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Abstract: Agulhas rings provide the principal route for ocean waters to circulate from the Indo-Pacific to the Atlantic basin. Their influence on global ocean circulation is well known but but their role in plankton transport is unknown. We show that while the coarse taxonomic structure of plankton communities is continuous across the Agulhas choke point, South Atlantic plankton diversity is altered compared to Indian Ocean source populations. Modelling and *in situ* sampling of a young Agulhas ring indicate that strong vertical mixing drives complex nitrogen cycling, shaping community metabolism and biogeochemical signatures as the ring and associated plankton transit westwards. The peculiar local environment inside Agulhas rings may provide a selective mechanism contributing to the limited dispersal of Indian Ocean plankton populations into the Atlantic.

One Sentence Summary: Differences in plankton richness between the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans may be due to a selective environment inside Agulhas rings.

Main Text:

The Agulhas Current, which flows down the east coast of Africa, leaks from the Indo-Pacific Ocean into the Atlantic Ocean (1). This leakage, a choke point to heat and salt distribution across the world's oceans, has been increasing over the last decades (2). The influence of the Agulhas leakage on global oceanic circulation makes this area a sensitive lever in climate change scenarios (3). Agulhas leakage has been a gateway for planetary-scale water transport since the early Pleistocene (4), but diatom fossil records suggest it is not a barrier to plankton dispersal (5). Most of the Agulhas leakage occurs through huge anticyclonic eddies known as Agulhas Rings. These 100 to 400 km diameter rings bud from Indian Ocean subtropical waters at the Agulhas Retroflexion (1). Each year, up to half a dozen Agulhas rings escape the Indian Ocean, enter Cape Basin and drift north-westerly across the South Atlantic, reaching the South American continent over the course of several years (1,6). During their transit, strong westerly “roaring forties” winds prevalent in the southern 40s and 50s latitudes cause intense cooling and mixing in Agulhas rings (7).

Here we studied the effect of Agulhas rings and the environmental changes they sustain on plankton dispersal. Plankton, such as microalgae which produce half of the atmospheric oxygen and are at the base of open ocean ecosystems, play an essential role in the functioning of the biosphere. Their dispersal is critical for marine ecosystem resilience in the face of environmental change (8). As part of the *Tara* Oceans expedition (9), we describe taxonomic and functional plankton assemblages inside Agulhas rings and across the three oceanic systems which converge at the Agulhas choke point: The western Indian Ocean subtropical gyre, the South Atlantic Ocean gyre, and the Southern Ocean below the Antarctic Circumpolar Current (Fig. 1).

Physical and biological oceanography of the sampling sites

The Indian, South Atlantic and Southern Ocean were each represented by three sampling sites visited between May 2010 and January 2011 (fig. 1 & table S1). A variety of environmental conditions were represented (10). We first sampled the two large contiguous Indian and South Atlantic subtropical gyres and the Agulhas ring structures that maintain the physical connection between them. On the western side of the Indian Ocean, station TARA_052 was characterized by tropical, oligotrophic conditions. Station TARA_064 was located within an anticyclonic eddy representing the Agulhas Current recirculation. Station TARA_065 was located at the inner edge of the Agulhas Current on the South African slope that feeds the Agulhas retroflexion and Agulhas ring formation (3). In the South Atlantic Ocean, station TARA_070, sampled in late winter, was located in the eastern subtropical Atlantic basin. Station TARA_072 was located within the tropical circulation of the South Atlantic Ocean, Station TARA_076 was at the north-west extreme of the South Atlantic subtropical gyre. Two stations (TARA_068 & TARA_078) from the west and east South Atlantic Ocean sampled Agulhas rings. Three stations (TARA_082, TARA_084, TARA_085) in the Southern Ocean were selected to sample the Antarctic Circumpolar Current frontal system. Station TARA_082 sampled sub-Antarctic waters flowing northward along the Argentinian slope, waters that flow along the Antarctic Circumpolar Current (11) with characteristics typical of summer sub-Antarctic surface waters and are stratified by seasonal heating. Station TARA_084 was located on the southern part of the Antarctic Circumpolar Current, in the Drake Passage between the Polar Front and the South Antarctic Circumpolar Current front (11). Station TARA_085 was located on the southern edge of the South Antarctic Circumpolar Current front with waters typical of polar regions.

We compared overall plankton community structures between the three oceans using imaging and genetic surveys of samples from the epipelagic zone of each station (12). Prokaryote, phyto- and zooplankton assemblages were similar across Indian and South Atlantic Ocean samples, but different from Southern Ocean samples (Fig. 2A). In Indian and South Atlantic Ocean, zooplankton communities were dominated by Calanoida, Cyclopoida (Oithonidae) and Poecilostomatoida copepods (12); phytoplankton communities were mainly composed of chlorophytes, pelagophytes and haptophytes (12). In contrast, Southern Ocean zooplankton communities were distinguished by abundance of *Limacina* spp. gastropods and few Poecilostomatoida copepods. Southern Ocean phytoplankton were primarily diatoms and haptophytes. The divergence was even more conspicuous with respect to prokaryotes, in that cyanobacteria, dominant in Indian and South Atlantic Ocean, were absent in Southern Ocean. Southern Ocean had a high proportion of Flavobacteria and Rhodobacterales (12). Virus concentrations in the $<0.2 \mu\text{m}$ size fractions were significantly lower in the southernmost Southern Ocean station (13). Viral particles were significantly smaller in two of the three Southern Ocean sampling sites and two Southern Ocean viromes had significantly lower richness compared to South Atlantic and Indian Ocean (13). Although nucleocytoplasmic large DNA viruses were similarly distributed in South Atlantic and Indian Ocean (12), two Southern Ocean sites contained coccolithoviruses also found in the TARA_068 Agulhas ring but not in the other Indian and South Atlantic stations.

Biological connection across the Agulhas choke point

Genetic material as represented by rDNA sequences showed exchange patterns across the oceans (shared barcode richness, 14). Despite a smaller interface between Indian and South Atlantic Oceans than either have with the Southern Ocean, over three times more genetic material was in common between Indian and South Atlantic Oceans than either had with the Southern Ocean (Fig. 2B, 15). Indeed, the Indian-South Atlantic inter-ocean shared barcodes richness ($32 \pm 5\%$) was not significantly different from typical intra-ocean values ($37 \pm 7\%$, Tukey post-hoc 0.95 confidence). Shared barcode richness involving the Southern Ocean was significantly lower ($9 \pm 3\%$, Fig. 2C). We found that the proportion of whole shotgun metagenomic reads shared between samples, both intra-oceanic and Indian-South Atlantic inter-ocean similarities were in the 18-30% range, whereas inter-ocean similarities with Southern Ocean samples were only 5-6% (16). These results reveal a strong genetic connection between the Indian and Atlantic Oceans, despite the separation between their physical basins.

Nonetheless, differences on either side of the Agulhas choke point were evident. We found that prokaryote barcode richness was greater in the South Atlantic than in the Indian Ocean (Fig. 3A, 0.2-3 μm size fraction). The opposite trend characterized eukaryotes larger than 20 μm in size. We cannot rule out the possibility that the higher prokaryote diversity observed in South Atlantic Ocean might be due to a protocol artefact resulting from a difference in prefiltration pore size from 1.6 μm (Indian Ocean) to 3 μm (South Atlantic and Southern Ocean). As also evident from the pan-oceanic Tara Oceans dataset (17), smaller size fractions showed greater eukaryote diversity across the Agulhas system. In all size fractions we analyzed, samples from the Southern Ocean were less diverse than samples from the South Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean (Fig. 3A). When rDNA barcodes were clustered by sequence similarity and considered at operational taxonomic unit (OTU) level (14), over half (57%) of the OTUs contained higher sub-OTU barcode richness in Indian than in South Atlantic Ocean, whereas less than a third (32%) of OTUs were richer in South Atlantic Ocean, leaving only 11% as strictly cosmopolitan (Fig. 3B). Taken together, these 1307 OTUs represented 98% of the barcode abundance, indicating that the observed higher barcode richness within OTUs in the Indian Ocean was not conferred by the rare biosphere. Certain taxa displayed unusual sub-OTU richness profiles across the choke point. Consistent with their relatively large size, Opisthokonta (mostly copepods), Rhizaria (such as radiolarians) and Stramenopiles (in particular diatoms) had much higher sub-OTU barcode richness in the Indian Ocean, whereas only small sized Hacrobia (mostly haptophytes) showed modest increased sub-OTU barcode richness in the South Atlantic Ocean. The plankton filtering we observed in fractions above 20 μm through the Agulhas choke point might explain the reduction of marine nekton diversity from the Indian Ocean to the South Atlantic Ocean (18), by propagating up the food-web (19).

***In situ* sampling of two Agulhas rings**

To understand whether the environment of Agulhas rings, the main transporters of water across the choke point, might act as a biological filter between Indian Ocean and South Atlantic Ocean, we analyzed data collected in both a young and an old Agulhas ring. The young ring sampled at station TARA_068 was located in Cape Basin west of South Africa, where rings are often observed after their formation at the Agulhas Retroflection (7,20). It was a large Agulhas ring that detached from the retroflection about 9-10 months prior to sampling. This ring first moved northward and then westward in the Cape Basin while interacting with other structures (red track in fig. 1b, 21). Ocean color data collected by satellite showed that surface chlorophyll concentrations were higher in the Cape Basin than at the retroflection, suggesting that deep

vertical mixing might have occurred in the Cape Basin (22). At the time of sampling, the anticyclonic Agulhas ring was 130-150 km in diameter, was about 30 cm higher than average sea surface, and was flanked by a 130-150 km cyclonic eddy to the north and a larger (> 200km) one to the east (Fig. 4A, 23). Thermosalinograph data showed that filaments of colder, fresher water surrounded the young ring core (Fig. 4A, 23). In order to position the biological sampling station close to the ring core, a series of Conductivity-Temperature-Depth casts (CTD) was performed (23, 24). The young Agulhas ring had a surface temperature and salinity of 16.8°C and 35.7 psu, respectively; and the isopycnal sloping could be traced down to CTD maximal depth (900-1000m). The core of the ring water was 5°C cooler than Indian Ocean subtropical source waters at similar latitudes (TARA_065, table S1), typical for the subtropical waters south of Africa (17.8°C, 35.56 psu, respectively, 25). The mixed layer of the young ring was deep (>250m) compared to seasonal cycles of the mixed layer depths in the region (50-100m, fig. 4C), typical of Agulhas rings (26). At larger scales (Fig. 4B, 24), steep spatial gradients were observed, with fresher and colder water in the Cape Basin than in the Agulhas Current because of both lateral mixing with waters from the South and surface fluxes. This confirms that the low temperature of the young Agulhas ring is a general feature of this Indian to South Atlantic Ocean transitional basin. Air-sea exchanges of heat and momentum promoted convection in the ring core, which was not compensated by lateral mixing and advection. The core of the Agulhas ring thus behaved as a sub-polar environment traveling across sub-tropical regions.

