Recent measurements of marine optical properties in the Eastern Mediterranean and the potential Copernicus Ocean Colour System Vicarious Calibration (OC-SVC) site of Crete.

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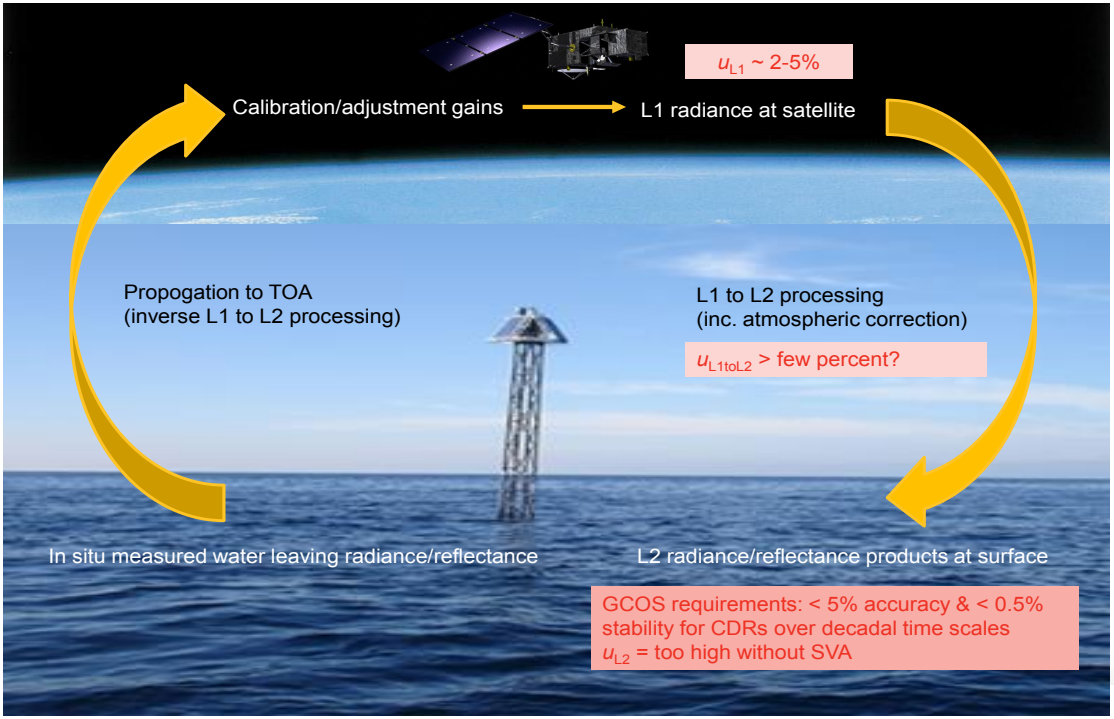
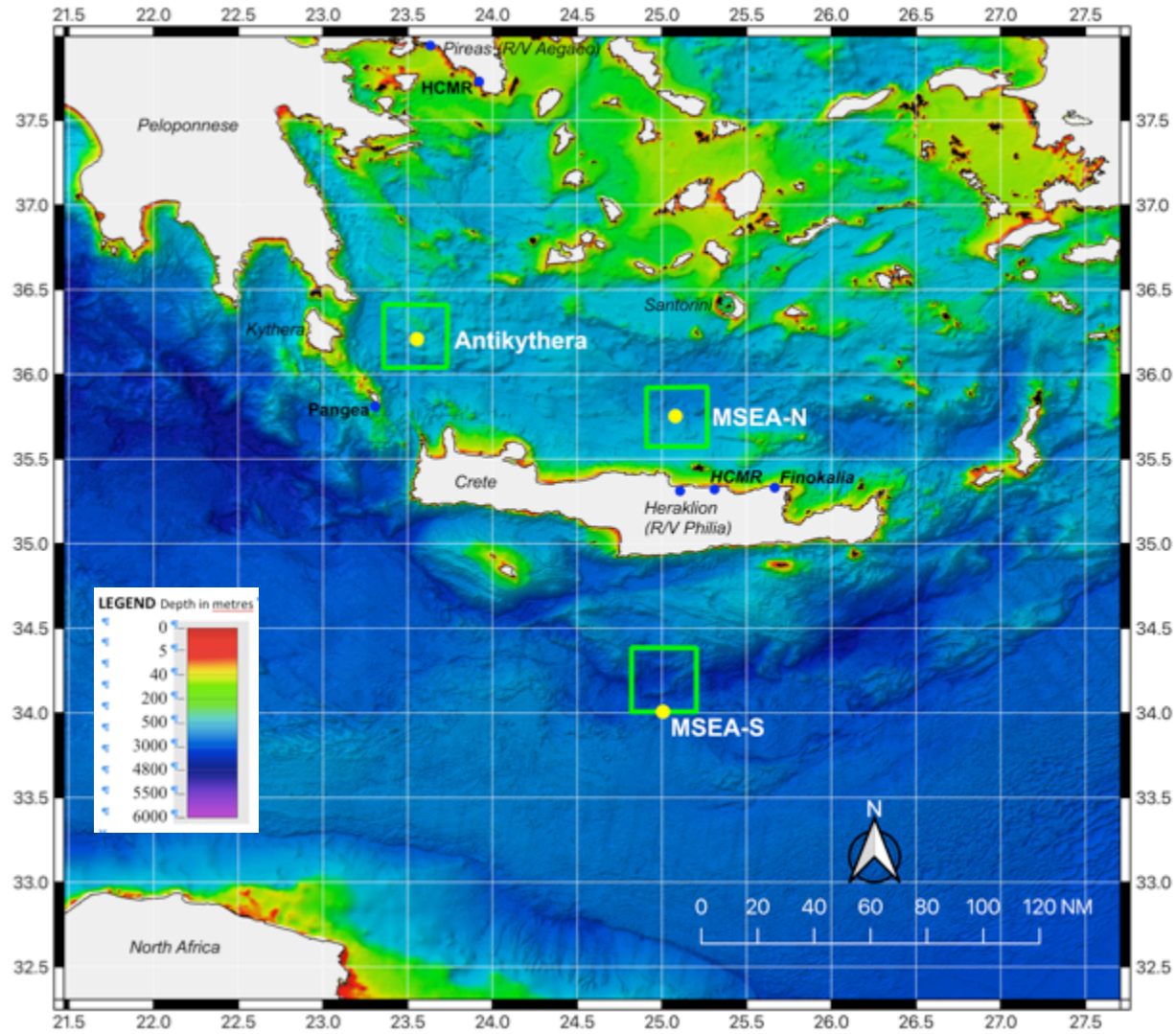
Recent Crete OC-SVC Site Marine Optics
Copernicus Ocean Colour System Vicarious Calibration

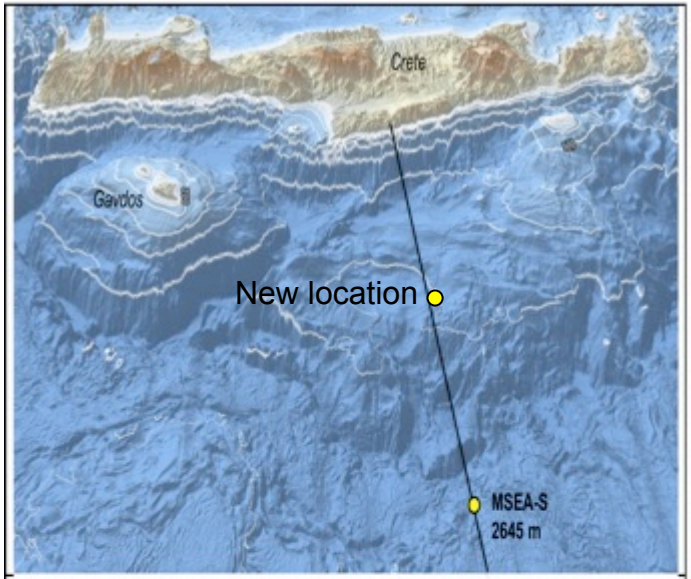


ROADMAP

Phase	Status
Requirements	Completed
Preliminary Design, Project Plan and Costing	Completed
Infrastructure Location	Completed
Engineering Design, Technical Definition, Specifications	Proposed
Development, Testing and Demonstration in the Field	Proposed
Operations	Proposed

Recent Crete OC-SVC Marine Optics Area of Interest





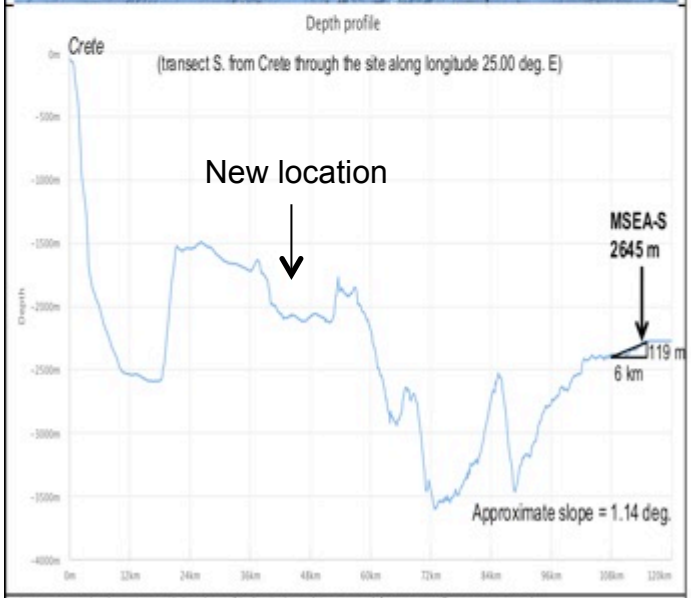
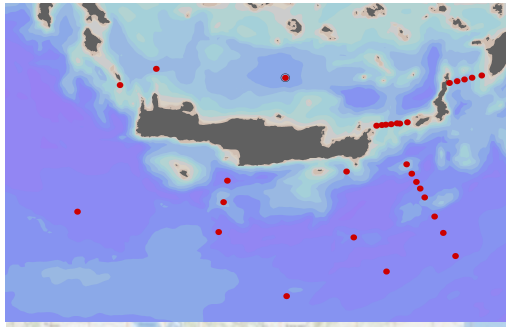
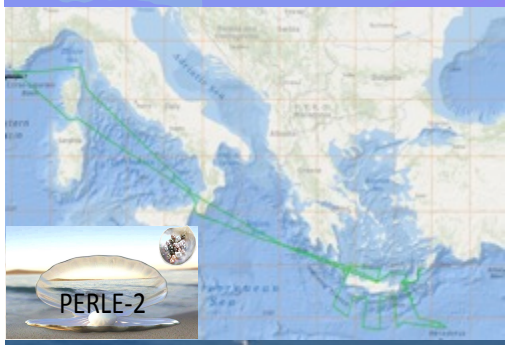


