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Fixed Observatories
and Long-time-Series of
Dissolved Oxygen Measurements:
Good Quality Data is a Challenge

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Background ...

O₂ related Oceanographic research :

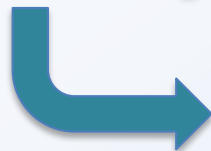
- Oceanic productivity
- Ocean's deoxygenation (expansion of OMZ)
- Ocean circulation/mixing
- Ocean ventilation



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Needs

- High quality datasets
- Long-term time-series



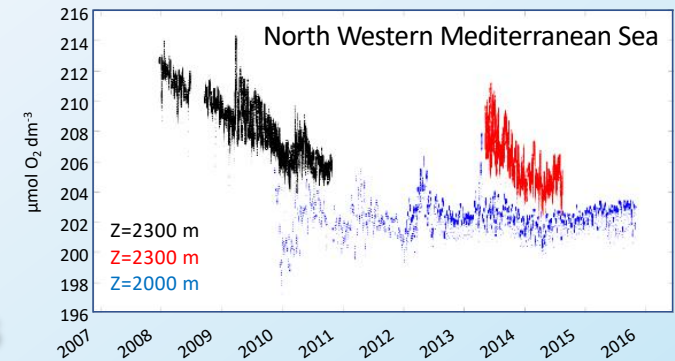
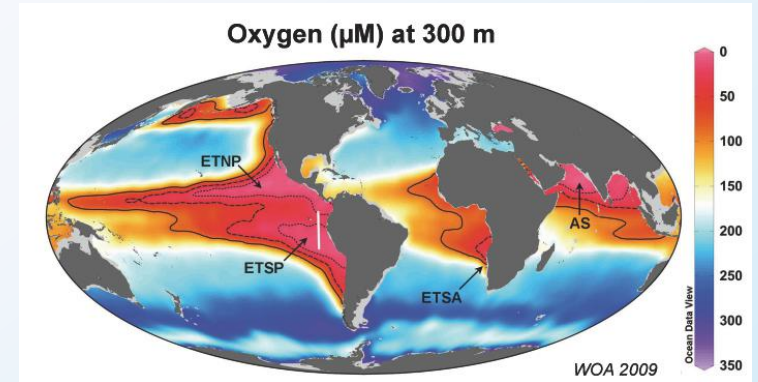
Tools for data acquisitions

- Autonomous Sensors
- Various types platforms (mobile & fixed)



Questions?

- Solutions to overcome drift trends?
- Is the required quality reached?



Context of the EMSO ERIC's O₂ calibration platform

Fleet of sensors



Needs of common

- Tools
- Procedures

11 Regional Facilities

- Fixed infrastructures
- Long-term time-series

Conception of a O₂ sensor calibration bench

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Various environnements

- Deep sea
- Water column
- Artic to Mediterranean sea...



Its a first step...

Summary

1. Current states

- Scientific needs
- Tools
- Quality requirements

2. Current strategies to overcome drift trends

3. EMSO-ERIC's O₂ Sensor Calibration Bench

- Context & use
- Description

4. Exemple of adjusment

5. Issues



1.1 Current states: Scientific needs for long-time-series O₂ measurements

Required level of accuracy depends of :

- ➔ Scientific objectives
 - Seasonal to decadal variation?
 - Event detection?
- ➔ Open Ocean or Coastal waters?

Open Ocean
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCP and export production • Ocean's deoxygenation (expansion of OMZ) • Ocean circulation/mixing • Ocean Interior ventilation • Biogeochemical processes
<p>≈ 1 μmol/l</p>

Coastal waters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water quality index • Biomass indicator • Seasonal variations • Anoxic events • ...
<p>≈ 5 to 6 μmol/l</p>

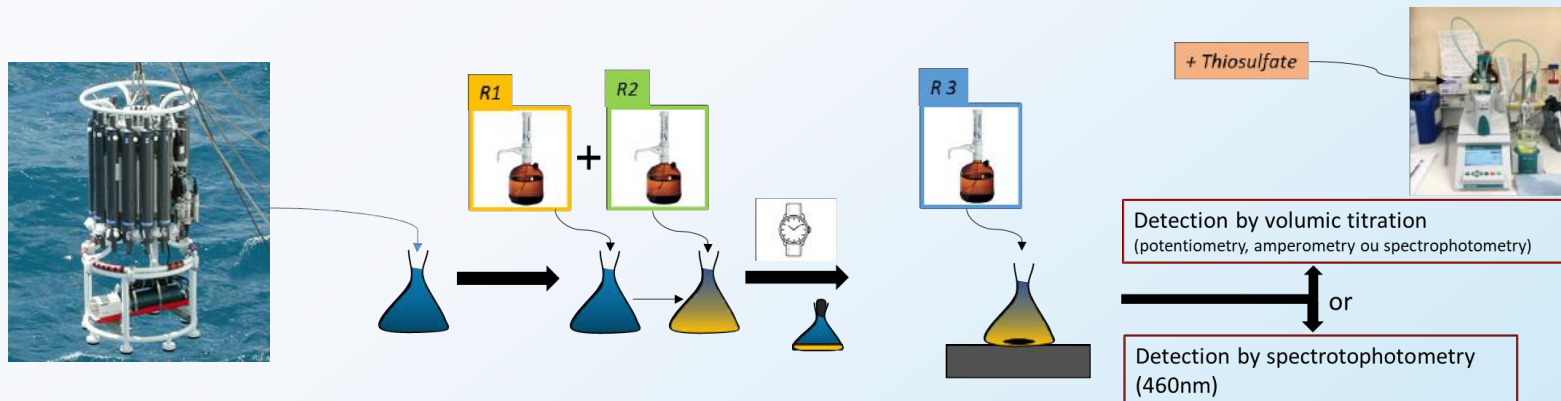
Variability range in open ocean :

