



# The Copernicus Marine Service wave Reanalysis : WAVERYYS

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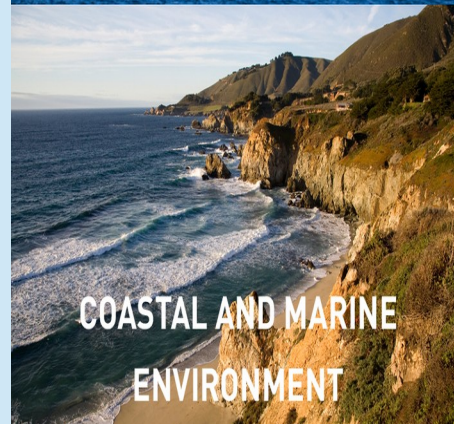
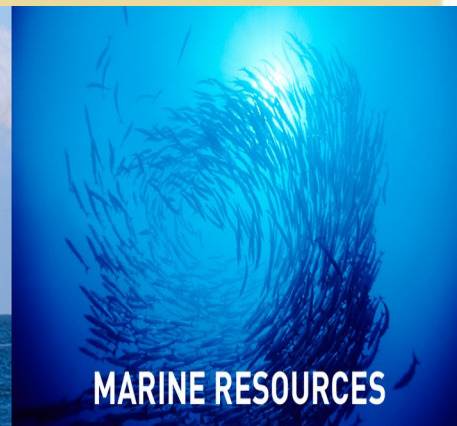
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# MOTIVATION

- WEVERYS has the ambition to provide the best wave products for world wide users implementing wave climate studies, Coastal applications,...etc
- The best boundary conditions for nesting CMEMS regional wave reanalysis (IBI, MED, Artic,...etc)
- Need of outstanding sea state accuracy for relevant users applications (coastal environment, seasonal variability, O/A coupling, SSB estimate,...)



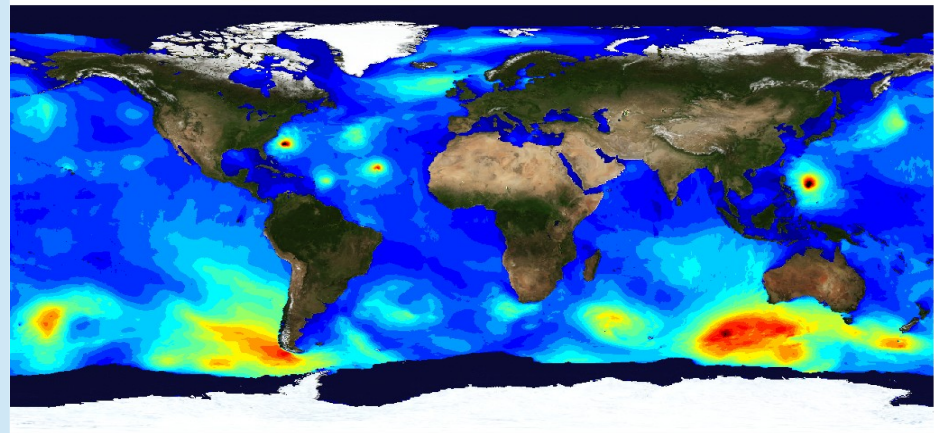
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# CMEMS global wave reanalysis 1993-2018

- Global grid of 20 km (Etopo2 bathymetry)
- Upgraded wave physics for better surface stress (MFWAM 2018)
- 3-hourly wind forcing ERA5
- 3-hourly assimilation step of altimeters and SAR wave spectra from Sentinel-1
- 3-hourly surface currents forcing from CMEMS ocean reanalysis GLORYS
- 3-hourly output of wave parameters (including partitioning wind-wave and swell partitions) : 20 parameters CMEMS catalogue



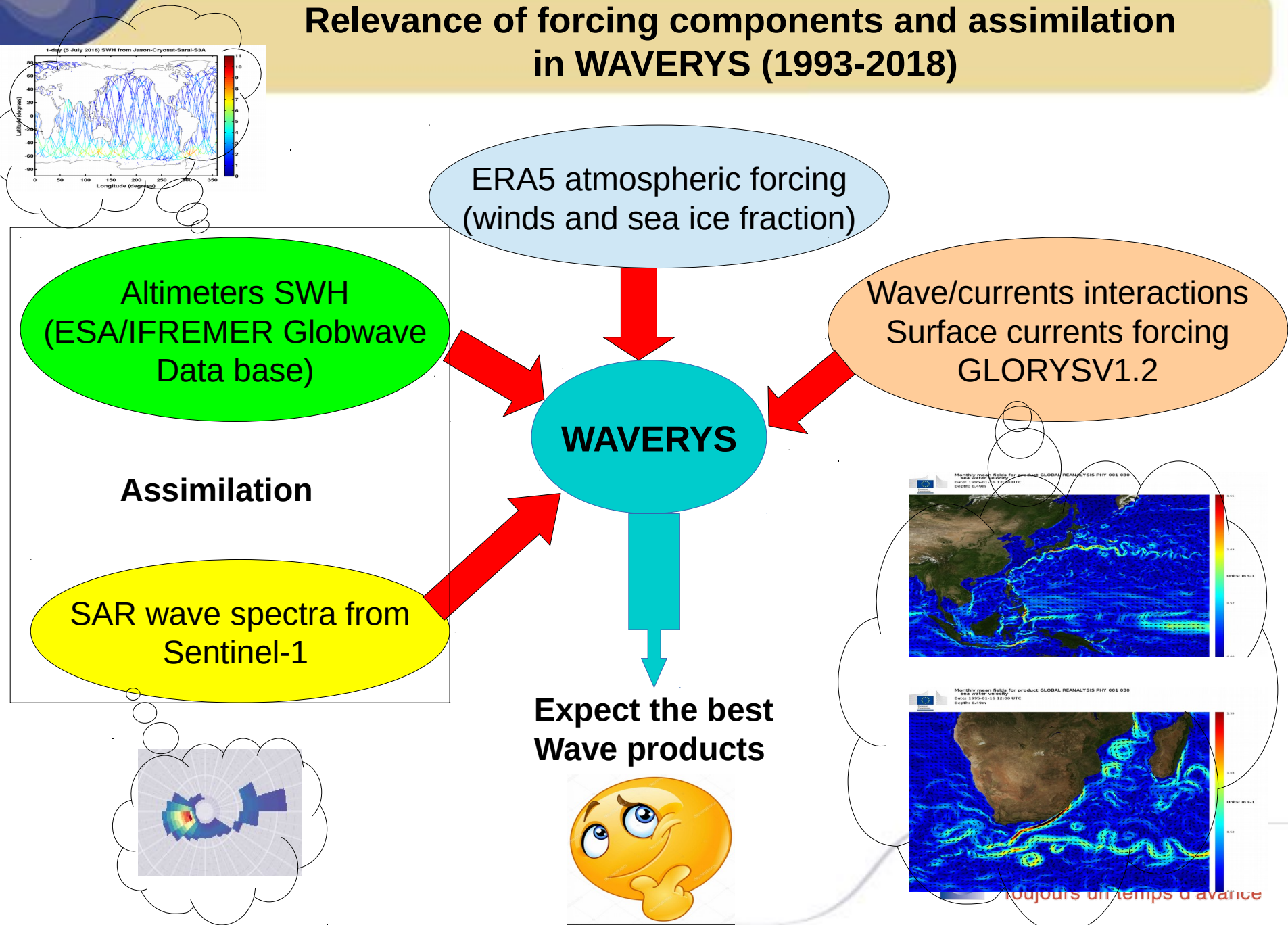
Mean fields from global wave model MFWAM of Meteo-France with ECMWF forcing  
sea surface wave significant height  
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# Relevance of forcing components and assimilation in WAVERYS (1993-2018)



