



#### THEME #2 Coastal/Regional ocean prediction across scales, processes and applications



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#### 9:15 AM ROOM II PLENARY SESSION







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## Why is coastal modeling vital?

#### **Coastal zones are:**

- heavily used and impacted areas of the global ocean
- a diverse array of resulting human pressures and anthropogenic stressors
- particularly vulnerable



→ Efforts are ongoing to reinforce coastal modeling capabilities to increase marine knowledge and meet societal needs.







**End-to-End Coastal Predicting Systems** 

- Interaction between different models is important
- Not much interest if not well linked to:
  - a) Larger-scale models



b) Atmosphere-wave models, hydrology, land use models

#### **Diversity of model components/scales (time and space)**



#### Near-Coastal models/applications





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- Synergy between newly available observational data and coastal models ٠
- Solve practical problems ٠
- Operational design/Demonstration/Climate change
- End-users/Society demands







#### **Regional and Coastal Ocean Forecasting**

Multidisciplinary.	Numerical models	Data
multi-platform	of waves-	assimilation/Al
coastal observing	hydrodynamics and	ensembles fo
system	ecosystem, coupled	optimal field
(Open access/	to atmospheric	estimates
permanent &	and hydrology	and uncertainty
relocatable)	forecasts	estimates

Continuous (robust) production of nowcasts/forecasts of relevant environmental state variables

The operational approach: from large to coastal/estuary space scales weekly to monthly time scales

Society based products

**Regional and Coastal Operational Oceanography** science should be data explorative, unifying theory, experiments, and multi-scale, multicompartments simulations and society based.







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## Impacts and Design

See our poster! Tues. 19th Observational Systems

The FOCCUS project specifically addresses and enhances the coastal extension of **Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service** to better serve coastal users and EU Member States.



Forecasting and observing the open-to-coastal ocean for Copernicus users



Endorsed by UN Ocean Decade (CoastPredict)









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## Aim:

#### achieve a seamless monitoring and forecasting of the ocean



- applying and improving methods
- development of new coastal products

#### $\rightarrow$ Operational, fit-for-use coastal information service for the society.







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### **Novel High-Resolution Observations**

- → Ongoing improvements to innovative coastal observations in response to society and policy needs.
- Enhancement of required Essential Ocean Variables (EOV) retrieval in the coastal areas.
- Use of **data fusion** to create new coastal products.
- Al methods to enhance coastal observations.
- New approaches for improving access, processing and data tracking.









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Novel remote sensing for coastal change

- Data formats definition
  - Metadata standards



#### Topobathymetry





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DATA PRODUCT INFORMATIC	DN	
Full Name	Shorelines	
Description/Overview [max 50 words]	In-situ measured shoreline positions (RTK) and image derived ones from beach imaging systems georectified products (manually digitised by a human).	
Source	In-situ observations *	
Area or Geographical coverage	Balearic Islands 🔹 ; Black Sea 🍷	





contains all the information related to the instrument deployment

#### Sea Level



SEA LEVEL		
DATA PRODUCT INFORMATION		
Full Name	Sea Level - Real-Time / Near Real Time Values	
Description/Overview [max 50 words]	Hourly wave and water depth measurements are available in ASCII. Each ASCII '*.wap' file is accompanied with the corresponding data header file	

#### **Shorelines**







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#### Improved Model Interfaces in the Land-Ocean Continuum

- → Optimization of approaches for river runoff estimations based on a combination of hydrological models and observations and integration with coastal models.
  - Improvements in producing hydrological hindcasts and river representation.
  - Use of Pan-European hydrological models.
  - Revised and recalibrated runoff, nutrients, and sediments.
  - Updated calibration routines and nutrient integration.















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### Estuary Box Models (EBMs) and Interfaces

- Use of AI techniques to improve EBMs.
- Exploitation of unstructured grid models.
- Testing improvements using connections with observations.









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### Interfaces Between Hydrology/ Coastal and Regional/Ocean Models

- Implementation of new **nesting** capabilities.
- New ability to map coastal system
  parameters regarding biogeochemical
  models and regions with many state
  variable requirements.



