



AIBECS.jl

The ideal tool for marine biogeochemistry modelling

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Motivation

Ideally, a global marine biogeochemistry (BGC) model should only require you to define a few processes and an ocean circulation model. AIBECS [8] aims to deliver that simplicity, following in the footsteps of the AWESOME OCIM [6], but with some additional features.

How it works

Any discrete steady-state BGC model is entirely described by a single equation of the type

$$(\partial_t + \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{p}))\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$$

where \mathbf{x} is a vector of all the state variables (the tracer concentrations). The flux divergence of tracers resulting from the transport by the ocean circulation and other processes (such as the biological pump) are given by $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{x}$ and the local sources and sinks by $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$.

AIBECS requires you to chose/define a transport and the local sources and sinks of each tracer. Under the hood, AIBECS then generates \mathbf{T} , \mathbf{G} , and the state function, $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = \partial_t \mathbf{x}$. You can then directly solve for the steady-state solution, $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{p})$, which satisfies

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = 0$$

with an efficient quasi-Newton algorithm provided by AIBECS. This requires the Jacobian of \mathbf{F} , which is auto-differentiated using [ForwardDiff.jl](#) [12] by AIBECS at virtually zero computational cost.

Ocean circulations

AIBECS currently comes with a few ocean circulations that you can swap with a single line of code:

- OCIM0.1 [11] • simplest 2-box model [13]
- OCIM1 [3, 5] • 3-box archer et al. model [1]
- OCIM2 [4] • 5-box F. Primeau model

Using observational data

[WorldOceanAtlasTools.jl](#) allows you to programmatically download World Ocean Atlas (WOA) data to use directly with your model simulations [10].

In a similar vein, [GEOTRACES.jl](#) can read GEOTRACES IDP 17 data as long as you manually download the data beforehand. (See right panel for an example using Cadmium data.)

Inverse modelling

Manual calibrations of global BGC models are increasingly being replaced by more automated approaches such as inverse modelling. Let $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$ be a given objective function quantifying the model/observations mismatch to be minimized along the manifold of steady-state solutions, i.e., where $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{p})$.

The [F1Method.jl](#) package allows for evaluation of the corresponding gradient and Hessian at virtually no computational cost, using a combination of adjoint methods, hyper-dual numbers, and analytical shortcuts [9]. This in turn allows the use of the gold standard of optimization routines, which leverage Hessian information using, e.g., Julia's [Optim.jl](#) [7].

Getting started is easy

1. Install Julia [2] from [julialang.org](#). (Julia is a high-performance, open-source, and free language that is ideal for scientific computing.)
2. Install AIBECS. After starting Julia, type] to enter Julia's package manager and then just type:

```
pkg> add AIBECS
```

3. Try the tutorials. Follow the QR code in the central panel and head over to the documentation to find tutorials and how-to guides available as Jupyter notebooks. (The ideal-mean age example on the right panel was taken from the first tutorial.)

