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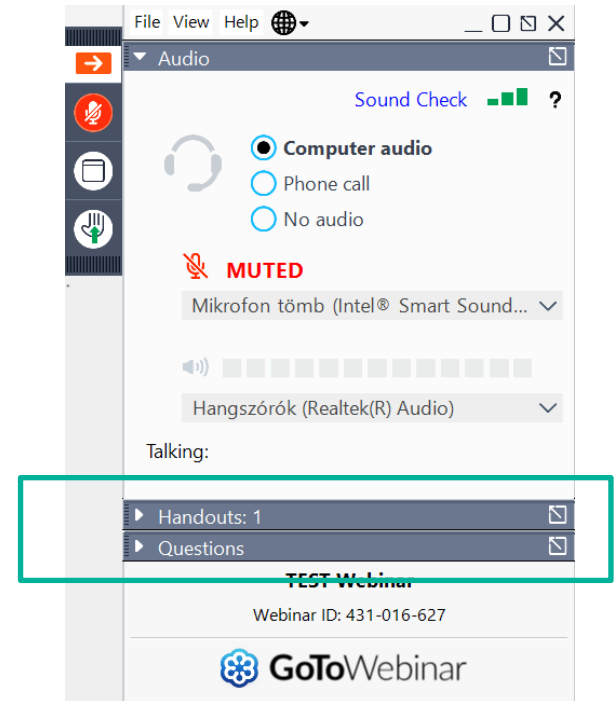
## **Two FF4EuroHPC success stories focused on environmental impact**

8 July 2022



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# Agenda

11:00	Introduction and house-keeping information	Pascale Bernier-Bruna
11:05	Introducing FF4EuroHPC and the speakers	Tina Crnigoj Marc (FF4EuroHPC Communication Lead )
11:10	Marine Litter Hunter	Emanuele Della Volpe, CEO and Aerospace Engineer at Green Tech Solution
11:25	HERCULES	Jose L. Munoz Gamarra, Technical Director at Aslogic
11:40	Q&A session	moderated by Tina Crnigoj Marc
12:00	End	



# Speakers



**Emanuele Della Volpe**

CEO and Aerospace Engineer at Green Tech Solution

- Aerospace engineer at the Federico II University of Naples and aerospace designer at the Aerospace District of Campano (DAC).
- Since 2015 he has started an independent research and development course aimed at demonstrating the feasibility of an automatic system for the protection of the sea from floating solid waste, called Litter Hunter, creating scale prototypes and automatic mission management software.
- He was a researcher at the Department of Science and Technology of the University of Naples Parthenope. From 2016, the research path becomes broader on process automation technologies in view of Industry 4.0 and unmanned navigation systems in the air (UAV), land and marine (USV) environments.



**Jose L. Munoz Gamarra**

Technical director at Aslogic

- After completing his PhD in microelectronics at the University of Barcelona and CEA LETI Jose Luis joined Aslogic developing Decision Support Systems based on Machine Learning techniques. During the last years, they have focused their efforts on Air Traffic Management and the integration of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.





Connecting business  
with **cutting-edge**  
technologies

Tina Crnigoj Marc, FF4EuroHPC Communication Lead



# The FF4EuroHPC Project

- [FF4HPC: HPC Innovation for European SMEs](#)
- Funded under the H2020-JTI-EuroHPC-2019-2 Call
- Commenced 1.9.2020; 36 months duration
- Coordinator:



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- Other Partners:





# Stimulating the Innovation Potential of SMEs

FF4EuroHPC contributes to this EuroHPC objectives

- Increase the [innovation potential of industry](#), and in particular of SMEs, through the use of advanced HPC infrastructures, applications and services.





# Stimulating the Innovation Potential of SMEs

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- Facilitate [access to HPC-based infrastructures and services](#) for a wide range of users of new and emerging data and compute-intensive applications and services.



Source: EuroHPC JU



# Stimulating the Innovation Potential of SMEs

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- Foster wider innovation, for example by exchanging and promoting best practice use cases or application experiences.





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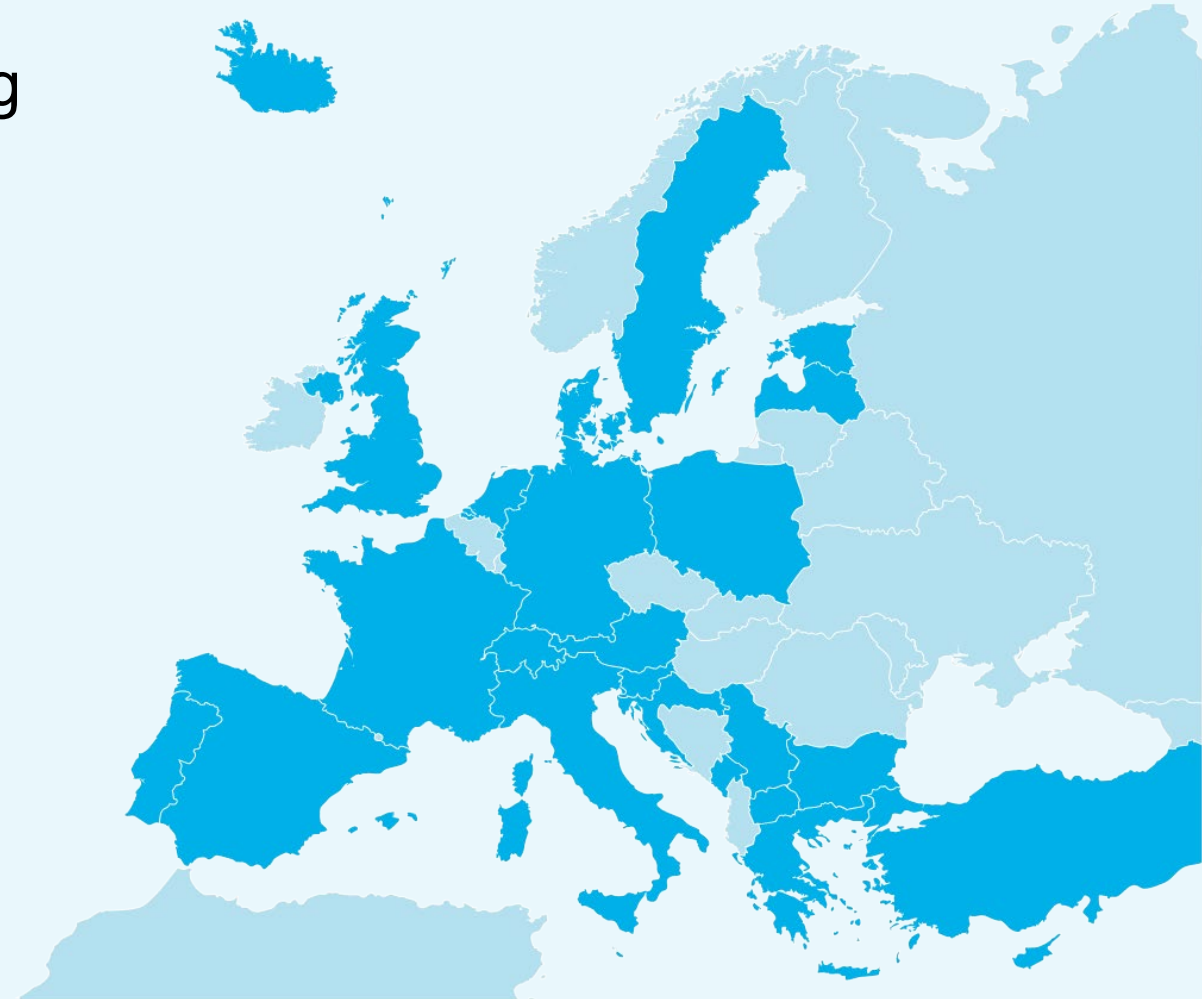
- Provide an effective mechanism for inclusion of innovative, agile SMEs lowering the barriers for small actors to enter the market and exploit new business opportunities.





# FF4EuroHPC Experiments in a nutshell

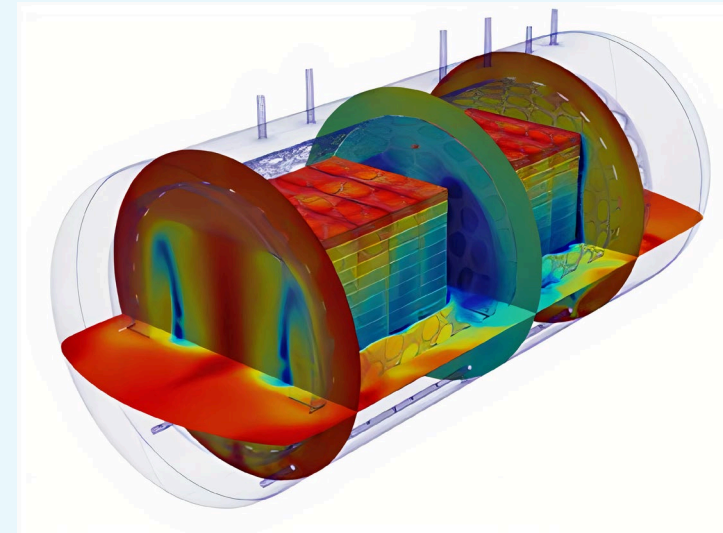
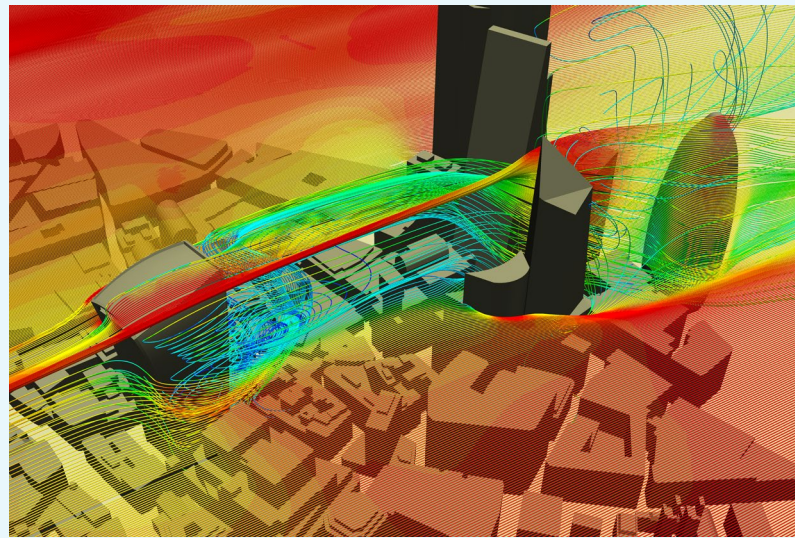
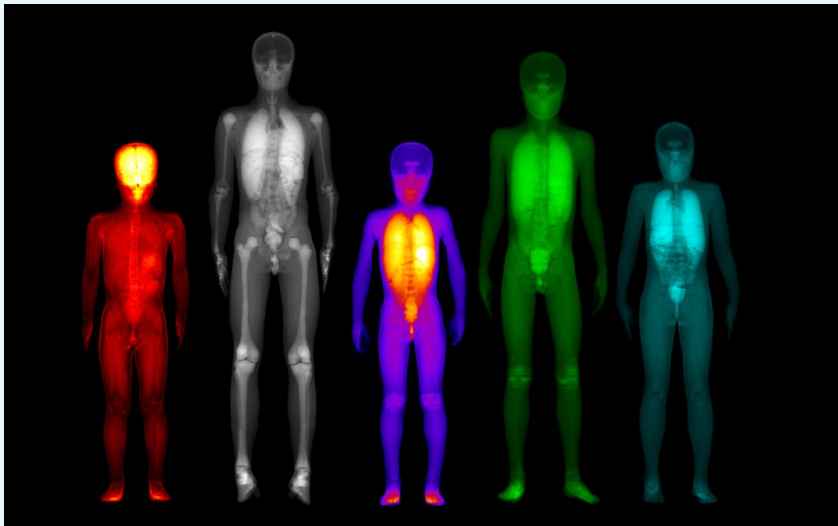
- [Two Open Calls were offered](#), targeting the highest quality experiments involving innovative, agile SMEs
- In total, [42 experiments](#) were selected for funding, INCLUDING [132 partners from 22 EuroHPC JU Member States](#)
- [62% are Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises](#)
- Experiments [address business challenges](#) from European SMEs from varied application domains, focus on *Manufacturing 57%*





# Success Stories

- When the experiment is successfully concluded, it is resulting in a **Success Story**, highlighting the benefits and inspiring the Industry community.

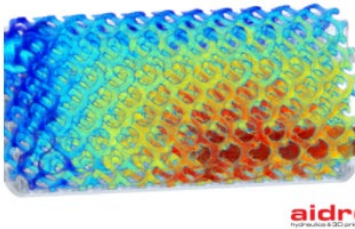




# FF4EuroHPC Experiments



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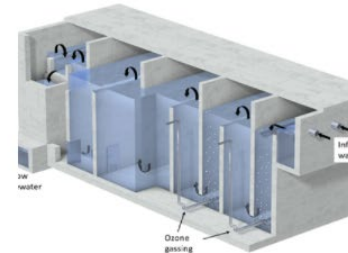
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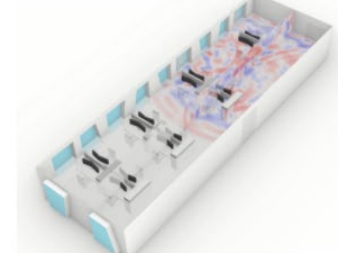
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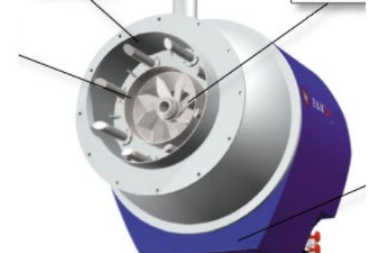
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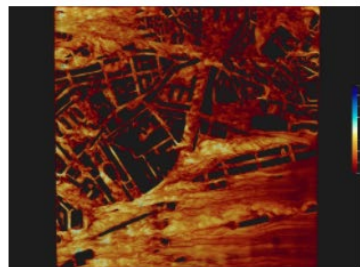
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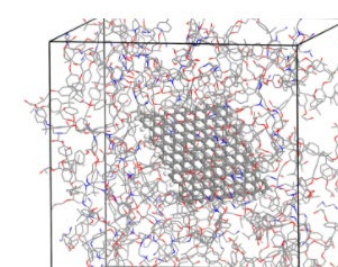
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## HPC Litter Hunter

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Green Tech Solution SRL (GTS)  
University of Naples "Parthenope"  
CINECA  
Bi-REX





# Experiment Consortium & Roles

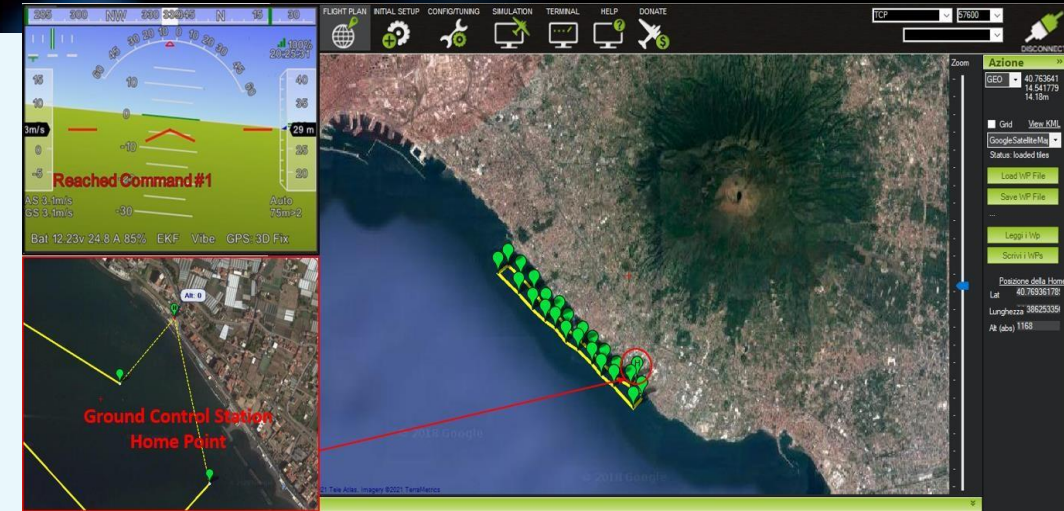
PARTNER	PARTNER ROLE
 The logo for greentech solution, featuring the text 'greentech solution' in a sans-serif font, with a green leaf icon and a blue water drop icon to the right.	Green Tech Solution s.r.l. (GTS) is a Start-up focused on the digital integration of ICT, AI and UV. Environmental service relies on AI controlling marine, terrestrial and flying UVs by intelligent algorithms.
 The logo of the University of Naples Parthenope, featuring a circular seal with a winged figure and the text 'UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI PARTHENOPE'.	University of Naples Parthenope is a public Italian university with a background in the science of navigation, maritime economy, computer science, computer vision, pattern recognition, flight and naval dynamics.
 The logo for CINECA, featuring the word 'CINECA' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.	CINECA is the largest Italian supercomputing centre with an HPC environment equipped with cutting-edge technology and highly-qualified personnel
 The logo for bi-rex, featuring the text 'bi-rex' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with 'Big Data Innovation & Research Excellence' in a smaller font below it.	BI-REX is one of the 8 Italian Competence Centers with a specific focus on Big Data, innovation processes, and the adoption of enabling technologies, with a business perspective.



