

# Ocean and Coastal Initiative Session

2020 STAR JPSS/GOES-R Proving Ground Risk Reduction Summit

1500 to 1630, Tuesday, 25 February 2020

NCWCP

Auditorium

1500 to 1630 Session

Time Duration  
(hhmm) (min)

Presenter

Topic

1500 5 Lance, V. Setting the session goals and NOAA CoastWatch/OceanWatch/PolarWatch as interface between providers and users

1505 10 Ignatov, Alexander ACSPO updates and SST EDR activities

1515 10 Wang, Menghua MSL12 updates and Ocean Color EDR activities

1525 10 Ford, Mike NMFS

1535 10 Tomlinson, Michelle NOS

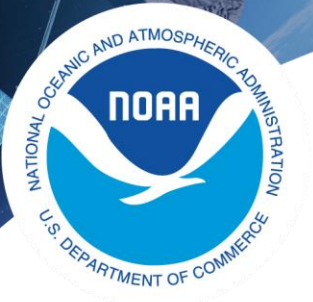
1545 10 Kurapov, Alex NOS

1555 10 Sienkiewicz, Joseph NWS

1605 25 Audience and all speakers as panelists Panel/ Audience Discussion

1630 Adjourn Session (Posters to follow)





# Advancing Ocean Satellite Data into Applications, Information and Decisions: NOAA Coastwatch/Oceanwatch/Polarwatch

Veronica P. Lance

And the

NOAA CoastWatch/OceanWatch/PolarWatch Team

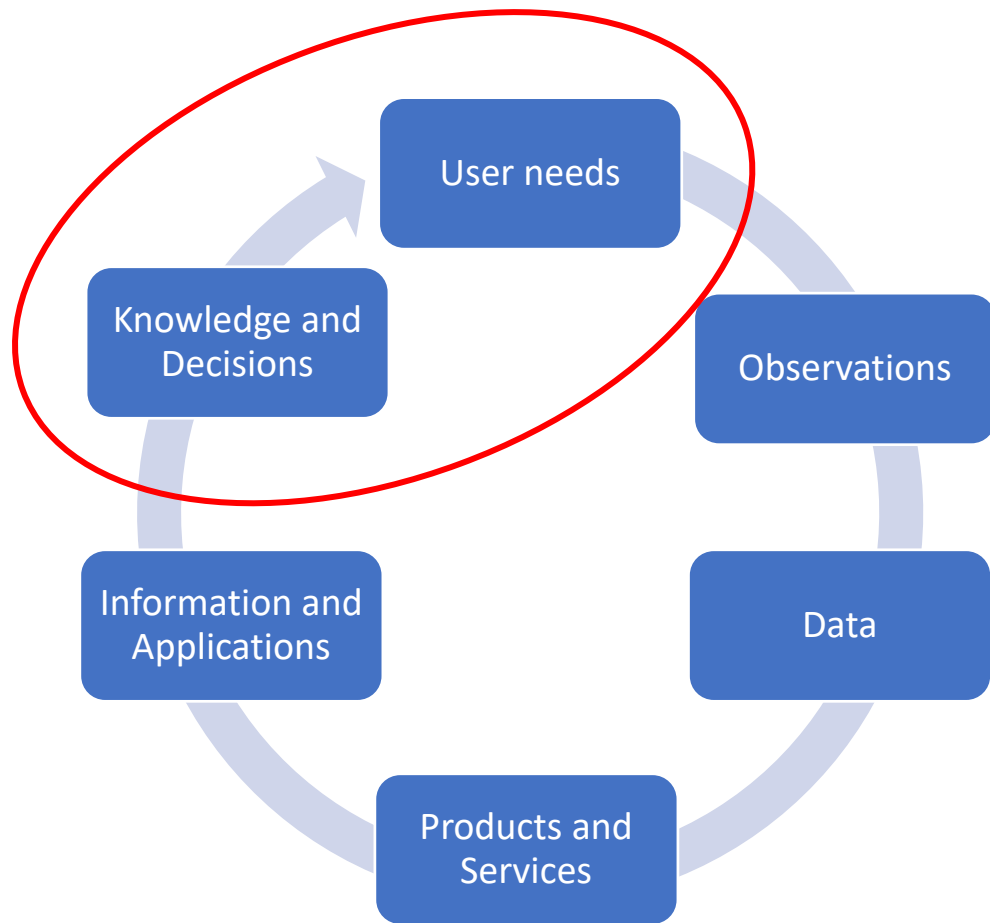


# Questions

- Where are the gaps in operational satellite ocean/coast/water data or data products?
- What barriers to access and use are perceived by stakeholders?
- How do we fill these gaps and bridge these barriers?
- Where are the opportunities for expanding the number and types of applications that could benefit from satellite data?
- What resources do data providers need to support users?



# Value Chain (loop) of Observations to Knowledge and Decisions



## User-driven needs

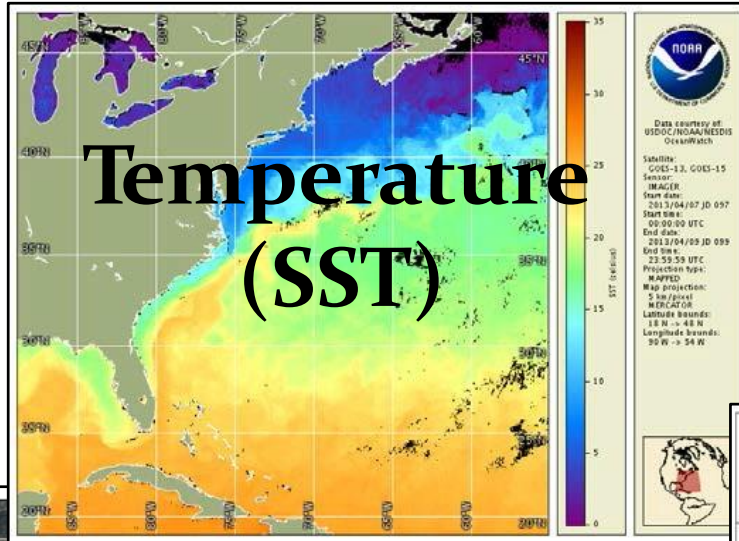
- Observations (sensor measurements)
- Data (~from bytes to geophysical parameters)
- Data Products and services (~from swath/granule to merged, mapped, anomalies, etc., data viewers and portals)
- Information and applications (combine data types, fusion, outside information, get the full picture, data assimilation in models, etc.)
- Knowledge to inform decisions and actions (e.g., downstream models, communication tools)

***There are gaps***

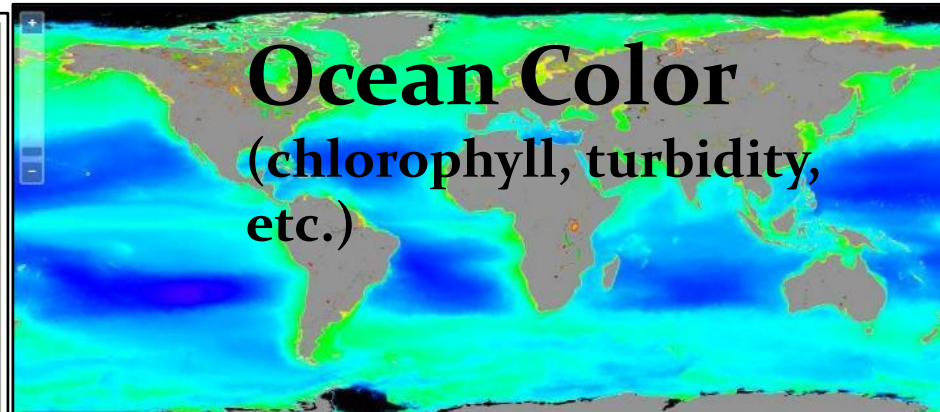


# Ocean (Water) Parameters from SPACE

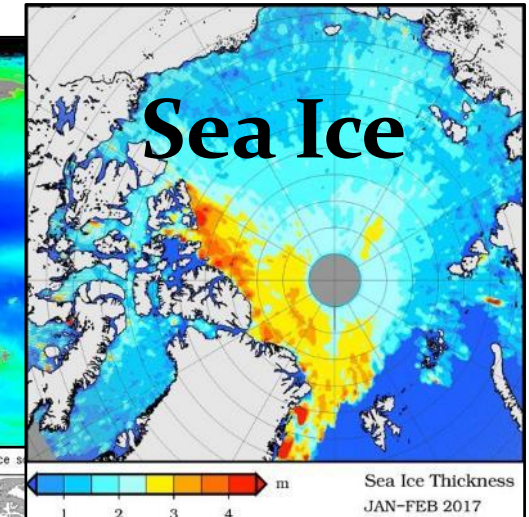
**Temperature  
(SST)**



**Ocean Color**  
(chlorophyll, turbidity,  
etc.)



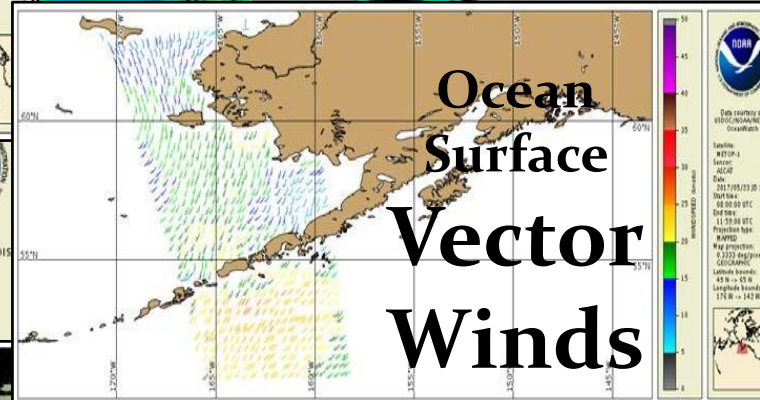
**Sea Ice**



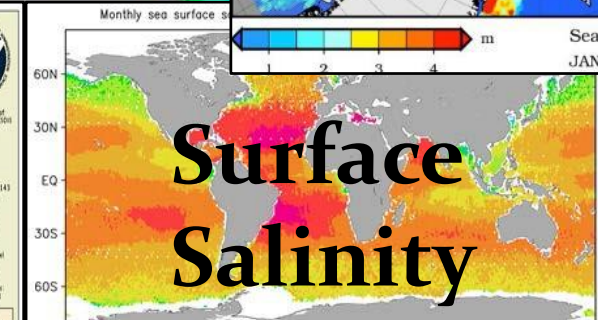
**Imagery**



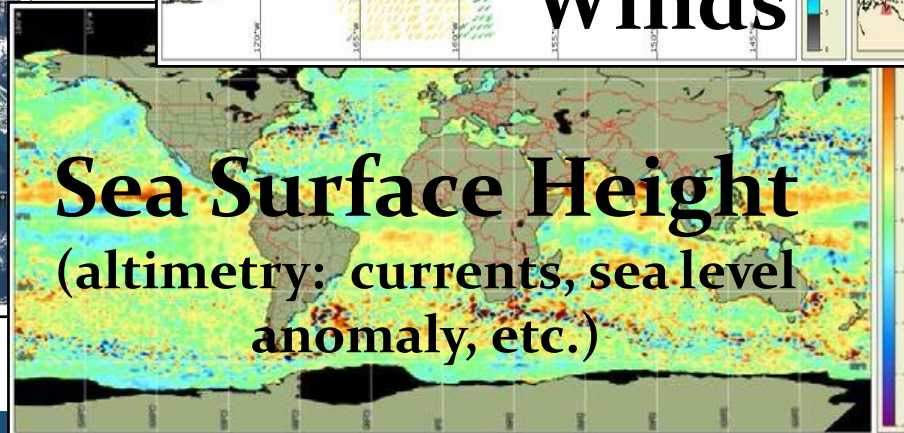
**Ocean  
Surface  
Vector  
Winds**



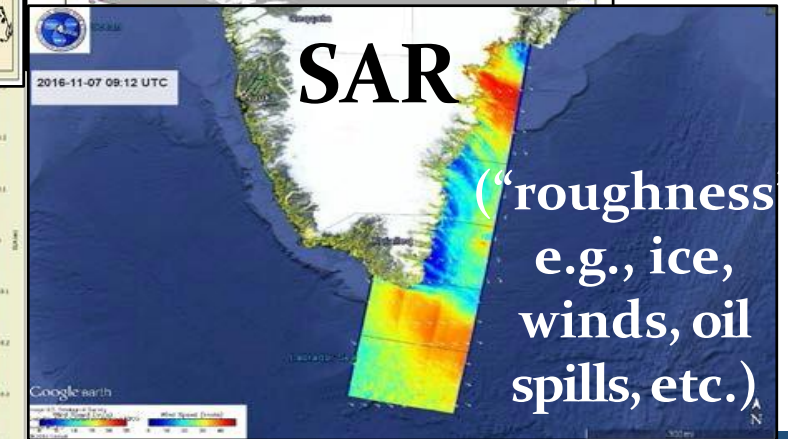
**Surface  
Salinity**



**Sea Surface Height**  
(altimetry: currents, sea level  
anomaly, etc.)



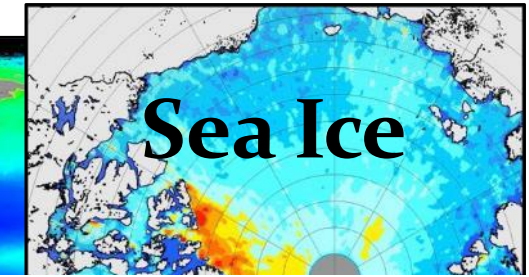
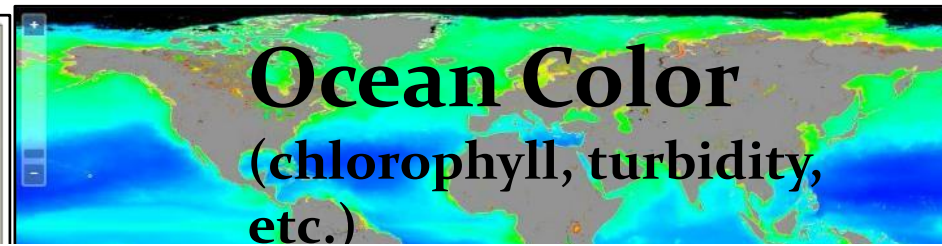
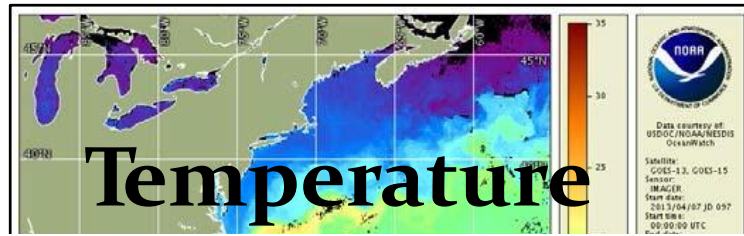
**SAR**



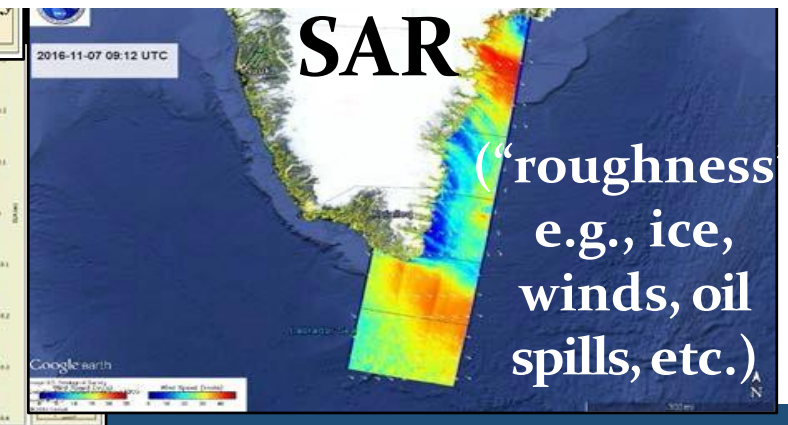
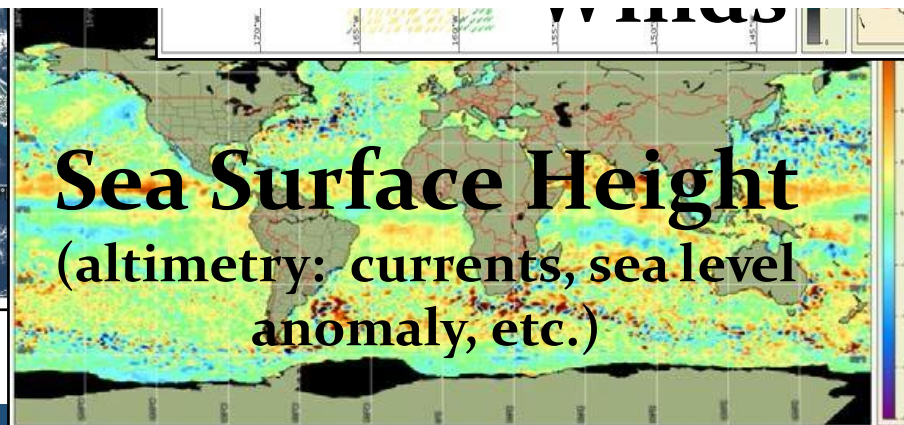
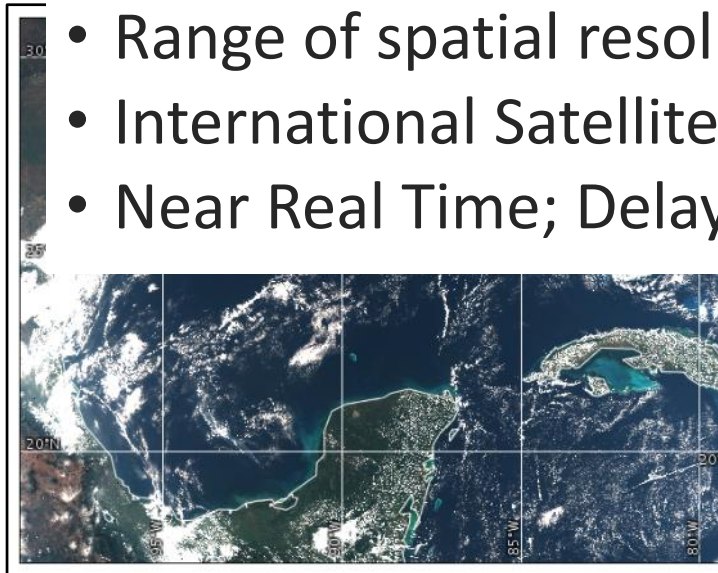
("roughness  
e.g., ice,  
winds, oil  
spills, etc.")



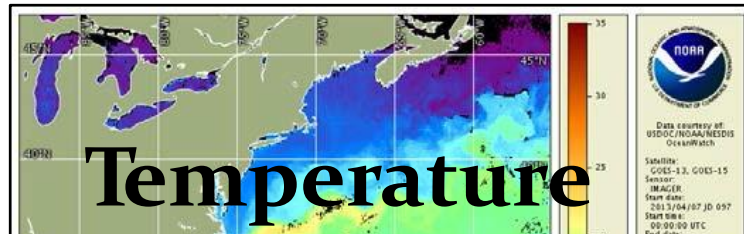
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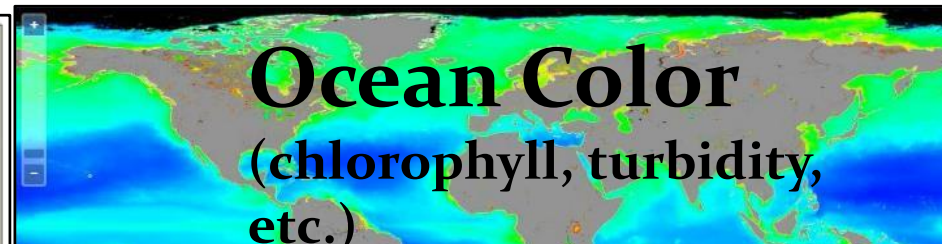
- Polar orbiting (spatial coverage); Geostationary (temporal coverage)
- Across electromagnetic spectrum
- Active; Passive
- Range of spatial resolutions
- International Satellite Missions (NOAA and non-NOAA data)
- Near Real Time; Delayed, Reanalyzed



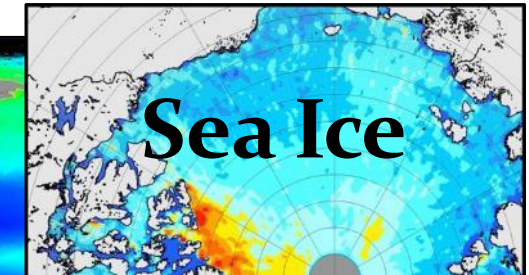
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**Ocean Color**  
(chlorophyll, turbidity, etc.)



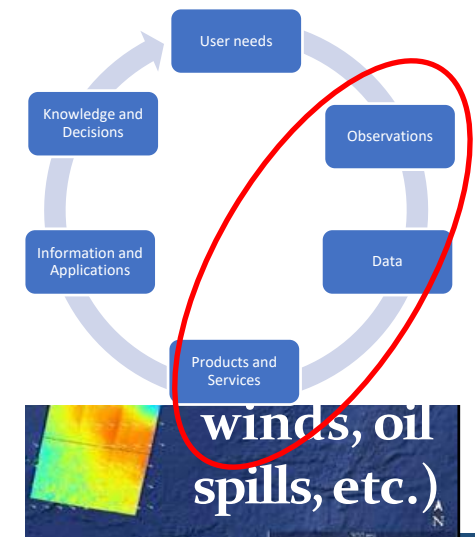
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At NOAA/NESDIS/STAR – Specialized science teams for every parameter

***“STAR brings the power of satellite remote sensing science to all NOAA missions.”***





# NOAA CoastWatch/OceanWatch/PolarWatch a.k.a. “CoastWatch”

## Free and Open Data/Products/Services

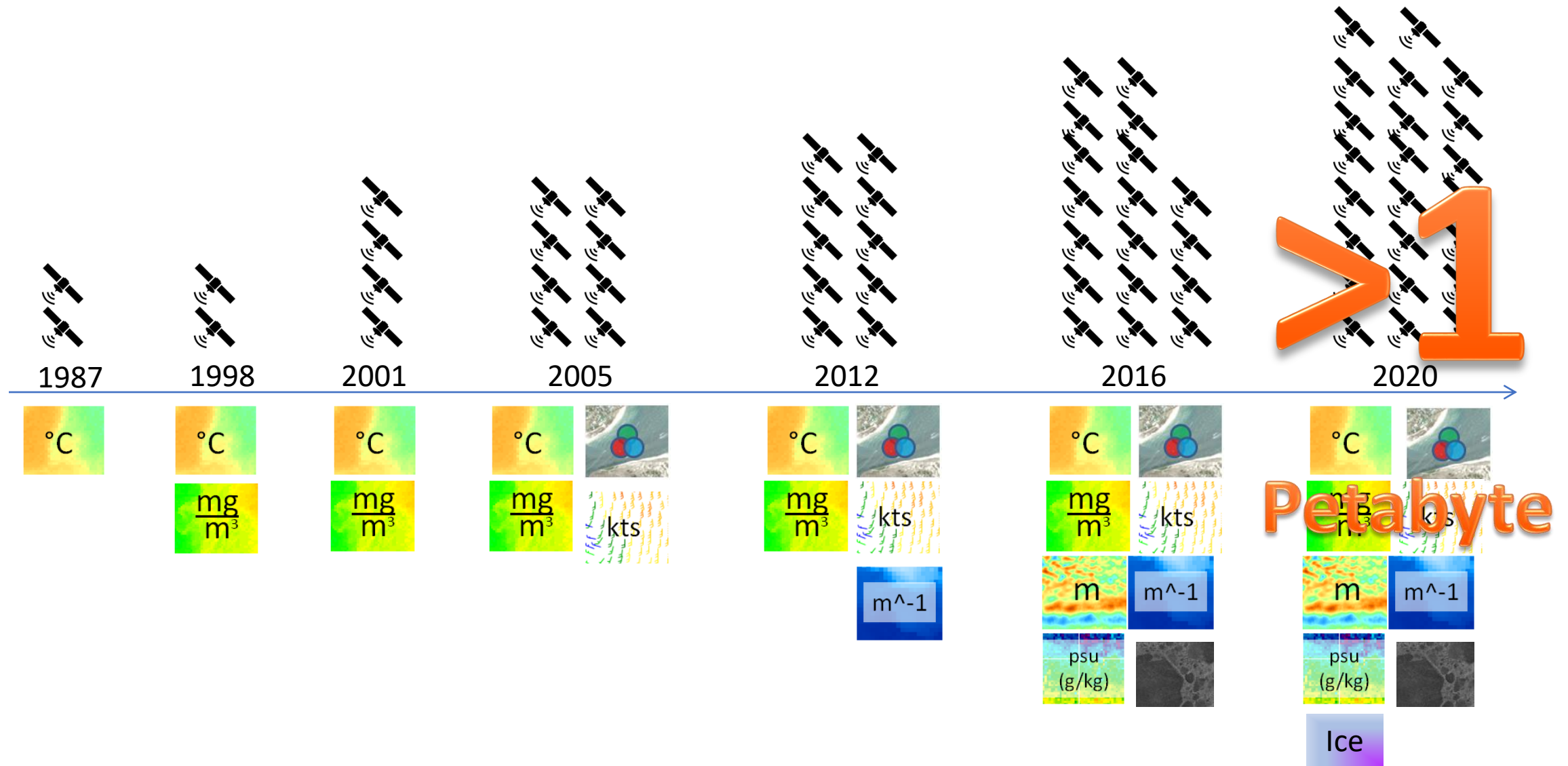
### Adding value to ocean/aquatic satellite data

- Data Search and Access
- Product Descriptions
- Value added product development
- Data monitoring (quality/quantity)
- Transition new products
- Outreach, training, education
- User engagement
- Research and collaboration
- Feedback to satellite science

The screenshot shows the NOAA CoastWatch website interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, Satellite Data Products, Field Observations, Data Quality, Nodes, User Resources, Stories, and About. Below the navigation bar is the NOAA logo and the text "The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration". To the right of the logo is the text "NOAA CoastWatch • OceanWatch". Further right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the word "Search". Below the search bar are radio buttons for "CoastWatch" and "NOAA", and a "Submit" button. Below these is a "Need Help? Contact the Help Desk:" section with an email address: "Email | (301) 683-3335". The main content area features a large satellite image of the Atlantic Ocean. To the right of the image is a "Latest News" section with the text: "Mark your calendar and plan to attend the First International Operational Satellite". Below the news section is a circular diagram with six blue boxes connected by arrows in a clockwise cycle. The boxes are labeled: "User needs", "Observations", "Data", "Products and Services", "Information and Applications", and "Knowledge and Decisions". A red oval is drawn around the "Information and Applications" and "Products and Services" boxes. Below the diagram is a section titled "Satellite data products for understanding and man..." with three small images: a satellite image of a coastline, a map of the Atlantic Ocean with the text "18-19 June" and "1st International", and a satellite image of a coastline. At the bottom of the screenshot is the text "CoastWatch.NOAA.gov" in a large blue font.

CoastWatch.NOAA.gov

# CoastWatch Data, 30+ years



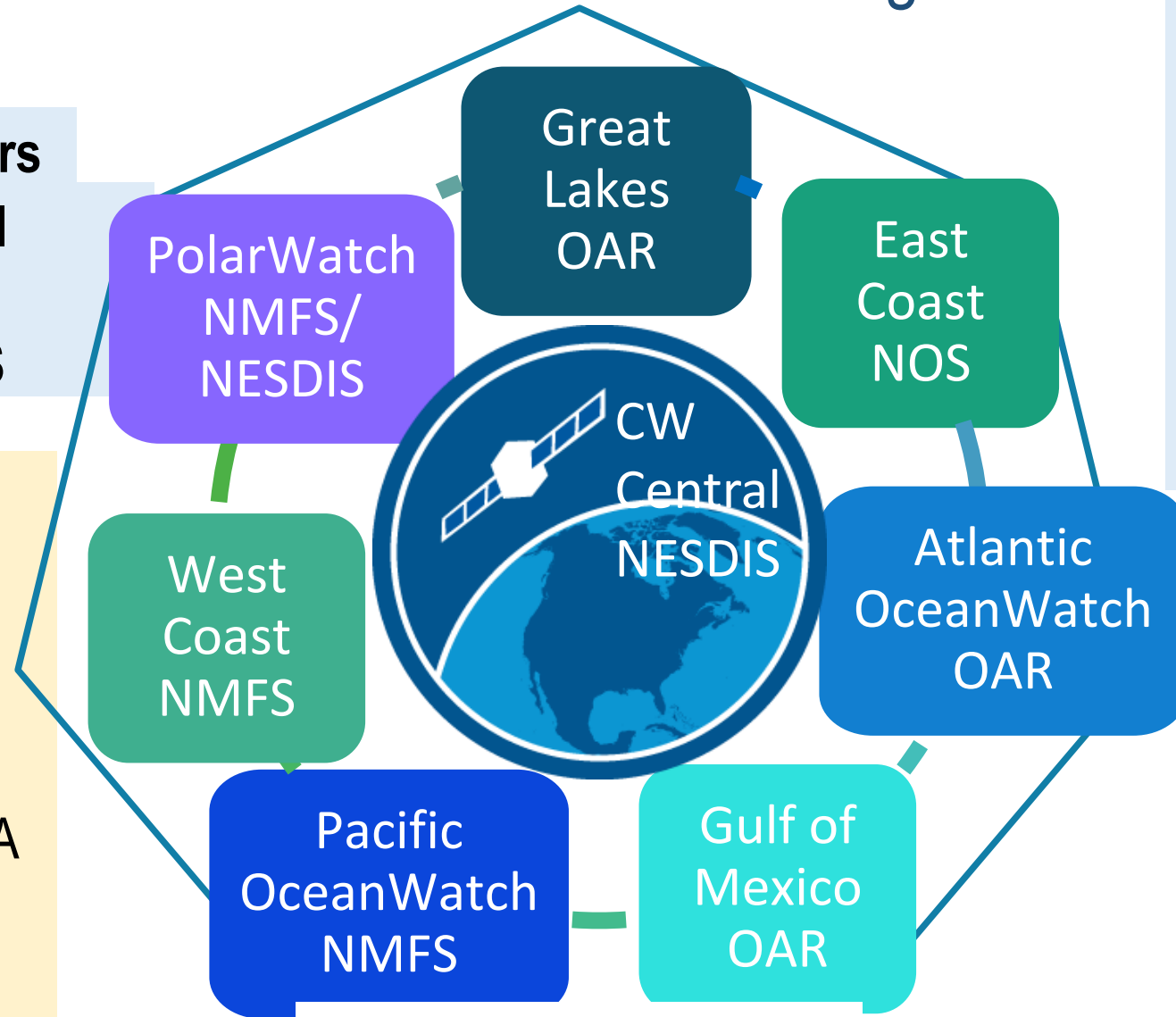
# NOAA CoastWatch/OceanWatch/PolarWatch Program

## NOAA Data Providers

- SOCD
- STAR
- OSPO
- NCEI
- OAR
- NWS

## External Data Providers

- USGS
- NASA
- Copernicus; EUMETSAT; ESA (Sentinels)
- JAXA



## NOAA Users

- NESDIS
- NMFS
- NOS
- NWS
- OAR
- OMAO

## External Users

- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Commercial
- Academia
- International
- General Public

**“HUB and SPOKES”**



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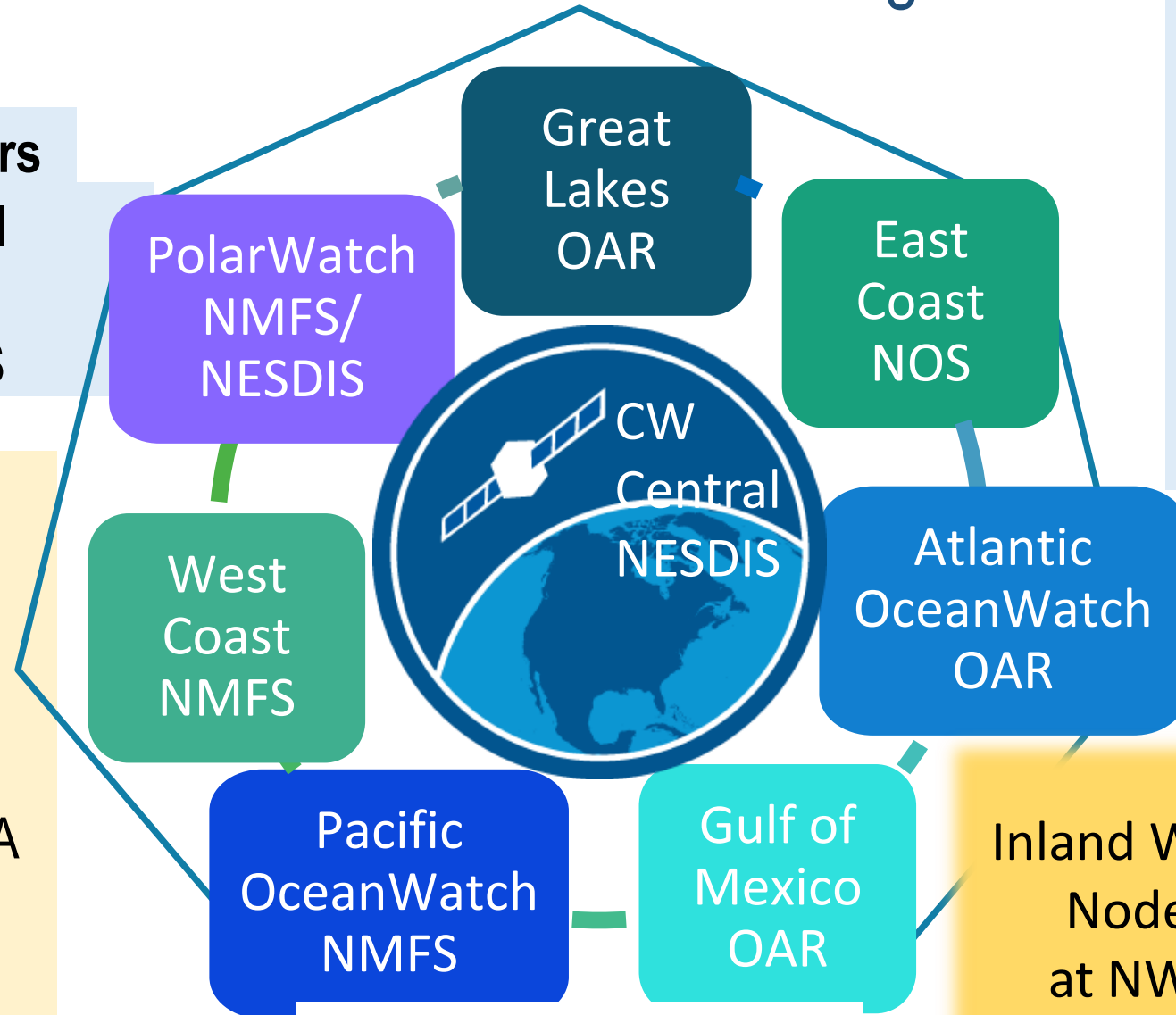
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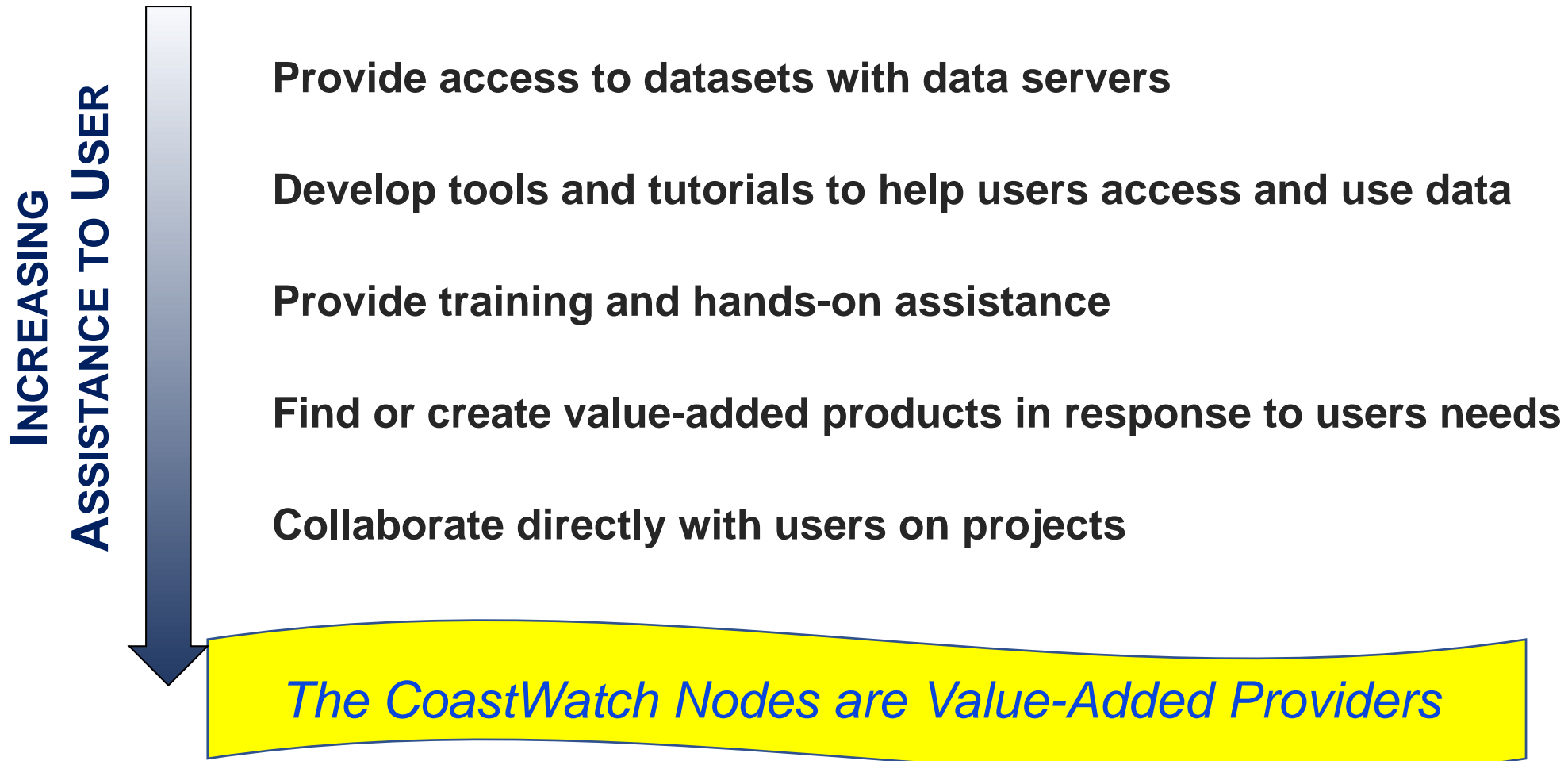
## External Users

- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Commercial Academia
- International General Public

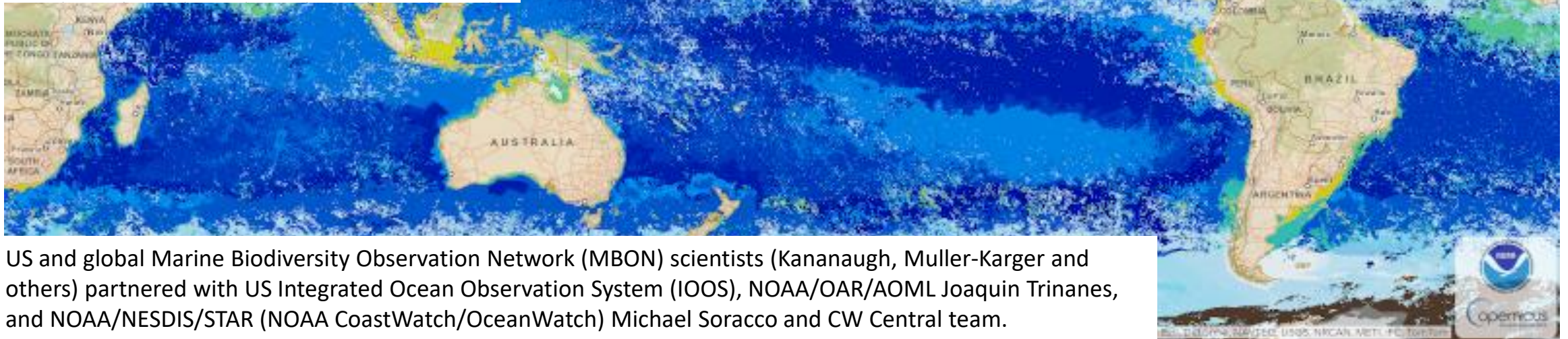
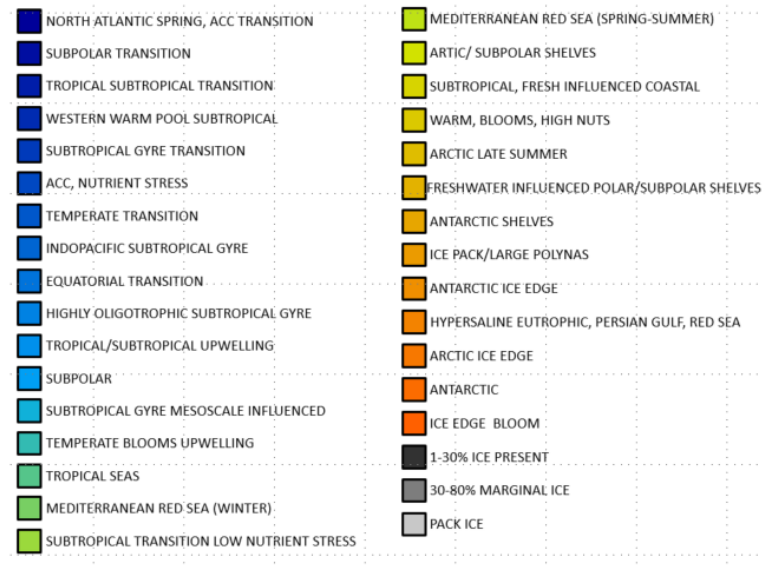


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# CoastWatch Nodes help users access and use satellite data



# Example #1: Satellite input - Model output: e.g., Seascapes Product



US and global Marine Biodiversity Observation Network (MBON) scientists (Kananaugh, Muller-Karger and others) partnered with US Integrated Ocean Observation System (IOOS), NOAA/OAR/AOML Joaquin Trinanes, and NOAA/NESDIS/STAR (NOAA CoastWatch/OceanWatch) Michael Soracco and CW Central team.