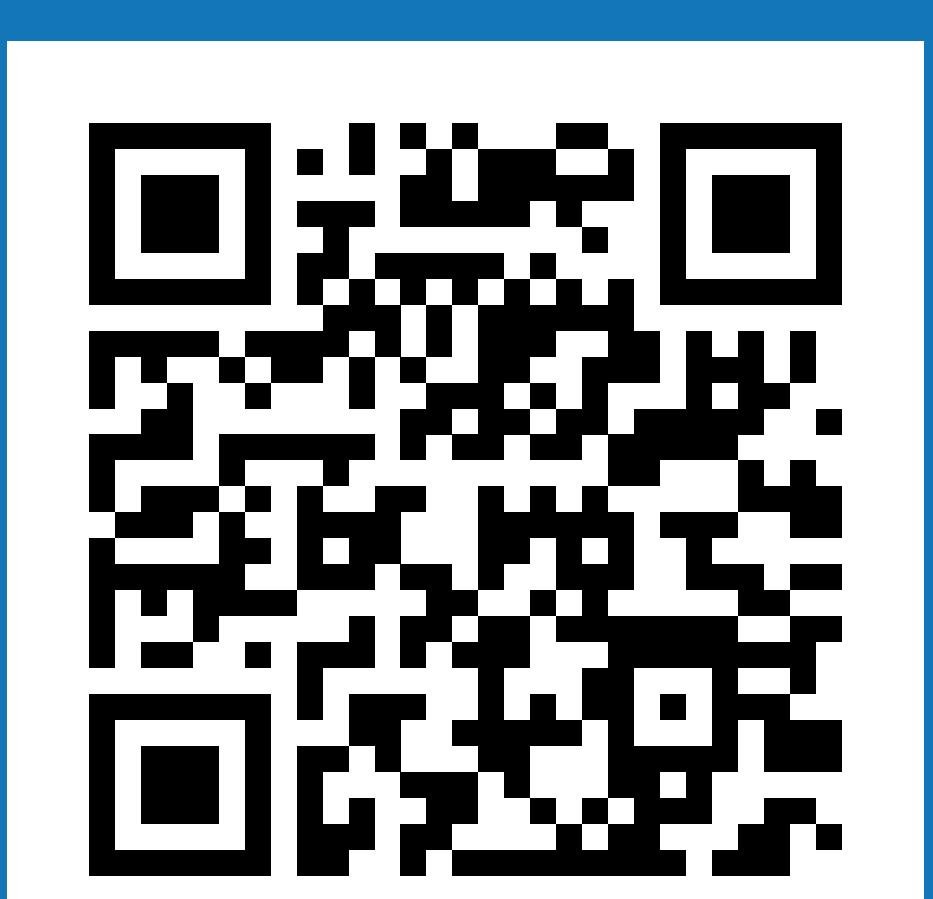
Future work

AIBECS works but it is still in development. In future versions AIBECS will include new circulations, new matrix-free solvers for larger systems and/or seasonal ocean circulations, new and fancier plotting recipes for flawless publication-quality figures, new diagnostics, and more. AIBECS will become part of the JuliaOcean GitHub organization to share interface and data with other ocean-related packages being developed as Julia grows.

AIBECS is a new Julia package for simple and efficient modelling of global biogeochemical tracers.

It is free and open-source, thoroughly tested, and regularly updated.

Use it for teaching, for exploring ideas, or for cutting-edge research!

