoxygenation can accelerate global warming
(Marine production of greenhouse gases under low oxygen conditions)

Letter | Published: 16 February 2017

Decline in global oceanic oxygen content during the past five decades

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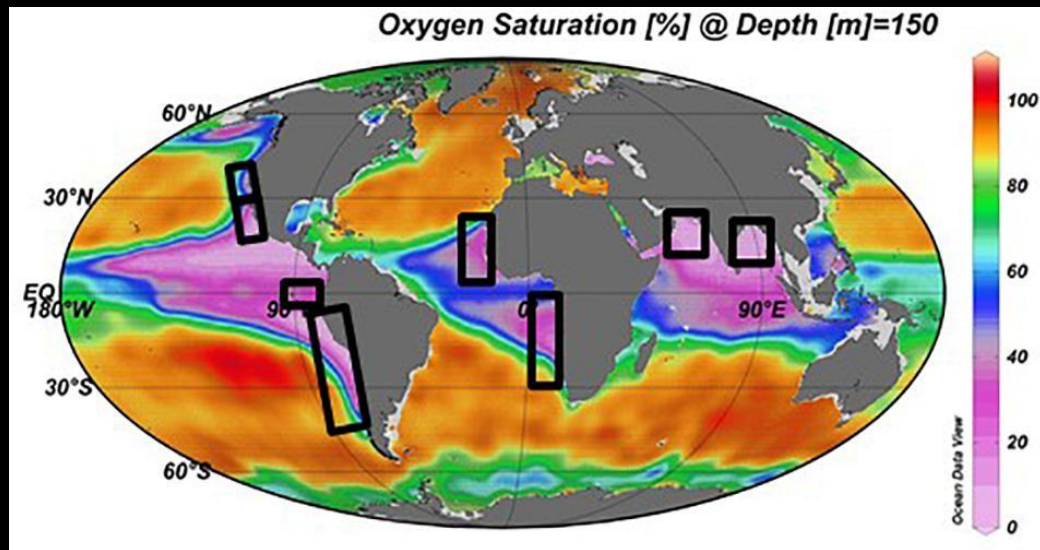
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Expanding Oxygen-Minimum Zones in the Tropical Oceans

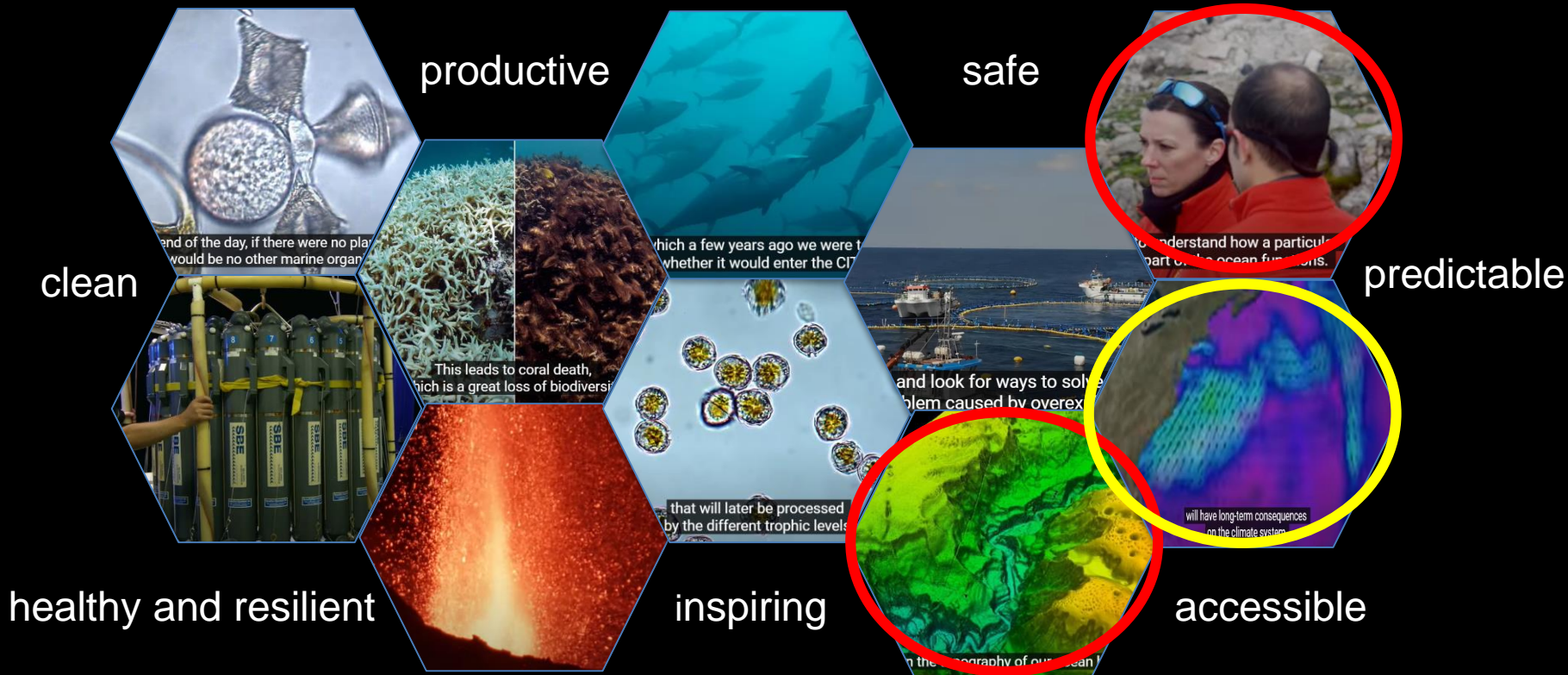
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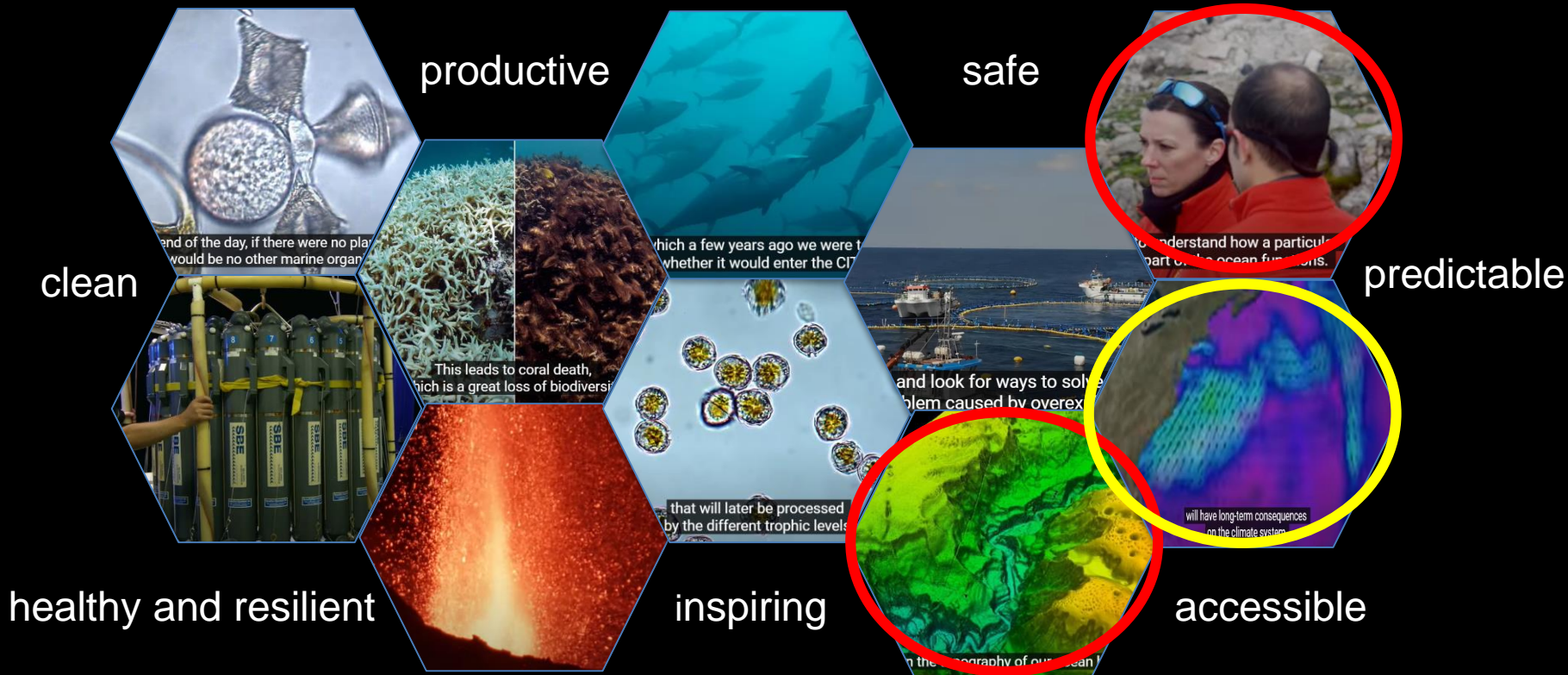
ALUMINUM