<https://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cw/satellite-data-products/multi-parameter-models/seascape-pelagic-habitat-classification.html>



## Example #2: EcoCast

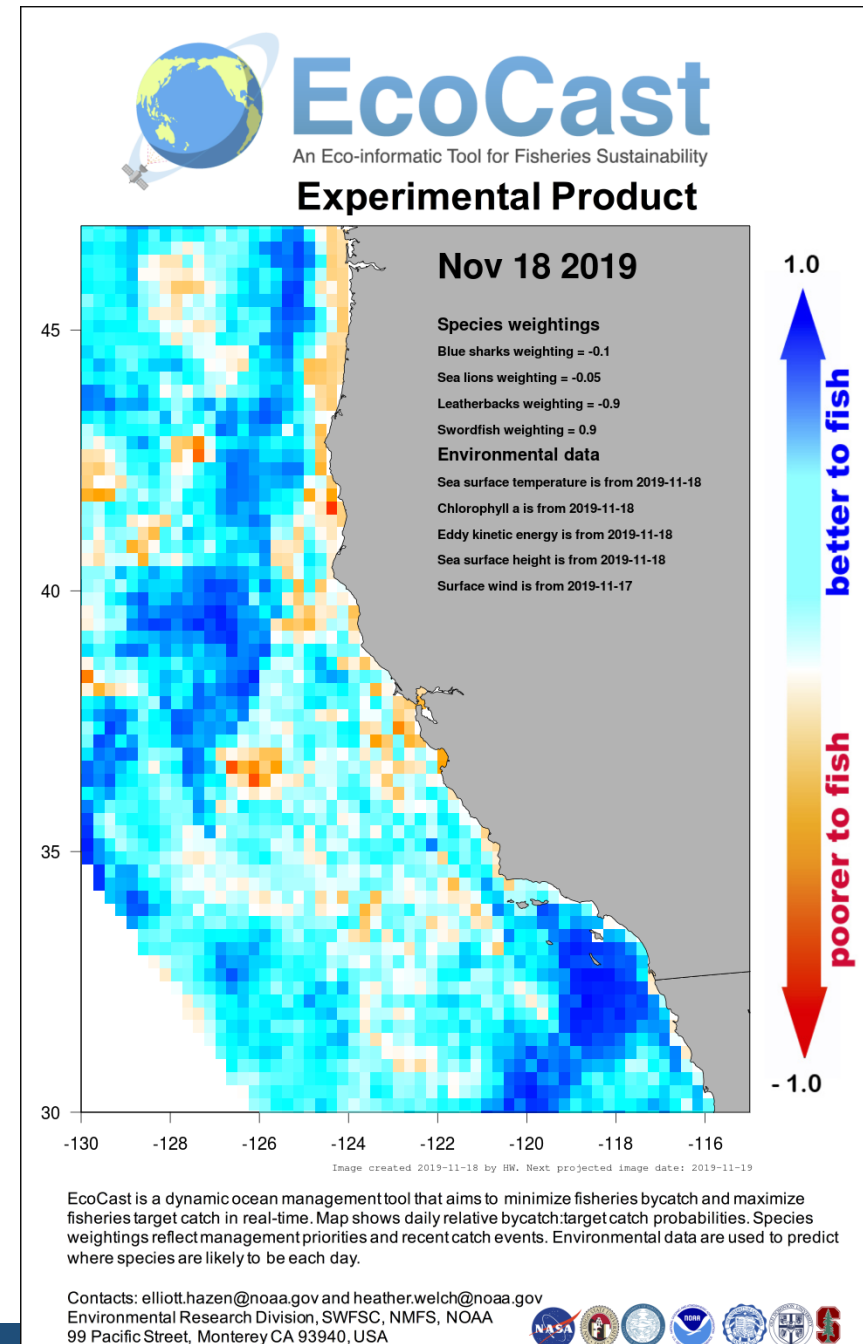
Satellite observation inputs: SST, chl, EKE, SSH, winds

Application: Bycatch avoidance  
Distributed through: CW West Coast Node

This project is funded in part through JPSS/PGRR

***Courtesy: Elliot Hazen, Heather Welch, NMFS SWFSC developers and Dale Robinson, operations production West Coast Node***

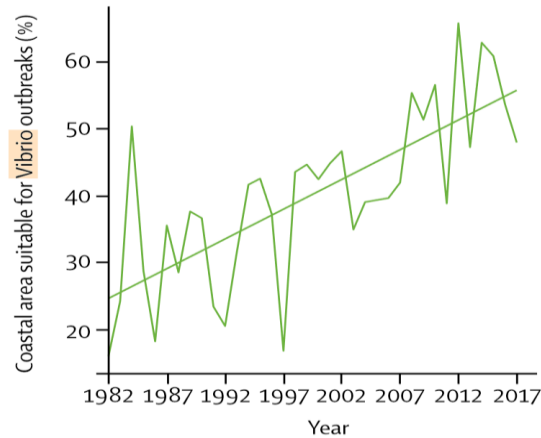
[https://coastwatch.pfeg.noaa.gov/ecocast/map\\_product.html](https://coastwatch.pfeg.noaa.gov/ecocast/map_product.html)



# Example #3: Vibrio Suitability Index derived using daily satellite SST

Satellite  
observation  
input: SST

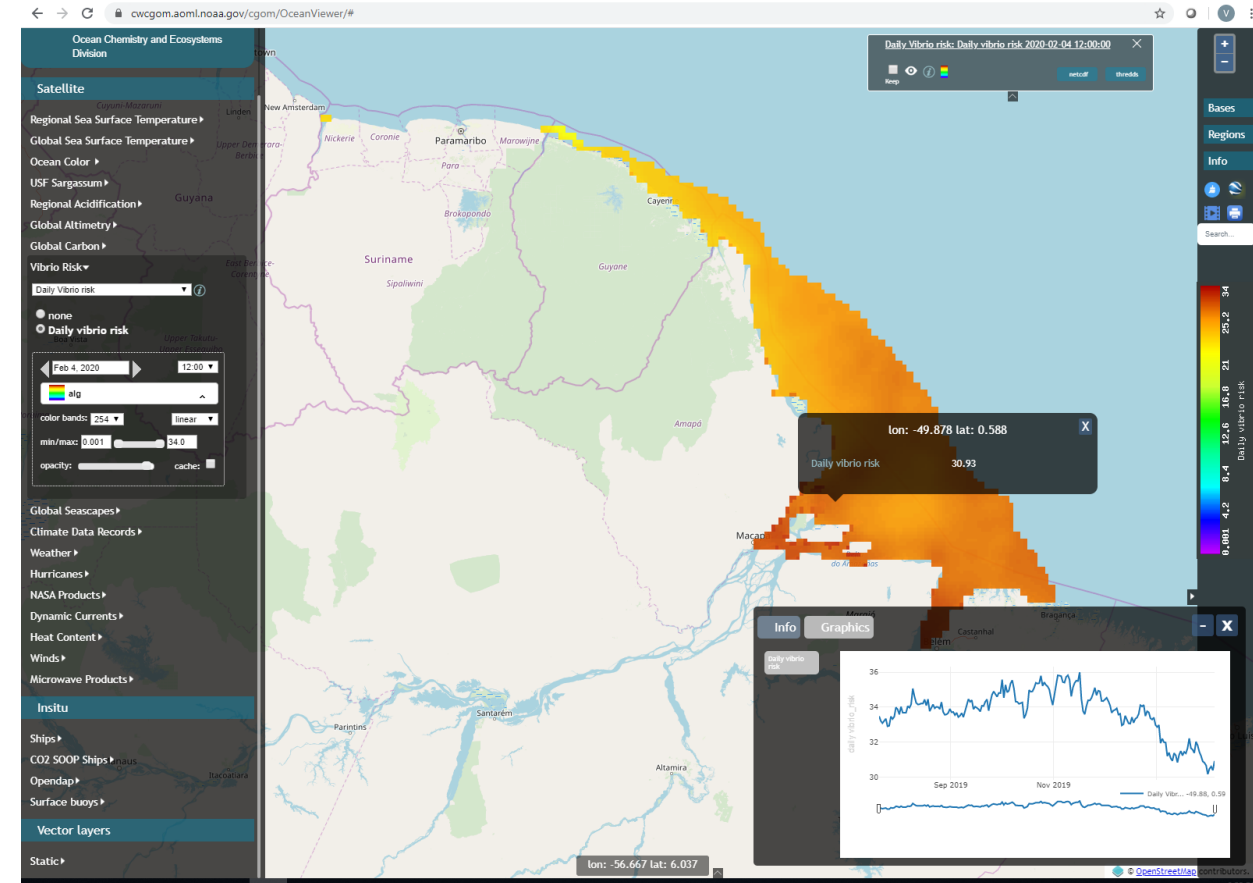
Applications:  
Human health;  
environmental  
management,  
seafood  
handling  
regulations, etc.



Lancet figure 7c- The percentage of coastal area suitable for Vibrio infections has increased in the northeastern USA around 27%.

Watts, Amann, Arnell, et al., 2018, The Lancet, The 2018 report of the Lancet Countdown on health and climate change: shaping the health of nations for centuries to come.

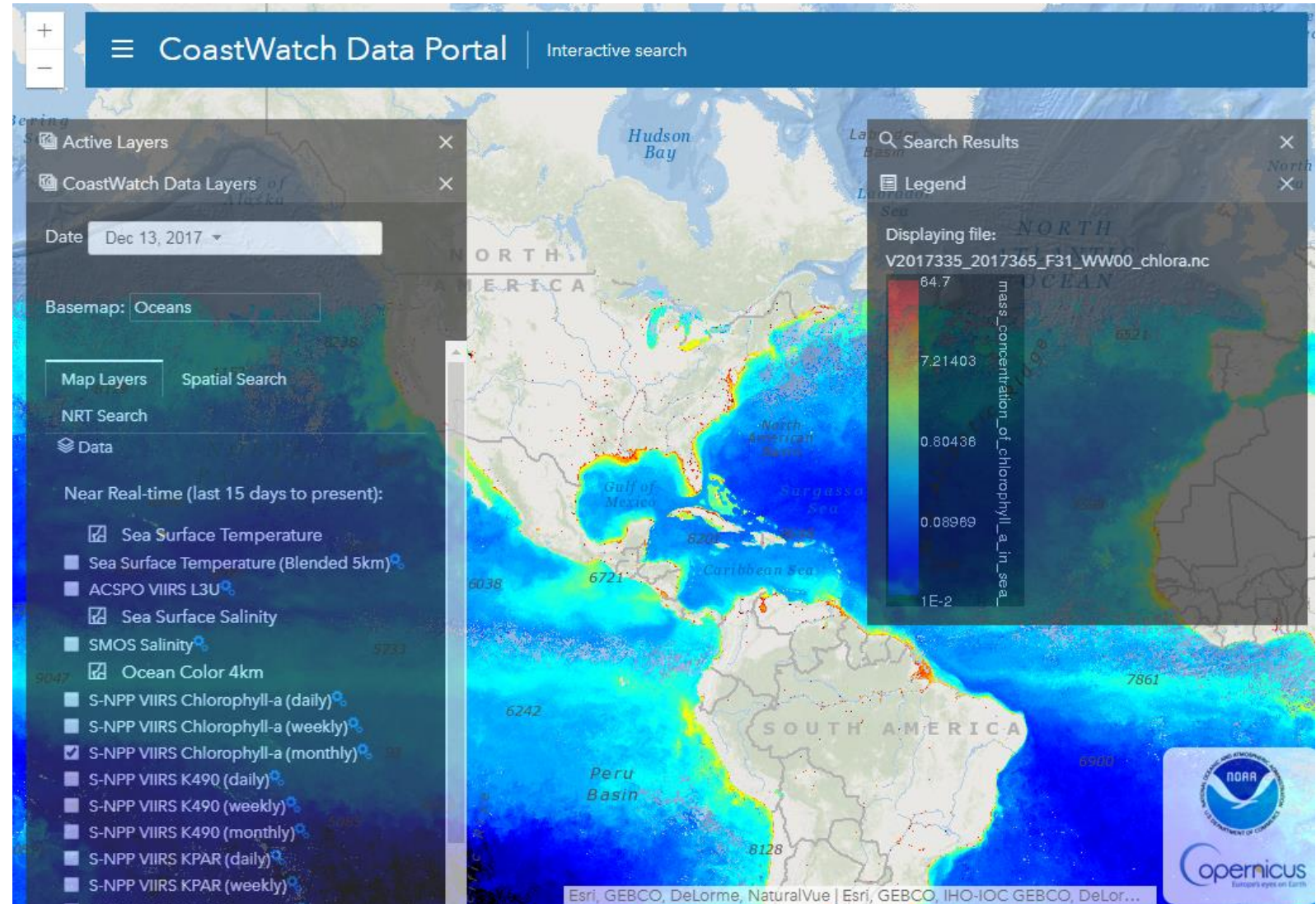
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*Courtesy of Joaquin Trinanes,  
Atlantic OceanWatch and OAR/AOML*

# Data Portal

- Visualize
- Layer
- Probe
- Subset
  - Time
  - Space
- Download



[https://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cw\\_html/cwViewer.html](https://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cw_html/cwViewer.html)



# Satellite Data Products Pages

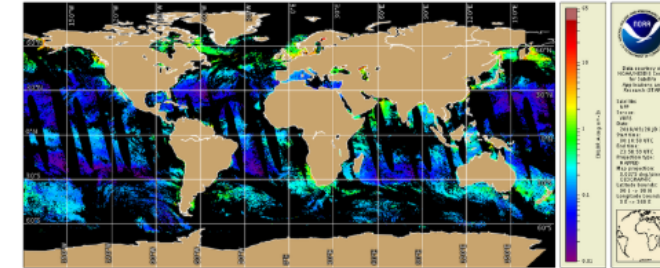
- Data Access
  - THREDS
  - ERDDAP
  - FTP
  - NRT
  - Science Quality, RAN or Delayed Mode
- Description text
- Standardized tabular product information
- Documentation
- NetCDF, see metadata

## NOAA MSL12 Ocean Color - Science Quality - VIIRS

Satellite Data Products / Ocean Color (Chlorophyll, radiances, etc.) / Science quality / NOAA MSL12 Ocean Color - Science Quality

Updated: October 8, 2019

Data Access Description Information Documentation

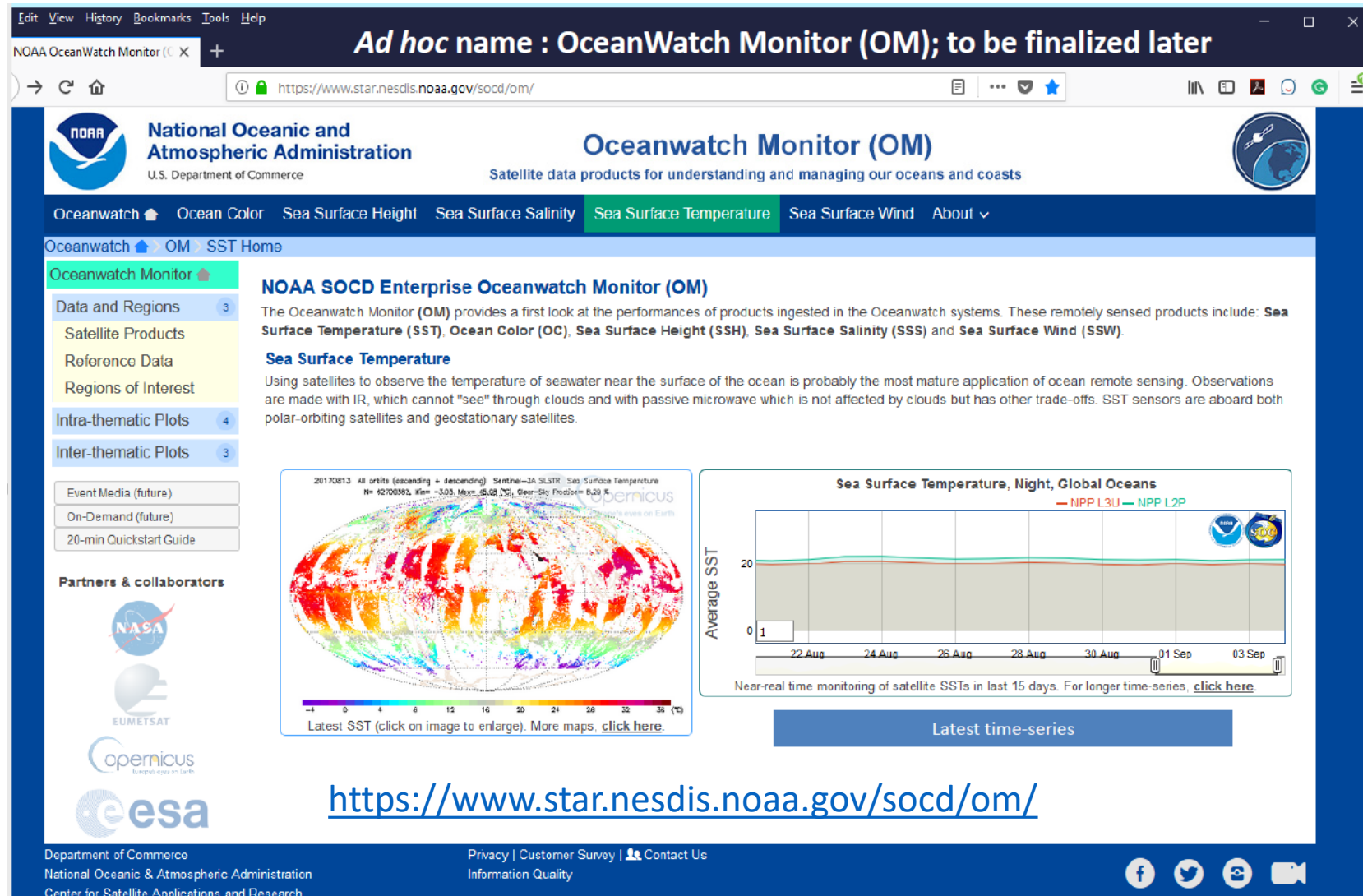


Data are available through the following servers:

Service	Resource Locator
HTTPS Search Tools	Daily, global granule/swath data access from: Granule selector tool (Level 2): <a href="https://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cw_html/cw_granule_selector.html">https://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cw_html/cw_granule_selector.html</a> Time and space search tool (Levels 1b and 2): <a href="https://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cw_html/cw_polygon_search.html">https://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cw_html/cw_polygon_search.html</a>
FTP	Daily, global, Level 2 granule/swath (nominal 750 m) <a href="ftp://ftpcoastwatch.noaa.gov/pub/sood1/mecb/coastwatch/viirs/science/L2/">ftp://ftpcoastwatch.noaa.gov/pub/sood1/mecb/coastwatch/viirs/science/L2/</a> Global, Level 3 merged single file, ~4 km <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chlorophyll-a: Daily Weekly Monthly</li><li>• Diffuse Attenuation Coefficient (<math>K_d(490)</math> and <math>K_d(PAR)</math>): Daily Weekly Monthly</li><li>• Normalized Water Leaving Radiances (nLw's, all bands): Daily Weekly Monthly</li></ul>
THREDDS	Top Level of Science Quality, <a href="#">Life of Mission THREDDS catalog</a> Daily, global, Level 2 granule/swath (nominal 750 m) <a href="#">THREDDS Catalog</a> Global, Level 3 merged single file, ~4 km <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chlorophyll-a: Daily Weekly Monthly</li><li>• Diffuse Attenuation Coefficient (<math>K_d(490)</math> and <math>K_d(PAR)</math>): Daily Weekly Monthly</li><li>• Normalized Water Leaving Radiances (nLw's, all bands): Daily Weekly Monthly</li></ul> Global, Level 3 merged sectorized files, ~750 m (see sector map under description tab)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chlorophyll-a: Daily Weekly Monthly</li><li>• Diffuse Attenuation Coefficient (<math>K_d(490)</math> and <math>K_d(PAR)</math>): Daily Weekly Monthly</li><li>• Normalized Water Leaving Radiances (nLw's, all bands): Daily Weekly Monthly</li></ul> <small>*Note, CW sector 750 m merge files are currently available through ~early January 2019 and are filling in as processing is completed.</small>

Please acknowledge "NOAA CoastWatch/OceanWatch" when you use data from our site and cite the particular dataset DOI as appropriate.

# OceanWatch Monitor



- Maps
- Timeseries
- Hovmöller Diagrams
- Reference Data Sets

# Data Performance and Availability Tracking

- Monitors data
  - availability
  - stability
- Quantitative, statistics

Color Latency Summary:

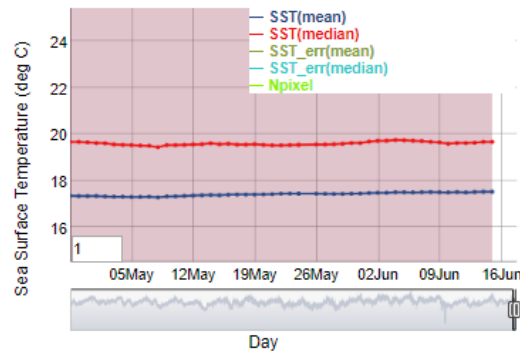
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VIIRS-NPP-NRT-Global	good	good	good	good	N/P	N/P	95 %	good	good
VIIRS-N20-NRT-Global	good	good	good	good	N/P	N/P	good	good	good
OLCI-S3A-NRT-Global	95 %	95 %	N/P	95 %	N/P	N/P	good	N/A	95 %
OLCI-S3B-NRT-Global	good	good	N/P	good	N/P	N/P	good	good	good
VIIRS-NPP-SCI-Global	good	good	good	good	N/T	N/T	93 %	good	good
VIIRS-N20-SCI-Global	N/P	N/P	N/P	N/P	N/P	N/P	TBD	TBD	TBD
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VIIRS-NPP-SCI-Global	7 %	87 %	87 %	TBD	N/T	95 %	good	87 %	
VIIRS-N20-SCI-Global	good	good	N/P	TBD	N/T	good	N/P	92 %	
VIIRS-NPP-SCI-Global	6 %	N/P	86 %	TBD	N/T	good	86 %	86 %	
VIIRS-N20-SCI-Global	5 %	N/P	95 %	TBD	N/T	good	95 %	77 %	

SCI Noise Summary

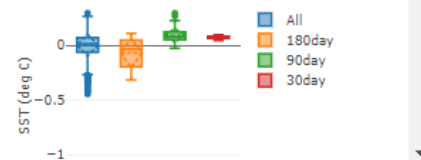
All  
180day  
90day  
30day

ts Requirement :: 100 %

GOESPOES Sensor Product: SST\_NRT meets Requirement



GOESPOES SST SCI Noise Summary



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[BxPlot SST](#) [BxPlot Sum](#)

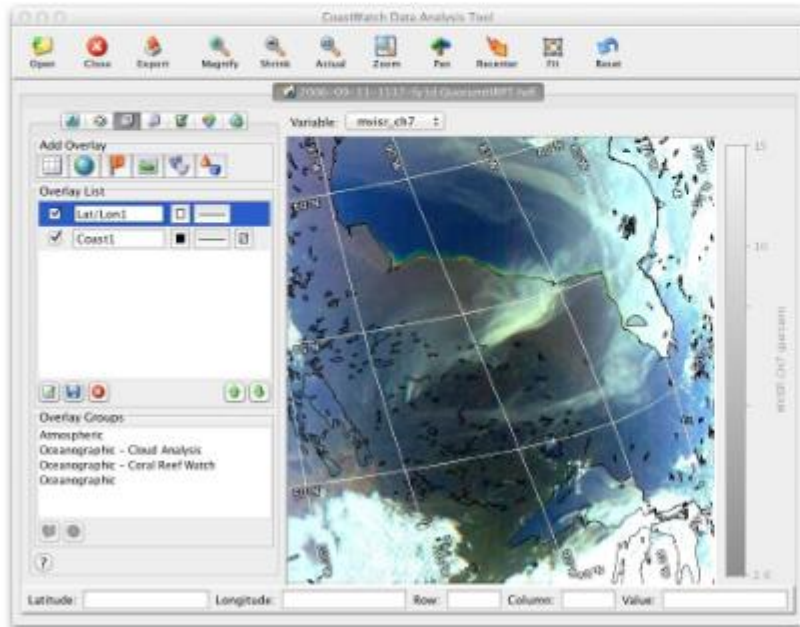
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# CoastWatch Utilities and CDAT Software

## CoastWatch Utilities 3.5.0

User Resources / CoastWatch Utilities 3.5.0

Updated: September 25, 2019



- Work with earth science data created by NOAA CoastWatch / OceanWatch.
- View and convert data in various formats: HDF 4, NOAA 1b, and NetCDF 4.
- Interactive and batch processing tools.
- Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X.
- Functionality includes:
  - **Information and Statistics**
  - **Data Processing**
  - **Graphics and Visualization**
  - **GeoRegistration and Navigation**
  - **Network**
- Documentation: YouTube training videos and user manual

<https://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cw/user-resources/coastwatch-utilities.html>



# NOAA CoastWatch Satellite Training

[Coastwatch.info@noaaa.gov](mailto:Coastwatch.info@noaaa.gov)

<https://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cw/user-resources/satellite-data-training-courses.html>

## Upcoming full 3-day courses

- **Anchorage, AK** - 7 to 9 April 2020, Alaska Fisheries Science Center in association with National Parks Service
- **Charleston, SC.** – 23-25 June 2020 - in association with Hollings Marine Laboratory



# Future Directions, Challenges, Opportunities

- **Knowing our users (and what they use, how they access, etc.)**
  - Fully mine and exploit data access logs (no required “registration” process)
  - Data product database development including key users
  - Proactively and systematically asking permission for users to be identified for specific purposes
  - Establish an online user forum
- **Overcoming language barriers to make satellite data products more understandable**
  - Increasing the number of in-person, hands-on training classes
  - Improve online self-learning materials (“Learning Portal”)
  - Develop university (at UMD?) course and/or curriculum
- **Improve user interactive experiences on website**
  - Data visualization
  - Data searches and access
  - Quality tracking
  - Themed portals
  - Event tracker
- **Identify and develop new value added products and services**
  - L4 analysis, models, parameter “fusion” products, etc. that serve specific or multiple applications
  - transition them to CW operations
  - In situ databases and satellite matchups
  - Institute an Inland Water Node?
- **Grow the definition and implementation of STAR “moderate assurance” for specific, identified and vetted users**
  - Quantification
  - Infrastructure IT requirements
  - Conveying benefits/limitations of datasets (both content and technical) to users
- **Document history and future of CoastWatch - NOAA Heritage Program award for NOAA’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**
- **Unify the appearance (“brand”) of the CW/OW/PW program without detracting from the benefits of node autonomy**







Annual VIIRS Ocean Color Cal/Val Science Meeting, tomorrow, 9:00 to ~5:00,  
Wednesday, 26 February, 4102 ESSIC Building Univ. of MD

NOAA CoastWatch/OceanWatch/PolarWatch Annual Science Meeting  
11-14 May 2020 at NCWCP, College Park, MD

# Contact information for the nodes, central office and program



## **CoastWatch Central**

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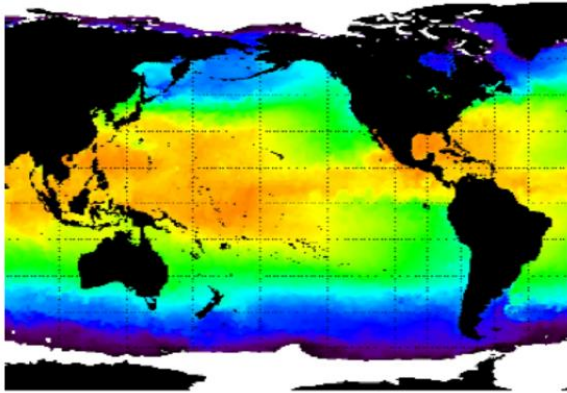
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# NOAA SST Products & Priorities

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# Content

## ❑ ACSPO SST Products

- Polar: Hi-Res ~1km: NPP/N20 VIIRS, Metop-A/B/C AVHRR FRAC, Terra/Aqua MODIS. *In 2022, J2/VIIRS & Metop-SG/MetImage will be launched.* Lo-Res (~4km): NOAA-7 to -19 AVHRR GAC.
- GEO: Hi-Res (~2km) G16/17 ABI & H08 AHI. *In 2021, GOES-T/ABI & MTG/FCI will be launched.*
- In situ data (iQuam): Used for Cal/Val of satellite SSTs, and by many (inter) national users.
- SST Monitoring: SQUAM, ARMS, iQuam

## ❑ Priorities suggested by users (mostly, Fisheries)

- **Data Fusion/Blending**: ACSPO L3S (feature preserved/gaps) & Geo-Polar Blended L4 (gap free)
- **Long-term reprocessed records (“Reanalyses”, RANs)**: L2 → L3U → Fused L3S → Blended L4
- **Thermal Fronts**: Coming in ACSPO v2.80, Sep’2020 (initially, from NPP/N20 VIIRS)
- **Data Access/Archive**: NASA PO.DAAC; NOAA NCEI and Coast Watch





# New NOAA and EUMETSAT Polar and Geostationary Constellations



**J2/N21 VIIRS & Metop-SG  
MetImage to be launched in 2022**

JPSS VIIRS		GOES-R ABI (Himawari-8/9 AHI, GK2A AMI)	
Nadir: 0.74km Swath edge(67°) 1.5km		Nadir: 2km Swath edge(67°): 12km	
Global: Twice daily		FD: 10 min	
$\lambda, \mu m$	Spec NEDT, K @300K	$\lambda, \mu m$	Spec NEDT, K @300K
3.7	0.11	3.9	$\leq 0.10$
8.6	0.05	8.4	$\leq 0.10$
10.8	0.07	10.3	$\leq 0.10$
12.0	0.07	11.2	$\leq 0.10$
—	—	12.3	$\leq 0.10$

**JPSS/GOES-R carry VIIRS/ABI sensors with superior spatial/temporal resolution, more & better positioned SST bands, and improved radiometric performance**



**GOES/18 ABI &  
MTG FCI will be  
launched in 2021**



# GAC/FRAC AVHRRs and MODISs are also (re) processed in ACSPO

**NOAA-19**



## **Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometers (AVHRR)**

- ✓ FRAC/1km: Metop-A/B/C operational + RAN1 underway
- ✓ GAC RAN2 will extend RAN1 (2002-18) back to 1981

**Metop-B**



**Aqua**



## **Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometers (MODIS) – 1km**

- ✓ Processed internally in STAR (input in L3S)
- ✓ No MODIS RAN yet. Priority: JPSS/GOES-R & AVHRR GAC/FRAC

**Terra**





# ACSPO Data Products & Sizes (GB/Sensor/Day)

## Polar: 10-min granules (144/day)

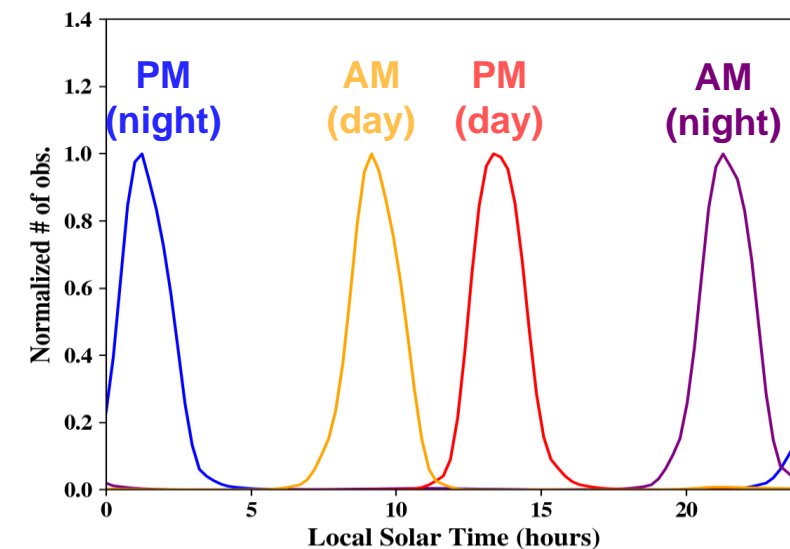
Satellites	Sensor	L2P	0.02° L3U
NPP/N20/N21	VIIRS	26.0	0.5 (×58)
Metop-A/B/C	AVHRR FRAC	8.0	0.5 (×16)
NOAA-7 to -19	AVHRR GAC	0.7	0.5 (×1.5)
Terra/Aqua	MODIS	7.5	0.5 (×16)
Metop-SG	MetImage	~8.0	~0.5 (×16)

