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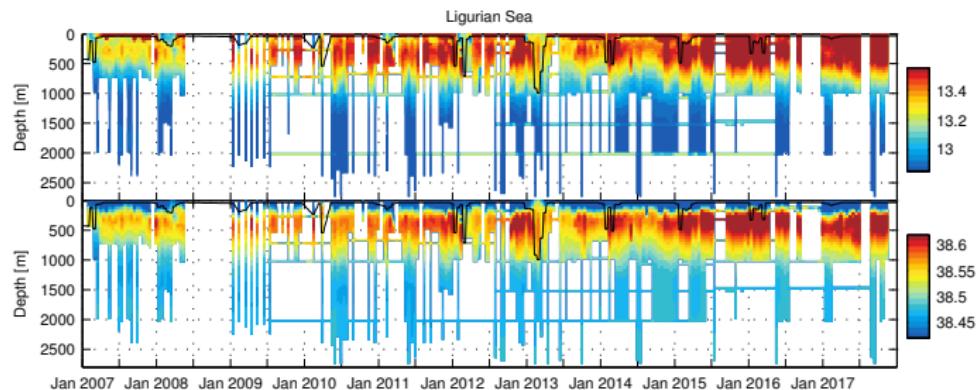
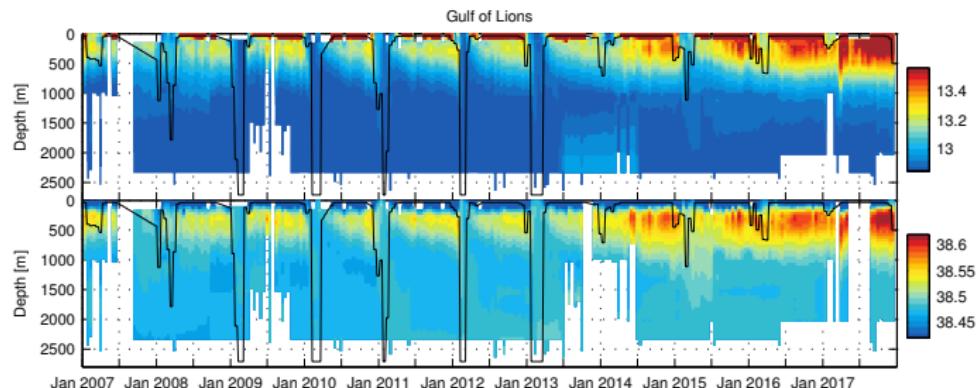
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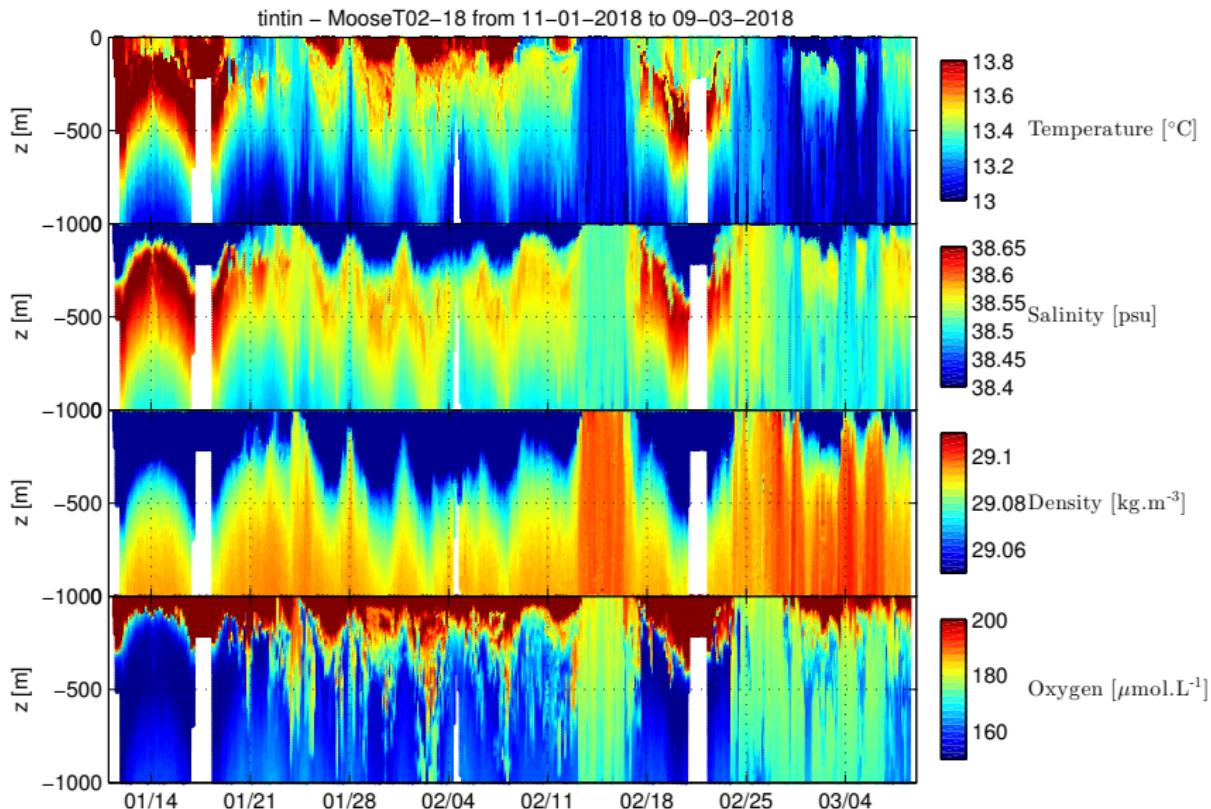
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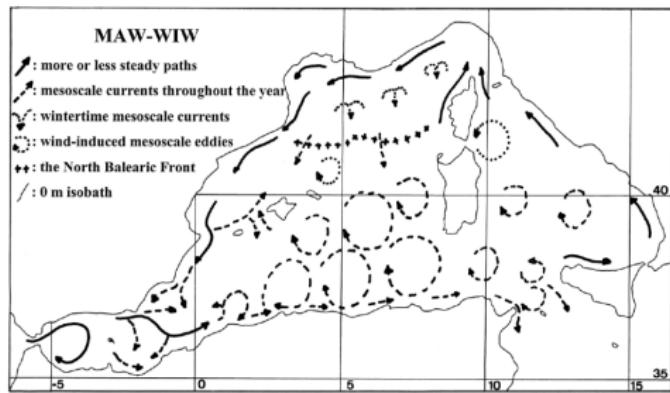
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Good news – 2018 is a deep convective year

