



The Story Behind the New Lagrangian Model

Set-up and achievements from the Lagrangian Model working group

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MOHID Water Modelling System

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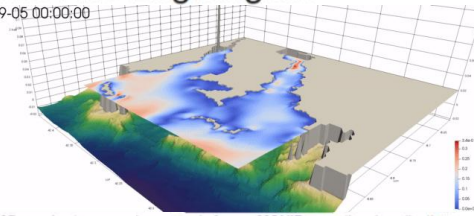
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MOHID Lagrangian

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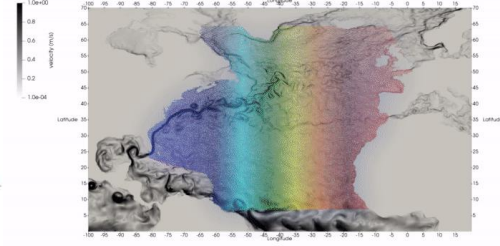
3D passive tracers using currents from a **MOHID** operational application in Vigo coastal area, Galicia, Spain.

MOHID Lagrangian include among its characteristics:







- Multi-threaded code, designed for shared memory machines;
- Robust pre-processing, modelling and post-processing tools;
- Cross-platform compliant, tested and deployed;
- Cmake based project, easy to set up for local compilation if required;
- Ability to model passive, buoyant and degrading tracers;
- Ability to model millions of tracers in a modest laptop machine;
- Simple and fully documented simulation set-up files, ready to be abstracted by a User Interface;
- Documentation on installation, code structure, case preparation, post processing and general usage.

Fully self-contained examples to get you started.

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Floating passive tracers on a CMEMS Atlantic currents solution.



implementation domains

Global Domain

- CMEMS ocean currents
- 2D and 3D
- 7 years simulations
- Simulations European rivers
- Hotpots

Sources

Land-based



North Atlantic Gyre

implementation domains

Regional Domains

Inter-boundary pollution

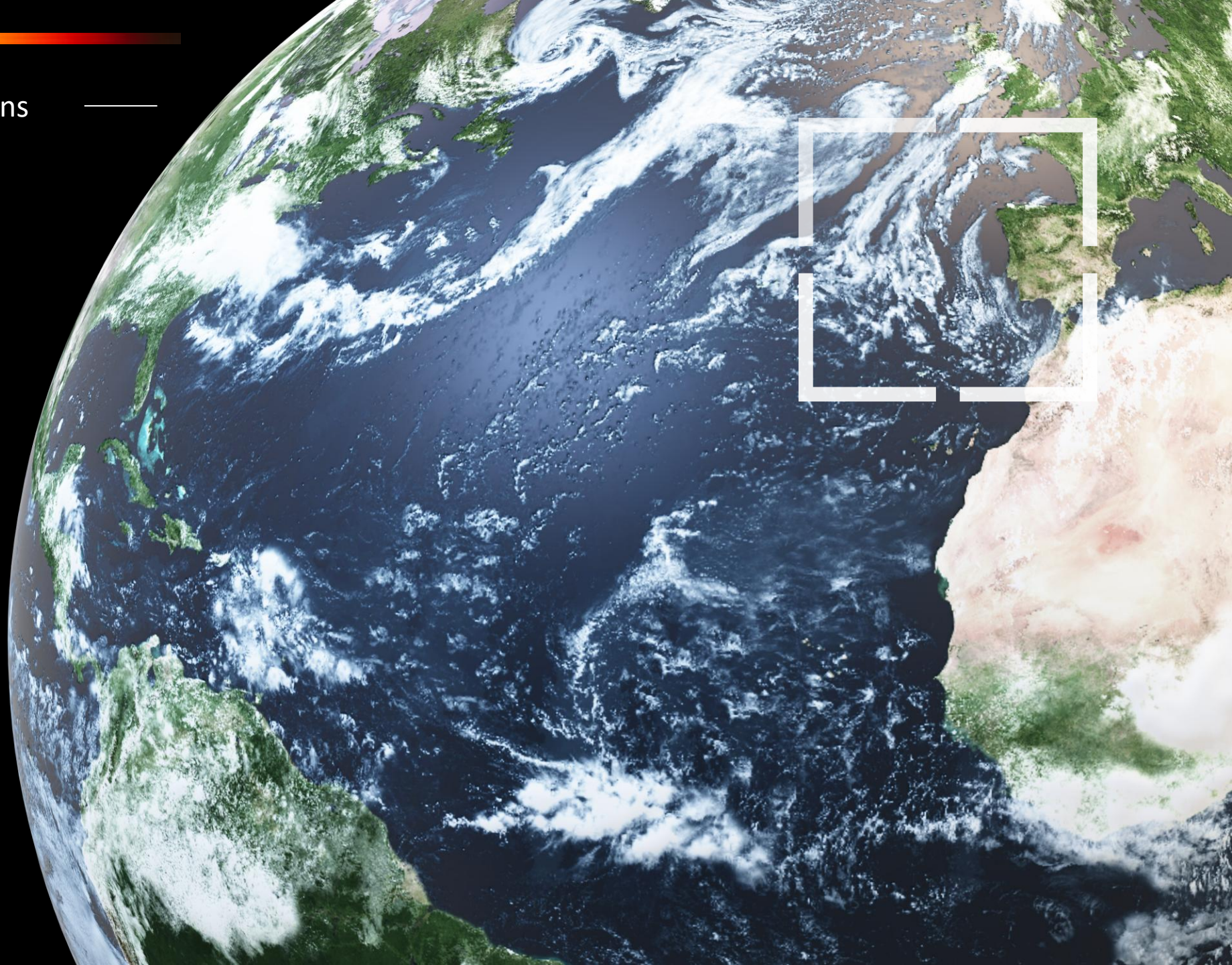
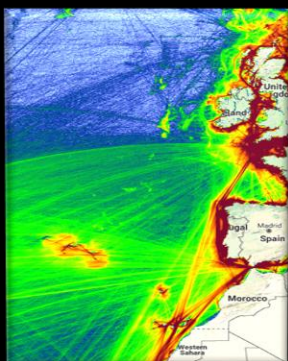
Regional currents

Regional wind

Sources

Land-based

Ocean-based



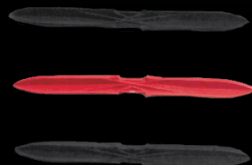
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Local Domains

