

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

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2007	Ph.D.	Global eddy-permitting simulation of CO <sub>2</sub> in the ocean, University Pierre & Marie Curie, Paris, France
2002	M.Sc. M.Eng. M.Eng.	Atmosphere, Ocean & Environment, University Paul Sabatier, Toulouse, France Meteorology, National School of Meteorology (ENM), Toulouse, France Meteorology & Environment, Hassania institute of Civil Engineering (EHTP), Casablanca, Morocco
1998	CPGE	Preparatory school to the French Grandes Ecoles, Fez, Morocco

## Professional Experience

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2014-		Senior scientist, Center for Prototype Climate Modeling, New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
Aug - Dec 2014		Visiting scientist, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, NY, USA.
2010-2014		Senior researcher (oberassistent), Environmental Physics, ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland.
2007-2010		Postdoctoral Fellow, Environmental Physics, ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland
2003-2007		Research Assistant, Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement (LSCE), Saclay, France.
2002-2003		Operational Meteorologist, Moroccan Weather Service, Casablanca, Morocco
2002		Research Assistant, Laboratoire d'Océanographie et du Climat: Experimentation et Approches Numeriques (LOCEAN, ex-LODYC), Paris, France.
2001		Research Assistant, National Centre for Meteorological Research (CNRM), France

## Main Areas of Research

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Ocean circulation & Climate; Mesoscale eddies; Marine biogeochemistry under climate change.

## Awards and Recognition

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2014 Keynote speaker, 46<sup>th</sup> International Liège Colloquium on Ocean Dynamics, Liège, Belgium  
2014 session co-chair, Open Science Conference, Bergen, Norway  
2013 Swiss NSF grant (co-PI), project N 200021\_149384, US\$450 000  
2013 Invited speaker at the Gordon Research Conference on Coastal Circulation, UNE, Maine  
2010 Best young scientist award at IMBER IMBIZO II, Crete.  
2003 CEA Fellowship from the French Atomic Energy Authority, awarded for Ph.D. research project.  
2000 BGF award , French Government excellence scholarship.  
Regular reviewer for international research journals (Nature, Geophysical Research Letters, Deep Sea Research, Progress in Oceanography,...) and research proposals (NSF, NOAA, French ANR,...).

## Schools and Courses

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2008 NCCR summer school: “Key challenges in climate variability and change”, Monte Verita, Ticino, Switzerland  
2006 CARBOOCEAN summer school: “Modeling of the marine carbon cycle from small to global scale”, Bergen, Norway.  
2004 GODAE summer school: “Ocean Weather Forecasting: An Integrated View of Oceanography”, Toulon, France.

## Professional Society Membership

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Member, European Geosciences Union, since 2006  
Member, American Geophysical Union, since 2005  
Member, American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, since 2009

## Teaching and Mentoring Experience

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Feb 2015 Lecturer at NIO winter school for marine biogeochemical modeling, Goa, India  
2012-2014 Coordinator of “Systems Analysis”, Environmental Sciences Department, ETH Zurich, [Bachelor Level]  
2010-2012 Tutor/Lecturer for “Global Biogeochemical Cycles and Climate”, Environmental Science Department, ETH Zurich, [Master Level]  
2009-2012 Tutor for “Term paper in Biogeochemistry and Pollutant Dynamics”, Environmental Sciences Department, ETH Zurich, [Master Level]  
2010-2015 Supervisor of 4 Master thesis projects; co-Supervisor of 2 PhD thesis projects

## Journal Publications (peer reviewed)

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**Lachkar, Z.**, Smith, S. and M. Levy, Intensification and deepening of the Arabian Sea Oxygen Minimum Zone in response to increase in Indian monsoon wind intensity, in preparation.

Al Azhar M., **Lachkar, Z.**, Levy, M. and Smith, S.: Oxygen minimum zone contrasts between the Arabian sea and Bay of Bengal implied by differences in remineralization depth, in preparation.

Lovecchio, E., Gruber, N., Münnich, M., and **Lachkar, Z.**: On the long-range offshore transport of organic carbon from the Canary Upwelling System to the open North Atlantic, *Biogeosciences Discuss.*, doi:10.5194/bg-2016-548, in review, 2017.

**Lachkar, Z.**, S. Smith M. Levy and O. Pauluis (2016): Eddies reduce denitrification and compress habitats in the Arabian Sea, *Geophysical Research Letters*, doi: 10.1002/2016GL069876

Turi, G., N., Gruber, **Z.**, **Lachkar** and M. Münnich (2016): Climatic modulation of recent trends in ocean acidification in the California Current System, *Environmental Research Letters*, doi:10.1088/1748-9326/11/1/014007

Nagai, T., N. Gruber, H. Frenzel, **Z. Lachkar**, J. C. McWilliams and G.-K. Plattner (2015): Dominant role of eddies and filaments in the offshore transport of carbon and nutrients in the California Current System, *Journal of Geophysical Research Oceans*, doi: 10.1002/2015JC010889.

