Satellite Solutions for Tracking Litter & Plastic Pollution in the Ocean



Marion Sutton, Brice Robert, Claire Dufau, Marc Lucas, Mauricio Fragoso, Marie-Hélène Rio, Hélène Etienne





- 1. Marine litter tracking solutions from Space
- 2. Drift modeling based on Surface Currents from Space
- 3. Use Case: Cleaning campaign during Rio 2016 Olympics







A global, non-profit satellite-based data collection and positioning system, dedicated to studying and protecting the Earth's environment.



It **locates any mobile object equipped** with a compatible transmitter and send data measured by sensors connected to it.









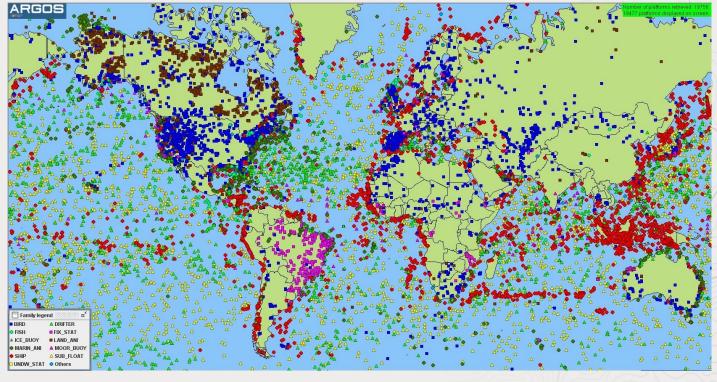
CLS is the ARGOS system operator on behalf of the 4 space agencies







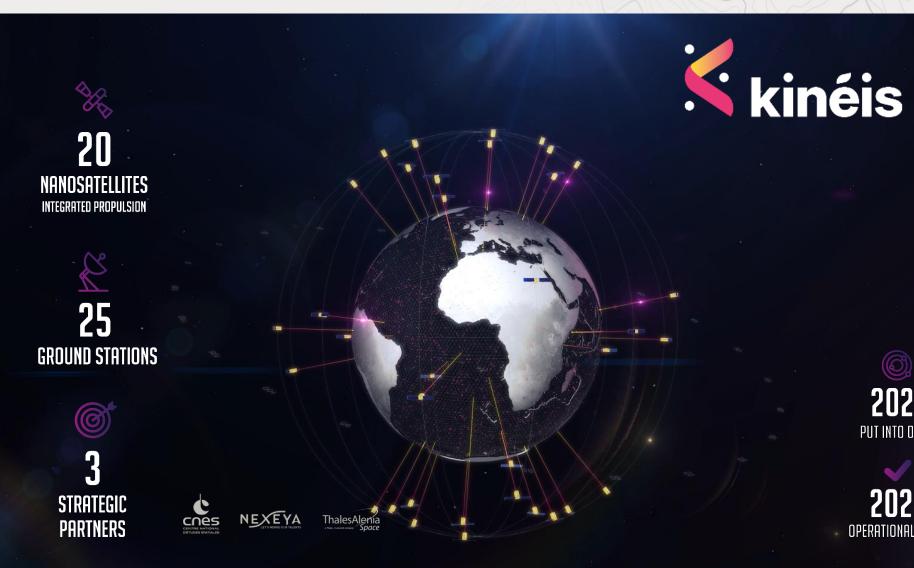




7 LEO operational satellites7000 animals6500 ocean sensors6500 vessels



2021: a new constellation > Kineis









Standalone floating beacons

Surface floating buoys with satellite telemetry: a great tool to observe the drift at the ocean surface.

The complexity of the marine litter drift forecast can be addressed by the use of drifting buoys to track and characterize the garbage drift, anticipate the trajectories and concentration zones.