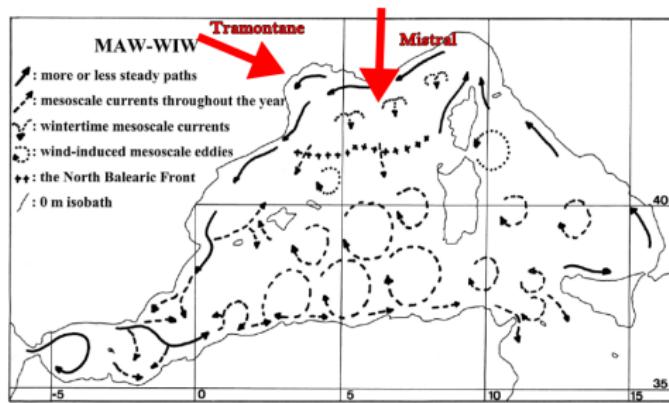


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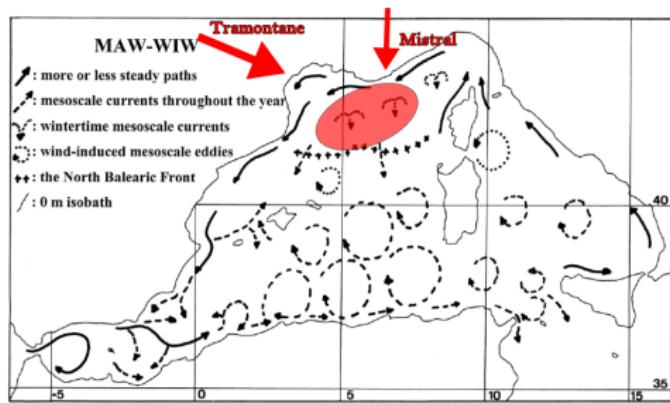
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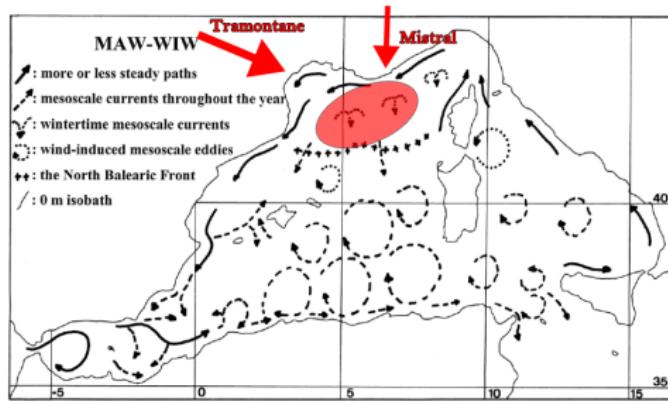
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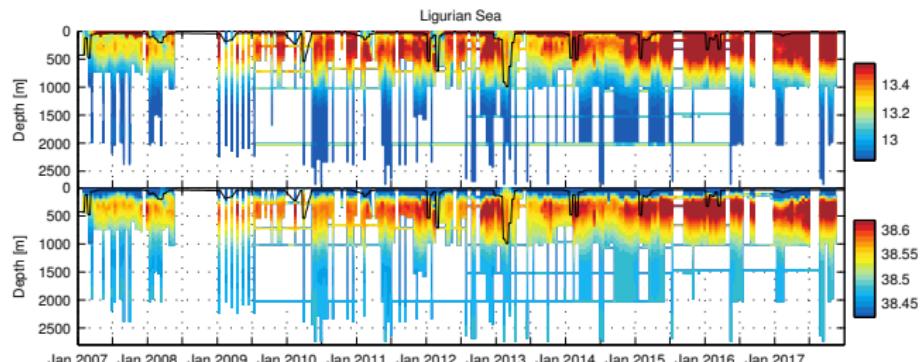
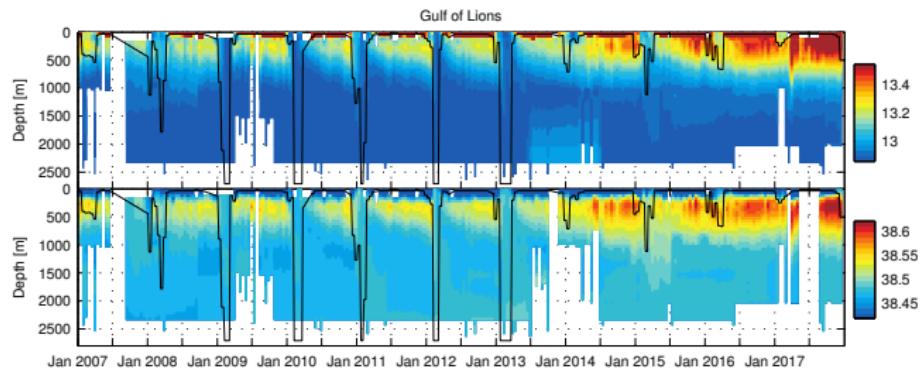


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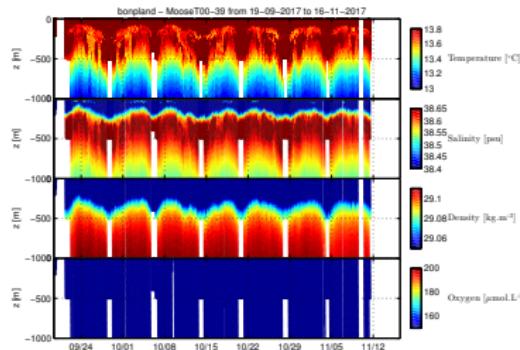
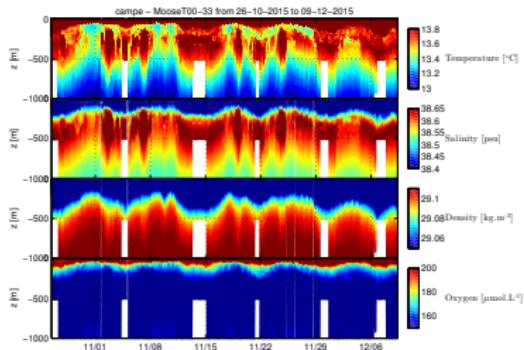
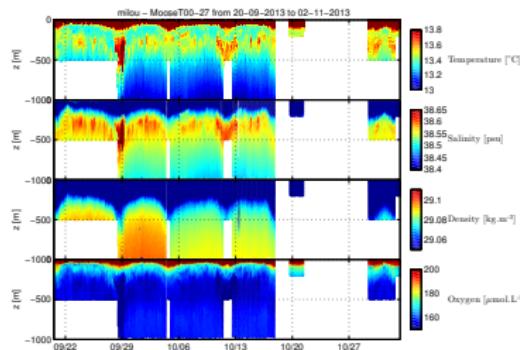
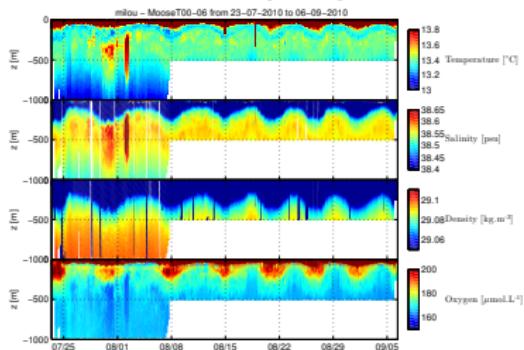
Deep convection

