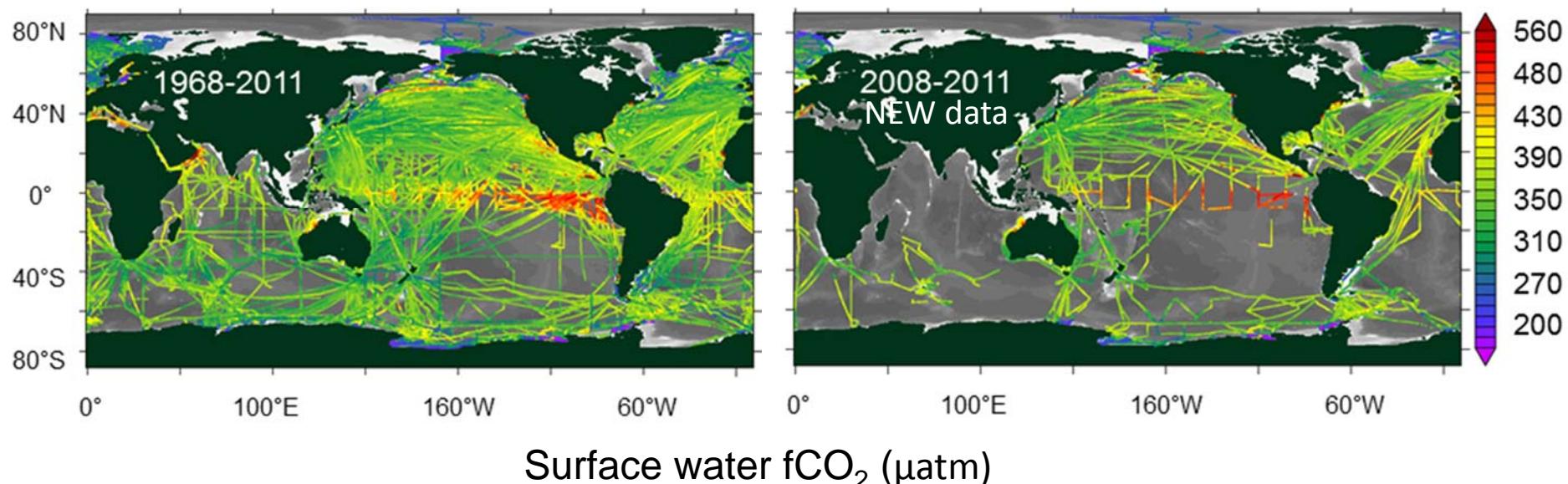




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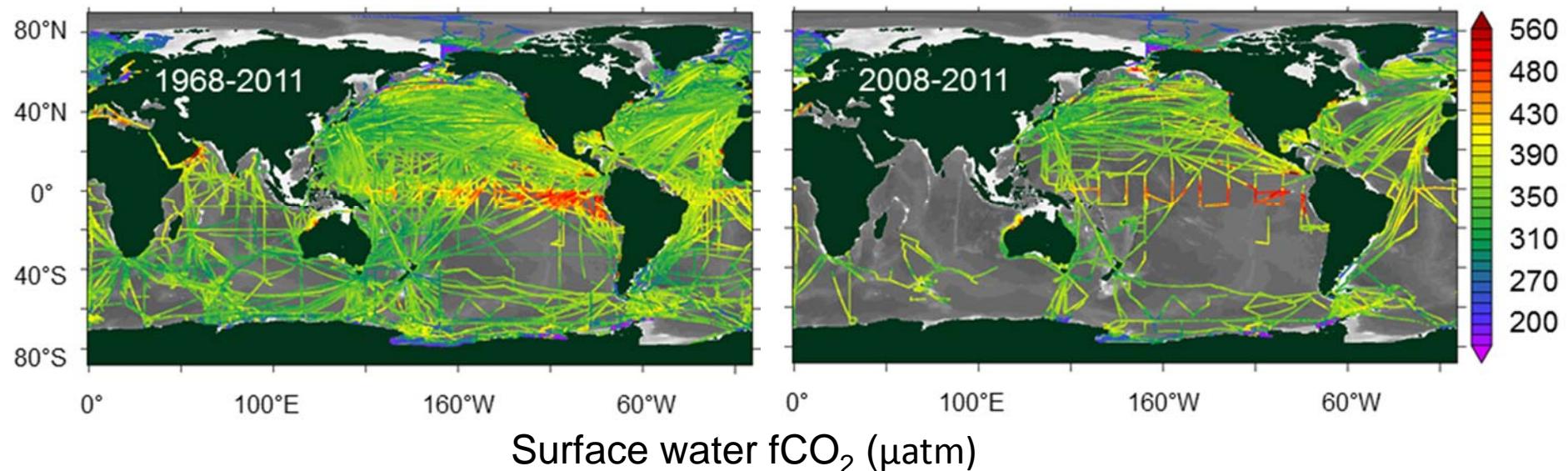
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# The Surface Ocean CO<sub>2</sub> Atlas