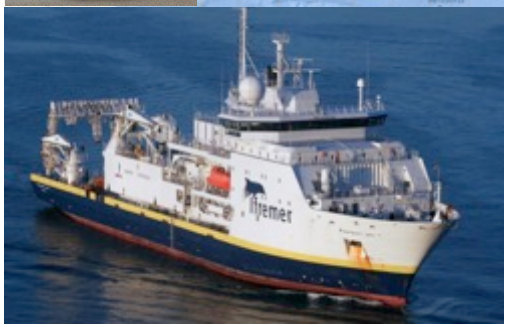
Figure G4. 3D bathymetry and depth profile (including slope at site) for MSEA-S from EMODnet data.

Recent Crete OC-SVC Marine Optics
Recent research cruise data sources

1. Pelagic Ecosystem Response to dense water formation in the Levant Experiment (**PERLE 2**) cruise 27 February - 15 March 2019







2. MARine monitoring system of the Hellenic Seas using REmote sensing satellite data and in-situ measurements (**MARRE**) cruise 25 – 28 September 2020

3. **JRC**-HCMR Bio-optics cruise 29 April - 09 May 2022

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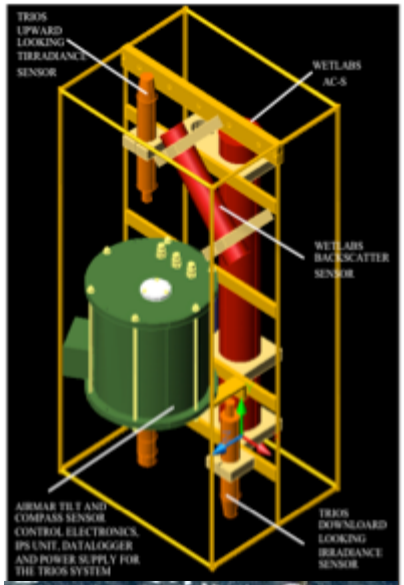
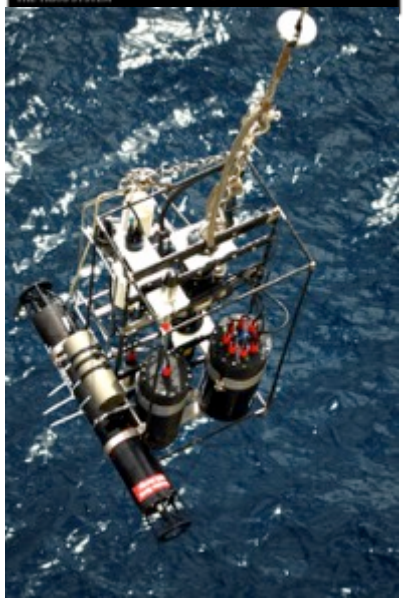
Optics systems used

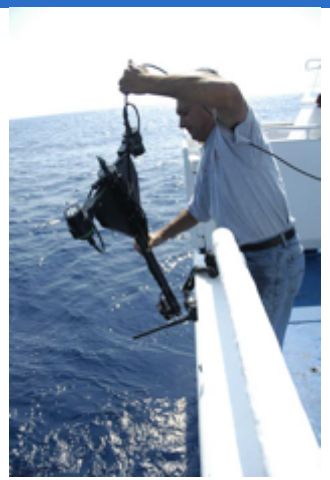
HCMR optics suite



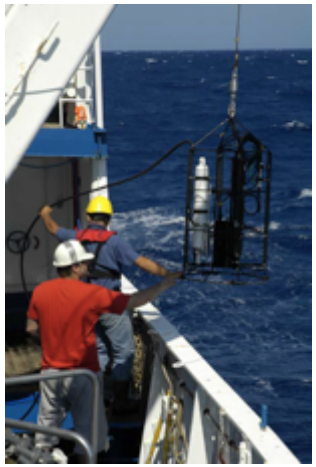


UNIWA handheld spectroradiometer (JAZ Ocean Optics)

NASA / Seabird HyperNAV radiometer system (surface mode)



JRC profiling radiometer systems (x2)

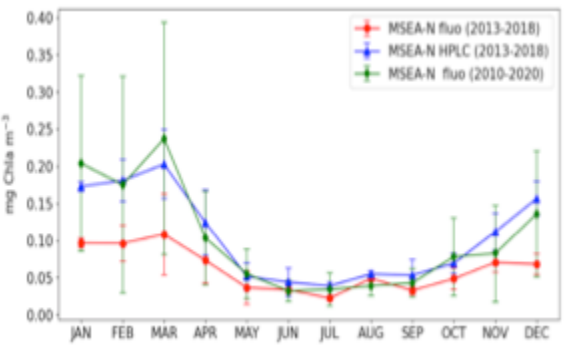


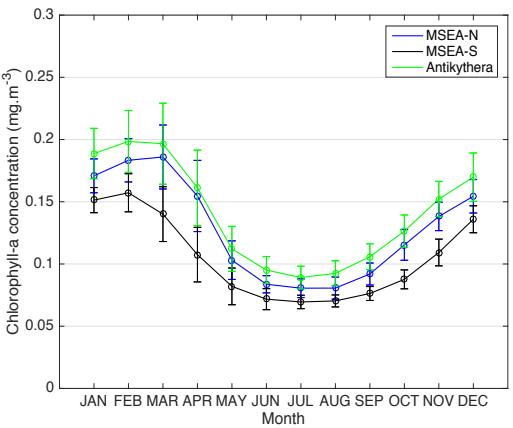
JRC profiling IOP package

Recent Crete OC-SVC Marine Optics Results – in situ chlorophyll-a

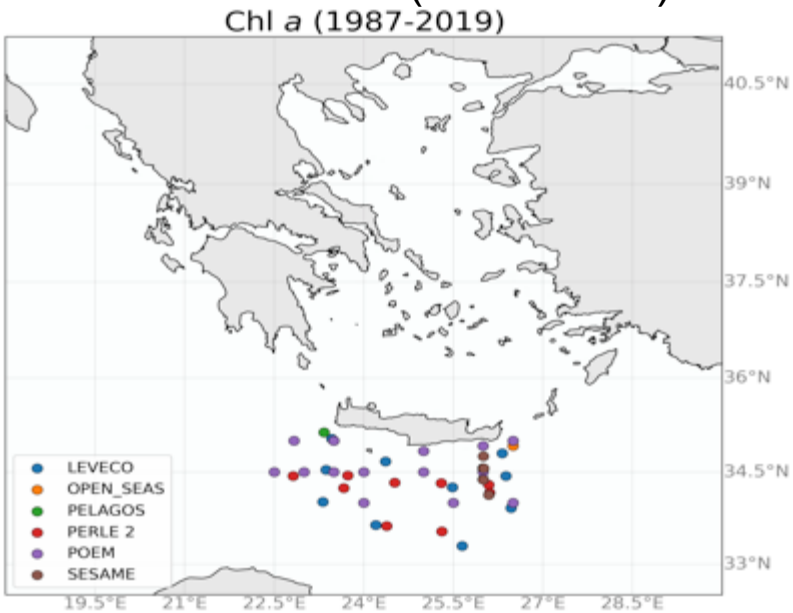
Focused HPLC subset of all Levantine data (44 stations)

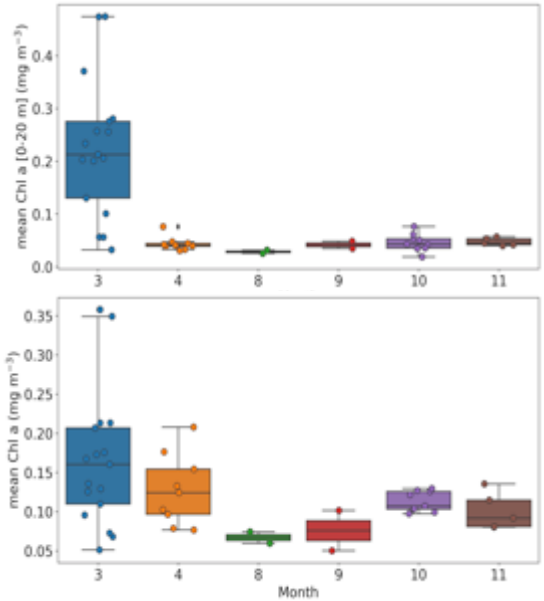
In situ Cretan Sea (10 yrs)

