



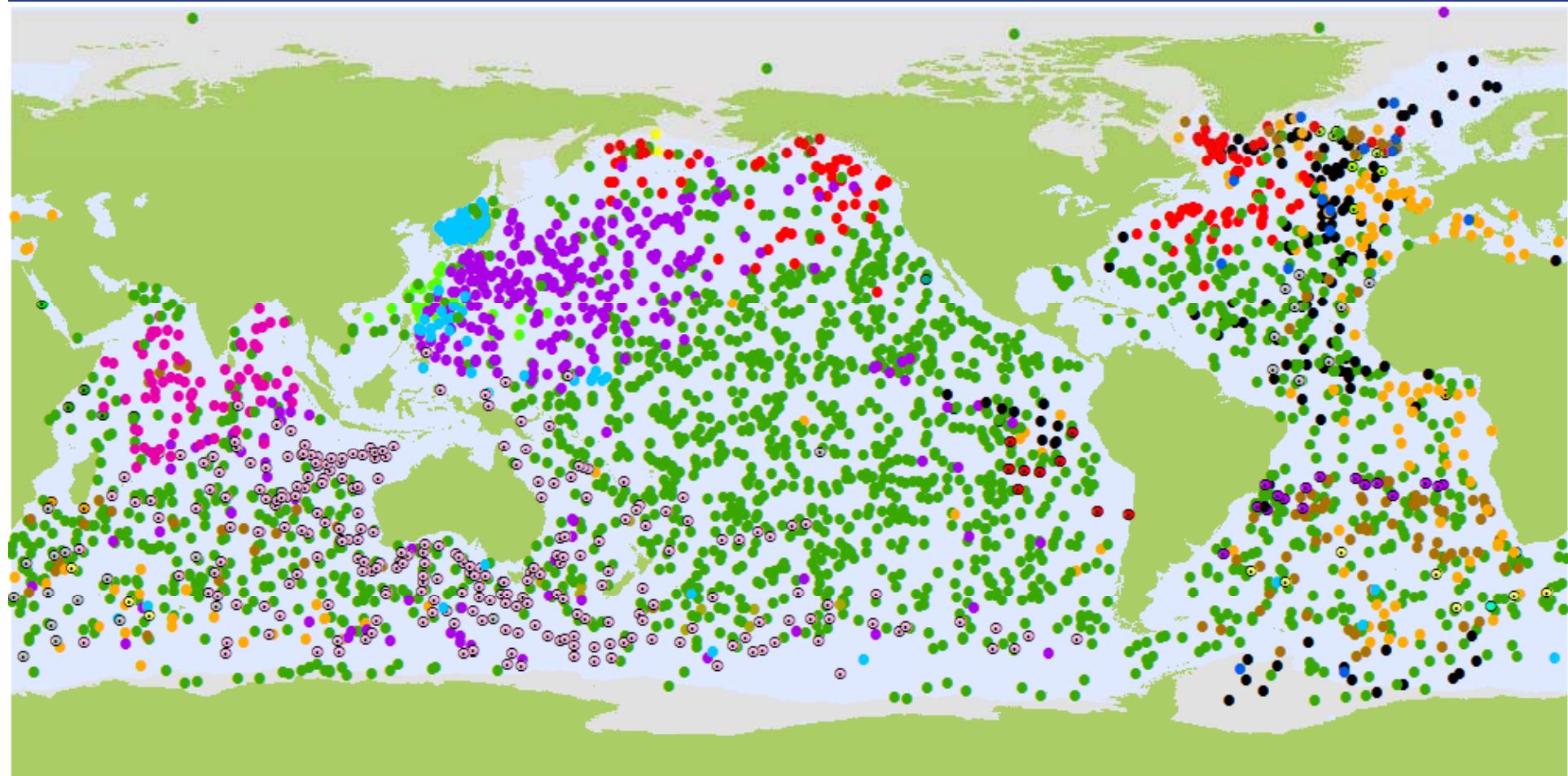
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Argo Information Centre & EuroArgo Users

