

Impact of Argo data set on an operational 1/4° global ocean forecasting system.

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- E-AIMS Project
- System and tools
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- Impact of argo data set on the operational system.
- Conclusion and perspectives

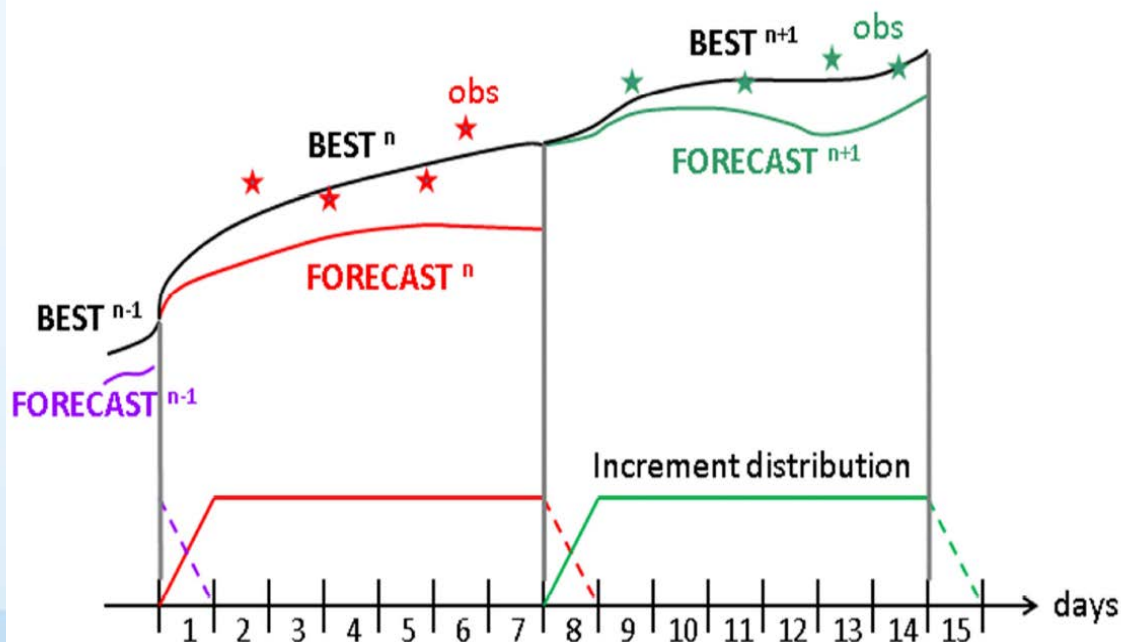
E-AIMS : Euro-Argo Improvements for the GMES Marine Service

WP3 – Task 3.1: analyzing the contribution and impact of Argo observations in the MyOcean global ocean data assimilation system.

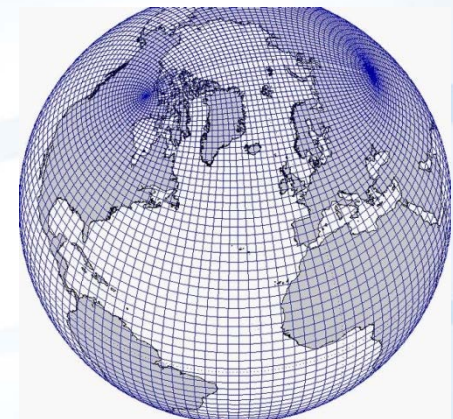
- **Observing System Evaluation – OSE**
 - Evidence of the importance of argo observations for the forecasting systems
- **Observing System Simulation Experiment – OSSE**
 - Analysing the future argo array, and giving recommendation... from an operational forecasting system point of view

Systems and Tools – background information

System	Domain	resolution	model	assimilation	Forcing
PSY3V3R3	Global	¼ degree 50 levels	Grid ORCA025 Ocean : NEMO3.1 Ice : LIM	SAM2 - IAU Datatype : SLA, SST, Insitu	ECMWF 2010



Grille ORCA025

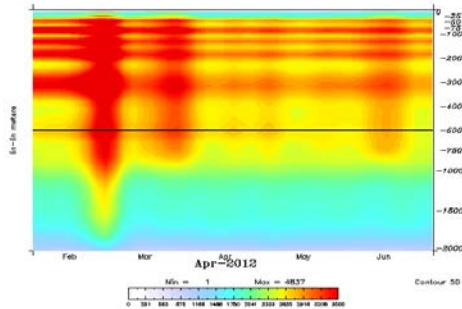


RUN N°	RUN Characteristics	Insitu Data Assimilated by SAM	Insitu data used for diagnostics
RUN1	Operational RUN : The whole Insitu dataset is assimilated	Argo No_argo	Argo No_argo
RUN2	Argo data set is not assimilated	No argo	argo No_argo

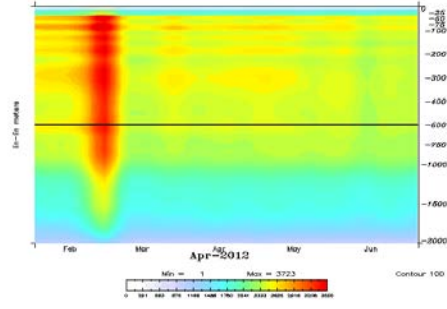
How can we assess the impact of argo in this system ?

