



De-Oxygenation in the Ocean

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Low Oxygen waters

$$O_2 < 1-2 \text{ mg/l}$$

(oxygen concentration in the atmosphere = 300 mg/l)

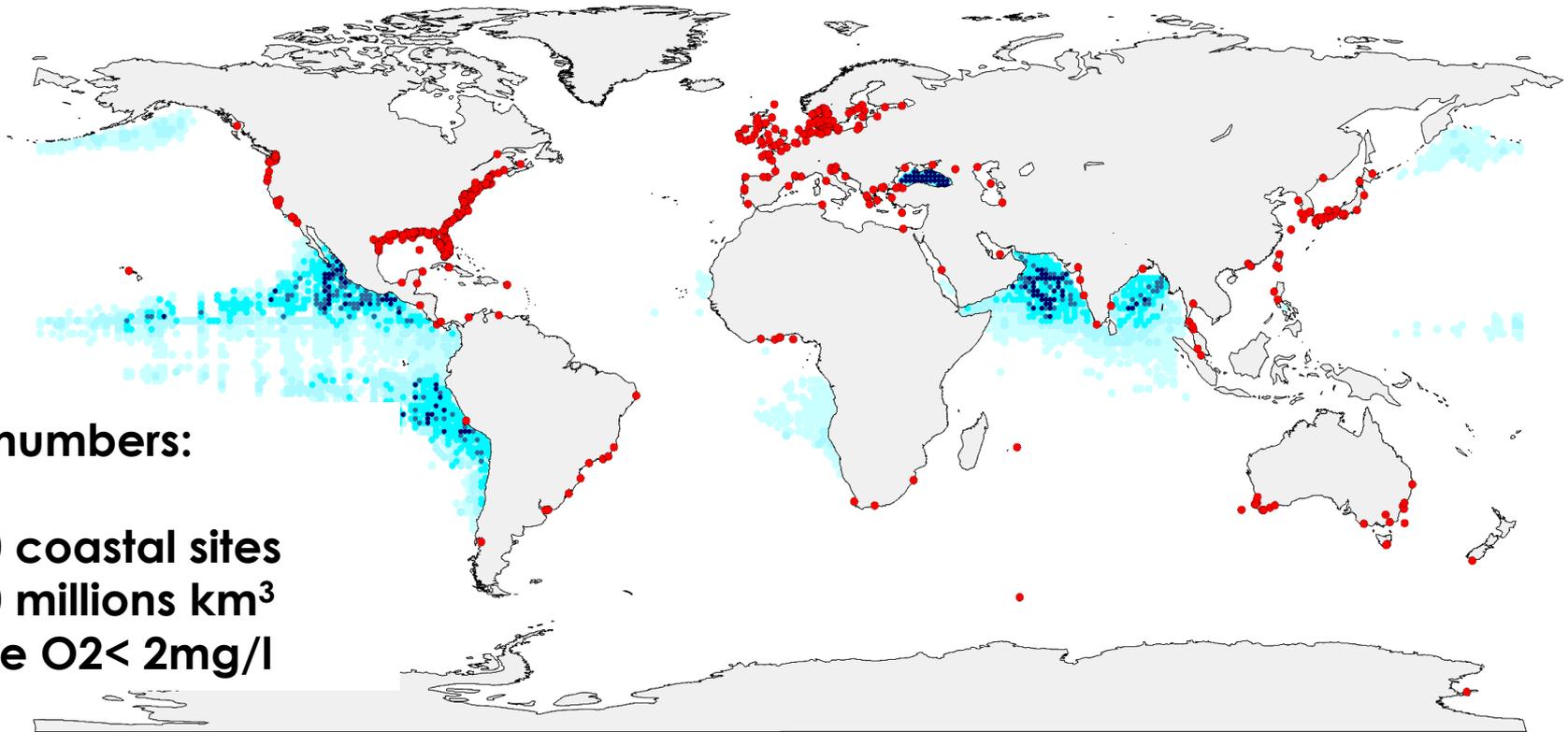


Where do we have Low Oxygen waters?



Low Oxygen waters are found in the coastal and open ocean.

