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## Particle transport in the central Ionian Sea

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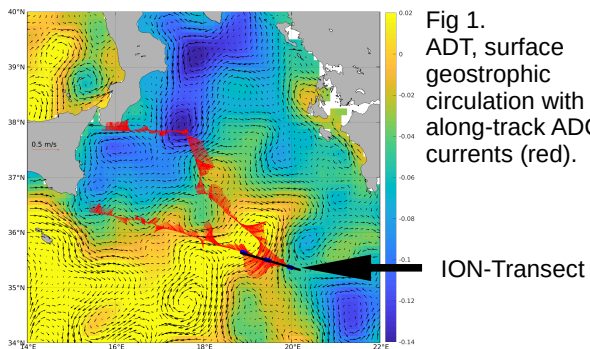
## Introduction

Ionian Sea considered as oligotrophic, but at the crossroad of 3 main water masses, with complex surface circulation.

Few data on horizontal particle distribution.

## Methods

- High resolution sampling using MVP mounted with CTD-LOPC-Fluorometer (end of May 2017)
- Hull mounted ADCP
- Regular CTD stations and underway flow cytometry
- Backward Lagrangian tracking w/geostrophic velocity
- Satellite SST and Chl-a



## Main findings

- Strong particle abundance heterogeneity at short scales
- Long distance suspended particle transport as hypothesis
- 3 regions of origin, with different particle [C]: Western Ionian (Atlantic Water) with moderate particle [C], Northern Ionian with high particle [C], eddy with low particle [C]

Fig 2. Distribution of variables along ION-Transsect

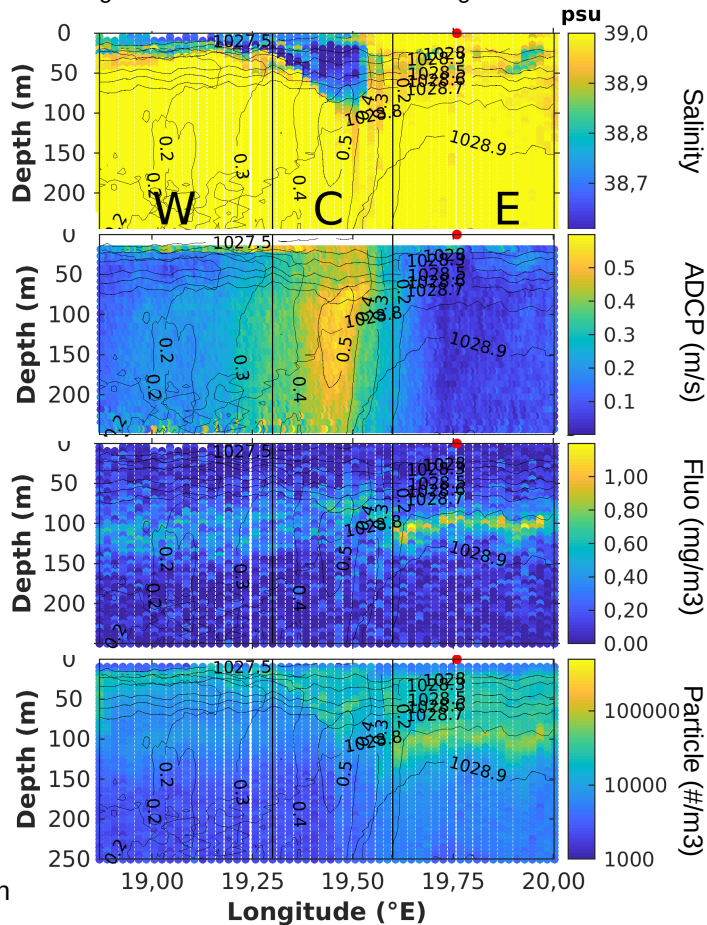


Fig 3. Backward Lagrangian simulations. Seeding in white polygon. Positions of numerical particles one month before sampling (black dots), and trajectories splitted by main origin (colors)

