

*Ocean model ROMS\_AGRIF*  
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*Processing-tools ROMSTOOLS*

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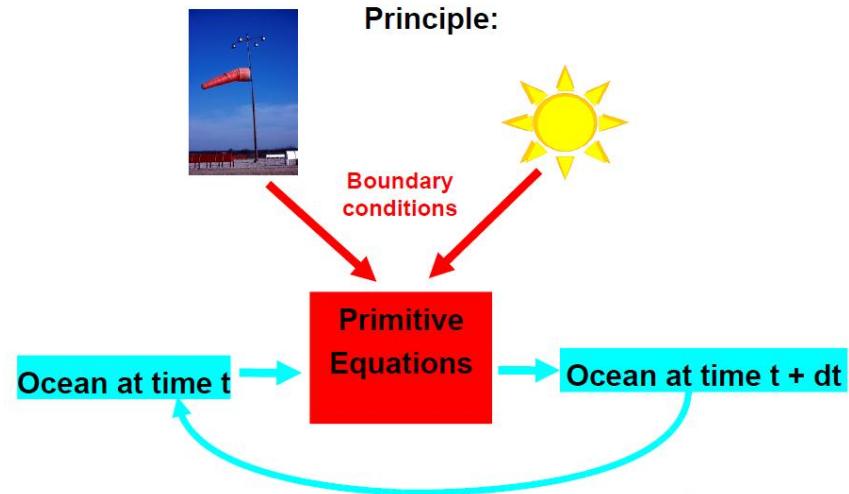
# Ocean modeling principle

If we know:

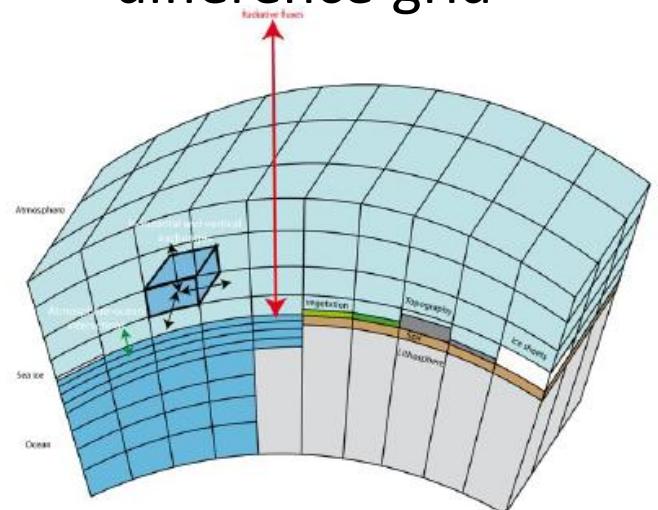
- The ocean state at time t  
( $u, v, w, T, S, \dots$ )
- Boundary conditions (surface, bottom, lateral sides)

We can compute the ocean state at  $t+dt$  using numerical approximations of Primitive Equations

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



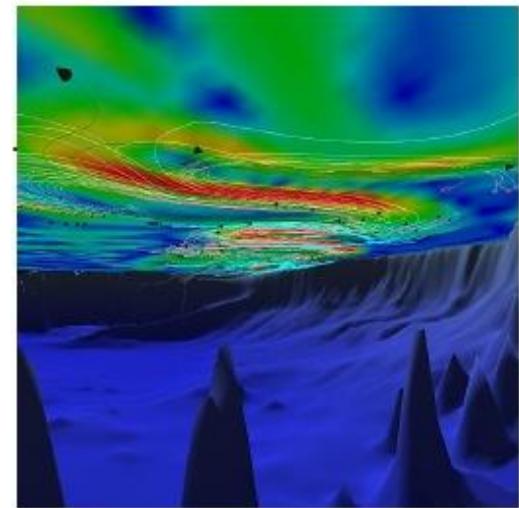
Example of a finite difference grid



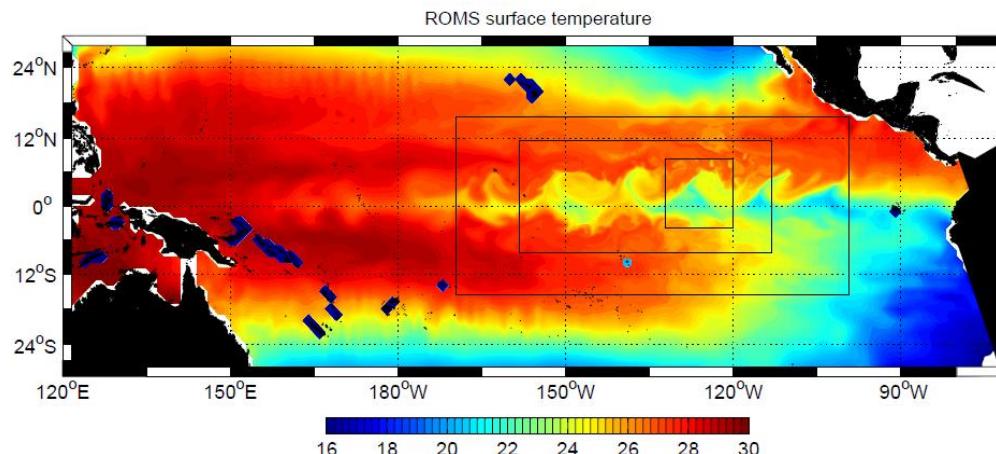
# Introduction

Why use of ocean model :

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



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Isopycnic Coordinate model  
website



4-AGRIF nested grid, SST. Marchesiello et al, Ocean  
modelling, 2011.

# Introduction

Equations to solve:

- Navier Stoke equations but with approximations !

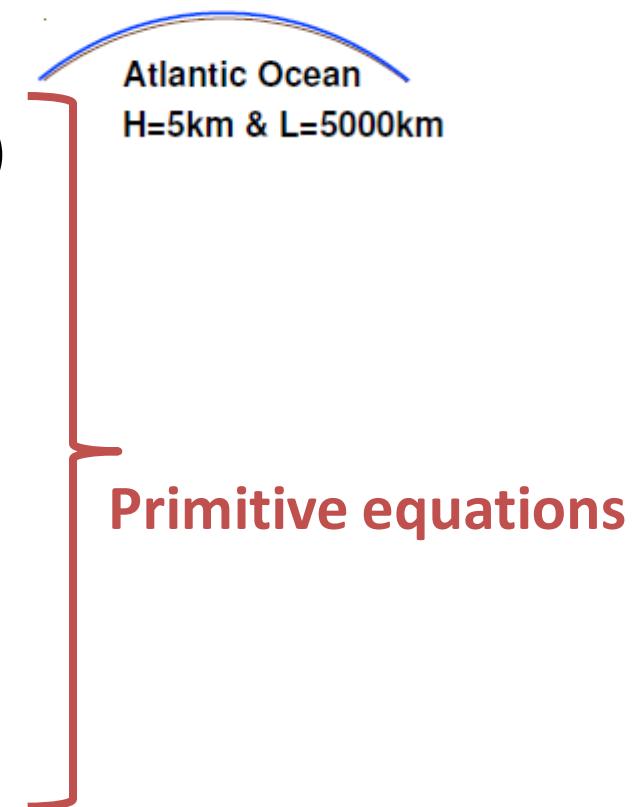
- Hypothesis:

- ✓ Hydrostatic :  $H/L \ll 1$ , (aspect ratio low)

- neglect vertical acceleration
  - neglect Coriolis term associated to vertical velocities

- ✓ Water is incompressible

- ✓ Boussinesq :  $\rho = \rho_0 = \text{cste}$  for horizontal gradient pressure



# Primitive equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla u - fv &= -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \nabla_h (K_{Mh} \cdot \nabla_h u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Mv} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \\
 \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla v + fu &= -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \nabla_h (K_{Mh} \cdot \nabla_h v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Mv} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \\
 0 &= -\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \rho g && \text{Hydrostatic} \\
 0 &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} && \text{Continuity} \\
 \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla T &= \nabla_h (K_{Th} \cdot \nabla_h T) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Tv} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) \\
 \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla S &= \nabla_h (K_{Sh} \cdot \nabla_h S) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Sv} \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} \right) \\
 \rho &= \rho(S, T, p) && \text{Equation of state}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Momentum conservation*  
*Tracer conservation*  
*Equation of state*

# Primitive equations : Boundary conditions

With surface boundary  
conditions ( $z=\eta$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} &= w && \text{Kinematic} \\ K_M v \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} &= \frac{\tau_x}{\rho_0} && \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Wind stress} \\ K_M v \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} &= \frac{\tau_y}{\rho_0} && \\ K_T v \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} &= \frac{Q}{\rho_0 C_p} && \text{Heat flux} \\ K_S v \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} &= \frac{S(E - P)}{\rho_0} && \text{Salt flux :} \\ &&& \text{evap - rain}\end{aligned}$$

And bottom boundary  
conditions ( $z=-H$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u} \cdot \nabla (-H) &= w && \text{Kinematic} \\ K_M v \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} &= \frac{-C_d |\vec{u}| u}{\rho_0} && \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Bottom} \\ K_M v \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} &= \frac{-C_d |\vec{u}| v}{\rho_0} && \text{friction} \\ K_T v \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} &= 0 && \text{Bottom-flux} \\ K_S v \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} &= 0 && \end{aligned}$$

Unknowns:

- Prognostic variables:  $u, v, T, S (+\eta)$
- Diagnostic variables:  $w, P, \rho$
- Parameters:  $K_{Mh}, K_M, K_{Th}, K_T, K_{Sh}, K_S$

# ROMS ocean model

## ROMS: Regional Ocean Model System

3 version of ROMS:

- Rutger University, USA : <http://www.myroms.org>
- UCLA University : [http://ww.atmos.ucla.edu.cesr.ROMS\\_page.html](http://ww.atmos.ucla.edu.cesr.ROMS_page.html)
- IRD/INRIA version called 'ROMS\_AGRIF' version : <http://roms.mpl.ird.fr>

➤ The practical classes will focus on this last **ROMS\_AGRIF version** : its main specialty is the online nesting capability using AGRIF (*Penven et al, Ocean Modelling, 2006 ; Debreu et al, Ocean Modelling, 2011*)

To perform of ROMS simulation, you need :

- Horizontal grid
- Bottom topography
- Land mask
- Surface forcing
- Initial Conditions
- Lateral boundary conditions



Data computed  
using the  
**ROMSTOOLS**

# Summary of ROMS characteristics

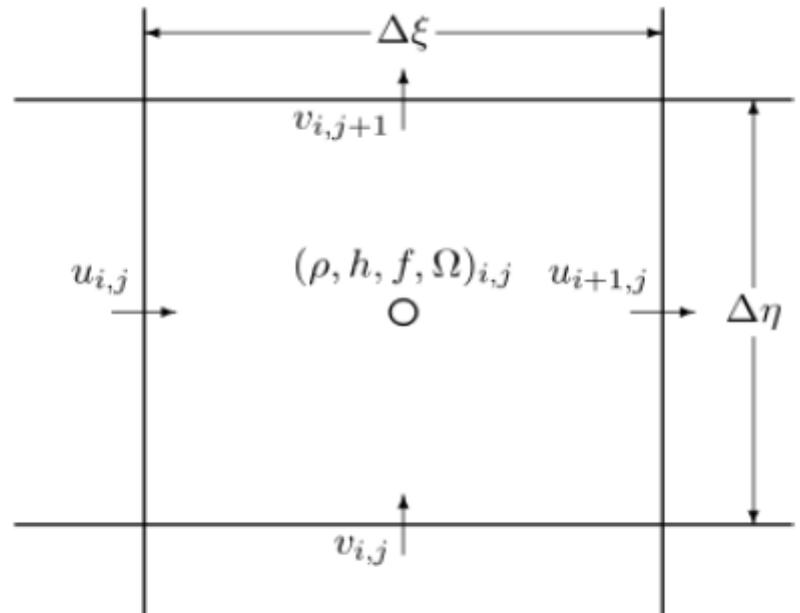
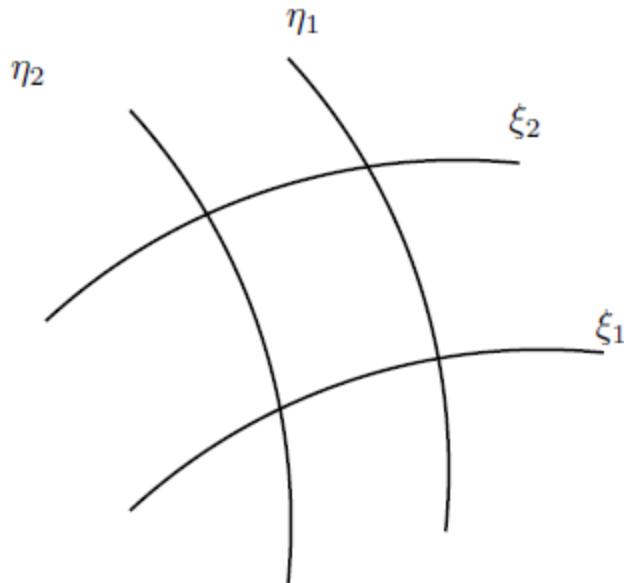
- Solve the primitive equation : Boussinesq approximation + hydrostatic vertical momentum balance
- Coastline an terrain following curvilinear coordinate
- Split explicit, free surface ocean model : short time steps for barotropic dynamic (ssh and 2D momentum) and a much larger time steps for baroclinic dynamic (T,S, 3D momentum)
- Parallelization by two-dimensional subdomain partitioning
- Shared and distributed parallelization (OpenMP and MPI)
- High advection scheme
- Rotated tensors to reduce diapycnal mixing
- Improved calculation of horizontal pressure gradient
- KPP turbulent closure model (surface and bottom KPP)
- Open boundary : Adaptative mixed radiations/nudging open boundary conditions (Marchesiello et al, 2001).
- Nesting capability : **AGRIF** (Adaptative Grid Refinement in Fortran) library .
- Sediment module
- Several BGC model
- Float tracking module

