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A Collection of Surface Ocean CO₂
Observations Quality Controlled by the
Science Community

Evaluation of oceanic CO₂ uptake based on global pCO₂ observation database “SOCAT”

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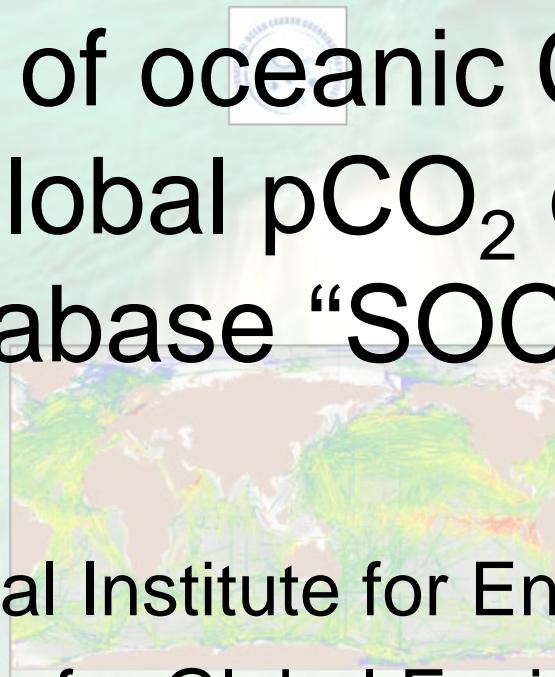
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Motivations for pCO₂ observation