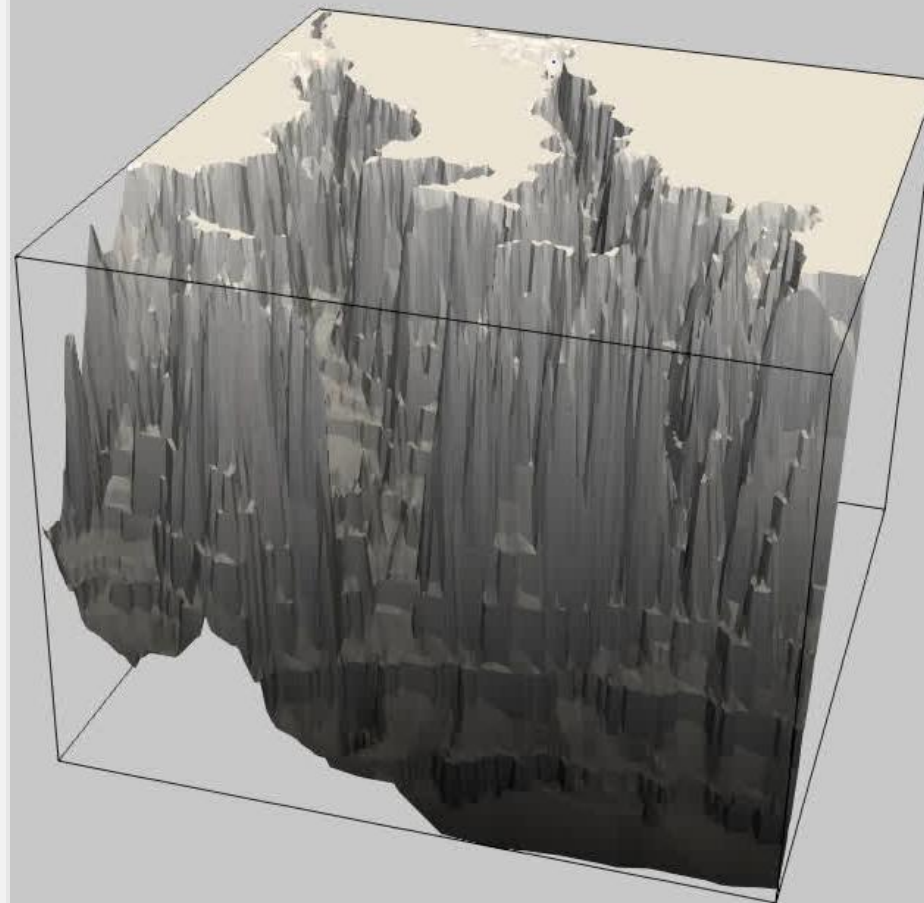
greater spatial and temporal resolution

- Bathymetry
- Currents
- Wind

Local sources

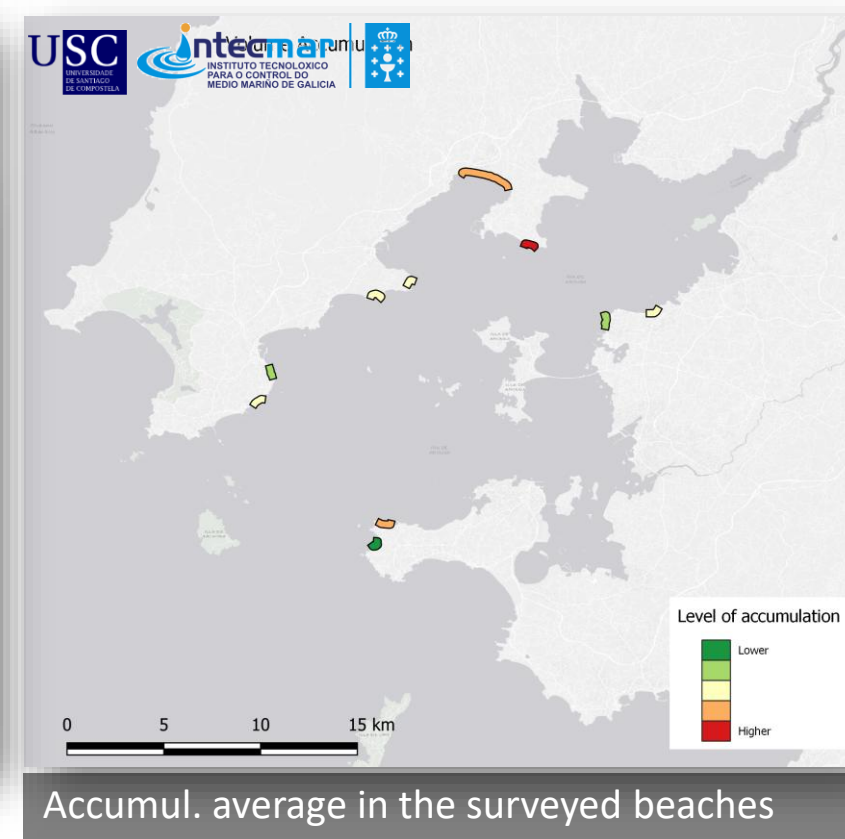
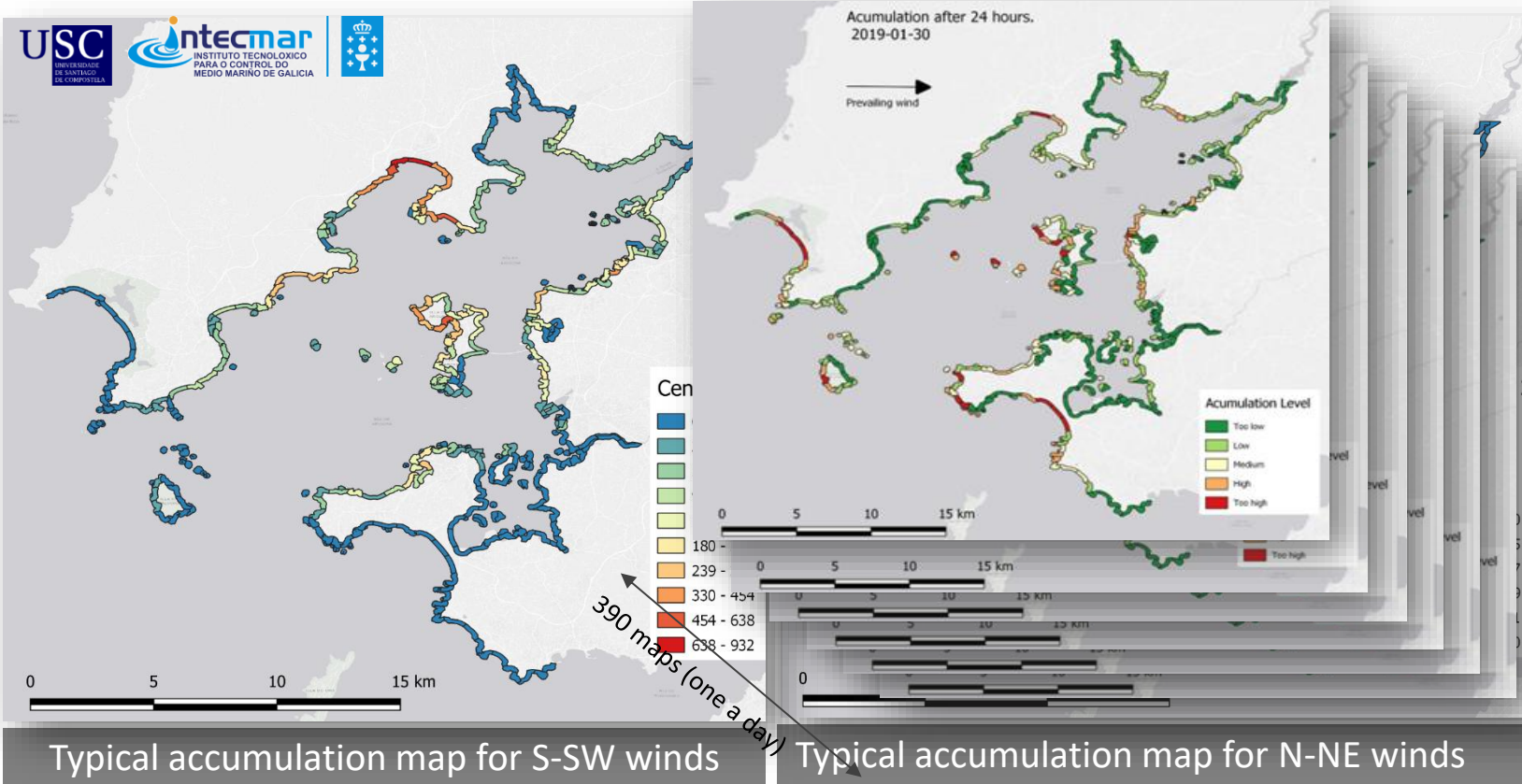


