

Coastal Digital Twins: building knowledge through numerical models and IT tools

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Outline

- Context
- Coastal Digital Twins:
 - concept
 - a vision for all uses and all users
- Data challenges and their role in digital twins
- The role of on-demand forecast services
- OPENCoastS⁺ service:
 - A new paradigm in coastal forecasting to empower users
 - Navigating in the 3 pillars: configuration assistant, forecast manager, viewer
- Challenges ahead: the road for reliable, accurate and user-friendly Digital Twins

Societal needs

- Anticipate contamination events and support emergency actions
- Support water economy daily tasks and leisure & recreation
- Guide management to minimize risks and address conflicting uses in coastal areas

Coastal Digital Twins:

user-centered, on-demand framework for decentralized ocean-to-coast knowledge creation through modeling, forecasting, data analysis and service provisioning



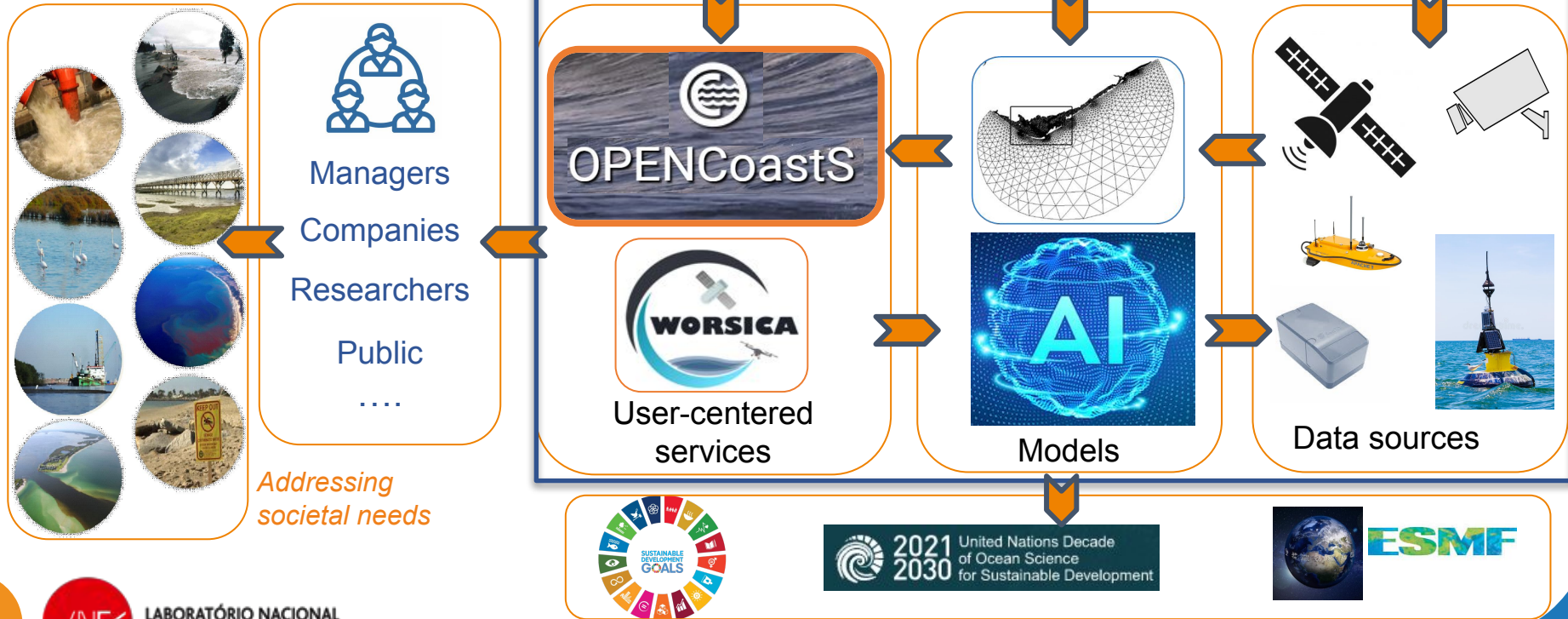
Coastal digital twins: the concept

- Forecast systems/platforms (even with data assimilation) are not digital twins!
- Multiple automatic services are needed: forecasting, scenario evaluation, information creation and sharing



