



Enhancing Marine Geospatial Data with Digital Twin of the Met-Ocean Environment

Jeng Hei CHOW

Technology Centre for Offshore and Marine, Singapore

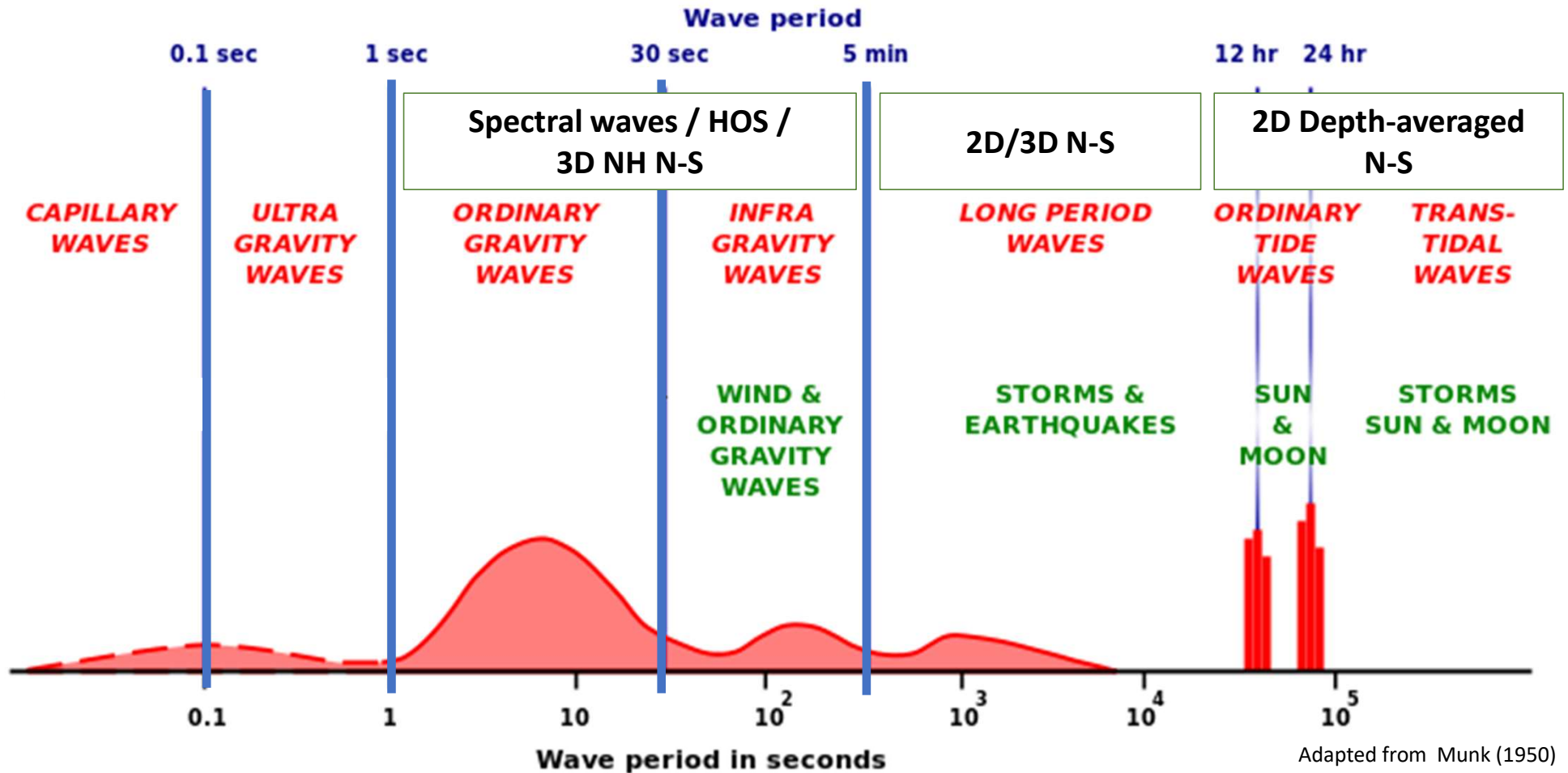
Contents



1. Marine geospatial data from the dynamic met-ocean environment of different scales
 - Introduction to physics-based numerical and data-driven models
2. Defining the digital twins of the met-ocean environments
3. Digital met-ocean visualization platform for data dissemination and data formatting
4. Applications of geo-spatial met-ocean data
 - Contributes to the maritime sector
 - Supporting UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
5. Summary
6. Questions & Answers

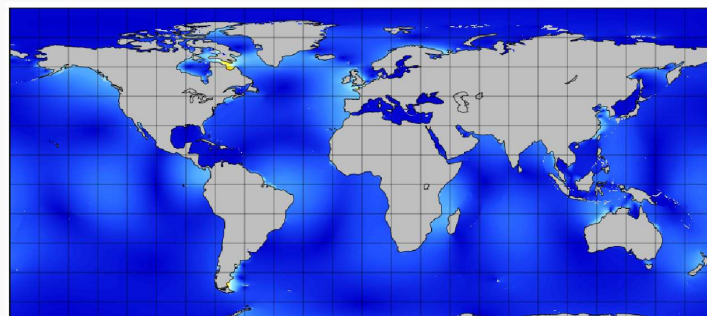
Scales of the Met-ocean Environment

Environment can be described by the superposition of waves of different time and length scales

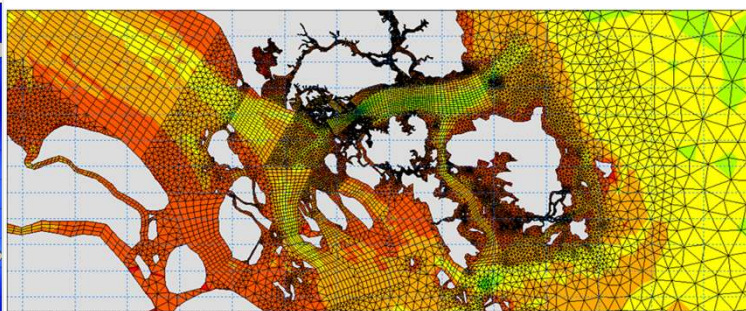


Adapted from Munk (1950)

