



**Mercator  
Ocean**  
Ocean Forecasters



LSCE

LABORATOIRE DES SCIENCES DU CLIMAT  
& DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT



WP1 : Global 20<sup>th</sup> century analysis

Development of the ocean carbon component

[MERCOC] *Aurélie Albert*, Coralie Perruche

[UVSQ] Marion Gehlen

---

ERA-CLIM2 General Assembly Meeting 19-21 november 2014, ECMWF

Objectives :

- set up of the coupling of Ocean Biogeochemistry with CERA-20C
- run 10 20<sup>th</sup> century reanalysis of ocean biogeochemistry

3 strategies for the coupling :

- offline coupling, CERA-20C ocean & atmospheric outputs as forcings
- offline NEMO-PISCES, CERA-20C atmospheric outputs as forcings  
w/o selective damping to CERA-20C oceanic component
- online coupling, we provide code, namelists & biogeochemical inputs  
and ECMWF integrates PISCES in CERA-20C

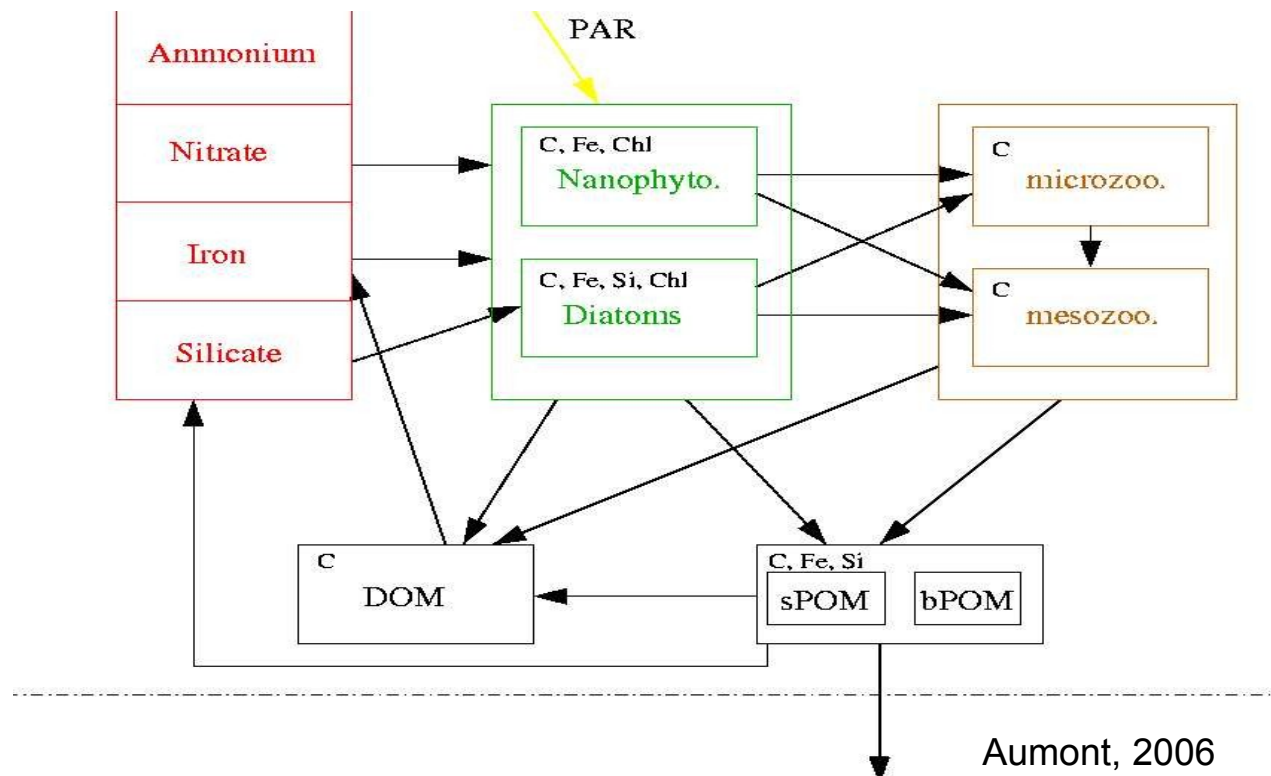
Set up :

