

The logo for the SEAMLESS project features the word "SEAMLESS" in white, uppercase letters, centered within a dark blue arrow shape pointing to the right. The arrow is formed by two overlapping, curved bands: a darker blue one on top and a lighter, greenish-blue one on the bottom, creating a sense of motion and depth.

SEAMLESS

Project overview

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Vision and mission

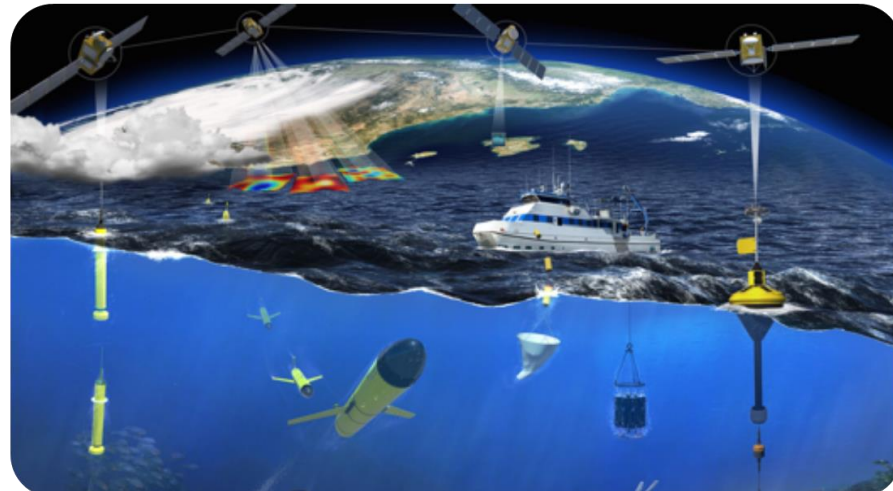
Novel opportunities and aspiration to predict better ocean ecosystems, by integrating new data and models

Vision

to support sustainable food-security from the ocean in a changing climate

Mission

to improve the operational simulation of indicators related to climate impact, marine food-webs and stakeholders' needs



