



# Détermination de l'O<sub>2</sub> ultra-faible: incertitudes et solutions

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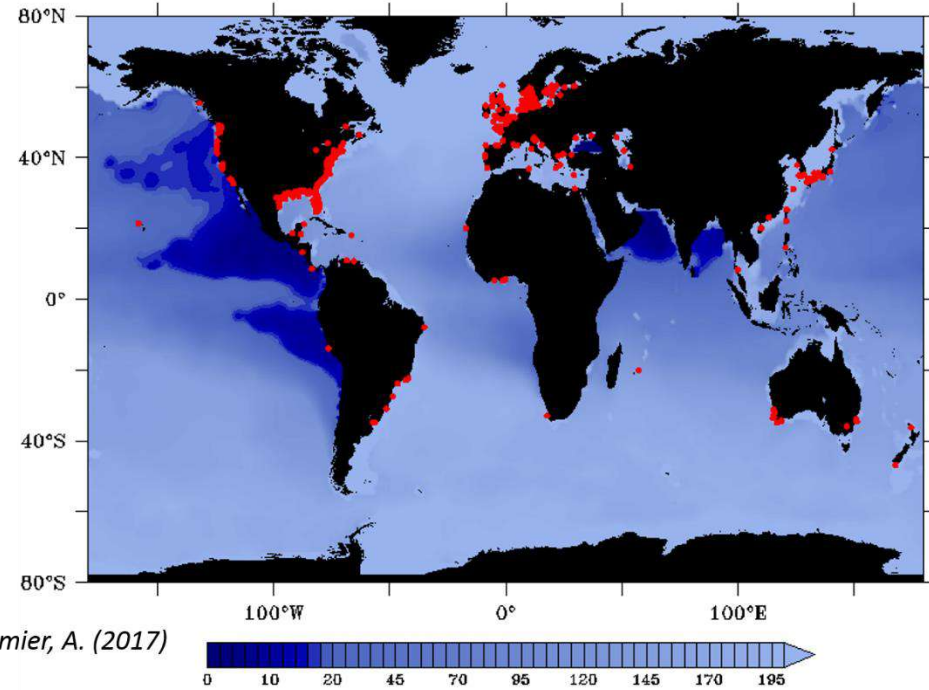
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# Les Zones à très faible $[O_2]$

Pourquoi?

Open ocean (dark blue) and coastal (red) deoxygenated marine zones



Paulmier, A. (2017)

PP/Fisheries  
Biodiversity/Shift

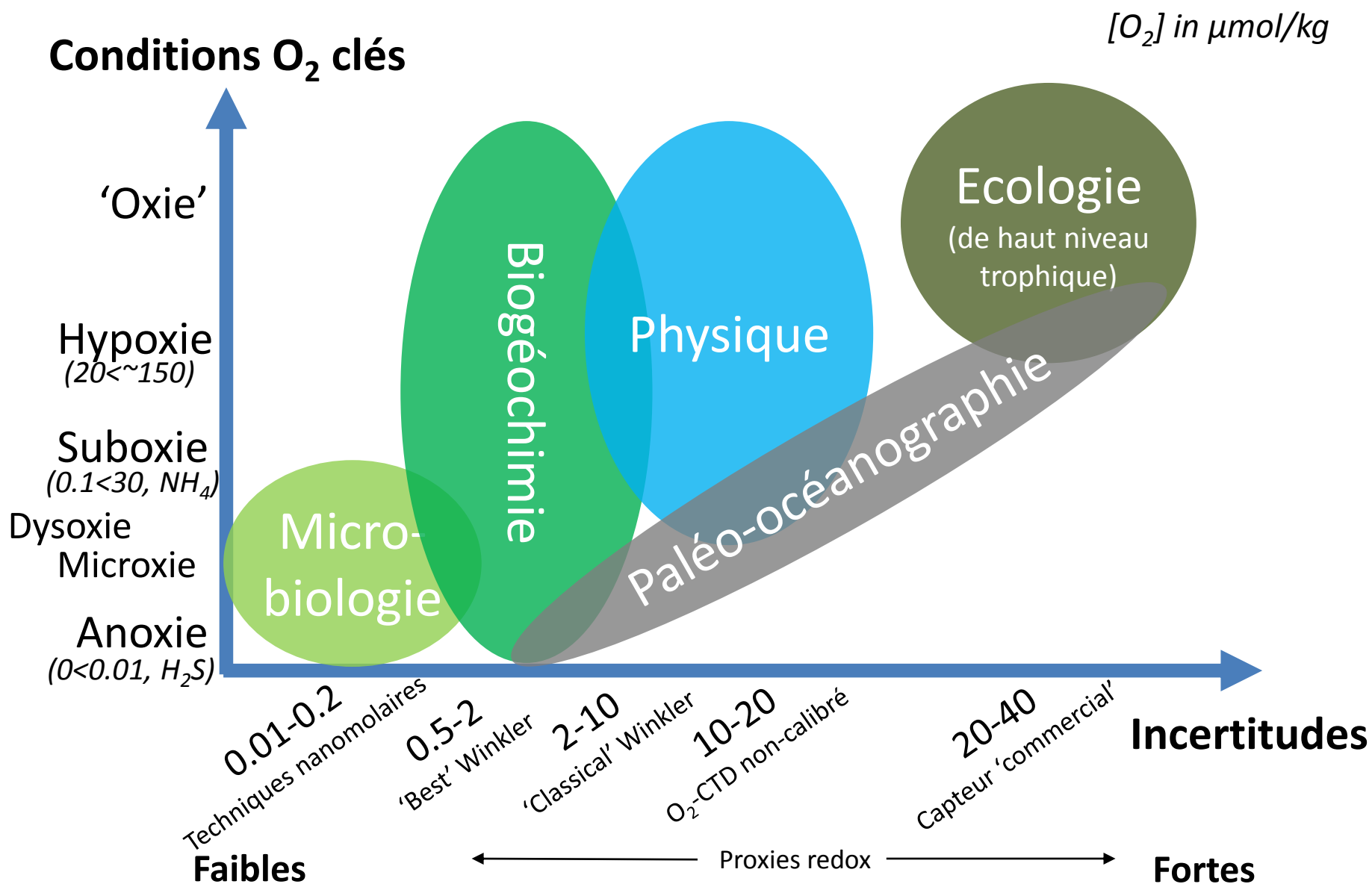
↑ **OMZ**  
f( $[O_2]$ )

