



# **Modelli e osservazioni satellitari per capire la distribuzione della plastica in mare**

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Whatever its origin is, a floating particle at the sea surface is advected by **ocean currents** (Martinez et al., 2009).

At global scale, Howell et al. (2012) indicate two mechanisms enhancing local litter concentration: **accumulation**, characterized by convergent particle paths; and **retention**, promoted by tracer homogenization processes inside closed streamlines (Franks, 1996).

Major garbage accumulation areas in the world ocean correspond to convergences of the portion of surface currents which are due to the effect of the local wind, which in their case includes windage, Stokes' drift and even Ekman currents, correctly identifying the different functioning of subtropical vs subpolar gyres in accumulating marine litter at the surface, which partly corresponded to **well known accumulation areas** at the time, and partly suggested where to look in order to find additional floating litter gathering zones in the world's ocean. Howell *et al.* (2012),

# Alcuni meccanismi della circolazione globale

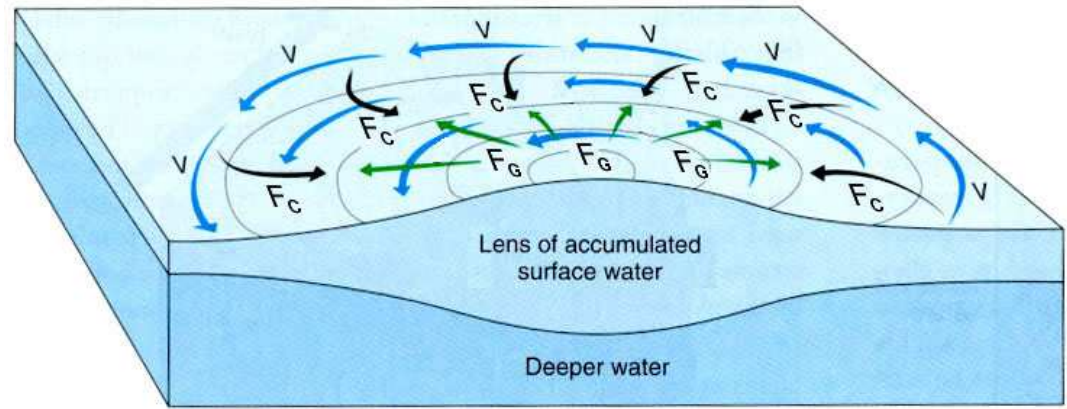
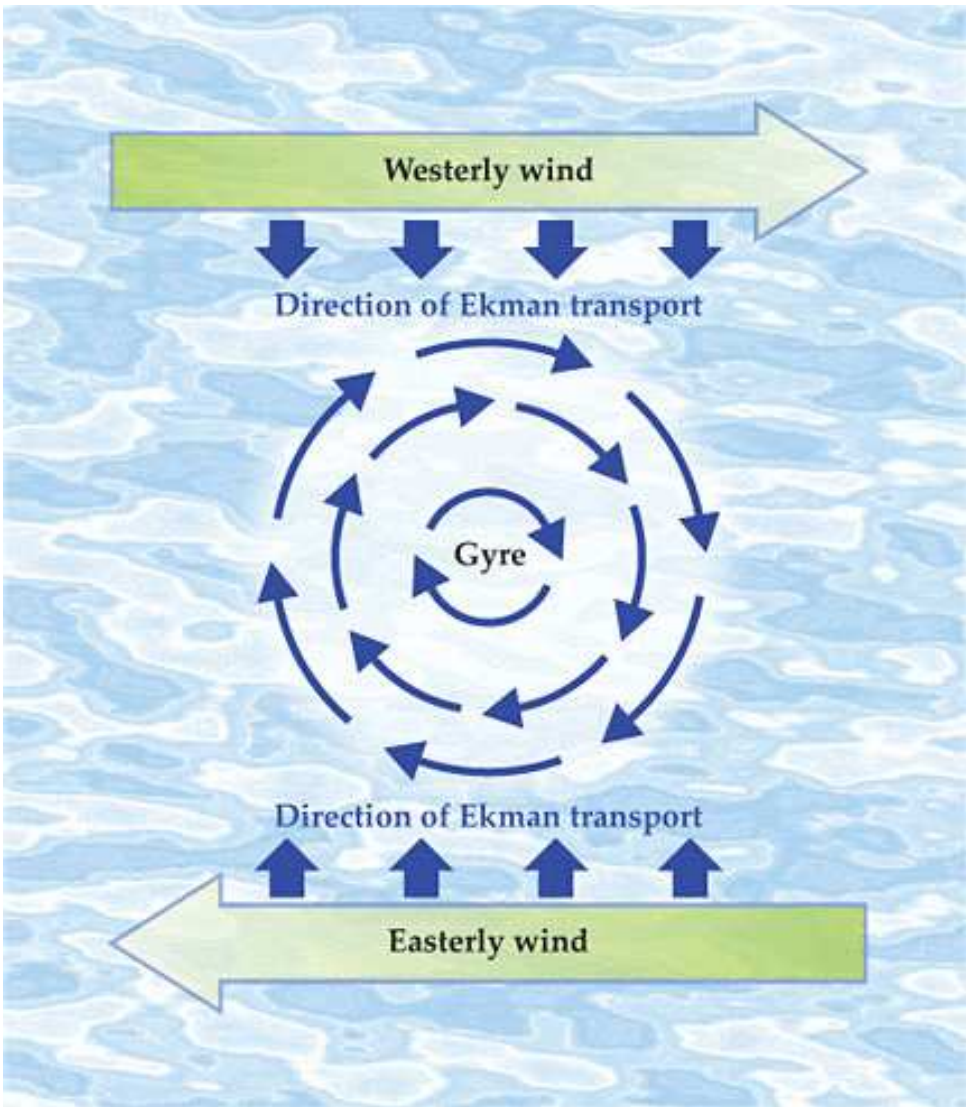
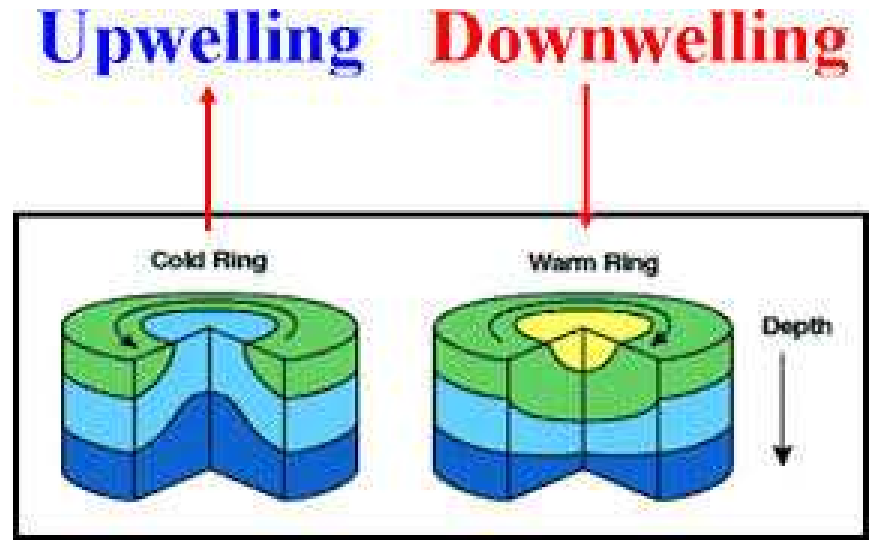
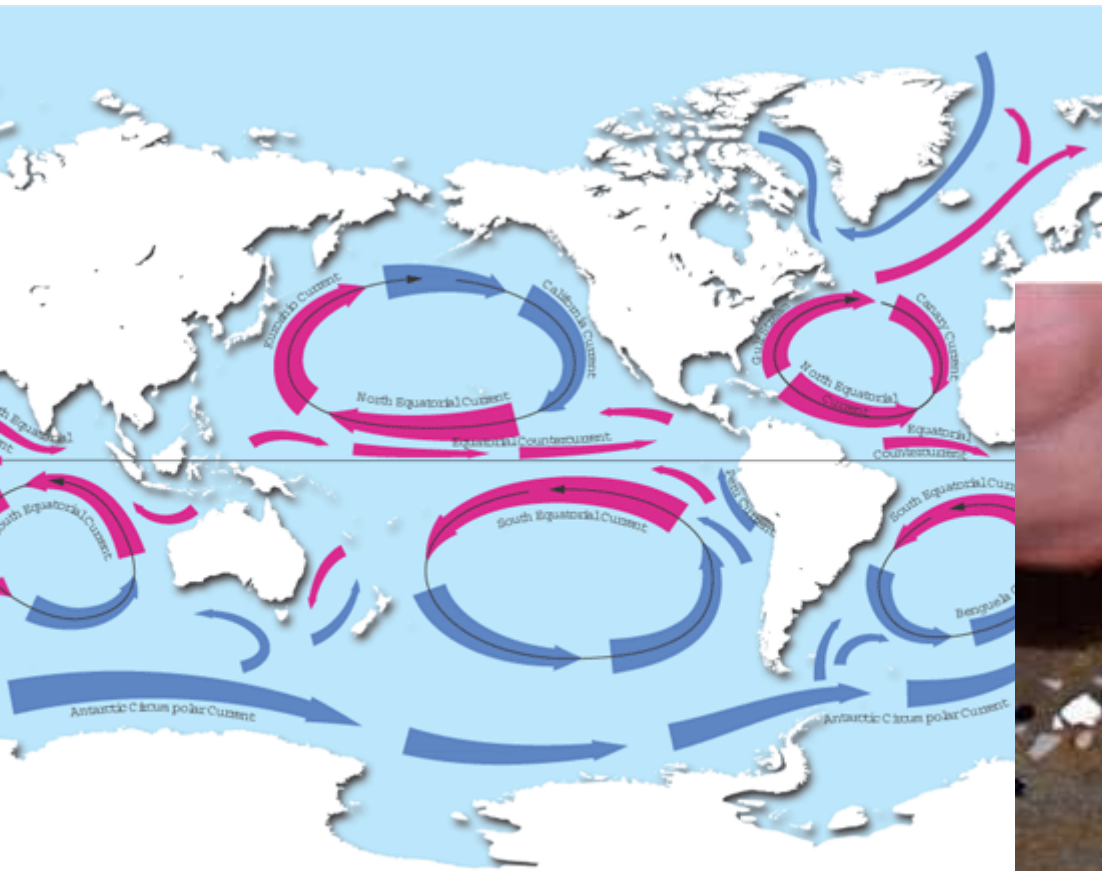


