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SeaDataCloud data products for the Mediterranean Sea and the underlying data gaps

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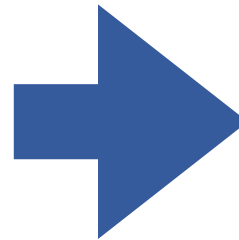
What is SeaDataNet?

<https://www.seadatanet.org/>

- **distributed Marine Data Infrastructure** for management of large and diverse sets of data deriving from in situ
- a Pan-EU **network of data centres** active in data collection **providing on-line integrated databases of standardised quality**
- **AISBL association** with 33 members —> legal entity for sustainability of the Consortium



34 countries



90s	Metadata directories Medar/MedAtlas
2002-2005	Sea-Search (FP5)
2006-2011	SeaDataNet (FP6)
2011-2015	SeaDataNet II (FP7)
2016-2020	SeaDataCloud (H2020)



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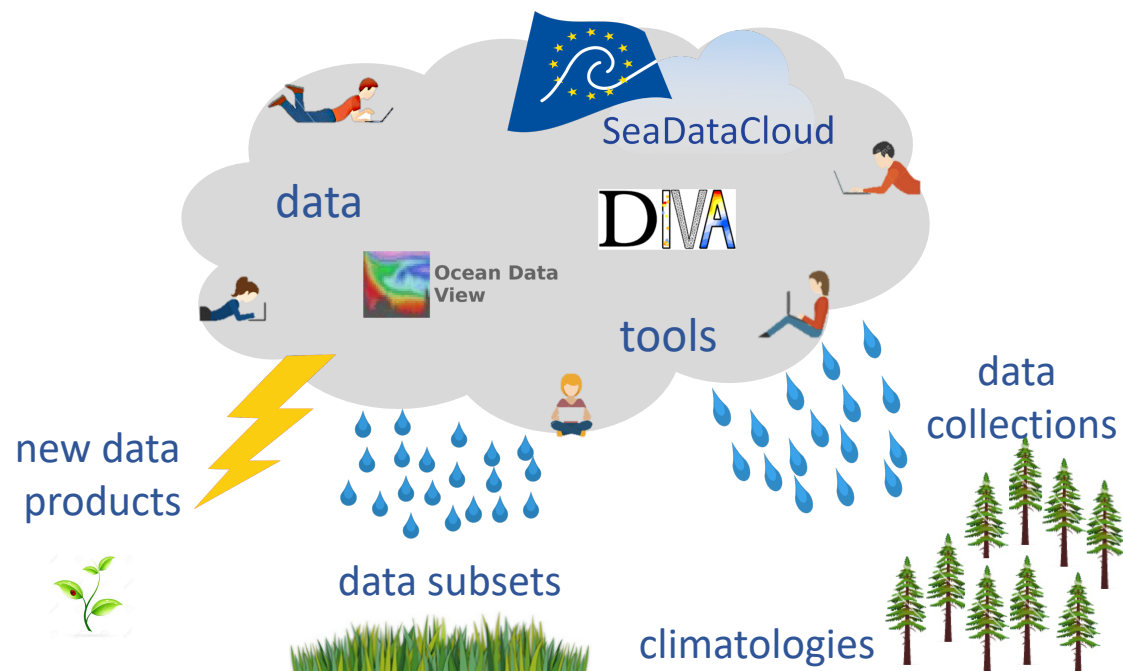
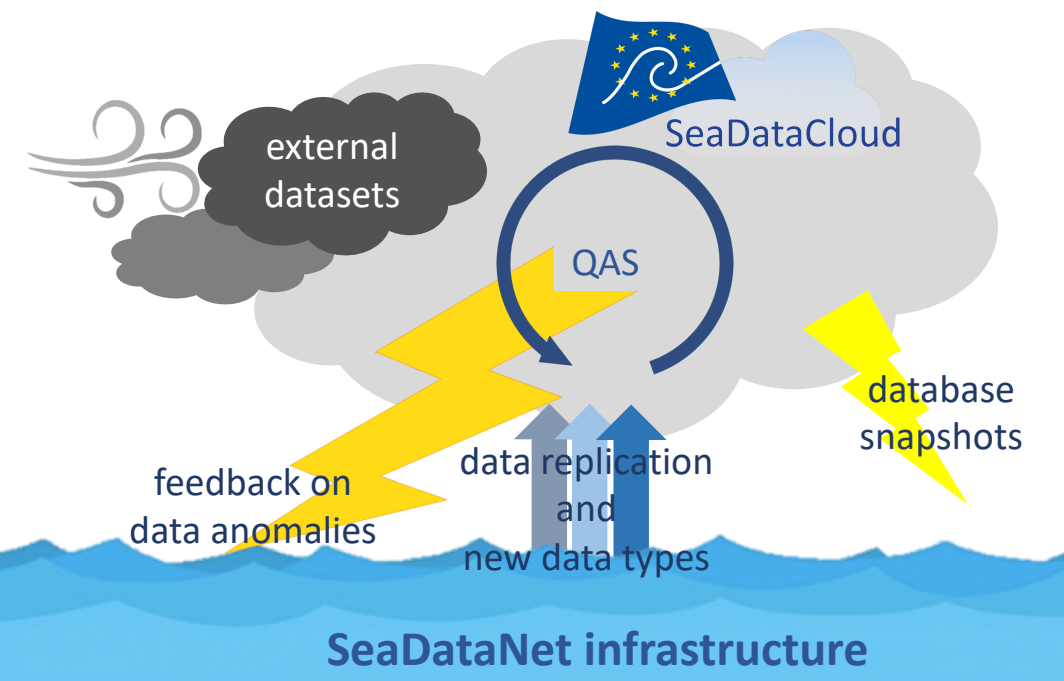
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- provides **on-line access to in-situ data, meta-data and products** through a unique portal interconnecting the interoperable node platforms operated by the data centres
- develops and adopts **common communication standards, adapted technology** to ensure the platforms interoperability
- assures **quality, compatibility and coherence of the data from many sources** by adoption of standardized methodologies and common software tools
- Data, value added products and dictionaries serve wide **uses**: research, operational oceanography, climate, industrial projects, teaching, marine environmental assessment

Innovation: a cloud environment hosts a replication of SDN database content:

- improves data access service
- offers a collaborative environment to perform data-driven research

Pilot version co-designed to offer an efficient working experience through expert users' engagement that provided recommendations about the VRE and its auxiliary software functioning



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SERVICES

ACCESS PRODUCTS

Download the SeaDataNet aggregated datasets : ODV collections of all SeaDataNet measurements of temperature and salinity by sea basins, or the SeaDataNet climatologies : regional gridded field products based on the aggregated datasets



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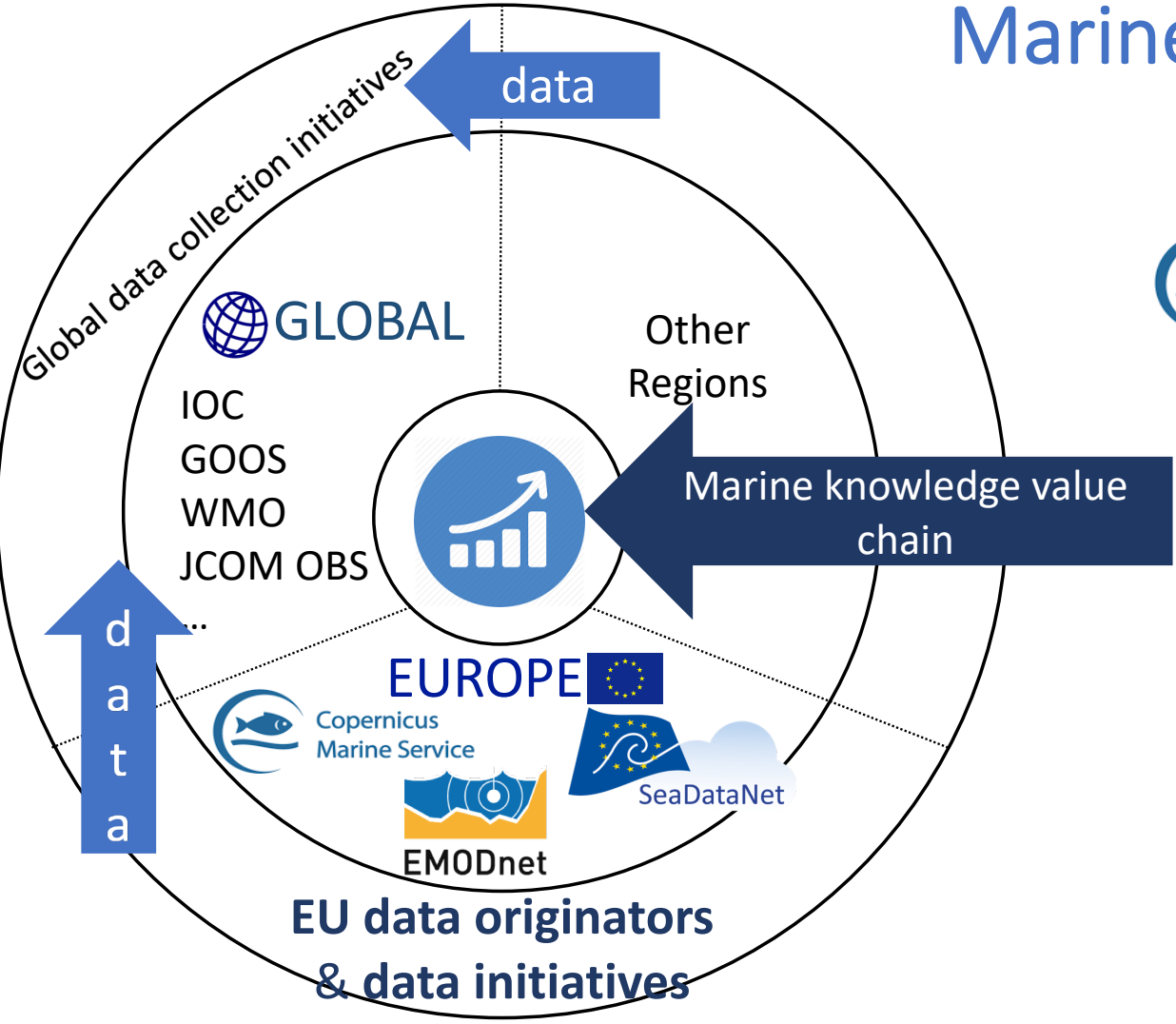


DISCOVER
INTERNATIONAL
DATA



VIRTUAL
RESEARCH
ENVIRONMENT

Marine Data and Data Products Initiatives



DG-GROW

provides NRT&DM observations and predictions on the status and dynamics of the ocean and the ecosystem



DG-RTD

distributed Marine Data Infrastructure for the management of DM in situ data sets; it develops standards and vocabulary; it provides services/tools and data products

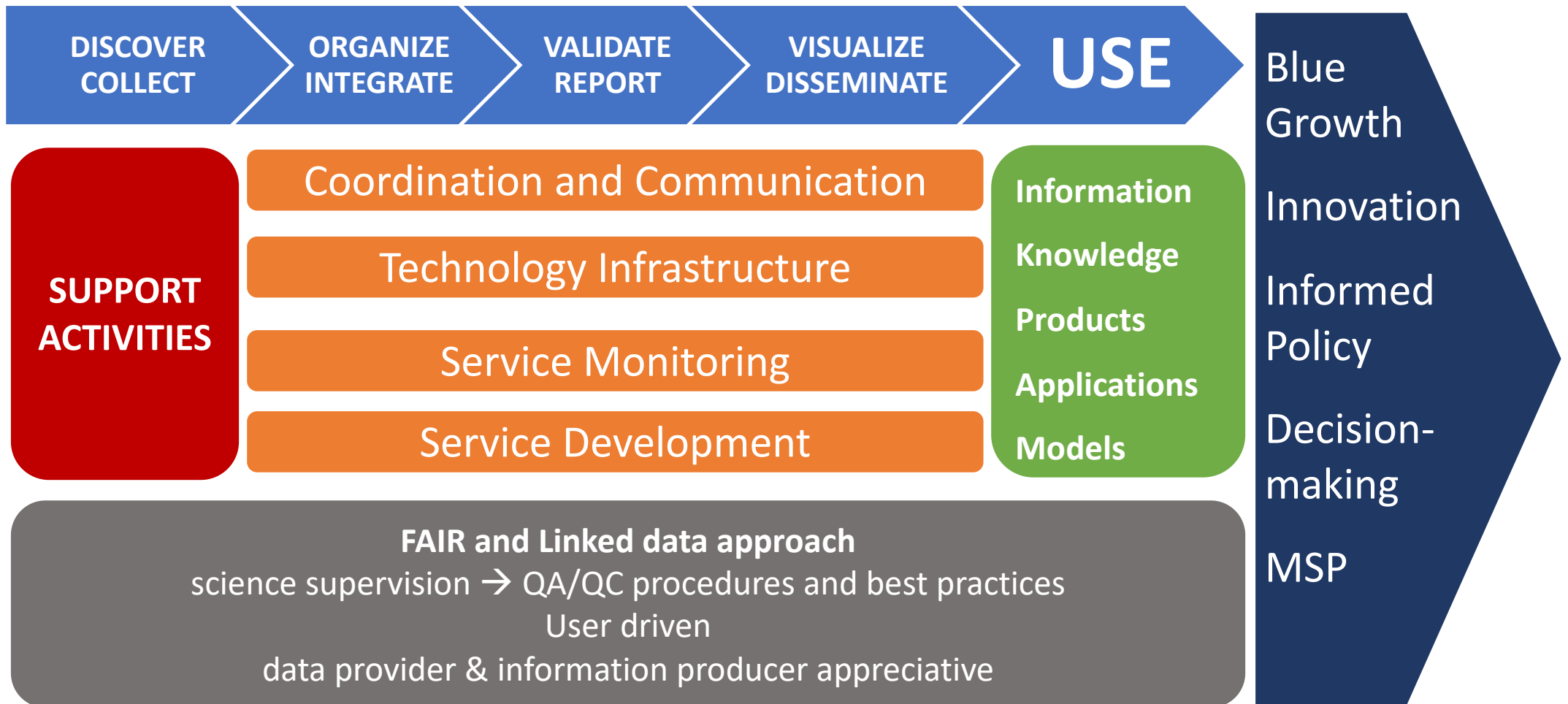


EMODnet
DG-MARE

organizes marine data in a unique infrastructure, deriving information from data, creating products targeted to multiple user communities

adapted from *Martín Míguez et al.(2019)*

Marine Data Value Chain



Simoncelli et al. 2022 <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-823427-3.00001-3>



SeaDataCloud data products

GOAL: to provide the best data products, based on SDN in situ T and S observations for EU seas and the global ocean