At station TARA_078 we sampled a second structure whose origins were in the Agulhas Retroflection, likely a 3-year-old Agulhas ring. This old ring, having crossed the South Atlantic Ocean, was being absorbed by the western boundary current of the South Atlantic subtropical gyre. The structure sampled at station TARA_078 was characterized by a warm salty core (27). As for the young Agulhas ring sampled, the old ring also had a 100m deeper pycnocline than surrounding waters, typical of large anticyclonic structures.

The plankton assemblage of both Agulhas rings most closely resembled the assemblages found in Indian and South Atlantic samples (Fig. 2A). At higher resolution, barcodes (Fig. 2B & 2C) and metagenomic reads (16) shared between the Agulhas rings and the Indian or South Atlantic samples showed that the young ring was genetically distinct from both Indian and South Atlantic samples, whereas the old ring was similar to its surrounding South Atlantic samples (Tukey post-hoc .95 confidence). Light microscopy analyses revealed some plankton groups specific to the young Agulhas ring, such as *Pseudo-nitzschia* spp. which represented 20% of the phytoplankton counts but less than 10% in all other stations (12). Other potentially circumstantial plankton characteristic of the young Agulhas ring included the tintinnid *Dictyocysta pacifica* (12), the diatom *Corethron pennatum* (12), and the dinoflagellate *Triplos limulus* (12). A tiny (less than 15 µm long) pennate diatom from the genus *Nanoneis*, which we saw only in the young Agulhas ring and Indian Ocean stations around the African coasts (28), was an example of the Indo-Atlantic plankton diversity filtering observed at rDNA barcode level and corroborated by microscopy. OTU clustered barcodes revealed a variety of young Agulhas ring sub-OTU richness patterns compared to source and destination oceans (Fig. 5A). Amongst Copepoda, *Gaetanus variabilis* and *Corycaeus speciosus* were the more cosmopolitan species (Fig. 5B), whilst *Bradya* species found in the young ring were mainly similar to those from the Indian Ocean. *Acartia negligens* and *Neocalanus robustior* displayed high levels of barcode richness specific to each side of the Agulhas choke point. Bacillariophyceae were heavily filtered from Indian to South Atlantic Oceans (Fig. 5C), and most OTUs (17 out of 20) were absent in the young ring, suggesting diversity filtering could take place earlier in the ring's nine months

history. Consistent with the observed particularities of the plankton in the young ring, continuous underway optical measurements showed that the ring core photosynthetic community differed significantly from surrounding waters (29-31). Intermediate size cells, and relatively low content of photo-protective pigments, reflected low growth irradiance and suggested a transitional physiological state. Thus, the plankton community in the young Agulhas ring had diverged from plankton communities typical of its original Indian waters, but, even nine months after formation, had not converged with its surrounding South Atlantic waters.

Deep mixing in Agulhas rings promotes plankton bloom

The upper water column of the young ring showed a high nitrite concentration ($>0.5 \text{ mmol.m}^{-3}$) (Fig. 4D, 32). This observation, along with its particularly deep mixed layer ($>250\text{m}$), suggested that as Agulhas rings proceed westward in the Cape Basin, vigorous deep mixing of their weakly stratified waters may have entrained nitrate and stimulated phytoplankton blooms. Typically, fresh organic material would then either be exported as sinking particles or locally recycled, sustaining heterotrophic production of ammonium which would, in turn, be consumed by photoautotrophs in the euphotic layer but nitrified below. The resulting nitrite, eventually oxidized to nitrate, might remain evident at subsurface as observed in the nitrite anomaly of the young ring explored here. This hypothesis was supported by numerical simulations of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology general circulation model (33) which resolved Agulhas rings, their phytoplankton populations and associated nutrient cycling (Fig. 6A). We tracked 12 Agulhas rings in the ocean model and characterized their near-surface biogeochemical cycles (Fig. 6B, 34). As the rings moved westwards, storms enhanced surface heat loss stimulating convection and the entrainment of nitrate. In the model simulations, proliferation of phytoplankton generated subsurface nitrite, which persisted because phytoplankton were light limited at depth and because nitrification was suppressed by light at the surface (35). The associated blooms were dominated by large opportunistic phytoplankton and nitrate-metabolizing *Synechococcus* spp. analogs, whereas populations of *Prochlorococcus* spp. analogs dominated the quiescent periods (34). Each of the 12 simulated Agulhas rings exhibited this pattern in response to surface forcing by weather systems, and all rings maintained a persistent subsurface nitrite maximum in the region, as observed in TARA_068 and in other biogeochemical surveys (36).

The nitrite peak observed at TARA_068 in the young Agulhas ring was associated with a differential representation of nitrogen metabolism genes between the ring and the surrounding South Atlantic and Indian Oceans metagenomes derived from $0.2\text{-}3 \mu\text{m}$ size fractions (Fig. 7, 37). Agulhas ring over-represented KEGG (Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes, 61) orthologs (KOs) were involved in both nitrification and denitrification, likely representing the overlap between plankton assemblages involved in the conversion of nitrate to nitrite on the one hand, and in denitrification of the accumulating nitrite on the other. Distinct KOs involved in successive denitrification steps were found to be encoded by similar plankton taxa. For instance KO10945 and KO10946 involved in ammonium nitrification and KO00368 subsequently involved in nitrite to nitrous oxide denitrification appeared mostly encoded by Nitrosopumilaceae archaea. KO00264 and KO01674 involved in ammonium assimilation were mostly assigned to eukaryotic Mamiellales, whilst the opposite KO00367 and KO00366 involved in dissimilatory nitrite reduction to ammonium followed by KO01725 involved in ammonium assimilation were encoded by picocyanobacteria. In the specific case of the picocyanobacteria, metagenomic reads corresponding to *nirA* genes showed that the observed young Agulhas ring

KO00366 (dissimilatory nitrite reduction) enrichment was mainly due to the over-representation of genes from *Prochlorococcus* (Fig. 8B). This enrichment was found to be associated with a concomitant shift in population structure from *Prochlorococcus* High Light II ecotypes (HLII mostly lacking *nirA* genes) to co-dominance of High Light I (HLI) and Low Light I (LLI) ecotypes. Indeed, among the several *Prochlorococcus* and *Synechococcus* ecotypes identified based on their genetic diversity and physiology (38,39), neutral marker (*petB*, fig. 8A) recruitments showed that dominant clades in the Indian Ocean upper mixed layer were *Prochlorococcus* HLII and *Synechococcus* clade II, as expected given the known (sub)tropical preferenda of these groups (40). Both clades nearly completely disappeared (less than 5%) in the mixed cold waters of the young ring and only began to increase again when the surface water warmed up along the South Atlantic Ocean transect. Conversely, young ring water was characterized by a large proportion of *Prochlorococcus* HLI and LLI and *Synechococcus* clade IV, two clades typical of temperate waters. Besides temperature, the *Prochlorococcus* community shift from HLII to HLI + LLI observed in the young ring was likely also driven by the nitrite anomaly. Indeed, while most *Synechococcus* strains isolated so far are able to use nitrate, nitrite and ammonium, only the *Prochlorococcus* LLI and IV and some populations of HL clades, having acquired the *nirA* gene by lateral gene transfer, are able to assimilate nitrite. In the young ring, over-representation of cyanobacterial orthologs involved in nitrite reduction could thus have resulted from environmental pressure selecting LLI (87% of the *nirA* recruitments) and HLI populations (13%) that possessed this ability. Since the capacity to assimilate nitrite in this latter ecotype reflects the availability of this nutrient in the environment (41), these *in situ* observations of picocyanobacteria indicated that the nitrogen cycle disturbance occurring in the young ring exerts community wide selective pressure on Agulhas ring plankton.

Discussion

We found that whether or not the Agulhas choke point is considered a barrier to plankton dispersal depends on the taxonomic resolution at which the analysis is performed. At coarse taxonomic resolution, our observations of Indo-Atlantic continuous plankton structure - from viruses to fish larvae - suggested unlimited dispersal, consistent with previous reports (5, 42). However, at finer resolution our genetic data revealed that the Agulhas choke point strongly affects patterns of plankton genetic diversity. As anticipated in (5), the diversity filtering by Agulhas Rings likely escaped detection using fossil records because of the limited taxonomic resolution afforded by fossil diatom morphology (42). The community wide evidence presented here confirm observations on individual living species (43,44), suggesting that dispersal filters mitigate the panmictic ocean hypothesis for plankton above 20 μm .

The lower diversity we observed in South Atlantic Ocean for micro- and mesoplankton (>20 μm) may be due to local abiotic/biotic pressure or to limitations in dispersal (33, 45). Although biogeography emerging from a model with only neutral drift (46) predicts basin-to-basin genetic differences that are qualitatively consistent with our data, the observed acquisition of *nirA* genes by HLI *Prochlorococcus* in the young Agulhas ring indicates selection is at work in Agulhas rings. Based on our analysis of two Agulhas rings, we propose that environmental disturbances in Agulhas rings reshape their plankton diversity as they travel from Indian Ocean to South Atlantic Ocean. As a result, South Atlantic Ocean plankton diversity differs from that of the Indo-Pacific basin despite being directly downstream. Thus, environmental selection applied at a choke point in ocean circulation constitutes a barrier to dispersal. Furthermore, we show that taxonomic groups were not equally affected by the ring transport, both within and between phyla,

with a noticeable effect of organism size. The differential effects due to organism size highlight the difficulty in generalizing ecological and evolutionary rules from limited sampling of species or functional types. .

Considering sensitivity of Agulhas leakage to climate change (1, 49), better understanding of the plankton dynamics in Agulhas rings will be required if we are to understand and predict ecosystem resilience at the planetary scale. Considering the breadth of changes already observed in the 9-month-old Agulhas ring, it would be interesting to acquire samples from specific Agulhas rings tracked from early formation to dissipation. Finally, our data suggest that the abundance of Indian Ocean species in South Atlantic Ocean sedimentary records, used as proxies of Agulhas Leakage intensity (4), may actually also depend on the intensity of the Agulhas ring physical disturbances.

