



# OOPC report: Observing Air-Sea Interactions Strategy (OASIS)

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Darmstadt, Germany

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**OOPC** Ocean  
Observations  
Physics and  
Climate panel

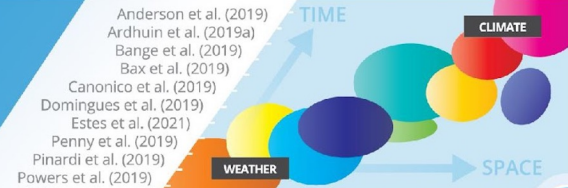


# Grand Ideas for 2030

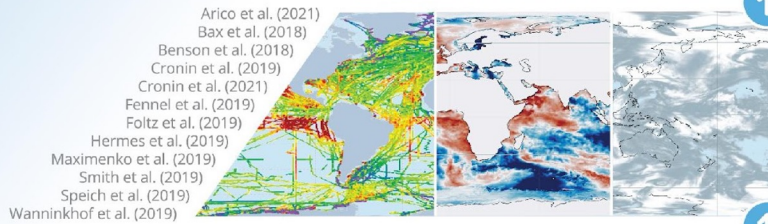


2021-2030 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

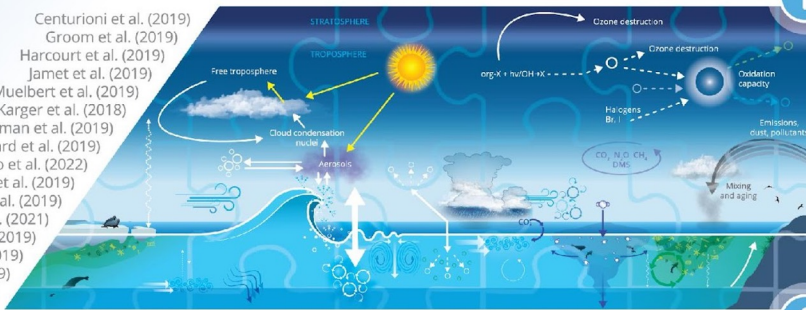
**Observing Air-Sea Interactions Strategy (OASIS)** is harmonizing community recommendations from OceanObs'19 and UN Decade Laboratories...  
...into three **Grand Ideas**



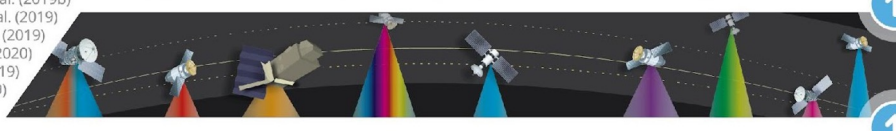
Improved Earth system (including ecosystem) forecasts for a predicted, clean, accessible, healthy, safe & productive ocean



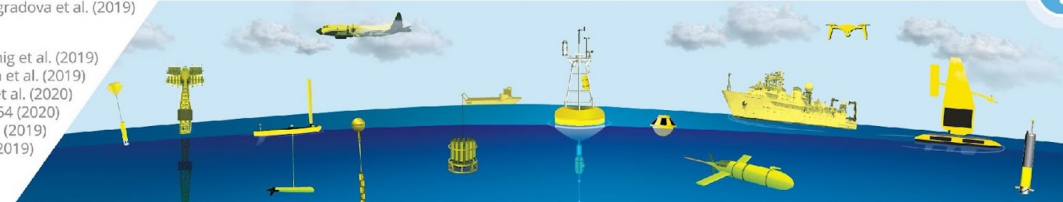
Improved ocean information serving stakeholders around the world



**Grand Idea #3**  
Improved models & understanding of air-sea interaction processes



**Grand Idea #2**  
Satellites optimized for air-sea fluxes



**Grand Idea #1**  
A globally distributed in situ air-sea observing network built around an expanded array of time series stations

Anderson et al. (2019)  
Ardhuin et al. (2019a)  
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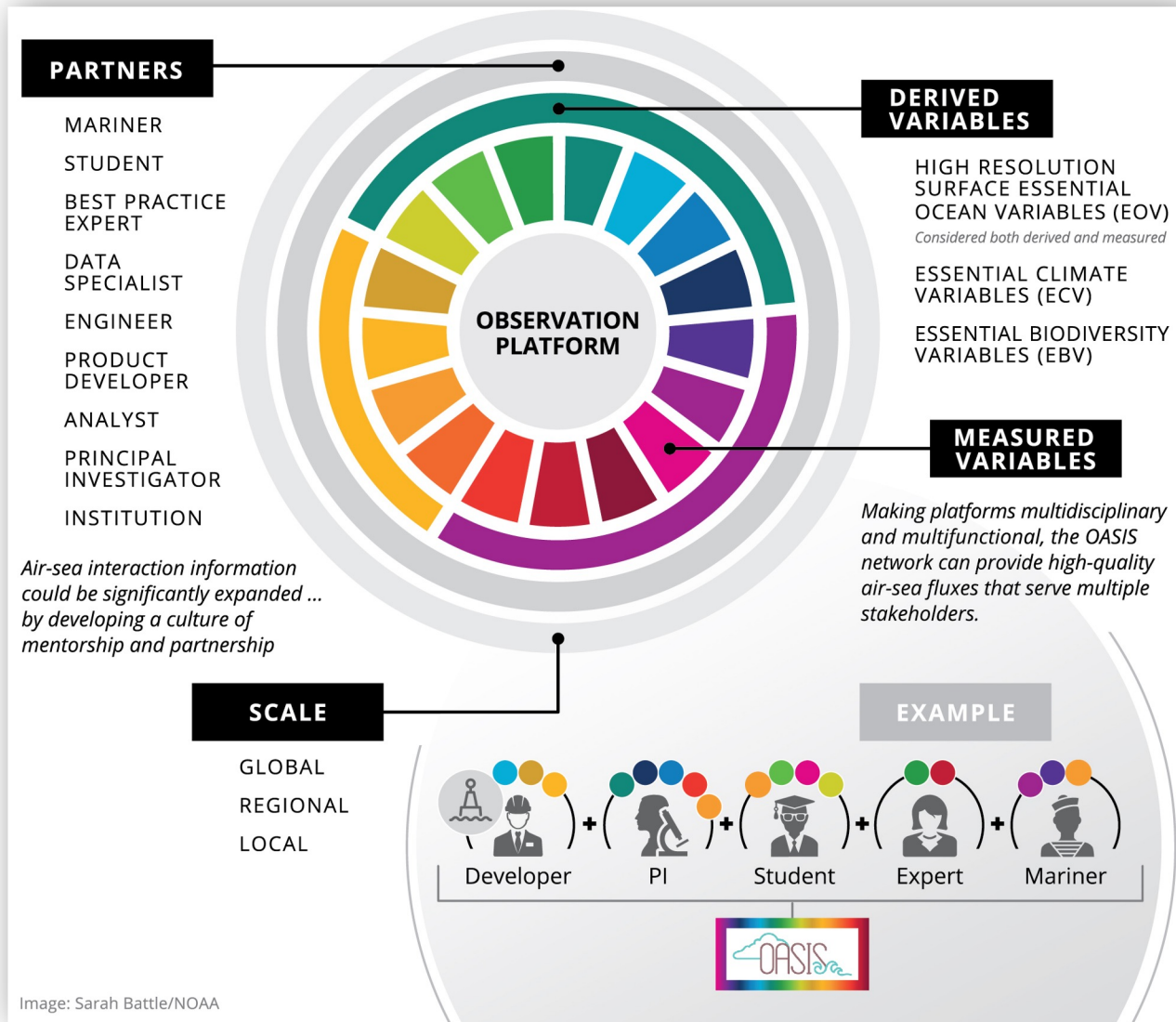
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Pearlman et al. (2019)  
Sabine et al. (2020)  
SCOR Working Group 154 (2020)  
Smith et al. (2019)  
Wang et al. (2019)

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# OASIS Vision for 2030: Air-Sea Interaction Science we need

