

# INDONESIAN THROUGHFLOW AND ITS PROXY FROM SATELLITE ALTIMETERS AND GRAVIMETERS

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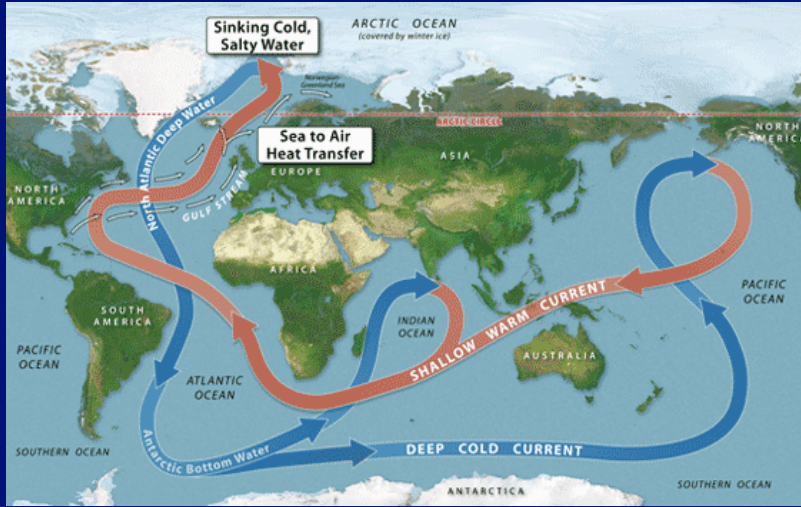
3500 km

INDIAN

PICES-2015  
Oct 21, 2015

Australia



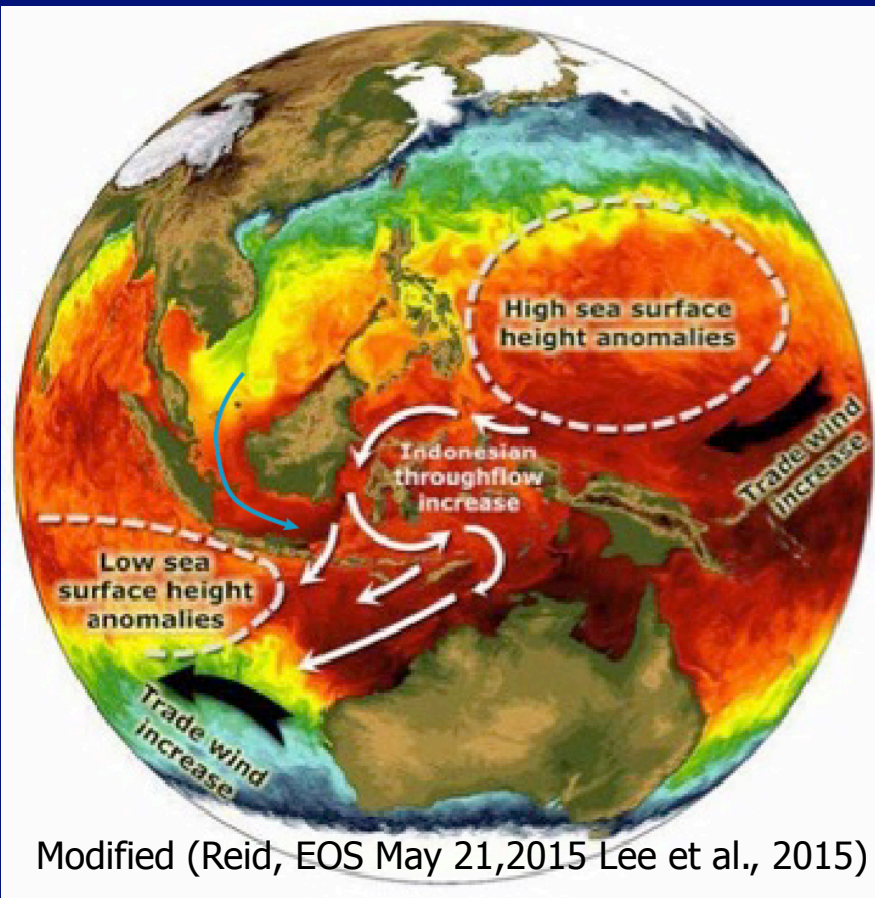


✓ ITF strongly influences the heat and freshwater budgets of Indian and Pacific Oceans, and may couple with ENSO and monsoon phenomena, altering global ocean circulation and climate.

✓ Change in ITF magnitude is expected to alter the SST, and therefore altering the ocean-atmosphere fluxes.

✓ ~15 Sv of ITF water flushes the Indian Ocean thermocline waters, boosting transport of the Agulhas Current [by ~15%], increasing southward ocean heat flux across 20-30°S over the no-ITF condition, thus altering the meridional overturning of the Indian Ocean

✓ To get the ITF amplitude and variability right are challenge for numerical models.

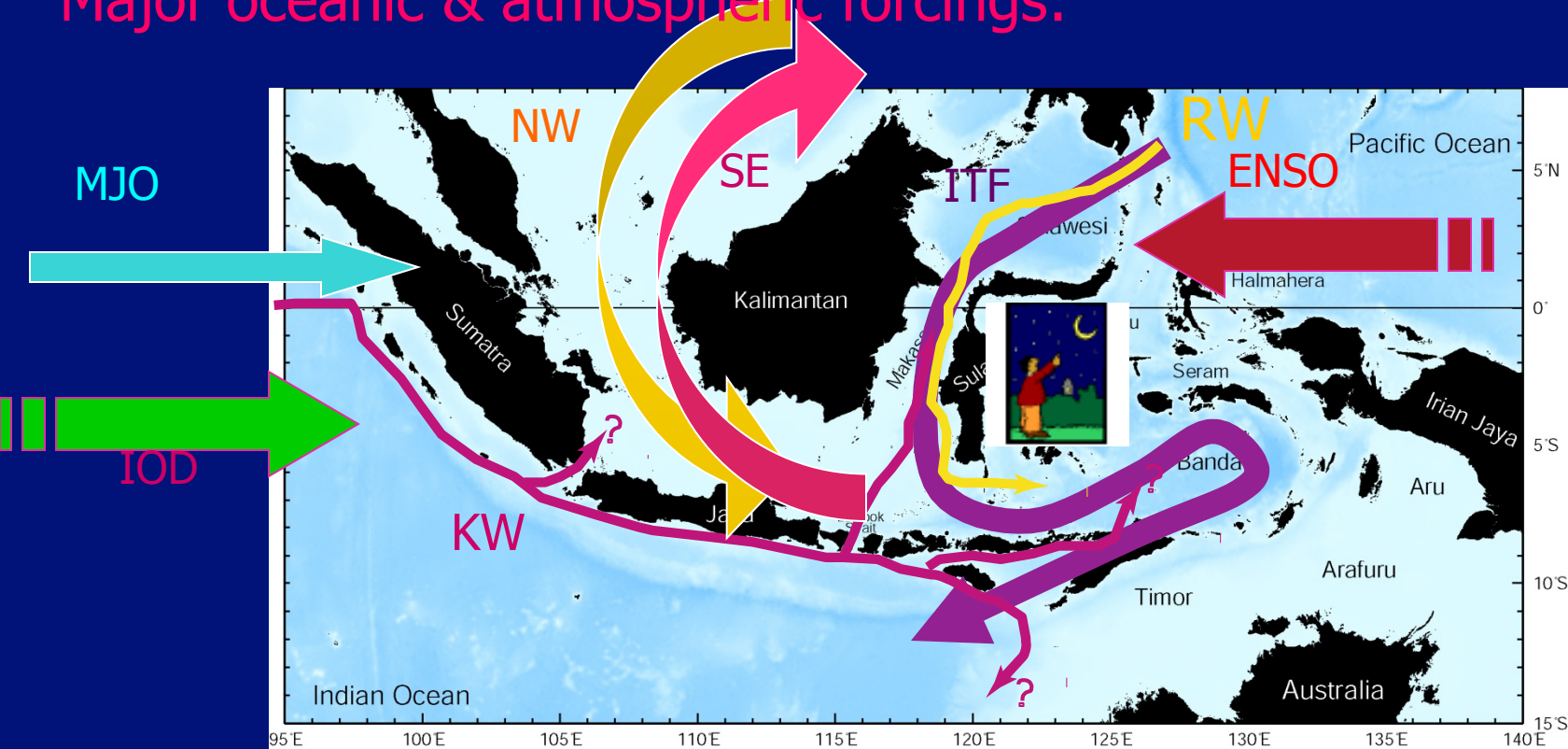


Modified (Reid, EOS May 21, 2015 Lee et al., 2015)

## Goals

- ✓ Determine throughflow pathways
- ✓ Determine magnitude and its variability of volume transport mass-heat and fresh water fluxes from intraseasonal to interannual time scales
- ✓ Investigate the storage and modification of ITF water properties from Pacific into Indian Ocean (mixing, land-ocean-atmosphere interaction, upwelling)
- ✓ Determine impacts of local, regional, and remote forcing (MJO, monsoon, ENSO, IOD, PDO)
- ✓ Investigate the ITF impacts to Indian Ocean SST/stratification and climate?
- ✓ Derive long-term ITF transport proxy.