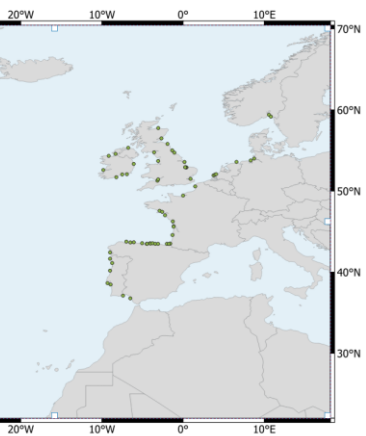
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bathymetry
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Model validation – local domain





68 EUROPEAN RIVER

Simulation: 3 years

Emission rate: constant

(all rivers emit the same number of particles)

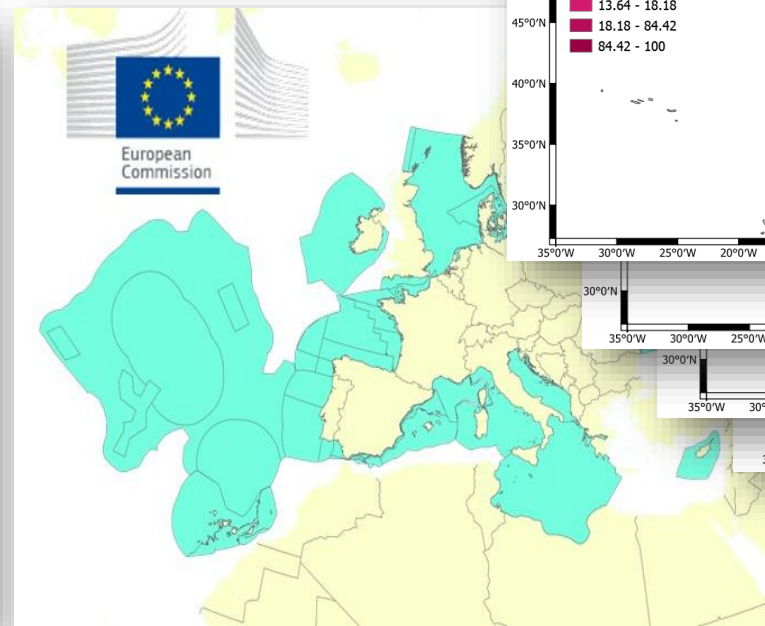
Emission rate: variable

(rivers emit particles depending on their daily flow)

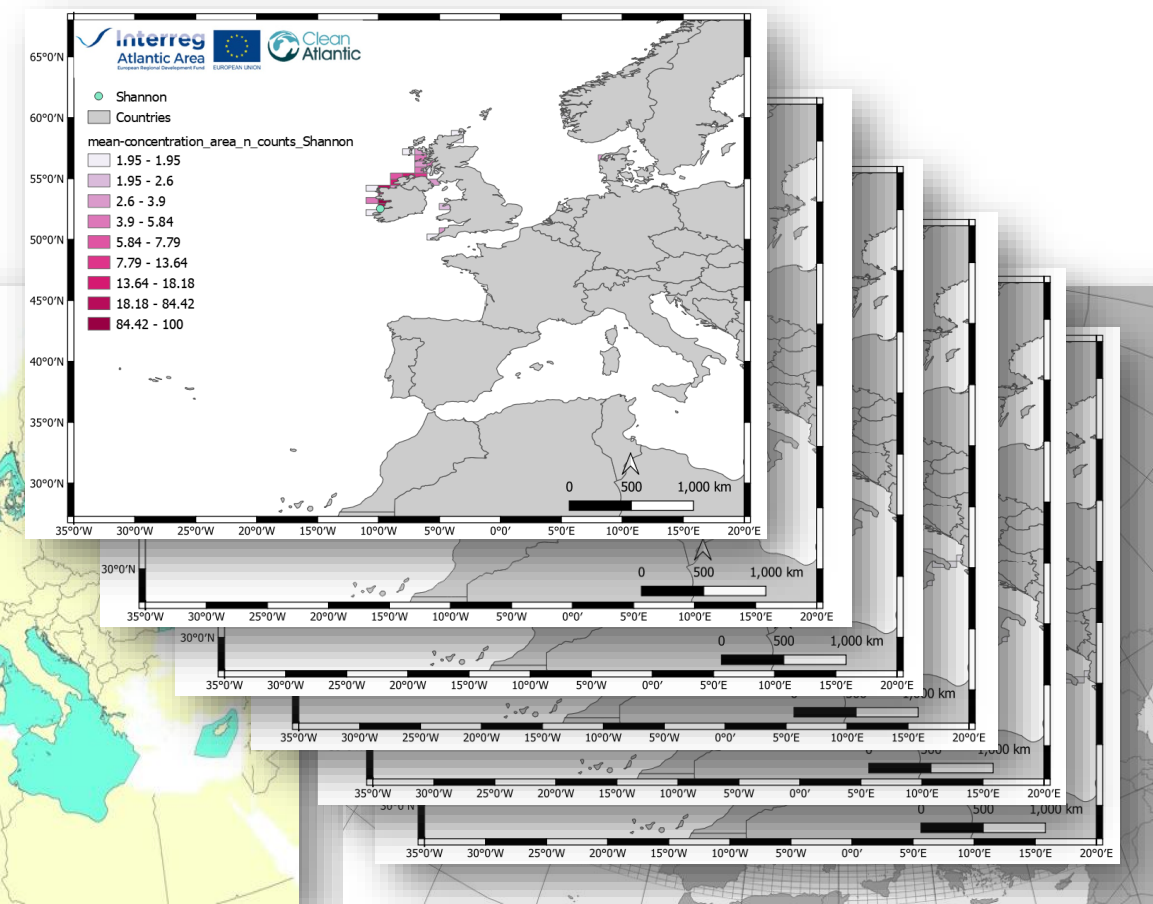
mean particle concentration (part / km²) in each polygon



