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Automated underway recording allow characterizing phytoplankton communities at sub-mesoscale in frontal marine systems

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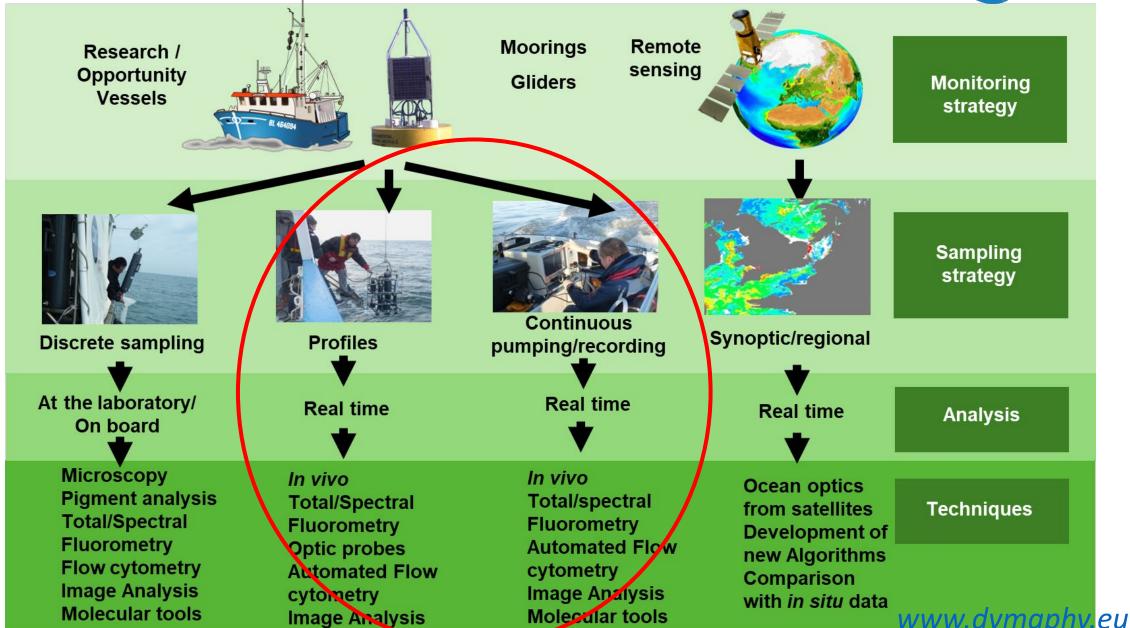




Approaches for phytoplankton observation









In vivo / in situ automated techniques for phytoplankton



Recovery of the signal

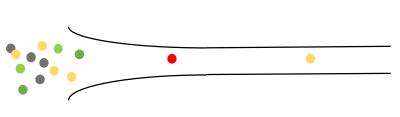
observation

Imaging/in flow Single cell-size and morphology of organisms: taxa



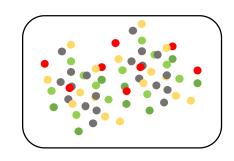


Automated flow cytometry (pulse shape-recording) Single cell-fluorescence – pigment content and scattering (size, shape): functional groups



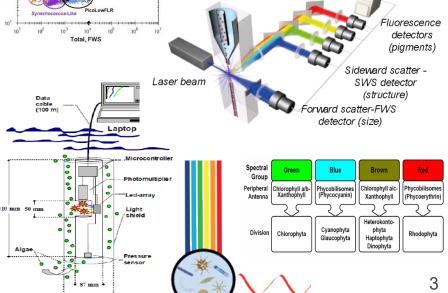
Fluorescence and absorption (multi-spectral)

Pigment based methods – bulk properties – pigmentary groups Variable (induced) fluorometry: photosynthetic parameters, primary productivity











Application of automated optical approaches for exploring submesoscale phytoplankton dynamics in frontal systems

- To allow addressing biogeochemical and phytoplankton sub mesoscale variability and dynamics, having an impact in the functioning of frontal systems (i.e. upwellings, eddies).
- Associated to already existing hydrological continuous recording (thermo-salinographs, FerryBox)
- Increase the number of *in situ* and *in vivo* real-time measurements to improve remote sensing ocean colour algorithms
- In the frame of different projects and strategies (including dedicated cruises, measurements of opportunity, fixed stations and moorings, discrete sampling)
- Need of improving operational procedures, data treatment tools and data pipelines, some of them being explored for coastal projects/networks as the Joint European Research Infrasturcture for Coastal Observatories (JERICO S3) addressing multi-spectral fluorometry, automated imaging and flow cytometry.

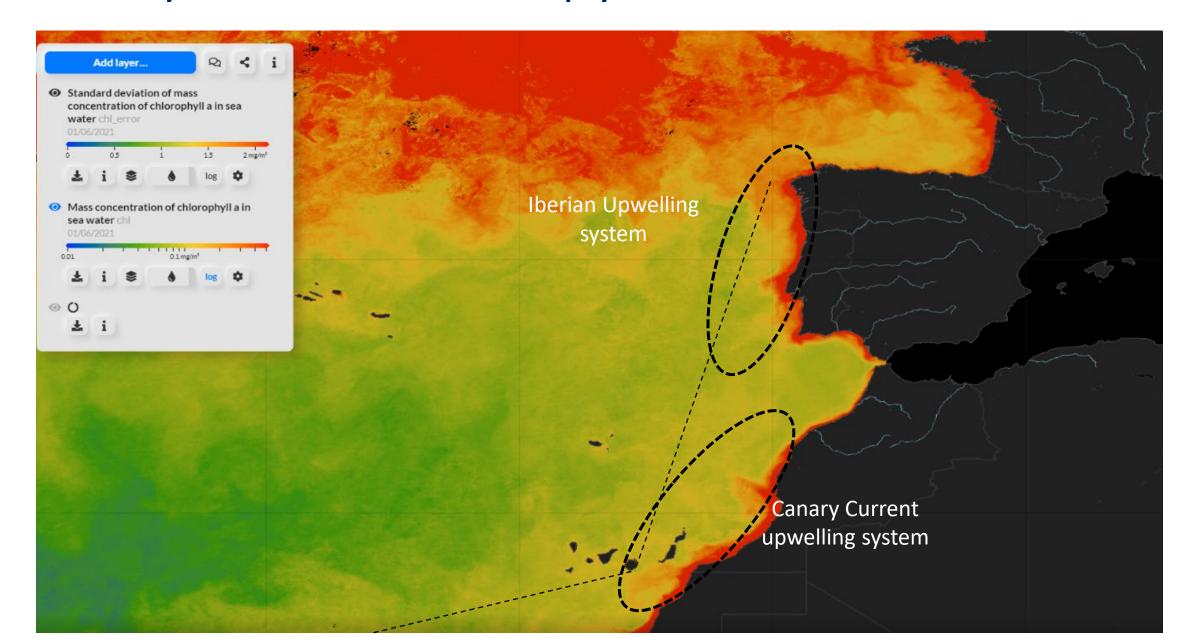
AMATLANTE (AMT)-H1: example of measurements of opportunity to catch sub-mesoscale structures in the Atlantic