- All ACSPO products are available in two flavors: L2 (swath) and L3 (0.02° gridded)
- Smaller L3's preferred by many users

- Many users requested “one, sensor-agnostic SST” (L3S/4)
- 0.05° Geo-Polar Blended L4 available
- Four 0.02° L3Ss are tested: PM (NPP/N20 VIIRSs) & mid-AM (Metop-A/B/C AVHRR FRACs), Day & Night
- Aqua/Terra MODISs, N21 VIIRS, Metop-SG MetImage will be added in L3S, and records extended back in time

## Geo: 1-hr FD granules (24/day)

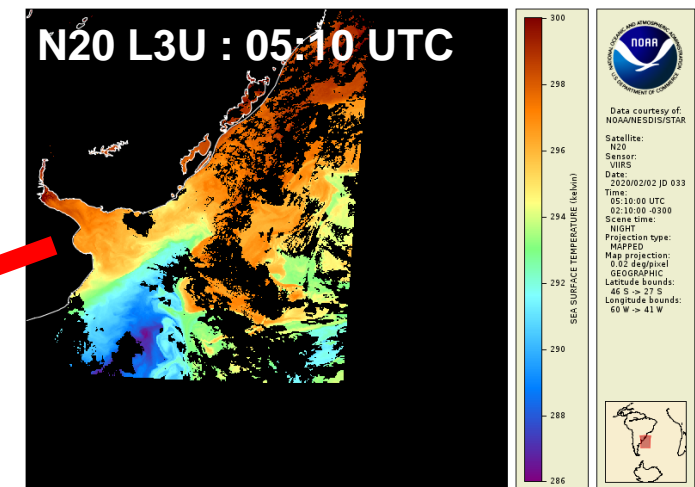
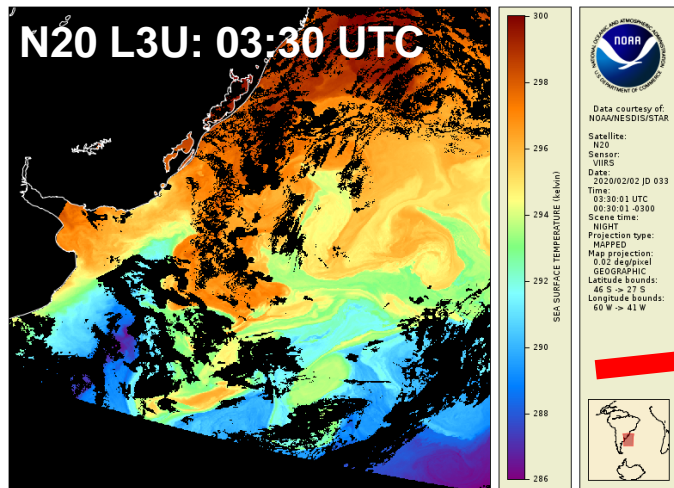
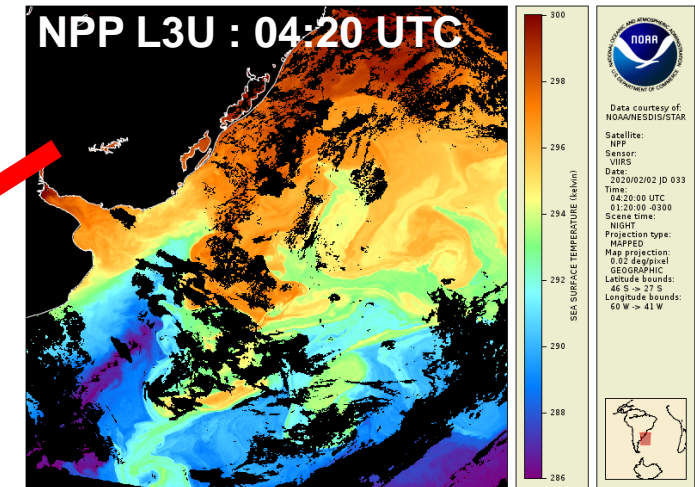
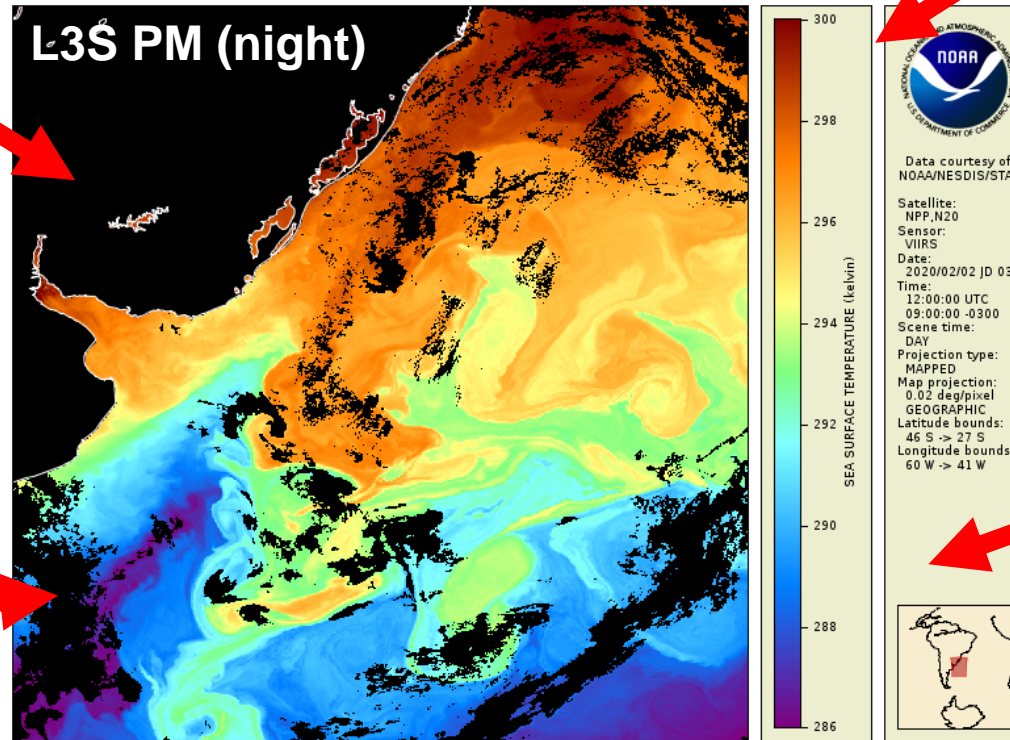
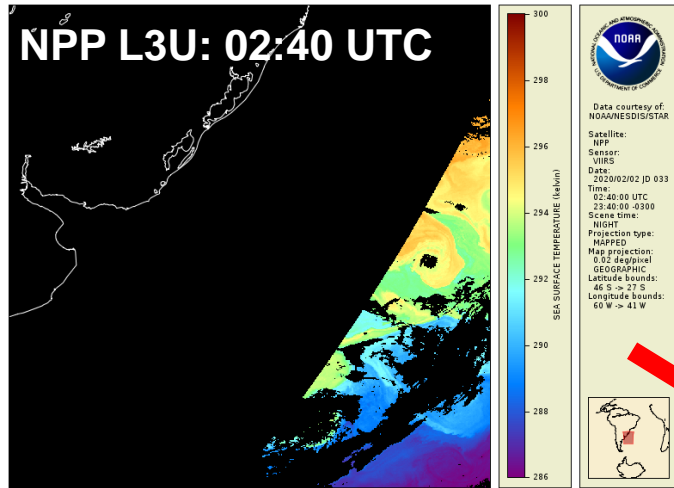
Satellites	Sensor	L2C	0.02° L3C
G16/G17/G18	ABI	1.0	0.6 (×1.6)
H08	AHI	1.0	0.6 (×1.6)
MTG	FCI	1.0	~0.6 (×1.6)





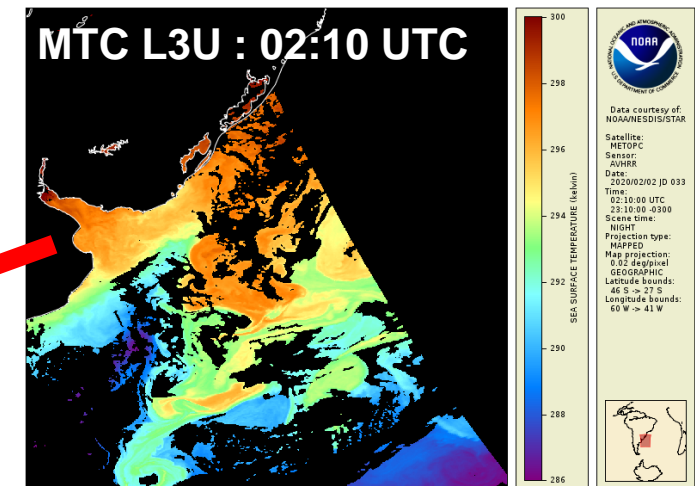
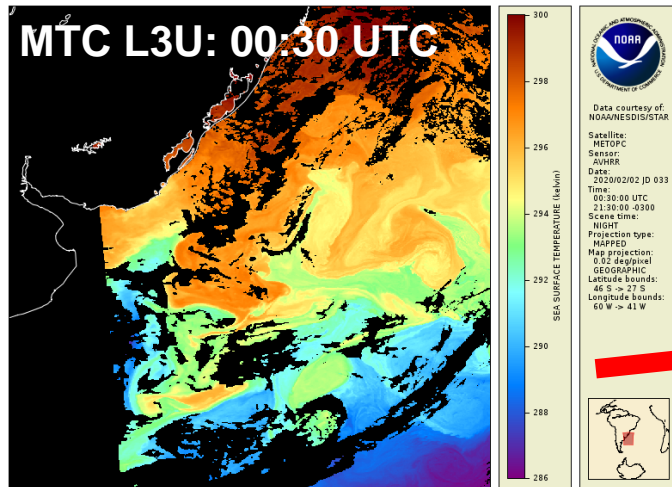
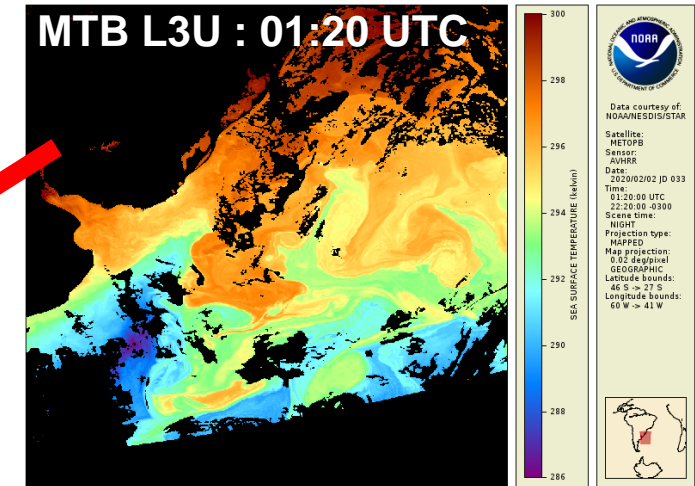
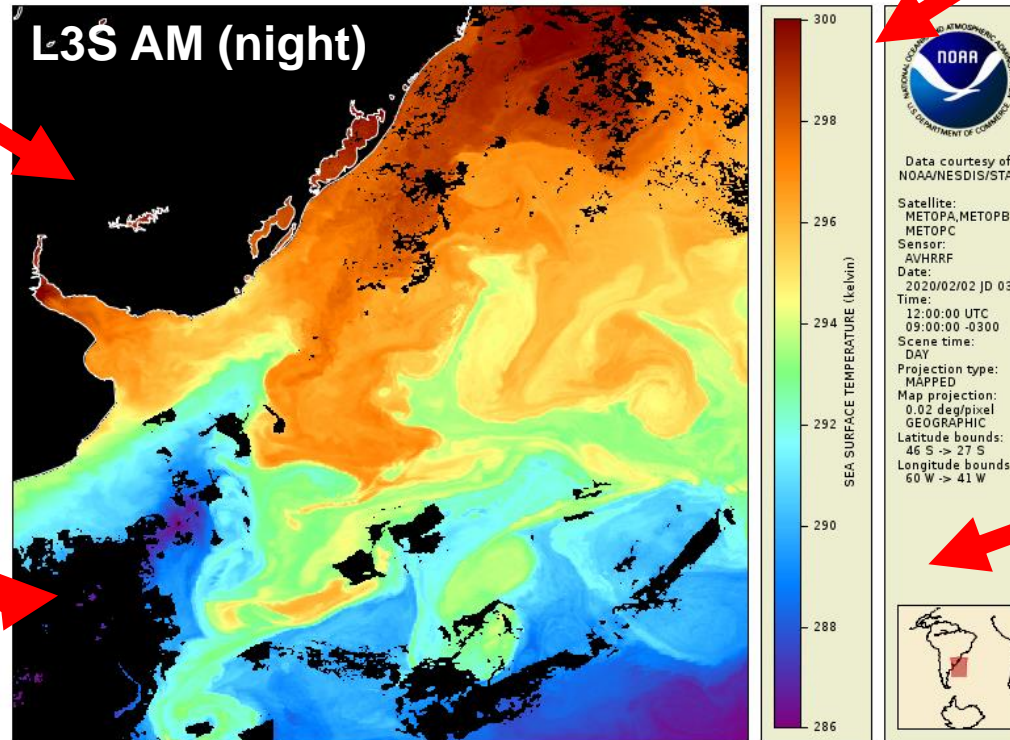
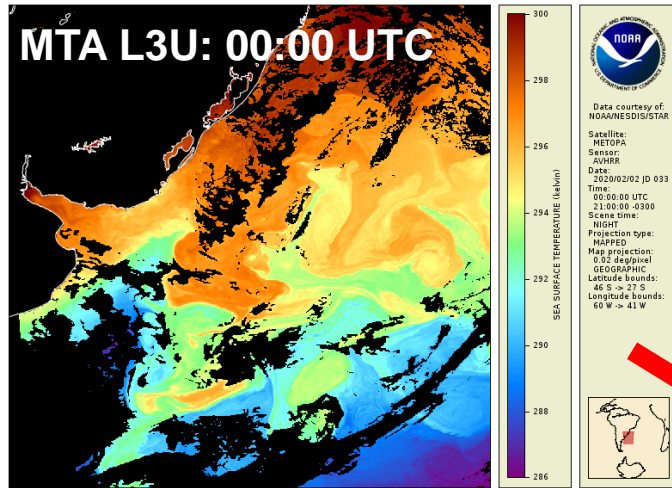
# PM-Night 0.02° L3S over Brazil Current (2 Feb 2020)

- 4 VIIRS overpasses: 2xNPP and 2xN20
- Improved coverage compared to individual L3U
- Feature resolution preserved/improved
- Experimental data available for interested users



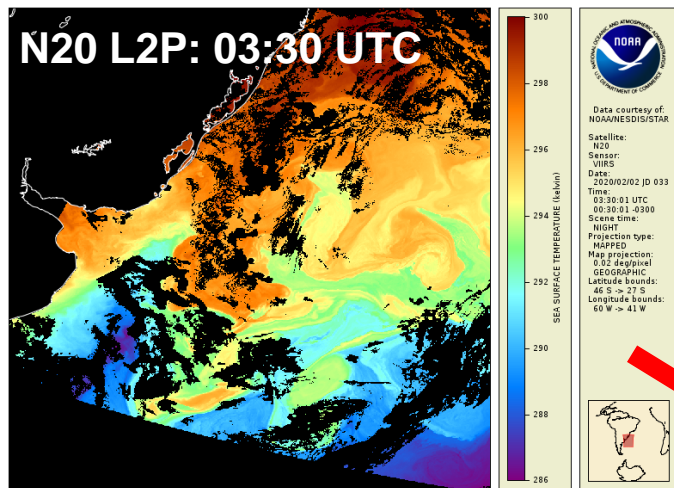
# AM-Night 0.02° L3S over Brazil Current (2 Feb 2020)

- 6 Metop overpasses: 2xA+2xB+2xC (4 shown)
- Improved coverage compared to individual L3U
- Feature resolution preserved/improved
- Experimental data available for interested users

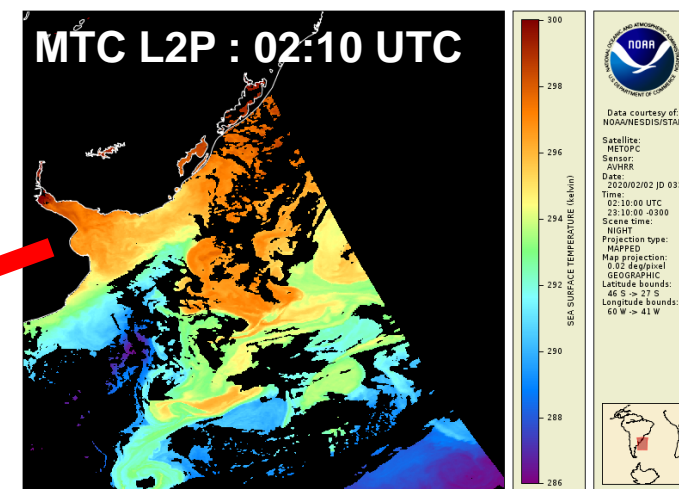
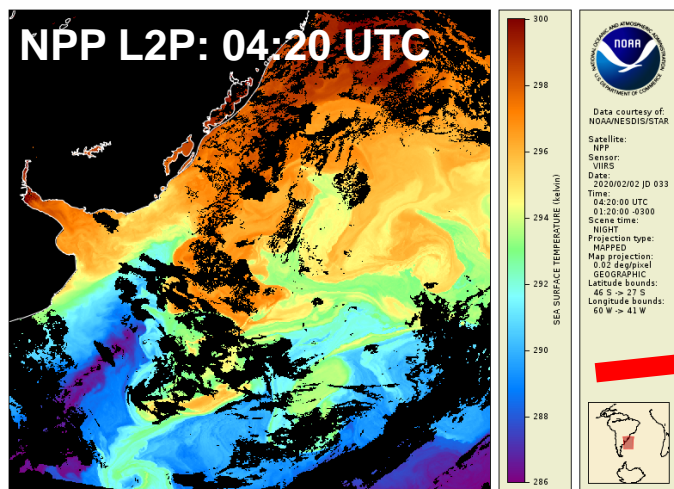
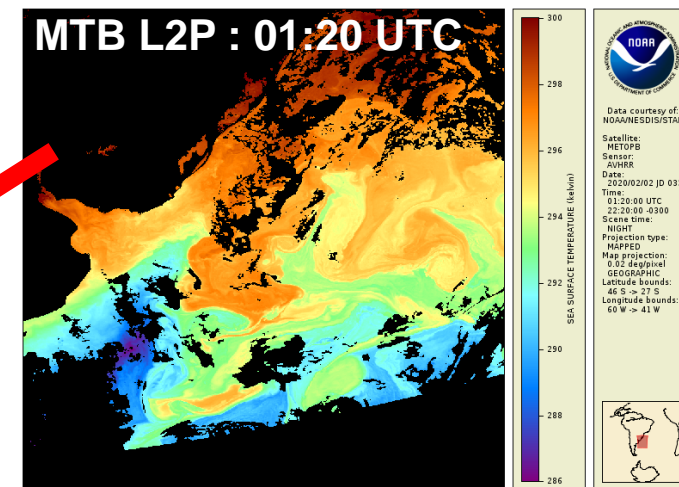
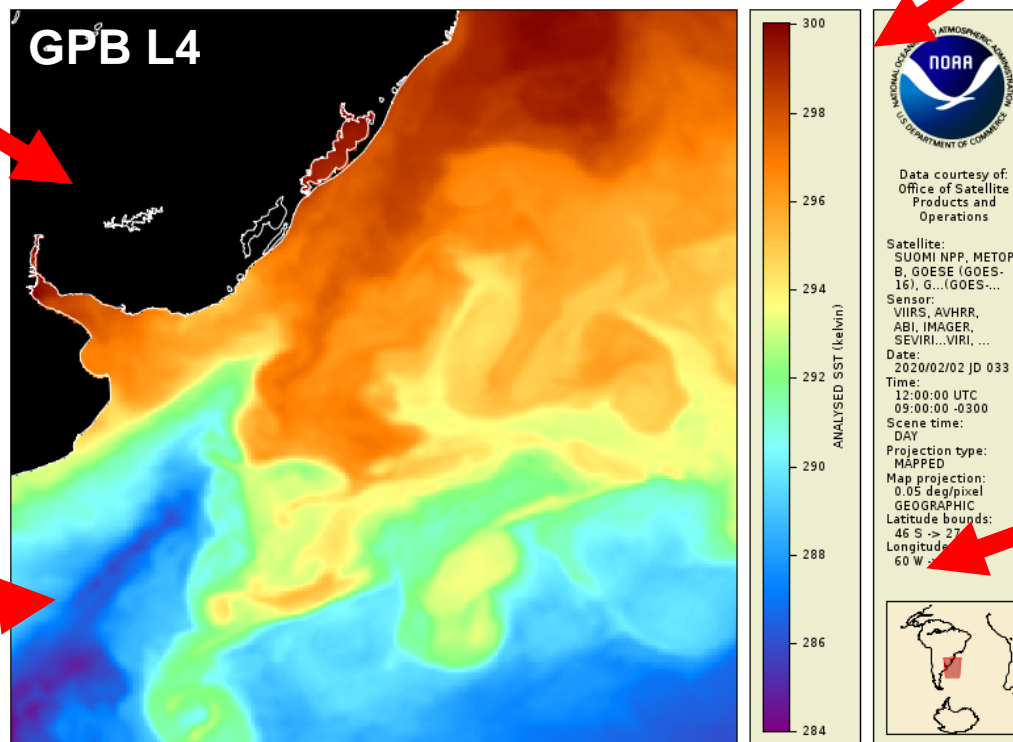




# Geo-Polar Blended 0.05° L4 over Brazil Current (2 Feb 2020)

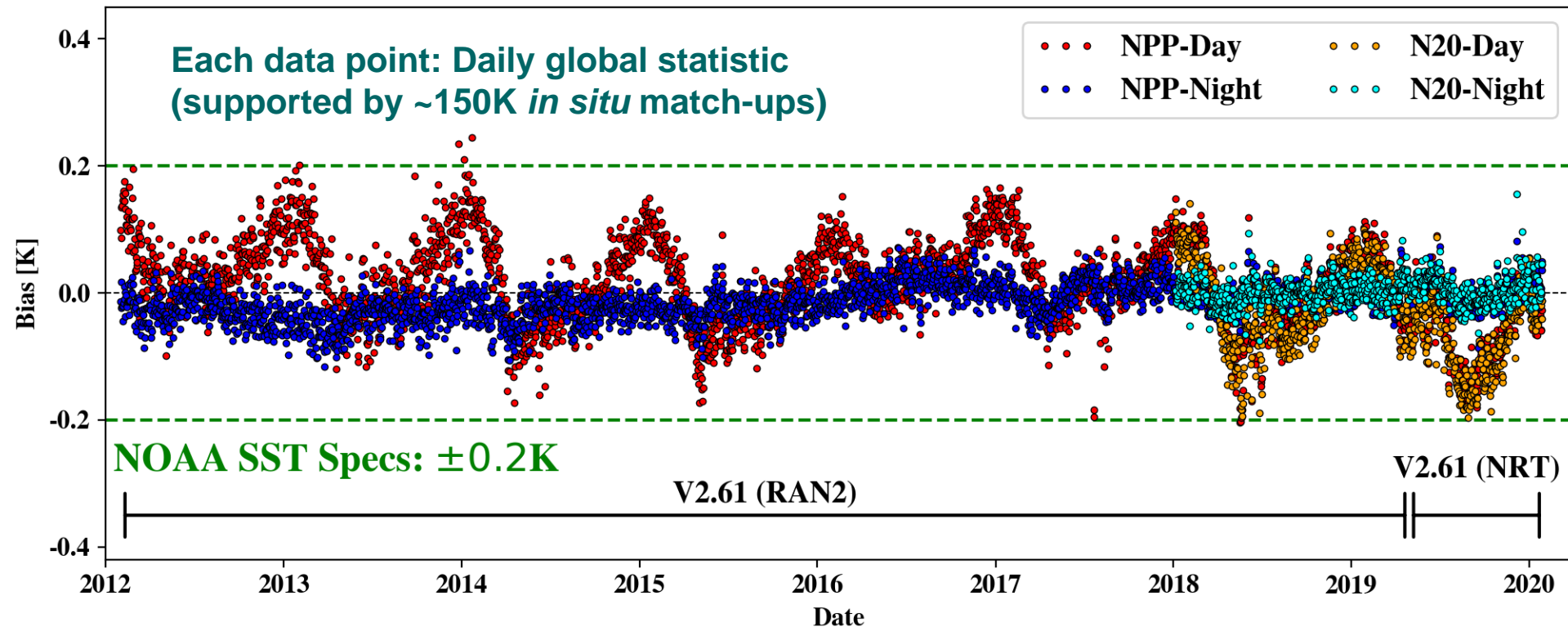


- Gap-free L4 analysis product produced at NOAA. Lower spatial resolution than L3U/L3S
- Ingests L2P SST from NPP/N20 VIIRS, Metop-B/C AVHRR, G16/17 ABI, H08 AHI, MSG-SEVIRI
- Contact Eileen Maturi/Andy Harris for GPB data





# VIIRS RAN2 minus *i*Quam2 (Drifters + Trop. Moorings) SST

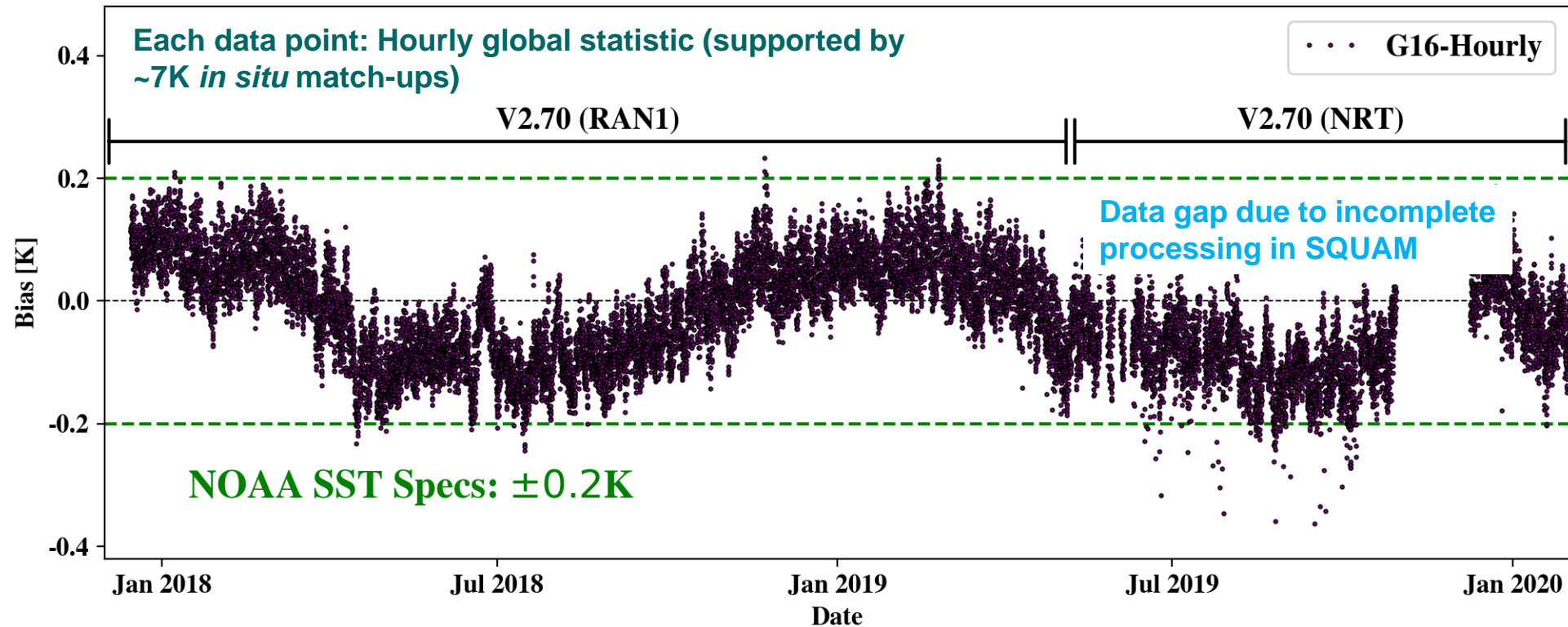


- NPP and N20 SSTs consistently reprocessed with ACSPO v2.61 constituting “VIIRS RAN2”
- RAN2 (Feb’12 – Apr’19) supplemented w/NRT operational processing at OSPO Apr’19-on
- RAN2+NRT data are archived w/PO.DAAC & NCEI. L3U available on NOAA CoastWatch





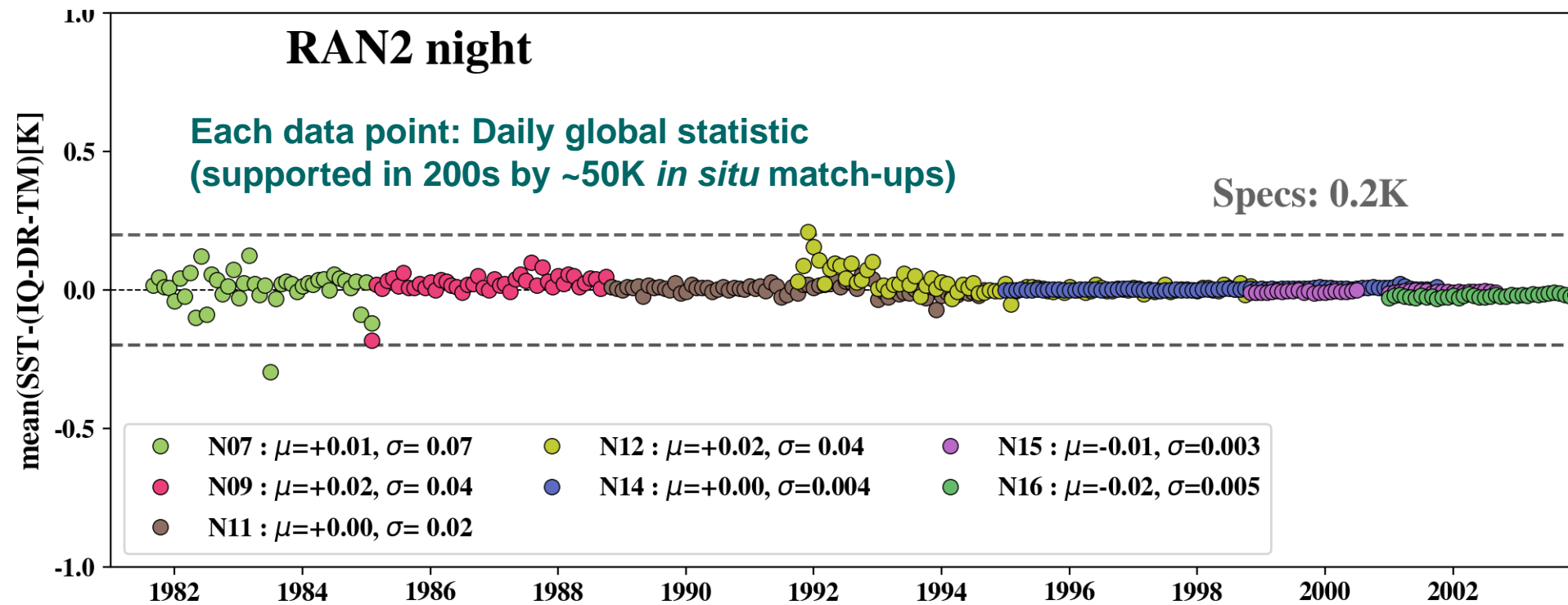
# G16/ABI RAN1 minus *i*Quam2 (Drifters + Trop. Moorings) SST



- G16 SSTs consistently reprocessed w/ACSPO v2.70 from Dec'18 – Apr'19 constitute 'ABI RAN1'. Data from Apr'19-on continue w/NRT processing in NOAA CW.
- G16 RAN1+NRT L2/3C archived w/PO.DAAC, NCEI & CW
- G17 and H08 RANs are planned. GOES-T & MTG FCI will be processed when launched

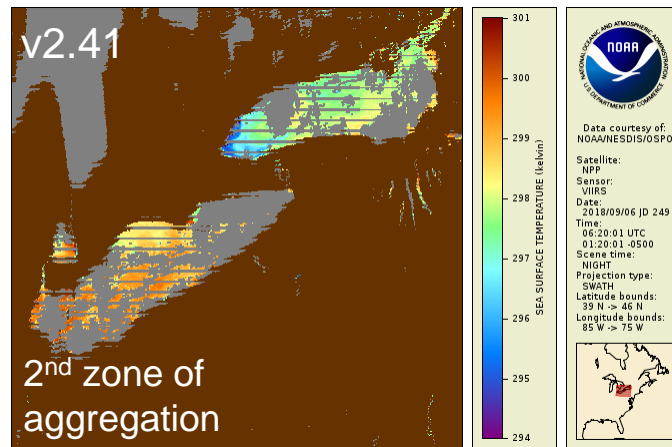
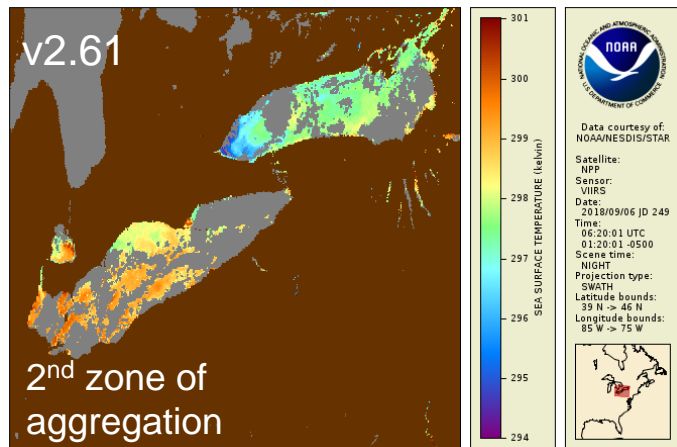
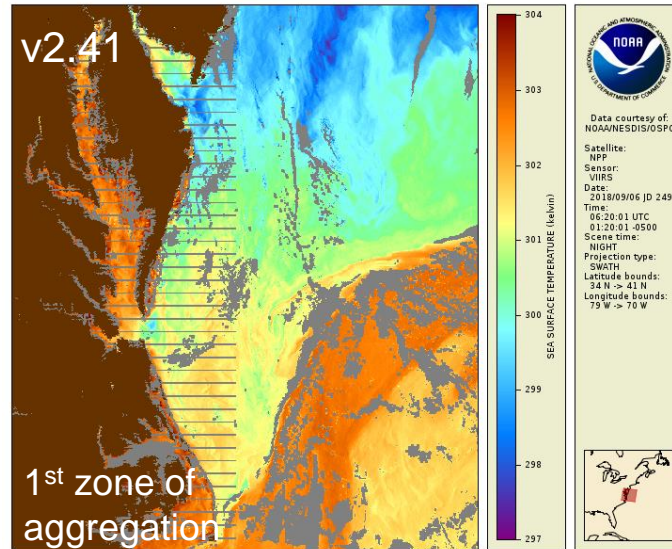
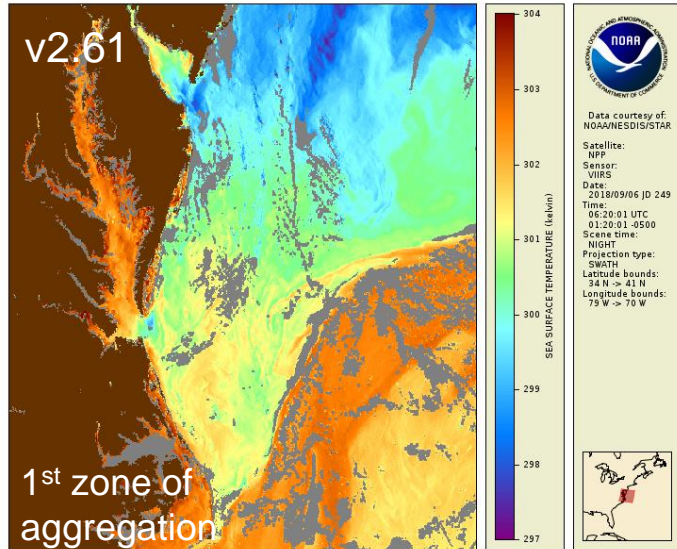


# AVHRR GAC RAN2 (Beta01) minus *i*Quam2 (Drifters + Trop. Moorings) SST

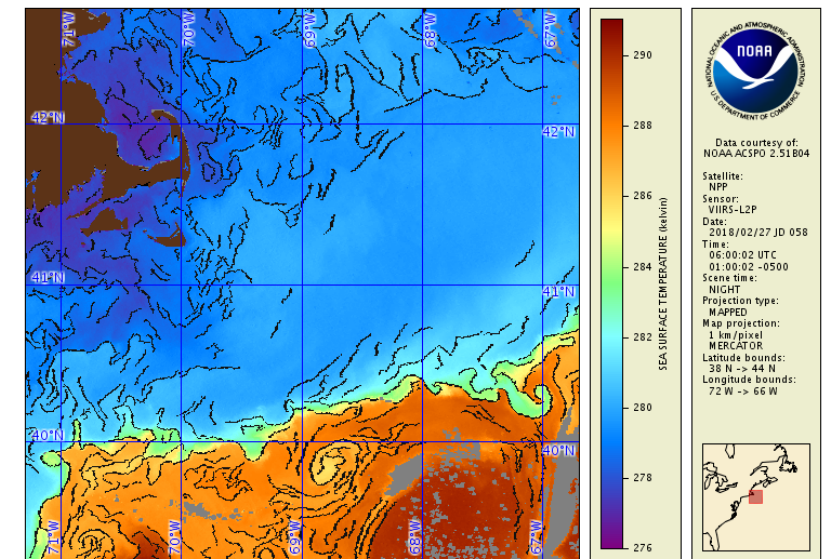


- AVHRRs on NOAA satellites show many instabilities and sensor artifacts. To mitigate those, satellite SST is linked to in situ data using a  $\pm 45$  day sliding window
- RAN2 Beta01 performance statistics (coverage, mean bias & Std. Dev. wrt in situ data) compare favorably to other available reprocessed AVHRR records (Pathfinder, CCI)

# In ACSPO 2.61, BT & SST L2P imagery has been resampled, to prepare for front detection in ACSPO v2.80 (Sep 2020)



- VIIRS & MODIS are multi-detector sensors, affected by bow tie deletions and distortions
- In ACSPO 2.61, BTs used in SST retrievals were resampled (Gladkova et al., 2016)
- ACSPO is now ready for pattern recognition & thermal fronts detection.
- Thermal Fronts will be first reported in ACSPO v2.80 planned for delivery to ops in Aug 2020







# ACSPO Data Access

- ✓ NOAA PDA (“Product Distribution & Access”; formerly “Data Distribution Server”) – Operational (NPP/N20 VIIRS L2P/L3U, G16/G17 ABI L2P/L3U, AVHRR GAC/Frac L2P/L3U; MODIS L2P/L3U)
- ✓ EUMETCast – Operational (NPP/N20 L3U)
- ✓ NOAA Coast Watch – Pre-Archive. Also provides links to all ACSPO products archived in e.g. PO.DAAC, NCEI
- ✓ NASA PO.DAAC – Archive (NPP/N20 VIIRS L2P/L3U; G16/17 ABI L2P/L3C)
- ✓ NOAA NCEI – Archive (NPP/N20 VIIRS L2P/L3U; In the future G16/17 ABI L2P/L3C)

The screenshot shows the NOAA CoastWatch/OceanWatch website. The main heading is "Sea Surface Temperature (SST)". Below this, there is a paragraph describing satellite SST data. A list of NOAA ACSPO products is provided, including VIIRS (S-NPP, JPSS), AVHRR GAC (NOAA, MetOp), AVHRR FRAC (MetOp), MODIS (Terra, Aqua), ABI (GOES-16 - on), and AHI (Himawari-8 - on). The page also mentions NOAA Heritage products like GOES Imager (GOES-15 and earlier) L3, SEVIRI (MSG) L3, Geo-Polar Blended L4, AVHRR (NOAA-18/19, MetOp-1/2) L3, and VIIRS (S-NPP) L3. At the bottom, there is a large blue banner with the URL <https://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cw/satellite-data-products/sea-surface-temperature.html>.





