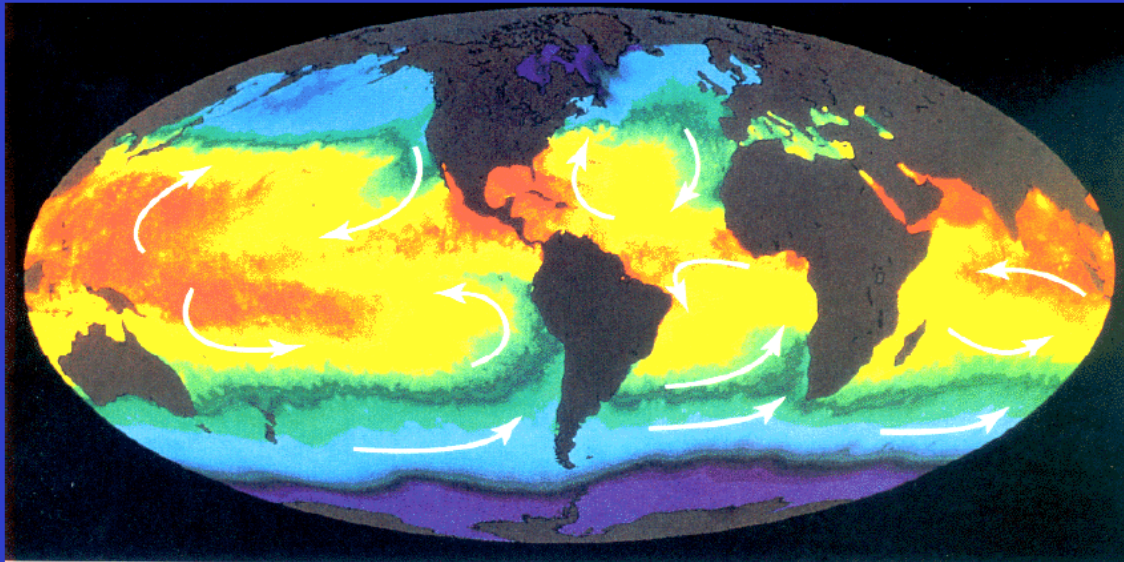


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Six Great Current Circuits in the World Ocean



□ 5 of them are geostrophic gyres:

North Pacific Gyre

South Pacific Gyre

North Atlantic Gyre

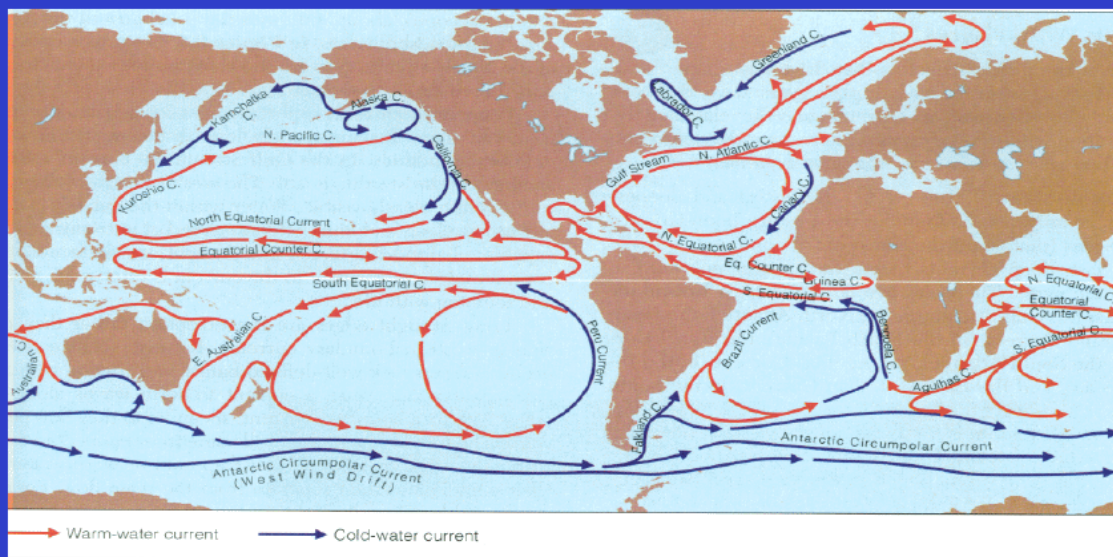
South Atlantic Gyre

Indian Ocean Gyre

□ The 6th and the largest current:

Antarctic Circumpolar Current

(also called West Wind Drift)



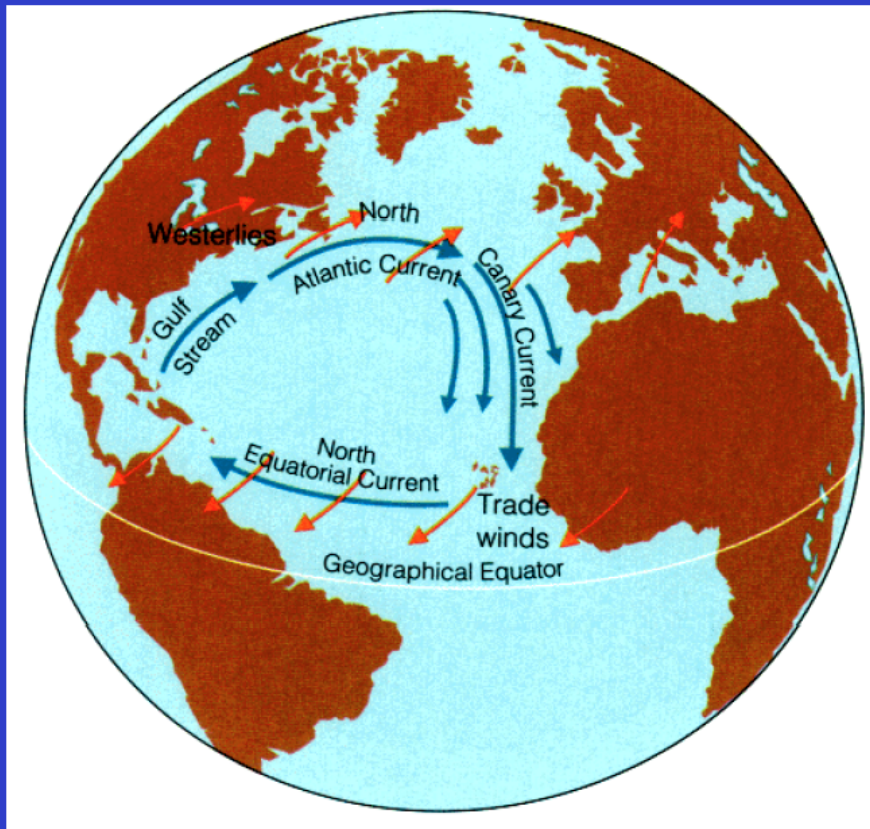
(Figure from *Oceanography* by Tom Garrison)



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Characteristics of the Gyres

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Volume transport unit:

1 sv = 1 Sverdrup = 1 million m^3/sec

(the Amazon river has a transport of ~ 0.17 Sv)

- ❑ Currents are in geostrophic balance
- ❑ Each gyre includes 4 current components:
 - two boundary currents: western and eastern
 - two transverse currents: eastward and westward

Western boundary current (jet stream of ocean)

the fast, deep, and narrow current moves warm water polarward (transport ~ 50 Sv or greater)

Eastern boundary current

the slow, shallow, and broad current moves cold water equatorward (transport $\sim 10-15$ Sv)

Trade wind-driven current

the moderately shallow and broad westward current (transport ~ 30 Sv)

