

# Connecting the World with Ocean Observations: Interoperability and Governance

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- **Katy Hill**, Ocean Observations (GCOS/GOOS) at WMO

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- **Toste Tanhua**: Co-Chair of the GOOS SC; GEOMAR, Germany.

- **Patricia Miloslavich**: Project Officer, GOOS Biology and Ecosystems Panel, University of Tasmania senior professor, Simon Bolivar University in Venezuela.

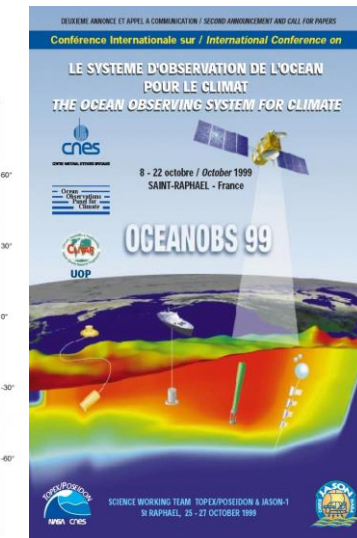
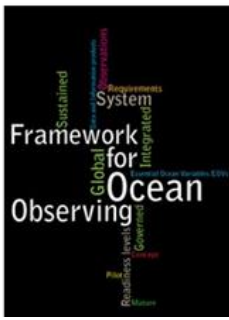
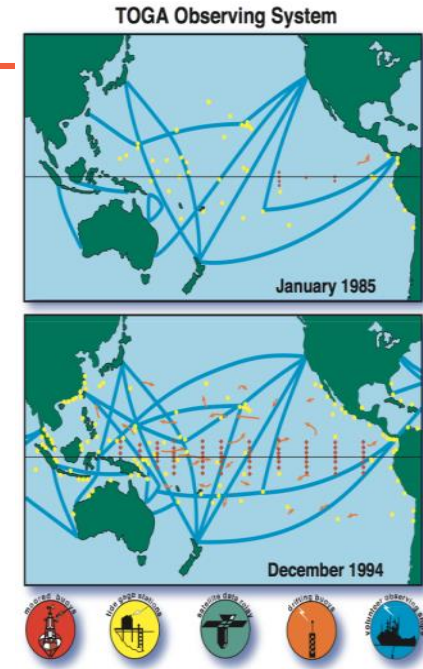
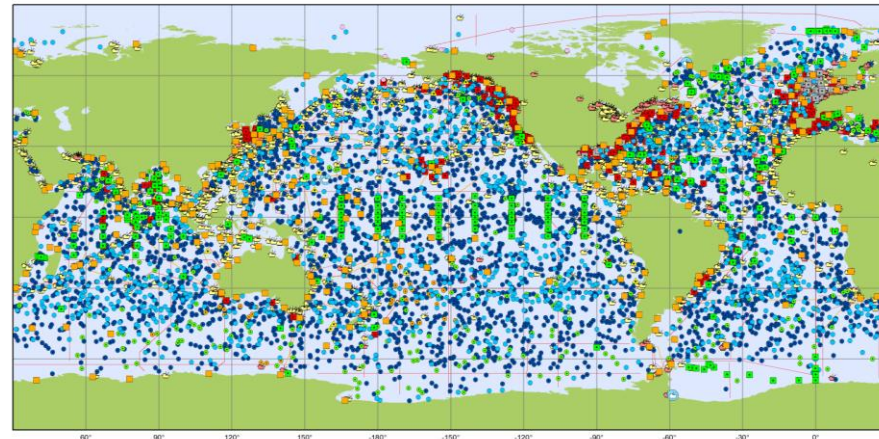
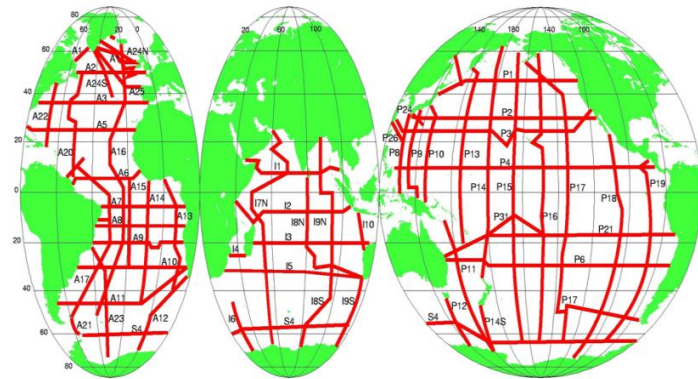
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- How we got here.
  - WOCE, TOGA, JGOFs, set foundations, community collaboration
  - OceanObs'99, Sustained Observing System for Climate.
  - OceanObs09: opened doors to broader uses. FOO.
- OceanObs19?
- Goal: An integrated multiplatform, multidisciplinary, multi-scale, multi use (and user driven), observing system (interoperable!).
  - Governance to enable the funding, development, implementation, use and evaluation.



