

# Avances recientes en el modelado de corrientes en SOCIB y las aplicaciones en términos de cálculo de derivas

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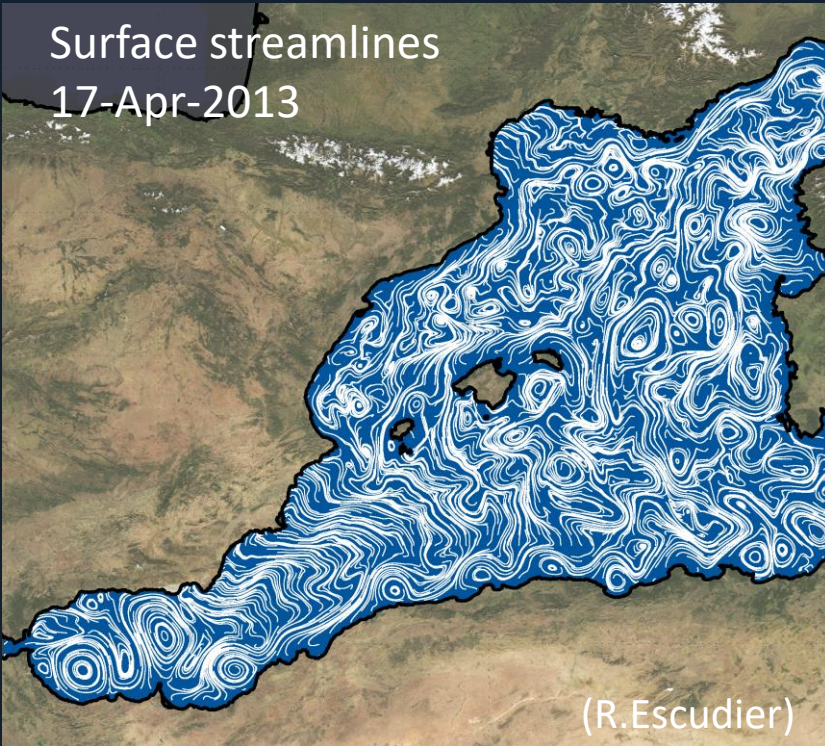
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# WMOP: Western Mediterranean Operational model

(Juza et al., 2016)

Surface streamlines

17-Apr-2013



- ✓ Regional configuration of the ROMS model
- ✓ Horizontal resolution:  $\sim 2\text{km}$  ( $1/50^\circ$ )
- ✓ Initial & boundary conditions: CMEMS MED-MFC model ( $1/24^\circ$ )
- ✓ Atmospheric forcing: AEMET Hirlam (1h, 5km), pending to switch to HARMONIE (1h, 2.5km)
- ✓ Rivers  
(Var, Rhône, Aude, Hérault, Ebro, Júcar)

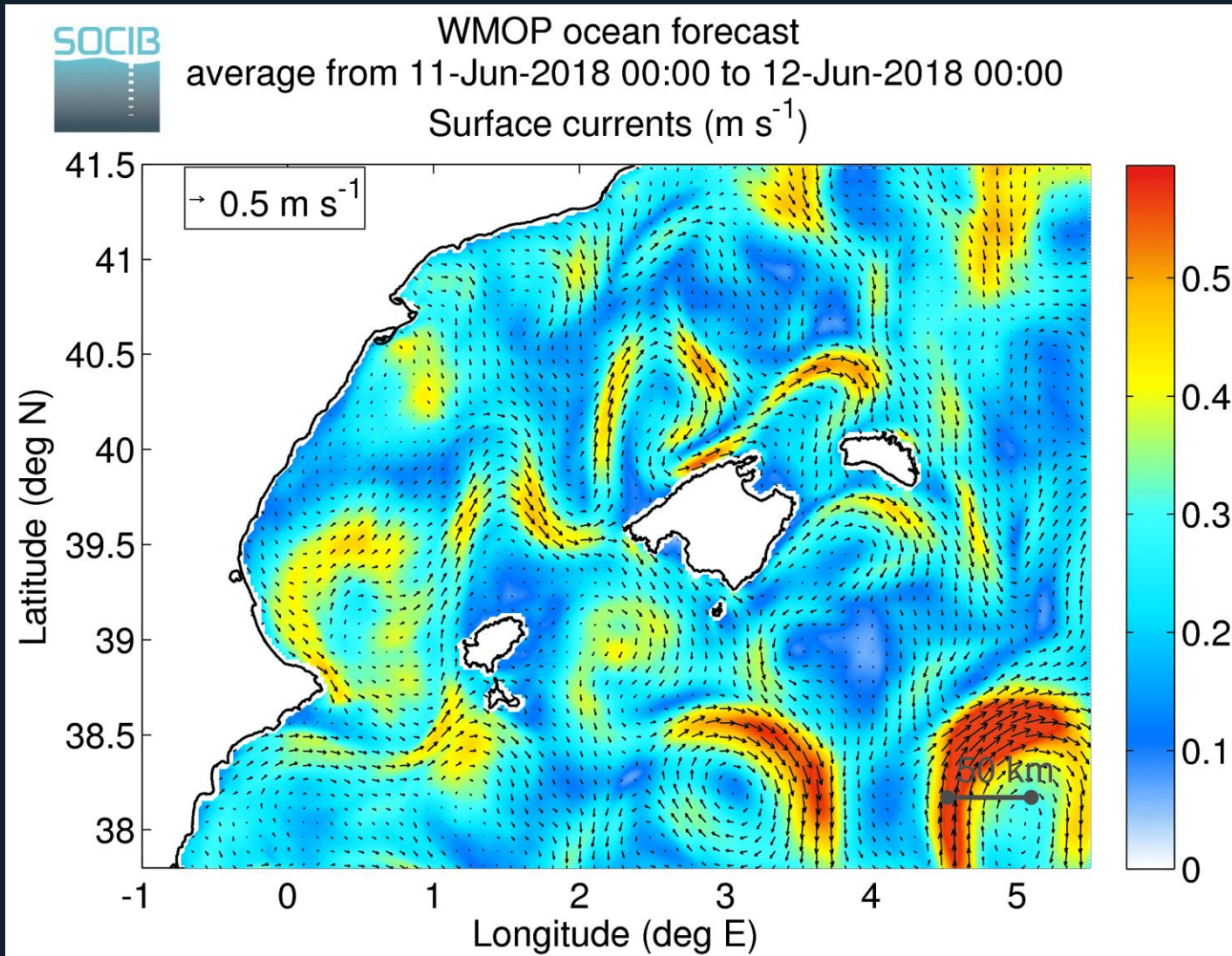
✓ No operational data assimilation in the standard WMOP, instead: weekly restart from CMEMS-MED conditions (with a 21-day spinup)

→ High-resolution mesoscale-resolving simulations  
“Operational” daily production of a 72-hour forecast

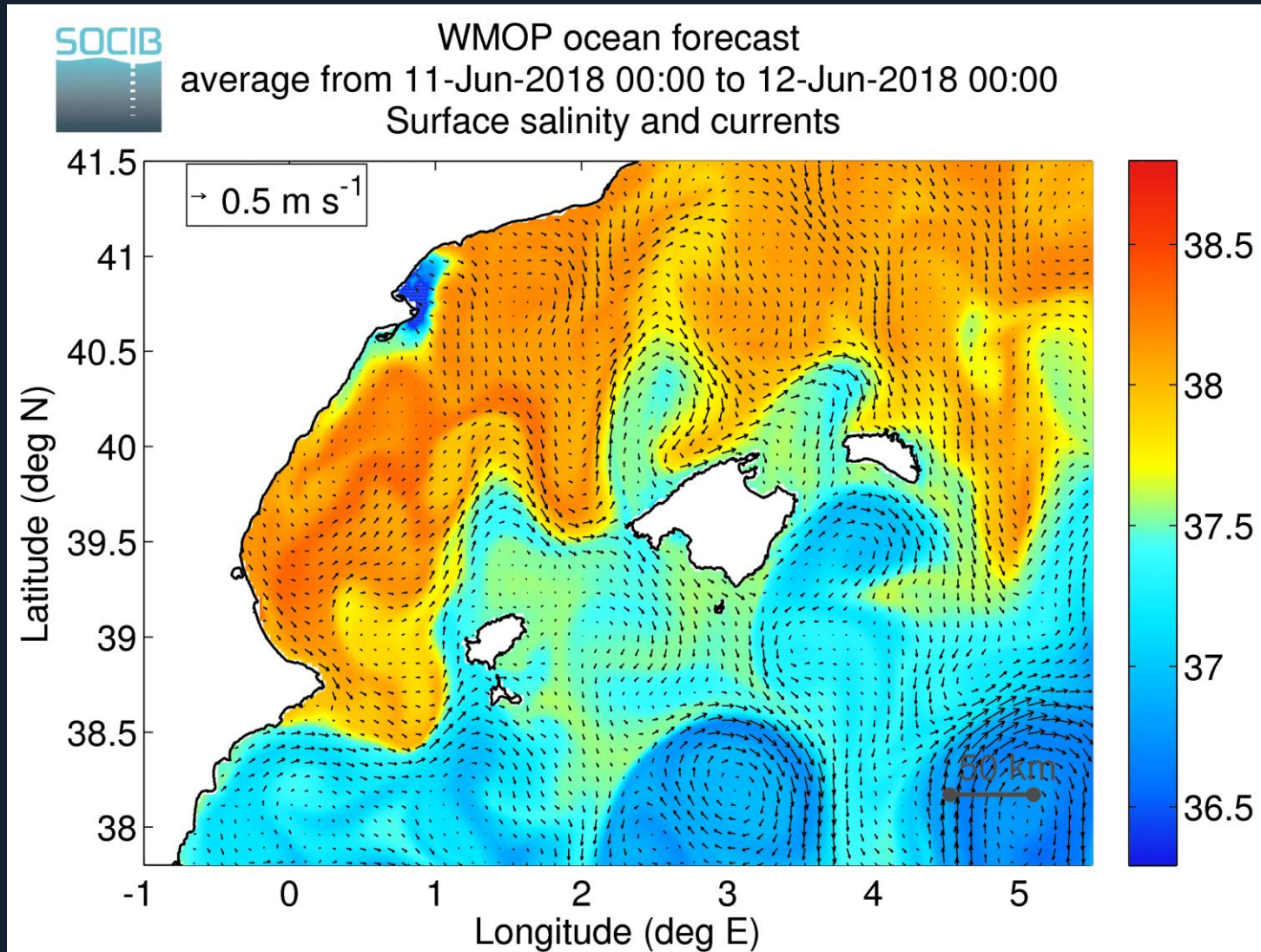
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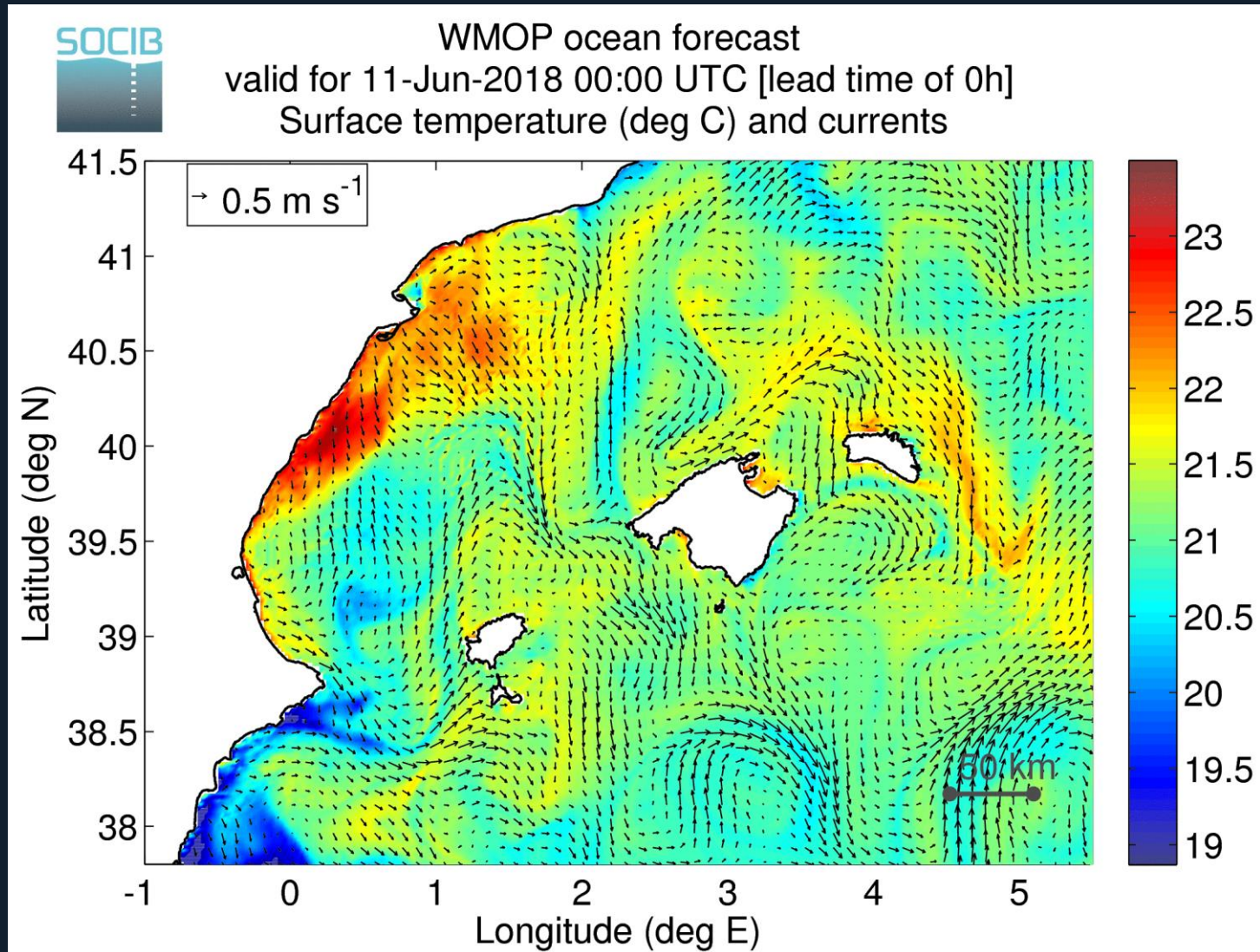


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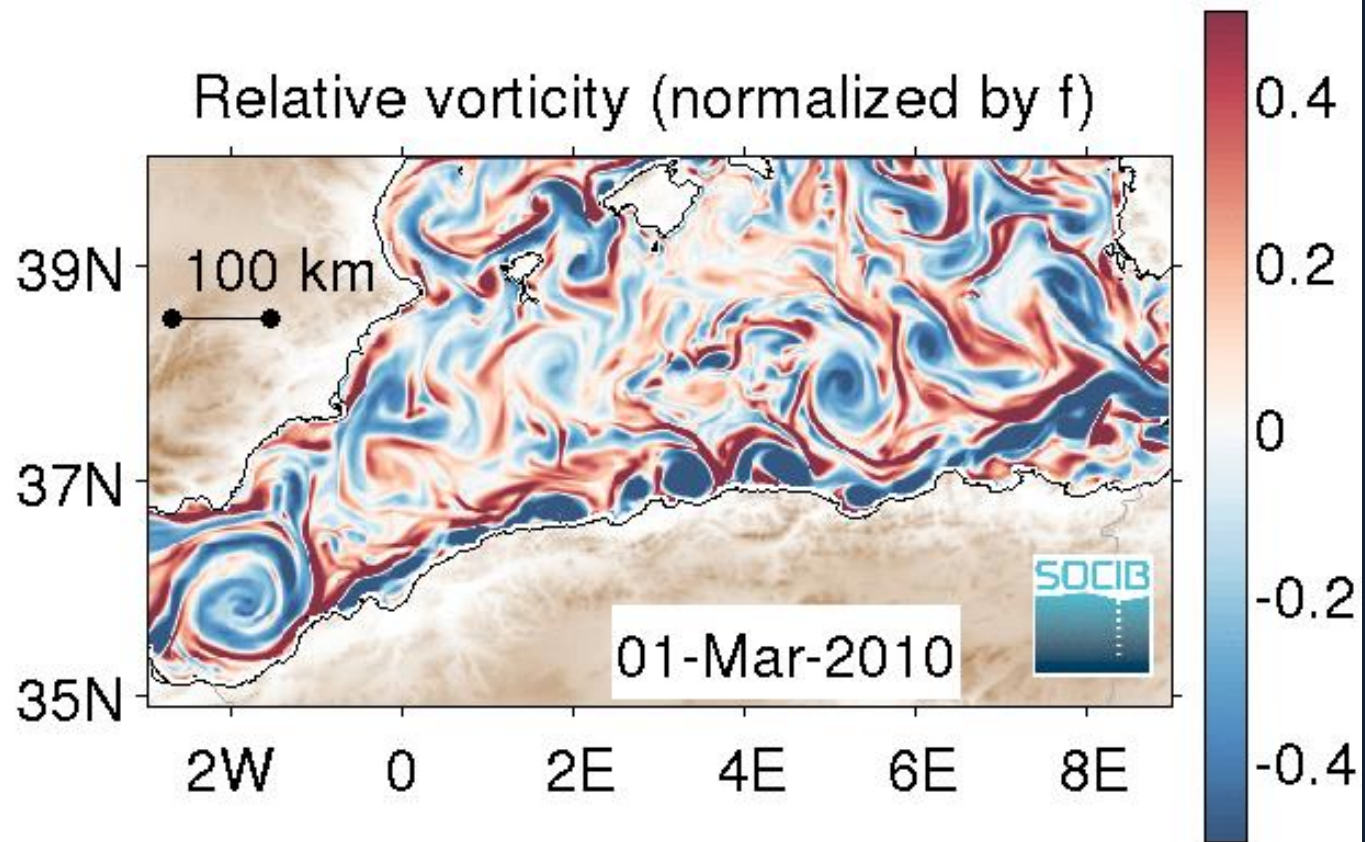




