

# INTRODUCTION TO OCEAN MODELLING USING CROCO AND THE CROCO\_TOOLS



# OBJECTIVES

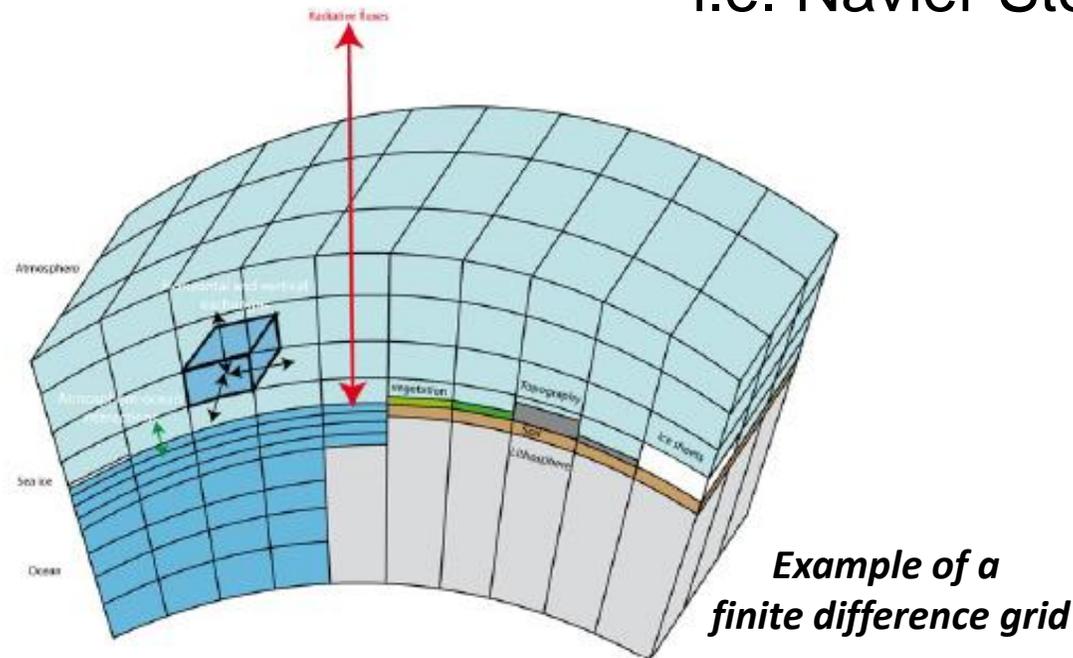
- Ocean Modelling Principle
- Ocean Modelling Advantages
- Methodology and primitive equations
- The CROCO model
- Program of basic week CROCO summer school

# Introduction: Ocean modelling principle (0/3)



# Introduction: Ocean modelling principle (1/3)

- Ocean model = simplified representation of physical processes that take place in the ocean.
- Ocean model = uses law of physics  
i.e. Navier Stokes equations



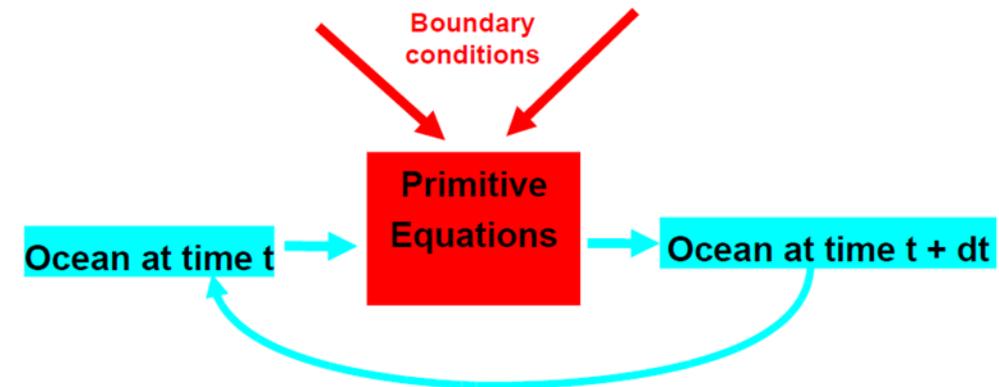
- To do this, the ocean is divided into « small » boxes.

↪ **Discretization**

# Introduction: Ocean modeling principle (2/3)

➤ If we know:

- The **ocean state at time  $t$**  :  
 $u, v, T, S, \dots$
- **Boundary conditions** :  
surface, bottom, lateral sides



➤ We can **compute the ocean state at time  $t+dt$**  using **numerical approximations of Navier-Stokes Equations**

↪ For that we need to proceed to the **discretization** of the equations in **time** and **space**

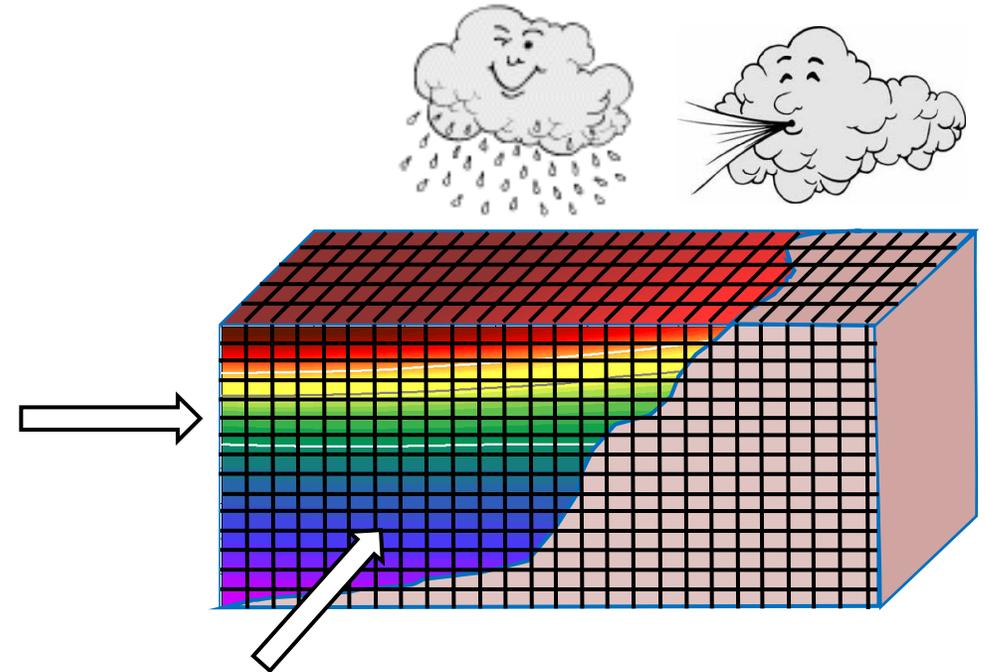
# Introduction: Ocean modelling principle (3/3)

➤ Let's compare the ocean model as a giant rectangular swimmingpool

- We know **ocean state at time  $t$**   
-> **Filling the swimmingpool**

- **Boundary conditions :**

- > surface
- > Bottom
- > lateral sides



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# Introduction: Ocean modeling, Objectives and Advantages

