

# Validation de la maquette HYCOM Manche-Gascogne a partir des observations

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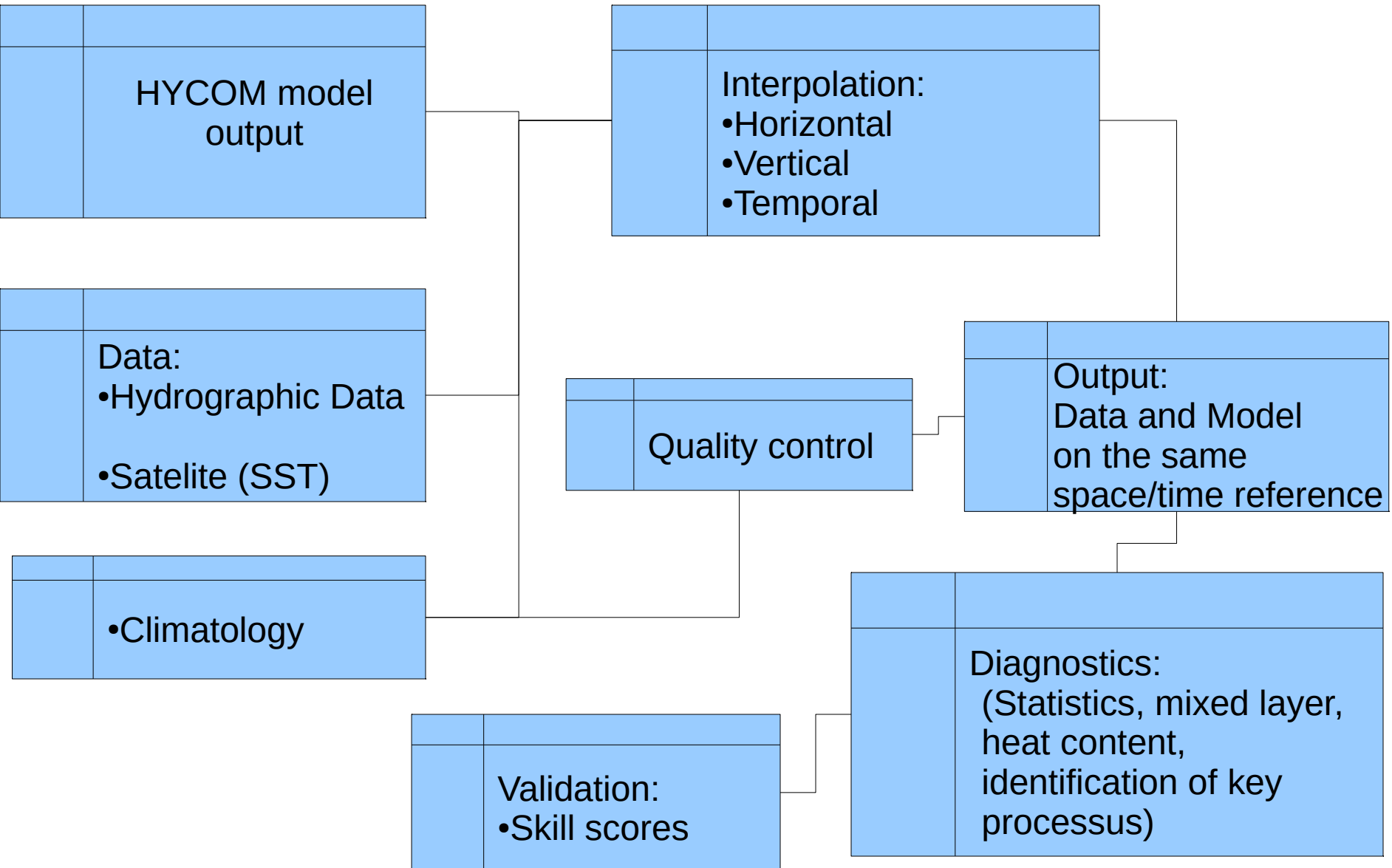
# Motivation

- Rapid validation of a HYCOM model configuration from available data.
- The process should be transparent to the user without the need to know or change the code.
- Managed by a config.ini file with paths to the model output and observational data, time period (tmin, tmax) and area (longitude, latitude) interval.

# Method

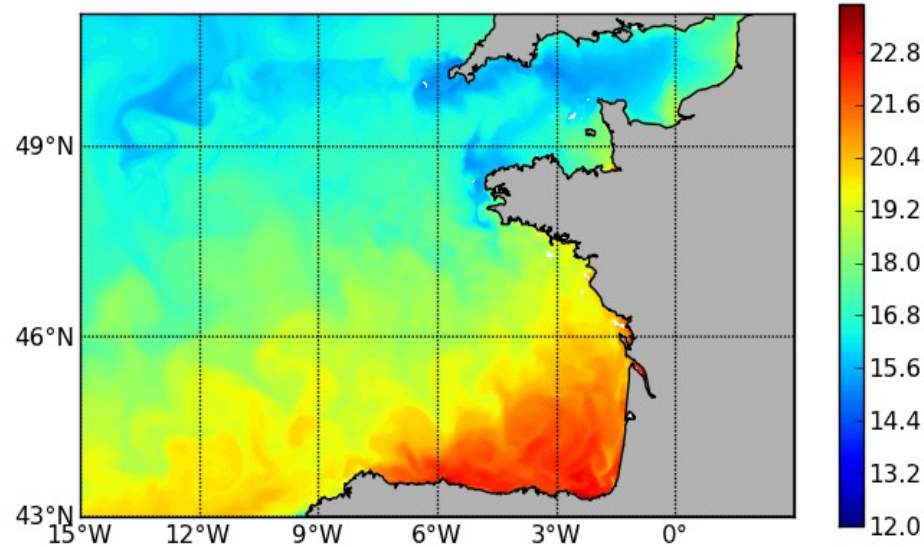
- Validation modules written in the Python language.
- Usage of generic visualization and computational libraries (matplotlib, numpy, vacumm)
- possibility of interface with existing Fortran libraries