Context

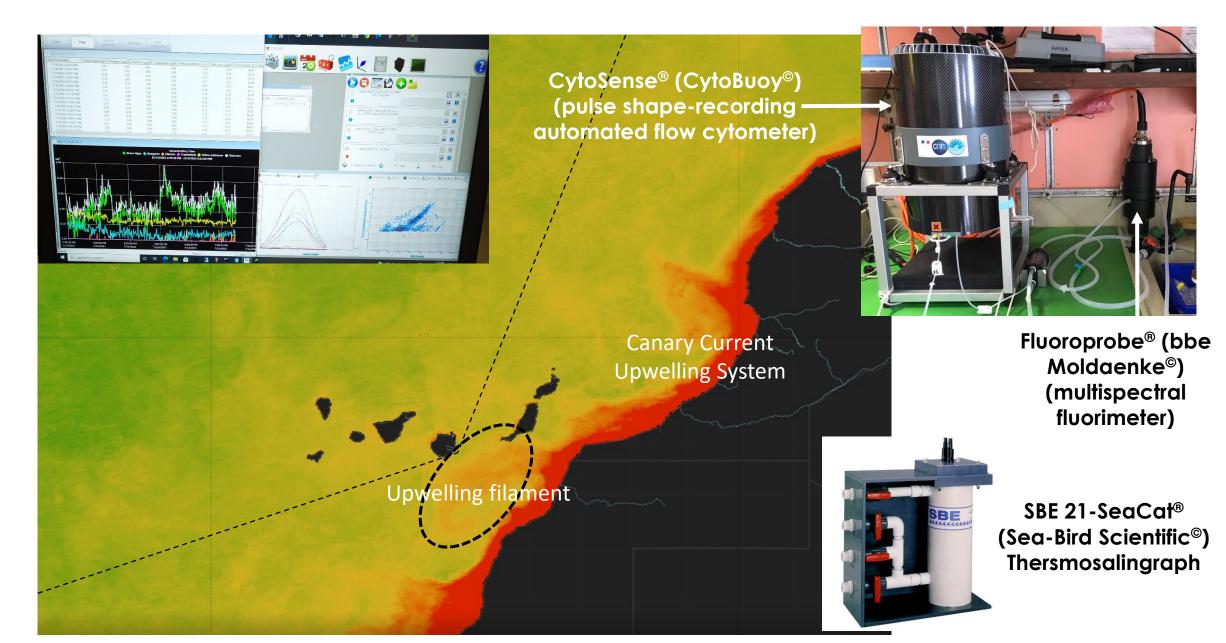
Measurements of opportunity: transit towards the Caribbean onboard the R.V. « Antéa » (IRD-IFREMER-FOF), with automated phytoplankton continuous underwater measurements

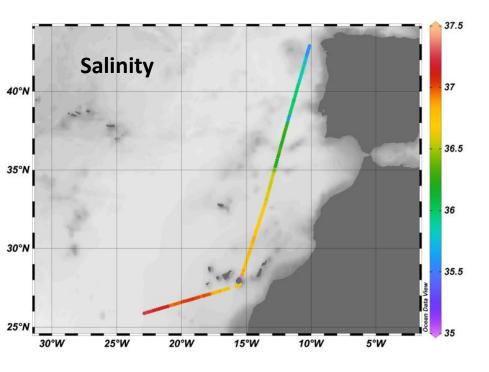


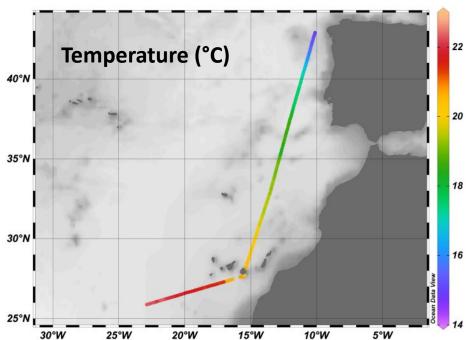
Remotely-sensed data – surface chlorophyll-a concentration for a subset of the cruise



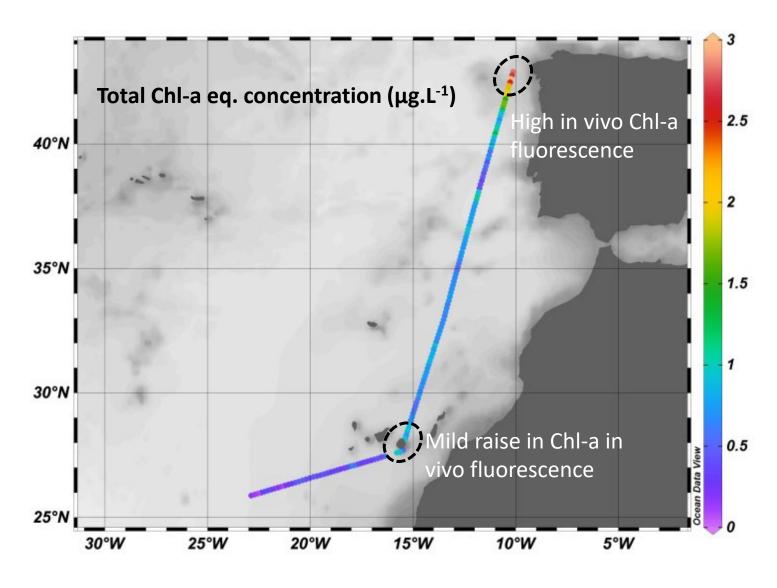
Remotely-sensed data – surface chlorophyll a and underway measurements