- choose strategy
- then given the strategy
- tuning of biogeochemical parameters
  - choose biological & coupling parameterization
  - choose initialization strategy

Tool : PISCES biogeochemical model :

ecosystem, carbon and oxygen cycles, 2 phytos, 2 zoos, detritus, nutrient limitations (including silicate & iron)

24 prognostic variables + online diagnostics (carbon fluxes, primary production, export ...)



## The offline strategy : coupling with CERA-20C ocean component

The PISCES model needs a set of daily mean forcing fields:

Description	Variable name	Grid	Remark
Ocean temperature	votemper	3D field, T grid	
Ocean salinity	vosaline	3D field, T grid	
Net upward water flux	sowaflup	2D field, T grid	This is the net fresh water budget into ocean (i.e. evaporation minus precipitation)
Sea-ice fraction	soicecov	2D field, T grid	This variable is named ileadfra at MERCATOR
Net downward shortwave flux	soshfldo	2D field, T grid	This variable is named soceshwf at MERCATOR
Mixed layer depth	somixhgt	2D field, T grid	This variable is named somxlavt at MERCATOR
Wind speed at 10m	sowindsp	2D field, T grid	This variable is named sowinmod at MERCATOR
Zonal velocity	vozocrtx	3D field, U grid	
Meridional velocity	vozocryy	3D field, V grid	
Vertical velocity	vozocrtz	3D field, W grid	
Vertical diffusion coefficient	votkeavt	3D field, W grid	Two fields are archived: avt_k (initial vertical diffusion coefficient) and avt (avt_k with enhanced convection and tide effects).

The PISCES model needs a set of daily mean forcing fields:

Description	Filename	Grid	Remark
River runoff climatology	runoff_1m_nomask.nc	2D field, T grid	Contain 12 monthly means. Retrieve from ec:/ocx/NEMO/SETUP/V34/ORCA1_Z42_v3/PARAMETERS/runoff_1m_nomask.nc
Mesh and mask data	mesh_mask.nc	/	Retrieve from /perm/rd/ocx/data/nemo/V34/ORCA1_Z42_v3/mesh_mask.nc (HPC directory)
Bathymetry	bathy_meter.nc	2D field, T grid	Retrieve from ec:/ocx/NEMO/SETUP/V34/ORCA1_Z42_v3/PARAMETERS/bathy_meter.nc

The offline strategy : coupling with CERA-20C ocean component

The PISCES model needs a set of daily mean forcing fields:

Description	Variable name	Grid	Remark
Ocean temperature	votemper	3D field, T grid	
Ocean salinity	vosaline	3D field, T grid	
Net upward water flux	sowaflup	2D field, T grid	different convention, in PISCES we need water flux into the ocean => we multiply by -1
Sea-ice fraction	soicecov	2D field, T grid	
Net downward shortwave flux	soshfldo	2D field, T grid	This variable is named soceshwf at MERCATOR
Mixed layer depth	somixhgt	2D field, T grid	This variable is named somxlavt at MERCATOR
Wind speed at 10m	sowindsp	2D field, T grid	This variable is named sowinmod at MERCATOR
Zonal velocity	vozocrtx	3D field, U grid	
Meridional velocity	vozocryt	3D field, V grid	
Vertical velocity	vozocrtz	3D field, W grid	
Vertical diffusion coefficient	votkeavt	3D field, W grid	Two fields are archived: avt_k (initial vertical diffusion coefficient) and avt (avt_k with enhanced convection and tide effects).

first sensitivity test

The PISCES model needs a set of daily mean forcing fields:

Description	Filename	Grid	Remark
River runoff climatology	runoff_1m_nomask.nc	2D field, T grid	Contain 12 monthly means. Retrieve from ec:/ocx/NEMO/SETUP/V34/ORCA1_Z42_v3/PARAMETERS/runoff_1m_nomask.nc
Mesh and mask data	mesh_mask.nc	/	Retrieve from /perm/rd/ocx/data/nemo/V34/ORCA1_Z42_v3/mesh_mask.nc (HPC directory)
Bathymetry	bathy_meter.nc	2D field, T grid	Retrieve from ec:/ocx/NEMO/SETUP/V34/ORCA1_Z42_v3/PARAMETERS/bathy_meter.nc

+ initial conditions & external biogeochemical forcings (dust, rivers, sediments)

Workplan with 2009-2010 CERA-20C :

Loop on forcings to get 10 years (⇔ drift, stabilisation ?)

Sensitivity tests planned in offline mode :

- filtered Kz or not
- advection & diffusion scheme
- biogeochemical parameterization (ln\_newprod,...)
- initial conditions

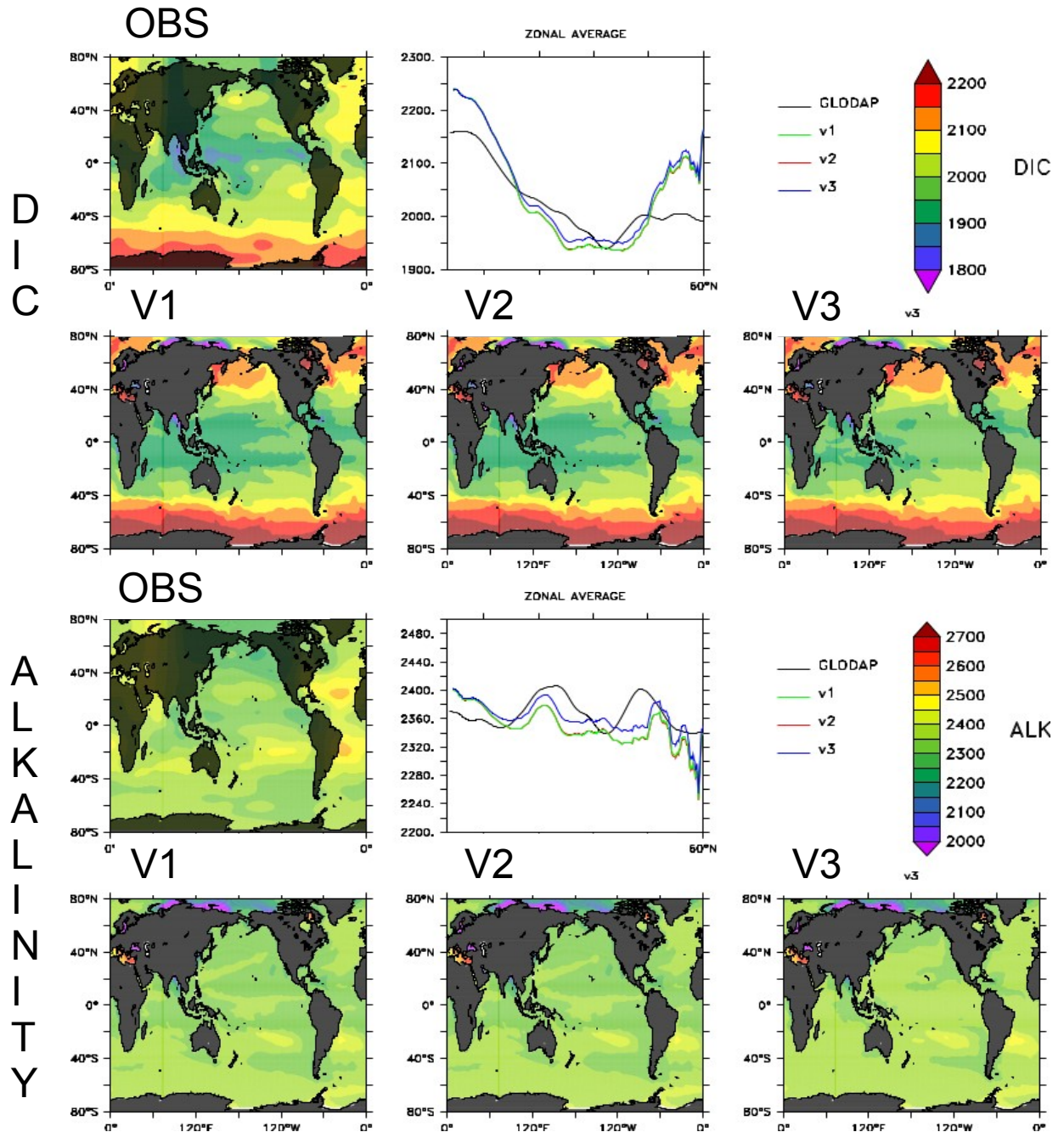
Initialization strategy :