Recalculated surface ocean fCO<sub>2</sub> (fugacity of CO<sub>2</sub>) in uniform format with quality control; transparent, fully documented, regular updates;

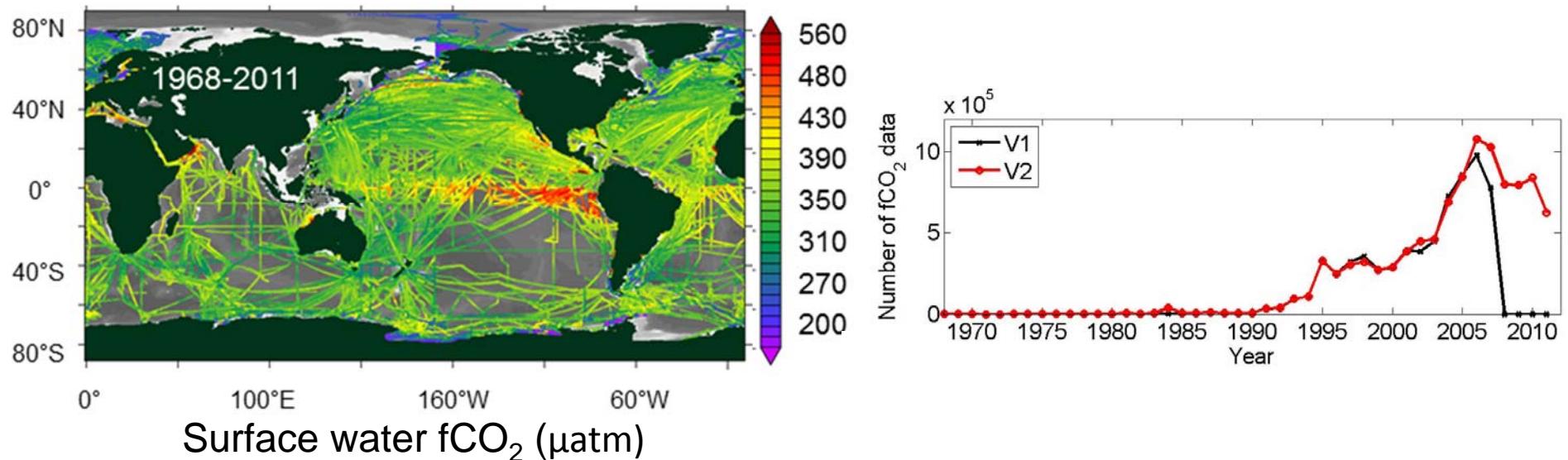
Global synthesis product for the global oceans and coastal seas;  
Global gridded products without interpolation (1° × 1° global, ¼° × ¼° coastal);

Access via <http://www.socat.info/>

Interactive online viewers (Live Access Server);

Available in various formats, including in Ocean Data View;

# The Surface Ocean CO<sub>2</sub> Atlas



2007: No public global fCO<sub>2</sub> data set. Many formats, many data not public.

SOCAT: Surface ocean fCO<sub>2</sub> in uniform format with quality control;

Version 1: 6.3 million fCO<sub>2</sub>, 1851 cruises, 1968 to 2007 (09/2011);

Version 2: 10.1 million fCO<sub>2</sub>, 2660 cruises, 1968 to 2011 (06/2013);

Please, cite publications by SOCAT and its data providers;

V1: Bakker et al. (2012) *Eos* 93(12); Pfeil et al. (2013) *ESSD* 5: 125-143; Sabine et al. (2013) *ESSD* 5: 145-153; V2: Bakker et al. *ESSD* submitted.