# GST Approach

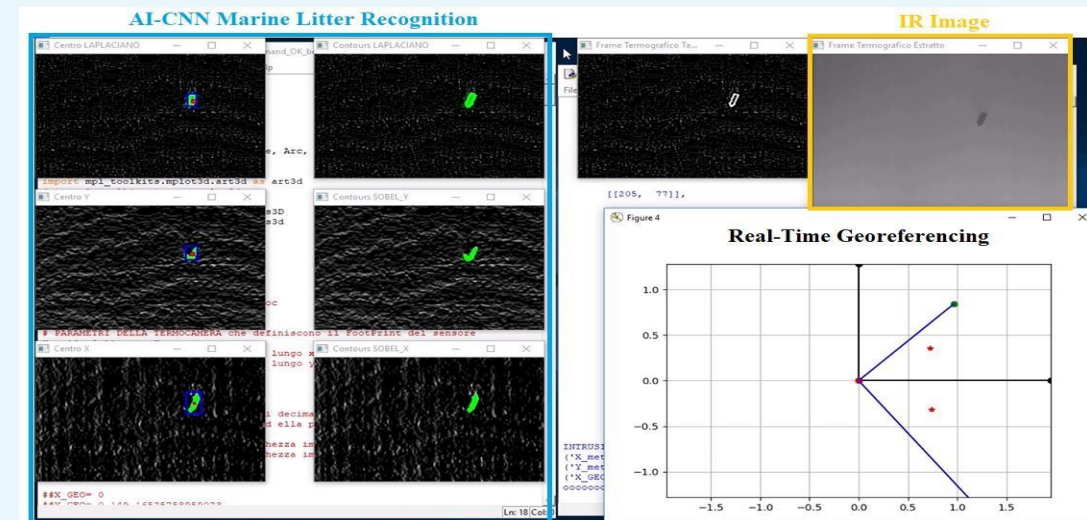
## GTS-Approach

GTS has automated the collection of marine litter. The approach consists of real-time identification of floating plastic debris on the sea via unmanned vehicles that send GPS coordinates to an unmanned vessel, through a ground control station, which reaches and collects the plastic waste, without the intervention of the operators.



## Operational Problem

The current algorithm provides an estimate of the debris speed and direction with a spatial and temporal accuracy of 20-30 meters and 3-5 minutes. This forces the flying UV to stay close to the debris before collection takes place and to check for any change in position.





# HPC – Approach

The limited ability to predict the future position of the debris is limiting the efficiency of the entire system as the time and energy consumption of collection increases significantly.

The HPC experiment is fundamental to drive into the next phase the collaboration of the unmanned systems for:

- Marine Litter Recognition
- Marine Litter Path Prediction
- Marine Litter Recovery Strategy Optimization

It's required >250.000 hours of deep learning which is impossible under conventional computational systems but possible thanks to CINECA.





# Competitor

As per today, GTS has not found direct competitors and is the only UE company that uses collaborative Unmanned Vehicle (Uvs) to drive cleaning operation in sea in a cost effective, sustainable and scalable way. In the Litter Hunter operating on **the Amalfi coast GTS collected 250 kilograms of plastic detritus each day** from July to August 2019. Trough HPC we plan to triple the amount of kg of plastic.

KPI	Sweeping boats	buckets\booms	Air patrol services	GTS: UAV-USV
Recovery area	3 km <sup>2</sup>	Passive device	8 km <sup>2</sup>	6 km <sup>2</sup>
Labours (persons)	Min 4	n.a.	Min 6	1 / 0
Recovery strategy	Random exploration with a 10m observation length	Visit at the location of the placement randomly organized	Recovery on hot spot where density of waste is high to justify costs	Optimized path to collect the selected waste
Litter classes	>2.5 cm	> 10 cm	> 50 cm	> 1 cm
Cost per Km	7.300€	12.000€	18.000€	3.000€
Environmental Impact	Exhaust Emission	Microbiological contamination	Exhaust Emission	Clean and Green





# HPC Benefit & Results



## Direct Benefit:

- Release of proprietary automation navigation software running in cloud
- Improved accuracy of neural network performance due to the increase in computational power and the consequent reduction in response times
- New IPRs (Patent on navigation, Industrial Design model, Utility Model, proprietary Software)
- A new Digital Platform for Marine Litter monitoring ( <https://www.marinelitter.it/> + <https://digitalplatform.marinelitter.it/> )
- Improving the company sustainability.

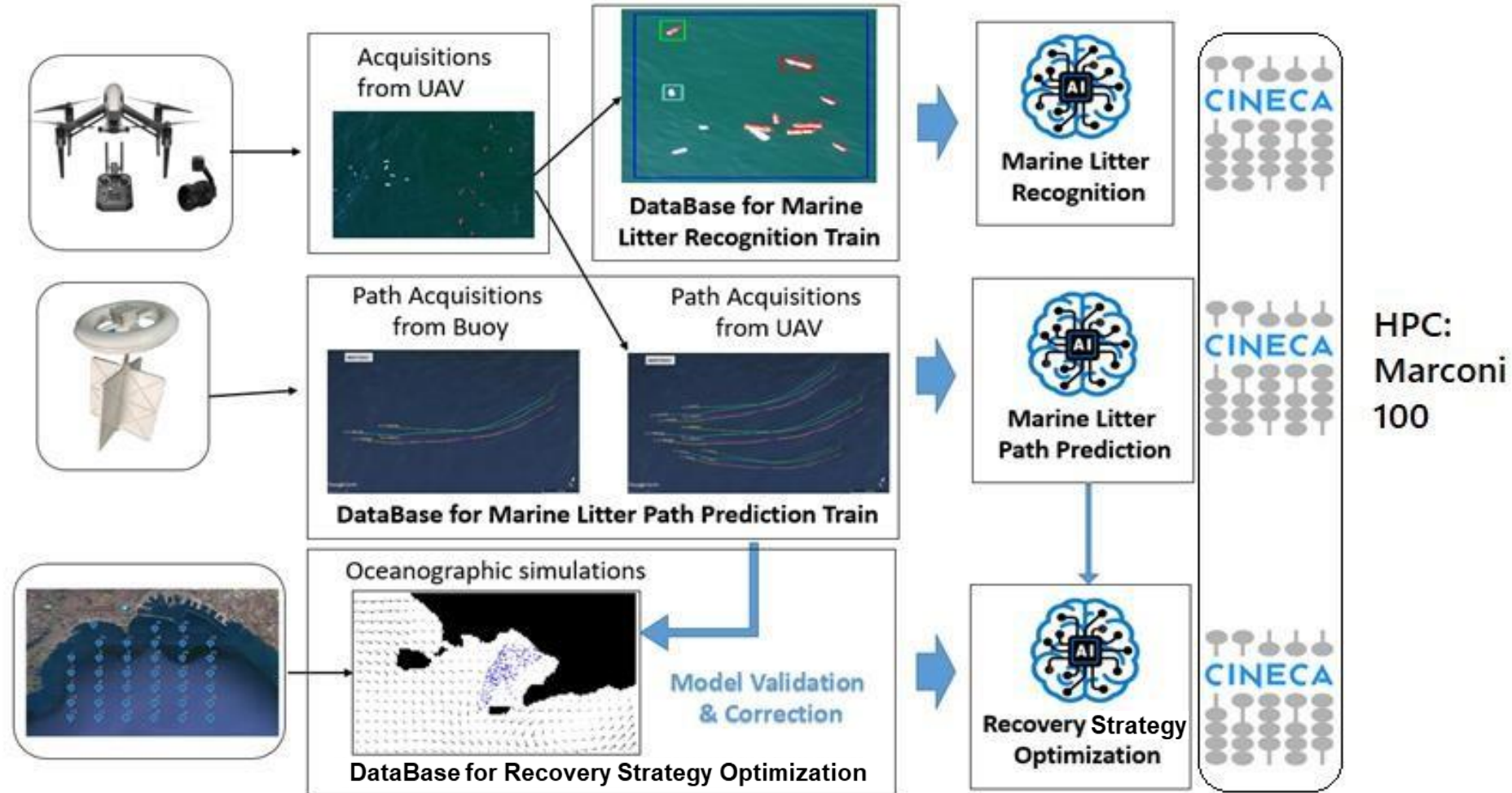
## Expected Results:

- Improved accuracy to forecast litter evolution in time and space over a wide area [h vs min & 10-km<sup>2</sup> vs 0,3km<sup>2</sup>]
- Identify and classify marine litters in terms of dimensions and materials (PET, PPT, Biological)
- Predict the possible trajectories of classified waste over longer time
- A real-time tool for navigation optimization and mission planning able to reach
  - An estimated energy saving of 60% per km<sup>2</sup> of monitoring operation
  - A reduction of 80% in time-to-planning, 50% in time-to-recovery and 40% in maintenance cost
  - A price for services of 2k €3k € per costal Km (Vs 7k € of competitor)
- Reaching 2.000 Km of UE coastline (Greece, Spain and Norway) in next 5-6 years



# Sources of data: connecting small with big scale to reach higher accuracy and wider operation

This flow chart summarizes the **data acquisition** (Drone, Buoy and Oceanographic Simulations) the consequent **processing** of the images and path dataset the **training of the neural networks** of Recognition, Path Prediction and Recovery Strategy Optimization









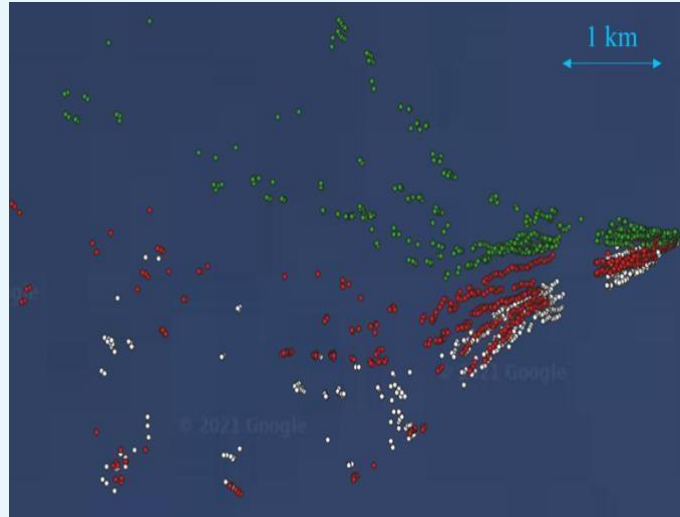
# Task 1 [completed 100%]

## Marine Litter Images



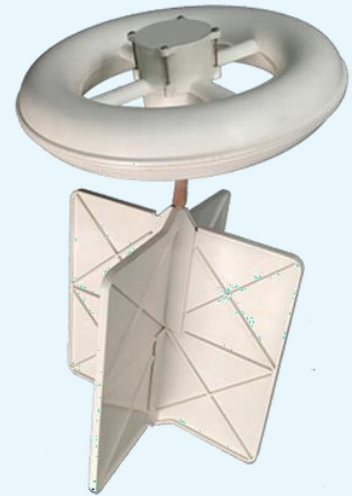
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## Marine Litter Path



- 540'000 frames extracted (1920x1080 px)
- 300 real trajectories sampled with at 1/2 Hz and a duration of 2 hours
- 50'000 coordinates of cluster of objects sampled at 1/10 Hz and with a duration of about 2 hours

## Laser Drift Path



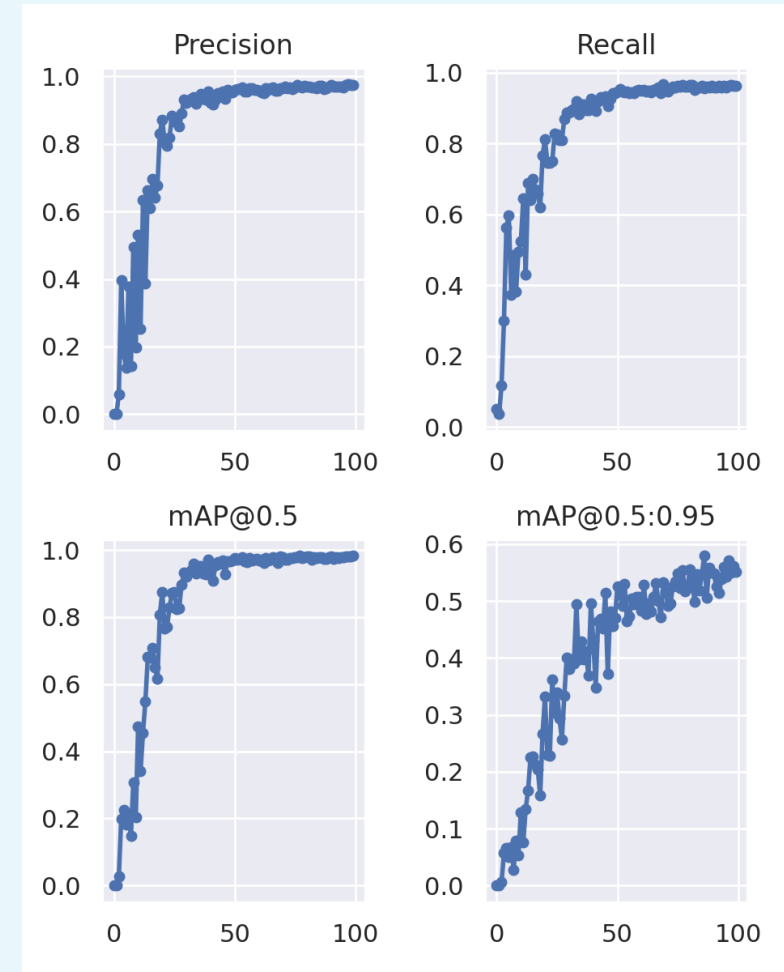
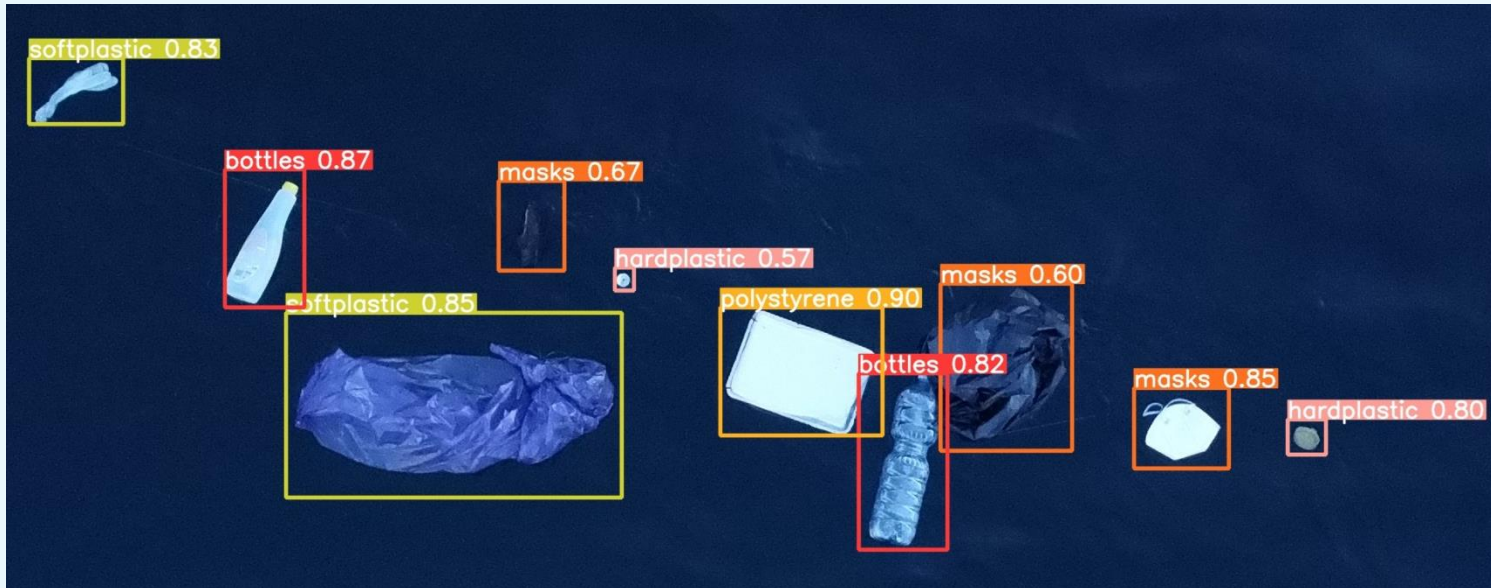
The laser drifts were positioned to form a square where the bottles were released. **Five days of acquisition** were performed. The set of data produced by the drift generates a **dataset with 4 traces of the device for the 5 days** of acquisition, equal to a total of 20 real traces of displacement of the Laser Drift.



