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Ocean Energy resource mapping and assessment

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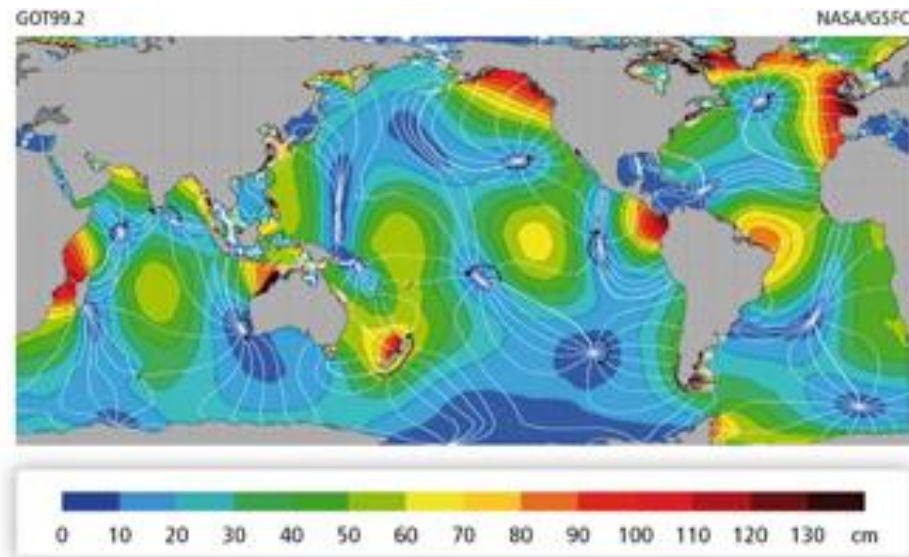
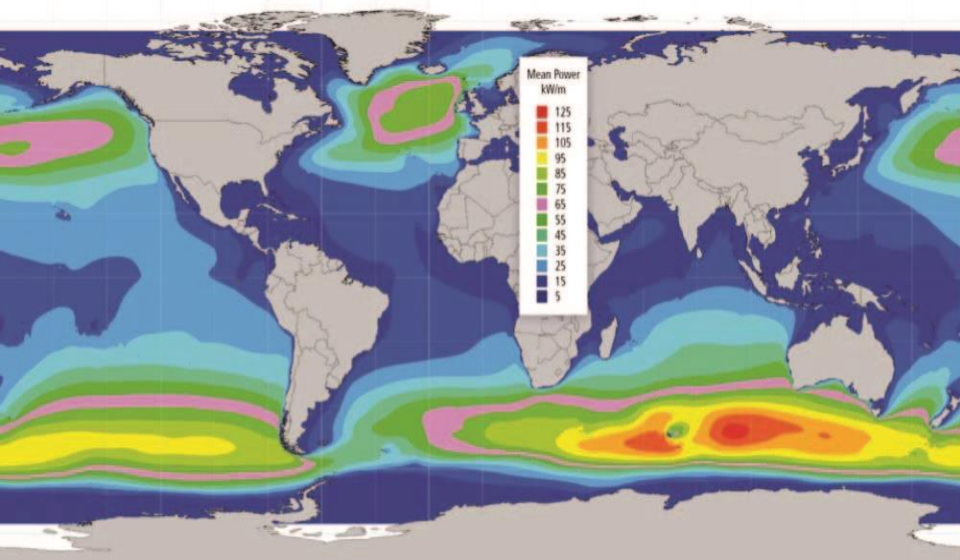
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Ocean energy potential

Wave energy is the largest untapped form of renewable energy in the world. It is on track to produce 10% (**500 GW**) of the global energy demand in the upcoming decades. The global installed capacity of wind and solar power at the end of 2014 was 360 GW and 150 GW respectively.

The estimates of global potential of **tidal energy** generation vary, but it is widely agreed that tidal stream energy capacity could exceed **120 GW** globally.



Ocean Energy resource assessment: data availability

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Ocean Energy resource assessment: data availability

GLOBAL_ANALYSIS_FORECAST_WAV_001_027

GLOBAL OCEAN WAVES ANALYSIS AND FORECAST UPDATED DAILY

MODEL



GLO

SWH MWP VMDR VSDXY WW SW1 SW2



0.083 degree x 0.083 degree (Surface only)

From 2016-03-01 to Present

3-hourly-instantaneous

MORE
INFO

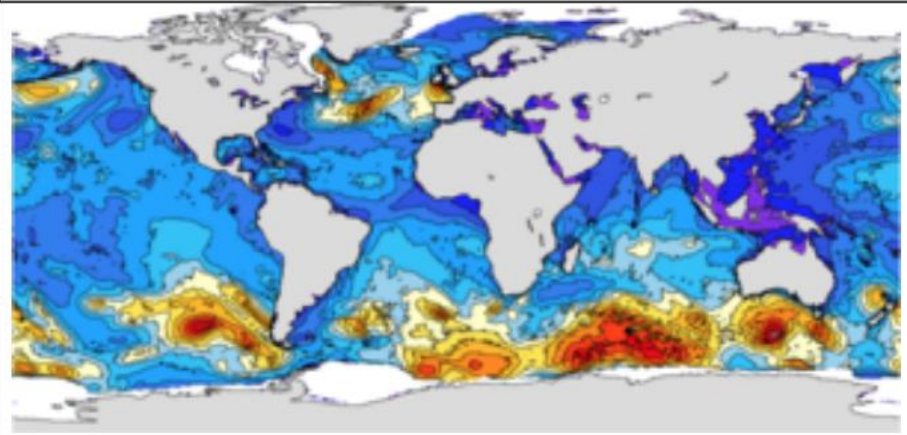


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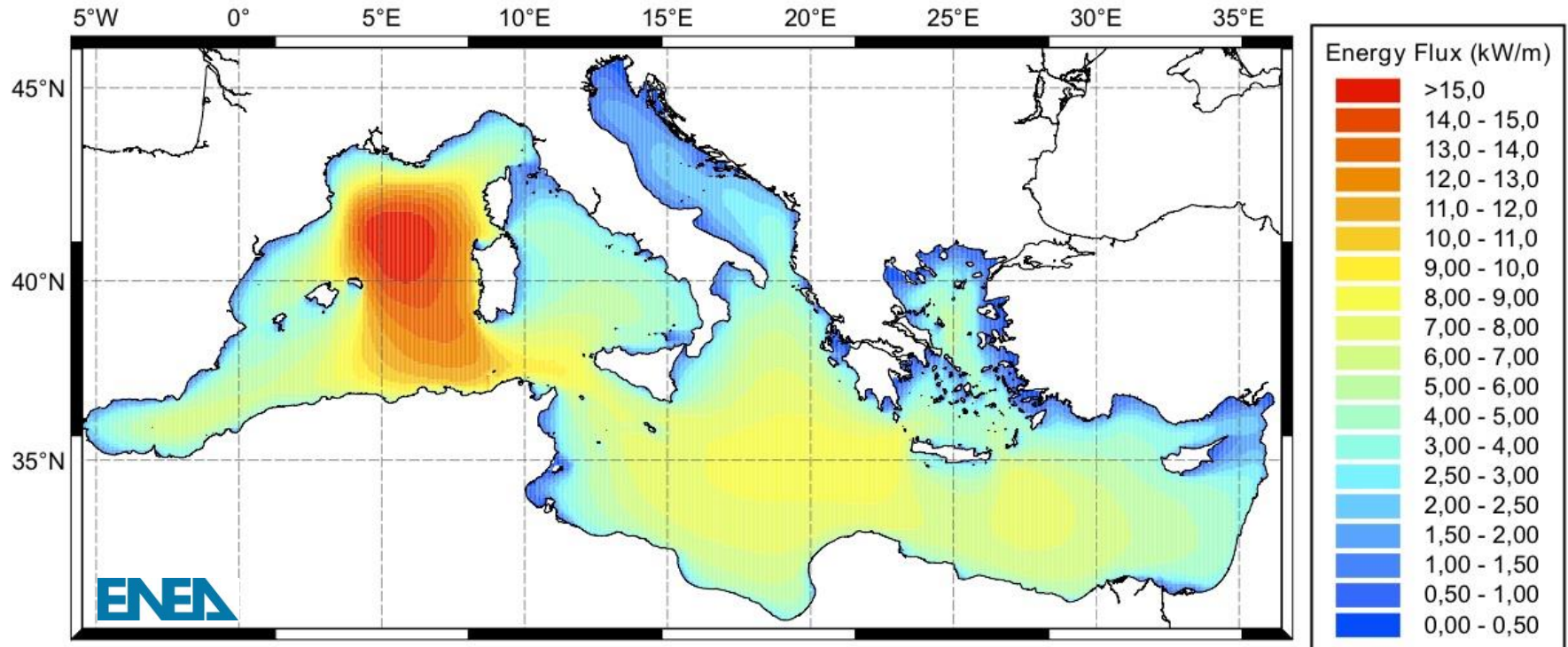
WMS

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About 8Km resolution

Wave energy in the Mediterranean Sea

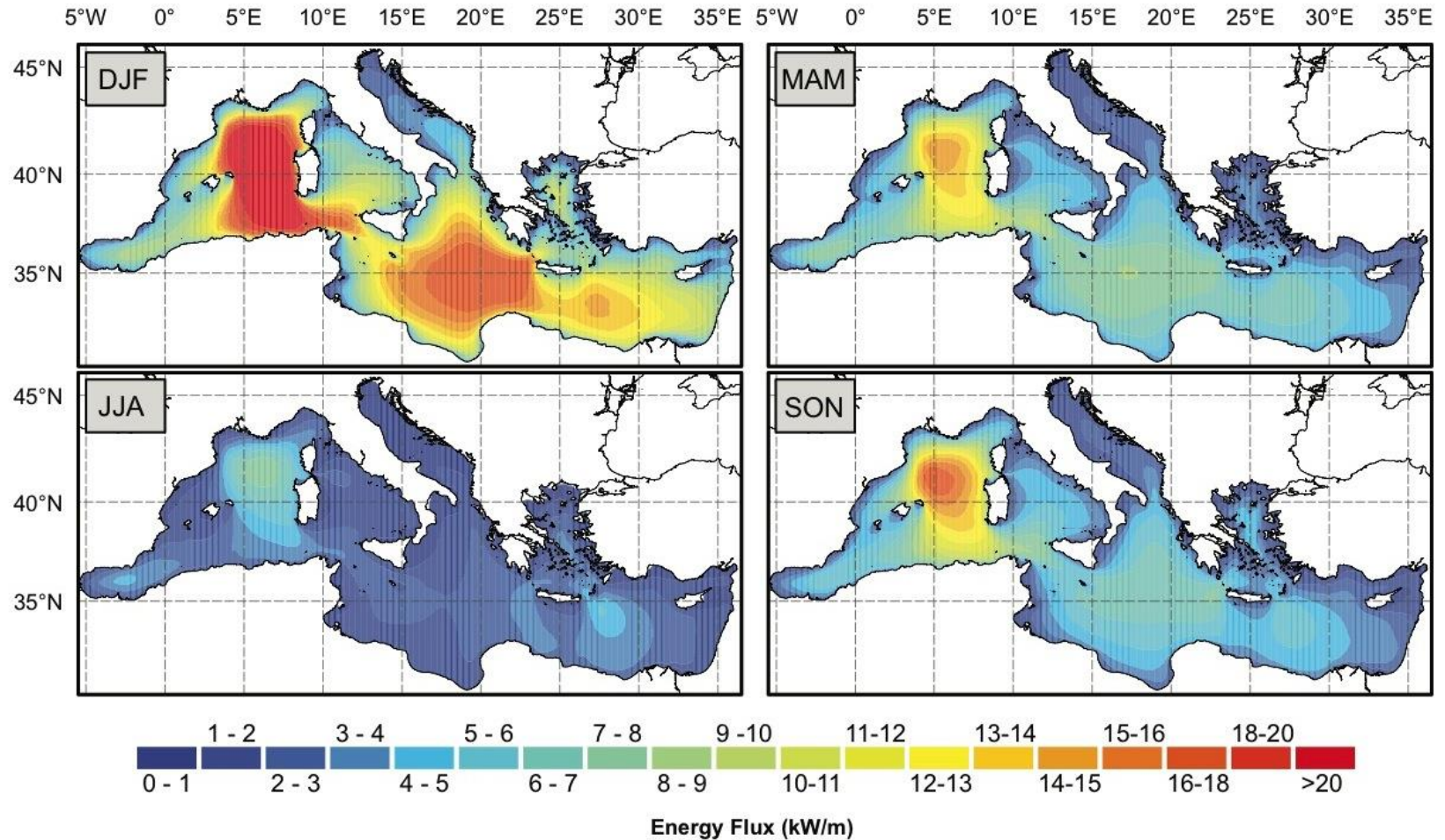


Distribution of average power per unit crest in the Mediterranean between 2001 and 2010.

