

### Adaptive observing strategies for fine scale biophysical interactions

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## The importance of phytoplankton diversity

- Resilience of ecosystems
- Diversity of the trophic web
- Patrimonial value



Credits: Tara Oceans

## The "Paradox of the Plankton" (Hutchinson 1961)

A limited range of resources supports an unexpectedly wide range of plankton species :

the competitive exclusion principle is not respected !?!

Possible explanations :

- vertical gradients of light ;
- symbiosis or commensalism ;
- differential predation ;
- turbulence and constantly changing environmental conditions.



From Basterretxea et al., 2020

Indeed, a big knowledge gap remains: the ocean finescale

#### **The 50's** The "discovery" of ocean variability by drifting buoys

The Swallow floats : isopycnal floats with acoustic positioning





Fig. 3. Method of locating float.

http://www.po.gso.uri.edu/rafos/general/history/index.html



Swallow et Hamon (1959)

"The currents were found to be variable in time with periods of a few weeks, and in space over a distance of a few tens of miles. In a vertical section, velocities did not decrease uniformly with depth, and no ' level of no motion' was found."

Fig. 2. Tracks of the floats, and positions of hydrographic stations. The dashed sections of the float tracks are shown on a larger scale in Fig. 3.

#### The 80's

Lagrangian observations of the first mesoscale vortices (Allen, Bob, etc.) by drifting buoys and satellite images





#### **RAFOS** floats



Richardson et al., 1979,80, 83



FIG. 1a. Schematic diagram showing formation of Gulf Stream ring Bob, February-March 1977, based on infrared images from the NOAA 5 satellite. Two anticyclonic rings were observed north of the Gulf Stream.



Fig. 2. Summary plot of 110 free drifting buoy trajectories (1971–1981). Buoy data were generously contributed by many individuals (Table 1).

#### Numerical modelling

Semtner (1995): "...oceanographers became aware of the **immensity of their task**...it is extremely helpful to **invoke the simulation capability** of supercomputers to improve understanding of basic processes and their interconnectedness, as well as to help interpret sparse observations."



Snapshot of velocity at the surface in the ORCA12 ocean model. A. Lecointre and J.M. Molines, LGGE, France

#### Combining in situ measurements & numerical modelling & remote sensing...



Perpetual Ocean https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/3827



An undeniable turbulent behavior!

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## The marine microbes

1974

Importance of marine microbes in marine food webs and dissolved material cycling first recognized.



The microbes absorb dissolved molecules...

> and they reject others when they die.

The so-called

Microbial loop



Images from Smithsonian Institution https://ocean.si.edu/milestones-marine-microbiology

## The marine microbes

1979

Waterbury observes **Synechococcus** bacteria in the Arabian Sea. It is present in large quantities almost everywhere in the ocean and is found at the base of the food web of fish and large mammals.



Image du Pacific Northwest National Laboratory https://ocean.si.edu/milestones-marine-microbiology



Diameter of a hair: 50 µm

## The marine microbes

1986-88

Chisholm discovers **Prochlorococcus** in the Sargasso Sea. It is the smallest and most abundant photosynthetic organism on the planet, responsible for **20% of the oxygen** released into the atmosphere each year.



10 000 cells mL<sup>-1</sup>



a wine glass (250 ml) contains a number of these cells equal to the population of Paris

Images par Anne Thompson, Chisholm Lab, MIT https://ocean.si.edu/milestones-marine-microbiology

## What is the impact of the ocean fine scales on phytoplankton diversity?

The ocean finescale (1-100 km, days to weeks)

Is very energetic (horizontal and vertical)

Has the same temporal variability of microbial demography

Has a well recognized impact on bulk production

Models predict its impact on phytoplankton diversity



DARWIN model

[Lévy et al. 2015]

## **Fine-scale biophysical key processes**

-49

-50

-51

300

- impacts the carbon pump  $\longrightarrow$ 

advecting nutrients upward and organic matter downward

- controls the mixing

*influencing primary production, grazing and predation* 

Mixed Nutrients laver [based on Lévy et al., 2012] Mixed layer Satellite data (FSLE & Physat) Diatoms -45 Phaeocystis -46 Synechococcus Coccolitophonds -47 Prochlorococcus -48

308

306

310

312

> [from d'Ovidio et al., 2010]

Nanoeucaryotes

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## Adaptive sampling strategy

### (Target the structures!)



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## Fine scale biophysical key processes



