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# Interoperability of new data type with SeaDataNet infrastructure:

## Case of Flow Cytometry data (FCM)

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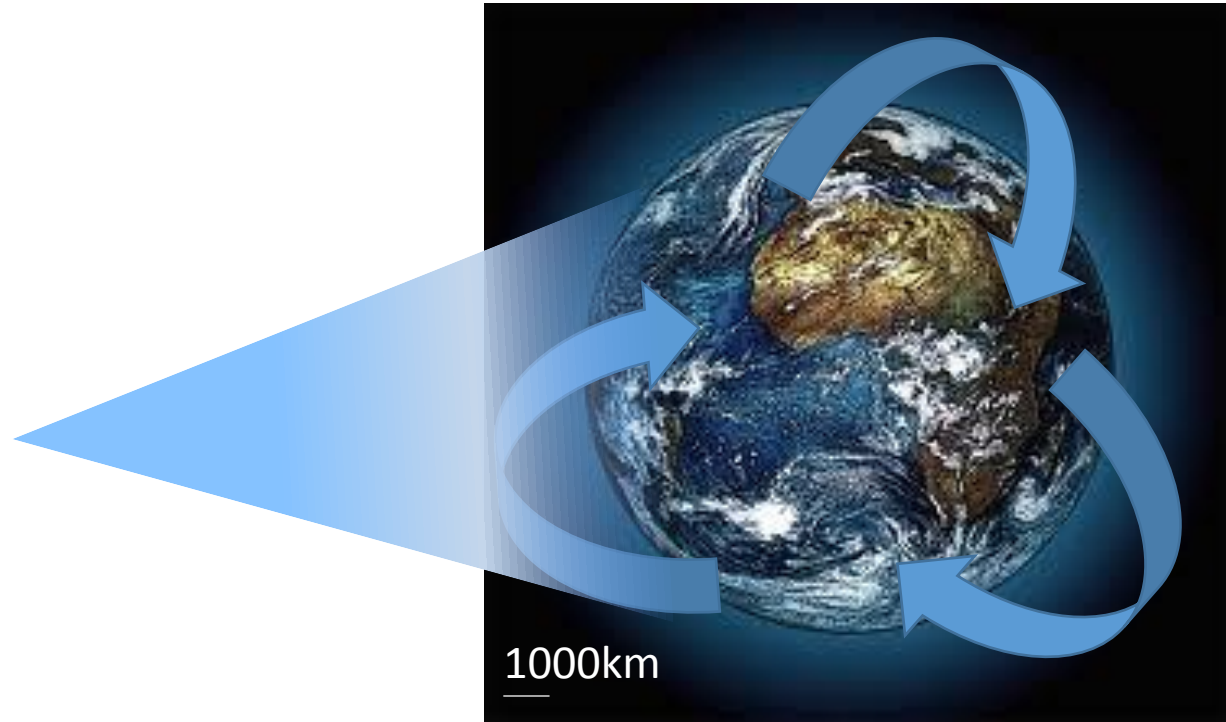
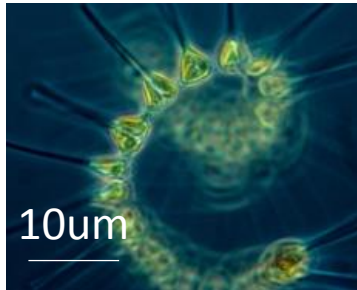
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# Phytoplankton

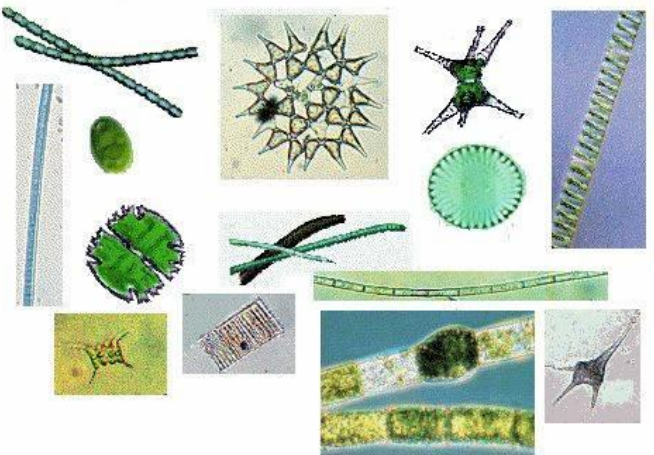
Thousands of species  $< 1000 \mu\text{m}$  catalyze the most important geochemical processes for sustaining life on earth AND at a minute scale.



Phytoplankton produces between  $45$  and  $57 \text{ Pg C Yr}^{-1}$  of the NPP on earth ( $\sim 45\%$ ) but represents  $< 2\%$  of its biomass.  
Very high turn-over rate !

