

# SOLAS Update Overview:

- Brief Program Overview
- Cooperation with GEOTRACES
- Carbon coordination (with IMBER, IOCCP, OCB, NACP)
- New initiatives, planning with coordination



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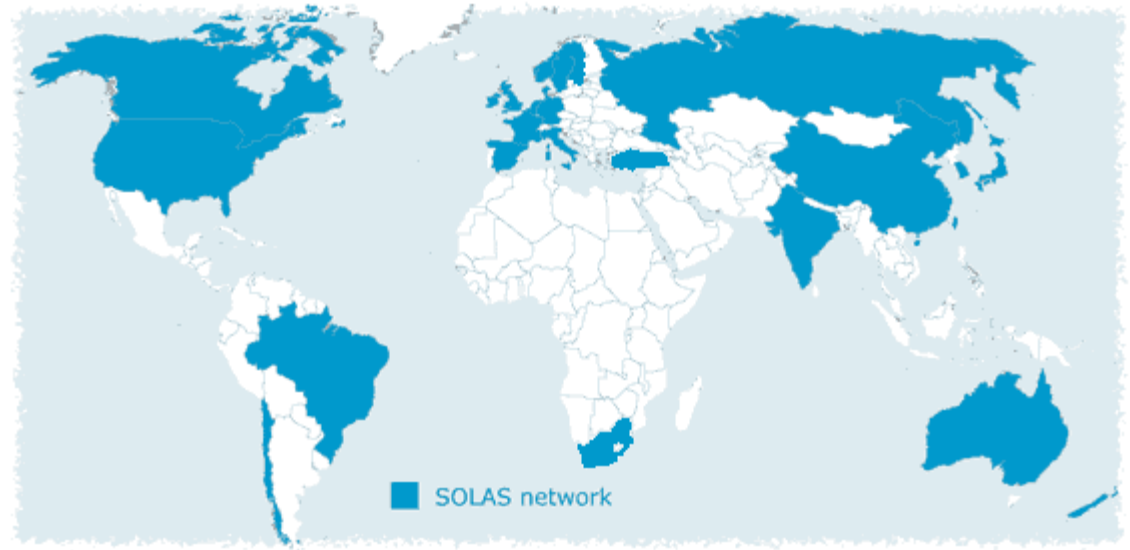
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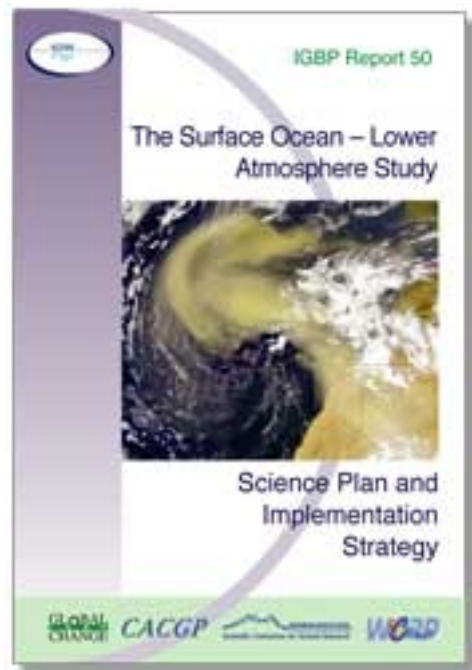