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- How do we ensure we develop:
  - An interoperable observing system
  - A governance framework that is interoperable!
  - Interoperable practices and methods:
  - Interoperable data and information
- Equity in participation, access, use, and benefit

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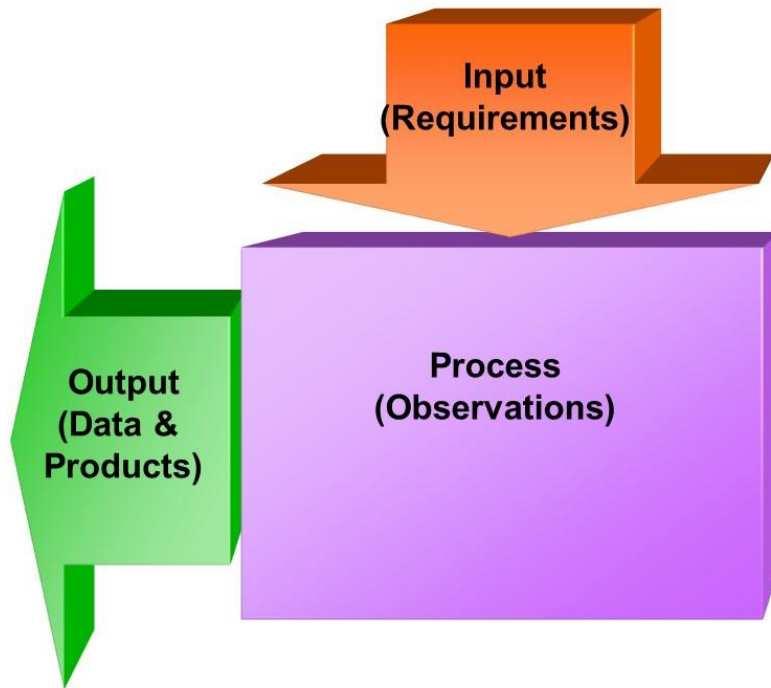
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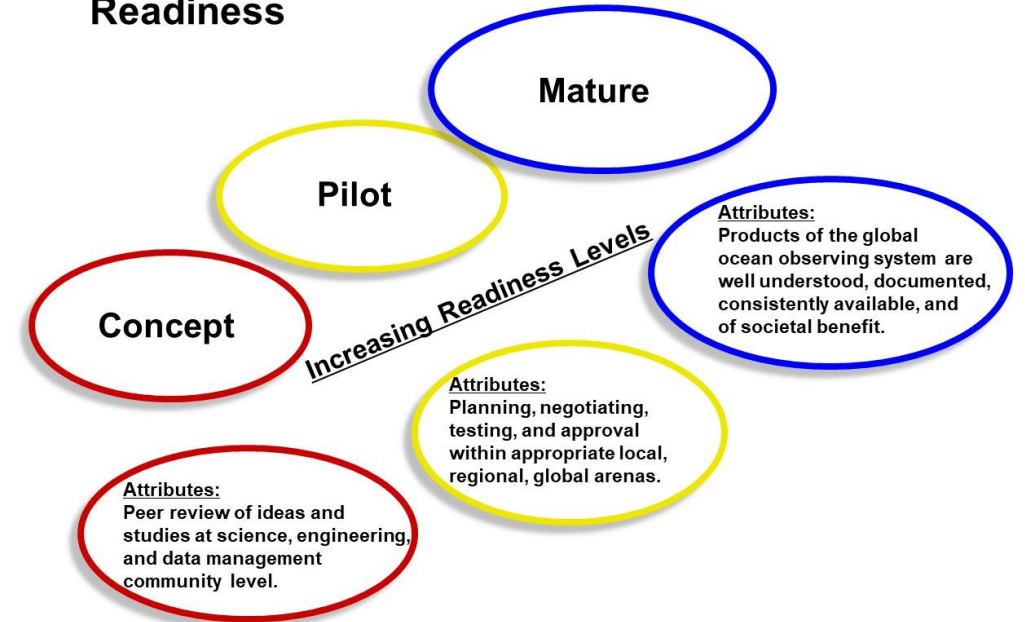
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A fully-integrated ocean observing system will deliver ocean information across three key application areas:

