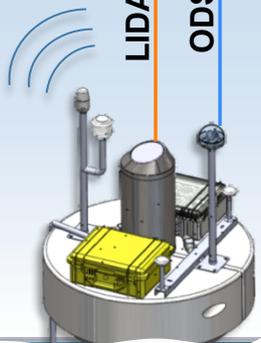


# ARGO Floats in the Arctic: Contribution of the IAOS project

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LIDAR

ODS

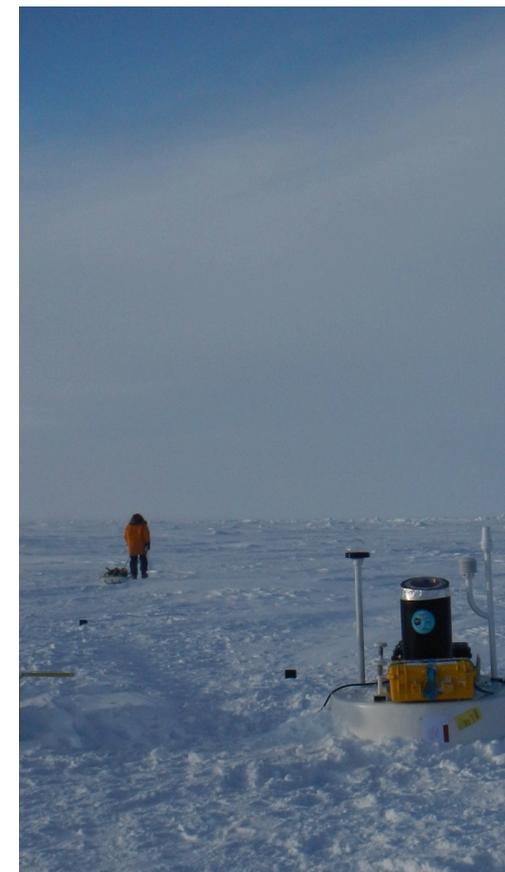
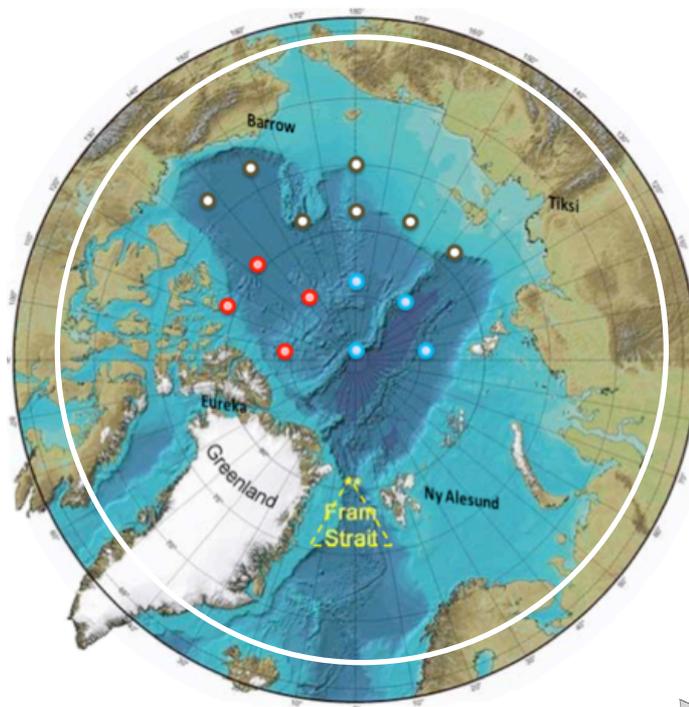


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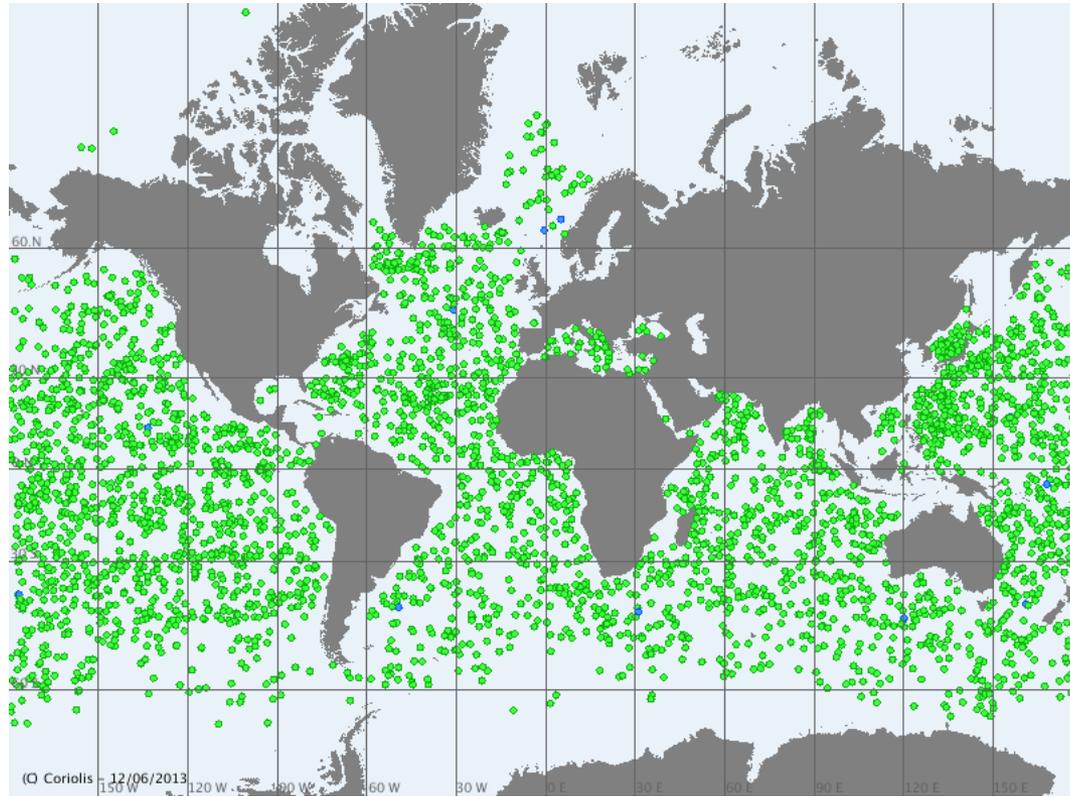
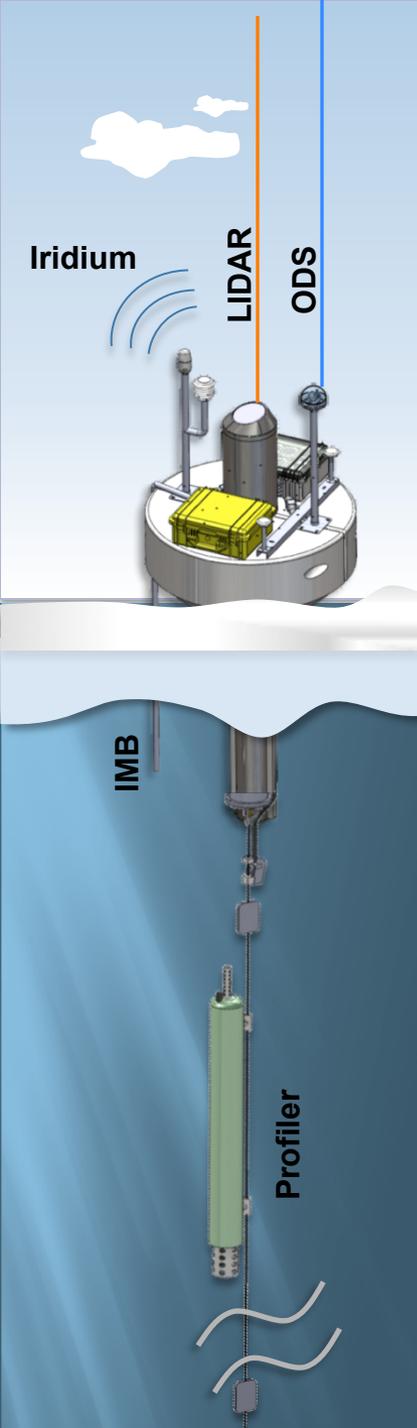
Profiler



