## ANR Systema

# Modelling larval dispersal of the great scallop (Pecten maximus) in the English Channel

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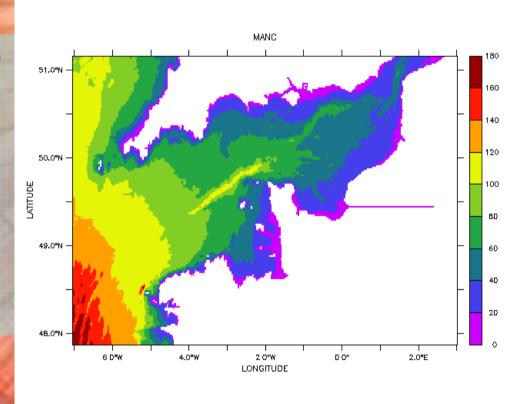
## Study context

- Preliminary results of Task 3 of project ANR COMANCHE
- Pecten maximus = first specie landed by french flotilla
- Management of the different stocks of English Channel totally independent: different fish period, minimal size of caught...
- Are theses stocks really independent?
- For species with bentho-pelagic life cycle, the larval dispersive phase is determinant for:
- 1) understand the mechanisms responsible of larval retention in the nursery area or connectivity between neighbors' populations
- 2) definition of effective strategy of spatial resource management

## Study area

- · Shallow water (max depth = 100 m)
- Tide
- Wind

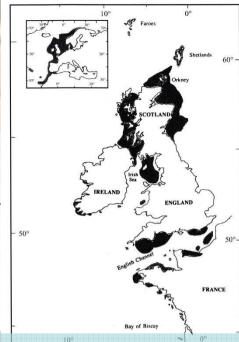
·River plume (Seine...)



## Biology of great scallop

Stocks = Bay of Morlaix /
Lannion; Bay of St Brieuc;
Bay of Saint Malo; Bay of
Seine; eastern channel and
south coast of England

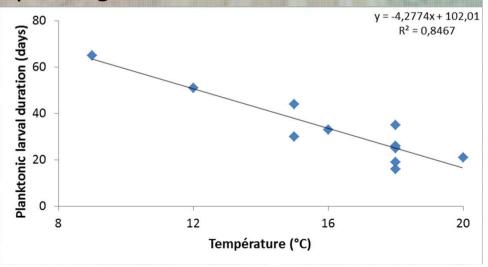




Spawning period = Bay of St Brieuc = 2 significant spawning and the first for T° = 16°C

= Bay of Seine = more spawning but the first for T°= 16°C

Planktonic larval duration (PLD) strongly related to the Temperature = law of Arrhénius



## Study objectives

- What are the processes controlling Pecten larvae transport?
- Where are concentrated the larvae during settling?
- Is there a link between the two different strategy of spawning and the retention power of the two bays?
- What are the source and sink populations in these two bays?

## Modelling method

- > Model simulation 0 reference simulation :
  - PLD : 40 days
  - No biologic behavior
  - Bay of St brieux : 2 spawning episodes : one for T=16°C and the other 3 weeks later
  - Bay of Seine: many spawning episodes: one for T=16°C and every 8 days until the end of August
  - 10 years of simulation (2000 à 2009)
- > Model simulation 1
- = reference simulation +
  - Influence of the variability of the planktonic larval duration: taking account of the law of Arrhénius in the model

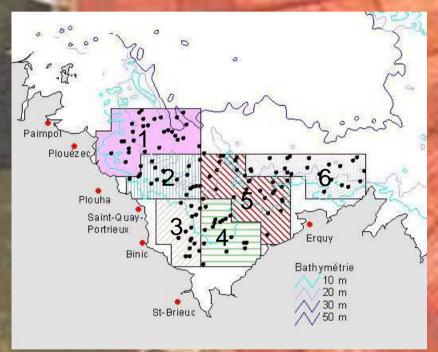
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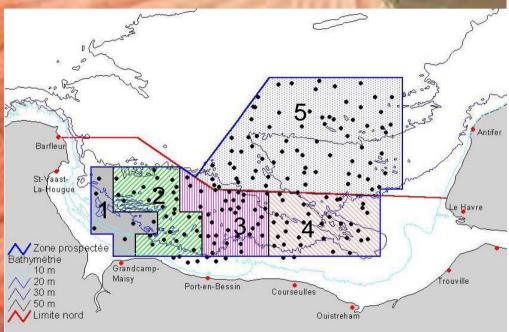
- hydrodynamic model (MARS 3D)
- Choice of Bay of St Brieuc and Bay of Seine for test zone because :
  - 1) really well known stock cartography
  - 2) two different spawning strategy
- lagrangian experiments:
  - 1) passive transport for 40 days
    - 2) PLD related to Temperature according the law of Arrhénius