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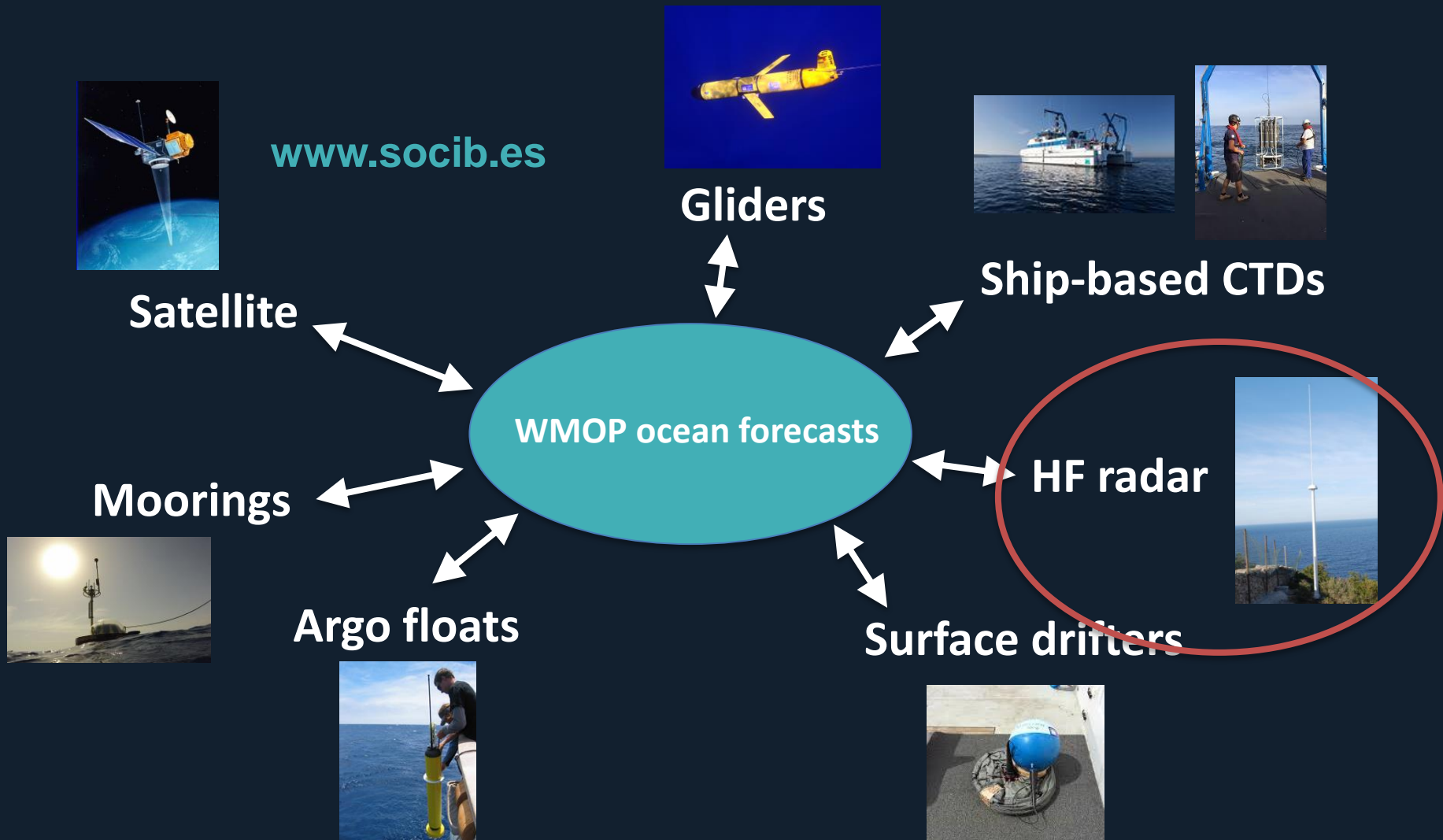
## WMOP SIMULATIONS





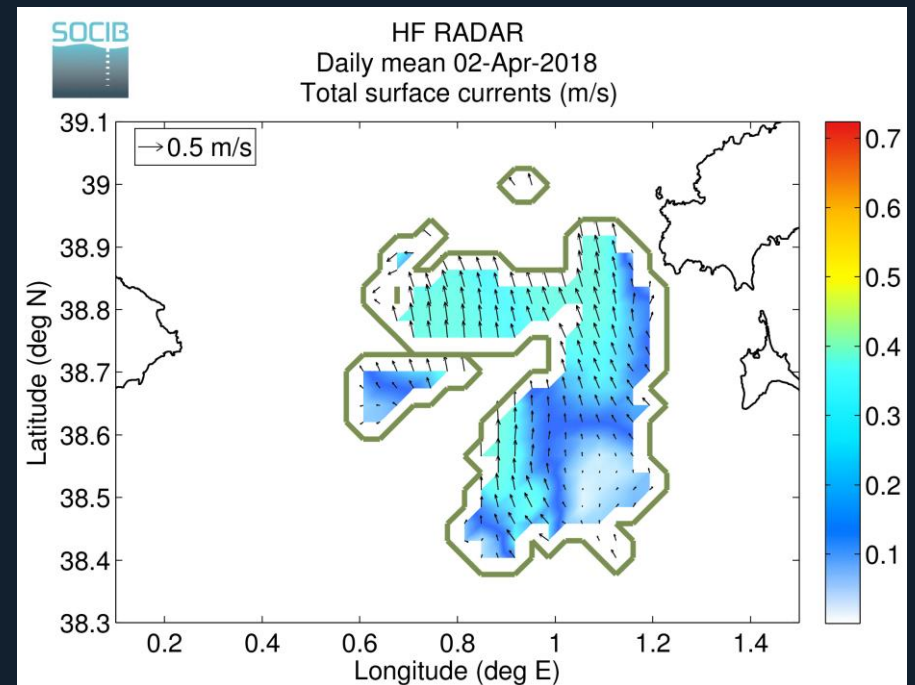
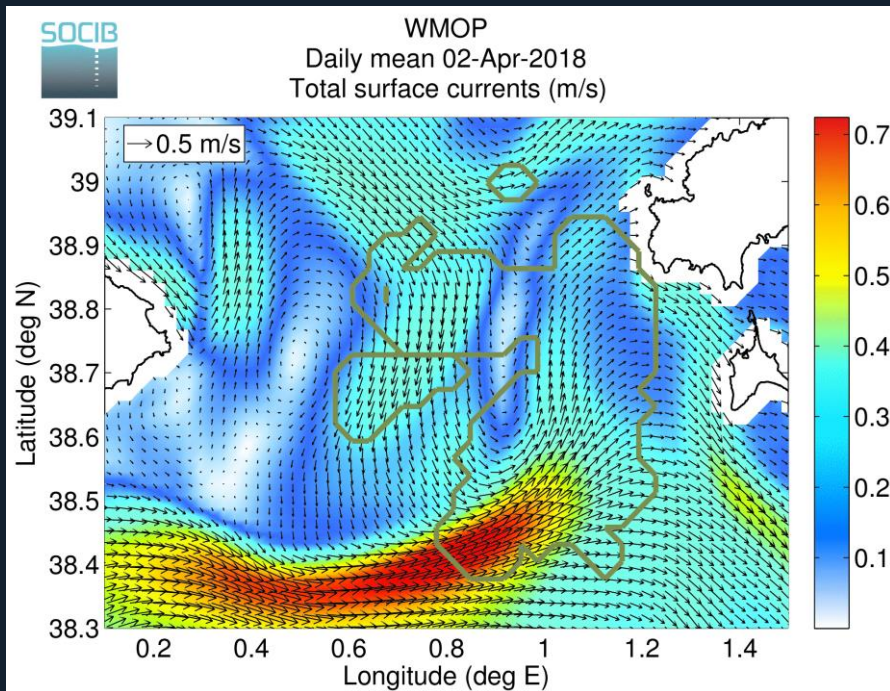
# WMOP forecasts systematic evaluation

## Near real-time & Delayed modes



# WMOP forecasts evaluation: HF radar surface currents

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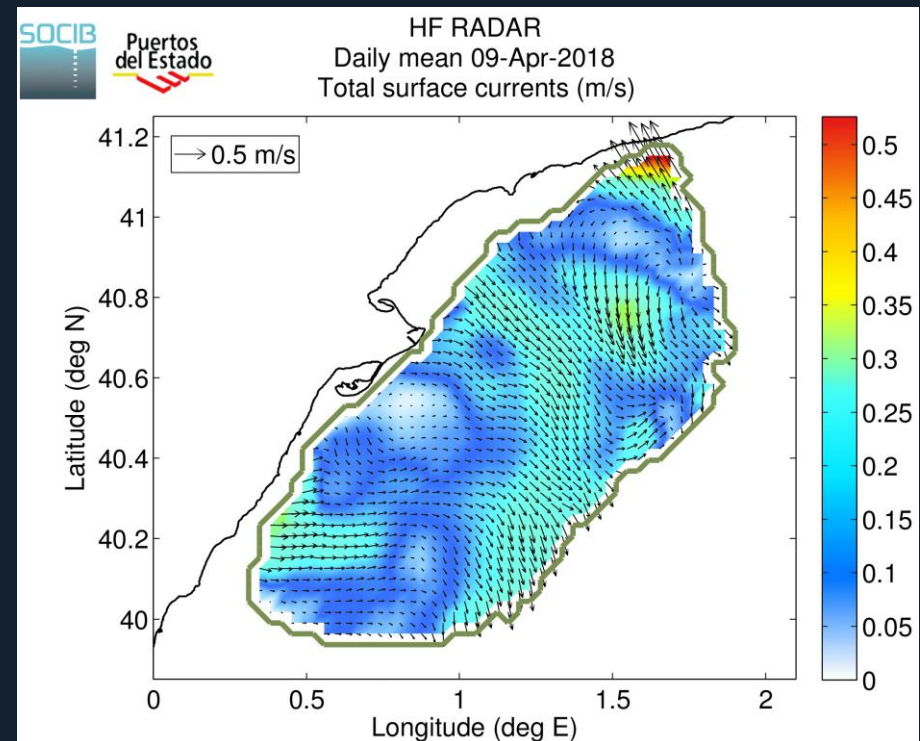
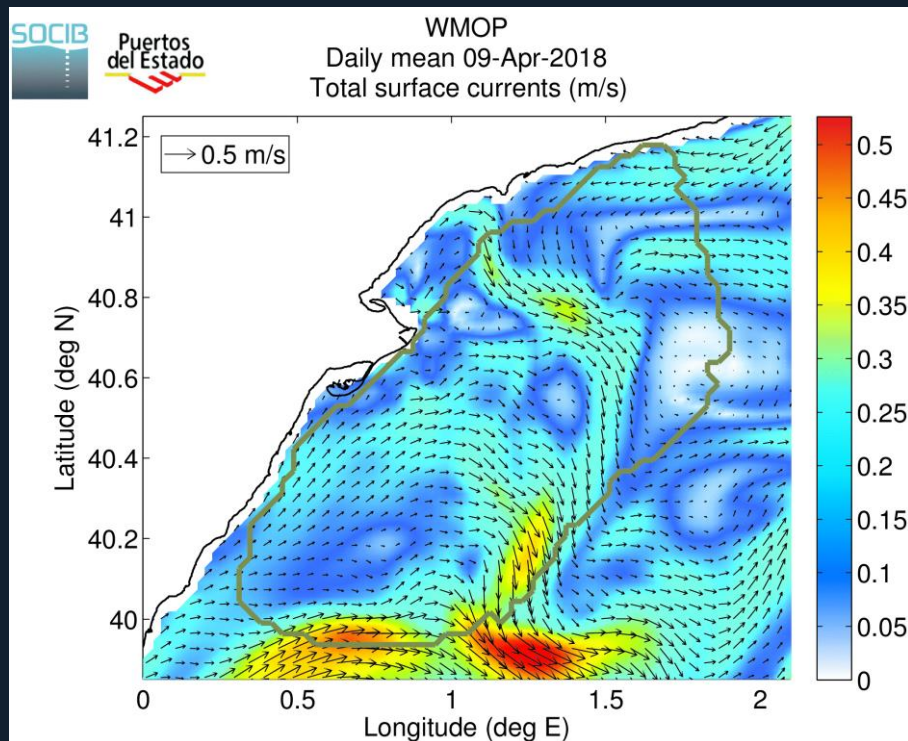


**Ibiza Channel**



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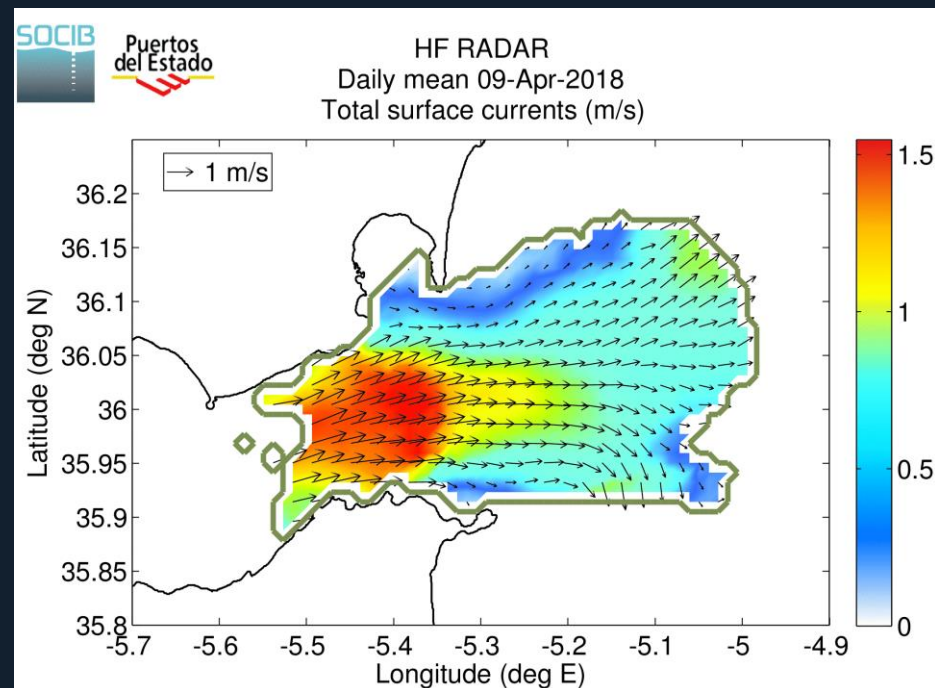
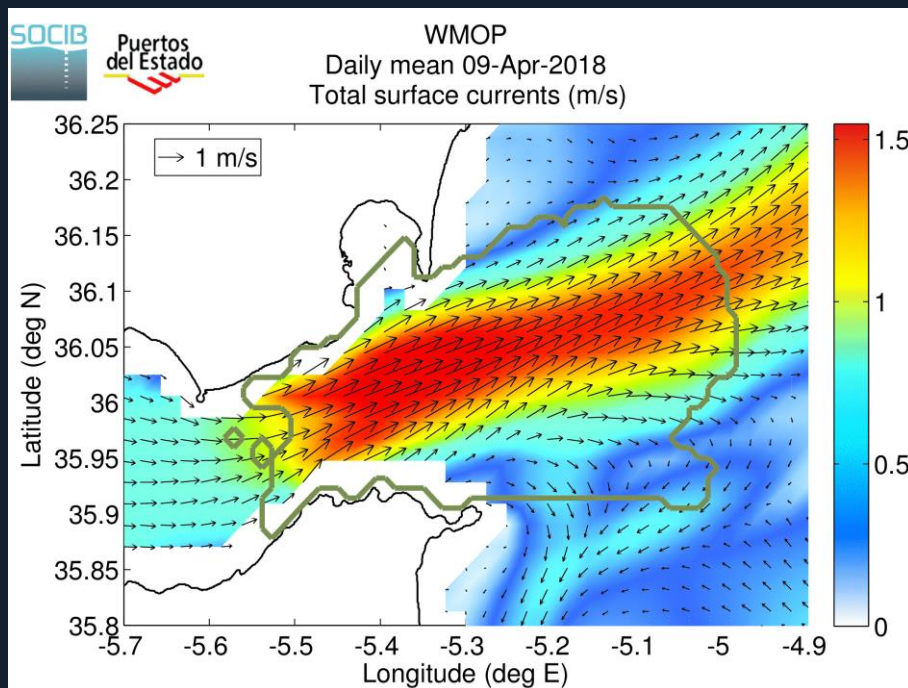
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**Ebro Delta region (Puertos del Estado)**

