

Towards a coastal ocean forecasting system in the Mediterranean Sea.

The pilot implementation of the Southern Adriatic Northern Ionian seas.

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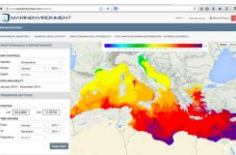


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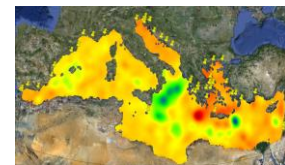
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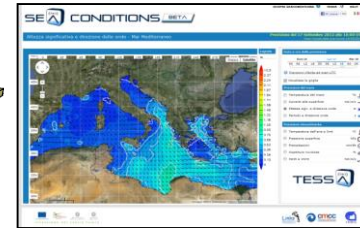
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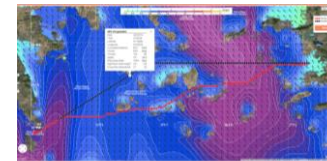
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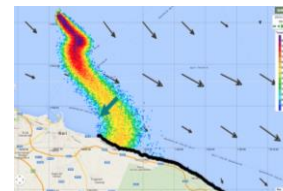
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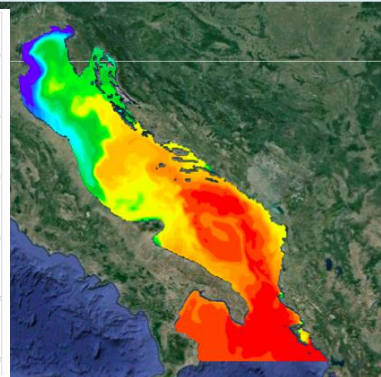
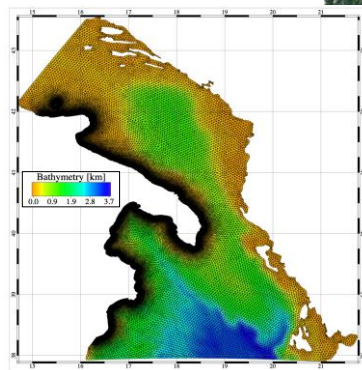
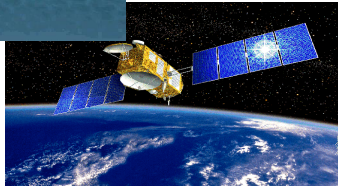
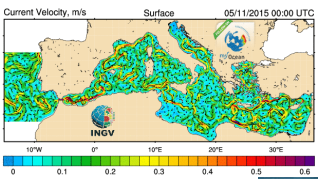
Sea Conditions



Ship Routing



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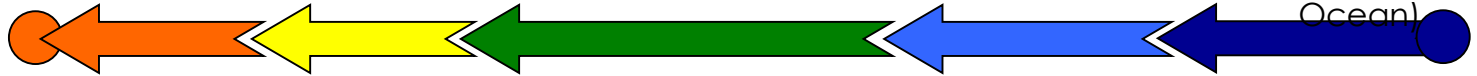


harbour ----- coastal ----- shelf ----- open-sea ----- global ocean

SANIFS unstructured grid system (3km-50m)
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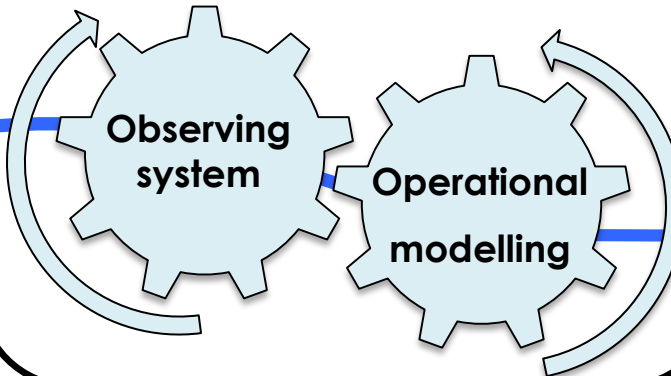
MED-MFC (1/16°)
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GLO-MFC (1/12°)
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Coastal Situational Awareness (CSA)

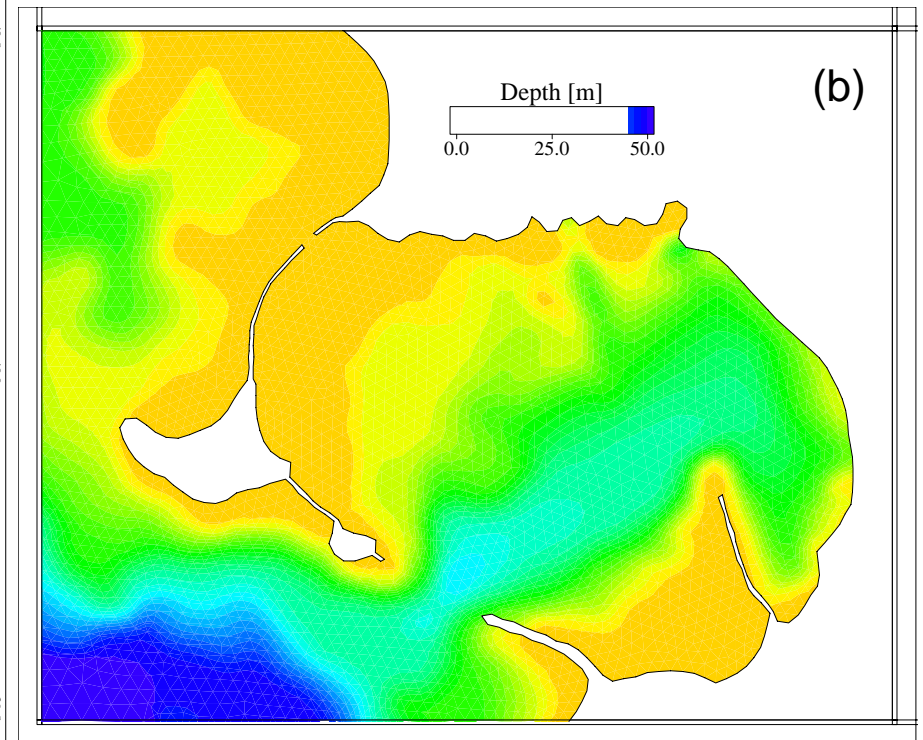
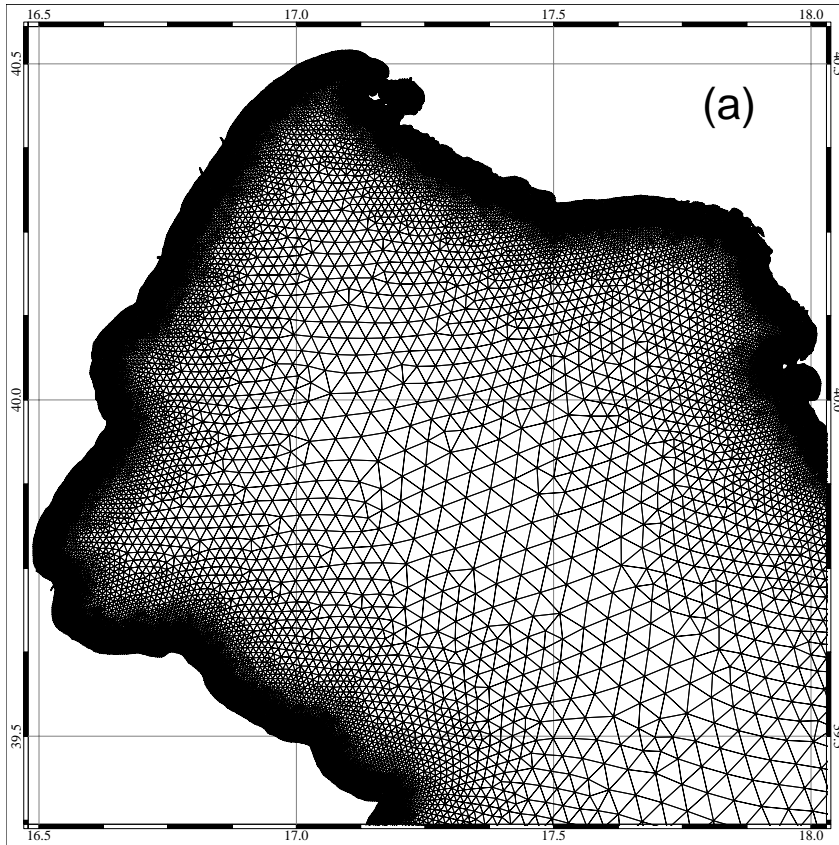
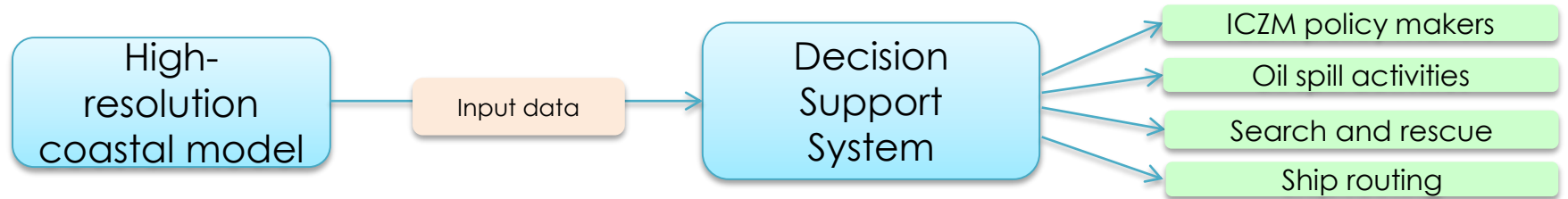
Improve the **awareness** (and the knowledge) of coastal environment integrating the **observing systems** (also in real time) with the **operational modelling**.



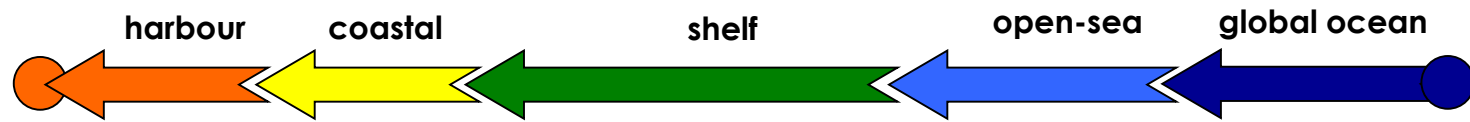
Products and services to provide:

- **Early warning** and **rapid mapping** of extreme events (e.g. **storm surge**)
- **Coastal erosion and flooding** indicators
- Support an integrated **management of harbor** areas

Decision-makers, stakeholders and users needs in coastal areas



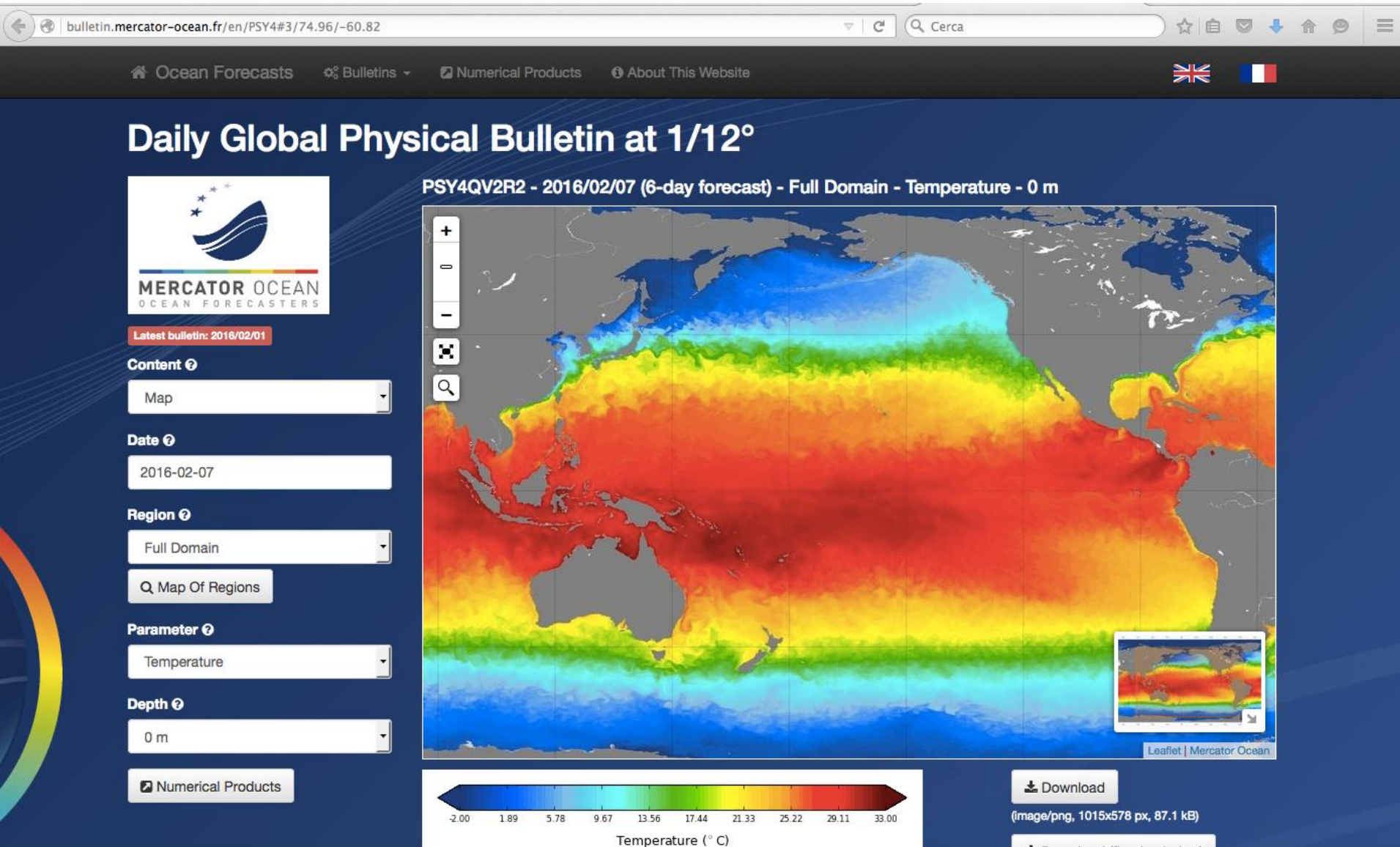
Mar Grande (Taranto, Puglia).
Commercial and industrial port



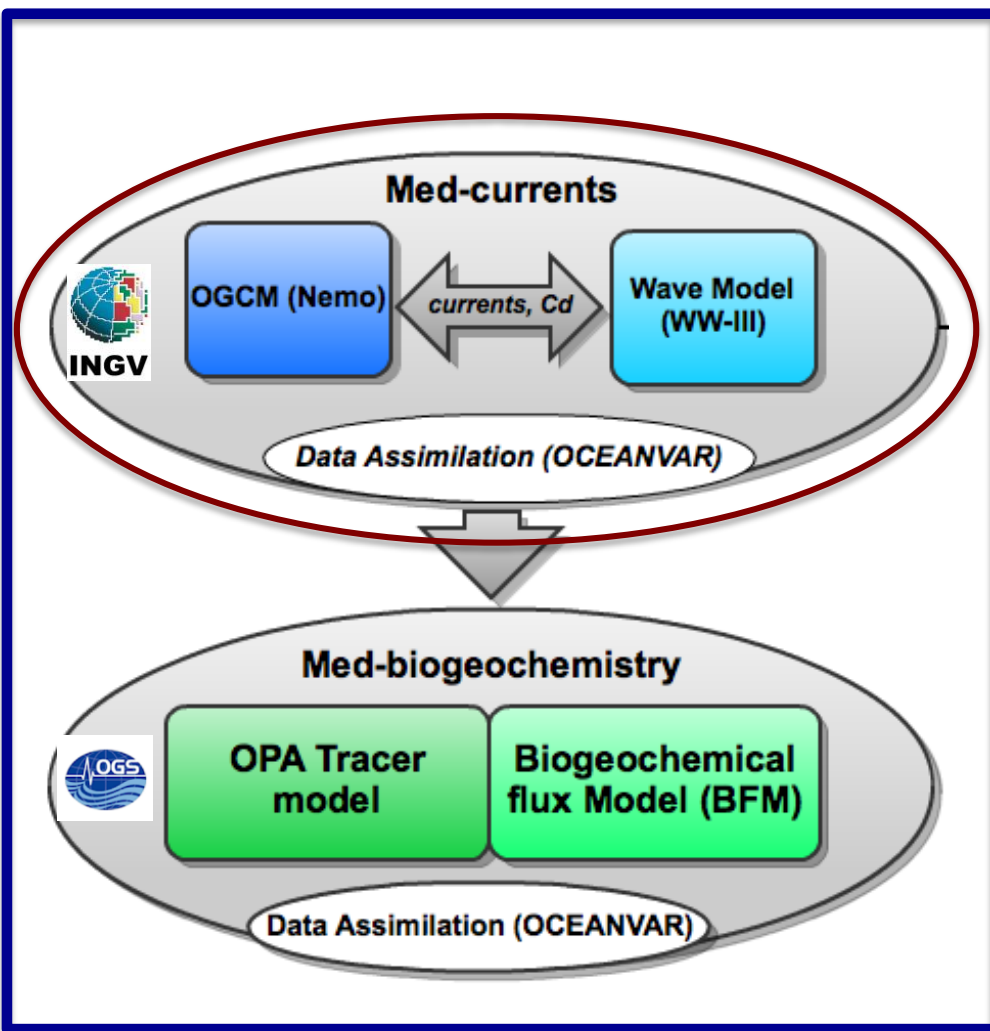
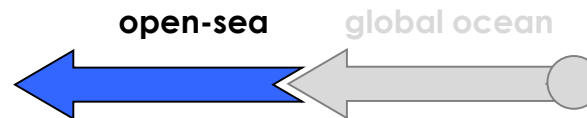
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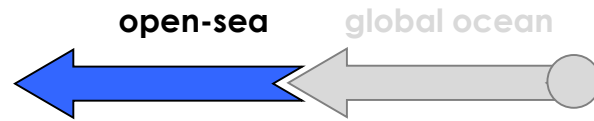
... to Regional Scale ...