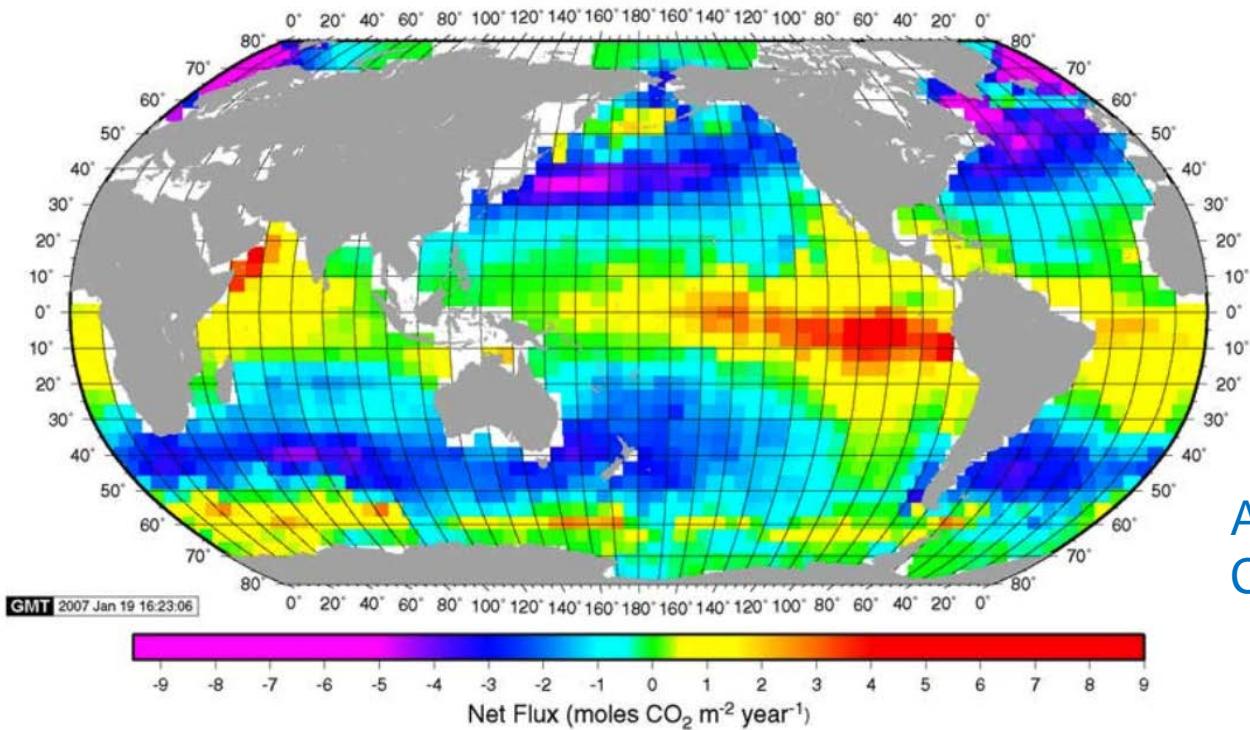


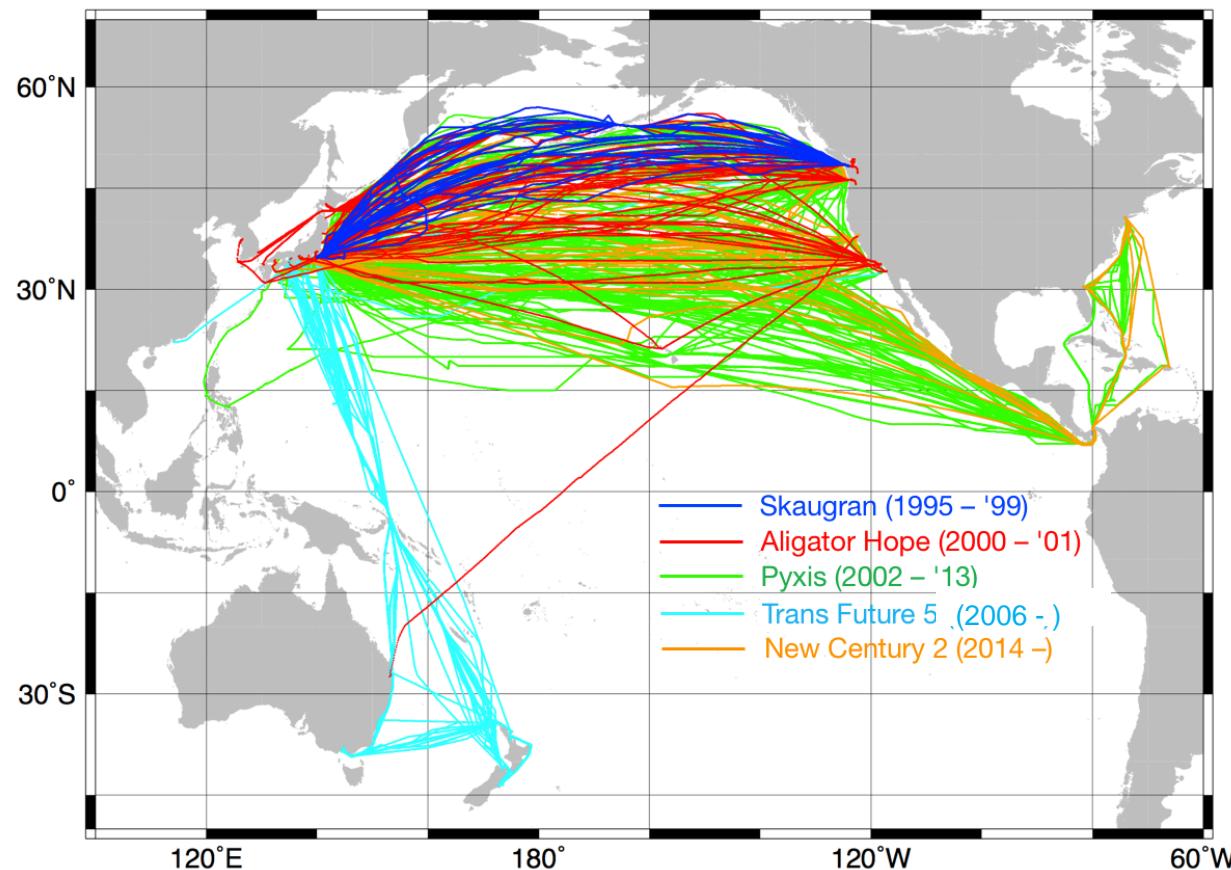
Fig. Climatological annual mean sea-air CO₂ flux distribution

Takahashi et al. (2009, DSR II)

- Long-term (~35yr) monthly mean pCO₂ and sea-air CO₂ flux

Knowledge of their Inter-annual variability are still insufficient

NIES VOS measurements for CO₂



Pros

- Frequent measurements
- (relatively) low cost

Cons

- Difficult to make obs. in hydrographic cast
- Obs. routes depends on country's trade circumstances

Combination of VOS and research vessel's observations is crucial.

NIES VOS measurements for pCO₂

New Century 2
(Kagoshima-senpaku Co.)



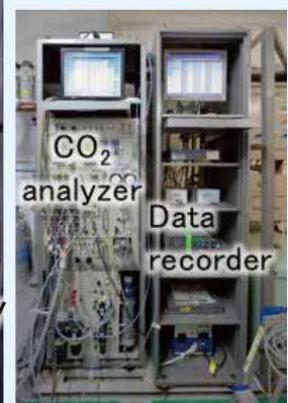
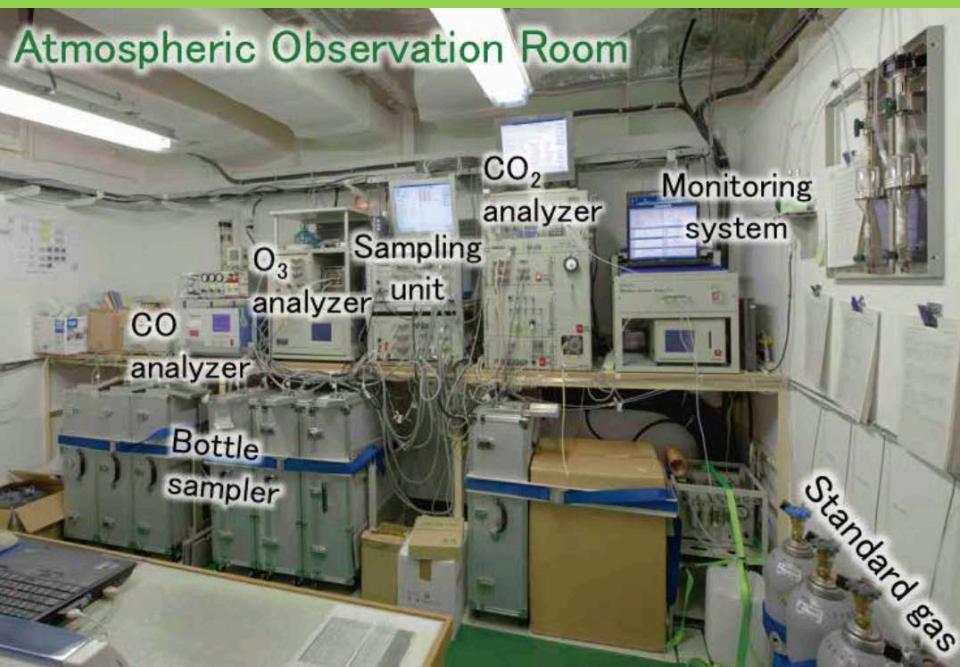
Trans Future 5 (Toyofuji Shipping Co.)