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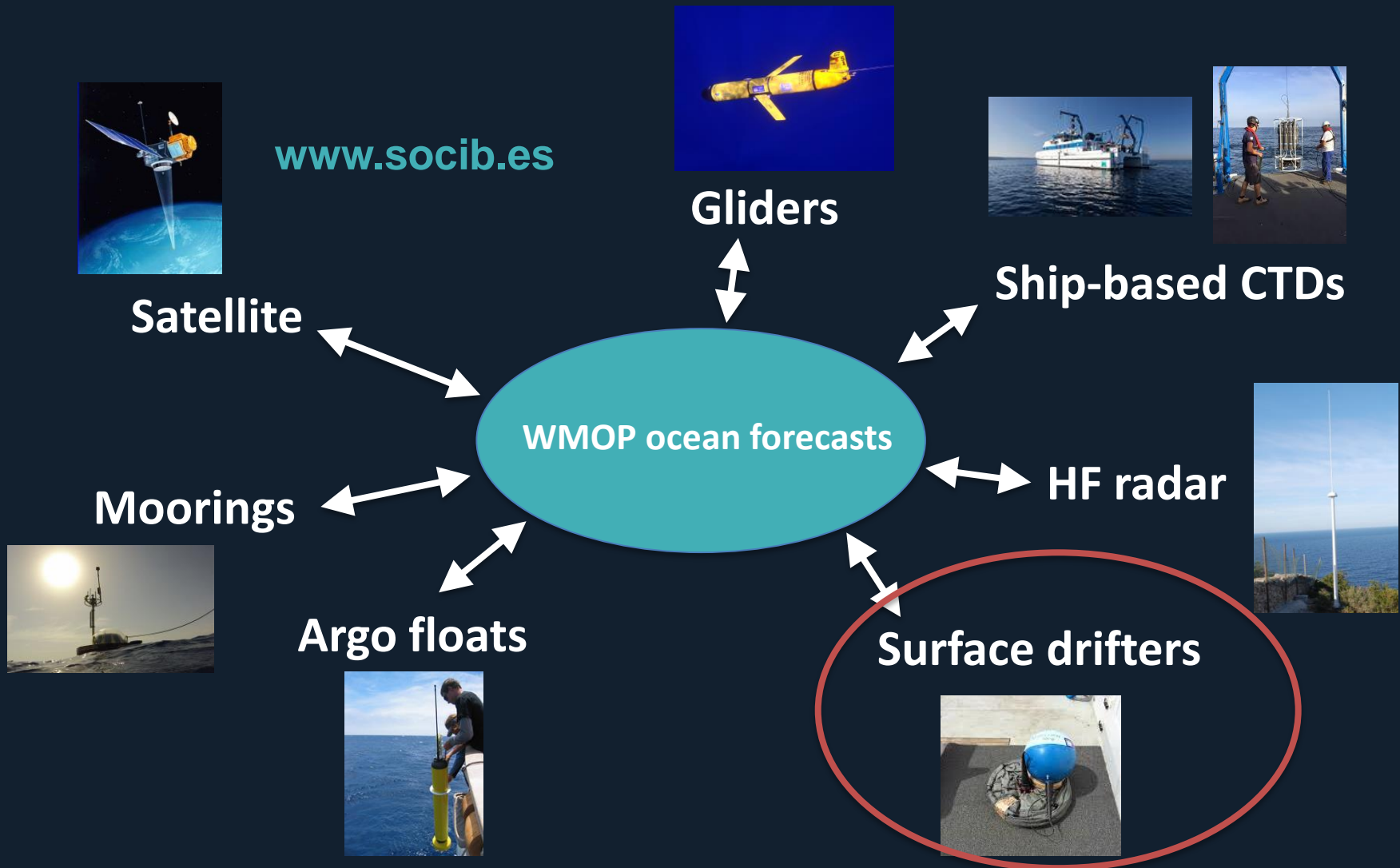


**Gibraltar Strait (Puertos del Estado)**

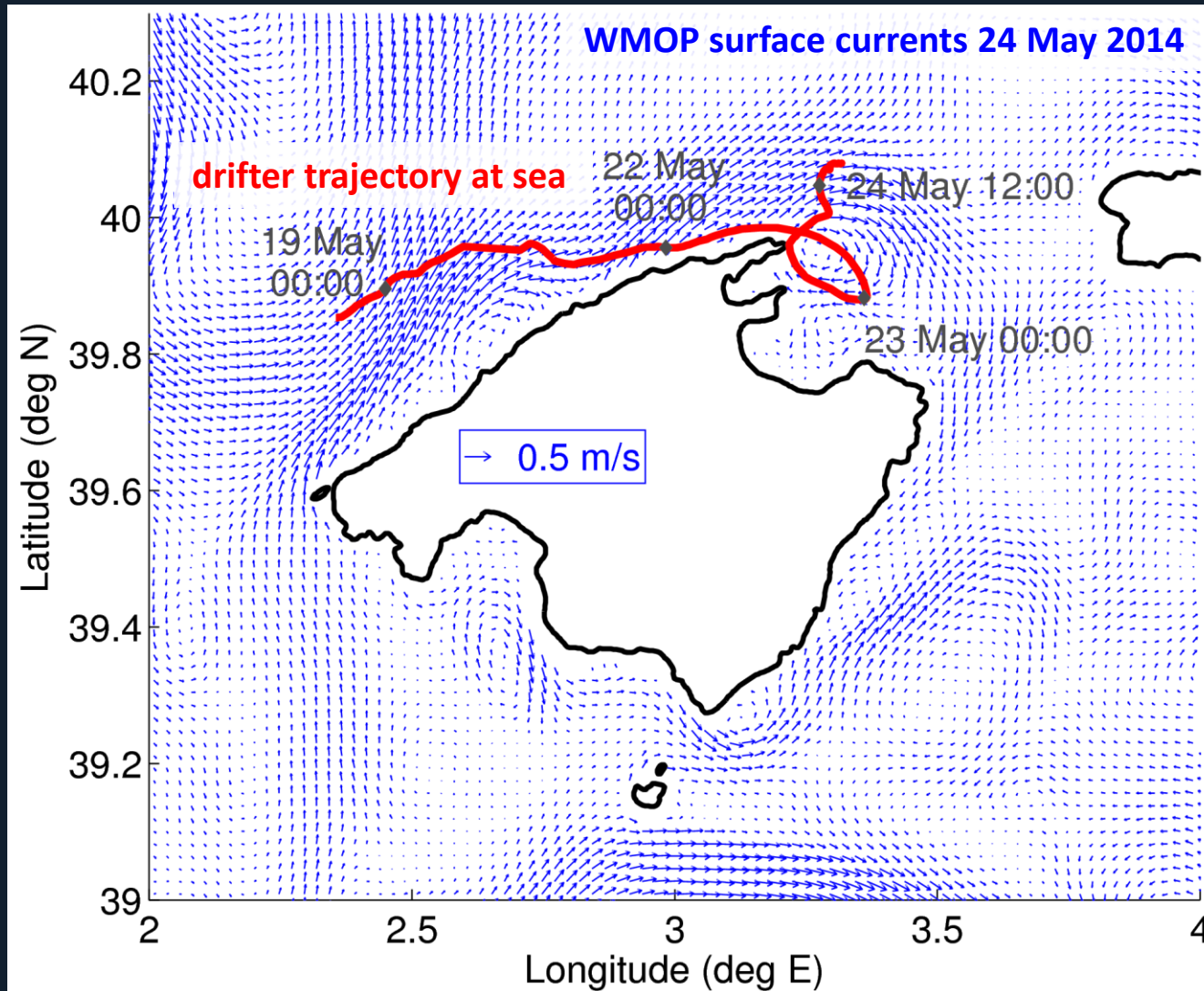


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# WMOP forecasts evaluation: surface drifters



Mean velocity along  
the drifter trajectory:

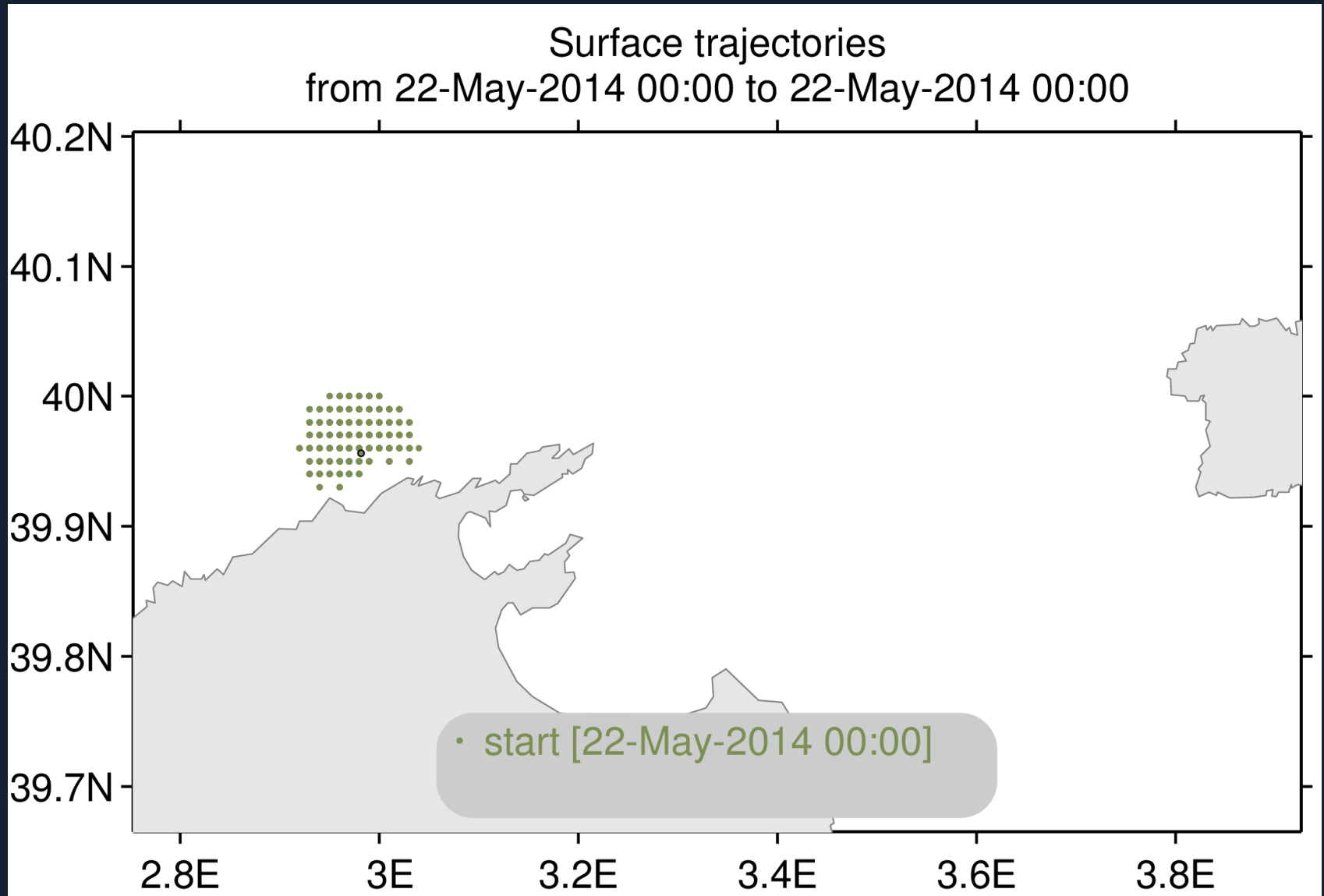
drifter → 0.30 m/s

WMOP → 0.28 m/s

MFS → 0.16 m/s



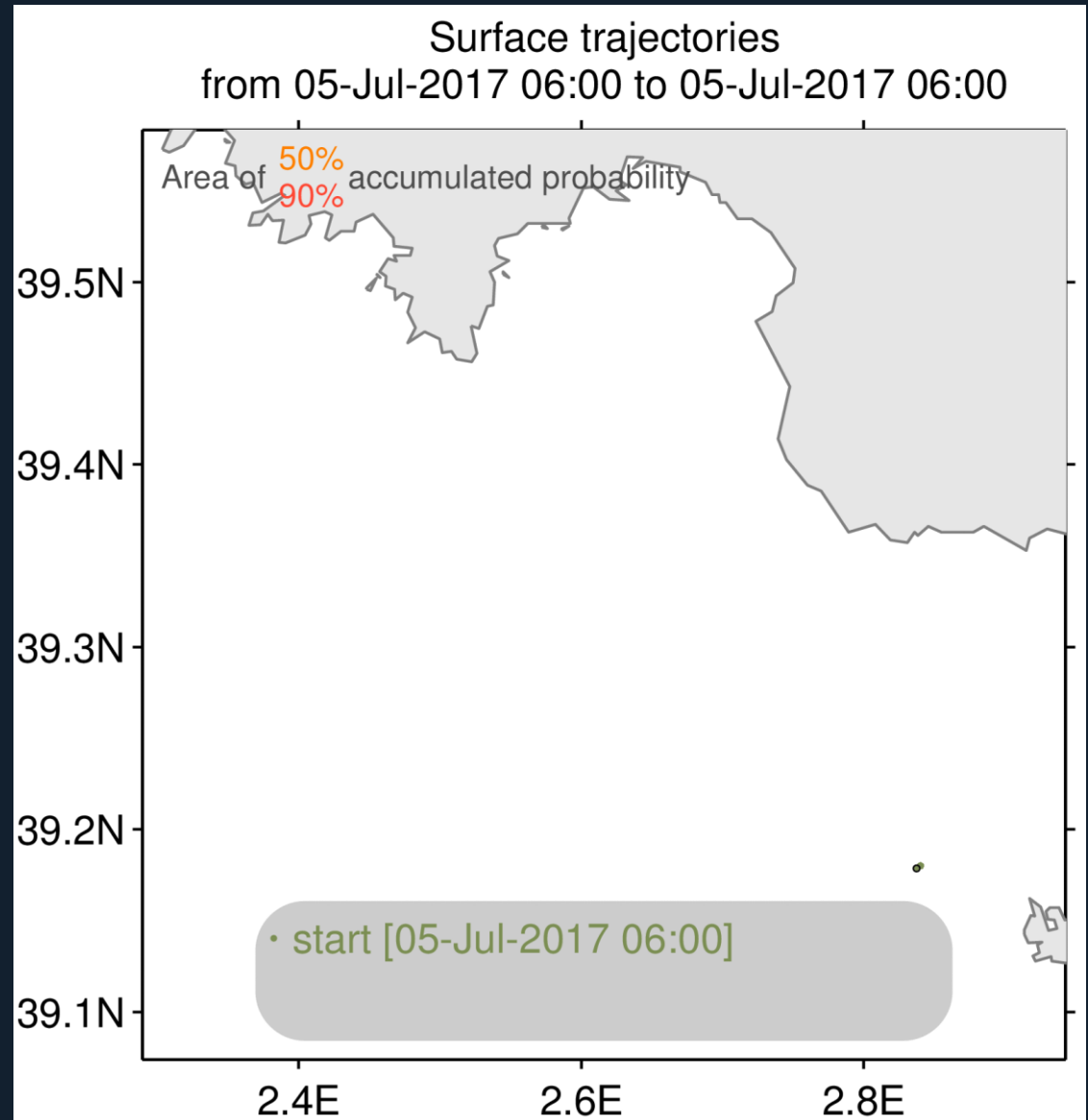
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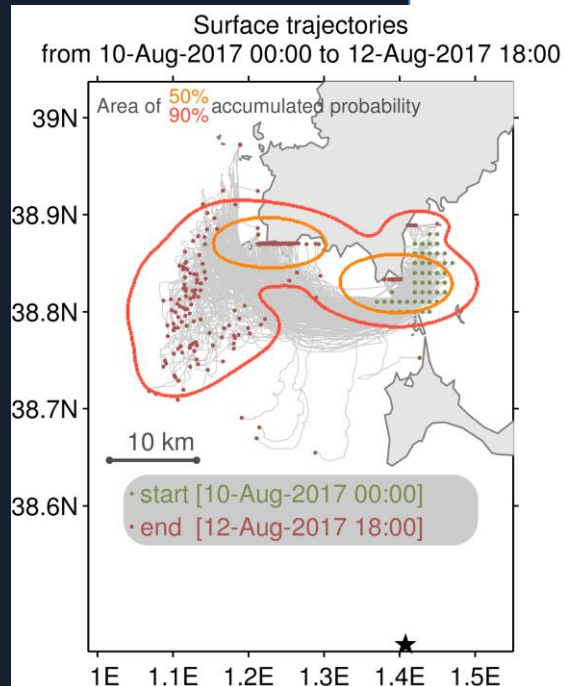
*tracPy*: Thyng and Hetland, 2014  
*TRACMASS*: Döös et al., 2014  
Probability kernel: Sayol et al., 2013