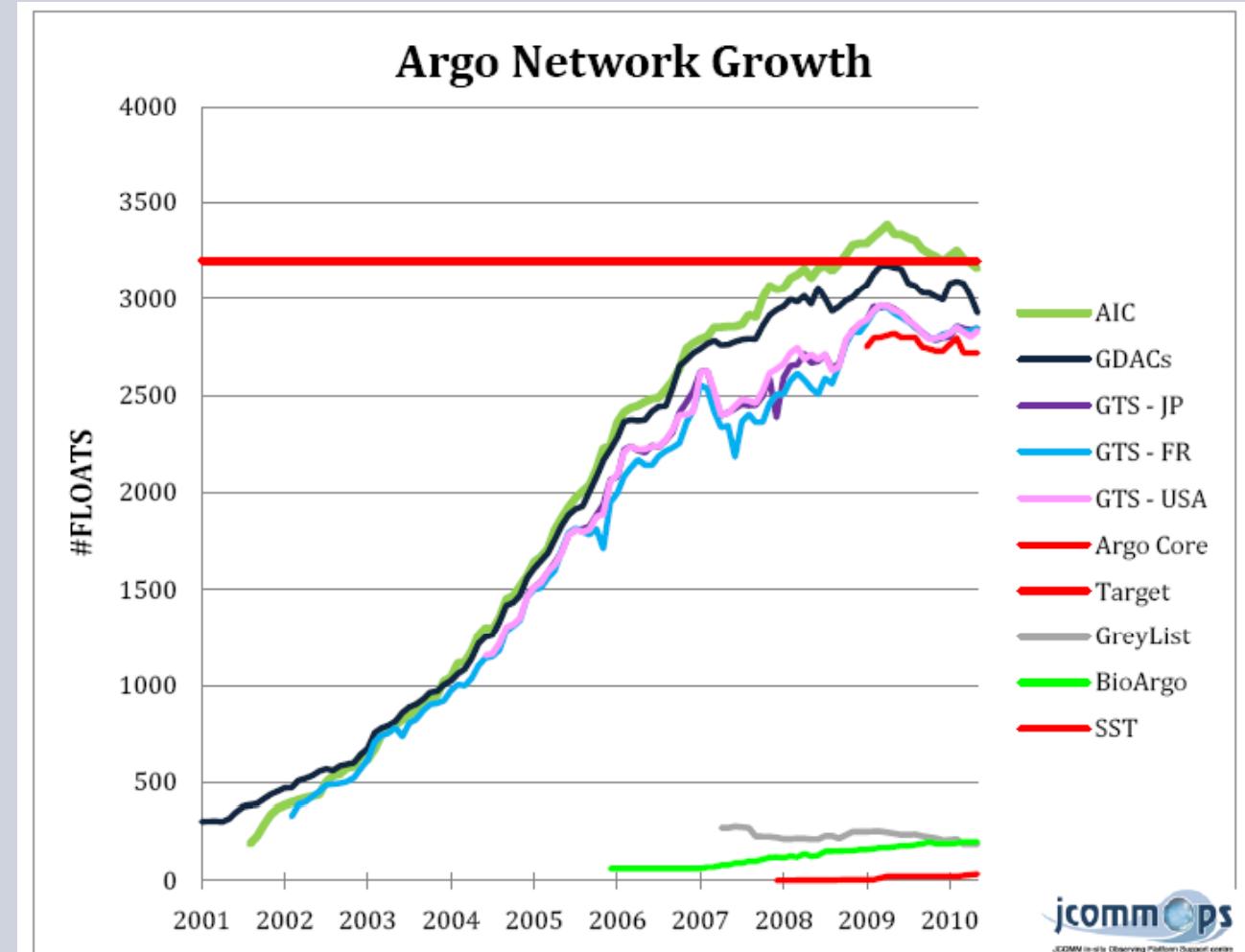
EuroArgo User Workshop#3
June 2010

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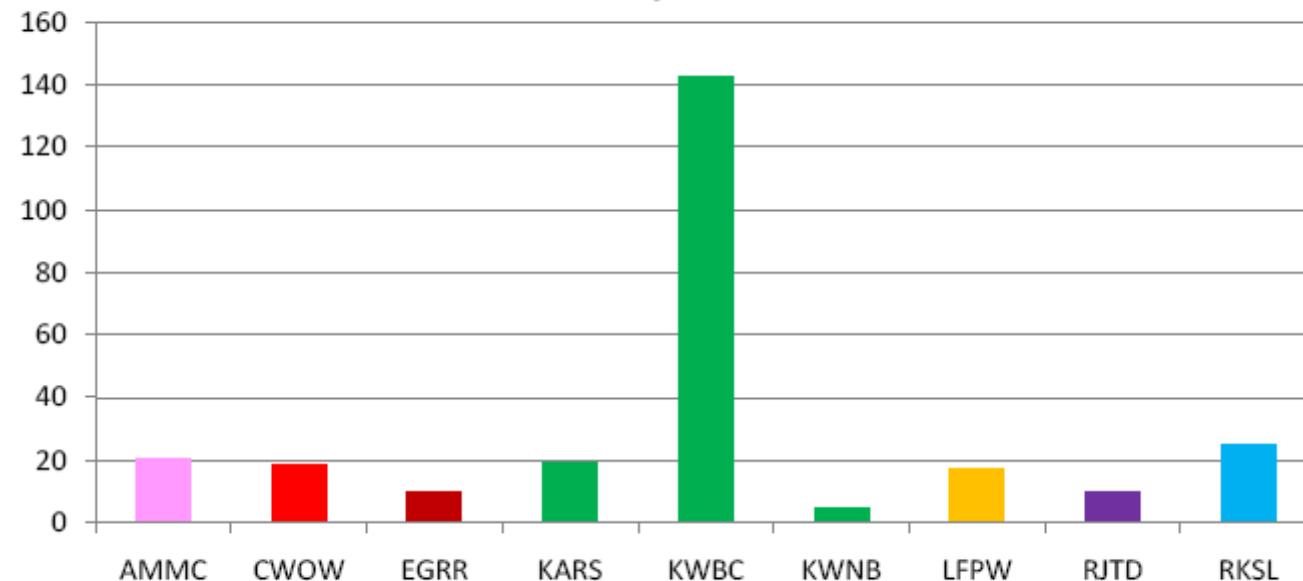