2021
2030 United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

A predicted
ocean

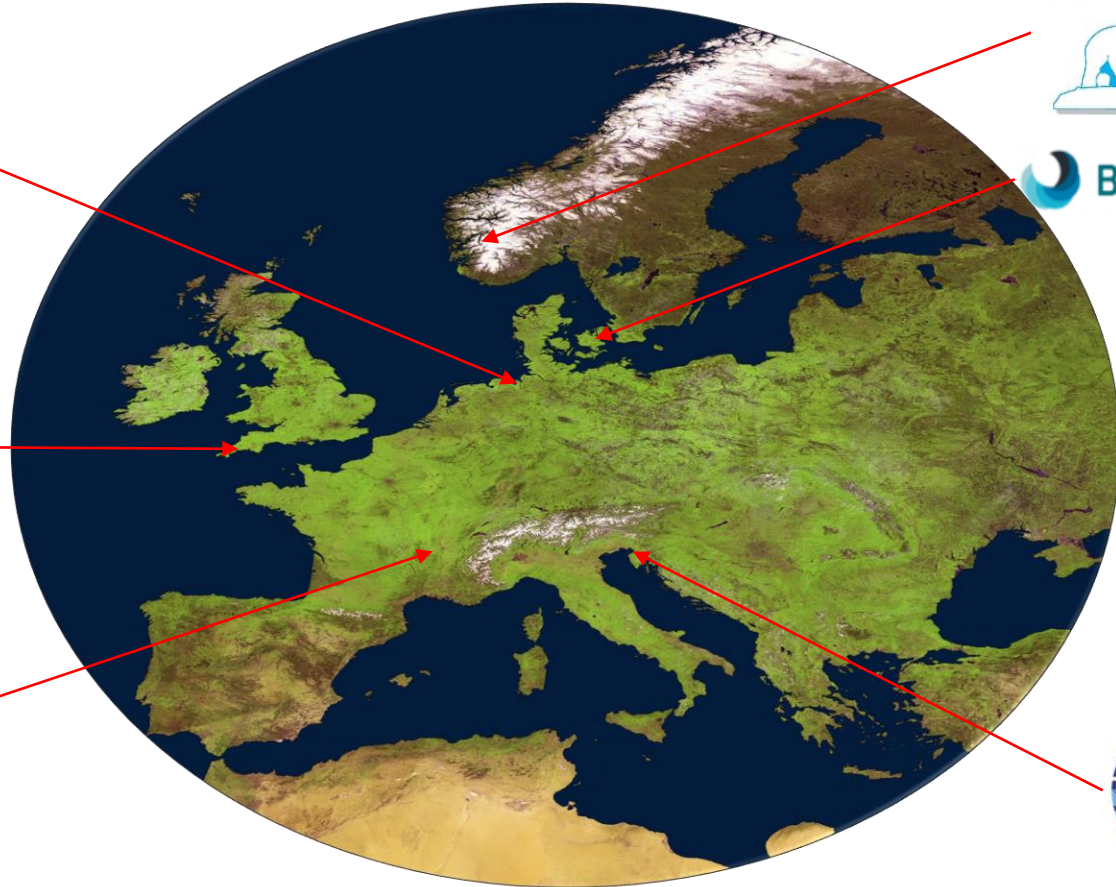




Partners

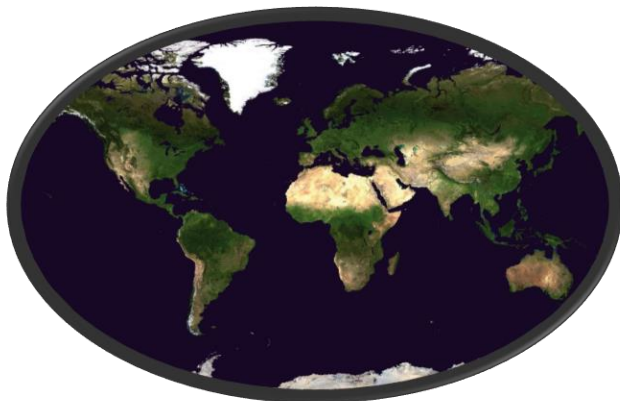


Budget:
Euro 1.5M





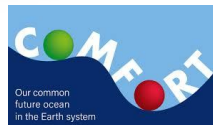
Stakeholders



The Danish Meteorological Institute

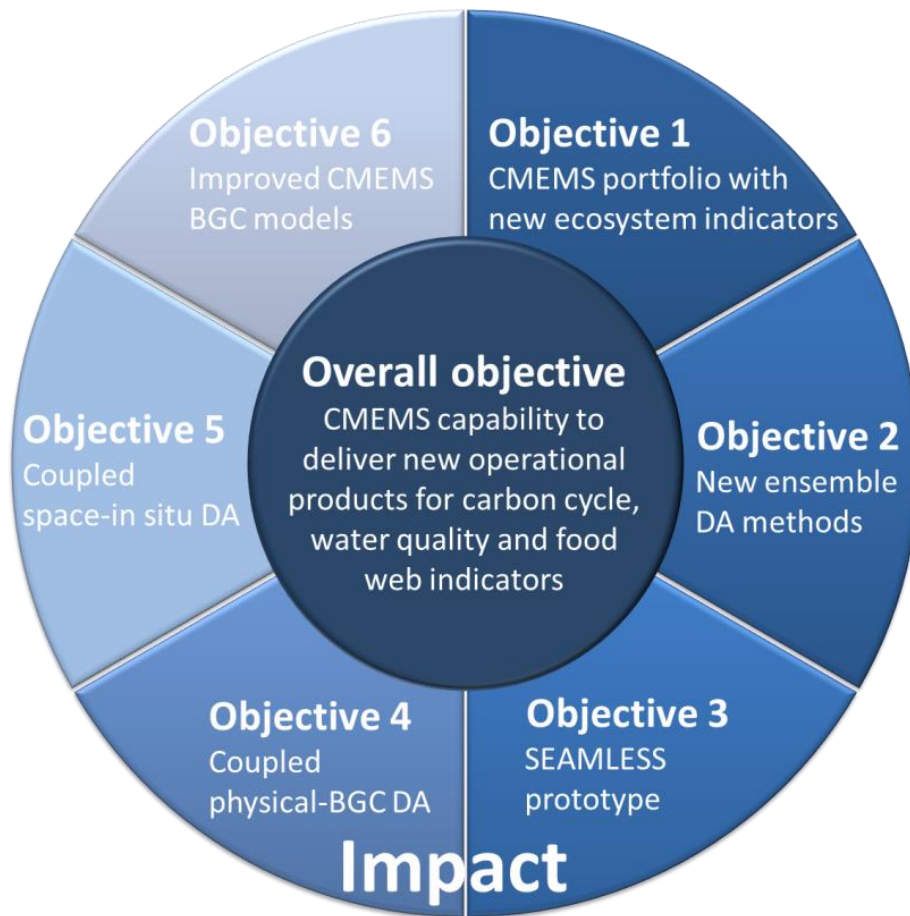


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Objectives





SEAMLESS links to CMEMS MFCs

CMEM Monitoring and
Forecasting Centres (MFCs)