- ▶ thermohaline circulation
- ▶ ventilation
- ▶ hard to observe
- ▶ JGR special issue

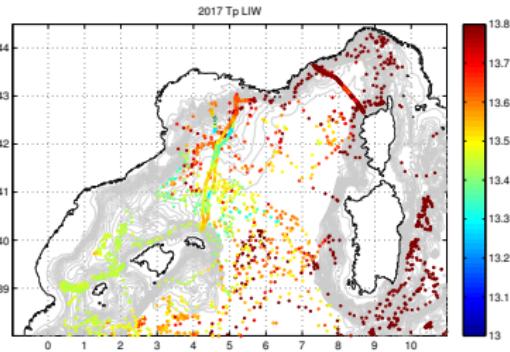
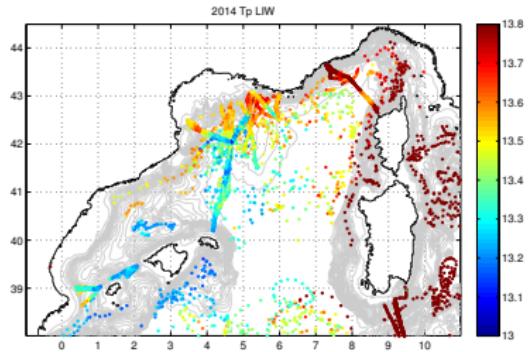
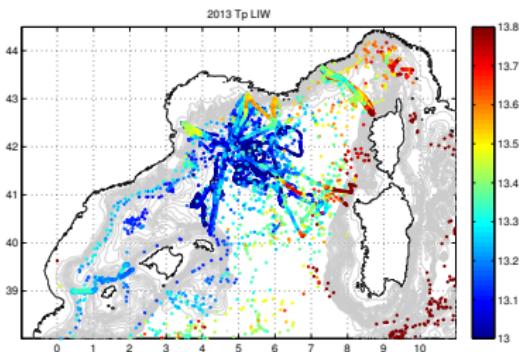
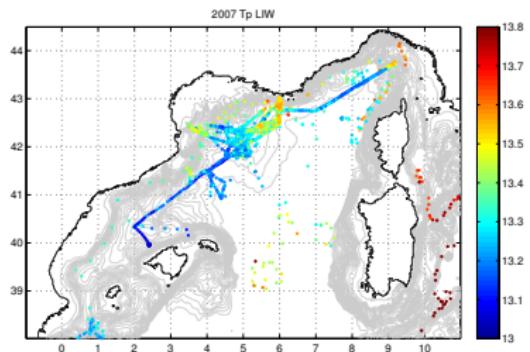
Mooring view : heat and salt content



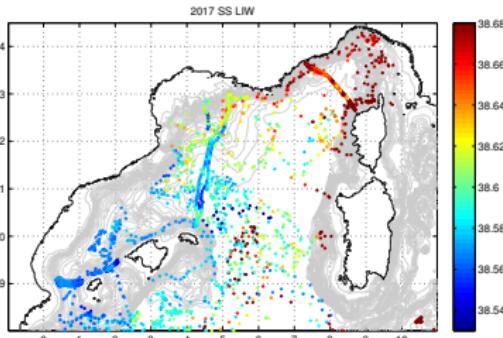
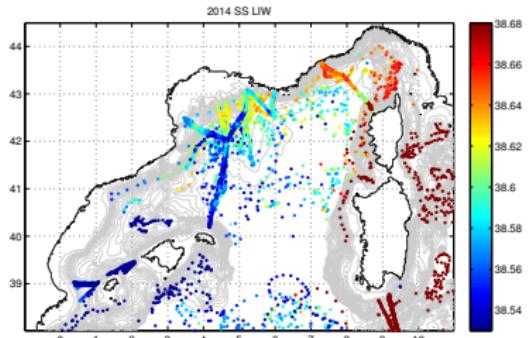
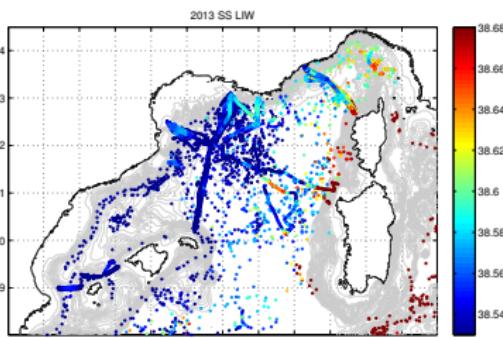
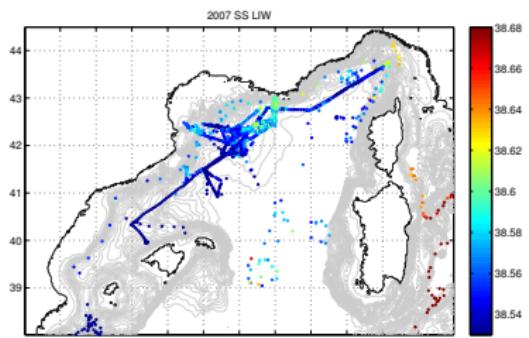
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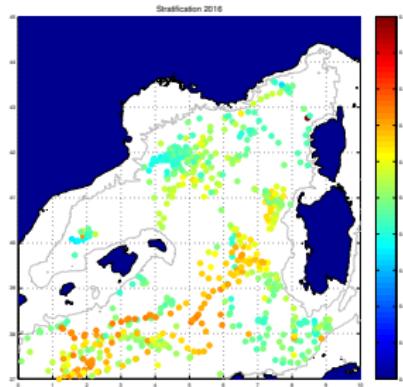
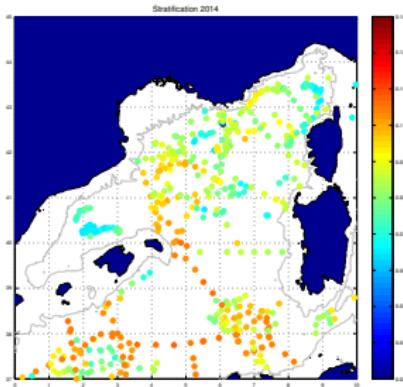
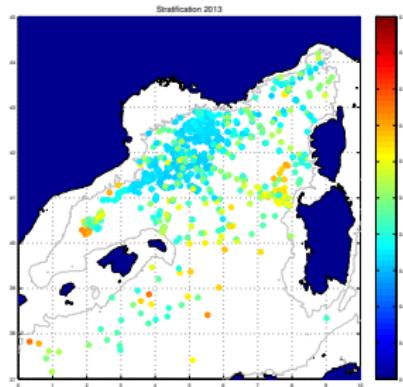
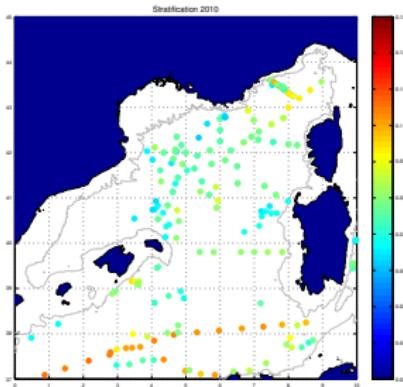
LIW temperature