# Future SOCAT

Submit your data to CDIAC at all times.

**Data submission for V3 by 31/12/2013.**

No **additional parameters** (nutrients, DIC, N<sub>2</sub>O, ..) until V4 or later.

Only include extra parameters, if these can be quality controlled and if sufficient manpower (or automation) is in place for this QC.

**Alternative sensors** in V3 (Wanninkhof et al.):

- Flag C and D: accuracy < 5 µatm;
- Flag E (NEW): for alternative sensors, accuracy < 10 µatm;
- Flag A: strict cross-over definition.

**Automated data submission system** ready in 01/2014 for V4.

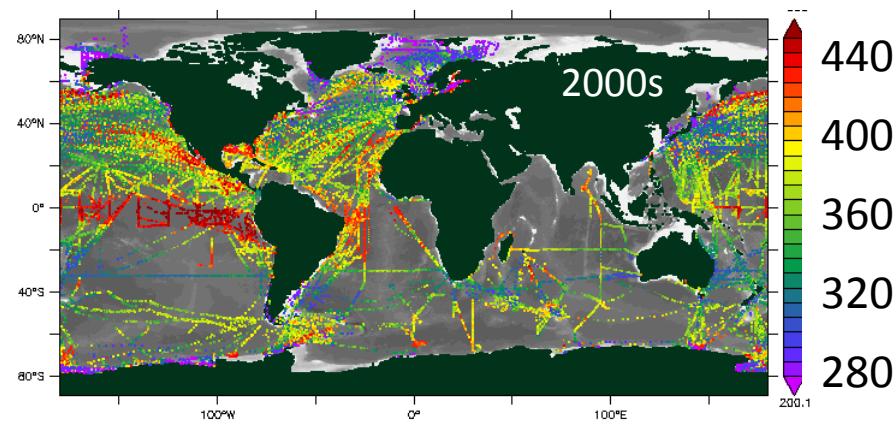
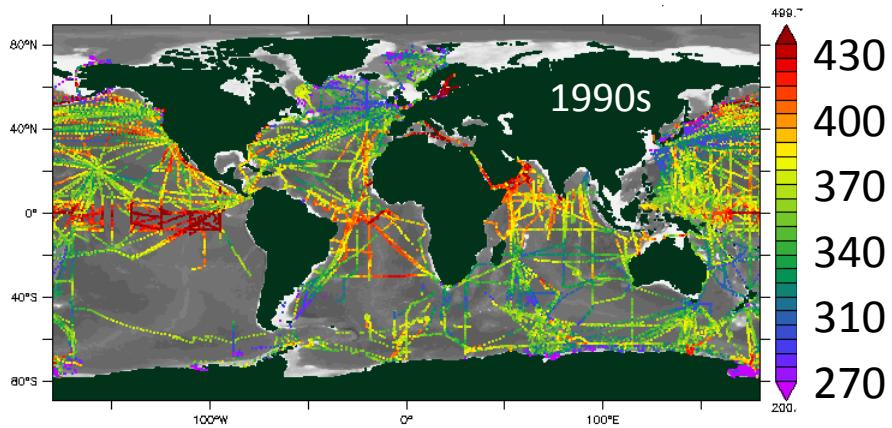
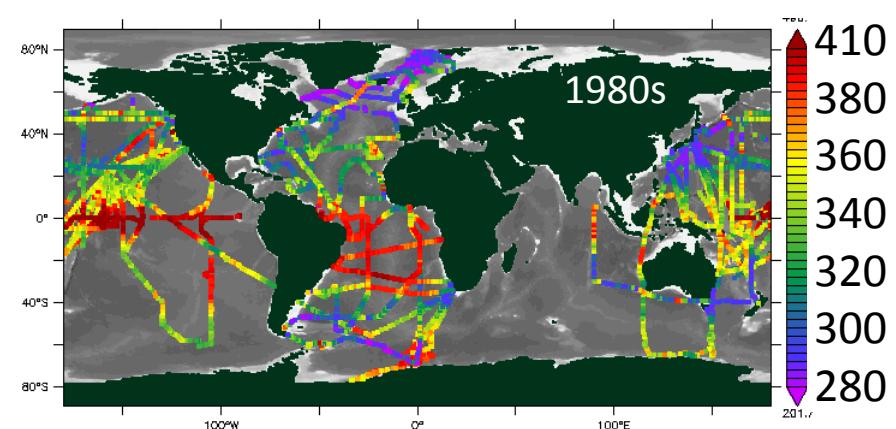
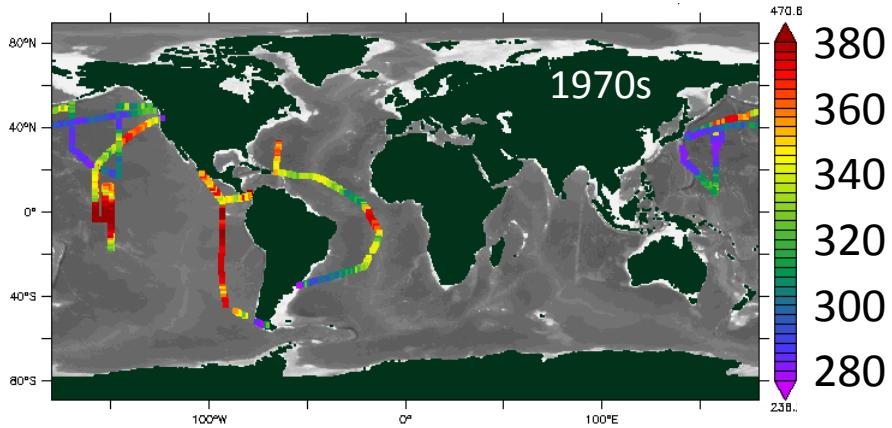
‘Manual’ data submission will remain possible.





