

# Towards a regional operational modelling system of the Catalan Coast (NW Mediterranean Sea)

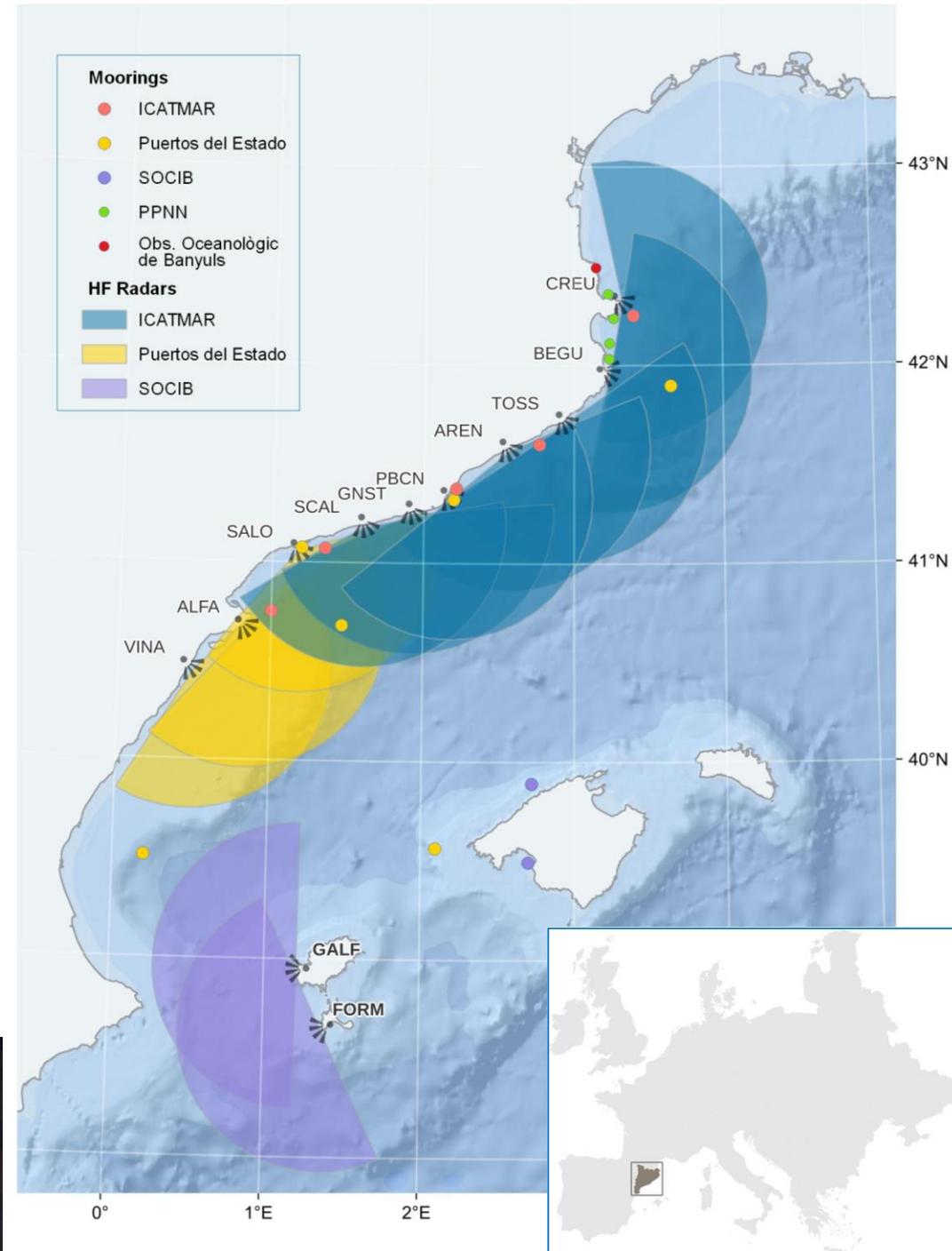
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# Catalan coast and ICATMAR