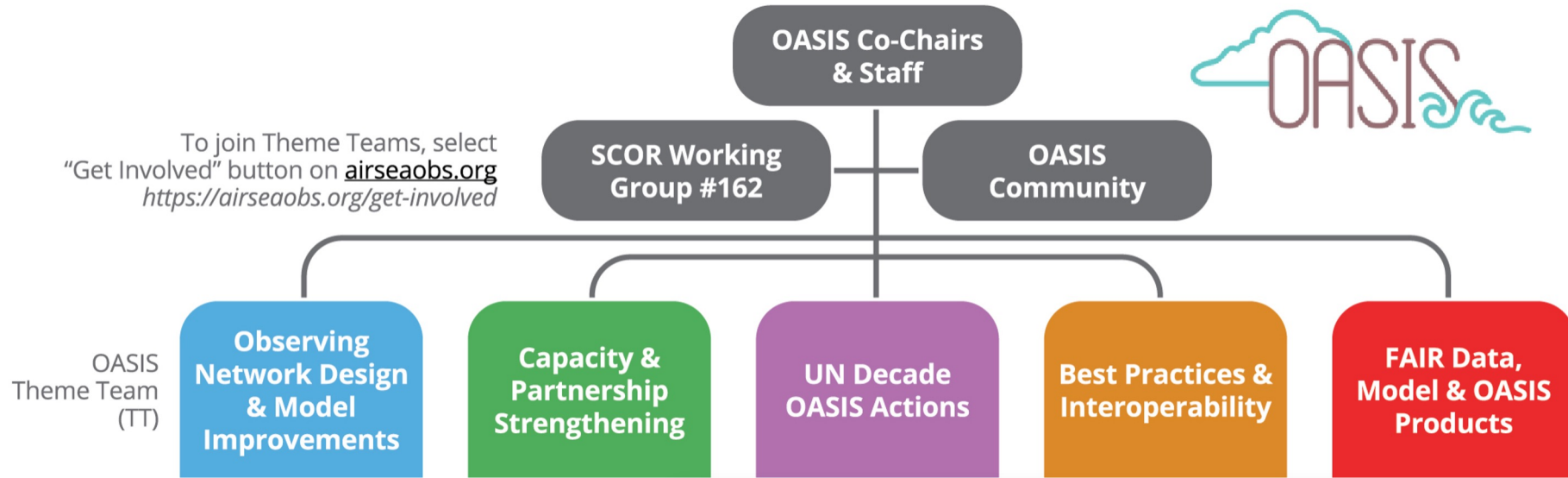


## Observing Air-Sea Interactions Strategy (OASIS) Theory of Change

*Air-sea interaction information could be significantly expanded by developing a culture of mentorship and partnership*

*Observations made globally, and used globally*

# OASIS Theme Team: Network Design & Model Improvement



*"We hope to build a Community of Practice for an Uncrewed Surface Vehicle network for GOOS through an endorsed UN Ocean Decade Project"*

*-- Adrienne Sutton*



## Uncrewed Surface Vehicle Network for a remote, data-limited Global Ocean Observing System

*Update on an emerging network for OCG*

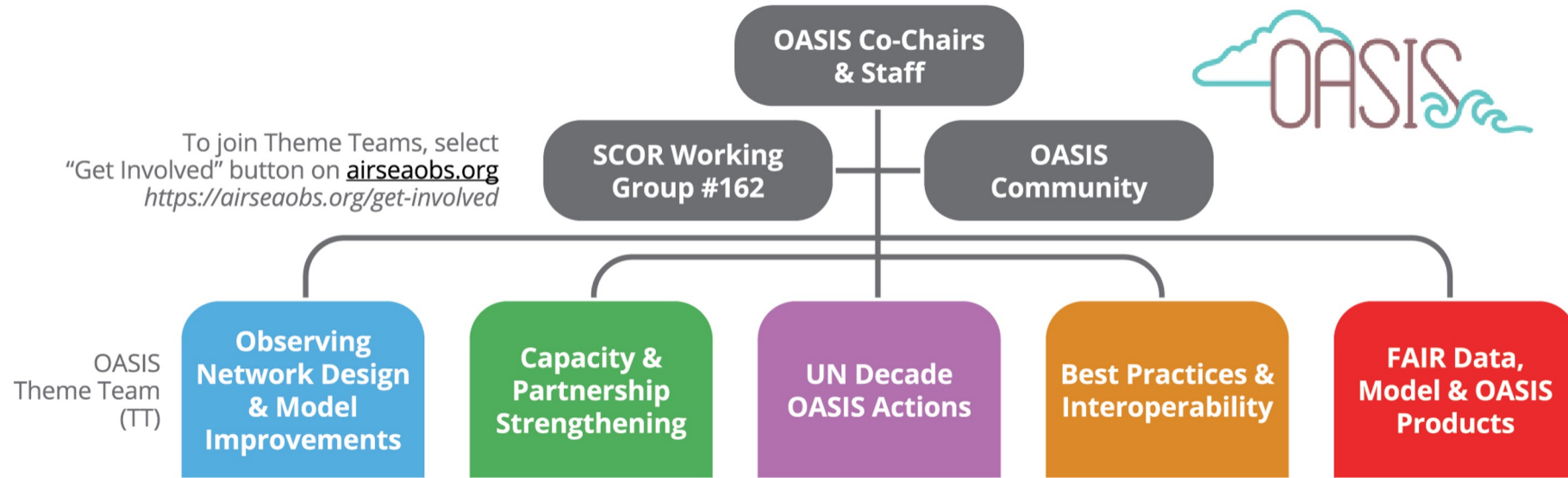
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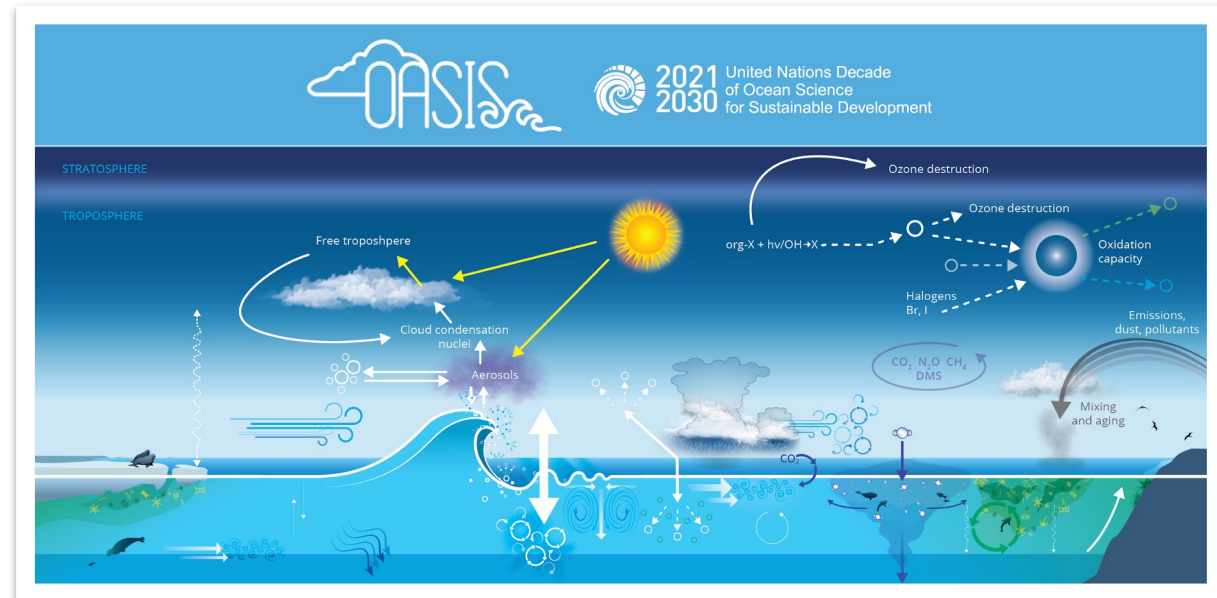
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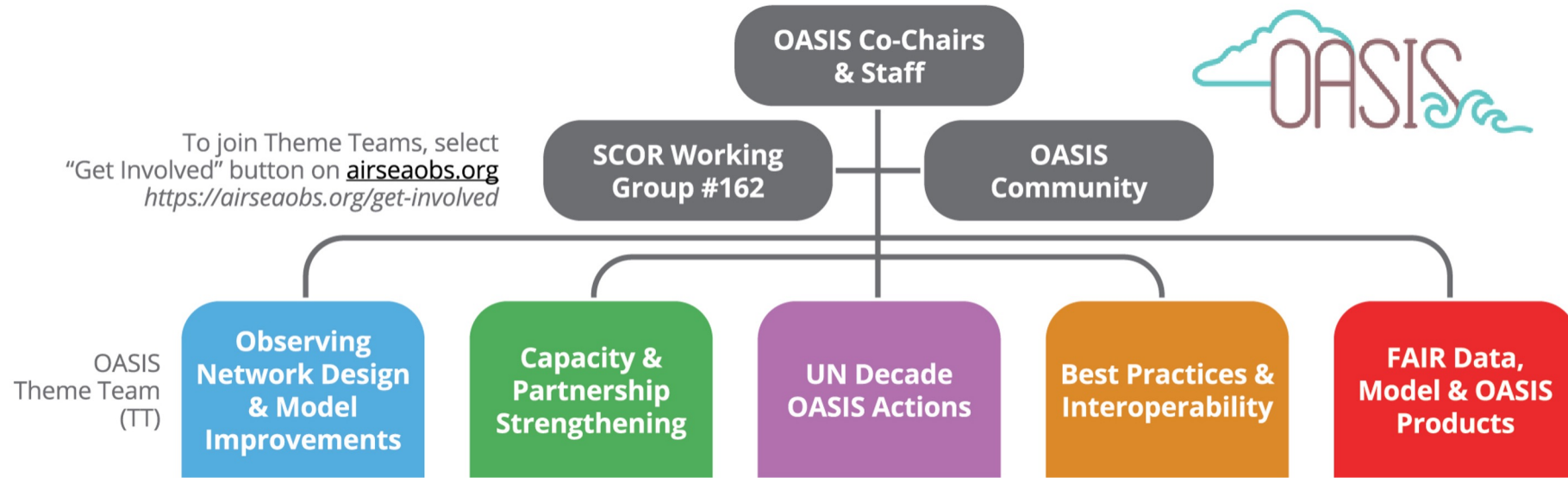


