



Mediterranean Sea Analysis and Forecasting System (MedFS)

Recent data assimilation developments

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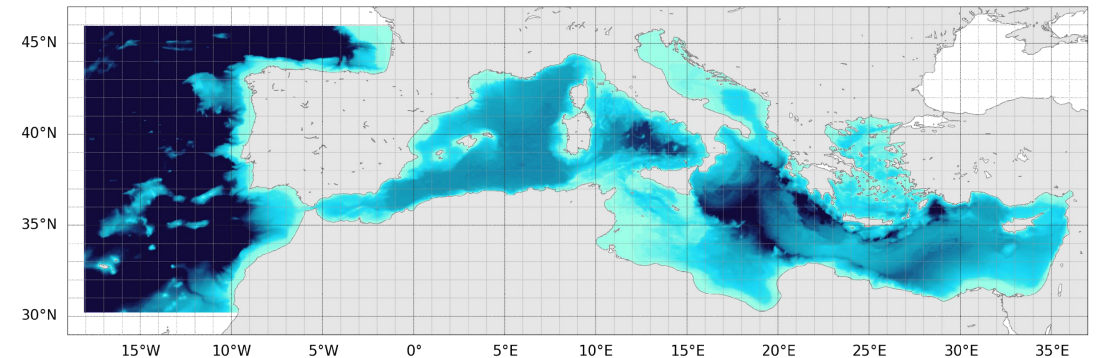
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Mediterranean Analysis and Forecasting System (MedFS)

MedFS systems major characteristics and evolutions

Higher resolution ($1/16^\circ \rightarrow 1/24^\circ$) with tides and more rivers, and upgraded DA scheme.

MedFS system	Model	Resolution	Start (initial) time	Time Step [sec]	Tides	N. River inputs	Lateral Open Boundaries	Atm. forcing	Data Assimilation	SST nudging
EAS1	NEMOv3.4 + WWIIIv3.14 + OceanVar	H: $1/16^\circ$ V: 72 z lev.	12.00 UTC	300	No	7 + Dardanelles strait: climatologies	Atlantic box	ECMWF $1/8^\circ$	Dobricic and Pinardi (2008) SLA Barotropic Model: T/S profiles & SLA	Whole day towards SST L4
EAS5	NEMOv3.6-VVL + WWIIIv3.14 + OceanVar	H: $1/24^\circ$ V: 141 z* lev.	00.00 UTC	240	No	39: climatologies	Atlantic box + Dardanelles strait	From Dec 2020: ECMWF $1/10^\circ$	Storto et al. (2015) SLA Dynamic Height T/S profiles & SLA	Close to Midnight
EAS7	NEMOv3.6-VVL + WWIIIv3.14 + OceanVar	H: $1/24^\circ$ V: 141 z* lev.	00.00 UTC	240	Yes: 8 components	38 climatologies + Po river: daily obs.	Atlantic box + Dardanelles strait	ECMWF $1/10^\circ$	Storto et al. (2015) SLA Dynamic Height T/S profiles & SLA	Close to Midnight

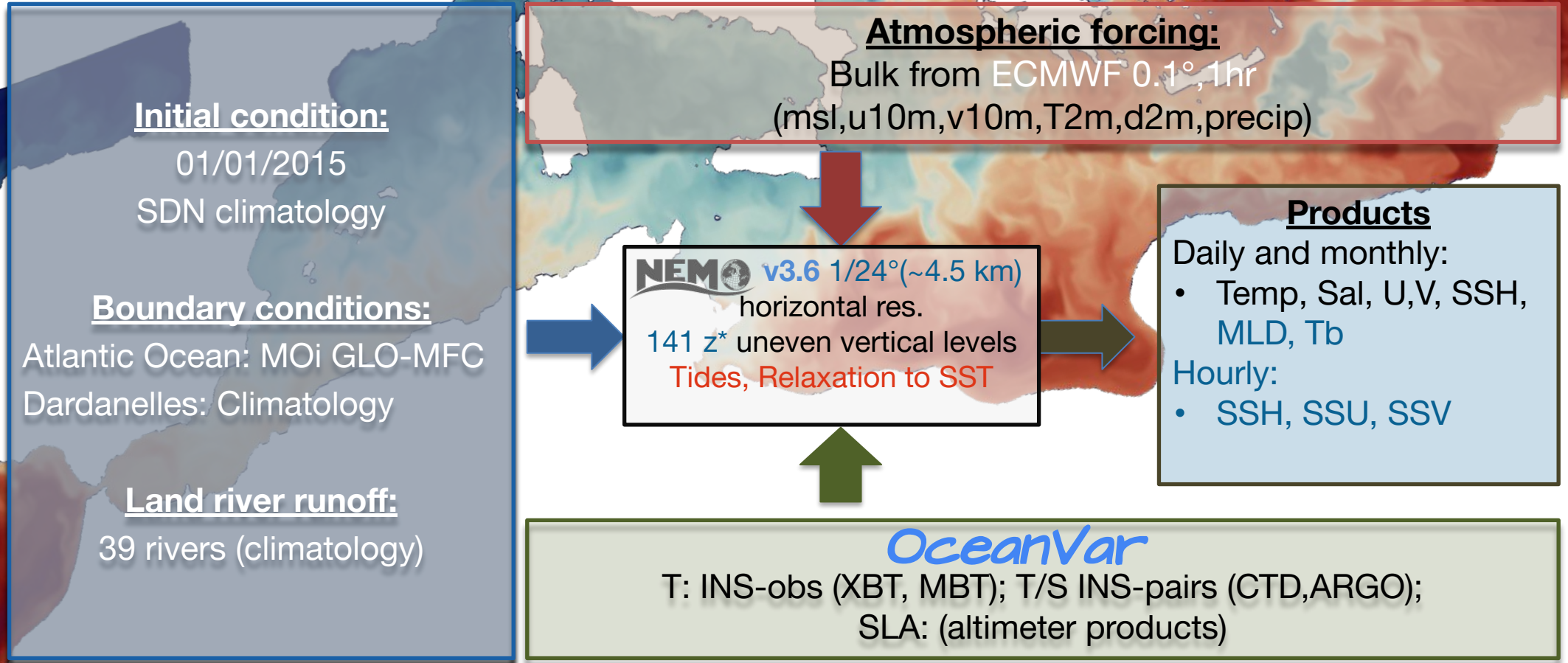


Still maintaining 3 different operational system in the Mediterranean Sea.

MedFS is the blue ocean component of Copernicus Marine Service MED-MFC (Coppini et al., 2023)



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OceanVar - 3DVar-FGAT Ocean DA scheme

In 3dvar, we want to minimize the cost function:

$$J(\delta x) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{x}}_{\substack{\text{Error} \\ \text{Background}}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{H}(\delta \mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{d}]^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} [\mathbf{H}(\delta \mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{d}]}_{\substack{\text{Error} \\ \text{Observations}}}$$

Currently, the oceanic vector state is defined as:

$$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S}, \eta]^T$$

The background error covariance matrix can be written as:

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{V}^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_b \rightarrow \text{increment} \\ \mathbf{d} &= [H(\mathbf{x}_b) - \mathbf{y}_o] \rightarrow \text{misfit} \end{aligned}$$



FGAT, in NEMO at observation time

(Dobricic and Pinardi, 2008, Storto et al., 2011)

OceanVar

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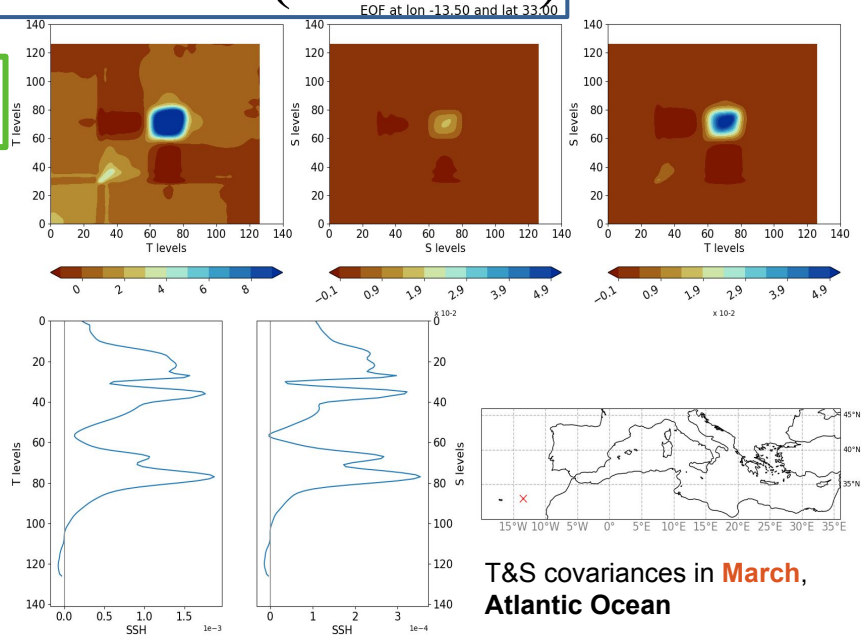
Then with the variable change, $\delta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{v}$ the cost function is:

$$J(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{H}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{d}]^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} [\mathbf{H}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{d}]$$

And the gradient is:

$$J'(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{v})$$

No B matrix to invert



\mathbf{V} is modeled as a sequence of linear operators:

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_\eta \mathbf{V}_H \mathbf{V}_V^{\mathbf{t}_s}$$

$\mathbf{V}_V^{\mathbf{t}_s}$ Vertical EOFs:
tri-variate monthly every gridpoint for Eta-T-S from 35 year MEDREA24 also in the Atlantic box.