## Lagrangian experiments

Definition of 6 banks (patches) in the Bay of St Brieuc

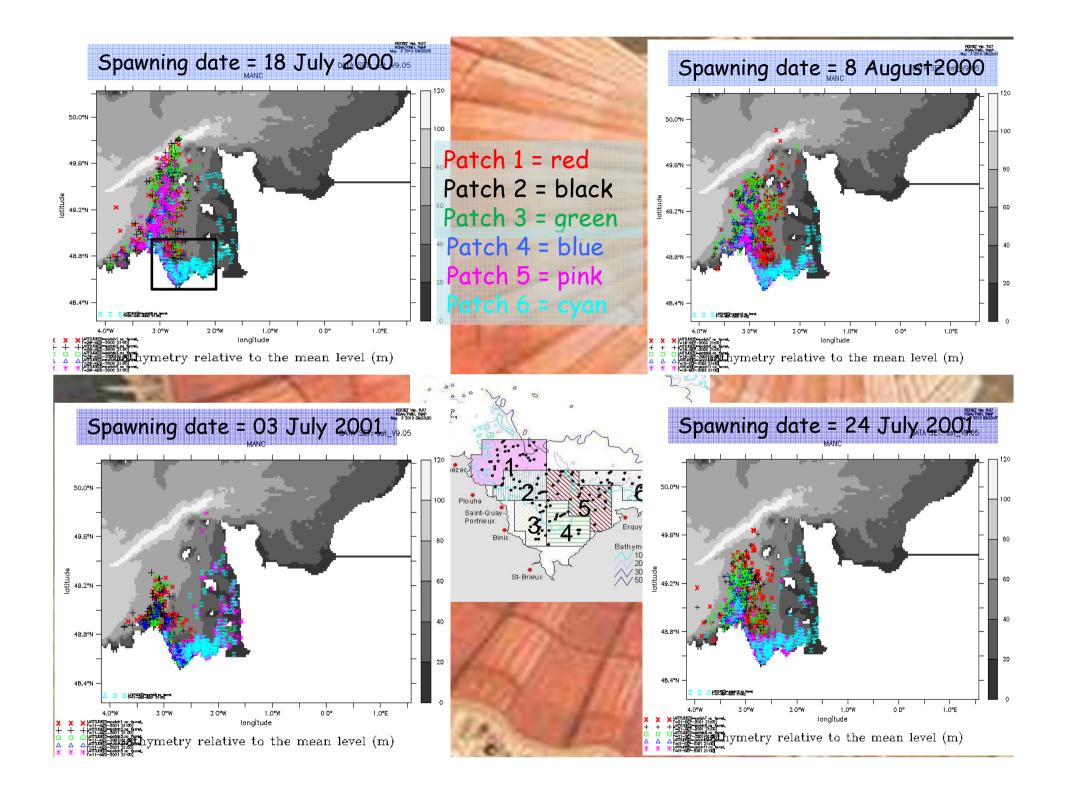
Definition of 5 banks (patches) in the Bay of Seine





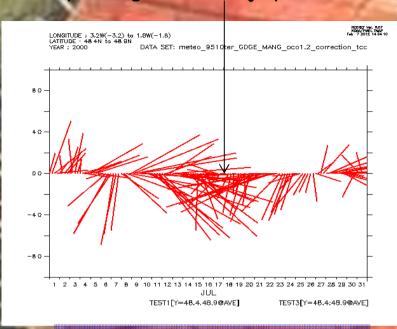
3000 particles per patch homogeneously distributed in the water column

