

**BJERKNES CENTRE** for Climate Research

STRATEGIC PROJECTS 2022 - 2025

## Sea Level Prediction and Reconstruction (SeaPR) Unit

NERSC, NORCE, IMR, UIB

Kick-off Meeting – 20th January 2022











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#### Goal

SeaPR aims to establish a Sea Level Prediction and Reconstruction Unit

**at BCCR** to provide and increase confidence in sea-level predictions and projections for more informed decision making.

#### **Objectives**

**O1-WP1** Understanding of the **processes governing sea level during present times** and assess predictability

**O2-WP2 Reconstruct** and attribute **20th century** changes

O3-WP3 Project sea level with increased confidence









#### **Motivation**

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To skillfully project global, regional and local sea-level rise, an in-depth understanding of the underlying mechanisms and drivers as well as their uncertainties is essential

#### **Relevance to Bjerknes Strategy**

With its broad and diverse expertise, **BCCR** is one of the few centres worldwide capable of addressing sea-level change across disciplines.

**NORCE:** in-situ observations, coupled climate/ice-sheet modelling

**NERSC:** remote sensing observations, ocean/climate models, ocean reanalysis

**UiB:** sediment supply, climate predictability, human dimension of sea-level change

**IMR:** hydrographic and altimetry observations; air-sea heat fluxes







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#### **WP1 Sea-level governing processes**







#### **Project Structure**

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WP1 Sea-level governing processes during present times and predictability [Lead: NERSC/IMR]

Task 1.1: Multi-platform data-collection

Task 1.2: Sea-level Budget, steric and mass components, SML

Task 1.3: 3D mesoscale influence on sea-level variability

Task 1.4: Sea-level predictability











#### Input - Multi-platform data collection (T1.1)



- Remote-sensing (satellite altimetry and gravimetry data)
- In-situ

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- Global/regional ocean/atmospheric re-analysis and numerical exp.
- Climate models





#### <u>NorArgo</u> (K. A. Mork, IMR)

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#### Sea-level Budget (T1.2)

Figure 4. SLA trend (mm/yr) for the time period (a) 2003–2009 and (b) 2010–2016.





New Cryo-TEMPO data



Winter (DJF) Climatology (2010-2021) of absolute dynamic topography (m): (upper left) Cryo-Tempo data; (upper right) CMEMS data; (bottom panel) TOPAZ



Raj et al., 2022, in review

#### Mesoscale influence on sea-level variability (T1.3)



#### [Reference/Input for Task 3.3]

Bonaduce et al., 2022, in preparation



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## Sea-level Predictability (T1.4)

Purpose: attribute/predict sea level change and understand model-data differences

Problem: model-data comparison complicated by that internal variability is not in sync

**Approach:** wind nudging to synchronize internal model variability with obs. (budgets fully preserved)

Pilot: Anomaly-nudging of 3d wind fields to ERAI (1970-2018) in NorESM1-ME

hist. simulation, no nudging

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hist. pacemaker, wind nudging





SeaPR plans: wind nudging to ERA5 (1950-now) in NorESM2-MM and high-res

NorESM2-MH -> reanalysis + predictions

Bethke et al., 2022 (in preparation)





#### BJERKNES CENTRE for Climate Research WP1 - Output and Timeline

#### D1.1 Multi-platform data-lake (e-catalogue) - <u>Input for sea-level reconstructions</u> <u>in WP2</u> (M6); - Milestone

**D1.2** Improved **process understanding** and driving mechanisms (M32); [PRP]

**D1.3** Improved representation of sea-level **temporal and spatial scales** of variability and drivers (M40); [PRP]

**D2.4.** Model-based **sea-level predictability** assessment for the northern high-latitudes (M48). [PRP]

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#### WP2 Reconstruct and attribute sea-level changes







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Past

20<sup>th</sup>cent

Present 90s-ongoing



Future

up to 2300





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Task 2.3: Assessing climate models

- Task 2.2: Attributing regional sea-level changes
- Task 2.1 Reconstructing regional sea-level changes







[Lead NORCE/UiB]

**Project Structure** 

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#### Task 2.1: Reconstructing regional sea-level changes

**Aim:** 20th century sea level **reconstruction** for northern high latitudes (D2.1)

#### **Approaches:**

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- probabilistic techniques: fit known spatial patterns of individual sea-level 1. contributors to tide gauge records -> good at low frequencies
- 2. reduced space optimal interpolation: combine temporal information from tide gauge records with spatial information from altimetry -> good at high frequencies