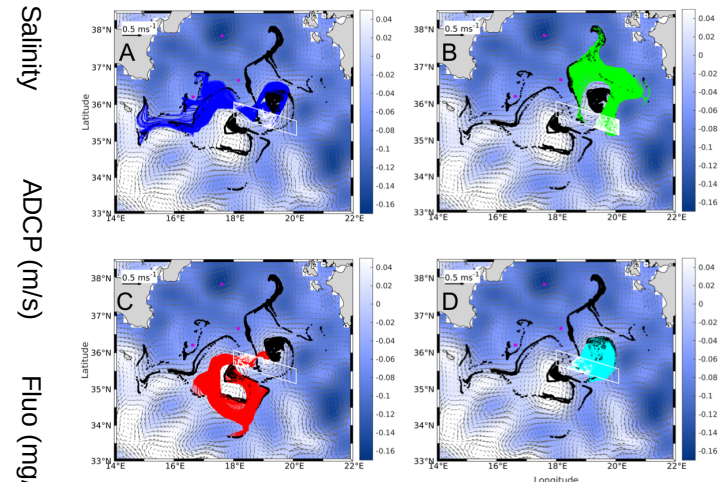
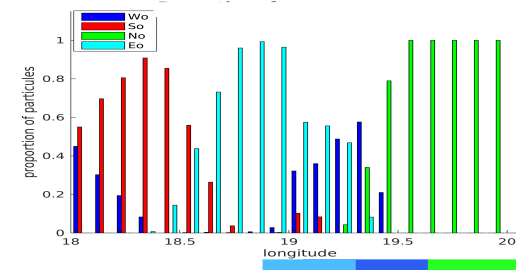


Fig 4. Along transect proportion of each particle origin from Lagrangian tracking



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PEACETIME cruise in late spring (May 2017)  
Northern and center Ionian Sea.