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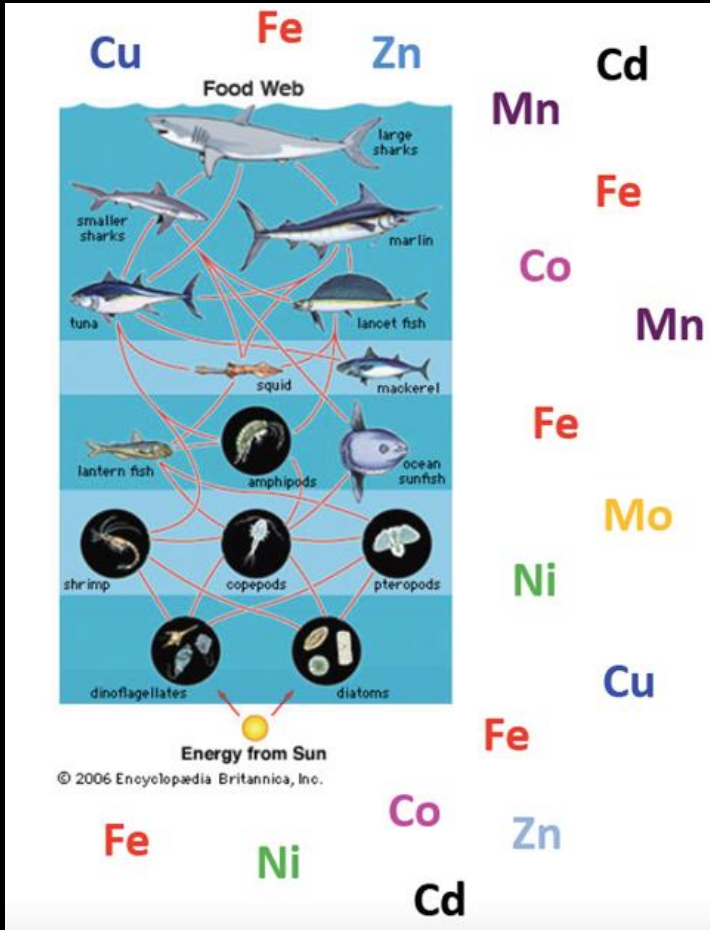
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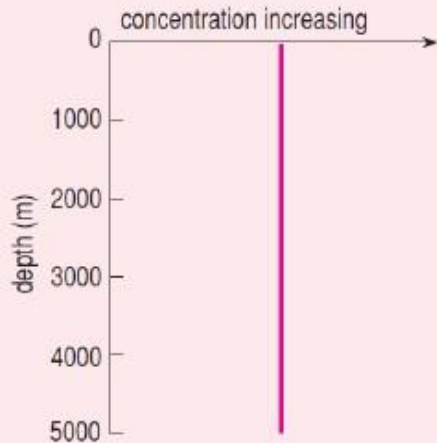
Nutrients(micro)

Pollution indicators

Tracers of processes

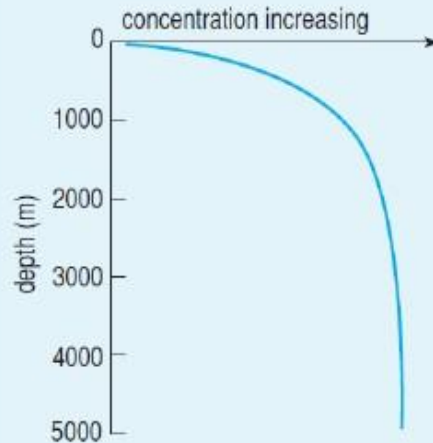
CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS
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B	Mg
Br	Mo
Cl	Na
Cs	Rb
F	S
K	Tl
Li	U



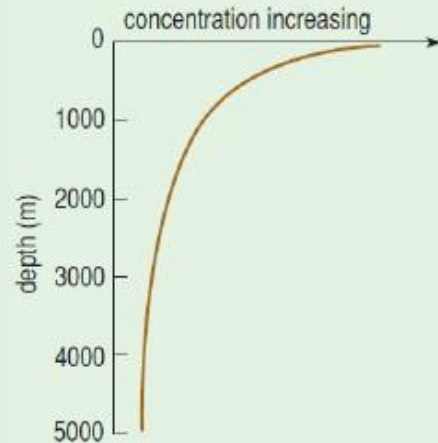
RECYCLED ELEMENTS
(nutrient-type profiles)