CNRM R. Seferian 3 initial states output of +3000 years simulation

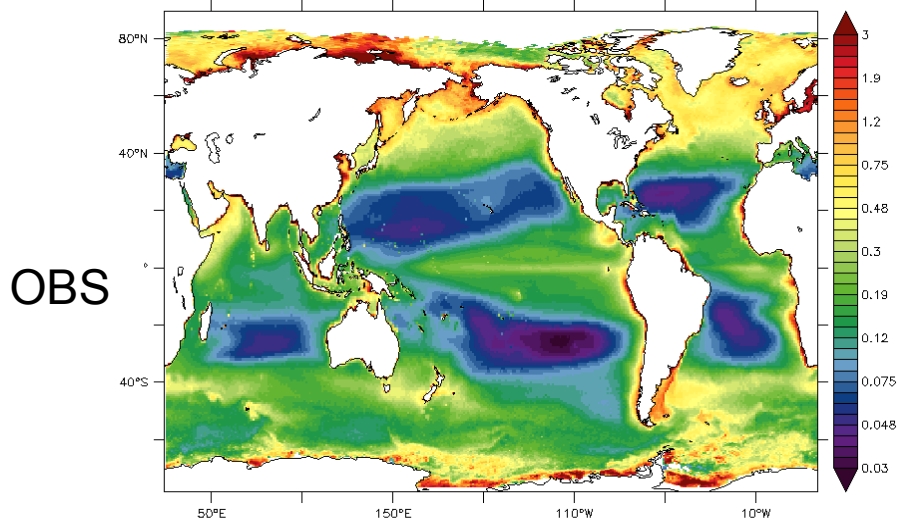
- OBS : GLODAP
- V1 : CORE forcing + default PISCES
- V2 : DFS forcing + PISCES1
- V3 : DFS forcing + PISCES2
- also plan for ERA-interim + PISCES without newprod...

preindustrial atmospheric carbon

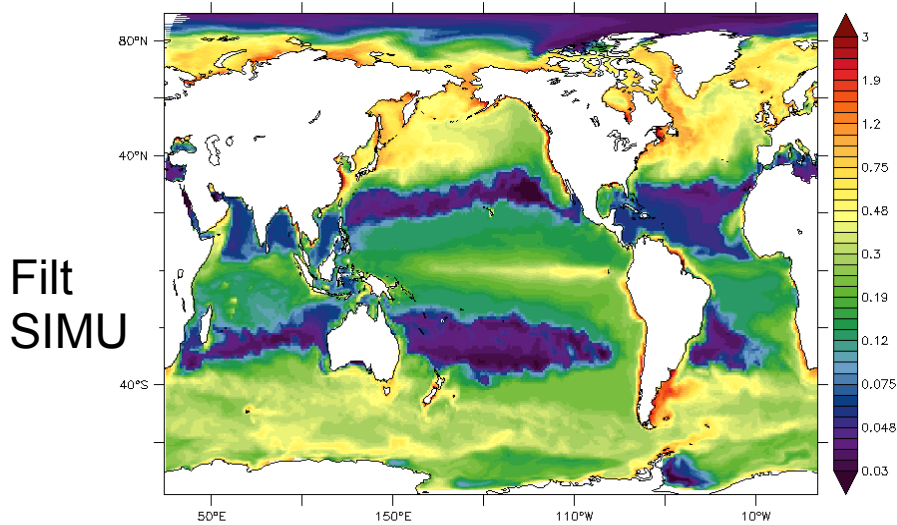
What strategy for the 20<sup>th</sup> century ?  
Spin-up ? How long ?