*"To optimize a observational network to constrain model forecasts & develop good parameterizations, you must have a process understanding of the system."*

– Meghan Cronin



# OASIS Theme Team: Capacity & Partnership Strengthening

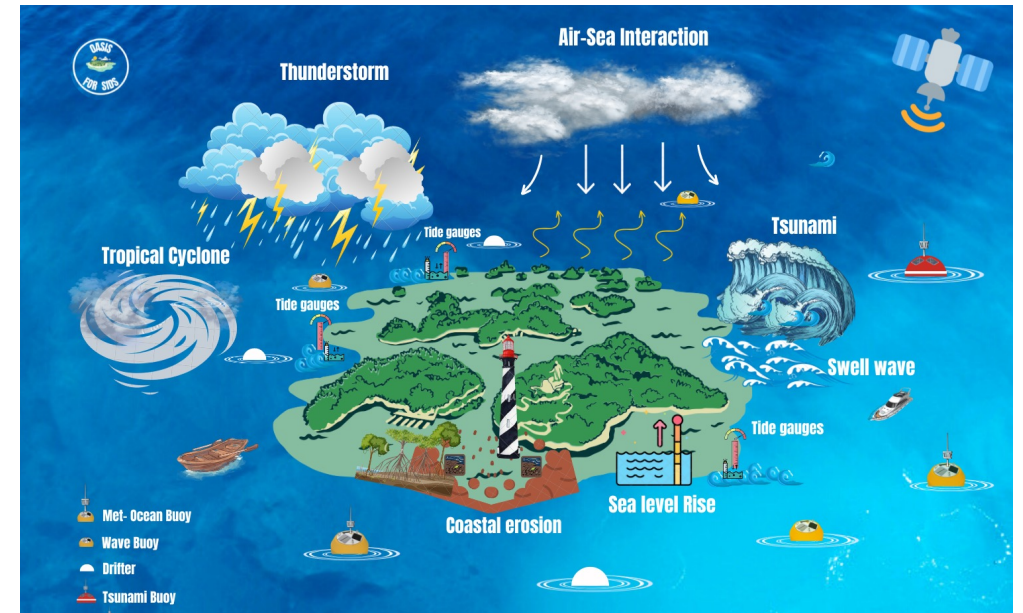


*"A Safe Ocean for Small Island Developing States is just one of many societally relevant outcomes of a holistic OASIS strategy"*

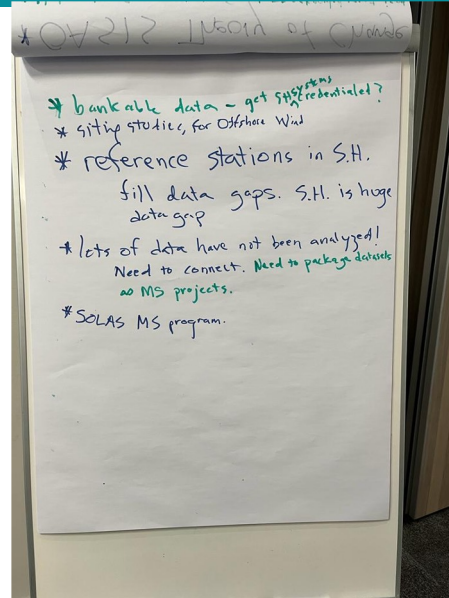
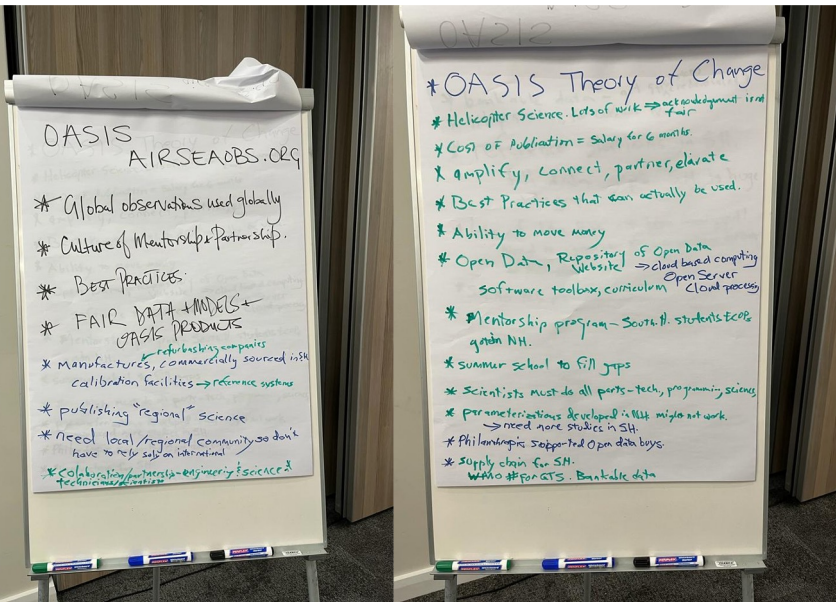
-- Venkatesan



From Venkatesan et al. (submitted) "Air-Sea Observations for a Safe Ocean, with focus on Small Island Developing States"



# OASIS Theme Team: Capacity & Partnership Strengthening



*"A vibrant discussion on strengthening partnerships between OASIS and the Global South highlighted some interesting challenges for scientists."*

*-- Warren Joubert*

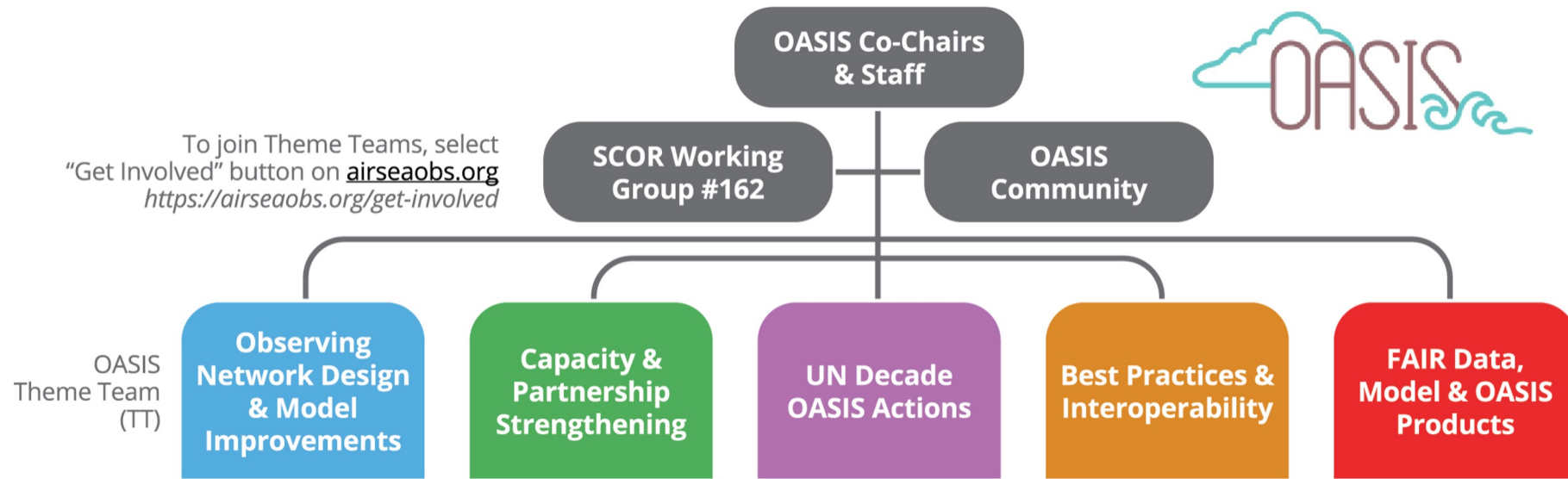
SOLAS Open Conference (27 Sep 2022, Cape Town RSA) plenary discussion: "Strengthening partnerships between OASIS and global South".