# ROMS horizontal grid

- Discretized in coastline-and **terrain-following curvilinear coordinate**
- Arakawa C-grid

$$(ds)_{\xi} = \left( \frac{1}{m} \right) d\xi$$

$$(ds)_{\eta} = \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) d\eta$$



(a) Grille C d'Arakawa

# ROMS vertical grid : $\sigma$ generalized coordinate

## GENERALIZED $\sigma$ -COORDINATE

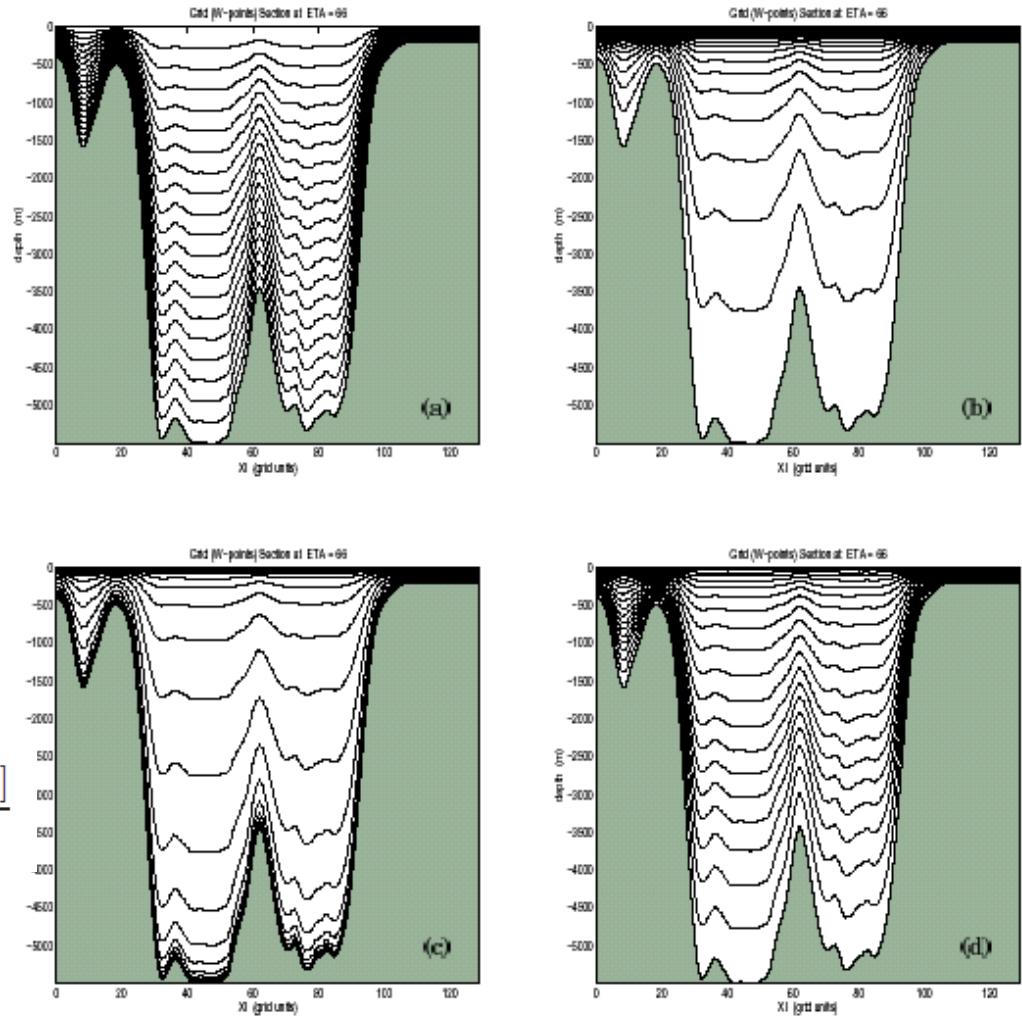
Stretching & condensing of vertical resolution

- (a)  $Ts=0, Tb=0$
- (b)  $Ts=8, Tb=0$
- (c)  $Ts=8, Tb=1$
- (d)  $Ts=5, Tb=0.4$

$$z = \zeta(1 + s) + h_c s + (h - h_c)C(s)$$

$$C(s) = (1 - b) \frac{\sinh[\theta s]}{\sinh \theta} + b \frac{\tanh[\theta(s + \frac{1}{2})] - \tanh[\frac{1}{2}\theta]}{2 \tanh[\frac{1}{2}\theta]}$$

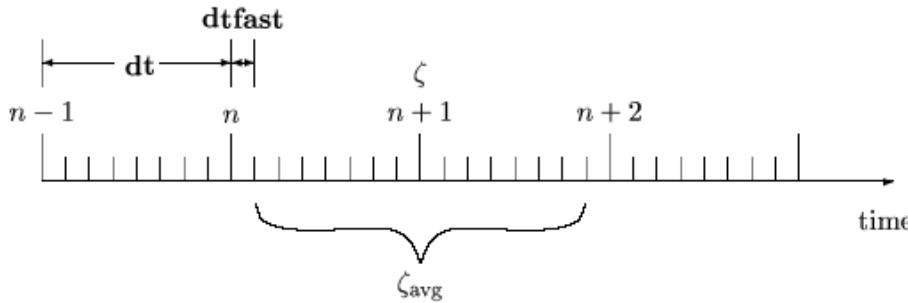
•!! Take care of the Pressure Gradient Error on steep slopes !!



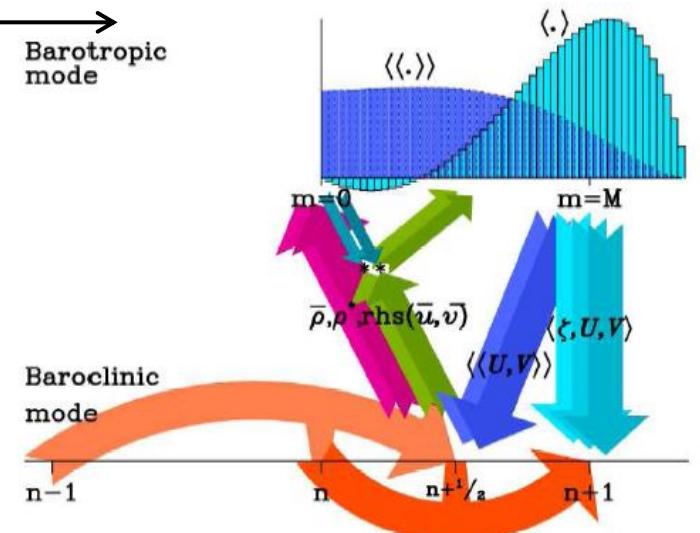
# Time splitting and free surface

**ROMS resolve free surface using the time-splitting method :**

- ❑ Direct integration of the barotropic equations
- ❑ **Getting the free surface is straight forward**
- ❑ Good parallelization performances
- ❑ BUT difficulties to separate fast and slow modes : possible instabilities. To avoid that
  - time averaging over the barotropic sub-cycle
  - finer mode coupling



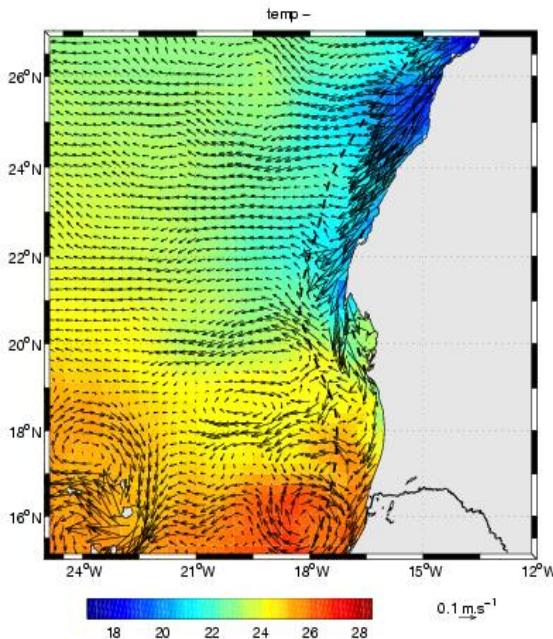
ROMS\_AGRIF use 3<sup>rd</sup> order predictor (Leap frog)/corrector (Adam-Moulton) time stepping



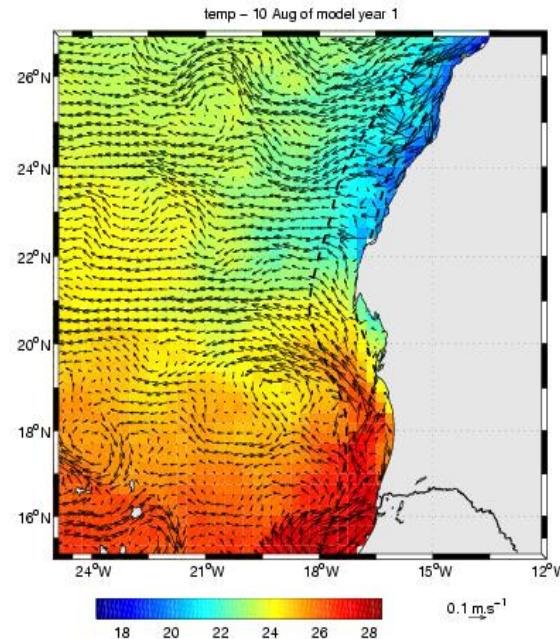
# Advection schemes

- ❑ By default, 3<sup>rd</sup> order, upstream-biased advection scheme : allows the generation of steep gradient, with a weak dispersion and weak diffusion.
- ❑ No need to impose explicit diffusion/ viscosity to avoid numerical noise (in case of 3D modeling)
- ❑ Effective resolution is improved :

OPA -  
0.25 deg

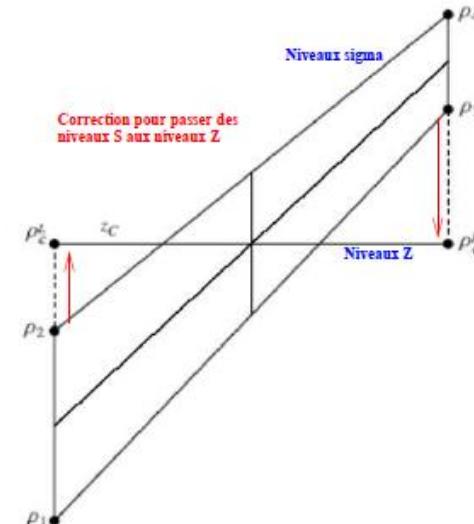


ROMS -  
0.25 deg



# Pressure Gradient force

- Truncation errors are made from calculating the baroclinic pressure gradients across sharp topographic changes such as the continental slope



- Difference between 2 large terms

- Errors can appear in the unforced flat stratification experiment

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \Big|_z &= -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \Big|_s + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \cdot \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_s \\ \epsilon &\equiv \frac{\left| \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \Big|_s - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_s \right|}{\left| \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \Big|_s + \left| \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_s \right|} \ll 1, \end{aligned} \right.$$

# Reducing PGF Truncation Errors

- Smoothing the topography using a nonlinear filter and a criterium:  $r = \Delta h / h < 0.2$

- Using a density formulation

$$-\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \Big|_z = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \Big|_{z=\zeta} - \frac{g}{\rho_0} \int_z^\zeta \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \Big|_z dz'$$

- Using high order schemes to reduce the truncation error (4th order, McCalpin, 1994)

$$= -\frac{gp(\zeta)}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial x} - \frac{g}{\rho_0} \int_z^\zeta \left[ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \Big|_s - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z'} \frac{\partial z'}{\partial x} \Big|_s \right] dz',$$

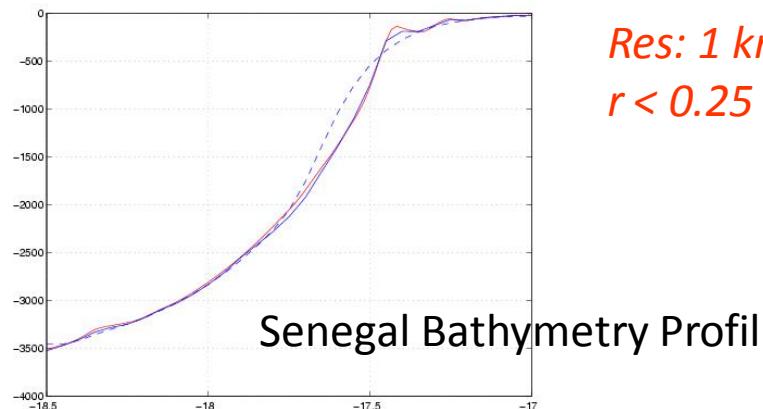
- Gary, 1973: subtracting a reference horizontal averaged value from density ( $\rho' = \rho - \rho_a$ ) before computing pressure gradient

- Rewriting Equation of State: reduce passive compressibility effects on pressure gradient

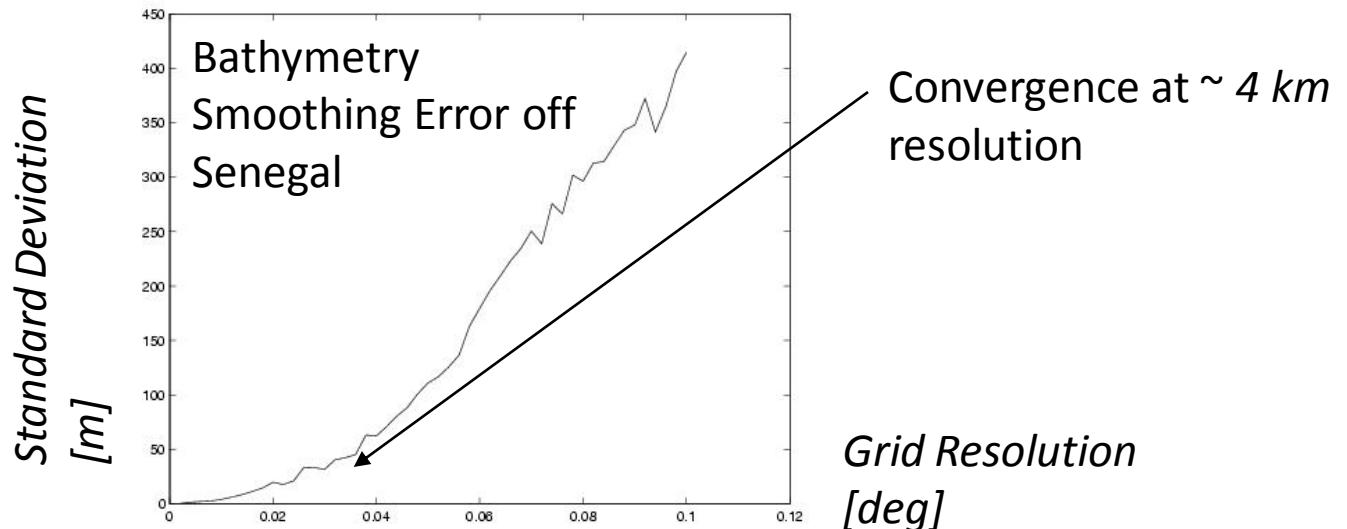
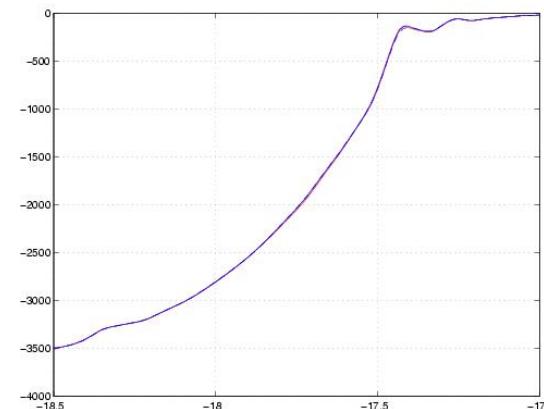
# Smoothing methods

