

# Physical Observations used for Assimilation



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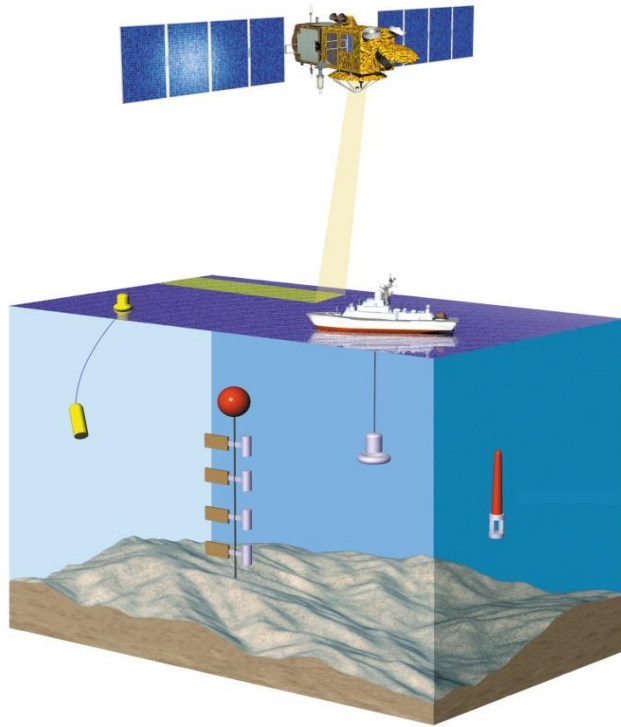
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→ Sea level anomalies from satellite altimeter + MDT

→ In-situ T/S profiles

→ SST from satellites



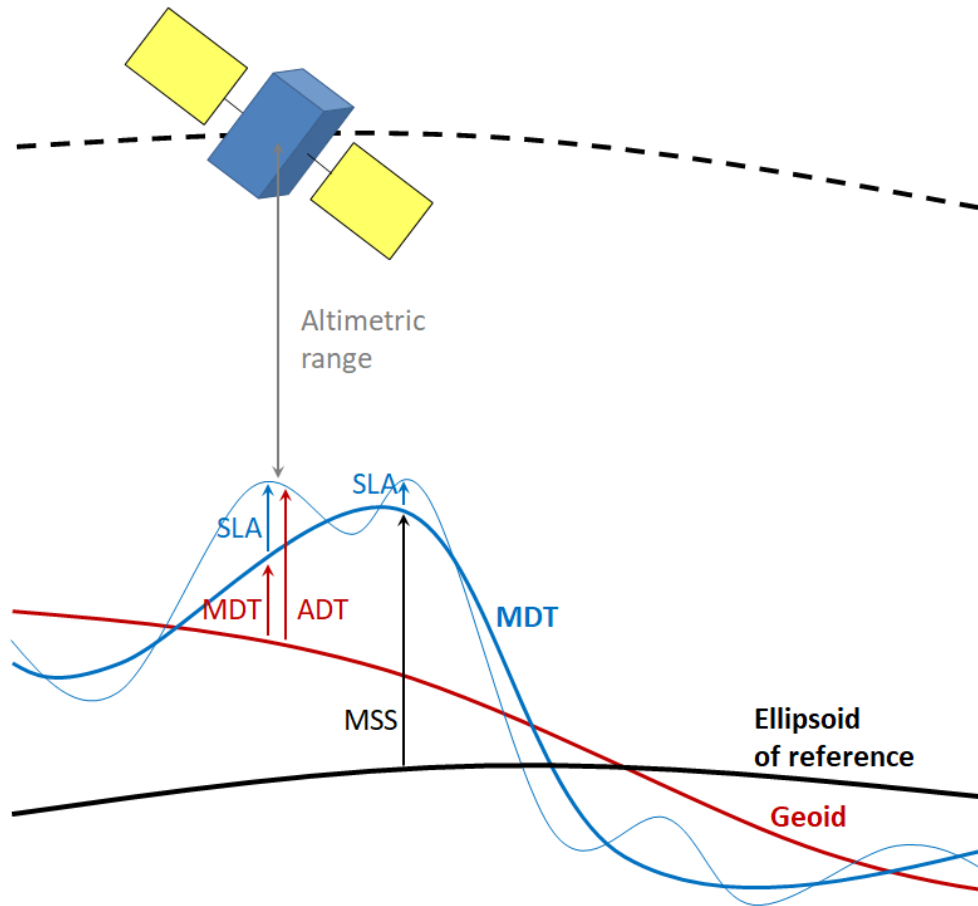


# Altimeter products

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# Altimeter processing overview



