

# Building bridges between land and ocean carbon budgets

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# This is the "state of the art"!



Large amounts of carbon and nutrients transit from land to the ocean.

Two main pathways of lateral exports of carbon:

- Rivers: ~ 1 Pg C yr<sup>-1</sup> (Li et al., 2017)
- Coastal wetlands: ~ 2 Pg C yr<sup>-1</sup> (Duarte et al., 2005)
- = the Land-to-Ocean Aquatic Continuum (LOAC)

... by improving estimates of lateral exports of carbon from coastal wetlands ...





How land and ocean carbon currently communicate in models. The LOAC contribution to the ocean carbon cycle is underrepresented in Earth System Models and global ocean biogeochemistry models (Ward et al., 2020)

1 – Distribution of coastal wetlands (presence, type). 2 – Gross Primary **Production (GPP)** 

3 – Tidal inundation

## ... and resolving lateral exports of carbon from

# We aim to unify land and ocean carbon into an ocean biochemistry model ...



First spatial inter- and intra-annual variability of lateral exports of carbon and nutrients from rivers,

## Building bridges: the Land-to-Ocean Aquatic Continuum

**Regions of interest:** 

• Blue carbon ecosystems (mangroves, marshes, seagrass...)

<u>Key</u> development: First globallyresolved diffuse lateral exports of carbon from coastal







How will more precise accounting of lateral exports of carbon from land and considering the carbon cycle of coastal waters (Exclusive Economic Zone) will change National Green House Gases Inventory ?

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