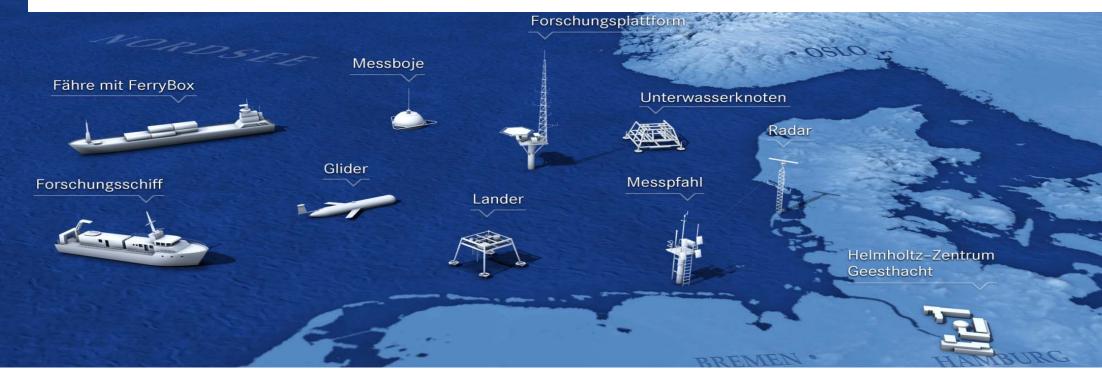
The Coastal Observing System for Northern and Arctic Seas (COSYNA): Challenges and Solutions for an Integrated Measurement and Modelling Approach

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# COSYNA

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## Partners and Co-Operation

- During Phase I, "hardware" financed by the Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht (HZG)
- Building on a community system of external partners from universities, research centres and authorities to run and develop measurement network
- Harmonization with other European observing systems
- Organisation through working groups on
  - Science
  - Data management
  - Instrument Systems (e.g., Underwater Nodes)



From Measurements to Products, Information, and Science



## The integrated approach:

- Measurement data
  - from a variety of platforms
- Products
  - from a combination of measurements and numerical models (data assimilation)
- Data
  - publically available through data portals
- Information
  - provided in usable form for stakeholders and the public
- Science
  - use of all of the above to tackle scientific questions

## **Fixed Stations**



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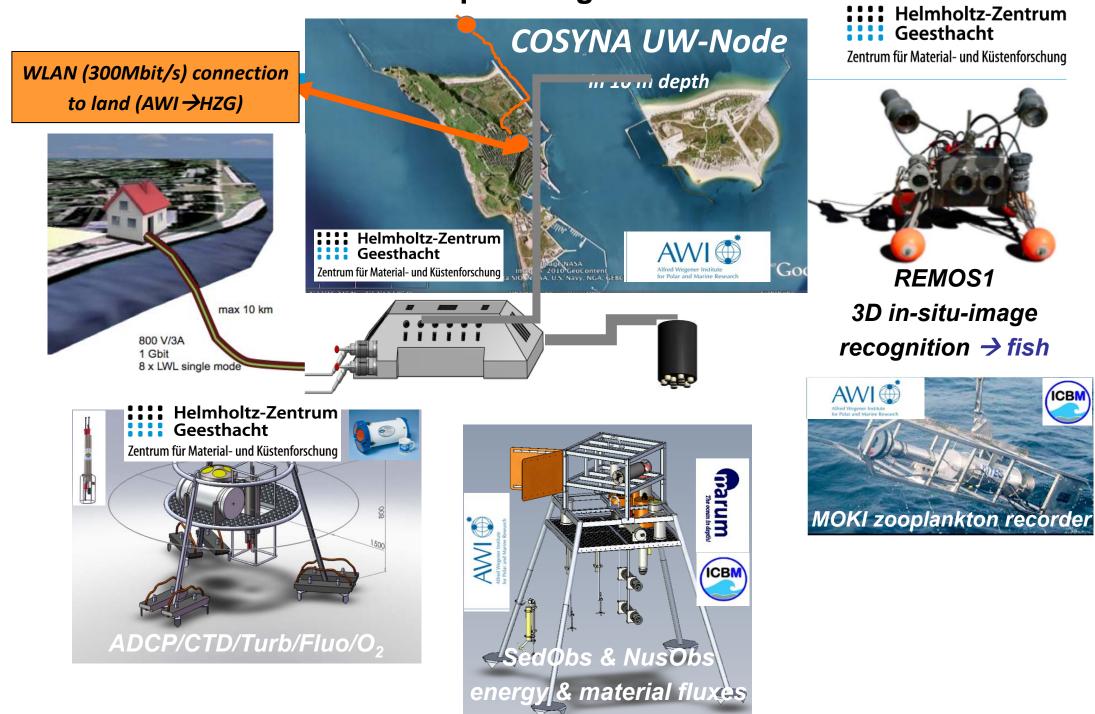


