

# Assessing Operational Regional to Coastal Ocean Predictions in the framework of the Copernicus Marine and Coastal Services

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# Motivation

- The Copernicus Marine Service as *science-based pulled* and user-driven service counts on a robust **Product Quality assessment**, strongly linked to the operations performed by its Centers.

## Objectives



Results available to users



State-of-the-art methods and international standards



Scientific exchanges



Quality Assurance of the Service

## Strengths & Needs

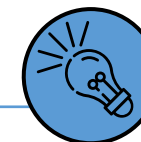


Robust PQ policies



- Effort to validate **more EOVs** (focus on BGC)
- Regional **fit-for-purpose** assessment, especially in coastal areas
- Optimal use of **observations**
- Multi-products approach for **uncertainties**
- New metrics** and PQ chains
- FAIR PQ**

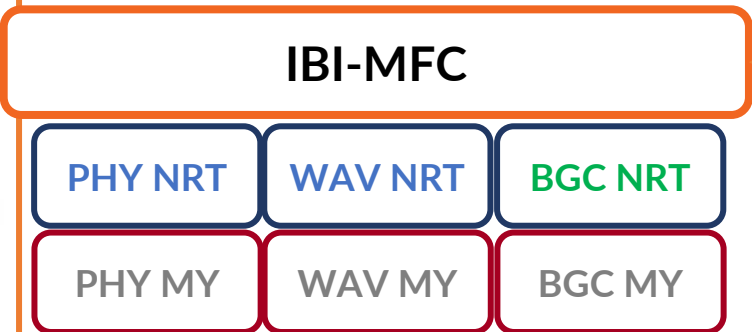
## Proposed solution



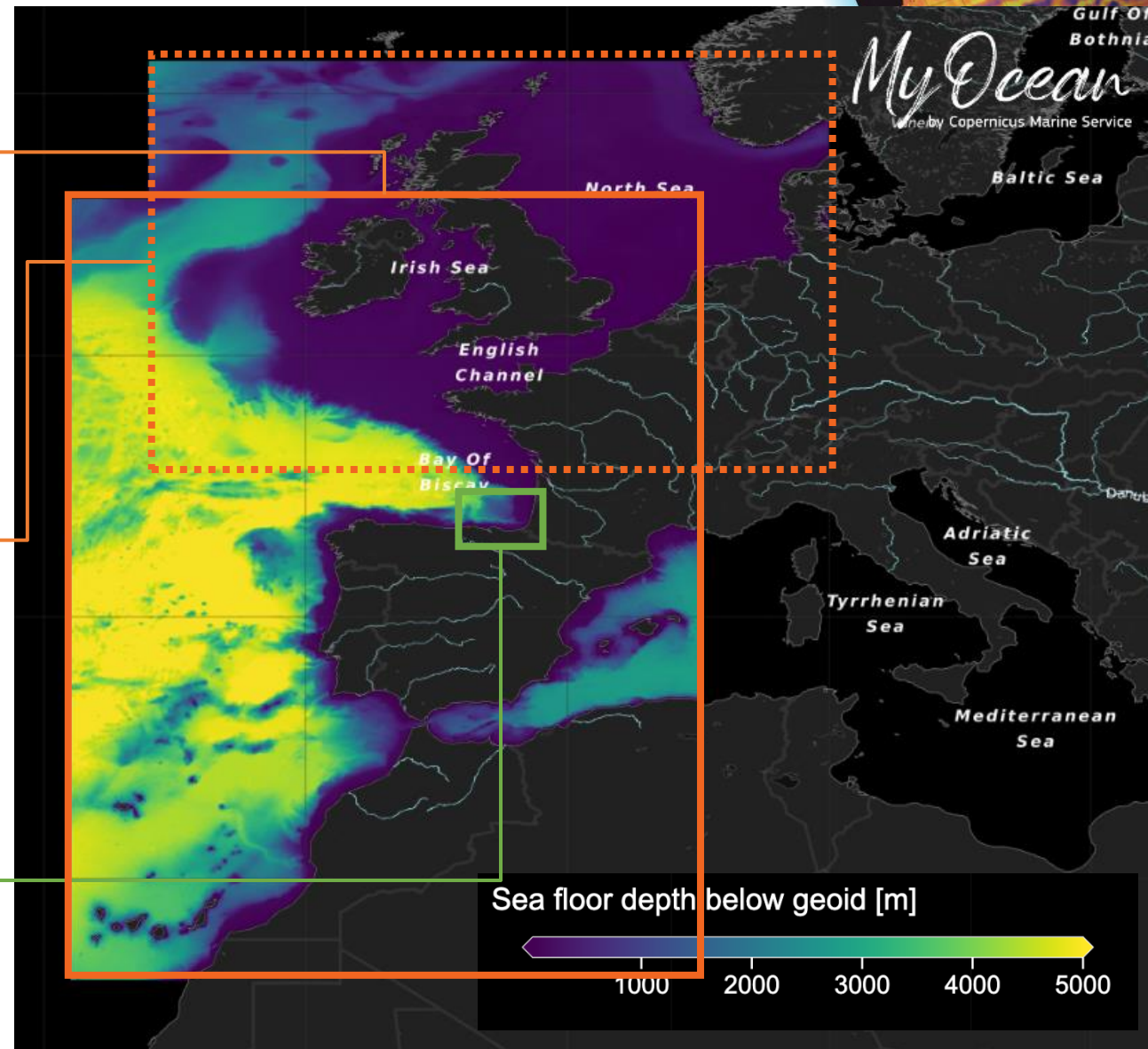
**NARVAL evolutions & new PQ capacity for Operational Coastal Services**

# The context

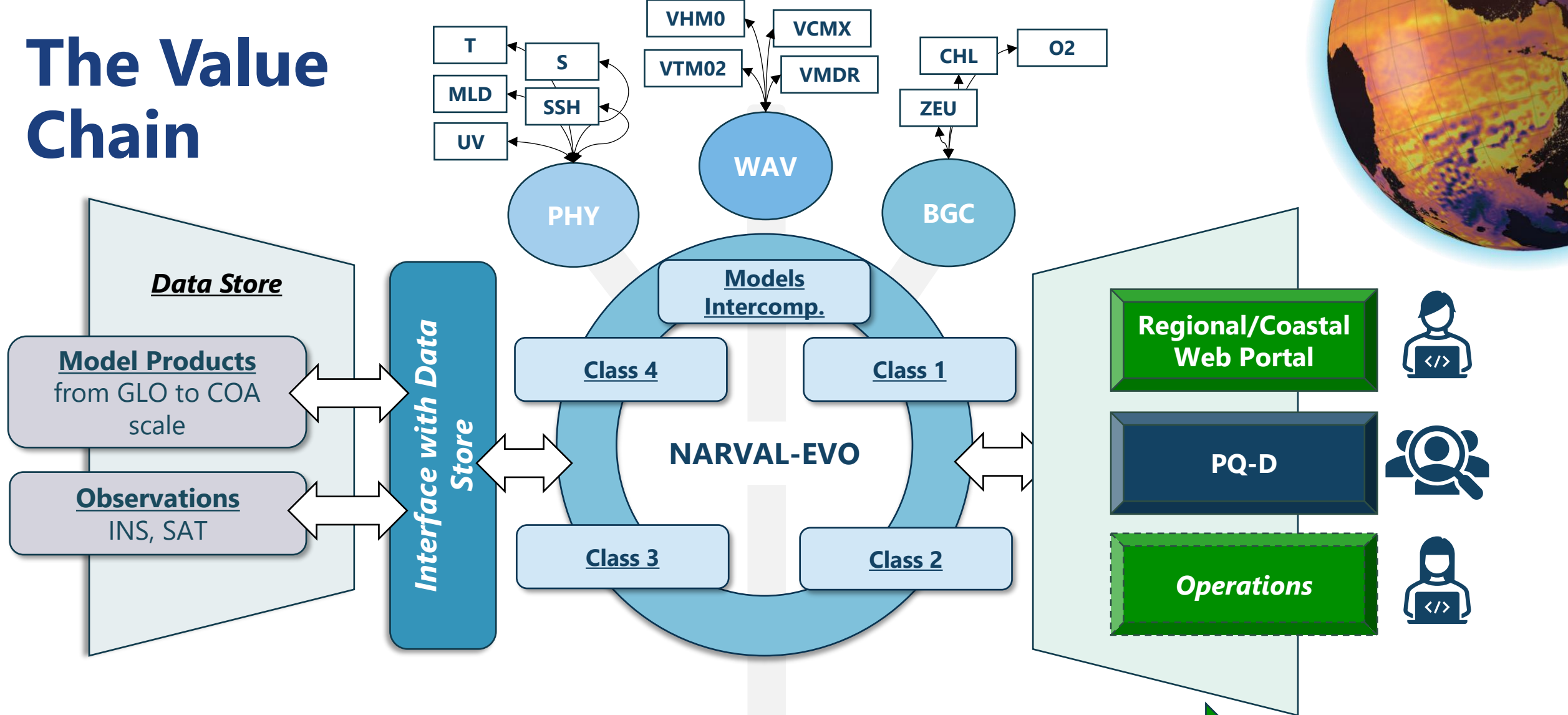
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 Until 31 Dec. 2024  
 Copernicus 21002L6-COP-MFC-IBI-5400