Objective: extract the **SL** information from the altimeter measurement

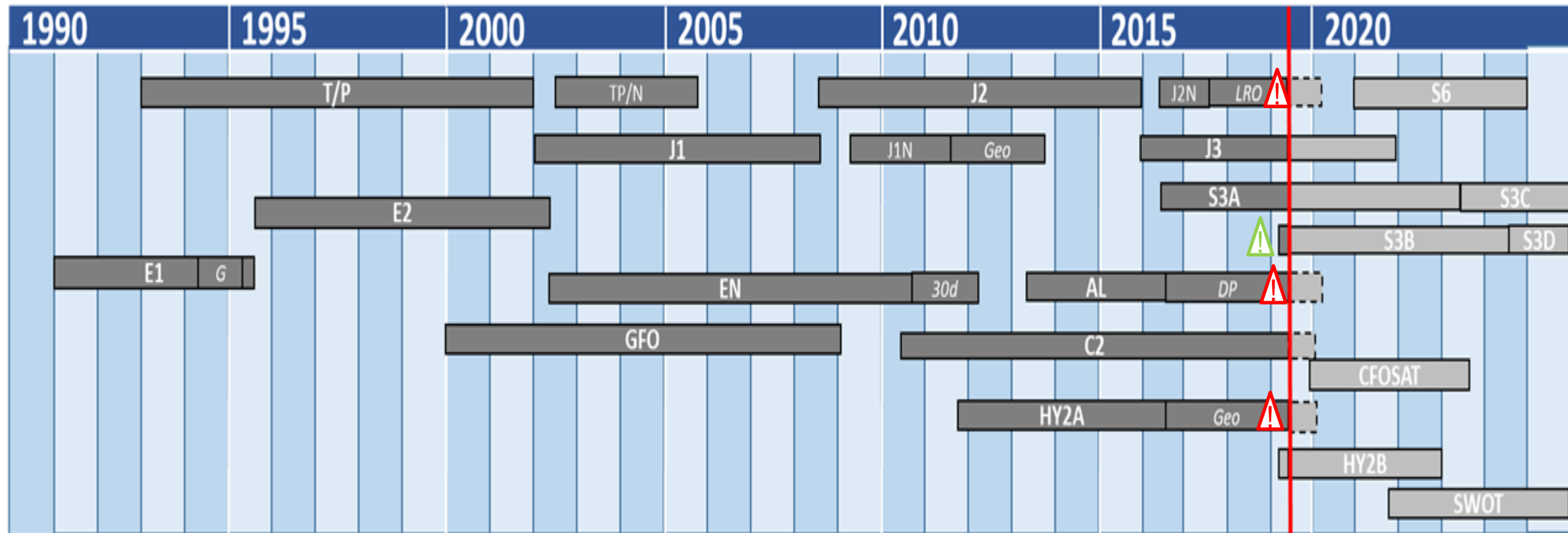
→ **SLA** referenced to a MSS

→ Need of a **MDT** to take into account the dynamic of the ocean

$$\text{ADT} = \text{SLA} + \text{MDT}$$

equivalent to model **SSH**

# Altimeter constellation



- J2: safehold mode, expected back end of May
- AL: misspointing issue, desactivated from the NRT
- HY2A: only use in REP
- S3B: in the NRT system since April 2<sup>nd</sup>

# CMEMS SL-TAC products available

The processing includes :

- valid measurement selection
- cross-calibration between the different altimeters (reduction of global and regional biases)
- noise reduction (low pass filtering)

Along-track (L3) products available from April 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 :

	Global Ocean	Europe Area
NRT	SEALEVEL_GLO_PHY_L3_NRT_OBSERVATIONS_008_044 (*)	SEALEVEL_EUR_PHY_L3_NRT_OBSERVATIONS_008_059
REP	SEALEVEL_GLO_PHY_L3_REP_OBSERVATIONS_008_062	SEALEVEL_EUR_PHY_L3_REP_OBSERVATIONS_008_061





# CMEMS SL-TAC products available

<b>sla_filtered</b>	Sea Level Anomaly, with noise reduction by filtering
<b>sla_unfiltered</b>	Sea Level Anomaly
<b>lwe</b>	Long Wavelength Error
<b>dac</b>	Dynamic atmospheric correction
<b>ocean_tide</b>	Ocean tide height
<b>mdt</b>	Mean dynamic topography

