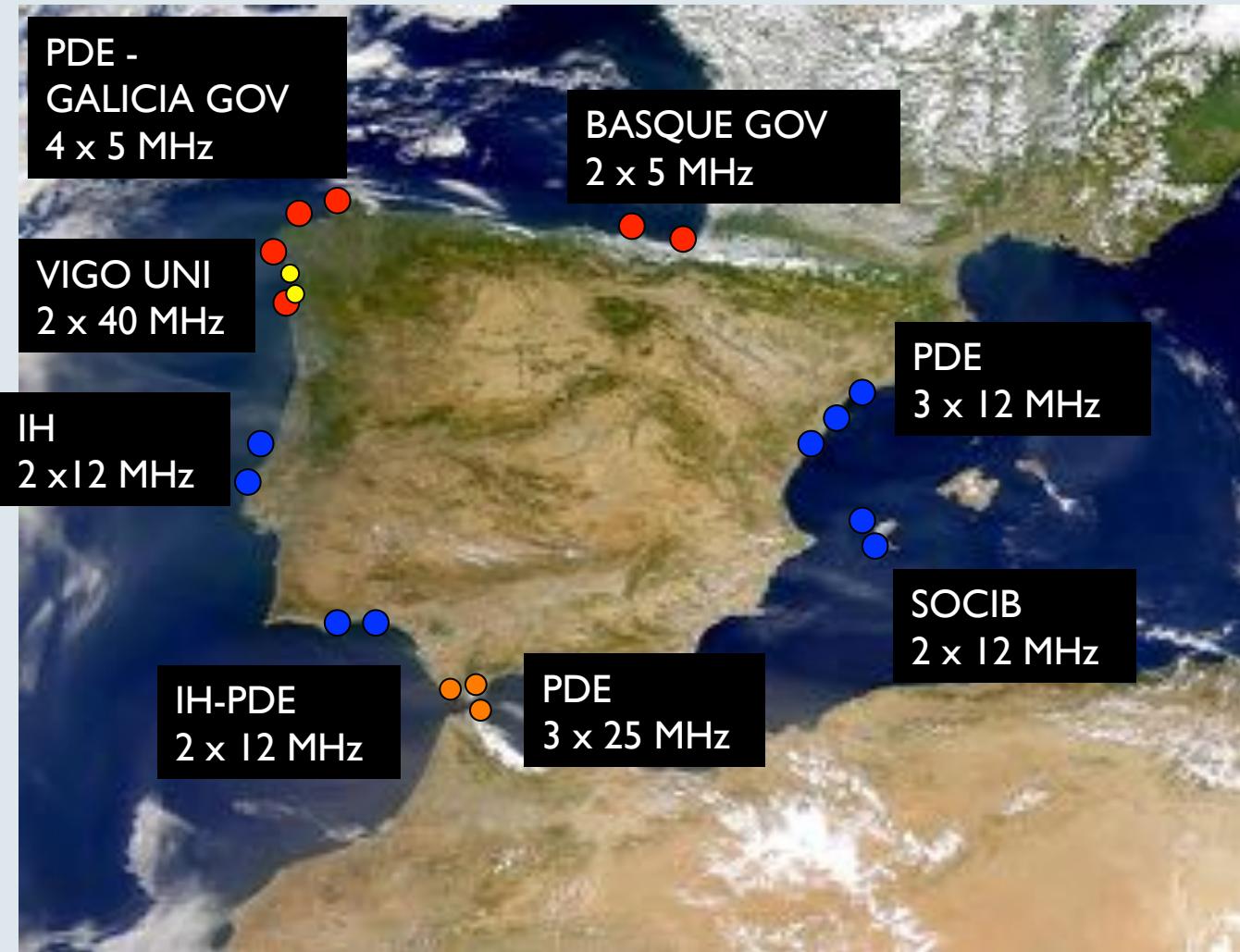




# The Iberian Peninsula HF Radar network

Enrique Alvarez Fanjul and the  
Iberored team

# HF radars at the Iberian Peninsula



- Galicia Govt.: 2 stations
- Vasque country Govt: 2 stations
- IH Portugal: 3 stations
- SOCIB: 2 stations
- Puertos del Estado: 9 Stations
- **Total: 18 stations**



# Why IberoRED-HF?

- Spain and Portugal are leading areas in implementation of HF radar in Europe.
- Exchange of accumulated experience
  - QC
  - Maintenance
  - R&D
  - Calibration
  - Downstream applications
- Exchange of data
- Searching for new funding possibilities

# Objective of the group



The HF radars working group of in the Iberian Peninsula is an inter-institutional network created with the objective of improving the visibility and exploitation of data generated by HF radars on our shores.



# Who is in?

- HF radar owners or managers
- Users or developers of tools for exploitation of the data
- HF Radar technology providers



# Institutions participating

- AZTI – Tecnalia
- Euskalmet
- Cetmar - Centro Tecnológico del mar
- Intecmar - Instituto Tecnolóxico para o control do medio mariño de Galicia
- IH - Instituto Hidrográfico
- IH Cantabria - Instituto de Hidráulica Ambiental
- Qualitas REMOS - Qualitas REMOS
- MG - MeteoGalicia
- PdE - Puertos del Estado
- SASEMAR - Salvamento Marítimo
- SOCIB - Sistema d'observació i predicción costaner de les Illes Balears
- UCA - Universidad de Cádiz
- U. Vigo - Universidad de Vigo



# The web page:

HOME HF RADAR BENEFITS OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS NEWS DOCUMENTS INSTITUTIONS CONTACT

ES  
EN  
PT

## GROUP OBJECTIVES

The HF radars working group in the Iberian Peninsula is an inter-institutional network created with the objective of improving the visibility and exploitation of data generated by HF radars on our shores. It consists of those Spanish and Portuguese institutions that meet one or more of the following requirements:

- HF radar owners or managers
- Users or developers of tools for exploitation of the data
- HF Radar technology providers

The group will have an activity specific and specialized in HF radar technology and its applications.

This working group is part of the PROTECMAR network and, more specifically, of the Operational Oceanography and technological developments WG.

Navigation Title

HOME  
BENEFITS  
NEWS  
INSTITUTIONS

HF RADAR  
OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS  
DOCUMENTS  
CONTACT

8. Oficina del Puerto Puerto del Rosario - Avda. del Pionero, 10 - 35500 Puerto del Rosario  
Legal notice and Use



# Working structure

- One meeting every two years
- Working groups established in last meeting:
  - Maintenance
  - R&D and downstream
  - QA/QC
  - Data flow and dissemination
- Data from these groups to be compiled in a special publication by the end of the present year