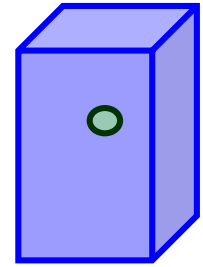
# Phytoplankton observation is complex

## Morphology and size

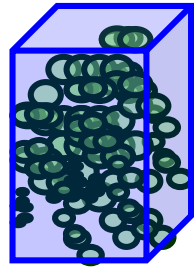


## Abundances

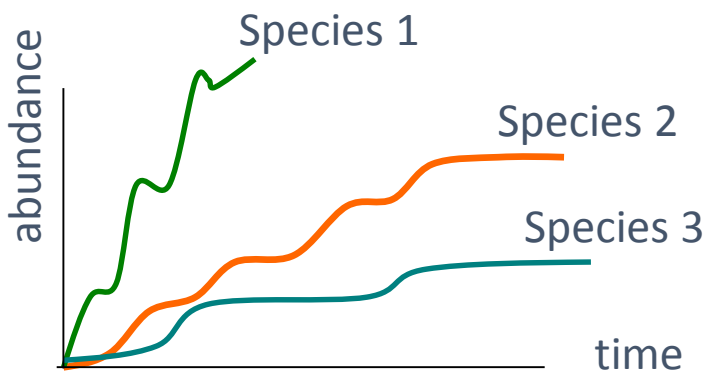
1 cell. cm<sup>-3</sup>



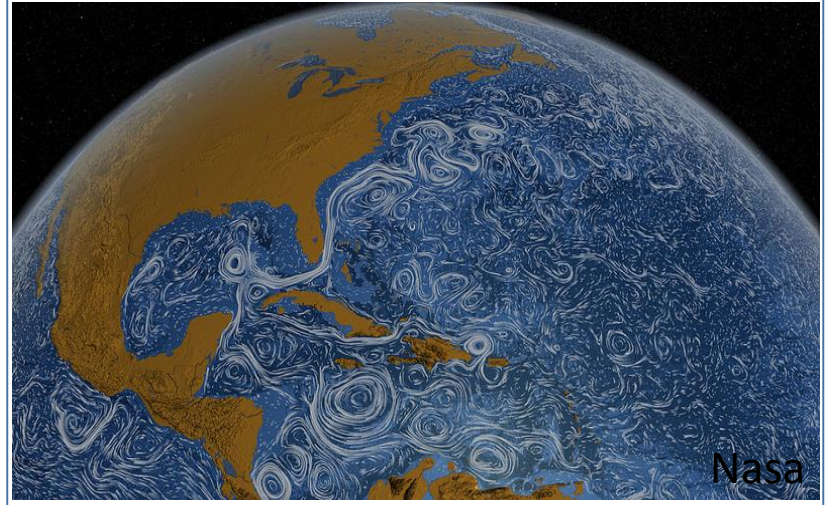
10<sup>6</sup> cells. cm<sup>-3</sup>



## Growth rates

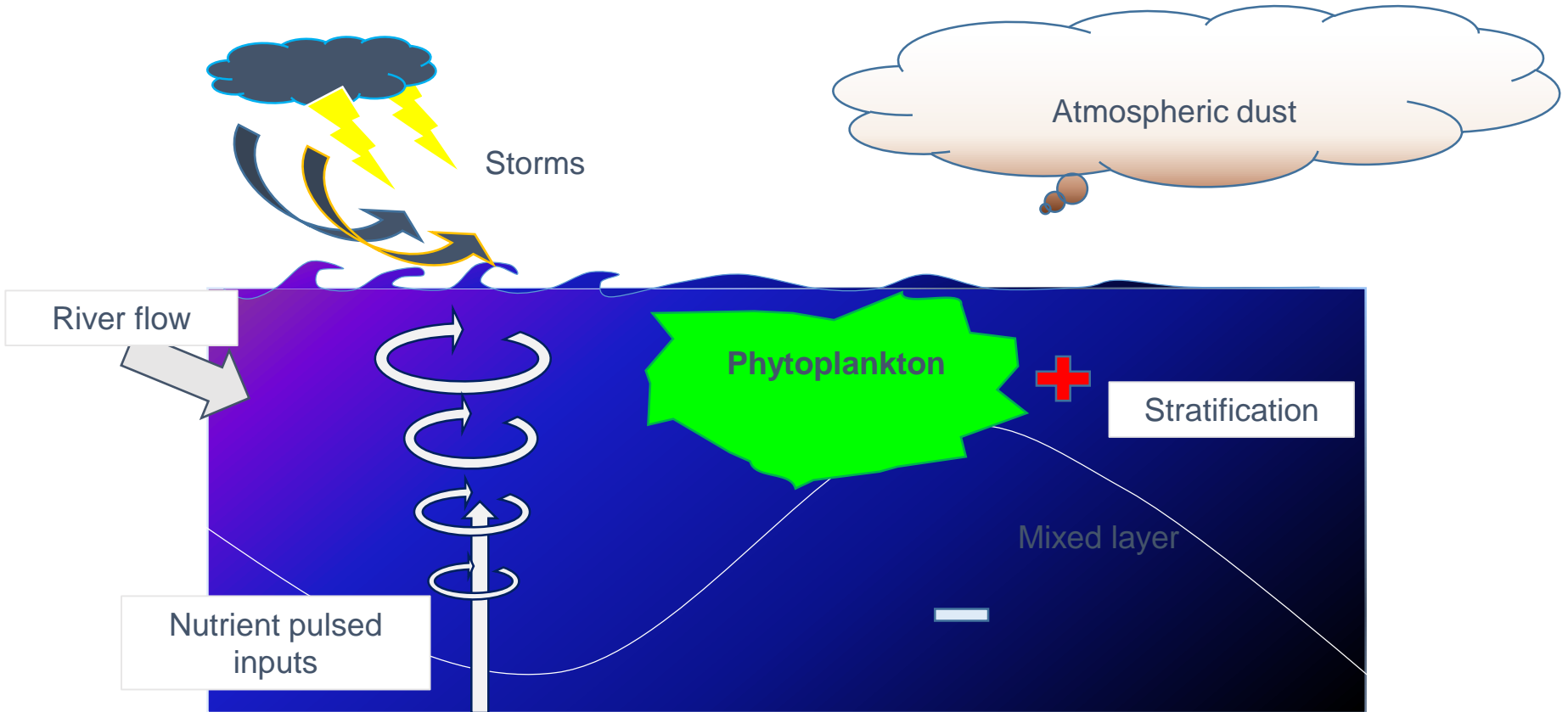


## Turbulence

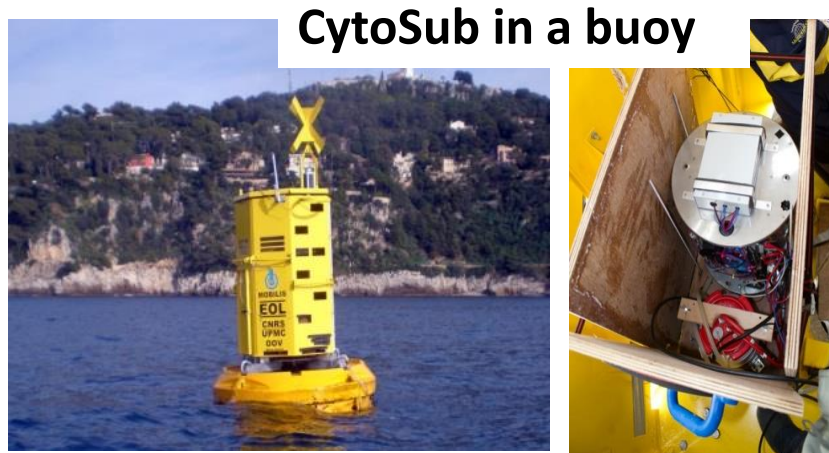


Serious lack in understanding and  
quantifying the role of phytoplankton in  
the biogeochemical processes

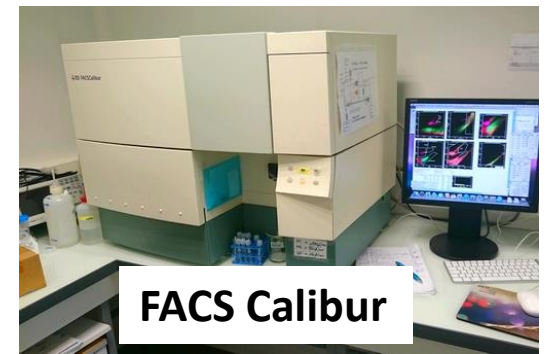
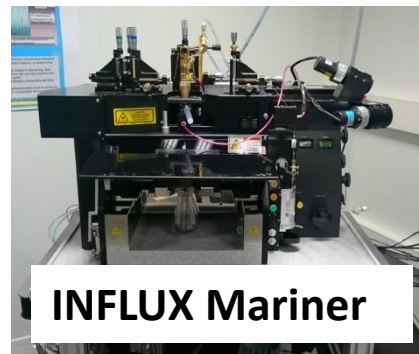
# Short term variation and sporadic events impacts are nearly unknown