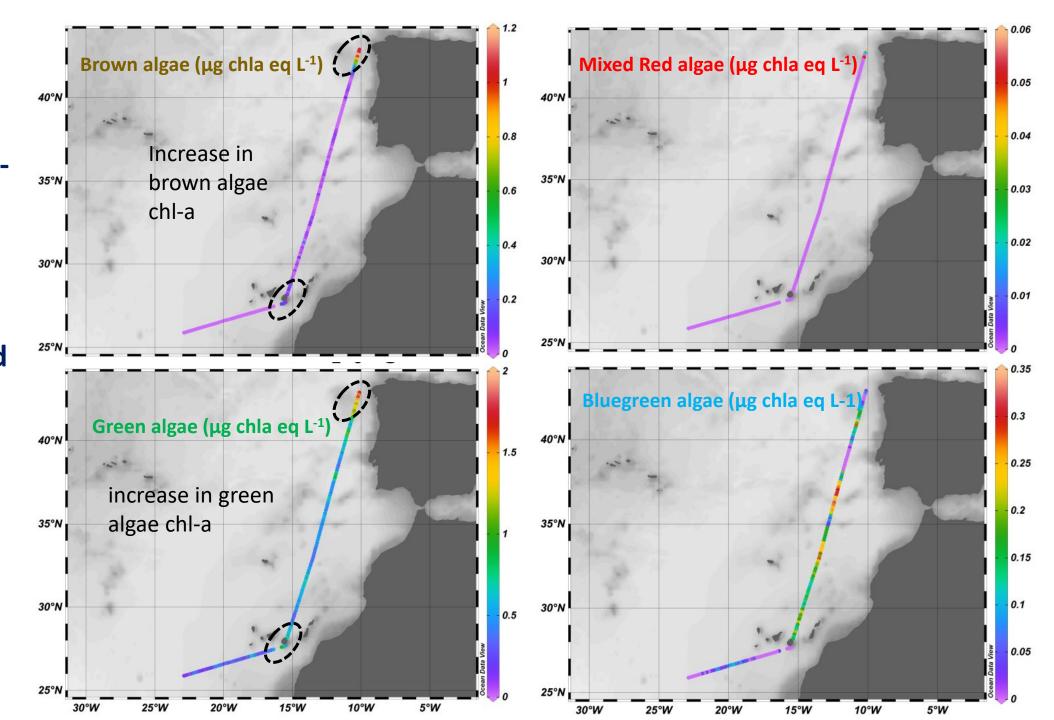




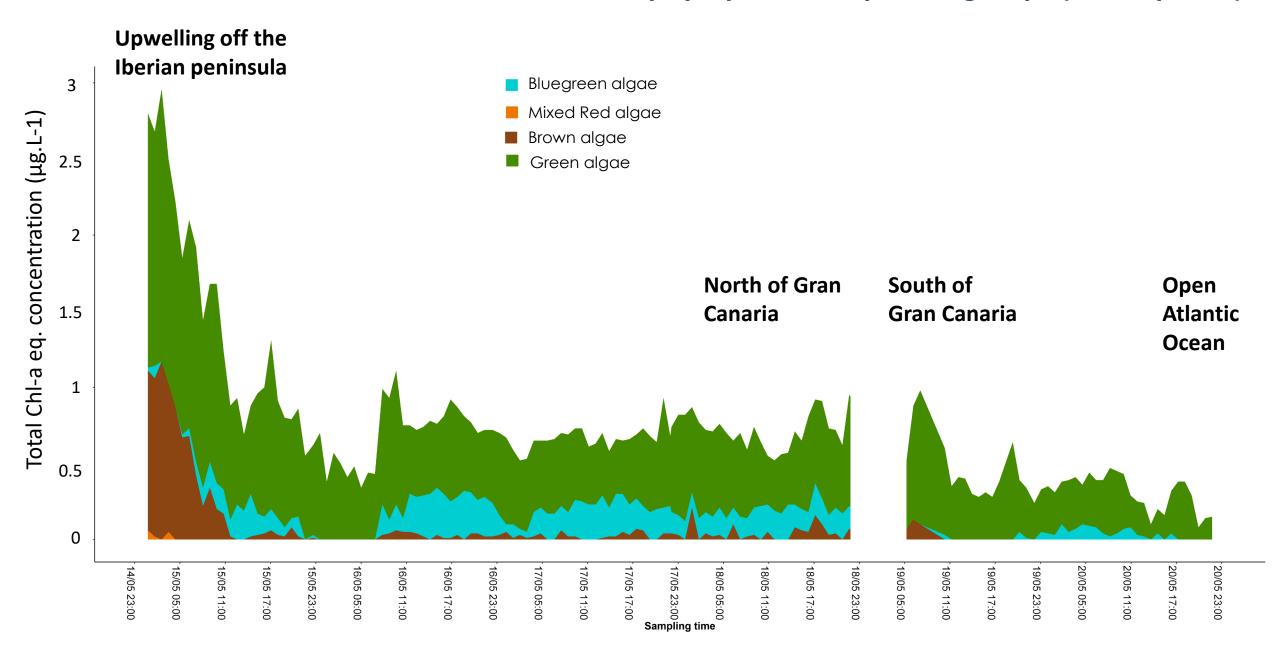
Underwater sub-surface measurements on the AMT-H1 cruise: Thersmosalinograph SBE21 – Fluoroprobe