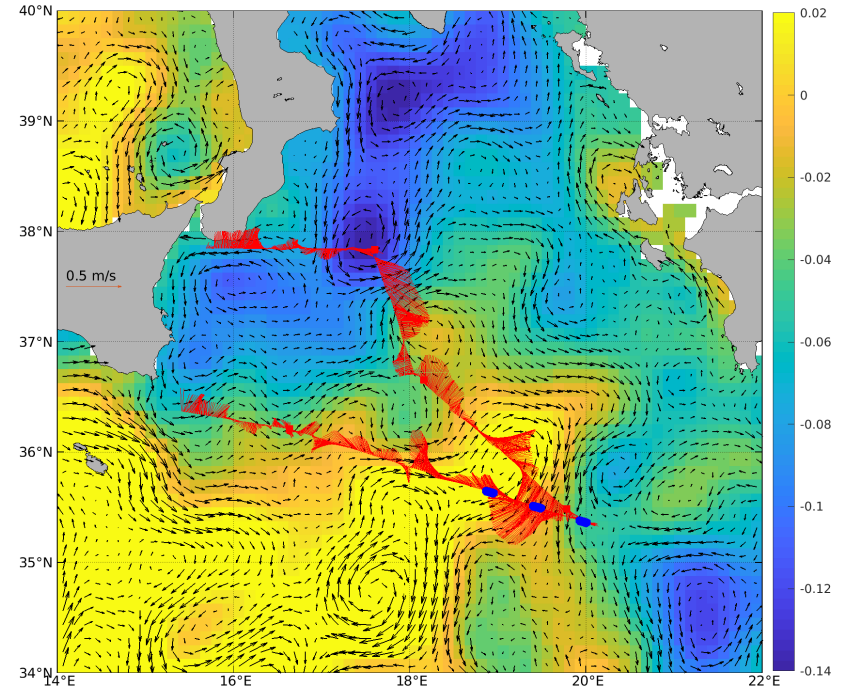
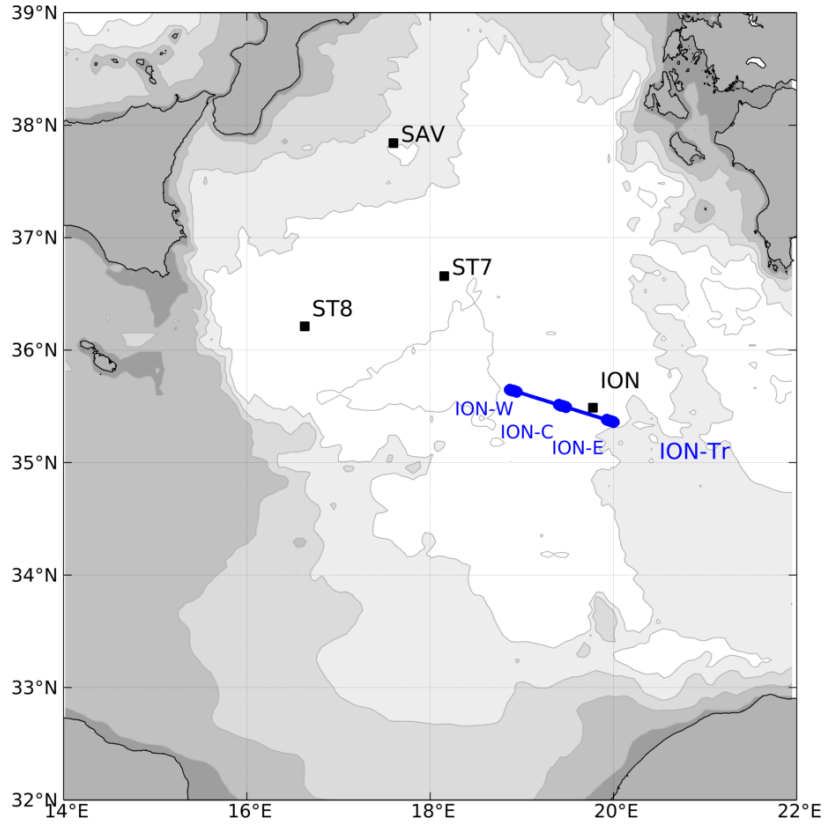
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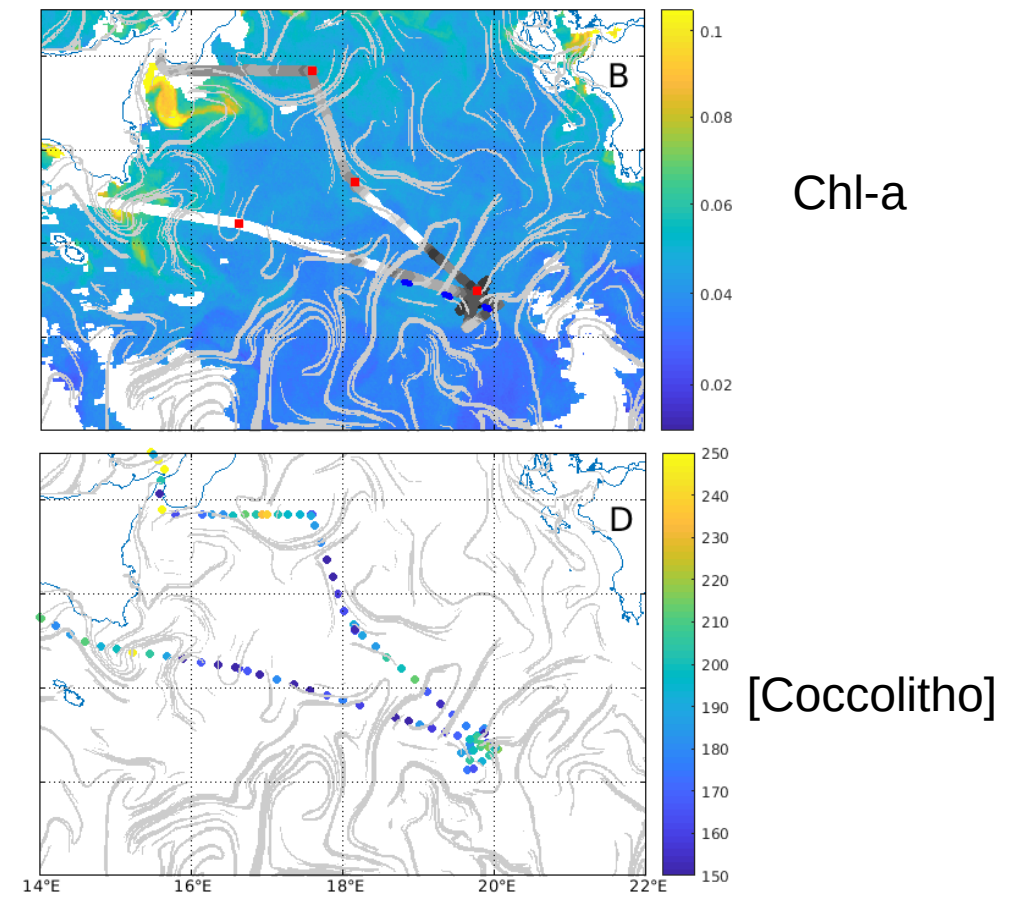