Course : Toyohashi ~ U.S west/east cst.
Term : 4 (west cst.) ~ 8 weeks (east cst.)
Start since : Apr. 2014 ~

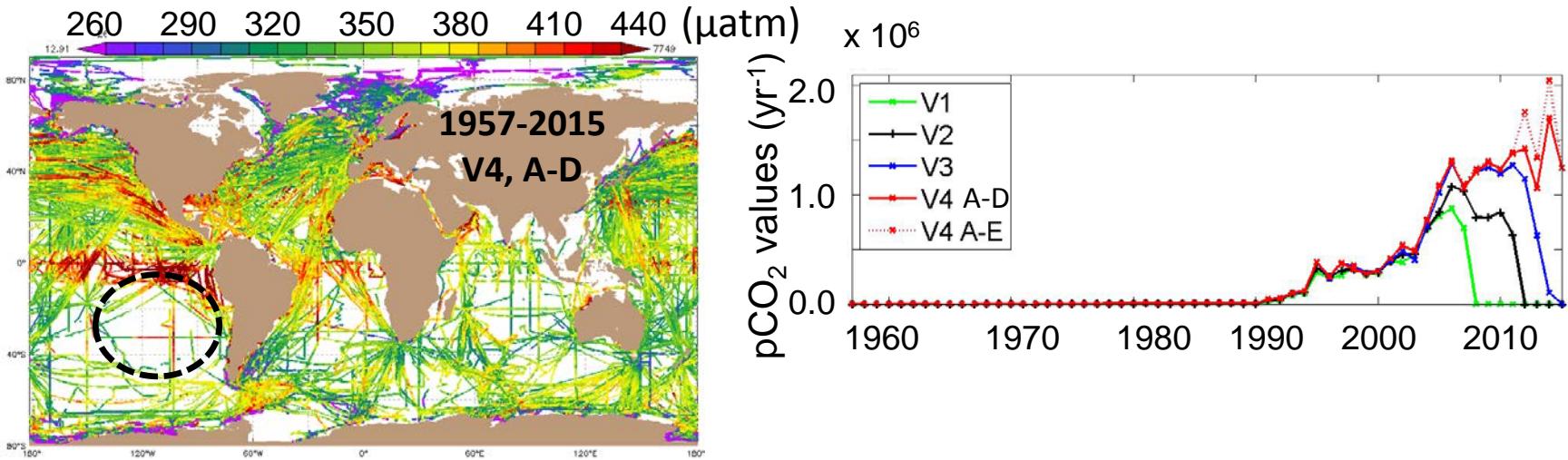
Course : Nagoya ~ Aus. ~ NZ
Term : 6 weeks
Start since : Feb. 2006 ~

NIES VOS measurements for pCO₂



International pCO₂ database “SOCAT”

Downloadable at <http://socat.info> in text, NetCDF, ODV, Matlab



Global synthesis and gridded products of surface ocean pCO₂ or fCO₂ (fugacity of CO₂) in uniform format with quality control;

Interactive online viewers;

V4: 18.5 million fCO₂ values, accuracy < 5 μatm from 1957-2015 (flags of A-D);

Plus calibrated sensor data (< 10 μatm, flag of E);

Documented in ESSD articles;

Community activity with >100 contributors worldwide.

International pCO₂ database “SOCAT”

The screenshot shows the homepage of the SOCAT website, "socat.info". The page has a header with the title "Surface Ocean CO₂ Atlas (SOCAT)" and the SOCAT logo, which features a blue horse head above the word "socat" and the subtitle "SURFACE OCEAN CO₂ ATLAS". Below the header is a large image of the ocean surface. On the left, there's a sidebar with the "solas" logo and a list of "Version 4 Data Products". In the center, there's a map showing global CO₂ concentration and sampling tracks. On the right, there are sections for "SOCAT Documentation" and "SOCAT Help". At the bottom, there are social media links and footer information.