\mathbf{V}_H - Horizontal covariance
(a recursive filter)

\mathbf{V}_η - Dynamic Height operator (Balance operator, 1000 m level of no motion)

$$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S}, \eta]^T \longrightarrow \mathbf{v} = [EOF]^T$$

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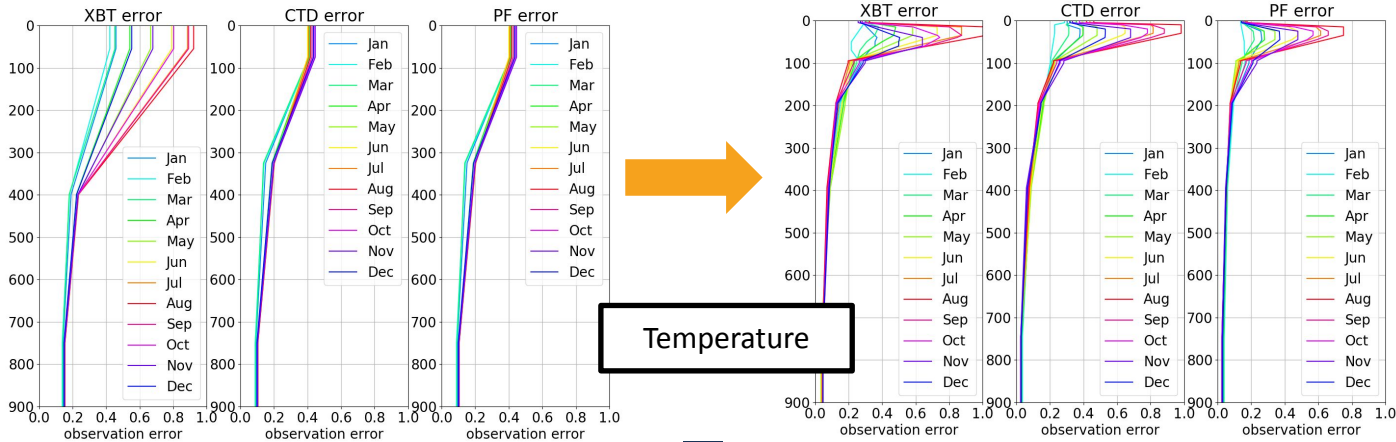
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R diagonal - different for instrument same for all domain



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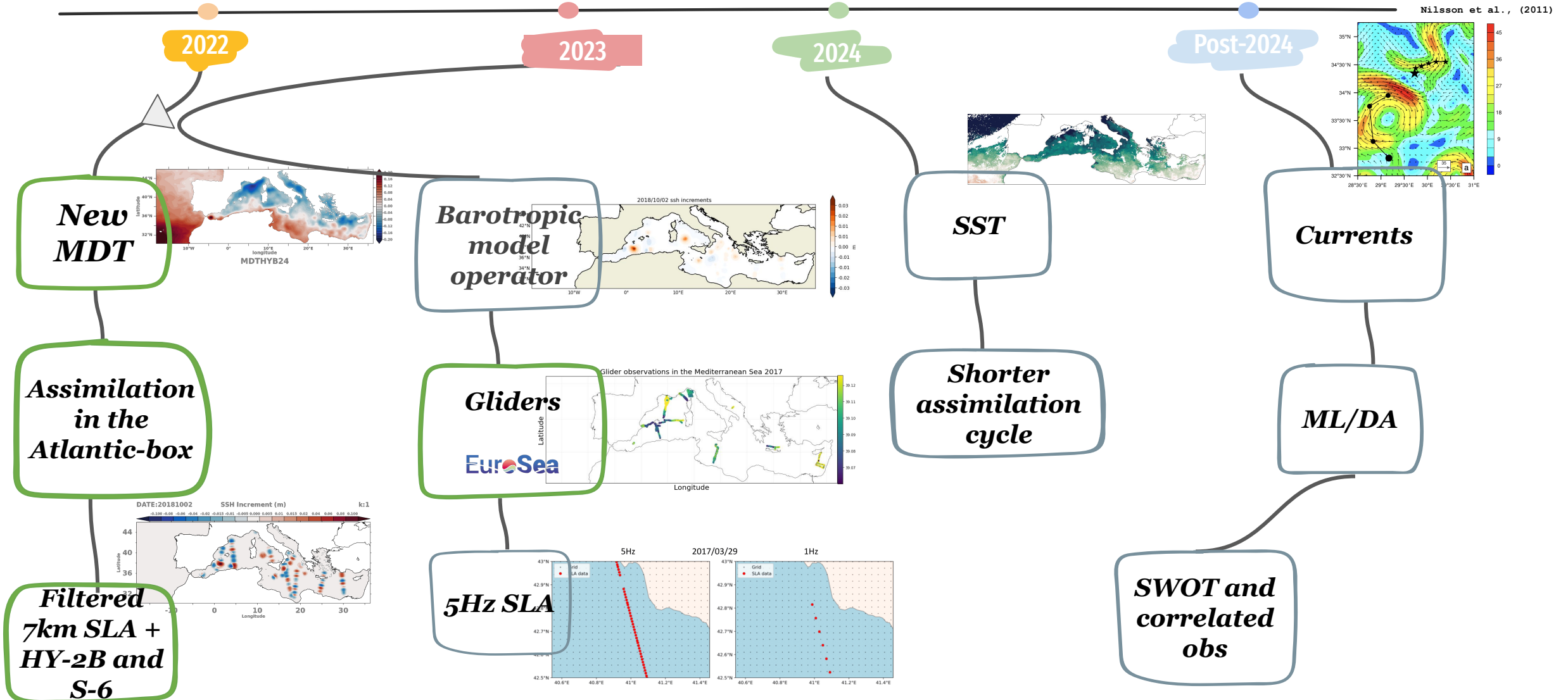
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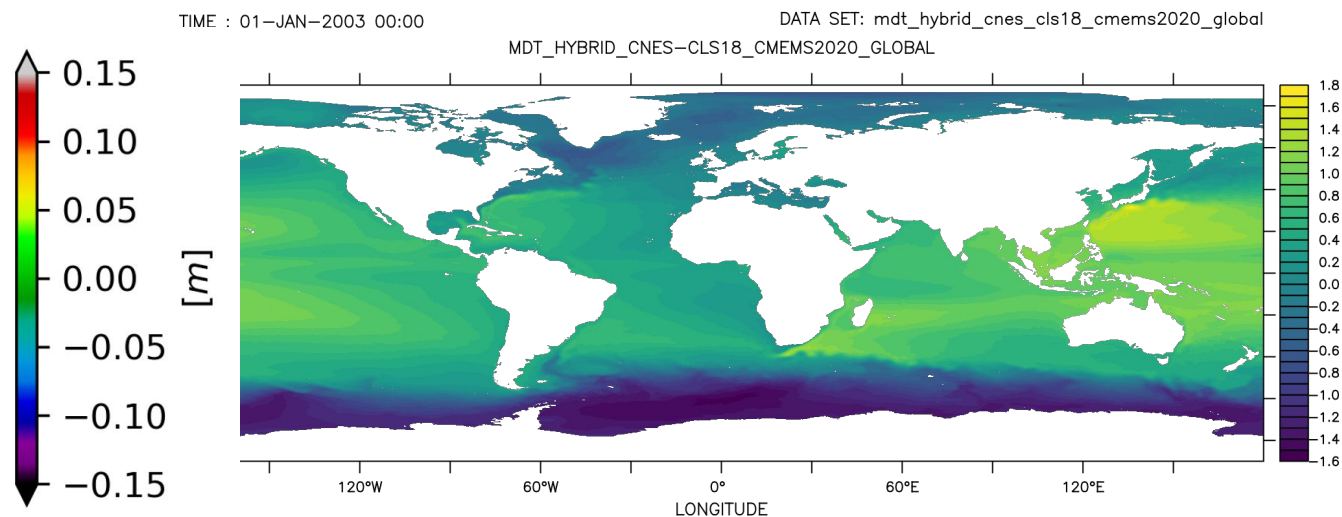
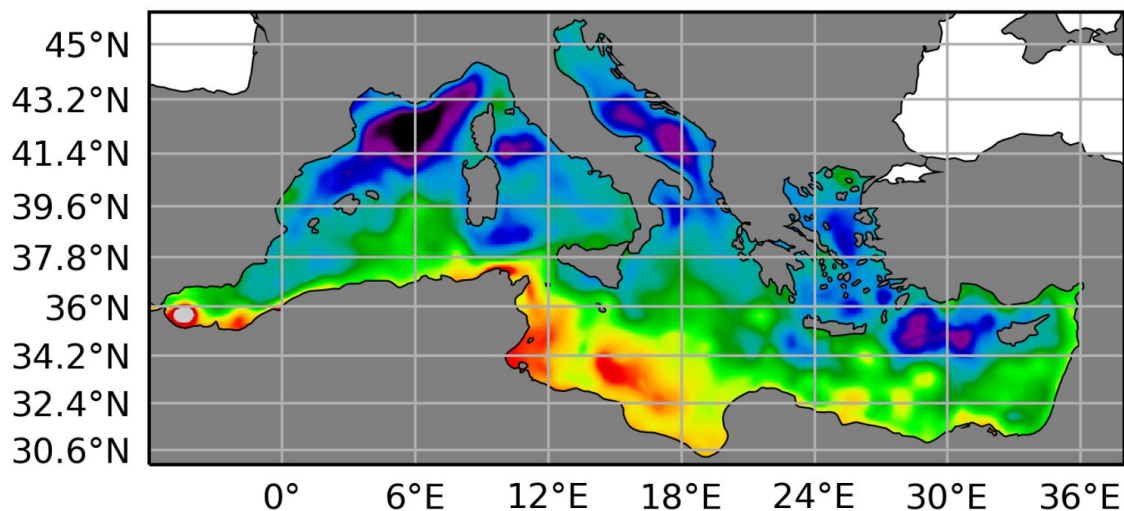
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MedFS evolution in Copernicus Marine Service