USER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME  
 2022-2028



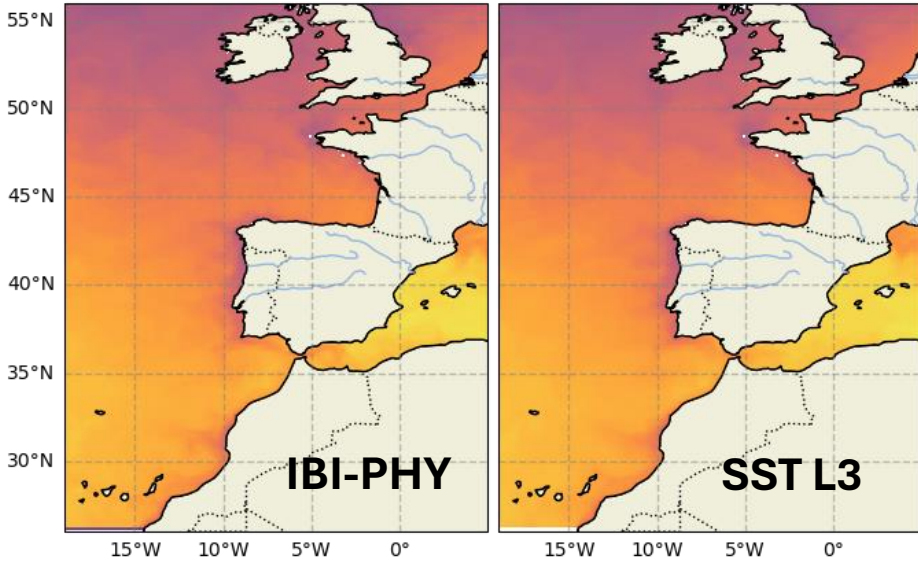
# The Value Chain



# PQ assessment for operations: IBI-PHY T & S

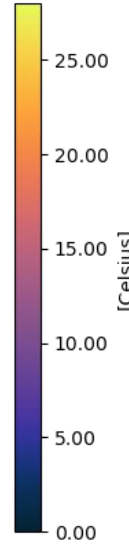
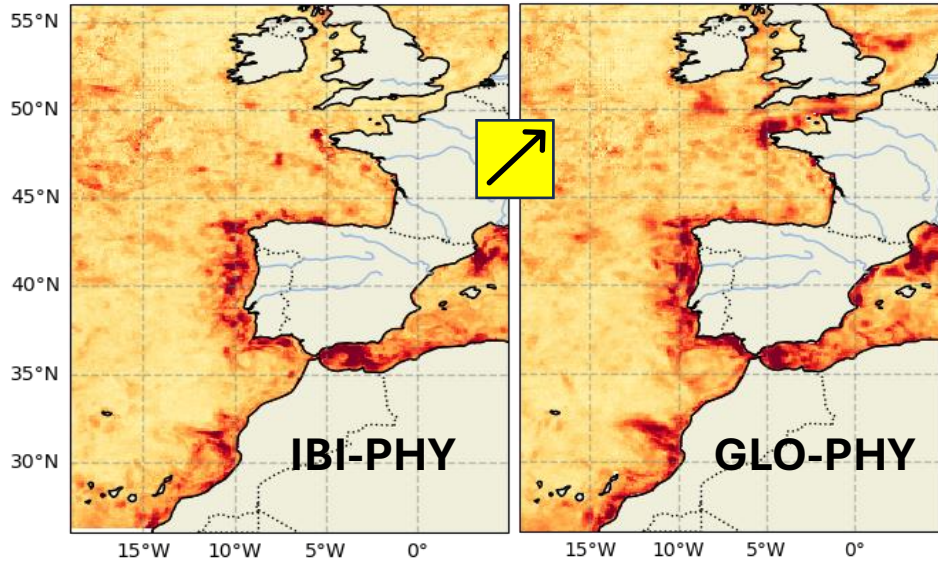
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Metric: Mean of IBI  
Reference period: 2024-09

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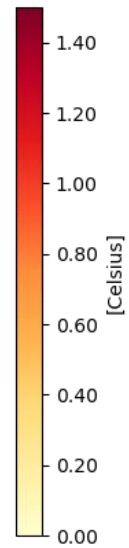


IBI vs SSTL3  
Metric: RMSD  
Reference period: 2024-09

GLO vs SSTL3  
Metric: RMSD  
Reference period: 2024-09



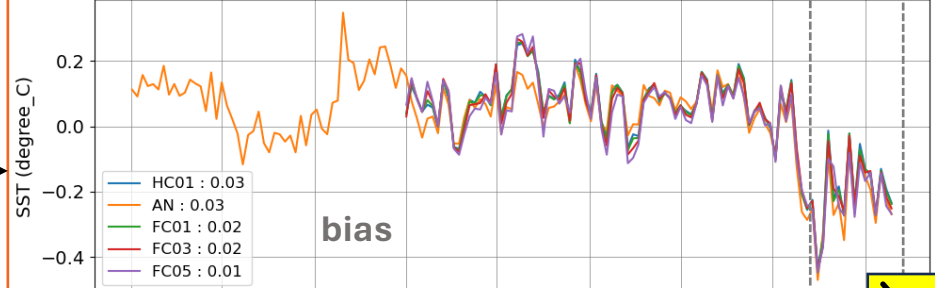
- Monitoring the operational production
- Monitoring the quality of the parent solution
- Contributing to Copernicus Marine PQ-D



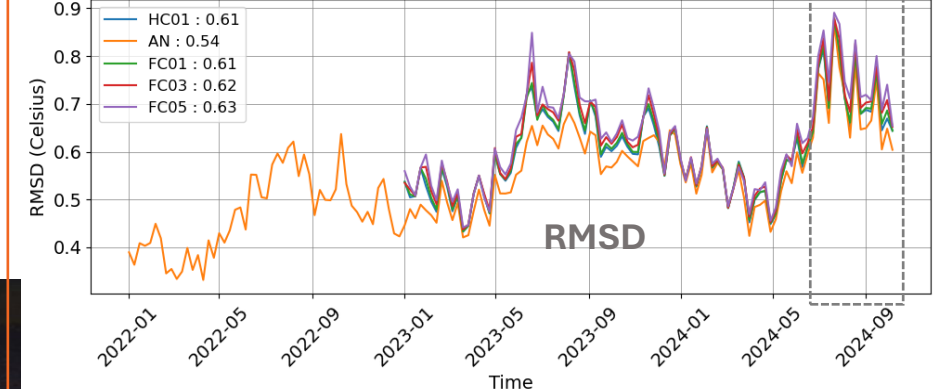
SST mean (Celsius) - Period: Jan 2022 to Sep 2024  
Obs. source: SST L3 010\_037 - Area: ibisr



