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Research Interests

My work sits at the forefront of ocean sciences and uses cutting-edge mathematical and numerical tools.

I spend most of my time thinking about the fascinating mechanisms that drive the cycles of carbon, nutrients, and oxygen in the global ocean. To improve our understanding, I build numerical models of tracers in the ocean. This requires engaging with a diverse range of research fields including biology, geology, chemistry, and physics, and deep knowledge of advanced mathematical and computational tools rooted in linear algebra, differential equations, Green functions, nonlinear phenomena, statistics, and optimisation, to mention a few. My education as a mathematician and engineer helps me to develop new ideas and methods to tackle challenging questions in ocean sciences.

My PhD at UNSW was spent studying the global marine cycles of nutrients and iron, which control the ocean's fertility and the "biological pump". This is a critically important area of research as these nutrients sustain all life in the ocean and their cycles are predicted to respond dramatically to climate change. My first postdoc at UCI expanded on this research and was dedicated to biogeochemistry modelling and optimisation. During that time I also developed several open-source packages that provide researchers and students with effective tools for investigating global marine biogeochemical cycles. For my second postdoc, I focused on trace elements and their isotopes, such as nickel, neodymium, cadmium, and iron, which provide complementary constraints and shed light on unresolved questions about the past, current, and future of the oceans. As a Research Associate at UNSW, I worked on the response of the biological pump and the response of the oxygen cycle to climate change. The future of the oxygen cycle is yet another critical issue because our warming climate is driving the ocean to lose its oxygen, which is essential for marine life, with direct impacts for global food security.

I firmly believe that scientists have a duty to make sure we understand our environment well enough to prepare for its abrupt change and prevent the worst outcomes. I commend my fellow sea-going oceanographers, who play a crucial role in this pursuit by providing us with an ever-growing set of observational data. As a mathematically inclined oceanographer, I am committed to contribute to that endeavour by putting all my energy towards answering the critical science questions posed by our changing environment and towards educating the next generation of scientists that will eventually take over. Despite my expertise, which continuously exposes me to the grim outlook of climate change, I am regularly amazed by the scientific discoveries that we make and the positive outcomes that we can achieve. I remain scientifically fascinated by the complex interplay between the ocean, biology, and climate, and I look forward to making a difference by working alongside wonderful collaborators.

Education

2013—2017 **PhD in Applied Mathematics** University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Thesis title: The Ocean's Global Iron, Phosphorus, and Silicon Cycles: Inverse Modelling and Novel Diagnostics.

Supervisor: A/Prof. Mark Holzer.

- · Global Biogeochemical Cycles, Global Biological Pump
- Ecosystem Modelling & Biogenic Transport Modelling
- Green Functions Techniques (Path Densities, Flow Rates, Time Scales)
- Nonlinear Systems, Parameter Optimisation/Inverse Modelling
- Iron Control on the Global Biological Pump
- · Southern Ocean Nutrient Trapping
- 2010 **MSc in Environmental Science** University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia Study of the nature of environmental problems and the methodology of their evaluation and management.
 - · Geophysical Fluid Dynamics
 - Oceanography
 - Project Management, Environmental Risk Management
- 2007—2008 **MSc in Finance Mathematics**Paris Dauphine + ENSAE ParisTech, Paris, France MASEF (Mathematics of Insurance, Economics and Finance), Finance speciality.
 Supervisor: Prof. Bruno Bouchard.
 - · Stochastic Calculus, Levy Processes with Jumps
 - Stochastic Differential Equations
 - Numerical Methods (Monte Carlo)
- 2004—2007 **MSc in Mathematics & Engineering** École Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France

Pure mathematics specialisation.

- Algebra, Arithmetic, Numerical Methods, Computer Science
- Differential Topology, Relativity
- · Physics, Biology
- 2001—2004 Preparatory Classes

Lycée Masséna, Nice, France

French Preparatory Classes, mathematics speciality.

- Linear Algebra, Topology, Numerical Methods, Computer Science
- Mechanics, Electromagnetism, Thermodynamics

Professional Experience

Sep 24—Present Researcher CSIRO, Hobart, Australia Transport matrices for marine carbon dioxide removal validation.
Supervisor: Dr. Richard Matear.