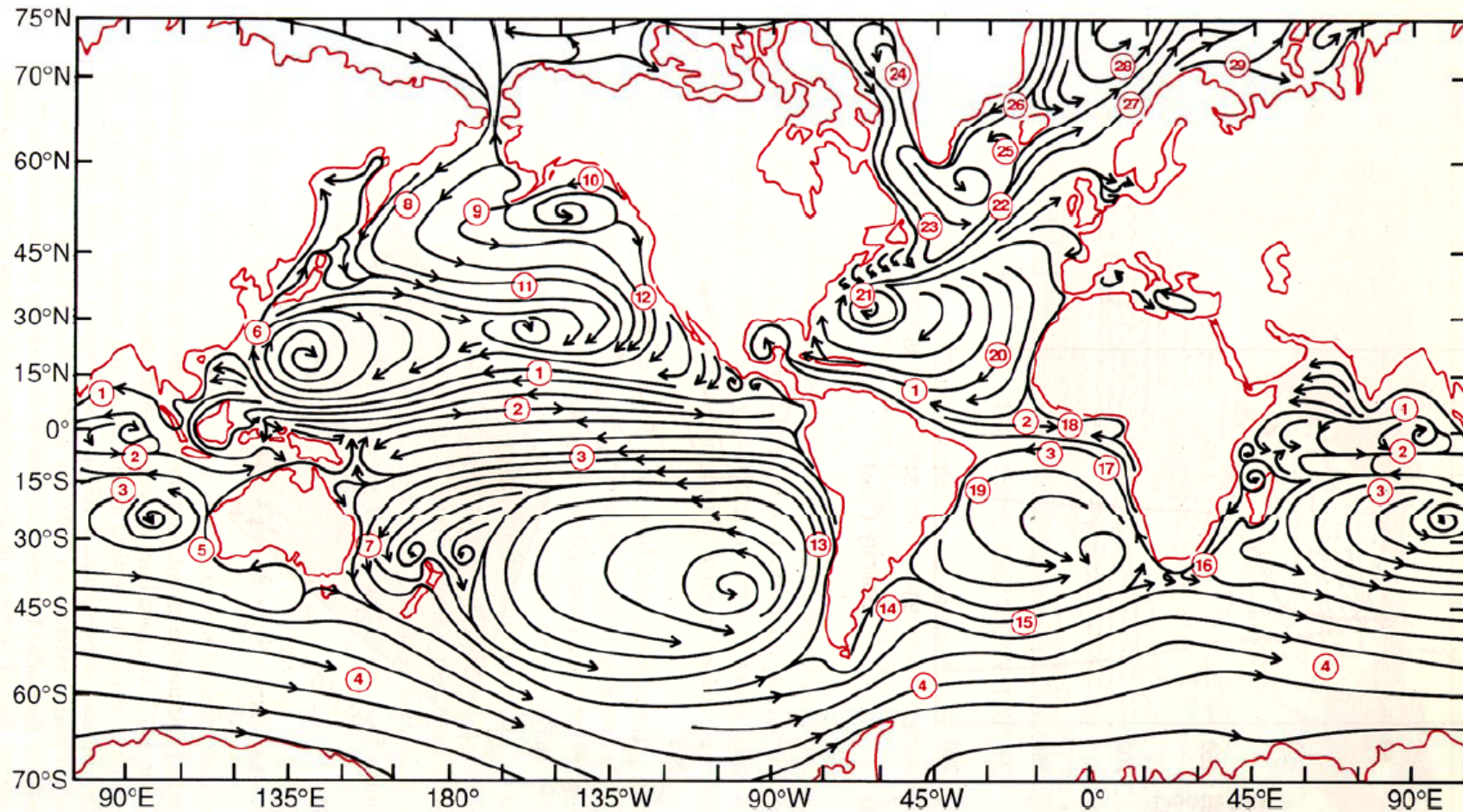
Westerly-driven current

the wider and slower (than the trade wind-driven current) eastward current



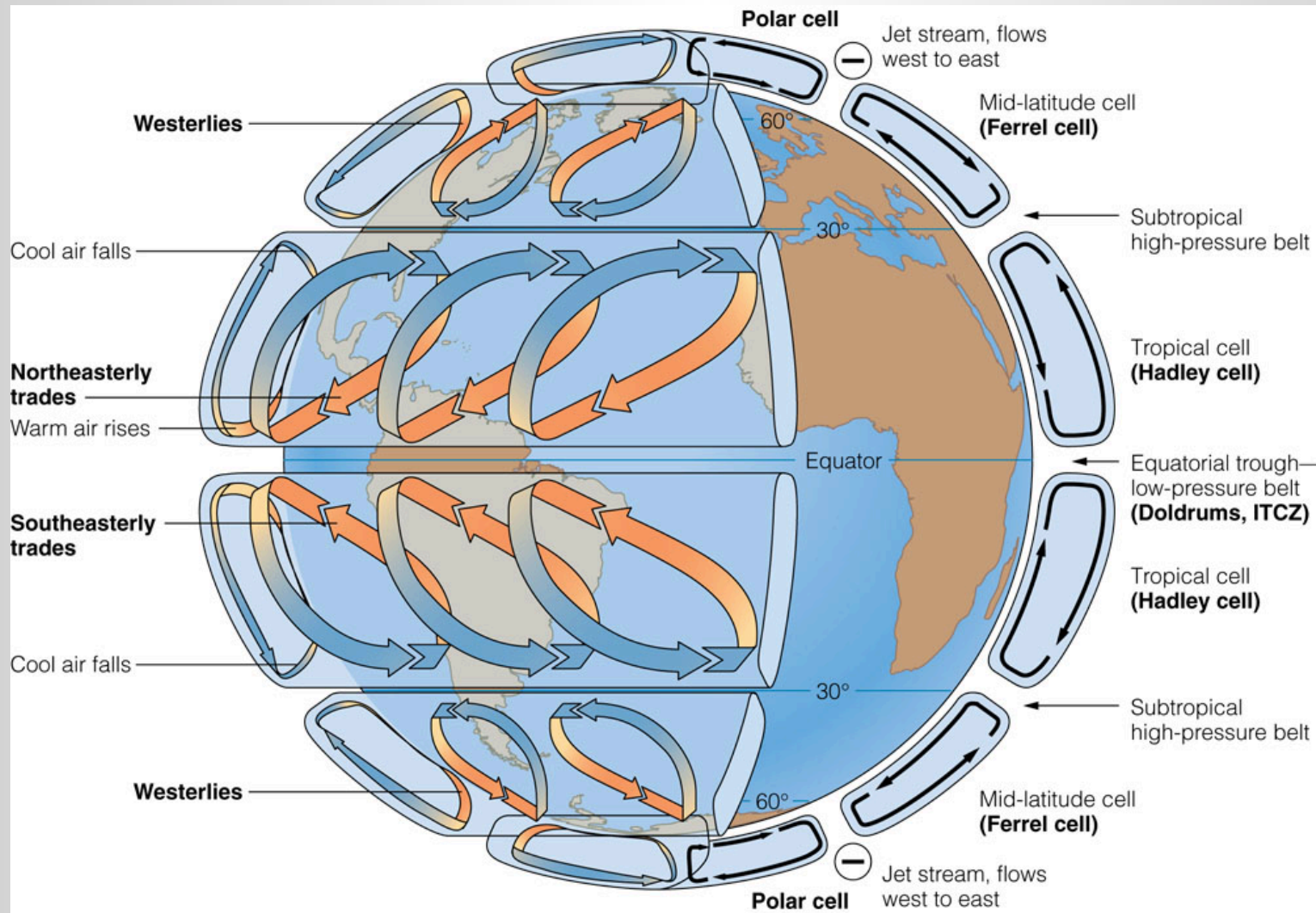
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Global Surface Currents



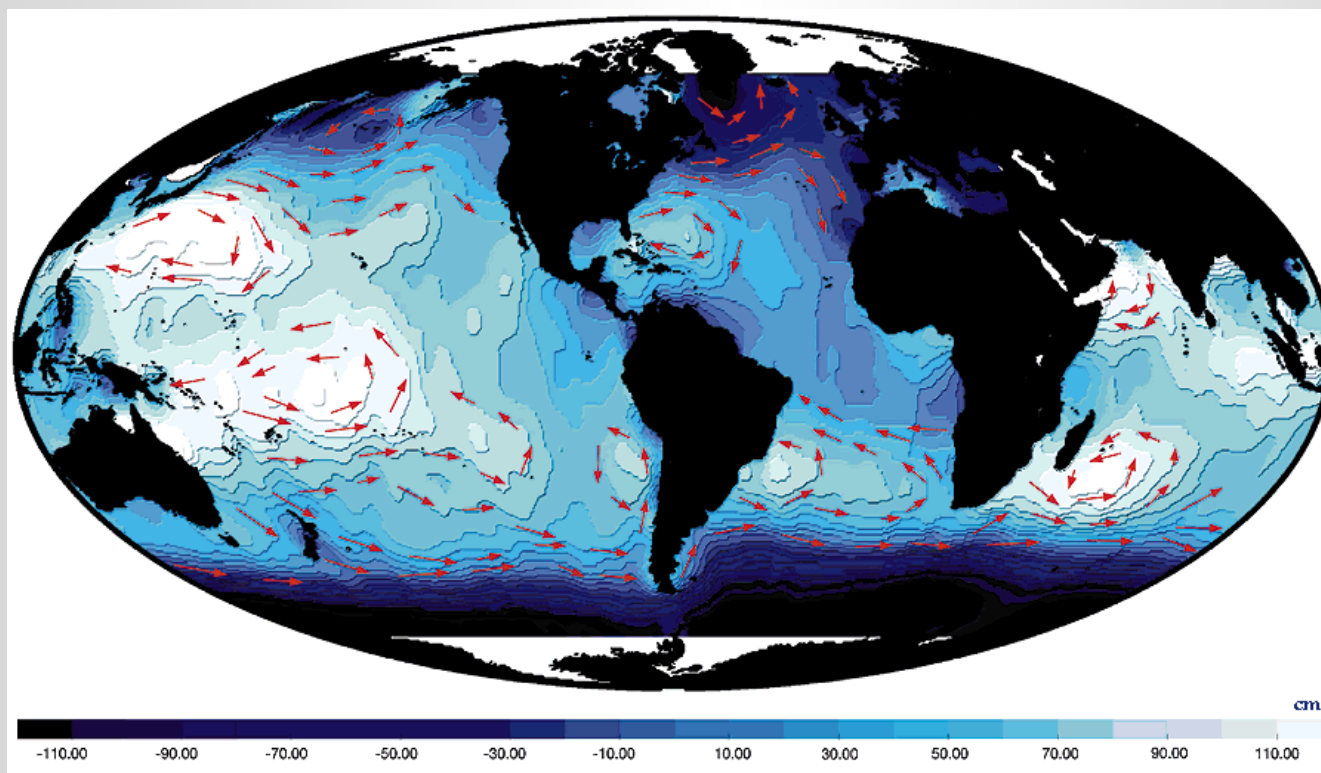
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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 North Equatorial Current | 6 Kuroshio Current | 11 North Pacific Current | 16 Agulhas Current | 21 Gulf Stream | 26 East Greenland Current |
| 2 Equatorial Countercurrent | 7 East Australian Current | 12 California Current | 17 Benguela Current | 22 North Atlantic Current | 27 Norway Current |
| 3 South Equatorial Current | 8 Oyashio Current | 13 Peru Current | 18 Guinea Current | 23 Labrador Current | 28 Spitsbergen Current |
| 4 West Wind Drift | 9 Aleutian Current | 14 Falkland Current | 19 Brazil Current | 24 West Greenland Current | 29 North Cape Current |
| 5 West Australian Current | 10 Alaska Current | 15 South Atlantic Current | 20 Canary Current | 25 Irminger Current | |

Circulação Atmosférica



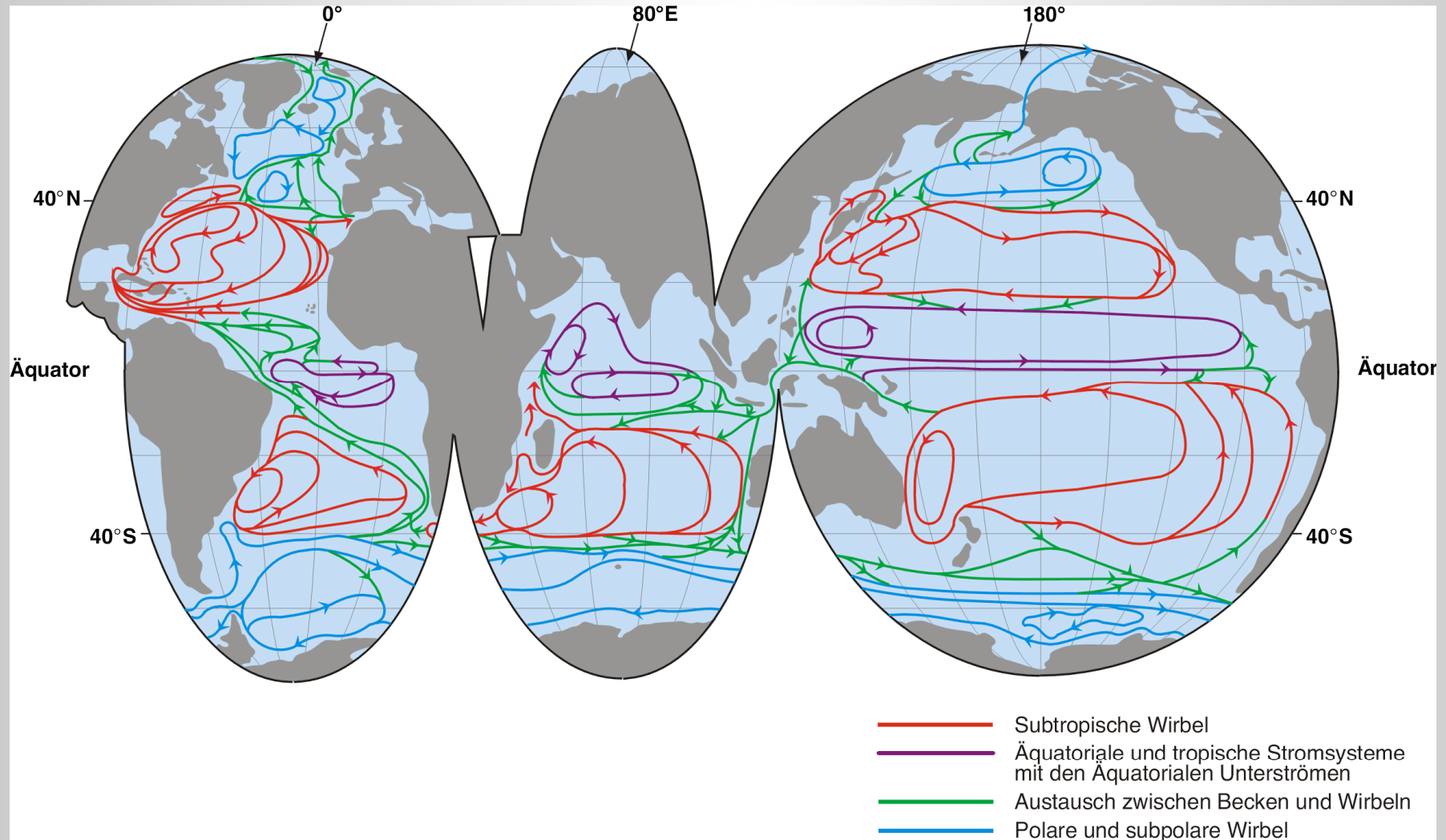
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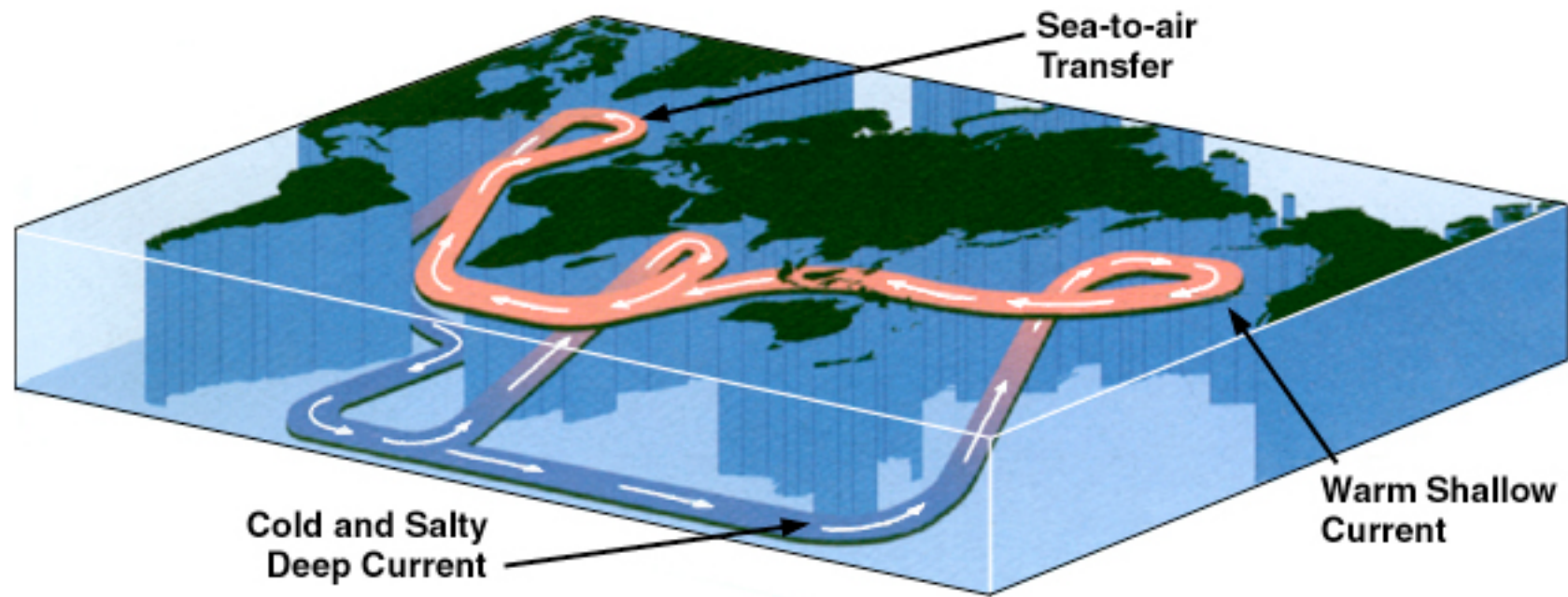
- Dominada pelos Giros Anticiclônicos