Ag	Cu	I	Pr	Tb
As	Dy	La	Pt	Tm
Ba	Er	Lu	Ra	V
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C	Fe	Nd	Se	Zn
Ca	Gd	Ni	Si	
Cd	Ge	P	Sm	
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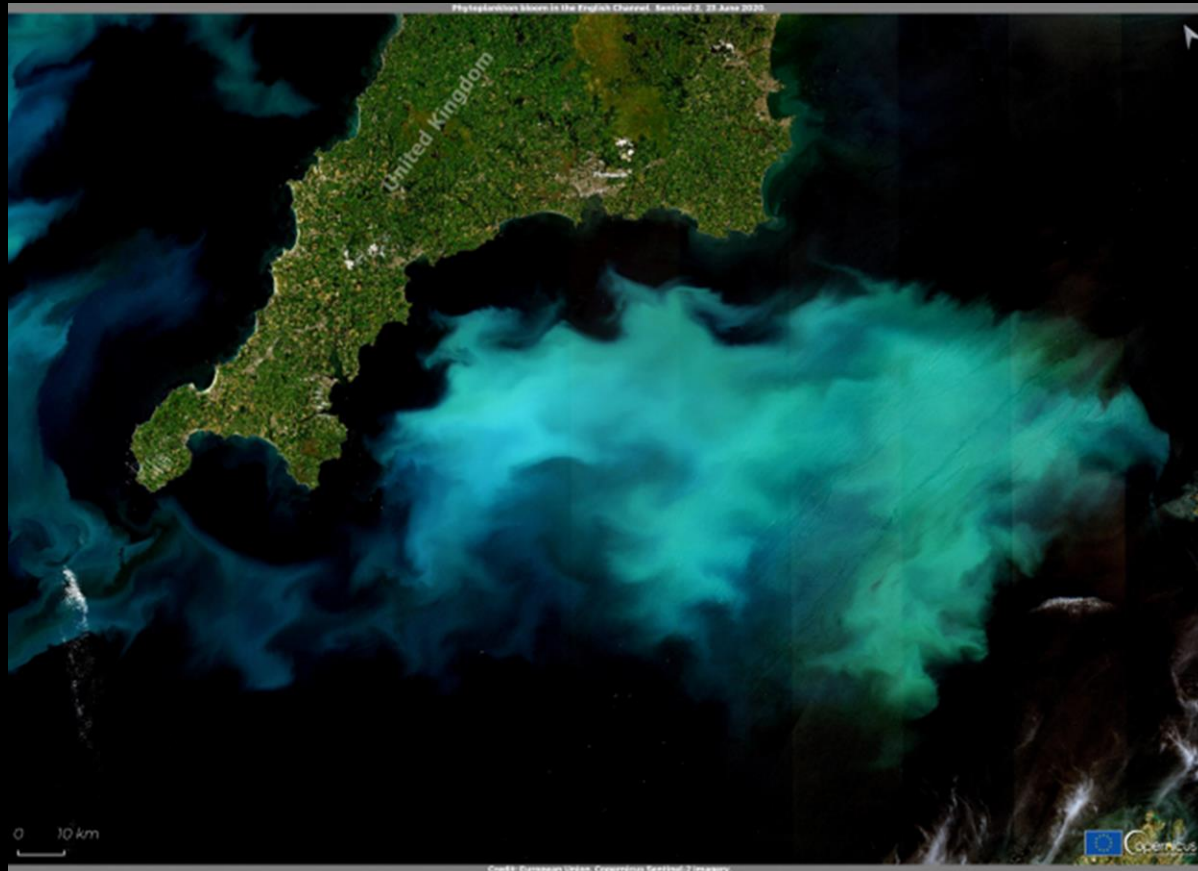


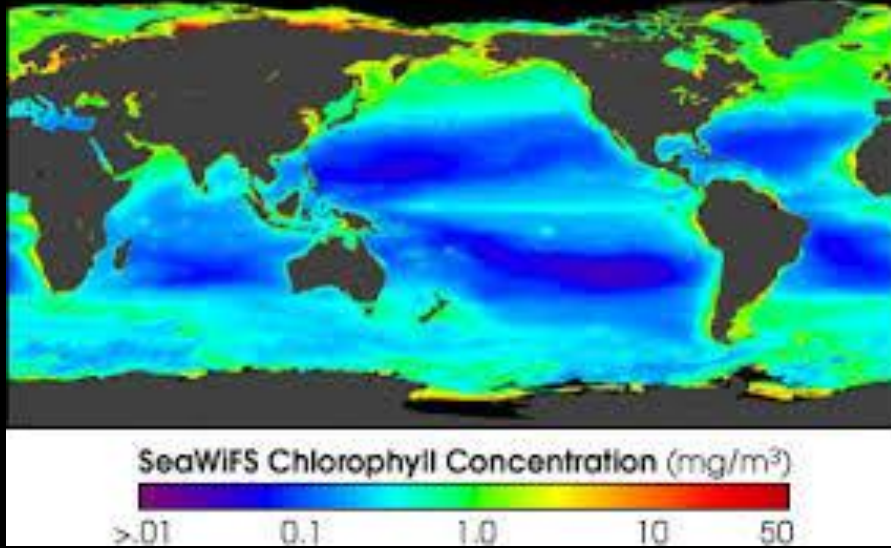
SCAVENGED ELEMENTS

Al	Mn
Bi	Pb
Ce	Sn
Co	Te
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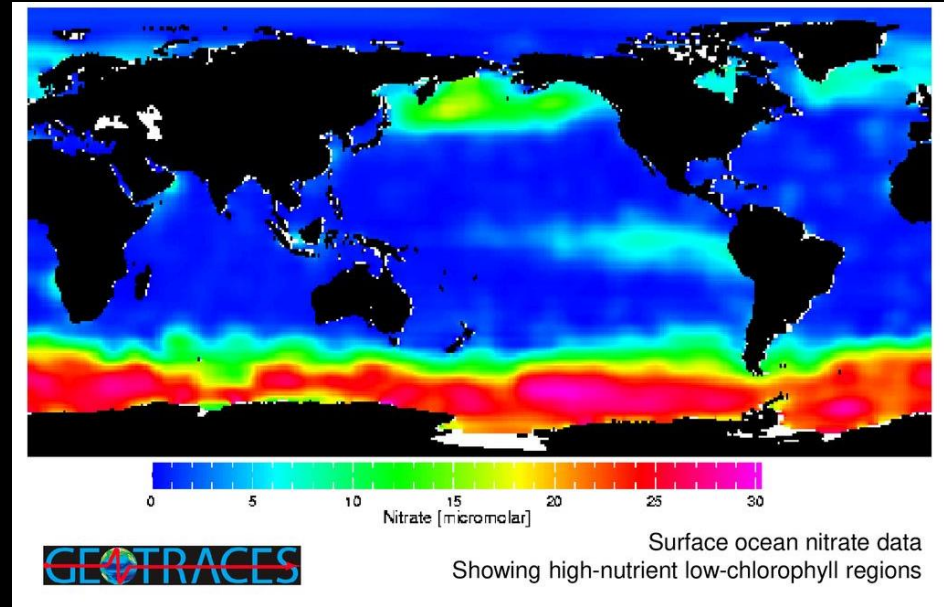


¿What is this?





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**Phytoplankton captures up to 40% of the atmospheric CO₂
and produces 50% of O₂**