Preliminary results for first runs : influence of vertical mixing coefficient



Surf Chl Globcolor 1998–2011



Surf Chl T08 2018

Annual mean of surface **chlorophyll** (mg CHL/m<sup>3</sup>)

- Observation (Globcolour)
- Simulation with filtered Kz
- Diff (total – filtered) Kz

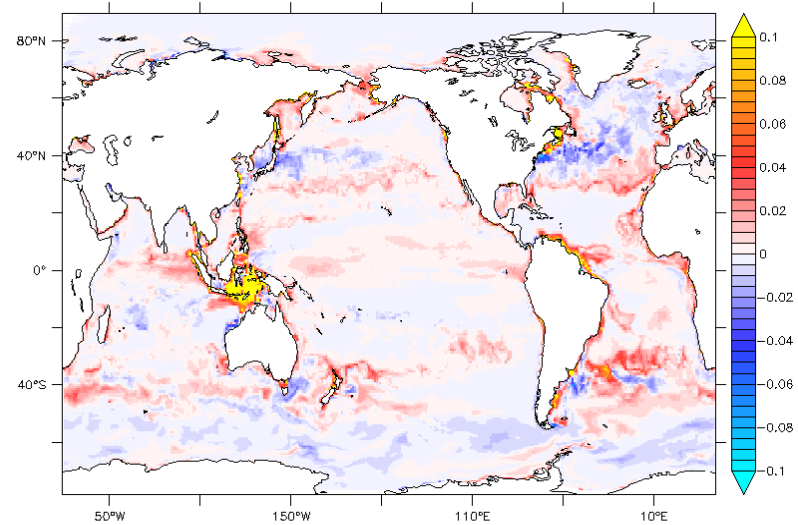
Simulation vs Obs :

- good patterns and magnitude
- poor subtropical gyres with width too thin
- equatorial bias

Total Kz vs Filtered :

- more production except in strong currents
- stronger differences in Indonesian region, upwelling better represented

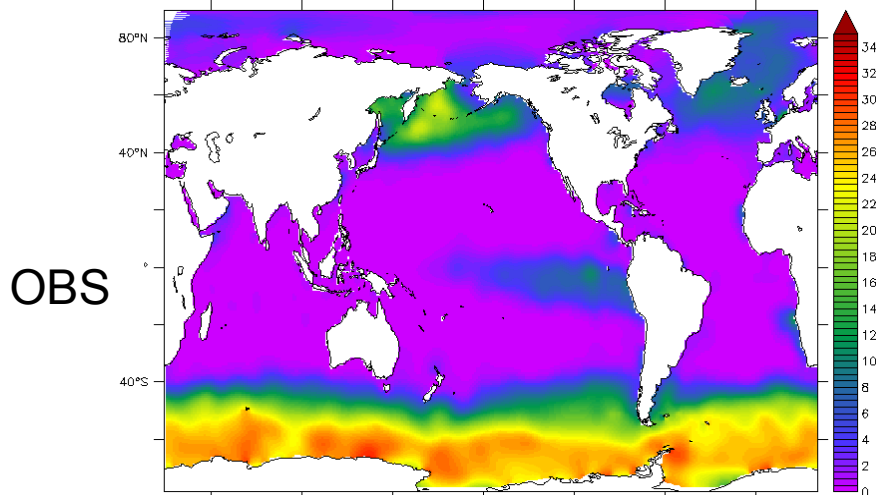
Diff  
Total-  
Filt



Surf Chl T09–T08 2018



Preliminary results for first runs : influence of vertical mixing coefficient



Annual mean of surface **nitrates** (mmol N / m<sup>3</sup>)