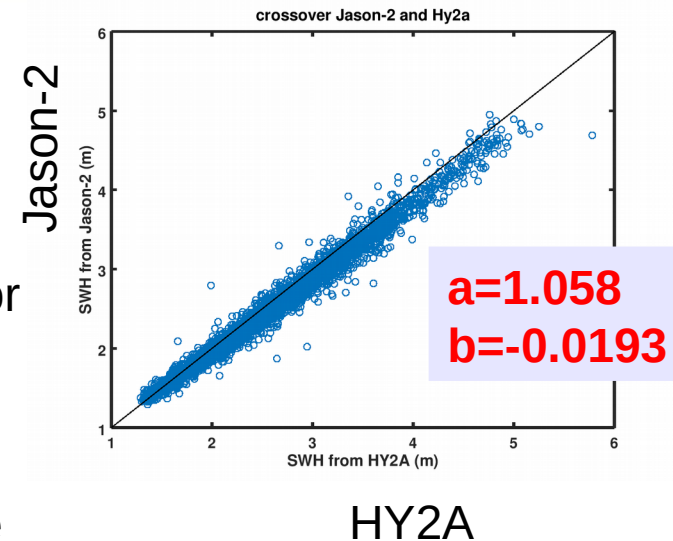
# Methodology of validation

## → Comparison with HY2A :

- Validation with SWH from HY2A has been performed for the period 2012-2018. GDR L2 products have been provided by CNES processing (AVISO+).
- HY2A has been calibrated with Jason-2 as a reference mission. Regression relation is used to correct SWH from HY2A ( $Y=a*X+b$ )
- Colocation with model grid points (~50 km)

## → Comparison with buoys :

data provided by CMEMS In-situ Thematic Assembly Center (TAC) for the whole period of WAVERYS