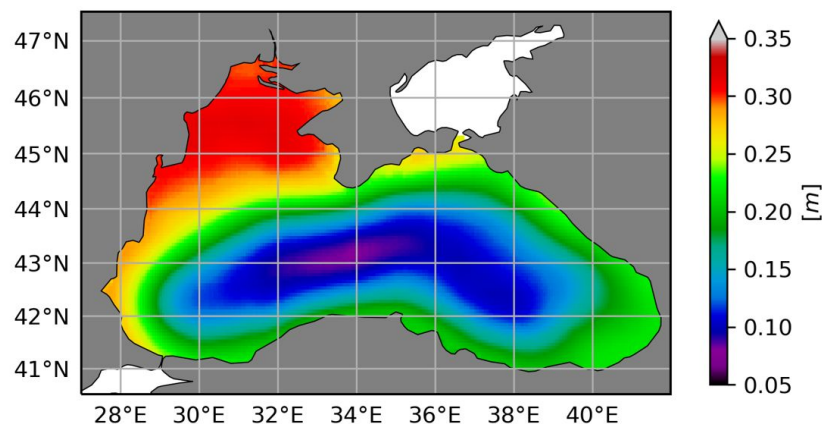
Development activities are planned for Copernicus Marine Service 2



New MDT from SL-TAC



mean dynamic topography (m)



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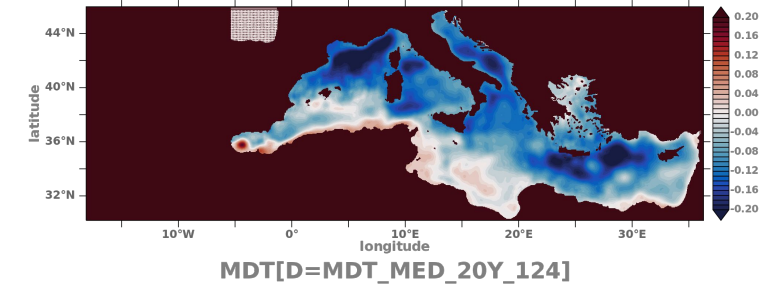
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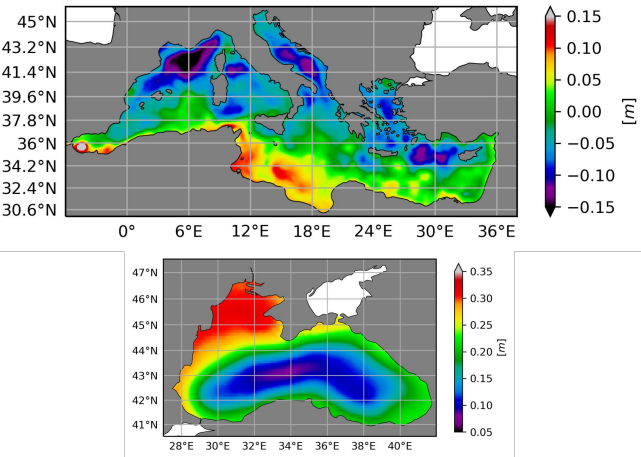
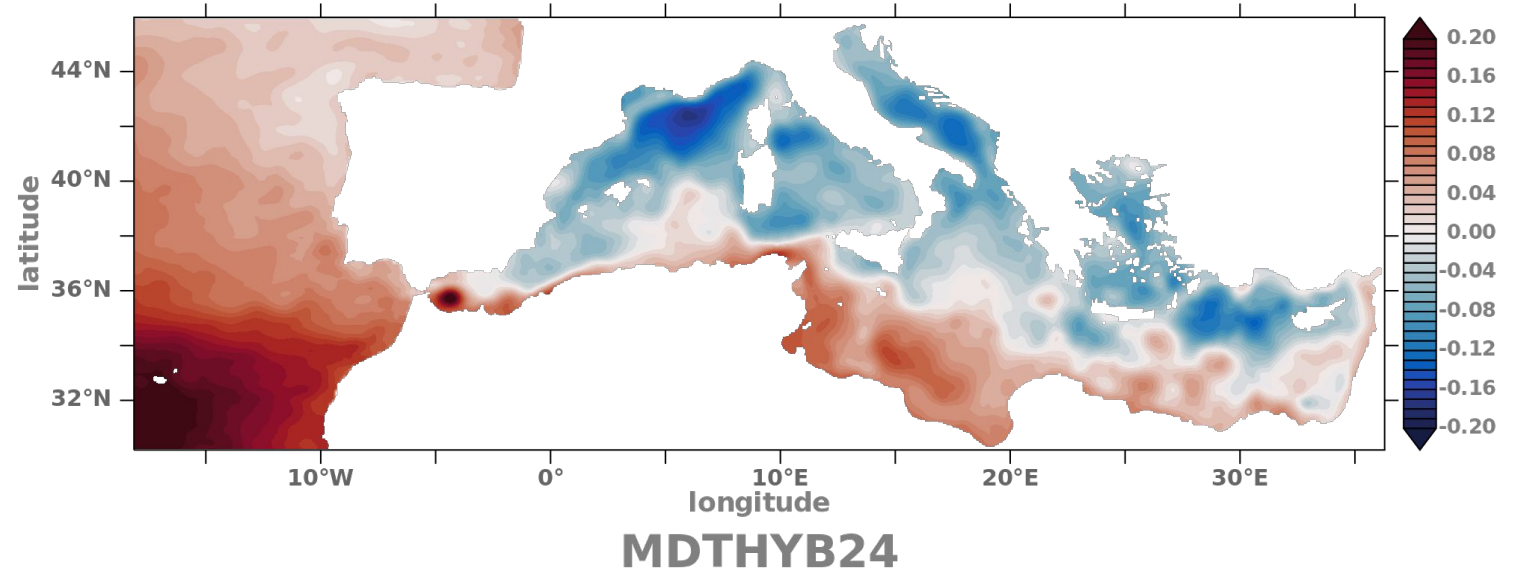
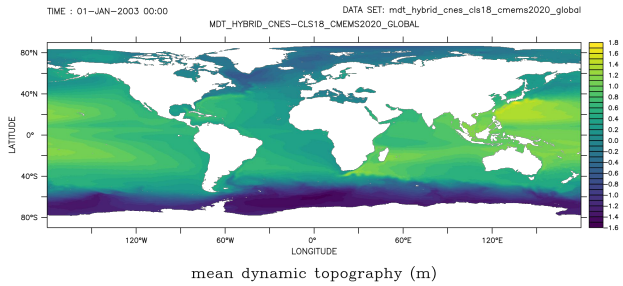
New MDT for MedFS

Updated MDT from Rio 2014 to Jousset 2020 by using MED (1/24°) and HYBRID MDT (1/8°) to extend into the Atlantic Ocean

Rio et al., 2014



New MDT (Jousset et al., 2020)



