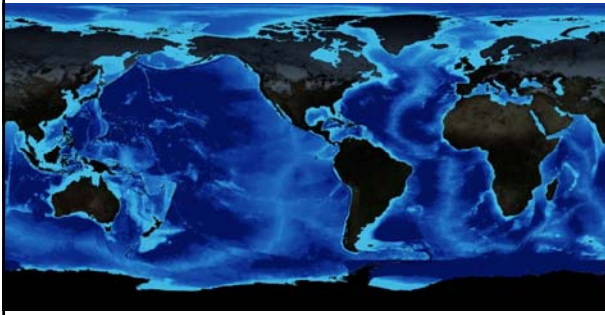



„Understanding the ocean, sustaining our future“



future ocean
KIEL MARINE SCIENCES

Vice Speaker Kiel Excellence Cluster
Prof. Dr. Ralph Schneider
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Kiel, location for Marine Research



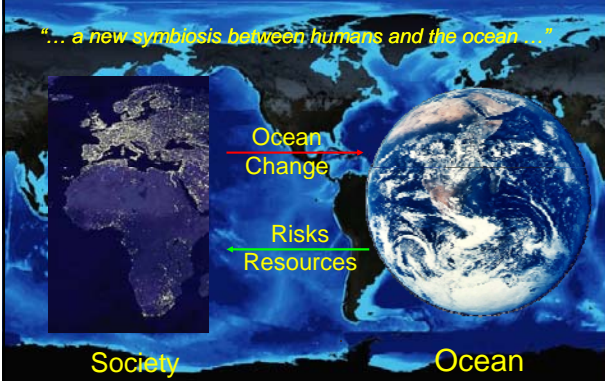
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The Kiel "Ocean Perspective"

"... a new symbiosis between humans and the ocean ..."



Ocean Change

Risks Resources

Society Ocean

Issues for the 21st Century => Resources



Energy

Water (fresh)

Food

Habitat (clean environment)

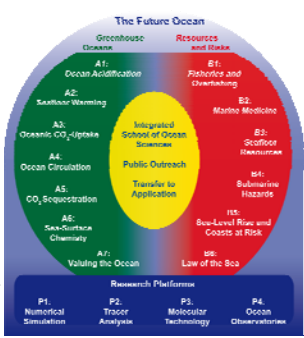
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Structure

The Cluster
140 Scientists from 6 Faculties of the Christian-Albrechts-Universität Kiel, the Leibniz Institute for Marine Sciences (IFM-GEOMAR), the Institute of the World Economy (IW) and the Muthesius School of Fine Arts.

Multidisciplinary
Marine and Geological Scientists, Economists, Life Scientists, Mathematicians, Lawyers and Social Scientist jointly investigate Ocean Change and Marine Resources und Risks.

Innovative Research
13 Junior Professorships cover a broad range of issues about „The Future Ocean“



The Future Ocean

Greenhouse Oceans Resources and Risks

A1: Ocean Acidification B1: Fisheries and Overfishing

A2: Seafloor Mining B2: Marine Medicine

A3: Oceanic CO₂ Uptake B3: Seafloor Resources

A4: Ocean Circulation B4: Submarine Hazards

A5: CO₂ Sequestration B5: Sea-Level Rise and Costs at Risk

A6: Sea-Surface Chemistry B6: Law of the Sea

A7: Valuing the Ocean

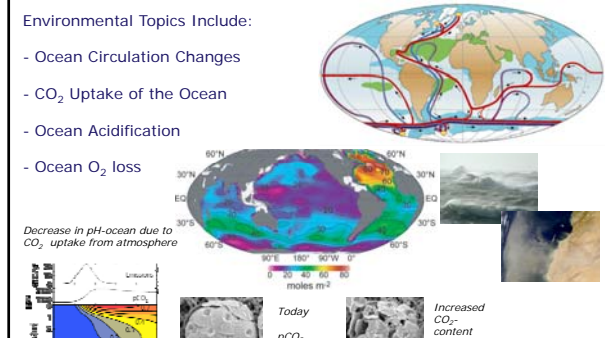
Research Platforms

P1: Numerical Simulation P2: Tracer Analysis P3: Molecular Technology P4: Ocean Observatories