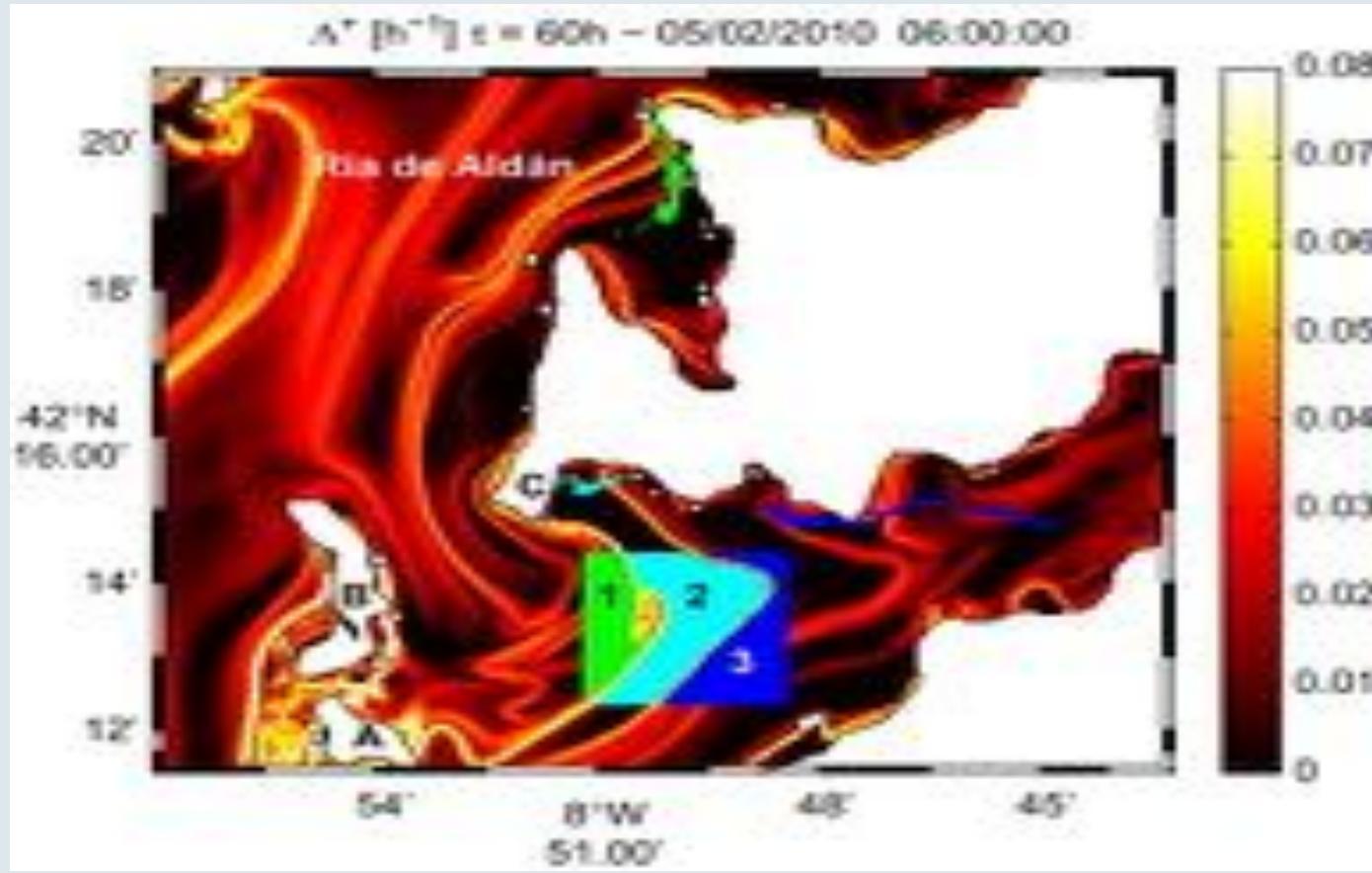


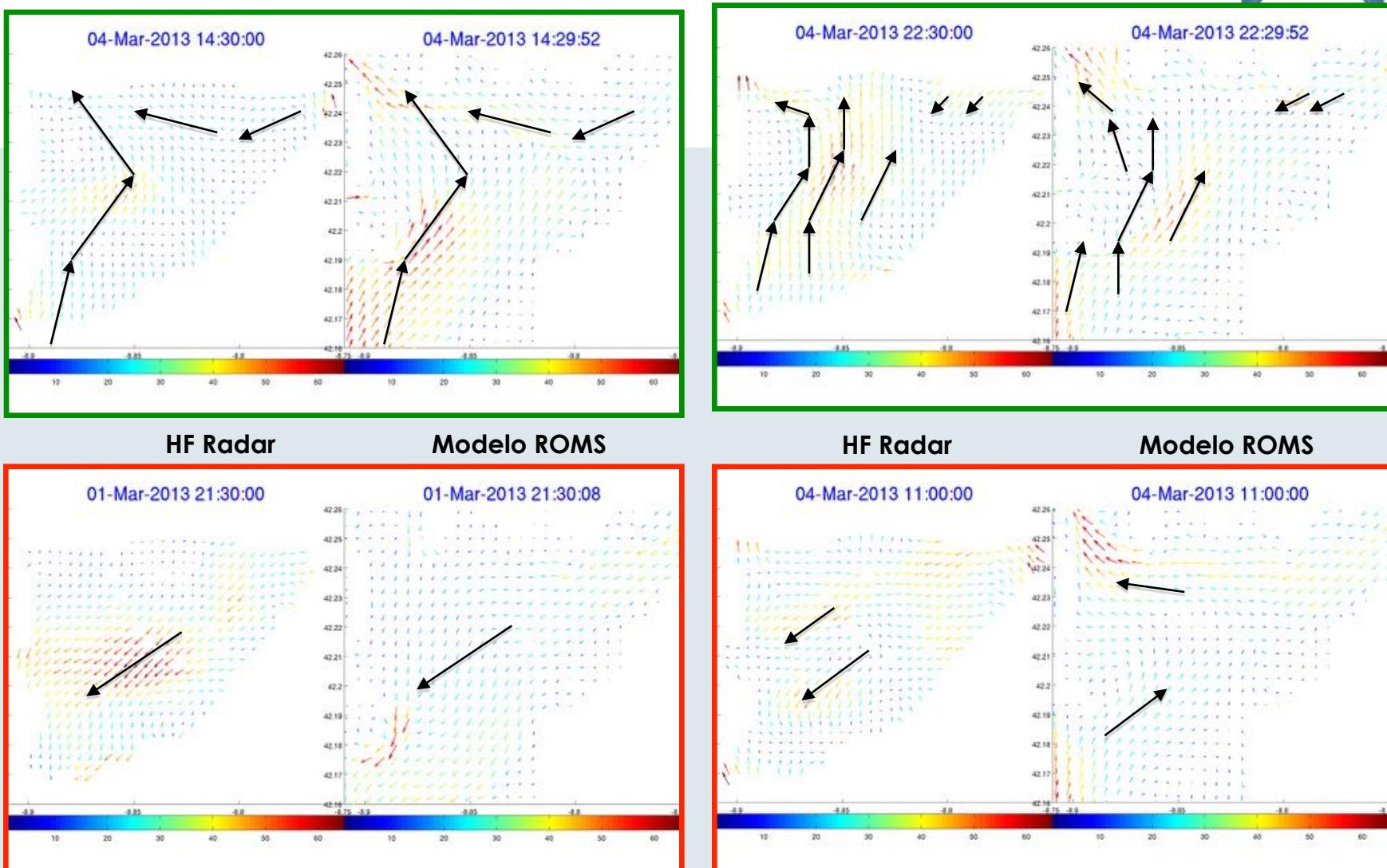
# *R&D and downstream WG*

## *Examples*

# Zonas de retención y barreras oceanográficas

- Use of models and radars to locate converge areas and planify barriers (FLTE)



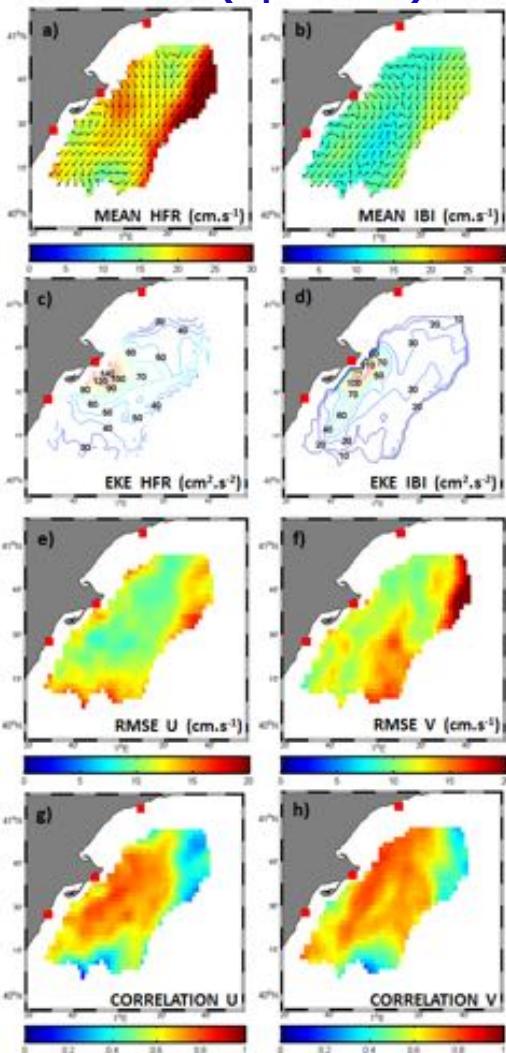


## Model data comparisson in the Ria de Vigo

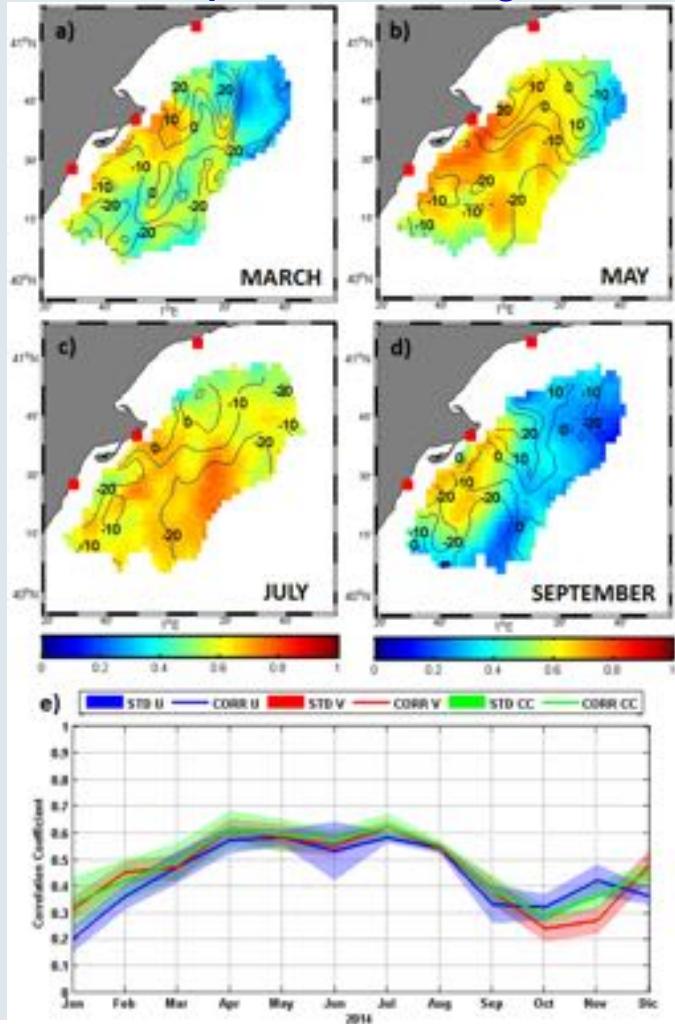
# Model and HF radar current characterization the EBRO delta region



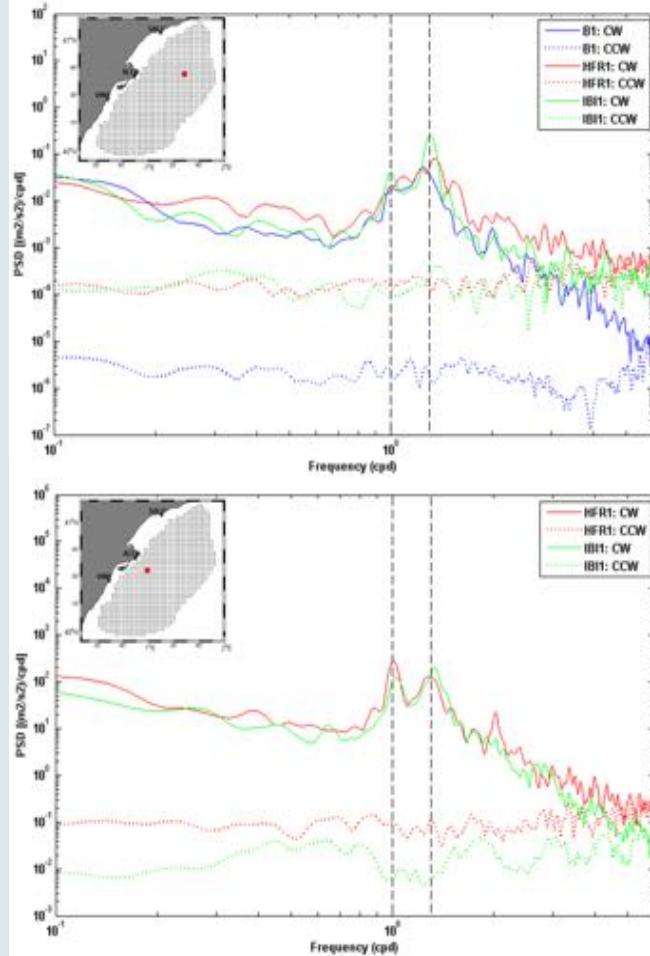
Mean patterns + scalar metrics (April 2014)



Maps of Complex Correlation HFR-IBI.  
Monthly evolution along 2014



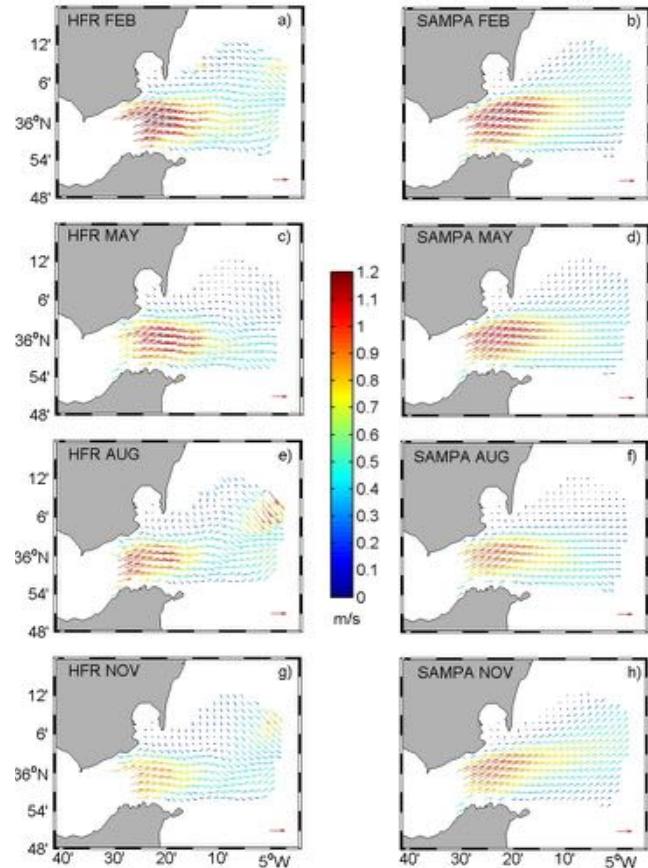
Spectral analysis: variations  
near-shore / offshore regions



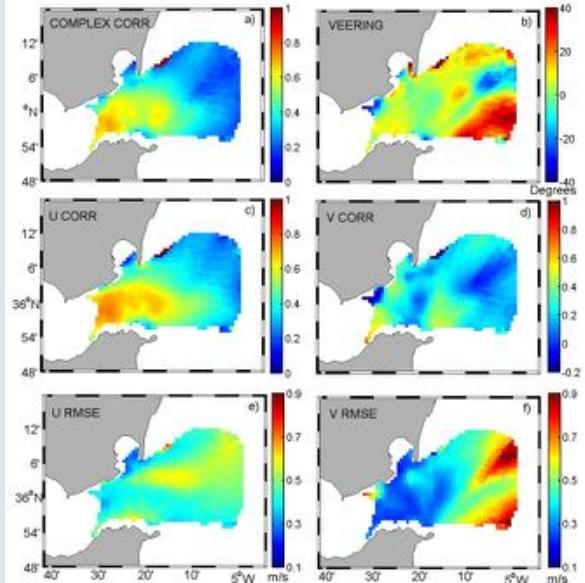
# Monitoring the surface circulation in the Strait of Gibraltar: a combined study from HF radar and high resolution model data (SAMPA).



