

# La dinamica costiera e la sua gestione attraverso l'utilizzo dei servizi Copernicus

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# Outline

## DEFINITIONS:

- Framework for **Maritime Spatial Planning and integrated coastal management** (2013/0074 (COD)), Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) framework Directive (2014/89/EU)
- **Monitoring** methods

## CHALLENGES:

future needs in terms of **monitoring and development of indicators** to assess the impacts of climate change

## IMPLICATIONS:

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of climate change will regard hazard, **vulnerability, risk, climate change** of the marine and coastal environment (Emergency, Land, Climate, Marine environmental and Maritime **Core services**)

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The objective is to use multi-source data to get a timely and quality information, services and knowledge, and to provide **autonomous and independent** access to information in relation **to environment and security on a global level**. It will pull together all the information obtained by the Copernicus environmental satellites, air and ground stations **to provide a comprehensive picture of the "health" of Earth**. The geo-spatial information services offered by Copernicus can be grouped into six main interacting themes: **land, ocean, emergency response, atmosphere, security and climate change**.

Copernicus builds upon **3 components**:

**the space component** (observation satellites and associated ground segment with missions observing land, atmospheric and oceanographic parameters) This comprises two types of satellite missions, ESA's five families of dedicated Sentinel (space missions) and missions from other space agencies, called Contributing Missions.

**in-situ measurements** (ground-based and airborne data gathering networks providing information on oceans, continental surface and atmosphere)

**services to users.**

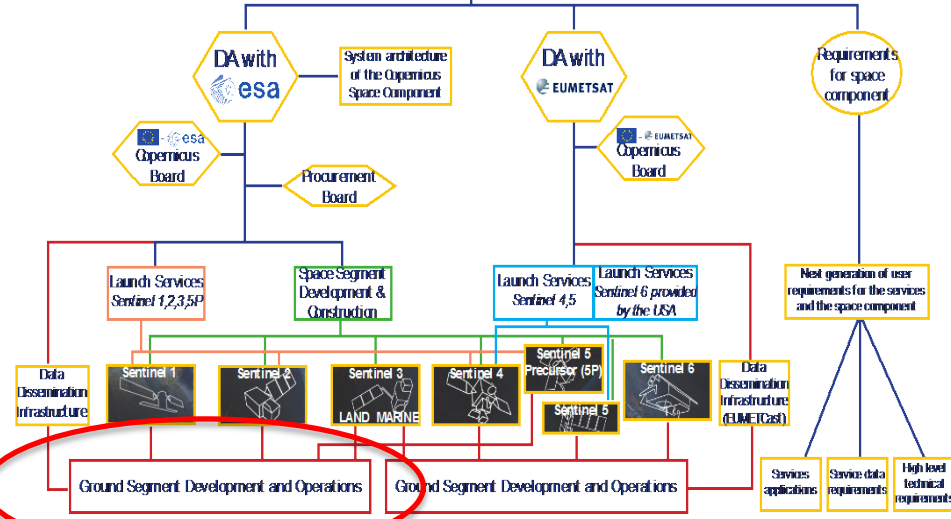
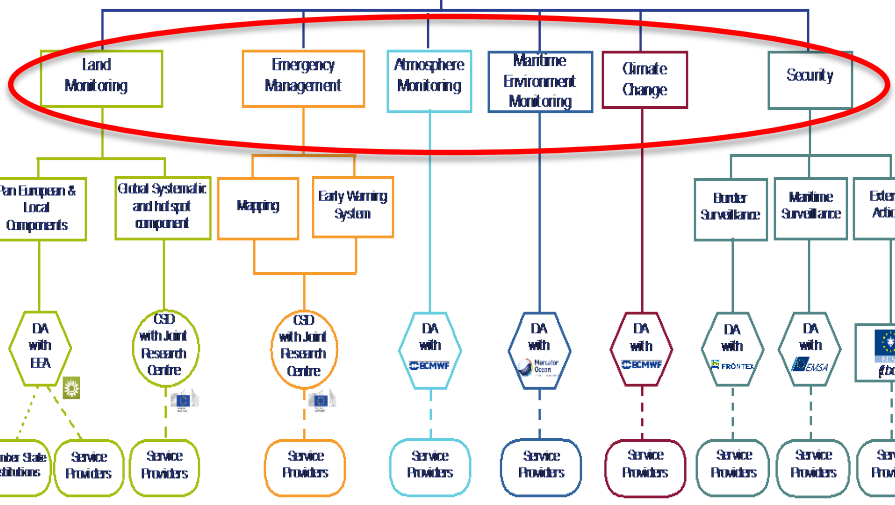
- The Copernicus Sentinels satellites are a perfect name for a constant and commonly planned Earth monitoring;
- This will provide a double advantage to European tax payers since they are paying for the Copernicus programme, the contributing missions and the much needed in-situ data;
- The additional knowledge offered by Copernicus products and services complements the information and data needed to support MS policies, reporting, assessments under EU obligations and comparison of their implementations.

...& connections with Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC), Renewable Energy Directive (2009/28/EC), etc...

# DEFINITIONS



In-situ Component\*



## DEFINITIONS

### *Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) framework* DIRECTIVE 2014/89/EU

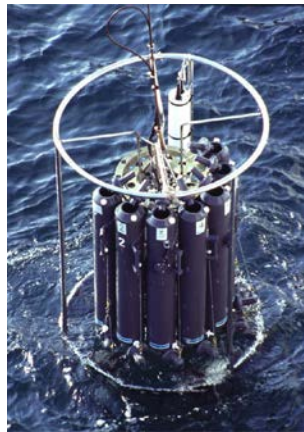
- The Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union (IMP) identifies Maritime Spatial Planning as a cross-cutting policy tool enabling public authorities and stakeholders to apply a coordinated, integrated and trans-boundary approach.
- The application of an ecosystem-based approach will contribute to promoting the sustainable development and growth of the maritime and coastal economies and the sustainable use of marine and coastal resources.
- *MPS* supports and facilitates the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy **for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth** ('the Europe 2020 Strategy') of the **coastal and maritime sectors**.
- *MPS* will contribute to the effective management of marine activities and the sustainable use of marine and coastal resources, by creating a framework for consistent, transparent, sustainable and evidence-based decision-making.
- In marine waters, ecosystems and marine resources are subject to significant pressures. Human activities, but also climate change effects, natural hazards and shoreline dynamics such as erosion and accretion, can have severe impacts on coastal economic development and growth, as well as on marine ecosystems, leading to deterioration of environmental status, loss of biodiversity and degradation of ecosystem services.(...)
- Moreover, **healthy marine ecosystems and their multiple services, if integrated in planning decisions, can deliver substantial benefits in terms of food production, recreation and tourism, climate change mitigation and adaptation, shoreline dynamics control and disaster prevention.**
- Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishes environmental assessment as an important tool for integrating environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes.

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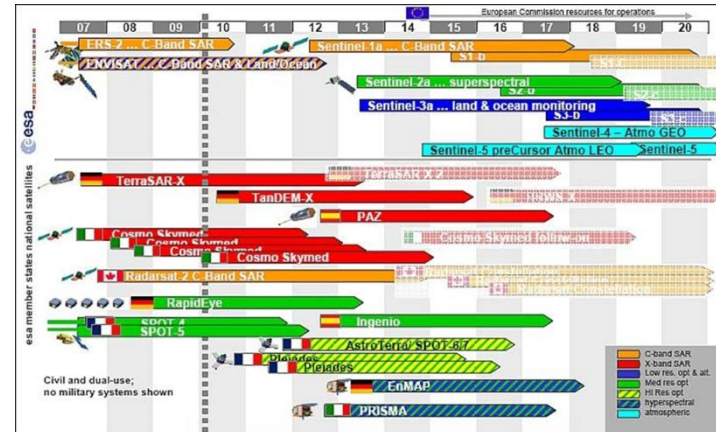
# Monitoring methods are:

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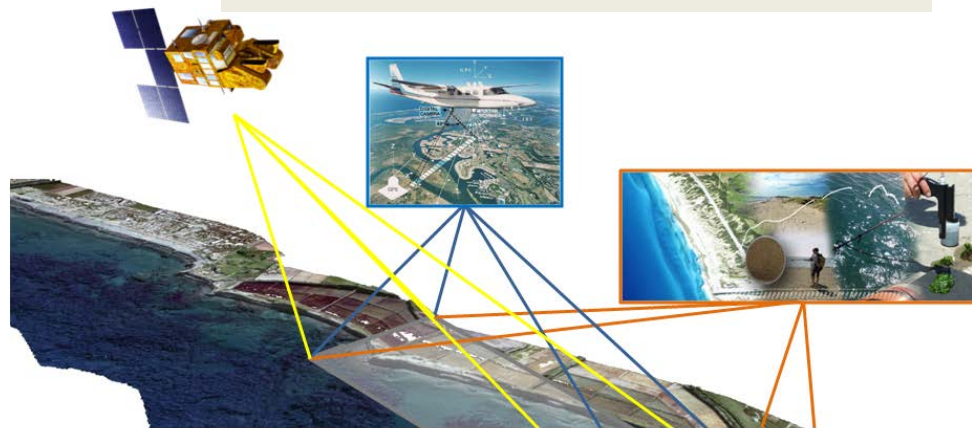
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### INDIRECT



### or INTEGRATED



The strategy of combining high and very high resolution spectral measurements in a multisensory and multi resolution analysis. This includes different ways of data fusion to assimilate spectral and spatial variability in complex coastal mapping and modeling.

# CHALLENGES

Identify the nature and rate of consequences of climate change in European marine and coastal waters using **new technologies to increase spatial and temporal resolution of the monitoring services**

Predict the consequences of climate change for our marine environment: this will require the **development and measurement of indicators** which are indicative of the underlying mechanisms of climate-induced changes

Predict the response and feedback of marine environments and ecosystems to climate change: this will require the improvement of regional climate models and **the development of biophysical models**

## Scenario generation



# The Wadden sea



Habitats

Wave, Wind, Surge

Extreme events

Geomorphology

Ecology

**River & delta**  
Freshwater, sediments and  
nutrients supply

**Sandy beaches & Wetlands**  
Floodings & Erosion

# The Northern Adriatic sea

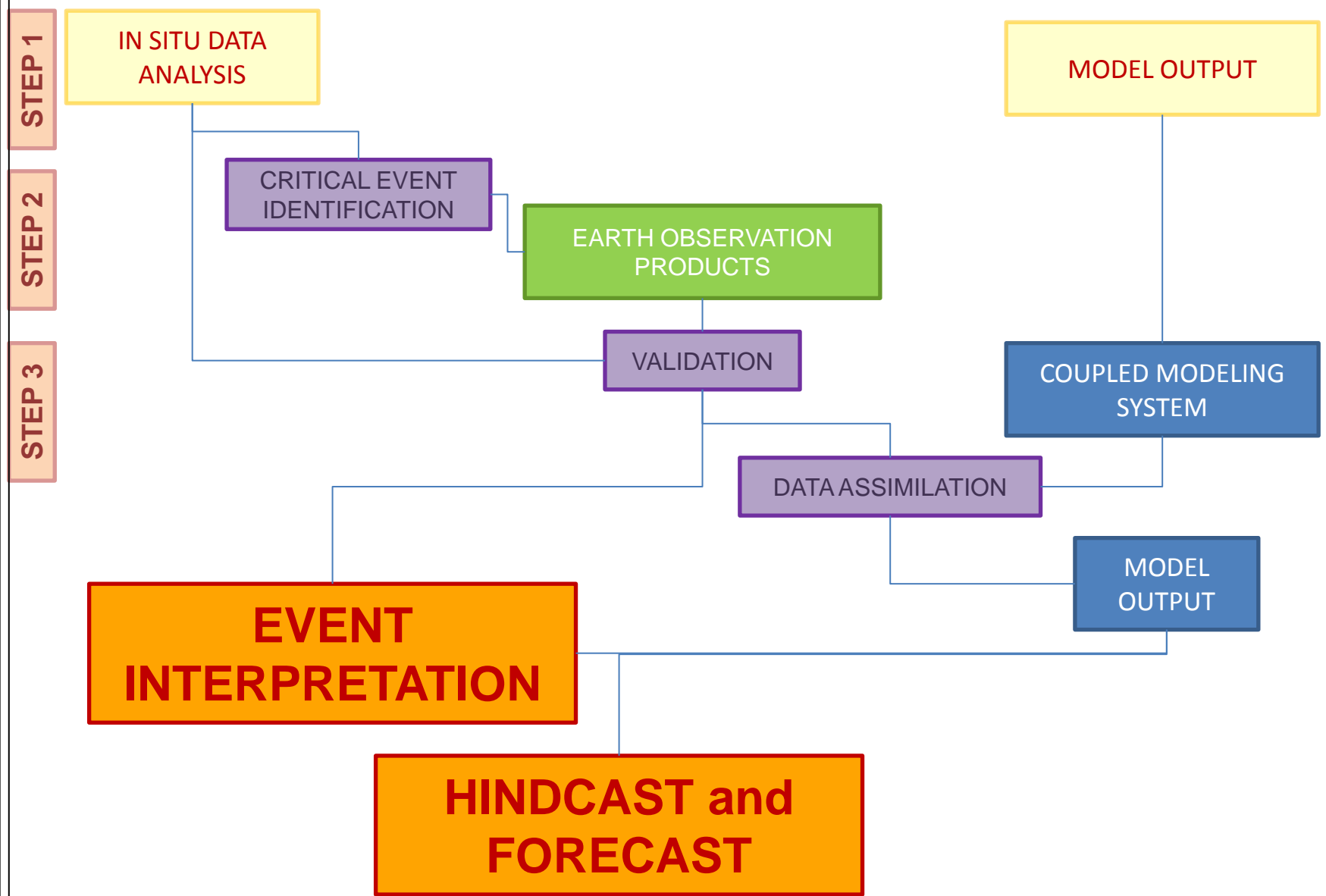


# Assessment & Monitoring of critical events

In northern Adriatic Sea the main forcing of waves are the local winds. Two distinct wind regimes, Bora and Sirocco, dominate conditions in the area and influence basin-wide circulation