Fonte: www.noaa.gov

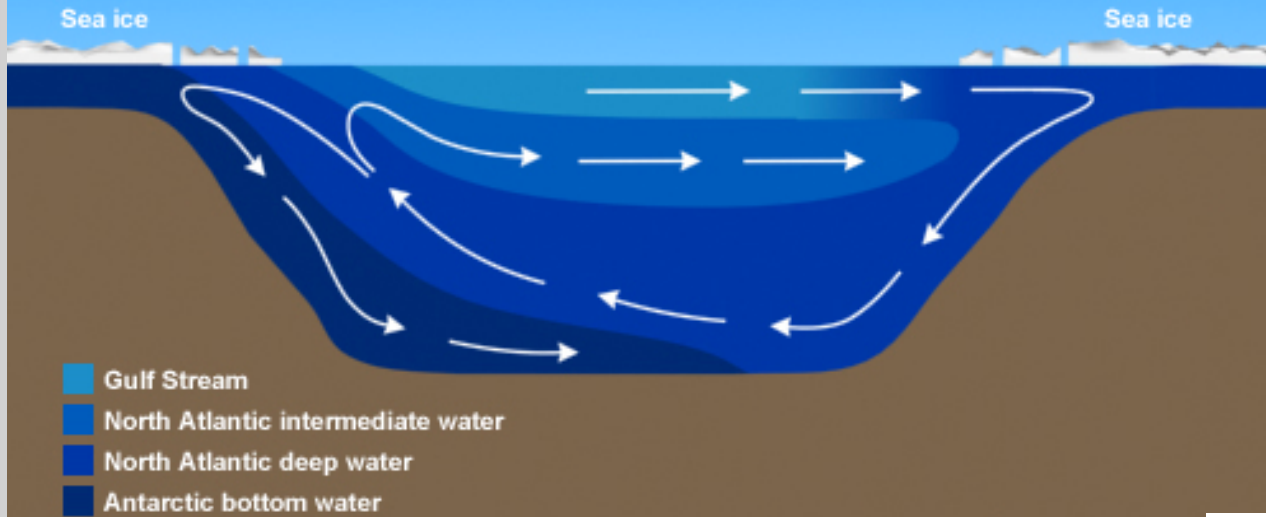
Circulação Superficial



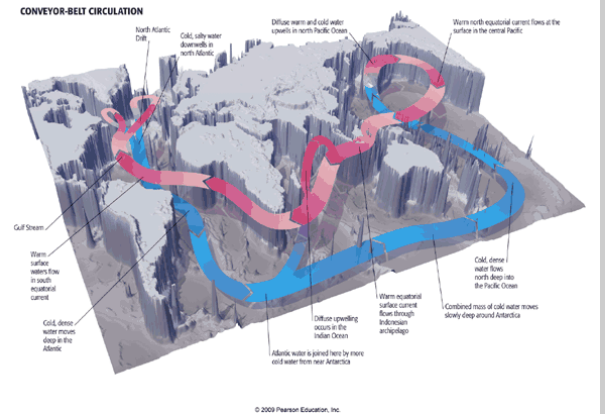


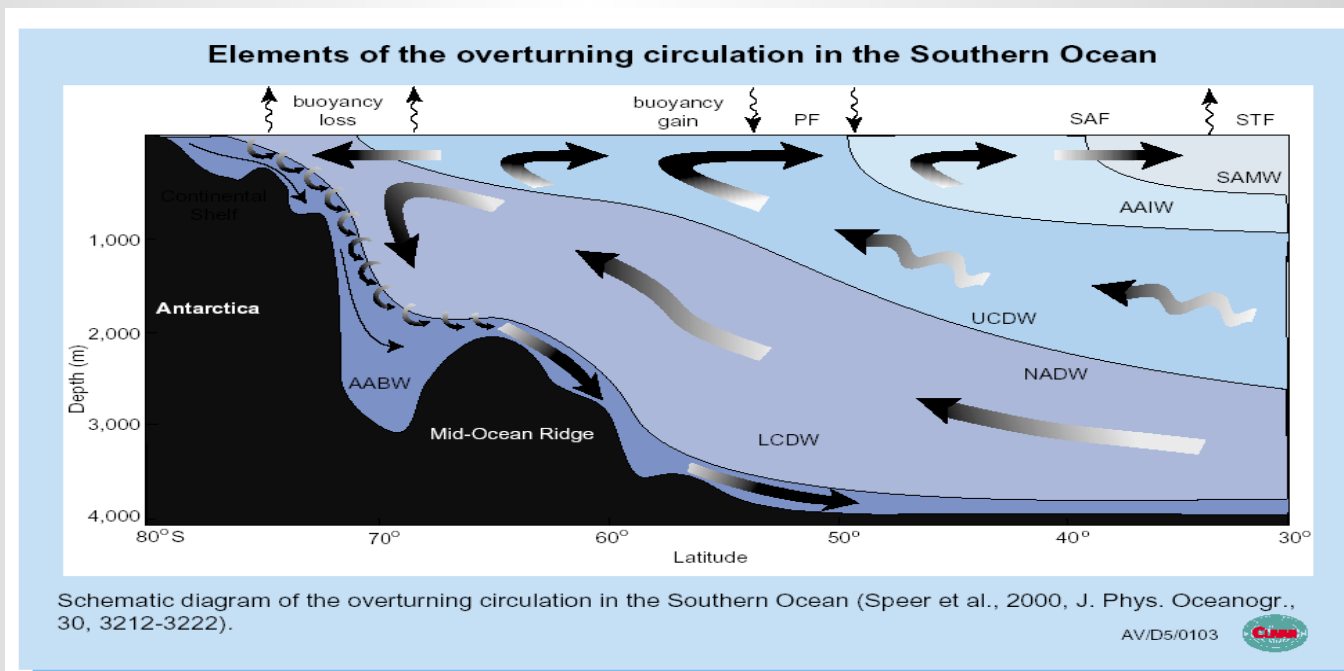
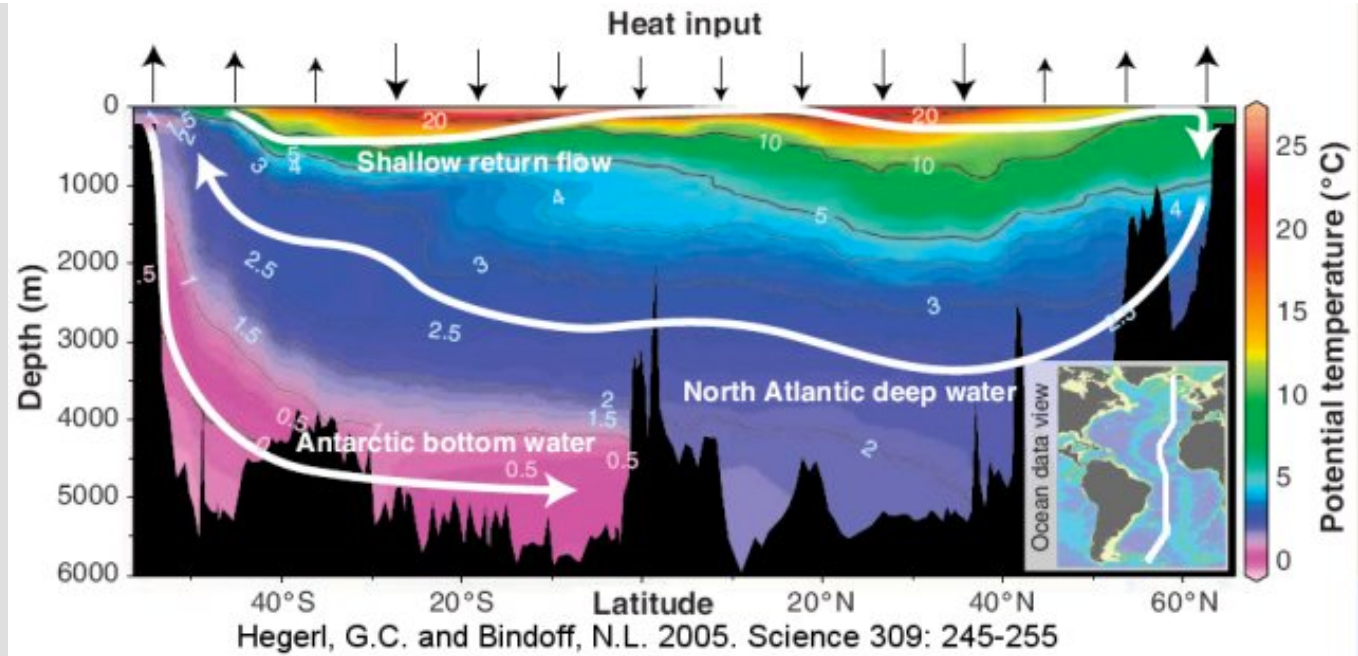
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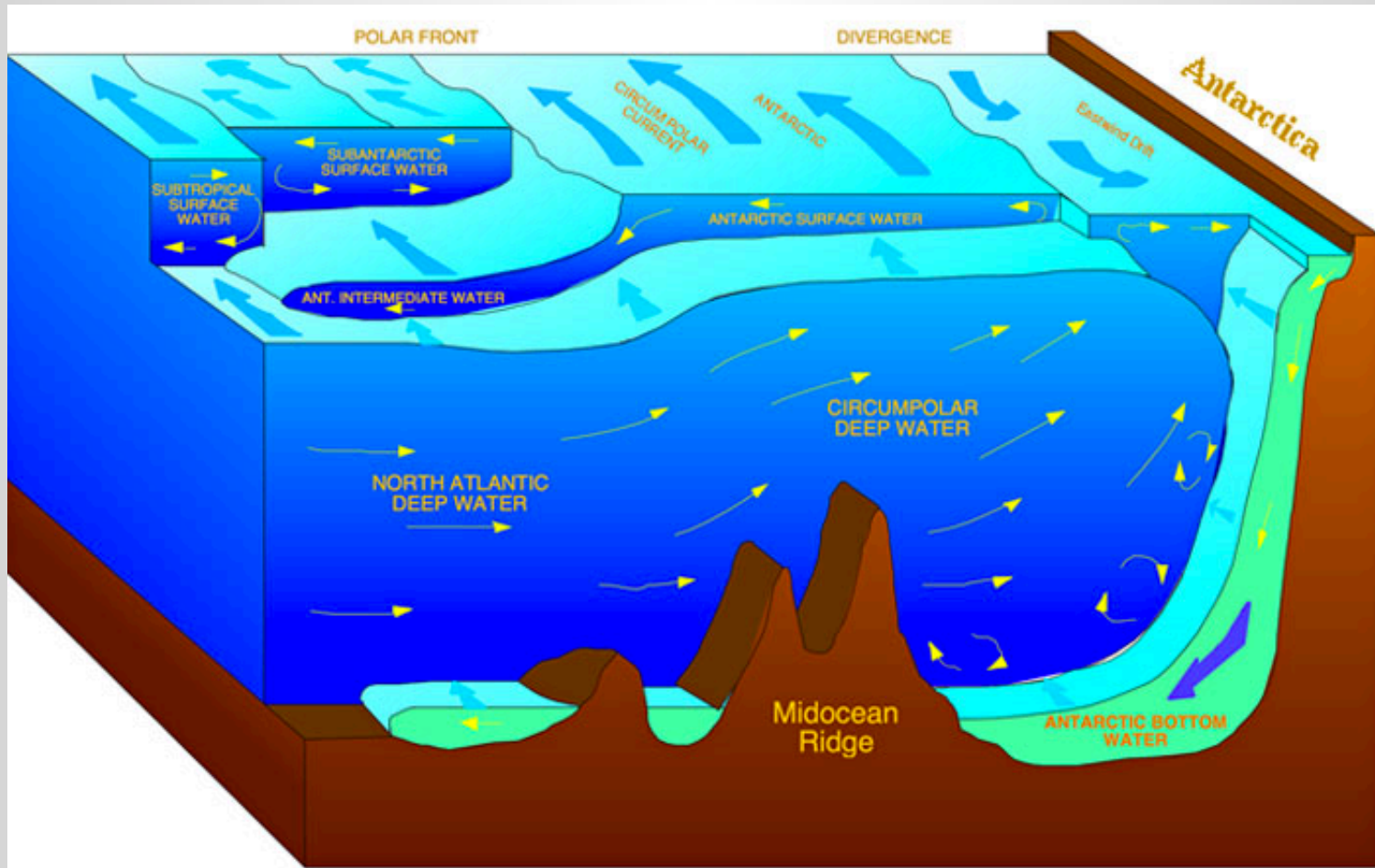
Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation

