

## Curriculum Vitae

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## 1 Personal data

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## 2 Academic data

- January 2012-present: Researcher at the University of Liège.
- November 2007-January 2012: Chargé de Recherches FRS-FNRS (Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique) at the University of Liège.
- October 2004-October 2007: Research Associate at the College of Marine Science, University of South Florida.
- September 2001-September 2004: PhD in Oceanography, University of Liège, Belgium. Thesis entitled: 'Forecast verification of a 3D model of the Mediterranean Sea. Analysis of model results and observations using wavelets and Empirical Orthogonal Functions'. Realized in the frame of the SOFT project (Satellite-based Ocean Forecasting system, EC EVK3-2000-000561).
- September 2000-September 2001: Master in Oceanology: "Modelling of the Marine Environment" (DEA en Modélisation de l'Environnement Marin), University of Liège (Belgium) and New University of Lisbon (Portugal). Mark: Very Good (très bien).

- Practical Work: 'Determination of Tidal Components Period in the Bahamas Sea'
  - DEA's dissertation: 'Modelling Macroalgae Productivity at a Tidal Cycle Time Scale'
- 1995-2000: MSc in Marine Sciences (University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain). Student's record: Average mark, 2.52; last two years, 2.9 (1-Pass, 2-Notable, 3-First Class, 4-Maximum Mark). Range: third highest qualification of the year 2000 class.

### **3 Research Interests**

- Reconstruction methods for missing data in oceanographic data sets, DINEOF (Data INterpolating Empirical Orthogonal Functions), Optimal Interpolation.
- Implementation and validation of 3D hydrodynamic models.
- Data analysis using EOF decomposition and Wavelet Transforms, in particular to analyse complex model dynamics.
- Multiple-platform, multivariate data analysis for their use in broad oceanographic applications, such as modelling, search and rescue, ecological studies...

### **4 Award**

- Charles Lagrange Quadrennial Price of the Belgian Academy of Sciences (2012)

### **5 Editor**

- Associate editor of Remote Sensing of Environment
- Associate editor of Ocean Dynamics
- Guest editor of the Special Issue "Multiparametric observation and analysis of the sea", Ocean Dynamics (2011).
- Guest editor of the Special Issue "Remote sensing of colour, temperature and salinity. New challenges and opportunities", Remote Sensing of Environment (vol 146, pp. 1-234, 2014)

## 6 Organization of conferences

- Organizer of the “Ocean Remote Sensing” session at the European Geophysical Union General Assembly (since 2011)
- Scientific organizer of the 44th edition of the International Liège Colloquium: Remote sensing of colour, temperature and salinity - new challenges and opportunities (2012), with Kevin Ruddick.
- Scientific organizer of the 42th edition of the International Liège Colloquium: Multi-parametric observation and analysis of the Sea (2010), with Pierre-Marie Poulain.

## 7 Peer Review Referee

- Reviewer for: *Atmósfera*, *Canadian Journal of Remote Sensing*, *Climatic Change*, *Continental Shelf Research*, *Geophysical Research Letters*, *Journal of Climate*, *Journal of Geophysical Research*, *International Journal of Oceanography*, *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology*, *Journal of Oceanography*, *Ocean Dynamics*, *Ocean Modelling*, *Ocean Science*, *Remote Sensing of Environment*, *Remote Sensing Letters*, *Scientia Marina*.
- Reviewer for the National Science Foundation (NSF, USA).

## 8 Research projects

- Coordinator
  - **HiSea** - High resolution merged satellite Sea surface temperature fields, Belgian Science Policy (2011 - 2012)
  - **BESST** - Inter-sensor Bias Estimation in Sea Surface Temperature, Belgian Science Policy (2012 - 2014)
  - **DINEOF-on-web** - Creation of a web-based interface for DINEOF, Belgian Science Policy (2013 - 2014)
  - **Improving Sea Surface Salinity Estimates through Multivariate and Multisensor Analyses**, European Space Agency (2014 - 2016)
  - **Evaluation of Ocean Syntheses** - EU COST Action (2014 - 2017)