ARC = Arctic Sea

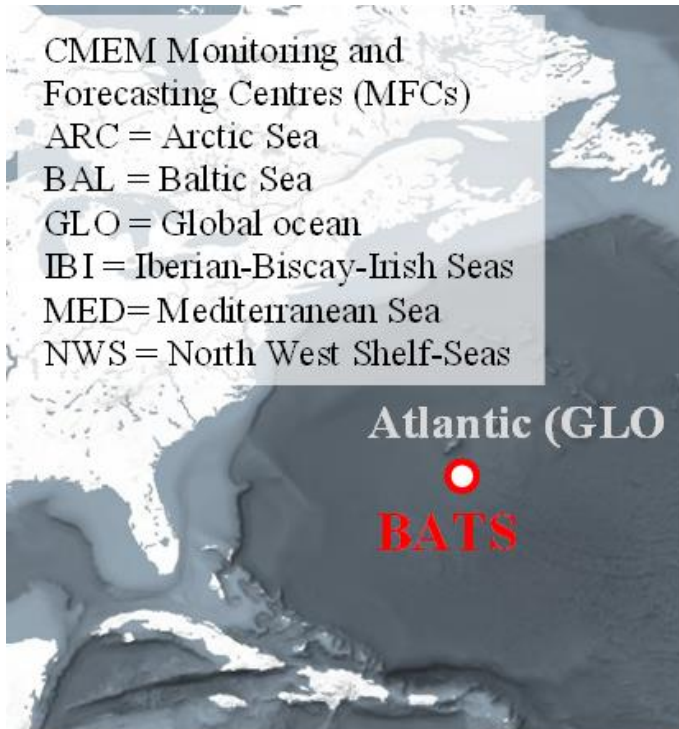
BAL = Baltic Sea

GLO = Global ocean

IBI = Iberian-Biscay-Irish Seas

MED = Mediterranean Sea

NWS = North West Shelf-Seas

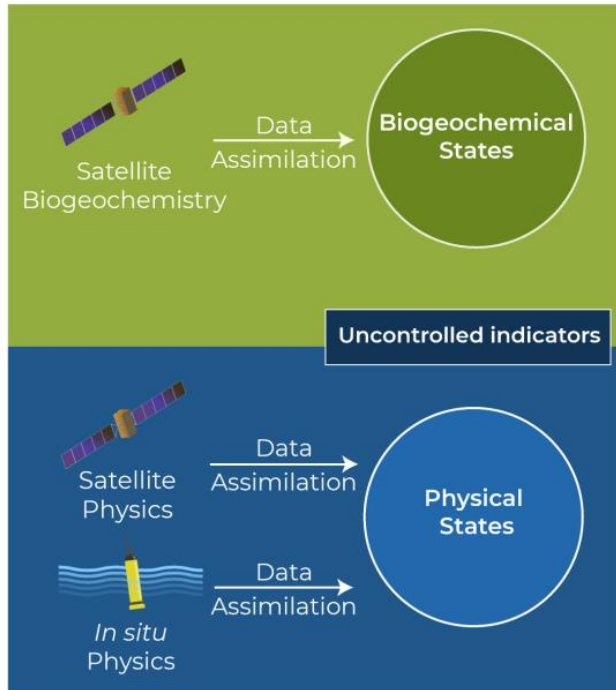


BGC models: PISCES, ERSEM, BFM, ECOSMO, ERGOM, [BAHMBI]

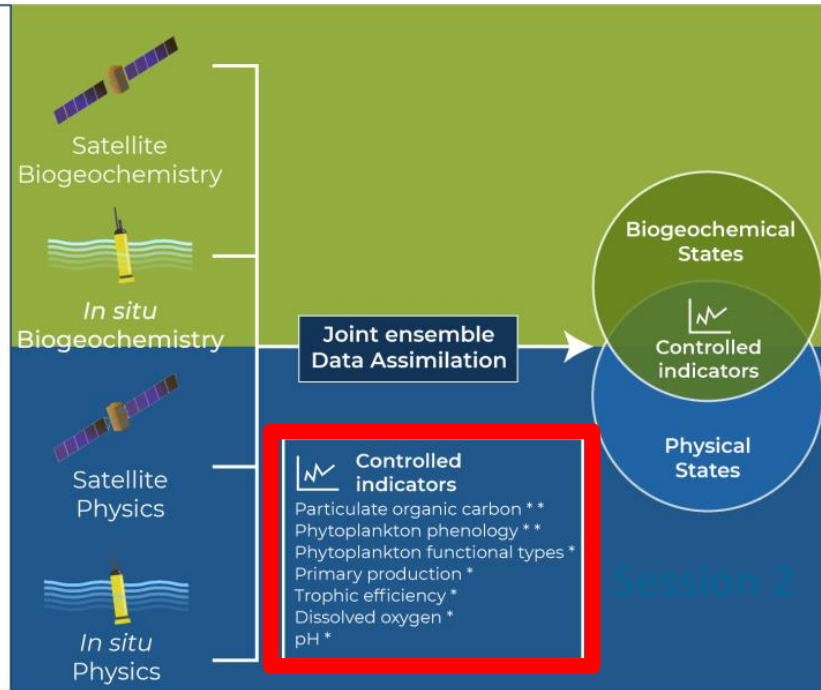
Physical models: NEMO, HYCOM, HBM



CMEMS current approach



The SEAMLESS prototype



Hypothesis: New integrated observing networks and advanced ensemble data assimilation methods can improve the simulation of marine ecosystem indicators (i.e. increase their observability, controllability and identifiability)