*Coastal current and  
sea breeze effect*





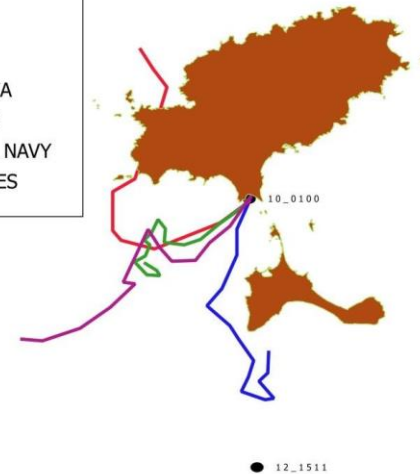
# SASEMAR - Velero Bahaya – Aug 2017



Velero BAHAYA

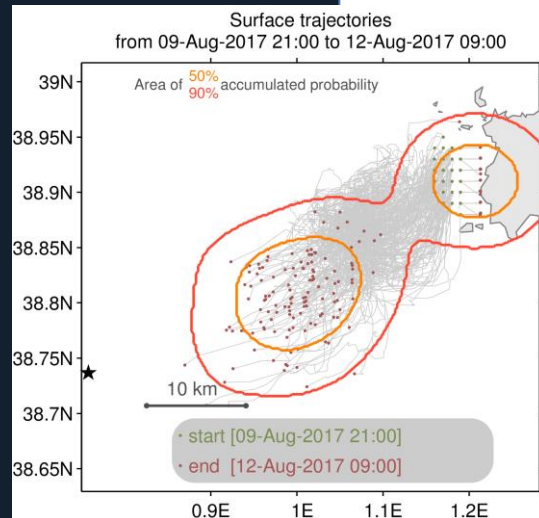
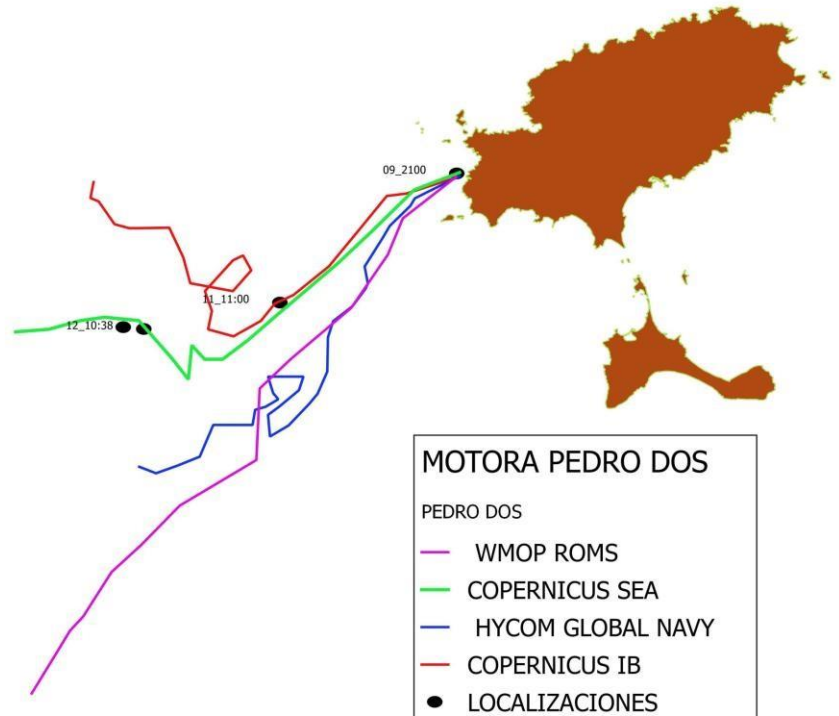
BAHAYA

- WMOP ROMS
- COPERNICUS SEA
- COPERNICUS IB
- HYCOM GLOBAL NAVY
- LOCALIZACIONES



WMOP in RPS database  
since July 2017

# SASEMAR – Pedro Dos – Ibiza Aug 2017

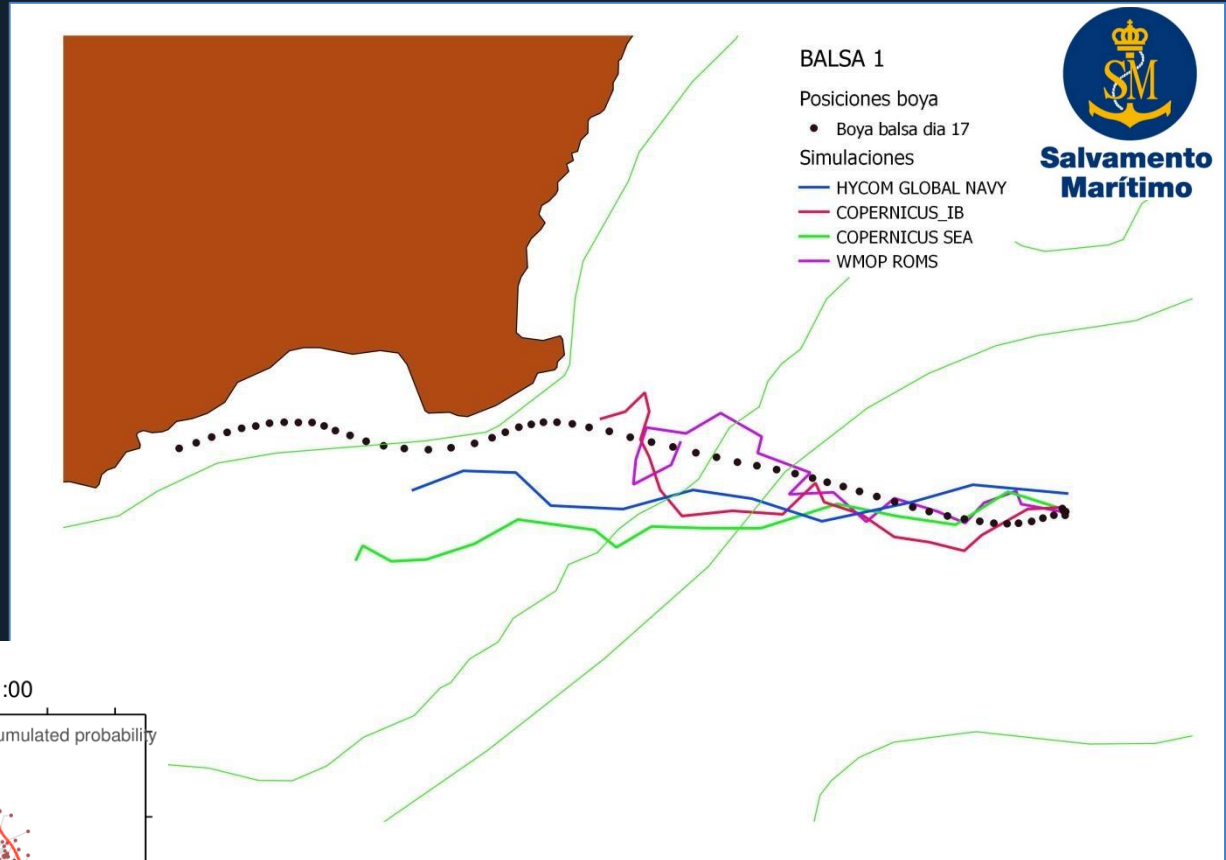


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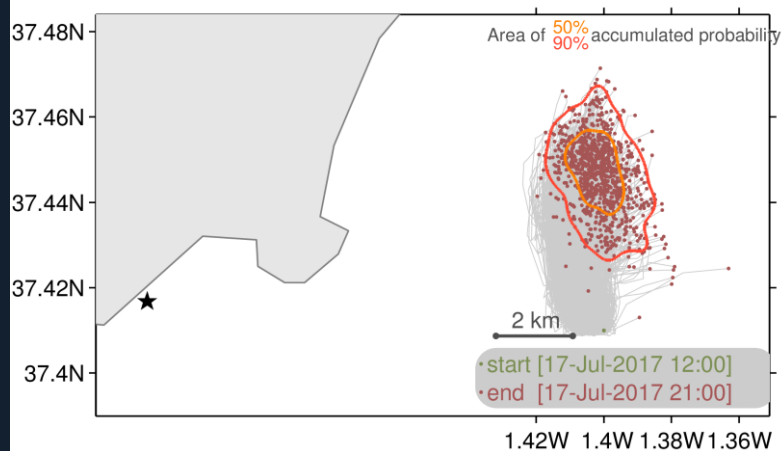


# SASEMAR – Balsa 1 – Cartagena Jul 2017

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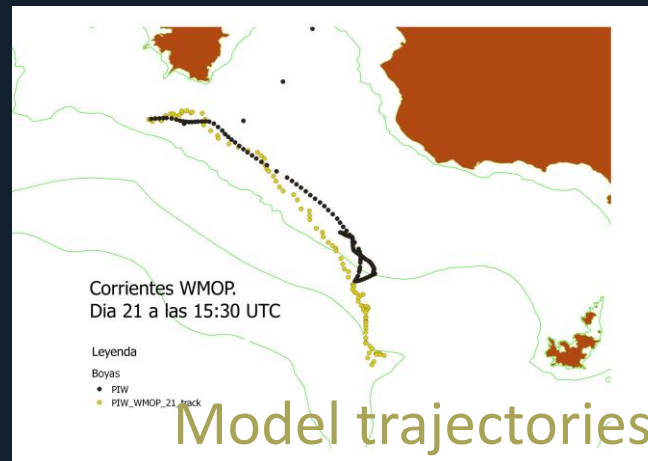
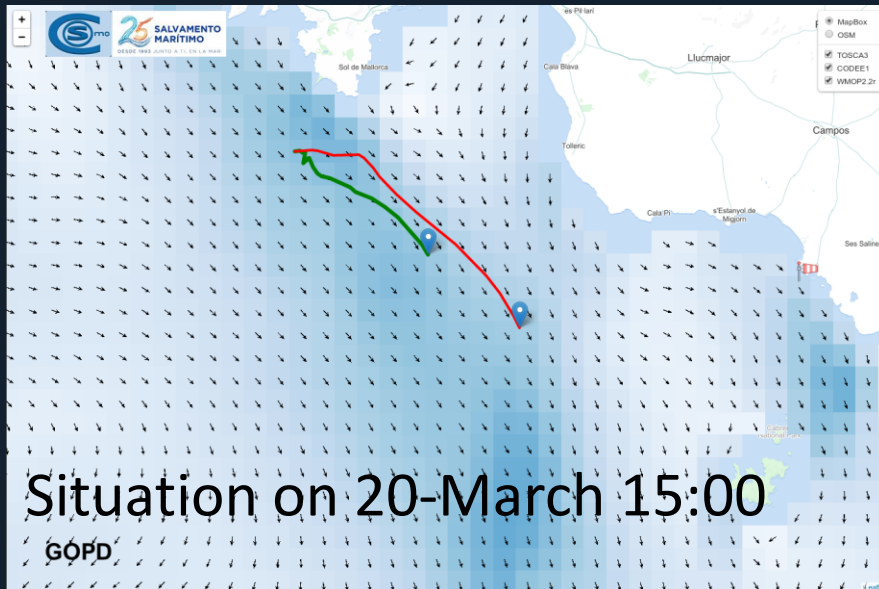
Surface trajectories  
from 17-Jul-2017 12:00 to 17-Jul-2017 21:00



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# Ejercicio SASEMAR– 19 de marzo de 2018

SASEMAR exercise: drifters launched on 19-March-2018 15:00 UTC

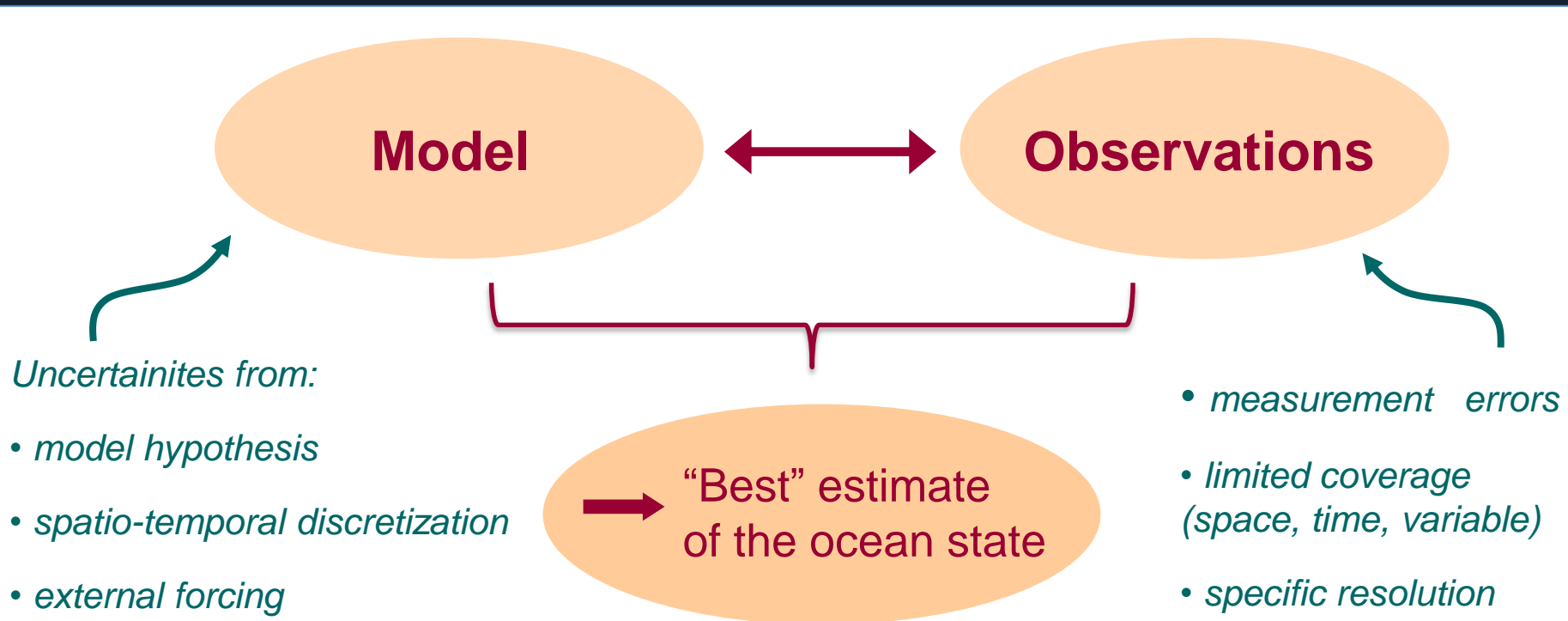




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Here: Ensemble Optimal Interpolation approach, with assimilation of:

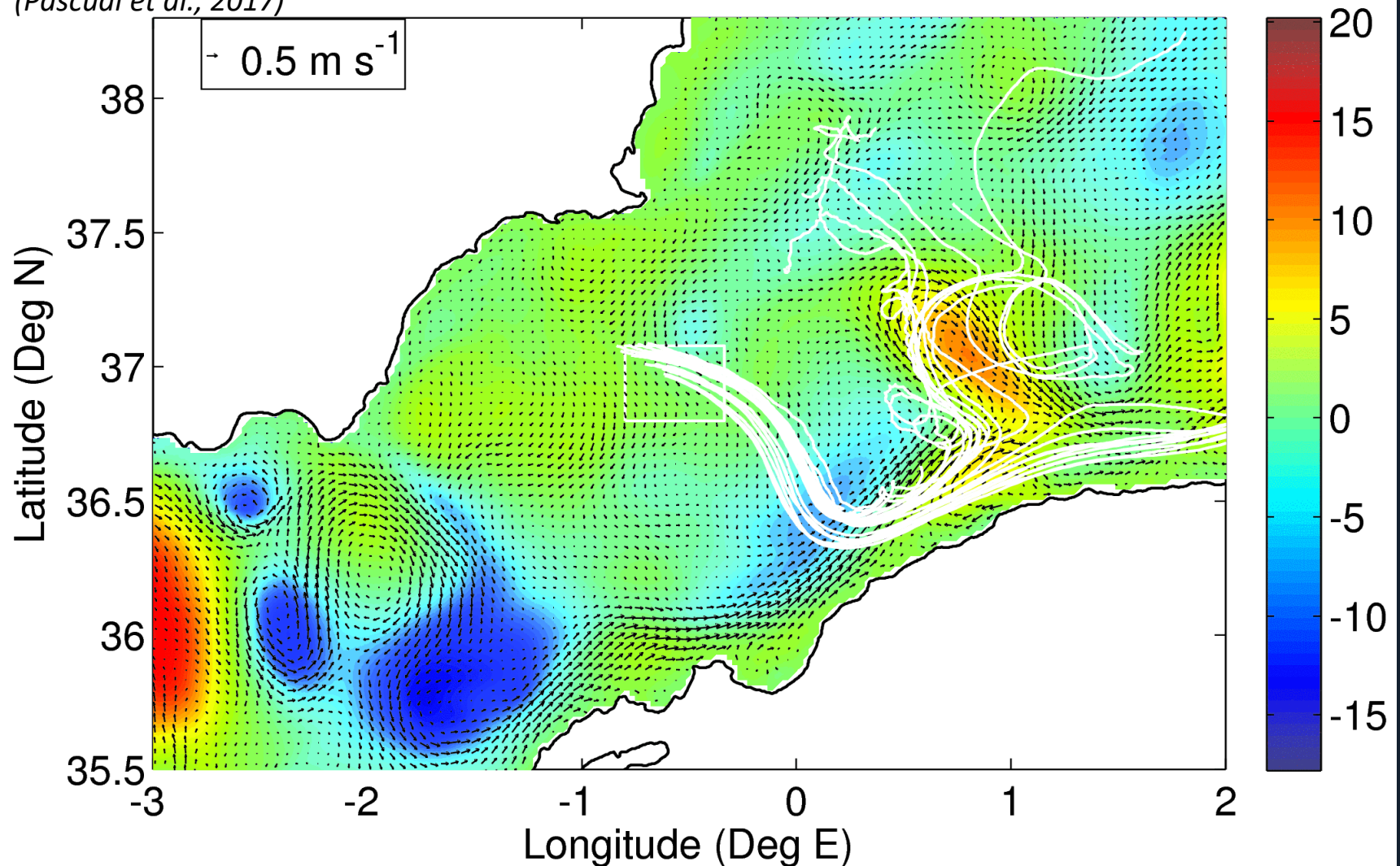
- satellite altimeter sea level
- satellite sea surface temperature
- Argo temperature-salinity profiles
- HF radar data