- **Operational Services**
- **Climate**
- **Ocean health.**



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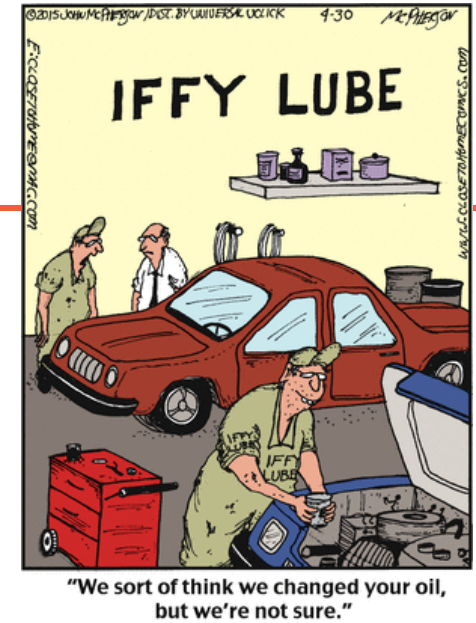
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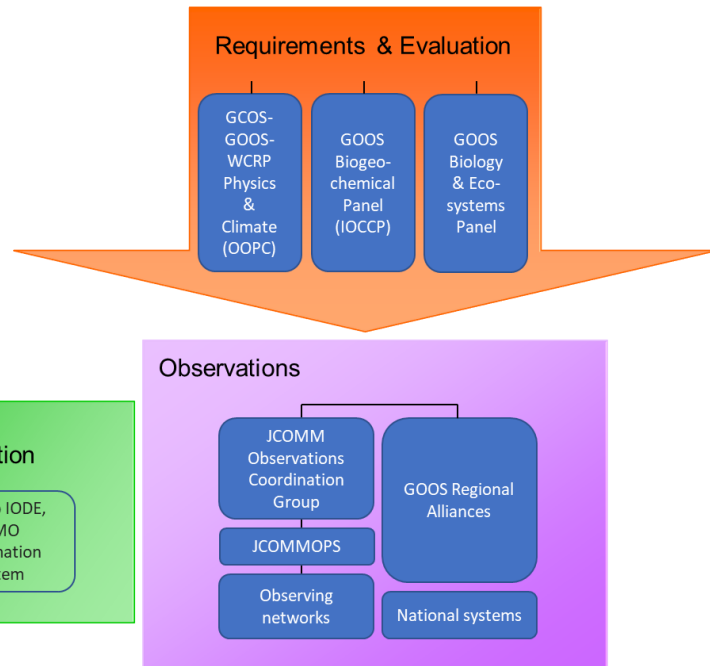
- Ensure that the observing networks are interoperable?
- Ensure that the data delivery system are interoperable?
- Better deliver on GOOS themes / service areas?