- Observed seasonal variability range in the upper thermocline:
 - ✓ 10 to 20 μmol/kg (*Najjar & Keeling, 1997*)
 - Expected long term trend of oxygen in the upper ocean
- ✓ 5 to 20 μmol/kg (*Keeling, Körtzinger & Gruber 2009*)

Tools for dissolved oxygen (O₂) measurements:

→ Reference measurements = Winkler titration analysis

- accuracy ≈ 0.2 μmol/kg
- manual sampling
- laboratory analysis
- discrete samples
- low frequency
- time consuming



→ O₂ sensors

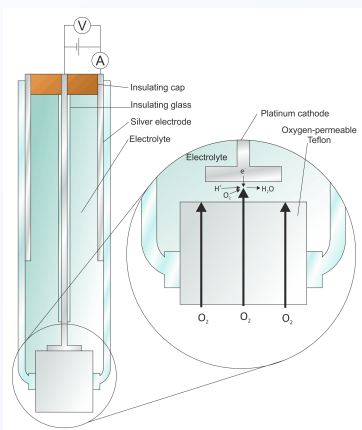
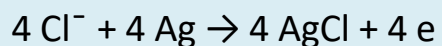
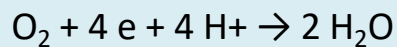
- accuracy **IF WELL USED** ≈ 2-3 μmol/kg
 - Calibrated
 - Appropriate data processing
 - Appropriate deployment procedure
 - ...
- autonomous
- high frequency



1.2 Current states: Tools for long term timeseries of O₂ measurements

→ Two different type of sensors

Clark electrode: Redox reaction

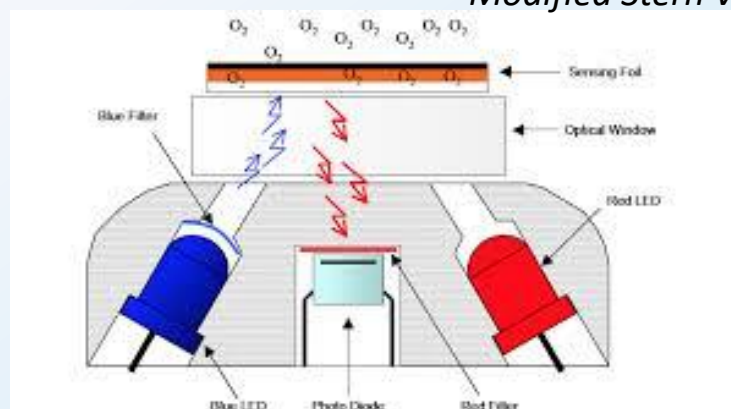


- ✓ Fast response-time
- ✓ O₂ consumption
- ✓ Require regular maintenance
- ✓ Commonly used on CTDs profiling (SBE43)

Optode: Luminescence quenching

$$\frac{I_0}{I} = \frac{\Lambda_0}{\Lambda} = 1 + K'_{SV} \cdot a_{\text{O}_2}^M \approx 1 + K'_{SV} \cdot c_{\text{O}_2}^M$$

Modified Stern Volmer Equation



- ✓ Longer response-time
- ✓ Commonly used for long term timeseries
- ✓ No O₂ consumption

→ Measurements influenced by temperature, pressure, salinity

→ Changes of performance over time (drift trends)

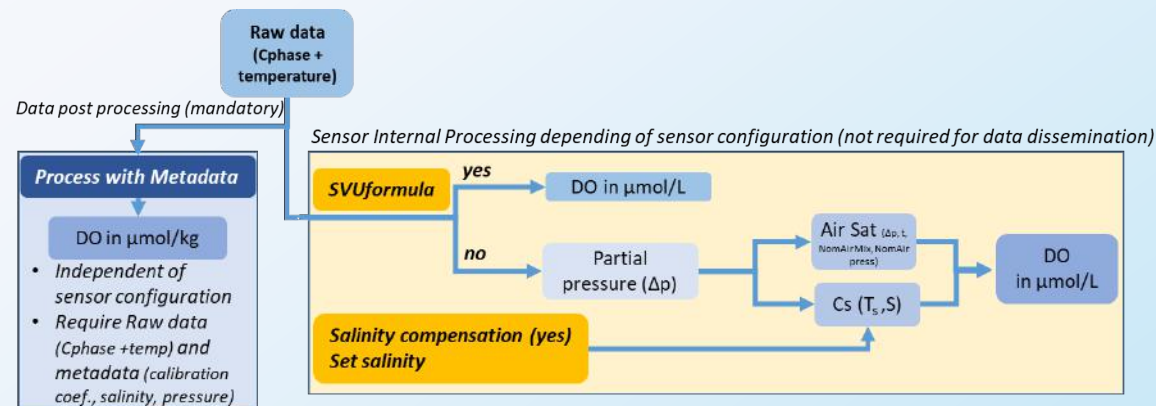
Requirements for quality measurements:

➔ KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR SENSOR

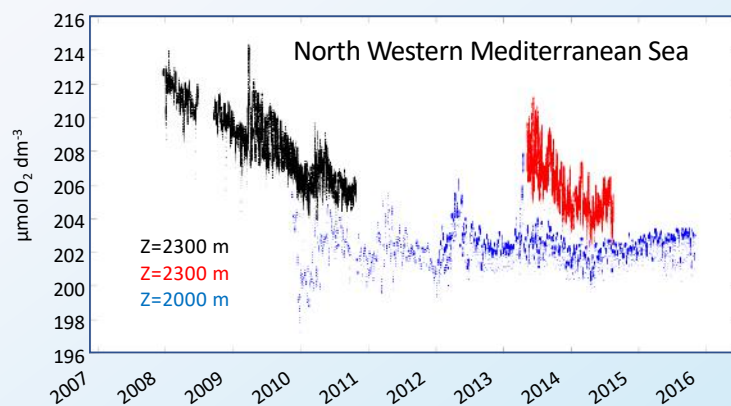
- O₂-temperature response (coefficients)
- Pressure compensation
- Salinity compensation (yes/no)

➔ Post processing raw data instead of direct reading (internal processing)

Exemple of Aanderaa optode internal processing (type 4330):



➔ Drift adjustment solutions?



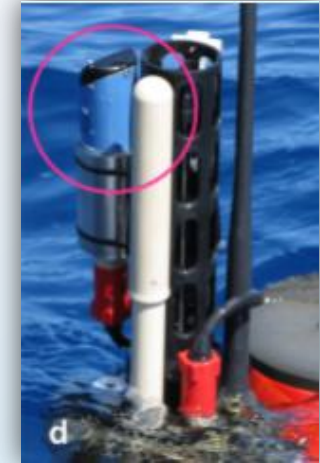
Exemple of O₂ measurements over a 8 years on a deep sea fixed observatory in the North Western Medietrranean Sea @ 2000 and 2300 m depth.

2. Current strategies to overcome drift trends

Mobile observatories (profilers and gliders):

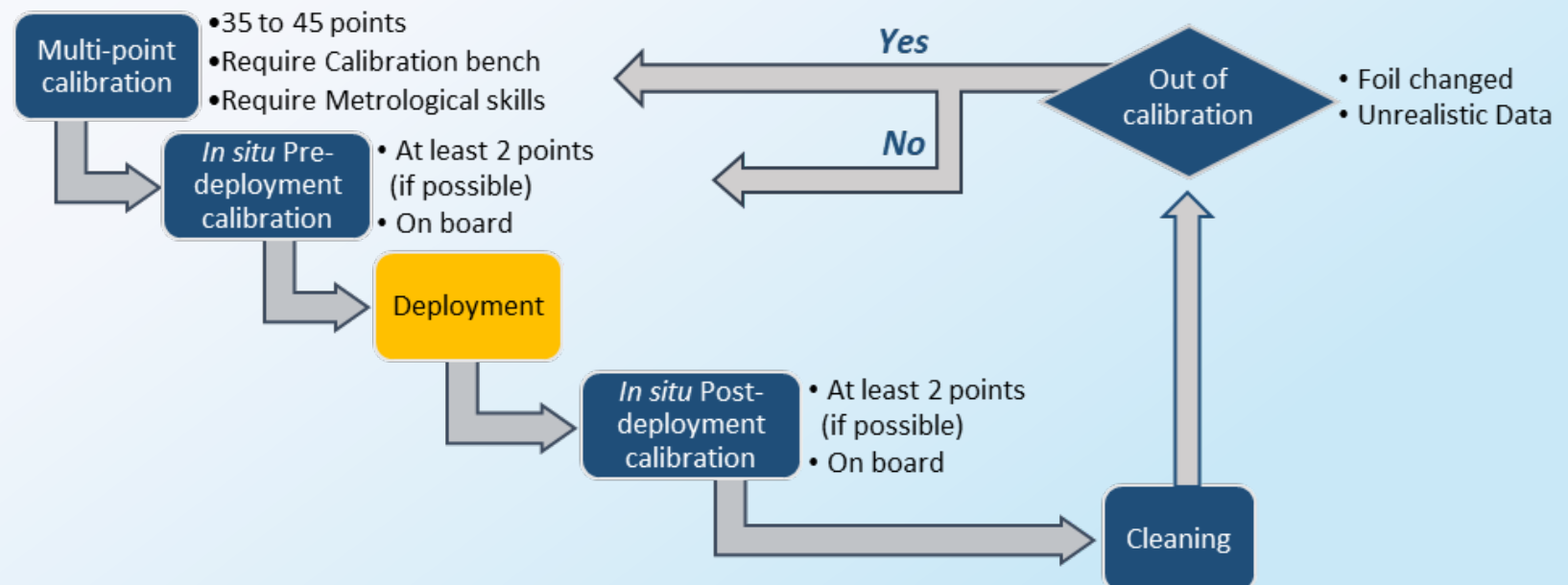
- ✓ Pre-deployment measurement
- ✓ Routine adjustment with **in air measurements** (SCOR WG 142) and atmospheric O₂ data

(<https://www.nodc.noaa.gov/OC5/woa13/woa13data.html>)



Fixed observatories (long term time series):

