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Motivation

Fine-scale dynamics exists in a large number of realization.

A large number of instrumented sites world-wide would help to :

- document experimentally the fine-scale dynamics, by integrating SWOT SSH and concomitant in situ observations

- provide an extensive physical Cal/Val of the SWOT signal

Objectives of the AdAC Consortium

Liaise the SWOT-ST with the international oceanographic community

"Synchronise" existing, incoming campaigns with the SWOT fast sampling/nominal phase

Promote the use of shared protocols for addressing multi-site fine-scale scientific questions

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SWOT Adopt-a-Crossover Consortium

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From 2019

How to become AdAC member ("adopter")



- 2-page letter with campaign description
- the application is reviewed by a Steering Member and a recommendation is made
- The recommendation is adopted unless an other Steering Member objects (in that case the Steering Group will vote)

What the Consortium offers

Help with access to SWOT data, and SWOT-ST know-how

Model and multisatellite specific support (see Kyla talk)

A Forum for discussion (webinars,..) and a web site for hosting campaigns

Many items overlap with SWOT Regional Validation WG





14 sites (10 SWOT-ST)

9/14 Confirmed

9/14 ship-based







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- Marginal seas/transition zones



Beyond the SWOT-ST Some ideas for an international (CLIVAR) workshop on fine-scale ocean dynamics

When: May/June 2022

Organizing Committee

- SWOT-WG leads + CLIVAR Ocean Modelling Development Panel

Title: From filaments to climate change: current challenges in fine-scale ocean dynamics

- 1 the energy cascade in Earth System Models
- 2 Fine-scales and biodiversity in the global ocean
- 3 an observing network for fine-scale digital twins
- 4 Outreaching (social sciences?): BBNJ, MPAs,...

Beyond the SWOT-ST

We aim at joining forces with other major incoming observing systems

- In situ

- Remote sensing







Strengths

- SWOT strong leveraging effect
- Good world-wide coverage
- Many high level campaign studies included
- AdAC website effective showcasing and managing platform for the Consortium

Need some work

- Keeping the momentum up to the SWOT launch risk of loosing adopters
- Sharing protocols, creating multi-site collaborations on common questions has been challenging



Thank you!

For more information:

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