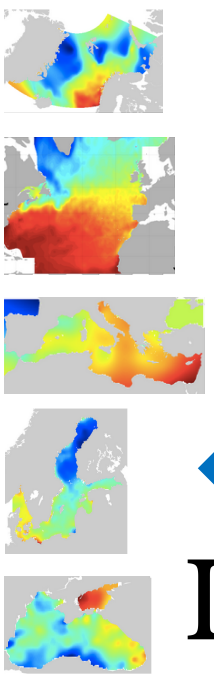
- data and full metadata description are integrated and harmonized within the database thanks to standardized Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) methodologies, conducted at various stages of the data life cycle
- a prior QC is done by data providers, who submit the data with corresponding Quality Flags (QF)
- formats and standards are harmonized and checked during the ingestion process
- a **Quality Assurance Strategy (QAS)** has been implemented in order to guarantee the consistency of the database content and promote a high quality of the derived products

<https://www.seadatanet.org/About-us/SeaDataCloud>

Workflow

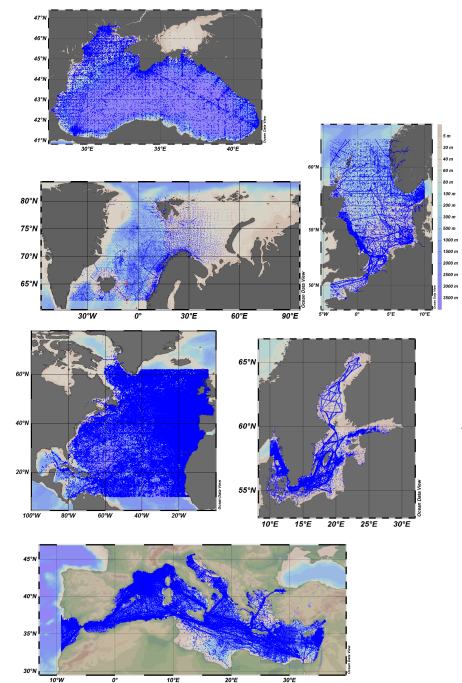
Products

climatologies

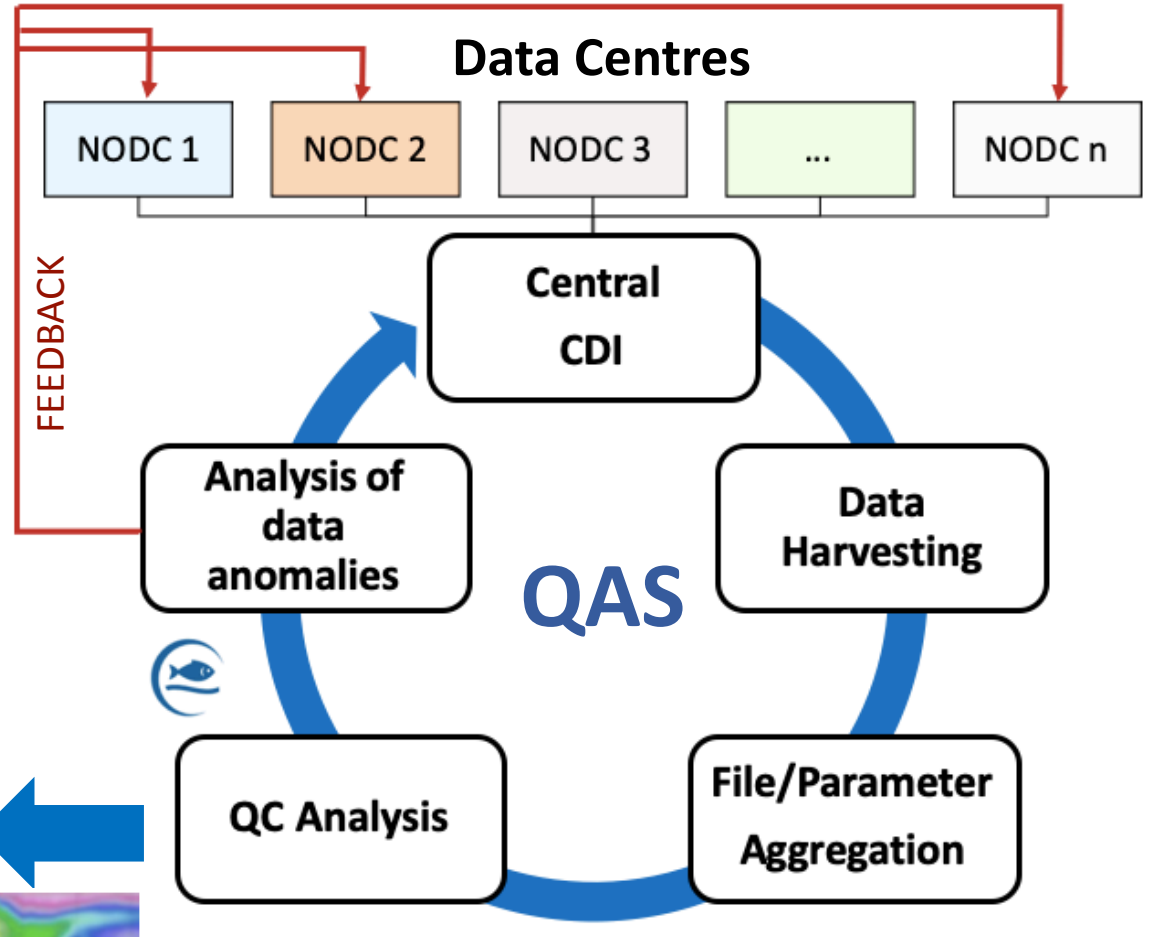


DIVA

aggregated datasets



Ocean Data View



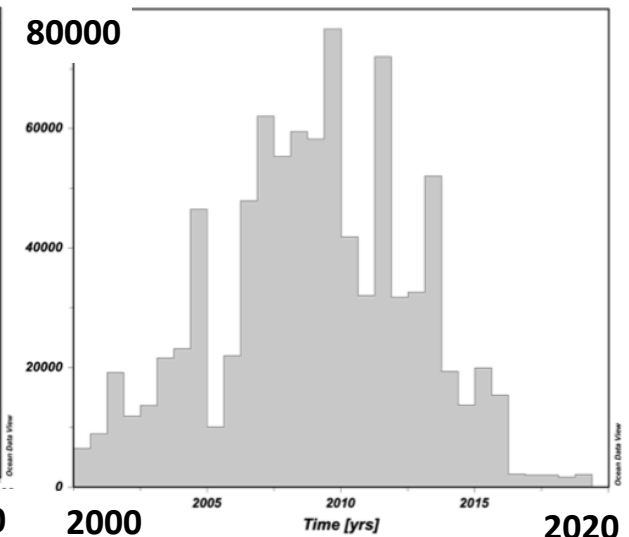
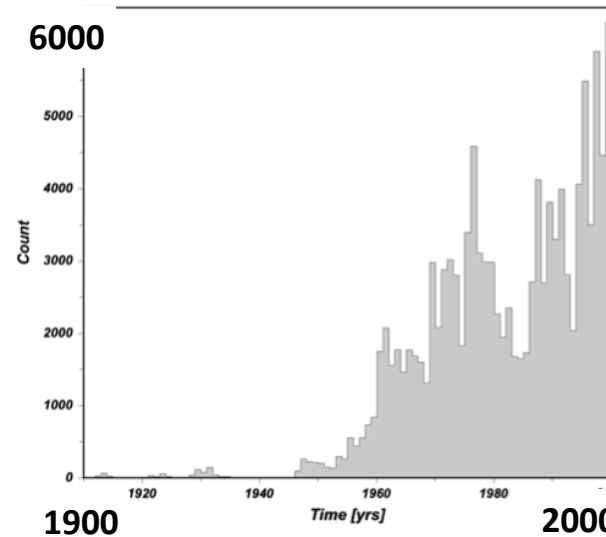
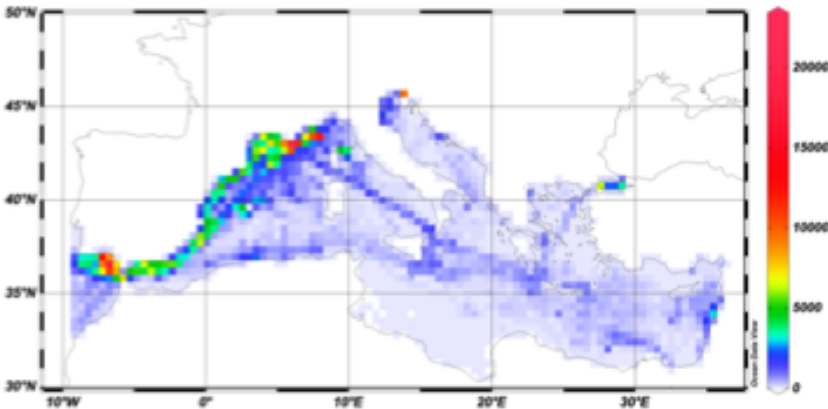
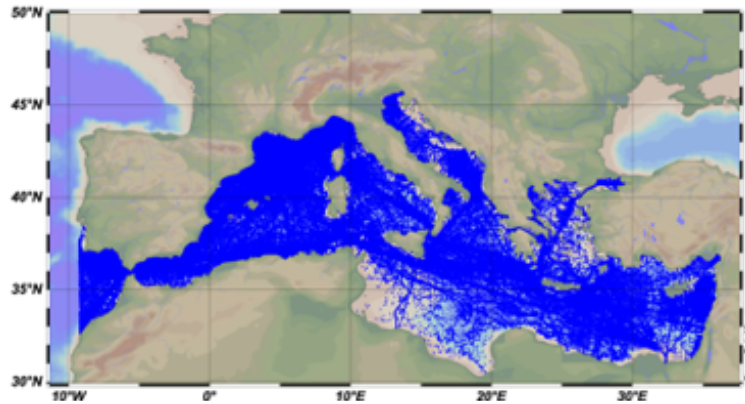


Aggregated Datasets

- 2 versions of T and S aggregated datasets have been released (2018, 2020) for the North Atlantic Ocean (NAT), North Sea (NS), Baltic Sea (BAL), Arctic (ARC), Mediterranean Sea (MED) and Black Sea (BLS)
- basic QC steps by visual inspection in ODV: space and time data distribution and coverage, scatter plots (spikes, outliers), stations falling on land, wrong/missing data and statistics about QF
- assigned QFs have been modified by the regional experts where data anomalies (bad data flagged as good) were detected
- [Metadata analysis](#) by instrument type or by data providers allowed to identify omission (data existing in literature but not publicly shared) and systematic errors (format, flagging) at the data center level
- validation results included in a [Product Information Document \(PIDoc\)](#) annexed to each dataset, which provides also important usability instructions and acknowledges all data originators

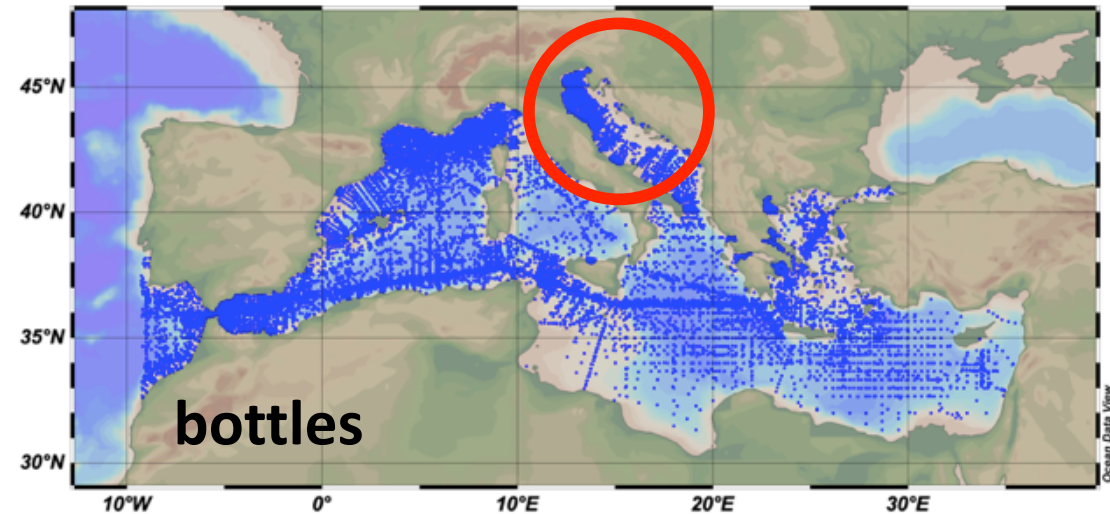
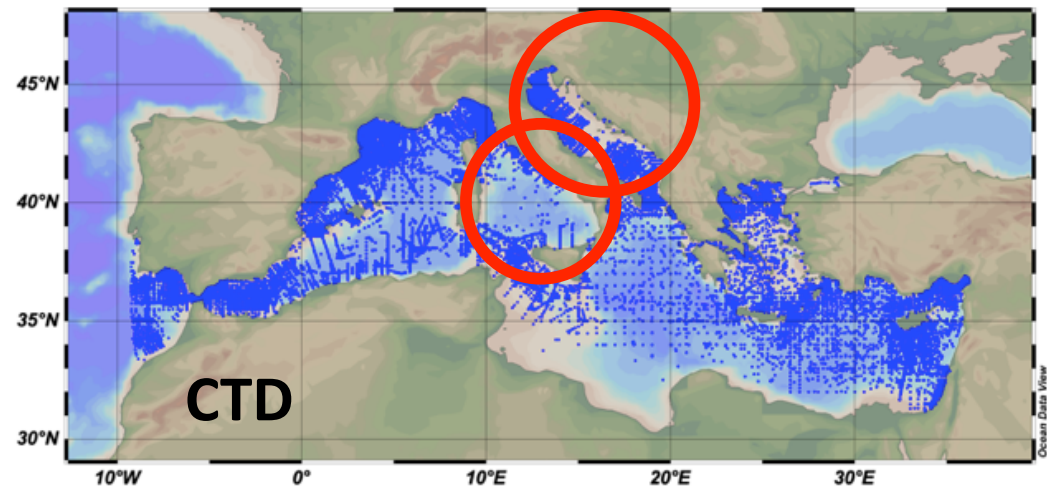
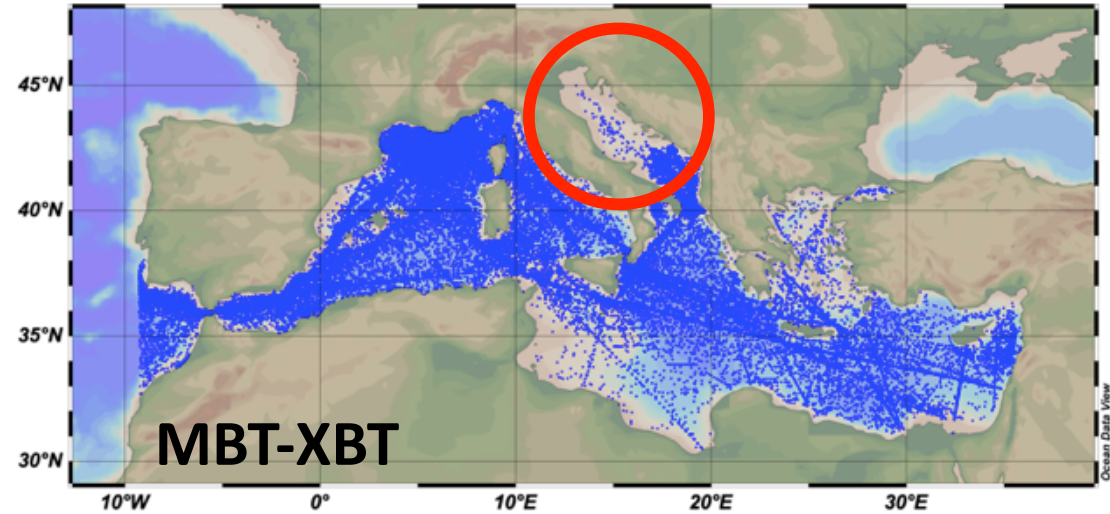
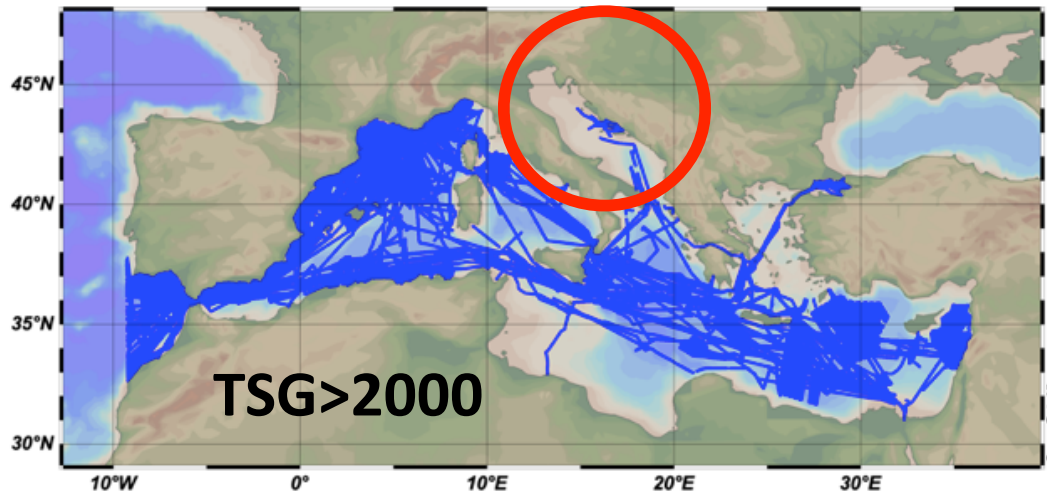
Mediterranean Sea Aggregated Dataset