# WMOP forecasts: importance of data assimilation

## Alborex – May 2014

(Pascual et al., 2017)

SLA (cm) NO ASSIM



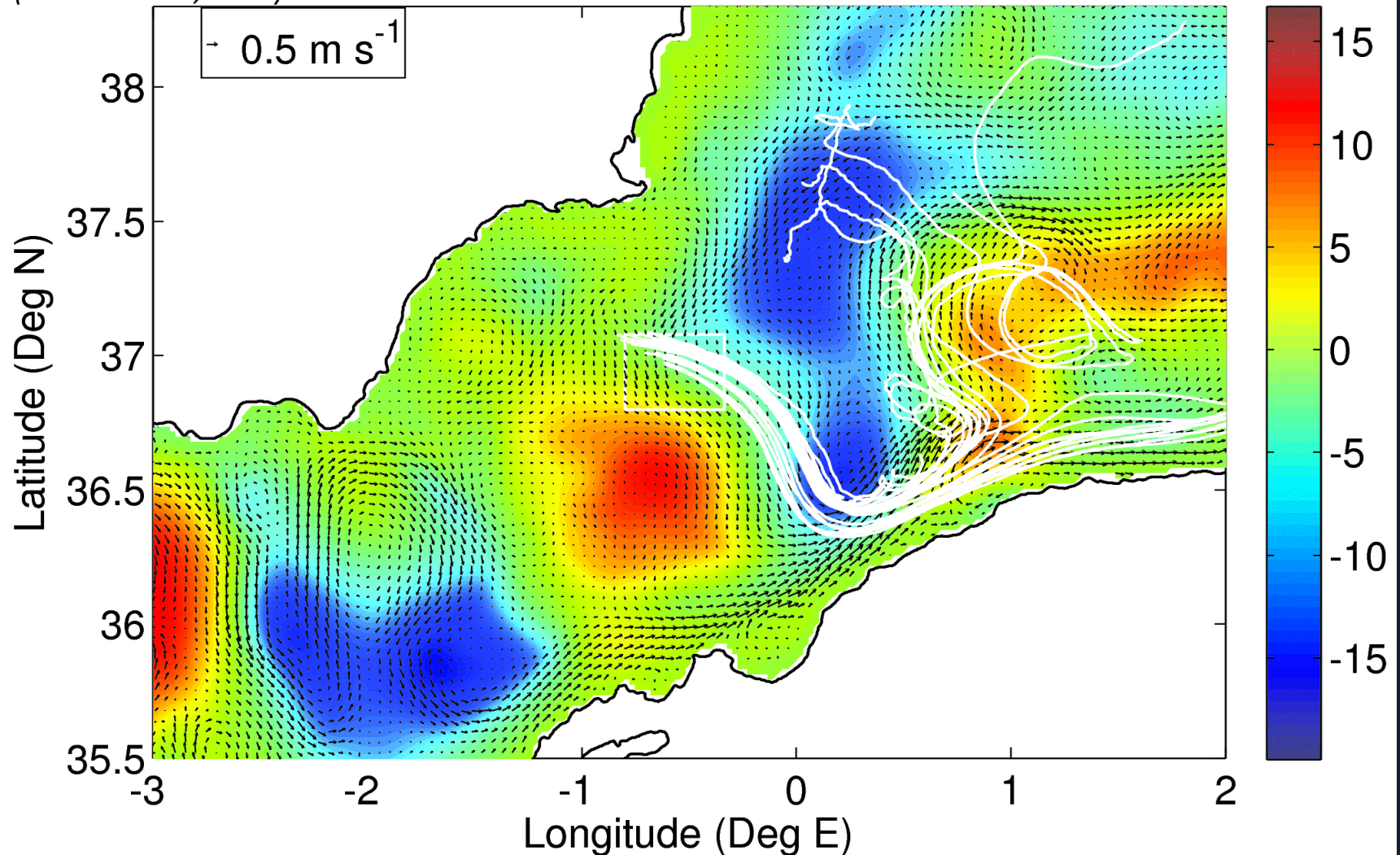


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**Alborex – May 2014**

(Pascual et al., 2017)

SLA (cm) ASSIM + INIT



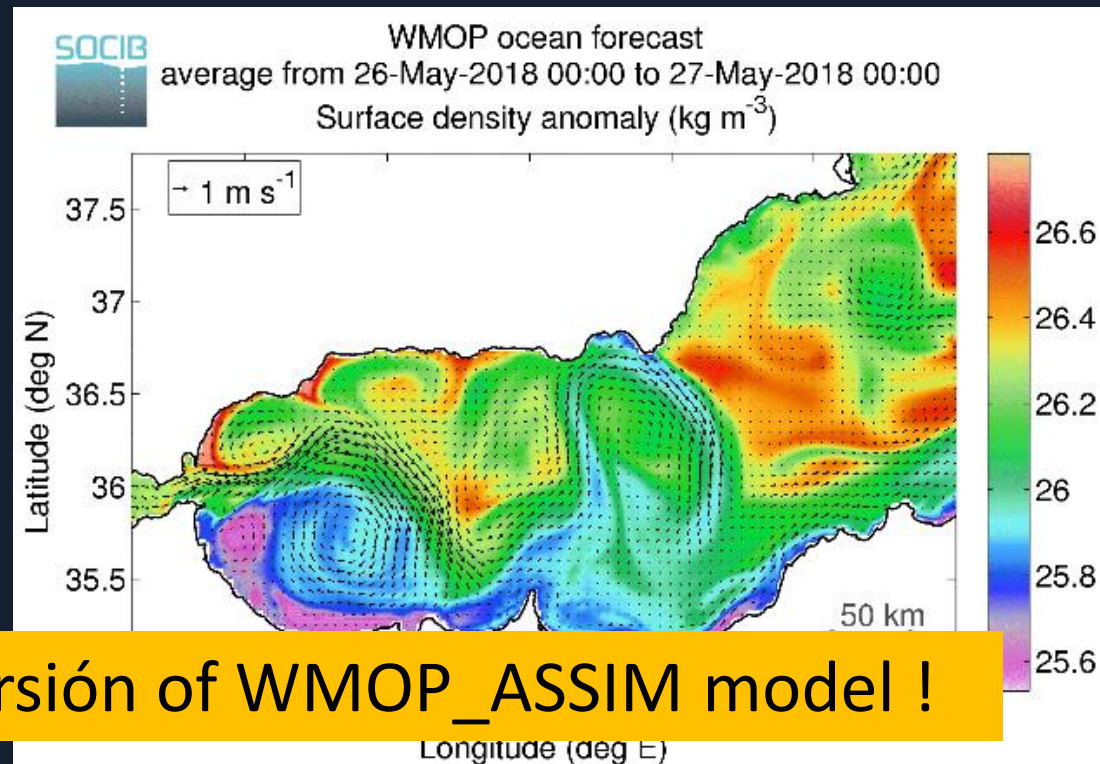
# WMOP ASSIM forecasts: CALYPSO experiment

CALYPSO experiment – Alboran Sea  
26 May – 2 June 2018

Monitoring fine-scale ocean structures associated with density fronts in the Alboran Sea to study 3D pathways

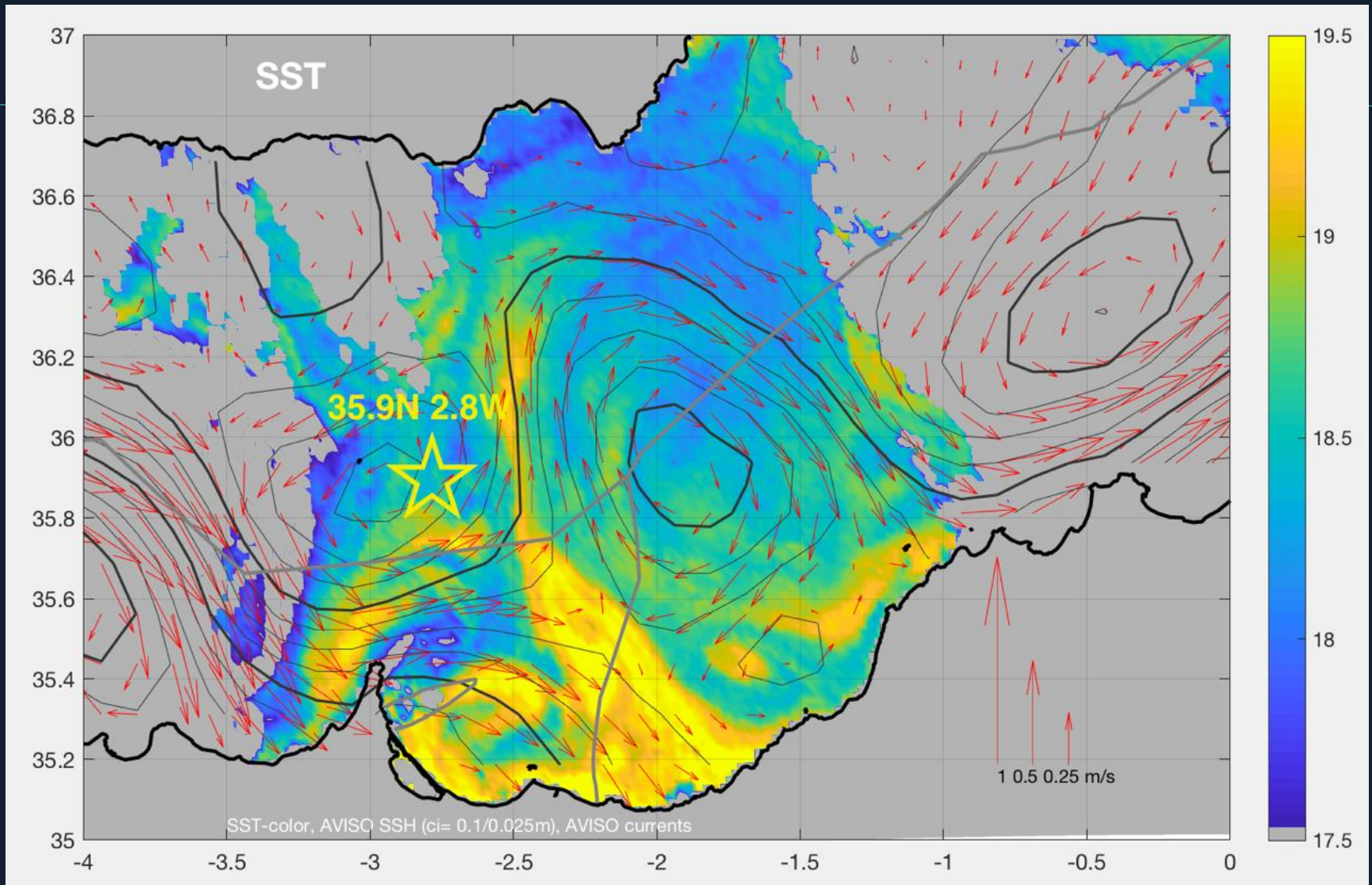


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→ Pre-operational version of WMOP\_ASSIM model !

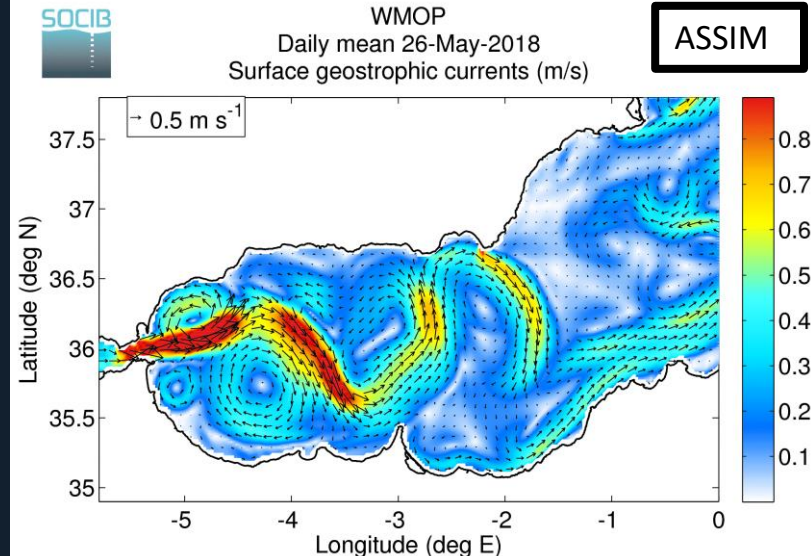
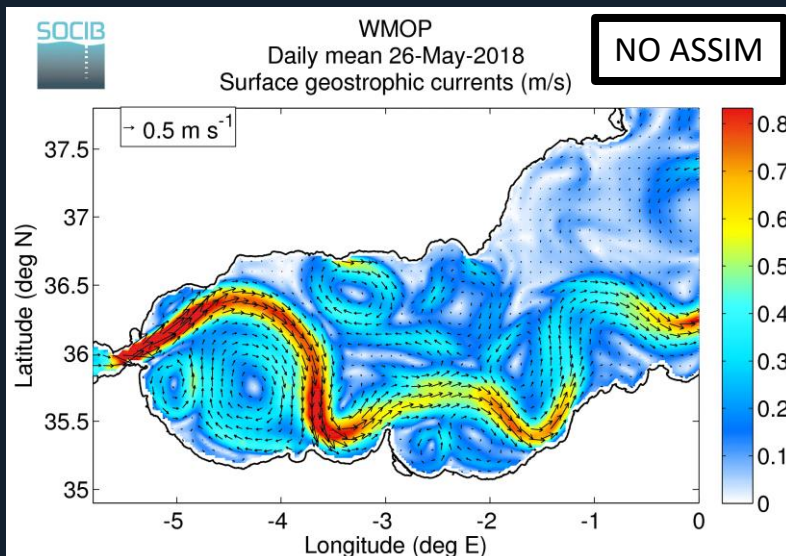
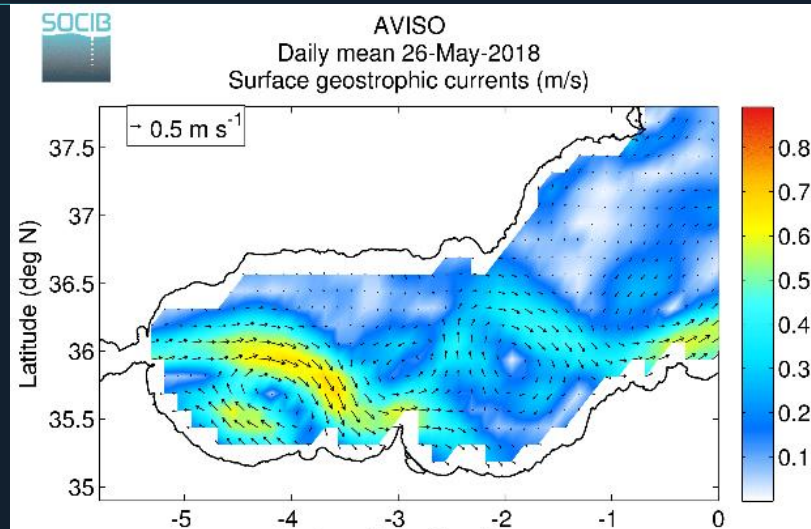
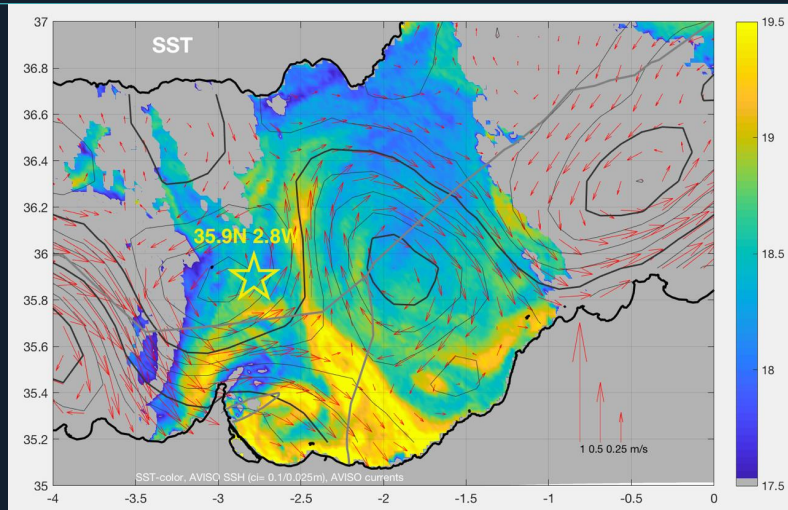