- 3 “thematic” pillars: data, models, users!
- 3 enabling pillars: coastal researchers, IT experts and infrastructures resources
- Integrating data and simulations
- Allowing for user interaction, sharing and creating knowledge
- Platform for collaborative coastal management

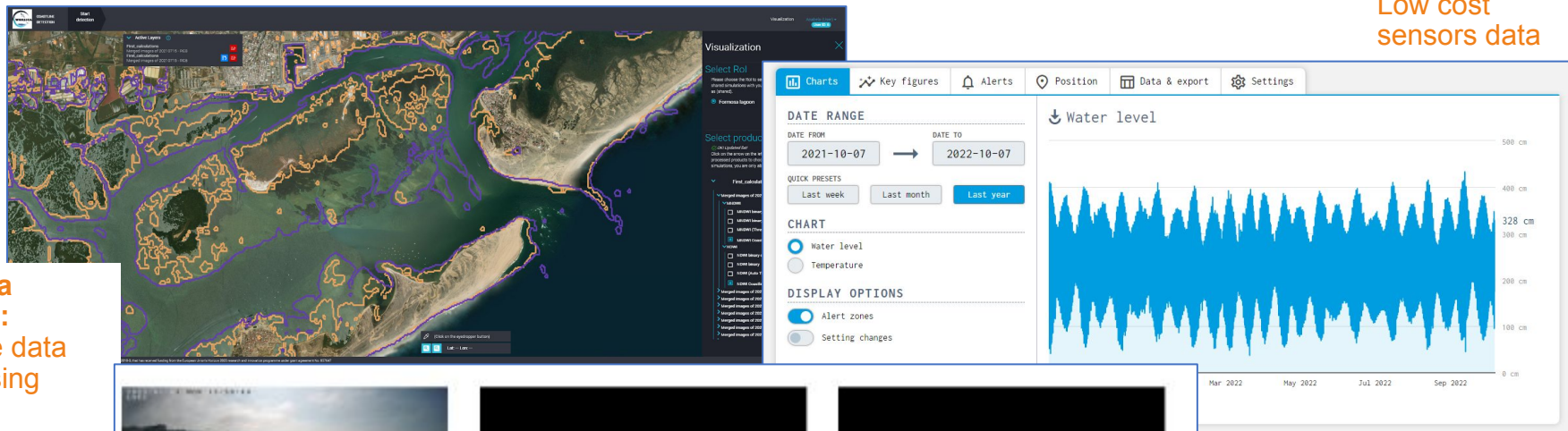
Coastal digital twins: LNEC's vision



Challenge of managing and combining multiple, large streams of data

- Huge online volume of data streams provided by satellites, IoT sensing and many real time surveillance platforms

Low cost sensors data



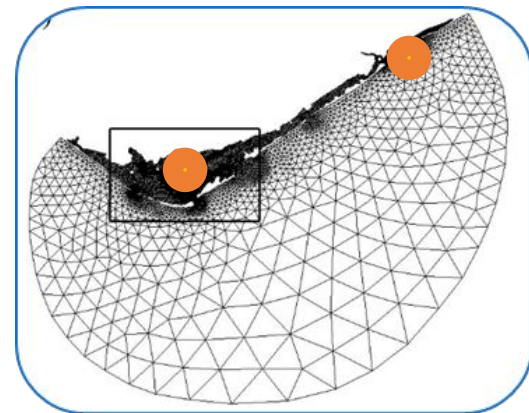
Worsica service:
Satellite data processing