## Monthly Mean Patterns



## Statistic comparison

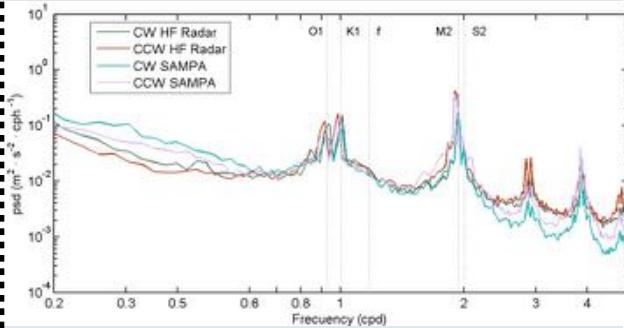


Low correlation for the meridional component

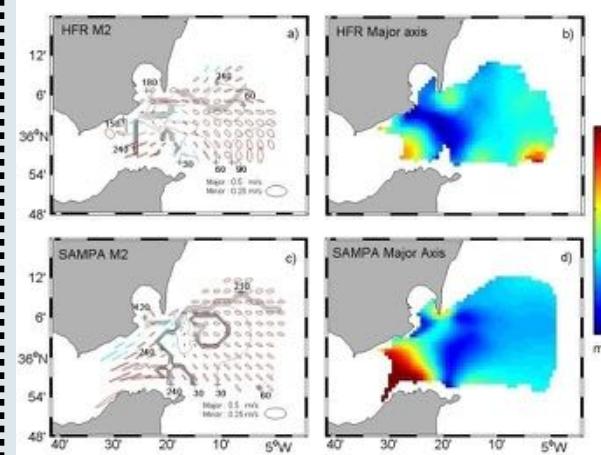


Low resolution of the wind forcing and too deep surface level (2.5 m) in the model

## Rotary spectral density



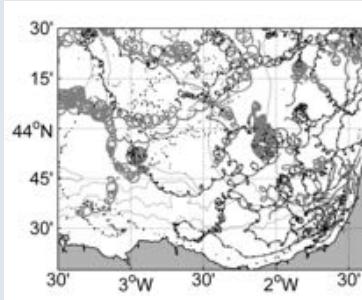
## M2 Tide Ellipses



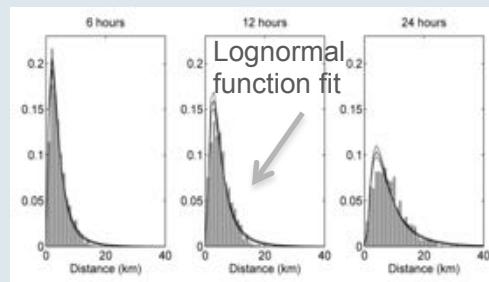


## LAGRANGIAN PARTICLE-TRACKING MODEL

(every 5 h at the position of the real drifters and advected 48 h).



Drifters (Charria et al. 2013)  
May - Sep 2009 (gray) and  
starting points for simulations  
(black)



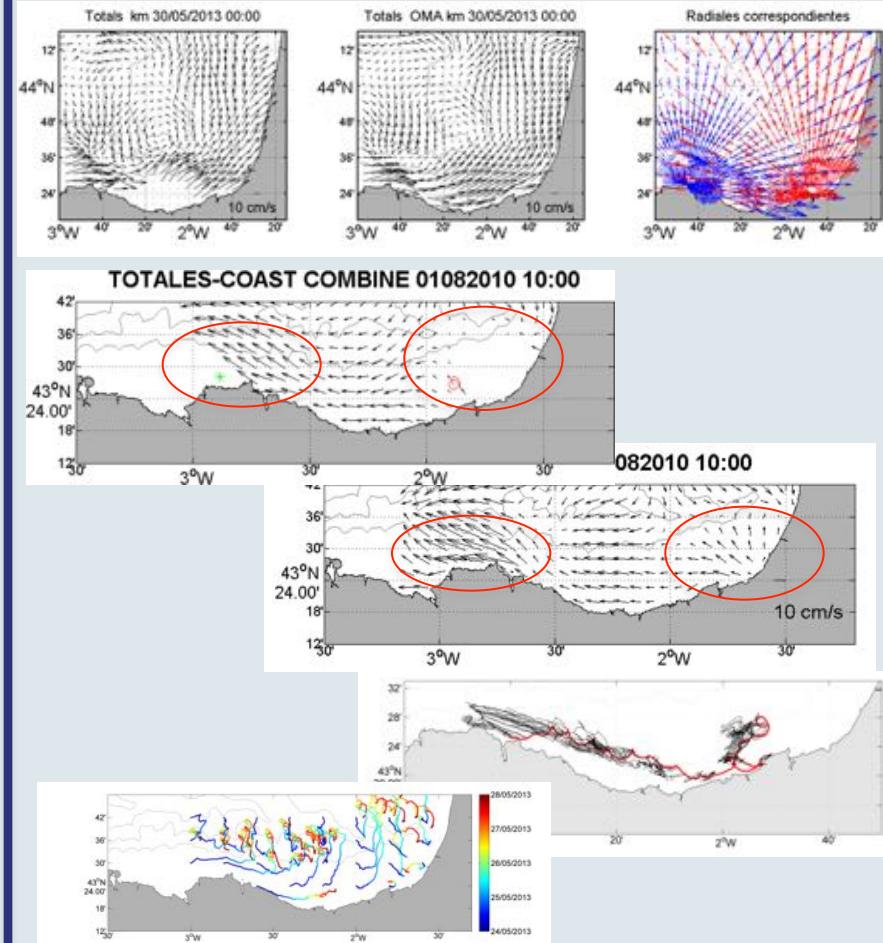
Probability density distributions of  
the distances between real and  
simulated trajectories

### Statistical Parameters For The Log-normally Distributed Distances Between Real And Simulated Trajectories

Time (hours)	Main statistical parameters (in km)		
	Mode	Mean	Standard deviation
6	2.30 [2.30, 2.30]	4.61 [4.35, 4.89]	3.60 [3.24, 4.02]
12	3.07 [3.07, 3.07]	5.73 [5.42, 6.08]	4.38 [3.95, 4.89]
24	5.14 [5.14, 5.14]	8.93 [8.43, 9.48]	6.96 [6.25, 7.79]

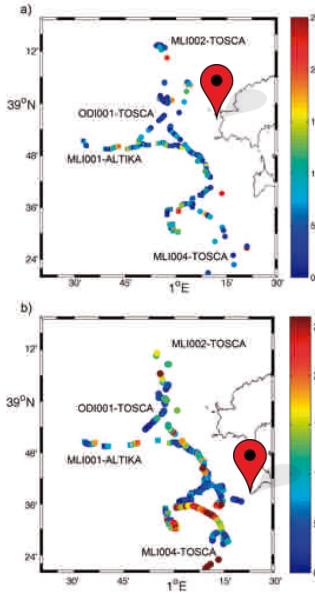
**TRAJ\_2D.exe:** HF Radar data (Netcdf format) via OPENDAP,  
positions (dates + url); Future improvements: Integrated in a  
web service, multiplatform

## OMA CURRENTS – COASTAL COVERAGE





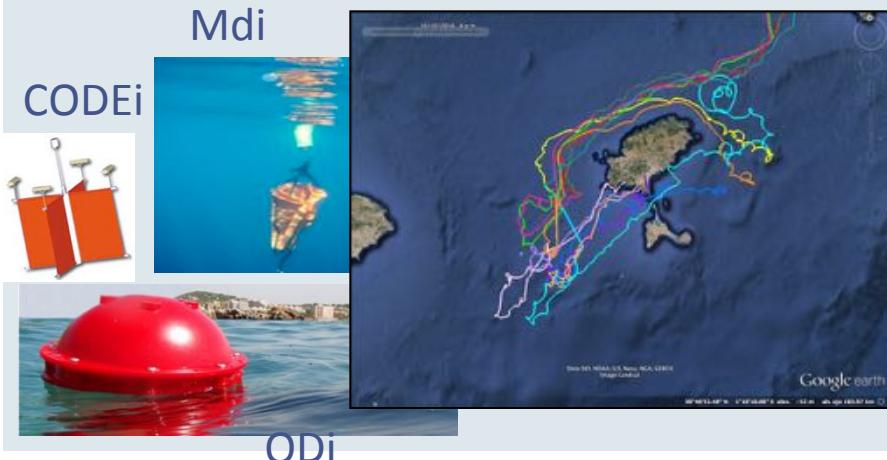
# HF Radar – in situ validation



**ALTIKA (2013) and TOSCA (2012) drifters were used for validation: radials derived data were used to HF Radar validation**

Maps showing differences between both measurements are useful to have a correct identification of spatial areas where there is a higher agreement between the HF Radar radial data and surface drifters velocities. The differences are very low for Ibiza Radar station, where the values are generally below 10 cm/s for the four drifters considered. For the Formentera Radar station the difference is still generally low, however there are certain areas with larger values, mainly due to the scarcity of radial data in the area.

**HF Radar experiment (2014)** 13 drifters (different drogues and windage) were launched in the Radar HF area at 4 different points in September.