## Ideas from Strengthening Partnerships with Global South discussion. Lobby for:

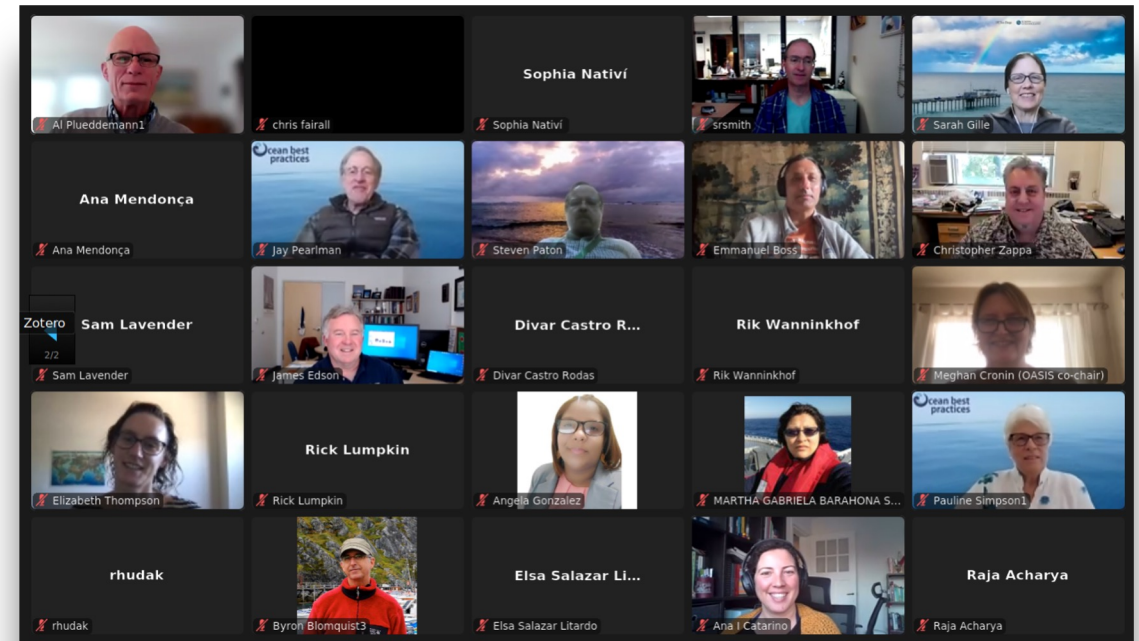
- Develop an international technician peer group? Technician exchange & mentoring.
- Localize engineering, manufacturing/refurbishing, engineering, calibration standards & technical support facilities.
- Make data and models FAIR & Cloud-computing feasible.
- Acknowledgment "Thanks!" vs co-authorship
- Reduce/waive Page Charges, science & engineering conference registration fees, ...

# OASIS Theme Team: Best Practices & Interoperability Exp'ts



*"Best practices are all about efficient sharing of information and learning. Collaboration and community are central. OASIS can be a focal point in this, bringing together air-sea interaction practitioners from around the world."*

*-- Jack Reeves Eyre*



From Ocean Best Practice Systems (OBPS) Air-Sea Interactions workshop, held virtually 11 Oct 2022 at 0700 & 1600 UTC.



# OASIS Theme Team: Best Practices & Interoperability Exp'ts

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## ***Riihimaki et al. Surface Radiation Best Practice paper progress:***

- First OASIS theme team EOV best practice. Developed in collaboration with BSRN Ocean Working Group.
- Paper draft to be submitted to *Frontiers in Marine Science* special best practices topic, in early 2023.
- Two OBPS radiation workshops (2020, 2021), and multiple draft iterations with over 30 authors representing a wide range of expertise in the radiation communities
- Results presented (or will be) at BSRN, AMS Radiation/Satellite meteorology, OceanSites, and AGU meetings for feedback



Radiometers on buoys one of many platforms for which radiation best practices are developed

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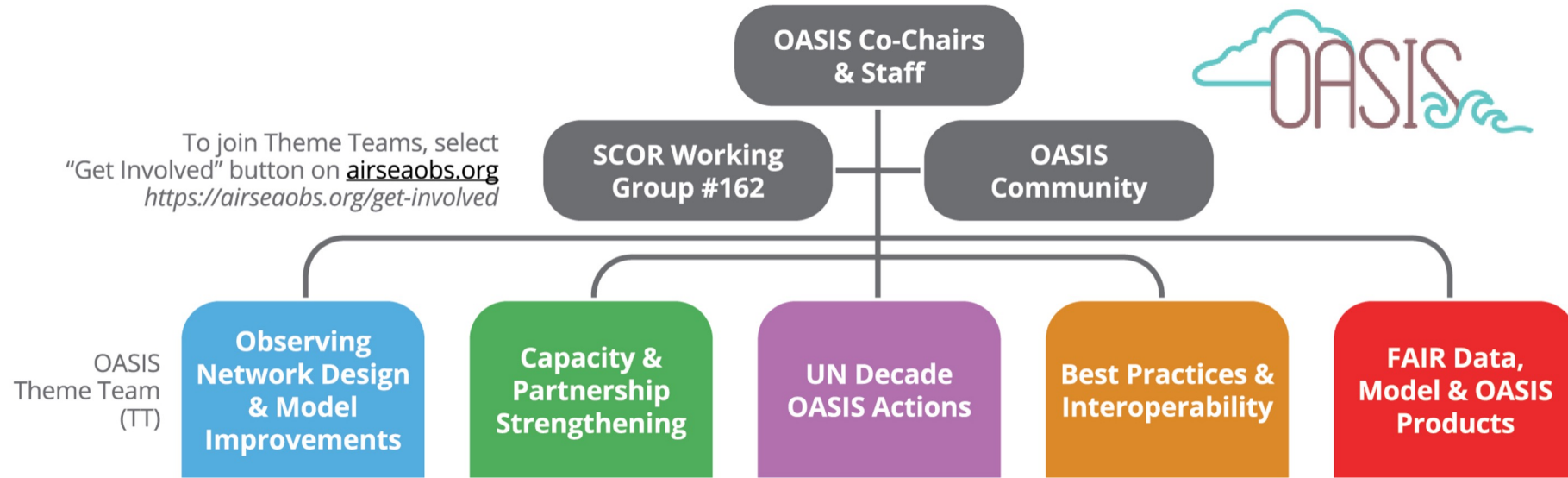
***Riihimaki et al. Surface Radiation Best Practice paper includes:***

- Scope: Recommendations for broadband radiation measurements on buoys, fixed platforms, ships, drifters, and USVs
- Instrument selection & requirements, correcting for platform motion, calculating upwelling variables
- Handling, installation, and maintenance of sensors
- Calibration
- Data quality & Processing
- A list of needed areas of investigation for intercomparison experiments & other future research