- $r = \Delta h / h$  is the slope of the logarithm of  $h$
- One method (ROMS) consists of smoothing  $\ln(h)$  until  $r < r_{max}$

Res: 5 km  
 $r < 0.25$

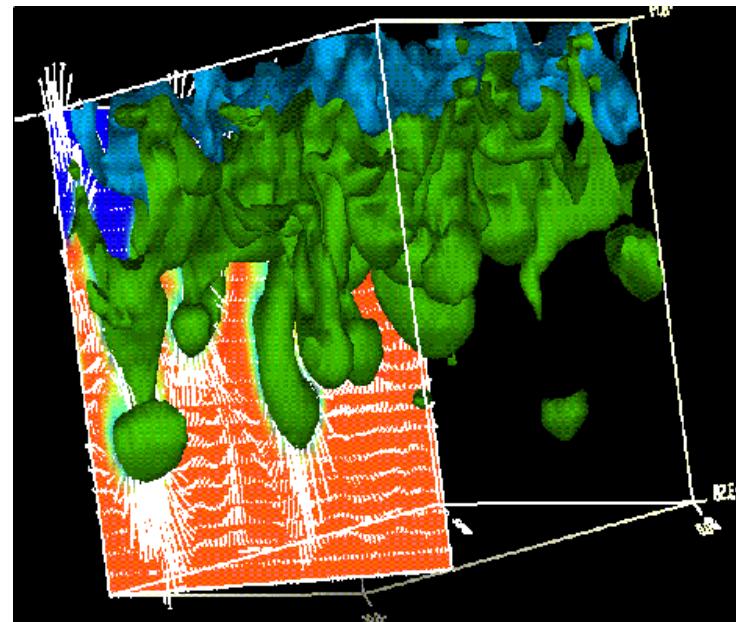


Res: 1 km  
 $r < 0.25$



# Boundary Layer Parameterization

- Boundary layers are characterized by strong turbulent mixing
- Turbulent Mixing depends on:
  - Surface/bottom forcing:
    - Wind / bottom-shear stress stirring
    - Stable/unstable buoyancy forcing
  - Interior conditions:
    - Current shear instability
    - Stratification
- We look for to determine the vertical profile of **K mixing parameter**



Reynolds term:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \overline{w'T'}$$

*K theory*

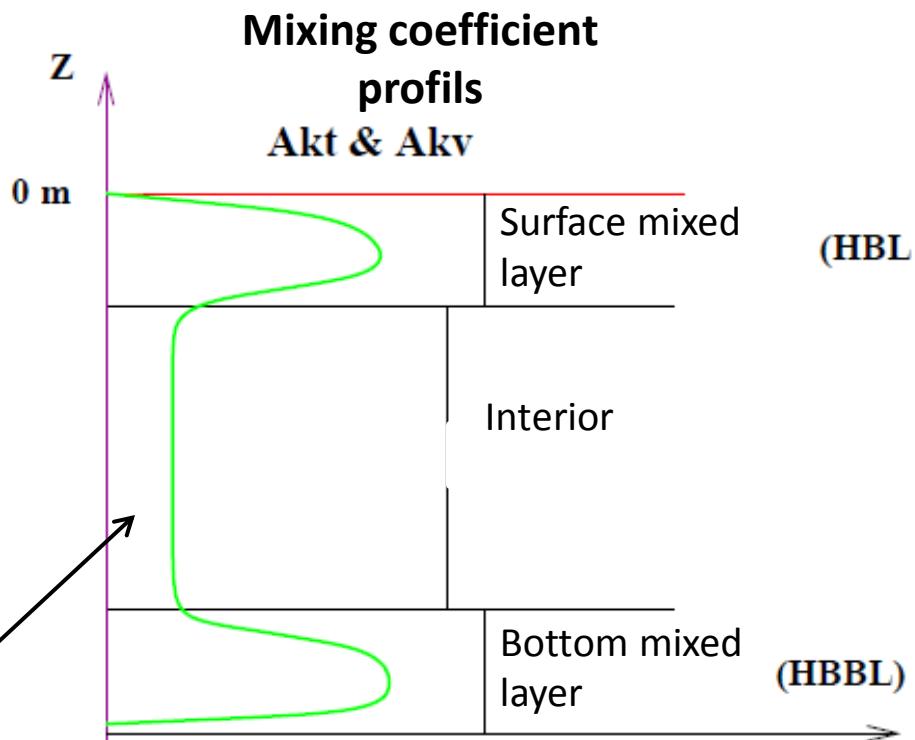
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left( \frac{\kappa}{H_{zmn}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial s} \right)$$

# Boundary layer parametrization: KPP

□ All mixed layer schemes are based on one-dimensional « column physics »

□ Boundary layer parameterizations are based either on:

- Turbulent closure (Mellor-Yamada, TKE)
- **K profile (KPP)**



Principle scheme of KPP turbulent closure

# Surface and Bottom forcing

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left( \frac{\kappa}{H_z mn} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial s} \right)$$

The vertical boundary conditions can be prescribed as follows:

top ( $z = \zeta(x, y, t)$ )

$$\nu \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \tau_s^x(x, y, t)$$

$$\nu \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \tau_s^y(x, y, t)$$

$$\kappa_T \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \frac{Q_T}{\rho_o c_P} + \frac{1}{\rho_o c_P} \frac{dQ_T}{dT} (T - T_{\text{ref}}) \quad \leftarrow \text{Heat flux}$$

$$\kappa_S \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} = \frac{(E-P)S}{\rho_o} \quad \leftarrow \text{Salt flux}$$

$$w = \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t}$$

and bottom ( $z = -h(x, y)$ )

$$\nu \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \tau_b^x(x, y, t)$$

$$\nu \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \tau_b^y(x, y, t)$$

$$\kappa_T \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\kappa_S \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$-w + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla h = 0.$$

Wind  
stress

Heat flux  
Salt flux

**Bottom stress**

$$\tau_b^x = (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}) u$$

$$\tau_b^y = (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}) v$$

**Drag Coefficient  $C_D$ :**  
 $\gamma_1 = 3.10^{-4} \text{ m/s Linear}$   
 $\gamma_2 = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ Quadratic}$

# Bottom friction parametrization

✓ Linear friction, with r  
friction velocities [m/s]

$$\rightarrow (\tau_b^x, \tau_b^y) = -r (u_b, v_b)$$

✓ Quadratic friction,  
controlled by a constant →  
drag coefficient **Cd**

$$(\tau_b^x, \tau_b^y) = C_d \sqrt{u_b^2 + v_b^2} (u_b, v_b)$$

✓ Quadratic friction  
coefficient, using  
variable **Cd** (Von Karman  
log layer)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\tau_b^x, \tau_b^y) = C_d \sqrt{u_b^2 + v_b^2} (u_b, v_b) \\ C_d = \left( \frac{\kappa}{\log[\Delta z_b/z_r]} \right)^2 \text{ si } C_d^{min} < C_d < \\ C_d = C_d^{min} \text{ ou } C_d^{max} \qquad \qquad \qquad C_d^{max} \\ \kappa = 0.41 \\ z_r = \text{Rugosity scale} \\ \Delta z_b = \text{thickness of the first bottom level} \end{array} \right.$$

# Air Sea Interaction

## Heat fluxes & Freshwater fluxes

- Directly read the forcing files
- Use of a bulk formulae :
  - Heat flux : compute total heat flux from latent, sensible, solar and longwave fluxes and model SST
  - Freshwater flux : compute from evap, prate and model SSS
- Wind stress:
  - Directly read the forcing files
  - Compute the windstress from the Cd drag coefficient, model SST and wind stress

*bulk\_flux.F*



# Open boundary conditions I (OBC type)

Adaptative mixed radiations/nudging open boundary conditions  
(Marchesiello et al, 2001).

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + c_x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + c_y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\tau}(\phi - \phi_{ext})$$

Radiation, (Orlanski, 1982)

- Possibility to use  
**“Flather” OBC conditions**  
for barotropic mode :

Specially designed for tidal applications

Adaptative nudging term :

**Adaptitivity**

- Ingoing signal ( $C_x > 0$ ) : strong nudging toward external data using

$$\tau = \tau_{in}^{-1}$$

- Outgoing signal ( $C_x > 0$ ) : weak nudging toward ext. Data

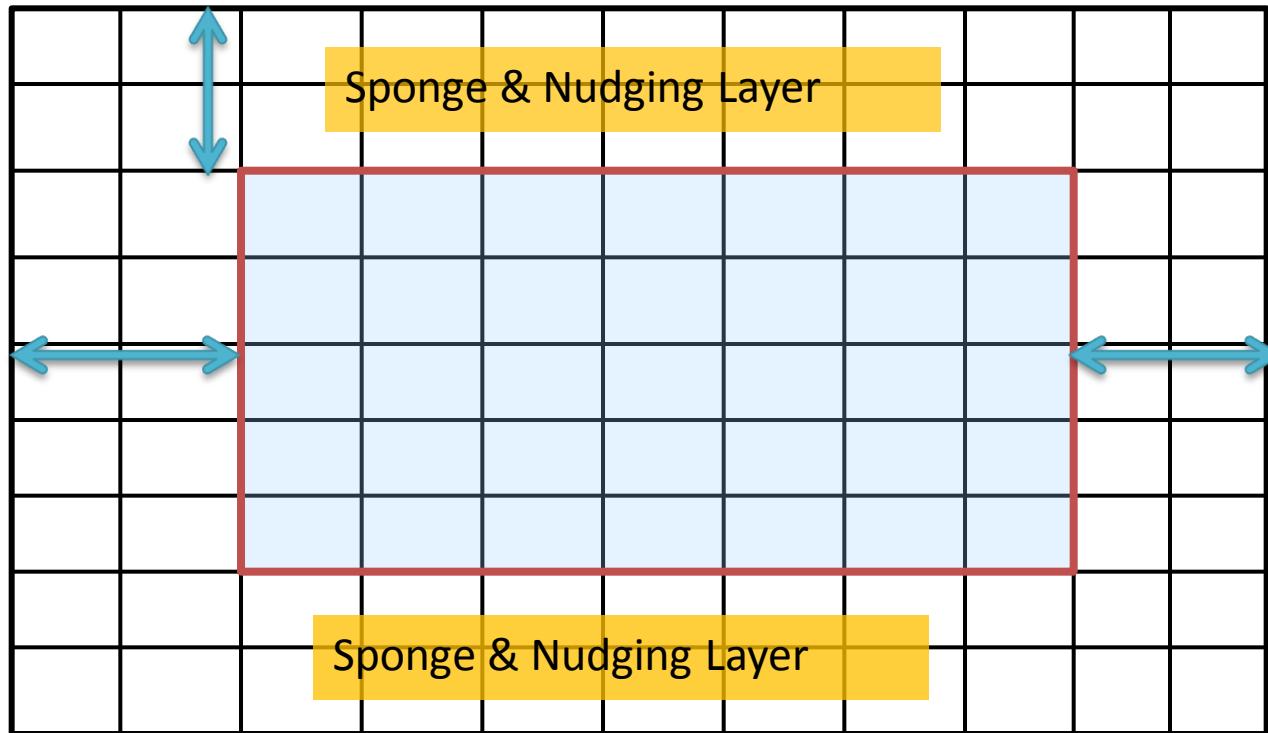
$$\tau = \tau_{out}^{-1}$$

$$\tau_{out} \approx 180 \text{ days}$$

$$\tau_{in} \approx 1 \text{ days}$$

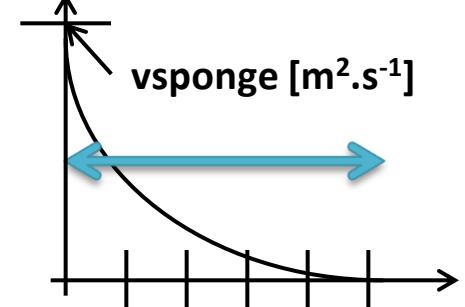
}  $\tau_{M\_in}, \tau_{M\_out}$  : momentum  
 $\tau_{T\_in}, \tau_{T\_out}$  : tracer

# Sponge/Nudging Layer

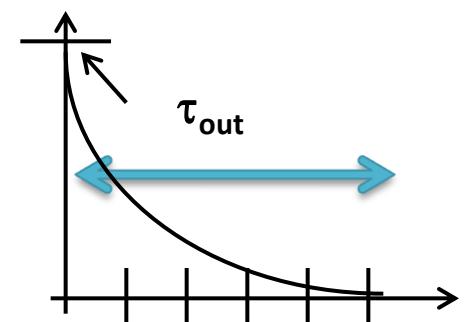


- Sponge : Additional viscosity/diffusivity
- Nudging : Add a weak nudging,  $\tau = 0 \rightarrow \tau_{out}^{-1}$  toward climatology, if available (see after)

$K^T h, K^m h$  profil across sponge layer



$\tau_{out}$  profil cross nudging layer

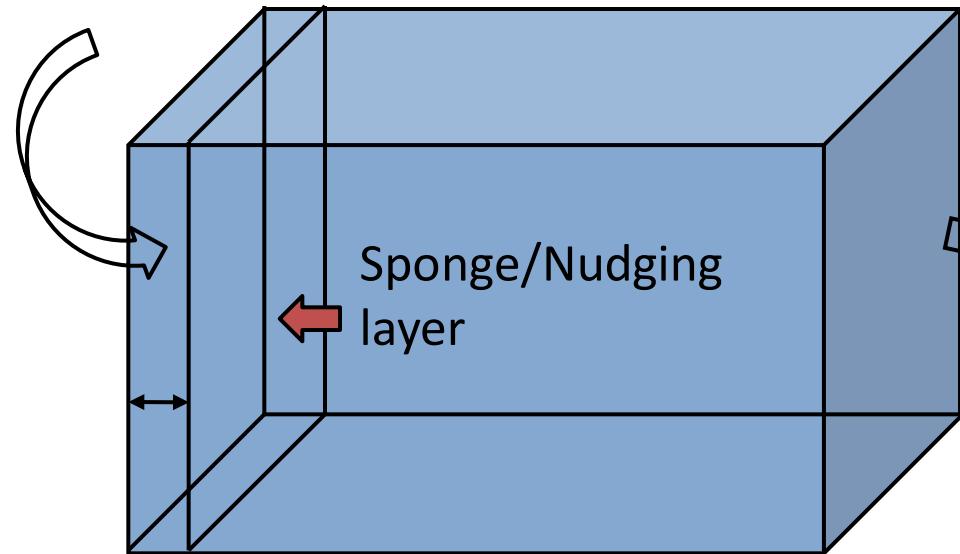


# Open boundary forcing (Clim or Bry)

Different ways to impose OBC

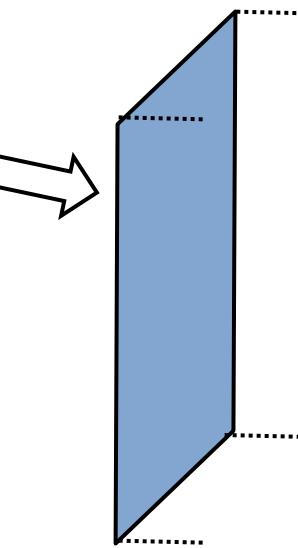
**CLIM** : '3D+time' files ( $x,y,z,t$ ) only used at boundaries point + sponge/nudging layer : large amount of data unused.