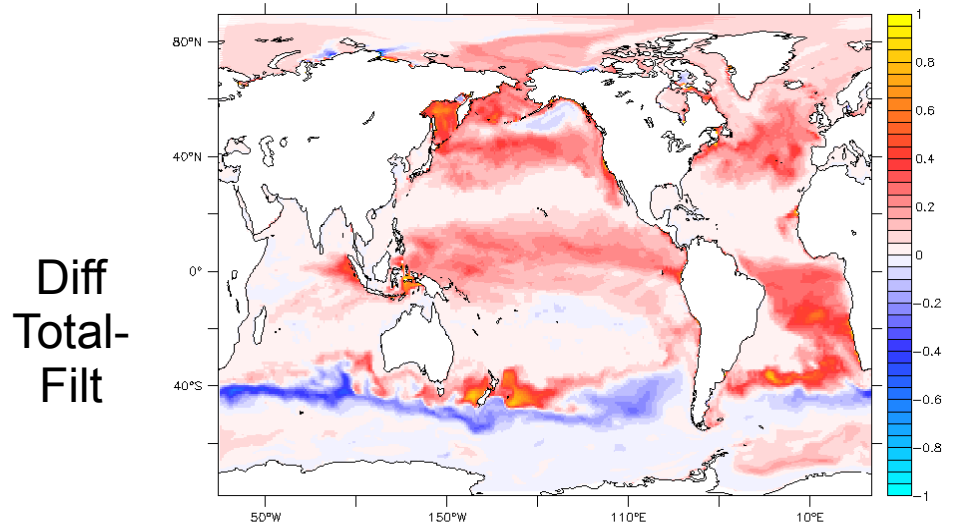
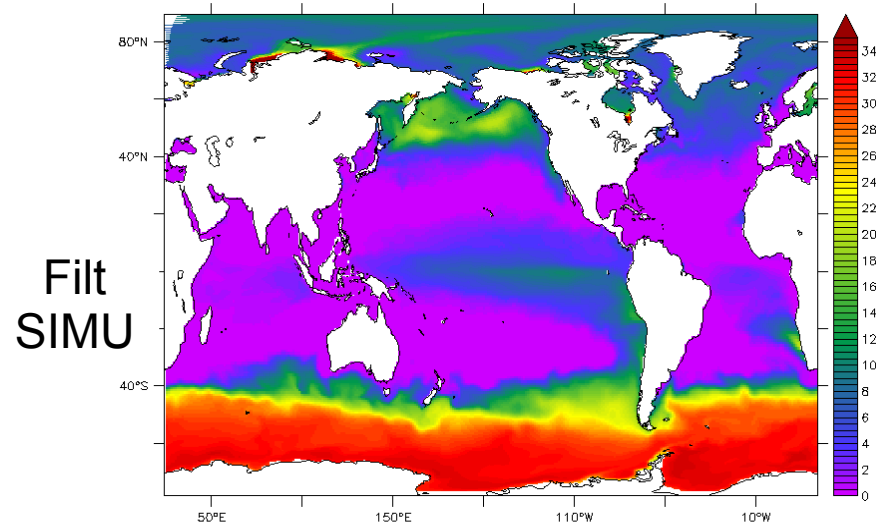
- Observation (WOA05)
- Simulation with filtered Kz
- Diff (total – filtered) Kz

Simulation vs Obs :

- good patterns and magnitude
- equatorial bias

Total Kz vs Filtered :

- more nutrient except in circumpolar current
- weak differences (less than 1 mmol N / m<sup>3</sup>)



Preliminary results for first runs : influence of vertical mixing coefficient

Annual mean of equatorial **nitrates** (mmol N /m<sup>3</sup>) from surface to 1000m :