Fig.5 Currents flow (V) around a gyre when the inward Ekman transport due to the Coriolis effect ( $F_c$ ) is balanced by  $F_g$ , the outward force due to gravity.





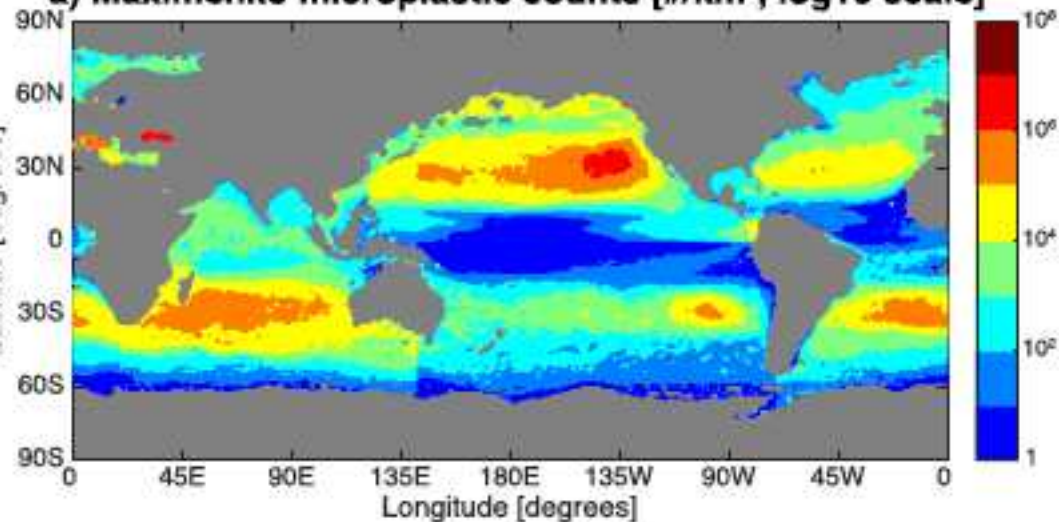
# Correnti oceaniche superficiali permanenti