Materials & Methods

Sampling

The Tara Oceans sampling protocols schematized in Karsenti *et al.* (11) are described in Pesant *et al.* (50), specific methods for 0.8-5, 20-180 & 180-2000 μm size fractions in de Vargas *et al.* (17), for 0.2-3 μm size fractions in Sunagawa *et al.* (51), and for the <0.2 μm size fraction in Brum *et al.* (52). Due to their fragility, 1.6 μm glass fiber filters initially used for prokaryote sampling were replaced by more resistant 3 μm polycarbonate filters from station TARA_066 onwards. In the present text, both 0.2-1.6 μm and 0.2-3 μm prokaryote size fractions are simply referred to as 0.2-3 μm .

Data acquisition

A range of analytical methods covering different levels of taxonomic resolution (pigments, flow cytometry, optical microscopy, marker gene barcodes, metagenomics) were used to describe the planktonic composition at each sampled station. Viruses from the <0.2 μm size fraction were studied both by epifluorescence microscopy, quantitative transmission electron microscopy and by sequencing DNA as described in Brum *et al.* (52). Flow cytometry was used to discriminate high DNA content bacteria (HNA), low DNA content bacteria (LNA), *Prochlorococcus* and *Synechococcus* picocyanobacteria, as well as two different groups (based on their size) of photosynthetic picoeukaryotes as described previously (53). Pigment concentrations measured by High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) were used to estimate the dominant classes of phytoplankton using the CHEMTAX procedure (54). Tintinnids, diatoms and dinoflagellates were identified and counted by light microscopy from the 20-180 μm lugol or formaldehyde fixed size fraction. Zooplankton enumeration was performed on formol fixed samples using the ZOOSCAN semi-automated classification of digital images (55). Sequencing, clustering and annotation of 18S-V9 rDNA barcodes are described in de Vargas *et al.* (17). Metagenome sequencing, assembly and annotation are described in Sunagawa *et al.* (51). NCLDV taxonomic assignments in the 0.2-3 μm samples were carried out using 18 lineage specific markers as described in Hingamp *et al.* (56). Virome sequencing and annotation are described in Brum *et al.* (46).

Data analysis

Origin of sampled Agulhas rings

Using visual and automated approaches, the origins of the TARA_068 and TARA_078 stations was traced back from the altimetric daily data (Fig. 1, 21). The automated approach used either

the Lagrangian tracing of numerical particles initialized in the centre of a given structure and transported by the geostrophic velocity field calculated from sea surface height gradients, or the connection in space and time of adjacent extreme values in sea level anomaly maps.

V9 rDNA barcodes

To normalize for differences in sequencing effort, V9 rDNA barcode libraries were resampled 50 times for the number of reads corresponding to the smallest library in each size fraction: 0.8-5 μm : 776,358 reads, 20-180 μm : 1,170,592 reads and 180-2000 μm : 767,940 reads. V9 rDNA barcode counts were then converted to the average number of times seen in the 50 resampling events and barcodes with less than 10 reads were removed as potential sequencing artefacts. We used down-sampled barcode richness (number of distinct V9 rDNA barcodes) as a diversity descriptor since considering V9 rDNA barcode abundances to compare plankton assemblages would likely be biased due: i/ to technical limitations described in de Vargas et al. (17), and ii/ to seasonality effects induced by the timing of samplings (Table S1). Barcode richness was well correlated with Shannon and Simpson indexes (0.94 and 0.78, respectively). The shared barcode richness between each pair of samples (14) was estimated by counting for the three larger size fractions (0.8-5, 20-180 & 180-2000 μm) the proportion of V9 rDNA barcodes 100% identical over their whole length. V9 rDNA barcodes were clustered into OTUs by SWARM clustering as described by de Vargas et al. (17). The sub-OTU richness comparison between two samples s1 and s2 (14) produces three values: the number of V9 rDNA barcodes in common, the number of V9 rDNA barcodes unique to s1, and the number of V9 rDNA barcodes unique to s2. These numbers can be represented directly as bar graphs (Fig. 3B) or as dot plots of specific V9 rDNA barcode richness (Fig. 5).

Metagenomic analysis

Similarity was estimated using whole shotgun metagenomes for all four available size fractions (0.2-3, 0.8-5, 20-180 & 180-2 000 μm). Because pairwise comparisons of all raw metagenome reads is intractable given the present data volume, we used a heuristic where two metagenomic 100 bp reads were considered similar if at least two non overlapping 33 bp kmers were strictly identical (Compareads method, 60). For prokaryotic fractions (0.2-3 μm), taxonomic abundance was estimated using the number of 16S miTags (51). The functional annotation, taxonomic assignation and gene abundance estimation of the pan oceanic Ocean Microbial Reference Gene Catalog (OMRGC, 243 samples including all those analysed here) generated from Tara Oceans 0.2-3 μm metagenomic reads are described in Sunagawa *et al.* (51). Gene abundances were computed for the set of genes annotated to nitrogen metabolism KEGG ortholog (KO, 61) group by counting the number of reads from each sample that mapped to each KO associated gene. Abundances were normalized as Reads Per Kilobase per Million mapped reads (RPKM). Gene abundances were then aggregated (summed) for each KO group. To compare abundances between the young ring (TARA_068) and other stations, a t-test was used. KOs with a p-value < 0.05 and a total abundance (over all stations) > 10 were considered as significant (37). Prochlorococcus and Synechococcus community composition was analyzed in the 0.2-3 μm size fraction at the clade level by recruiting reads targeting the high resolution marker gene petB, coding for cytochrome b6 (62). The petB reads were first extracted from metagenomes using BLASTx+ against the petB sequences of Synechococcus sp. WH8102 and Prochlorococcus marinus MED4. These reads were subsequently aligned against a reference dataset of 270 petB sequences using BLASTn (with parameters set at -G 8 -E 6 -r 5 -q -4 -W 8 -e 1 -F "m L" -U T). petB reads exhibiting > 80% identity over > 90% of sequence length were then taxonomically assigned to the clade of the best BLAST hit. Read counts per clade were normalized based on the

sequencing effort for each metagenomic sample. A similar approach was used with *nirA* (KO 00366) and *narB* genes (KO 00367) which were highlighted in the nitrogen-related KO analysis (Fig. 8). Phylogenetic assignment was realized at the highest possible taxonomic level using a reference dataset constituted of sequences retrieved from Cyanorak v2 (www.sbroscoff.fr/cyanorak/) and GOS (63, 41) databases.

Nitrogen cycle modelling

Numerical simulations of global ocean circulation were based on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology general circulation model (MITgcm; 64) incorporating biogeochemical and ecological components (65,66). It resolved mesoscale features in the tropics and was eddy permitting in sub-polar regions. The physical configurations were integrated from 1992 to 1999 and constrained to be consistent with observed hydrography and altimetry (67). Three inorganic fixed nitrogen pools were resolved: nitrate, nitrite and ammonium, as well as particulate and dissolved detrital organic nitrogen. Phytoplankton types were able to use some or all of the fixed nitrogen pools. Aerobic respiration and remineralization by heterotrophic microbes was parameterized as a simple sequence of transformations from detrital organic nitrogen, to ammonium, then nitrification to nitrite and nitrate. In accordance with empirical evidence (35), nitrification was assumed to be inhibited by light. Nitrification is described in the model by simple first order kinetics, with rates tuned to qualitatively capture the patterns of nitrogen species in the Atlantic (66).

Continuous spectral analysis

A continuous flow-through system equipped with a high-spectral-resolution spectrophotometer (AC-S, WET Labs, Inc.) was used for data collection during the Tara Oceans expedition as described previously (68). Phytoplankton pigment concentrations, estimates of phytoplankton size γ , total chlorophyll *a* concentration, and particulate organic carbon (POC) are derived from the absorption and attenuation spectra (69) for the 1-km²-binned Tara Oceans data set available at PANGAEA under project label “Tara Oceans” (<http://www.pangaea.de>).

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Fig. 1: The oceanic circulation around the Agulhas choke point and location of Tara Oceans stations.

The map shows the location of sampling stations, together with trajectories of the young and old Agulhas rings (TARA_068 & TARA_078, red and green tracks, respectively). The stations here considered as representative of the main basins are: 1) TARA_052, TARA_064, and TARA_065 for Indian Ocean (IO); 2) TARA_070, TARA_072 and TARA_076 for the South Atlantic Ocean (SAO) and 3) TARA_082, TARA_084 and TARA_085 for the Southern Ocean (SO). The mean ocean circulation is schematized by arrows (currents) and background colors (surface climatological dynamic height (0/2,000 dbar from CARS2009; www.cmar.csiro.au/cars, 61). Agulhas rings are depicted as circles. The Antarctic Circumpolar Current front positions are from (13).

Fig. 2: Agulhas system plankton community structure

A/ Plankton community structure of the Indian Ocean, South Atlantic Ocean, Southern Ocean and Agulhas rings. Bacterial 0.2-3 μm assemblage structure was determined by counting clade-specific marker-genes from bacterial metagenomes. Size fractionated (0.8-5, 20-180, 180-2 000 μm) eukaryotic assemblage structure was determined using V9 rDNA barcodes. Nucleo-Cytoplasmic Large DNA Viruses (NCLDV) 0.2-3 μm assemblage structure was determined by phylogenetic mapping using sixteen NCLDV marker genes. OTU abundances were converted to presence/absence to hierarchically cluster samples using Jaccard distance. B/ Network of pairwise comparisons of shared V9 rDNA barcode richness (shared barcode richness) between the 11 sampling stations of the study. The width of each edge is proportional to the number of shared barcodes between corresponding sampling stations. C/ Boxplot of shared barcode richness between stations for 0.8-5, 20-180 and 180-2 000 μm size fractions. The shared barcode richness analysis considers that two V9 rDNA barcodes are shared between two samples if they are 100% identical over their whole length. Shared barcode richness between two samples s1 & s2 is expressed as the proportion of shared barcode richness relative to the average internal barcode richness of samples s1 & s2. IO: Indian Ocean; SAO: South Atlantic Ocean, SO: Southern Ocean, Y.RING: Young Ring; O.RING: Old Ring.