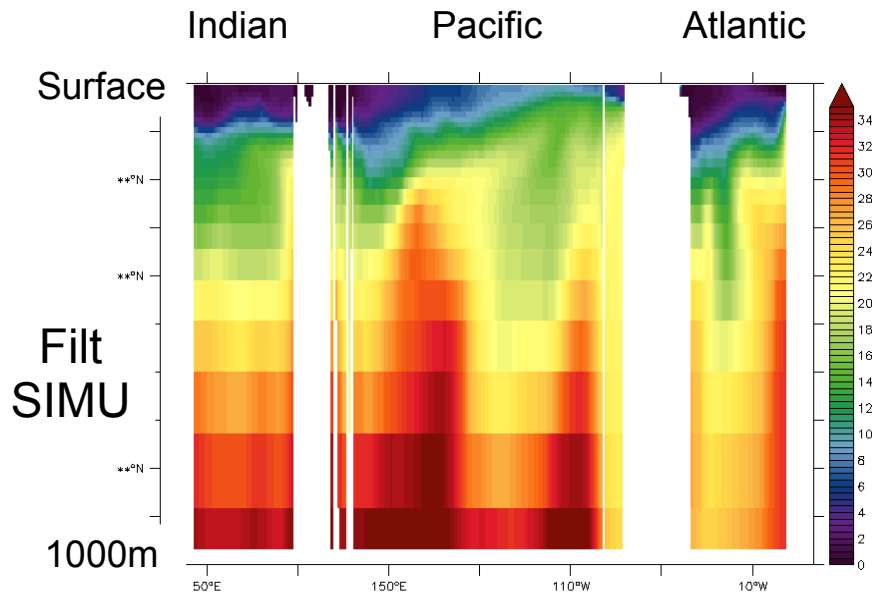
- Simulation with filtered Kz
- Diff (total – filtered) Kz

Simulation :

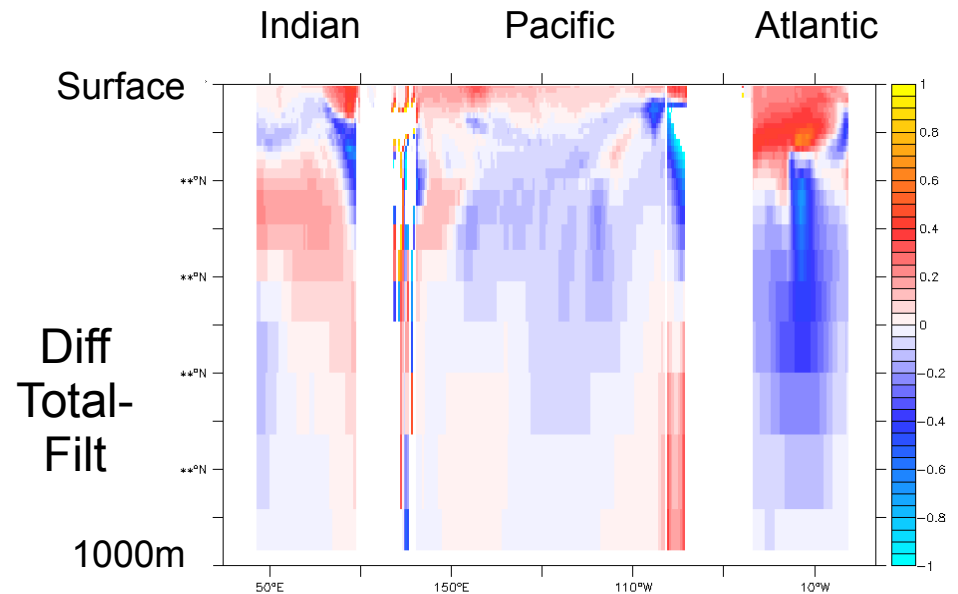
- strong values at depth
- eastern boundary upwelling

Total vs Kz :

- dipole of positive/negative differences surface/subsurface due to enhanced vertical mixing