SDC_MED_DATA_TS_V2 includes open access in situ data of water column temperature and salinity obtained harvesting all measurements contained within SDN infrastructure at the end of Jul2019 → 1003259 stations belonging to 30 data providers and 124 data originators



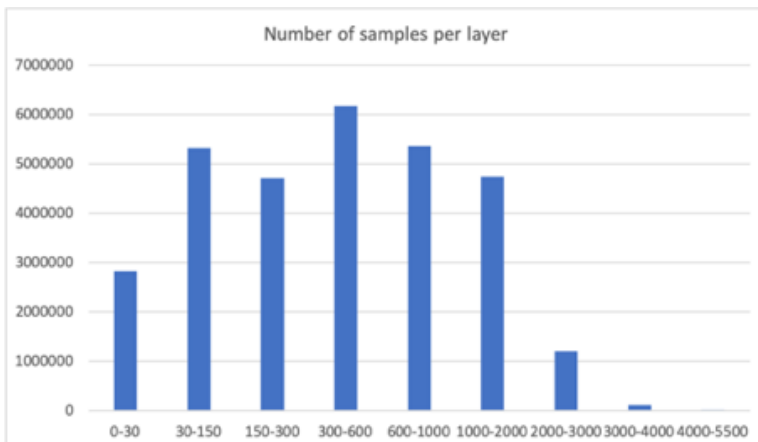
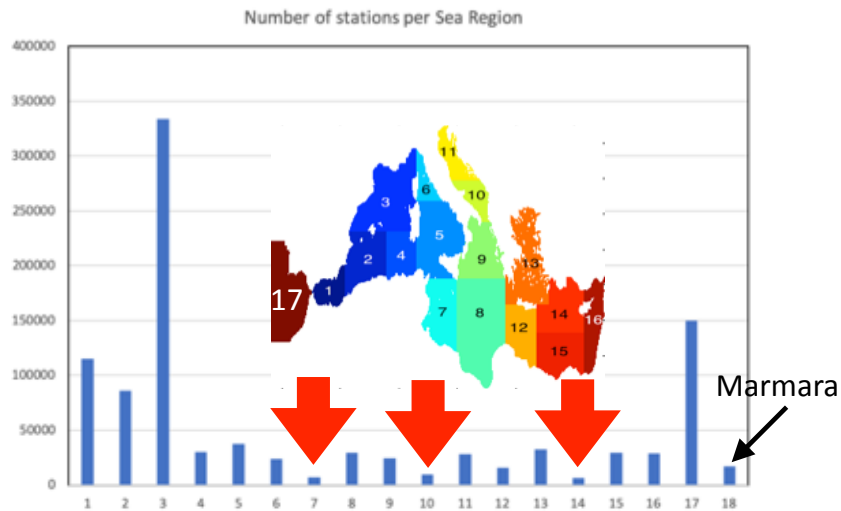
par	# stations	%	# samples
total	1003259		44423115
T	997255	99,4%	43626555
S	931350	92,8%	31458014
TS	926223	92,3%	30880568

Mediterranean Sea Aggregated Dataset



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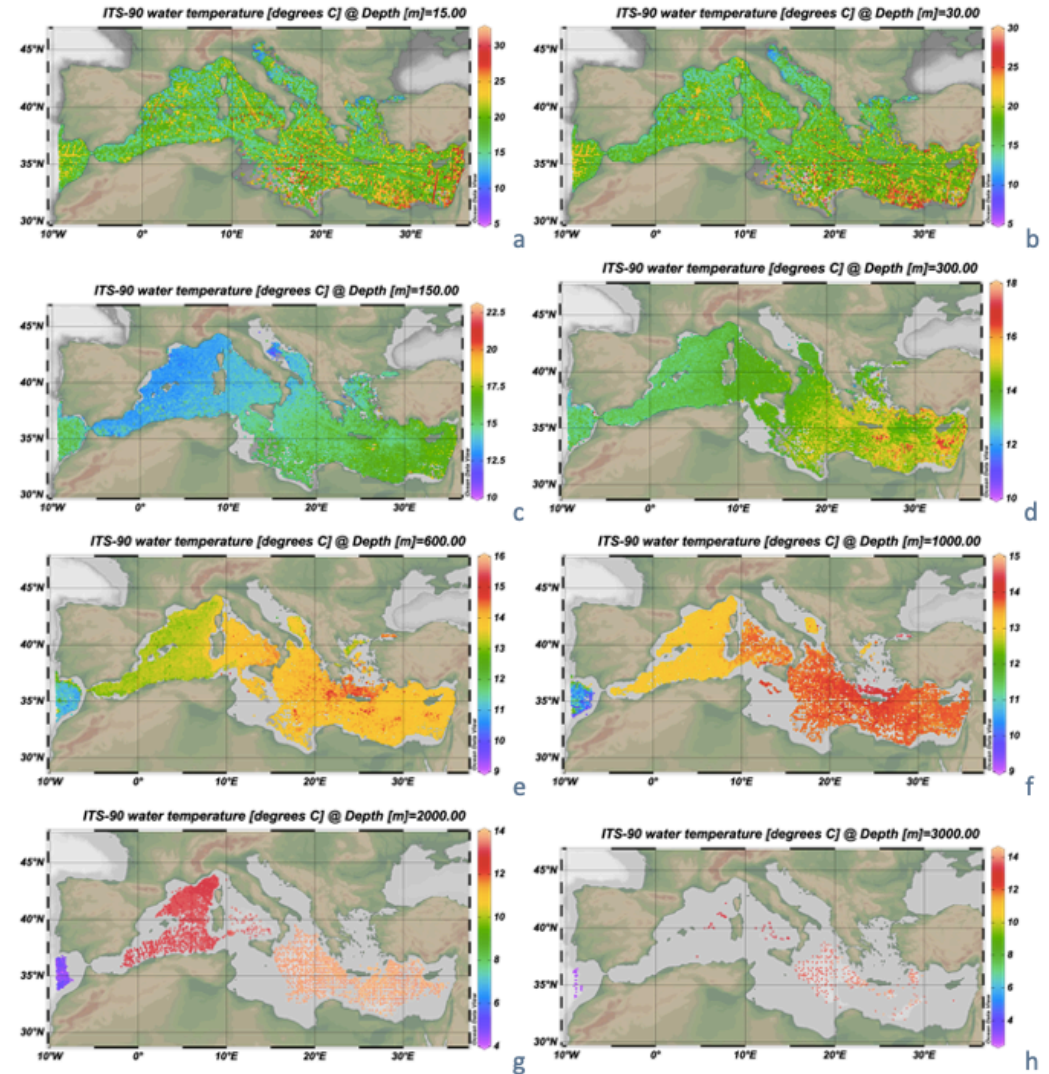
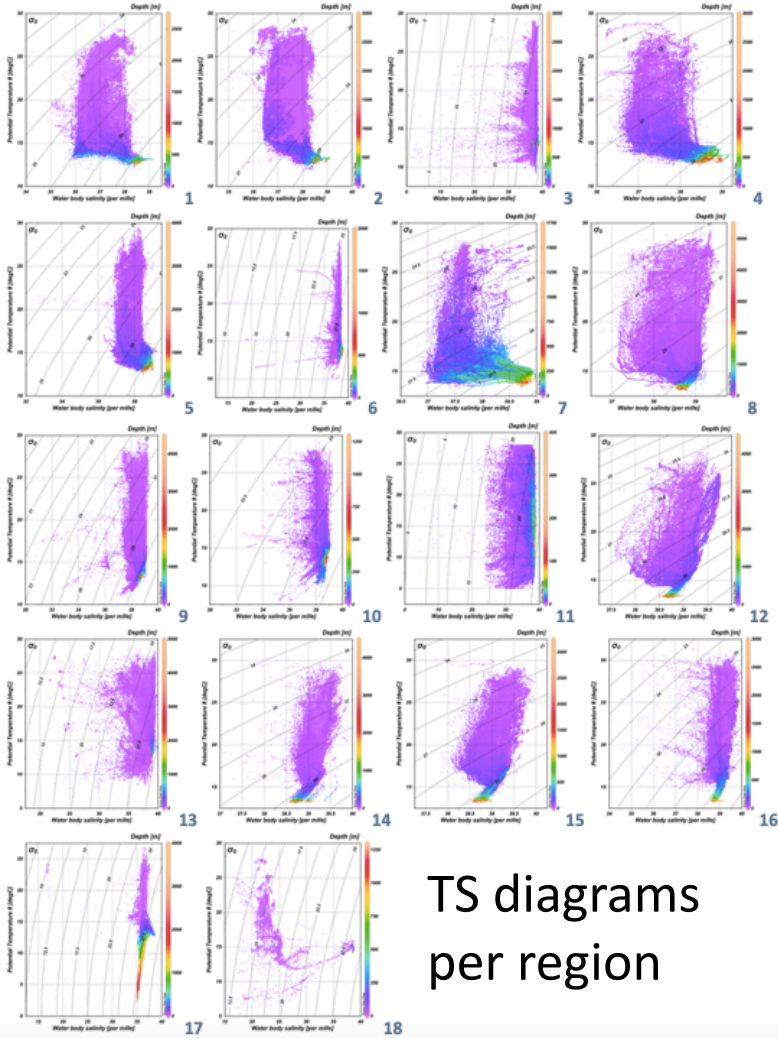
Quality Control procedure—> per sea region (18), per depth layer, per instrument type



Instrument/Gear Type	V1	%	V2	%
CTD	52031	7	70036	7
bathythermograph	56558	8	59574	6
discrete water sampler	32258	4	37485	4
thermosalinograph	555269	75	808364	81
thermistor chains	22	0	22	0
continuous water sampler	1577	0	1654	0
salinity sensor; water temperature sensor	19852	3	25445	3
salinometers	100	0	131	0
none info	21973	3	374	0
	739640		1003085	

Mediterranean Sea Aggregated Dataset

Temperature
at various
depth levels:
15, 30, 150,
300, 600, 1000,
2000, 3000m



Regional Climatologies

- designed with **harmonized approach** to cover the time period after 1955 on World Ocean Atlas (WOA18) standard vertical levels
- monthly fields 1955-2018 and seasonal decadal fields have been produced with associated error fields
- SDC datasets integrated with external sources: World Ocean Database (WOD18) and/or Coriolis Ocean Dataset for ReAnalysis (CORA5.2)
- computed with **DIVAnd** tool
- **validation** through consistency analysis considering WOA18 as reference
- methodology, validation and usability have been reported in **Product Information Documents (PIDoc)** available with the NetCDF files in the SDC Product Catalogue
- **GLO climatology** (*Shahzadi et al. 2021*) computed with data from WOD18 → the spatial coverage of SDN data at global scale is still too sparse