# SOLAS Community

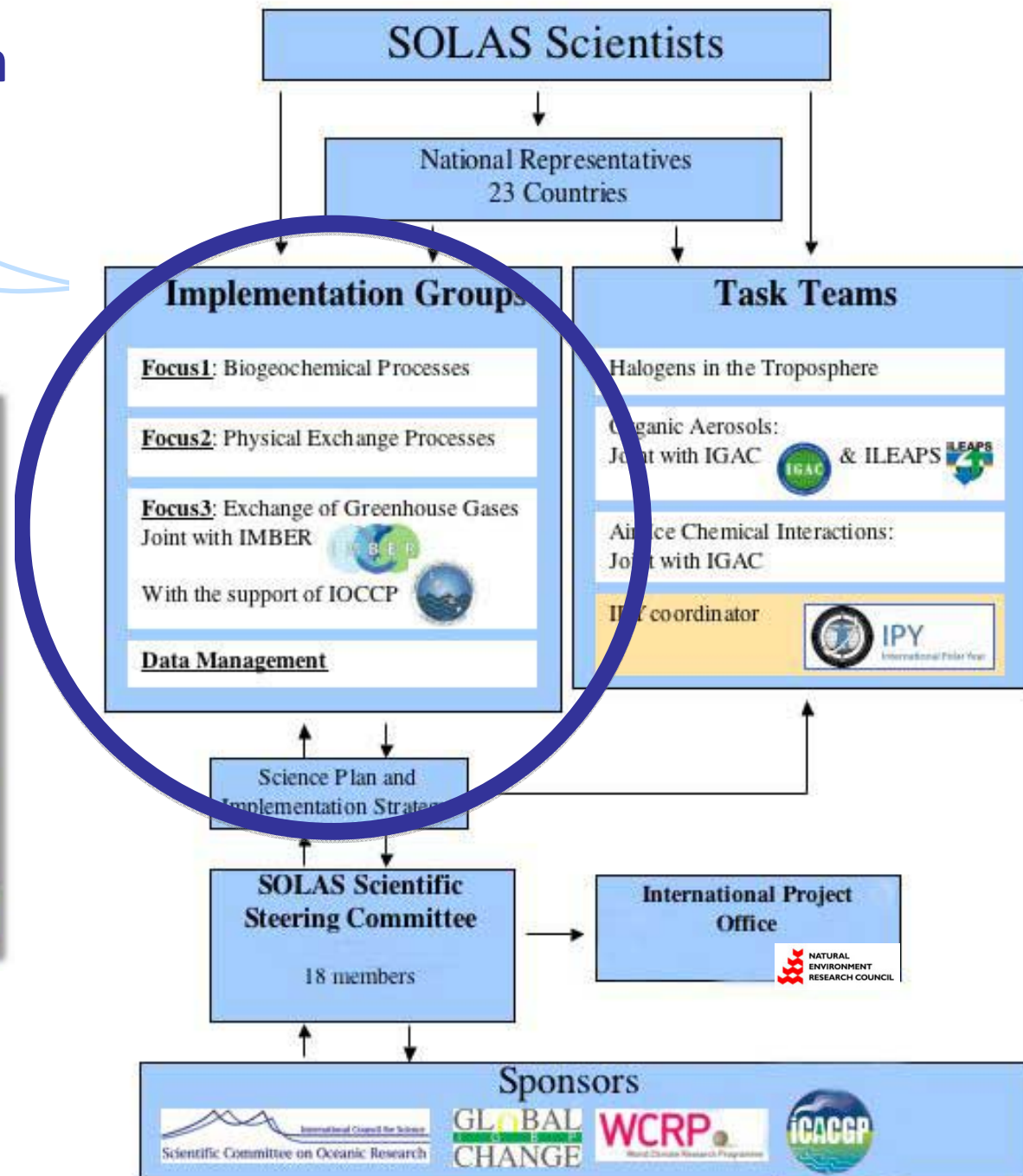
- SOLAS Network from 26 countries
- National representatives and/or national coordinators
- SSC members from 12 countries
- SOLAS Science Plan published 2004.  
10 year program



# Implementation Groups



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in close collaboration with the International Ocean Carbon Coordination Project (IOCCP)



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The United States Surface Ocean-Lower Atmosphere Study



# The United States Surface Ocean- Lower Atmosphere Study Science Implementation Strategy



Science Implementation Strategy

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# SOLAS Mid-Term Strategic Planning (underway)

