

# Institute of Coastal Research

Research Unit 1 System Analysis and Modelling



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## Overview and Highlights

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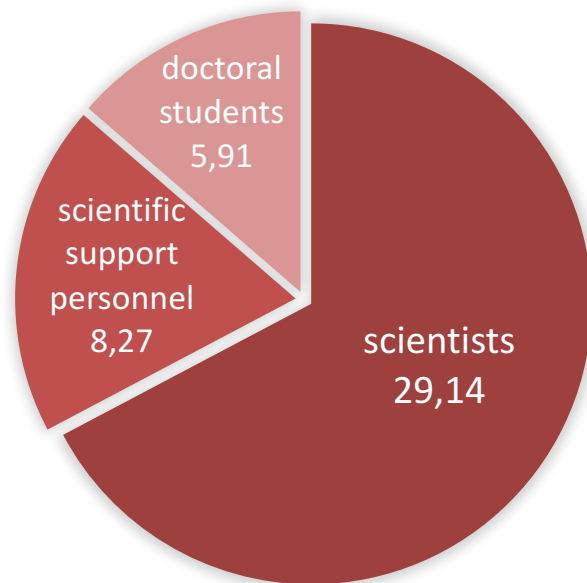


# The Research Unit in numbers

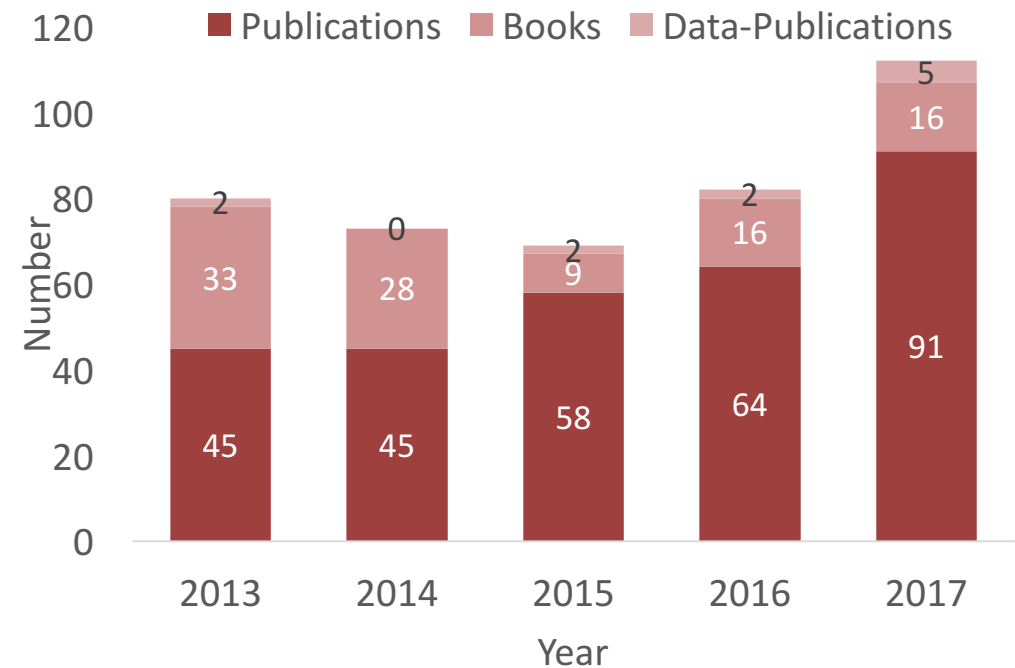
## 2016 Personnel – core funded/ FTE

## Publications

about 70% Topic 2 (31), 30% Topic 4 (12)



Currently 12 doctoral students  
 PhD theses completed 2013-2017 38



### 2013-2017

Publications ISI or SCOPUS listed	303
Books & chapters	102
Data publications	11

### Academic Partner



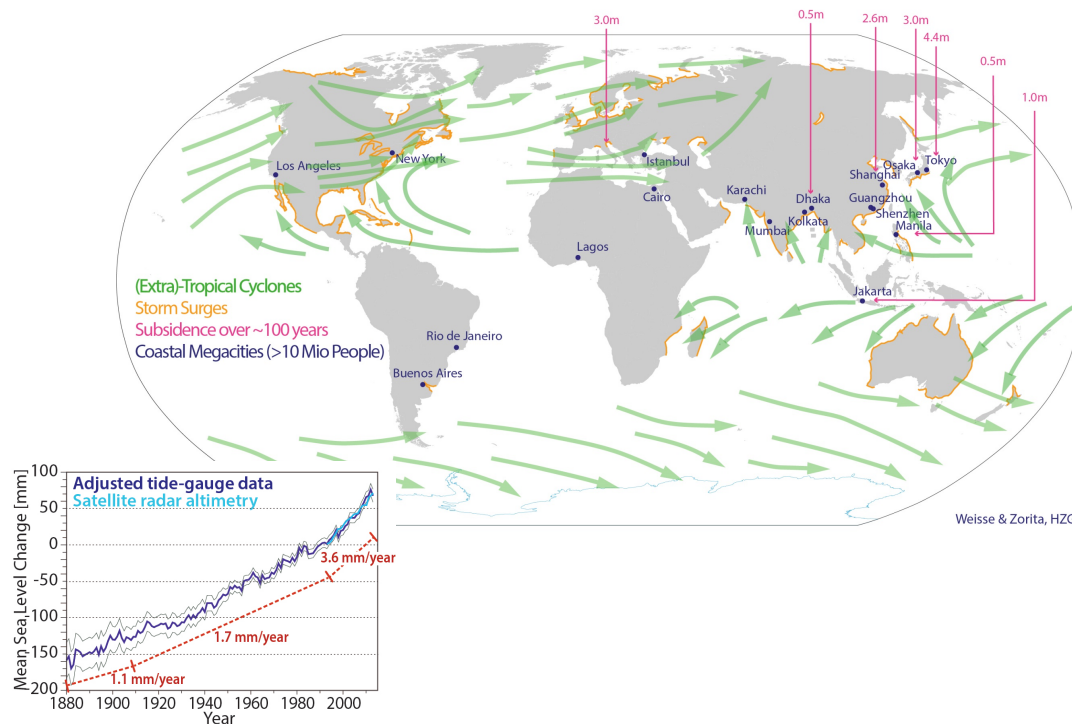
# Research Goals and Objectives

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- **Understanding longterm changes and variability of coastal systems** *atmosphere, coastal ocean (shelf sea, estuaries, inter-tidal) and human system*
- **Advancement of coastal modeling capacity** to address *new exciting research questions, to understand system functioning and to serve societal demands*
- **Transfer of knowledge:** foster *implementation* of tools and models, provide *knowledge* to society, maintain *stakeholder dialog*