## Filtering

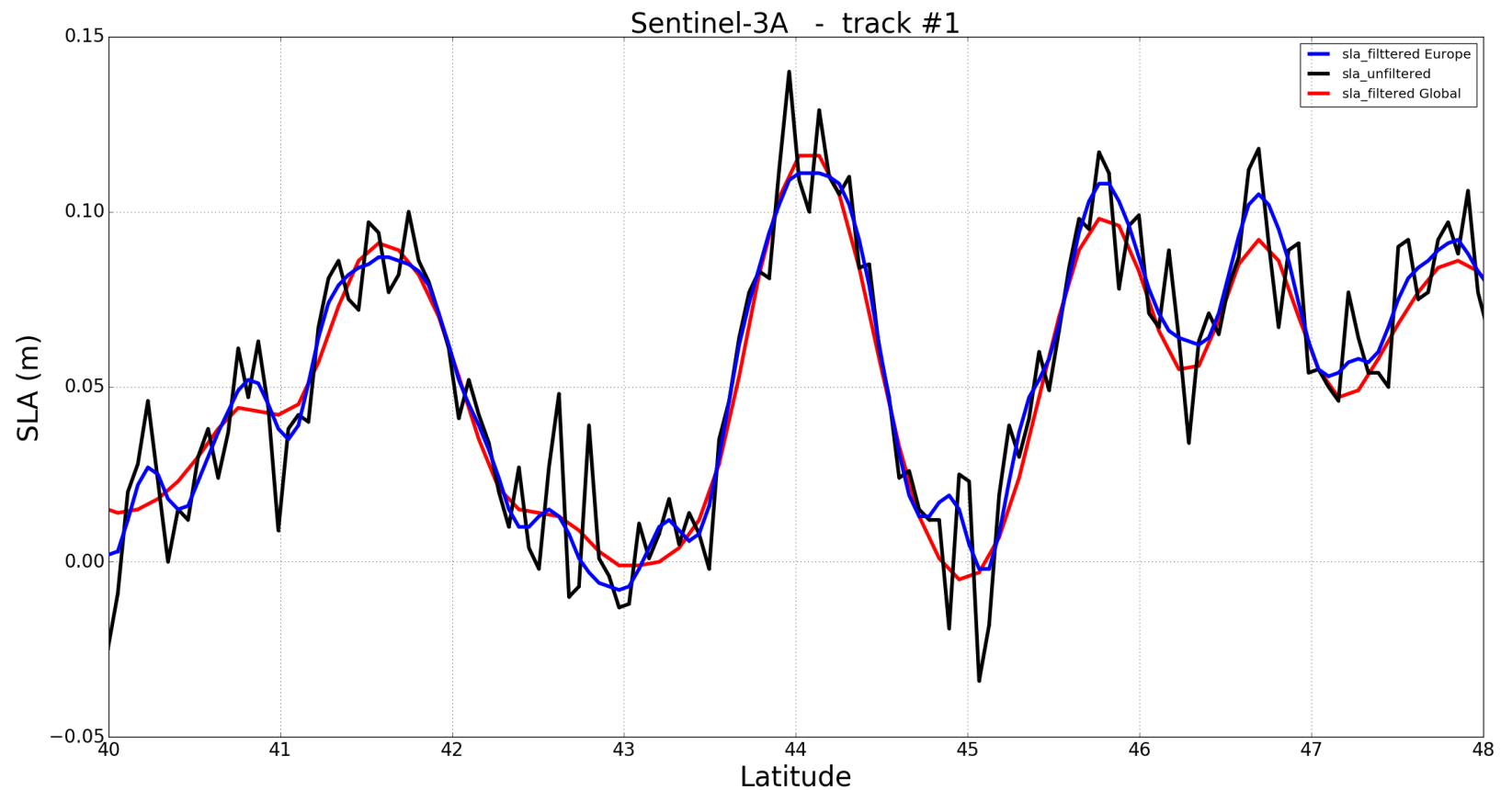
**GLO:** < ~65 km

**EUR:** < ~40 km

## Subsampling

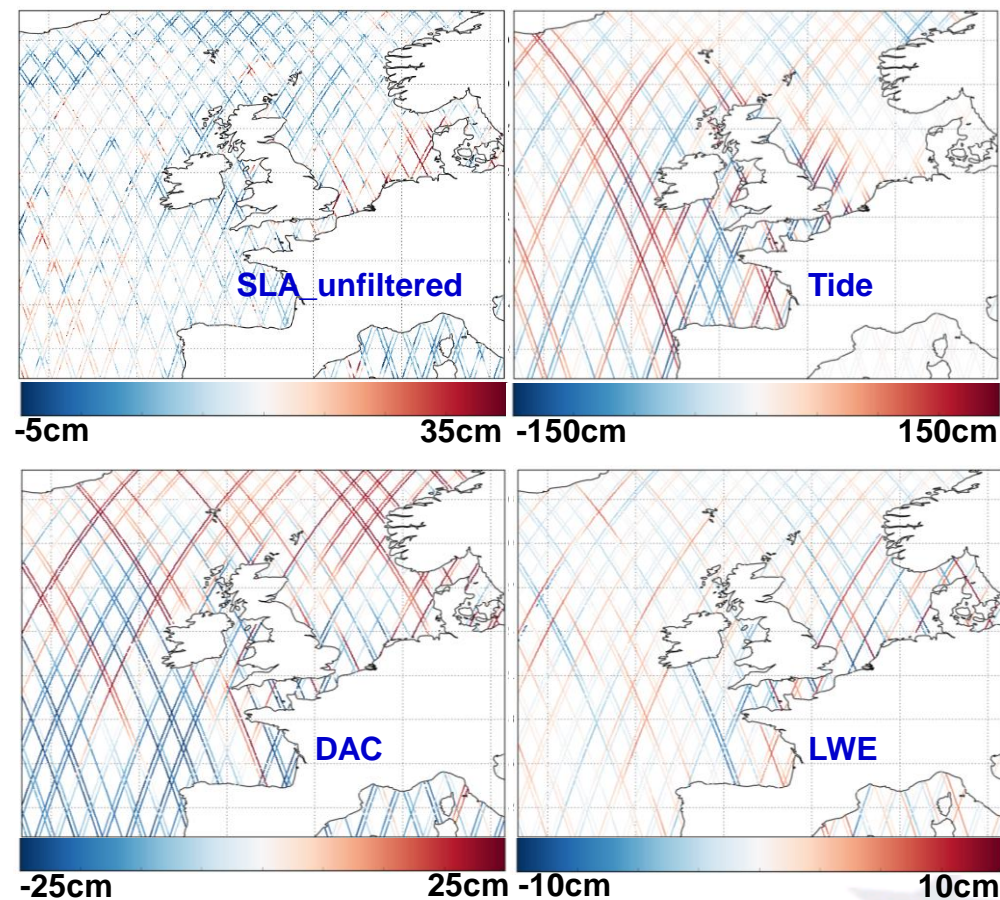
**GLO:** 1pt/~14 km

**EUR:** 1pt/~7km



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Courtesy of Robert King  
TAPAS workshop, April 2019



# How to use SL-TAC products

SLA delivered is already corrected from different signals, i.e. these signal are removed from the altimeter measurement

$$\text{SLA}_{\text{alti; available on product}} = \text{Orbit} - \text{Range} - \text{OceanTide}_{\text{alti}} - \text{DAC}_{\text{alti}} + \text{LWE} - \text{OtherCorrections} - \text{MSS}$$

**Ocean Tide** : FES2014 model

**DAC**: Includes inverse barometer for the low frequencies (> 20 days) and dynamic wind & pressure forcing effects from MOG2D model for the high frequencies (< 20 days)

**LWE**: Empirical correction that remove residual Orbit Error signals, but also part of DAC and tide residual signals

# How to use SL-TAC products

You want to keep the HF signal & the tide signal in the SLA content (e.g. to compare with model forced by wind & pressure & tides)

- First solution: change the model output physical content → need to compute DAC, Tides & LWE correction from model outputs:

$$SLA_{\text{alti\_equiv}} = SLA_{\text{model}} - \text{DAC}_{\text{model}} - \text{OceanTide}_{\text{model}} [+ \text{LWE}_{\text{model}}]$$

- Second solution : change the altimeter physical content:

$$SLA_{\text{model\_equiv}} = SLA_{\text{alti}} + \text{OceanTide}_{\text{alti}} + \text{DAC}_{\text{alti}} - \text{LWE}$$

**LWE**: Some residual Orbit Error signals might remain in the alti data in this case  
→ Interest to use a home-made LWE error correction as proposed by M. Benkiran