Coordinated, Cross-Cutting Issues suited to  
Coordinated International Research

Surface Ocean Lower Atmosphere Observations

Atmospheric control on nutrient cycling/productivity

Air-sea gas fluxes at Eastern boundary upwelling systems

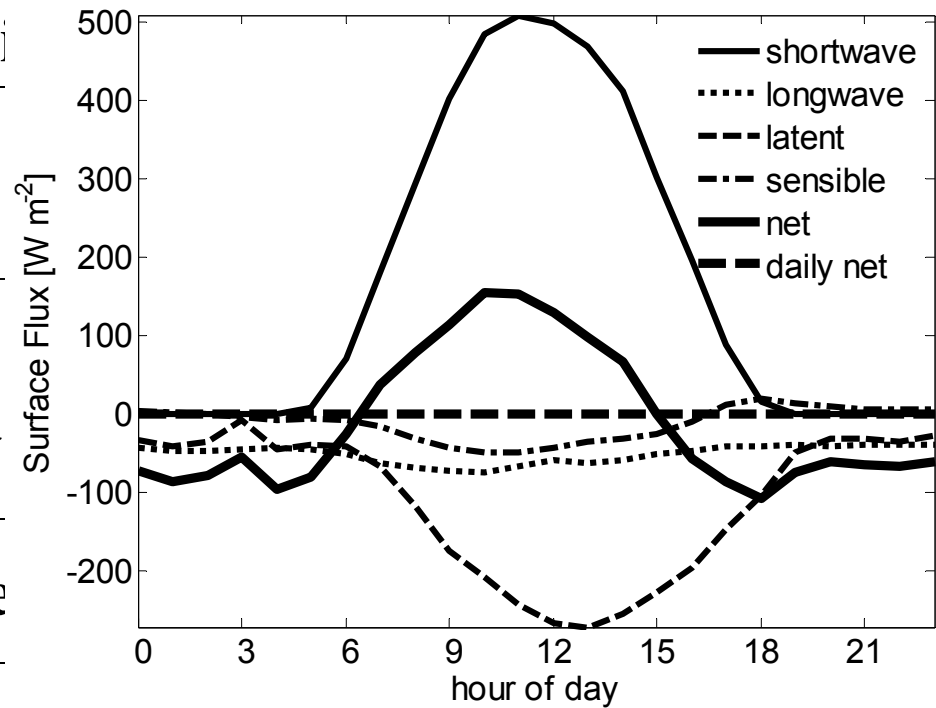
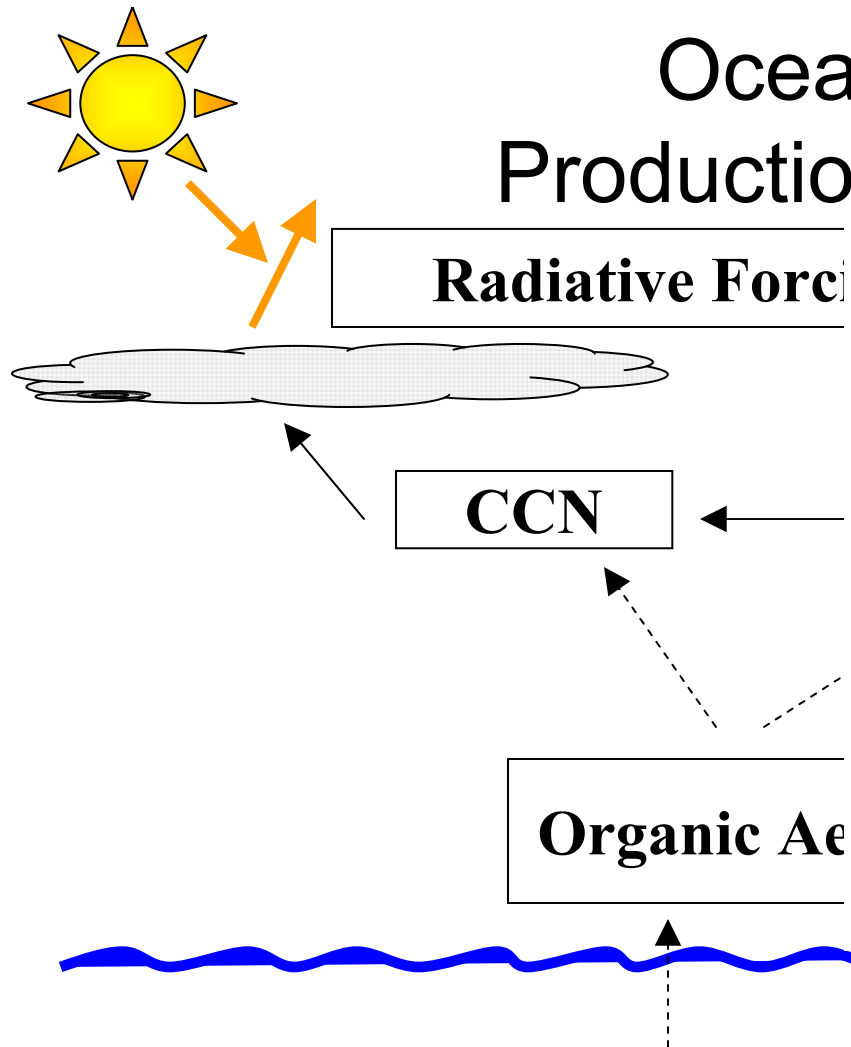
Sea ice as a habitat, reaction surface and barrier