**Climate variability  
+  
Ecosystems**

GHGs

➔ **Impliquant des besoins  
en qualité de  $[O_2]$  différents**

# Des besoins différents en qualité dans les zones O<sub>2</sub>-perturbées:

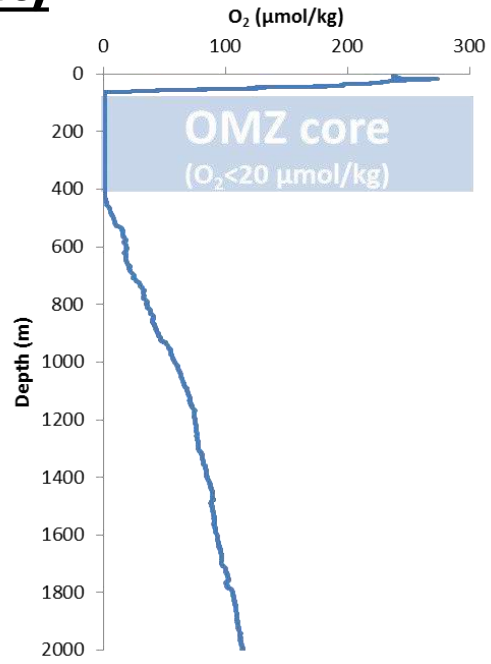


# Outline: focalisée sur les OMZs (low O<sub>2</sub>, high gradient)

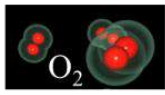
## I. Mesure de référence **WINKLER**



## II. Ajustement des profils haute résolution **O<sub>2</sub>-CTD**

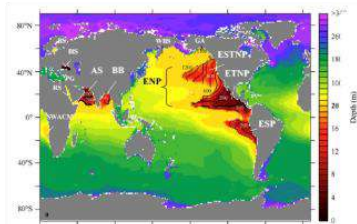


# PACOP



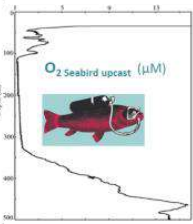
### Plateforme d'Analyse en Conditions Oxiques Perturbées

- > Platform for Analysis in Conditions with O<sub>2</sub> Perturbations
- > Plataforma de Análisis en Condiciones Oxicas Perturbadas



[O<sub>2</sub>] minima (µM), from Paulmier and Ruiz-Pino (2008)

**OXGEN MINIMUM ZONES (OMZs)**



Revbesch et al. (2009)



**MEASUREMENT & EXPERIMENTATION**

## LEGOS/OMP

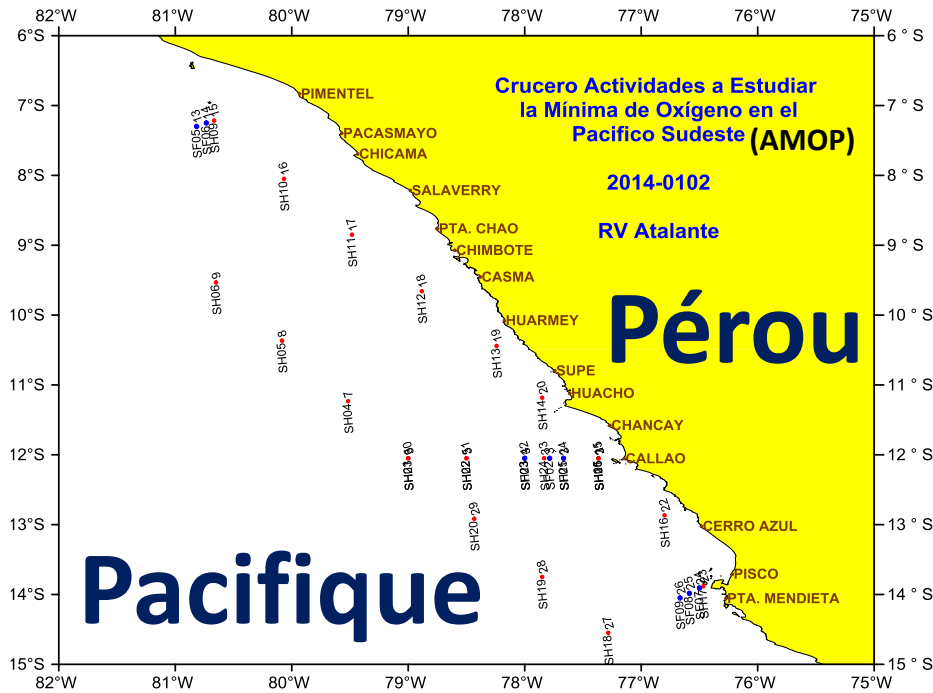


Activités de recherche dédiées au Minimum of d'Oxygène dans le Pacifique oriental:

[www.legos.obs-mip.fr/recherches/projets-en-cours/amop](http://www.legos.obs-mip.fr/recherches/projets-en-cours/amop)

