

# **CNRS/LEGI in SANGOMA**

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SANGOMA kick-off meeting – November 24-25, 2011

- 1. CNRS/LEGI: the MEOM group**
- 2. Recent data assimilation activities**
- 3. CNRS/LEGI contribution to SANGOMA**
- 4. The SESAM software**
- 5. The NEMO ocean model**

# **1. CNRS/LEGI: the MEOM group**

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# The MEOM group: research topics

High resolution  
modelling,  
from global (10 km)  
to regional (1 km)

Spatial and in situ  
ocean observations:  
Argo, Jason, SMOS,  
Altika,...

Data assimilation:  
reduced rank and  
ensemble filters,  
4DVAR,...

## RESEARCH

ocean variability  
(global to submesoscale)

role of mesoscale processes  
in the general circulation

impact of physics on  
ocean biogeochemistry  
(model + observations)

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## DEVELOPMENT

model applications (NEMO)

data assimilation (SESAM)

diagnostic and validation tools

transfer to operational systems  
(Mercator, MyOcean)

# **Ocean data assimilation at CNRS/LEGI: past, present, future**

## **In 4 main directions:**

- **Methodological research**
- **Ocean specific applications**
- **Ocean observation systems**
- **Operational developments**

# Methodological research - I

- **Reduced rank (and ensemble) Kalman filtering**

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- Impact studies

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# Operational developments

- **HYCOM**

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- **GODAE**

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# Education, training

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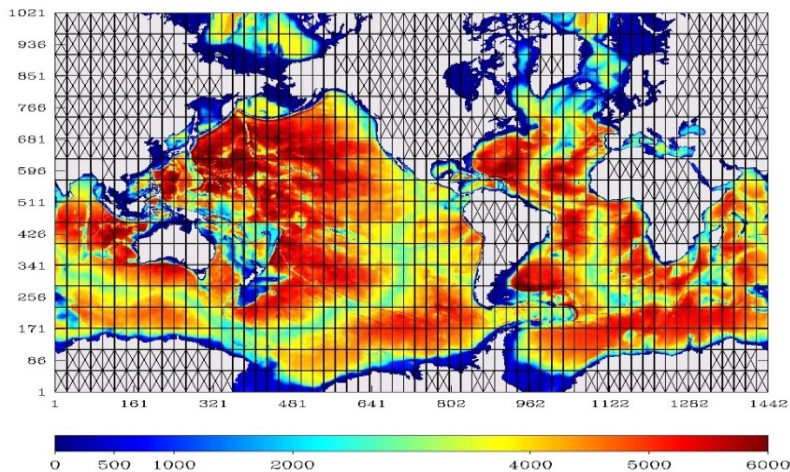
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- **Postgraduate course**

**Cosme et al.** Cours d'assimilation, Grenoble

# Contribution to operational projects

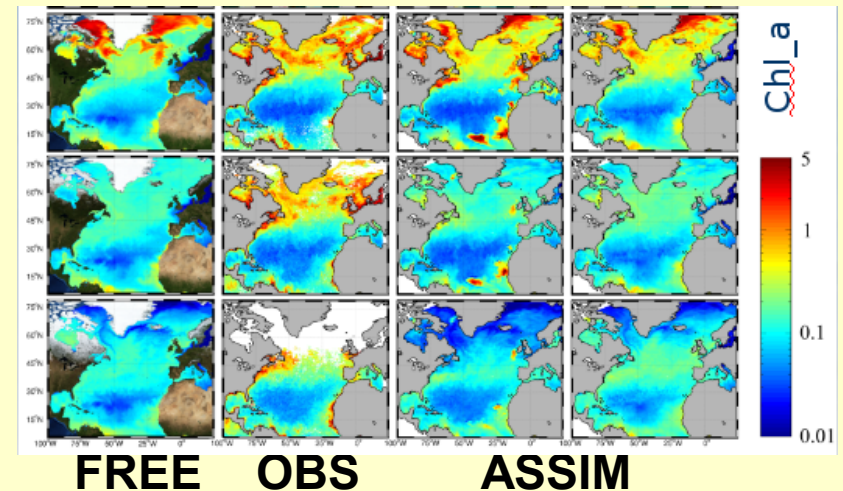
## Development and validation of model configurations



**ORCA025 : 1/4° (1442 x 1021)**  
**ORCA12 : 1/12° (4322 x 3059)**

(by the DRAKKAR consortium)

## Development and validation of assimilation methods

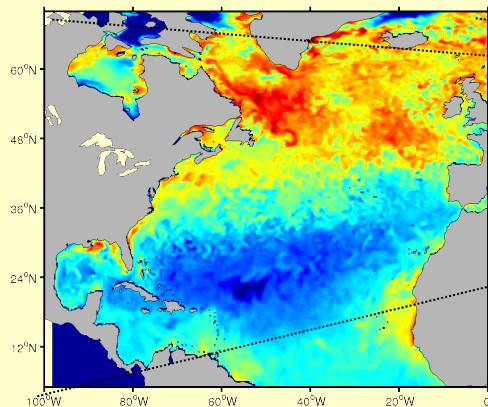


ocean colour data assimilation  
pre-operational prototype  
(Fontana et al., 2011)

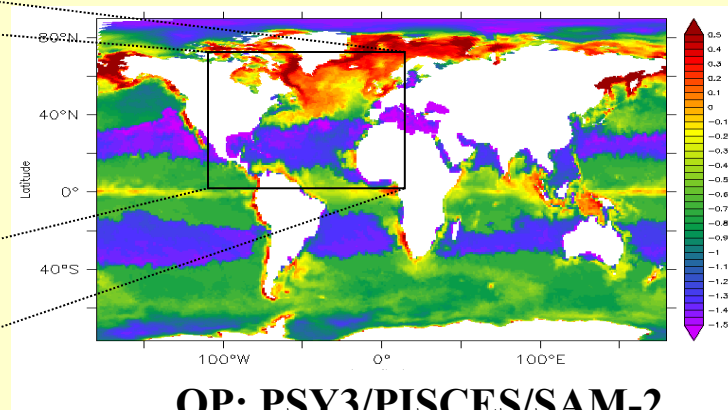
for MyOcean and Mercator-Ocean

# Towards integrating biogeochemistry in the ocean operational systems

- **Objectives:** ocean colour data assimilation
  - Development of methods (Béal et al. 2010, Doron et al. 2011),
  - Setup of a pre-operational prototype (Fontana et al., 2011).
- **Projects:**
  - EU: FP7-MyOcean-II (2012-...), FP7-OSS2015 (ACRI, 2012-...)
  - Bionuts/Green Mercator (2004-2010) ,  
**Green Mercator phase-2 (2011-...)**
  - ESA/ASSOCO (Changing Earth Science Network, 2009-2011)



**R&D: NATL4/LOBSTER/SEEK**



**OP: PSY3/PISCES/SAM-2**

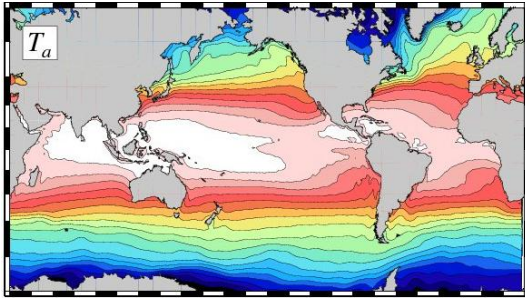
## **2. Recent activities in data assimilation**



# List of NEMO configurations used for data assimilation studies

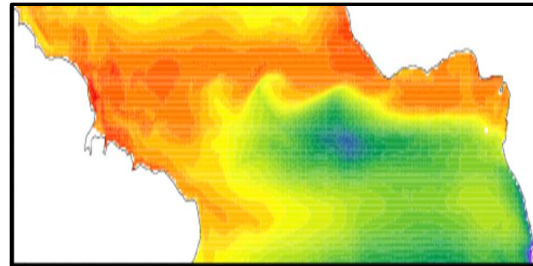
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**ORCA2**