Low cost camera data processing

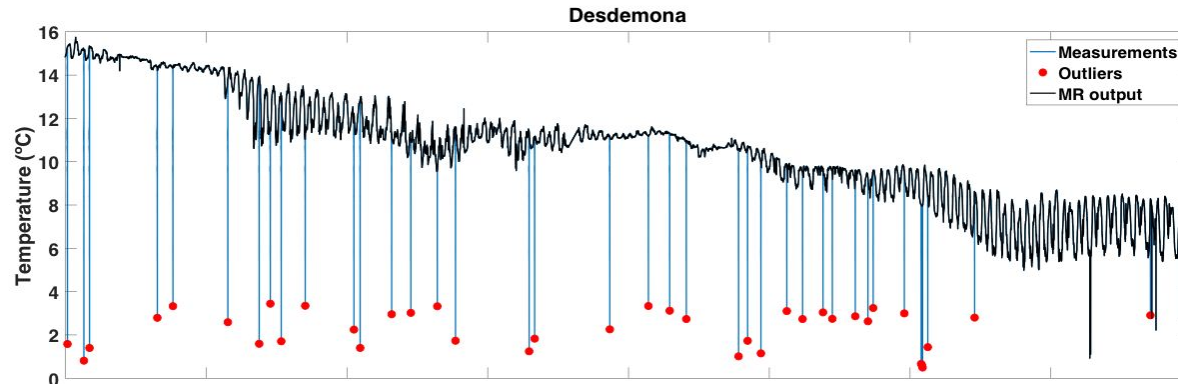
How to go from data to knowledge creation?

- Handling multiple data sources: the challenge of data assimilation procedures and methods in the coastal zone
- FAIR compliance and adhering to standards: need to provide training to researchers and data generators; need to establish easy-to-use FAIR assessment softwares (EOSC-Synergy)
- Linking data and model information: handling different scales and resolutions
- Data quality:
 - dealing with multiple types of faults (outliers, drifts, ...) from multiple sources (sensors, transmission, integration in data lake,...)
 - Fault detection and correction in real time in an automatic way



Automatic data quality assessment and reliability

- On-the-fly detection of outliers, drifts and other faults
- Jesus et al (2021) dependability framework using multi sensor fusion for aquatic monitoring systems: use of machine learning on top of data and model results



From Jesus et al., 2021

The role of relocatable (applicable anywhere) forecast systems in CDT

- Capacity to anticipate coastal system dynamics for circulation, sediment dynamics, water quality, biogeochemistry
- High resolution information in space and time
- Facility to address “what-if”, CC and management scenarios
- Continuous increase in coastal knowledge, numerical modeling and computational resources has produced very accurate and reliable tools

However:

- Forecast systems are complex to maintain and improve
- Concept of on-demand forecasting as a service - **OPENCoastS**
 - o to centralize development, execution and maintenance of forecast systems
 - o Make forecast system building available to all

Forecast systems @ the core of Coastal Digital Twins

Forcings

Prediction
simulations

Post-processing,
archiving and
visualization

Comparison with
real time data

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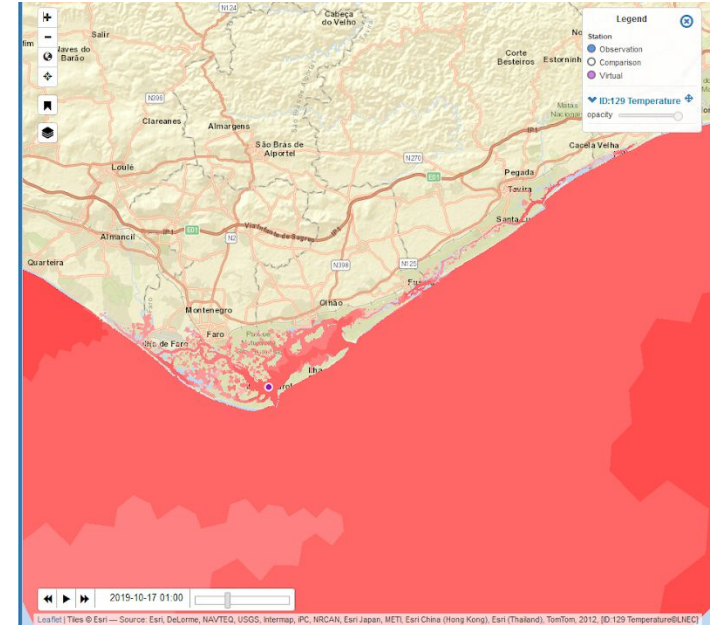
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in a nutshell