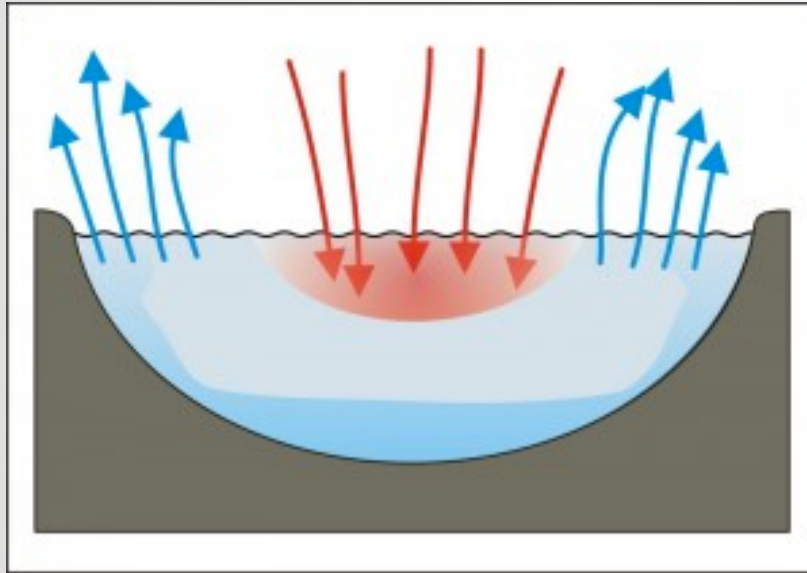


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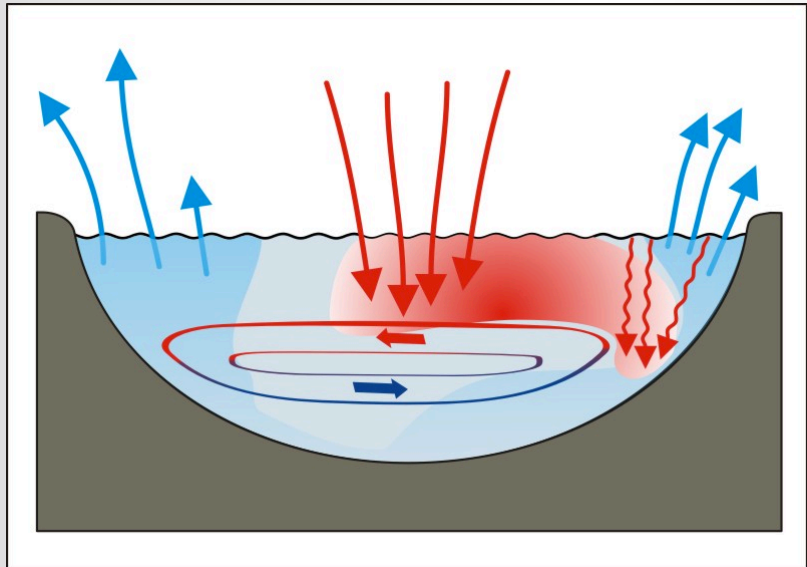






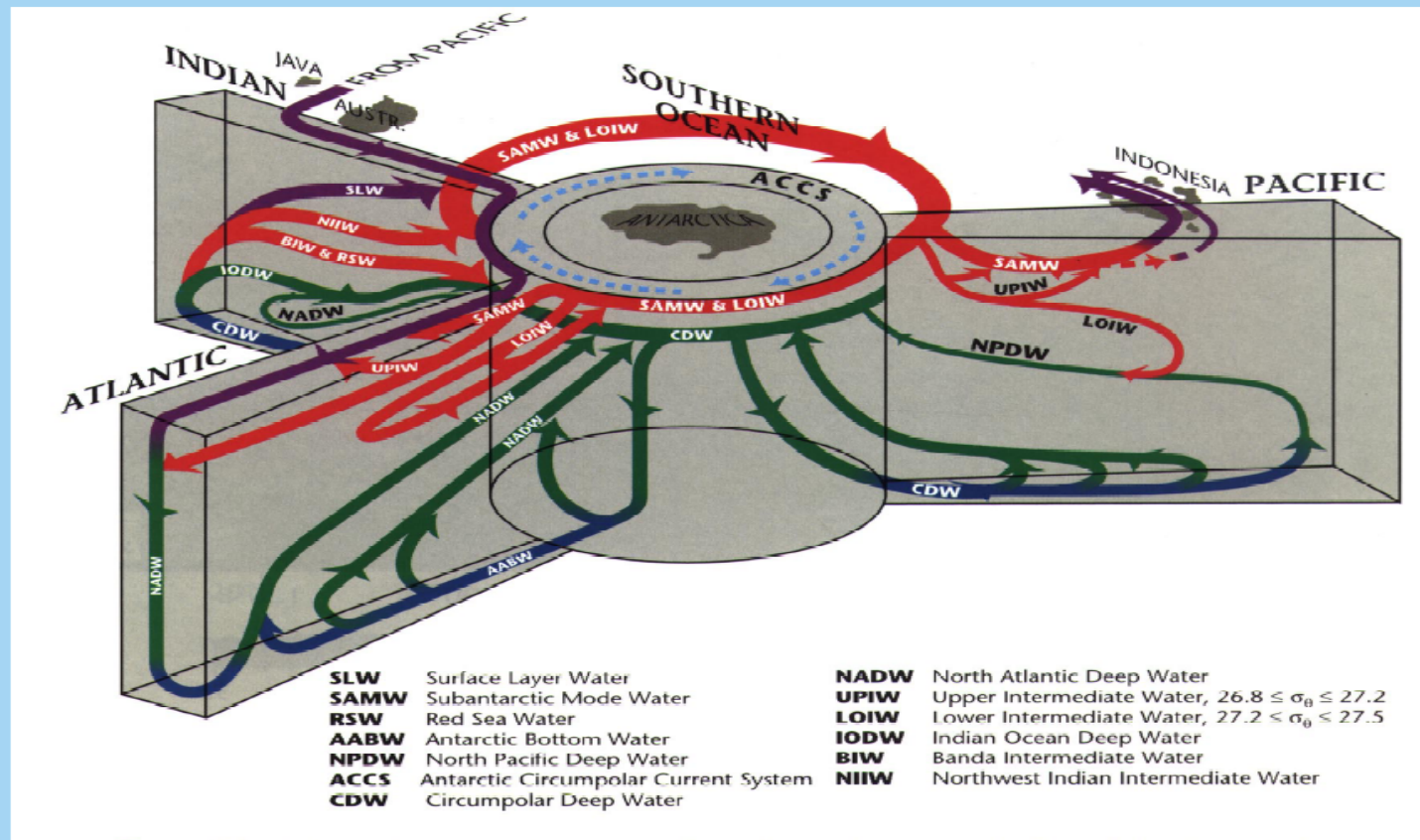


THC – Modelo 1



THC – Modelo 2

Key Role of the Southern Ocean

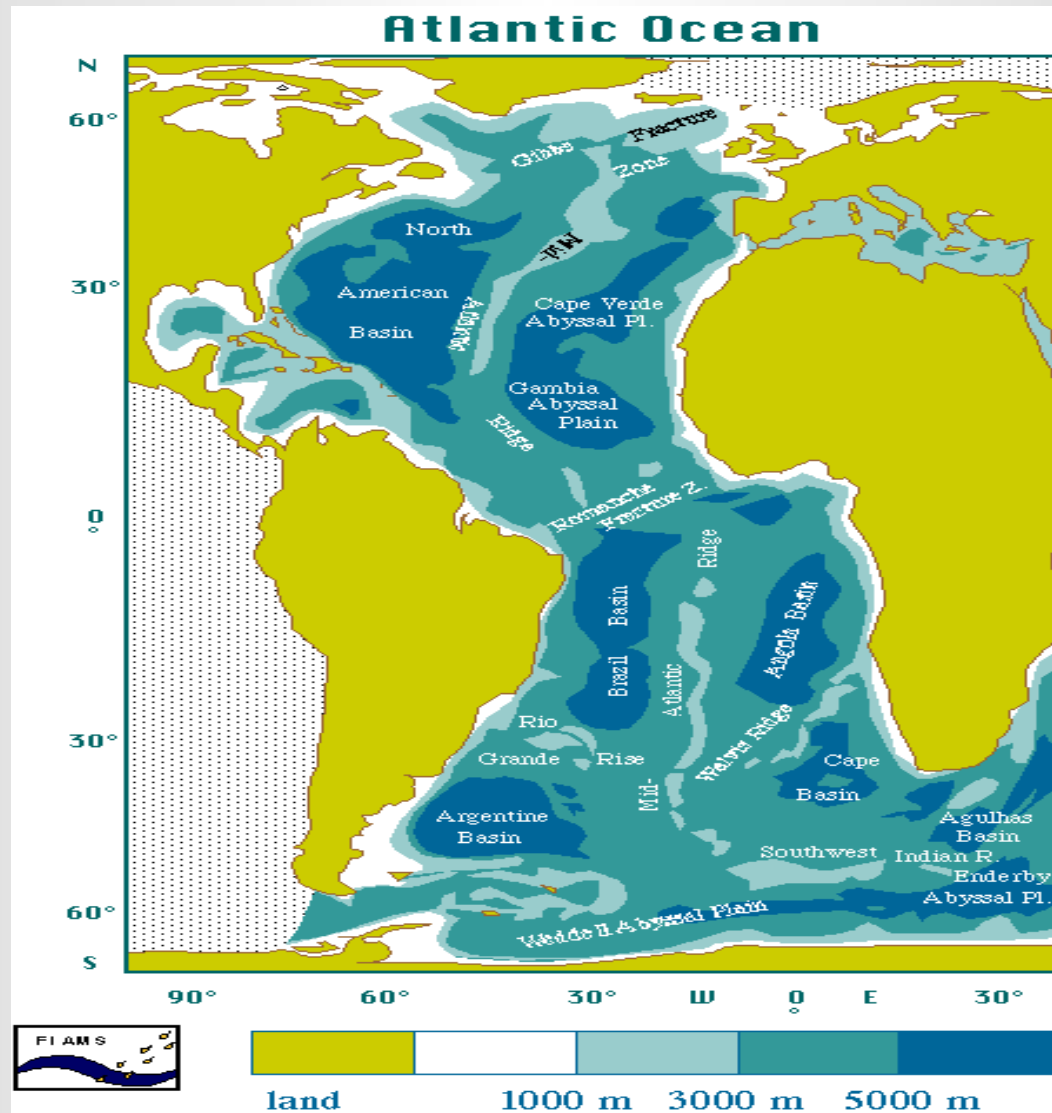


3-D global overturning diagram, from Schmitz (1996)