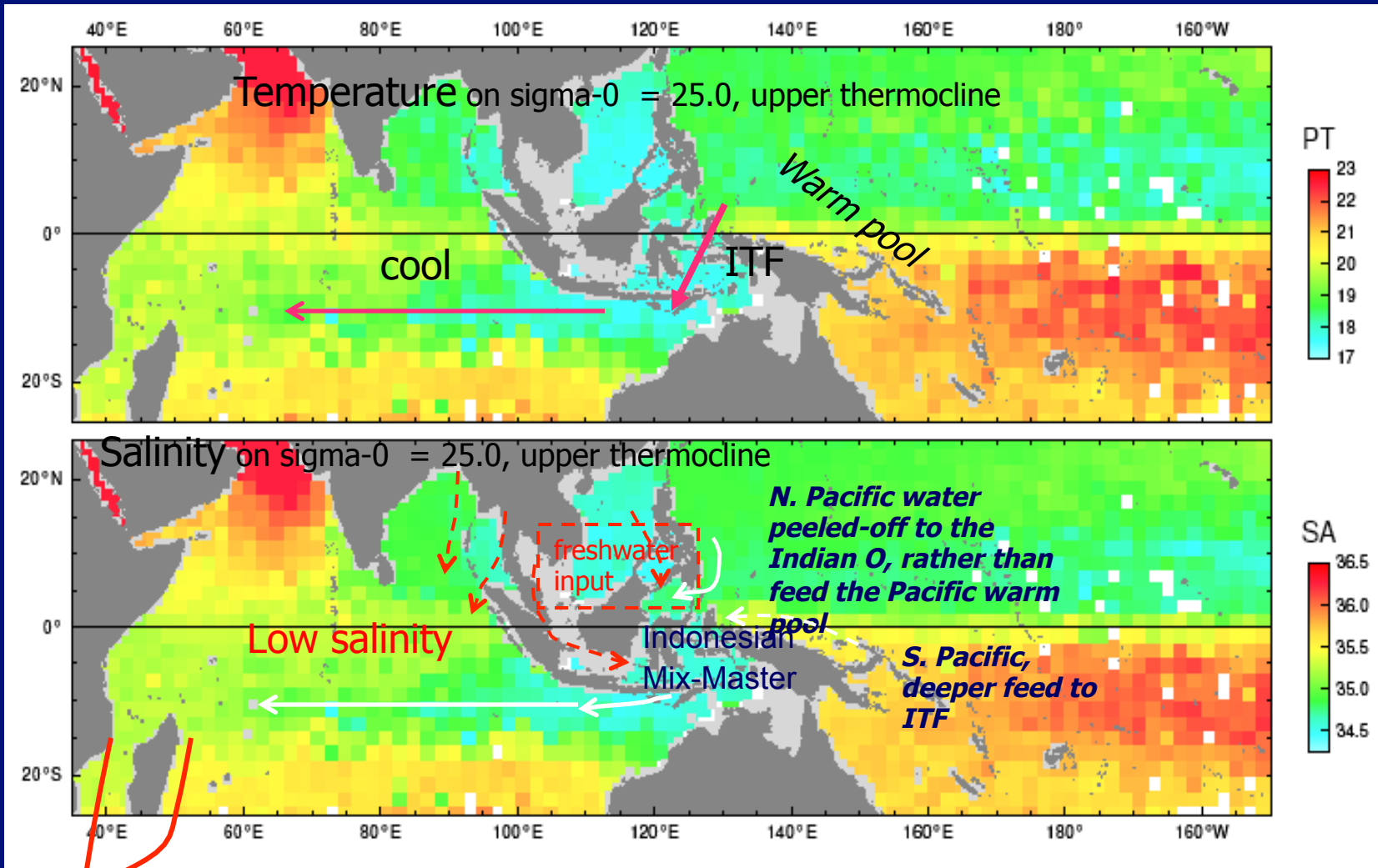
# Major oceanic & atmospheric forcings:



- ✓ ENSO+IOD+Monsoon → affects Ocean and atmospheric conditions  
Ocean: ITF, thermal structure, mixing, circulation, upwelling, fisheries  
(Susanto et al., 1999; 2000; 2001, Susanto and Gordon, 2005)  
Atmosphere: rainfall pattern (Aldrian and Susanto, 2003)
- ✓ Strong tide and rough topography → vigorous tidal mixing → internal waves  
(Susanto et al., 2005)

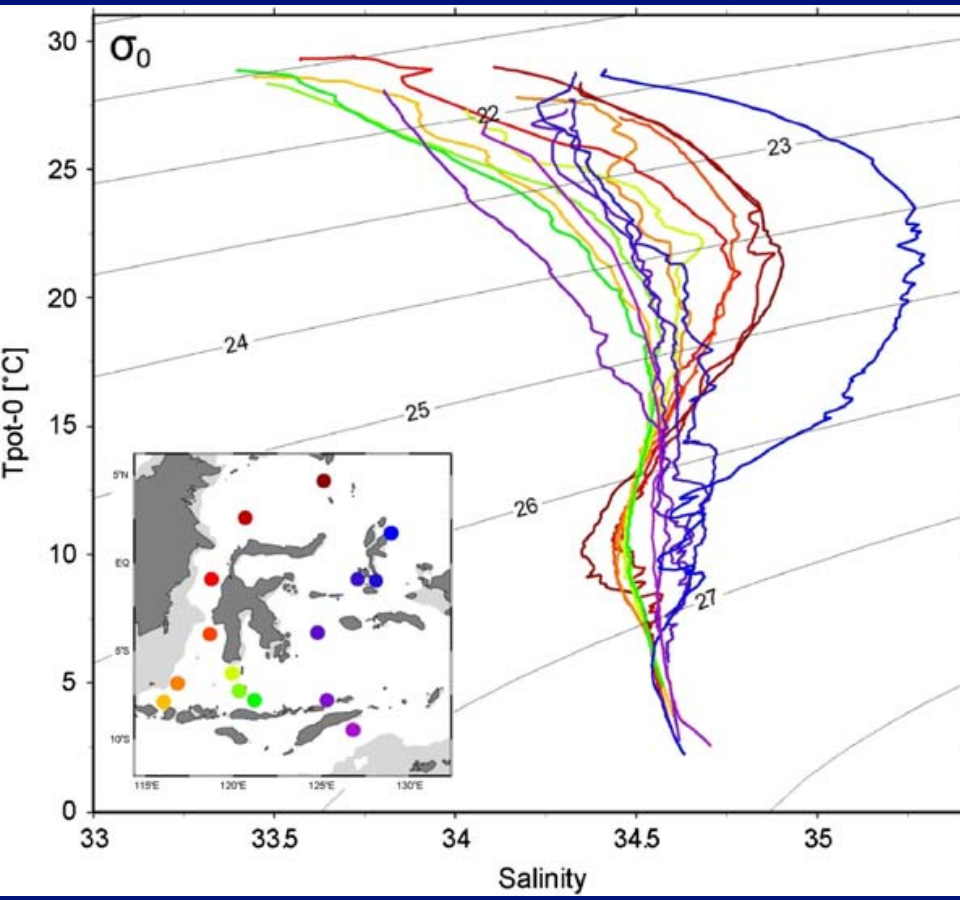


- ITF cools and freshens the Indian Ocean thermocline [on isopycnals] relative to the ambient thermocline.
- $\sim 15$  Sv of ITF water flushes the Indian Ocean thermocline waters to the south by boosting transport of the Agulhas Current [by  $\sim 15\%$ ], increasing southward ocean heat flux across  $20\text{-}30^\circ\text{S}$  over the no-ITF condition, thus altering the meridional overturning of the Indian Ocean [Pacific too]