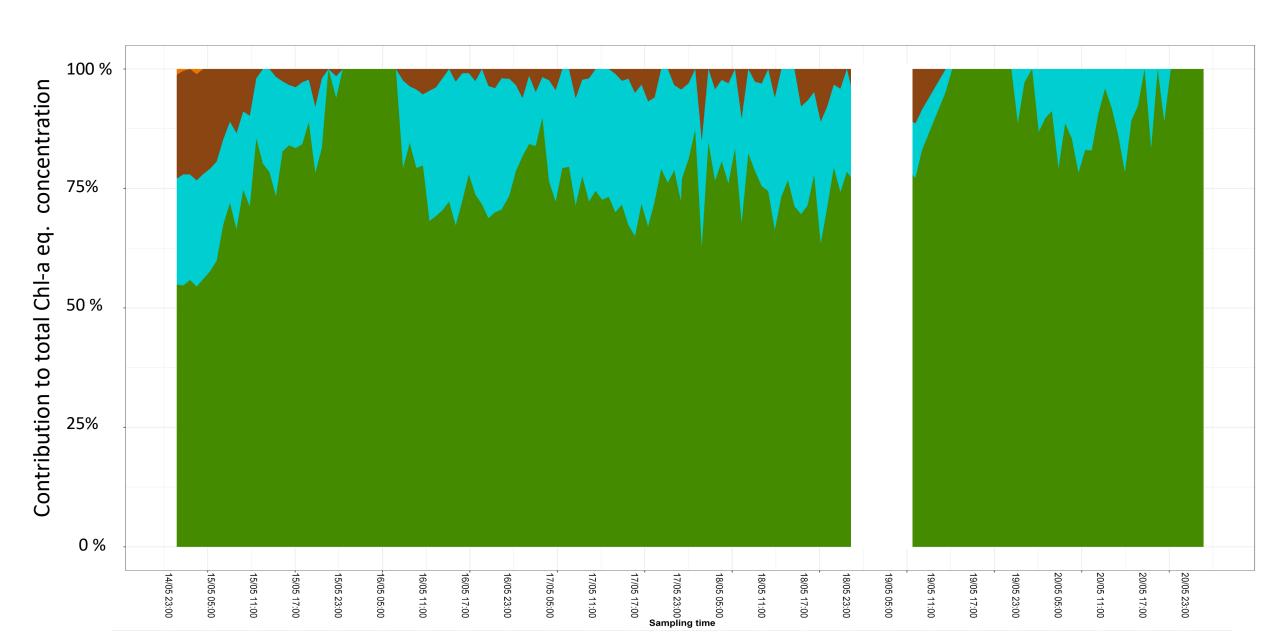
Underwater subsurface measurements on the AMT-H1 cruise:
Fluoroprobe and four different spectral groups