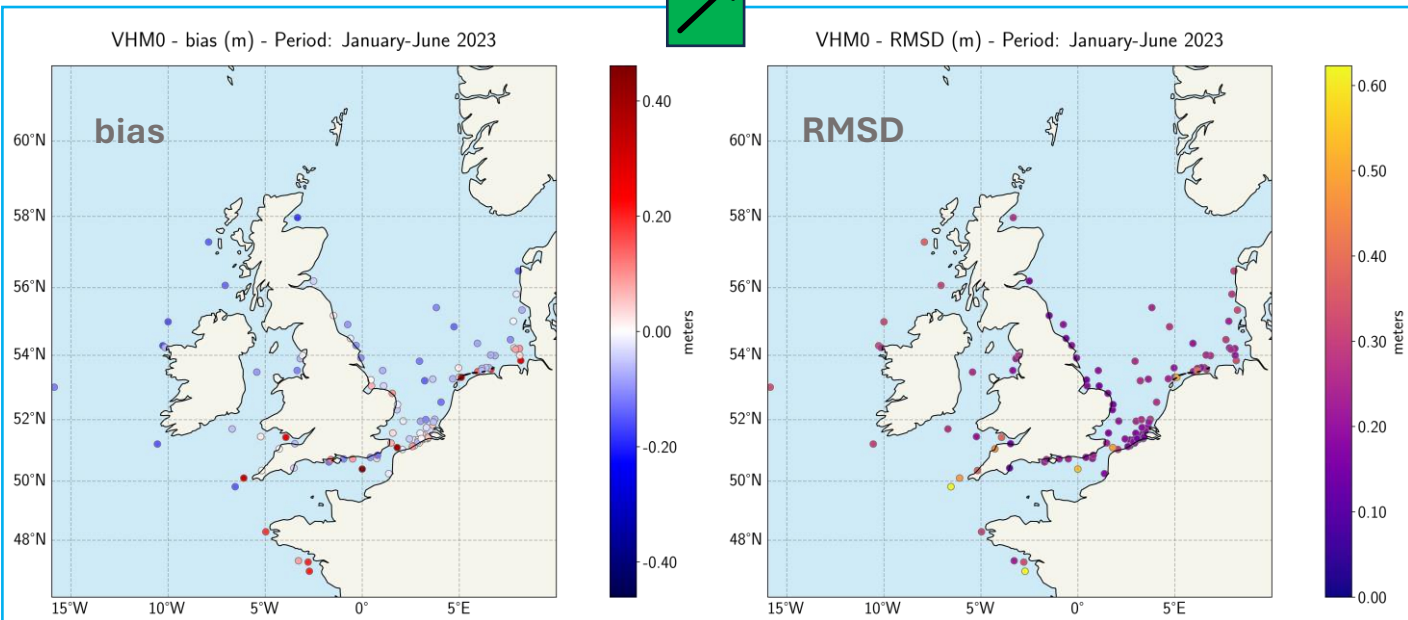
SST bias (Celsius) - Period: Jan 2022 to Sep 2024  
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SST RMSD (Celsius) - Period: Jan 2022 to Sep 2024  
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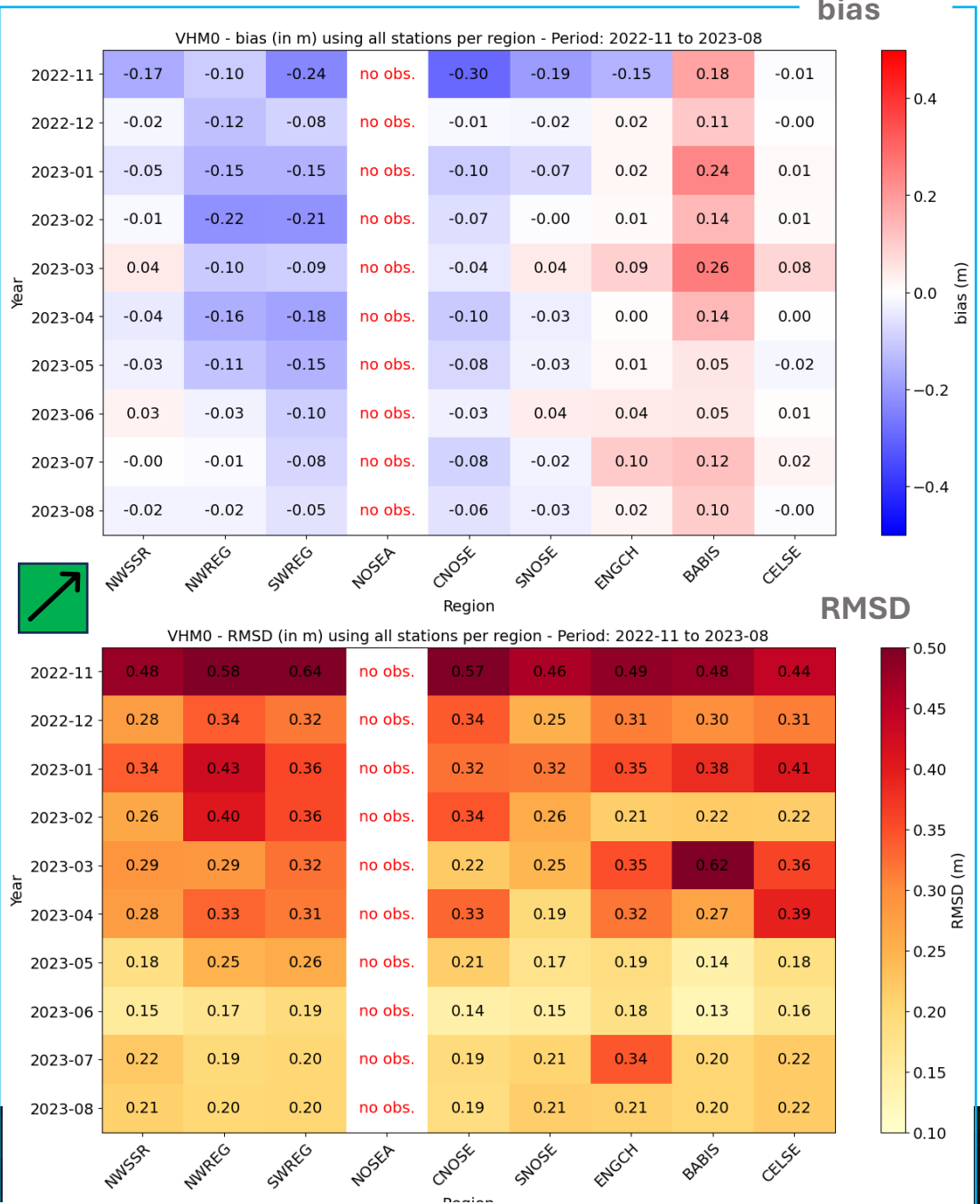
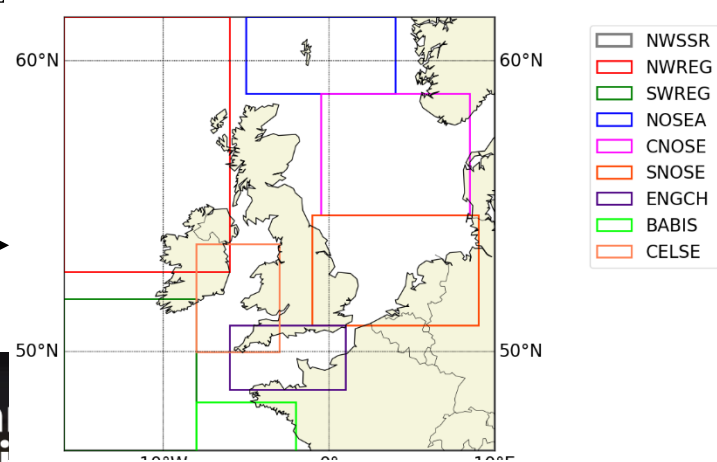