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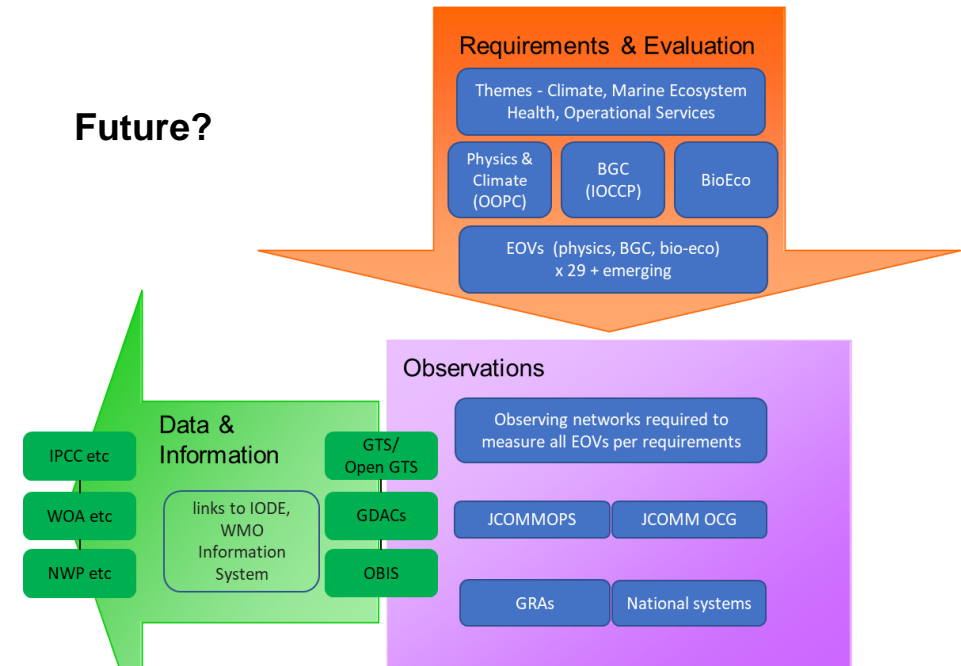
►► Time for **service and update** of GOOS!



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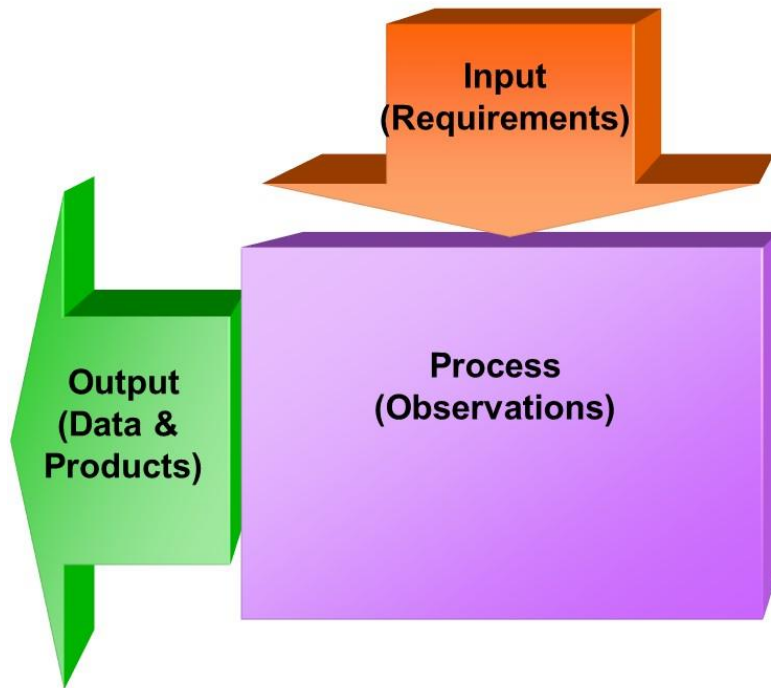