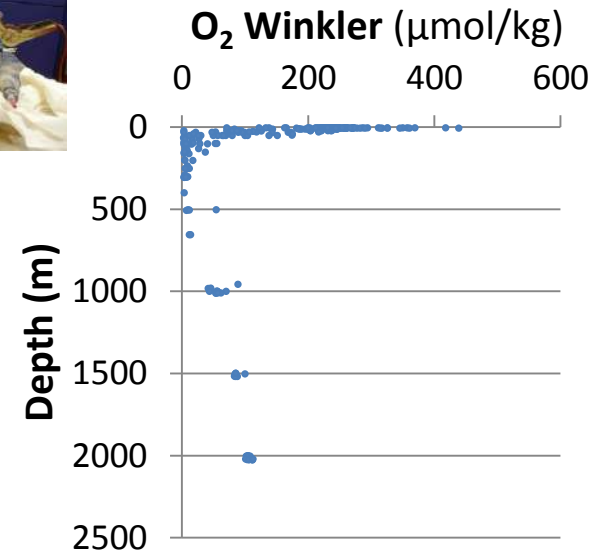
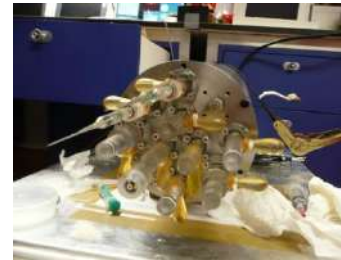


# AMOP: support idéal pour l'analyse de la détermination des concentrations en conditions ultra-faibles (OMZ Core & Oxycline)



**157 profiles** avec échantillonnage focalisé sur le paramètre O<sub>2</sub>, >5000 mesures:

- **5 plateformes** avec O<sub>2</sub>: CTD, Niskin-rosette à bord, FR-CTD, drifting line, Argo-floats, mooring;
- **4 techniques de mesures**: Winkler (potentiométrie, photométrie), électrochimie (SBE43, SE63, STOX), optodes.



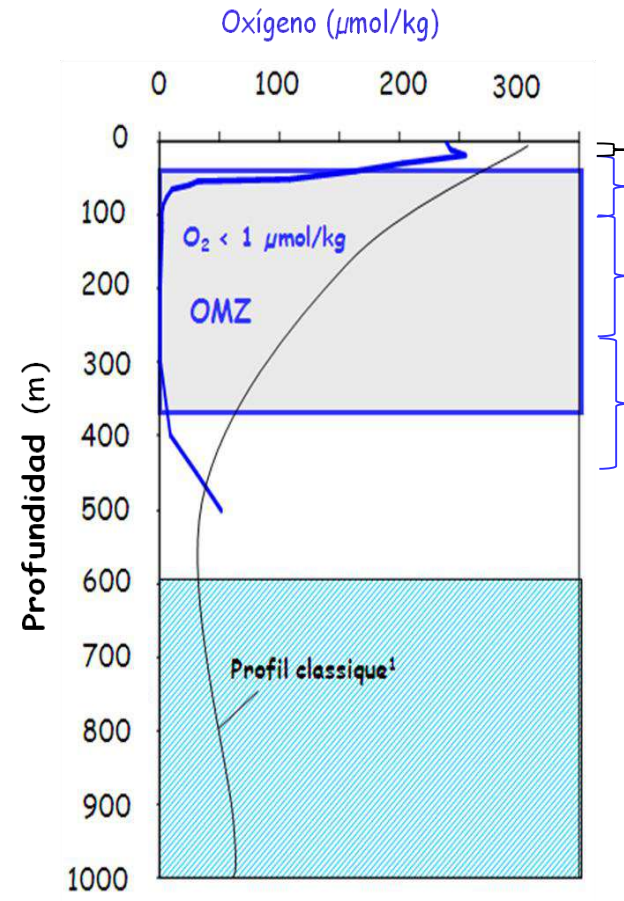
> **1800 mesures Winkler avec triplicats systématiques** pour toutes les stations et incubations.



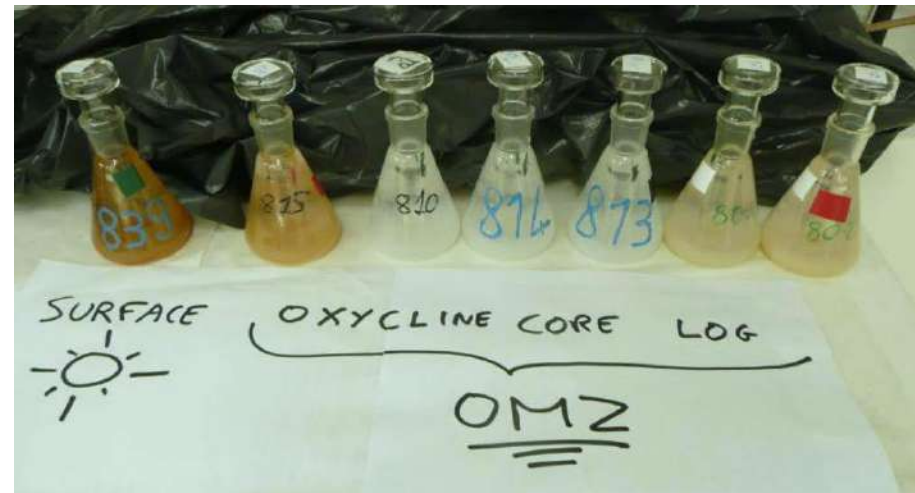
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- 1) Limite de Détection (LOD)  $\Rightarrow$  caractérisation du core de l'OMZ
- 2) Reproductibilité  $\Rightarrow$  sensibilité aux faibles variations, position des forts gradients



**Surface (supersaturation)**  
**OXYCLINE (gradient extrême)**  
**CORE ( $O_2 < \text{limite de détection}$ )**  
**LOWER  $O_2$  GRADIENT (LOG)**