#### **Nested Grids**



#### **Unstructured Grids**



http://www.ocean-modeling.org/docs.php?page=s-coordinate







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### Interfaces Between Coastal and Regional Ocean Models

- → Enhancing their coherency by upgrading its coastal systems for improved coupling and downscaling.
- → Processing chains are set up and tested to exploit new coastal ocean observations and new and improved algorithms.
- → Securing continuity of robust coastal services from global and regional to local levels.



Coastal interfaces







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### SHOM – CROCO Coastal and Regional Ocean Community model

#### **External data - Copernicus interfacing**

- Hydrology and currents:
  - **GLORYS12V1:** 1/12°, global, daily, ERA-forced
  - MFC-IBI: 1/36°, ERA-forced
  - Single model ensemble reanalysis: 1/4°, global, ERAforced
- Tidal forcing: AVISO FES2014
  - 1/16°, global, 10 main tidal harmonics
- Runoff: Copernicus GLOFAS
  - Global, daily
  - Hydrological reanalysis



**CROCO -- MANGA** 

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CROCO cegional Ocean COmmunity model CCT1+K	_PYTOOLS - Preprocessing tools for regional model
This document is cessing tools CROCO .	presentation of pre and post processing tools in python for the regional ocean model
ation tool (croco_pyvisu)	
This tool is a does not cor available in t	work that brings together the methods of several users of the CROCO community but stitute a definitive toolbox. All the features present in the matlab croco_tools are not is version.
A new toolbo	x is being created by the CROCO team to gather all these features.







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### DMI – DKSS Danish Coastal system

- OBCs: COPERNICUS Marine
   North West Shelf and Baltic MFCs
  - Sea level, hourly
  - T/S, daily or hourly
- Initial conditions: **BAL+NWS MFC** 
  - nudging (subsurface T/S, monthly)



0.1-3 n.m. resolution, 7 two-way nested domains







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**HEREON: German Bight - GCOAST** 



- The Dynamics of the regional NWS COPERNICUS Marine Service (1.5 km) product are interpolated as boundary forcing in a one way nesting approach using flexible routines.
- The resolution of the nested German Bight model's unstructured grid seamlessly refines from 1.5km towards 50m across estuaries to resolve coastal and estuarine baroclinic processes.







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#### Integrated COAstal model SysTem (GCOAST)

- Integrate Observations and multi disciplinary Models
- Dynamics and fluxes at the land-sea transition
- Coupling of the marine hydrosphere and biosphere
- Cross-scale interactions, atmosphere-ocean-wave coupling interactions





Unstructured grid









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### **Salinity Fronts**

Copernicus Marine versus GCOAST coastal forecasting FerryBox tracks

GCOAST

Copernicus Marine - NWS-1.5km





# From Marsigli (1681) to (Knudsen (1900) and bevond) Dynamics of Ocean **Straits**

Water cycle and the challes



Q1+R=Q2

Q1S1=Q2S2

Q1=R/(S1/S2-1)

Q2=R/(1-S2/S1)

a of basin inter-connection

Schematic diagram of flow into and out of a basin. From Pickard and Emery







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## **Ocean and Estuarine Basins**

#### Well-known (ocean) cases:

- Denmark Strait (~190 m deep and ~300 km wide)
- Strait of Gibraltar (~300-900 m deep and ~15 km wide)



Less well-known cases of inland estuarine basins:

ັຼດ The North Sea - Baltic Sea ~80m



• The Black Sea











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#### **Down to meter scales:** Karman vortices





#### Kármán vortices

For 47<Re<10<sup>5</sup> eddies are shed continuously from each side of the obstacle, forming rows of vortices in its wake.









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### Impact of Wind Parks: Wakes Behind Constructions



Many studies have been performed on the atmospheric component, but not so many on the oceanic one - why?











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#### **OWF in tidally dominated environments**









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**Coastal Operational Production Chains: New Modelling Techniques** 

#### → New ensemble and stochastic approaches.

- Ensemble of opportunity, e.g. the aggregation of several products,
- Boundary perturbed ensembles.
- Stochastic models ensembles.
- Ensemble spread vs observations uncertainties.
- Geophysical location of dynamical structures (eddies, fronts, etc.).







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**Coastal Operational Production Chains: New Modelling Techniques** 

#### → New ensemble and stochastic approaches.





#### Location misfit (km)







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**Operational Production Chains: New Modelling Techniques** 

## → What are the opportunities and risks of using AI and machine learning in traditional coastal ocean forecasting frameworks?