Euroargo - June 2013



# ARGO



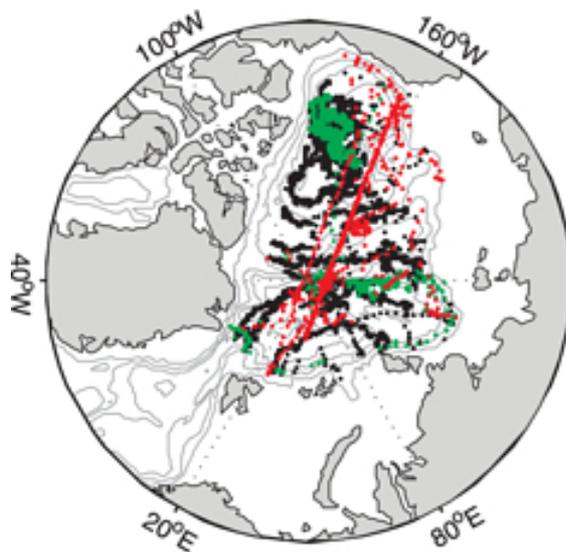
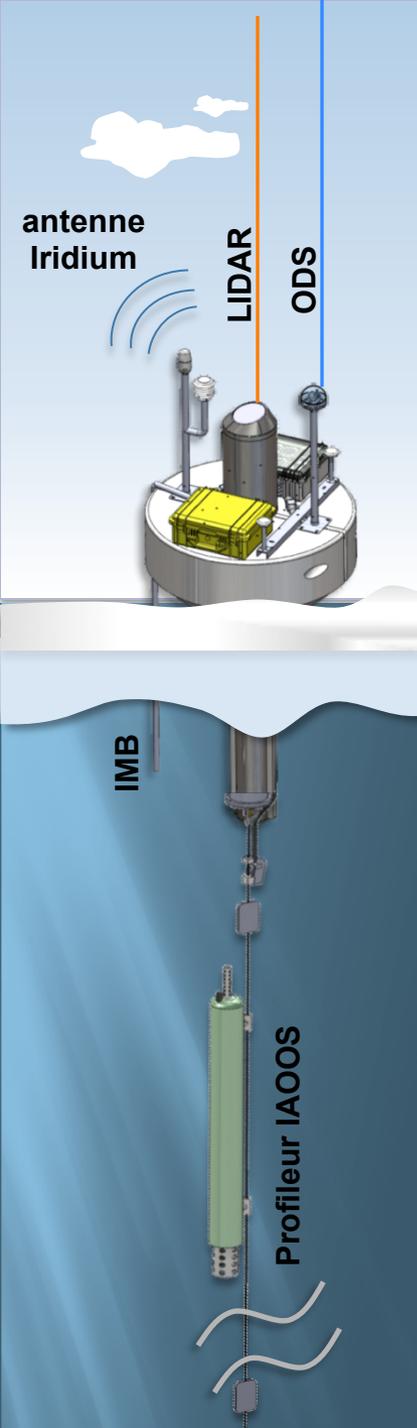
**T, S profiles Last 30 days** source: Coriolis  
**3000 floats 1 profile/ 10 days**



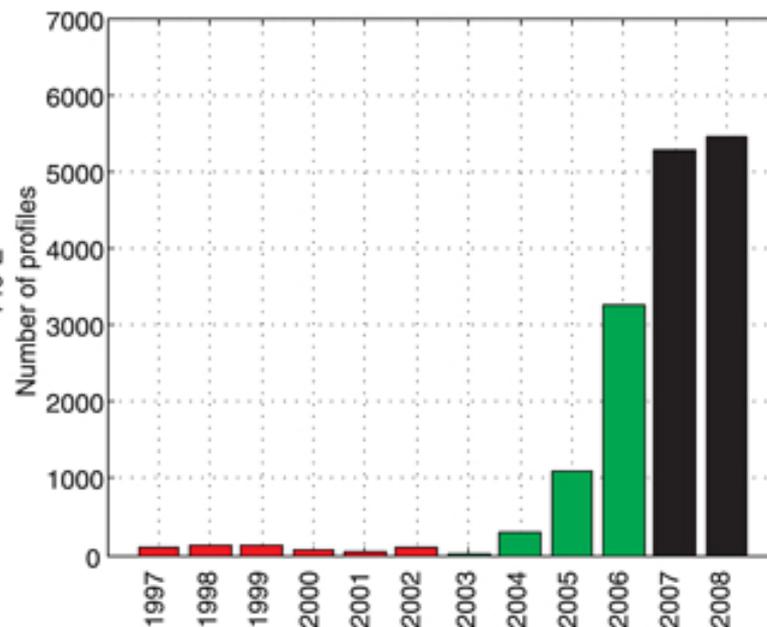
# OCEAN

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Arctic ocean ice-covered – at least half of the year  
solution ITP Ice Tethered Platform  
Big success IPY, EU Damocles...

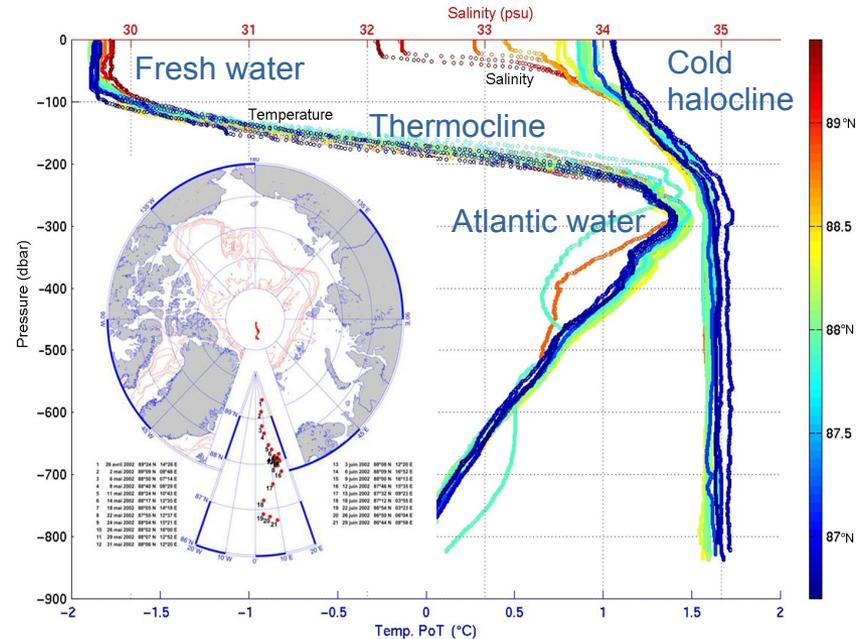
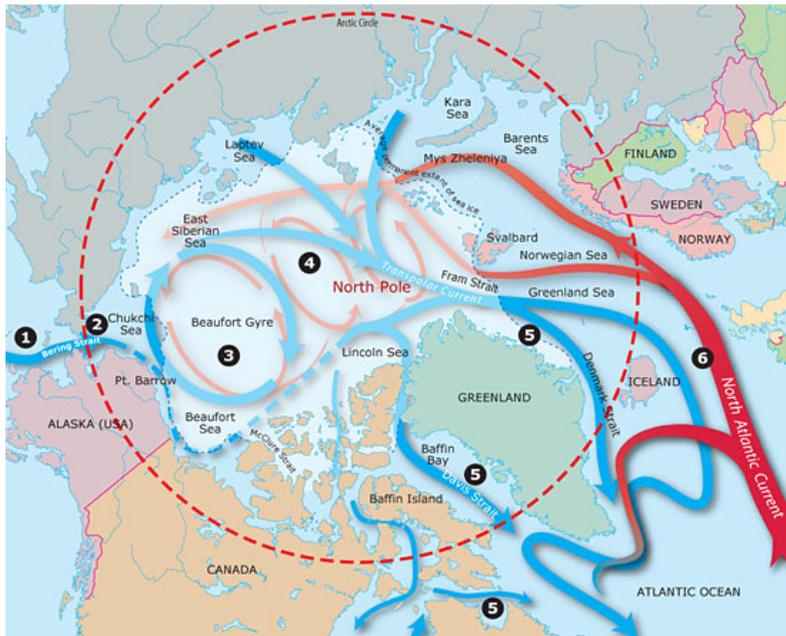


T S profiles spatial distribution



number of profiles per year

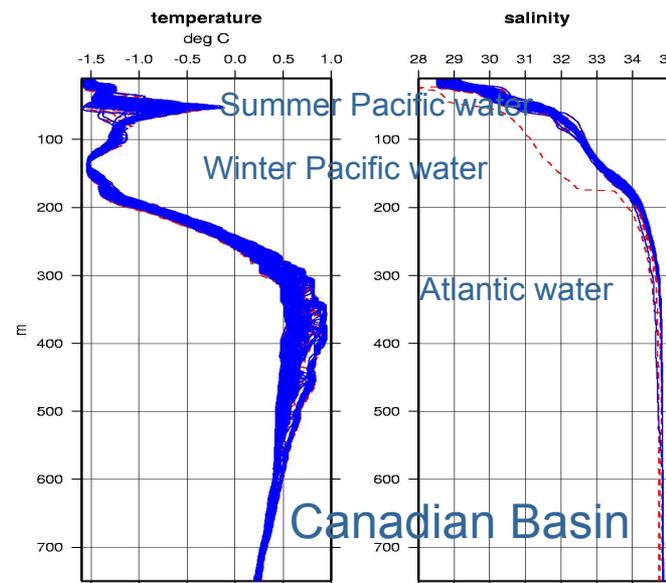
Bourgain and Gascard, 2012



Circulation in the Arctic ocean  
(WHOI site)