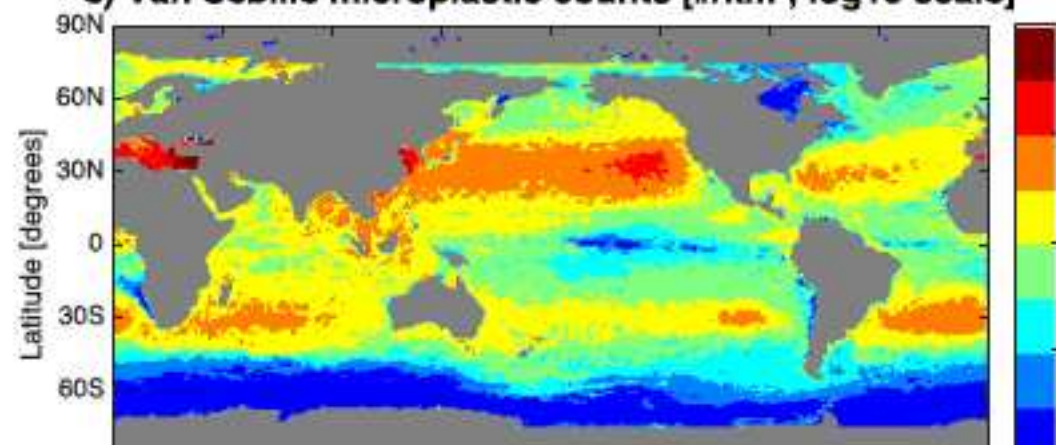
Ocean Currents



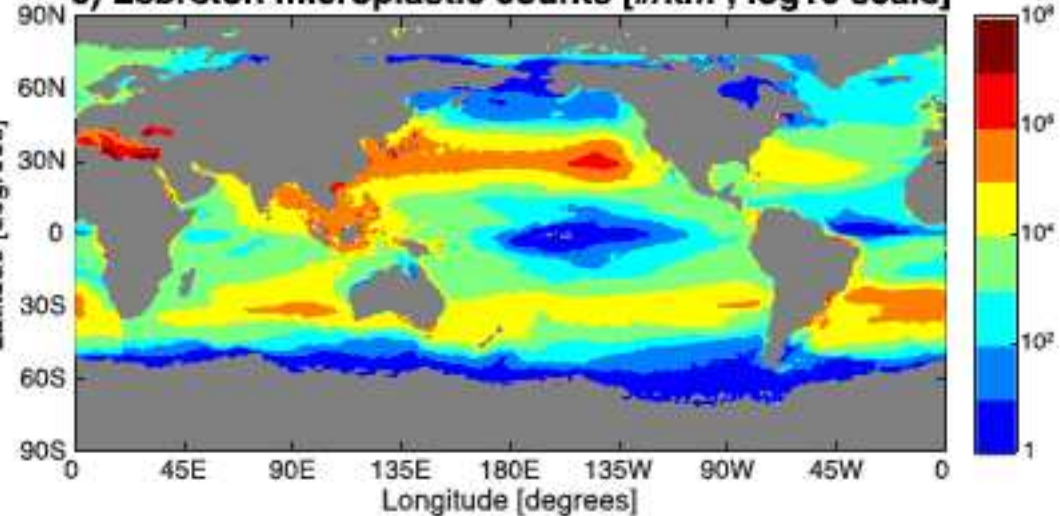
**a) Maximenko microplastic counts [# / km<sup>2</sup>, log10 scale]**



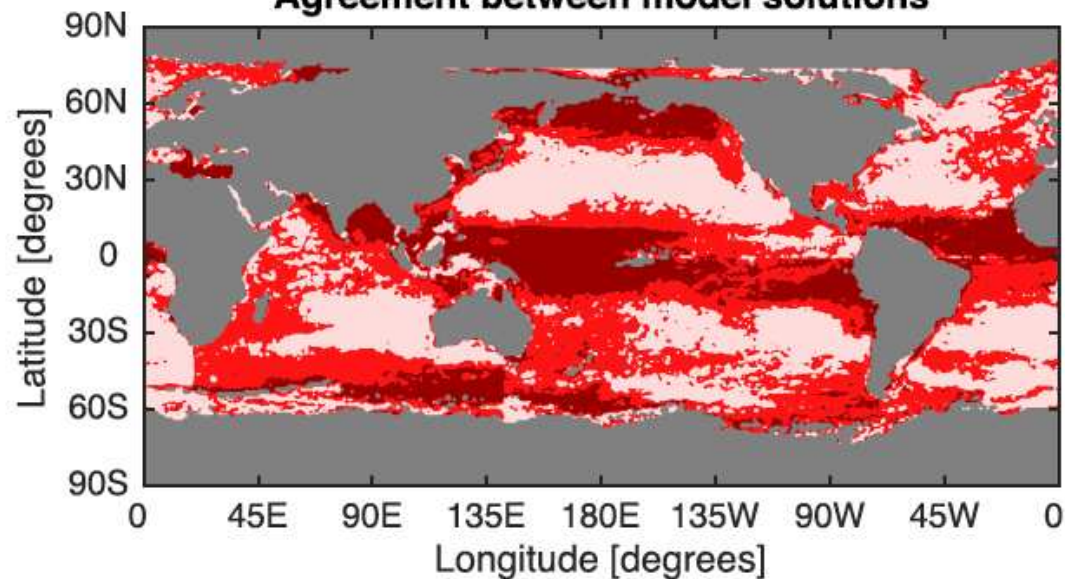
**e) Van Sebille microplastic counts [# / km<sup>2</sup>, log10 scale]**