# Task 2 - Training and Validation Marine Litter Identification [completed 100%]

## Main Achievement

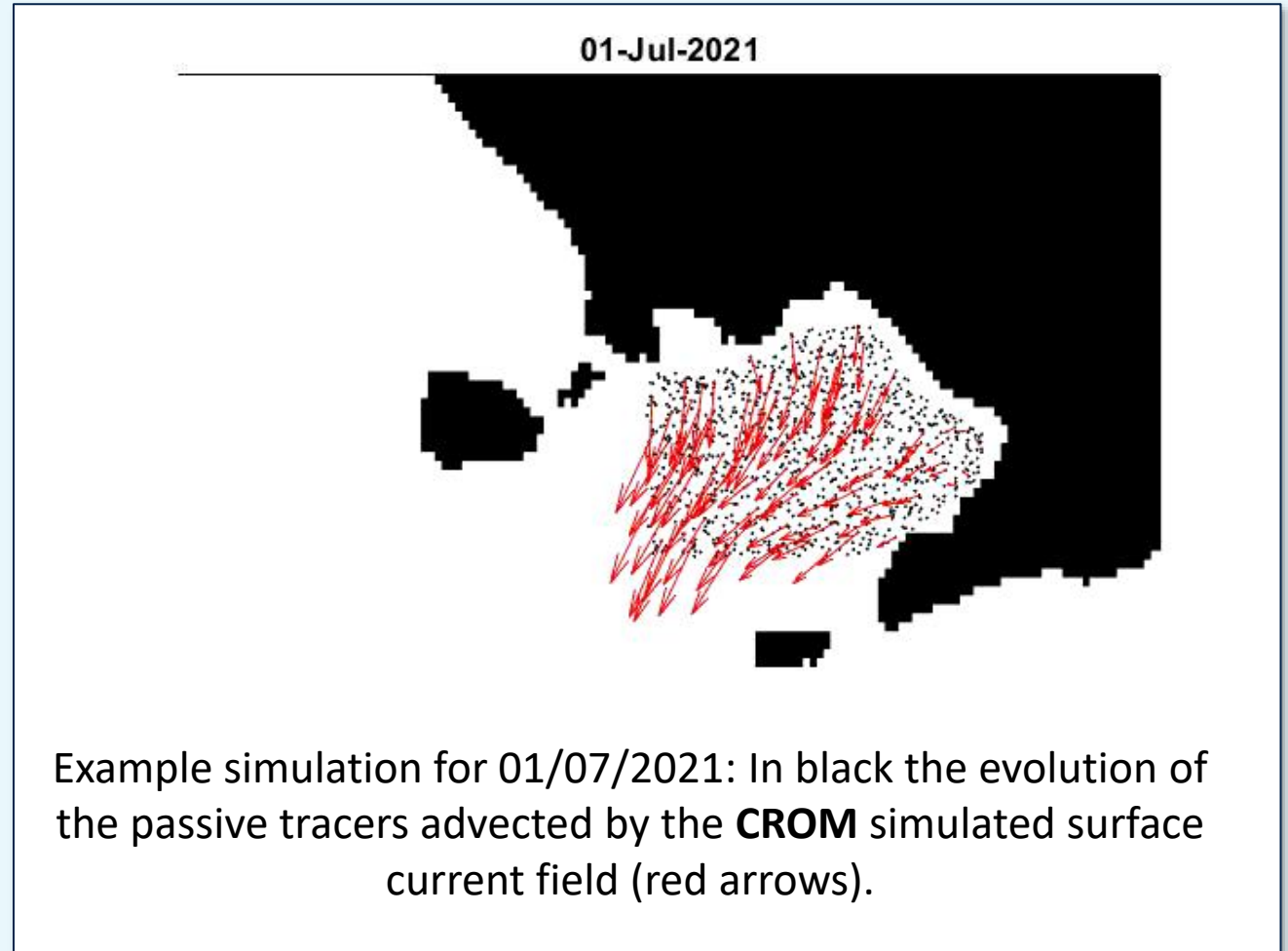
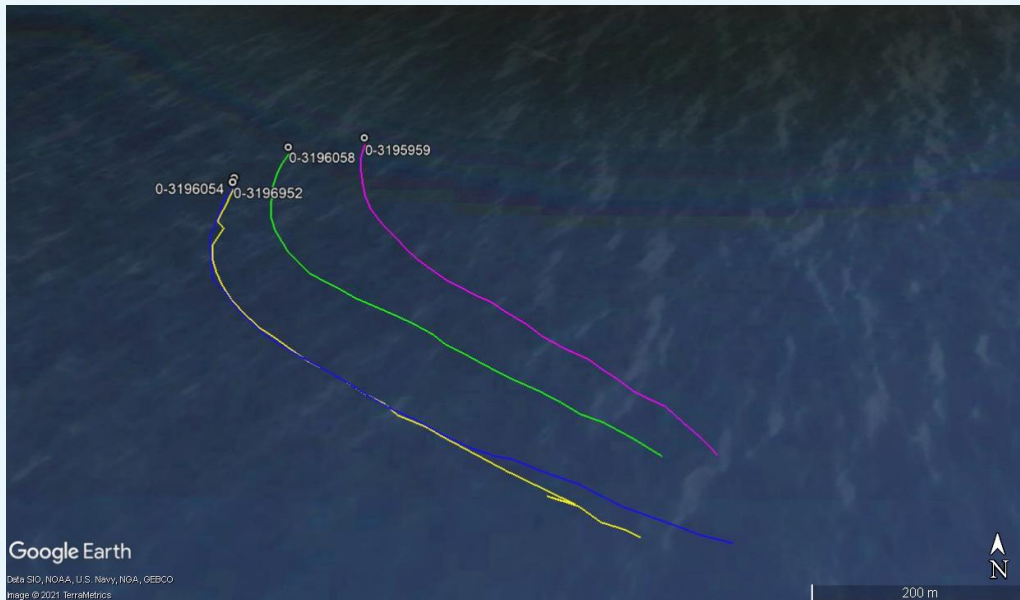
- Training of a neural network based on yolov5 model, for Marine Litter Identification. Training performed on Marconi100 cluster by Cineca
- This neural network can recognize 5 different classes of objects: hard plastics, soft plastics, bottles, masks and polystyrene, with over 90% total accuracy.





# Task 2 - Oceanographic Model Simulation and Validation for Marine Litter transport [completed 100%]

**60 simulations** were performed from 01/07/2021 to 30/07/2021 and from 1/09/2021 to 29/09/2021. For each of them, virtually **10.000 passive tracers** were released in area that cover the entire Gulf of Naples. The simulation sampling rate is 1'.





# Task 2 - Training and Validation for Marine Litter Path Prediction [completed 100%]

## Main Achievement

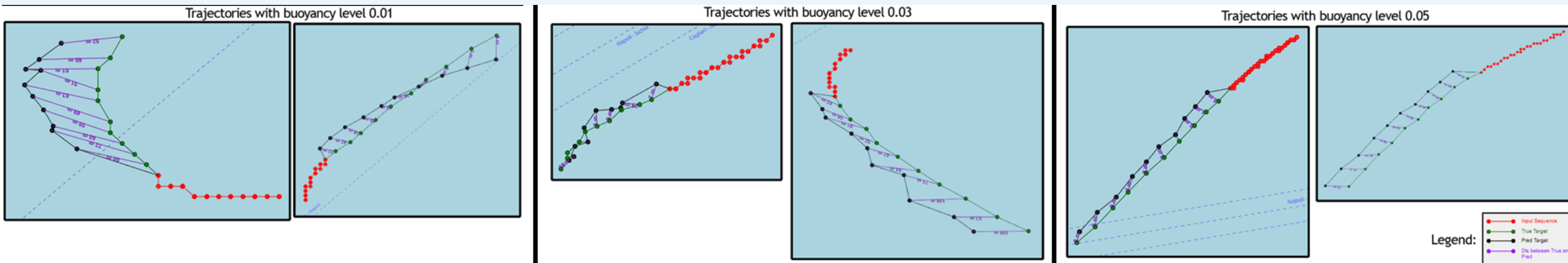
Simulated trajectories have been used in order to train the neural network and to produce floating path of marine litter, using known meteorological and morphological conditions.

The training consists of:

- Pre-processing the data to make it fit the model.
- Training in 10 epochs and 256 batch size
- Loss obtained on the test dataset: 9.0331e-06.

A running example with:

- 30 observed instants (red)
- 10 predicted samples (black)
- The difference with the true positions (green)





# Task 3 - Training and Validation of Optimization strategy for the litter recovery [in progress 60%]

## Main Achievement

Multi-objective genetic algorithm capable of minimizing distance covered and time spent by the USV to retrieve marine litter, while respecting the construction and performance limitations of the USV (cruise speed, max speed, battery life...).

## Next Steps

Furthermore, a validation campaign will be carried out on 5 demonstration sites in the "Campania Region" to verify the overall reliability of the software and reach TRL 8.

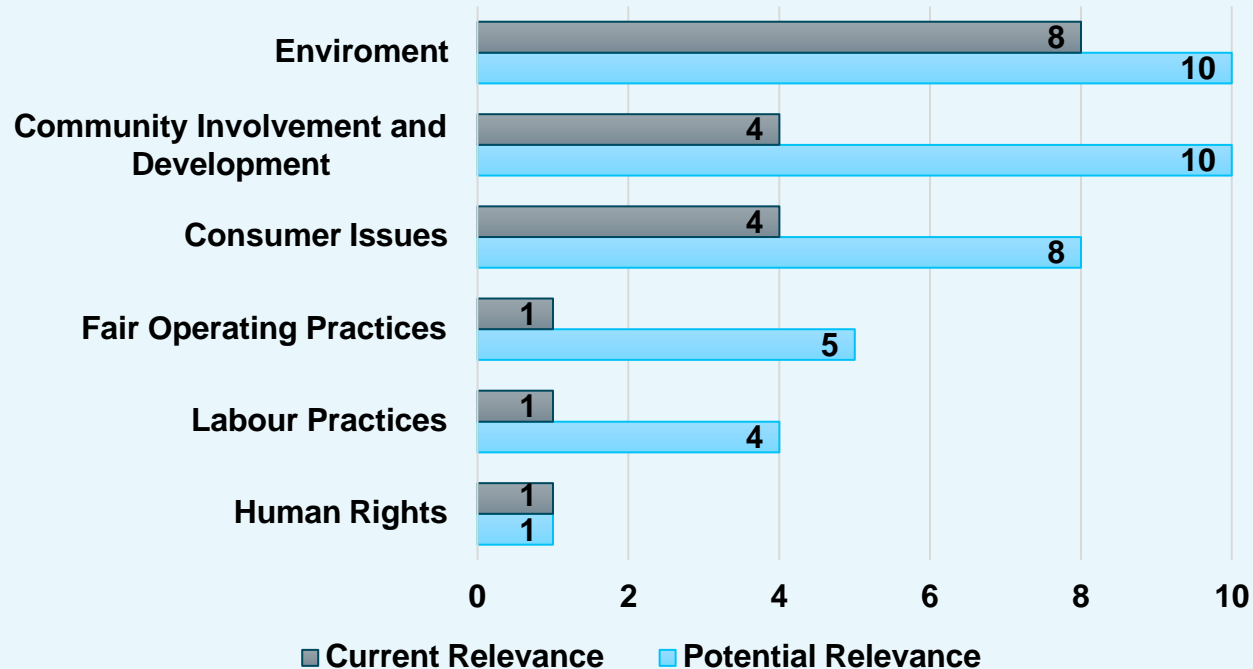




# Task 4 - Business impact and risk analysis [completed 100%]



## Sustainability assessment



The full potential of the aforementioned CSs can therefore be achieved through specific actions, some examples of which are indicated below:

### 1. Environment (+2):

**Actions** → Implement the indicated KPIs relating to the potential of positive impact on the environment of the project.

### 2. Community involvement and development (+6):

**Actions** → Development of initiatives that raise awareness in local communities the adoption of the LITTER HUNTER system as sponsorships, social initiatives, investments in R&D with the help of the academic world.

### 3. Specific aspects relating to consumers / customers(+4):

**Actions** → Development of initiatives that raise citizens' awareness of solution of the LITTER HUNTER system such as initiatives in schools/volunteer work.