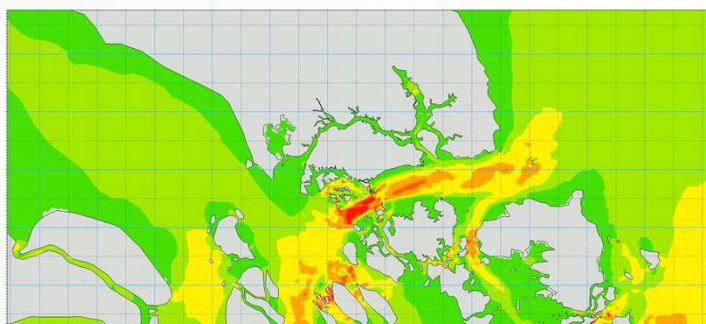
Scales of the Met-ocean Environment



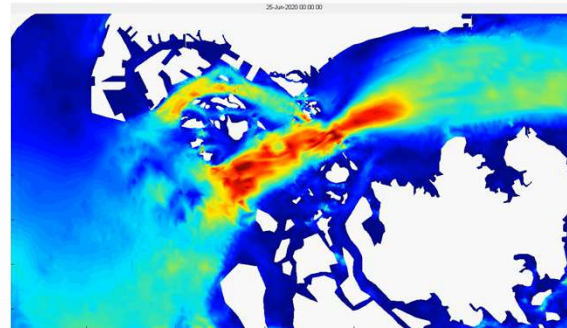
Sea surface height amplitudes (M2)