Agulhas with ITF add-on

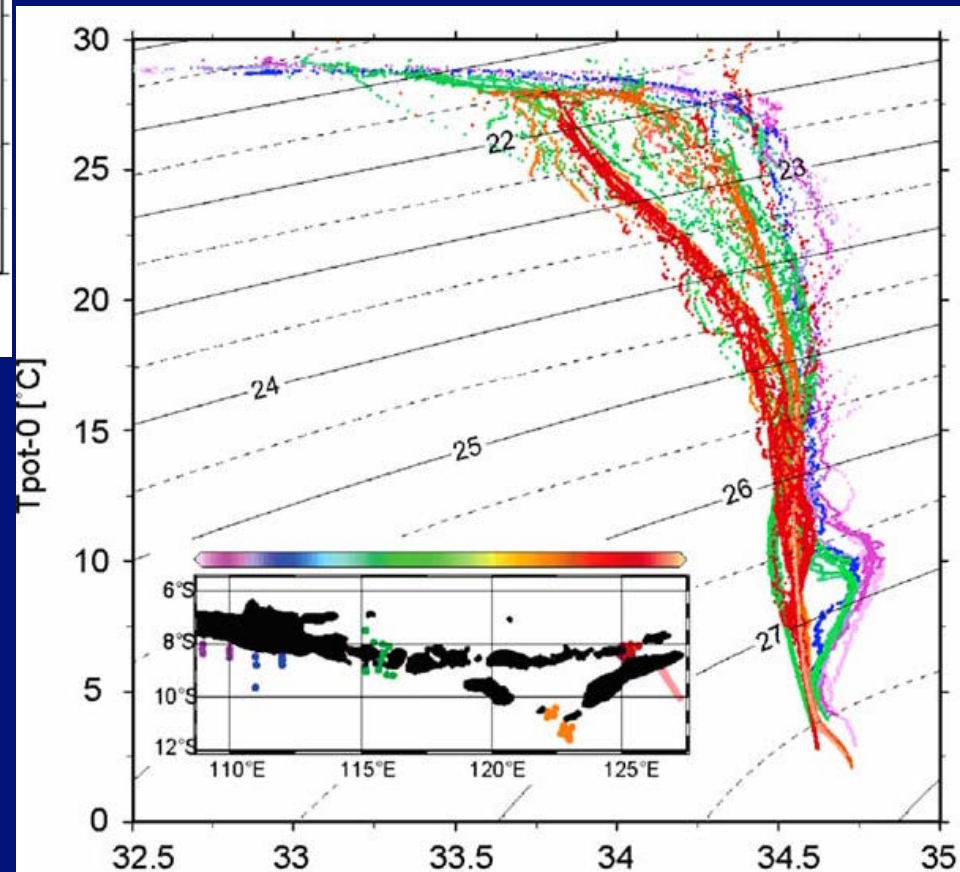
Indonesian Throughflow must exit the Indian Ocean within the Agulhas Current, the ITF follows a torturous route to the Agulhas Current [Song et al., 2004]



Along ITF pathways

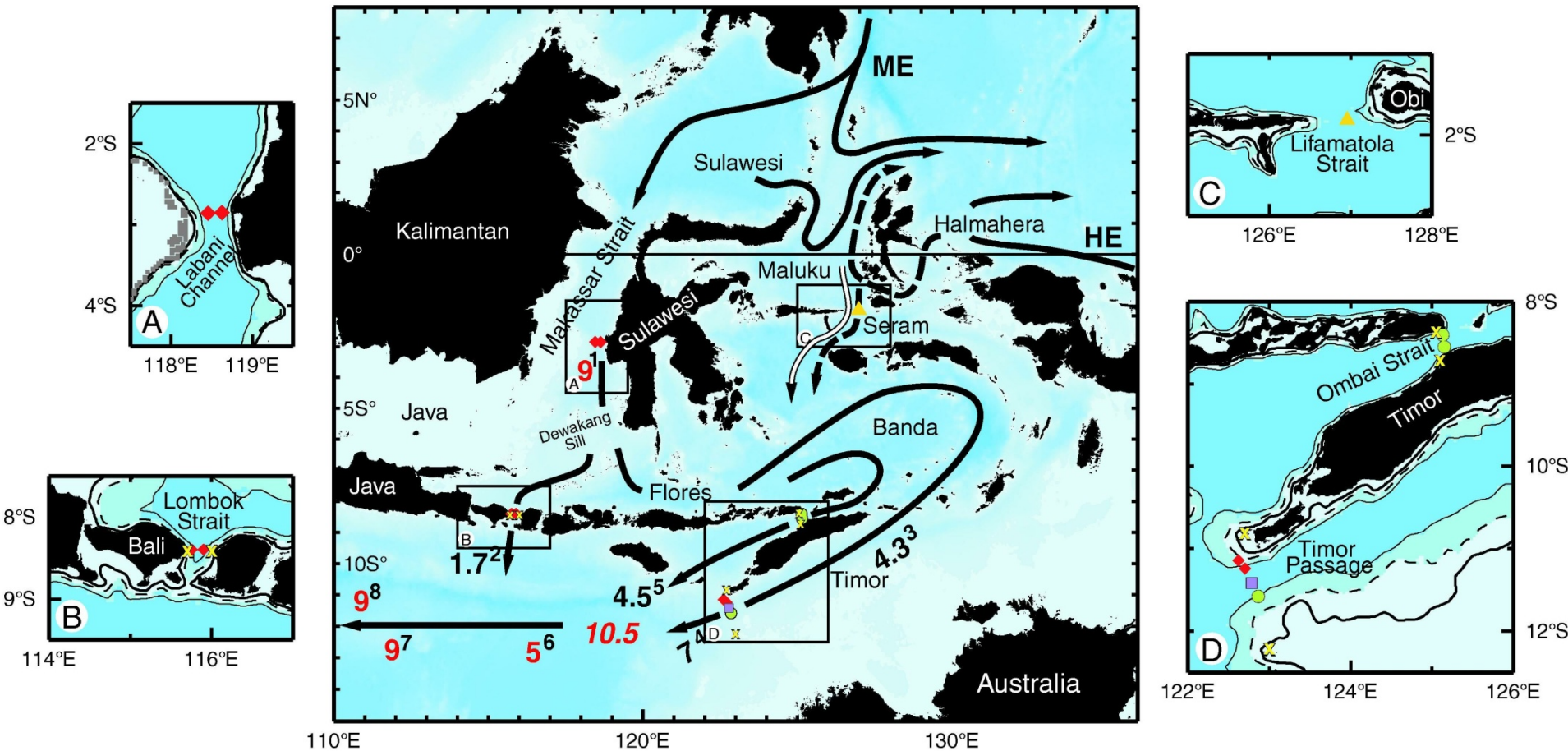
Exit passages

Strong Mixing within the Indonesian Seas, transform Pacific water into Indonesian water before exiting into the Indian Ocean





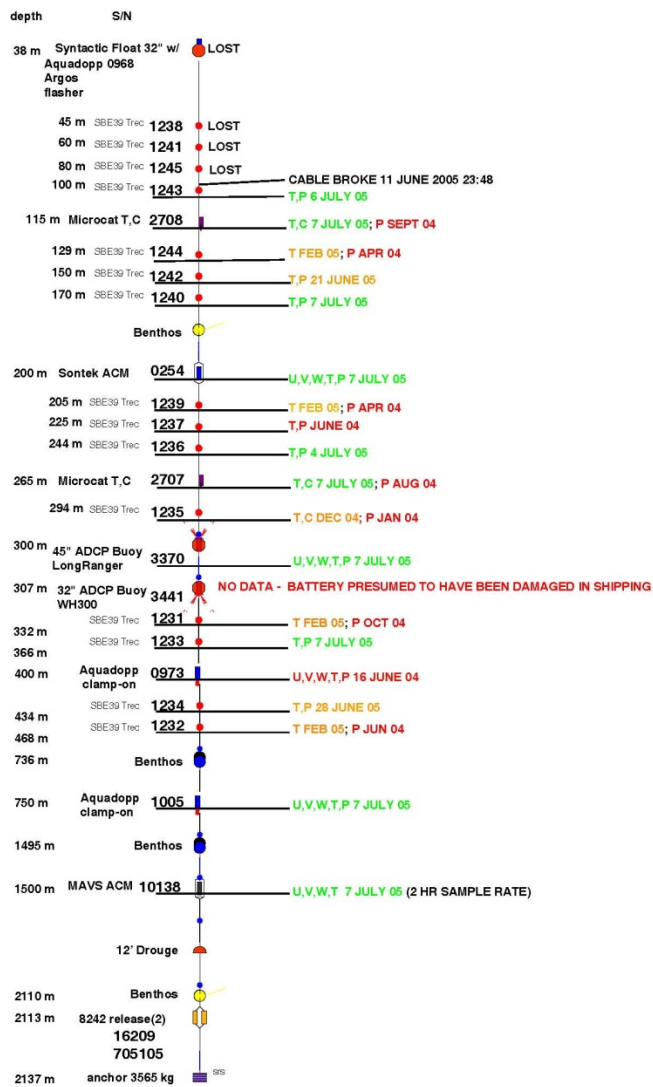
# INSTANT: International Nusantara Stratification & Transport Program Indonesia-USA-Australia-France-Netherlands (2003-2007)