# Current SST Priorities

## 1. Get ready for 4 new launches in 2021-22

- 2021: GOES-T ABI and MTG FCI
- 2022: J2/N21 VIIRS and Metop-SG MetImage

## 2. Perform L2/3 RANs from individual sensors

- Hi-res polar: VIIRS (NPP/N20), AVHRR FRAC (Metop-A/B/C), MODIS (Terra/Aqua)
- Hi-res geo: ABI (G16/17) and AHI (H08)
- Low-res polar: AVHRR GAC (1981 – ~2018) from NOAA-7 to -19

## 3. Aggregate into Fused L3S / Blended L4s and generate L3S/L4 RANs

- Aggregate individual L2P/3Us into feature resolving L3S & gap-free L4

## 4. Derive thermal fronts & append in ACSPO files as 2 extra layers

- A flag is set to indicate presence of front in pixel
- Strength of front (K/km) reported in fronts; NaN otherwise

## 5. Archive all L2/3/4 products, to facilitate access for users

- NASA PO.DAAC; NOAA NCEI; NOAA CW

***Thank You!***

# VIIRS Global Ocean Color Products

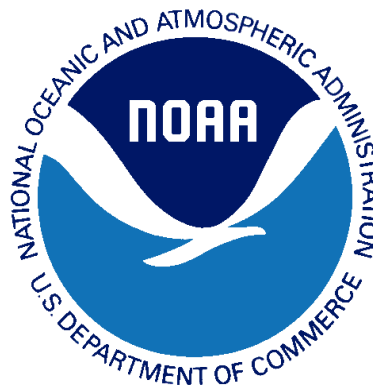
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**Website for VIIRS ocean color images, data and Cal/Val:**  
**<http://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/sod/mecb/color/>**

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# VIIRS/OLCI/SGLI Spectral Bands for Ocean Color



**VIIRS** has ocean spectral bands similar to **MODIS**

**VIIRS** on Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership (**SNPP**), Oct. 28, **2011**, VIIRS-**NOAA-20**, **Nov. 18, 2017**, Joint Polar Satellite System (**JPSS**)-2 **J2**, ~**2021**, and **J3 & J4** (up to ~**2038**)

<b>VIIRS (SNPP)<sup>†</sup></b>		<b>OLCI (Sentinel-3A)<sup>†</sup></b>		<b>SGLI (GCOM-C)<sup>†</sup></b>	
Ocean Bands (nm)	Other Bands (nm)	Ocean Bands (nm)	Other Bands (nm)	Ocean Bands (nm)	Other Bands (nm)
410 (M1)	638 (I1)	413	400	412	380
443 (M2)	862 (I2)	443	620	443	
486 (M3)	1600 (I3)	490	674	490	
—	—	510	681	530	
551 (M4)	<i>SWIR Bands</i>	560	709	565	<i>SWIR Bands</i>
671 (M5)	1238 (M8)	665		673.5	1050
745 (M6)	1601 (M10)	754	<i>SWIR Bands</i>	763	1630
862 (M7)	2257 (M11)	865	1020	868.5	2210

<sup>†</sup>Nominal center wavelength

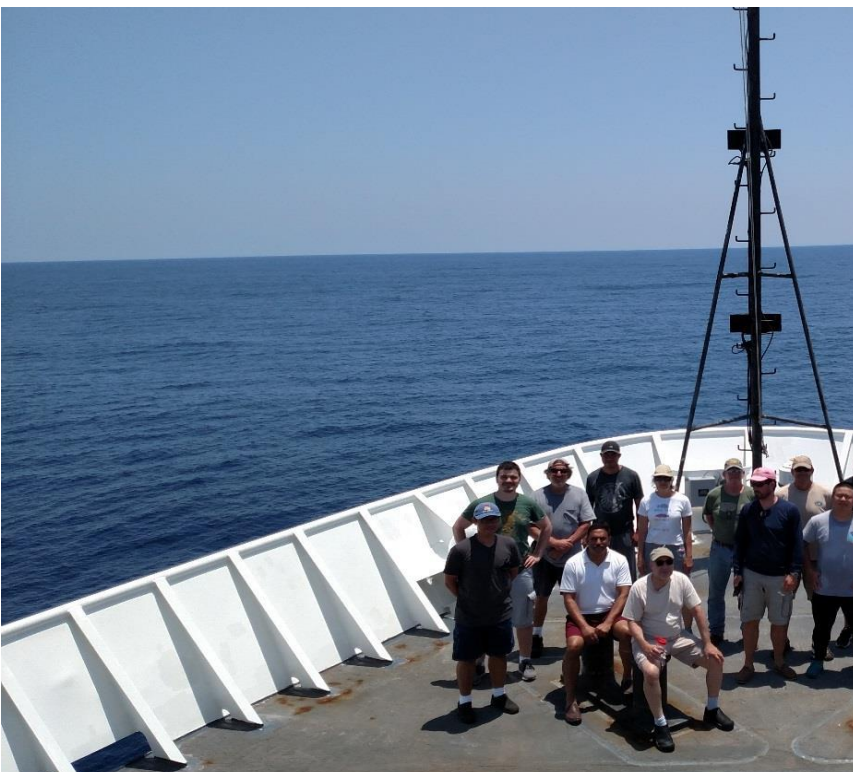
**Spatial resolution for VIIRS M-band: 750 m, I-band: 375 m**



# End-to-End Ocean Color Data Processing

- NOAA Ocean Color Team has been developing/building the capability for the **End-to-End** satellite ocean color data processing including:
  - Level-0 (or Raw Data Records (RDR)) to Level-1B (or Sensor Data Records (SDR)).
  - Level-1B (SDR) to ocean color Level-2 (Environmental Data Records (EDR) using the Multi-Sensor Level-1 to Level-2 (MSL12) ocean color data processing.
  - Level-2 to global Level-3 (routine daily, 8-day, monthly, and climatology data/images).
  - Validation of satellite ocean color products (in situ data and data analysis capability).
- Support of in situ data collections for VIIRS Cal/Val activities, e.g., **MOBY, AERONET-OC sites (3 sites operation, added Lake Erie site), NOAA dedicated Cal/Val cruises (2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, ....)**
- **On-orbit instrument calibration (solar and lunar) for ocean color data processing:**
  - J. Sun and M. Wang, "Radiometric calibration of the VIIRS reflective solar bands with robust characterizations and hybrid calibration coefficients," *Appl. Opt.*, **54**, 9331–9342, 2015.
- **On-orbit vicarious calibration using MOBY in situ data:**
  - M. Wang, W. Shi, L. Jiang, and K. Voss, "NIR- and SWIR-based on-orbit vicarious calibrations for satellite ocean color sensors," *Opt. Express*, **24**, 20437-20453, 2016.
- **RDR (Level-0) to SDR (Level-1B) data processing (efficient RDR to SDR processing):**
  - Sun, J., M. Wang, L. Tan, and L. Jiang, "An efficient approach for VIIRS RDR to SDR data processing," *IEEE Geosci. Remote Sens. Lett.*, **11**, 2037–2041, 2014.
- **Ocean Color Viewer (OCView)**—Online display and monitoring of ocean color product imagery.
- **Ocean Color Data Analysis and Processing System (OCDAPS)**—IDL-based VIIRS ocean color data visualization and processing package
  - Wang, X., X. Liu, L. Jiang, M. Wang, and J. Sun, "VIIRS ocean color data visualization and processing with IDL-based NOAA-SeaDAS", *Proc. SPIE 9261*, 8 Nov. 2014.
- **Work with users to meet their requirements.**





**Dedicated VIIRS Cal/Val Cruise**  
**NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer***  
**9-18 May 2018**

**The fourth Cal/Val cruise**

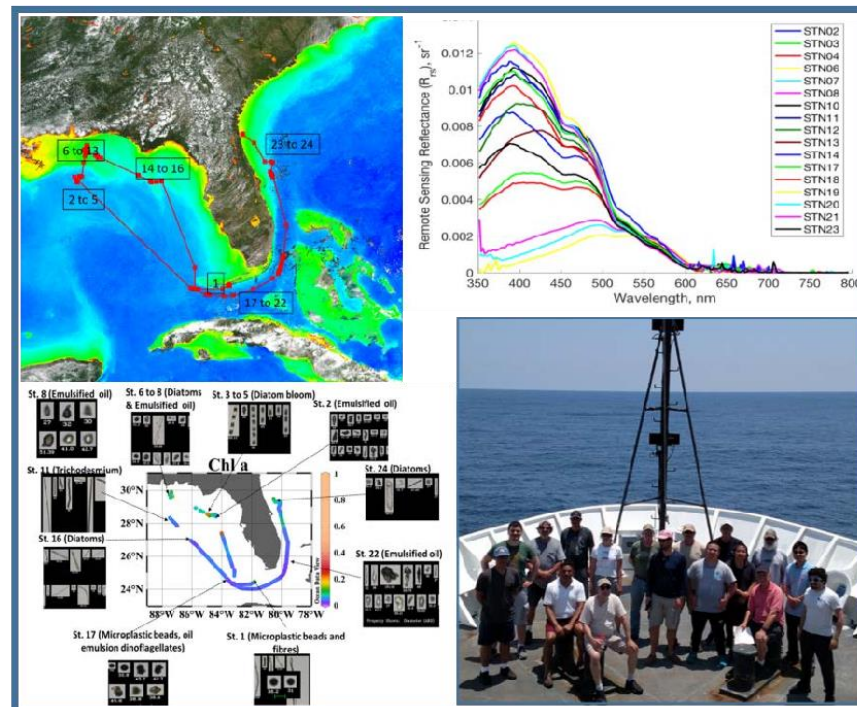
**The 5th OC Cal/Val cruise was successfully completed in September 2019!**

**The 6th OC Cal/Val cruise will be carried out in March 2020!**

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**Report for**  
**Dedicated JPSS VIIRS Ocean Color**  
**Calibration/Validation Cruise**  
**May 2018**



Washington, D.C.  
 May 2019



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 National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service



# Summary of VIIRS Ocean Color EDR Products

## (Updates--Based on Users Input)



- **Inputs:**

- VIIRS M1-M7, I1, and the **SWIR M8, M10, and M11** bands SDR data
- Terrain-corrected geo-location file
- Ancillary meteorology and ozone data

- **Operational (Standard) Products (10):**

- Normalized water-leaving radiance ( $nL_w$ 's) at VIIRS visible bands M1-M5, and **I1 (638 nm)**
- Chlorophyll-a (Chl-a) concentration
- Diffuse attenuation coefficient for the downwelling spectral irradiance at the wavelength of 490 nm,  $K_d(490)$
- Diffuse attenuation coefficient of the downwelling photosynthetically available radiation (PAR),  $K_d(\text{PAR})$
- **QA Score** for data quality ( $nL_w(\lambda)$  spectra) (Wei et al., 2016)
- Level-2 quality flags

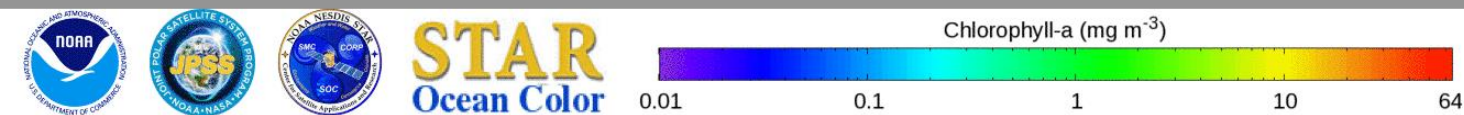
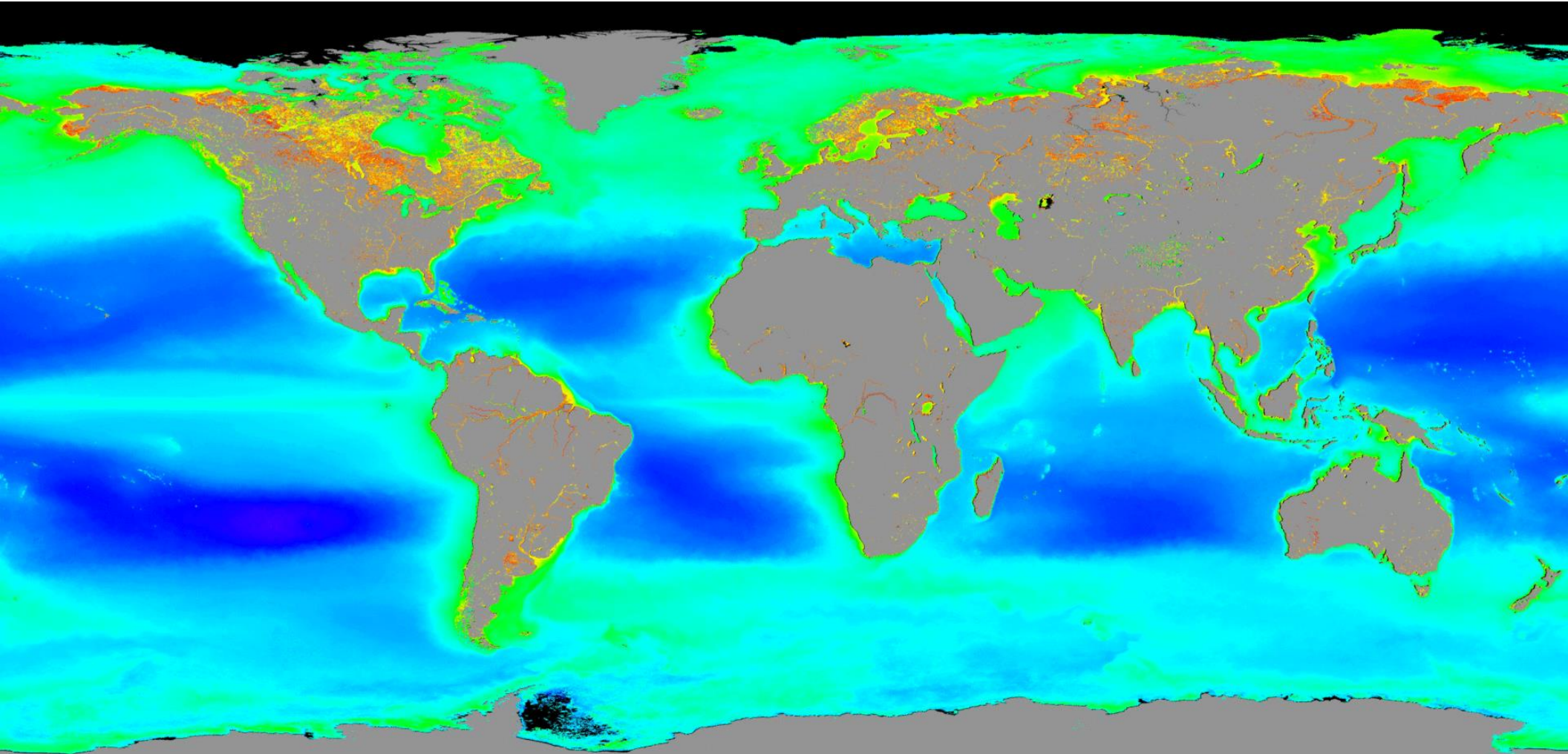
- **Experimental Products (29):**

- Inherent Optical Properties (IOP-a, IOP-a<sub>ph</sub>, IOP-a<sub>dg</sub>, IOP-b<sub>b</sub>, IOP-b<sub>bp</sub>) at VIIRS M2 or other visible bands (M1-M5) from the Quasi-Analytical Algorithm (QAA) (Lee et al., 2002), **improved over coastal and inland waters (Shi and Wang, 2019).**
- Photosynthetically Available Radiation (PAR) (R. Frouin)
- **Chl-a from ocean color index (OCI) method** (Hu et al., 2012; Wang and Son, 2016)
- Others, e.g., user specific products (e.g., **Chl-a anomaly** and **Chl-a anomaly ratio**)

➤ Data quality of ocean color EDR are extremely sensitive to the SDR quality. It requires ~0.1% data accuracy (degradation, band-to-band accuracy...)!



# VIIRS Climatology Ocean Color Product Image SNPP (2012–2019)



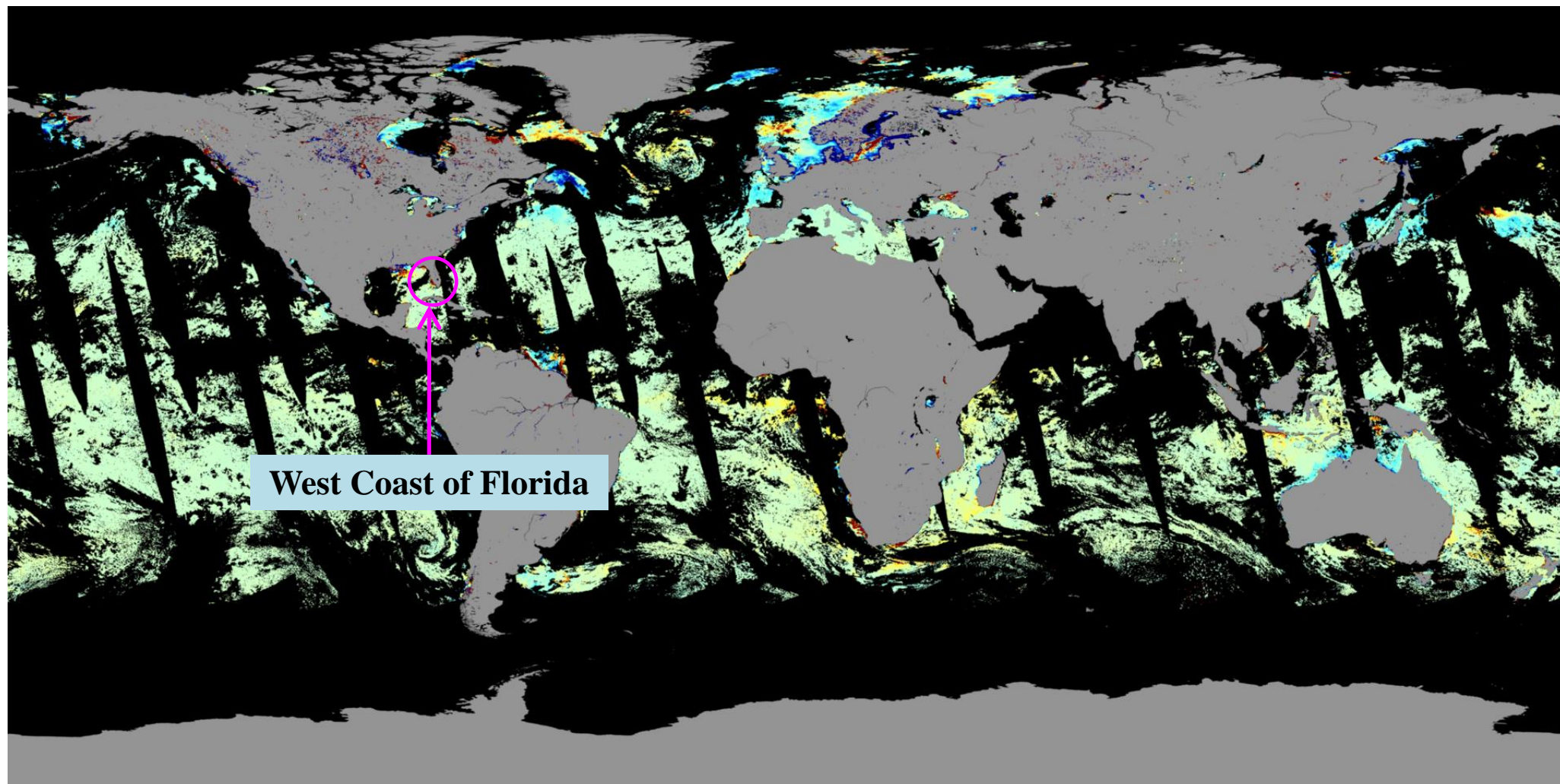
**SNPP VIIRS  
climatology (2012 - 2019)**

MSL12 with the **NIR-SWIR** data processing system is used for VIIRS





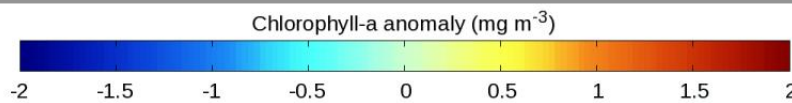
# VIIRS-SNPP Chl-a Anomaly Products (July 26, 2018)



West Coast of Florida



**STAR**  
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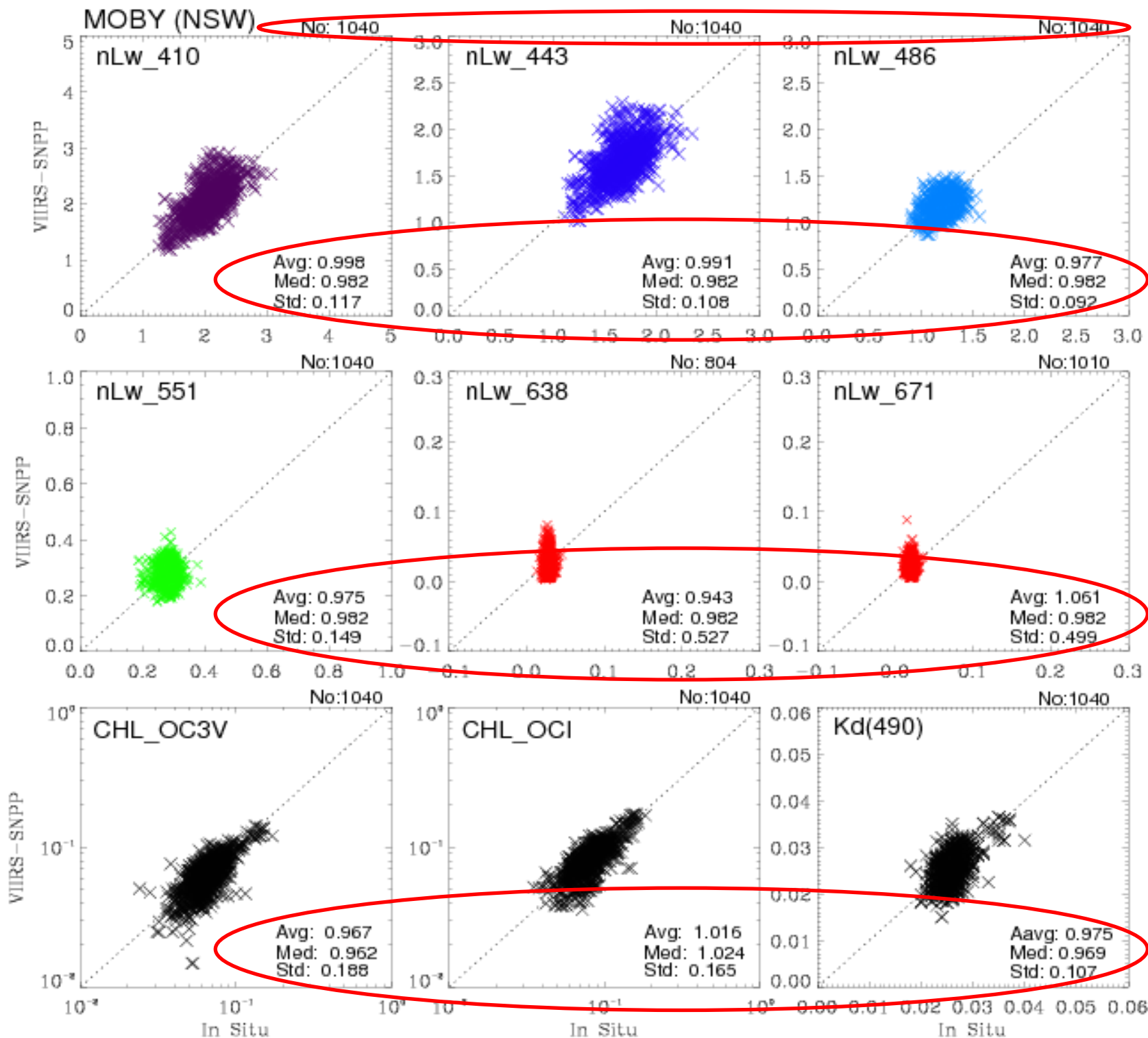


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**Global daily NRT Chl-a anomaly and anomaly ratio are routinely produced!**

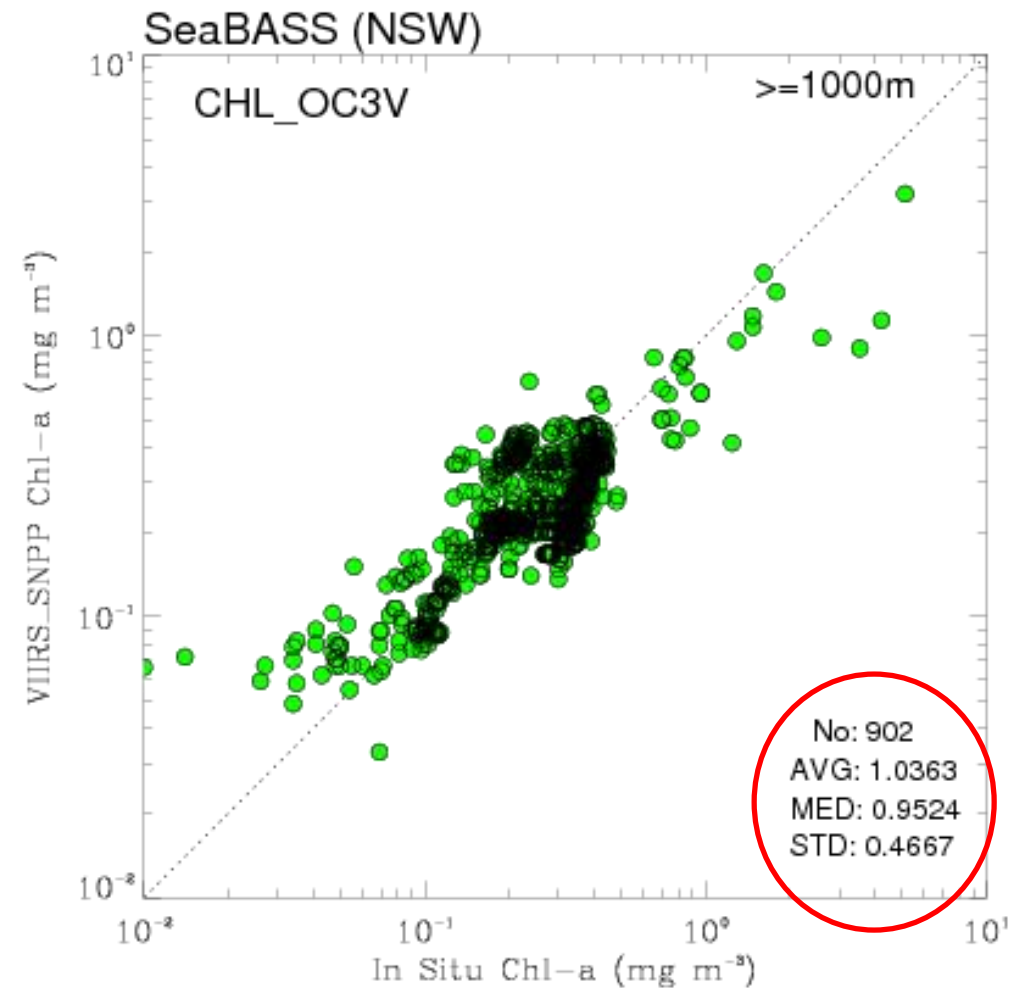
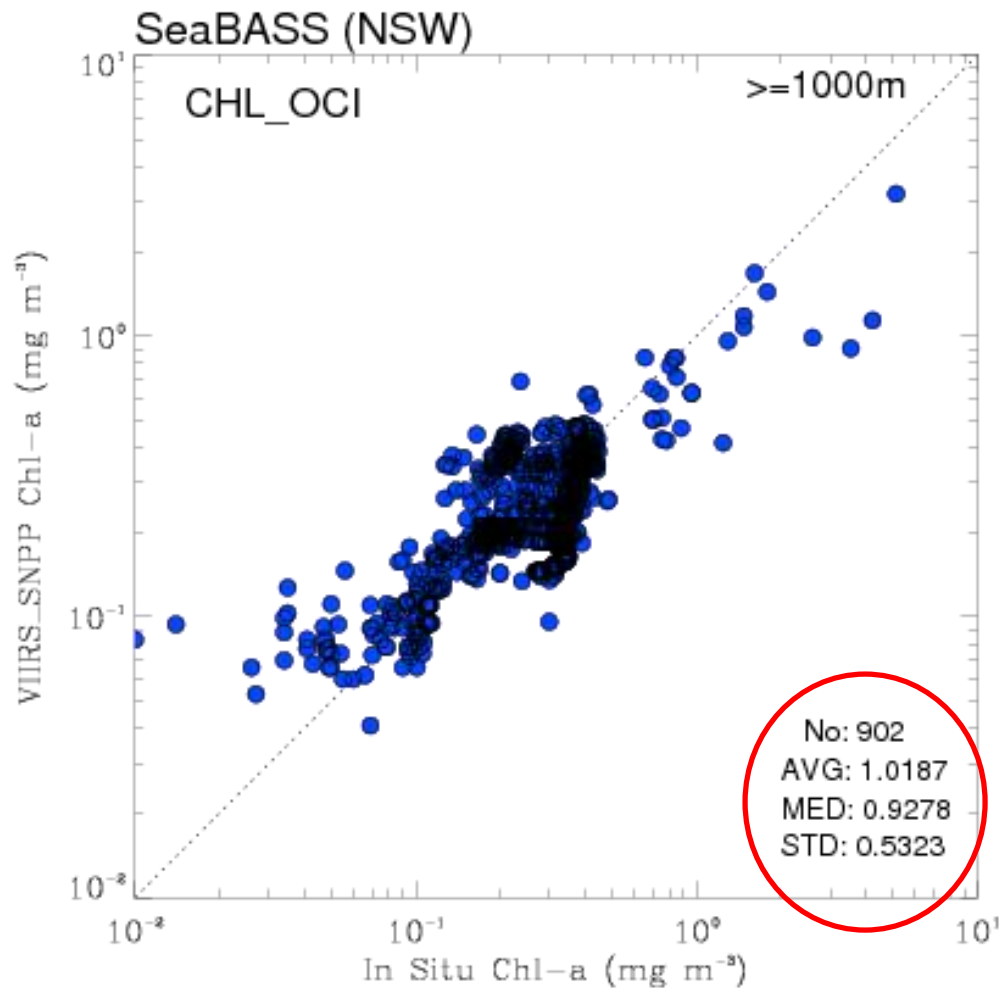


# Matchup of MOBY In Situ & VIIRS-SNPP (NIR-SWIR)



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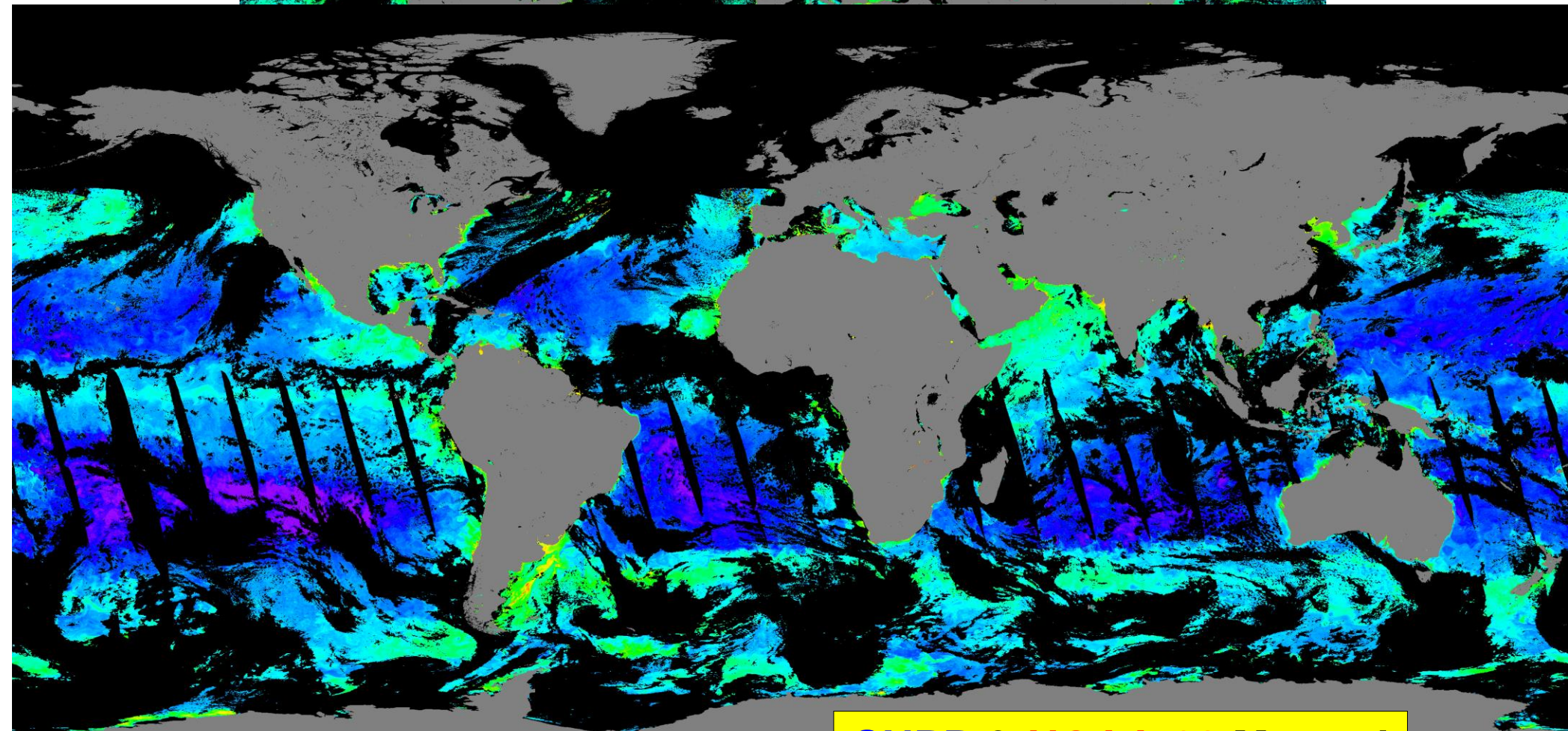
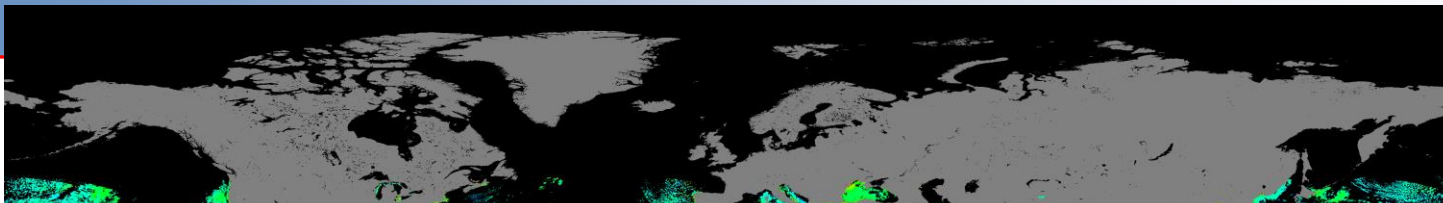
Matchup of **Chl-a**  
**VIIRS-SNPP (NIR-SWIR)** VS. SeaBASS In Situ  
**Over Global Deep Water**



