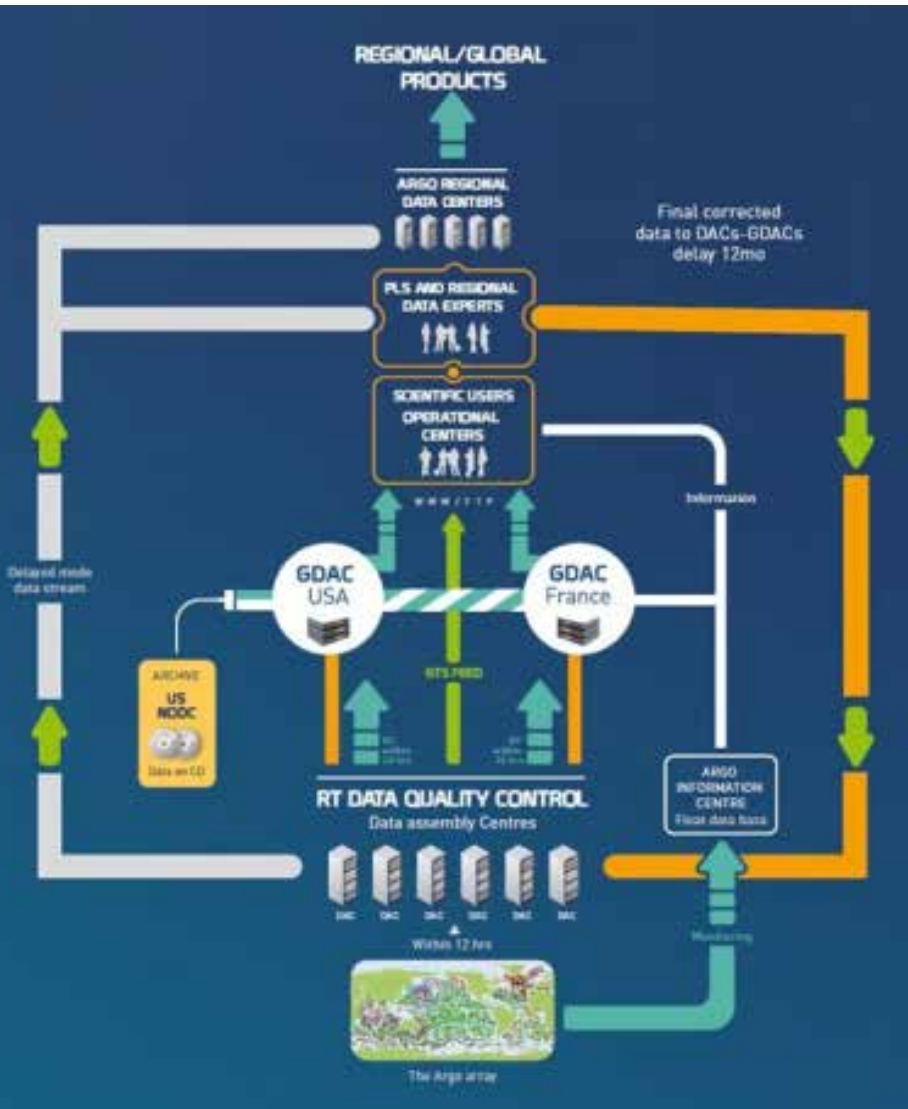




# The Argo Data System



- Distributed system
- Basic Service
  - FTP at GDAC
  - Metadata-Profile-Trajectory-Technical information
  - Same format
  - Same QC method in Real-Time and Delayed MODE => Qc flags
  - All documentation at <http://www.argodatamgt.org>