... to sub-regional and coastal zones



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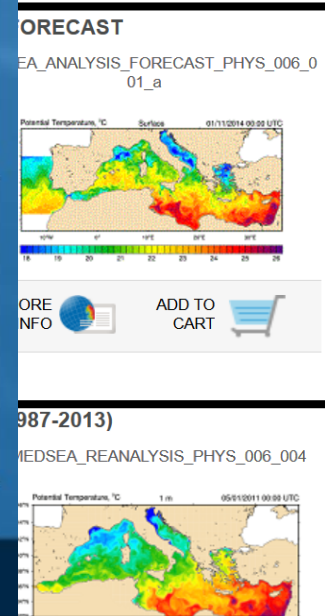
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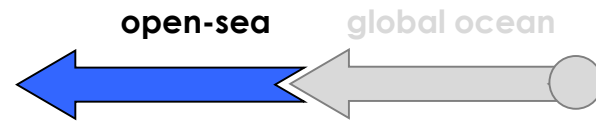
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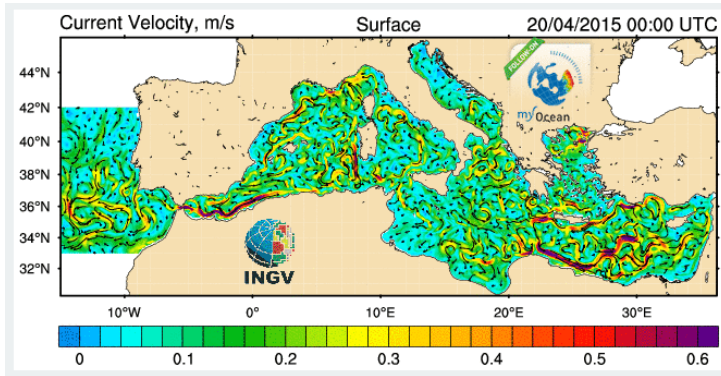


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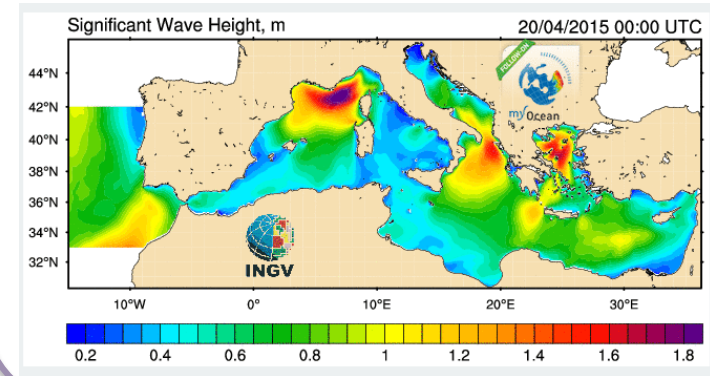
Med-MFC Physics: analysis and forecast numerical model

Ocean General Circulation Model
(OGCM) based on NEMO code v3.4

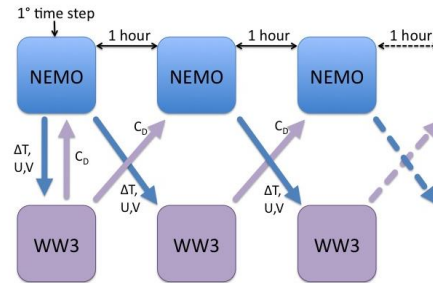


2-way
hourly
coupling

Wave model
WaweWatch-III (WW3) v3.14



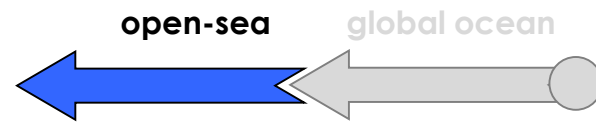
Hor. Res. = $1/16^\circ$ (~6 km)
Vert. Res. = 72 z-levels
partial cells



Hor. Res. = $1/16^\circ$ (~6 km)
Spectral discretization:
* 30 freq. bins (0.05-0.79 Hz)
* 24 directional bins

The two-way coupling consists of inputting currents to the wave model (for wave refraction) and air-sea temperature difference (for wind speed correction) and computing the wind stress drag coefficient from waves information to force the momentum flux in NEMO

Med-MFC Physics: analysis and forecast Atmo/Land forcings/OBC



The external forcings to the model are:

ECMWF 1/8° atmospheric fields:

- mean sea level pressure (MSLP)
- cloud cover
- 2m relative humidity
- 2m air temperature
- 10m zonal and meridional winds components

Temporal resolution:

For forecasts: 3hr time resolution for the first 3 days and 6 hours time resolution fields for the remaining 7 days

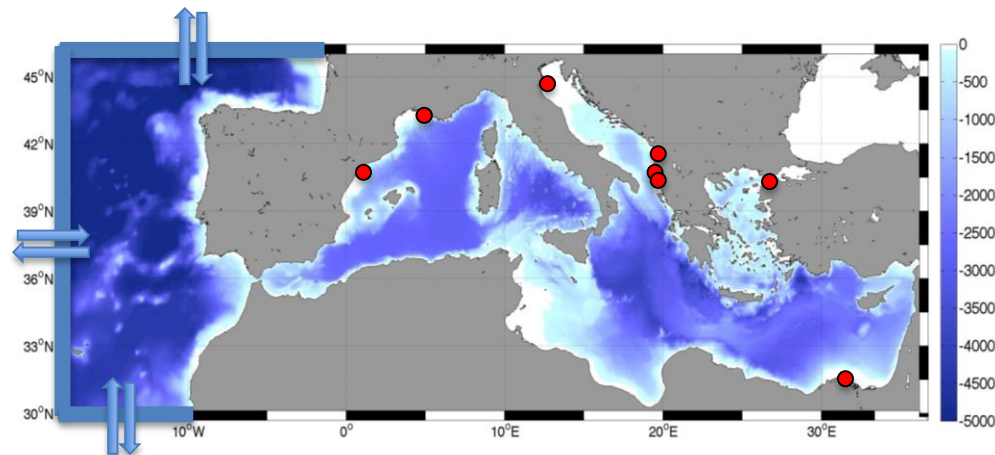
For analysis: 6 hours time resolution

CMAP precipitations: monthly mean climatology

The land river runoff: vertical boundary condition for 7 major rivers:

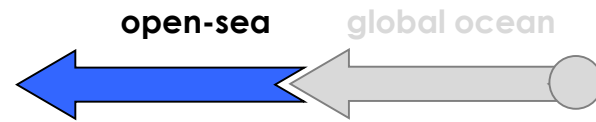
Ebro, Rhone, Po, Vjosë, Seman, Buna-Bojana, Nile (climatological monthly mean seasonal cycle values)

The Dardanelles inflow is also parameterized also as a river



Boundary conditions in the Atlantic daily real time analyses and forecasts from Global Ocean Forecasting System (GLO-MFC) @ 1/12° horizontal resolution, 50 vertical levels

Med-MFC Physics: analysis and forecast Data Assimilation model



Model solutions are corrected by the data assimilation

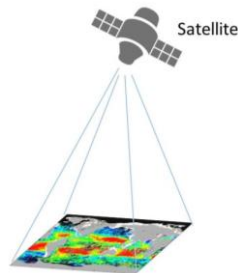
The real time data assimilation system is the **3D variational scheme** adapted to the oceanic assimilation problem.

The assimilation cycle is daily, using a background error correlation matrix varying seasonally and in different sub-regions of the Mediterranean Sea.

The assimilated data are:

Along track Sea Level Anomaly
from Copernicus MSL-TAC, for all
available satellites:

- Jason 2
- Cryosat2
- Saral/AltiKa



**Vertical profiles of Temperature
and Salinity** from Copernicus
InSitu TAC:

Argo



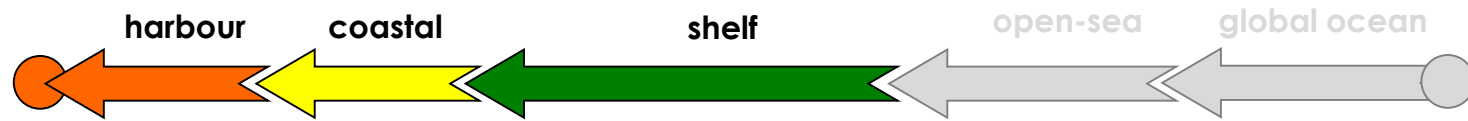
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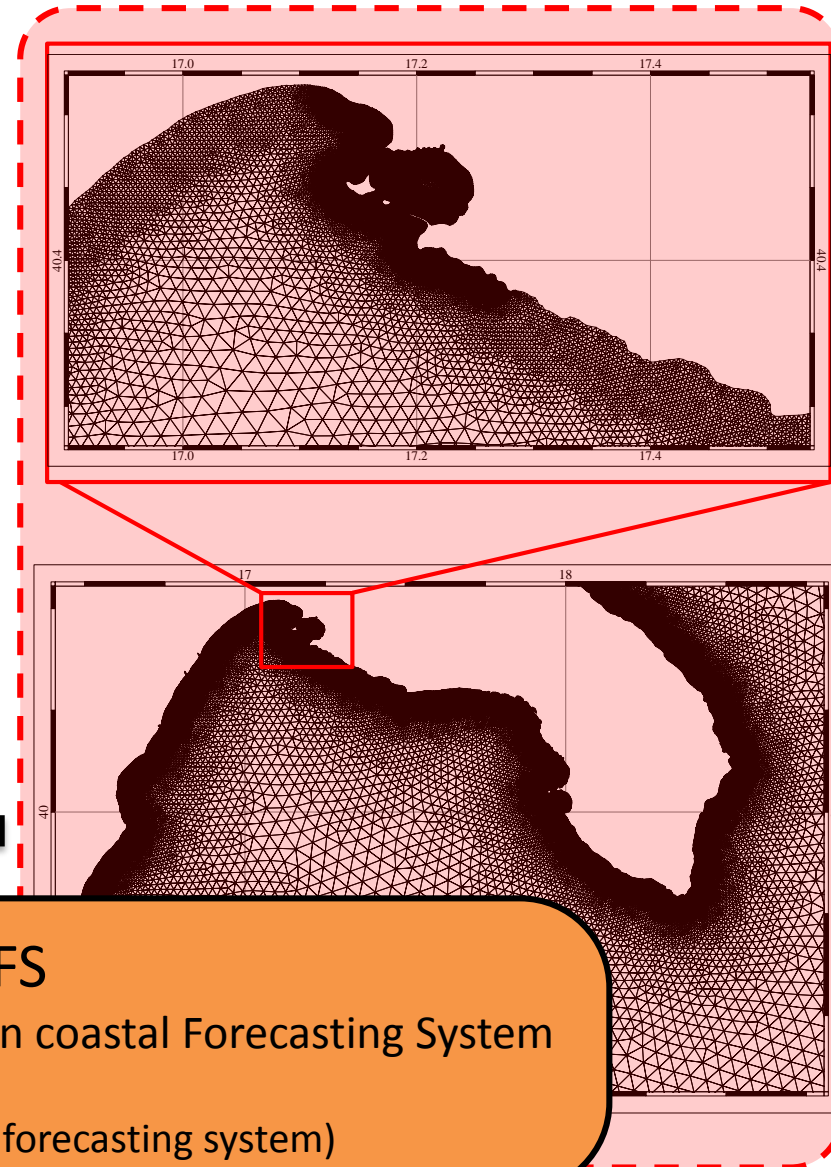
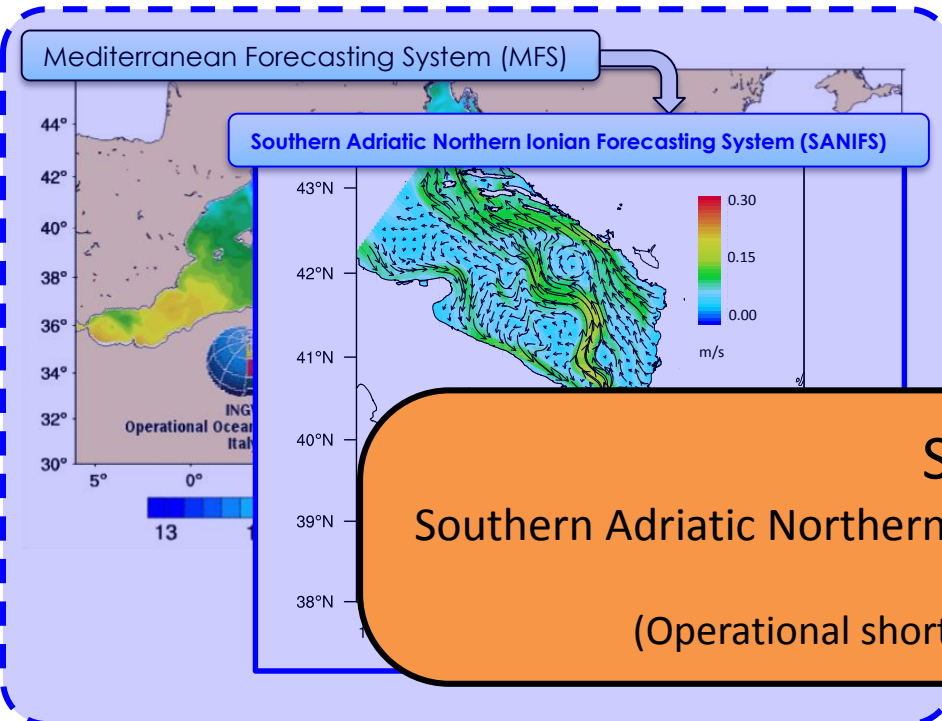
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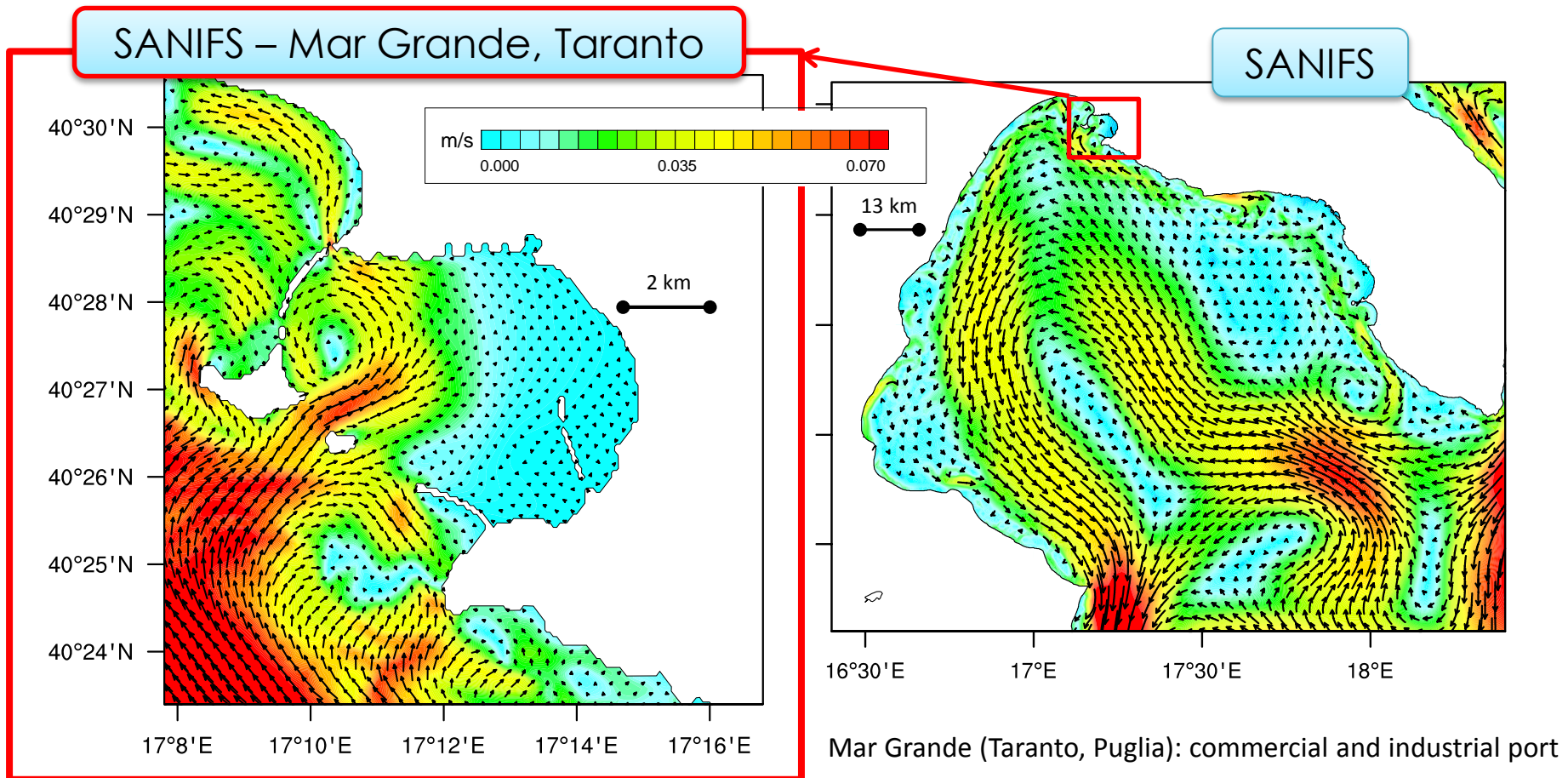
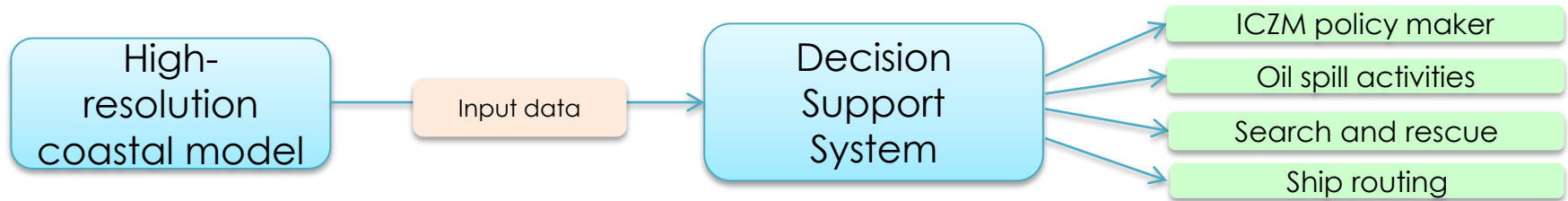
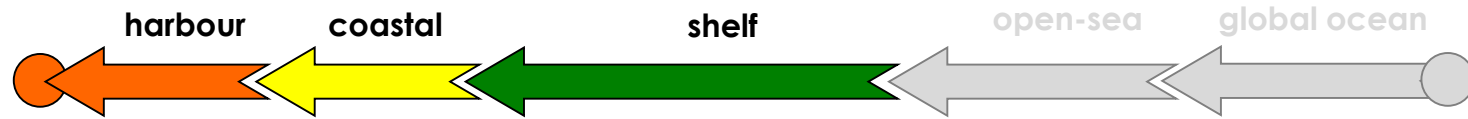
Non-solar heat flux correction is achieved through satellite SST nudging