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# Mooring

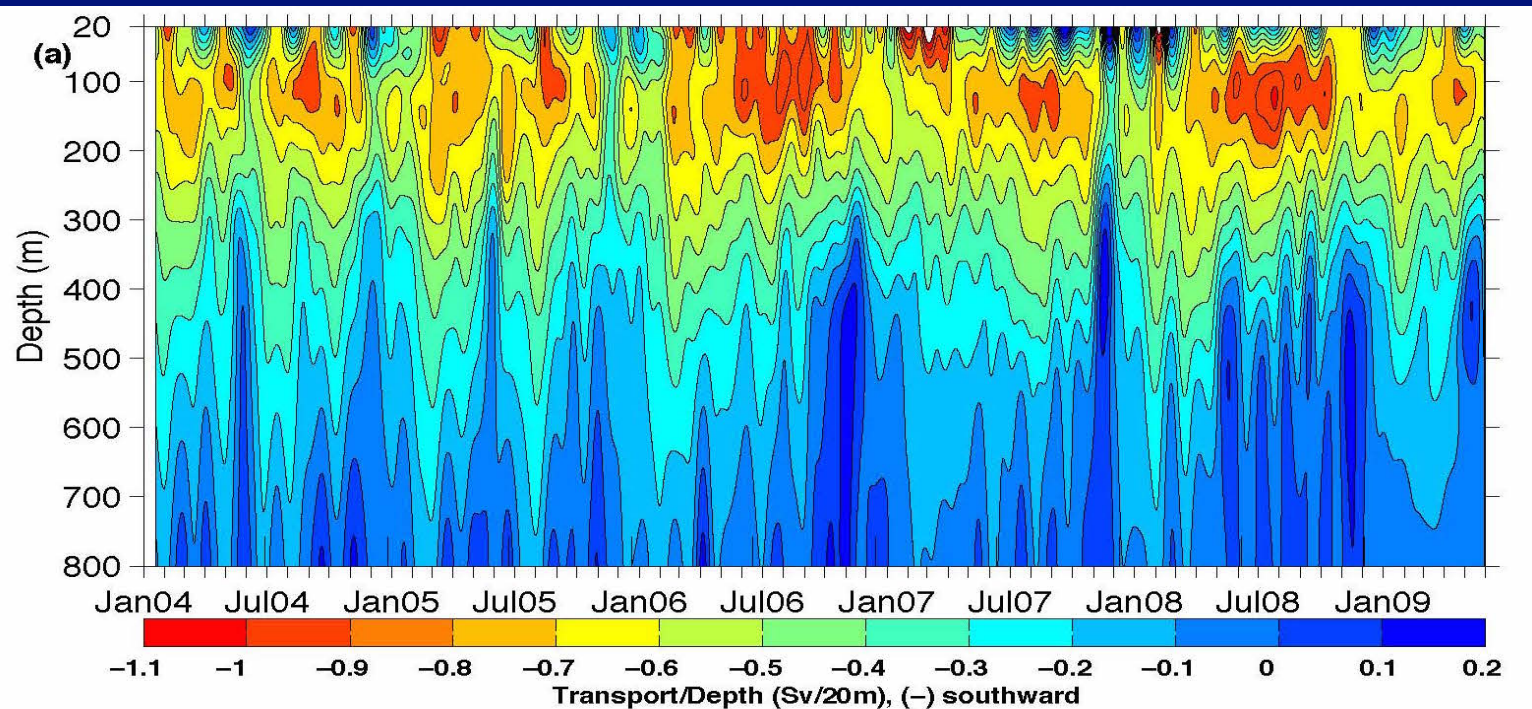
Data Recovery Schematic - Mak West 7 July 2005



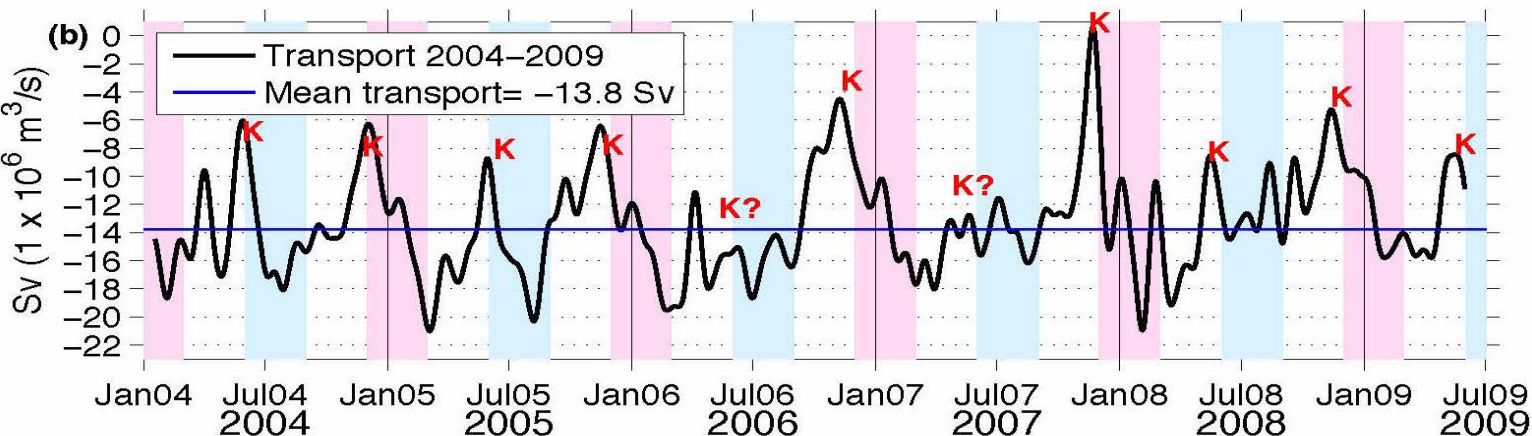


# ITF Transport in the Makassar Strait

- Average volume transport: 13.3 Sv
- Thermocline intensified
- Intraseasonal-seasonal-interannual