Marine aerosol formation

Ship plumes

Large scale experiments for hypothesis testing

# Ocean-Derived Aerosols: Production. Evolution. and Impact



Charlson et al. (1987)

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DMS

Algal DMSP

## **Sea ice biogeochemistry**

**a habitat, reaction surface, source, sink and barrier for gas exchange**

### **Background:**

#### **Main properties of sea ice in models:**

- reflective surface
- deep water formation
- prevents gas exchange from water

#### **Increased attention to biogeochemical cycles:**

- Impact of biology on climate relevant gases
- Impact of biology on ice structure: porosity, energy absorption
- Strong precipitation/dissolution processes of CO<sub>2</sub> in brines
- Photochemistry and optical properties
- Source for major and minor nutrients

# Call for potential “Large-scale SOLAS field experiments”

## Why large-scale?

- time/space scales of observation
- survey/process studies – multiplatform, multi-PI
- need to leverage resources from multiple nations/agencies.

## Key Issues:

- Atmospheric nutrient input/ocean response
- Imprint of ocean emissions on atmospheric aerosol/cloud properties
- Impact of ocean emissions on atmospheric reactivity

# **“Aerosols, climate, ecosystem experiments”**

## **Background and Relevance:**

- Evidence for connection between seasonally-driven phytoplankton blooms, atmospheric aerosol, and cloud properties.
- Chemical/physical mechanisms not understood.
- Regional experiments proposed to investigate major blooms on scales where significant atmospheric perturbation occurs.
- North Atlantic bloom, North Pacific Asian outflow region, Southern ocean.
- Goal: to improve GCM's and distinguish between anthropogenic radiative forcing and ecosystem/climate feedbacks.



**SOLAS Open  
Science Conference**  
Barcelona, Spain  
16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
[www.solas-int.org](http://www.solas-int.org)



*Confirmed speakers:*

**Cécile Guieu** (France)  
**Mary Ann Moran** (USA)  
**Carles Pelejero** (Spain)  
**John Plane** (UK)  
**Ulf Riebesell** (Germany)  
**Mitsuo Uematsu** (Japan)  
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## DEADLINES

Poster abstracts:

31 July 2009

Discussion session proposals:

31 July 2009

Early registration closes:

15 September 2009

Hotel booking:

1 October 2009



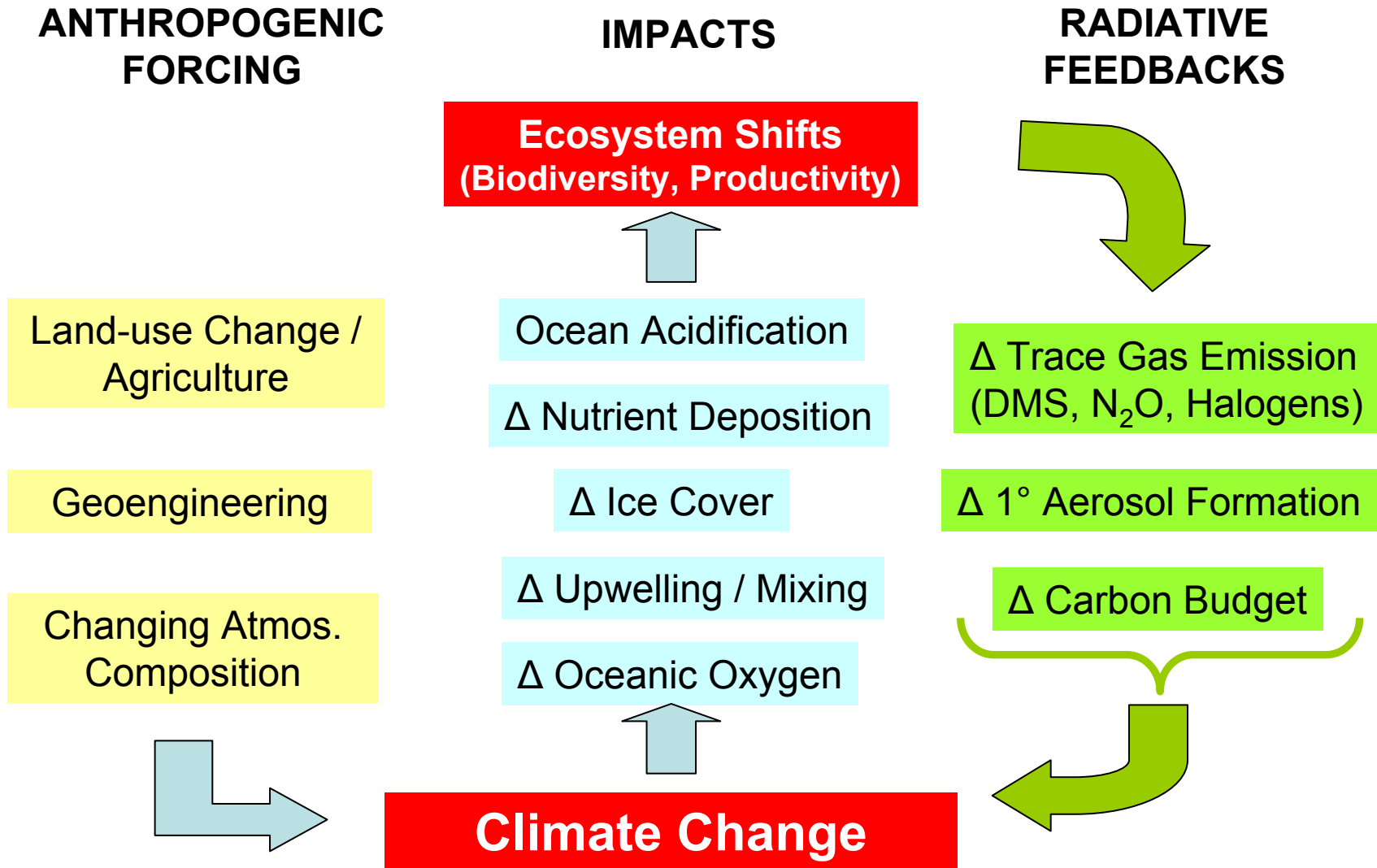