LIW salinity

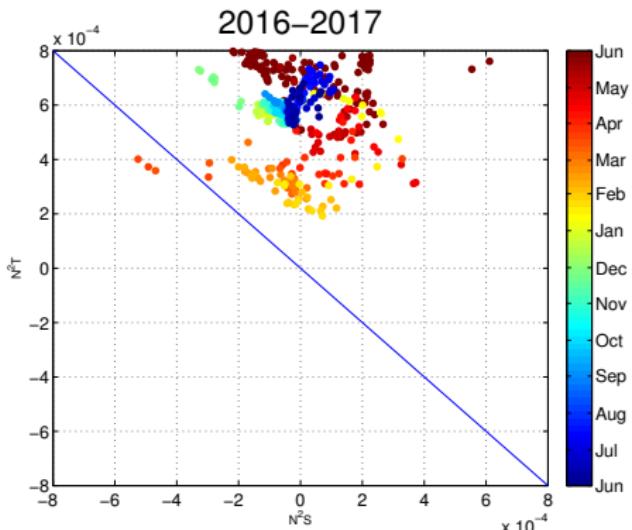
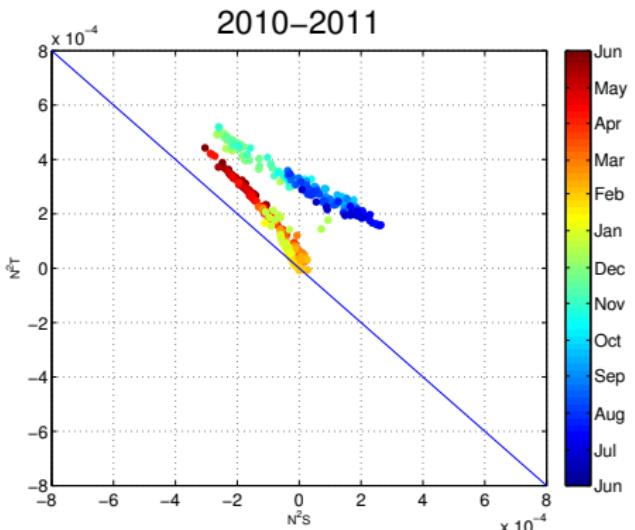


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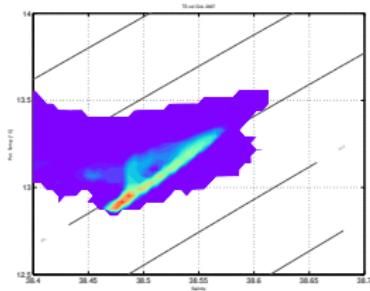
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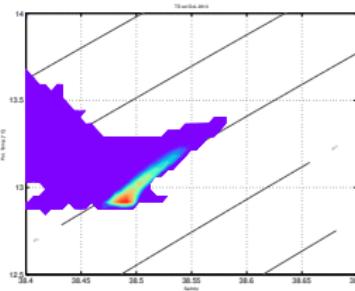


Volumetric TS diagrams in the Gulf of Lions

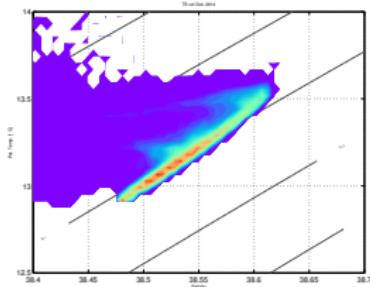
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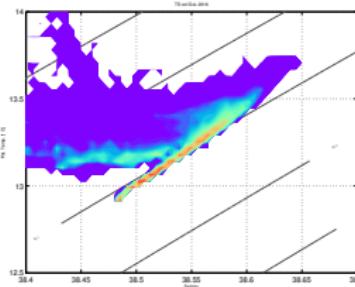
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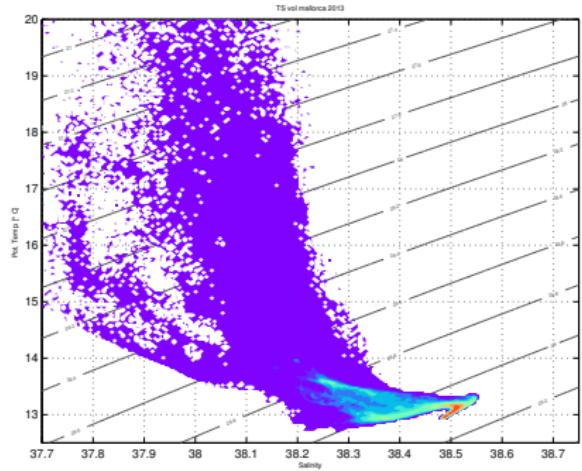


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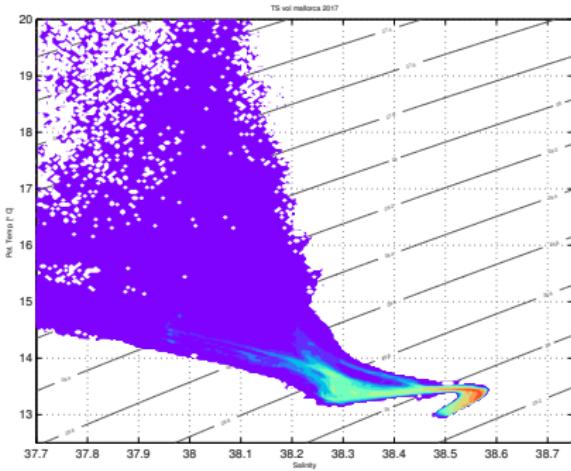