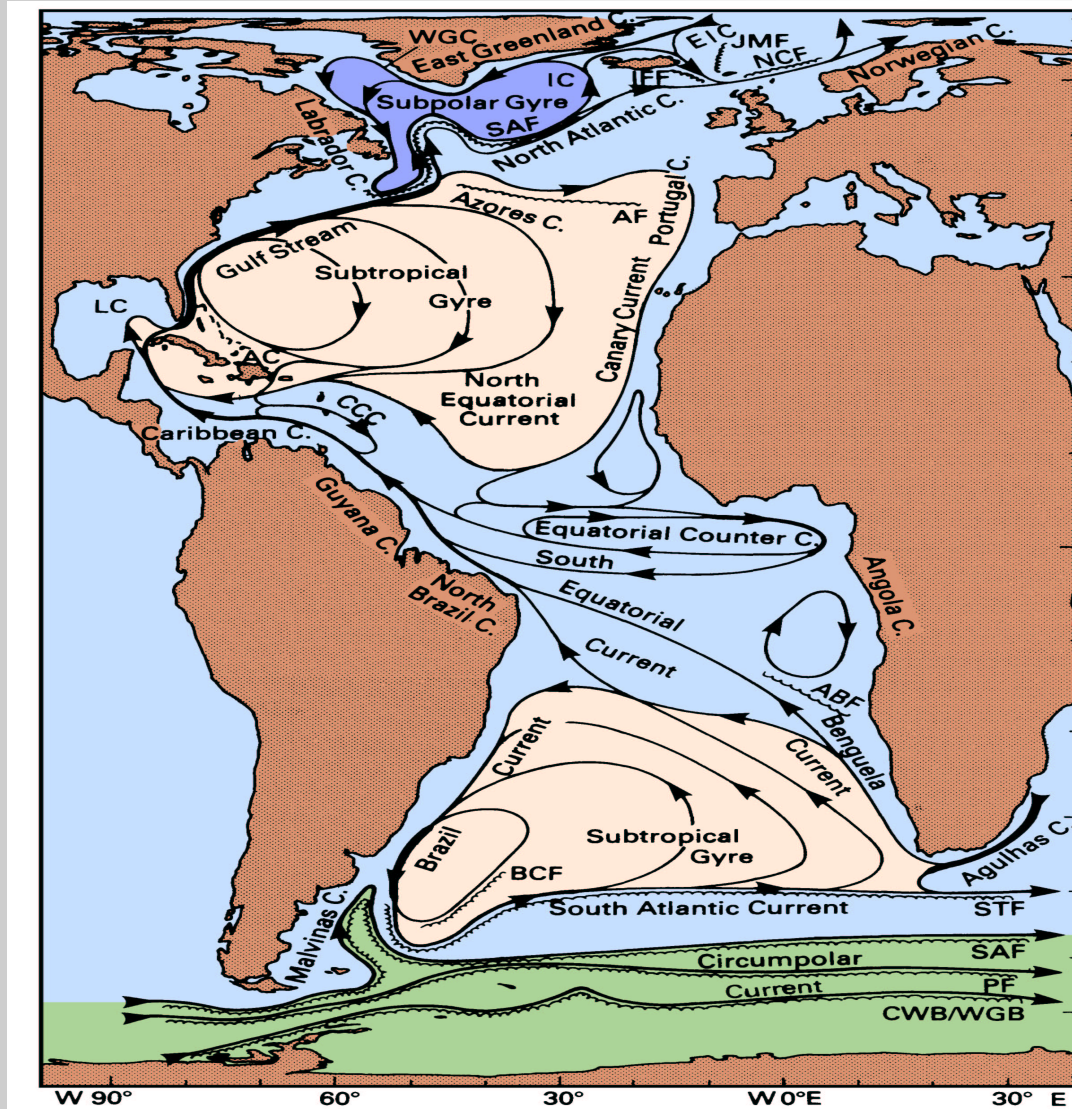
The figure illustrates two of the key roles the Southern Ocean plays in the climate system:

- Water mass transformations in the SO “close” the overturning circulations by converting deep water which upwells at high latitude into lighter intermediate waters and denser bottom waters.
- The Antarctic Circumpolar Current connects the ocean basins, allowing a global overturning circulation to exist, and allowing anomalies to propagate between basins and influence the climate “downstream”.

O Oceano Atlântico



Fonte: Tomczak and Godfrey, 1994



Correntes de superfície do Oceano Atlântico

Abreviações usadas para correntes:

EIC (Leste da Islândia)

IC (Irminger)

Oeste da Groelândia (WGC)

Loop/Giro (LC)

Antilhas (AC)

Contra corrente do Caribe (CCC)

Abreviações usadas para frentes:

Frente Jan Mayen (JMF)

Frente da Corrente da Noruega (NCF)

Frente da Islândia-Faroe (IFF)

Frente Subártica (SAF)

Frente de Açores (AF)

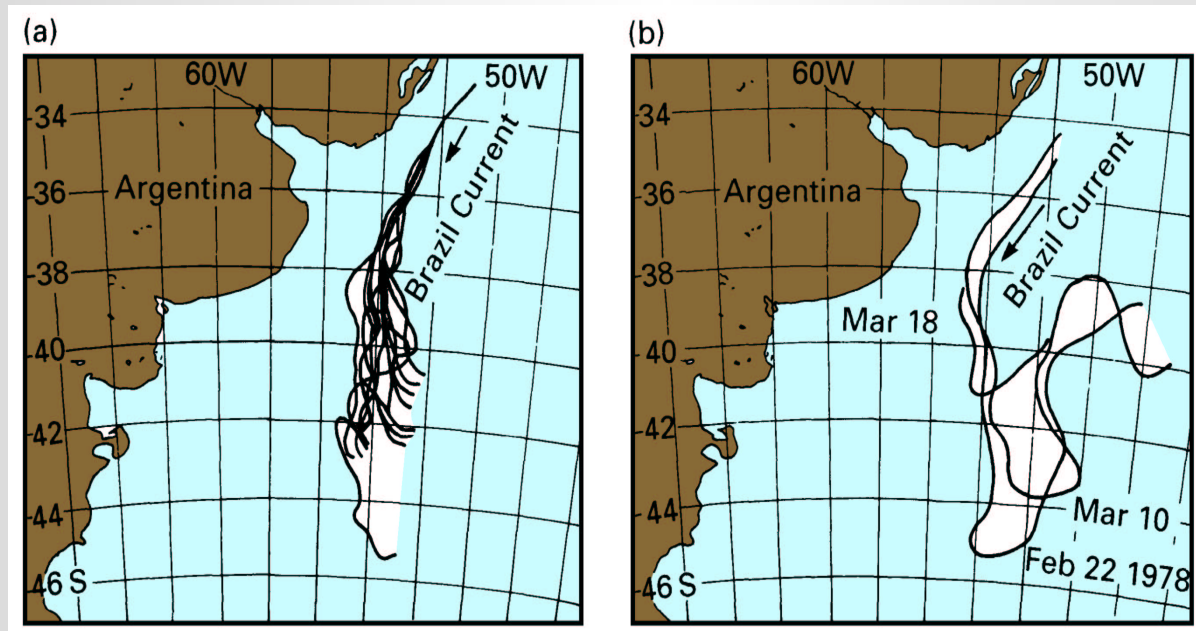
Frente de Angola-Benguela (ABF)

Frente da Corrente do Brasil (BCF)

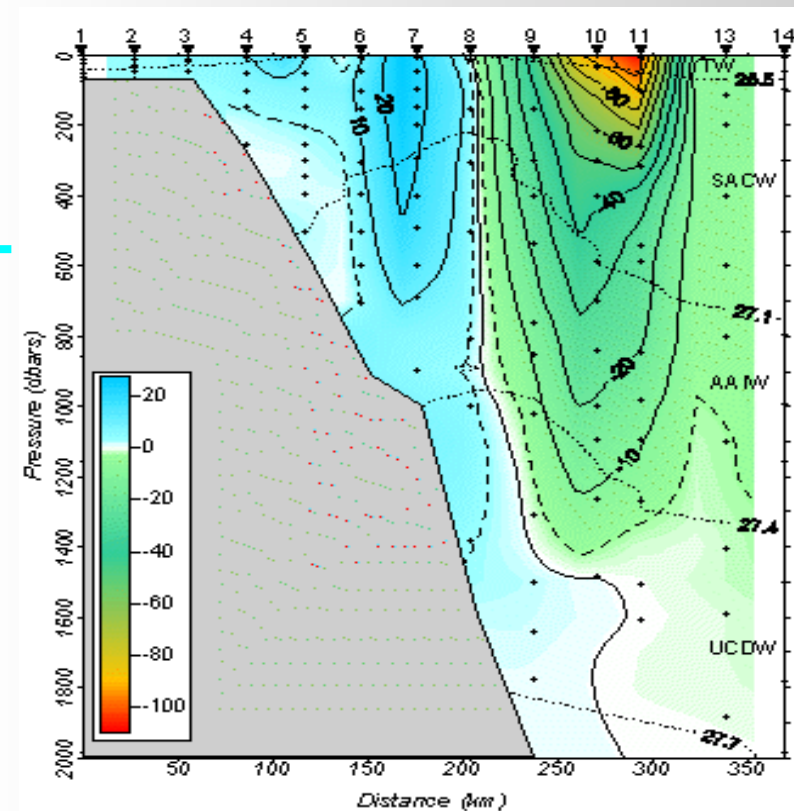
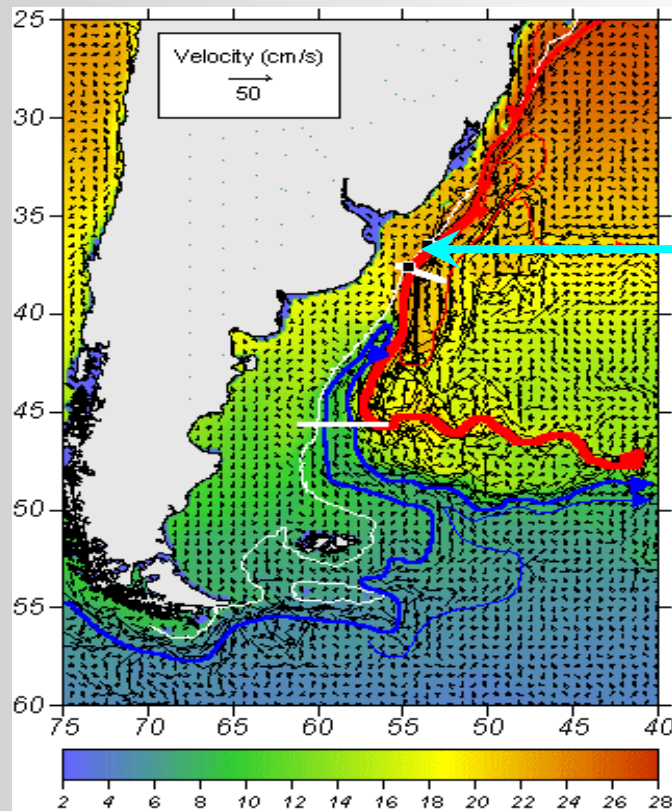
Frente SubTropical (STF)

Frente Polar (PF)

