

# IUEM

European Institute for Marine Science





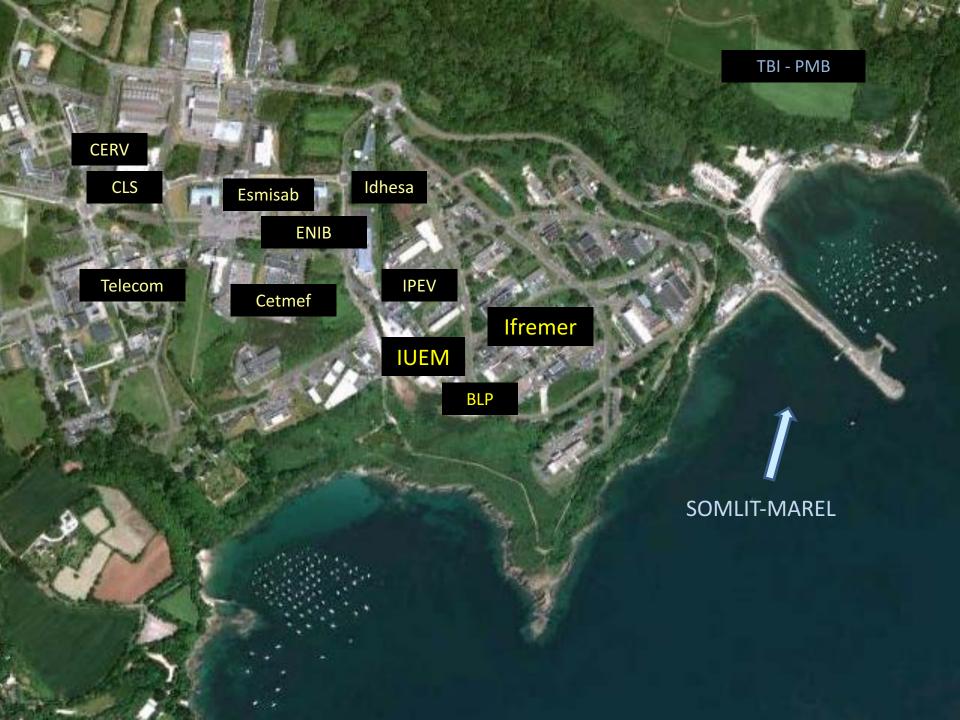












### **History**

#### Marine sciences around the Bay of Brest:

- Royal Naval Academy, 1752
- CNEXO/ifremer, 1967
- University of Western Brittany (UBO), 1971
- IUEM: concept, UBO-CNRS association (1991). New building next to the Ifremer site (1997). First director: Paul Treguer (1998-2007)
- IUEM grows: Association of new research units, IRD and Ifremer, links with South Brittany (Lorient-Vannes)... and a new building (2016!)



IUEM is one of the faculties of UBO, and also an Observatory of the Sciences of the Universe of the CNRS (OSU-CNRS)

RESEARCH

**EDUCATION** 

**OBSERVATION** 

460 permanent positions, 450 students (PhD and master)

# A multidisciplinary approach of marine sciences



Mission: study the ocean and coastal zones as well as the related human activities, by observation, experimentation and modeling, and disseminate this knowledge through education and communication, in order to achieve the objectives of sustainable development of maritime activities and conservation of ma- rine and coastal ecosystems.

#### Major challenges in research

Coping with a changing ocean: warming, acidification, deoxygenation,

Marine ecosystem functioning, biodiversity, aquaculture and fisheries, marine biotechnologies

The deep sea and the sea floor, its resources and dynamics

The coastal zone: dynamics and vulnerabilities, populations, uses and conflicts

### 7 research units

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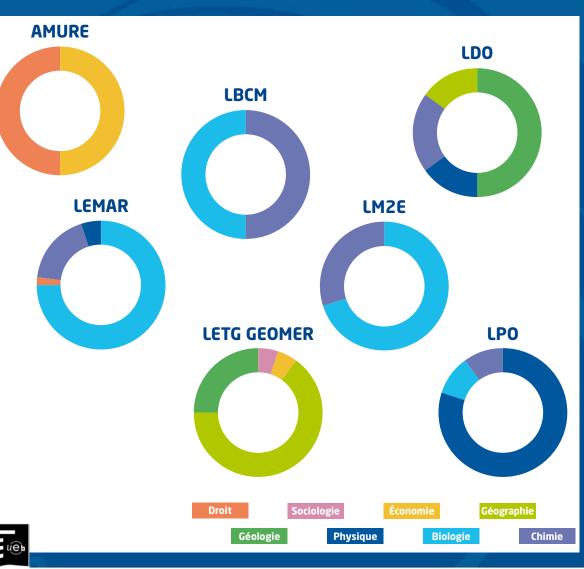
All research units gather different disciplines

All are joint units:



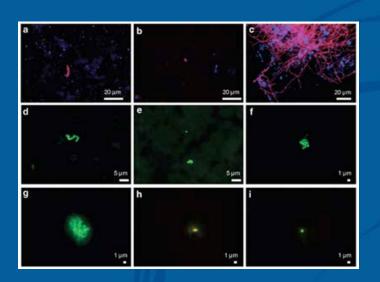
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## Interdisciplinary collaborations





Life at 2000m under the sea floor LMEE, CNRS-Ifremer-UBO, (Ciobanu et al, the ISME journal, 2014)

GEOVIDE cruise, within the GEOTRACES international programme, led by G. Sarthou (LEMAR) and P Lherminier (LPO)





International symposium on coastal risks, hazards, issues, representations, management (LDO, GEOMER, AMURE)





#### Master degrees in Marine Sciences

7 specialties from physics to law and economics 230 students

#### PhD program in marine sciences

A multidisciplinary doctoral school of the University of Western Brittany (UBO) in partnership with

Ifremer, Ecole Navale, ENSIETA, SHOM, IRD, CEREMA, AGROCAMPUS,...

220 PhD students

#### **Observations at IUEM**

#### Marine observatory, coastal zone

SOMLIT, national network for water quality in the coastal zones High frequency MAREL buoy (with Ifremer) Benthic biodiversity, phytoplancton



Observatory of human activities in marine protected

Observatory of human activities in marine protected areas

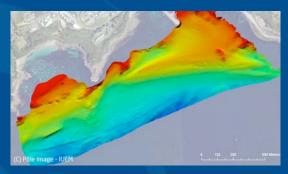
#### Open-ocean and deep ocean:

Water column: ARGO (with Ifremer), North Atlantic centre

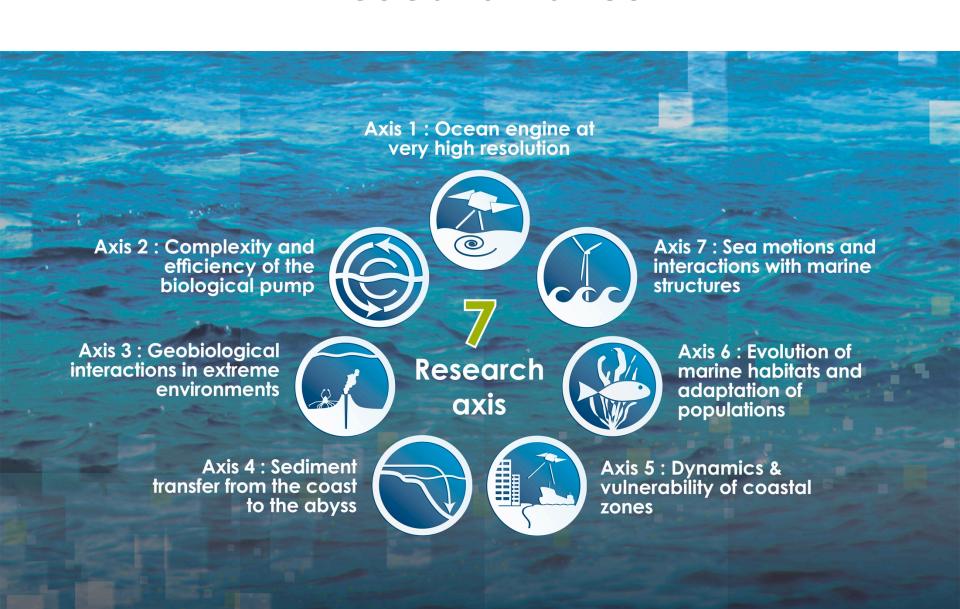
Sea Floor: EMSO, acoustic detection of volcanic and seismic activity / Indian and

**Atlantic Ocean** 





### Research axes



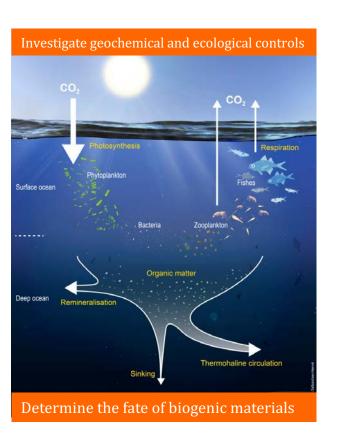


# LabexMER: the global Ocean



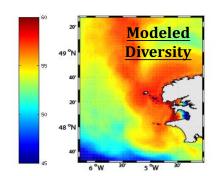


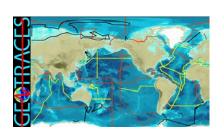
Axis 2: Complexity and efficiency of the biological pump



# Objectives: Characterization of processes governing the biological pump

- Transport of organic C in the deep ocean and in sediments
- Interactions with the cycles of trace elements, of Si, N
- Role of functional biodiversity
- Impact of co-limitations (eg Zn/Co)
- Impact of Si and P on organic matter degradation, aggregation and sinking





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