# Validation Strategy



# Study region

Maquette HYCOM  
Manche-Gascogne



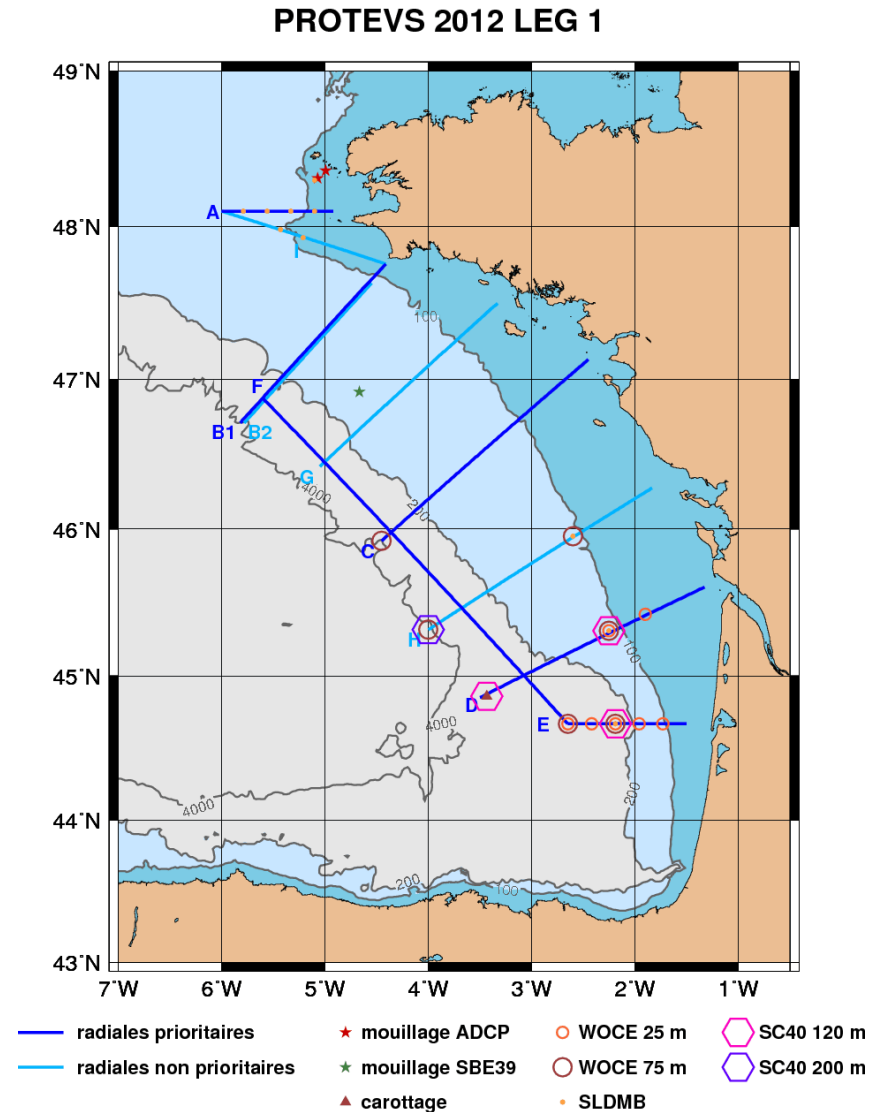
Currently we have the possibility to compare the model with:

- -Hydrographic data (Pyvalid -campagnes)
- -Satelite SST (Pyvalid - SST)

# Campagne PROTEVS 2012

Campagne réalisé a bord du  
BHO Beautemps-Beaupré  
en Août – Septembre 2012

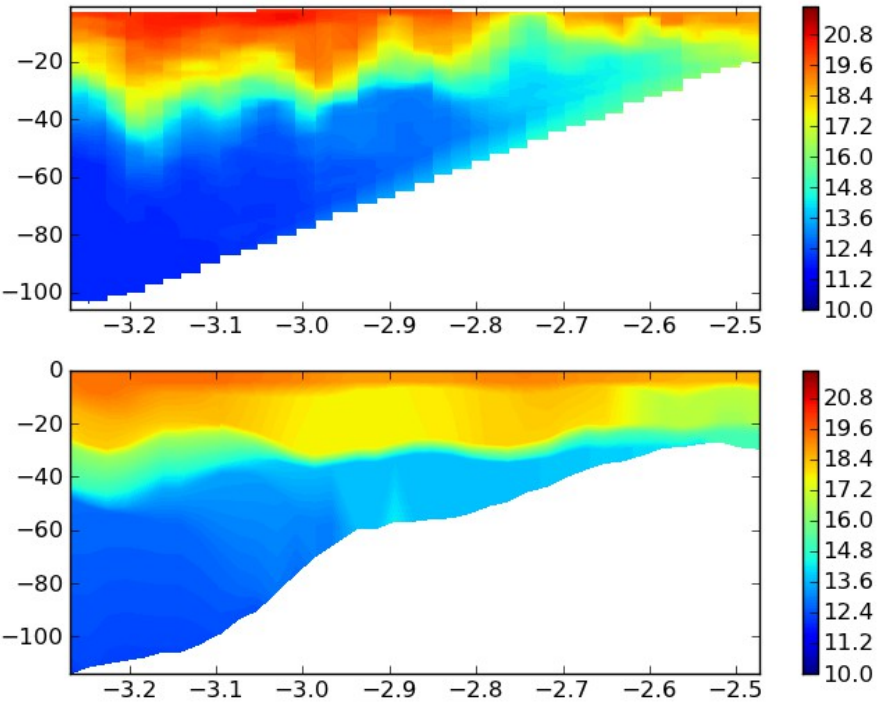
- SeaSoar
- Bathysonde CTD – LADCP –  
capteurs biochimiques
- VM-ADCP
- Prélèvements d'eau de mer
- Mouillages et flotteurs