**c) Lebreton microplastic counts [# / km<sup>2</sup>, log10 scale]**



**Agreement between model solutions**

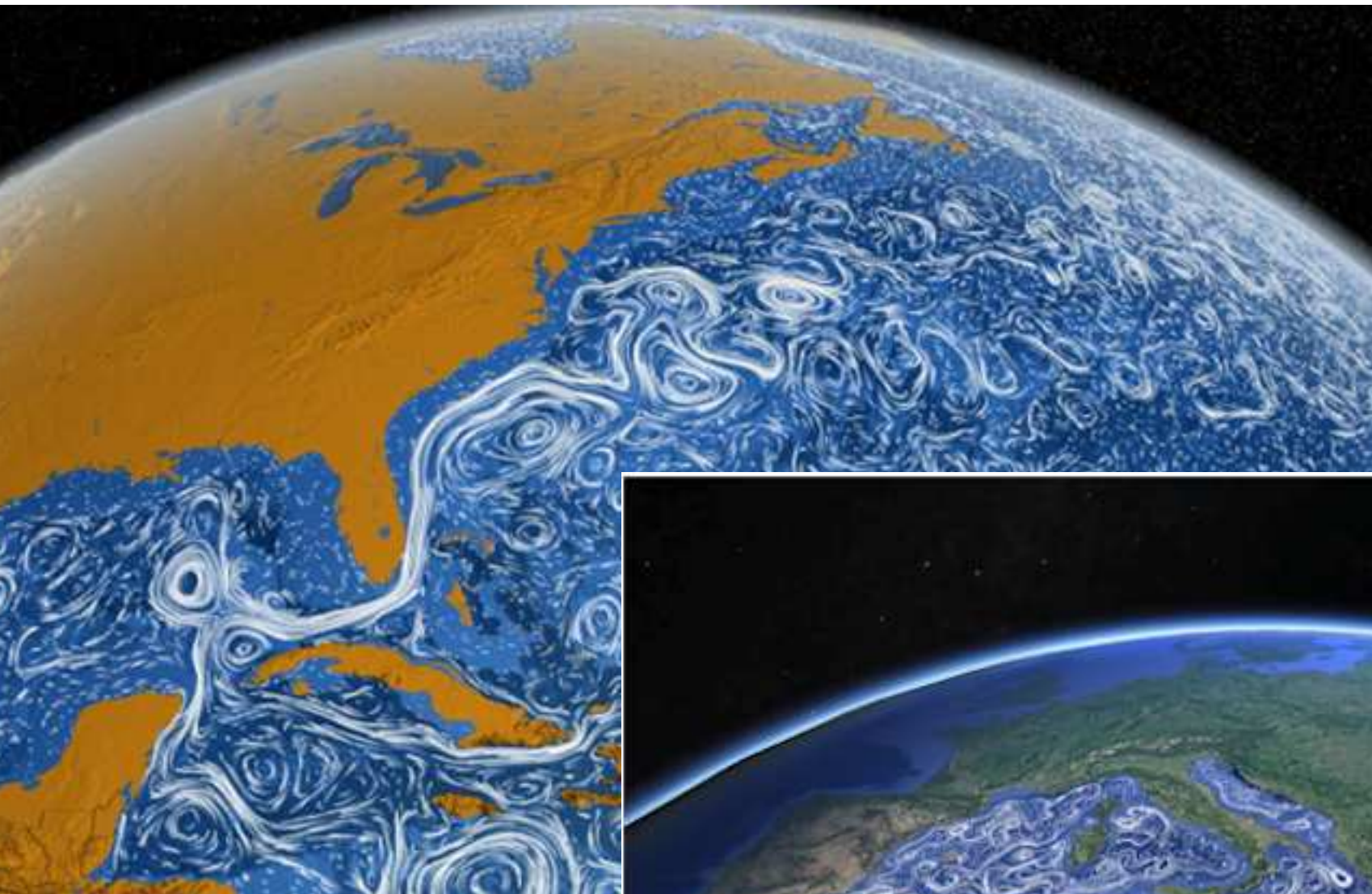


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10 < *factor* < 100

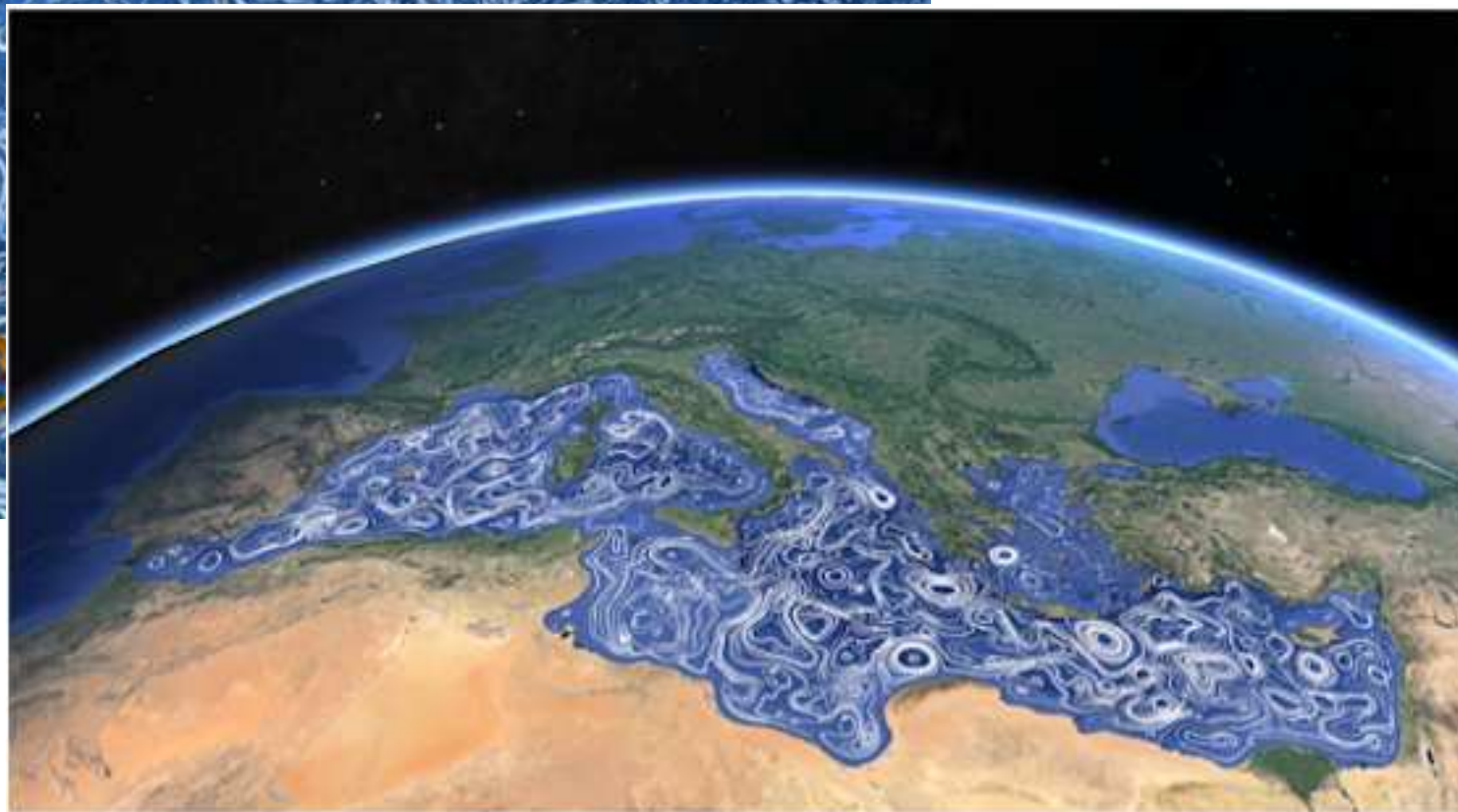
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La circolazione  
molte scale ...

... anche nel  
Mediterraneo ....





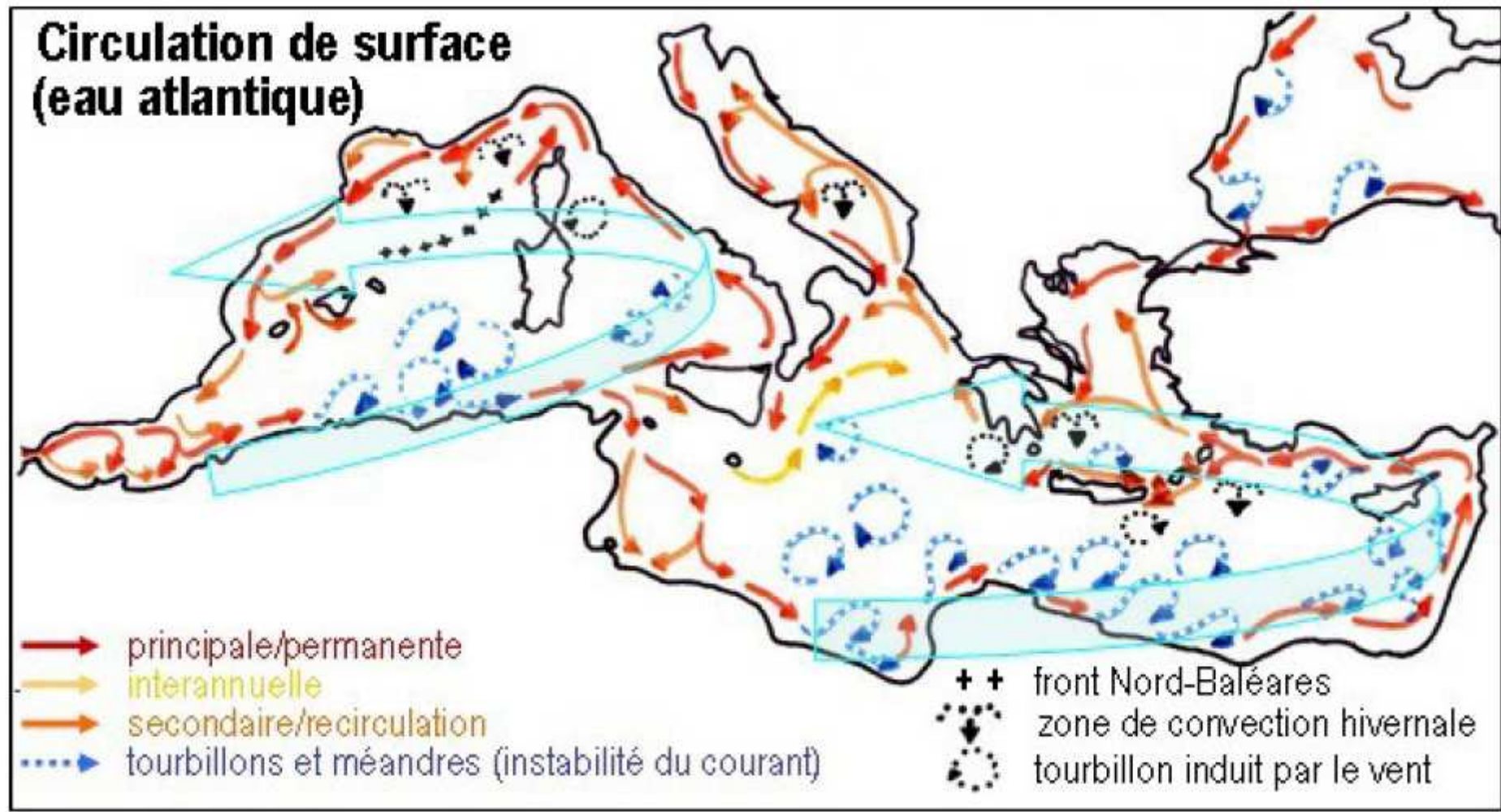
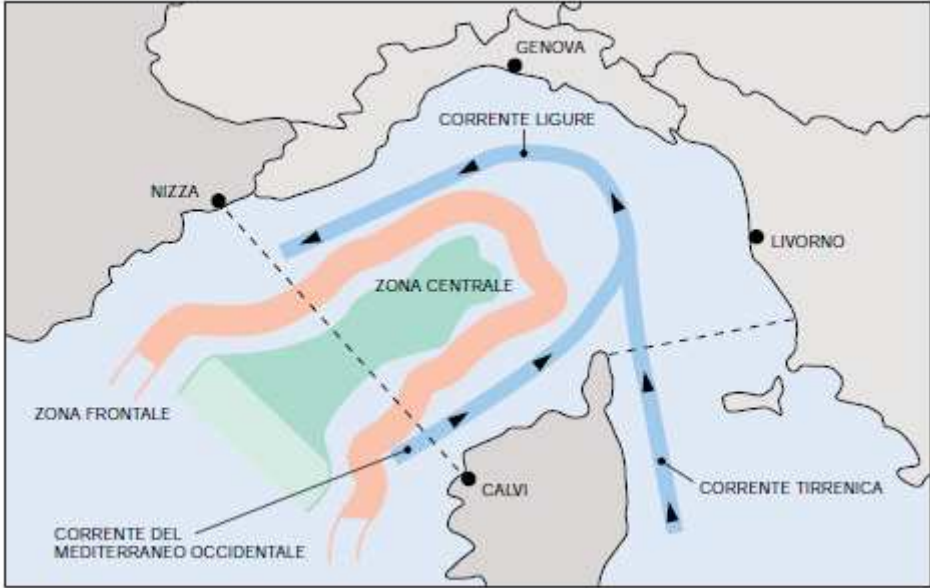


