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Educational Project to study Ocean with satellite data

- For student from elementary to secondary schools
- Started at CNES in 2000
- 279 classes registered in 2019

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Argonautica, an educational project to study ocean using satellite data (ARGOS, JASON...)

ARGONIMAUX : Study environmental and climatic impact on marine animals routes (cooperation with scientists, biologists...) 156 classes from Elementary to Middle schools

ARGOHYDRO/ARGOTECHNO : Monitoring lakes and river including technical projects (buoys building, sensors...) 71 classes from Middle to High schools

ARGOCEAN/ARGOTECHO : Understand the links between ocean & climate (cooperation with skippers, explorers, building buoys, sensors...)
52 classes from Elementary to High schools



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Argonautica is designed to help students get hands on experience both in and out of the classroom to build material and discover the world around them.



Students from E. Deroche Middle School test their water quality buoy in the Garonne

Students from Monteil High School in Rodez deploy their buoy in the Mediterranean Sea with support from l'Observatoire Océanologique de Banyuls







ARGOHYDRO











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OBJECTIVES

To allow students to understand the consequences of climate and environment changes on water cycle, water quality ...

OPPORTUNITIES

- SWOT satellite
- GLOBE Program

SWOT

- Oceanographic and hydrological satellite
- Will be launched in 2021
- Will allow global measurements of water level variations

GLOBE

- International scientific and educational Program
- Students collect environmental data and enter them in the GLOBE data base.

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INTERESTS

- > Monitor the water level variations to evaluate flooding and drought risks
- Evaluate the water quality of the nearby lakes and rivers (water temperature, pH, turbidity, dissolved Oxygen, nitrate...)
- > Evaluate the impact on environment of plastic pollution, pesticide concentration...







Une vue aérienne du Doubs le 12 octobre 2018 à Villers-le-Lac



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In situ measurements

- Students collect data
- > Using:
 - GLOBE protocols for water quality, soil moisture, rain rate...
 - Students can also build a platform for permanent data acquisition (using a dedicated card, MANGO card, or a Arduino card...)

New protocols and sensors are under study:

- To measure water level variation, rate of flow...
- > To evaluate the level of water pollution

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Correlation of in situ measurements and satellite data

- Several satellites : SMOS, Sentinel, Jason...and soon SWOT
- Hydrology from Space:
 - Water level variation(Jason 3, Sentinel 3)
 - Soil moisture (SMOS, SMAP)
 - Rain (GPM)

Release of data

Visualization of Jason and Sentinel data via Hydroweb portal



Argohydro, Who?





Southampton



How to monitor the water level of the River Garonne ?







HOW TO MEASURE THE WATER LEVEL OF A RIVER



How to measure the water level using an ultrasonic sensor ?

He = H - Hm

H = Height of the sensor

Hm = Height measured by

sensor

He = Water depth

Assembly drawing



The sensor in the field









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CONCLUSION

- ArgoHydro is very popular with schools: measurements in the vicinity of schools (river, lake...), connection with local problems (flooding risks, drought...)
- Last year we only had 8 pilot Projects, this year 71 schools registered
- We get comments from schools to improve the project : we already know that we will have to adapt for younger students (ages 6 to 8)
- Next step
- Wait for SWOT