Fig. 3: Diversity of plankton population specific to Indian and Atlantic Oceans

A/ Boxplot of 16S (0.2-3 μm) and V9 rDNA barcodes richness (0.8-5, 20-180 and 180-2000 μm size fractions). Each box represents 3 sampling stations combined into Indian, South Atlantic and Southern Ocean. Single Agulhas ring stations are represented as red (young ring) and orange (old ring) crosses. B/ Plankton sub-OTU richness filtering across the Agulhas choke point. Each vertical bar represents a single eukaryotic plankton OTU, each of which contains >10 distinct V9 rDNA barcodes (14). For each OTU are represented the number of distinct barcodes (sub-OTU richness) found exclusively in the South Atlantic Ocean (blue), exclusively in the Indian Ocean (pink), and in both South Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean (grey). OTUs are grouped by taxonomic annotation (indicated above the bar plot). For each taxonomic group, the percentage of OTUs with higher sub-OTU richness in the Indian Ocean (shaded in pink) or in the South Atlantic Ocean (shaded in blue) are indicated, respectively at the top and bottom of the bar plot. A total of 1307 OTUs are presented, representing 98% of total V9 rDNA barcode abundance.

Fig. 4: Properties of the young Agulhas ring (TARA_068).

A/ Daily sea surface height around young Agulhas ring station TARA_068 (DT Absolute Dynamic Topography (ADT) from <http://www.aviso.altimetry.fr/>). R, C1 and C2 respectively denote the centers of the Agulhas ring and two cyclonic eddies. The contour interval is 0.02 dyn.m. The ADT values are for September 13th, 2010. Light grey isolines: ADT < 0.46 dyn. m. The crosses indicate the CTD stations while the square symbol indicates the position of the biological station TARA_068. The biological station coincides with the westernmost CTD station. ADT is affected by interpolation errors, which is why CTD casts were performed at sea to have a fine-scale description of the feature before defining the position of the biological station (23). Superimposed are the continuous underway temperatures ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) from the on-board thermosalinograph. B/ Same as panel A but at the regional scale. Round symbols correspond to biological sampling stations. The contour interval is 0.1 dyn.m. C/ Seasonal distribution of the median values of the mixed layer depths and temperatures at 10m (from ARGO) provided by the IFREMER/LOS Mixed Layer Depth Climatology L2 database (www.ifremer.fr/cerweb/deboyer/mld) updated to July 27th 2011. The mixed layer is defined using a temperature criteria. The star symbol represents the young ring station TARA_068. Inset: geographic position of the areas used to select the mixed layer and temperature data. The mixed layer depth measured at TARA_068 is outside the 90th percentile of the distribution of mixed layer depths for the same month for both the subtropical (red and magenta) regions. The temperature matches the median for the same month and region of sampling. D/ Nitrites (NO_2) concentrations in mmol/m^3 .

Fig. 5: Plankton diversity patterns.

A/ Schematic representation of the four scenarios (I-IV): plankton is transported from Indian (pink, right) to South Atlantic Oceans (blue, left) through the choke point (red, CP). The thickness of each colored section represents the level of diversity specific to each region. The observed percentage of V9 rDNA OTUs corresponding to each scenario is indicated in the pie charts to the left (out of 1063 OTUs of the full V9 rDNA barcode dataset). B/ V9 rDNA OTU diversity patterns for copepods and Bacillariophyta. Each circle on the charts represents a V9 rDNA OTU plotted with coordinates proportional to ribotypes specific to Indian Ocean (x-axis) and South Atlantic Ocean (y-axis). For instance, the copepod *Acartia negligens* in the top right corner of sector II corresponds to the “bow tie” scenario II of panel A (i.e. a copepod with representative V9 rDNA barcodes in both Indian and South Atlantic Oceans, the vast majority of

which are specific to their respective ocean basin). In contrast, the majority of barcodes for *Silencalanus sinensis* in sector III are found in both Indian and South Atlantic Oceans (cosmopolitan OTU corresponding to the "Everything is everywhere" flat diversity diagram of panel A, scenario III). If more than 10 barcodes were found in the young Agulhas ring (TARA_068), their distribution is indicated in a pie chart (colors are coded in the legend inset), otherwise the OTU is represented by an empty circle. Circle sizes are proportional to the number of considered barcodes for each OTU. The Bacillariophyta OTU defined as 'Raphid pennate sp.' likely corresponds to the *Pseudo-nitzschia* cells observed by light microscopy.

Fig. 6: Modeled nitrogen stocks along Agulhas ring track

A/ Simulated primary production (PP) in the Agulhas system using the MIT-GCM model. The solid black line shows the average northwesterly path of 12 distinct virtual Agulhas rings tracked over the course of the simulation. Color scale for PP is given in the top right inset, with warmer colors indicating higher PP. B/ Modeled profiles of NO₃, NO₂ and NH₄ along the Agulhas ring average track (x-axis) presented in A. The y-axis is the depth (in meters) in the water column. The color scale is given in the top right inset, with warmer colors indicating higher concentrations of nitrogen compounds.

Fig. 7: Nitrite anomaly in young Agulhas ring is accompanied by shifts in nitrogen pathway related genes

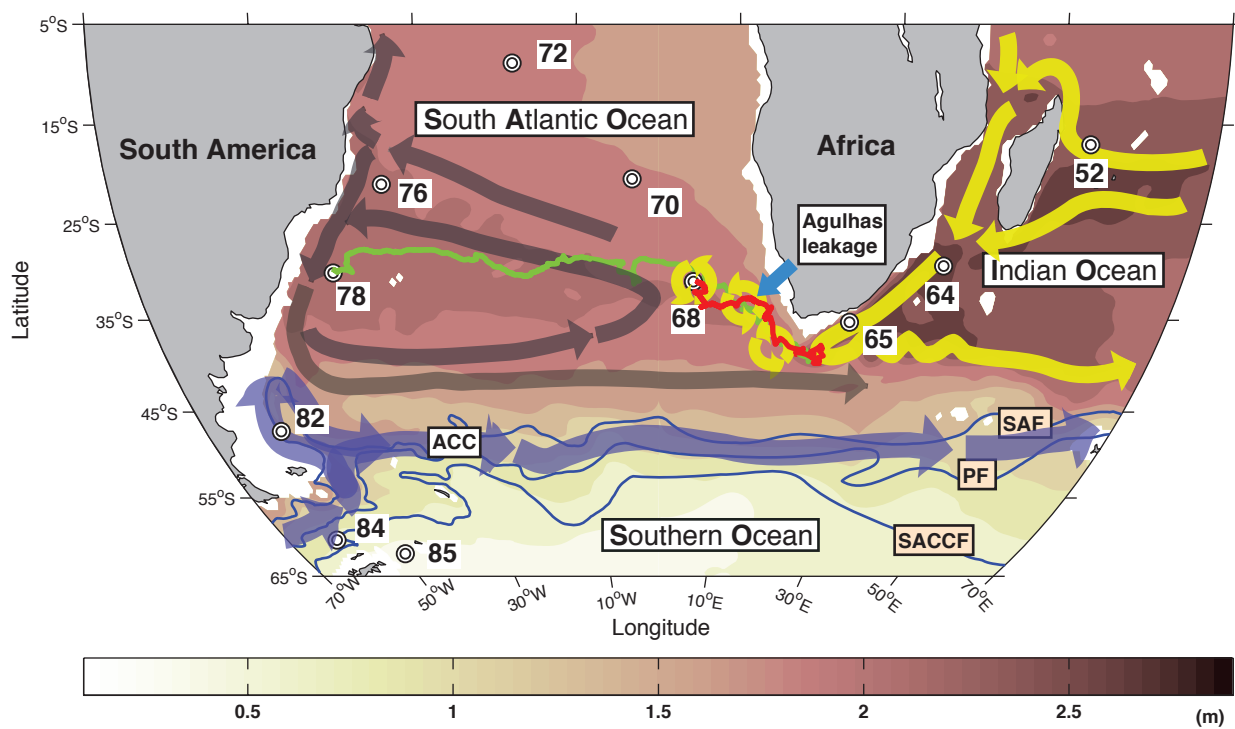
Metagenomic over- and under-represented nitrogen pathway genes in young Agulhas ring. Over- (red circles) and under- (green circles) represented metagenome functional annotations (KEGG Orthologs, KO#) involved in the nitrogen pathway in the young ring compared to Indian and South Atlantic Oceans reference stations, at surface and deep chlorophyll maximum depth. Pie charts inside circles represent the taxonomic distribution for each ortholog.