- Statistical results – innovation and observations misfit
- Mean values - Temperature and salt in different layers
- Physical process description – convection, overflow, thermocline

global : Temperature Profile Number (region 0)

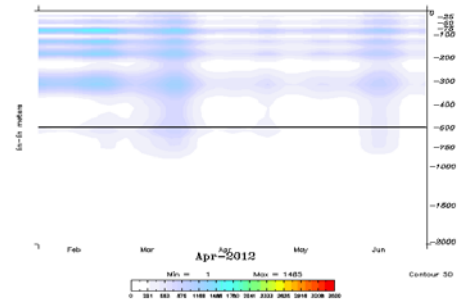


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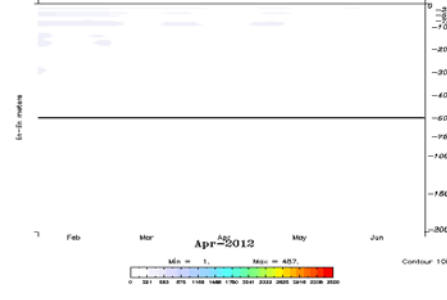


RUN1 Argo

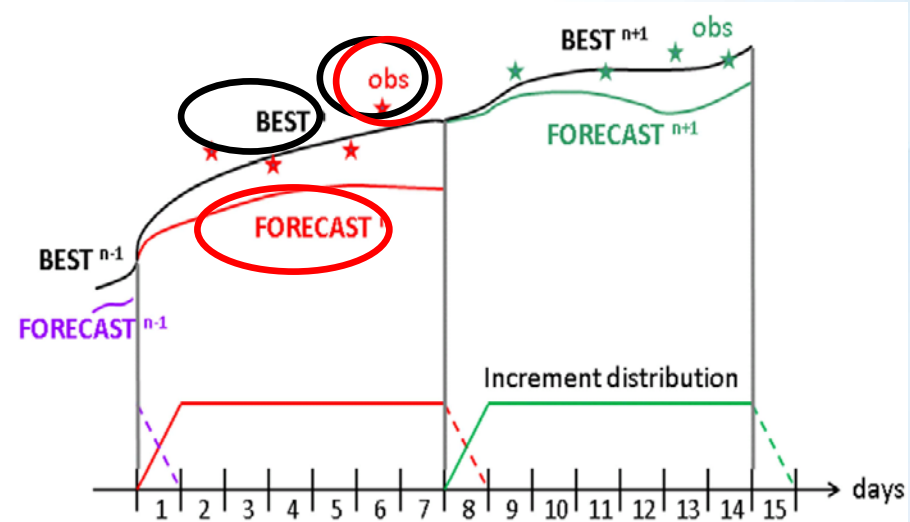
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RUN2 no argo



innovation = obs – model forecast

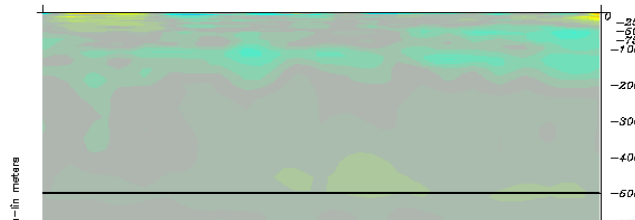
observations misfit = obs – model best

Global Statistics

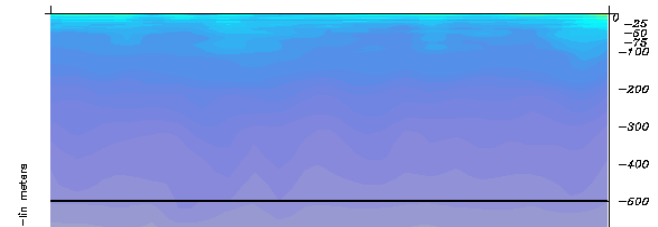
Salinity at use in misfit Series Series

RUN1 argo

global : Salinity Mean Misfit (region 0)



global : Salinity Rms Misfit (region 0)