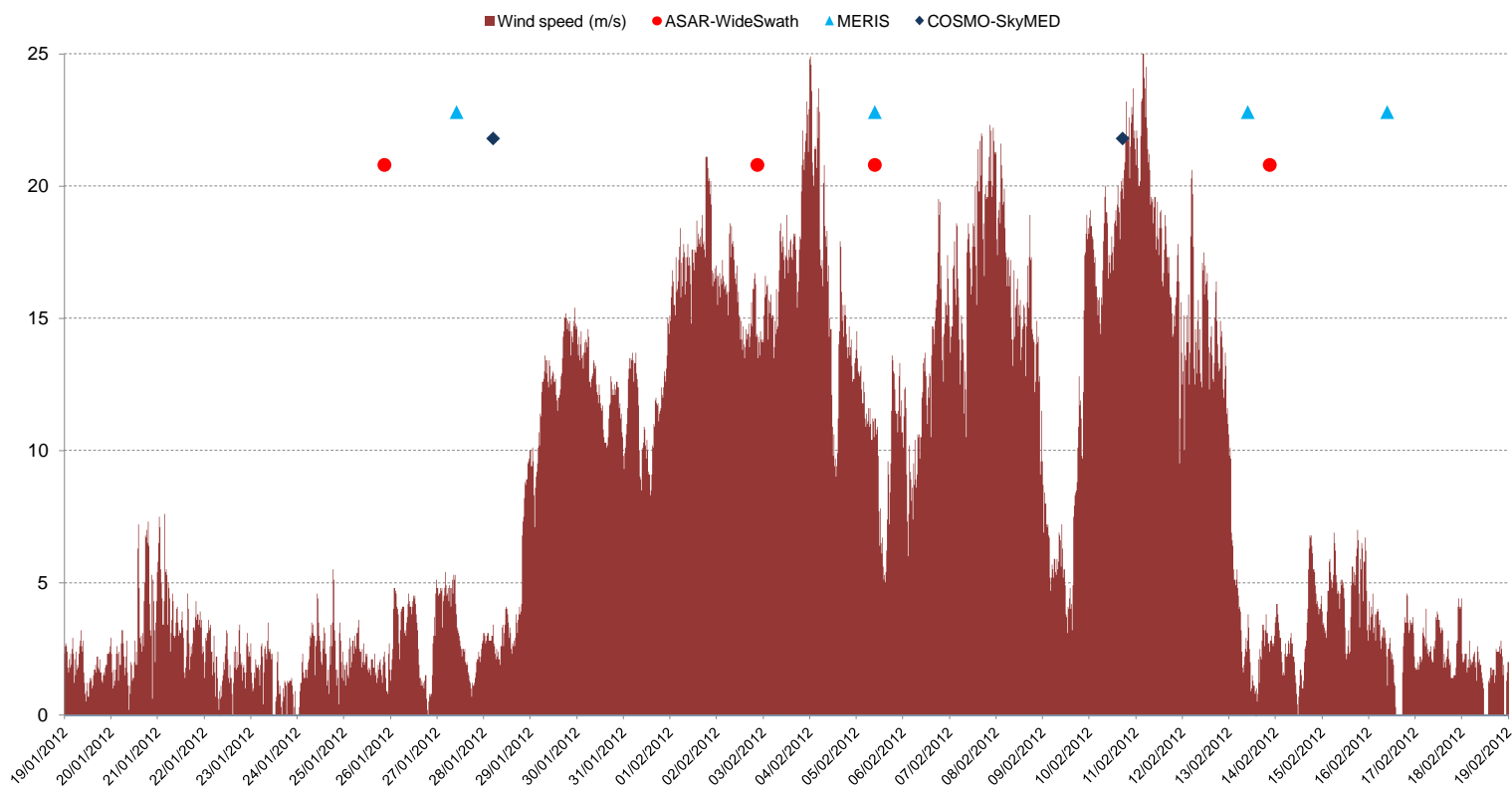
# Assessment & Monitoring of wind extreme events



# Evaluating Remote Sensed data availability during Bora events in winter 2012

## Wind speed and RS data availability

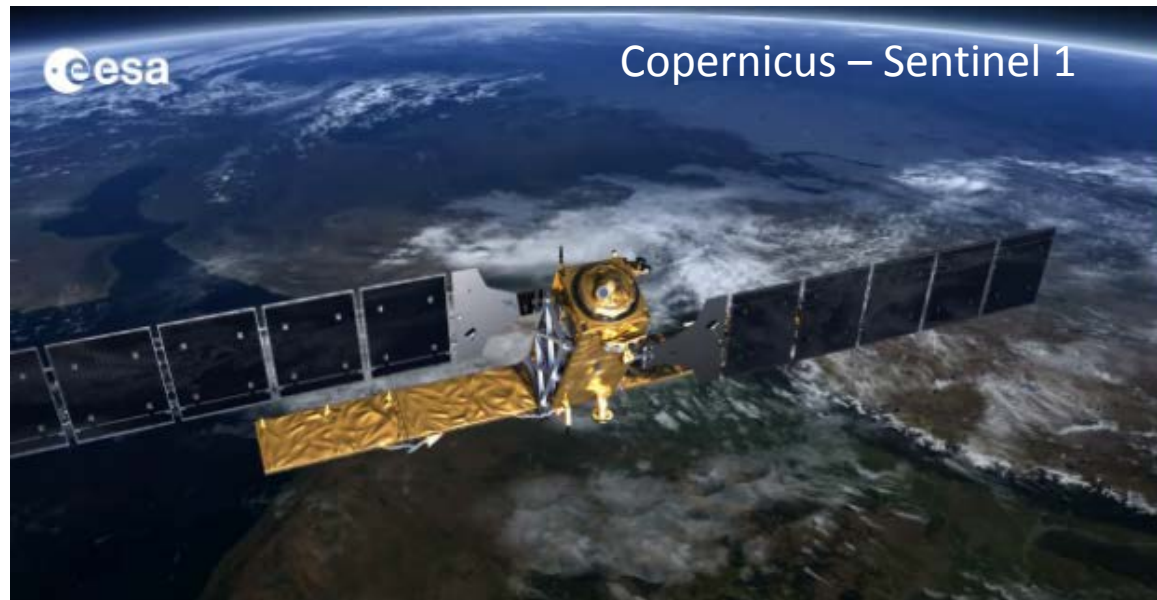
Northern Adriatic sea - 19 January 2012 - 18 February 2012



*in situ* data analysis

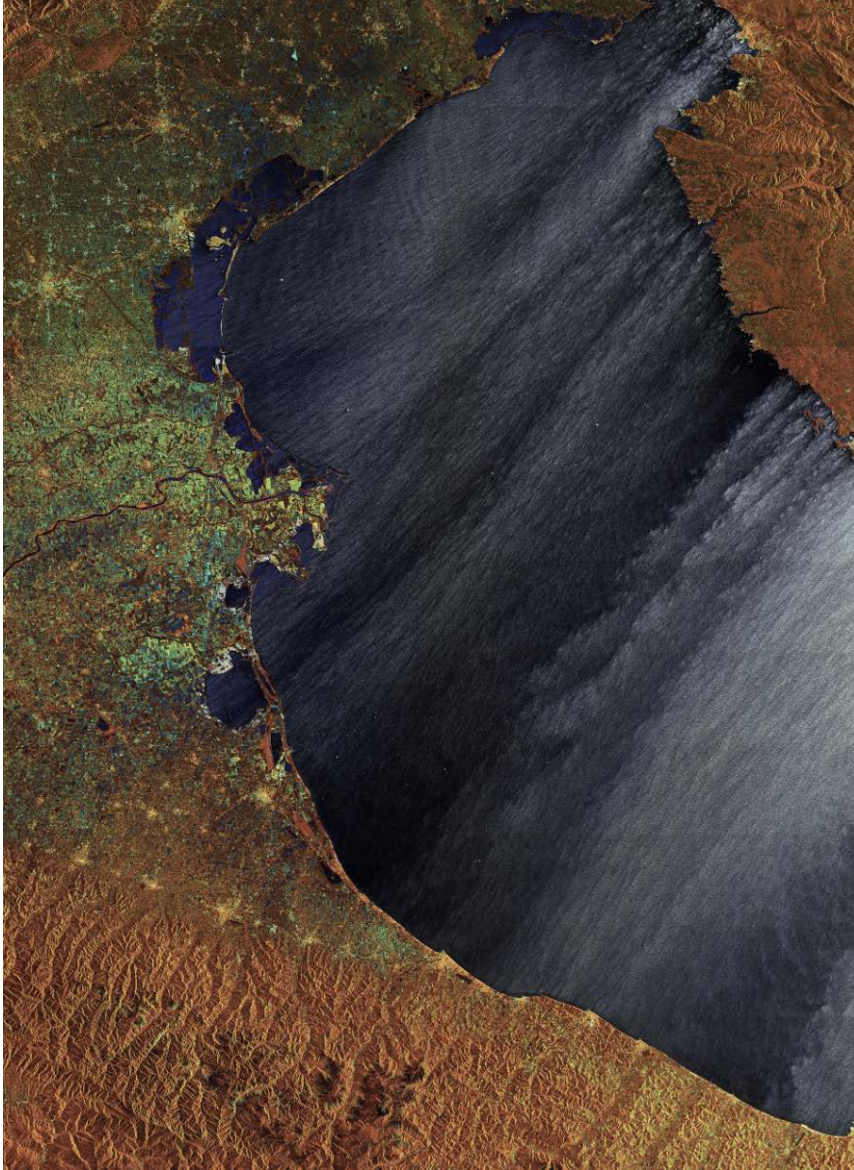
# Met ocean parameters estimations and monitoring on the base of SAR satellite data

The ESA Sentinels constitute the first series of operational satellites responding to the Earth Observation needs of the EU-ESA COPERNICUS program. The COPERNICUS space component relies on existing and planned space assets as well as on new complementary developments by ESA





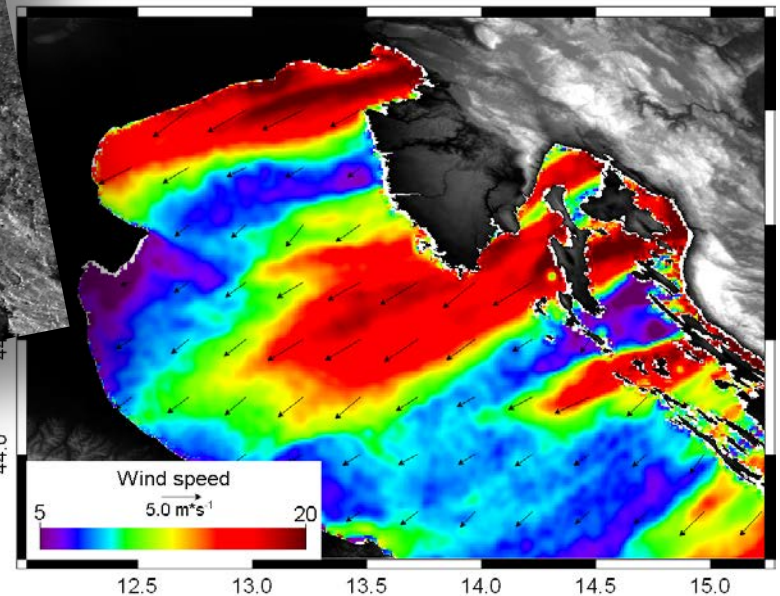
Sentinel-1A IW  
acquired on 05/03/2015  
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## Products from SAR

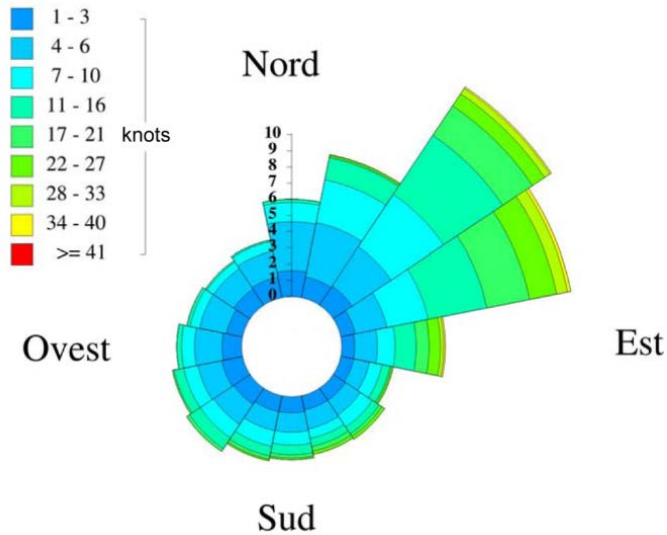
Remote Sensing Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) has the ability to detect sea surface signatures  
Wind field (intensity and direction) can be estimated from SAR at high time frequency and high resolution (up to 300 m)

Wide swath SAR data represent an important source of information for wave reanalysis applications where knowledge of the wind field is crucial (wave downscaling, formation of wind wake patterns and jet structures)



# Offshore Northern Adriatic Sea: met-ocean parameters

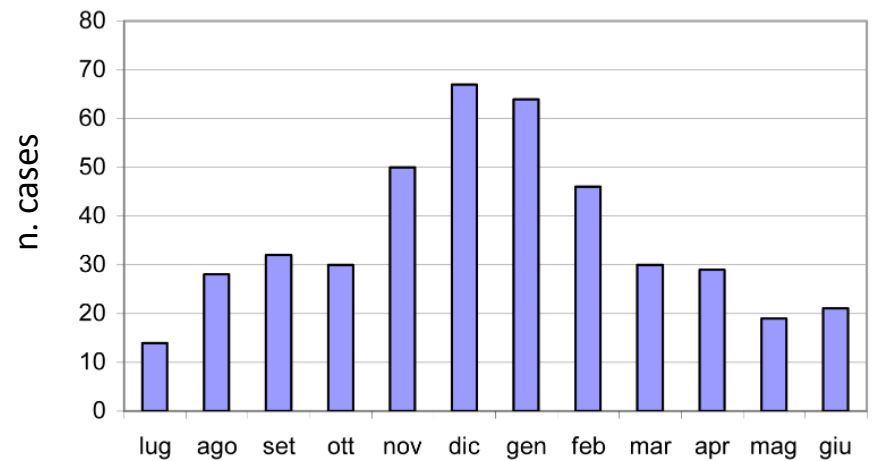
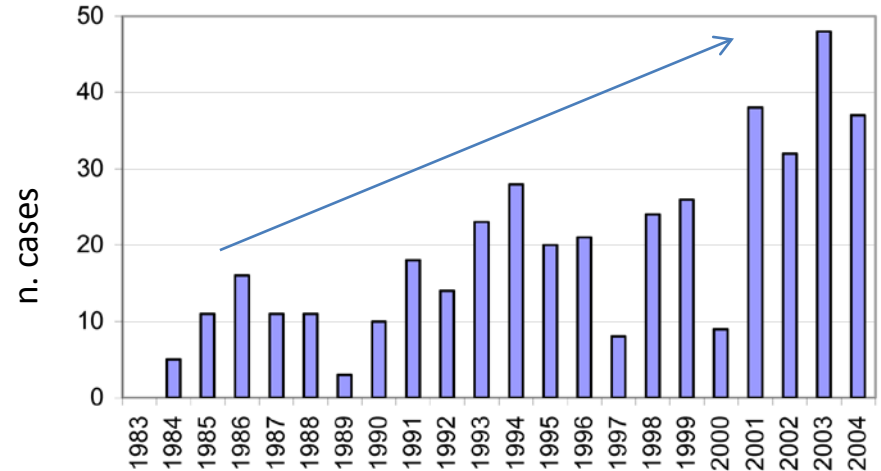
## *In situ* data: Met-ocean and climatic analysis



Wind analysis for the period 1983-2004

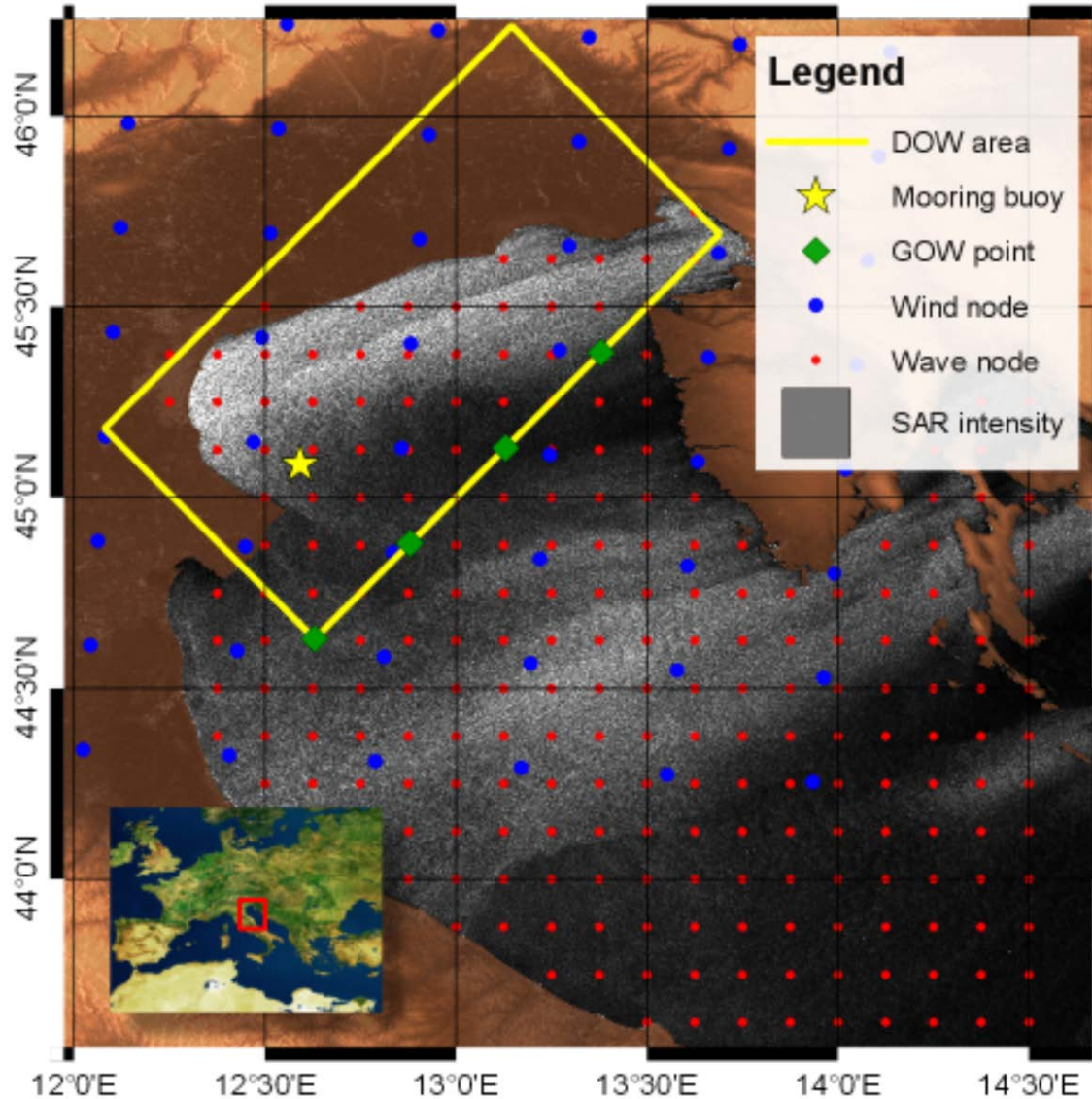
Dominant wind comes from ENE,  
mostly during winter period