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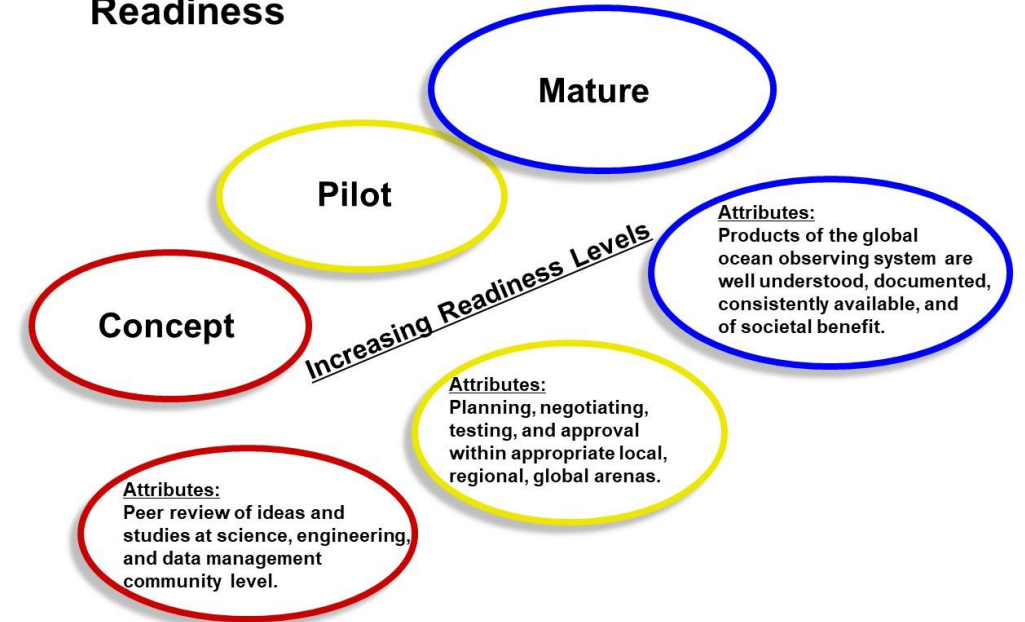
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**The Global  
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2030 Strategy



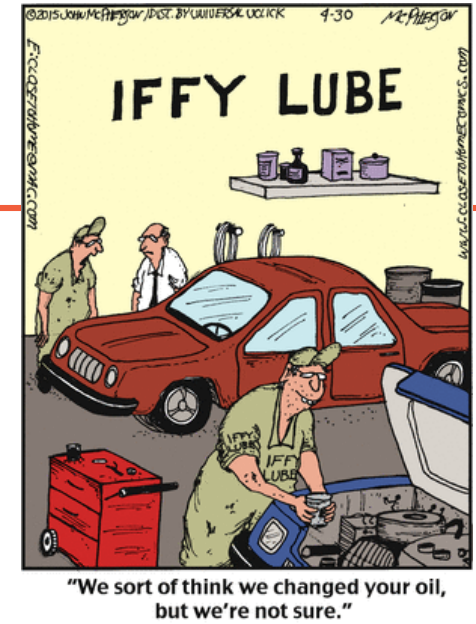
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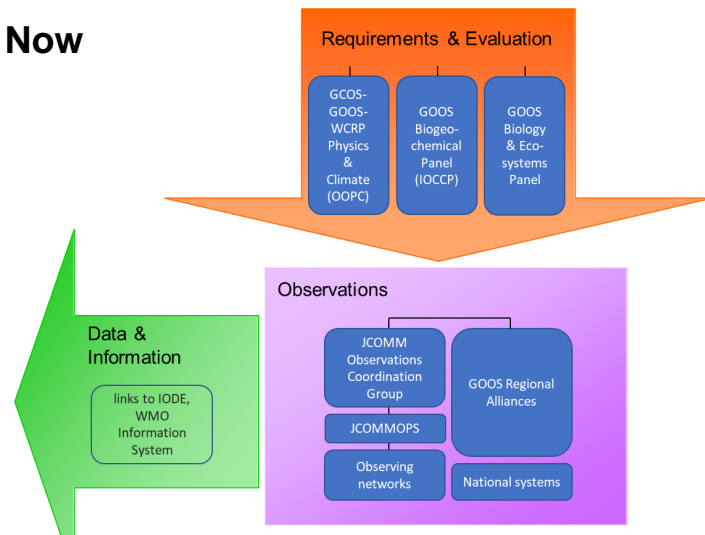
How to:

- Ensure that the observing networks are interoperable?
- Ensure that the data delivery system are interoperable?
- Ensure sustained deliver on societal relevant areas?
- How do we create efficient cooperation between partners?