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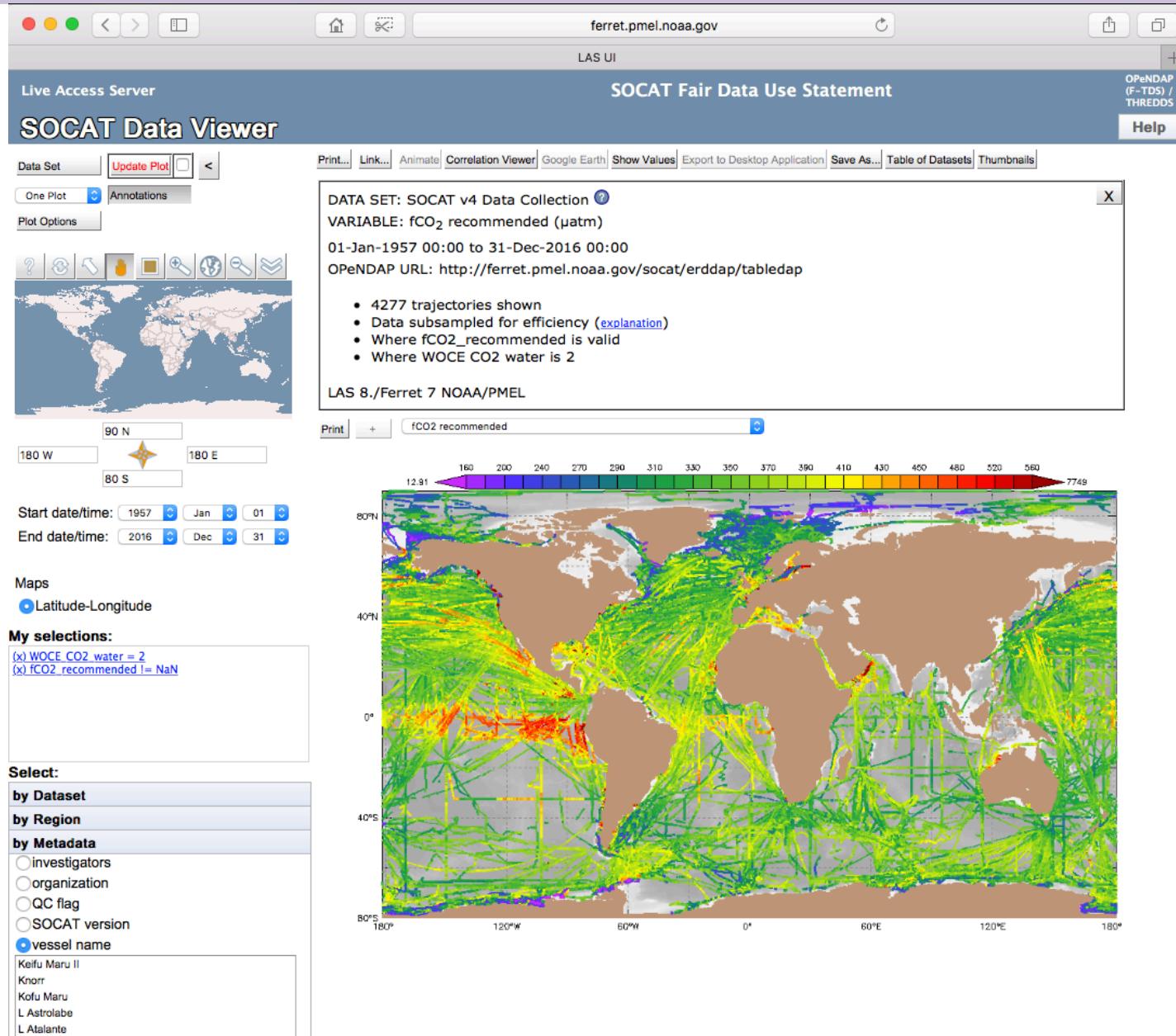
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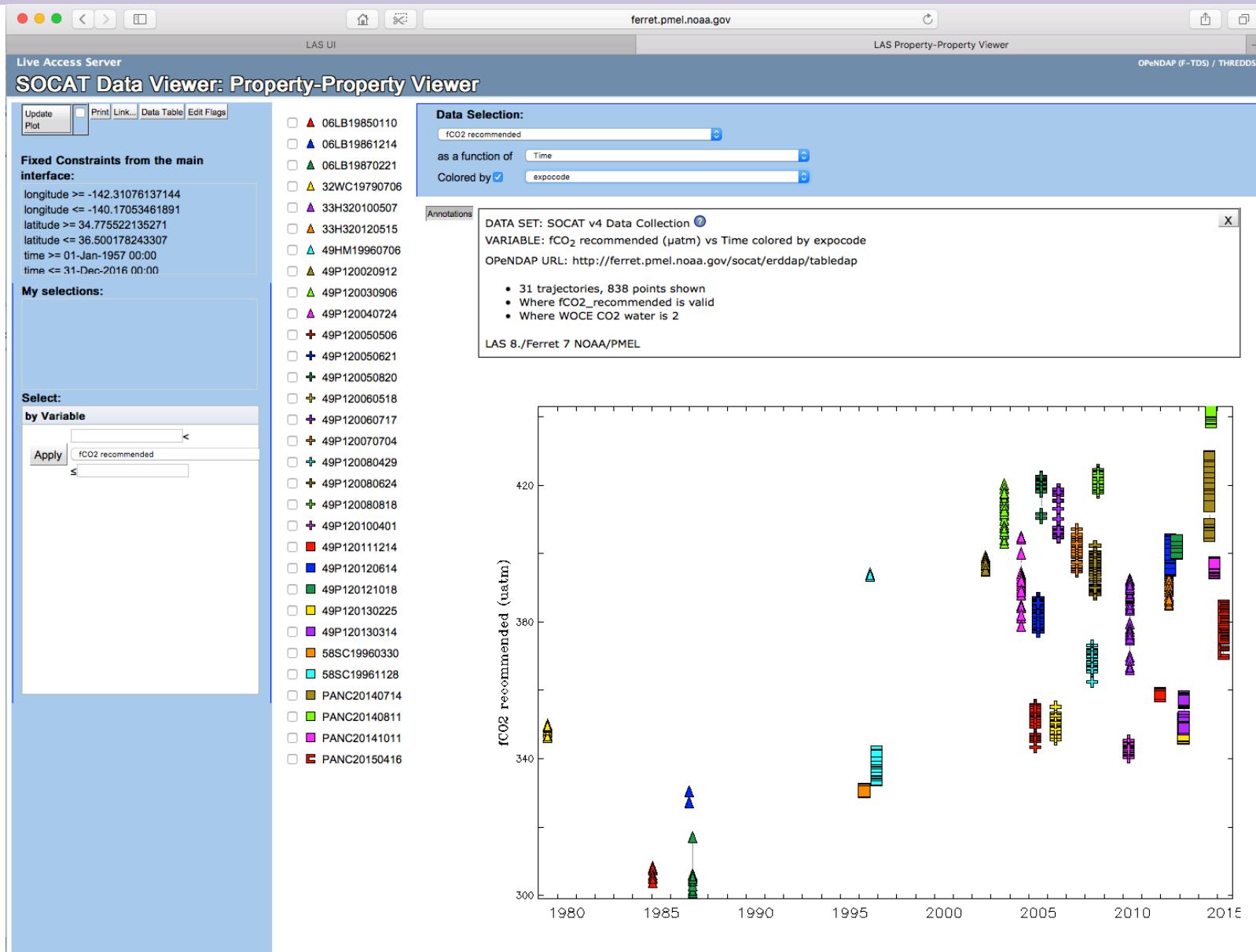