## Critical wind events (knots > 30)



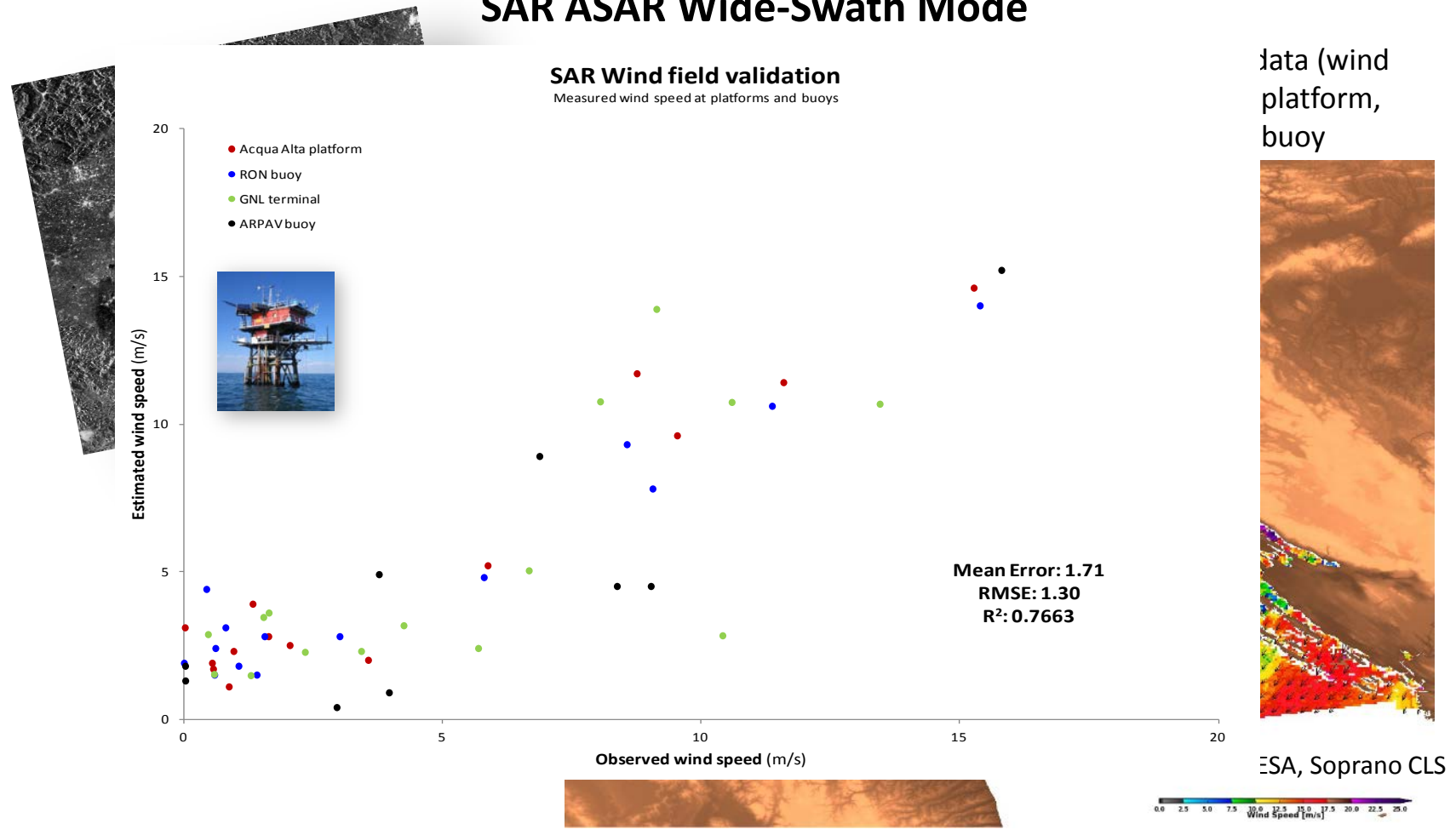


# Estimated Wind field



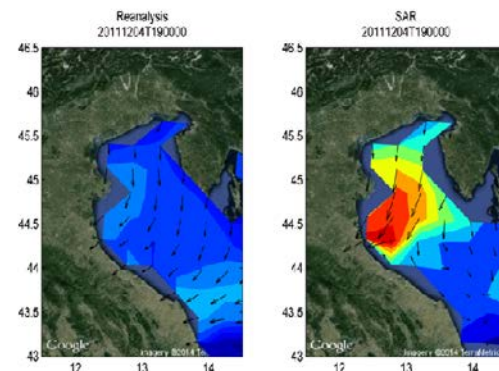
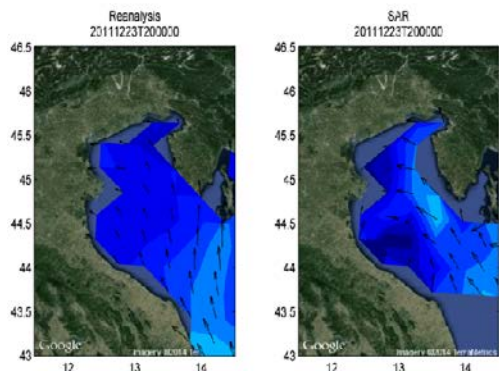
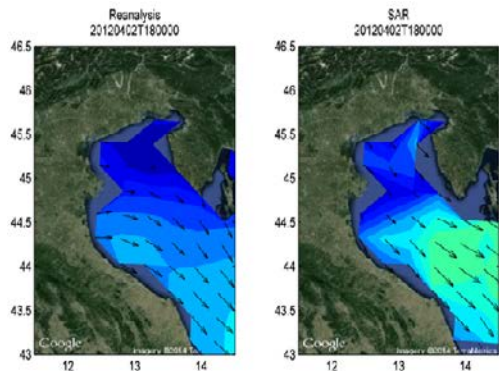
Estimated wind fields at fine scale from SAR satellite allow the observation of morphology, wake patterns, the formation of the barrier jet on the western Adriatic coast and, where present, dual-jet structure of the Bora wind

# Estimated Wind field from medium resolution SAR ASAR Wide-Swath Mode



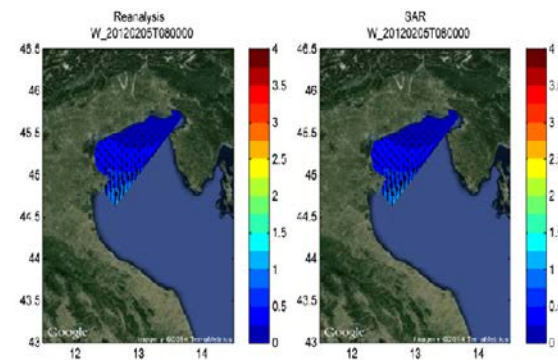
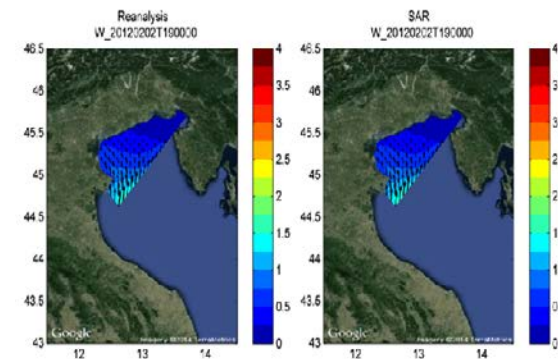
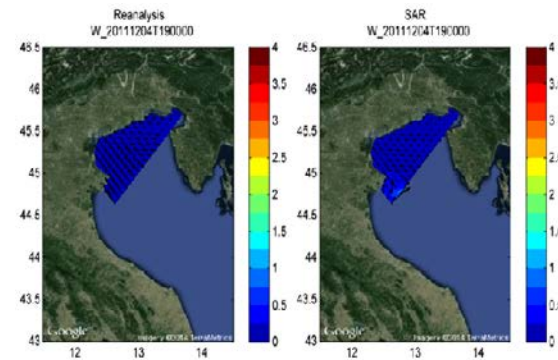
**Wind speed and direction** (spatial resolution 800m) estimated using **CMOD5** algorithm from **ENVISAT ASAR** Wide Swath acquired on 02/02/2012

# Wave simulations with SAR wind fields



## Analysis of wind SAR fields

- SAR wind fields: instantaneous conditions of winds
- Reanalysis wind fields: mean conditions of the wind of 1 hour
- Comparison between SAR ( $W_s$ ) and Atmospheric Reanalysis ( $W_m$ )
- $W_s$  was interpolated to the  $W_m$  resolution

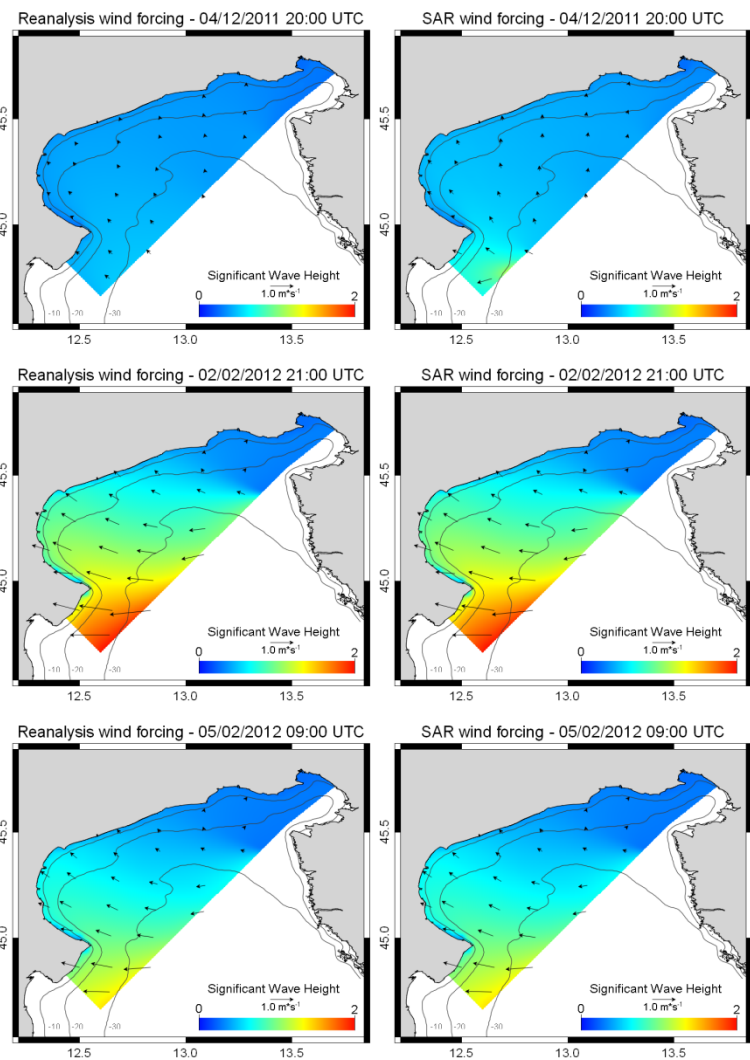
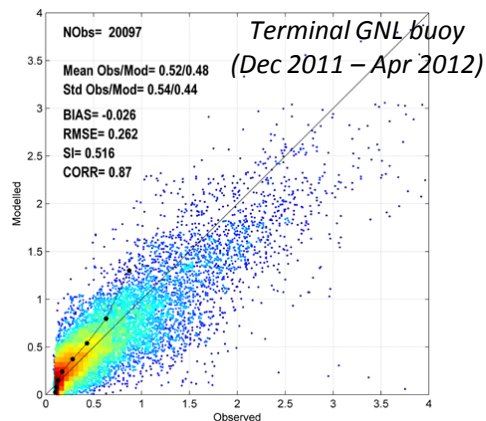
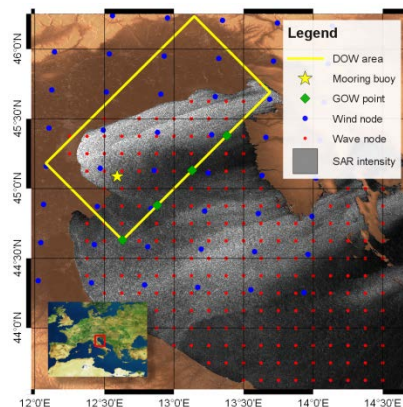


*Some cases of waves fields forced with Reanalysis winds (left) and SAR winds (right).*