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Environmental Topics Include:

- Ocean Circulation Changes
- CO₂ Uptake of the Ocean
- Ocean Acidification
- Ocean O₂ loss



Decrease in pH-ocean due to CO₂ uptake from atmosphere

Today pCO₂ 280-380 ppmV

Increased CO₂-content pCO₂ 580-720 ppmV

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Resource Topics Include:

- Sustainable Fisheries
- Blue Medicine / Marine Substances
- Mineral und Energy Resources

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Risk, Economic and Legal Topics Include:

- Marine Geo-Hazards
- Coastal Zone Management
- Law of the Sea

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Goals

Sustainability Science
develop options for global sustainable management of the oceans and their natural resources.

Knowledge Transfer
by public outreach, technology-transfer and the Integrated School of Ocean Sciences (ISOS)

Highlight – The roving Exhibition „Ozean der Zukunft“ allows to experience the Deep Sea and communicates all aspects of Marine Sciences

Enhance Profile
Kiel supports Excellence in Marine Sciences.

The Kiel „Cluster Future Ocean Challenge“

Provide a thorough scientific basis for:

- Environmental protection
- Sustainable use of resources
- Assessment of future hazards

“Ocean Circulation and the Hydrological Cycle“

from Zahn, Nature 2003

Theme A1 “Ocean Acidification“

CO₂ Uptake & Biota Response

Projected future changes in ocean pH (Caldeira & Wickett 2003)

Acidification will stress calcareous microalgae

Investigate the effect of ocean acidification on marine calcifying organisms and related ecosystems