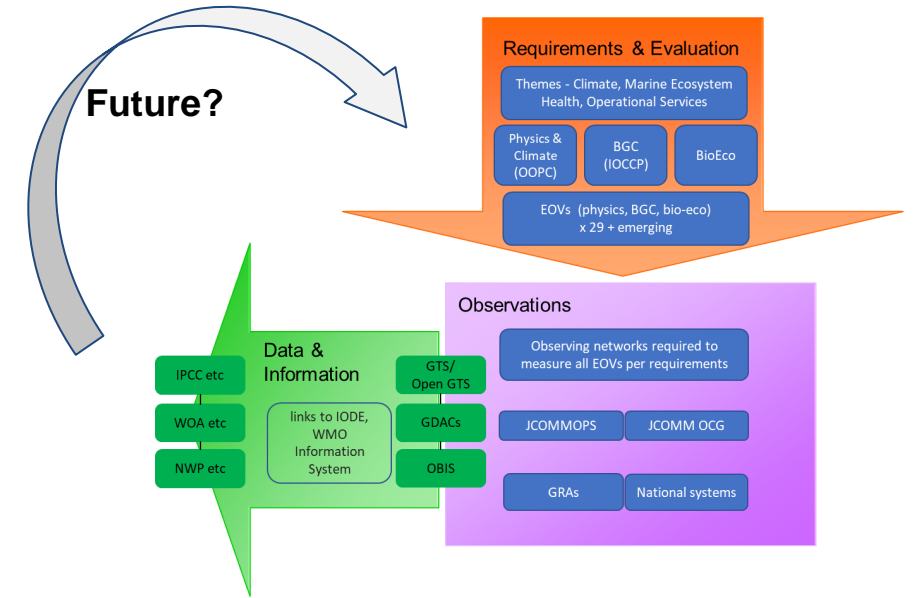
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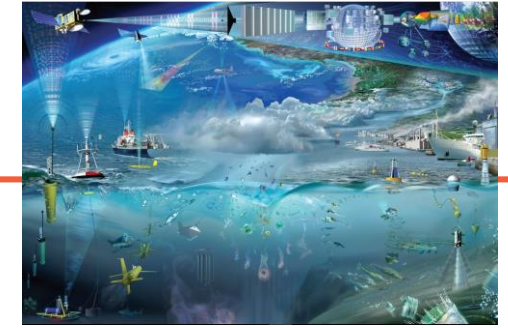


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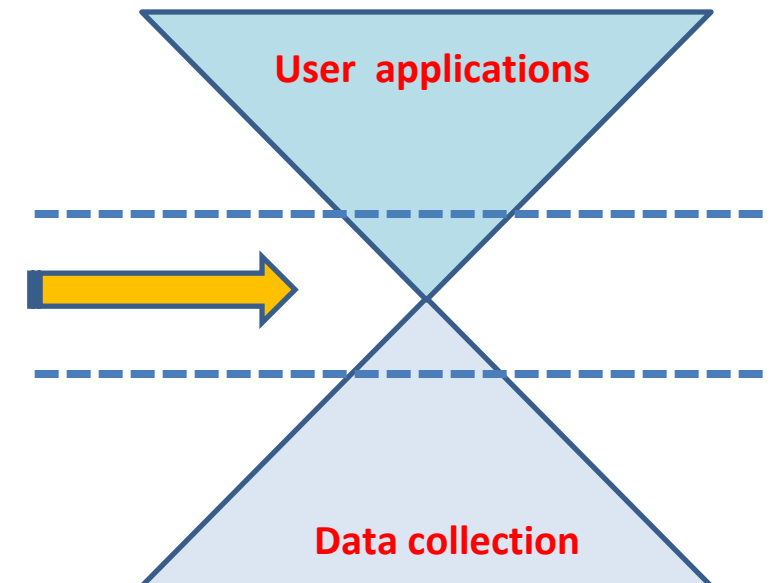


## Importance of ocean and marine data management

- Data are collected by governments, research institutes, and private industry (in Europe already more than 1.000 organisations)
- Data for physics, geophysics, meteorology, chemistry, biology, geology, bathymetry
- Acquisition of oceanographic and marine data is expensive; **annual** costs in Europe estimated at **1.4 Billion Euro** (1.0 = in-situ; 0.4 = satellites)