$$J = \frac{\rho g^2}{64\pi} T_e H_s^2$$

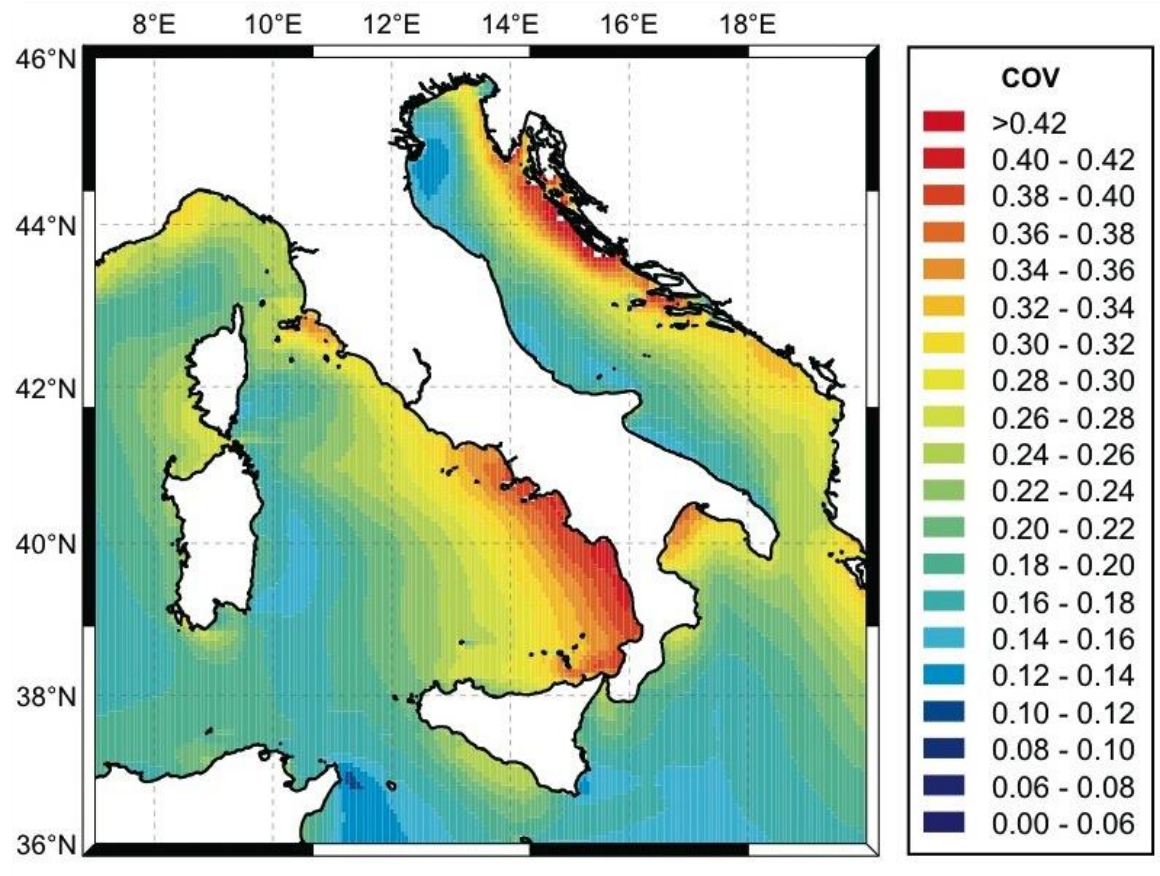
Wave energy assessment for the Mediterranean

Seasonal average energy flux



Wave energy assessment along the Italian coasts

Yearly average variability



Distribution of the Coefficient of Variation (COV) of the yearly average power fluxes for years 2001-2010 around Italy.

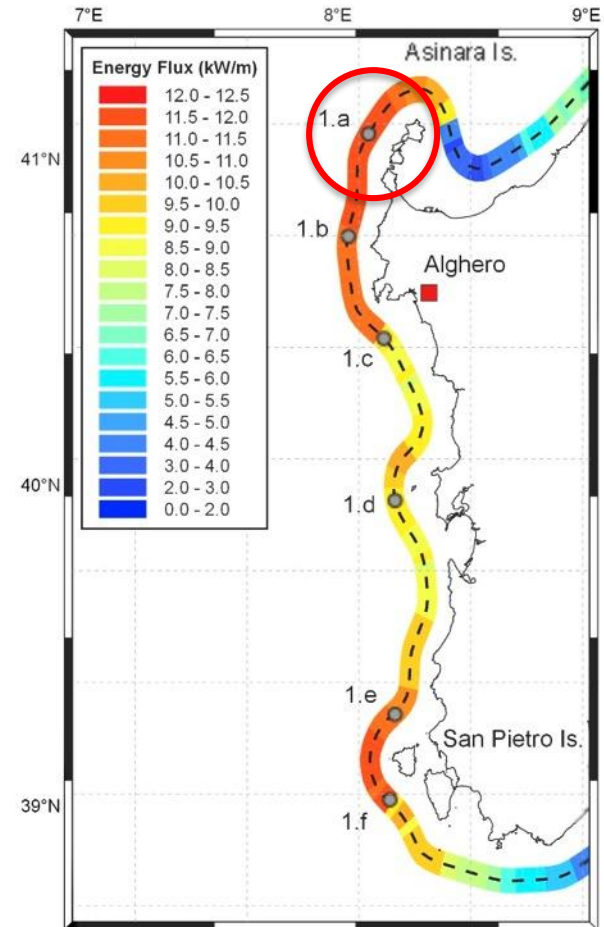
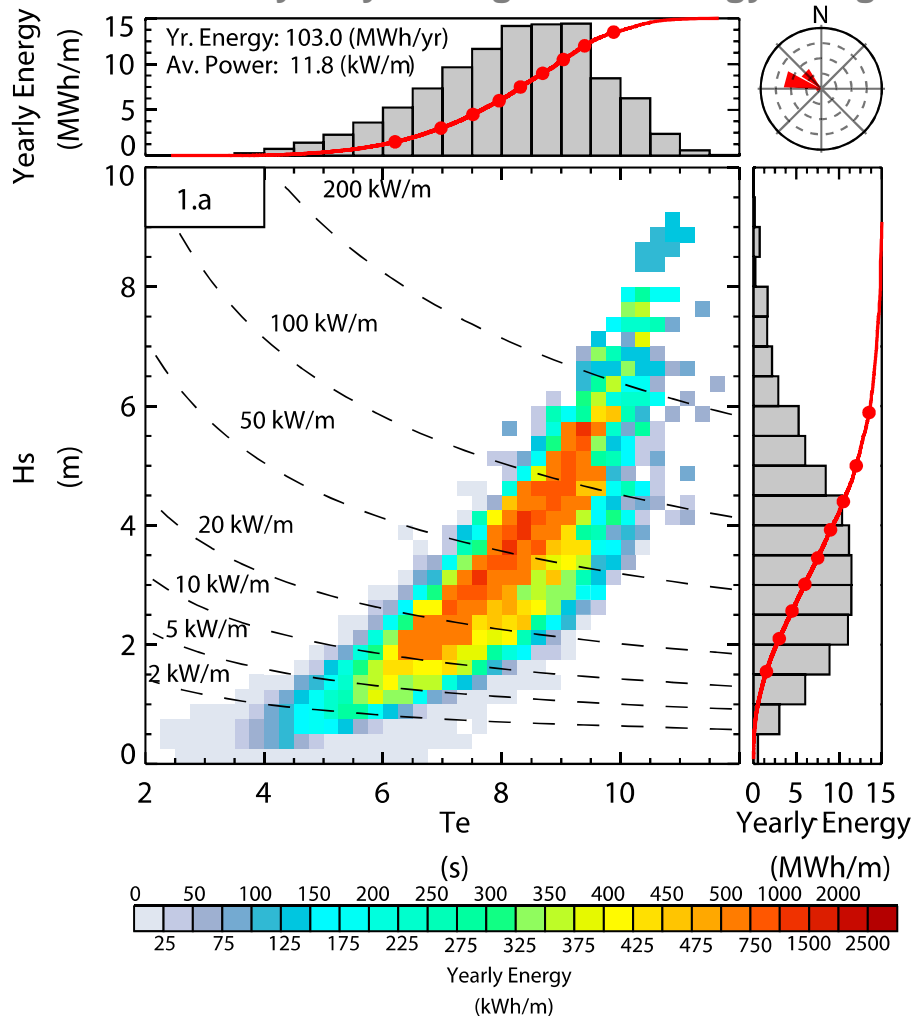
σ Standard deviation (yearly)