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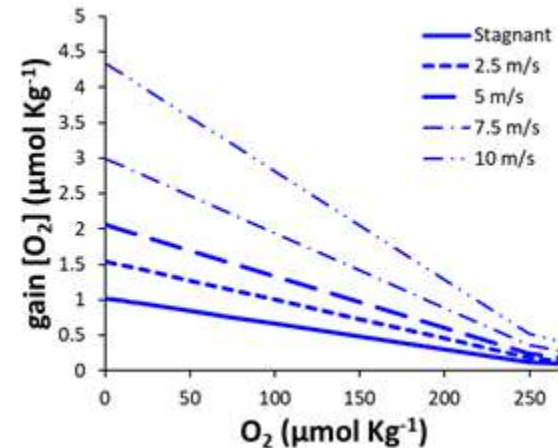


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## 1) ECHANTILLONNAGE & FIXATION WINKLER



### ➤ CONTAMINATION PAR O<sub>2</sub> ATMOSPHERIQUE



Estimation de la contamination par l'O<sub>2</sub> atmosphérique en fonction de la [O<sub>2</sub>] initiale en 1 min pour flacon Winkler de 150 ml et d'ouverture de 26 mm

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## ➤ *Expériences avec 15 répliquats*

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2) REFERENCE POUR LES LOW [O<sub>2</sub>]



STOX (Switchable Trace Oxygen sensor with nano-/pico-molar LOD)  $\rightarrow$  "0"

*Revsbech NP, Larsen LH, Gundersen J, Dalsgaard T, Ulloa O, Thamdrup B. Determination of ultra-low oxygen concentrations in oxygen minimum zones by the STOX sensor. Limnol Oceanogr Methods. 2009; 7: 371–381.*



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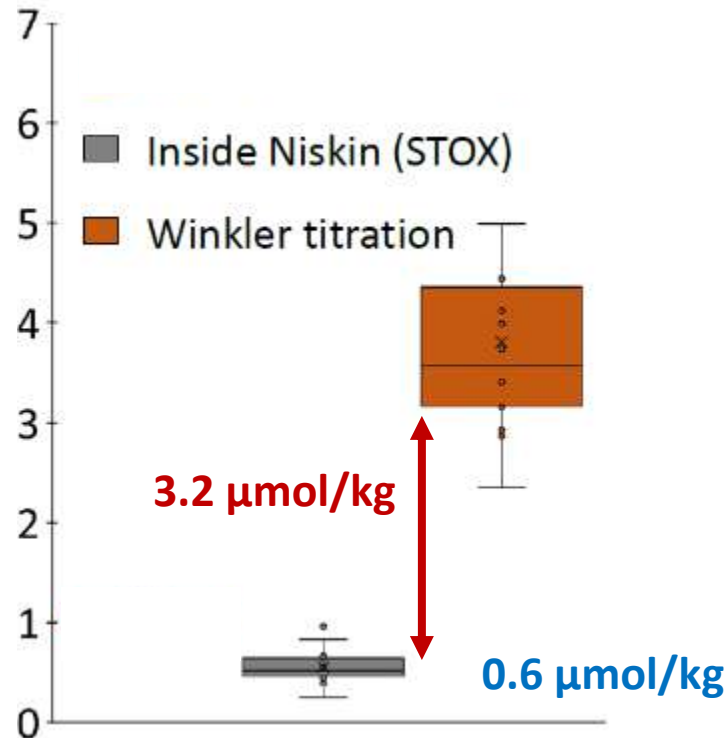
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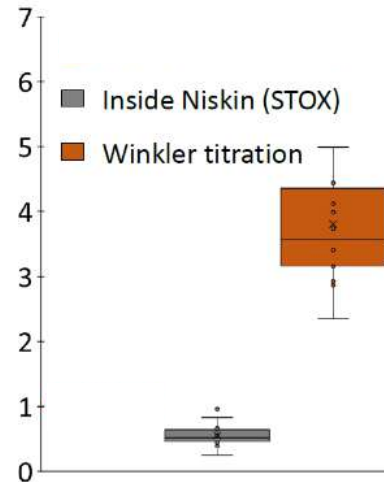
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➤ **Mesure Winkler: pas représentative dans le core sous  $\sim 4 \mu\text{mol/kg}$ !!!**

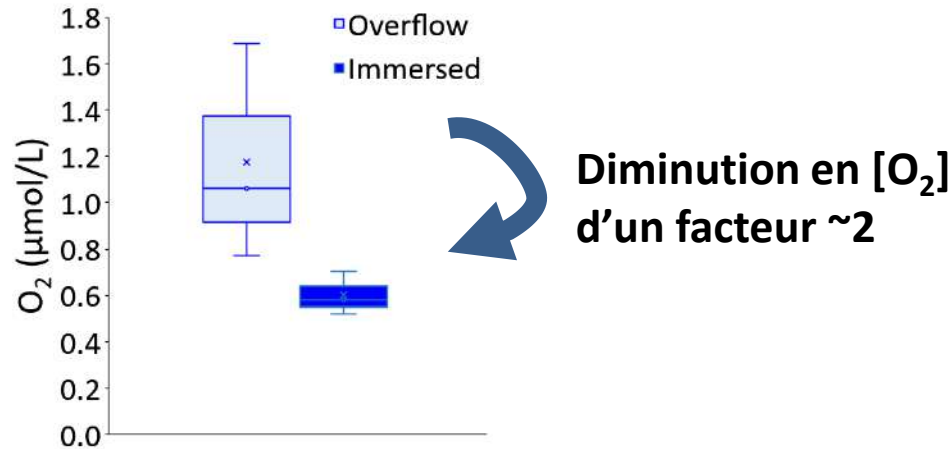
❖ Contamination durant l'échantillonnage par  $O_{2 \text{ atm}}$  ( $\sim 3 \mu\text{mol/kg}$ )  
+ Relargage de  $O_2$  par les polymères de la Niskin ( $\sim 0.5 \mu\text{mol/kg}$ )

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## ➤ Solutions:

1) Remplissage et fermeture des flacons Winkler immergé dans un récipient (e.g. 1 L) avec la même eau



Garcia-Robledo E, Paulmier A, Borisov S, Revsbech NP. 2020. Sampling in Oxygen Minimum Zones: the deviation from anoxic conditions. In preparation.