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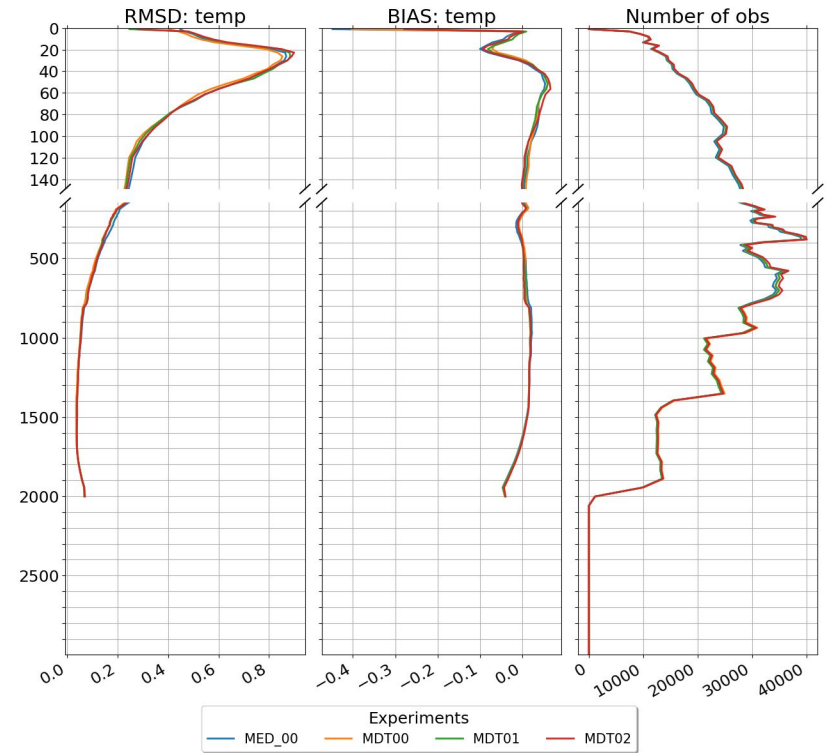
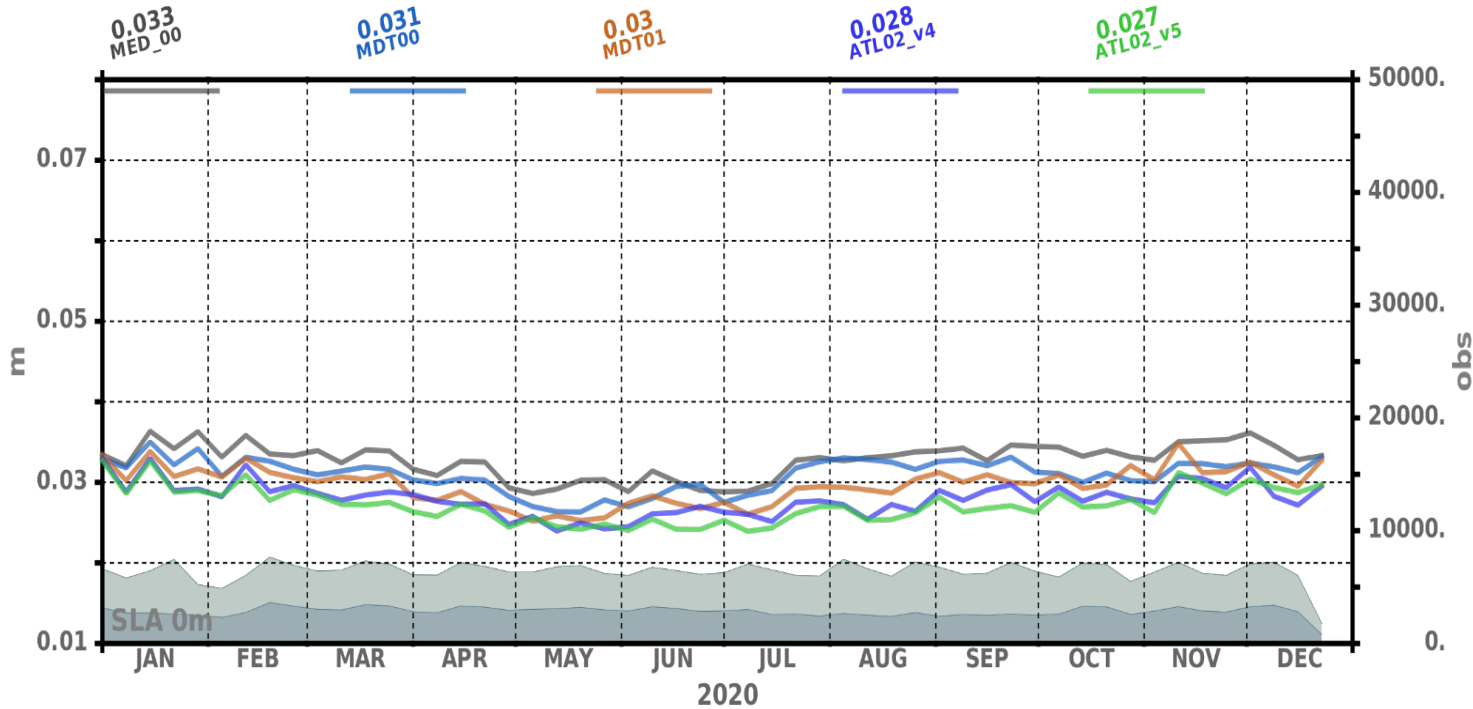
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Difference of 1/8° and 1/24° product on the MedFS grid

Assimilation of SLA from altimeters

New MDT + 7km along-track + 3 cm sla error

14km Filtered Rio et al., 2014 14km Filtered Jousset et al., 2020 7km Unfiltered Jousset et al., 2020 7km filtered Jousset et al., 2020 sla_err=4 cm 7km filtered Jousset et al., 2020 sla_err=3 cm



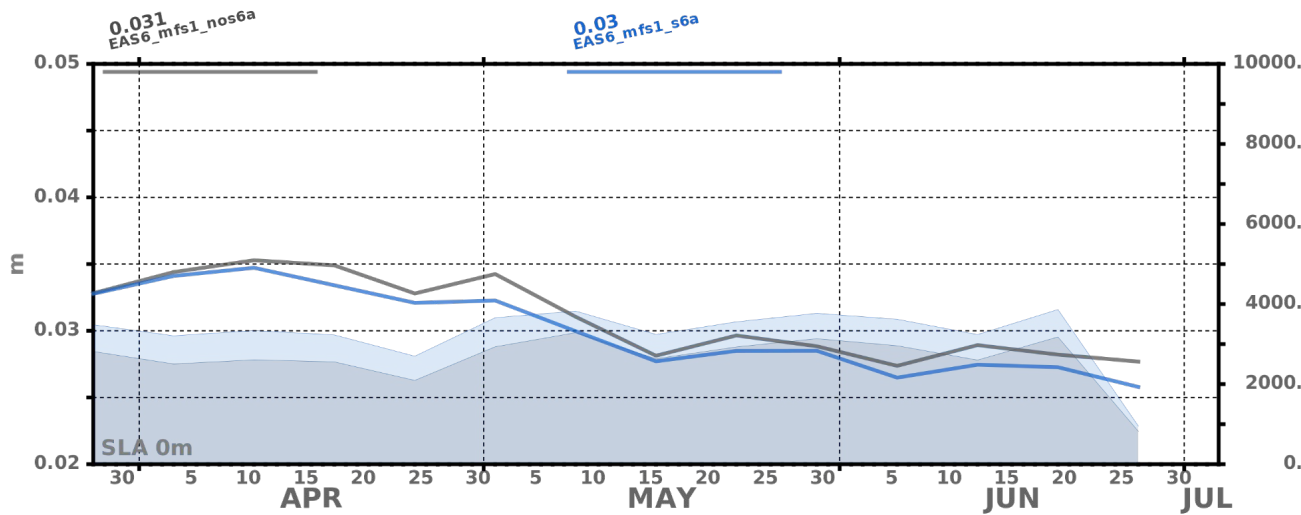
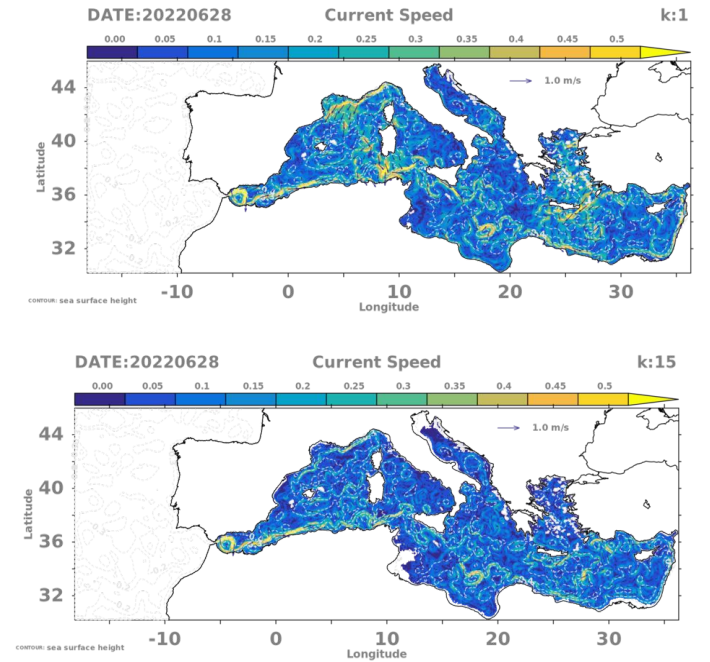
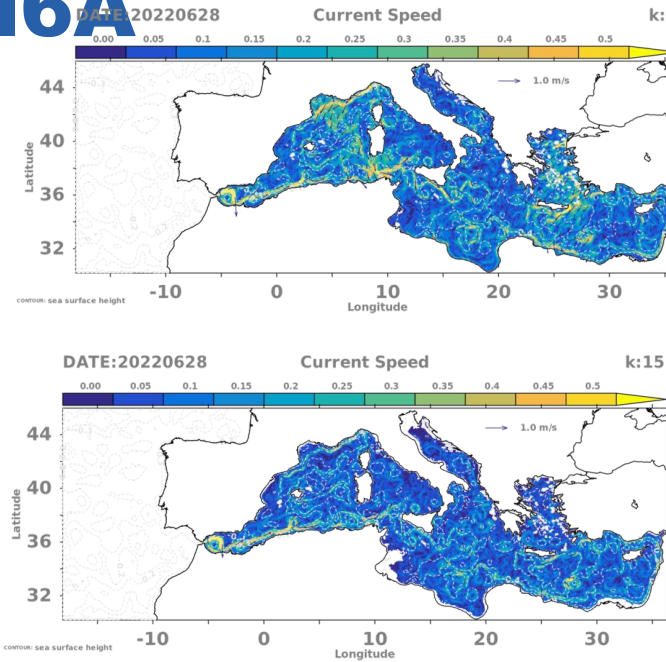
Not much impact on T,S

RMS of SLA misfits reduced from 3.3 cm to 2.7 cm.