- ❑ Different stages of adjustments required



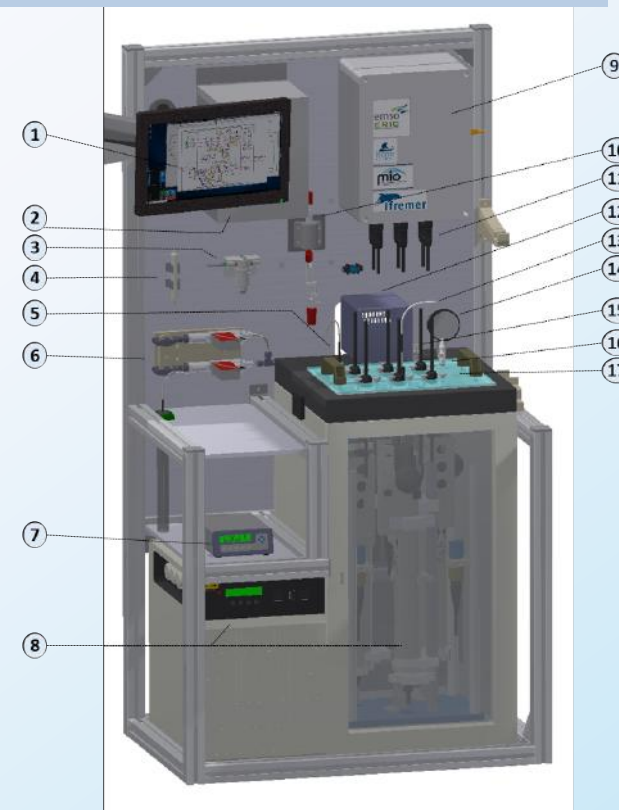
3.1 EMSO-ERIC's Dissolved Oxygen Sensor Calibration Bench: Context & use

EMSO-ERIC context

- ✓ multiple fixed observatories (11 sites)
 - ✓ Diversity of environments
 - ✓ measurements of O₂ on every regional facility
- ➔ Harmonisation of O₂ measurements
- ➔ Conception of a O₂ sensor calibration bench
 - + good practices recommendations

Use of the bench

- Common calibration setup
- Different types of sensors (stand alone or multiparameter sensors)
- Multipoint calibration
 - ➔ Characterisation of O₂-T response
- Sensor investigations
 - ➔ Current impact, drift trends...



		Temperature				
		2.5°C	10°C	15°C	20°C	30°C
Dissolved Oxygen	0%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	10%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	25%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	50%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

3.2 EMSO-ERIC's Dissolved Oxygen Sensor Calibration Bench: Description

Automated Control :

- ✓ O₂ concentration
 - stability ≈ 0.1μmol/L
 - Levels of ratio of O₂/N₂
- ✓ Temperature
 - stability ≈ 0.001°C

Automated Record :

- ✓ O₂ Sensors outputs
- ✓ Reference temperature
- ✓ Gaz input & output
- ✓ Internal atm. pressure

Power supply

- ✓ O₂ Sensors
- ✓ Mass flow valves



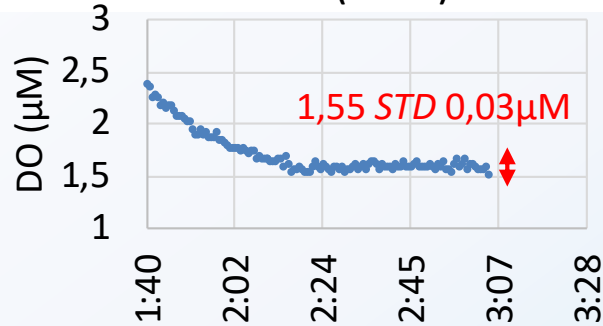
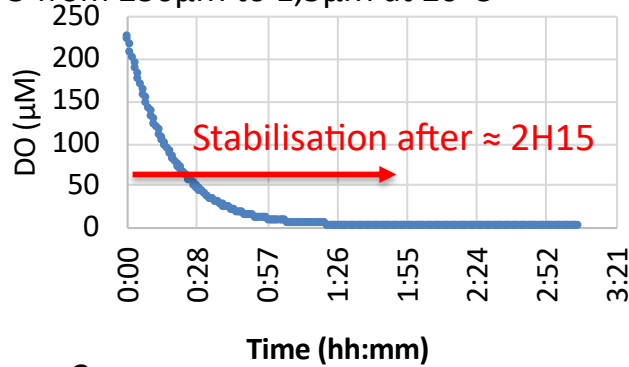
Reference measurements :

- ✓ O₂: Winkler titration
 - Manual sampling
- ✓ °C: Reference thermometer

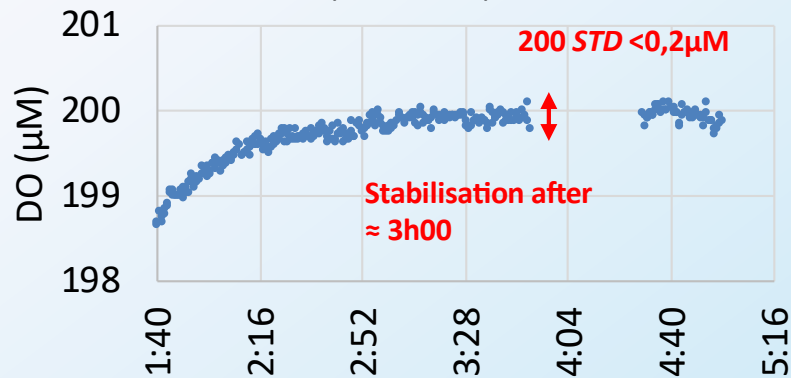
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O₂ stability (approx 10000 data)