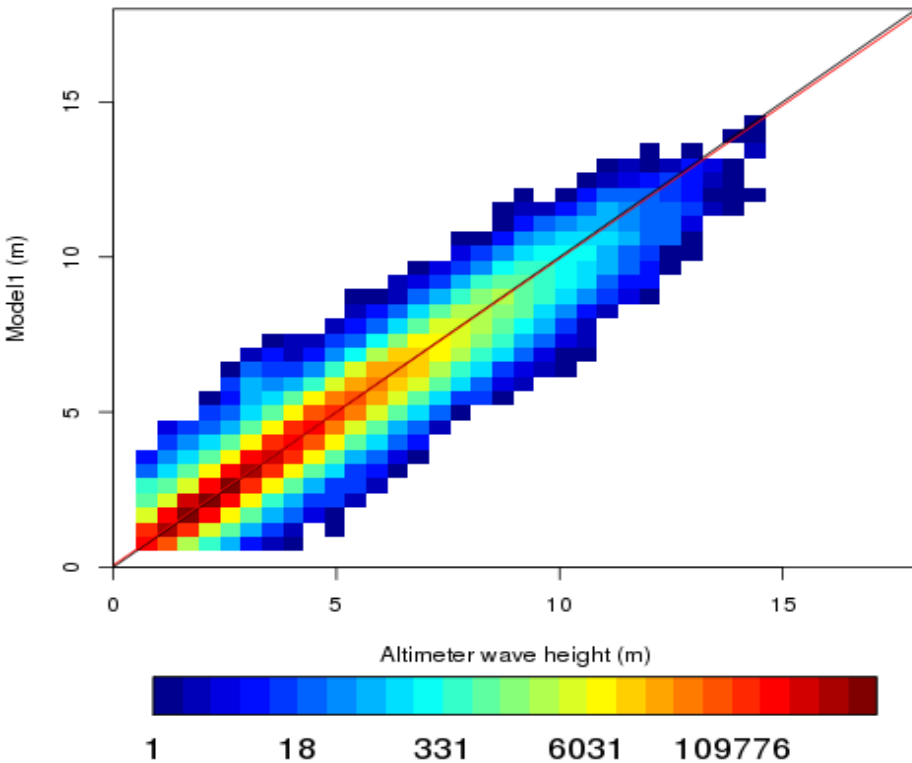


## CMEMS in-situ TAC buoys



# Scatter plots of SWH WAVERYYS vs ERA5

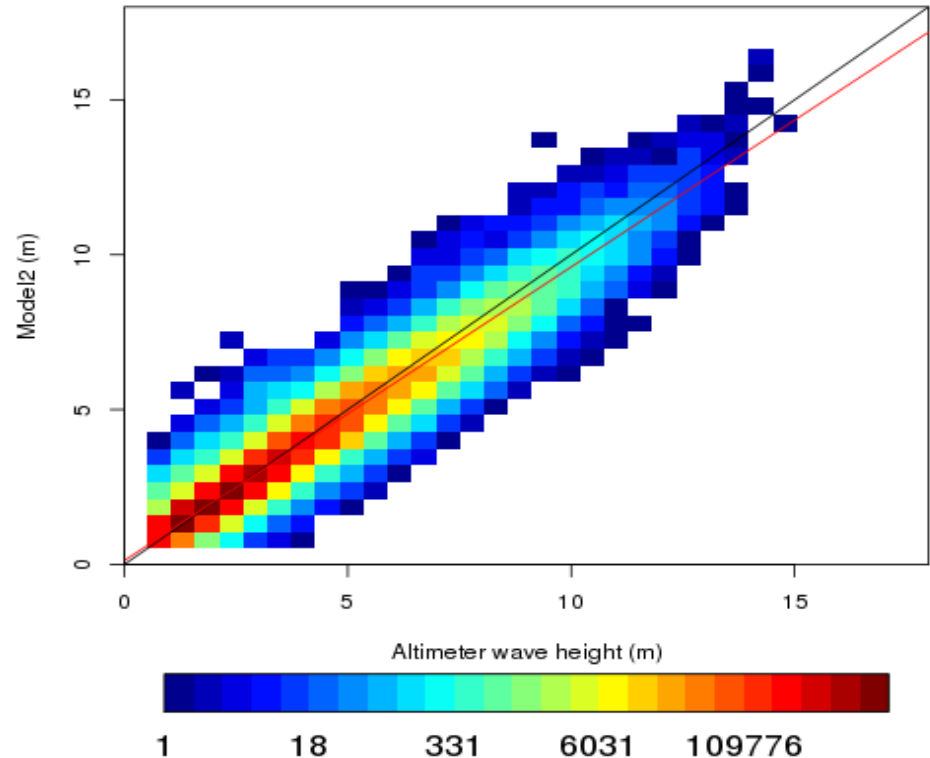
## WAVERYYS



Bias = 0.03  
SI = 8,7%  
RMSE = 8.8%  
Slope = 0.99  
Intercept = 0.10

SI is better by ~10 % for waverys  
in comparison with ERA5

## ERA5



Bias = -0.01  
SI = 9,6%  
RMSE = 9,6%  
Slope = 0.93  
Intercept = 0.17

Validation with HY2A  
2012-2018



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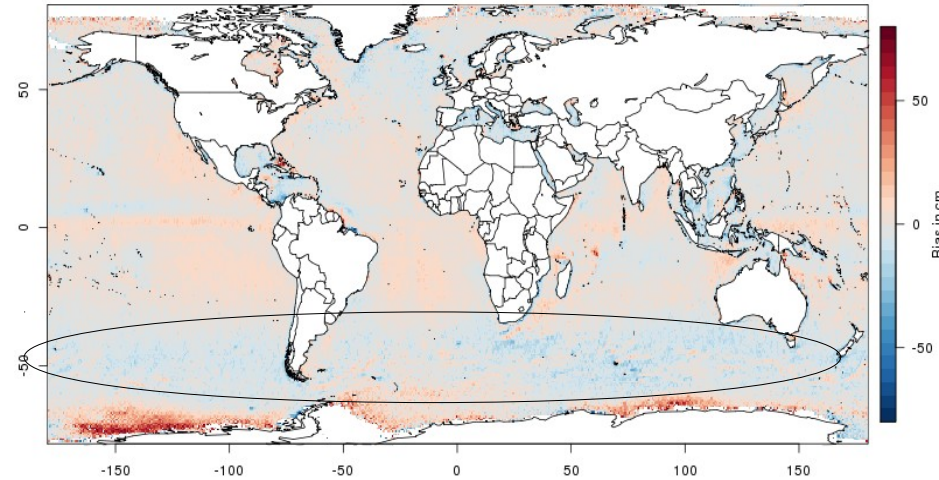
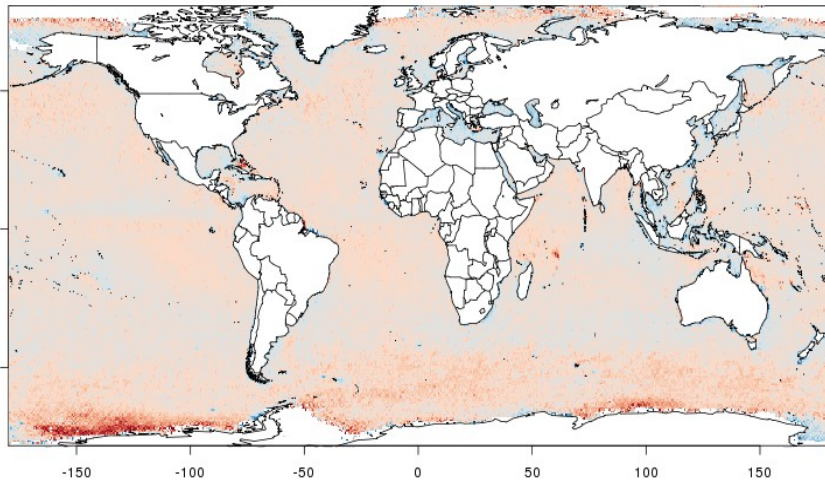
# WAVERYYS vs ERA5 : performance

## Validation with HY2A

WAVERYYS

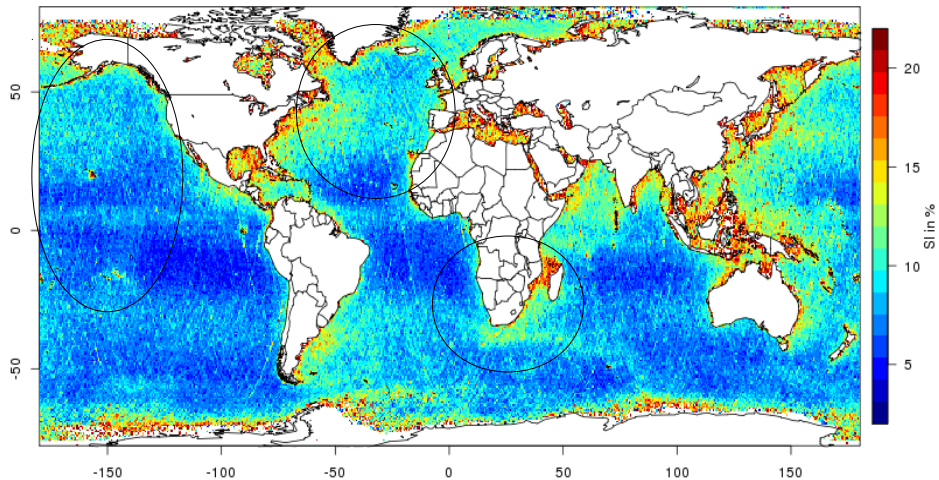
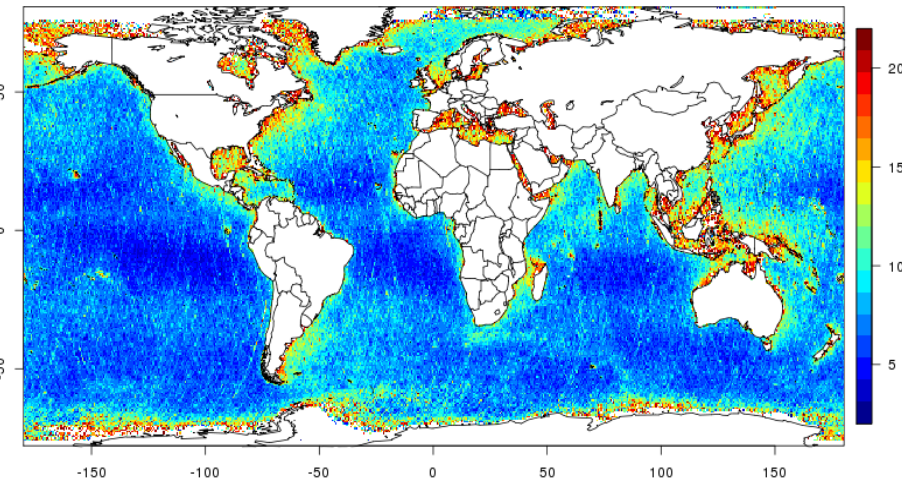
Bias (max 60 cm)

ERA5



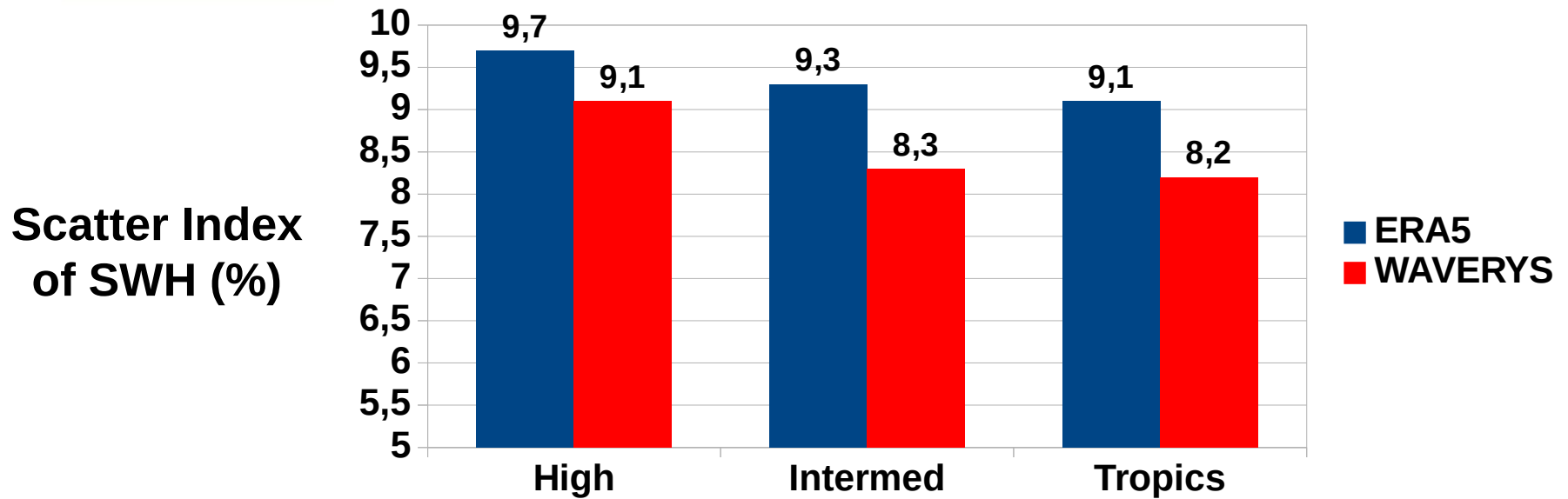
**WAVERYYS : significantly better  
in mid lats and tropics**