Water mass distribution

Ocean – heat content  
Stratification : halocline  
Fresh water content



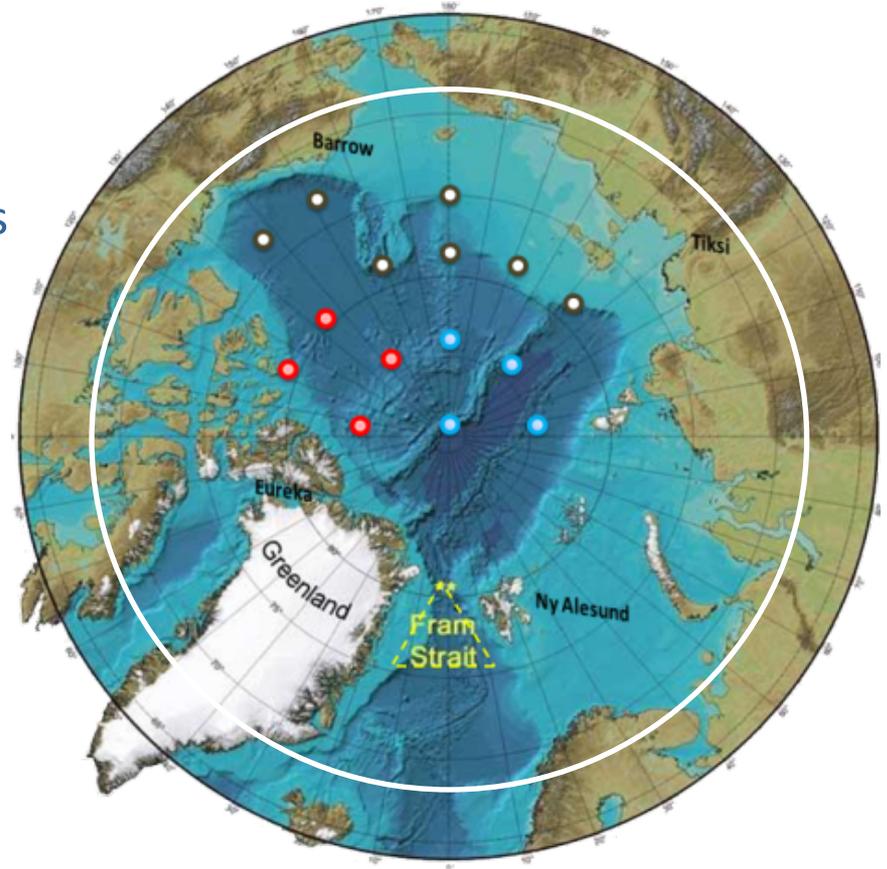
*Damocles*

# IAOOS project: Ice Atmosphere Ocean Observing System

9 year project : Feb 2011- Dec 2019

→ Deploy and maintain an integrated observing system providing simultaneous observations of the ocean, ice and lower atmosphere in real time in the Arctic

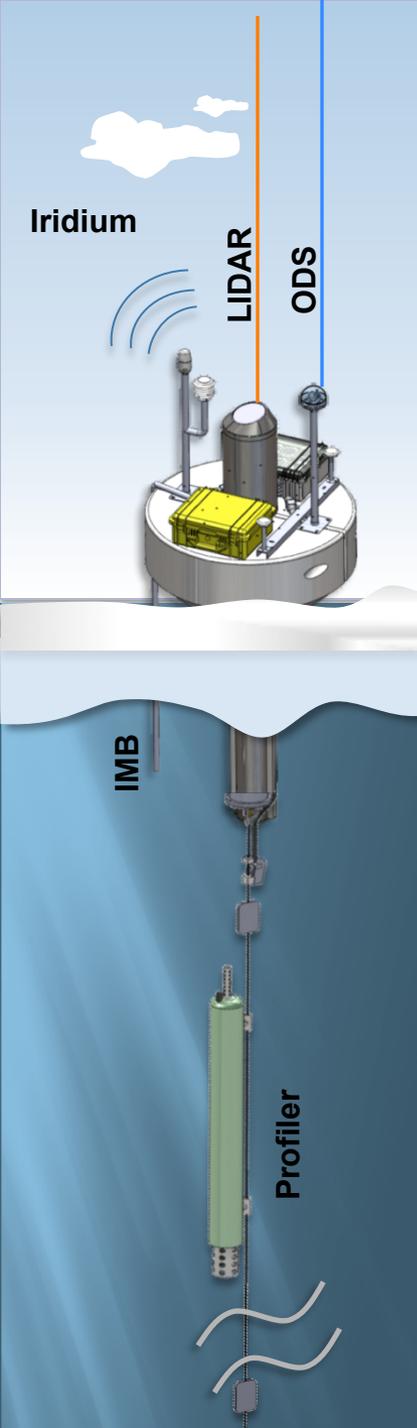
- Complementary to satellite observations
- Better understanding of interactions
- feed operational models
- Improve predicting capabilities



**IAOOS**

Ice - Atmosphere - Arctic Ocean Observing System





**Observing system** : array of 15 autonomous drifting platforms ocean ice atmosphere operating during 5 years.

Autonomy : 2 years

>>> total 40 platforms.

≠ maturity instruments

**Ocean ice** : *improve reliability (LOCEAN)*

- \* ice :IMB from SAMS string of thermistors and heaters 5 m
- Ocean profiler: 7 – 800m NKE

**Atmosphere** ( development) (LATMOS J. Pelon)

- Microlidars - T, conso, f optical window
- ODS Optical depth sensor

**Integration** (DT-INSU M. Calzas)

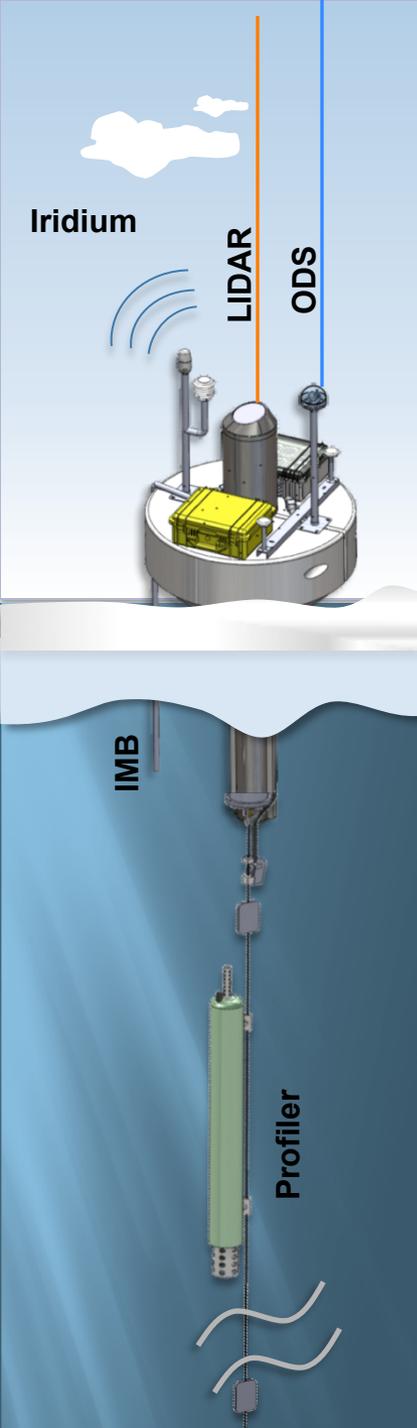
communication- reception – data centres(IPEV & ICARE)

<http://www.iaos-equipex.upmc.fr/>



**IAOOS**

Ice - Atmosphere - Arctic Ocean Observing System



- **Ice and ocean measurements :**

building upon technological developments and experience

acquired during the 4th IPY, EU project Damocles, EU-project ACOBAR :

- Ice Mass Balance: IMB- **SAMS**

6 m long chain- thermistors and heaters- 2 cm resolution  
(air, snow, ice, upper ocean)

- Ocean profilers: 7 - 800m **NKE**

Argo technology

**Specific developments for IAOS:**

- thinner tube wall (> more batteries)
- frictionless gliding system
- Communication with surface buoy through inductive link- Rudics
- HF (1 to 2 profiles / day)
- autonomy

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**IAOOS**

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## **Planning** : technological development (3 years)- array deployment.2014

**2012:** - 1 ocean platform (acoustic: ACOBAR)- ice deployed in April at the North Pole, retrieved in October Fram Strait 6 month drift.