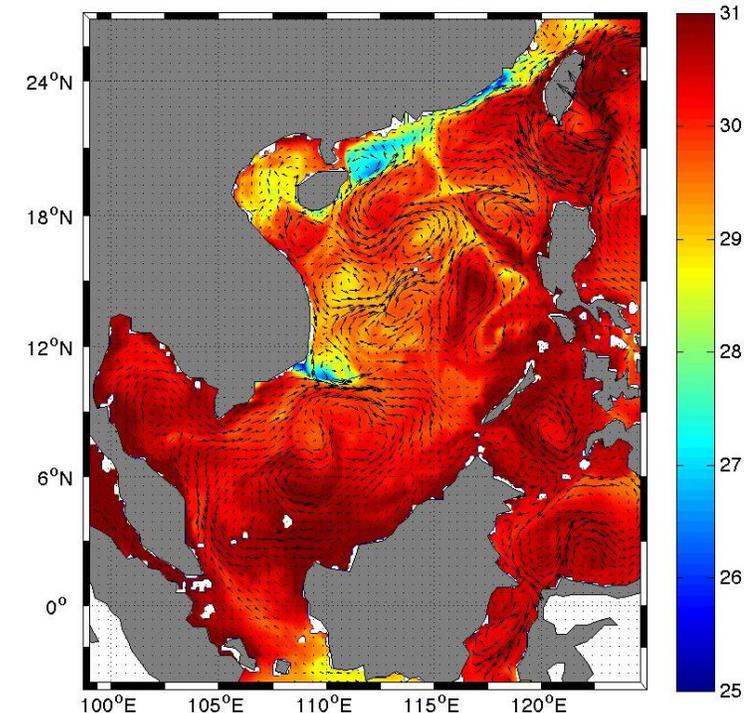
## ➤ Objectives:

- **Fundamental research** : understand ocean functioning
- **Applied research, operational oceanography** : ocean forecast, pollution, water quality ...

## ➤ Advantages:

- Cost effective
- Synoptic 4D view
- Equilibrium diagnostics
- Test hypothesis
- Hindcast and forecast
- Coupling with different models
- ...

*Sea Surface Temperature (SST)  
and surface current on 24/07/1992  
ROMS 1/8°*



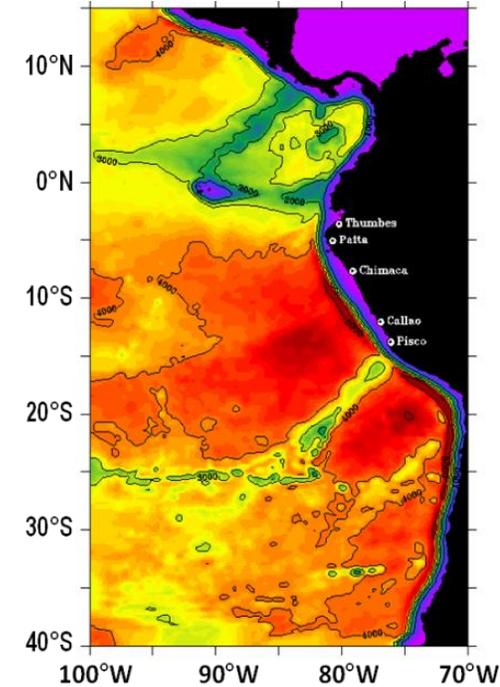
# Introduction: Ocean modeling, Objectives and Advantages

*What are the forcing mechanisms of the intraseasonal SST variability off Peru ?*

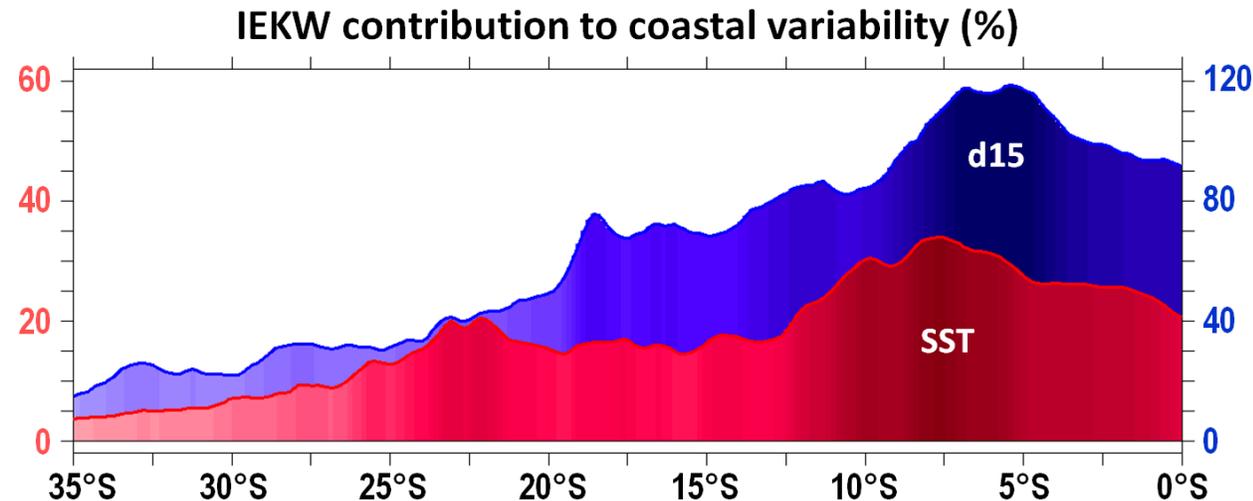
- *Remote - Connection with the equatorial variability ?*
- *Locally forced - Wind stress, Heat Fluxes ?*

• **Sensitivity experiments:**

EXP-Name	SODA OBC (E)	QS Wind Stress (W)	HF Bulk fields (Q)
ROMS <sup>CR</sup>	Total	Total	Total
ROMS <sup>E</sup>	Total	Climatology	Climatology
ROMS <sup>WQ</sup>	Climatology	Total	Total

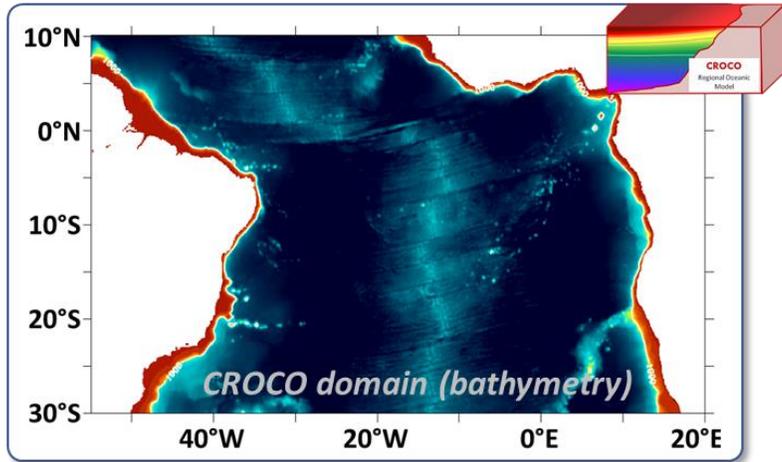


➔ *Connection with the remote equatorial variability represents only ~20% of the intraseasonal SST variability off Central Peru in 2000-2008 !*