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## **COSYNA-Infrastructure for complex long-time observations**

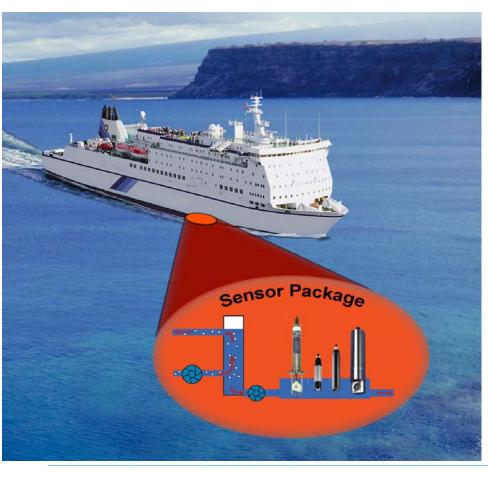


bottom – water column

## Surface Transects: The FerryBox

Monitoring system designed to:

- measure key quantities automatically on board of ferries or other ships of opportunity
- regular routes or stationary
- transmit data automatically to land





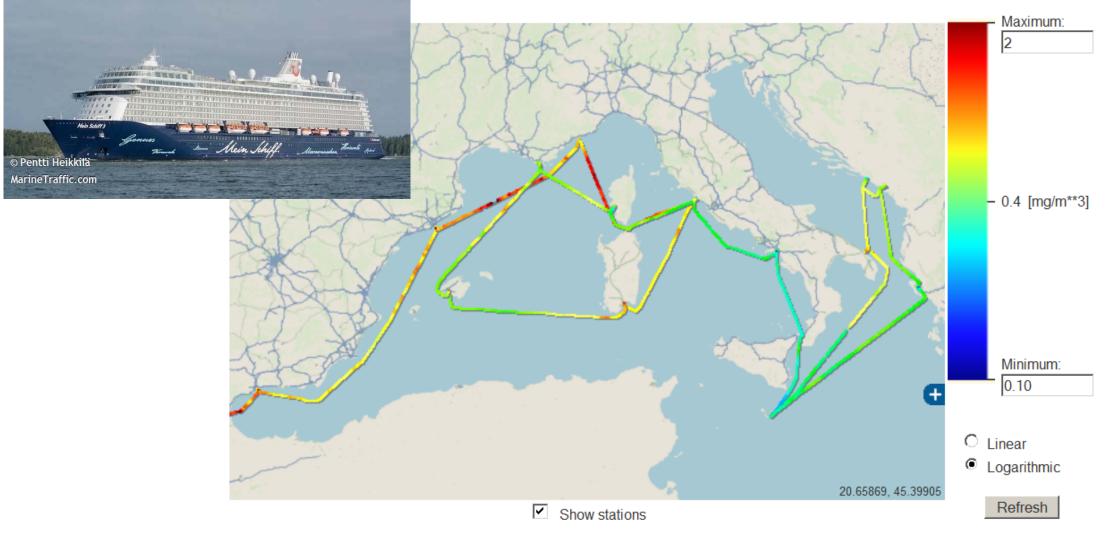


## Cruise liner "MeinSchiff3" Recent Chlorophyll-a Data from April 2015



#### Date range: 28.03.2015 - 28.04.2015

Modify size: - + Click and drag for panning. <SHIFT>-click and drag for zooming.