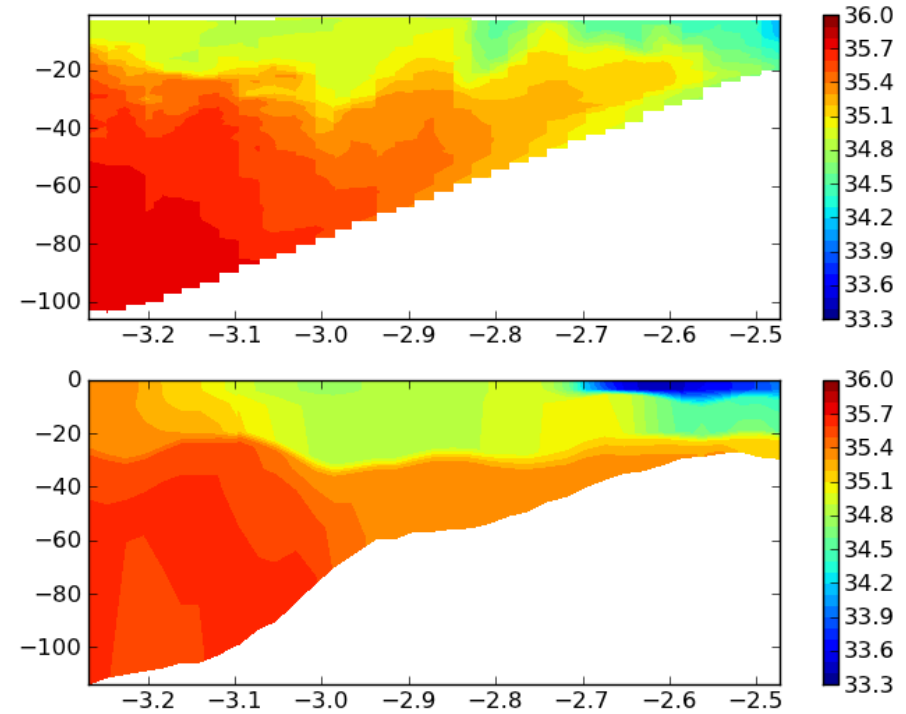
# Comparaison modèle – Radiale

## C

Temperature



Salinite

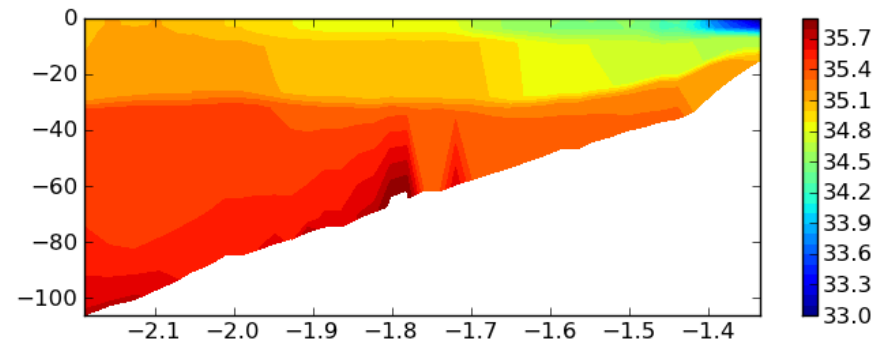
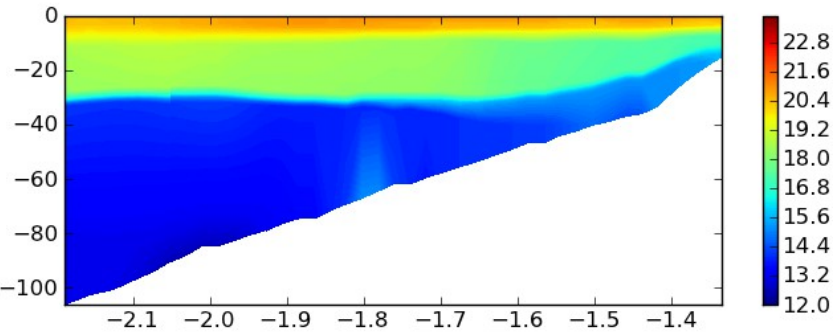
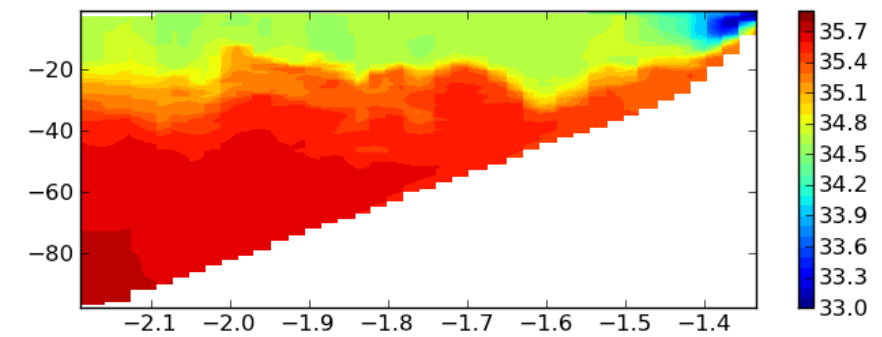
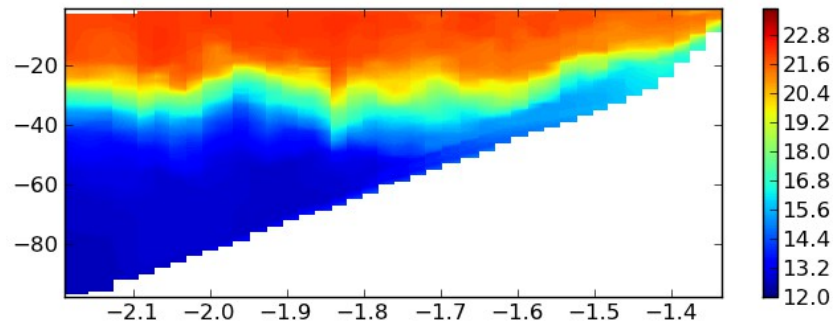