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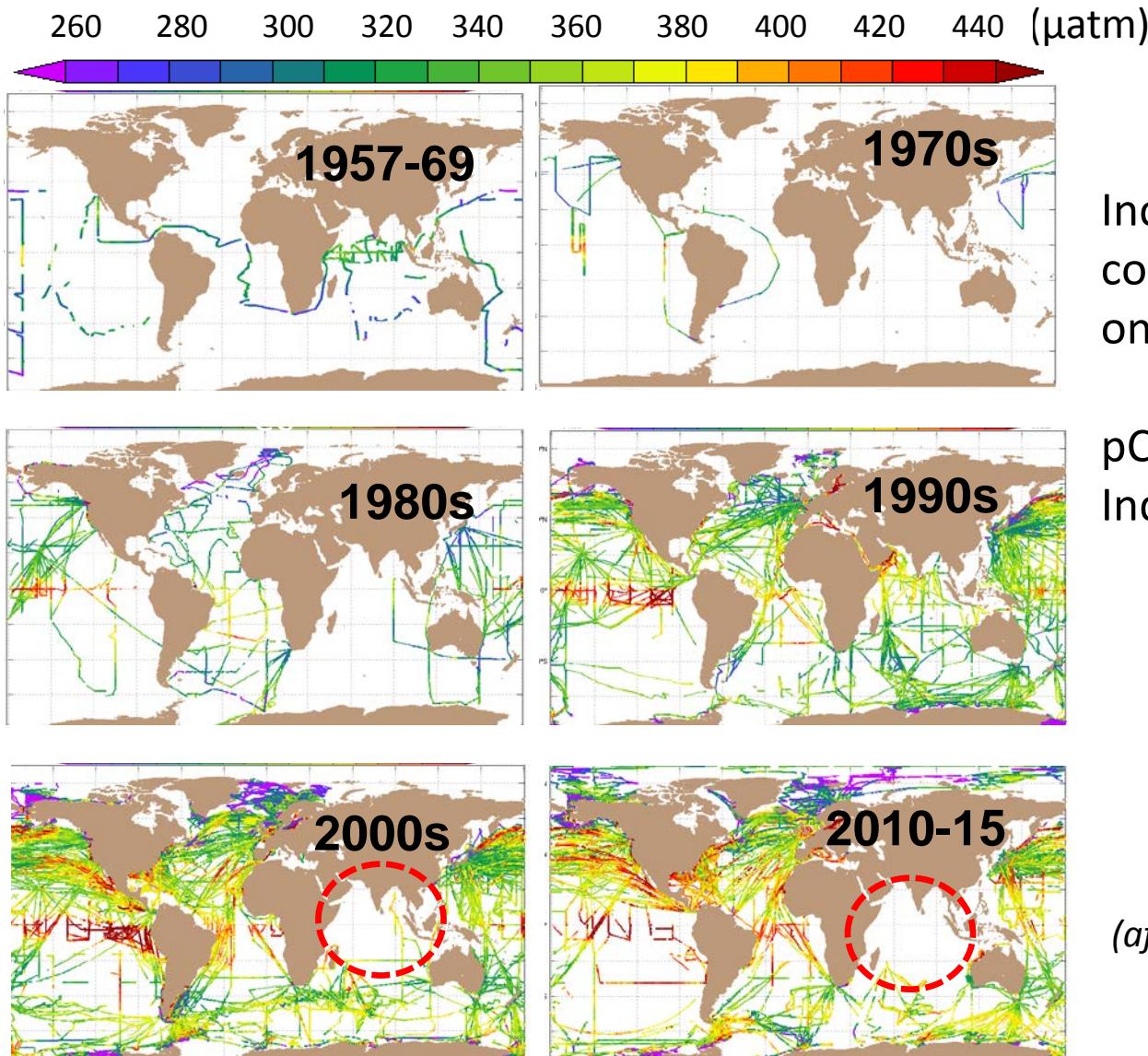
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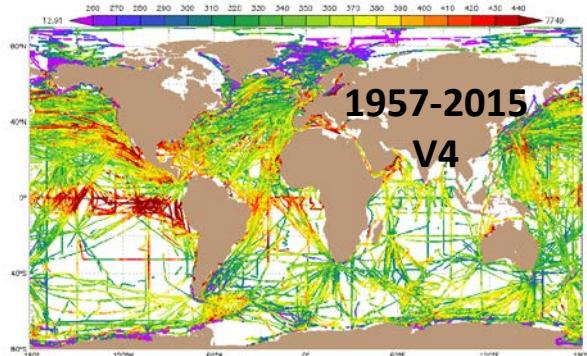