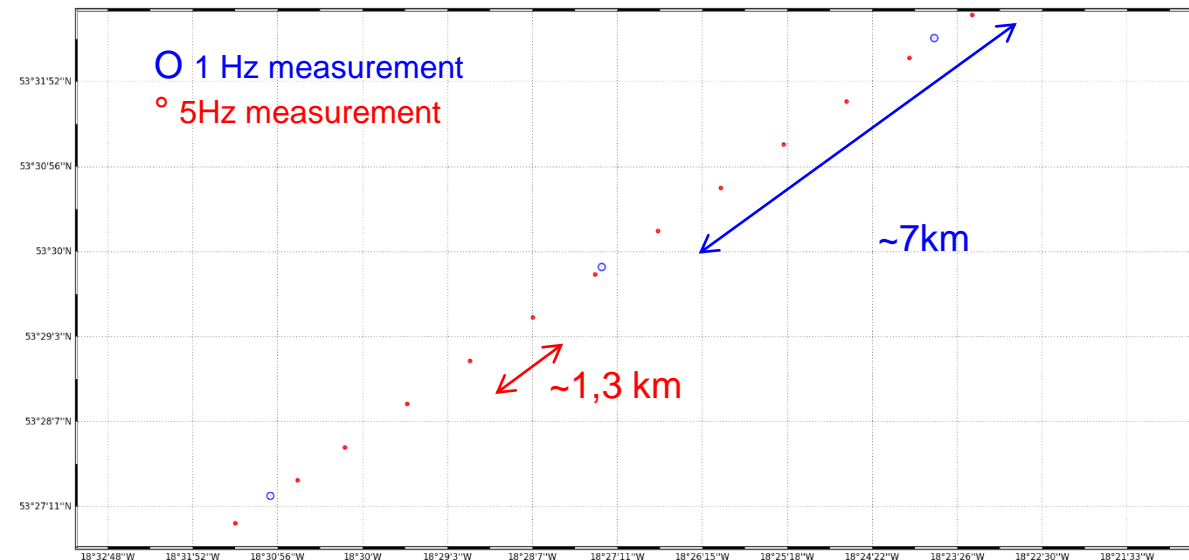
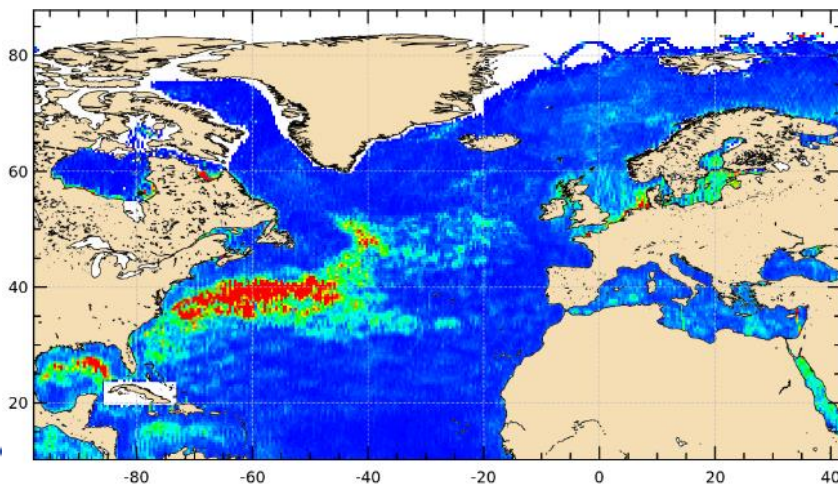


# Experimental 5Hz products (~1.3 km)

Work in progress  
Samples available  
on AVISO+

- Delayed Time L3 along-track product
- 5 Hz sampling : one measurement / ~1.3km
- Content:
  - sla\_unfiltered not available
  - **ib\_lf** : low frequency component (> 20 days) of the IB
  - **internal wave** component from Ray&al. (2016)
  - **across-track velocities**

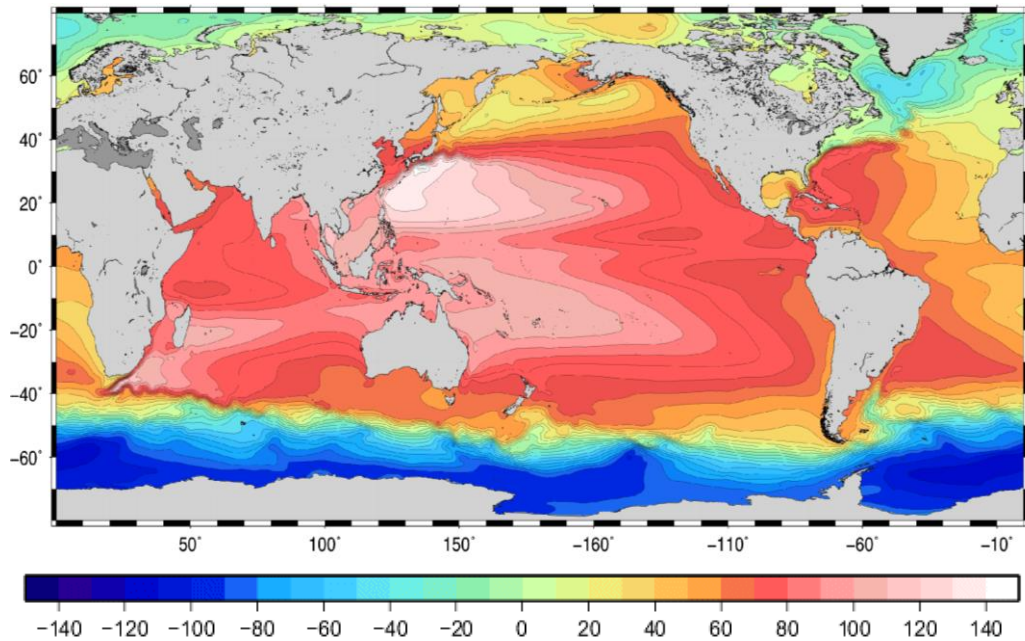
Mission		Start date L3	End date L3
Jason-2	J2	2015-01-01	2016-02-29
Cryosat 2	C2	2015-01-01	2015-12-31
Altika	AL	2015-01-01	2017-02-03
Jason-3	J3	2016-03-28	2017-03-29
Sentinel-3A	S3A	2016-04-06	2017-04-17