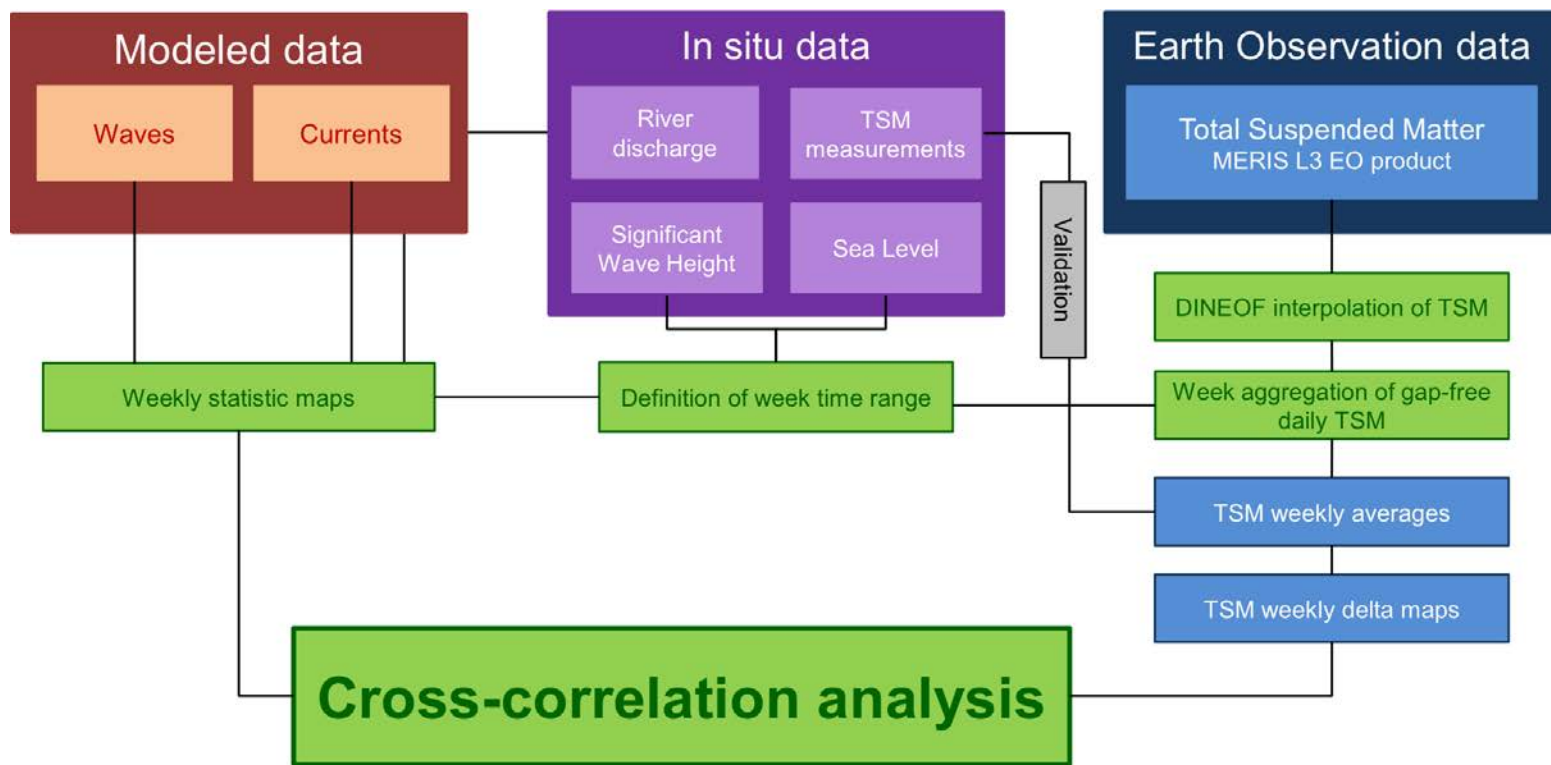
*Examples of wind fields with similar patterns between SAR and Reanalysis.*



# Wave Downscaling of northern Adriatic Sea



- SAR wind fields (ASAR) used to force wind waves in shallow waters (simulation for the period Dec2011- Apr2012)
- Time series of wave fields have been reconstructed using radial basis functions (RBF) interpolation
- Comparison with reanalysis wind forcing (atmospheric model) and in situ instrumental data indicate the general good quality of the downscaled waves
- Results demonstrate how long-term SAR data archive (Level-2 – Ocean) can be successfully up-taken into oceanographic modeling, opening the way for new improvements on services for operational oceanography.



**Results**

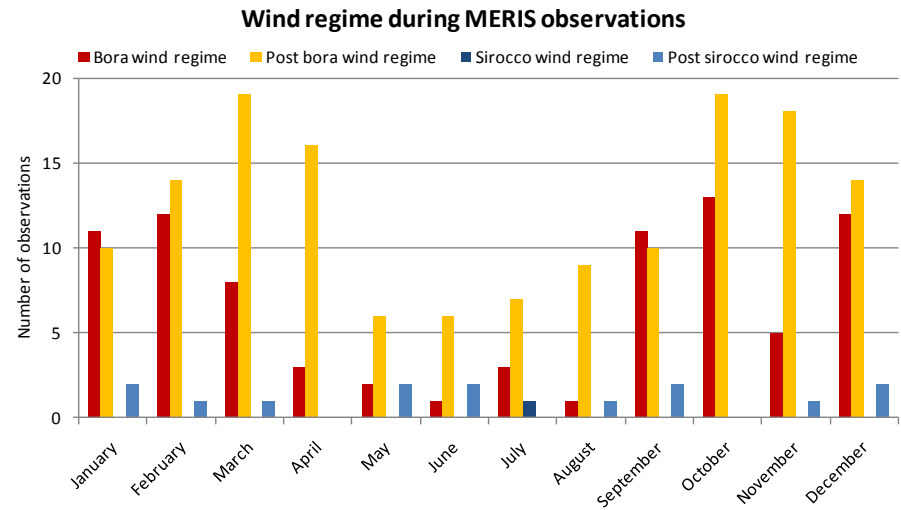
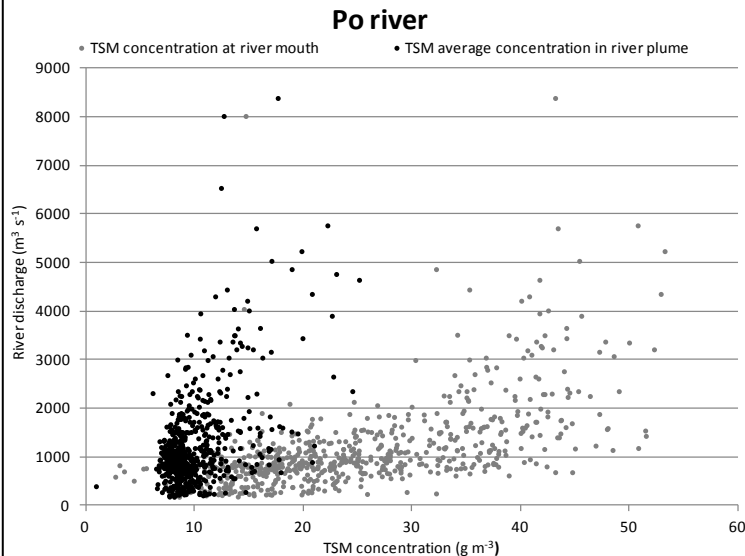
- Define the area of influence of river plumes
- Link wave height with sediment resuspension events
- Investigate relationships between currents and turbid waters fluxes

**Spatial and temporal patterns of Total Suspended Matter**

# Correspondance between TSM concentrations and physical forcings

Relationships between physical forcings and TSM concentration variability were first evaluated using geostatistical analysis on single observations.

While there is a correspondance among river discharge and TSM concentration in river plumes, a clear quantitative relation was not found



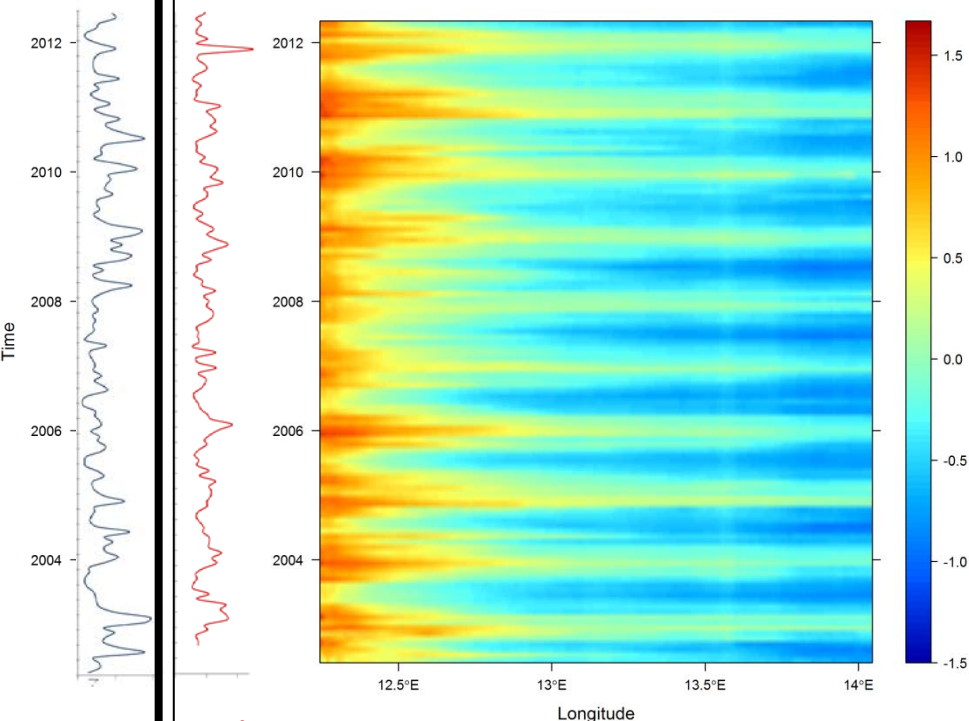
Optical multispectral sensors can not observe through clouds. As a consequence, some events can never be observed, event in extended time series.



# Analysis of inter-annual and intra-annual spatial variability

Monthly averages were used to assess intra-annual variability of suspended sediment.

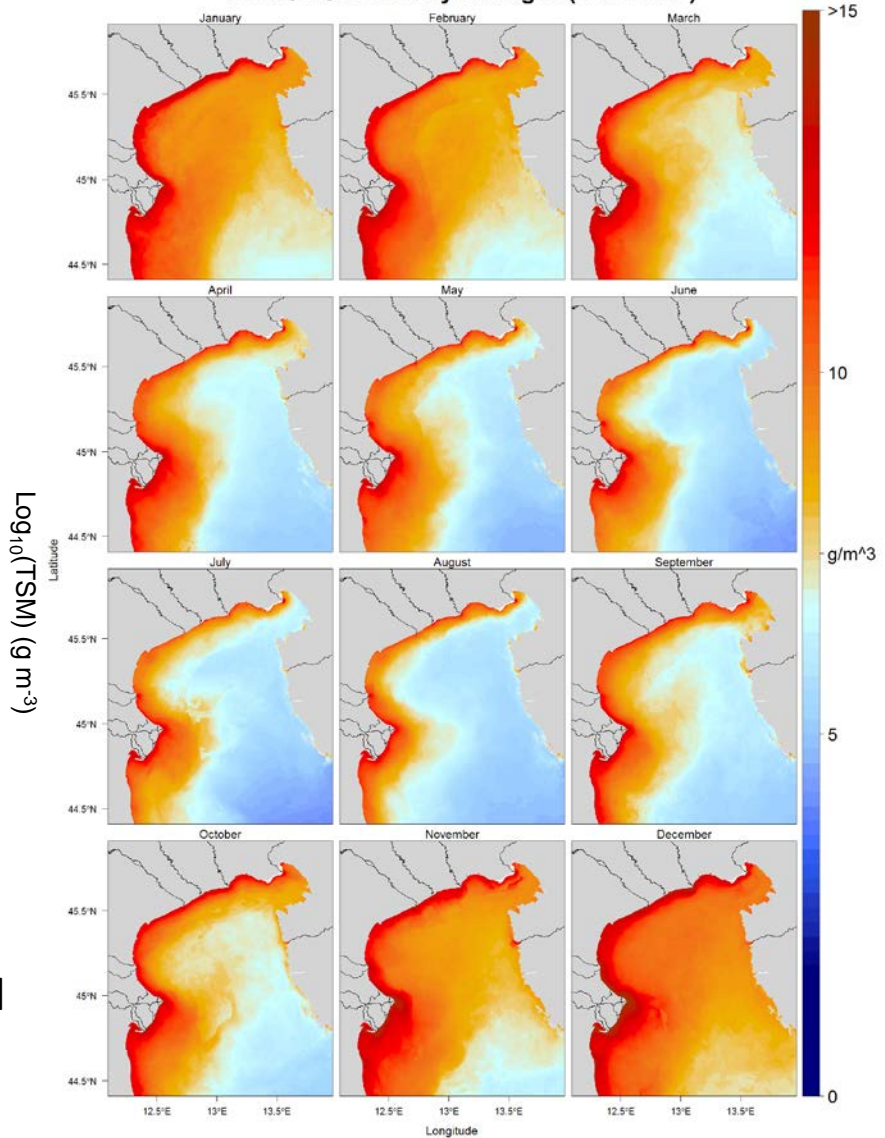
TSM time series (Latitude: 44°30'–46 °)



River discharge  
Significant Wave Height

Hovmöller diagram provide a good representation of inter-annual variability!

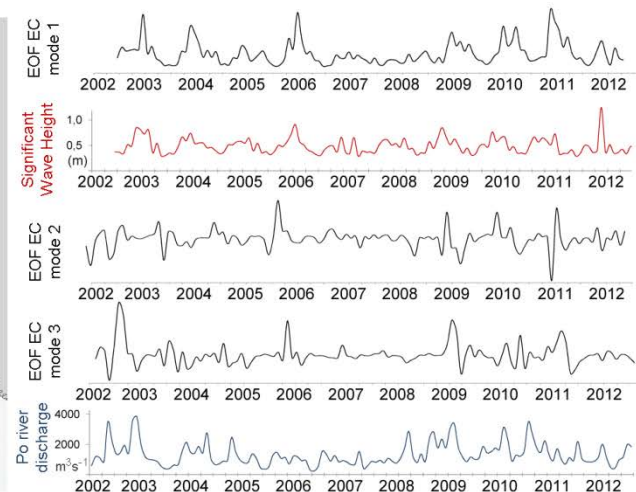
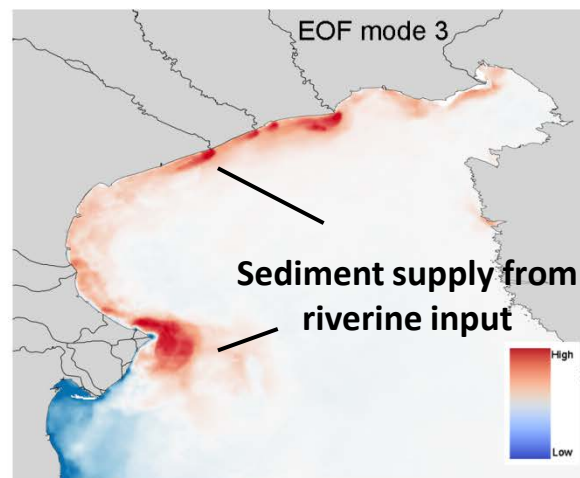
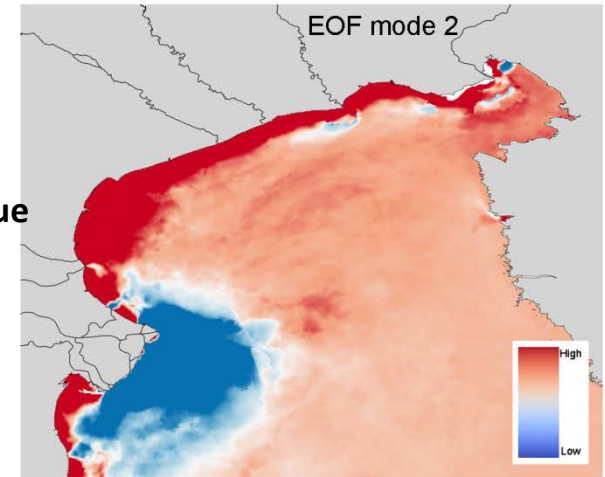
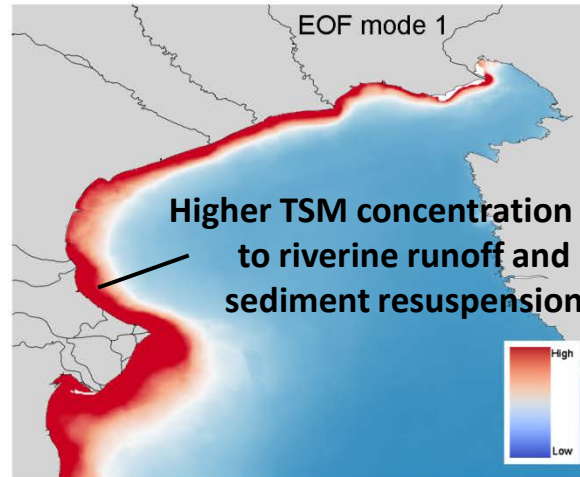
MERIS TSM monthly averages (2002-2012)