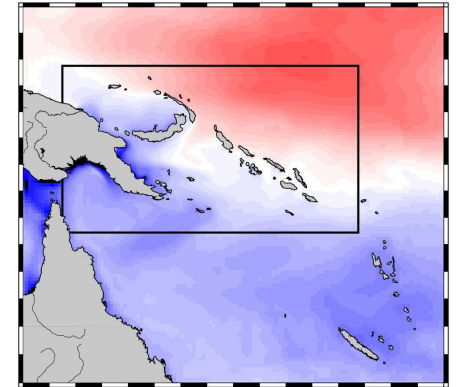
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**TATL4**



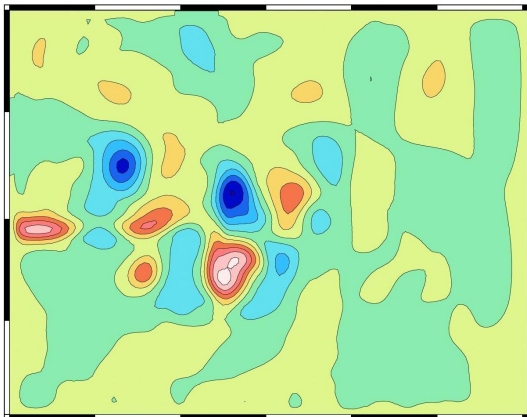
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**SOLWARA124**



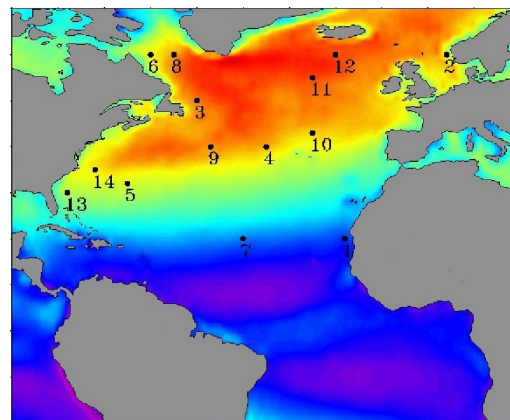
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**SQB**



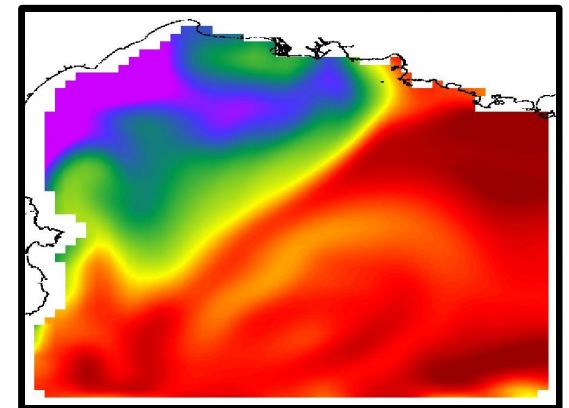
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**NATL4/LOBSTER**



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**GDL16s**



## **A. In a Gaussian framework (for reduced order or ensemble KF)**

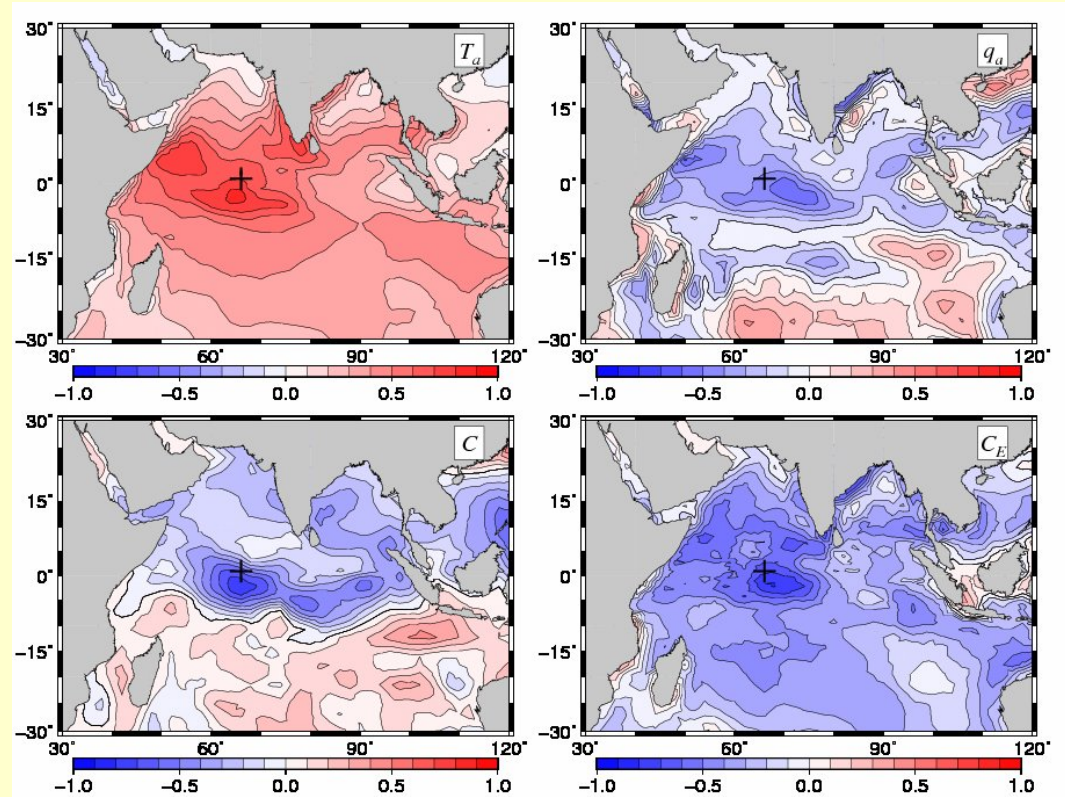
- 1) Reduced-rank smoother algorithm:**  
applied to **SQB** and **TATL4**
- 2) Augmenting control vector with model parameters:**  
applied to **ORCA2** to correct atm. forcing parameters
- 3) Efficient parameterization of obs. error correlations,  
with augmented observation vector:**  
applied to **TATL4** to assimilate altimetry
- 4) Adaptive inflation factors for  $P_f$  and  $R$ :**  
tested with **SQB** (with altimetric observations)
- 5) Efficient covariance localization algorithm:**  
tested with **SQB** (with altimetric observations)