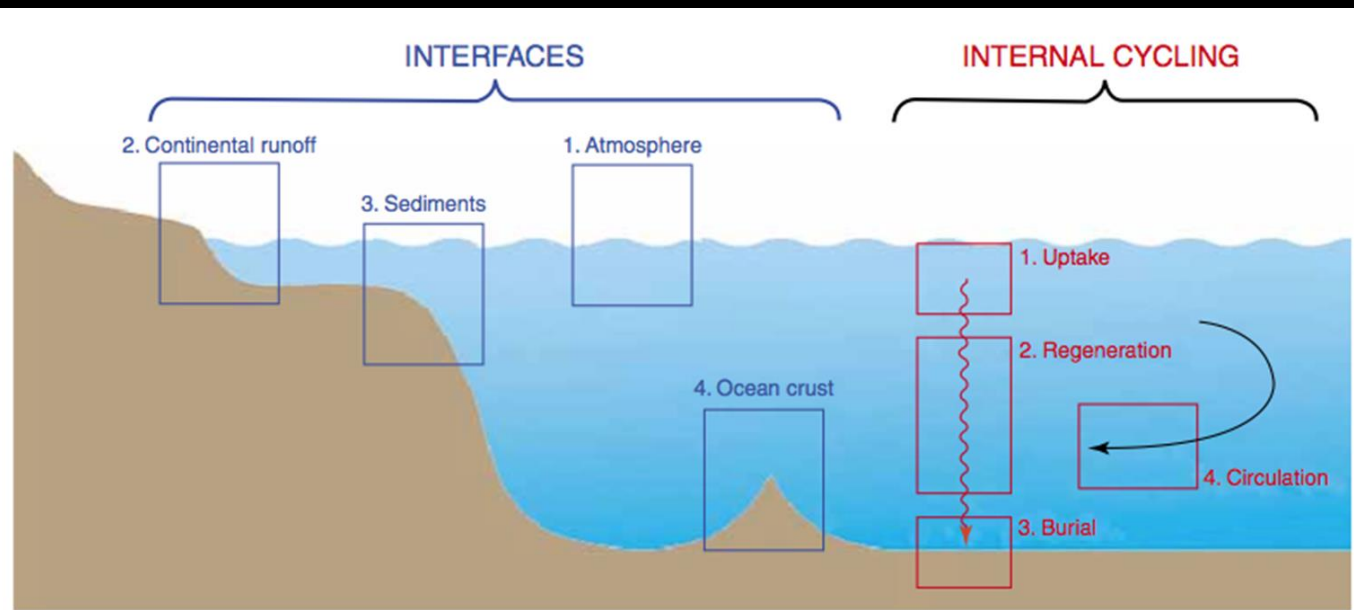
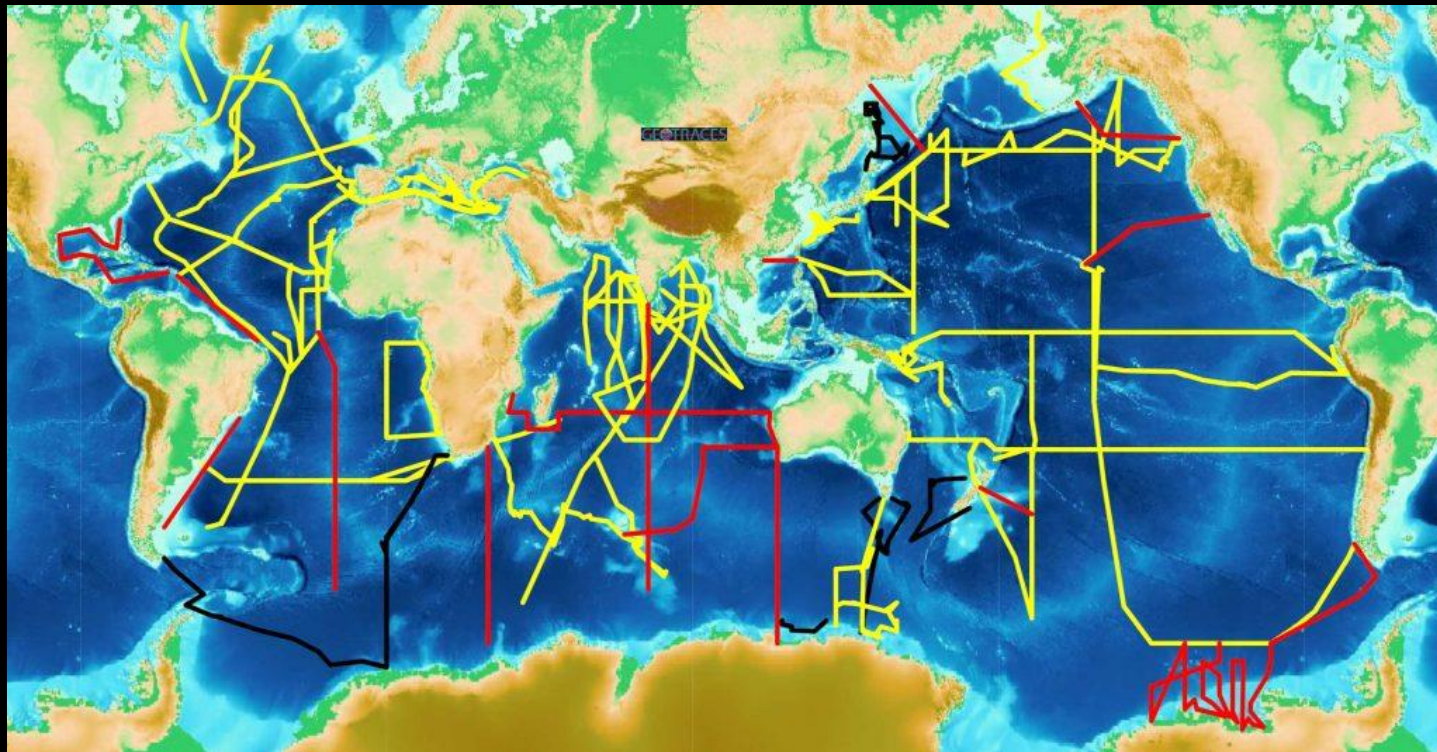


Figure 12. A schematic diagram illustrating the major influences on the distribution of TEIs in the ocean. Four major ocean interfaces (blue) and four major internal processes (red) are responsible for ocean TEI patterns. Within GEOTRACES, interface processes form the basis of Theme 1, while internal cycling processes are the basis of Theme 2.

GEOTRACES



[Interactive map](#)

TRACER OF INPUTS

ALUMINUM

Rivers

Dust

Hydrothermal

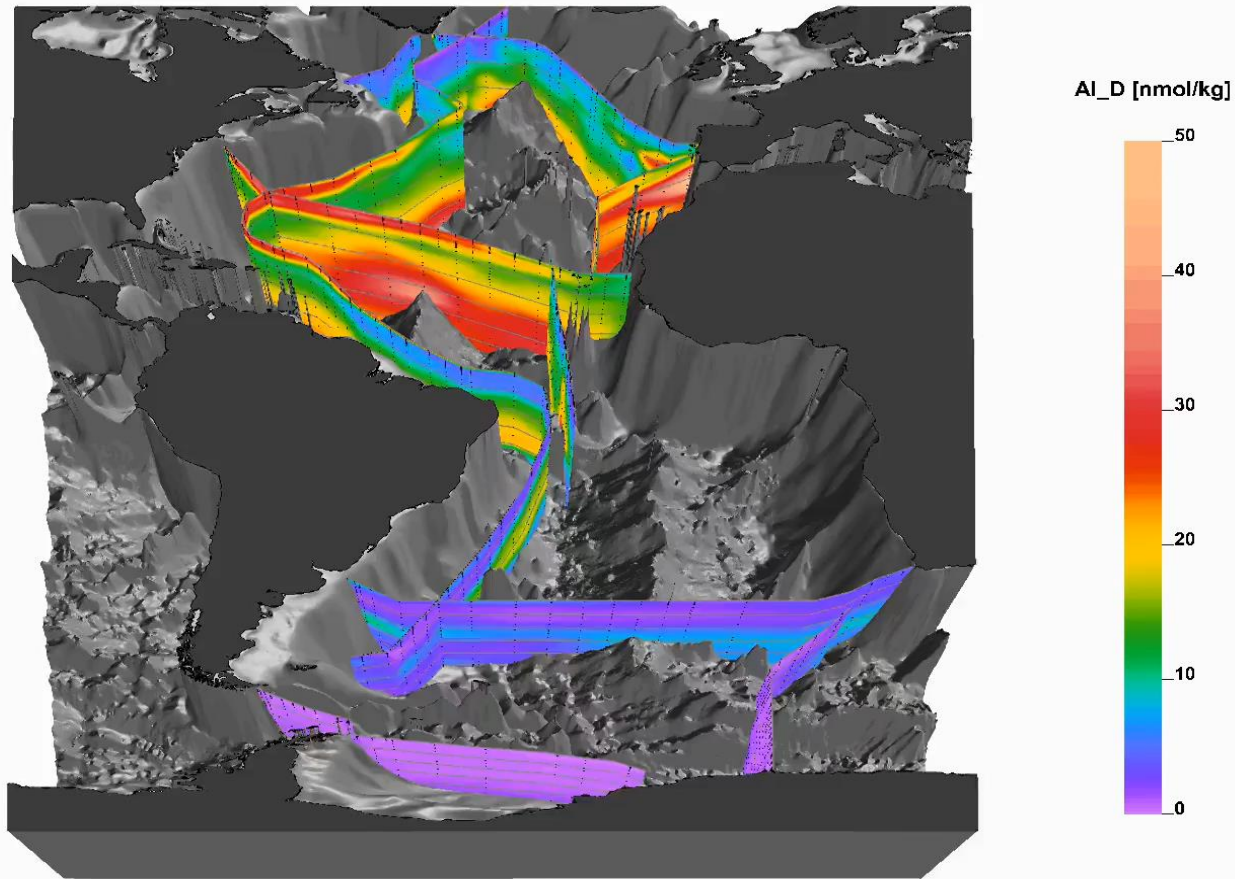
Hydrothermal

Volcanic

Rivers

Dust

Volcanic





A First Global Oceanic Compilation of Observational Dissolved Aluminum Data With Regional Statistical Data Treatment