#### **Towed vehicles**

300

#### Horizontal & Vertical Multidisciplinary Mapping

## The SeaSoar

Multi-Sensor fish equipped with impeller-forced wings to undulate

## The MVP-Moving Vessel Profiler

A high-performance winch with Multi-Sensor Free-Fall Fish

CTD, fluorescence and LOPC Laser Optical Particle Counter

~2 km horizontal resolution ~1 m vertical resolution



## New methodologies to measure W in situ

#### A 5-beams Sentinel ADCP and a L-ADCP deployed at fixed depth and yoyo



Buoyancy – Gravity – Friction

Plombs

Mousquetor

Plomb 1kg

lost

WEIGHT

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## Exemples from three past cruises focused on the <u>moderately-energetic</u> and <u>oligotrophic</u> ocean



## **OSCAHR** (nov '15) *Doglioli A.M.*, R/V Téthys II, *https://doi.org/10.17600/15008800*



#### **OSCAHR 2015**

## vertical motions and effects on biology

MVP and ADCP data :

reconstruction of 3-D fields of density and horizontal and vertical velocities







[Rousselet et al., 2019]

#### **OSCAHR 2015**

### 3D Phytoplankton assemblages from cytometry



[Marrec et al., 2018]

10 m

10 km

## OUTPACE (feb-mar '15) MOUTIN Thierry, BONNET Sophie (2015), RV L'Atalante, https://doi.org/10.17600/15000900



#### **OUTPACE 2015**



**Figure 2.** Transect of the OUTPACE cruise superimposed on (a) arithmetic mean surface chl a and (b) quasi-Lagrangian weighted mean chl a of the WTSP during OUTPACE. The two types of station, short duration (X) and long (+) duration, investigated for a period longer than 7 days, are indicated. The satellite data are weighted in time by each pixel's distance from the ship's average daily position for the entire cruise. The white line shows the vessel route (data from the hull-mounted acoustic Doppler current profiler (ADCP) positioning system). Coral reefs and coastlines are shown in black, land is grey, and areas of no data are left white. The ocean color satellite products are produced by CLS with support from CNES.

[Moutin et al., 2017]

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#### **OUTPACE 2015**

## **Long-duration station LD-B**

Biogeochemical data : bloom in oligotrophic waters but... MVP (physical) data : absence of submesoscale w, none vertical inection of nutrients ???

Passive Lagrangian particle simulation (red dots) + Lyapunov exponent FSLE (grey lines)



Answer obtained adding a simple plankton model : Nitrogen fixers utilize phosphate and iron from islands while water masses get advected away by mesoscale circulation : the bloom is decoupled in time (several weeks) and space (hundreds of km) from island-driven nutrient supply.

#### The DIME : Delayed Island Mass Effect Messié et al [2020]

Geophysical Research Letters

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## **Transect LD-B to SD-13**



## Confirmed by the successive **TONGA cruise (Guieu et Bonnet, 2019)**

Benavides et al,o ISME Comm. 2021





PROTEVSMED\_SWOT (apr/may '18) Dumas F., R/V Beautemps-Beaupré, https://doi.org/10.17183/PROTEVSMED\_SWOT\_2018\_LEG2 in synergy with PRE-SWOT Pascual A., R/V García del Cid



### **Onboard of the RV Beautemps-Beaupré**

#### ADCP 150 & 38 kHz, TSG, SeaSoar (SHOM)

~3 km resolution & 300 m depth



#### Automated Flow Cytometer (MIO)

Identification of microbes from size, color, and shape.

One point every 20'

~= 5.5 km (@ 9 Knots)







SAR

## **On land : multisatellite support**





CLS data of SST and SCHL + Altimetry derived Lagrangian analyses by SPASSO http://spasso.mio.univ-amu.fr

## Sampling route



### Results







**Figure 1.** (a) Route of the RV *Beautemps-Beaupré* during the PROTEVSMED-SWOT cruise. The box in purple represents the area where we performed a Lagrangian strategy. (b) Map of [chla] of the 11 May 2018 superimposed on the route of the Lagrangian sampling across the older AW (in dark blue) and the younger AW (in light blue). (c) Dates of the transects across the older AW and the younger AW, used to reconstruct a day of 24 h period in each water mass.