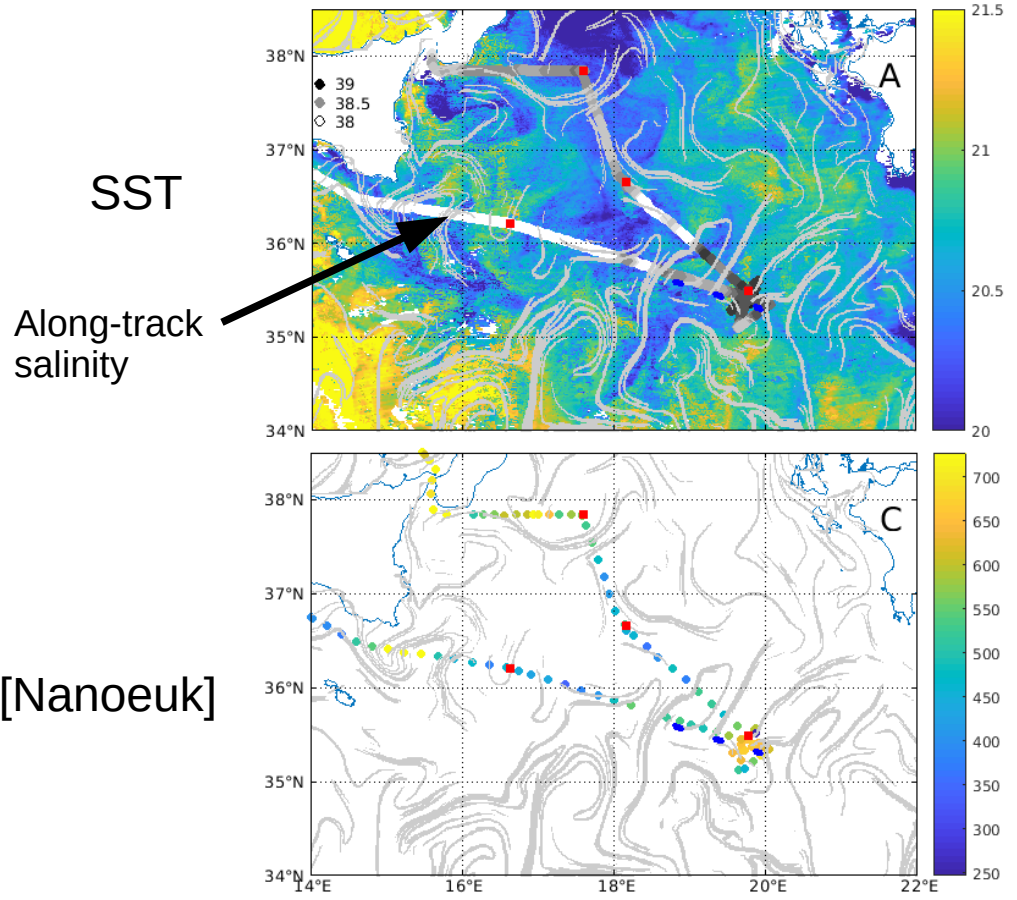
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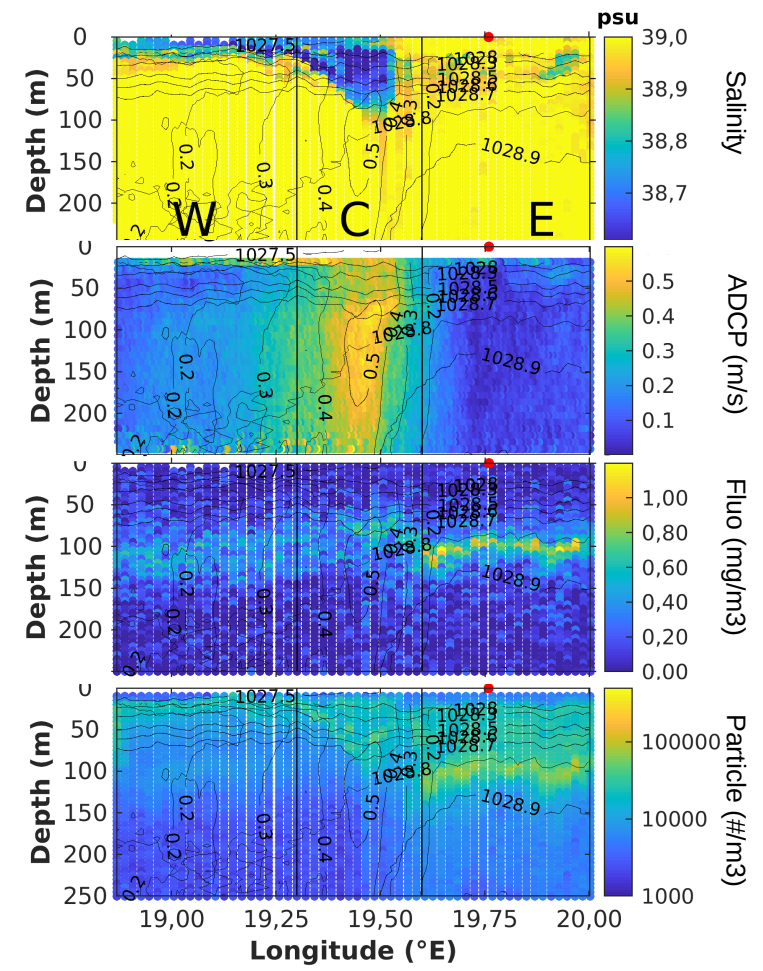
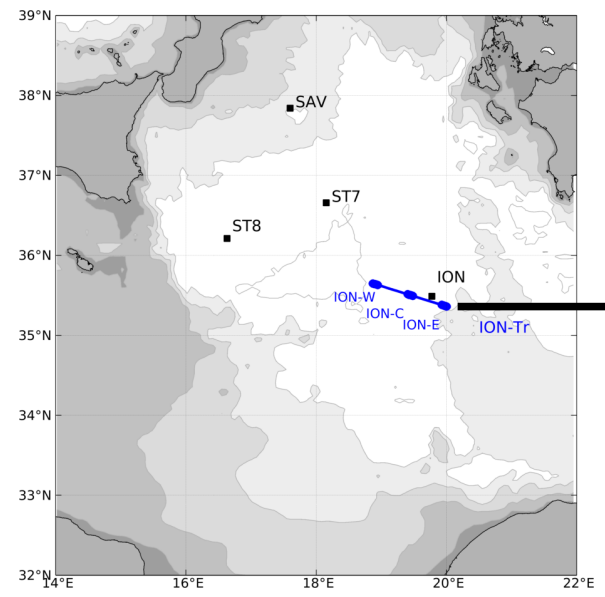