Ocean science, creates knowledge through reproducible experiments and predictive models.

The rise of AI offers new ways to enhance regional and coastal ocean data analysis and modeling. Recent advancements in machine learning include: theories, methods, and architectures.

Enhanced integration of existing schemes into ocean modeling.

- Al methods (based on observations) for probabilistic forecasting.
- Synthetic high resolution map generation.
- Ability to correct systematic deficiencies of hindcasts.
- Downscaling









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Inversion of Sea Surface Currents From Satellite-Derived SST-SSH Synergies With 4DVarNets



Beauchamp, M., et al 4DVarNet-SSHhttps://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-16-2119-2023, 2023. Combining data assimilation and machine learning to emulate a dynamical model from sparse and noisy observations





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Julien Brajard et al., 2020, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jocs.2020.101171

### **Related Applications of ML in Downscaling**











Wave parameters 800 m - > 50 m (Kuehn et al., 2023)

SSH and currents 120 km -> 13 km (Thiria et al., 2023)

Tropical cyclone rainfall, scale 10 (Vosper et al., 2023)





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Part of the coastal region of German Bight: tidal range 2-4 m, frequent

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flooding and drying

### Al Applications for coastal predictions

- Relevance
  - Efficient downscaling of coastal fields to a scale of 100 meters
  - Potential addition/alternative to regional marine services like COPERNICUS Marine
- Methodology
  - Super-resolution residual network (SRResNet), a CNN-based deep learning model, upscale factor up to 64
  - Datasets from high-resolution numerical model output in a coastal region with



Downscaled depth-averaged current *u* from SRResNet

Low resolution High resolution SRResN et

#### Normalized downscaled SSH from CNN model at 6 hours

•Yuan, B., Jacob, B., Chen, W., & Staneva, J. (2024): Downscaling sea surface height and currents in coastal regions using convolutional neural network. Applied Ocean Research, Vol 151, 104153, doi:10.1016/j.apor.2024.104153







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### **Coupling with waves and atmosphere**

- Increased demand for improved regional and coastal forecasts
- Reducing errors of state estimates at coastal scales – non-linear feedback between ocean and atmosphere
- Assessment of the degree of regional coupling
- Study the impact of on the quality of regional and coastal predictions
- Extreme weather events in the marine realm
- Substantial effects also on mean fields (climate simulations)









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# Improve and advance the coastal dimension

- Coupling of Global and Regional (Copernicus Marine) and coastal systems
   implemented through co-design and coproduction
- harmonization of products

## Develop advanced and seamless coastal monitoring and forecasting systems

- joint effort based on novel approaches
- better constrain the coastal applications and models developed at the national and local levels









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## Why is coastal prediction vital?

#### Summer 2024 heat wave impacts in the Adriatic Sea

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#### L'invasione di mucillagine e fitoplancton nell'Adriatico vista dallo spazio

Con il satellite Sentinel-2 del programma europeo Copernicus



#### Multi aspect approach











EUROPEAN UNION

Mantis shrimp

Species (b)

## FAIRSEA project



- Across territorial boundaries
- Physical, chemical and biological processes included
- Decision support tool for spatial management

**Coastal bio** end-to-end prediction







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Sed 2 Sed. 3 large zooplankton

small zooplankton

sediment

"dissolved organic matter"

phosphate sediment pool

silicate sediment pool



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### **Coastal Forecasting** biodiversity



The German Bight seen from satellite Sentinel-2 - image: Hereon

Coupled hydrodynamicalbiogeochemical numerical model 3D





- - Unstructured geometry, wetting and drying algorithm, baroclinic, benthic-pelagic coupling
  - Realistic runs with tidal motion, freshwater runoff, along-channel dispersion, lateral exchange (channel-flats)
  - Relocatable Cross-scale processes
  - Land-ocean continuum transport for materials, erosion. harmful algal blooms

#### **Coastal bgc-benthic prediction**







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### **Coastal Forecasting biodiversity**



### Identification of estuarine hotspots of eutrophication



- Accumulation of biogenic particles, sedimentation in port
- Port basins hotspots of ammonium release and oxygen depletion
- Heat waves, stratification trigger hypoxic response