# Task 4 – Advanced Business Plan and go-to-market strategy [completed 100%]



It will allow the company to reach foreign clients in a mid term, giving the company an adequate production capacity

**25**  
N° of Boats + Drones In 3Ys

## The Business Plan at a glance

	y1 hpc	y2 hpc	y3 hpc	y4 hpc	y5 hpc	
markup	20%	25%	30%	30%	30%	
fleet drone+boat (n)	5	10	25	25	25	
		5	15			
pack 1 (D+N+P) month	1	4	8	10	16	
pack 2 (N+D) month	2	5	8	30	56	
pack 3 (N) month	2	6	10	8	5	
pack 4 (D+N) half year	0	1	4	6	8	
potential days for litter gathering	100	420	1000	1680	2500	
eq. Working months	5	21	50	84	125	
pot. Unique clients	5	10	20	31	45	
	y1 hpc	y2 hpc	y3 hpc	y4 hpc	y5 hpc	
TURNOVER	171 000.00 €	702 375.00 €	1 641 900.00 €	2 914 080.00 €	4 580 550.00 €	
TOTAL COSTS FOR THE FLEET	140 300.00 €	140 300.00 €	420 900.00 €			
Marketing and web marketing	60 000.00 €	40 000.00 €	20 000.00 €	30 000.00 €	50 000.00 €	200 000.00 €
TOTAL COSTS FOR mktg+amm+gen exp	96 900.00 €	72 000.00 €	77 000.00 €	148 000.00 €	200 000.00 €	
COSTS FOR EXTERNAL COLLAB		48 000.00 €	72 000.00 €	96 000.00 €	144 000.00 €	
COSTS FOR DIR EMPLOYEES	3 800.00 €	112 500.00 €	225 000.00 €	375 000.00 €	562 500.00 €	
FLEET MANAG OP COST	65 250.00 €	231 050.00 €	532 500.00 €	836 200.00 €	1 256 250.00 €	
TOT COSTS	306 250.00 €	603 850.00 €	1 327 400.00 €	1 455 200.00 €	2 162 750.00 €	
OP MARG	-275 550.00 €	-41 775.00 €	-106 400.00 €	1 458 880.00 €	2 417 800.00 €	53%
CAPITAL EXP	-423 725.00 €					

It will allow to boost up the revenue stream and increase the gross operating margin

**Foreign clients**  
reached in 3Ys

It will allow the company to generate the right awareness about the service provided

**200K€**  
MARKETING EXPENSES In 5Ys

HPC Tech is the key factor to succeed:  
+ 50% of potential Turnover  
- 40% of maintenance costs

Use of  
**HPC Technology**



# General Challenges and Next Steps



Use of **new oceanographic models'** representative of different scales of phenomenology



**Create the right logic for mixing** large-scale models (km) with small-scale ones (m)

**Increase the number of floating objects** recoverable from the USV



**Decrease the sampling of the points of the trajectories predicted** by the neural network to 2-5 mins.

**Obtain local meteorological data** by analyzing the drone flight data.



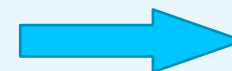
**Improvement of datasets for path prediction**, in particular of oceanographic simulations

**Sizing of objects detected by images**



- **Use of measurement algorithms** based on acquisition inputs (height, footprint, resolution)
- **Determination of the buoyancy level** on the basis of the size of the objects and detection of the emerged part

Neural network training for the identification of a **greater number of object classes**



**Improvement of datasets for path prediction** in function of object type.

Neural network training for the path prediction of a **greater number of floating object**



**Optimization of the control of the catamaran** based on meteorological and oceanographic data



# FF4EuroHPC - HPC Litter Hunter



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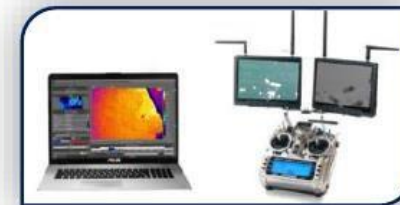
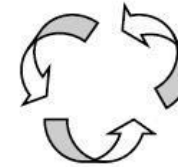


# The Problem

**Protecting seas and oceans against the litter** is becoming a global concern and there is a growing need worldwide for more efficient, clean and **autonomous technologies to identify and collect marine detritus**, especially plastics, in a systematic and repetitive way.

The HPC Litter Hunter project aims to use the computational power of HPC to address a computational problem that GTS encountered during the plastic waste recovery service at sea:

**optimize the plastic waste recovery strategy by predicting the position of hundreds of debris floating in the sea with adequate accuracy in space and time** and provide optimized sea path to collect litter in a more sustainable and scalable way





# Current Status

## Task 1 Drone Data Gathering [completed 100%]:

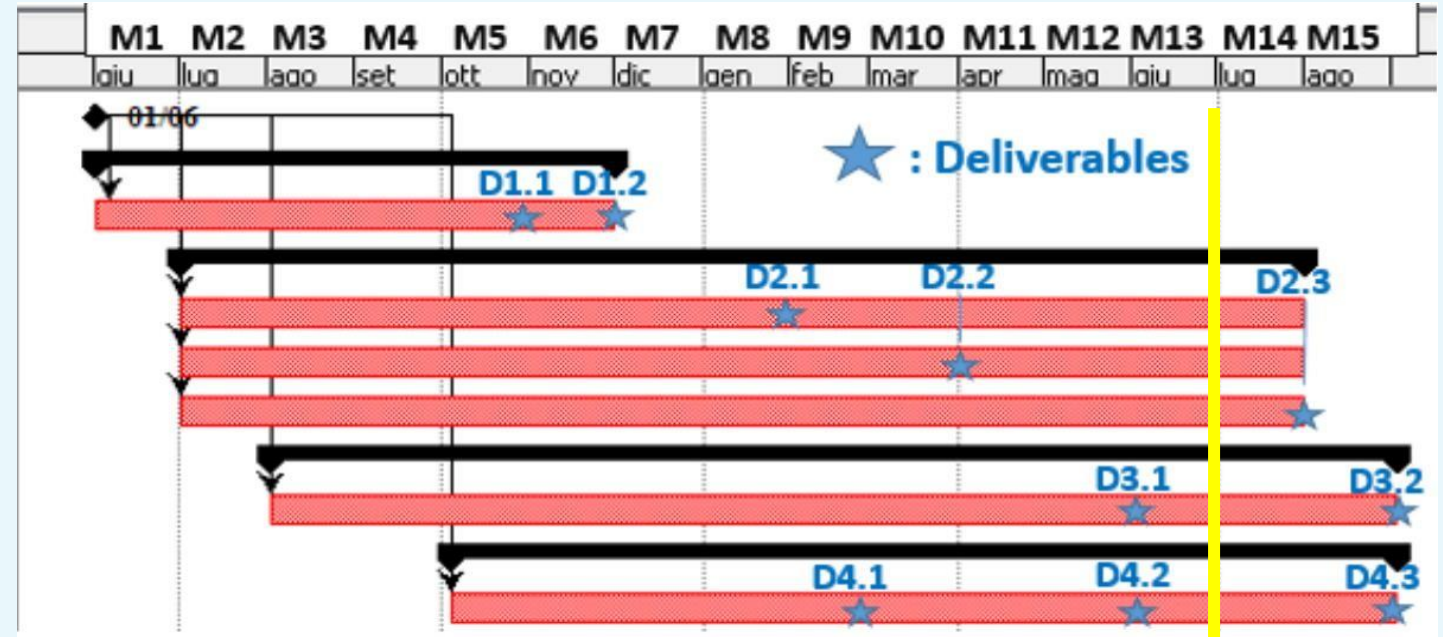
- ✓ DataBase formation:
  - Drone acquisition (Object detection; Path Prediction)
  - Laser Drifts Buoy (Path Prediction)

## Task 2 HPC Training Deep Learning [completed 100%]:

- ✓ Training of a neural network for object detection with a precision of over 90%
- ✓ Oceanographic Simulation dataset
- ✓ Training of a neural network for Path Prediction, providing 100 minutes of prediction, with 60 minutes of observation

## Task 3 - HPC Recovery strategy optimization: [in progress 70% ]

- ✓ Dataset for recovery optimization strategy
- ✓ Multi-objective algorithm for recovery optimization strategy
- × Demonstration of recovery optimization strategy in 5 sites

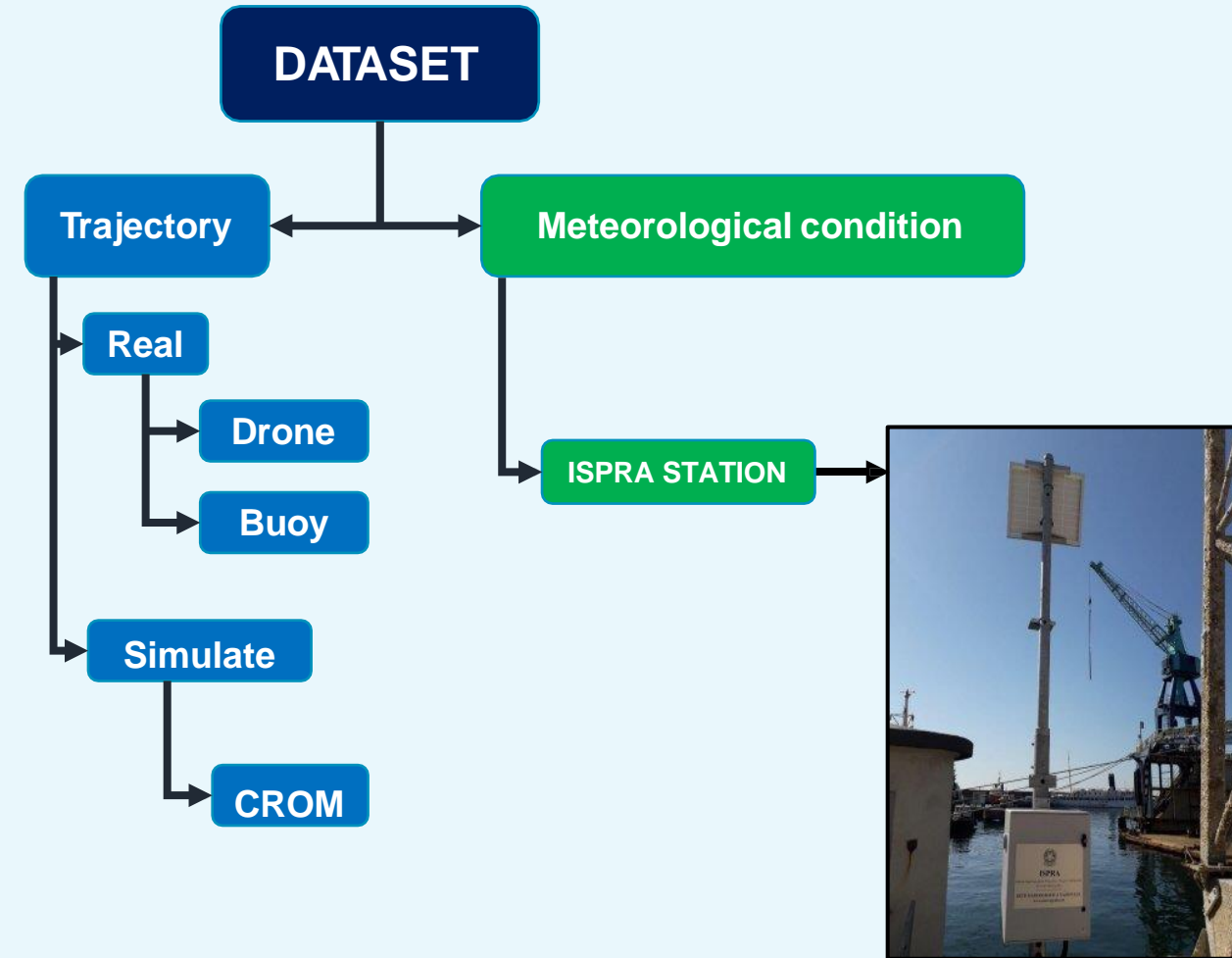


## Task 4 - Business impact and risk analysis: [in progress 75%]

- ✓ Sustainability assessment
- ✓ Advanced Business Plan and go-to-market
- × Strategy Confidential final Deliverable for public success story:



# The ISPRA Station



## Meteorological and Marine Parameters

Parameter	Abbreviation	Sampling rate	Instrument	Measurement unit
Hydrometric Level	LI	1/10 min	Piezometric level transducer	m
Water Temperature	TH20	1/10 h	Water temperature transducer	°C
Air Temperature	TA	1/10 h	Air temperature transducer	°C
Relative Humidity	RH	1/10 h	RH%	%
Atmospheric Pressure	PA	1/10 h	Barometric sensor	hPa
Wind Direction	DV	1/10 min	Ultrasonic sensors for wind direction	°N
Wind Speed	VV	1/10 min	Ultrasonic sensors for wind speed	m/s



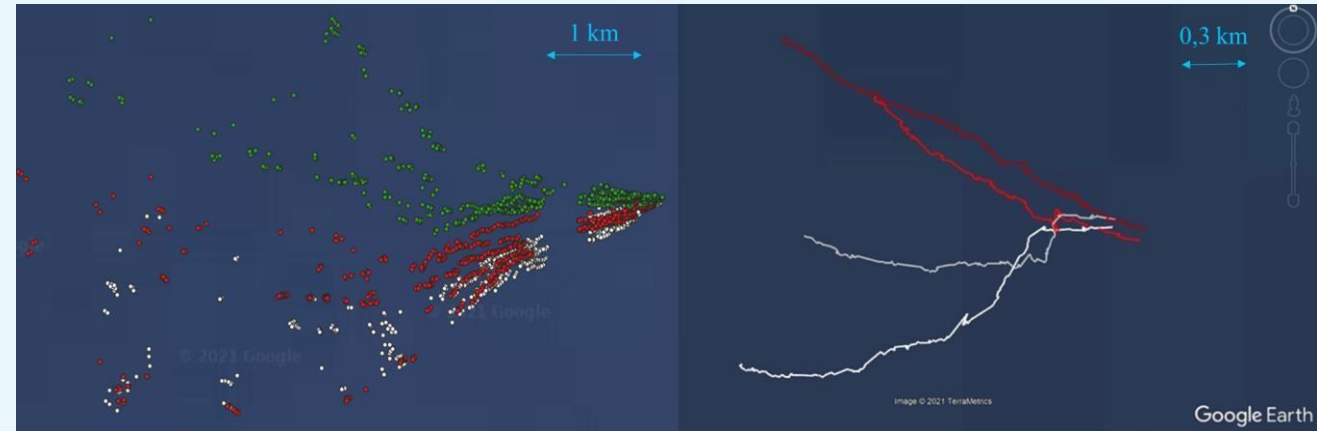
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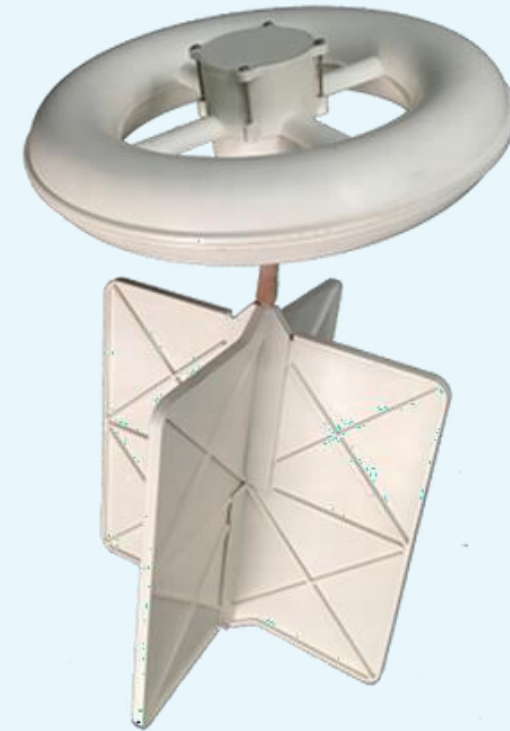
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# Task 1 – Heterogeneous Dataset (Buoy)

## [completed 100%]

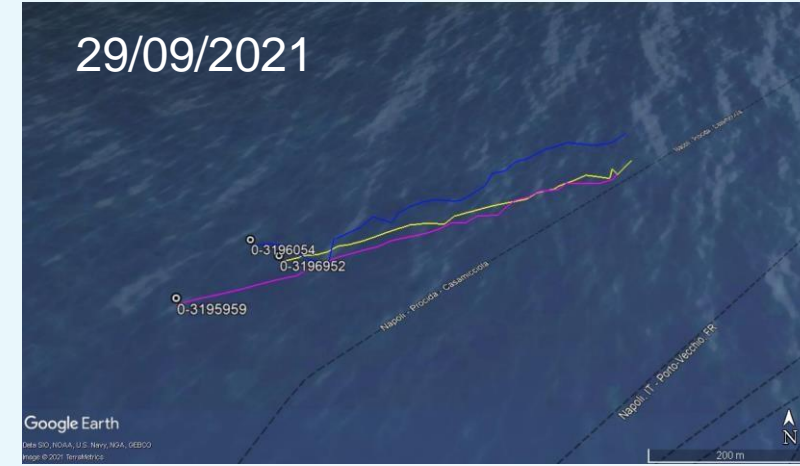
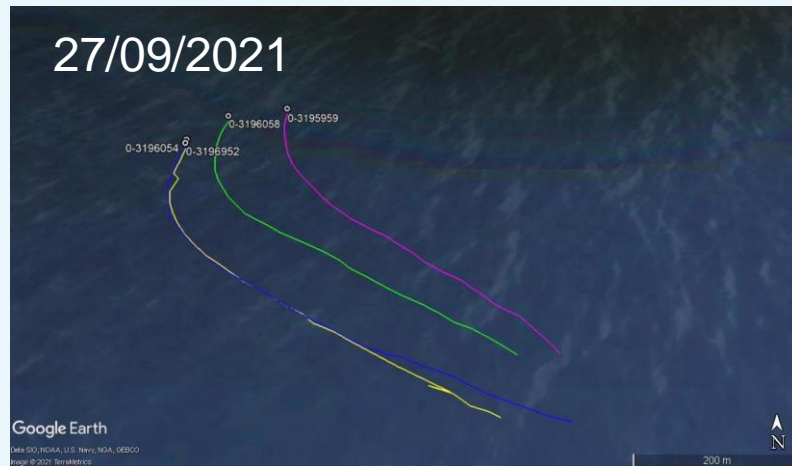
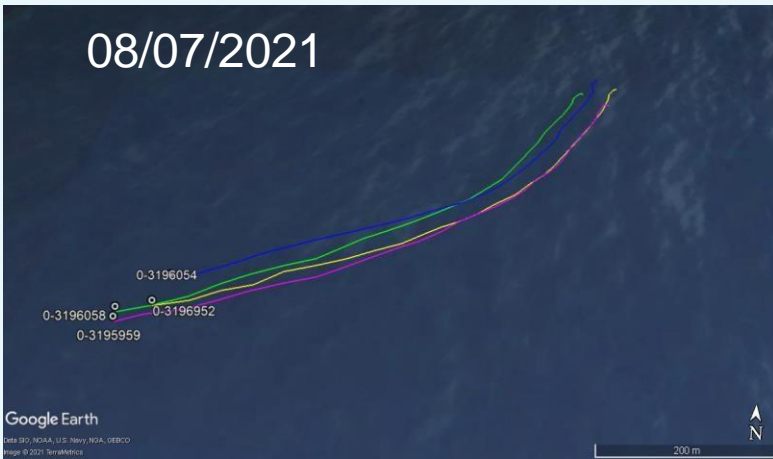
The laser drifts were positioned to form a square where the bottles were released. **Five days of acquisition** were performed. The set of data produced by the drift generates a **dataset with 4 traces of the device for the 5 days of acquisition**, equal to a total of 20 real traces of displacement of the Laser Drift.