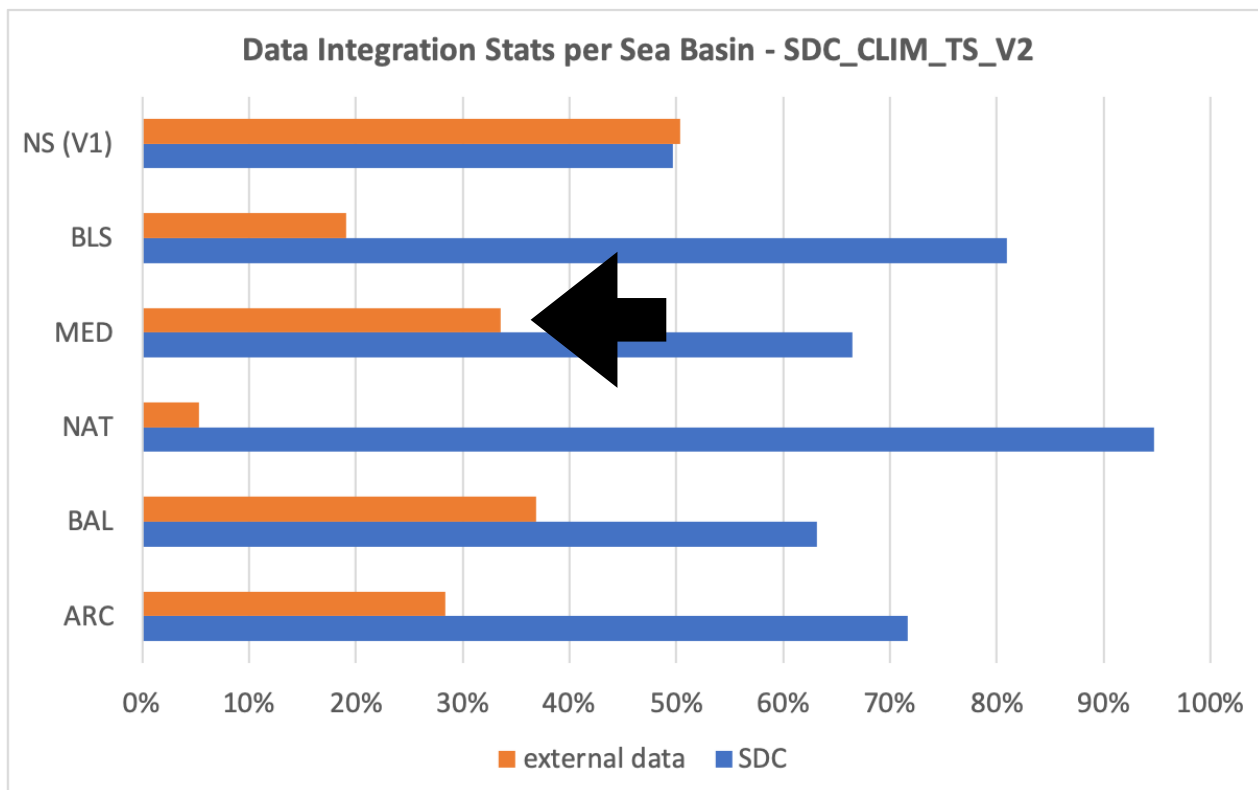
Name	horiz resolution	Time coverage	Seasonal	Monthly	External data sets
GLO_1	1/4°	1900-2017		X	WOD18
GLO_2	1/4°	2003-2017		X	WOD18
ARC_1	1x1/2°	decades	X	X	WOD18
ARC_2	1x1/2°	1955-2014	X	X	WOD18
BAL_1	1/16x1/32°	decades	X	X	CORA5.2
BAL_2	1/16x1/32°	1955-2018	X	X	CORA5.2
NS_1 (V1)	1/8°	1955-2014		X	WOD18
NS_2 (V1)	1/8°	decades	X		WOD18
NAT_1	1/2°	decades	X	X	CORA5.3
NAT_2 (V1)	1/4°	1955-2017	X	X	CORA5.1
NAT_3 (V1)	1/4°	decades	X	X	CORA5.1
MED_1	1/8°	1955-2018	X	X	CORA5.2
MED_2	1/8°	1955-1984	X	X	CORA5.2
MED_3	1/8°	1985-2018	X	X	CORA5.2
MED_4	1/8°	decades	X		CORA5.2
SDC_1	1/8°	1955-1994	X	X	WOD18 and CORA5.2
SDC_2	1/8°	1995-2019	X	X	WOD18 and CORA5.2
SDC_3	1/8°	1955-2019	X	X	WOD18 and CORA5.2
SDC_4	1/8°	decades	X		WOD18 and CORA5.2

all climatologies
on **WOA depth
levels**

Integration with external sources

External data imported in ODV and additional QC has been performed through visual inspection before the integration with SDC datasets → data spatial and temporal consistency

Percentage of SDC data and additional external sources per sea basin:

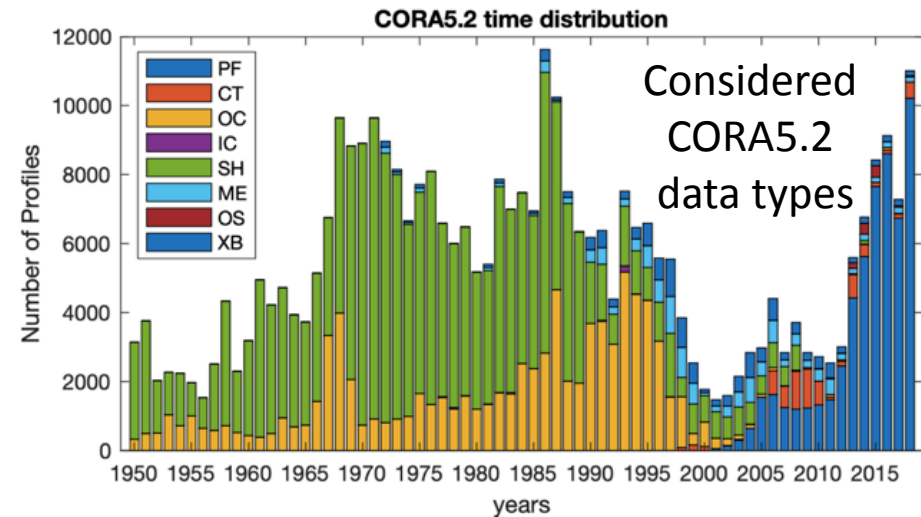


SDC represents the main contributor

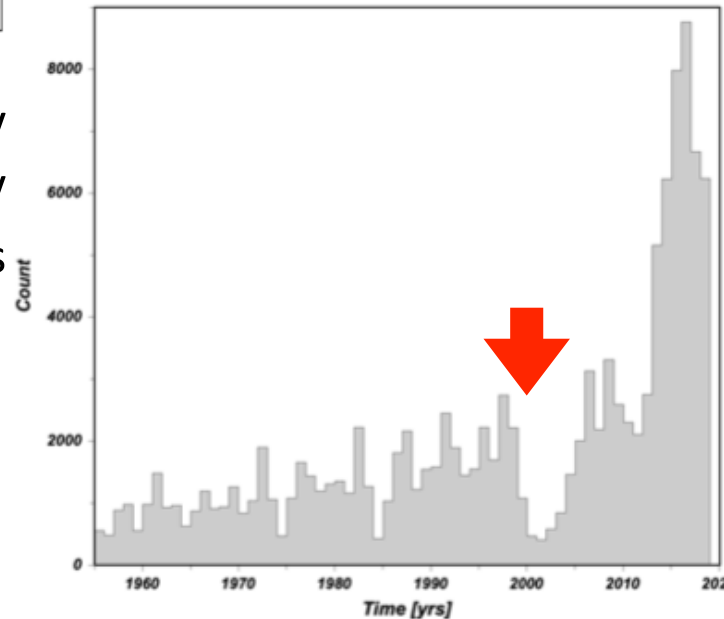
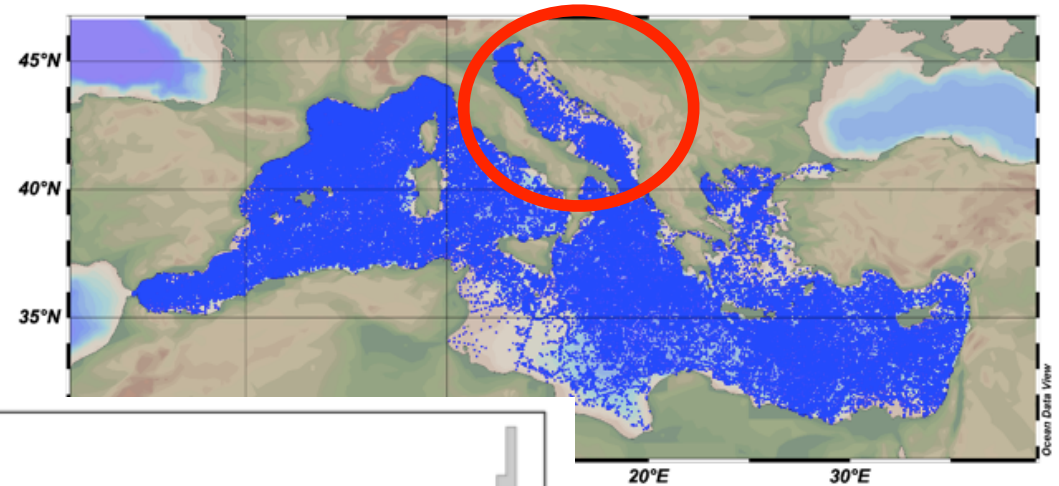
→ SDC version of duplicate casts have been retained

→ percentage of complementary external data ranges from 5% in the North Atlantic to 50% in the North Sea

Mediterranean Sea CORA5.2 dataset



The data were reformatted to ODV spreadsheet and imported to ODV collection for additional QC analysis through visual inspection



CORA5.2 subset (1955-2018):

- 355652 stations
- 123827 TS profiles

Mediterranean Sea merged dataset

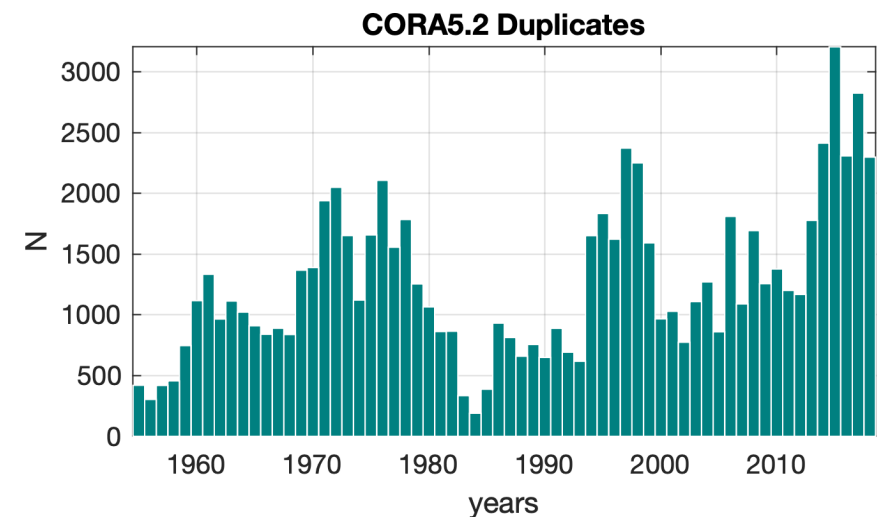
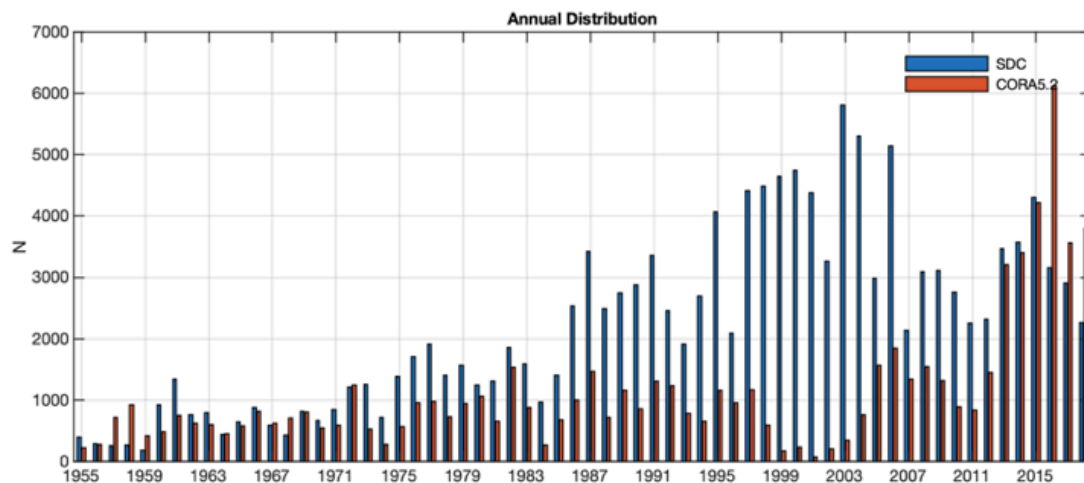
Duplicate check (ODV) looking for “quasi-perfect” duplicates within 0.0001deg (~11m) and 0.0069 days (10 minutes):

- 88528 (15.5%) duplicates over the 572185 stations, 86971 of which are from CORA5.2
- SDC version of the duplicate data has been retained in the climatology input dataset

