

| TOPICS | PROBLEMS | questions | various comments | TOOLS | STRATEGY | RELEVANT SCALE |
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| COASTAL ZONE DYNAMICS | Strong links with basin circulation (slope currents, Kelvin waves, etc), | Exclude nearshore topics (erosion, etc) | | data assimilation to be developed (cf US huge efforts with HF radars together with altimetry) | Socio economic impact in coastal zones has to be highlighted in the project. | |
| | high socio economic impact (see MERMEX) and sensitivity to climatic changes (see MEDCLIVAR) | Different impacts/hazards for different sites (Aegean sea) | | Lagrangian measurements /data assimilation (gliders, XBT, drifters) | | |
| TIME SCALES | EVENTS From hours to high seasonal and interannual variability | | | Continuous observations and modelling e.g. MOOSE obs | SOP - LOP and Warning? | |
| SITES | Processes / budget / oppotunities | Generic processes (larger shelves in North, up/downwellings regimes from Western to Eastern coastal zones) | Ligurian-french-Catalan coast and Aegian sea were mainly discussed together | Synoptic / local obs and modelling | simultaneous field experiment (SOP), common methodology SST | |
| submesocale coherent structures | localized small scale structures associated to bathymetry, orographic atmospheric structures for example, valleys and wakes | Residence time, retention Complex patterns and non linear processes | Stroms and gusts are able to have important consequences | HF radars very useful to give in situ data of surface currents and structures (ex of united states networks of radar) | Observation made possible from te coast (radars, lidars, gliders, XBT, drifters, small RV) | Km is possible in models. Wait for high resolution altimetry. |
| | | Inverse cascade | links with large scale (ex : dense water formation). | | | |
| Wind forcings | night and day regims complexify the observation | Is a good wind forcing sufficient ? Are the ocean models good enough now ? | High impact on mesocale shelf circulation, across shelfbreak exchanges, dense water formation and slope current (intrusions) | Coupled OA are expected including the sea state and sediment transport (bottom and suspended). | good representation and accuracy necessary | effect of small atmospheric structures (breezes, jets in coatal valleys) ? |
| | problem also found for small scale (bay) if the right wind pattern is not obtain | Compatibility between atmos and ocean modelling (different scales: oceanic respons will be at a smaller scale) | | | | |
| winter cooling/mixing | what about dense water formation probability during SOP? | Climatic change / NAO | | coupled OA models, non hydrostatic processes. | several sites together, LOP + warnings | |
| specificity of sea state during continental wind | | | cf FETCH exp | | | |
| coupling atm-ocean | NO CLEAR ANSWER but we also need waves + coastal currents | no operational model presently because the atmospheric modelling is not sufficient (greek are trying to do that but it's not completely done) | need to couple with sediment transport because it changes the water density | coupled OA+ waves+sed | data assimilation (radars, future HR altimeters) | |
| | its a very high level of technical complexity, and probably we will gain few informations from that. | | rapid change of SST is expected in shallow waters compared to deep water | | | |
| High rainfalls | Local rain and river floods : different time scales answers on the halocline | | rain is not homogeneous over the sea (stronger near the shore, increase the cross-shore gradient of density) | radars from the coast / islands | | |
| dynamics of the large plumes | complex and quite fast processes | Interaction / Influence on the slope current (Thyr sea) | clear seasonal variability | images, radars, modelling | SOP ? Warning? | |
| | | freshwater, hydrology, vertical mixing | | | | |
| cascading | cascading and transport of matter on slopes : contribution to exchanges | do we know all the places where it could happen ? | west Sardina possible, Tunisian shelf during winter | | | |
| shelf-slope exchanges | difficult to quantify these exchanges, because of the bad representation of the position of the slope current (bathymetric effects and baroclinic instability) | the boundary currents must be absolutely well reproduced | this is probably the most unknown exchange process | we miss observations | Common with basin circulation | |
| | | | | new technologies based on UV + glider + altimetry provided strong coordination | | |
| submarine groundwater influence | no real estimation at the scale of the med sea (75% of the river flux according unesco) | | | dedicated project, development of technics | | |
| | very different between karstic and porous coastal aquifers | | | | | |

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| SAME TIMING FOR GREECE |
| THEY COULD START SOMETHING WITH US AT THE SAME TIME |
| THE IDEA IS TO SHARE METHODOLOGY, STRATEGY |