Scatter index maps in %





# Performance of WAVERYYS for SWH in different ocean basins



Collected data :                      2269161                      4451612                      3524874

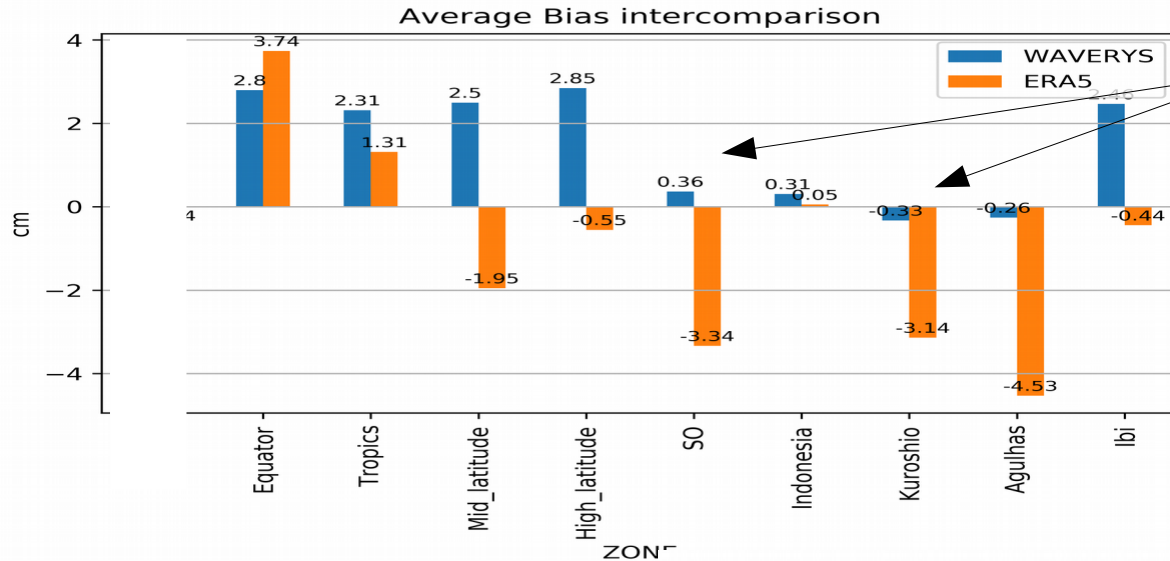
WAVERYYS induces a better SI of SWH in comparison with ERA5

High Lat  $|\Phi| > 50^\circ$   
Intermediate lat  $20^\circ < |\Phi| < 50^\circ$   
Tropics  $|\Phi| < 20^\circ$

Validation with HY2A  
Period 2013-2018

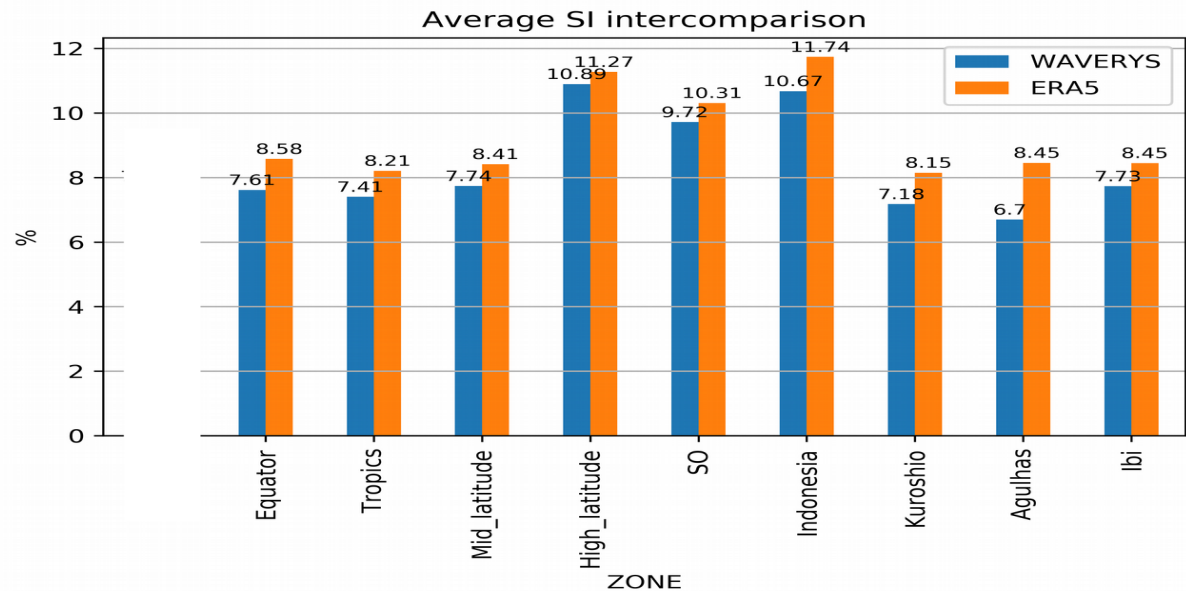
# Performance for SWH in several ocean regions : WAVERYYS vs ERA5