μ Averaged yearly value

$$COV = \frac{\sigma}{\mu}$$

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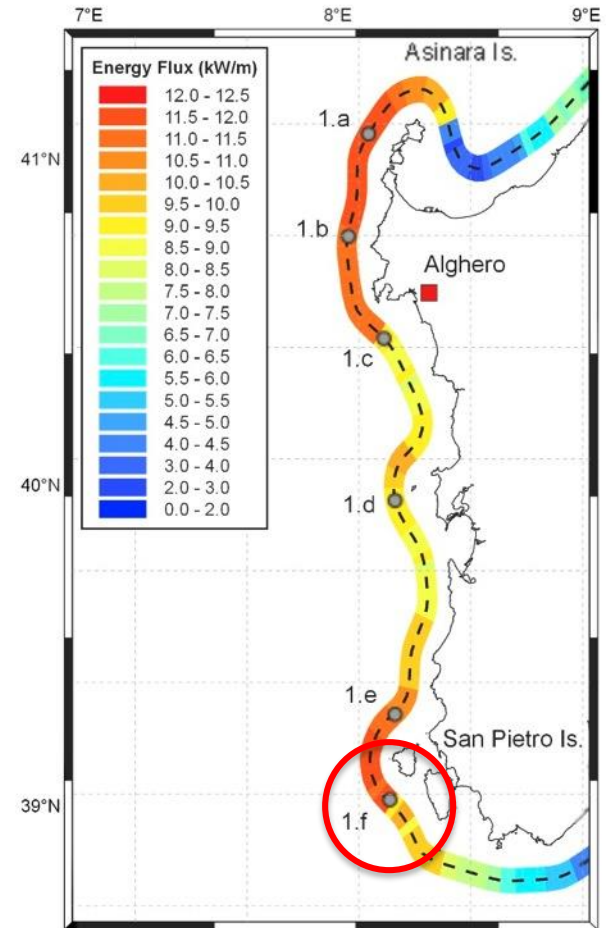
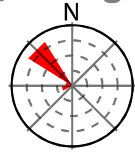
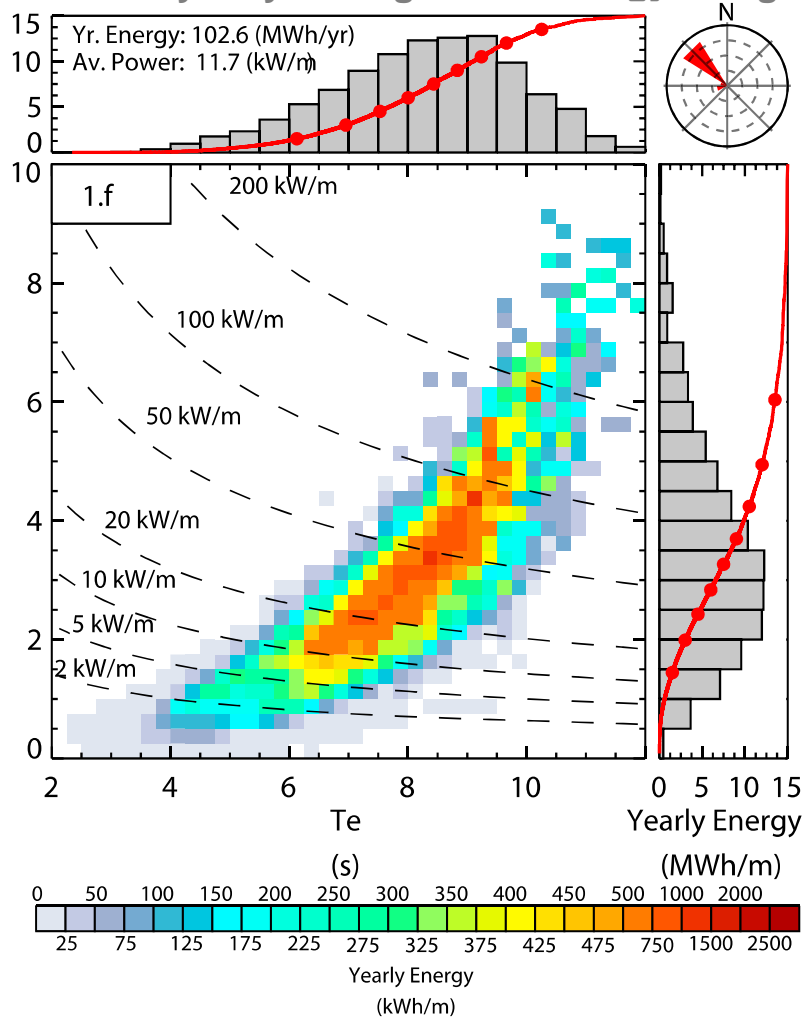
Distribution of yearly average wave energy along west Sardinia



Distribution of wave energy as a function of significant wave period and significant wave height at specific points. Lower left panel shows the average yearly energy associated with sea states identified by T_e and H_s couples. Dotted lines mark reference power levels. Upper panel shows the energy distribution as a function of T_e only; right panel as a function of H_s only. Red lines in the upper and right panels are the cumulative energy as a percentage of the total. Red dots on the cumulative lines mark each 10th percentile. Rose plot in the upper right panel shows energy distribution over wave incoming direction. Each circle represents 20% fractions of the total energy.

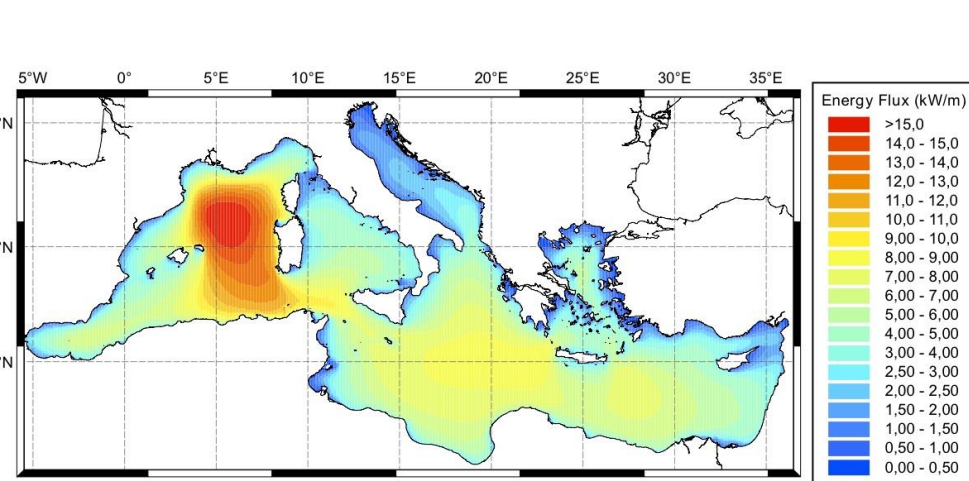
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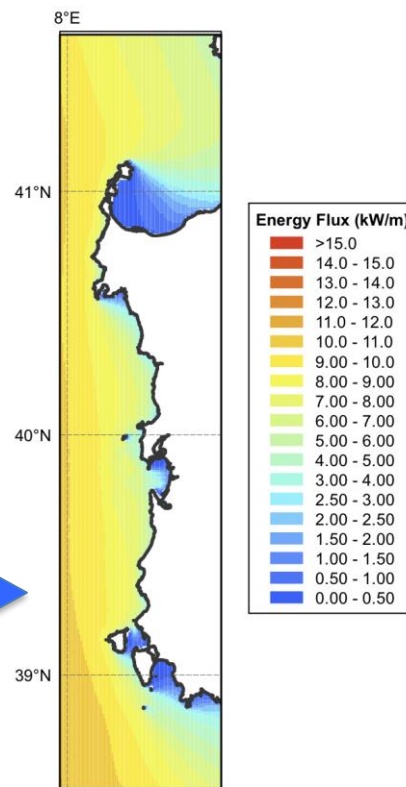


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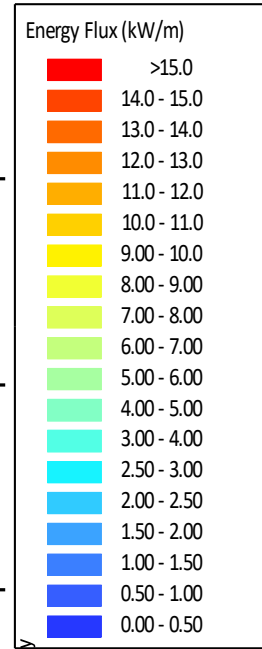
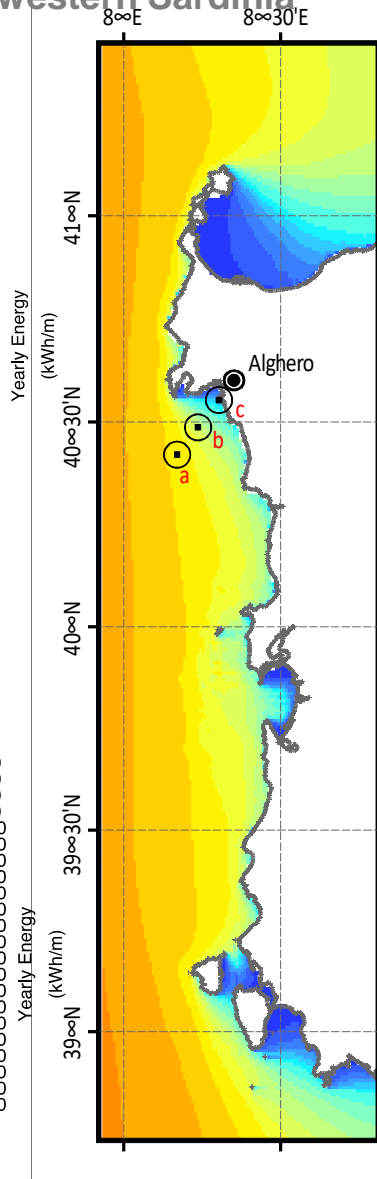
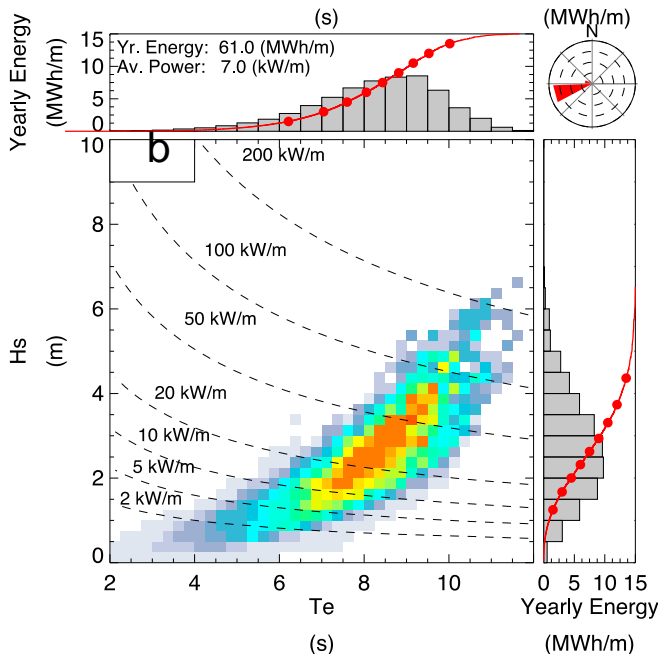
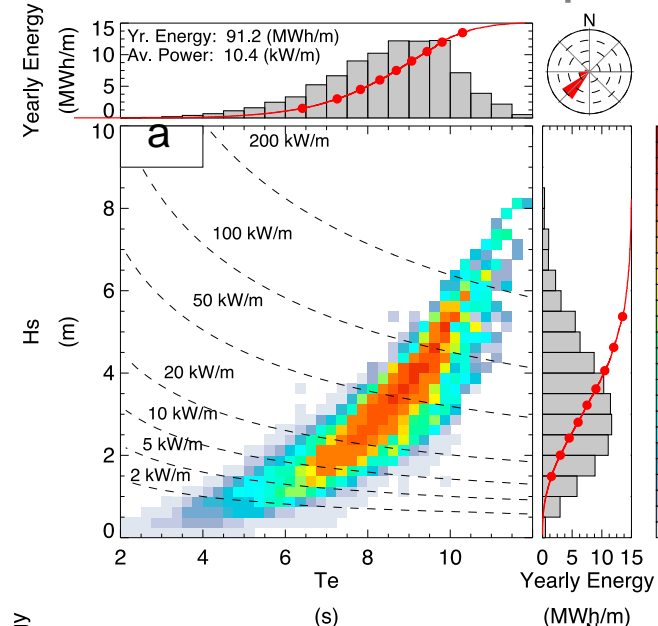
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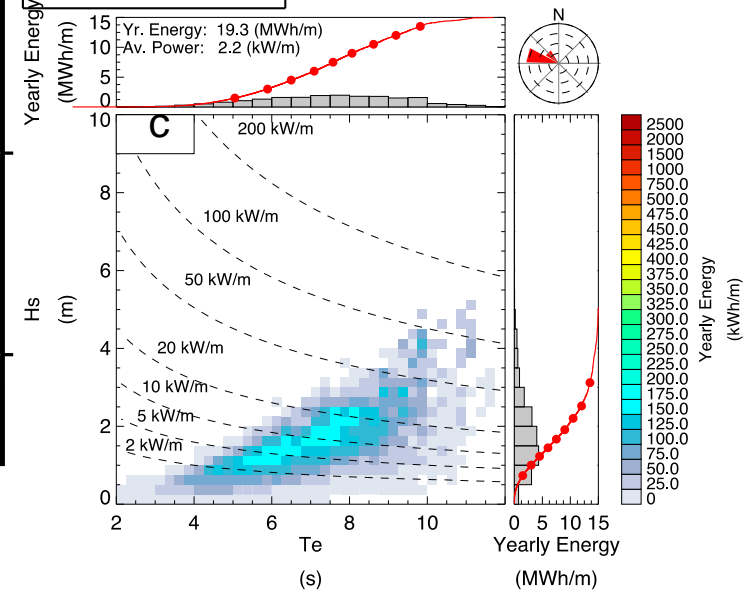
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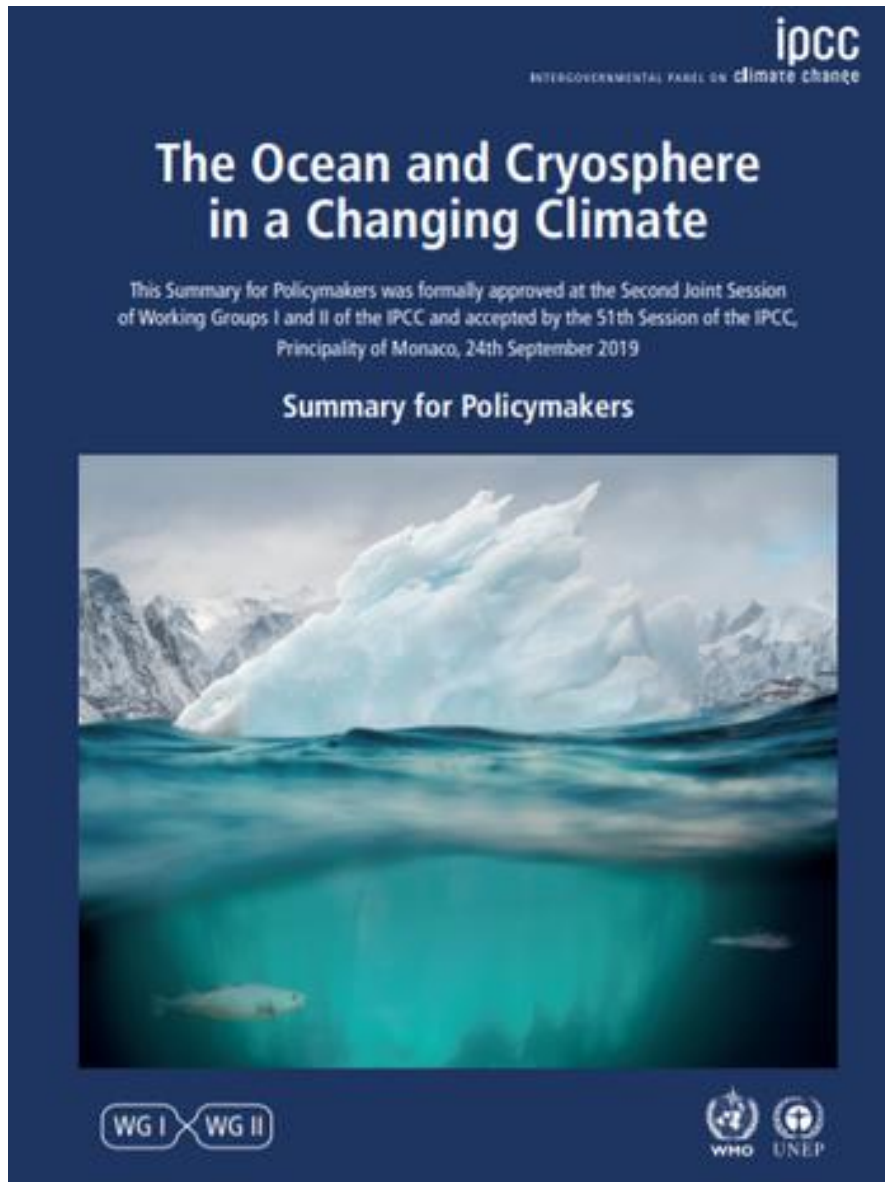
Numerical Wave model description for western Sardinia