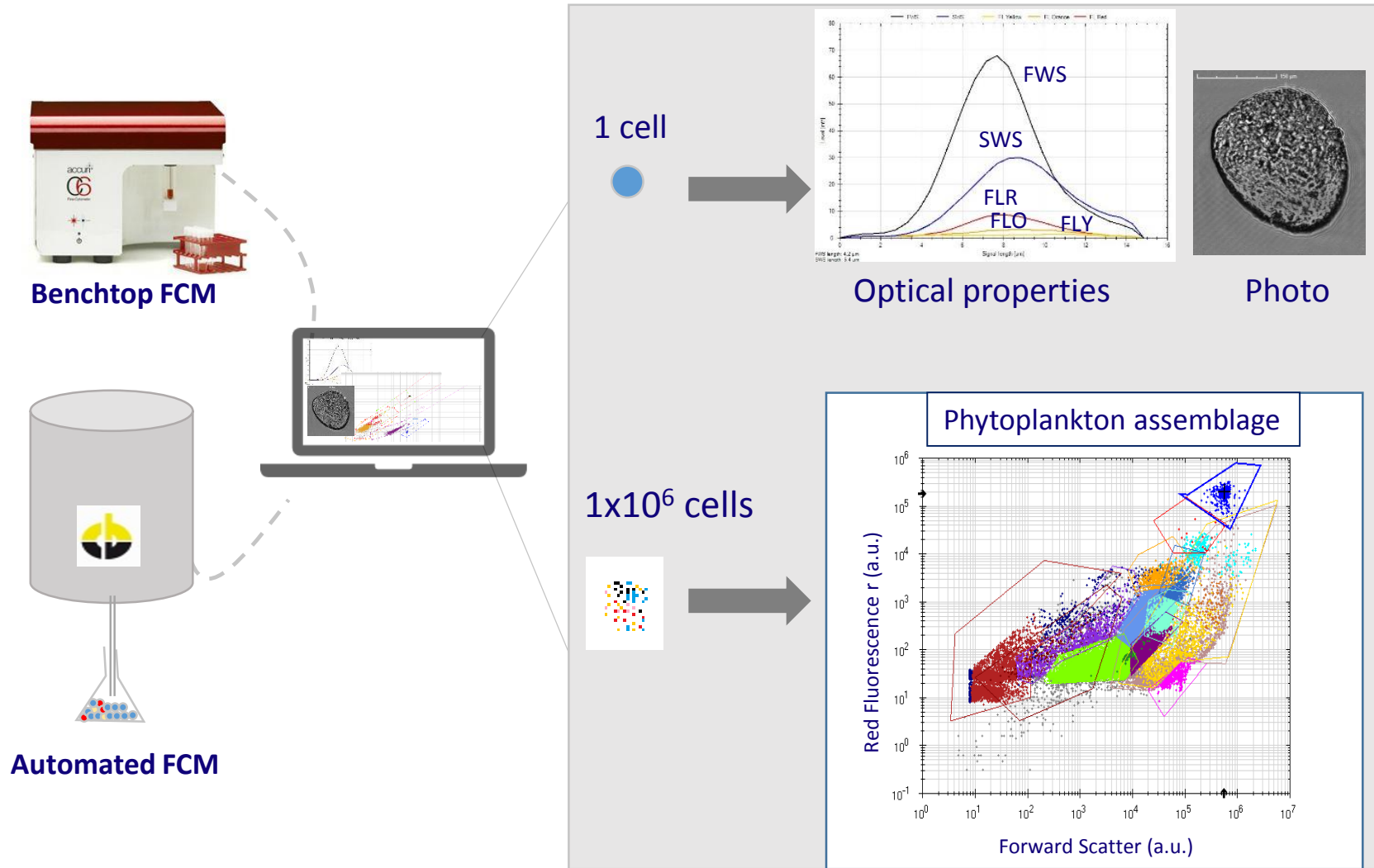
# Several scientific experiences



**-PRECYM** Plateforme REgionale de CYtométrie pour la Microbiologie  
Flow cytometry made in MIO



# Phytoplankton functional groups resolution



- Phytoplankton functional groups/Phytoplankton abundance per group
- Fluorescences/scatter per cell/Size estimation after calibration of scatter
- Phytoplankton images (taxonomical identification >20  $\mu\text{m}$ )



# SeaDataCloud

Ingesting, validating, long-term storage and access of  
Flow Cytometry (FCM) data