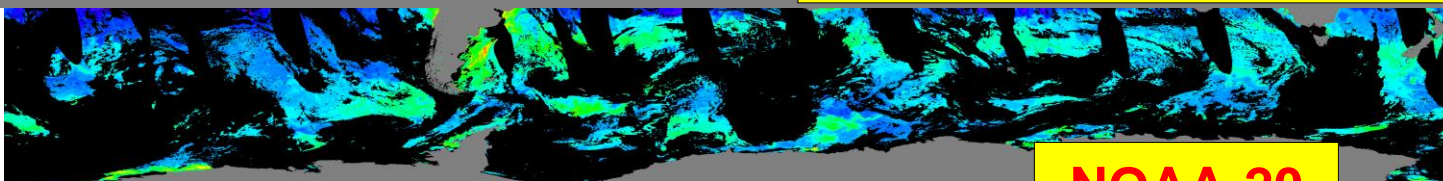




# VIIRS-SNPP and NOAA-20 Chl-a Images (January 6, 2018)



**SNPP & NOAA-20 Merged**



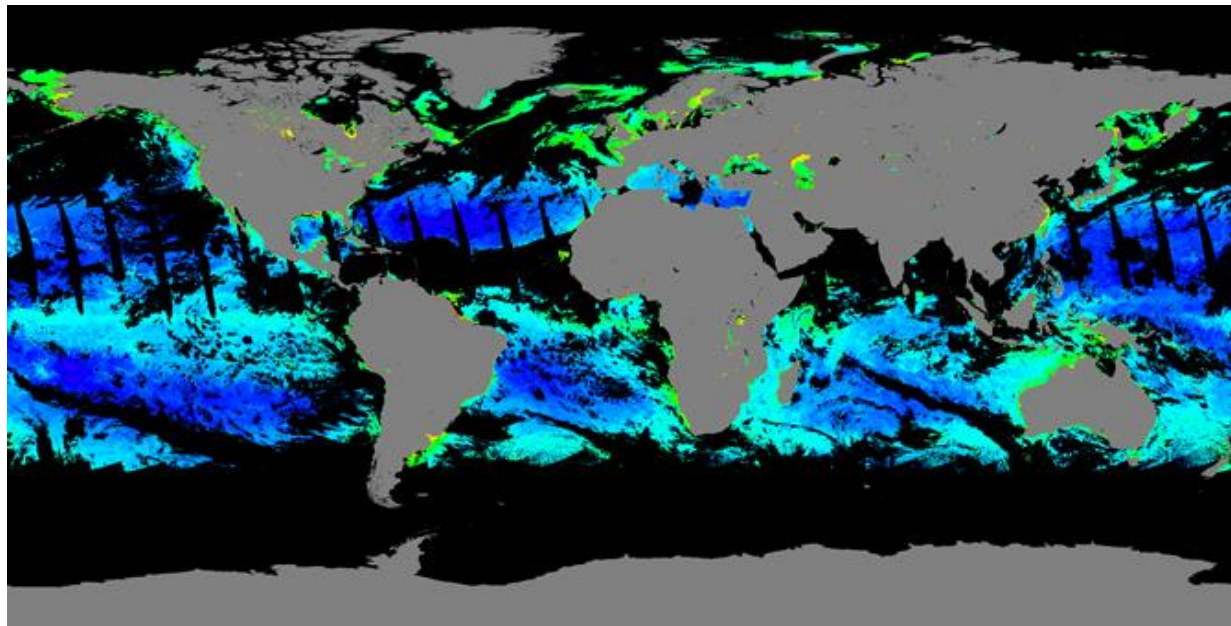
**NOAA-20**



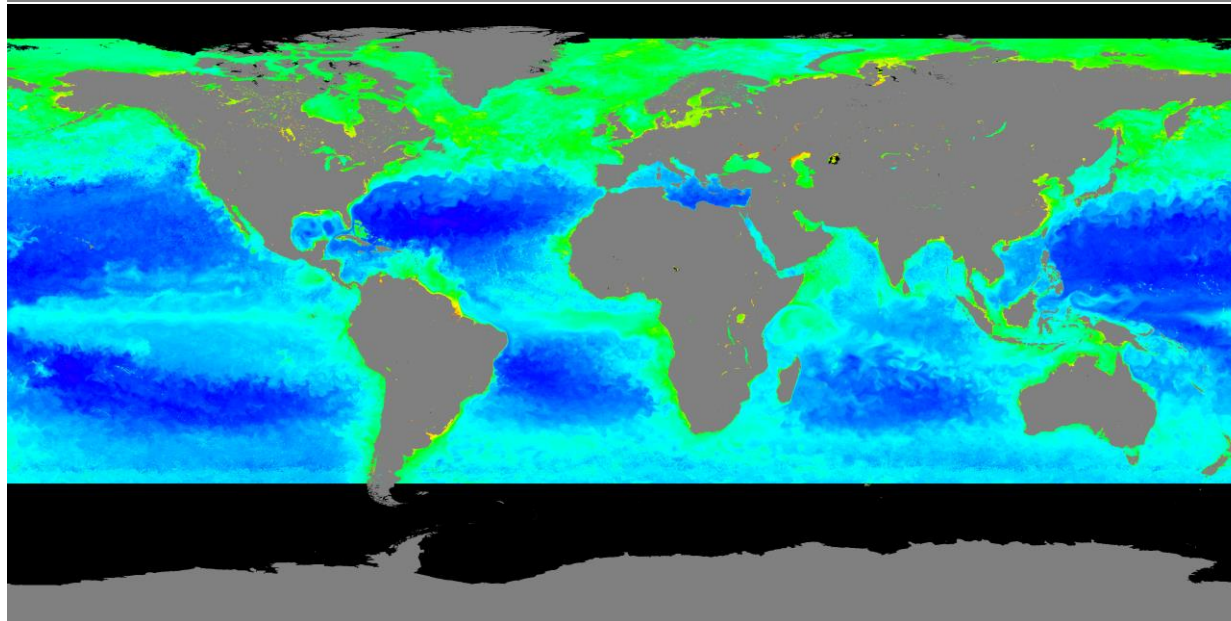
# Example of Gap-filled Products

## Global 9-km Chl-a Level-3 images (June 21, 2018)

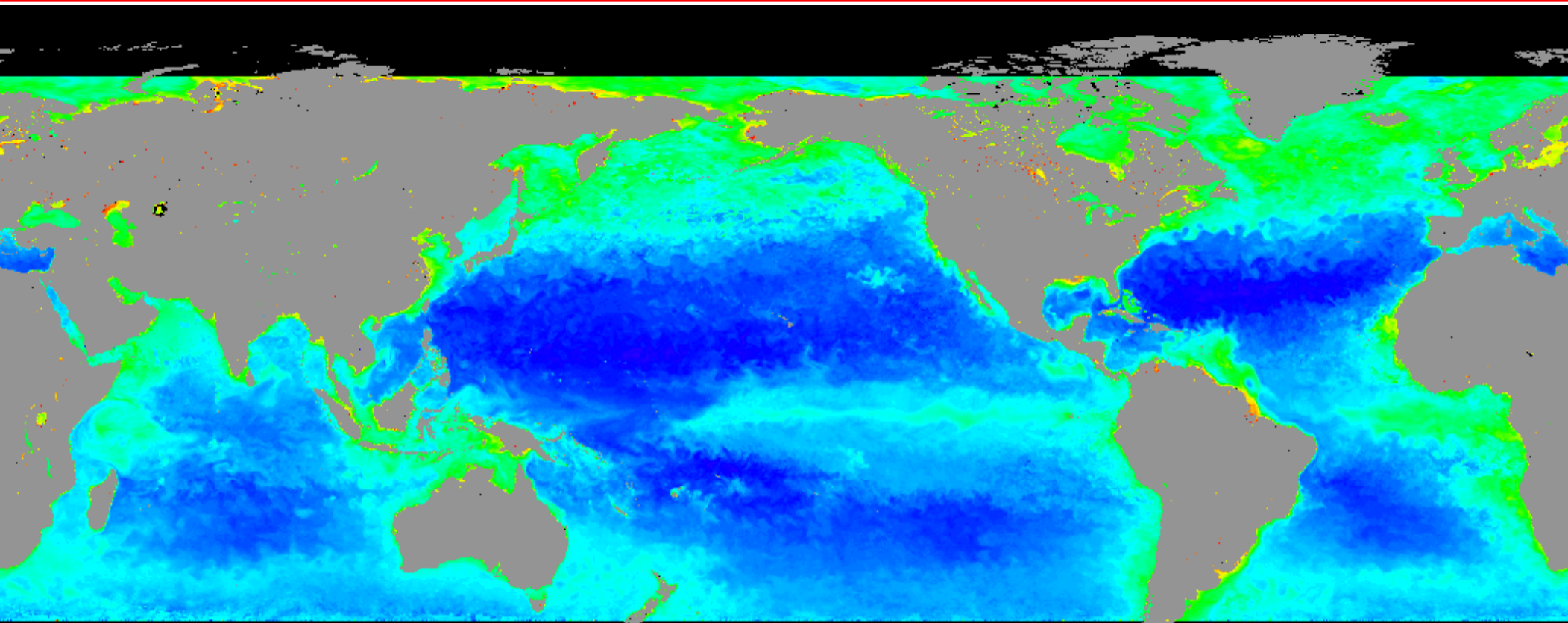
Merged product



Gap-filled Product



# Gap-free Global Daily Chl-a Movie



Liu, X. and M. Wang, “Filling the gaps of missing data in the merged VIIRS SNPP/NOAA-20 ocean color product using the DINEOF method,” *Remote Sens.*, **11**, 178, 2019.

<https://dx.doi.org/10.3390/rs11020178>

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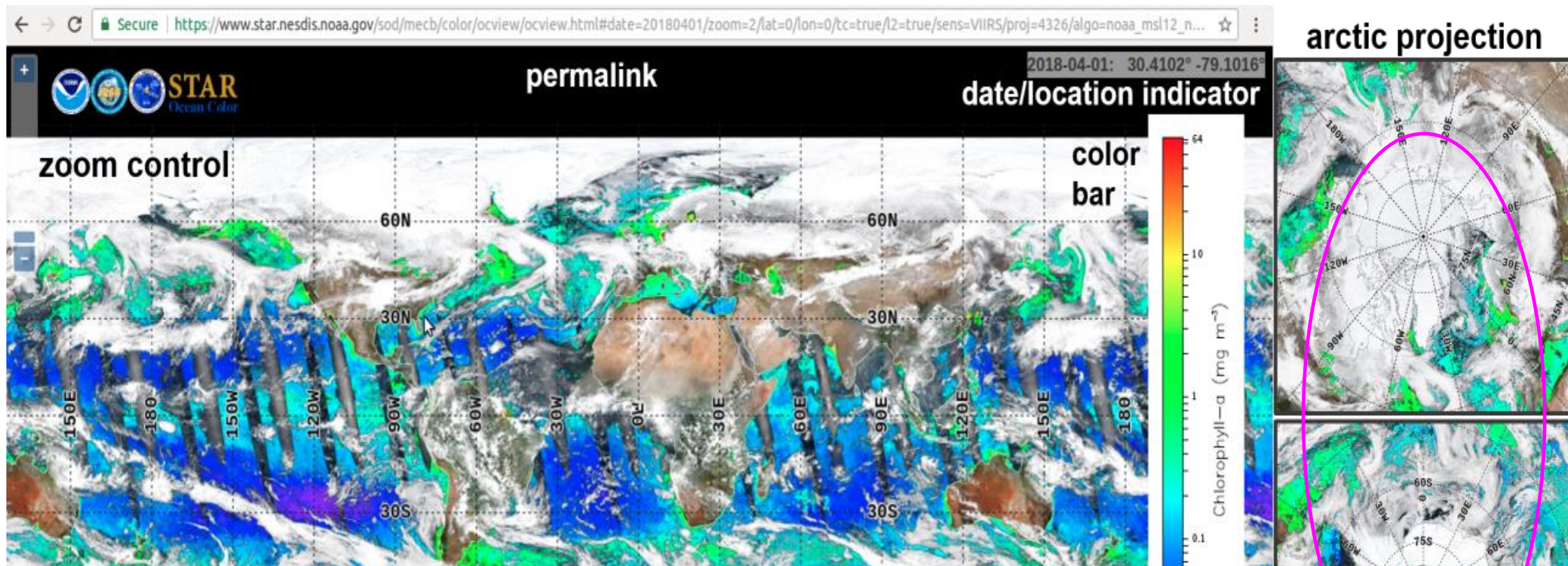
**SNPP and NOAA-20 measurements**

Chlorophyll-a ( $\text{mg m}^{-3}$ )

Gap-free **daily** global Chl-a data are now routinely produced and available through **CoastWatch!**



# Ocean Color Viewer (OCView)



**High quality VIIRS global daily ocean color data can be routinely produced and used for various scientific research and applications!**

Mikelsons, K. and M. Wang, "Interactive online maps make satellite ocean data accessible" Eos, 99, 01 May 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2018EO096563>.

<http://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/sod/mecb/color/>



# SATELLITE SUMMIT 2020



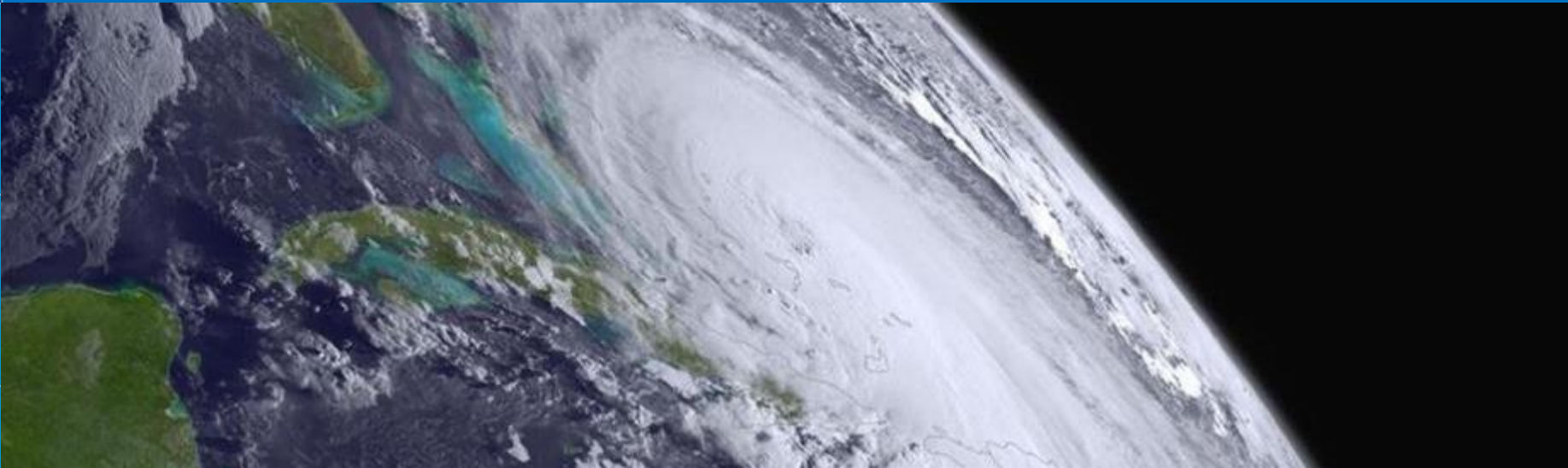
## NOAA

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February 2020

## NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE NMFS

Mike Ford, Oceanographer, NMFS Office of Science & Technology



# MISSION AREAS

- Sustainable Fisheries: *Ending overfishing & rebuilding fish stocks.*
- Protected Resources: *Protect, recover and conserve listed species, marine mammals, and their habitats. Response to strandings and entanglement.*
- Congressional Mandates: *Magnuson-Stevens Act, Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Oil Pollution Act, RESTORE (Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States) Act*
- Developments: *Changing ocean conditions, regular ecosystems status reports, forecast tools*

# U.S. Commercial Fisheries and the Seafood Industry

## Landings and Values, 2018

### National Totals



**9.4**  
billion pounds  
-5.3% from 2017

**\$5.6**  
billion  
+2.8% from 2017

### Highest Value Species Groups\*



LOBSTER

\$684 million



CRABS

\$645 million



SALMON

\$598 million



SCALLOPS

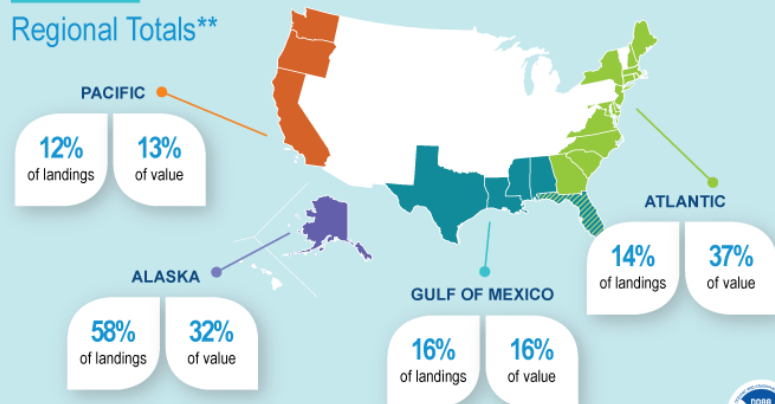
\$541 million



SHRIMP

\$496 million

### Regional Totals\*\*



\* Ex-vessel value

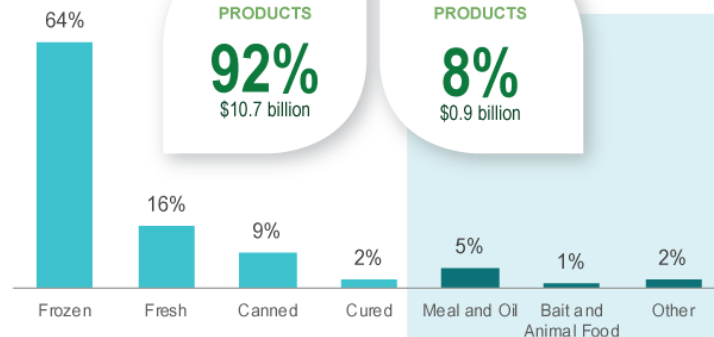
\*\* Hawaii contributed less than 1% of U.S. volume and 2% of U.S. landings value. The Great Lakes contributed less than 1% of U.S. landings and landings value.



# Value of Processed Fisheries Products, 2018\*

(Processed from domestic catch and imported products)

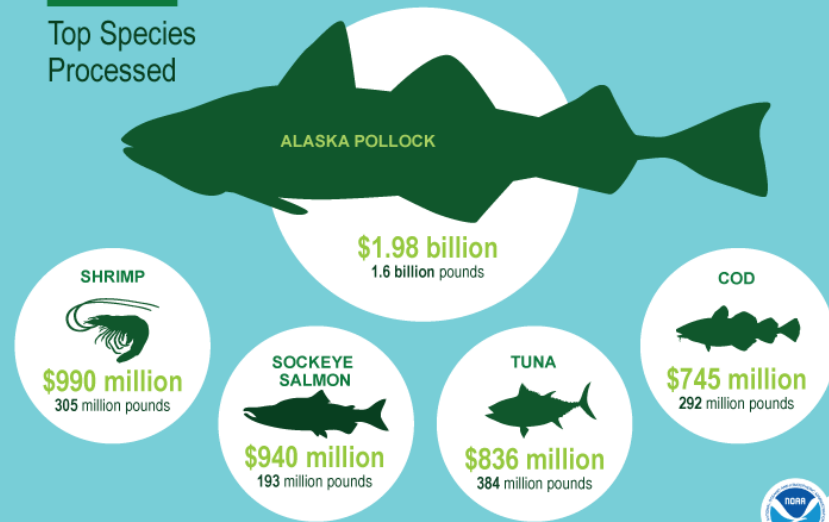
### Value by Type



**EDIBLE PRODUCTS**  
**92%**  
\$10.7 billion

**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS**  
**8%**  
\$0.9 billion

### Top Species Processed



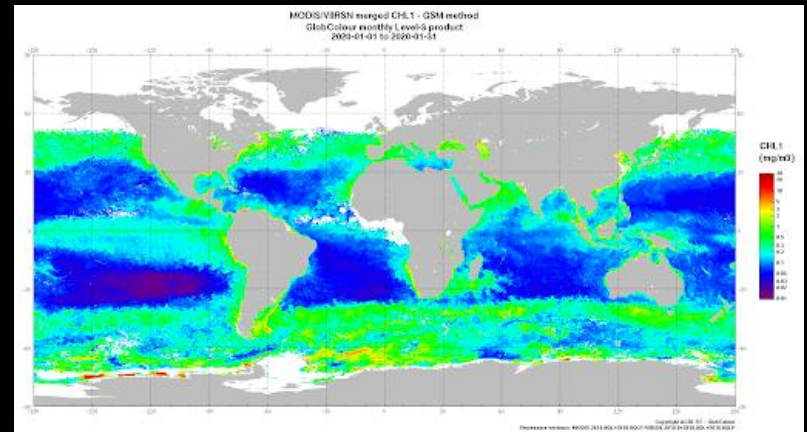
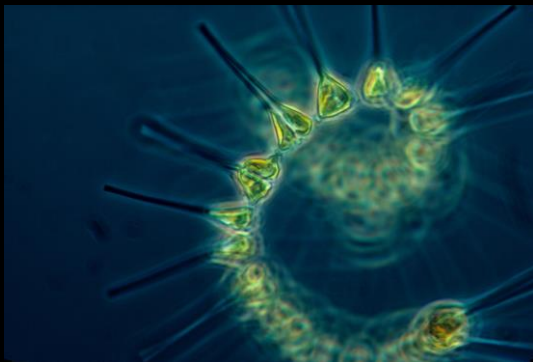
\* Free on Board (FOB) value of processed products.





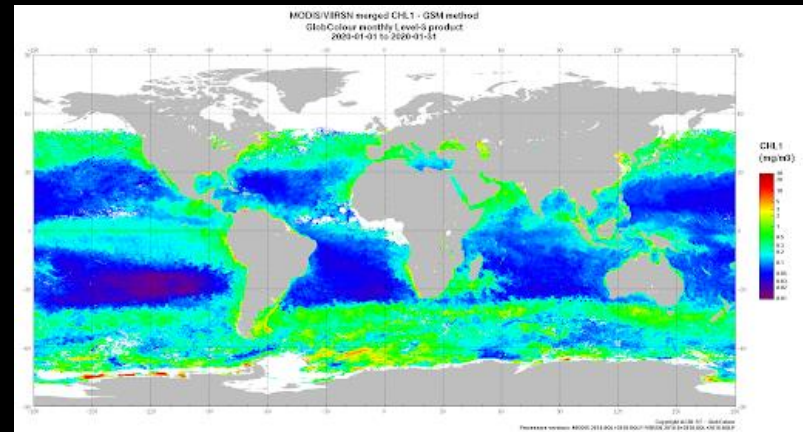
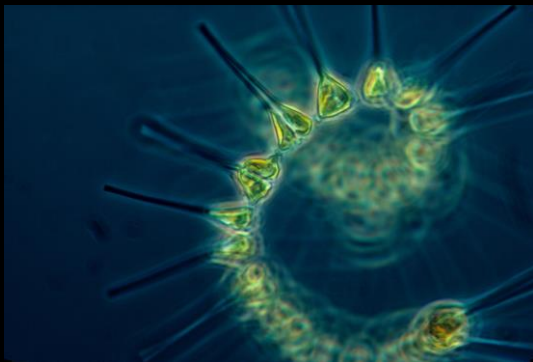
# OCEAN COLOR – SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES, PROTECTED SPECIES

- LONG-TERM TIME SERIES OF OCEAN COLOR
  - Accurate [chl], US EEZ, continental shelf scale, survey operating areas scale
  - Multisensor, stitched together
  - Unified & coherent ocean color times series
    - Better for NMFS models, forecast tools
- PHYTOPLANKTON FUNCTIONAL GROUPS
  - Expand R&D currently in PGRR
  - Incorporation of more sensors



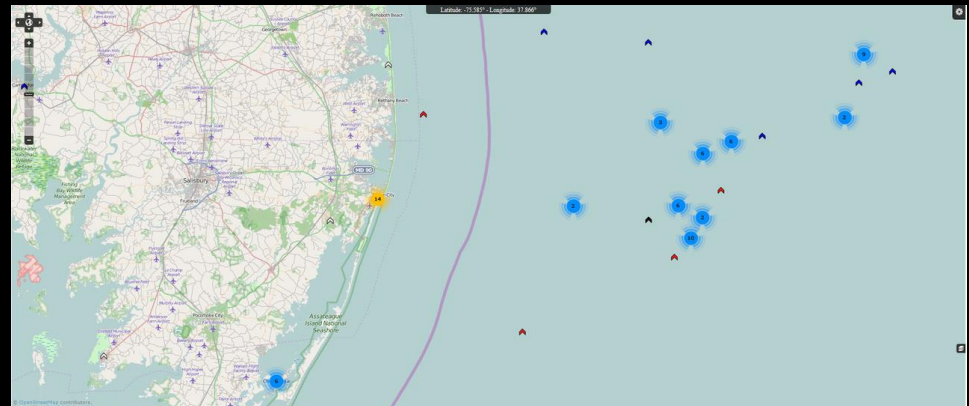
# OCEAN COLOR – SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES, PROTECTED SPECIES

- REGIONAL COUPLED OCEAN MODELS
  - Satellite chlorophyll complements simulation of 3D biogeochemical profiles
  - JPSS, GEO connections to these modeling teams
- BREAKING 8d COMPOSITE – GEO – OC?
  - Model, forecast performance
- BEYOND VIIRS
  - Sensor development aimed at NASA PACE capabilities for planned NOAA follow-on



# SATELLITE SURVEILLANCE – LAW ENFORCEMENT: SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES, PROTECTED SPECIES

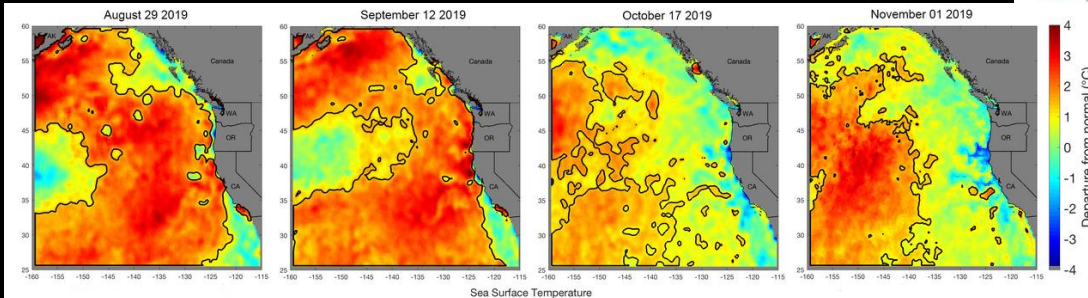
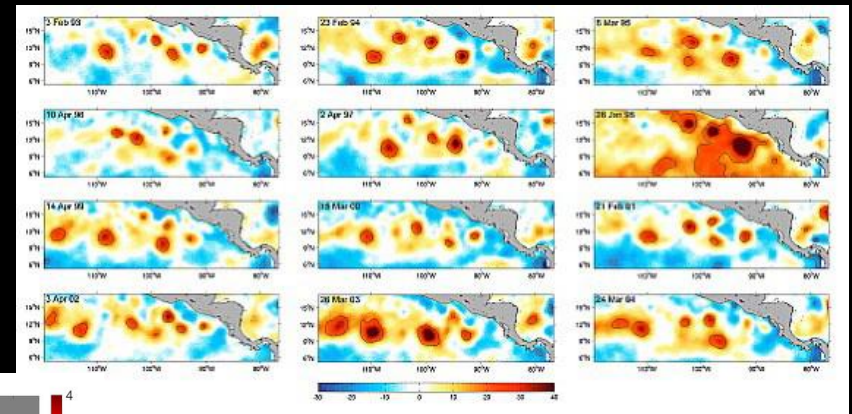
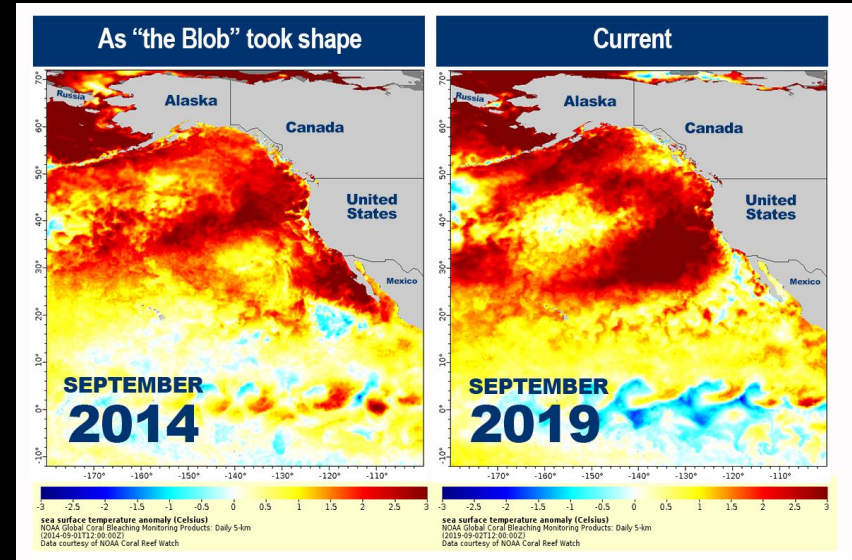
- **ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS:**
  - Keep US fishermen competitive in world market
  - Level playing field globally
  - Combat Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated (IUU) Fishing
- **VESSEL TRACKING**
  - Vessel identity, location, activities
  - Actionable information for investigations, prosecutions
- **MONITORING, SURVEILLANCE FOR:**
  - Foreign fishing and support vessels for illegal fishing in US EEZ
  - Illegal transshipment of seafood in US EEZ, high seas
  - Illegal fishing in closed areas/marine protected areas
  - Activity related to North Atlantic Right Whale ship speed rule, esp. with AIS off





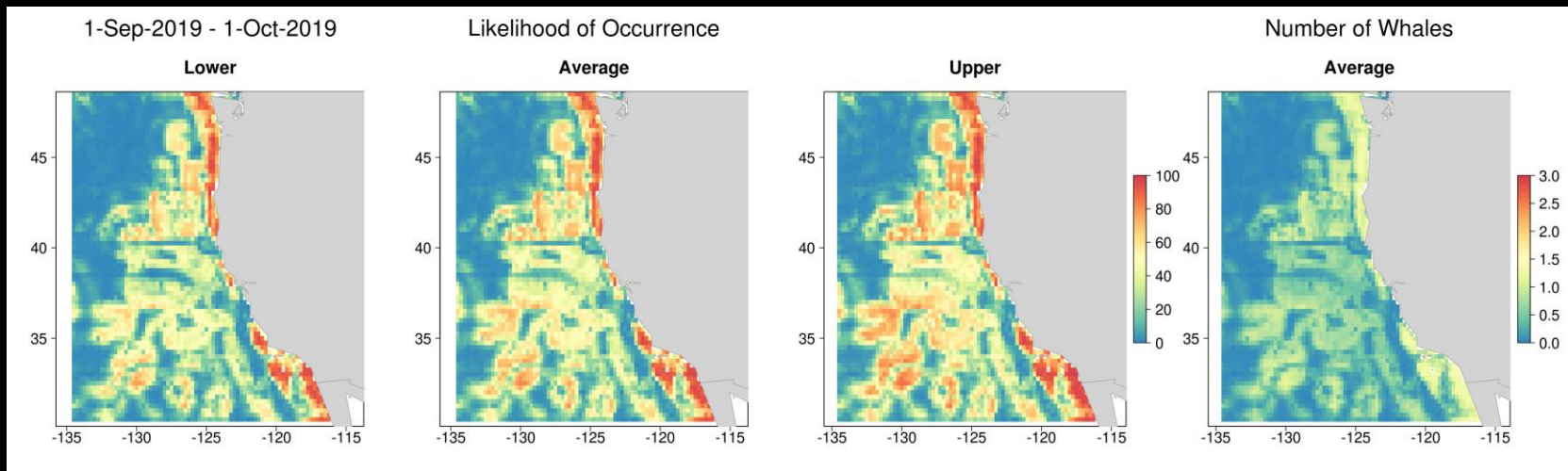
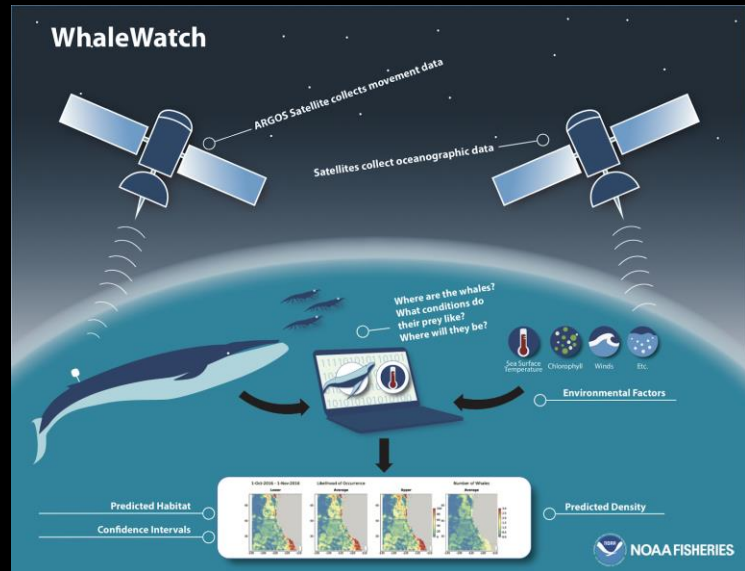
# OCEANOGRAPHY – SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES, PROTECTED SPECIES

- SEA SURFACE HEIGHT (SSH)
  - Increased resolution needed
  - Fuels models, products
- SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE (SST)
  - Maintain accuracy, coverage
  - Key to models, products



# FORECAST SYSTEMS: SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES, PROTECTED SPECIES

- Turtle Watch
- Whale Watch
- REQUIREMENTS
- PIPELINE
- PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS





A large research vessel, likely the R/V Okeanos Explorer, is seen on the ocean. The ship is white with yellow accents and features a prominent white dome on its deck. A large crane is visible on the left side of the ship. In the foreground, a massive splash of water is captured mid-air, creating a large, dynamic arc of water droplets and foam that partially obscures the ship. The sky is a clear, deep blue, and the ocean surface is dark blue with white-capped waves.