Maps with OSPAR Subregions

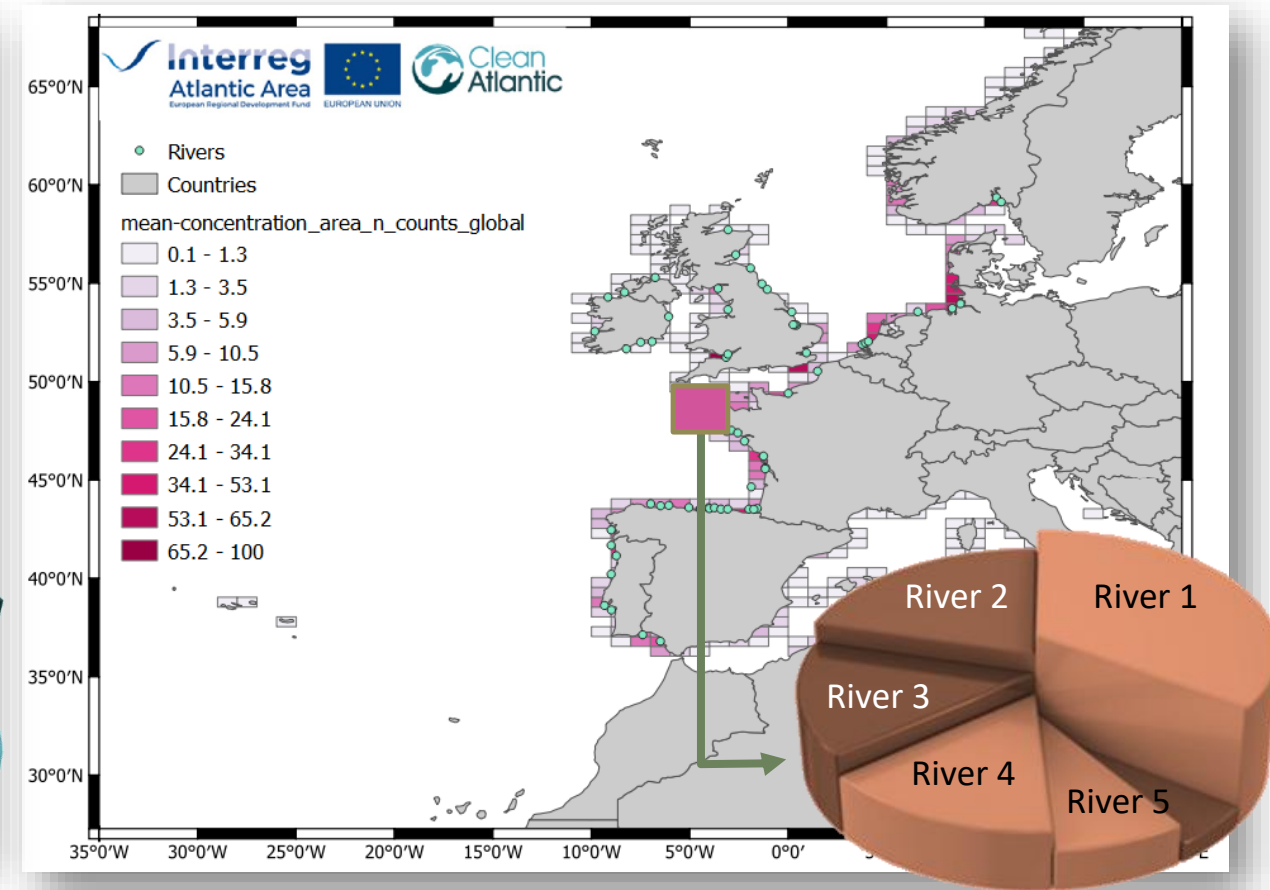
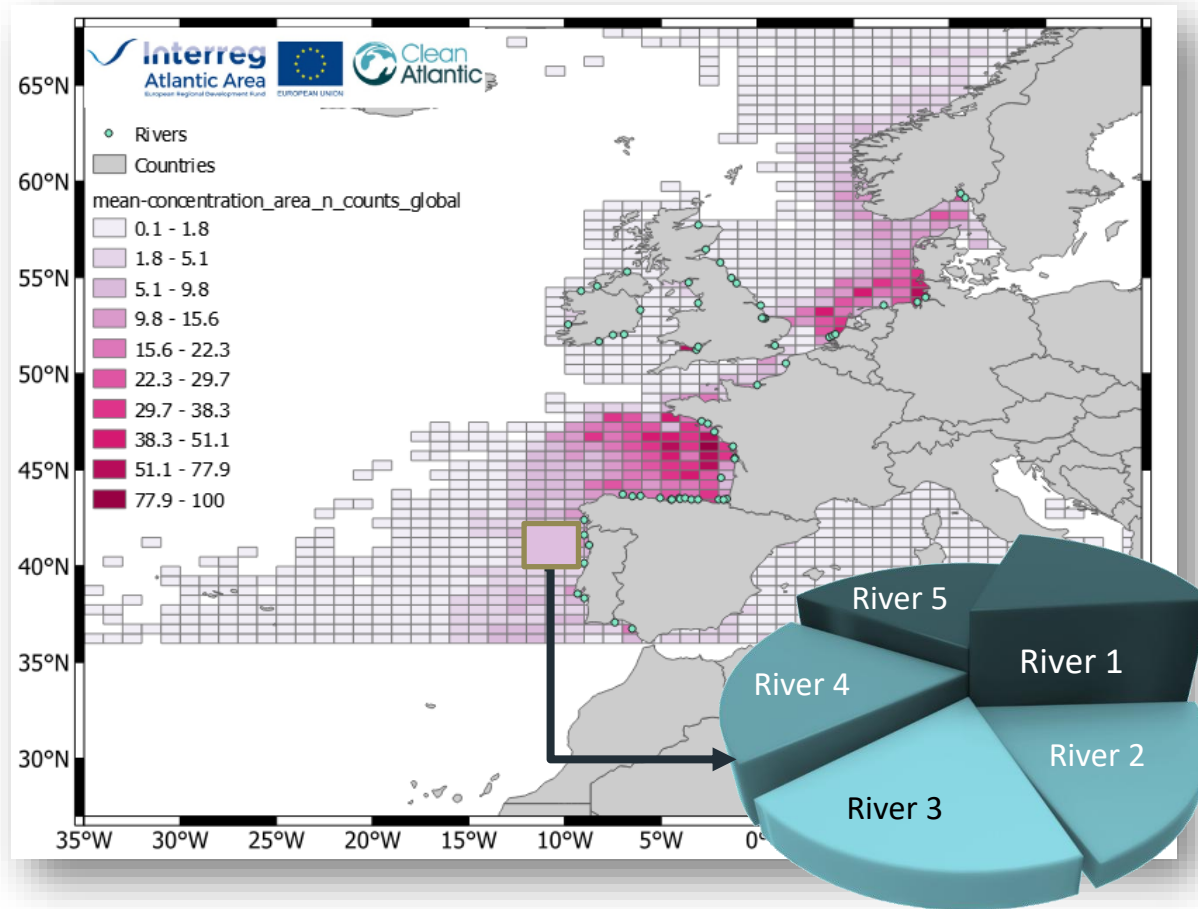


Marine Reporting Units



ICES rectangles

Statistical litter source prediction!