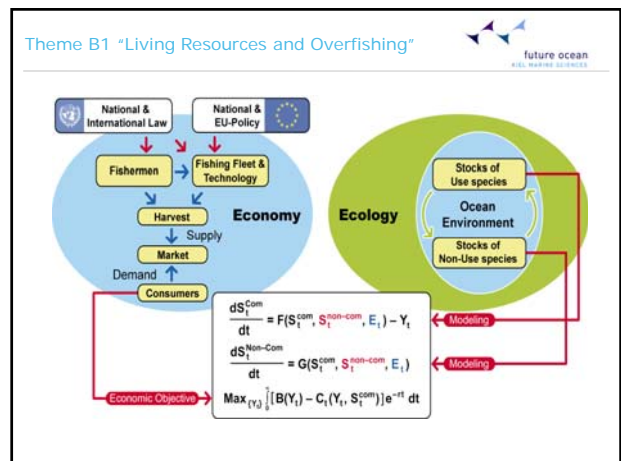
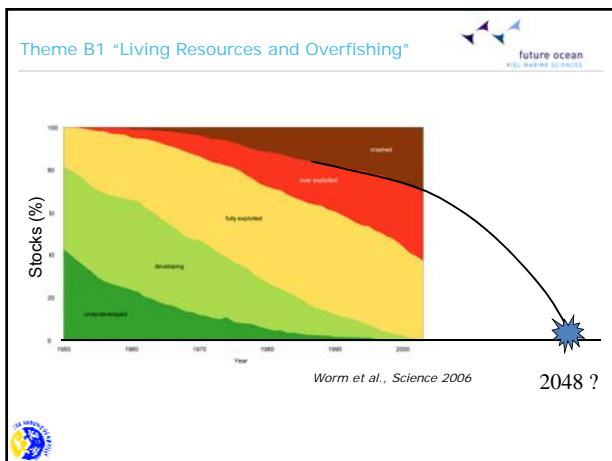
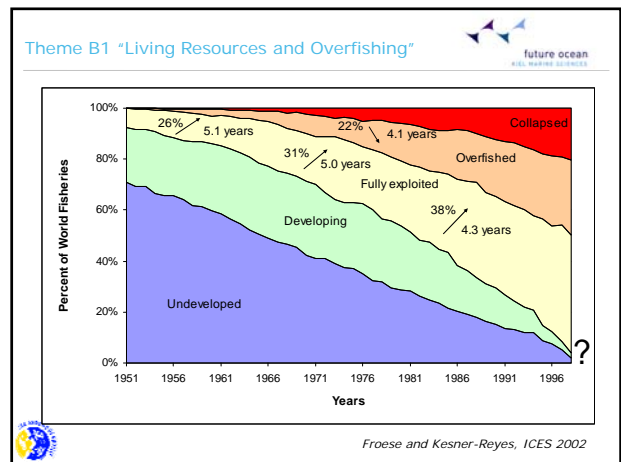
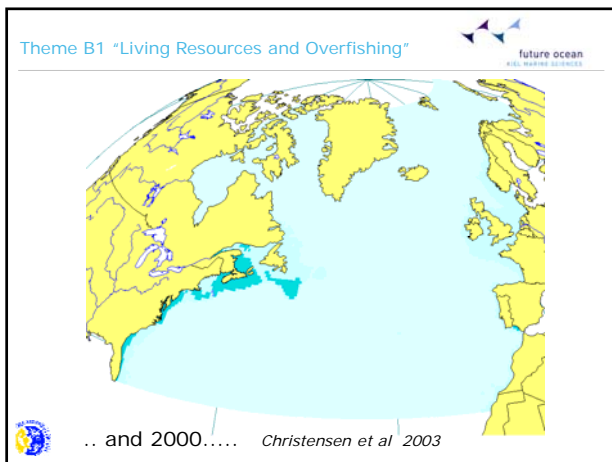
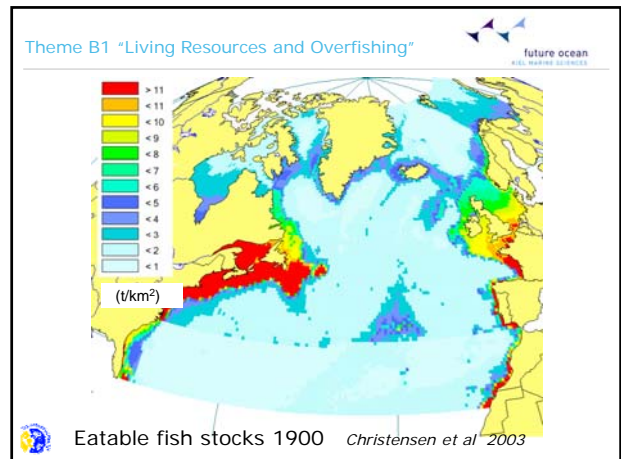
Cold-water corals at the European margin (photos IFREMER)

Theme A1 "Ocean Acidification"

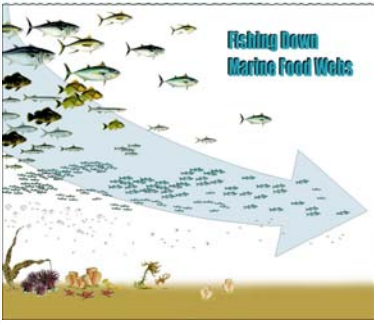
- 1) Further study those organisms that cope well with elevated pCO₂ (e.g. cephalopods)
- 2) Place a research emphasis on sensitive marine invertebrates (e.g. bivalves, echinoderms)

- 3) Place an emphasis on critical (early) life stages
- 4) Design experiments in a way to directly compare traits of sensitive and tolerant taxa

Courtesy F. Melzner



Theme B1 "Living Resources and Overfishing"



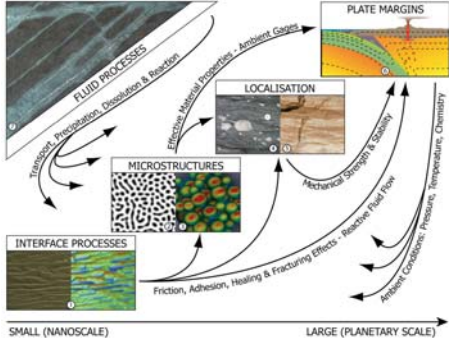
1) Which management options exist for a long-term sustainable fishery?