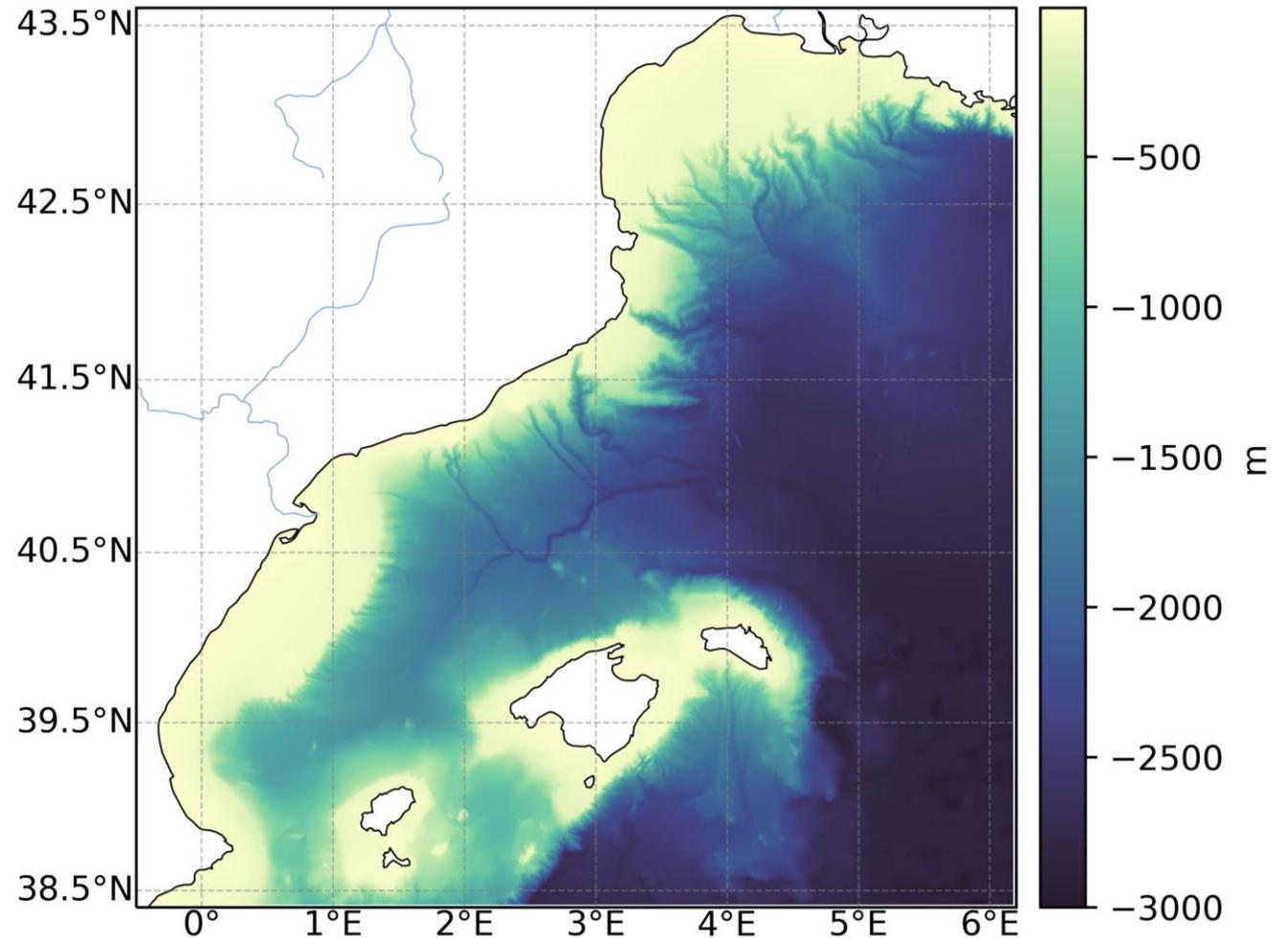
- The Catalan coast encompasses a 580 km-long coastline subjected to strong anthropogenic pressure
- The Catalan Research Institute for the Governance of the Sea (ICATMAR):
  - Is a cooperation body between the Government of Catalonia and the Institut de Ciències del Mar (ICM-CSIC)
- The Operational Oceanography Service started on 2023 with the aim of:
  - Enlarging the observing network and implementing a forecasting system
  - Contributing to national and international programs

<https://www.icatmar.cat/en/operational-oceanography/>



# ICATMAR Ocean Forecasting system

- Horizontal resolution:  $1/128^\circ$  (~800m)
- Model dimensions:
  - 850 x 664 x 61 grid nodes
- Maximum depth: 3000m
- Vertical grid spacing:
  - Min.: 4m, Max.: 100m
  - 20 levels in the first 200 m
- Bathymetry from:
  - EMODnet 2020 DTM ,  $1/16$  arcmin (~113 m)



# European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts Reanalysis v5 (ERA5):

- 2m temperature,
- 2m dewpoint temperature,
- Surface pressure,
- 10m u component of wind,
- 10m v component of wind,
- Total precipitation,
- Surface solar radiation downwards,
- Surface thermal radiation downwards



Soon:



**Meteorological hourly forcing**

17 rivers including the Ebro and the Rhone, River water discharges, salinity and temperature

**Rivers**

7 days Hindcast + 3 days Forecast

OSU TPXO Tide Model

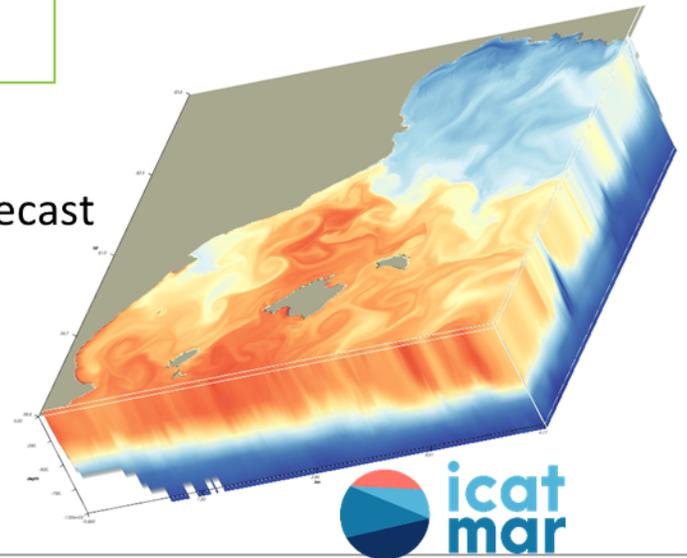
**Initial conditions**  
**Daily boundary conditions**