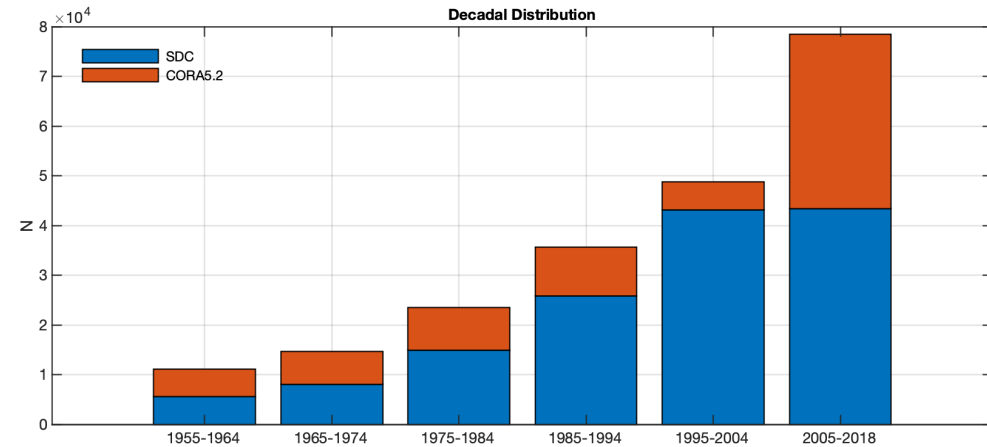
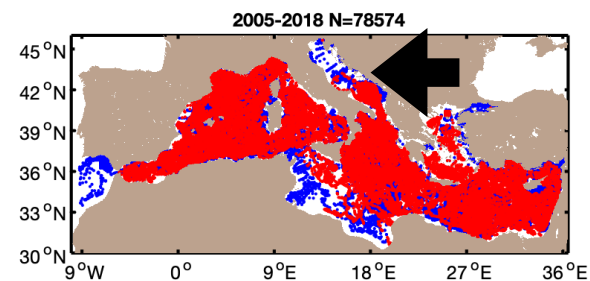
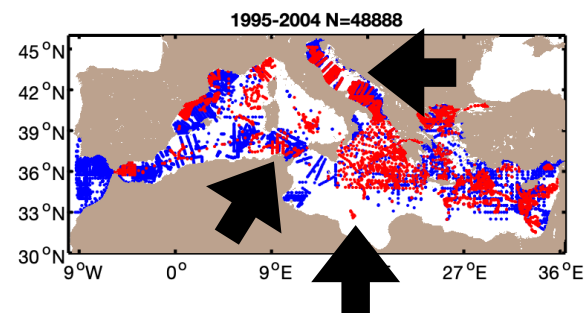
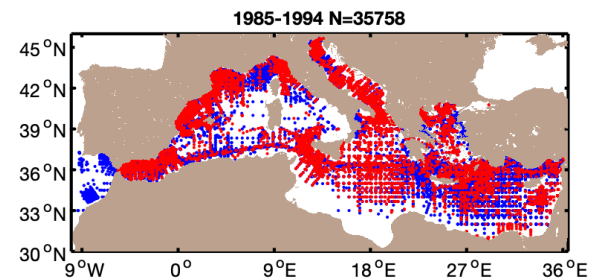
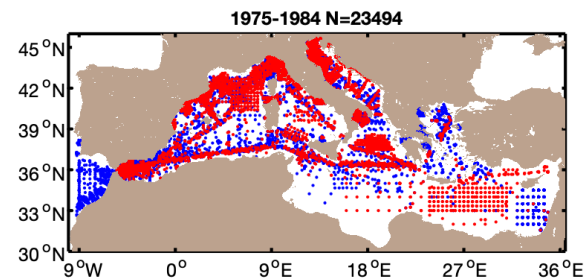
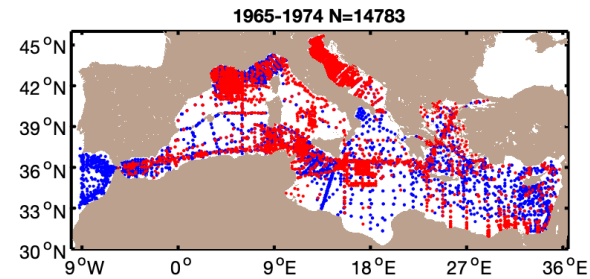
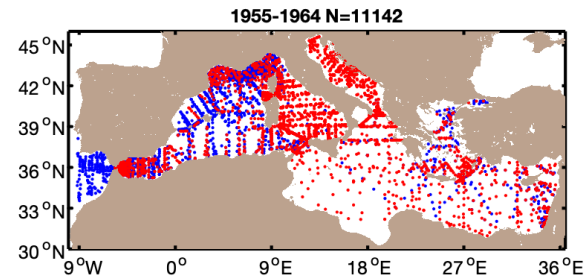
Remaining internal duplicates:

1. repeated samples on the same location with coincident time (62 groups of duplicates—> superobs)
2. profiles sampled with different instruments at the same location (5543 profiles)

Input dataset: 212734 stations, 66% from SDC and additional 34% from CORA 5.2

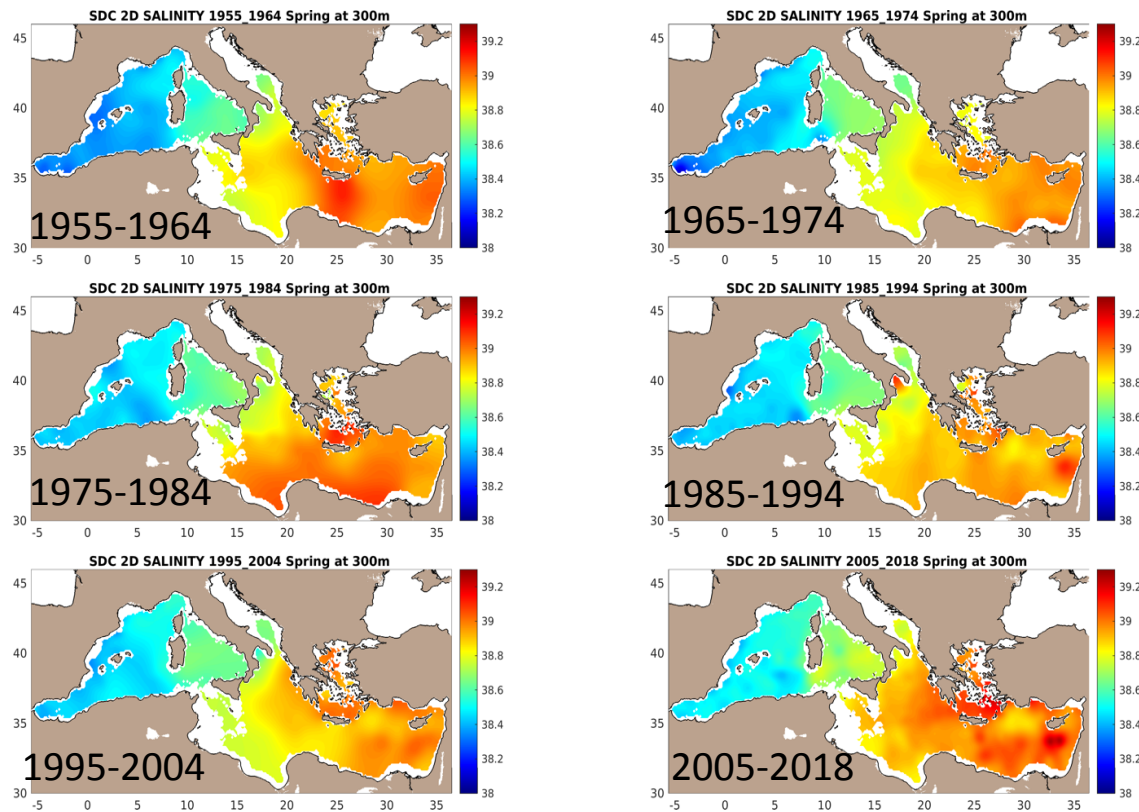


Mediterranean Sea merged dataset



Mediterranean Sea Climatology

SDC_MED_CLIM_TS_V2 Spring Salinity at 300m



Salinity background: annual

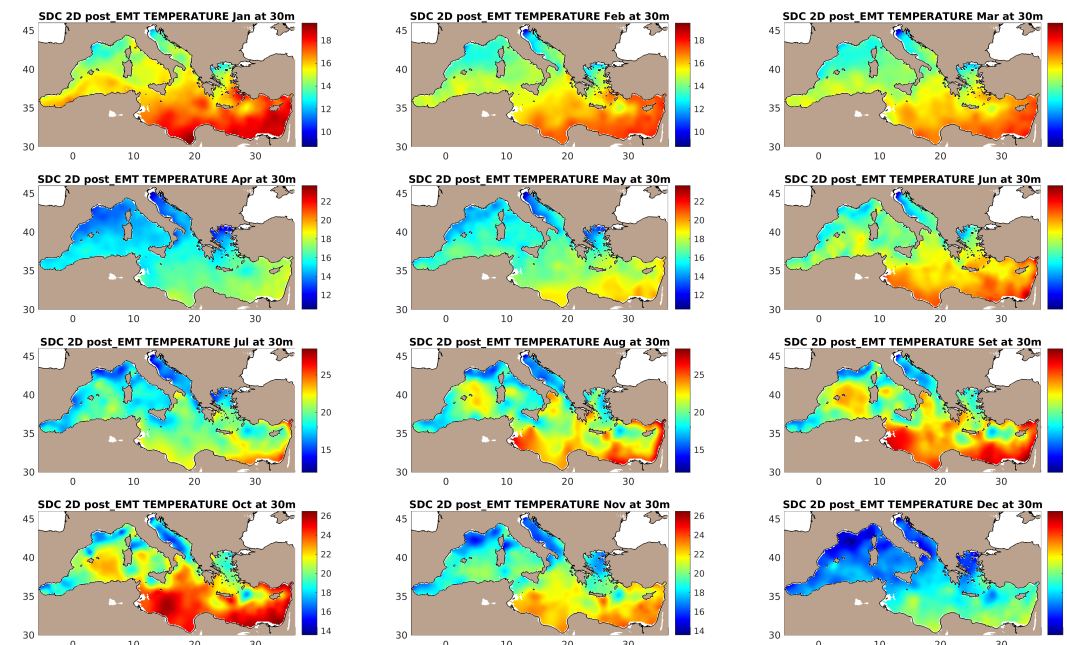
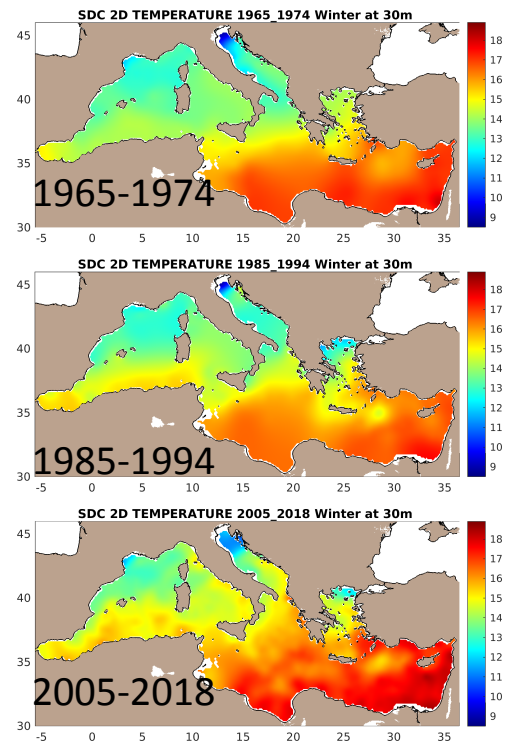
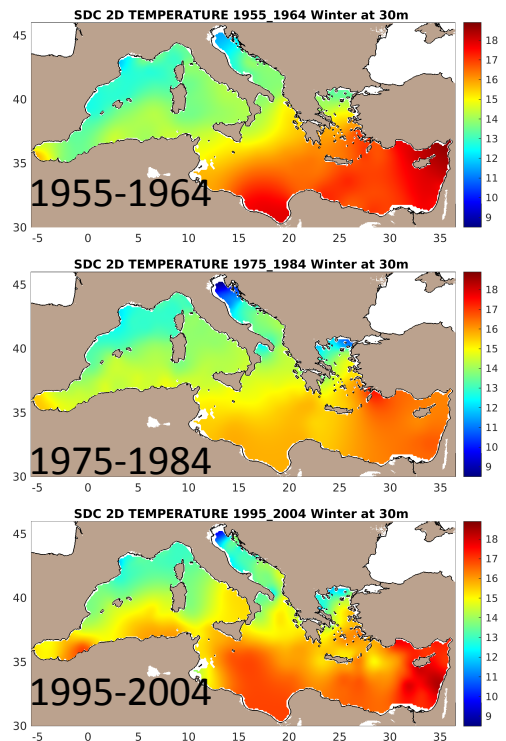
Temperature background: monthly up to 2000m, computed considering a sliding three-month window; annual below 2000m depth.

3 background fields with different time coverage:

- 1955-2018 bkg → 1955-2018 analysis
- 1955-1984 bkg → 1955-1984, 1955-1964, 1965-1974 and 1975-1984 analyses;
- 1985-2018 bkg → 1985-2018, 1985-1994, 1995-2004 and 2005-2018 analyses

	T Bkg	T An	S Bkg	S An
L (x,y)	5.5°	2°	5.5°	2°
epsilon2	12	1.2 (0-2000m) 0.4 increase up to 6	12	1.2 (0-300m) 0.2 increase up to 6

SDC_MED_CLIM_TS_V2 Spring Temperature at 30m



Temperature at 30m
1985-2018

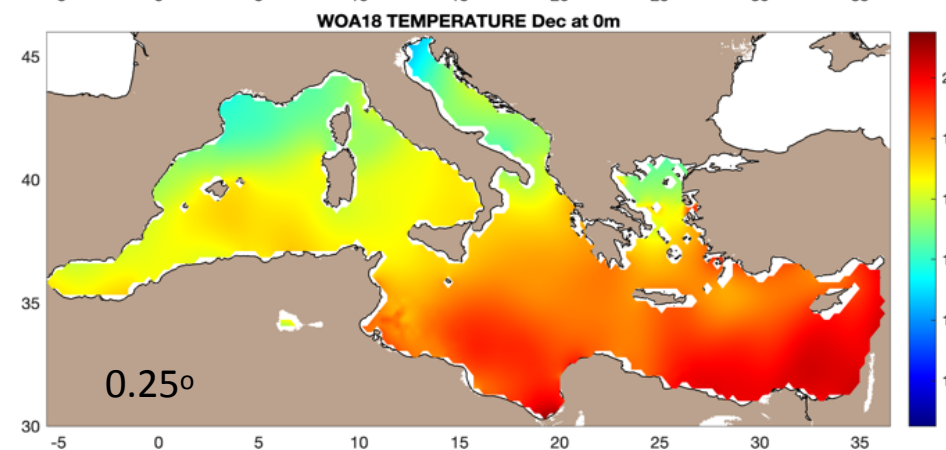
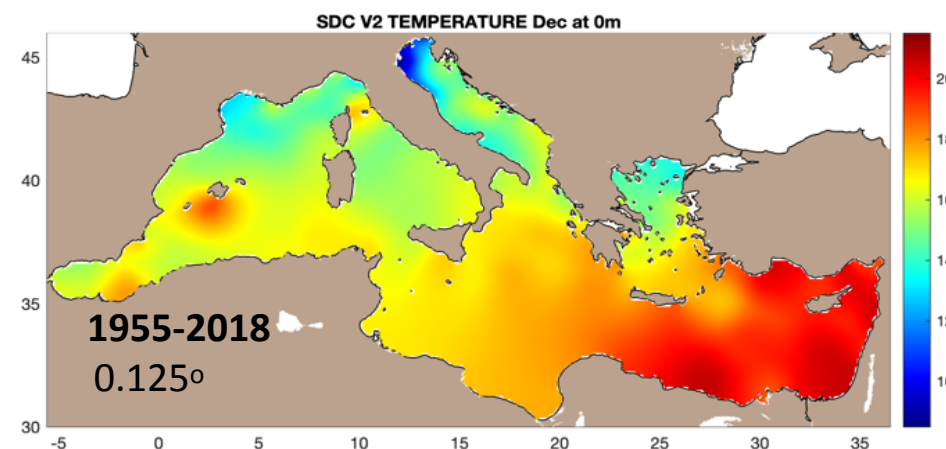
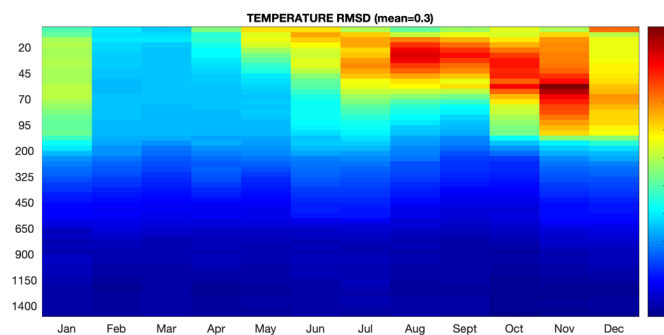
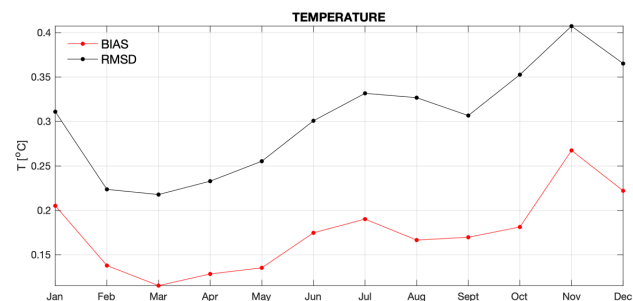
Consistency Analysis