# THANK YOU

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# NOS Requirements JPSS/GOES-R Summit

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Oceanographer

National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science/NOS  
CoastWatch East Coast Node Manager



# Application Areas

- Ecological Forecasting and Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring/Forecasting in lakes, estuaries and coastal areas
- Event response for HABs
- Water Clarity/Quality
  - Guidance or National Geodetic Survey LIDAR missions
  - Guide diver missions
  - Support water quality models
  - Ocean planning (macroalgae/shellfish aquaculture)
- Chlorophyll-a as input to models
  - C-HARM forecast model for HABs of California



# Requirements

- 1 km or better resolution
- Daily repeat
- Spectral resolution with sufficient bands for coastal water quality and bloom applications
- Multiple ocean color images a day could assist in bloom detection despite clouds
- Robust Atmospheric correction needed in lakes, coastal/estuarine waters





# Satellite Comparison for bloom applications

Satellite	Spatial	Temporal	Key Spectral
MERIS 2002-12 OLCI Sentinel-3 2016-	300 m <i>OK</i>	2 day <i>good</i>	10 (5 on red edge) <i>good</i>
MODIS high res Terra 1999; Aqua 2002	250/500 m <i>OK</i>	1-2 day <i>good</i>	4 (1 red, 1 NIR) <i>marginal</i>
MODIS low res	1 km <i>poor</i>	1-2 day <i>good</i>	7-8 (2 in red edge) <i>OK</i>
VIIRS	750 m <i>poor</i>	1-2 day <i>good</i>	7-8 (1 red, no fluorescence 681 nm or red edge 709 nm) <i>marginal</i>
GOES-R	1-2 km <i>poor</i>	Every 15 m <i>good</i>	2 visible, no green band <i>poor</i>

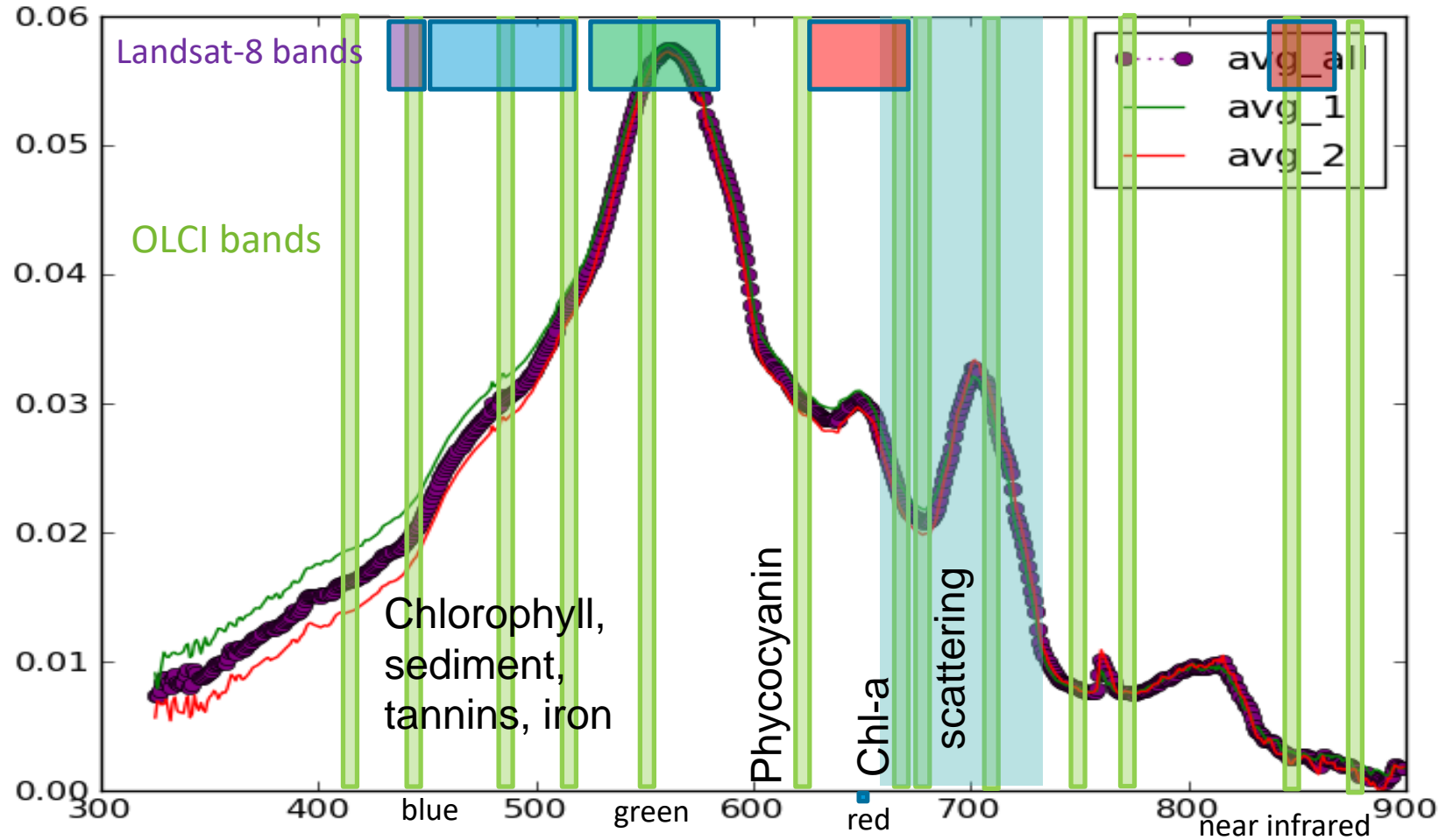
Clouds take out 1/2 to 2/3 of imagery – GOES could help

Some sunglint is not a problem for our algorithms

Minimum resolution, 3 pixels across (2 mixed land/water)

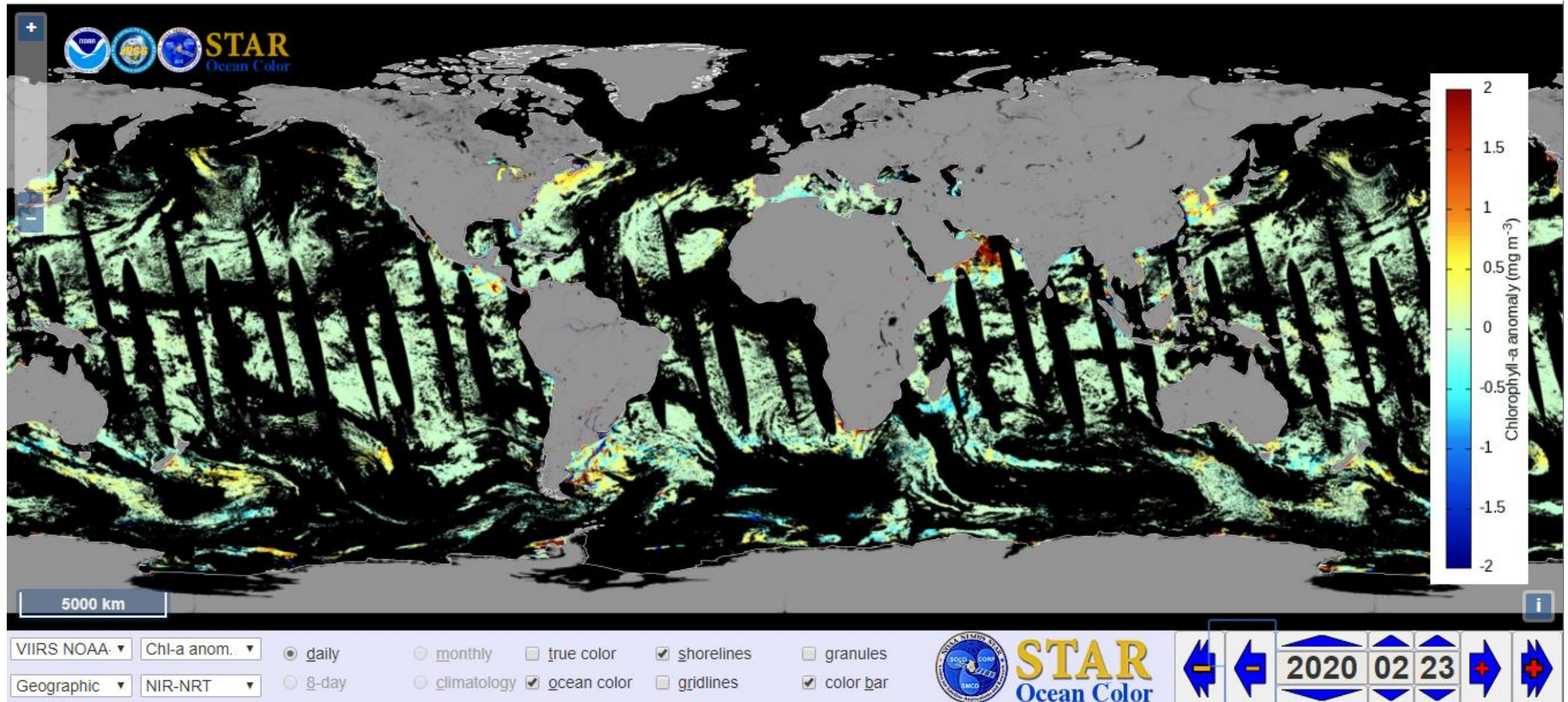
# Red and Red-edge bands for discrimination in estuaries and lakes (OLCI and Landsat)

spectra from *Microcystis*



Atmospheric correction difficult, spectral shape algorithms with Rhos for blooms  
Landsat runs out of information content to discriminate everything

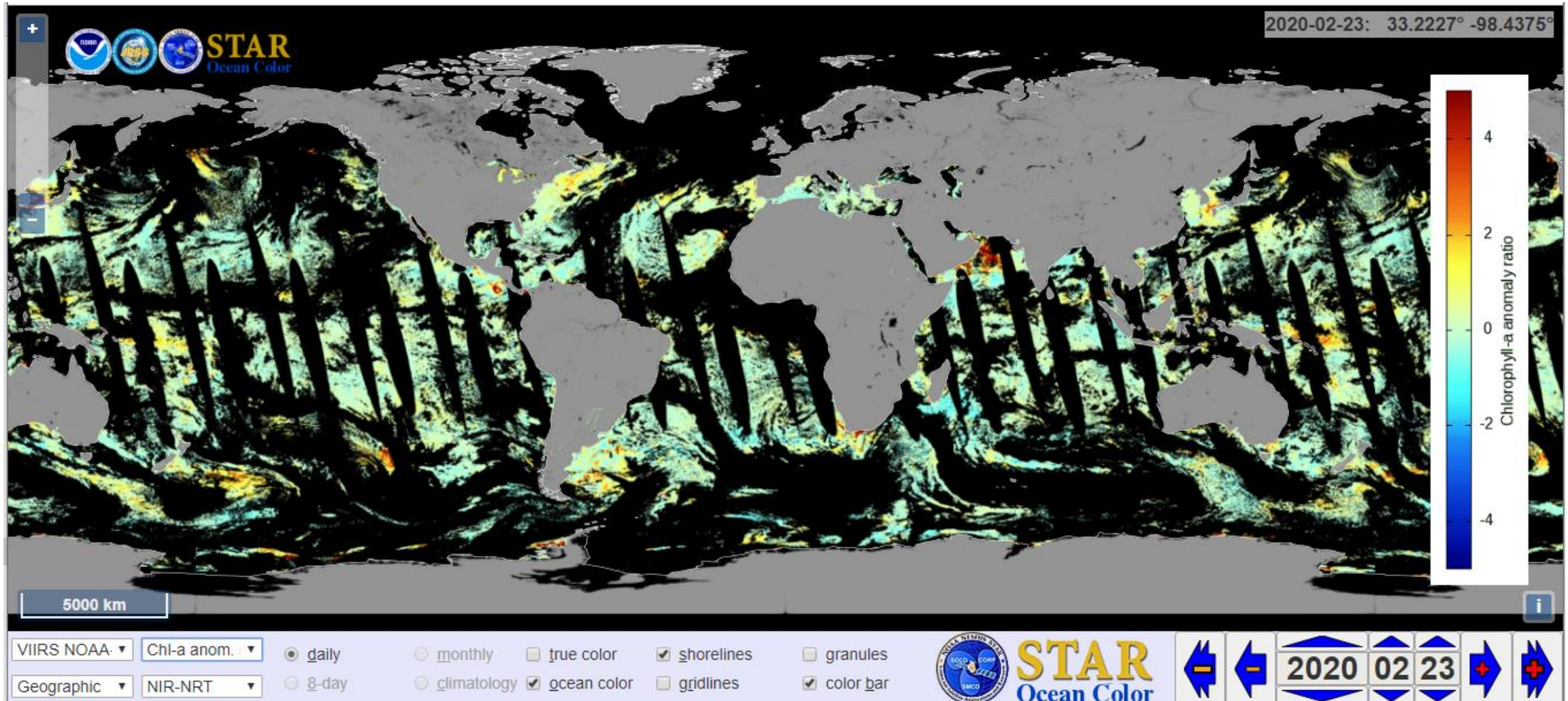
# VIIRS Chl Anomaly for Event Response for New Blooms



<https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/sod/mecb/color/ocview/ocview.html>



# VIIRS Chl Anomaly Ratio for Event Response for New Blooms

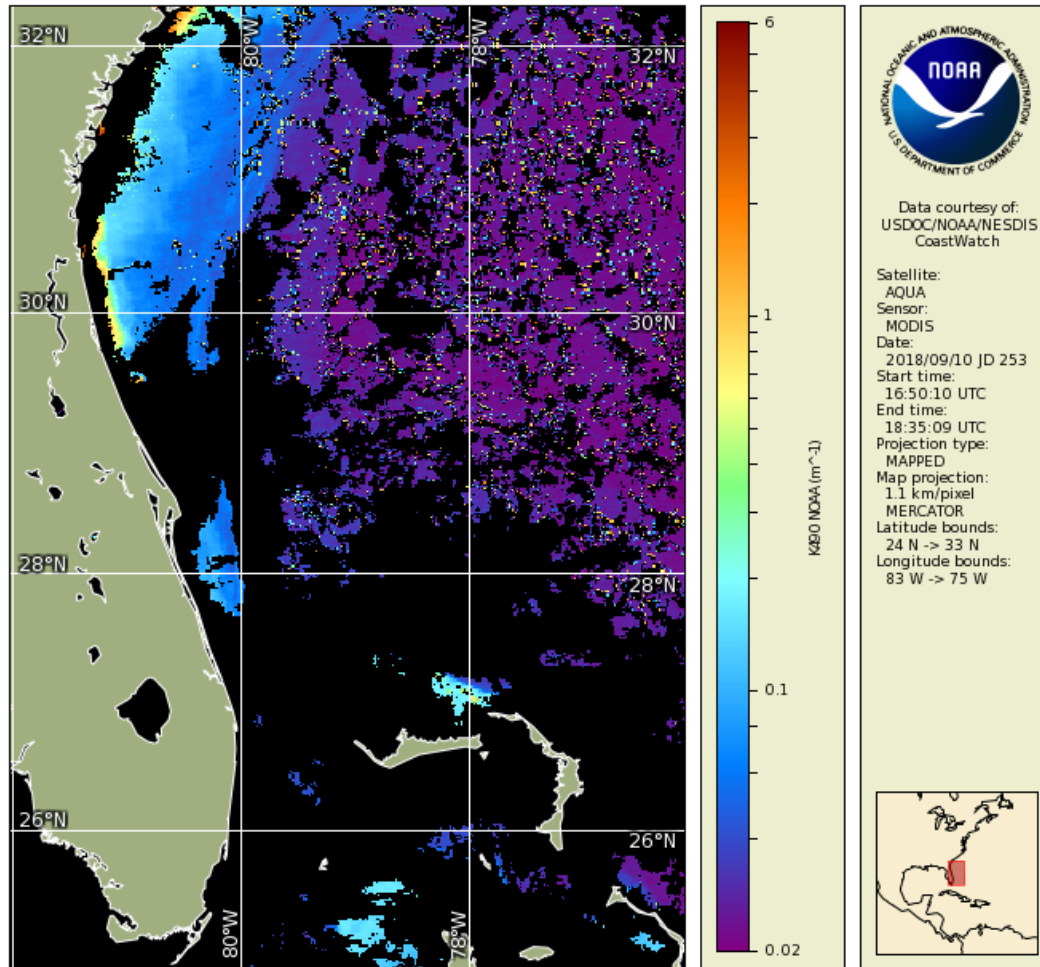


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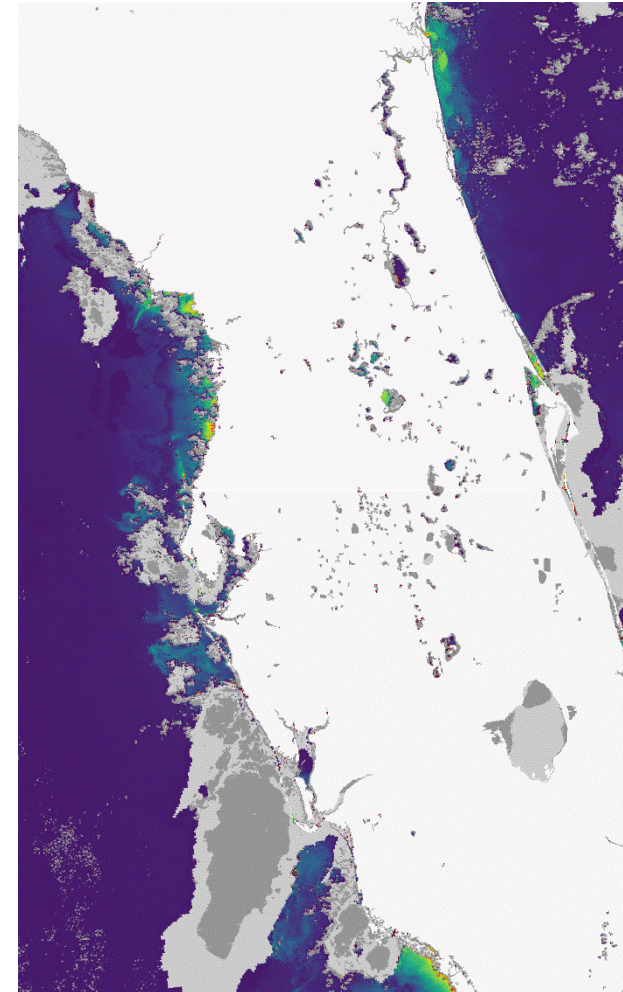


# Kd Water Clarity Products

CoastWatch 1 km MODIS



NOS/NCCOS 250 m Kd



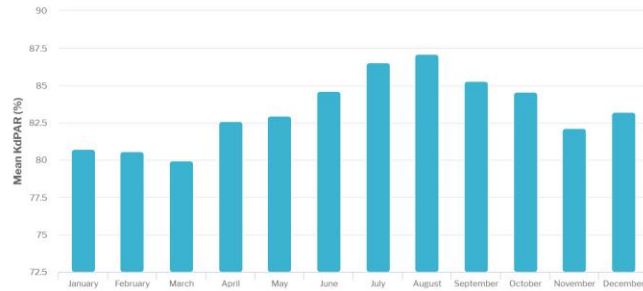
**750 m**  
**VIIRS Kd490**  
**VIIRS KdPAR**  
**Also available**

Following Wang et al. (2009), with switch to Modified Mueller (2000) Kd for Case 1

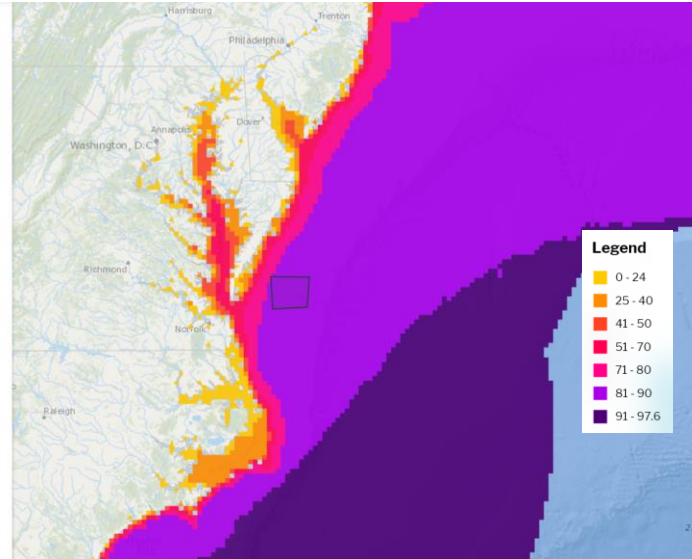
$$K_d^{\text{ hires}} = 2.8 \times \left[ \frac{R_{\text{rhos}}(645) - R_{\text{rhos}}(858)}{R_{\text{rhos}}(469) - R_{\text{rhos}}(858)} \right] - 0.69$$

## Light Attenuation (Kd(PAR))

The attenuation of light is the reduction or gradual loss in intensity through a medium (water). Shortwave radiation from the sun is attenuated by the water, causing light intensity to decrease exponentially with water depth. Light attenuation affects the production of micro- and macroalgae and other photosynthetic organisms throughout the water column. Photosynthetic active radiation (PAR) is the portion of the light spectrum (400 to 700 nanometers) used by plants (e.g., macroalgae) to photosynthesize (i.e., convert light to sugars).

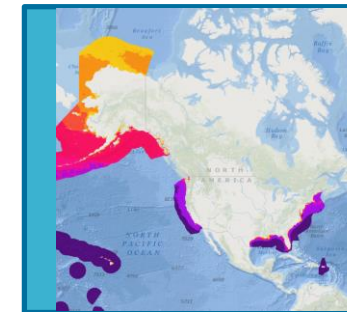


Data used to derive the infographic represent mean Kd(PAR) values inside the report area.



Kd(PAR) data represent a six-year (2012-2017) composite and were processed by NOAA at a 4-kilometer resolution. The raw data included those from both the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) and Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer (VIIRS). The layer viewable on the map shows the annual average.

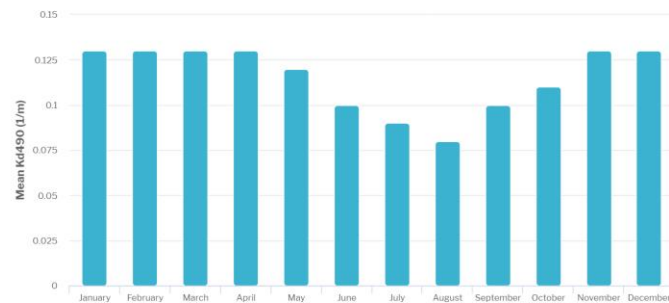
*Interpreting Output:* For example, a higher mean Kd(PAR) percentage indicates greater availability of photosynthetically active radiation to promote photosynthesis.



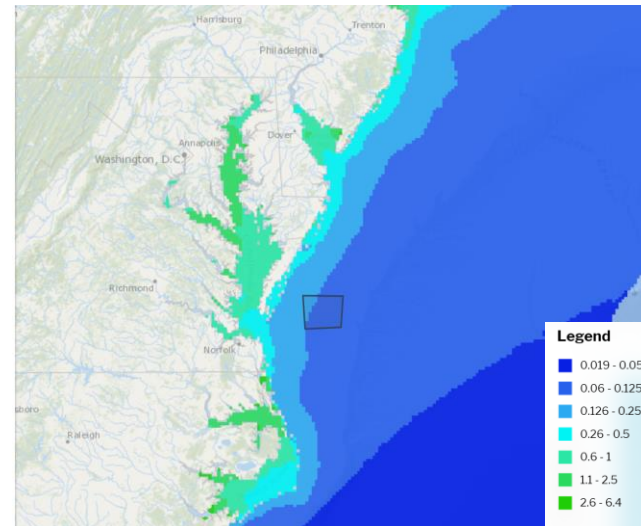
Kd(PAR) (4 km) for the entire US EEZ

## Light Attenuation (Kd(490))

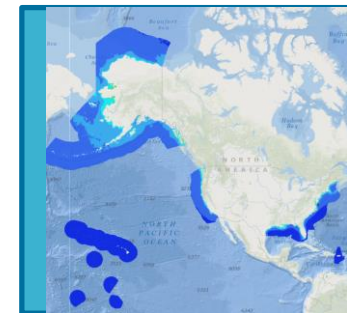
A higher Kd value implies that light at a specified wavelength (nanometers) attenuates at a shallower depth. A higher Kd(490) value acts as an indicator for turbidity of the water column, indicating that the blue-to-green region of the visible spectrum penetrates the water column.



Data used to derive infographic represent mean Kd(490) values inside the report area.



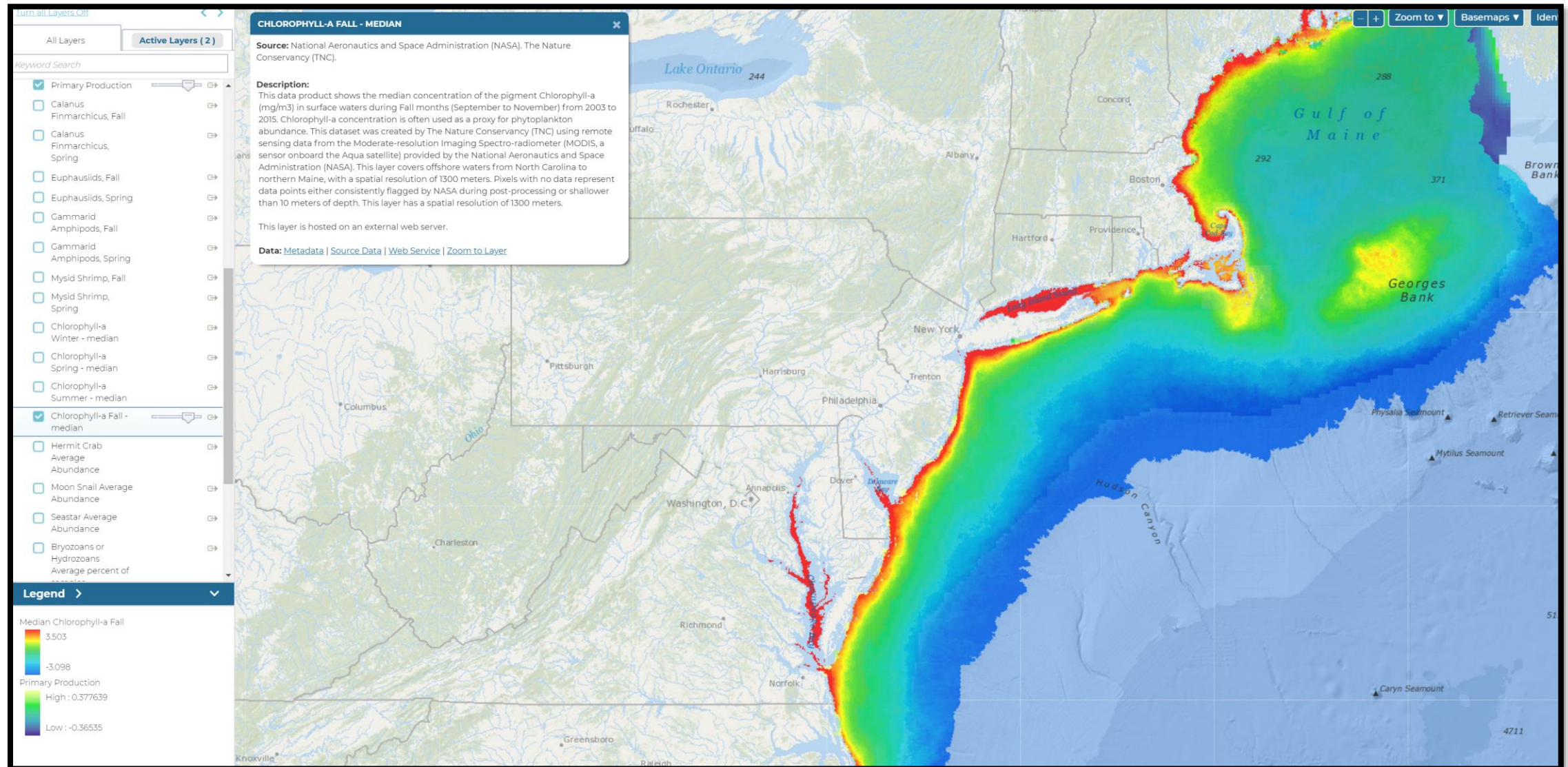
The value of Kd(490) represents the rate at which light at 490 nanometers is attenuated with depth. For example a Kd(490) of 0.1/meter means that light intensity will be reduced one natural log within 10 meters of water. Thus, for a Kd(490) of 0.1, one attenuation length is 10 meters.



Kd(490) (4 km) for the entire US EEZ



# Northeast Ocean Data Portal (MODIS) (Chl-a Fall)



Slide courtesy of Lisa Wickliffe, NCCOS

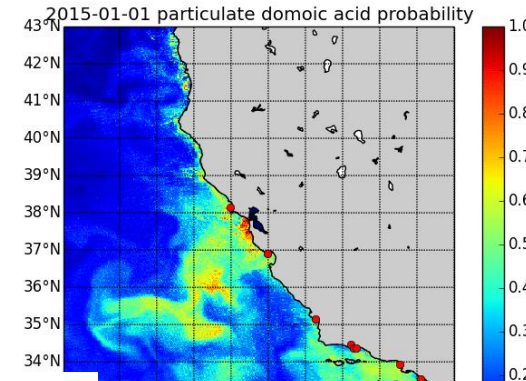
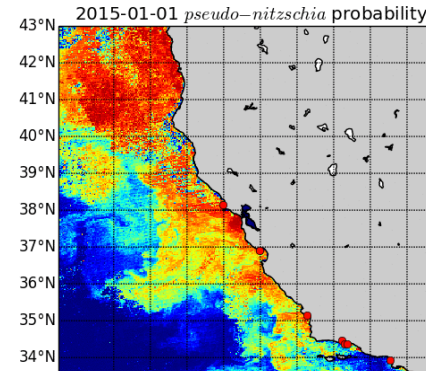


# California Harmful Algae Risk Mapping (C-HARM) System

Interactive Data Portal C-HARM Nowcasts and 3-day Forecasts

<http://www.cencoos.org/data/models/habs/>

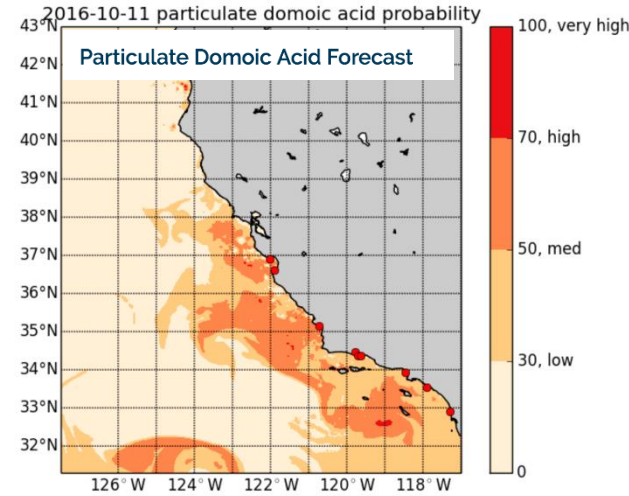
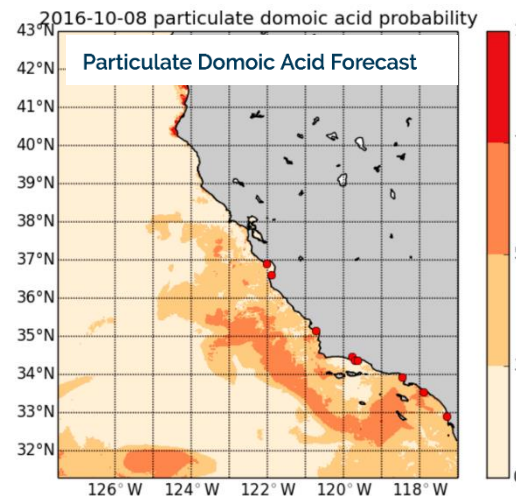
Probability  
Maps



MODISA:  
488, 555 nm  
Chla

Modeled:  
SSH, SST

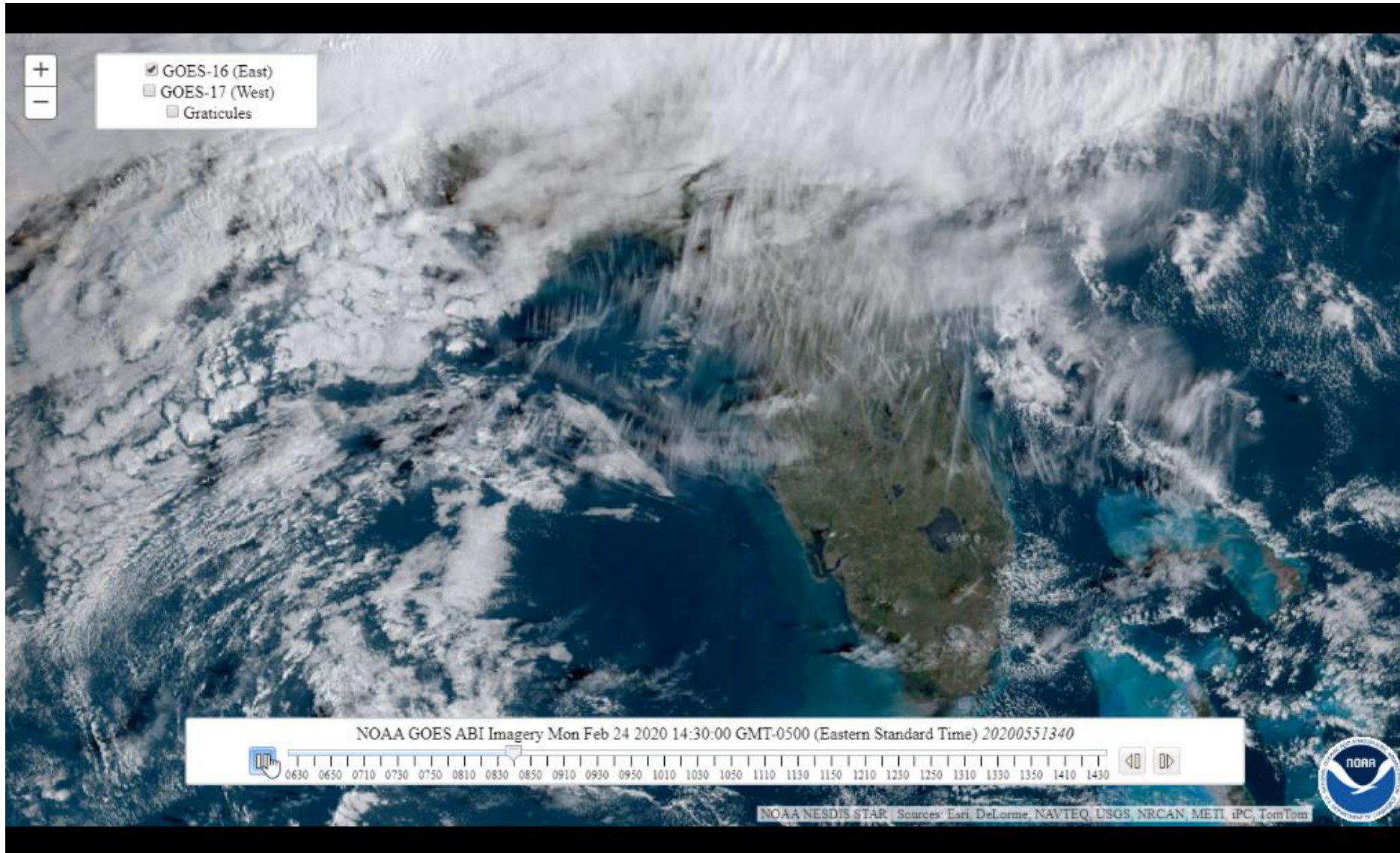
Risk Maps  
based on  
stakeholder  
feedback



*Validating switch to VIIRS now*

Slide courtesy of C. Anderson, SCCOOS

# GOES Ocean Color for Improved Monitoring of Transient Features



Better monitoring with clouds (bloom detection, etc).