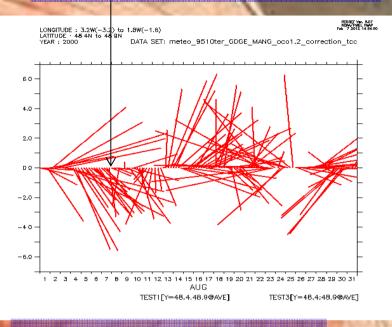




#### Spawning date = 18 july 2000

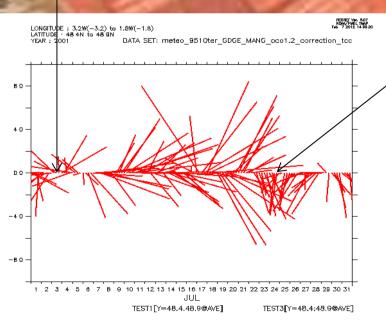
#### Spawning date = 8 august 2000

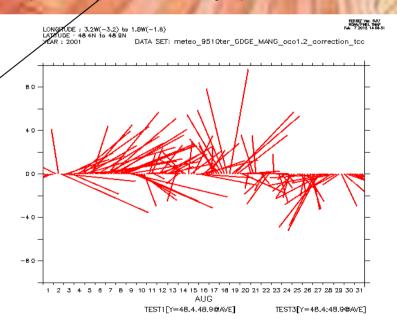


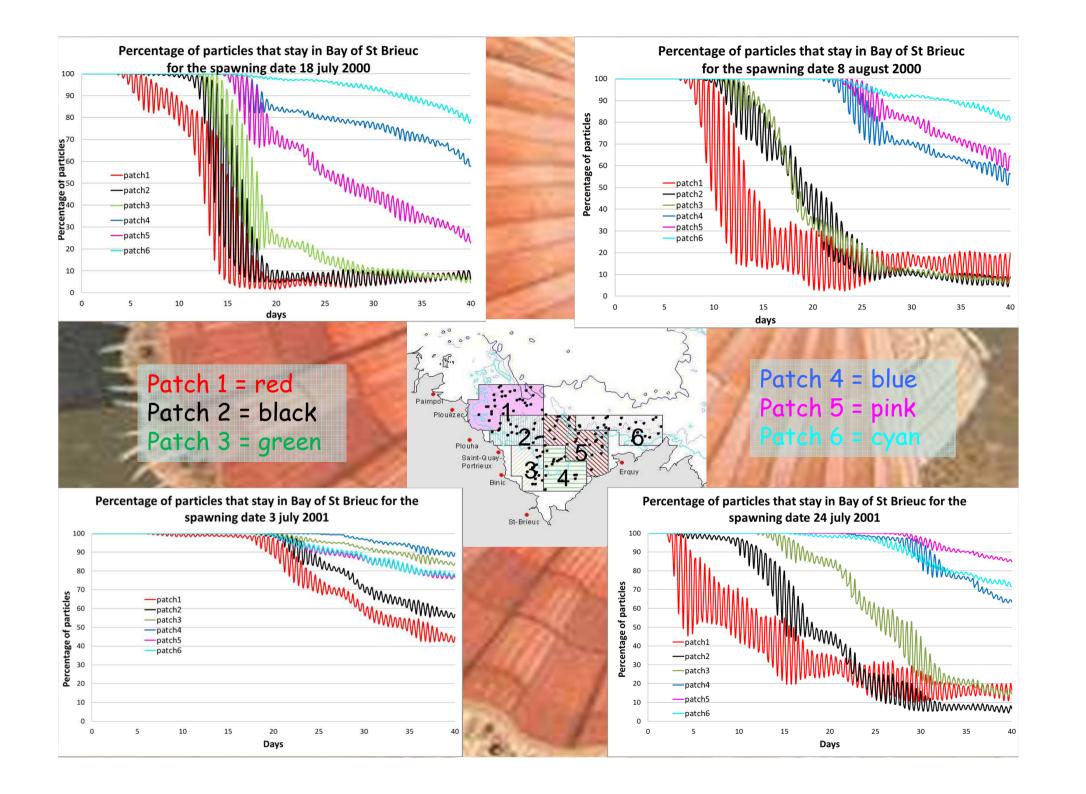


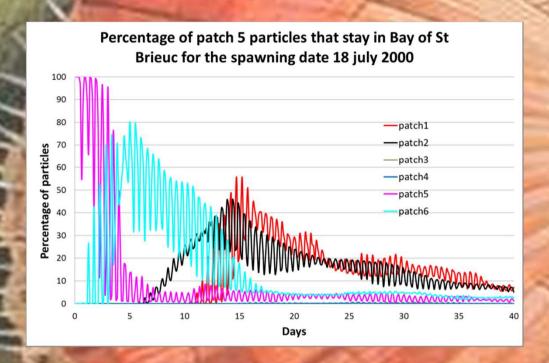
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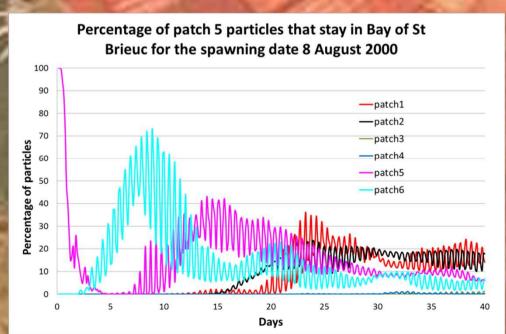
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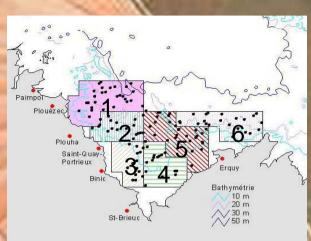