## BIAS (cm)



**Bias is completely removed  
In Agulhas, Kuroshio, SO,...:  
Thanks to GLORYS currents  
forcing**

## Scatter index (%)



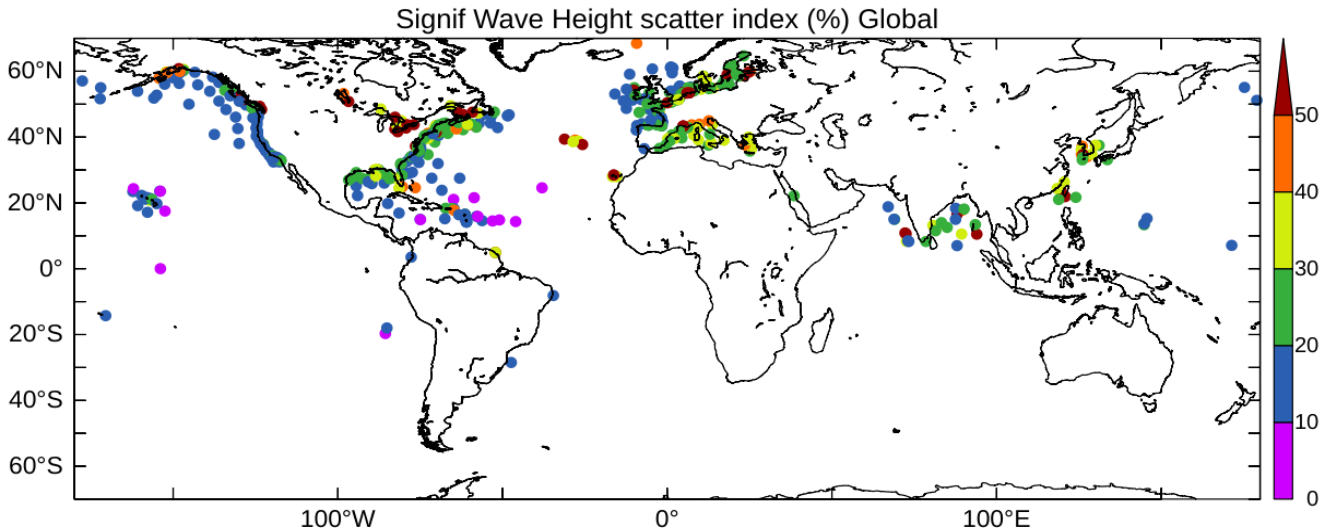
**Validation of HY2A  
2012-2018**

Equator  
Tropics  
Mid lats  
High lats  
Southern ocean  
Indonesia  
Agulhas  
IBI (N-E Atlantic)

# Comparison with available buoys during 1993-2018

## Scatter index maps

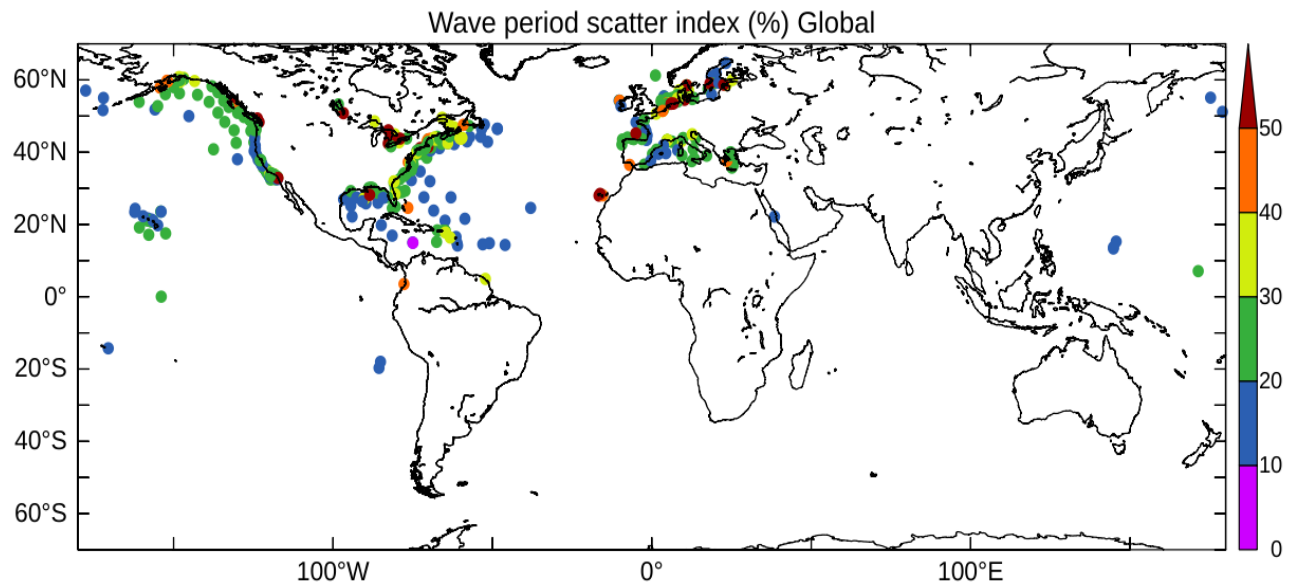
SWH



Overall good SI for SWH  
~10-15 %, and increases  
to 20% in coastal areas

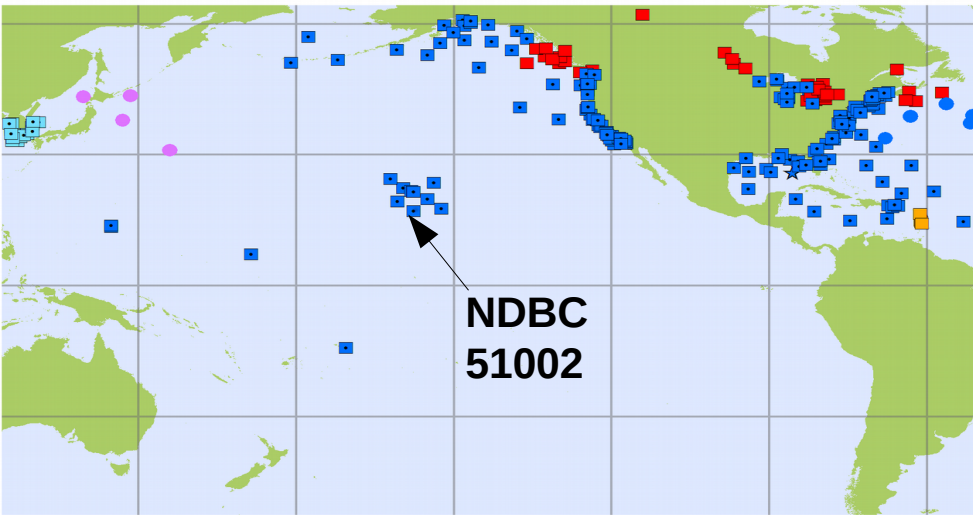
Peak wave period

Good SI for Tp roughly  
10-20%



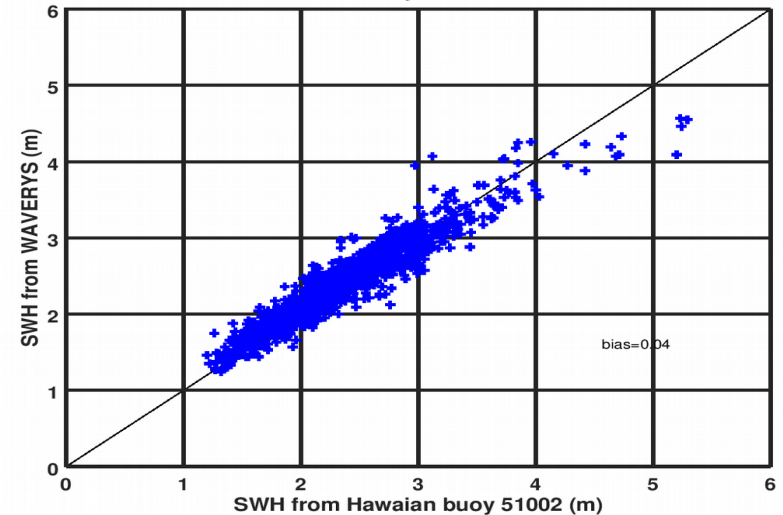
# Comparison with Hawaii NDBC/NOAA buoy 51002