#### **Platforms:**

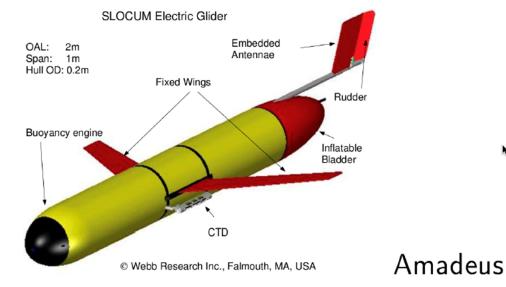
Show Ferrybox on MeinSchiff3 provided by TUI and HZG

## Gliders

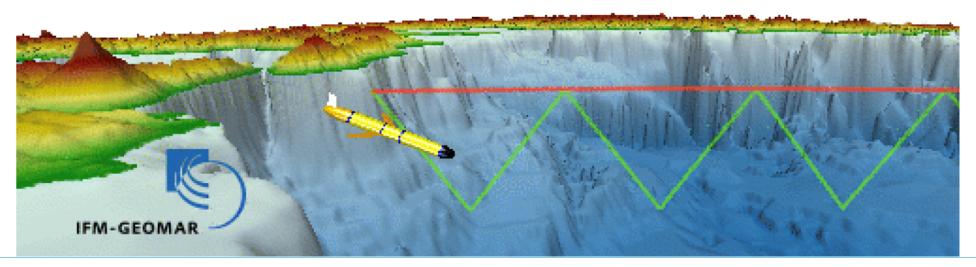


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# The underwater glider

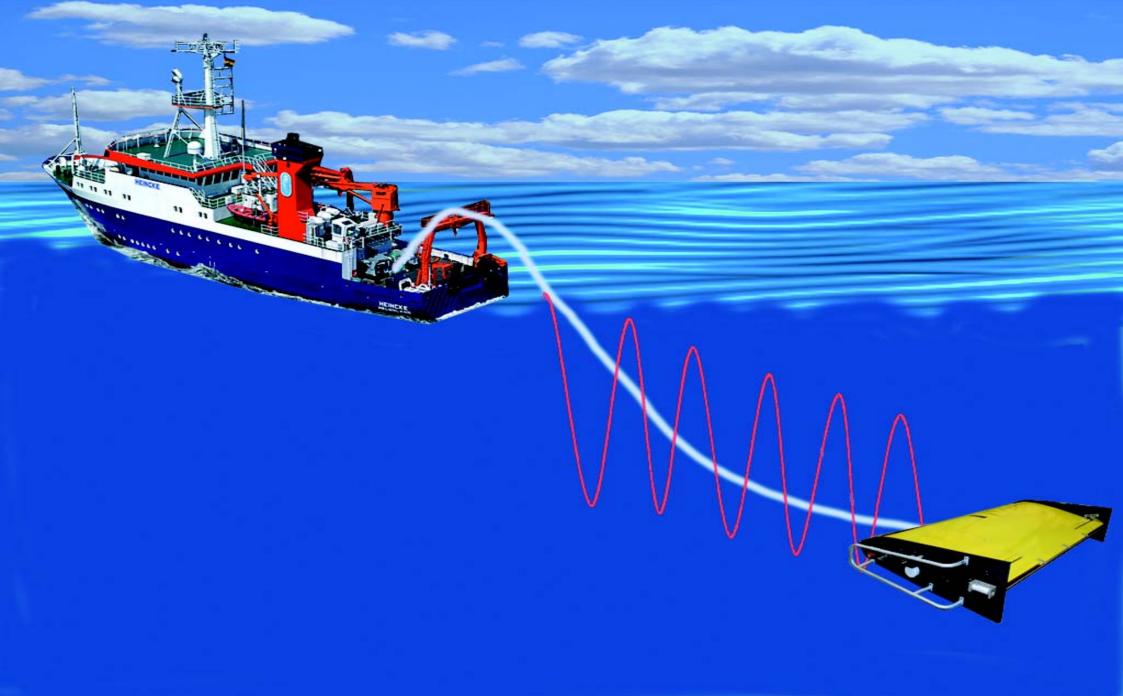