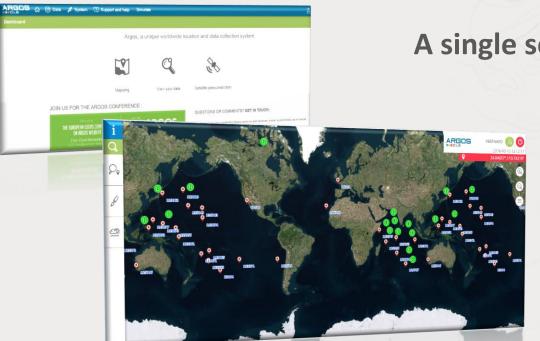
Direct tracking of Marine litter with small ARGOS beacons

- Self contained, autonomous small & waterproof ARGOS satellite trackers
- Many models, with various shapes, sizes, sensors, etc,
- GPS and/or ARGOS positioning
- Solar panels and/or lithium batteries: high autonomy (over 1 year)
- Flexible transmission strategies



ARGOSWEB to display trajectories and more..



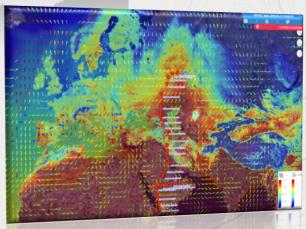


A single secured web site to:

- √ View all positions on a map
- ✓ Download all available data
- ✓ Export Google Earth files
- √ Manage users settings

 - ⇒ Mapping and along-track sampling
 - ⇒ Mobile friendly responsive design







- 1. Marine litter tracking solutions from Space
- 2. Drift modeling based on Surface Currents from Space
- 3. Use Case: Cleaning campaign during Rio 2016 Olympics