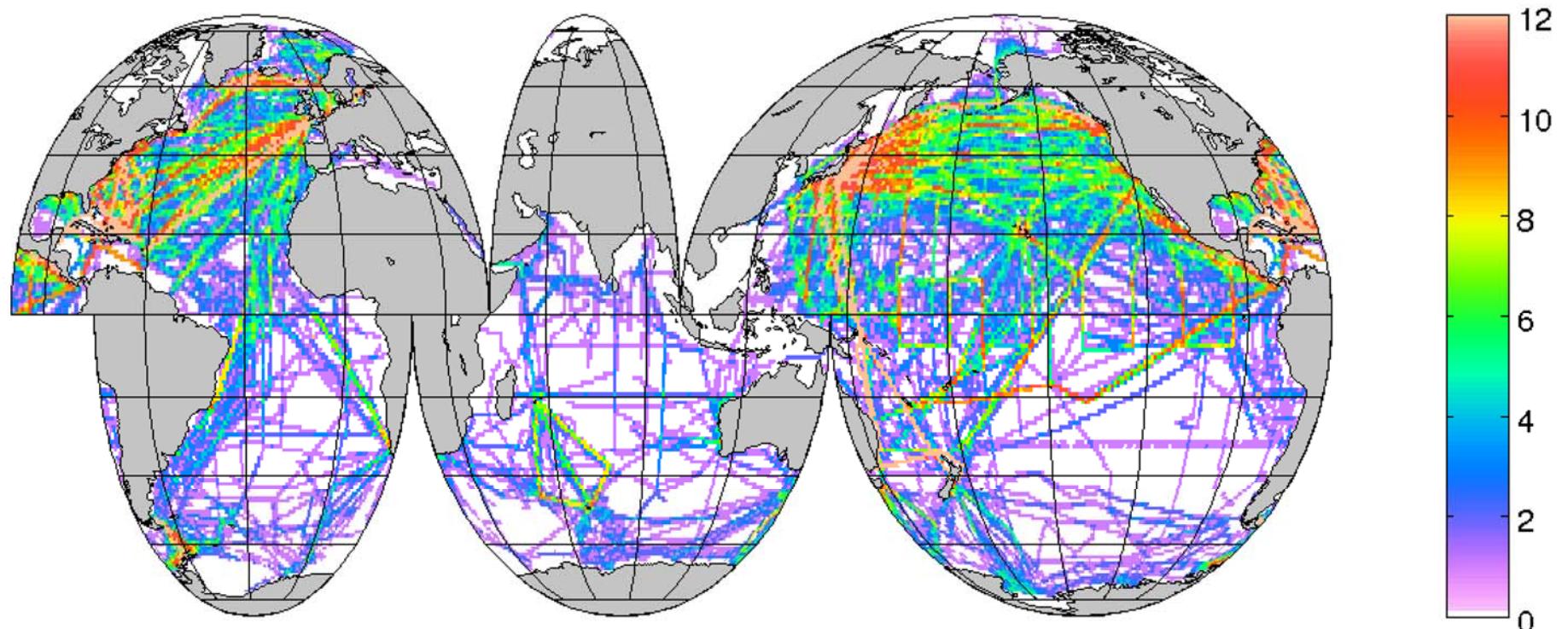
# Data coverage per decade

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