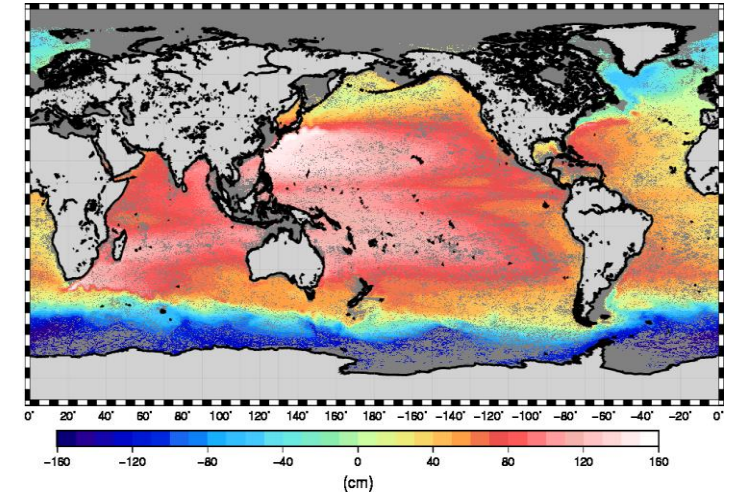


# METHOD to compute the CNES-CLS MDT

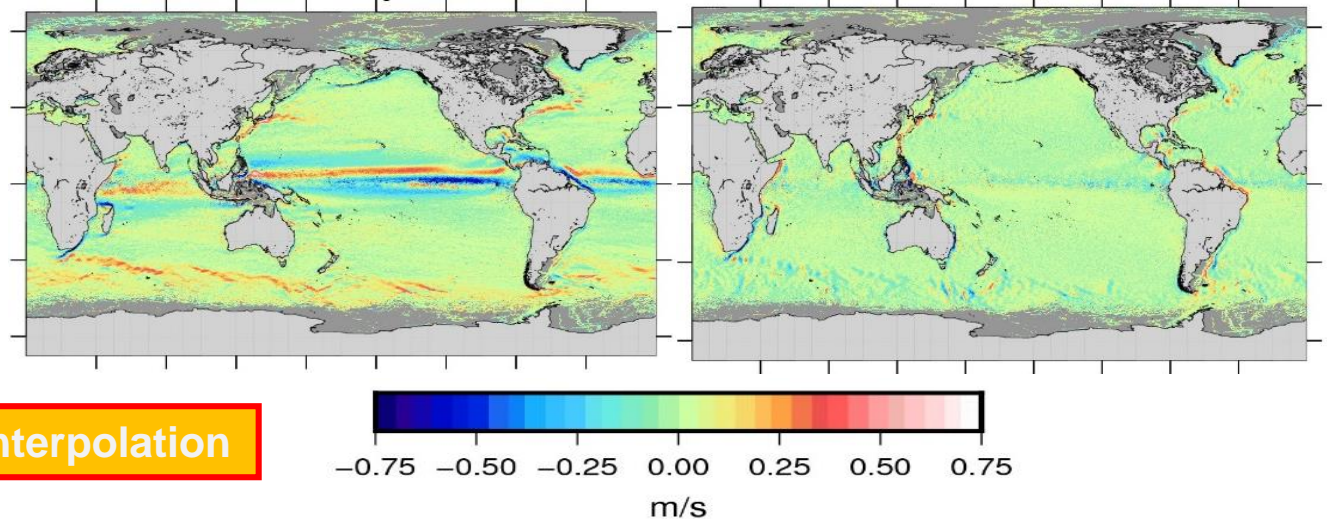
First guess  
GRACE/GOCE + CNES-CLS15 MSS



