

climate change initiative

# OCEAN SURFACE HEAT FLUX

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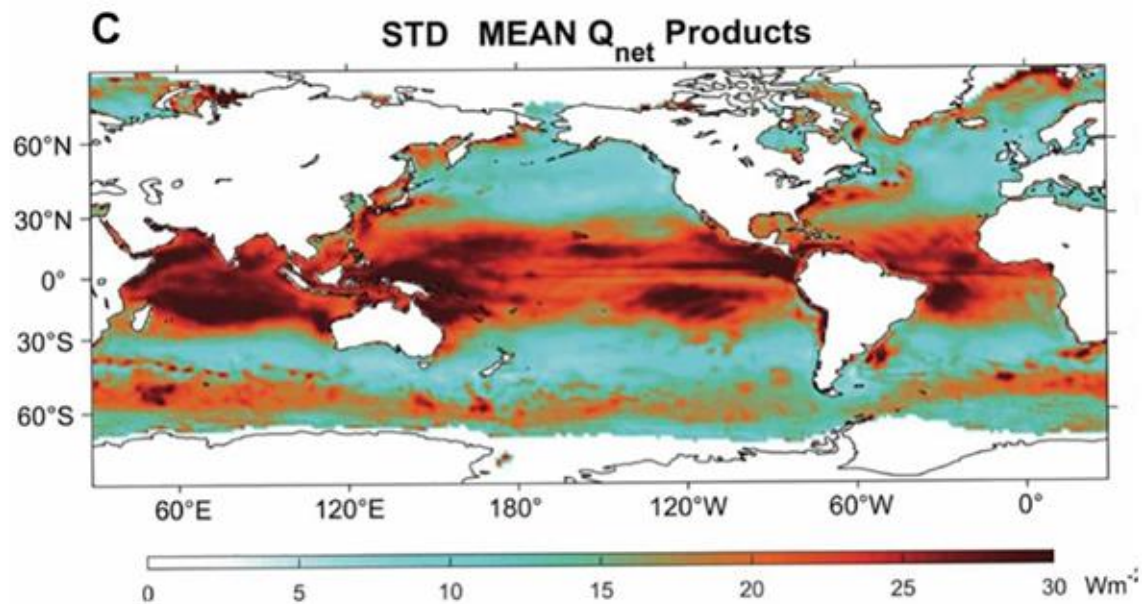