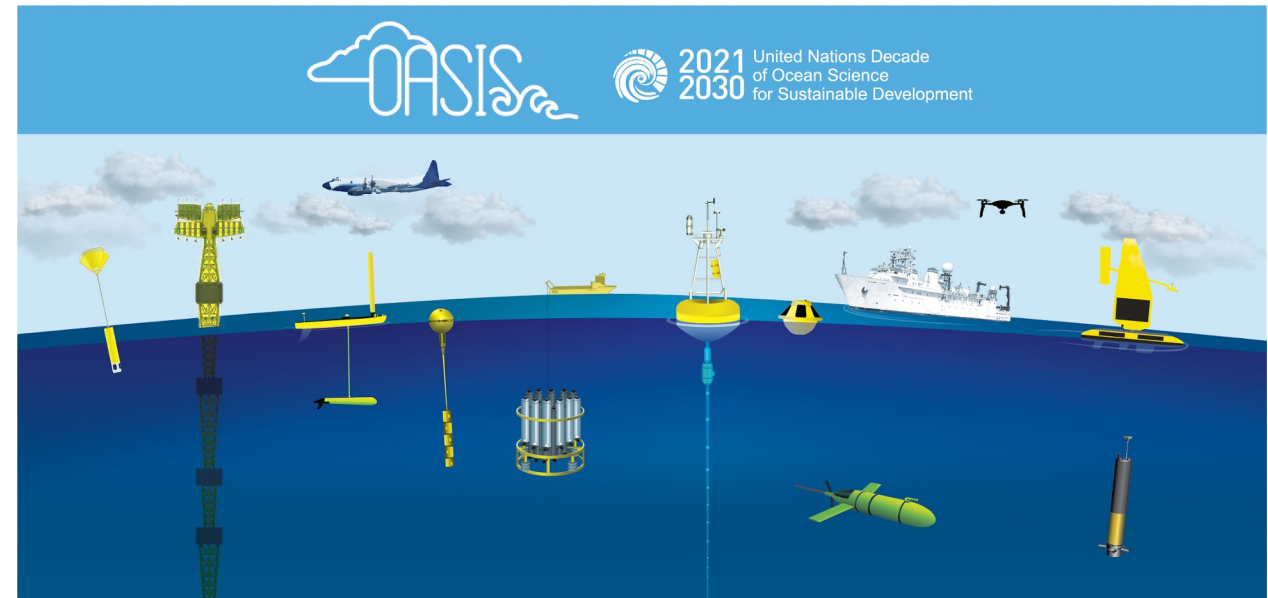
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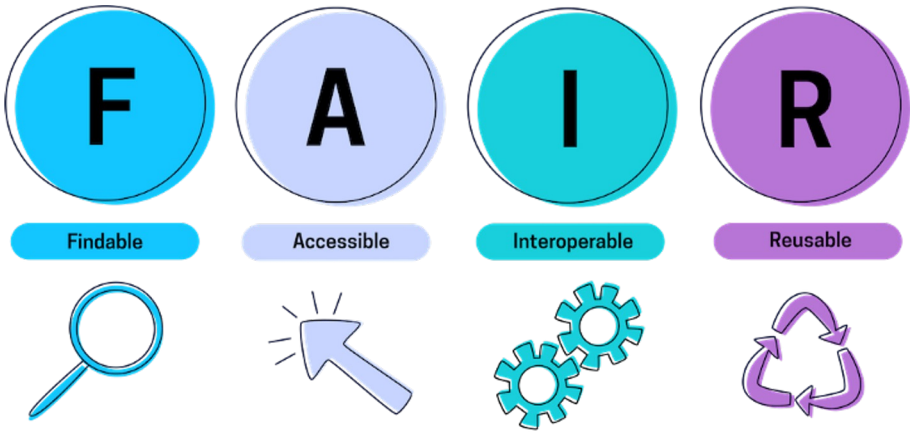
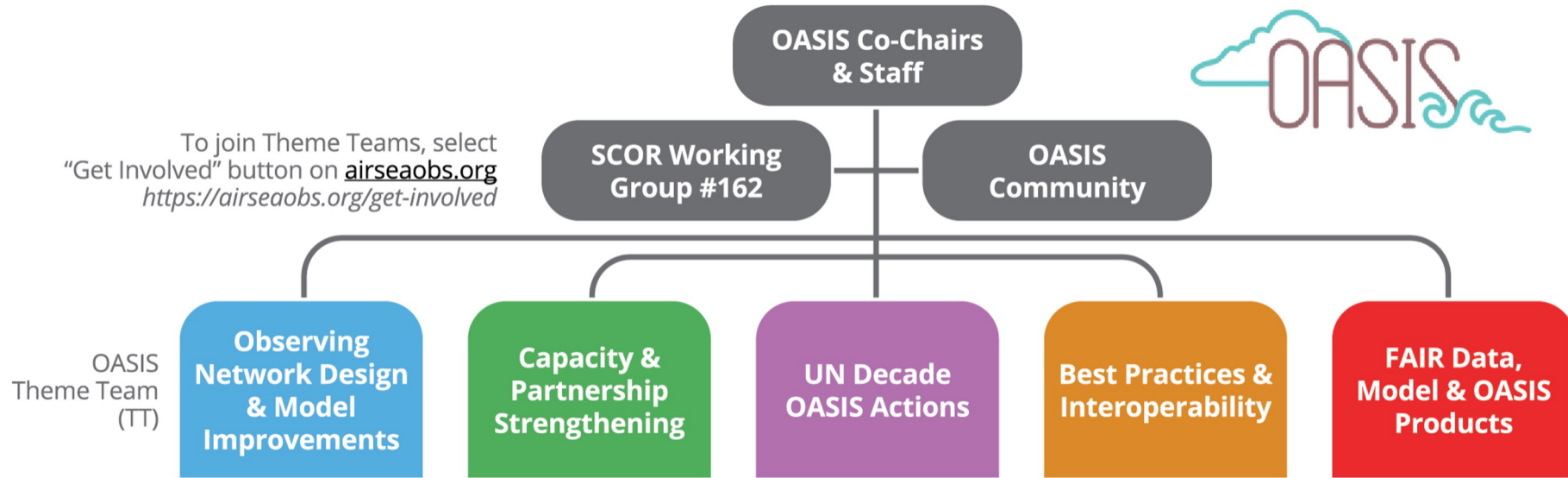


*“Interoperability Experiments could be build around OceanSITES testbeds”*

*-- Meghan Cronin*



# OASIS Theme Teams: FAIR Data, Models & OASIS Products



*"Our aim is to tackle the grand challenge of standardising air-sea flux terminology, making flux data products and open source code findable and accessible, and elevating the visibility from observation to user data."*

*-- Marcel du Plessis*



Image: Medium article "[Making Data F.A.I.R](#)"

# Grand Idea #3: Improved models and understanding of air-sea interactions

What are key processes that couple the atmosphere and ocean?

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How to improve understanding and forecasts of ecosystem response to stressors?

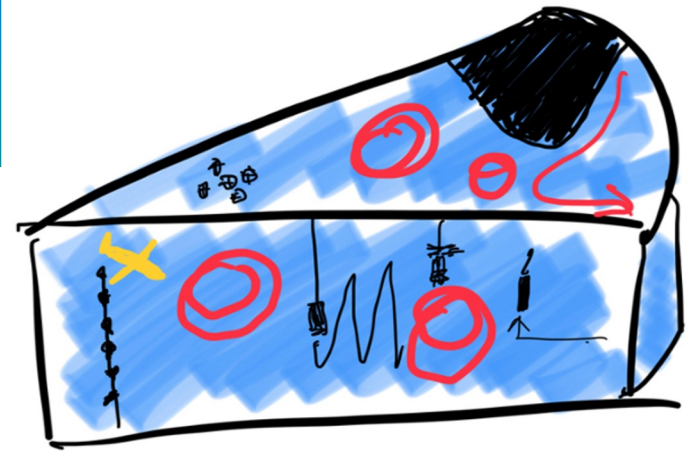
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A hierarchy of Earth System models, including ecosystem forecasts, depend upon improved representation of air-sea interaction

# Upcoming Process Studies



## QUANTIFYING INTEROCEAN FLUXES IN THE CAPE CAULDRON HOTSPOT OF EDDY KINETIC ENERGY QUICGHE | CAPE BASIN | MARCH 2023

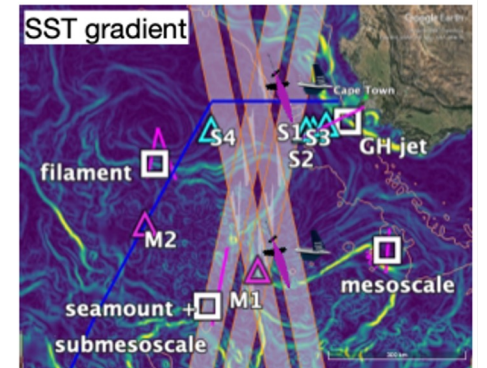
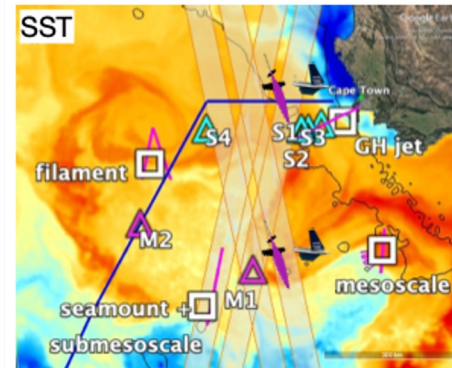
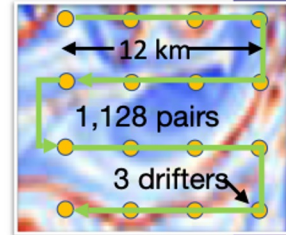
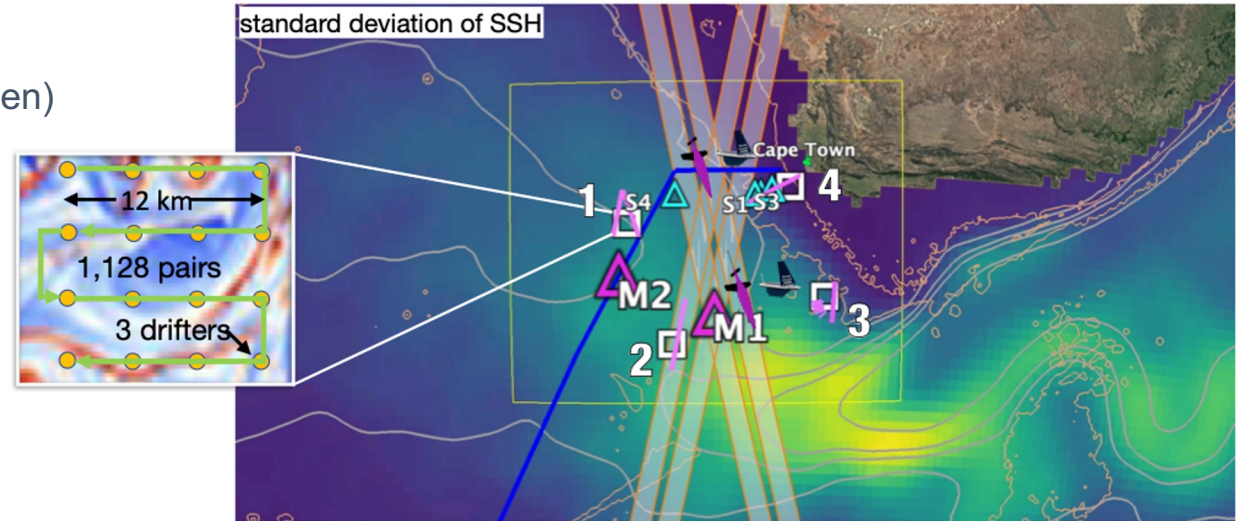