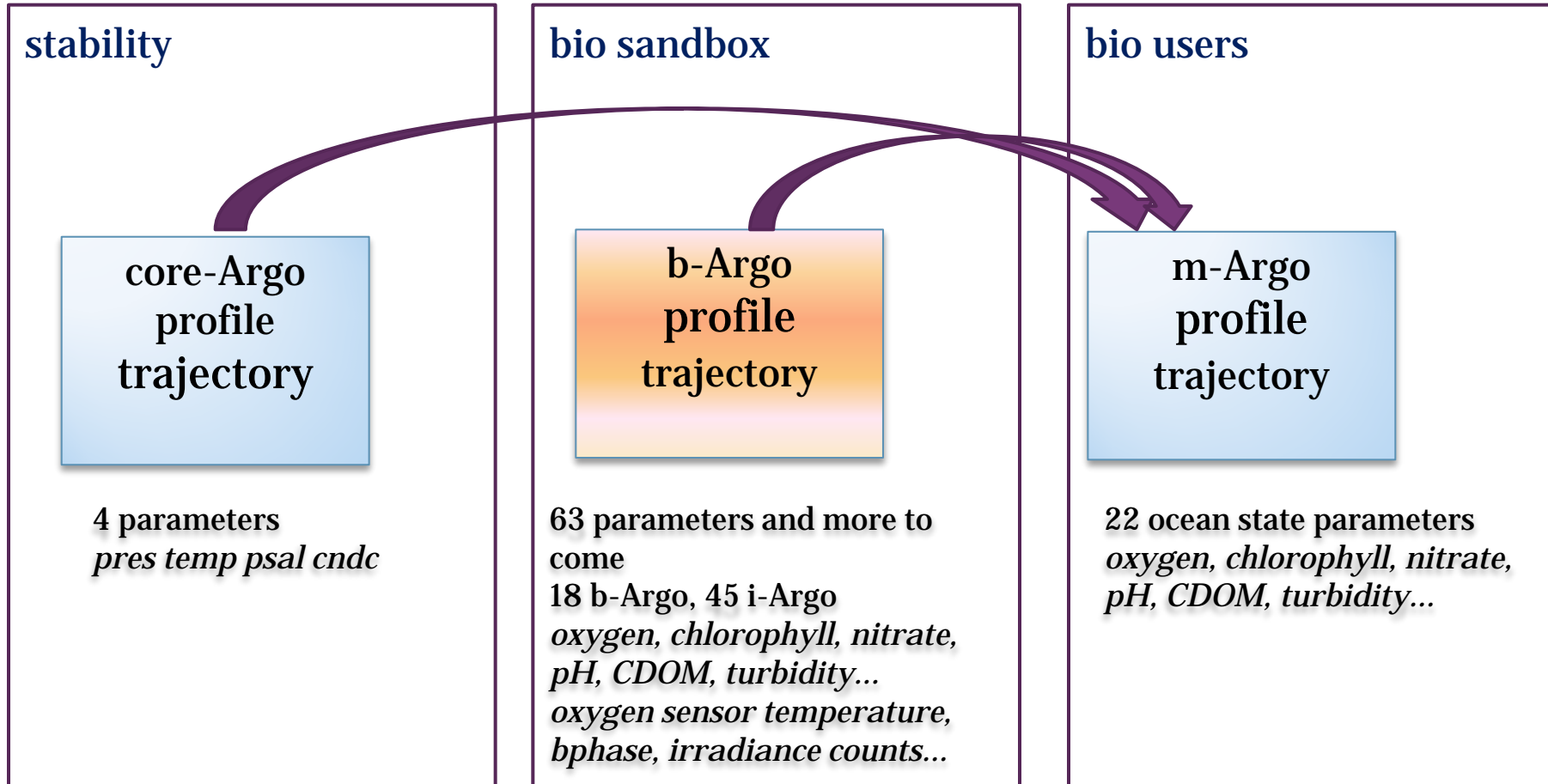
# Main evolution over past 15 years

1. T&S with basic metadata information : all measured information are provided
2. More standardisation of the metadata and technical information to allow failure analysis at the Argo network level ( AIC and GDAC)
3. More requirement in term of Quality Assessment
  1. NRT at DAC
  2. T&S Monthly Check at GDAC with Objective analysis checks
  3. T&S Quarterly check with Altimetry
  4. Delayed mode QC with the OW method for Salinity
4. Capability to manage mission change made using 2-way communications
5. Managing more parameters in particular with BIO





# Argo formats 3.1 core/bio data



Details on User's manual, chapter 2.6 "B-Argo profile and trajectory format additional features"  
FAQ at AST WWW site : [http://www.argo.ucsd.edu/Data\\_FAQ.html#v3stat](http://www.argo.ucsd.edu/Data_FAQ.html#v3stat)





# What do we need in Future?



- Challenges is to be able to handle the evolution of Argo with the same level of service in terms of
  - homogeneous access even with distributed processing
  - Common procedures for all parameters
- How far do we need to go in term of Delayed Mode QC
  - Do we need to provide delayed mode trajectories
  - Is it possible to provide delayed mode QC for all Bio parameters using common procedures
- FTP but what else would be really helpful at GDAC ?
- DOI on monthly snapshot at GDAC , do you use them?