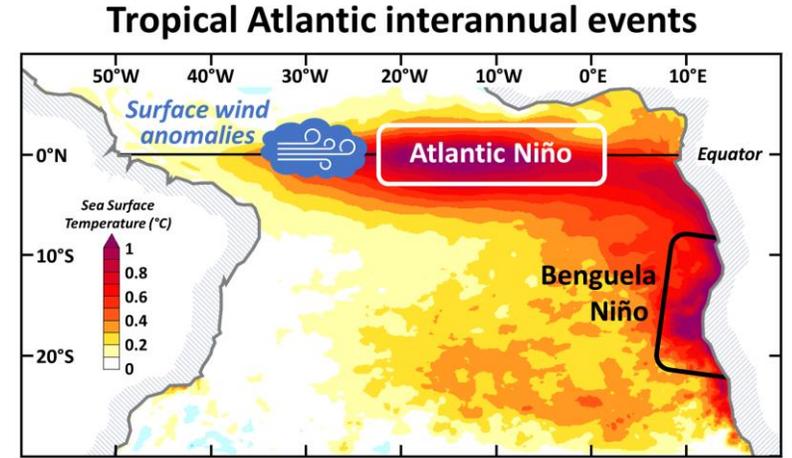


# Introduction: Ocean modeling, Objectives and Advantages

*Why does the Benguela Niño events precede the Atlantic Niños?*



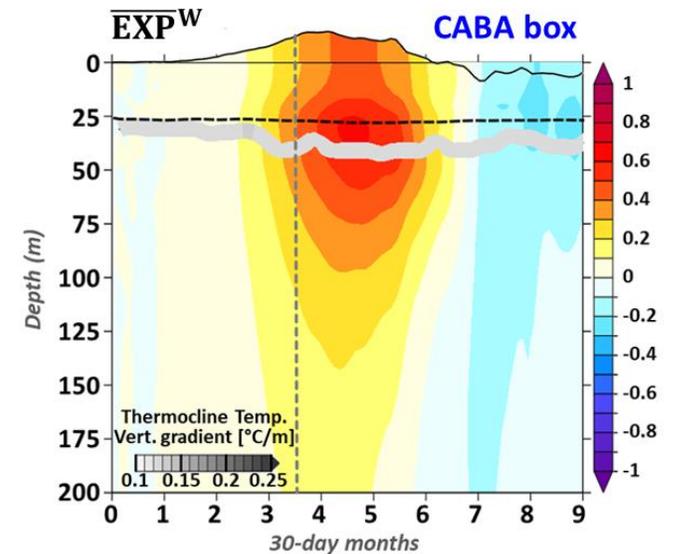
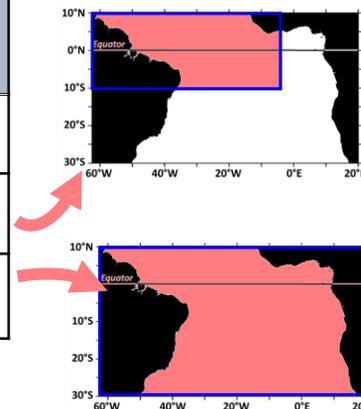
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**COASTAL WIND-STRESS SWITCHED OFF**

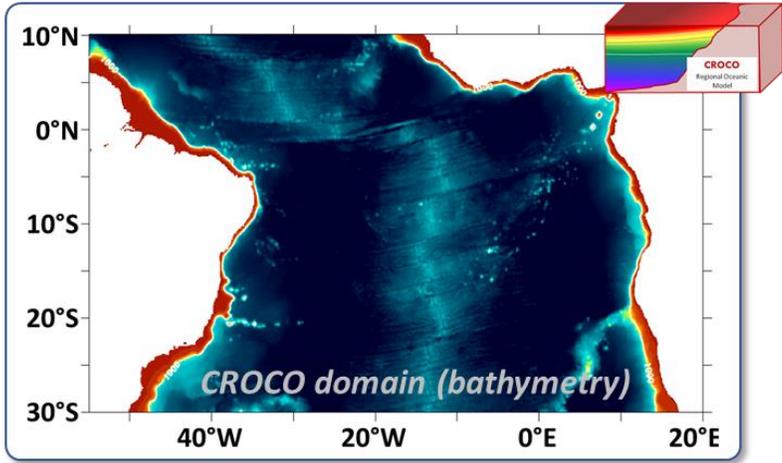
• Sensitivity experiments:

EXP-Name	Wind stress Perturbation
$\overline{EXP}$	×
$\overline{EXP}^W$	Restrict to the West
$\overline{EXP}^A$	Everywhere

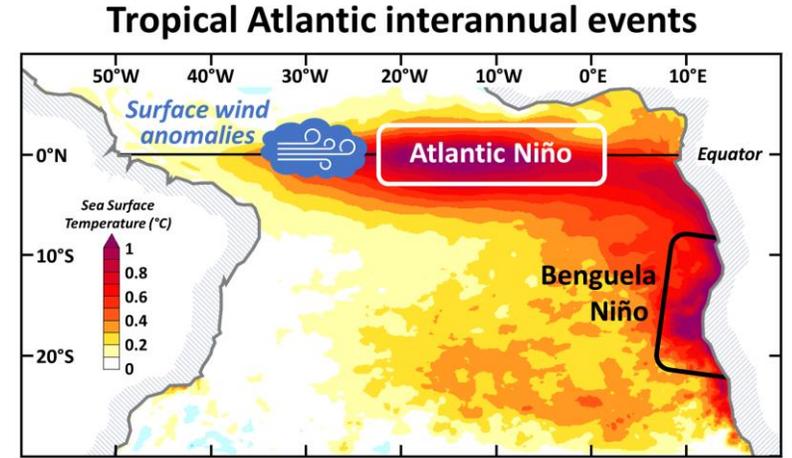


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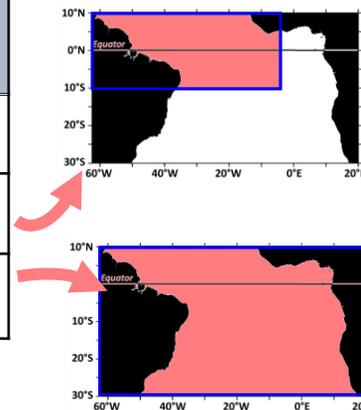


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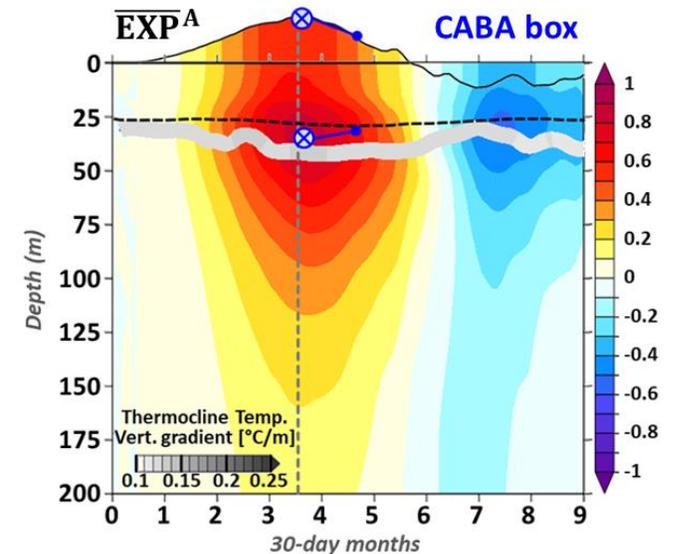


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# Introduction: Methodology

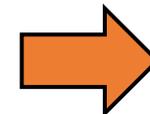
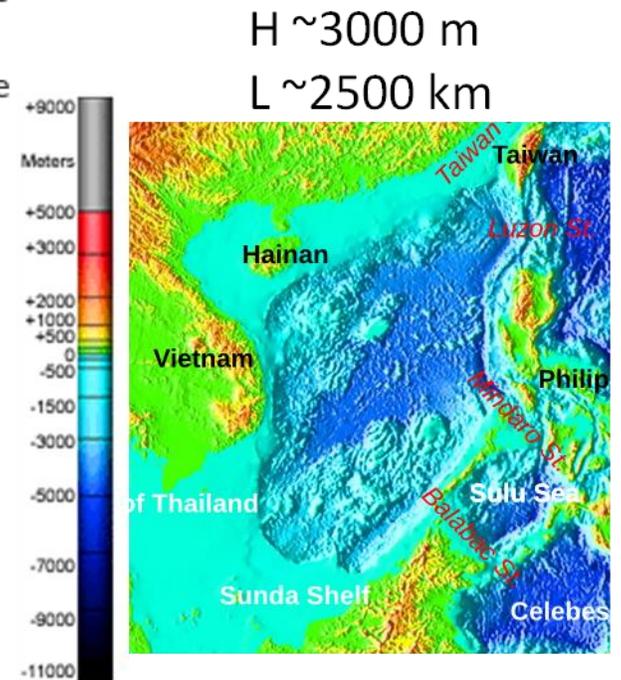
## ➤ Equations to solve: **Navier-Stokes equations**

The **Millennium Prize Problems** are seven problems in [mathematics](#) that were stated by the [Clay Mathematics Institute](#) in 2000. As of October 2014, six of the problems remain [unsolved](#). A correct solution to any of the problems results in a US \$1,000,000 prize (sometimes called a *Millennium Prize*) being awarded by the institute. The [Poincaré conjecture](#) was solved by [Grigori Perelman](#), but he declined the award in 2010.