#### Performing 8-hours transects, it is possible to cover the entire life cycle in 2 days



Figure 3. Temporal evolution of sea surface conservative temperature ( $\Theta$ ) in °C, absolute salinity ( $S_A$ ) in g kg<sup>-1</sup>, and phytoplankton abundances in cells cm<sup>-3</sup>, from 11 May 00:00 to 13 May 12:00 (UTC). Vertical colors correspond to the two water masses separated by the front (see Fig. 1).

#### **Conversion FWS into biovolume**

#### Exemple : Synechococcus

#### Young AW

old AW



#### The size-structured population model (Sosik et al., 2003)

Cells transit in the different size classes upon a circadian clock regulating the cell cycle

Growth rates by cytometry.

$$\mu_{size} = \frac{1}{t + dt} log_e \left( \frac{\hat{N}(t + dt)}{N(t)} \right) \xrightarrow{\rightarrow \mu: \text{ growth rates}}_{\substack{\rightarrow N: \text{ number (proportion) of cells in size classes}}_{\substack{\rightarrow t: \text{ time}}}$$

[Tzortzis et al., to be submitted to Biogeosciences]

Phytoplankton growth rates in the frontal area



[Tzortzis et al., to be submitted to Biogeosciences]

#### **Summary of previous campaigns**

Satellite-based adaptive and Lagrangian strategies proved to be successful to target and follow fine-scale structures in situ.

When paired with *in situ* high-frequency biological measurements (e.g. automated cytometry) these strategies highlight the important role of the fine scales in structuring the phytoplankton community by acting as fluid dynamical barriers and biodiversity hot-spots.

Innovative methodologies are in development to directly measure in situ the vertical velocity and to increase the geochemical and biological sampling.

#### **Outlook for the next campaign (2023)**

To perform a cruise in the oligotrophic and moderately energetic SW Med :

- i) sampling fine-scale dynamics,
- ii) measuring nutrient concentrations at nanomolar-precision,
- lii) performing high-resolution cytometry,
- iv) estimating accurately the zooplankton grazing.

## **BIOSWOT-Med**

PIs A.M.Doglioli and G.Grégori

*The BioSWOT-AdAC cruise in the SW Mediterranean Sea* 



## Strategy and methodology

adaptive Lagrangian sampling strategies & Innovative instrumentation

SPASSO & MVP, gliders, AUV, drifters & floats, FFADCP, VVP, Cytometry, zooplankton and omics



## 1) vertical advection

#### From altimetry to w

Numerous works (e.g. Lapeyre, G., & Klein, P. (2006), Qiu et al, 2016,2020, Pietri et al 2021) show a need of :

**in situ direct** measurement of the balanced *w* (Med Sea ideal conditions with no tide) in particular in the surface layer

associated with

- Mixing microstructure measurment
- High resolution ctd cast
- Horizontal vorticity



For. 10. (a) Along-swath SSH signals within the subcycle centered on 29 Mar 2012 generated by the SWOT immulator based on the bourly LLC4320 output. (b) SWOT simulator persented along-swath SSH measurement errors. Note that the color scale for (b) is different from that in (a). (c) LLC4320 SSH map on 29 Mar 2012 after bowpeass filtering by Fa. (1). (d) Objectively mapped SSH field on 29 Mar 2012 front the SSH input of (a) + (b).

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## 2) nutrients







Highly dynamic phosphorus pool in the upper layer.

A new paradigm :

the surface layer of the Mediterranean Sea receive new P NOT exclusively from the atmosphere,

diapycnal fluxes are also important !

## 2) nutrients



## 3) fluidodynamical niches

During the preparation cruise in 2018 : strong strcturing effect of the finescale circulation on the plankton abundance distribution =





[Oms, M2 report, 2022]

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[ cedu.cm\*]





## Merci de votre attention !

**Questions** ?

# EXTRA SLIDES



0,02



#### Selection of the data in the hippo NS

#### « back and forth » strategy for the horizontal continous sampling



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#### The size-structured population model (Sosik et al., 2003)

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• Probability of cells growing, depends on the light intensity

$$\gamma(t) = \gamma_{max} \left[ 1 - exp\left( -\frac{E(t)}{E^*} \right) \right] \stackrel{\rightarrow}{\xrightarrow{}} E^* : \text{ constant} \\ \stackrel{\rightarrow}{\xrightarrow{}} y : \text{ proportion of cells} \\ \stackrel{\rightarrow}{\xrightarrow{}} y_{max} : \text{ constant}$$