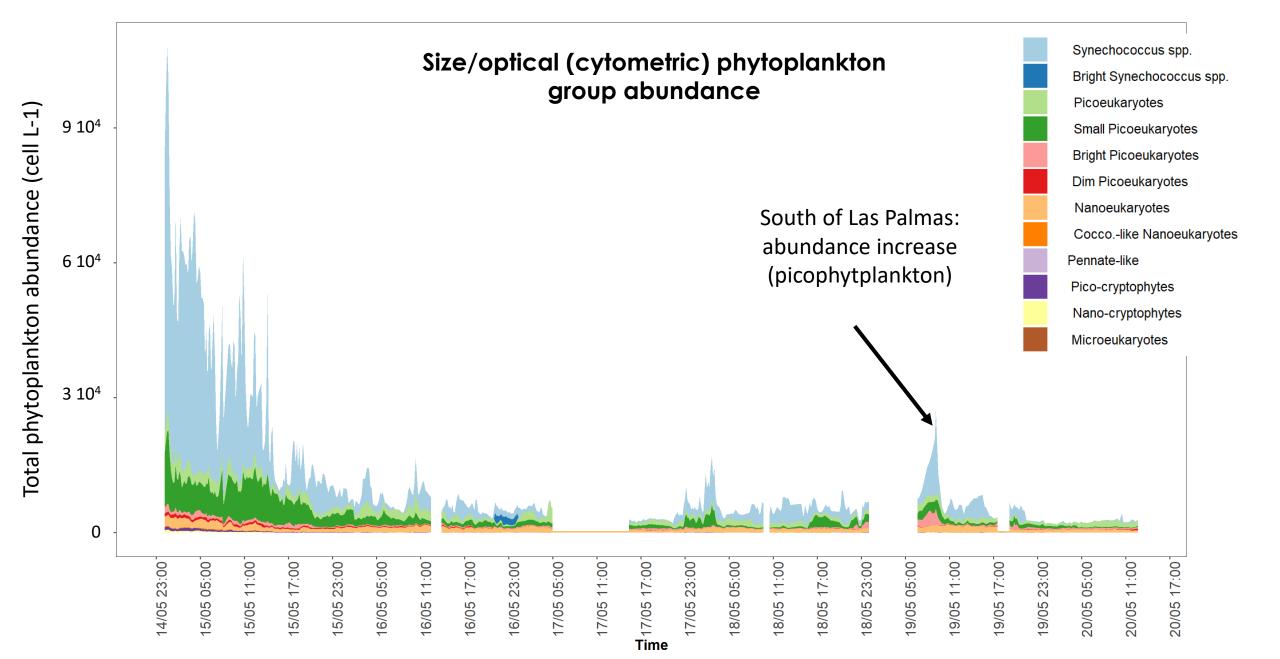
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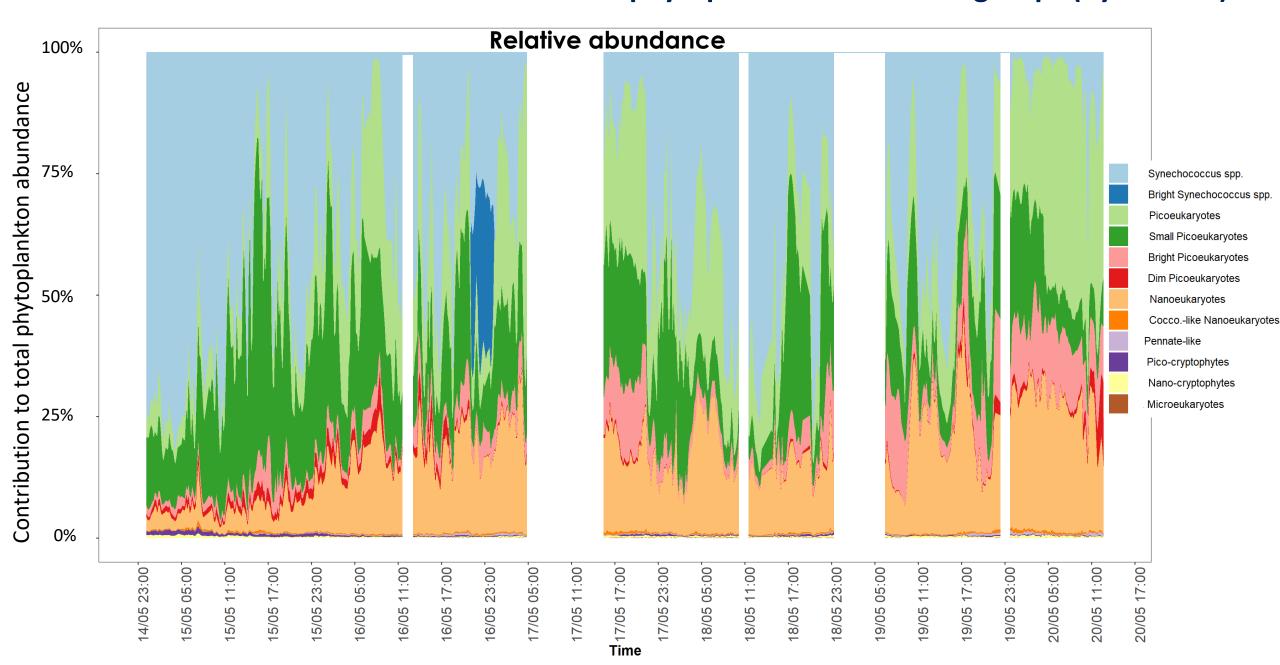
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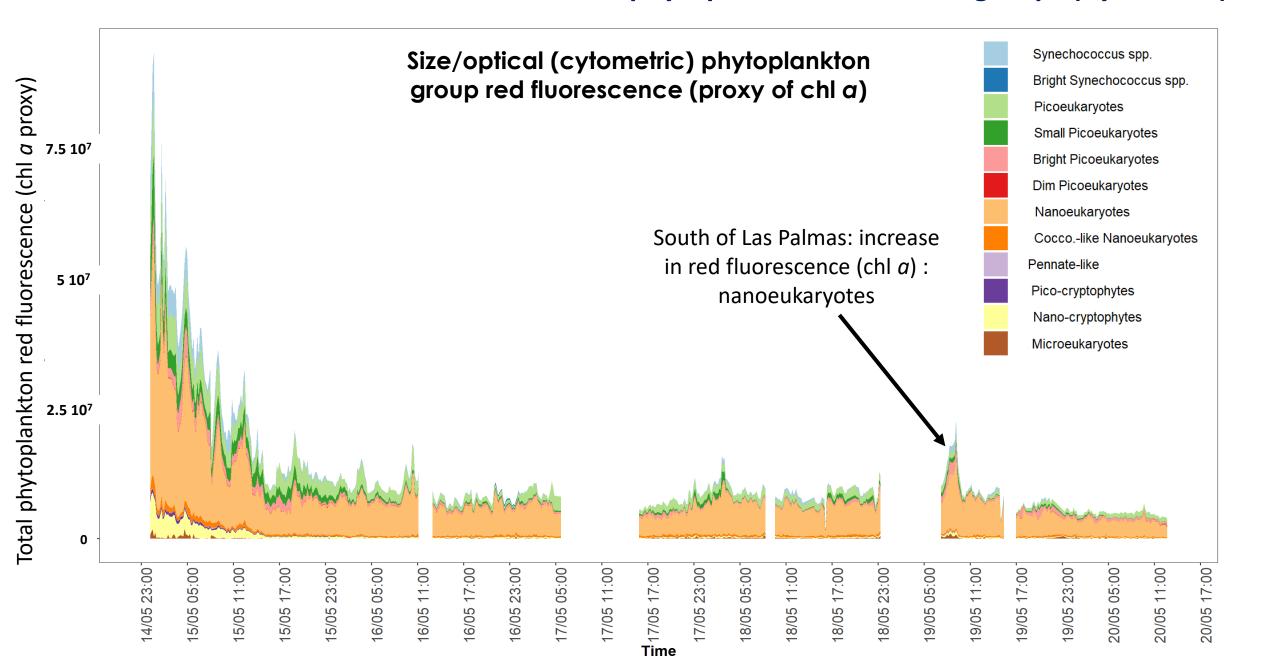
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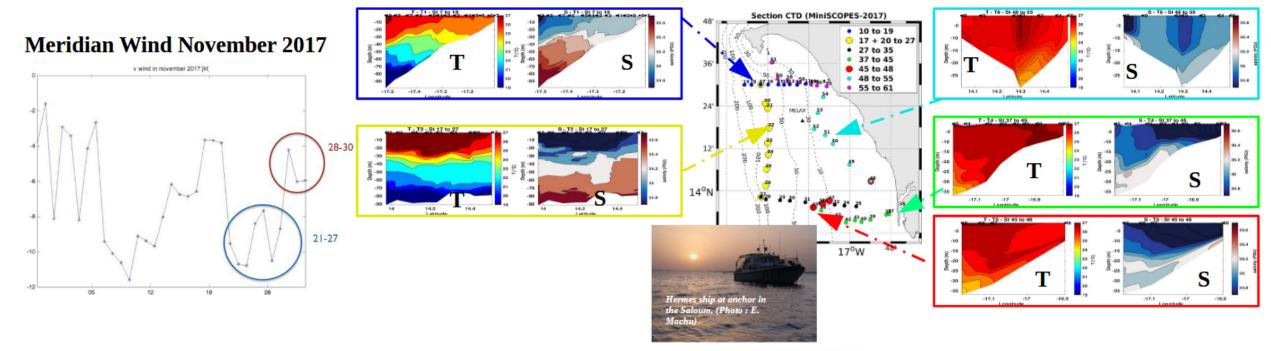
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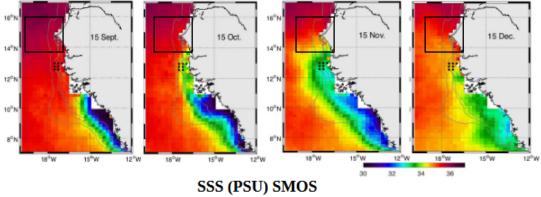
Relative red fluorescence of different phytoplankton cytometry groupe 100% Contribution to total phytoplankton red fluorescence Synechococcus spp. Bright Synechococcus spp. Picoeukaryotes Small Picoeukaryotes 75% **Bright Picoeukaryotes** Dim Picoeukaryotes Nanoeukaryotes Cocco.-like Nanoeukaryotes Pennate-like Pico-cryptophytes Nano-cryptophytes Microeukaryotes 25% 0% 14/05 23:00 16/05 05:00 16/05 23:00 17/05 05:00 18/05 05:00

Mini-Scopes: an integrated study on the southern Canary Current Ecosystem (Sénégal upwelling)