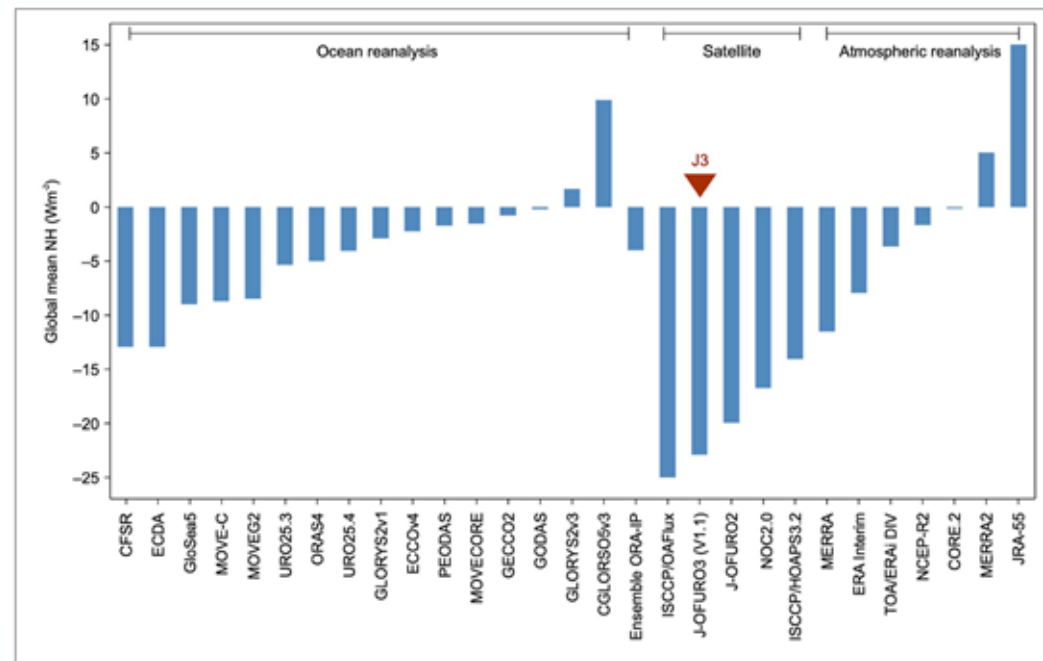
# The goal



To create a new Climate Data Record (CDR) for total Ocean Surface Heat Flux (OSHF), enhancing the spatio-temporal resolutions better approaching the GCOS requirements, and complementing other existing products.



Cronin, 2019



Tomita, 2021



# The team



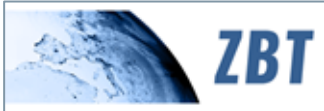
## CCI-OSHF



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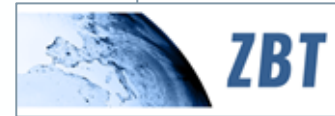
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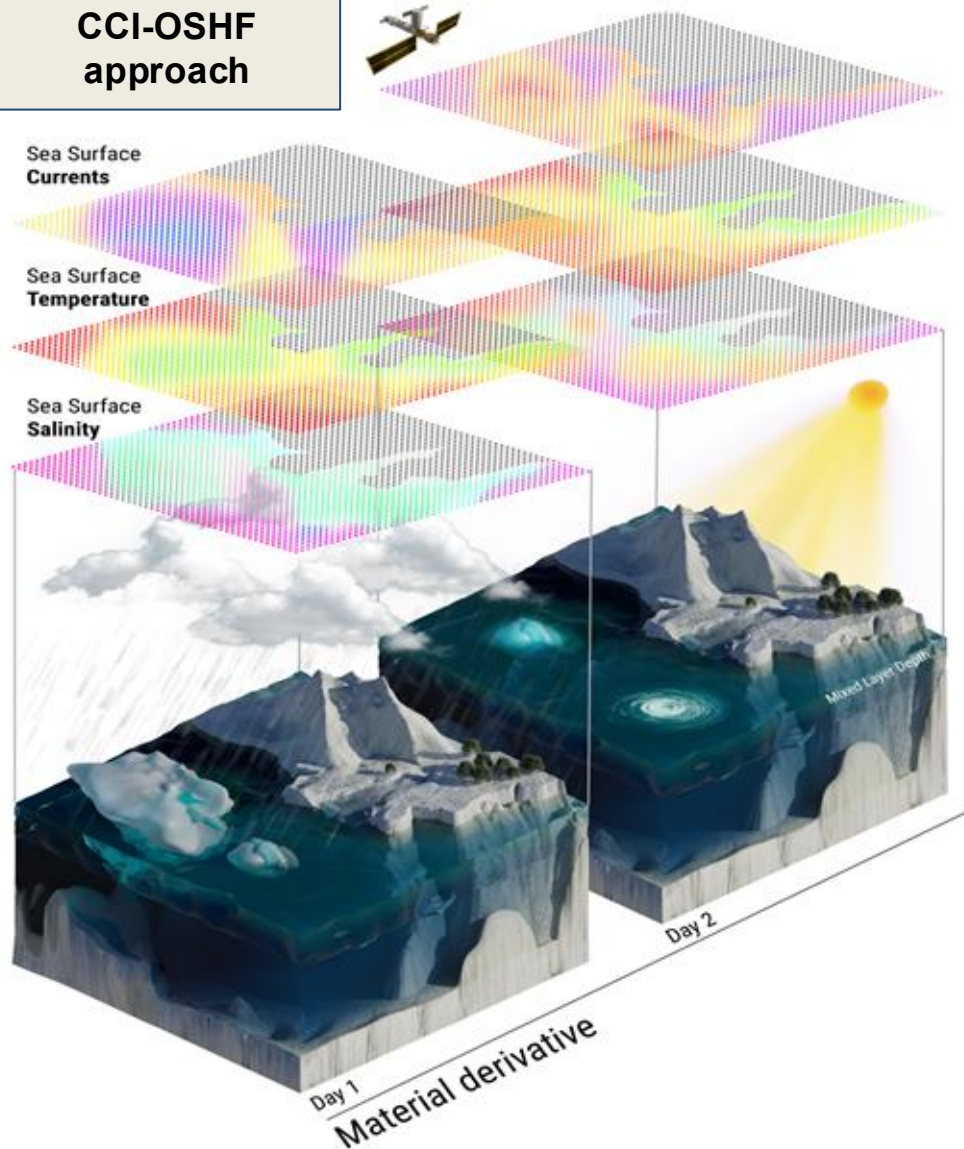
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# The approach