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- FCM Common Vocabulary

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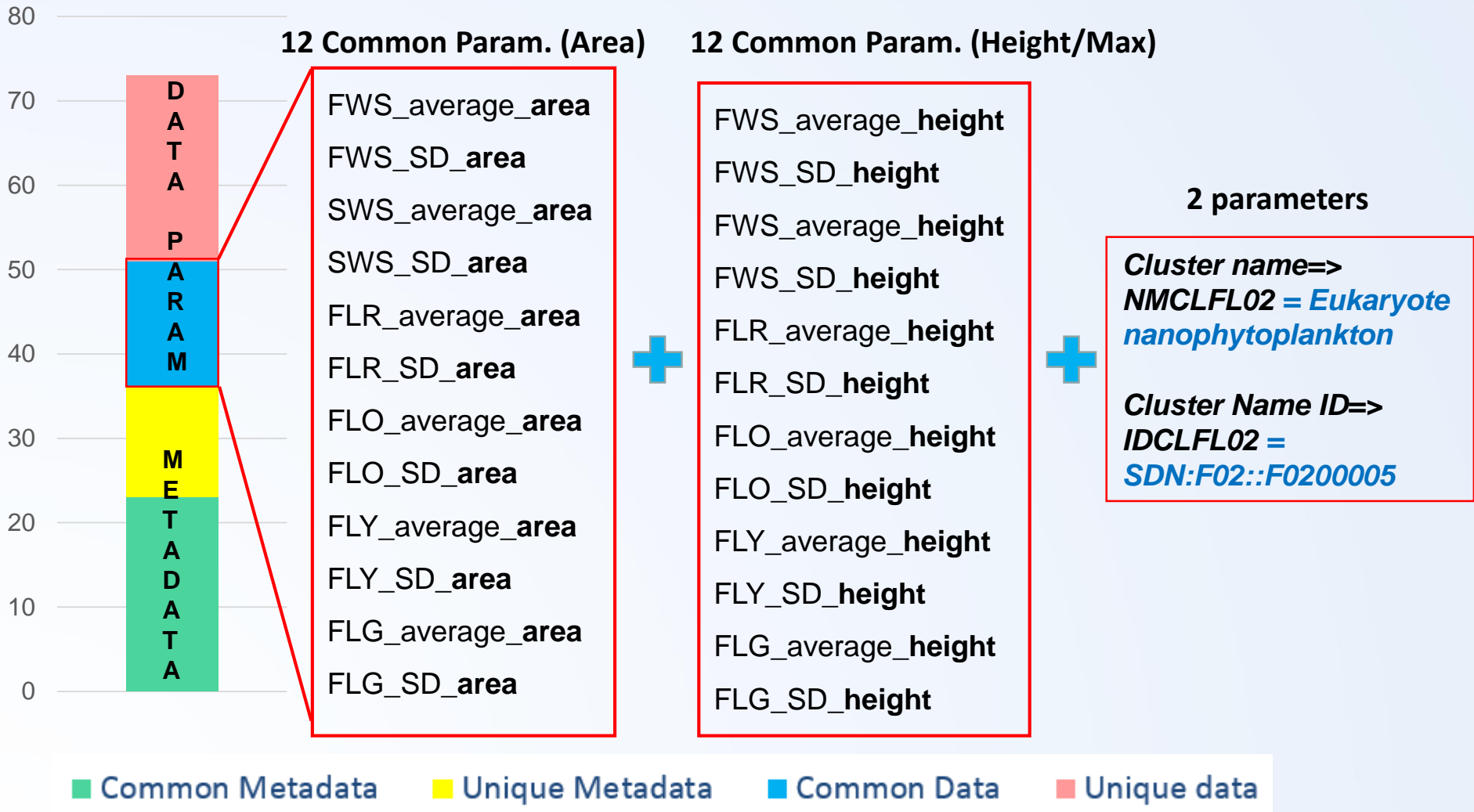
- Data Transport Format for FCM data

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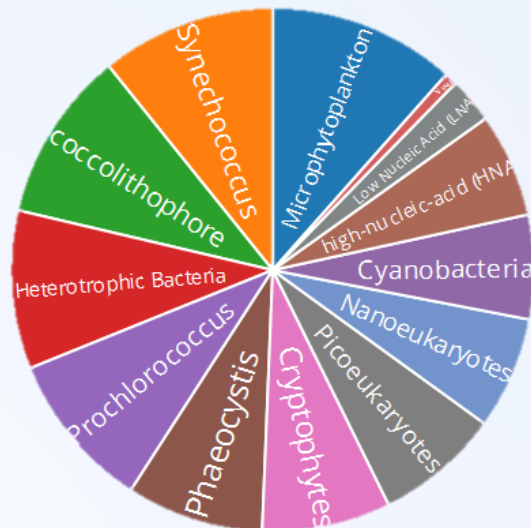
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## FCM Common Vocabulary

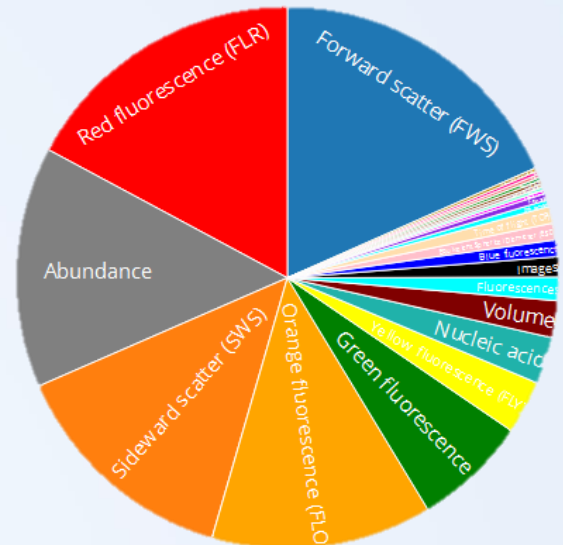
- Analysis of the existing codes (P01 list)
- FCM common parameters (JericoNext)
- Literature review and bibliography (1983-2017)
- Questionnaire (58 questions) to 180 FCM users



## Common functional groups



## Parameters



## Flow Cytometry vocabulary standardization Questionnaire

This questionnaire is dedicated to set up a common standardized vocabulary of the flow cytometry (FCM) metadata and data. It will take approximately 15 minutes to be completed.

This questionnaire is carried out within the framework of SeaDataCloud H2020 project in order to standardize, validate and guarantee a long-term storage and access of flow cytometry datasets.

The questionnaire is divided into four main parts:

- Part I: FCM Group names and definitions
- Part II: FCM Metadata
- Part III: Sample Metadata
- Part IV: FCM Data

There are 58 questions in this survey.

Load unfinished survey

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Exit and clear survey

Journal of Oceanography, 2010, 19(6), 1273-1280  
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### Flow cytometry and cell sorting: A technique for analysis and sorting of aquatic particles<sup>1</sup>

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Cytometry 10:629-635 (1989)

#### COMMENT

### HETEROGENEITY IN FRAGILITY AND OTHER BIOCHEMICAL AND BIOPHYSICAL PROPERTIES

### A Simple Method to Preserve Oceanic Phytoplankton for Flow Cytometric Analyses

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M. Thomsen et al. / Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology 405 (2011) 50-57

performed daily at noon in each mesocosm with a HANNA multi-parameter water quality meter (model HI9142). These measurements showed that the water column was homogeneous during the whole experiment.

For phytoplankton analysis using flow cytometry were collected every 6 h from 14:30 on August 20 to 14:30 on August 29 (sampling times were 2:30, 8:30, 14:30 and 20:30). Collecting data every 6 h is the minimal sampling frequency accepted in order to observe a 12:00 cell cycle (Nyquist, 1926), i.e. two cellular divisions per day, for any of the observed phytoplankton groups, which are commonly observed in natural environments (Bridger and Burard, 2002; Jaquet et al., 2002; Thomsen et al., 2008). Samples for nutrient and chlorophyll *a* (chl *a*) analysis were collected once a day at 8:00.