## A.2 Augmenting control vector with model parameters

Applied to ORCA2 to control atm. forcing parameters

Requires ensemble forecast simulating the effect of parameter uncertainties

=> Covariance matrix in augmented control space

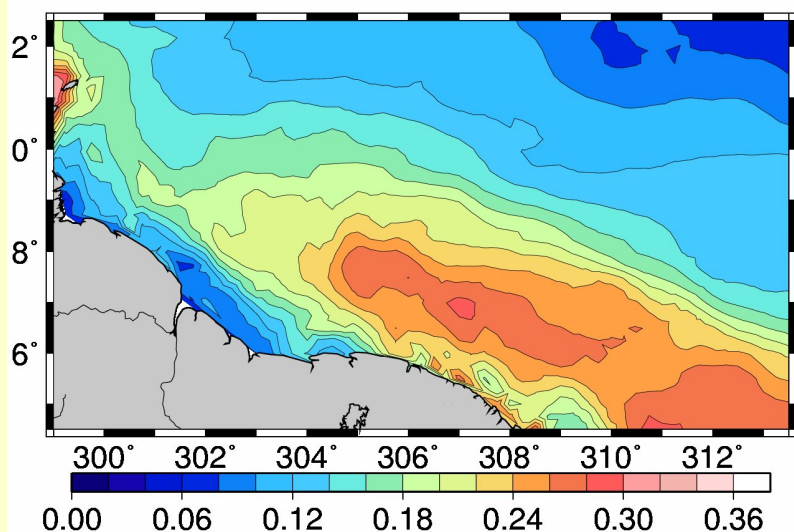


Example correlation structure between parameters and SST

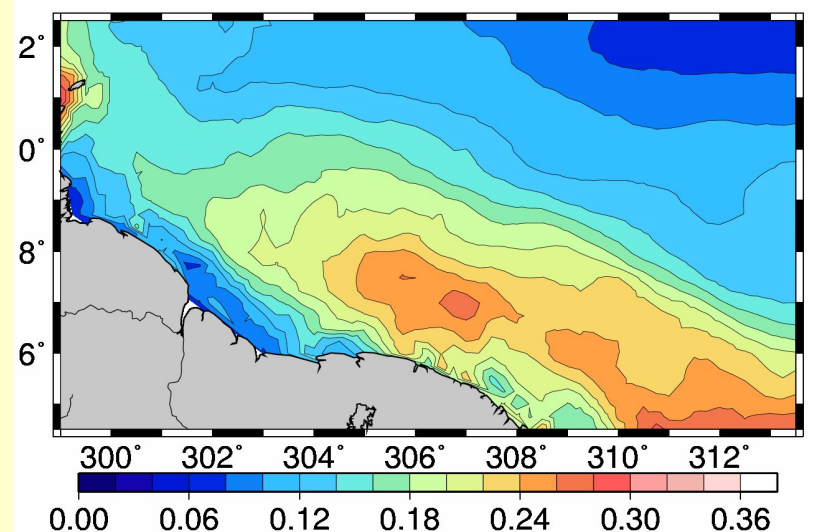
## A.3 Efficient parameterization of obs. error correlations

- 1) Augmenting the observation vector with observation differences is equivalent to assuming non-diagonal  $R$
- 2) Very efficient to simulate non-diagonal  $R$  if the cost of the analysis (with diag.  $R$ ) is linear in the number of observations

**Velocity error std with diag.  $R$**



**Velocity error std with non-diag.  $R$**



- 3) Gradients are more accurate with correlated observations.  
==> Important to give the right importance to the observed gradient of altimetry to control surface velocity

## **B. In a non-Gaussian framework**

### **1) Truncated Gaussian filter:**

applied to **1D mixed layer model**,  
applied to **1/3° North Atlantic Hycom configuration**.

### **2) Local anamorphosis transformation (in space and time), as diagnosed from the ensemble forecast:**

applied to **NATL4-LOBSTER**,

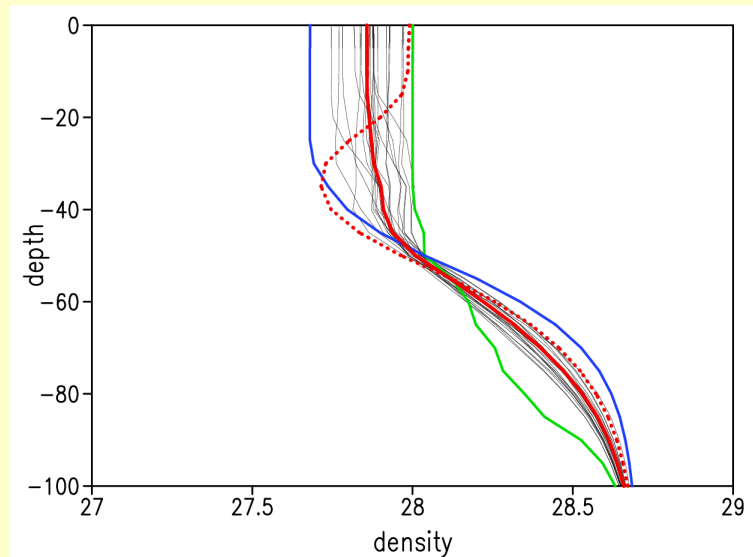
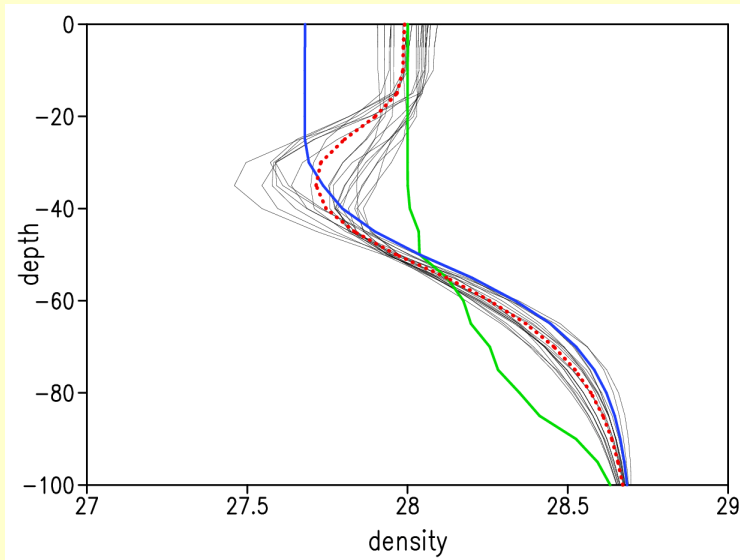
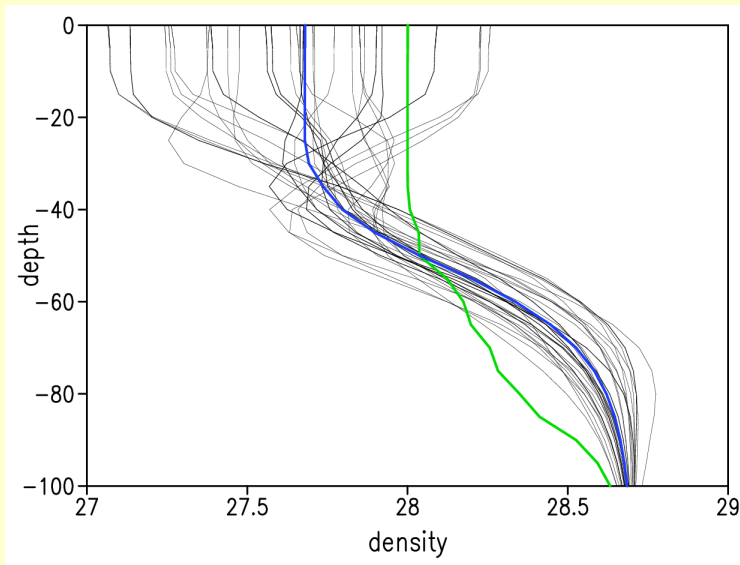
- (i) with wind uncertainties,
- (ii) with parameter uncertainties,
- (iii) in MyOcean pre-operational developments,

applied to ice fraction in **ORCA025** (Mercator).

