

# The role of ship based measurements in the satellite calibration and validation activities: the CNR experience

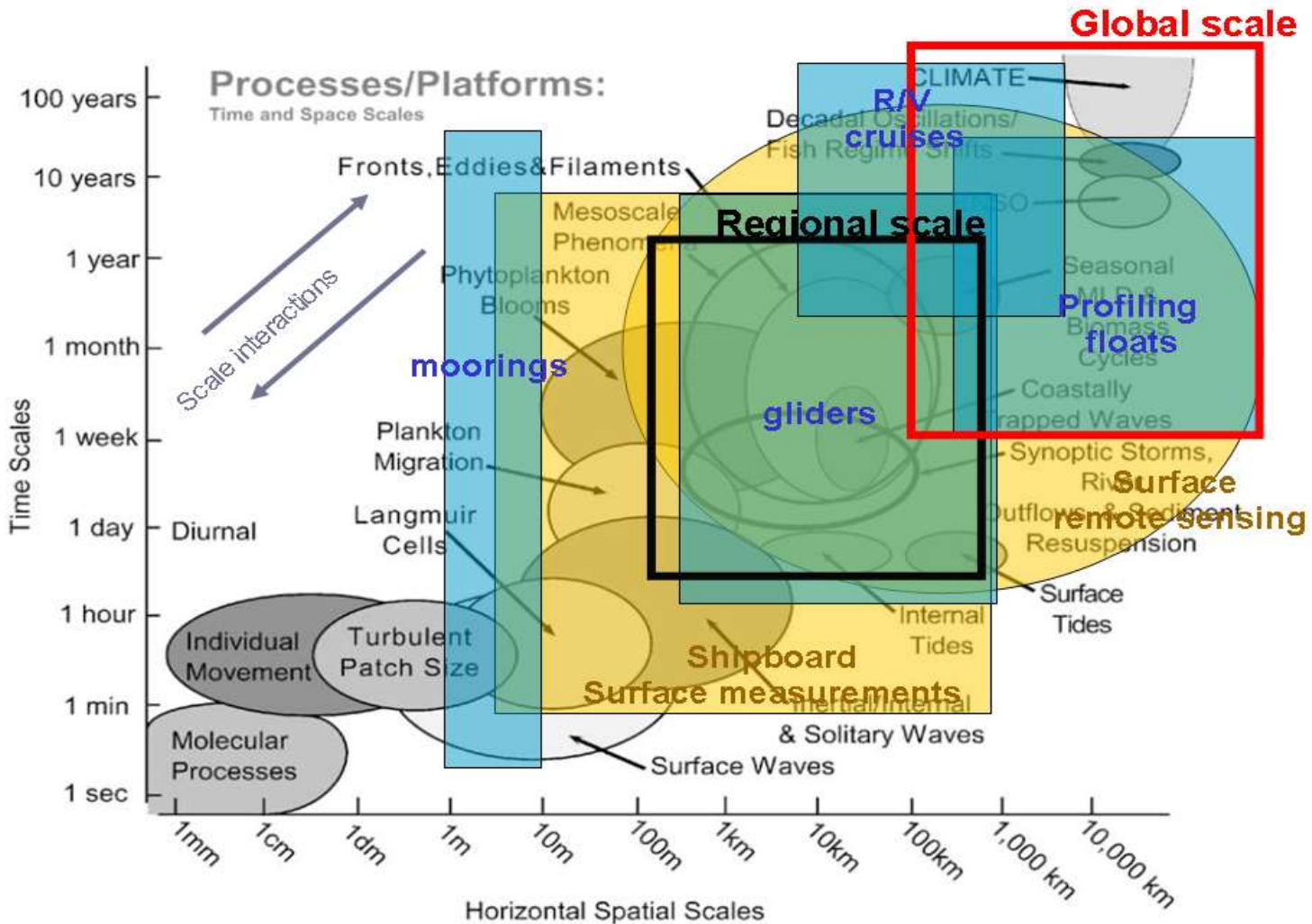
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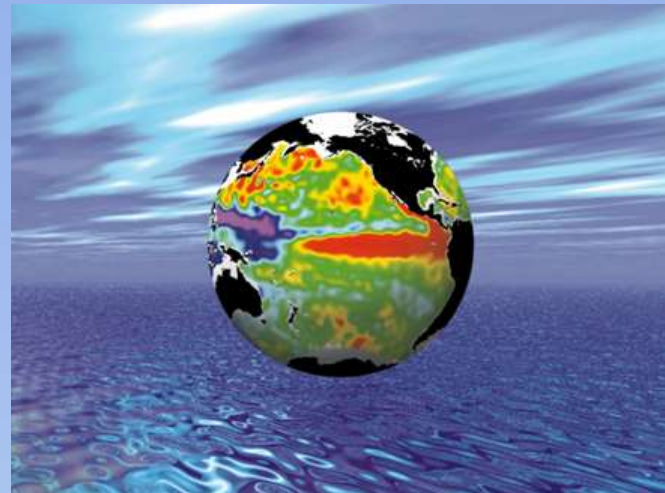
# Ocean Processes & Observing Systems



# Satellite Role in Ocean Monitoring & CNR mission

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Satellite is an essential component of Ocean Observing System. The only real avenue to **global coverage at high space and time resolution**. Satellite data **essential** to constrain ocean models, **used** for assimilation, forcing & validation.



**Satellites provide key parameters: :**

Sea Surface Height

Sea Surface Temperature

Ocean Colour

Sea Ice

Winds

**CNR objectives in the framework of the European Effort :**

**Operational**: develop a satellite operational observing system able to provide high quality near real-time, long term, synoptic global observation of the ocean essential variable (EOV). Contribute to the European Copernicus Marine Environmental monitoring Service

**Scientific**: assess the marine ecosystem state and define the short and long term variability circulation and primary production

# CMEMS: Copernicus Marine Environmental Service



**Objective: European service** providing every day information on **the physical and ecosystem state** of the **oceans** and **European regional seas**

**14 MAIN OPERATORS** for the main service functions



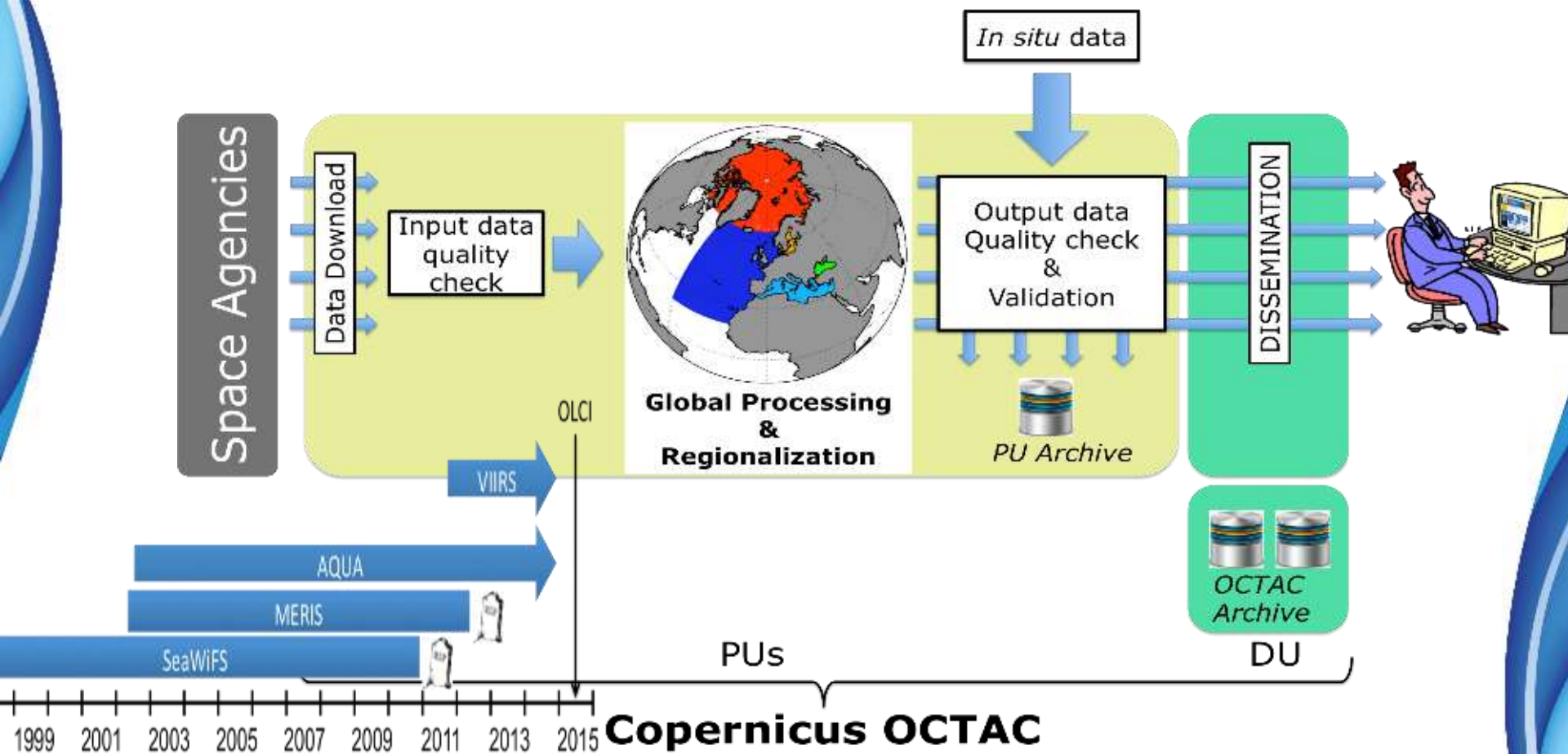
4 THEMATIC ASSEMBLY CENTRES:

7 MONITORING AND FORECASTING CENTRES

CNR leading OCTAC & contributing to OSITAC

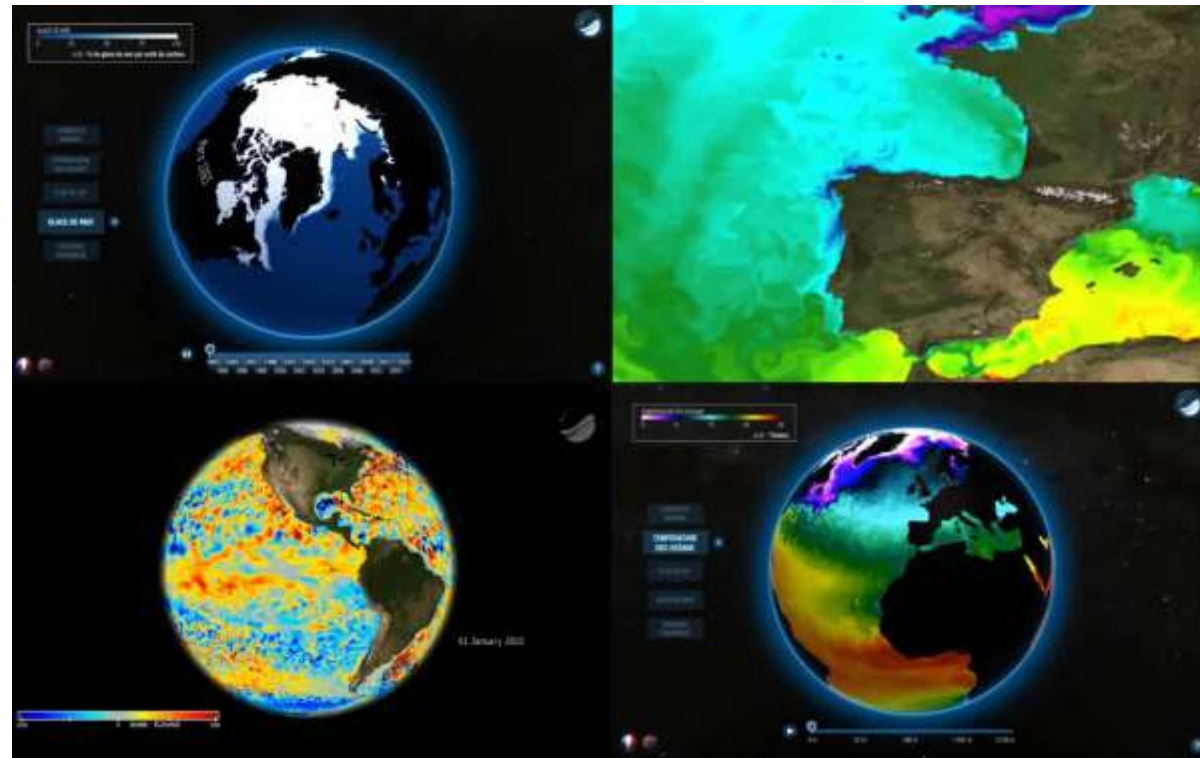


# CMEMS OC TAC: Architecture



**CNR leads the OCTAC, European Ocean Colour component within the CMEMS. CMEMS provide NRT and reprocessed OC data global ocean and the European Regional Sea. Product quality information available for all products. The product accuracy assessment strongly depends on high quality in situ data.**

# An integrated information



**Registered users ~ 8000**

OPERATIONAL  
OCEANOGRAPHY BUILT  
UPON MULTIPLE SOURCES  
OF INFORMATION

OBSERVATIONS  
AND MODELS

PHYSICS AND  
BIOGEOCHEMISTRY

REAL-TIME AND  
REANALYSES

REANALYSES  
10 to 45 years

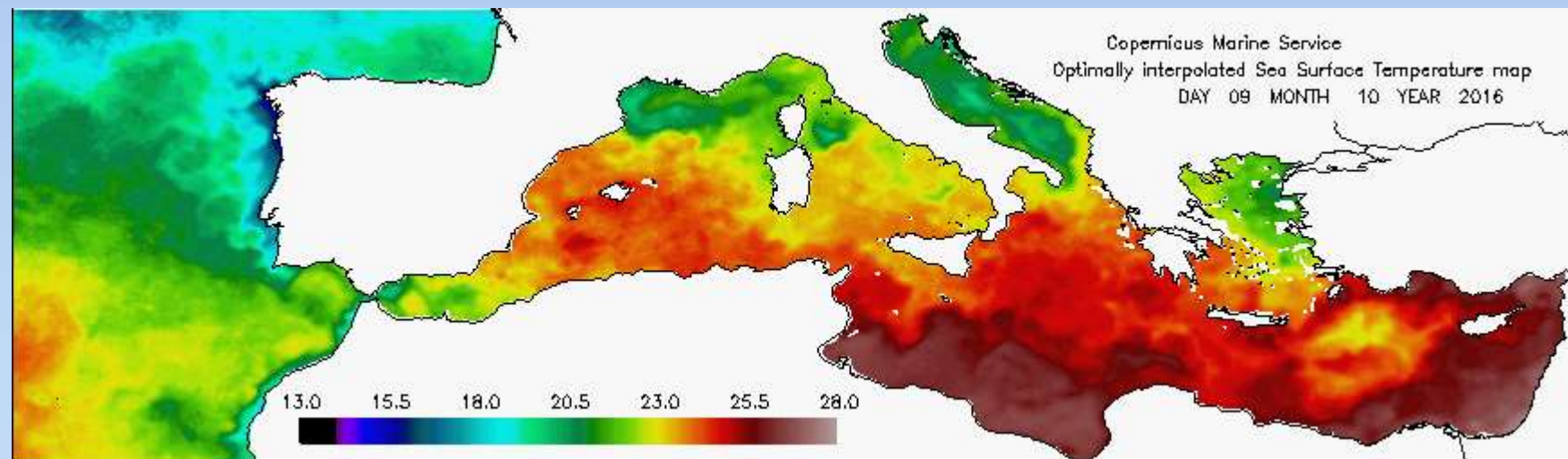
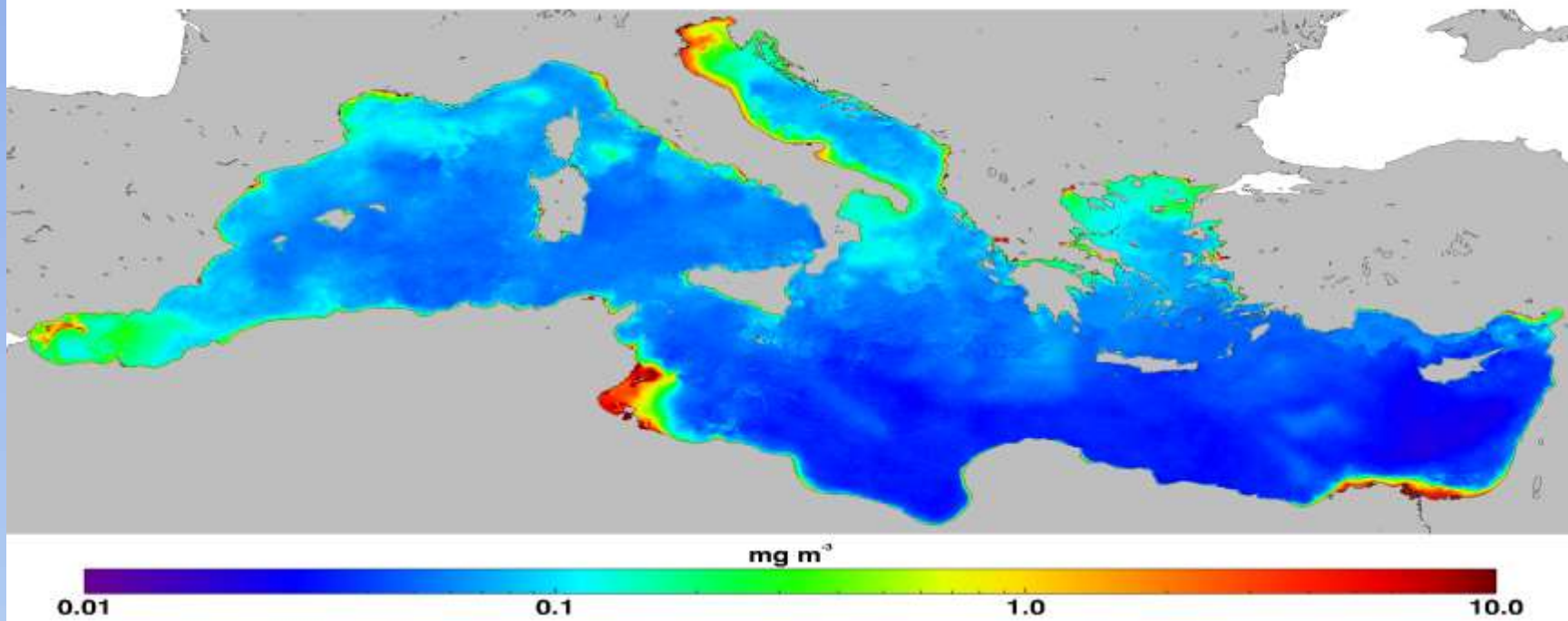