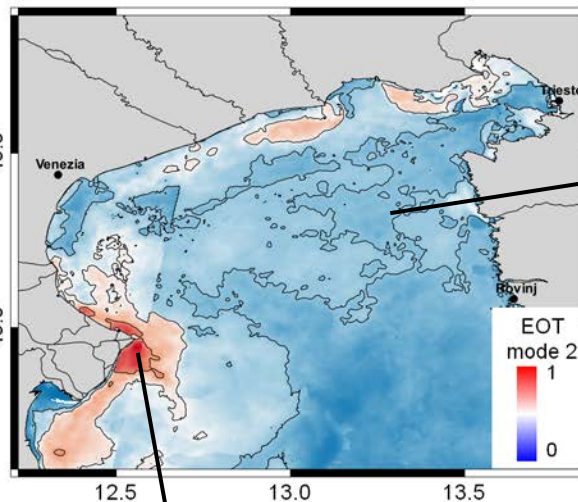
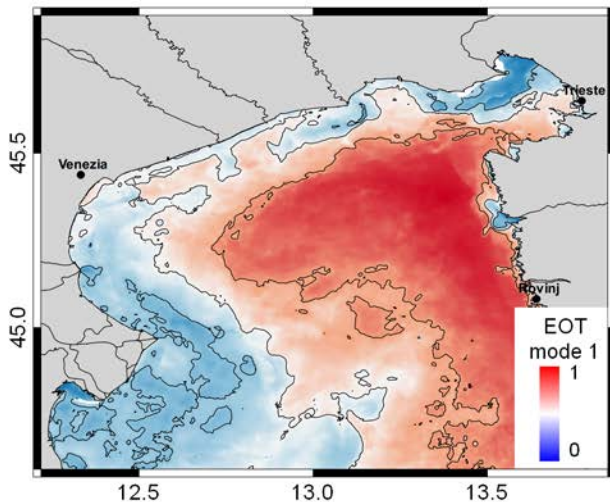
# Empirical Orthogonal Function (EOF) analysis

Resulting EOF modes represent both spatial dimension and temporal dimension, the latter is called Expansion Coefficient (EC) time series

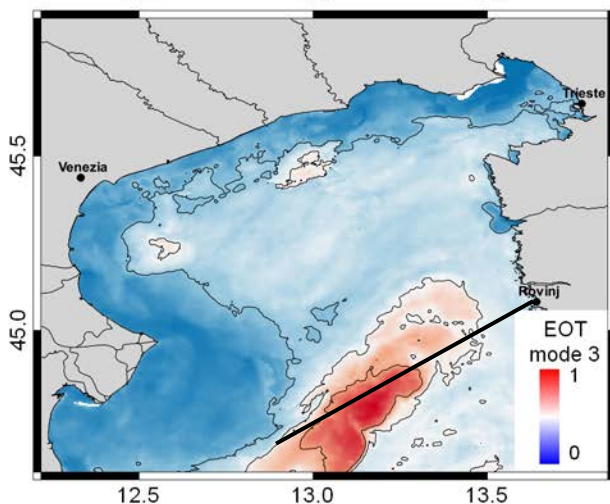
Expert knowledge is needed to interpret EOF results and identify relations with environmental forcings, even if modes cannot always be interpreted in terms of real physical signal



# Empirical Orthogonal Teleconnection (EOT) analysis

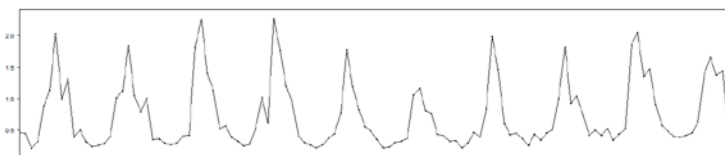


resulting modes not always represent real and clear patterns

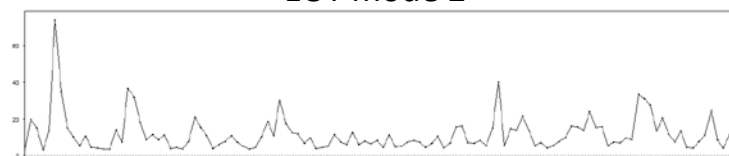


Ability to detect small features

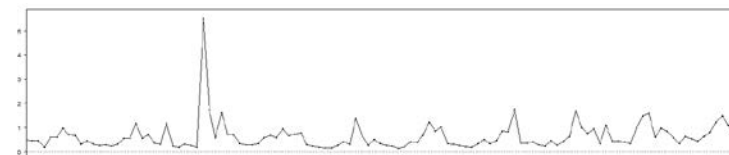
EOT mode 1



EOT mode 2



EOT mode 3





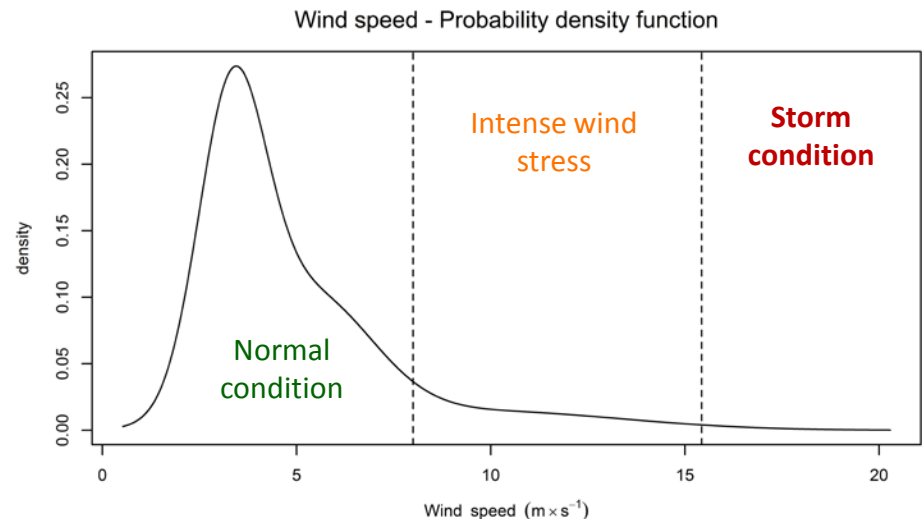
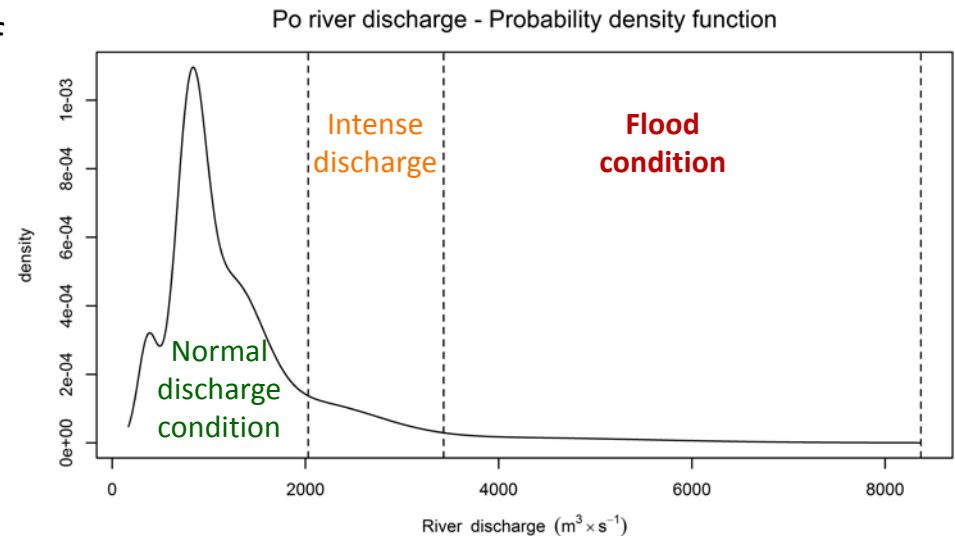
# Hydro-climatic variables classification based on magnitude

**River plumes** represent one of the major gain in sedimentary budget of littoral cells.

**Wind stress and hydro-climatic variables** pulses perturb sediment steady state.

Statistically speaking, density distribution represent of hydro-climatic variables is a **positively skewed distribution**. Occurrence of intense physical stress has to be find at the far end of the distribution tail.

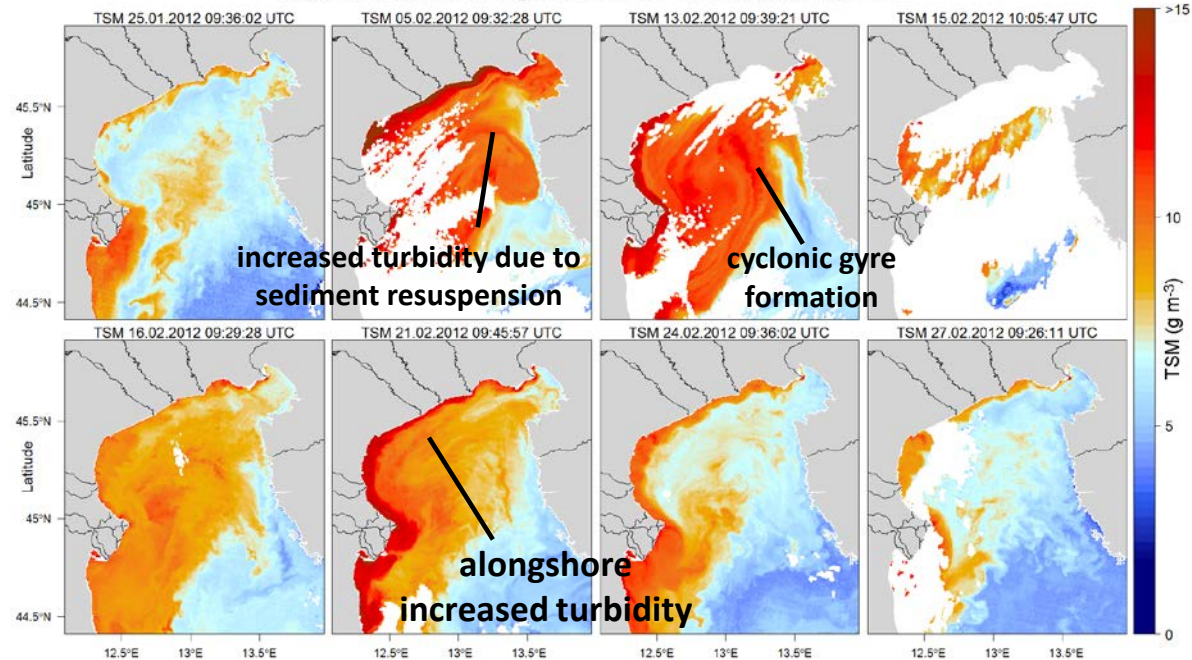
**Identification of threshold values** was done using hierarchical clustering approach, based on the Bayesian Information Criteria (BIC).



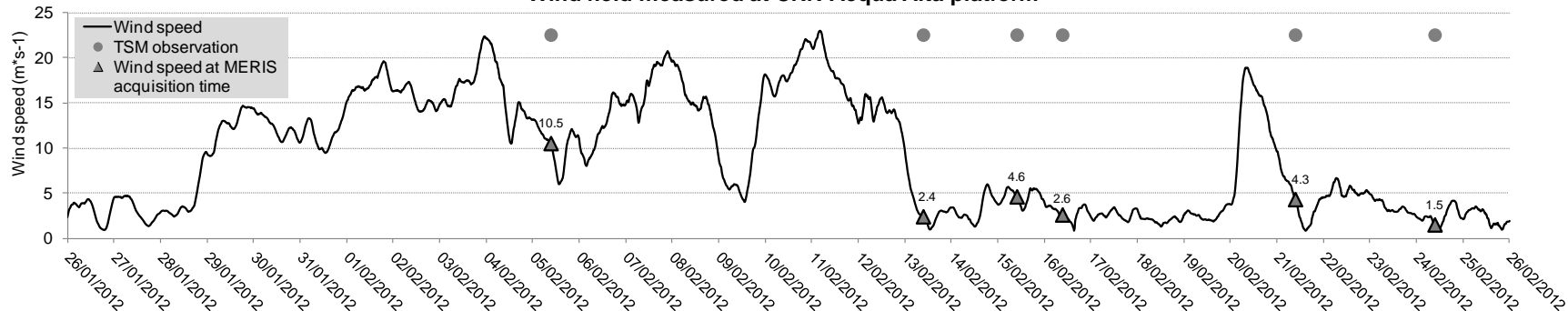
# Monitoring of sediment resuspension event during intense wind stress

Evolution of sediment resuspension processes has been evaluated during storm condition events identified from in situ data analysis

TSM observation during intense bora wind in February 2012

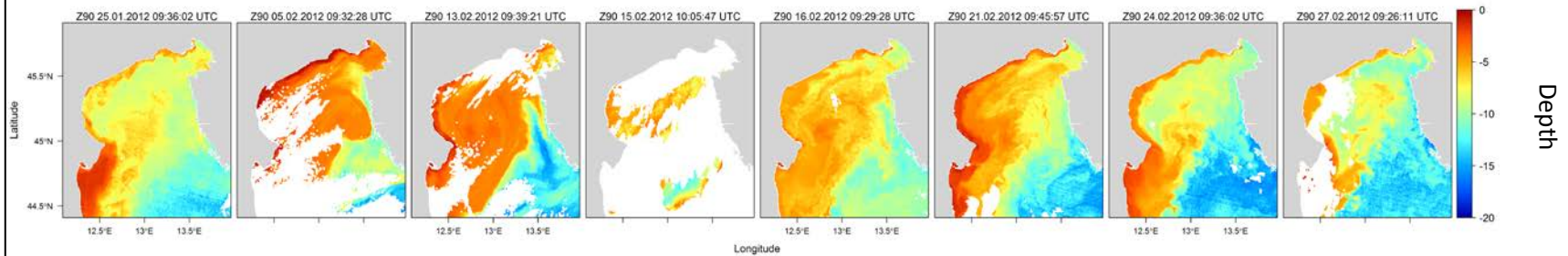


Wind field measured at CNR Acqua Alta platform

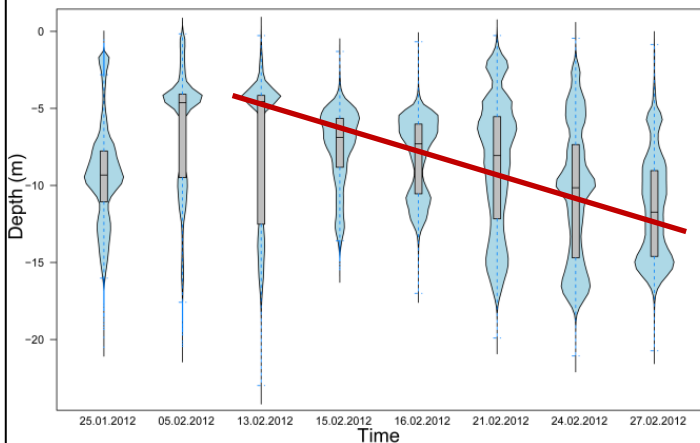


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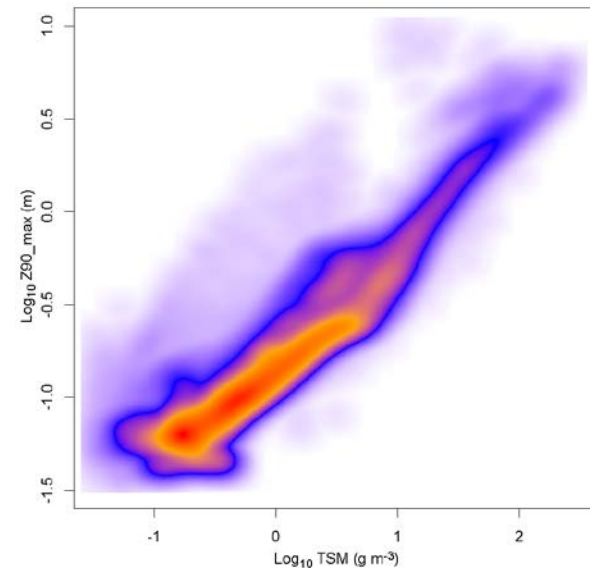
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Evolution of particle settling has been investigated analyzing variations of maximum signal depth (Z90\_max), hence describing the evolution of the vertical distribution of turbidity in the water column during the resuspension event