## B.1 Truncated Gaussian filter

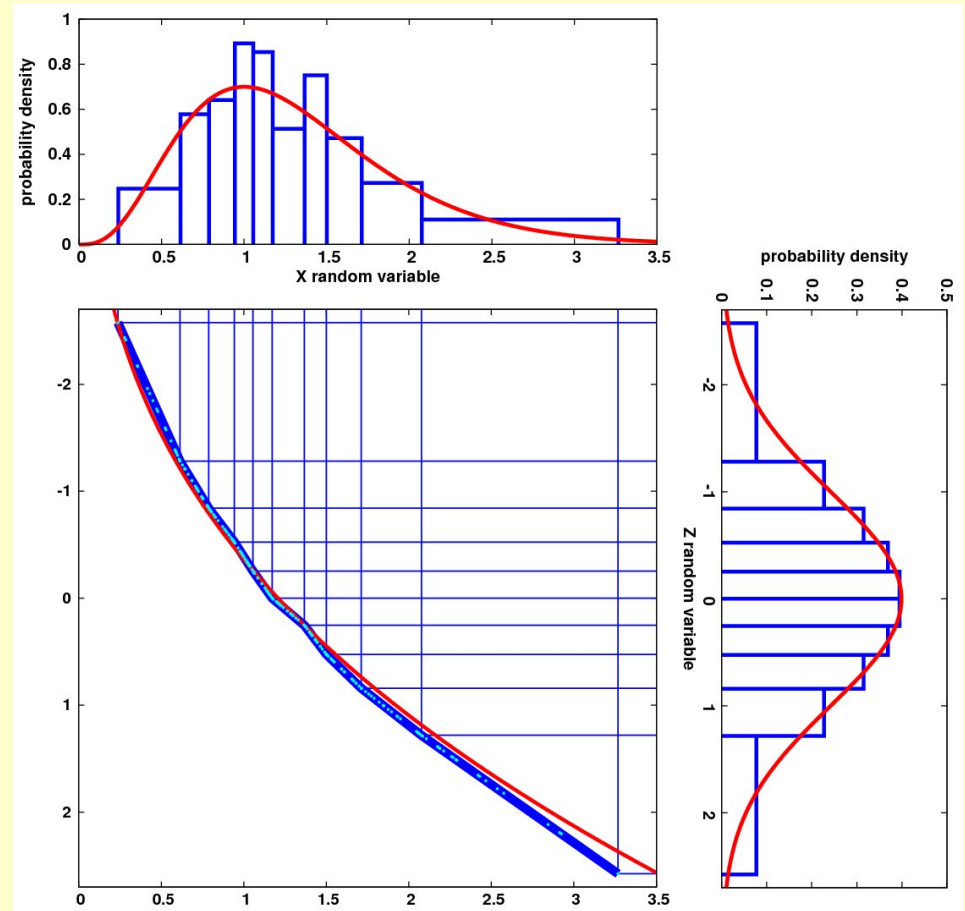
### Truncated Gaussian pdfs

- (i) can be updated efficiently (with linear formulas),
- (ii) can be sampled efficiently (with Gibbs sampler).



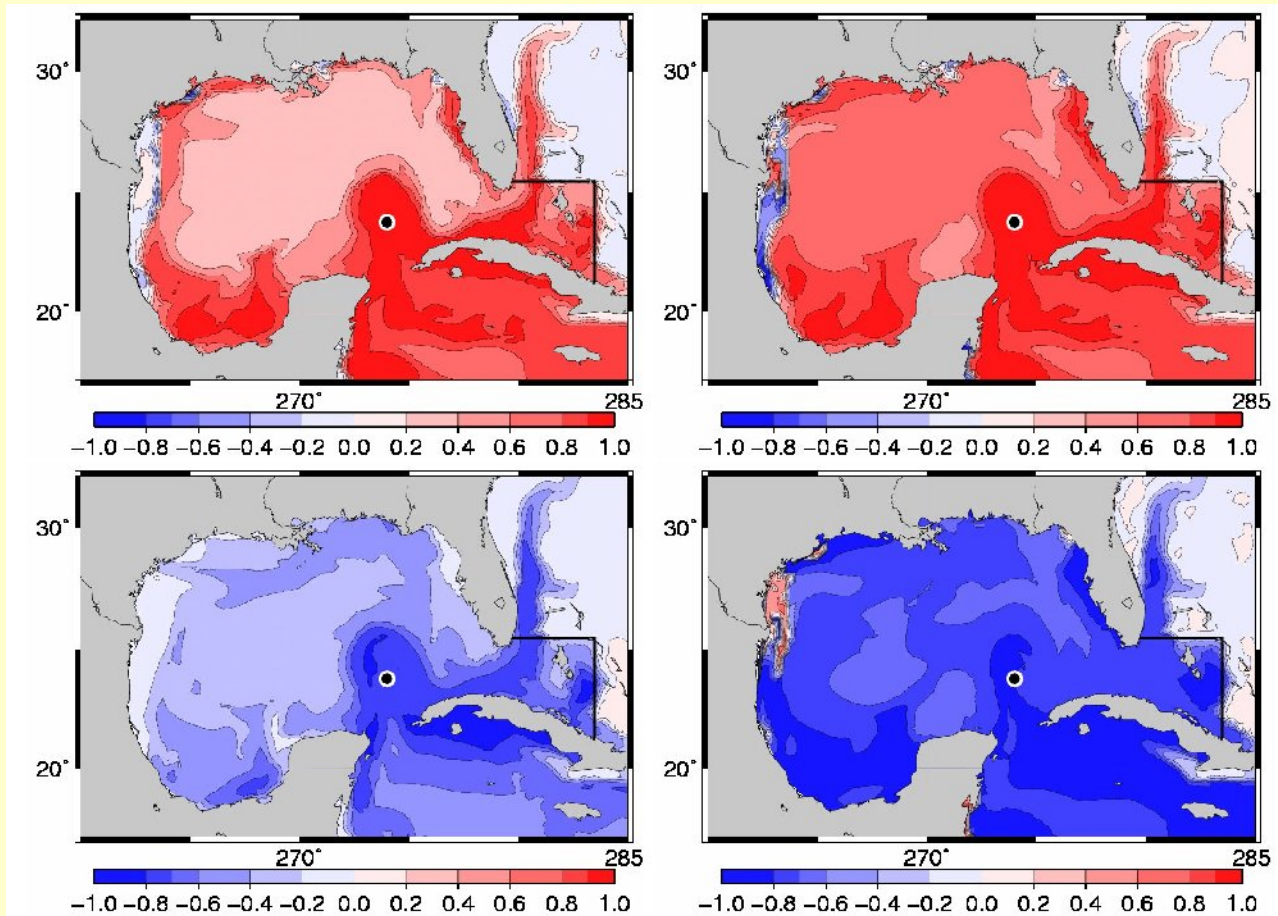
## B.2 Local anamorphosis transformations

- 1) Computed locally in space and time
- 2) Diagnosed from the ensemble forecast, by remapping a set of ensemble quantiles on the Gaussian quantiles
- 3) Numerically efficient
- 4) Accurate enough to improve the description of the marginal pdfs



## B.2 Local anamorphosis transformations

Applied to NATL4-LOBSTER, with parameter uncertainties:



**=> Reduce the number of degrees of freedom**



### **3. CNRS/LEGI contribution to SANGOMA**

# CNRS/LEGI contribution to SANGOMA

## 1) Stochastic data assimilation method:

- Share existing tools (WP1 & WP2)
- Investigate non-Gaussian methods (WP3)

**==> the SESAM software**

## 2) Oceanographic applications:

- Define and run benchmarks (WP4, lead: CNRS)
- Impact of new observation systems (WP5)