REAL-TIME  
Daily, hourly



FORECAST  
2 to 10 days

**MODIS Aqua Interpolated Chl concentration - 09/10/2016**  
[Regional Algorithms (MedOC3AD4) - Processed by GOS-ISAC(Rome) - CNR]



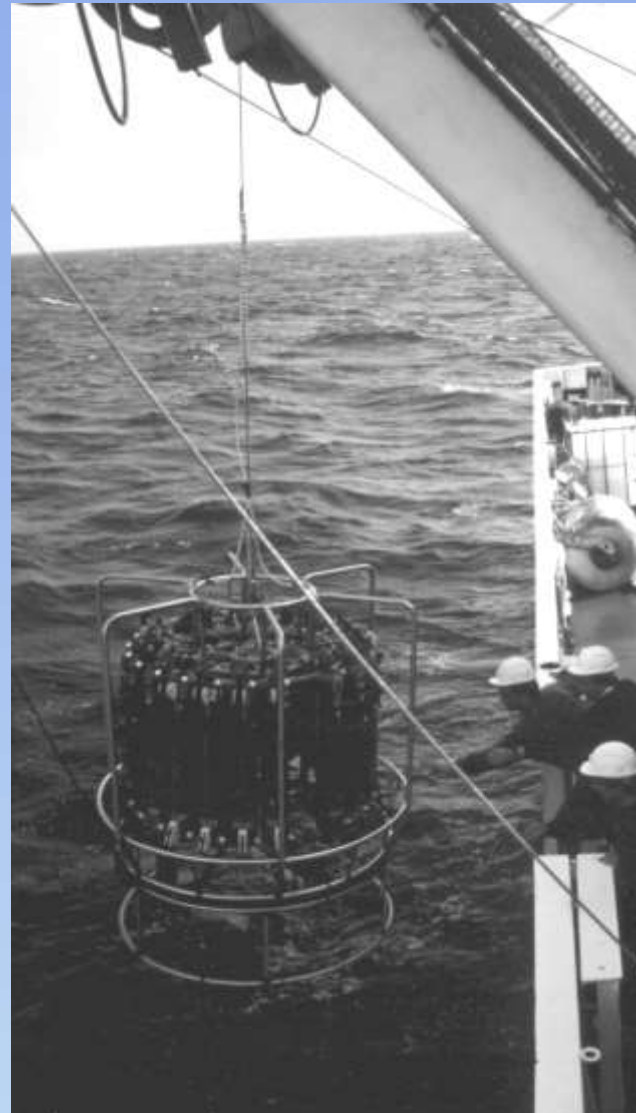
# Satellite data calibration and Validation:

Remote sensing output is affected by:

- Instrument degradation;
- Calibration uncertainties;
- Errors/assumptions on retrieval model

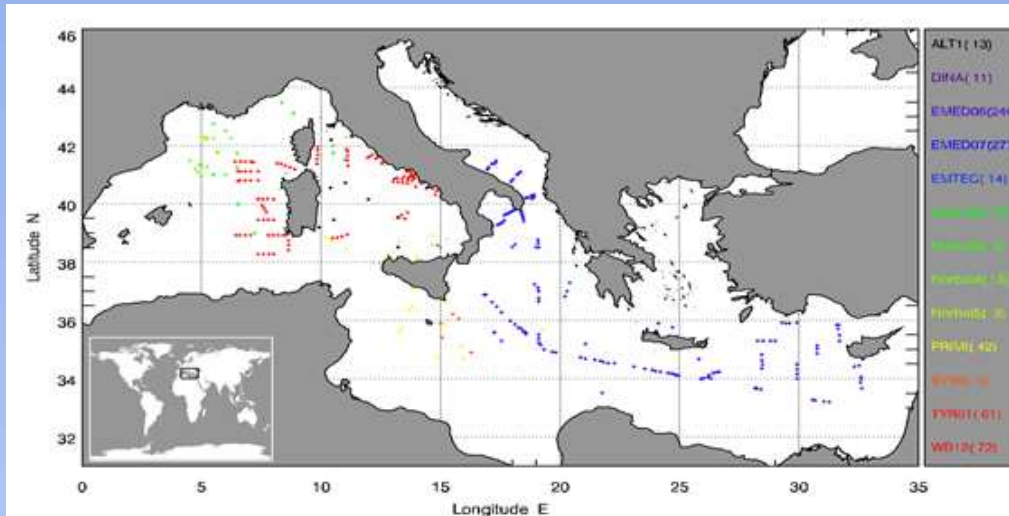
In situ data are necessary to ensure that satellite remotely sensed data are properly calibrated and validated.

Research Cruises are unique mean to acquire  
CAL/VAL measurements



**In situ Fiducial Reference Measurements (FRM) are an essential for satellite mission calibration and validation Research Cruises are crucial to acquire FRM.**

# Mediterranean Ocean Color Bio-optical DATA SETS



**Annual Mediterranean cruises for Satellite OC CALVAL:**  
organized by CNR-ISAC since 1997 in the framework of National and International Projects

## Bio-optical measurements:

**769 in-water profiles of:**

- downwelling irradiance ( $E_d$ )
- upwelling radiance ( $L_u$ )
- downwelling radiance ( $E_u$ )
- IOPs
- Chl profiles concurrently with in-water optical cast