Sep 24—Present Adjunct Fellow University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia Continued collaboration with A/Prof. Mark Holzer.

Oct 21—Aug 24 Research Associate University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia Response of the ocean's carbon and oxygen cycles to climate change.
Supervisor: A/Prof. Mark Holzer.

Nov 19—Oct 21 Postdoctoral Researcher University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA Global marine trace metals and isotopes modelling.
Supervisor: A/Prof. Seth John.

Sep 17—Sep 19 **Postdoctoral Research Scholar** University of California, Irvine, CA, USA New tools for improving global biogeochemistry models.

Supervisors: Prof. François Primeau and Prof. J. Keith Moore.

Mar 17—Aug 17 **Casual Research Assistant** University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia Continued PhD work.
Supervisor: A/Prof. Mark Holzer.

Jun 16—Dec 16 **Mathematics Tutor** University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia *Numerical Methods and Statistics*, 2nd year.
Supervisor: Dr. Shev MacNamara.

May 11—Aug 12 **Proposal Engineer** Degrémont, Suez Environnement, Sydney, Australia Tendering project management for design, construction, maintenance, and operational contracts. Business development, liaison with clients, advertising on company capabilities.

Jul 08—Jun 09 **Forex Trader Assistant** Société Générale Investment Banking, Paris, France MASEF Internship in foreign exchange market (Forex). Research and software development in automated arbitrage using real-time high-frequency data. Supervisors: Prof. Bruno Bouchard and Dr. Nicolas Boitout.

Apr 07—Jul 07 **Mathematics Research Intern** École Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France École Polytechnique Speciality (Mathematics) Internship at the Laurent Schwartz Mathematics Centre (CMLS). Research review on the Witt ring of quadratic forms. Supervisor: Prof. Jean Lannes.

Sep 04—Feb 05 **IT Intern**Development of an ACCESS database to improve communication and management of Bioforce, which provides training and career advice in aid programs and logistics.

Jul 06—Jul 06 **Assembly Line Worker (Internship)** Mecaplast, Monaco École Polytechnique Industrial Placement.

References

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Publications

- [1] Deoxygenation and its drivers analyzed in steady state for perpetually slower and warmer oceans **Benoît Pasquier**, Mark Holzer, Matthew A. Chamberlain, Richard J. Matear, Nathaniel L. Bindoff Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans (in press)
- [2] The Biological and Preformed Carbon Pumps in Perpetually Slower and Warmer Oceans

 Benoît Pasquier, Mark Holzer, Matthew A. Chamberlain

 Biogeosciences 21.14 (July 2024) pp. 3373–3400

 DOI: 10.5194/bg-21-3373-2024
- [3] Biogeochemical Fluxes of Nickel in the Global Oceans Inferred From a Diagnostic Model
 Seth G. John, Hengdi Liang, **Benoît Pasquier**, Mark Holzer, Sam Silva
 Global Biogeochemical Cycles 38.5 (2024) e2023GB008018

 DOI: 10.1029/2023GB008018
- [4] Atmospheric pCO2 Response to Stimulated Organic Carbon Export: Sensitivity Patterns and Timescales Mark Holzer, Tim DeVries, **Benoît Pasquier**

Geophysical Research Letters 51.12 (2024) e2024GL108462

[5] Optimal Parameters for the Ocean's Nutrient, Carbon, and Oxygen Cycles Compensate for Circulation Biases but Replumb the Biological Pump

Benoît Pasquier, Mark Holzer, Matthew A. Chamberlain, Richard J. Matear, Nathaniel. L. Bindoff, François. W. Primeau

Biogeosciences 20.14 (2023) pp. 2985-3009

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[6] The Biogeochemical Balance of Oceanic Nickel Cycling

Seth G. John, Rachel L. Kelly, Xiaopeng Bian, Feixue Fu, M. Isabel Smith, Nathan T. Lanning, Hengdi Liang, **Benoît Pasquier**, Emily A. Seelen, Mark Holzer, Laura Wasylenki, Tim M. Conway, Jessica N. Fitzsimmons, David A. Hutchins, Shun-Chung Yang

Nature Geoscience 15.11 (2022) pp. 906–912. Nature Publishing Group

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[7] AIBECS.Jl: A Tool for Exploring Global Marine Biogeochemical Cycles.