- O₂ < 2 mg/l
- O₂ < 0,7 mg/l
- O₂ < 0.07 mg/l
- Coastal hypoxic sites (O₂ < 2 mg/l - 62 μmol/l)



Some numbers:

- * > 500 coastal sites
- * ~ 100 millions km³ where O₂ < 2mg/l





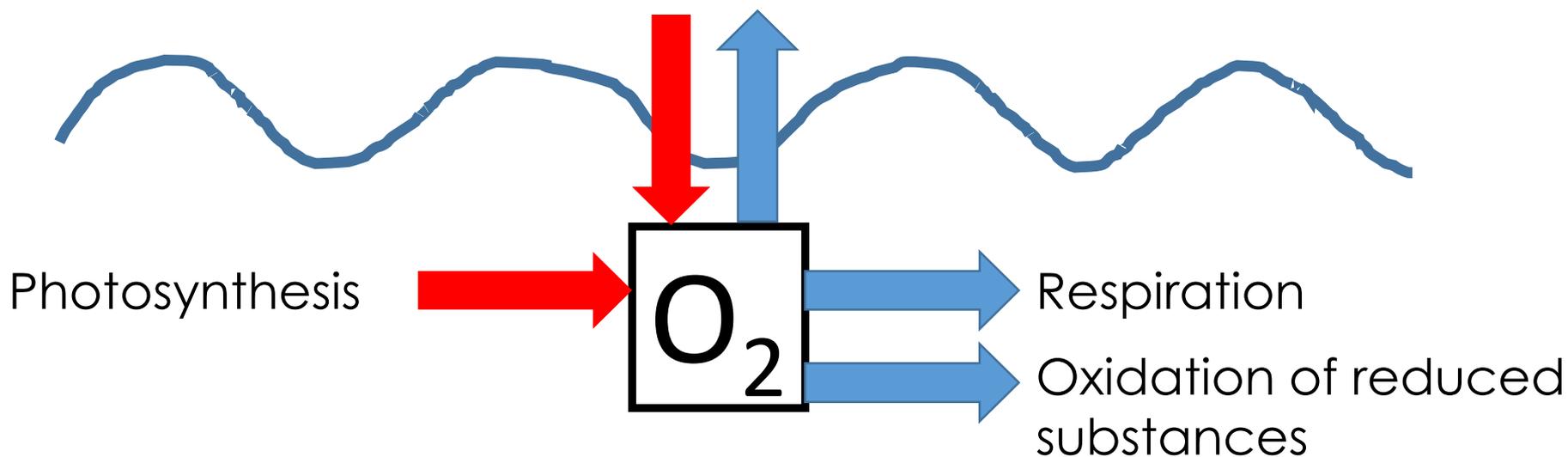
Why ocean deoxygenation is ongoing?



Ocean Oxygen budget

ATMOSPHERE

Air-Sea Exchanges



 Source

 Sink

OCEAN



OPEN OCEAN

SOLUBILITY EFFECT

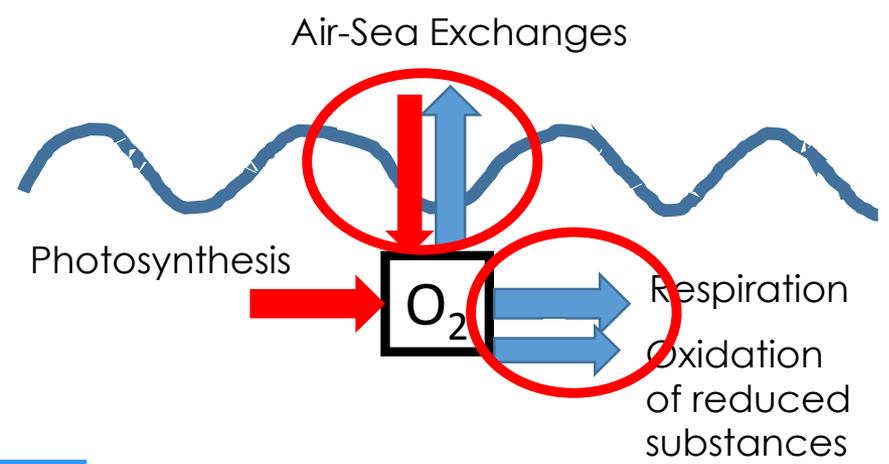
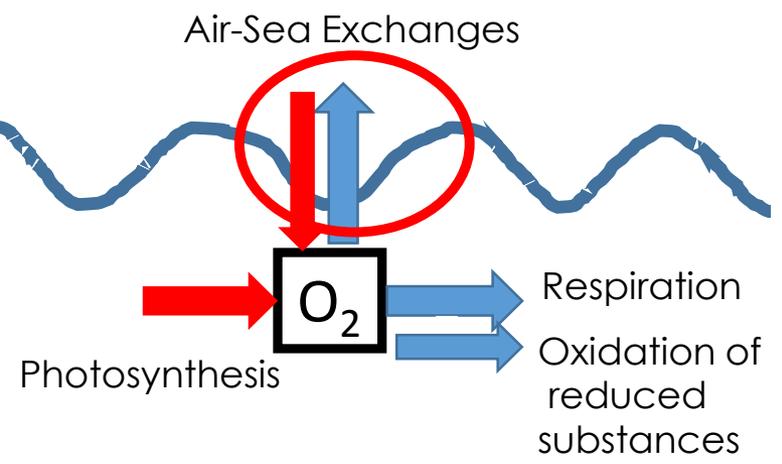
STRATIFICATION EFFECT