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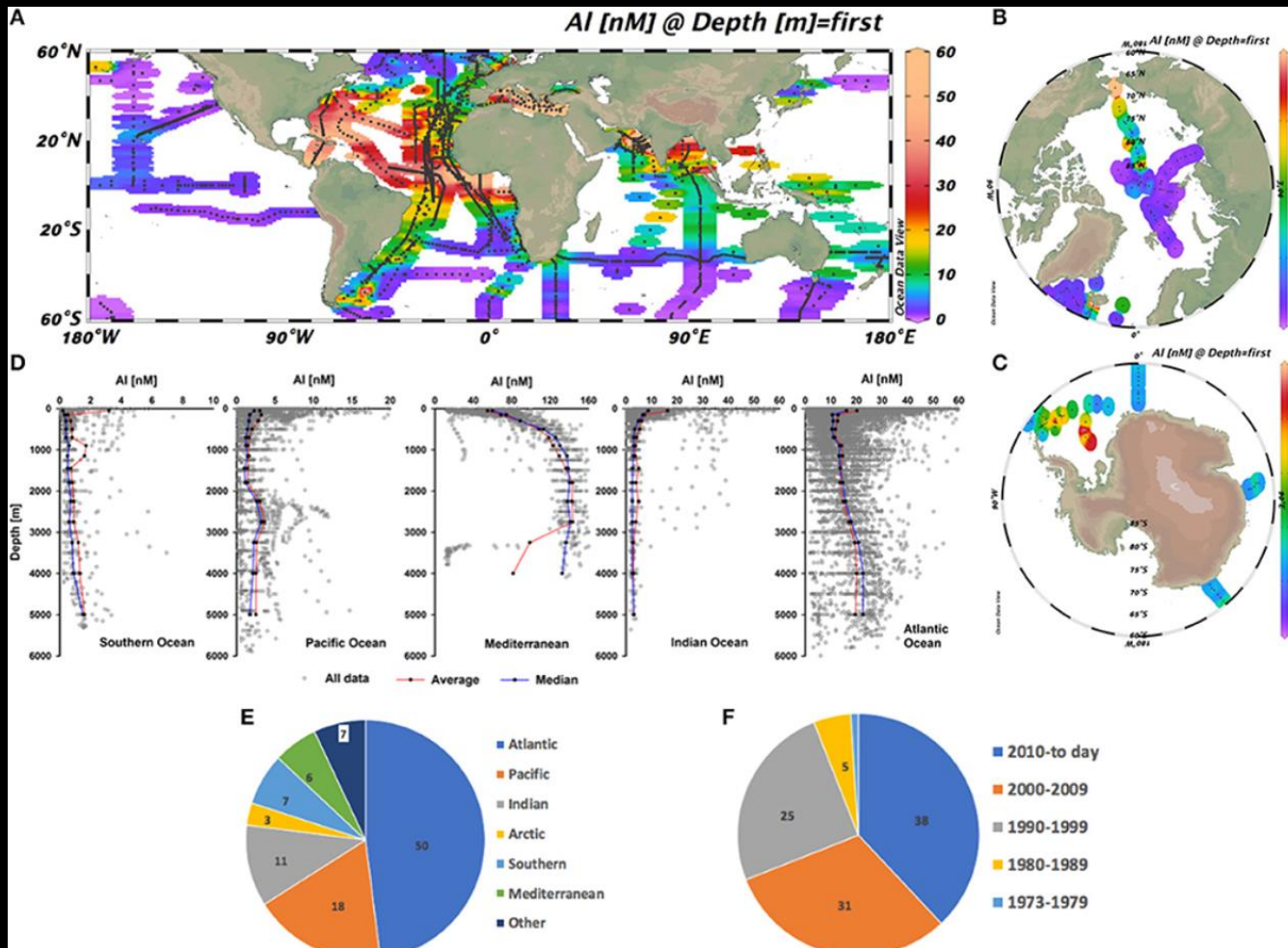
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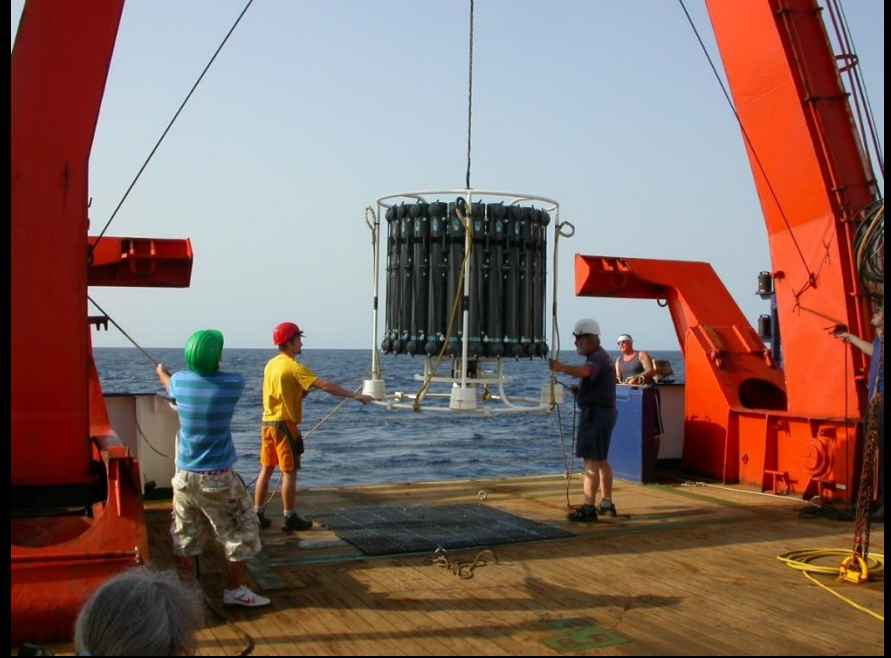
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(Arabian Sea)
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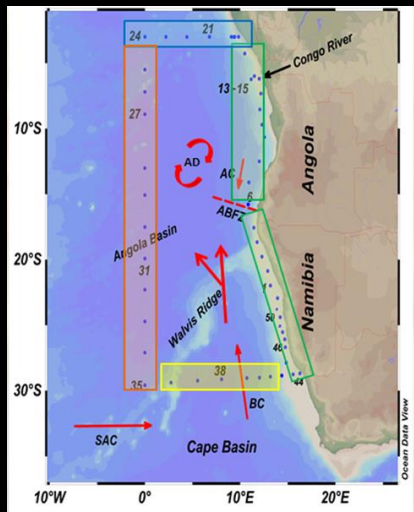


