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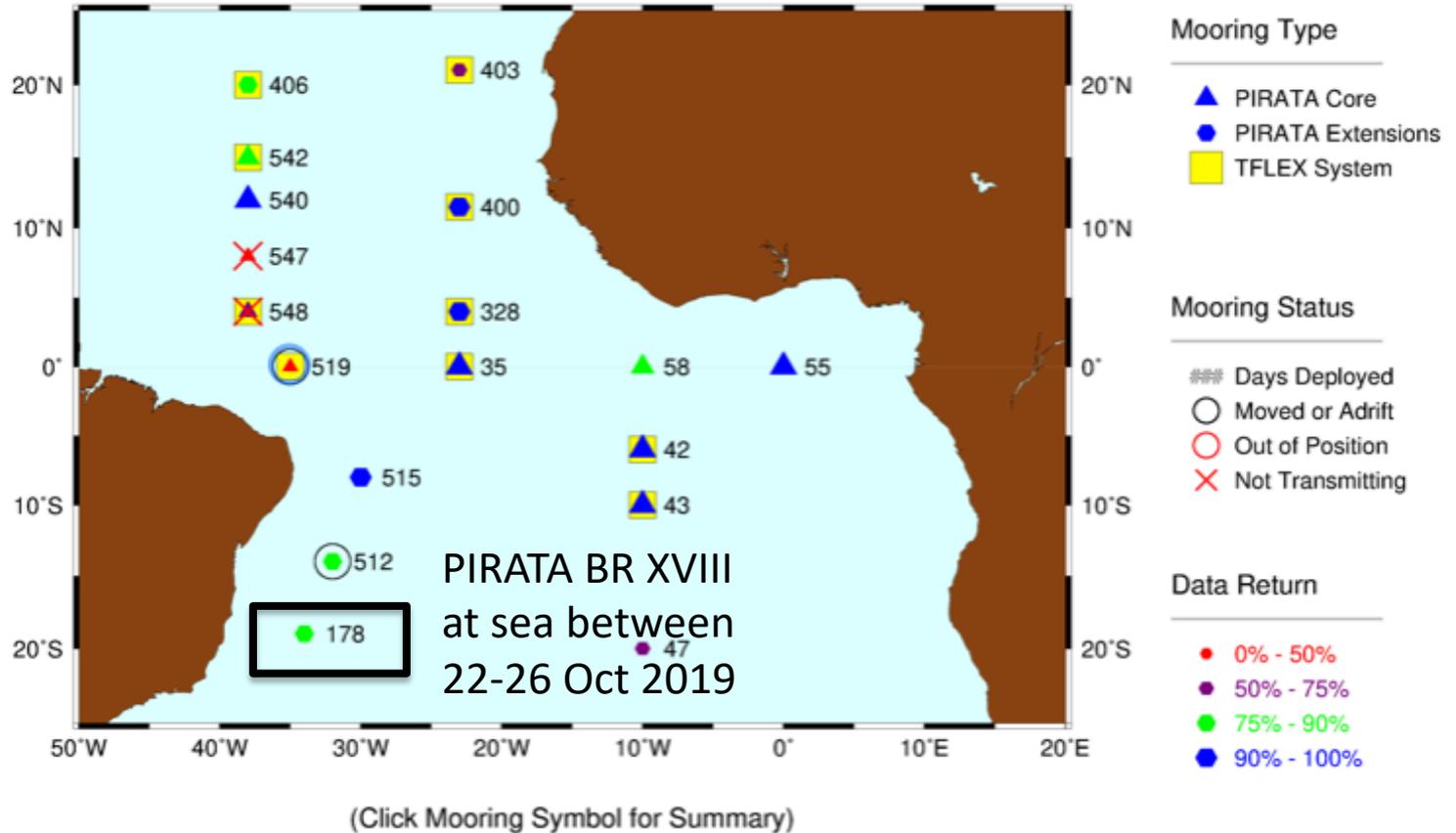
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Status of Presently Deployed PIRATA Moorings