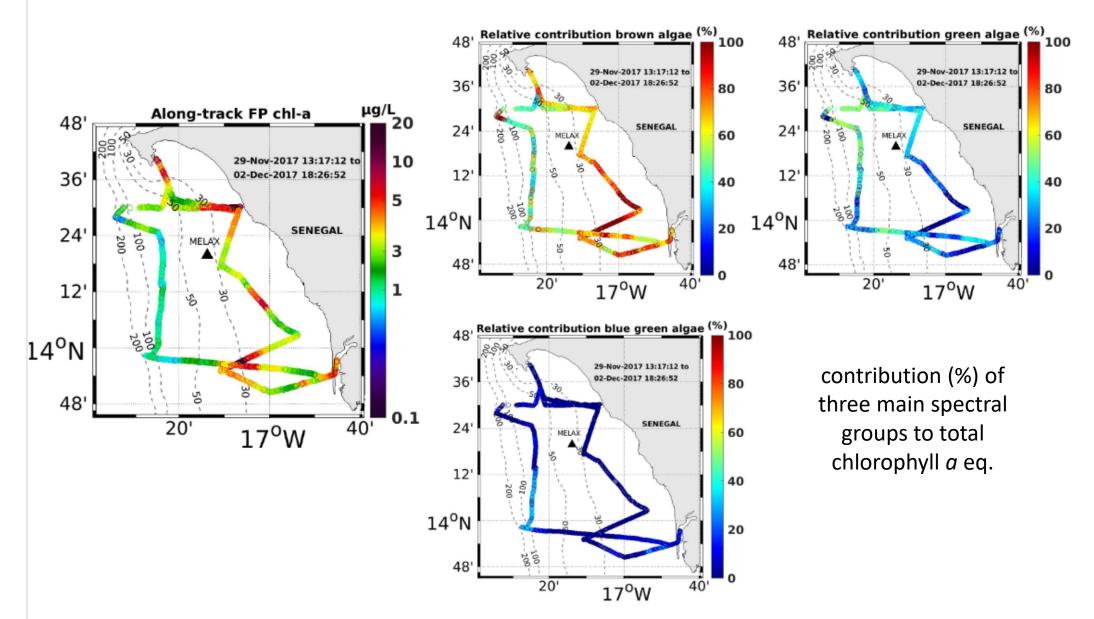
Water status during the campaign 2017 (29 November to 02 December)



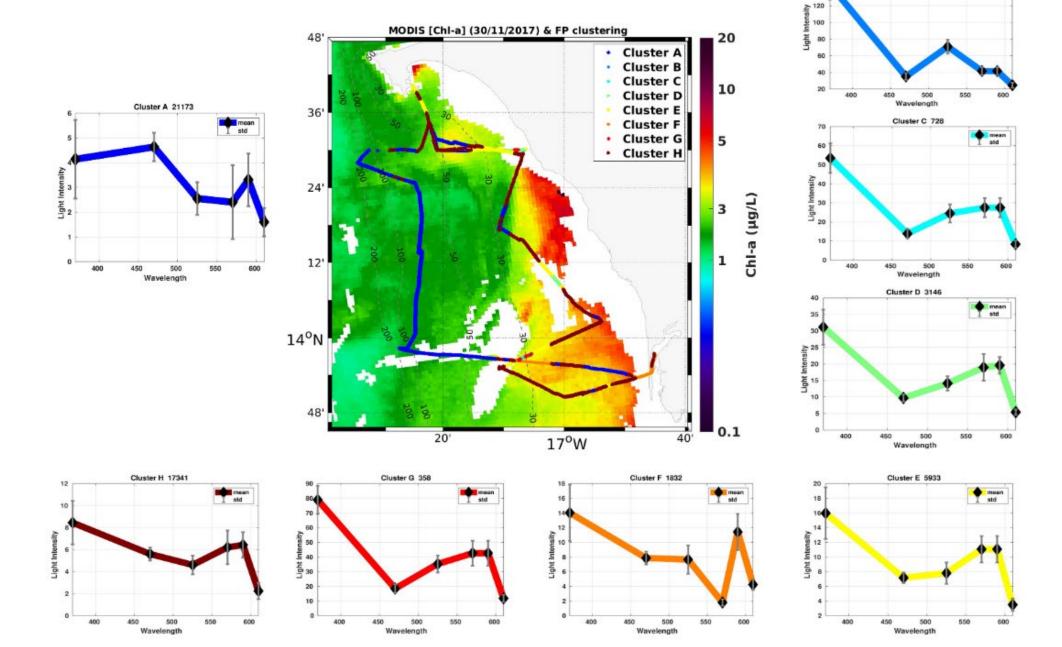
- ✓ Pre campaign period, 21-27 november, upwelling event.
- ✓ During the campaign 28 -30 november, relaxation phase.



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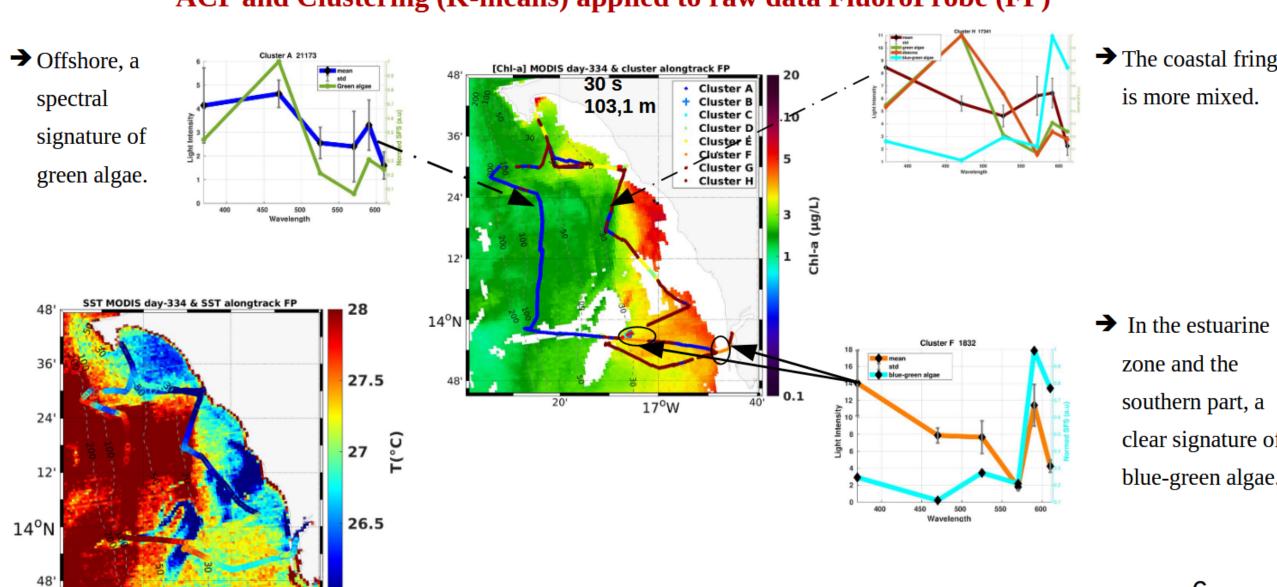
Spectral discrimination of different regions in the Sénégal shelf