- Principal Investigator
  - **GEOCOLOUR** - Preparation for Geostationary Ocean Colour, Belgian Science Policy (2011 - 2013)
- Participation
  - **EAGLES** East African Great Lake Ecosystem Sensitivity to changes, Belgian Science Policy (2011 - 2014)
  - **RECOLOUR** (Reconstruction of colour scenes), in the frame of the research programme for Earth Observation “STEREO II”, Belgian Science Policy, 2006-2008: I assisted D. Sirjacobs in the reconstruction of missing data in sea surface temperature, chlorophyll and total suspended matter at the North Sea and Mediterranean Sea using DINEOF.
  - **CARIACO** (Carbon Retention In A Colored Ocean), National Science Foundation, 2006-2007: I implemented and validated a three-dimensional hydrodynamic model of the Cariaco basin (in Venezuela).
  - **HYCOM** (Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model), 2005-2007: I worked on the generation of cloud-free temperature data fields for heat-flux correction of three-dimensional hydrodynamic models.
  - **SEACOOS** (SouthEast U.S. Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing System) 2004-2007: Generation of cloud-free products (temperature, chlorophyll) for visualization in the SEACOOS portal and heat-flux correction of three-dimensional hydrodynamic models.
  - **SOFT** (Satellite-based Ocean Forecasting system), European Commission, 2001-2004: I worked as a PhD student on the validation of various implementations of a hydrodynamic ocean model.

## 9 Teaching

- Data acquisition and analysis in oceanography. Second year of the Master in Oceanography at the University of Liège, since 2008.
- Documentation in oceanography -databases-. Second year of the Master in Oceanography at the University of Liège, since 2010.
- Oceanographic data visualization and handling using Ocean Data View. First year of the Master in Oceanography at the University of Liège, since 2008.
- Introduction to Physical Oceanography to the winner students from the competition “Concours Corsica” organized by the University of Liège (Calvi, 27 September to 3 October 2009; 26 September to 2 October 2010; 22 to 29 September 2012).

## 10 Invited seminars and courses

- “HiSea - High resolution merged satellite sea surface temperature fields.”, 25 May 2011, Oudenburg, Ostend (Belgium).
- Co-author of an invited presentation “Ensemble-based assimilation of high-frequency radar surface currents in regional ocean models” at the 2010 AGU, The Meeting of the Americas
- Invited talk “Reconstruction of missing satellite data using DINEOF (Data Interpolating Empirical Orthogonal Functions)” at NURC (NATO Underwater Research Center) on 13 May 2010, La Spezia, Italy.
- Co-author on an invited conference “Climatological analysis of irregularly distributed data using Data Interpolating Variational Analysis (DIVA)” at the 2010 Ocean Sciences meeting, from the American Geophysical Society (AGU), 22-26 February 2010, Portland (Oregon), USA.
- Invited talk “Reconstruction of missing satellite data using DINEOF”. 1 February 2010, at the Instituto Superior Tecnico from the Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal.
- Invited conference entitled “Oceanography in the Cariaco Basin: study of the present to understand the past”, 5 November 2008, at the University of the Basque Country, Spain.
- DINEOF seminar in the University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, Spain, 4-5 November 2008.
- DINEOF seminar in the SESAME summer school “Statistical Analysis of Biological data and Times-Series”, from 21 July to 1 August 2008 in Varna, Bulgaria.

## 11 Publications

- [1] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, D. Sirjacobs, A. Barth, and J.-M. Beckers. Outlier detection in satellite data using spatial coherence. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 119:84–91, 2012.

- [2] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, C. Troupin, A. Barth, and J.-M. Beckers. Comparison between satellite and in situ sea surface temperature data in the Western Mediterranean Sea. *Ocean Dynamics*, 61:767–778, 2011. doi: 10.1007/s10236-011-0403-x. doi:10.1007/s10236-011-0403-x.
- [3] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, R. H. Weisberg, J. J. Castañeda, L. Vandenbulcke, and J.-M. Beckers. Thermocline characterization in the Cariaco basin: a modelling study of the thermocline annual variation and its relation with winds and chlorophyll-a concentration. *Continental Shelf Research*, 31:73–84, 2011.
- [4] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, D. Sirjacobs, F. Lenartz, and J.-M. Beckers. Data Interpolating Empirical Orthogonal Functions (DINEOF): a tool for geophysical data analyses. *Mediterranean Marine Science*, 12:5–11, 2011. Special Issue for the IMDIS 2008 conference.
- [5] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, D. Sirjacobs, and J.-M. Beckers. Enhancing temporal correlations in EOF expansions for the reconstruction of missing data using DINEOF. *Ocean Science*, 5:475–485, 2009.
- [6] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, and R. H. Weisberg. A nested model of the Cariaco Basin (Venezuela): description of the basin interior hydrography and interactions with the open ocean. *Ocean Dynamics*, 59:97–120, 2009. doi: 10.1007/s10236-008-0169-y. doi:10.1007/s10236-008-0169-y.
- [7] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, and R. H. Weisberg. The surface circulation of the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico as inferred from satellite altimetry. *Journal of Physical Oceanography*, 39:640–657, 2009. doi: 10.1175/2008JPO3765.1.
- [8] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, J.-M. Beckers, and R. H. Weisberg. Multivariate reconstruction of missing data in sea surface temperature, chlorophyll and wind satellite fields. *Journal of Geophysical Research*, 112:C03008, 2007. doi:10.1029/2006JC003660.
- [9] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, Z. Ben Bouallègue, M. Rixen, and J.-M. Beckers. Forecast Verification of a 3D model of the Ligurian Sea. The use of Discrete Wavelet Transforms and EOFs in the Skill Assessment of Spatial Forecasts. *Journal of Marine Systems.*, 65:460–483, 2006. doi: 10.1016/j.jmarsys.2005.09.015.
- [10] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, M. Rixen, and J.-M. Beckers. Reconstruction of incomplete oceanographic data sets using Empirical Orthogonal Functions. Application to the Adriatic Sea surface temperature. *Ocean Modelling.*, 9:325–346, 2005. doi: 10.1016/j.ocemod.2004.08.001. doi:10.1016/j.ocemod.2004.08.001.
- [11] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, J. G. Ferreira, and J. P. Nunes. Modelling eutrophication in mesotidal and macrotidal estuaries. The role of intertidal seaweeds. *Estuarine Coastal and Shelf Science*, 57:715–724, 2003.