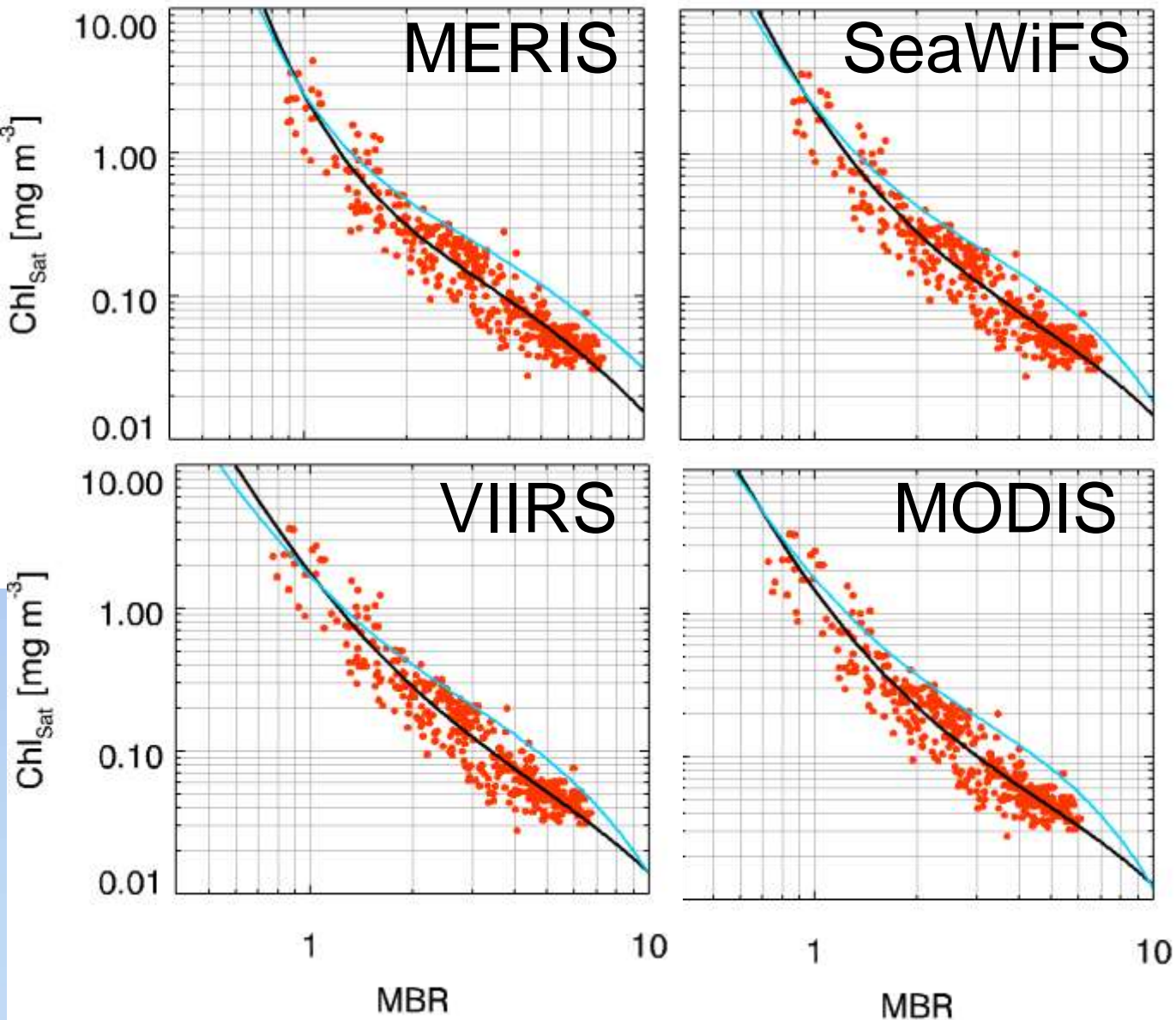


# FRM Bio-optical data: WMED-BIOOPT



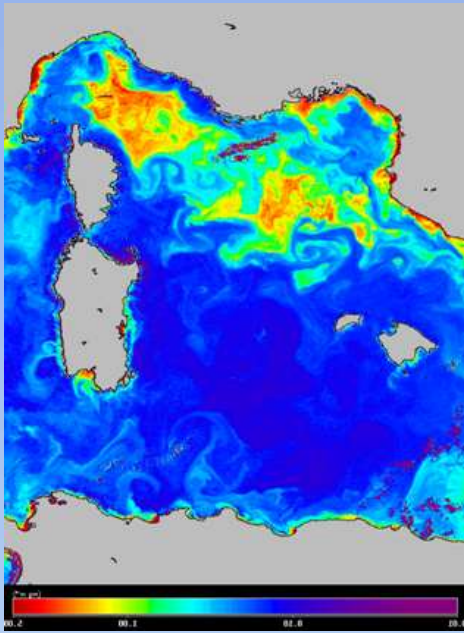
UNIQUE *in situ* dataset to develop sensor-specific algorithms for Mediterranean waters

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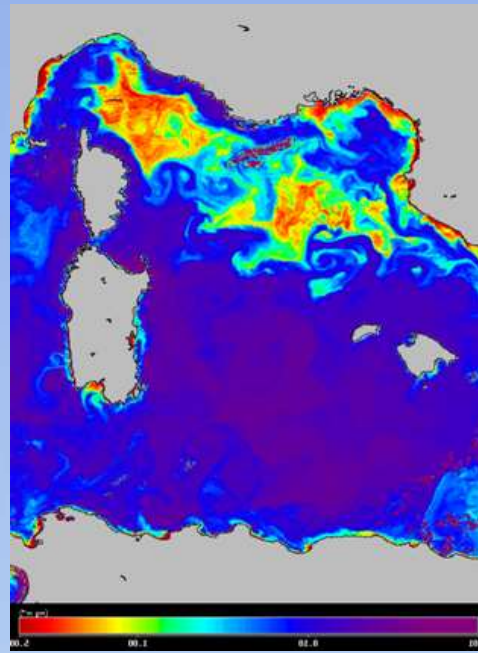


# Impact of the use of regional vs. global algorithms to process satellite data

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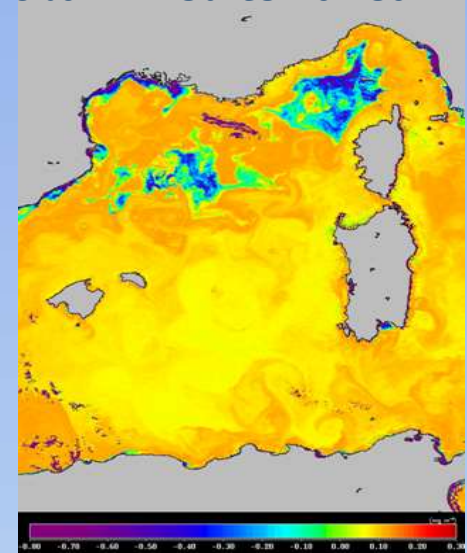