Color: SST; Contours: AVISO SSH; Arrows: AVISO currents  
(E. D'Asaro, 26 May 2018)



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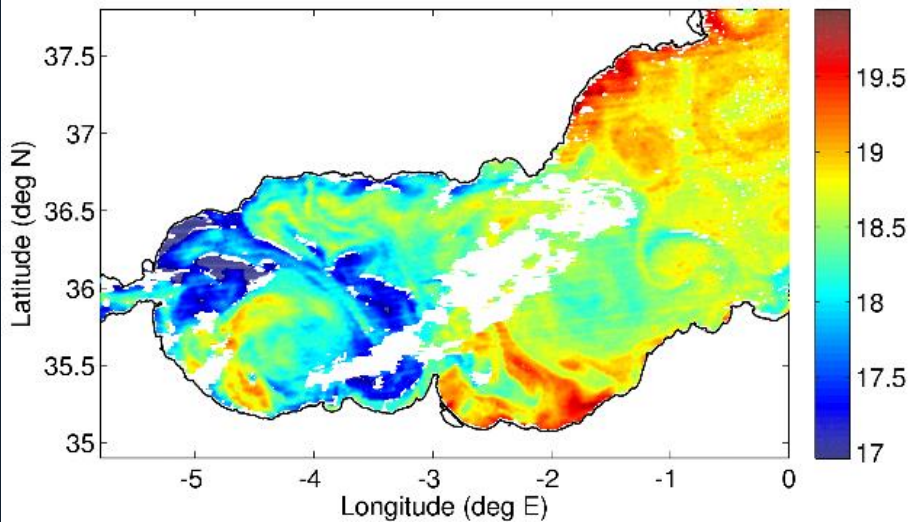
Surface currents

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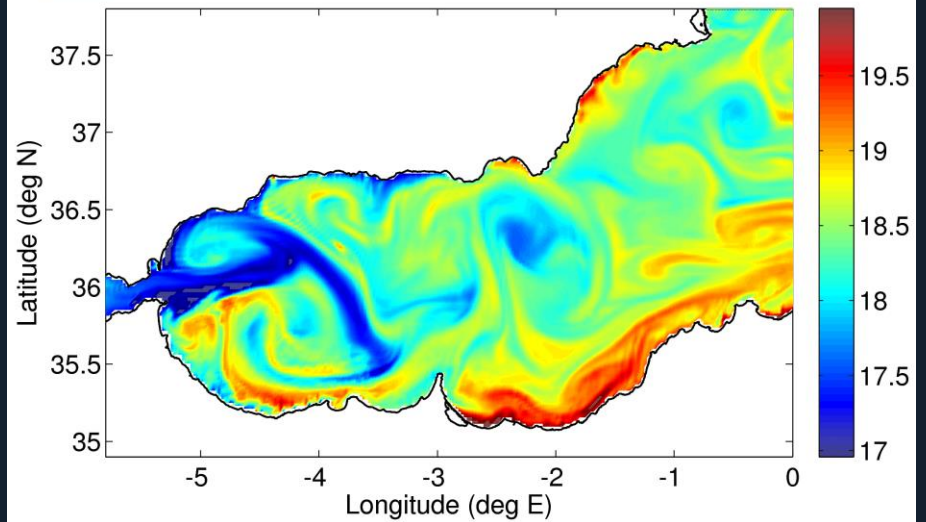


UHR CMEMS MED-SST satellite product (L3)  
26-May-2018  
Night-time Sea Surface Temperature (degC)



WMOP  
26-May-2018  
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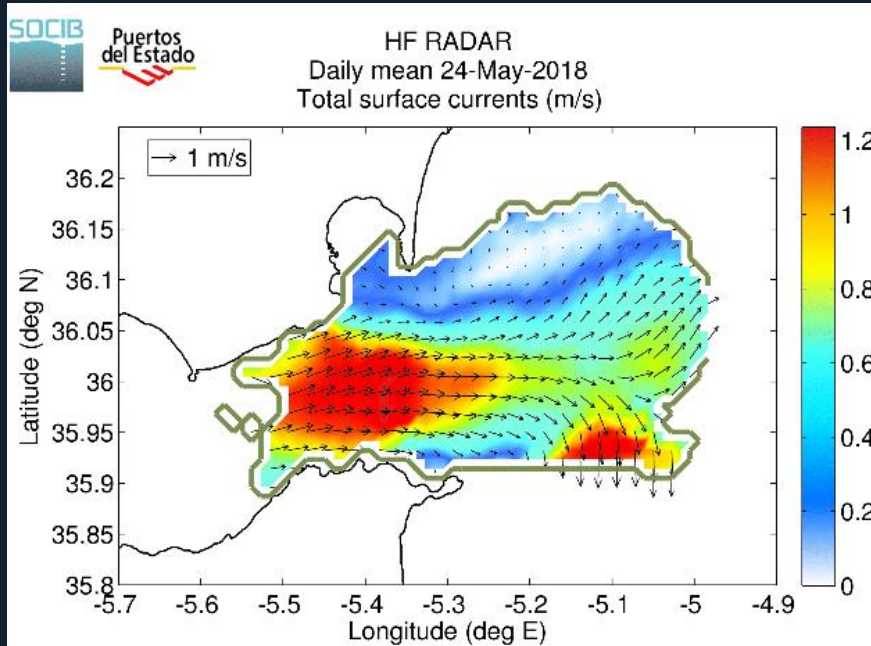
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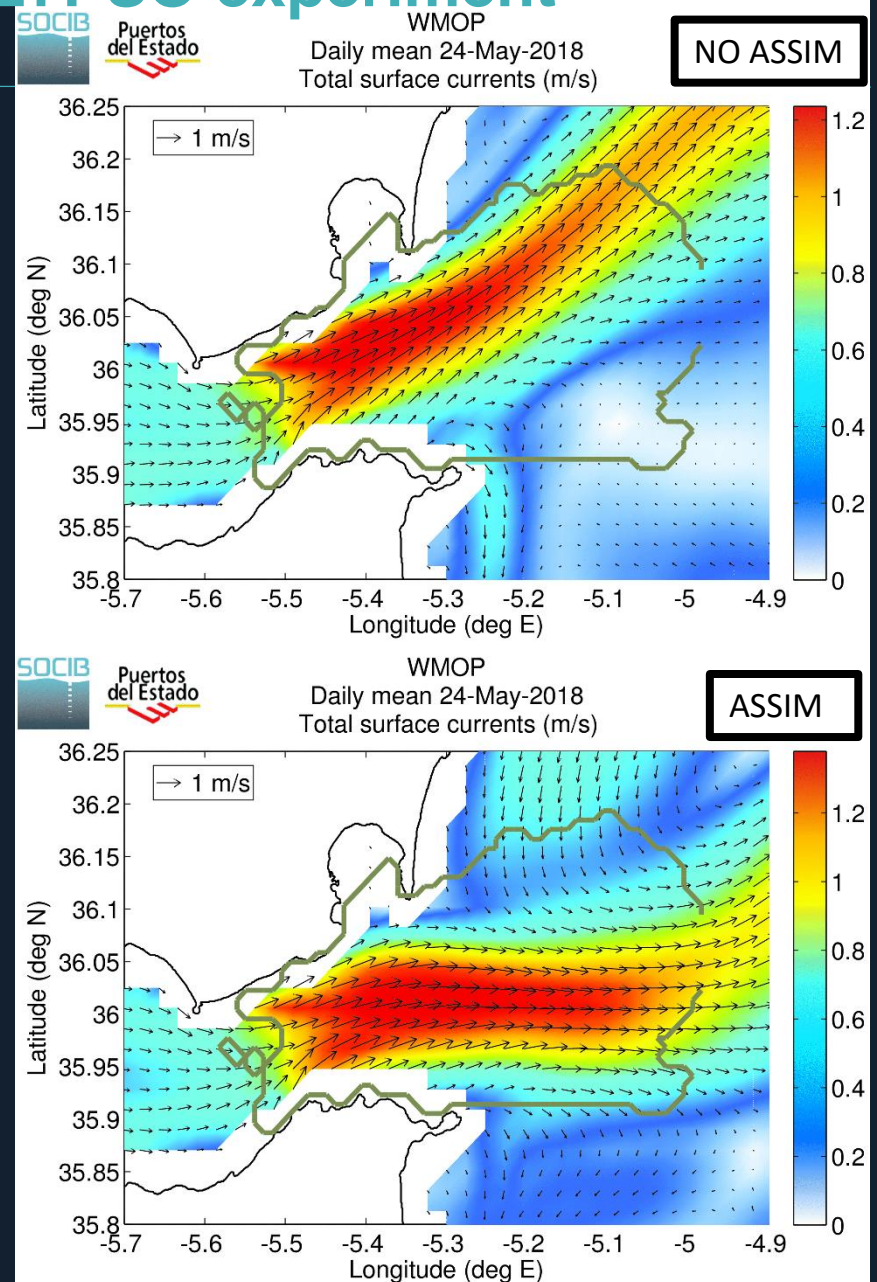


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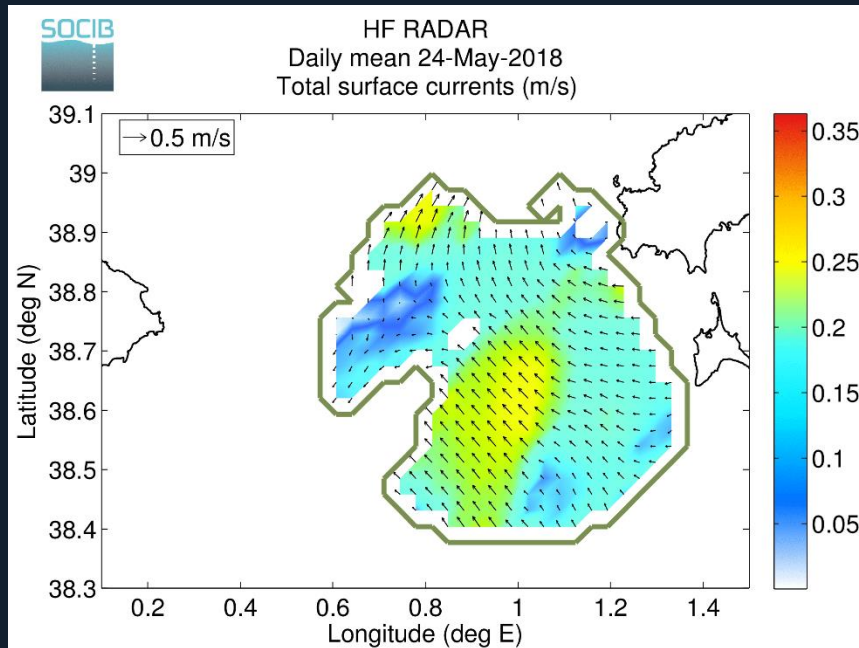
24-May-2018

HF radar Surface currents  
Gibraltar Strait



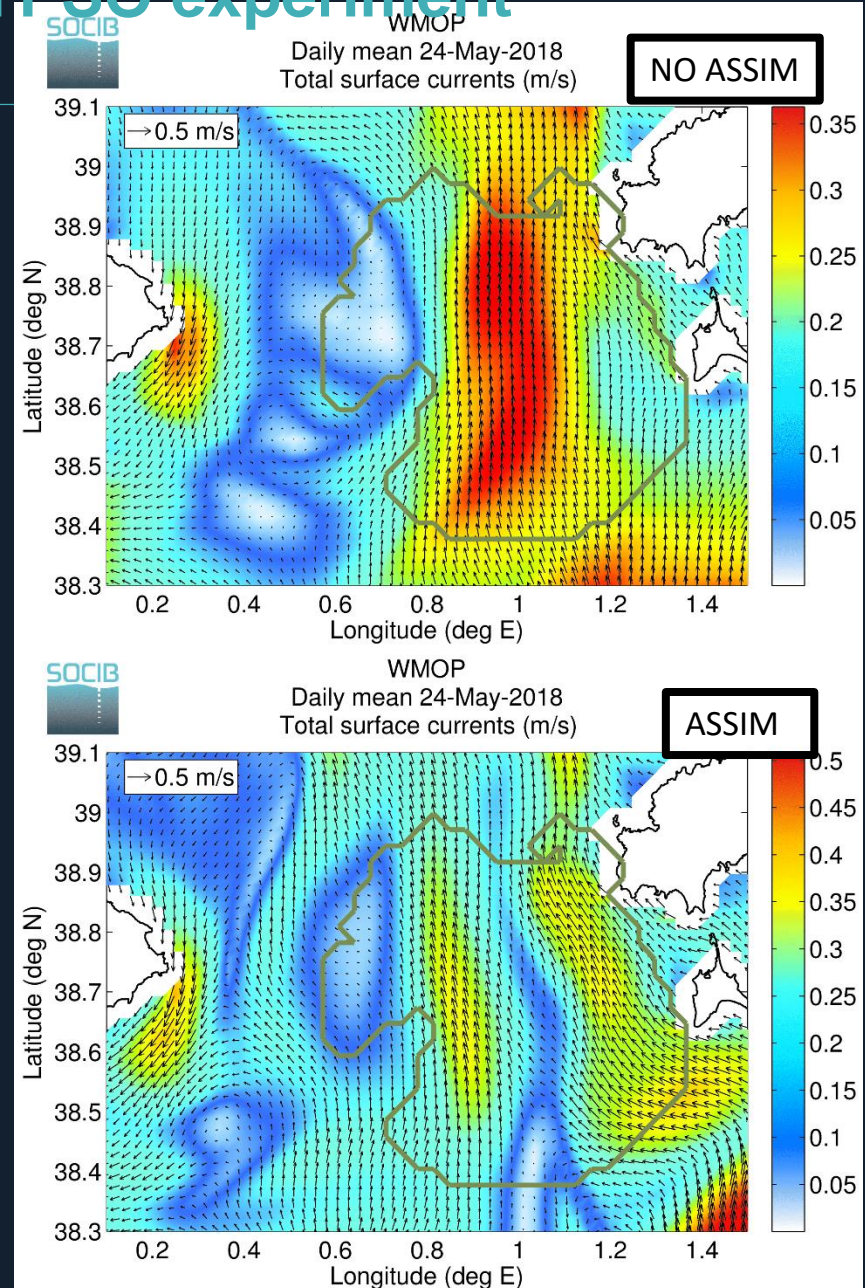


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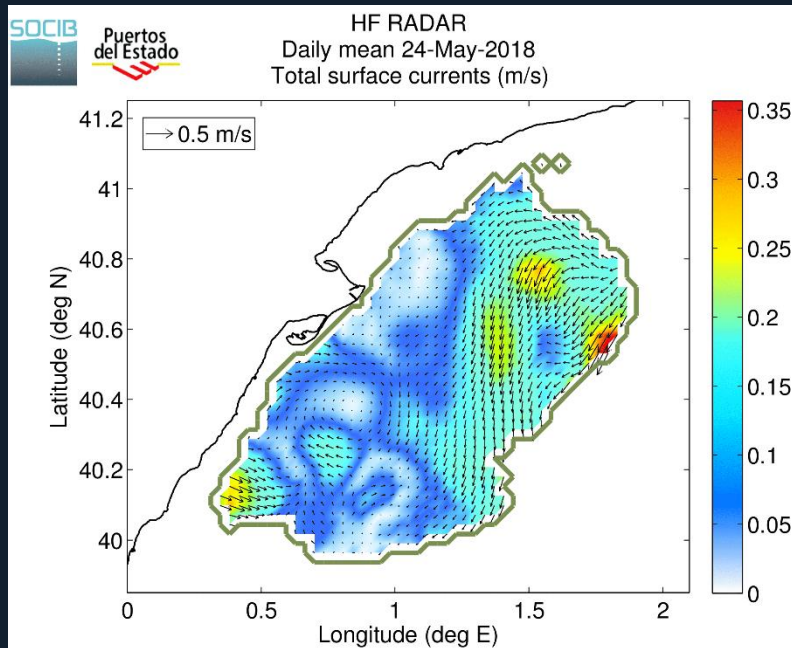