Assimilation of Sentinel6A

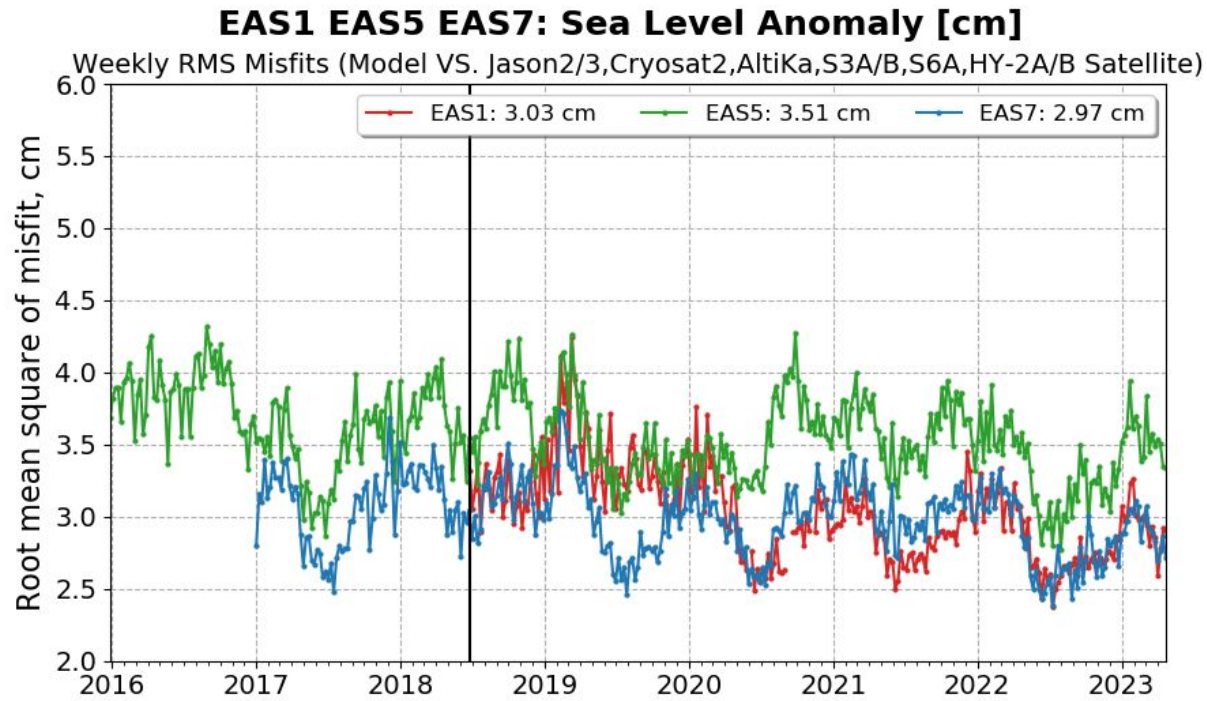
RMS of SLA misfits improved.

Assimilation of Sentinel 6

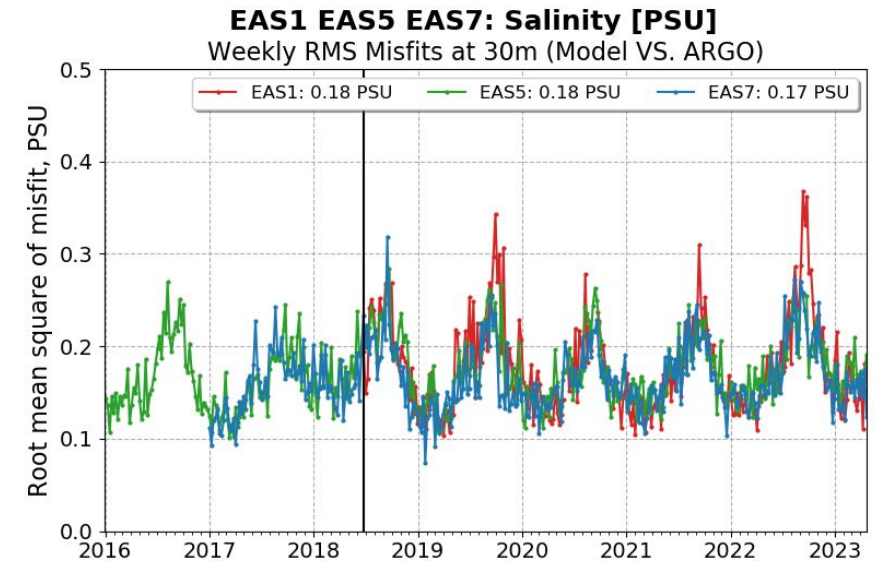
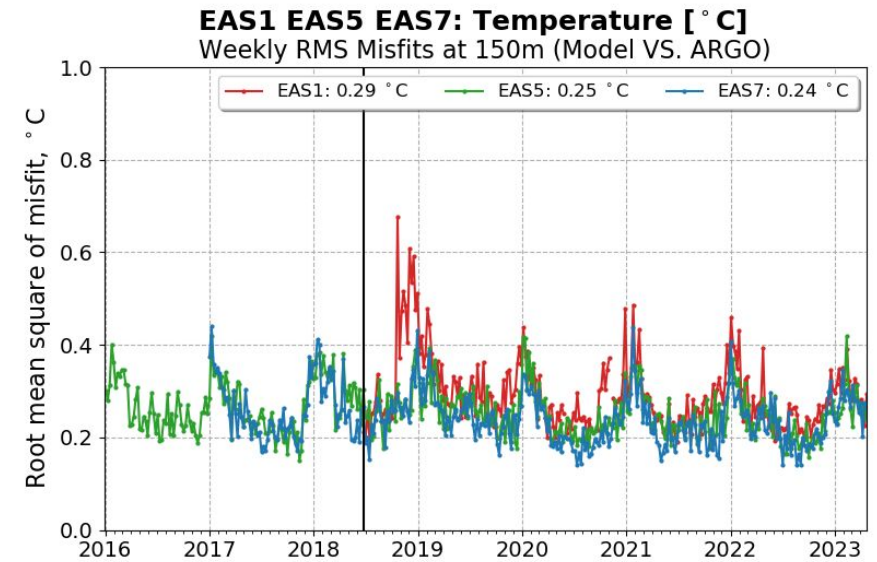


Slightly different mesoscale circulation. Not validated with observations yet.

Evolution of MedFS



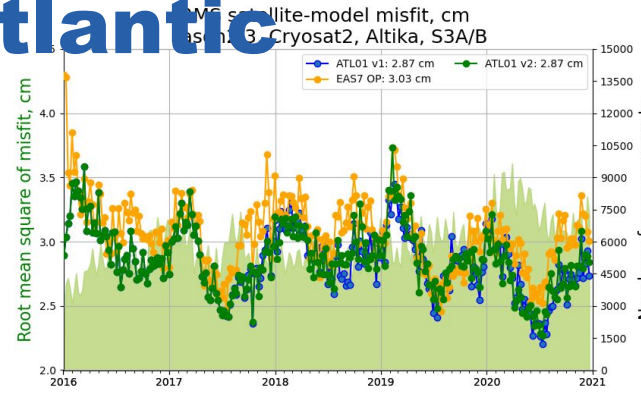
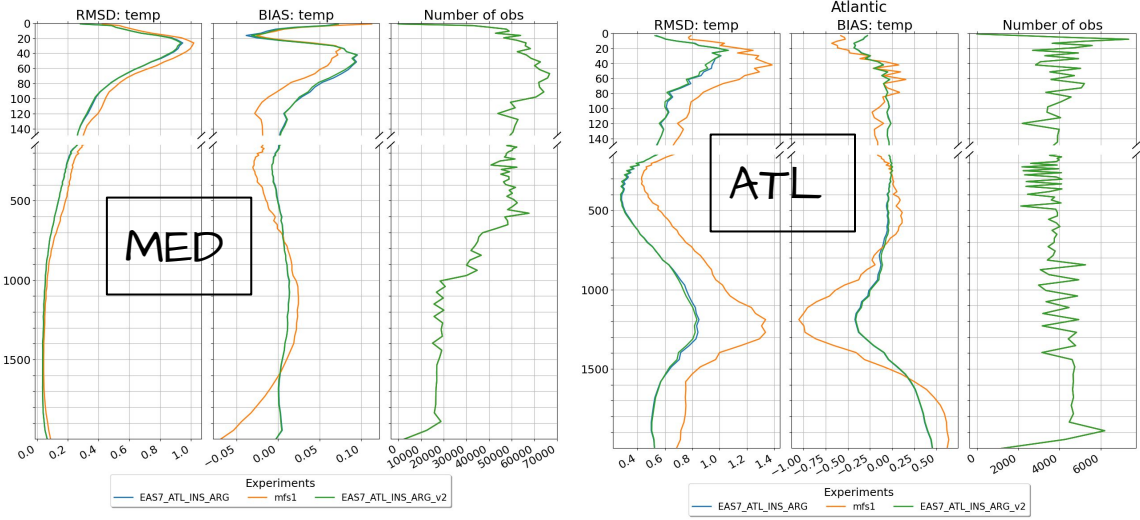
Continuous improvement throughout evolution.