# PQ assessment for candidate releases: SWH for NWS NRT product



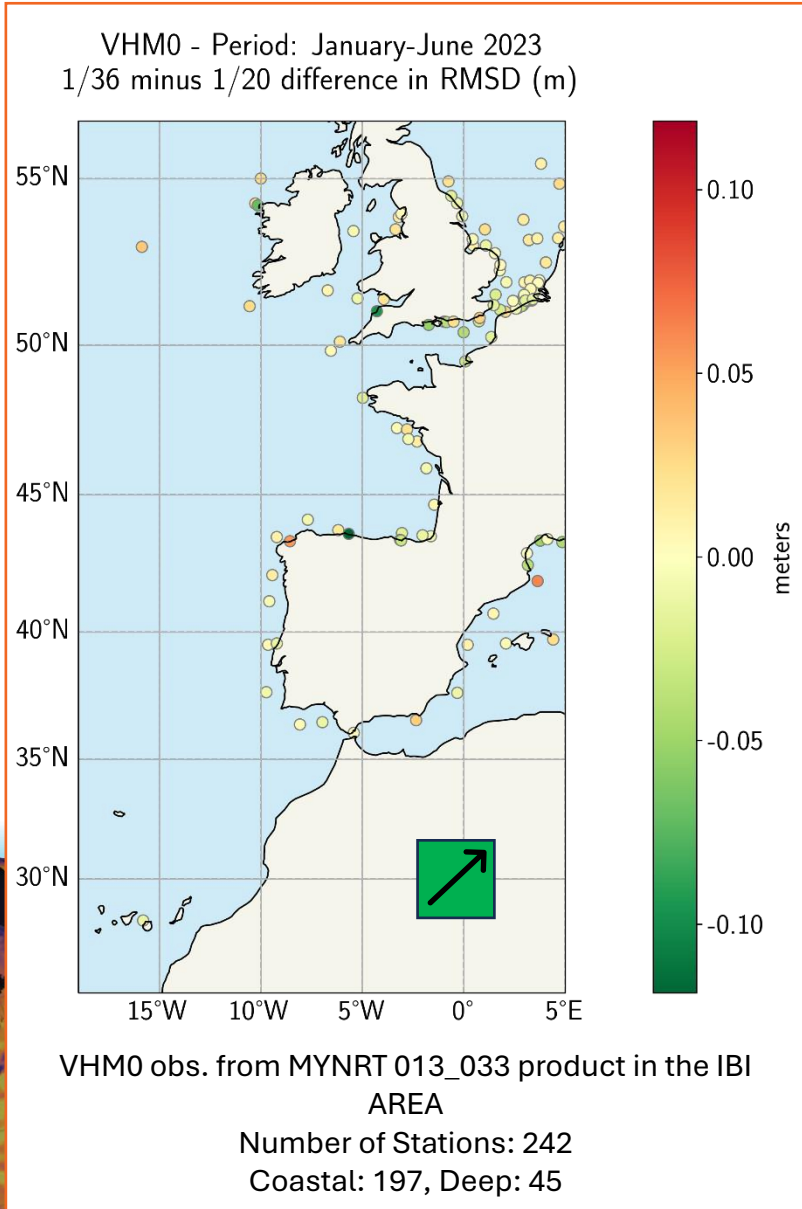
EANs at buoy location

Regional and subregional EANs



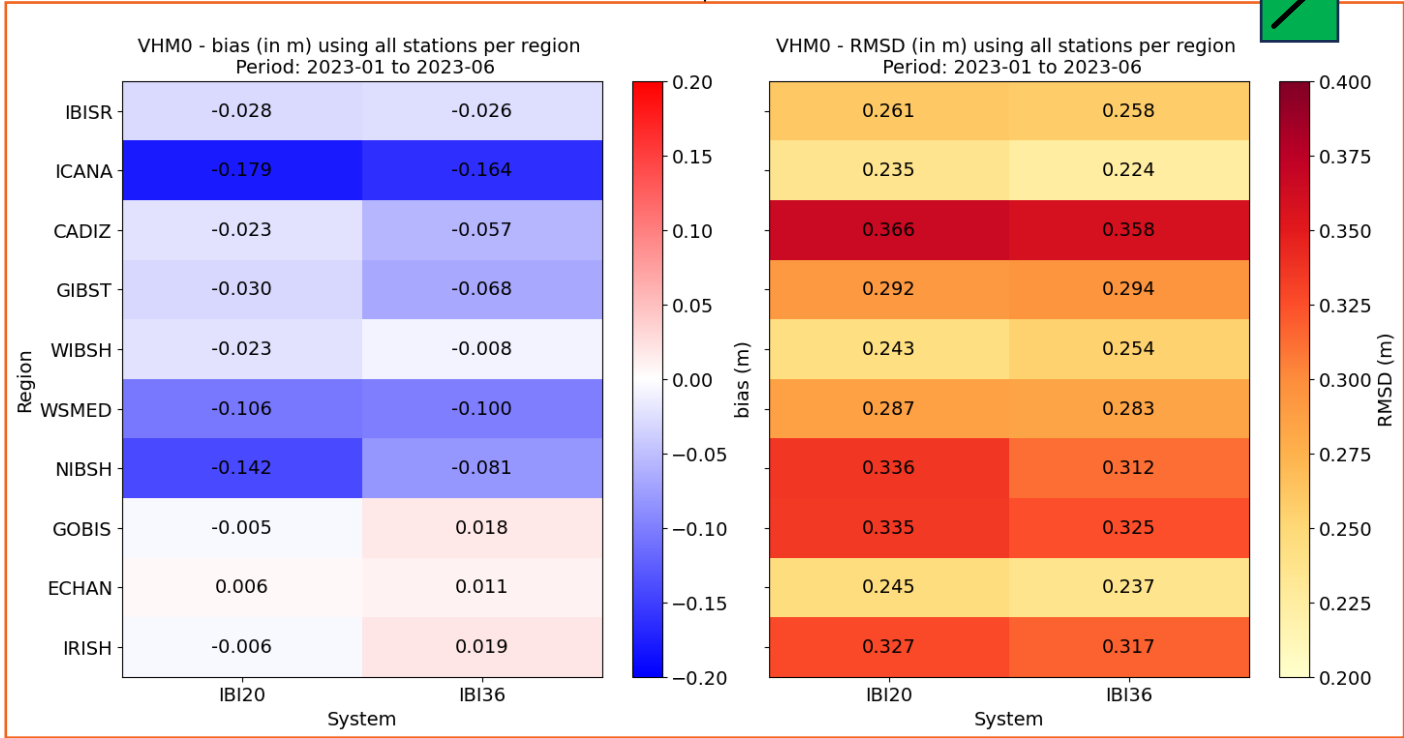
From subregions' definition as in Saulter 2020.

# PQ assessment for candidate releases: SWH for IBI-WAV



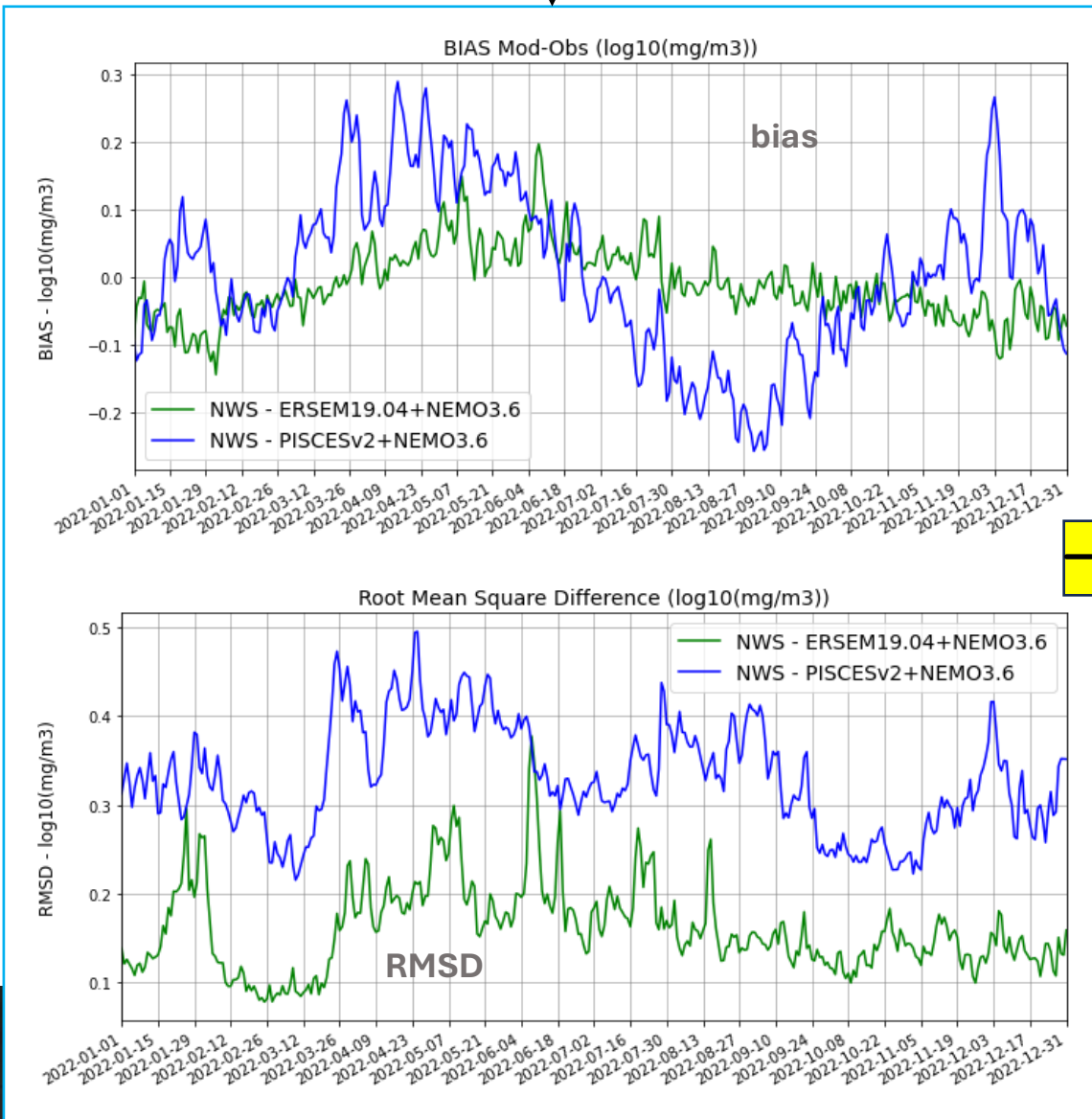
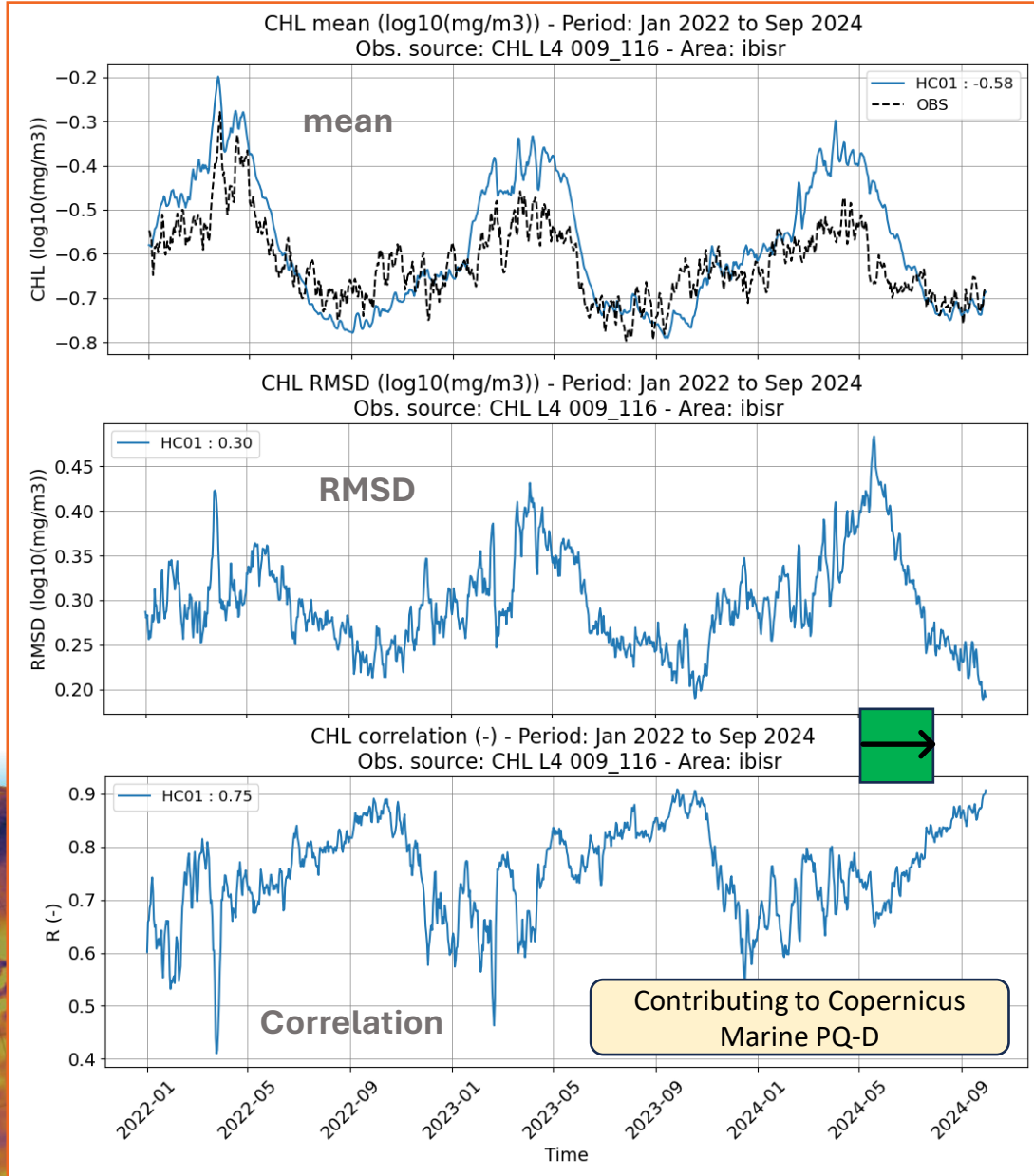
System evolution:  
increasing horizontal  
resolution