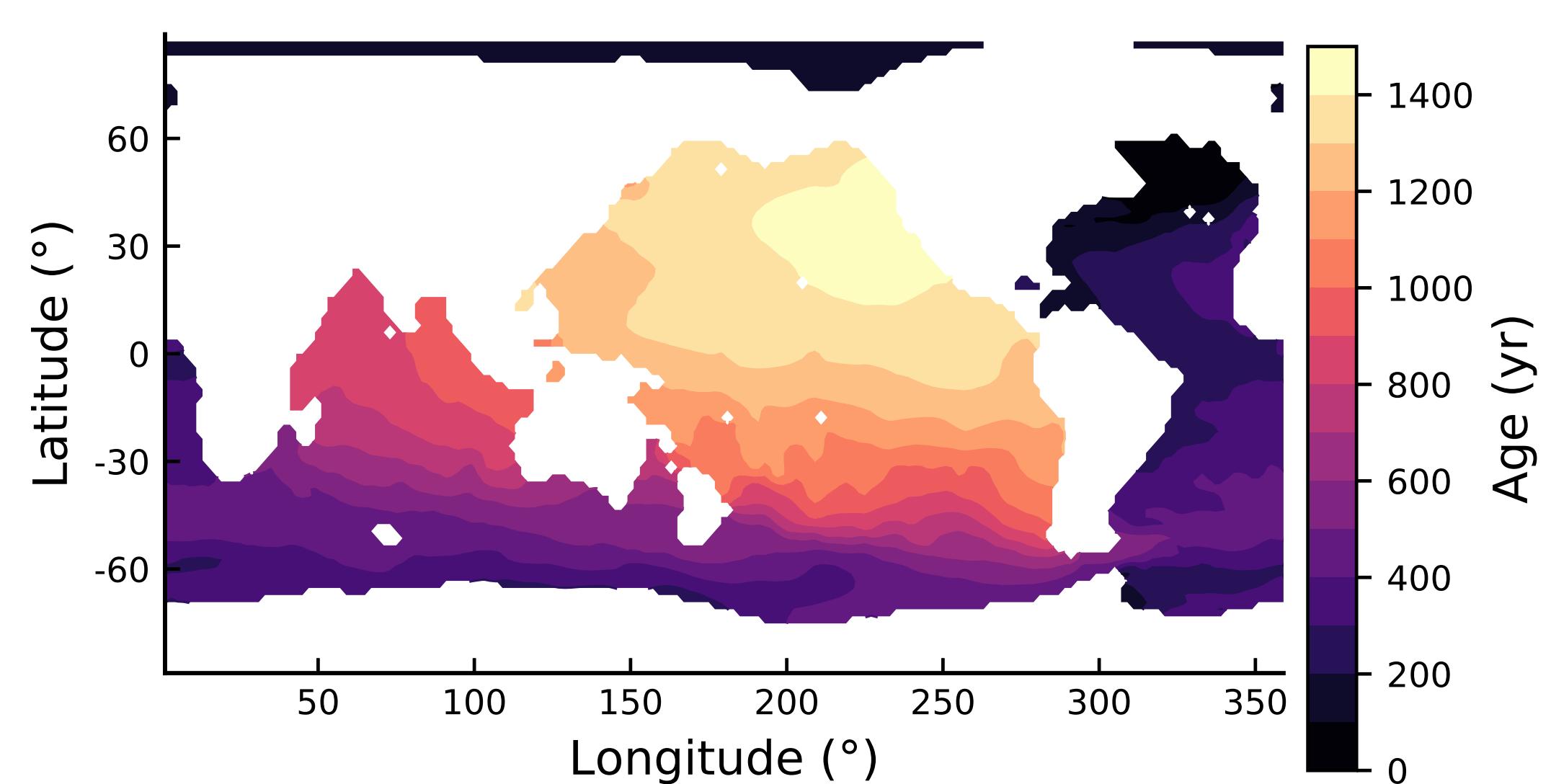


Access the code, documentation, and notebooks at github.com/briochmc/AIBECS.jl or simply aim your camera at the QR code.

Example 1: Water age

Solving and plotting the ideal mean age takes less than 20 lines of code:

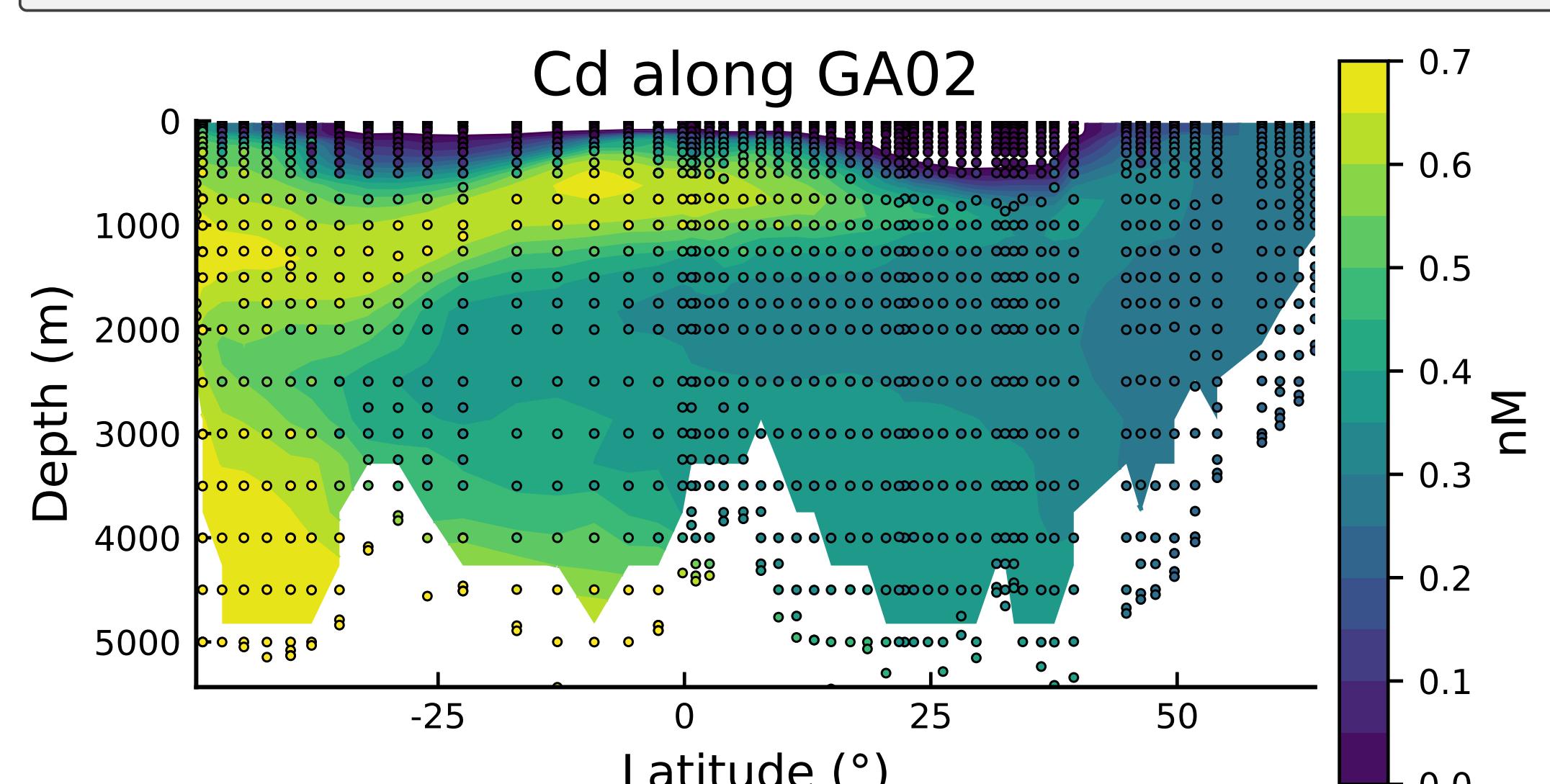
```
using AIBECS, Plots
grd, TOCIM2 = OCIM2.load()
T(p) = TOCIM2
function G(x,p)
    @unpack τ, z₀ = p
    return @. 1 - x / τ ^ (z < z₀)
end
z = depthvec(grd)
F, ∇·F = state_function_and_Jacobian(T, G)
struct IdealAgeParameters{U} <: AbstractParameters{U}
    τ::U
    z₀::U
end
p = IdealAgeParameters(1.0, 20.0)
x_init = zeros(count(iswt(grd)))
prob = SteadyStateProblem(F, ∇·F, x_init, p)
age = solve(prob, CTKalg()) * u"s" .> u"yr"
horizontalslice(age, grd, depth=2"km", colorbar_title="Age", color=:magma)
```