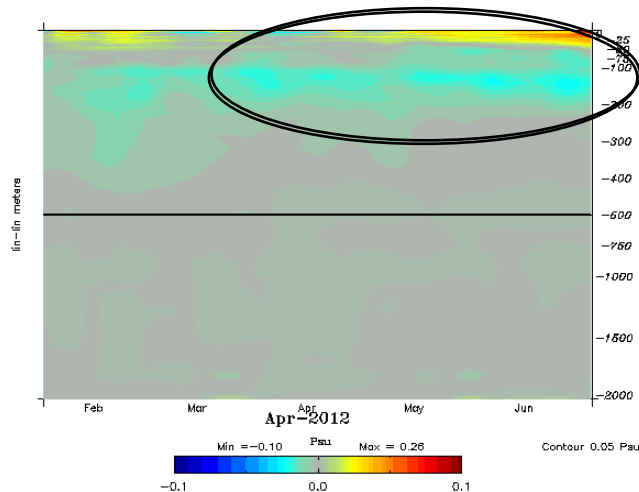
Strong statistical impact in the 0-300m layers of the Ocean

Impact in the 1000 – 2000 m is not significant in terms of statistical misfit

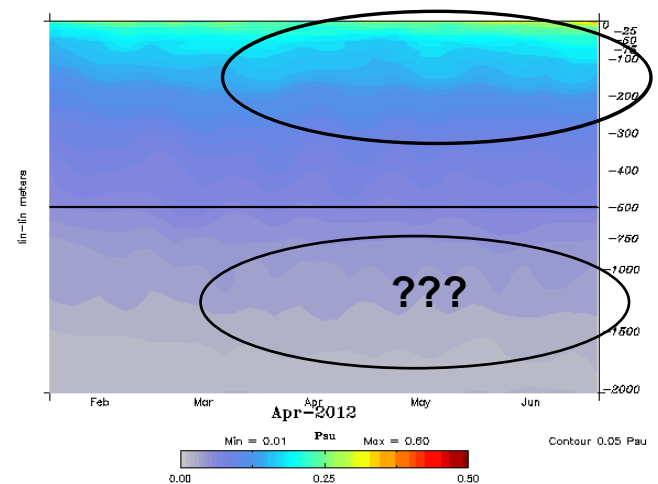
Need more than 6 month to catch the statistical impact in depth

RUN2 no argo

global : Salinity Mean Misfit (region 0)



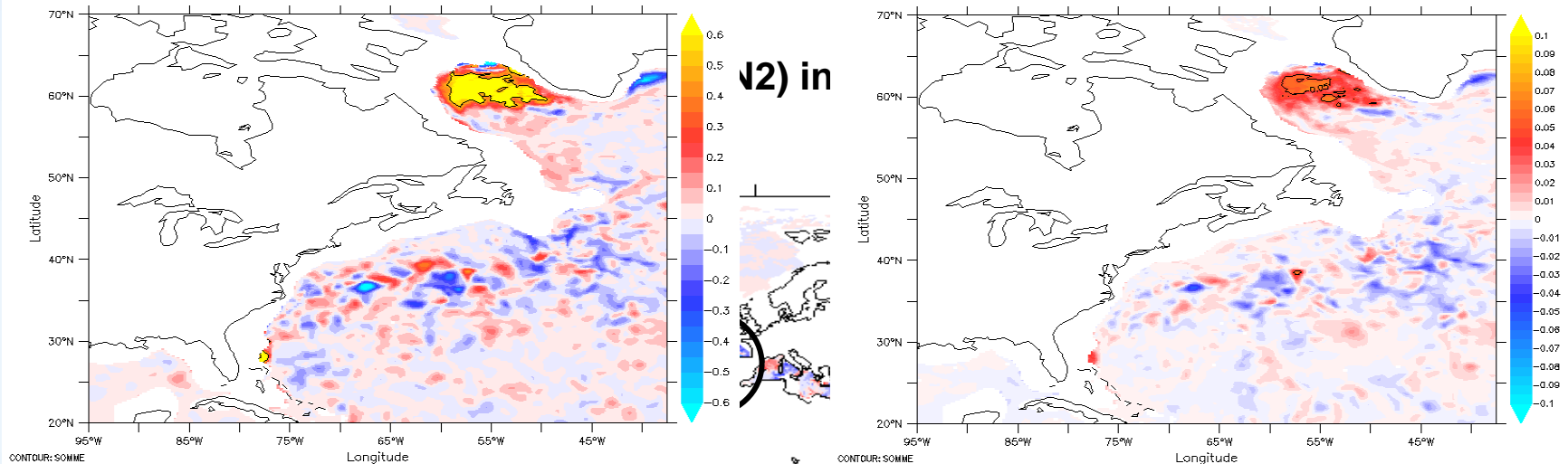
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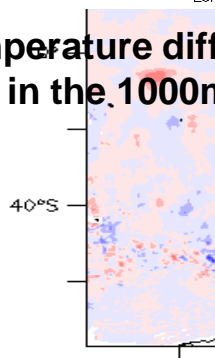
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Mean Value – 1000m:2000m