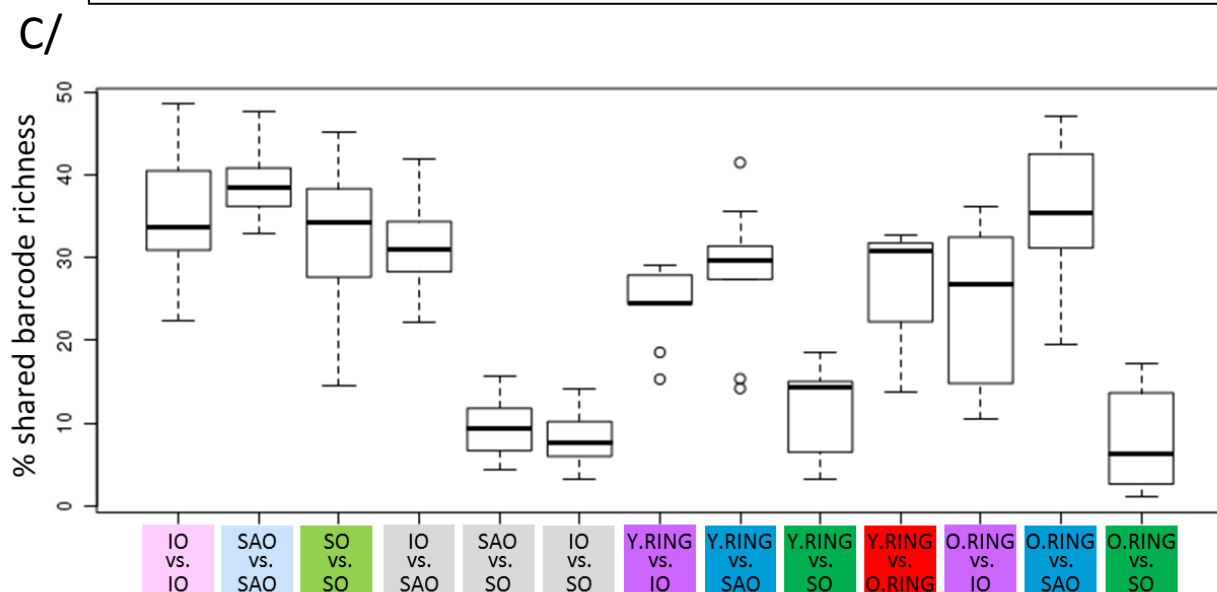
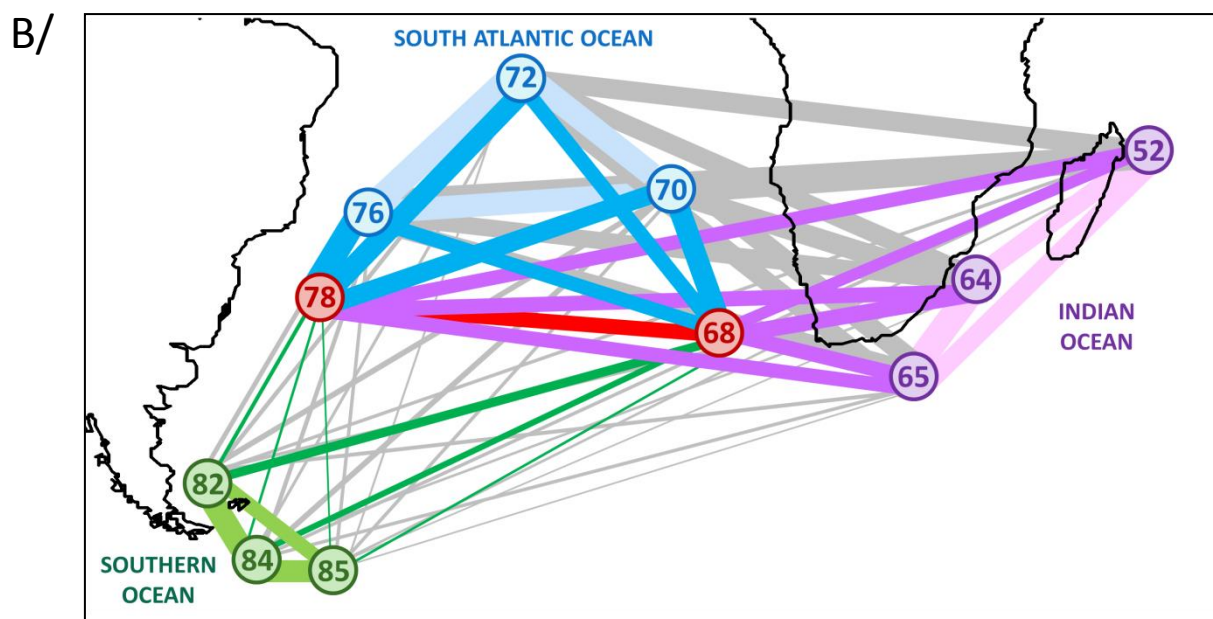
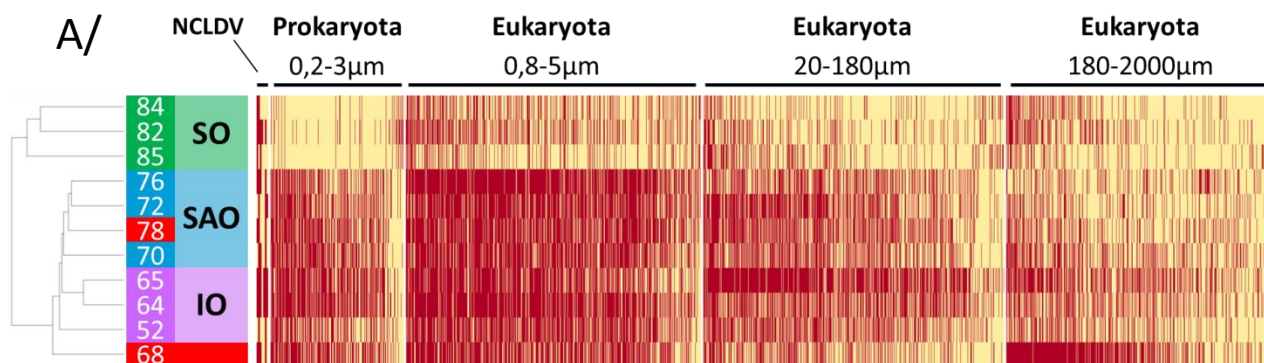
Fig. 8: Picocyanobacterial clade shift in the young Agulhas ring.

A/ Relative abundance of *Prochlorococcus* and *Synechococcus* clades estimated by *petB* read recruitments from 0.2-3 μ m metagenomes. Solid squares correspond to read counts normalized based on the sequencing effort (right axis). B/ Relative abundance of *nirA* gene from *Prochlorococcus* and *Synechococcus* clades estimated by number of reads recruited from 0.2-3 μ m metagenomes. The bar colors correspond to cyanobacterial clades indicated in the inset legends for each panel. Solid squares correspond to the number of reads recruited (right axis). Data is shown for stations 52 to 78 only as too few cyanobacteria were found in Southern Ocean stations TARA_082, TARA_84 and TARA_85.

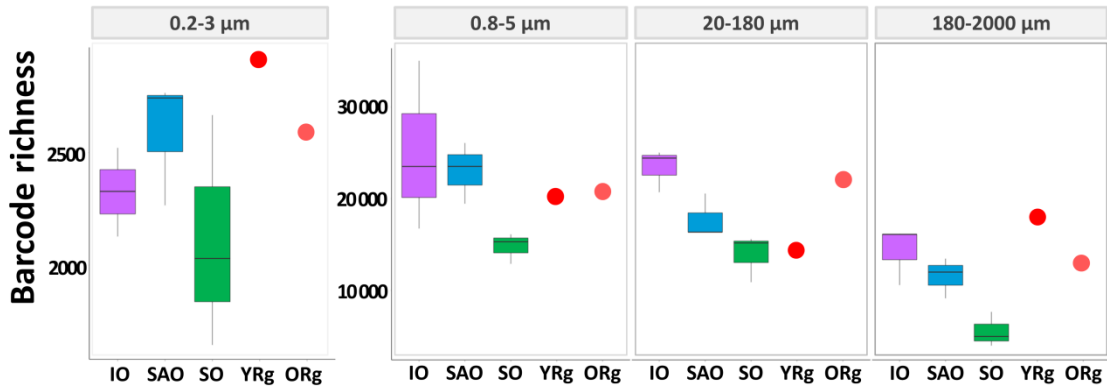
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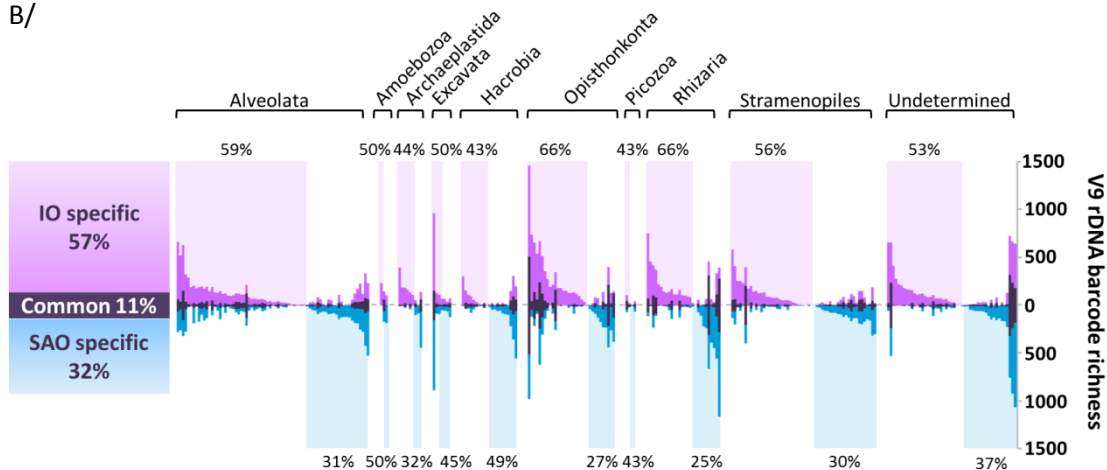