Need better spatial and spectral resolution for coastal issues



# The US West Coast Ocean Forecast System (WCOFS)

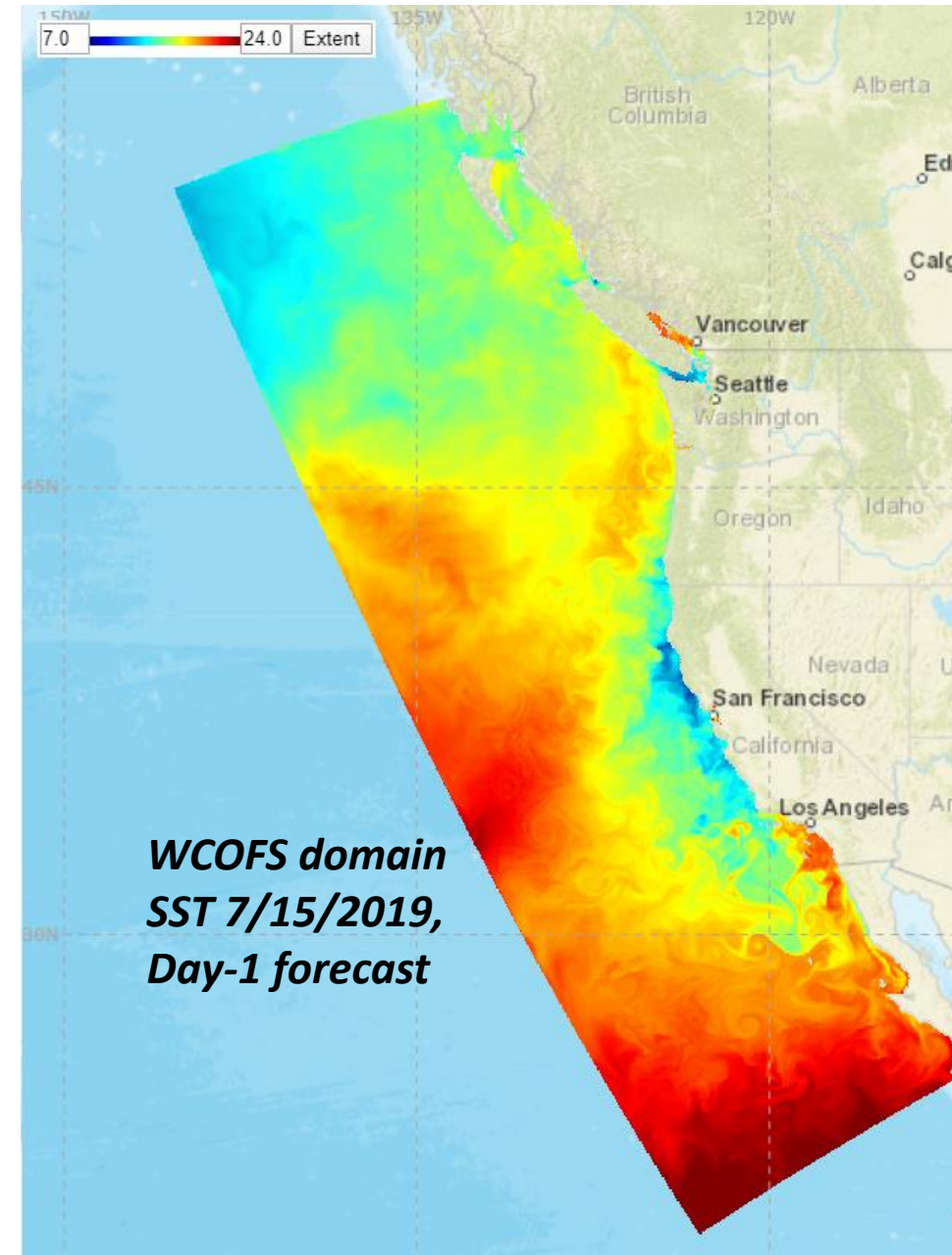
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*NOAA/NOS/OCS/Coast Survey Development Lab, Silver Spring, MD*

## ***In collaboration with***

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E. Leuliette, A. Ignatov (NOAA/NESDIS/STAR)

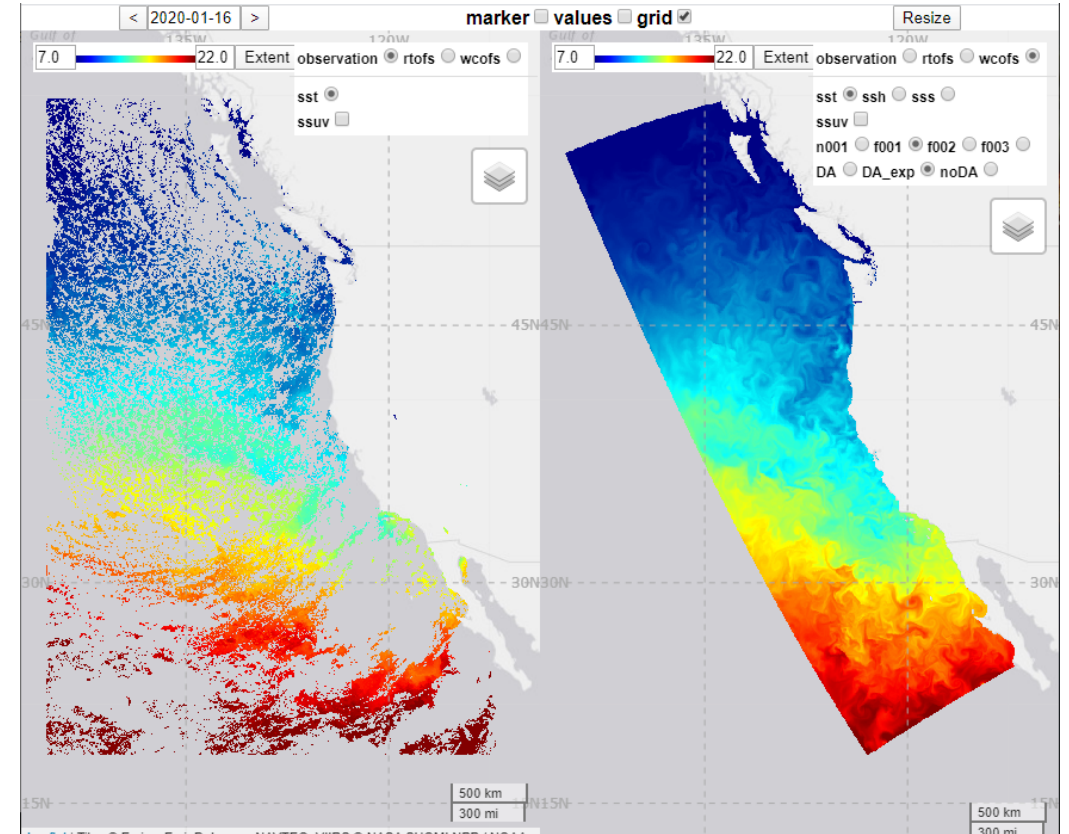
## Status update:

- Real-time application (dev mode)
- <https://coastaloceanmodels.noaa.gov/WCOFS/Viewer/>
- Assimilation of satellite SST (NPP L3U), alongtrack altimetry (5-satellite homogenized ADT), surface currents from coast-based high-frequency radars (HFR)
- Daily updates of 3-day forecasts of currents, temperature, salinity, total sea level, etc.
- Operational transition is planned for Nov 2020



## Model details [Kurapov et al. Oce Dyn. 2017, JGR 2017]:

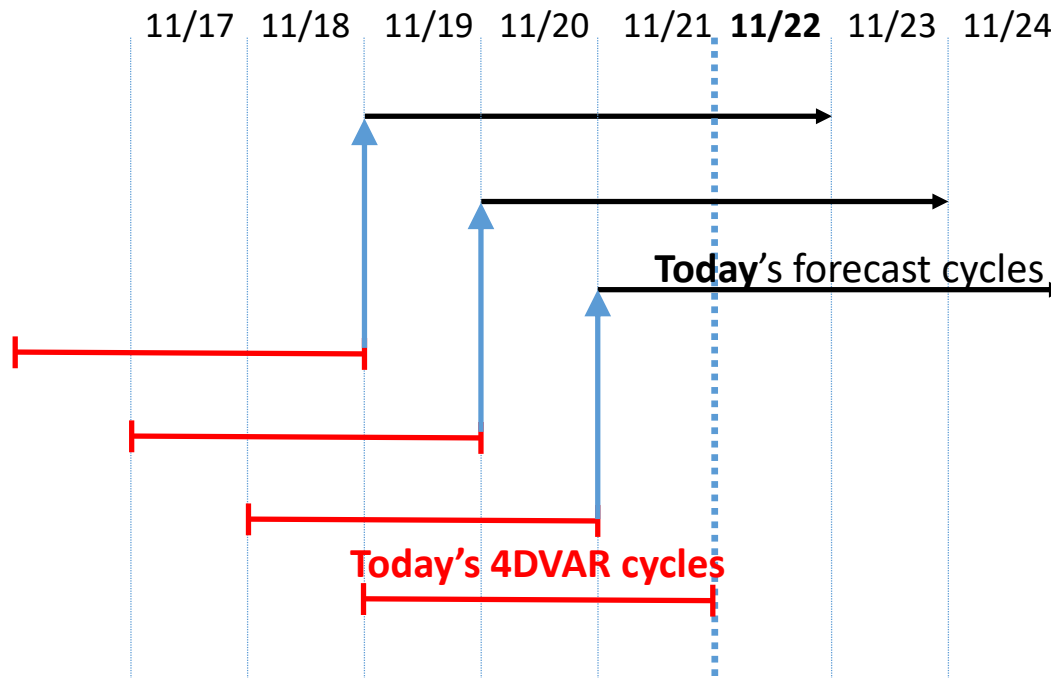
- Dynamics are based on the Regional Ocean Modeling System (ROMS): fully nonlinear, baroclinic, free-surface, Boussinesq approximation, advanced higher-order numerics, vertical turbulence parameterization, terrain-following vertical coordinates
- Alongshore extent: 24N-54N (MEX-US-Canada)
- 4-km horizontal resolution / 40 terrain-following vertical levels
- Atmospheric forcing: NOAA NAM wind, heat flux – bulk flux formulation, precipitation. [Transition to FV3 GFS must be anticipated.](#)
- Open boundary forcing: NOAA RTOFS (non-tidal), TPXO (tidal)
- Major river discharges



*Shown: (LEFT) VIIRS SST, (RIGHT) day-1 SST forecast, 16 Jan 2020*

## ROMS 4DVAR implementation:

- Daily, in 3-day windows
- Initial conditions are corrected
- Routine assimilation of HFR uv+SST+SSH



*Solid lines: present DA system (HF+SST)*

**The ocean forecast system, OFS  
(WCOFS: daily updates of 3 day  
forecasts)**

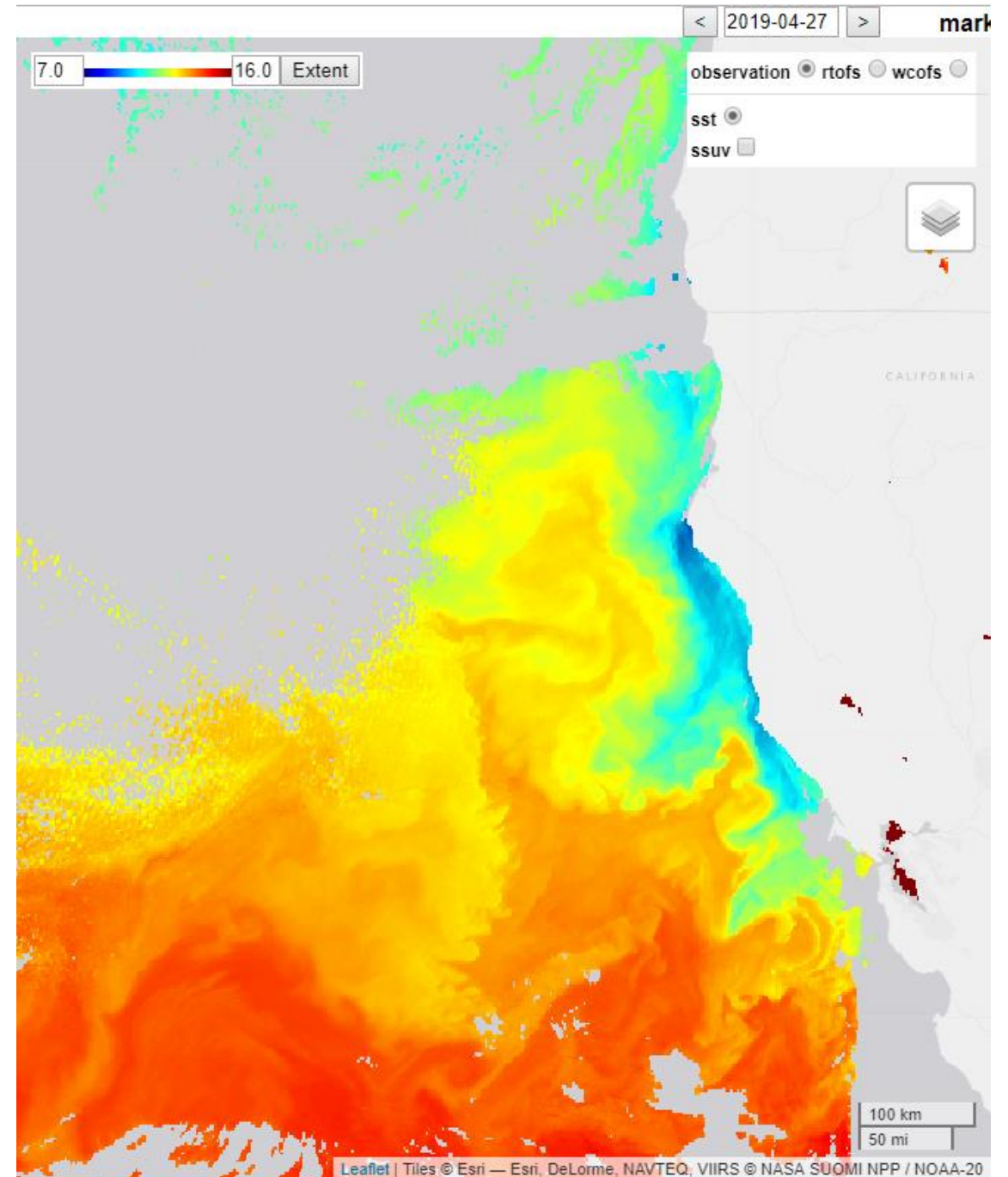
**The assimilation system (everyday cycle  
over the past 3 days): correct initial  
conditions at the beginning of each  
assimilation cycle, to better fit  
observations over the 3-day interval**



## WCOFS: assimilated data (1)

Satellite SST (NPP VIIRS Level 3)

*(a mosaic of nightly SST passes  
of Central and Northern  
California, 27 Apr 2019)*



## WCOFS: assimilated data (2)

Absolute dynamic topography (ADT) from 5 altimeters

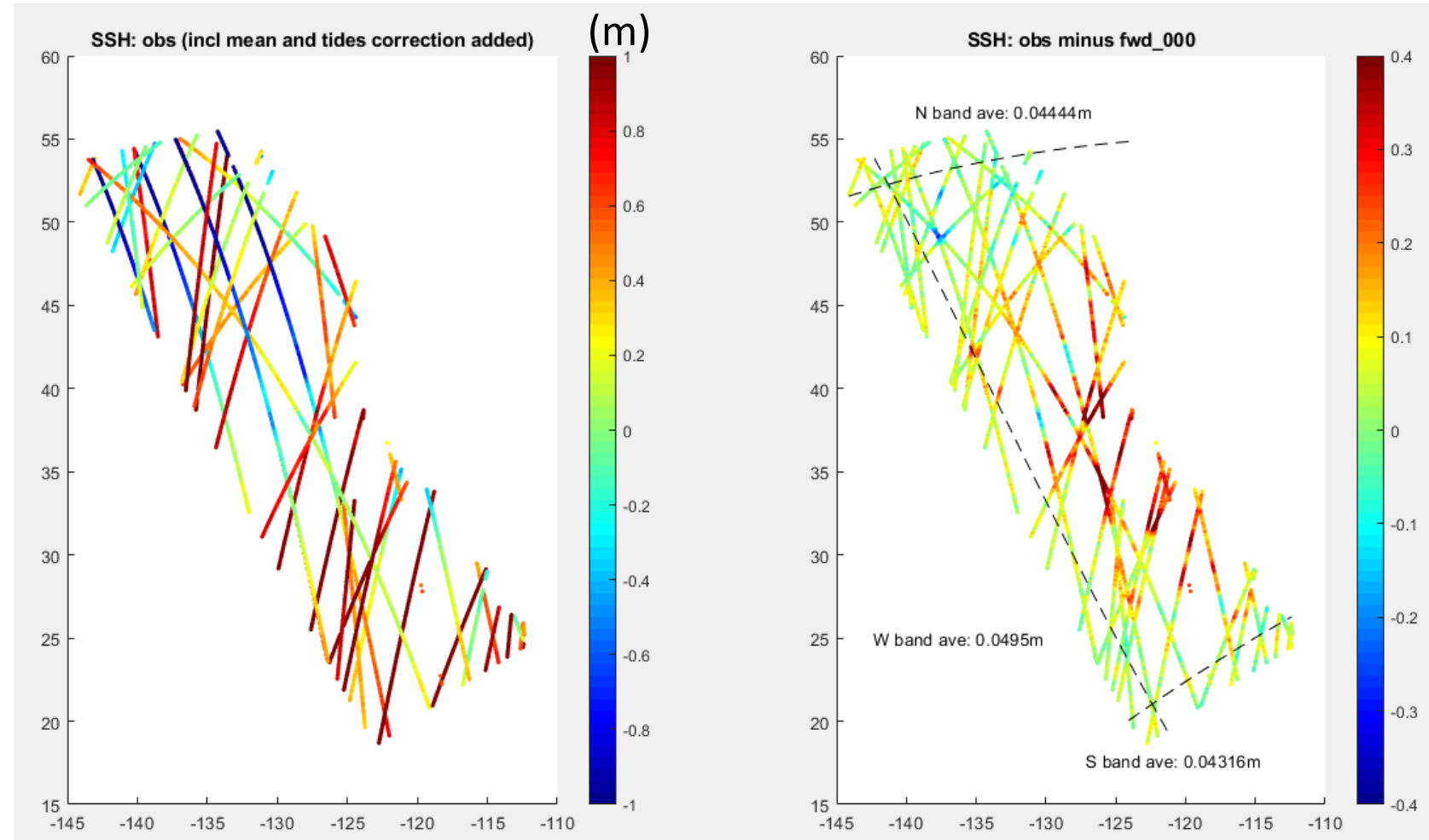
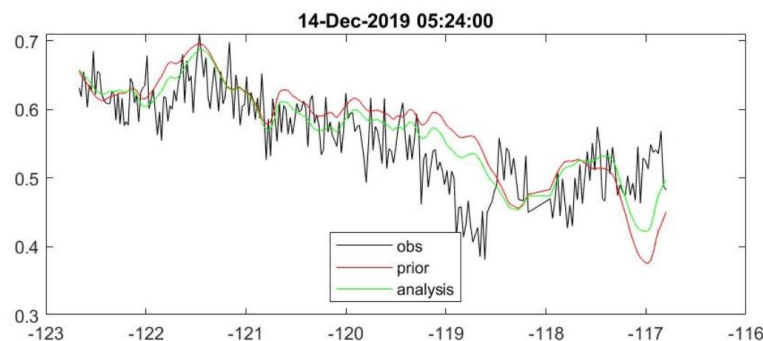
To match the de-tided observation and WCOFS forecast, model-derived tides are added to the data [following J. Wilkin's, Rutgers U., advice]

### ***Shown:***

(LEFT) observed ADT+8 model tidal constituents, all the altimetry passes in a 3 day window (some time in November, 2019)

(RIGHT): obs minus WCOFS prior SSH

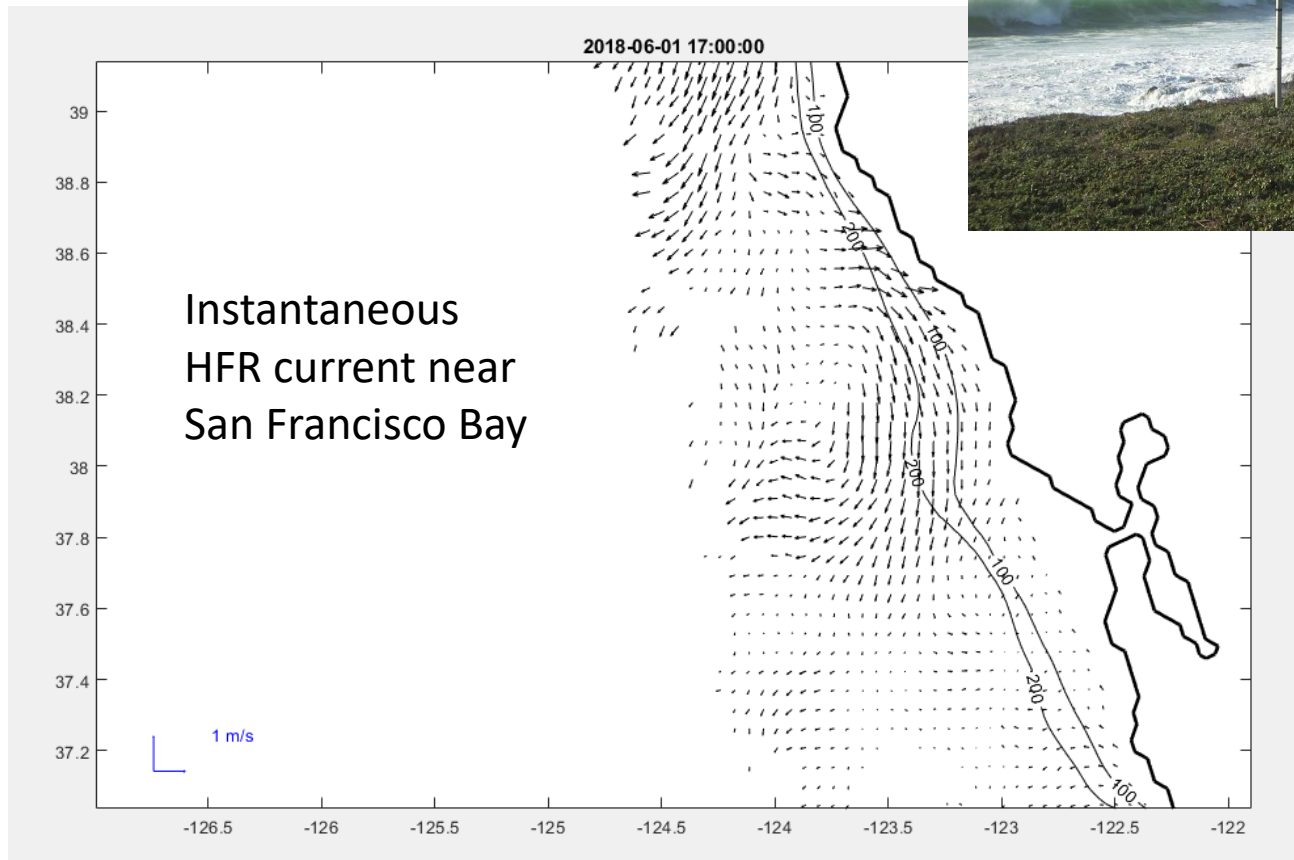
(BOTTOM, black): an example of alongtrack ADT



## WCOFS: assimilated data (3)

HF radar surface currents:

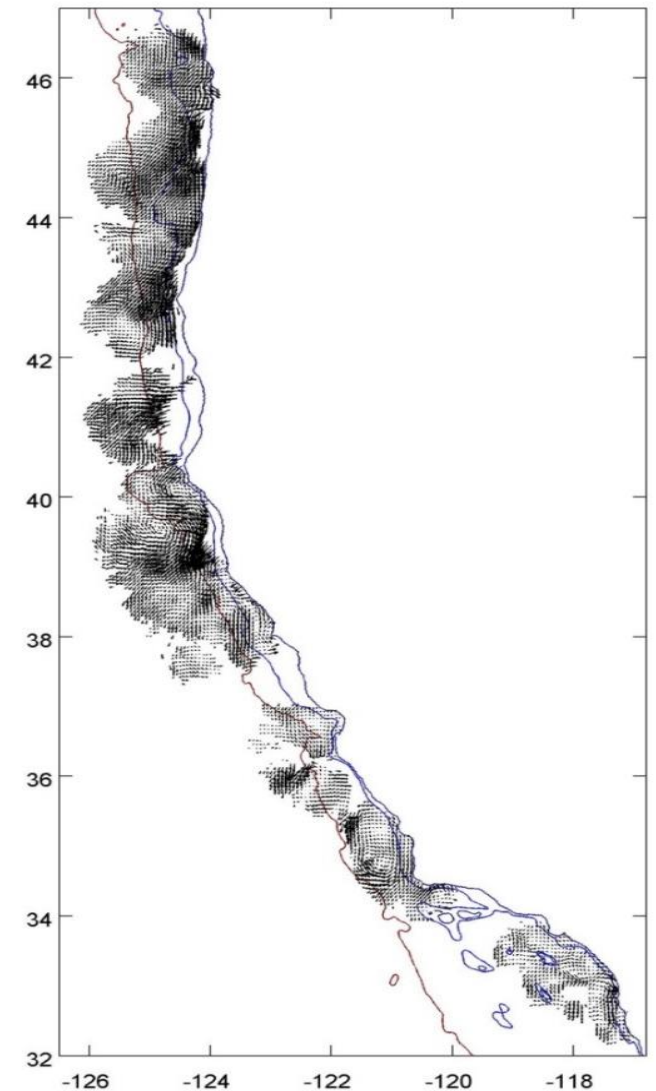
- mapped uv (6km res),
- hourly



US West Coast

HF radar Network: 32-47N

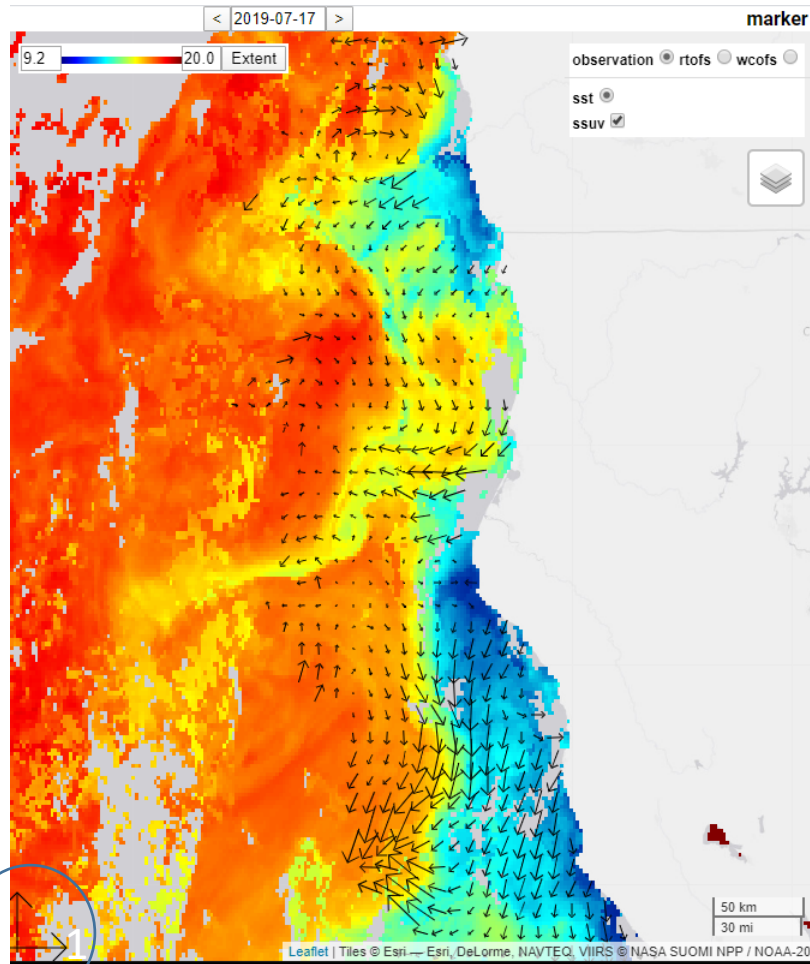
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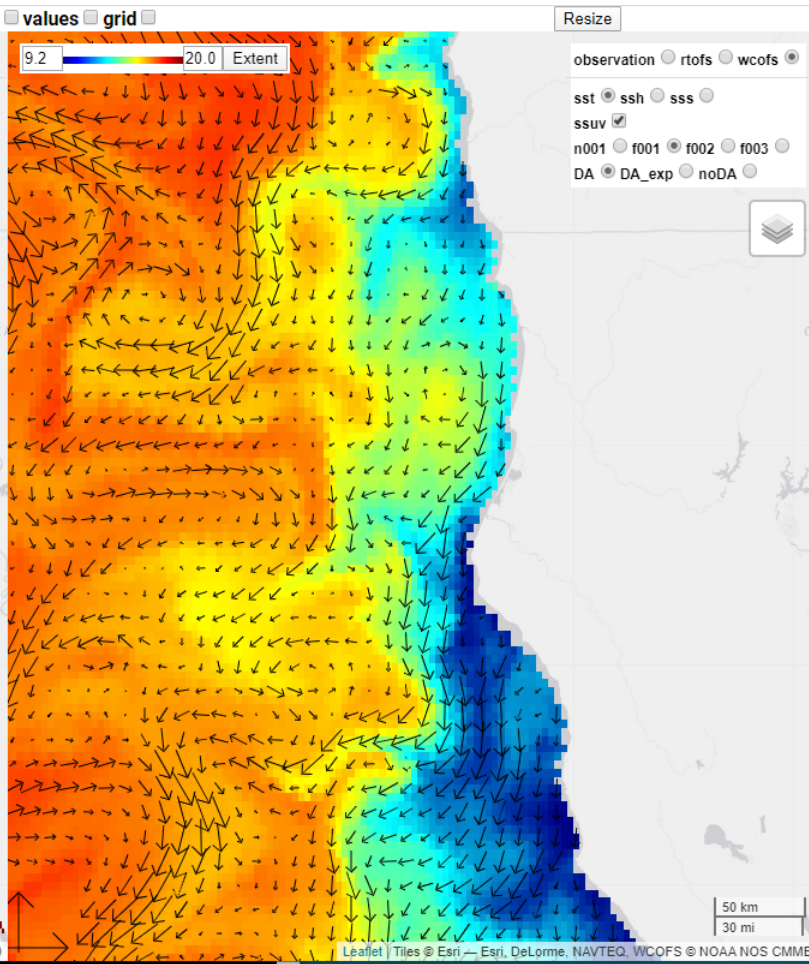


# DA impact: improved surface temperature and currents forecast

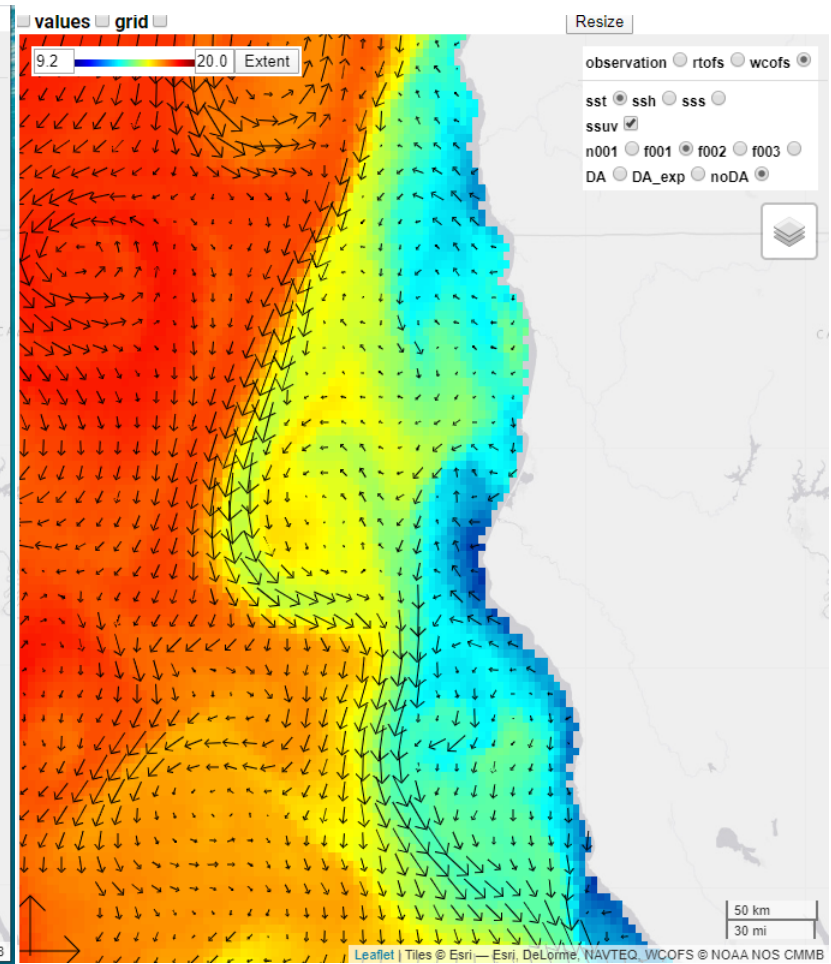
Observations (SST, daily-ave uv)



Day-1 forecast, DA (Jul 17, 2019)



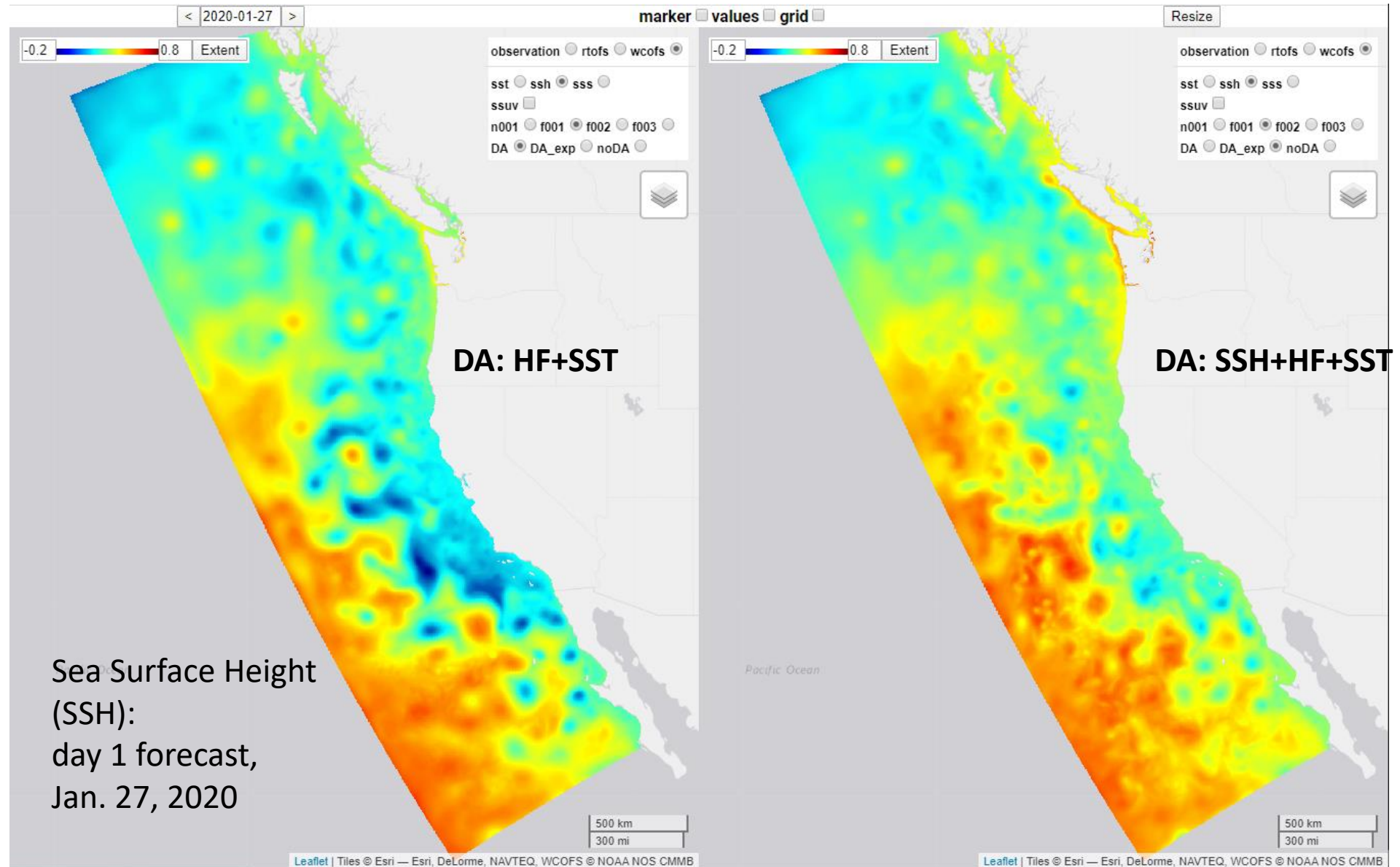
Day-1 forecast, no DA



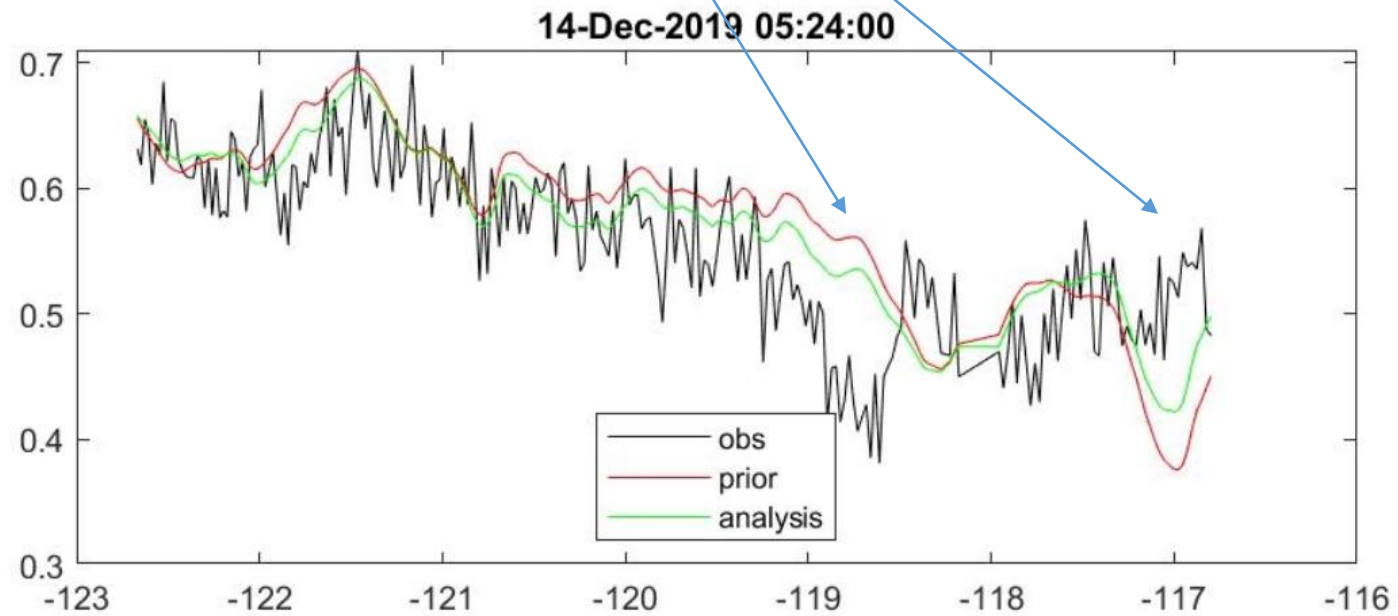
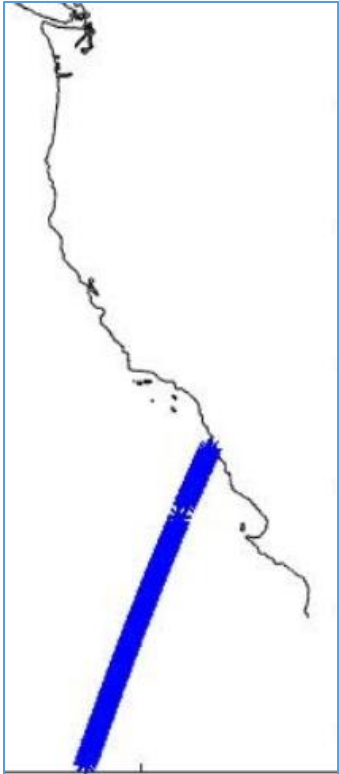
Graphics from the WCOFS Viewer, <https://coastaloceanmodels.noaa.gov/WCOFS/viewer/>