In situ observations  
of synthetic heights  
Argo profiles



In situ observations  
of synthetic velocities  
Surface drifters



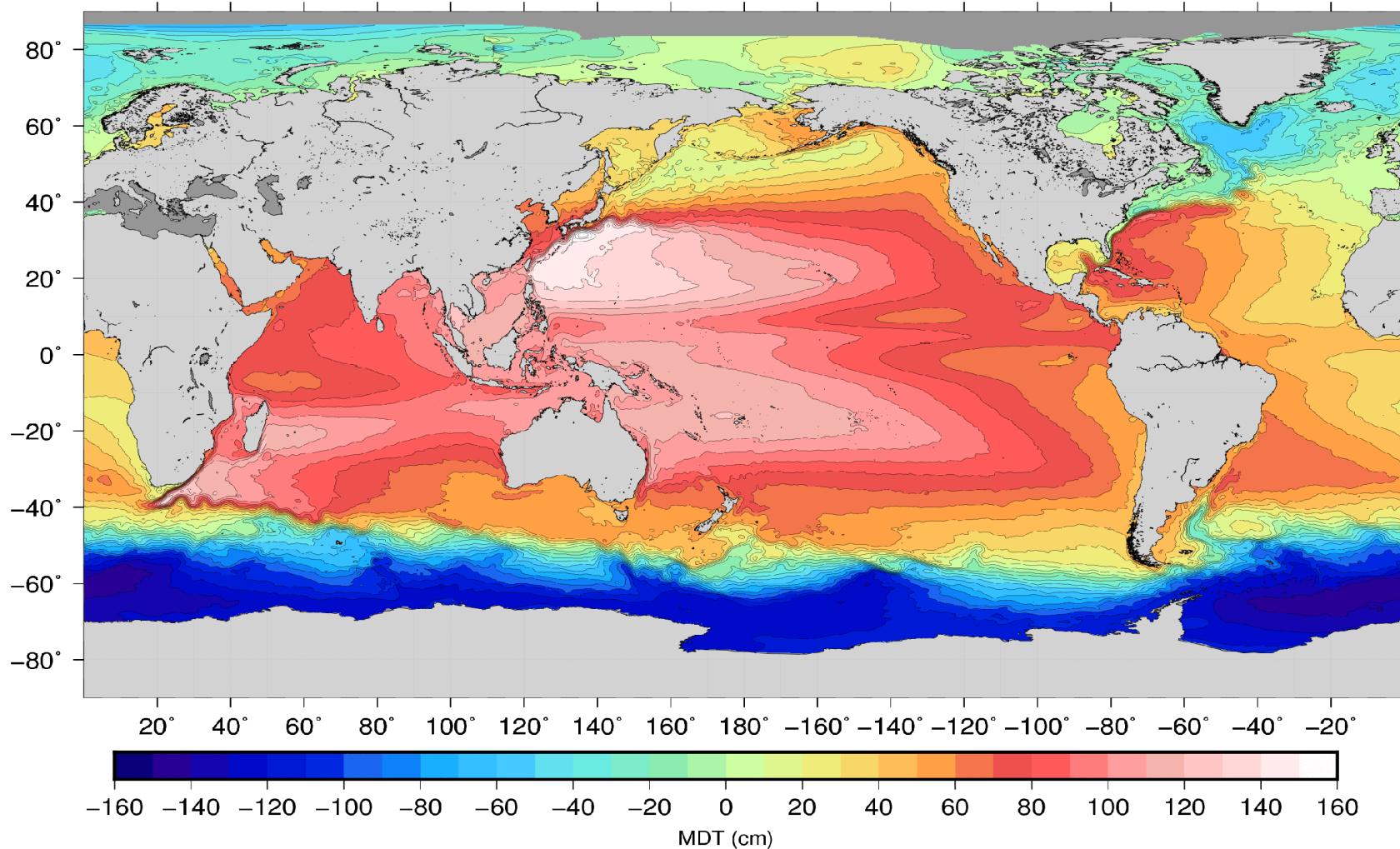
Multivariate Optimal Interpolation



	MDT CNES-CLS13	MDT CNES-CLS18
MSS	CNES-CLS11 (Schaeffer et al, 2012)	<b>CNES-CLS15</b> (Pujol et al, 2018)
Geoid	EGM-DIR-R4 (Bruinsma et al, 2012) 2 years of reprocessed GOCE data +7 years of GRACE data	<b>GOCO05S</b> (Mayer-Gürr, et al. 2015) <b>Complete GOCE mission</b> (Nov 2009-October 2013) + <b>10.5 years of GRACE</b> data
First guess of the first guess	Compute in the spatial domain and filtered at 200km of resolution with Gaussian filter	Compute in the <b>spectral domain</b> DO250 and then filtered at 200 km of resolution in the spatial domain with a Gaussian filter
First Guess filtering	Optimal filter (Rio et al, 2011)	Optimal filter (Rio et al, 2011) <b>with updated parameters</b>
Altimeter data	Delayed-Time DUACS-2010 (Dibarboure et al, 2011)	Delayed-Time <b>DUACS-2018</b> (Taburet et al, under review)
Hydrological data	CTD (Cora3.4), ARGO Pref variable 200/400/900/1200/1900 Period 1993-2012	CTD and ARGO Pref variable 200/400/900/1200/1900 from CORA4.2 (1993-2013), CORA5.0 (2014-2015) and CORA5.1 (2016) Period <b>1993-2016</b>
Ekman model	Parameters fitted over the period 1993-2012, by longitude, latitude and month (Rio et al, 2014) Two levels: 0m and 15m	Parameters fitted over the period <b>1993-2016 by latitude and Mixed Layer Depth</b> (from ARMOR3D) Two levels: 0m and 15m
Wind Slippage correction	Rio et al, 2012	<b>Update</b> of Rio et al, 2012 in order not to discard the trajectories beginning/end
Drifter filtering	3 days	<b>Max (24 hours, Inertial Period)</b>
Resolution	Global ¼°	<b>Global 1/8°</b>
Reference Time period	1993-2012	1993-2012

# CNES-CLS18 Mean Dynamic Topography

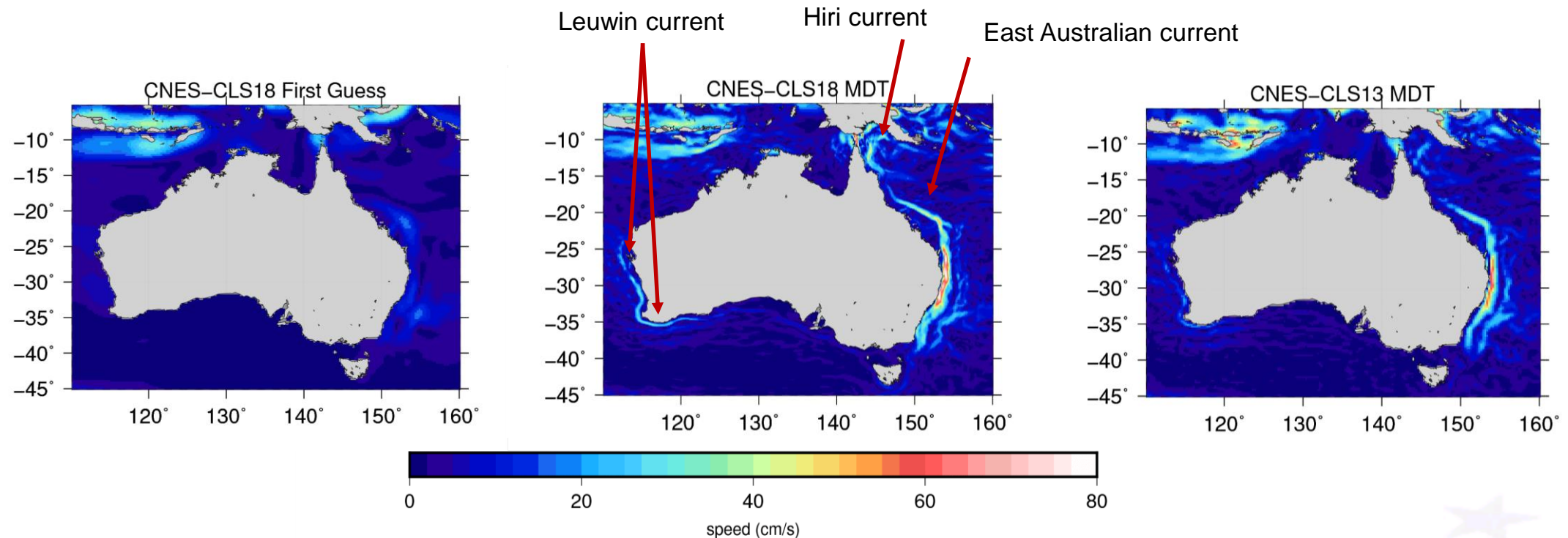
AVISO+  
in June 2019



- Horizontal resolution:  $1/8^\circ$
- Reference time period: **1993-2012**



# Associated mean geostrophic velocities



➔ **The use of an observation-based MDT has proved to improve both the analysis and the forecasts of OGCM assimilating SLA**

- Haines K., J. A. Johannessen, P. Knudsen, D. Lea, M.-H. Rio, L. Bertino, F. Davidson et F. Hernandez (2011). An ocean modelling and assimilation guide to using GOCE geoid products. *Ocean Science*, 7(1):151–164.
- Hamon M., E. Greiner, P.-Y. Le Traon and E. Remy (2019). Impact of multiple altimeter data and mean dynamic topography in a global analysis and forecasting system, accepted, *JAOT*.