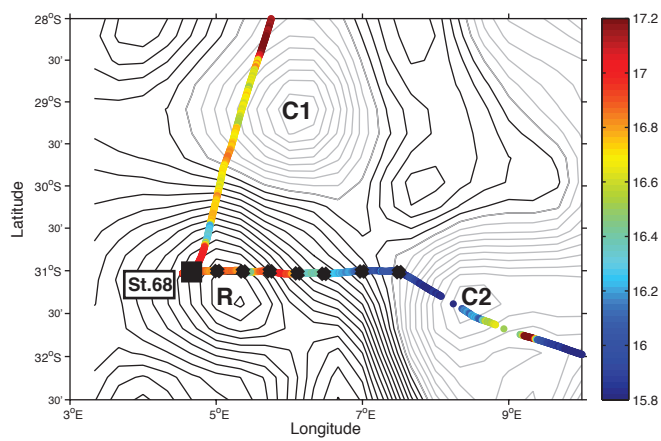
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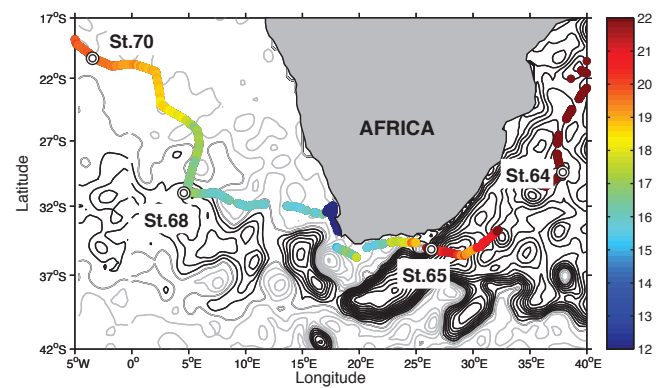
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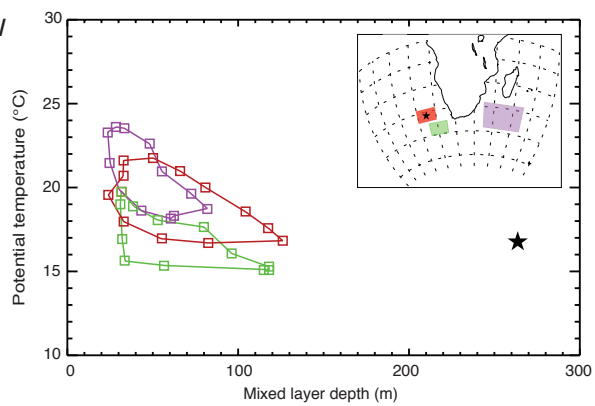
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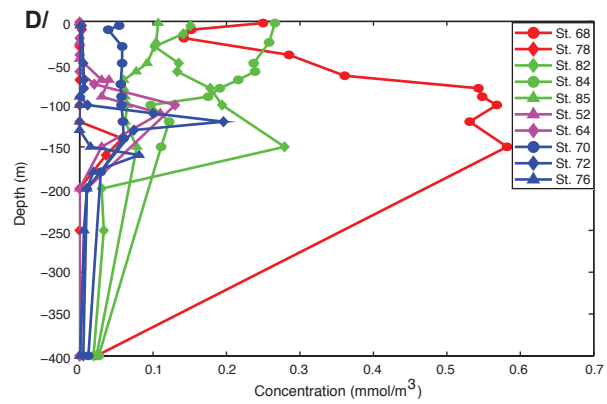
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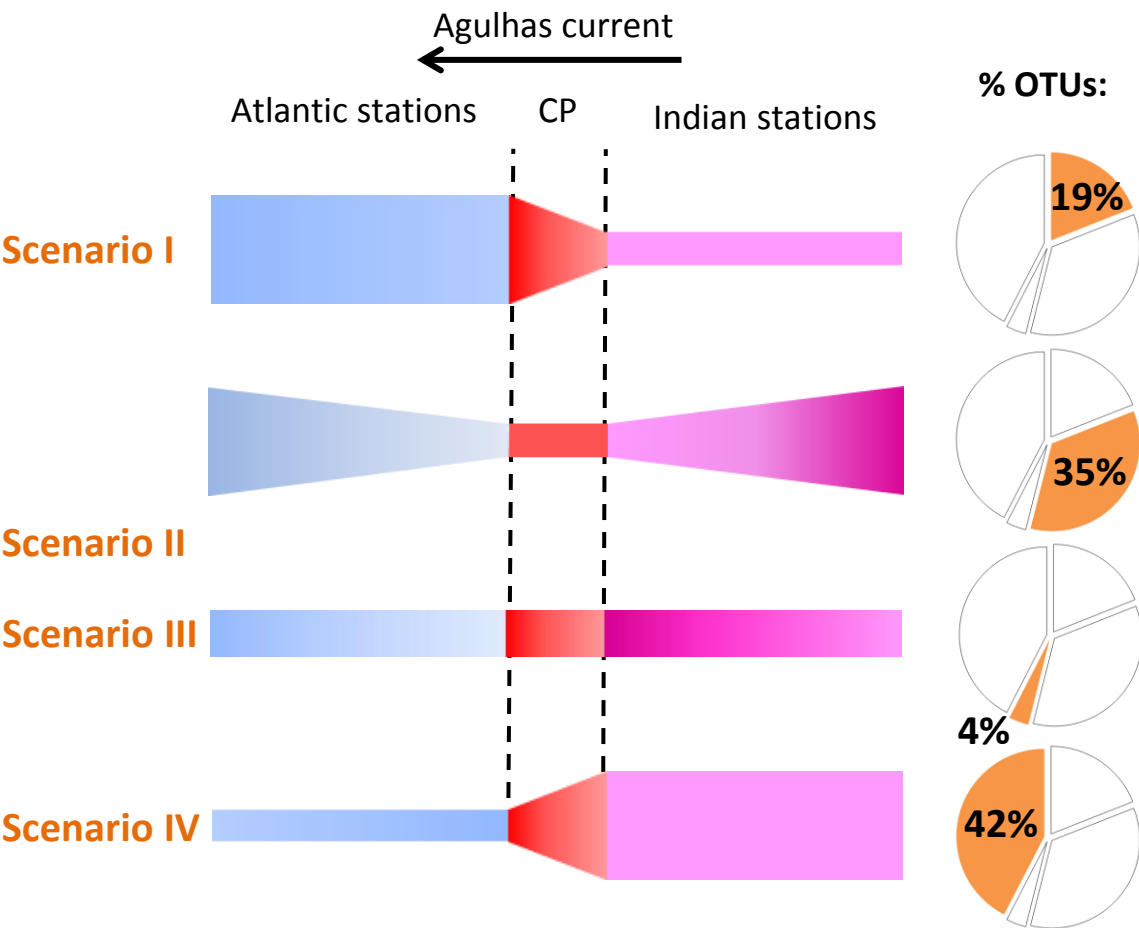
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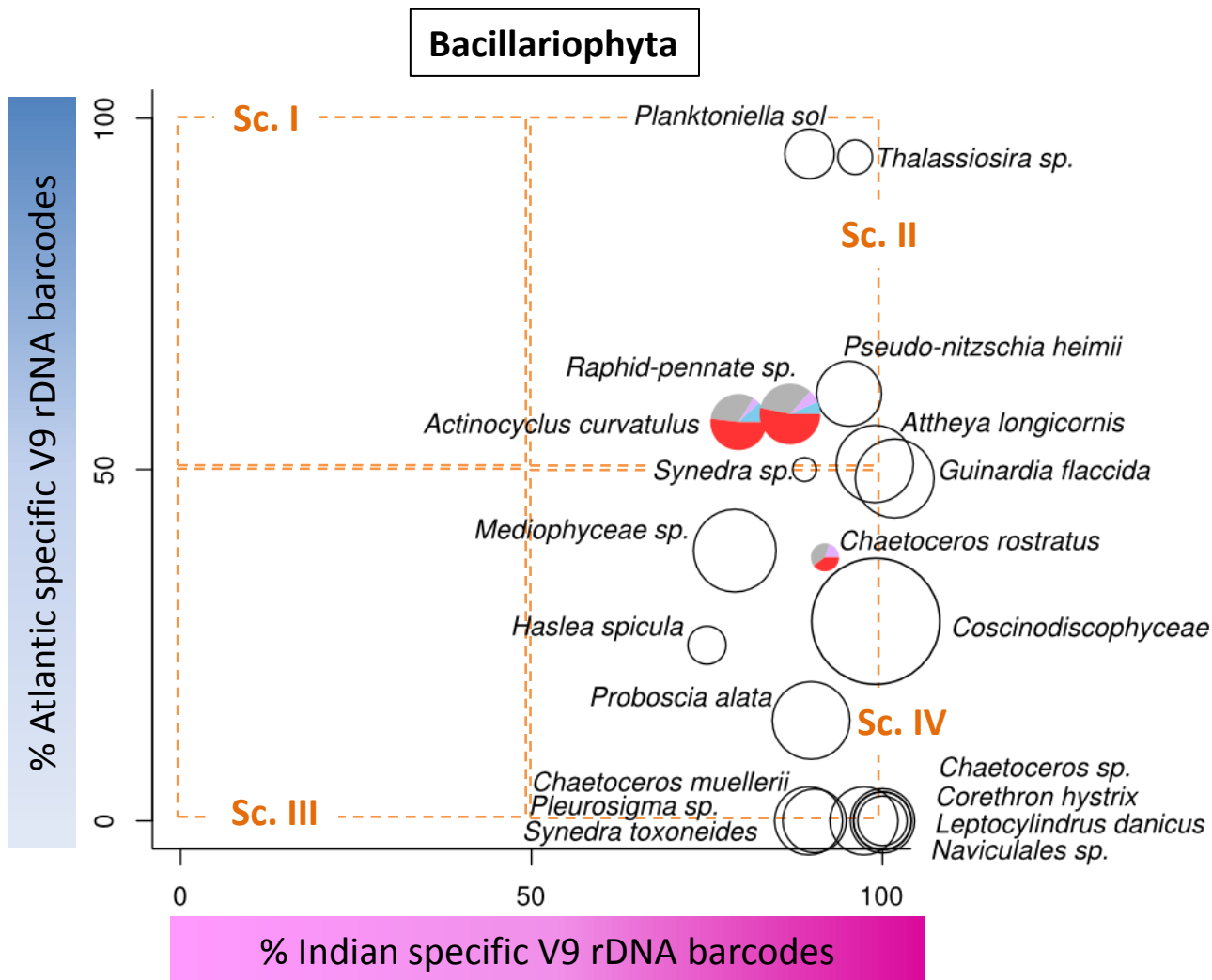
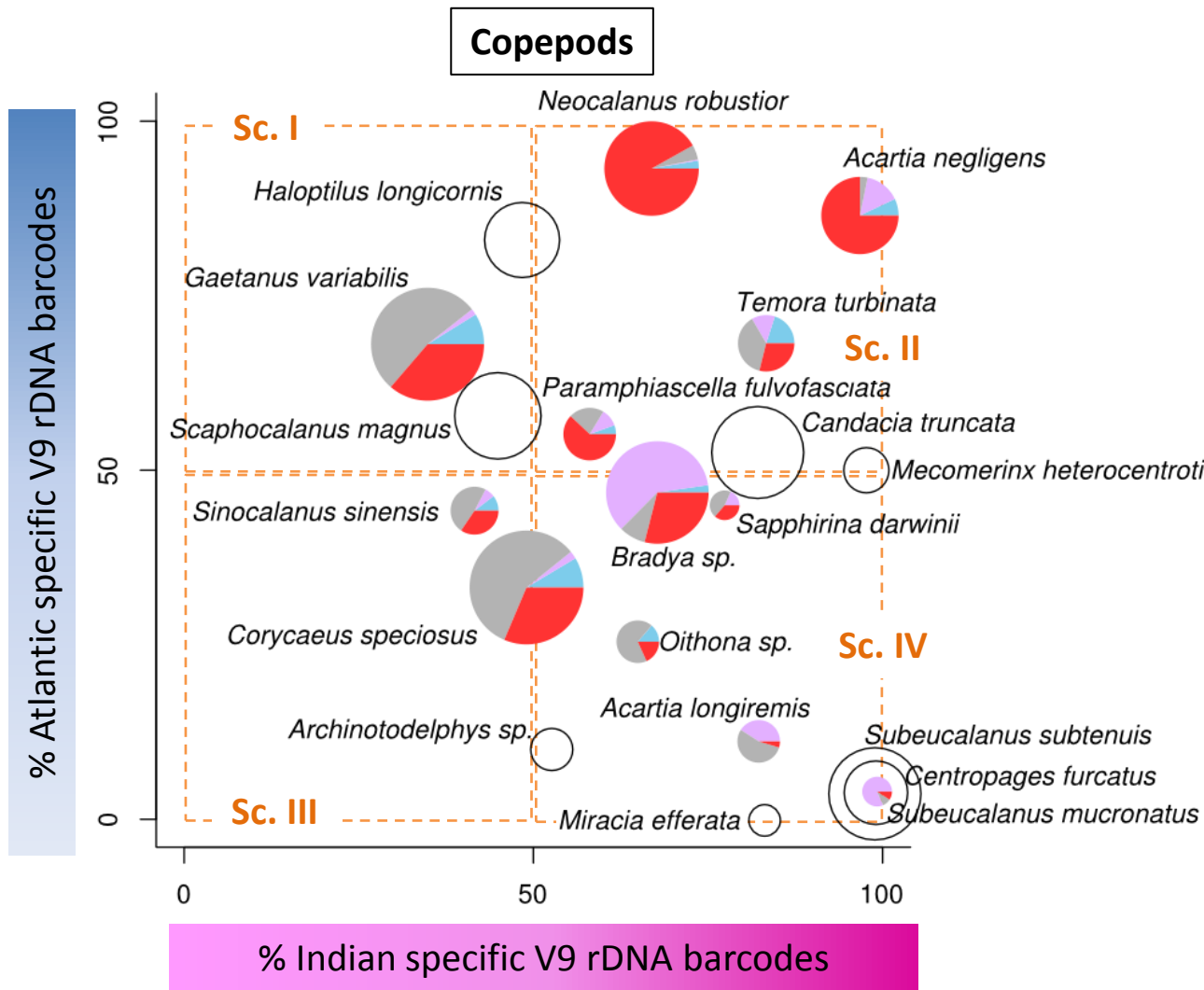
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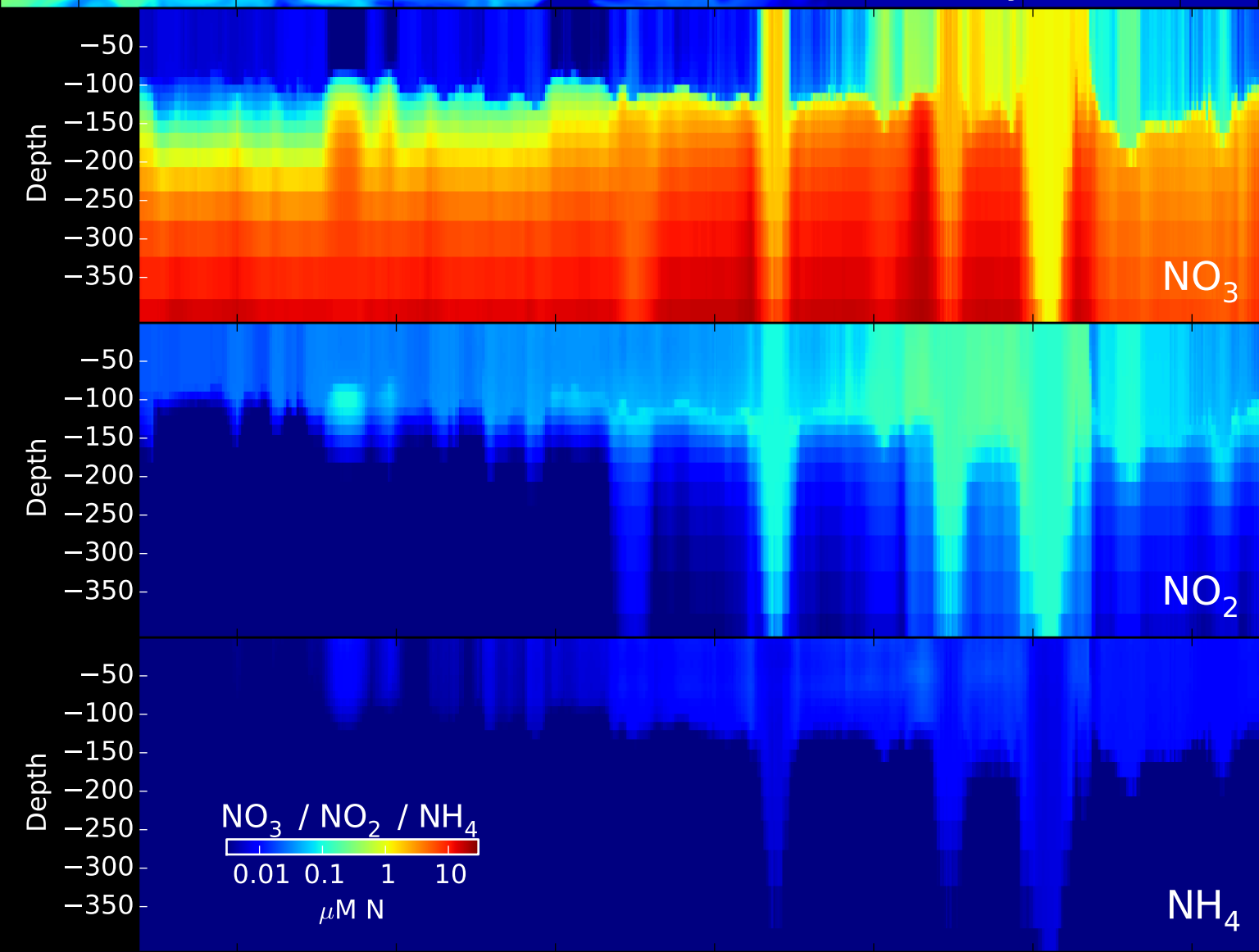
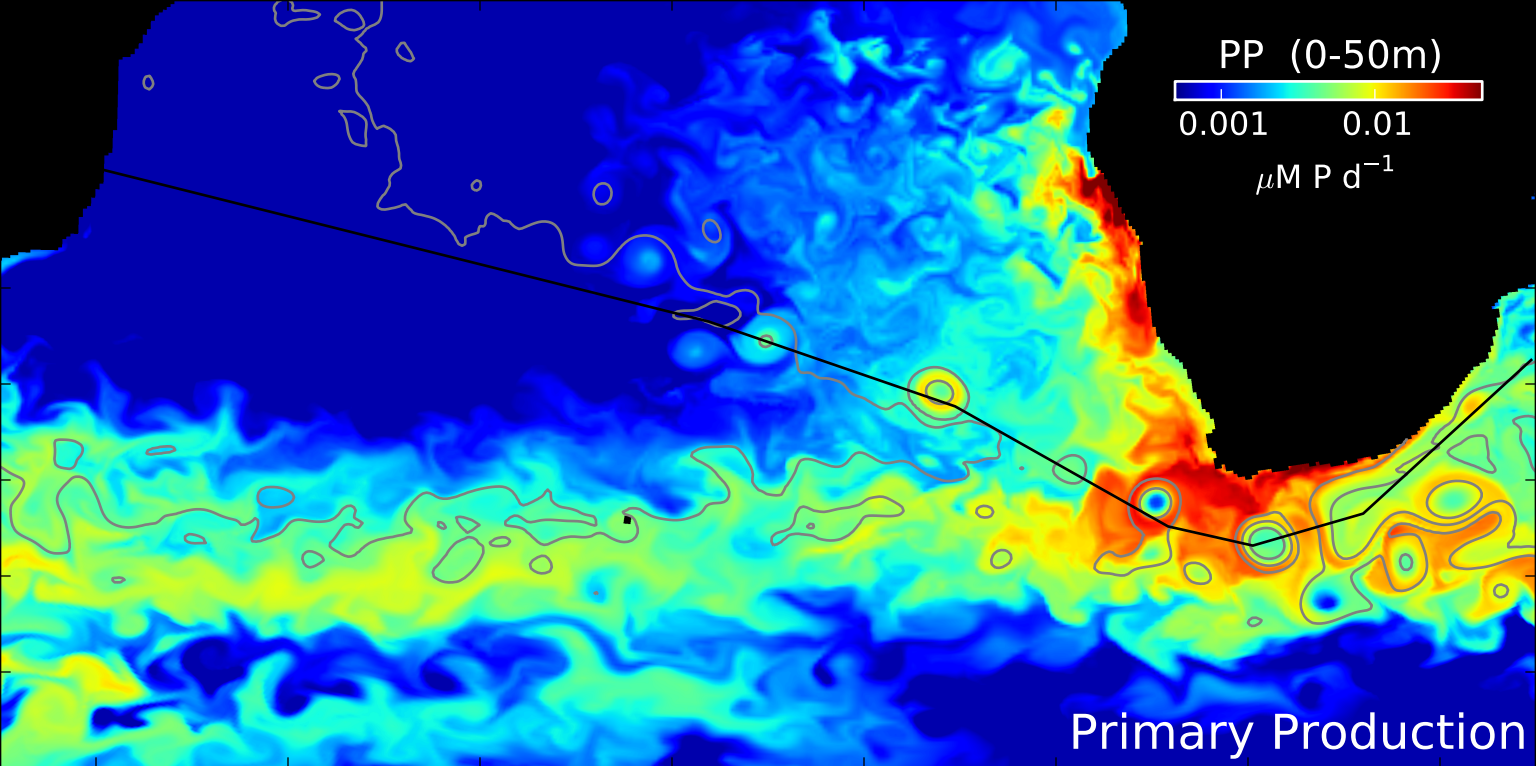