Data used here only



**BRY**: '2D+time' file ( $x,z,t$ ) only used at boundaries point : much less data needed !! but no nudging layer (for the moment)

Data used here only



These type of file 3D ( $x,y,z$ ) are used for initialization

# Tides

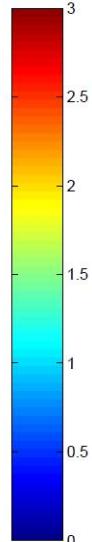
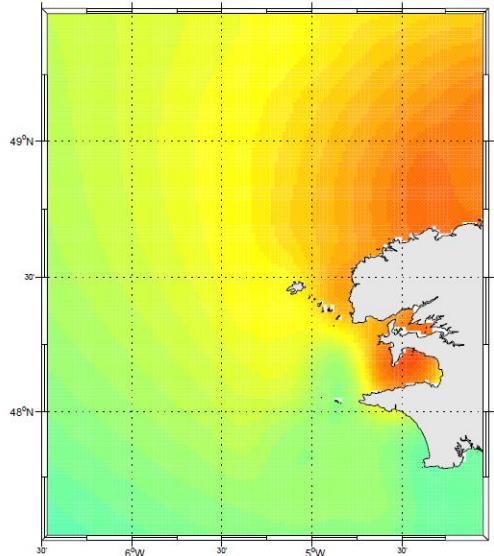
- The tides are imposed at open boundaries, using the Flather OBC.  
**(OBC\_M2FLATHER cppkeys)**

- $\zeta_{tides}$ ,  $\bar{u}_{tides}$  et  $\bar{v}_{tides}$  h and depth averaged zonal and meridian currents) are added at the open boundaries  $\zeta_{clim}$ ,  $\bar{u}_{clim}$  et  $\bar{v}_{clim}$
- $\zeta_{tides}$ ,  $\bar{u}_{tides}$  et  $\bar{v}_{tides}$  computed from the tidal harmonics given by some tidal model, in our case TPXO7 (0.25° resolution, 10 tidal components : M2, N2, S2, K2, K1, O1, P1, Q1, Ln, Mm)
- The global tidal model gives harmonics constants for all the principal tidal waves. These constants permits to compute at every time  $t$ ,  $\zeta_{tides}^N(t)$ ,  $\bar{u}_{tides}^N(t)$ ,  $\bar{v}_{tides}^N(t)$  of the tidal wave component  $N$ .

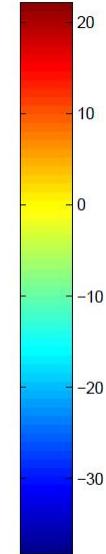
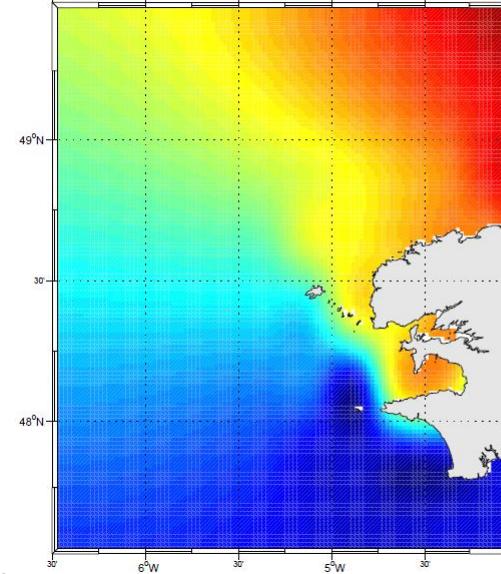
- You need :
  - Choose the number of tidal wave component you want.
  - Interpolate on the grid the different harmonic constants
- For the moment, there is no generator potential (for the moment)

# Tides

Amplitude [m] of tide : M2

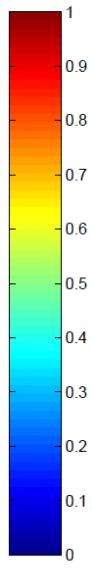
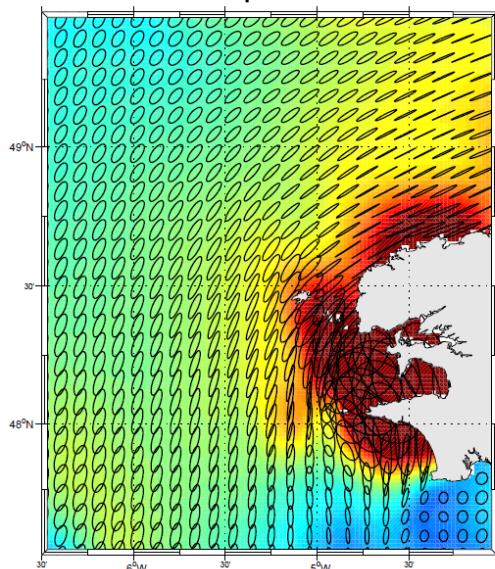


Phase [in degree] of tide : M2



M2

Currents ellipses M2 coef: 0.1



# Online Diagnostics :

## Momentum equations terms

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla u - fv = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \overline{u'w'} - \nu \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) + \mathcal{F}_u + \mathcal{D}_u$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla v + fu = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \overline{v'w'} - \nu \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) + \mathcal{F}_v + \mathcal{D}_v$$

- Rate change term :  $\partial_t \vec{u}$
- Coriolis term :  $\begin{pmatrix} -fv \\ +fu \end{pmatrix}$
- Advection term :  $\vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u}$
- Pressure gradient term :  $-\nabla P / \rho_0$ .
- Vertical mixing term :  $\partial_z (K_v \partial_z \vec{u})$
- Horizontal mixing term :  $K_H \overset{\rightarrow}{\Delta} u$

Termes d'accélérations en  $m.s^{-2}$  :

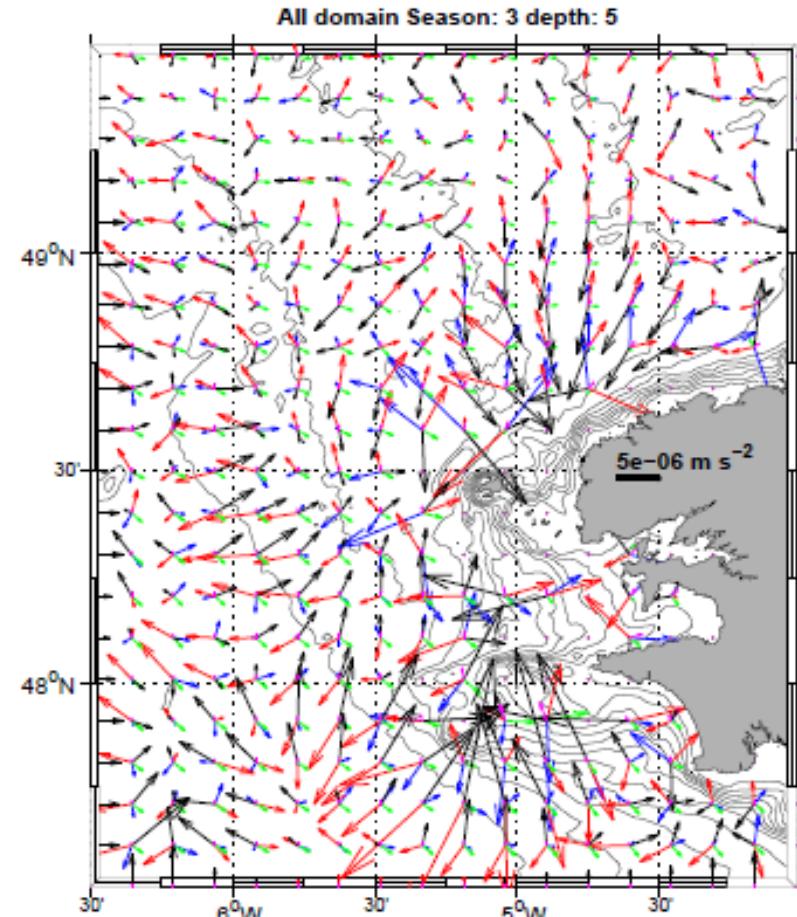
Advection :  $\vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u}$

Coriolis :  $f \vec{u}$

Mélange vertical :  $\partial_z (K_v \partial_z \vec{u})$

Gradient de pression :  $-\partial P / \rho_0$

Tendance temporelle :  $\partial_t \vec{u}$



# Online Diagnostics : Momentum equations terms

$$\vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u \partial_x u + v \partial_y u + w \partial_z u \\ u \partial_x v + v \partial_y v + w \partial_z v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x(u.u) + \partial_y(u.v) + \partial_z(u.w) \\ \partial_x(u.v) + \partial_y(v.v) + \partial_z(v.w) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{xadv} + u_{yadv} + u_{vadv} \\ v_{xadv} + v_{yadv} + v_{vadv} \end{pmatrix}$$

Formulation  
flux

**BUT take care :**

$$u \partial_x u \neq \partial_x(u.u)$$

only

$$(\partial_x(u.u) + \partial_y(u.v) + \partial_z(u.w)) = (u \partial_x u + v \partial_y u + w \partial_z u)$$

**CPPKEYS: DIAGNOSTICS\_UV**

**Storage:**

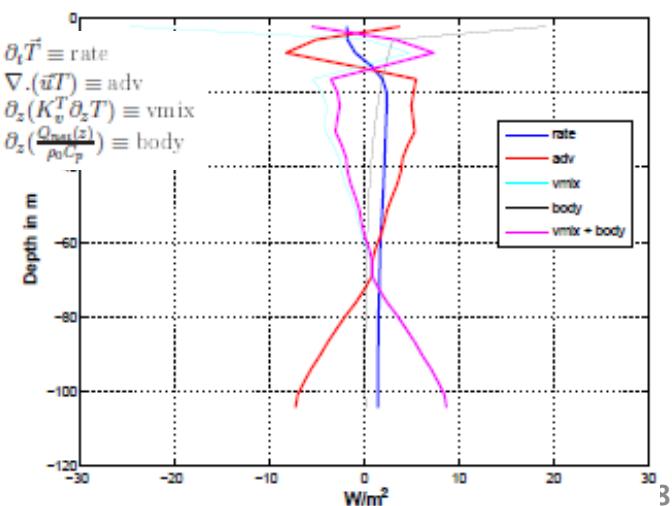
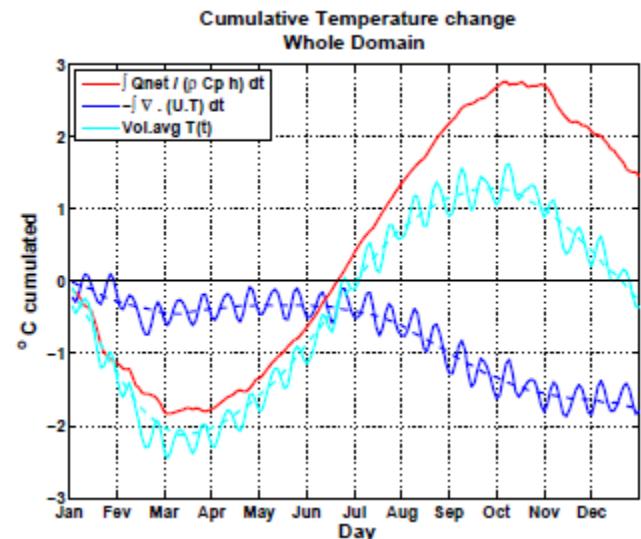
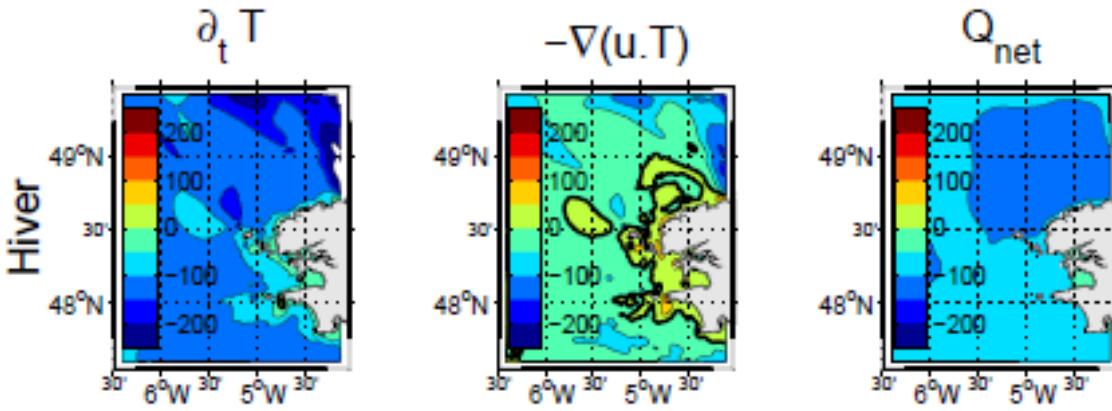
- roms\_diaM.nc and roms\_diaM\_avg.nc files.
- Can choose in roms.in the writing frequency and the terms to store