We make some **approximations** !

### ➤ Hypothesis:

- ✓ Hydrostatic :  $H/L \ll 1$  (aspect ratio low)
  - neglect vertical acceleration
  - neglect Coriolis term associated to vertical velocities
- ✓ Incompressibility
- ✓ Boussinesq :  $\rho = \rho_0 = \text{cste}$  for horizontal gradient pressure



**Primitive  
equations**

# Primitive Equations (1/3)

*Momentum conservation equation*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla u - fv &= -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \nabla_h (K_{Mh} \cdot \nabla_h u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Mv} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla v + fu &= -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \nabla_h (K_{Mh} \cdot \nabla_h v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Mv} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \end{aligned}$$

*advection   Coriolis   Pressure gradient   Horizontal diffusion   Vertical diffusion*

*Hydrostatic equation*

$$0 = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \rho g$$

*Continuity equation*

$$0 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$$

*Tracer conservation*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla T &= \nabla_h (K_{Th} \cdot \nabla_h T) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Tv} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) \\ \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla S &= \nabla_h (K_{Sh} \cdot \nabla_h S) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Sv} \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} \right) \end{aligned}$$

*Equation of state*

$$\rho = \rho(S, T, p)$$

# Primitive Equations (2/3)

- Initial conditions

- Surface boundary conditions ( $z=\eta$ ):

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = w \quad \text{Kinematic}$$

$$K_{Mv} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{\tau_x}{\rho_0} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Wind stress}$$

$$K_{Mv} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \frac{\tau_y}{\rho_0}$$

$$K_{Tv} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \frac{Q}{\rho_0 C_p} \quad \text{Heat flux}$$

$$K_{Sv} \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} = \frac{S(E - P)}{\rho_0} \quad \text{Salt flux : evap - rain}$$

- Bottom boundary conditions ( $z=-H$ ):

$$\vec{u} \cdot \nabla(-H) = w \quad \text{Kinematic}$$

$$K_{Mv} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{-C_d |\vec{u}| u}{\rho_0} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Bottom friction}$$

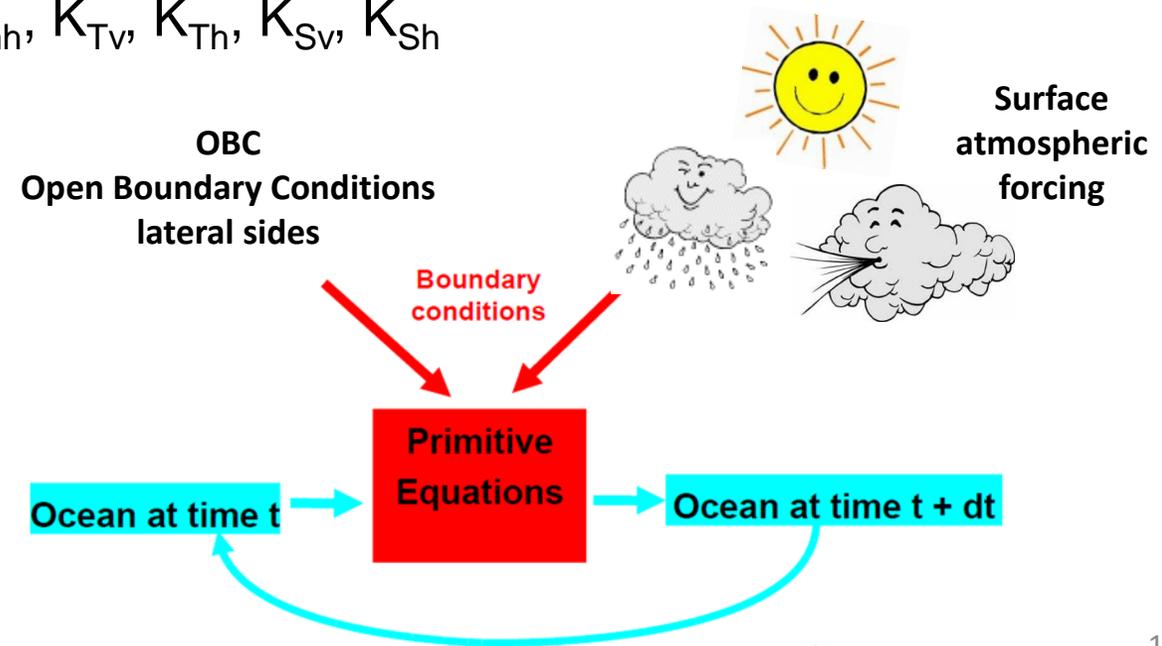
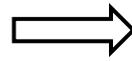
$$K_{Mv} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \frac{-C_d |\vec{u}| v}{\rho_0}$$

$$K_{Tv} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Bottom-flux}$$

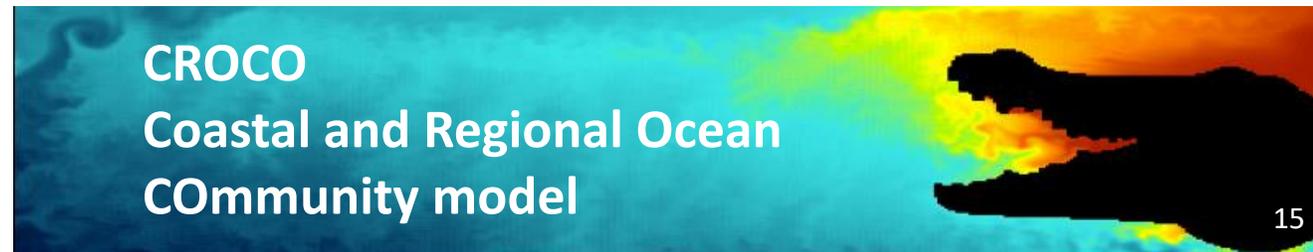
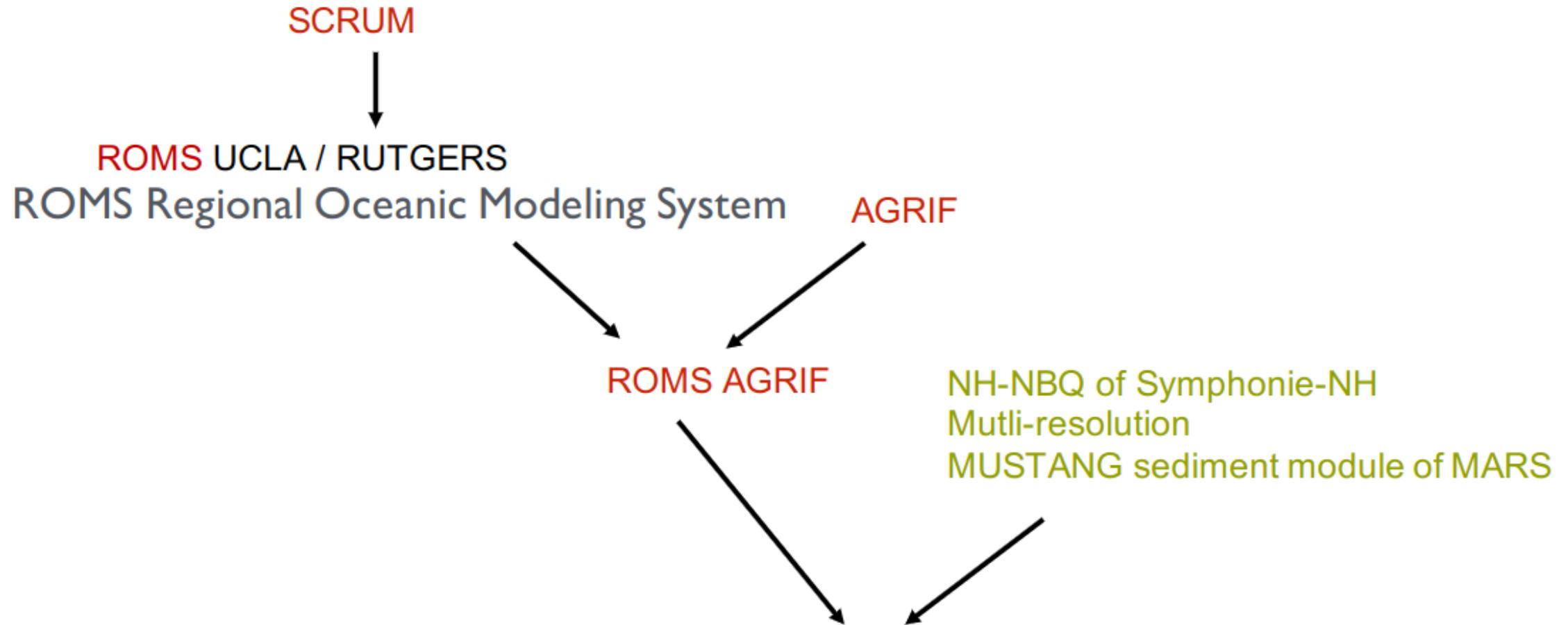
$$K_{Sv} \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} = 0$$

