# CALYPSO South: Pushing coverage and value of CODAR HFR Observations & Derived Products in Malta

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## Introduction to QUALITAS Remos

QUALITAS Remos is a Spanish engineering company founded in 2002 with 20 scientists and technical staff and offices in Madrid, Lisbon and Casablanca

- European leader in alliance with CODAR Ocean Sensors in High Frequency Radar technology to monitor sea surface currents and waves. More than 50 systems deployed in the EMEA region
- Experts in Advanced Marine Information and Decision Support Systems. Our PORTUS Marine Information System is being used in > 10 countries
- Active in EU R&D ecosystem, EU Cross-Border, Transnational and Interregional co-operation programmes (partner or sub-contractor)

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# General view of the European Systems



As of January 2017 23 operators 60 sites 51 currently operational 9 past installations 78% CODAR Systems 6 new systems/year

MONGOOS 31 sites (52%) IBIROOS 17 sites (28%) NOOS 12 sites (20 %)

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# Use of HFR data in Europe / User profile



## Most commonly identified users: Academia and Marine Safety agencies

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# Use of HFR data in Europe / Applications



Growing use in data assimilation and tool for model validation.

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# HF radar coordination at European level



- 2015 <u>HF radar task team</u> (chaired by AZTI) created under <u>EuroGOOS</u> umbrella in 2015 to help coordinate European activities around the development and use of this coastal technology (standards, products, QA/QC, promote joint R&D...). Visibility also inside GOOS and GEO
- 2017 30 HFRs (including CALYPSO) integrated into <u>EMODNET Physics</u> <u>Portal</u> to provide a freely available single point of access at European level to display HFR data
- January 2018. Start of a new European project funded by Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS) to work on the integration of HFRs into an operational EU service with the potential of being <u>delivered directly</u> <u>through CMEMS in the next 3 years</u>

## Application Case Study 1: Model Skill assessment in CMEMS



- Puertos del Estado has developed an operational real-time web tool in CMEMS to validate marine forecasts for the IBI Region called NARVAL (North Atlantic Regional VALidation)
- **HF radar used as benchmark** to validate surface currents forecasts (annual, seasonal, monthly comparisons) and now also used for validation of wave models!!!

Available in 1 different areas with a total of 1/ HE radars providing data

### Application Case Study 1: Model Skill assessment in CMEMS





Intercomparison of significant wave height in NW Spain (Jan-Mar 2015). IBI-WAV model (red line) validated against buoy data (blue dots) and HFR data (green dots).

Skill assessment example for surface currents in the Ebro Delta in Spring 2014 (mean surface currents maps, complex correlation maps, eddy kinetic energy maps, skill score time series...). Decrease in IBI model performance during the last quarter of 2014 (especially in October)

# **Application Case Study 2: SAR in Spain**

#### **SASEMAR:** The Spanish Maritime Safety Agency





#### HF radar data + PdE modeled outputs Daily Ingested by SASEMAR's <u>Environmental Data Server (EDS</u>)

#### **Optimize SAR activities & oil pollution preparedness**

Critical areas like the **<u>Strait of Gibraltar</u>** 



# Application Case Study 3: Oil Spill Trajectory Modeling



Oil spill response/forecasting is main driver for HF radar deployment in Norway. Assimilating HF radar data yields significant improvement in surface current analyses and predictions  $\rightarrow$  best way to improve oil spill drift predictions

# Application Case Study 4: Oil Spill Trajectory Modeling



Abascal, Sanchez et al., : "Operational oil spill trajectory modelling using HF radar currents: A northwest European continental shelf case study." Marine Pollution Bulletin, 2017

#### HF radar (orange) vs. drifter (green)

#### Modeled (orange) vs. drifter (green)



Distance error (real drifter trajectory vs. predicted) after 48h of simulation is *reduced 40% on average* when using HF radar derived HFR data vs. **CMEMS** as forcing

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# Increased coverage / increased data quality

- 3 new radar stations. > 7.000 additional km<sup>2</sup> will be covered
- Surface currents data available closer to the coast and with no gaps thanks to different Gap-filling and interpolation techniques that will be implemented



Increase coverage but also increased data quality in current Malta-

Complete and uniform 2D surface currents field will be provided thanks to gap-filling

New CALYPSO HFR coverage after installation of 3 additional radars



# Automatic calibration/pattern measurement technology

 The calibration of the radars requires the measurement of the antenna pattern which changes depending on the antenna's surrounding environment



- A measured pattern improves the direction-finding capabilities of the system removing bearing errors which, in turn, could cause current velocity errors
- The traditional way of measuring the antenna pattern is to use an external device (called transponder) which is carried inside a boat that describes an arc with fixed radius around the receive antenna. Very



- but:
  - Requires a dedicated boat and specialized personnel The antenna pattern measurement is only valid if the antenna surrounding environment doesn't change, i.e. it

# Automatic calibration/pattern measurement technology

- As part of CALYPSO South, a new technology developed by CODAR and called Automatic-Antenna Pattern Measurement kit will be integrated into CALYPSO radars (AIS receiver + software)
- This kit associates echoes in spectral HF Radar data from passing vessels with vessel positions from AIS messages, allowing continuous automatic monitoring of the Antenna Pattern – no dedicated boat needed
- Instead of previous method that provided a "picture" of the pattern we will now have a "movie" showing daily pattern data



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Ships in spectral data "seen" by the radars!!

## Automatic calibration/pattern measurement technology

- This new hardware + software kit will enhance CALYPSO data quality by
  - Improving bearing measurement, surface currents and waves accuracy
  - Allowing early detection of changes in the antenna pattern due to both environmental causes or hardware faults
- And of course... CALYPSO partners will also receive realtime AIS data from ships navigating the area that could be used for additional applications (e.g. check against illegal spillage of oil by ships)

# Major software upgrade / Radial and Combine sites

- Improved Wave Processing & QC additional filter of outliers, temporal average and spatial average for improved reliability of HFR wave data.
- CallSign<sup>™</sup> Feature CallSign fulfills new International  $\bigcirc$ New Telecommunications Union requirements that each oceanographic HF radar should routinely transmit a Morse Code to perfectly identify the



SeaDisplay radial coverage & bathymetry

Upgraded User Interfaces - An upgraded world database extraction tool provides smooth and efficient navigation. Integrated zoom bathymetry adds a crucial data layer

# Major software upgrade/ PORTUS Marine Information



# Thanks!

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