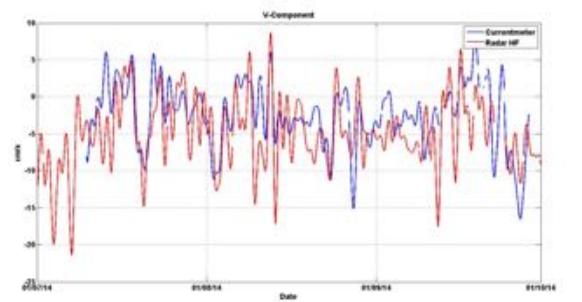
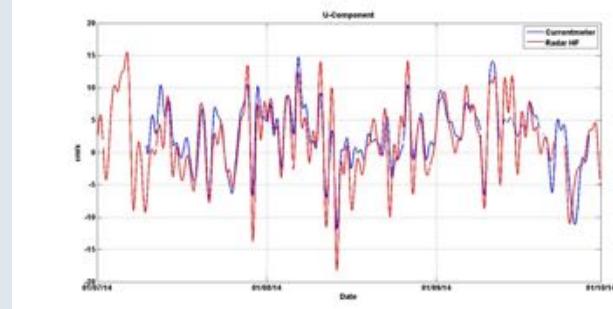


	GALF			FORM		
	N	RMSbias	CORR	N	RMSbias	CORR
CODE001	137	-0.02	0.62	47	-0.002	0.41
CODE002	121	-0.05	0.64	66	-0.01	0.57
CODE003	167	-0.01	0.79	192	0.006	0.66
CODE004	186	-0.01	0.85	261	-0.009	0.78
OD0017	196	0.005	0.67	130	0.01	0.86
OD0018	195	-0.01	0.72	143	0.006	0.80
OD0004	180	-0.05	0.55	173	0.002	0.56
OD0006	126	-0.03	0.79	236	-0.01	0.78
MDO31003	211	-0.03	0.80	127	-0.01	0.82
MDO31004	206	-0.01	0.81	256	0.007	0.66
MDO31005	166	-0.01	0.85	257	-0.005	0.77
MDO31002	148	0.04	0.76	64	0.01	0.58
MDO31001	145	0.06	0.47	31	0.05	0.37

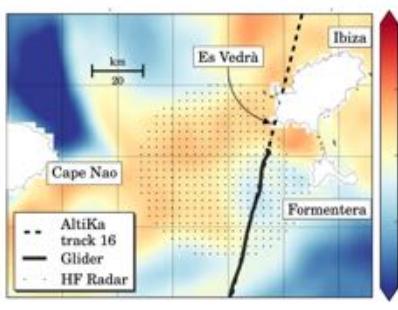
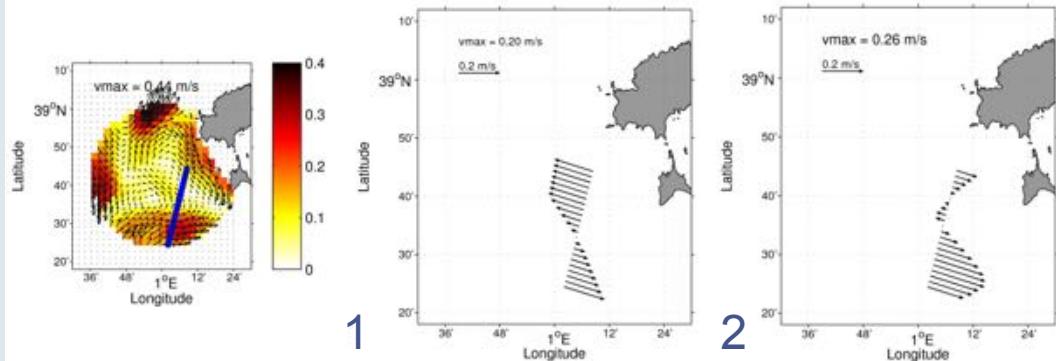


# HF Radar – in situ validation

## Mooring:



## Additional results:



Troupin et al. 2015.  
Advance in Space Research

1. Absolute geostrophic velocities perpendicular to the track derived from SARAL/AltiKa data;
2. surface HF radar velocities perpendicular to the SARAL/track interpolated from the HF radar data.

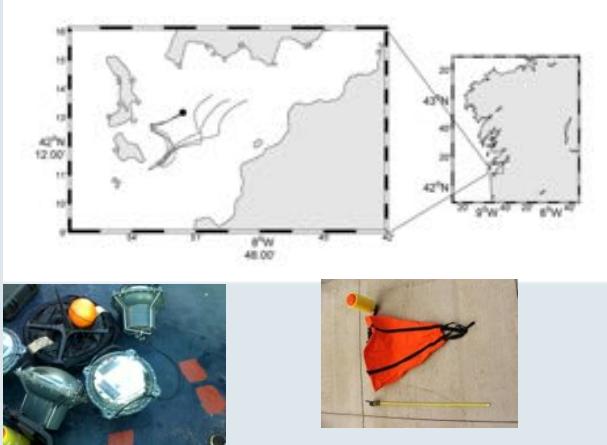
Pascual et al. 2015.  
Accepted at Marine Geodesy

# CALIBRACIÓN Y VALIDACIÓN TESEO PREDICCIÓN/BACKTRACKING



Proyecto DRIFTER

Proyecto PROMARES/OCTOPOS  
(MICIN, 2009-2011)



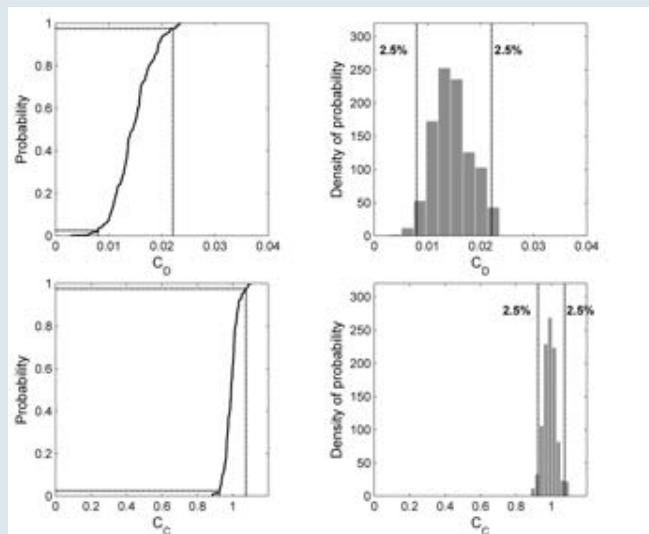
HF Radar currents:  
Universidad de Vigo

<http://www.portusbyqualitas.com/>

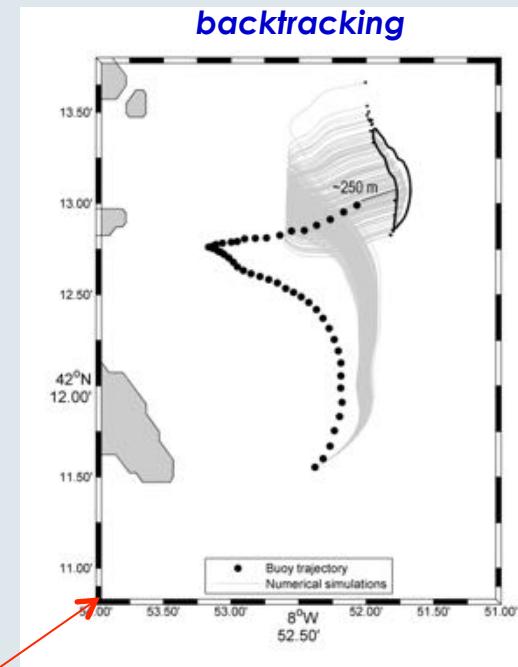
## PUBLICACIONES

Abascal, A. J., Castanedo, S., Fernández, V., Medina, R., 2012. **Backtracking drifting objects using surface currents from High-Frequency (HF) radar technology**, Ocean Dynamics, 62(7), 1073-1089 (DOI: 10.1007/s10236-012-0546-49)

Calibración: función de distribución de los coeficientes del modelo



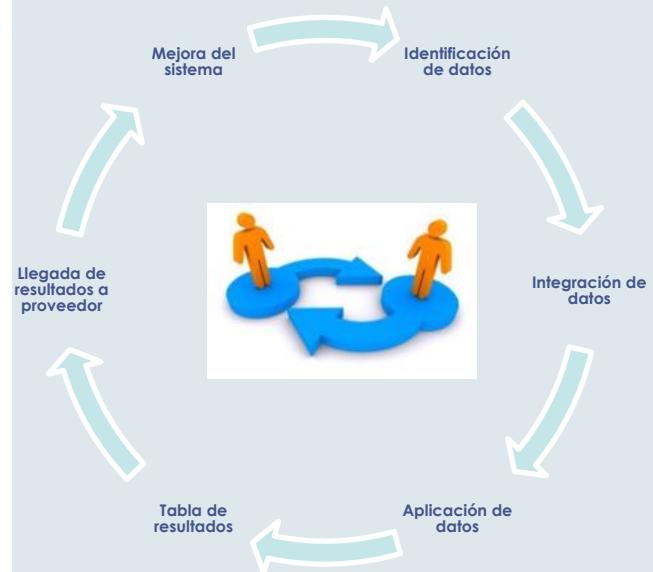
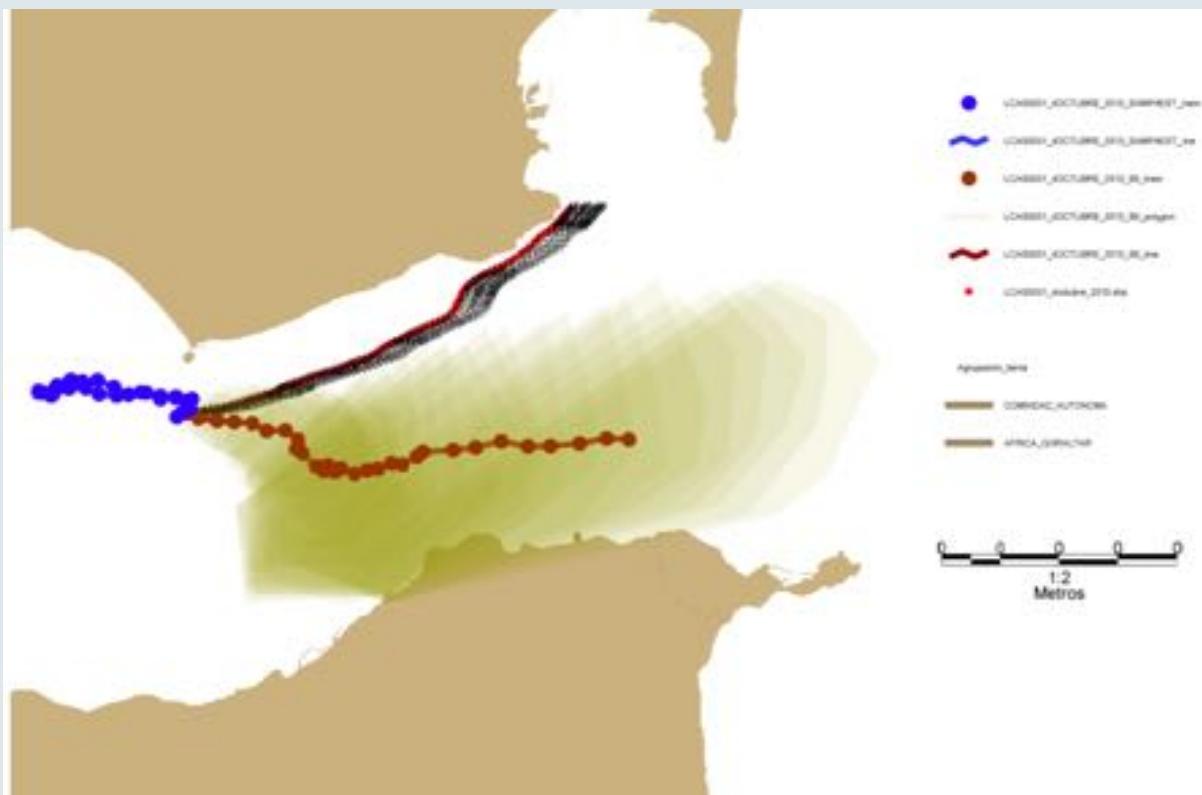
**backtracking**



Validación: Boya (puntos negros) vs. modelo (trayectorias grises)  
Distancia final (boyas vs. modelo aprox. 200 m)