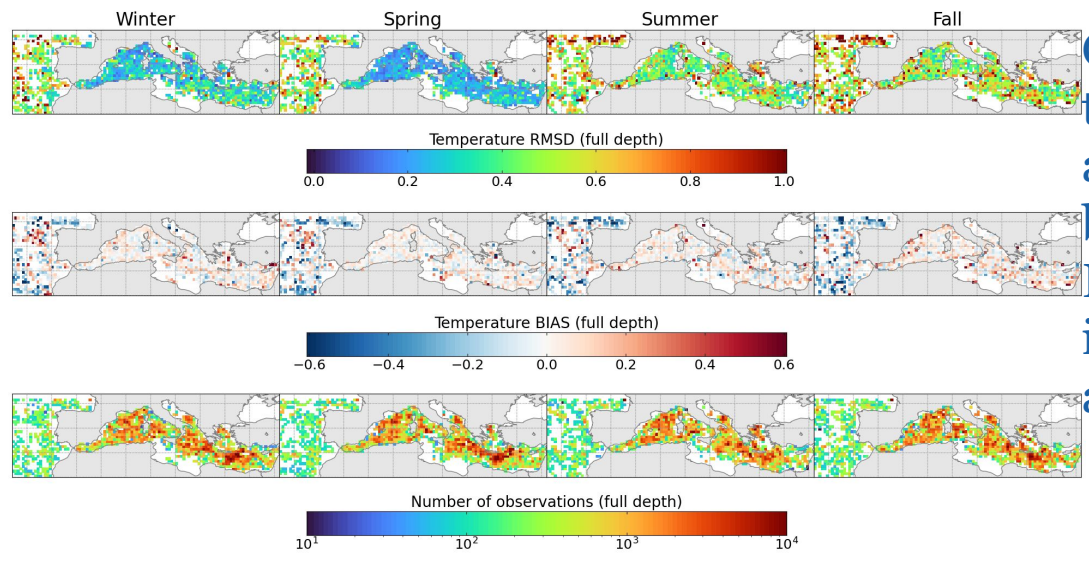
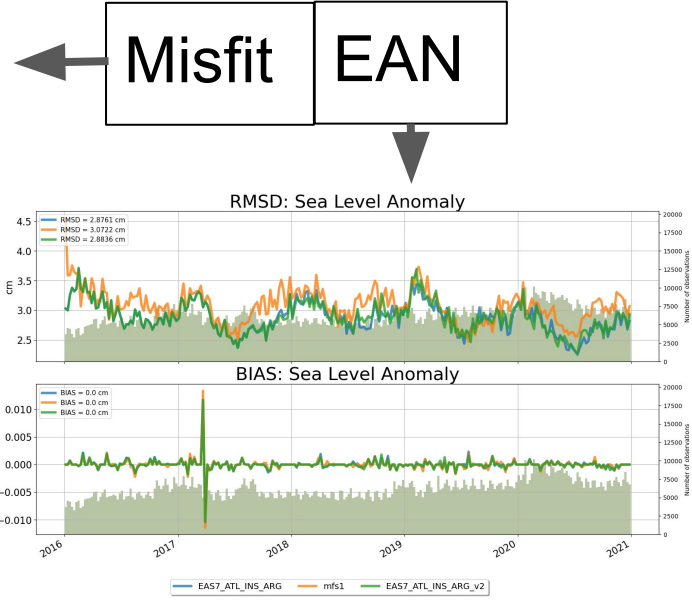
In-situ in the North-east Atlantic

EAST OP → the operational system
ATLOL_v1 → in-situ observations in Atlantic box + relaxed QC
ATLOL_v2 → **ATLOL_v1** + more in-situ observations in MedSea

*Average values on the legend are calculated in the overlapping period 2016-2020



Improving the SLA misfits in MED



Cold bias in the Atlantic and warm bias in MED. Larger errors in summer and fall.

EAN shows an improving RMSD and BIAS in the entire water column for both temperature and salinity in **ATLOL_v1**. Not much change in **ATLOL_v2**

Assimilation of glider observations

- the best practices in use of glider and floats in-situ observations by operational forecasting systems
- On the accessibility to the glider / Argo floats observations in NRT and DT mode.
- On the quality control (QC) in the assimilation systems



Internal Milestone #28

Joint workshop between CMCC SOCIB Task 4.2, Task 4.3, Task 4.4 partners and WP3 on sharing best practices on how to use novel sensors (glider, floats) data for assimilation and validation in the CMEMS (global and MED) and SOCIB operational systems (physical and biogeochemical)

Date: 24 June 2021 10:00-12:00 CET

Goal: EuroSea Task 4.2 aims at evaluating the impact of the glider and BGC Argo observations on marine forecasting systems in the Mediterranean Sea. The question of where and how to access the data in both near-real-time (NRT) and delayed-time (DT) is critical for this task. Several issues have been identified concerning the glider data availability, especially for NRT systems. The objective of this workshop is to bring together European experts on glider data collection, processing and management with the data assimilation experts to open a discussion on this issues and propose solutions to use glider and float observations in operational forecasting systems in the best possible way.

AGENDA

- 10:00-10:15 Objectives and overview of the status (Ali Aydogdu)
- 10:15-10:25 Update on SOCIB experience (Jaime Hernandez)
- 10:25-10:35 NRT and delayed mode data exchange strategy and further opportunities (Victor Turpin / Daniel Hayes)
- 10:35-10:45 The status of glider observations in the CMEMS (Thierry Carval)
- 10:45-12:00 Discussion

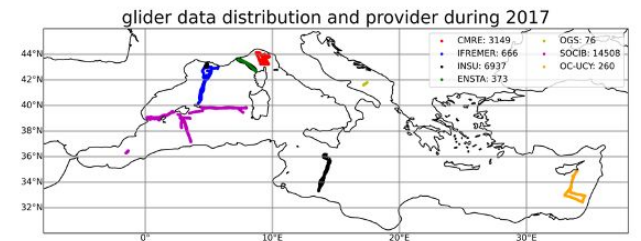
Best practices on how to use novel sensors (gliders and floats) for assimilation and validation

A need...

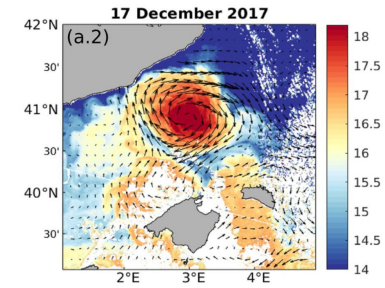
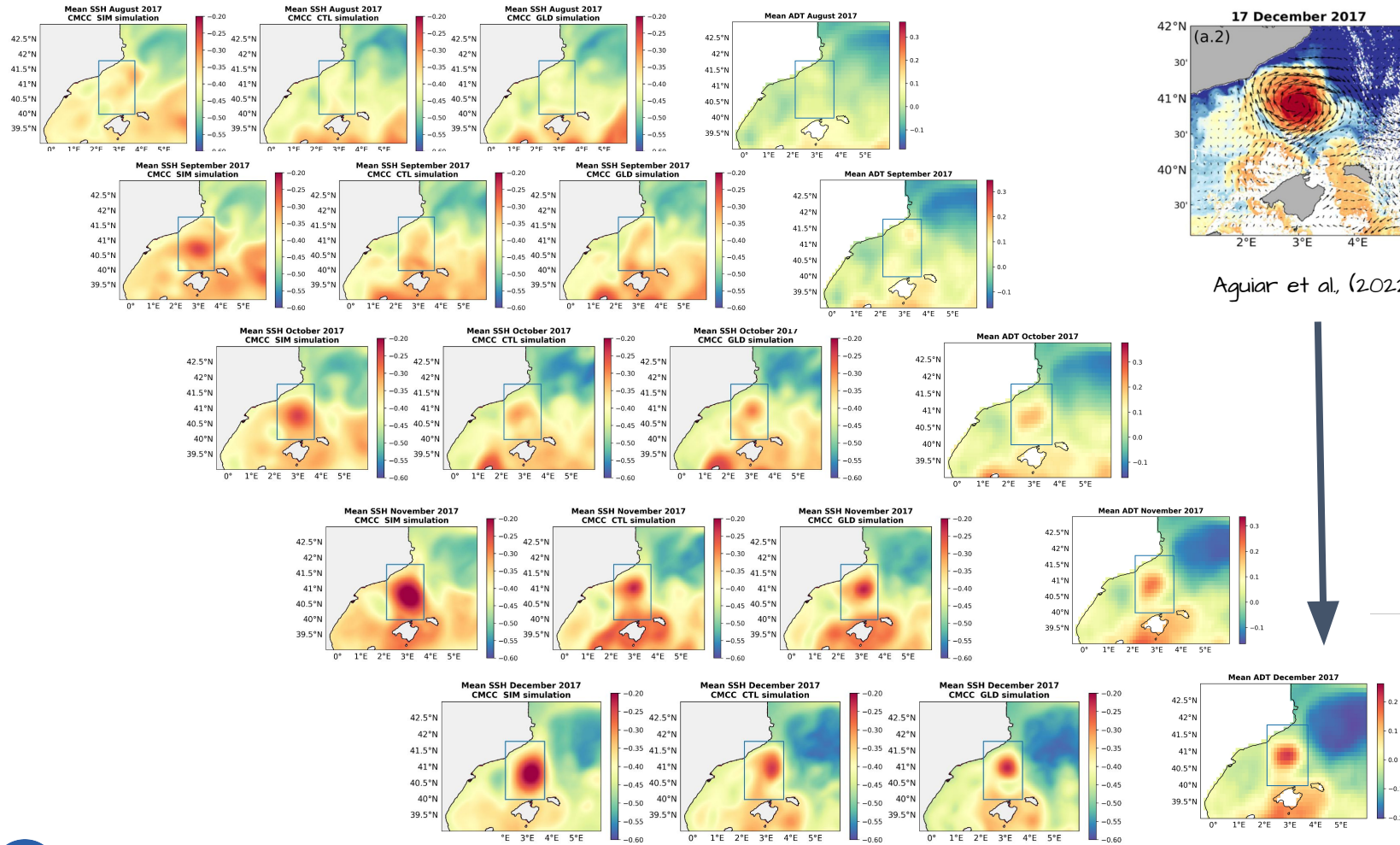
- for more time to assimilate the high-quality glider and BGC-Argo observations in the NRT systems however, DM observations are already high-quality and synchronized to the required repositories.
- to come up with a universal solution. CMEMS (European) and SOCIB (Balearic) systems involved in EuroSea can be taken as a base to detect the need for improvements and propose solutions for every step of the data flow and usage.
- for communication between the communities, e.g., Argo vs. communities to converge on coherent procedure and inconsistencies, Argo + Glider vs. modelling + assimilation communities for the best practices on the use of observations for forecasting and reanalysis systems, e.g., on QC standards.