# Primitive Equations (3/3)

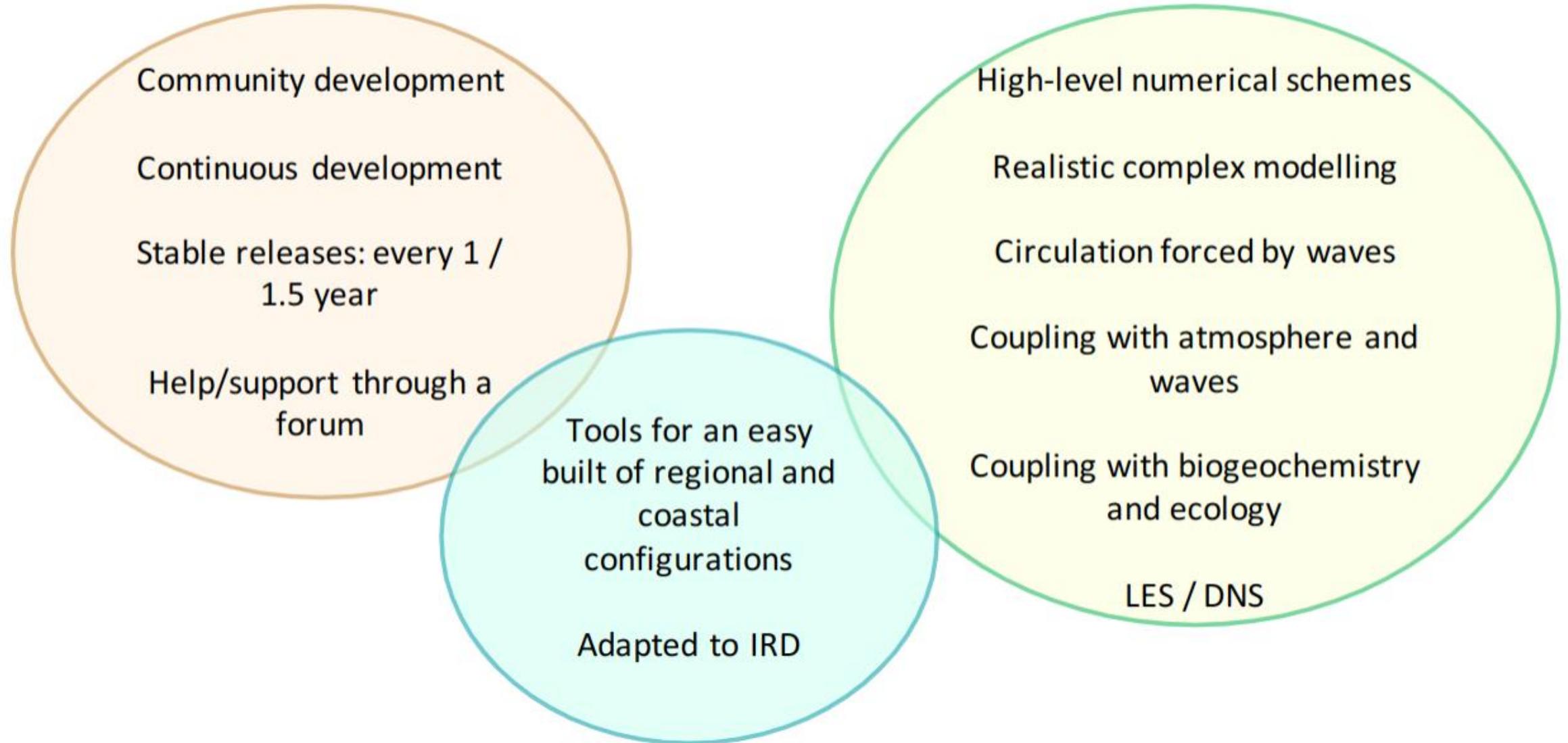
- Solving the primitive equations  
+ the boundary conditions on a discretised grid
- Unknowns : **Prognostic variables** at **time  $t+dt$**  :  $u, v, T, S, \eta$   
We then compute the **diagnostic variables** :  $w, P, \rho$
- Knowns :
  - Prognostic variable at time  $t$
  - Boundary conditions
  - Model parameters :  $K_{mv}, K_{mh}, K_{Tv}, K_{Th}, K_{Sv}, K_{Sh}$