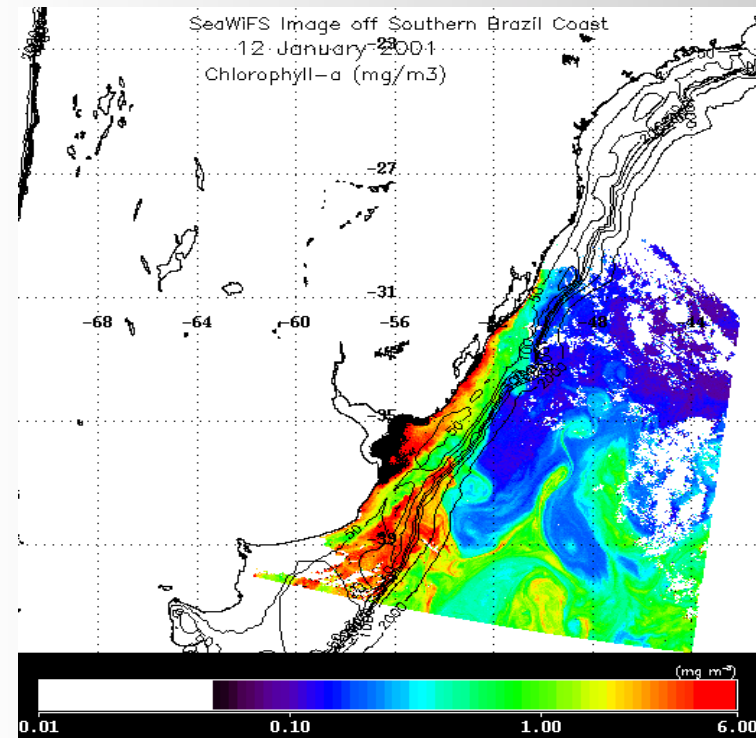
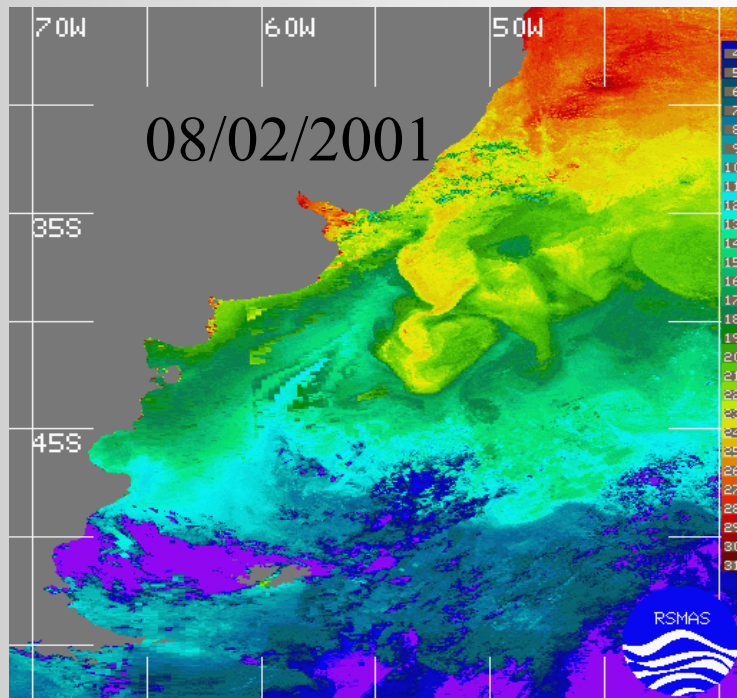
Borda do Giro de Weddell (CWB/WGB)



(a) A separação da corrente do Brasil da costa Sul Americana indicada pelas TSM entre Setembro 1975-Abril 1976; (b) A migração da posição de separação da CB entre fevereiro e março de 1978. Durante este último período dois vórtices foram formados (Legeckis e Gordon, 1982).

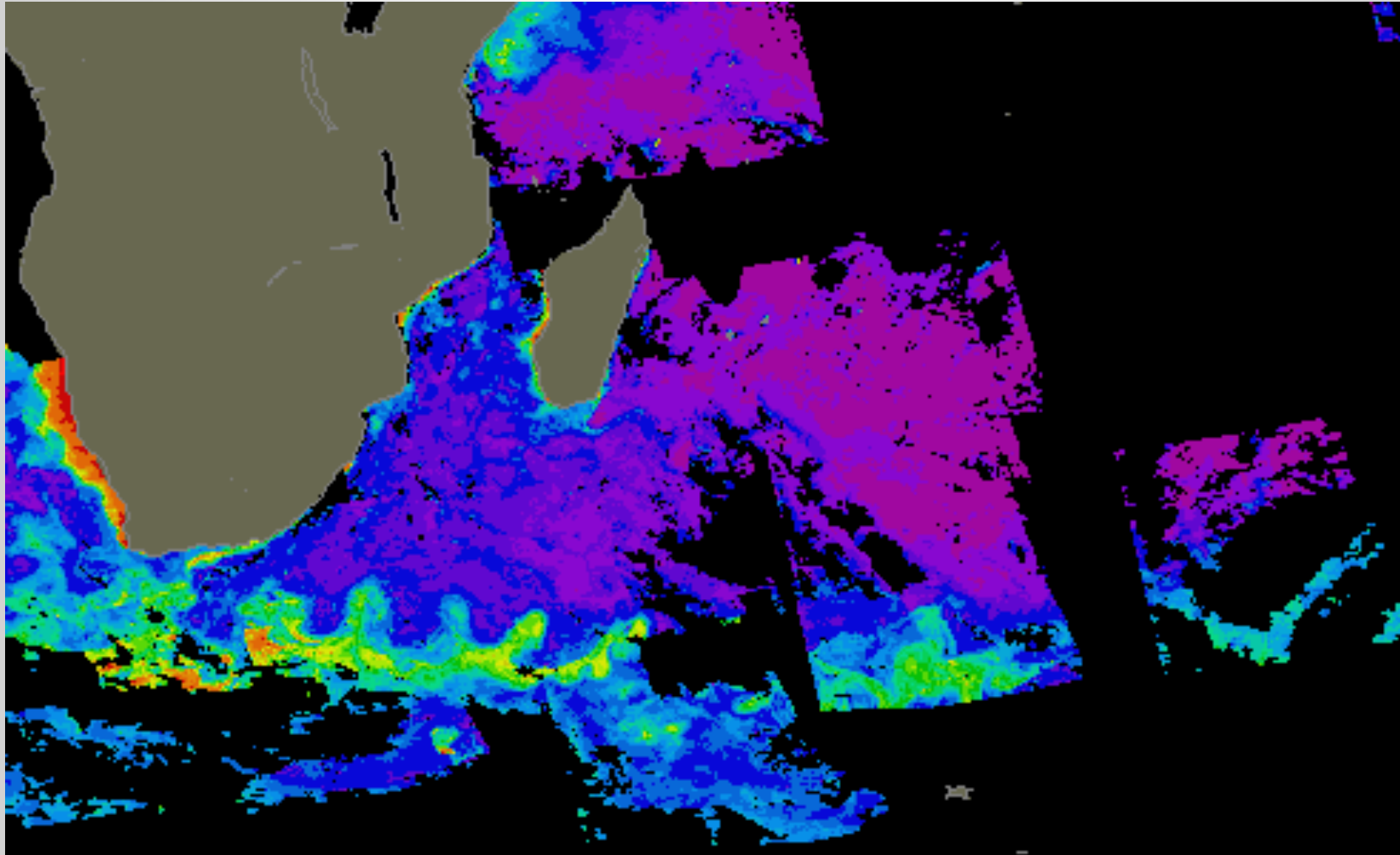


Circulação simulada por modelo numérico na região SW do Atlântico Sul (esquerda) e uma seção hidrográfica mostrando a interface CB/CM (direita).

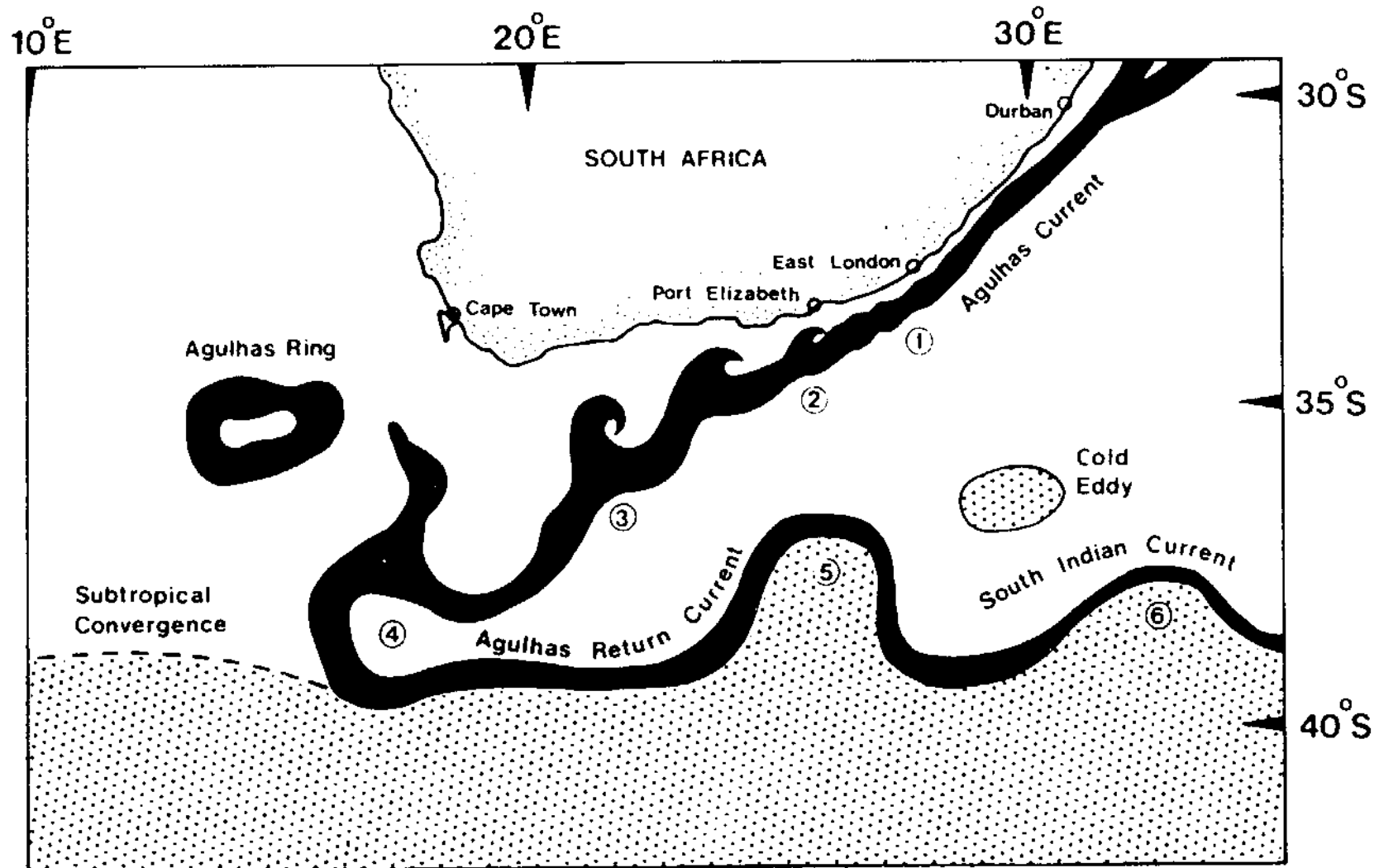


Variabilidade de mesoescala na confluência Brasil/Malvinas observada a partir de dados de TSM (AVHRR/NOAA, a esquerda) e de cor do oceano ([] clorofila-a pelo SeaWIFS, a direita).