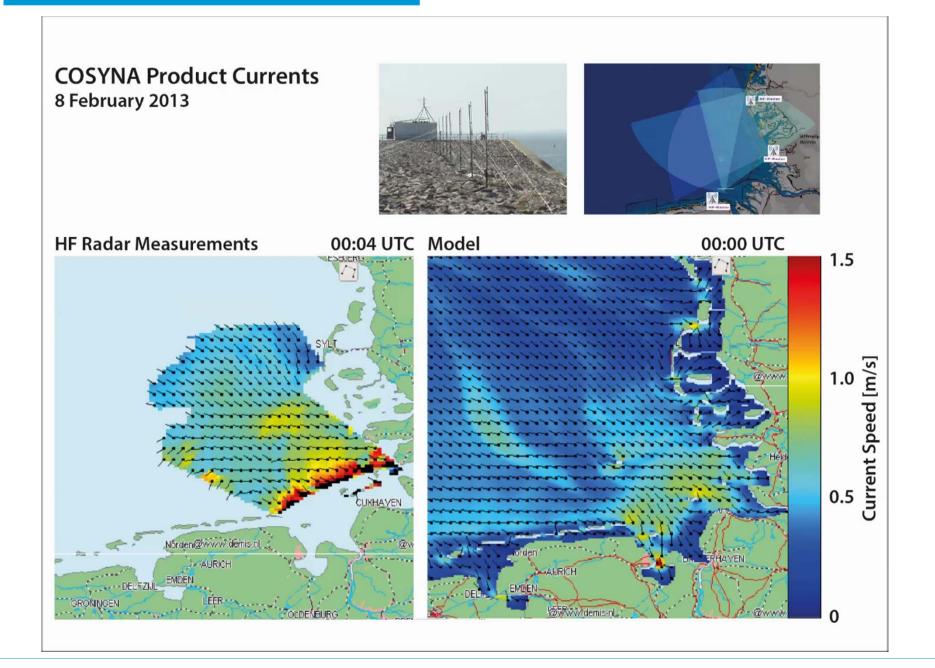
## Scanfish





## **Current Maps and Predictions**

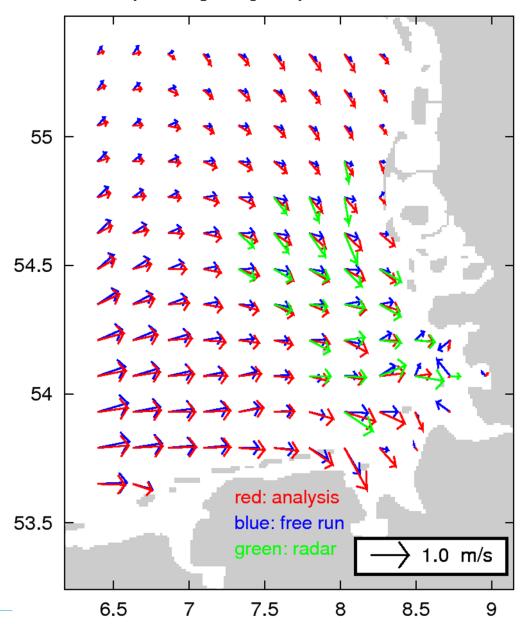




## Comparison of model and measurements

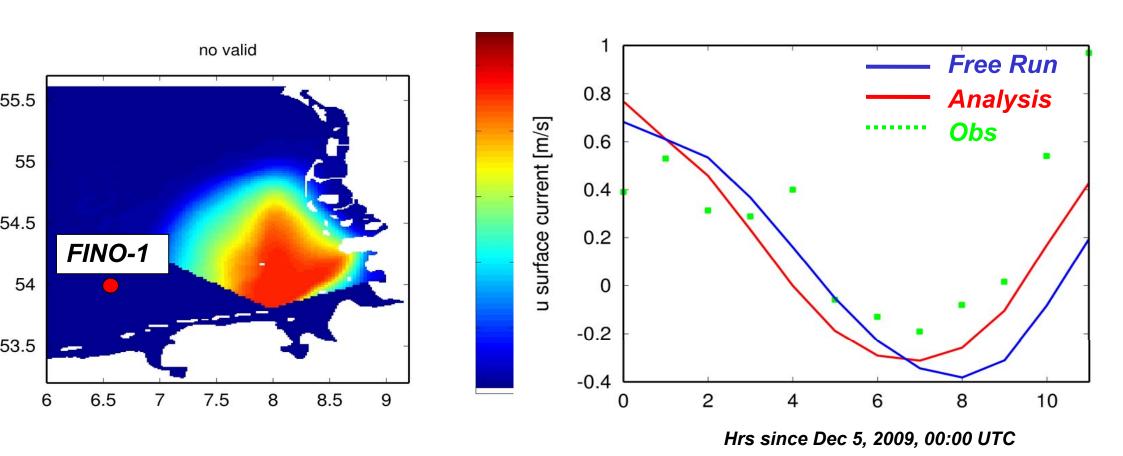


#### Current Speed [m/s] Sep 11, 2011 19:00 UTC



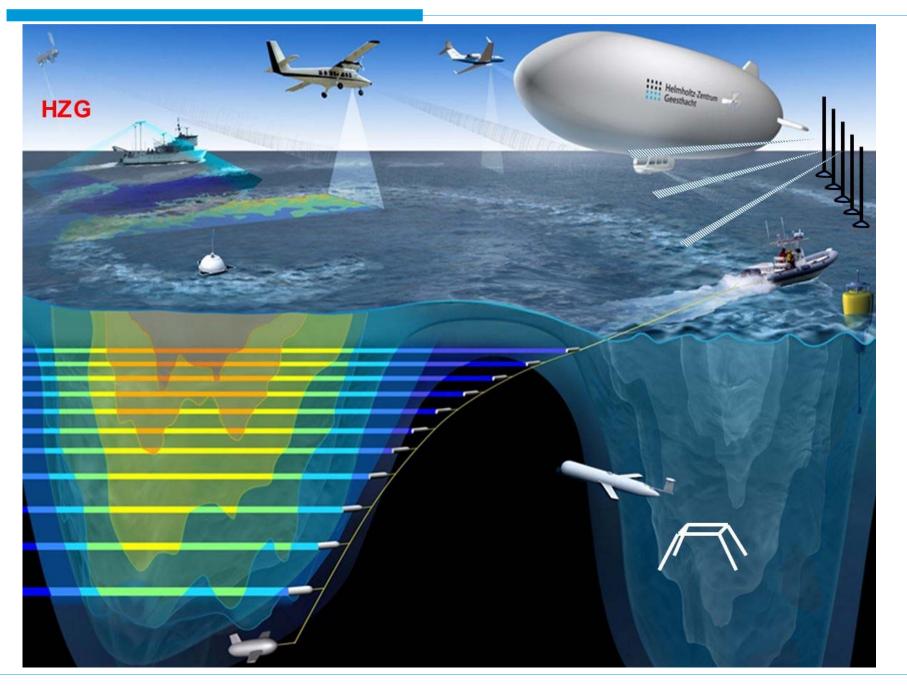