# In situ products (T/S profiles)

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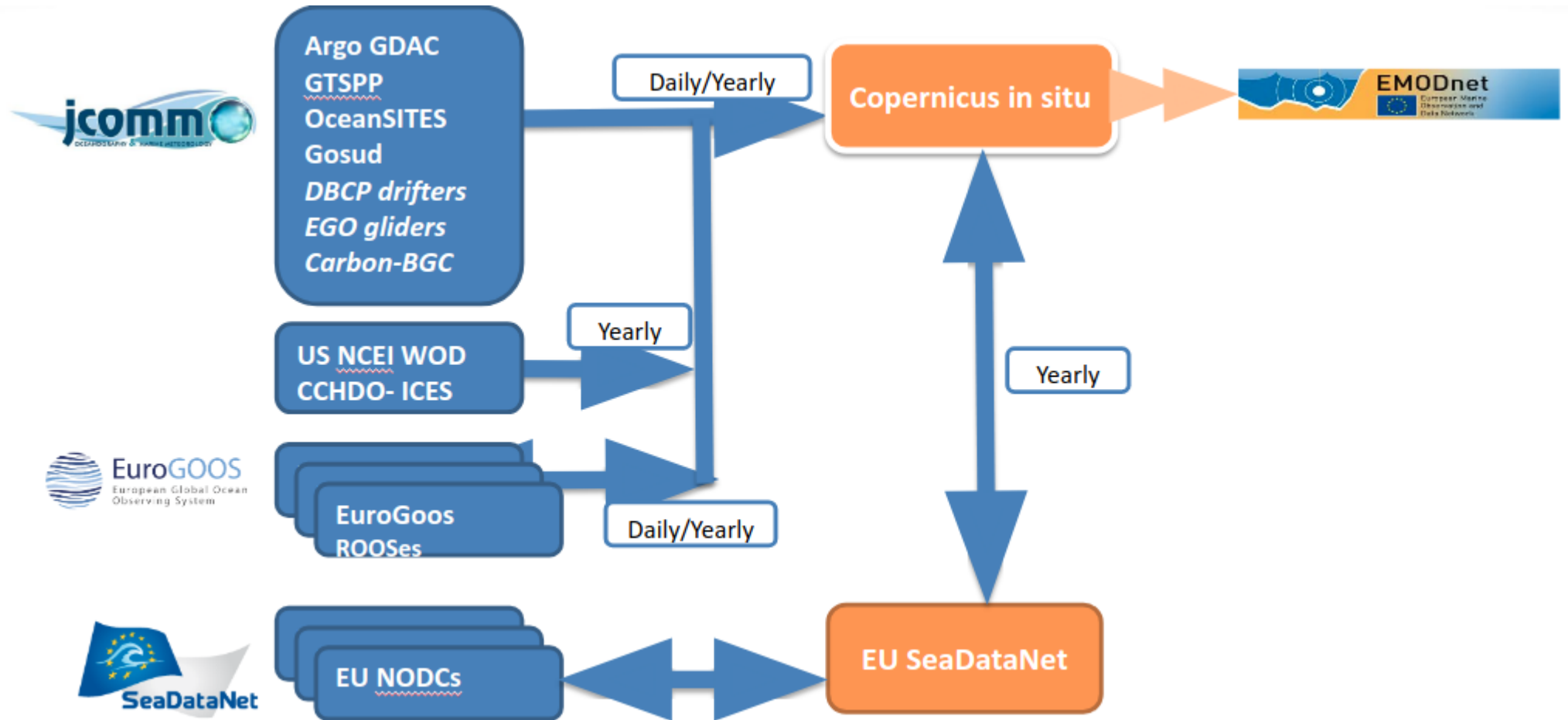


**Coriolis**



# CMEMS In situ TAC integrated in the EU and International in situ data management landscape

➔ **First challenge** : to gathered all the individual observations





<http://www.marineinsitu.eu>



Total number of **platforms**

**37696**

Since ever

Volume of **data**

**2534** MB

From last 30 days

Data **providers**

**313**

From last 30 days

Number **active** platforms

**7047**

From last 30 days

Services **availability**

**99.9** %

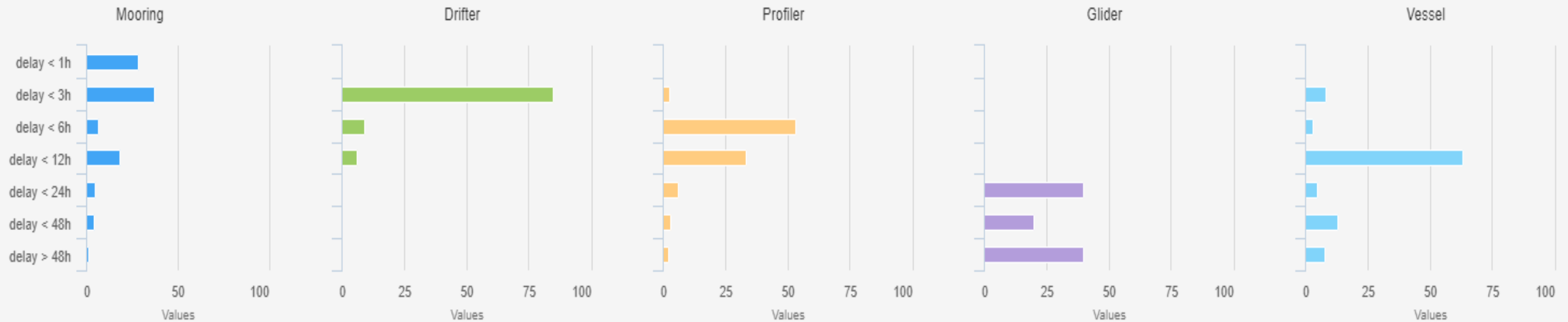
From last 30 days



# Delay of arrival

➔ **Second challenge** : process the data quickly

Delay of arrival during last week (%)