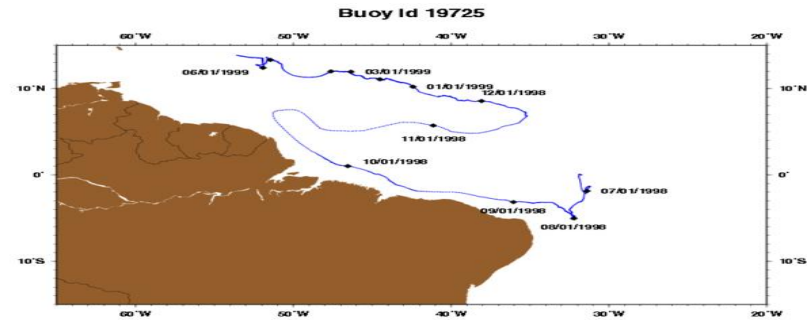
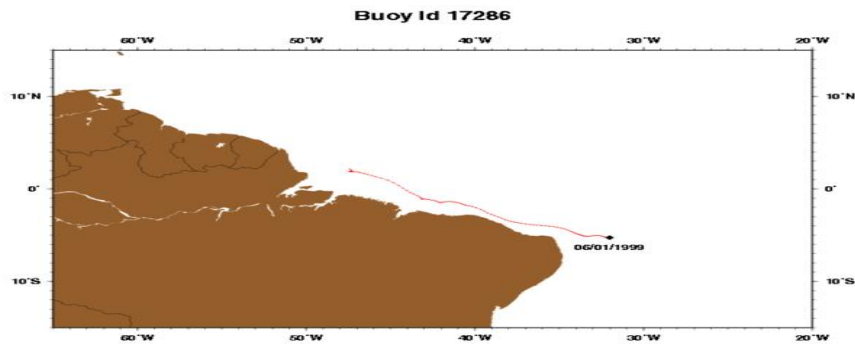
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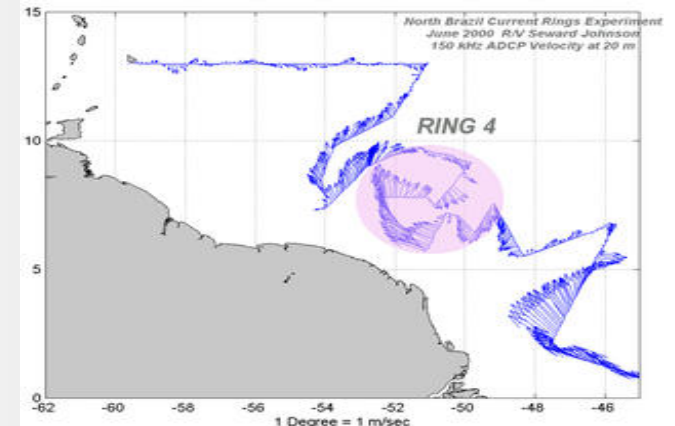
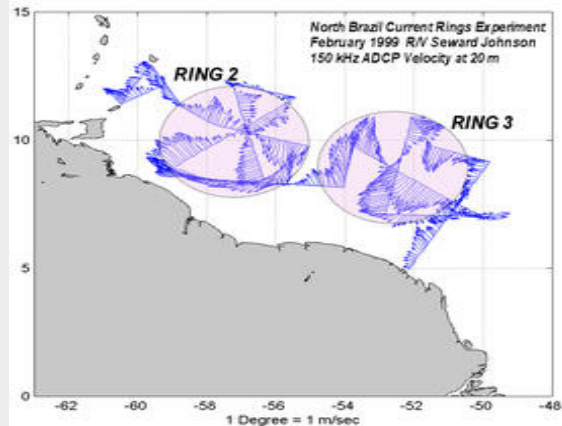
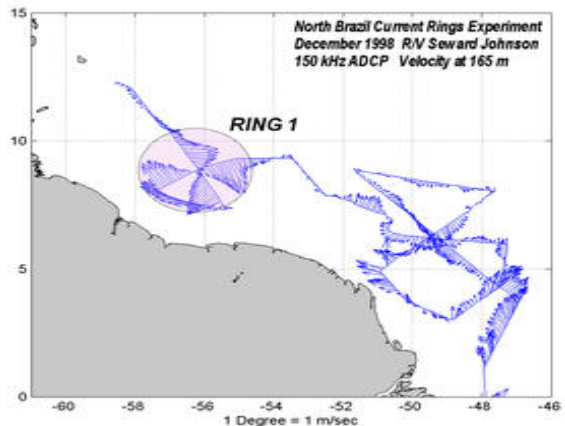
Mosaico de imagens do CZCS (Coastal Zone Colour Scanner) de 1983. Maiores concentrações de clorofila podem ser observados em tons vermelhos. Note a ressurgência na costa da Namíbia/Angola.



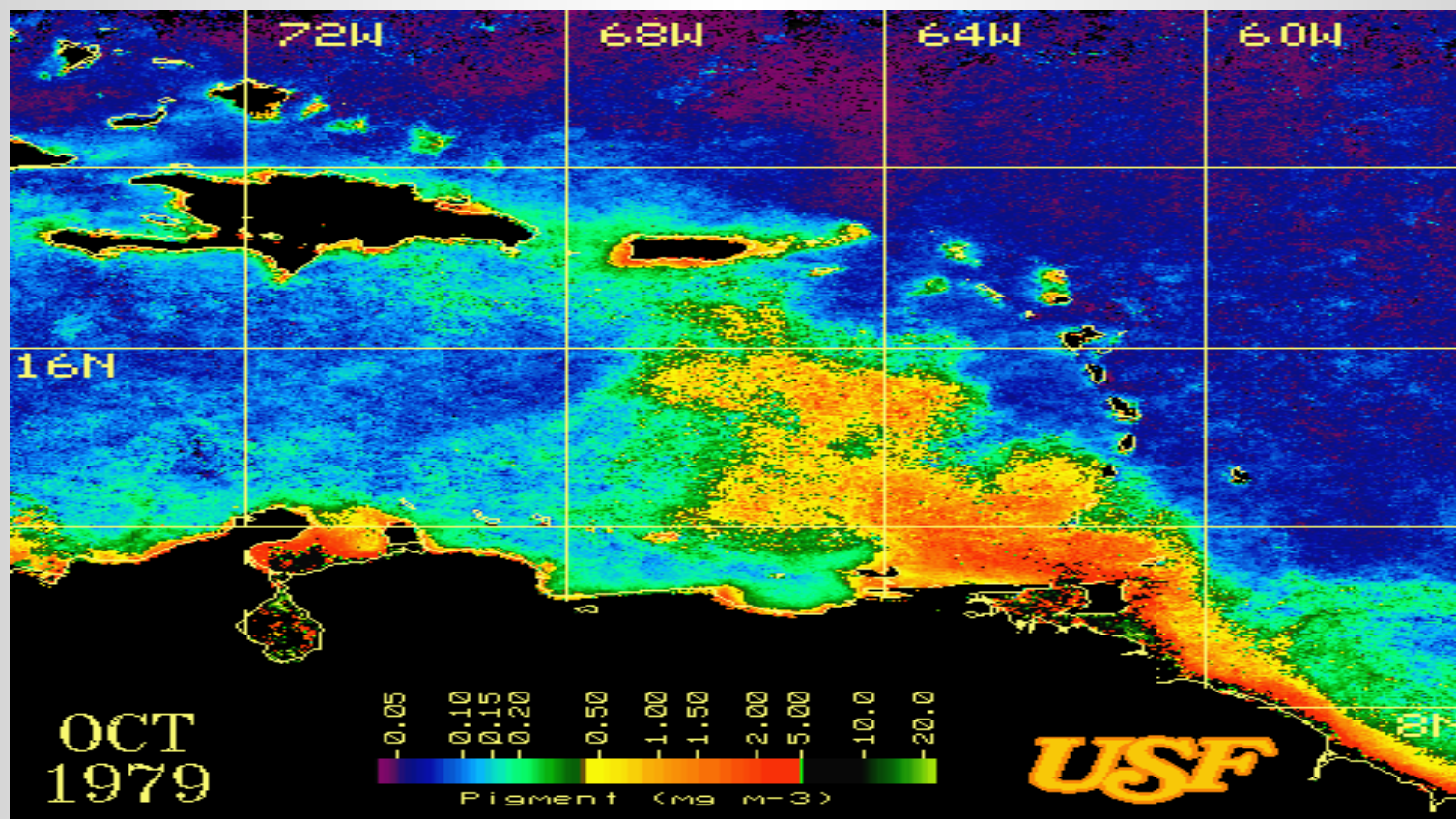
Fonte: Tomczak and Godfrey, 1994



Buoys ID 17286 (red) and 19725 (blue) both move quickly along just offshore of the North Brazil Coast. Buoy 19725 also exhibits the well-known retroflexion of the North Brazil Current during October of 1998. It is then advected by the North Equatorial Current into the source region for the Antilles Current.

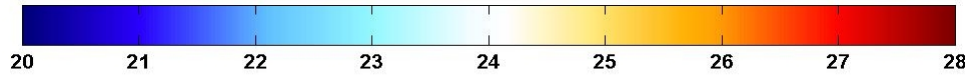
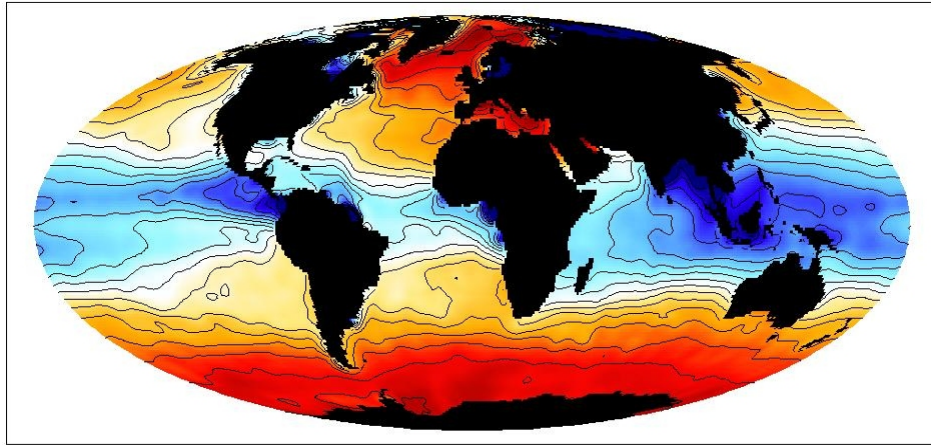


Maps of the SADCPC current vectors obtained for each of the four rings surveyed during three cruises: NBC1: December 1988, NBC2: February 1999, NBC4: June 2000.



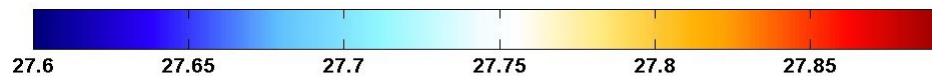
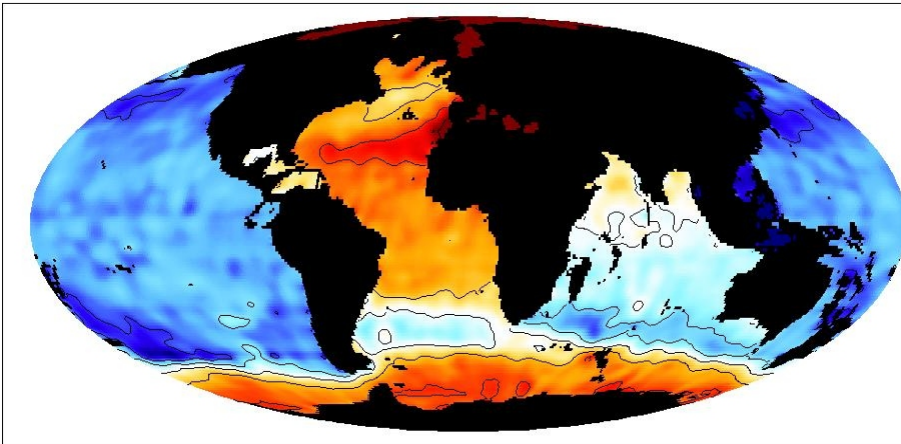
CZCS composite image of the eastern Caribbean Sea for October 1979, showing the spatial extent of the Orinoco River plume of induced high productivity that occurs during the summer rainy season. (Image courtesy of Dr. Frank Muller-Karger, University of South Florida Remote Sensing Laboratory.)