2) What are the costs and the benefits of different management options from an economic perspective?

3) How can sustainable and efficient management options be implemented in a market economy?

Theme B3 "Seafloor Resources"

Physics of Geological Processes

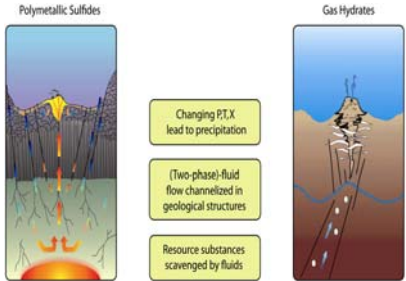


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Theme B3 "Seafloor Resources"

Fluid-Derived Ocean Resources

- Explore the formation of ocean resources
- Link computer sciences with geology
- Conduct applied research with industry collaboration
- Study reactive fluid flow through the Earth's crust



Theme B3 "Seafloor Resources"

petroleum / natural gas

deep sea ore deposits


gas / methane hydrate

Industry interests:

- Structural evolution of passive margins / basins
 - Subsidence, faulting, compaction
- Time-Temperature data
- Multi-phase porous flow
 - Reservoir processes, secondary migration

Research interests:

- Continental rifting
 - transition from rifting to drifting
- Fluid and melt migration through the Earth crust
 - feedbacks on phase transitions, rheology, chemistry



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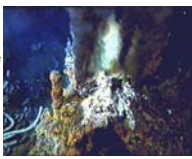
gas / methane hydrate

Industry interests:

- Deep sea ore deposits
 - which geodynamics settings are favorable
 - predictions

Research interests:

- Explore deep-sea hydrothermal systems
 - link between hydrosphere and solid Earth
- Mid-ocean ridge research
- Reactive transport through the Earth's crust