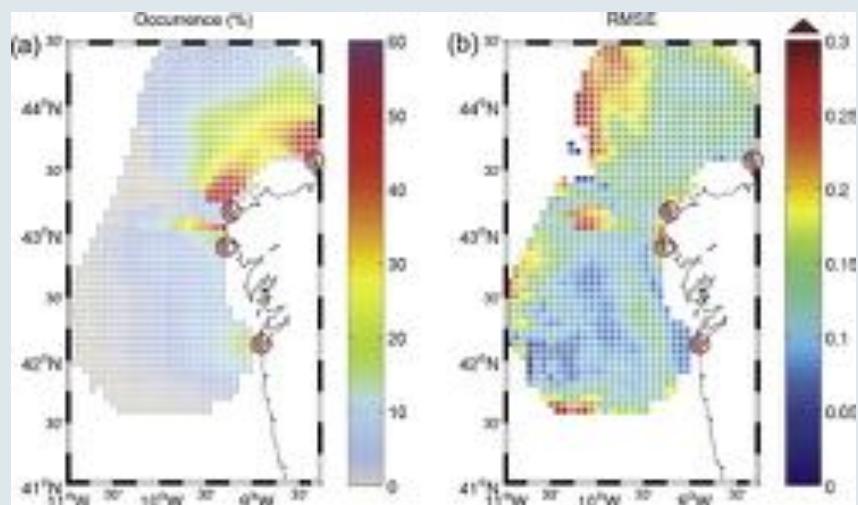
# Feedback



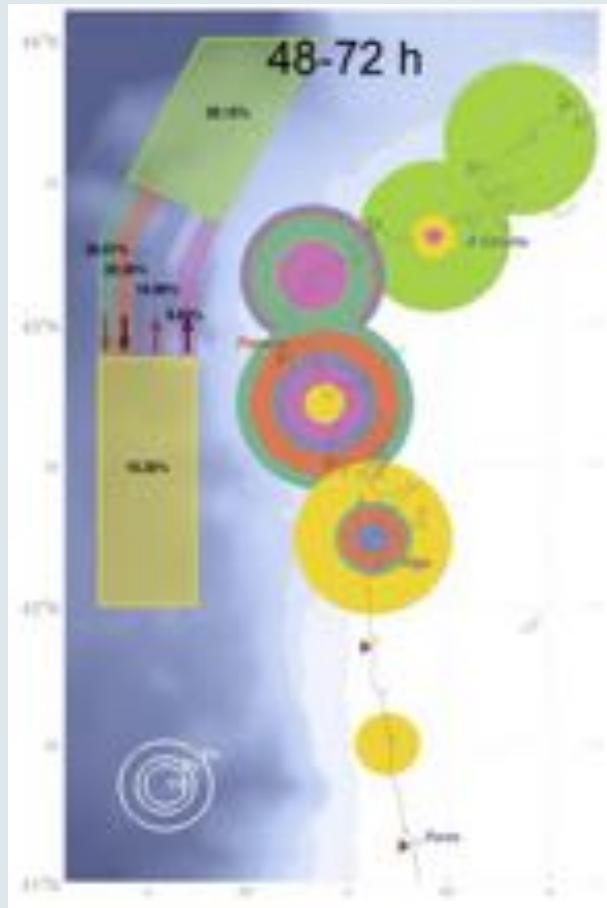


# Galicia Contingency plan

- Support for mapping risks



Validación de los modelos del análisis usando Radar HF



Ocurrencia de impacto según el origen en 48-72 horas

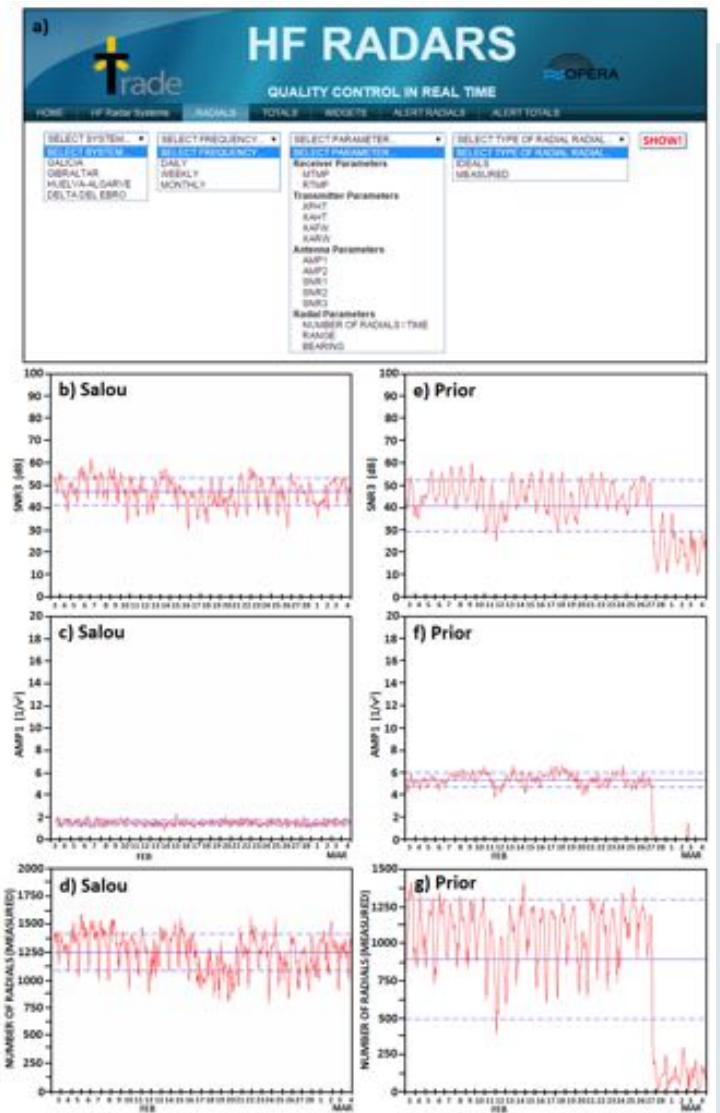


## QA/QC WG

Examples



# Web page for daily control of HF radars



- Unified procedures **for quality assurance-quality control (QA-QC)** of radar data in real-time.
- A dedicated **online website** developed to operationally **monitor radar system health in real time**.
- This automated quality control application analyze **nonvelocity-based diagnose parameters** to obtain estimates of their standard ranges and evaluate radar site performance according to them.
- Abrupt changes, gradual degradation and/or failure problems can be easily detected, **triggering alerts for troubleshooting**.



# QA/QC

## Real time validation with Buoys

KO!

OK!





# Quality Control Procedures

the real-time HF Radar data requires constant quality control. The many factors that can affect the radar signal require continuous oversight.

Additionally to CODAR QC procedures, all radial and total data which enters in **SOCIB Data Center** are associated to a **quality flag** to ensure the data being produced are of the highest quality.

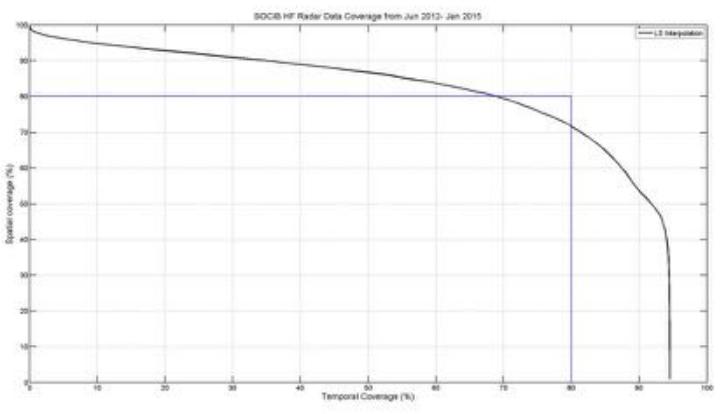
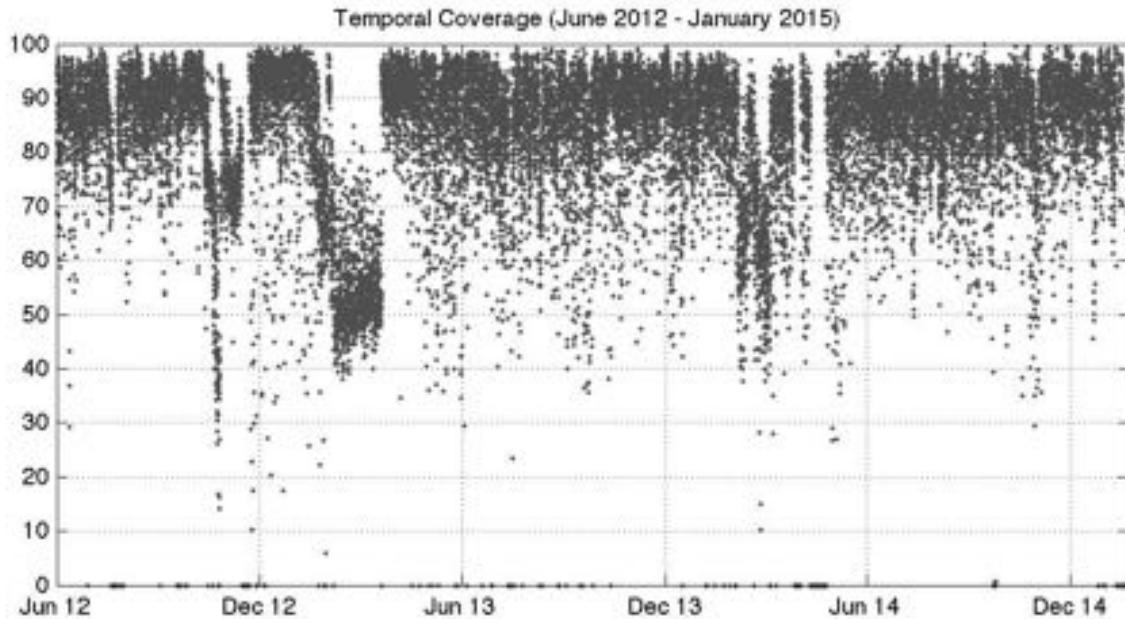
Code	Meaning
0	No QC was performed
1	Good data
2	Probably good data
3	Probably bad data
4	Bad data
6	Spike
8	Interpolated data
9	Missing data

## SOCIB Quality Flags

- **QC Flags** for radials and totals based on:
  - System functioning Diagnostics (S2N, bearing, etc...)
  - Battery of tests for individual total vectors (spikes, range, outliers, etc..)