MOBIDRIFT

● CLS APPLICATIONS

Icebergs

Particles

Oil, Sargassum Algae, Marine litter

Search & Rescue

Container



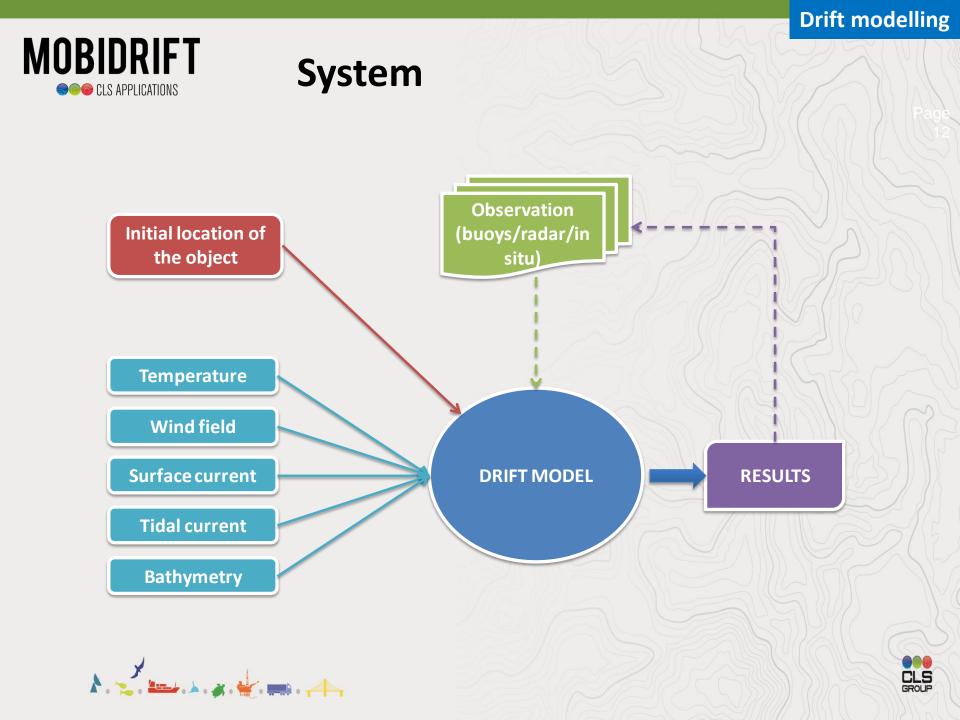
Surface /2D drift

Real-time, forecast or archive data





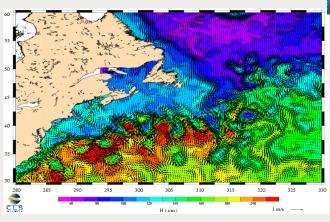






Global Surface Current from Space

Geostrophic currents

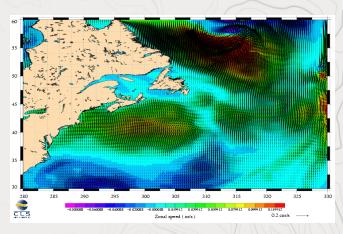




From altimetry



Wind-driven (Ekman) currents





From Rio
2014 model
fitted
on satellitetracked
surface
drifting
buoys





Total currents at the surface and 15m depth

- ¼° spatial resolution
- Near Real Time (6h resolution) from 2017 to D-1
- Delayed time (3h resolution): 1993-2017

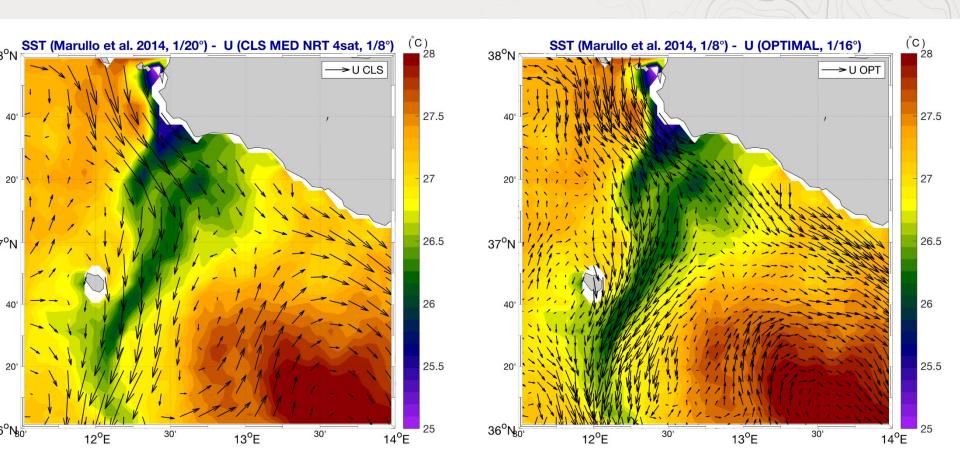






Surface Current from Space

Altimetry / Sea Surface Temperature synergy for « optimal » HR currents

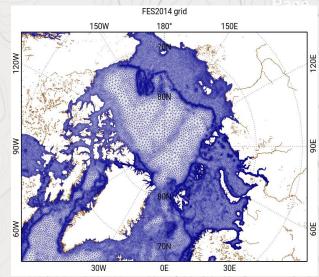


Example: Sicily strait in the Mediterranean Sea (in collaboration with D. Ciani, CNR, Italy)

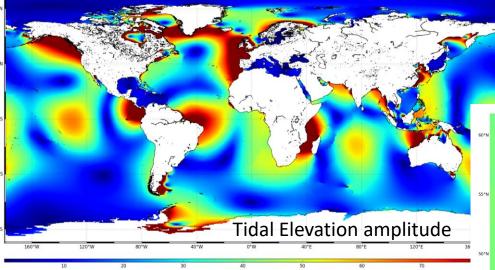
MOBIDRIFT CLS APPLICATIONS

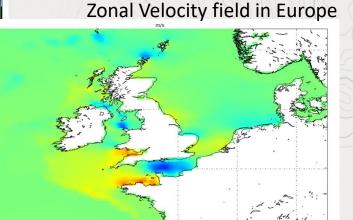
Global tidal current from Space FES2014

- Global tidal model (Carrere et al. 2016, Lyard et al. 2017)
- Shallow water equations ⇒ TUGO model (spectral version)
- High resolution finite element mesh (~5-7 km on shore)
- Assimilation of satellite altimeter data and tidal gauges