# Task 1 - Dataset heterogeneous creation (Buoy)

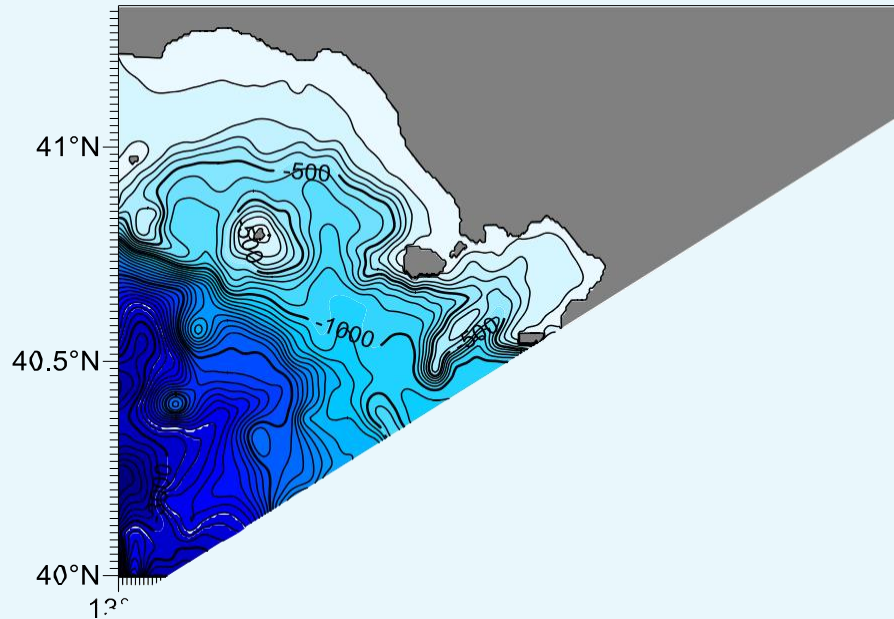
[completed 100%]





# Task 2 - Oceanographic Model Simulation and Validation for Marine Litter transport

## The CROM model



**Spatial resolution**  
1/144° ( $\approx 700\text{ m}$ )

**Surface forcing**  
Wrf CCMMMA 3 km  
momentum fluxes through  
standard bulk formulae

**Initial and lateral  
boundary conditions**  
One-way nesting with  
NEMO OPA(1/16°)

+

## Lagrangian particle-tracking model

The algorithm adopted is **TRACE**  
designed by Jarle Berntsen

$$X_p^{n+1} = X_p^n + u_p^n Dt$$

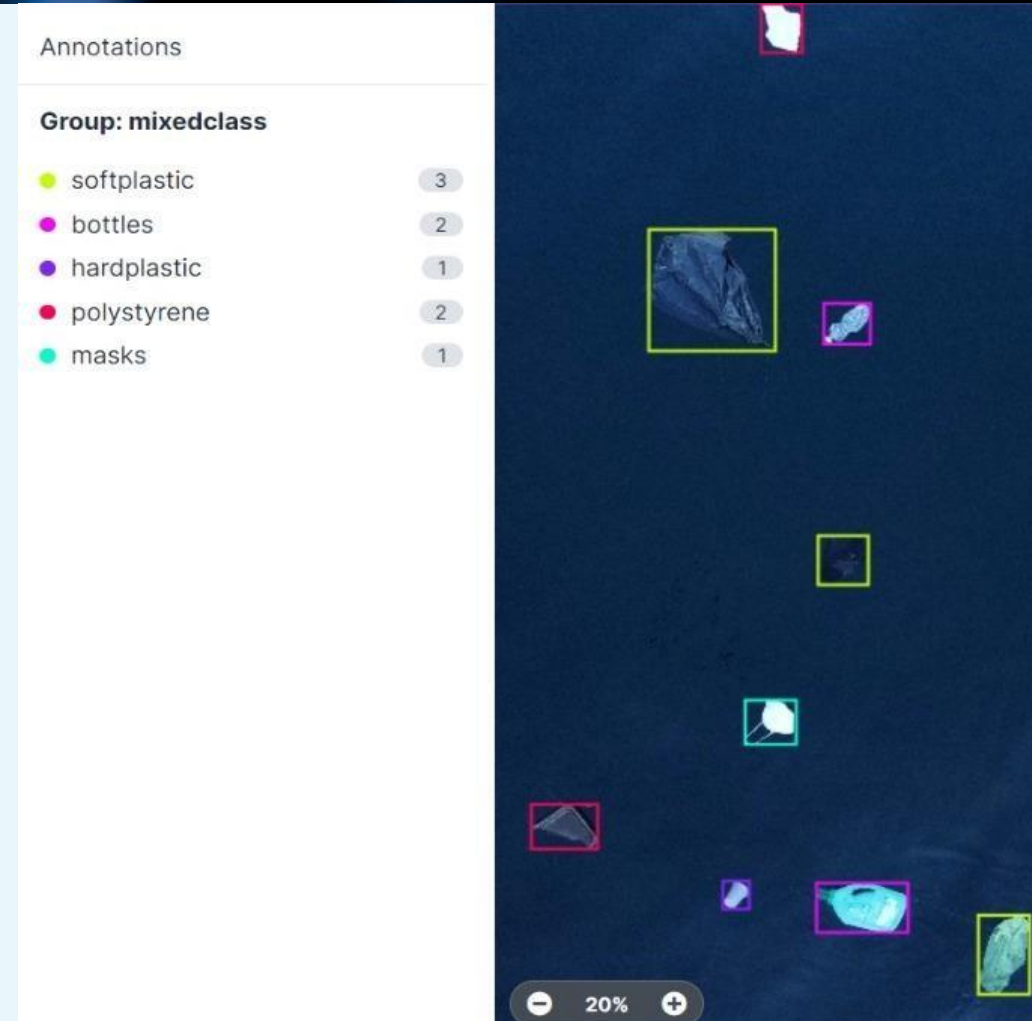
$$Y_p^{n+1} = Y_p^n + v_p^n Dt$$

De Ruggiero et al. 2016 - Parthenope **DIST**



# Task 2 - Training and Validation Marine Litter Identification [completed 100%]

- All the objects of each image acquired in Task 1 are labeled using dedicated software, dividing them into different classes: bottles, polystyrene, masks, soft plastics and hard plastics
- The neural network is trained by providing the labeled dataset to the accelerated cluster Marconi100 made available by CINECA.





# Task 4 - Litter Hunter Stakeholders

This slide shows 3 Essential and 3 Useful Stakeholders.

Main Objective:

- I. Consolidate relations with Investors, Local Communities, and Supervisory Bodies.
- II. Activate collaborations both with the academic world and in the private sphere (Partner) and implement a Communication System (especially through Social Media) that allows the project to constantly illustrate the results achieved.

## Investors

- Responsibility: +++++
- Influence: +++++
- Representation: +++
- Proximity/proximity: +++++
- Dependence: ++

## Local Communities

- Responsibility: +++
- Influence: +++++
- Representation: ++
- Proximity/proximity: +++++
- Dependence: ++

## Regulatory bodies

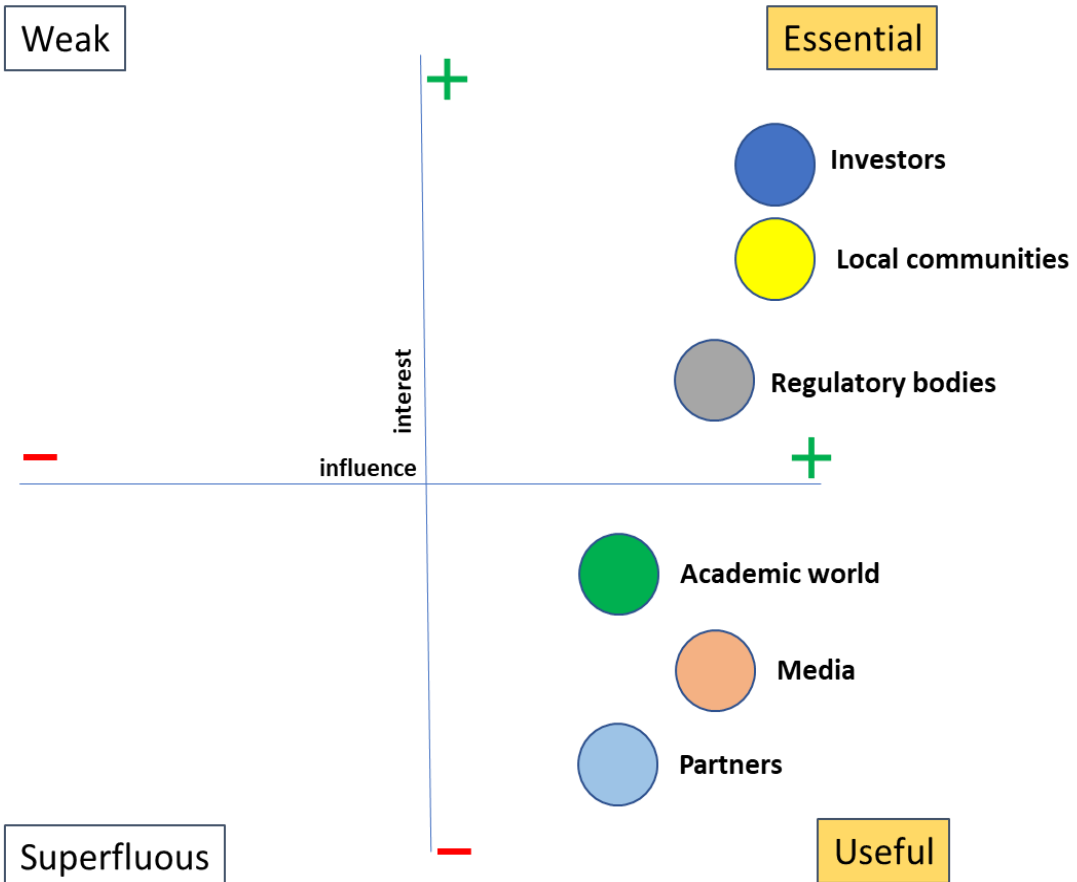
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- Influence: +++++
- Representation: +
- Proximity/proximity: +
- Dependence: ++

Weak

Essential

Superfluous

Useful



## Academic world

- Responsibility: +
- Influence: +++
- Representation: +
- Proximity/proximity: +++
- Dependence: ++

## Media

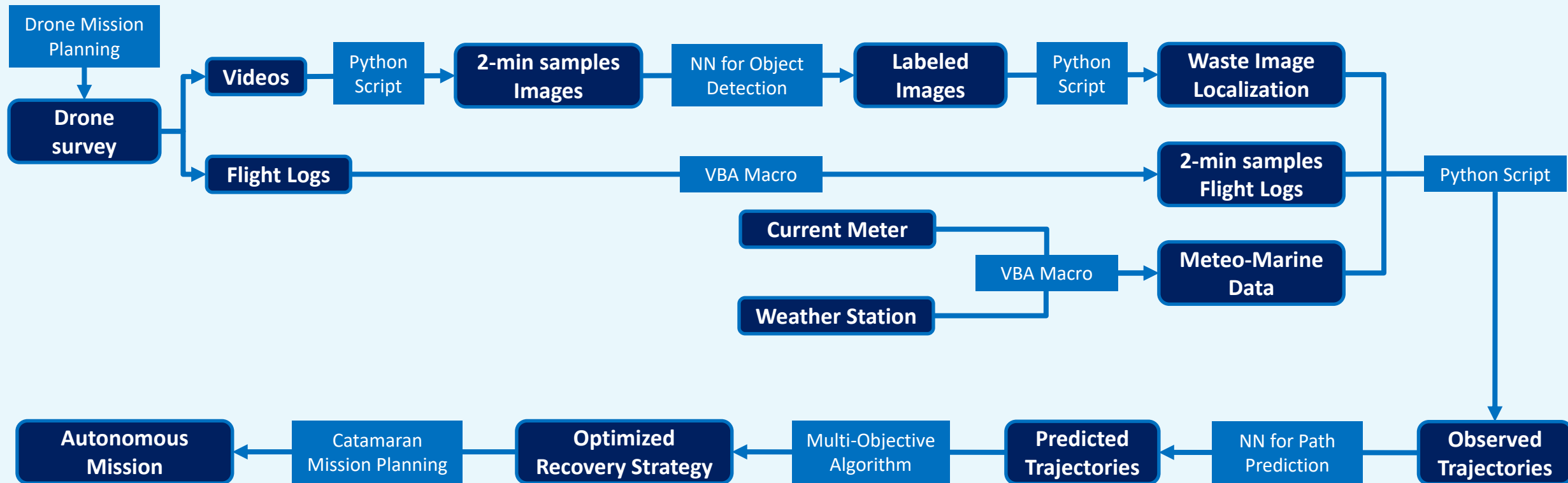
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## Partners

- Responsibility: +++
- Influence: +++
- Representation: +
- Proximity/proximity: +++
- Dependence: +++++



# Computational Pipeline







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CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGIES

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HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING FOR  
HIGH-VALUE WEATHER FORECAST