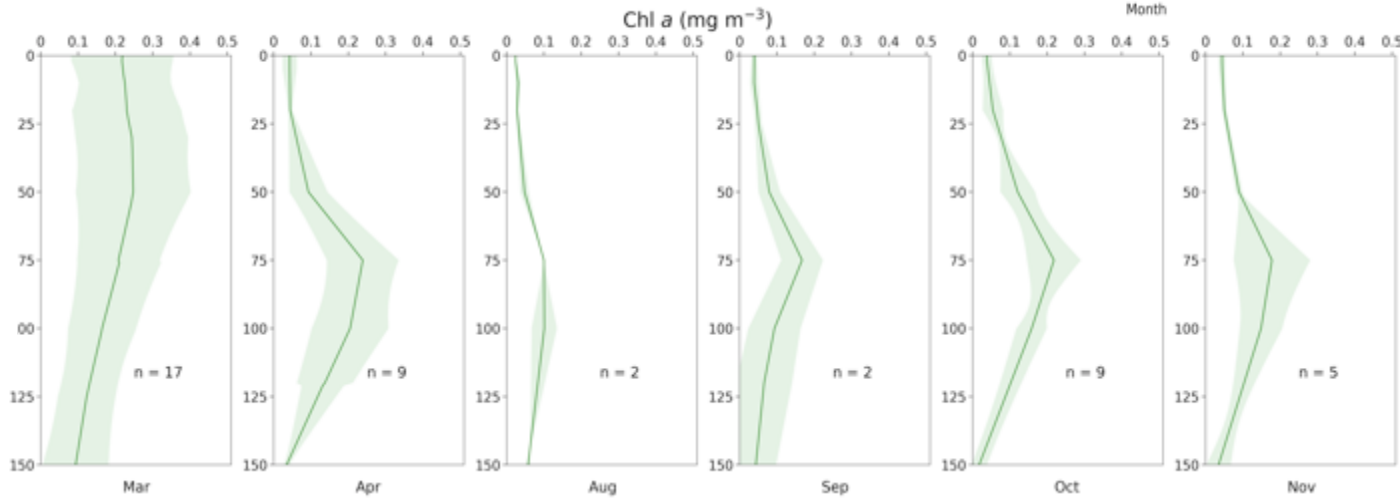




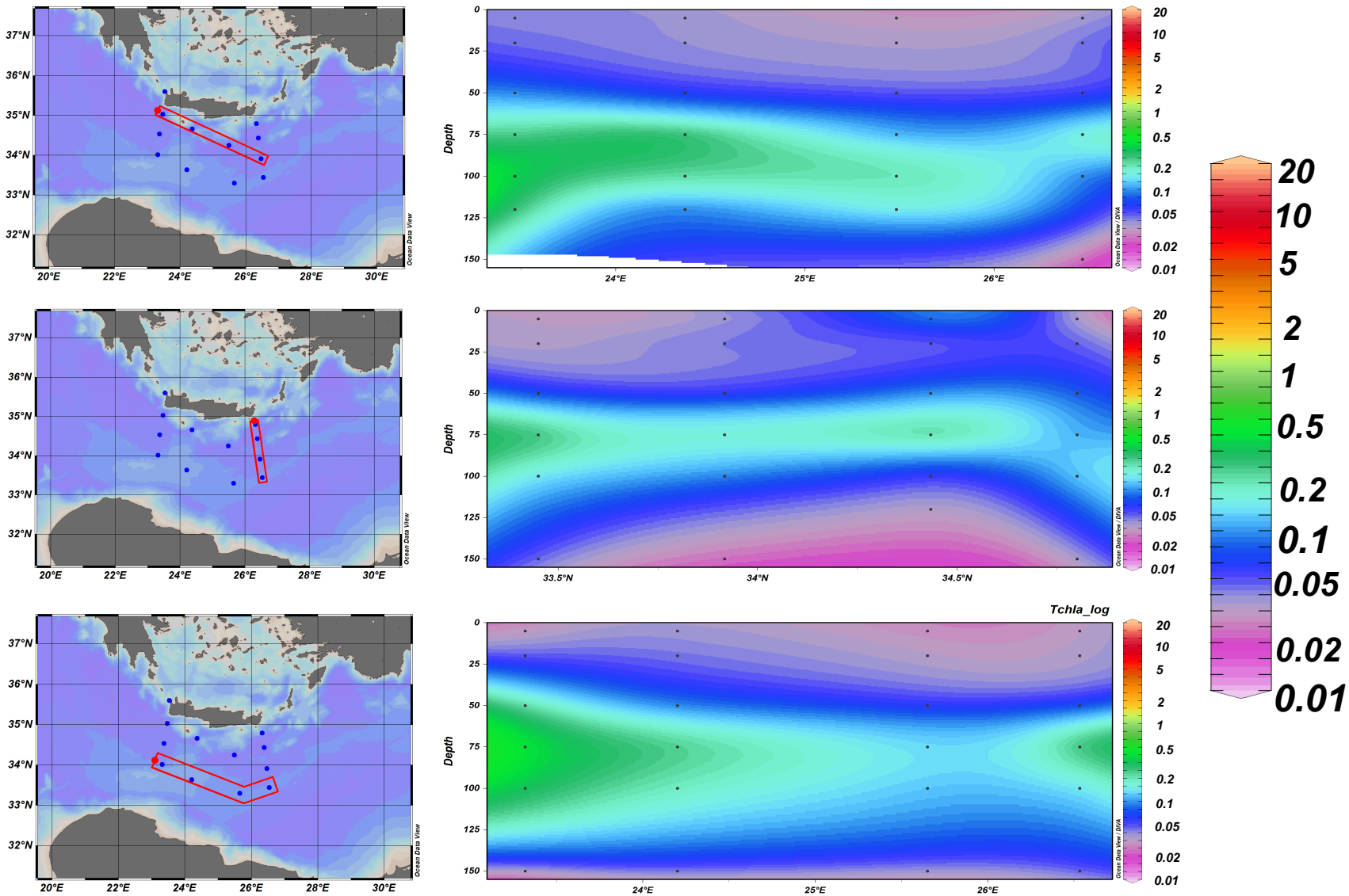
ESA OC-CCI (22 yrs)







Crete OC-SVC Marine Optics
Results – in situ chlorophyll-a



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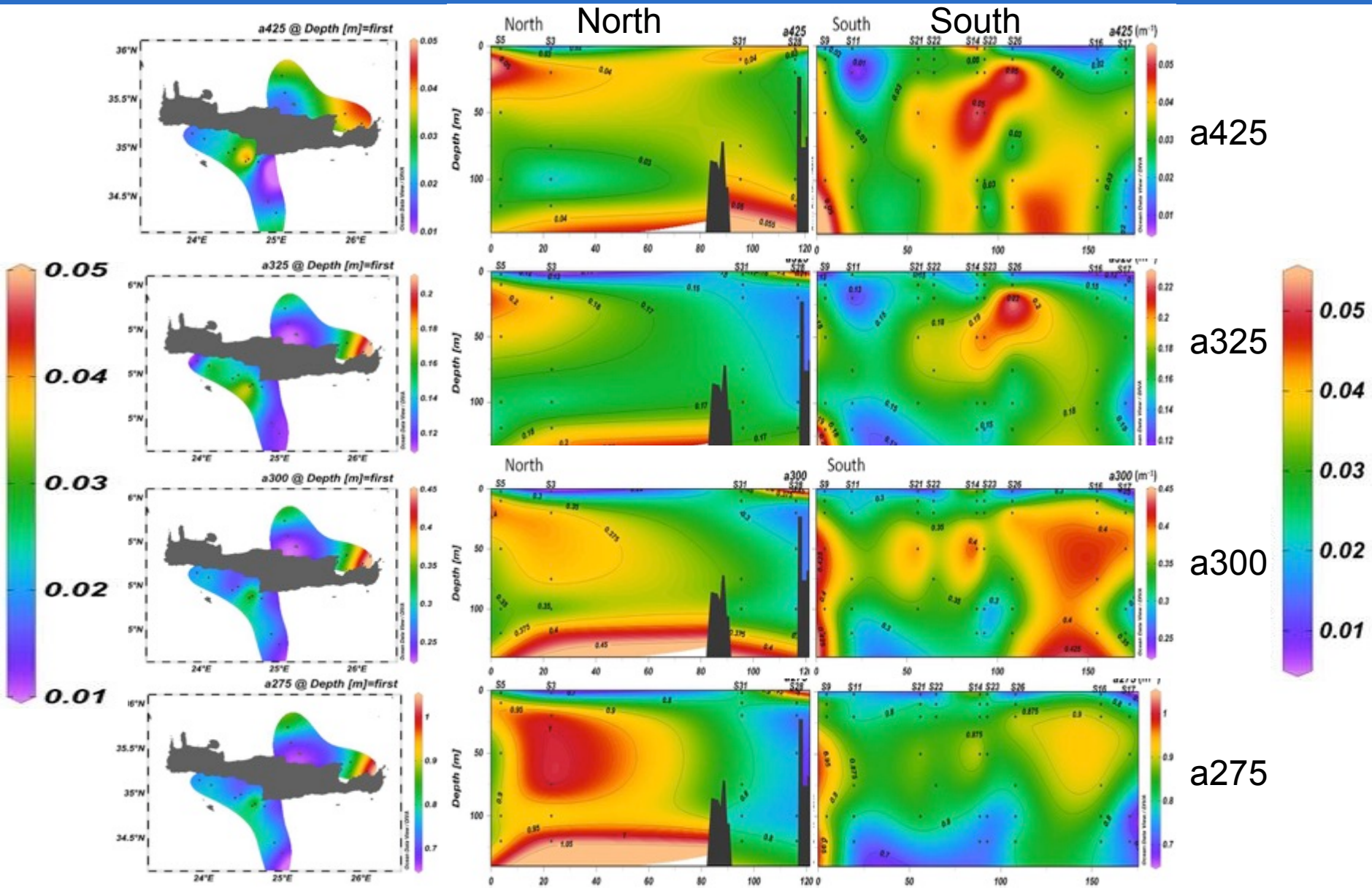
Recent Crete OC-SVC Marine Optics Results – in situ CDOM absorption