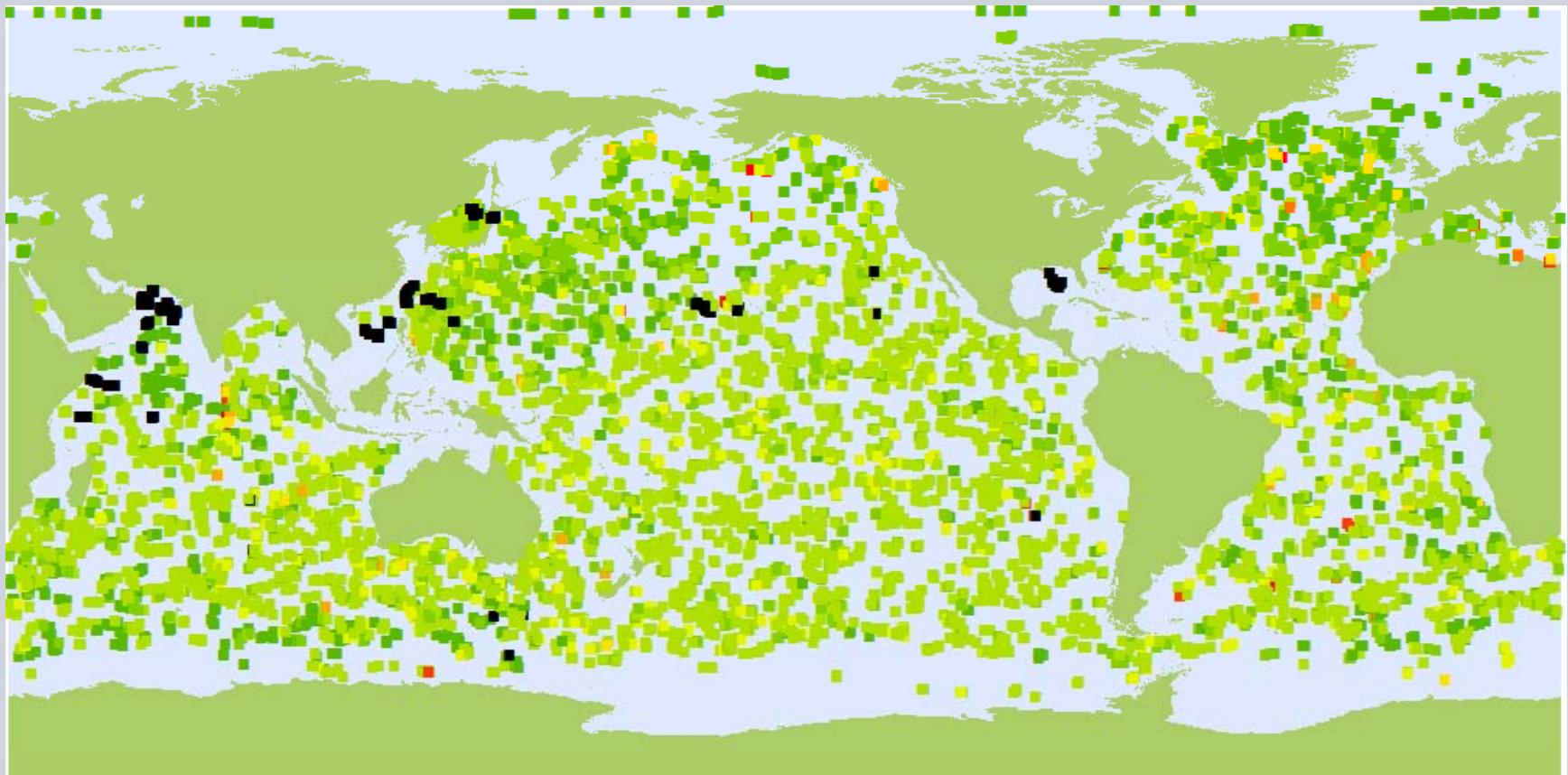
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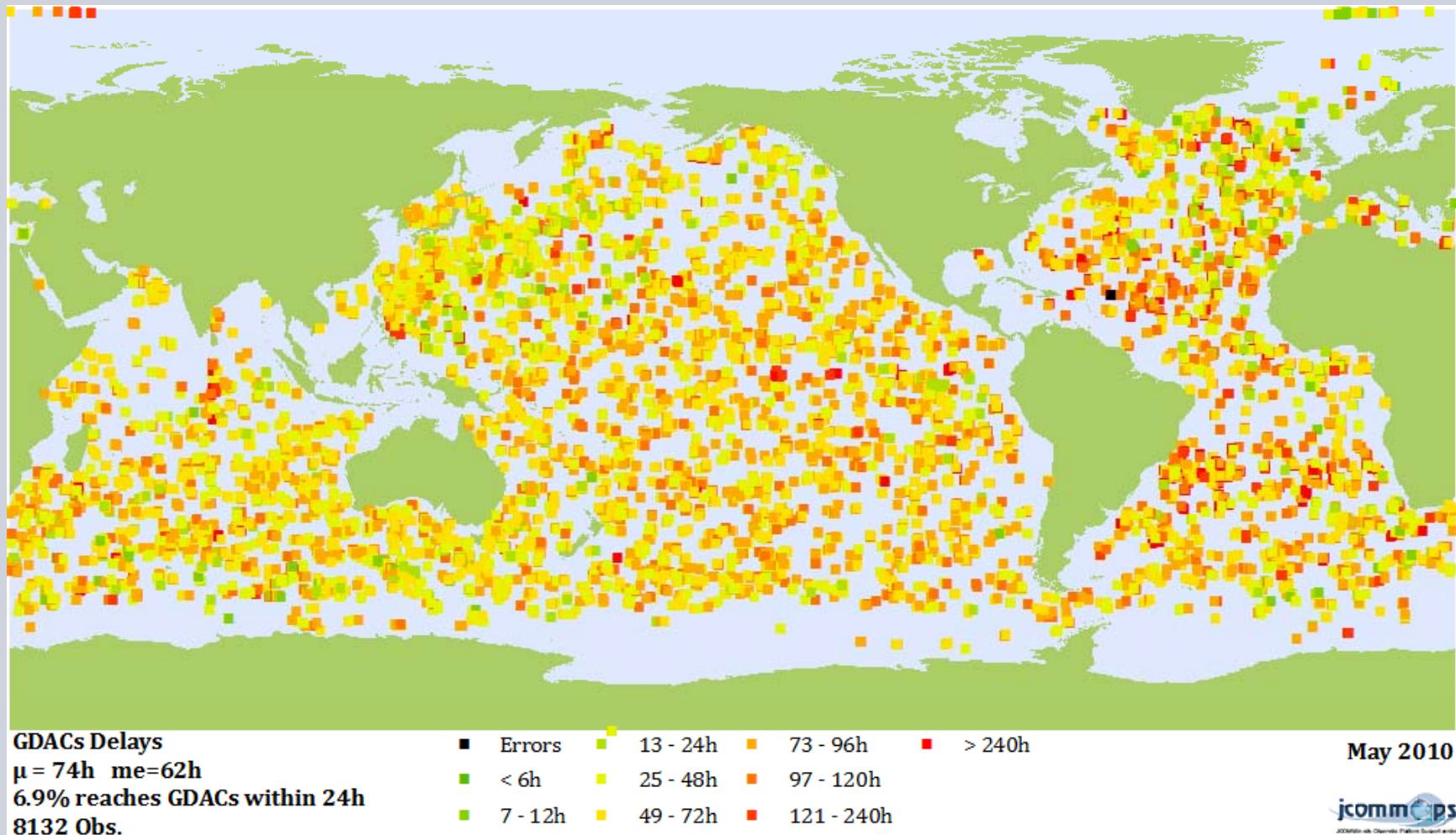
Growing involvement of Europe is crucial ...



Average delays (hours) on GTS, by GTS Centre
May 2010







International Argo Infrastructure



- The AIC was established in 2001 (Toulouse/CLS)
 - TC is an IOC/UNESCO employee funded by Argo national programmes
 - Guidance by the Argo Steering Team in close cooperation with international organizations
- close cooperation with the Argo Project Office (Scripps/San Diego)
- The AIC is the Argo component of JCOMMOPS
- **JCOMMOPS: JCOMM (IOC/WMO) Observing Programme Support Centre**
 - **Argo, DBCP, SOT, OceanSITES**
 - **2 technical coordinators (1 position being renewed for DBCP coordination)**
 - **1 scientific coordinator**
 - **1 software developer**
 - **Students**