# Longterm changes and variability

Wind, storm and sea level changes in different parts of the world

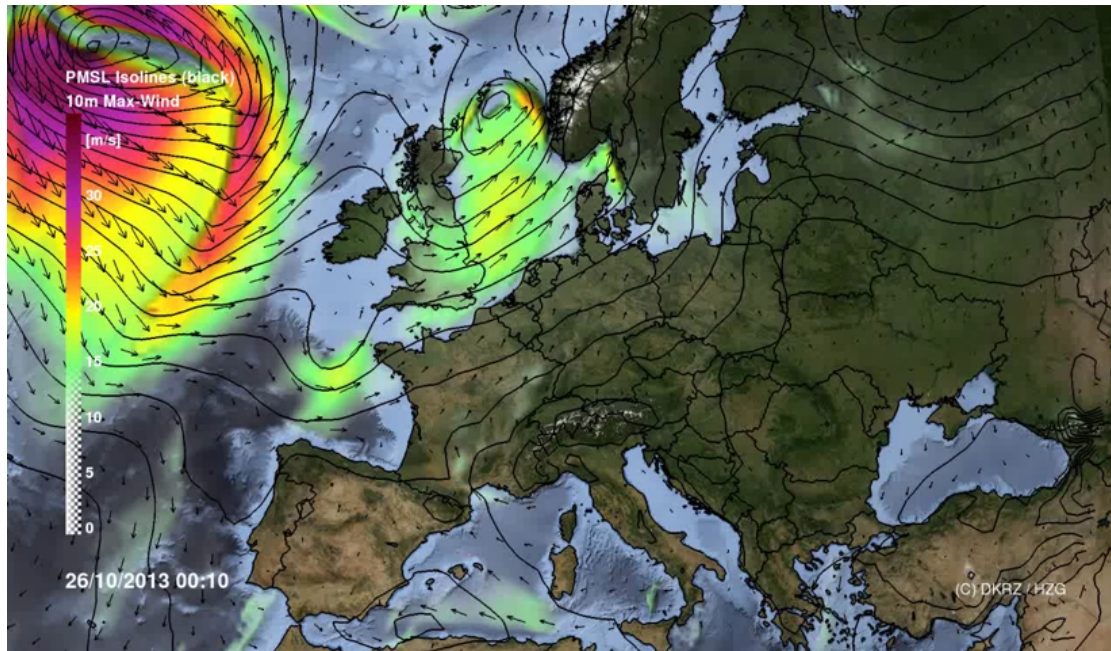


- observation-based *consistent* datasets and observation-related model datasets *-reconstructions*
- sea level > 40 publications & 10 book chapters
- wind & storms  $\approx$  40 publications



# Longterm changes and variability

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## Wind and storm changes

- High resolution regional 3-d atmospheric reconstructions created using downscaling and spectral nudging
- Reconstructions using observational data and statistical methods
- Global climate models

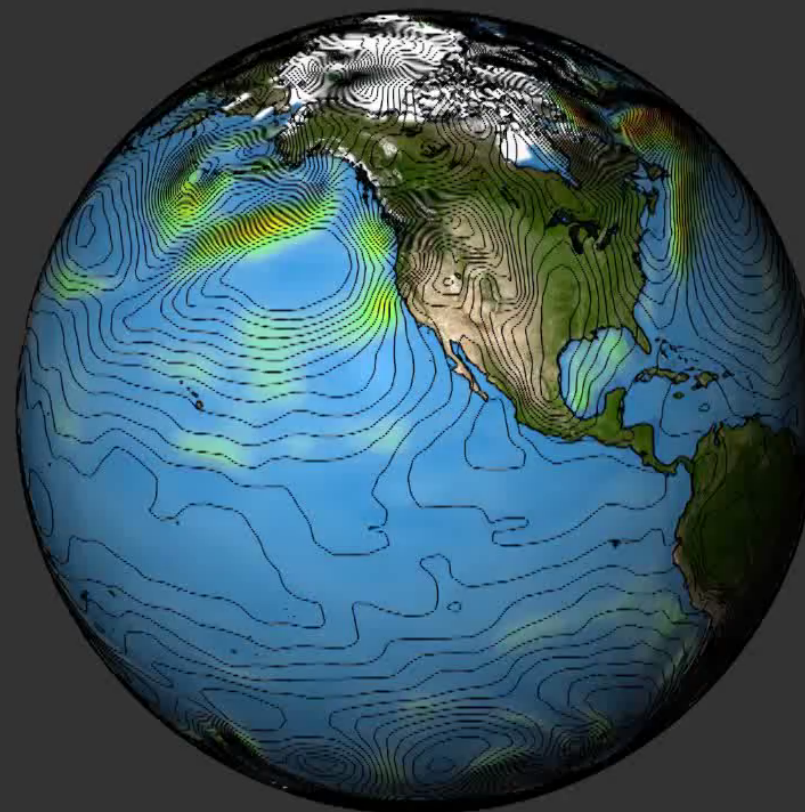
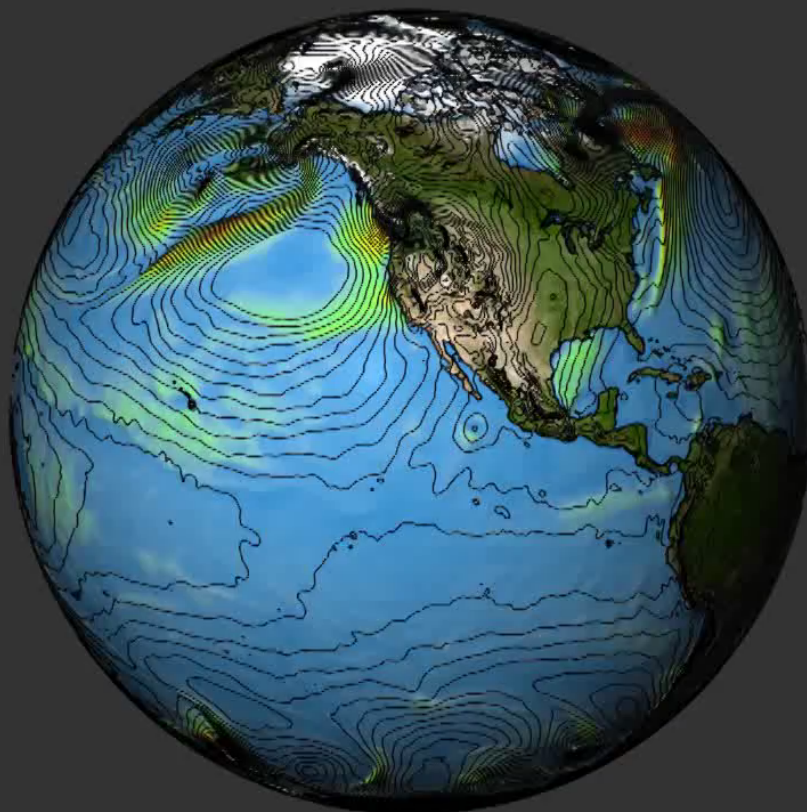
- Detection of multi-decadal natural variability of storm activity over NW-Europe
- Observed wind trends still compatible with natural variability