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### Temperature

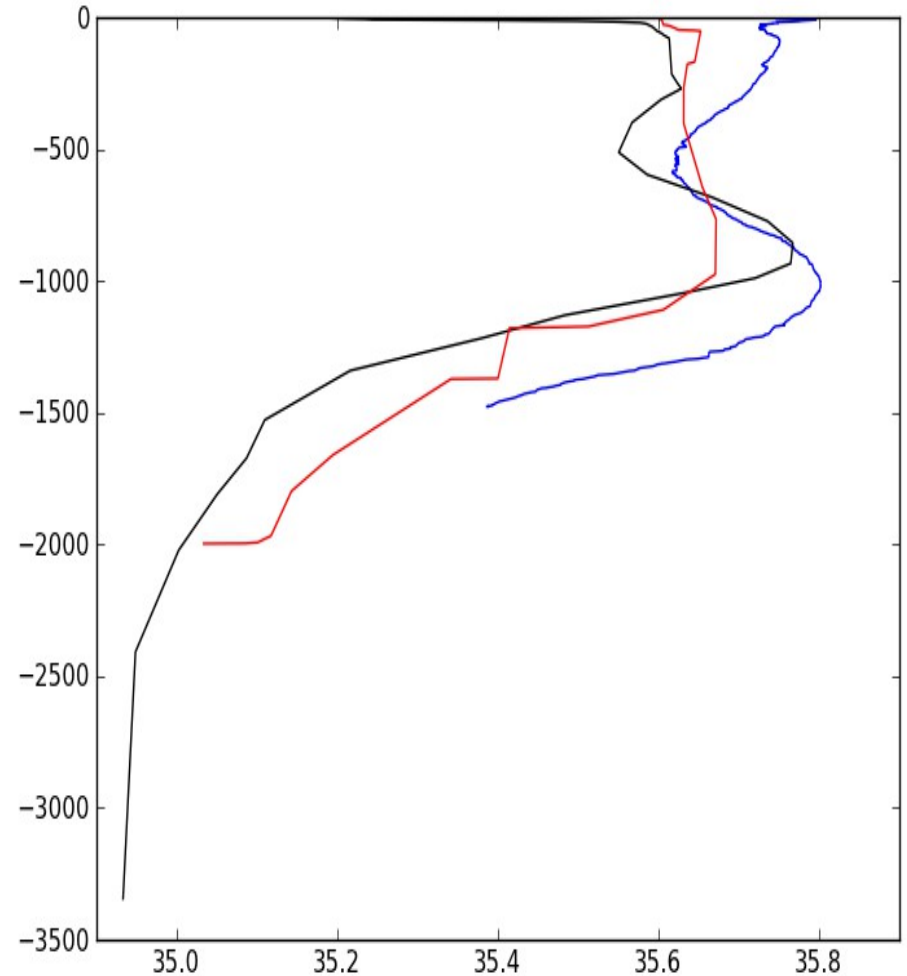
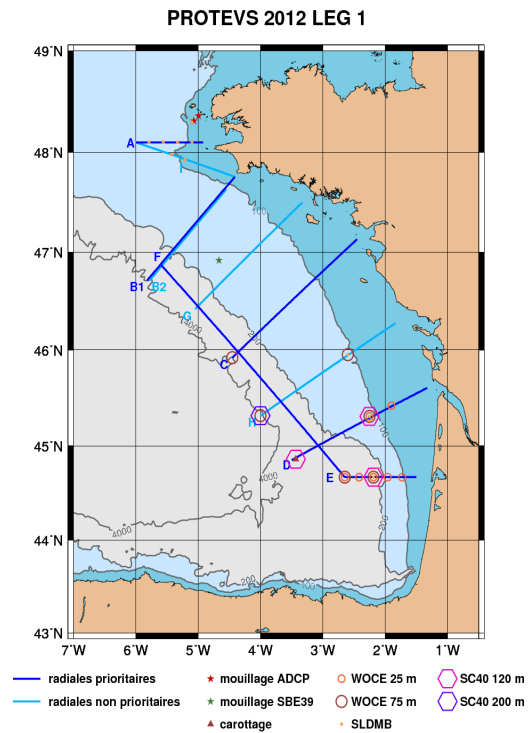
### Salinite





# Deep CTD survey

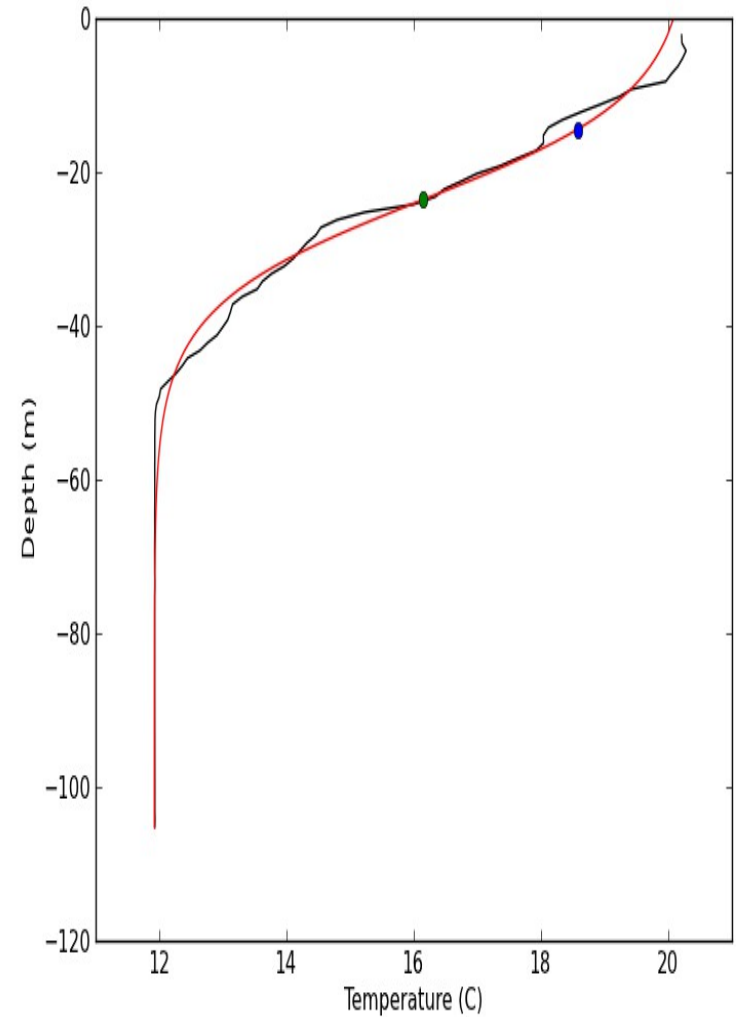
Detection of the  
Mediterranean water in  
the Salinity field