- IAOOS profiler specifications – Negotiation with NKE  
2 prototypes + 13 profilers/ year during 3 years

**2013:** -2 prototypes profilers (mars, mai) (tested Ifremer pool, water-filled quarry)

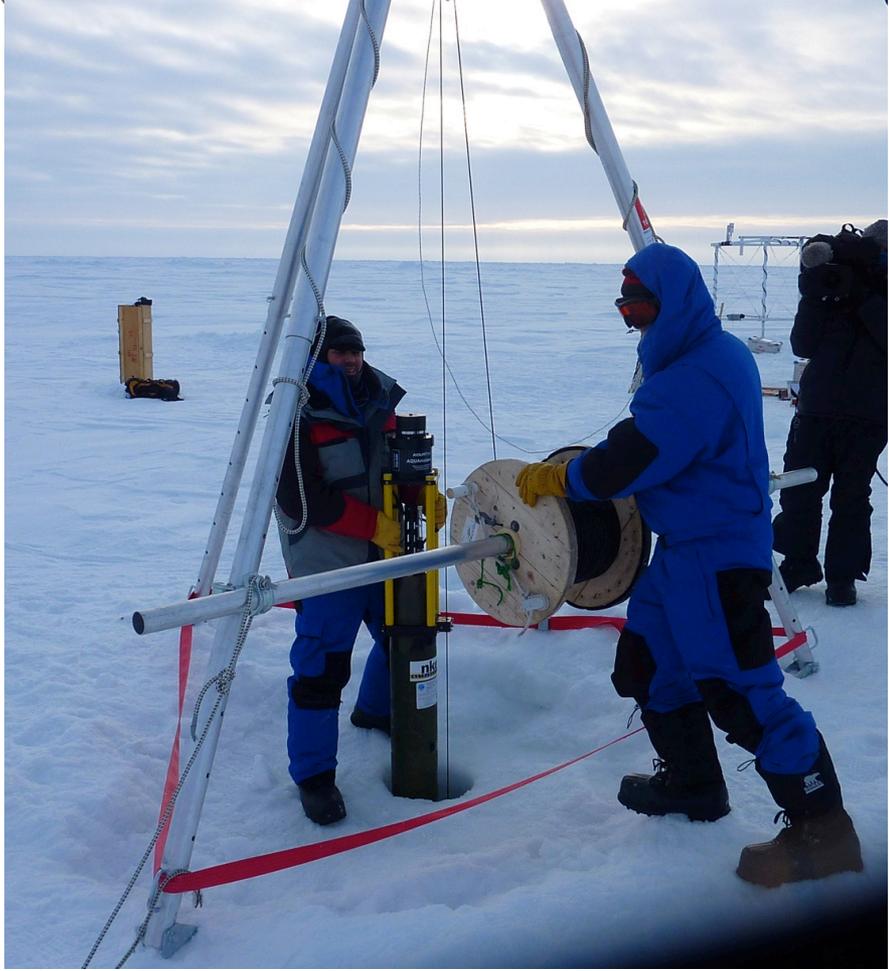
- 3 platforms installed at the North Pole in April 2013 (2 ACOBAR, 1 IAOOS)

- Recovery cruise in Fram Strait in September KV Svalbard.

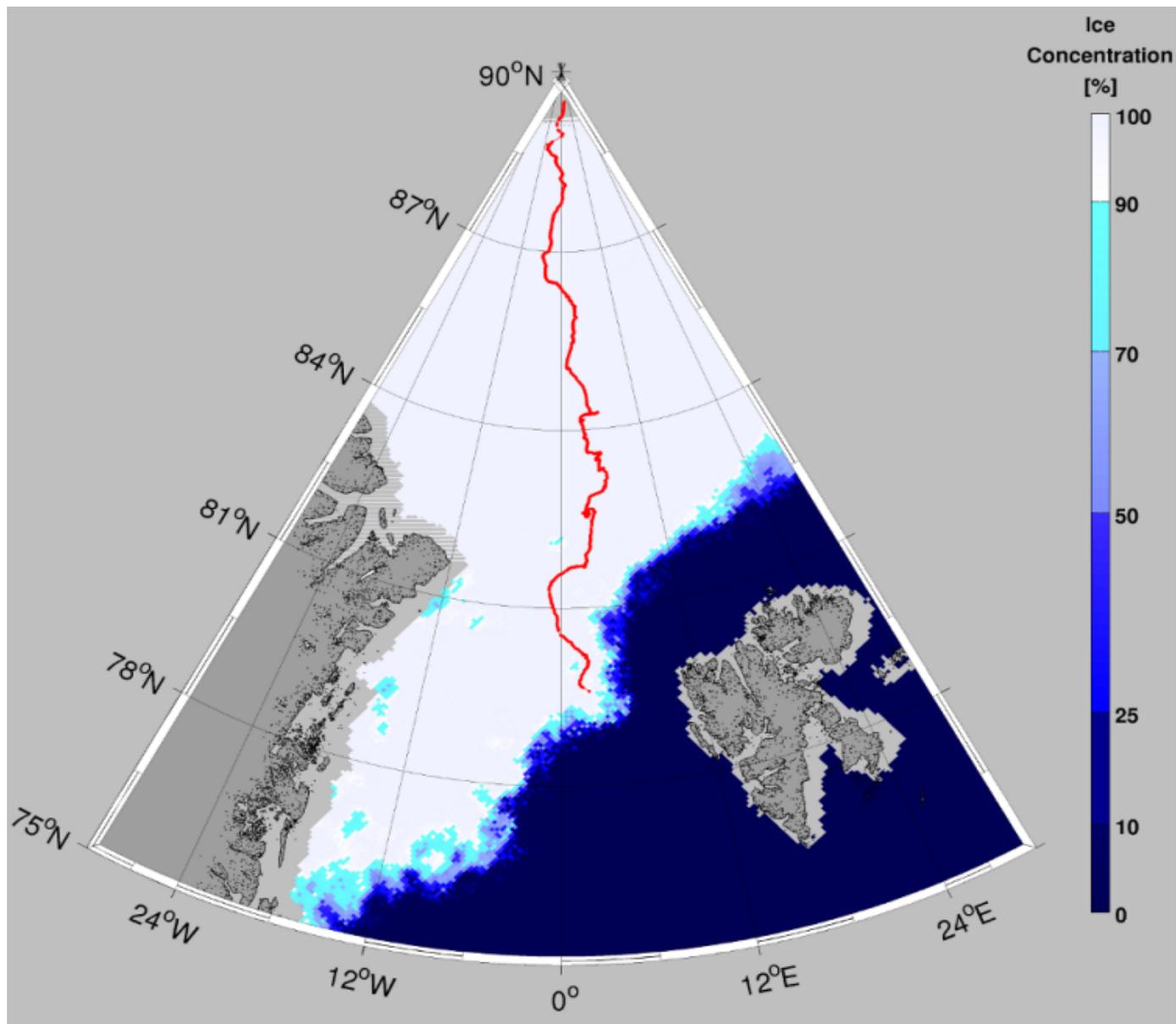
**collaboration LOCEAN, DT- INSU Brest, IPEV, NKE**

# April 2012: - IAOOS/ACOBAR

Ocean—ice platform deployed at the North Pole (temporary russian base Barneo)

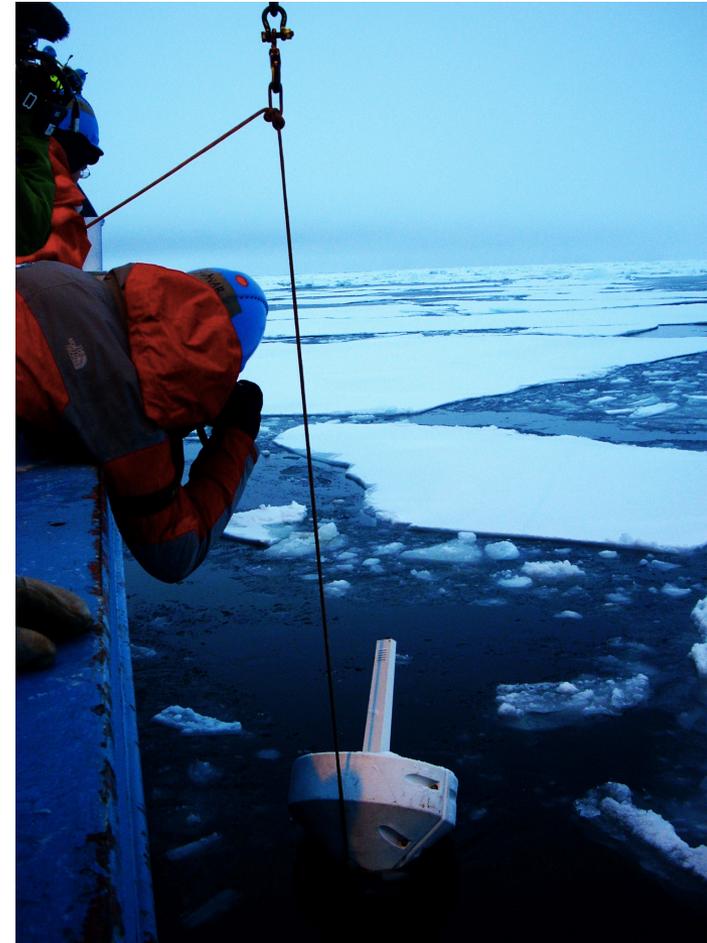


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**6-month drift - 1100 km – Fram Strait RV Lance**