- [12] A. Barth, J.-M. Beckers, C. Troupin, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, and L. Vandenbulcke. divand-1.0: n-dimensional variational data analysis for ocean observations. *Geoscientific Model Development Discussions*, 6(3):4009–4051, 2013. doi: 10.5194/gmdd-6-4009-2013. URL <http://www.geosci-model-dev-discuss.net/6/4009/2013/>.
- [13] A. Barth, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, J.-M. Beckers, and J. Staneva. Correcting surface winds by assimilating High-Frequency Radar surface currents in the German Bight. *Ocean Dynamics*, 61(5):599–610, 2011. doi: 10.1007/s10236-010-0369-0. doi:10.1007/s10236-010-0369-0.
- [14] A. Barth, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, C. Troupin, M. Ouberdous, and J.-M. Beckers. A web interface for gridding arbitrarily distributed in situ data based on Data-Interpolating Variational Analysis (Diva). *Advances in Geosciences*, 28:29–37, 2010.
- [15] A. Barth, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, J. Staneva, A. Port, K.-W. Gurgel, J.-M. Beckers, and E. Stanev. Ensemble smoother for optimizing tidal boundary conditions by assimilation of High-Frequency Radar surface currents. Application to the German Bight. *Ocean Science*, 6:161–178, 2010.
- [16] A. Barth, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, J.-M. Beckers, R. H. Weisberg, L. Vandenbulcke, F. Lenartz, and M. Rixen. Dynamically constrained ensemble perturbations - application to tides on the West Florida Shelf. *Ocean Science*, 5(3):259–270, 2009.
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- [18] A. Barth, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, and R. H. Weisberg. A Nested Model Study of the Loop Current Generated Variability and its Impact on the West Florida Shelf. *Journal of Geophysical Research*, 113:C05009, 2008. doi: 10.1029/2007JC004492. doi:10.1029/2007JC004492.
- [19] A. Barth, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, and R. H. Weisberg. Benefit of nesting a regional model into a large-scale ocean model instead of climatology. Application to the West Florida Shelf. *Continental Shelf Research*, 28:561–573, 2008. doi: 10.1016/j.csr.2007.11.004. 10.1016/j.csr.2007.11.004.
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- [21] A. Barth, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, J.-M. Beckers, M. Rixen, and L. Vandenbulcke. Multi-grid state vector for data assimilation in a two-way nested model of the Ligurian Sea. *Journal of Marine Systems*, 65:41–59, 2007. doi: 10.1016/j.jmarsys.2005.07.006.