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HF radar Surface currents  
Ibiza Channel

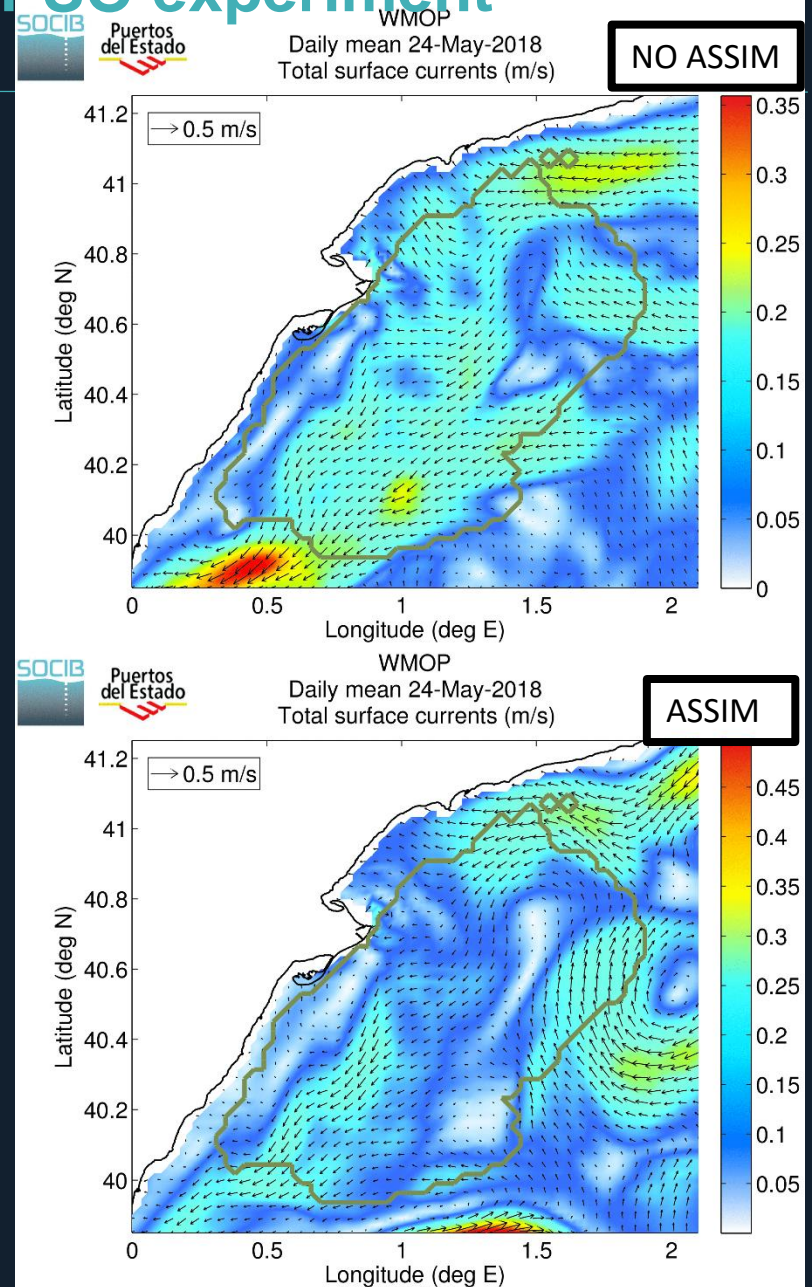


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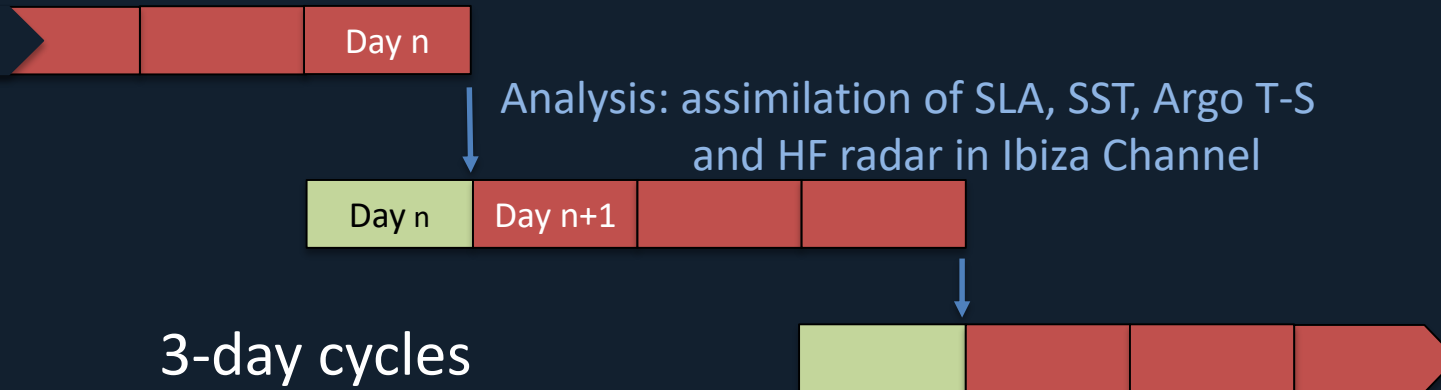
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HF radar Surface currents  
Delta del Ebro



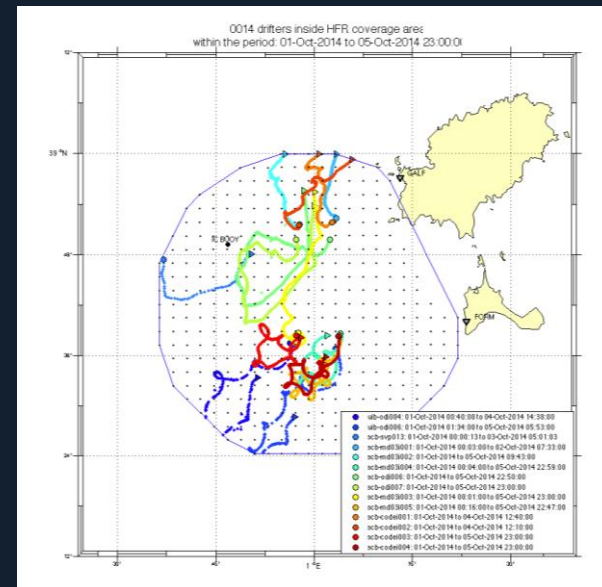
# Assimilation of HF radar surface currents

## Ibiza Channel HF radar data assimilation – June 2014



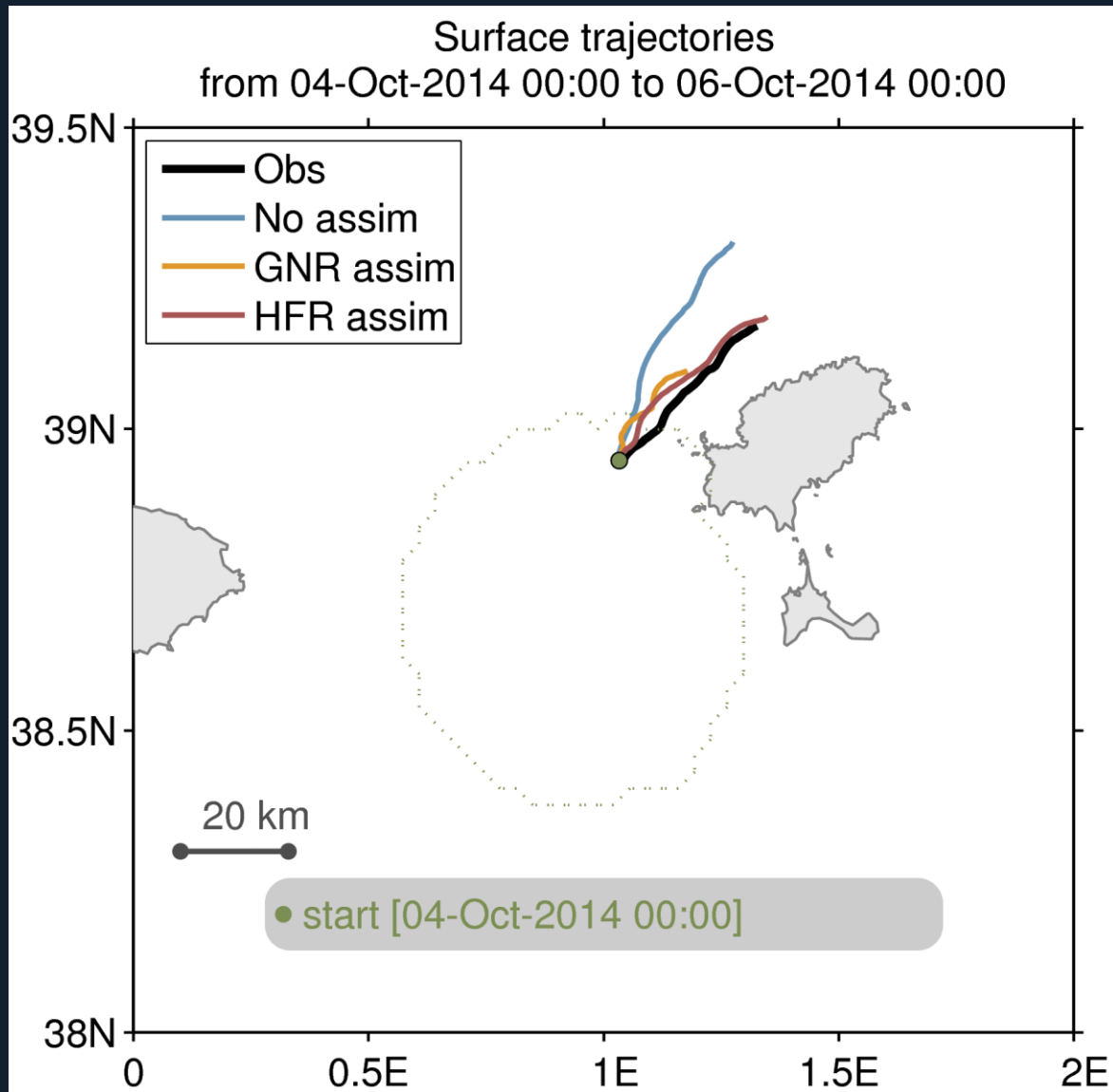
(Hernandez-Lasheras et al.,  
EGU 2018)