- determine in detail the distributions of trace elements and their isotopes (TEIs) in the water column of the SE Atlantic in order to constrain TEI supply and removal mechanisms







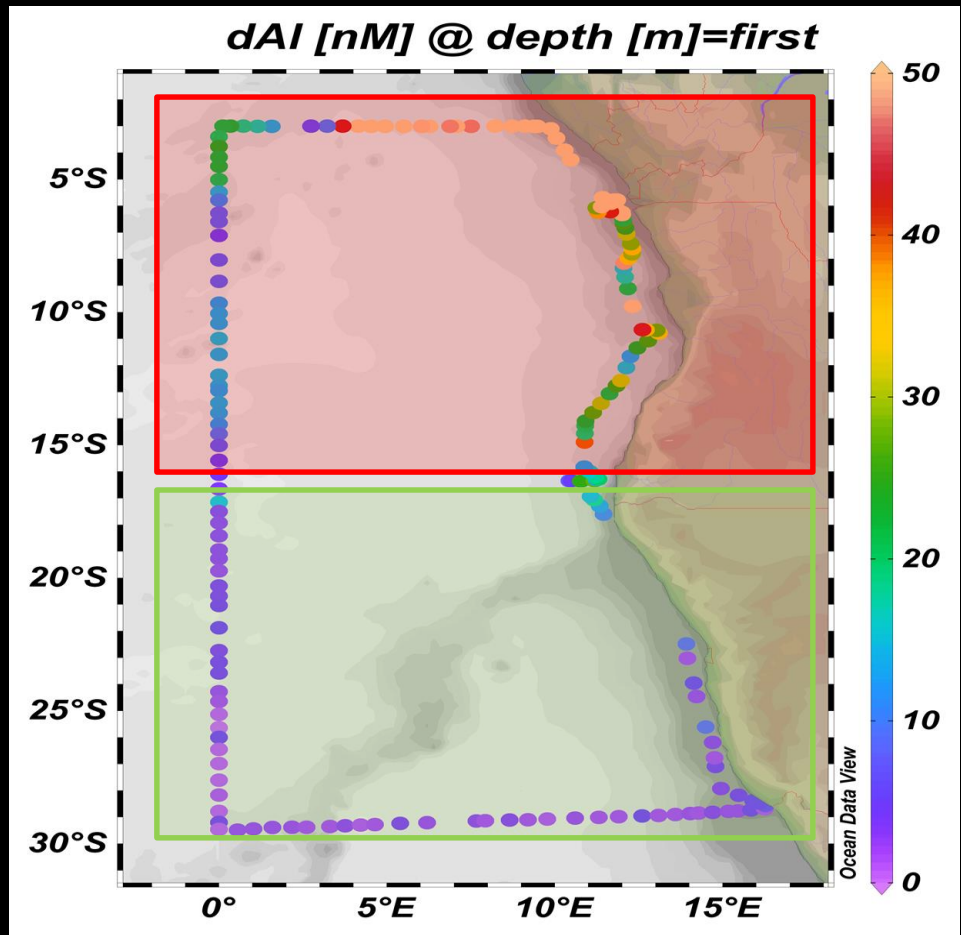


Northern part (red box) → High surface dAI

- Higher aerosol deposition
- Congo river plume
- Angola-Benguela Frontal Zone

Southern part (green box) → Low surface dAI

- Benguela & South Atlantic current
- Moderate aerosol deposition in coastal region
- Low aerosol deposition in open ocean sections



Menzel Barraqueta et al., unpublished

$$G = \frac{[Al] \times MLD}{\tau \times S \times D}, \quad (1)$$

G is the total dust flux in $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$

$[Al]$ is the concentration of dAl (mol m^{-3}) in the surface mixed layer

MLD is the depth of the mixed layer in metres (m)

τ is the residence time in years (yr)

S is the fractional solubility of Al in dust (%)

D is the concentration of Al in dust (8.1 %, mol g^{-1}).

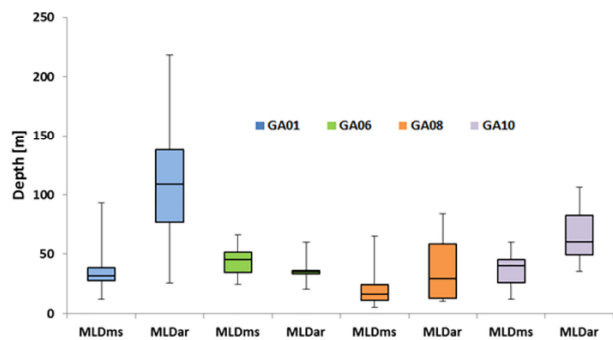


Figure 2. Box whisker plot for the MLD determined using in situ measurements (MLDms) and annual mixed-layer climatology (MLDar) (<http://mixedlayer.ucsd.edu/>, last access: September 2017) (Holte et al., 2017).

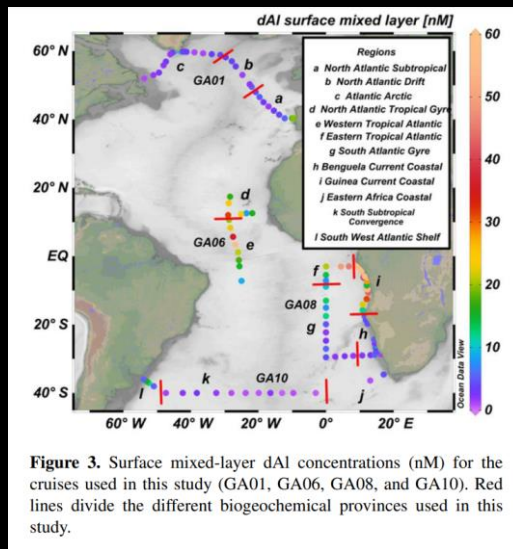
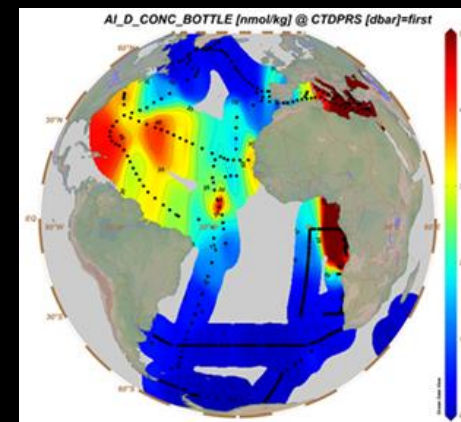
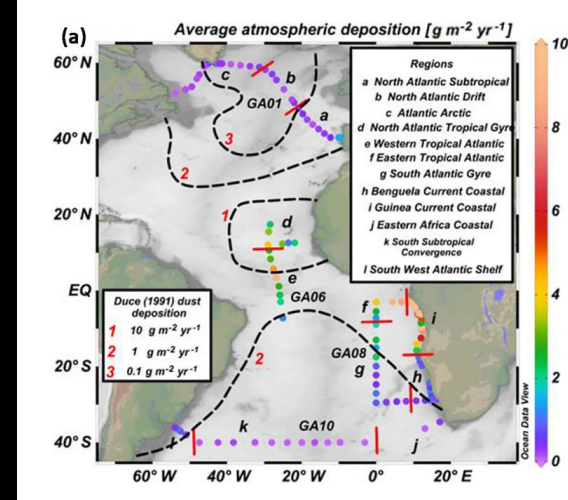


Figure 3. Surface mixed-layer dAl concentrations (nM) for the cruises used in this study (GA01, GA06, GA08, and GA10). Red lines divide the different biogeochemical provinces used in this study.