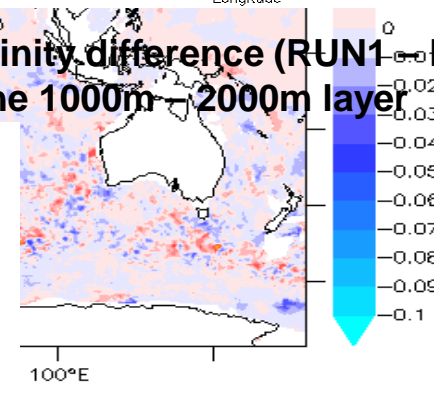
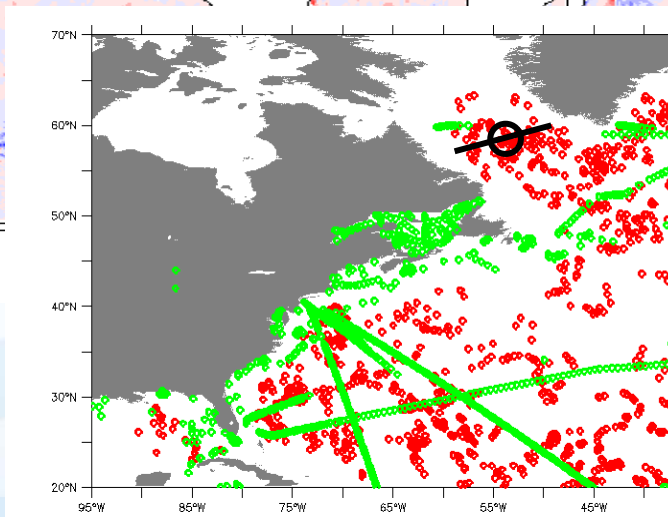


Mean temperature difference (RUN1 – RUN2) in degree in the 1000m – 2000m layer

Mean salinity difference (RUN1 – RUN2) in PSU in the 1000m – 2000m layer



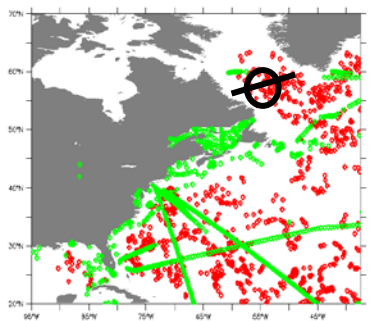
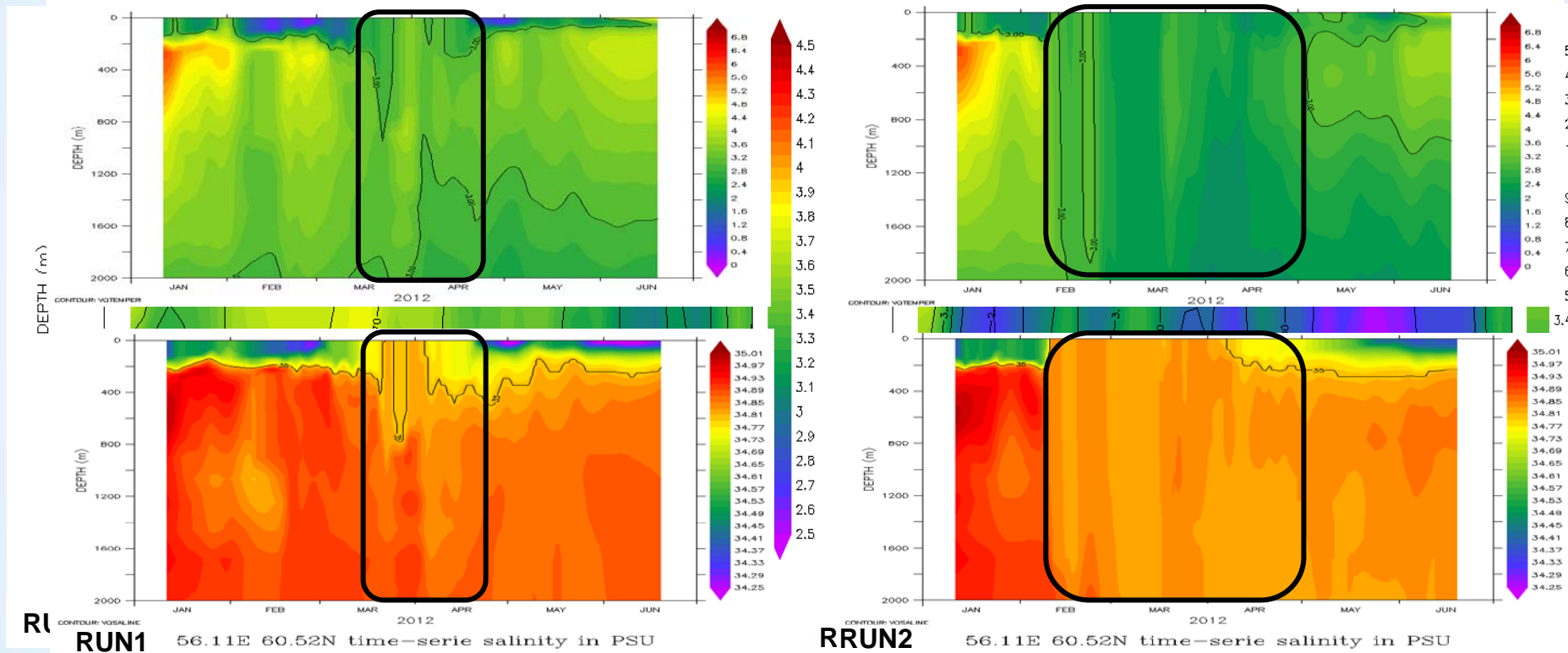
Impact