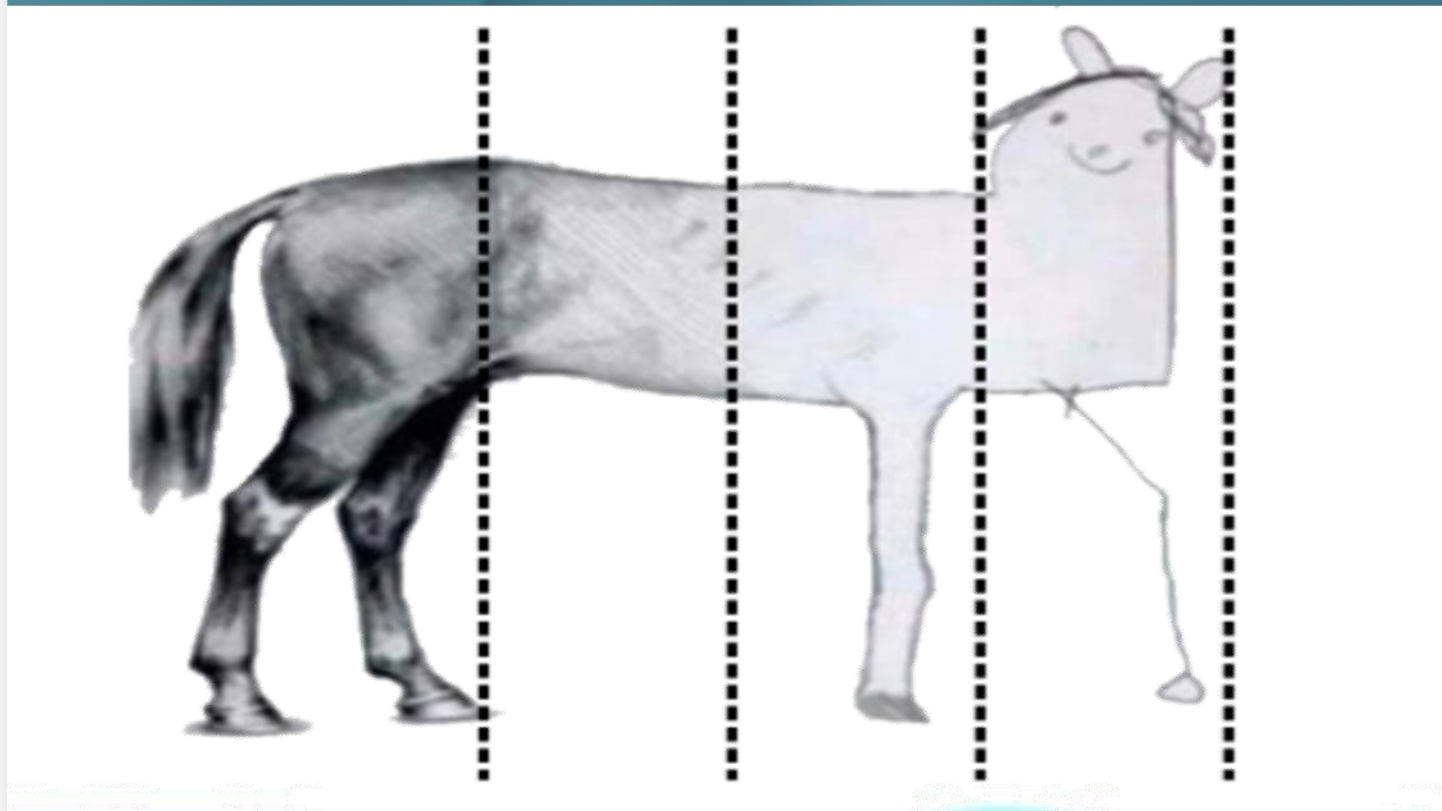




Reality



Model



- New challenges



New project



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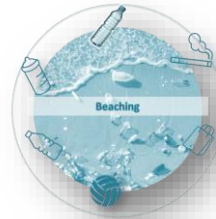


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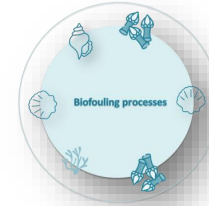
If there is so much plastic in the ocean, why is it difficult to see it on the surface?



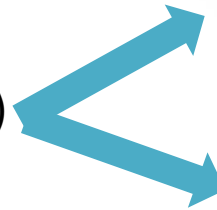
- Either there is more plastic beaching



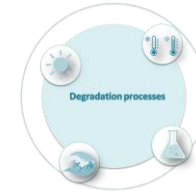
Biofouling



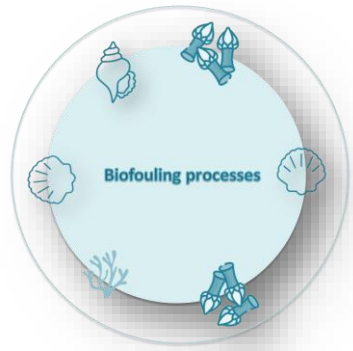
- Or it sinks: (changes density)



Physical degradation



- Several groups (JRC, USC, ...) interested on MohidLagrangiang



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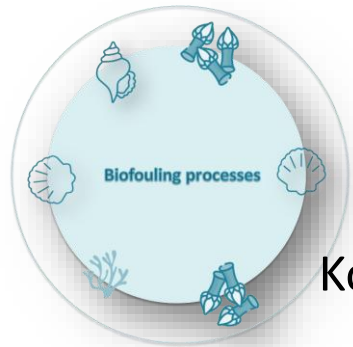
Improved modelling of macro and microplastics



First tests implemented in PlasticParcels (Lagrangian transport model based in Python) using Kooi, 2017 parametrization. This will be migrated into the MOHID-Lagrangian model.

Because of the availability of biogeochemical data, we ran simulations in the Mediterranean Sea using data from Copernicus. We started using the most complete and detailed biogeochemical data (and these are from the Mediterranean) and then extrapolate the knowledge learned to our region of interest, the North Atlantic domain.

[1] Kooi, M., Nes, E. H. V., Scheffer, M., & Koelmans, A. A. (2017). Ups and downs in the ocean: effects of biofouling on vertical transport of microplastics. *Environmental science & technology*, 51(14), 7963-7971.



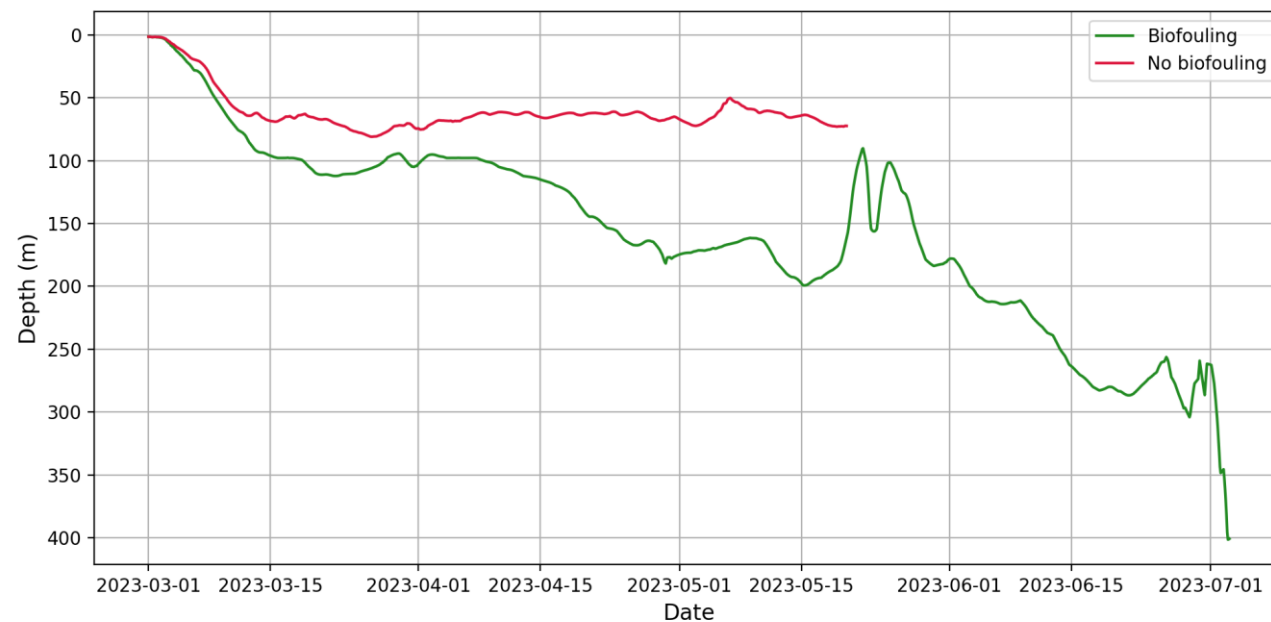
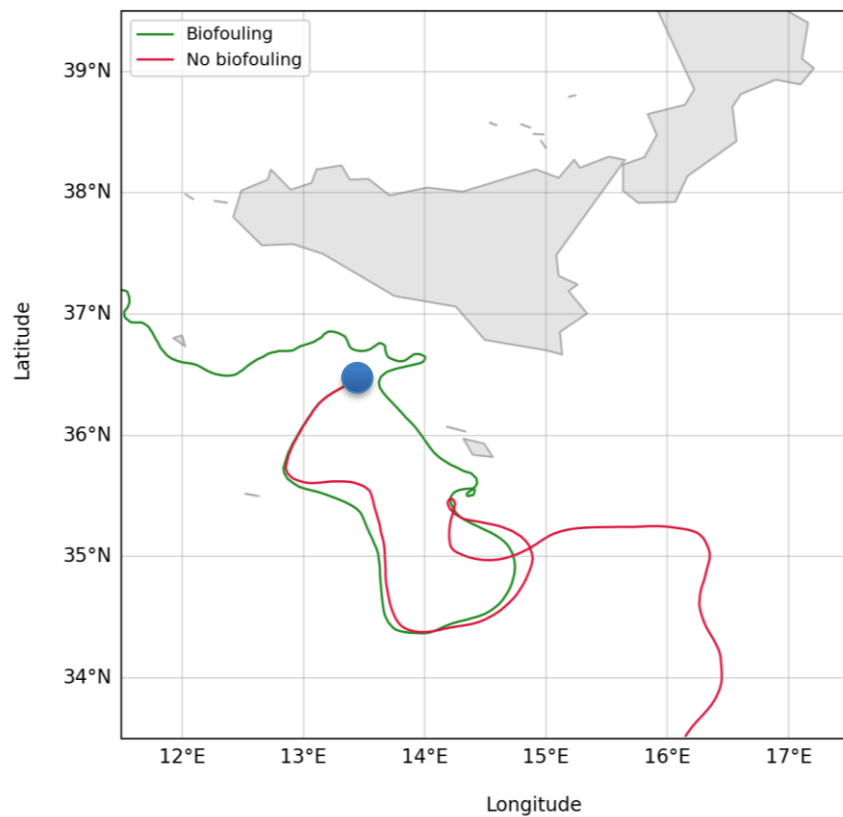
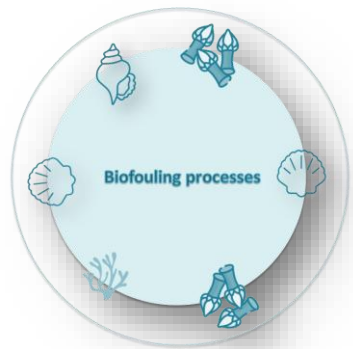
Kooi model for biofouling