Levin, L., Liu, K.-K., Emeis, K.-C., Breitburg, D.-L., Cloern, J., Deutsch, C., Giani, M., Goffart, A., Hofmann, E. E., **Lachkar, Z.** et al., Comparative biogeochemistry–ecosystem–human interactions on dynamic continental margins, *Journal of Marine Systems*, doi:10.1016/j.jmarsys.2014.04.016

Fendereski, F., M. Vogt, M. R. Payne, **Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber, A. Salmanmahiny, and S. A. Hosseini (2014): Biogeographic classification of the Caspian Sea, *Biogeosciences*, 11, 6451-6470, doi:10.5194/bg-11-6451-2014.

**Lachkar, Z.** (2014): Effects of upwelling increase on ocean acidification in the California and Canary Current systems, *Geophysical Research Letters*, doi: 10.1002/2013GL058726

G. Turi, **Lachkar, Z.** and Gruber., N.: "Spatiotemporal variability and drivers of pCO<sub>2</sub> and air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes in the California Current System: An eddy-resolving modeling study", *Biogeosciences*, 11, 671-690, doi:10.5194/bg-11-671-2014.

Salihoglu, B., Neuer, S., Painting, S., Murtugudde, R., Hofmann, E. E., Steele, J. H., Hood, R. R., Legendre, L., Lomas, M. W., Wiggert, J., Ito, S., **Lachkar, Z.**, Hunt, G., Drinkwater, K. F., Sabine, C. L. (2013): Bridging marine ecosystem and biogeochemistry research: Lessons and recommendations from comparative studies, *J. Mar. Syst.*, Volumes 109–110, Pages 161-175, 2013.

**Lachkar, Z.**, and N. Gruber (2013), Response of biological production and air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes to upwelling intensification in the California and Canary Current Systems, *J. Mar. Syst.*, Volumes 109–110, Pages 149-160, doi:10.1016/j.jmarsys.2012.04.003, 2013.

Hauri, C., Gruber, N., Vogt, M., Doney, S. C., Feely, R. A., **Lachkar, Z.**, Leinweber, A., McDonnell, A. M. P., Münnich, M., and Plattner, G.-K. (2013) Spatiotemporal variability and long-term trends of ocean acidification in the California Current System, *Biogeosciences*, 10, 1-21, 2013.

**Lachkar, Z.**, and Gruber, N.: A comparative study of biological production in eastern boundary upwelling systems using an artificial neural network, *Biogeosciences*, 9, 293-308, 2012.

Gruber, N., **Z. Lachkar**, H. Frenzel, P. Marchesiello, M. Münnich, J. C. McWilliams, T. Nagai, and G.-K. Plattner, Eddy-induced reduction of biological production in eastern boundary upwelling systems, *Nature Geoscience*, 4, 11, 787-792, doi:10.1038/ngeo1273, 2011.

**Lachkar, Z.**, and Gruber, N., What controls biological production in coastal upwelling systems? Insights from a comparative modeling study, *Biogeosciences*, 8, 2961-2976, 2011.

**Lachkar, Z.**, Orr, J.C., Dutay, J.C., and Delecluse, P., On the role of mesoscale eddies in the ventilation of Antarctic Intermediate Water, *Deep Sea Research I*, vol 56, 6, 909-925, 2009.

**Lachkar, Z.**, Orr, J.C. and Dutay, J.C, Seasonal and mesoscale variability of oceanic transport of anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>, *Biogeosciences*, 6, 2509-2523, 2009.

Leloup, J., **Lachkar, Z.**, Boulanger, J. P., and Thiria, S., Detecting decadal changes in ENSO using neural networks, *Climate Dynamics*, Vol 28, 2-3, 147-168, doi:s00382-006-0173-1, 2007

**Lachkar, Z.**, Orr, J.C., Dutay, J.C., and Delecluse, P., Effect of mesoscale eddies on global ocean distributions of CFC-11, C-14, and CO<sub>2</sub>, *Ocean Science*, 3, 461-482, 2007

## Other Relevant Publications (not peer reviewed)

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**Z. Lachkar** and N. Gruber: "Exploring the Future Evolution of Multiple Stressors in Eastern Boundary Upwelling Systems", *Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry News*, vol 5, N2, 2012.