# Global Model reconstruction 1948-2015 - Taifun Yolanda/Haiyan

ECHAM6 T255 Nudging: NCEP1

## 10m-Windspeed & Sea Level Pressure

NCEP1 T62



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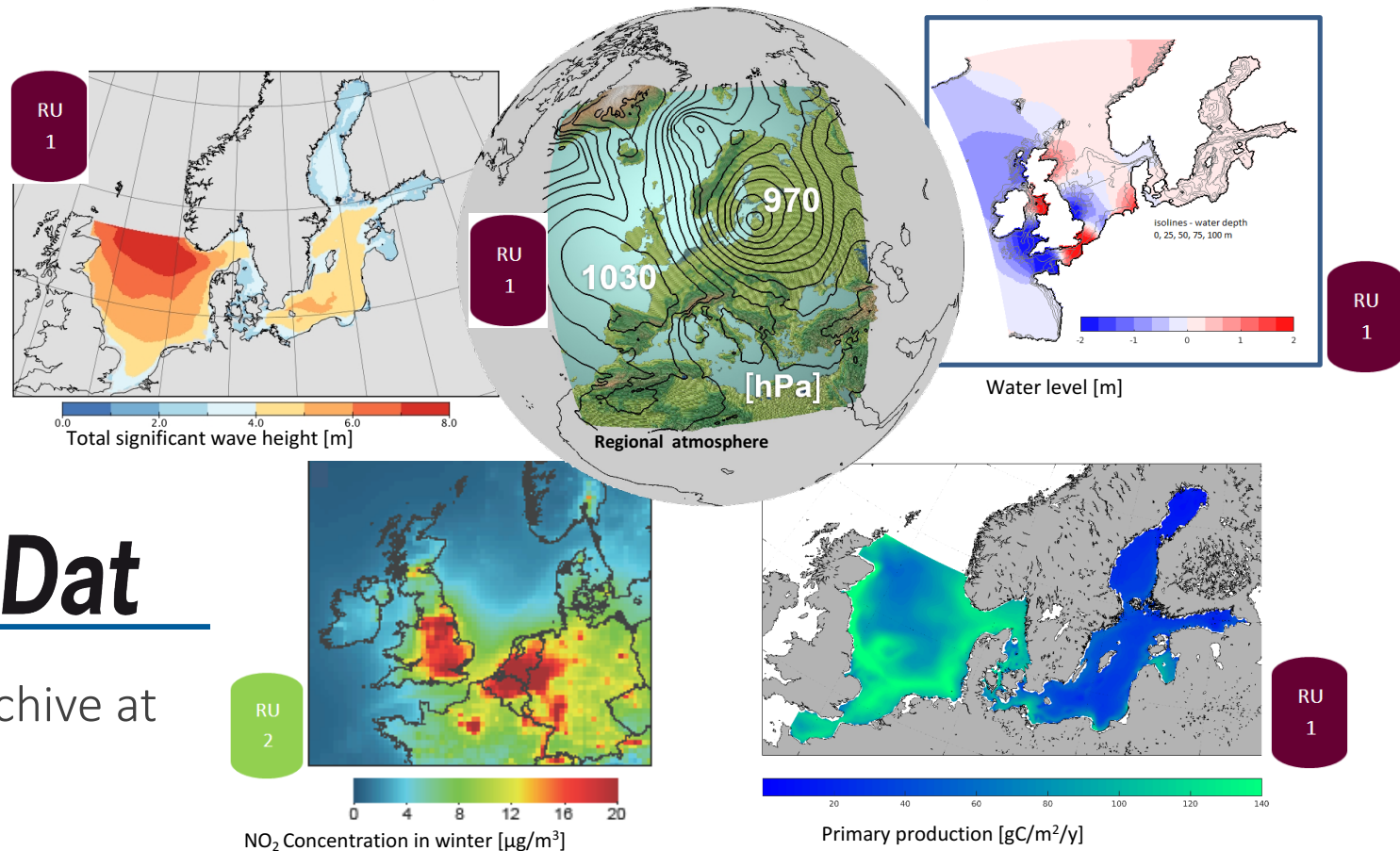
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Exceptional long global regionalization –data related-, improved resolution compared to global reanalysis (-comparable to JRA55), significant better temporal resolution