**global algorithm  
used by space  
agency**



**Regional MED  
algorithm developed  
by CNR**

**Global – Mediterranean**

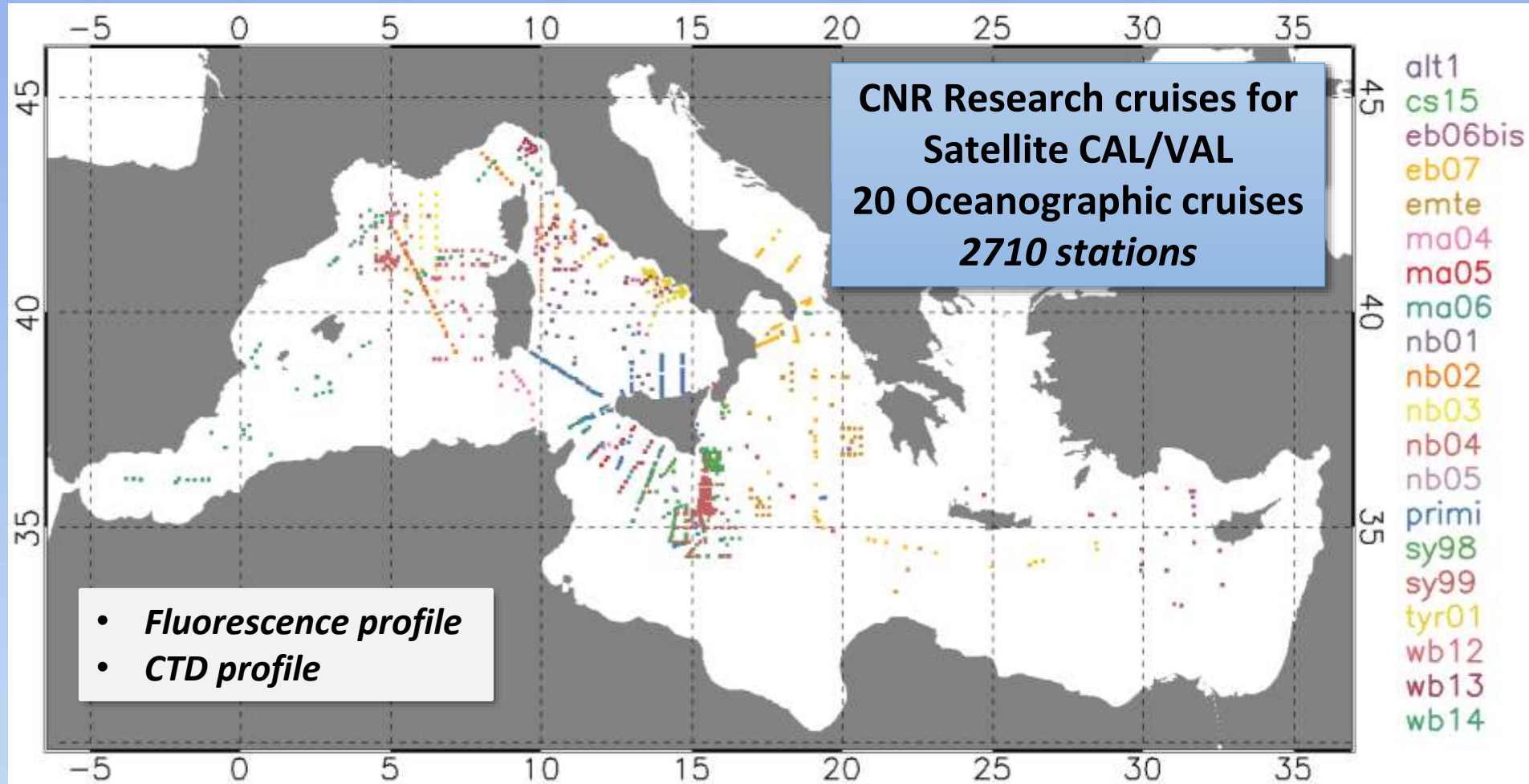


**Up to 100% differences!**



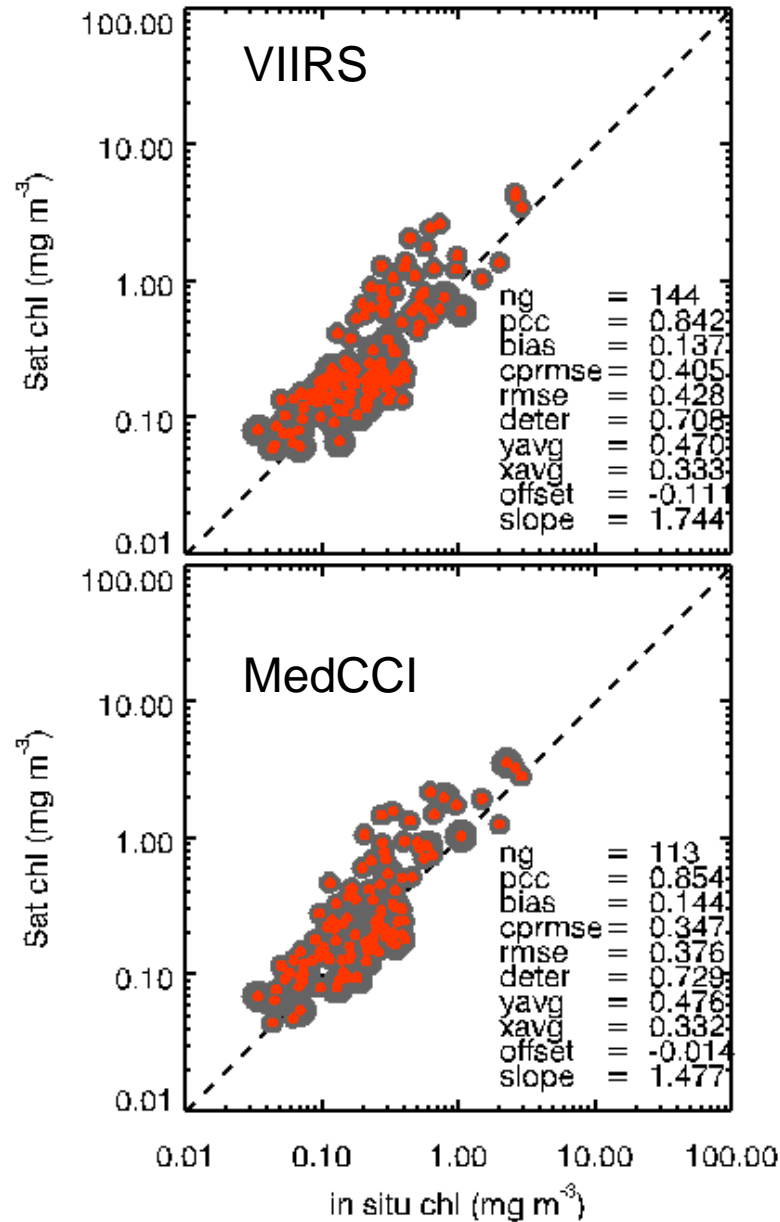
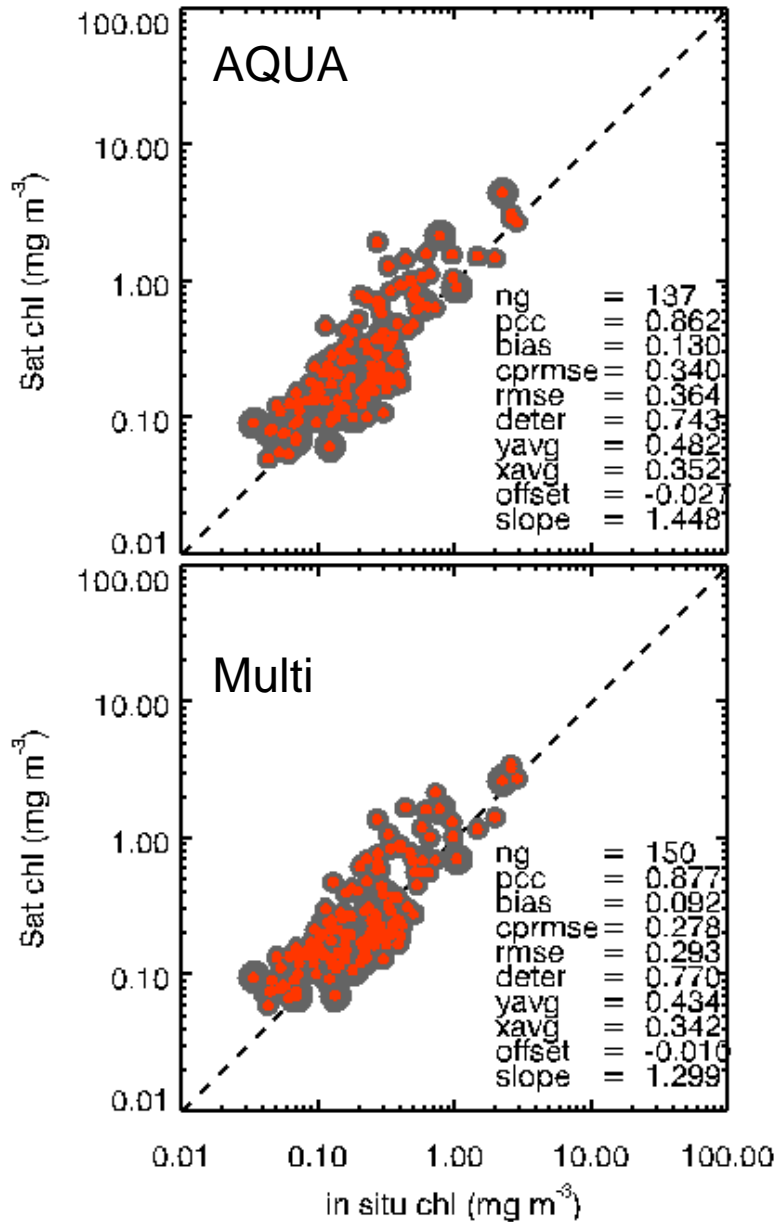
**Used by CNR to produce Ocean colour  
products available from CMEMS**

# Chlorophyll Reference database



Since 2007 ISAC CNR organized annual Research cruise in collaboration with ENEA Zoological Station “Anton Dohrn” (SZN) to acquire in situ FRM chlorophyll data. This dataset is use to assess the quality of CMEMS products

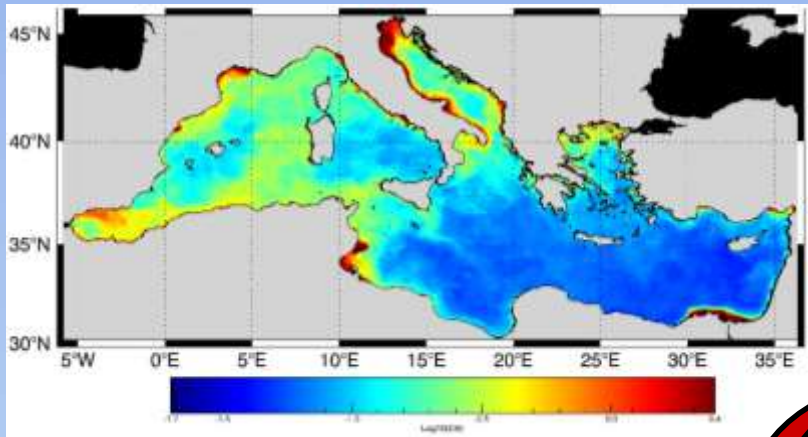
# Matchup & Statistics



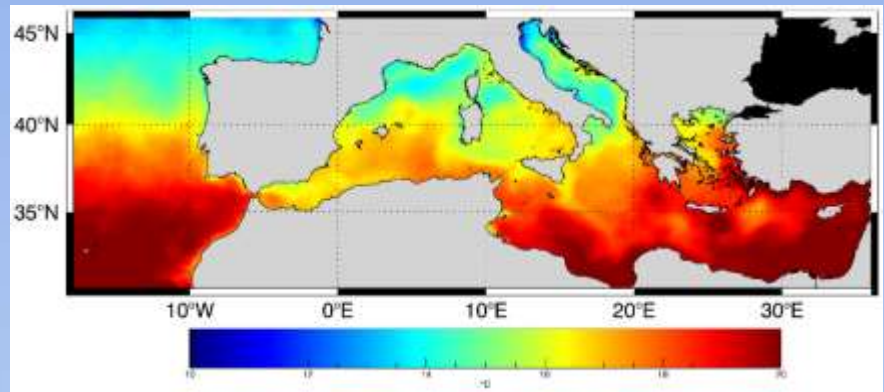
# Synergic use of data

## Ocean colour data

Satellite Surface chlorophyll a (Chl)

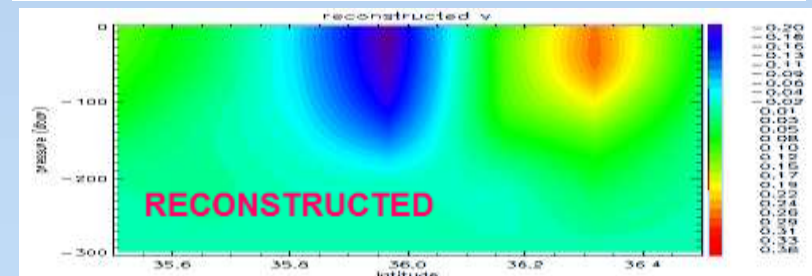
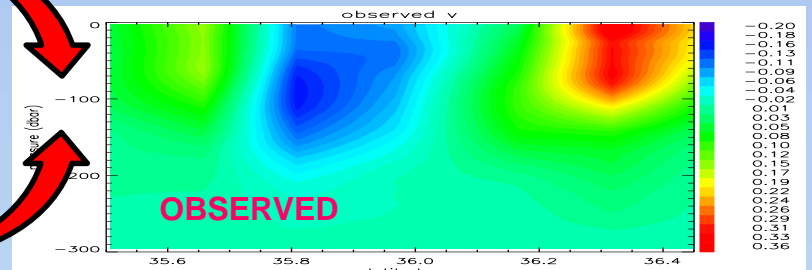
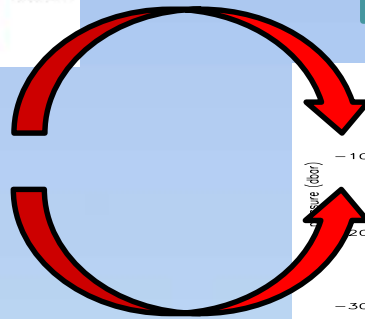