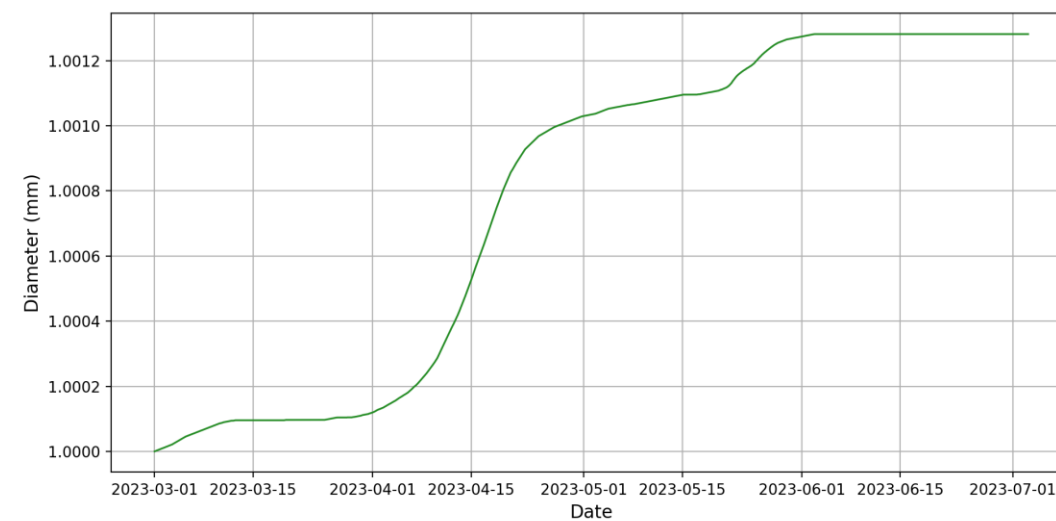
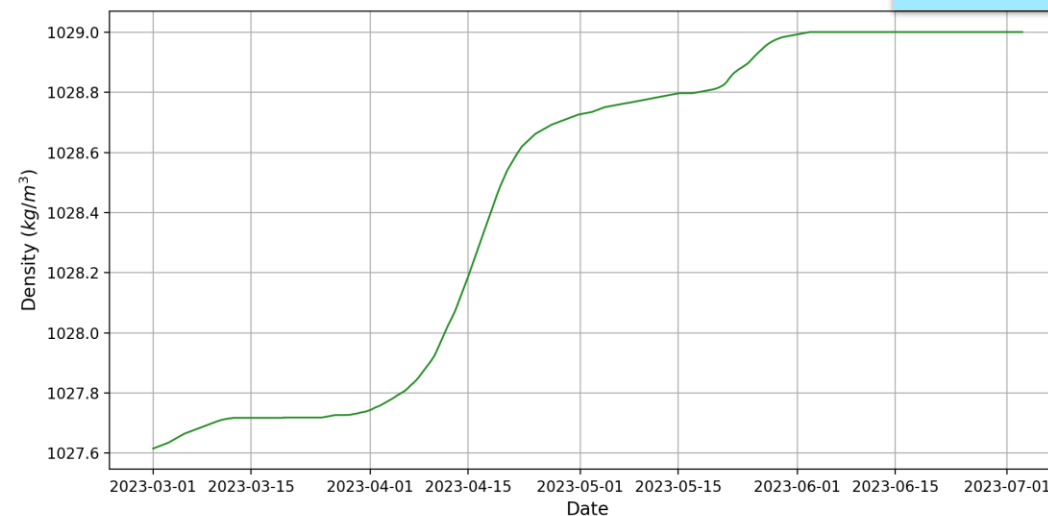
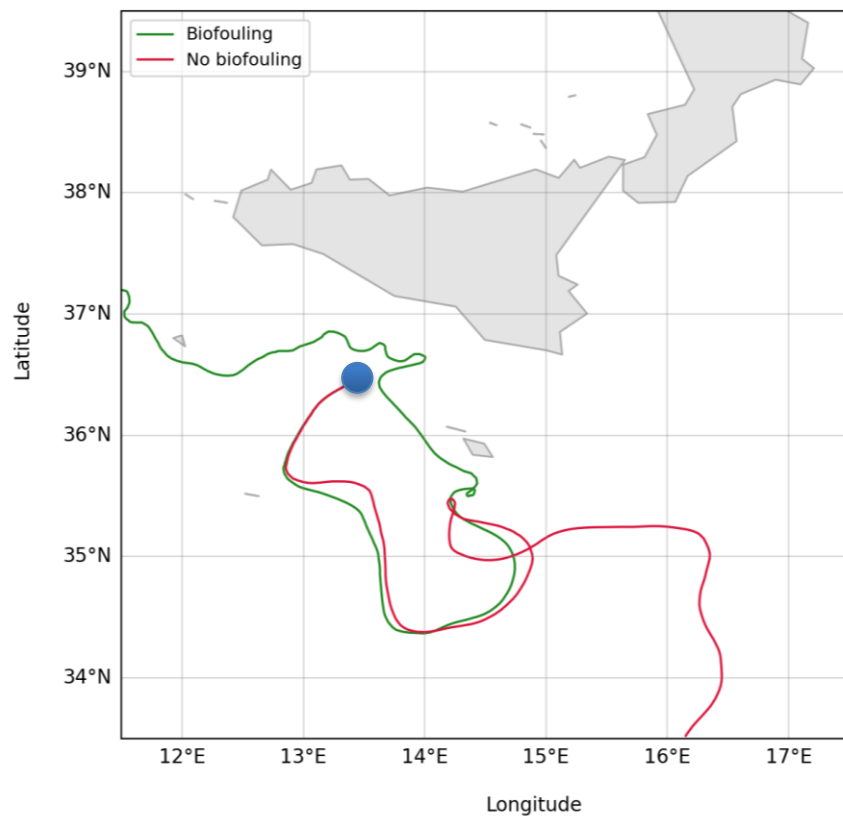
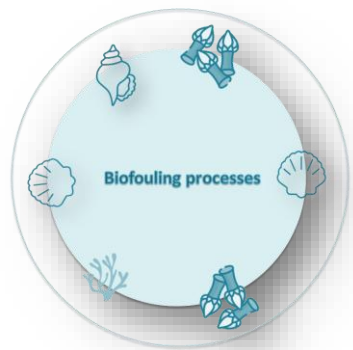