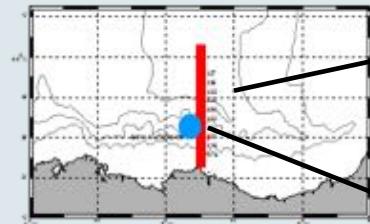
# System Performance



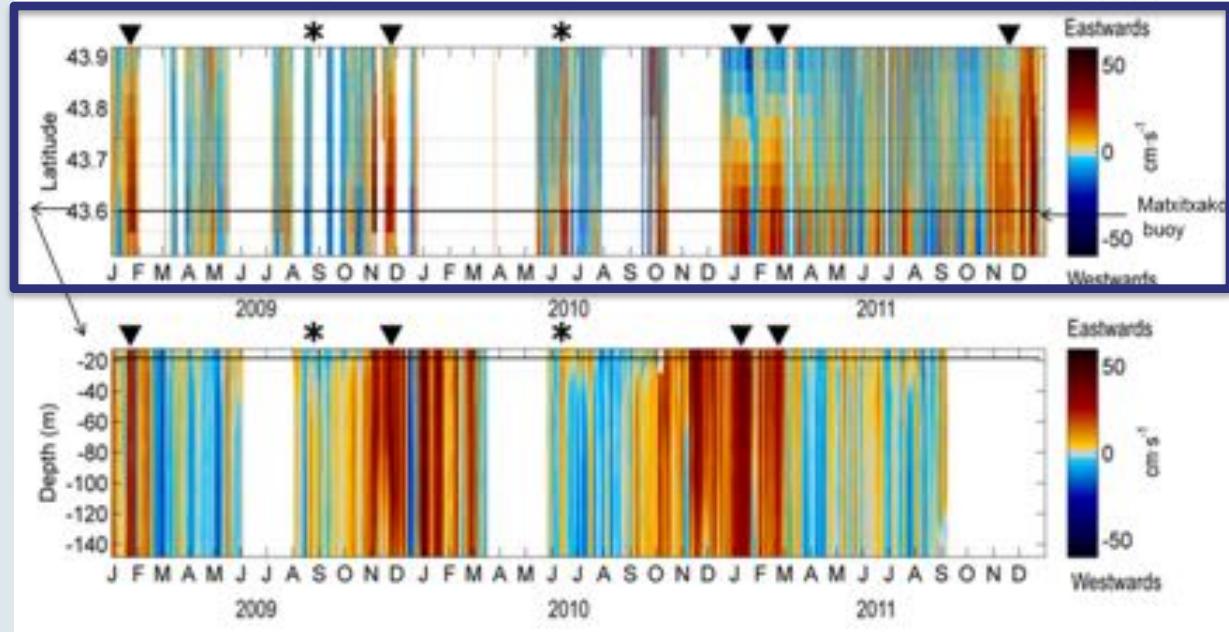
Total coverage metrics  
**5 % of time with NO DATA:** episodic electric shutdowns, turn off, problems with the computer...  
**Decrease in coverage:** Radioelectric interference at radial stations, antenna malfunctioning (gaps),...

# HFR País vasco – QA/QC

Along slope circulation and local peaks

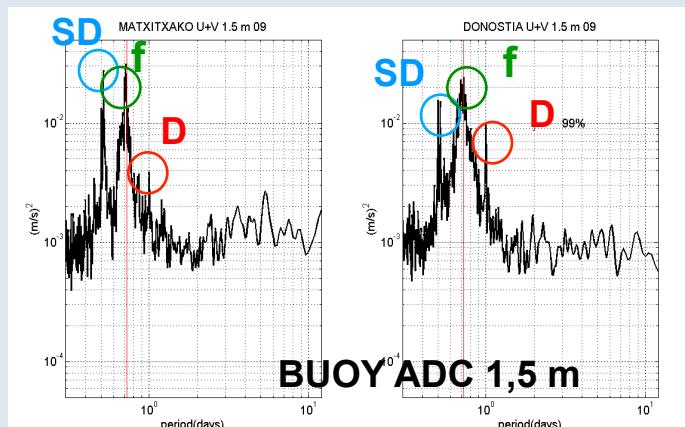
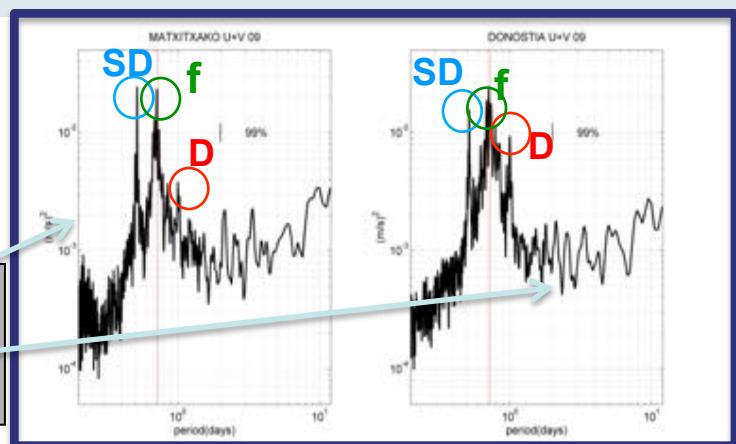
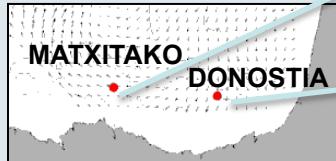


BUOY ADCP  
15-200 m



## MAIN LOCAL PEAKS

- D: diurnal
- SD: semidiurnal
- f: inertial





# Maintenance WG

## Examples



# ANÁLISIS INCIDENCIAS

SYSTEM	STATION	TYPE OF INCIDENCE									
		COMMUNICATIONS	ENERGY	ANTENNA	ELECTRONICS	SOFTWARE	GPS	CABLING	COMPUTER	OTHERS	
GALICIA	SILL	5	1				1				
	FIST	2			1		1			1	
	COMB	1									
GIBRALTAR	TARI	1				1					
	CARN	4	1			1				1	
	CEUTA	1									
	COMB	1				1					
PAÍS VASCO	HIGE		2			2		1			
	MATX	2	2		2	1		1	1	1	
	COMB					1					
TRADE	MAZA	2									
	COMB									1	
		19	6	0	3	7	2	2	1	4	
	%	43,18%	13,64%	0,00%	6,82%	15,91%	4,55%	4,55%	2,27%	9,09%	

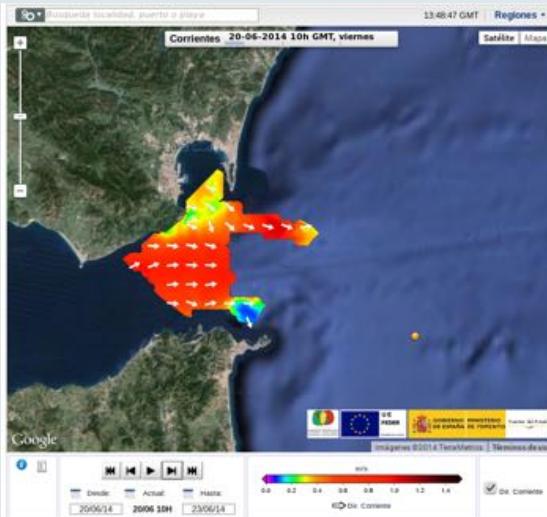
Puertos del Estado





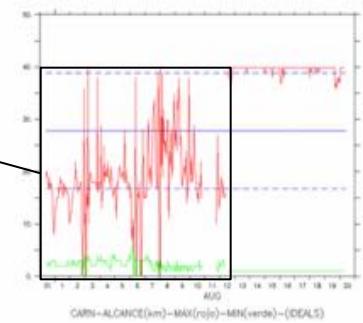
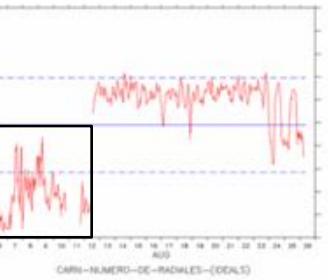
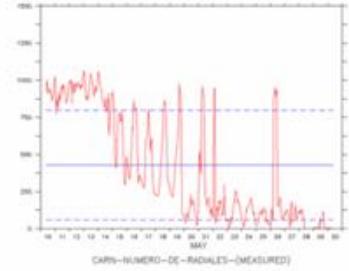
# Mantenimiento (IV)

Example of a problem:  
interferences near the station



Fallo

Operarios  
instalando  
protecciones en los  
cables y torreta



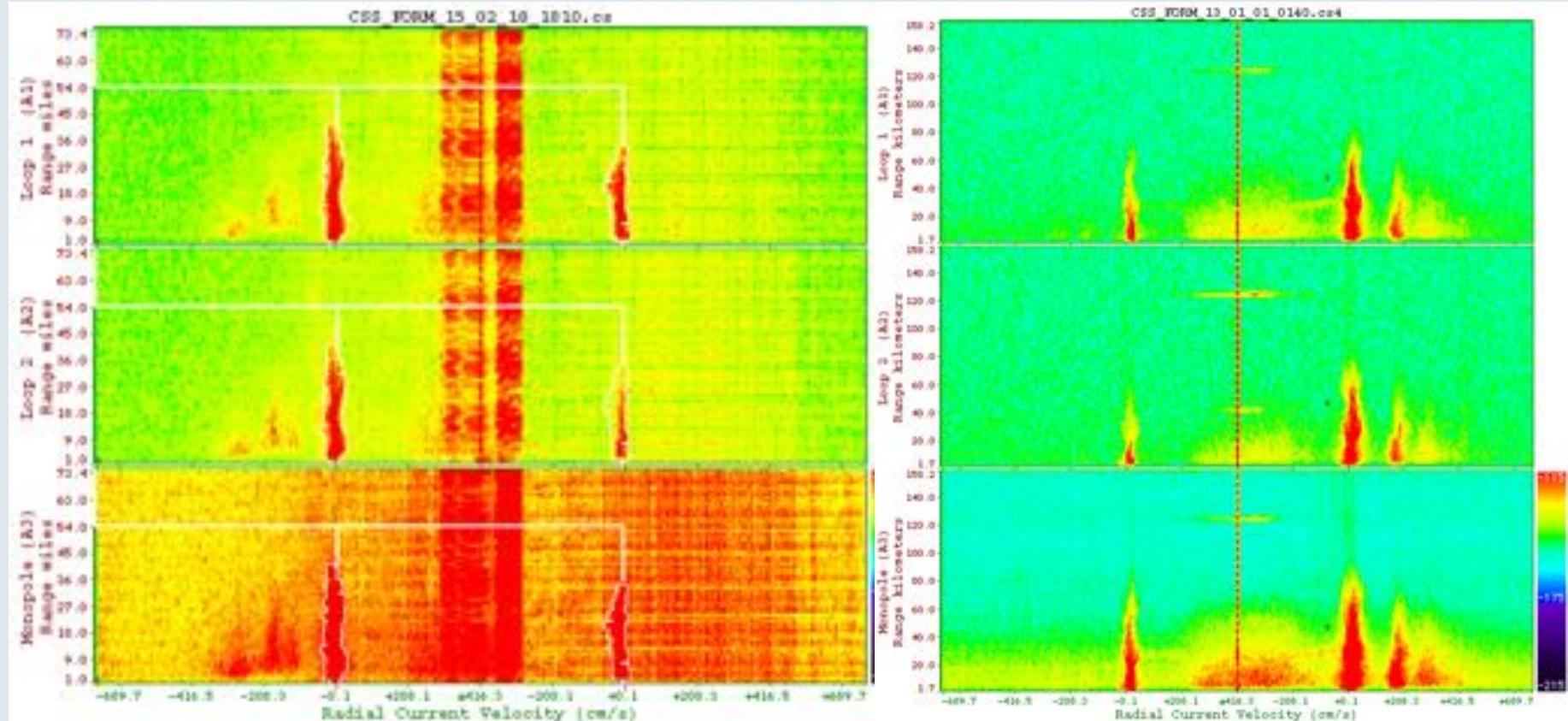
# PRINCIPALES PROBLEMAS

- Maintenance by SOCIB





# PRINCIPALES PROBLEMAS



Interferences- ???