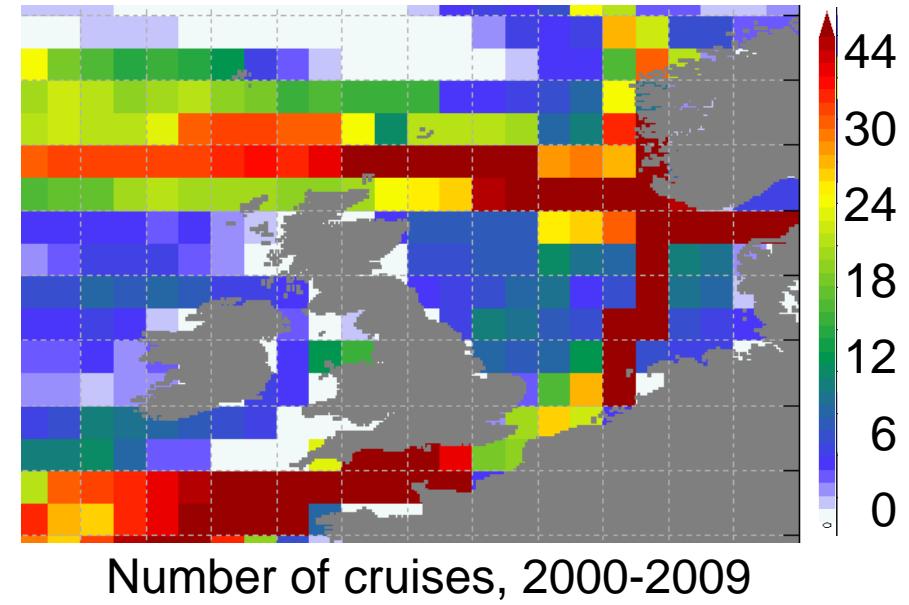
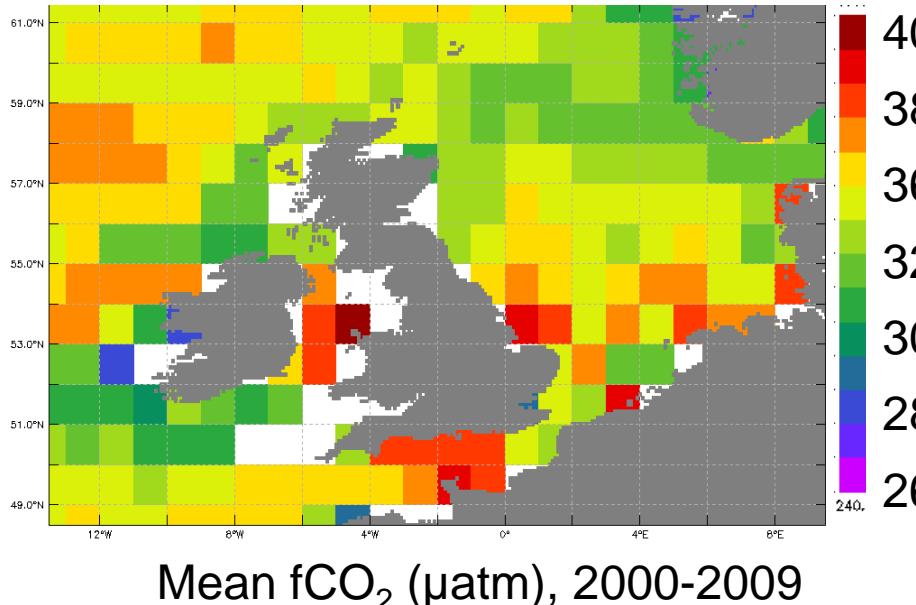
Surface water  $f\text{CO}_2$  ( $\mu\text{atm}$ )