**Fram Strait  
Octobre 2012  
RV Lance**

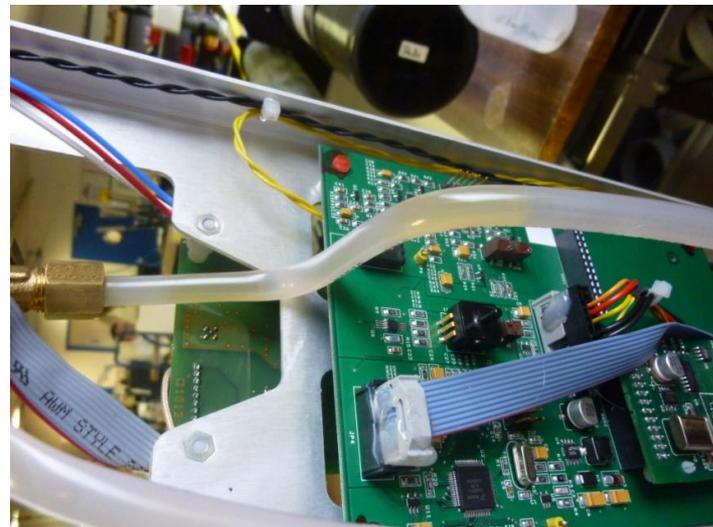




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- Dead batteries after 55 days. Why?
- Holes in the external bladder



Why holes?  
Protected bladder

After investigations:  
talc, mold

>> improving float reliability



( communication pb)

Platform retrieved >> data retrieved

Profiler worked properly until battery death 55 days - 39 profiles

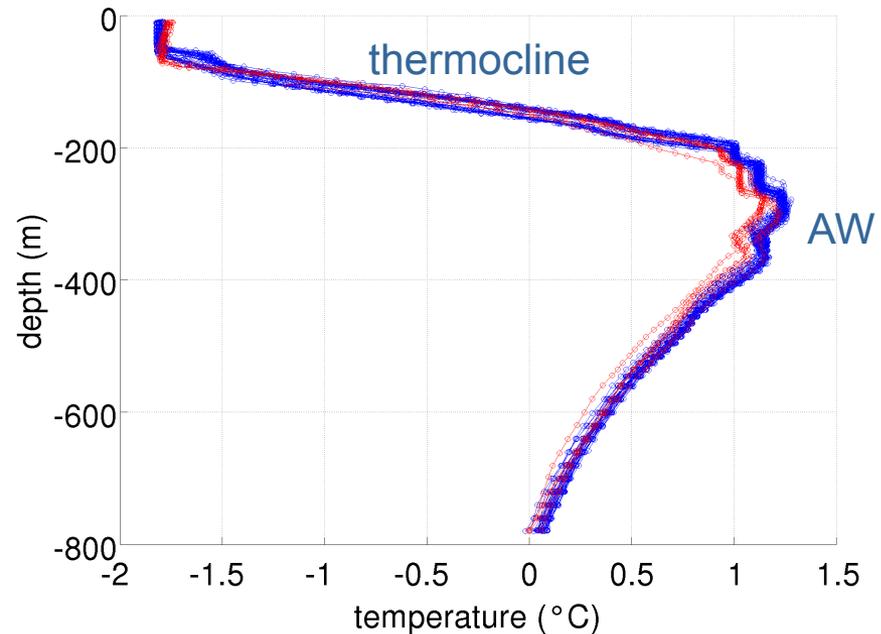
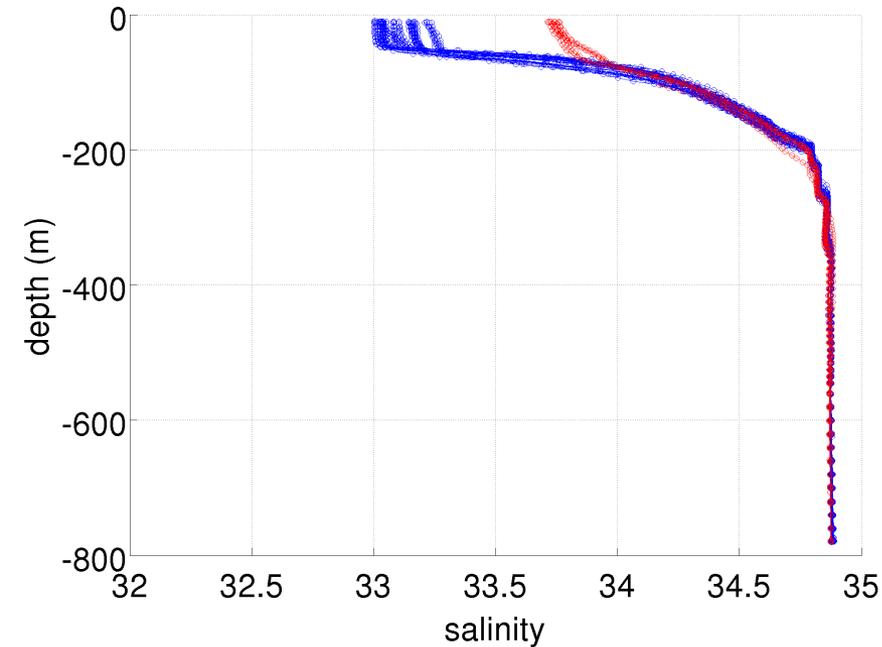
Salinity

Temperature

Salinity front

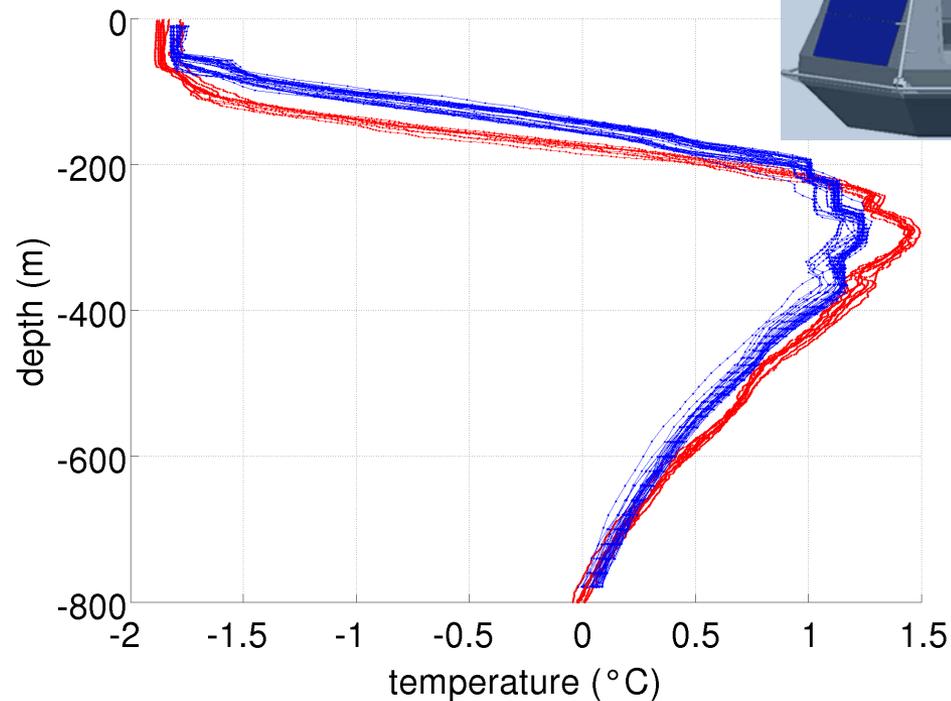
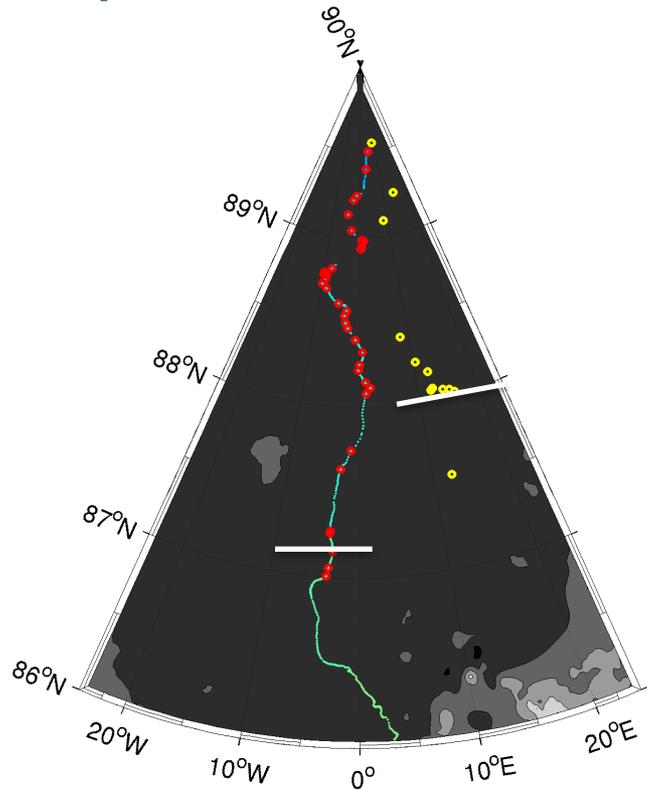
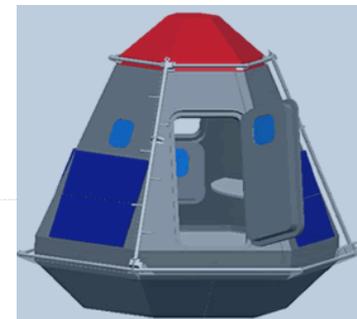
thermocline