Lisa Beal (U. Miami) | Kathy Donohue (U. Rhodes Island) |  
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### Process study - Cape Basin - RV Revelle March 2023

High-res observations by vessels, moorings, glider and USV surveys, many drifters and EM APEX floats to assess:

- characterise the submesoscale features generated by mesoscale strain field
- air sea fluxes modulated by turbulent EKE field
- submesoscale variability and its impact on Agulhas leakage estimates
- relate diffusivity and flux estimates to new SWOT altimetry fields to better estimate leakage.



# FUTURO – Future of Tropical Upwelling Regions in the Atlantic Ocean

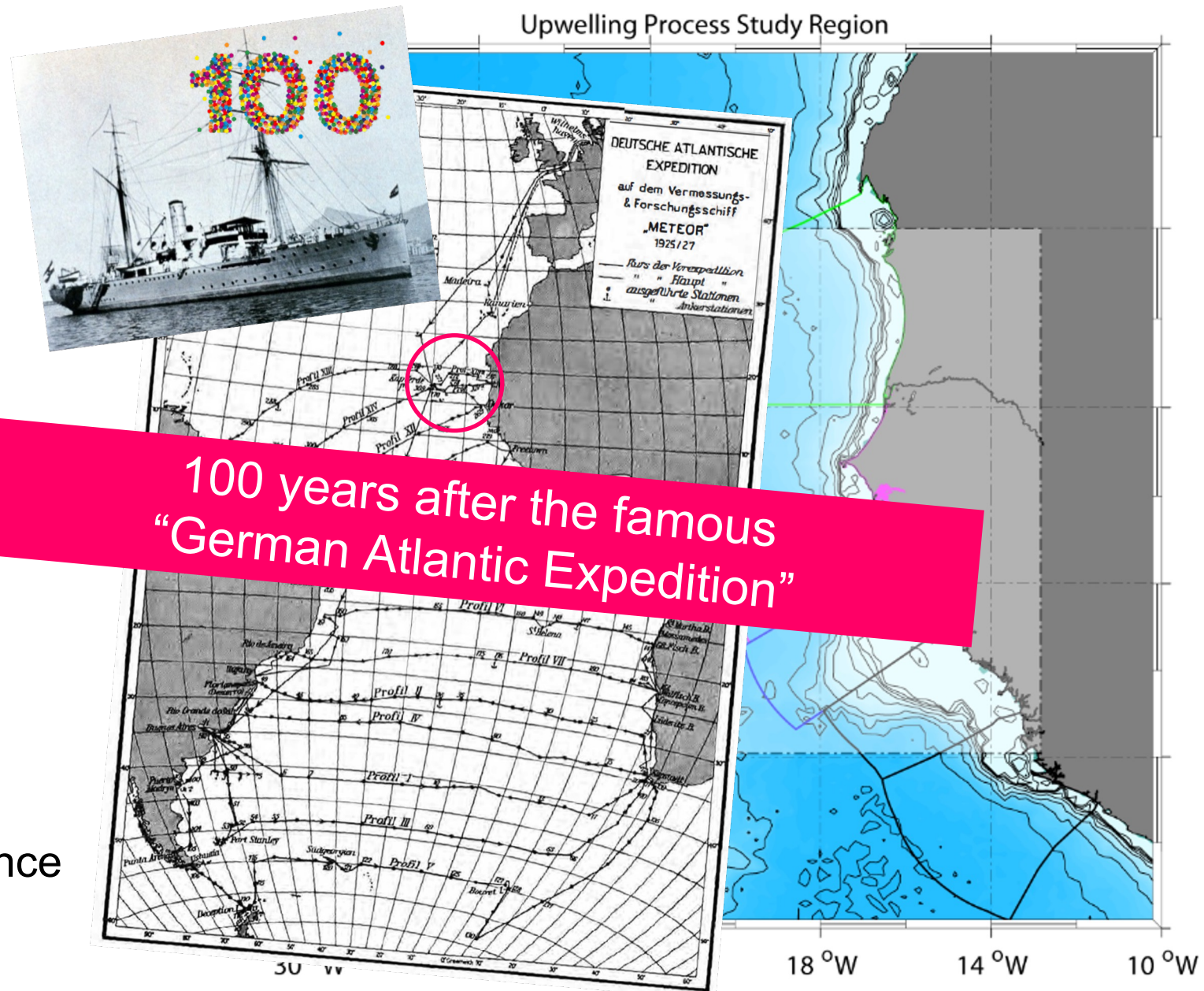
Eastern Boundary Upwelling System science requires a long-term, concerted, multi-platform and multidisciplinary approach

- “Classical” ship-based studies nested into concerted array of autonomous platforms
- Experiment planned, guided and evaluated by high-resolution regional modeling
- Bottom-up planning by international scientific community
- Co-design with regional partners employing regional “Citizen Science” components
- International participation and coordination



# FUTURO – Future of Tropical Upwelling Regions in the Atlantic Ocean

- Multi-national Field Study
- Time frame: 2025-2027
- Ship: continuous presence of German research vessel(s)
- Mooring array
- Fleets of Sildrones, gliders, etc.
- BGC Argo floats
- Surface drifter program
- Tracer release experiment
- Remote sensing
- High-resolution Modelling
- Citizen Science/  
Voluntary Observing Platforms
- Humanities/Transdisciplinary Science





# Eastern Boundary Upwelling Systems – Regional OSCM Hub



Ocean Science Centre Mindelo (Cape Verde) provides multi-faceted support for ambitious long-term observation experiment FUTURO



- OSCM as modern science support hub with labs, offices, workshops, meeting rooms etc.
- Local research vessel opportunities
- Integration with international WASCAL M.Sc. Program



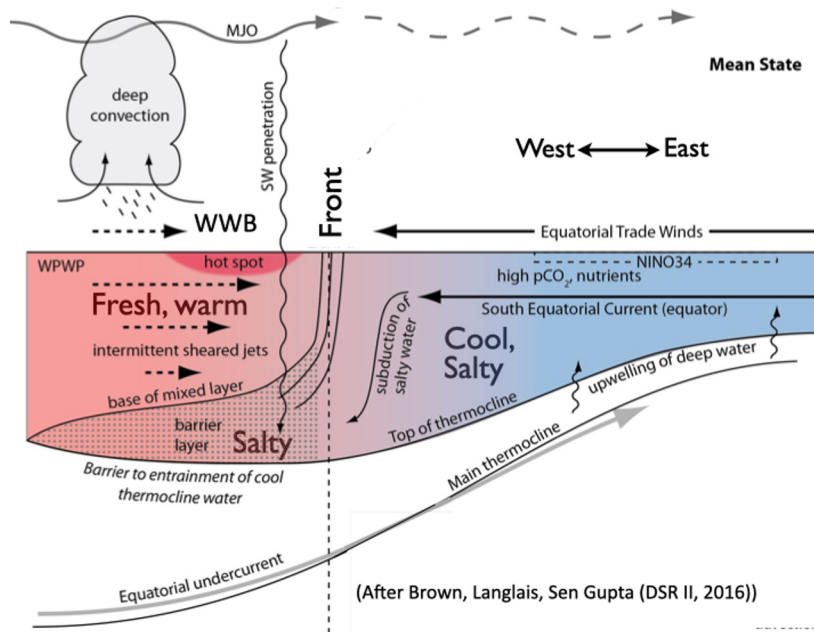
- Platform for regional co-design, stakeholder integration and “Citizen Science” formats