• Probability of cells entering in mitosis

$$\delta(t,v) = \delta_{max} \mathcal{N}(\mu_v, \sigma_v) \mathcal{N}(\mu_t, \sigma_t)$$

Growth rates

$$\mu_{size} = \frac{1}{t+dt} log_e \left(\frac{\hat{N}(t+dt)}{N(t)}\right)$$

 $\rightarrow$  µ : growth rates

 $\rightarrow$  N : number (proportion) of cells in size classes  $\rightarrow$  t : time

#### **Convert FWS into biovolume**







#### **Materials and Methods**

High resolution vertical sampling

#### **CTD** carousel



ECOVSF3 Three-angle, Three-wavelength Volume Scattering Function Meter

#### CTD SBE32

LOPC and LISST Laser Optical Particle Counter

Laser In situ scatterometer and transmissiometer

## PASTIS

Pumping Advanced System To Investigate Seawater



- bellows pump
- 30m PE tube
- CTD SBE19+



Discrete Sampling

*vertical* precision 0.1 to 1 m





Post-Cruise Lab Analysis: Nutrients and Cytometer FACScalibur

## What is the impact of the ocean fine scales on phytoplankton diversity?

### Next-generation tools for the fine scales

Dense observations allow assimilation models to provide very realistic and high resolution fields

Preparatory cruises (OSCAHR 2015, PROTEVSMED\_SWOT 2018, FUMSECK 2019) to study the feasibility of a finescale campaign were succeful

## And now... we will benefit of the satellite mission SWOT!





#### **BIOSWOT-Med is part of the SWOT Adopt-a-Crossover Consortium**



https://www.swot-adac.org

Currently 11 campaigns (at various level of maturity) have been proposed.

BIOSWOT-Med and the California campaigns are the leading members, thanks to the strong supported by CNES and NASA!

BIOSWOT-Med campaign PIs: A. Doglioli, G. Grégori	21 avril- 14 may	2023
BIOSWOT-CSWOT campaign PIs: F. Dumas, P. Garreau	23 march – 18 avril	
BIOSWOT-CapeCauldron campaign PI: S. Speich		2024

#### A synergy among three programs in the SW Mediterranean:

- PRE-SWOT (A. Pascual)

sampling area

- PROTEVS\_SWOT (F. Dumas, P. Garreau)



sampling area







#### From altimetry to *w*

Two approaches :

#### 1) statistical

regressions high-resolution SSH/SST & in situ temperature–salinity data -> to empirically infer the 3D upper-ocean structures. Mesoscale (e.g., Guinehut et al. 2004; Buongiorno-Nardelli et al. 2012; Mulet et al. 2012)

#### 2) dynamical

Lapeyre and Klein [2006] Antartic Circumpolar Current :

deduced from climatological observations.

correlation surface & interior PV anomalies = correlation large-scale surface & interior PV

 $\rightarrow$  The upper-ocean circulation structures are reconstructable from the 3D PV inversion with the use of only high-resolution surface information and interior ocean climatology.

*effective surface quasi-geostrophic (SQG)* is the simplest reconstruction interior PV through an effective buoyancy frequency (as SQG model with nonzero surface PV and zero interior PV, Blumen 1978; Held et al.1995).

#### Applications :

- LaCasce and Mahadevan (2006) off California, Alboran Sea, Azores Front.
- Isern-Fontanet et al. (2006, 2008) North Atlantic Ocean
- Klein et al. (2009), Smith and Vanneste (2013) Idealized simulations

6. What are the differences between the Pico and Nano plankton groups to differentiate them?

Plankton categories based on a logarithmic size scale:

## Macroplankton (200–2000 μm) Microplankton (20–200 μm)



Nanoplankton (2–20 μm) Picoplankton (0.2-2 μm) Femtoplankton (0.02-0.2 μm)





## The marine microbiology

#### 1675

The Dutch lensmaker A. van Leeuwenhoek devises a simple (yet powerful 1:300) microscope that allows him to observe microbes for the first time.



Antoine van Leeuwenhoek Delft, 24 octobre 1632 Delft, 26 août 1723



Colored engravings of the "animalcules" Leeuwenhoek saw under his microscope. Credit: Anton van Leeuwenhoek. U.S. Public Domain

An illustration of one of Leeuwenhoek's microscopes. Credit: Dobell and van Leeuwenhoek, 1960

#### https://ocean.si.edu/milestones-marine-microbiology