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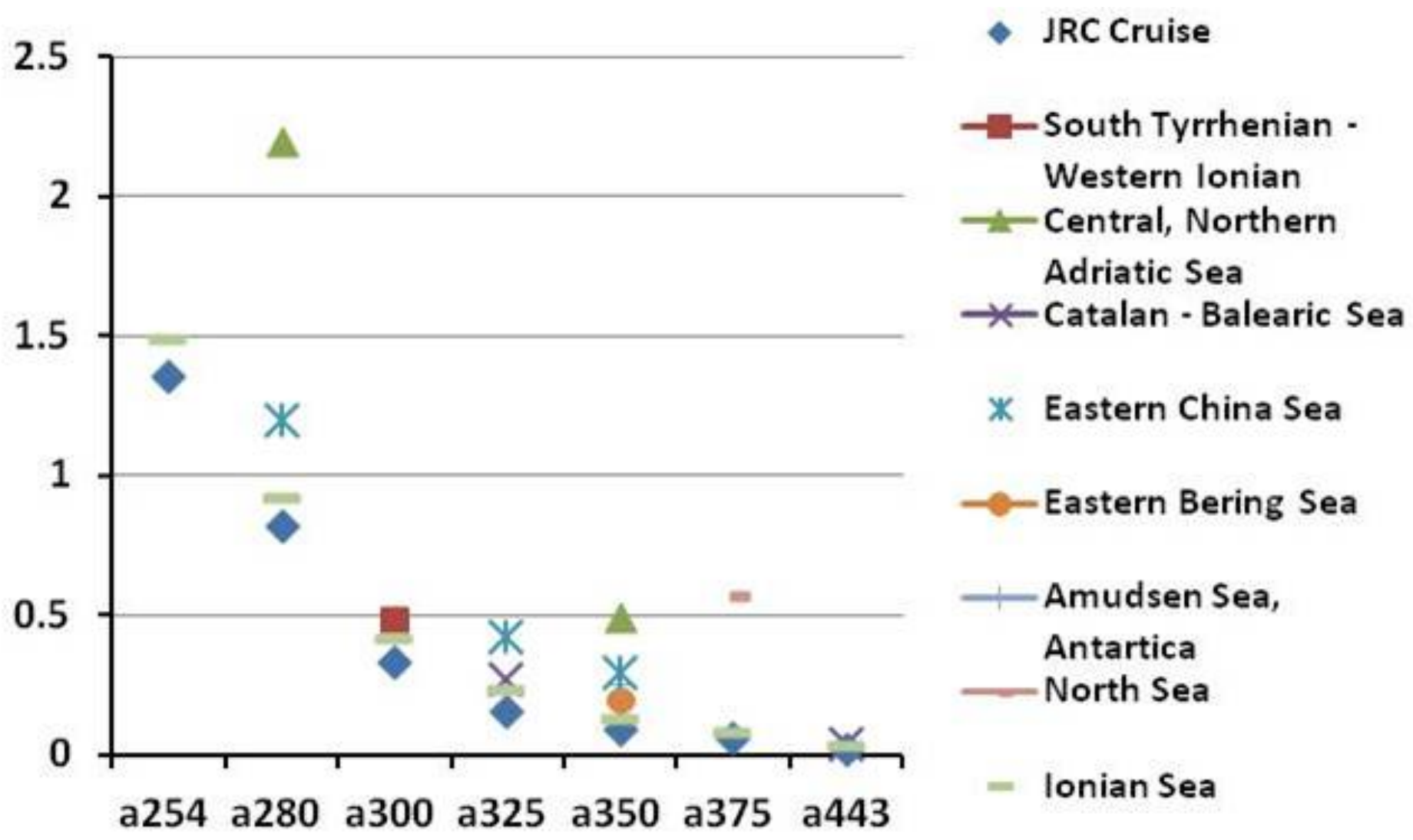

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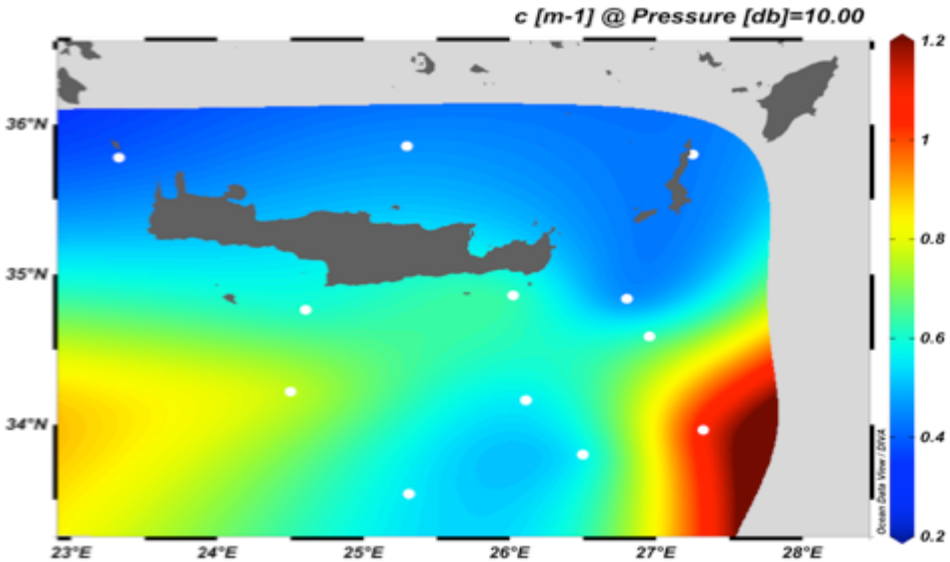
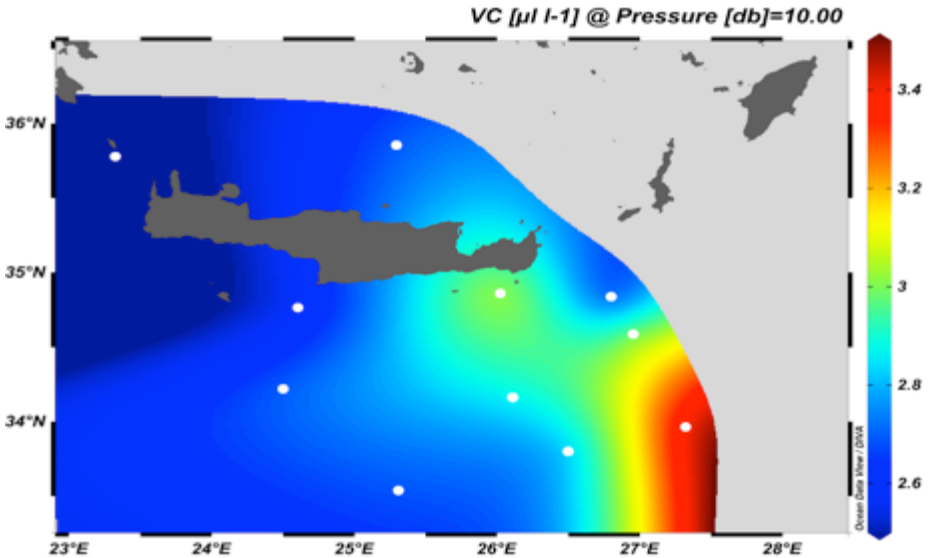
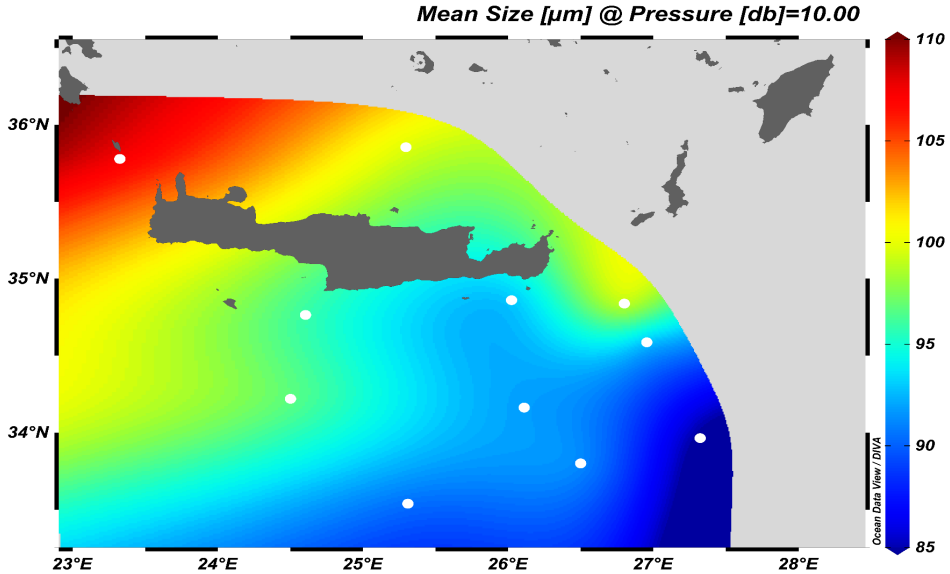
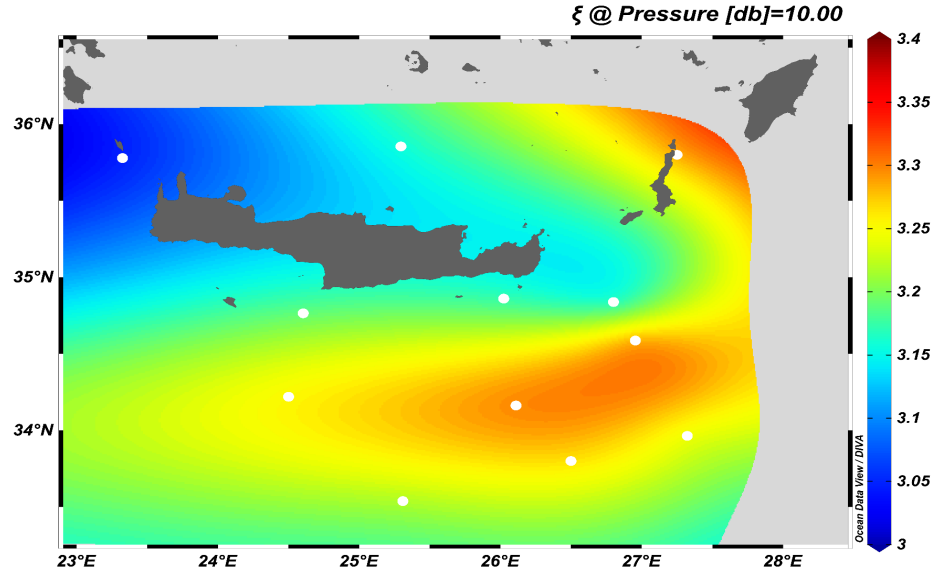
Results IOPs – c, particle VC, mean size, PSD slope