# CROCO model (1/5): History

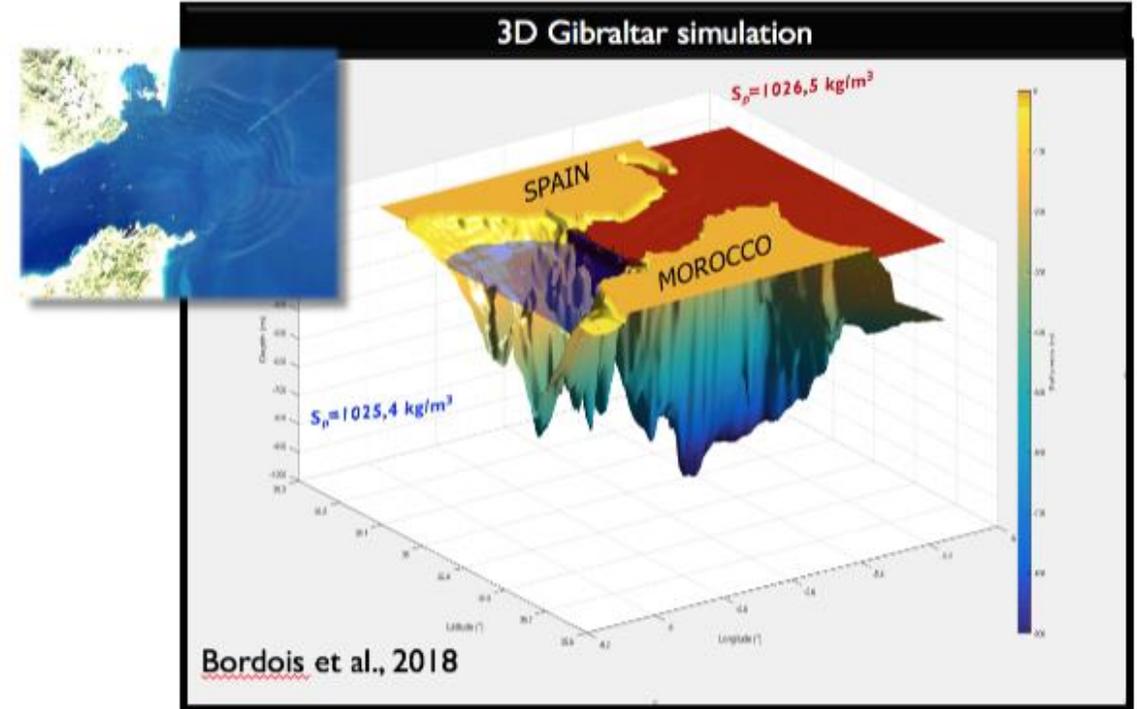
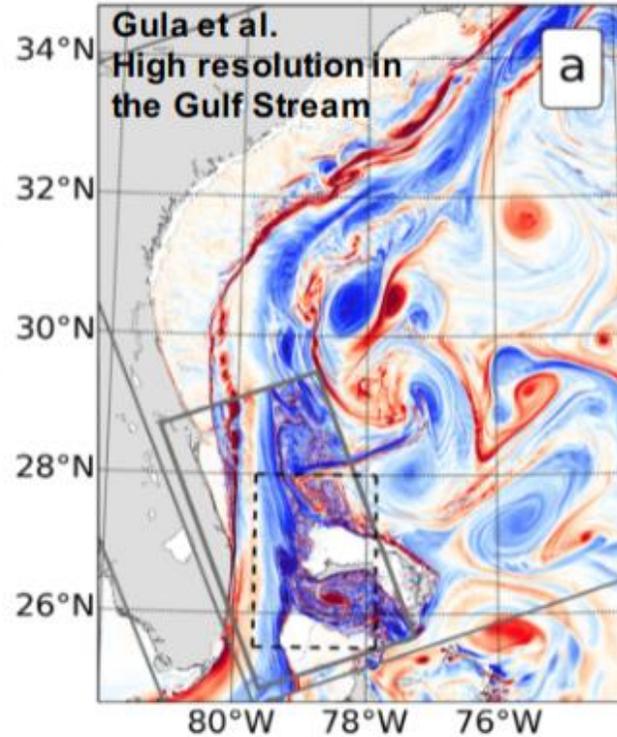
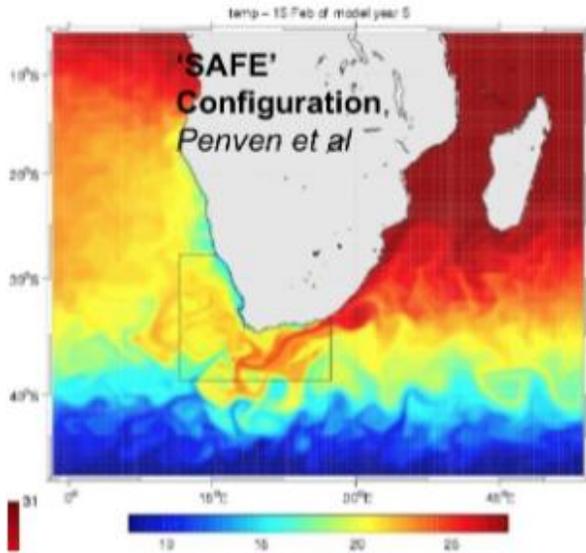


# CROCO model (2/5): Philosophy



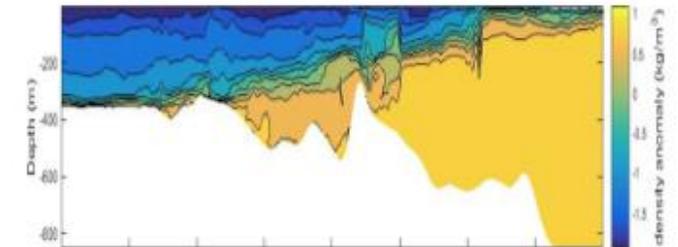
# CROCO model (3/5): Examples

For starting, here are a few examples of use of CROCO



NBQ mode

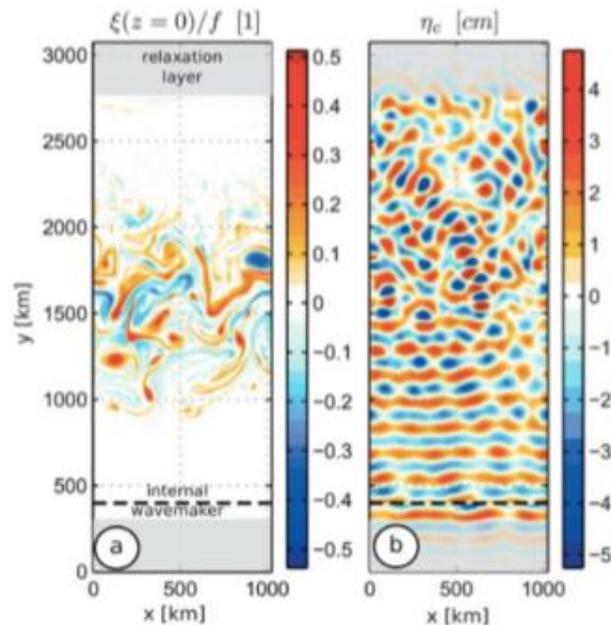
Gibraltar IGW



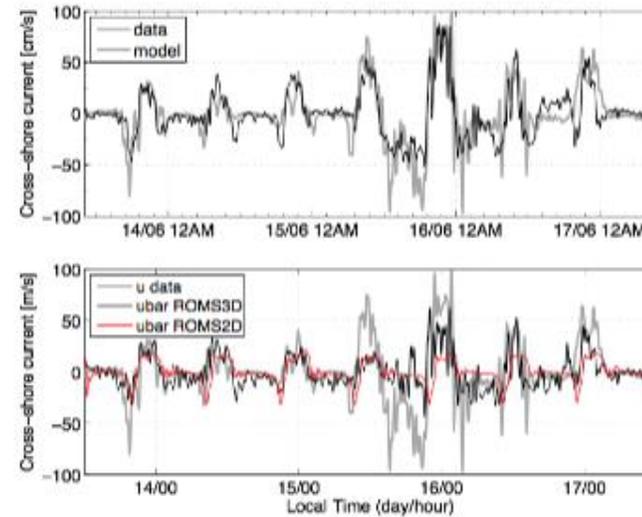
# CROCO model (4/5): Examples

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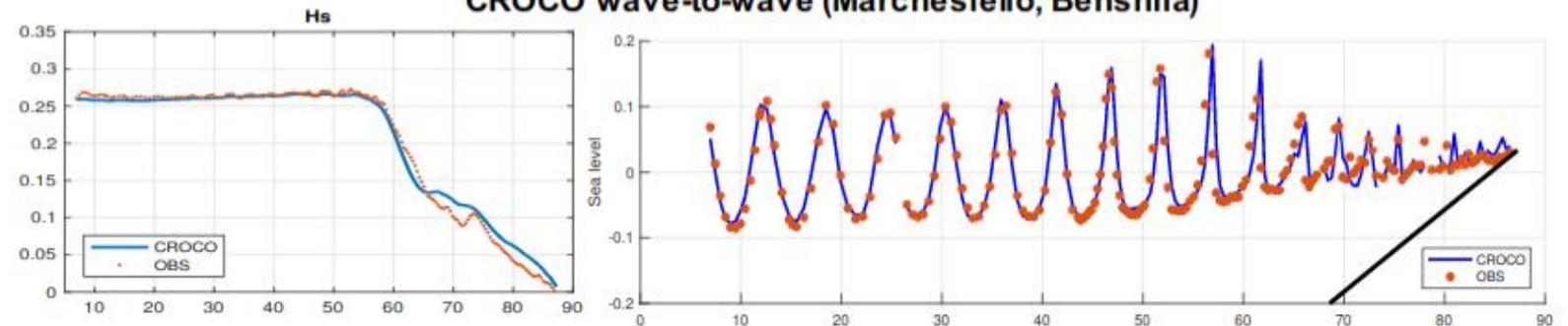
Ponte & Klein, 2015, internal tides and eddies