#### 2.3. Chlorophyll *a* and nutrient analysis

Chlorophyll *a* (chl *a*) content was determined by High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC). A volume of 400–600 cm<sup>3</sup> was filtered onto a 25 mm Whatman GF/F filter. Filters were stored at -80 °C. Pigments were then extracted and analysed by HPLC after Zapata et al. (2000). Nitrate + nitrite (NO<sub>3</sub> + NO<sub>2</sub>), phosphate (PO<sub>4</sub>), and silicic acid (Si(OH)<sub>4</sub>) concentrations were determined from 2.5 cm<sup>3</sup> pre-combusted GF/F filtered seawater samples collected (60 cm<sup>3</sup> triplicate) from each mesocosm at 8:00 am. An equal sample volume was discarded prior to storing the sample in plastic acid cleaned 100 cm<sup>3</sup> bottles, kept frozen at -20 °C until analysis at DMBR within 1 month, using a Bran Luebbe Analytikoper 3 system based on the method by Grasshof et al. (1983).

#### 2.4. Statistical analysis

Statistical analyses were run under R software (<http://cran.r-project.org/>) for each phytoplankton cluster. Abundance, average FW, size and FW:age (cells per cell) were calculated. In order to identify differences between treatments during 3 different stages of phytoplankton development, a set of statistical analysis was run, for each defined phytoplankton stage, a normality test (Shapiro test) followed by a test of sphericity (Mauchly test) was run in order to define the best variance test. When data followed a normal distribution and sphericity was observed, a RM-ANOVA (repeated measures) was used. When normality was validated but not sphericity, or when normality was not validated, a Friedman rank test was run. Relative phytoplankton average abundances, relative average FW, size and relative average FW:age were calculated to show the differences between NINUV (control) and the treated mesocosms (HINUV, NTHUV and HTHUV) during the 3 different stages of the phytoplankton development, while considering the respective NINUV value as running post-hoc tests for each cluster and each phytoplankton stage, would have lead to complex interpretations. Significant differences were identified using a paired Wilcoxon signed-rank test. Periodic processes in the dynamic of abundance, average FW, size and FW:age values per cell were verified using computing periodograms with a Fast Fourier transformation smoothing the results with a series of modified Daniell smoother (moving averages giving half weight to the end values, Daniell, 1960), generating spectral plots. These algorithms were computed on the average values between replicates.

#### 3. Results

##### 3.1. UVB, temperature, salinity, chlorophyll *a* and nutrient concentrations

The phototoxic depth ( $Z_{UVB}$ , 10% of surface incident light) represents the depth at which UVB has significant biological effects (Neale et al., 2003).  $Z_{UVB}$  reached depths between 27 and 57 cm and between 26 and 36 cm for radiations at 303 nm and 313 nm, respectively (Fig. 1A, B). Fig. 1C and D shows the 305 nm and 313 nm average irradiances in the water column from surface to  $Z_{UVB}$ , calculated according to MacIntyre and Collier (1994). Average water column UVB irradiance increase in the HUV mesocosms were 77.8 ± 10.7% and 45.4 ± 16.8% for 305 and 313 nm, respectively (Fig. 1C, D), as compared to NUV treatments.

The initial temperature in all the mesocosms was -13 °C and was increased by 2 °C from day 2 to day 4. At day 4, temperature stabilised at -15 °C in the non-irradiated control, -16 °C in the high temperature treatment mesocosm on day 5 (Fig. 2A). Salinity values varied between 24.14 to HINUV on day 6 and 25.39 to HTHUV on day 1 (data not shown). Chlorophyll *a* concentrations increased from day 3 to day 5 in HTHUV and NTHUV, reaching maximal values of 8.90 ± 1.6 μg dm<sup>-3</sup>

#### 2.2. Flow cytometry

Samples were collected using 1 dm<sup>3</sup> dark containers and directly transferred into 12 cm<sup>3</sup> vials for the flow cytometry analysis, acidified vials for the EPIC ALTRA flow cytometer analysis, both pre-filled with glutaraldehyde (1.03% final concentration). The samples were immediately stored at -80 °C for less than a month. Flow cytometry analyses were conducted using two different types of instruments in order to achieve accurate estimations of cell counts from the smallest phytoplankton to the largest microphytoplankton, and to collect cellular information using their light scattering properties (forward light scatter (FWS) and sideward light scatter (SSW)) and their auto fluorescence properties (red fluorescence from chlorophyll (FLR) and orange fluorescence from phycoerythrin (FLO)). The phytoplankton cells (100 μm diameter) and the smallest microphytoplankton cells (Nano L, 2 μm) were analysed using an Epics Altra flow cytometer (Becton Dickinson) equipped with a 488 nm laser operated at 15 mW. Samples were thawed at room temperature and analysed immediately. Fluorescent beads (Fluoresbrite YG microspheres of 0.1 μm, Phycoerythrin-Cy5) were systematically added to each sample as an internal standard, in order to normalise the fluorescence emission and light scatter signal obtained from the Epics Altra flow cytometer. Abundance estimations were derived from the cell counts and the corresponding analysed volumes defined by the acquisition time and sample flow rate. The flow rate was obtained from weighing the vials before and after analysis and dividing the mass by the sample density. Size was estimated by analysing bead suspensions of different bead sizes and determining the relationship between size and forward scatter (Vielzeuf et al., 2006). The FLR (0.25–10 nm) and the FWS of the cells were recorded as the signal peak, thus giving little information on their shape, although the instrument is able to analyse the size of flagellum which gives an indication of their length. FLR and FWS peak values from the EPIC ALTRA size histograms (FLR and FWS).