Cluster B 202

Phytoplankton communities observed along the ship's path with multispectral analysis

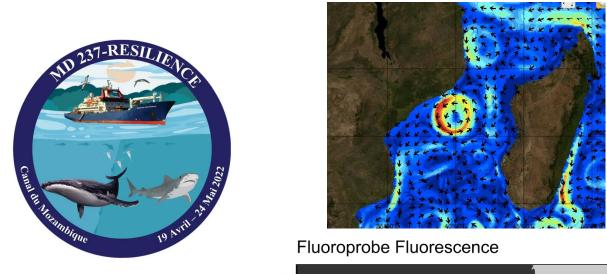
ACP and Clustering (K-means) applied to raw data FluoroProbe (FP)



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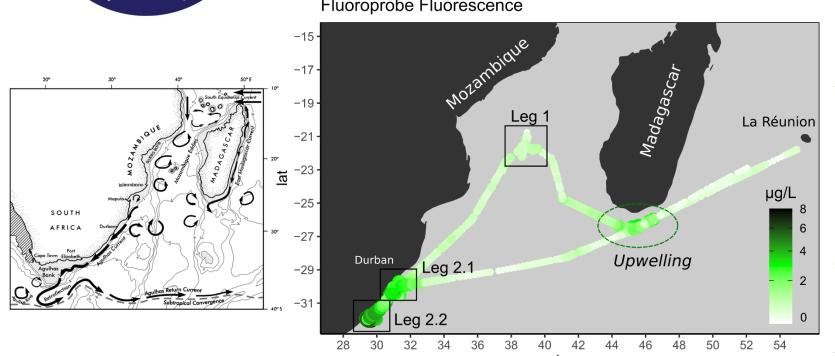
RESILIENCE 2022 on board the R.V. « Marion Dufresne » Coupling between submesoscale eddies/fronts & marine life (western Indian Ocean)

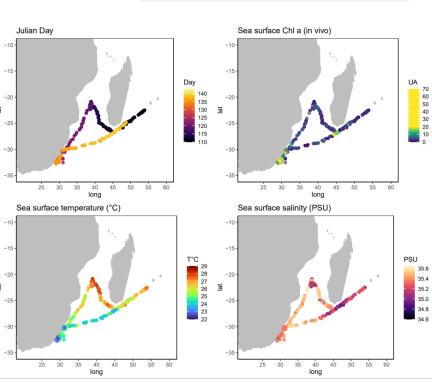


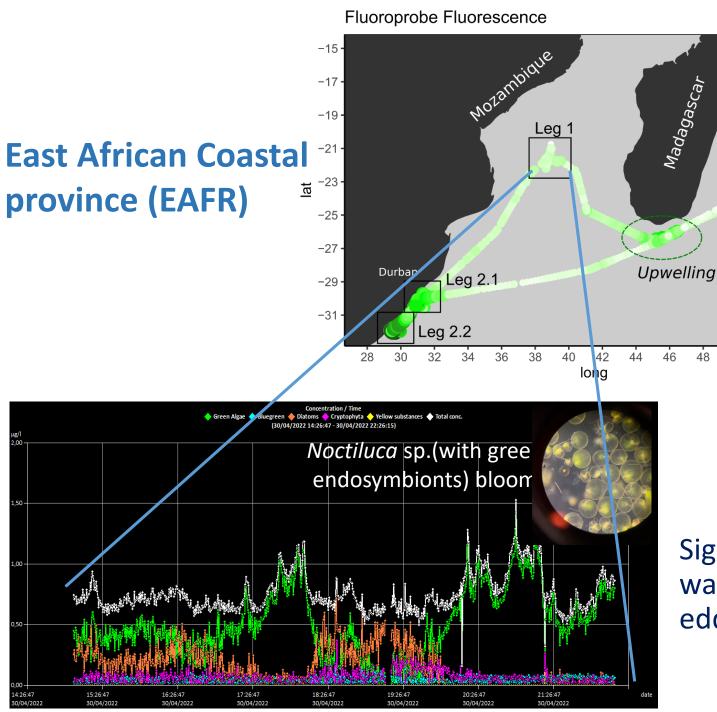
MARION DUFRESNE ATMOSPHERIC PROGRAM INDIAN OCEAN

East African Coastal province (EAFR)