a,b,c: three points located at 19600 m, 9300 m and 830 m respectively from the coast. These points are distributed along a straight line pointing offshore from Alghero, at decreasing depths ranging from 13m to 114 m



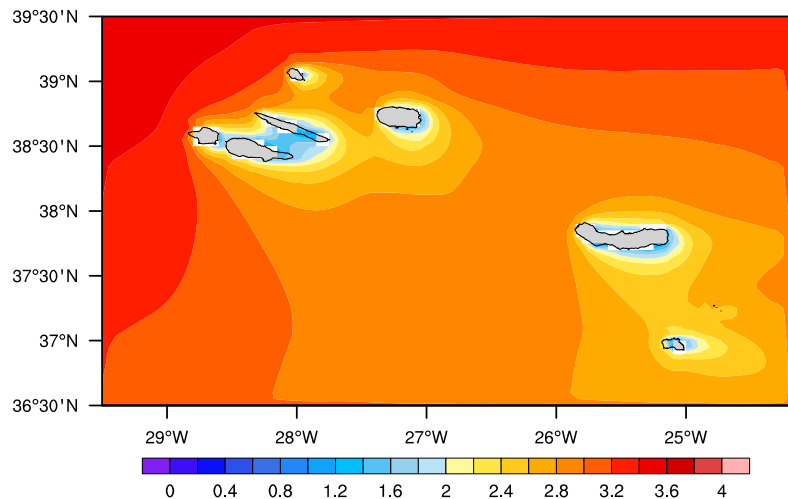
Ocean Energy and Climate Change



Ocean renewable energy can support climate change mitigation ..., although their potential **may also be affected by climate change.**

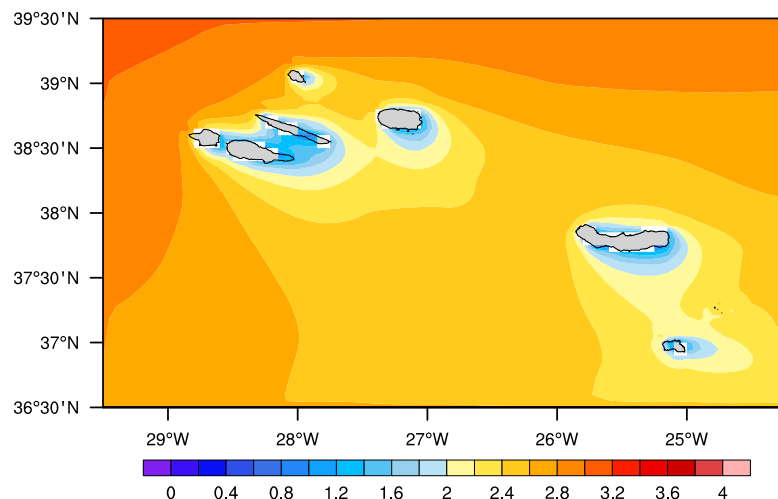
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1996-2005

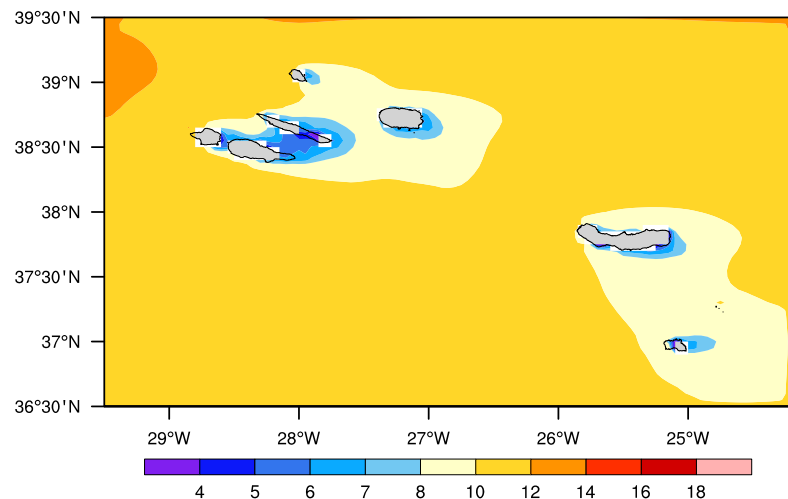


Hs (m) mean DJF

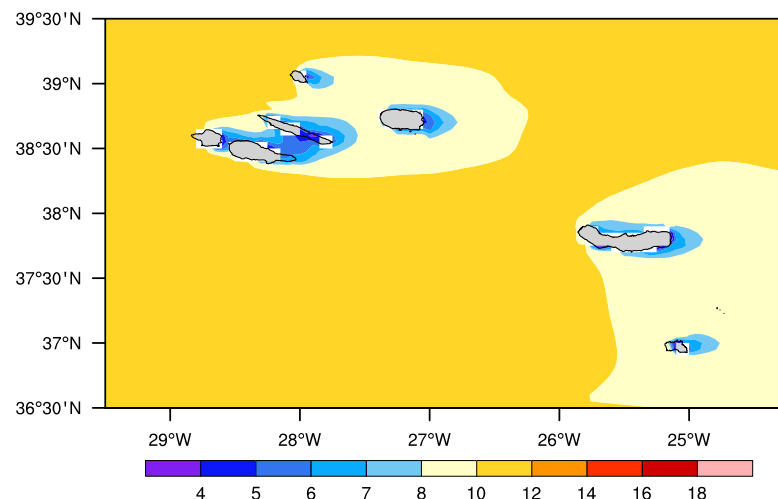
2090-2099 (rcp 8.5)