DO from 230µM to 1,5µM at 20°C

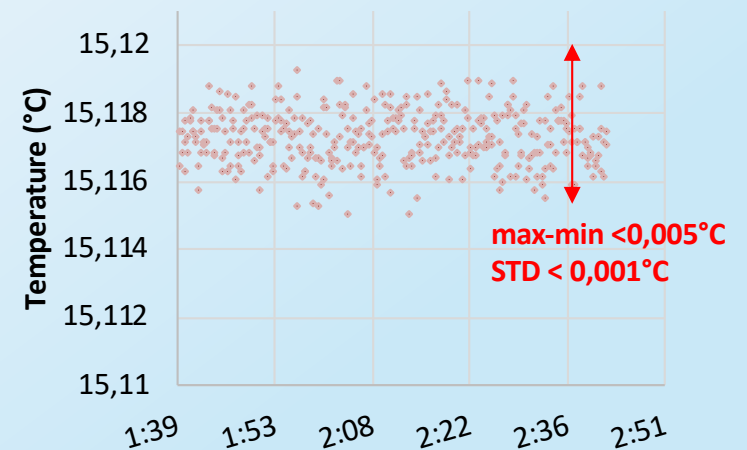
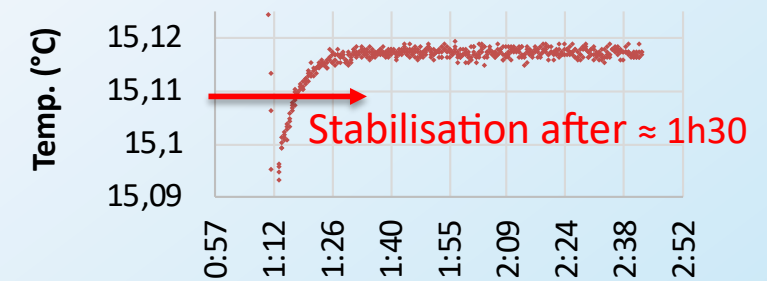
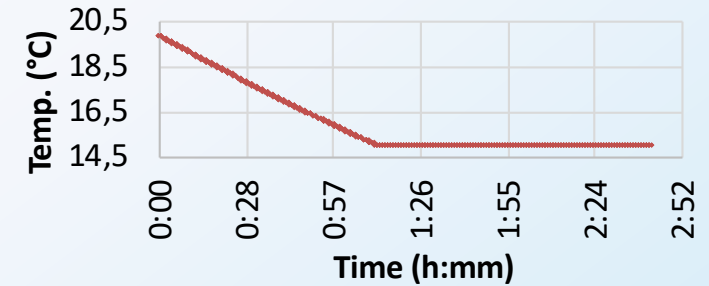


DO from 70 µM to 200 µM at 20°C



Temperature stability

(approx 10000 data)



4. Example of adjustment using « Uchida et al. (2008) »

Example of Multipoints calibration

- 5 temperatures + 4 DO → 26 points
- Characterisation of O₂-Temperature-response of the sensor

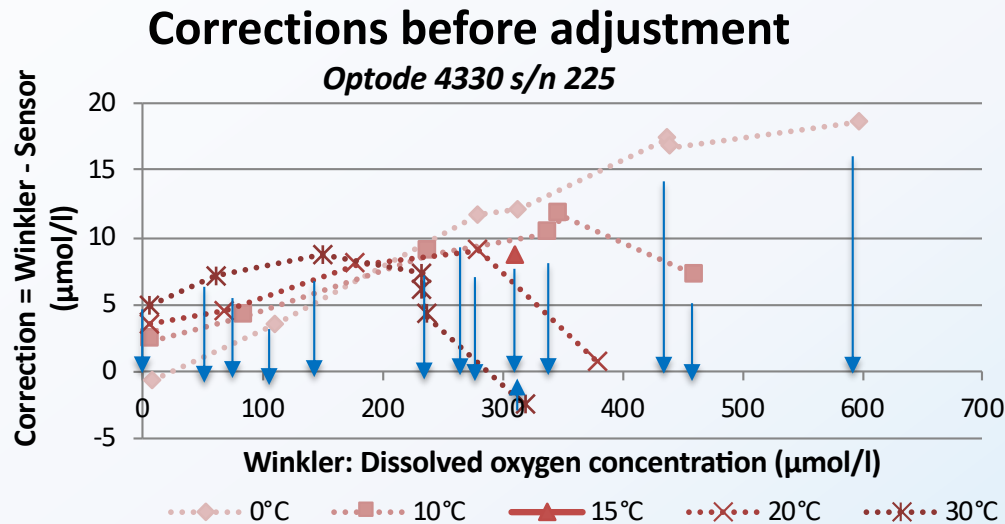
$$[O_2] \mu\text{mol/l} = \frac{P_0}{K_{sv}} - 1$$

$$K_{sv} = c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2$$

$$P_0 = c_3 + c_4 t$$

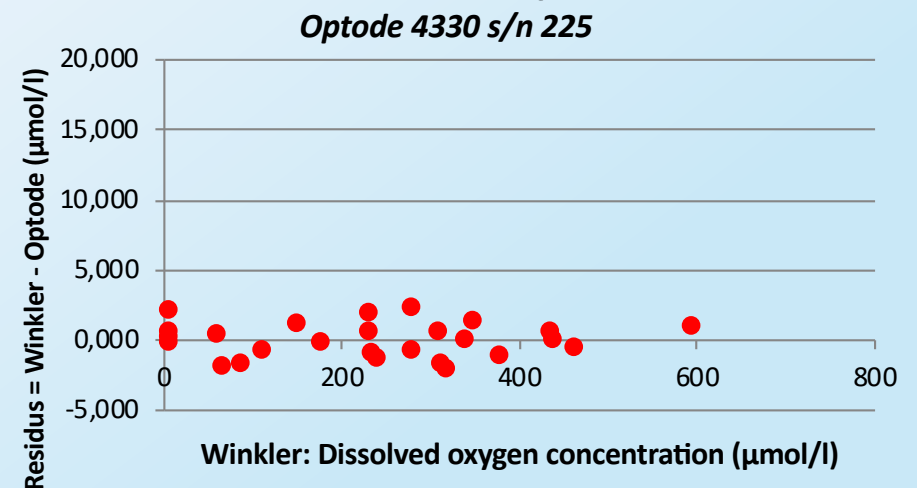
$$P_c = c_5 + c_6 \text{CalPhase}$$

Uchida et al. (2008)