Increase in pCO₂ data collection from 1990s onwards.

pCO₂ are not sampled in the Indian Ocean after 2000.

(after Bakker et al., 2016 ESSD)

pCO₂ Mapping and evaluation of CO₂ flux

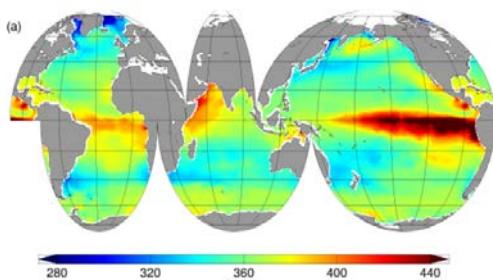


A synthesis data product



after Bakker et al., 2016 ESSD

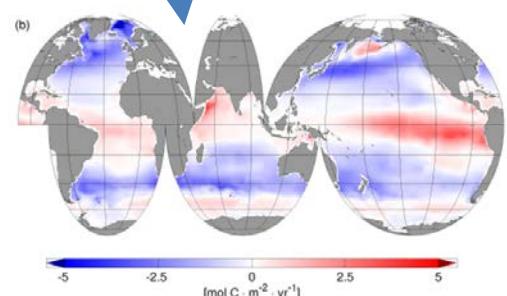
Mapping techniques



pCO₂ products



$\text{Flux} = k * \Delta p\text{CO}_2(w-a)$
Gas transfer parameterisation,
wind speed product



Air-sea CO₂ flux products

Pacific: Nakaoka et al., 2013, BG; Ishii et al., 2014, BG

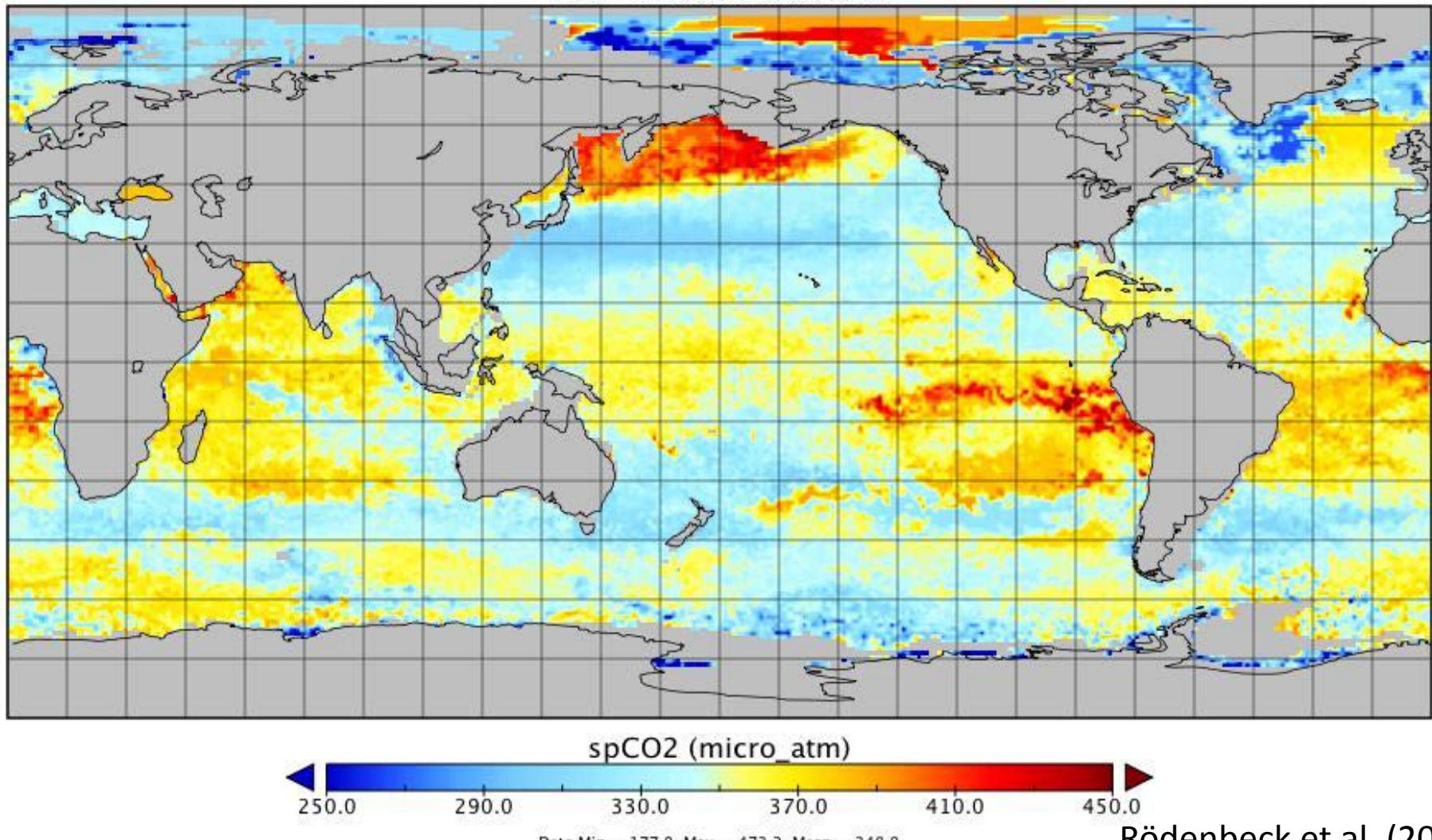
Global: Rödenbeck et al., 2015, BG

Landschützer et al., 2014, GBC, 2015, Science

pCO₂ Mapping and evaluation of CO₂ flux

$$p\text{CO}_2^{\text{sea}} = f_{\text{SOM}}(x, y, z, \text{SST}, \text{SSS}, \text{MLD}, \text{CHL}) + \alpha (t - t_{\text{ref}})$$