It assembles on-demand coastal forecast systems for selected coastal areas and generates daily forecasts of water levels, wave parameters, 2D and 3D velocities, and 3D salinities, temperatures and water quality variables over the region of interest for 48 hours, based on numerical simulations of all relevant physical and biogeochemical processes

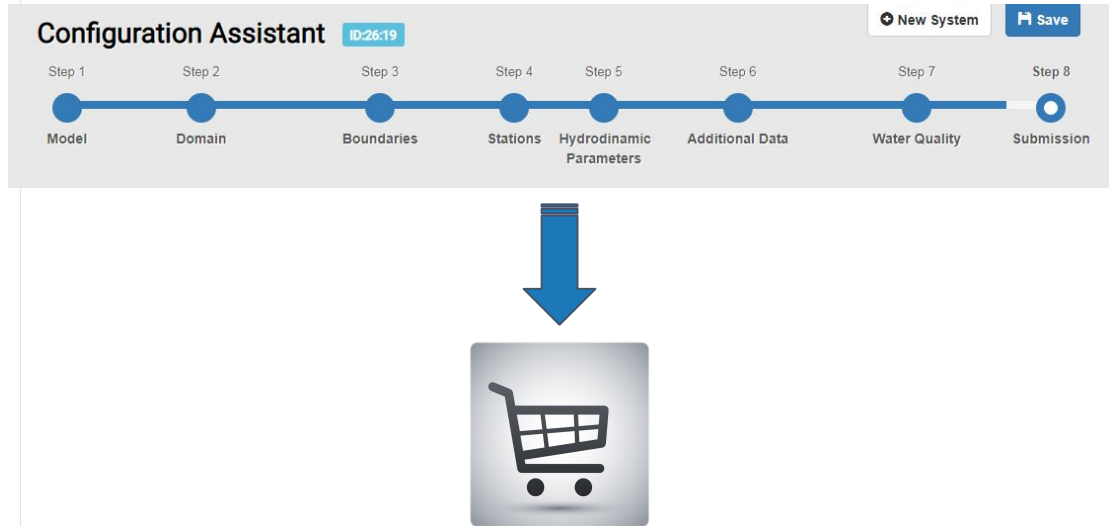
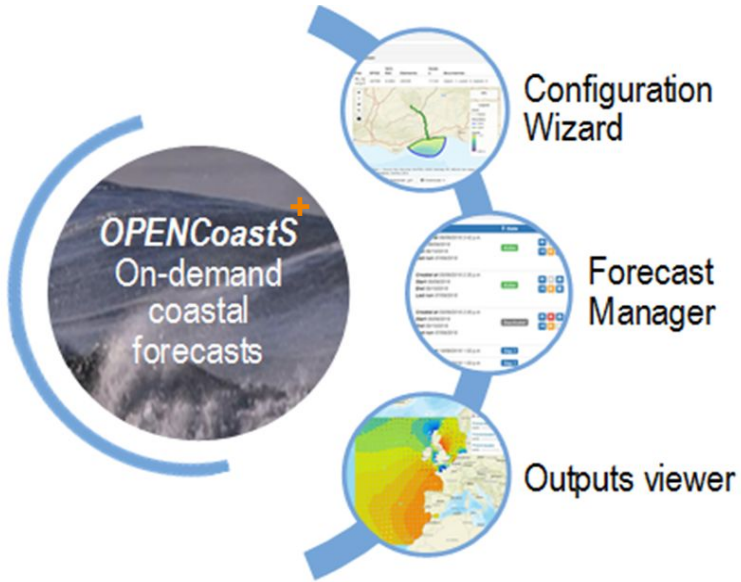


a new paradigm in coastal forecasting to empower users

A service to:

- Make the implementation of coastal forecasts fast and easy:
build forecast systems for a location chosen by the user, using a browser-based user-friendly, interface
- Make the service flexible in its configuration:
forcings, processes and model parameters
- Flexible IT architecture that can grow to additional processes
- Take advantage of the EOSC infrastructure and core-services to provide the required computational resources