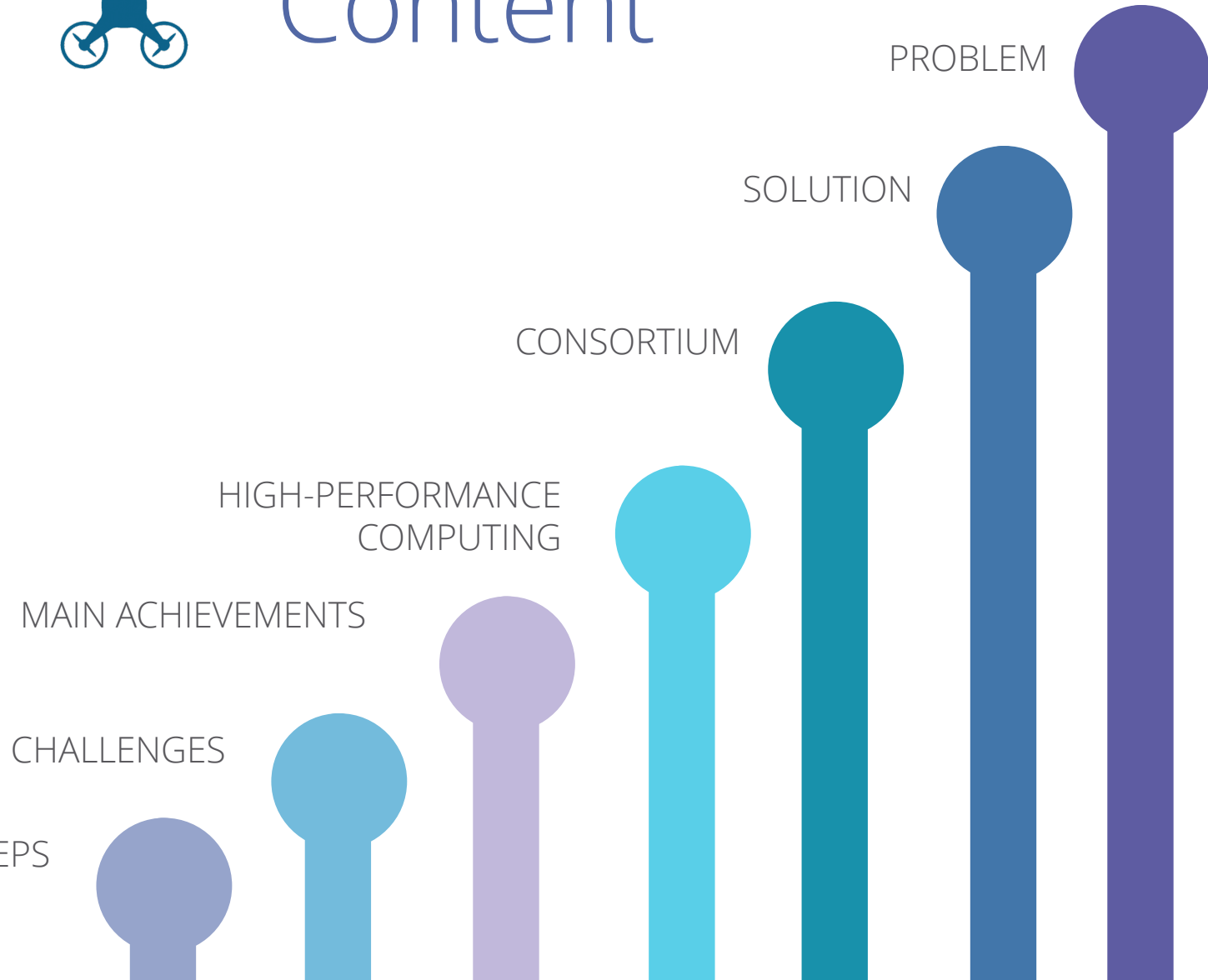
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# Content





# PROBLEM



## Weather information in ATM

### METAR/TAF Reports

#### Cuatro Vientos Airport

Madrid-Cuatro Vientos, Spain  
latitude: 40-23N, longitude: 003-47W,  
elevation: 690 m

##### Current weather observation

The report was made 17 minutes ago, at 08:30 UTC

Wind 1 kt from variable directions

Temperature 11°C

Humidity 76%

Pressure 1027 hPa

Visibility 10 km or more

no clouds below 1500 m and no cumulonimbus

Change units

Time: 09:47 (08:47 UTC)

##### Forecast

The report was made 3 hours and 47 minutes ago, at 05:00 UTC

Forecast valid from 11 at 06 UTC to 12 at 06 UTC

Wind 4 kt from variable directions

Visibility 10 km or more

no clouds below 1500 m and no cumulonimbus

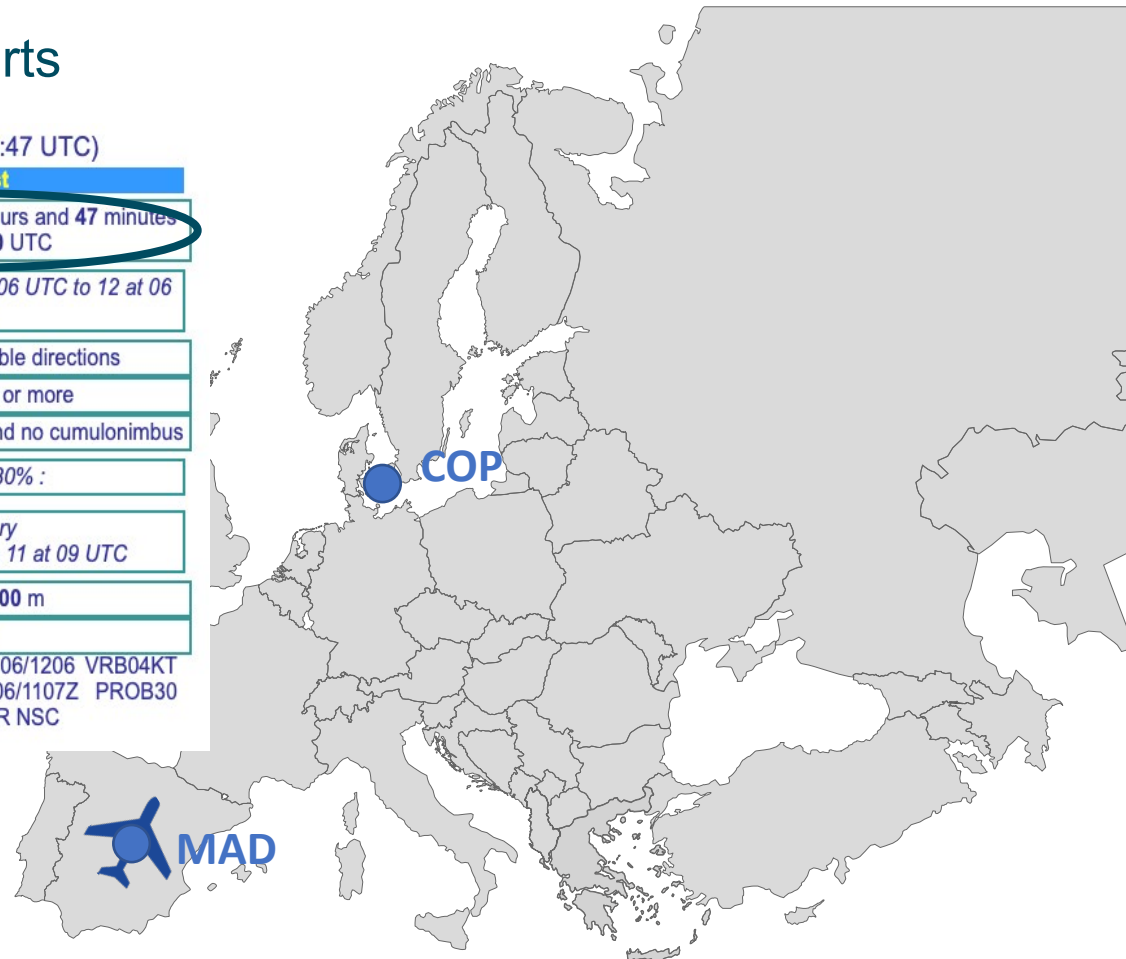
Probability 30% :

Temporary  
from 11 at 06 UTC to 11 at 09 UTC

Visibility: 3000 m

mist

TAF: LEVS 110500Z 1106/1206 VRB04KT  
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TEMPO 1106/1109 3000 BR NSC









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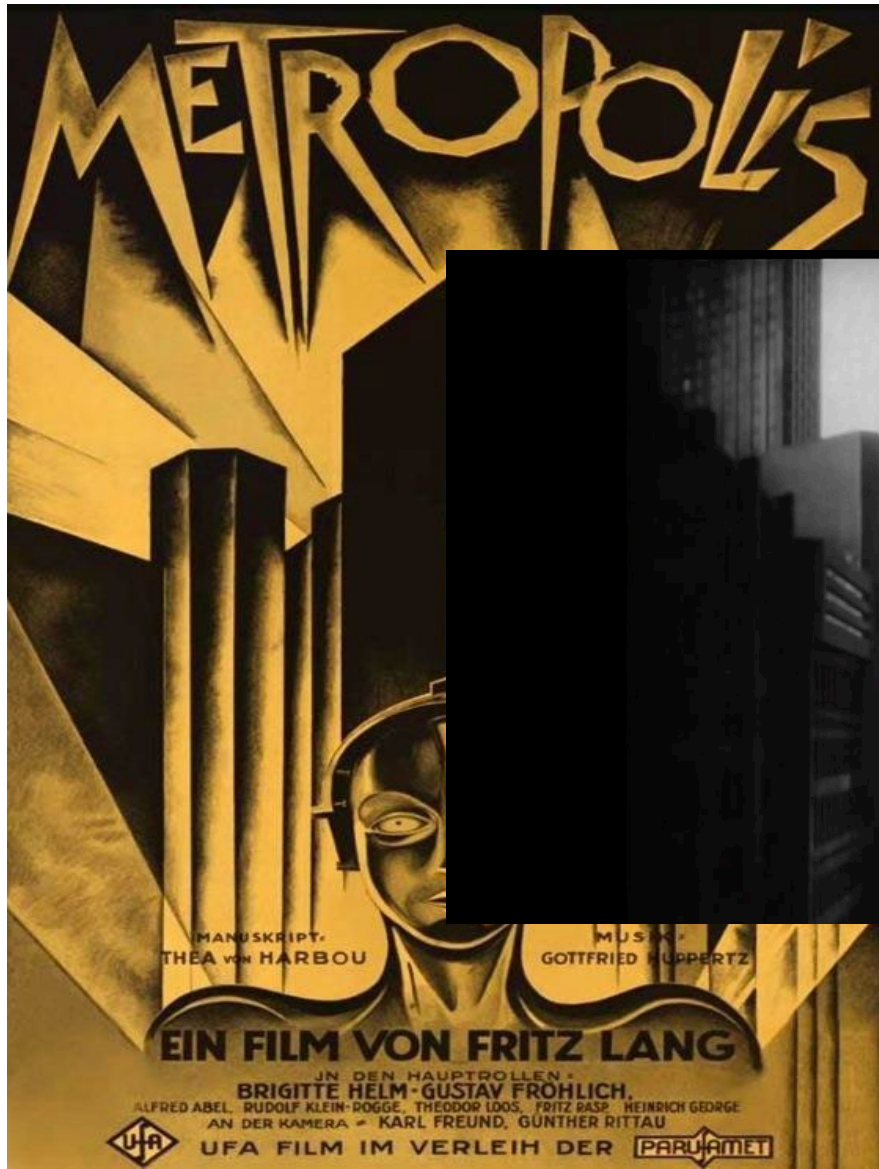


## New airspace users New needs

- Origin destination are not fixed so we cannot rely on expensive ground infrastructure.
- No air traffic controllers.
- We need a higher spatial resolution, horizontally and vertically.
- Weather forecast need to be updated more frequently.

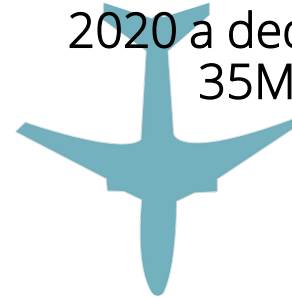
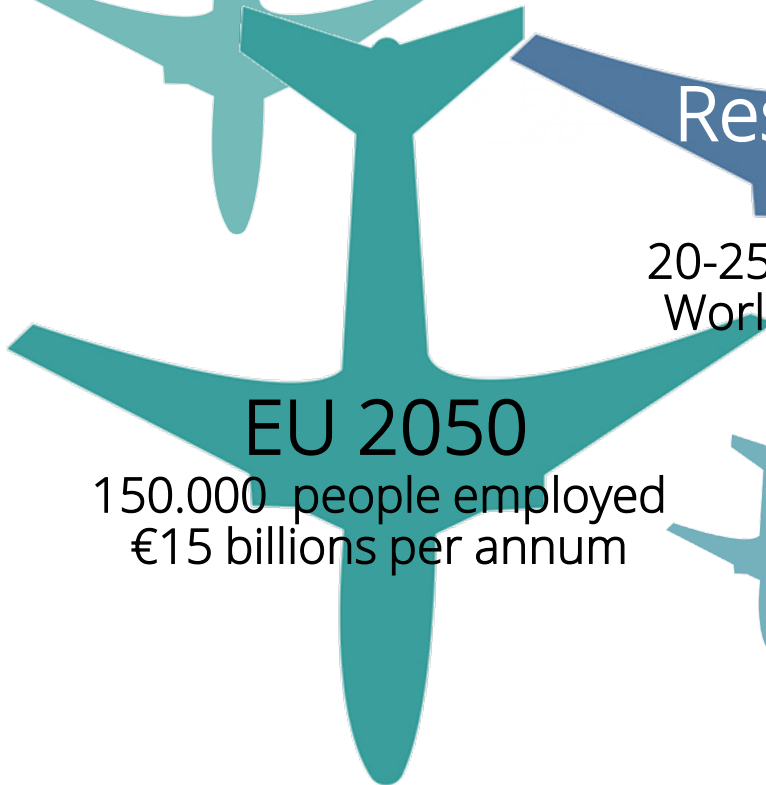


# PROBLEM





# PROBLEM



Research hot  
topic

20-25% of last SID and  
World ATM Seminars

**EU 2050**

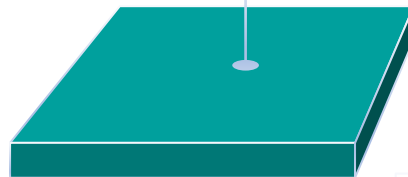
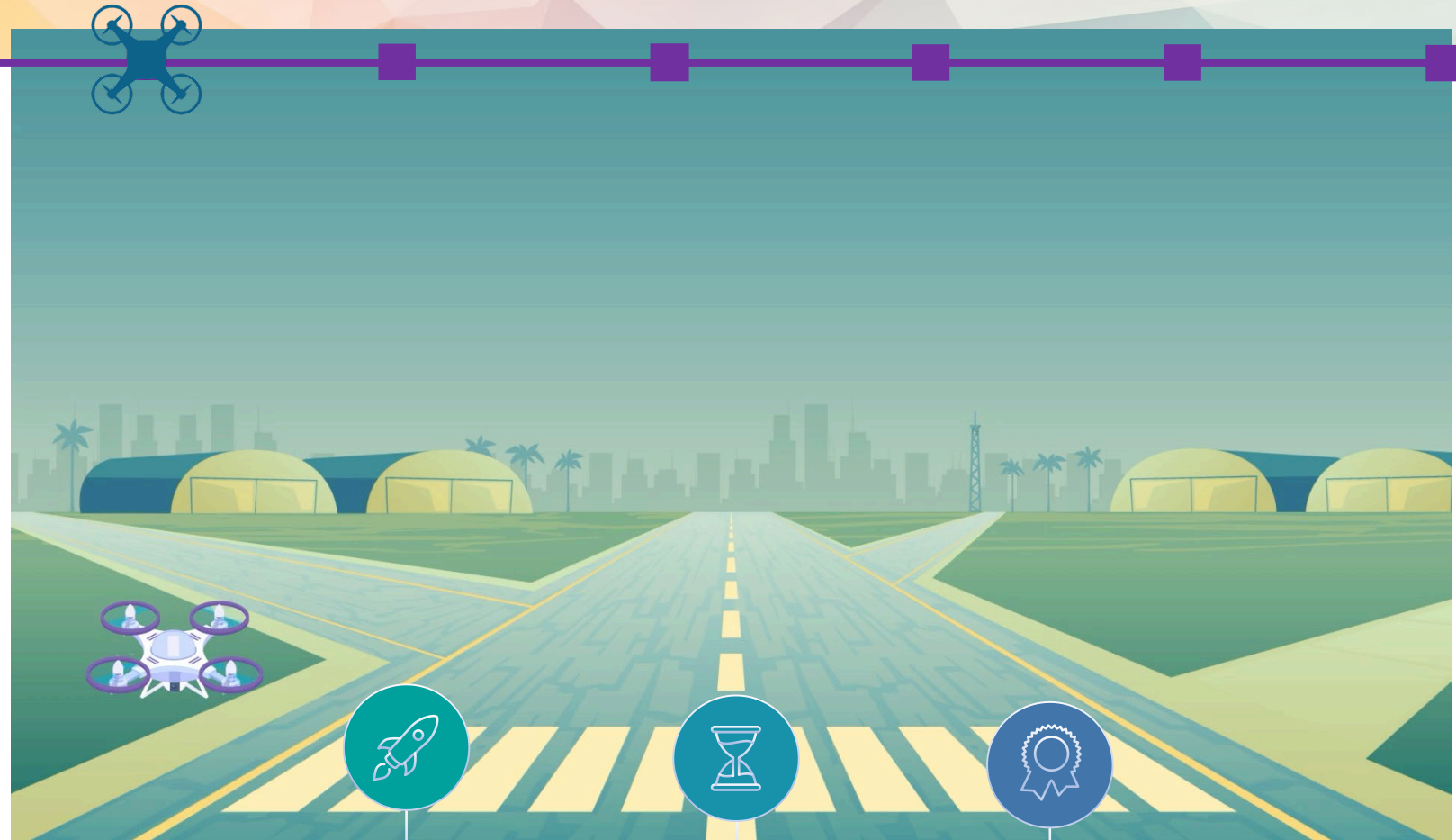
150.000 people employed  
€15 billions per annum