The four research streams

1. New ensemble generation and data assimilation methods

to maximize the flow of information from the new observing networks towards the controllable ecosystem indicators

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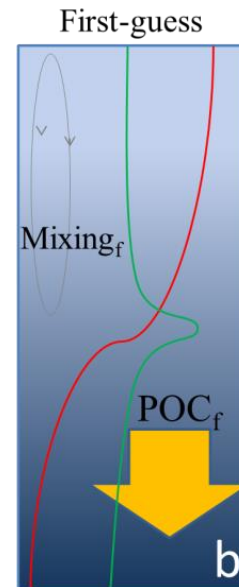
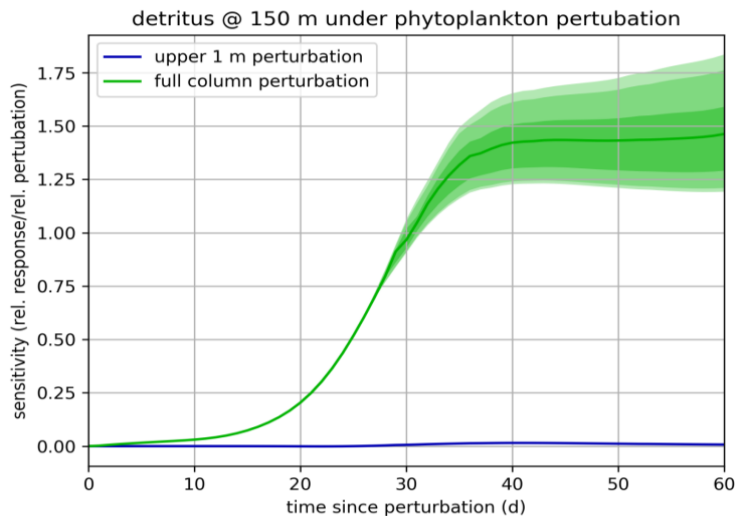
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WP3 Scientific strategy (II)

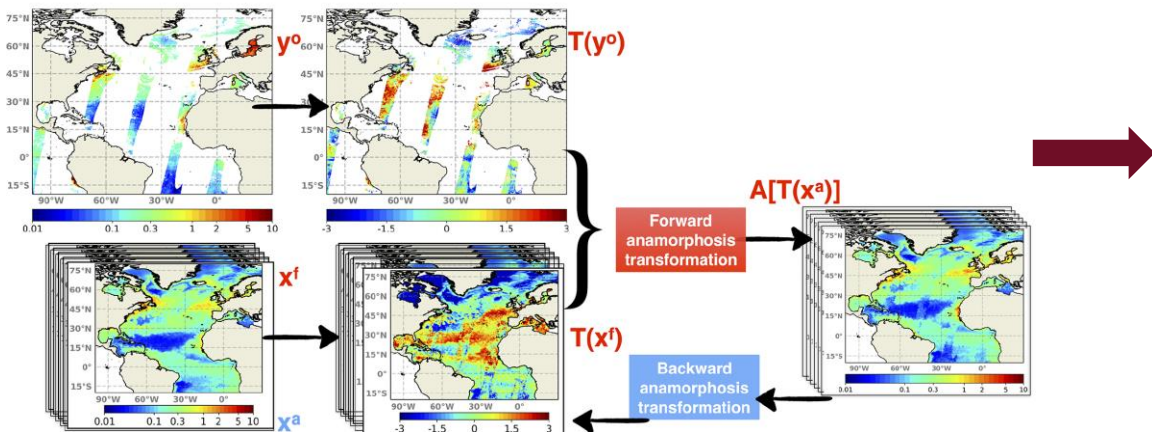
- Develop a **strategy to focus on perturbations** that most effectively reduce the uncertainty of the **SEAMLESS target indicators** (POC, trophic efficiency, PP, pH, O₂, PFT, Phenology) in the different CMEMS regions, according to the **system's observability / controllability**
- Task 3.2 - Example of GOTM-FABM-ERSEM at BATS (1D) :



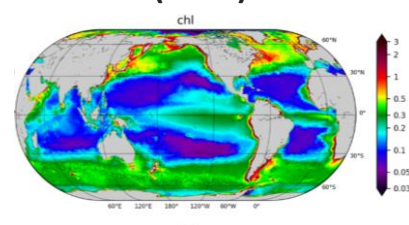


WP3 Scientific strategy (I)