# Tropical Pacific Process Study starting ~2026

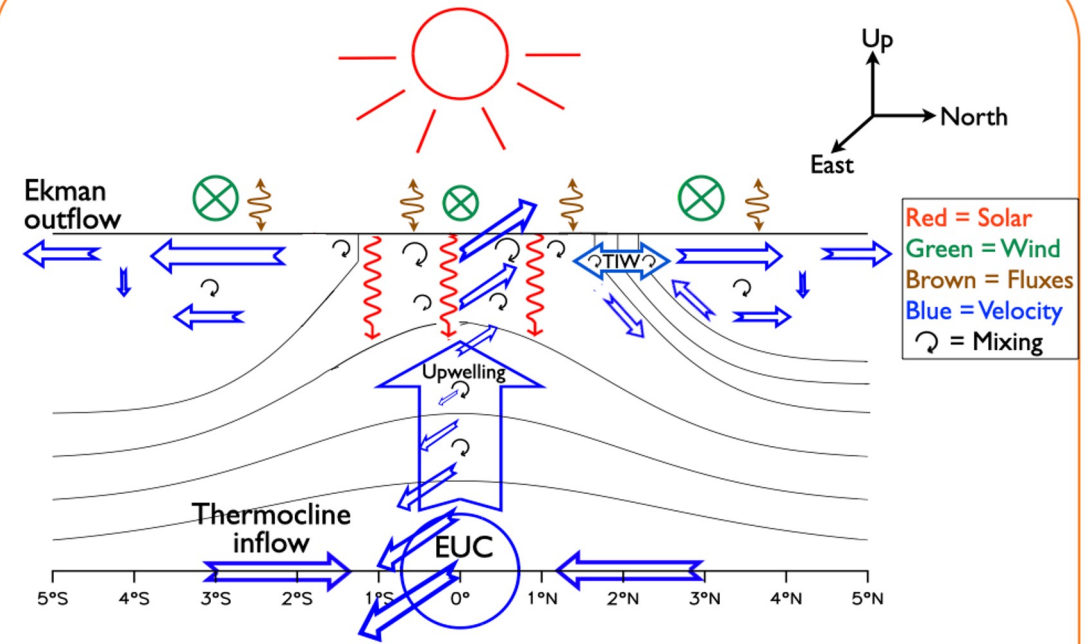
## Zonal Processes

### Air-sea interaction at the east edge of the warm pool



## Meridional Processes

### Cartoon meridional circulation / processes

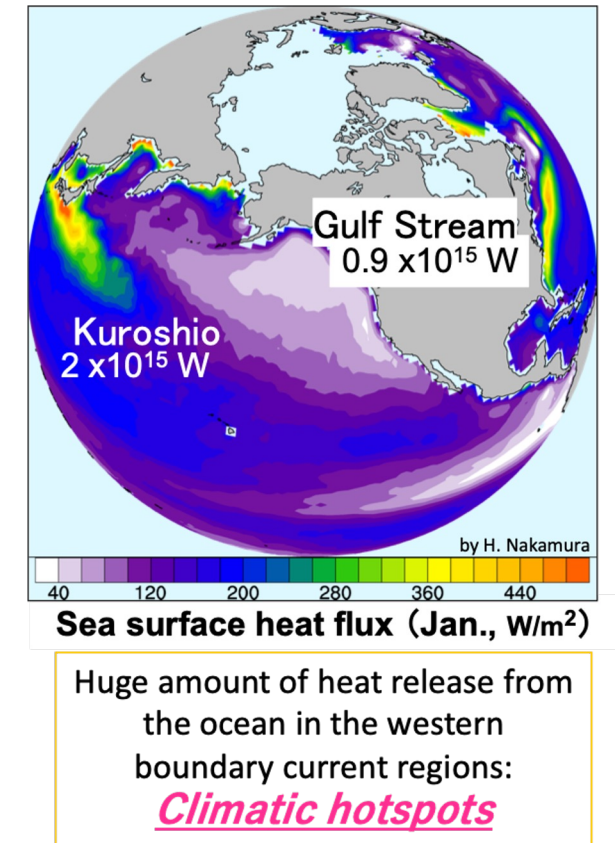
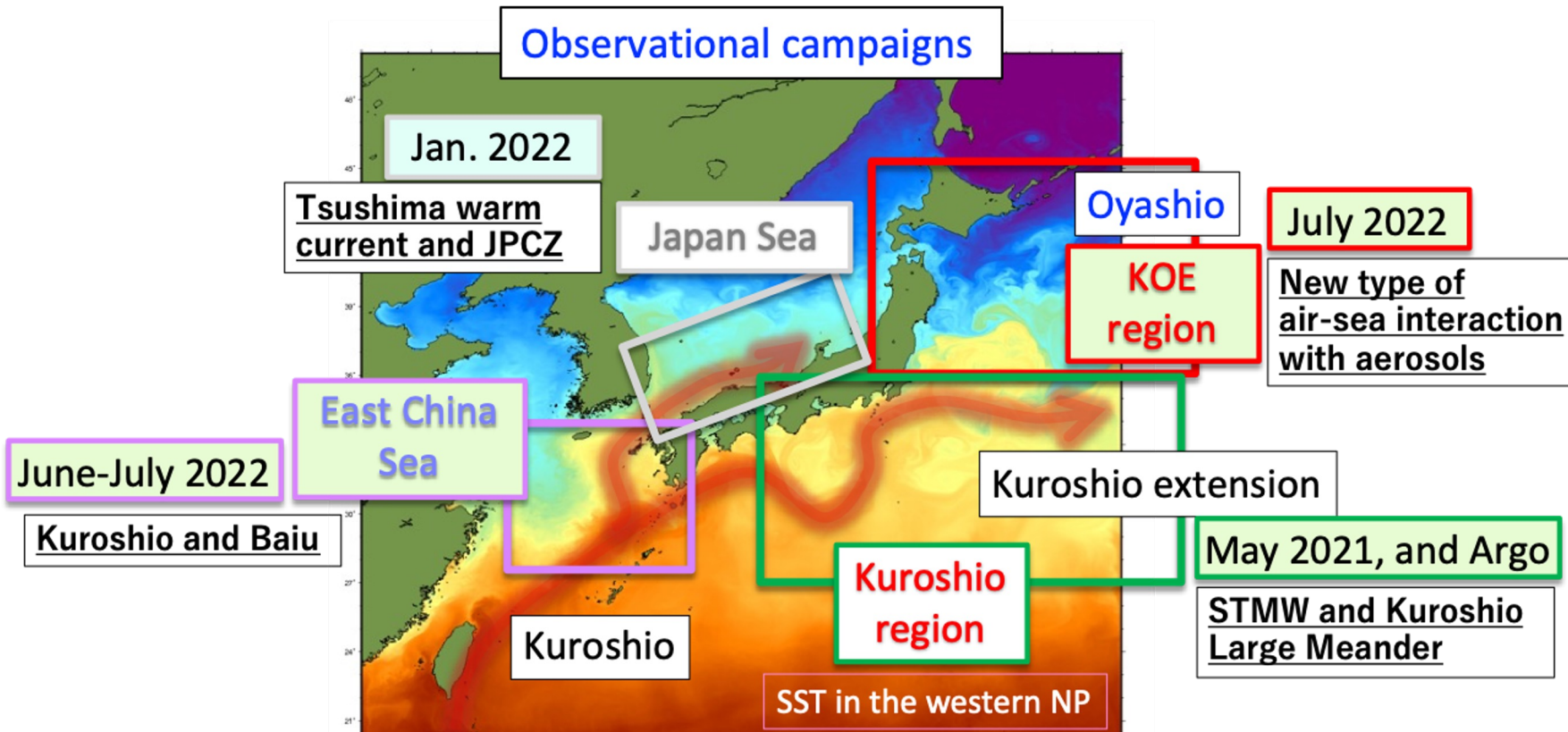


Upwelling is meters/day → vertical mixing must be very strong

Lead Agency: NOAA Climate Programs Office CVP (Sandy Lucas). Exact processes targeted will be determined based upon competitive grants. Pre-field modeling studies are underway.

Seeking Interagency and international collaborations !