## Year 2010



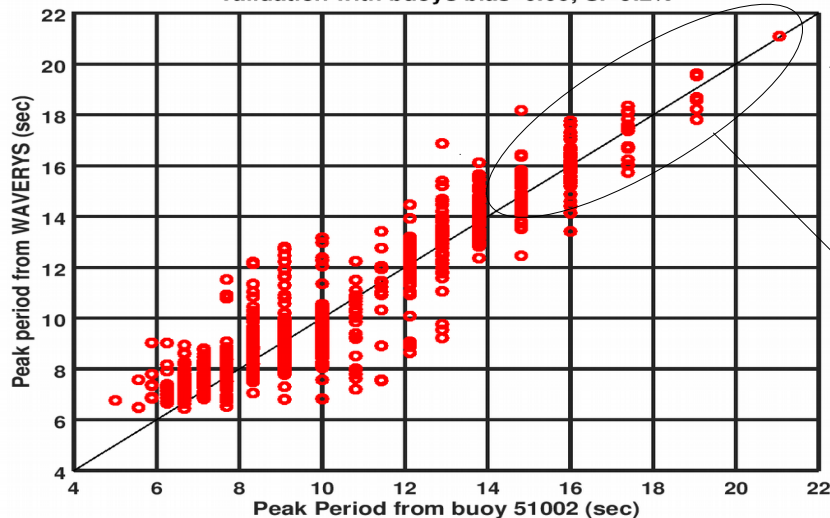
### Sig. Wave Height

validation with buoys bias=0.04; SI=7.6%



### Peak wave period

validation with buoys bias=0.06; SI=9.2%



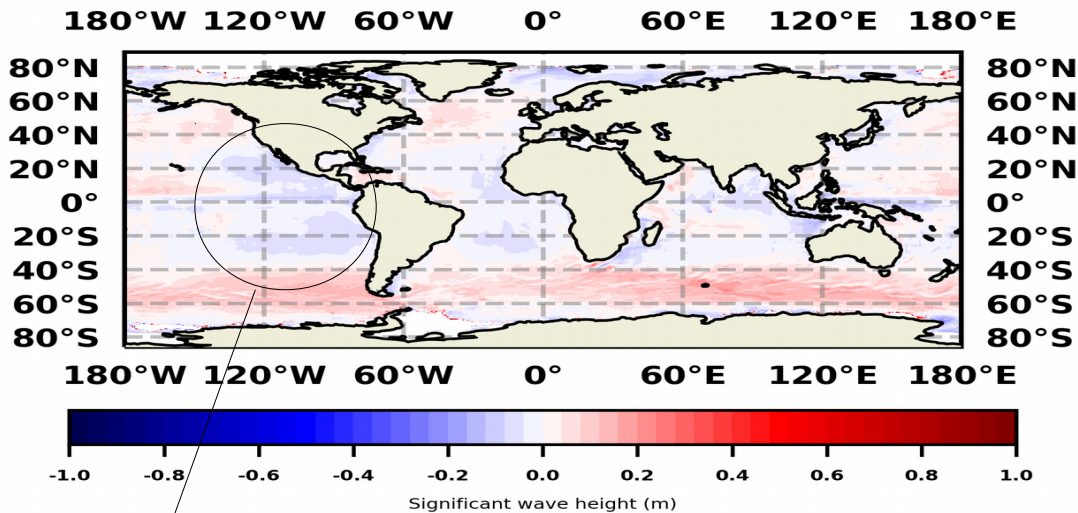
**SI for SWH and Tp is 7.5 %  
And 9.7 %, respectively.**

**Good capturing  
of long swell  
dominant wave  
System (Tp>12 sec)**



# Highlights on strong waves/currents interactions WAVERYYS vs ERA5 in 2010

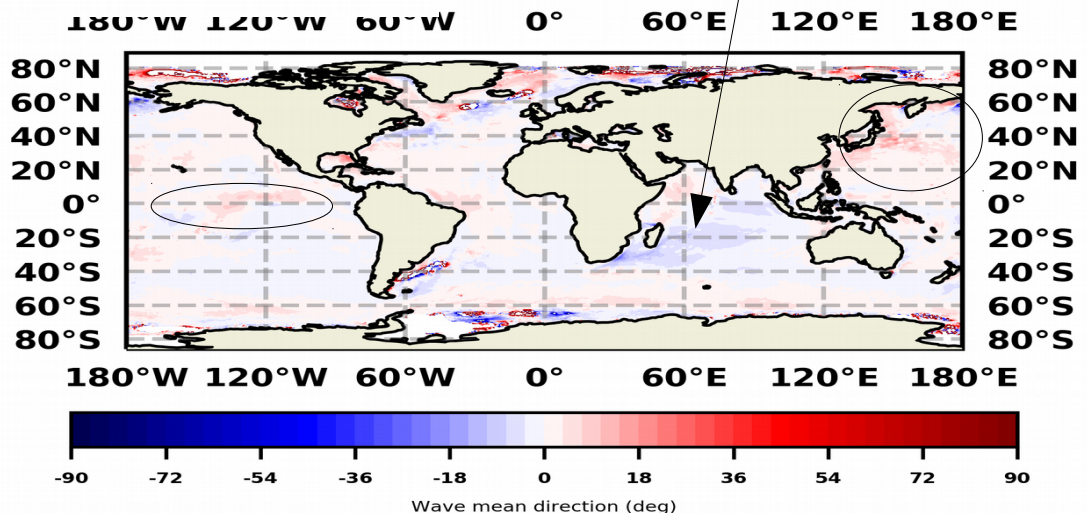
## SWH



Difference of mean maps  
between WAVERYYS and ERA5

Wave/currents interactions  
induces a significant impact  
on mean direction particularly  
on swell track