Benoît Pasquier, François W. Primeau, Seth G. John

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- [8] GNOM v1.0: An Optimized Steady-State Model of the Modern Marine Neodymium Cycle Benoît Pasquier, Sophia K. V. Hines, Hengdi Liang, Yingzhe Wu, Steven L. Goldstein, Seth G. John Geoscientific Model Development 15.11 (2022) pp. 4625–4656
 DOI: 10.5194/gmd-15-4625-2022
- [9] A New Metric of the Biological Carbon Pump: Number of Pump Passages and Its Control on Atmospheric pCO2

Mark Holzer, Eun Young Kwon, Benoît Pasquier

Global Biogeochemical Cycles 35.6 (2021) e2020GB006863

DOI: 10.1029/2020GB006863

[10] Evaluating the benefits of Bayesian hierarchical methods for analyzing heterogeneous environmental datasets: a case study of marine organic carbon fluxes

Gregory L. Britten, Yara Mohajerani, Louis Primeau, Murat Aydin, Catherine Garcia, Wei-Lei Wang, **Benoît Pasquier**, B. B. Cael, François W. Primeau

Frontiers in Environmental Science 9 (2021) p. 28

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[11] Perspective on identifying and characterizing the processes controlling iron speciation and residence time at the atmosphere-ocean interface

Nicholas Meskhidze, Christoph Völker, Hind A. Al-Abadleh, Katherine Barbeau, Matthieu Bressac, Clifton Buck, Randelle M. Bundy, Peter Croot, Yan Feng, Akinori Ito, Anne M. Johansen, William M. Landing, Jingqiu Mao, Stelios Myriokefalitakis, Daniel Ohnemus, **Benoît Pasquier**, Ying Ye

Marine Chemistry 217 (2019) p. 103704

DOI: 10.1016/j.marchem.2019.103704

[12] Diatom Physiology Controls Silicic Acid Leakage in Response to Iron Fertilization

Mark Holzer, Benoît Pasquier, Timothy DeVries, Mark Brzezinski

Global Biogeochemical Cycles 33.12 (2019) pp. 1631-1653

DOI: 10.1029/2019GB006460

[13] The number of past and future regenerations of iron in the ocean and its intrinsic fertilization efficiency **Benoît Pasquier**, Mark Holzer

Biogeosciences 15.23 (2018) pp. 7177-7203

DOI: 10.5194/bg-15-7177-2018

[14] Inverse-model estimates of the ocean's coupled phosphorus, silicon, and iron cycles **Benoît Pasquier**, Mark Holzer

Biogeosciences 14.18 (2017) pp. 4125-4159

DOI: 10.5194/bg-14-4125-2017

[15] The age of iron and iron source attribution in the ocean

Mark Holzer, Marina Frants, Benoît Pasquier

[16] The plumbing of the global biological pump: Efficiency control through leaks, pathways, and time scales **Benoît Pasquier**, Mark Holzer

DOI: 10.1002/2016GB005418

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Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans 121.8 (2016) pp. 6367-6388

Talks and Posters

[1] The Ocean's Carbon and Oxygen Cycles in Future Steady-State Climate Scenarios

Benoît Pasquier, Mark Holzer, Matthew A. Chamberlain, Richard J. Matear, Nathaniel L. Bindoff, François W. Primeau

Ocean Sciences Meeting, 2024, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

[2] Optimal parameters for the ocean's nutrient, carbon, and oxygen cycles compensate for circulation biases but replumb the biological pump

Benoît Pasquier, Mark Holzer, Matthew A. Chamberlain, Richard J. Matear, Nathaniel L. Bindoff, François W. Primeau

AMOS National Conference, 2024, Canberra, Australia

[3] PCO2: A simple biogeochemistry model embedded in a simple ocean circulation model in matrix form **Benoît Pasquier**

UNSW Ocean Research Carnival, 2023, UNSW, Sydney, Australia

[4] Modeling Marine Ecosystems At Multiple Scales Using Julia

Gaël Forget, Benoît Pasquier, Zhen Wu

JuliaCon, 2021, Online

[5] Julia users and tools for oceanography

Gaël Forget, **Benoît Pasquier**, Alexander Barth, Milan Klöwer, Ali Ramadan, Gregory L. Wagner, Constantinou Navid