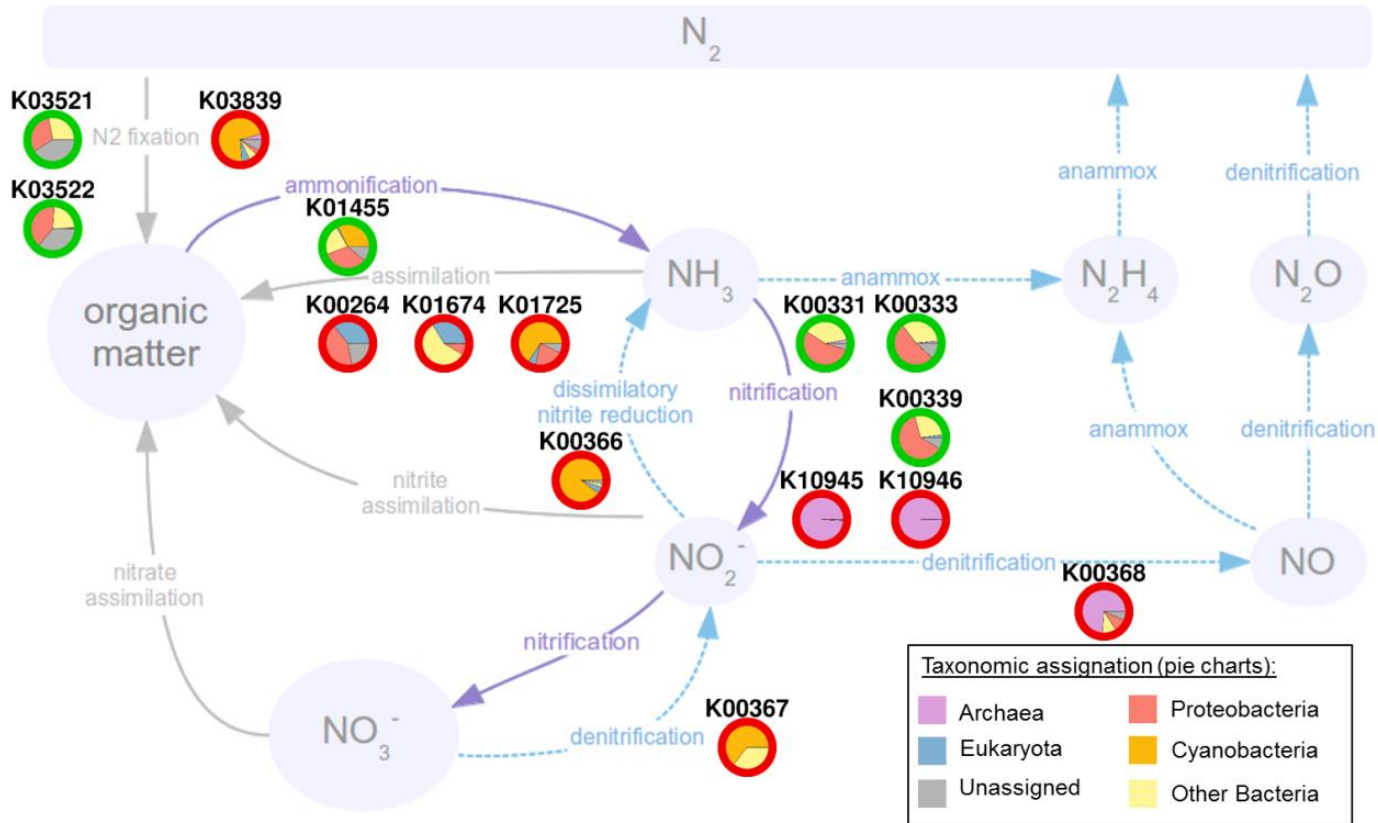
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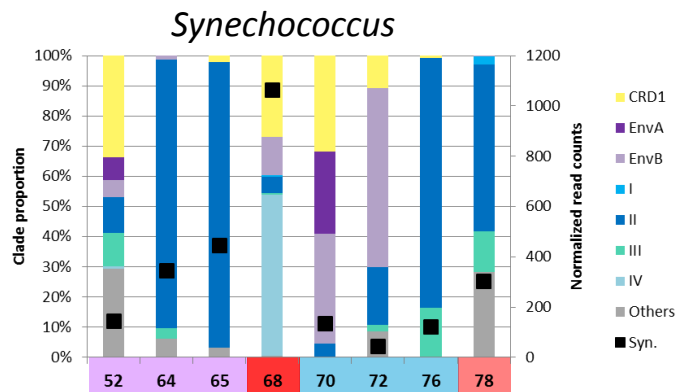
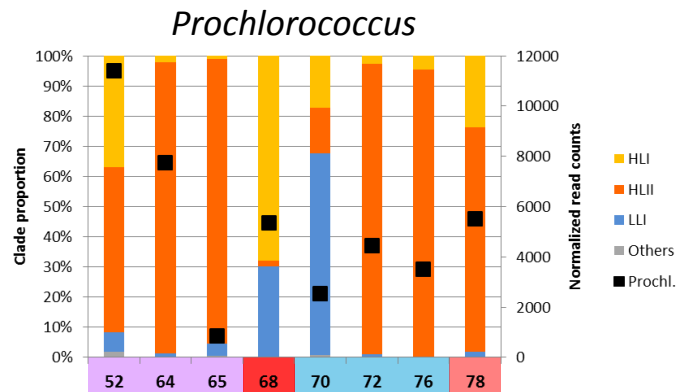
Ring barcodes:

- shared with Indian stations (YR-IO)
- shared with Atlantic stations (YR-SAO)
- shared with Indian and Atlantic stations (YR-IO-SAO)
- specific to the ring (YR)





A/ *petB* marker



B/ *nirA* gene

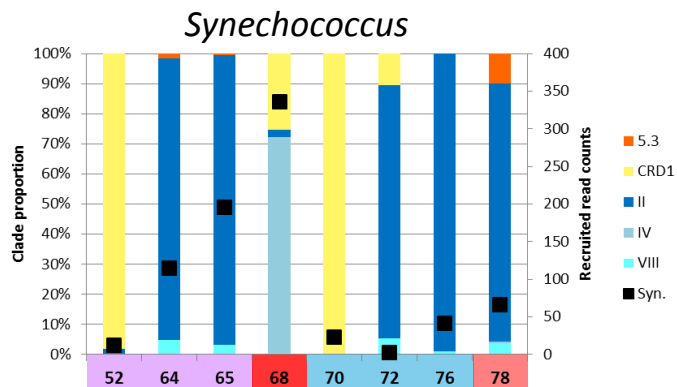
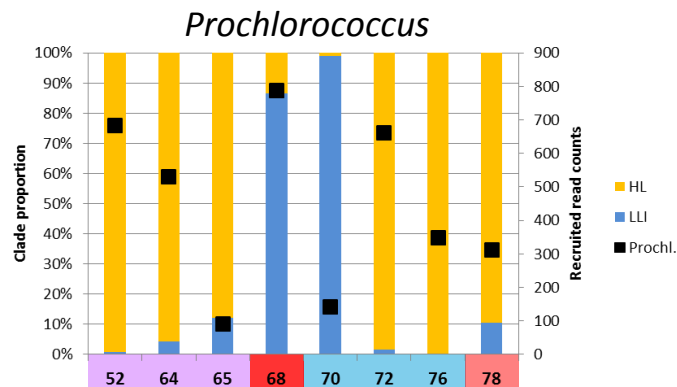


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TARA_078_SRF_20-180	TARA_N0000015	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_N0000015	TARA_078	2010-11-04T13:22	-30.1872	-43.2834	5	(SRF) surface water layer (ENVO:00002042)	20	180	Trade Biome	(SAO) South Atlantic Ocean [MRGID:1914]	(SATL) South Atlantic Gyral Province [MRGID:21459]
TARA_078_SRF_180-2000	TARA_N0000015	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_N0000015	TARA_078	2010-11-04T11:31	-30.1506	-43.2877	5	(SRF) surface water layer (ENVO:00002042)	180	2000	Trade Biome	(SAO) South Atlantic Ocean [MRGID:1914]	(SATL) South Atlantic Gyral Province [MRGID:21459]
TARA_082_DCM_0.22-3	TARA_B1000007	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_B1000007	TARA_082	2010-12-06T18:58	-47.2007	-57.9446	40	(DCM) deep chlorophyll maximum layer (ENVO:01000326)	0.22	3	Coastal Biome	(SAO) South Atlantic Ocean [MRGID:1914]	(FKLD) Southwest Atlantic Shelves Province [MRGID:21469]
TARA_082_SRF_0.22-3	TARA_N0000013	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_N0000013	TARA_082	2010-12-06T10:33	-47.1863	-57.2902	5	(SRF) surface water layer (ENVO:00002042)	0.22	3	Coastal Biome	(SAO) South Atlantic Ocean [MRGID:1914]	(FKLD) Southwest Atlantic Shelves Province [MRGID:21469]
TARA_082_SRF_0.8-5	TARA_N0000013	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_N0000013	TARA_082	2010-12-06T10:33	-47.1863	-58.2902	5	(SRF) surface water layer (ENVO:00002042)	0.8	5	Coastal Biome	(SAO) South Atlantic Ocean [MRGID:1914]	(FKLD) Southwest Atlantic Shelves Province [MRGID:21469]
TARA_082_SRF_20-180	TARA_N0000013	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_N0000013	TARA_082	2010-12-06T12:32	-47.1966	-58.2349	5	(SRF) surface water layer (ENVO:00002042)	20	180	Coastal Biome	(SAO) South Atlantic Ocean [MRGID:1914]	(FKLD) Southwest Atlantic Shelves Province [MRGID:21469]
TARA_082_SRF_180-2000	TARA_N0000013	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_N0000013	TARA_082	2010-12-06T11:34	-47.1899	-58.2724	5	(SRF) surface water layer (ENVO:00002042)	180	2000	Coastal Biome	(SAO) South Atlantic Ocean [MRGID:1914]	(FKLD) Southwest Atlantic Shelves Province [MRGID:21469]
TARA_084_SRF_0.22-3	TARA_B1000007	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_B1000007	TARA_084	2011-01-03T11:05	-60.2287	-60.6476	5	(SRF) surface water layer (ENVO:00002042)	0.22	3	Polar Biome	(SO) Southern Ocean [MRGID:1907]	(ANTA) Antarctic Province [MRGID:21502]
TARA_084_SRF_0.8-5	TARA_N0000014	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_N0000014	TARA_084	2011-01-03T11:05	-60.2287	-60.6476	5	(SRF) surface water layer (ENVO:00002042)	0.8	5	Polar Biome	(SO) Southern Ocean [MRGID:1907]	(ANTA) Antarctic Province [MRGID:21502]
TARA_084_SRF_20-180	TARA_N0000014	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_N0000014	TARA_084	2011-01-03T13:38	-60.3046	-60.5715	5	(SRF) surface water layer (ENVO:00002042)	20	180	Polar Biome	(SO) Southern Ocean [MRGID:1907]	(ANTA) Antarctic Province [MRGID:21502]
TARA_084_SRF_180-2000	TARA_N0000013	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_N0000013	TARA_084	2011-01-03T12:17	-60.2384	-60.6226	5	(SRF) surface water layer (ENVO:00002042)	180	2000	Polar Biome	(SO) Southern Ocean [MRGID:1907]	(ANTA) Antarctic Province [MRGID:21502]
TARA_085_DCM_0.22-3	TARA_B1000007	http://www.pangaea.de/search?All&q=TARA_B1000007	TARA_085	2011-01-06T19:34:2	-62.2331	-49.2139	90	(DCM) deep chlorophyll maximum layer (ENVO:01000326)	0.22	3	Polar Biome	(SO) Southern Ocean [MRGID:1907]	(ANTA) Antarctic Province [MRGID:21502]
TARA_085_SRF_0.22-3	TARA_N0000010												