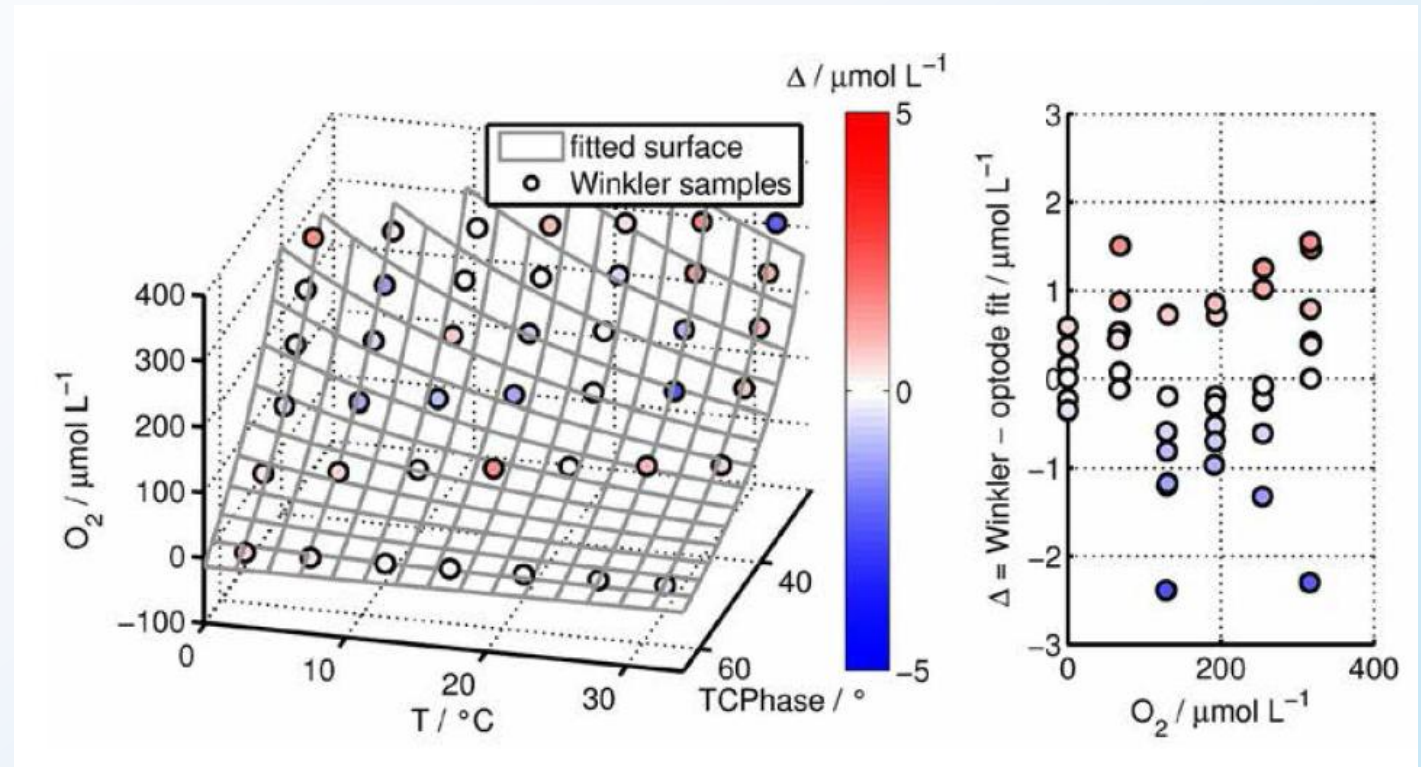


Solver which calculates the Uchida coefficients for the lowest $\sum \text{residuals}^2$