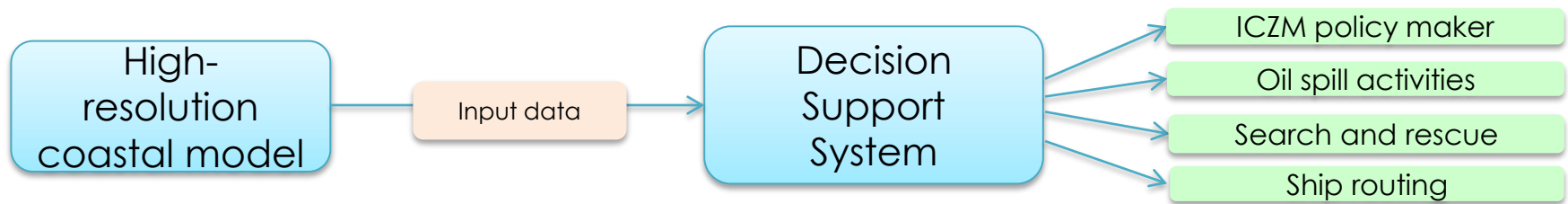
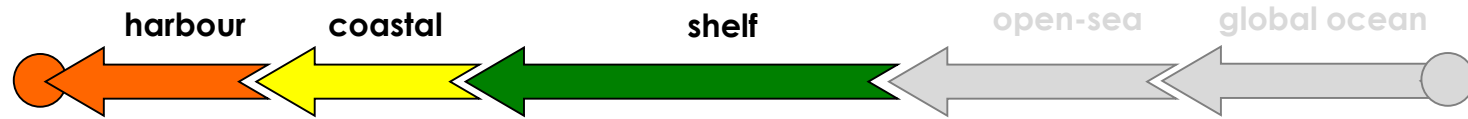


- Mediterranean sea (Southern Eastern Italian coasts)
- Coastal modelling and forecasts
 - SANI area (Apulia, Calabria, Basilicata)
- Linking open-sea to shelves to coasts
 - 1) New Generation Modelling
 - 2) Downscaling approach

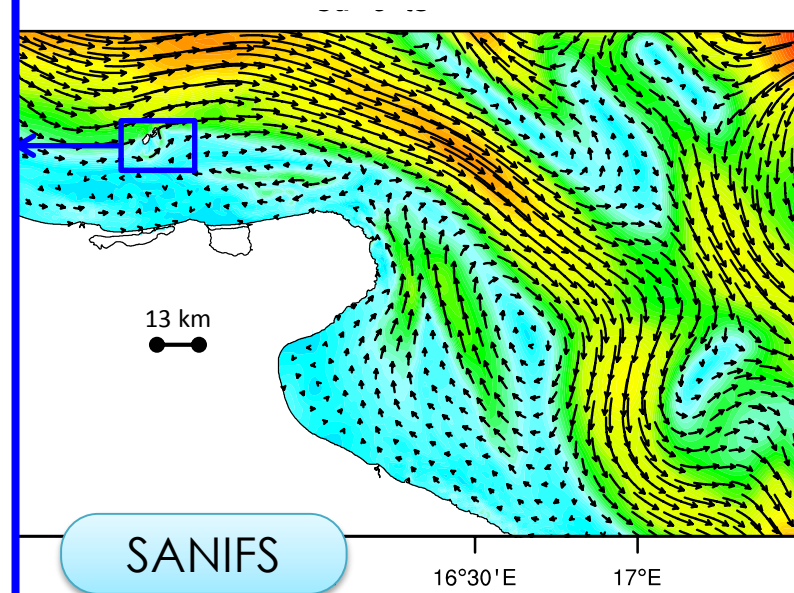
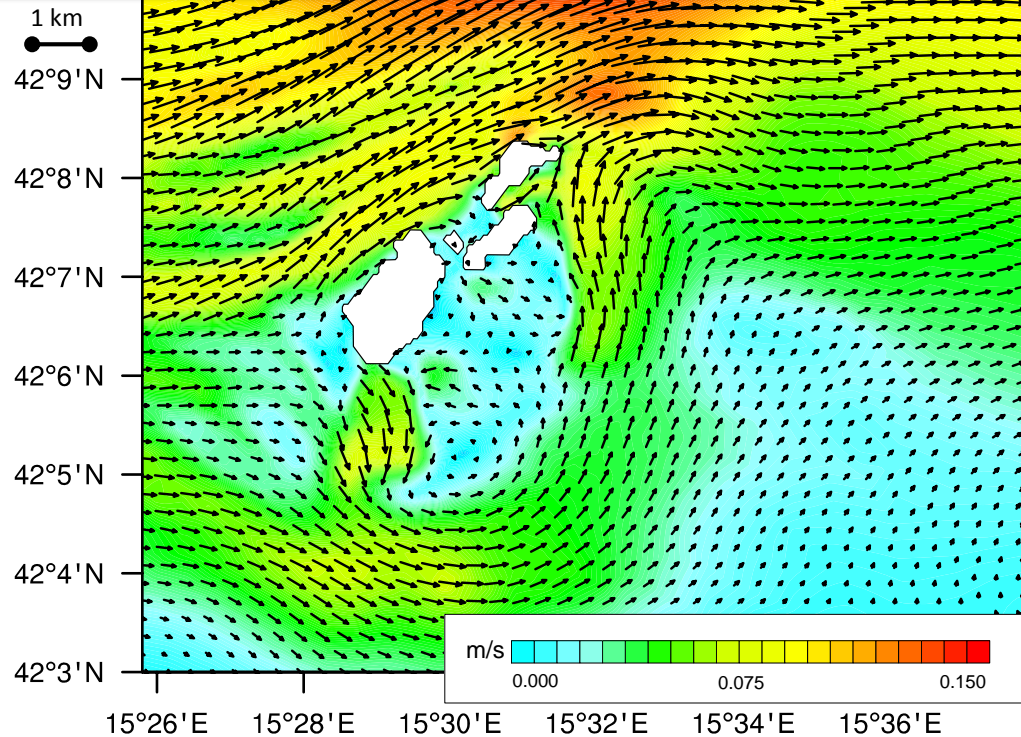


SANIFS
 Southern Adriatic Northern Ionian coastal Forecasting System
 (Operational short-term forecasting system)

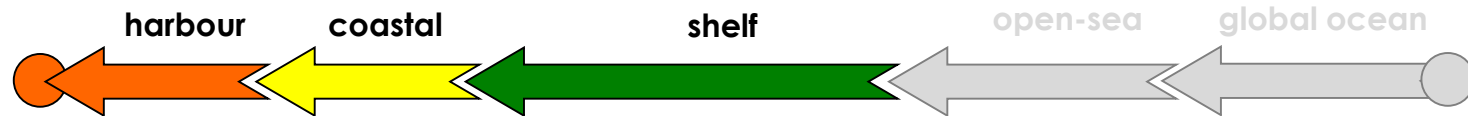




SANIFS – Isole Tremiti

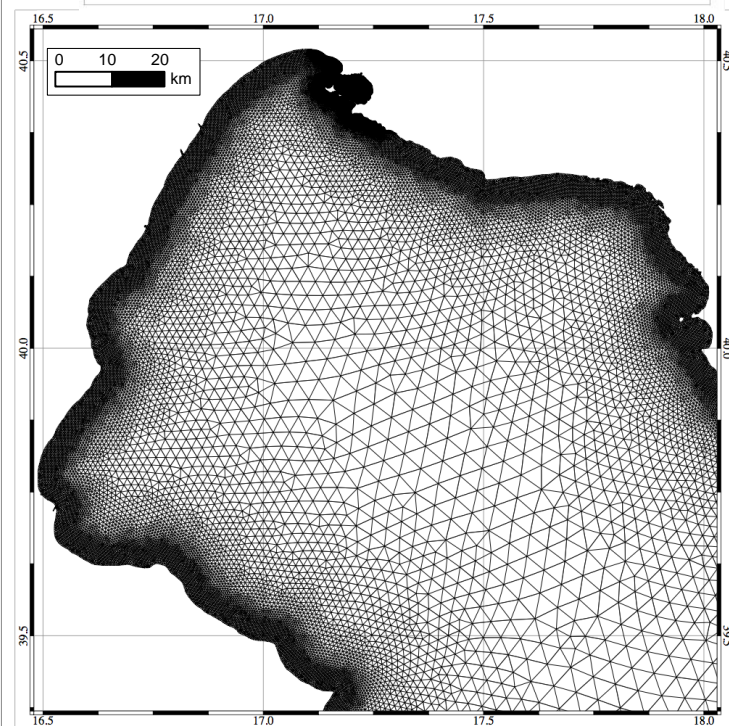
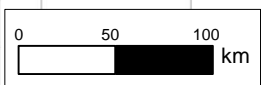
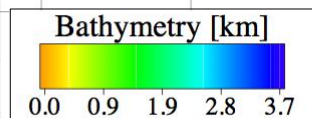
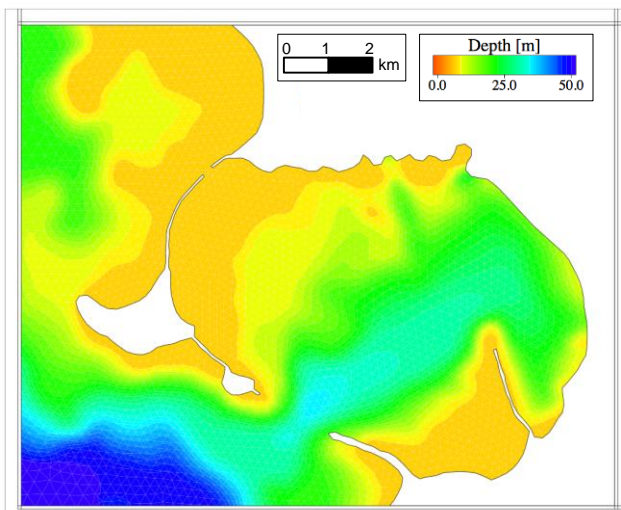


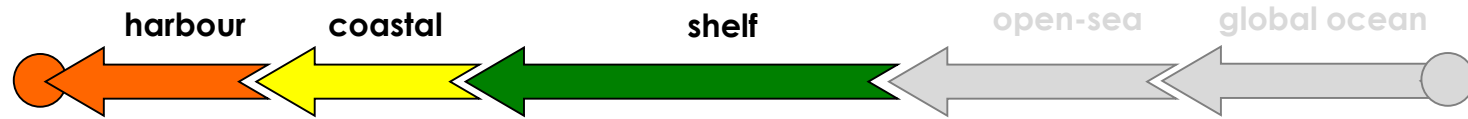
Tremiti islands (Gargano, Puglia): touristic area



SHYFEM model

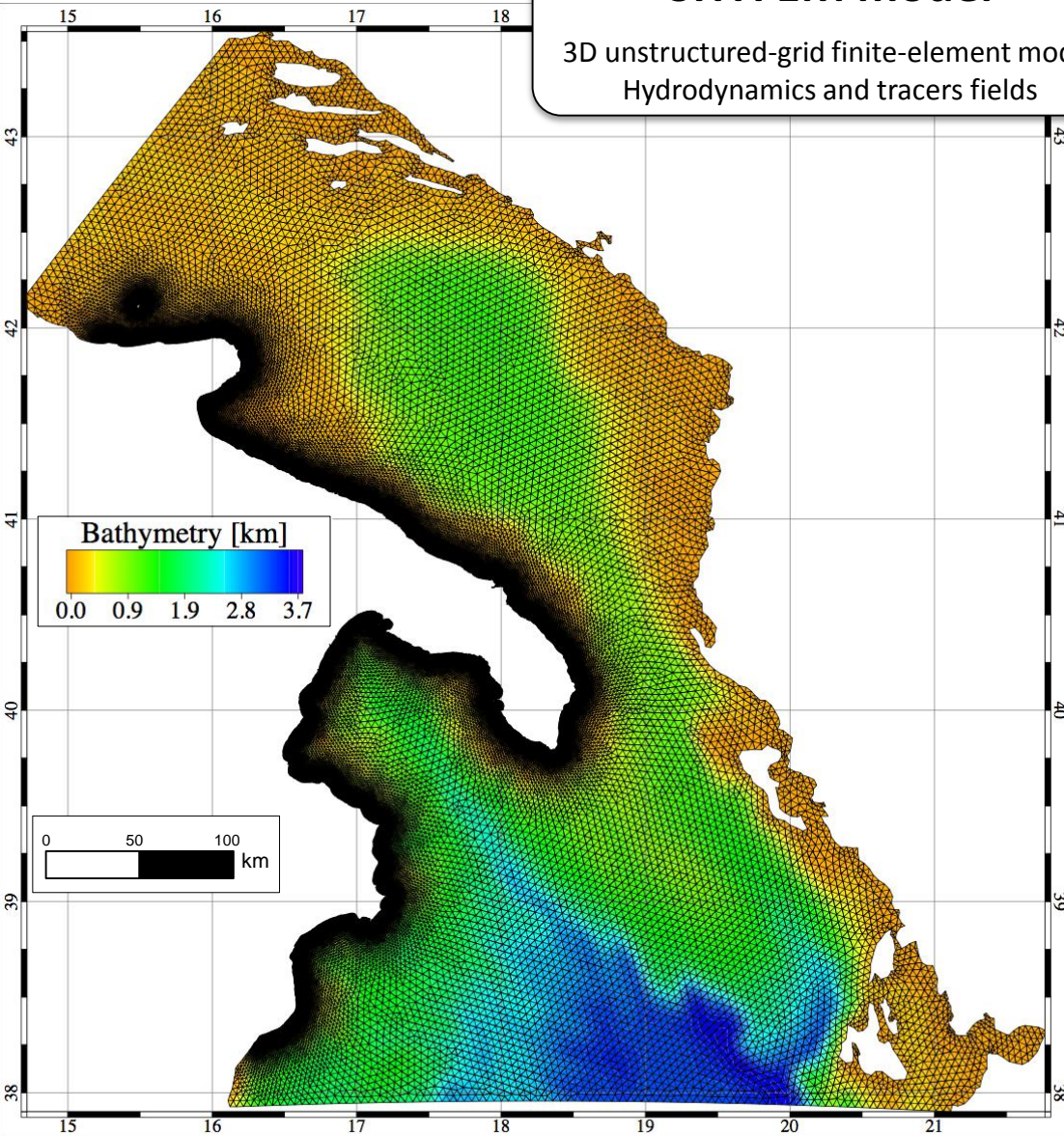
3D unstructured-grid finite-element model
Hydrodynamics and tracers fields





SHYFEM model

3D unstructured-grid finite-element model
Hydrodynamics and tracers fields



Resolution:

Horizontal → coastal 50-500 m; open-sea 3 km
Vertical → 91 z-levels

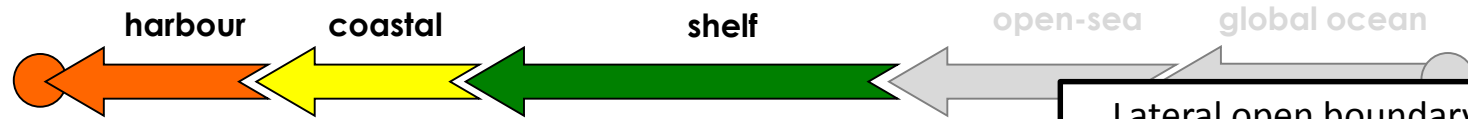
Turbulence scheme:

Local Richardson number dependent formulation
(Pacanowski and Philander, 1981; Lermusiaux, 2011)

Surface boundary conditions:

ECMWF vs COSMOME

- **Temperature:** air-sea parametrization with bulk formulae (Petenuzzo et al., 2010)
- **Momentum:** surface wind stress computed with drag coefficient parametrization (Hellerman and Rosenstein, 1983)
- **Free surface:** water flux = E-P-R
- **Salinity:** turbulent salt flux set to the product of water flux and surface salinity



Downscaling is accepted as the preferred methodology to propagate the large scale dynamics into Coastal Ocean Forecasting Systems, through **lateral open boundary conditions** from Large scale Ocean Forecasting Systems

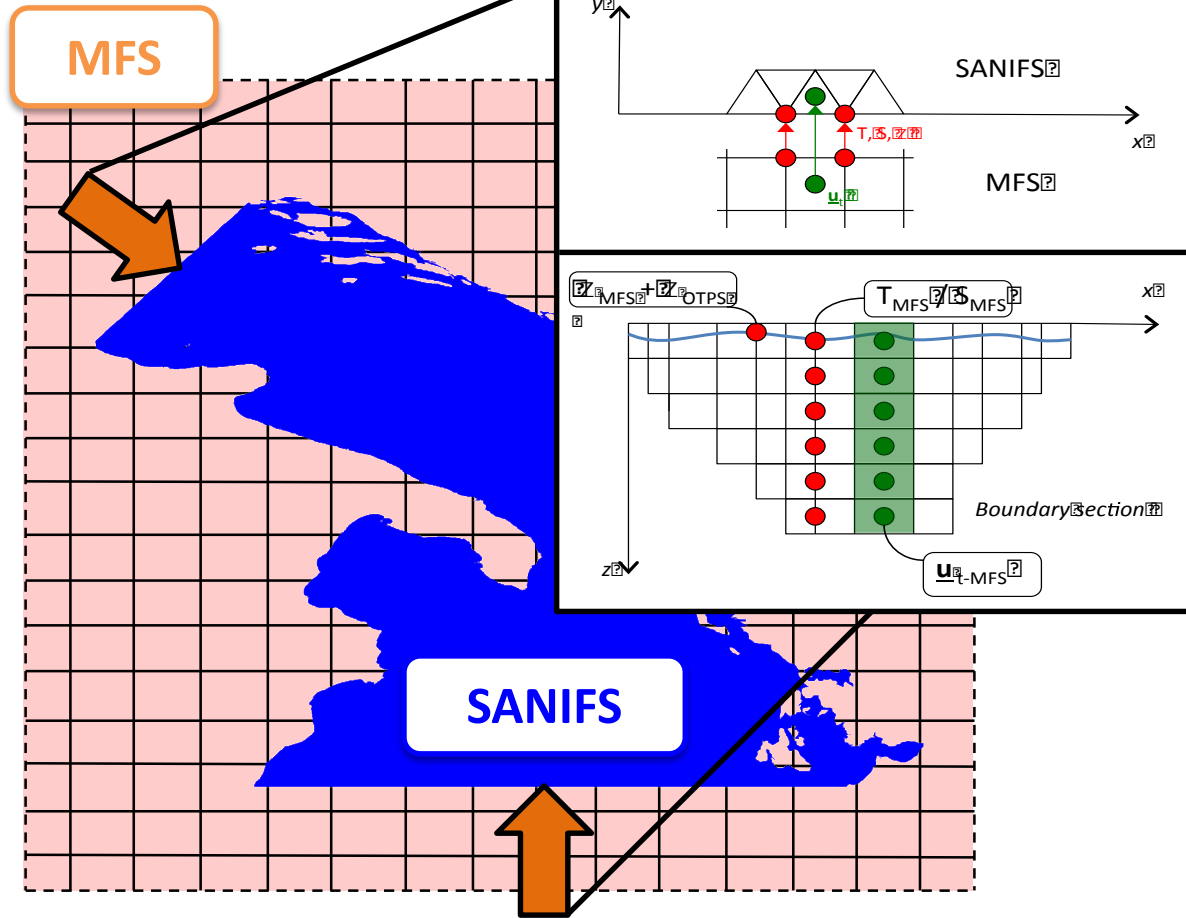
Parent Model (MFS)

MFS is based on NEMO finite-difference code with a **horizontal resolution of $1/16^\circ$** (6-7 km approximately) and **72 unevenly spaced vertical levels**.