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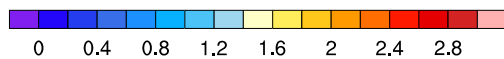
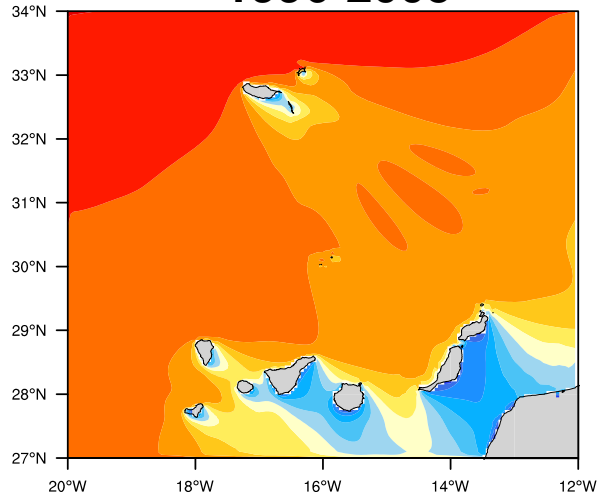
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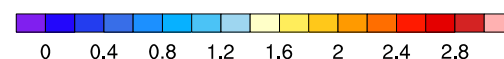
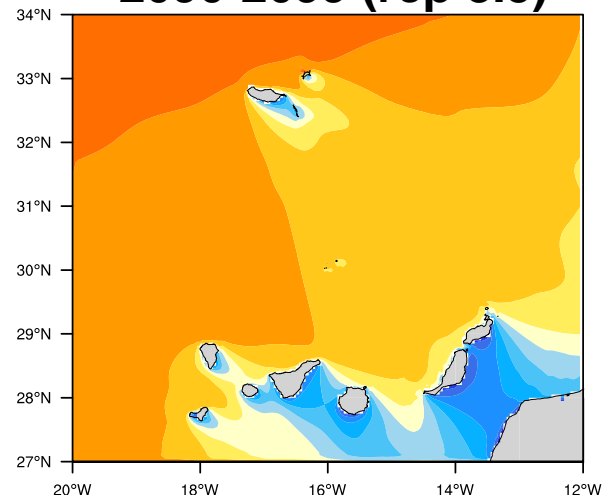
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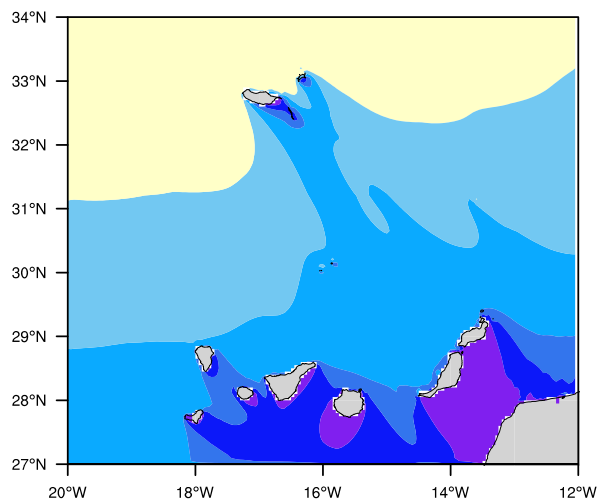


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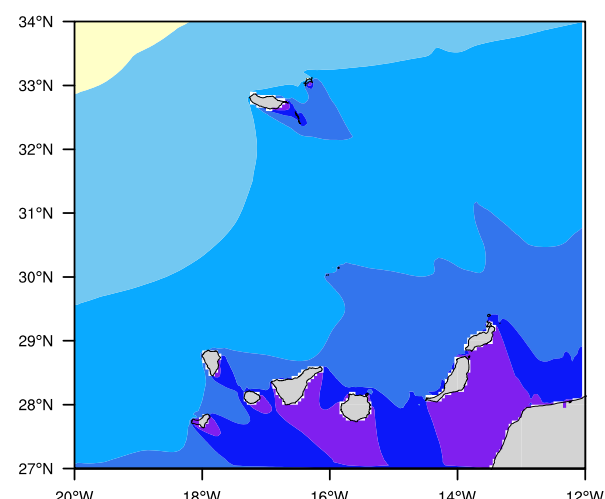
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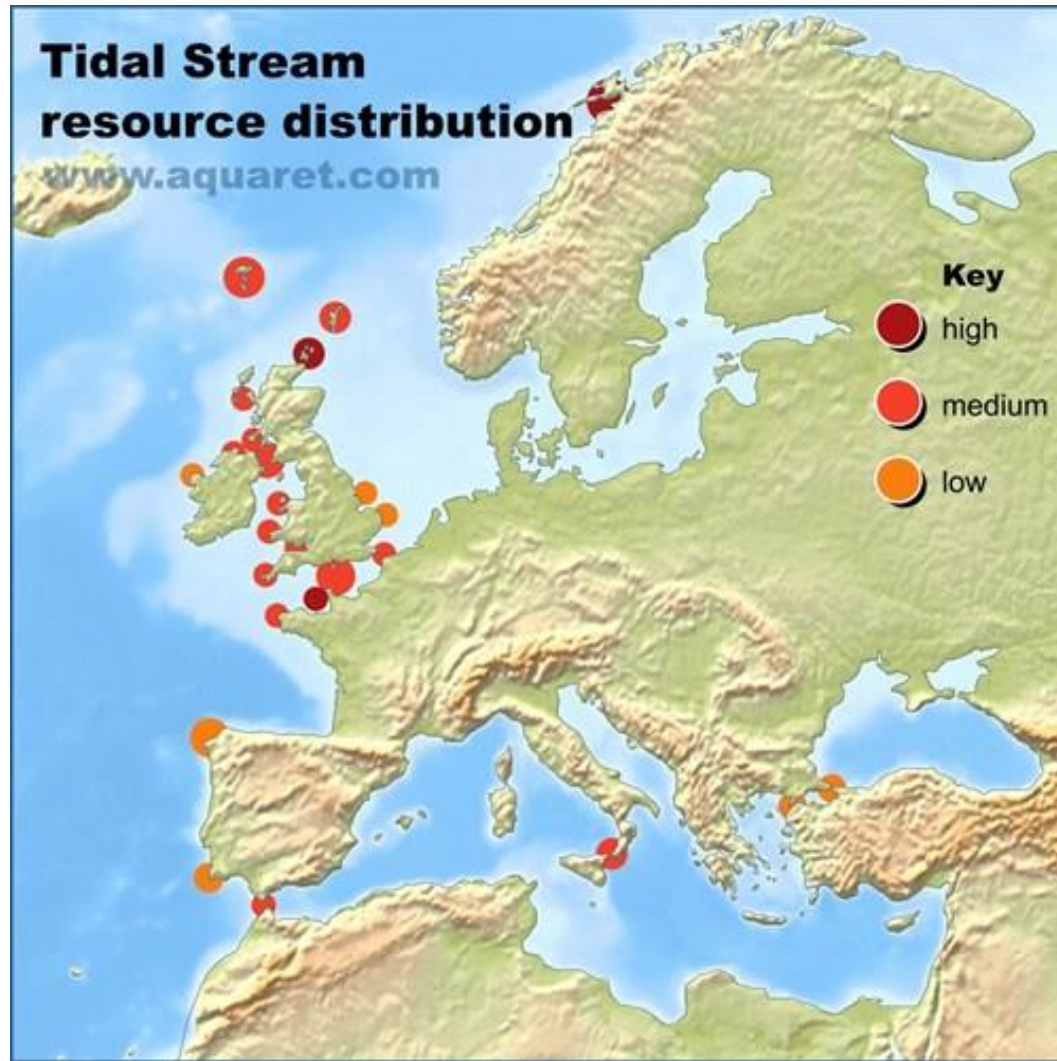


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EU tidal energy sources

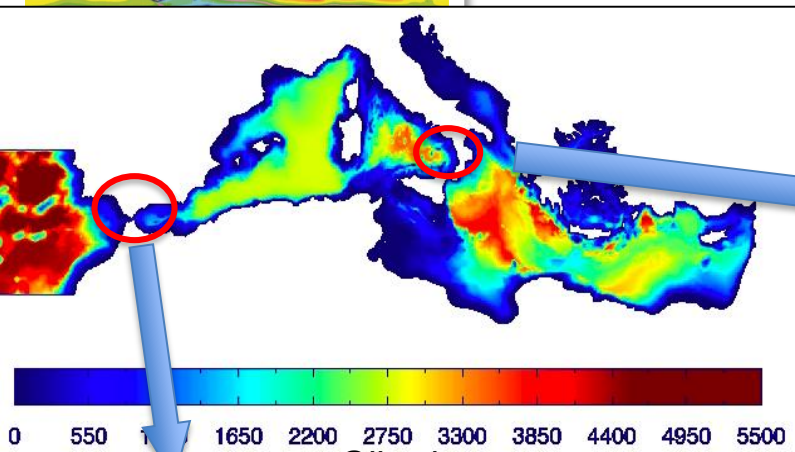
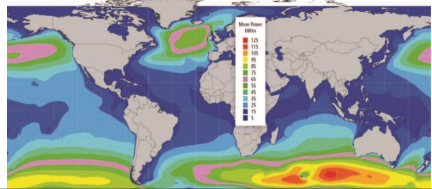


Source: Aqua-RET (2012)

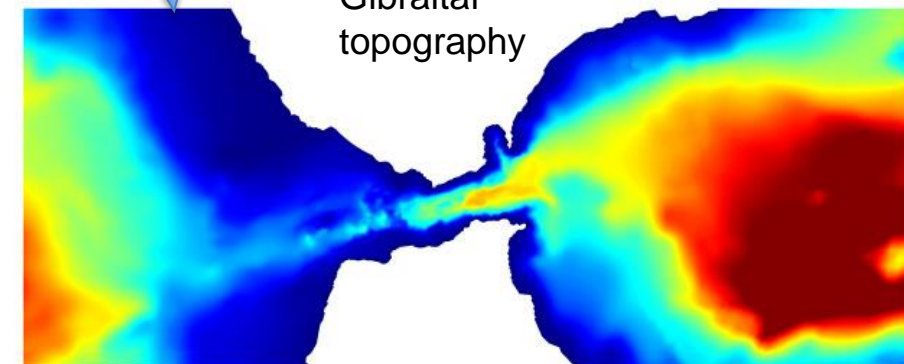
Tidal energy assessment for the Mediterranean

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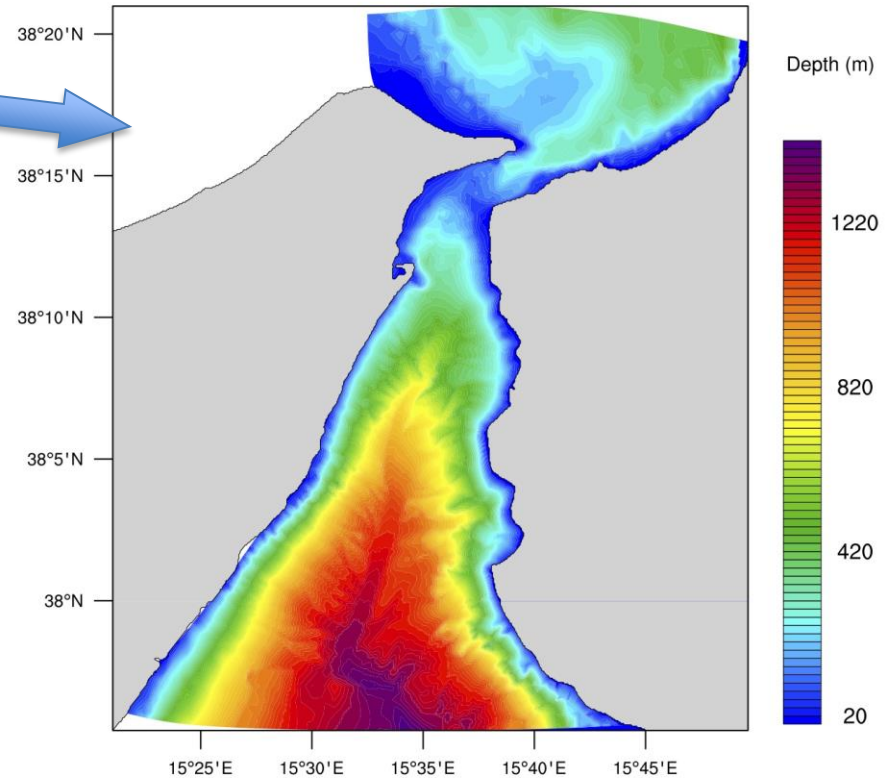
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Gibraltar topography