AW



**39 profiles:** red profiles to the south of the surface salinity front (87.2°N)  
halocline -thermocline  
Atlantic water AW

# Comparison to Polar Observer data JL Etienne 2002



yellow: profiles Apr- May 2012  
red: profiles Apr-May 2002  
white: surface salinity front

Temperature red: 2002 blue: 2012

## Changements observés:

- ◆ surface salinity front moved to the south
- ◆ 2012 thermocline closer to the surface
- ◆ Colder Atlantic Water (-0.3°C)

- **Barneo 2013**

- 2 ACOBAR platforms 10 km apart initially

- 1 IAOOS (ice – ocean - atmospheric structure)

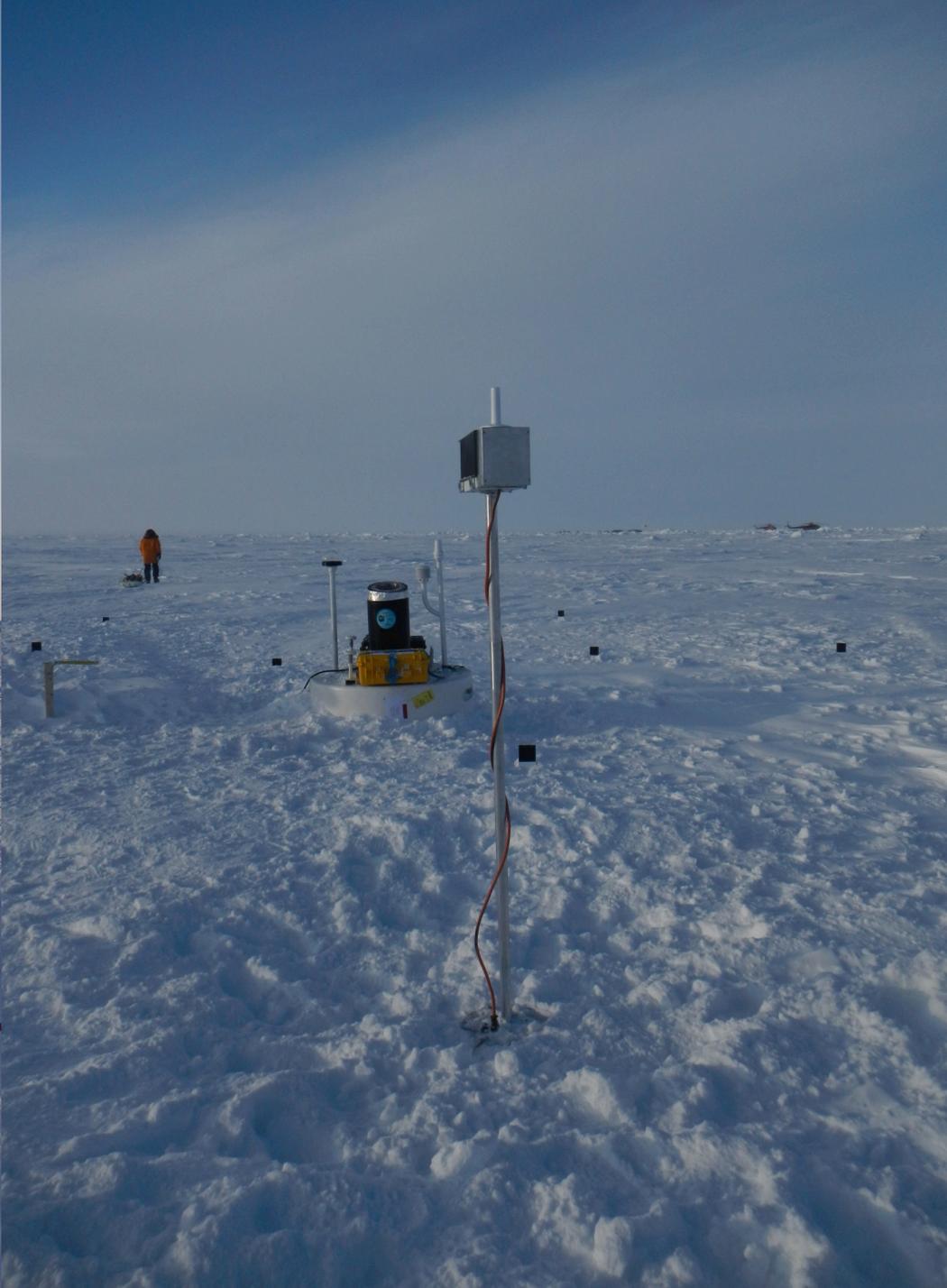
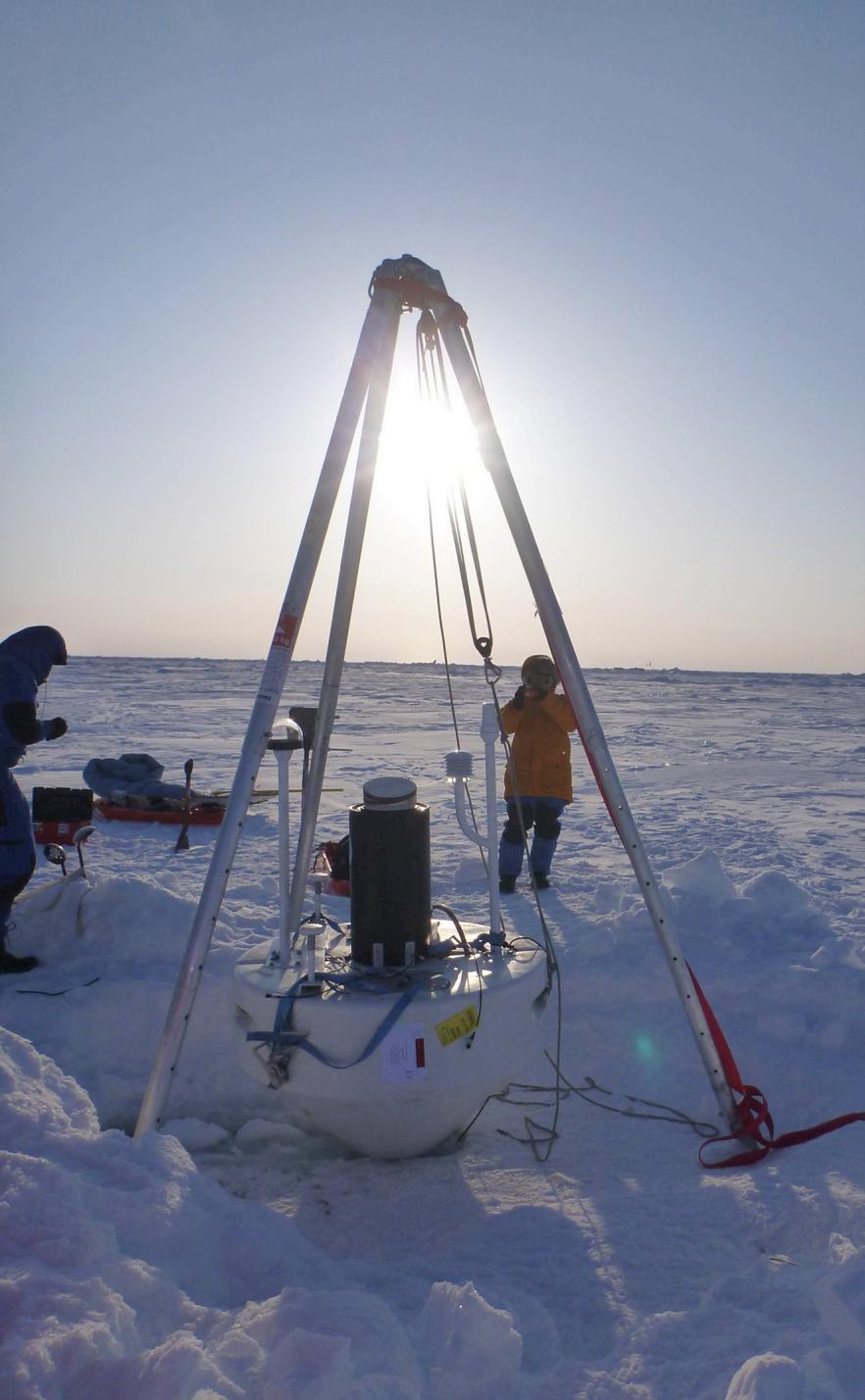
CTD-DO high resolution in the vertical (5 layers) - 2 profiles per day