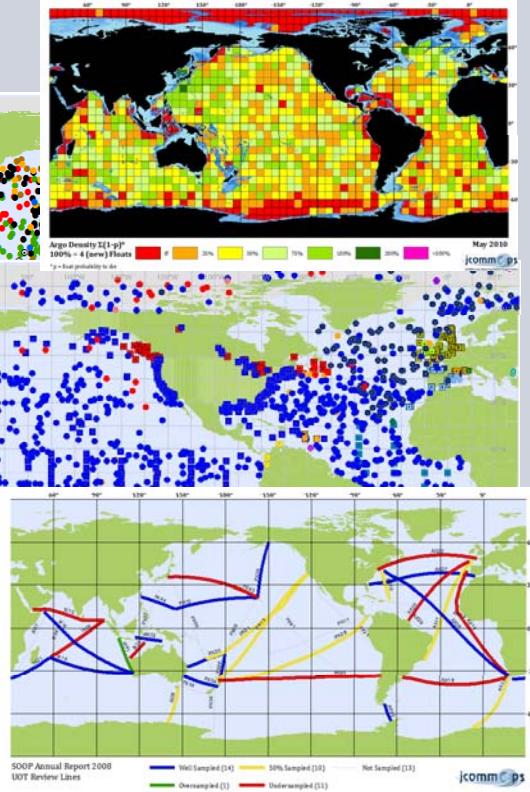
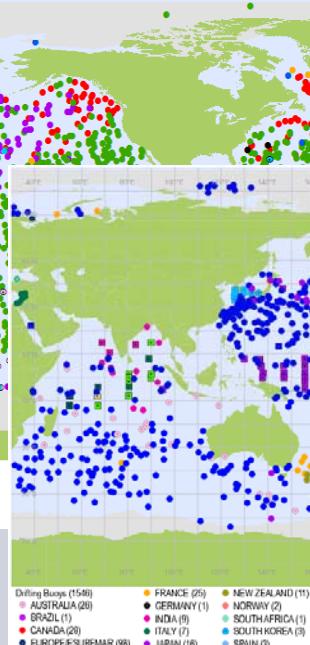
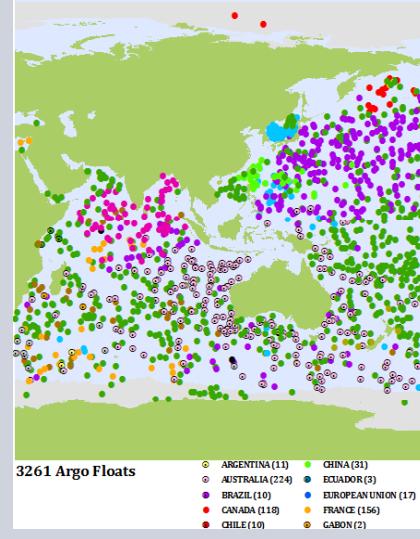
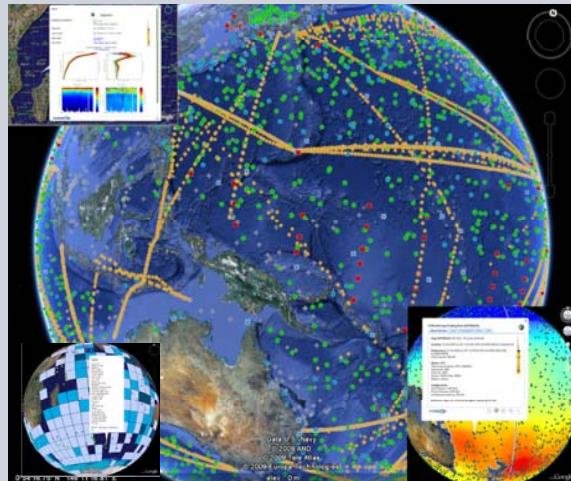
AIC/JCOMMOPS Activities: Monitoring, Assistance, Cooperation.



- monitor and evaluate the performance of the networks
- assist in the planning, implementation and operations of the observing systems
- act as a clearing house and focal point on all programme aspects
- provide up to date, comprehensive information on status of observing system
- assist in data distribution on the Internet and GTS
- encourage cooperation between communities and member states
- relay user feedback on data quality to platform operators
- provide technical assistance and user support worldwide
- develop synergies between observing systems



Products & Services: Examples



Real-time ...

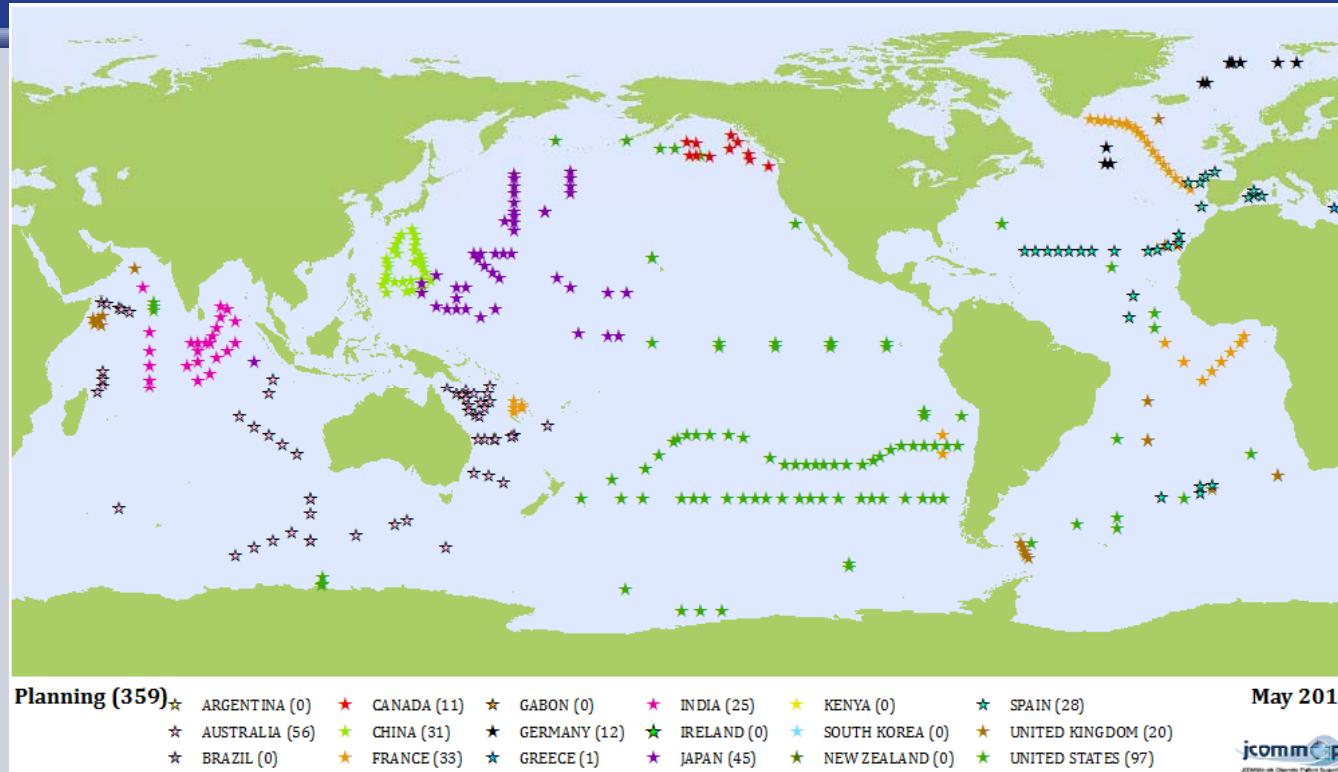
Very early on, JCOMMOPS provided online, interactive GIS-based, real-time tracking tools for ocean platforms and is now working on a partnership with Google to include JCOMM/GOOS observing system status and products within Google Ocean

Interoperability targeted: Web Map Services, XML metadata exports, etc.