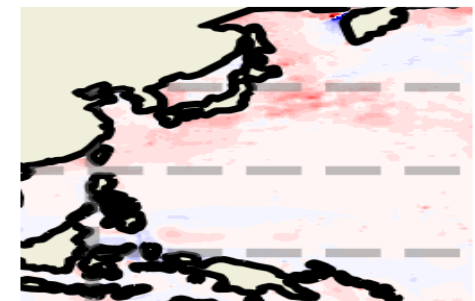
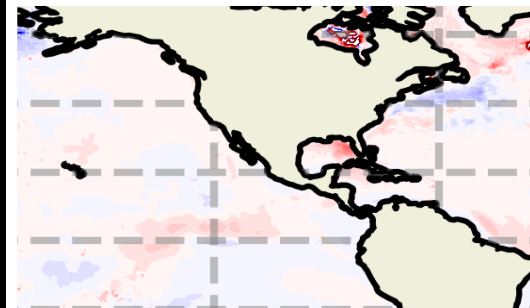
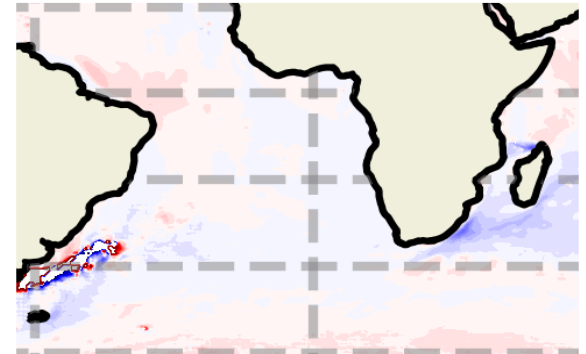
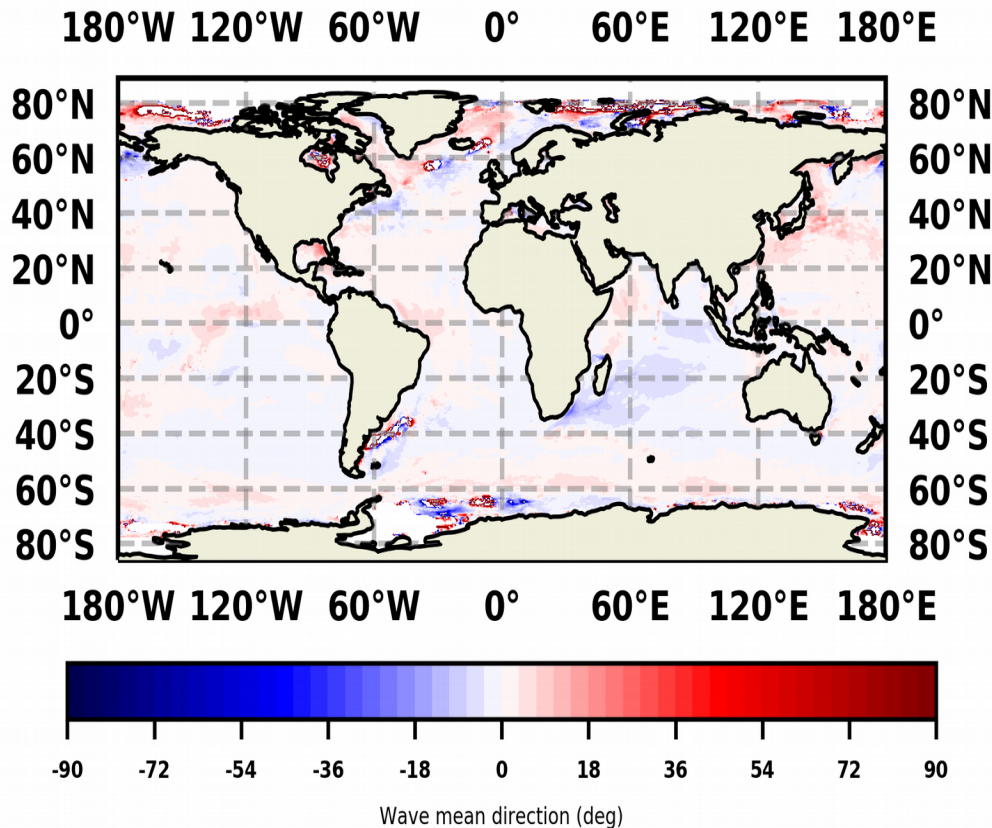
## Mean direction



Year 2010

# Consistent wave propagation in strong currents areas : Difference between WAVERYS and ERA5

## Difference of mean wave direction

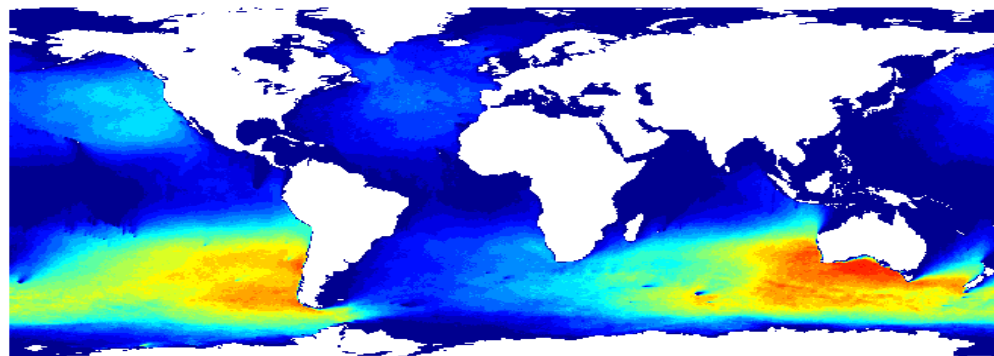


**Strong deviation of mean wave direction induced by the GLORYS currents forcing**

**Year 2010**

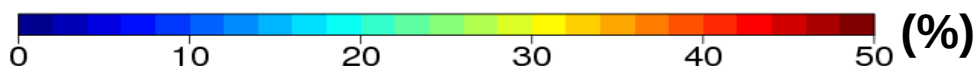
# Primary swell climate regime during 2010: WAVERYYS vs ERA5

## WAVERYYS



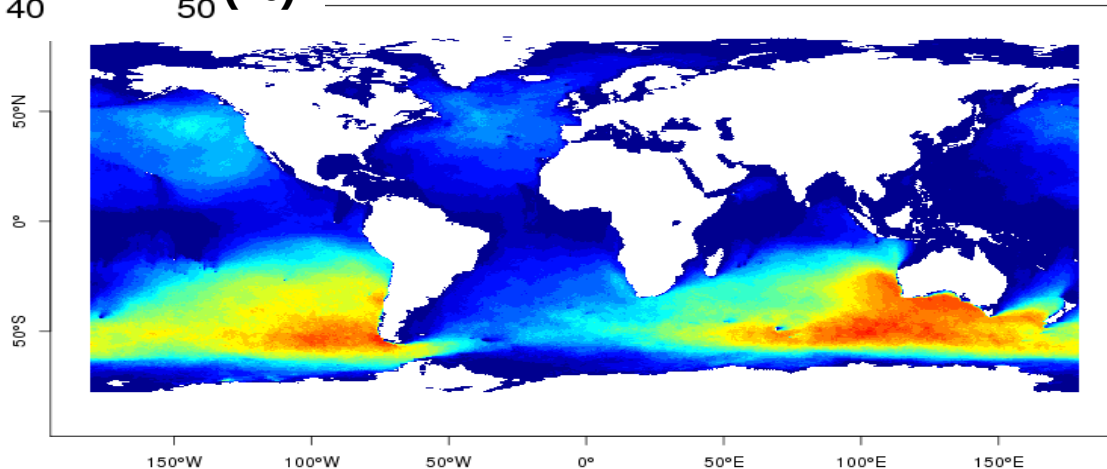
Probability of occurrence of primary swell with height and period greater than 2 m and 12 sec, respectively