Validation is essential for products reliability → global WOA18 climatology as reference

Twofold scope: (1) to detect possible drawbacks; (2) to highlight strength/weaknesses of SDC climatologies → usability information

Qualitative (visualization): ARC, BAL, NAT, NS

Quantitative (quality indices): GLO, MED, BLS





Northern Adriatic Sea

T and S monthly and seasonal high resolution climatologies for the Northern Adriatic Sea produced with DIVAnd v2.6.1 (Data-Interpolating Variational Analysis in n dimensions, *Barth et al., 2014*)

Product details:

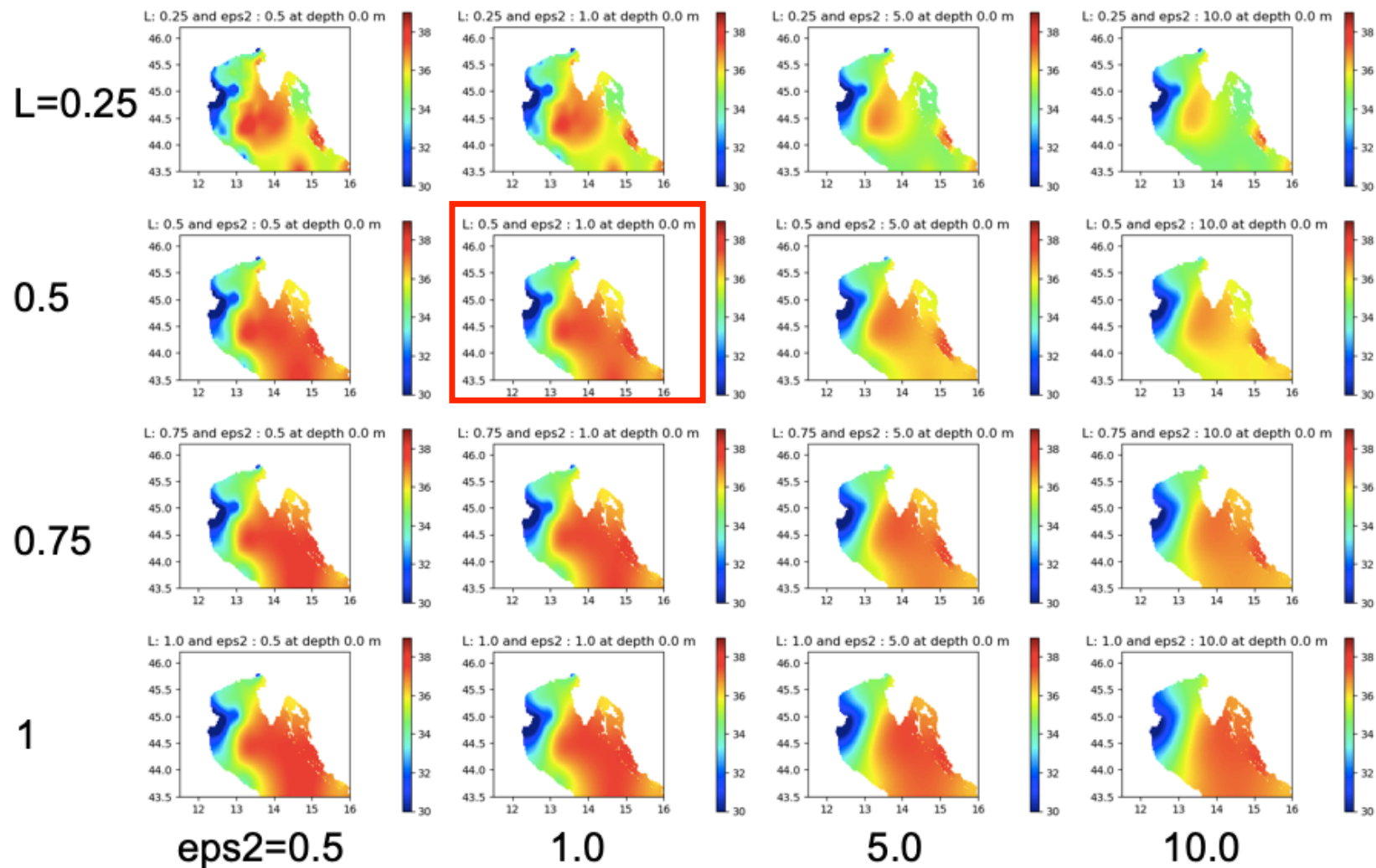
- horizontal resolution: $1/36^\circ$ (~ 3 km)
- vertical resolution: 5 m (11 equally spaced layers from the surface down to 50 m depth)
- temporal resolution: monthly and seasonal for the periods 1955-2016, 1955-1984, 1985-2016, seasonal for the decades from 1955 to 2016

DIVAnd implementation and settings:

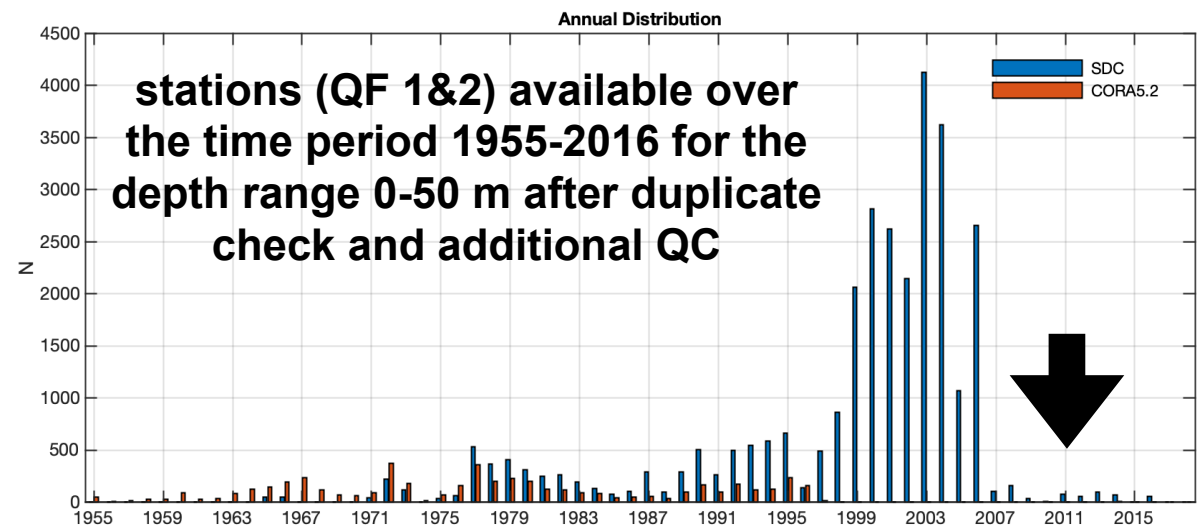
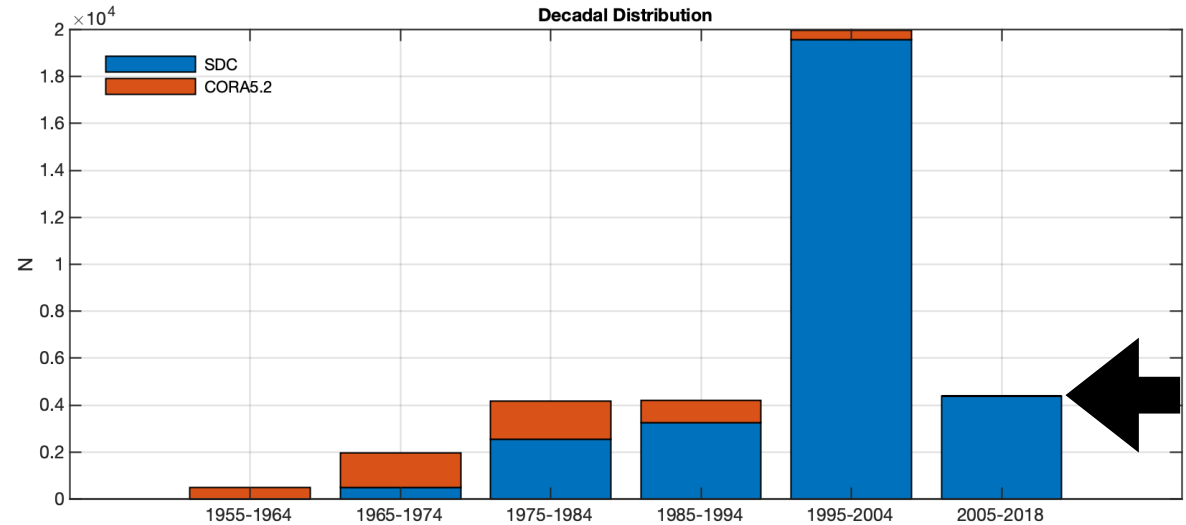
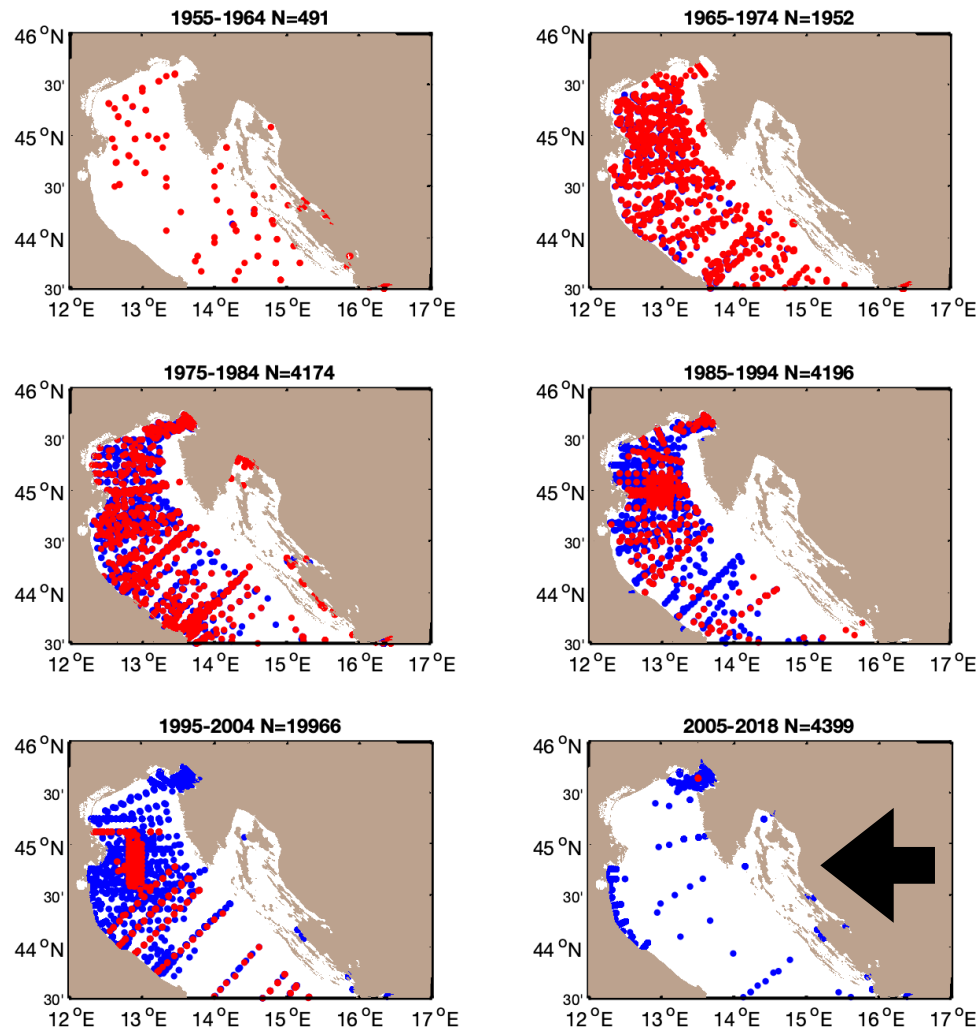
- topography from GEBCO_2019 bathymetry
- **L=2deg** background, **L=0.5deg** analysis
- **eps2=12** background, **eps2=1** analysis
- monthly background for temperature, annual background for salinity
- 2D interpolation for each layer of the grid (vertical correlation length = 0)
- iterative process which computes the residuals first and then re-run the analysis excluding the observations with residuals larger than two standard deviations from the mean of the residuals population

Delrosso et al. (2021) in <https://archimer.ifremer.fr/doc/00720/83160/>

Tuning/optimization of L (correlation length) and ϵ_2 (the inverse of the signal-to-noise ratio) parameters has been performed, in order to find a robust balance between the minimization of residuals and the smoothness of the climatological fields produced.