Computational domain and Bathymetry



Current speeds in the SG straits



12 hr 24 hr

2D Depth-averaged
N-S

ORDINARY
TIDE
WAVES

TRANS-
TIDAL
WAVES

SUN
&
MOON

STORMS
SUN & MOON

0.1

1

10

10^2

10^3

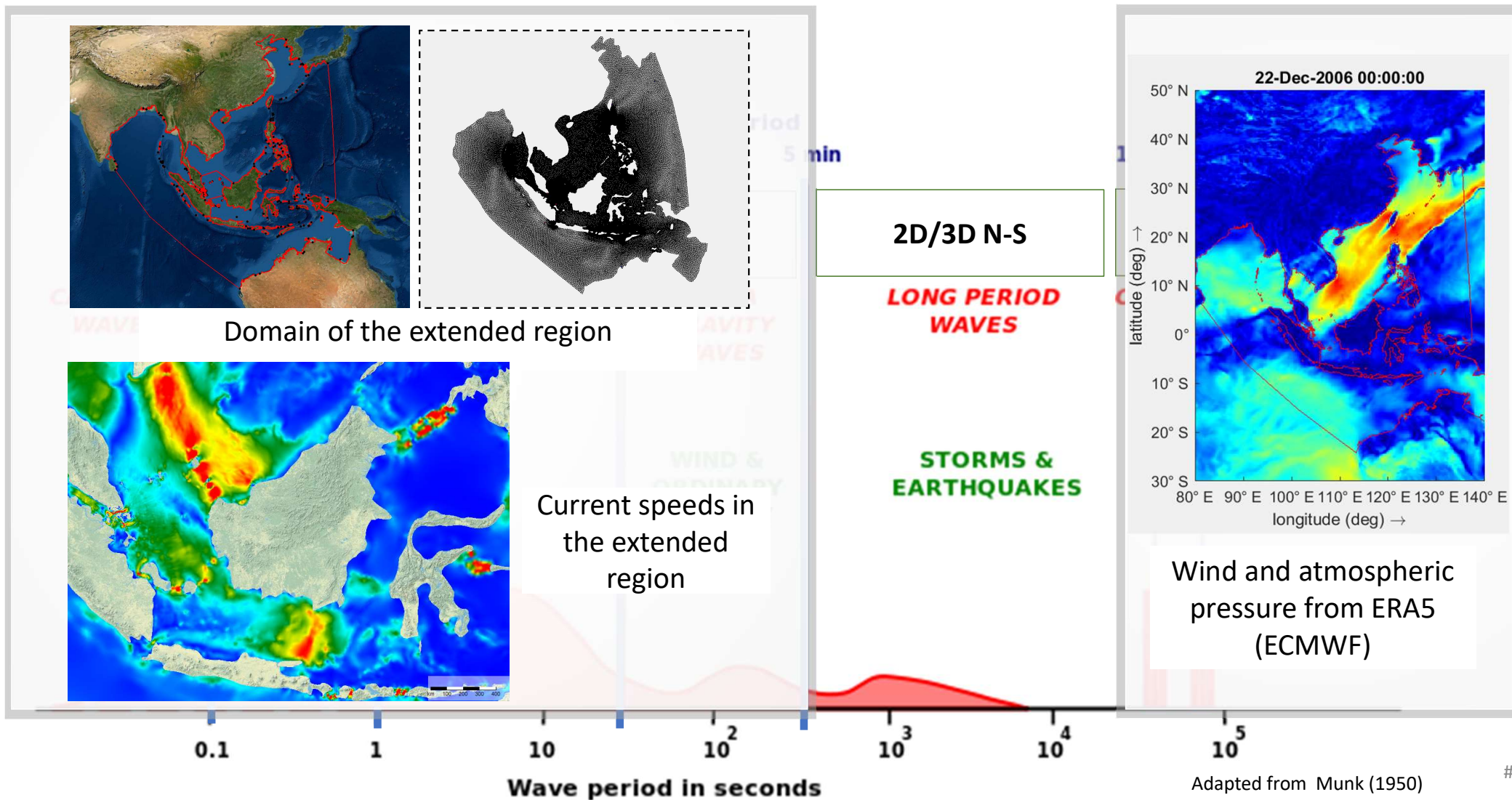
10^4

10^5

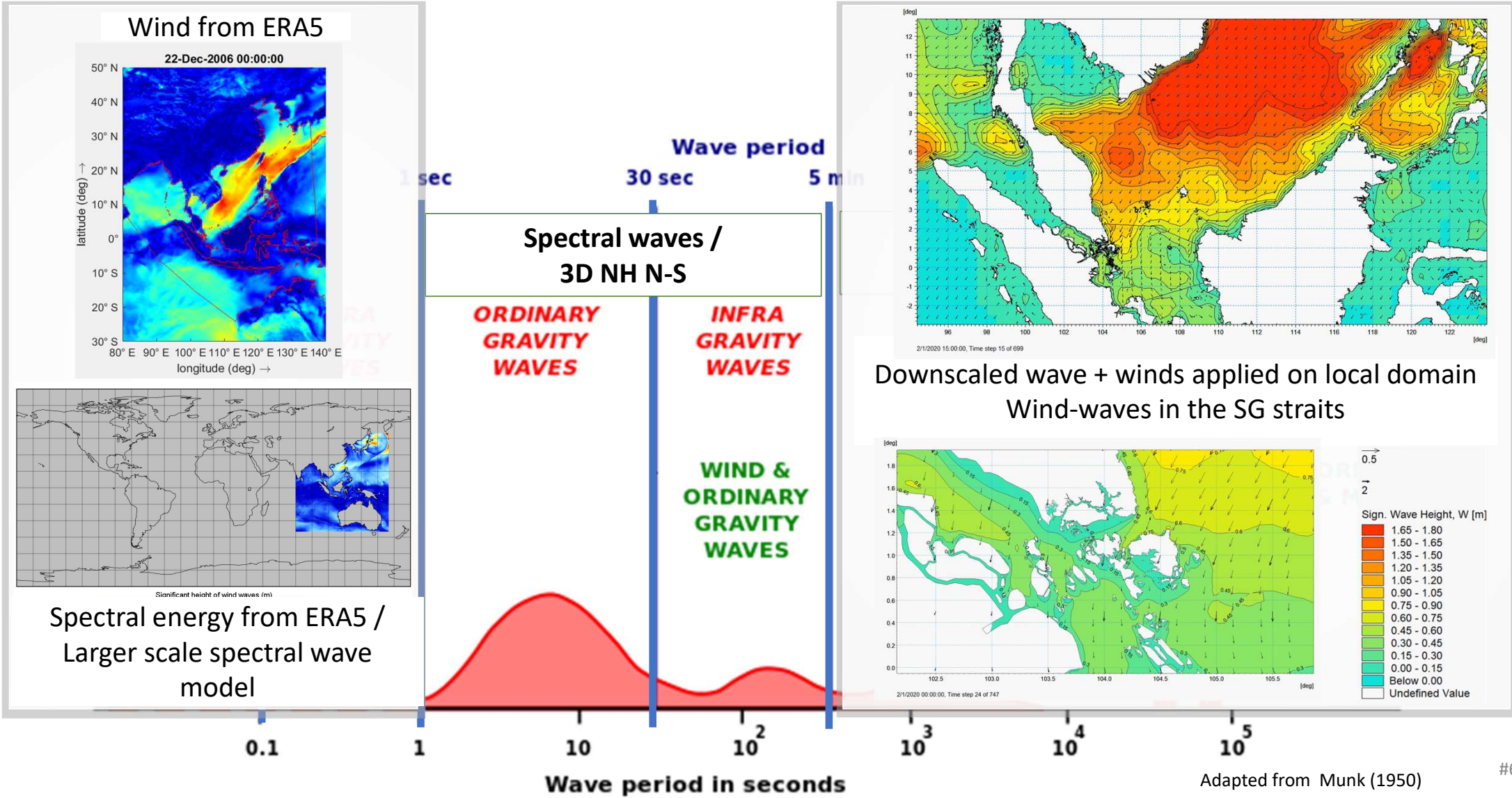
Wave period in seconds

Adapted from Munk (1950)

Scales of the Met-ocean Environment



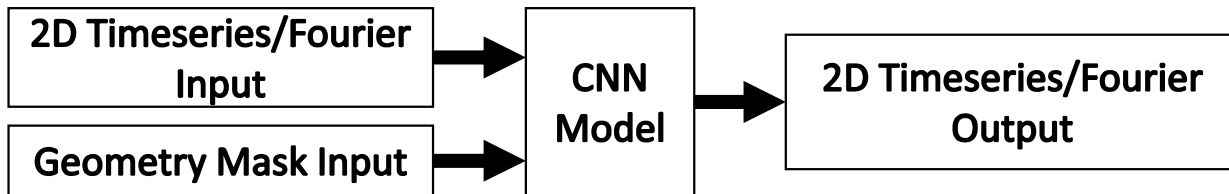
Scales of the Met-ocean Environment



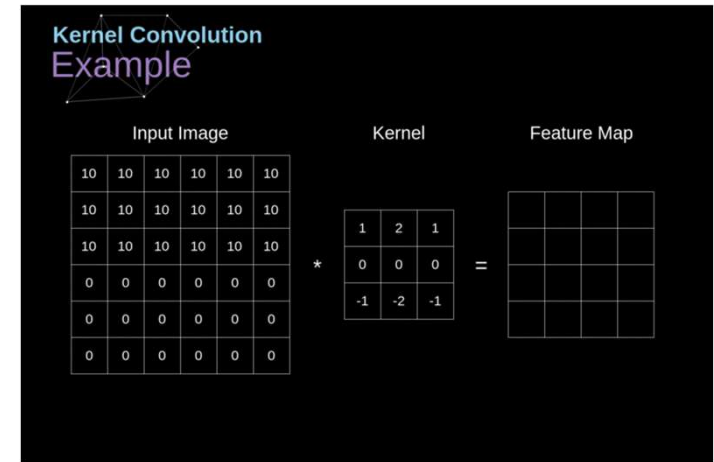
Data-driven models for hydrodynamic and wave environments