Residuals after adjustment



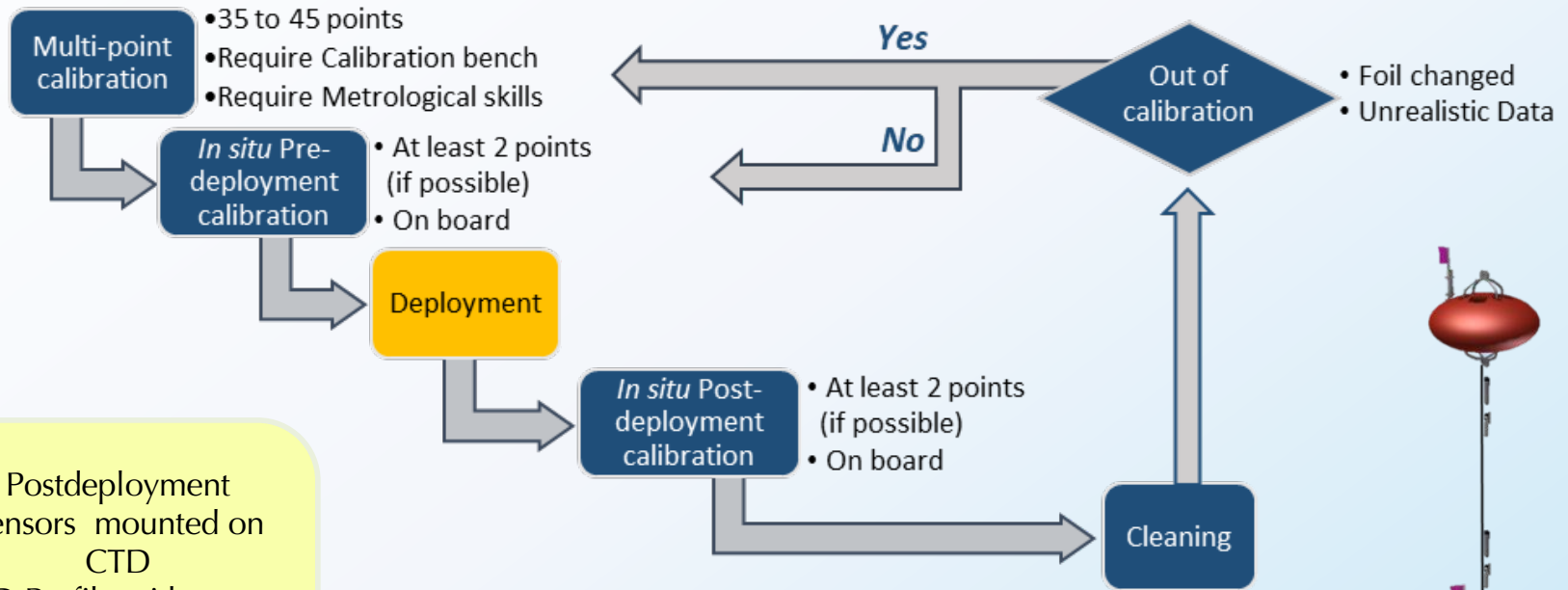
4. Bench calibration → Set of coefficients



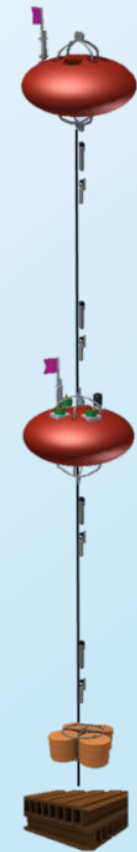
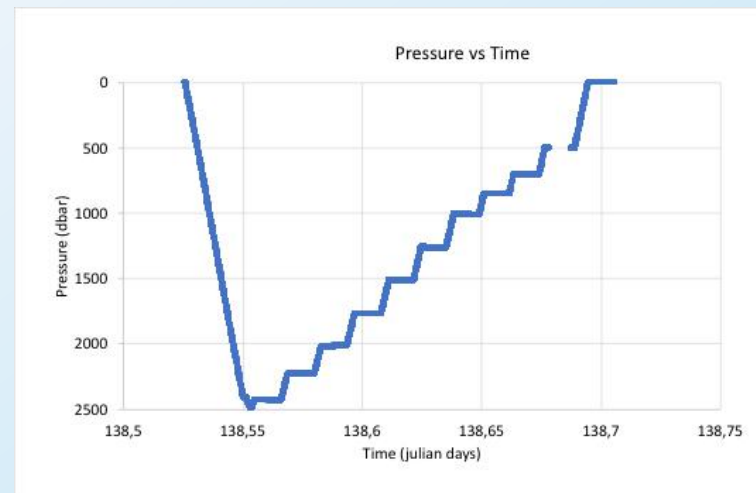
From Bittig et al. 2012

Provides → Accuracy (at the time of the calibration)
 → Robustness to non linear variability
 of Temperature & O₂ levels

5. Fixed observatories (long term time series)



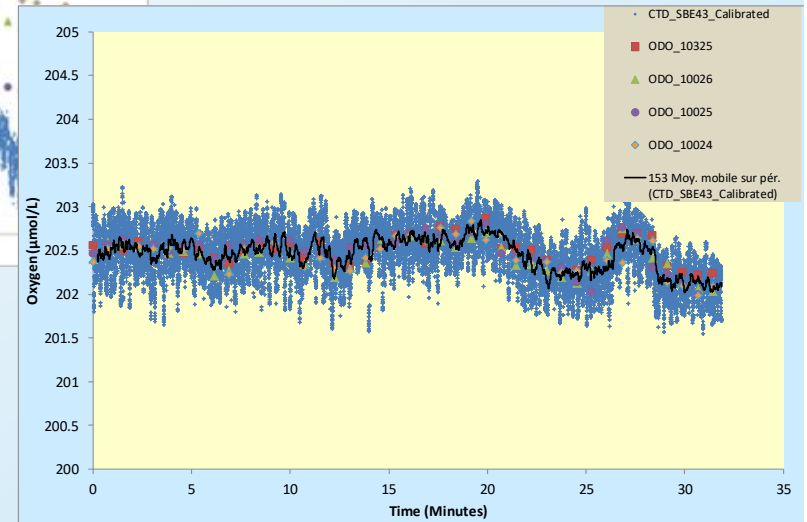
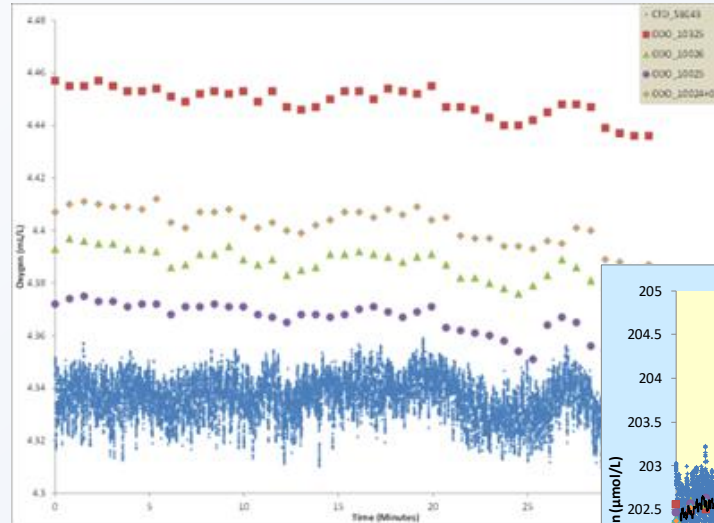
Postdeployment
Sensors mounted on
CTD
1D Profile with steps
30 points required
encompassing depth of
time series