Daily input, 4km resolution, 3D info of:  
Sea Temperature,  
Sea Salinity,  
Ocean currents  
Sea Surface height



CMEMS Mediterranean Sea Physics Analysis and Forecast

# ICATMAR ocean forecasting system (pre-operational)



Hourly output  
800m horizontal resolution, 3D info of:  
Sea Temperature,  
Sea Salinity,  
Ocean currents,  
Sea Surface height

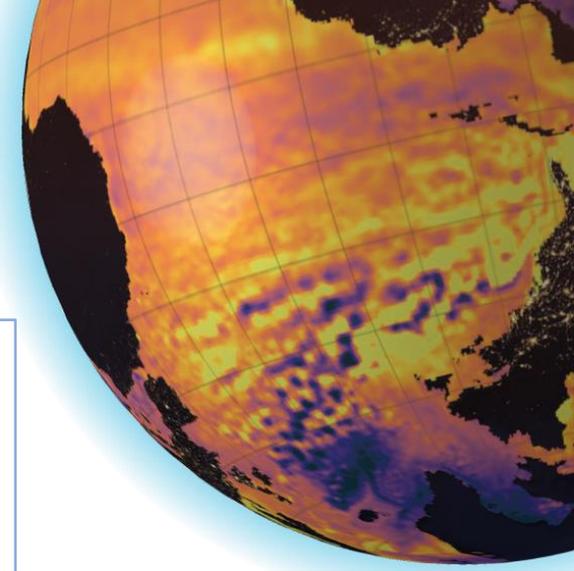
# Ocean models



- Ocean general circulation model of MIT
- A single dynamical kernel which allows oceanic or atmospheric simulations
- Non-hydrostatic capabilities extensively tested
- Spatial scales: from hundred of metres to thousands of kilometres
- Finite volume and z-level vertical coordinates
- Tides can be included through OBCs
- We have done some experiments with the MITGcm coupled with the Biogeochemical Flux Model