- Consolidation of **ensemble generation methods** used to inject stochasticity in the coupled physical-BGC models, e.g. through (i) initial conditions, (ii) external surface/lateral forcing, (iii) internal physical parameters (e.g. ocean mixing schemes) and biological parameters (BGC processes), (iv) intrinsic model equation solvers. **Ensemble methods can combine all perturbations together to explore their nonlinear interactions.**
- Task 3.1 - Example for NEMO/PISCES



Deterministic MOI run (2014)



iORCA025 grid (75 levels)
Online coupling PHY-BGC
PHY: forcages atm ERA5, VVL, GLS...
BGC: climatology for initialization:
WOA2018 + GLODAP

Stochastic NEMO-PISCES (Santana-Falcon et al., 2020)

Up-to-date NEMO-PISCES-4



SEAMLESS transformation of the CMEMS MFCs

MFC	DA method
NWS	NEMOVar
	Hybrid Ensemble NEMOVar
IBI	None
	SEEK stochastic error parameters
GLO	SEEK (climatological base)
	SEEK stochastic error parameters
MED	3DVarBio
	Hybrid Ensemble 3DVarBio
BAL	ESTKF in preparation
	Hybrid EnKF PF
ARC	DEnKF/EnKS
	DEnKF/EnKS



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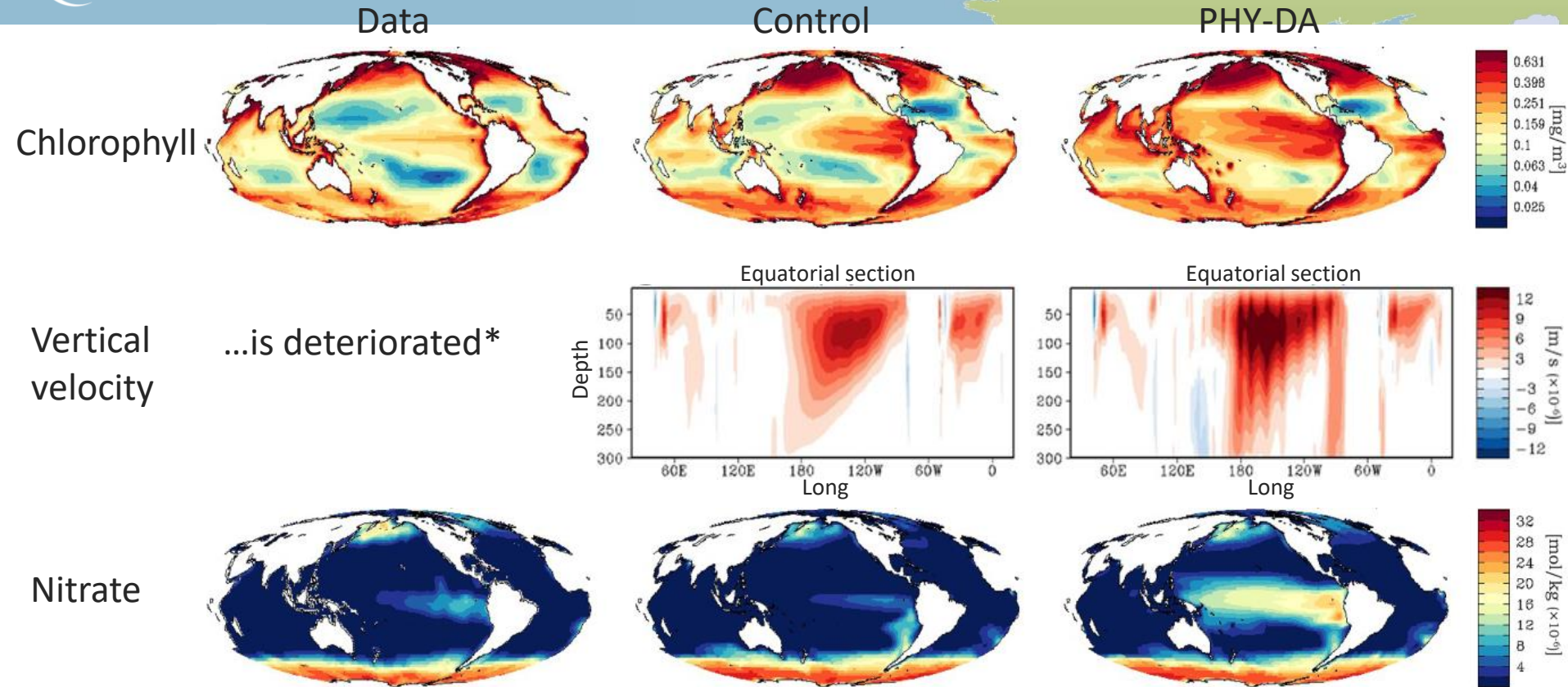
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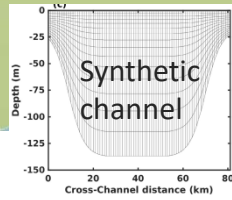
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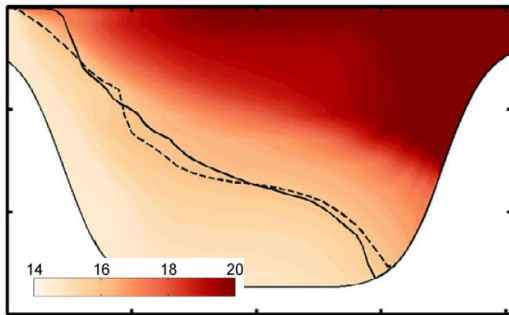
- “Incremental pressure corrections” (Waters et al., 2017)
- “Pragmatic fixes” (Park et al., 2018)