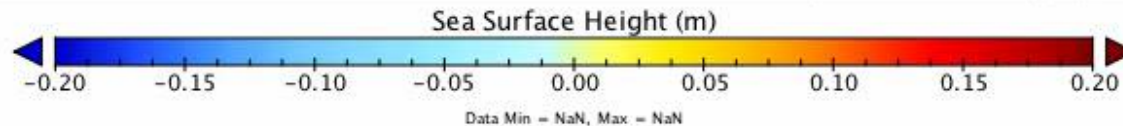
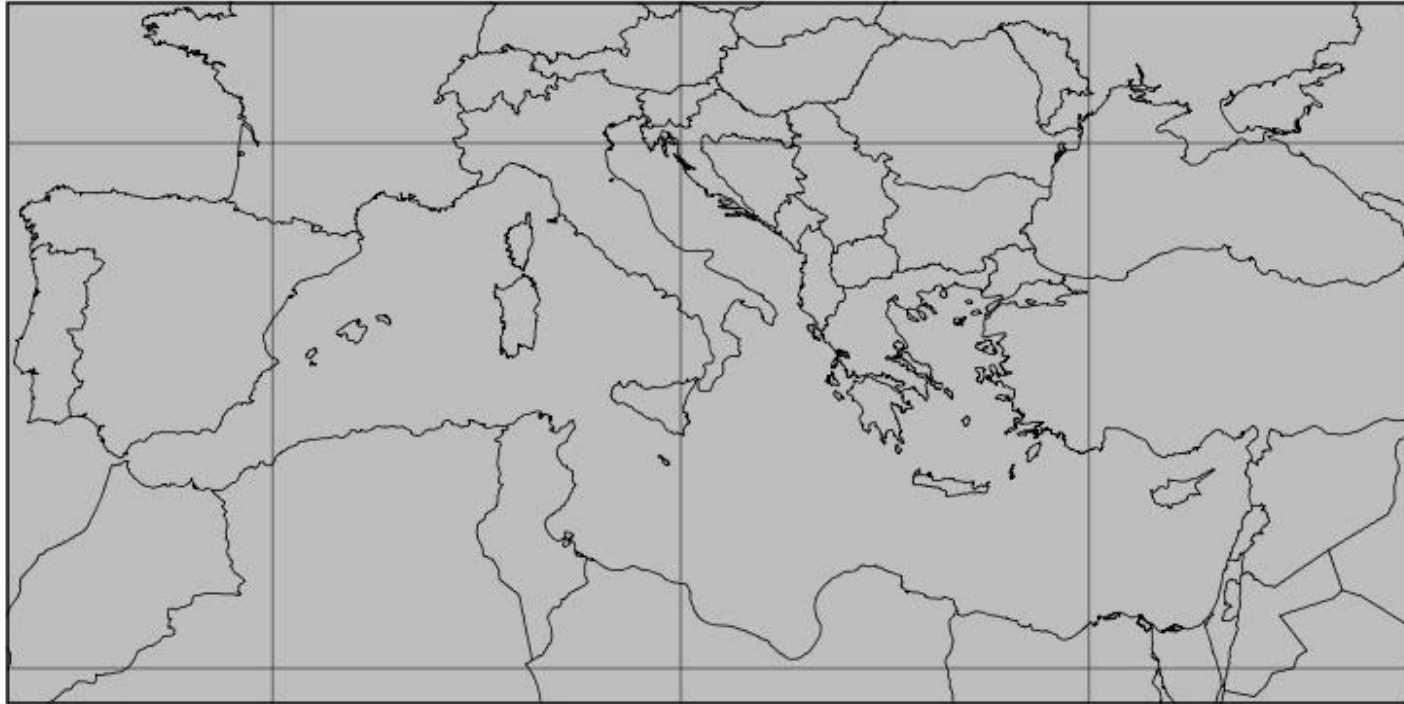
Strait of Messina topography



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Tides in the Mediterranean

Sea Surface Height
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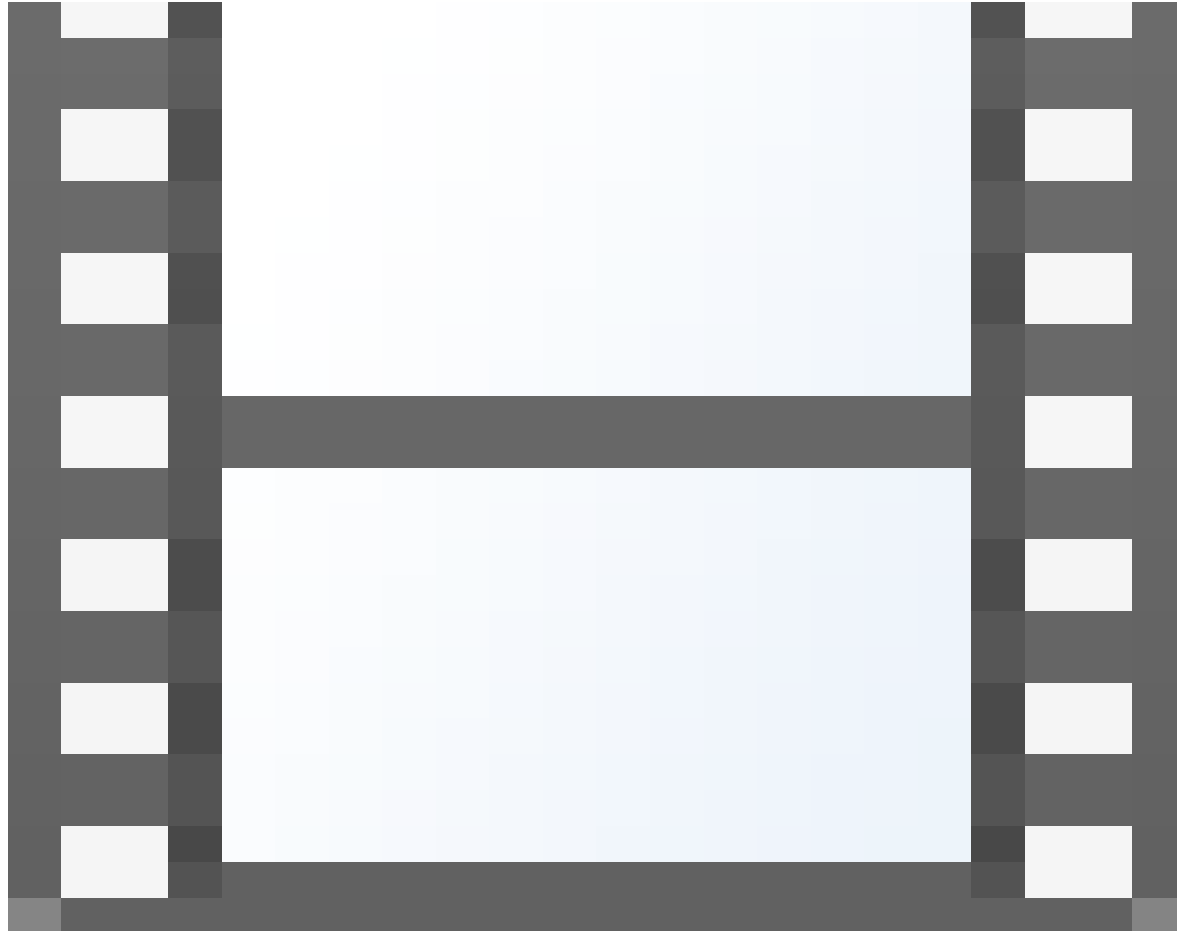
MITgcm – Explicit Tides (M2,S2, K1, O1) – Lateral Tide + Tidal Potential
Average resolution $1/48^\circ$ (2.3 Km)

Minimum resolution 230m (Gibraltar and Turkish Straits)

100 Vertical Levels

Initialized with Copernicus data!