Marchesiello et al. 2015, Rip current



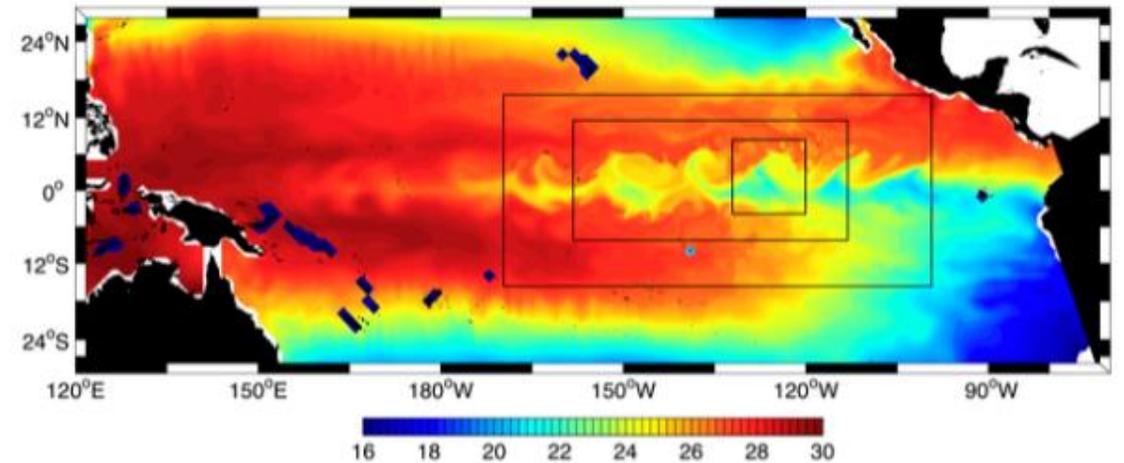
CROCO wave-to-wave (Marchesiello, Benshila)



# CROCO and more (1/2)

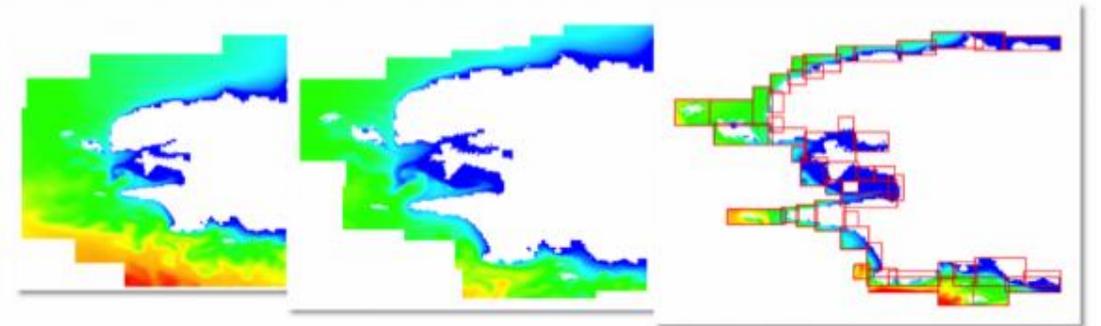
## Nesting with AGRIF

- Grid refinement with the AGRIF library (developed at Inria)
- 1-way (coarse grid force the finer grid) and 2-way (feedback of the finer grid to the coarse grid) nesting capabilities



## Towards multi-grid / multi-resolution (in dev.)

- Exchanges between grids of the same level
- Refinement criteria
- Good CPU load balance
- Management of numerous grid outputs



# CROCO and more (2/2)

- Rivers inputs and passive tracer evolution
- Wave-current interactions (WKB module, coupling with WW3)
- Current sediment interactions/Morphodynamics (USGS/MUSTANG modules)
- Ocean/Wave/Atmosphere coupling (using the OASIS-MCT coupler)
- Biogeochemistry (PISCES/BIOEBUS/NPZD modules)
- Coupling with Lagrangian and ecosystem modules.

# CROCO tools and facilities

## Matlab CROCO TOOLS

- Climatological pre-processing
- Interannual pre-processing
- Visualization

## Online diagnostics

- Online temperature / vorticity / energy balance

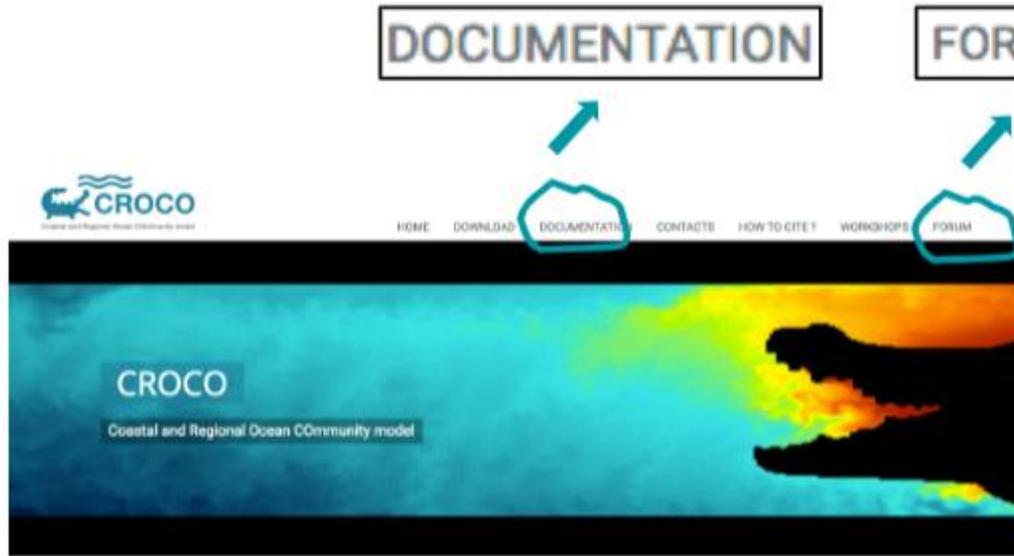
## Python CROCO TOOLS

- Pre-processing: in dev.
- Visualization

## XIOS (dev. at ISPL)

- Outputs facilities
  - Diagnostics facilities
- ⇒ Need to download and compile XIOS

# CROCO help



## CROCO, Coastal and Regional Ocean Community model

CROCO is a new oceanic modeling system built upon ROMS,AGRIF and the non-hydrostatic kernel of SNH (under testing), gradually including algorithms from MARS3D (sediments) and HYCOM (vertical coordinates). An important objective for CROCO is to resolve very fine scales (especially in the coastal area), and their interactions with larger scales. It is the oceanic component of a complex coupled system including various components, e.g., atmosphere, surface waves, marine sediments, biogeochemistry and ecosystems.

CROCO Version 1.0 official release is now available in the Download section. It includes new capabilities as non-hydrostatic kernel, ocean wave atmosphere coupling, sediment transport, new high-order numerical schemes for advection and mixing, and a dedicated I/O server (XIOS). A new version of CROCO\_TOOLS accompany this release. CROCO will keep evolving and integrating new capabilities in the following years.