# Mixed layer

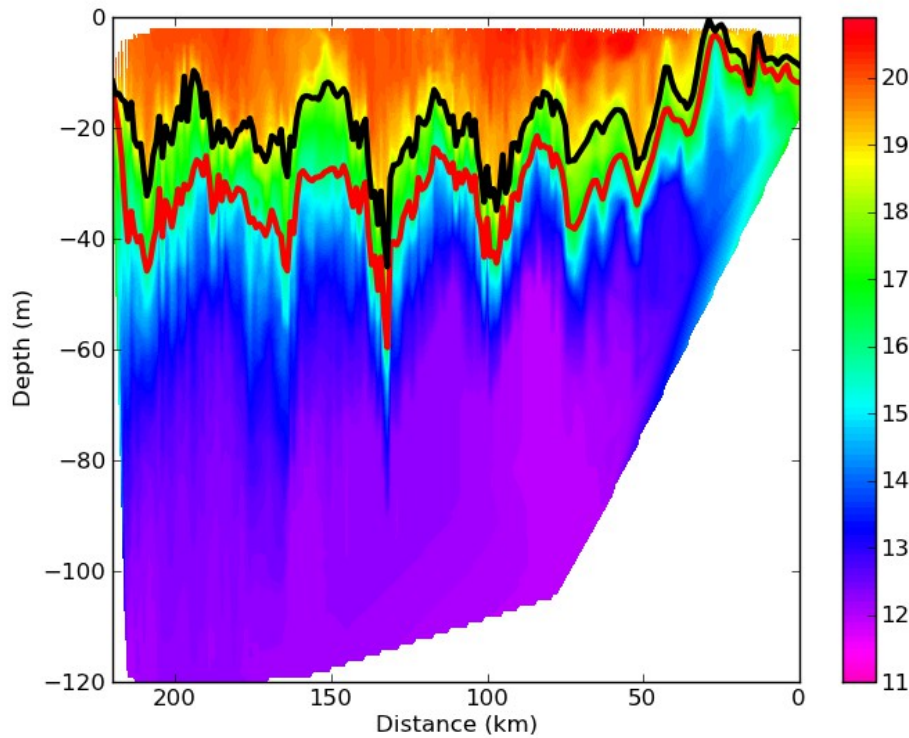
The thermocline and mixed layer depth is computed by fitting a sigmoid curve to the vertical temperature profile using the method described in Alvera-Azcárate et al (2011)