## CCI-OSHF approach



$$\frac{Dq}{Dt}h = h \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u \cdot \nabla q \right) = \underbrace{(Q_{SW} - Q_{SW(-h)} + Q_{LW} + Q_{sen} + Q_{lat})}_{f_q} + \underbrace{\kappa \nabla^2 q}_{d_q} + \underbrace{(q_0 - q_{-h})}_{h_q} \left( \frac{Dh}{Dt} + w_{-h} \right)$$

**Satellite observations:** Sea Surface Temperature, Sea Surface Salinity and Sea Surface Currents

**In situ observations:** Mixed Layer Depth

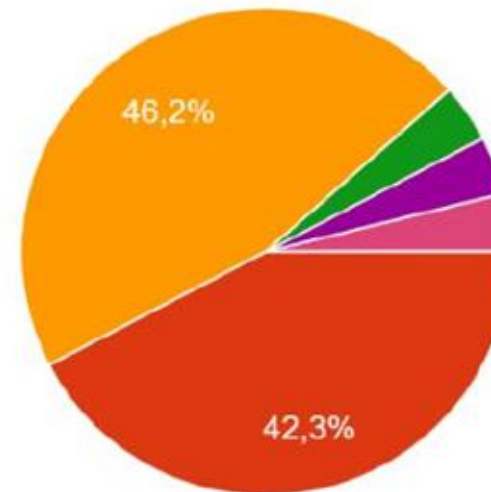


# The requirements

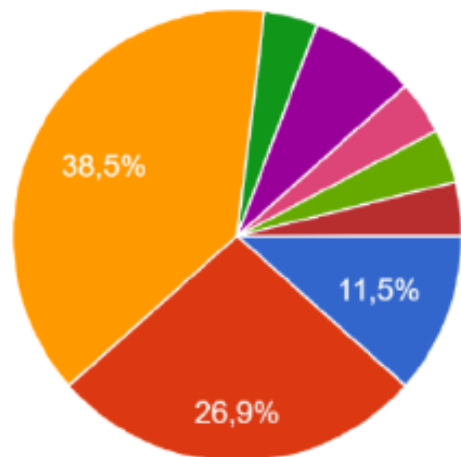
## Three products will be delivered:

Global maps since 2011 till present at

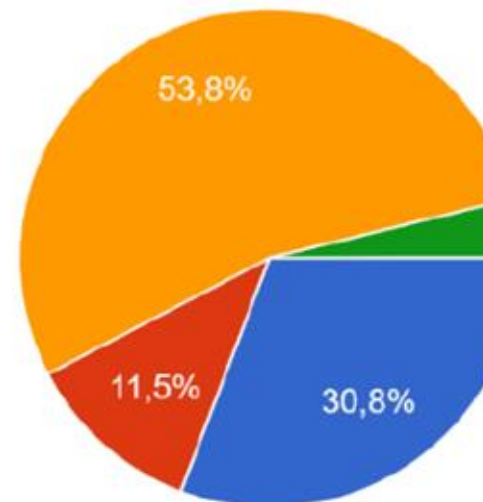
- 0.25°x0.25°-daily resolution
- 0.25°x0.25°-monthly resolution
- 1°x1°-monthly resolution



- 1/10°
- 1/4°
- 1°
- 2.5°
- 5°
- 10°
- A grid of 1/4o would be useful; an effective resolution of 2.5o would be useful