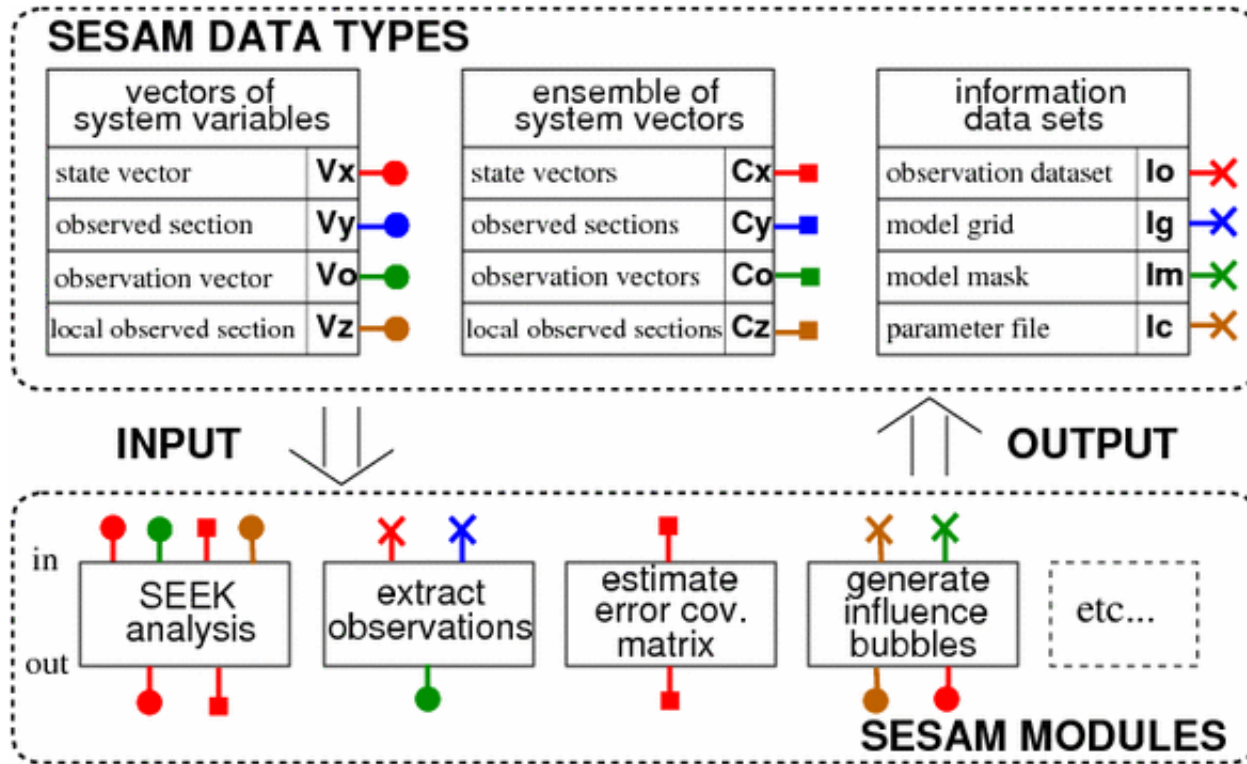
**==> the NEMO ocean model**

## 3) Knowledge transfer (WP6):

- Link with operational users (MyOcean)

## **4. The SESAM software**

# SESAM data types and SESAM modules



**Vector:**  
**set of files**

xf#.nc

# =  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{gridT} \\ \text{gridU} \\ \text{gridV} \end{bmatrix}$

**Ensemble:**  
**directory**

ens0100.nc.bas

## Examples of SESAM commandline:

### Computation of EOFs:

```
sesam -mode geof -inxbas ens0100.nc.bas -outxbas eof0100.nc.bas
```

### Gaussian observational update:

```
sesam -mode groa -invar xf#.nc -inxbas Pf0100.nc.bas
```

```
-inobs obs#.cobs -outvar xa#.nc -outxbas Pa0100.nc.bas
```

# SESAM configuration

## Configuration file

```
# CONTROL VARIABLES
# -----
VAREND=3
# Sea surface height:
VAR_NAM-1=SSH
VAR_DIM-1=2
# Zonal velocity:
VAR_NAM-2=U
VAR_DIM-2=3
# Meridional velocity:
VAR_NAM-3=V
VAR_DIM-3=3

# DEFINITION OF MASK FILES
# -----
VARFMSK-1=mask_gridT.nc
VARFMSK-2=mask_gridU.nc
VARFMSK-3=mask_gridV.nc

# OBSERVED VARIABLES
#-----
DTA_ACT-1=.TRUE.
OBSNDBS-1=2
OBS_NAM-1:1=TP
OBS_NAM-1:2=ERS

# NetCDF FILE FORMAT
# -----
VARINAM-1=gridT
VARIFIL-1=sossheig
VARXDIM=x
VARYDIM=y
VARZDIM-1=deptht
VARTDIM=time_counter
```

- 1) A **configuration file** describing
  - variables (name, dimensions,...),
  - observations (name, type,...),
  - file formats (model, databases).
- 2) **Mask files** for each variable.

**Generic NetCDF file format**  
for model and database files  
including **NEMO** NetCDF conventions

Variables and observations are loaded  
in memory as **1D vectors**:

- Control vector: [SSH, U, V]
- Observation vector: [TP, ERS]

## What is SESAM : summary

**SESAM is a set of assimilation modules,**  
which can help you setting up your own system,  
but it is not a data assimilation system per se.

**SESAM operates offline,**  
with generic i/o Netcdf format  
for model files or database files.

**SESAM is configured dynamically,**  
with a configuration file describing  
variables, observations, file formats,...  
Compilation is only needed for developments.

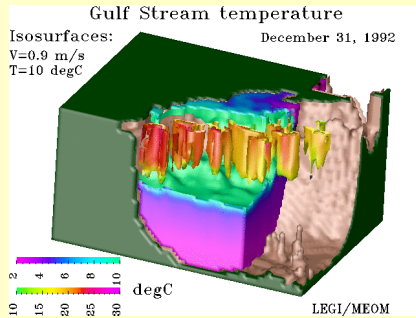
**A flexible tool for a large variety of applications**

# SESAM applications at LEGI-MEOM

OPA-NEMO

## North Atlantic

Testut et al, 2003, JMS  
 Berline et al, 2006, IJRS  
 Ourmières et al, 2006, JAOT



## South Atlantic

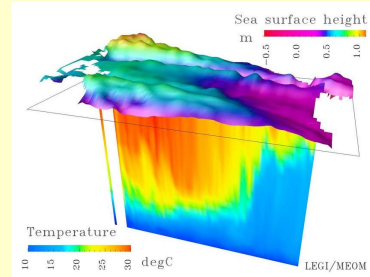
Penduff et al, 2002, JMR

## Tropical Atlantic

Ubelmann et al, 2009, JOO  
 Brankart et al, 2009, MWR

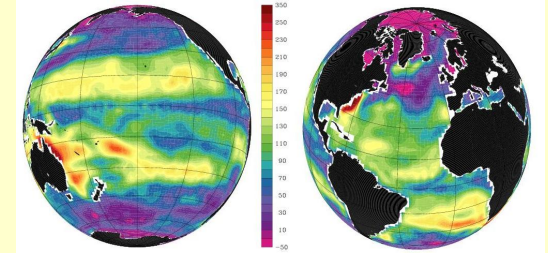
## Tropical Pacific

Parent et al, 2003, JMS  
 Castruccio et al, 2006, GRL  
 Castruccio et al, 2008, OD



## Global Ocean

Skachko et al, 2009, JAOT  
 Skandrani et al, 2009, en prép.



## Idealized Ocean

Cosme et al, 2009, OM

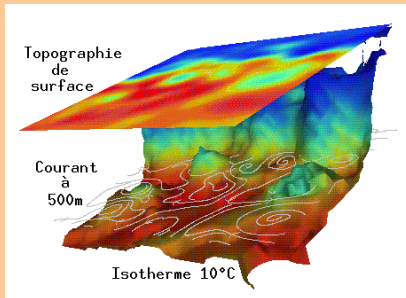
## MIXED LAYER MODEL

Lauvernet et al, 2009, JMS

MICOM

## North Atlantic

Brusdal et al, 2003, JMS  
 Brankart et al, 2003, JGR



## Rotating tank

Galmiche et al, 2007, JMS

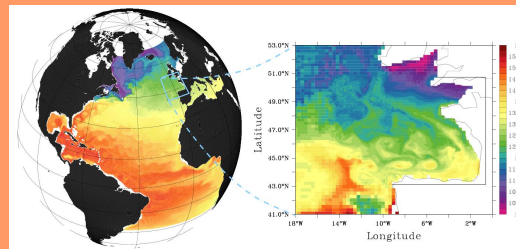
HYCOM

## North Atlantic

Birol et al, 2004, MG  
 Birol et al, 2005, GRL  
 Rozier et al, 2007, SIAM

## Bay of Biscay

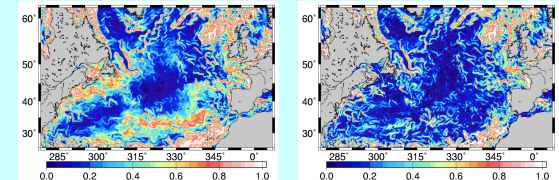
Broquet et al, 2008, OD



ECOSYSTEM

## Coupled to OPA-NEMO

Berline et al, 2007, JMS  
 Ourmières et al, 2009, JMS  
 Béal et al, 2009, en prép.