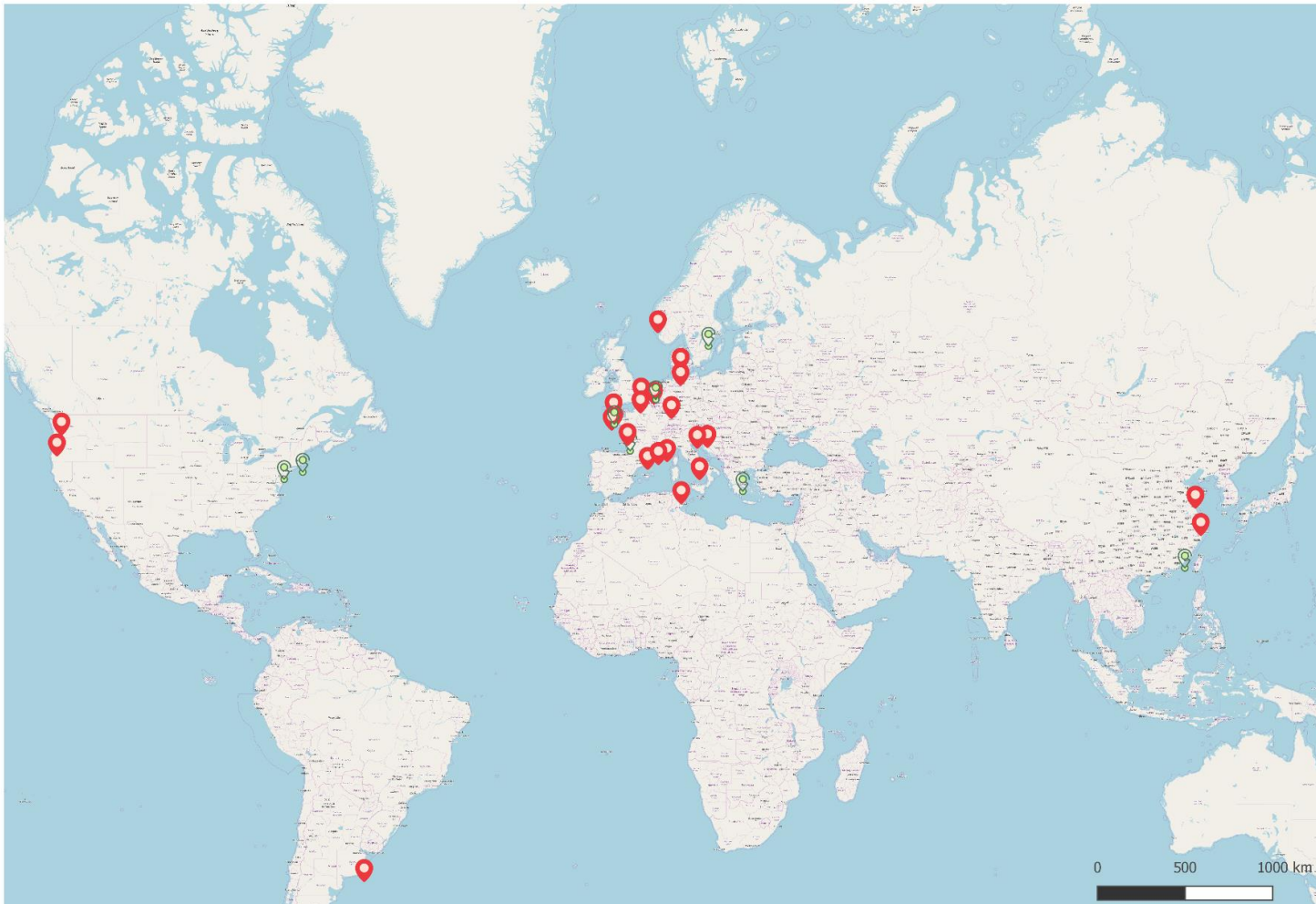
Cells larger than 2 μm were analysed using a cytometer flow cytometer from Cytofluor Inc. equipped with a 488 nm laser operated at 15 mW. The pulse shape of FLR (0.25–24 nm), FLO (500–600 nm) and the FWS signals from the cells were recorded, allowing complex cells to be differentiated and chain forming cells to be accepted for integrated values of the cytometer. FLR and FWS signals are further defined as FLR and FWS. Abundances were directly estimated from the analysis of the samples through a stable peristaltic pump, routinely tested by using bead suspensions of known concentrations (fluoresbrite polystyrene beads (fluorescence), namely 2 μm red fluorescent and 10 μm orange fluorescent beads). We used an internal standard to normalise scatter and fluorescence signals. Protocols were used to optimise the abundance estimation of the small and large cells respectively. Cells < 10 μm were analysed with a peristaltic pump speed of 3.08 mm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and a trigger level of 7.20 V on FWS. Cells > 10 μm were analysed using a peristaltic pump speed of



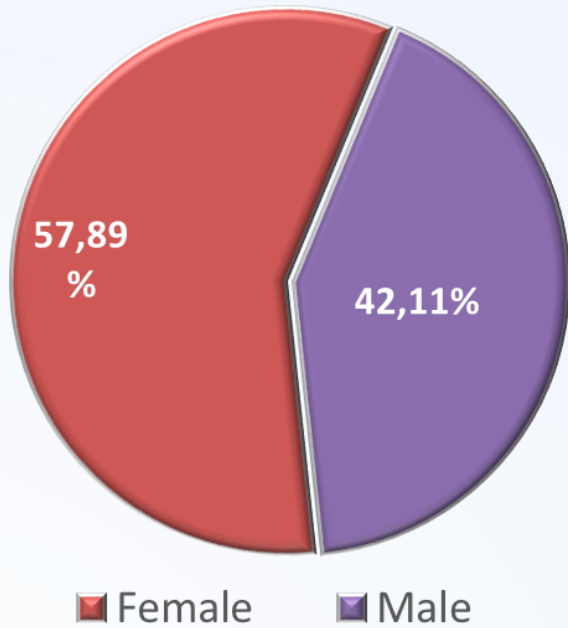
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 **Completed answers (79%)**

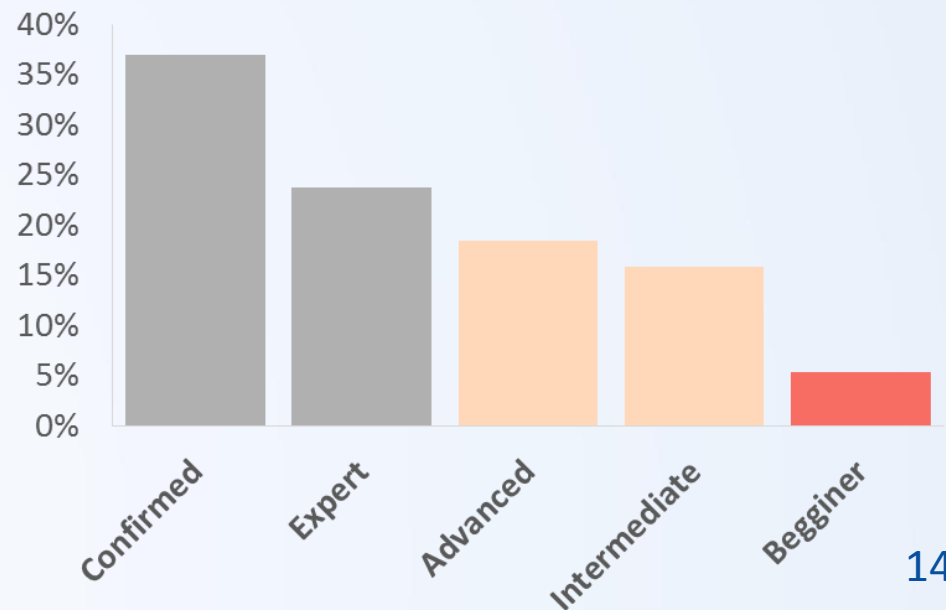
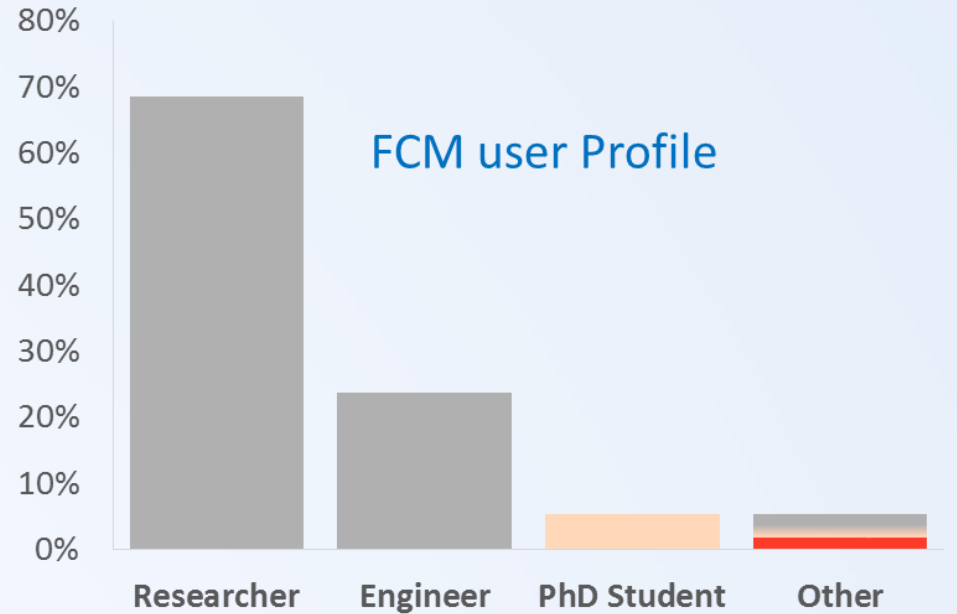
 **Uncompleted answers (21%)**