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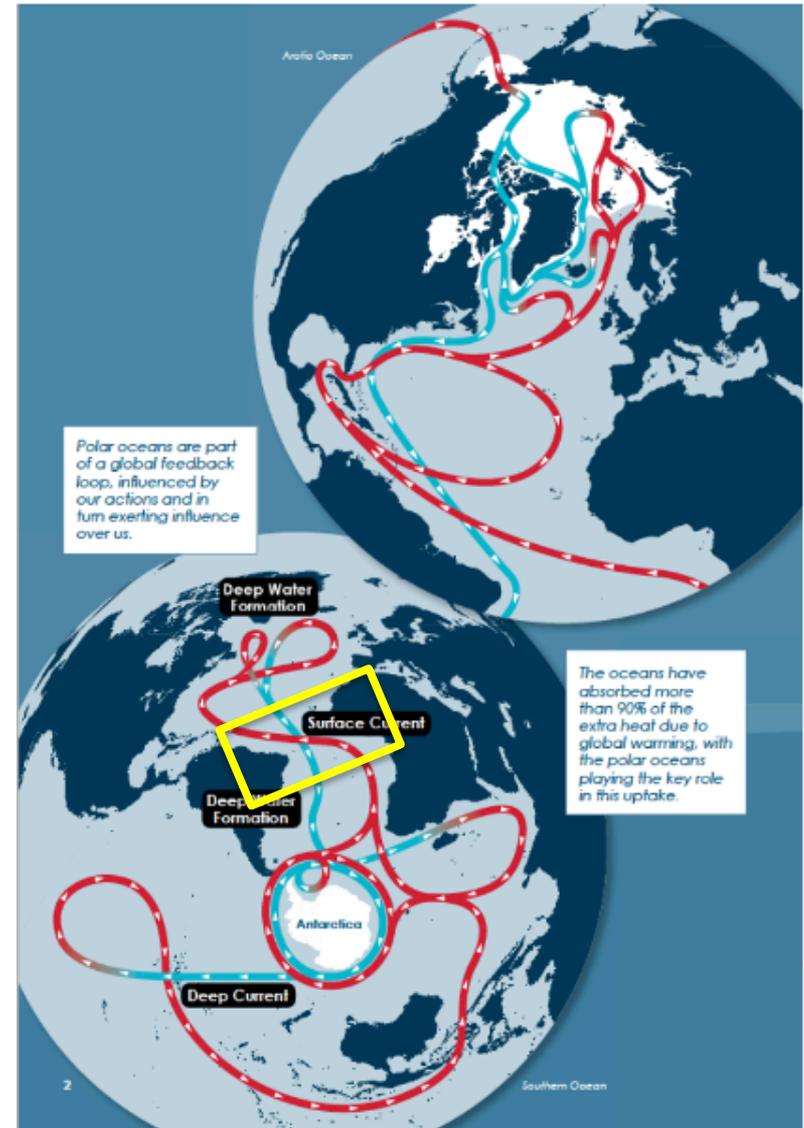
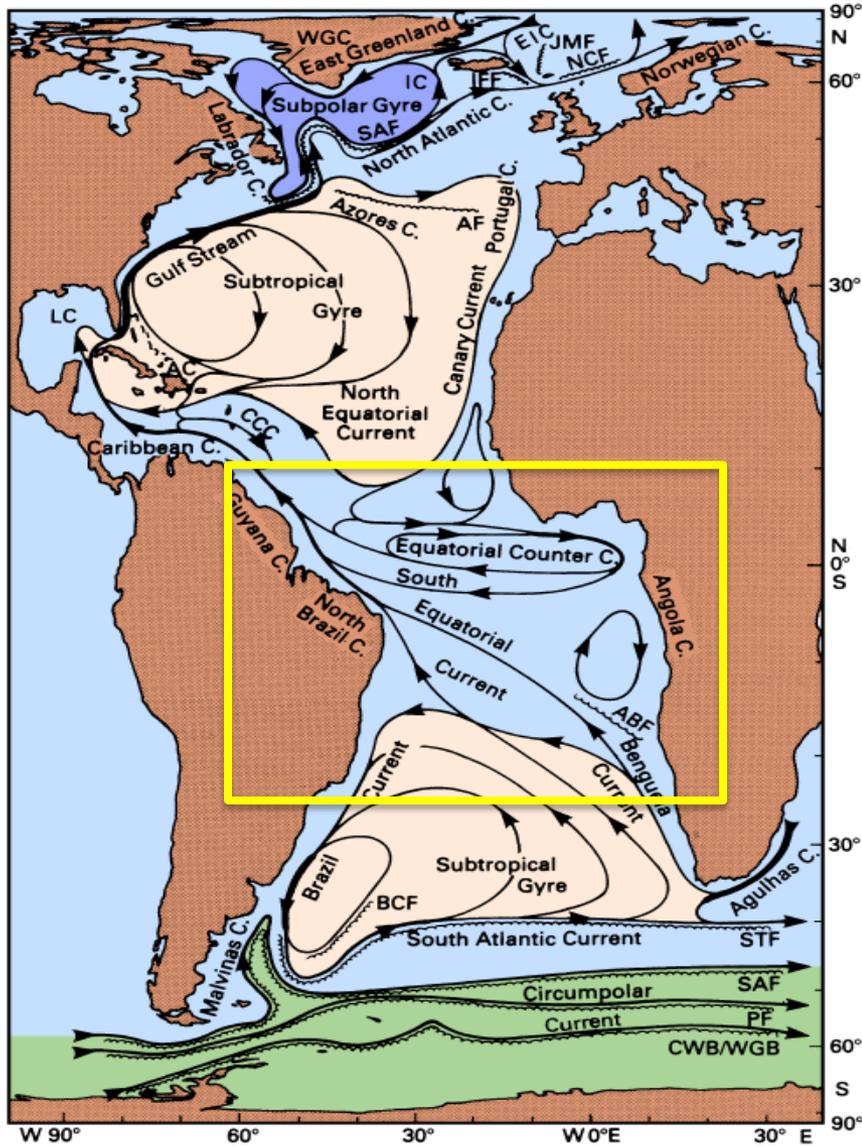


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Why there?



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ATLAS PI255A [Start Date 2018-11-23 21:43:00 :: 514 Days Deployed]

Data Return Summary:

Sensor	Total Deployment			Past 30 Days			Past 7 Days		
	Deployed	Data	%	Deployed	Data	%	Deployed	Data	%
SST	514	490	95.3	30	7	23.3	7	0	0.0
T20	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
T40	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
T60	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
T80	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
T100	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
T120	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
T140	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
T180	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
T300	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
T500	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
P300	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
P500	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
SSC	514	121	23.5	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
C20	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
C40	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
C120	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
WIND	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
AT	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
RH	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
RAIN	514	206	40.1	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
SWR	514	513	99.8	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
ALL	10280	9538	92.8	600	517	86.2	140	119	85.0

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TFLEX PT026 [Start Date 2018-11-18 21:08:00 :: 519 Days Deployed]

Buoy Moved or Adrift since 2020-04-21

Latest daily-averaged position (2020-04-21 12:00:00) 0.04S 34.91W

Distance from deployed position: 6.0 naut mi

Data Return Summary:

Sensor	Total Deployment			Past 30 Days			Past 7 Days		
	Deployed	Data	%	Deployed	Data	%	Deployed	Data	%
SST	519	129	24.9	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
T 10	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
T 20	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
T 40	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
T 60	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
T 80	519	129	24.9	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
T100	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
T120	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
T140	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
T180	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
T300	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
T500	519	24	4.6	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
STDT	5709	1323	23.2	330	0	0.0	77	0	0.0

P300	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
P500	519	24	4.6	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
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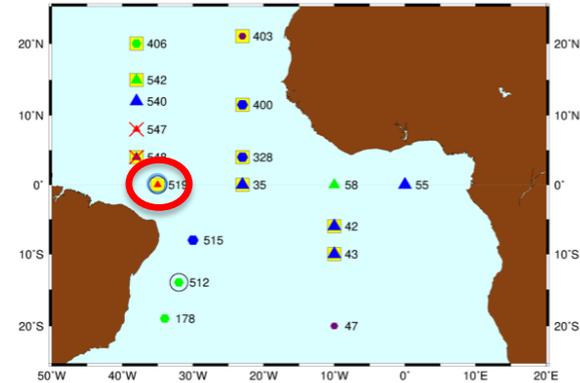
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C 10	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
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C 40	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
C120	519	130	25.0	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
COND	2076	520	25.0	120	0	0.0	28	0	0.0