Professional data management is required with agreements on standardisation, quality control protocols, long term archiving, catalogues, and access

**‘Measure once, use multiple times’**



## Overarching European infrastructures for marine data and data products



- **Pan-European infrastructure for marine data management, run by NODcs:** Network of data centres interacting directly with data collectors, providing standards, validation services and long term stewardship. Providing data discovery and access services to users for multiple marine disciplines. Bottom-up approach, co-funded by EU RTD since end 90's



- **European Marine Observation and Data Network**, funded by EU DG MARE since 2008. Focus on developing and providing generic data products for European marine waters. Top-down approach, funded by EU DG MARE since 2008

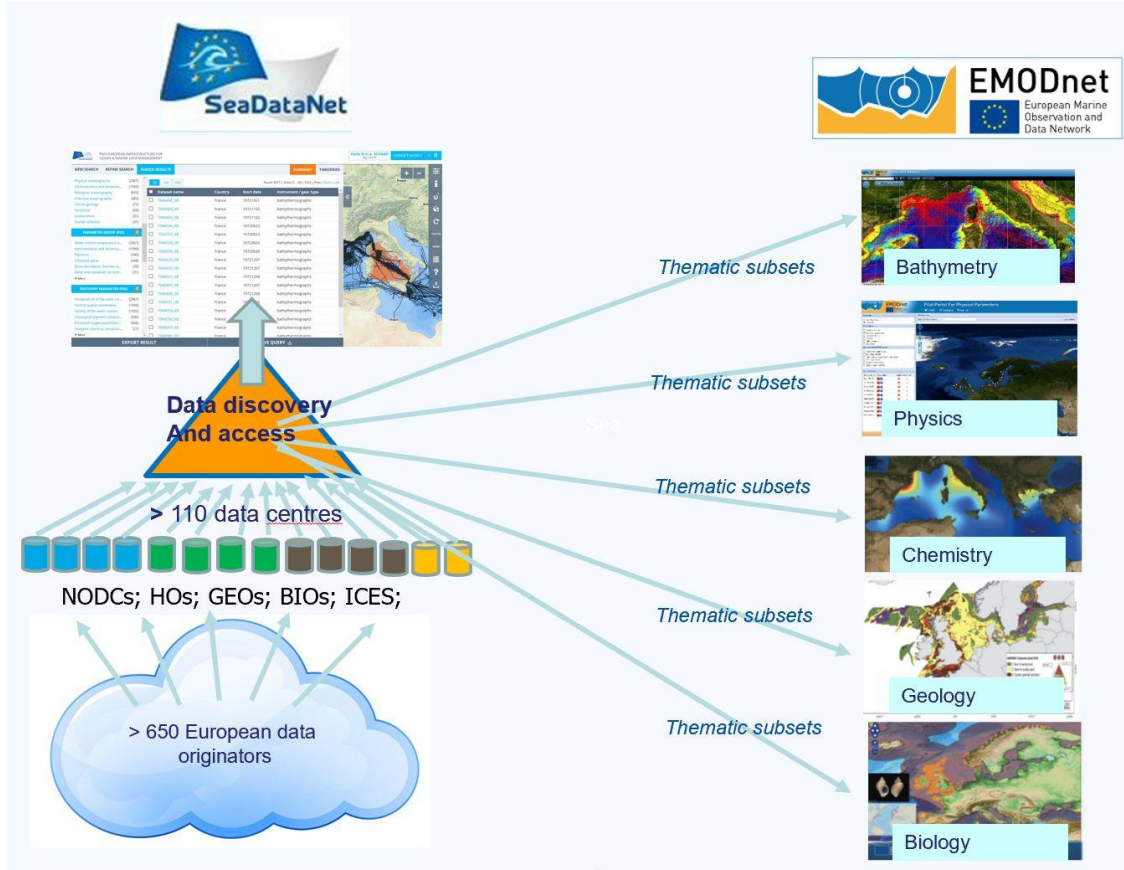


- **Copernicus Marine Environmental Monitoring Service**, funded by EU DG GROW. Focus on developing and providing marine environmental forecast products; includes INSTAC service for operational oceanography data exchange