Max: 120-150m

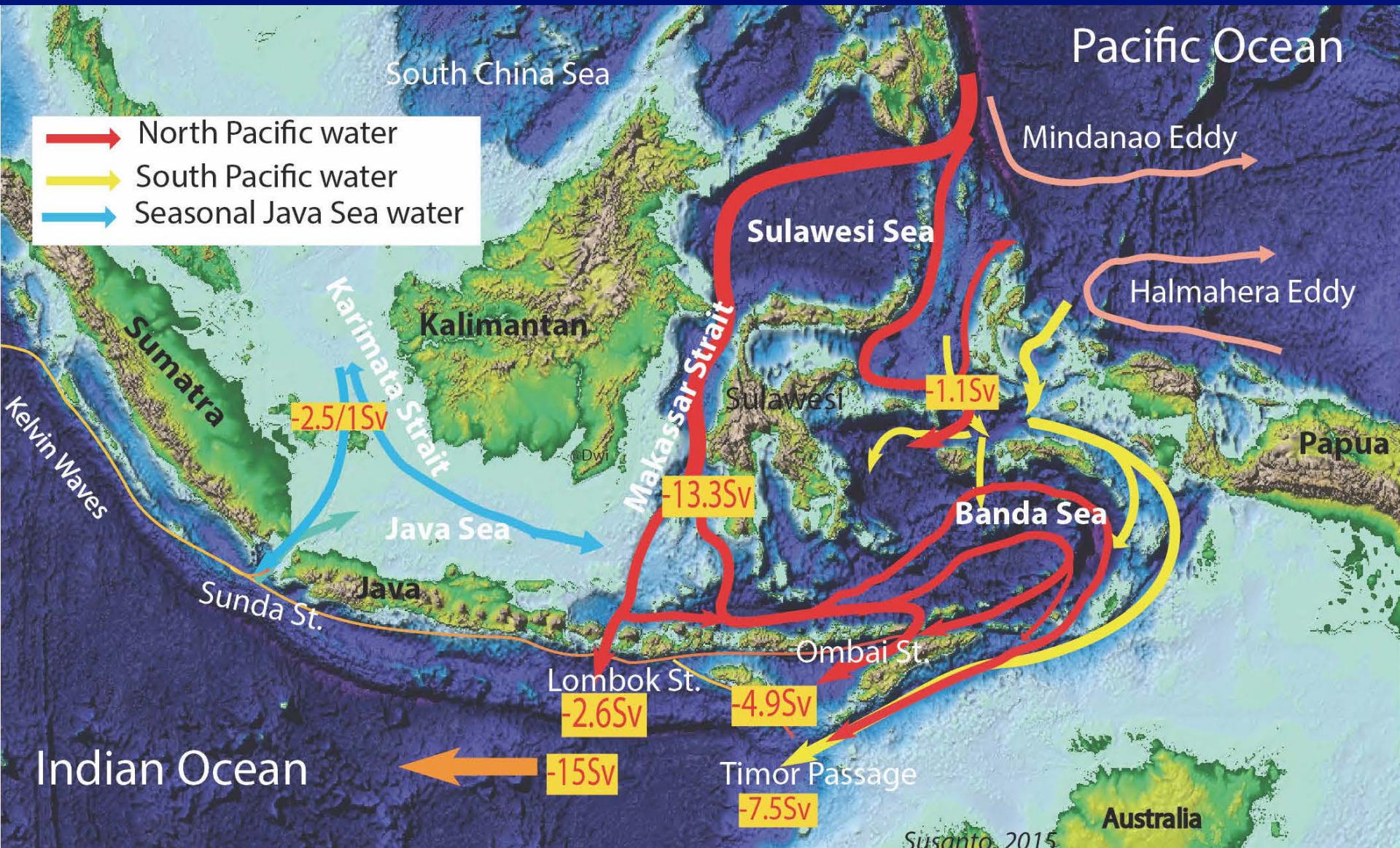


Susanto et al, 2012



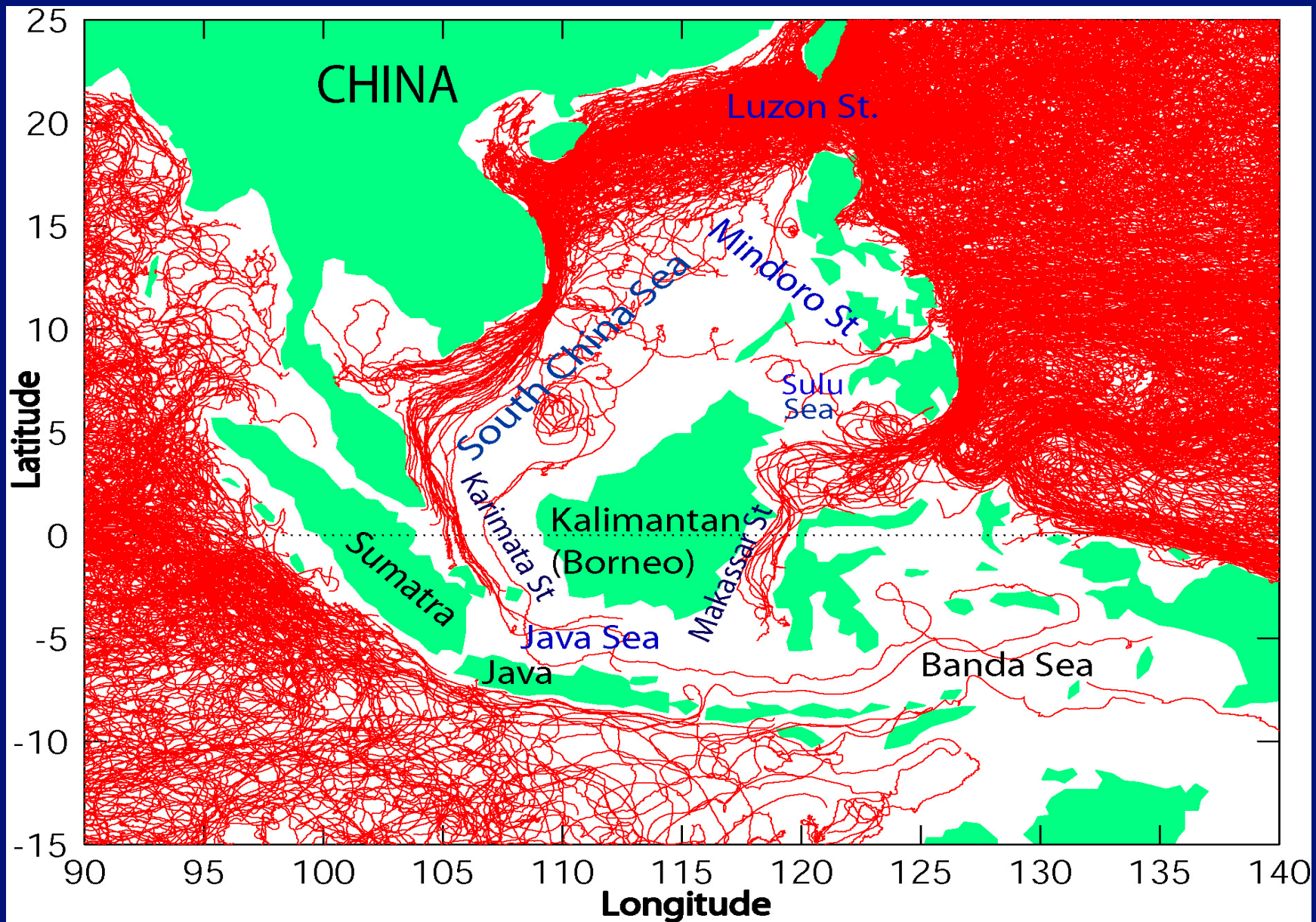


# ITF PATHWAYS



JADE (93-95), ARLINDO (96-98), INSTANT (03-06), MITF(07-11), & SITE (07- )projects





Trajectories satellite-track drift buoys from the Global Drifter Program (8/1988-6/2007)  
courtesy of Drifter Data Assembly Center at NOAA/AOML.