System evolution  
regional EANs



# PQ assessment for candidate releases and monitoring: CHL for IBI-MFC and NWS NRT product

Assessing not-assimilative system





# PQ Service for the EUSCOMvu

EUSkadi Coastal Operational Model  
 Validation & User-Engagement: forecasting and monitoring physical EOv in the Southern part of the Bay of Biscay

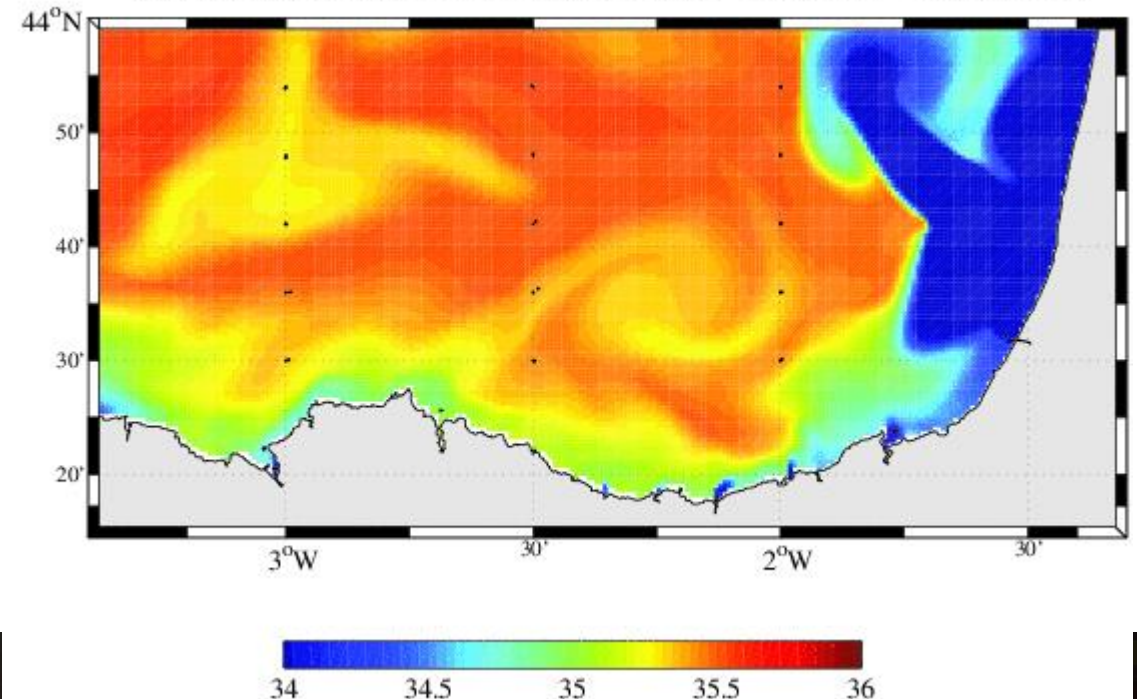


based on



Feature	Description
Resolution	~ <b>600m</b> in horizontal and 32 $\sigma$ -levels
Atmospheric forcing	Hourly forcing from <b>MeteoGalicia</b> (ECMWF downscaling using WRF)
IC/LOBC	Hourly <b>IBI-PHY NRT system</b> (temperature, salinity, sea surface height, currents)
Land forcing	<b>Daily river discharges</b> combining observations and forecasts (Adour, Barbadun, Nervion, Butron, Oka, Lea, Artibai, Deba, Urola, Oria, Urumea, Oiartzun and Bidasoa)
Processing system	<b>4 days forecast every day for surface EOv and 3D temperature and salinity</b>

Surface Salinity (PSU) + 3D Drift of Virtual Floats – 31 Jan 2024 – 1 h (Total: 1 h)



EUSCOMvu Settings Board

Product  
EUSCOMvu

Variable  
Temperature (T)

Compare with

Observational Dataset  
CTD

Model Dataset  
IBI

Frequency  
Instantaneous

Type of Validation

Near-Real-Time  Delayed

December 2023

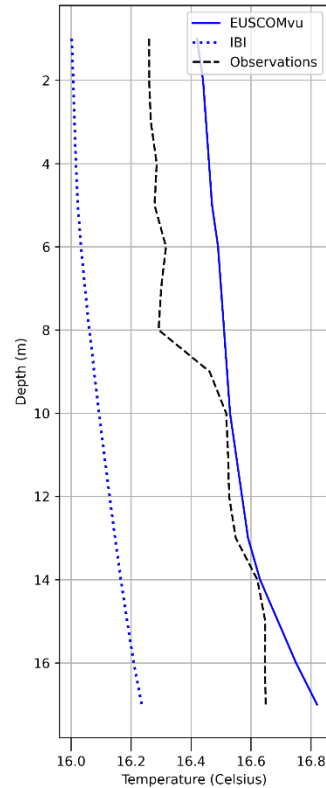
Compare

## Validation of Temperature (T) using in-situ CTD observations

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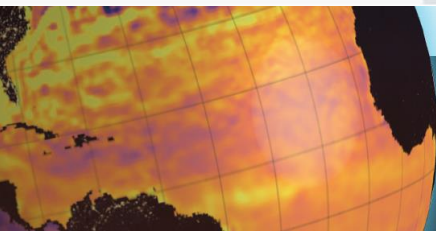
### Visualization of vertical profiles at CTD location

Product: EUSCOMvu (FC01)  
closest time to obs.=2023-12-04T07:30:00; lon=-1.917; lat=43.365  
MODEL reference: IBI (FC01)  
closest time to obs.=2023-12-04T12:00:00; lon=-1.917; lat=43.361  
OBSERVATION reference: CTD platform D0  
time=2023-12-04T07:30:00; lon=-1.917; lat=43.365



Visualization of T & S profiles including CTD observations as provided by AZTI

Standardization process of CTD obs. from raw to Copernicus Marine-like format



**EUSCOMvu Settings Board**

Product: EUSCOMvu

Variable: Temperature (T)

- Blue Ocean
  - Temperature (T)
  - Salinity (S)
  - Sea Surface Height (SSH)
  - Currents (UV)