**the result of temperature data
Cross section and mooring**

Convection and re-stratification

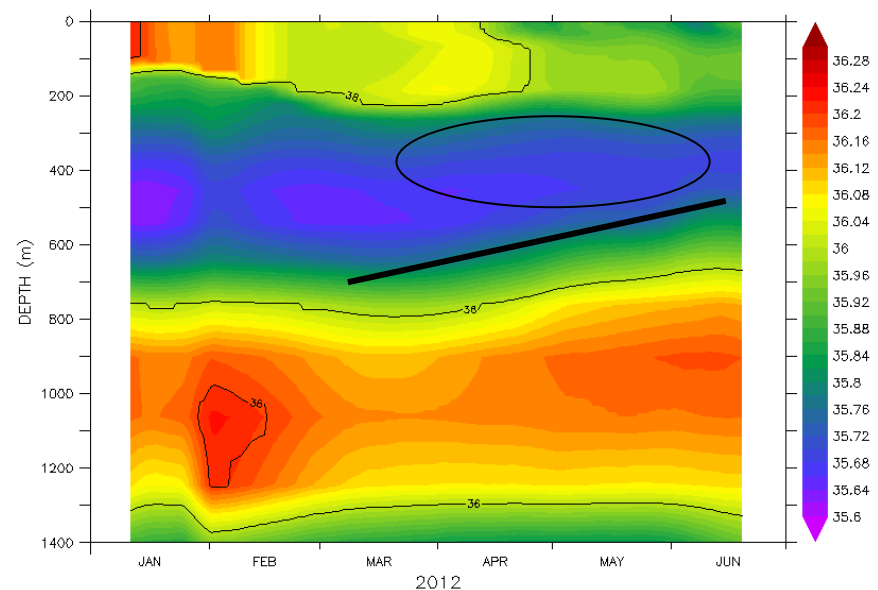
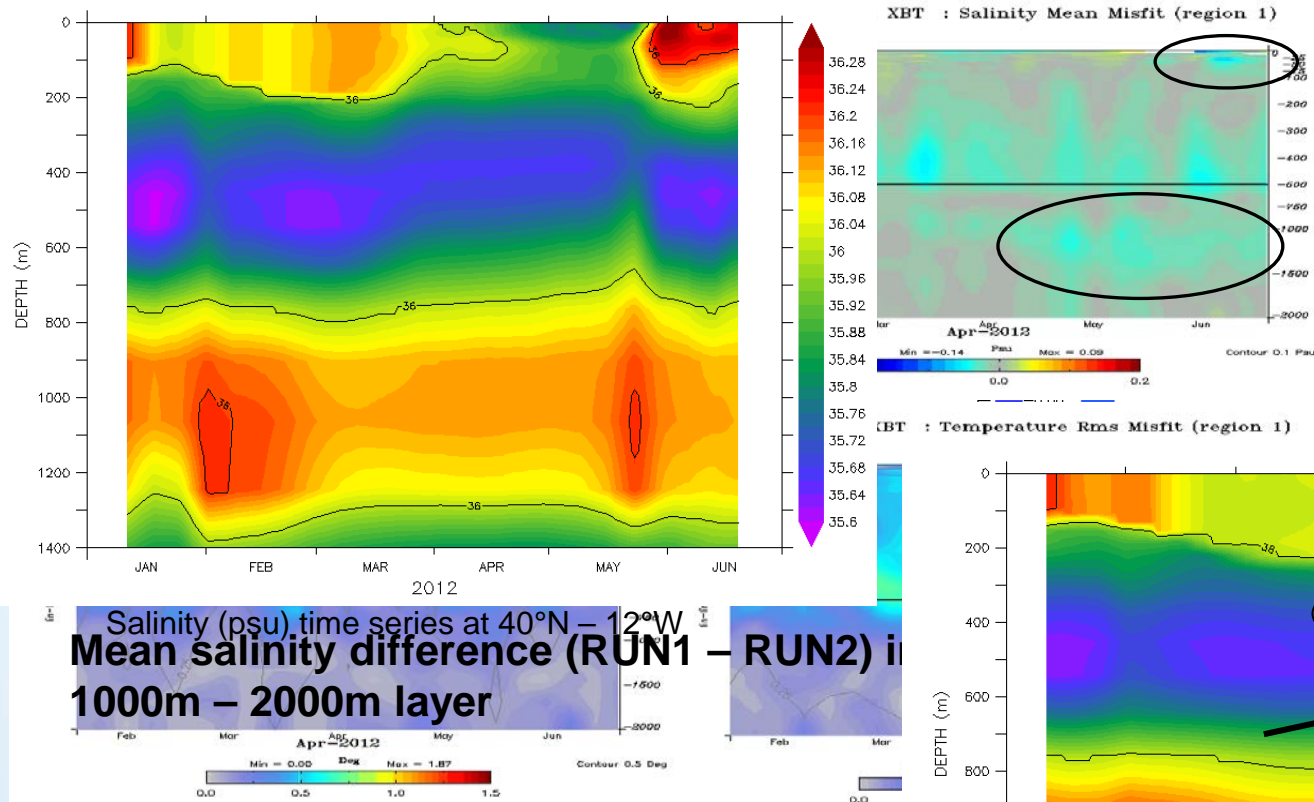
Mapping time series in the Labrador sea during a convection and re-stratification episode