Eq section N03 2016



Eq section N03 T09–T08 2016

Preliminary results for first runs : influence of vertical mixing coefficient

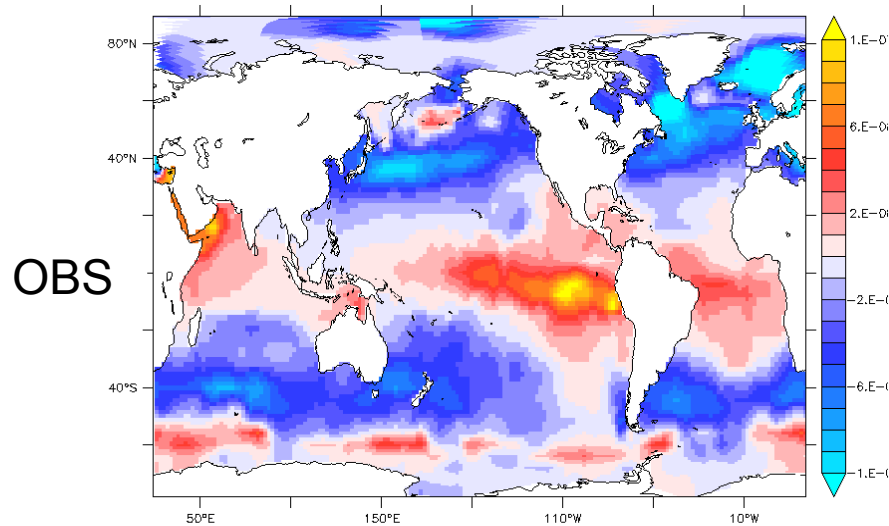
Annual mean of **carbon flux** (gC/m<sup>2</sup>/yr) from ocean to atmosphere :

- Observation (Takahashi)
- Simulation with filtered Kz

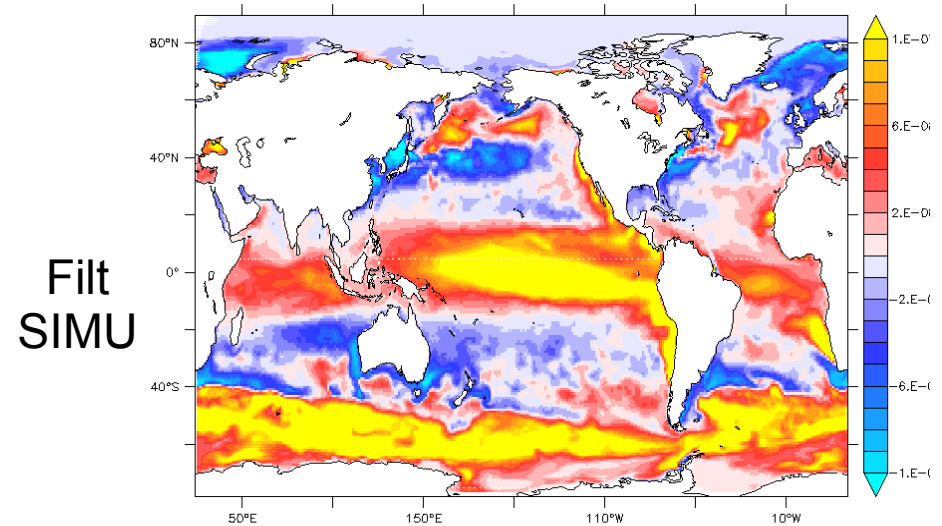
Simu vs Obs :

- general good direction of the flux
- carbon sources to atmosphere too big
- very small carbon sink in North Atlantic & Austral Ocean

⇒ A lot of work to do !



C flux Takahashi 2007



C flux T08 2018

Technical aspects :

- wall-time of one 10 years run : ~43h  $\Rightarrow$  100 years : ~18 days
- reconstruction of outputs takes 4 times more time than running (in parallel)

$\Rightarrow$  need for optimization (use of land processors in the multi-processors cut-out to debug)

- storage for one 10 years run : 1.25T  $\Rightarrow$  100 years : 12.5T (outputs only)
- storage for one 10 years run : 1.55T  $\Rightarrow$  100 years : 15.5T (with annual mean)

$\Rightarrow$  distribution of the outputs : which variable to keep ?

- CMIP norms for name, units and aspect of the outputs ?
- management of the daily forcings : copy + unzip 100 years in a row not possible

Calendar :