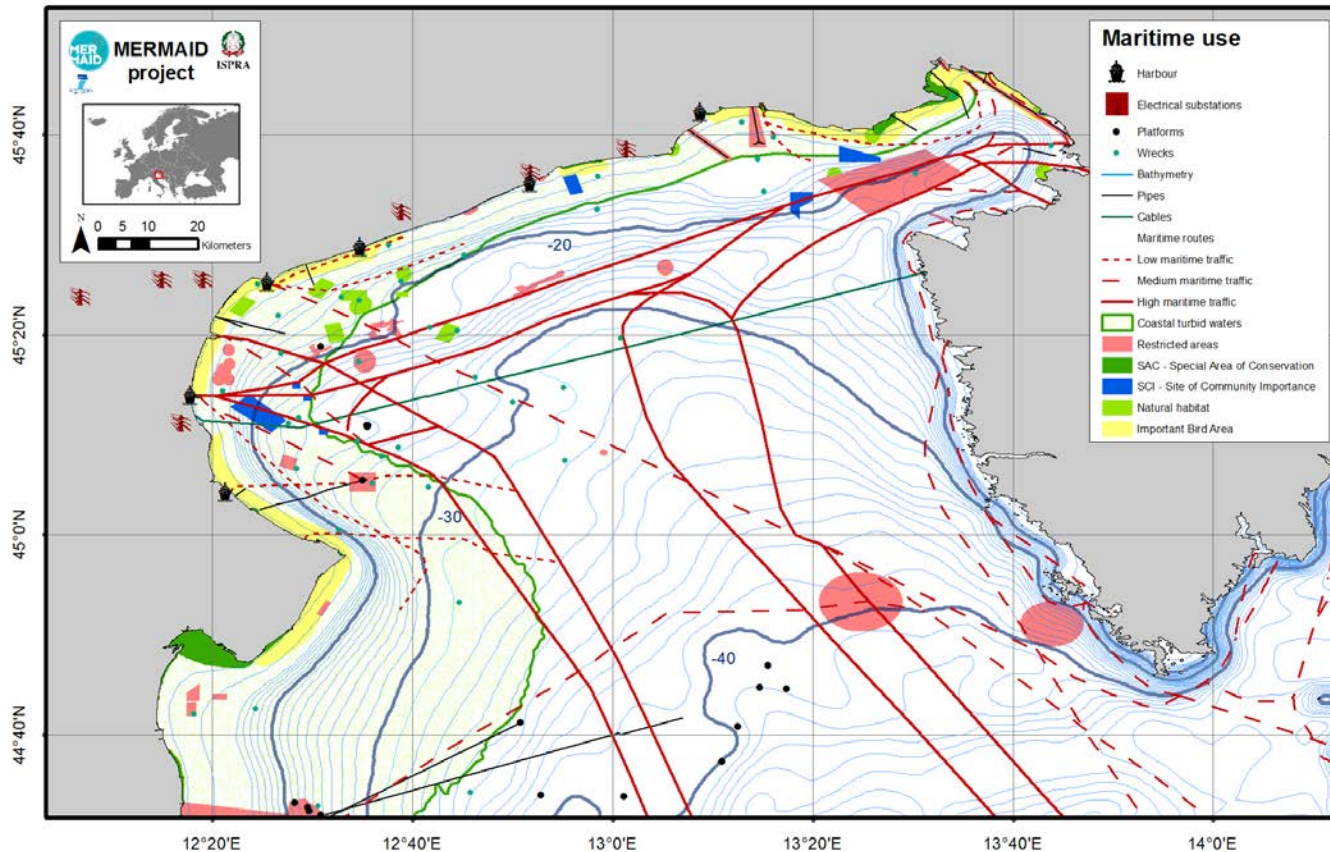
*particle settling*



Z90\_max parameter has been found to be quantitatively highly related with TSM concentrations

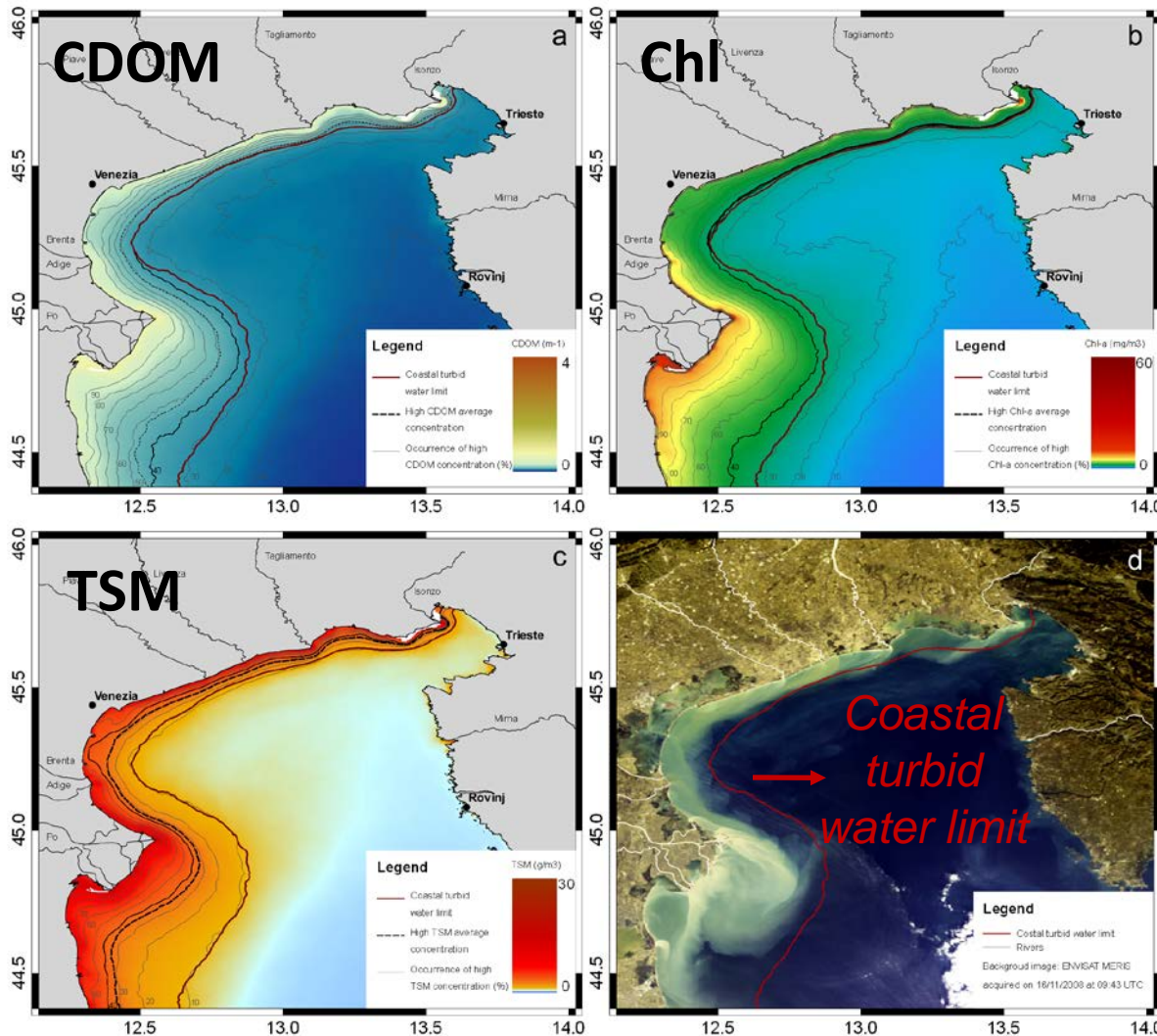


# Mapping current spatial maritime use to support Maritime Spatial Planning directive



Mapping current spatial maritime use (existing maritime platform, main marine routes, protected and restricted area, thematic maps from EO, ...) to identify potential conflict of use of maritime space and support Maritime Spatial Planning directive

# Earth Observation product analysis: water quality

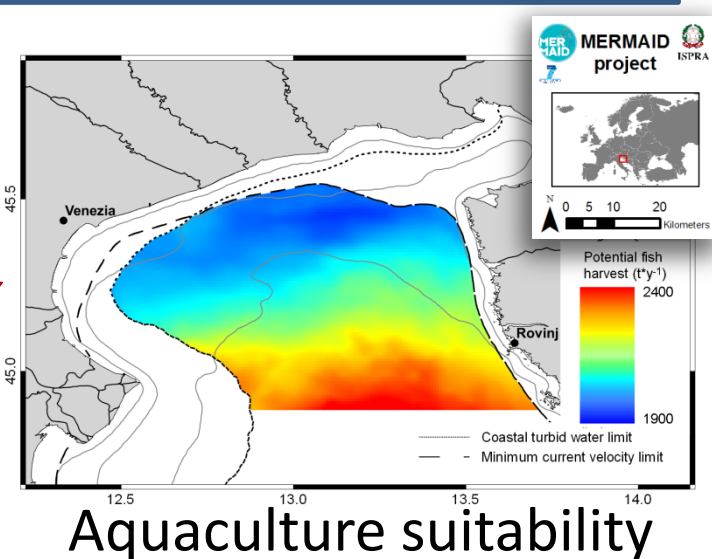
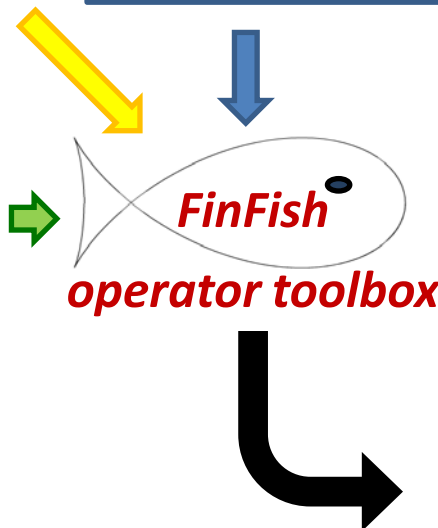
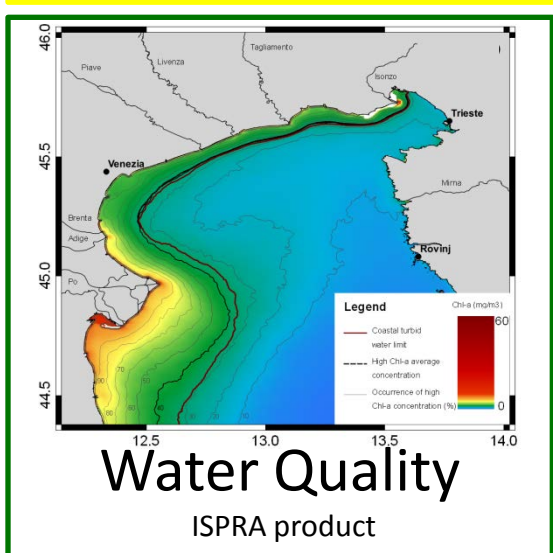
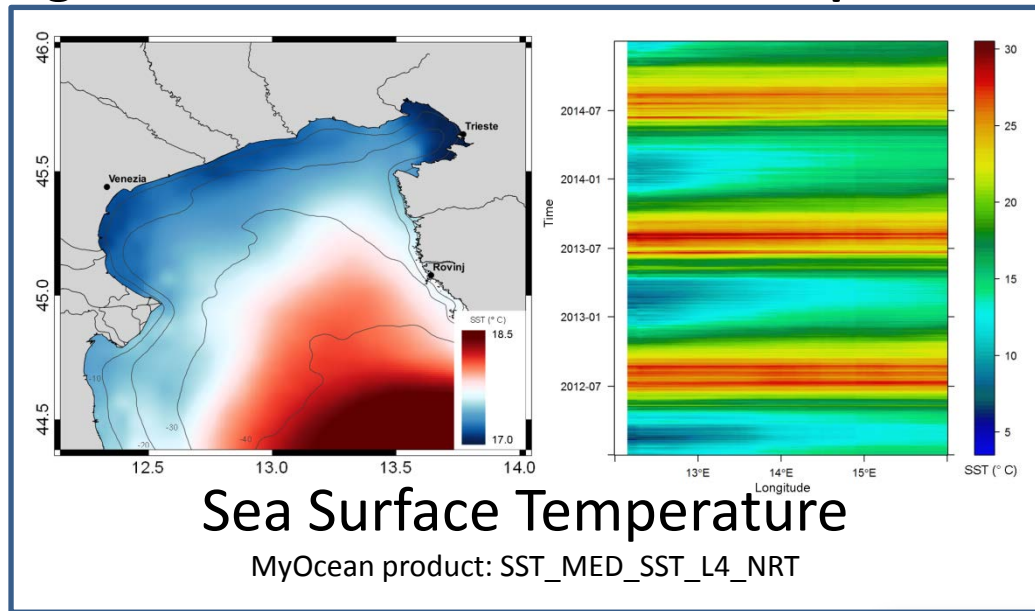
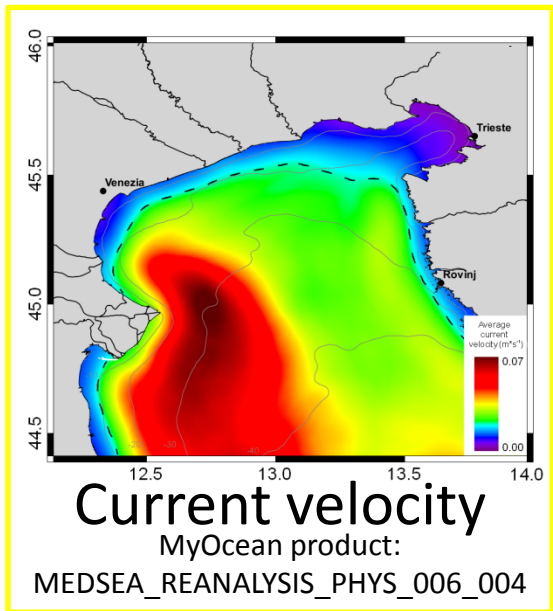


Long-term analysis on spatial distributed data of **Chlorophyll**, **CDOM** and **TSM** can be used to identify the area of influence of large river plumes, which represent the main external contribution of nutrients and sediments

Decadal statistics (2002-2012)  
of Ocean Color products

*ENVIAT MERIS acquired on  
16/11/2006 at 09:43 UTC*

# MyOcean Copernicus Marine Service and EO products for environmental monitoring and sustainable coastal development



**MERMAID project**  
ISPRA



## CHANGE IN COASTAL EXPOSURE AND VULNERABILITY: ECOSYSTEM SERVICES ROLE

### OBJECTIVE

Assessing the role of ecosystems in terms of flood protection and thus vulnerability reduction by:

- testing a ready to use exposure and vulnerability assessment model (i.e. InVEST Coastal Vulnerability Model)
- proposing an alternative approach based on Fuzzy Logic

### PRODUCTS

- Current degree of coastal exposure and vulnerability
- Generation of scenarios of coastal exposure and vulnerability by changing hazard and ecosystem characterization

**AOI:** Wadden Sea (The Netherlands) and Po Delta (Italy)

**DATA:** EO data a/o products, in situ data



## Variables used by the InVEST model and in Fuzzy Logic Approach

VARIABLES FOR ASSESMENT		Fuzzy Logic Approach				
		InVEST model		Fuzzy 'SUM'	Raster Calc 'SUM'	Raster Calc 'SUM'
		no habitat	habitat	no habitat	habitat	no habitat
		A	B	C	D	E
Physical forcing	Waves (Height - Direction - Intensity)	X	X	X	X	X
Physical settings	Digital Terrain Model	X	X	X	X	X
	Geomorphology	X	X	X	X	X
	Erosion			X	X	
	Subsidence			X	X	
	Sea Level Rise	X	X			
Social component	Population	X	X	X	X	X
	Corine Land Cover 2007			X	X	X
Habitat	Dune presence		X		X	
	Lagoons/Saltmarshes presence		X			

Some of these variables are **OR could be part** of Copernicus CORE and DOWNSTREAMING SERVICES....