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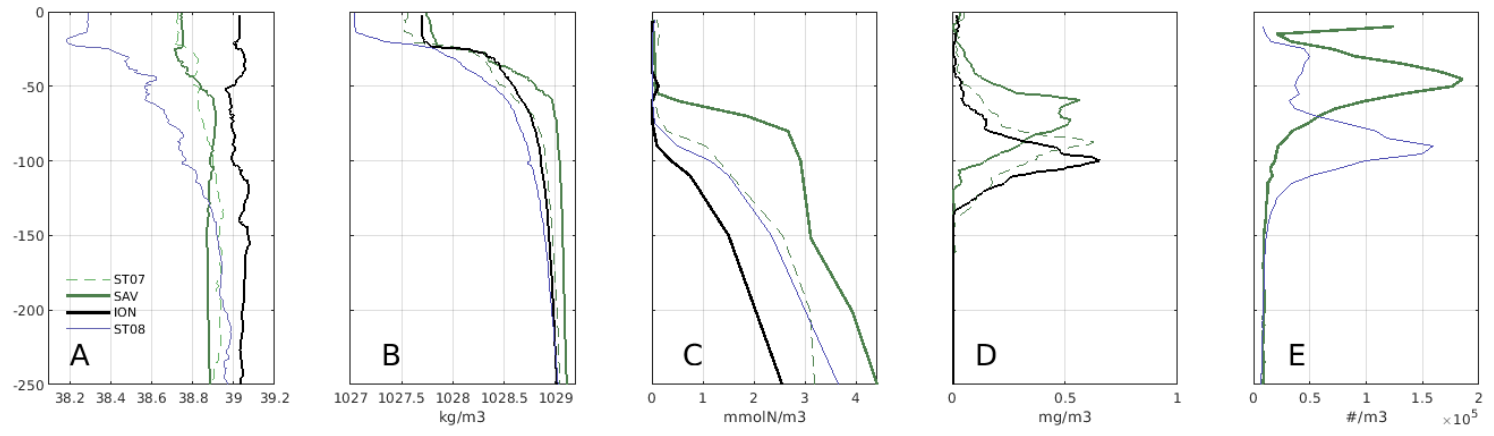
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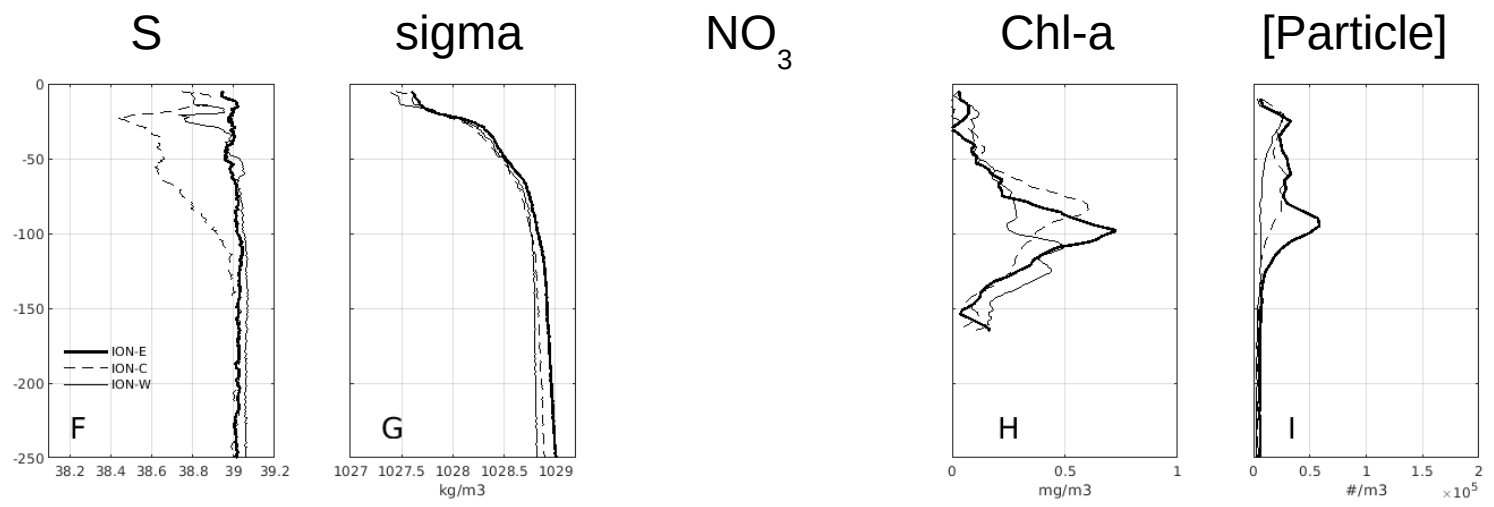