Strong impact of argo assimilation during convection phenomenon

Better modeling of the convection episode and faster restratification of the ocean

Overflow region



Statistical impact in the 1000m – 2000m layer

Importance of argo data in modelling water masses

Trend to get the same results as M. Benkiran

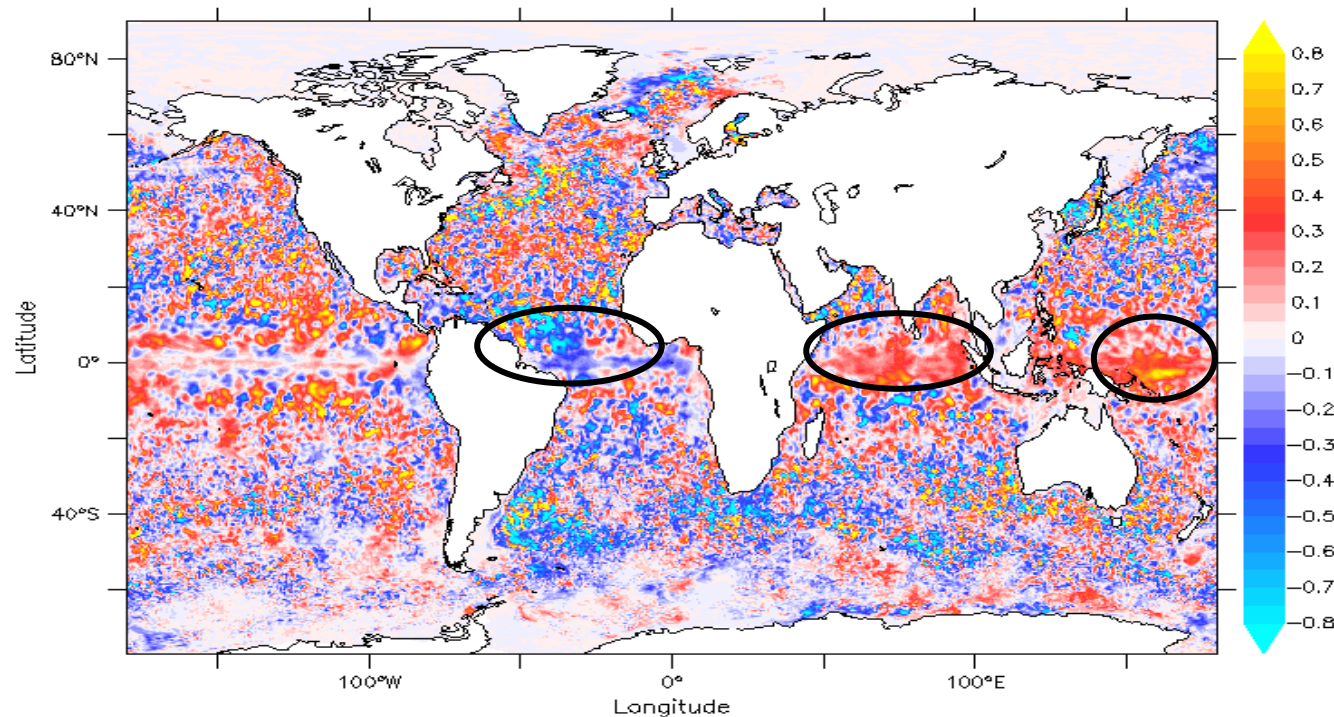
Salinity (psu) time series at 40°N – 12°W