A data-driven version of the physics model for **currents** and **waves**

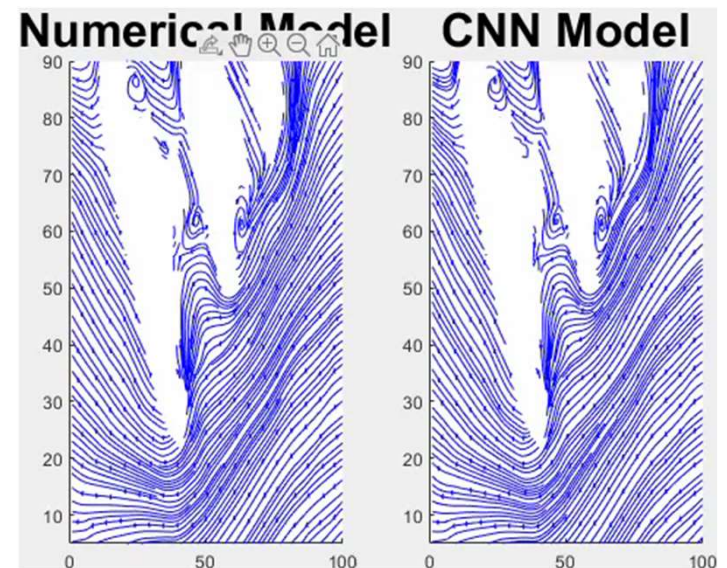
- Efficient forecasting of met-ocean environment
- Computationally much less demanding
 - Limited bandwidth and lack of computational resources on board



- Accurate prediction of complex flows
 - Prediction of timeseries was within 5% of relative error.
 - Excellent R^2 value for timeseries and its amplitude and phase

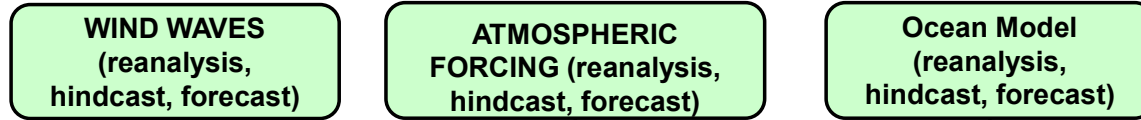


From: towardsdatascience.com/gentle-dive-into-math-behind-convolutional-neural-networks



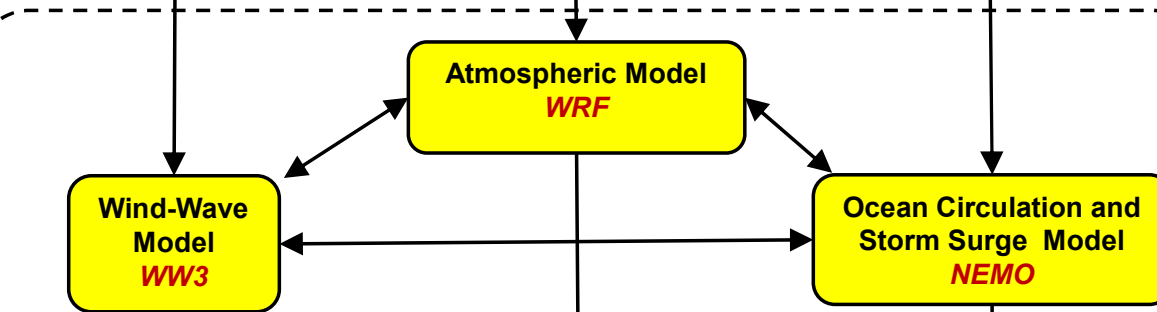
Defining the Digital Twin of Met-ocean Environments

