COST Action ES0904:

European Gliding Observatories Network (EGO)

Objective:

- Coordination of ongoing and future research using gliders (single & fleets)
 - cost-effective methods
 - Research & operational/monitoring applications (global, regional, coastal)

Action Duration:

01. September 2010 – 31. August 2014

Working groups COST Action ES0904

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- WG 2: Gliders, sensors, and "gliderports"
- WG 3: Piloting gliders and artificial intelligence
- WG 4: Networks, links with the other observing systems and OSSEs
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Deliverables:

1) Observatory (moorings) synthesis

Optimal missions, distribution, location of glider sections in respect to regional/deep sea observatories

2) Argo (float) synthesis

Optimal missions, distribution, location of glider sections in the ARGO array at global scale and for regional/marginal seas

3) Optimization

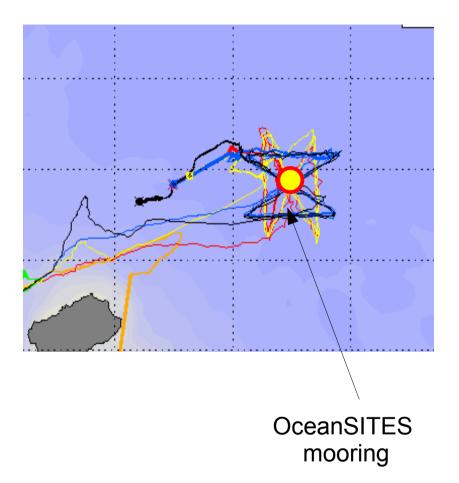
Developments of OSSEs & "network design" methodologies for assessment of the aimed network topologies

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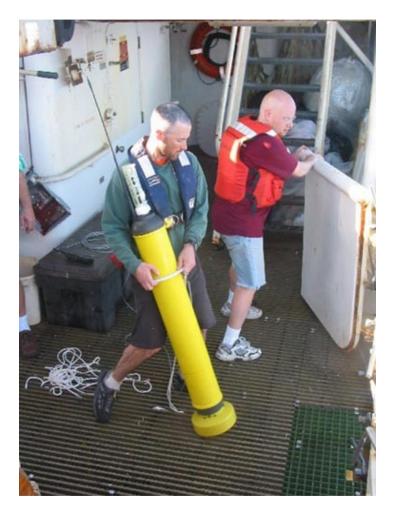
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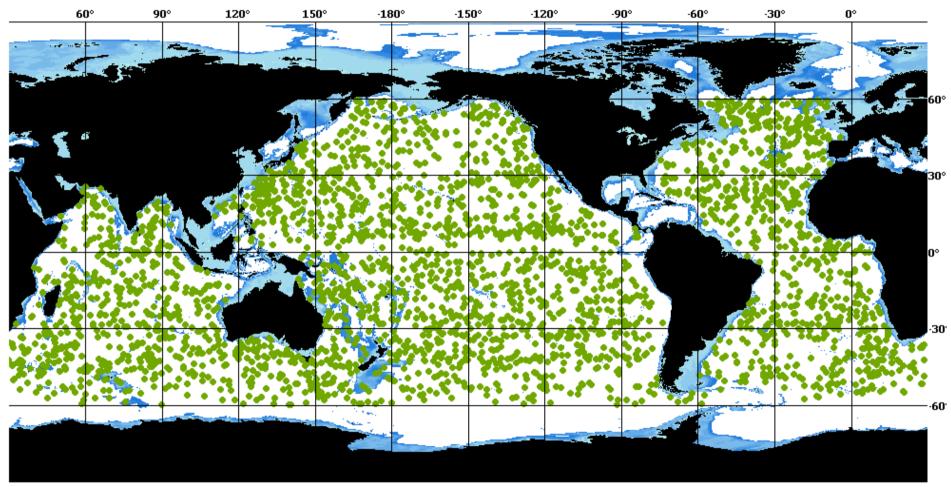
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- Monitoring aspects (national/EU funding)