...did not really fix the issue

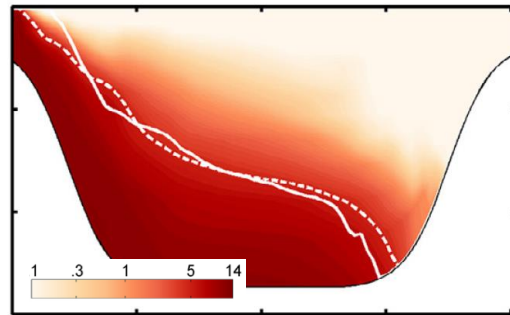
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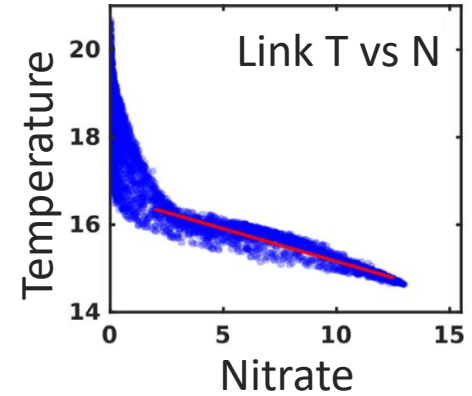
Temperature (°C)



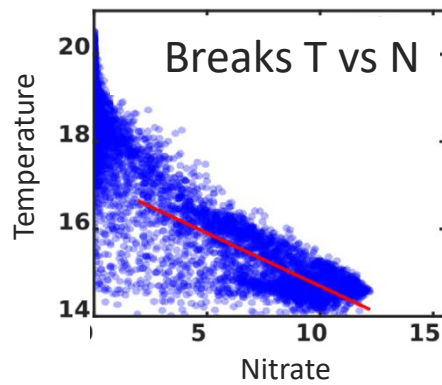
Nitrate (mmol m⁻³)