S. Alin, S. Siedlecki, B. Hales, J. Mathis, W. Evans, M. Stukel, G. Gaxiola-Castro, J. M. Hernandez-Ayon, L. Juranek, M. Goñi, G. Turi, J. Needoba, E. Mayorga, **Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber, J. Hartmann, N. Moosdorf, R. Feely, F. Chavez : "Coastal Carbon Synthesis for the Continental Shelf of the North American Pacific Coast (NAPC): Preliminary Results", *Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry News*, vol 5, N1, 2012.

**Z. Lachkar** and N. Gruber: "Biological Production Response to Coastal Upwelling Intensification: Insights from a Comparative Modeling Study", *IMBER Update Issue 16* , 2010.

**Z. Lachkar**, "Rôle des tourbillons de méso-échelle océaniques dans les flux air-mer de CO<sub>2</sub> anthropique à l'échelle globale", Thèse de l'université Paris 6 Pierre et Marie-Curie, 2007.

J.-M. Molines, A.M. Treguier, B. Barnier, L. Brodeau, J. Le Sommer, G. Madec, T. Penduff, S. Theetten, Y. Drillet, C. Talandier, J. Orr, and **Z. Lachkar**, "Le modèle DRAKKAR de la variabilité océanique globale, 1958-2004", *IDRIS Newsletter*, 2006.

**Z. Lachkar**, "Classification des évènements El Nino par des méthodes neuronales", Mémoire d'Ingenieur, Ecole Nationale de la Météorologie et Université Paul Sabatier - Toulouse III, 2002.

## International Conferences

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**Z. Lachkar**, S. Smith, M. Levy, "Effects of mesoscale eddies on the dynamics of the Arabian Sea oxygen minimum zone", GRC conference on ocean biogeochemistry, Jun 2016, Hong Kong.

**Z. Lachkar**, S. Smith, M. Levy, O. Pauluis, "Effects of mesoscale eddies on suboxia and hypoxia in the Arabian Sea", Ocean Sciences Meeting, Feb 2016, New Orleans, USA.

**Z. Lachkar**, S. Smith, M. Levy, O. Pauluis, "Eddies deepen suboxia and reduce denitrification in the Arabian Sea", Indian Ocean Symposium, Dec 2015, Goa, India.

**Z. Lachkar**, "Exploring the dynamics of the Arabian Sea oxygen minimum zone in O<sub>2</sub> coordinates", Workshop on thermodynamic analysis for atmospheric and oceanic flows, Jan. 2016, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

**Z. Lachkar**, "Introduction to marine biogeochemical modeling", Feb. 2015, NIO winter school, Goa, India.

**Z. Lachkar**, "Effects of Climate Forcing on Ocean Acidification and De-oxygenation in Eastern Boundary Upwelling Systems: Insights from Regional Eddy-Resolving Simulations", Seminar at Princeton University, Sep. 2014, USA.

**Z. Lachkar**, "The evolution of multiple stressors in the Canary upwelling system over the 21st century", IMBER Future Oceans Conference, Jun. 2014, Bergen, Norway.

**Z. Lachkar**, "Eastern Boundary upwelling systems (EBUS) as natural SOLAS laboratories", Keynote talk at the 46<sup>th</sup> International Liège Colloquium on Ocean Dynamics, May 2014, Liège, Belgium

**Z. Lachkar**, "Cross shelf exchange of carbon, nitrogen and oxygen in Eastern Boundary Upwelling Systems", Gordon Research Conference on coastal ocean circulation, Jun. 2013, Biddeford, ME, USA

**Z. Lachkar** and N. Gruber, "Modeling multiple stressors in eastern boundary upwelling systems", IMBIZO-3 meeting, 30 January 2013, Goa, India.

**Z. Lachkar** and N. Gruber, "The future evolution of multiple stressors in eastern boundary upwelling systems", SOLAS MTS Workshop, 27 November 2012, Lima, Peru.

**Z. Lachkar**, "How do ocean mesoscale eddies affect biogeochemical processes? Insights from model simulations and satellite observations", SOLAS MTS Workshop, 28 November 2012, Lima, Peru.

**Z. Lachkar** and N. Gruber, "The future coastal ocean: the impact of increased stratification on biological production and carbon cycling", EGU General Assembly 2012, Vienna, Austria.

**Z. Lachkar** and N. Gruber, "The future of coastal upwelling ecosystems: the impact of potential wind changes on ocean acidification and coastal hypoxia", EGU General Assembly 2012, Vienna, Austria.

**Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber, and G. Turi: "The future of eastern boundary upwelling systems: potential changes and vulnerabilities", ASLO Aquatic Sciences Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Feb. 2011

**Z. Lachkar** and N. Gruber "Biological production response to coastal upwelling intensification: insights from a comparative modeling study", IMBER IMBIZO2 meeting, Crete, Greece, Oct. 2010

- Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber and C. Hauri “Carbon and nutrient recycling in Eastern Boundary Upwelling Systems”, Ocean Sciences Meeting, Portland, OR, USA, Feb. 2010
- Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber and G. K. Plattner: “Modeling the coastal carbon cycle with an emphasis on Eastern Boundary Upwelling Systems”, Coastal Carbon Cyc. Workshop, Paris, France, Jun. 2009
- Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber, G. –K. Plattner, and C. Hauri: “Coastal upwelling systems under changing climate and high CO<sub>2</sub>”, EGU General Assembly 2009, Vienna, Austria, Apr. 2009
- Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber, G. –K. Plattner, and C. Hauri: “The future coastal ocean: the impact of acidification and wind changes on coastal productivity and carbon cycling”, ASLO Aq. Sc. Meeting, Nice, France, Jan. 2009
- Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber, G. –K. Plattner, and F. Hartmut:” Can eddies alter the response of productivity in EBCs to increases in upwelling favorable winds?”, 2008 ROMS European workshop, Grenoble, France, Oct. 2008
- Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber, G. K. Plattner, and D. Loher: « Biological productivity in Eastern Boundary Current systems: a comparative study », Eastern Boundary Upwelling Ecosystems Symposium, Gran Canaria, Jun. 2008
- Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber, G. K. Plattner, and D. Loher: « What controls biological productivity in Eastern Boundary Current systems?», Ocean Sciences Meeting 2008, Orlando, Florida, Mar. 2008
- Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber, G. –K. Plattner, and D. Loher : ”Coastal biogeochemical processes and ocean carbon cycling in Eastern Boundary Current systems”, EURO-OCEAN 2007 Upwelling Systems Workshop, Santiago de Compostella, Spain, Oct. 2007
- Z. Lachkar**, N. Gruber, G. –K. Plattner, and F. Hartmut: ”Biological productivity in Eastern Boundary Current systems: the Canary vs the California Current system”, 2007 ROMS/TOMS users workshop, UCLA, Los Angeles, Oct. 2007
- Z. Lachkar**, J.C. Orr, J.C. Dutay, and P. Delecluse: ”Antarctic Intermediate Water Formation and Anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> Uptake”, EGU General Assembly, Vienna, Austria, Apr. 2007
- Z. Lachkar**, J.C. Orr, J.C. Dutay, and P. Delecluse: ”Role of mesoscale eddies in ocean global distributions of CFC-11, C<sub>14</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub>”, Seminar at IFM-GEOMAR, Kiel, Germany, Sept. 2006
- Z. Lachkar**, J.C. Orr, J.C. Dutay, and P. Delecluse: ”High resolution modelling of marine carbon cycle”, Seminar at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 2006
- Z. Lachkar**, J.C. Orr, J.C. Dutay, and P. Delecluse: ”Effect of ocean mesoscale eddies on global distributions of CFC-11, C-14, and CO<sub>2</sub>”, EGU General Assembly, Vienna, Austria, Apr. 2006
- Z. Lachkar**, J.C. Orr, J.C. Dutay, and P. Delecluse: ”Role of Ocean Mesoscale Eddies in Global-scale Uptake, Storage, and Meridional Transport of CFC-11, Bomb-C<sub>14</sub>, and Anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>”, AGU Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, Feb. 2006
- Z. Lachkar**, J.C. Orr, J.C.: ”Importance of eddies in absorption and transport of CFC-11 & C-14”, 3 rd DRAKKAR meeting, Grenoble, France, Jan. 2006
- Z. Lachkar**, J.C. Orr, J.C.: ”Tracers in OPA9 model”, DRAKKAR meeting, Grenoble, France, 2005
- Z. Lachkar**, J.C. Orr, J.-C. Dutay: ”CFC-11 simulations in the global model ORCA05: preliminary results”, DRAKKAR meeting, Kiel, Germany, Sept. 2004

**Z. Lachkar**, S. Thiria, J.-P. Boulanger, and C. Menkes: "Classifying El Nino and La Nina events using the Kohonen maps", AMS 3rd Conference on Artificial Intelligence Applications to the Environmental Sciences, February, Long Beach, CA, Feb. 2003.

## Other Skills & Competencies

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Languages:	Arabic (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fluent), German (basic)
Computer Science:	Fortran77/90, Matlab, Ferret, R, Unix/Linux
Mathematical Modeling: networks,	Numerical Modeling (e.g., ROMS, NEMO), Machine Learning (e.g., neural self-organizing maps), Lagrangian Modeling, Dynamical Systems Theory