## Validation





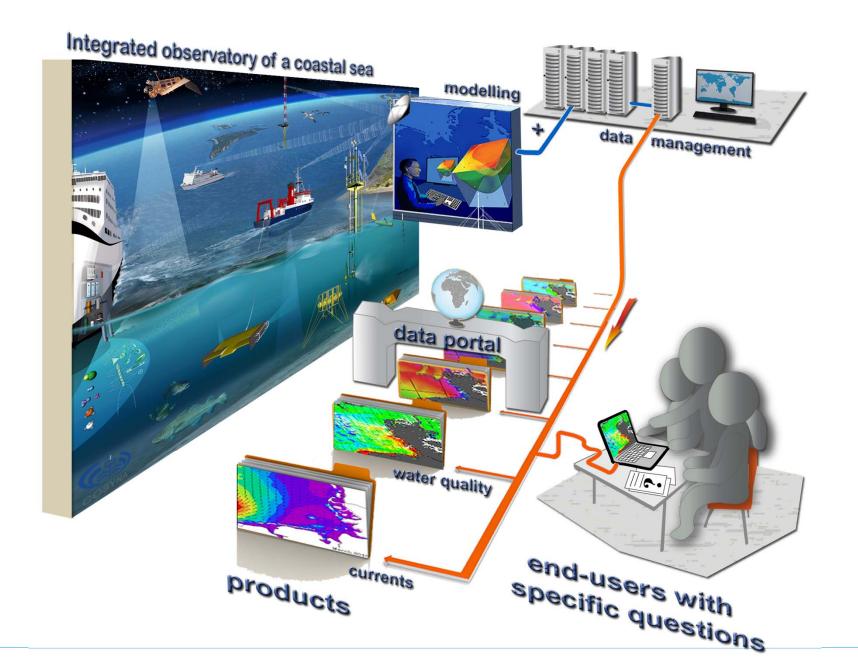
## **Combined Measurements**





## **Integrated Approach**

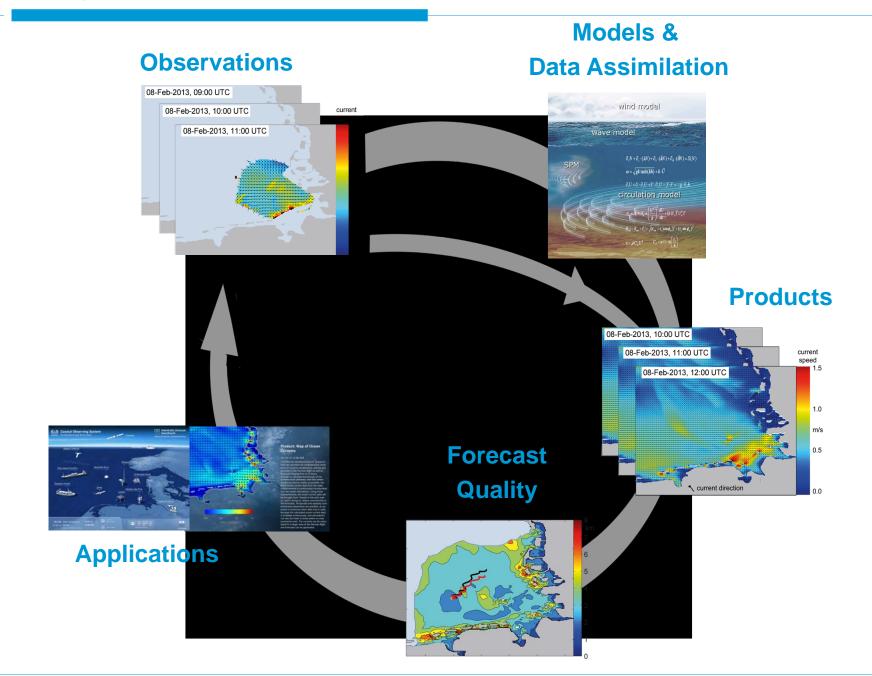




- From data to useful information
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  - make measurements of high quality comparable and useful
- Connect science and observations
  - ensure mutual feedback between scientific questions and instrument development and use
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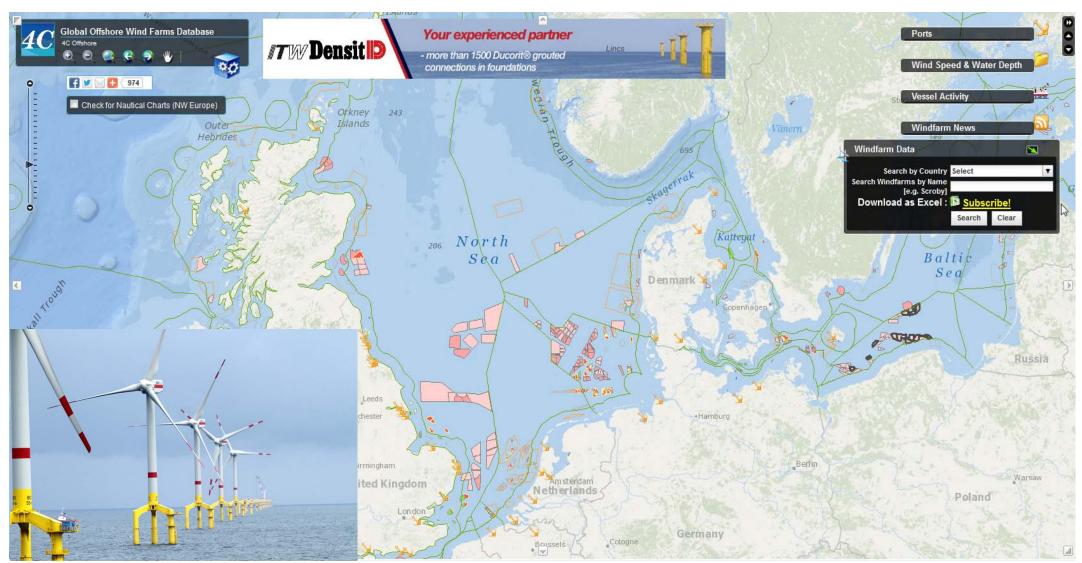