The forecasting system is provided by a **data assimilation** system based on the 3DVAR scheme developed by Dobricic and Pinardi (2008).

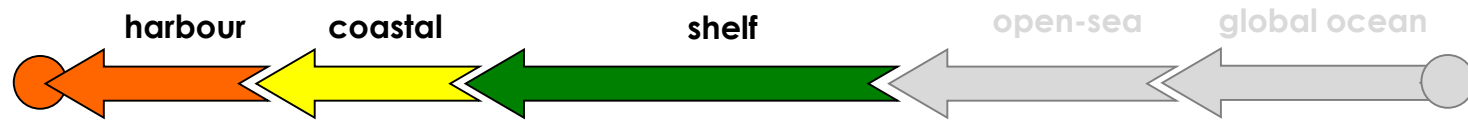
Downscaled model (SANIFS)

To simulate correctly the water masses properties and circulation characteristics propagating from open ocean to coastal zones, downscaling approach needs to be supported by an **appropriate (high) open-sea resolution (also) in nested model**.

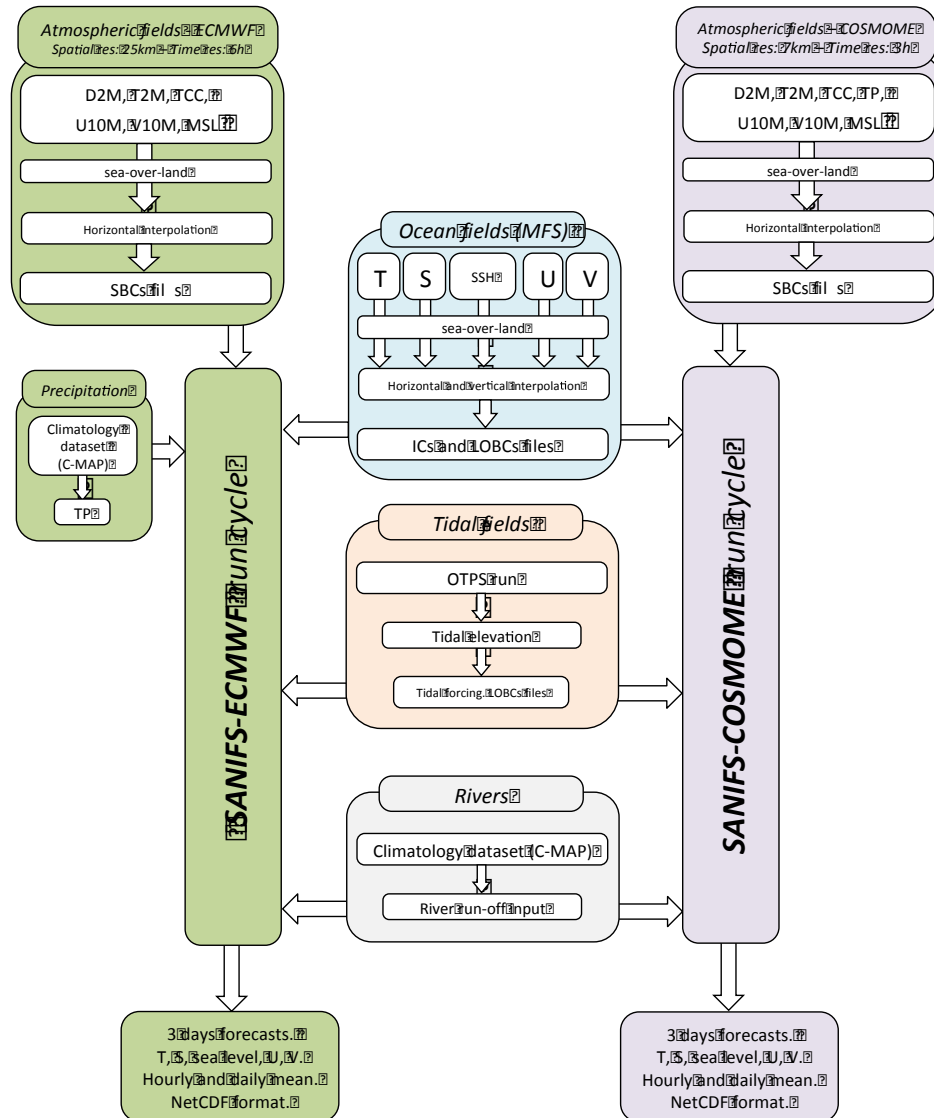


MFS fields (temperature, salinity, non-tidal sea surface height and total velocities) are imposed at SANIFS lateral open boundary conditions.

For the barotropic field, the tidal free surface components are taken from the **OTPS** tidal model.

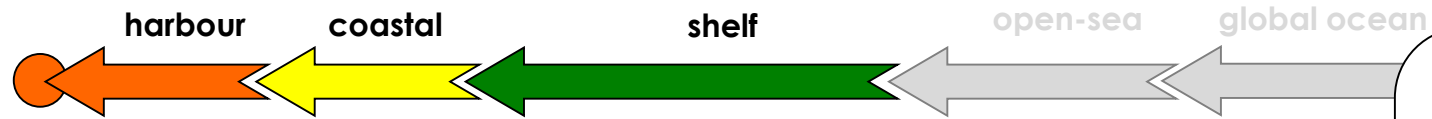


The operational chain



The operational chain provides 3-day forecasts and is based on two configurations:

- (i) SANIFS-ECMWF forced via ECMWF atmospheric data (12.5 km space resolution);
- (ii) SANIFS-COSMOME forced via COSMOME atmospheric data (6.5 km space resolution).



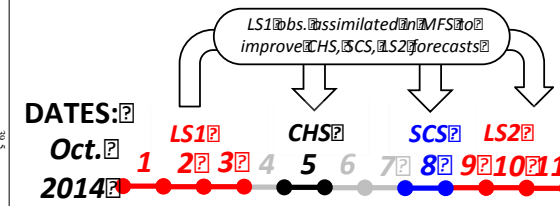
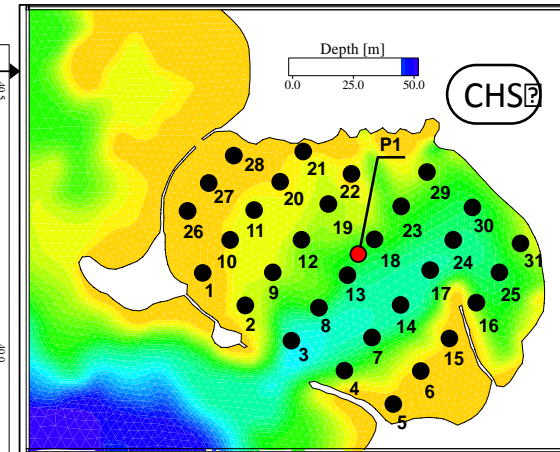
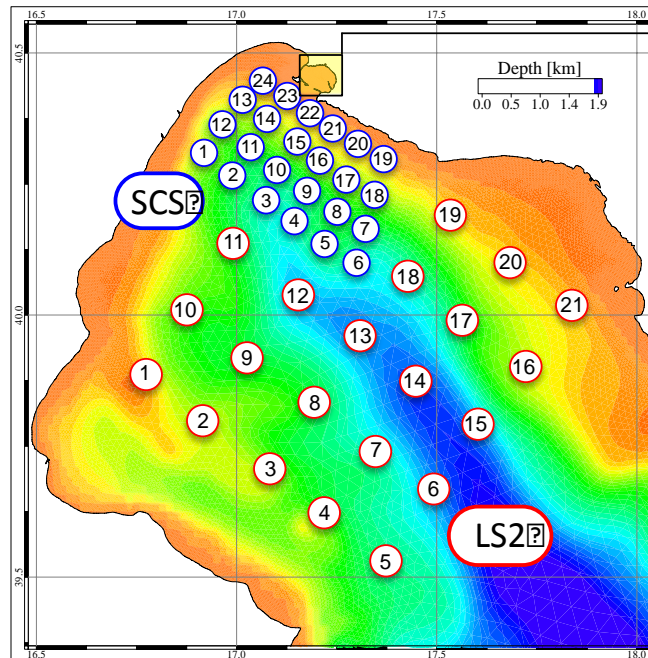
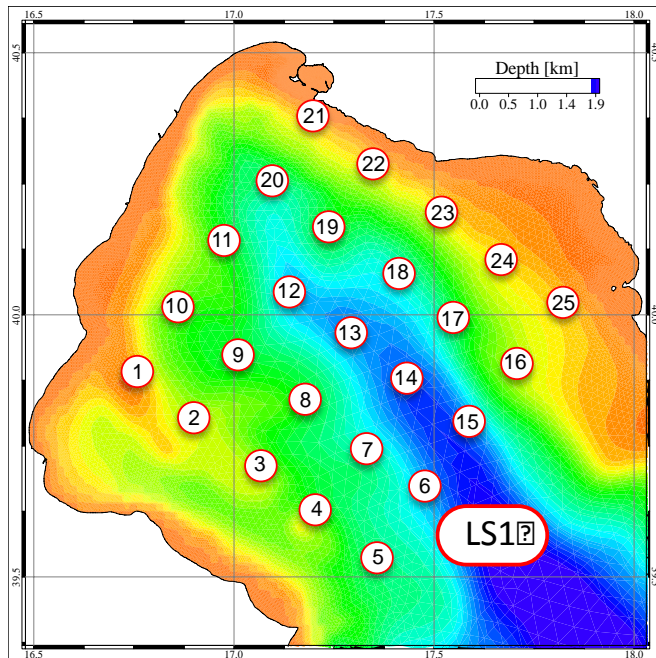
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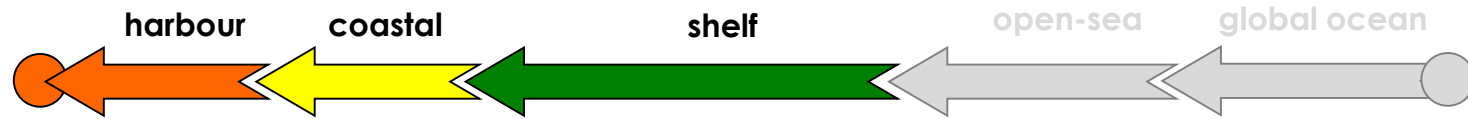
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The MREA14 experiment in Gulf of Taranto and Mar Grande

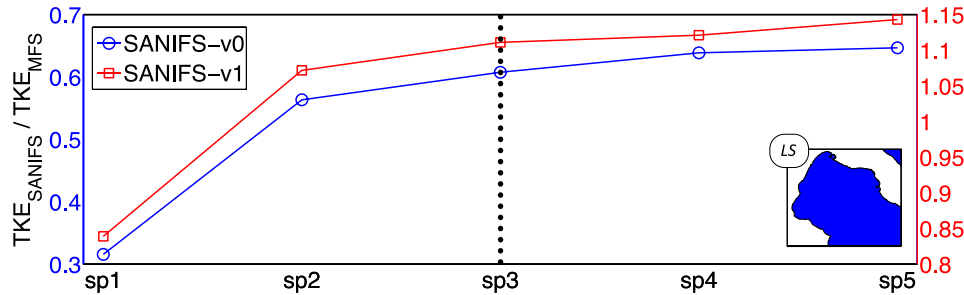
- The MREA14 multi-scale sampling strategy, which is designed to cover **three scales** (large, shelf-coastal and coastal-harbour), is perfectly tailored to assess the capabilities of the downscaling methodology and to validate the SANIFS forecasts at the three scales.
- Three cruises** were organized together with data acquisition in the Gulf of Taranto and Mar Grande





DOWNSCALING procedures: INITIALIZATION and SPIN-UP PROCEDURES

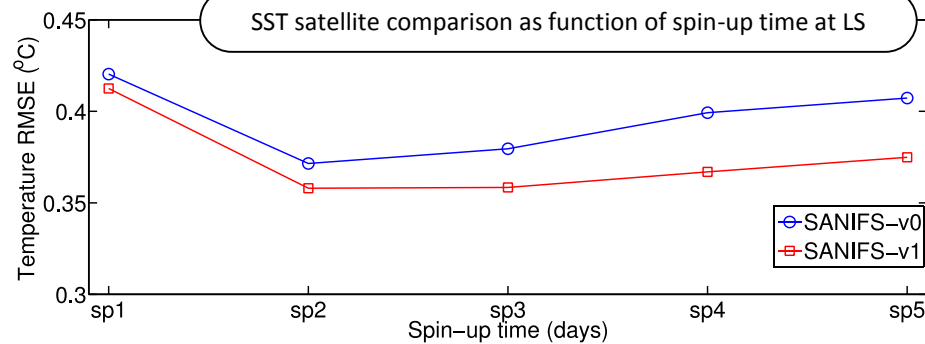
- SANIFS methodology is based on the high resolution **model re-initialization** every day, similarly to the **short term limited area** atmospheric **modelling** practice (Mesinger et al., 1988)
- Limited area ocean models may require a **spin-up time** to produce dynamically adjusted fields after initialization from the interpolation of coarser ocean model fields (Simoncelli et al., 2011).



Spin-up time assessment

3 days

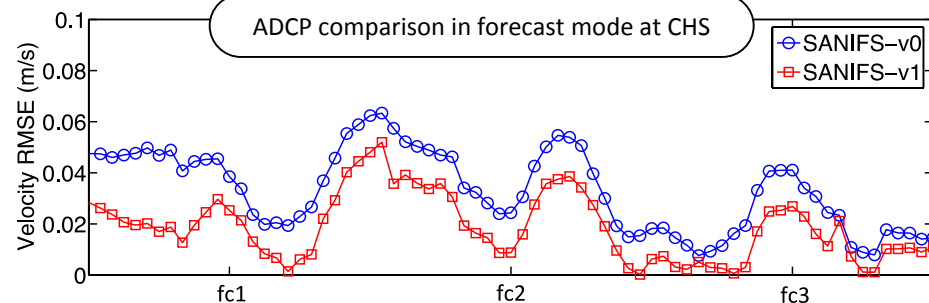
- Experiments are started at different times in the past with respect to a target initial forecast time. The number of days in the past with respect to the **target initial forecast day** is called the spin-up time and our aim was to test **how long the spin-up need to be**. Indicator: TKE ratio.
- 3 days of spin-up confirmed by literature on coastal modelling focused on short term forecast in slave mode (Rolinski and Umgiesser, 2007; Cucco et al., 2012)