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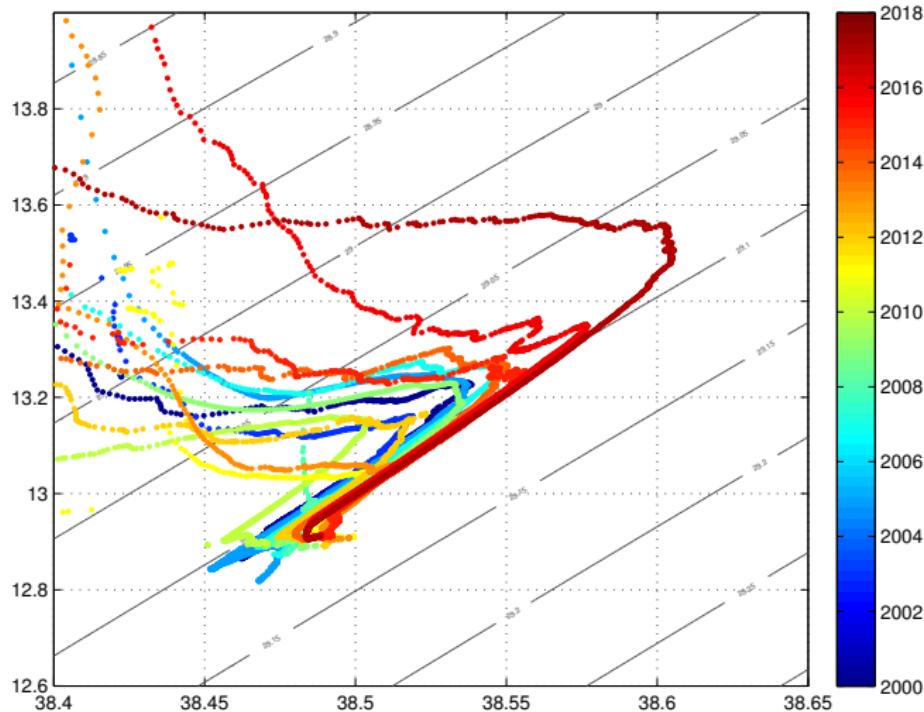


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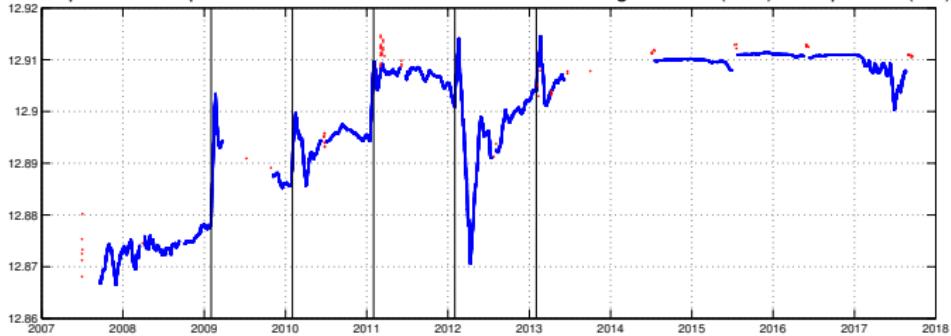
Yearly TS diagrams in the Gulf of Lions