Fig. 2. Courants majeurs méditerranéens, d'après Millot & Taupier-Letage 2005).

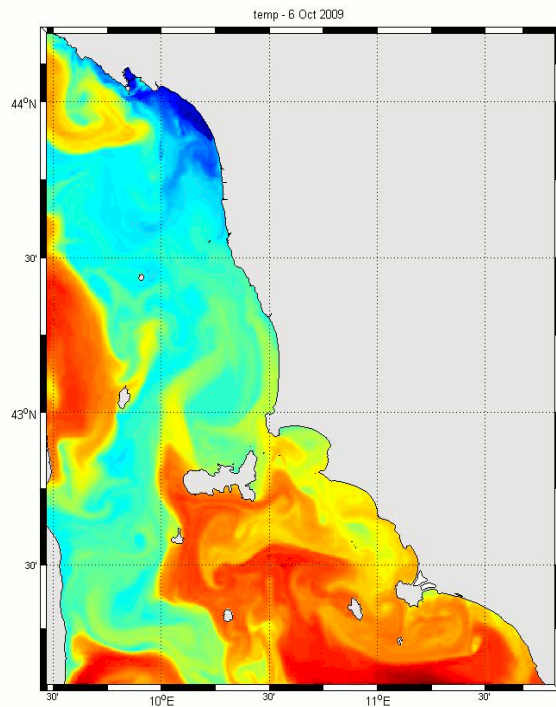


An overview of the Ligurian/North Tyrrhenian

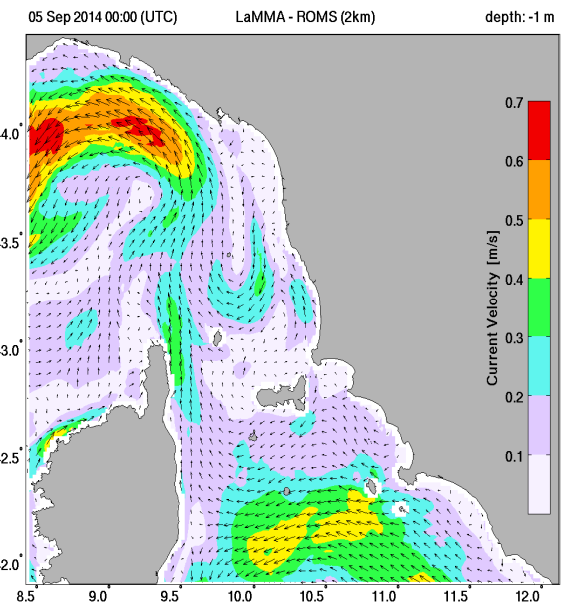
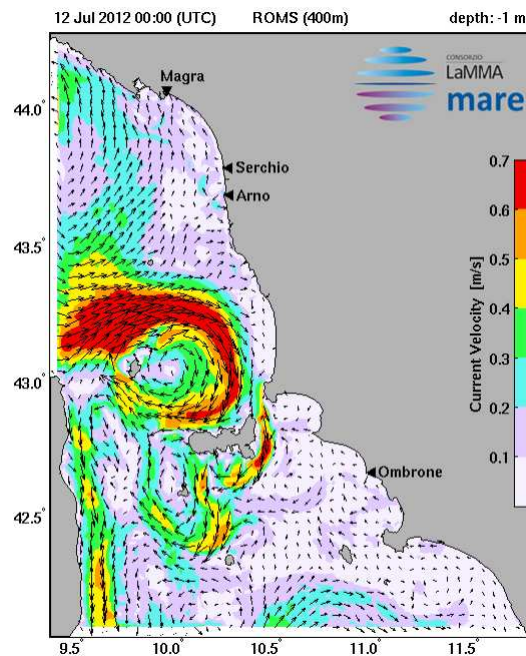


## Modellistica idrodinamica

Modello oceanografico **ROMS** (Regional Ocean Modeling System) ad alta risoluzione (temperatura, salinità, correnti).