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**Contamination
of samples**

**We want to measure Iron in seawater and
need to sample from a ship made of Iron**

Difficult and tricky



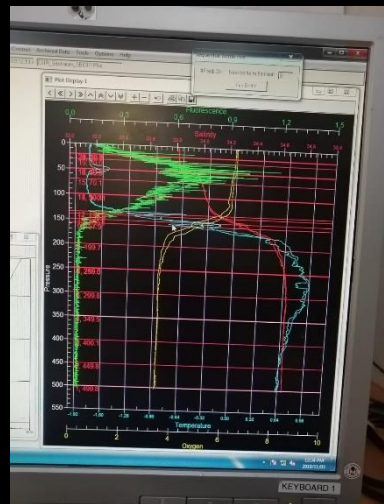
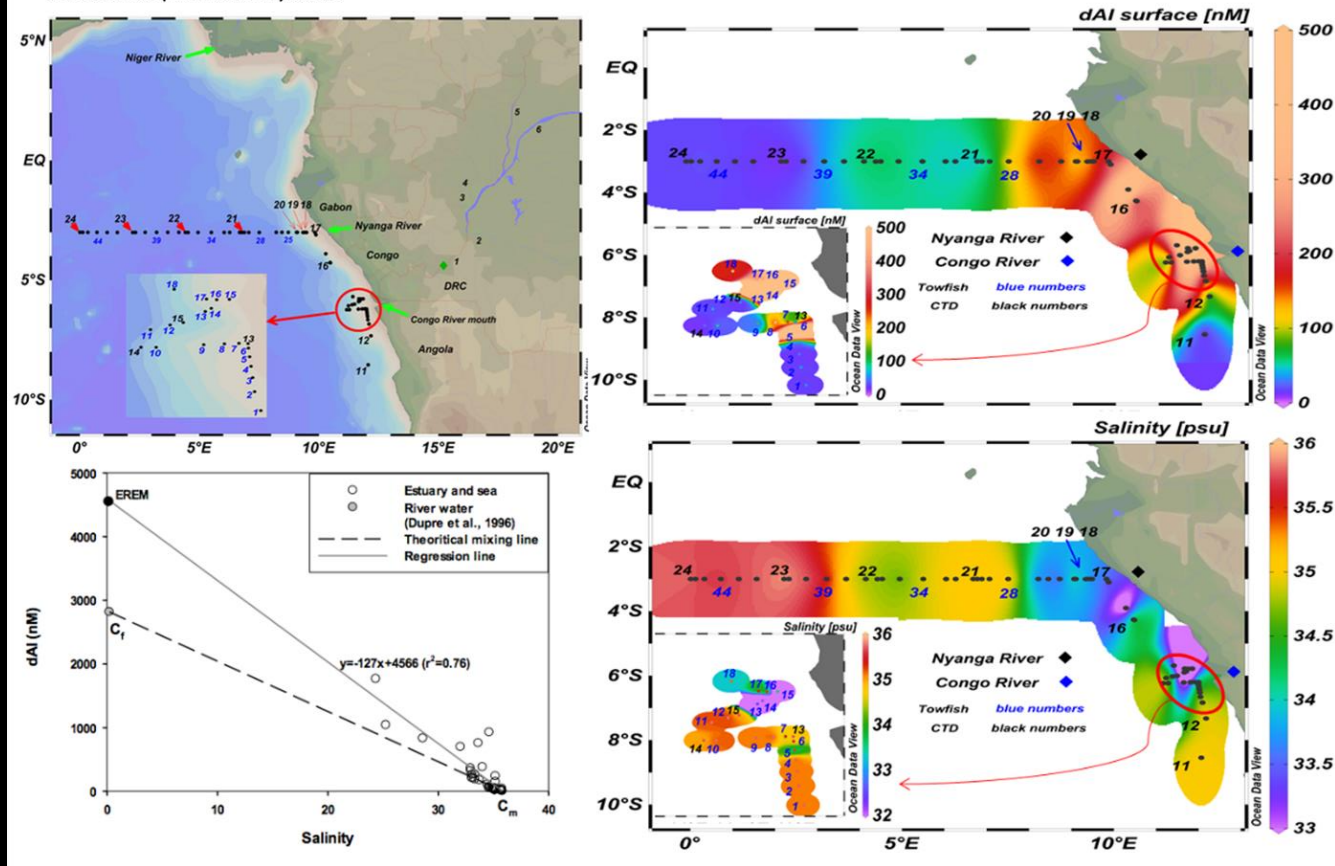
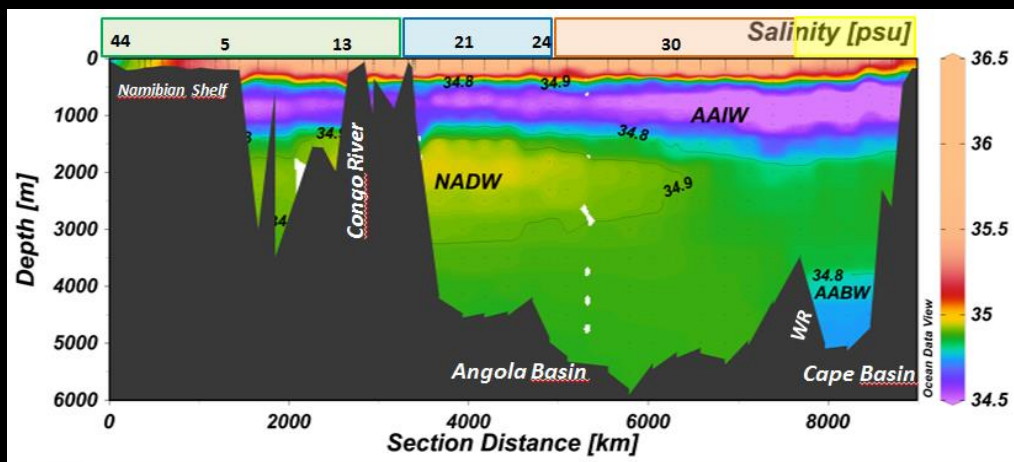
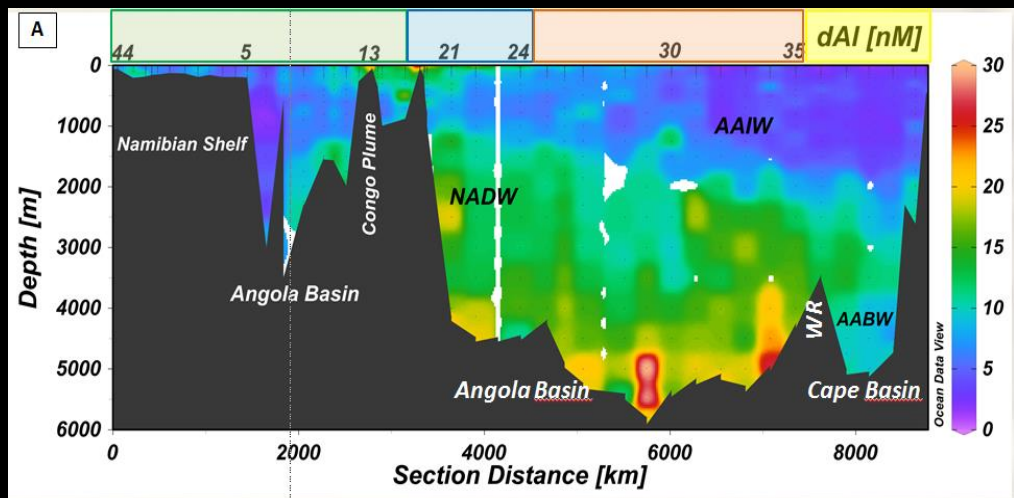
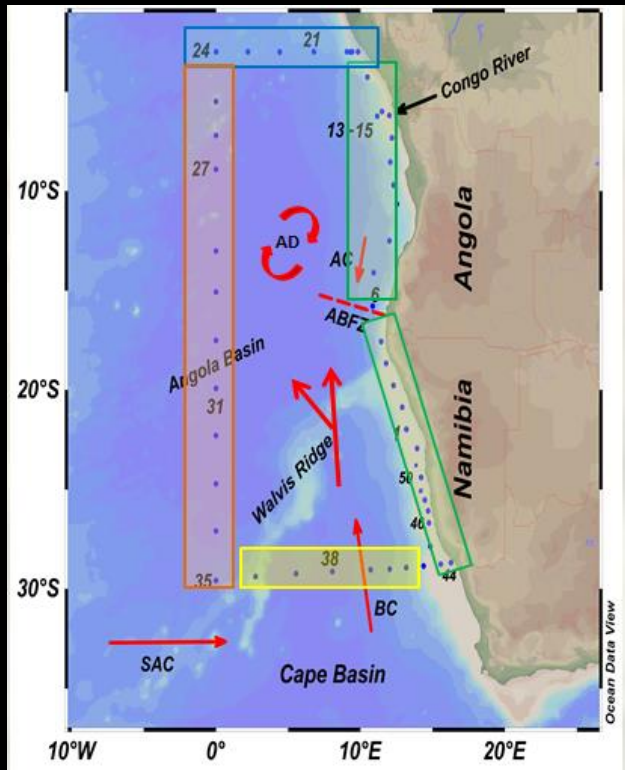
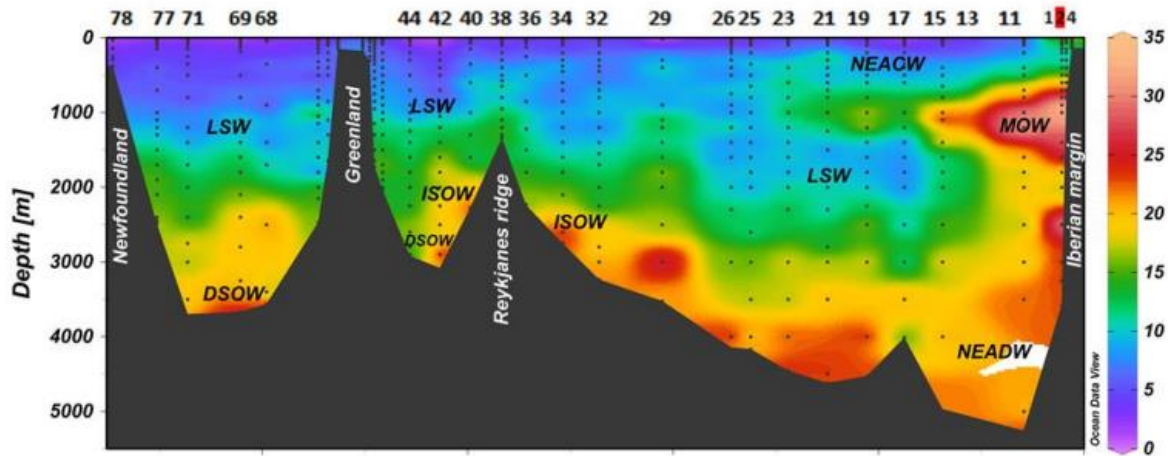