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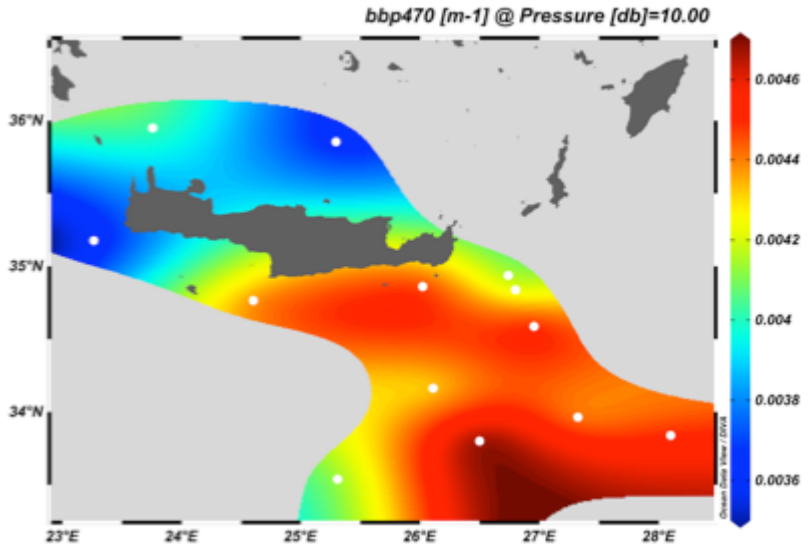
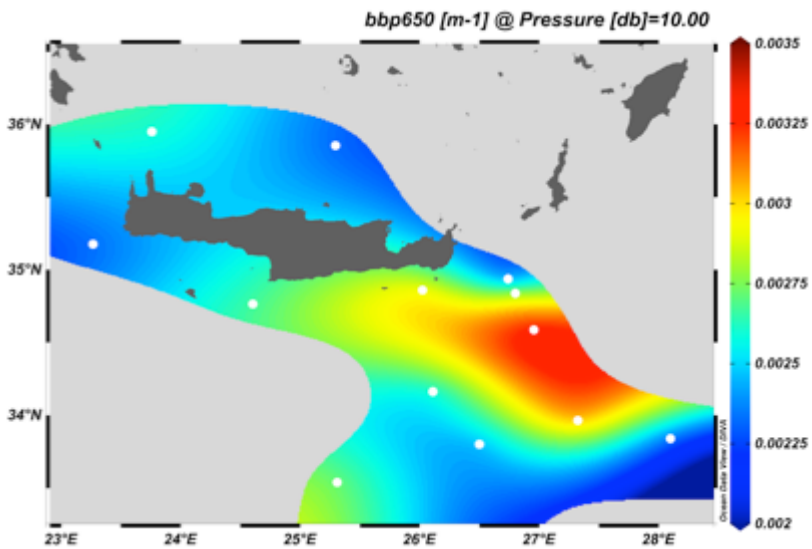
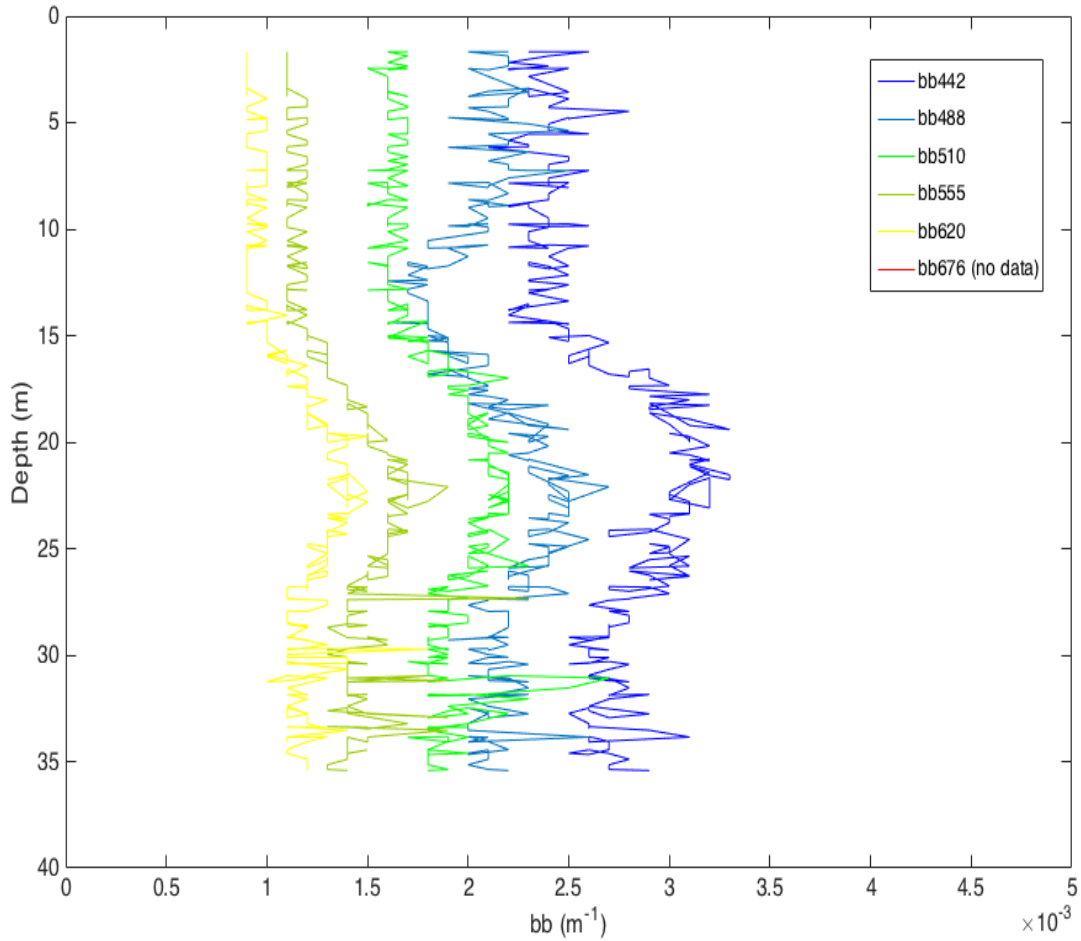
Results IOPs – in situ bbp

PERLE 2 – particulate backscatter (b_{bp})







JRC optics S17–Hydroscat 6 total backscatter (b_b)