TS 2000–2018

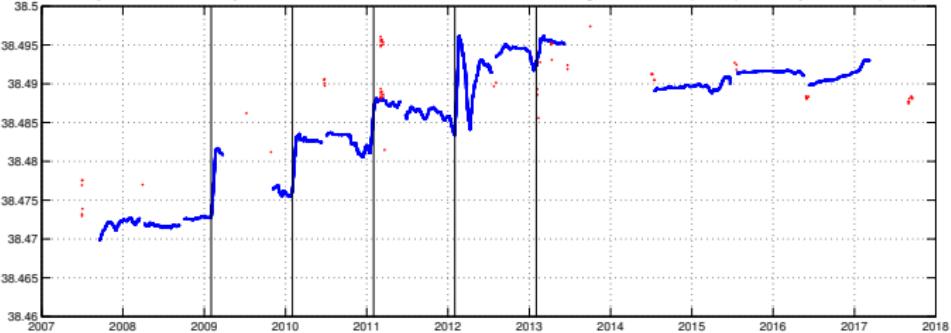


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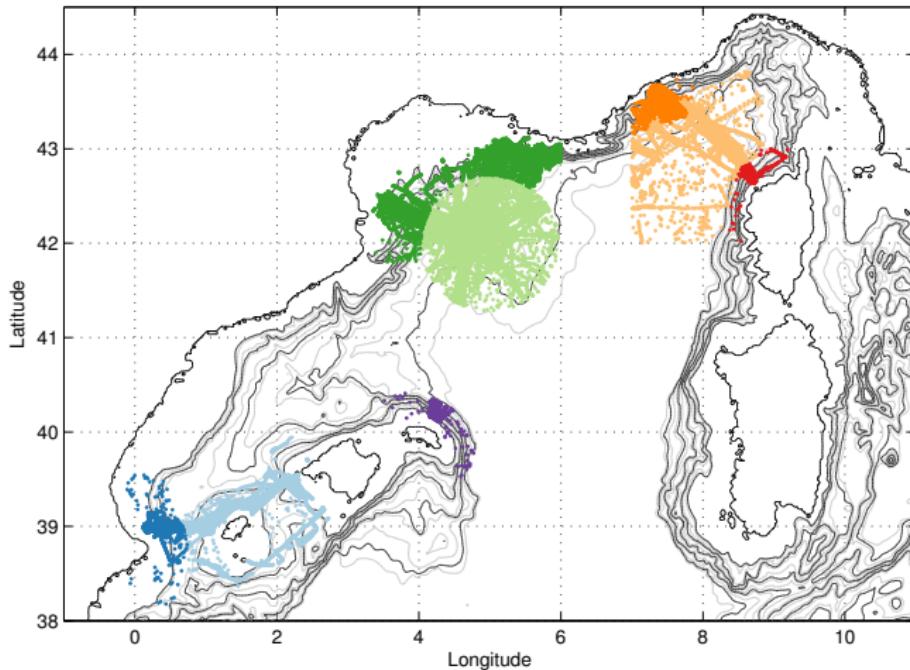
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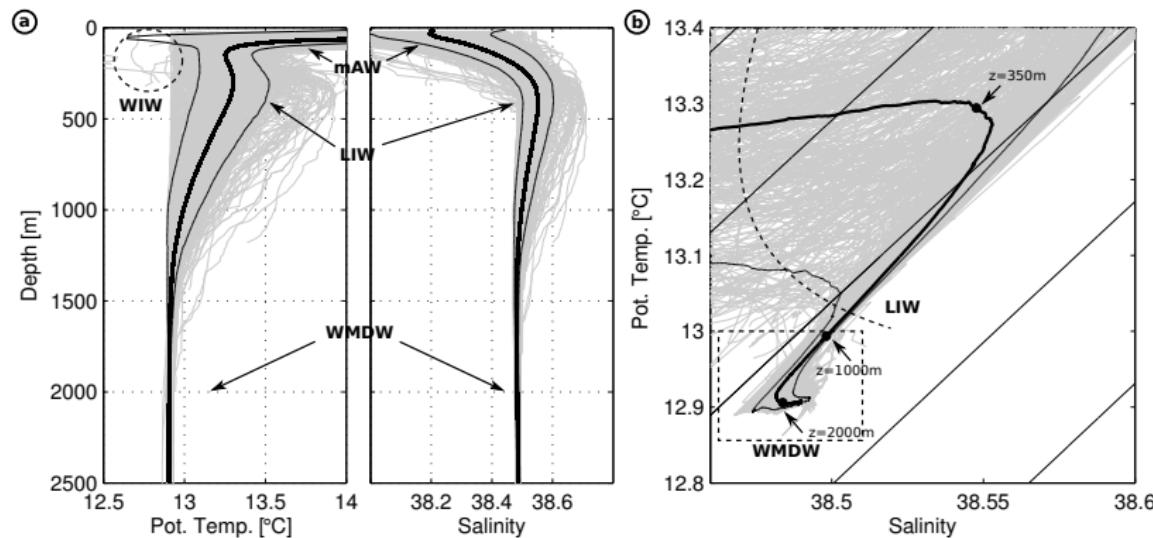
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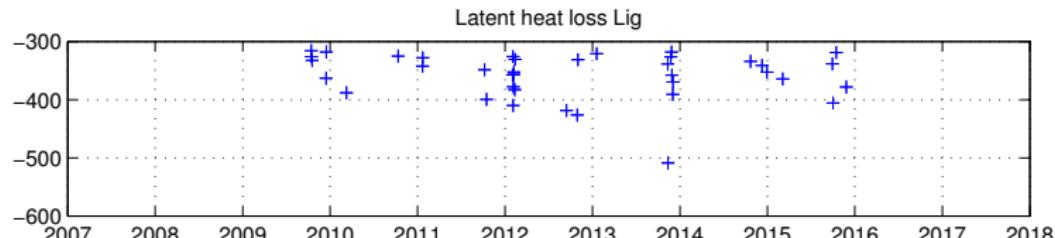
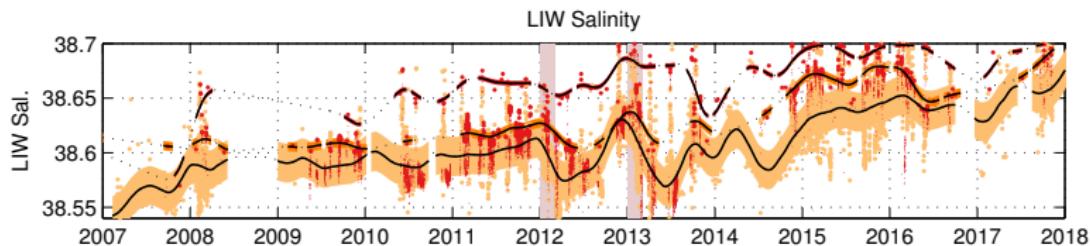
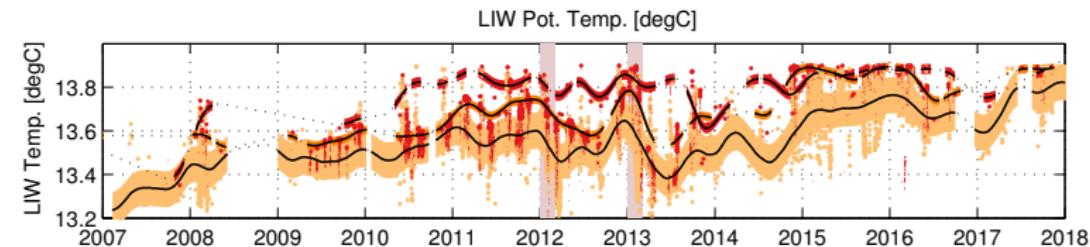
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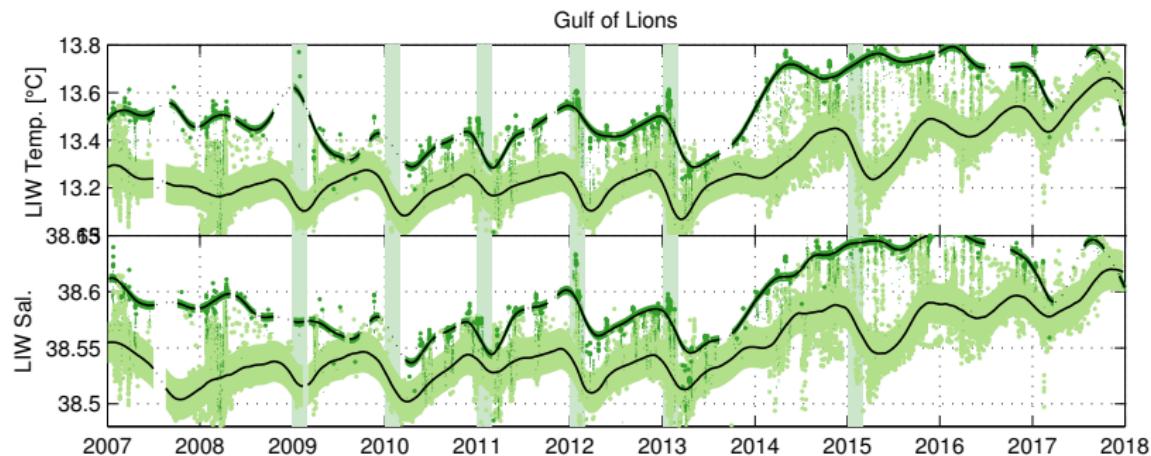