Susanto et al., 2010



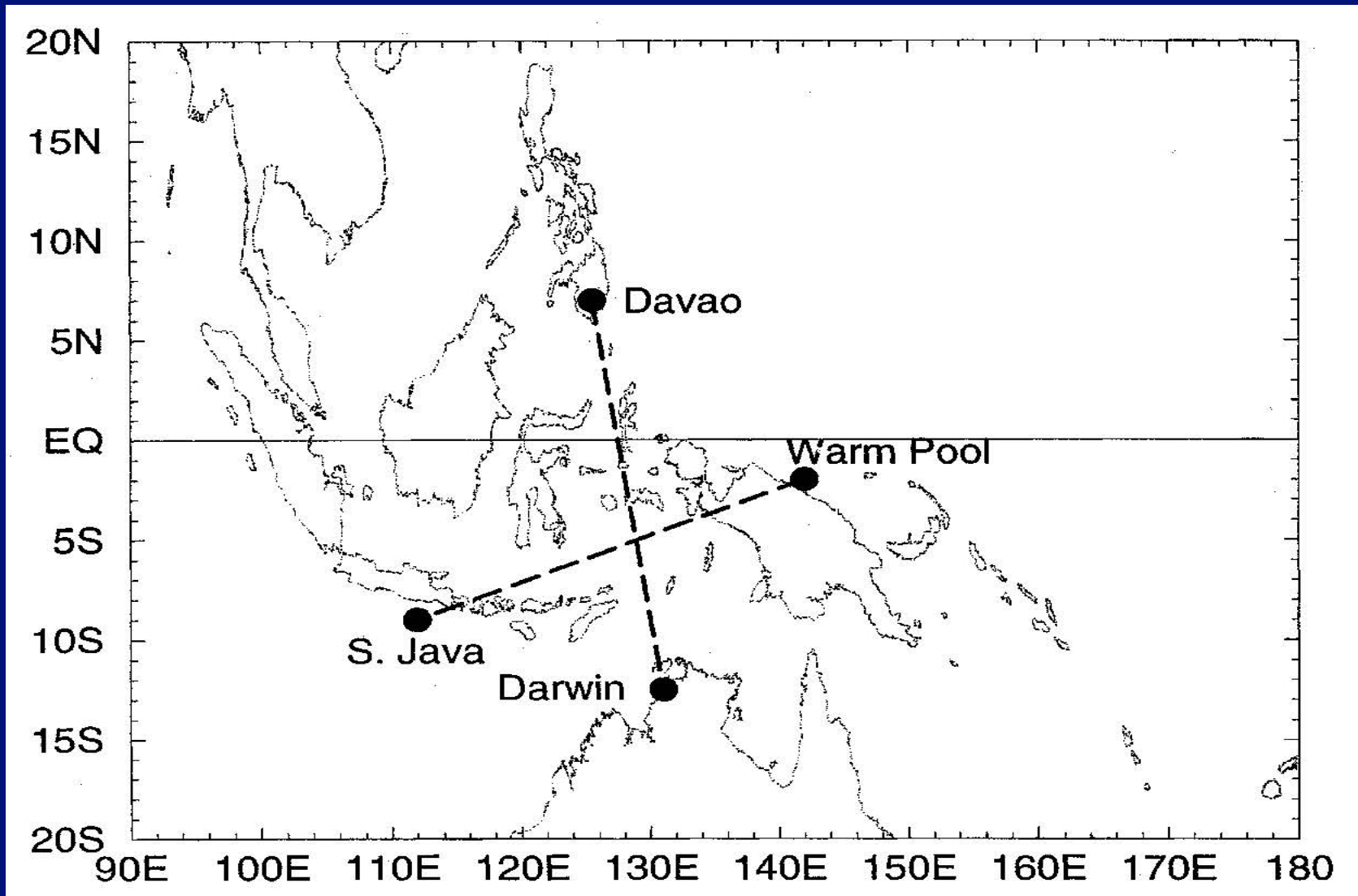
ITF plays important roles in global ocean circulation and climate. Thus, it is desirable to not only quantify the ITF and its variability, but also monitor it for a longer period of time.

Yet, a sustainable in situ observation is expensive and challenging

Example: comprehensive ITF INSTANT program last only for three years

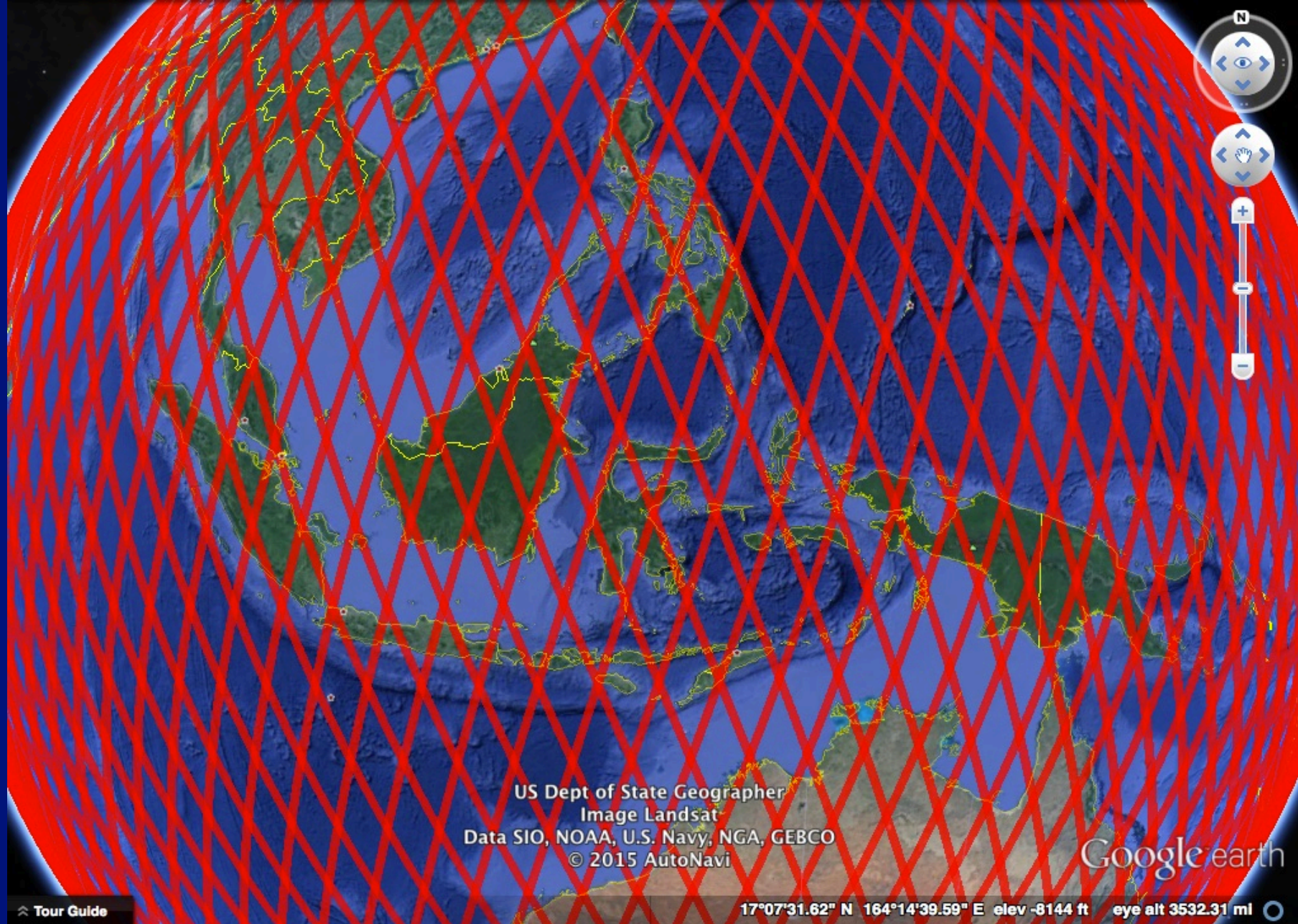
Therefore, an alternative approach to gauge ITF transport or to develop a proxy is desirable.

## Pressure gradient between Pacific and Indian Ocean



Wyrski, 1987; Potemra et al., 1997; 2005 (using 4 & 5 regions in the Pac. & IO)