**European  
strategic**

2020 a dedicated budget of  
35M€ in H2020



# SOLUTION



**Development of a sensorized  
drone for atmospheric  
characterization**



**Development of WRF  
model for low altitude  
forecast with high spatial  
resolution**



**Development of U-  
space services to  
provide weather  
services**



# CONSORTIUM



Unmanned vehicles service  
provider

developer of Decision Support systems for  
aeronautics



Advanced  
Meteorological models

Meso-model based on WRF



High-Performance Computing  
Center

Providing Super Computer  
capabilities

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# High-Performance Computing

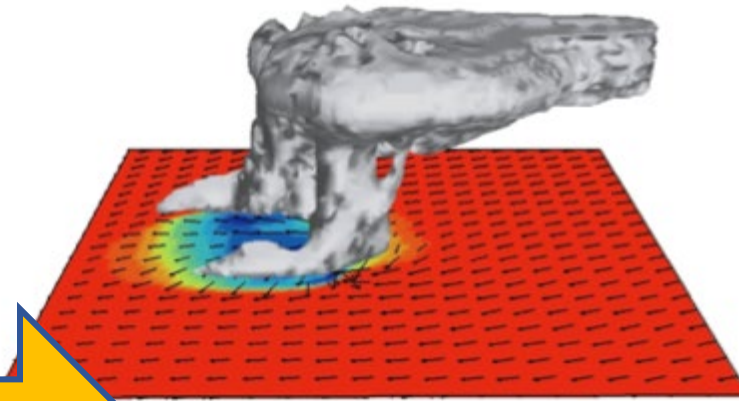


NWP

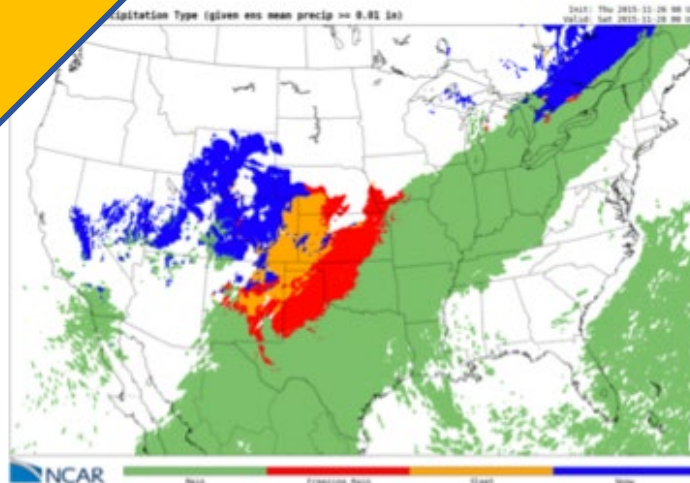
Numerical Weather Prediction method



*Weather Research and  
Forecasting Model*



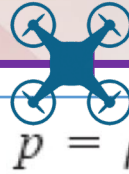
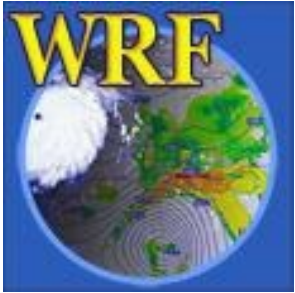
Idealized  
Simulations



Experimental  
real-time  
forecast



# High-Performance Computing



$$p = \rho R_d T;$$

*Equation of state*

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial z} = 0;$$

*Conservation of mass*

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + c_p \Theta \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial x} = - \frac{\partial Uu}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial Vu}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Wu}{\partial z} + F_x,$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + c_p \Theta \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial Uv}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial Vv}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Wv}{\partial z} + F_y,$$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + c_p \Theta \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial z} + g\rho = - \frac{\partial Uw}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial Vw}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Ww}{\partial z} + F_z;$$

**Numerical methods are required!**

$$\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial U\theta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V\theta}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial W\theta}{\partial z} = \rho Q.$$

*Conservation of energy*

$$U = \rho u, \quad V = \rho v, \quad W = \rho w, \quad \Theta = \rho \theta,$$

$(u,v,w)$  velocity components  
in  $(x,y,z)$  directions

$\Theta$  potential temperature

$\rho$  air density

$T$  temperature

$p$  pressure

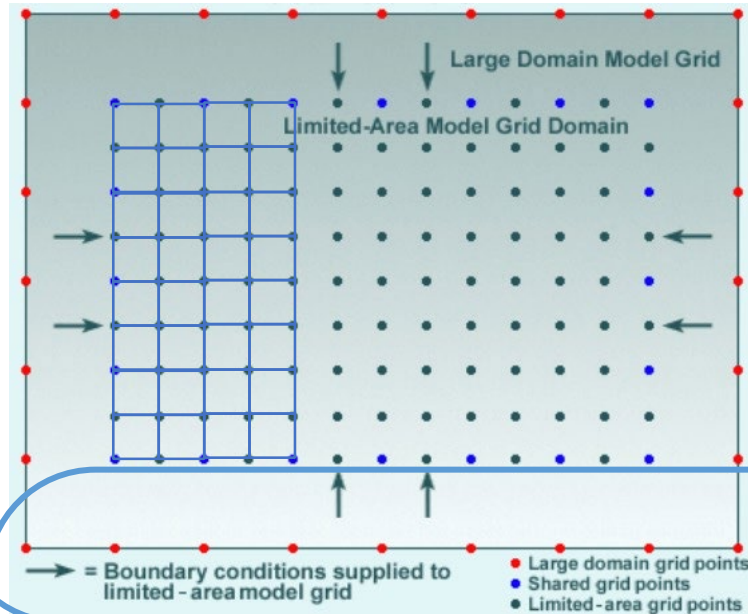
$c_p$  specific heat

$R_d$  gas constant

$F_x, F_y, F_z$  friction term

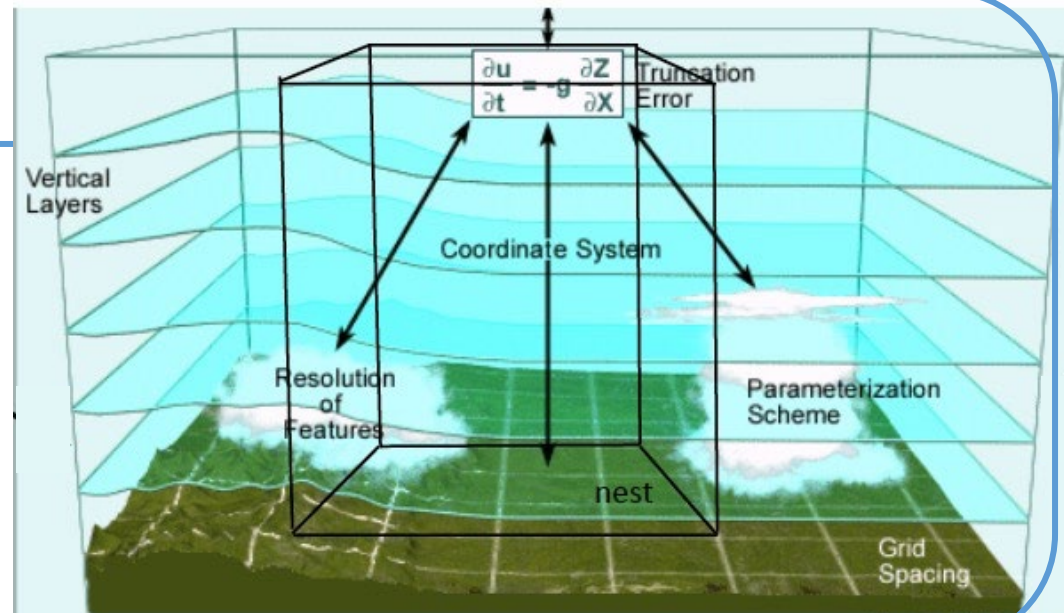


# High-Performance Computing



Horizontal  
Resolution

Vertical  
Resolution





# High-Performance Computing



## Why HPC resources?

### Tuning WRF models

- Weather forecast: 4 different WRF parametrisations.
- Each parametrization has 23 variables to be tuned

### Running WRF models

*Weather forecast model for 30.000 km<sup>2</sup>  
with a resolution of 3km horizontal at  
different altitudes  
(10m,20m,50m,100m and 125m )*

ADV.

Shortened development time  
(from months to weeks/days)

Reduction of the execution time from  
tens of hours to minutes



# HPC



## **Is it possible to solve a problem with such resolution in timely manner?**

- How quickly do I need a solution?
- What horizontal and vertical resolution for my purpose?
- How many cores? If I use more cores I Will have the results more quickly?
- How large is any data set that you need to load?
- How much memory need to be available for you to complete a run?





# High-Performance Computing



HPC resources

## Tuning WRF models

- 1491 core-hour
- More than 100 jobs were submitted

## Running WRF models

- *Every day they are run 2 times per day*
- *Running time= 1hour-1hour30min*
- *HPC resources= 12 core/hour*
- *10 GBs data per execution*

ADV.

Shortened development time  
(from months to weeks/days)

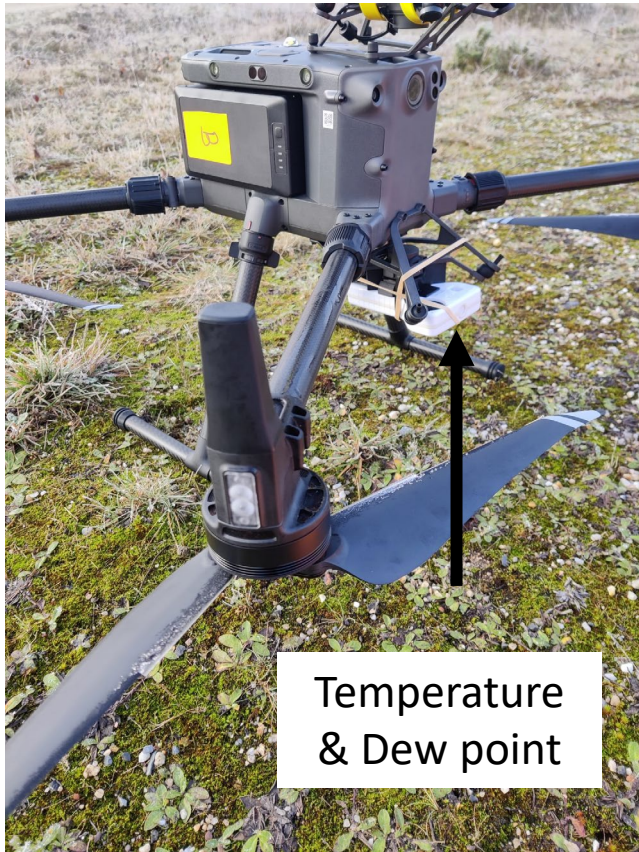
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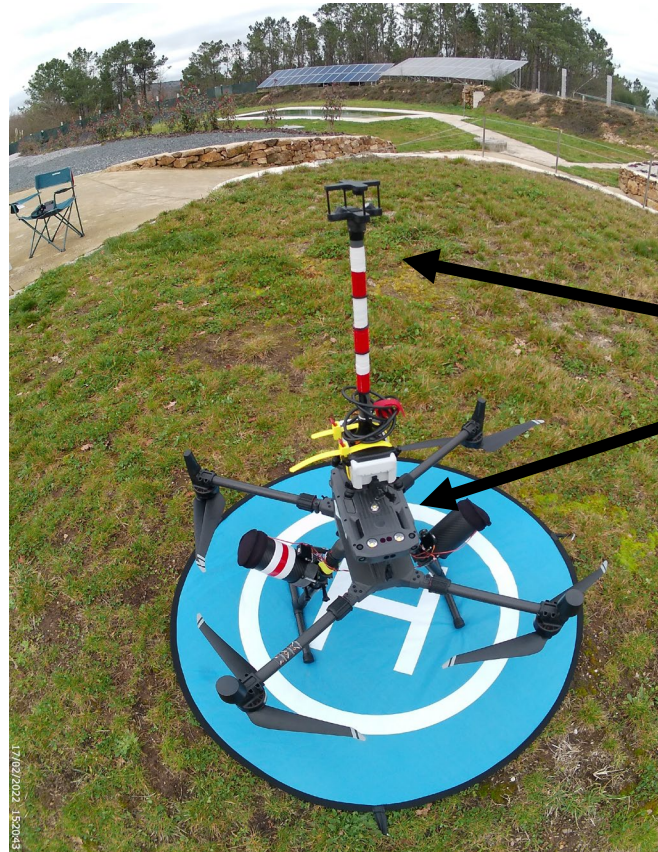
# Main achievements



Meteodrone designed & validated with ground infrastructure



Temperature  
& Dew point



Wind sonic  
sensor & data  
logger



# Main achievements



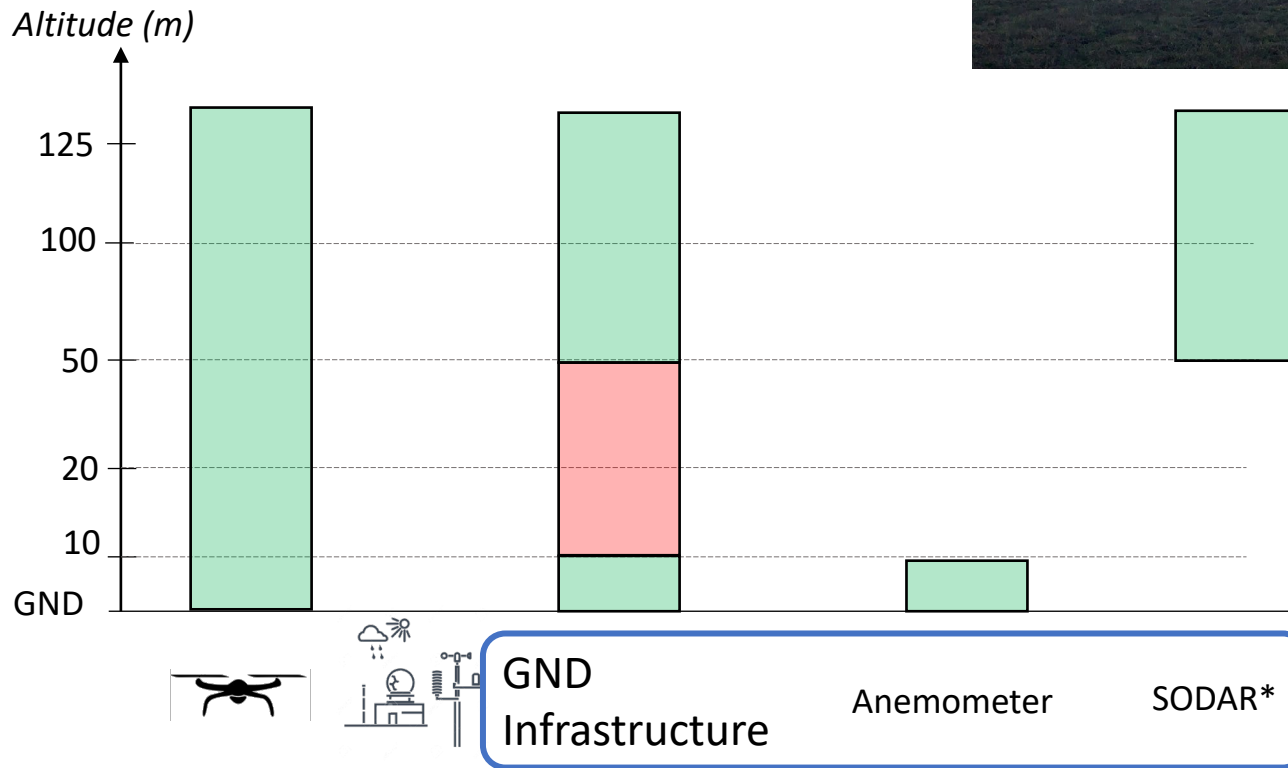
Meteodrone validated with ground infrastructure