Navigating in the 3 pillars: user-centered approach



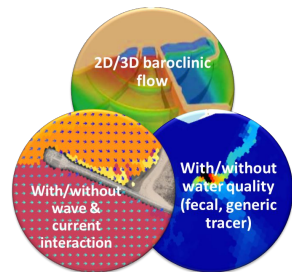
- One-stop-shop for all forecast activities
- Optional choices on every step

Navigating in the 3 pillars: configuration assistant

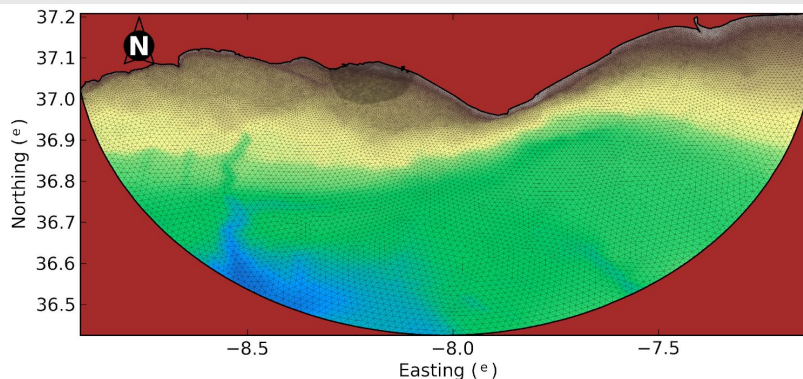
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+ New System



2D/3D/
W&C/quality



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FES2014 TIDE



WAVEWATCH III



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EMODnet
European Marine
Observation and
Data Network

Automatic
detection of
stations inside
domain

Setup of virtual
stations



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Automatic retrieval on open information
repositories

Navigating in the 3 pillars: configuration assistant

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pre-defined



user-selected

- fecal contamination /user-selected generic
- Constant rate/selection of formulations
- Sediment-related decay

Navigating in the 3 pillars: Forecast manager

OPENCoasts User Manual [anabela.pacheco.oliveira@gmail.com](#) PT EN

Forecast Systems

Extension requests New System

Forecasts management

ID	Model	Name	Dates	State
79	SCHISM, v5.4.0 (48h)	my youtube forecast	Created at 06/09/2018 3:42 p.m. Start 06/09/2018 End 06/10/2018 Last run 07/09/2018	Active
this is the forecast I created for the demo.				
77	SCHISM, v5.4.0 (48h)	teste_prep_imum2	Created at 05/09/2018 2:35 p.m. Start 05/09/2018 End 05/10/2018 Last run 07/09/2018	Active
tejo tes+gfs				
76	SCHISM, v5.4.0 (48h)	teste_prep_imum	Created at 05/09/2018 2:00 p.m. Start 05/09/2018 End 05/10/2018 Last run 07/09/2018	Deactivated
obidos com prism+gfs				
68	SCHISM, v5.4.0 (48h)	teste de carga2	Created at 10/08/2018 1:53 p.m.	Step 3
57	SCHISM, v5.4.0 (48h)	teste de carga1	Created at 10/08/2018 1:59 p.m.	Step 3