# Regional reconstructions and scenarios

4-d model based data, open access



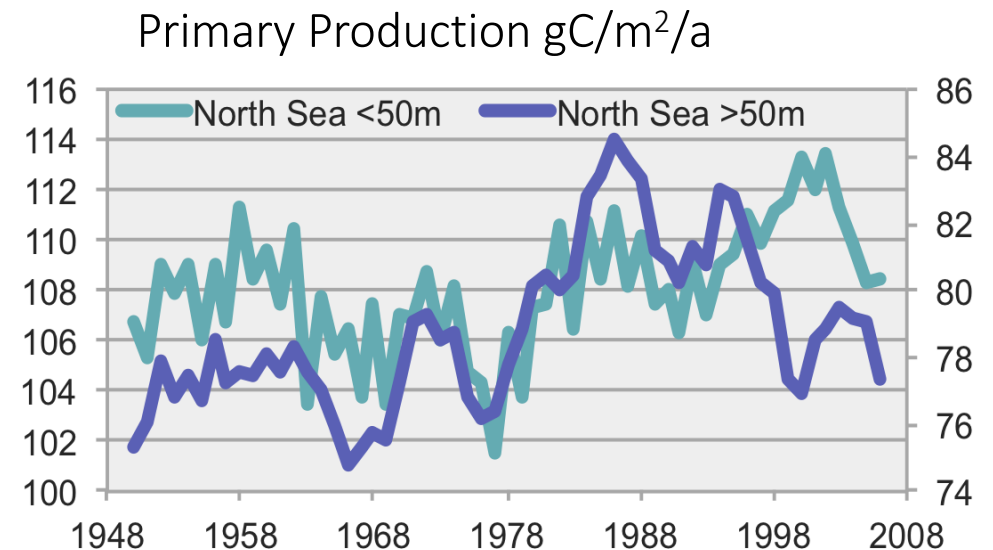
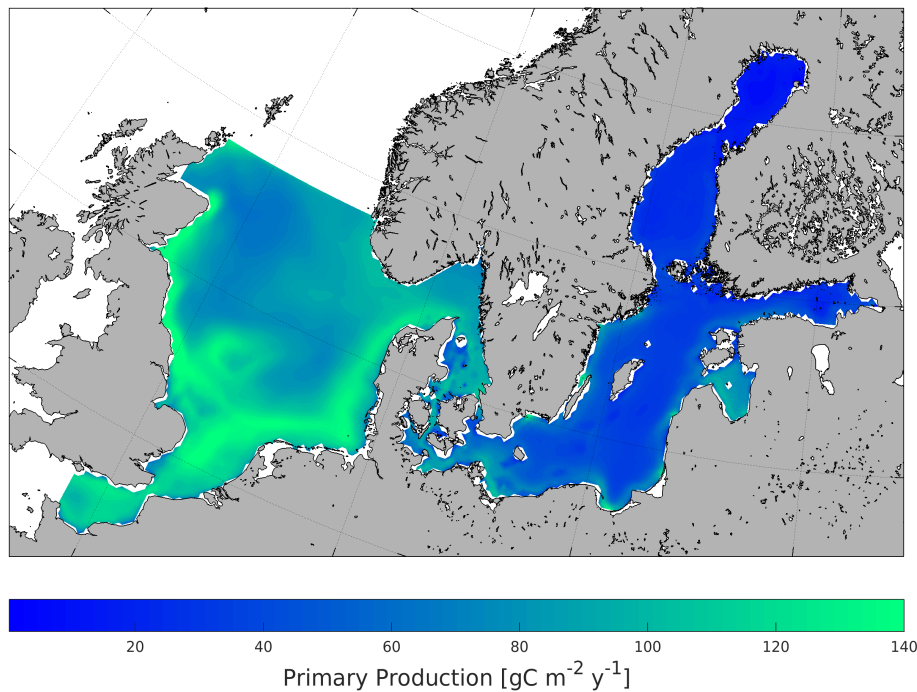
WDC climate data archive at  
DKRZ, 86 TB data

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Broad implementation of our research data: > 100 users from research (45%), commercial entities (40%) and public authorities (15%)

# Low frequency variability in marine ecosystems

## Multi-decadal reconstruction, data and model based



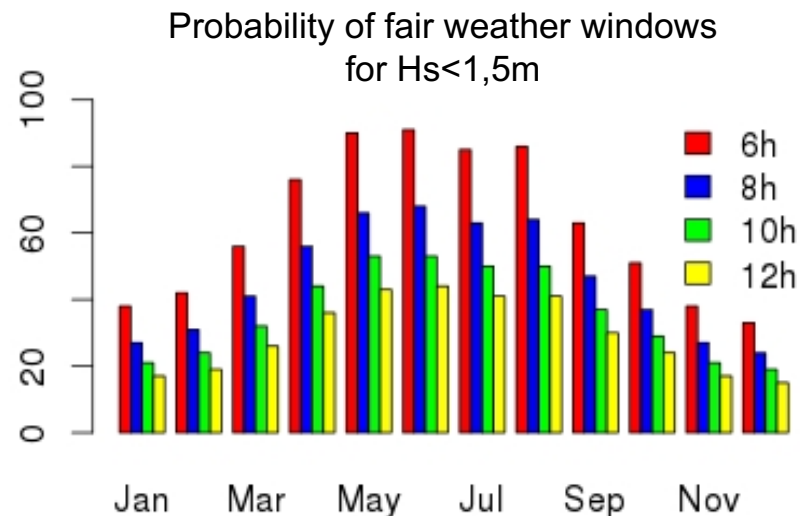
Novel understanding: Decadal and multi-decadal primary production changes forced by changes in wind forcing

# Regional reconstructions and scenarios

## Offshore wind energy & industrial applications



- *assess potential and variability* of renewable energy production
- *optimize design and logistics*, **coastDat** used for nearly all wind farms in the German EEZ