# Data Handling and dissemination

Examples



# Vigo data

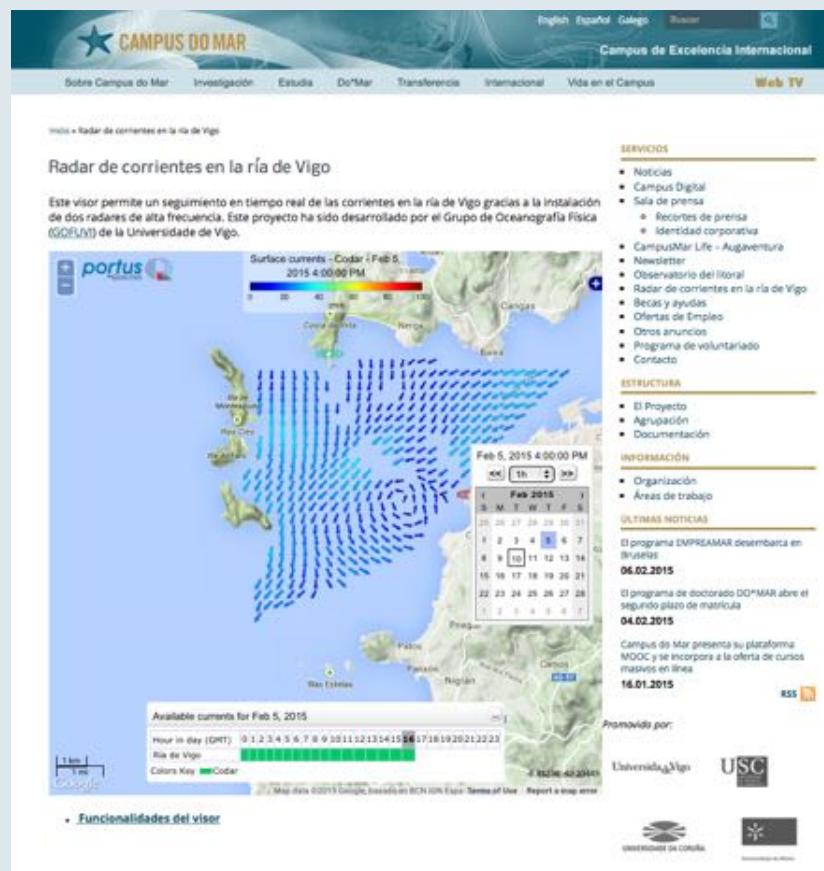


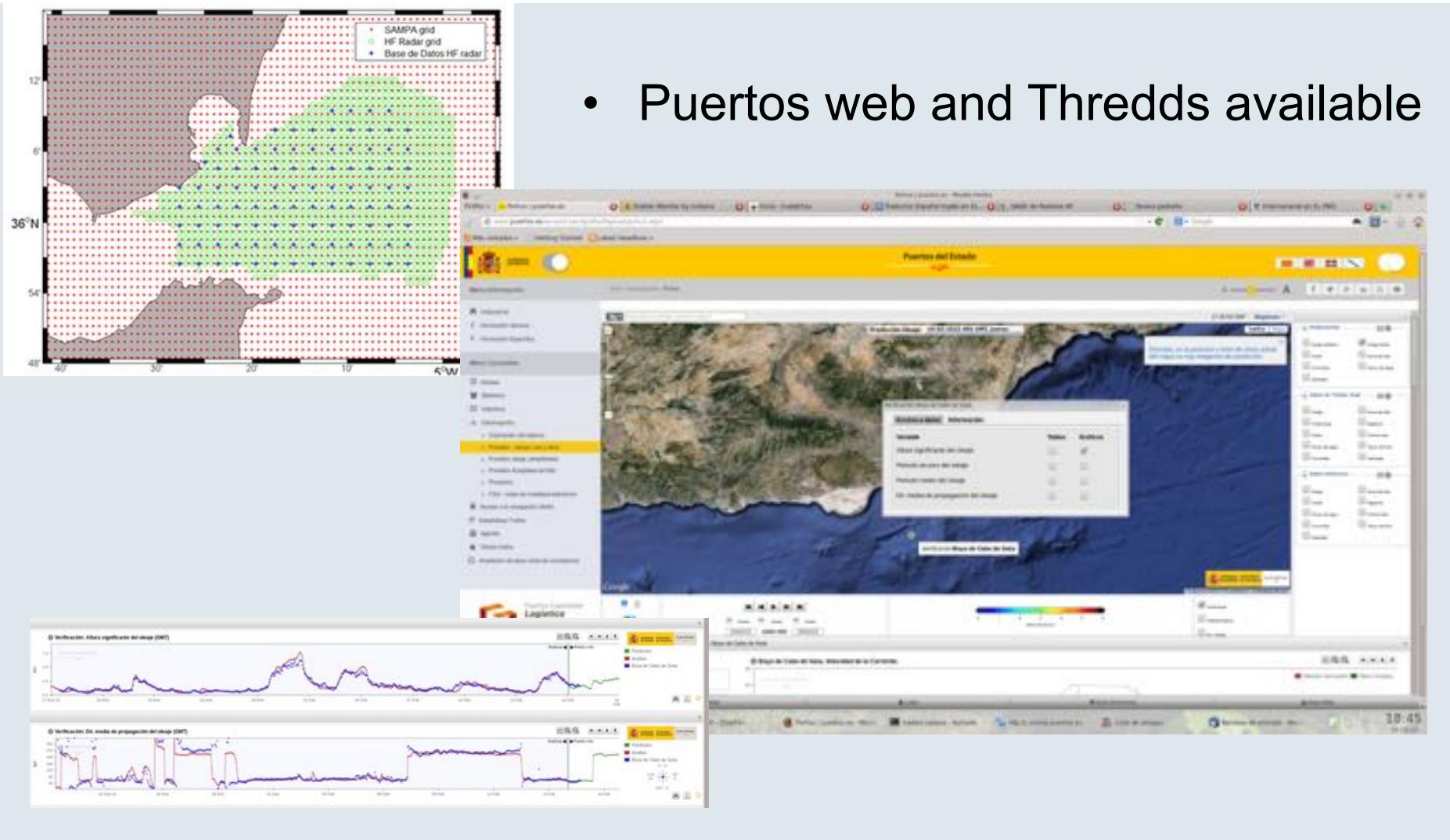
Figura 1. Web de Campus do Mar

<http://campusdomar.es/radar-de-corrientes-en-la-ria-de-vigo/?lang=es>

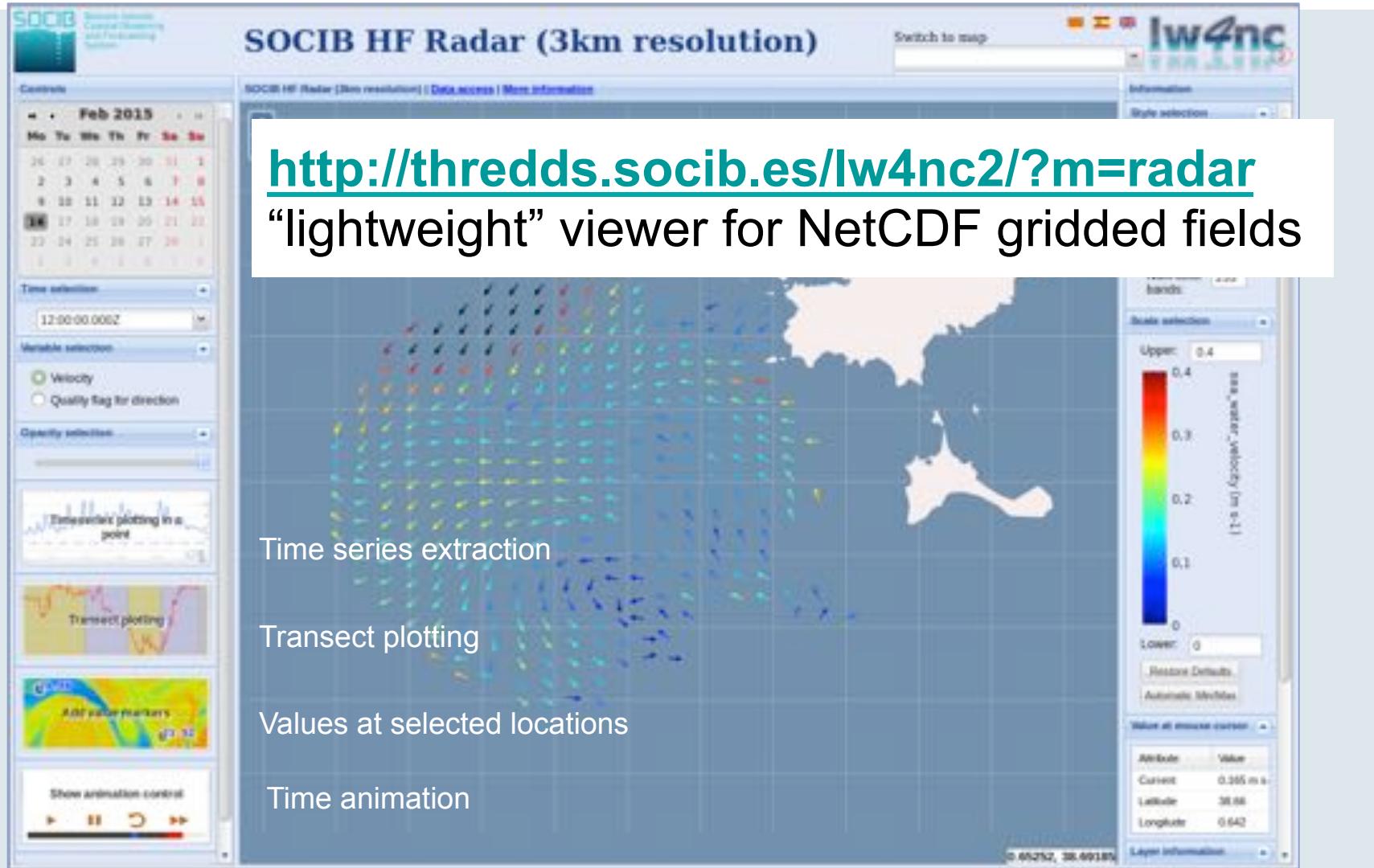


# Gestión de datos (IV)

- Puertos web and Thredds available



# SOCIB HF Radar Facility





# HFR País vasco – gestión de datos

Catalog [http://oceandata.azti.es/thredds/RADAR\\_OO.html](http://oceandata.azti.es/thredds/RADAR_OO.html)

Dataset: RADAR Data/HFRadar\_BasqueCountry\_8km\_hourly.nc

- Data type: GRIB
- Naming Authority: Euskalnet, Basque Government
- ID: RADAR/HFRadar\_BasqueCountry\_8km\_hourly.nc

Documentation:

- Summary: Surface ocean velocities estimated from HF-Radar are representative of the upper 0.3 - 2.5 meters of the ocean. The main objective of the near-real time processing is to produce the best product from available data at the time of processing. Radial velocity measurements are obtained from the individual radar sites of the Basque Country HF-Radar Network. Hourly radial data are processed by unweighted least-squares on a 8km resolution grid of the Basque Country Coast to produce a near real-time surface currents maps.
- Rights: These data may contain inaccuracies or errors. Thus we decline every responsibility for their use. These data have been generated from the Basque Country In-situ Operational Oceanography observational network. Their use have to be informed at [rep-meteo@eurog.es](mailto:rep-meteo@eurog.es) and appropriate acknowledgement to Euskalnet, Basque Government, given in any publications arising therefrom.