## Coupled to MICOM

Carmillet et al, 2001, JMS

## Coupled to a 1D model

Raick et al, 2007, JMS

# Example 1: Multigrid configuration

## Configuration file

```
# CONTROL VARIABLES
# -----
VAREND=4
# TEM on coarse grid
VAR_NAM-1=TEM0
VAR_DIM-1=3
# SAL on coarse grid
VAR_NAM-1=SAL0
VAR_DIM-1=3
# TEM on fine grid
VAR_NAM-1=TEM1
VAR_DIM-1=3
# SAL on fine grid
VAR_NAM-1=SAL1
VAR_DIM-1=3

# DEFINITION OF MASK FILES
# -----
VARFMSK-1=mask_gridT0.nc
VARFMSK-2=mask_gridT0.nc
VARFMSK-3=mask_gridT1.nc
VARFMSK-4=mask_gridT1.nc

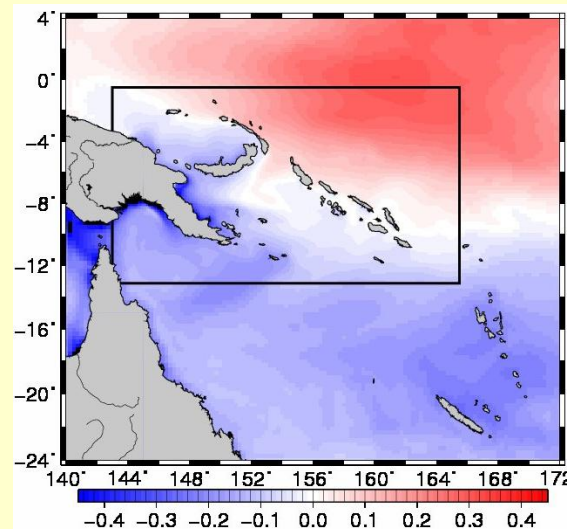
# NetCDF FILE FORMAT
# -----
VARINAM-1=gridT0
VARIFIL-1=votemper
VARINAM-2=gridT0
VARIFIL-2=vosaline
VARXDIM=x
VARYDIM=y
VARZDIM=deptht
VARTDIM=time_counter
```

1/12° NEMO configuration for the **Solomon Sea** nested in a 1/4° configuration of the South Western Pacific (with **AGRIF**).

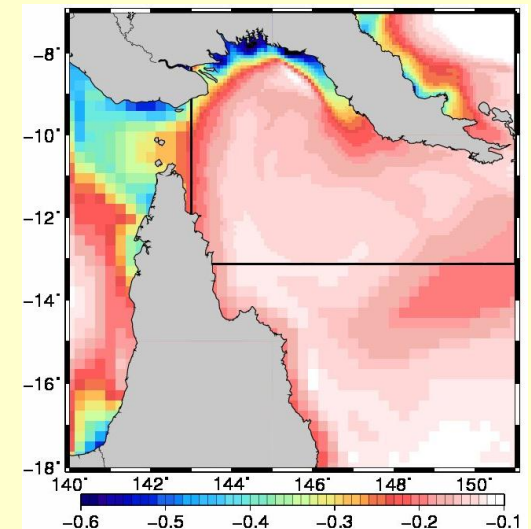
## Computation of multigrid and multivariate EOFs

- 1) Prepare ensemble in input directory
- 2) `sesam -mode geof -inxbas ens0100.nc.bas -outxbas eof0100.nc.bas`

### Multigrid EOF



### Detail of the EOF





## Example 1: Multigrid configuration

### Prepare partition and influence bubbles for covariance localization

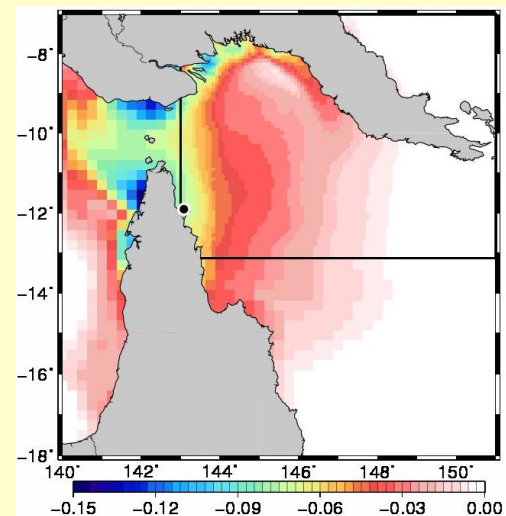
- 1) Define localization parameters (in ASCII file): `param.cfg`
- 2) `sesam -mode zone -incfg param.cfg  
-outpartvar part#.nc -outzon bub.czon`

### Prepare « single observation » vector

- 1) Prepare single observation data base (in ASCII): `oneobs.adbs`
- 2) `sesam -mode obsv -indbs oneobs.adbs  
-outobs oneobs#.cobs -affectobs TEM1`

### Computation of multigrid and multivariate local observation increment:

```
sesam -mode lroa -inobs oneobs#.cobs  
-invar zero#.nc -inxbas eof0100.nc.bas  
-outvar xa#.nc -outxbas Pa0100.nc.bas  
-inpartvar part#.nc -inzon bub.czon
```



# Example 2: Estimation of atmospheric forcing parameters

## Configuration file

```
# CONTROL VARIABLES
# -----
VAREND=8
# Ocean temperature:
VAR_NAM-1=TEM
VAR_DIM-1=3
# Ocean salinity:
VAR_NAM-2=SAL
VAR_DIM-2=3
# Air temperature
VAR_NAM-3=TA
VAR_DIM-3=2
# Air temperature
VAR_NAM-4=EA
VAR_DIM-4=2
# Precipitations
VAR_NAM-5=P
VAR_DIM-5=2
...

# DEFINITION OF MASK FILES
# -----
VARFMSK-1=mask_gridT.nc
VARFMSK-2=mask_gridT.nc
VARFMSK-3=mask_param.nc
VARFMSK-4=mask_param.nc
VARFMSK-5=mask_param.nc
...

# OBSERVED VARIABLES
# -----
DTA_ACT-1=.TRUE.
OBSNDBS-1=1
OBS_NAM-1:1=SST
```

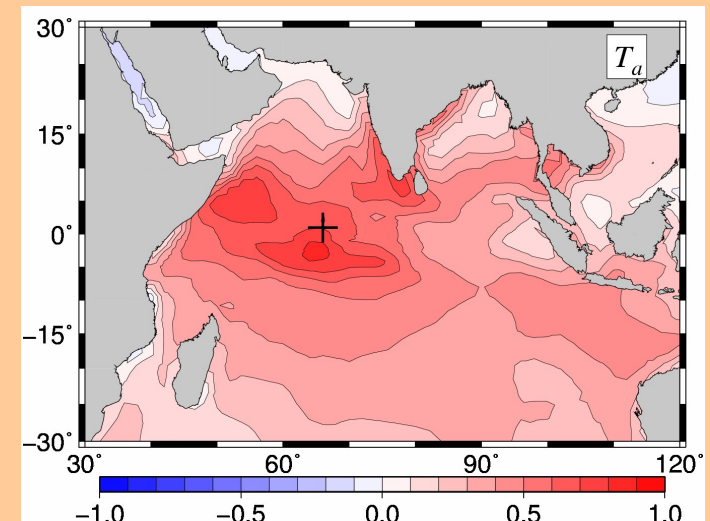
Low resolution NEMO configuration  
for the **global ocean (ORCA2)**

## Compute EOFs for the augmented control vector

- 1) Produce NEMO ensemble forecast  
with random atmospheric perturbations
- 2) `sesam -mode geof -inxbas ens0100.nc.bas  
-outxbas eof0100.nc.bas`

## Diagnose correlation patterns

```
sesam
-mode corr
-inxbas
eof0100.nc.bas
-outvar
correl#.nc
-incfg par.cfg
```



## Example 2: Estimation of atmospheric forcing parameters

... continued SESAM scripting ...