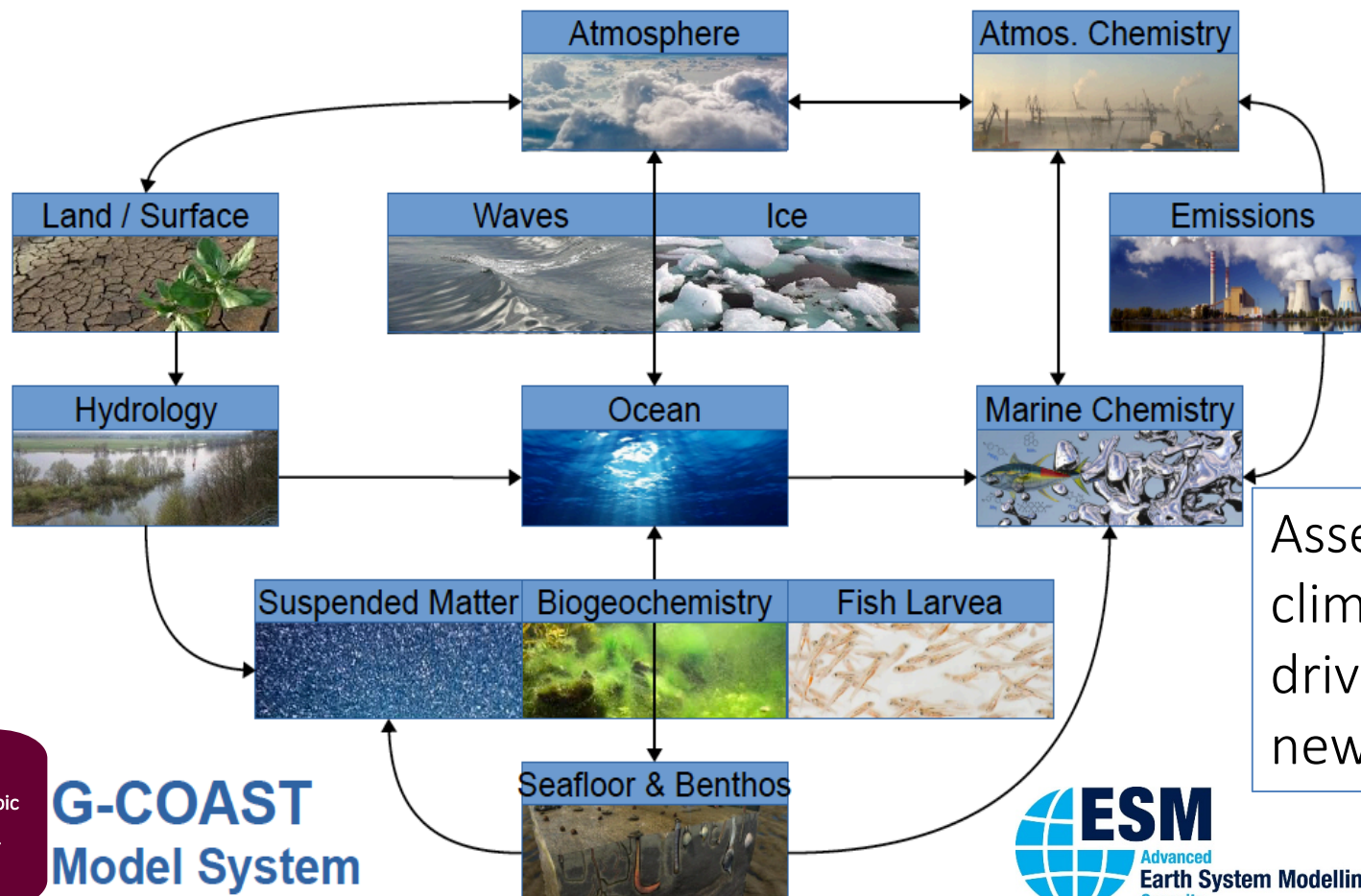


Linking basic and applied research:  
Multifaceted implementation,  
*joint projects*, commercial partners  
and federal agencies



# Earth system modeling

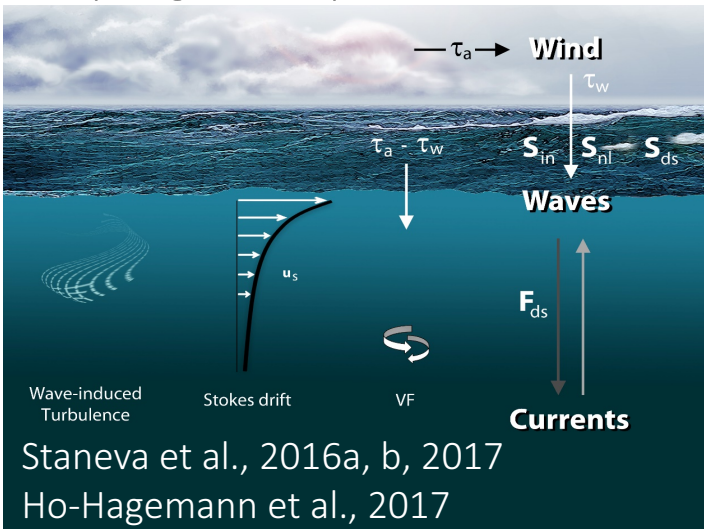
- *coastdat* models are uncoupled compartment models
- Matter and energy is exchange across compartments



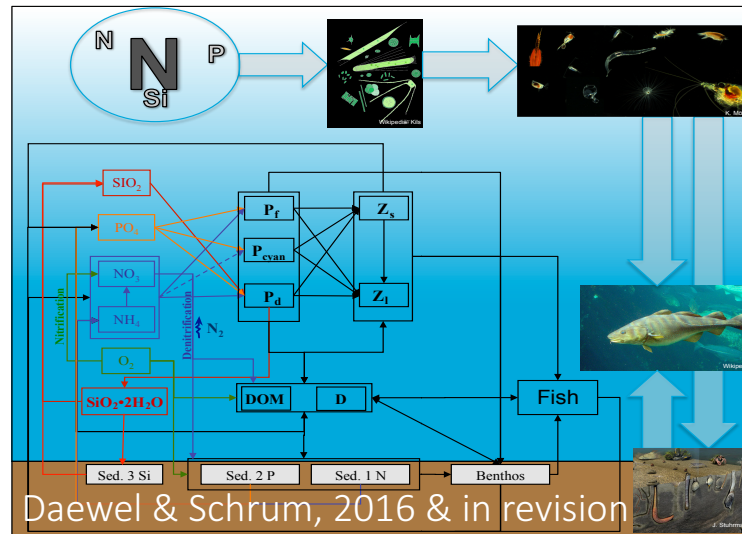
Assessment of impacts of climate and anthropogenic drivers requires coupling and new model development

# Integrated impact assessment advance coastal model capacity

## Coupling atmosphere-ocean



## Foodweb E2E – fish, benthos



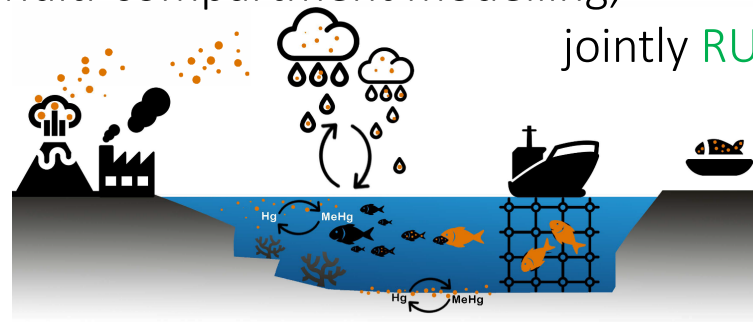
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Monitoring Service CMEMS