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petroleum / natural gas

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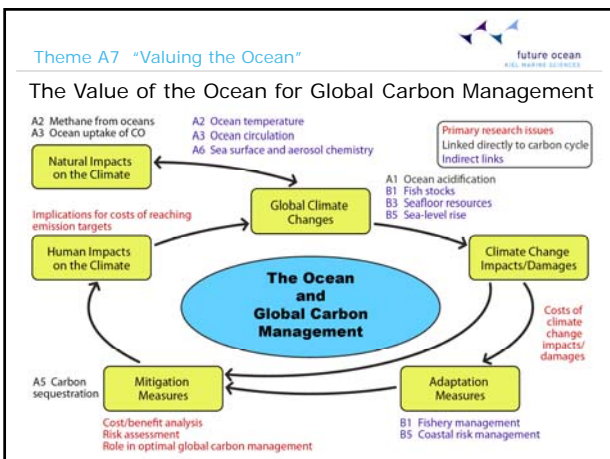
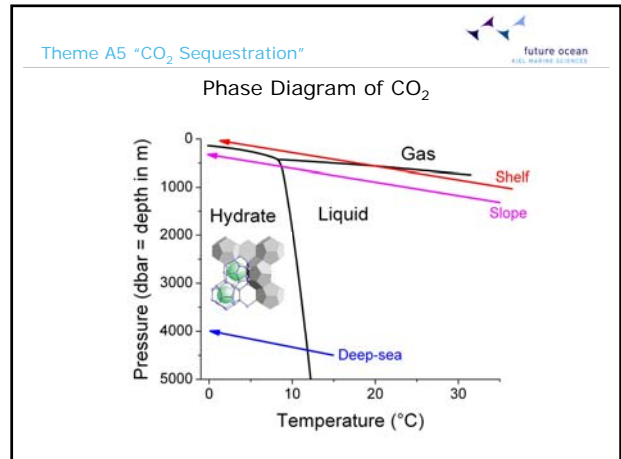
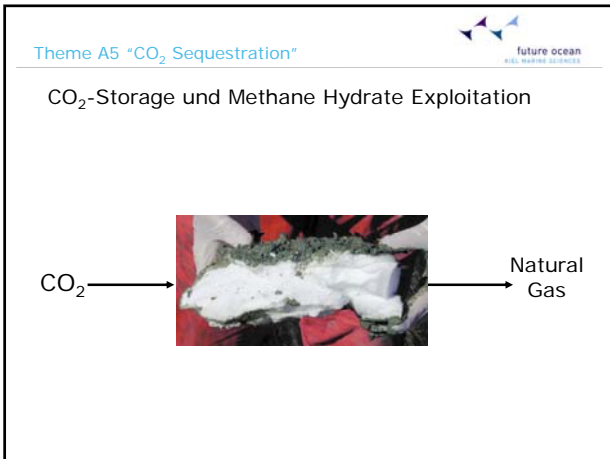
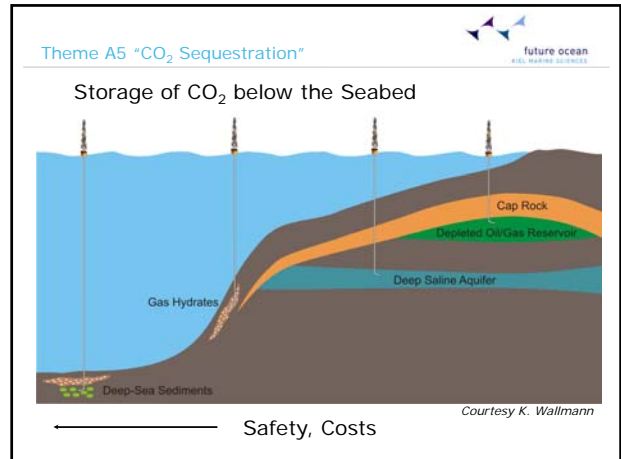
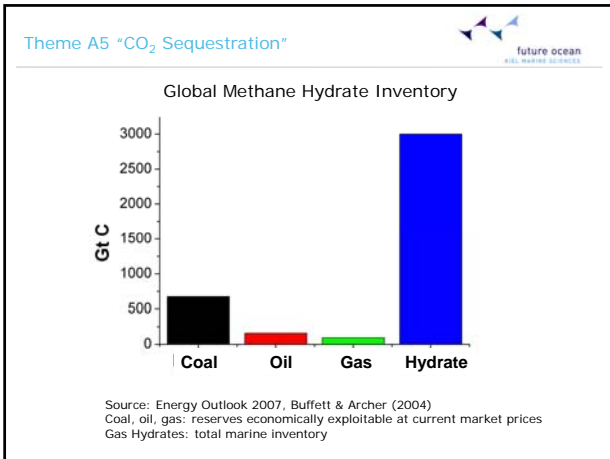
Industry interests:

- Gas hydrates as an energy source

Research interests:

- Continental slope processes
- Reactive transport





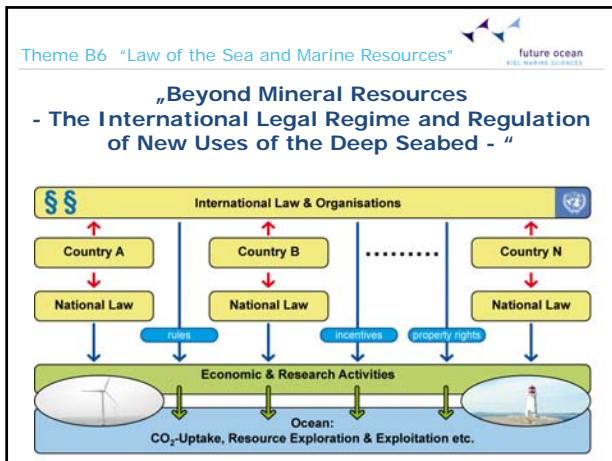
Theme A7 "Valuing the Ocean"