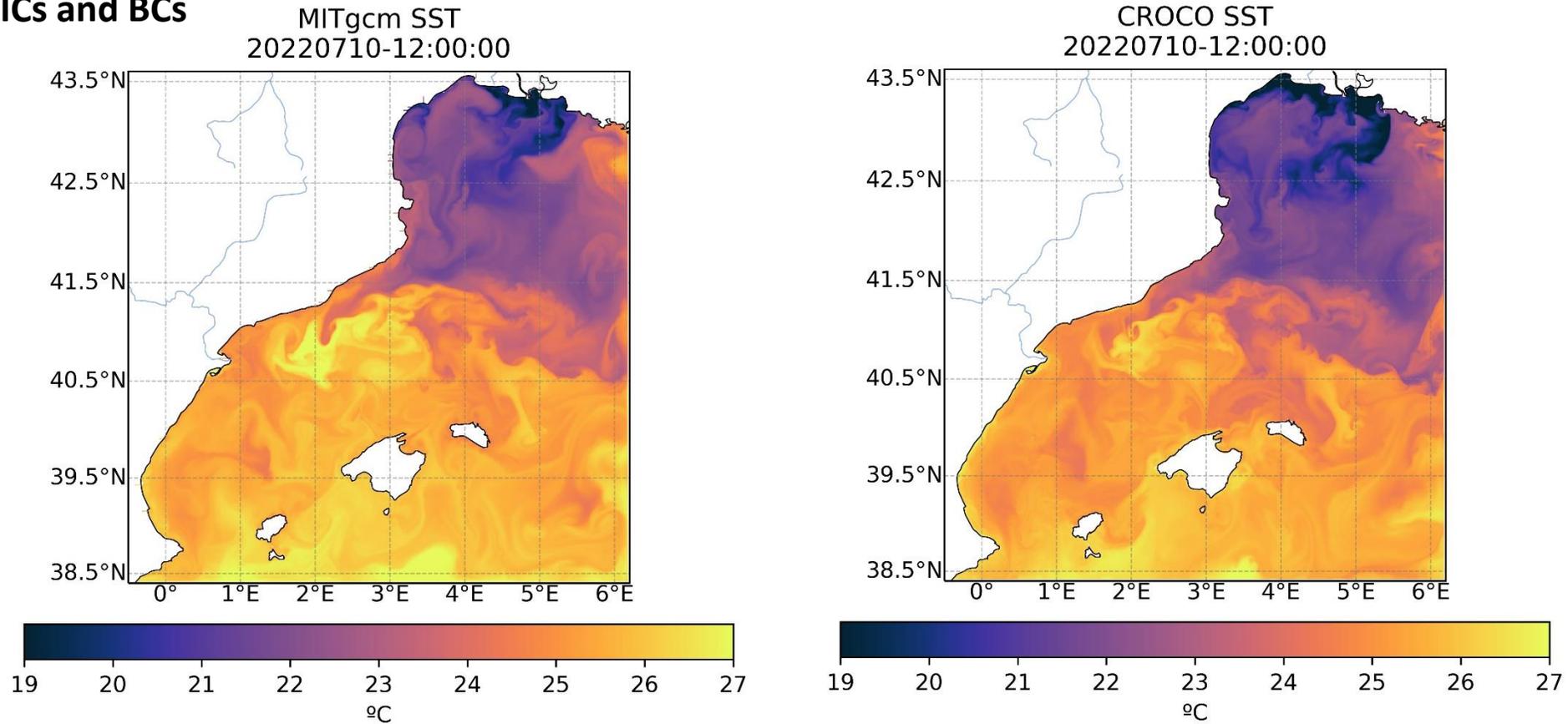


- Coastal and Regional Ocean Community Model
- Important objective: to resolve very fine scales and their interactions with larger scales
- Built upon ROMS and the non-hydrostatic kernel of SNH, gradually including algorithms from MARS3D and HYCOM
- Finite differences and sigma coordinates
- Tides can be included as a surface forcing