## Phys-bio coupling at the seafloor



## Multi-compartment modelling, jointly RU2



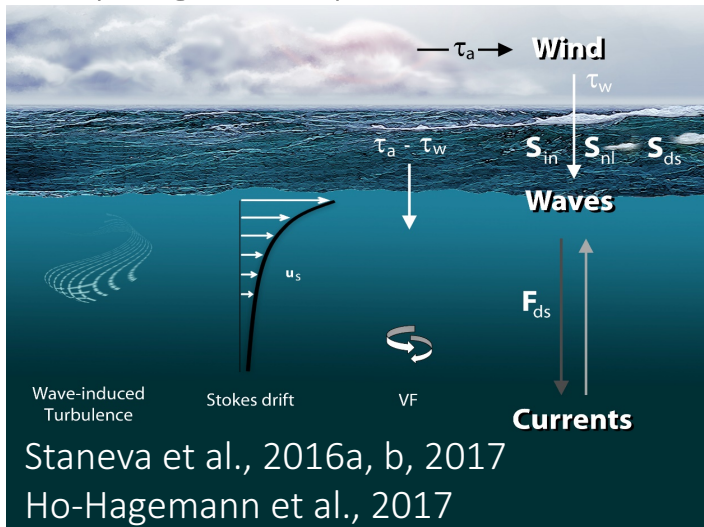
MERCURY POLLUTION CYCLE

Bieser & Schrum, 2016 & 2018

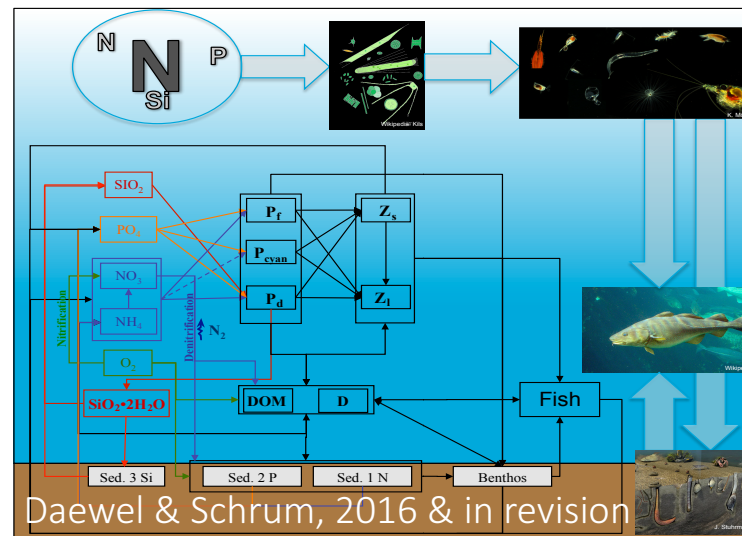
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Novel contributions to system understanding: *key coastal hydrodynamics; foodweb dynamics and benthic-pelagic coupling; resolving the role of shelf seas role in environmental mercury cycling.*

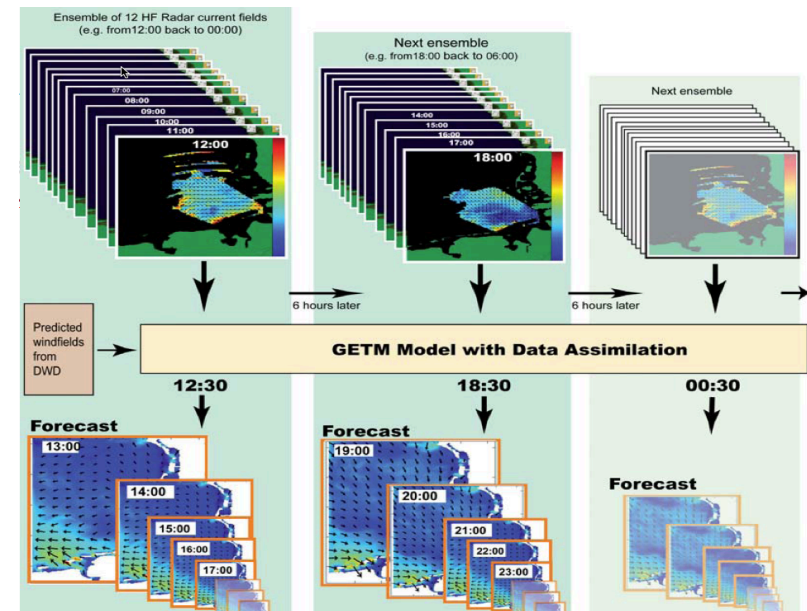
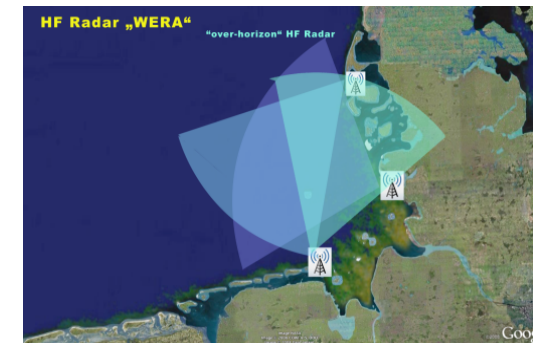
New model developments are already in implementation at international levels