# Main achievements

Better wind characterization at low altitudes



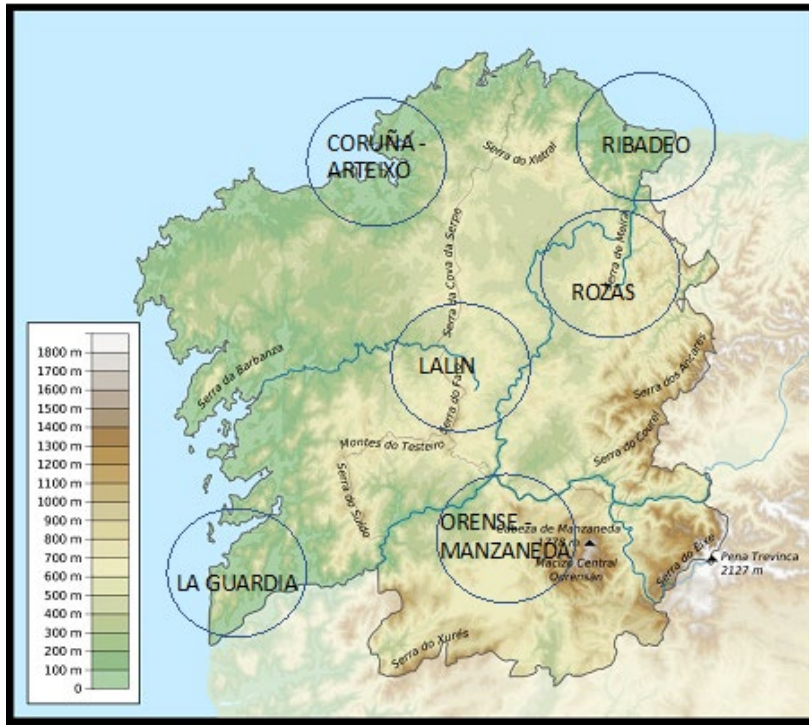
Wind characterization



# Main achievements



## Galicia fully characterized



- Data harvesting campaign in 4 different Galicia locations with more than 120 flights.
- Weather forecast model for 30.000 km<sup>2</sup> with a resolution of 3km horizontal at different altitudes (10m,20m,50m,100m and 125m).
- Accuracy of wind prediction in 80% of the territory  $\pm 1m/s$ .



# Main achievements



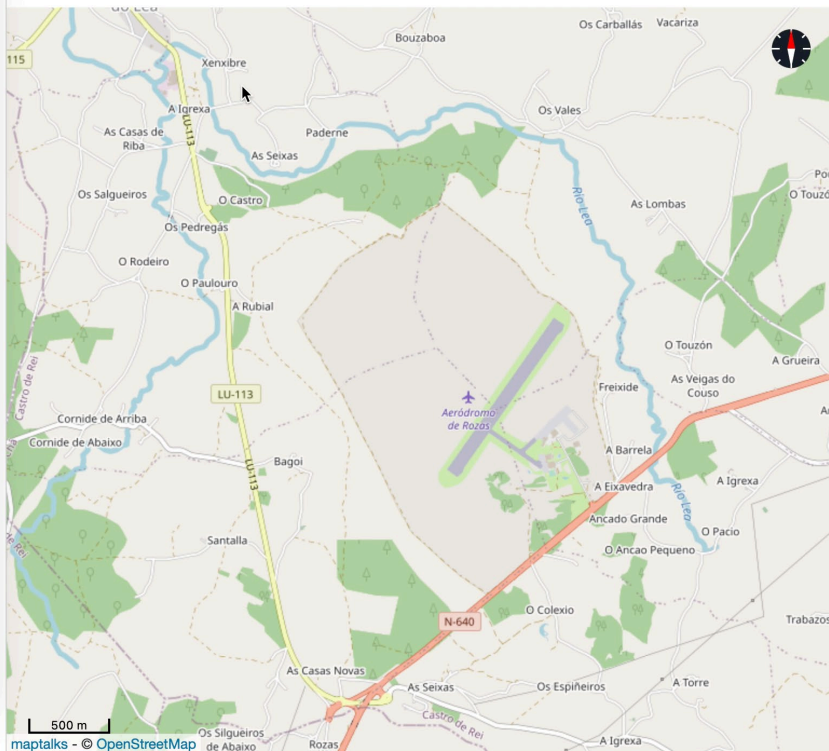
## Crear misión

< Atrás

### Puntos de la misión

Iniciar trazado

Limpiar mapa



### Datos de la misión

Nombre

Nombre de la misión

Descripción

Descripción de la misión

Fecha de la misión

02/07/2022

Hora de inicio y de fin

10:00



11:00



Operador del dron

KJHF7DFHGLS8

Piloto del dron

KJGAD8FJSKDFJ

Matrícula del dron

KJSDFYSDFYUGSDF

Modelo de dron

JDI MAVERIC 200


Crear misión



# Main achievements



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## Misiones



Crear misión

M

Misión de prueba 2

Calculado

📅 30/05/2022

🕒 10:00 - 10:30



V

Varias celdas

Calculado

📅 10/06/2022

🕒 10:00 - 11:00



M

Mision 6

Calculado

📅 10/06/2022

🕒 11:00 - 12:00



N

Nombre de la misión

Creado

📅 02/07/2022

🕒 10:00 - 11:00





# Main achievements



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## Misión de prueba 2

< Atrás



### Datos meteorológicos

Valor a mostrar

Temperatura

	Punto 1	Punto 2		Punto 3		Punto 4		Punto 5	
	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30
125m	7.1°C	7.3°C	7.61°C	8.05°C	8.38°C	8.54°C	8.46°C	8.6°C	8.45°C
100m	7.36°C	7.56°C	7.86°C	8.3°C	8.64°C	8.81°C	8.71°C	8.86°C	8.71°C
75m	7.61°C	7.82°C	8.12°C	8.57°C	8.9°C	9.08°C	8.98°C	9.12°C	8.96°C
50m	7.89°C	8.09°C	8.39°C	8.84°C	9.18°C	9.37°C	9.24°C	9.4°C	9.23°C
25m	8.2°C	8.4°C	8.71°C	9.17°C	9.52°C	9.71°C	9.56°C	9.72°C	9.53°C
10m	8.44°C	8.63°C	8.94°C	9.42°C	9.78°C	9.98°C	9.8°C	9.95°C	9.75°C
Bueno				Precaución			No volar		

### Enlaces de interés

#### ENAIRE

<https://drones.enaire.es/>

#### Actividad solar

<https://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Ver datos de misión



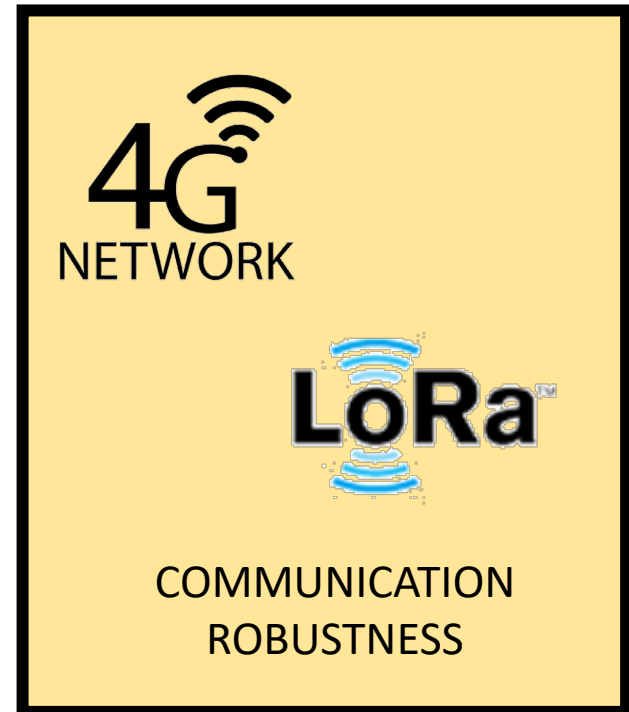
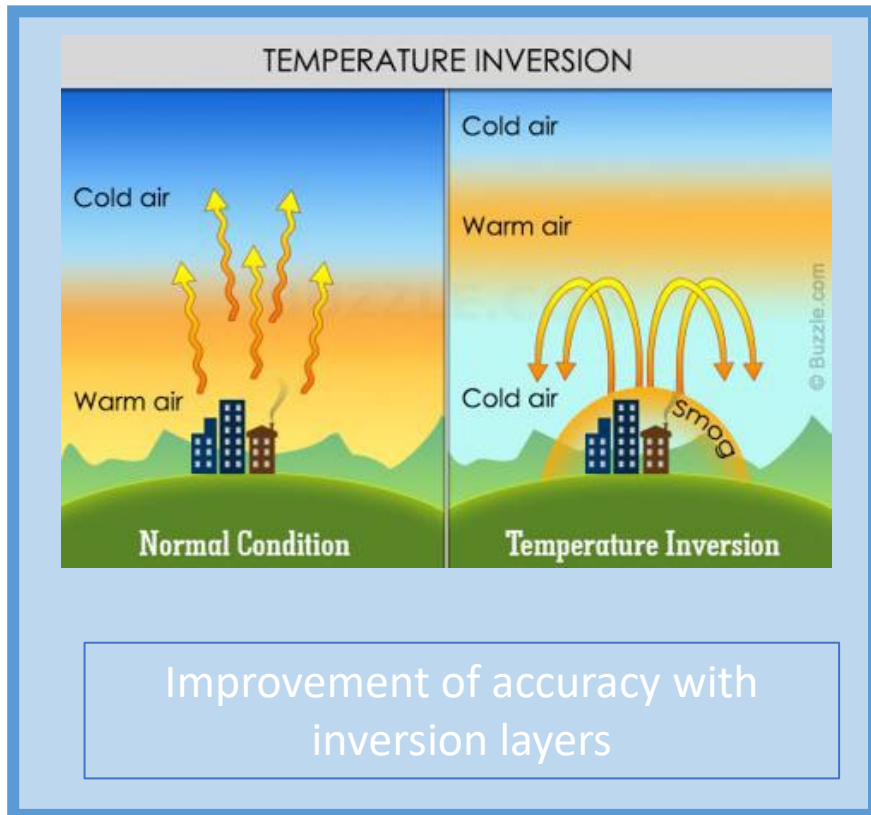
# Main achievements

Validated  
with the final user





# Challenges





# Next steps



Live information for aircraft support during approach



Certification  
issues



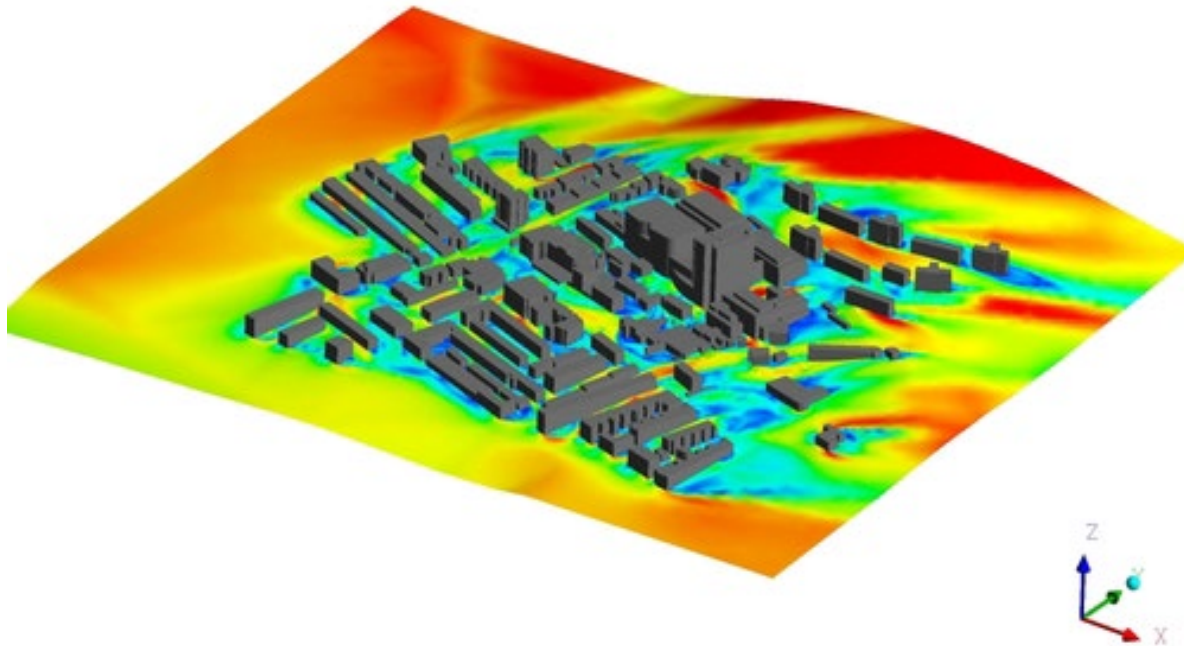


# Next steps



## From meso weather models to micro weather

Reduce the lateral resolution of our models from km to tens of meters based on CFD or A.I algorithms







Thank you very  
much for your  
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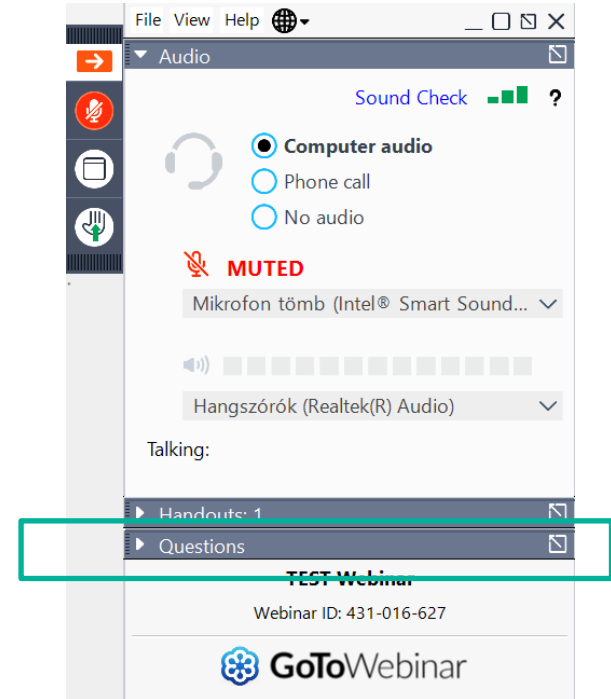
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- You can ask questions in the GoToWebinar Questions panel
- The questions to the speakers will be shared in the Chat







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