$$S(z) = T_u + \frac{T_b - T_u}{1 + e^{((z-D)/2W)}}$$

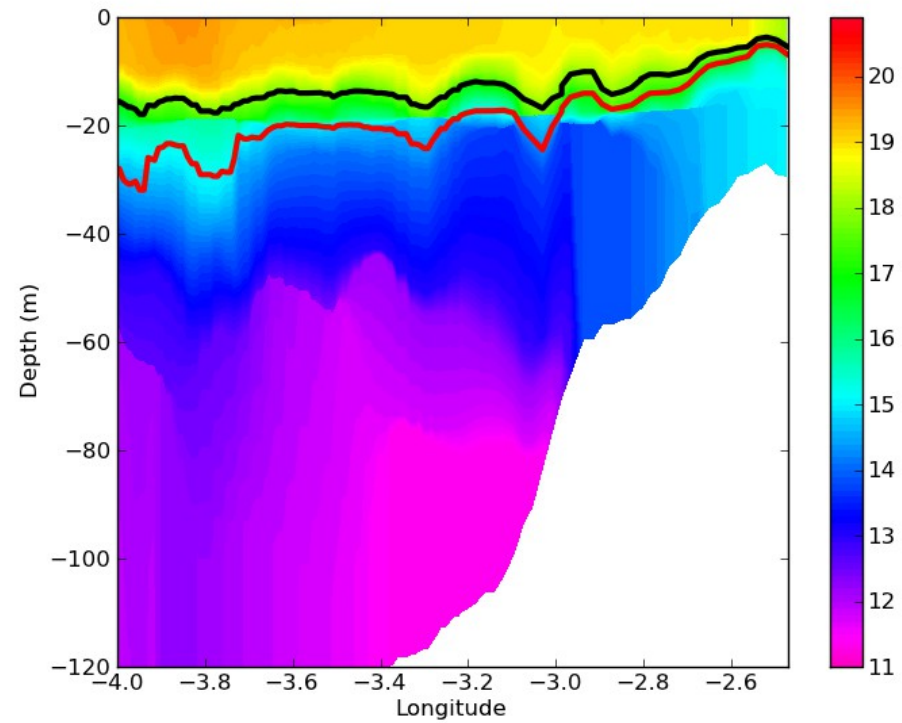


# Mixed layer – Radiale C

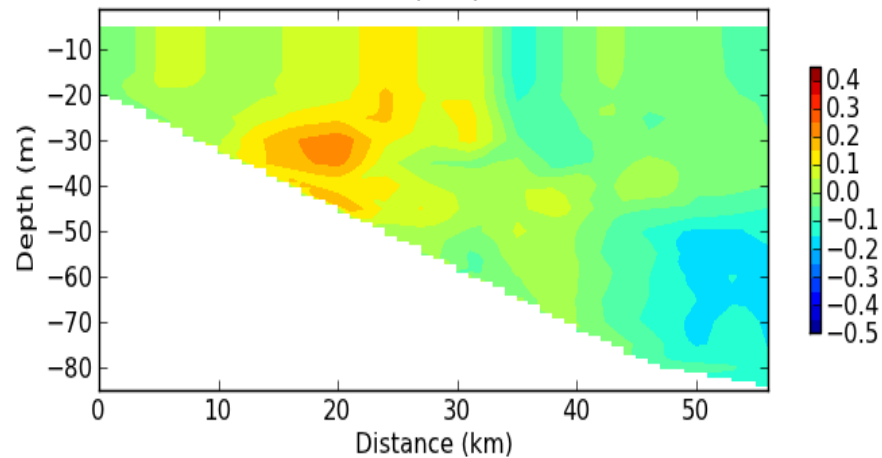
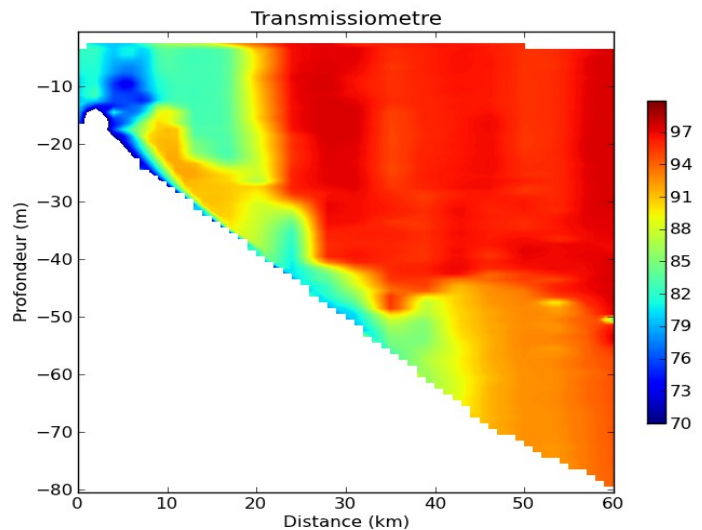
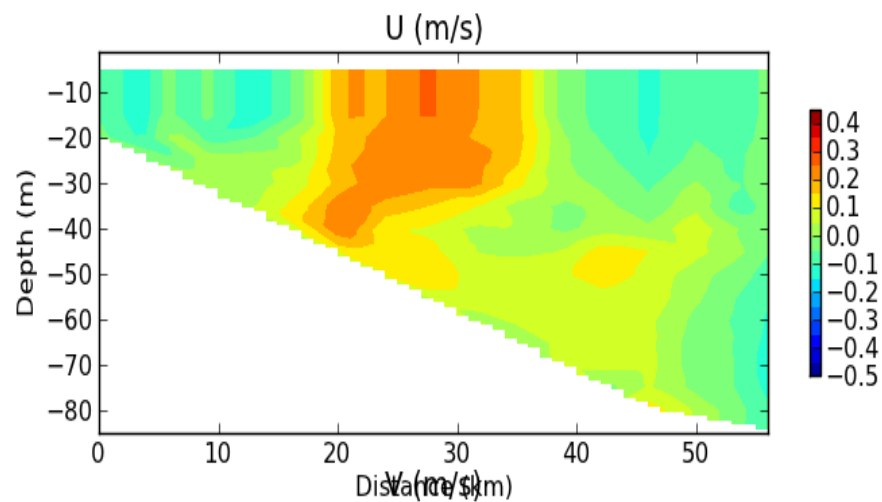
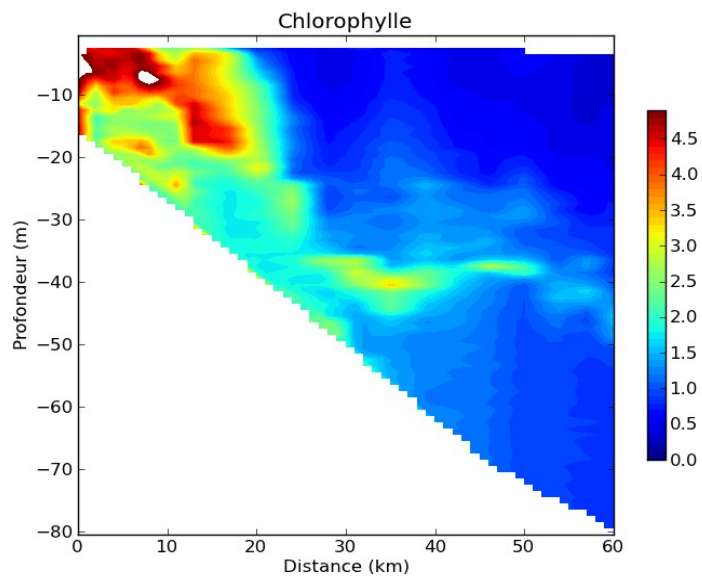
CTD + Seasoar