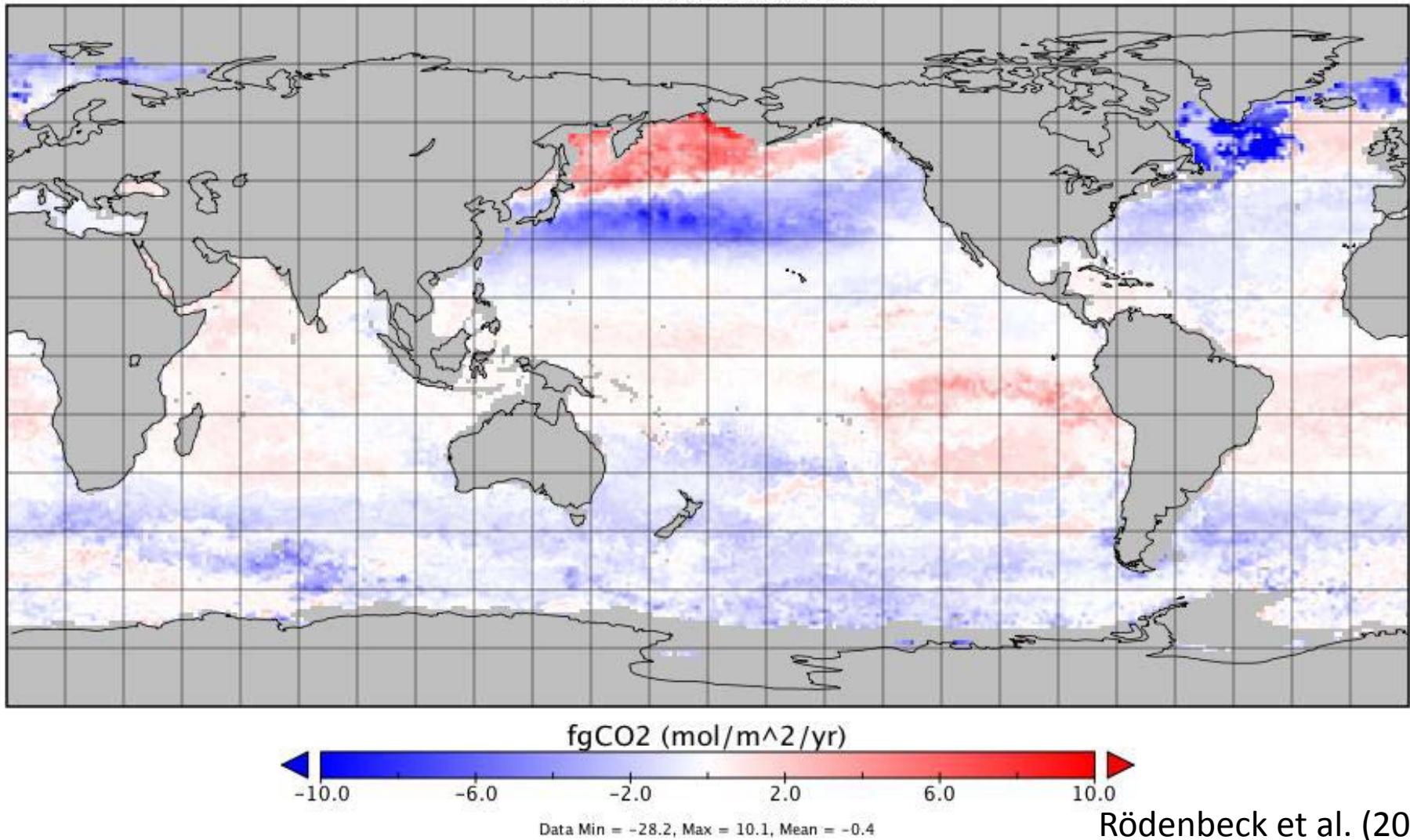
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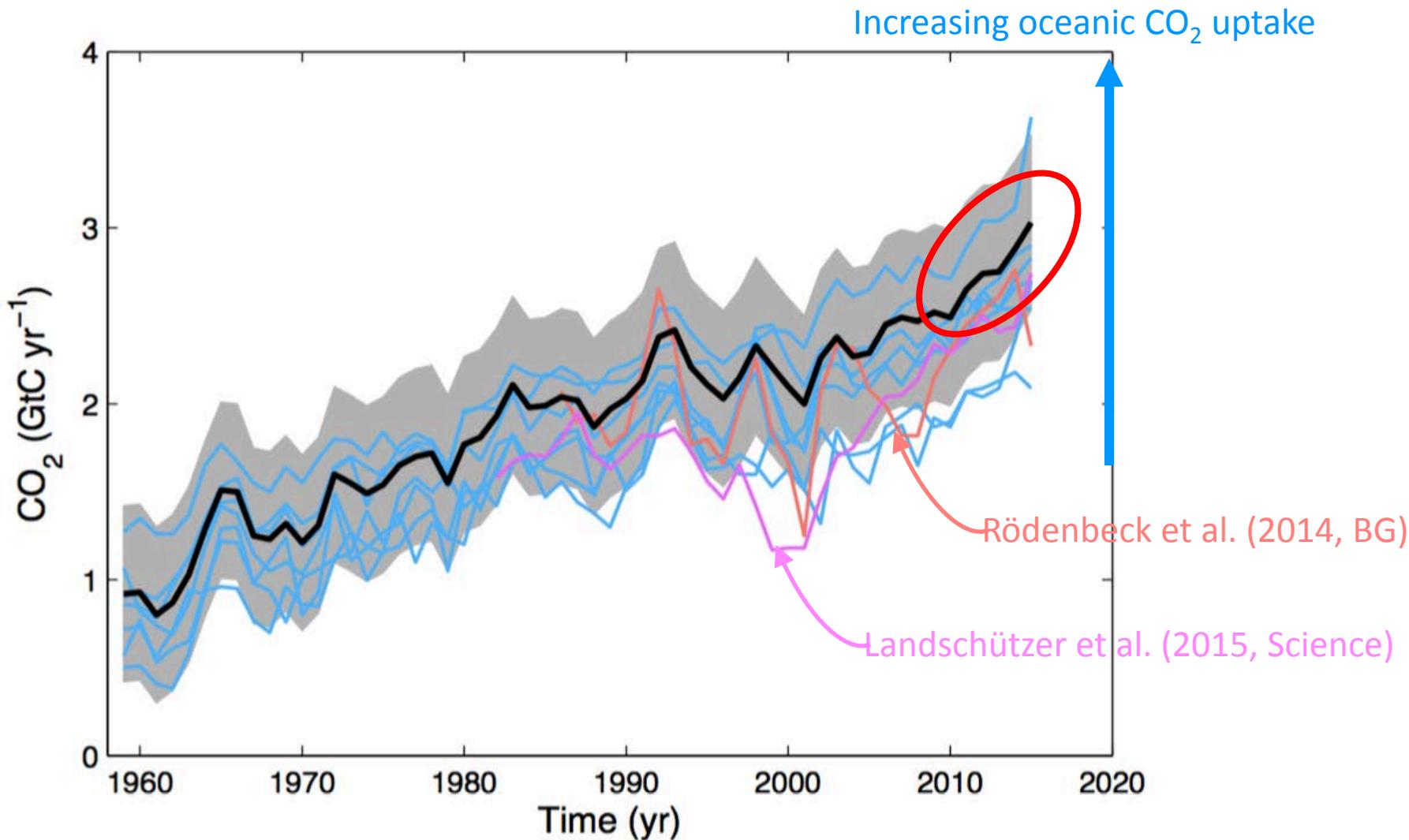
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$$F = s \cdot k \cdot \Delta p\text{CO}_2 = s \cdot k \cdot (p\text{CO}_2^{\text{sea}} - p\text{CO}_2^{\text{air}})$$