# Online Diagnostics :

## Tracer equations terms

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t T + \nabla \cdot (\vec{u} T) &= F^T + D^T \\ &= K_h^T \Delta T + \partial_z (K_v^T \partial_z T) + \frac{1}{\rho_0 C_p} \partial_z (Q_{net}(z))\end{aligned}$$

- $\partial_t \vec{T}$  : = Time rate (rate)
- $\nabla \cdot (\vec{u} T)$  : = Advection (adv)
- $\partial_z (K_v^T \partial_z T)$  : Vert. mixing (vmix)
- $K_h^T \Delta \vec{T}$  : Hori. mixing (hmix)
- $\partial_z \left( \frac{Q_{net}(z)}{\rho_0 C_p} \right)$  Solar heating forcing ( body)

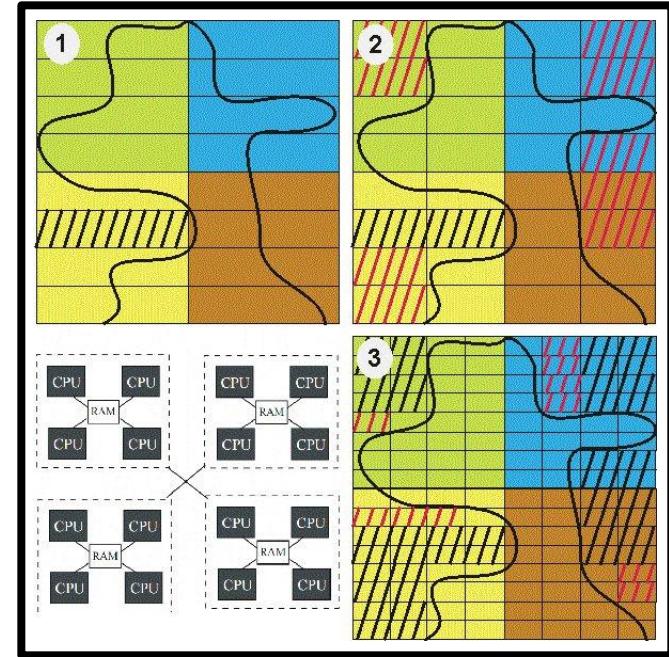


# Parallelization

- ❑ Parallelization by 2 dimensional subdomain partition.
- ❑ Multiple subdomain can be assigned to each processor.
- ❑ Parallelization operational on shared and distributed memory computer
- ❑ Good scaling performance

**ROMS CPPKEYS :**

- ↳ ■#define OPENMP  
■#define MPI

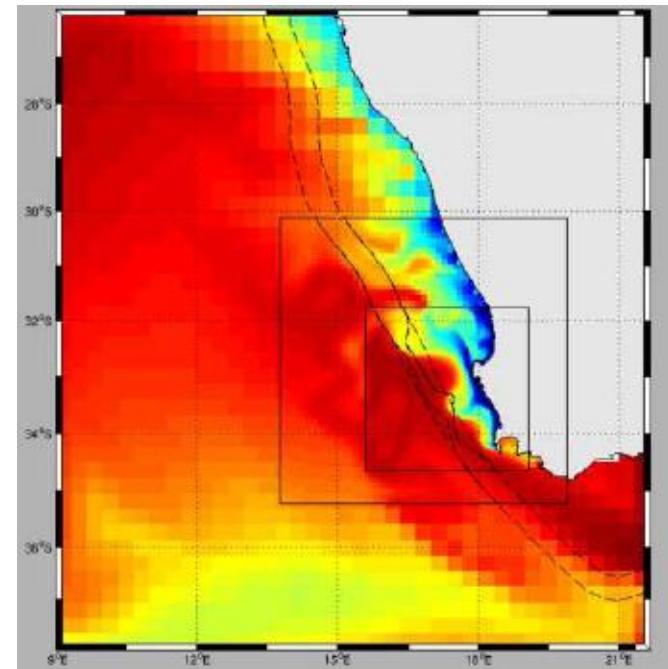


Ported successfully on different computing center :  
Earth simulator, Idris,  
Caparmor, Calmip, regional cluster, ...

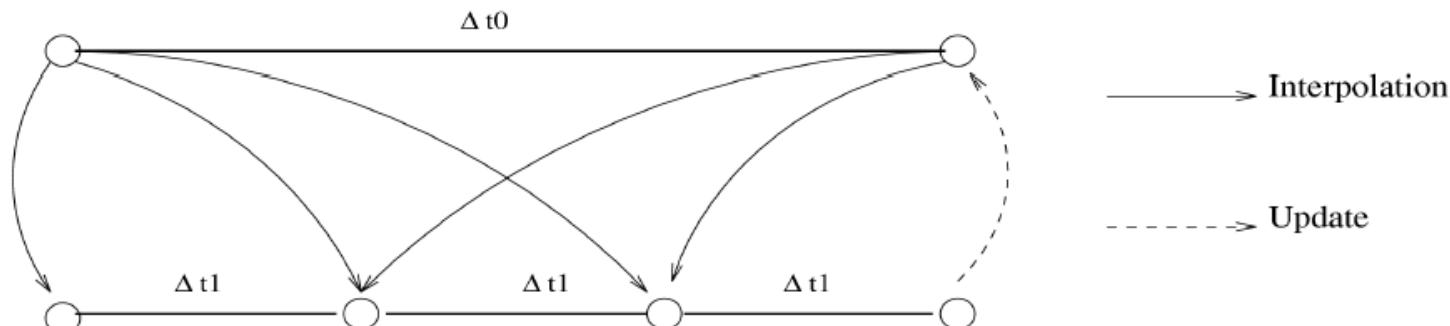
# AGRIF Nesting

## Nesting capability of ROMS: ROMS\_AGRIF

- Manage arbitrary number of fixed grid and embedded levels
- AGRIF : Adaptative Mesh Refinement (<http://www.ljk.imag.fr/MOISE/AGRIF/>)
- 1-way and 2 way nesting capability:
  - ✓ 1 way coarse grid feed fine grid
  - ✓ 2 way nesting : feed back of the fine grid on the coarse grid



**Temporal coupling between a parent and a child grid for a refinement factor of 3 :**



# AGRIF Nesting

## The file Agrif\_FixedGrids

```
1  
23 37 12 29 3 3 3 3  
0
```

```
# number of children per parent  
# imin imax jmin jmax spacerefx spacerefy timerefx timerefy  
# [all coordinates are relative to each parent grid!]
```

2 grids : #0 and #1

#1 is embedded in #0

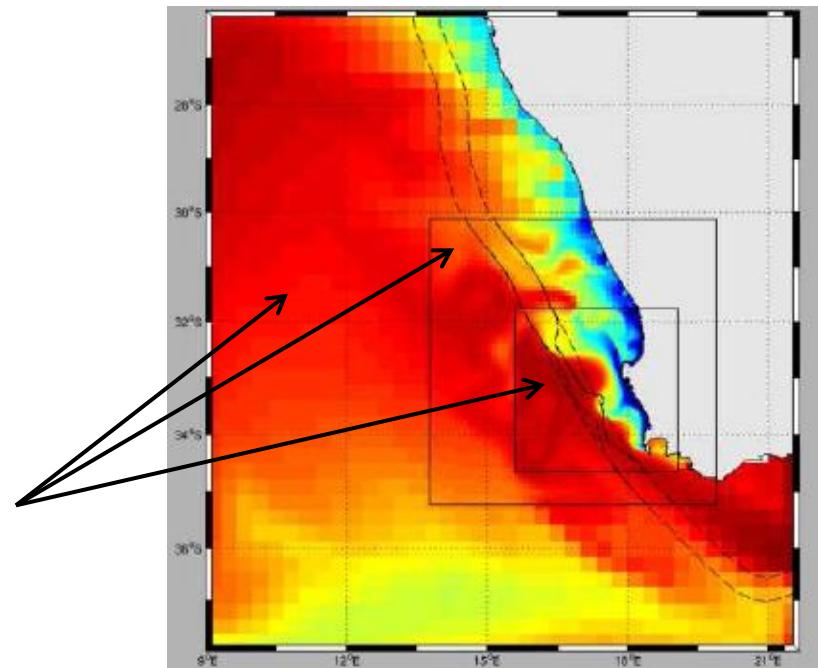
```
1  
23 37 12 29 3 3 3 3  
1  
12 28 15 33 3 3 3 3  
0
```

```
# number of children per parent  
# imin imax jmin jmax spacerefx spacerefy timerefx timerefy  
# [all coordinates are relative to each parent grid!]
```

3 grids : #0,#1 and #2

#1 embedded in #0 ;

#2 is embedded in the #1



Needs to run an embedded model :

Surface forcing and initial conditions datas files.

For grid #xx :

- roms\_grd.nc.xx
- roms\_blk.nc.xx
- roms\_frc.nc.xx
- roms.in.nc.xx
- roms.in.xx
- roms.ini.nc.xx

# AGRIF Nesting

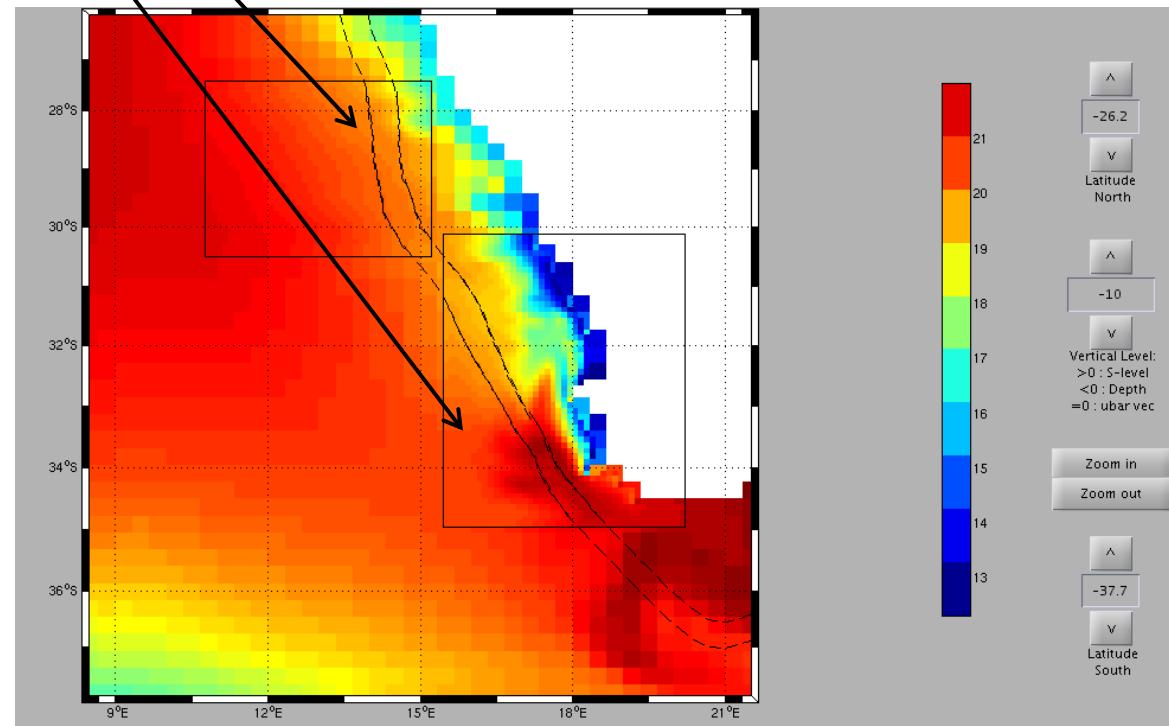
```
2  
23 37 12 29 3 3 3 3  
9 22 28 38 3 3 3 3  
0  
0
```

#number of children per parent

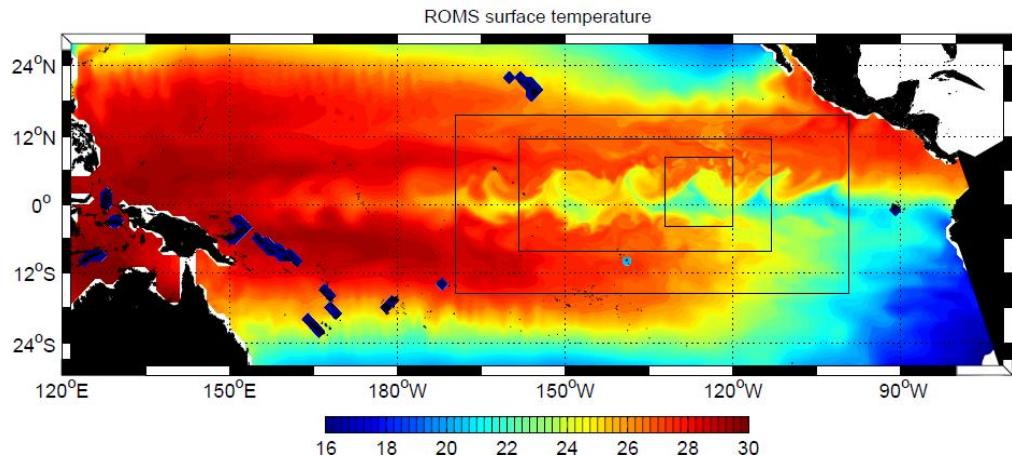
# ...

