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Optimal Ship Routing for Crossing the Atlantic

Abstract: The purpose of this work is to develop a numerical model that calculates the efficient and safe routes for a vessel to take across the Atlantic Ocean. Existing software exists to perform this task, but it could be significantly improved by building on the experience gained with the open-source model VISIR-I (www.visir-model.net) and the oceanographic datasets of the Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (http://marine.copernicus.eu/). In particular, the VISIR model has been evolved into a new code in Python and the path optimization is now solved on a non-uniform unstructured grid. The new code will start employing the CMCC CGLORS reanalysis of ocean circulation at ¼ deg, while other relevant environmental fields will be added later on. The new code will be used for achieving the goals of H-2020 project AtlantOS Task 8.3, which includes the capacity to compute safe routes optimizing the economic cost of navigation through use of dynamic environmental information.

Biography: Gianandrea's research activity aims to improve Maritime Transportation by means of Decision Support Systems. Together with colleagues of the TESSA and IONIO projects, he designed and implemented VISIR, a ship routing model for safer and more efficient navigation, and presently leads its scientific and operational development. As a model, VISIR's source code is made publicly available following the guidelines of the Free and Open Source Software. As an operational system, VISIR already has an operational implementation in the Mediterranean Sea.

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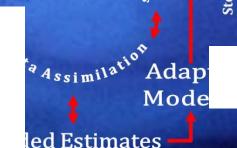
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