## Satellite Sea Surface Temperature data



## Machine Learning:

## In situ data

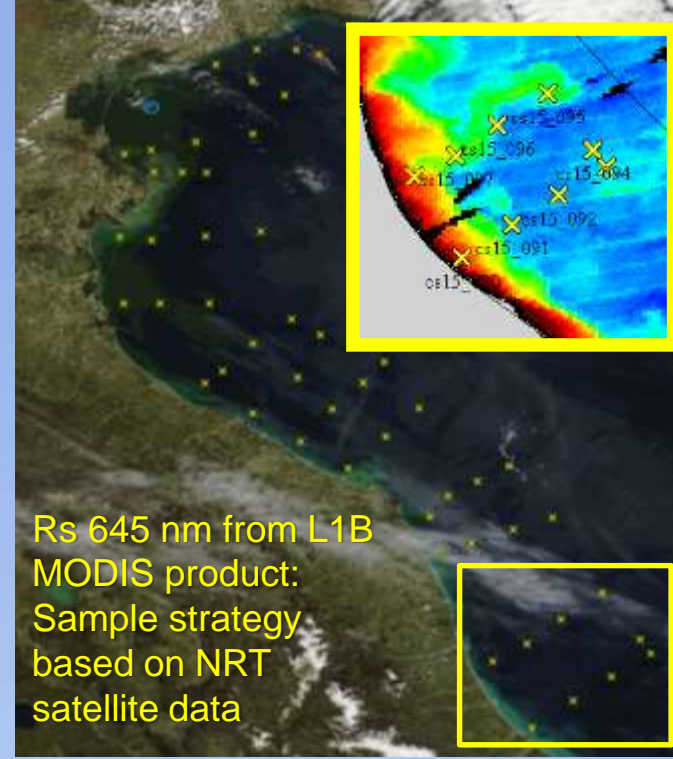
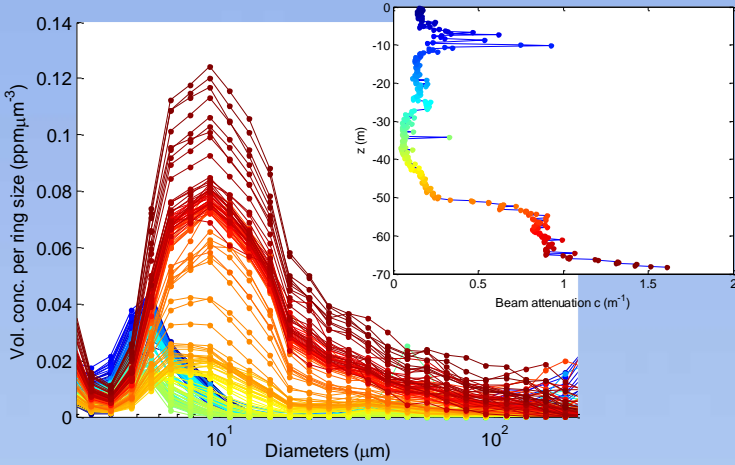


# COSIMO 2015 Oceanographic Cruise



## Objectives :

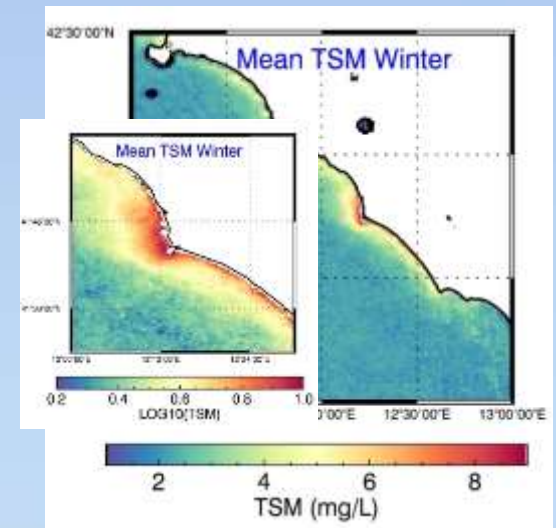
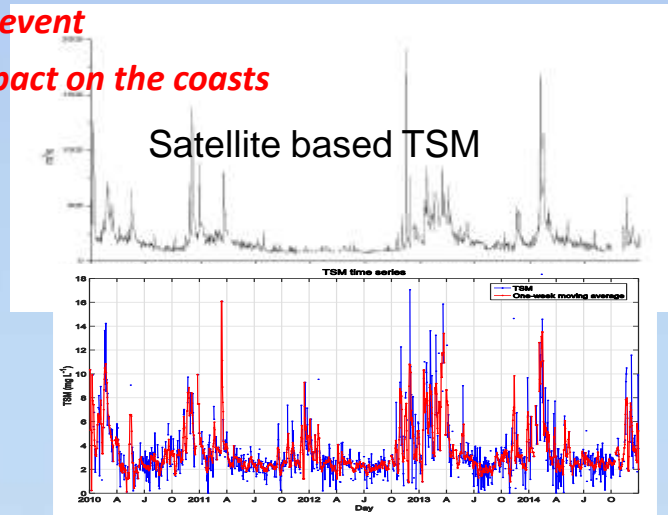
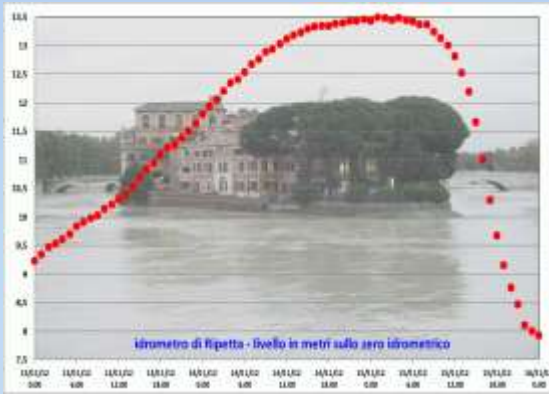
- Regional algorithms for the TSM
- In situ measurements for Cal/Val activity (LISST and WetLab)



# Variability of spatial patterns of total suspended matter during catastrophic flood

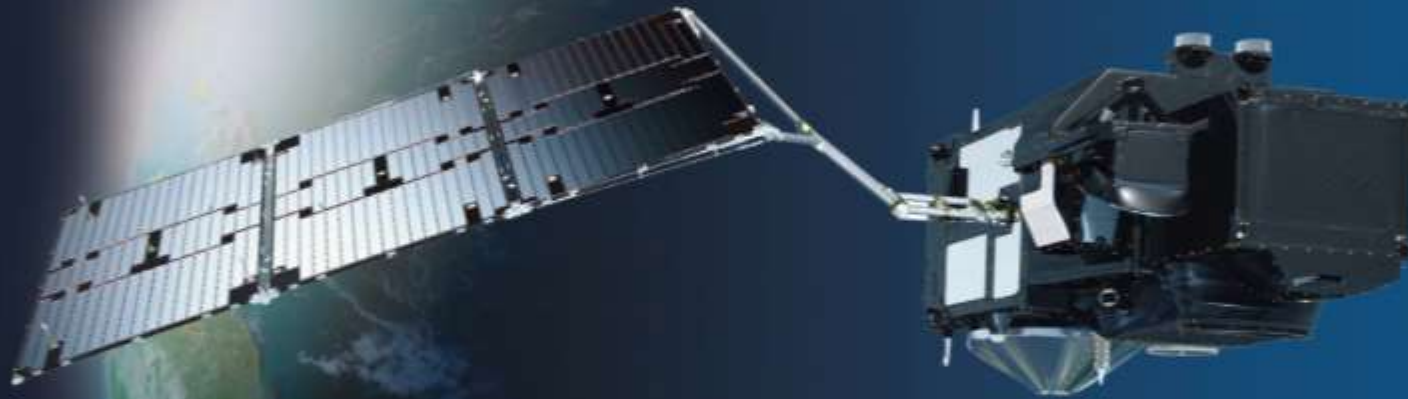
## Objectives :

- Quantify the TSM input from flood event
- Understand the geomorphologic impact on the coasts





# *Sentinel-3A Satellite*



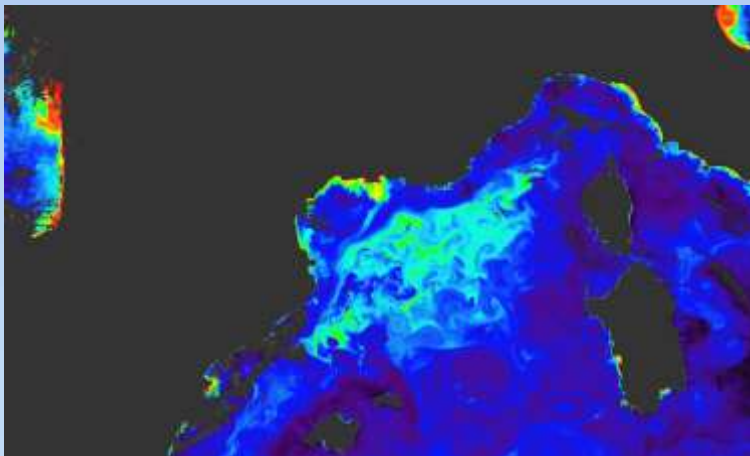
- 1. Sea Surface Temperature**
- 2. Ocean Colour**
- 3. Altimetry**