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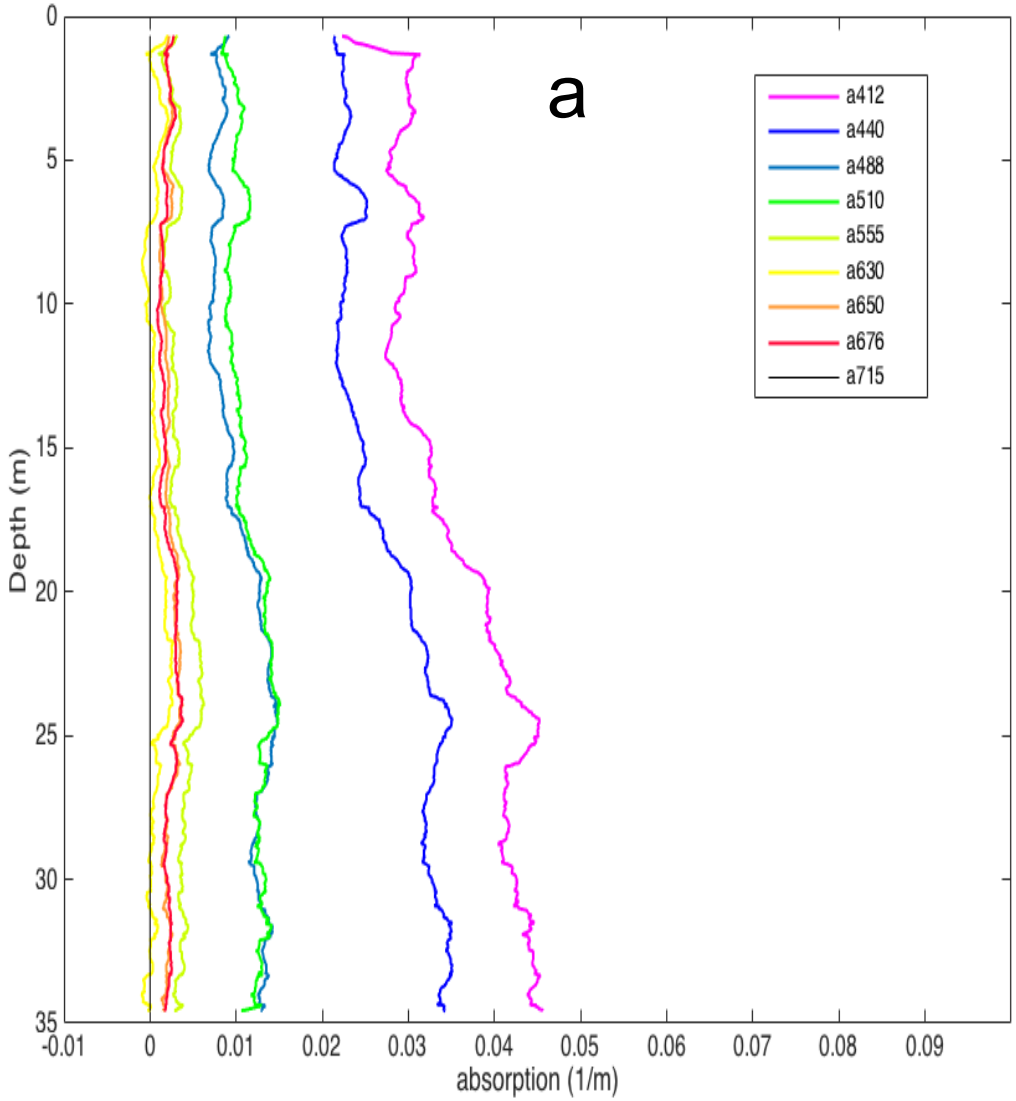
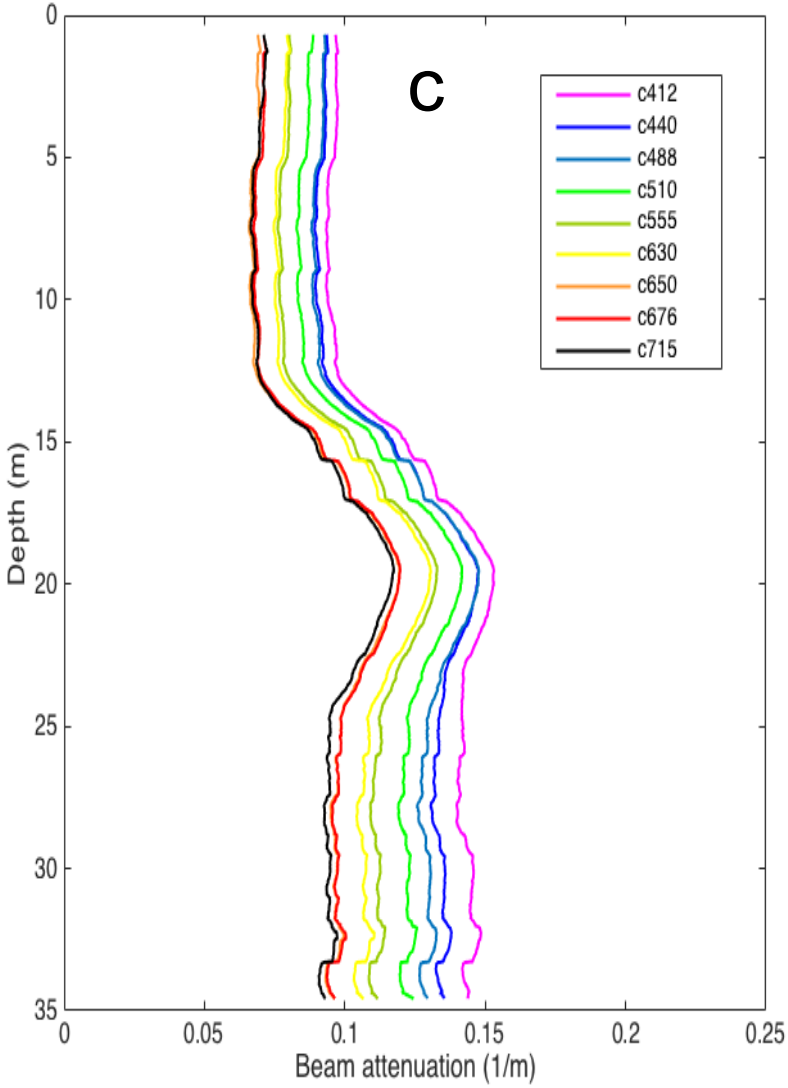
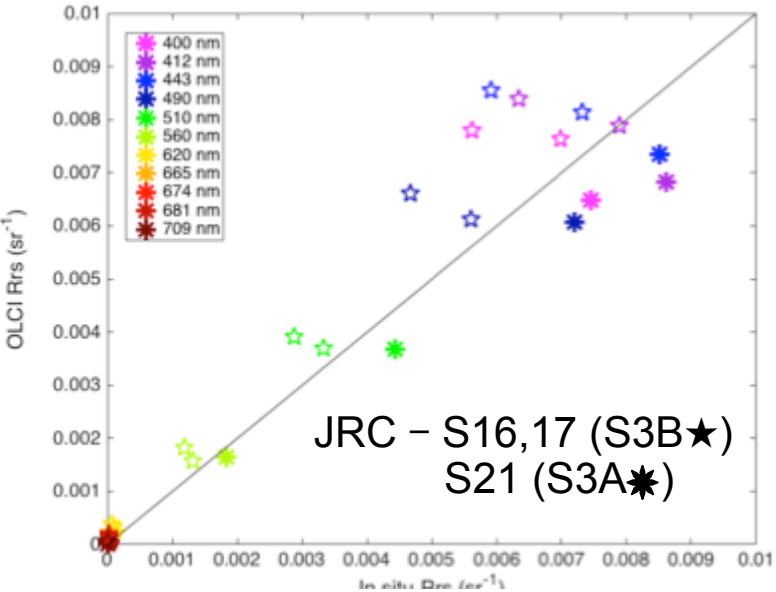
Results IOPs – ac

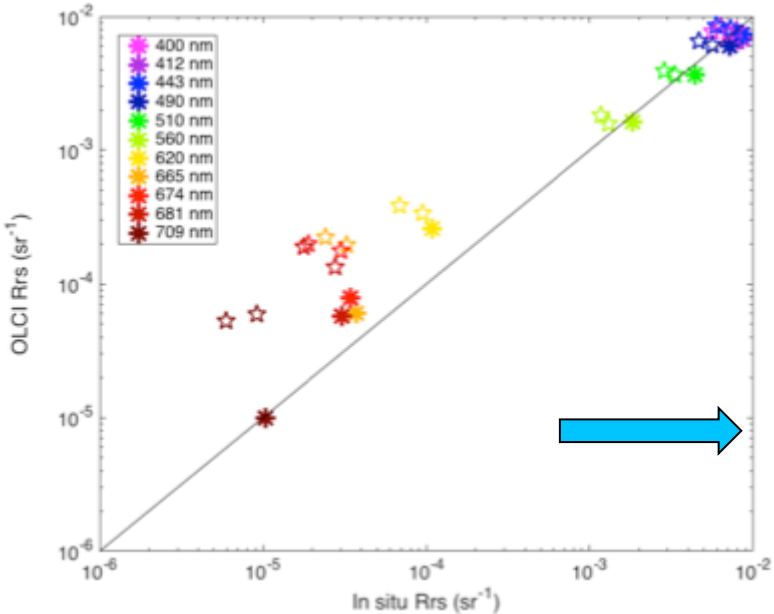
JRC optics S17−AC-9 absorption (a) and attenuation (c)



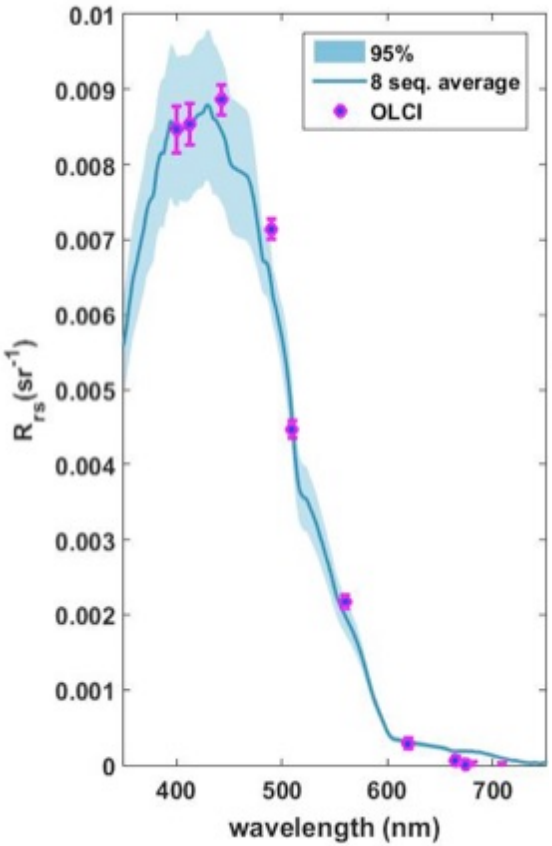


Recent Crete OC-SVC Marine Optics Results – Sentinel 3 OLCI Rrs validation





JRC - S08 (S3A)