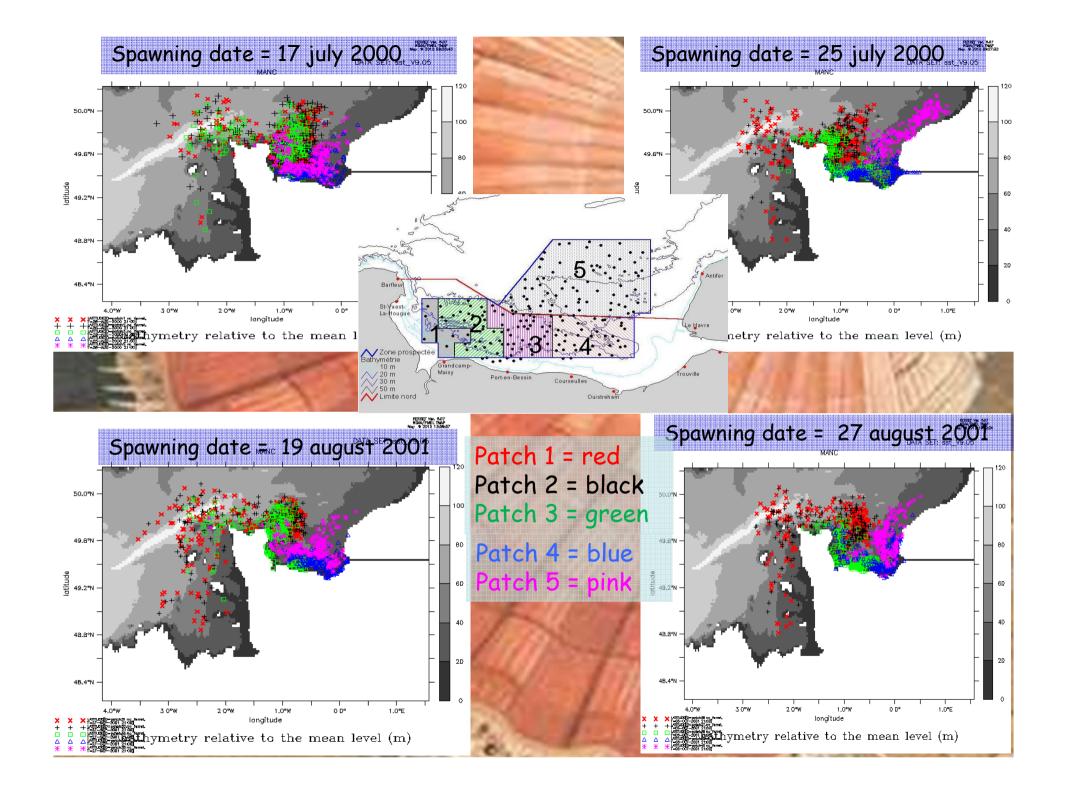




Patch 1 = red
Patch 2 = black
Patch 3 = green

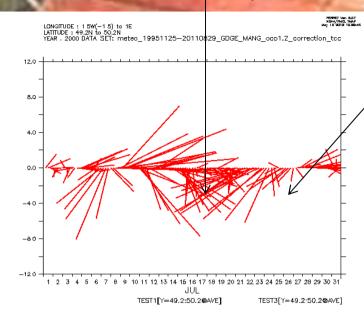
Patch 4 = blue
Patch 5 = pink
Patch 6 = cyan

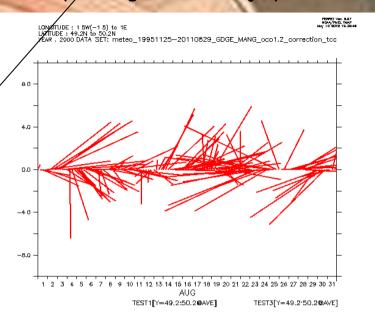




#### Spawning date = 17 july 2000

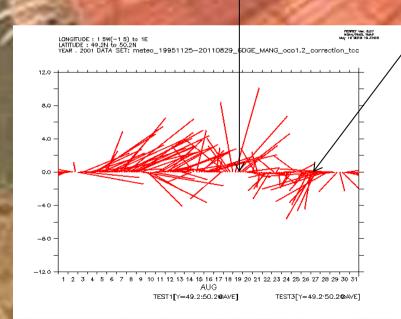
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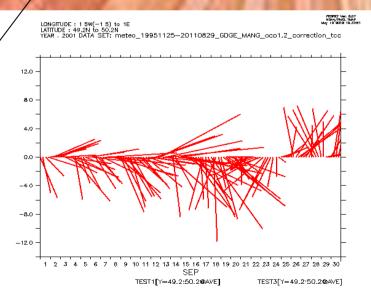