Time-lapse camera to observe Lidar & ODS optical windows +  
environnement



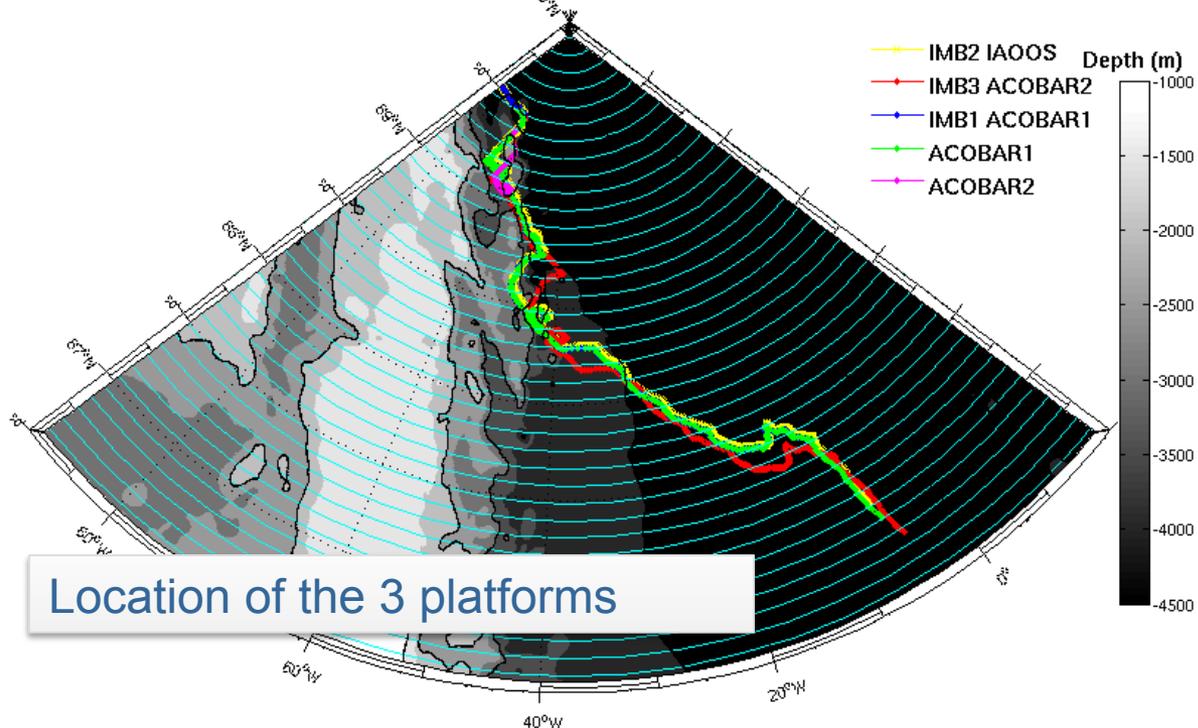
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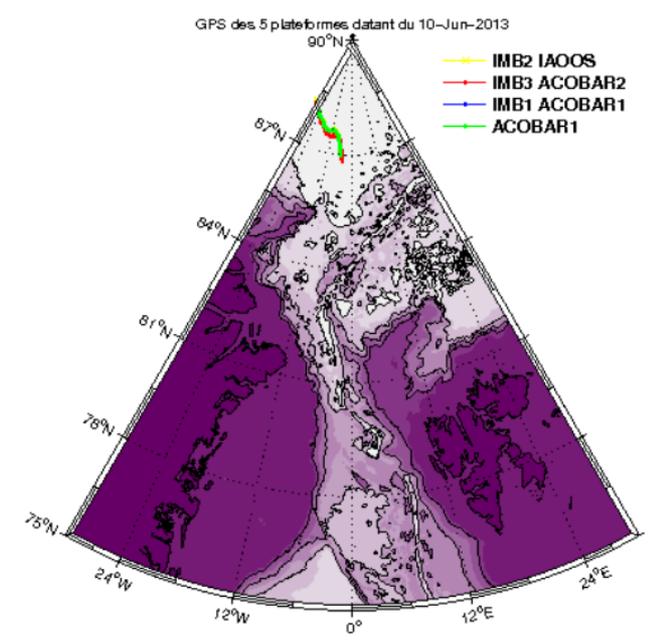




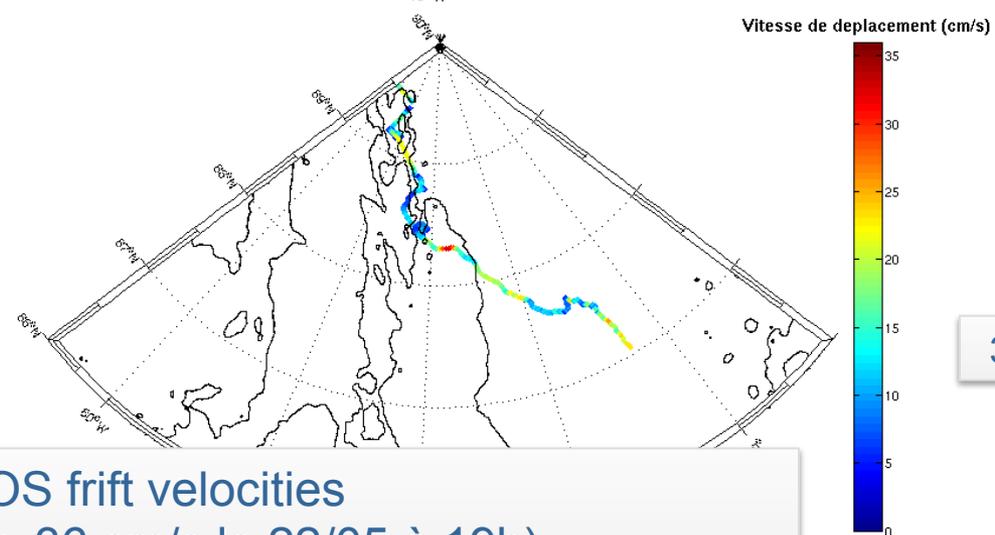
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Location of the 3 platforms



3 platforms with Fram Strait in sight...



IAOOS drift velocities  
(max 36 cm/s le 22/05 à 19h)

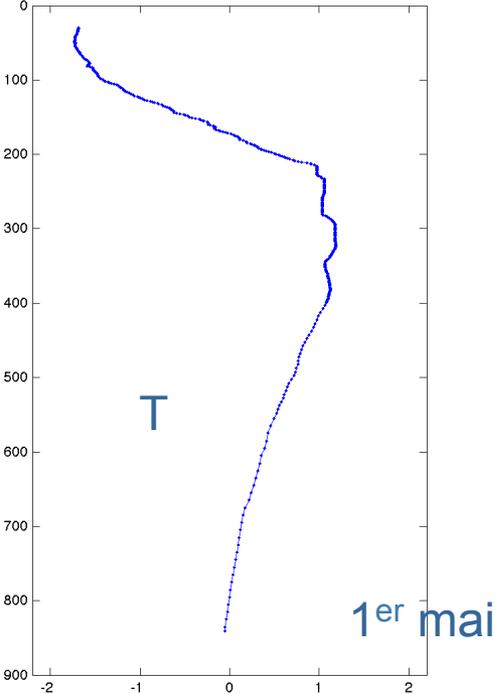
- Number of pump actions per profile :  
IAOOS < 15      Acobar 1 = 26