COASTAL OCEAN

SOLUBILITY EFFECT

STRATIFICATION EFFECT

EUTROPHICATION EFFECT





Impact of deoxygenation on ecosystem goods and services



A fish kill in Bolinao, Philippines, in 2002.

Loss of thousands of kilos of fish in aquaculture pens and cages.

Lost wages, Lost food, Histamine seafood poisoning.

Economic losses on the order of 500 million Philippine pesos.

(San Diego-McGlone et al., 2008).

Photo: <http://fernandoymas.blogspot.com/2011/05/fish-kill-in-pangasinan-and-batangas.html>

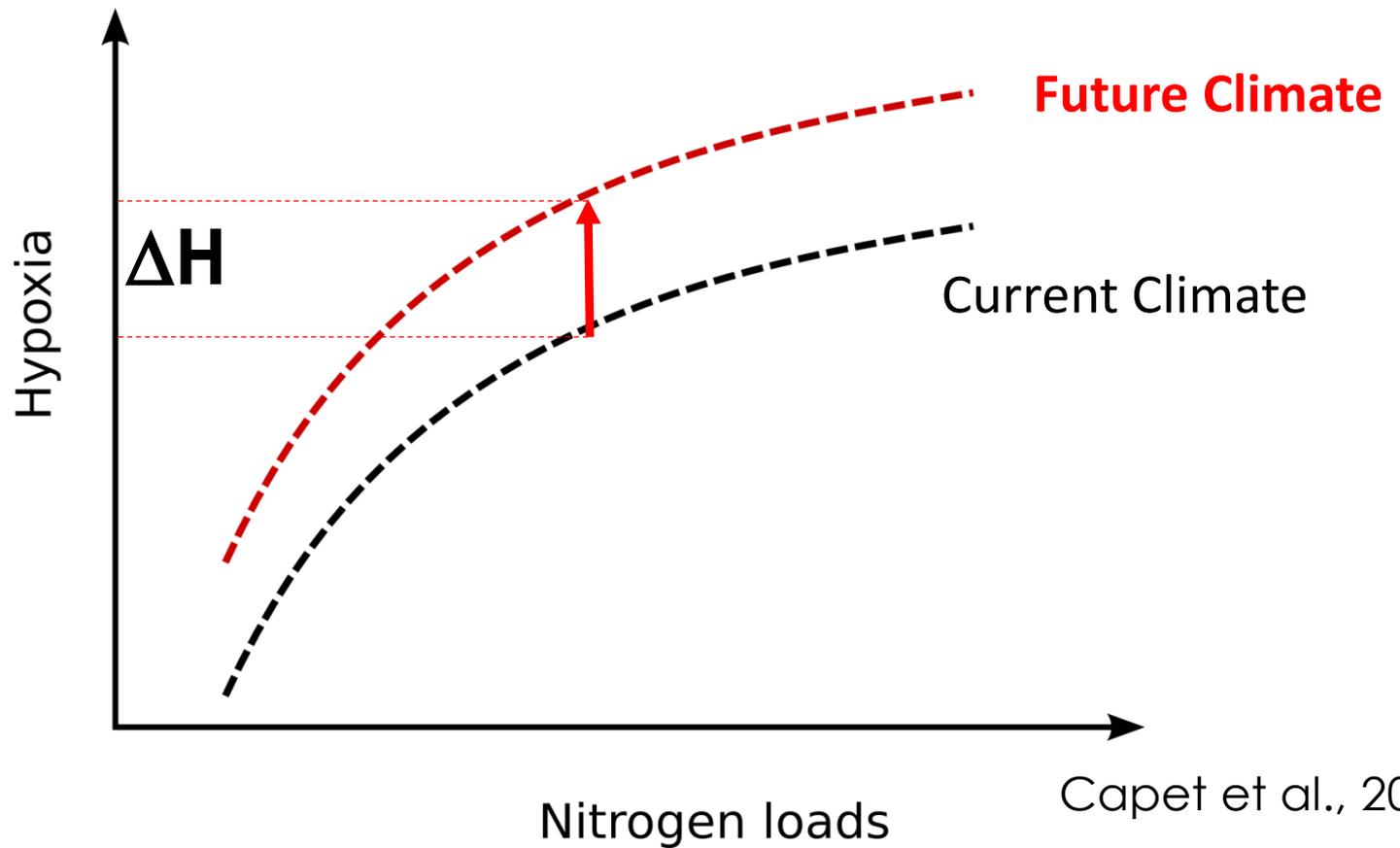




Managing deoxygenation in a warming world



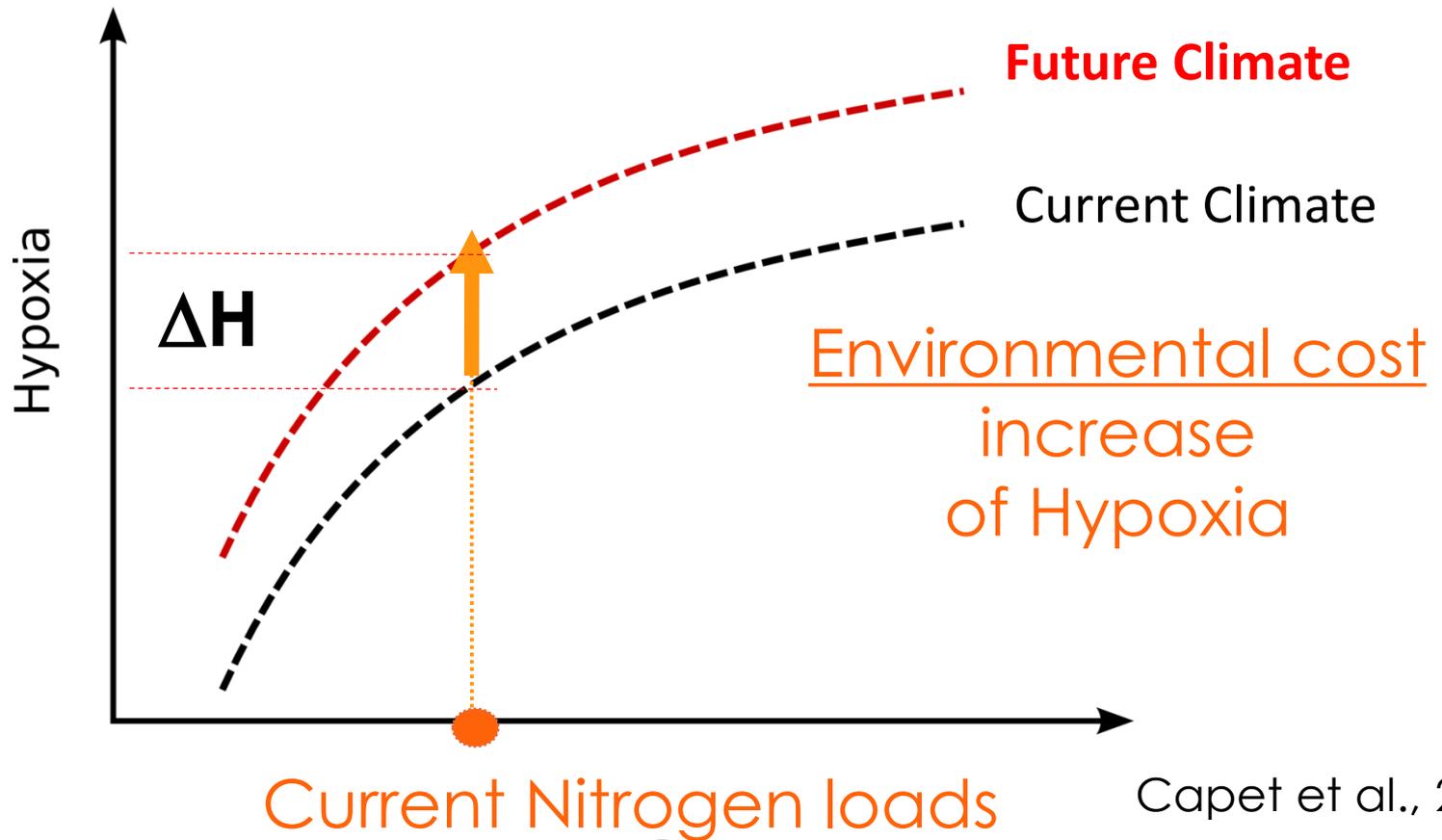
Warming adds to eutrophication!