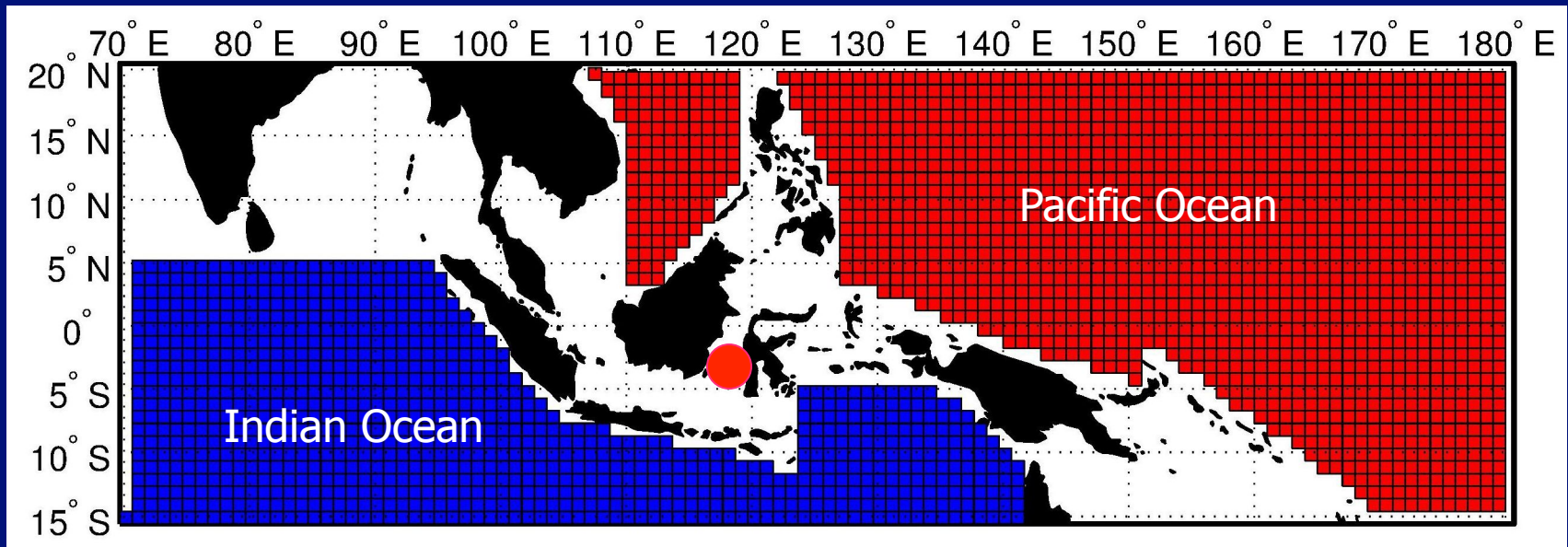




Using T/P-Jason 1/2 altimeters and gravimeters



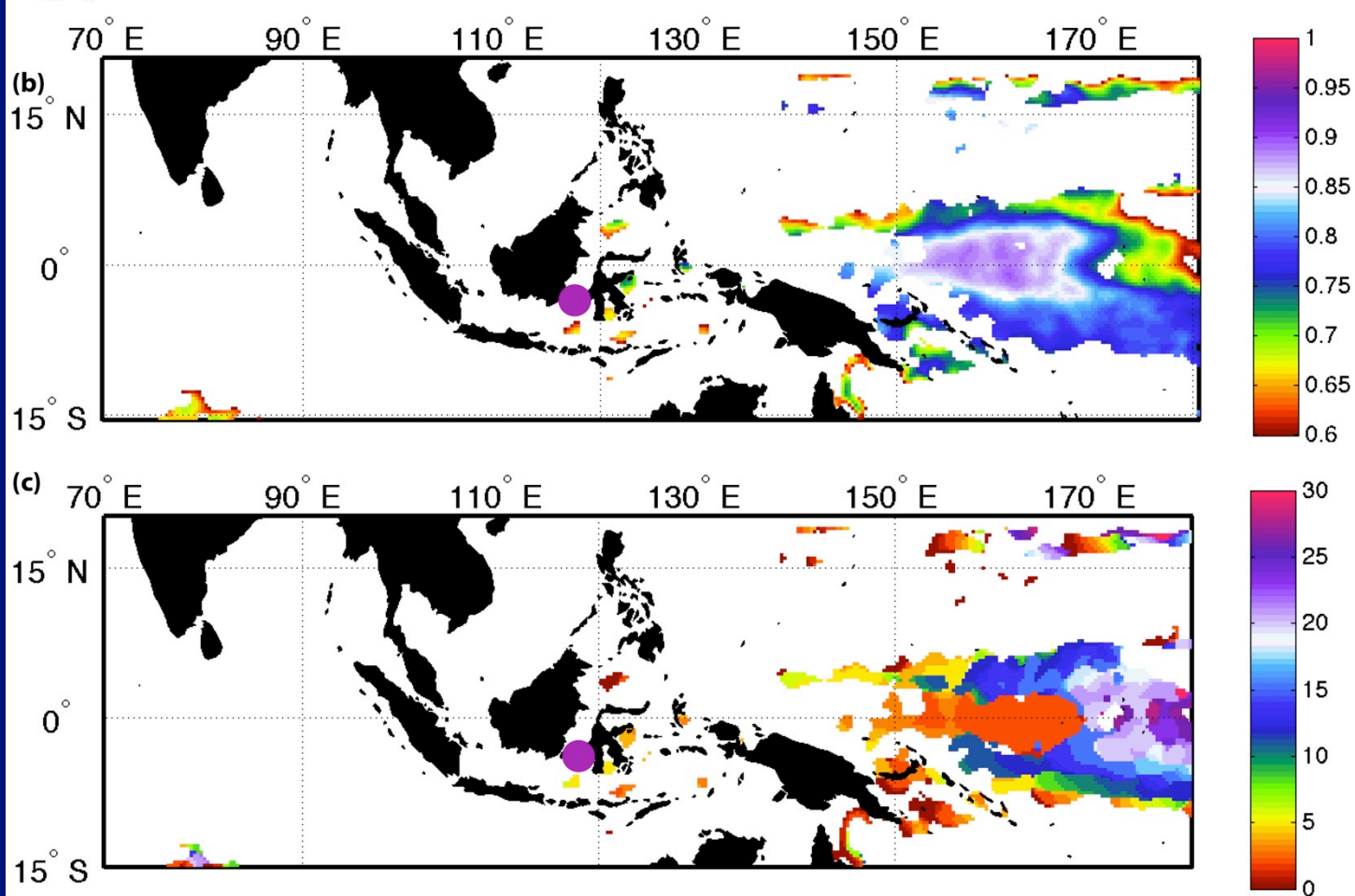
Define grids (1°x 1°): Pacific Ocean ( 1134 grids) and Indian Ocean (968 grids)



- In situ observation in the Makassar Strait 2004-2011: (2004-2009 as testing period and 2009-2011 as validation period)
- 20-years of sea surface height from satellite altimeters (1992-2012)
- 10-years of ocean bottom pressure from Gravity Recovery and Climate Exp. (GRACE)
- Theoretical transport formula for two layer model (Qu & Song, 2009)

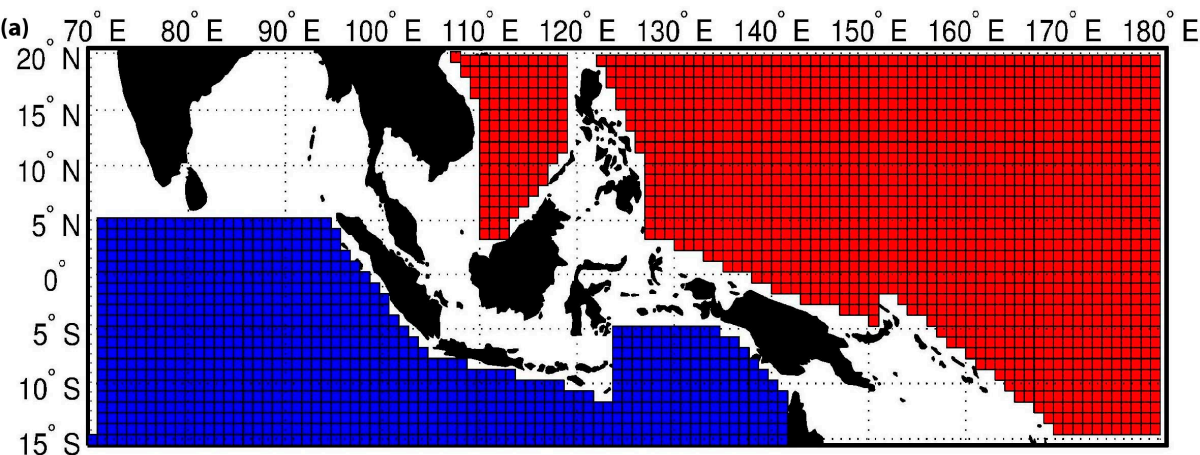
$$Q = \left\{ \frac{r_1 g}{\lambda + r_1 f} H_1 \Delta \eta + \kappa \frac{r_2 g}{\lambda + r_2 f} H_2 (\Delta p_b - \Delta \eta) \right.$$





Sea level variations in the Pacific ocean have high relation with Makassar Strait transport  
 Weak correlation or negative time lag within the Indonesian seas and Indian

These one-side correlations indicate that sea level variability on one side does not necessarily control the throughflow variability because the throughflow variability and strength have to be affected by both oceans. Therefore, the maximum correlation region determined by this approach is not necessarily optimal for deriving the ITF transport.