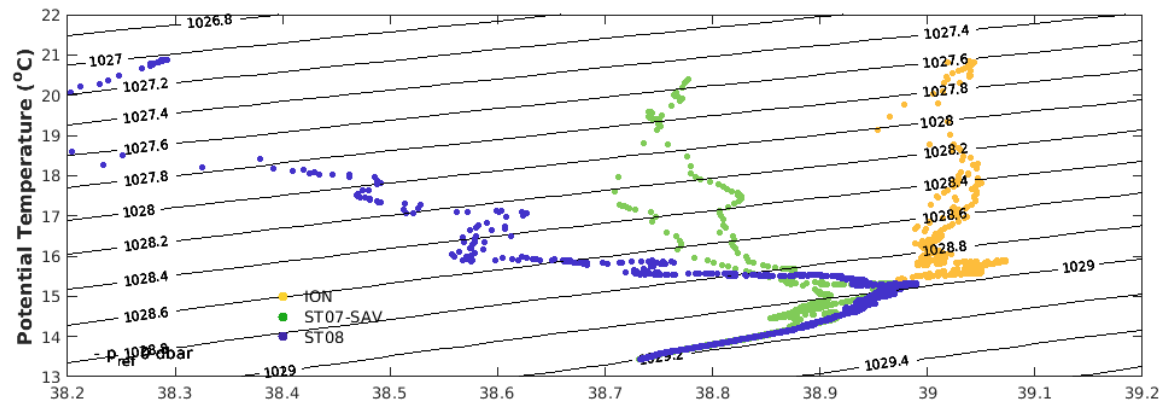
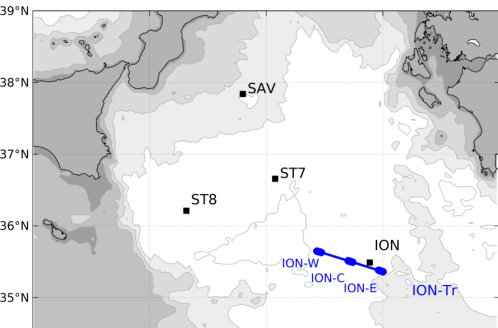