Hybrid reconstructions combine both approaches at those time scales they have proven skillful! (Dangendorf et al., 2019)

#### Input:

- Data lake produced in WP1
- NorESM pacemaker simulations with realistic internal variability from WP1
- Land ice fingerprints (WP3)



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#### Task 2.2: Attributing regional sea-level changes

CMIP6 archive and Multi Model Large Ensemble Archive (MMLEA)

• robust detection of forced signal and inter-model difference



 obtain a better model-data comparison through matching of internal variability with observations (by selecting the period with the "right" internal variability phase internal variability





#### Task 2.3: Assessing climate models

CMIP6 archive and Multi Model Large Ensemble Archive (MMLEA)

- selecting the period with the "right" internal variability phase
- weight models according to their performance



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**D2.1** 20th century sea level **reconstruction** for northern high latitudes (M18) [e-catalogue]

D2.2 climate models ranking (M24) [e-catalogue] - <u>Input for optimal ensemble in</u> <u>WP3 - Milestone</u>

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#### **WP3 Project Sea level with increased confidence**







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**WP3** Project sea level with increased confidence [Lead: NORCE/UiB]

Task 3.1: Process-based sea-level projections for the Greenland ice sheet

- Task 3.2: Sea-level fingerprints
- Task 3.3: The impact of resolving mesoscale in the ocean on the reliability of sea-level projections
- Task 3.4: Information on sediment supply and vulnerability matrix









# Task 3.1: Process-based sea-level projections for the Greenland ice sheet

- Complement existing projections with wider range of model forcings now available
- Better represent historical mass changes
- Explore ice sheet-climate coupling with NorESM2







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#### Task 3.2: Sea-level fingerprints

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Translating land ice mass loss to regional sea-level changes



**Approach**: implement existing open software (SELEN); draw upon expertise of visiting scientist Natalya Gomez (Climate Narratives)





#### Task 3.4: Information on sediment supply and vulnerability matrix

35 years of satelite imagery as library for maching-learning-based coastline projections



https://earthengine.google.com/timelapse/



uib.no



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https://toreaad.users.earthengine.app/view/coaster





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#### Task 3.4: Information on sediment supply and vulnerability matrix





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#### Task 3.4: Information on sediment supply and vulnerability matrix

Impact of SLR on different geomorphologies and communities



The rate of **coastal change** will depend on relative **sea-level rise**, vertical land **movement and sediment supply** controlling the accommodation and supply.



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#### BJERKNES CENTRE for Climate Research WP3 - Outputs and Timeline

D3.1 Greenland ice sheet sea-level projections with reduced uncertainty (M42) [PRP]

D3.2 Fingerprint model (M12) [GM]

# D3.3 Coastal vulnerability matrix accounting for mean and extreme sea-level changes effect on the society (M48) [e-catalogue] - Milestone

**D3.4** Role of eddies in sea-level projections (M36) [PRP]

**D.3.5** Decadal scale coastal- change maps for a range of SSP and RCP scenarios (M18). [e-catalogue]

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- 1. HORIZON2020-PROTECT (2020-2024)
- 2. Copernicus ARCMFC (2022-2025)







## **Young Researchers**

### **PhDs**

#### PostDoc



Singapore coast





Indian coast

South Atlantic Sea level

**MSc** 



Norwegian coast

## **Opportunities**



2 Master thesis (2022, 2023) ,partly funded: (150KNok) ESA Dragon5 project

Arctic and Nordic sea level









Safe Landing climates



Sea level report



Sea level rise

## ICE SHEET MASS BALANCE AND SEA LEVEL (ISMASS)

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- SeaPR (2022-2025) builds on the outstanding expertise of BCCR partners
- **Goal:** establish a Sea Level Prediction and Reconstruction Unit at BCCR
- Boost the **visibility** of the BCCR in Sea Level Research

#### Next Steps - January 2022

- Kick-off Meeting
- Web-page Communication Management at BCCR
- **Postdoc** Position







#### Survey - Open till 21st Feb. 2022 https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/KH-SLRsurvey2022

#### Basin Workshops (March-April 2022)

- North Sea/Nordic Sea and Arctic Ocean (21-22 March, Deltares The Netherlands)
- Eastern Atlantic (28-29 March, Ifremer, France)
- Baltic Sea (28-29 March, IOW, Germany)
- Mediterranean (7-8 April, UPC, Spain)