- Land cover/Land use map → IS part of **CORE SERVICE LAND**
- Detailed Habitat map → COULD be part of a **DOWNSTREAMING SERVICES**

**InVEST Coastal Vulnerability model:** computes the physical Exposure Index (EI: EI=1 low exposure, EI=5 very high exposure) to SURGE (WAVES)

RANK (R <sub>i</sub> )	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
VARIABLE	1	2	3	4	5
Geomorphology	Rocky, high cliffs, etc.	Medium cliff, indented coast	Low cliff, alluvial plain	Cobble beach, estuary, lagoon, bluff	Barrier beach, delta sand beach, mud flat,
Relief	> 90th Percentile	> 75th Percentile	Average value	< 25th Percentile	< 10th Percentile
Natural Habitats	Coral reef, mangrove, coastal forest	High dune, marsh	Low dune	Seagrass, kelp	No habitat
Sea Level Change	Net decrease < 20 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	< 40 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	±1 < 60 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	< 80 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Net rise > 81 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Wind Exposure	< 10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	< 25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Average value	> 75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	> 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Wave Exposure	< 10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	< 25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Average value	> 75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	> 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Surge Potential	No exposure	< 25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Average value	> 75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	> 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile

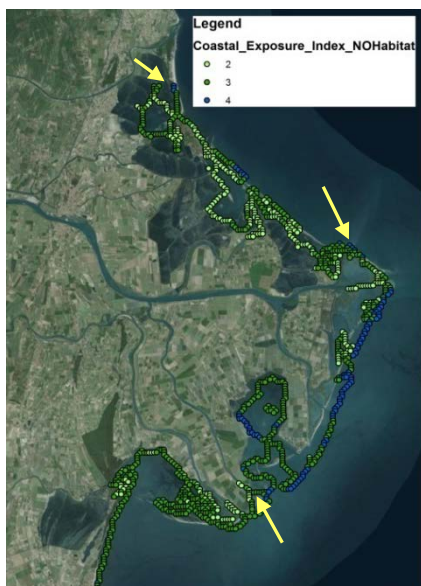
Expert knowledge ranking

**Coastal Exposure Index (EI) with Habitat** =  $(R_{\text{geomorph}} * R_{\text{relief}} * R_{\text{habitat}} * R_{\text{wave}} * R_{\text{surgepot}} * R_{\text{sealevel}})^{\wedge} \frac{1}{6}$

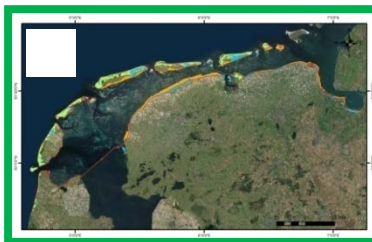
**Note: ALL RESULTS ARE EXTENT RELATED AS WELL AS RANKING VALUES**



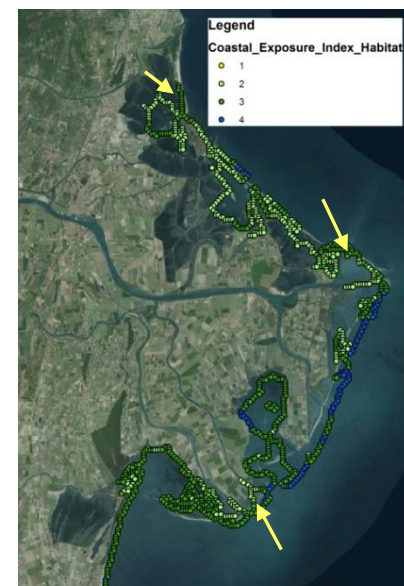
## Coastal exposure Index without Habitat



## Habitat: Dune & Wetlands



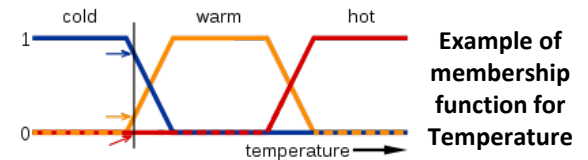
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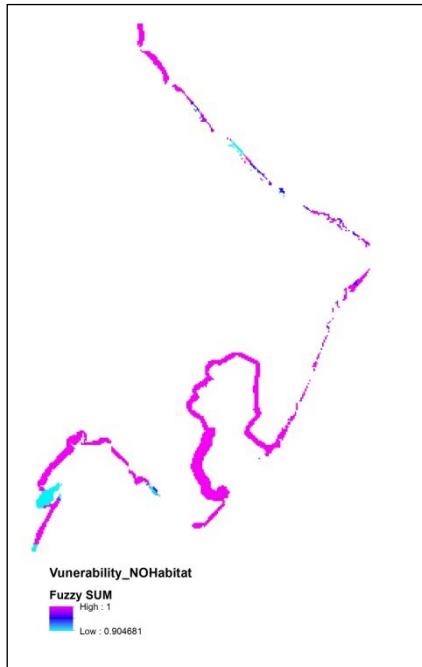
## Coastal Vulnerability : A FUZZY LOGIC APPROACH

Applied to complex and imprecise problems enables to handle non-linearity, common in multi-criteria framework and vagueness, common in environmental issues

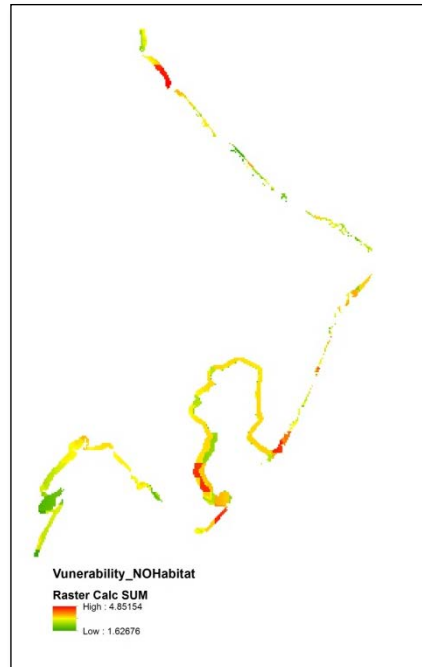
and has the ability to model complex behaviors as a collection of simple “if–then” rules based on expert knowledge.



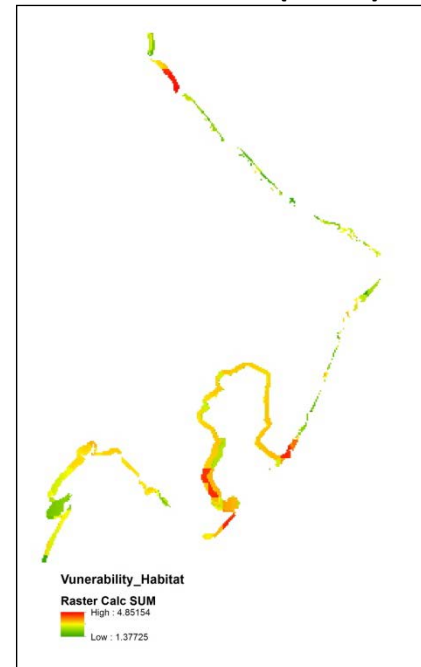
Fuzzy SUM



Raster Calc SUM without Habitat

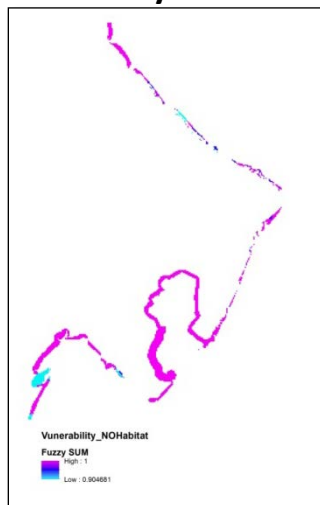


Raster Calc SUM with Habitat (Dune)

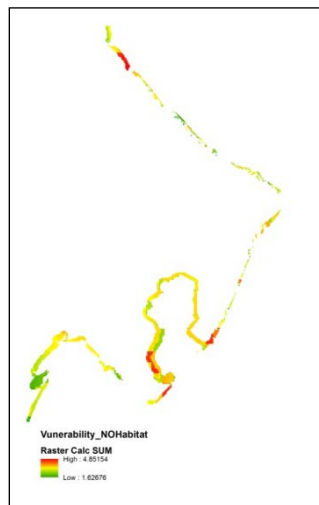


# Coastal Vulnerability : InVEST CV model vs FUZZY LOGIC APPROACH

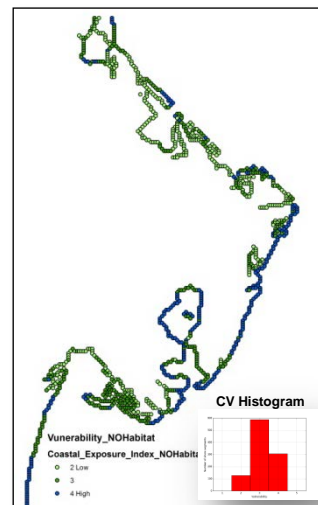
**Fuzzy SUM**



**Raster Calc SUM  
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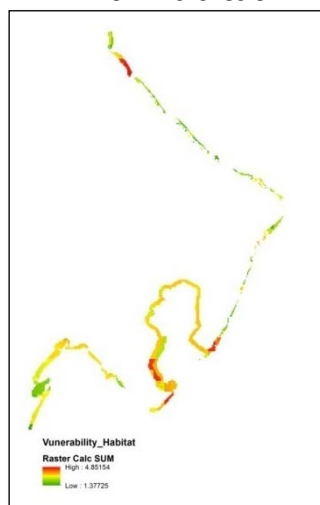
**InVEST CV  
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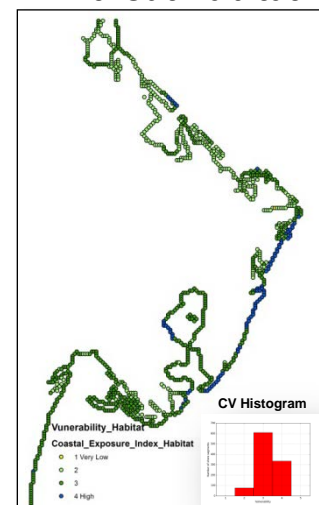
## InVEST model

- ready to use but data compulsory
- “fair” qualitative description of CE (not CV)
- includes a storm surge and wave field model
- habitat protective action easy to manipulate
- doesn't consider the site-specific feature
- ranking does not enable to maintain natural gradient and strongly expert based
- EI is area extent dependant comparison between different areas is senseless

**Raster Calc SUM  
with Habitat**



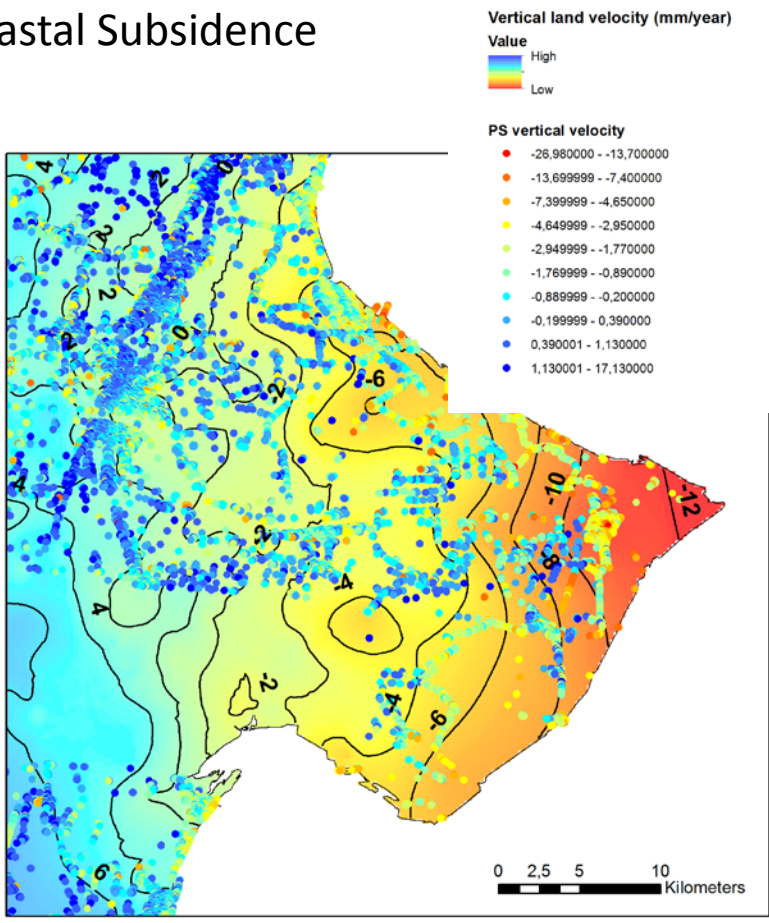
**InVEST CV  
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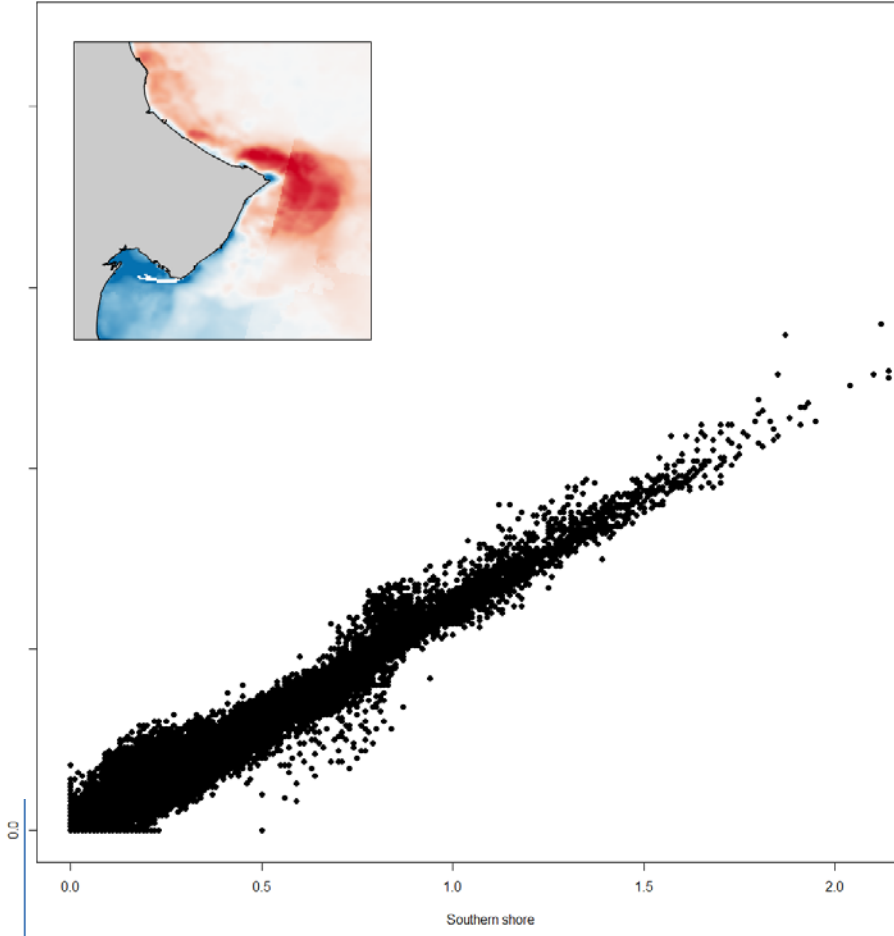
## Fuzzy Approach

- allows the inclusion of multiple variables but they should be rasterizable and varying continuously in space (habitat generally don't respond to this assumption)
- is a-priori site specific
- can merge different kinds of parameters (e.g., environmental and health, and quantitative and qualitative)
- strong reliance on subjective inputs
- can fail to capture the ranges of values in complex data sets and the correlations among the parameters