3 grids : #0,#1 and #2

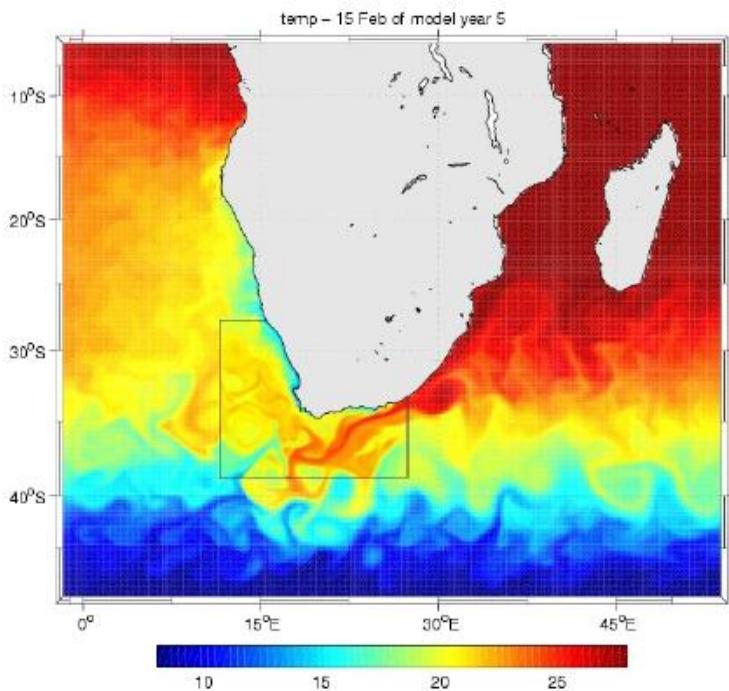
- #1 embedded in #0 ;
- #2 is embedded in #0 : independent grids



# Many realistic applications



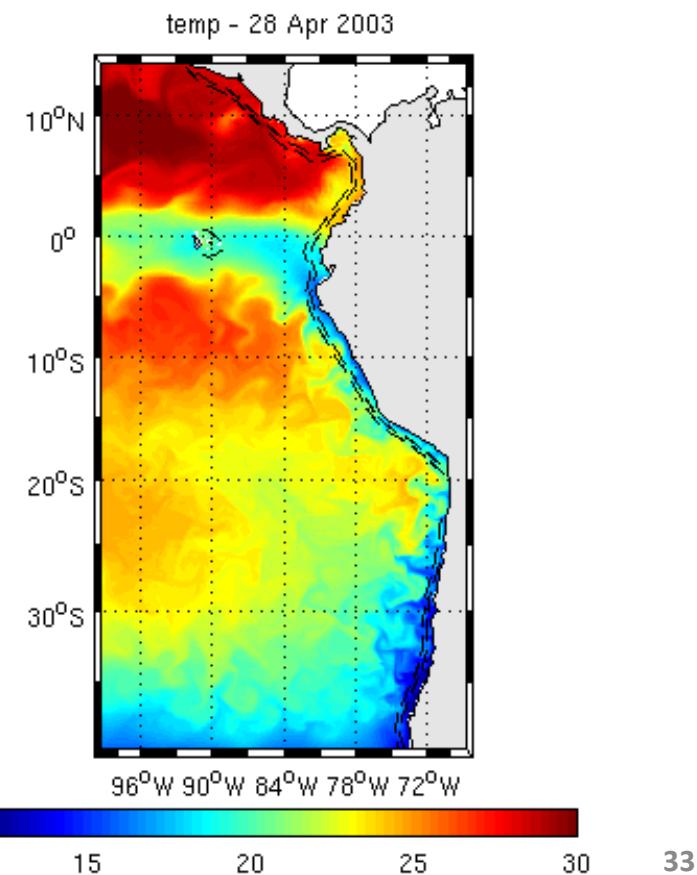
4-AGRIF nested grid, SST. *Marchesiello et al,*  
*Ocean modelling, 2011.*



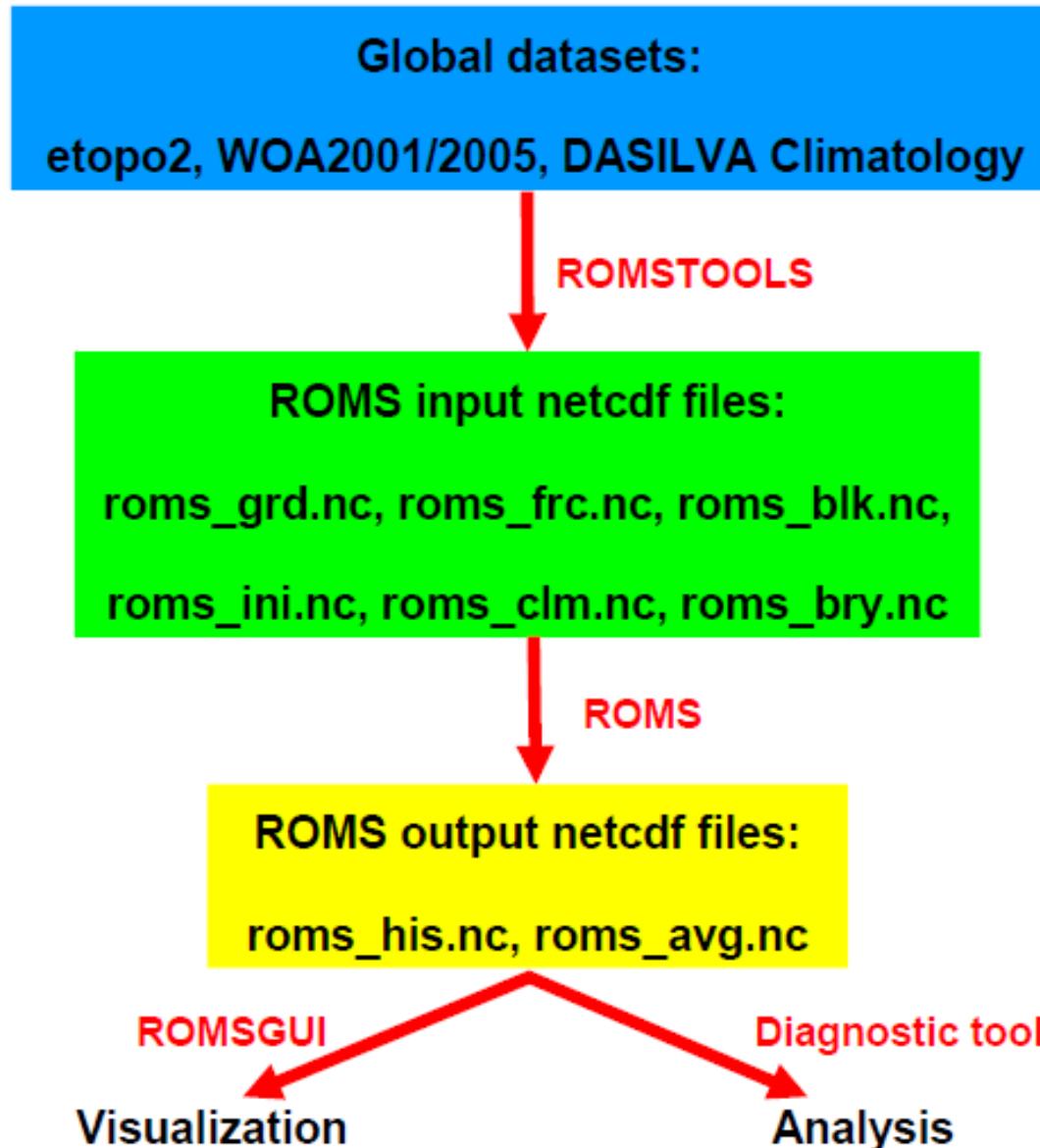
'SAFE'  
Configuration,  
*Penven et al*

Others ....

Peru-Chile  
configuration,  
*Cambon et al*



# Strategy to build a configuration



# ROMS\_AGRIF & ROMSTOOLS modelling system

- **ROMS** : download and untar the file

Roms\_Agrif\_v2.1.

- It provides the ROMS\_AGRIF fortran code

- **ROMSTOOLS** : download and untar the file

ROMSTOOLS\_v2.1.tar.gz files.

- It provides the matlab routines to pre-process

the input file and to visualize them

- **Utilities\_ROMSTOOLS** : download and untar

the file Utilities\_ROMSTOOLS.tar.gz files.

- It provides the netcdf library, mapping toolbox

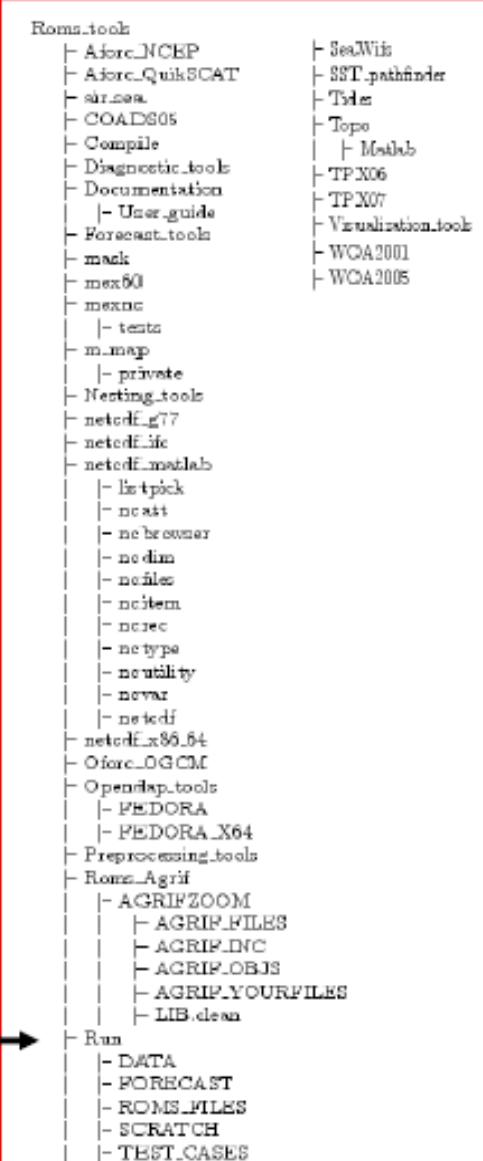
etc ...

- **Datasets** : It provides the global datasets

needed by the ROMSTOOLS

Directory  
tree of the  
system

Work is  
done in  
Roms\_tool  
s/Run dir



# Steps to prepare and run a regional model

Presentation of the main step to run a model of the Southern Benguela at low resolution test case (  $1/3^{\circ}$  ) *with climatological forcings.*

1. Pre-processing data : for that use of ROMSTOOLS matlab toolbox
  - Grid and mask creation : **make\_grid.m**
  - Atmospheric forcing : **make\_forcing.m** (**make\_bulk.m**)
  - Initialization and oceanic forcing at OBC : **make\_clim.m** (**make\_bry.m**)
2. Preparing and compiling the model : Compilation using `jobcomp` script
  - → executable **roms** is compiled
3. Running the model : **./roms roms.in**
4. Vizualize the results : for that use of matlab and the ROMSTOOLS
  - Vizualization gui : **roms\_gui.m**

## 1) Pre-processing data

First : edit general parameters in **romstools\_param.m** file

# 1) Pre-processing data

- Go in the /CMS2011-TP/TP\_ROMS/Roms\_tools/Run
- Launch matlab –nodesktop
- >> start : *Add all the needed matlab path of the system*
- >> make\_grid
  - Horizontal grid : position of the grid points, size of the grid cells
  - Bottom topography  $\Rightarrow$  /ROMS\_FILES/roms\_grd.nc
  - Land mask
- >> make\_forcing :
  - Surface forcing : wind stress, surface heat flux, surface freshwater flux  
 $\Rightarrow$  ROMS\_FILES/roms\_frc.nc
- >> make\_ini :
  - initial conditions : T, S, currents , SSH  
 $\Rightarrow$  ROMS\_FILES/roms\_ini.nc
- >> make\_clim (resp. make\_bry)
  - Lateral oceanic boundary conditions : T, S, currents , SSH  
 $\Rightarrow$  /ROMS\_FILES/roms\_clm.nc (resp. roms\_bry.nc)

## 2) Preparing and compiling the model

Edit the param.h and cppdefs.h file to set-up the model

param.h defines the size of the arrays in ROMS:

```
...
#ifndef REGIONAL
#define BENGUELA
parameter (LLm0=23, MMm0=31, N=32) <---- Southern Benguela test Model
#else
parameter (LLm0=??, MMm0=??, N=??)
#endif
...
```

Given by running make\_grid

Southern Benguela test Model

Defined in romstools\_param.m

cppdefs.h:  Basic options  
More advanced options

- Define CPP keys used by the C-preprocessor when compiling the model.
- Reduce the code to its minimal size: fast compilation.
- Avoid FORTRAN logical statements: efficient coding.

# 2-Preparing and compiling the model

View  
cppdef.h  
file



```
!-----  
!      BASIC OPTIONS  
!  
/*  
/*      Configuration Name */  
# define BENGUELA  
/*      Parallelization */  
# undef OPENMP  
# undef MPI  
/*      Embedding */  
# undef AGRIF  
/*      Open Boundary Conditions */  
# undef TIDES  
# define OBC_EAST  
# undef OBC_WEST  
# define OBC_NORTH  
# define OBC_SOUTH  
/*      Embedding conditions */  
# ifdef AGRIF  
# undef AGRIF_OBC_EAST  
# define AGRIF_OBC_WEST  
# define AGRIF_OBC_NORTH  
# define AGRIF_OBC_SOUTH  
# endif  
/*      Applications */  
# undef BIOLOGY  
# undef FLOATS  
# undef STATIONS  
# undef PASSIVE_TRACER  
# undef SEDIMENTS  
# undef BBL  
!  
!-----  
!      MORE ADVANCED OPTIONS  
!  
/*  
/*      Model dynamics */  
# define SOLVE3D  
# define UV_COR  
# define UV_ADV  
# ifdef TIDES  
# define SSH_TIDES  
# define UV_TIDES  
# define TIDERAMP  
# endif  
/*      Grid configuration */  
# define CURVGRID  
# define SPHERICAL  
# define MASKING  
/*      Input/Output & Diagnostics */  
# define AVERAGES  
# define AVERAGES_K  
# define DIAGNOSTICS_TS  
# define DIAGNOSTICS_UV  
/*      Equation of State */ ...  
/*      Surface Forcing */ ...  
/*      Lateral Forcing */ ...  
/*      Input/Output & Diagnostics */ ...  
/*      Bottom Forcing */ ...  
/*      Point Sources - Rivers */ ...  
/*      Lateral Mixing */ ...  
/*      Vertical Mixing */ ...  
/*      Open Boundary Conditions */ ...  
/*      Embedding conditions */ ...
```

## 2) Preparing and compiling the model

For that use the the jobcomp tcsh file

**./jobcomp**

1. Set library path
2. Automatic selection of option accordingly the platform used
3. Use of makefile
  - C-preprocessing step : .F → .f using the CPP keys defintions (in cppdefs.h file, customization of the code)
  - Compilation step : .f → .o (object) using Fortran compiler
  - Linking step : link all the .o file and the librairy (Netcdf, MPI, AGRIF) --
  - --> produce the executable **roms**

# 3) Running the model

## The namelist roms.in

roms.in provides the run time parameters for ROMS:

title:  
Southern Benguela  
time\_stepping: NTIMES dt[sec] NDTFAST NINFO  
480 5400 60 1  
S-coord: THETA\_S, THETA\_B, Hc (m)  
6.0d0 0.0d0 10.0d0  
grid: filename  
ROMS\_FILES/roms\_grd.nc  
forcing: filename  
ROMS\_FILES/roms\_frc.nc  
bulk\_forcing: filename  
ROMS\_FILES/roms\_blk.nc  
climatology: filename  
ROMS\_FILES/roms\_clm.nc  
boundary: filename  
ROMS\_FILES/roms\_bry.nc  
initial: NRREC filename  
1  
ROMS\_FILES/roms\_ini.nc  
restart: NRST, NRPFRST / filename  
480 -1  
ROMS\_FILES/roms\_RST.nc

Warning ! These  
should be identical to  
the ones in  
**romstools\_param.m**

history: LDEFHIS, NWRT, NRPFHIS / filename  
T 480 0  
ROMS\_FILES/roms\_his.nc  
averages: NTSAVG, NAVG, NRPFAVG / filename  
1 48 0  
ROMS\_FILES/roms\_avg.nc  
  
primary\_history\_fields: zeta UBAR VBAR U V wrtT(1:NT)  
T F F F F 10\*T  
auxiliary\_history\_fields: rho Omega W Akv Akt Aks HBL Bostr  
F F F F F F F F  
primary\_averages: zeta UBAR VBAR U V wrtT(1:NT)  
T T T T T 10\*T  
auxiliary\_averages: rho Omega W Akv Akt Aks HBL Bostr  
F T T F T F T T  
rho0:  
1025.d0  
lateral\_visc: VISC2, VISC4 [m^2/sec for all]  
0. 0.  
tracer\_diff2: TNU2(1:NT) [m^2/sec for all]  
10\*0.d0  
bottom\_drag: RDRG [m/s], RDRG2, Zob [m], Cdb\_min, Cdb\_max  
0.0d-04 0.d-3 1.d-2 1.d-4 1.d-1  
gamma2:  
1.d0  
sponge: X\_SPONGE [m], V\_SPONGE [m^2/sec]  
100.e3 800.  
  
nudg\_cof: TauT\_in, TauT\_out, TauM\_in, TauM\_out [days for all]  
1. 360. 10. 360.