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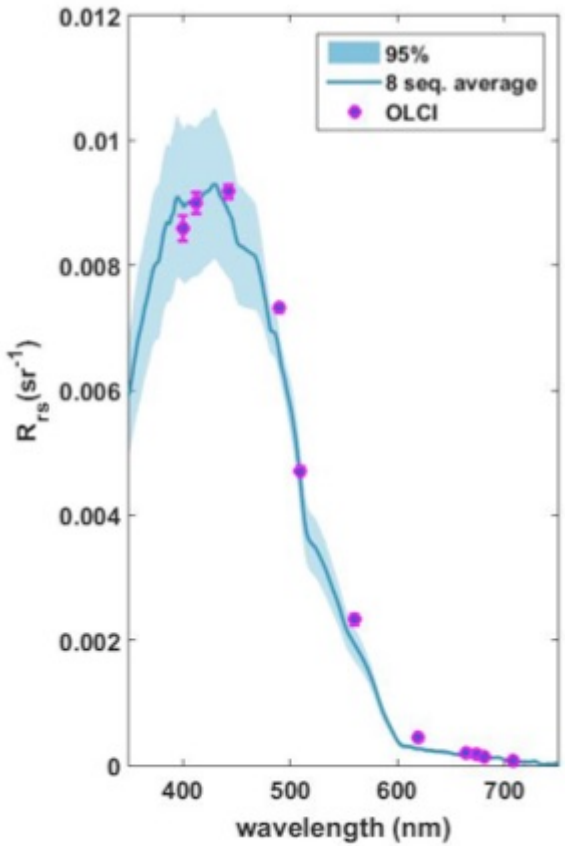

Regression statistics

N obs.	R	R^2	RMSE	Slope	Intercept
33	0.960	0.921	0.00096	0.993	0.0003

Uncertainty of in situ measurements: ~4-6% (400-700 nm)

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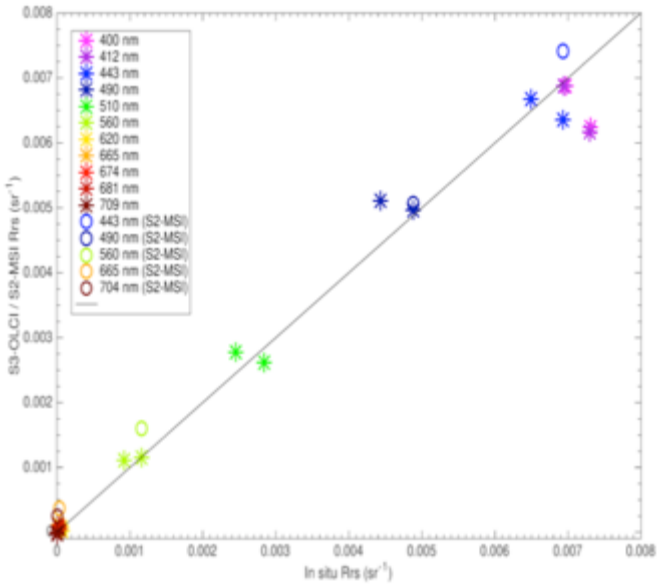
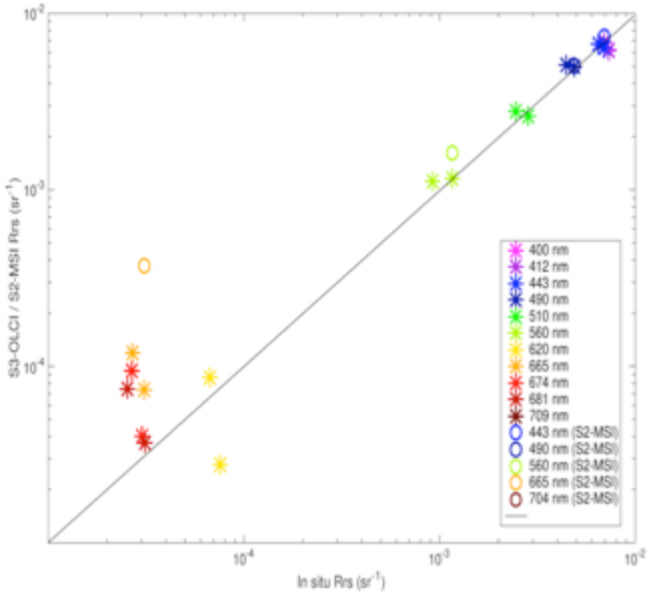
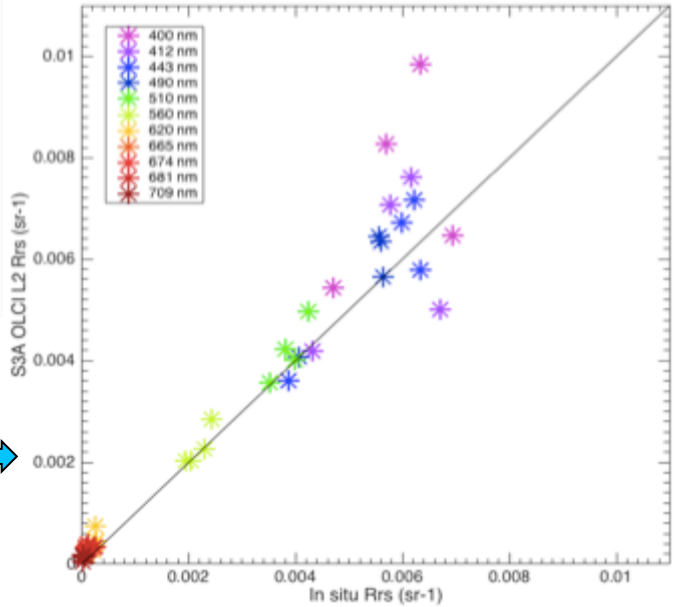
MARRE (S3A)

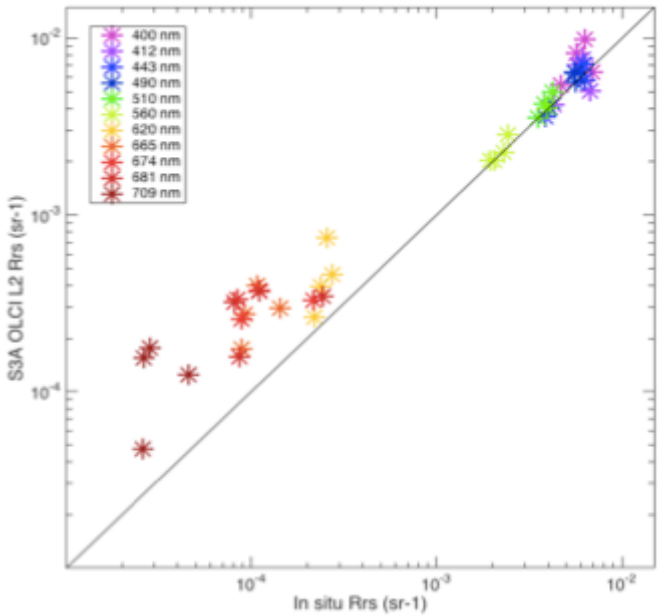
Regress stat.	PERLE2	MARRE
N obs.	44	27
R	0.966	0.992
R^2	0.933	0.984
Abs. RMSE (Ψ)	0.00084	0.00039
Unbias. RMSE (Δ)	0.00076	0.00038
Slope	1.106	0.949
Intercept	0.0001	0.0001





PERLE-2 (S3A)





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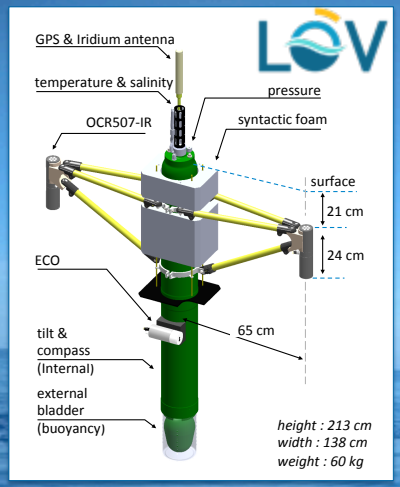
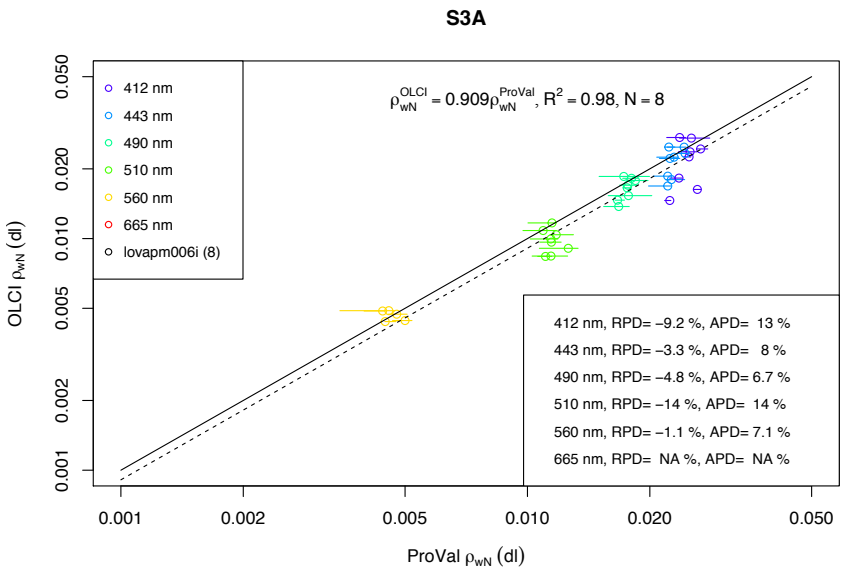
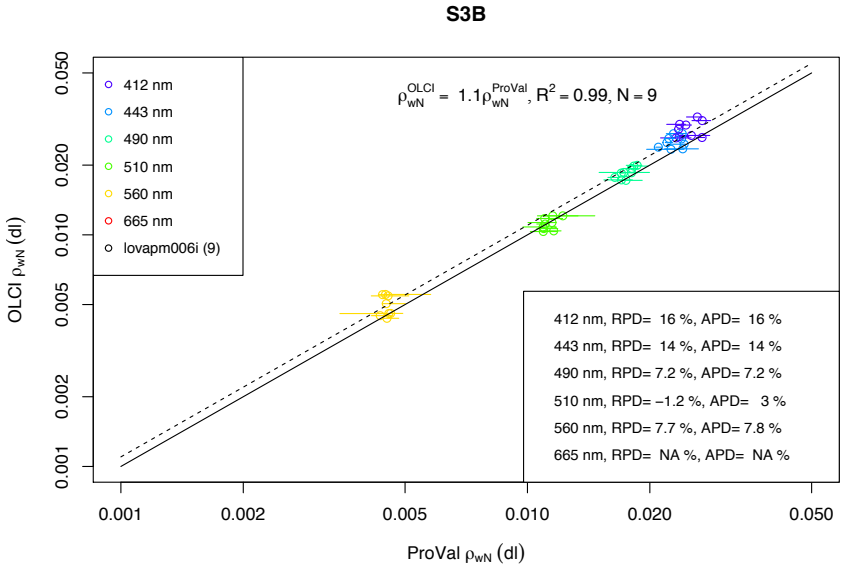
OC-SVC support – ProVal measurement campaign