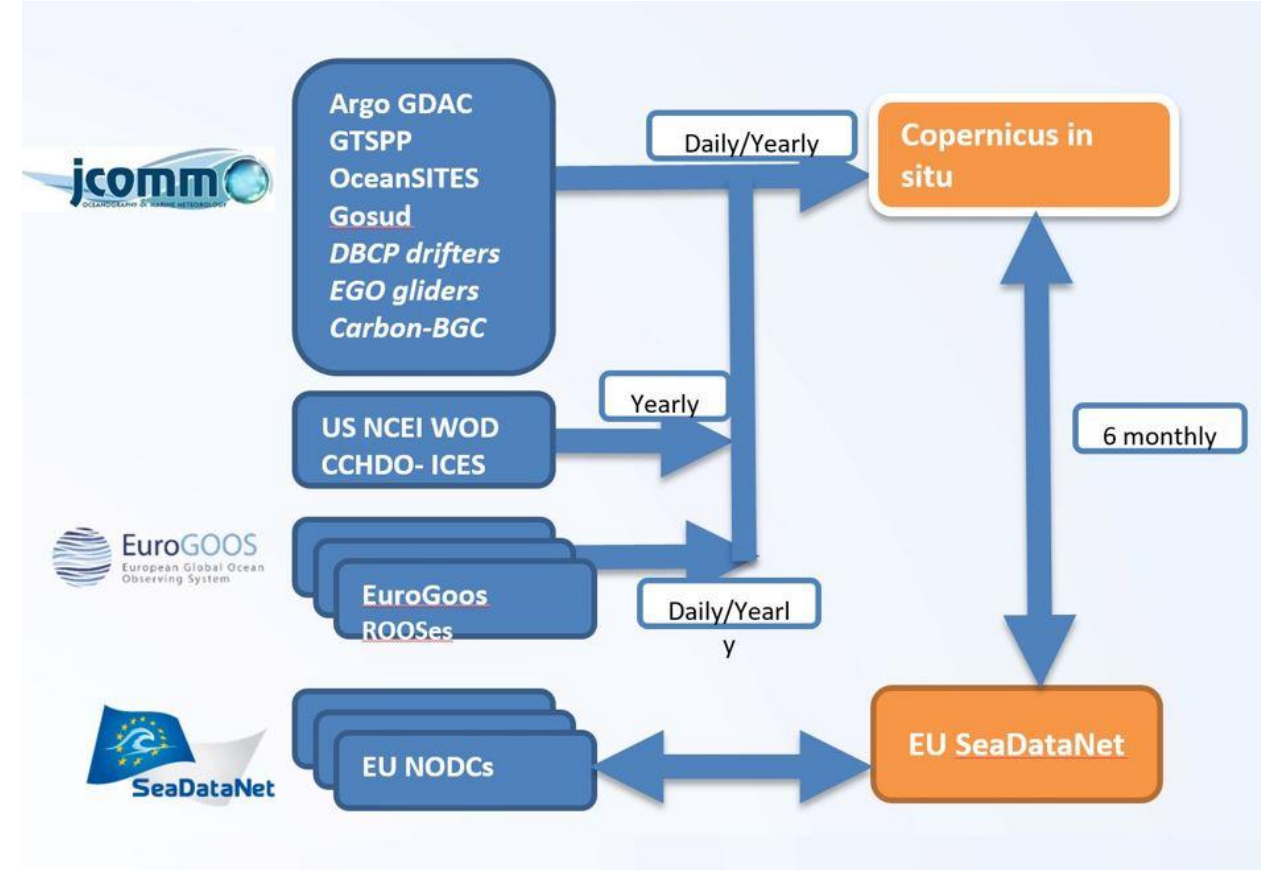


- **EuroGOOS, European component of GOOS.** Network of oceanographic observing systems in European waters. Focus on providing access to operational observations

## Relations between infrastructures:



Delayed mode data; all marine data themes



Operational oceanography data

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