- We are interested in the coupling of CROCO with WaveWatch III



# Models results

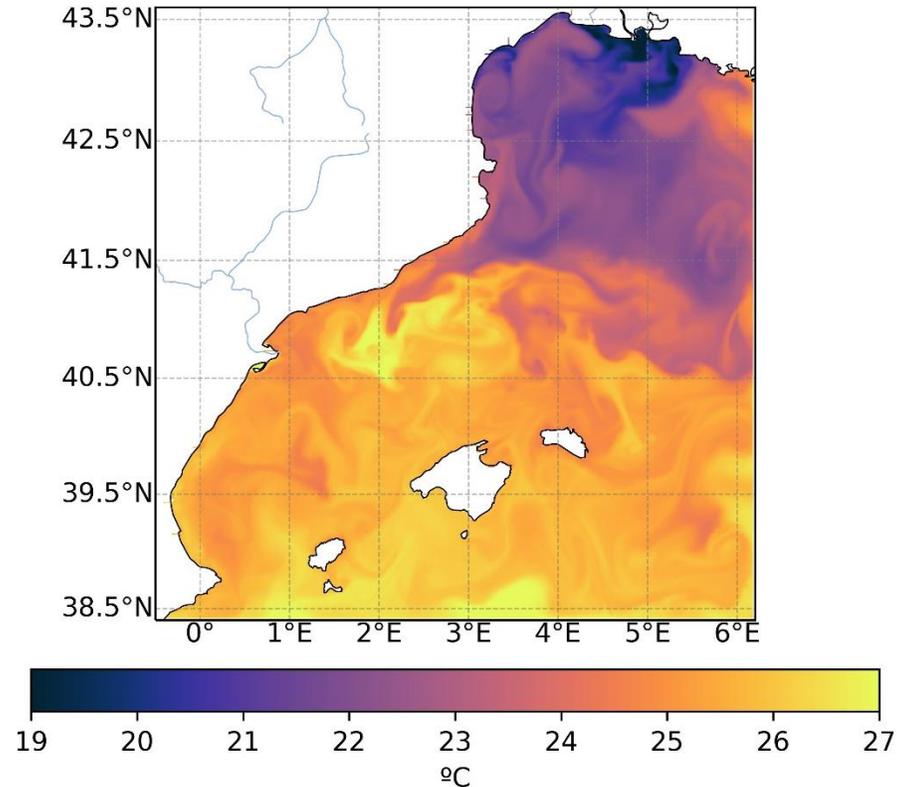
MITgcm and CROCO snapshot results after 10 days of simulation (hindcast) and using the same ICs and BCs



# Comparison with satellite data

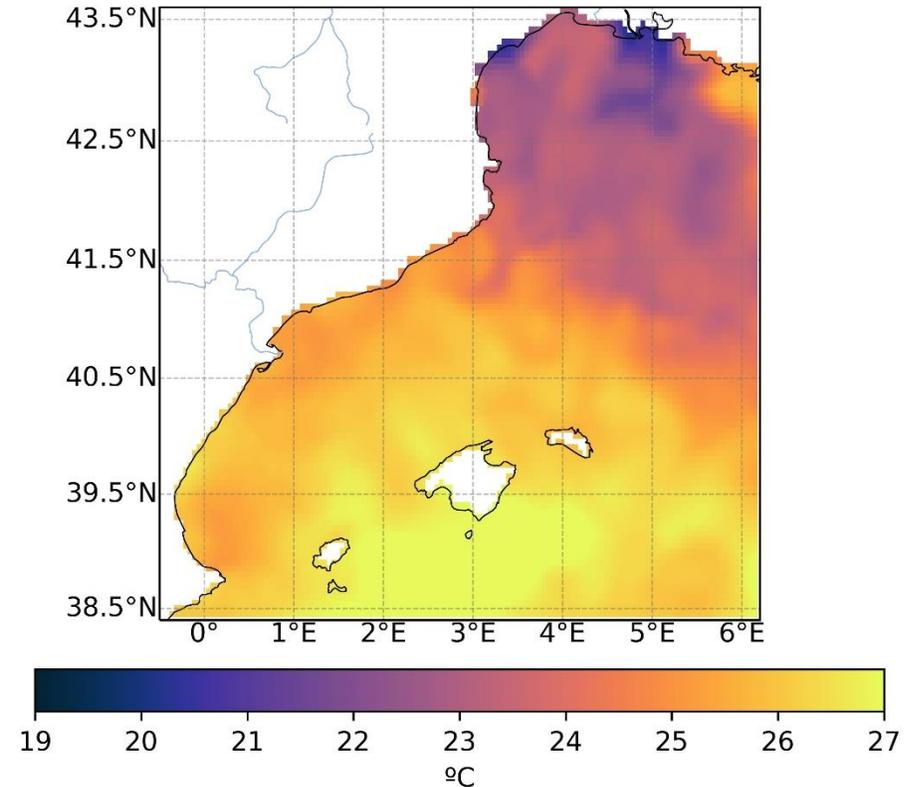
MITgcm result after 10 days of simulation  
(hindcast)