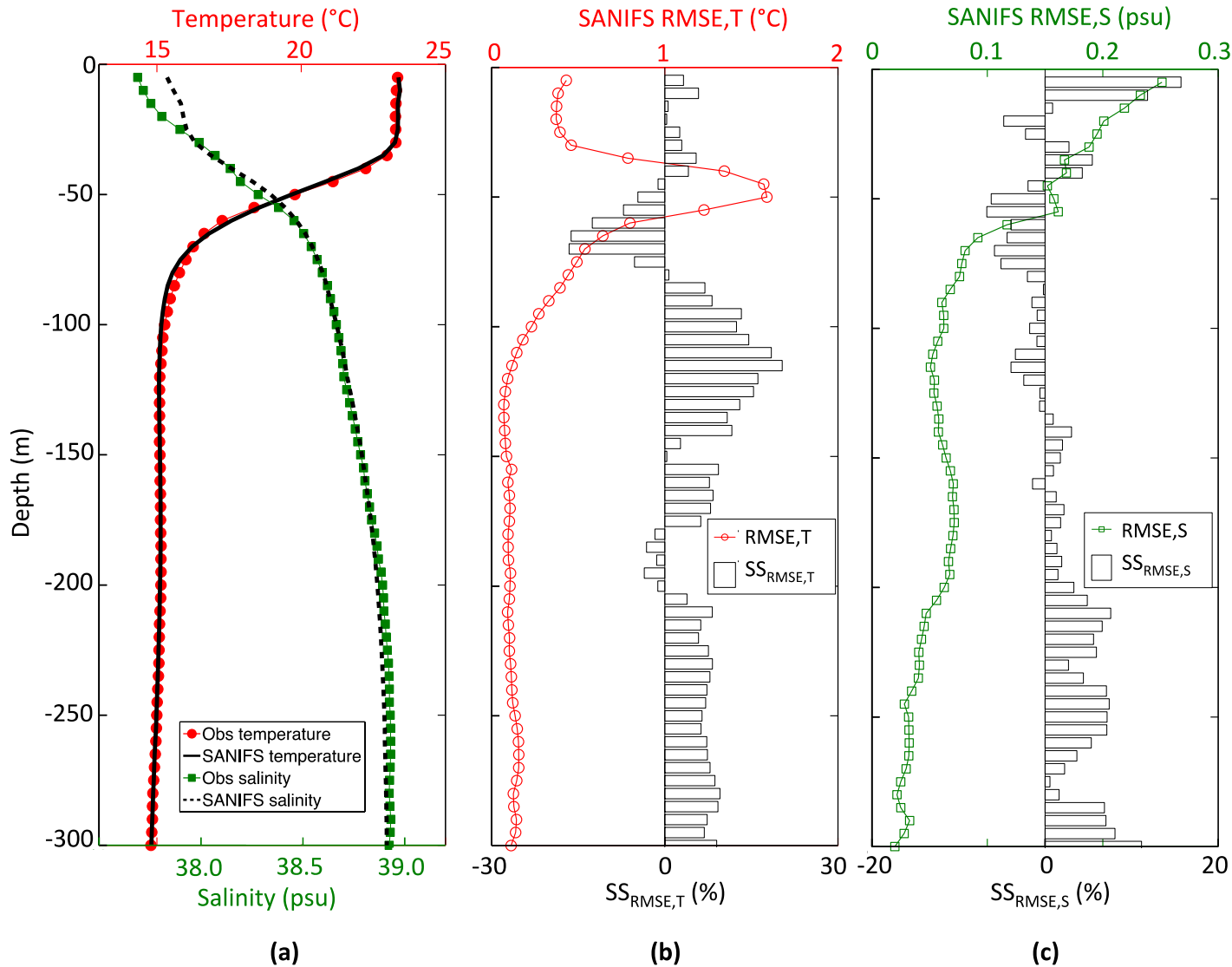
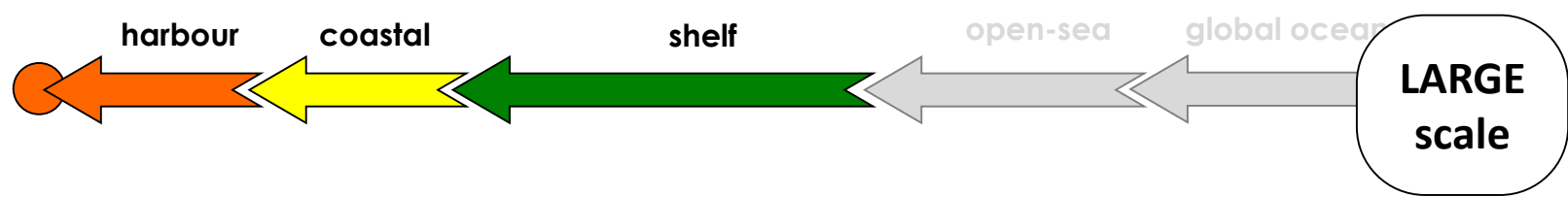


Sensitivity on types/number of initialization fields

SANIFS-v1

- Sensitivity of the **initialization to a different number of dynamical fields** (SANIFS-v0 vs. SANIFS-v1) in order to assess the configuration closer to the observations.
- **SANIFS-v0** → initialized with T+S
- **SANIFS-v1** → initialized with T+S+uv+ssh



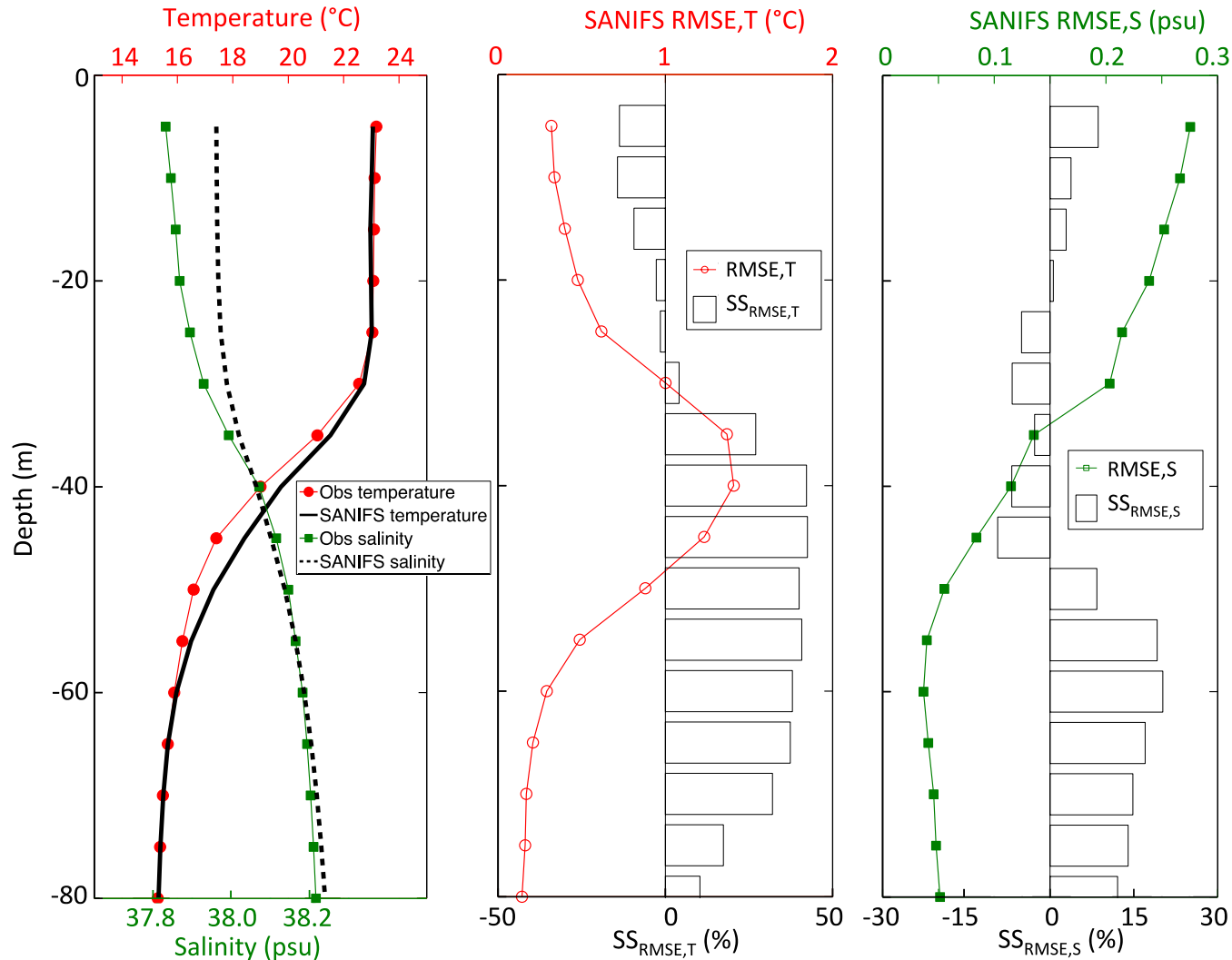
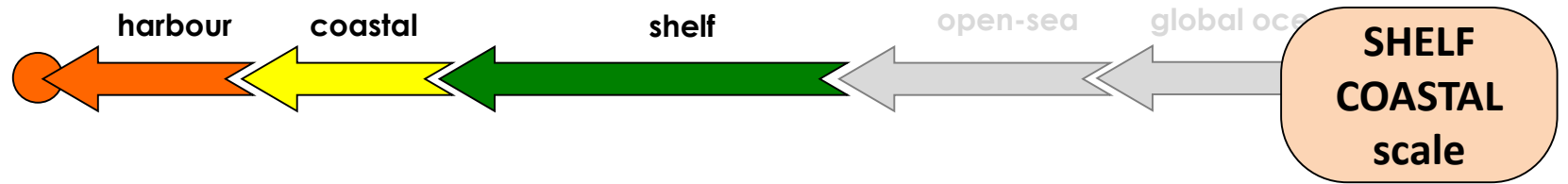


The representative profile of temperature and salinity, obtained by averaging all the model results and observation data in all the stations.

Comparison with reference model MFS

Sk. Sc. on temperature and salinity:

$$SS_{RMSE} = \frac{RMSE_{MFS} - RMSE_{SANIFS}}{RMSE_{MFS}}$$

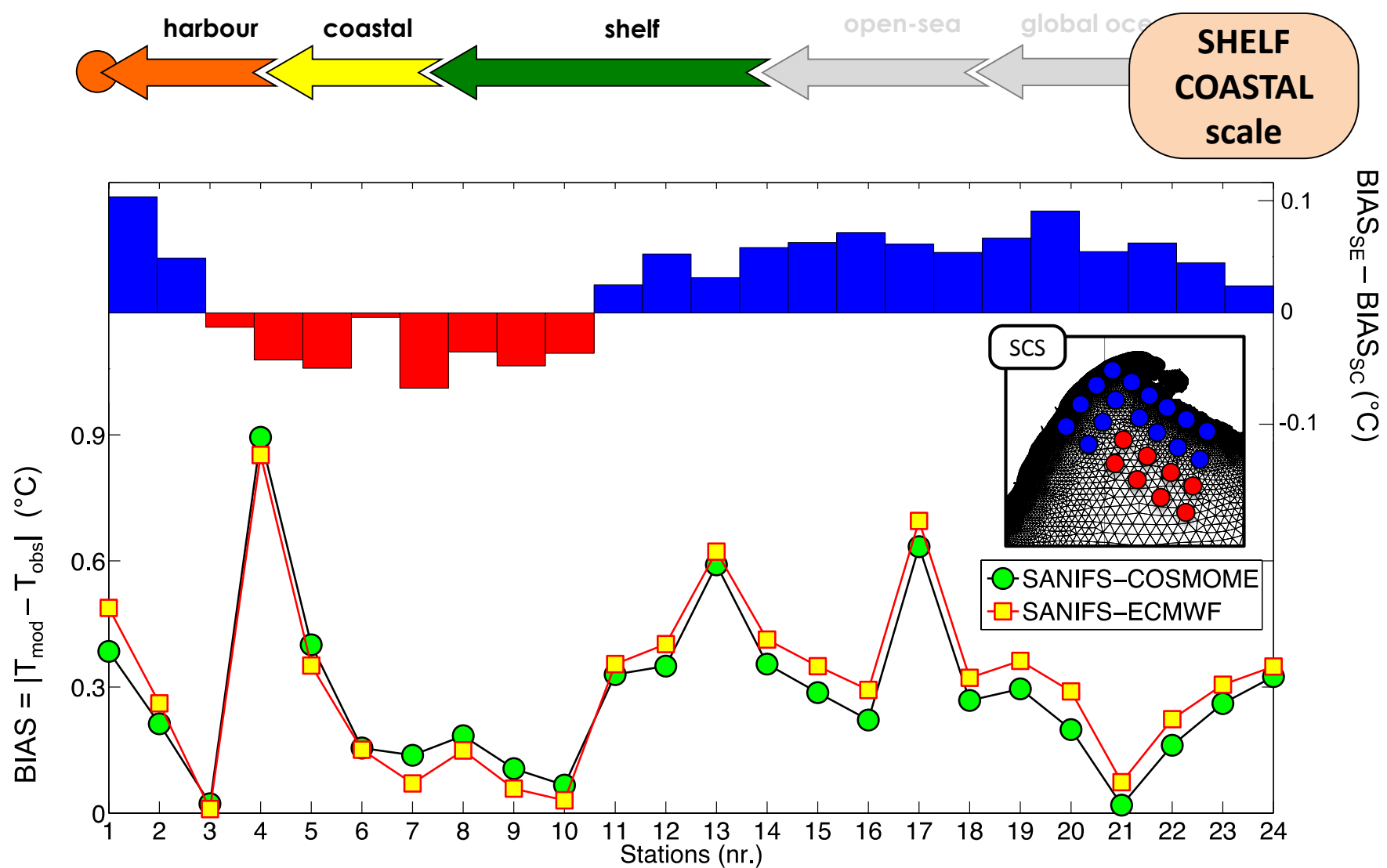


The representative profile of temperature and salinity, obtained by averaging all the model results and observation data in all the stations.

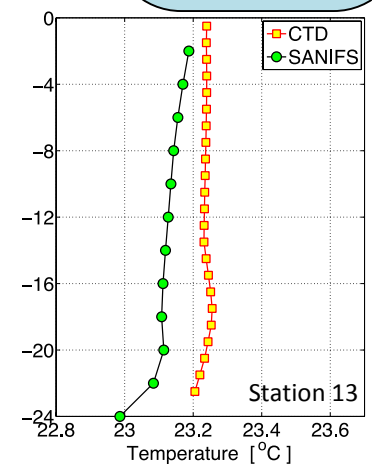
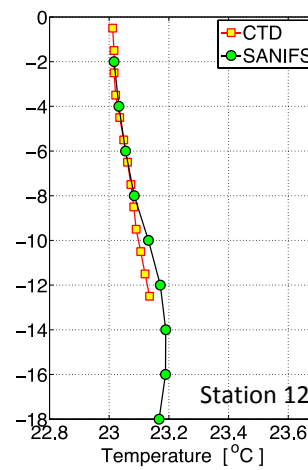
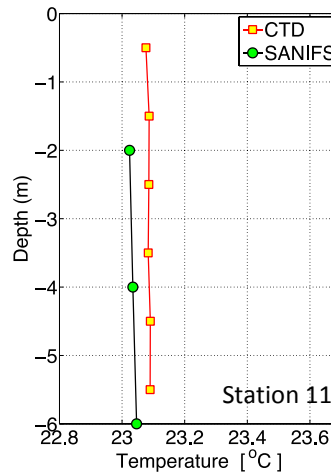
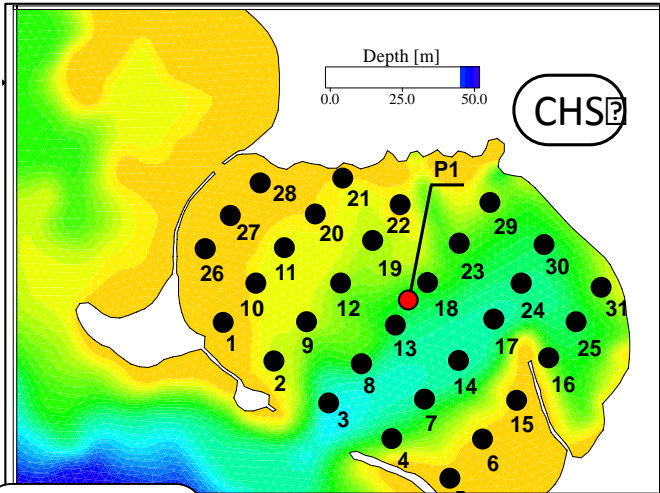
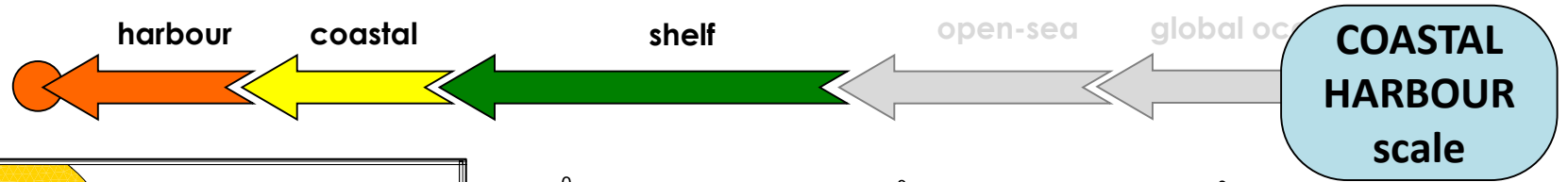
Comparison with reference model MFS