Extract observation from SST database file

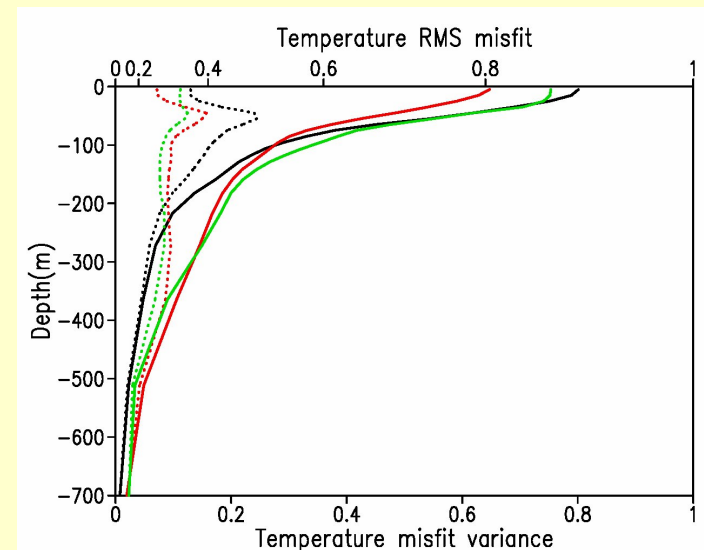
```
sesam -mode obsv -indbs sst_database.cdb  
      -outobs obs#.cobs -affectobs SST
```

Estimate forcing correction (here with global observational update)

```
sesam -mode lroa -inobs obs#.cobs -invar xf#.nc -outvar xa#.nc  
      -inxbas eof0100.nc.bas -outxbas Pa0100.nc.bas
```

Diagnose RMS misfit  
with respect to observations

```
sesam -mode diff -inobs obs#.obs  
      -diffobsref xf#.nc  
      -configobs obs#.obs
```



# Example 3: Coupled circulation/ecosystem configuration

## Configuration file

```
# CONTROL VARIABLES
# -----
VAREND=8
# Temperature:
VAR_NAM-1=TEM
VAR_DIM-1=3
# Salinity:
VAR_NAM-2=SAL
VAR_DIM-2=3
# Chlorophyll:
VAR_NAM-3=CHL
VAR_DIM-3=3
# Zooplankton:
VAR_NAM-4=ZOO
VAR_DIM-4=3
...

# DEFINITION OF MASK FILES
# -----
VARFMSK-1=mask_gridT.nc
VARFMSK-2=mask_gridT.nc
VARFMSK-3=mask_bio.nc
VARFMSK-4=mask_bio.nc

# OBSERVED VARIABLES
# -----
DTA_ACT-3=.TRUE.
OBSNDBS-3=2
OBS_NAM-1:1=MERIS
OBS_NAM-1:2=MODIS

# NetCDF FILE FORMAT
# -----
...
```

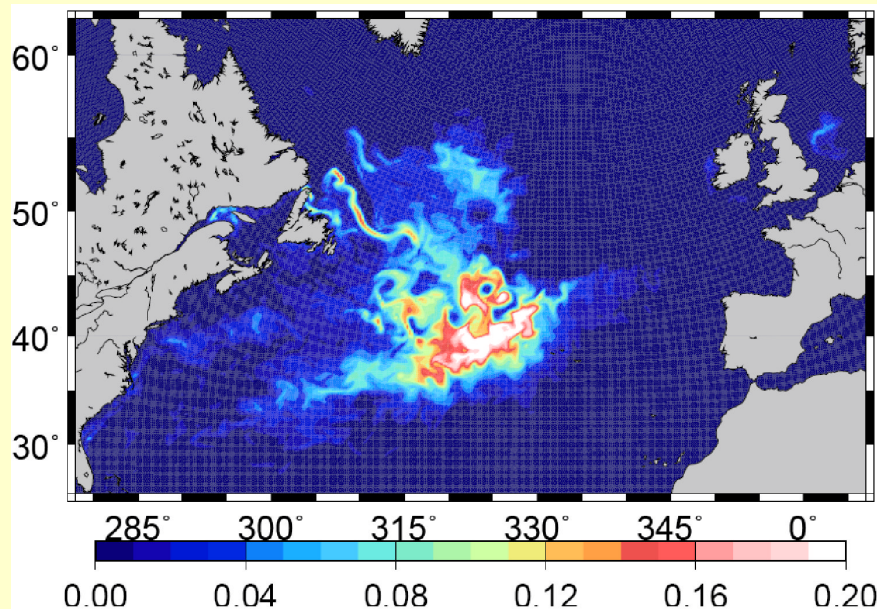
1/4° NEMO/LOBSTER configuration  
for the **North Atlantic (NATL4)**

## Diagnose statistics of model uncertainties

- 1) Produce NEMO/LOBSTER ensemble forecast simulating model uncertainties
- 2) Diagnose ensemble standard deviation:

```
sesam -mode oper -incfg list-of-files.cfg
      -outvar std#.nc -typeoper std
```

**ZOO  
standard  
deviation**



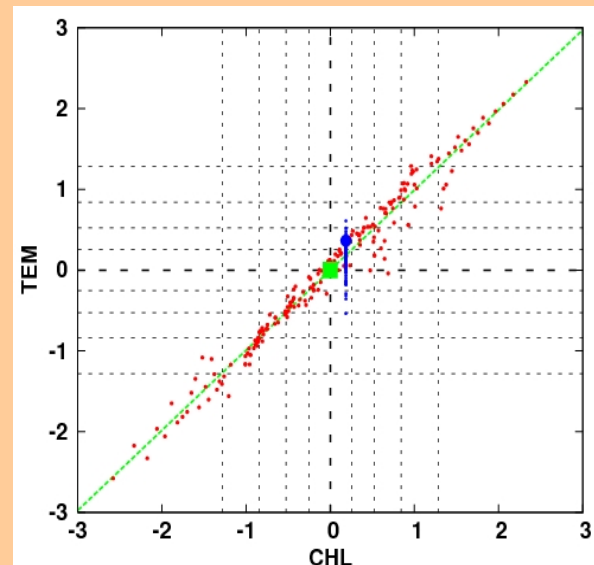
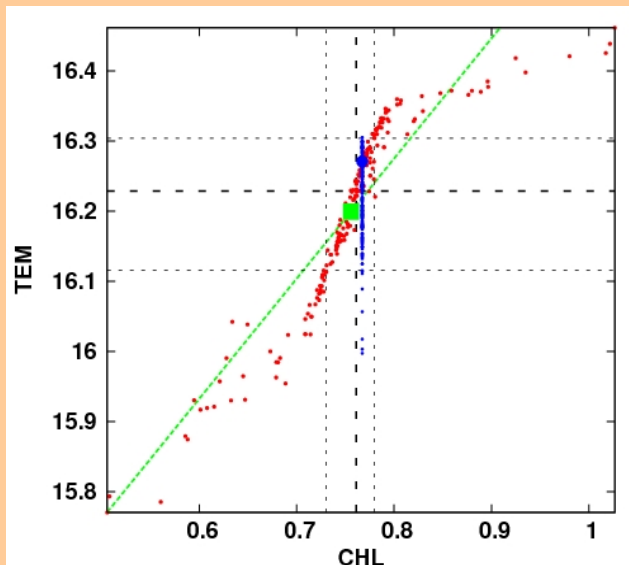
## Example 3: Coupled circulation/ecosystem configuration

Compute percentiles of the ensemble forecast

```
sesam -mode anam -inxbas ens0200.nc.bas  
      -outxbasref perc0020.nc.bas
```

Use these percentiles to transform each variable into quasi Gaussian variables (**anamorphosis**)

```
sesam -mode anam  
      -inxbasref  
      perc0020.nc.bas  
      -invar x#.nc  
      -outvar y#.nc  
      -typeoper +
```



It is then possible to perform **any other SESAM operation** using the transformed variables: EOFs, observational update, diagnostics,...