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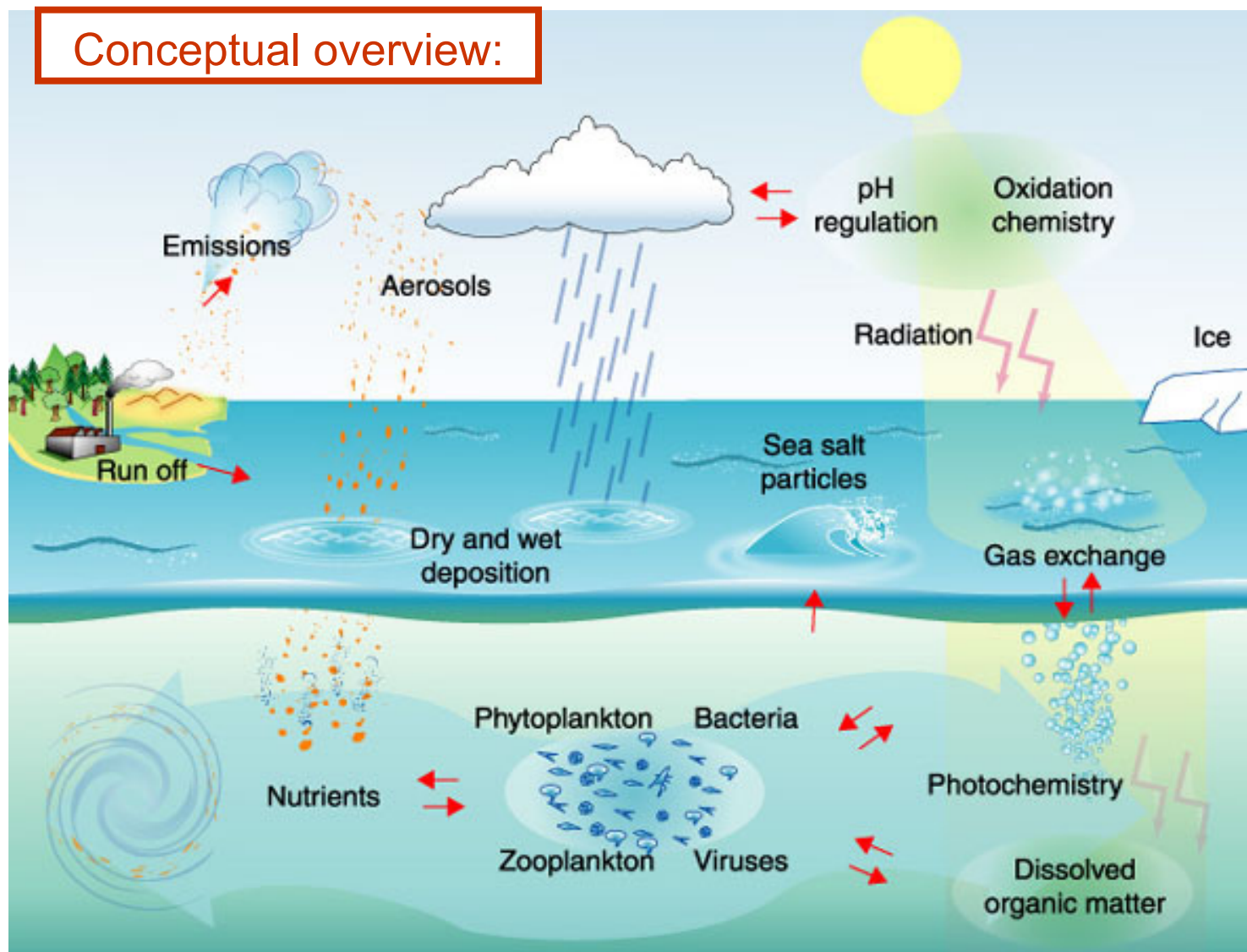