Capet et al., 2013

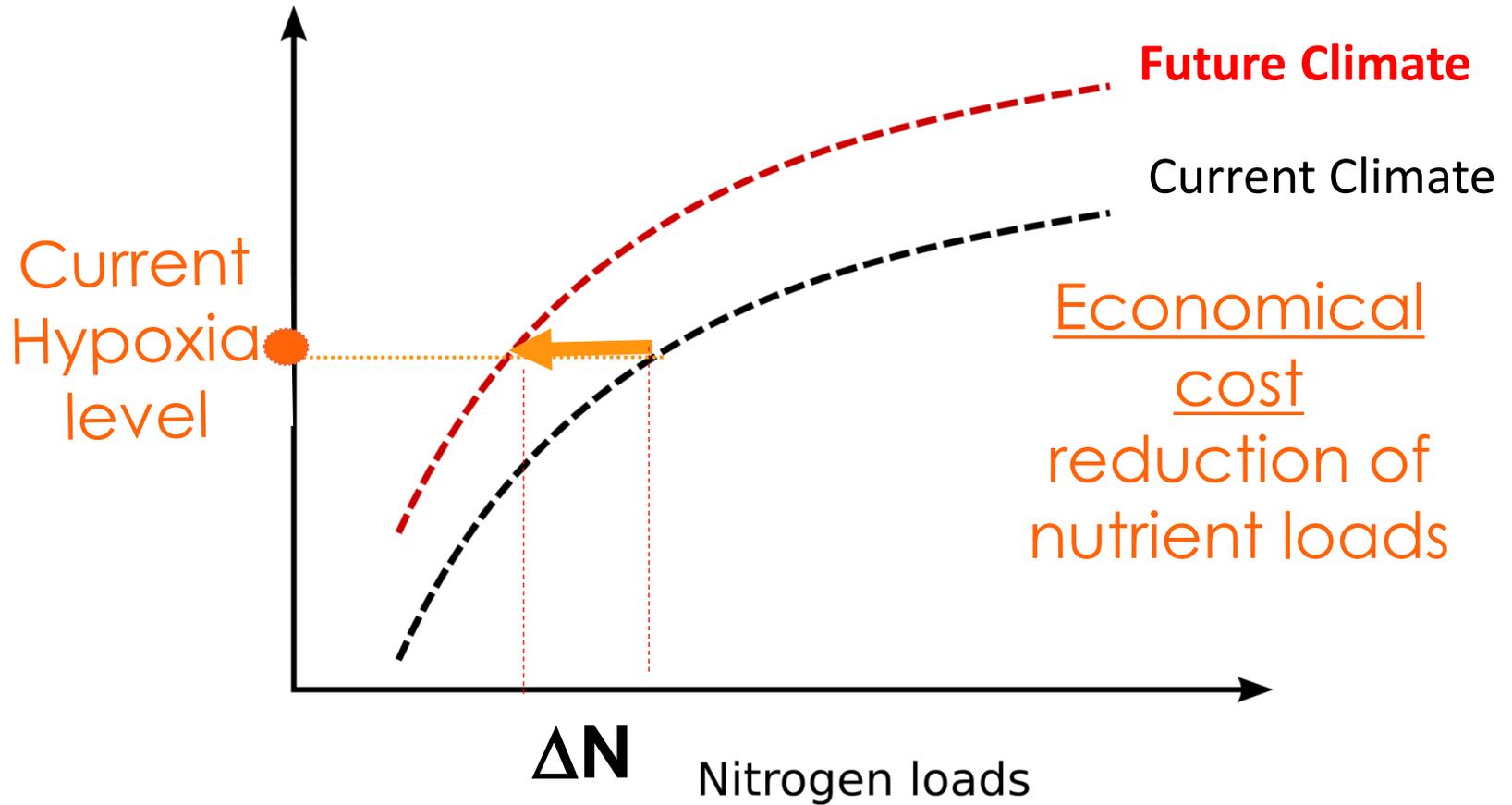


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Nutrient reduction policies should account for realistic climatic scenarios.