Finite elements mesh





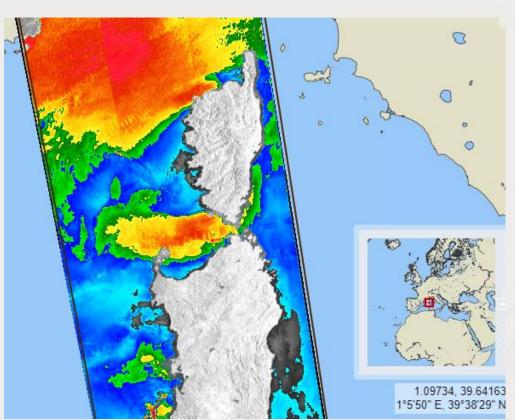




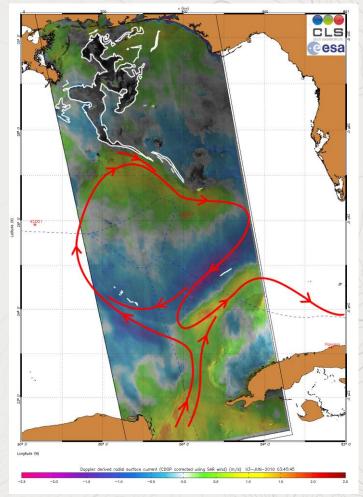


SAR-derived Surface current/wind from Space

Wind field retrieval from Sentinel-1



Doppler radial-velocity from ENVISAT ongoing « calibration » for Sentinel-1







- 1. Marine litter tracking solutions from Space
- 2. Drift modeling based on Surface Currents from Space
- 3. Use Case: Cleaning campaign during Rio 2016 Olympics

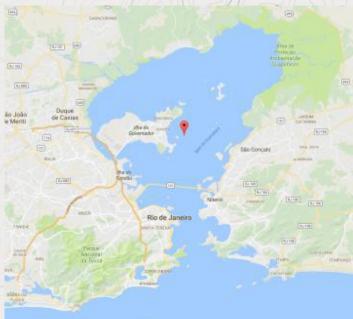




Cleaning Campaign during Rio Olympic Games 2016 in Guanabara Bay

Rio de Janeiro, Brasil



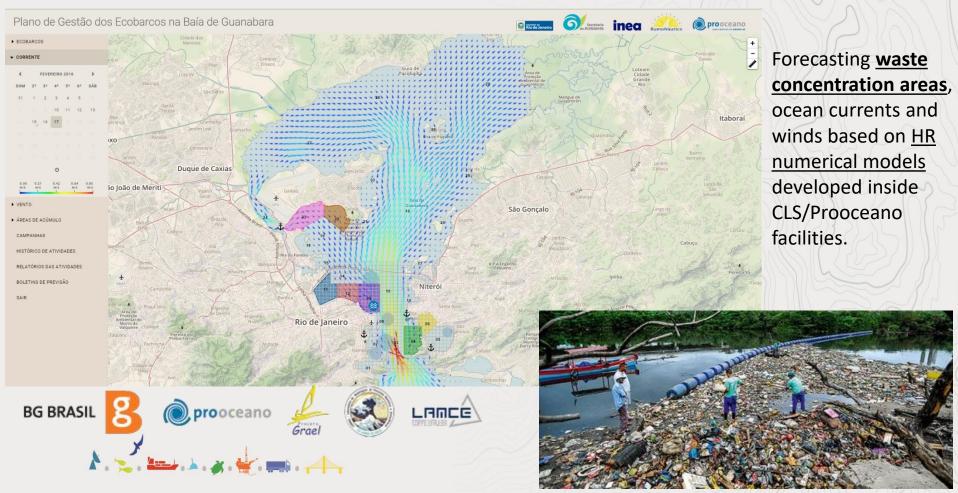






For over a year, CLS has helped in cleaning the bay of Rio de Janeiro in the run-up of the 2016 Olympics by

- Forecasting surface currents with a high resolution local numerical model
- Predicting waste drift into the bay
- Real-time satellite tracking of boats loaded with garbage during cleaning operation



Thank you!