Deployed 35° 43.755' N, 25° 08.138' E
26/09/2019 1300 m depth for 19 days





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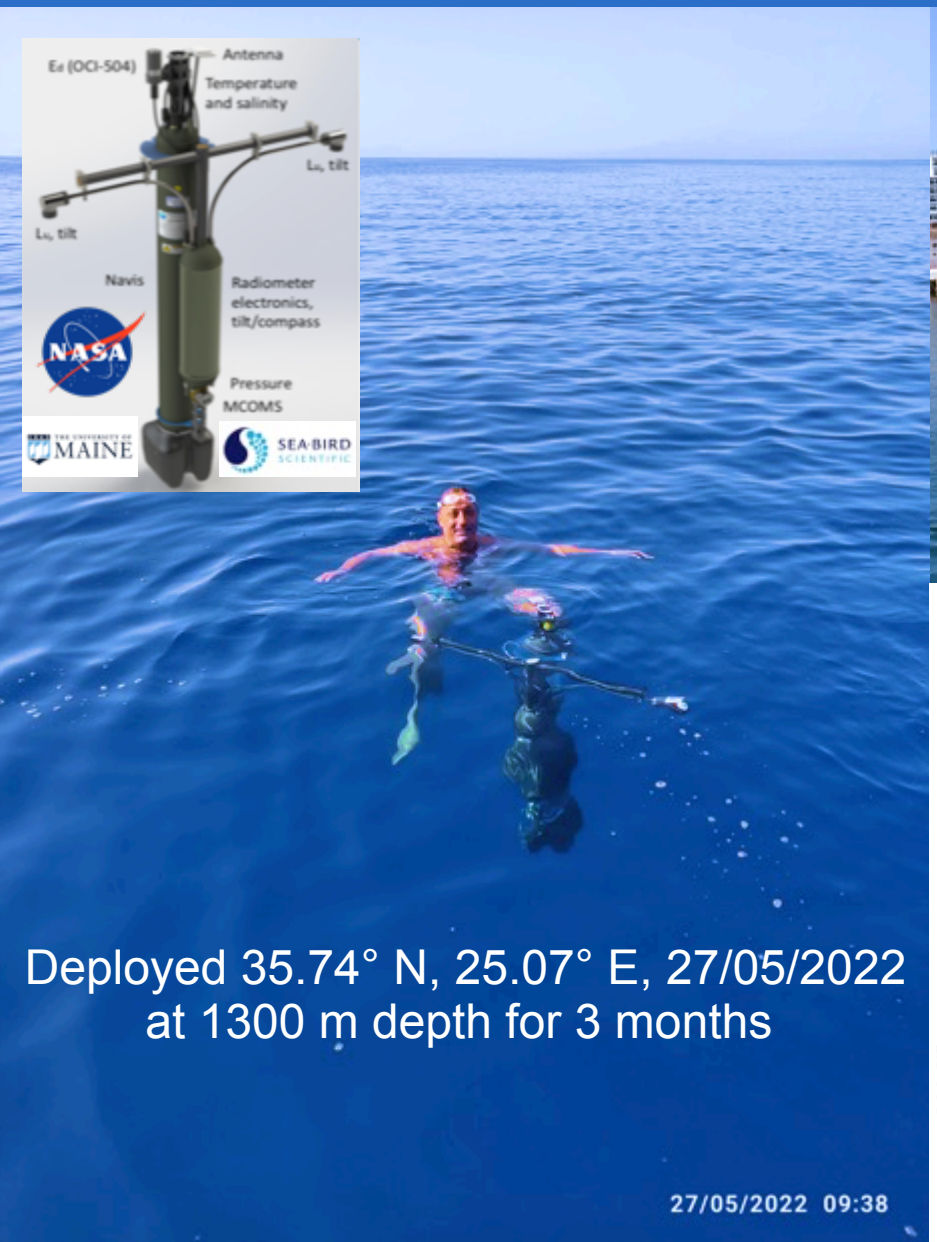
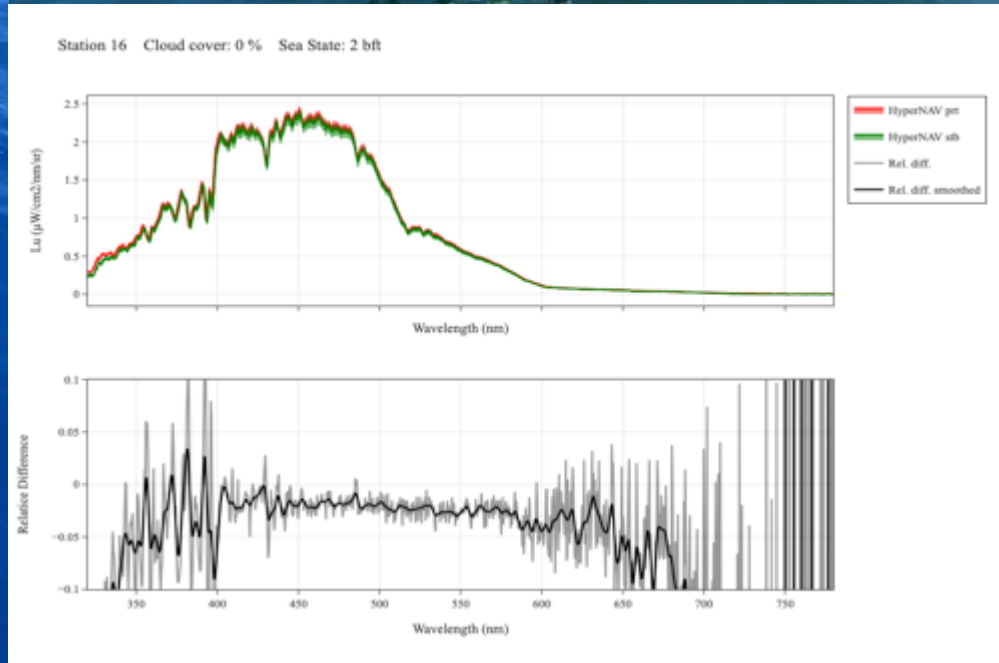
OC-SVC support – HyperNAV measurement campaign



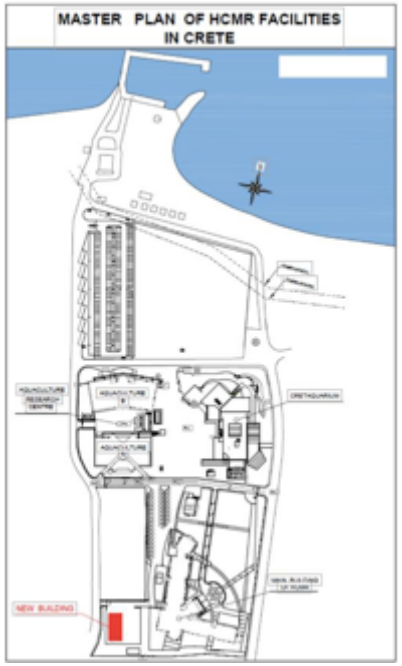
Deployed 35.74° N, 25.07° E, 27/05/2022
at 1300 m depth for 3 months



Recent Crete OC-SVC Marine Optics
Conclusions and ongoing optics development in Crete

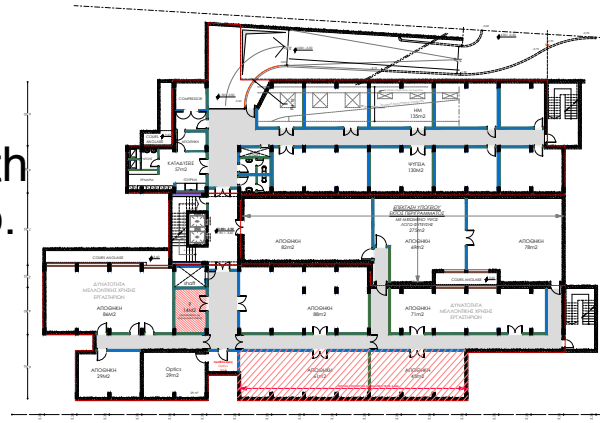
Marine Optics

- Low values of in situ measured inherent optical properties.
- Associated low values of optically important water column constituents (Chl-a, CDOM, suspended particles).
- Stable oligotrophic environment eminently suitable for radiometric measurements for satellite validation and as an OC-SVC site.



Ongoing developments in Crete

- Working towards full FRM status for radiometry.
- Further marine optics research inc. regional Chl-a algorithm development (NABUCCO, Hydrolight modelling)
- S3VT Sentinel-3 Collection 3 and 4 Rrs, Chl-a & IOP validation
- HYPERNAV continuing.
- New large marine engineering building at HCMR-Crete with area for handling OC-SVC buoy components – 1.2 M Euro.
- 5 M Euro new HCMR-Crete research labs extension to existing 3000m^2 with custom optics calibration lab + field station South of Crete in support of Copernicus OC-SVC.

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