Ocean Sciences Meeting, 2020, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, California, USA

[6] AIBECS.jl: the ideal tool for marine biogeochemistry modelling

Benoît Pasquier, François Primeau

Ocean Sciences Meeting, 2020, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, California, USA

[7] F-1 algorithm: Efficient differentiation through large steady-state problems

Benoît Pasquier, François Primeau

Applied Maths Seminar, 2019, School of Mathematics and Statistics, UNSW, Australia

[8] Introducing AIBECS.jl, a Julia package for creating global marine biogeochemistry models

Benoît Pasquier, François Primeau, J. Keith Moore

CCRC Seminars, 2019, Climate Change Research Centre (CCRC), UNSW, Australia

[9] The number of past and future regenerations of iron in the ocean and its intrinsic fertilization efficiency **Benoît Pasquier**, Mark Holzer

Michael Follows Group Meeting, 2019, MIT, USA

[10] Developing a new, open-source, user-friendly, fast, modular, global marine biogeochemistry model (in Julia)

Benoît Pasquier

Sack-lunch seminar, 2019, MIT, USA

[11] Offline parameter optimization for global marine biogeochemical models

Benoît Pasquier

François Primeau Group Meeting, 2018, University of California, Irvine, USA

[12] Inverse-model estimates of the ocean's coupled phosphorus, silicon, and iron cycles.

Benoît Pasquier, Mark Holzer

Ocean Sciences Meeting, 2018, Portland, Oregon, USA

[13] The efficiency of different iron sources in supporting the ocean's global biological pump **Benoît Pasquier**, Mark Holzer

Half-baked seminar, Department of Earth System Science, 2017, University of California, Irvine, USA

[14] Response of the biological pump to perturbations in the iron supply: Global teleconnections diagnosed using an inverse model of the coupled phosphorus-silicon-iron nutrient cycles

Benoît Pasquier, Mark Holzer

AMOS National Conference, 2017, Canberra, Australia

[15] Exploring iron control on global productivity: "FePSi", an inverse model of the ocean's coupled phosphate, silicon and iron cycles

Benoît Pasquier, Mark Holzer

Postgrad Conference, 2016, Sydney, Australia

[16] Iron control on global productivity: an efficient inverse model of the ocean's coupled phosphate, silicon, and iron cycles

Benoît Pasquier, Mark Holzer

Ocean Sciences Meeting, 2016, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

[17] The plumbing of the global biological pump

Benoît Pasquier, Mark Holzer

AMOS National Conference, 2015, Brisbane, Australia

[18] An efficient inverse model of the ocean's coupled nutrient cycles

Benoît Pasquier, Mark Holzer

Postgrad Conference, 2015, Sydney, Australia

[19] Plumbing of the biological pump

Benoît Pasquier, Mark Holzer

Postgrad Conference, 2014, Sydney, Australia

Honors and Awards

2021 **Outstanding Review** AGU Global Biogeochemical Cycles editors https://eos.org/agu-news/in-appreciation-of-agus-outstanding-reviewers-of-2021

2015 **Scholarship** Cuomo Foundation, Monaco

2014 Scholarship

Frères Louis et Max Principale Foundation, Monaco

2014 - 2016 **Scholarship**

Monaco Government, Monaco

2013 Scholarship H.S.H. The Prince Albert II Exception	Monaco Government, Monaco onal Scholarship
2013 - 2016 Scholarship	Monaco Scientific Centre, Monaco
2013 - 2016 Tuition Fee Scholarship	Graduate Research School, UNSW, Sydney, Australia
2004 - 2008 Scholarship Higher studies scholarship	Monaco Government, Monaco

Skills

Programming

Owner AIBECS.il

Julia/MATLAB Expert
Python/LaTeX Advanced
HPC/Shell scripting/HTML Competent
Mathematica/Maple/SageMath Competent
FORTRAN/C++/Ruby/R Out of practice

Languages

French/English Fluent Italian Intermediate Japanese Novice

https://github.com/JuliaOcean/AIBECS.il

Open-source scientific software contributions

	The ideal tool for exploring global marine biogeochemical cycles.	
Owner	GNOM	https://github.com/MTEL-USC/GNOM
	An optimized steady-state model of the modern global marine neodymium cycle.	
Owner	F1Method.il	https://github.com/briochemc/F1Method.il

Efficient quasi-auto-differentiation of an objective function defined implicitly by the solution of a steady-state problem.