Northern Adriatic Sea





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Northern Adriatic Sea

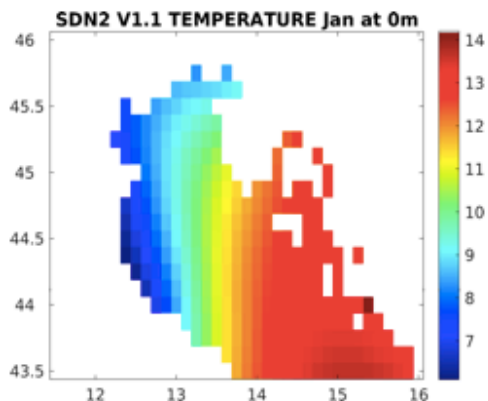
SDN2 V1.1

(1900-2013)

Hor res.: $1/8^\circ$

33 iode levels

L: 2° (analysis); 10° (bckg)



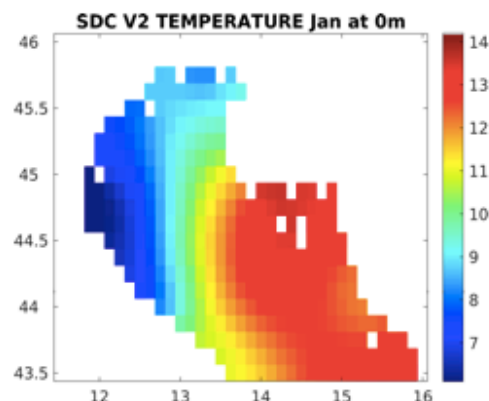
SDC MED CLIM TS V2

(1955-2018)

Hor res.: $1/8^\circ$

92 WOA levels

L: 2° (analysis); 5.5° (bckg)



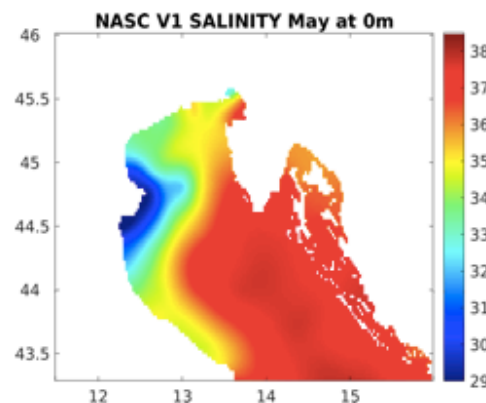
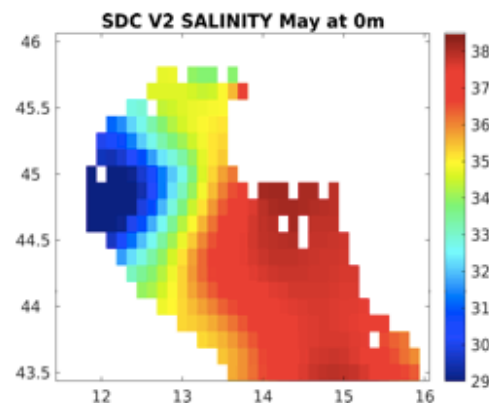
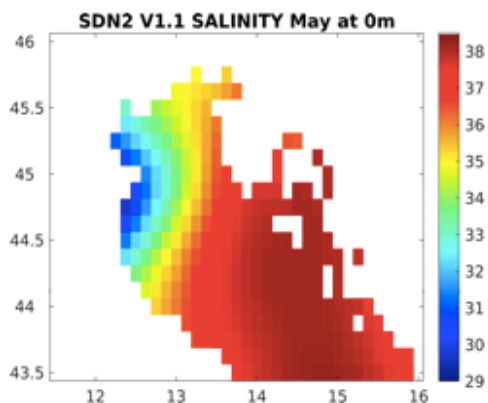
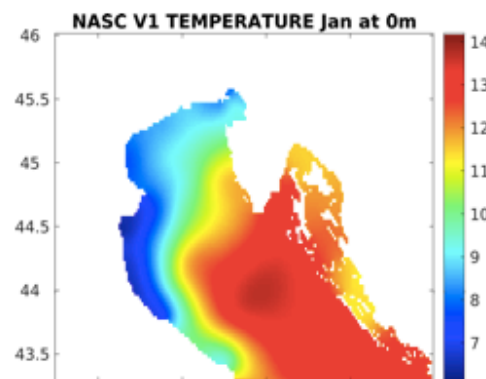
NASC V1

(1955-2016)

Hor res.: $1/36^\circ$

11 WOA levels

L: 0.5° (analysis); 2° (bckg)



- good agreement with the considered benchmark products
- more realistic topography
- small scale patterns become apparent
- Po river plume is better resolved

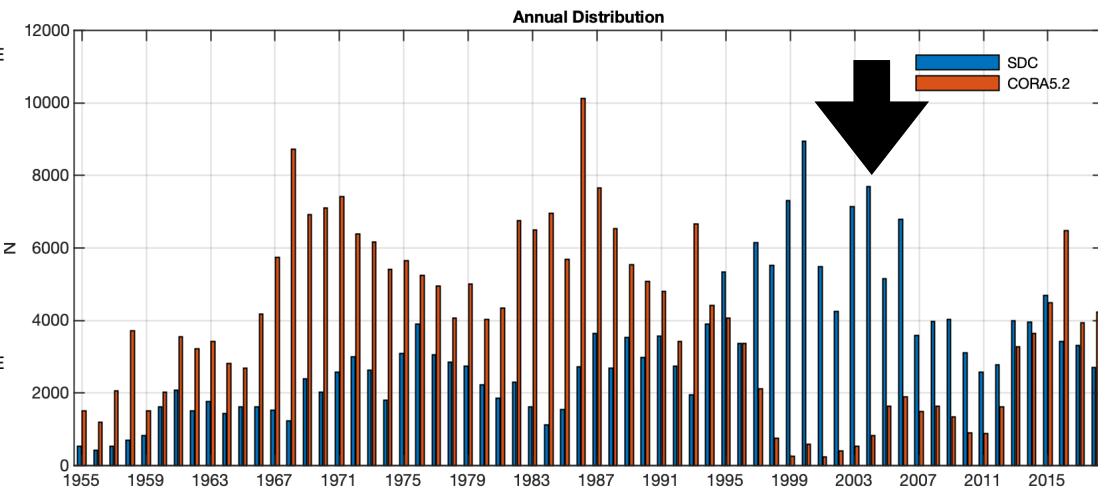
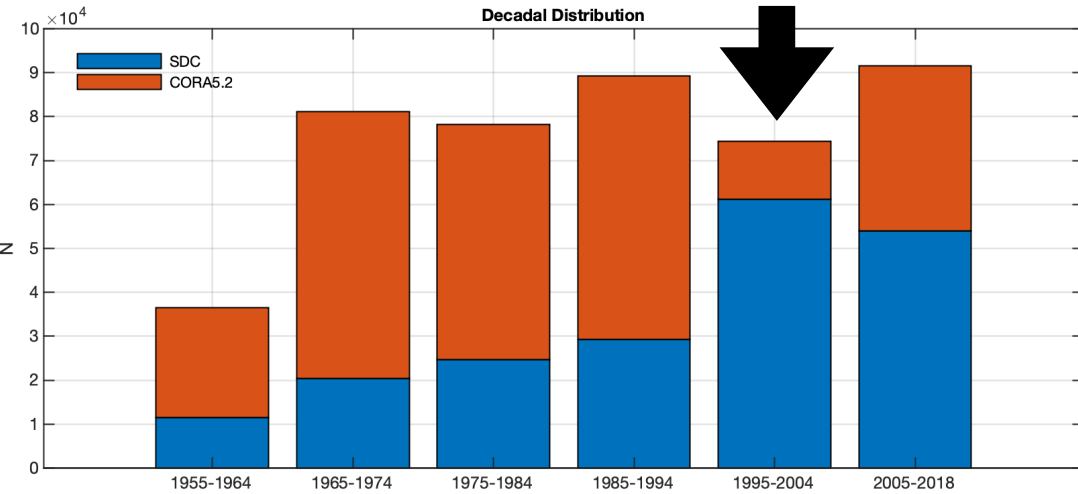
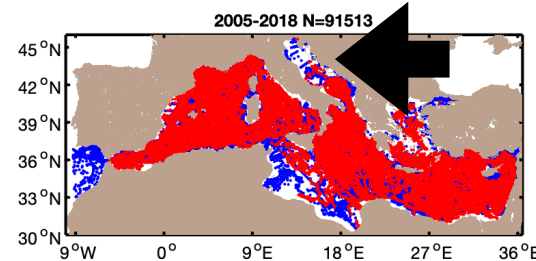
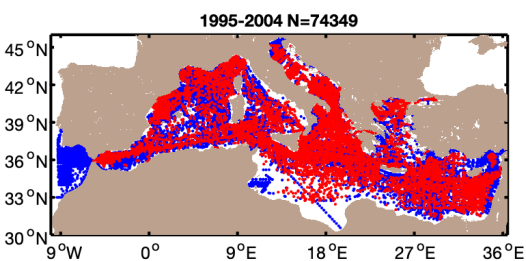
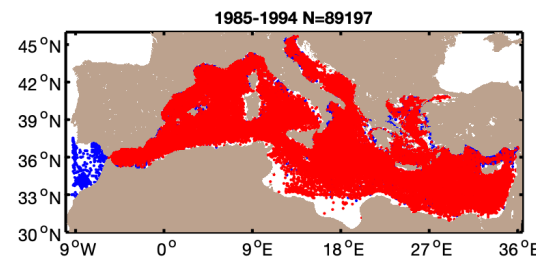
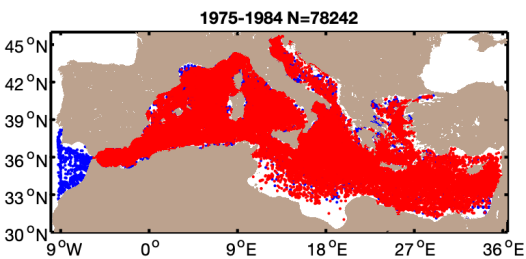
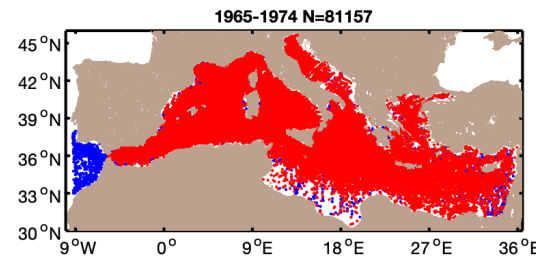
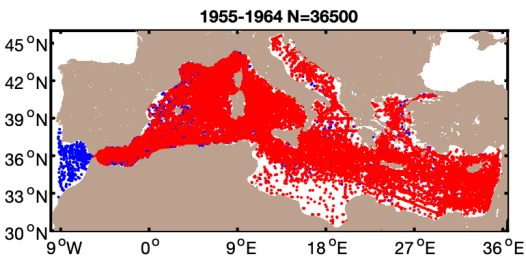
New Data Products

The experts team explored the feasibility of new data products and the capability of SDN infrastructure to release systematically advanced products to monitor the ocean state in view of the UN Ocean Decade and in line with other initiatives (EMODnet, CMEMS)

11 new products have been released:

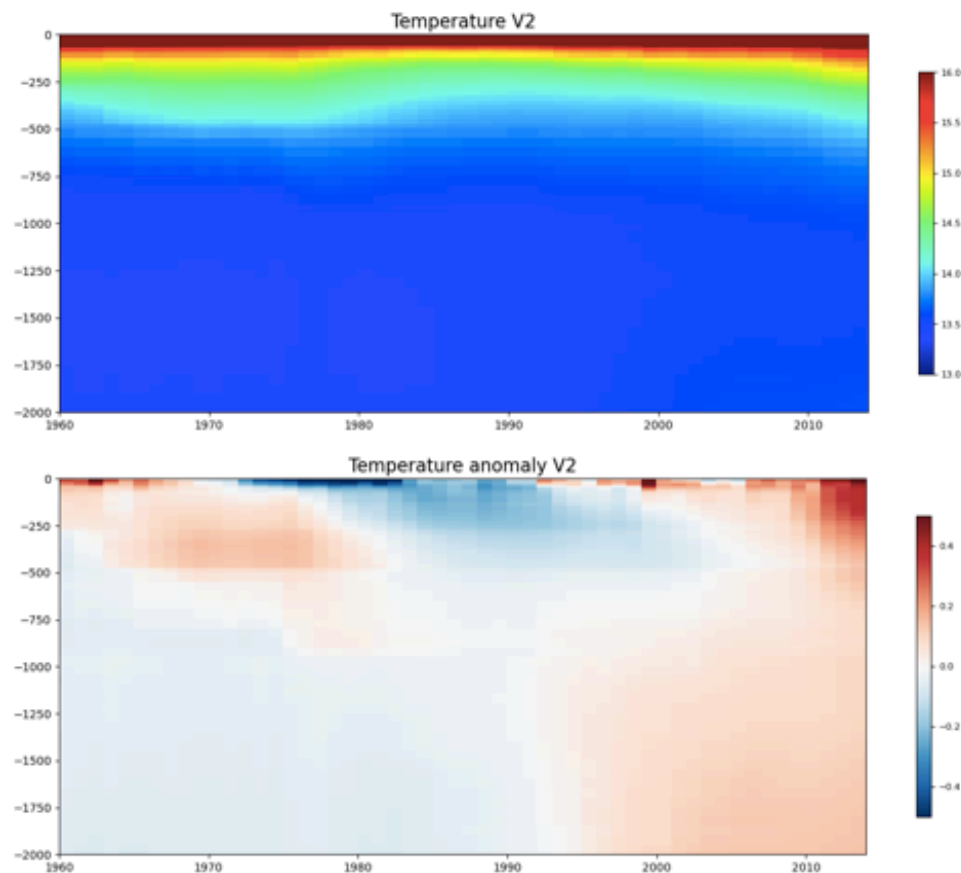
GLO_DP1	Density and Brunt-Väisälä climatology (2003-2017)
GLO_DP2	Apparent Oxygen Utilization (AOU) at 1/4° (2003-2017)
BAL_DP1	regional and sub-regional T and S monthly statistics
NAT_DP1	MLD monthly climatology at 1/4°
MED_DP1	MLD monthly climatology at 1/8°
MED_DP2	OHC anomalies time series and trends (0-700m; 0-2000m)
BLS_DP1	Monthly climatology of Cold Intermediate Layer (CIL) cold content at 1/8°
BLS_DP2	Decadal seasonal CIL cold content at 1/8°
BLS_DP3	Sliding decades CIL cold content at 1/8°
ULG_DP1	Currents map from HF radars data (<i>Barth et al., 2021</i>)

Med Sea Ocean Heat Content (OHC)



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SDC OHC product consists of sliding decadal temperature fields and annual OHC anomalies deriving from them in layers: (1) 0-700m; (2) 0-2000m