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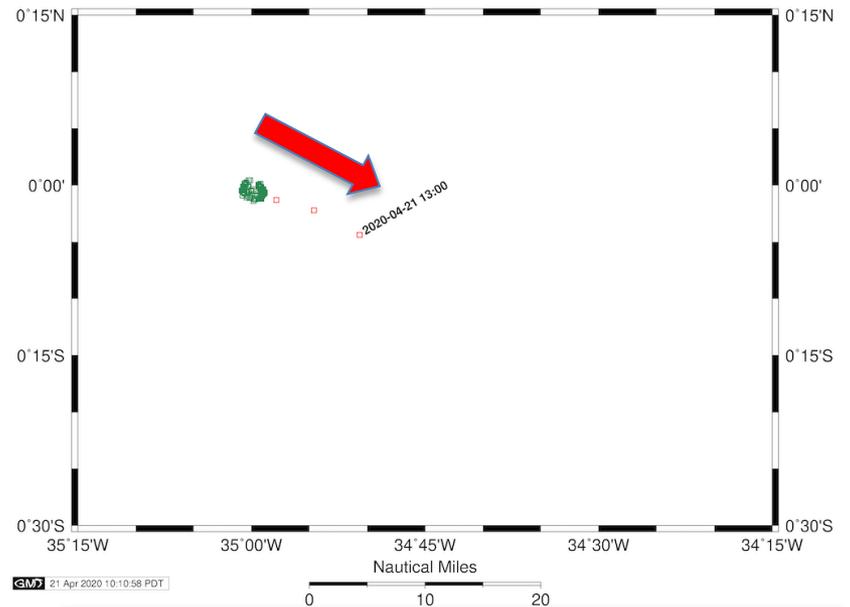
AT	519	519	100.0	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
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RH	519	519	100.0	30	30	100.0	7	7	100.0
SWR	519	432	83.2	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
WIND	519	465	89.6	30	0	0.0	7	0	0.0

ALL	12975	4613	35.6	750	60	8.0	175	14	8.0

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Buoy Position
PT026 at 035w



The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ)

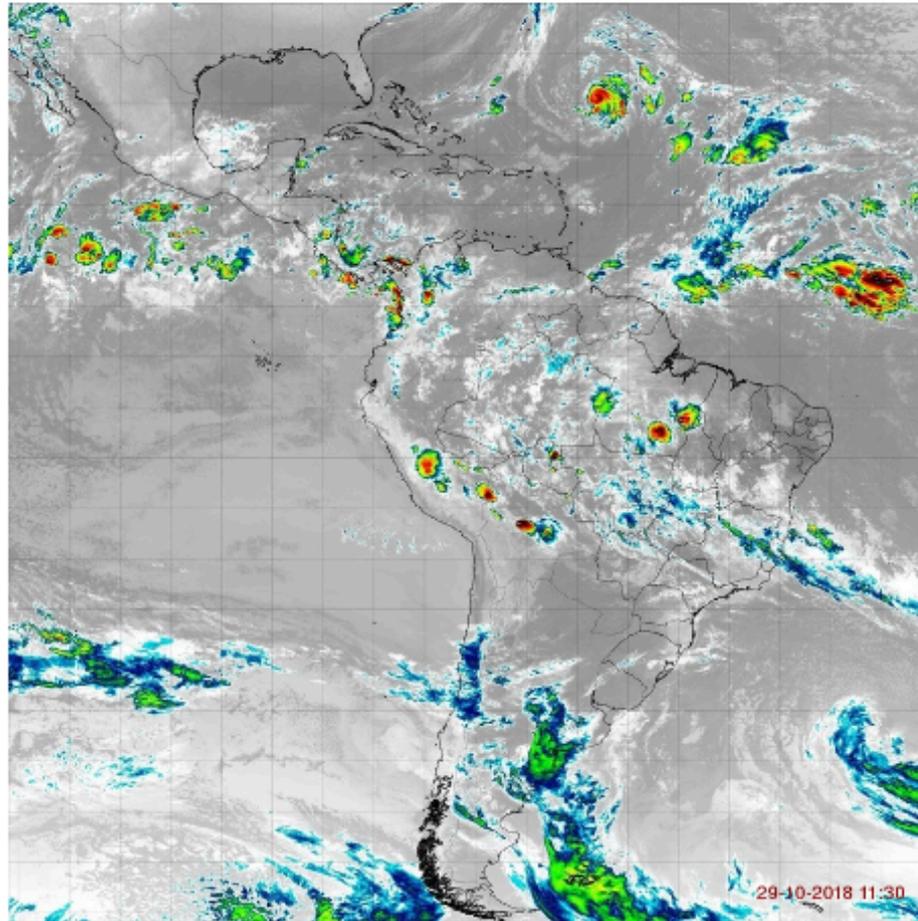
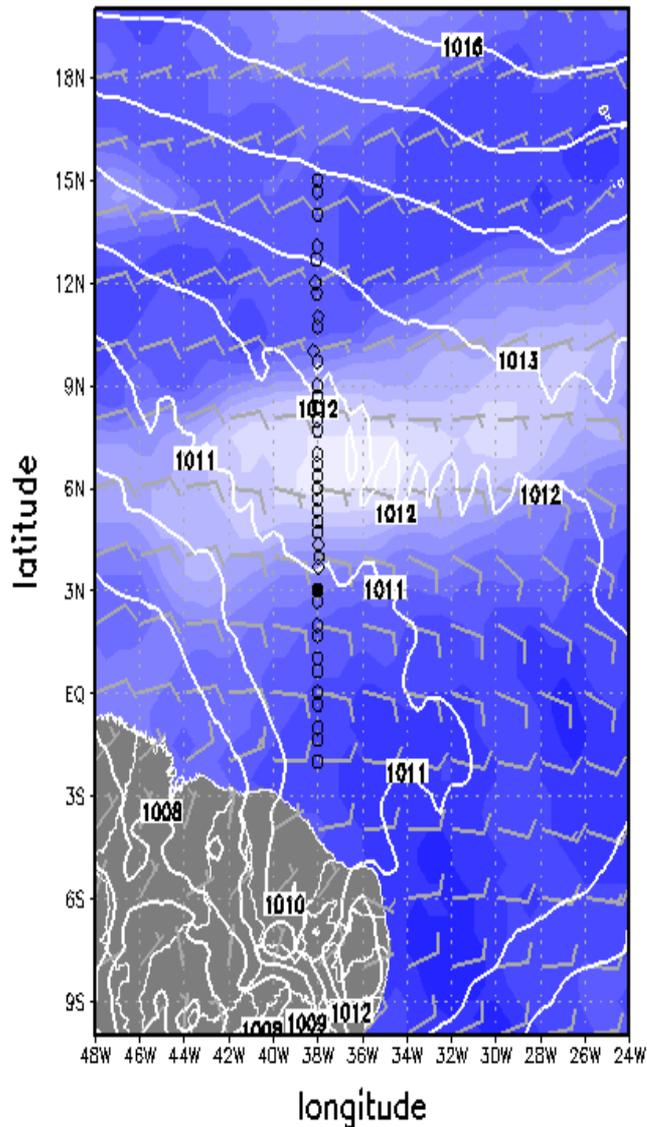