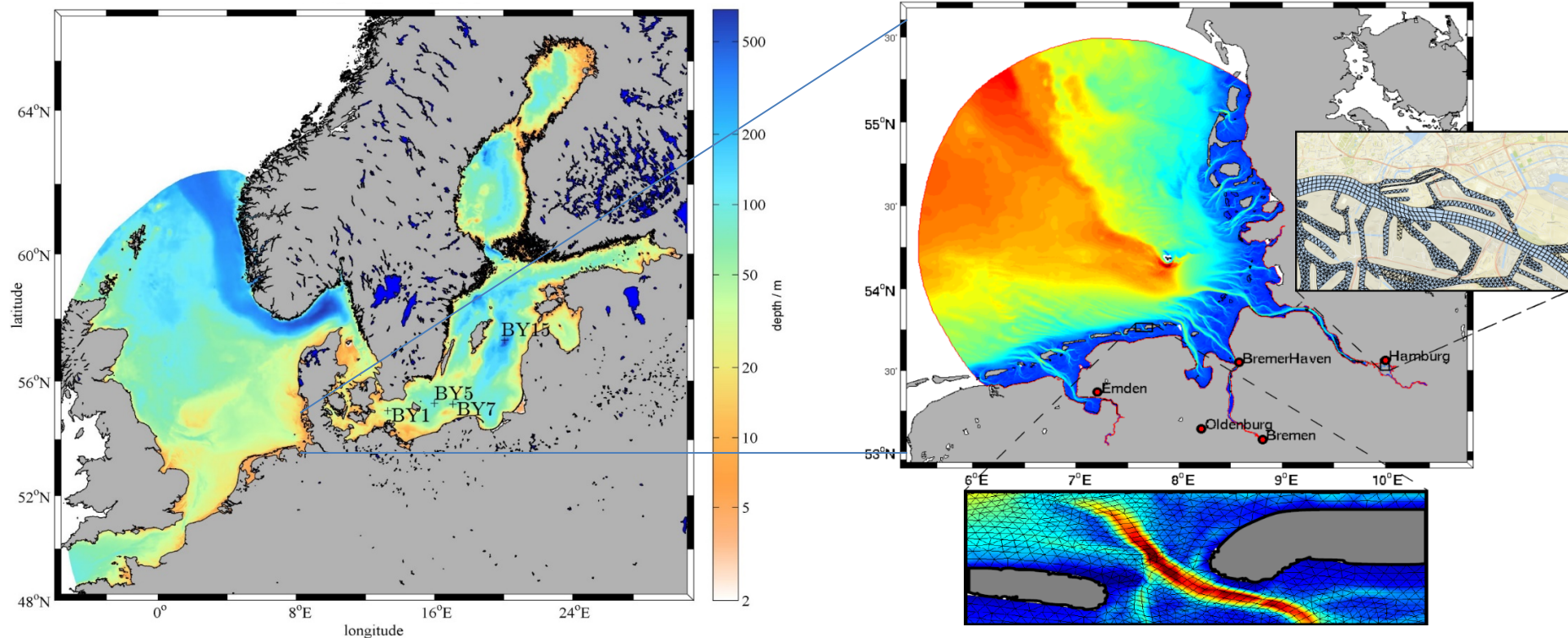
# Developments in the context of Operational Oceanography

- COSYNA: Forecasting currents, assimilation of HF radar data- **RU3**
- Wave model development
- Pre-operational development of ocean physics and wave forecasting system for the Black Sea, CMEMS-MFC phase I & II

Wave model development at national and international leading levels, wide national and international implementation



# Unstructured grids - cross scale modeling



Resolves the land-ocean transition, narrow straits and belts,  
inter-tidal, estuaries and obstacles

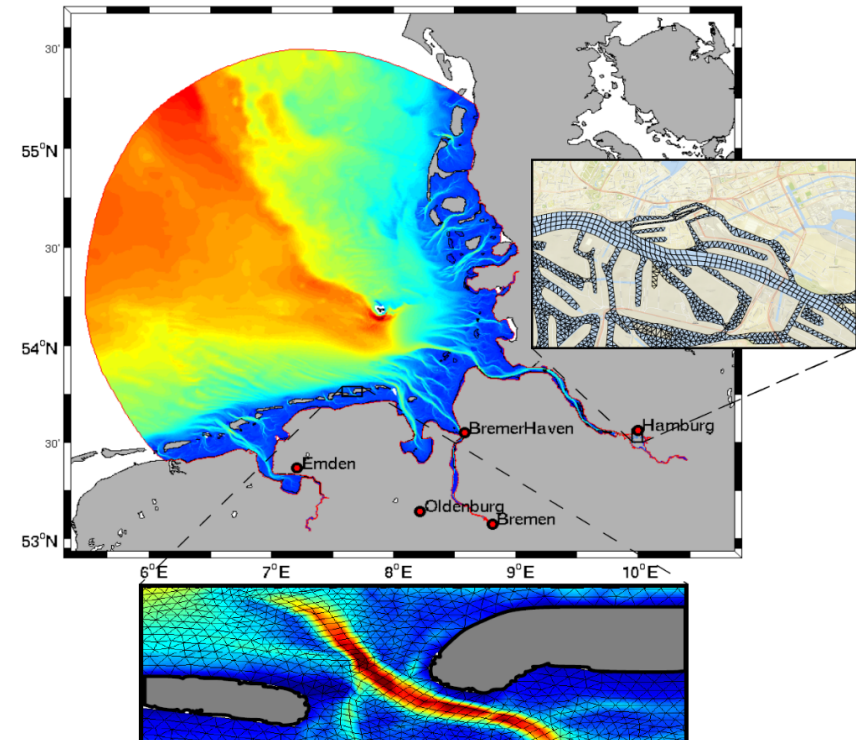
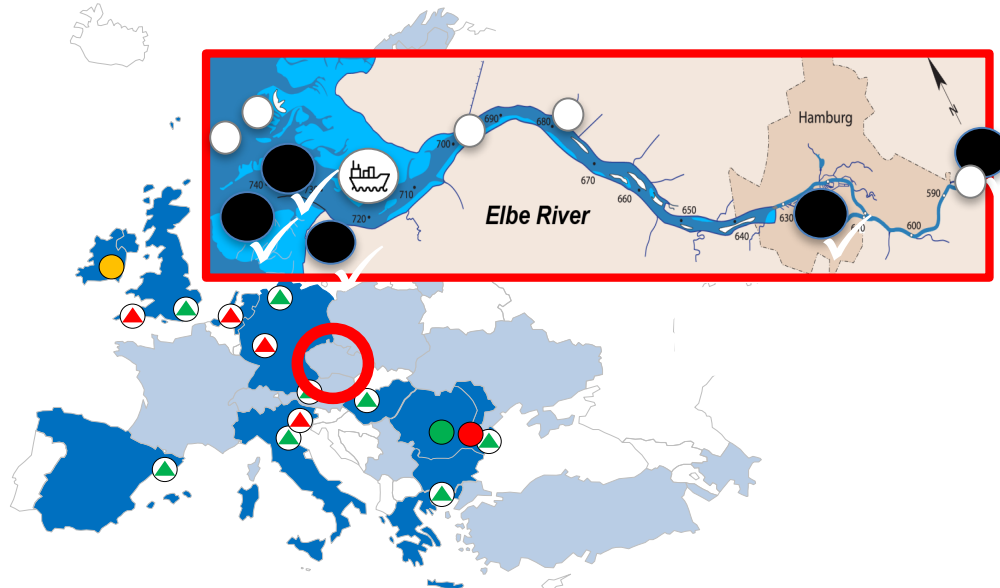