- [22] A. Barth, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, J.-M. Beckers, and M. Rixen. Coupling a two-way nested primitive equation model and a statistical SST predictor of the Ligurian Sea via data assimilation. *Ocean Modelling*, 13:255–270, 2006. doi: 10.1016/j.ocemod.2006.02.003.
- [23] A. Barth, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, M Rixen, and J.-M. Beckers. Two-way nested model of mesoscale circulation features in the Ligurian Sea. *Progress in Oceanography*, 66: 171–189, 2005. doi: 10.1016/j.pocean.2004.07.017.
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- [25] J.-M. Beckers, A. Barth, and **A. Alvera-Azcárate**. DINEOF reconstruction of clouded images including error maps. Application to the Sea Surface Temperature around Corsican Island. *Ocean Science*, 2(2):183–199, 2006.
- [26] U. Ganzedo, O. Erdaide, A. Trujillo-Santana, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, and J.J. Castro. Reconstruction of spatiotemporal capture data by means of orthogonal functions: the case of skipjack tuna (*katsuwonus pelamis*) in the central-east atlantic. *Scientia Marina*, 2013. In press.
- [27] U. Ganzedo, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, G. Esnaola, A. Ezcurra, and J. Sáenz. Reconstruction of Sea Surface Temperature by means of DINEOF. A case study during the fishing season in the Bay of Biscay. *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, 32(4):933–950, 2011.
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- [30] C. Raick, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, J.-M. Brankart, K. Soetaert, and M. Grégoire. Application of a SEEK filter to a 1d biogeochemical model of the Ligurian sea: twin experiments and real in situ data assimilation. *Journal of Marine Systems*, 65:561–583, 2007.
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- [32] D. Sirjacobs, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, G. Lacroix, Y. Park, B. Nechad, K. Ruddick, and J.-M. Beckers. Cloud filling of ocean color and sea surface temperature remote sensing products over the southern north sea by the data interpolating empirical orthogonal functions methodology. *Journal of Sea Research*, 65(1):114–130, 2011.
- [33] C. Troupin, A. Barth, D. Sirjacobs, M. Ouberdous, J.-M. Brankart, P. Brasseur, M. Rixen, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, M. Belounis, A. Capet, F. Lenartz, M.-E. Toussaint, and J.-M. Beckers. Generation of analysis and consistent error fields using the data interpolating variational analysis (diva). *Ocean Modelling*, 2012. doi: 10.1016/j.ocemod.2012.05.002. URL <http://hdl.handle.net/2268/125731>.
- [34] L. Vandenbulcke, A. Barth, M. Rixen, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, Z. Ben Bouallegue, and J.-M. Beckers. Study of the combined effects of data assimilation and grid nesting in ocean models. Application to the Gulf of Lions. *Ocean Science*, 2(2):213–222, 2006.
- [35] L. Vandenbulcke, M. Rixen, J.-M. Beckers, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, and A. Barth. An analysis of the error space of a high-resolution implementation of the GHER hydrodynamic model in the Mediterranean Sea. *Ocean Modelling*, 24(1-2):46–64, 2008.
- [36] R. H. Weisberg, A. Barth, **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, and L. Zheng. A Coordinated Coastal Ocean Observing and Modeling System for the West Florida Continental Shelf. *Harmful Algae*, 8(4):585–597, 2009. doi: 10.1016/j.hal.2008.11.003.

## 12 Presentations

- [1] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, Q. Vanhellefont, K. Ruddick, and J.-M. Beckers. Derivation of high resolution TSM data by merging geostationary and polar-orbiting satellite data in the North Sea. ESA Living Planet Symposium, Edinburgh, 2013.
- [2] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, Q. Vanhellefont, K. Ruddick, and J.-M. Beckers. Integration of Total Suspended Matter data from geostationary and polar-orbiting satellites over the North Sea using DINEOF. In *Geophysical Research Abstracts*, volume 15. EGU General Assembly, 2013.
- [3] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, G. Neukermans, A. Barth, K. Ruddick, and J.-M. Beckers. Reconstruction of Total Suspended Matter data over the North Sea using DINEOF: use of the Gaussian anamorphosis transformation. 44th International Liège Colloquium on Ocean Dynamics, 2012.
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- [10] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, C. Troupin, and J.-M. Beckers. Comparison between in situ and satellite surface temperature in the Western Mediterranean Sea. In *Geophysical Research Abstracts*, volume 12. 6th EGU General Assembly, 2010.
- [11] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, and J.-M. Beckers. Reconstruction of missing data in satellite and in situ data sets with DINEOF (Data Interpolating Empirical Orthogonal Functions). Edimburg, UK, 2010. IMSC.
- [12] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, D. Sirjacobs, and J.-M. Beckers. Cloud-free satellite data for operational applications using dineof. Portland (Oregon), USA, 2010. Ocean Sciences.
- [13] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, D. Sirjacobs, and J.-M. Beckers. Reconstruction of missing data in satellite data sets using DINEOF with constraints to reduce spurious high-frequency variations in the temporal EOFs. In *Geophysical Research Abstracts*, volume 11. 6th EGU General Assembly, 2009.
- [14] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, and R. H. Weisberg. Surface circulation of the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico using 13 years of satellite altimetry data. In *Geophysical Research Abstracts*, volume 11. 6th EGU General Assembly, 2009.
- [15] **A. Alvera-Azcárate**, A. Barth, D. Sirjacobs, and J.-M. Beckers. Using monovariate and multivariate EOFs to reconstruct missing data with DINEOF. In *GODAE Final Symposium*, 2008. 12-15 November 2008, Nice (France).

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