Monthly ...

JCOMMOPS Status maps are widely recognized as authoritative and giving an up-to-date, verified status of the arrays, encouraging community to share the data and showing how the programmes assess and meet their requirements

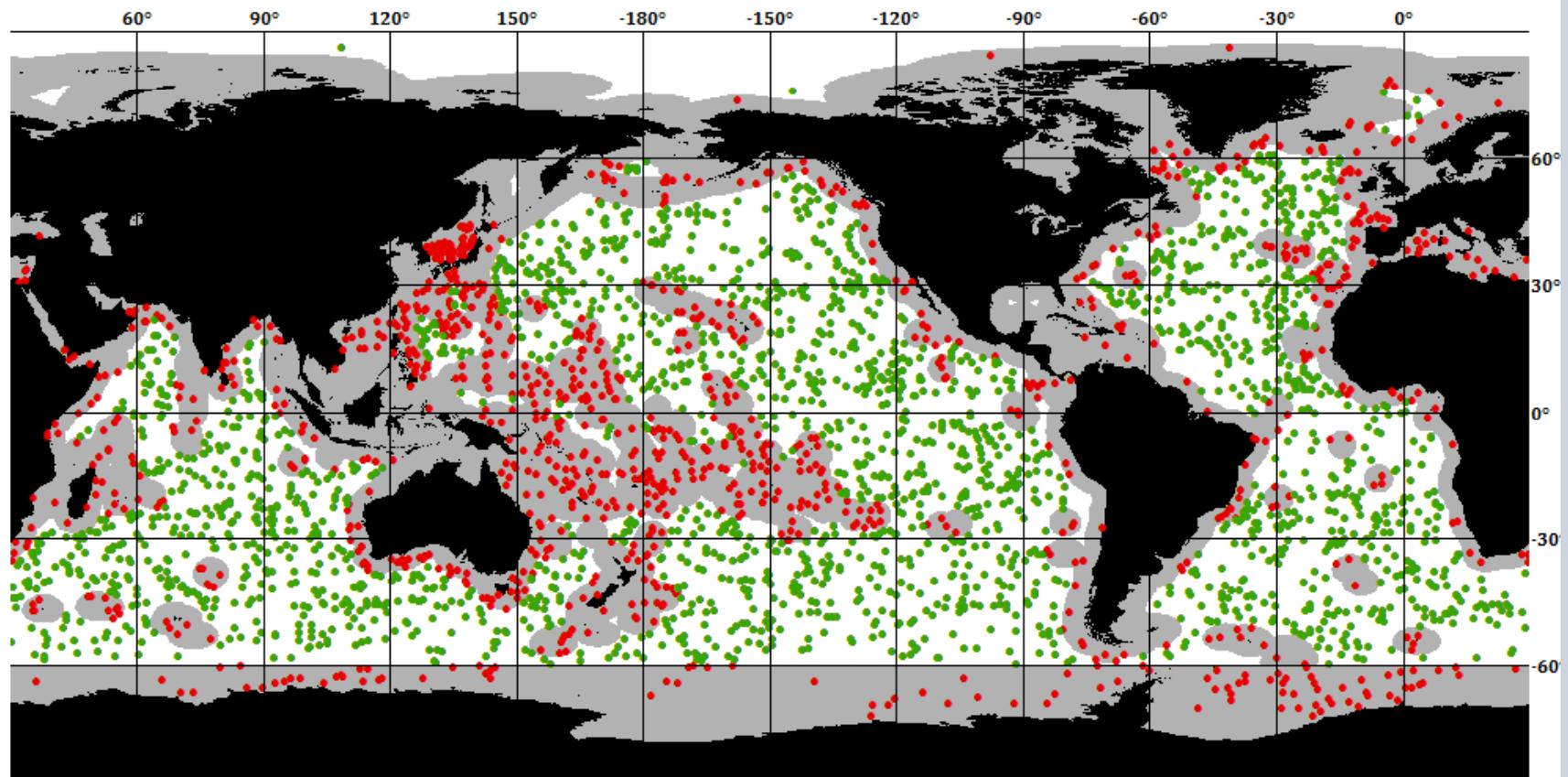
Planning (for implementers and users ...)



All profiling float MUST be registered at the AIC before their deployment

- Make sure someone takes care of this seriously, and regularly
- This engage a national responsibilities as float will likely drift in other MS EEZ (e-notification)

Your colleagues need to know in advance where you are going to deploy your floats (avoid overlaps, share opportunities)



Argo & Maritime Zones

March 2010

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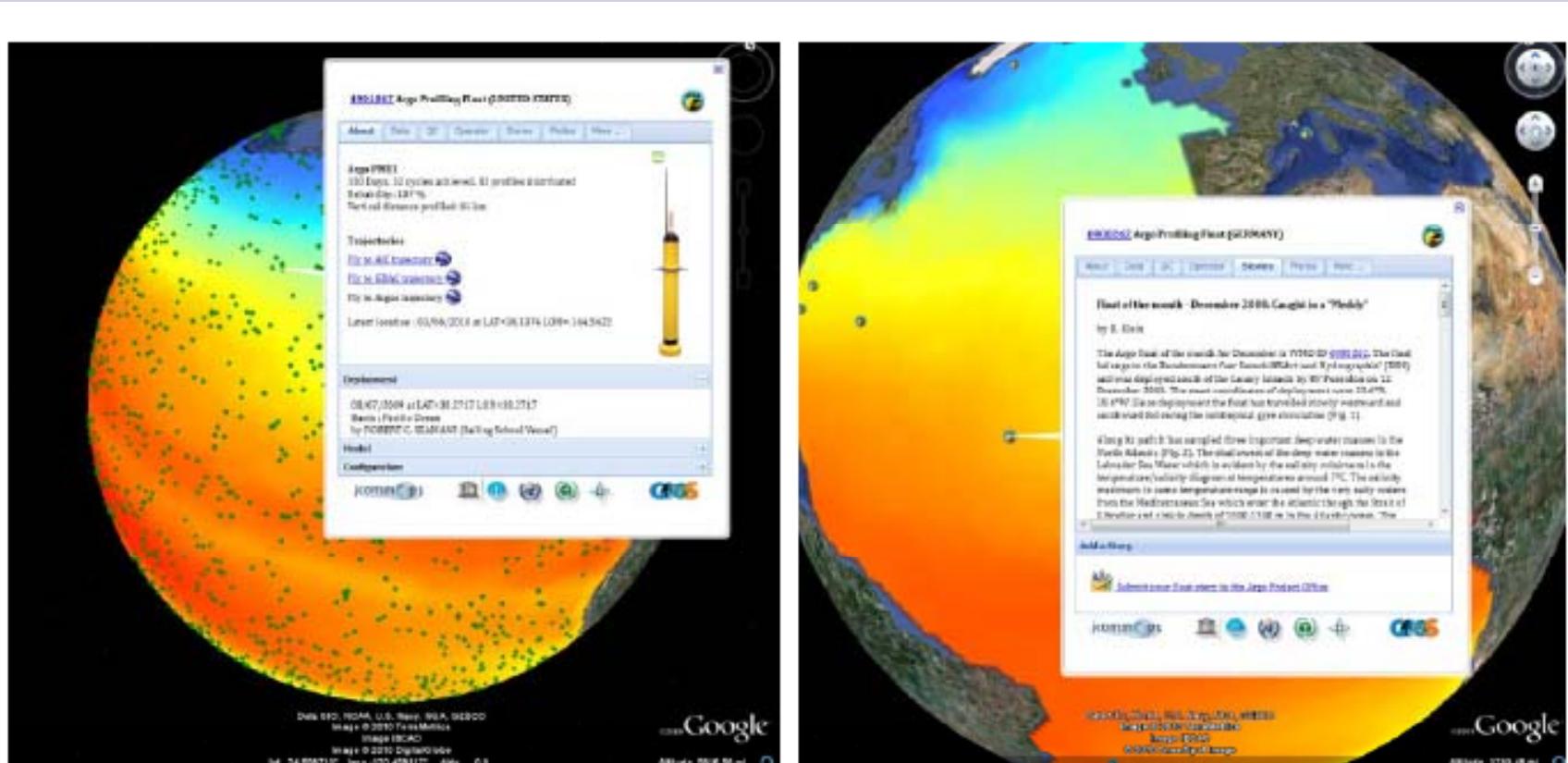