## Gender participation



## FCM user Profile



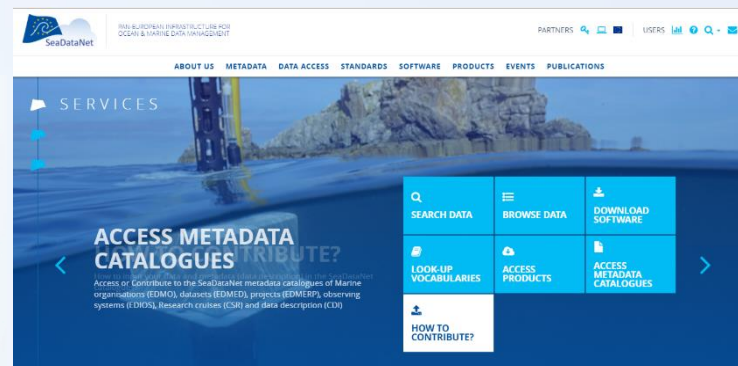
# Semantic model (BODC)

Chemical model	Biological model	Physical model	
<b>Measurement</b> <b>Substance</b> Measurement Matrix Relationship <b>Matrix</b> <b>Matrix</b> Subcomponent	<b>Measurement</b> <b>Organism Name</b> <b>Organism Specifics</b> Measurement Matrix Relationship <b>Matrix</b> <b>Matrix Subcomponent</b> Method	<b>Measurement</b> <b>Statistical</b> Measurement Matrix Relationship <b>Matrix</b> <b>Method</b>	<b>Forward scatter pulse shape area</b> <b>Average</b> per cluster in the <b>Water body</b> automated flow cytometry
<b>Concentration</b> of <b>carbon</b> (total <b>inorganic</b> ) {TCO2} per unit mass of the <b>water</b> <b>body</b> [dissolved plus reactive particulate phase]	<b>Abundance of Bacteria</b> (ITIS: 202421: WoRMS 6) <b>[Subgroup: heterotrophic]</b> per unit volume of the <b>water</b> <b>body</b> by automated flow cytometry	<b>Forward light scatter pulse</b> <b>shape area average</b> per <u>cluster</u> in the <b>water body</b> by automated flow cytometry	The cluster name is managed in a separate vocabulary list (F02)




## Common vocabulary results → 44 codes

### BODC WEBSERVICES V2 (LIBRARIES) CL12

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C17		ICES Platform Codes	ICES Platforms	712	5607	3/20/2018 2:00:05 AM
C19		SeaVoX salt and fresh water body gazetteer	SeaVoX water bodies	17	263	2/21/2018 2:00:03 AM
C32		International Standards Organisation countries	ISO countries	7	251	1/14/2016 2:00:02 AM
C34		Activity purpose categories	Purpose categories	4	22	8/27/2011 3:00:05 AM
C35		European Nature Information System	EUNIS3 Habitats	1	56	2/19/2010 2:01:37 AM



<b>F02</b>		SeaDataCloud Flow Cytometry Standardised Cluster Names	SDC flow cytometry cluster names	2	11	2/3/2018 2:00:02 AM
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# Data Transport Format for FCM Data



PAN-EUROPEAN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR  
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<https://www.seadatanet.org/Standards/Data-Transport-Formats>

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The SeaDataNet NetCDF (CF) format for profiles, time series and trajectories can be used next to the SeaDataNet ODV 4 ASCII format in the services of the SeaDataNet infrastructure.

Additional feature types have been defined for the storage of multiple trajectories data like moored ADCP (Feature type = timeseriesProfile) or shipborn ADCP (Feature type = trajectory profile).

## SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION FOR **BIOLOGICAL DATA**

DESCRIPTION OF THE SEADATANET DATA TRANSPORT FORMAT FOR BIOLOGICAL DATA

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TEMPLATE AND EXAMPLES OF BIOLOGICAL DATA FILES (ZIP FILE)

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## SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION FOR **MICROLITTER DATA**

[Format and examples](#) of of ODV data and CDI xml metadata files, they have been prepared in the frame of the EMODnet chemistry project

## SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION FOR **FLOWCYTOMETRY DATA**

[Format and examples](#) of ODV data and CDI xml metadata files

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ABOUT US METADATA DATA ACCESS STANDARDS SOFTWARE PRODUCTS EVENTS PUBLICATIONS

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This file contains : the **general description of an ODV Flow Cytometry (FCM) File** for SeaDataNet and the **detailed description of ODV file Fields** that can be used as well as **an example of FCM dataset** with the CDI metadata (Orange sheets) and the corresponding data in the ODV FCM format (Blue sheets).

Every ODV sheet contains a set of FCM data and has a **HEADER** and a **DATA TABLE**.

The **DATA TABLE** contains the data  
It exists in 2 type of fields: **6 fixed** fields and a various number of **additional** fields.