## **Example: Offshore Windparks**



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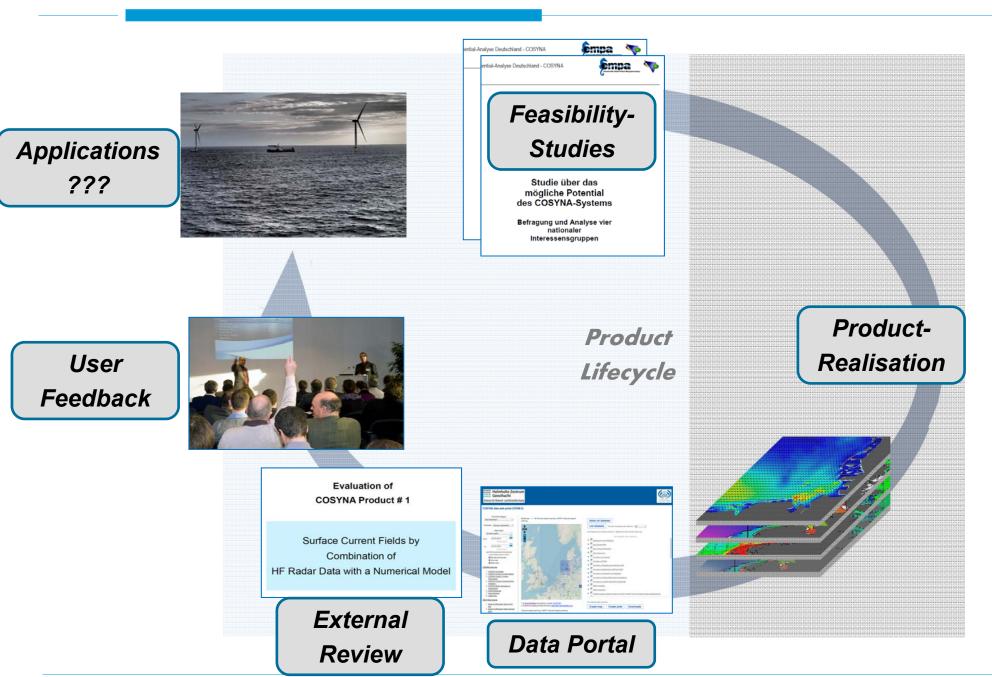


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## Integrated Approach – Example: Currents and Waves for Offshore-Industry

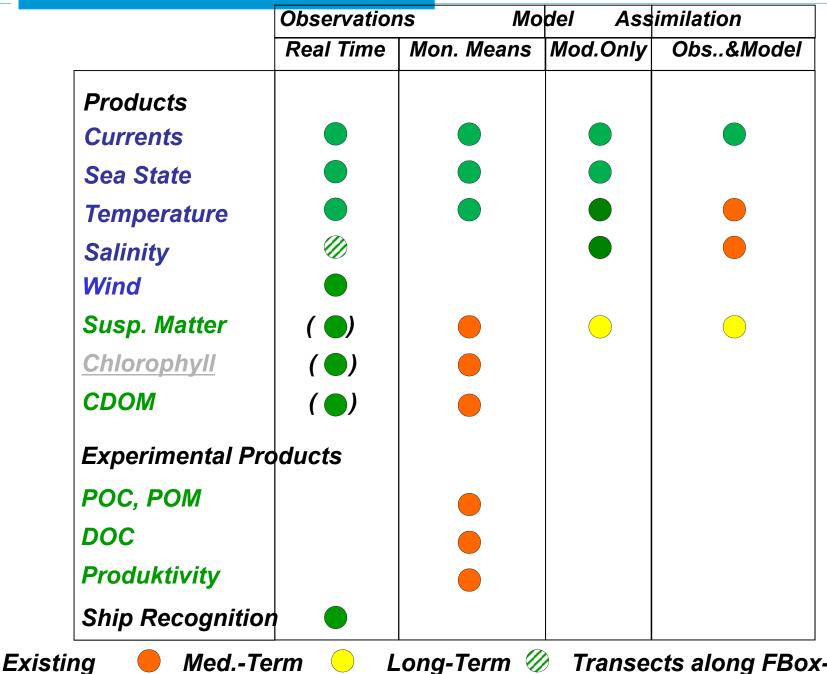
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## COSYNA – Products (synoptic maps)