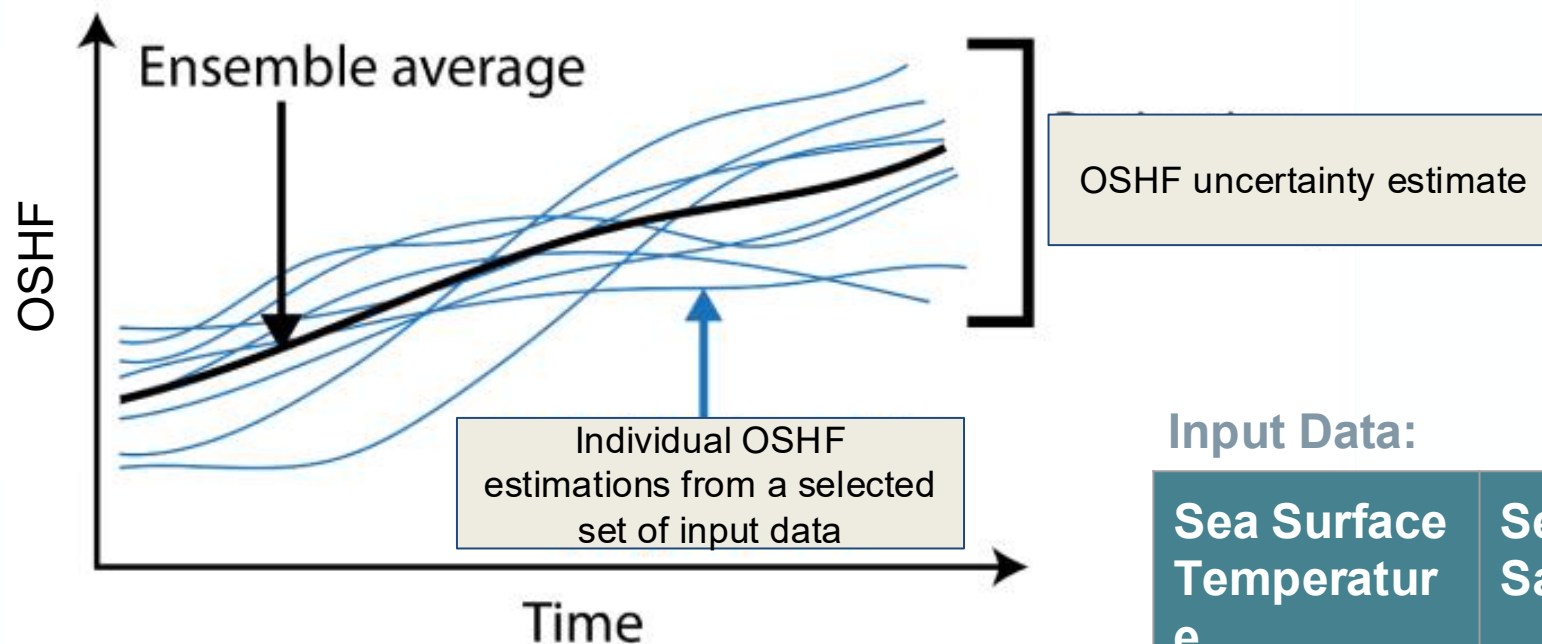
- < 5 W m-2
- 5 W m-2
- 10 W m-2
- 15 W m-2
- 20 W m-2
- 50 W m-2
- Unknown
- between 20 and 50 Wm-2
- 10 Wm-2 or 10% of the time-mean net flux whichever is smaller



- 1 day
- 7 days
- 1 month
- 1 hour. resolve diurnal cycle



# The product



## Input Data:

Sea Surface Temperature	Sea Surface Salinity	Sea Surface Currents	Mixed Layer Depth
CCI-SST	CCI-SSS	NEUROST	CORA
CMC-SST	SMOS BEC SSS	CMEMS ALLSAT	ARMOR3D
		OSCAR	