Validation using the  
trajectories of 14 drifters  
during 10 days





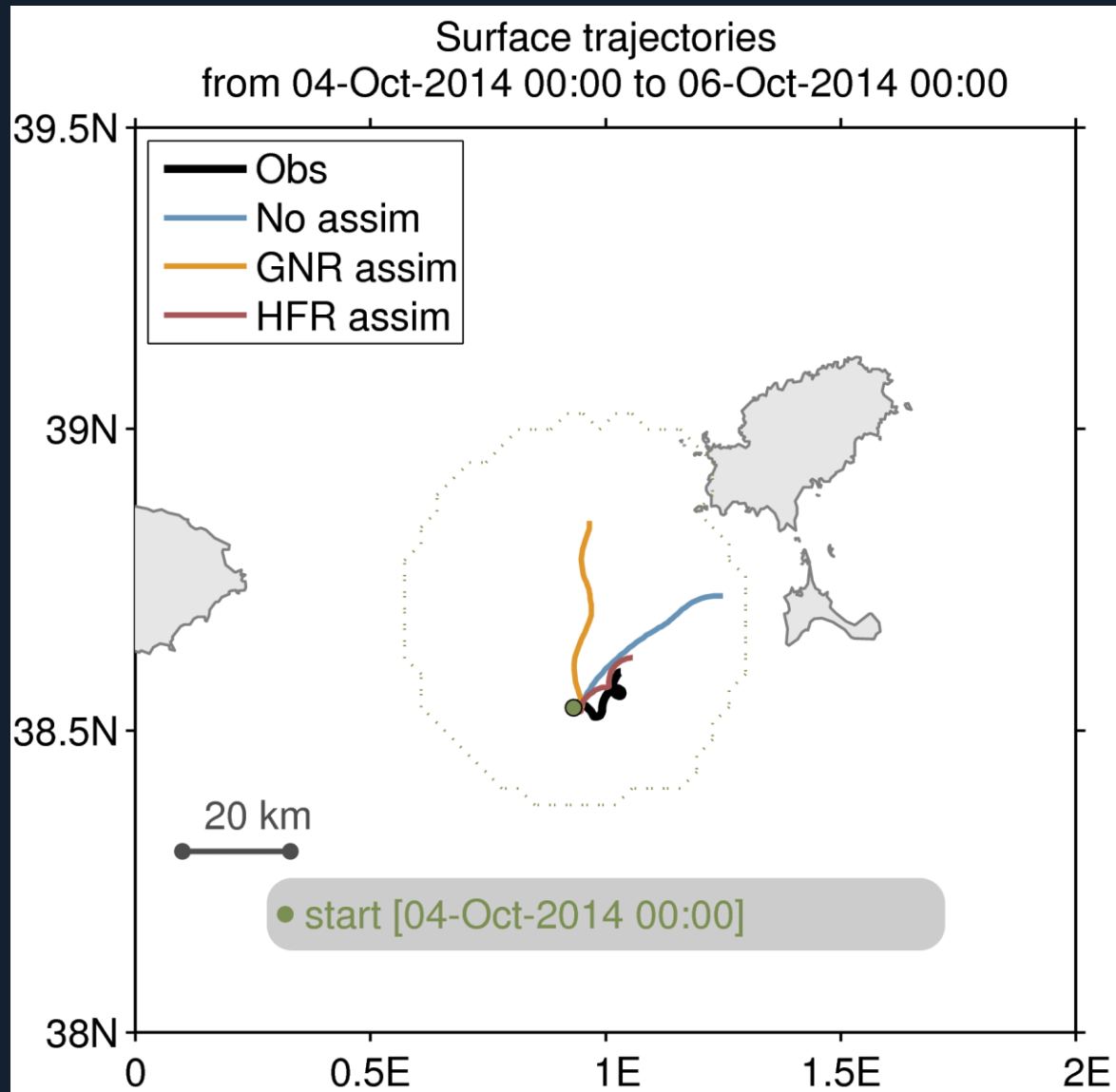
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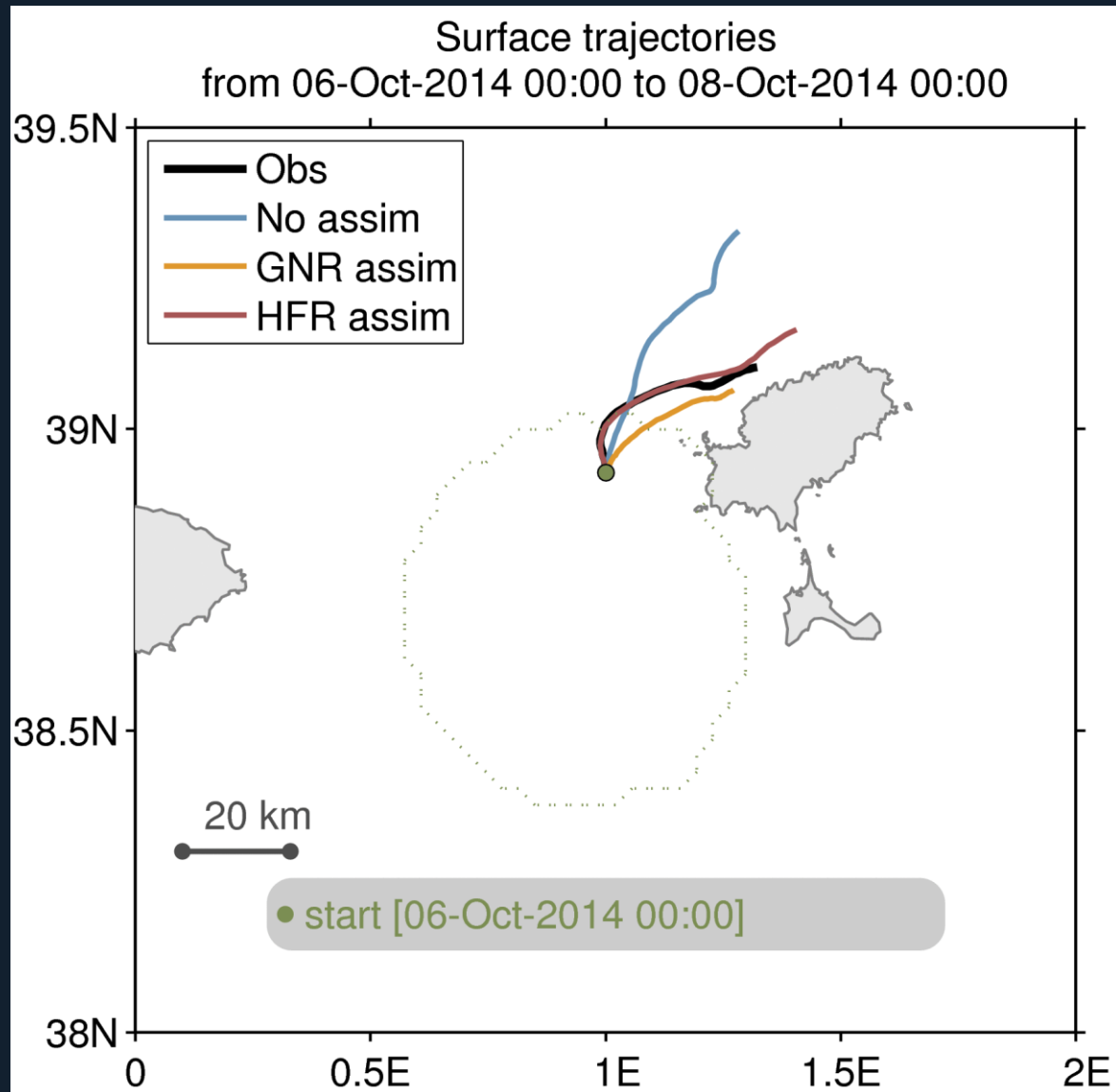
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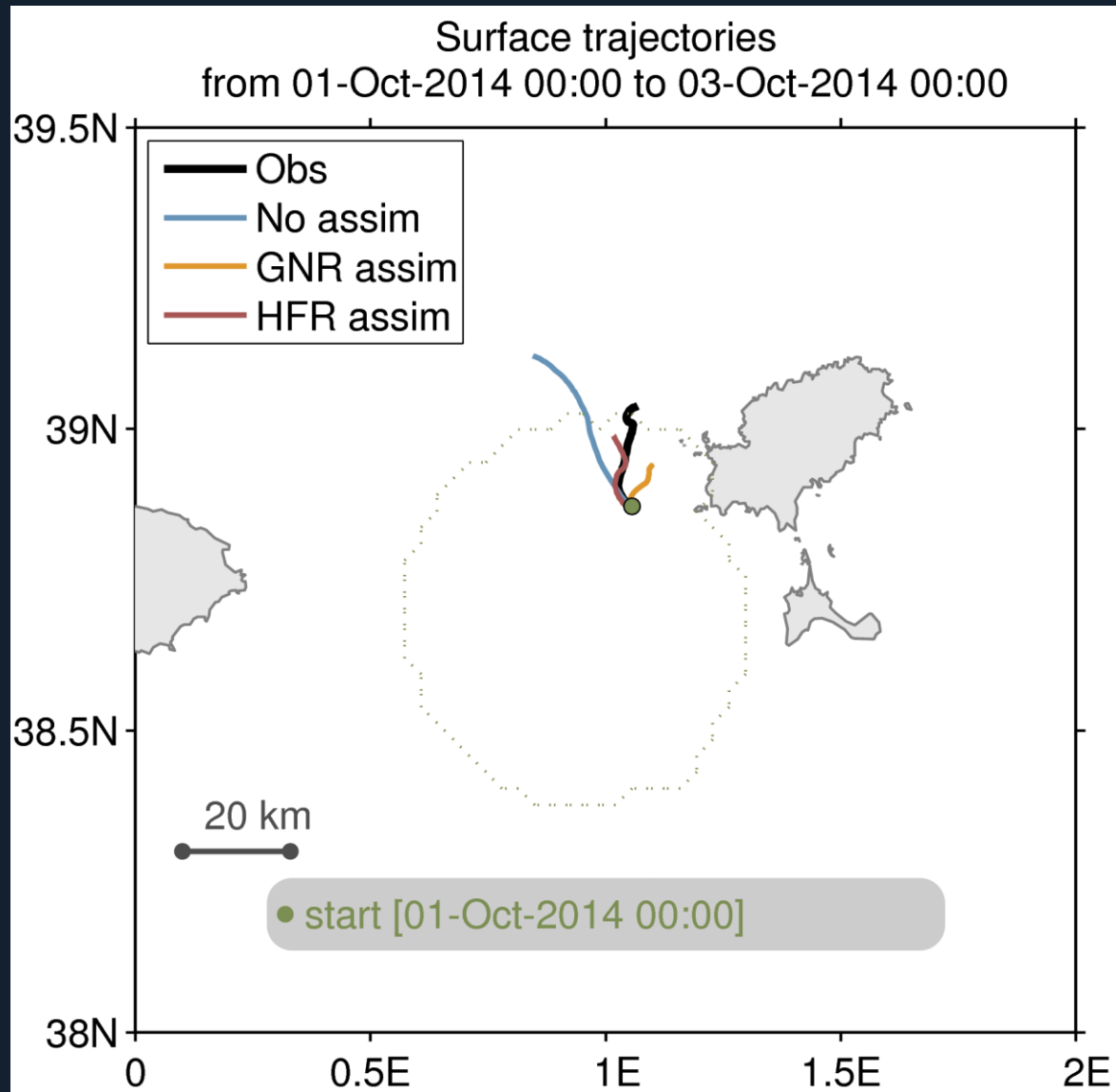
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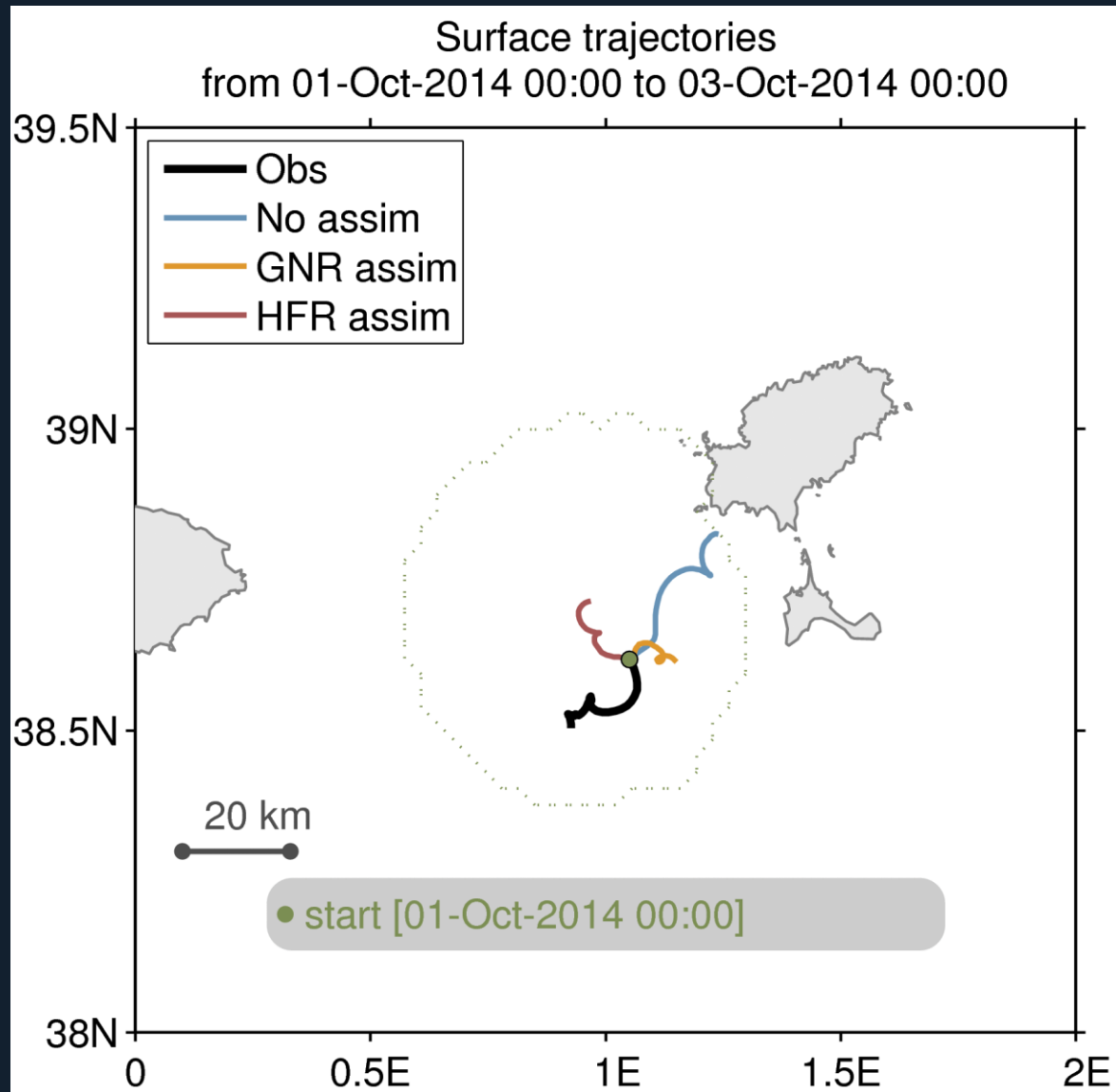


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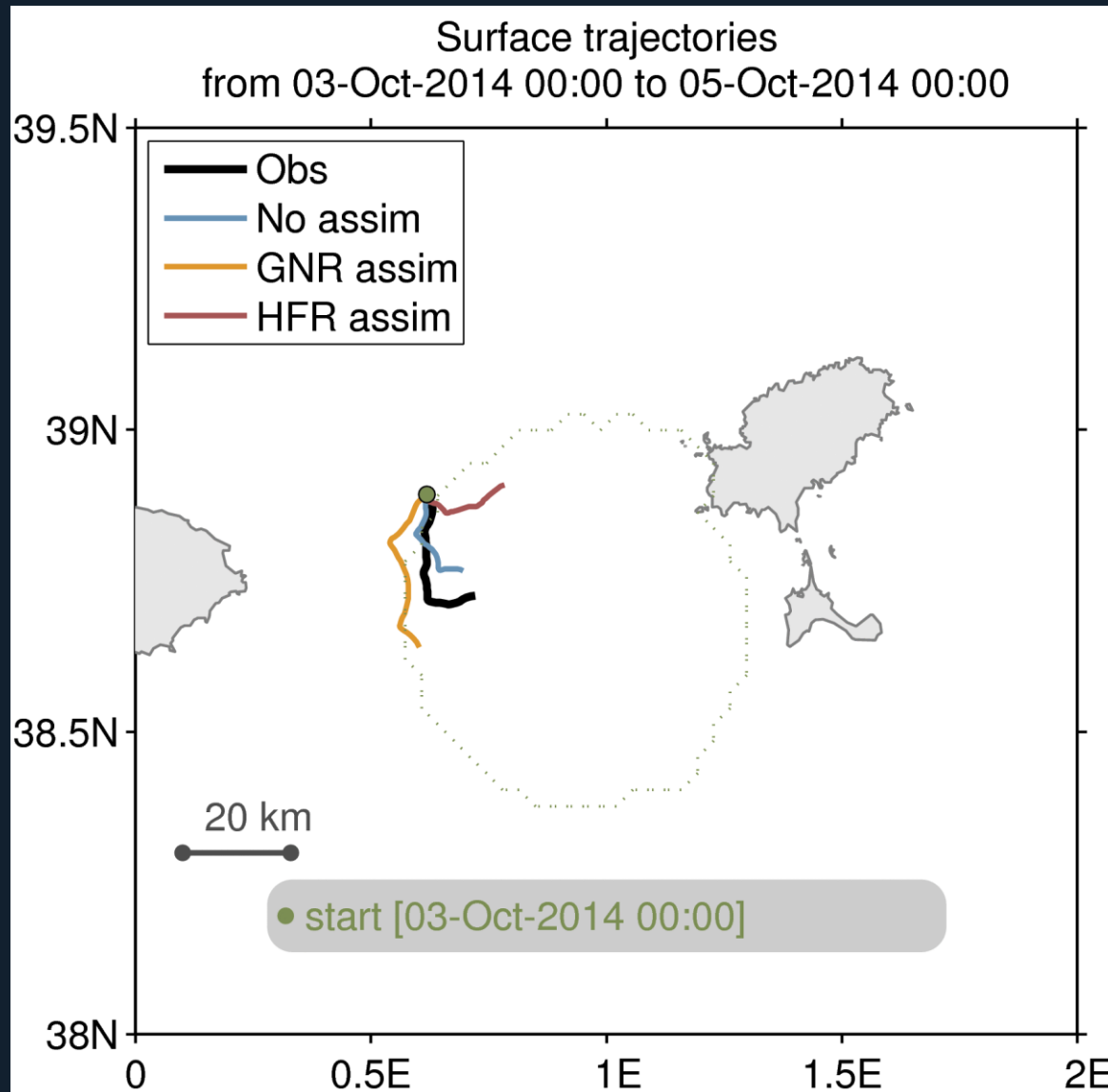
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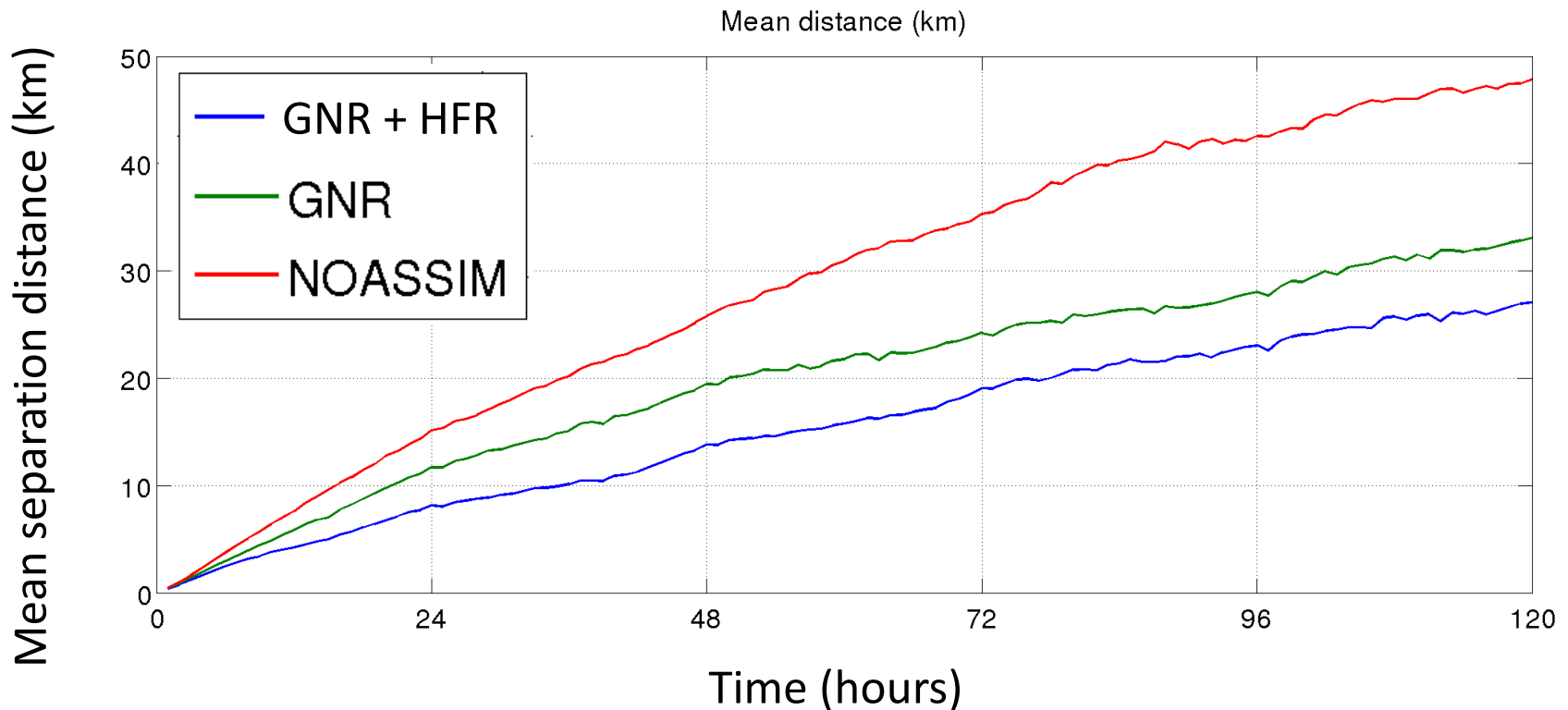
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# Assimilation of HF radar surface currents

## Separation distances between model and real drifters (14 drifters)

Average over the number of drifters and initial dates



*GNR: assimilation of SLA, SST and Argo TS*



# Conclusions

- ✓ High-resolution (2-km) “operational” daily predictions of ocean currents, with evaluations based on multiplatform observations.
- ✓ Some very positive results in terms of ocean drift forecasts over the last years, but this is not systematic ...
- ✓ Potential for improvement with the implementation of data assimilation: successful experiments with HF radar in Ibiza Channel and CALYPSO Alboran Sea sea trial.
- ✓ Pre-operational WMOP\_ASSIM since May 2018. Will replace the standard WMOP after careful evaluation of the results !



Gracias !  
Preguntas ?