## ITF Inflow:

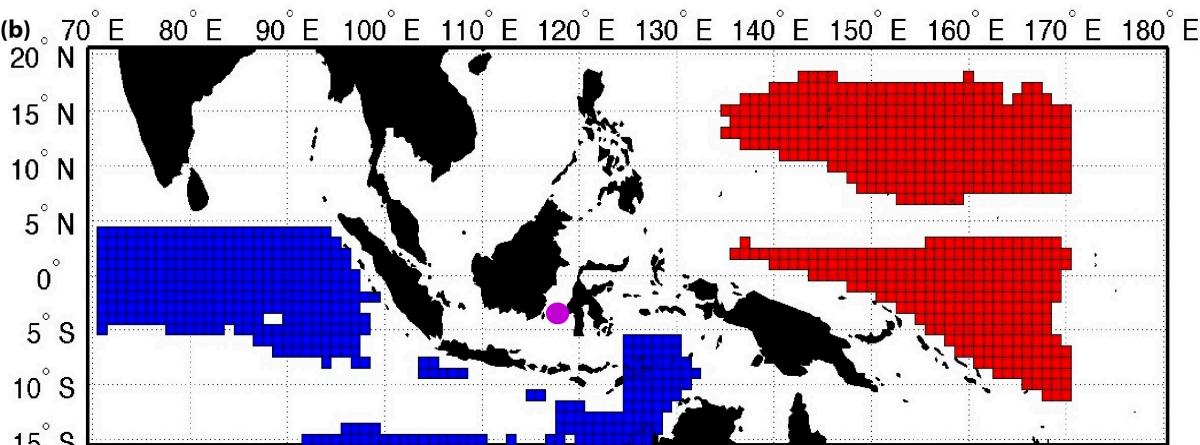
Makassar (Susanto et al, 2013,  
Gordon et al., 2010)

Lifamatola (van Aken, 2009)

Karimata (Susanto et al, 2010; 2013,  
Fang et al., 2010)

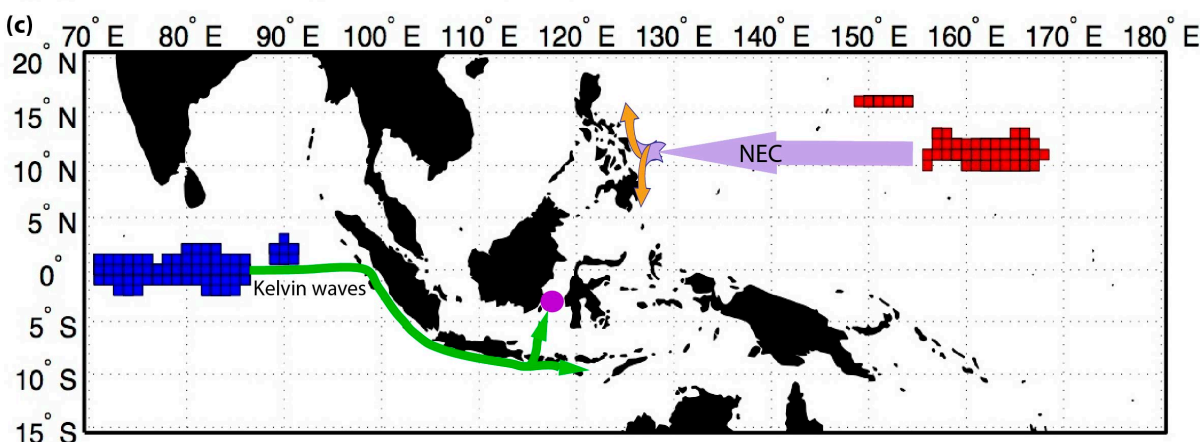
## ITF Outflow

Lombok, Ombai, Timor  
(Sprintall et al., 2009)



ITF proxy from satellite  
altimeters and gravimeter  
(Susanto & Song, JGR,  
2015)

- ITF is controlled by both Pacific & Indian Ocean (SSH Pacific only is not sufficient)

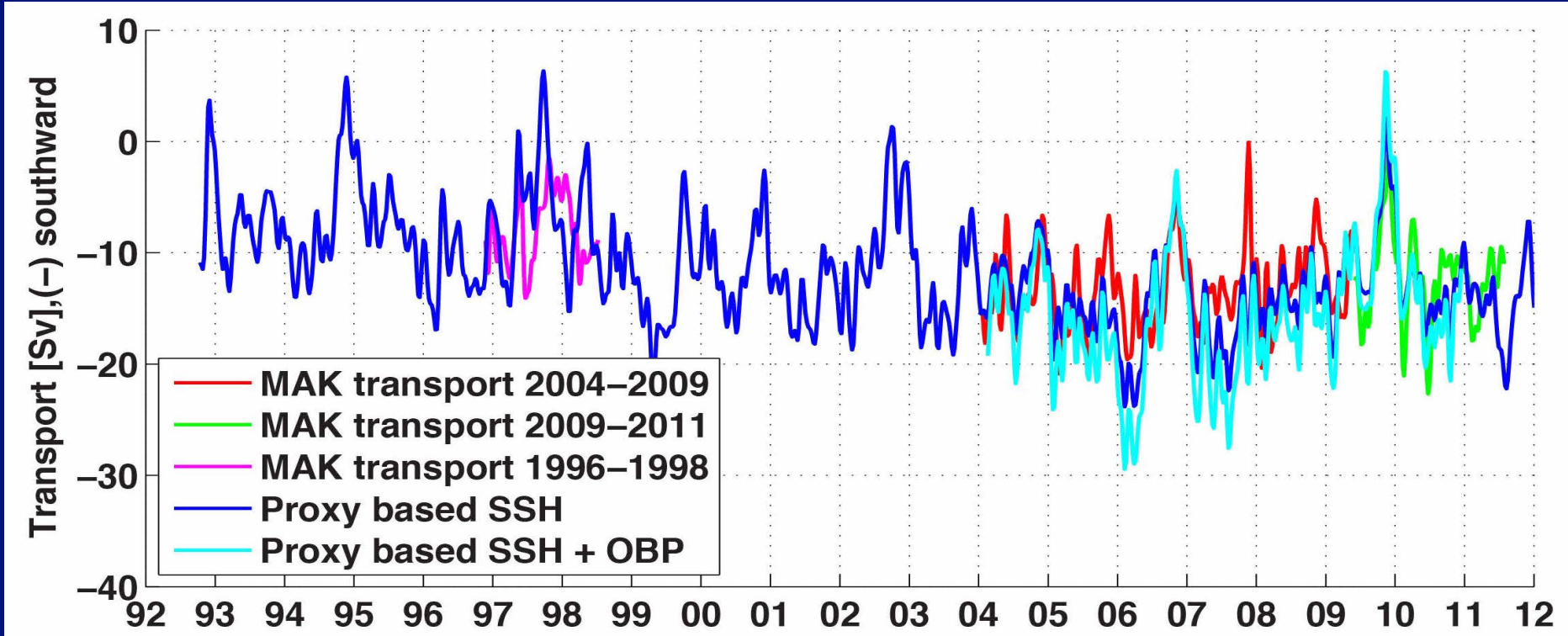


- Optimal location for proxy:  
Pacific: 10N and 160-170E &  
Equatorial Indian Ocean.

- Associated with NEC and  
Westward Rossby waves in Pas.  
Kelvin waves generation in IO

Threshold increase from 0.7 (middle) to 0.83 (bottom)





Susanto & Song, 2015

ITF 2004-2009: testing period; 2009-2011 validation period  
 The proxy time series fits well with the observation from intraseasonal to interannual  
 The proxy during validation period 2009-2011 follows the observation quite well.

	<b>Observation</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
2004-2011	13.0 Sv	13.9 Sv (SSH) 15.8 Sv: SSH + OBP (2004-2010)
1993-2012		11.6 Sv

## Summary and Potential application for climate prediction:

- ✓ ITF plays important role in transferring mass/heat/freshwater fluxes into the Indian Ocean
- ✓ SSH and ocean bottom pressure from satellite altimeters and gravimeters can be used as ITF Proxy couple months (1.5years) ahead of time.
- ✓ The ITF proxy can be calculated every 10days/month as soon as satellite derived altimeter and ocean bottom pressure data available, and should be assimilated into the NCEP climate model
- ✓ The ITF proxy can be used to estimate the heat and fresh water as well as biogeochemical fluxes to the Indian Ocean.
- ✓ South China Sea throughflow proxy
- ✓ Indonesia and China just deployed mooring in the North Makassar and Lombok (TIMIT Project), can be used to validate the proxy

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