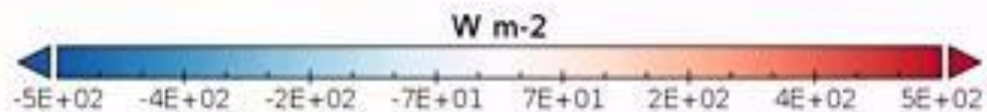
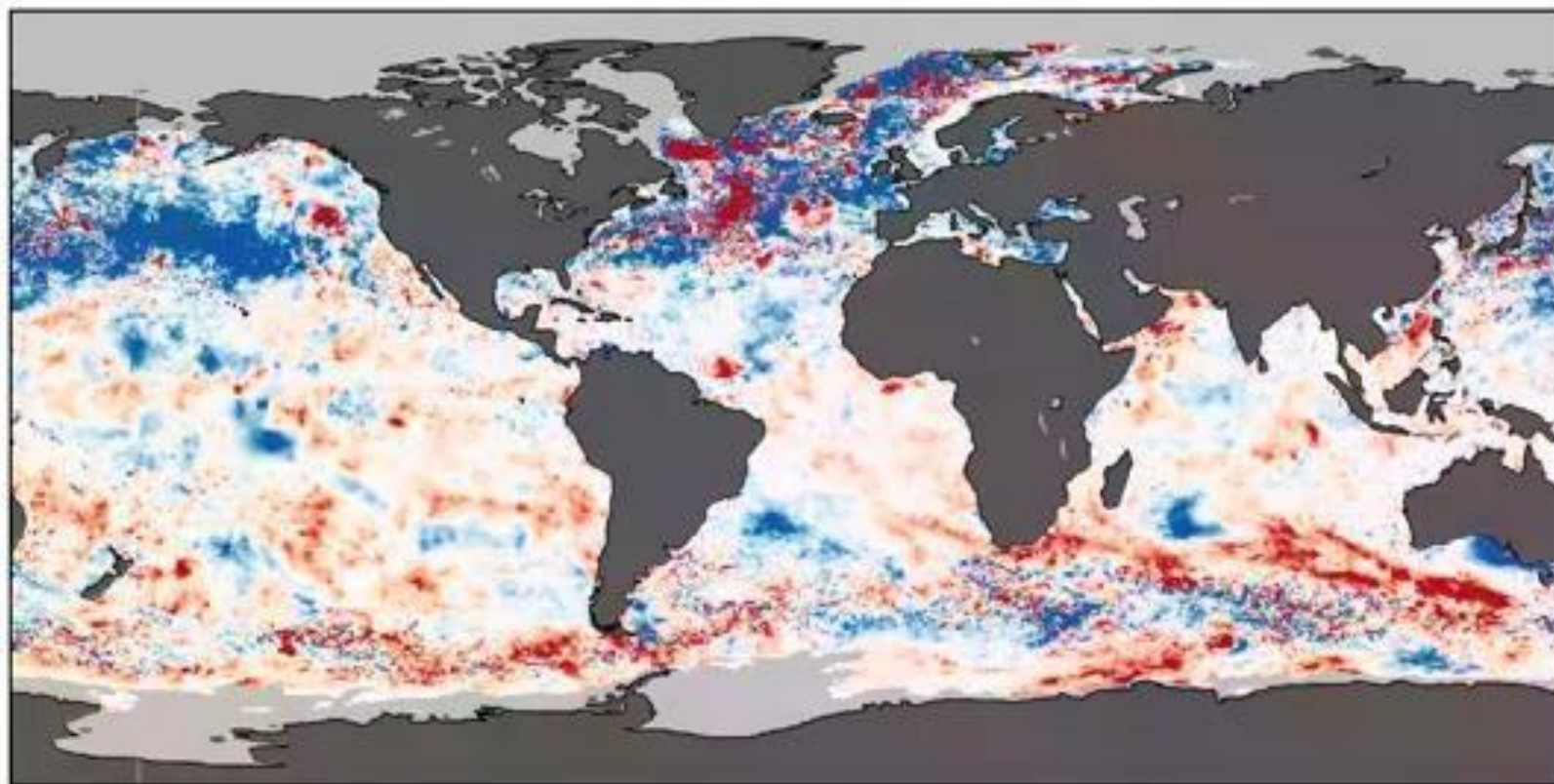


# Preliminary results



Surface Downward Net Heat Flux in sea water: 2016

Time: 2016-01-02



The generation of the daily product at  $0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$  is finished:

- Preliminary assessment on going
- Generation of  $0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$  monthly and  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  monthly on going

Nest step: Validation





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