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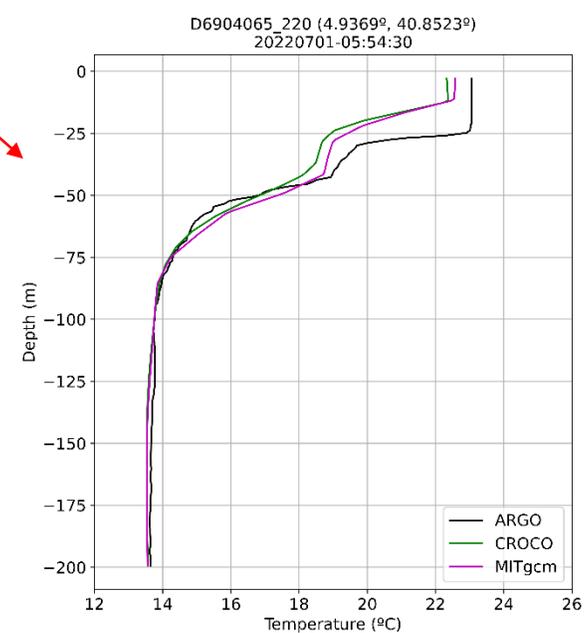
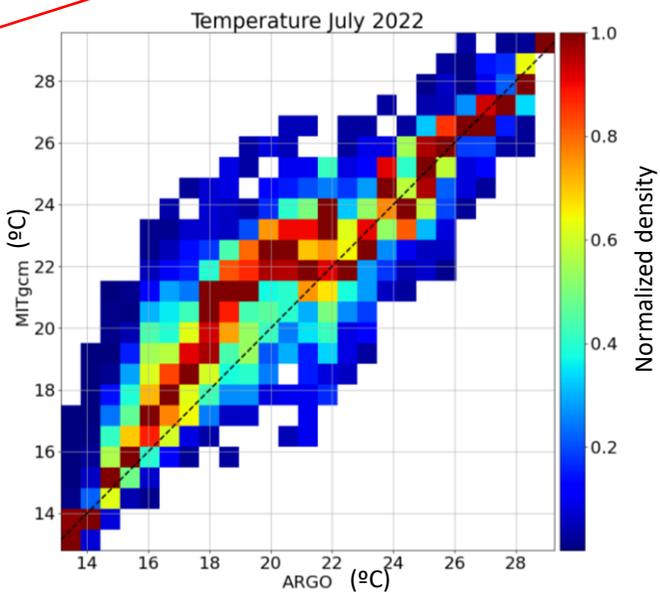
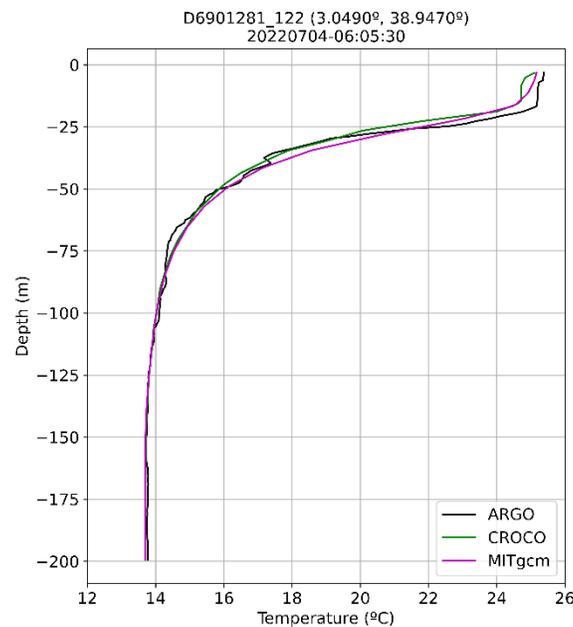
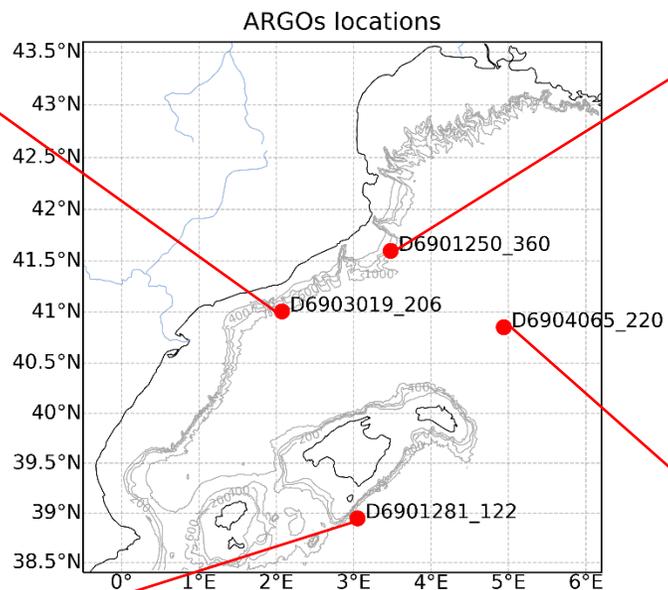
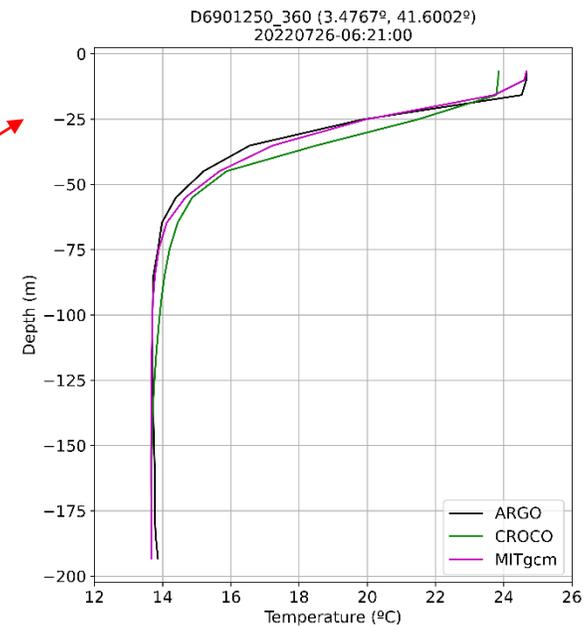
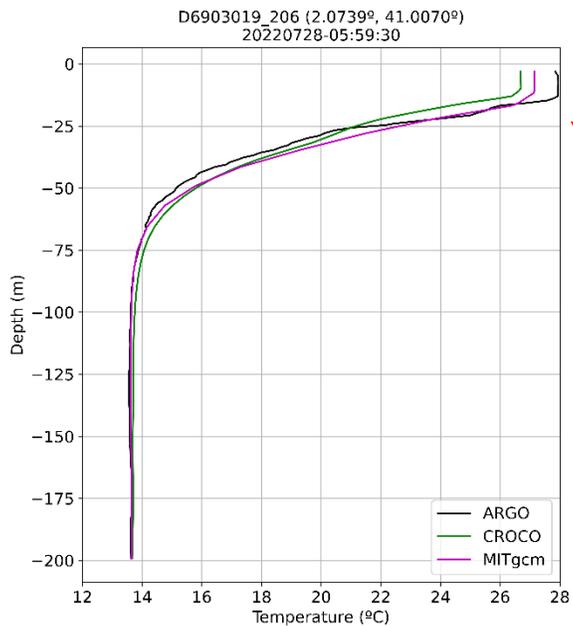