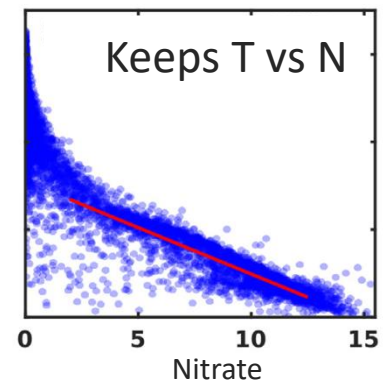
Control



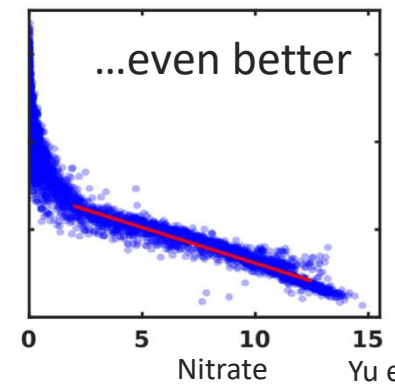
DA PHY to correct PHY



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DA trials



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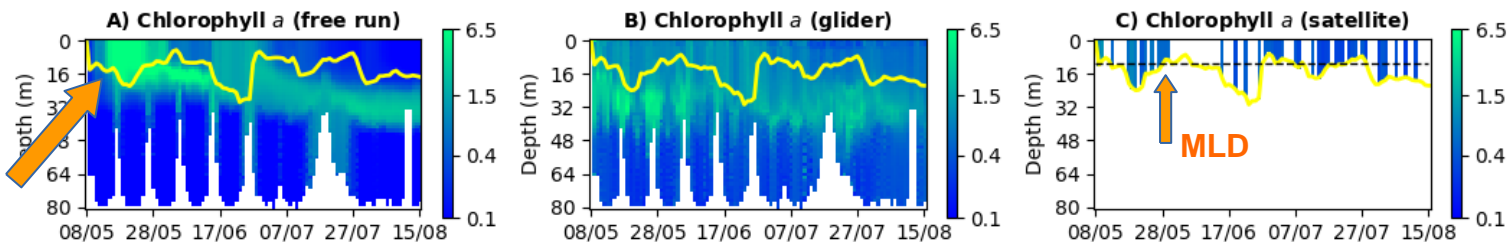
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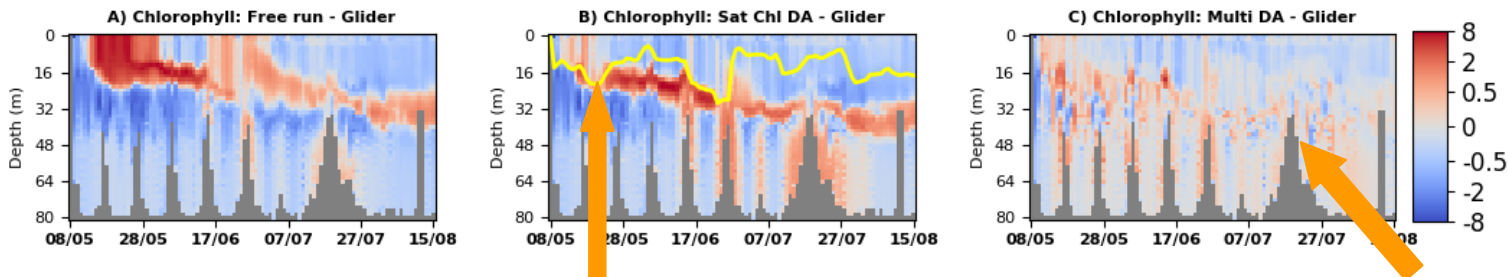
Assimilation of satellite SST and OC + glider physical (T,S) and BGC (chl, O₂) on the NWE Shelf (NEMO-FABM-ERSEM) – PML

- The multi-platform (satellite-glider) assimilation optimally combines all the benefits of single platform systems and substantially improves the simulation of all the assimilated variables



The model free run shows late spring bloom (chlorophyll)

Difference between analysis and observations



The satellite OC assimilation corrects chlorophyll within ML, whilst multi-platform assimilation across the whole water column



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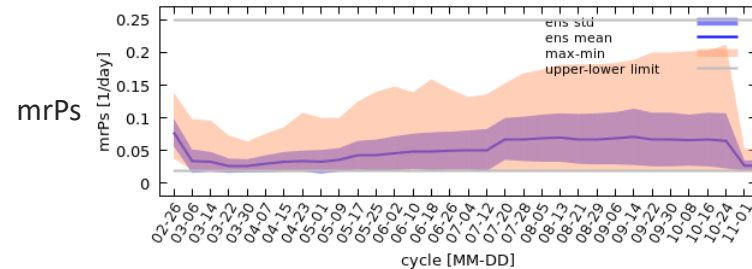
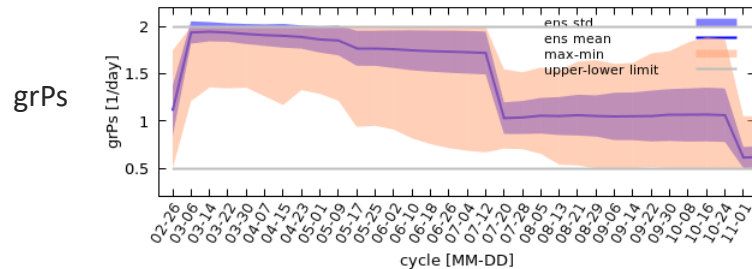
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BGC model global parameter estimation