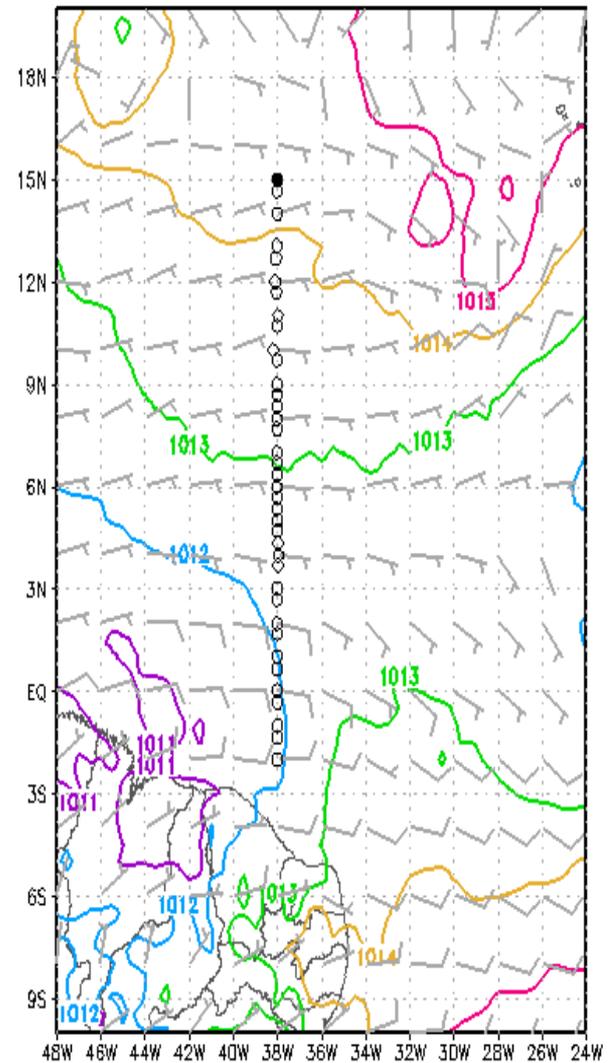
Figura 9. Imagem do satélite GOES-16 do dia 29 de outubro de 2018 apresentando uma banda de nebulosidade no Oceano Atlântico Equatorial ao norte do Brasil característica da Zona de Convergência Intertropical (ZCIT). Fonte: CPTEC/INPE.

The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ)

ROL vento PNMM
01DEC2017-00



Pressao ao nivel medio do mar
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Key components of the Tropical Atlantic variability

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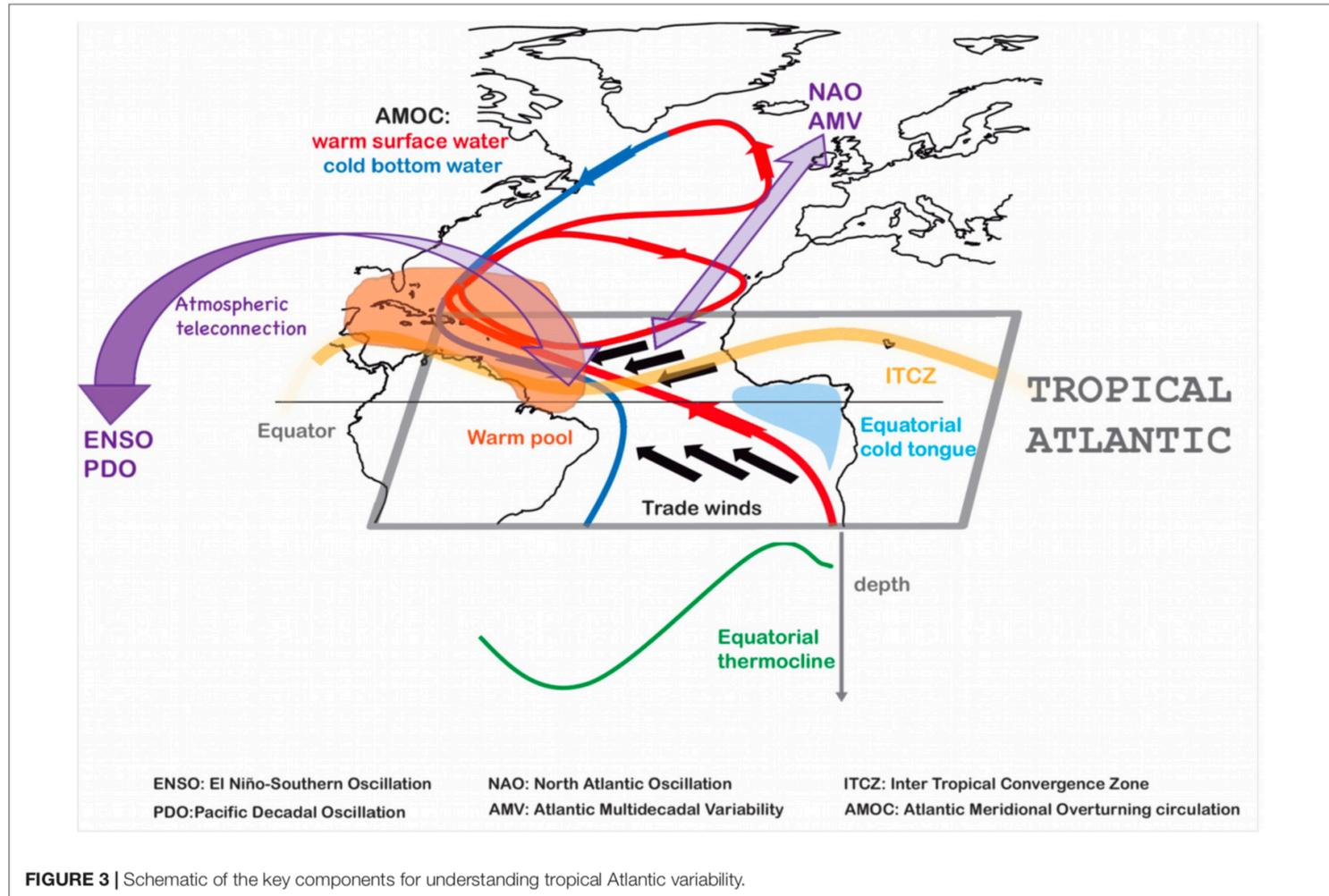