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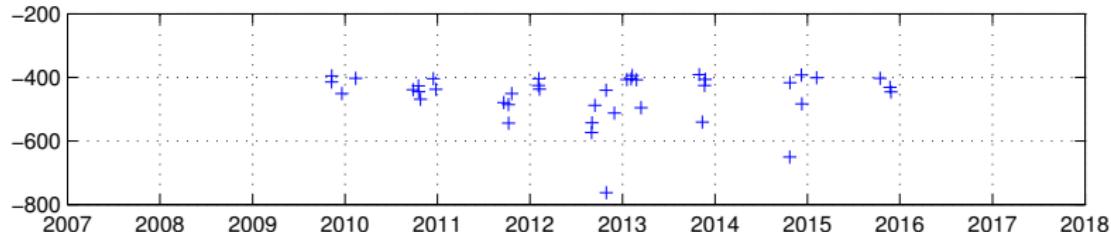
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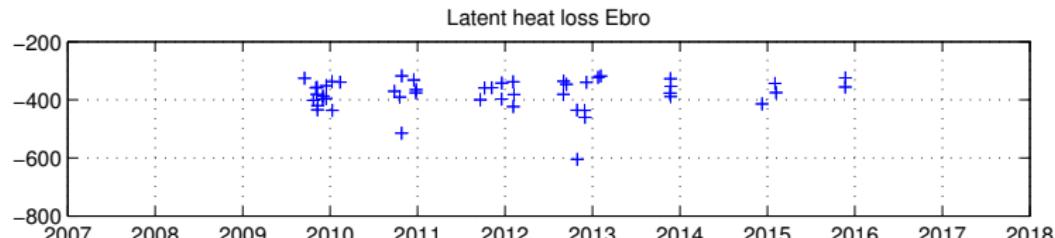
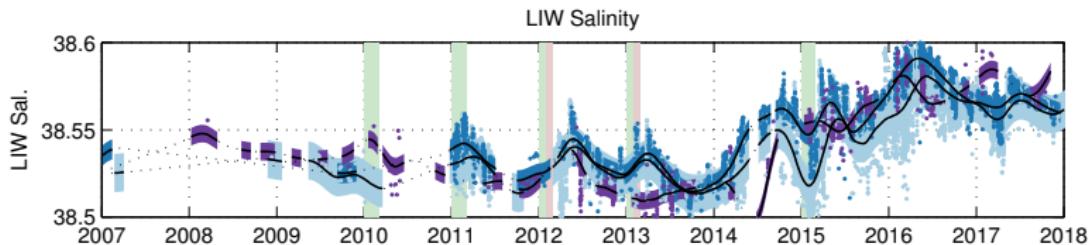
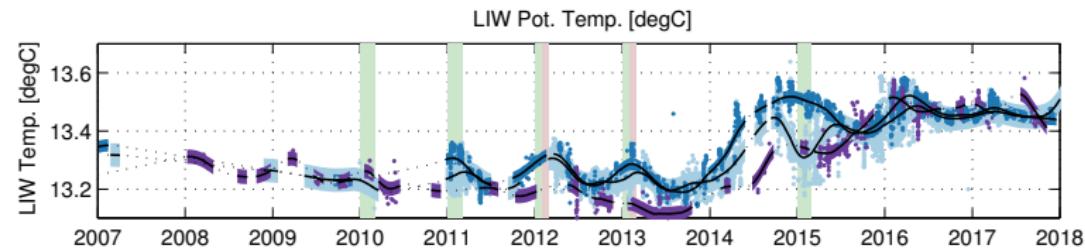
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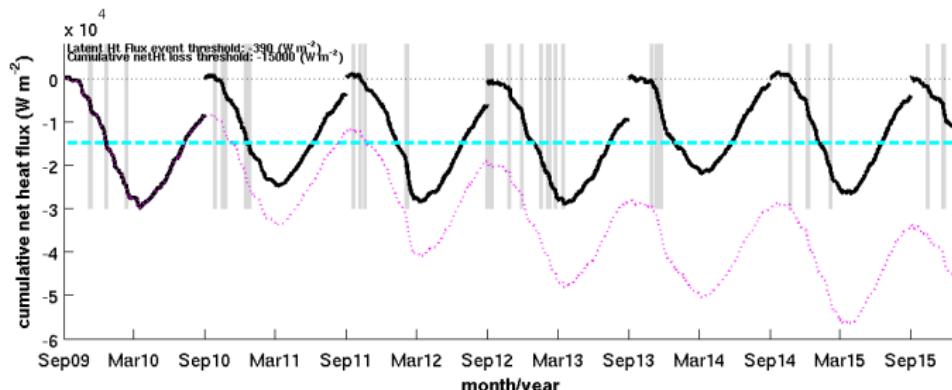
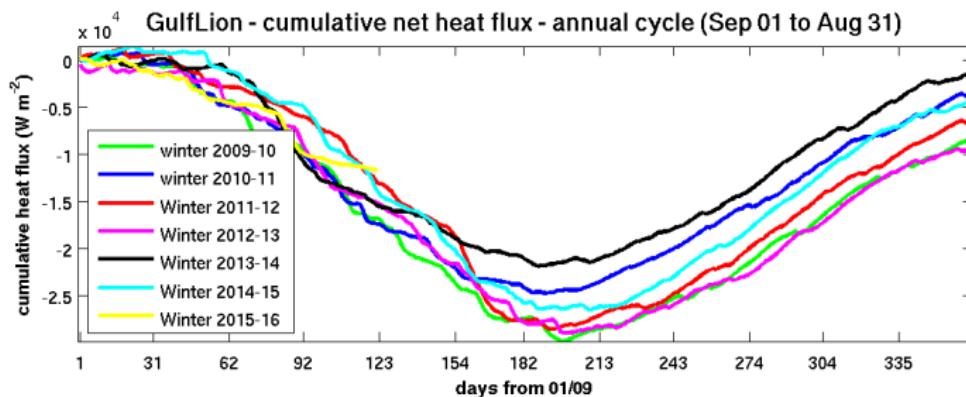
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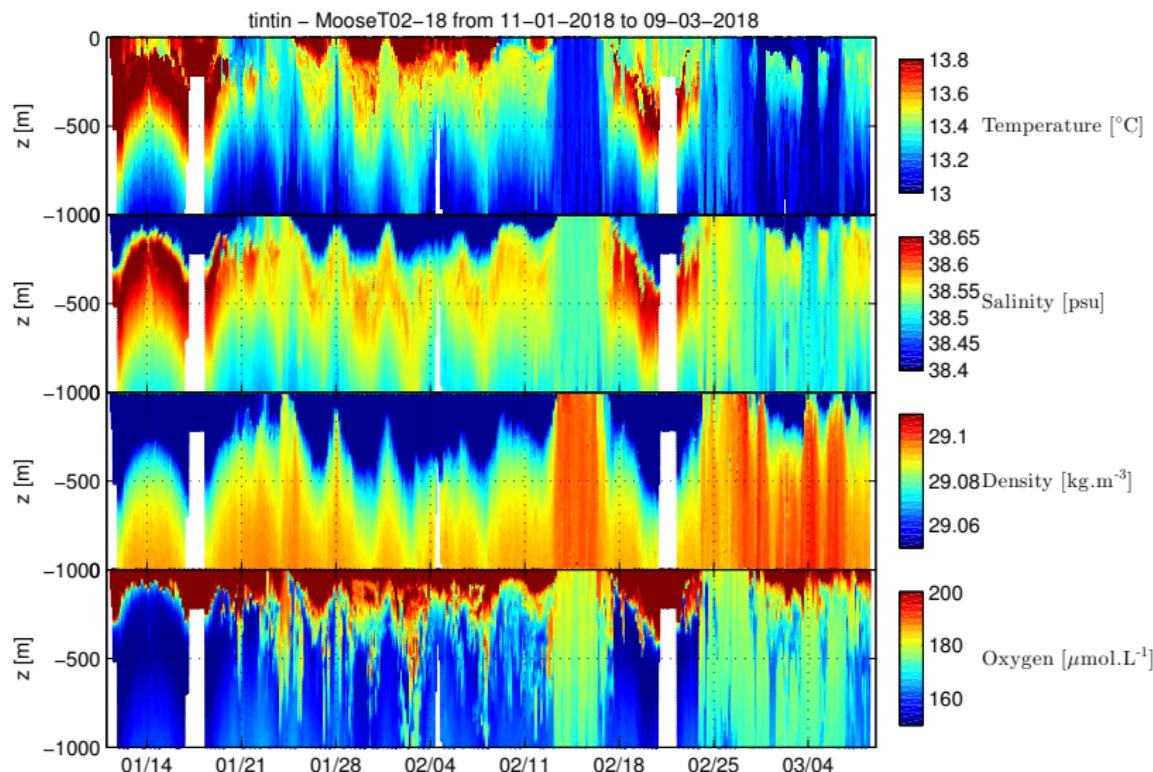
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Fluxes in the Gulf of Lions