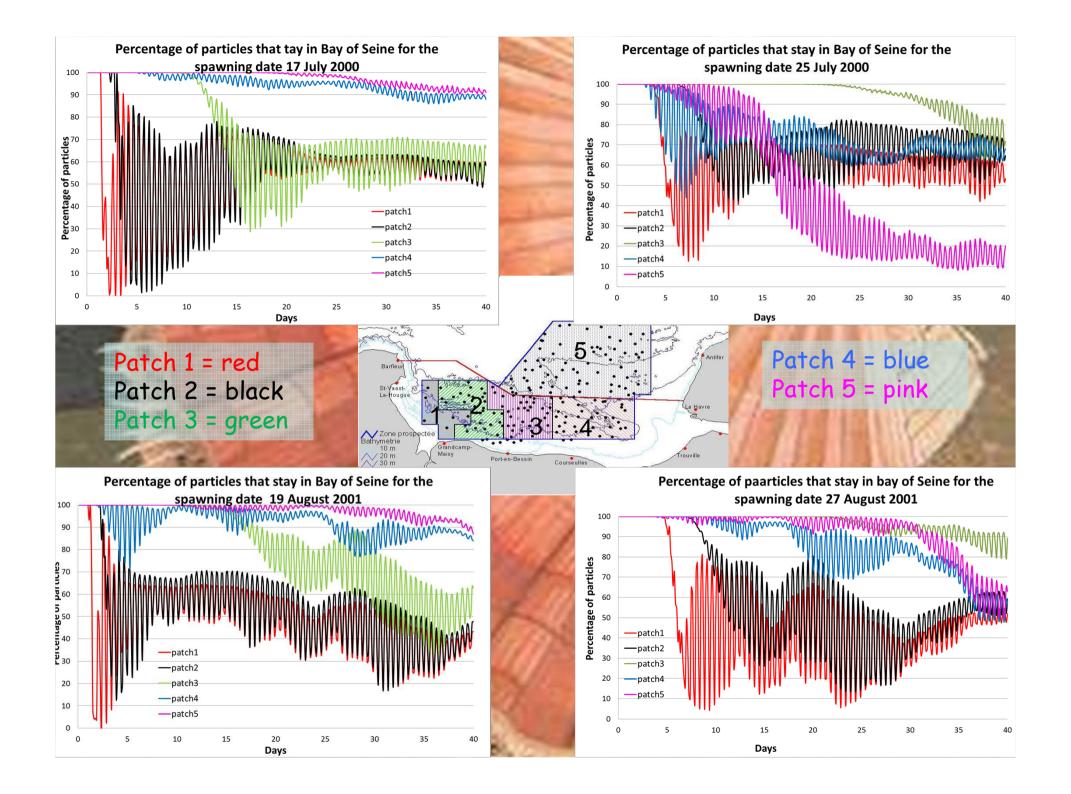


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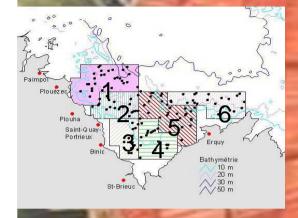
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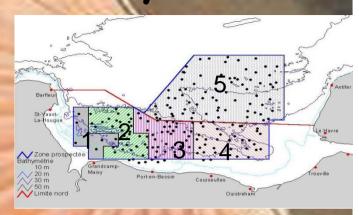