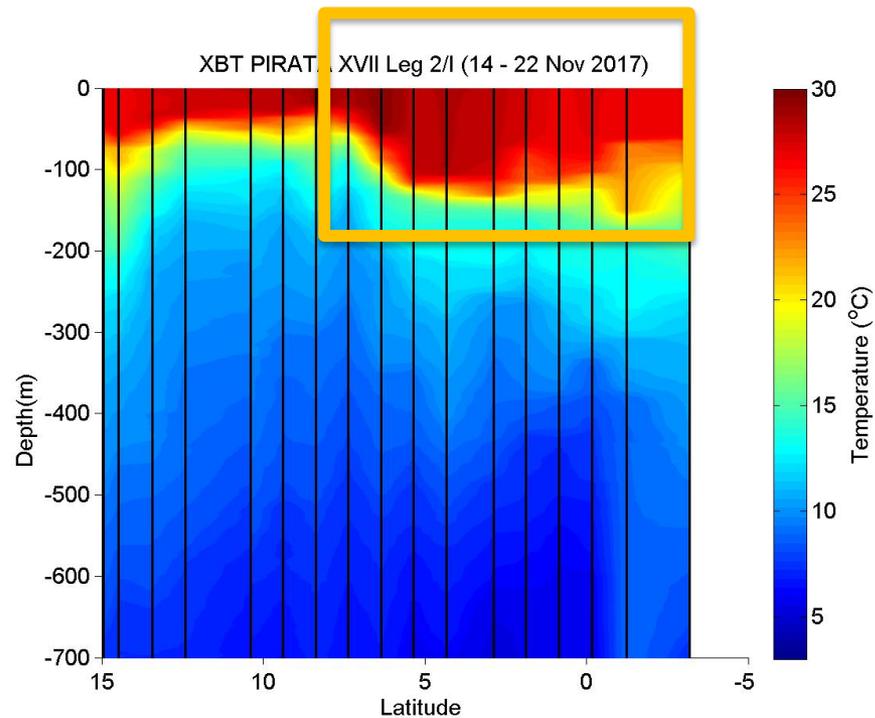
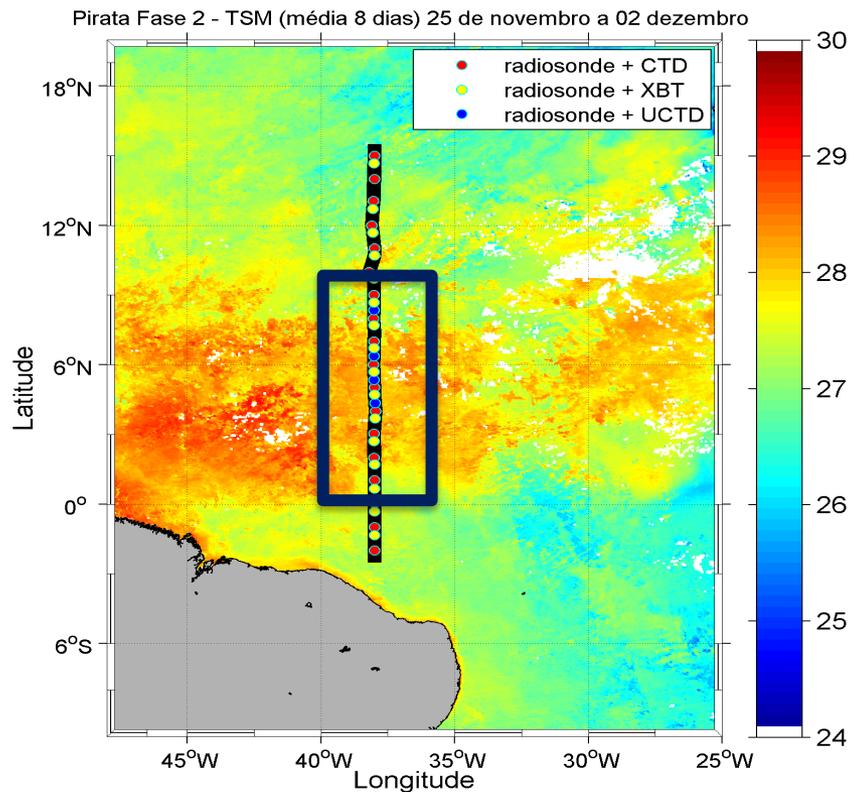
FIGURE 3 | Schematic of the key components for understanding tropical Atlantic variability.

Brazilian Navy's Research Vessel Vital de Oliveira

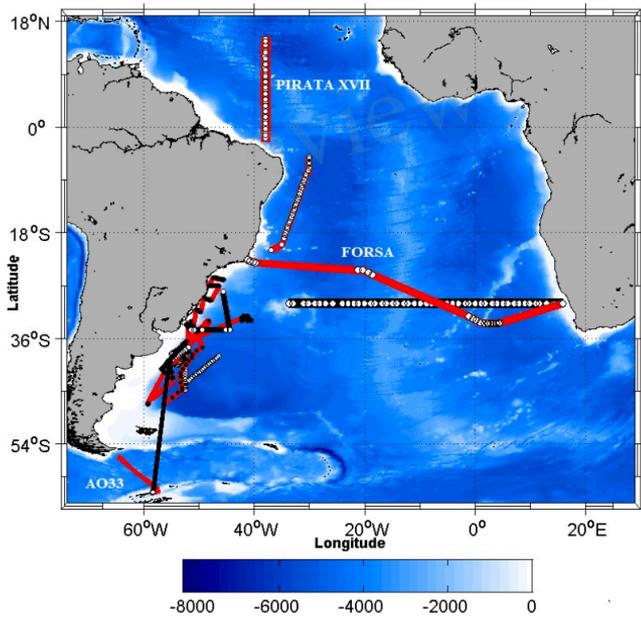


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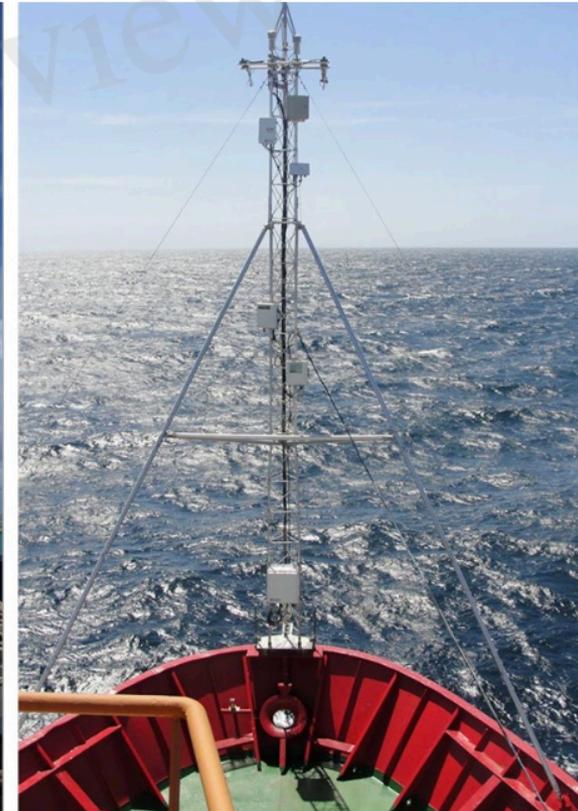
Ocean-Atmosphere coupling at the synoptic scale