Model



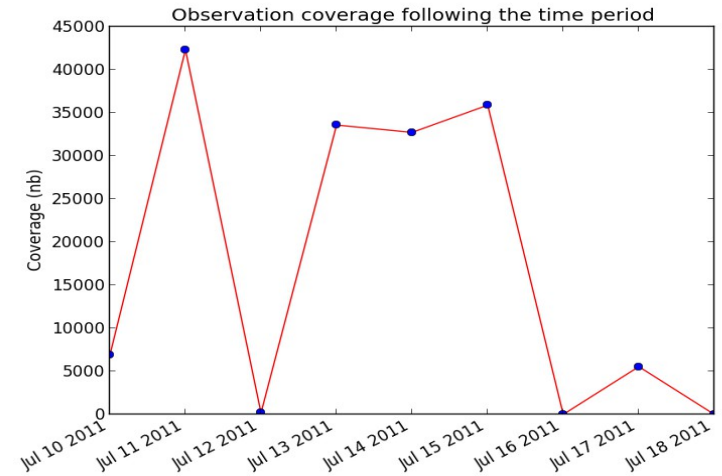
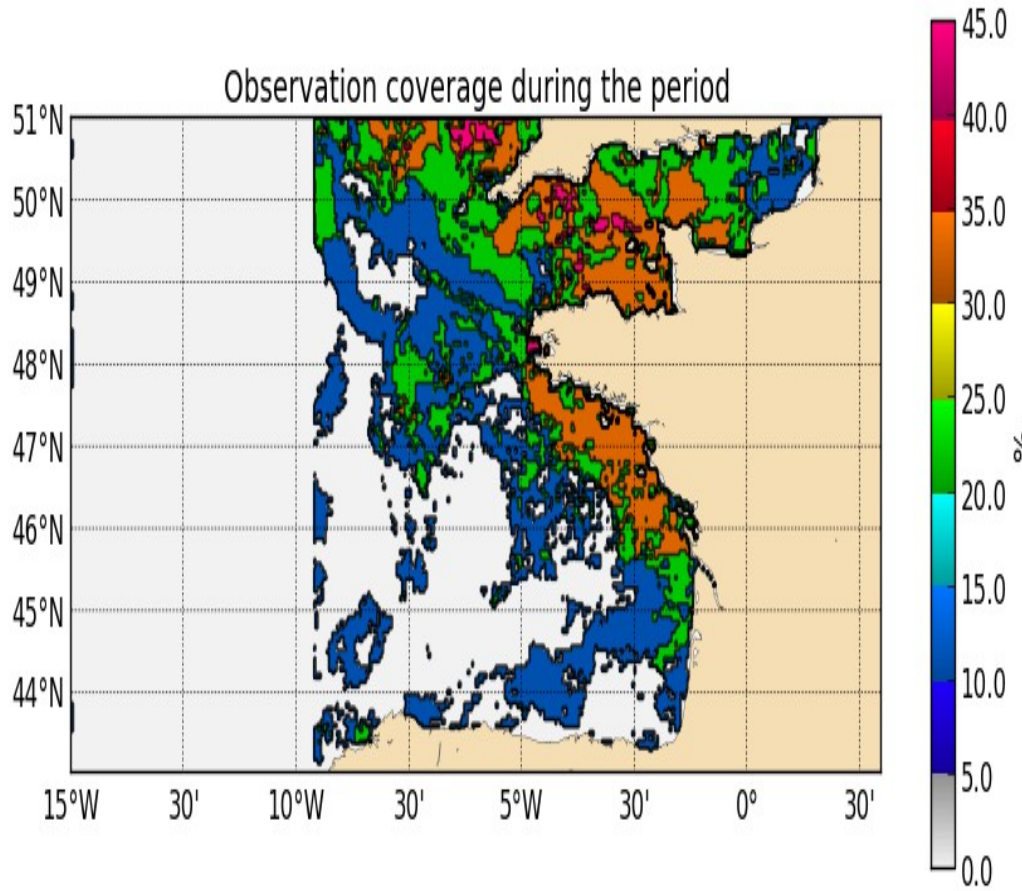
# Other outputs



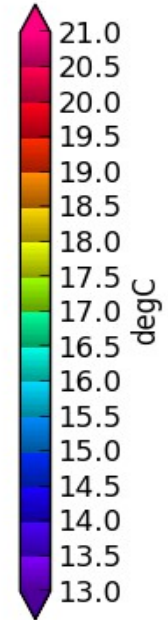
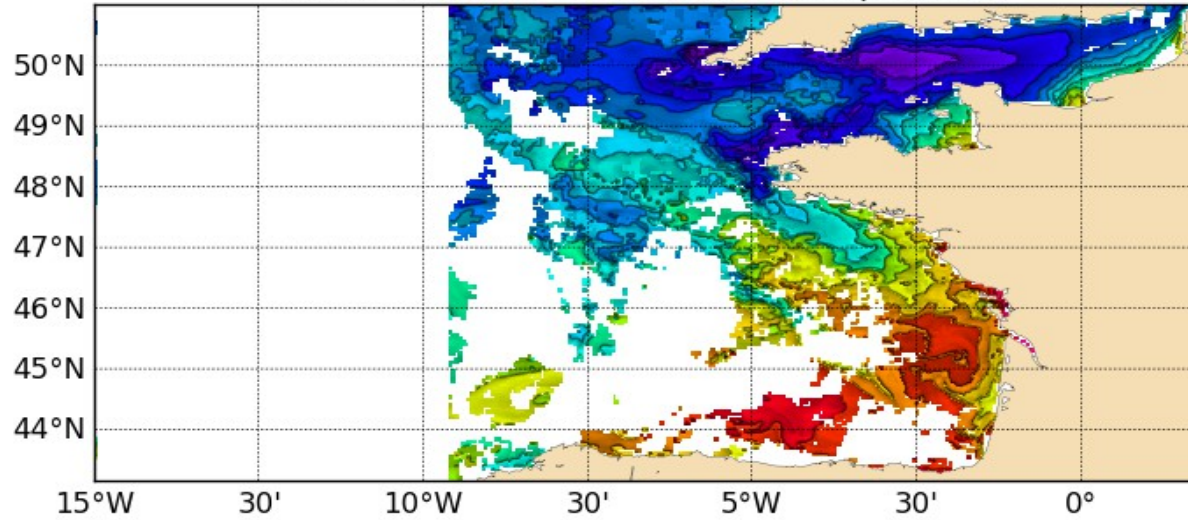
# Pyvalid - sst

- Based on the Pyvalid program and VACUMM library developed at DYNECO – Ifremer
- Comparison with SEVERI satellite SST data available for the required period