Levitus surface density

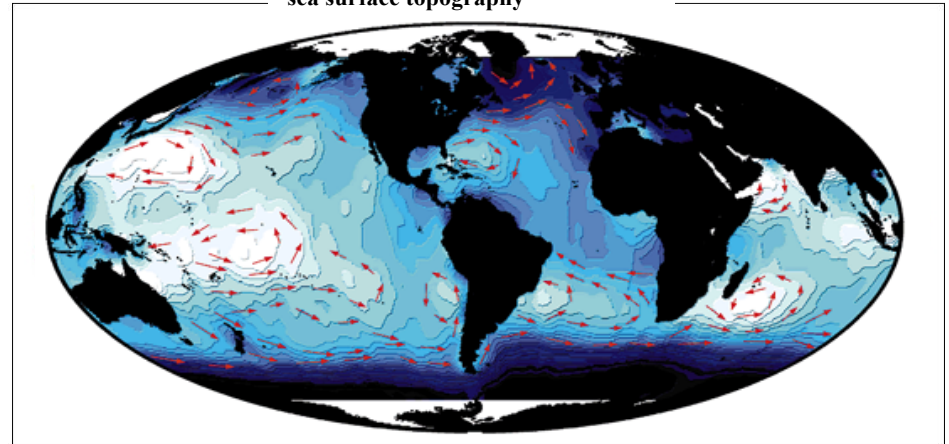


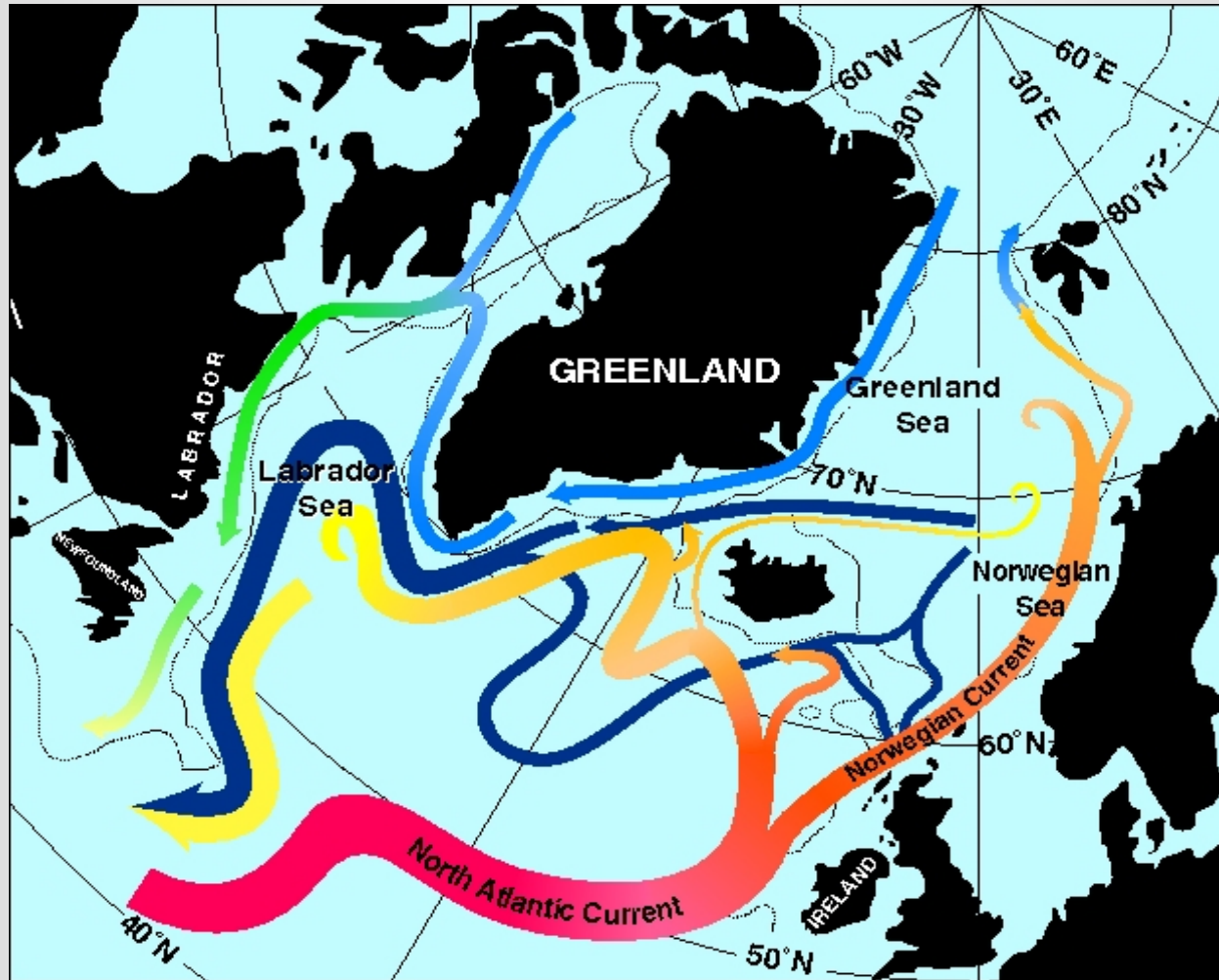
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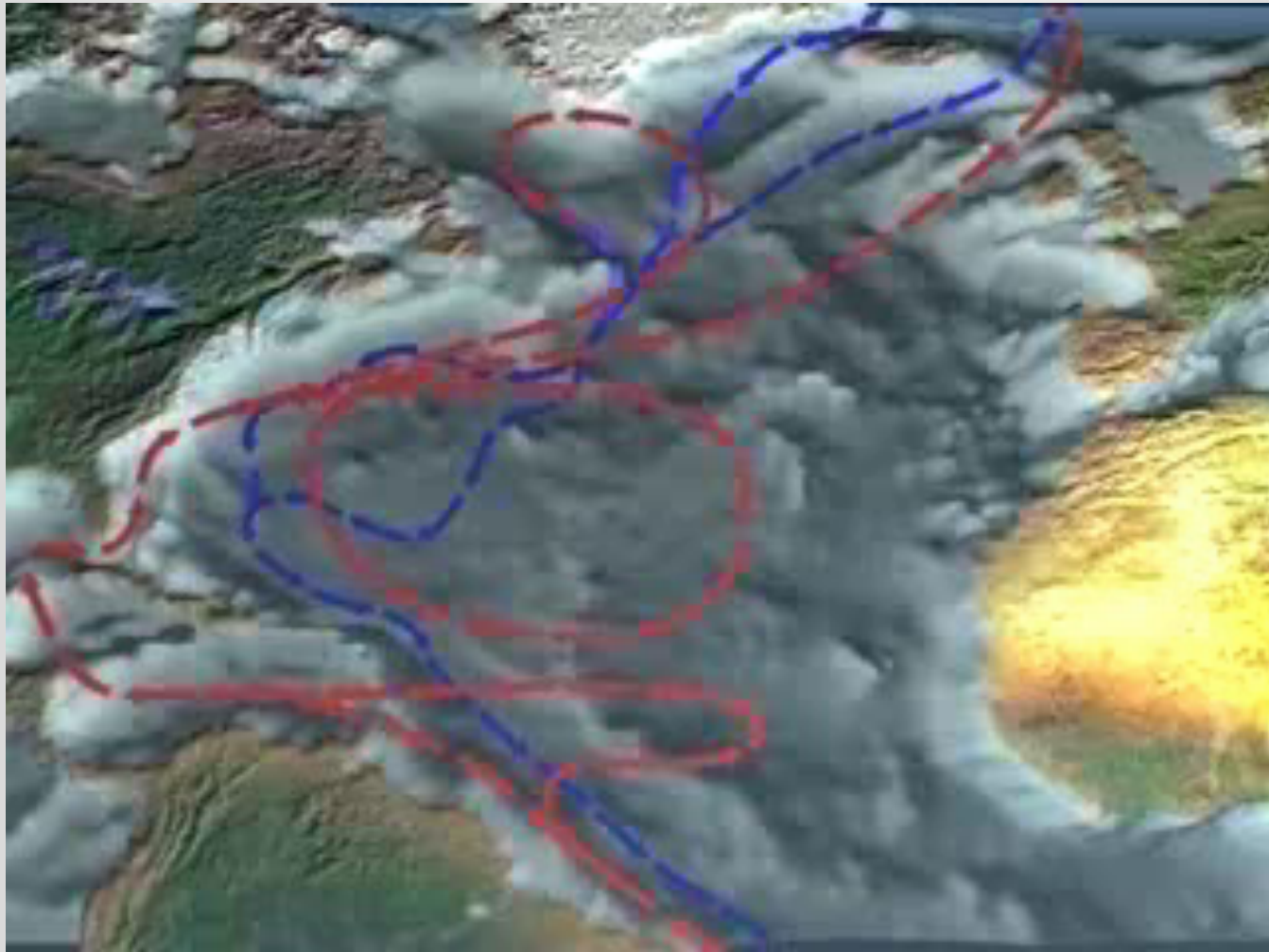
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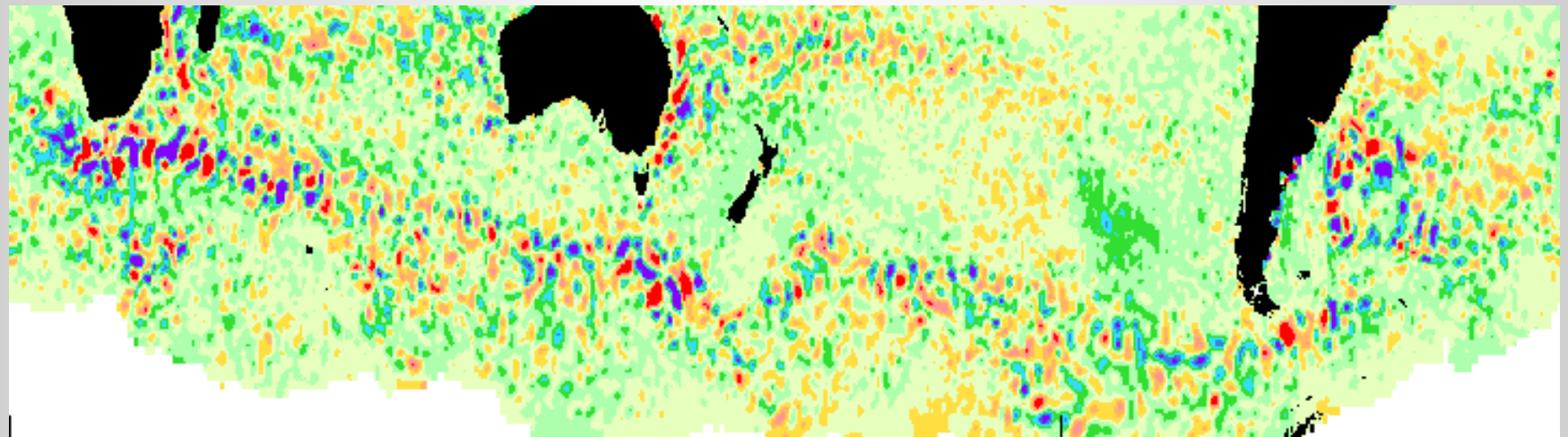


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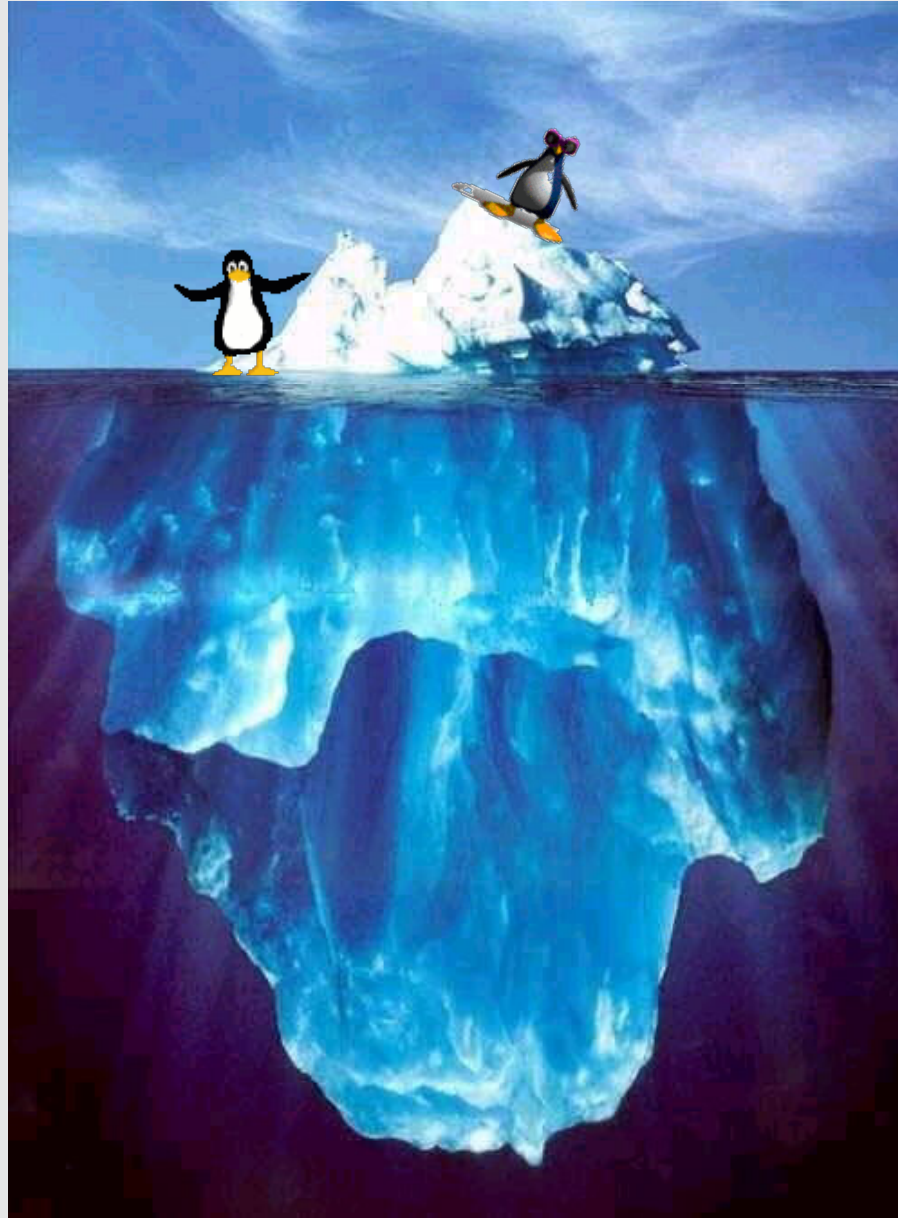








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