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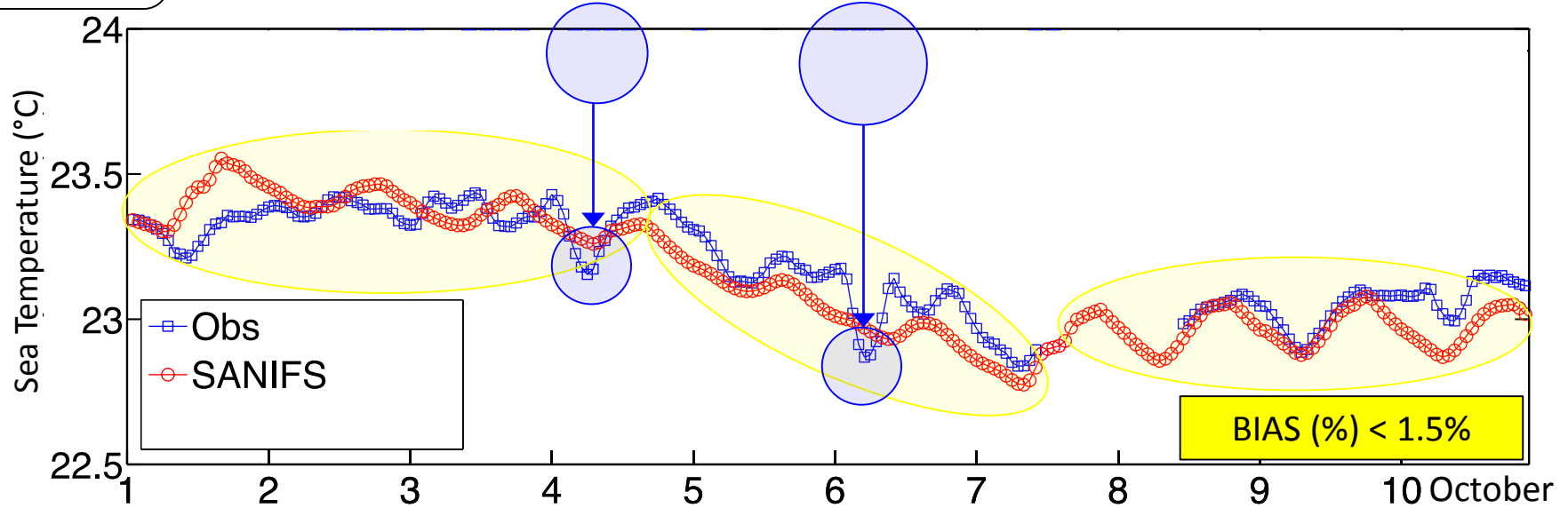
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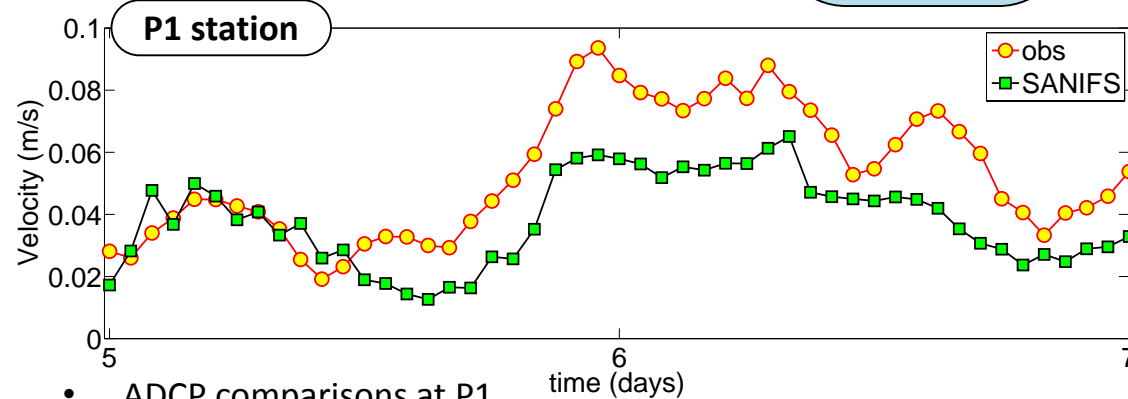
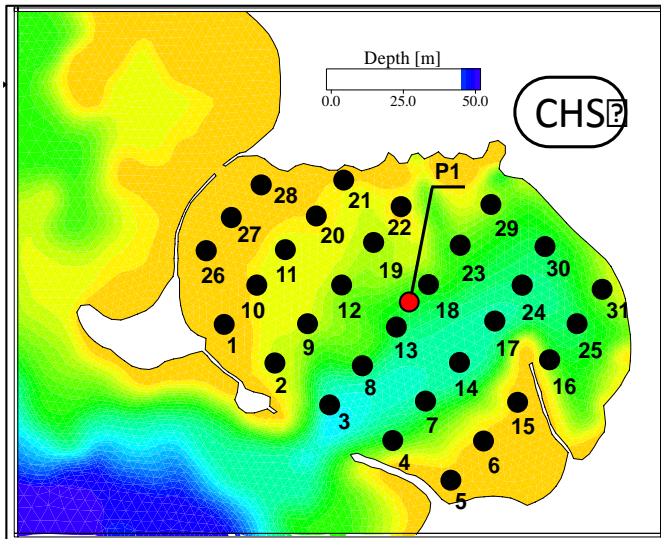
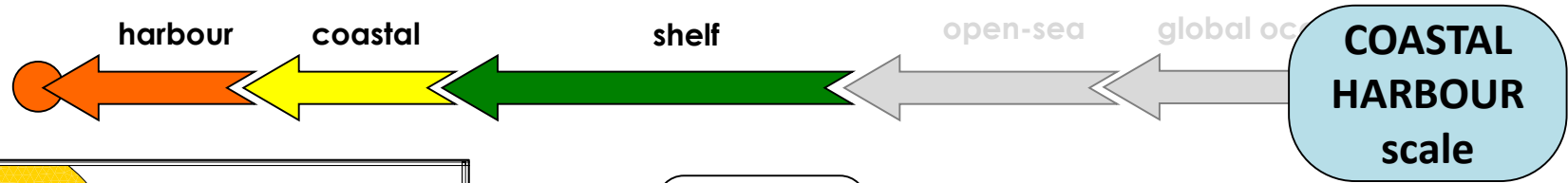
- A sensitivity study carried out using the **two alternative atmospheric forcings** (COSMOME and ECMWF).
- SANIFS-**ECMWF** produces **more accurate forecasts** than SANIFS-**COSMOME** for the eight **most open-sea stations** of the SCS campaign (red histograms) thus confirming the higher reliability of ECMWF as large-scale general circulation model (25 km resolution).
- The skills of SANIFS forced by the **higher-resolution (6 km) atmospheric limited area model COSMOME** are slightly greater in the remaining stations, **closer to the coasts** (blue histograms).



P1 station

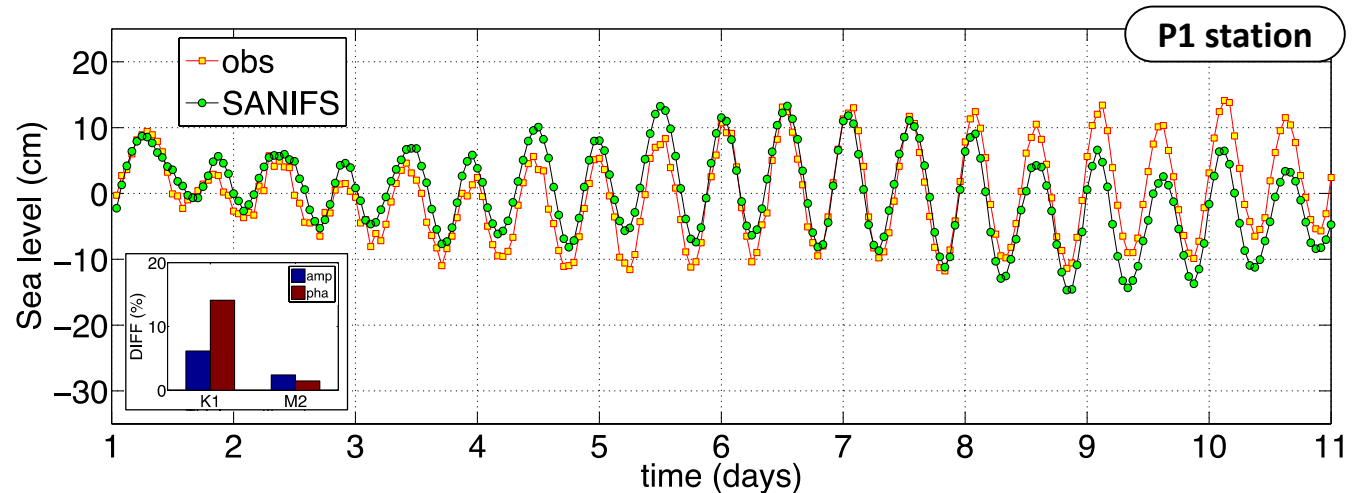


- Modelled hourly time-series of sea temperatures at a 5 m of depth from the surface compared with the measured series.
- The two local minimum peaks of temperature in observations may be due to the **effect of total precipitation** since the maximum events of rainfall match with two local minimum temperatures. This suggests the need to introduce the temperature effects of rain.

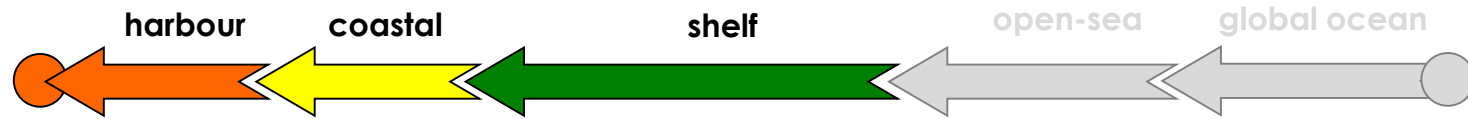


- ADCP comparisons at P1
- Consistent model agreement with observations in terms of velocity direction
- Underestimation of the velocity magnitude.

Comparison between modeled and observed sea level at the tidegauge station at P1

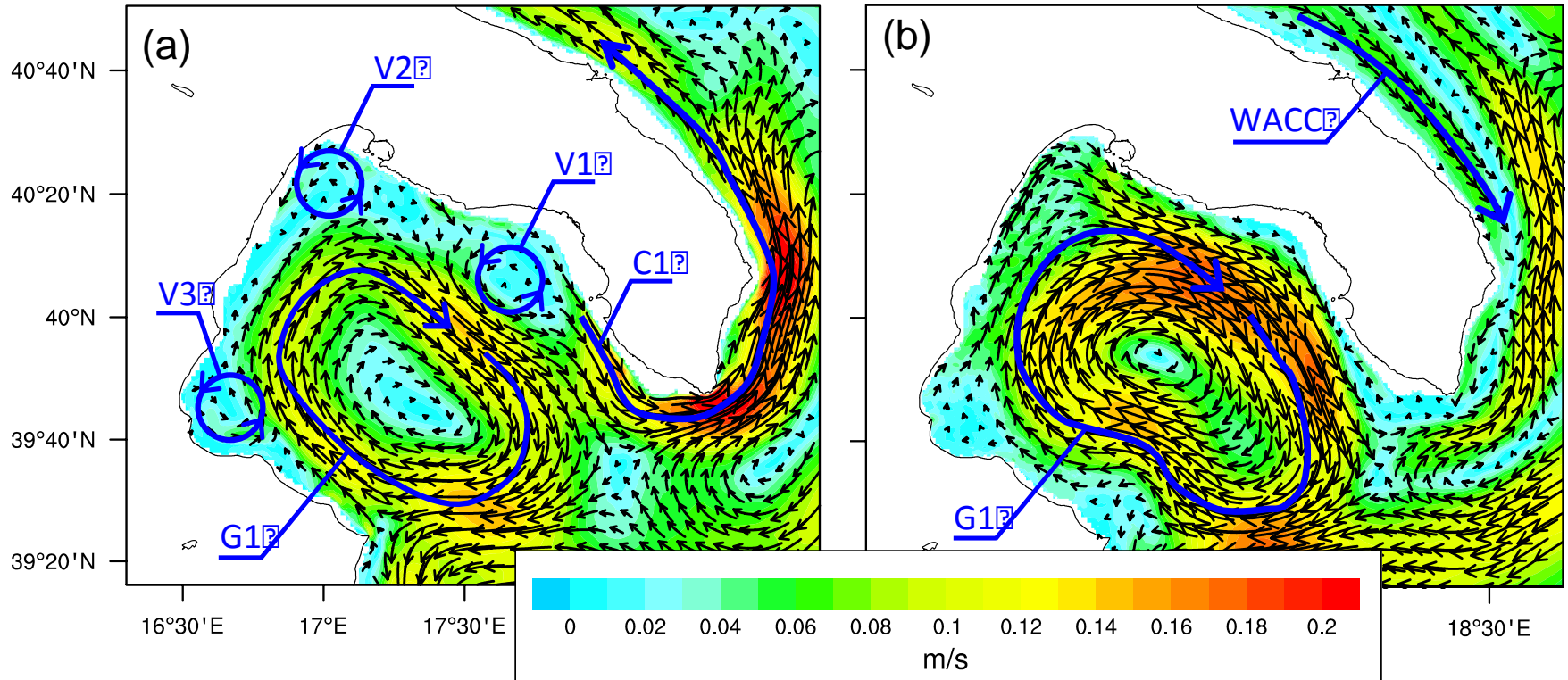


- Results for the most important semidiurnal and diurnal constituents (M2, K1).
- The tidal analysis reports errors of 6.2% and 14.1% for amplitude and phase of K1 component, and errors of 2.4% and 1.5% for amplitude and phase of M2 component.



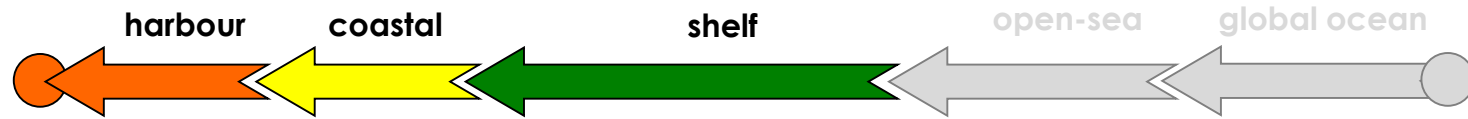
LS1: 1-3 October 2014

LS2: 8-10 October 2014

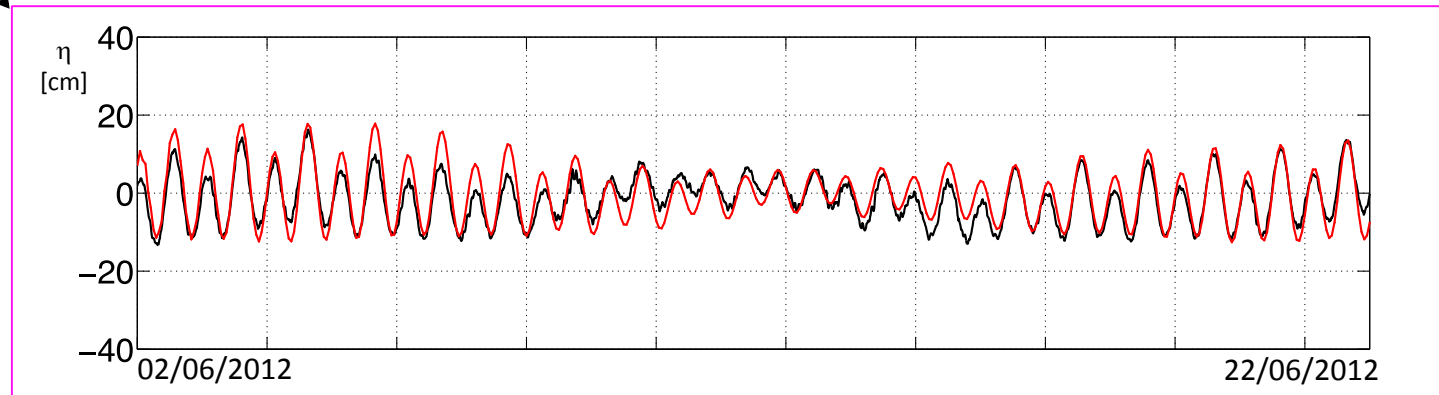
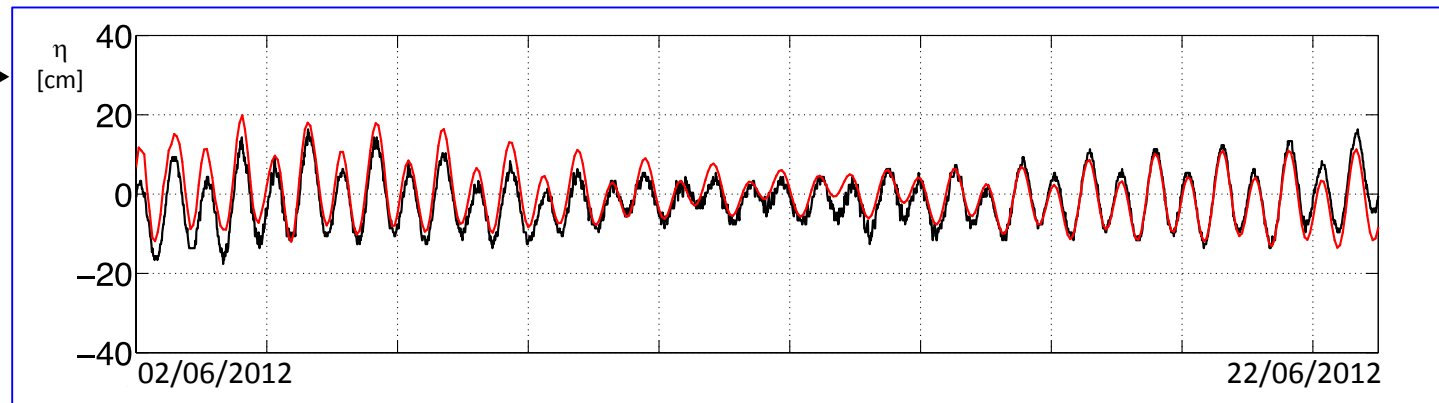
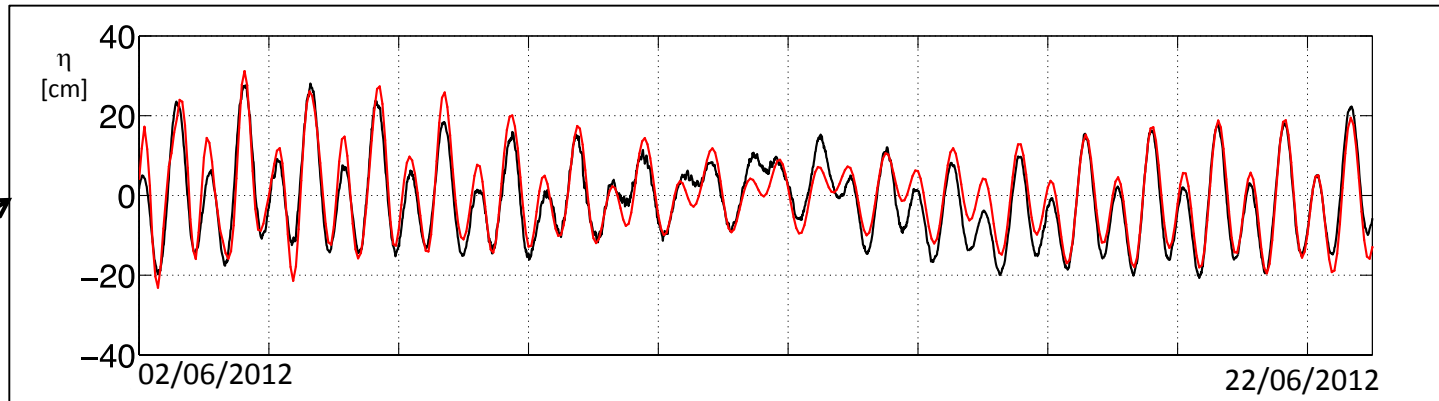
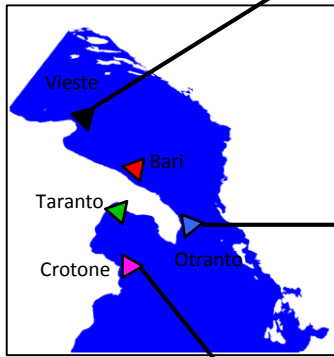


- Large scale circulation characterized mainly by an anticyclonic structure (G1).
- **LS1:** weak cyclonically-oriented vortices in shelf-coastal areas (V1, V2 and V3)
- Intense coastal current (C1) impacting on the Adriatic coastal circulation
- **LS2:** Intensification of large-scale anticyclonic gyre (G1) causing the three cyclonic vortices to vanish.