# 3) Running the model

## Launching the simulation

**./roms roms.in**

Southern Benguela

```
480 ntimes Total number of timesteps for 3D equations.  
5400.00 dt Timestep [sec] for 3D equations  
60 ndtfast Number of 2D timesteps within each 3D step.  
1 ninfo Number of timesteps between runtime diagnostics.
```

...  
Activated C-preprocessing Options:  
...

Spherical grid detected

```
hmin hmax grdmin grdmax Cu_min Cu_max  
75.000000 4803.032721 .301836927E+05 .331215714E+05 0.12176008 0.91533005  
volume=9.523986093261087500000E+14 open_cross=6.104836888312444686890E+09
```

...  
MAIN: started time-stepping.

```
STEP time[DAYS] KINETIC_ENRG POTEN_ENRG TOTAL_ENRG NET_VOLUME trd  
0 0.00000 0.000000000E+00 2.1475858E+01 2.1475858E+01 9.5239861E+14 0  
1 0.06250 1.306369099E-04 2.1476230E+01 2.1476361E+01 9.5239208E+14 0
```

Courant number:

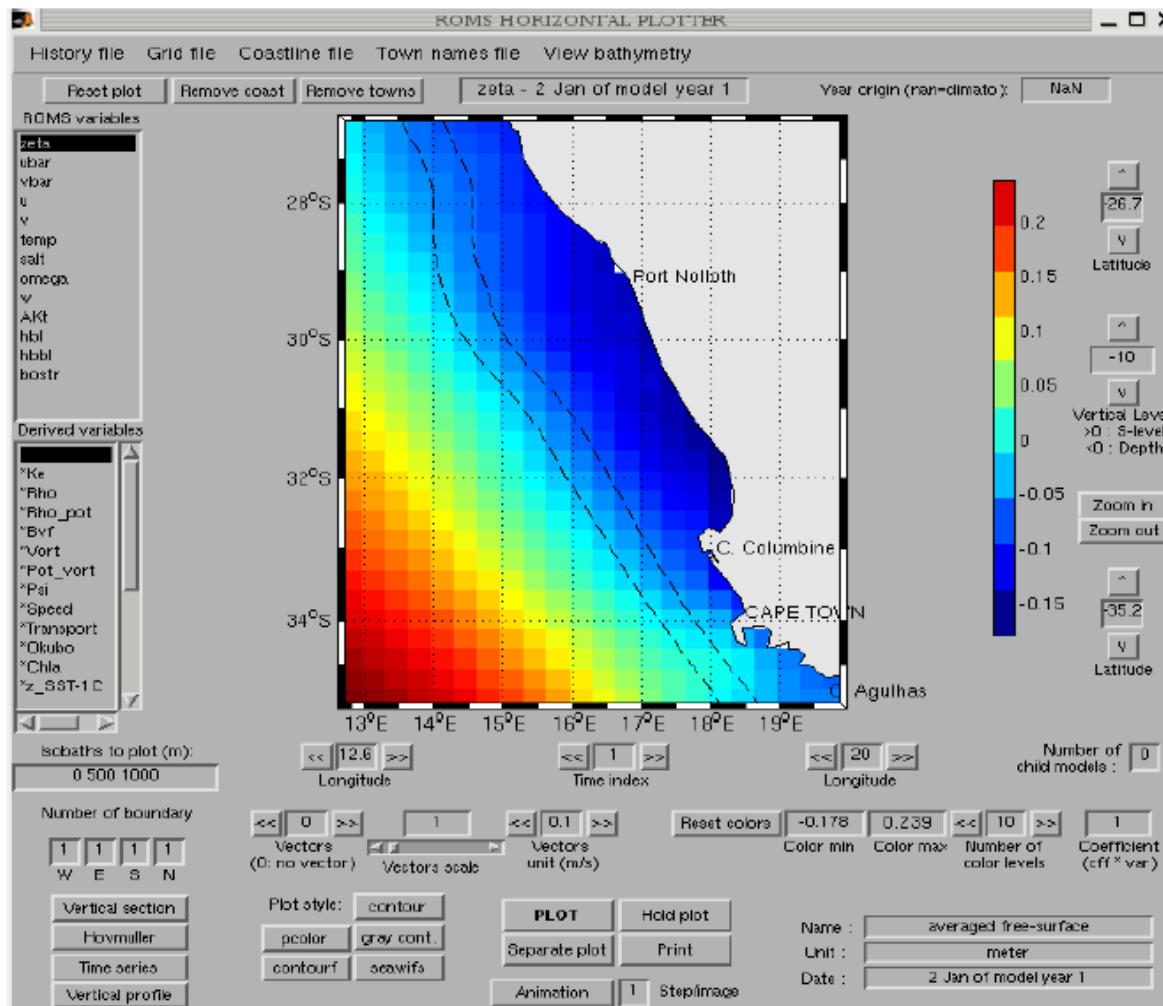
evaluation of the CFL criterion:

$dx/dt > \text{fastest waves}$  (here gravity waves).

$Cu_{max} < 1 !!!$

# Vizualization

```
In /CMS2011-TP/TP_ROMS/Roms_tools/Run  
$matlab  
>> roms_gui
```

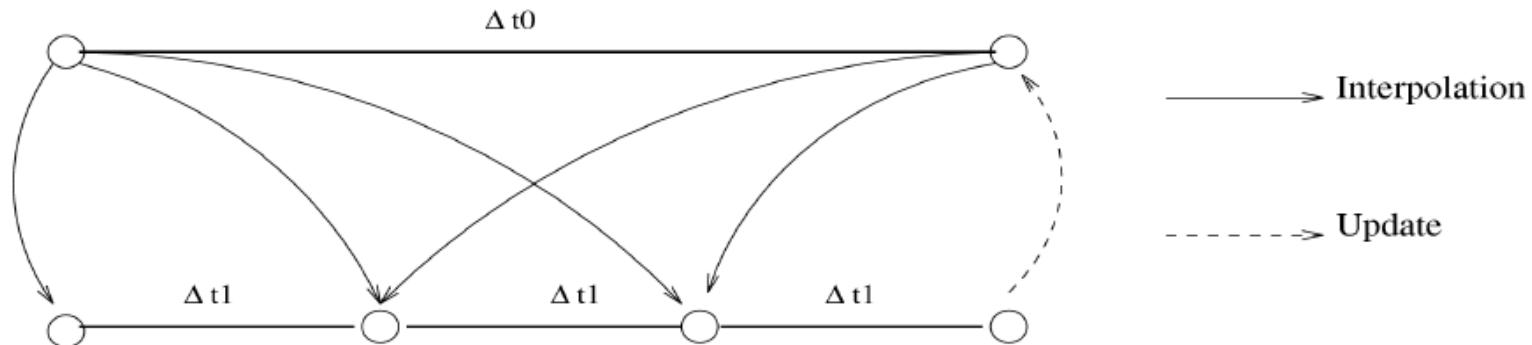


# Embedding : Introduction

**Nesting capability added to ROMS**

- AGRIF package
  - Adaptive Mesh Refinement
  - Manage arbitrary number of fixed grid and embedding level

**Temporal coupling between a parent and a child grid for a refinement factor of 3 :**



**Needs to run an embedded model :** Surface forcing and initial conditions datas files.

AGRIF names the different datas files as :

Parent file names : XXX.nc → First child file names : XXX.nc.1  
second child file names : XXX.nc.2

...

# Embedding

In the Benguela test case, for the parent grid file, select in the entrance window of NestGUI  
~/Run/ROMSFILES/roms\_grd.nc and click 'open'

Follow the steps :

1- Define the child domain :

Size of the child grid

2- Create the child grid file :

What topography file?

Child grid volume

Parameters to change

--> roms\_grd.nc.\*.

3- Create the surface forcing file:

Select roms\_frc.nc or roms\_blk.nc

--> roms\_frc.nc.\*. or roms\_blk.nc.\*.

4- Create the initial condition file:

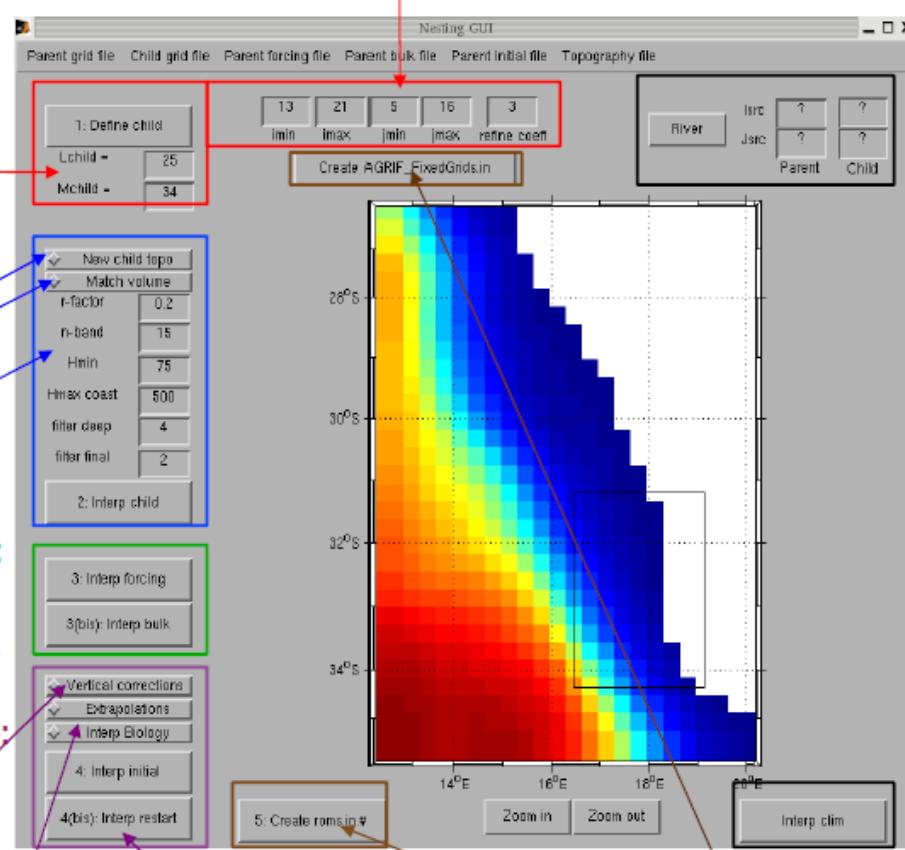
Select roms\_ini.nc

If different topography

Interpolate parent biological variables

--> roms\_ini.nc.\*.