GLOBAL MODELS AND DATA



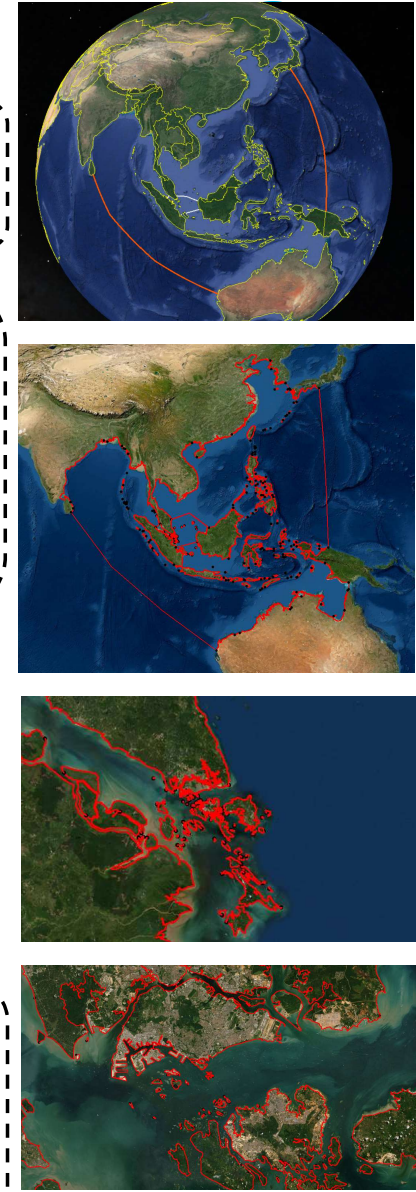
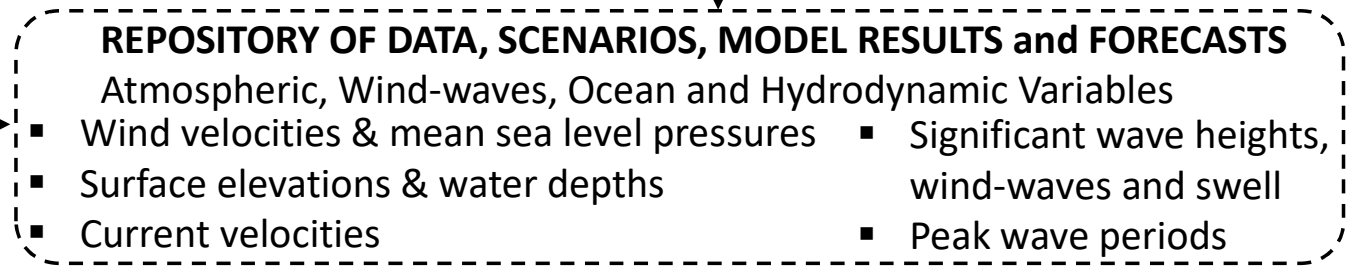
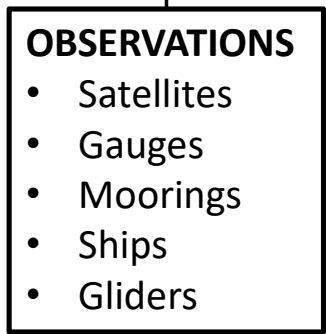
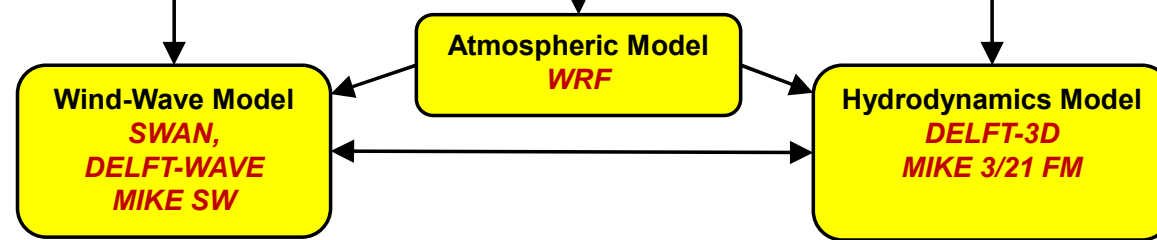
REGIONAL MODELS

(South-east Asia, parts of Antarctica, Oceania, up to Japan, Korea)

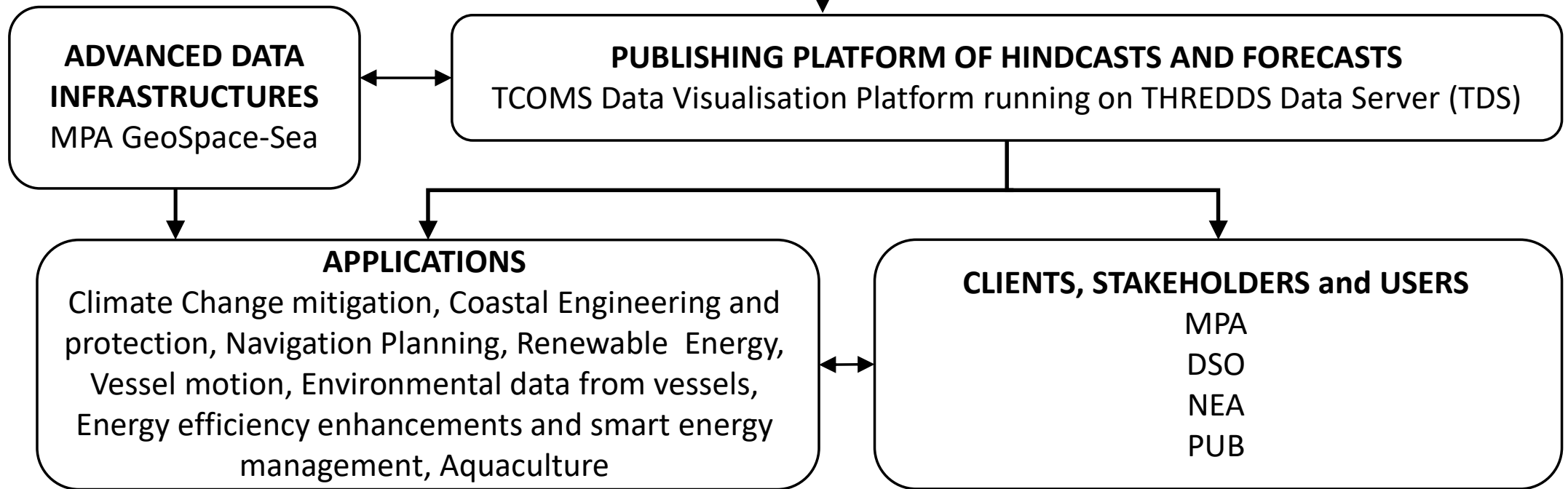
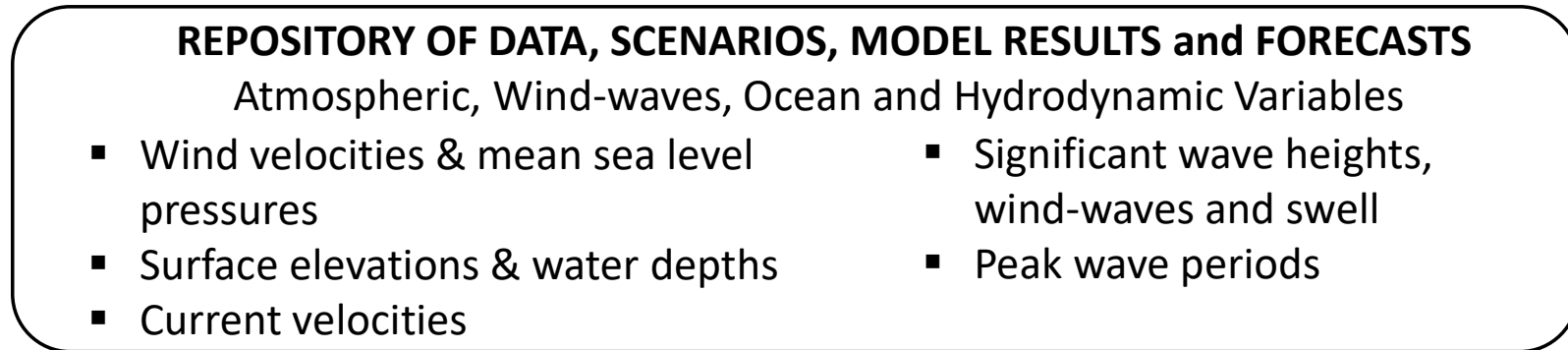