Find Solutions for Optimal Control of CO₂ Emissions and Ocean Sequestration

IFW Model		
State variables / Carbon Stocks	Equations of motion	
A Atmosphere	$\dot{A} = (1 - \beta)(e_c q + e_m m) + \beta r(A, M) I_{>0.025}(c, r, t) - \alpha(A, O_U, O_D)$	[1]
O_U Upper Ocean	$\dot{O}_U = \alpha(A, O_U, O_D) - \beta(A, O_U, O_D)$	[2]
O_D Deeper Ocean	$\dot{O}_D = \beta(A, O_U, O_D) + I(S) + r(A, M) I_{>0.025}(c, r, t)$	[3]
S Ocean Carbon Storage	$\dot{S} = \beta(A, O_U, O_D) - I(S)$	[4]
M Methane Hydrates	$\dot{M} = -m - r(A, M)$	[5]
F Fossil Reserves	$\dot{F} = -q$	[6]

Variable description	
e_c	emission coefficient for coal (=c) and methane (=m)
$I(S)$	leakage of sequestered carbon, with $I'(S) > 0$
$r(A, M)$	release of methane due to instability (diffusion or blow-out)
$\alpha(A, O_U, O_D)$	Net carbon exchange with upper ocean, depending on the state of carbon in the atmosphere and in the upper ocean and deeper ocean
$I_{>0.025}(c, r, t)$	Indicator function, if I below critical value, release occurs in form of diffusion, if I above critical value, release occurs in form of blow out
β	conversion factor for methane in CO ₂ equivalents
β	share of sequestered carbon
m	mined methane
q	mined fossil reserves

Courtesy M. Rickels



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Common Heritage of Mankind

UNCLOS Framework

- The Deep Seabed is regarded the Common Heritage of Mankind
- Not susceptible to claims of national sovereignty
- Exploitation only through the global community of States
- Redistribution of Profits


- International Sea-Bed Authority
- Administration of Usage
- Redistribution of Profits
 - Royalties in Money
 - Royalties in Kind
- Transfer of Technology
- Modeled with a view to the mining of Manganese Nodules ("mineral" resources)

Courtesy A. Proelß

Theme B6 "Law of the Sea and Marine Resources" 

Energy Resources	Genetic Resources & Bio-Propecting	CO ₂ Sequestration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Process of Exploitation is Mining and Drilling ▪ Most likely to fall under current UNCLOS ▪ Question of Non-State Parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-Propecting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pharmaceutical Application - Agricultural Application (e.g. Aquaculture) - Industrial Application (Biological and Chemical Processes) • May not fall under UNCLOS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No actual extraction of Resources from the Deep Seabed - Royalties in kind - Royalties in money based on amount taken • Applicability of idea of redistribution? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not fall under UNCLOS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No exploitation - Actual use is for storage • Legal Problems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - anti waste dumping laws - Precautionary Principle of International Environmental law

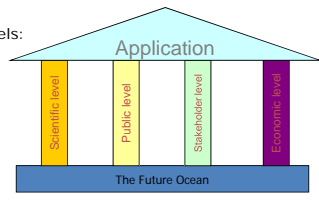
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Transfer to Application

Realized at four different levels:

1. Scientific level
2. Public level
3. Stakeholder level
4. Economic level



The diagram shows a house-like structure with four vertical pillars representing the levels: Scientific level (yellow), Public level (orange), Stakeholder level (green), and Economic level (purple). The base of the house is labeled 'The Future Ocean'.



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Outreach

Realized by many activities

1. Website (new design)
2. Monthly Newsletter
3. Press Releases
4. Feature Film (in progress)
5. Exhibitions
6. School Programs



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„What Next?“ 



"Future Ocean Symposium" in Kiel in October (6-9) 2008

"The Future Ocean Global Research Alliance"