Launched on  
16 February  
2016



# Sentinel 3

- **The Copernicus Programme** of the European Commission will **operate several satellite marine missions** to provide synoptic, global and regional aquatic bio-geochemistry information at unprecedented scales.
- **Sentinel-3A is the first operational mission in this context.**
- **The Sentinel-3** information will **empower policymakers, public authorities, the commercial sector and users worldwide** who will gain access to state-of-the art **operational Copernicus Marine and Climate Services using the measurement data.**

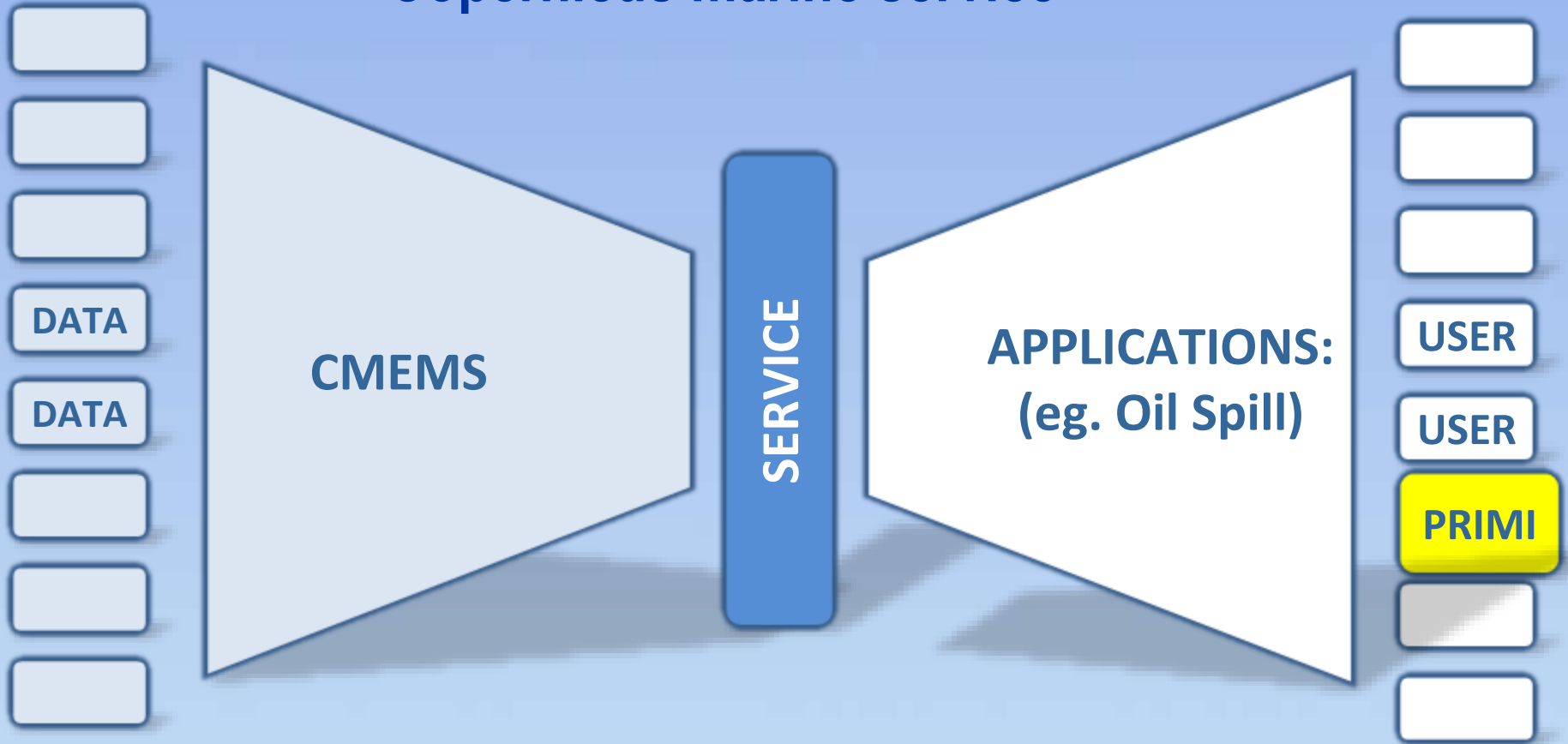


To contribute to Sentinel-3 CAL/VAL activities CNR carried out FRM measurements during this summer and planned a CAL/VAL Research cruise in 2017 as Italian contribution S3VT.

# From Core Service to downstream Service

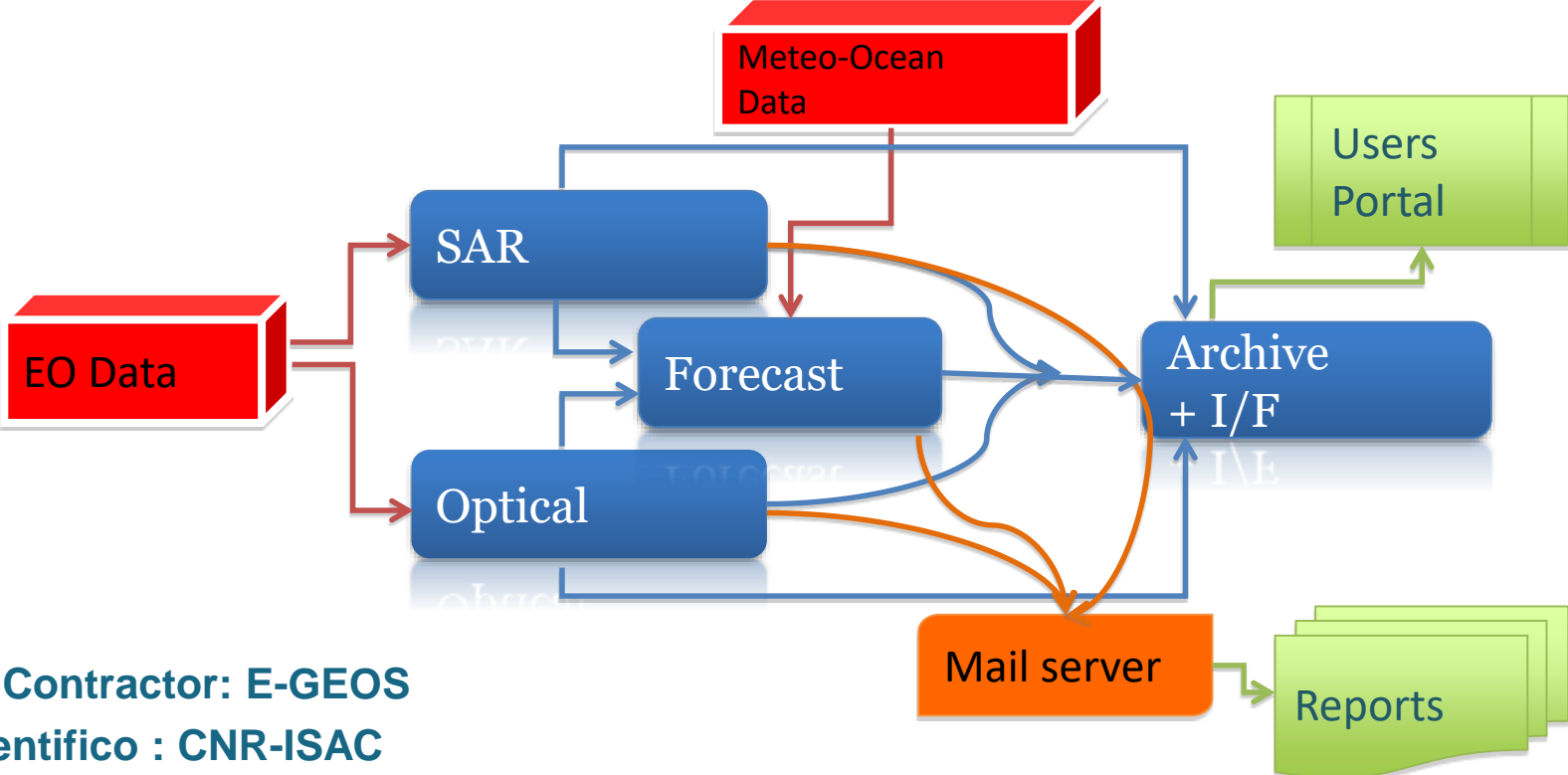
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## Copernicus marine service



# PRIMI Project: Validation of satellite oil spill detection and fate

**PRIMI** project, funded by the Italian Space Agency (ASI) has implemented an observation and forecast system to monitor marine pollution from hydrocarbon oil spills (OS) in the Italian Seas.