Joint work of Task 4.1 and 4.2 with WP3

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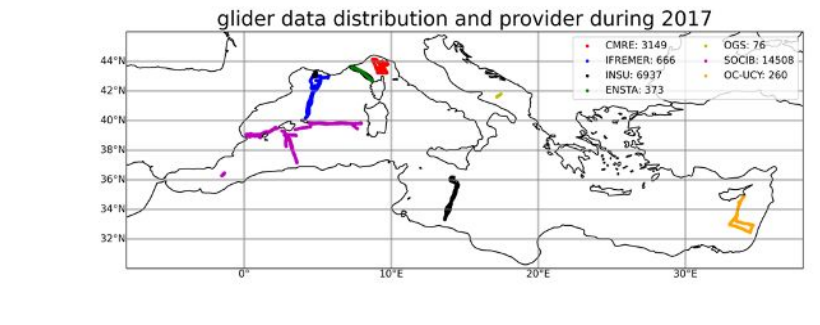


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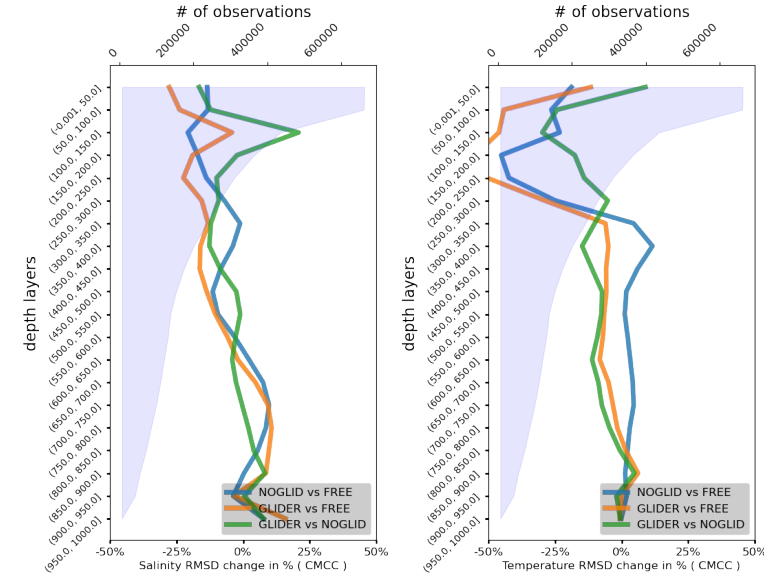
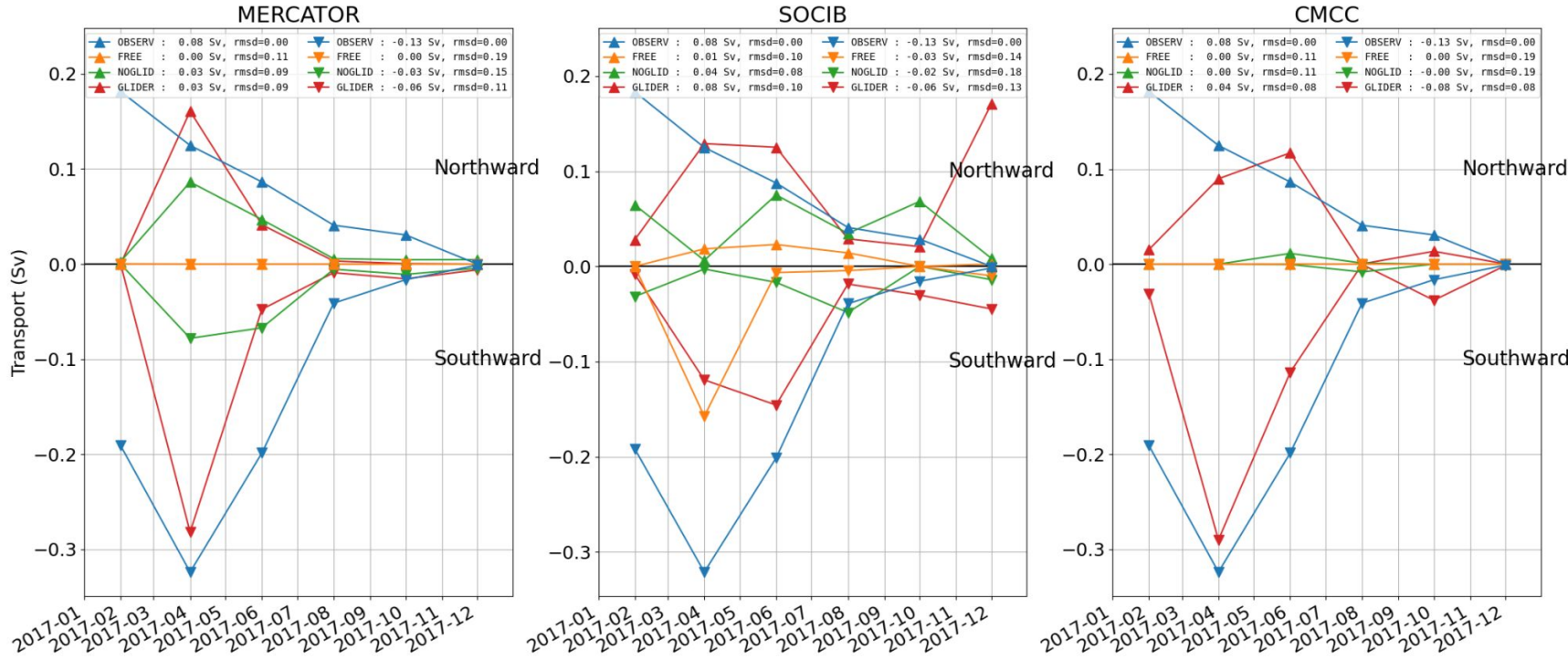
Aguir et al, (2022)

A case study: Balearic Eddy in 2017



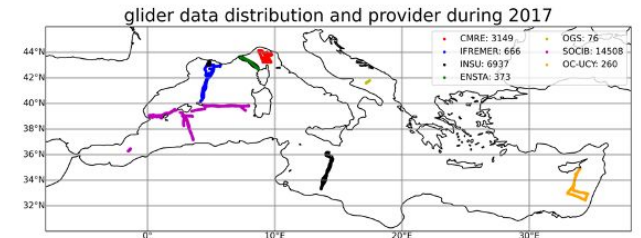
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Transport of WIW in Ibiza channel



Comparison of transports in the Ibiza channel

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A study case in 2017 for the assimilation of glider observations



Intercomparison of WMED systems - COMING SOON - Impact on BGC



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Data Assimilation Practices

In this repo we collect literature and approaches on glider data assimilation practices. Please feel free to add literature or reports on this topics.

Read key literature [here](#)

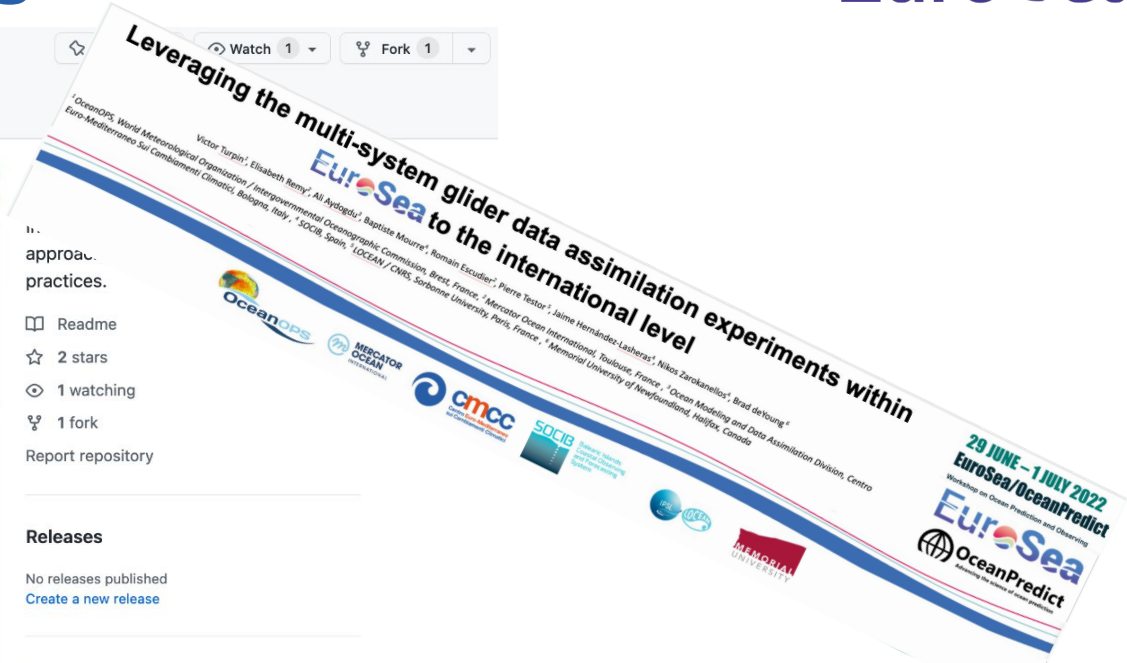
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Short term goals

- collect glider data assimilation practices
- reports and papers
- share lessons learned

Mid- and longterm goals

- develop best practices and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- harmonize approaches



approach practices.