# SOLAS Science Domain

## Conceptual overview:



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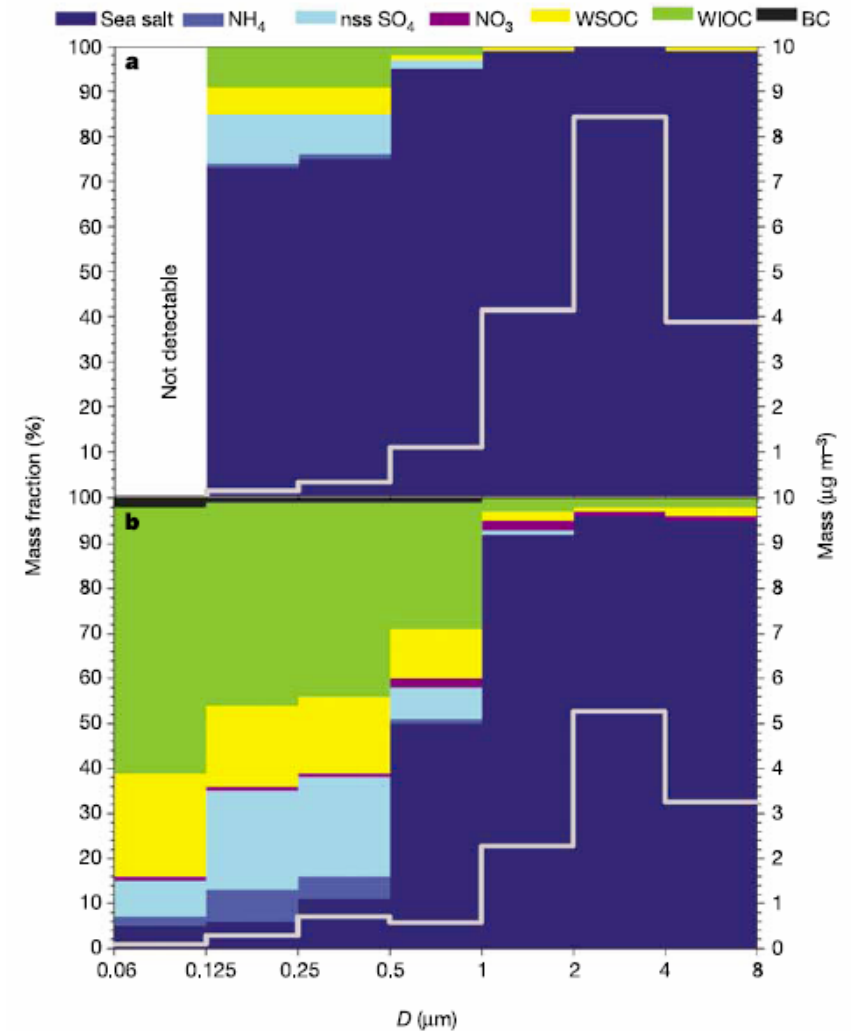
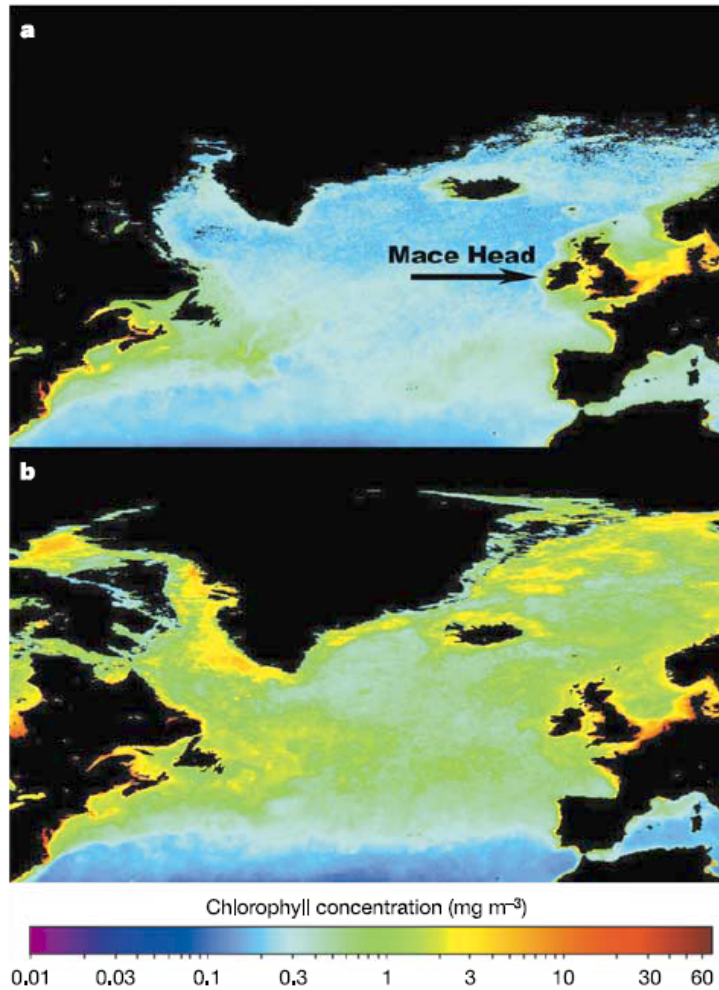
# **“Large-scale SOLAS field experiments”**

## **Next steps...**

- discussions at SOLAS Open Science conference
- International/national workshops
- agency discussions ...white papers...proposals



# “Aerosols, climate, ecosystem experiments”



O'Dowd et al., Nature, 2004

## SOLAS Science Goal



‘To achieve quantitative understanding of the **key biogeochemical-physical interactions and feedbacks between the ocean and atmosphere**, and how this coupled system affects and is affected by climate and environmental change.’

# SOLAS SSC

**Focus 1: Biogeochemical Interactions and Feedbacks Between Ocean and Atmosphere**

**Focus 2: Exchange Processes at the Air-Sea Interface and the Role of Transport and Transformation in the Atmospheric and Oceanic Boundary Layers**

**Focus 3: Air-Sea Flux of CO<sub>2</sub> and Other Long-lived Radiatively Active Gases**

  
Ocean Carbon Research  
Coordination:



# **“Aerosols, climate, ecosystem experiments”**

## **Key Questions:**

- Is DMS the major aerosol precursor...what role do organics play?
- Does phytoplankton speciation/physiology exert a major influence on the emitted flux?
- To what extent do atmospheric inputs (natural or anthropogenic) influence the atmospheric imprint?
- Can we observe a bloom–induced perturbation in CN, CCN, CDN, and cloud albedo?