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pH

Alkalinity

Zooplankton

Nutrient

Microzoonlanktor

Phosphate

Ammonium

Nitrate

Silicate

leterotrophic nanoflagellates

Omnivorous mesozooplanktor Carnivorous mesozooplankton

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H2CO3

HCO3

CO32-

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## **Coastal biogeochemical prediction**



Salon et al., 2019, Ocean Science

- Interaction with ocean dynamics
- Boundary conditions
- Nesting
- Integration of modelling and observations

In a coastal environment







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### Interaction with ocean Surface average current [m s<sup>-1</sup>] dynamics

- Temperature-dependent
   biogeochemical reactions
- Transport of biogeochemical components by ocean dynamics
- Nutrient supply by vertical and lateral advection

**Temporal and spatial resolution** 









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## **Boundary condition**

- Nutrient and carbon discharge
  - Spatial and temporal scales aligned with physics
  - Inclusion of near real time information (EFAS https://www.copernicus.eu/en /european-flood-awareness-system)
- Interaction with the bottom
  - O Specific modelling and/or calibration

**Temporal and spatial scales** 

#### Fresh water discharge [m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>]





Satellite chlorophyll concentration [mg m<sup>-3</sup>] - Copernicus Marine Service







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## Nesting

- Basin wide prediction systems
- Initial conditions
- Open boundary conditions

### Interaction between coastal, regional, basin-wide scales





#### SHYFEM unstructured grid

Venice Lagoon 3D hydrodynamic model Coupled with biogeochemistry, ecology, sediment transport, pollution

Zennaro et al., 2024, Ecological Indicators







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## Observations

- Satellite
  - Available in near real time
  - Chlorophyll and optical variables
  - Surface with cloud coverage
  - Algorithms for coastal conditions











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#### Local coastal observations

## Observations

- In situ
  - $\circ$  Large set of variables
  - Accessibility



European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet)

- Alkalinity
- Dissolved organic matter
- Partial pressure of CO2

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- Phosphate
- Nitrate
- Ammonium
- Oxygen









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# Integration of modelling and observations

#### Data assimilation

- Multivariate and multiplatform
- State or parameter estimation
- Coupled physical and biogeochemical assimilation











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## Data assimilation - D

Optimized coastal observations

Optimized high-resolution coastal observation products

Tailored observation operators allowing the simulation of innovative observations Optimized DA scheme for coastal systems

DA schemes suitable for coastal systems with short memory and strong dependence on boundary forcing

Use of AI approaches to optimize DA methods, e.g. representation of model errors

Strategies to integrate innovative DA methods into the Copernicus Marine downstream data flow



Improvement of surface currents achieved by 4DVAR assimilation of HFR observations







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#### COSYNA - Coastal Observing and Forecasting System for Northern and Arctic Seas







Current Speed [m/s] Jan 10, 2012 00:00 UTC



#### Coastal Ocean Forecasting









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# User applications and societal benefits

MER Italian ongoing project (started 2024)

Operational prediction on Italian coastal systems

- Restoration and protection of the seabed and marine habitats
- Strengthening of the national system for the observation of marine and coastal ecosystems
- Mapping of coastal and marine habitats









## **FOCCUS: Applications**



#### **Environmental and Societal Challenges (ESCs)**

ESC 1 - Applications to better manage and protect the coastal area

ESC 2 - Applications to enhance blue economy

ESC 3 - Application related to natural and anthropogenic hazards and building resilience to climate change









Visit our oral presentation! Thu. 21th 11:00 Room II









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### **Outlook - Optimizing integrated coastal prediction systems**

From process studies to coastal operational oceanography

- Improve forecasting capabilities of short spatial-temporal scales
- Novel techniques

AI, Ensemble modelling

 Optimal use of observations in data assimilation and calibration

**Novel High-Resolution observations** 

Improved interfaces Land-Ocean Continuum

**Regional and basin-wide forecasting systems** 

• Interdisciplinary model integrations for fit-for-purpose applications

Integration in DTO technology

Coastal engineering, search and rescue ecosystem, green energy, coastal management, response to climate change



### Networking

#### **UN Ocean decade**

## Coastal Ocean and Shelf Seas Task Team (COSS-TT) meeting

Welcome to join the COSS-TT meeting (Room III) this Wednesday, 20 November, 2024 12:45-13:45





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