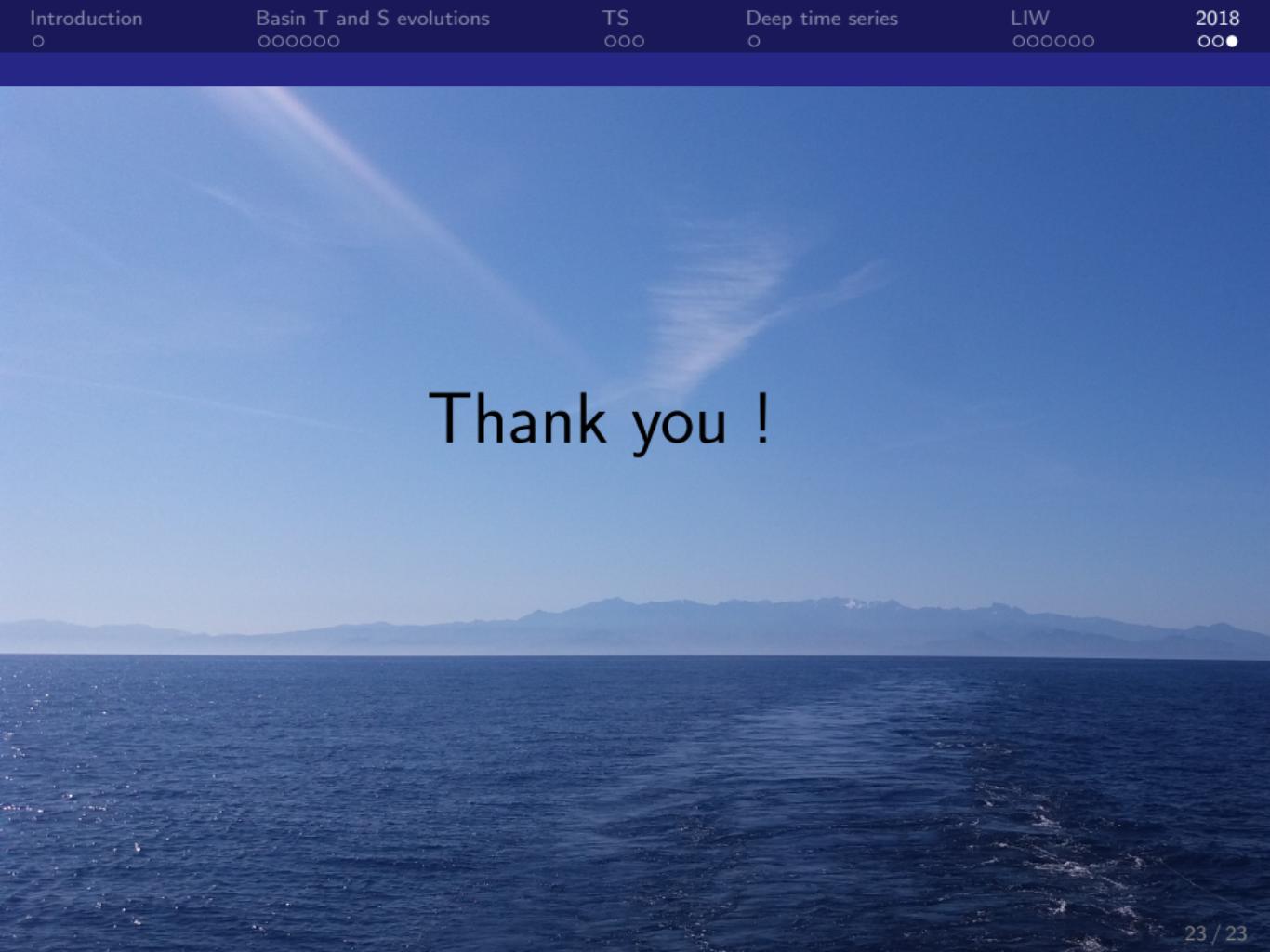


2018 Deep convective year !



2018 deep convection

- ▶ Argo floats and glider suggest $13^{\circ}\text{C} - 38.5\text{psu}$ deep waters in the Gulf of Lions
- ▶ Ventilation for the first time in 4 years
- ▶ Ligurian sea ventilated as well (800m convection) - will take more time to refill the LIW content
- ▶ Warmer and Saltier deep waters than ever !



A photograph of a calm sea under a clear blue sky. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible across the horizon. The water is dark blue and shows some small ripples.

Thank you !