CMEMS satellite product from CNR-GOS

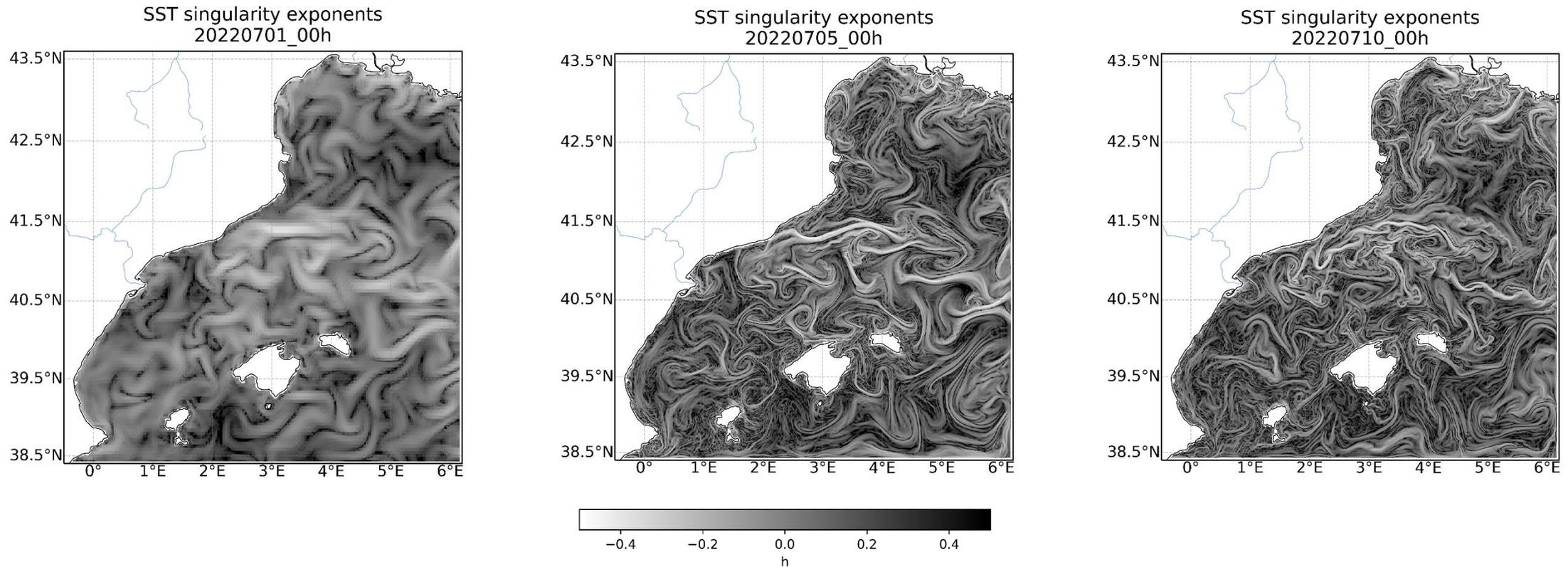
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# Comparison with ARGO data