- JCOMMOPS, hosted by France (CLS/IFREMER), has recently been renewed (JCOMM III), with extended mandate to integrate more components of Observing System.
 - JCOMMOPS is likely to develop further: GOSHIP, gliders, Ship Coordinator, marine mammals ...
 - Provided the different panels identify funding for int. coo.
 - What cooperation with EuroArgo is anticipated ?
 - Resources are modest
 - Reinventing the wheel with a “EuroArgo tag” is not a good solution
 - We need to share work, resources, develop interoperable services, ...
- => To be discussed in details ...

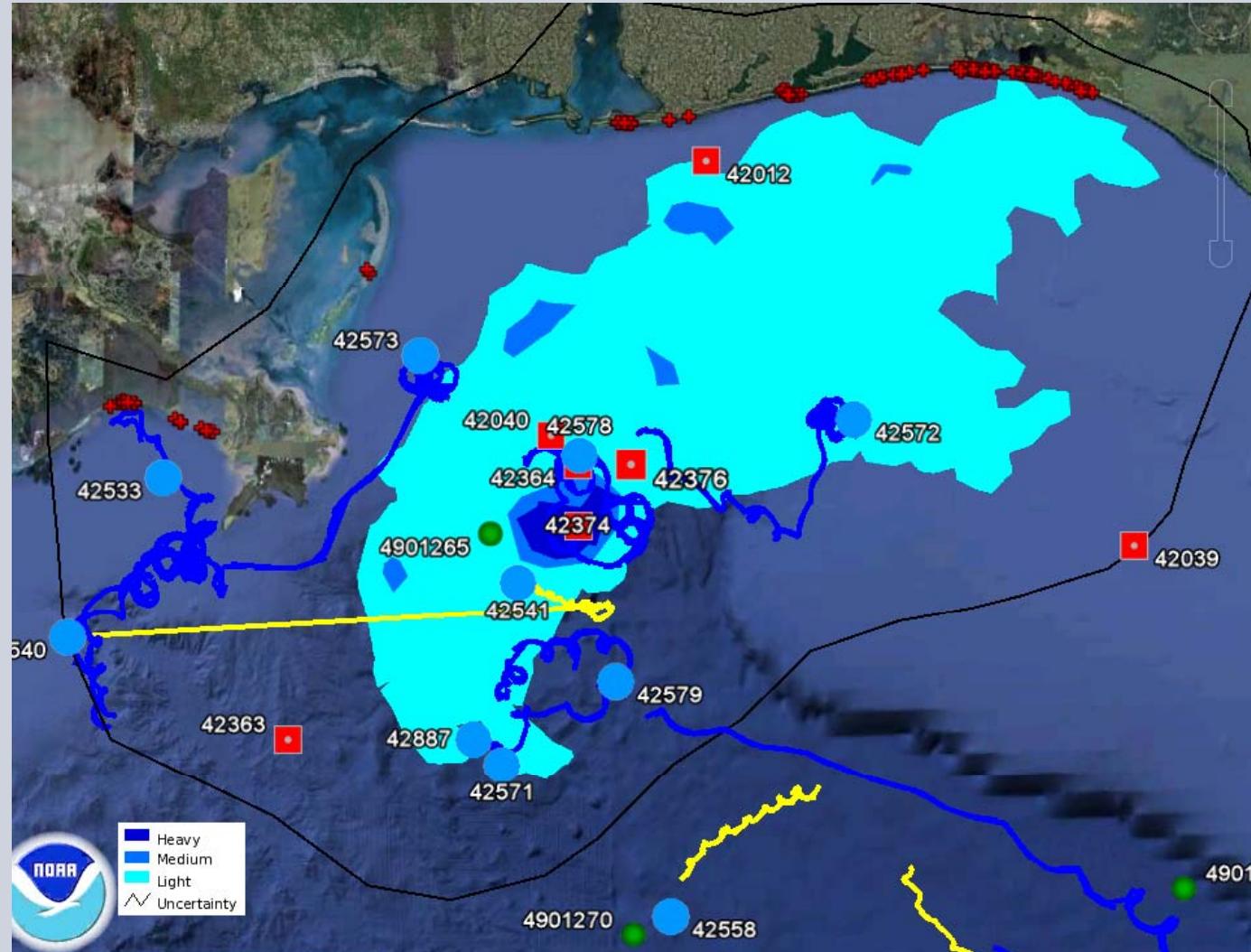
Outreach ... A huge potential



- Argo & Google Earth
- ... all other elements (JCOMM Obs. Syst.) will follow



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Argo & GE



Aim: Design a product useful for Argonauts and for a larger public

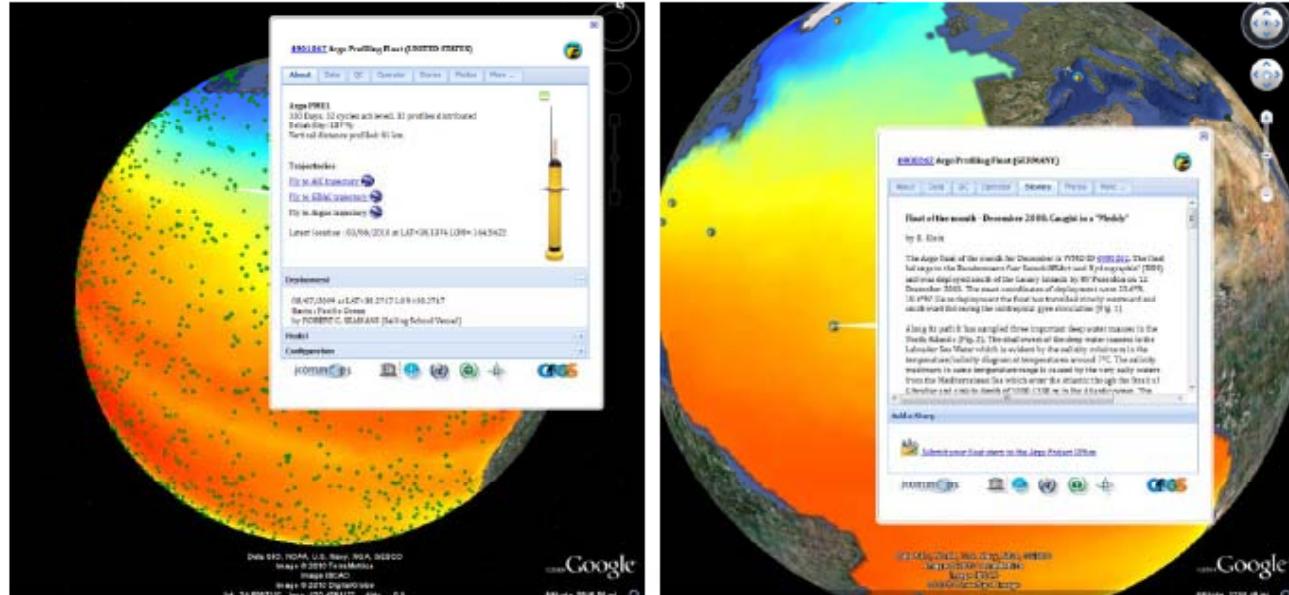
- To be presented to Google when ready, for a potential addition in the Google Ocean content offer
- 2 main elements:
 - Part I) Argo network status (the floats...)
 - Part II) Ocean state as seen by Argo (the products ...)
- All will be regrouped in a package and presented via a « tour »
- Oceanographers will be allowed to tell stories on the floats, ocean, climate, etc, in order to:
 - « humanize » the Argo observing system
 - promote Argo as a pilar of the climate warning system



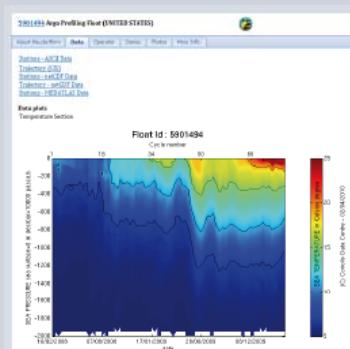
A tool that regroup all info. Available on-line

General info, stats, plots, links, data tools, data (in all formats available), QC tools, Float stories (float of the month, EuroArgo), Photos, promotion for all programs ...