IBI

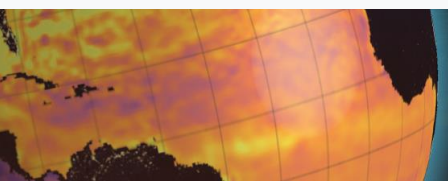
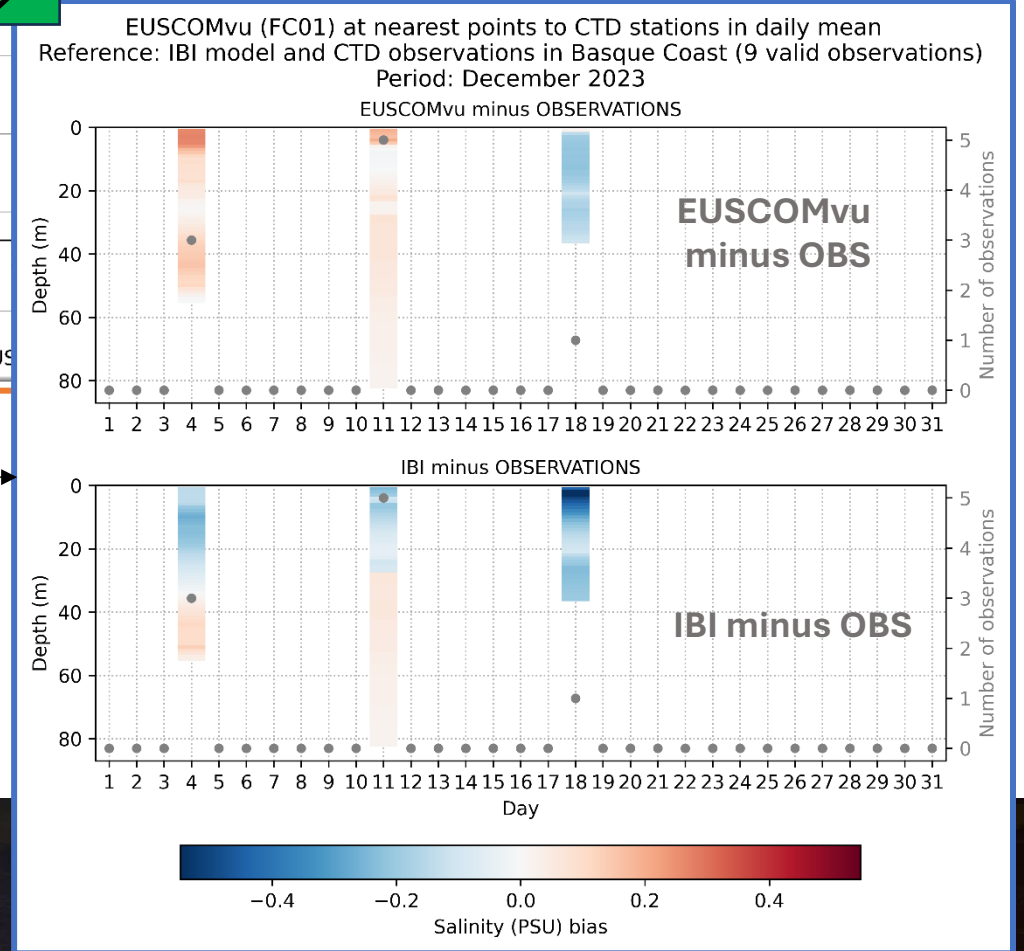
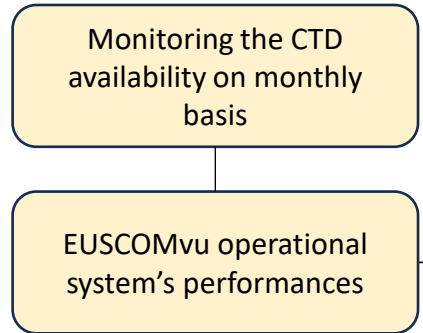
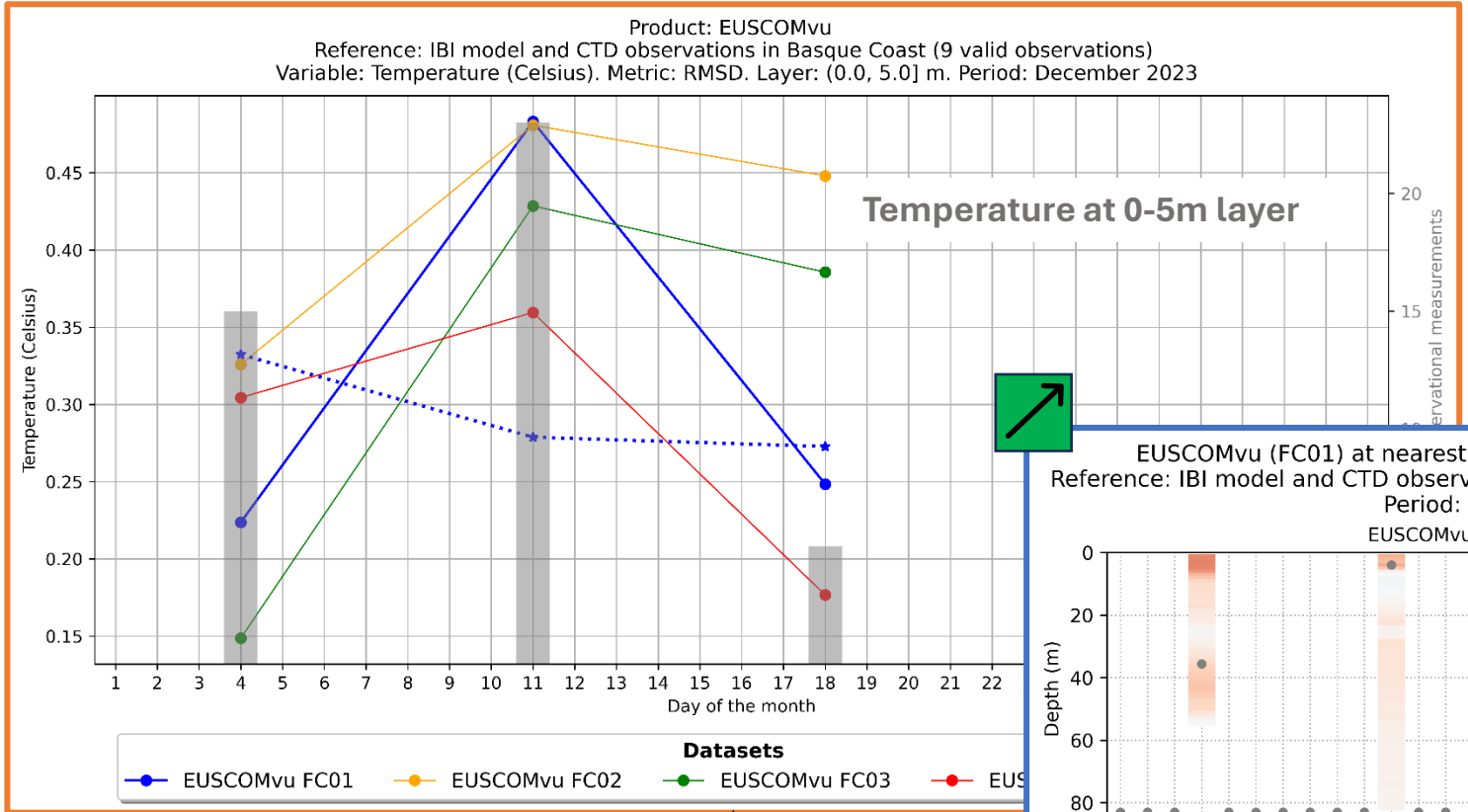
Frequency: Daily Averages

Layers: 0.0, 5.0 m

Type of Validation:  Near-Real-Time  Delayed

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**Compare**



### EUSCOMvu Settings Board

Product: EUSCOMvu

Variable: Salinity (S)

Compare with:

Observational Dataset: CTD

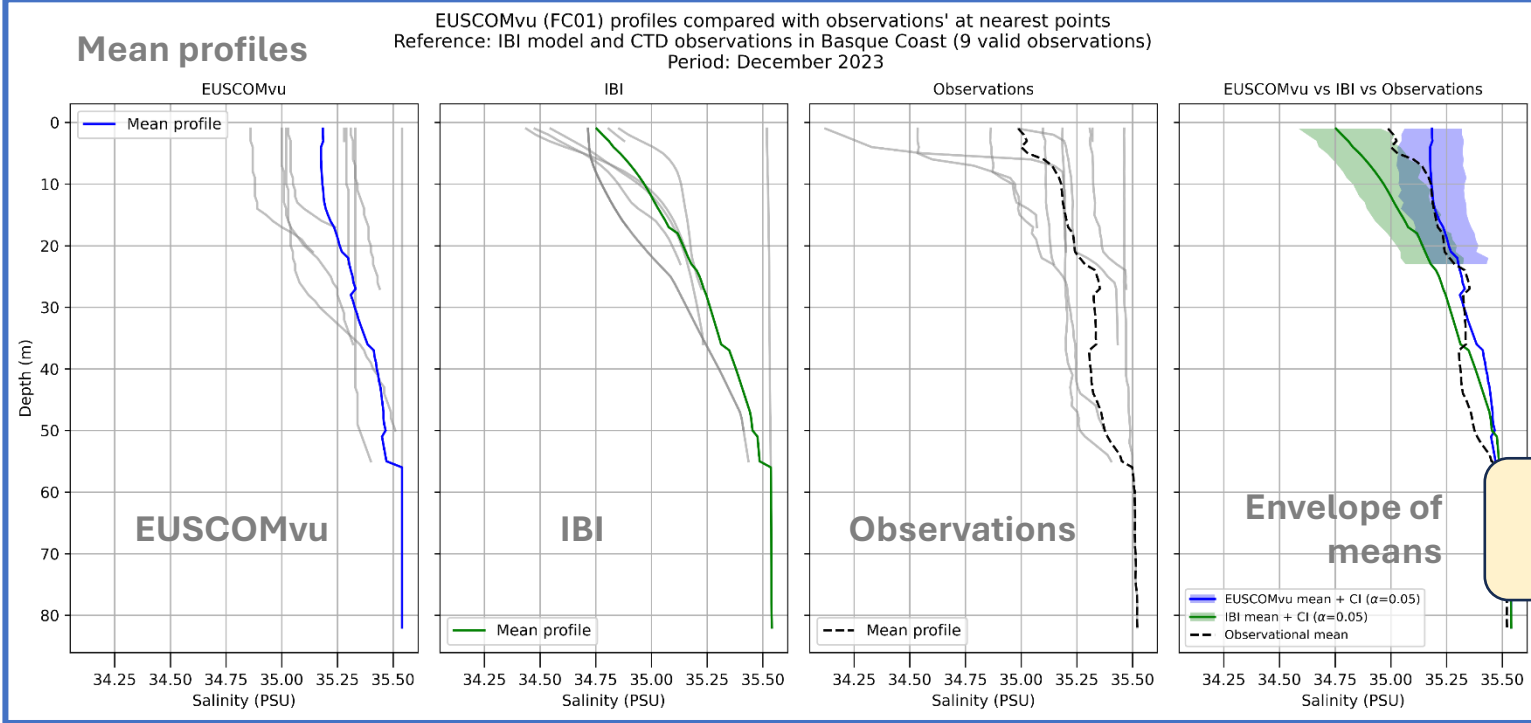
Model Dataset: IBI

Frequency: Monthly Averages

Type of Validation:  Near-Real-Time  Delayed

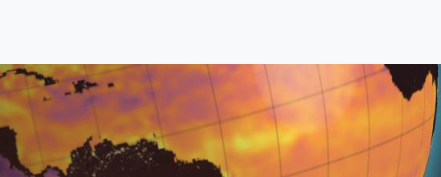
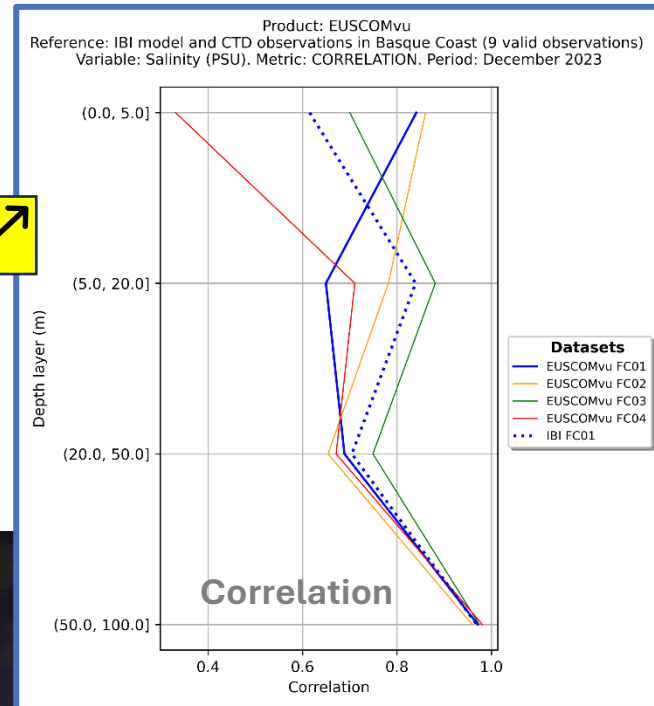
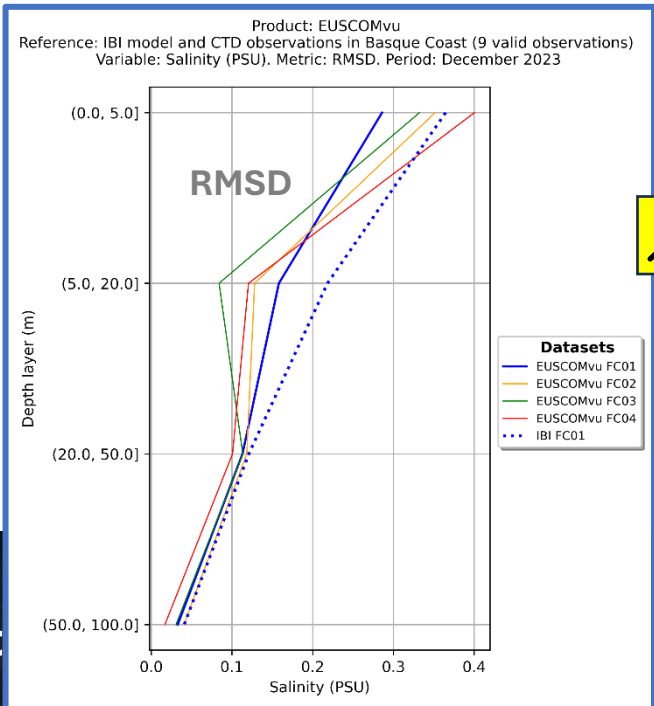
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**Compare**



Monitoring the CTD availability on monthly basis

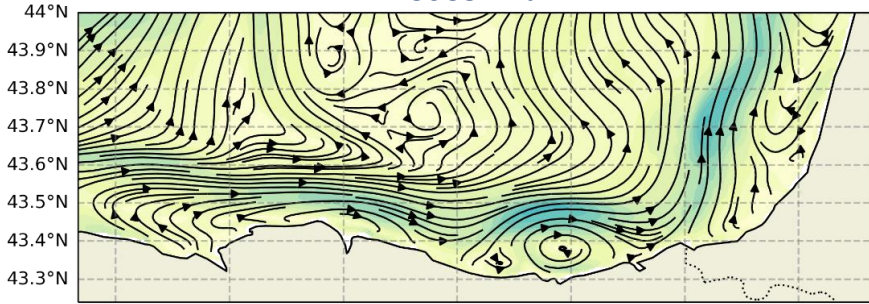
EUSCOMvu EANS



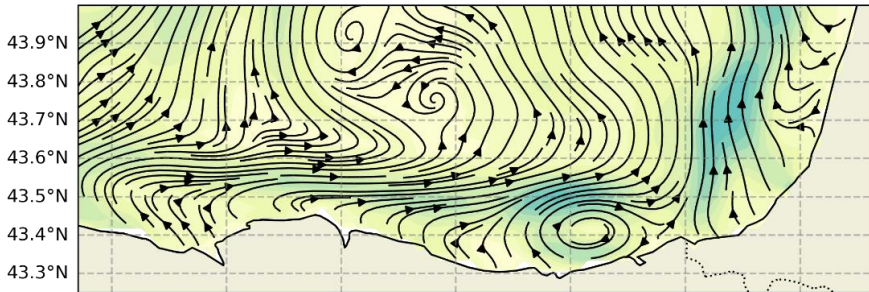
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Sea Surface Currents (m/s) | Ref. date: 2024-10-23

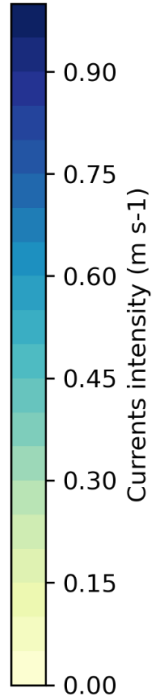
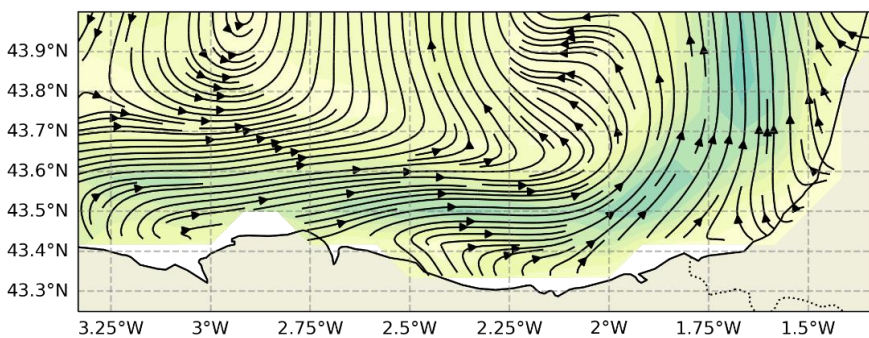
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IBI-PHY