Access:

1. OPeNDAP: [https://www.azti.es/OPeNDAP/HFRadar\\_BasqueCountry\\_8km\\_hourly.nc](https://www.azti.es/OPeNDAP/HFRadar_BasqueCountry_8km_hourly.nc)
2. HTTPServer: [https://www.azti.es/webservices/RADAR/HFRadar\\_BasqueCountry\\_8km\\_hourly.nc](https://www.azti.es/webservices/RADAR/HFRadar_BasqueCountry_8km_hourly.nc)
3. WCS: [https://www.azti.es/webservices/RADAR/HFRadar\\_BasqueCountry\\_8km\\_hourly.nc](https://www.azti.es/webservices/RADAR/HFRadar_BasqueCountry_8km_hourly.nc)
4. WMS: [https://www.azti.es/webservices/RADAR/HFRadar\\_BasqueCountry\\_8km\\_hourly.nc](https://www.azti.es/webservices/RADAR/HFRadar_BasqueCountry_8km_hourly.nc)
5. NetCDFSubset: [https://www.azti.es/webservices/RADAR/HFRadar\\_BasqueCountry\\_8km\\_hourly.nc](https://www.azti.es/webservices/RADAR/HFRadar_BasqueCountry_8km_hourly.nc)
6. FDO: [https://www.azti.es/webservices/RADAR/HFRadar\\_BasqueCountry\\_8km\\_hourly.nc](https://www.azti.es/webservices/RADAR/HFRadar_BasqueCountry_8km_hourly.nc)

Keywords:

- HF Radar, Basque Country, BPA/B, Cantabrian coast, surface sea water velocity, near-real time

Creators:

- Euskalnet, Basque Government, AZTI
  - + email: [azti@azti.es](mailto:azti@azti.es)
  - + <http://www.euskalnet.eus/azti.net/> <http://www.azti.es/>

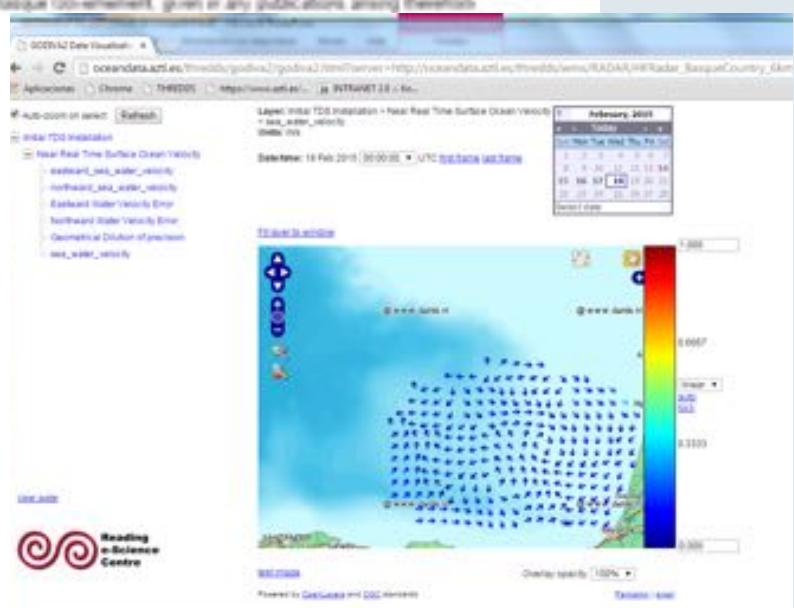
Publishers:

- Euskalnet, Basque Government, AZTI
  - + email: [pyragam@azti.es](mailto:pyragam@azti.es)
  - + <http://www.euskalnet.eus/azti.net/> <http://www.azti.es/>

GeospatialCoverage:

- Longitude: -4.0 to -0.3 degrees, east
- Latitude: 40.4 to 46.8 degrees, north

ESTANDARIZACIÓN HFNT EMODNET :  
Metadatos  
Estructura del catálogo Thredds  
Netcdf :variables y atributos





# Intecmar data handling

- INTECMAR and Puertos fully coordinated
- Data via THREDDS:

**Intecmar TDS**  
THREDDSS Data Server

**Catalog**  
[http://opendap.intecmar.org/thredds/catalog/data/nc/RADAR\\_HF/Galicia/LS/fast/](http://opendap.intecmar.org/thredds/catalog/data/nc/RADAR_HF/Galicia/LS/fast/)

**Dataset:** 2015\_02\_20/CODAR\_GALI\_2015\_02\_20\_0400.nc

- Data format: netCDF
- Data size: 126.8 Kbytes
- Data type: GRID
- ID: ThreddsIntecmanRADAR\_HF/Galicia/LS/fast/2015\_02\_20/CODAR\_GALI\_2015\_02\_20\_0400.nc

**Access:**

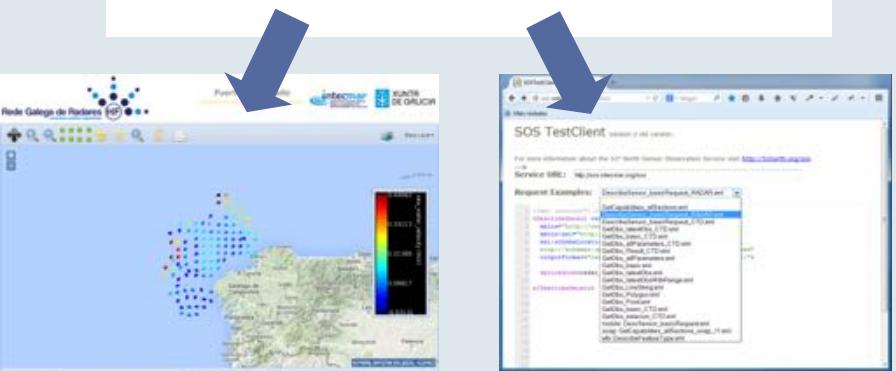
1. OPENDAP: /opendap/catalog/nc/RADAR\_HF/Galicia/LS/fast/2015\_02\_20/CODAR\_GALI\_2015\_02\_20\_0400.nc
2. HTTP Server: /thredds/fileServer/catalog/nc/RADAR\_HF/Galicia/LS/fast/2015\_02\_20/CODAR\_GALI\_2015\_02\_20\_0400.nc
3. WCS: /thredds/wcs/catalog/nc/RADAR\_HF/Galicia/LS/fast/2015\_02\_20/CODAR\_GALI\_2015\_02\_20\_0400.nc
4. WMS: /thredds/wms/catalog/nc/RADAR\_HF/Galicia/LS/fast/2015\_02\_20/CODAR\_GALI\_2015\_02\_20\_0400.nc
5. NetcdfSubset: /thredds/ncss/grid/catalog/nc/RADAR\_HF/Galicia/LS/fast/2015\_02\_20/CODAR\_GALI\_2015\_02\_20\_0400.nc

**Dates:**

- 2015-02-20T06:20:53Z (modified)

**Viewers:**

- Godiva2 (browser-based)
- NetCDF-Java ToolsUI (webstart)
- Integrated Data Viewer (IDV) (webstart)
- ncWMS Viewer



– <http://opendap.intecmar.org/thredds>

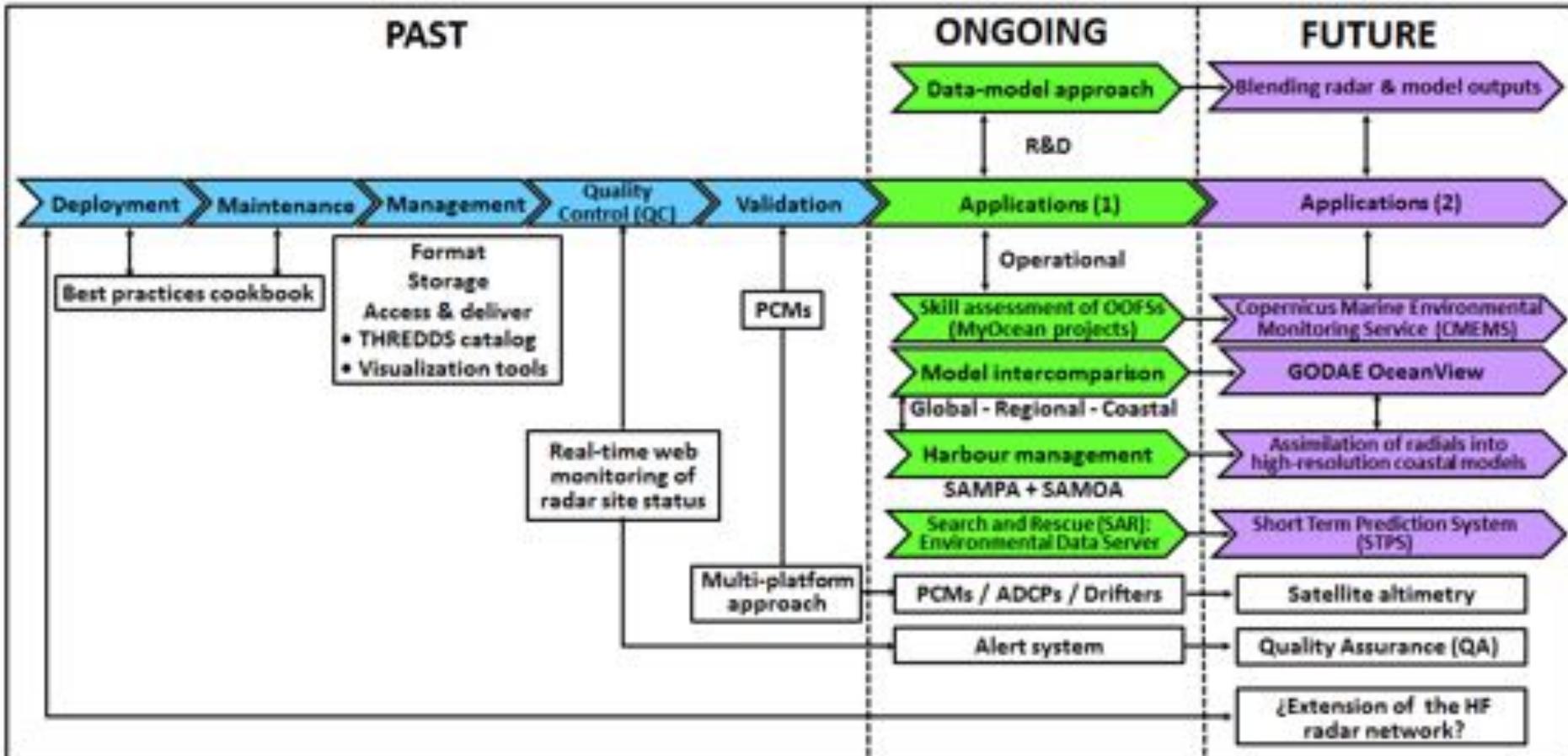


Intecmar  
coordinating  
distribution of  
HF radar to  
EMODNET via  
Thredds  
(coordinated  
with EuroGOOS  
HF radar TT).





# Conclusions (1/2): the long road...





# Conclusions (2/2)

- The IberoRed Team is one of the leading forces for implementing HF radar technology at Europe.
- It constitute a forum for exchange of experience, data interchange and search of collaborations and funding.
- The different WG are working on a joint publication of HF radar activity in Iberian peninsula (by the end of the year)