2) Utilisation de bouteilles de prélèvement moins contaminantes que les Niskin (HPSS, Bianchi et al., 1999?), hotte 'artisanale' avec gaz 'neutre' (e.g. N<sub>2</sub>)

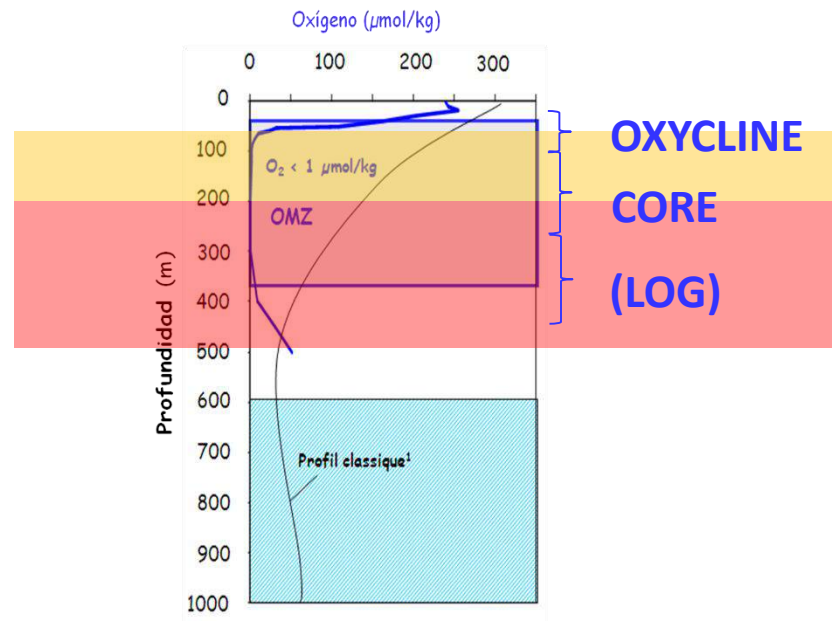


## 2) Reproductibilité

### ➤ Hypothèse:

remplissage hétérogène de la Niskin dans l'OMZ supérieure

⇒ ↑ reproductibilité (de ~80%) dans les couches plus stables (lower core, LOG)  
par rapport à celles plus soumises à une dynamique de  $O_2$   
(upper high  $O_2$  gradients, exposé aux effets d'«upwelling/mélange»)?



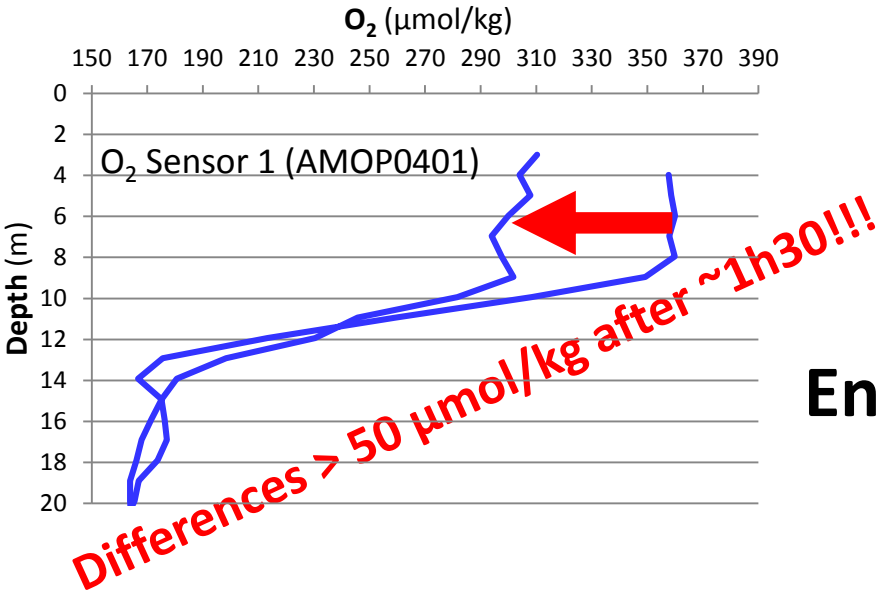
➤ **Solutions: Privilégier un échantillonnage dans les couches profondes**



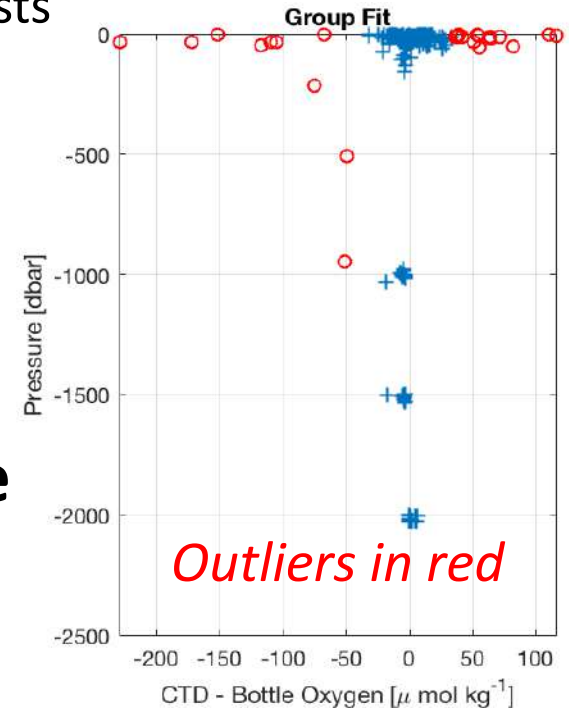


## II. Ajustement $O_2$ -CTD: *incertitudes/problématiques, solutions*

1) 'Classical'  $O_2$   $\Rightarrow$  down- versus up-casts



En surface



➤ Spécifique aux régions d'OMZ?