Collaborator UnitfulRecipes.jl https://github.com/briochemc/UnitfulRecipes.jl Plotting data with units seamlessly in Julia.

Owner Inpaintings.jl https://github.com/briochemc/Inpaintings.jl Julia version of MATLAB's inpaint_nans.

Owner WorldOceanAtlasTools.jl https://github.com/briochemc/WorldOceanAtlasTools.jl Downloading and using data from the World Ocean Atlas (WOA) database.

Owner OceanographyCruises.jl https://github.com/briochemc/OceanographyCruises.jl An interface for dealing with oceanographic cruises data.

Contributor latexdiff

Compares two latex files and marks up significant differences between them.

Contributor YAXArrays.jl https://github.com/JuliaDataCubes/YAXArrays.jl Yet Another XArray-like Julia package. Contributor cmap https://github.com/tsipkens/cmap Perceptually uniform colormaps for MATLAB, compiled from multiple sources. https://github.com/MakieOrg/Makie.il Contributor Makie.il Interactive data visualisations and plotting in Julia. Contributor offsetaxis-pkg https://github.com/kakearney/offsetaxis-pkg OFFSETAXIS Add an x- or y-axis offset from the plotted axis area (MATLAB). Contributor GeoStats.il https://github.com/JuliaEarth/GeoStats.il Comprehensive framework for geostatistics (or spatial statistics). Owner OceanGrids.jl https://github.com/briochemc/OceanGrids.il Standard format of grids for AIBECS. https://github.com/briochemc/OceanBasins.il Owner OceanBasins.jl Programmatically determine which ocean basin a (lat,lon) coordinate is in. Owner **GEOTRACES.il** https://github.com/briochemc/GEOTRACES.jl A package for reading and using GEOTRACES data in Julia. https://github.com/JuliaDiff/HyperDualNumbers.jl Collaborator HyperDualNumbers.jl Julia implementation of HyperDualNumbers. Owner DualMatrixTools.jl https://github.com/briochemc/DualMatrixTools.jl Efficiently solve dual-valued linear systems. Owner HyperDualMatrixTools.jl https://github.com/briochemc/HyperDualMatrixTools.jl Efficiently solve hyperdual-valued linear systems. https://github.com/briochemc/BlockDiagonalFactors.il Owner BlockDiagonalFactors.jl Efficiently solve linear block-diagonal systems with repeated blocks. Contributor Plots.il https://github.com/JuliaPlots/Plots.jl Powerful convenience for Julia visualisations and data analysis. Contributor Unitful.il https://github.com/PainterQubits/Unitful.jl Julia package for physical units. Contributor UnitfulMoles.jl https://github.com/briochemc/UnitfulMoles.il A set of predefined conventional elemental mol units. https://github.com/JuliaStats/Distributions.jl Contributor Distributions.il A Julia package for probability distributions and associated functions. Contributor DiffEqBase.jl https://github.com/SciML/DiffEqBase.jl DiffEqBase.il is a component package in the DiffEq ecosystem. Contributor SciMLBase.jl https://github.com/SciML/SciMLBase.jl

The Base interface of the SciML ecosystem.

Contributor DiffEqOperators.jl https://github.com/SciML/DiffEqOperators.jl Linear operators for discretizations of differential equations and scientific machine learning (SciML).

Contributor Interpolations.jl https://github.com/JuliaMath/Interpolations.jl Fast, continuous interpolation of discrete datasets in Julia.

Contributor RecipesBase.jl https://github.com/JuliaPlots/RecipesBase.jl Base package for defining transformation recipes on user types for Plots.jl

Contributor CMAP.jl https://github.com/simonscmap/CMAP.jl Simons CMAP Julia client.

Contributor InverseDistanceWeighting.jl https://github.com/juliohm/InverseDistanceWeighting.jl Inverse distance estimation solver for the GeoStats.jl framework.

Owner Earth2014.jl https://github.com/briochemc/Earth2014.jl Download topographic data for the globe.