Seasonal adjustment in the estimated BGC model parameters observed

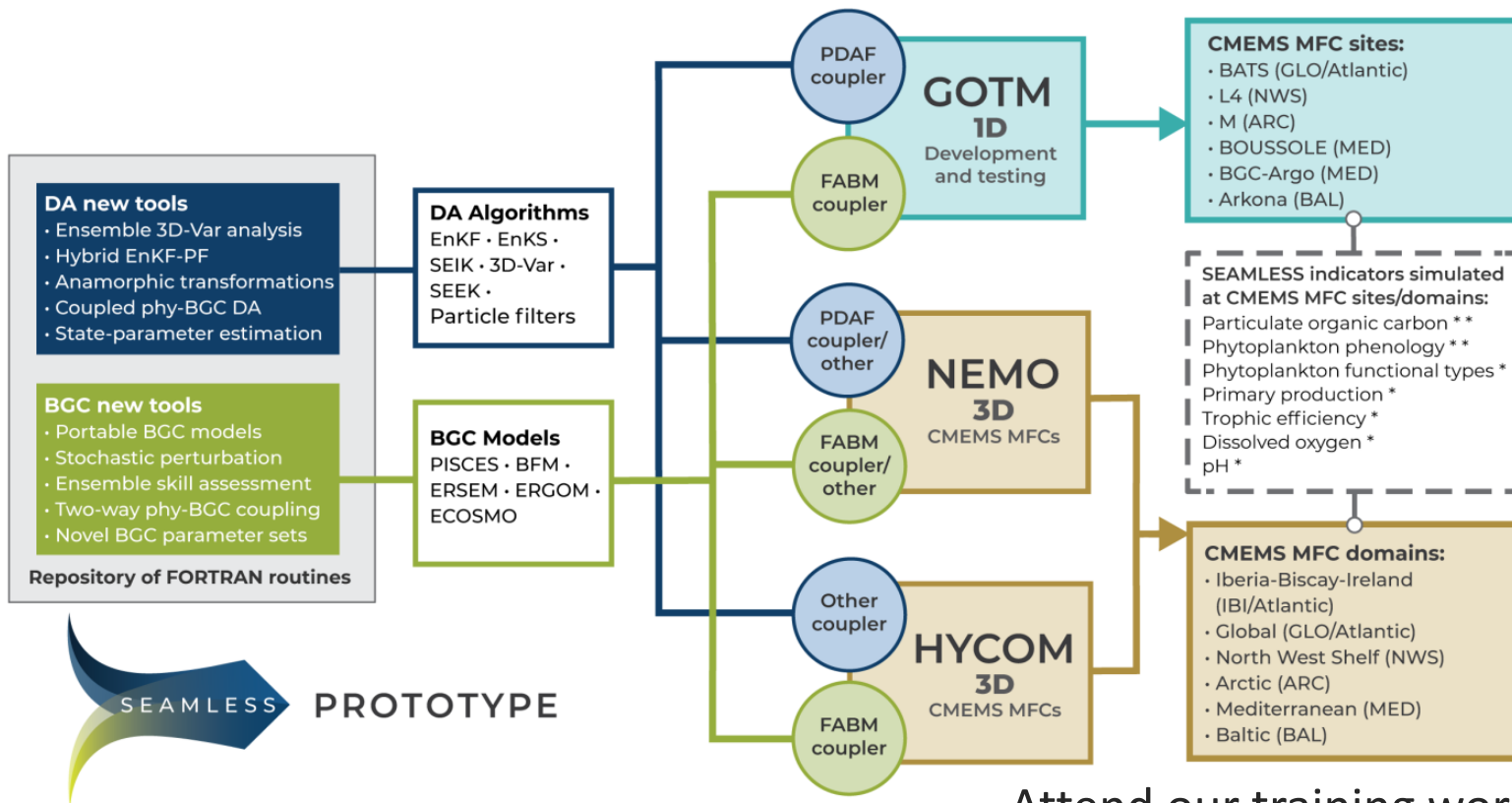
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error [%]	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Min	0.8	0.5	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.05	3.5	3.0
Max	3.0	2.0	0.25	0.25	0.4	0.4	20.0	13.0
initial estimate	1.27	1.099	0.039	0.079	0.097	0.199	5.049	6.752
Reanalysis estimate	2.432	1.728	0.047	0.051	0.098	0.190	4.723	6.956

grPl: growth rate of large phytoplankton. grPs: growth rate of small phytoplankton. mrPl: mortality rate of large phytoplankton. mrPs: mortality rate of small phytoplankton. mrZl: mortality rate of large zooplankton. mrZs: mortality rate of small zooplankton. srDO: sinking rate of detritus and opal. CrSi: Carbon to Silicate ratio. Reanalysis estimated values are from 04/07/2007.





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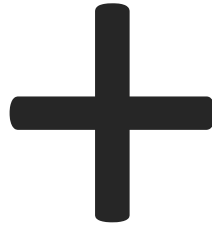
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NWS	NEMOVar	OC: PFT chl	No	No	NA
	Hybrid Ensemble NEMOVar	OC: chl, ops IS: chl ^g , N ^g , P ^g	Yes	Yes	Yes
IBI	None	No	No	No	NA
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	Hybrid Ensemble 3DVarBio	OC: chl IS: chl ^{a,g} , N ^{a,g} , opt ^a	No*	Yes	Yes
BAL	ESTKF in preparation	No	No	No	NA
	Hybrid EnKF PF	OC: chl	Yes	No	Yes
ARC	DEnKF/EnKS	OC: chl IS: N ^b , P ^b , S ^b	Yes	Yes	NA
	DEnKF/EnKS	OC: chl IS: chl ^a , N ^a , P ^b , S ^b	Yes	Yes	Yes





Expected impacts: improve CMEMS



Controlled indicators

- Particulate organic carbon **
- Phytoplankton phenology **
- Phytoplankton functional types *
- Primary production *
- Trophic efficiency *
- Dissolved oxygen *
- pH *



“The stakeholders of our CMEMS stakeholder, are SEAMLESS stakeholders”