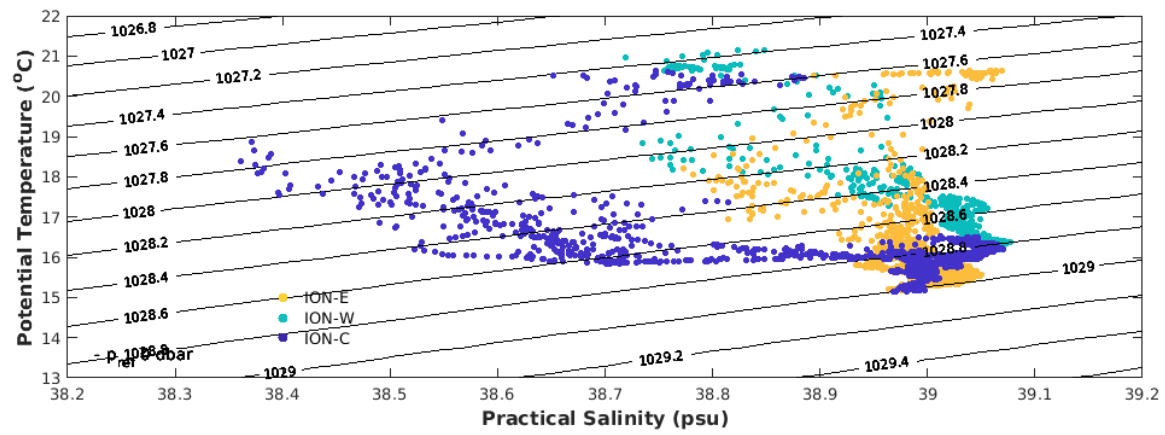
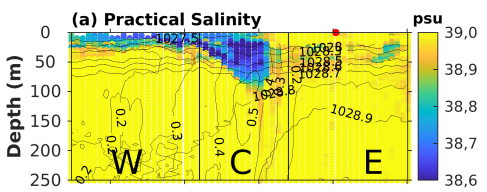
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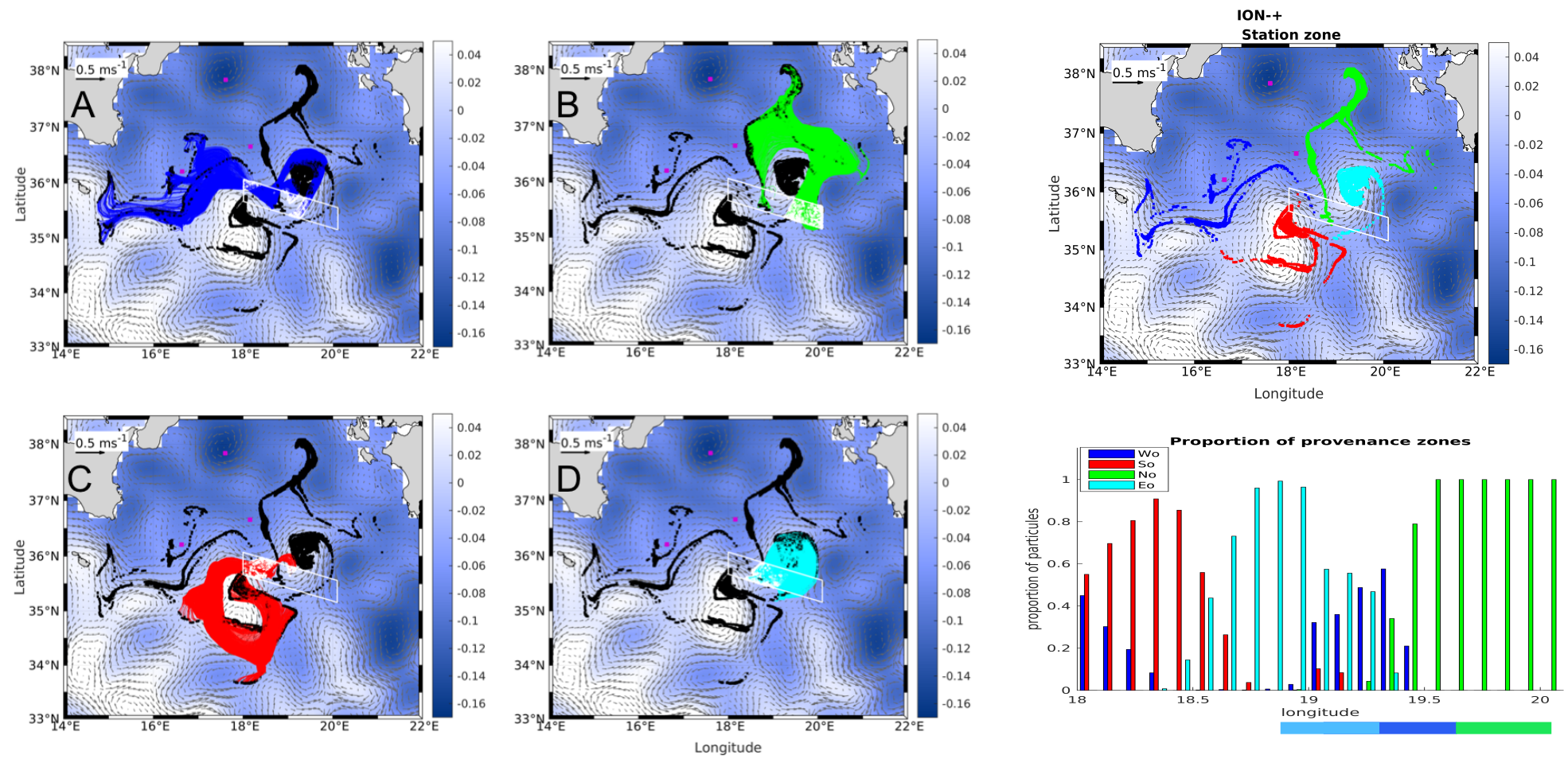