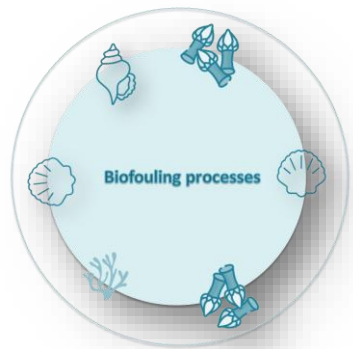
$$\rho_{tot}(z, t) = \frac{r_{pl}^3 \rho_{pl} + \left[(r_{pl} + t_{bf})^3 - r_{pl}^3 \right] \rho_{bf}}{(r_{pl} + t_{bf})^3}$$

$$BT = \left(\frac{3V_{tot}}{4\pi} \right)^{1/3} - R_0, \quad V_{tot} = V_b + V_0, \quad V_0 = \frac{4\pi R_0^3}{3}, \quad V_b = V_A S_0 A$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{\beta_A A_A}{S} + \mu(T, I)A - m_A A - Q_{10}^{\frac{T-20}{10}} R_A A$$







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Validation of a Lagrangian model for large-scale macroplastic tracer transport using mussel-peg in NW Spain (Ría de Arousa)

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A regional Lagrangian model to evaluate the dispersion of floating macroplastics in the North Atlantic Ocean from land and river sources in the western coast of Spain

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The Challenge - A Project Adrift

- After CleanAtlantic Project



June 2023

Clean Atlantic Project
Finished

Mohid Lagrangian
without parents

September 2024

- Several groups (JRC, USC, ...) are interesting on MohidLagrangiang
- Issues to compile in Linux
- Python scripts not working

The Solution - A Collaborative Effort

- **MOHID Lagrangian Working Group:** A dedicated group was formed in January 2025.
- Lead by +ATLANTIC CoLAB, with members from UAçores, Intecmar, ULusofona, USC, MI & Bentley Inc.
- Meetings every month.
- **Objective:** Address and maintain the compilation processes for MOHID.



The results - Compilation & updated scripts



Windows

- Successful compilation with Intel ifx compiler (v. 2025.0) linking with previous HDF5 libraries.
- Intel ifx compiler version 2025.1 has a recognized bug



Linux

- Linux is more complex, since prior compilation of essential libraries is required (HDF5 1.8.17)
- Possible using ifort 2023. Thanks Manuela!



- Python libraries updated to Python 3.13.
- Issues with deprecated libraries solved



Beyond Compilation - Current Status & Future Steps

- Current Status:
 - Updated instructions and processes to compile in Windows and Linux
 - Python preprocessing and postprocessing scripts updated.
 - Cookbook for newbies.
 - All uploaded to GitHub
- Key Decisions Moving Forward
 - Linux Compiler Choice: Switch to Intel ifx or stick with ifort 2023?
 - HDF5 Library Update: If ifx, update HDF5 1.8 to 1.14? This means modifying HDFmodule.f95.
 - Code Governance: Establish a clear framework of roles and responsibilities.
 - Code Maintenance: Define a plan for its long-term sustainability.

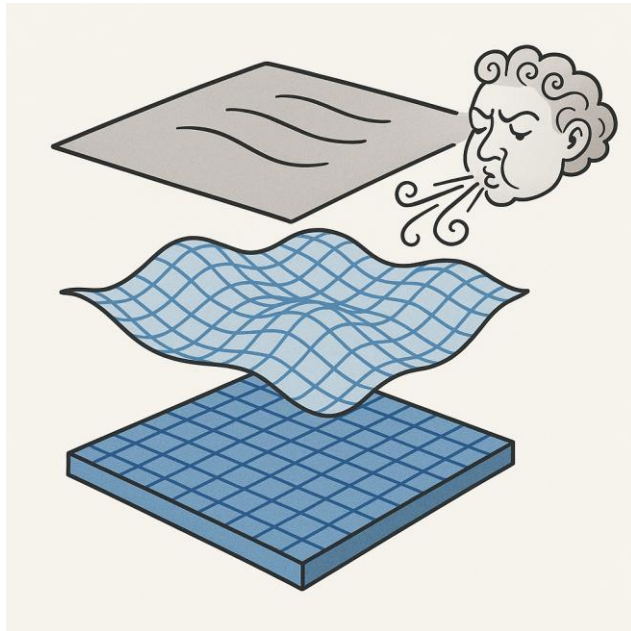
New MOHID-Lagrangian User Guide UPDATE!!!!