# Data coverage (1970-2011)



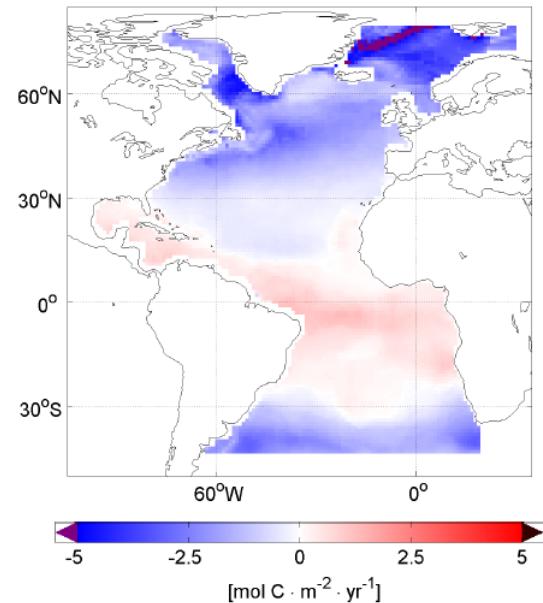
Number of unique months with  $f\text{CO}_2$  observations  
per  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  grid cell (1970-2011)

# SOCAT for shelf sea carbon studies

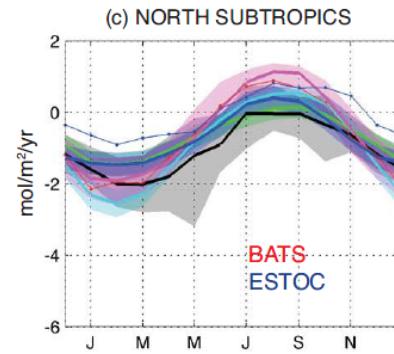


- Good  $f\text{CO}_2$  data coverage from Voluntary Observing Ships.
- Less than 10 cruises and seasonal bias elsewhere.

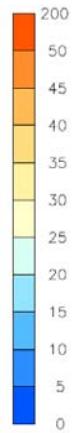




Atlantic CO<sub>2</sub> air-sea fluxes  
 (Landschützer et al., subm., BGD)

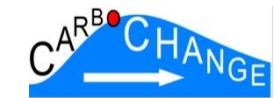
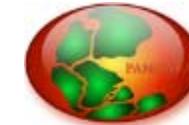


Monthly Atlantic CO<sub>2</sub> air-sea fluxes  
 (Schuster et al., 2013, BG)



Seasonal amplitude of pCO<sub>2w</sub> (μatm)  
 (Rödenbeck et al., 2013, OS)

- Process studies;
- Ocean carbon sink and its seasonal, year-to-year, decadal variation;
- **Intercomparison** of SOCAT-based flux estimates in progress (Rödenbeck);
- Initialisation and validation of ocean carbon cycle models.



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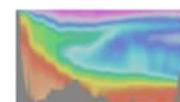


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the Science Community



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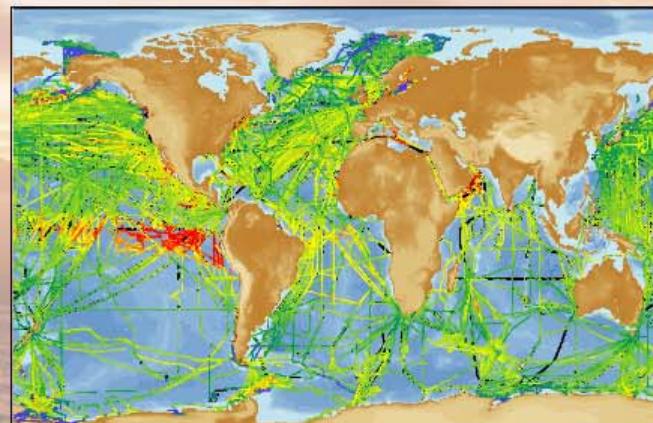
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# Surface water fCO<sub>2</sub> ( $\mu\text{atm}$ )

Movie (1970) 1978 – 2011, annual, gridded 1° x 1°