# Outlook: Estuaries



HZG: Supersite - Integrated observation, process understanding & modelling system for the Elbe-North Sea continuum

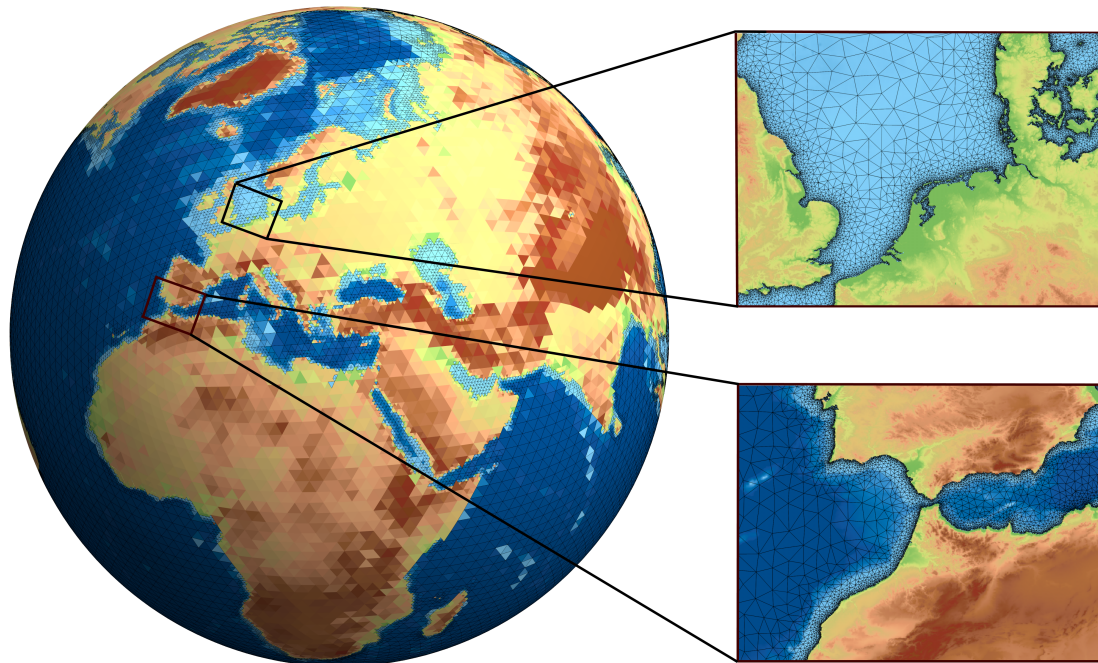
European Strategy Forum  
on Research Infrastructures



RU 1 joined DANUBIUS-RI modeling node  
Assessing climate and anthropogenic impacts

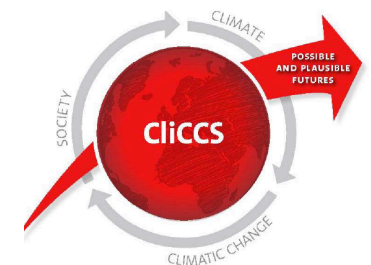
# Global land ocean transition zone - Resolving land *and* ocean controls

Towards a global coastal model – Cross scale modeling 100km-1km

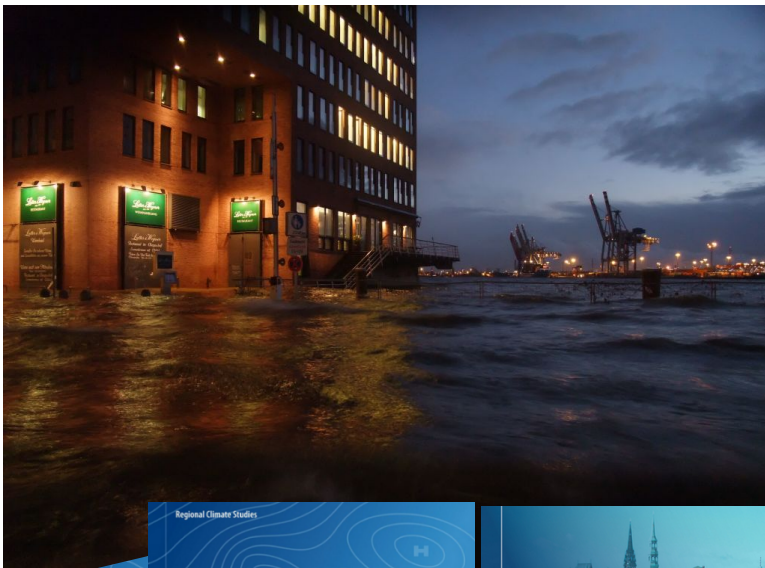


## Infrastructure & collaboration:

High performance computer access, DKRZ and local cluster, collaboration with observational groups is important, recruiting of talents



# Knowledge transfer to society and outreach general public



Assessing climate change impacts, international and national regional assessments, internationally leading role together with **RU2**, **RU3** and **RU4**

Norddeutsches  
**Küsten- und  
Klimabüro** 

Helmholtz network of Regional  
Climate Offices



- Establish and maintain stakeholder dialogues, > 1900 users
- User directed coastal climate information
- Web-based interactive communication formats based on *coastDat*

**RU1 role:** Leading role in initiating, coordination of (Hamburger Klimabericht), lead author contributions to all nat. & int. regional climate change assessment reports

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- Novel contributions to coastal system dynamics and regional climate variations at internationally leading levels
  - Cutting-edge model development and notably broad Earth System Modelling expertise at internationally leading levels
  - Substantial publication activity - rel. earth science-, many contributions in high impact journals
  - Unique regional reconstructions, provided open access and widely used in the national and international research community and beyond
  - Broad implementation of data, tools and models at international and national levels (federal agencies, industry)
  - Wide ranging outreach activities, with leading contributions at international and national levels



Thank you!





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