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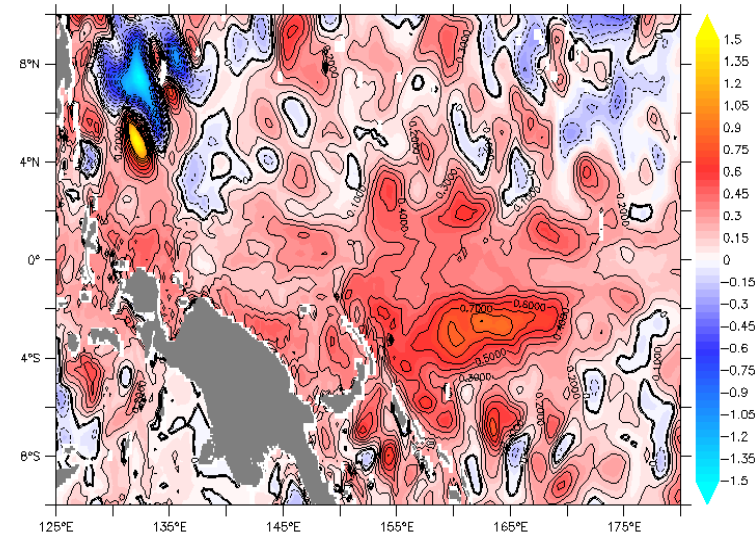
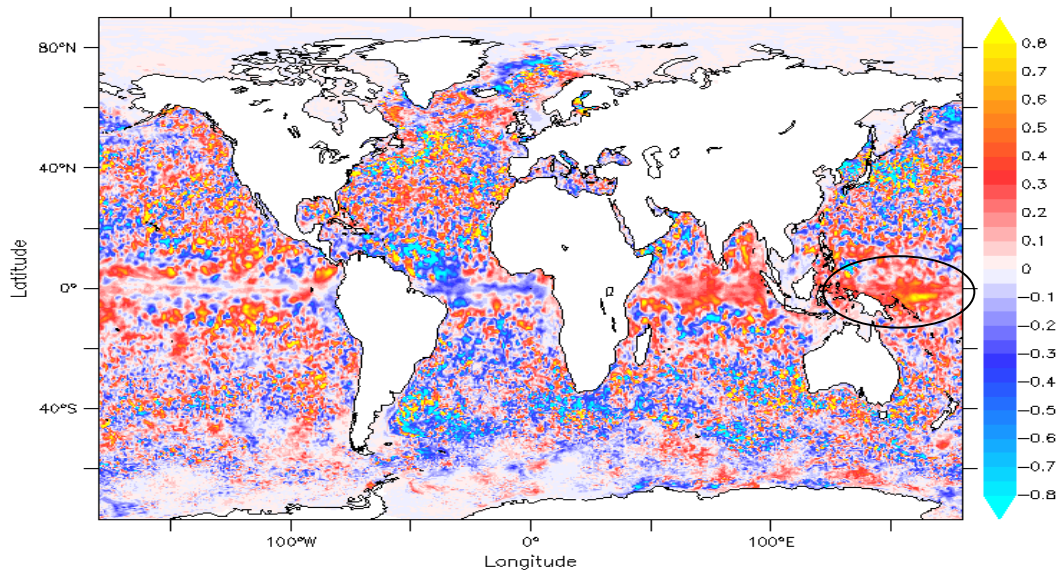
Mean values – 0:300m