LOCAL MODELS

(Singapore Strait)



Defining the Digital Twin of Met-ocean Environments



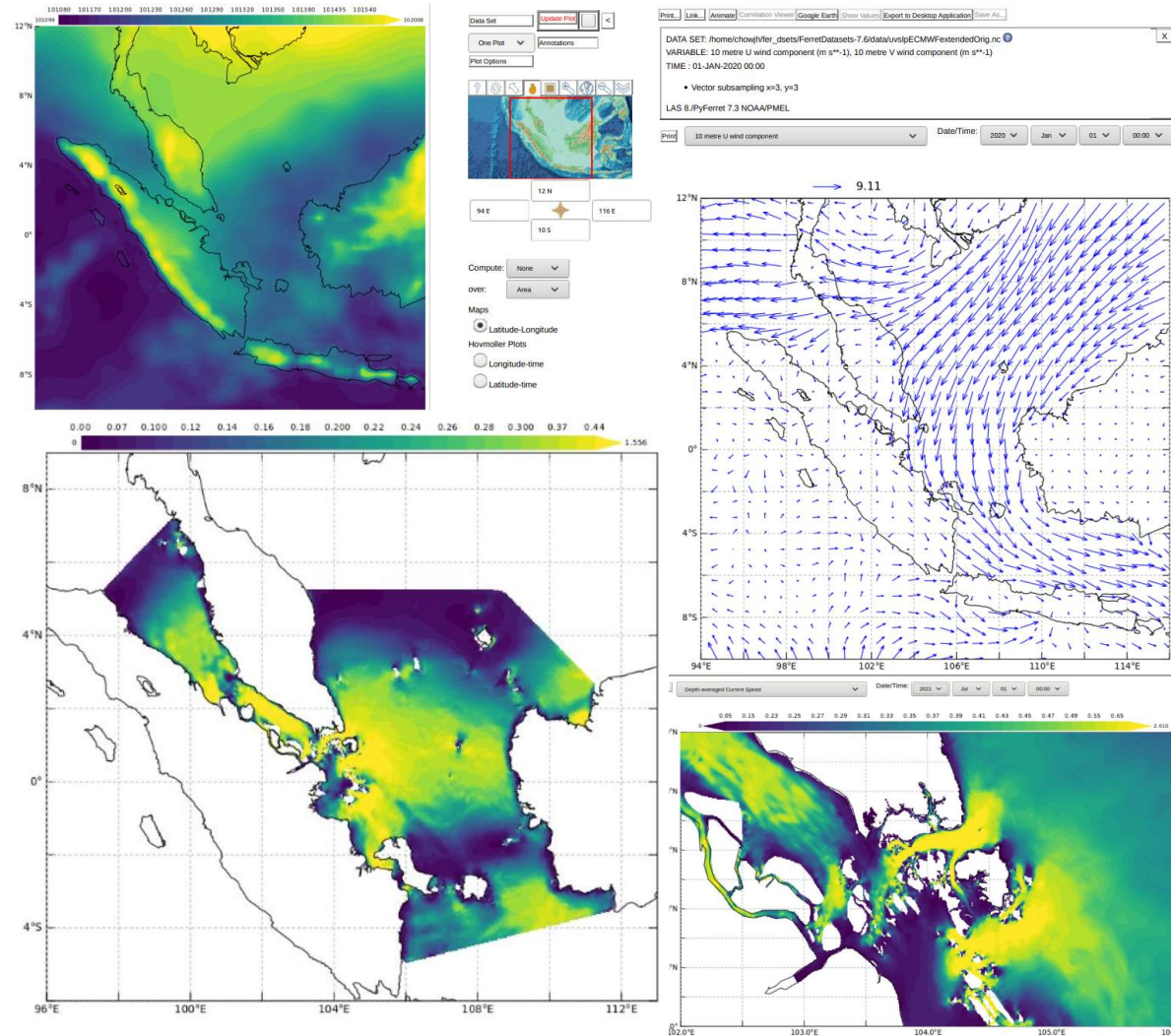
Digital Met-ocean Visualization Platform

Objective & Applications

- Develop a basic visualization framework for disseminating accurate information on the met-ocean conditions to maritime stakeholders
 - Wind
 - Currents
 - Waves
- Incorporation of information into the navigation and control systems
- Enhancement of MASS performance and other smart maritime solutions

Implementation

- Live Access Server enables efficient data product access and customized NetCDF downloads
 - Platform for viewing of forecasted data overlay on map



Data Formatting with NetCDF

Network Common Data Form (NetCDF) as the **optimal format for interoperability** between systems:

- Portable, scalable, appendable, sharable

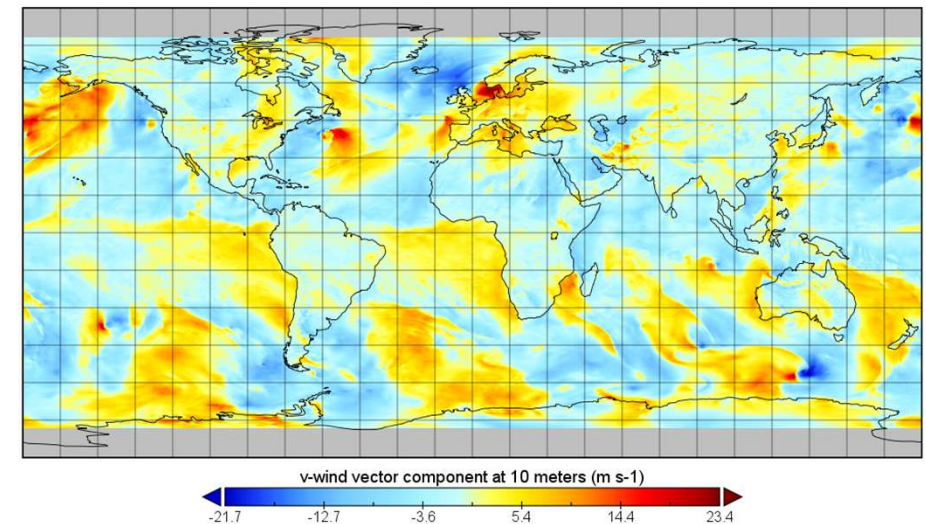
Packing standards of NetCDF data

- u-velocity range of -4.6798 to 7.8869 m/s
 - Can be represented by range of int16:
 - -32,768 to 32,767
 - -32,768 allocated to NaN values
 - Apply **offset** and **scaling**
- scale_factor = 1.9175867732353235E-4; (double)
 add_offset = 1.6035202588645445; (double)
- Results: 20 GB (Float) → 4 GB (int16) packed

Name	Long Name	Type
CCMP_RT...	CCMP_RT_Wind_...	Local File
latitude	latitude	1D
longitude	longitude	1D
nobs	number of obser...	Geo2D
time	Time of analysis	1D
uwnd	u-wind vector co...	Geo2D
vwnd	v-wind vector co...	Geo2D

	260.75	260.8125	260.875	260.9375
-6.3125	18.3	18.5	18.7	18.9
-6.25	18.4	18.6	18.8	19.0
-6.1875	18.5	18.7	18.9	19.1
-6.125	18.6	18.8	19.0	19.2
-6.0625	18.7	18.9	19.1	19.3
-6.0	18.8	19.0	19.2	19.5

v-wind vector component at 10 meters



Adapted from <https://coastwatch.gitbook.io/satellite-course/>

TCOMS CEAOPS

Centre of Excellence for
Autonomous & Remotely Operated Vessels

Shore Control
Centre

Contributions of the Digital Twin to the Maritime sector

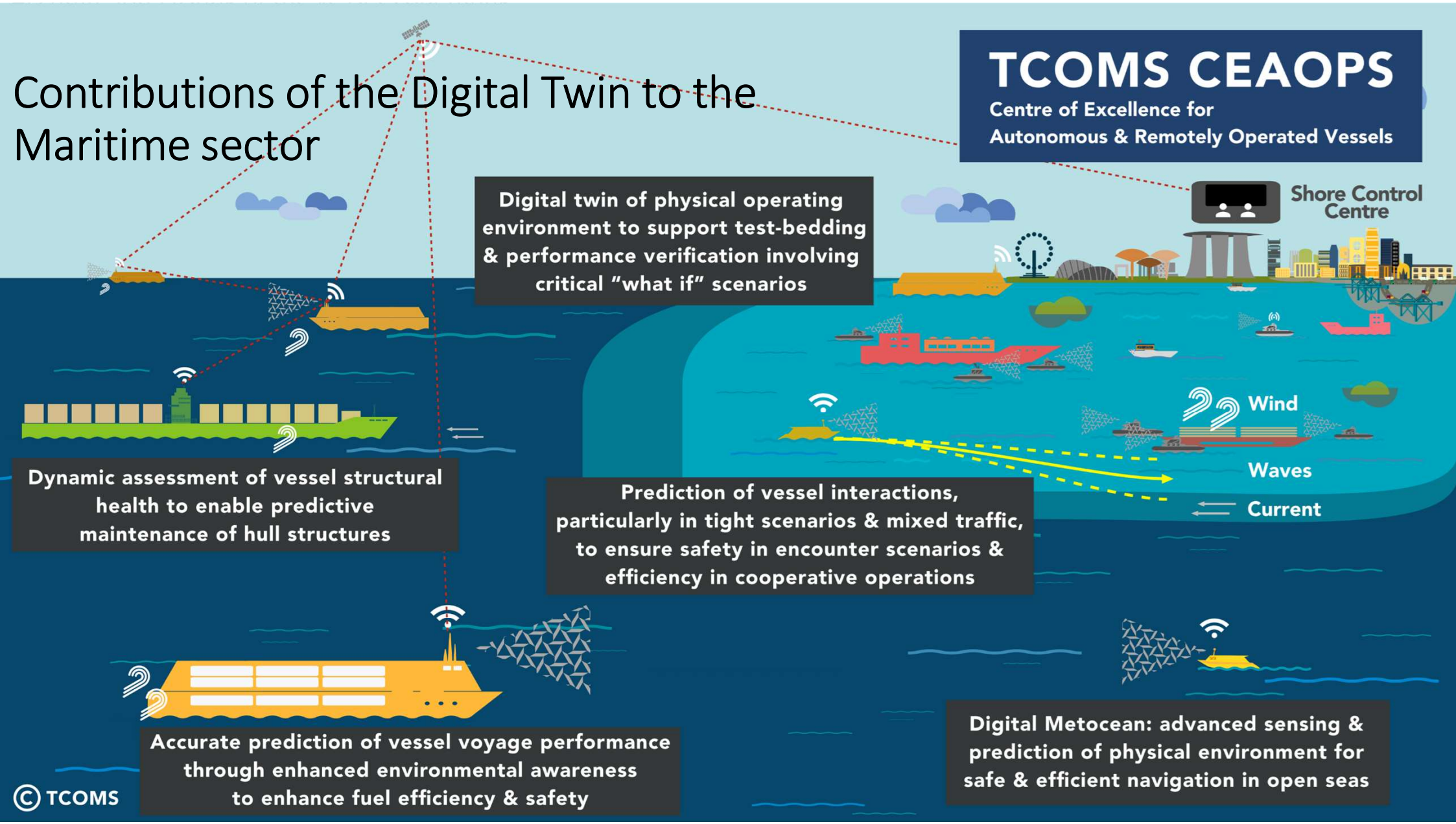
Digital twin of physical operating environment to support test-bedding & performance verification involving critical "what if" scenarios

