

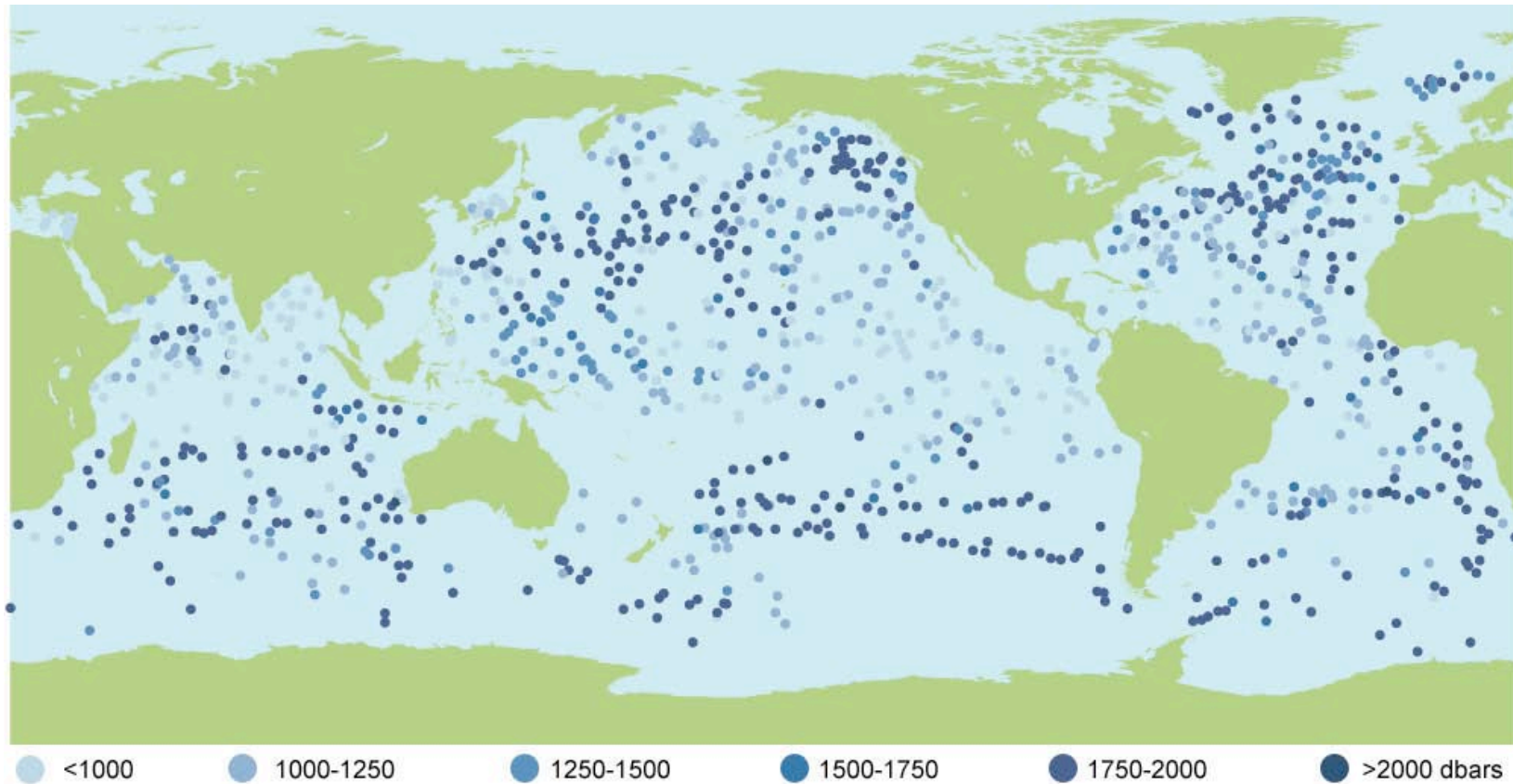
Argo array June 2003

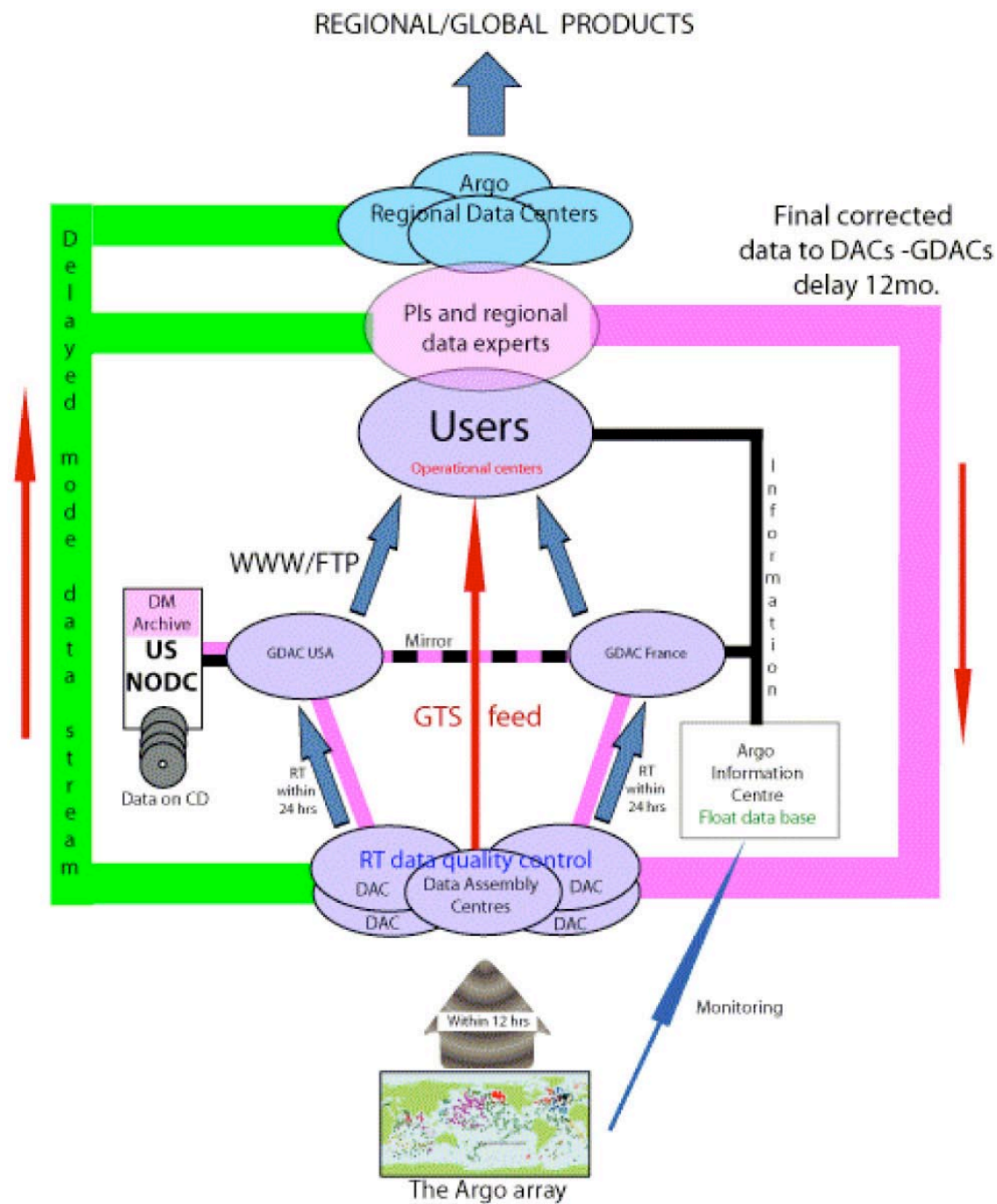


Argo array April 2004 (1257 floats)



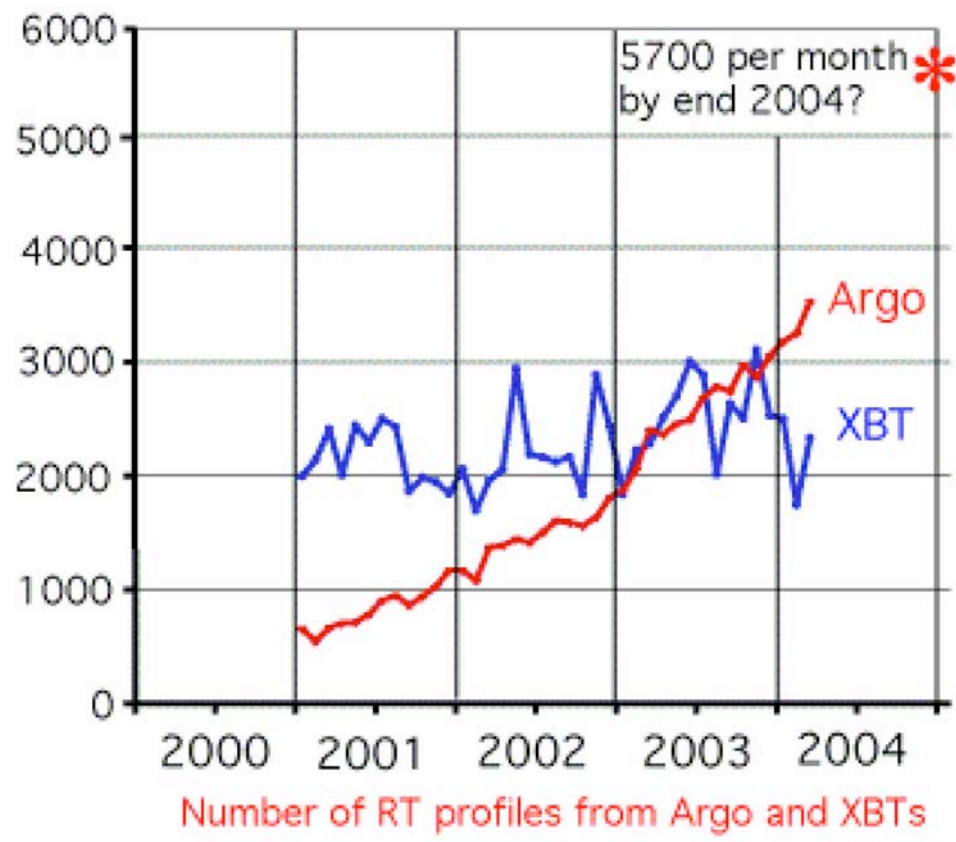
Depth of floats in Argo array May 2004





Key aspects of Argo data for operational centres

- Timeliness of delivery (>80% within 24 hours)
- Spatial distribution
- Greater depth than XBTs
- Availability of salinity



Argo Science Workshop

Tokyo 12-14 Nov 2003

- 85 posters and talks
- 219 attended
- 22 countries
- Support from JAMSTEC and NOAA
- Second workshop in 2005 ?

Outlook for Argo

- Good if
- Countries manage to maintain their present deployment rate
- Float performance continues to improve
- Then should reach 3000 float array by 2006/07

Argo needs

- Sustained funding
- Continued improvements in reliability
- Completion of data delayed-mode QC
- Continued input of ship-based CTDs for QC
- Expansion of user community
- Funding for Argo project office (Argo Director and Argo technical Co-ordinator)