Tides in the Mediterranean



Tidal energy forecast for the Mediterranean

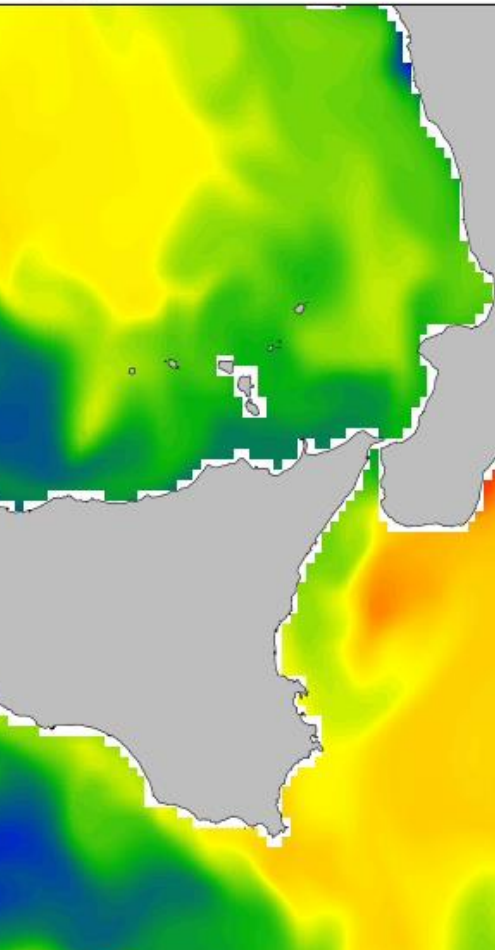
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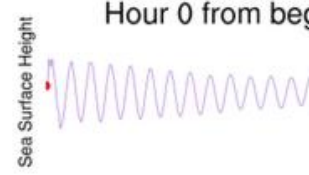
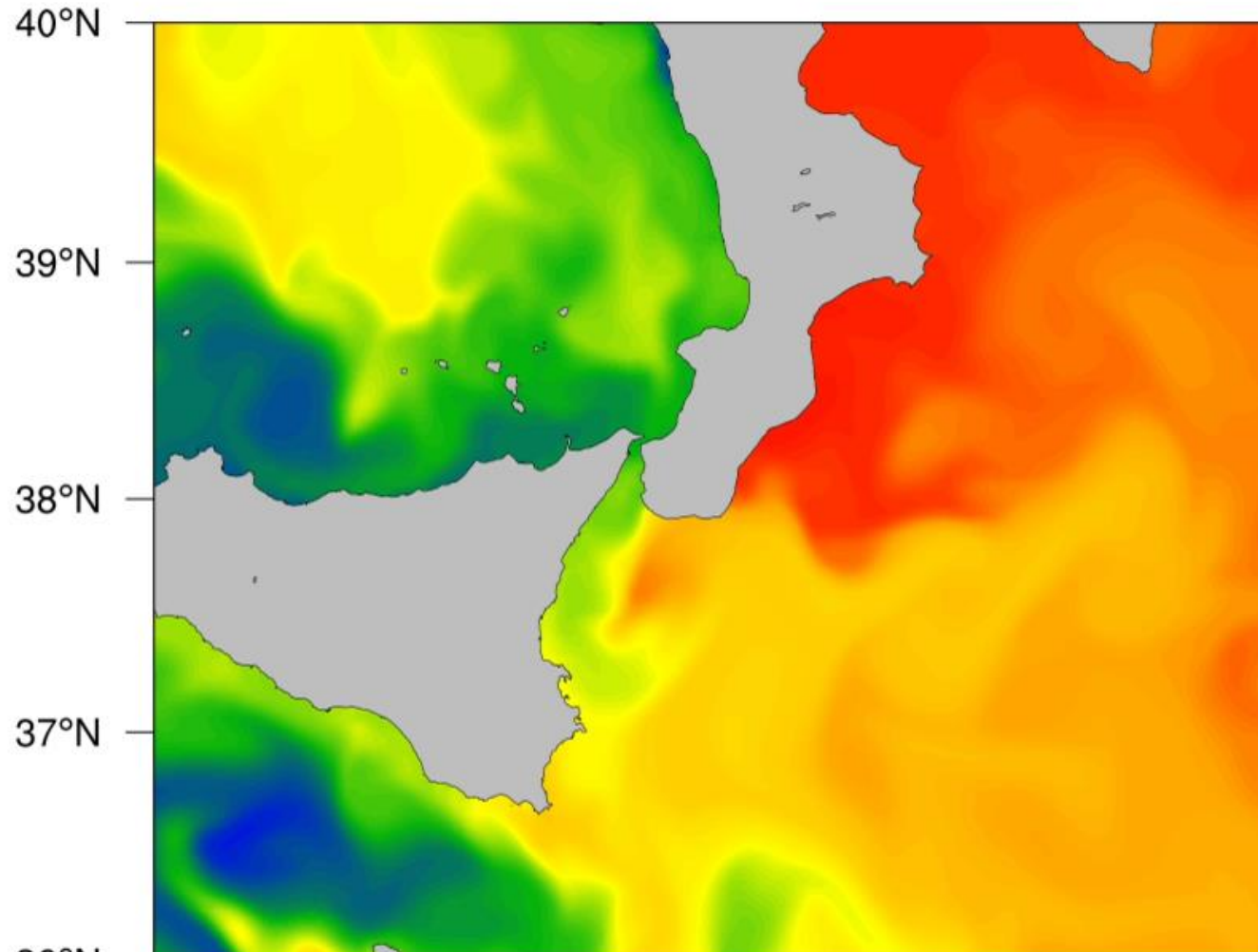
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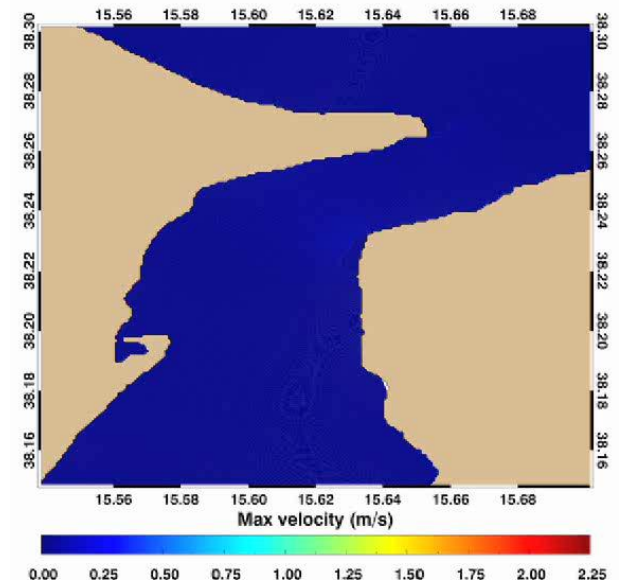
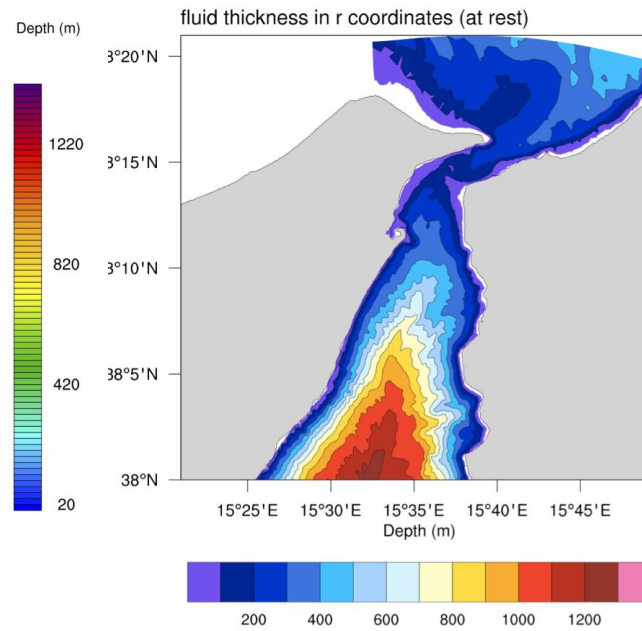
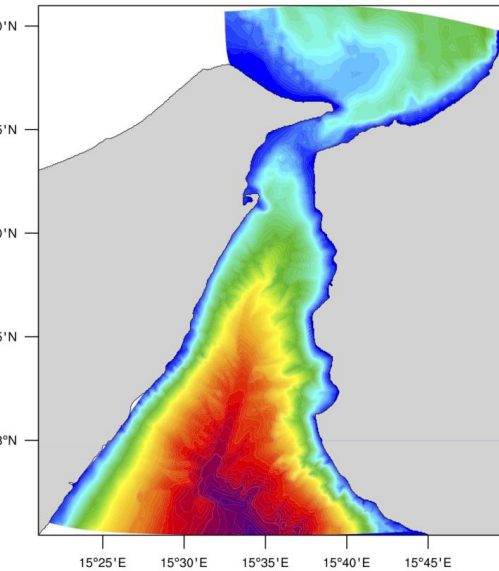
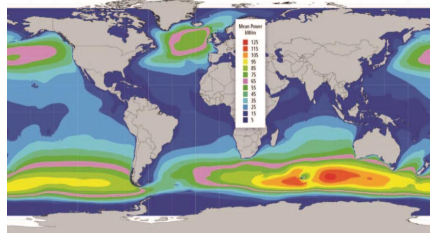
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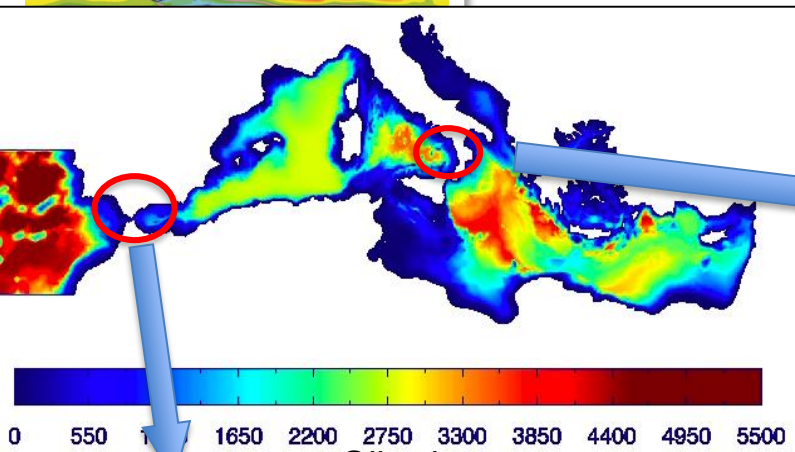
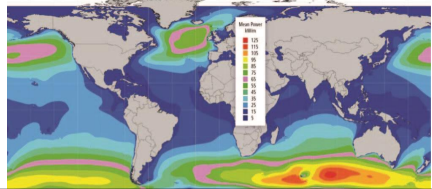
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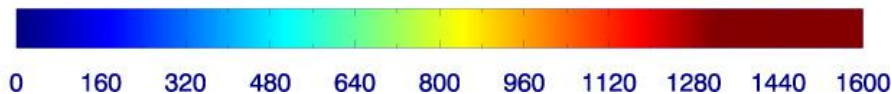