## Coastal Subsidence

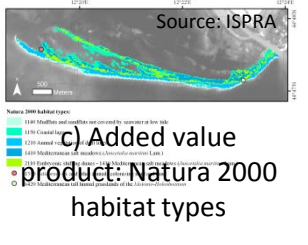
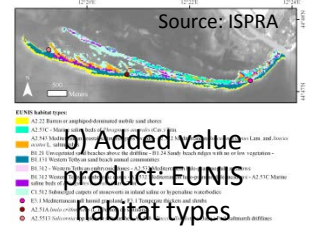
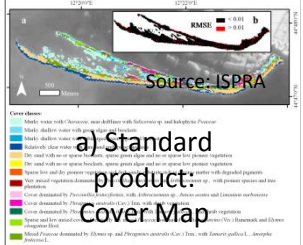
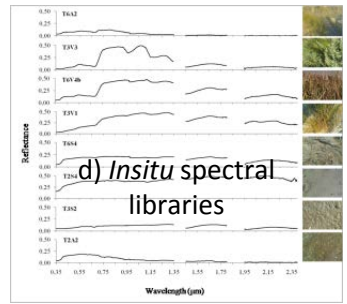
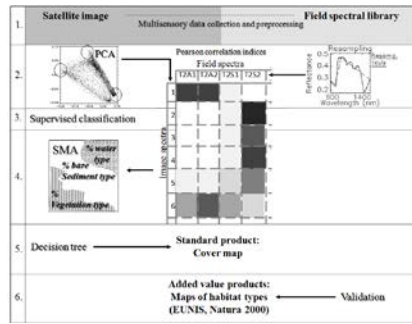


## Comparison of Significant Wave Height

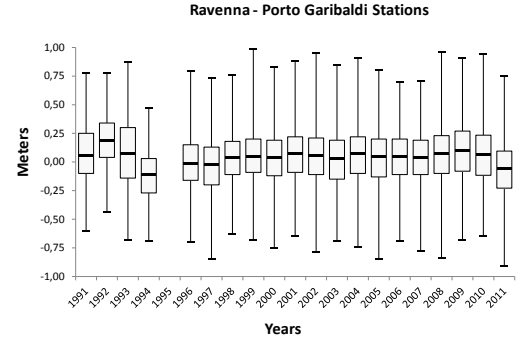




# Estuarine Habitat type mapping

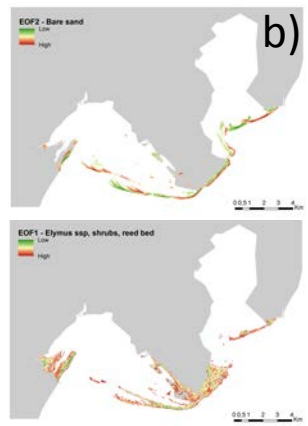
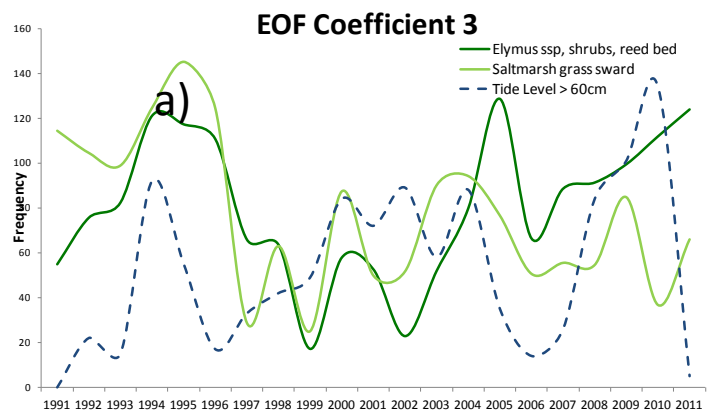
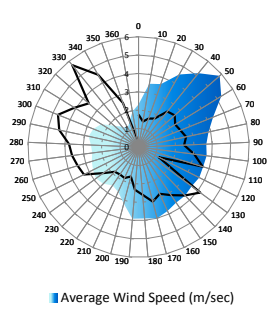


From 1998 increase in frequency of both high tide levels (> 60cm) and low tide levels (<60cm). winds are dominated from NW sector while a greater intensity of winds comes from ne sector. the temporal trend of high tide level frequency finds relationships with eof coefficient 3 for vegetation fraction maps.



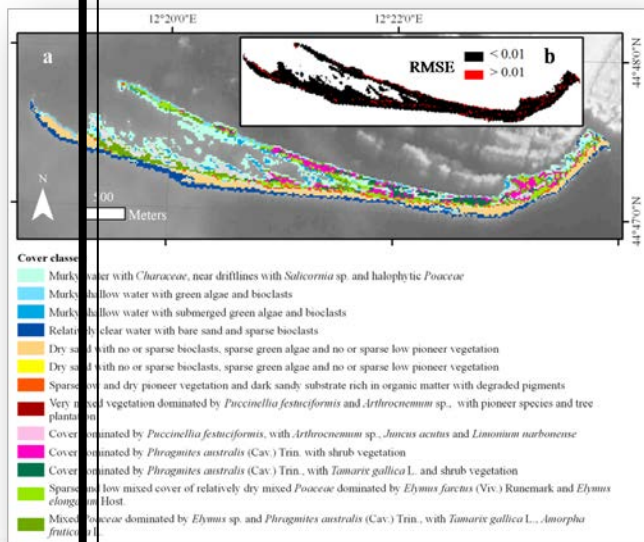
## Spatial - temporal biophysical integration

Wind From Direction (Porto Garibaldi Station, 2011)

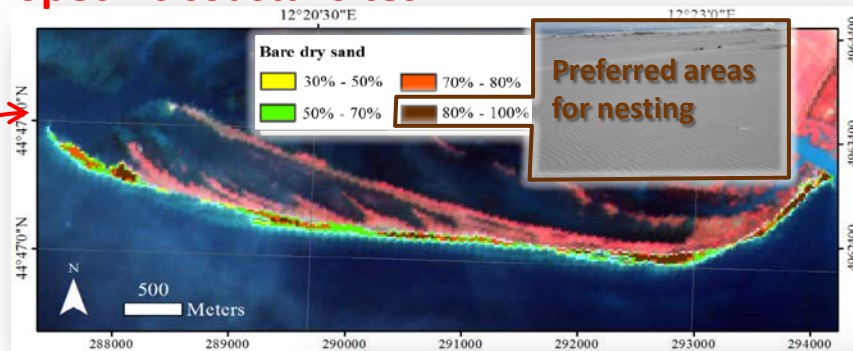


a) Temporal EOFs component of sediments and vegetations from SMA compared with insitu measurements of tide levels > 60 cm in the same temporal series; b) spatial components of sediments EOF 1 and EOF 2 (Source: ISPRA).

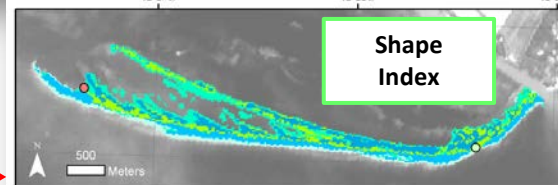
**FROM** a Detailed cover map of both aquatic and terrestrial environments



**Specific coastal sites**



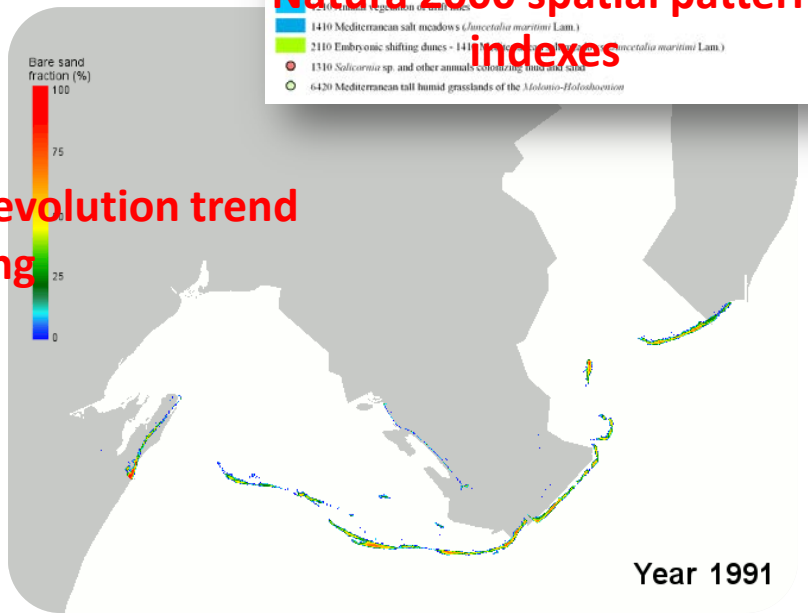
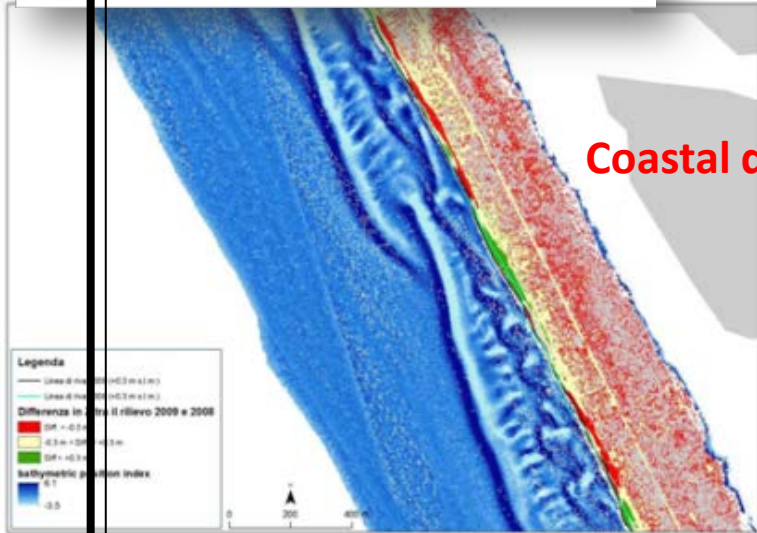
**TO**



**Natura 2000 spatial pattern indexes**

- Natura 2000 habitat types:**
- 1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide
  - 1210 Annual vegetation of coastal dunes
  - 1410 Mediterranean salt meadows (*Ammophila maritima* Lam.)
  - 2110 Embryonic shifting dunes - 1410 Mediterranean salt meadows (*Ammophila maritima* Lam.)
  - 1310 *Salicornia* sp. and other annuals colonizing thin soil sands
  - 6420 Mediterranean tall humid grasslands of the *Atolano-Holoboscione*

**Coastal dynamics and evolution trend monitoring**



## IMPLICATIONS

### COPERNICUS CORE and DOWNSTREAMING SERVICES



A better understanding of potential climate change impacts (scenarios) at both regional and local levels,  
 the development of improved methods to quantify the uncertainty of climate change projections,  
 the construction of usable climate change indicators,  
 and an improvement of the interface between science and policy formulation in terms of assessment to formulate and inform better adaptive strategies

Copernicus Cores and Downstreaming services are an effective tool for generating time series of environmental indicators to support stakeholders and decision makers in the Maritime Spatial Planning. Future challenges would be the development of scenarios by means of EO modeling assimilation and multisensory measurements integration.

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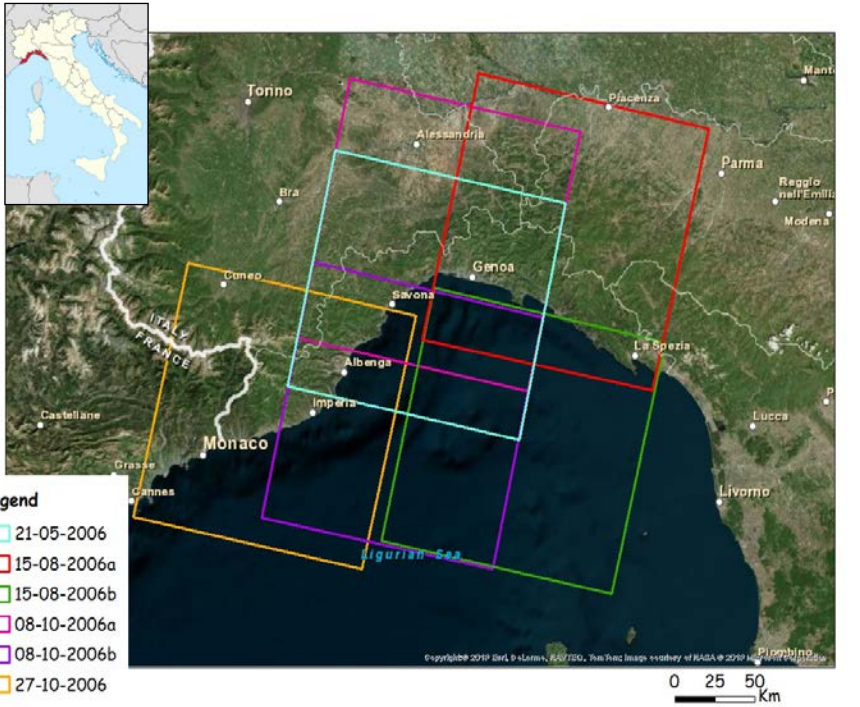
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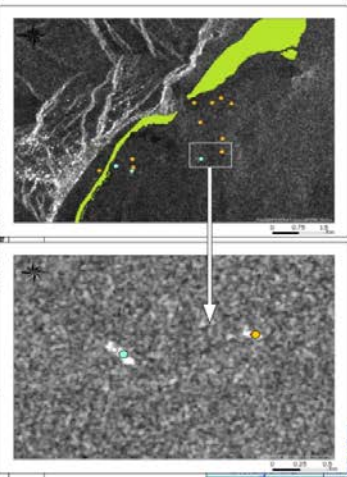
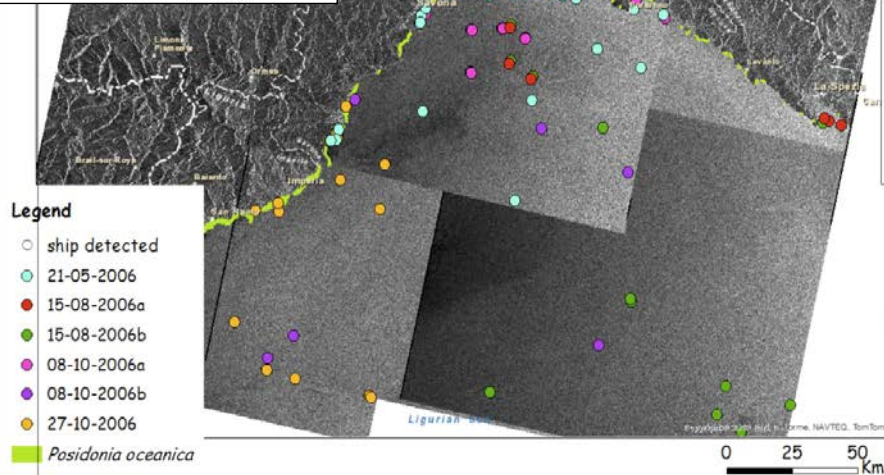
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# STUDY AREA: Liguria Region (Northern Tyrrhenian Sea, Italy)



Nella Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) è richiesto di determinare la pressione abrasione sul fondo del mare. L'utilizzo delle immagini SAR da COPERNICUS Earth Observation per i monitoraggi ambientali offre diversi vantaggi, come la buona frequenza di rivisitazione, ovvero la possibilità di acquisire immagini della stessa area con brevi intervalli temporali, costi contenuti rispetto alle acquisizioni aeree, possibilità di indagare aree vaste, capacità di acquisizione dei dati in ogni condizione meteorologica.



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08-10-2006a		17	
08-10-2006b		13	
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Ship Length Parameters [m]			
Length	min	max	mean
Major axis	32.0	470.8	143.1
Minor axis	16.8	130.4	70.3

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