We include an self-content example in the Ria de Arousa

Before starting to run the MOHID-Lagrangian

Get the input
fields

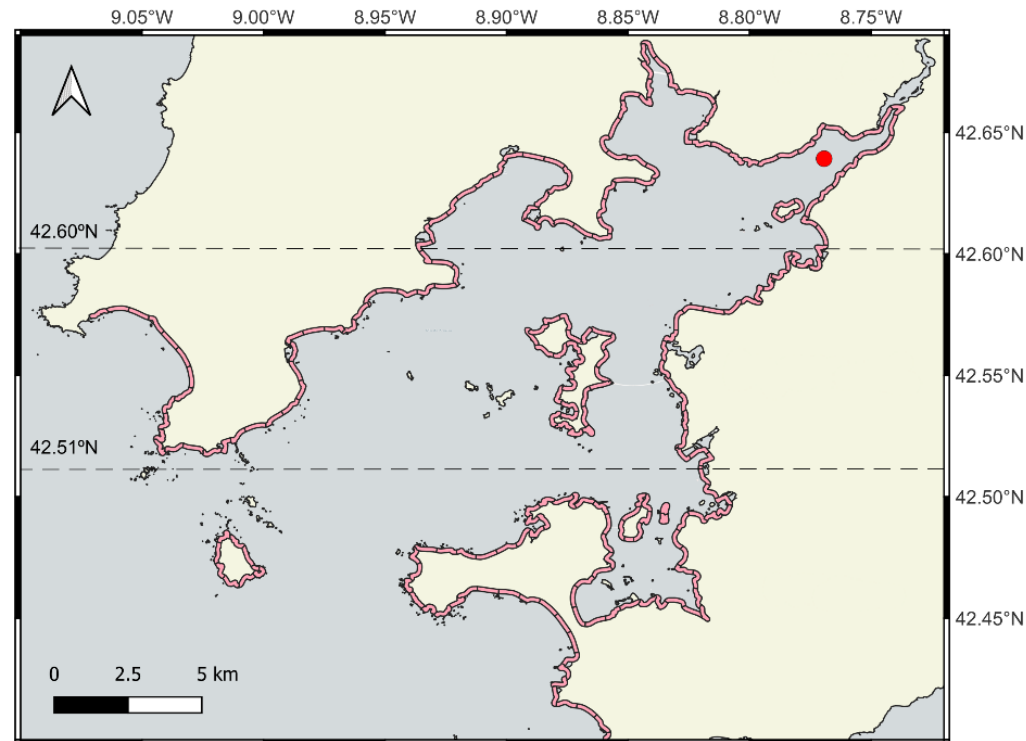


Set the
sources



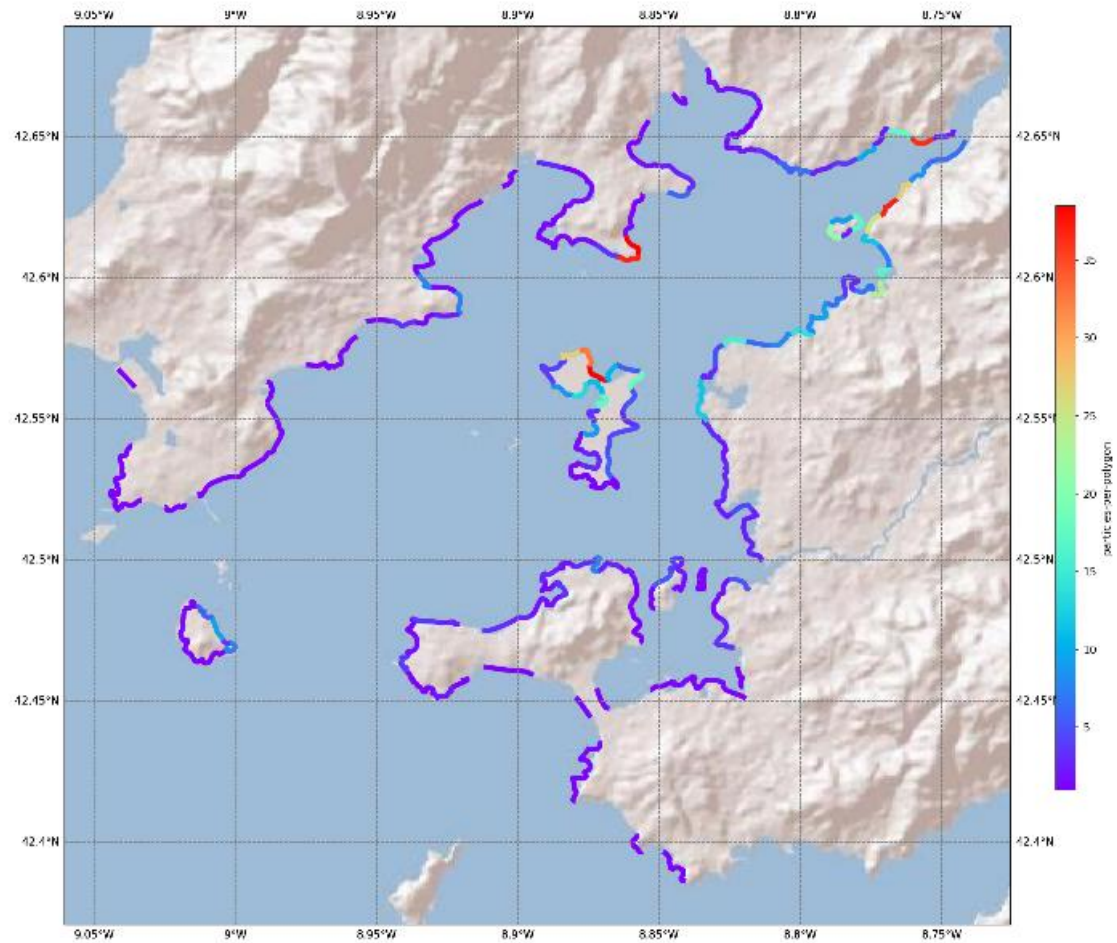
Self contained example

- ✓ 1 month of wind and hydro data.
- ✓ 1 point source with variable emission, the Ulla river.

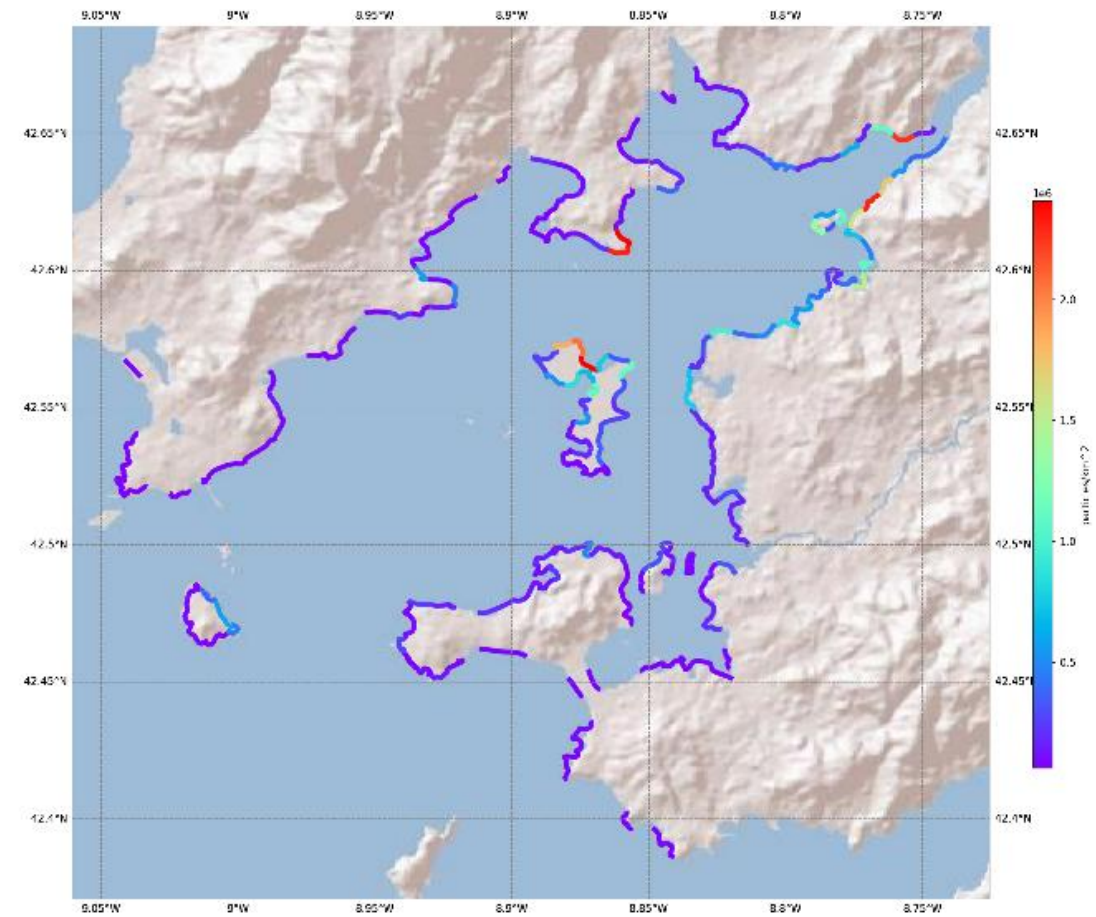




Method : mean(n_counts_(t))
Source : Ulla



Method : mean(concentration_area_(t))
Source : concentration_area_Ulla



Thanks a million for your time
and attention!!