The **HEADER** describes the fixed and additional fields  
For each of the additional Fields it is required to describe:

- Subject**: This header contains the name of the column header of the additional field, and the prefix 'SDN:LOCAL:' indicating it is a local text string.
- Object**: This header contains the code from the 'SeaDataNet P01 vocabulary', corresponding to the local subject (codes available at <http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/P01/current/>).
- Units**: This header describes the units corresponding to the object, according to SeaDataNet P06 vocabulary (available at <http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/P06/current/>).
- Instruments**: This header should be entered optionally for the relevant datafields. It corresponds with SeaDataNet L22 vocabulary (available at <http://vocab.nerc.ac.uk/collection/L22/current/>).

**OBJECTIVE:**  
This format enables NODC's to make FCM data accessible using SeaDataNet infrastructure and makes it possible for NODC's to use SeaDataNet to exchange FCM data

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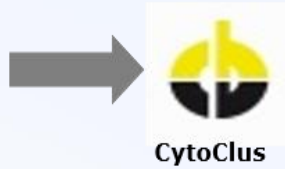
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# Ingestion into SDN

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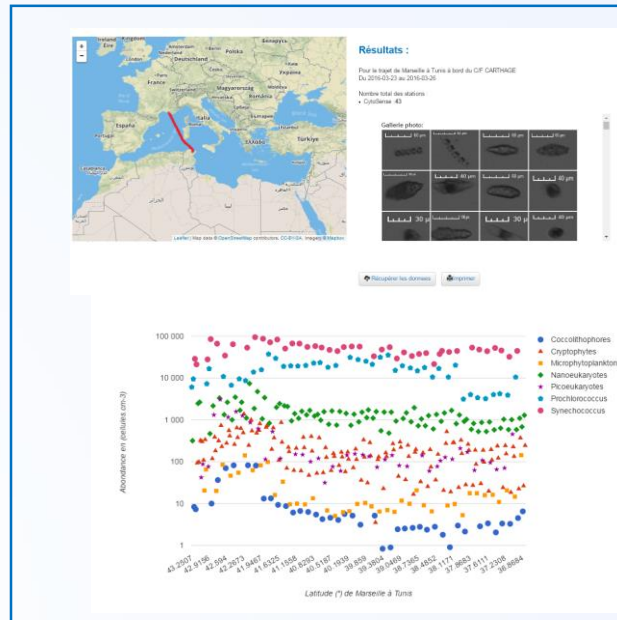


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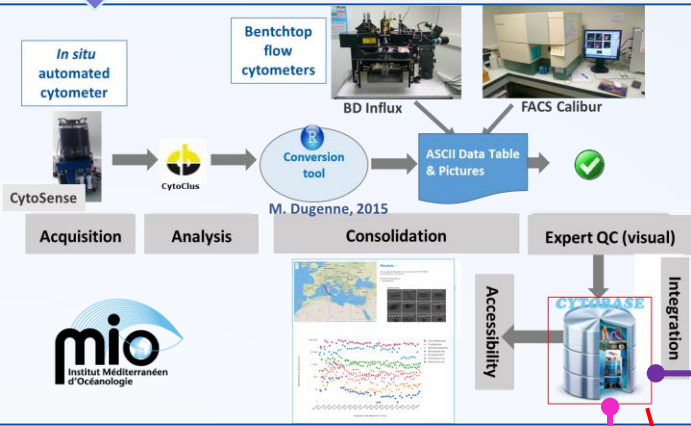


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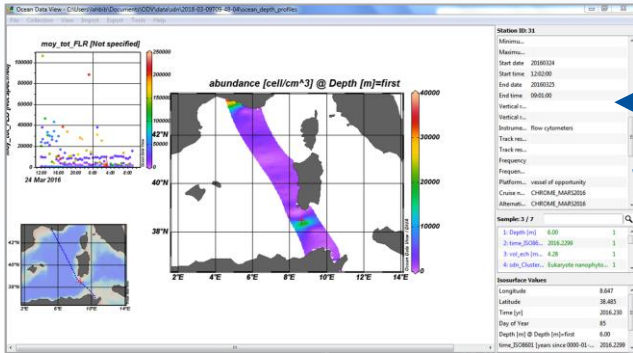
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## Metadata generation



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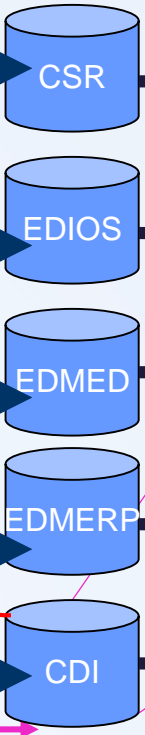
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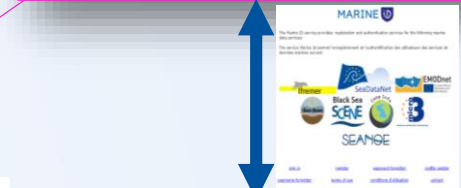
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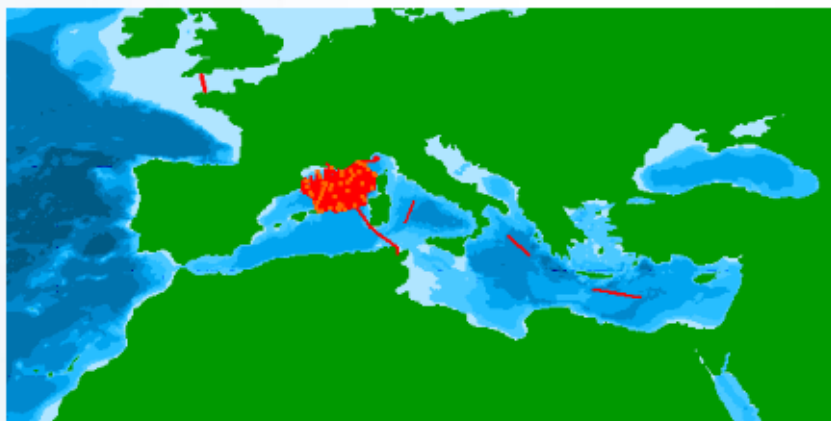
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OCEAN DATA VIEW ASCII FORMAT

### TOOLS

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### LAYER CONTROL

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- Regional sea labels
- Display all selected records
- Only selected records in results list

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## Conclusion

- ▶ FCM data are ingested into SeaDataNet infrastructure
- ▶ Whatever the instrument used → Common Vocabulary (CV)
- ▶ Decide on a group of experts interested in contributing to the vocabulary work and decide on a co-ordinator
- ▶ Update is possible/The BODC Vocabulary Editor webpage: [https://www.bodc.ac.uk/resources/vocabularies/vocabulary\\_editor/](https://www.bodc.ac.uk/resources/vocabularies/vocabulary_editor/)
- ▶ BODC is setting up some repositories on GitHub for each individual collection and F02 will have its own too. So this could be used to share and discuss issues more widely.



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