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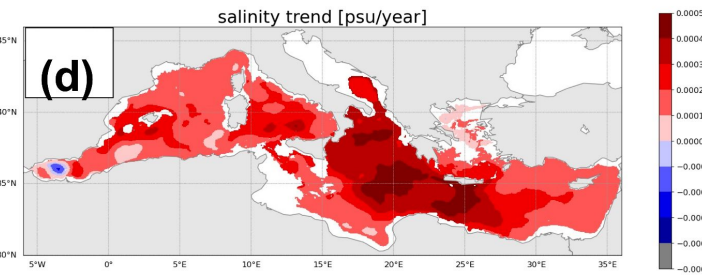
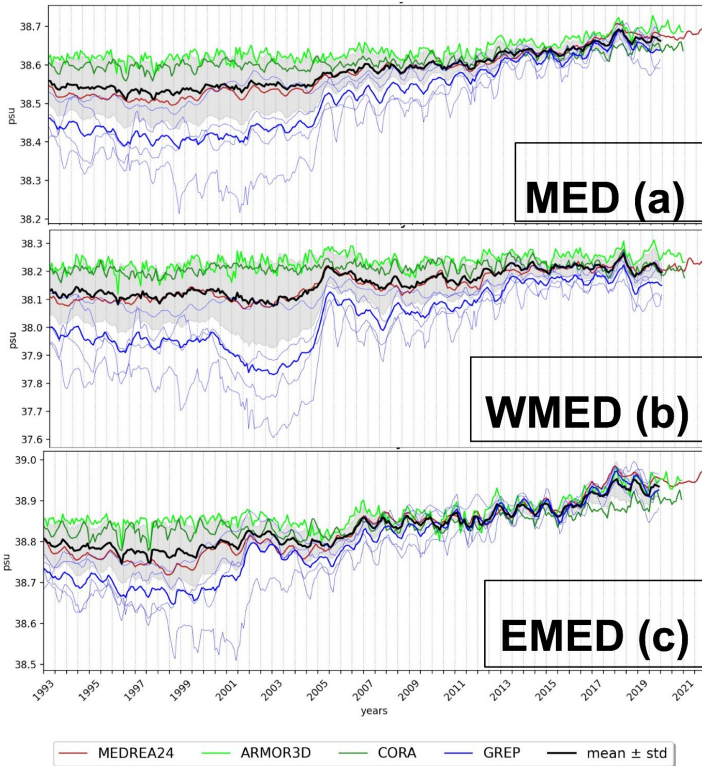
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A possible OceanGliders DA-TT

OceanGliders is organized in Task Teams (TTs) gathered around specialized domains and areas for which gliders are perfectly suited carrying out long term observations and process studies. TT are chaired by recognized specialists in their domains and fully open to engage broader communities. It is expected that the mission-based TTs will organically develop by aggregating the different initiatives about the following topics around the world. 6 TT are currently identified.

- Boundary Currents
- Storms
- Water Transformation
- Ocean Health and Ecosystems
- Best Practices Task Team
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The dynamical role of upper layer salinity in the Mediterranean Sea

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Abstract. The Mediterranean Sea is a semi-enclosed basin with an excess amount of evaporation compared to the water in-flux through precipitation at the surface and river runoff on the land boundaries. The deficit in the water budget is balanced by the inflow in the Straits of Gibraltar and Dardanelles connecting the Mediterranean with the less saline Atlantic Ocean and the Marmara Sea, respectively. There is evidence that the Mediterranean region will be a hotspot with the warming Earth (T-Tahir, 2020) which will possibly change the water budget but with a large uncertainty (Cos et al., 2022). The inevitable to monitor the evolution of the mean variables (EOVs) to respond to the associated risks and related problems. In this work, we analyze the evolution of the salinity content and anomaly in the Mediterranean last decades using the Copernicus Marine Service products. The results show an increasing mean salinity with the eastern basin. The spread of the products implies a larger variability in the western basin while the spread in the eastern side, especially in the Ionian and the Levantine basins.

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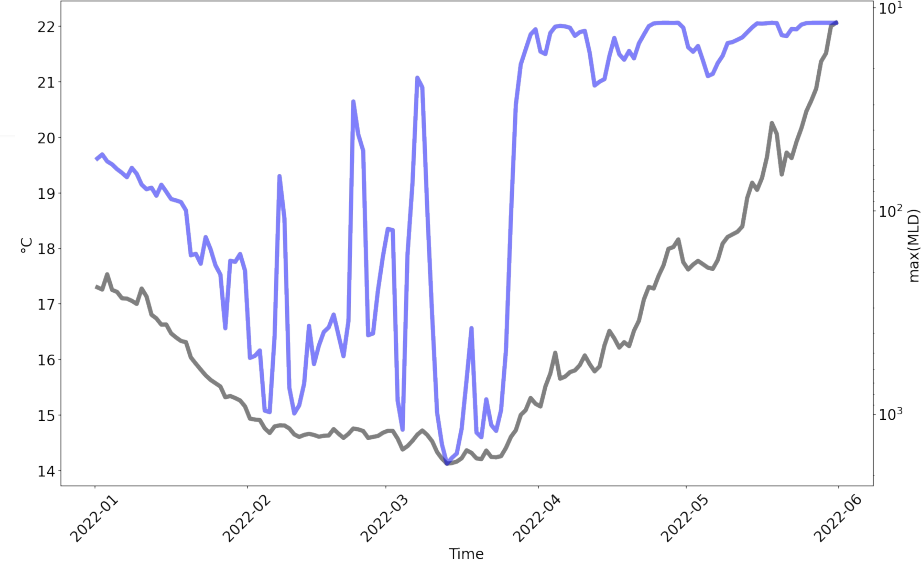
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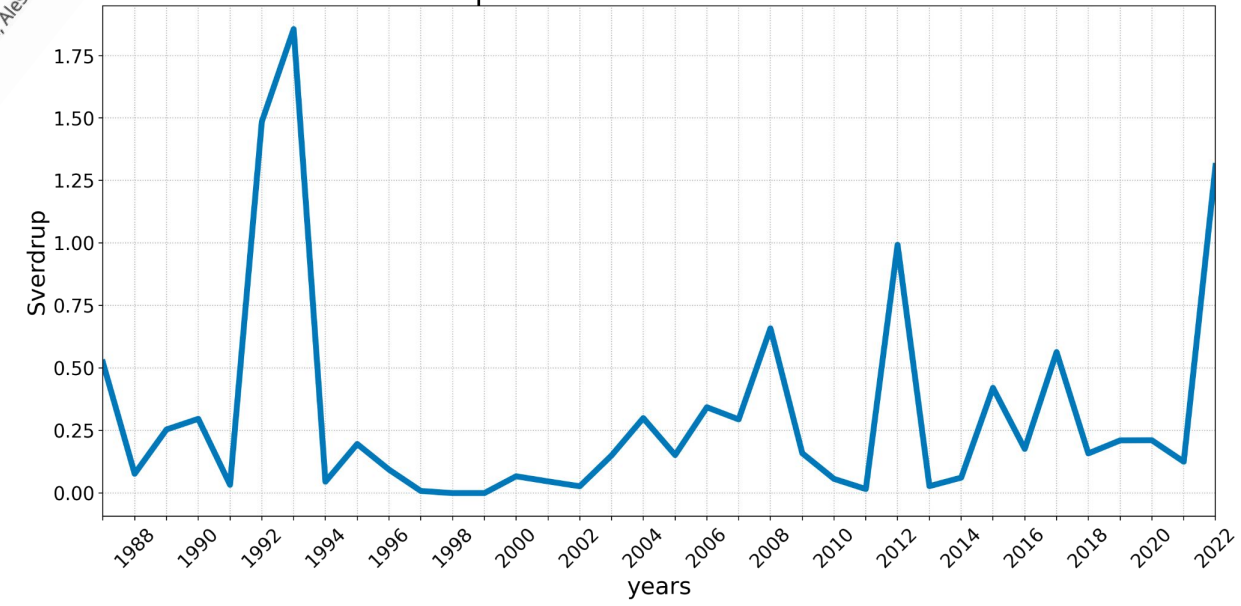
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