Ocean-Atmosphere coupling at the turbulent scale

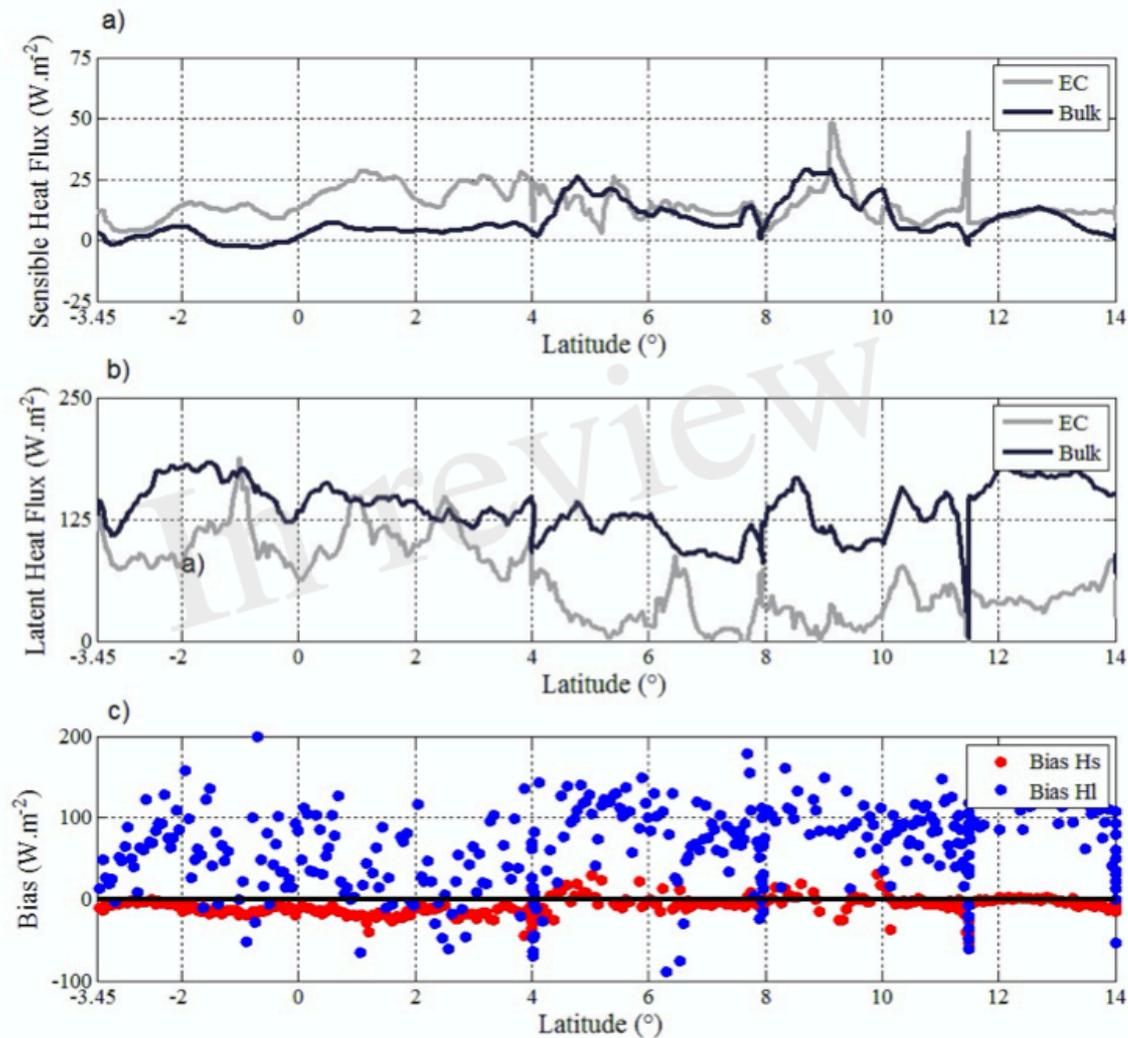
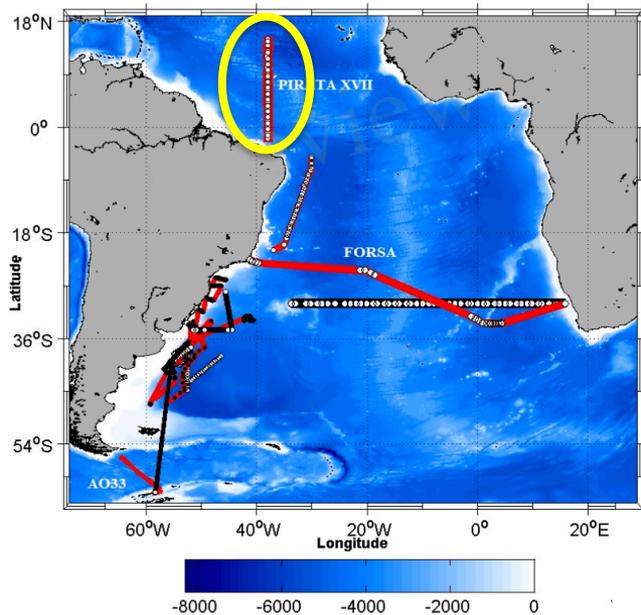