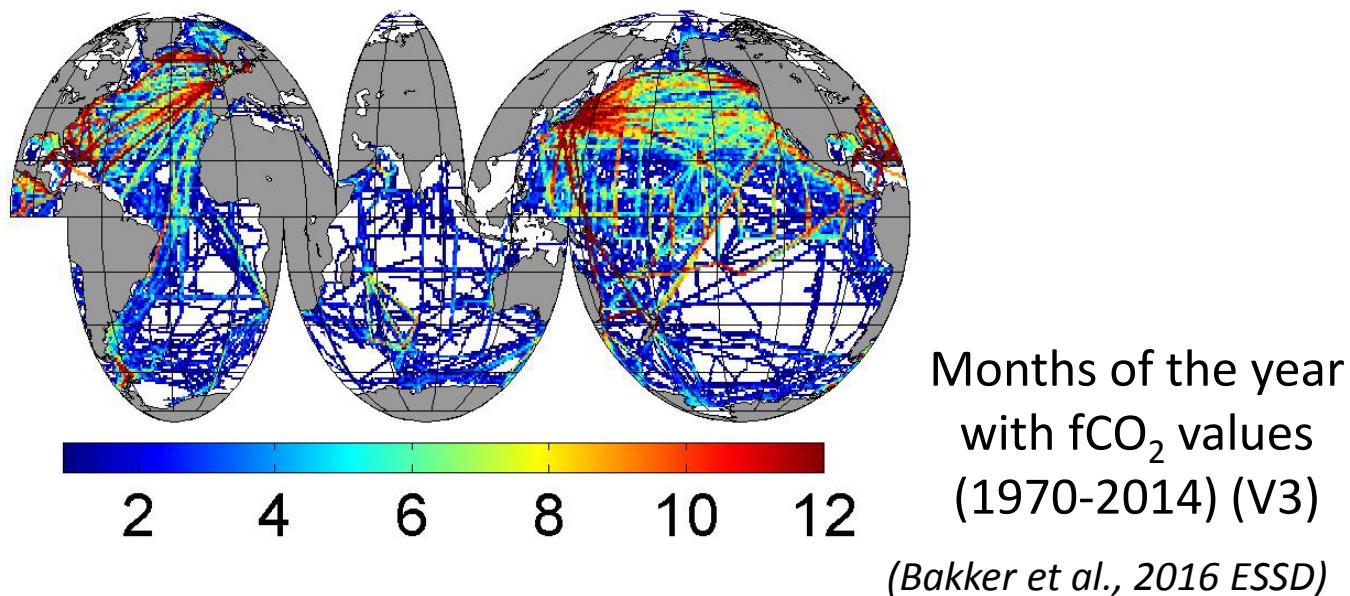
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Future SOCAT versions



V5 Data submission ends 15 January 2017;
V5 Quality control ends 31 March 2017;
V5 Release in summer 2017;
V6: V5 dates + 1 year

Summary

- NIES has measured atmospheric and oceanic CO₂ since 1995 using VOS with cooperation of shipping companies.
- NIES plays a role in SOCAT as a data provider as well as a quality controller for the North Pacific.
- SOCAT is a helpful tool for understanding observed pCO₂ variation and it is available to the public.
- While a lot of pCO₂ measurements have been made, there is still less observation in the eastern equatorial Pacific and in the Indian Ocean after 2000.
- Products of pCO₂ distribution using SOCAT are proposed in SOCOM project.
- Oceanic CO₂ uptake increases rapidly after 2010.

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Thank you for your attention!

