

Intercomparison and Validation Task Team

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- Status of present Class4 activity (USGODAE server, OPOS-WG)
- Possible workshop this fall
- Class4 Publication
- Redefine IV-TT around science actions
- UN decade
- Membership and next steps



- **Participants and productions:**
 - NOAA is withdrawing, specific action around Class4-drifter BoM+MOi+UKMO
 - In recent years, the **Class4 production** of has depended on the people available at the UKMO, MOi and ECCO, with **occasional interruptions**, which are acceptable, since we are in a "**best effort**" framework
 - Our “seeds” in order to motivate and create a permanent committed activity around OP Intercomparison have still not germinated among decision makers of the Operational Oceanography world. Maybe the DCC initiative might help for that
- **US GODAE servers:**
 - Despite the responsive actions of Mike Frost, the permanence of the server is not assured, there are interruptions and difficulties in uploading data
 - With OPOS-WG (D. Ford) and F. Davidson, a first round of actions have been carried out:
 - Find who is in charge and discuss with Emily Smith, NOAA responsible for the USGODAE server: Describe **present situation** with the USGODAE server, **identify needs** for future facilities at short and medium term
 - Short term: **mirroring** the USGODAE server (potential candidate MOi) → redundancy
 - Medium term: More friendly using **server with DISCOVERY** (and Stats), **VISUALISATION** functions
 - Contribution of IV-TT participants to support server framework with Decade Actions ?



- **During recent years, intercomparison/validation topics discussed around : WWRP JWG on Forecast Verif. Res., COSS-TT etc...**
- **IV-TT activity needs to keep on a science momentum and discuss working plans:**
 - evolution of Class4 with new sources of observations...
 - Evolution of metrics and verification approaches...
- **Need for new common research actions.**
- **Need to discuss evolution of the IV-TT working group in the frame of changing structures (OPOS-WG, DCC, Decade Actions....)**
- **Need for in-person meeting : tentative schedule: 4th trimester 2023 ... could be linked with OP-ST8 meeting**



- Nothing issued **in common** since 2015, with Class4 data from 2013-2015 (papers from OceanObs'19 did not present comprehensively results)
- Main idea of the article:
 - **Progresses of operational systems** since the beginning of Class 4
 - **Benefit of the Class4 approach** (eg compared to specific Validation like in CMEMS) and perspective for such activity
- Agenda: Fishbone of the article before next IV-TT meeting, discussion/content during IV-TT meeting, final redaction by beginning of 2024



IV-TT – Redefine IV-TT activity (in prep Workshop)

- **Term of reference and what should be actions of IV-TT**
- **Class 4 : what next ? e.g.**
 - **new sources of observations and/or evolution of existing Class4 products**
 - **new metrics based on existing class4**
 - **new metrics characterising finer scales, efficiency of downstream system strategies, metrics on biogeochemistry, ecosystems....**
- **New approaches: eg,**
 - **the clustering analyses of T. Splinter on Class1 was a pioneering step , what next for ensemble verification?**
 - **User oriented metrics ?**
 - **Use of IA technics ?**

➔ Provide input for the Workshop



- **TT contributions to ForeSea/Decade objectives (new or updated info)**
 - **Class 4 intercomparison = Best effort, but unique and heritage of GODAE (framework, expertise, team involved worldwide, international recognition of this approach)**
 - **IV-TT provides science based innovation on ways to verify and characterise quality of products for operational oceanography stakeholders**
 - **Identified contributions**
 - **Project 1: Class4 on dedicated mirror maintained by MOi**
 - **Project 2: Uncertainty estimation and drift**
 - **Project 3: User-relevant and process-based metrics**
 - **Project 4: Regional/Coastal verification with adapted observing system, including ensemble approaches**
 - **F. Hernandez joined the DCC experts for verification/intercomparison aspects**
- **TT suggestions for OPST group projects undertaken in the Decade**
 - **TBD**
- **What contributions would you like OceanPredict to make supporting the Digital Ocean approach?**
 - **TBD**



- **IV-TT already extended since 2013 Class4 activity**
- **The DCC and the OPOS-WG are mapping the existing Operational Oceanography initiatives, should we open to “not global” groups ?**
- **NEXT:**
 - **Online dedicated meetings before the IV-TT meeting ?**