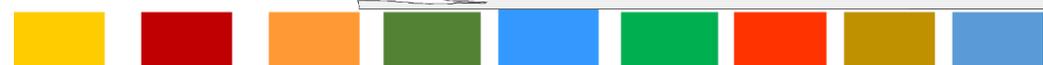
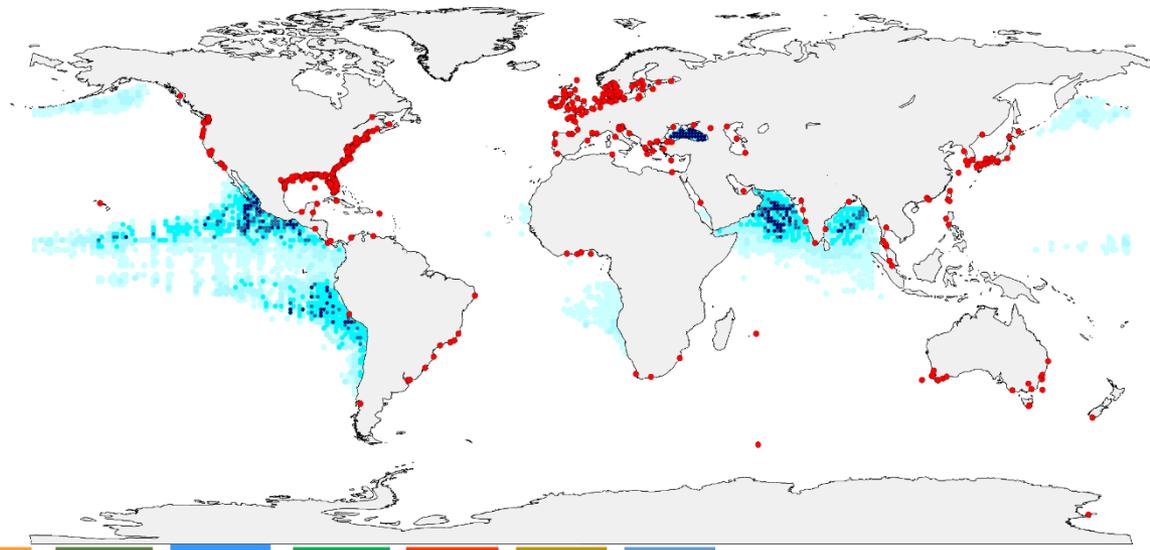
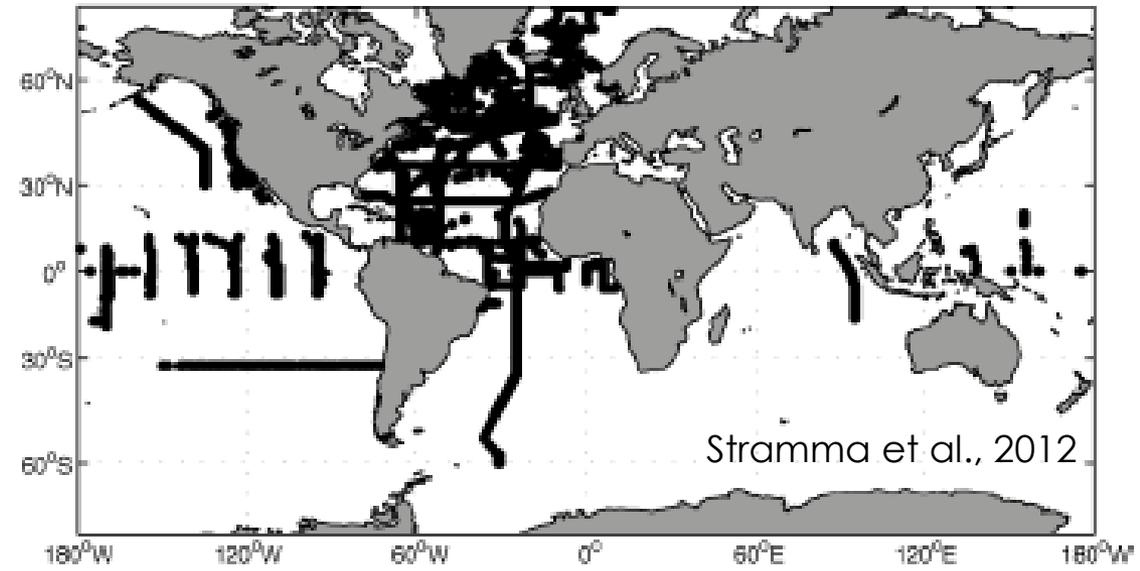
Observing Oxygen



More data (Integration) are needed

Data in database from 2000-2010

- The lack and quality of current data in some regions challenge a sound assessment of crucial questions
- Data management needs to be reinforced at a global level.



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