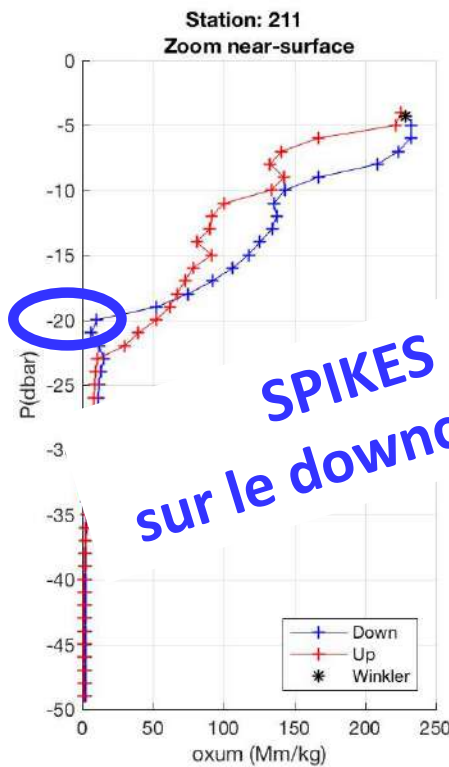
*C. Soaut. Amélioration de la calibration des données CTD-O2 de la campagne océanographique AMOP 2014. GLAZEO. Rapport Juin 2018*

❖ Zones à forte dynamique verticale (upw, mix/strat), variabilité temporelle extrême, lié au fort gradient vertical de  $O_2$

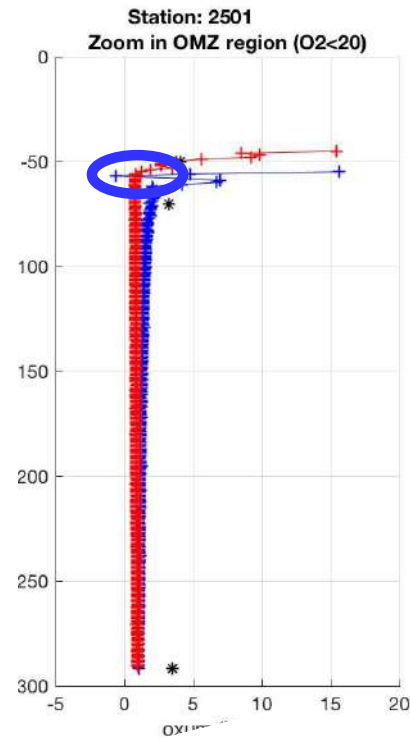
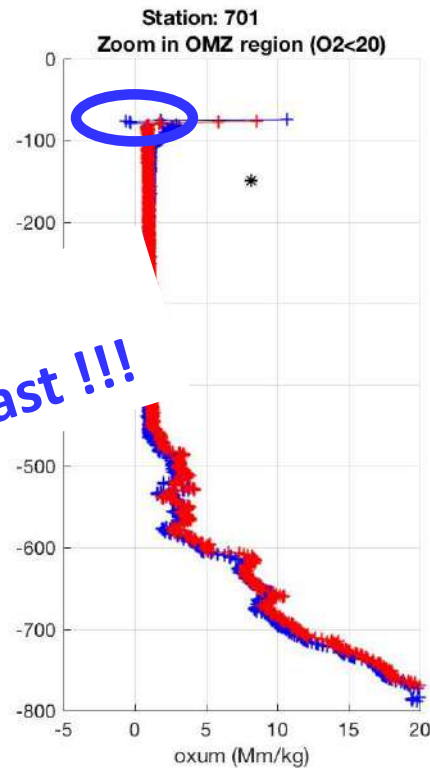
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**SPIKES  
sur le downcast !!!**