Figure 1. A) Map showing the location of CTD casts (numbers 11 to 24) and towed fish samples (blue numbers 1 to 46). Black numbers (1 to 6) show dAl sampling sites in the northern and southern tributaries draining in the Congo Basin (Dupre et al., 1996). Green diamond shows the location of the cities Brazzaville and Kinshasa. Thick green arrows show the position of the Congo, Nyanga, and Niger River mouths. DRC, Democratic Republic of Congo; B) Dissolved Al (dAl) for the Congo Plume; C) salinity for the Congo River Plume; D) Theoretical and observed linear relationship between salinity and dAl







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Aluminium in the North Atlantic Ocean and the Labrador Sea (GEOTRACES GA01 section): roles of continental inputs and biogenic particle removal

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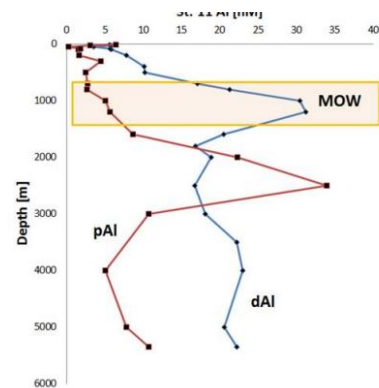


Figure S4: Profiles of dissolved and particulate Al [nM] at station 11. The orange box represents the approximate depth of the Mediterranean Overflow Water (MOW). The high particulate Al observed at ca. 2500 m depth is associated with inputs from the Iberian margin.

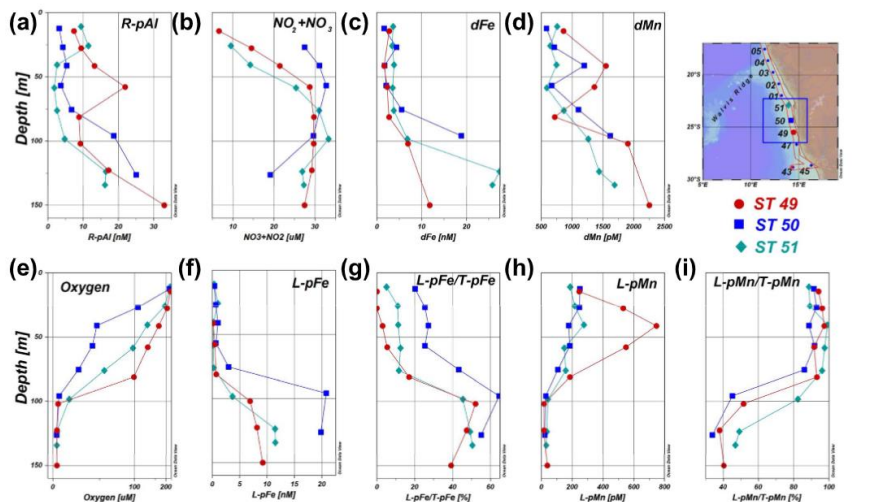


Figure 7. Water column profiles within the oxygen-depleted waters of the Lüderitz cell between stations 49–51 of (a) Refractory particulate aluminum (R-pAl); (b) Nitrate + Nitrite; (c) Dissolved Iron (dFe); (d) Dissolved Mn (dMn); (e) Dissolved Oxygen; (f) Labile particulate Fe (L-pFe); (g) Labile particulate Fe fraction (%); (h) Labile particulate Mn (L-pMn); (i) Labile particulate Mn fraction (%). Note the stretched scale for oxygen concentration.

Lowest oxygen concentrations (<4 μM) were recorded within the Lüderitz cell (ST 49–51; 23–25.5°S).

The oxygen minimum layer extended off the shelf and into the open ocean (3°S; ST 17–24) between ~200 and 500 m, with dissolved oxygen as low as 40.5 μM .

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Key Points:
 • Different oxidation kinetics lead to decoupled Fe and Mn oxide redox

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FINAL REMARKS

NO METALS NO FUN

NO METALS
NO PHYTOPLANKTON GROWTH
NO CO₂ DRAWDOWN