Temperatura



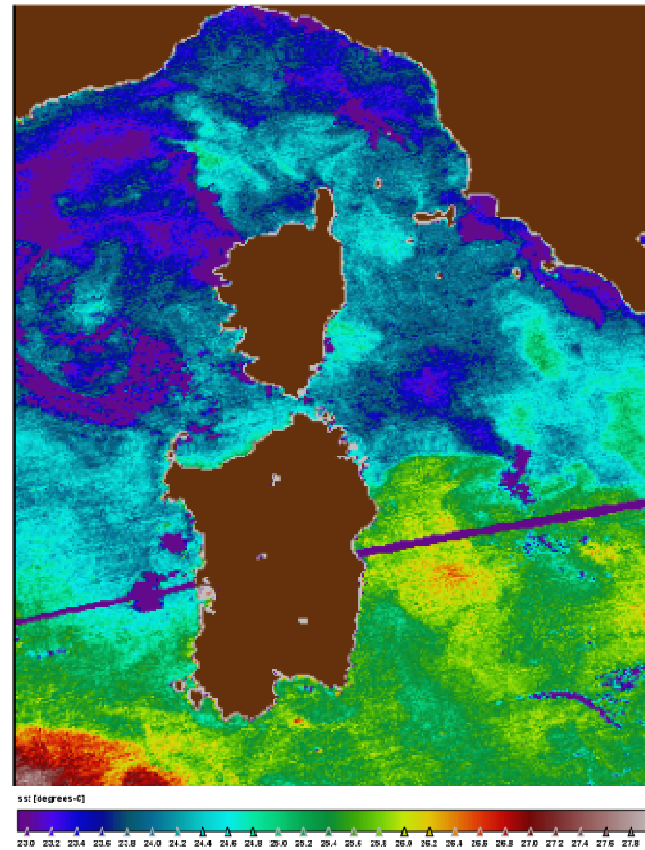
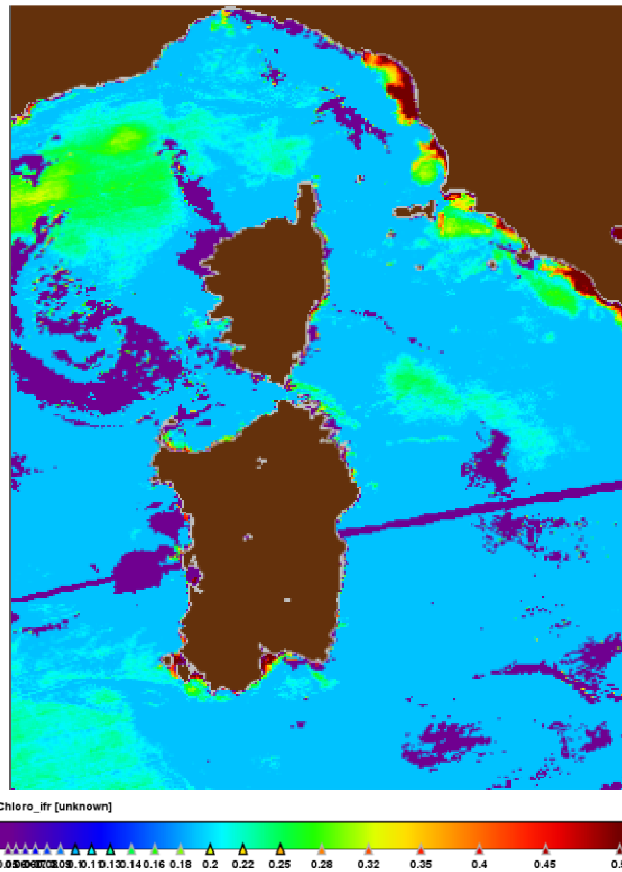
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## Mappe di clorofilla e SST da satellite MODIS AQUA

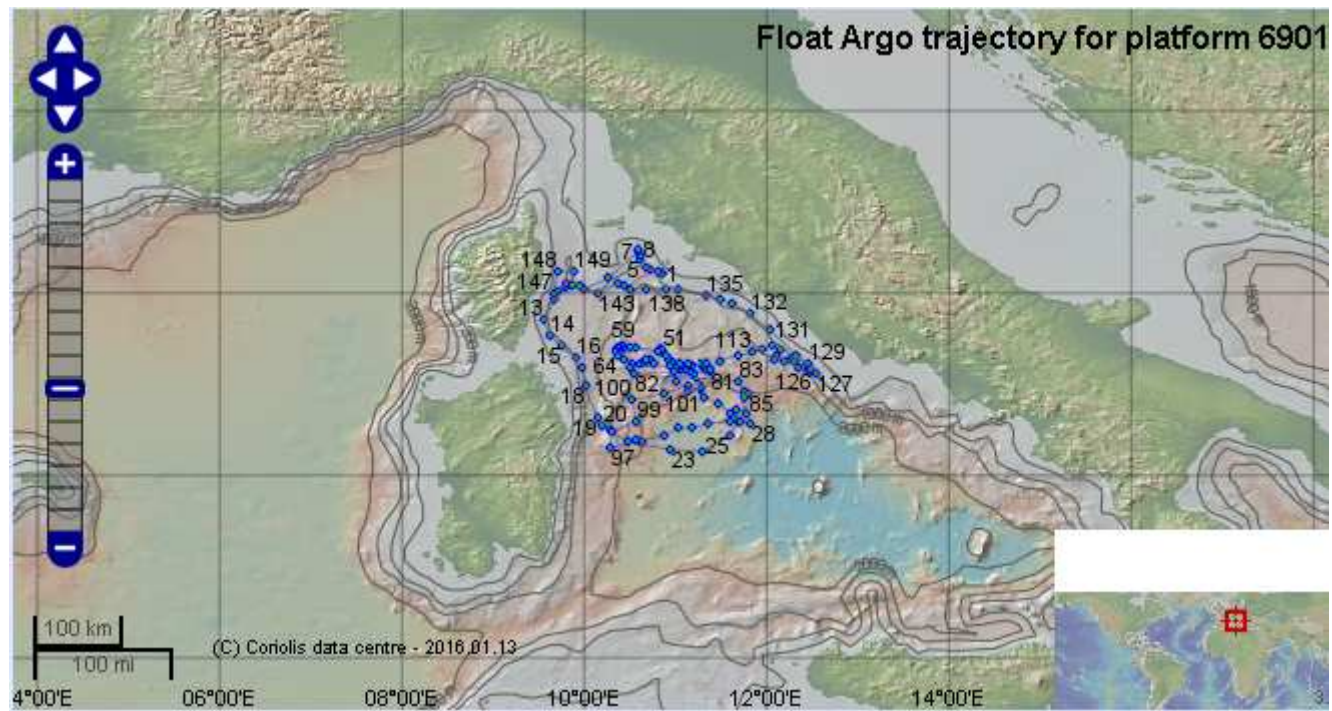
OC5 Chlorophyll a  $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$