Dynamic assessment of vessel structural health to enable predictive maintenance of hull structures

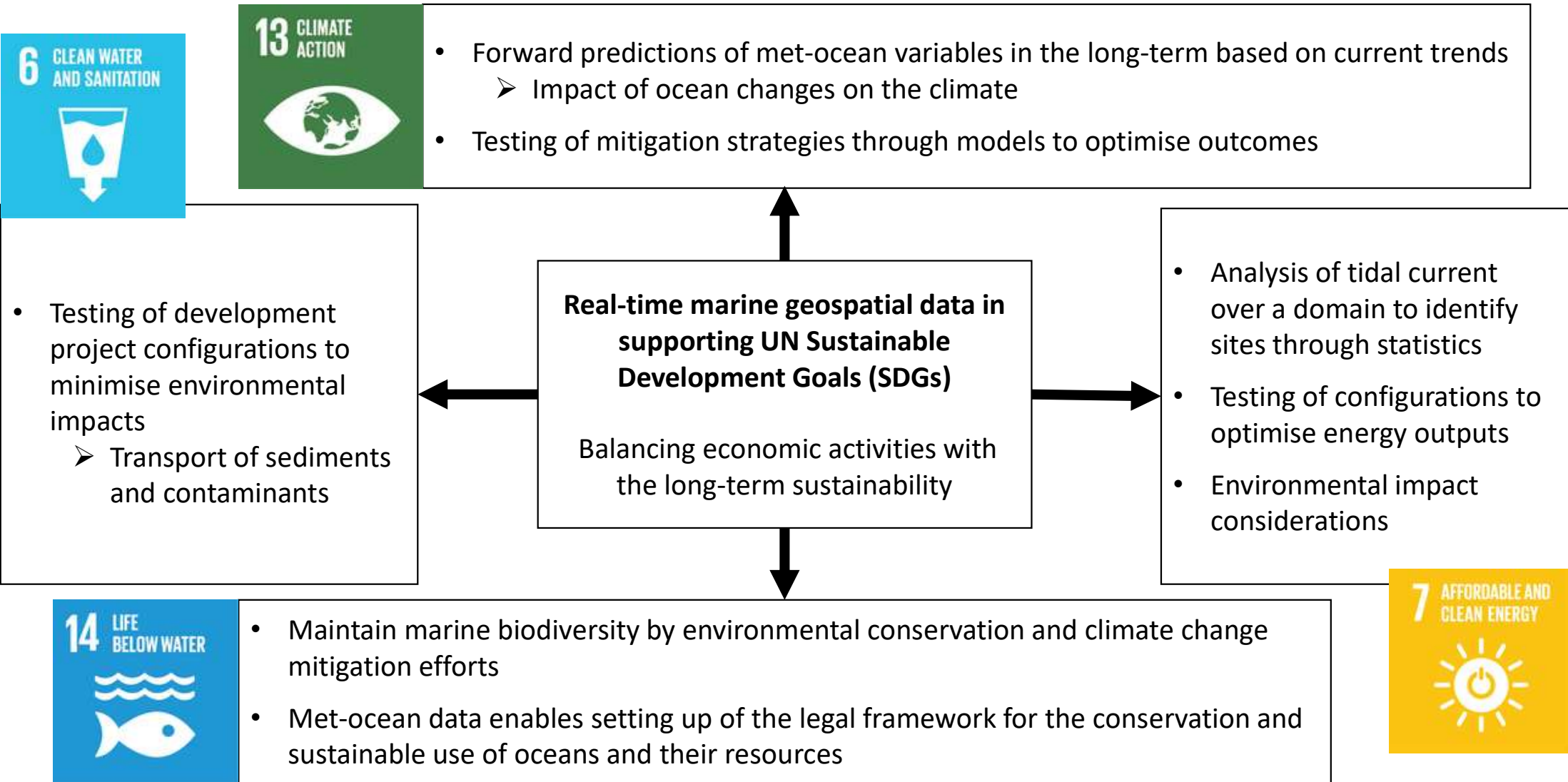
Prediction of vessel interactions, particularly in tight scenarios & mixed traffic, to ensure safety in encounter scenarios & efficiency in cooperative operations

Accurate prediction of vessel voyage performance through enhanced environmental awareness to enhance fuel efficiency & safety

Digital Metocean: advanced sensing & prediction of physical environment for safe & efficient navigation in open seas



Further Applications of Geo-spatial Met-ocean data



Summary

- High resolution real-time marine geospatial data of the met-ocean environment of various scales can be obtained from numerical & data-driven models, with assimilated data from past observations, enables the digital twin
- Marine geospatial data efficiently disseminated on visualization platforms, accessible by stakeholders and allowing collaborators to develop advanced data infrastructures
- Resulting contributions to the maritime sector in various ways, and blue economy opportunities supporting UNSDGs

End of Presentation – Questions & Answers