Acobar 2 = 30

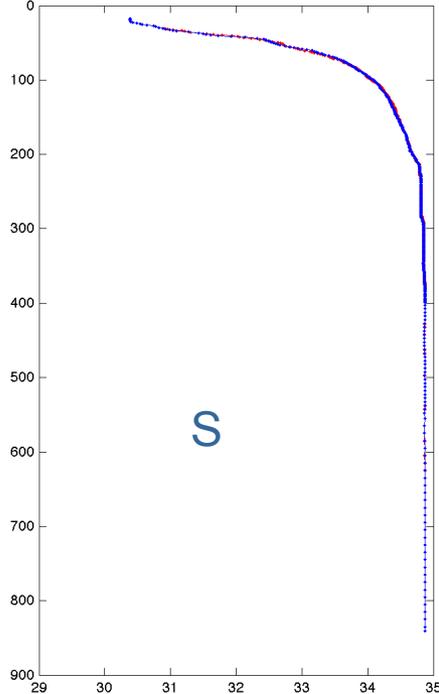
- ACOBAR: 1 profile 36 h, T et S 100 points

- IAOOS : T, S, DO, 2 profiles /24 h, vertical resolution T, S, DO 450 points

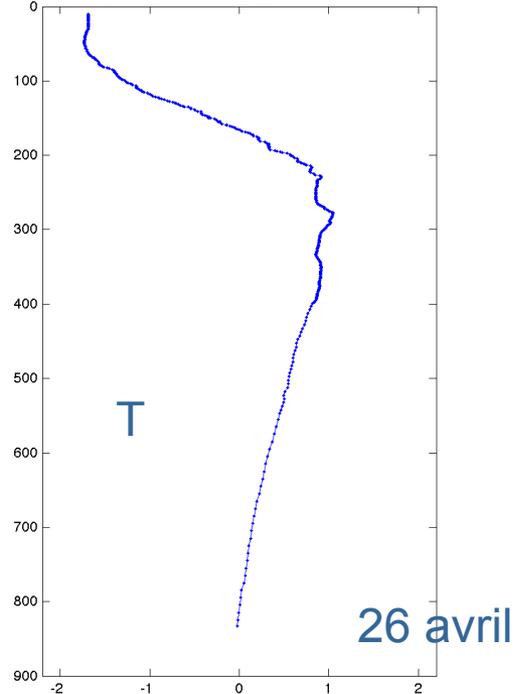
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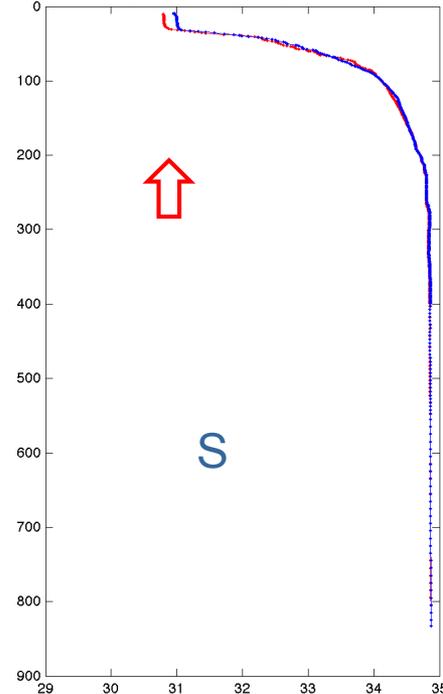
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red: morning, blue afternoon

DO not calibrated yet (help coll Virginie Thierry)

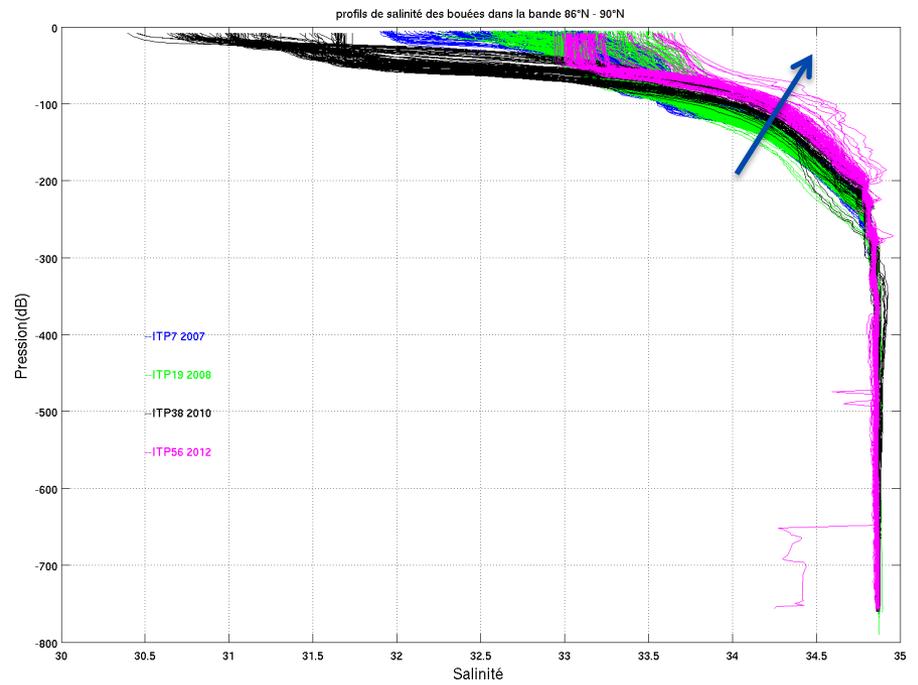
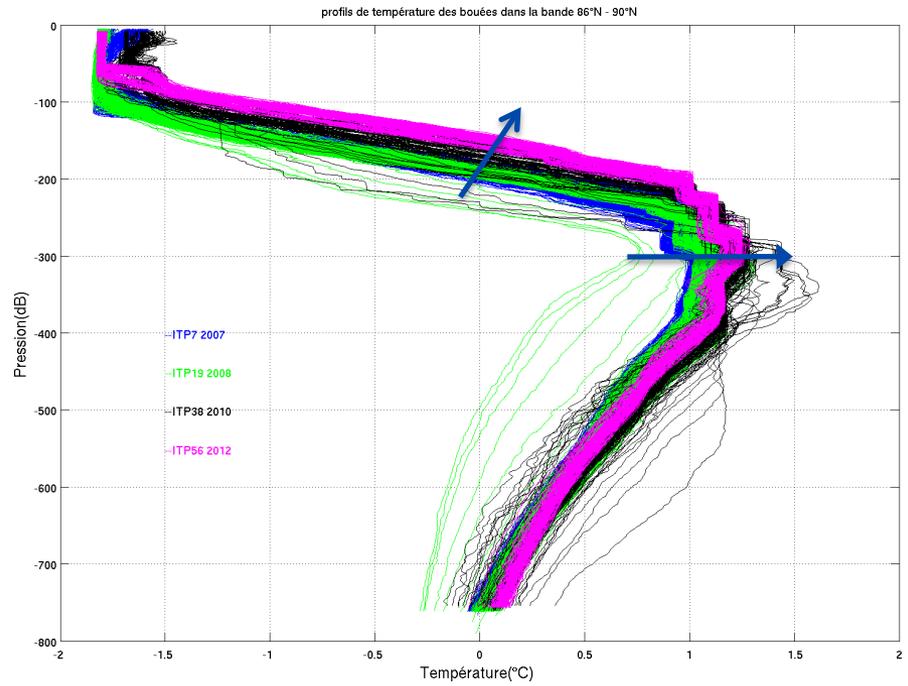
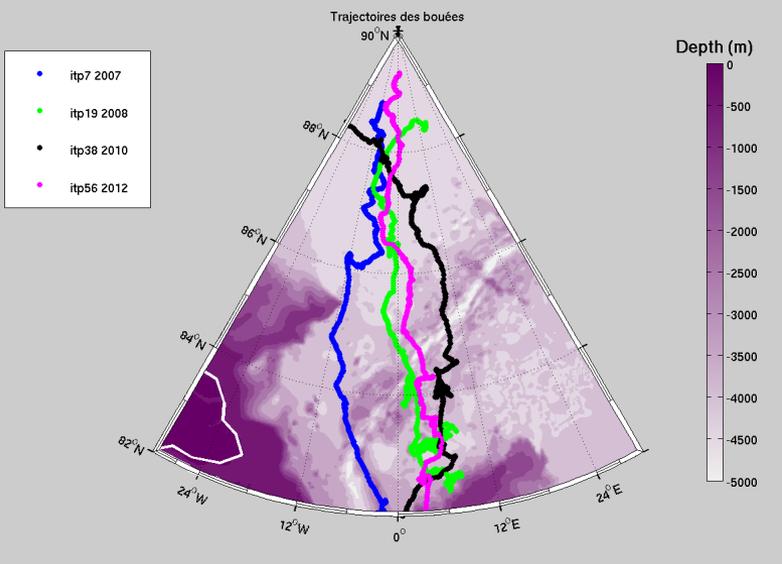


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