2) Argo (floats) synthesis

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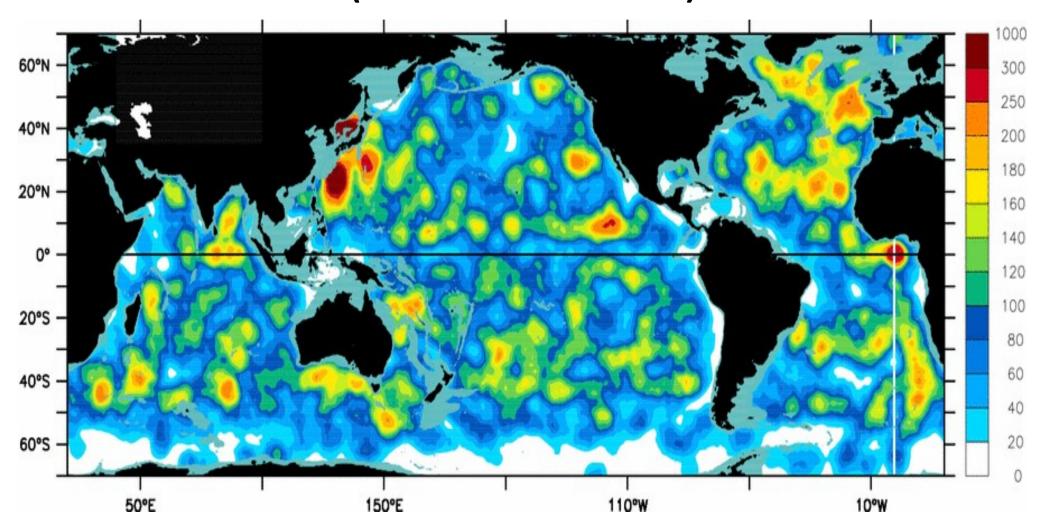
Argo Core Mission

60°N - 60°S, no marginal sea, data available, no greylist, no beaching Target 3200 Operational 2900

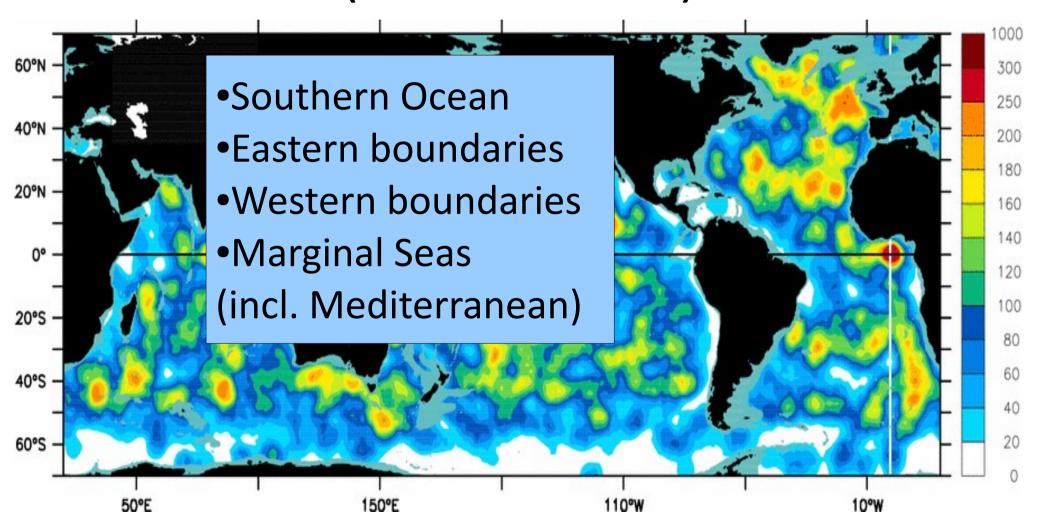
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ARGO worldwide density (28. Feb. 2011)



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2) Argo synthesis

- Who is interested?
- Contact with Argo community:
 - · What level?
 - · EGO has to fill gaps of Argo (not vice-versa)

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- · Who is interested?
- Contact with Argo community:
 - Glider exist already for Argo

March 2011 Argo Steering Team meeting:

"Glider data – Argo Steering Team (AST) encourages a small international working group to form. It is currently not clear that the Argo data format is ideal for glider data.

→ probably more important for WP1

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 - Activities?Large scale/small scale?

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Press release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 17th February 2011

Gliders successfully used for the first time during an anti-submarine warfare exercise, Proud Manta 11

Test conducted by NURC, a NATO Research Centre in La Spezia