[CROCO project: version 1.0](#)

## Releases

Official release [CROCO v1.0](#) now available

New release of [croco\\_tools](#) with new tools in python ([croco\\_pytools](#)) and new tools for coupling ([Coupling\\_tools](#))

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## MORNING

**Forewords** by Jennifer Veitch

**Class:** "Introduction to regional ocean modeling",

followed by a round-table discussion during which attendees will present their scientific objectives and their expectations for this class

**Hands-on session :** First connection on the Lengau cluster, and test Matlab

## AFTERNOON

**Class:** Let's make our first CROCO grid

**Hands-on session :**

- Presentation of CROCO and CROCO\_tools environment.

- Quick Linux and NetCDF recaps

- First preprocessing steps: model grid and work on the vertical sigma parameters

# Example of support

## TUTORIAL 01: CREATE THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

In this tutorial, we will review some basic instructions to prepare the working environment. We will work on the CHPC cluster called LENGAU. In this tutorial we will review the steps to log onto the super-computer. Then, we will copy some CROCO directories that are already stored on the super-computer (instead of downloading some archives from the [CROCO website https://www.croco-ocean.org](https://www.croco-ocean.org)). At last, we will test our working environment.

### STEP 1: Log onto the Lengau HPC cluster

→ To connect to the CHPC you must write, from a terminal/console, the following instruction:

```
ssh -X login@lengau.chpc.ac.za
```

🔥 Replace **login** with your corresponding account number.

→ When entering the LENGAU super-computer, you will see something similar to this in your terminal:

```
Last login: Mon Sep 12 13:28:23 2022 from XX.XXX.XX.XXX
Welcome to LENGAU
#####
#
# In order to receive notifications via email from the CHPC all users should
# be subscribed to the CHPC user distribution list. If you are not part of the
# distribution list you can subscribe at the following link:
# https://lists.chpc.ac.za/mailman/listinfo/chpc-users
#
#####
login@login2 ~]$
```

This will take you to your directory on your home directory on Lengau: `/home/login`

🔥 You should **NOT** use your home directory to save large datasets or run CROCO!  
You should go to your directory on **lustre** (there is a link to it in your `/home/login` directory) to do all the processing and saving of data.

→ To list the files and directories inside your home directory, just type the Linux command `ls`:

```
login@login2 ~]$ ls
lustre
login@login2 ~]$
```

→ To know where your home directory is, just type the Linux command `pwd`:

```
login@login2 ~]$ pwd
/home/login
login@login2 ~]$
```

→ Go directly on your **lustre** directory by executing the Linux change directory command `cd`:

```
login@login2 ~]$ cd lustre
login@login2 lustre]$ pwd
/home/login/lustre
login@login2 lustre]$ ls
```

## TUTORIAL 02: CREATE MY CROCO GRIDS

In this tutorial, we do the step to prepare our first model grid. We will connect to the super-computer LENGAU, and run Matlab to do the first CROCO pre-processing step. We will then analyse CROCO sigma vertical coordinate system.

### STEP 1: Log onto the Lengau HPC cluster

→ From a terminal/konsole, execute the following instruction:

```
ssh -X login@lengau.chpc.ac.za
```

🔥 Replace **login** with your corresponding account number.

→ Reserve one processor to do this pre-processing step (see Step 4 from #TUTORIAL01):

```
login@login2 ~]$ qsubil
login@cnode0220 ~]$
```

→ Go directly into your **lustre** directory:

```
login@cnode0220 ~]$ cd lustre
login@cnode0220 lustre]$ ls
croco-v1.2.1 croco tools
login@cnode0220 lustre]$
```

### STEP 2: Create the work directory of your first CROCO configuration

The simplest example of CROCO configuration is the configuration called **BENGUELA\_LR** which corresponds to a domain in the Benguela upwelling zone of the coasts of Namibia and South-Africa with a relatively Low Resolution (LR). This configuration is the one that comes by default in the CROCO code and it is similar to the one described in Penven et al. (2001). Before creating your own configuration, let's begin by recreating the **BENGUELA\_LR** Grid.

→ Go into the **croco** source code directory **croco-v1.2.1**:

```
login@cnode0220 ~]$ cd croco v1.2.1
login@cnode0220 croco v1.2.1]$ ls
AGRIF DOC SPHINK OCRAN SCRIPTS
create_config.bash MPI NOLAND preprocessing PISCES TEST CASBS
CUTK MUSTANG README.md XIOS
login@cnode0220 croco v1.2.1]$
```

→ Edit the file **create\_config.bash** using the Linux command `vi`:

```
login@cnode0220 croco v1.2.1]$ vi create_config.bash
login@cnode0220 croco v1.2.1]$

# Configuration name
# -----
MY CONFIG NAME=Sum

# Home and Work configuration directories
# -----
```

## MORNING

**Class:** "Numerical aspects I "Finite differences: Spatial and temporal discretization

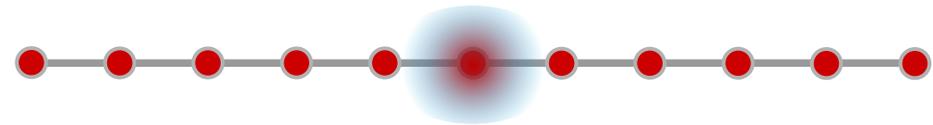
**Hands-on session :** Finite differences - Solving a simple case, the 1-D Diffusion equation

## AFTERNOON

**Class:** Forcing and Open Lateral Boundary conditions

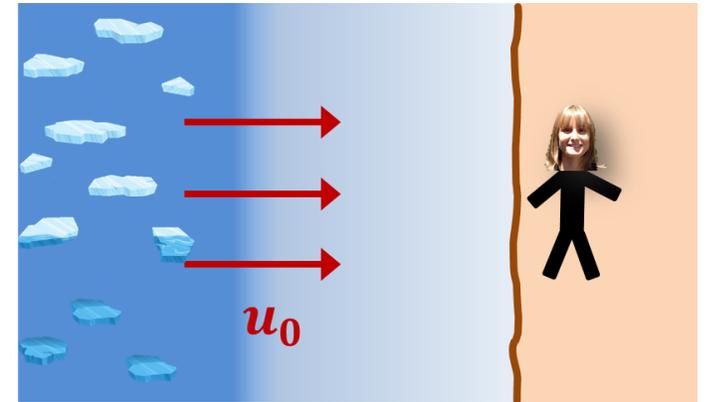
**Hands-on session:**

- Creation of all CROCO forcing inputs (climatological forcing)
- Launch of the model (climatological configuration)



MORNING

- Class:** "Numerical aspects II " • Consistency and stability of a numerical scheme
- Introduction to CFL condition
  - Quick overview of Sigma coordinates and truncation error
- Hands-on session :** • Model outputs analysis with CROCO\_gui



AFTERNOON

- Class:** Introduction to the online nesting with AGRIF
- Hands-on session :** • Creation of all CROCO Forcings inputs (climatological forcing) for a zoom (with nestgui)
- Launch of the model (climatological configuration) with a zoom

## MORNING

**Role game** in order to give a complete understanding of the model input files, with an emphasis on how the model handles the time“

**Hands-on session :** • Model outputs analysis with CROCO\_gui

## AFTERNOON

**Class:** Running an inter-annual simulation“

**Hands-on session:** • Preparation of an inter-annual simulation input files  
• Launch of the inter-annual simulation  
• Notions of optimization of the I/O



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**Class:** How to take into account the river run-off?

**Hands-on session:** Let's put river in one of your configurations

**Class:** Notion of model validations. Example: Taylor diagram presentation

AFTERNOON

**Hands-on session:** Introduction to offline floats propagation

**Class:** Introduction to LiveCROCO