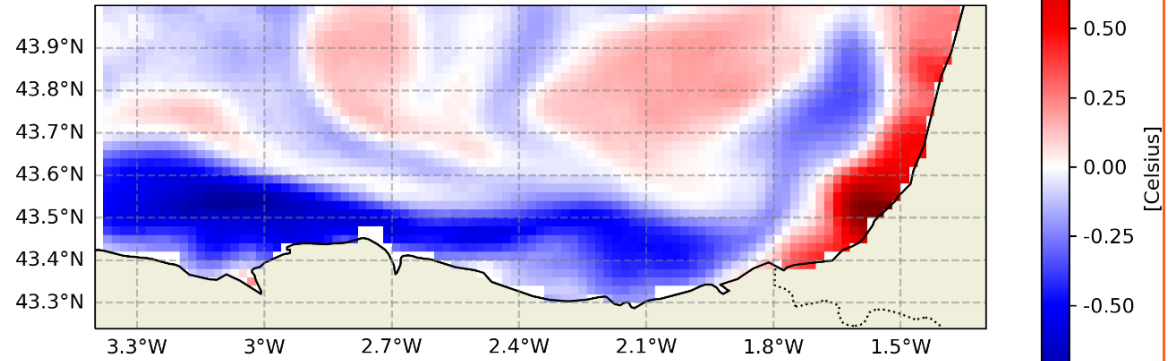


GLO-PHY

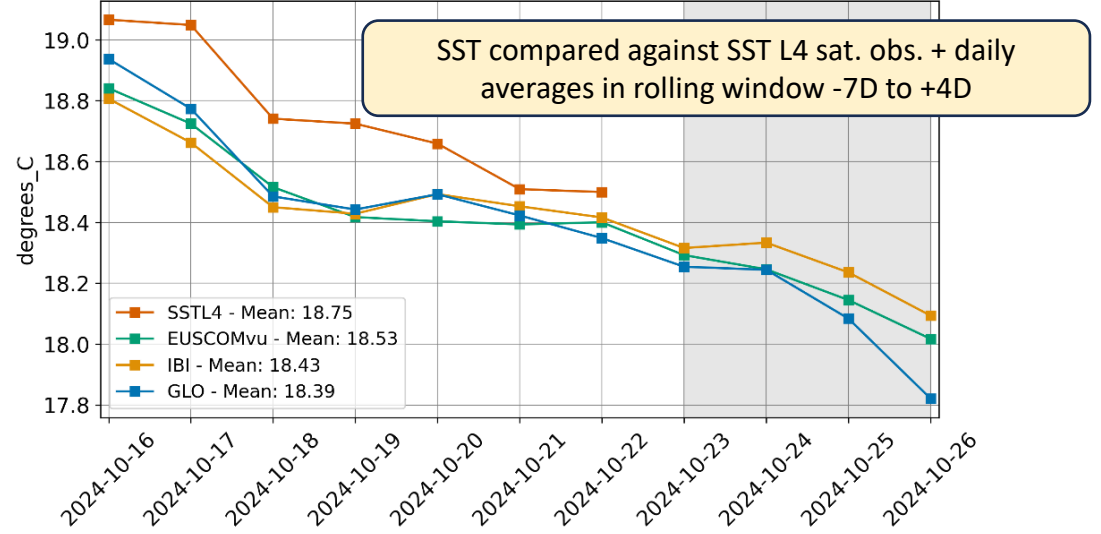


Visualization of surface EOVs

BIAS (IBI SST minus SST L4) on 2024-10-22  
Bulletin date: 20241023 - Source: IBI and SST L4 obs.

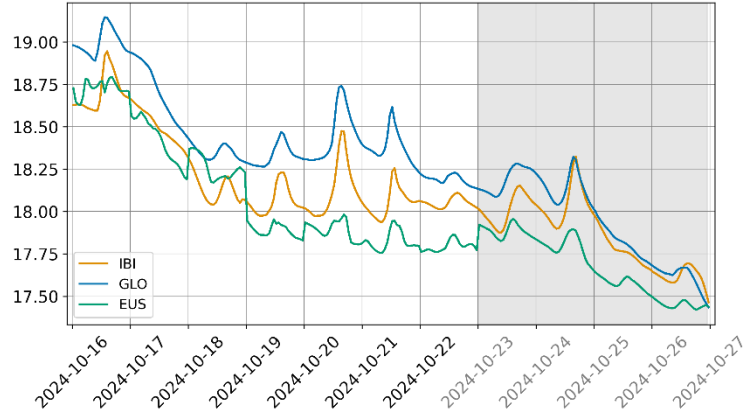


Sea Surface Temperature - Daily means from 2024-10-16  
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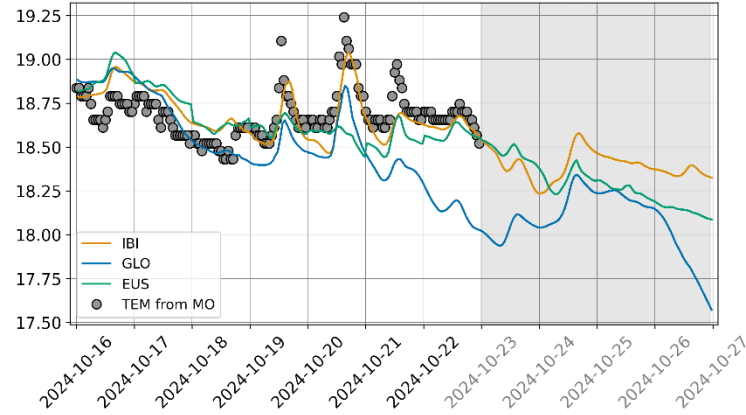


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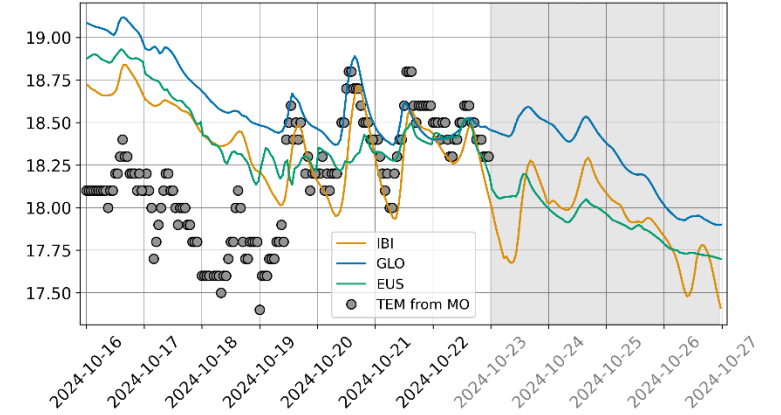
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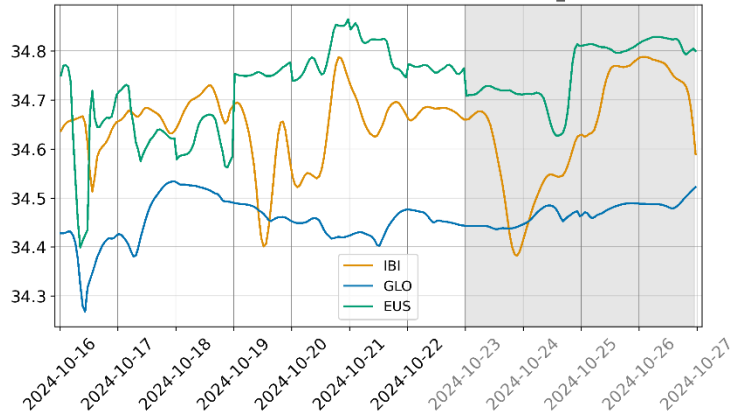
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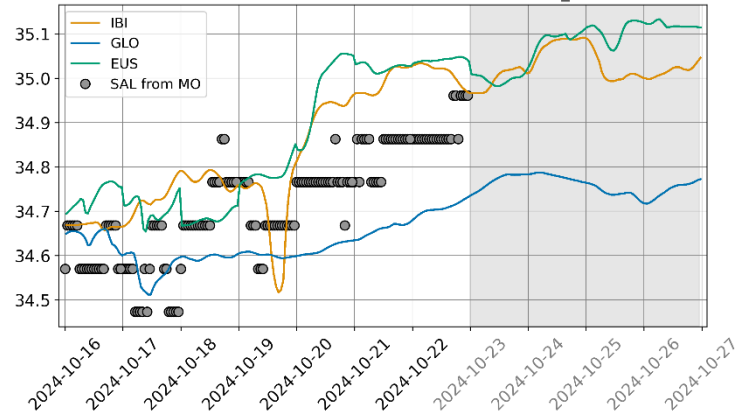
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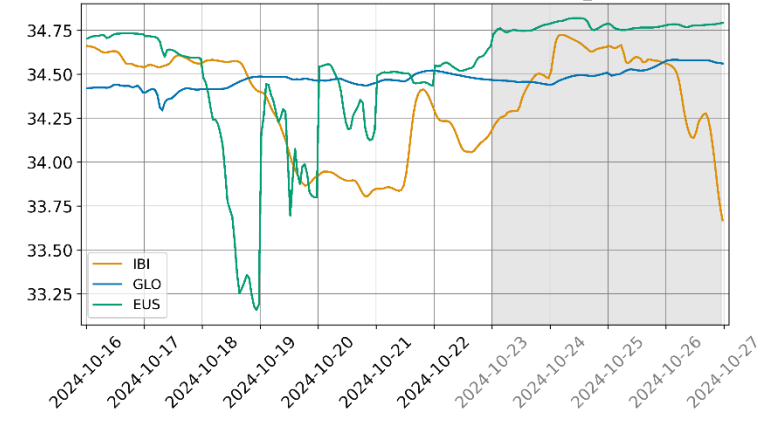
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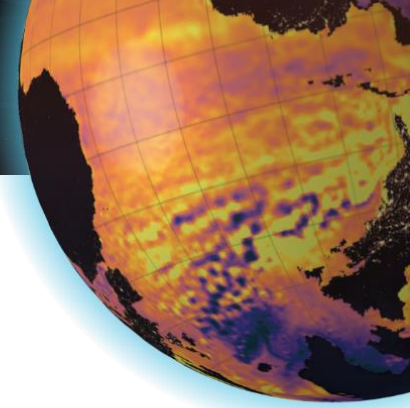
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SST and SSS compared against INS obs. + daily averages in rolling window -7D to +4D



# Summary & Future Outlook

- PQ capabilities by NARVAL-DEV able to support Copernicus Marine regional IBI & NWS up to coastal scale:
  - Contributing to monitor forecasts skills of IBI and NWS NRT product catalogue and preparing candidate releases.
  - Supporting users-engagement in coastal areas by providing tailored metrics.
- New web applications for multi-products assessment.
- Implementing the next generation of Validation Tools for operating in the Digital Twin of the Ocean framework.
- Contributing to multi-model intercomparison exercises.
- Towards interoperable PQ metrics and Validation Services following OceanPrediction DCC paths:
  - Contributing to definition of standards & tools for metrics calculation.
  - Adopting the Operational Readiness Level for improving the overall regional and coastal services.

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