Scale: 1 m/s

## Altimetry assimilation corrects the large scale alongshore surface pressure gradient:



**Assimilation improves fit to alongtrack altimetry but not always effective improving features associated with mesoscale eddies:**





## Users and uses:

- Navigation (commercial ship routing... fuel conservation): surface currents
- Fisheries (commercial/recreational): fishing operation planning (SST fronts, surface mixed layer depth, currents... e.g., crab pots retrieval)
- Environmental hazard response & search and rescue (surface flow trajectories)
- Ocean circulation forecasts are a base for coupled biogeochemical models (hypoxia on the shelf), pathogen predictors (harmful algae blooms), etc.
- Total water level: e.g., beach flood / erosion warnings
- Boundary conditions for higher resolution coastal ocean, estuarine, nearshore models

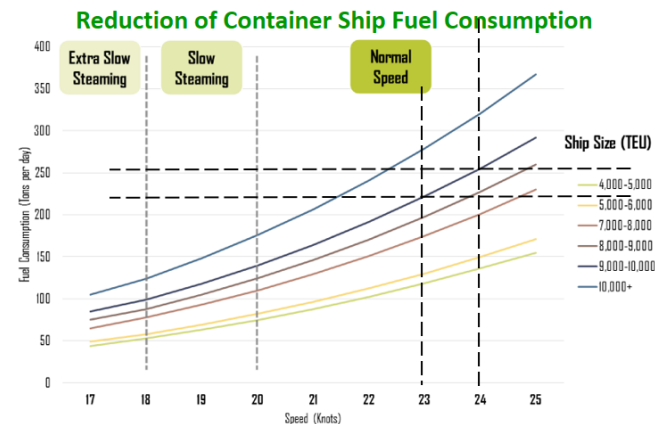
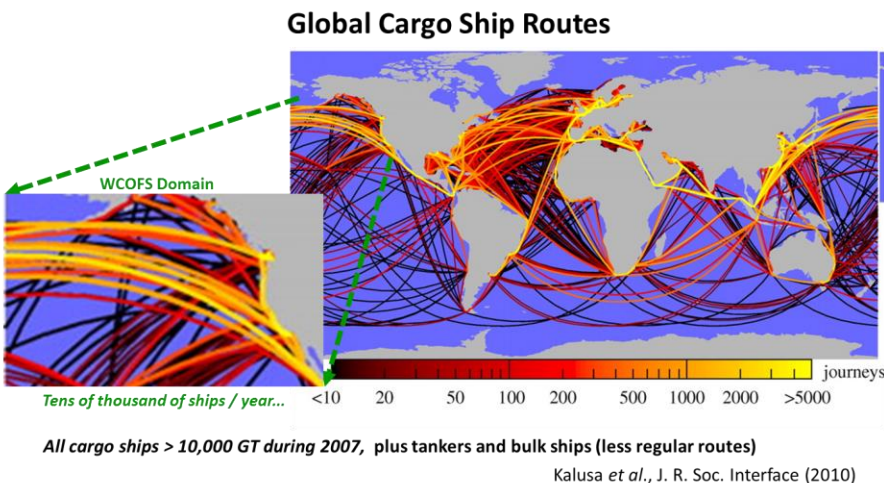


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Image courtesy of PIL

**Needs: include more data, learn about the combined impact of the data, impact on unobserved fields**

### *SST:*

- Include more data (N20, G17, microwave SST)
- Understand biases between the SST data sets
- Understand SST diurnal cycle in the data and model

### *Altimetry:*

- Fitting eddy-like structures vs. fitting the large-scale mean
- Impact on alongshore coastal currents

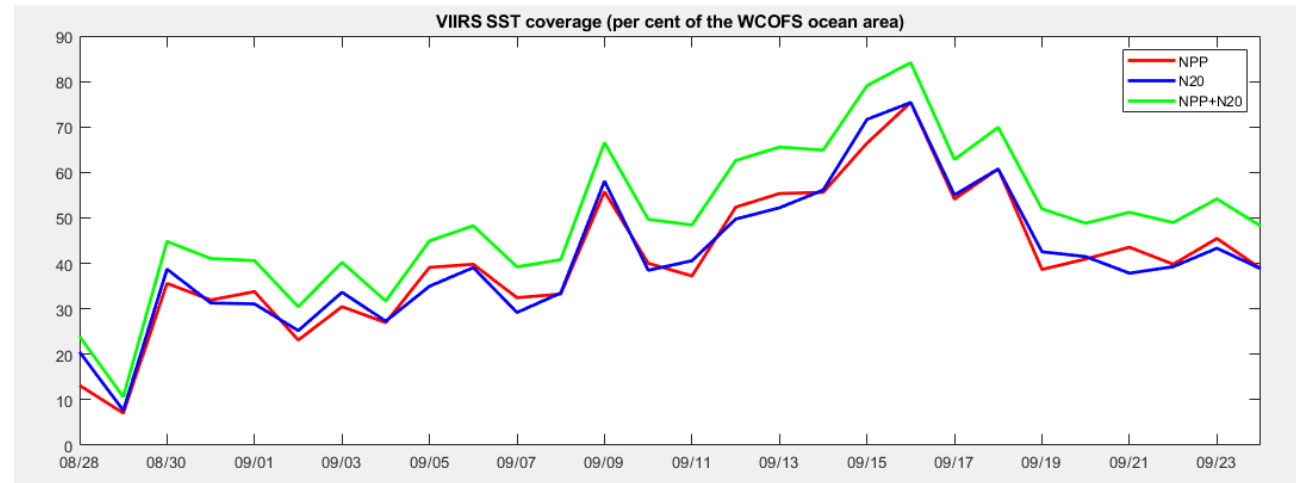
### *Sea surface salinity (SSS):*

- Assess the utility of SMAP, SMOS: bias, seasonal cycle, limitations, etc.

### *In-situ observations (in combination with sat):*

- Argo floats, glider hydrographic sections

*Daily coverage by each of the VIIRS SST L3U products (**NPP**, **NOAA20**) (% of the WCOFS ocean domain area) and by **their combination**, Aug-Sept 2018*



## Needs (Cont.):

*Learn from the NWP community about pre-assimilation data quality control protocols*

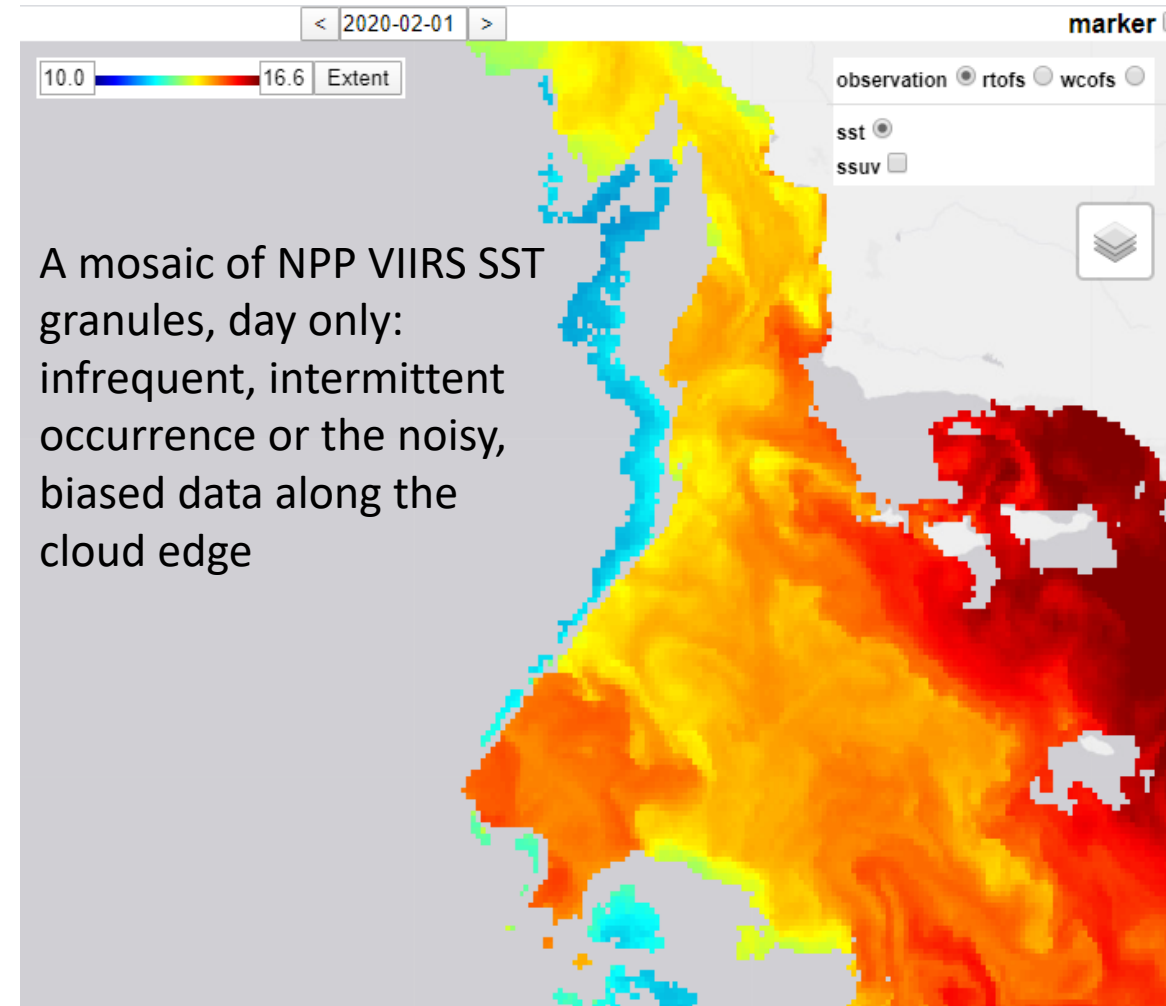
- Are NWP assimilation data assimilation systems fully automatic or require (allow) operator involvement to clean / reject observations?

*Artificial intelligence (AI) applications:*

- e.g., combine in-situ and satellite observations (SST, water leaving radiance), statistical models to provide constraints on SSS

*Visualization for QC and dissemination, user feedback*

**SUMMARY:** Given adequate resources, we will be able to resolve outstanding scientific issues, to fully utilize the power of satellite observations, leading to improved oceanic forecasts in support of navigation, fisheries, environmental hazard response, search&rescue, and many other public uses

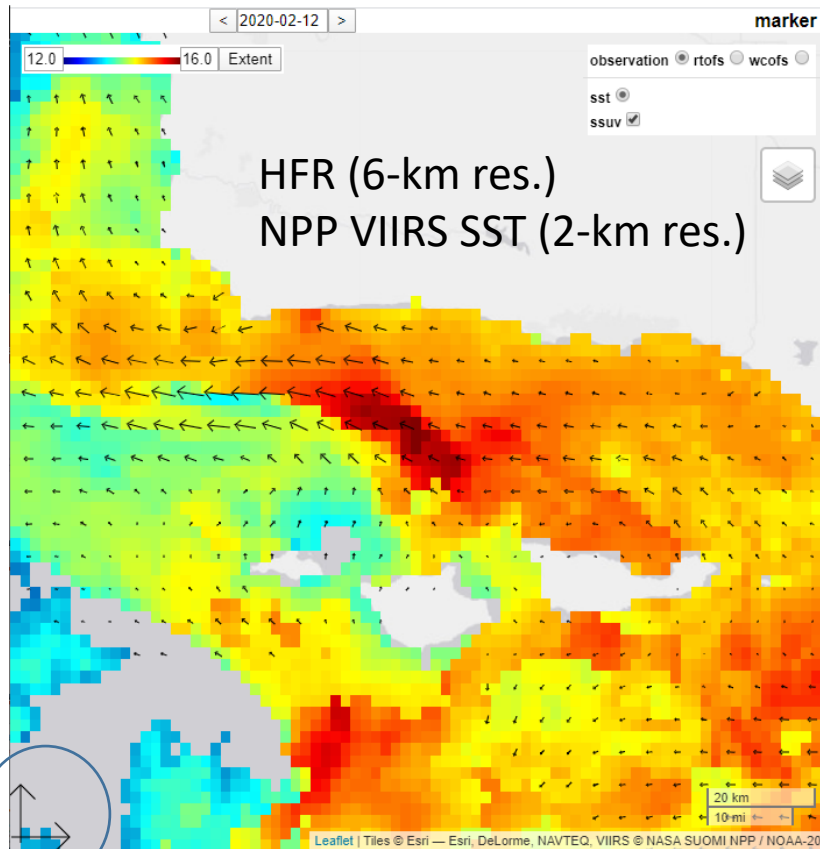




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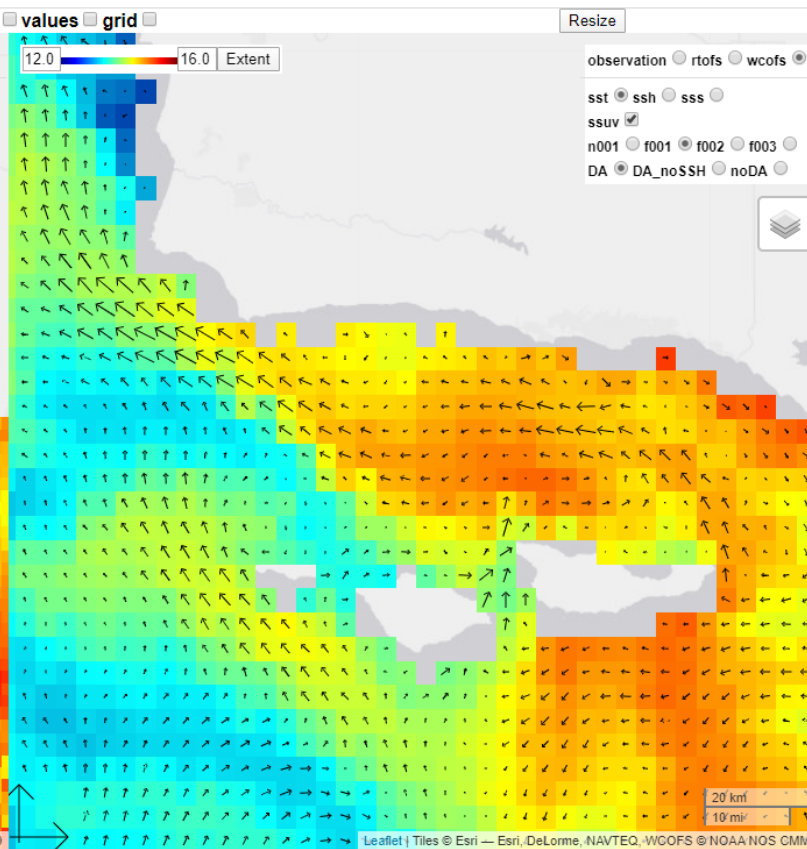
## Focus on variability in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ):

Observations (SST, daily-ave surf uv)

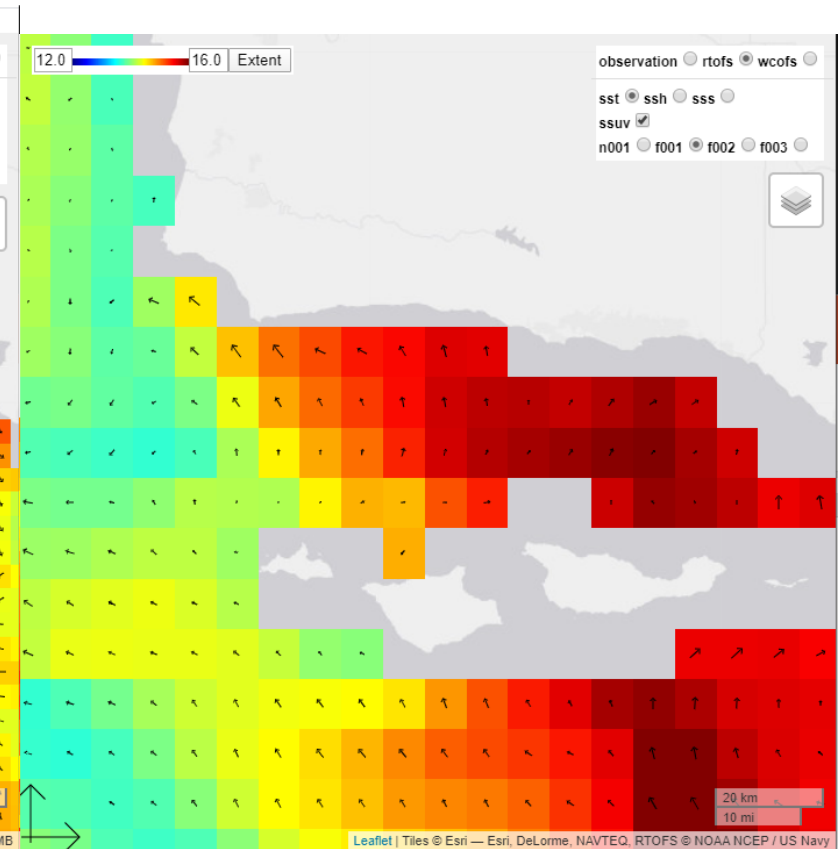


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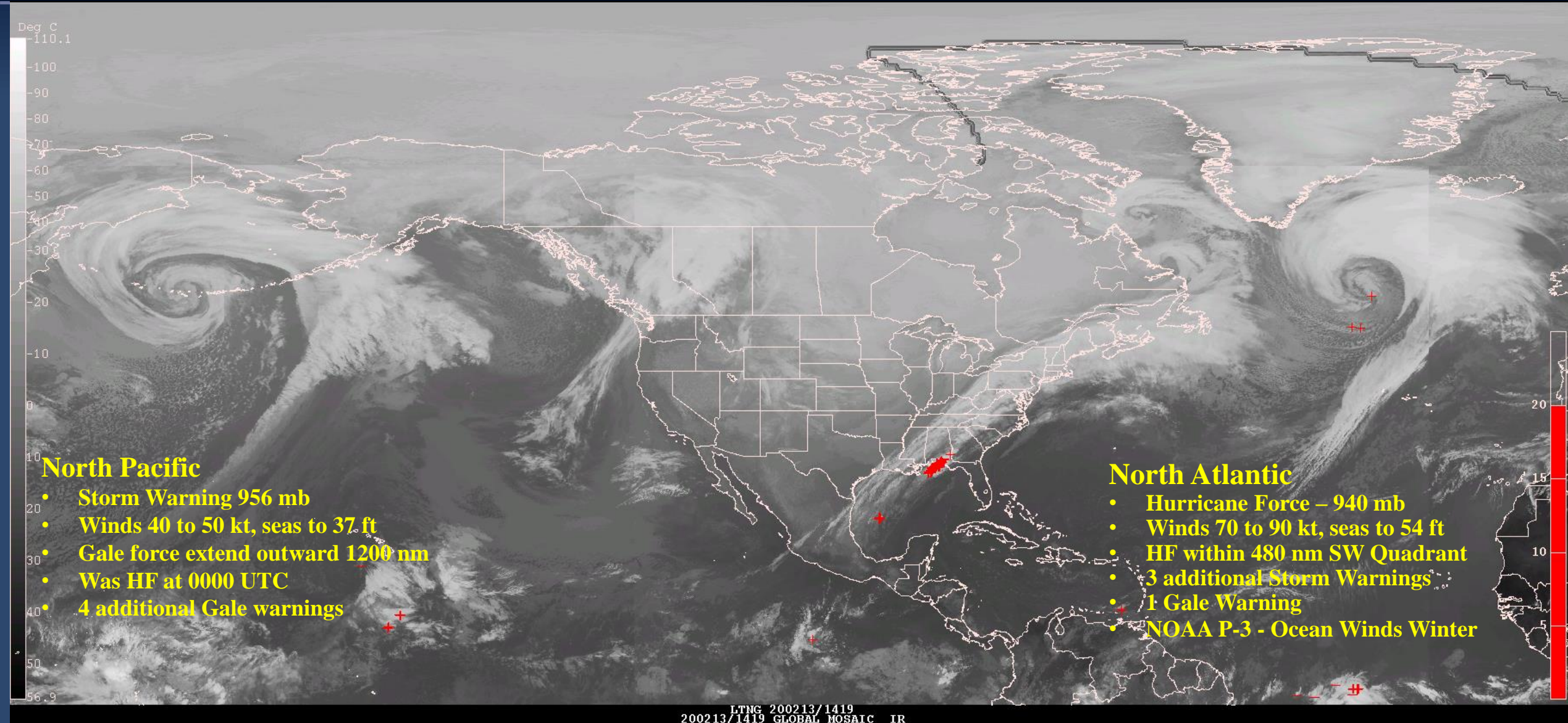


Global 1/12th° res RTOFS



Surface current scale:  
1 m/s

# Extreme Maritime Weather – 1419 UTC 13 Feb 2020



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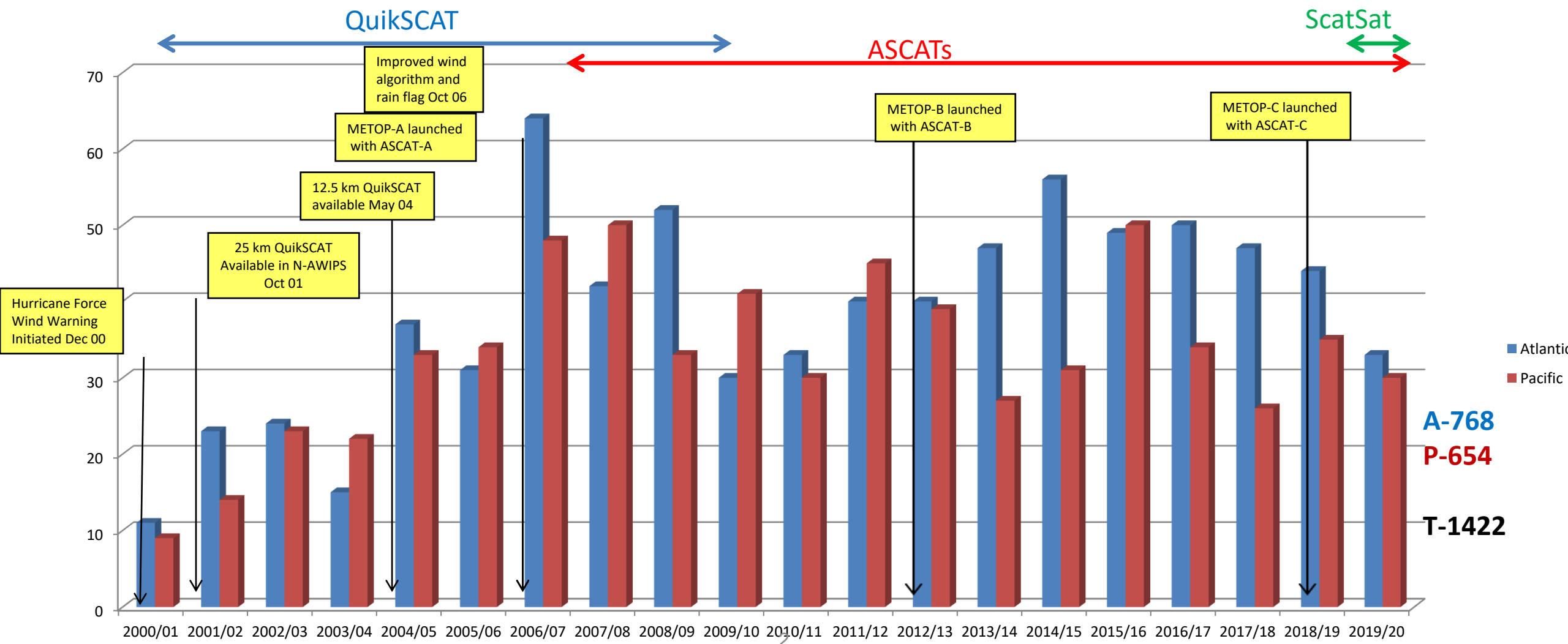
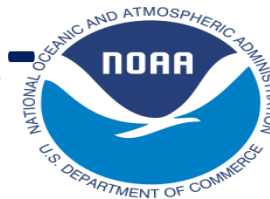
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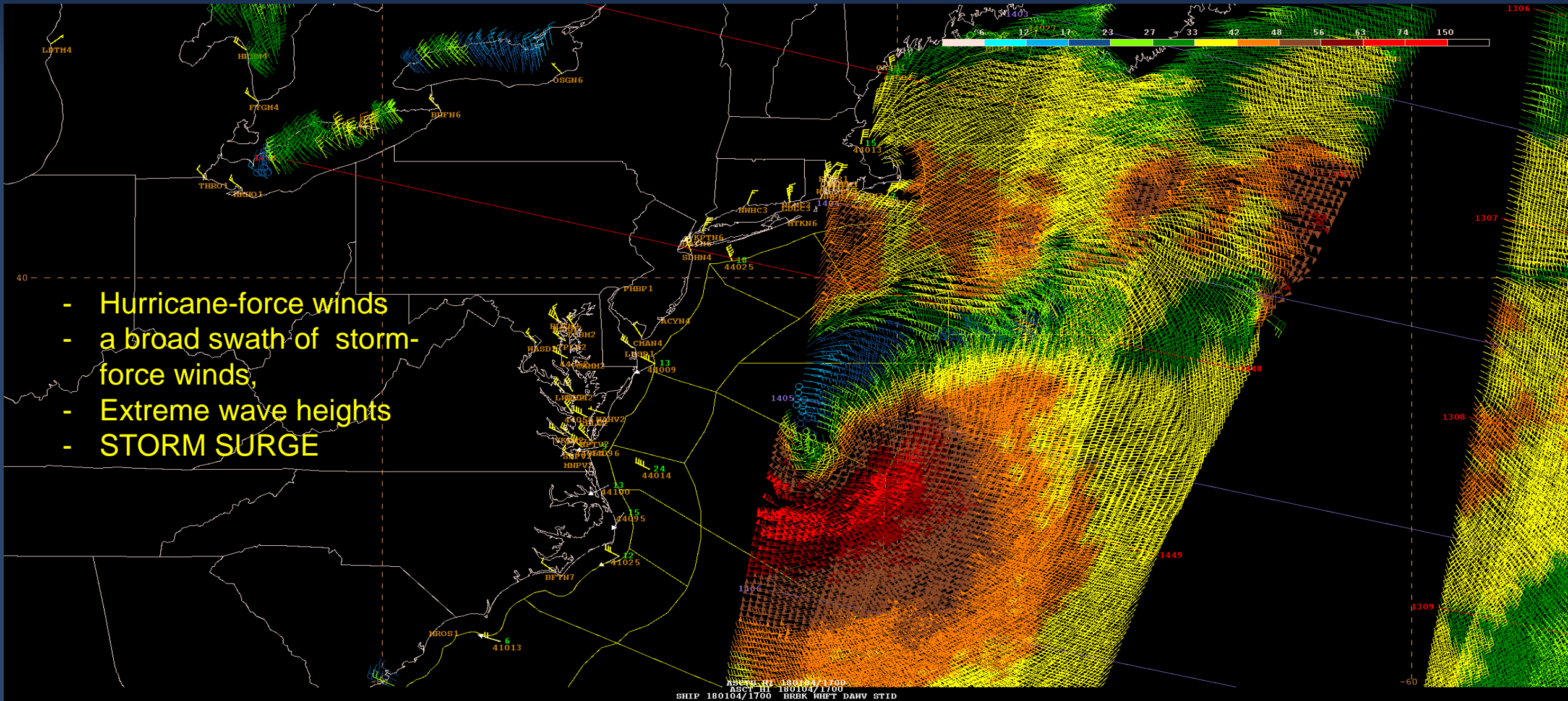


# Hurricane Force Extra-Tropical Cyclones 2001-2020



# ASCAT A, B January 4, 2018

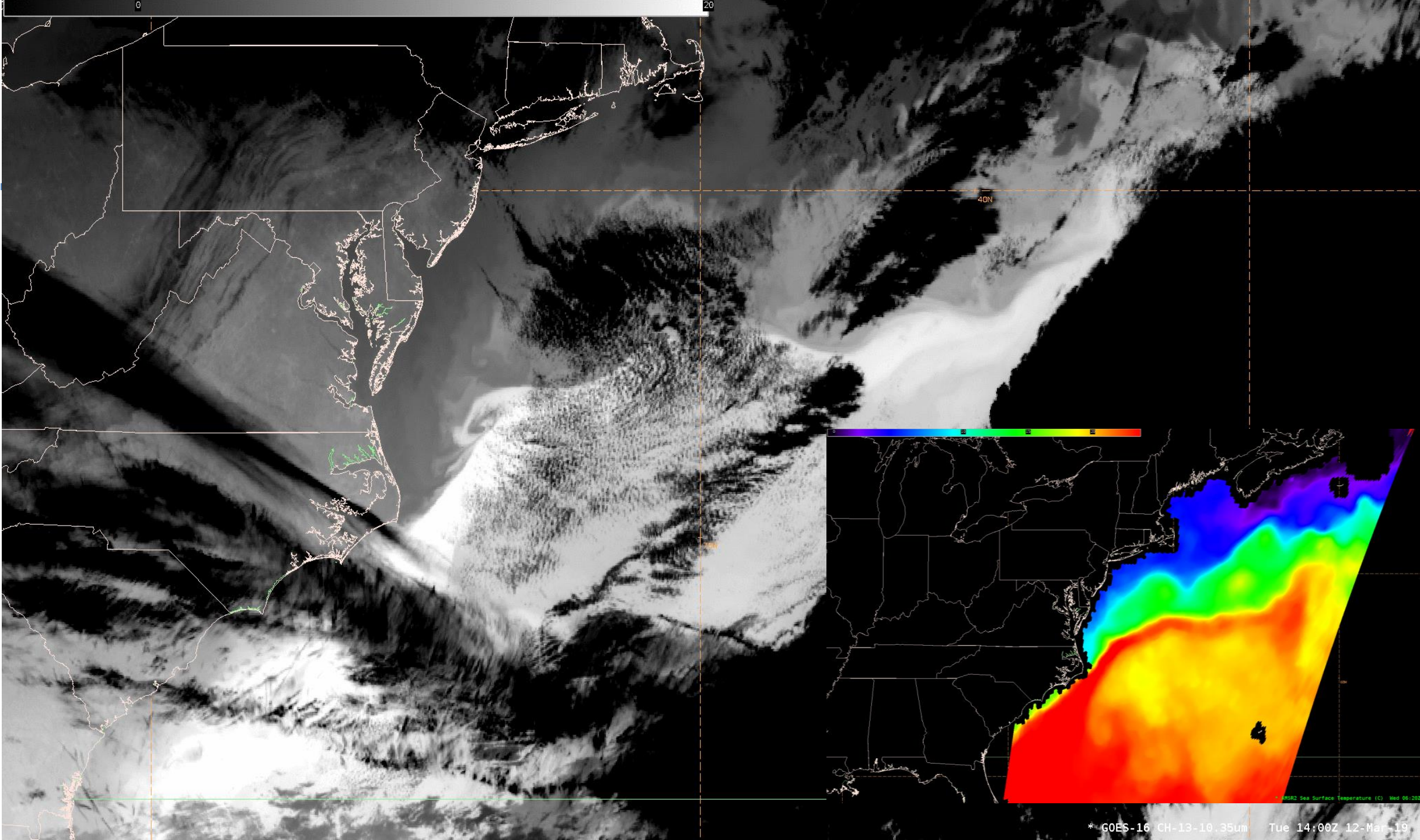
- Hurricane-force winds
- a broad swath of storm-force winds,
- Extreme wave heights
- STORM SURGE



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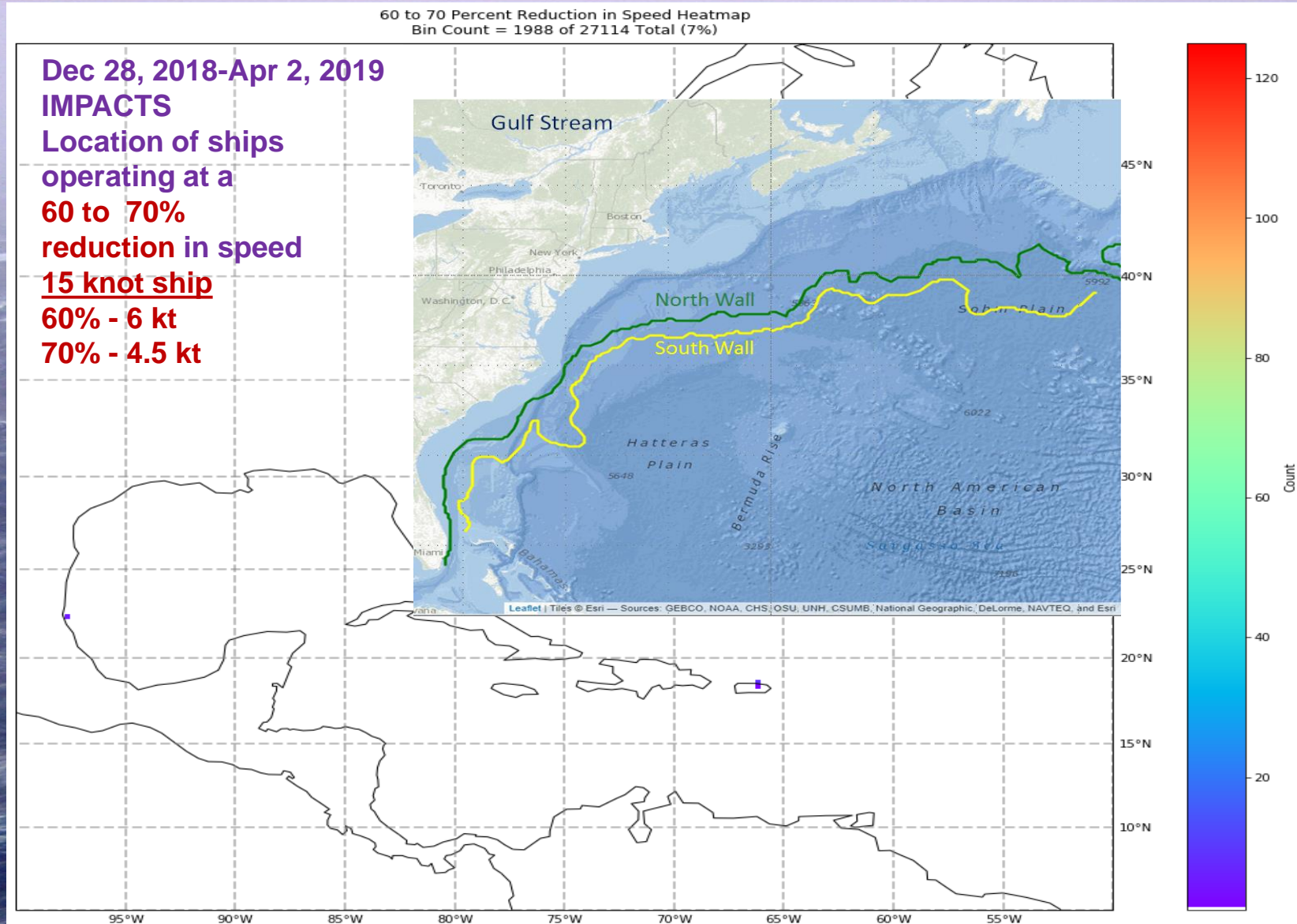








# Extreme Maritime Weather – Challenge – Observations, Prediction



# Thoughts – going forward

- Improved services are linked directly to observations
- Continue to focus on extremes (tropical and extra-tropical continuum)
  - winds, (scatterometry)
  - waves,
  - ice,
  - storm surge
- Underutilized capabilities (i.e., oceanic lightning, polar data)
- Ocean
  - Geostationary capability revealing the complexity (SST, circulation)
  - Much more to waves than height – full spectra
  - Current – we infer at a scale much coarser than nature and impacts