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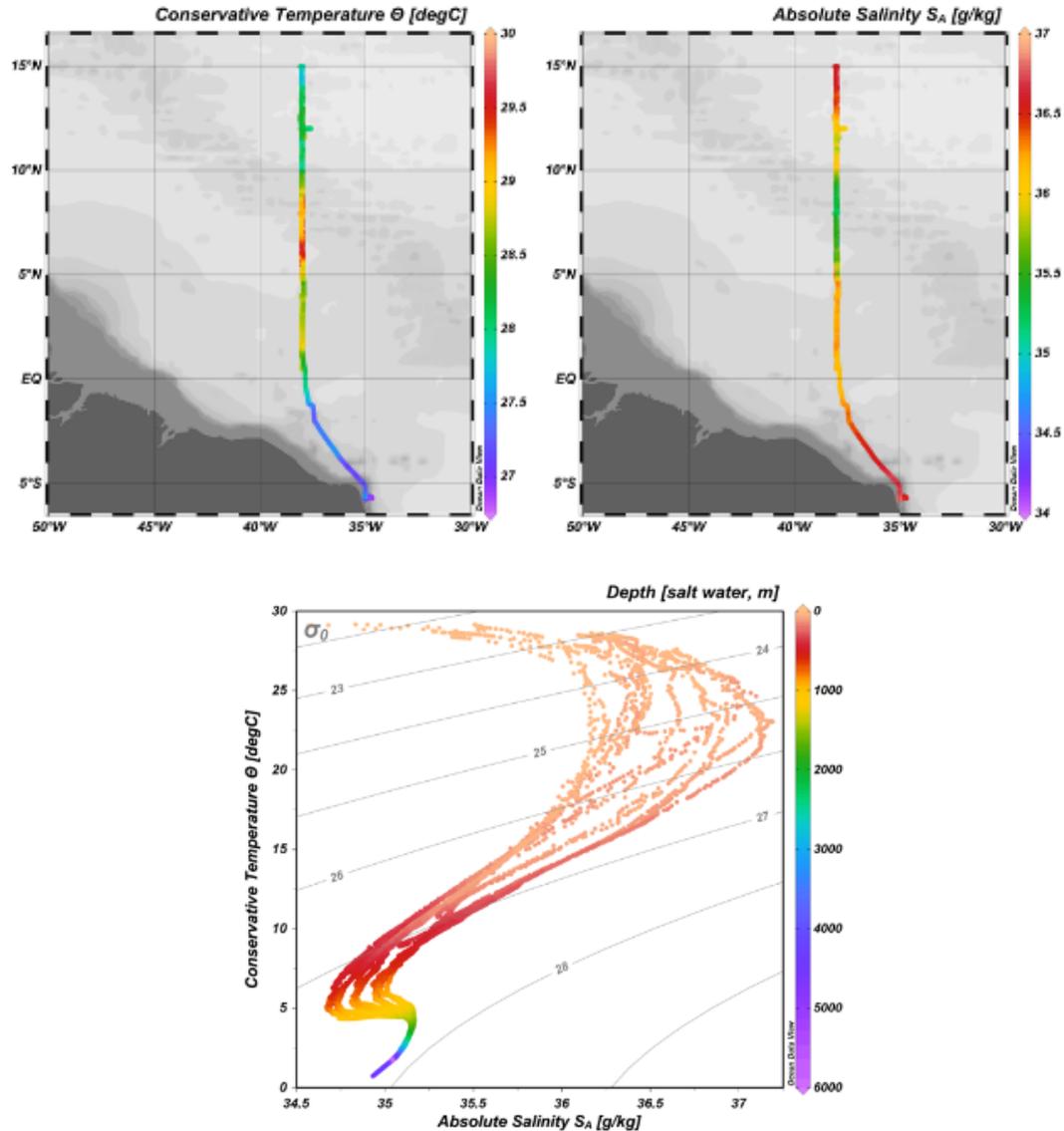


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Ocean-Atmosphere coupling at the turbulent scale



Oceanographic variables



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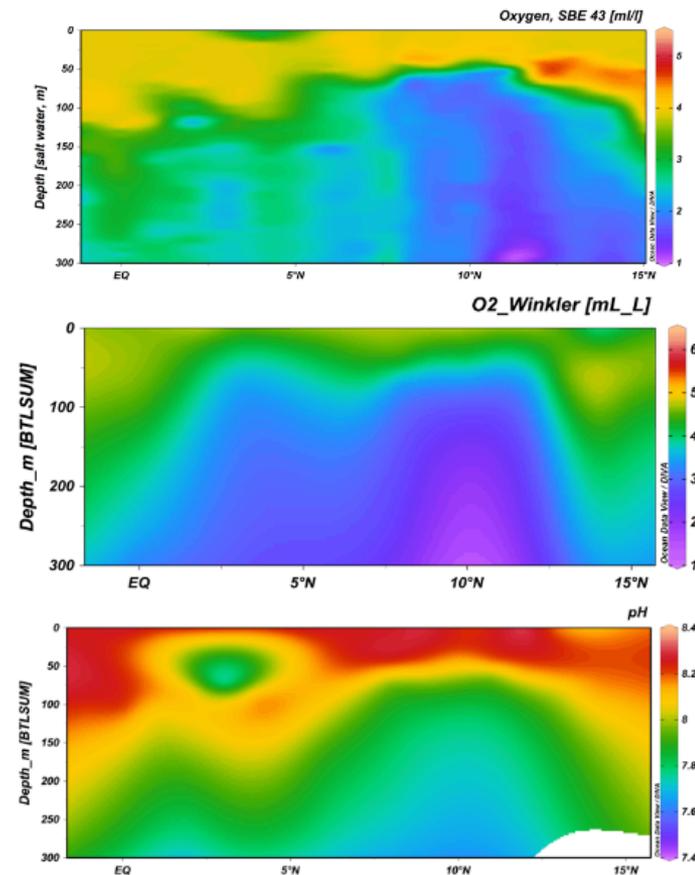
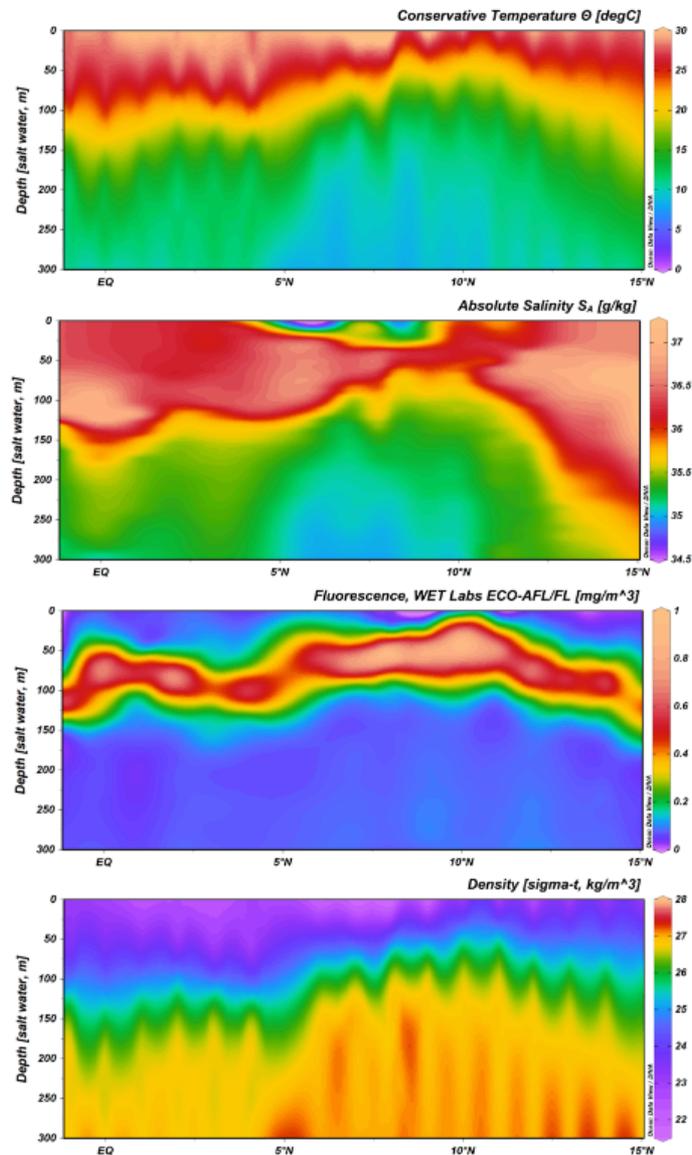