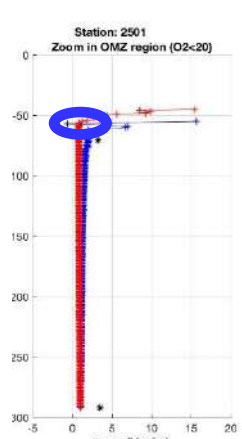
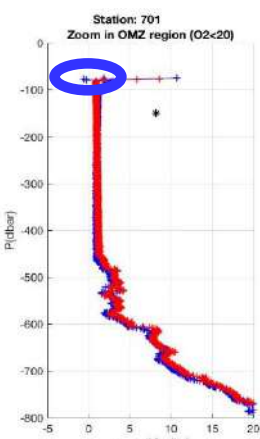
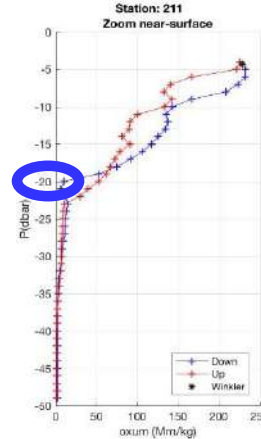
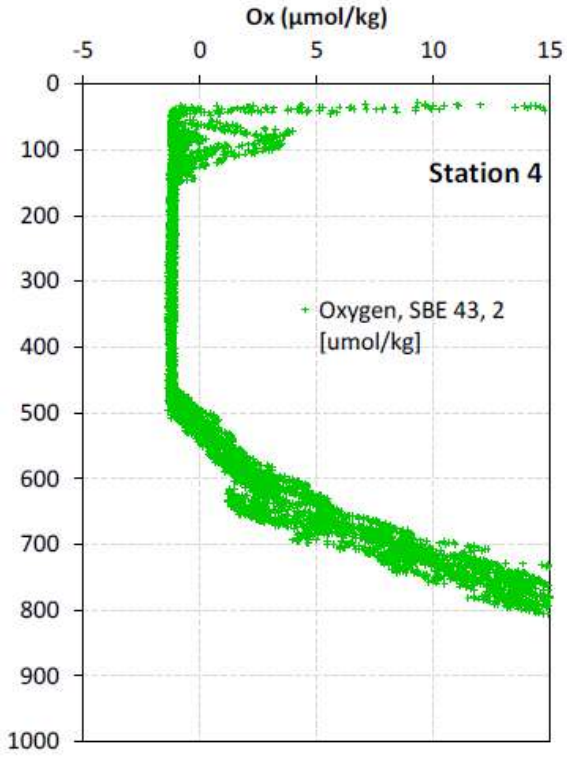
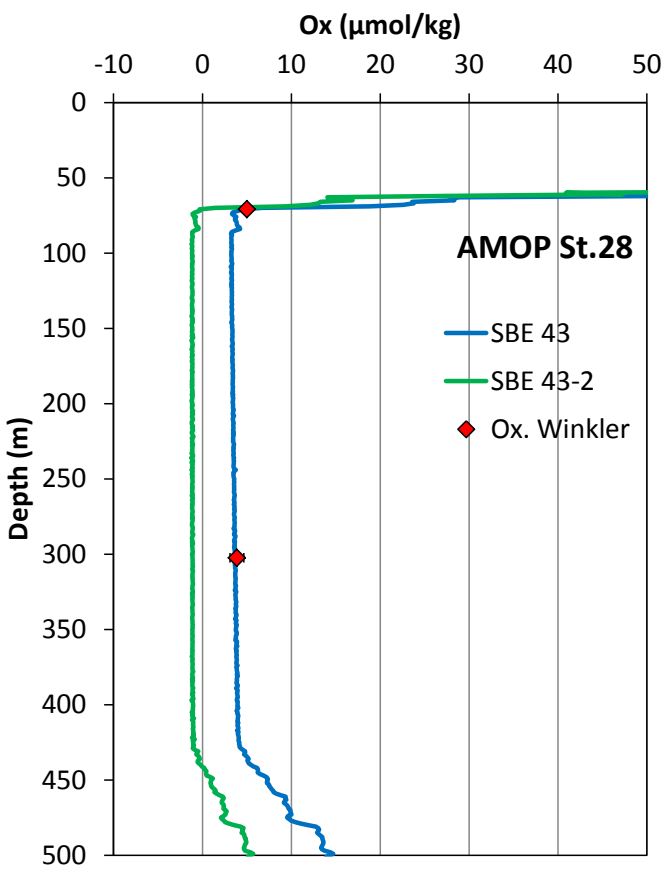
**A l'oxycline**

**Concentrations négatives !!!  
Oxycline non-représentée de manière optimale**



**II. Ajustement O<sub>2</sub>-CTD: incertitudes/problématiques, solutions**

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- 2) Low O<sub>2</sub> - core ⇒ anoxie

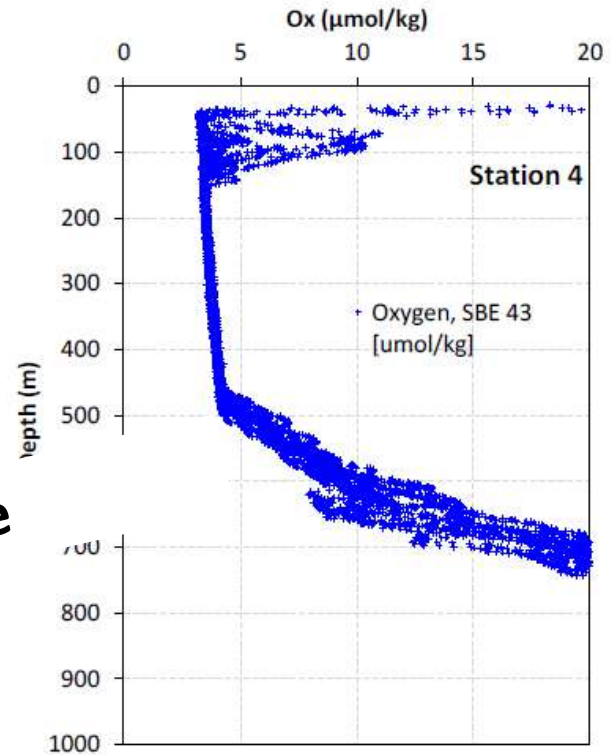
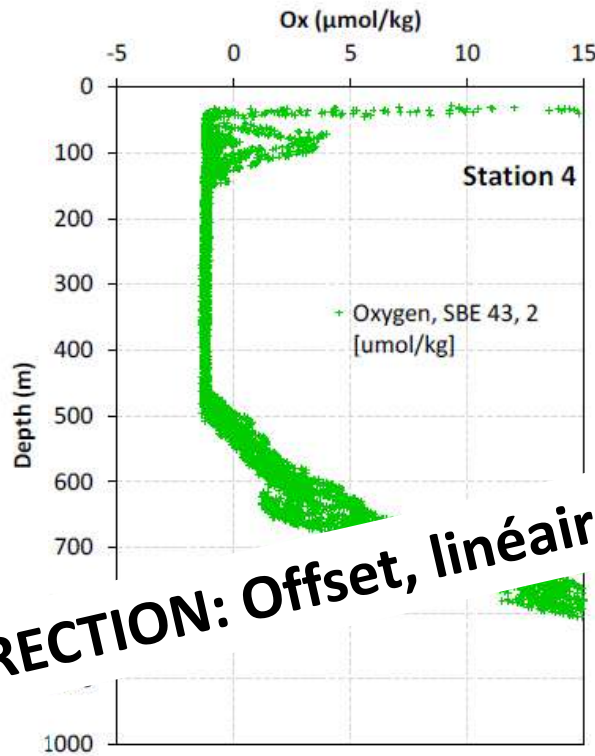
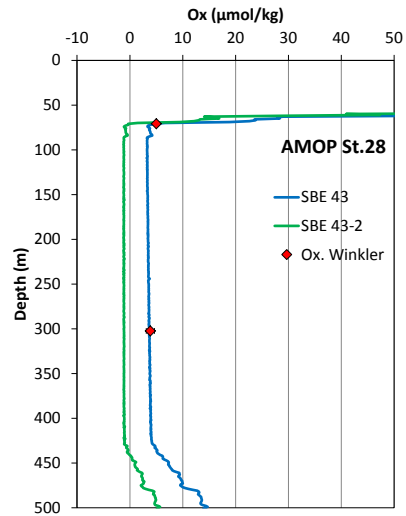