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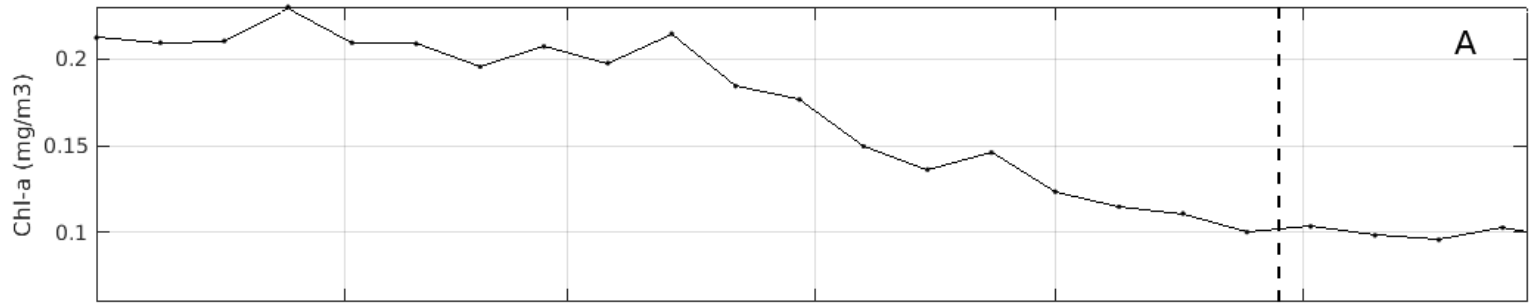


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- Particle properties (abundance, size distribution) as a proxy for water mass biological history

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Chl-a



SST