Figura 13. Perfis de temperatura, salinidade, oxigênio, fluorescência, densidade, oxigênio e pH do oceano superior (até 300 m) obtidos através do CTD ao longo do traceto 38°W durante a pernada 3 da Comissão PIRATA-BR XVIII.

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From PIRATA toward a more complete Tropical Observing System

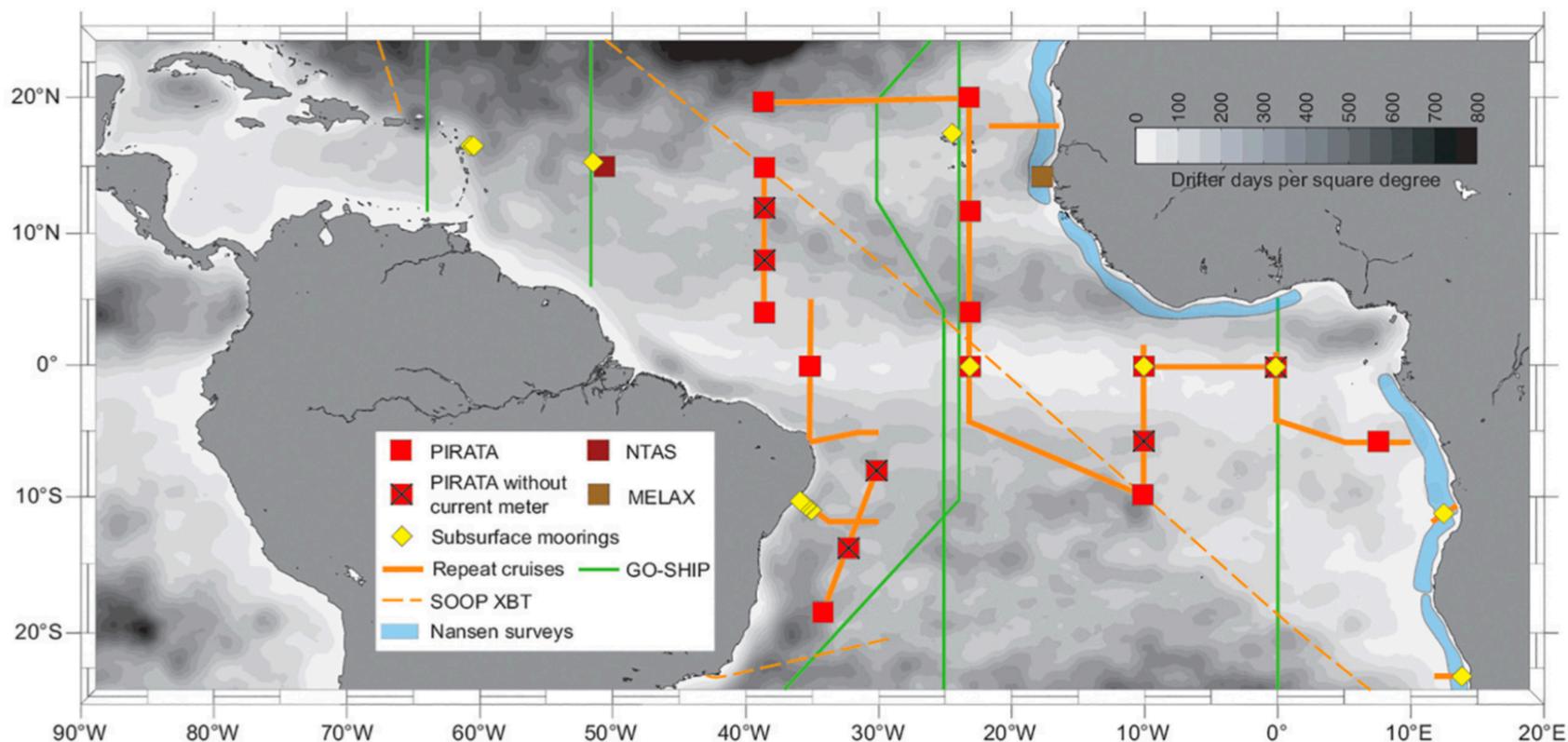


FIGURE 10 | The tropical Atlantic observing system as implemented for the study of ocean circulation and upwelling. Shading indicates total number of days any surface drifter was in each $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ box through February 2018. Surface drifter measurements in the tropical Atlantic began in 1997. Solid orange lines show repeat cruise tracks, mainly for servicing moorings, dashed orange lines show XBT lines, blue shading indicate regions where Nansen surveys (near-coastal physical, chemical, and biological sampling from a research vessel) have been conducted, and green lines show full-depth repeat hydrography cruise tracks (GO-SHIP). The brown square shows the location of the coastal air-sea buoy Melax, yellow diamonds indicate where subsurface velocity and hydrographic moorings have been deployed, and other symbols are as in **Figure 6**.

PIRATA: next steps

- A new MoU is being set between Brazil – USA and France;
- As well as maintaining the current observational set up, we want to improve the number of on going, automatic and discrete observations along the ship's tracks when at sea supporting PIRATA;
- A better scheme for meteorological and oceanographic instrument calibration and for data validation is needed, as well as a common site for data distribution;
- PIRATA should be the core program supporting the new Tropical Ocean Observing System;
- New data should be collected to support studies in several scales from turbulent to climate.

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