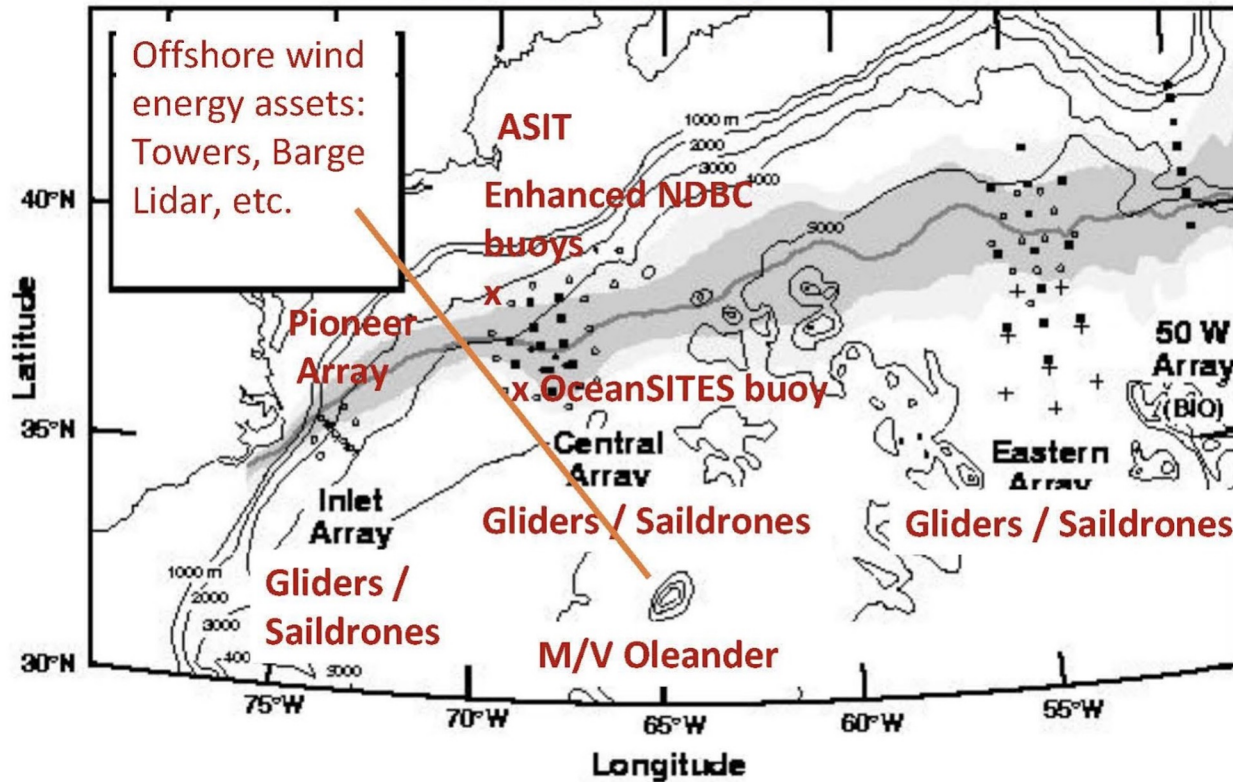
# Japanese North Pacific Climatic Hot Spot-2



**Field Campaigns in July 2019-Mar 2024**  
Lead PI: Masami Nonaka (JASMTEC)

- Further understanding of mid-latitude ocean-atmosphere interaction processes, and
- Predictability of extreme weather, of persistent atmospheric circulation anomalies

# North Atlantic Hot Spot Process Study



2024?

Would be leveraged off of US DOE offshore wind energy assets, NWS OOI, NOAA NWS, ...

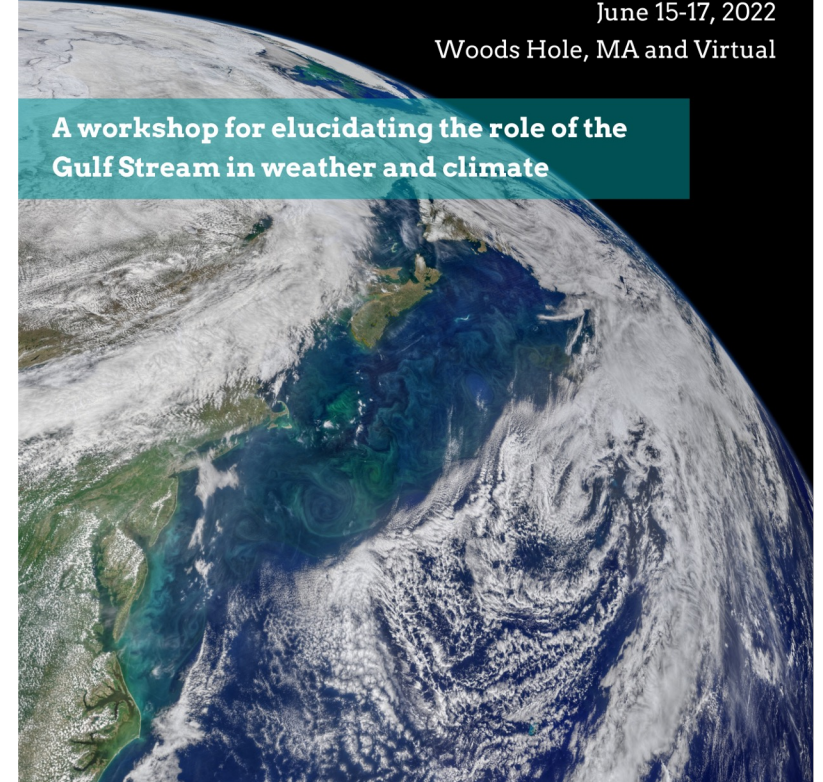
<https://usclivar.org/meetings/gulf-stream-workshop>

## WHITHER THE GULF STREAM

AIR-SEA INTERACTIONS AT MULTIPLE SCALES

June 15-17, 2022  
Woods Hole, MA and Virtual

A workshop for elucidating the role of the Gulf Stream in weather and climate

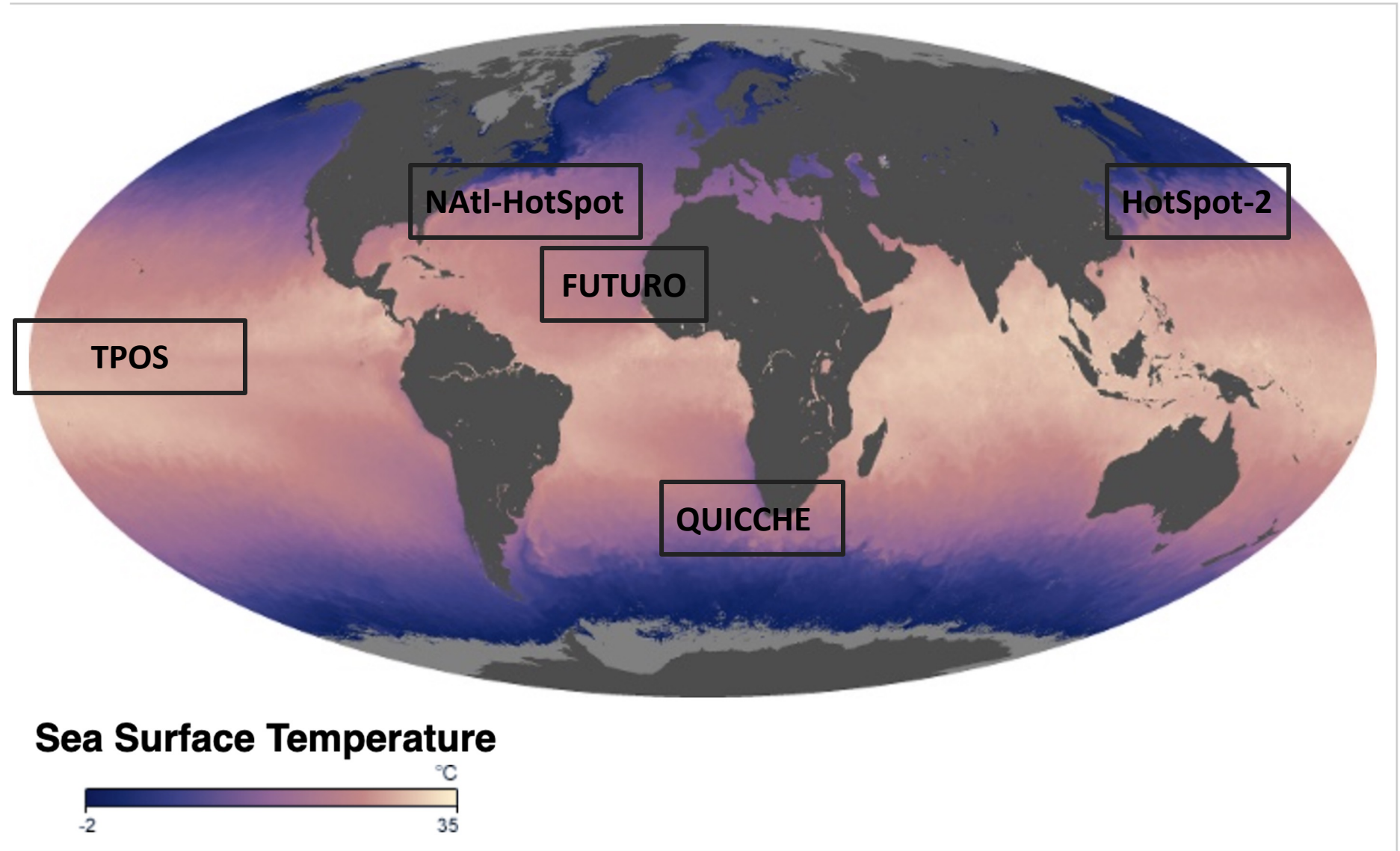


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# OASIS-relevant (potential) future Process Studies





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**OOPC** Ocean Observations Physics and Climate panel

OASIS - SOLAS Scholars from the Surface Ocean-Lower Atmosphere Studies (SOLAS) Open Science Conference in Cape Town South Africa, Sep 25-29, 2022