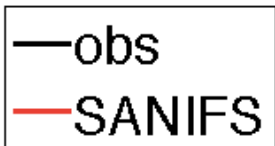
The Gulf of Taranto circulation structure affects the WACC entrance in the Gulf and along the Apulia coasts.
Weaker G1 → WACC reversed. Stronger G1 → southward oriented WACC

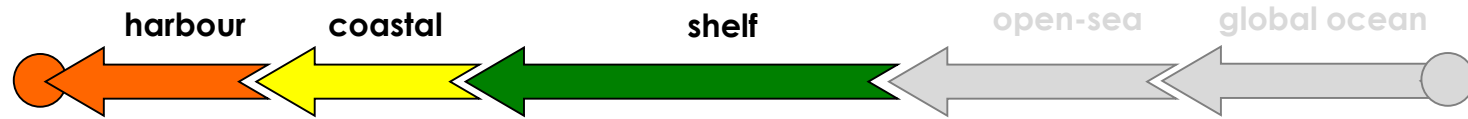


Time-series comparisons between the simulated sea level and the observed height at the Italian tide-gauges stations have been performed.



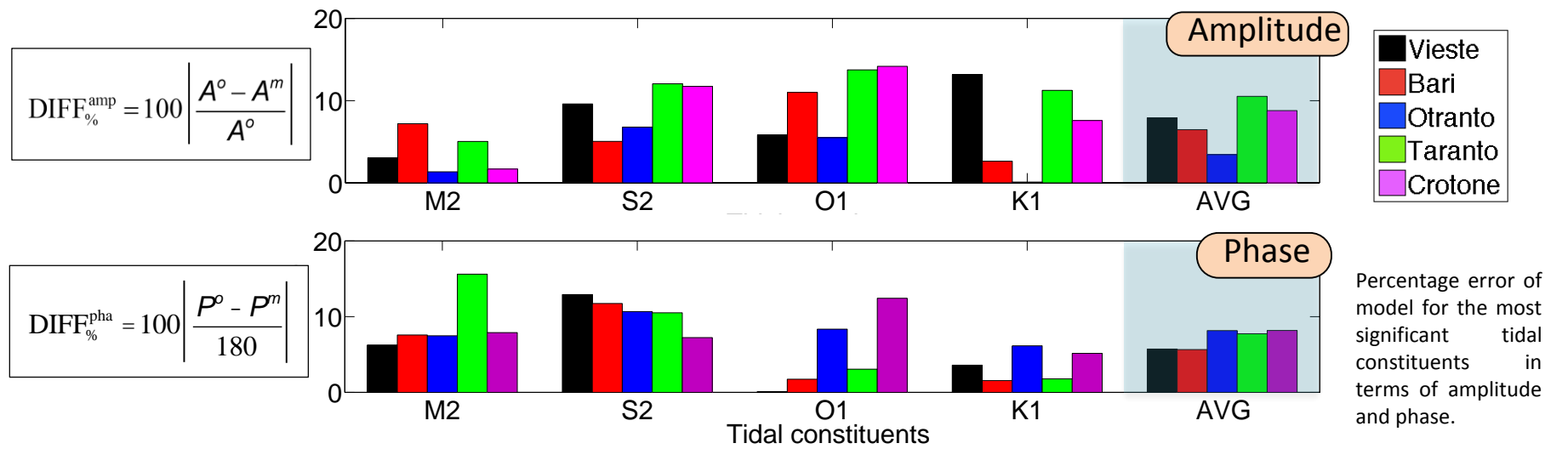
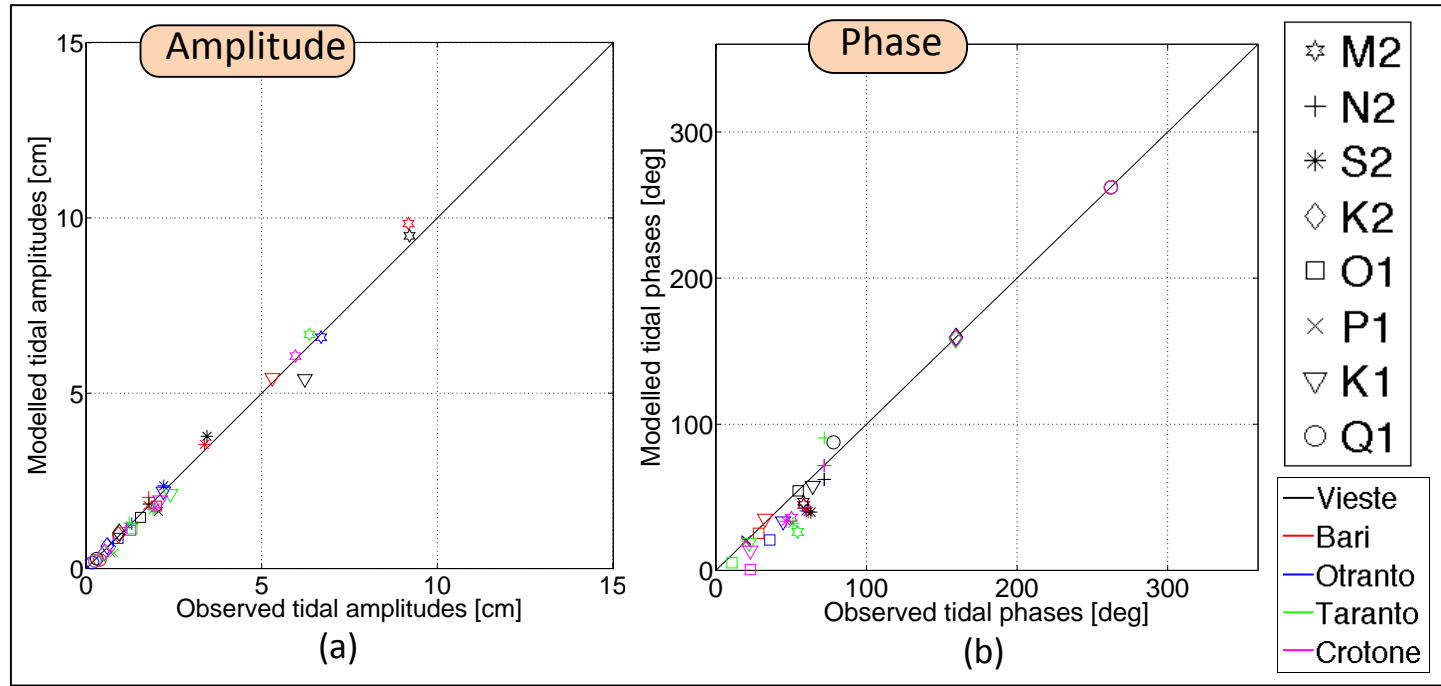
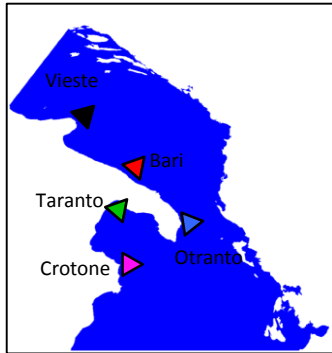
Obs: **Italian tidegauges** service provided by **ISPRA** (*Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale*, the Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research).

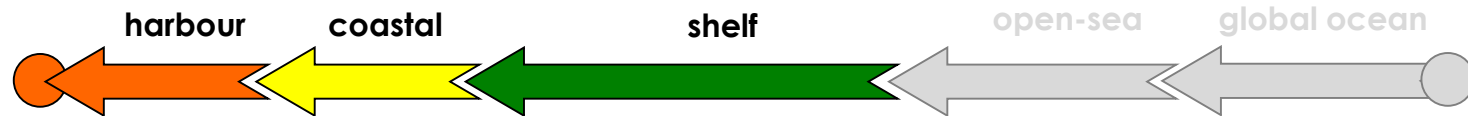




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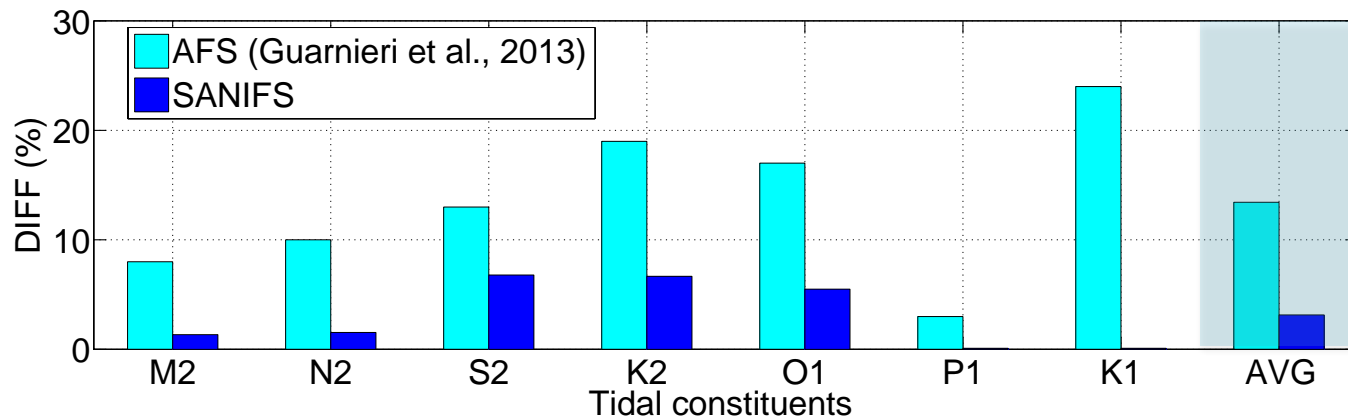
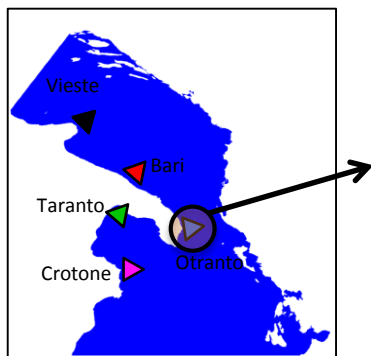
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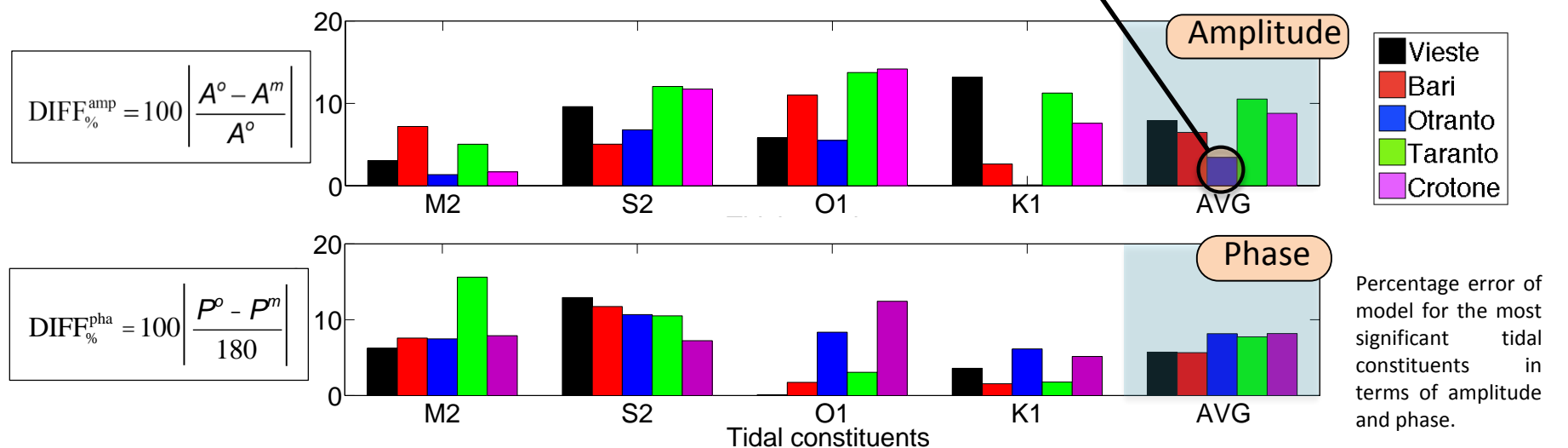


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Comparison with AFS (POM-based) model for Otranto tidegauge.



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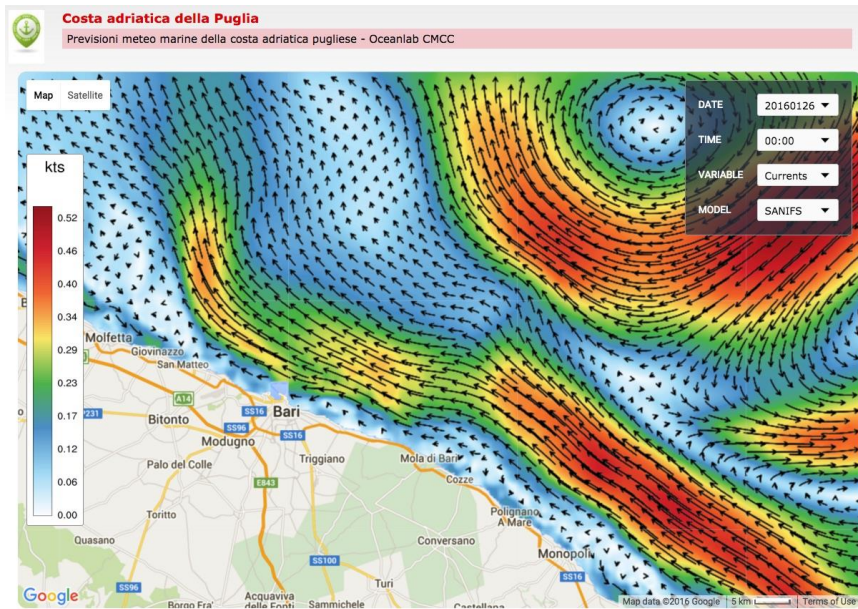
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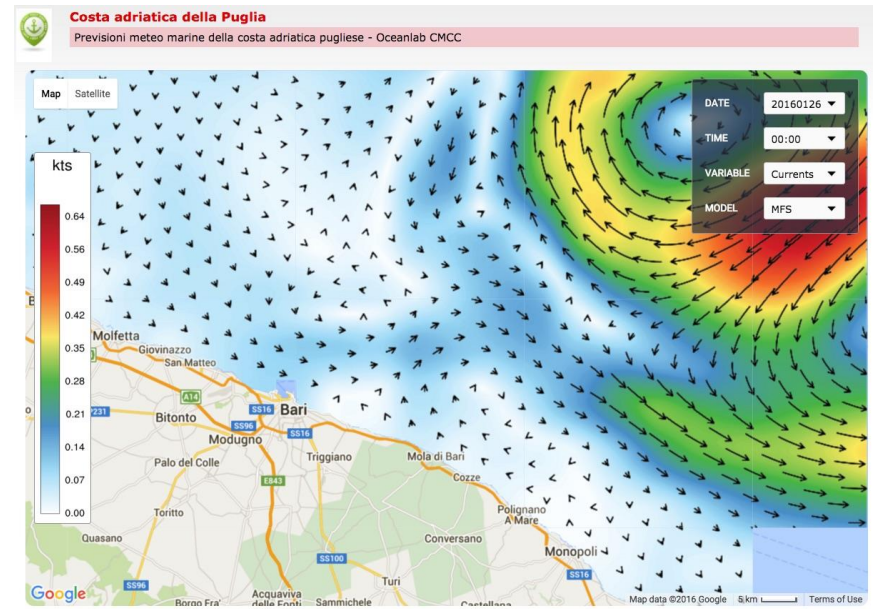
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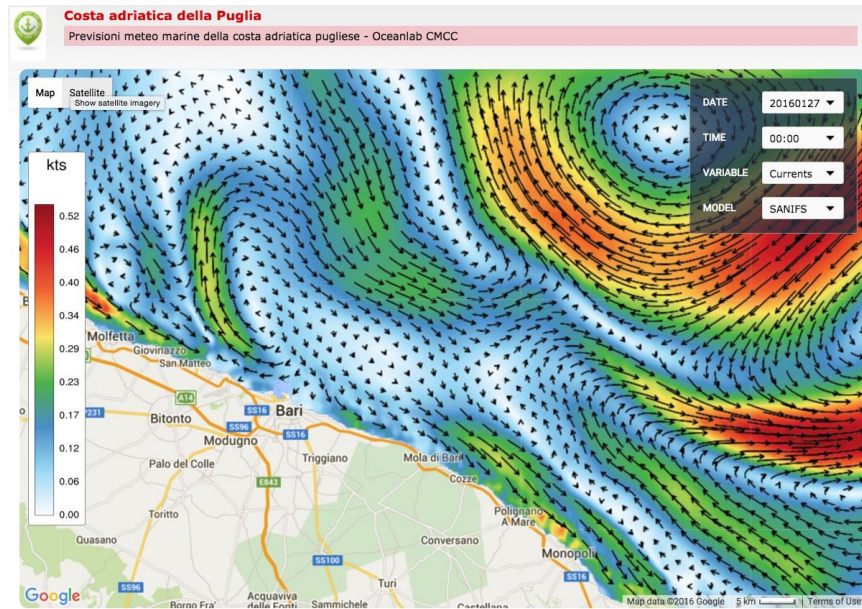
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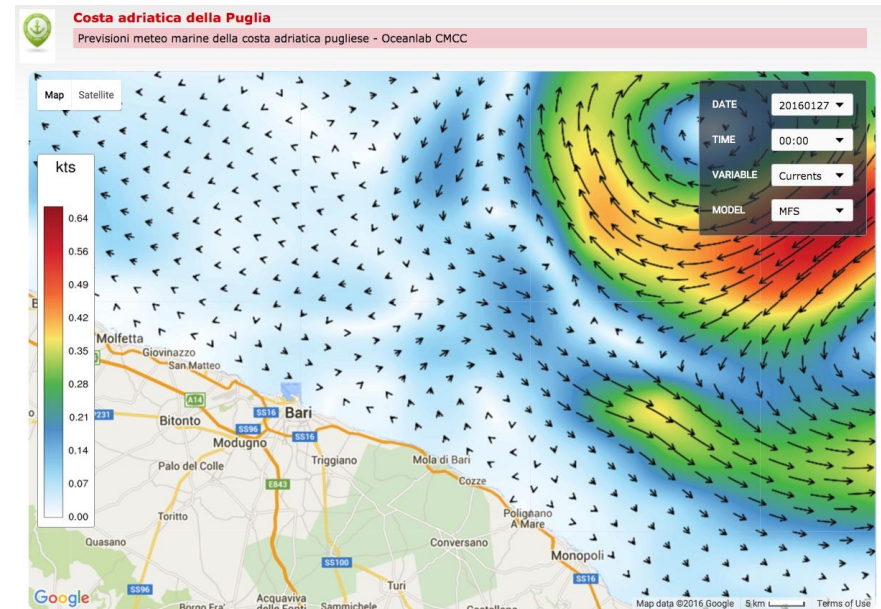
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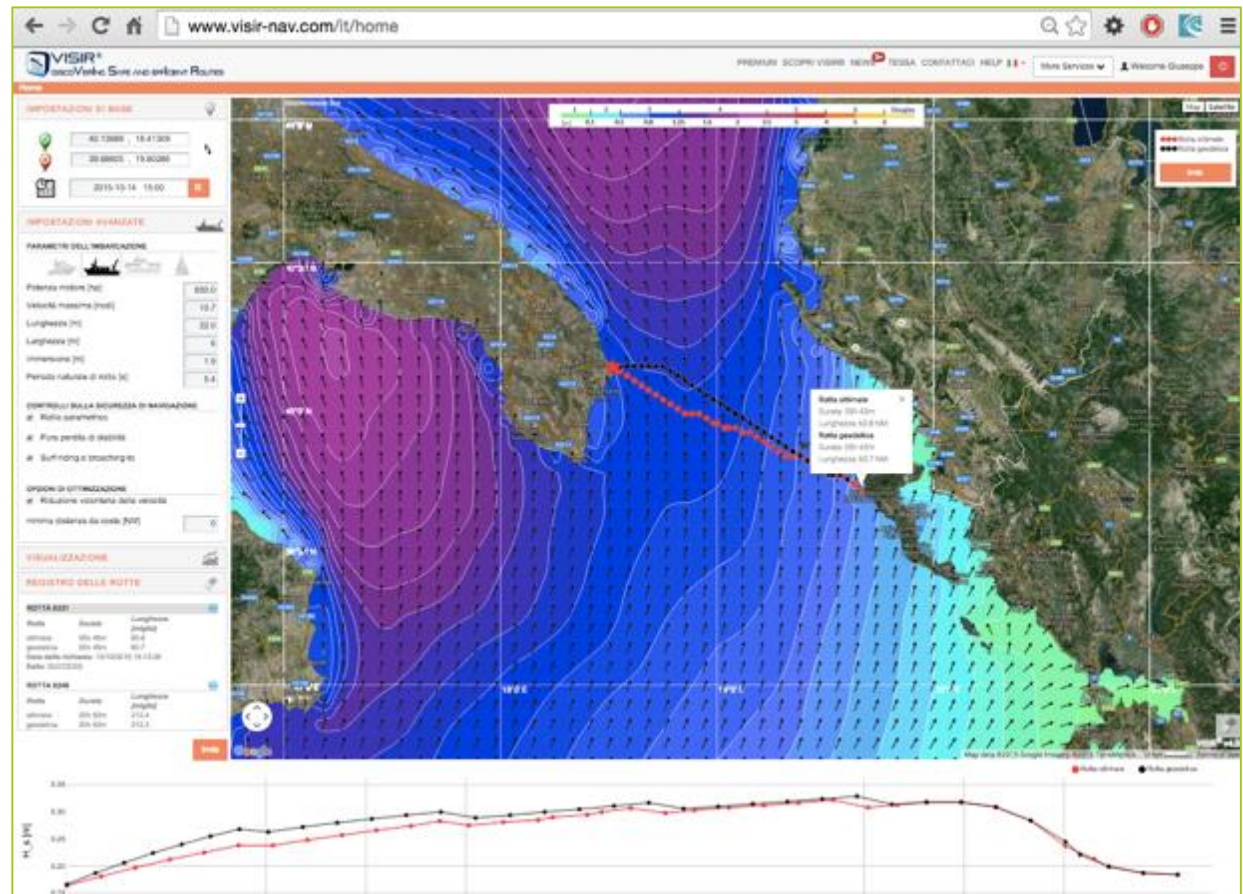
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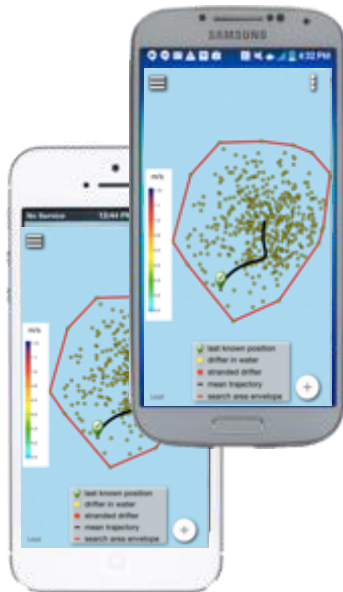