Checking the status and the settings of my runs

Clone it – duplicate to change: b.c., parameters, outputs

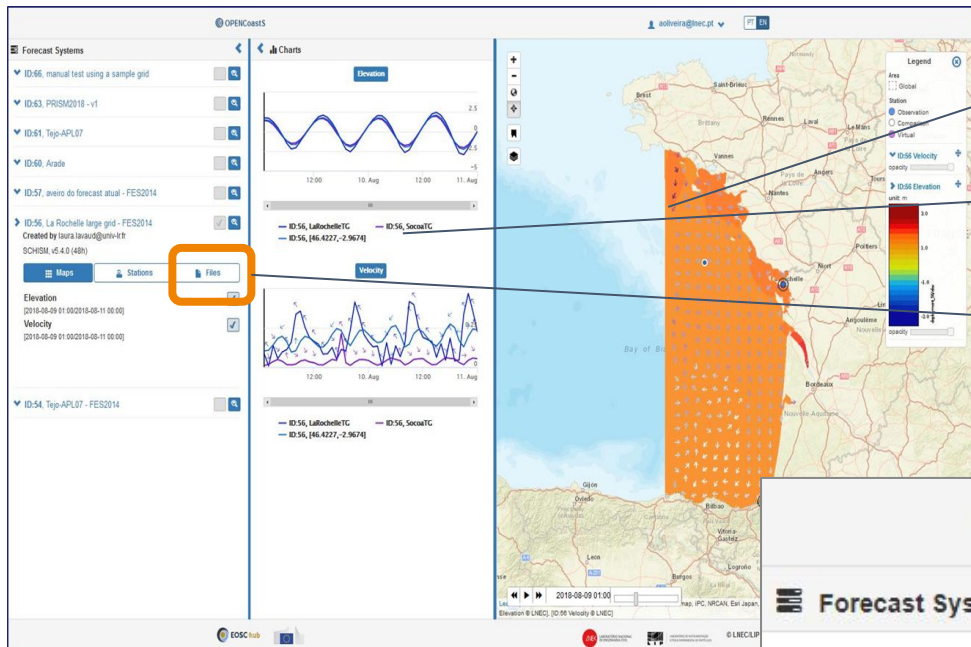
Re-activate a deactivated system or eliminate it

Many states are possible:

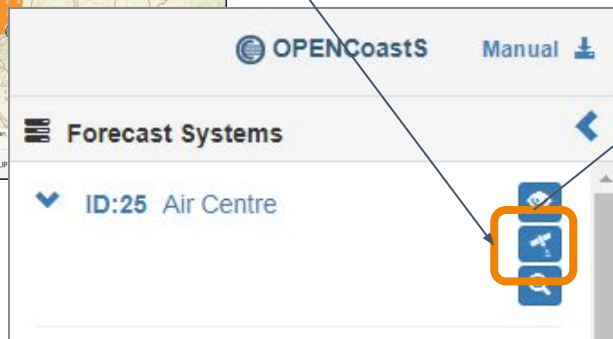
- “step k” – in construction, we can continue later or just eliminate it
- Active – we can deactivate, clone it, check it,...
- Deactivated – we can activate it again or eliminate it

Return to Conf. Assist. to continue to setup my forecast

Navigating in the 3 pillars: Viewer



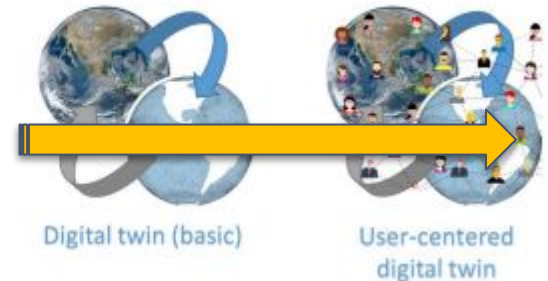
- Hydrodynamic and water quality maps
- Time series (pre-defined stations or stations defined on-the-fly)
- Download inputs and outputs
- View remote sensing water limits on top of predictions



WORSICA
backend:
Remote
sensing:
Sentinel 2

Final considerations

- Following roadmap towards building society-centered, reliable, accurate and user-friendly coastal digital twins
- OPENCoastS⁺, Worsica and other data related works are stepping stones in that roadmap
- As complexity and flexibility in user-centered services increases or as new services are built (e.g. the jUMP service to simulate on-demand underwater noise propagation for user-selected noise source and target), we need:
 - Large and robust computational resources
 - Large, reliable data lakes
- Next steps:
 - Build on-the-fly, on-demand, user friendly scenario generator
 - Link with other water compartments predictors - city, river,...
 - Include hybrid modeling (process-based+AI)



Useful links

**OPENCoastS+
PLATFORM**

<https://opencoasts.ncg.ingrid.pt/>

Users Manual

http://opencoasts.lnec.pt/pdfs/Manual_opencoasts_v11.docx.pdf

Link to previous training
events

<http://opencoasts.lnec.pt/>

[Next session - Open training event in the 2nd MEDGU,
Marrakech, Morocco](#)

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