**Prime Contractor: E-GEOS**

**PI Scientifico : CNR-ISAC**

**Partners: CNR (ISAC, IAMC, ISMAR), ENEA, INGV, Un. PO**

**Partners: ACS, FlyBy, INNOVA**

# PRIMI CRUISE OBJECTIVES

The main cruise objective was to visit oil slicks detected by the PRIMI SAR and Optical Observation Modules and whose displacement was predicted by the PRIMI Forecast Module, in order to validate PRIMI system during operation.

In particular:

1. To verify the **accuracy of the oil slick detection by satellite**
2. To verify the **accuracy of the oil slick forecasting system**
3. To release **drifters** into an oil slick and verify how they follow the slicks
4. To acquire in situ **RADAR and LIDAR marine data** in presence of oil spills
5. To collect **oil spill water samples** to analyze hydrocarbon composition, density and concentration
6. To acquire **bio-optical data** of the area, for satellite algorithm validation (also in and out of OS)
7. To acquire surface mateo-marine data and R/V Urania navigation data for validation of SAR wind and ship detection products
8. To acquire **hydrographic , biochemical and biological data** of the area

# PRIMI Cruise: INSTRUMENTATION



**I-SPHERE: Iridium  
lagrangian drifters**

**LIDAR**



**Rosette Water Sampler  
(24 bottles)  
& CTD**



**ARGO lagrangian  
drifters**

**XBT**



**Drifter UNIBO**



**SATLANTIC optical profiler**



**RADAR  
IN SITU**

# Oil Spill detection & Verification Strategy



SAR and VIS satellite processed in NRT by PRIMI system



OS SAR report received in NRT on board, within two hours from the satellite overpass



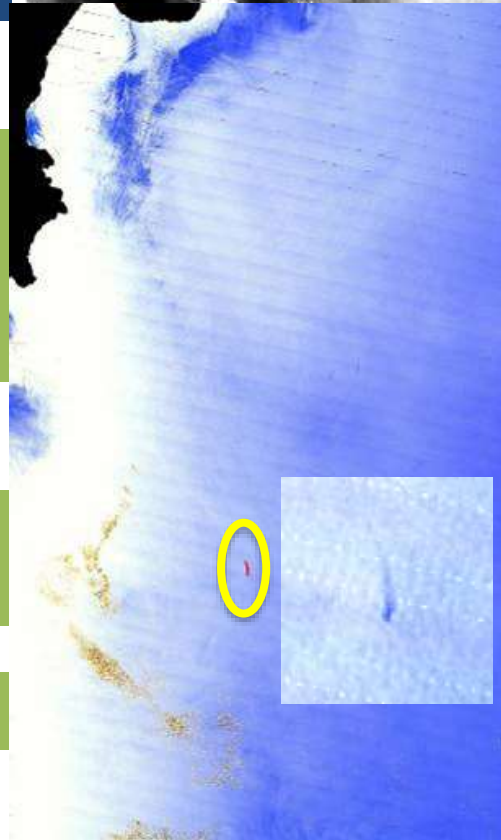
Selection of OS to be verify in situ



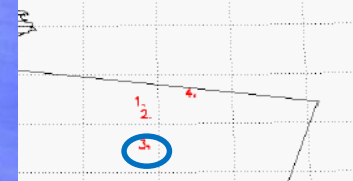
Check the OS in VIS images



ENVISAT WS 18-08-09 UTC 9:03



Analysis Results



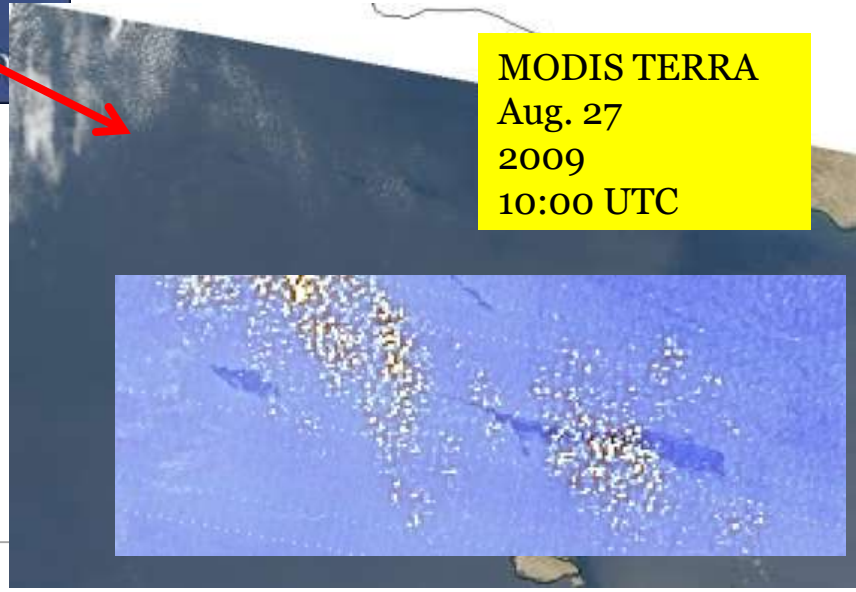
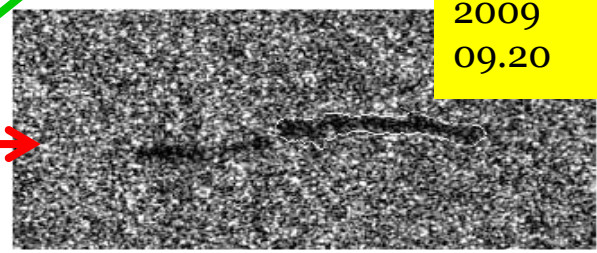
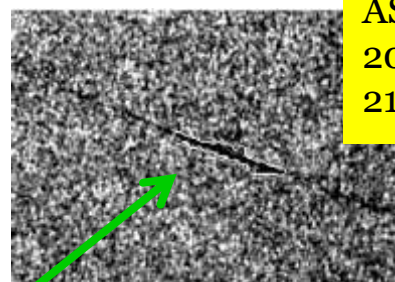
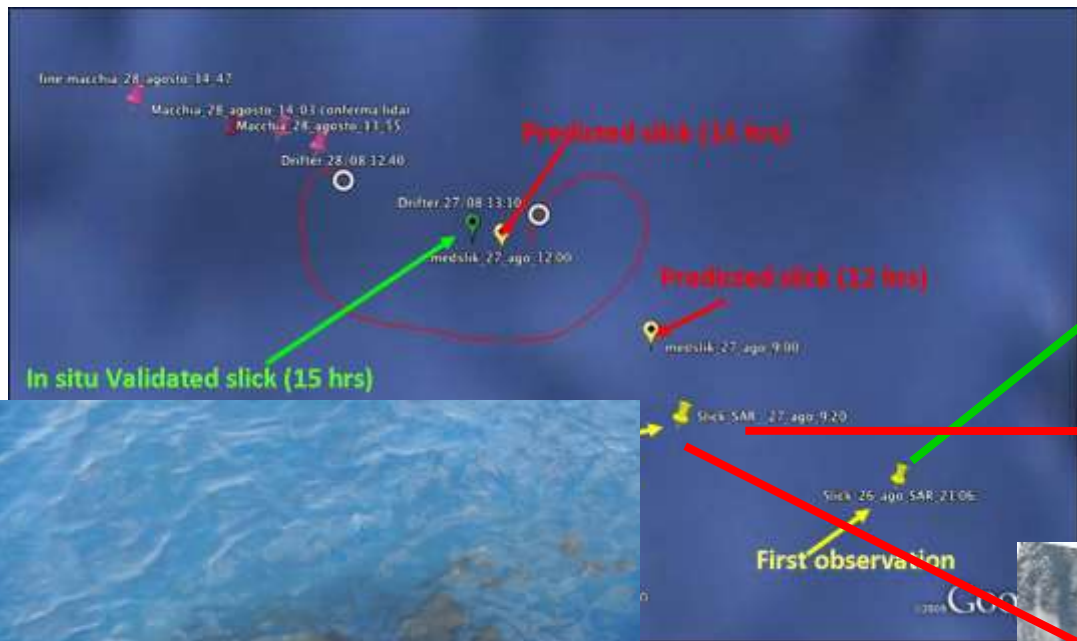
Note: Oil Slick thumbnail

Classification	<b>UNCERTAIN</b>
Center (Lat-Lon)	35° 16' 55.261" 16° 24' 52.438"
Area Surface	4972500.0 m <sup>2</sup>
Area Perimeter	13311.017 m

RV Ship move to the area in which the OS was detected and forecast of the OS board forecast of the oil spill drift

# PRIMI Cruise: OS of Aug. 26-27, 2009, Sicily Channel

➤ Example: OS in situ location of a slick detected in two successive ENVISAT ASAR and MODIS images



2.0 and 2.3 g kg<sup>-1</sup> of hydrocarbons were found in the samples

(tags at upper left).

ow), prediction  
green) drifter

A black and white photograph showing a view from the deck of a ship. In the foreground, there is a metal railing with horizontal bars. Behind the railing, a white structure, possibly a cabin or part of the ship's superstructure, is visible. A tall, thin mast or antenna structure extends upwards from the center. The background shows a dark, choppy sea under a cloudy sky. The text "Thanks for the attention" is overlaid in the center in a red, sans-serif font.

Thanks for the attention