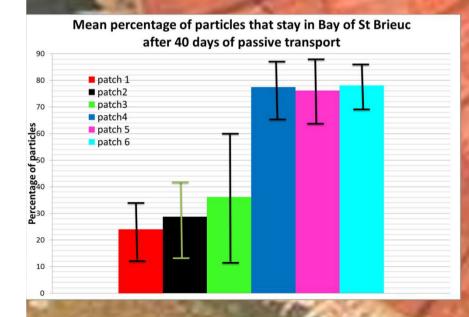


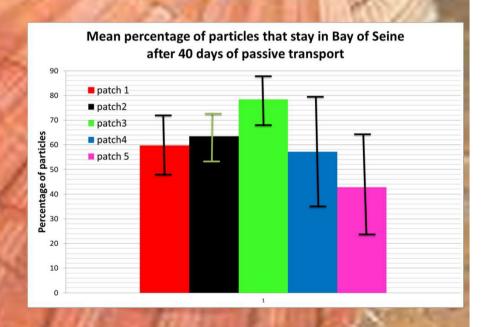
## Mean retention of each Bay









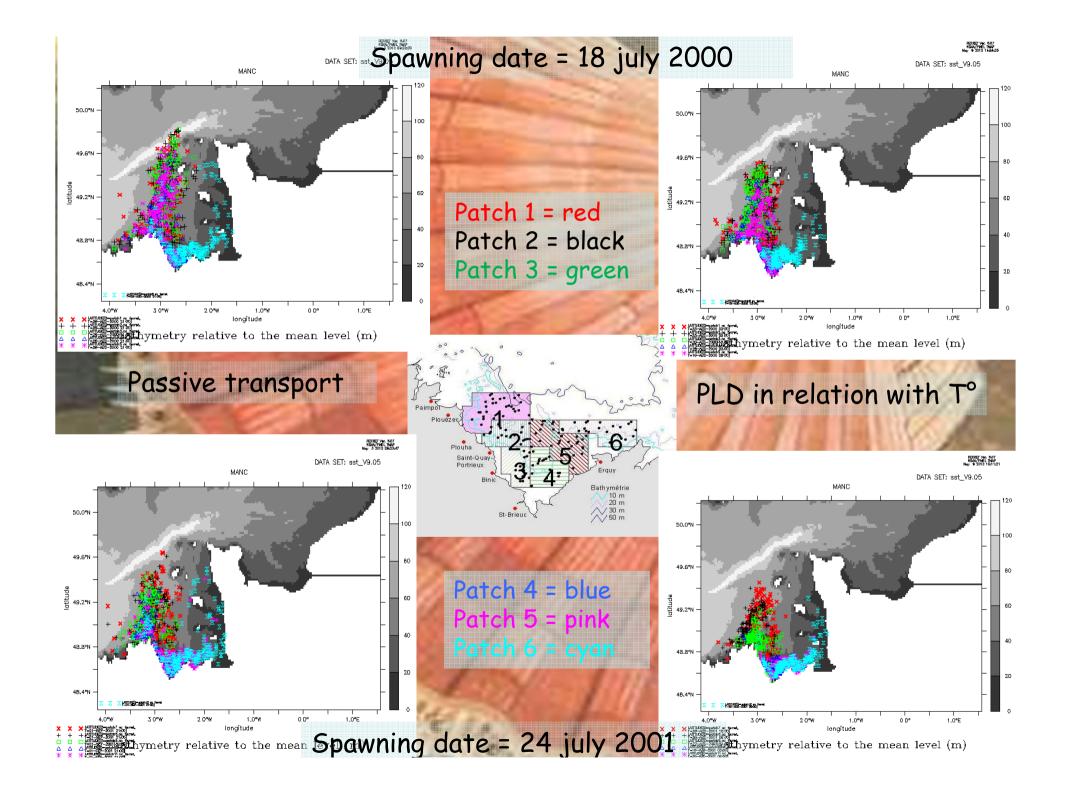




- 1) after 40 days of passive transport
  - 2) Taking account Planktonic Larval Duration in function of temperature

2000 and 2001

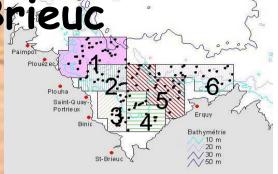
Bay of St Brieuc

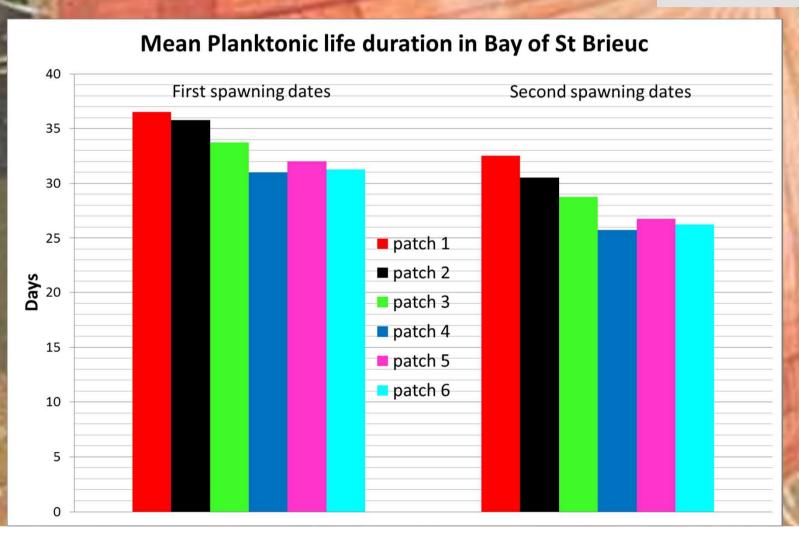


Mean PLD in Bay of St Brieuc

Patch 2 = black Patch 5 = pink

Patch 1 = red Patch 4 = blue Patch 3 = green Patch 6 = cyan



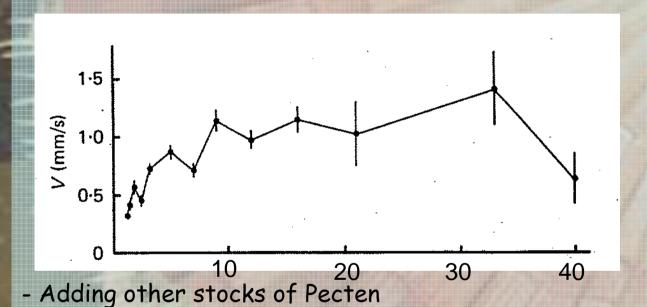


### Conclusions

- The wind induced circulation is responsible for the intensity of transport for Pecten larvae and the Temperature is responsible for the duration of this transport.
- The Bay of Seine seems to have a retention power of larvae superior than the Bay of Saint Brieuc.
- For the Bay of Saint Brieuc, it seems that the populations located in the eastern zone of the Bay are the source of the stocks of western zone.
- For the Bay of Seine, it seems that the population located at the north-eastern of the Bay is a probably source of the Pecten stock of eastern channel.

## Perspectives

- Adding Pecten larval behavior : swimming speed



- Study of connectivity between these different stocks