SST

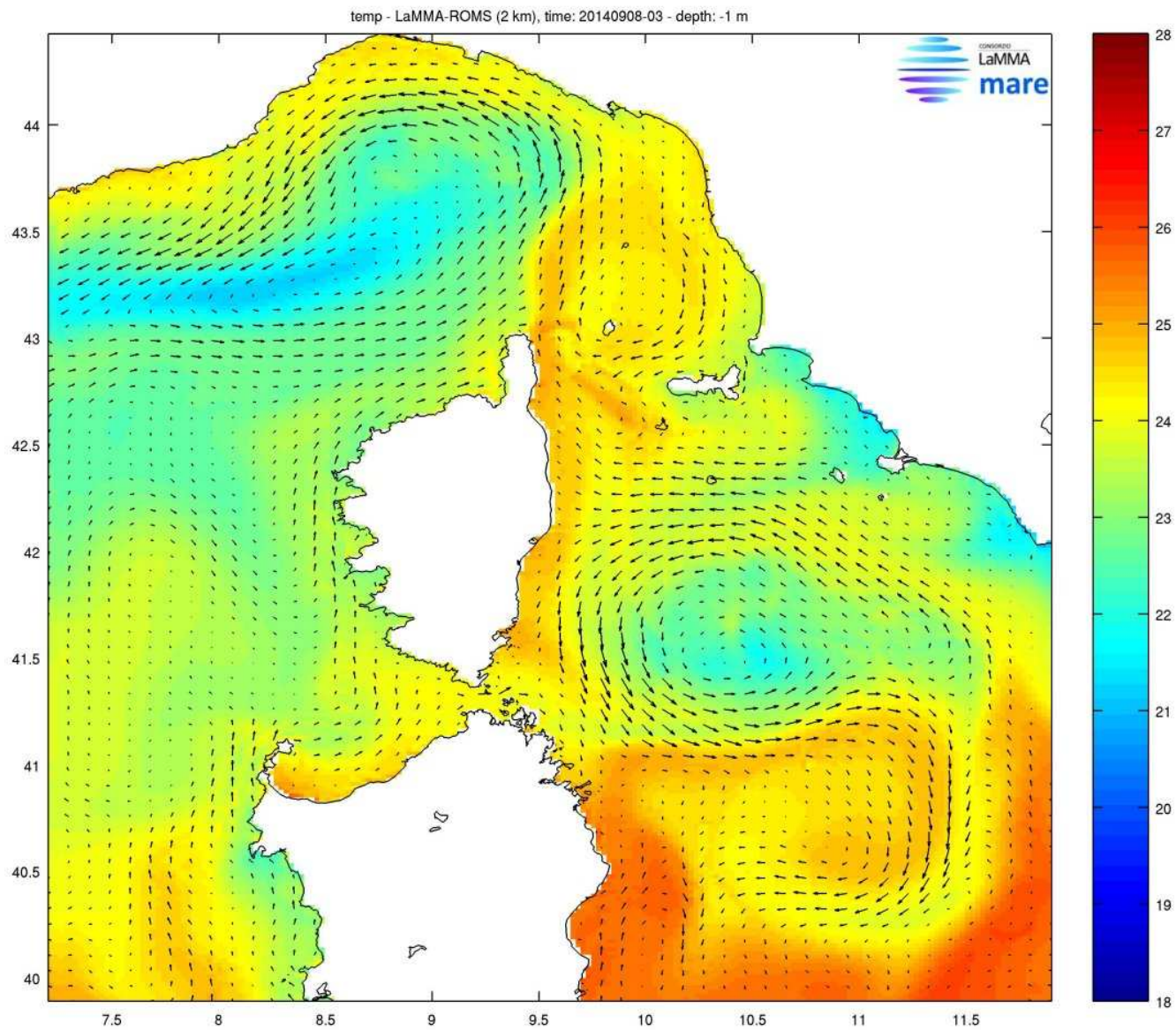


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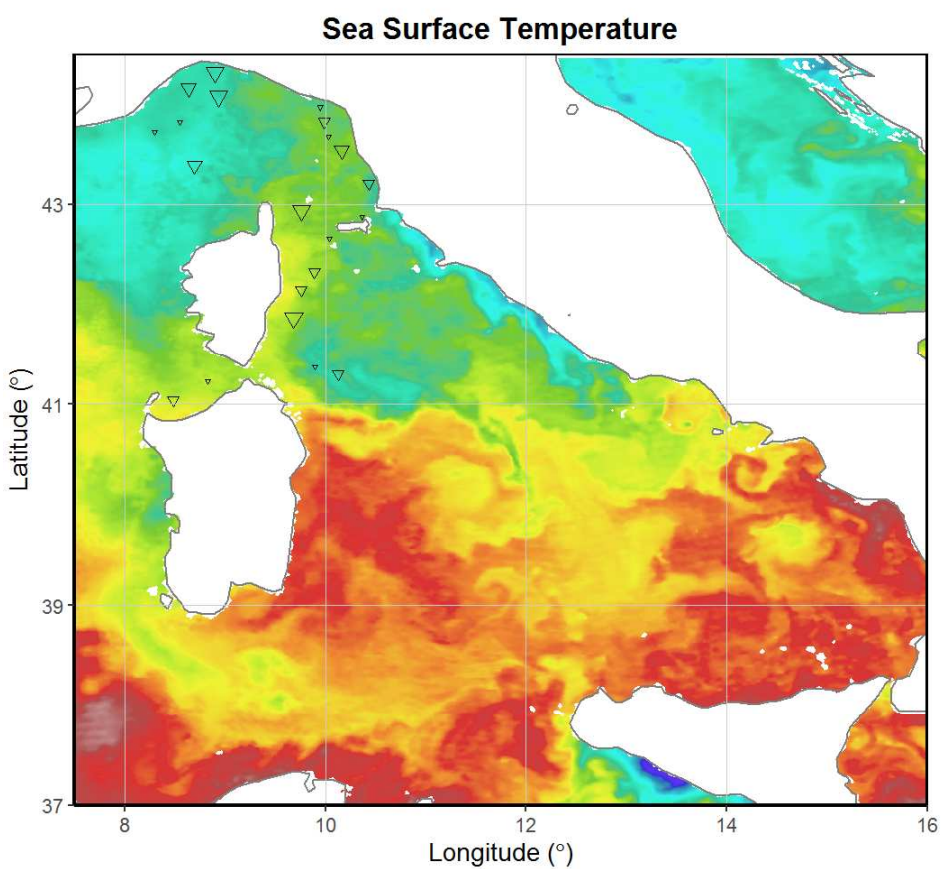




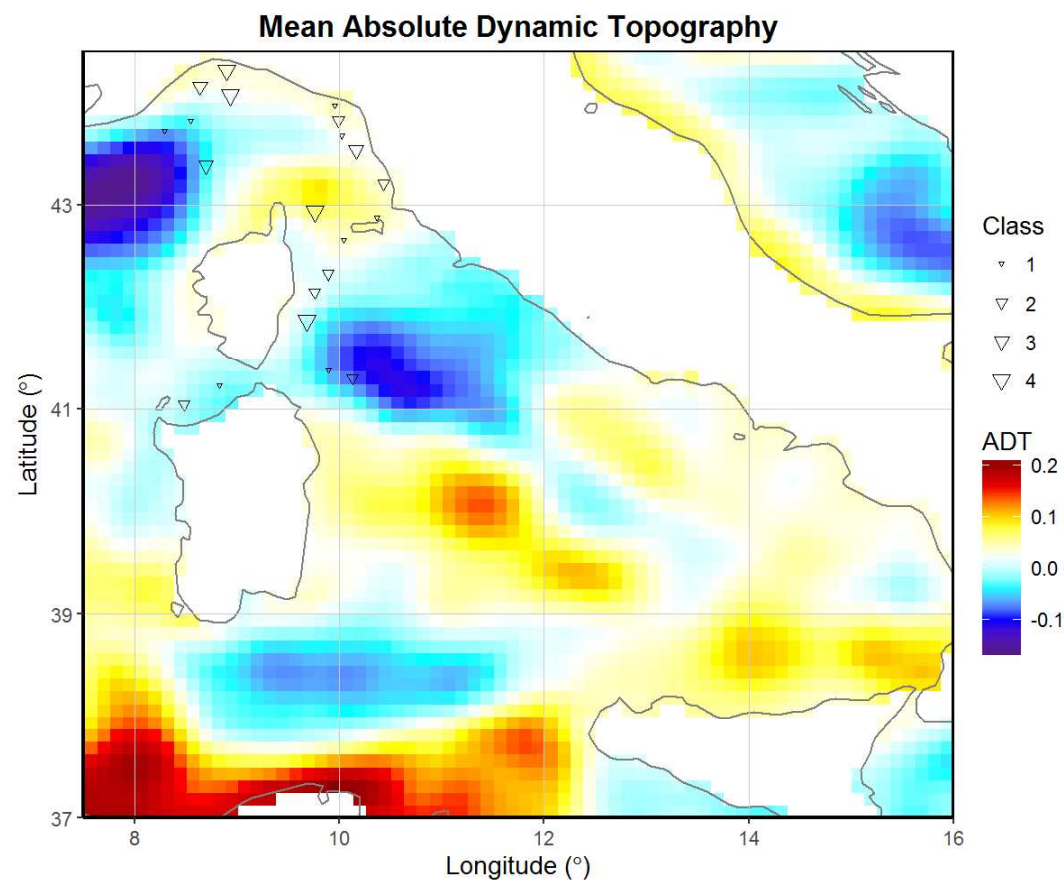


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## Compare filled Surface Level Temperature with mean Absolute Dynamic Topography (2014-09-08)