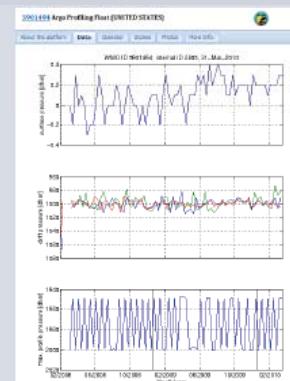
Fleet, Floats, Profiles Overlays



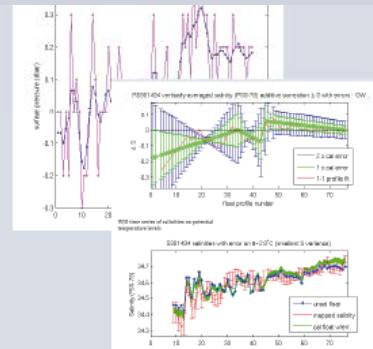
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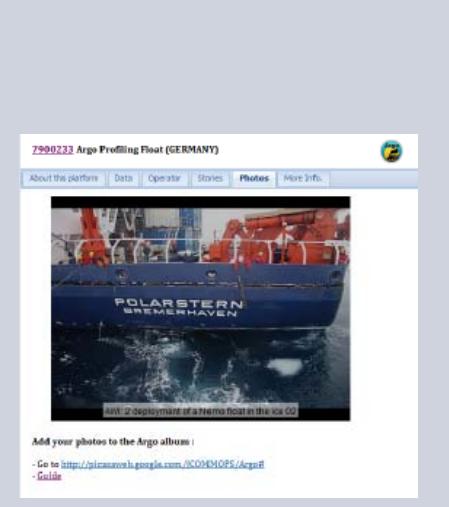
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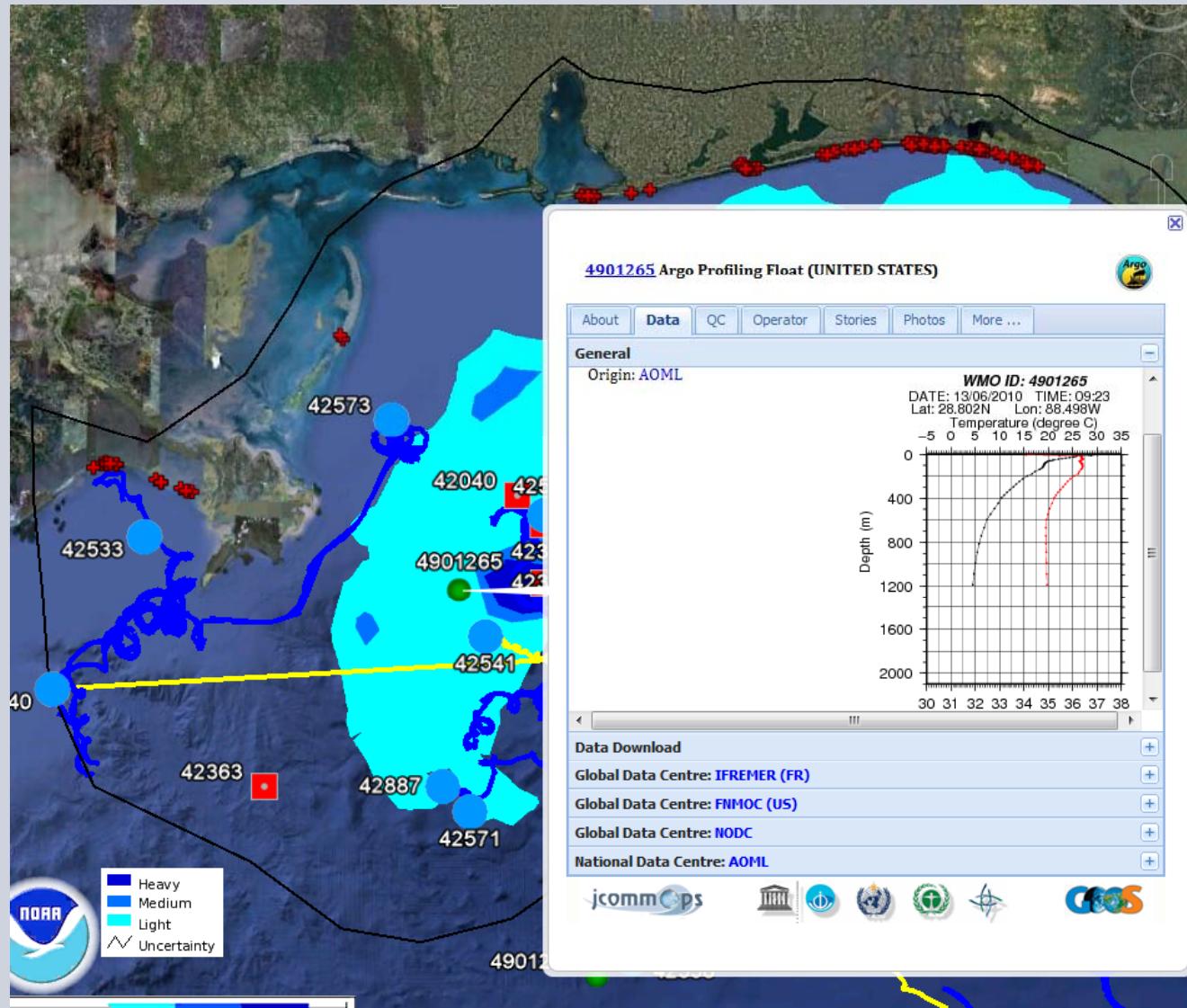
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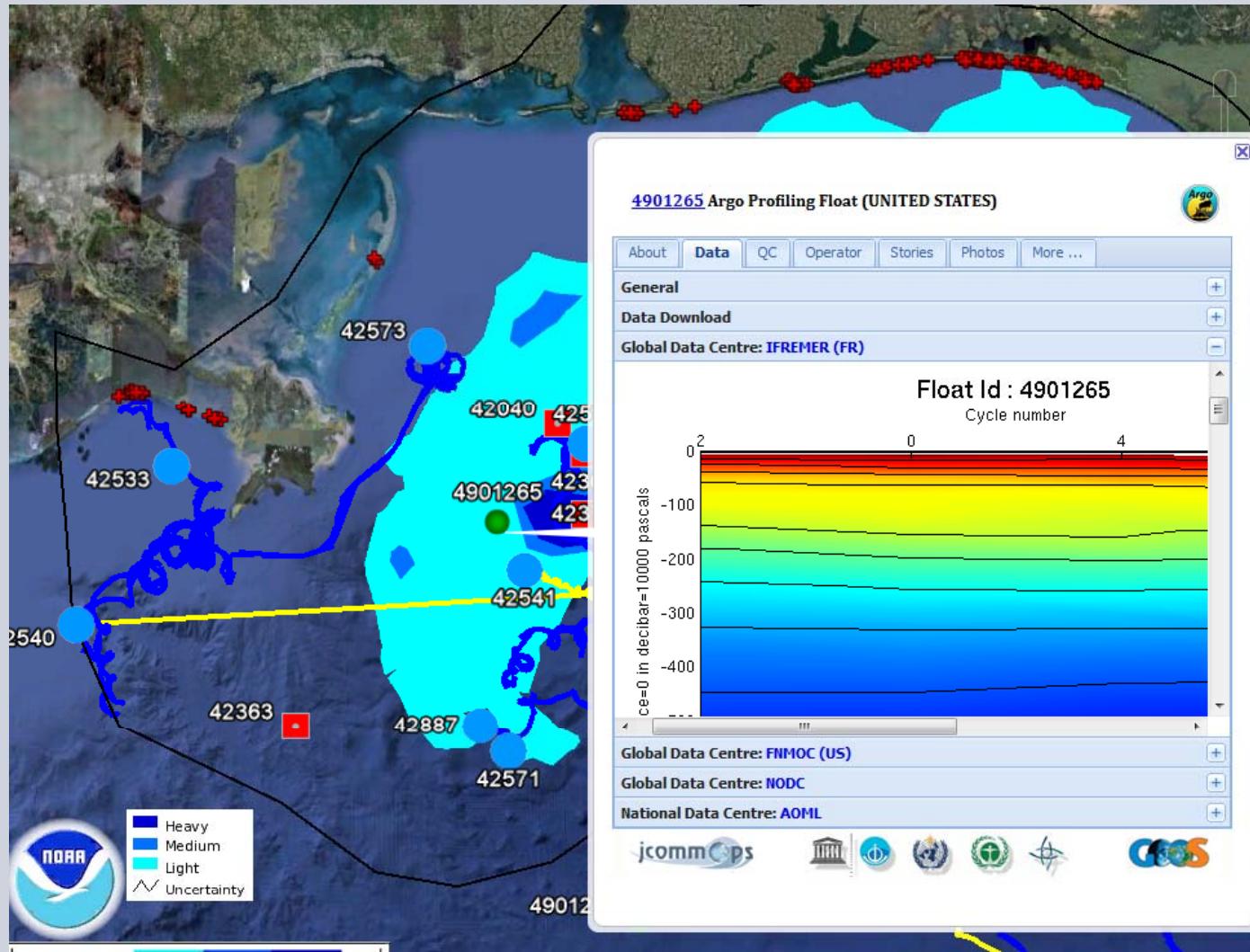


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Add your photos to the Argo album:
- Go to <http://plus.google.com/JCOMMOPS/ArgoF>
- Guide





Conclusion



- We need to discuss International-European cooperation
- Register your planning in advance
- Do not hesitate to ask AIC's help on any issue around Argo
- Send feedback on data quality to AIC for a relay to the community
- Send your webpages, products, stories, etc, so we can share them with the international community.
- support@argo.net