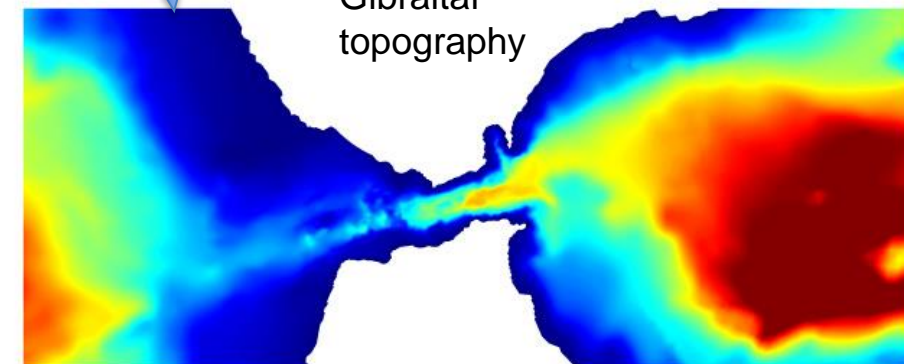
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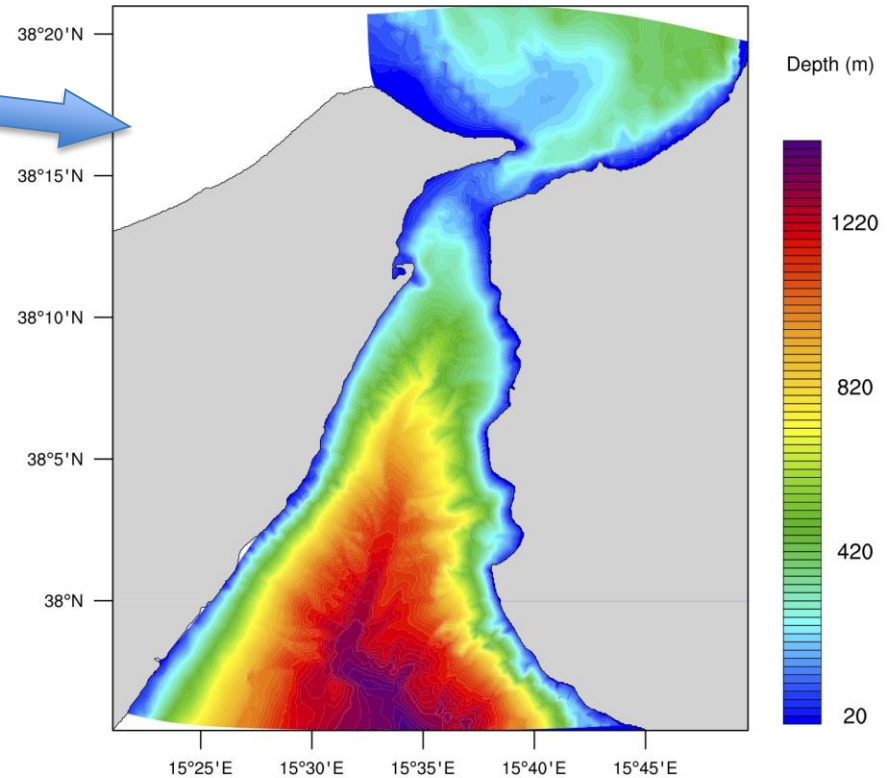
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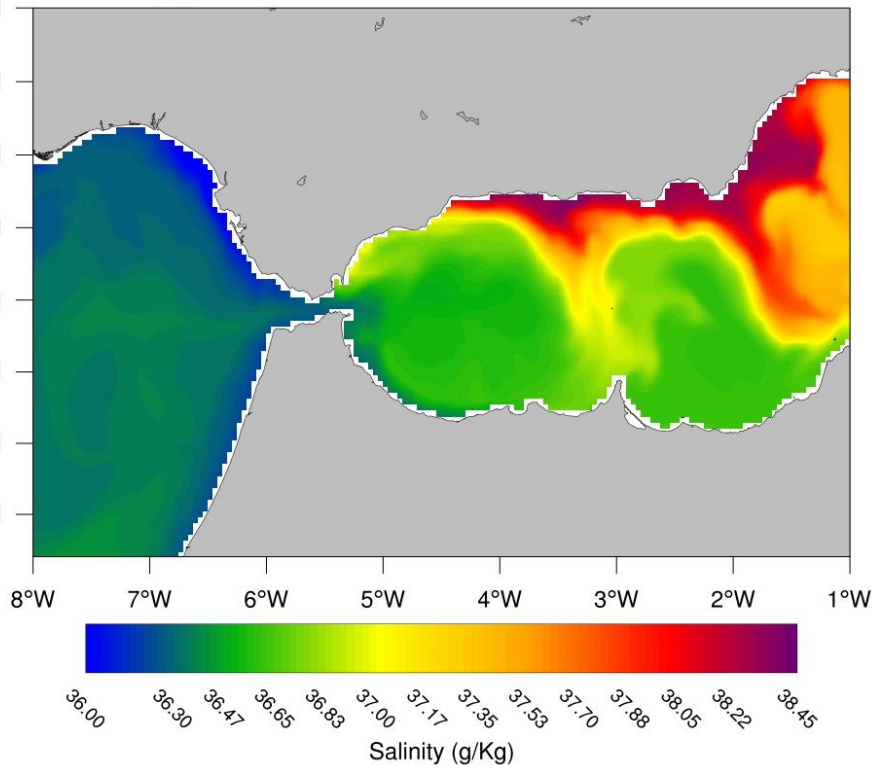
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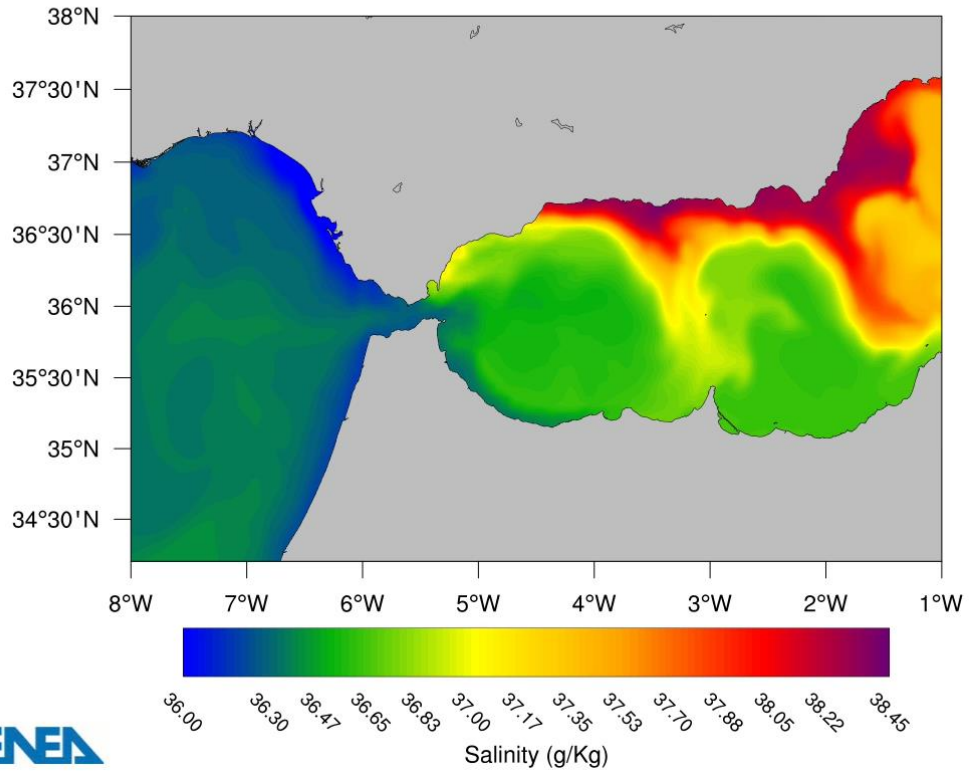
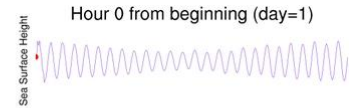
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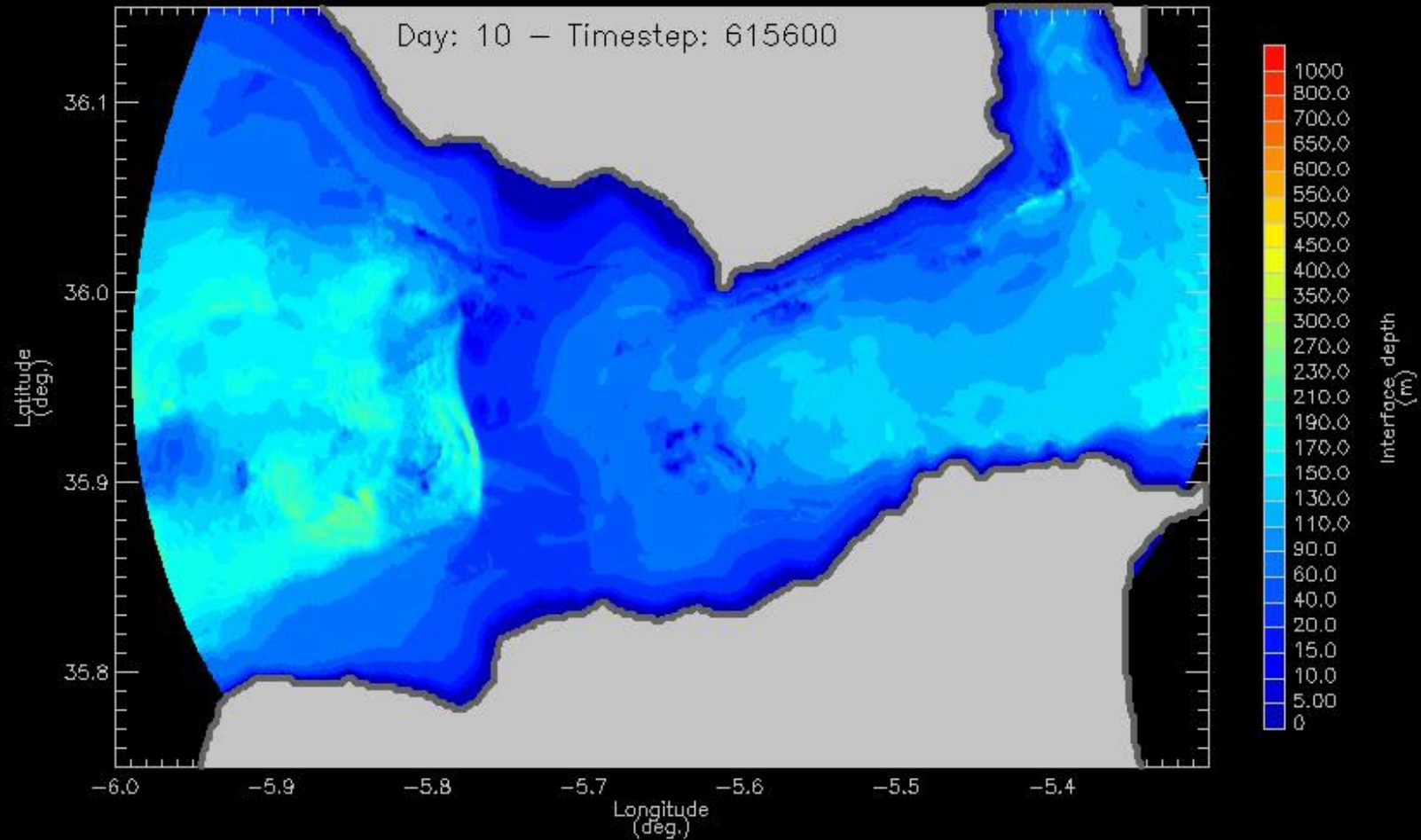
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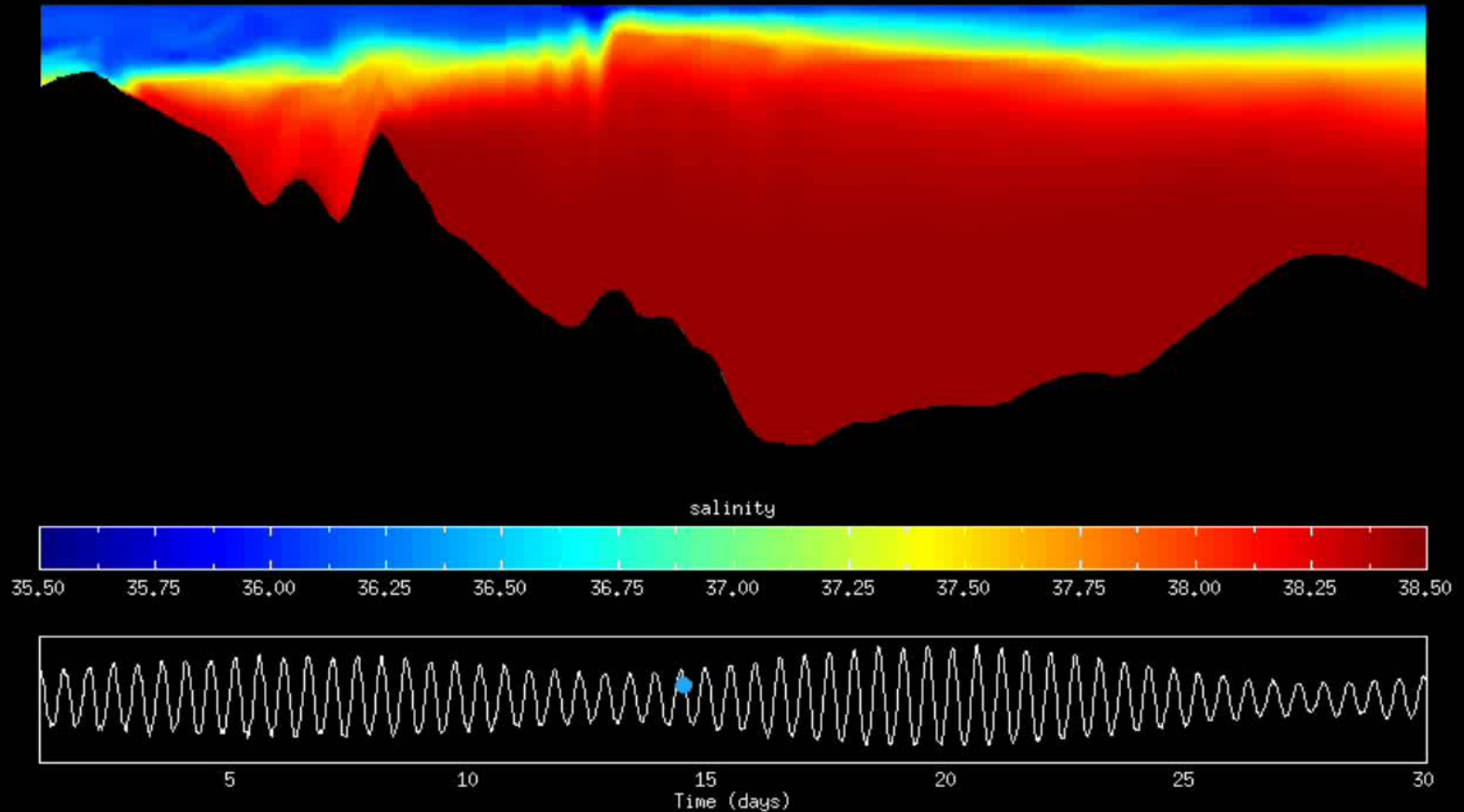


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