150°W 100°W 50°W 0° 50°E 100°E 150°E



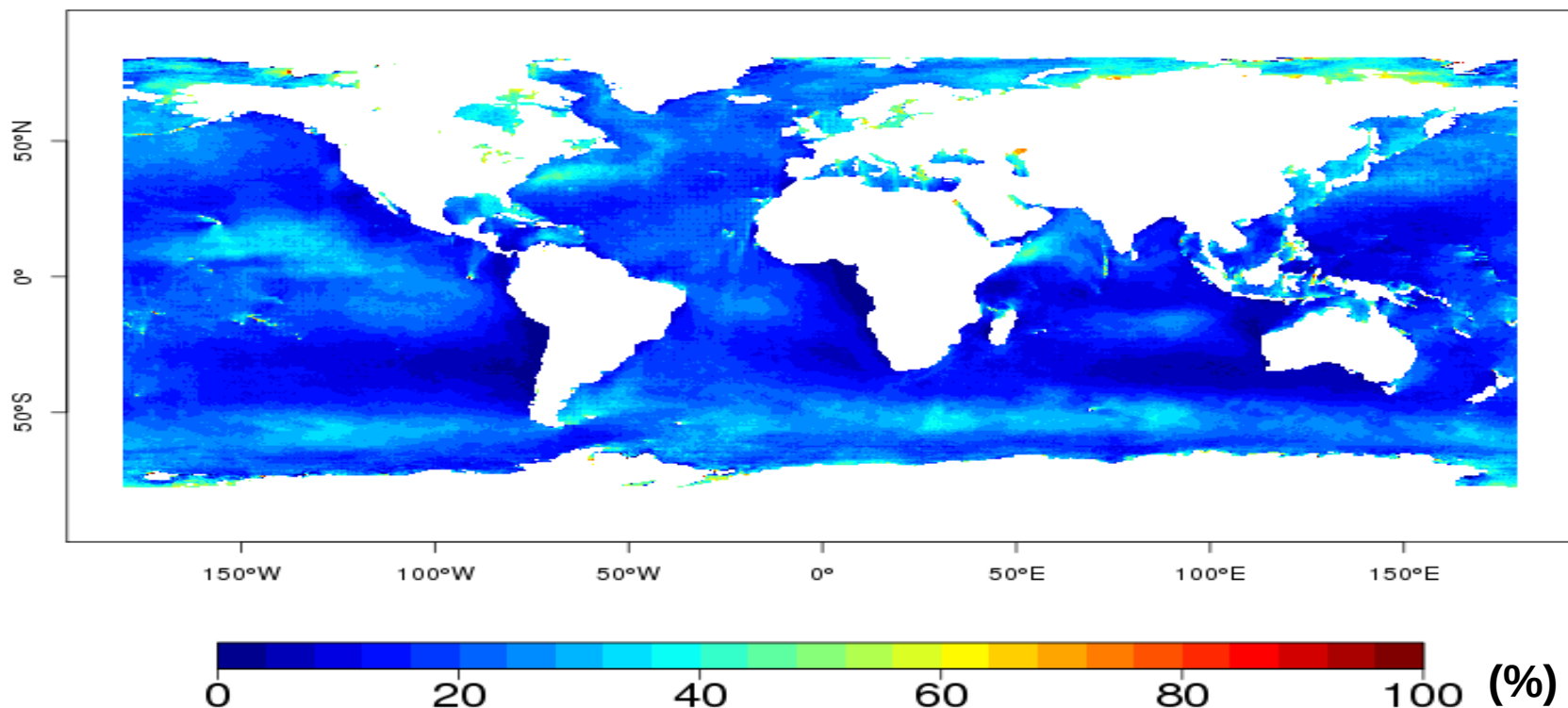
Finer estimate of swell regime  
with WAVERYYS  
ERA5 over-represented 1st swell  
In southern Australia

## ERA5



# Primary swell climate regime during 2010: WAVERYYS vs ERA5

Probability of occurrence when difference of Primary swell directions between WAVERYYS and ERA5 exceeds 30 degrees



**Occurrence exceeds 30 % in strong surface currents regions**

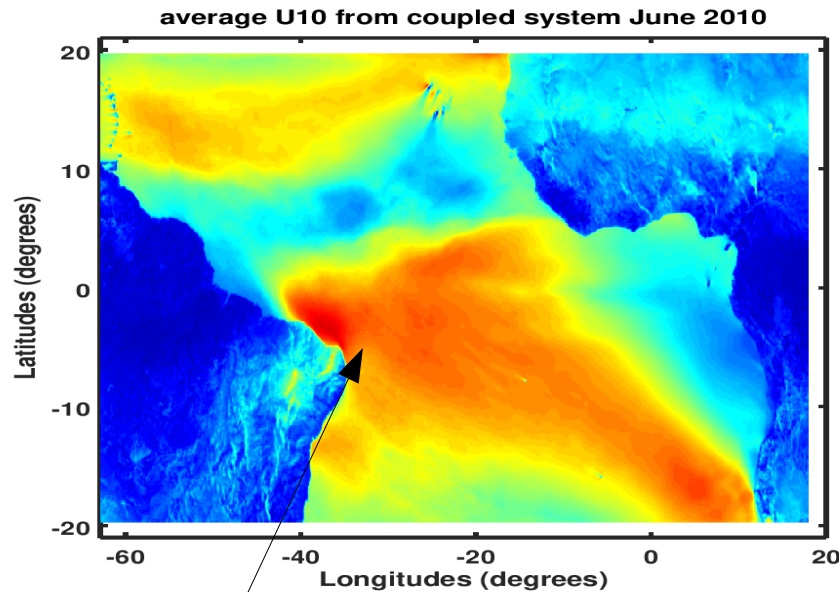


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# Relevance for ocean/wave coupling

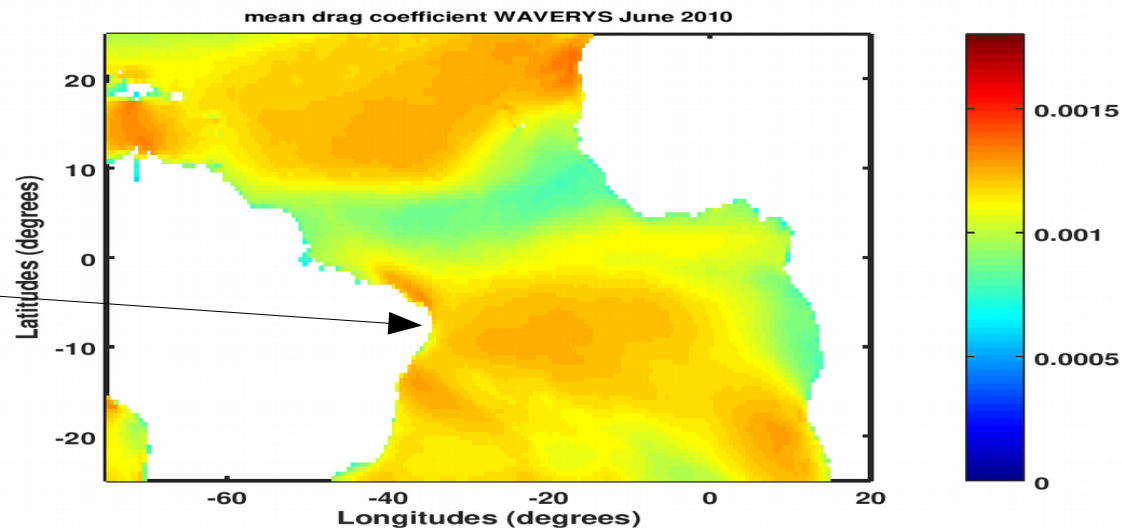
## Case of strongest SST anomaly (June 2010)



Wind speed (m/s) from coupled simulation of non-hydrostatic atmospheric model MESO-NH forced by SST from NEMO ocean model (Giordani et al. 2019)



Mean of drag coefficient (surface stress) from WAVERYs is highly consistent with winds From coupled simulation



# Conclusions

- ◆ Very good accuracy of WEVERYS integrated parameters (SWH, Peak period) : thanks to validation with HY2A and buoys.
- ◆ WEVERYS significantly better than ERA5
- ◆ Relevance of using currents forcing in WEVERYS : better sea state and swell propagation : good perspectives for users applications (wave climate, reprocessing of altimeters,....etc)
- ◆ WEVERYS wave products will be released in December 2019 :  
[marine.copernicus.eu](http://marine.copernicus.eu)  
(product name : *GLOBAL\_REANALYSIS\_WAV\_001\_032*)