## **A few practical examples : summary**

### **Illustrated modules:**

- EOF computation
- Global and local Gaussian observational update
- Extraction of observations from a database
- Localization of covariance matrices
- Computation of correlations or representers
- Computation of RMS misfits
- Anamorphosis transformations

### **Non-illustrated modules:**

- Estimation of adaptive inflation factors
- Sampling of a truncated Gaussian distribution

**All examples performed with one single executable**

## **SESAM in SANGOMA**

**SESAM governed by the CeCill public license.**

**SESAM is mainly used with NEMO,**  
but SESAM is not specific to NEMO,  
not even to ocean models...

**SESAM is basically a research tool:**  
intended to remain close to theoretical formulations,  
flexible enough for generic developments,  
efficient enough for realistic applications ( $n \sim 10^8$ ).  
No special design for extreme systems  
(as in SAM2/Mercator).

**SESAM website: <http://www-meom.hmg.inpg.fr/SESAM>**

# **5. The NEMO ocean model**





# Ocean Modelling System developed and managed by the NEMO Consortium



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## What is NEMO?

**NEMO (Nucleus for European Modelling of the Ocean)** is a state-of-the-art modeling framework for oceanographic research, operational oceanography seasonal forecast and climate studies.

### NEMO includes:

- › 5 major components
  - › the blue ocean (ocean dynamics, NEMO-OPA)
  - › the white ocean (sea-ice, NEMO-LIM)
  - › the green ocean (biogeochemistry, NEMO-TOP) ;
  - › the adaptative mesh refinement software (AGRIF) ;
  - › the assimilation component NEMO\_TAM
- › some reference configurations allowing to set-up and validate the applications ;
- › a set of scripts and tools (including pre- and post-processing) to use the system.

**NEMO is used by a large community:** 240 projects in 27 countries (14 in Europe, 13 elsewhere), 350 registered users (numbers for year 2008). See "[NEMO Projects](#)"

**NEMO is available under the CeCILL license** (public license).

To gain access to the system, you need to register ([click here](#) or on "Register" in top right panel).

The evolution and reliability of NEMO are organised and controlled by a **European Consortium** created in 2008 between

- › [CNRS \(France\)](#),
- › [Mercator-Ocean \(France\)](#),
- › [NERC \(UK\)](#)
- › [UKMO \(UK\)](#), and since 2011
- › [CMCC \(Italy\)](#)
- › [INGV\(Italy\)](#)

### "Purpose of the Consortium

The purpose of this Agreement is to set up appropriate arrangements for the successful and sustainable development of the NEMO System as a well-organised, state-of-the-art ocean model code system suitable for both research and operational work."

Text of the Consortium Agreement is here:

[AC\\_NEMO\\_VF.txt.pdf](#) 3.35 MB

NEMO is a shared reliable evolving system. These objectives rely on the work of the **NEMO System Team**.

## News

### [NEMO Consortium](#)

INGV and CMCC new members

### [2011 NEMO Users meeting](#)

2011 NEMO Users meeting 29-30 June 2011

### [NEMO release nemo\\_v3\\_3\\_1](#)

Announcement of nemo\_v3\_3\_1 12 April 2011

### [NEMO release nemo\\_v3\\_2\\_2 and its adjoint model \(for dynamics\)](#)

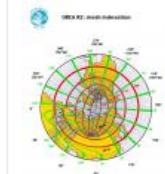
Announcement of nemo\_v3\_2\_2 and adjoint 12 April 2011

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North pole meshmask



# NEMO user guide

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## Basics



### [NEMO Quick Start Guide](#)

To allow easy set up of NEMO in your environment.



### [CPP keys V3\\_3](#)

List cpp keys and functions



### [Detailed Launching Guide](#)

This article is designed to give you the principal steps to install and launch a simulation. NEMO System (codes and environment) is available through a general structure called MODIPSL, used for all models and configurations at IPSL.



### [Target platforms](#)

Some computers on which NEMO is in use



### [Examples](#)

You can find here some examples on common operations. This article is meant to be regularly updated as more typical use-cases can be found. Feel free to contribute !

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## Advanced



### [Using Trac](#)

To start with Trac for NEMO

### [Using and developing with dynamical allocation](#)

Implementation of dynamical allocation in NEMO (since tag v3\_3\_1)



### [How to set up one simulation](#)

This article deals with setting up your simulation, from input files to run configuration (with comments for each parameter), as well as restart files and parallel runs.



### [How to add/modify \[new\] modules or new cpp keys](#)

Check out this article to know everything there is to know on CPP keys.



### [How to build a new configuration](#)

Read this if your looking for information about building your configuration and preparing the necessary input files.

# Getting and installing NEMO



The screenshot shows the NEMO website interface. At the top left is the NEMO logo with a globe icon. To the right is a search bar and navigation links: Logout (Jean-Michel Brankart), My profile, Site map, and Tag cloud. Below the logo is a horizontal menu with categories: About NEMO, Using NEMO, Developing with NEMO, and About Us. Under 'Using NEMO', there are sub-links: User Guides, Configurations, FAQ, NEMO Browser, NEMO Mailing List Archives, and Pre and post processing packages.

## NEMO Quick Start Guide

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- ▶ [Installing NEMO using FCM \(since nemo\\_V3\\_3\)](#)
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## Installing NEMO using FCM (since nemo\_V3\_3)

For general information on the content of NEMO reference and differences between reference and specific configurations, see [here](#)

### Requirements:

- ▶ bash installed
- ▶ perl installed
- ▶ svn installed
- ▶ fortran90 compiler installed
- ▶ netcdf installed

FCM (Flexible Configuration Manager, developed at UKMO ©Crown Copyright 2005-10) is used for build process only, i.e. from the source code to the executable.

### Installation

Extract NEMOGCM (using the "my\_login" /pw registered on this web site):

```
svn --username "my_login" co http://forge.ipsl.jussieu.fr/nemo/svn/tags/nemo_v3_3/NEMOGCM
```

The main script is called **makenemo**, located in the CONFIG directory. To identify the source code you need, build the makefile and run it:  
RUN makenemo:

```
cd NEMOGCM/CONFIG; ./makenemo [options, see below]
```

## Getting started with NEMO

- 1) Register to the NEMO website:**  
get login and password
- 2) Browse the documentation**
- 3) Get the source code (with svn):**  
as explained in the Quick Start Guide
- 4) Compile one of the reference configuration,**  
e.g. the configuration GYRE\_LOBSTER:  
*makenemo -n GYRE\_LOBSTER -m ifort\_linux*
- 5) Run your first simulation:**  
with example parameter file in directory *'EXP00'*

**NEMO website: <http://www.nemo-ocean.eu/>**

## **Input required to run a NEMO configuration**

**For instance: DOUBLE\_GYRE or NATL4\_LOBSTER  
(medium and large case SANGOMA benchmarks)**

- 1) Modifications to default NEMO source code (if any)**
- 2) List of precompilation options (cpp keys)**
- 3) Appropriate parameter file (NEMO namelist)**
- 4) Input data (if any): bathymetry, model grid  
atmospheric forcing, river runoff, ...**