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Object class
1. Person-in-water (PIW), unknown state (mean walk)

LAST KNOWN POSITION

Lat Radius: 5.0 km
Lon

Coordinate format ☒ DMS ☐ DMM ☐ DD
Start of drifter release 2015-10-15 10:50

SIMULATION DURATION

24 hours

FORECASTING SYSTEM

Oceanographic forecasting system
MFS MyOcean

Depth of currents
1.5m (surface)

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ECMWF

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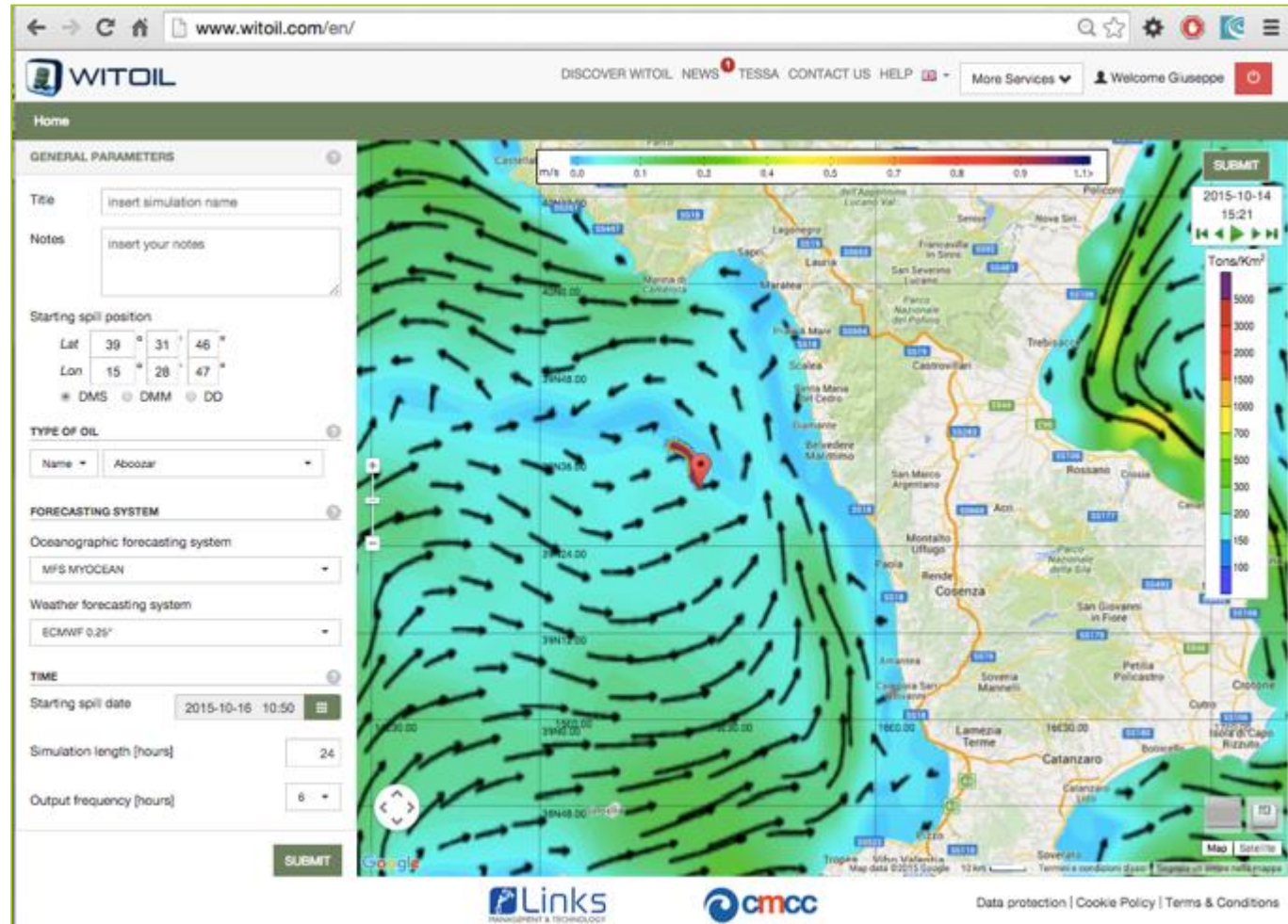
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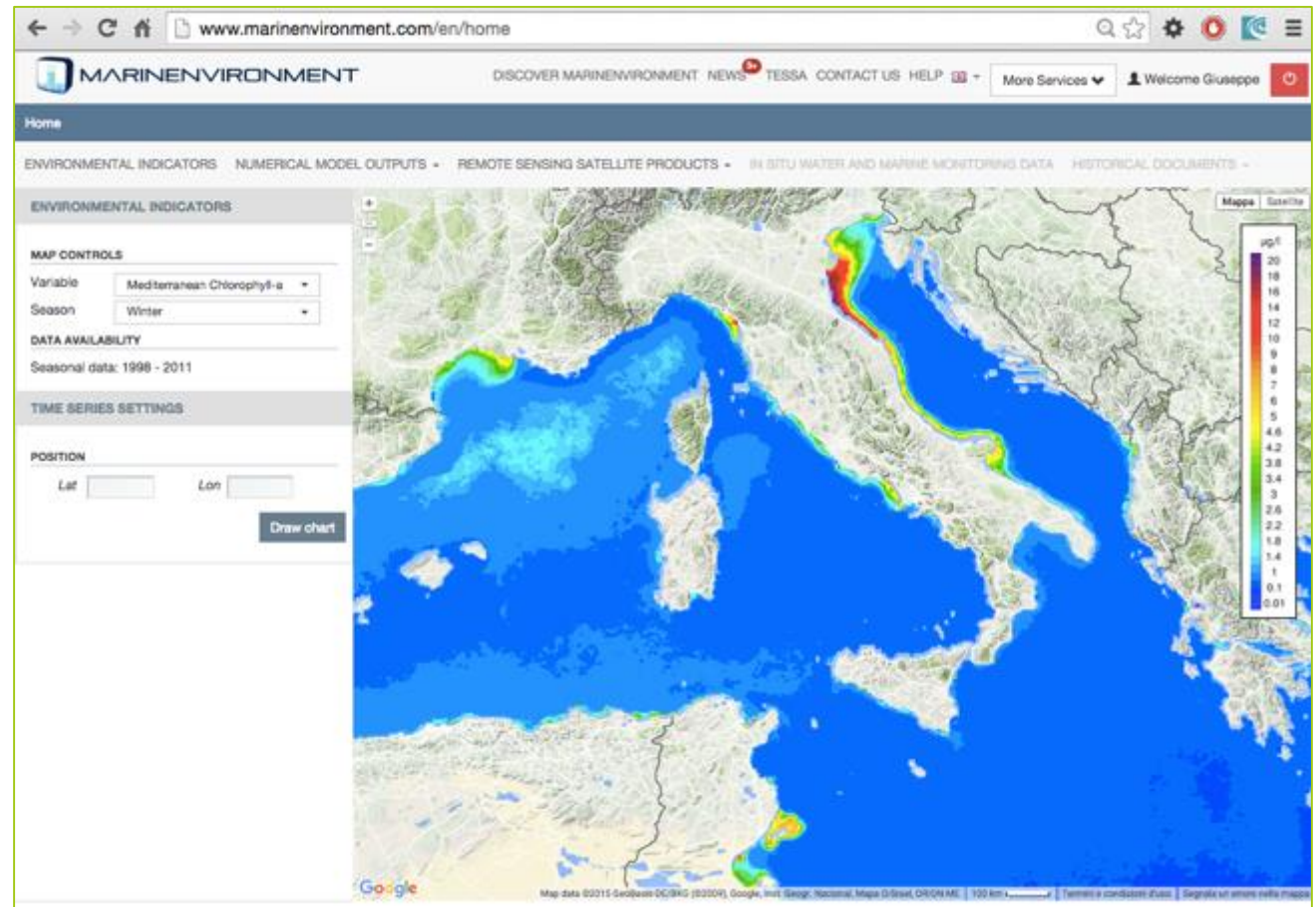


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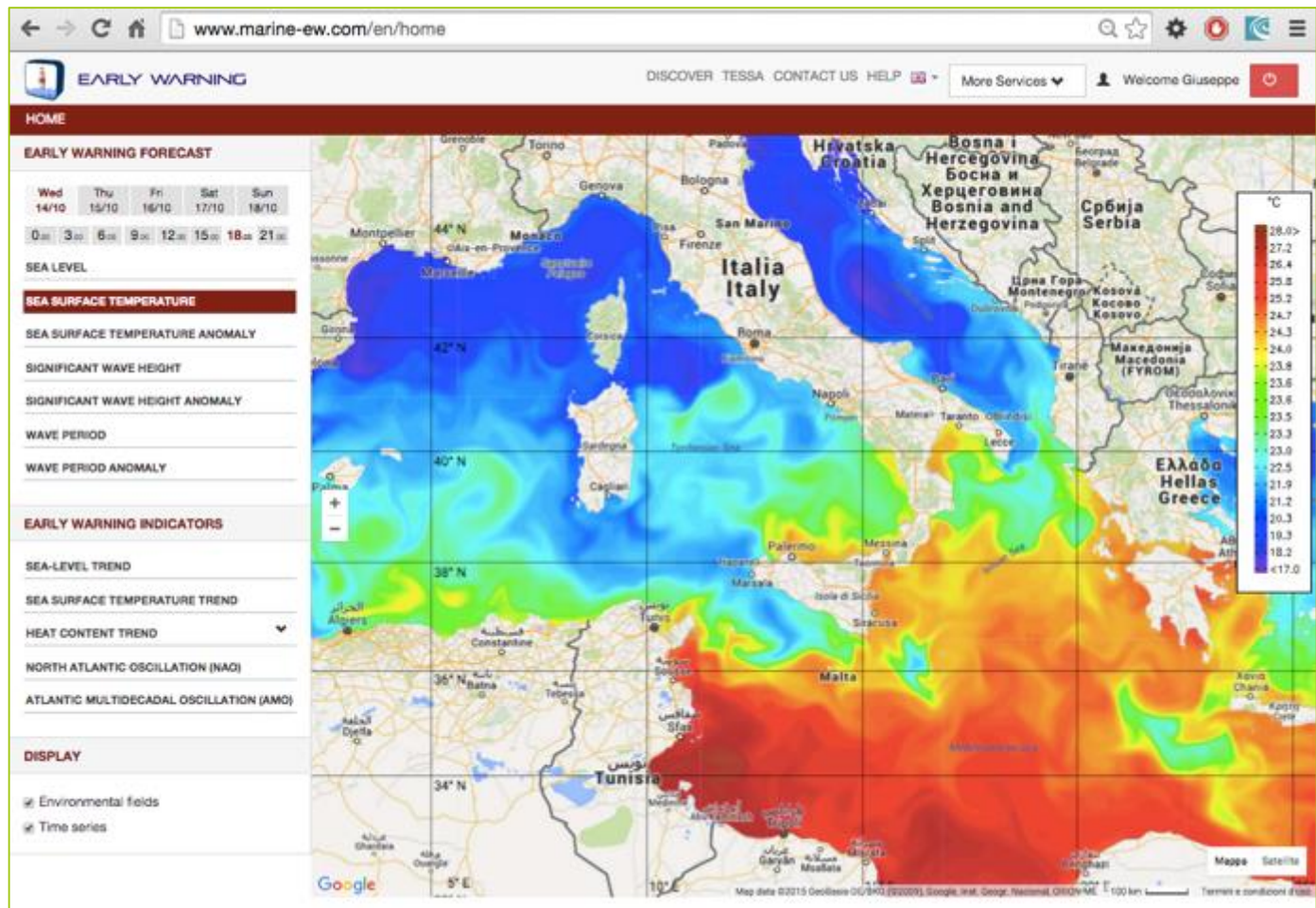


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Summarizing the methodology

- The coastal ocean circulation is driven by a combination of **local** (winds, atmospheric fluxes, tides, etc.) and **deep-ocean forcings** (along the shelf slope).
- Both of these influences must be included in Coastal Ocean Forecasting Systems (COFS).
- **Downscaling** is accepted as the preferred methodology to propagate the large scale dynamics into COFS, through boundary conditions from Large scale Ocean Forecasting Systems (LOFS) (Auclair et al. 2001; Dombrowsky et al. 2009, Kourafalou et al. 2015).
- To simulate correctly the water masses properties and circulation characteristics propagating from open ocean to coastal zones, downscaling approach needs to be supported by an **appropriate (high) open-sea resolution (also) in nested model**.
- COFS has been designed **also to provide accurate forecasts in open ocean**, exploiting high resolution horizontal e vertical discretization.
- Implementation (and validation) of techniques and parametrizations **consolidated in classical regional model** (e.g. atmospheric bulk formulae, LOBC treatment, etc.) in **new modelling tools (unstructured-grdi models)**.
- Reduce parametrization tuning/calibration

Conclusion and Perspectives

- A methodology of downscaling from the Global Ocean to the Coastal-Harbour scale
- The pilot study of the Southern Adriatic Northern Ionian seas will be extended to the entire Mediterranean coastal seas
- Downscaling approach is integrated to the new modelling tools based on variable resolution (unstructured grid model)
- The modelling component is continuously run in operational mode to provide short-term forecast.
- The operational products can be exploited by several types of DSS (coastal erosion, risk mapping, oil spill, ship routing, search-and-rescue, etc.)

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