# Dynamical downscaling assessed by singularity exponents



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# Validation studies in the Ocean Predict Symposium

## 7.2 - Coastal activities

Exhibition - Thursday 21 Nov. 2024

### Estimating trajectories of floating objects using the new ICATMAR high-frequency radar network

Lucía Quirós-Collazos, J. Ballabrera-Poy, C. Bueno, J. Martínez, S. Galiana, G. Llorach-Tó, C. González-Haro, J. Iglesias, G. Gantés, E. García-Ladona, Jordi Isern-Fontanet



Poster sessions in MIROS area

12:15-13:45h

16:45-18:30h

## 5.4 - Impact of observations on forecasting systems

Exhibition - Monday 18 Nov. 2024

### Evaluating dynamical quality of ocean prediction modeling and satellite observations

Cristina González-Haro, J. Isern-Fontanet, A. Turiel, V. G. Gea, S. Galiana, J. Martínez, J. Ballabrera-Poy, E. García-Ladona

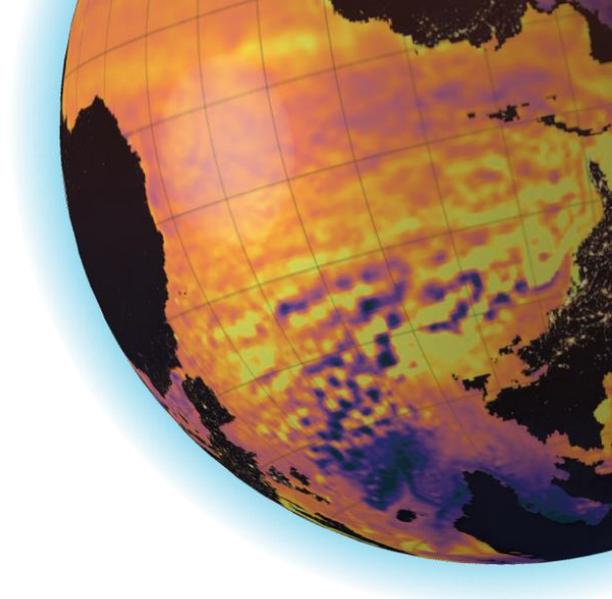


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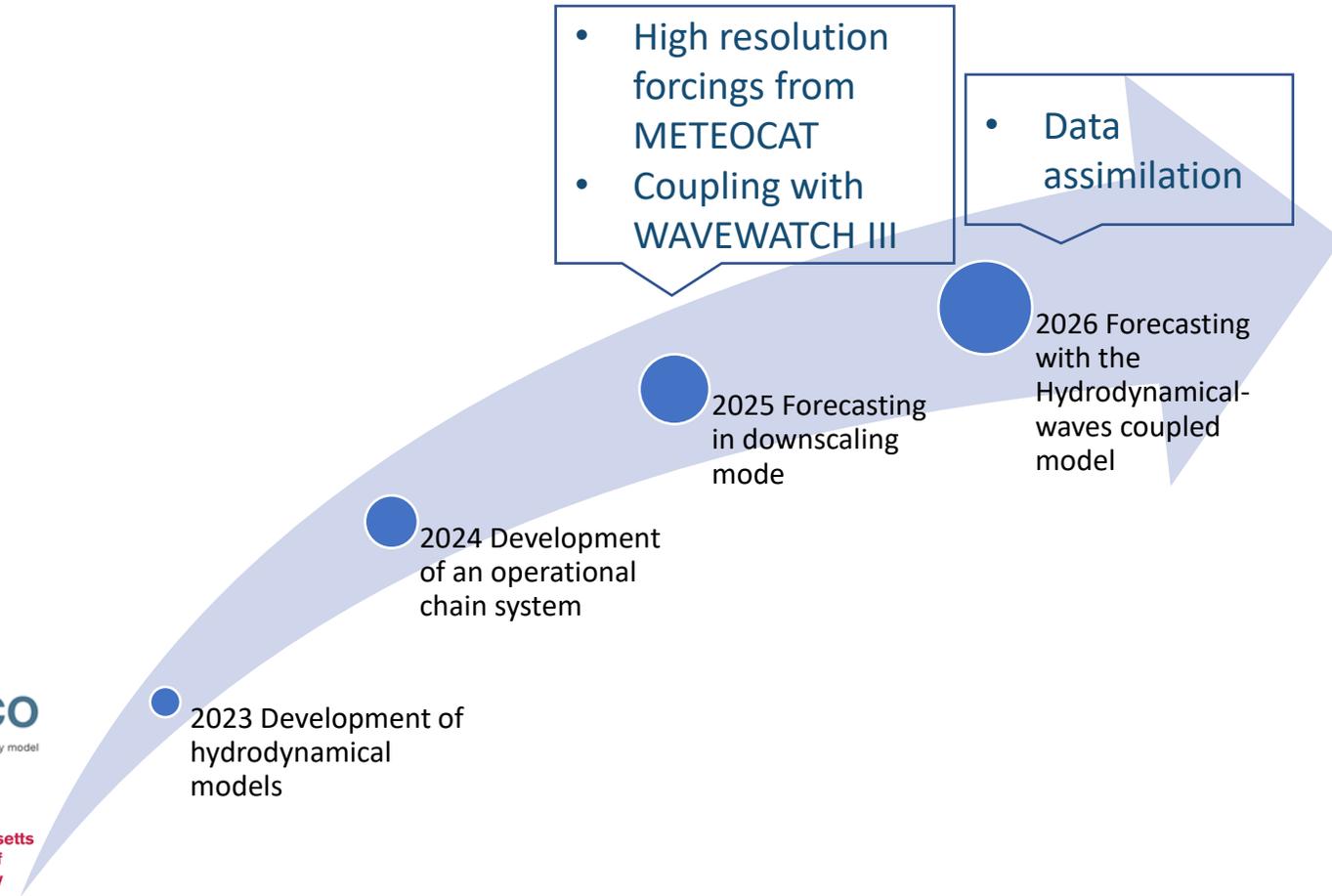
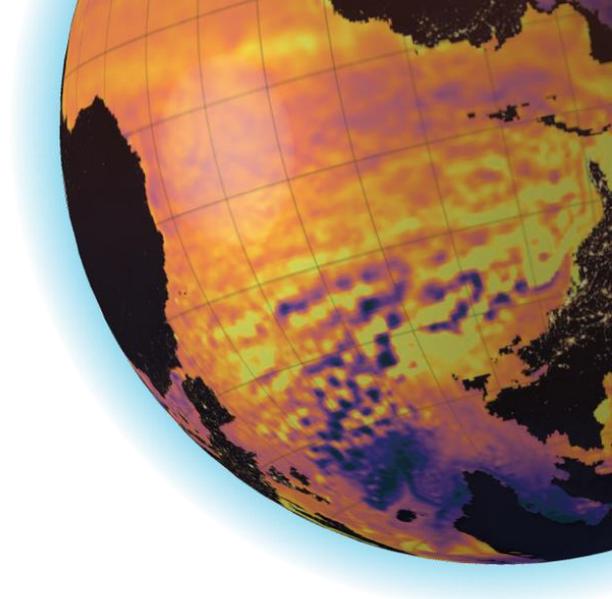


# Summary

- ICATMAR is enlarging the observing network in the Catalan Coast and implementing a regional forecasting system
- The model resolution is  $1/128^\circ$  (~800m)
- CMEMS products are used for ICs and BCs
- The model includes 17 river inputs and a tidal model
- The meteorological forcing is the ERA5 product from ECMWF, but soon will be a high resolution (~3km) forcing from METEOCAT
- We are working with two models: MITgcm and CROCO, in the same domain and with the same resolution
- Validation studies show good agreement with observations



# Outlook



MITgcm



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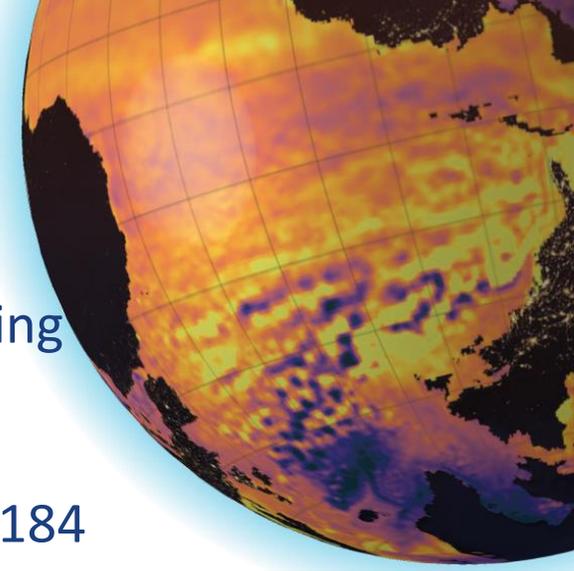
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