1- Tune the child domain



Locate river  
on the coast

Generate  
boundary  
condition to test  
the child model  
alone

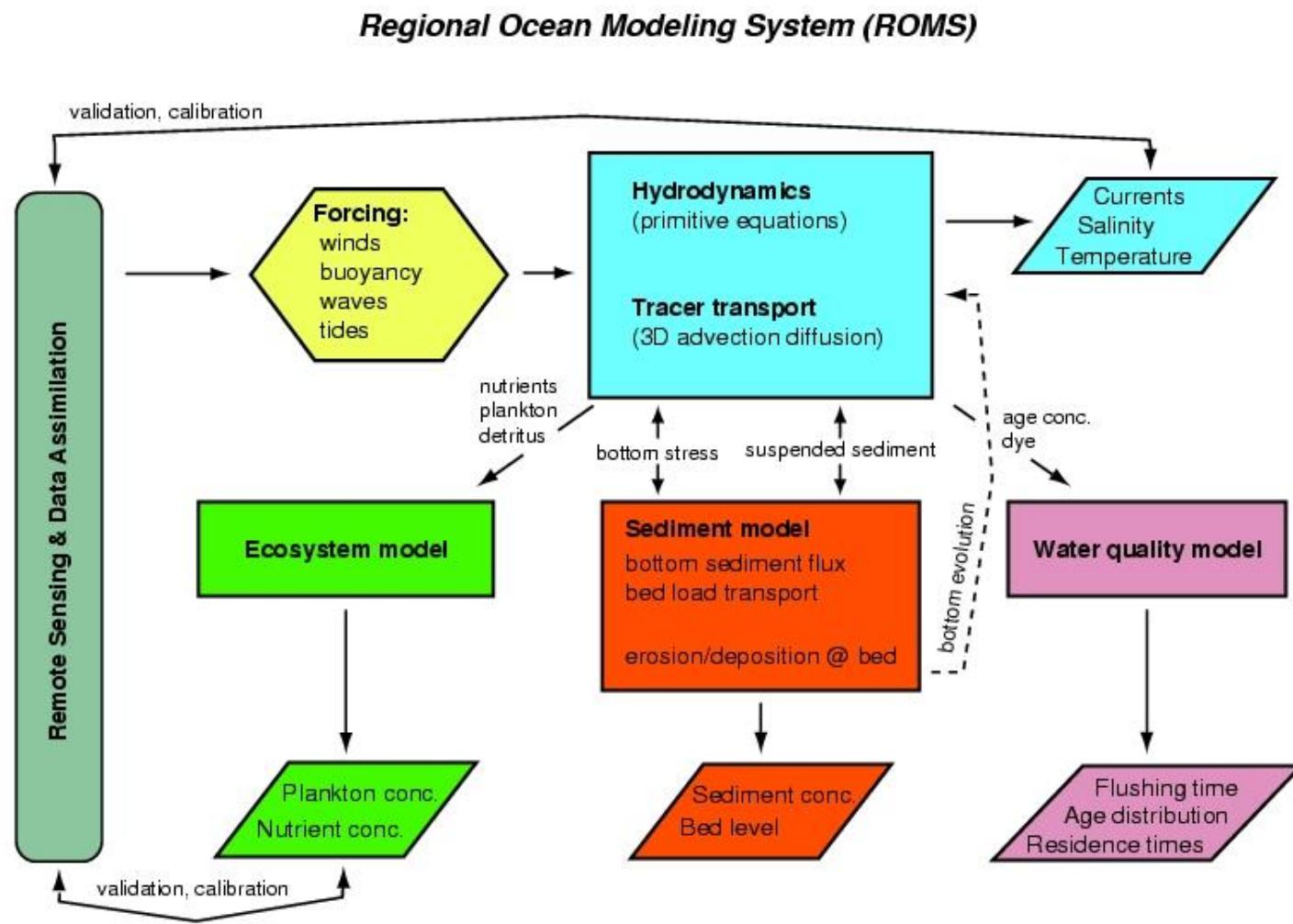
4- Select roms\_RST.nc  
--> roms\_RST.nc.\*.

5- Generate roms.in.\*.  
Create AGRIF\_fixedGrids.in

# Other ROMSTOOLS processing tools ...

- ✓ Process the tides forcings : `make_tides.m`
- ✓ Process the biological forcing : `make_biol.m`, `make_bgc.m`, `make_pisces.m`
- ✓ Process interannual forcing (atmopsheric and oceanic) using Opendap connection : `make_ncep.m`, `make_OGCM.m`
- ✓ Diagnostics tools
- ✓ Script to run long simulation (→ `roms_YxxMxx.nc`) :
  - ✓ Climatological runs : `run_roms.csh`
  - ✓ Interannual run : `run_roms_inter.csh`
- ✓ Forecast system using Mercator and NCEP data: `make_forecast.m`
- ✓ ...

# Application module: Overview



# Applications module : BGC

## Different type of BGC model

- NPZD type model
  - ✓ NPZD (4 boxes)
  - ✓ N2PZD2 (6 boxes)
  - ✓ PISCES (24 boxes)

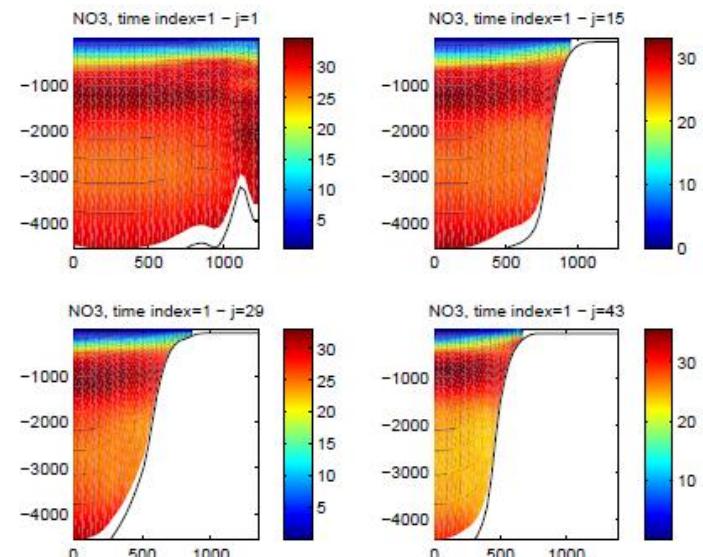
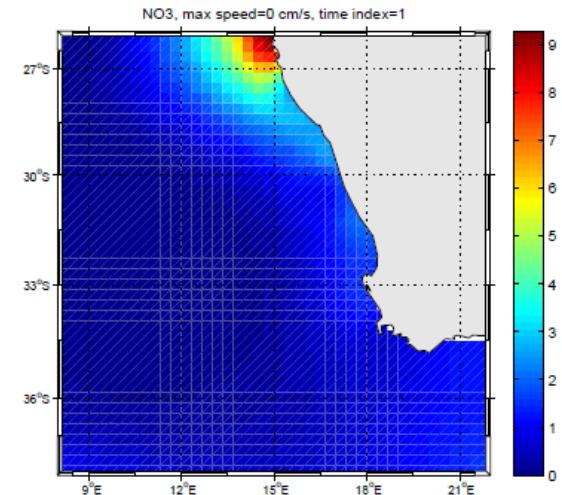
*Complexity*

The BGC variables advected and diffused as tracer in the ROMS kernel.

Treated specifically in bio.F module, after the physical stepping.

## CPPKEYS : BIOLOGY

```
# ifdef BIOLOGY
# undef PISCES
# define BIO_NChIPZD
# undef BIO_N2P2Z2D2
# undef BIO_N2ChIPZD2
```



# Application modules

## Sediments ( *#defined SEDIMENT* )

⇒ Compute sediment variables as :

- silt & sand concentration (mg/l)
- porosity of sediment bed layer (m)
- thickness of sediment bed layer
- volume fraction of sand in sediment bed layer
- volume fraction of silt in sediment bed layer

## Bottom Boundary Layer ( *#defined BBL* )

⇒ Compute bottom stresses for combined wave and current (*using Soulsby, 1997*) :

- Bed Wave excursion amplitude (m)
- Bed ripple height and length (m)
- Physical hydraulic bottom roughness (m)
- Apparent hydraulic bottom roughness (m)
- Wave induced kinematic bottom stress (N/m<sup>2</sup>)

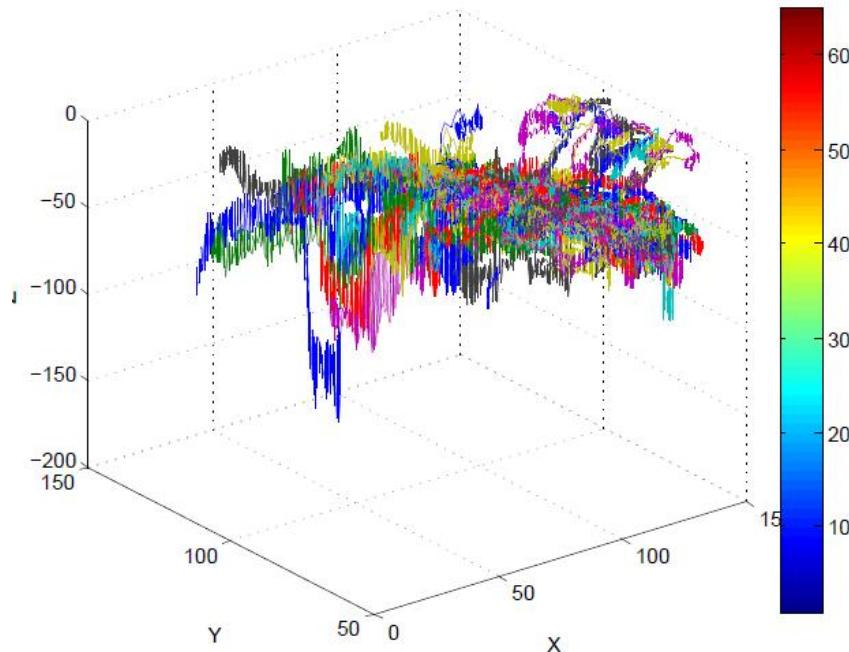
# Application modules

## Lagrangian floats ( #defined FLOATS)

⇒ Tracking of lagrangian particules after injected in the domain :

- position
- depth
- temperature, salinity, density
- neutral or not density
- ...

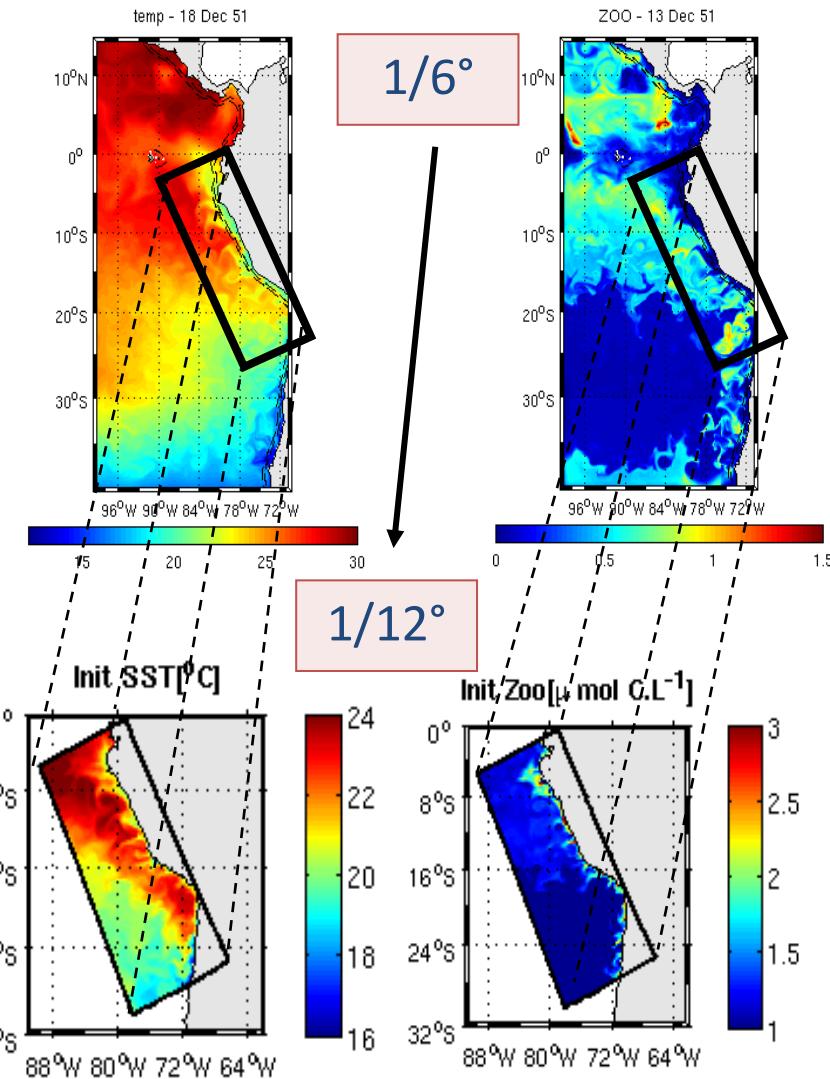
*Initialisation cane be done using initfloats.m in Roms\_tools/Roms\_Agrif*



# Offline tools

✓ “Offline” nesting Roms2Roms (*Evan et al, 2010, Ocean Modeling*):

- Processing of roms OBC using the output of a larger roms simulation.
- Enable offline oceanic downscaling



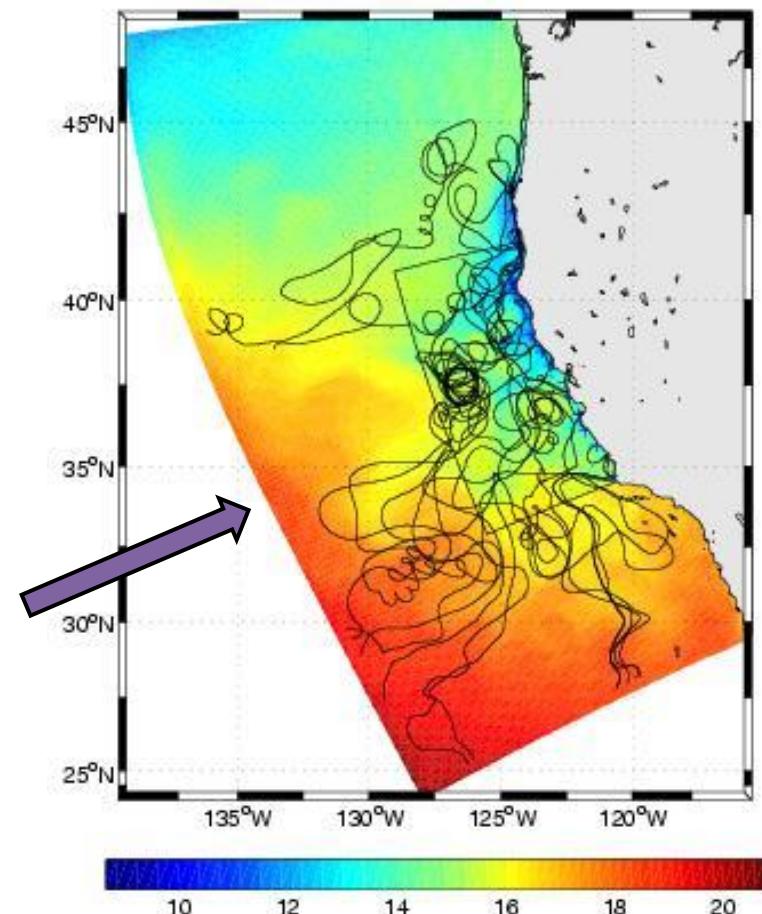
# Offline tools

## ✓ Offline Lagrangian tracking :

- Tracking of floats injected in the domain, but using the output to process the advection.
  - ✓ More flexible
  - ✓ Can reprocess the numerical experiment
  - ✓ But loss of information (offline !)

## ■ Tools available

- **Roff** (*Capet et al*) :  
<http://www.atmos.ucla.edu/~capet/index.html>
- **ARIANE** (*Blanke et Grima, LPO, France*)  
<http://stockage.univ-brest.fr/~grima/Ariane/>



# Offline tools

## Example of ARIANE use :

Tidal front in Iroise Sea, PhD Gildas Cambon

<http://www.legos.obs-mip.fr/~cambon/>