4. In Situ Example : Complementarity of bench calibration and pre-post deployment procedure

Data acquisition CTD
Sensors @ 2 depths (5 and 2000 m)
30-45 mins

Time series of available parameters
(Oxygen)

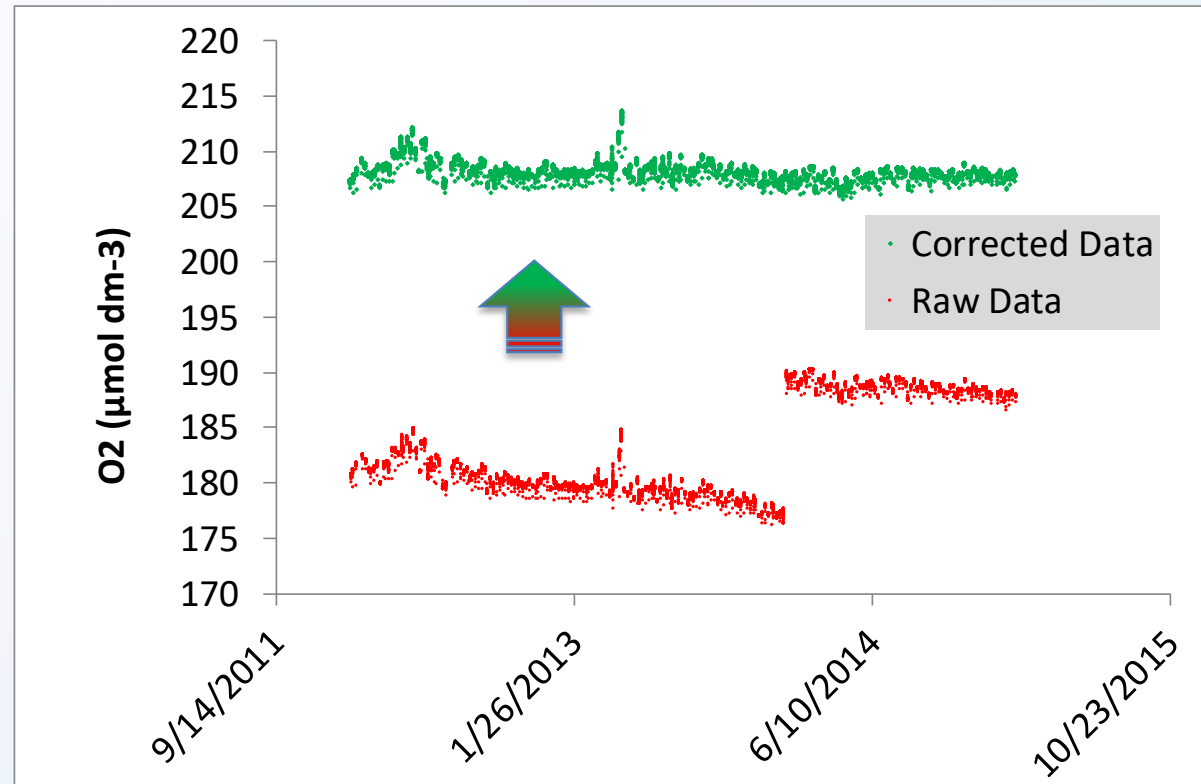
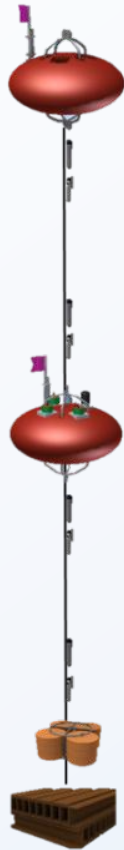


Microcat mounted on CTD carousel

Co variability, **offset** → correction pre-deployment
 → correction post-deployment

and then drift correction to apply on acquired data =set

4. In Situ Example : Complementarity of bench calibration and pre-post deployment procedure



Allows assessment of sensor drift and miss behaviour during deployment

Conclusion & Prospective

→ The calibration bench & fixed long-term-time-series

- It is a first step...
- pre and post deployment measurements are essential

→ Considering uncertainties

- desired level of accuracy ($1\mu\text{M}$) not reached
- estimated uncertainty of calibration result ≈ 6 to $8\mu\text{M}$
- estimation of *in-situ* measurement probably > 6 to $8\mu\text{M}$

→ Prospective

- progress in *in-situ* calibration to qualifying data