Example 2: Cadmium

Below is a simple Cadmium model (using a prescribed P uptake) run and plotted along the GA02 transect with GEOTRACES data overlaid.

```
using AIBECS, BSON, OceanographyCruises, GEOTRACES, Plots
grd, T = OCIM1.load()
T_DCD(p) = T
const z = depthvec(grd)
T_PCD(p) = transportoperator(grd, w=w(p))
function w(p)
    @unpack w₀, w' = p
    return @. w₀ + w' * z
end
BSON.@load "uptake_P.bson" uptake_P
function G_DCD(DCd, PCd, p)
    @unpack Cd/P, rPCd, xgeo, τgeo = p
    return @. -Cd/P * uptake_P + PCd / rPCd + (xgeo - DCd) / τgeo
end
function G_PCD(DCd, PCd, p)
    @unpack Cd/P, rPCd = p
    return @. Cd/P * uptake_P - PCd / rPCd
end
import AIBECS: @units, units, @initial_value, initial_value
@units @initial_value struct Params{Tp} <: AbstractParameters{Tp}
    we::Tp | 0.64 | u"m/d"
    w::Tp | 0.13 | u"m/d/m"
    Cd::Tp | 0.49 | u"nmol/μmol"
    rPCD::Tp | 5.0 | u"d"
    τgeo::Tp | 1.0 | u"Myr"
    xgeo::Tp | 0.63 | u"nM"
end
nb = count(iswt(grd))
x = zeros(nb)
F, ∇·F = state_function_and_Jacobian((T_DCD, T_PCD), (G_DCD, G_PCD), nb)
s = solve(SteadyStateProblem(F, ∇·F, x, Params()), CTKAlg())
t = uconvert("nM", GEOTRACES.transects("Cd") * 1.035u"kg/L").transects[1]
DCd = uconvert.(u"nM", unpack_tracers(s, grd)[1] * u"mol/m^3")
ct = OceanographyCruises.CruiseTrack(t)
meridionaltransect(DCd, grd, ct=ct, clim=(0.0, 0.7), levs=0:0.05:0.7, c=:viridis)
meridionalscattertransect!(t, clim=(0.0, 0.7), c=:viridis, ms=2, msw=0.5)
```



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