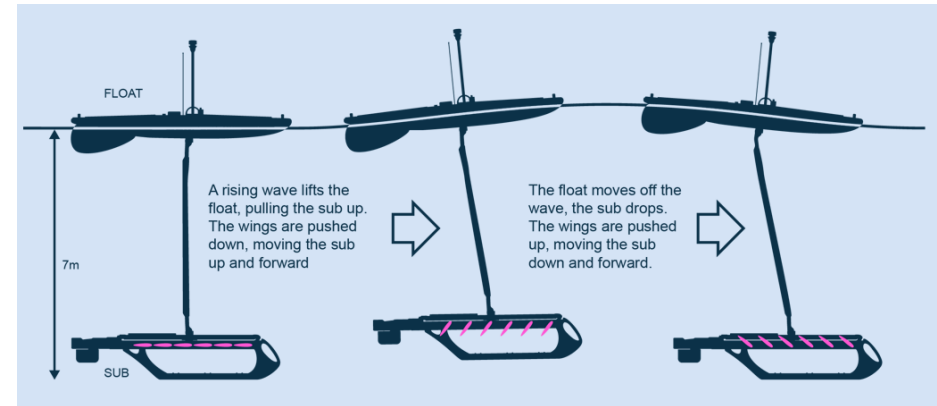


Sea Surface Temperature - Copernicus Marine Service Products: Copernicus  
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Absolute dynamic topography (ADT) Ssalto/Duacs by Aviso, with support from Cnes  
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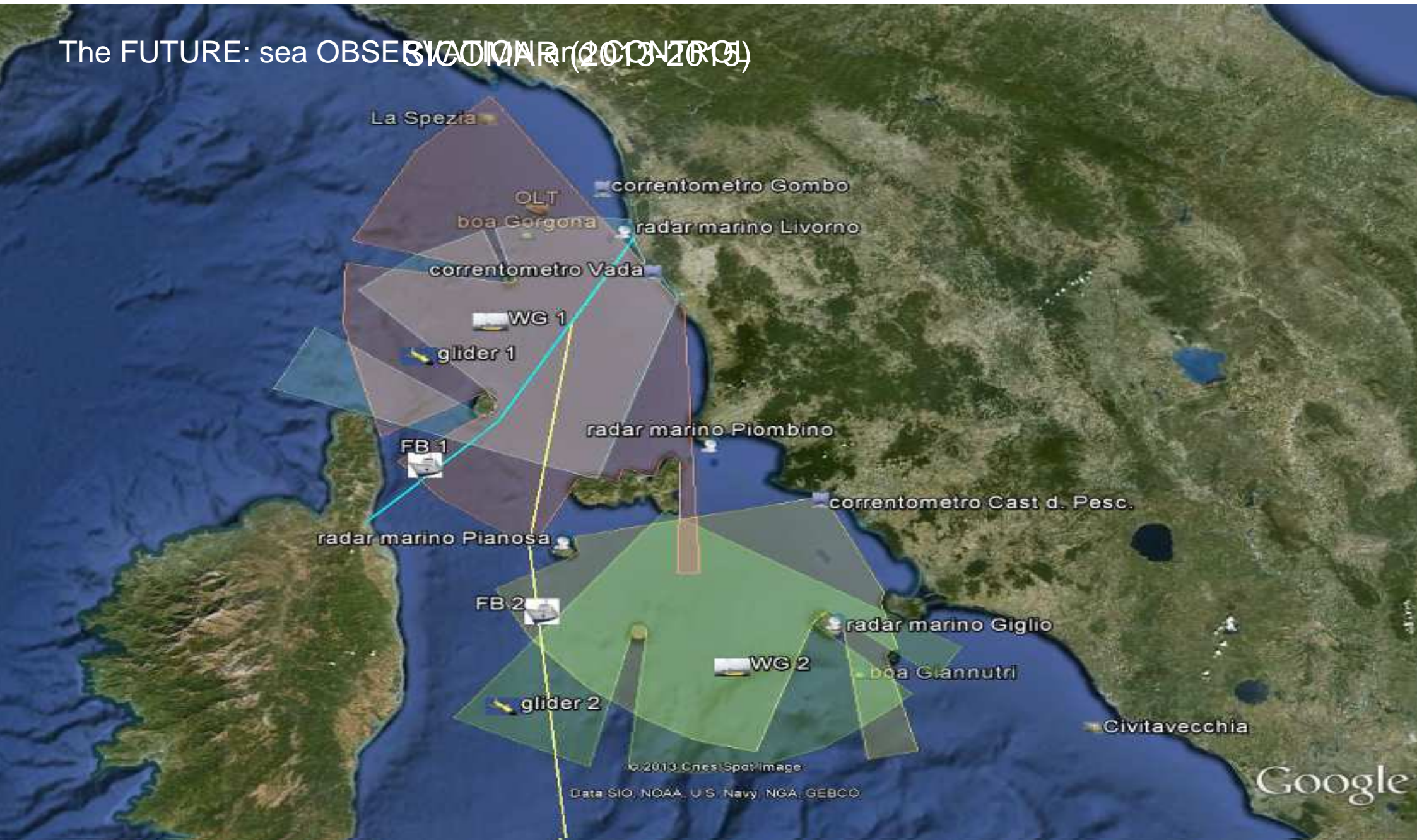
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The FUTURE: sea OBSERVATION & CONTROL



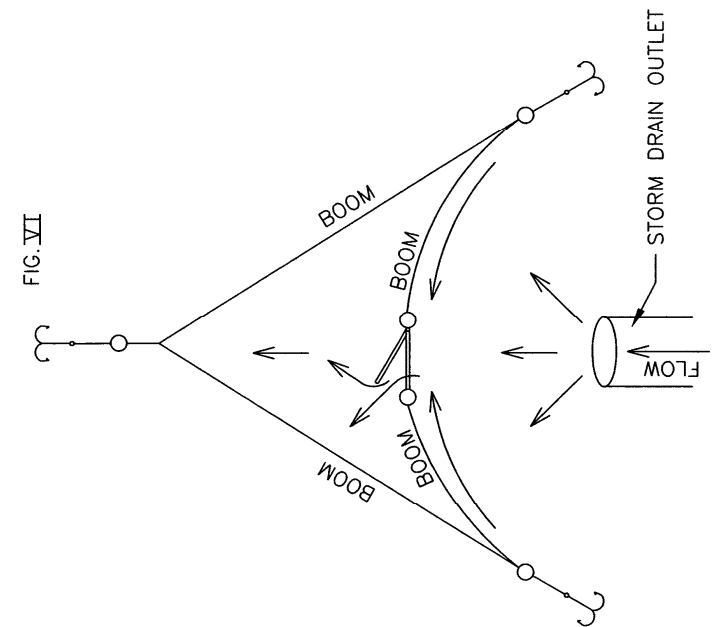






# Usare delle mappe “dinamiche” per ottimizzare il percorso di macchine pulitrici ?

Un numero crescente di brevetti ma...  
è questa la strada?





## Conclusioni: Costruire obiettivi concreti

Conoscere meglio per valutare gli impatti effettivi

→ Costruire indici di rischio efficaci

Ottimizzare l'attività di campionamento

→ Costruire mappe affidabili

Usare la conoscenza per organizzare attività di contrasto a vario livello: programmazione, governance, mitigazione.