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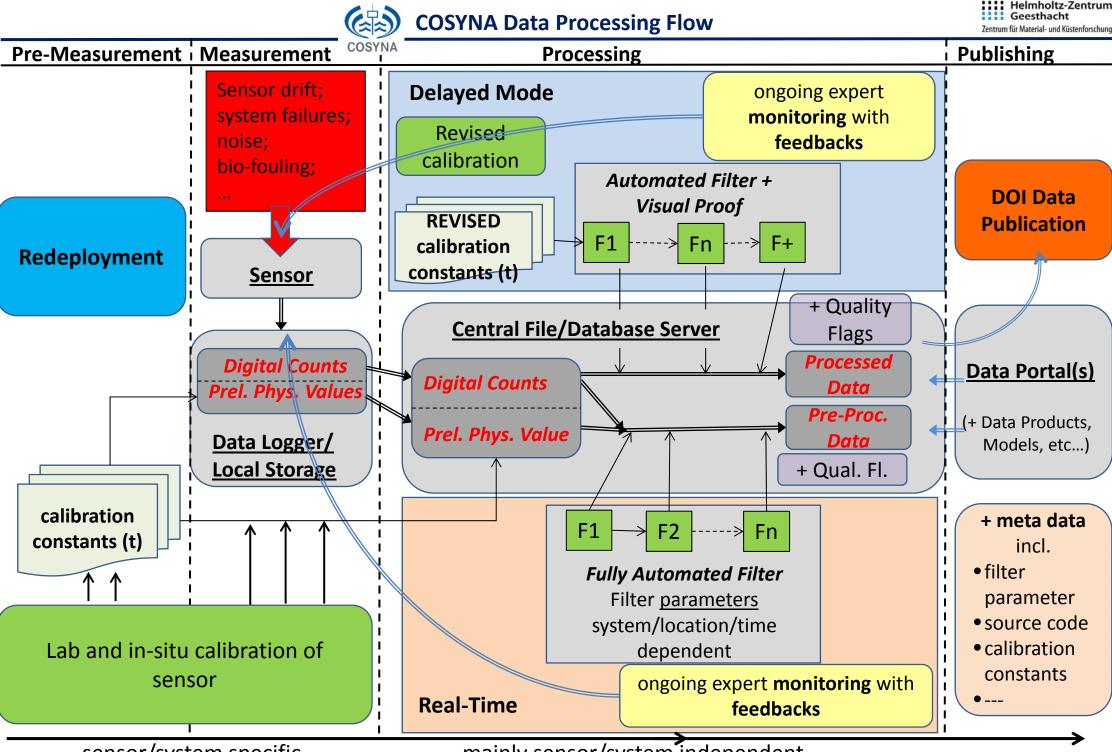
Long-Term 🧭

Transects along FBox-Routes



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sensor/system specific

mainly sensor/system independent



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**Idea**: To evaluate selected typical coastal water bodies in different world regions and their relevance for global processes in cooperation with local partner institutions using a combination of measurements and models adapted to the regions' characteristic problems and research questions.

**Methods**: Tailored monitoring and analysis strategy using a combination of automated time series (e.g., point measurements from buoys, under water nodes), remote sensing (satellite and radar based) and selected ship cruises, as well as hydrographical and biogeochemical modelling (with adapted complexity, e.g. grid sizes and form, processes etc.).



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