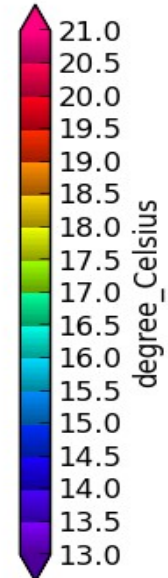
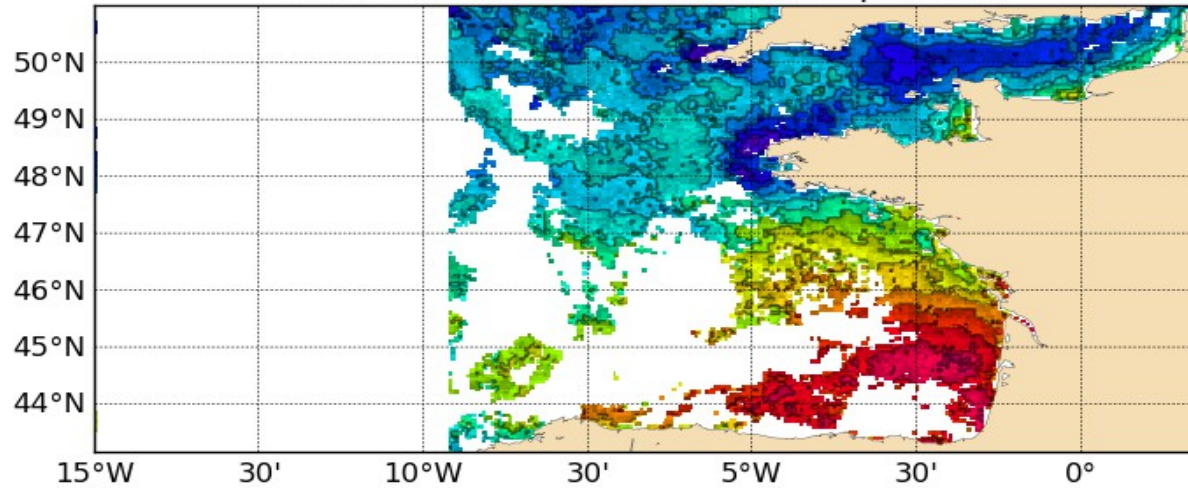
# Example during the Summer period



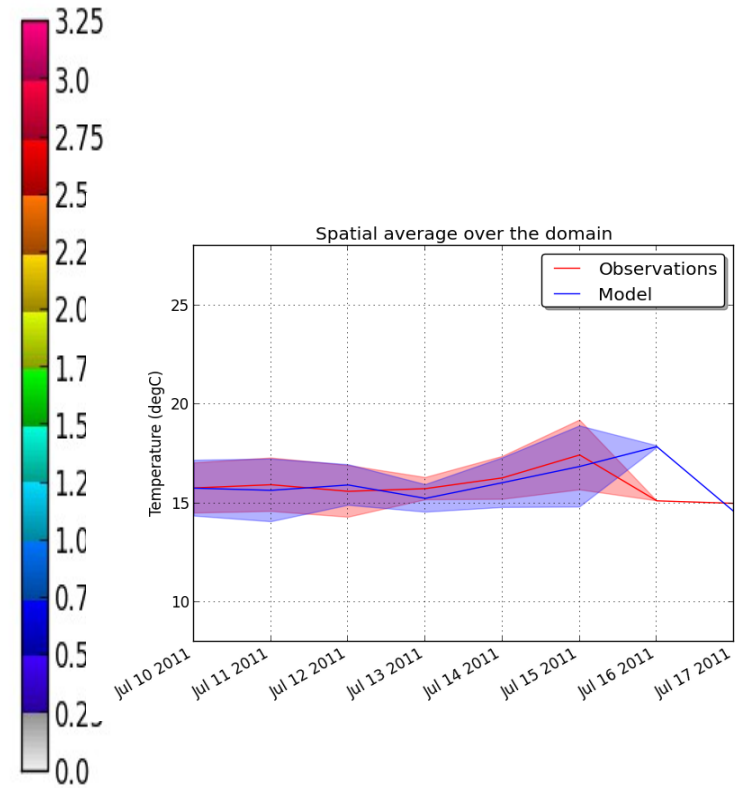
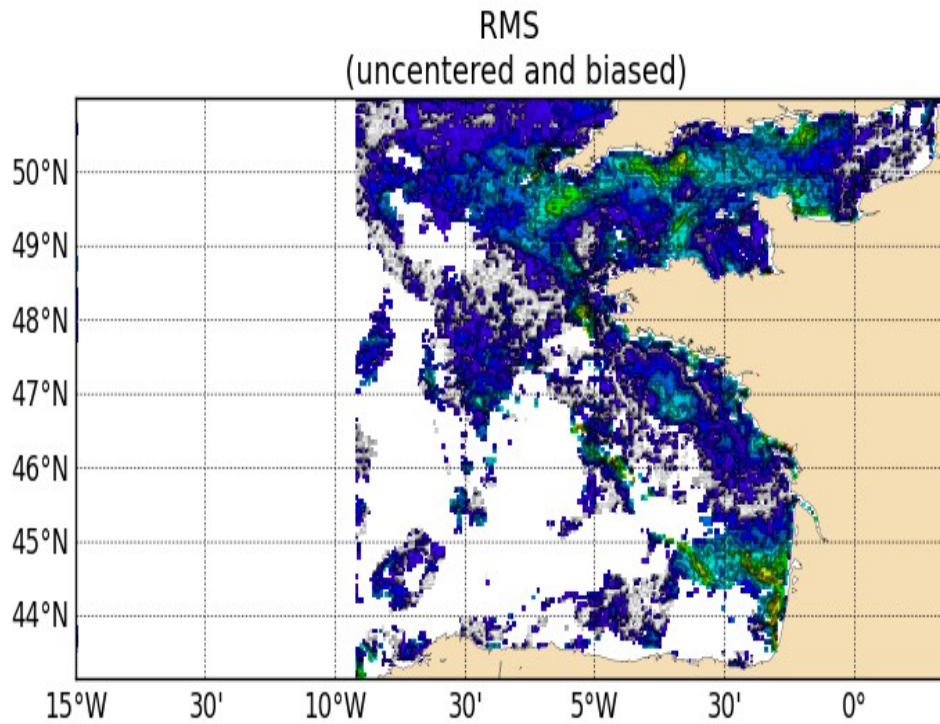
Mean modelled Sea Surface Temperature



Mean observed Sea Surface Temperature



# Model – Obs differences





# Perspectives

- Some code cleanup and better integration of the different modules
- The user should only be required to edit the config.ini file and choose which diagnostics are performed
- Users guide
- For easier navigation, the results will be presented in a simple html page with clickable links.

**Merci!**