Mean temperature difference (RUN1 – RUN2) in the 0m – 300m layer



Impact around the equator - Same results for salinity

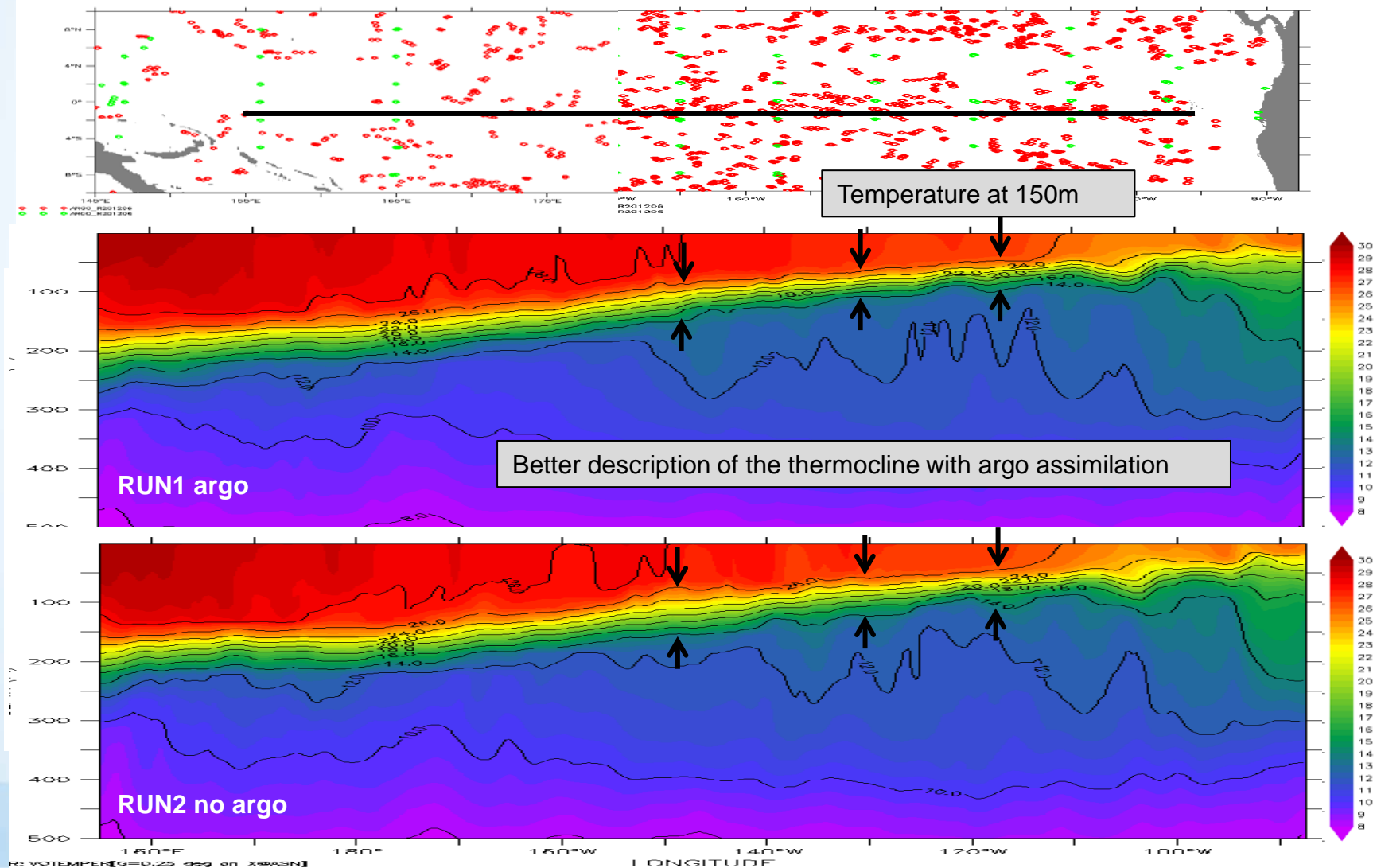
West Pacific Warm Pool



Mean temperature difference (RUN1 – RUN2) in celsius degrees in the 0m – 300m layer

Pacific Ocean Warm Pool

Cross section at 2.55 South



Conclusion and perspectives

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- Mean and RMS misfit in temperature and salinity are improved by argo assimilation
- Low statistical impact under 1000m in a global point of view
- One year of simulation is probably needed to fully assess the impact of argo in a global 1/4th degree system
- Better modeling of ocean water masses
 - overflow (mediterranean water, red sea water)
 - convection and restratification (labrador sea)
 - Thickness of the thermocline

Perspectives and questions

- Complementarity between SLA and argo?
- OSSE
- E-AIMS : What kind of results is needed to prepare and improve the future of euro-argo?