- Off-set significatif

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### 2) Low $O_2$ - core



→ LOD~60 nmol/kg  
(3\*SD; ↓~2 ordres de grandeurs)

- Off-set significatif
- Drift dû au relargage de  $O_2$  par les polymères



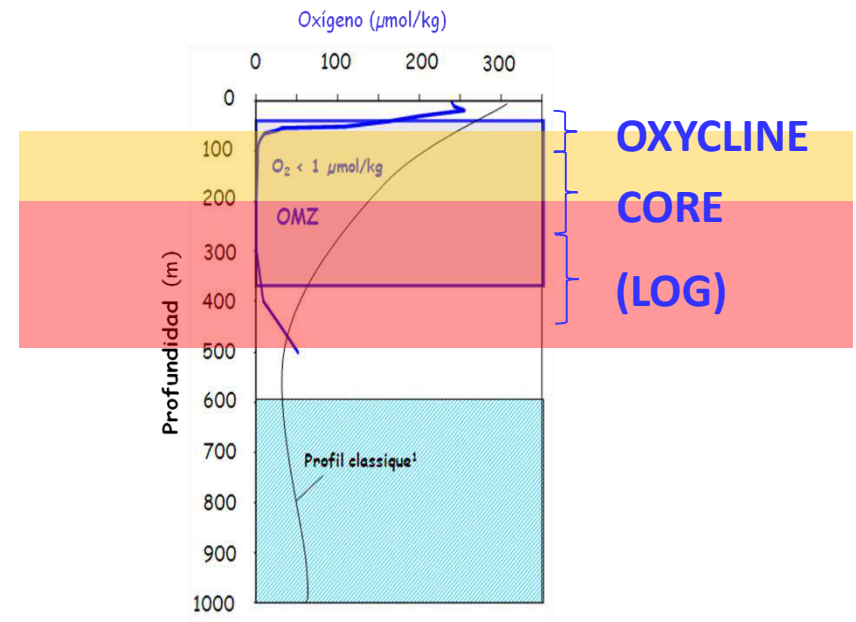
# TAKE HOME MESSAGE dans l'OMZ:

## INCERTITUDES



- **Mesure Winkler de référence:**  
⇒ **Non adapté pour oxycline & core de l'OMZ**

- **Ajustement  $O_2$ -CTD downcast:**  
⇒ **≠ upcast prélèvement bouteille**





Drivers and Consequences  
- Past - Present - Future -

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## Kiel Declaration on Ocean Deoxygenation

Participants of the international conference  
"Ocean Deoxygenation: Drivers and Consequences - Past - Present - Future",  
3 - 7 September 2018 in Kiel, Germany organized by:  
Kiel Collaborative Research Center SFB 754 and Global Ocean Oxygen Network (GO<sub>2</sub>NE - IOC-UNESCO)

# The ocean is losing its breath

Oxygen in the ocean supports the largest ecosystems on the planet. It is alarming that the ocean is losing oxygen, termed ocean deoxygenation, primarily due to global warming by greenhouse gas emissions, and pollution by nutrients and organic wastes, particularly in coastal waters. We call on all nations, societal actors, scientists and the United Nations to:

- Raise global awareness about ocean deoxygenation through local, regional and global efforts, including interdisciplinary research, creative outreach, and ocean education.
- Take immediate and decisive action to limit pollution and in particular excessive nutrient input to the ocean.
- Limit global warming by decisive climate change mitigation actions.

Both the Paris Agreement addressing Climate Change and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development demand conservation and sustainable use of the ocean, sea and marine resources in order to safeguard ocean ecosystems and their current and future societal benefits. These are severely threatened by ocean deoxygenation.

Scientists assembled at the conference and from around the world agree that:

- During the past 50 years oxygen-depleted waters have expanded four-fold. Some areas of the ocean have lost up to 40% of their oxygen.
- The ongoing loss of oxygen from the ocean is a rapidly increasing threat to the life, the ocean's ecosystems and societal communities.
- Global warming impacts ocean oxygen in two ways: the capacity to hold oxygen decreases in warming waters, while warming reduces ocean mixing and circulation limiting the supply of oxygen from the atmosphere. Pollution by nutrients and organic waste enhances oxygen demand by increasing biological production and oxygen consumption during thermohaline mixing.
- Deoxygenation disrupts marine ecosystems, affects fish stocks and aquaculture and leads to loss of habitat and biodiversity. It can, in extreme cases, lead to the production of toxic gases when all oxygen in the water has been lost.
- Deoxygenation can accelerate global warming via enhanced methane production in greenhouse gases under low oxygen conditions.
- The problem of deoxygenation is predicted to worsen in the coming years under continued global warming and increasing nutrient input to coastal regions as human populations and economies grow.
- Expanded observation is immediately required for accurate documentation and prediction of ocean oxygen changes, and for improved understanding of its causes and consequences.
- Strategies to slow and eventually reverse deoxygenation and its ecological impacts need to be co-developed between science and societal sectors. This will contribute to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

@DeoxyOcean

# QUESTIONS

AMOP cruise on RV L'Atalante in the OMZ off Peru, January-February 2014  
<http://www.legos.obs-mip.fr/recherches/projets-en-cours/amop>