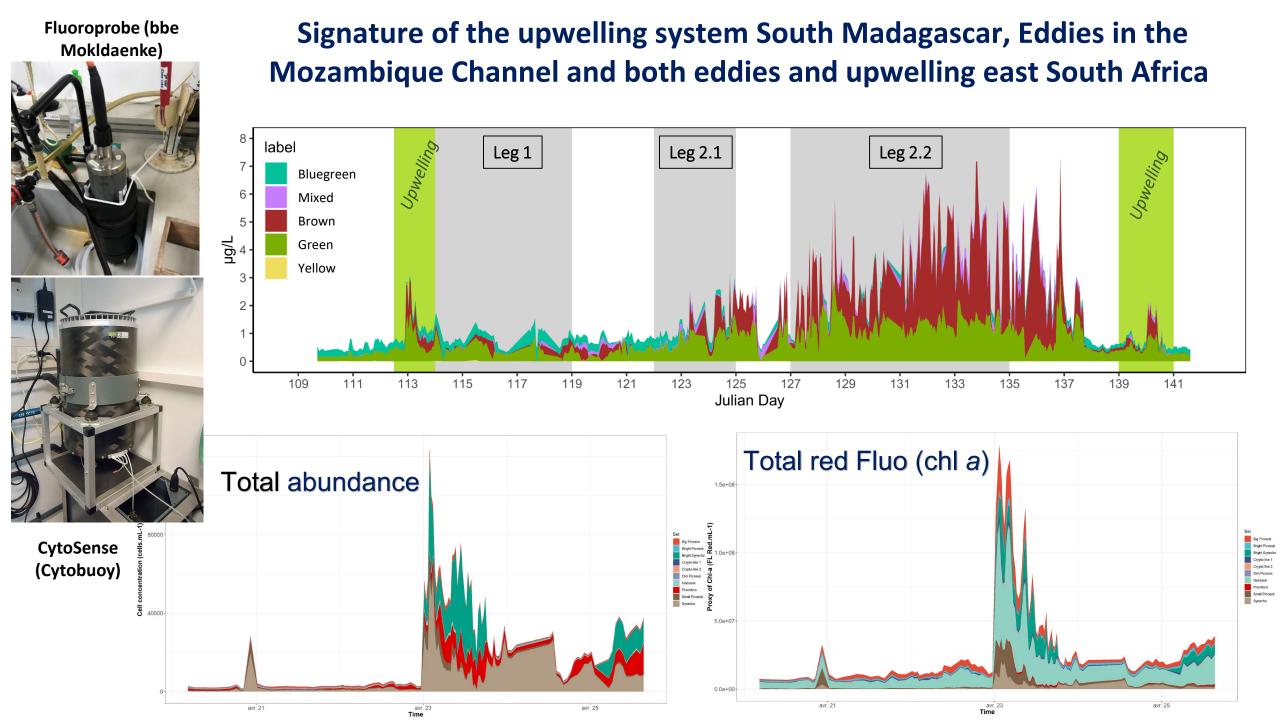
Presence of mesoscale cyclonic and anticyclonic eddies propagating southwards through the Mozambique Channel (Schouten et al., 2003; Quartly and Srokosz, 2004).

These eddies are known to enhance oceanic production in low and high trophic levels in the Mozambique Channel (Lamont et al., 2014; Lebourges-Dhaussy et al., 2014; Béhagle et al., 2014; Potier et al., 2014; Jaquemet et al., 2014).

Signature of less saltier and warmer waters of the Mozambique Channel eddy (Leg 1)

La Réunion

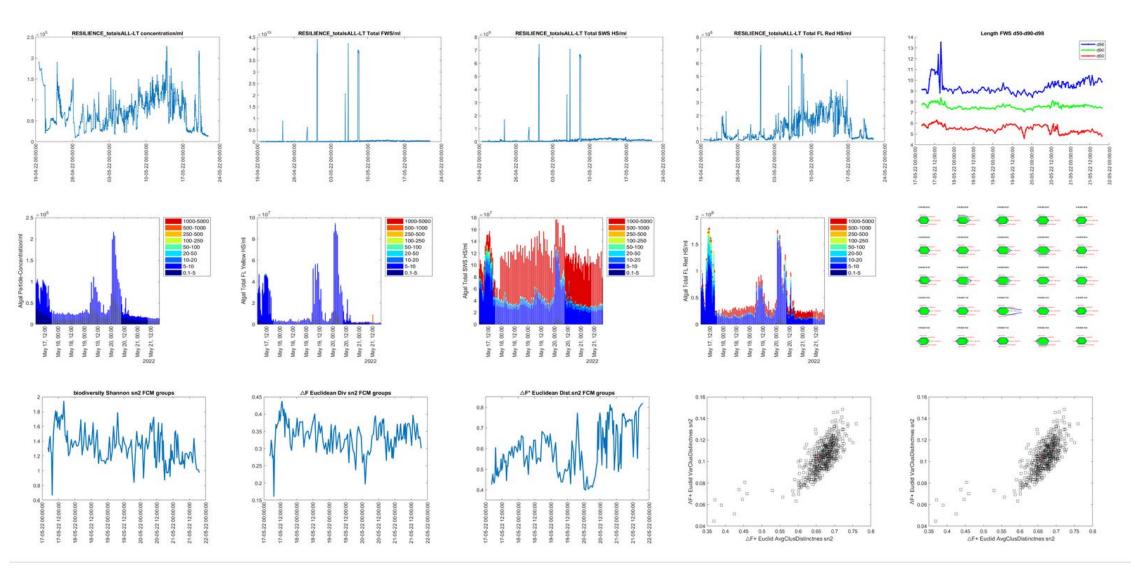
μg/L



Signature of the upwelling system South Madagascar Important increase Relative increase in in the contribution microphytoplankton of brown algae to red fluorescence (chl-a) total chl-a Crypto-like 1 Crypto-like 2 Microeuk Julian Day Fluoroprobe Picoeuk bright Picoeuk small Decrease in bluegreen group Svnecho *Increase in green green group Increase in brown group* Cluster 3e+06 CytoSense Crypto-like 2 2e+06 La Réunior Microeuk (FL Red L⁻ 1e+06 Picceuk brigh *Increase in bright* Picoeuk smal Prochloro Synechococcus abundance 1e+05 Synecho bright Upwelling 113 109 111 Julian Day *Increase in most optical groups*

Live Results RESILIENCE

to image gallery (if available)



Easyclus Live web app. Instrument check; Unsupervised wlustering Totals per sample (abundance, chl a); Cluster plots; Biodiversity indicators - EasyClus tool: Possibility to build a classifier to perform supervised analysis - Thomas Rutten Projects



Conclusion and perspectives

- Generalization of measurements of opportunity, in addition to dedicated oceanographic cruises for studying frontal ecosystems (spatial coverage) and application on fixed automated stations at high frequency (Eulerian approach) and/or on drifter studies (Lagrangian)
- Functional diversity coupled to taxonomical diversity (imaging) and phosotynthesis (FRRf), associated to hydrological, biogeochemical (pCO₂, nutrients) and optical measurements to improve understanding of sub-mesoscale processes and to help improving remote sensing ocean colour algorithms
- Exploring new angle on the definition of phytoplankton functional groups and ecological traits to include into ecological models
- Benefit of current networks in coastal (JERICO S3) and in open ocean systems as ICOS for C measurements, GOSHIP, I/ITAPINA "Imagine/Imaging the Atlantic A Pelagic Imaging Network Approach", the "Coastal Observatory for Climate, CO2 and Acidification for Global South Society" (COCAS, endorsed to the UN Ocean Decade, 2021-2030) and the IOC CCLME project, as frames for reinforcing and extending the application of these approaches in different frontal systems (eddies, upwelling), adapting and adopting common operational practices for both measurements, data treatment and data pipelines.