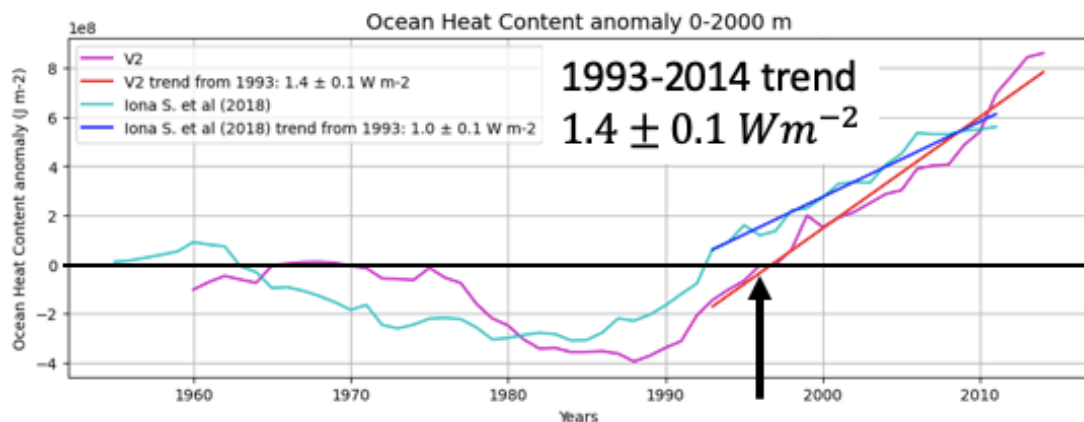
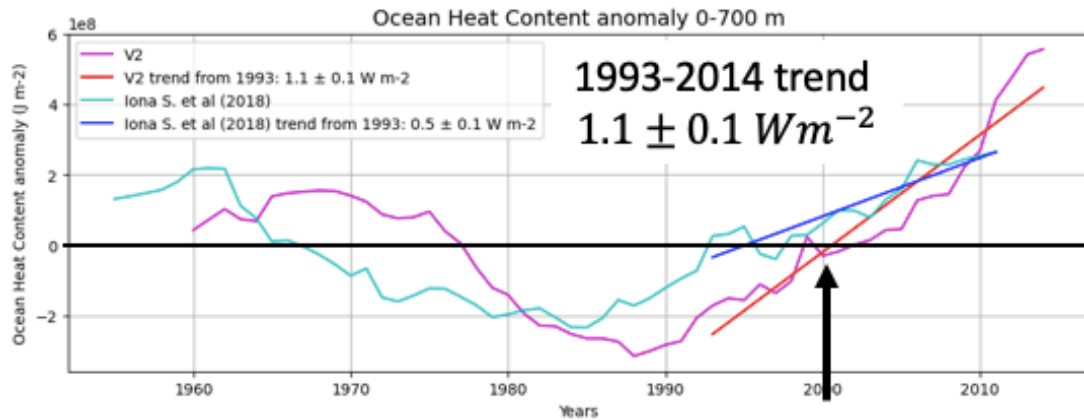


T baseline climatology computed from averaging decadal climatologies: 1955-1964, 1965-1974, 1975-1984, 1985-1994, 1995-2004, 2005-2014

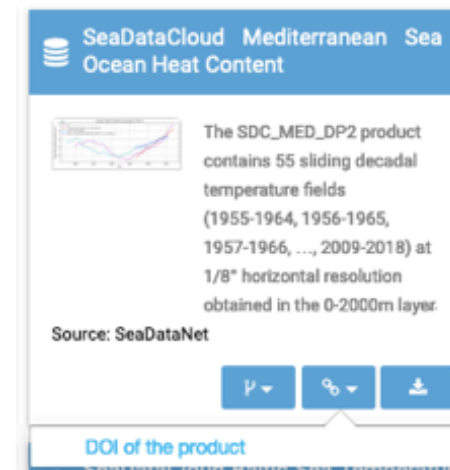
- Positive anomalies characterize the surface layer until early '70s
- Negative anomalies dominate until mid '90s, then positive anomalies prevail again
- Intermediate layer behavior (~200-600m) appears shifted 10 years in time with respect to the surface layer
- Negative anomalies dominate below 700m until mid '90, positive anomalies prevail afterwards

Med Sea Ocean Heat Content (OHC)

dataset available at [SeaDataCloud web catalog](https://www.seadatanet.org/Products/)
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in agreement with *Cheng et al. (2021) AAS*



SeaDataCloud Mediterranean Sea Ocean Heat Content

The SDC_MED_DP2 product contains 55 sliding decadal temperature fields (1955-1964, 1956-1965, 1957-1966, ..., 2009-2018) at 1/8° horizontal resolution obtained in the 0-2000m layer.

Source: SeaDataNet

DOI of the product

Late '90s → positive anomalies and progressive OHC increase

Conclusion

- **SDN data value chain** ends with the generation of data products, whose quality reflects the coordination capacity in managing multidisciplinary in situ data but also in developing and adopting software/tools through continuous feedback
- regional data collections showed a progressive increase of the available data and relative quality
- a novel metadata analysis allowed to monitor/acknowledge the EU data sharing landscape, to detect systematic (format, flagging) errors and data/metadata omissions
- Climatologies: decadal gridded fields, integration of external data, DIVAnd software uptake, good consistency with WOA and added value due to the highest resolution and regional QC
- **SDC co-development/production** process is in place and will be further advanced exploiting the new SDC Virtual Research Environment (VRE)
- data products and PIDocs have DOIs and are available at

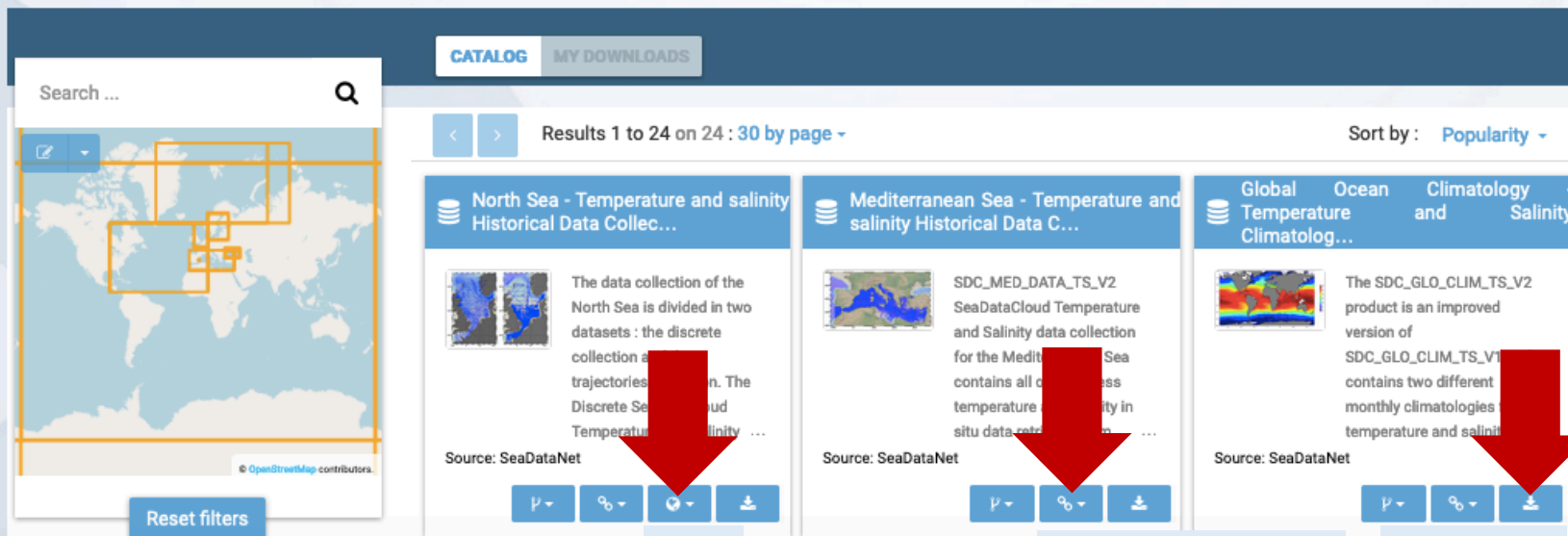
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DATA PRODUCTS

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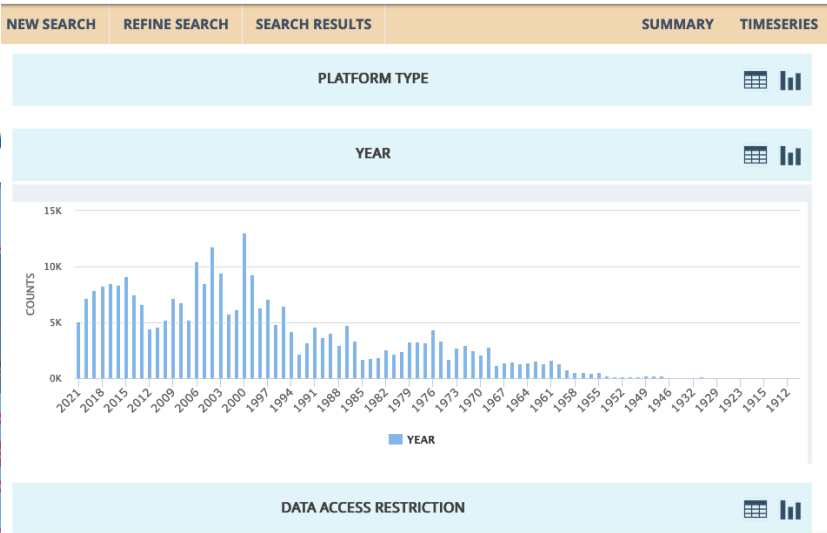
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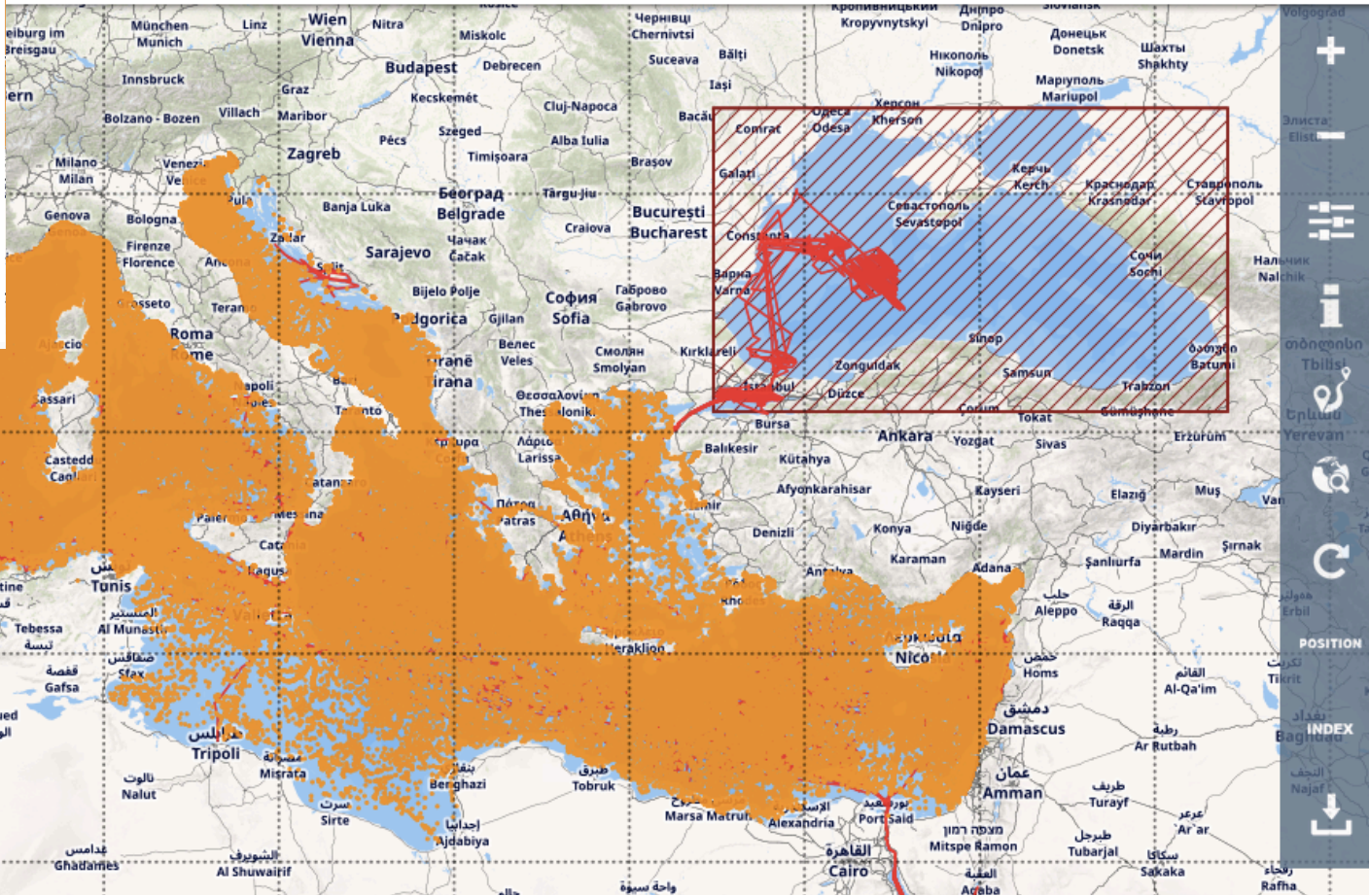
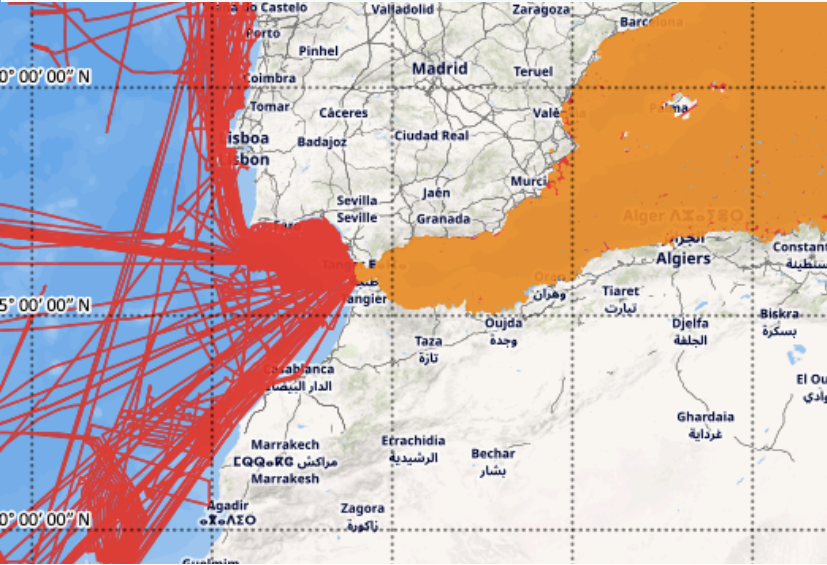
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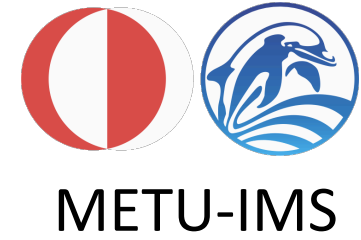
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Thanks to all partners





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WOD	https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/products/world-ocean-database
CORA	<i>Szekely et al., 2019</i> https://archimer.ifremer.fr/doc/00595/70726/
ODV	https://odv.awi.de/
DIVAnd	<i>Barth et al., 2014</i> http://dx.doi.org/10.5194/gmd-7-225-2014
QAS	Quality Assurance Strategy
PIDoc	Product Information Documents
VRE	Virtual Research Environment https://www.seadatanet.org/Software/VRE

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