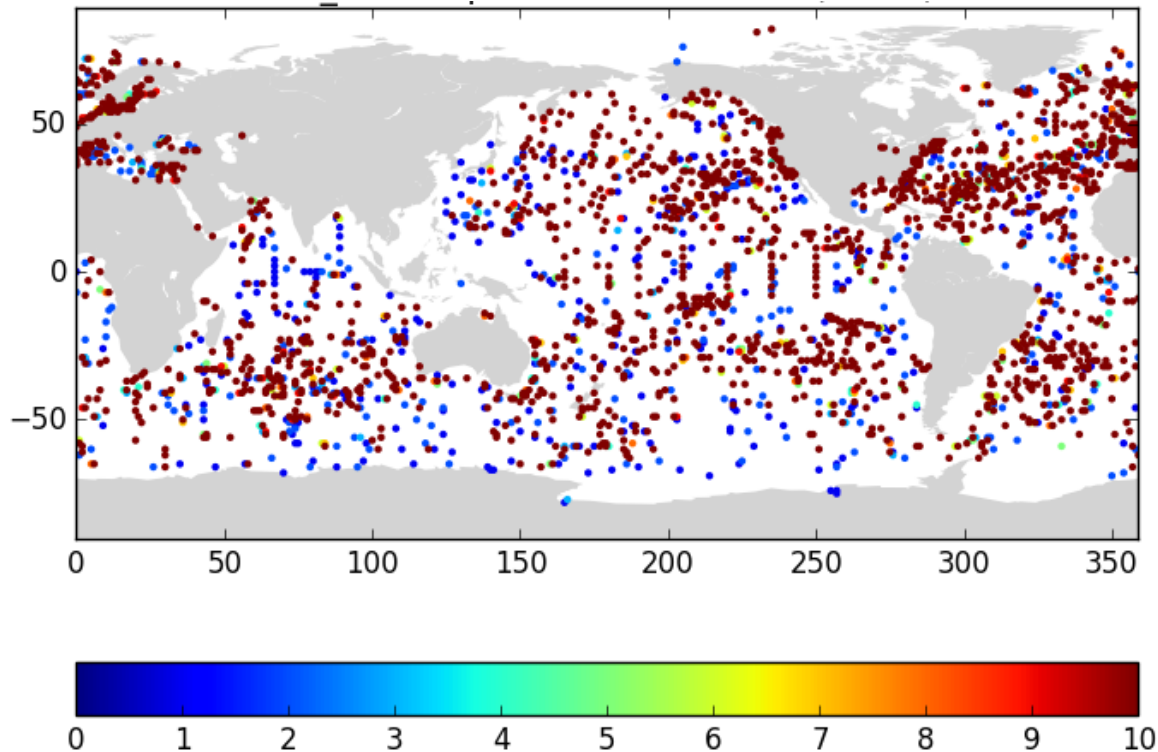


# T/S profiles - Inventory: latest, 1 day, all profiles

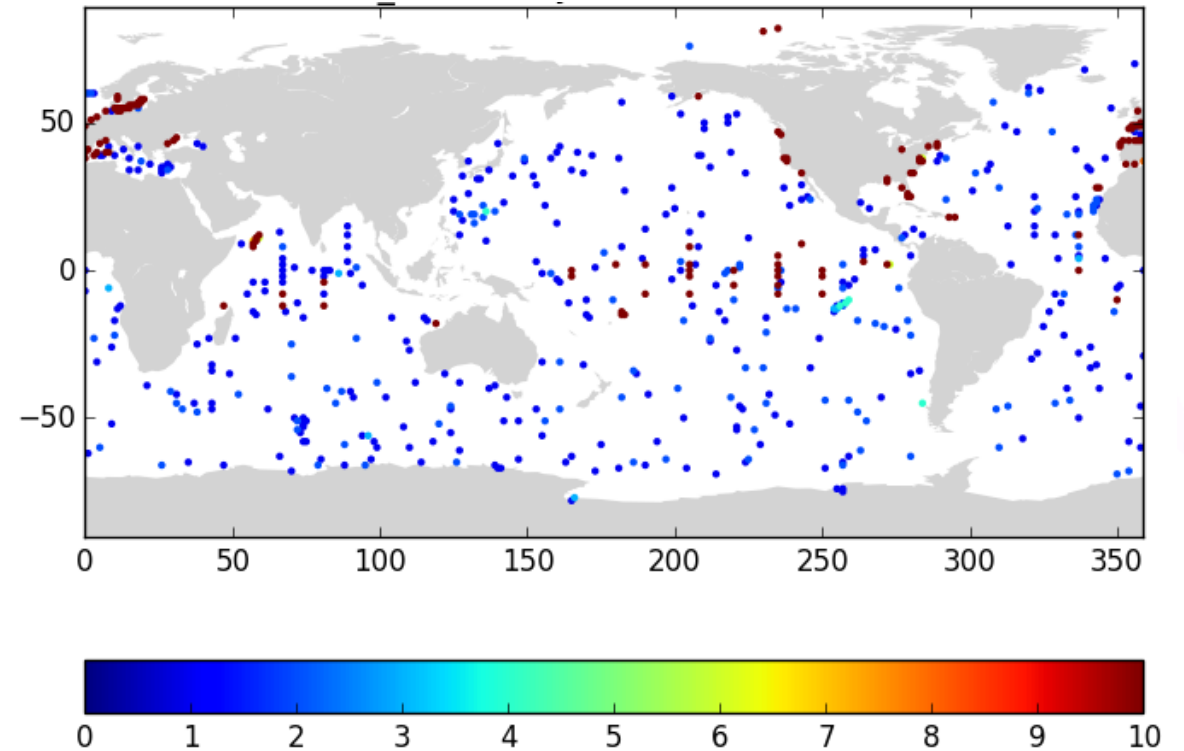
INSITU\_GLO\_NRT\_OBSERVATIONS\_013\_030

(INSITU\_GLO\_TS\_REP\_OBSERVATIONS\_013\_001\_b: 1950->mid-2018)

73 763 **Temperature** profiles (20190422)



15 398 **Salinity** profiles (20190422)

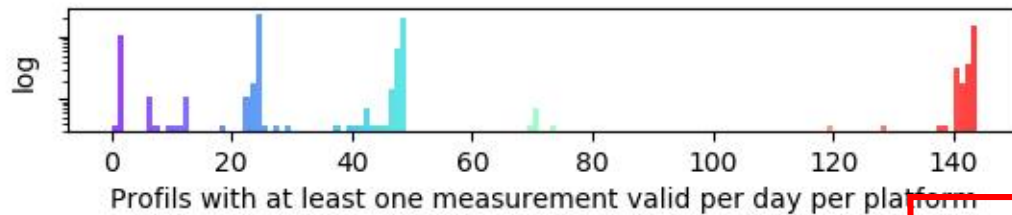
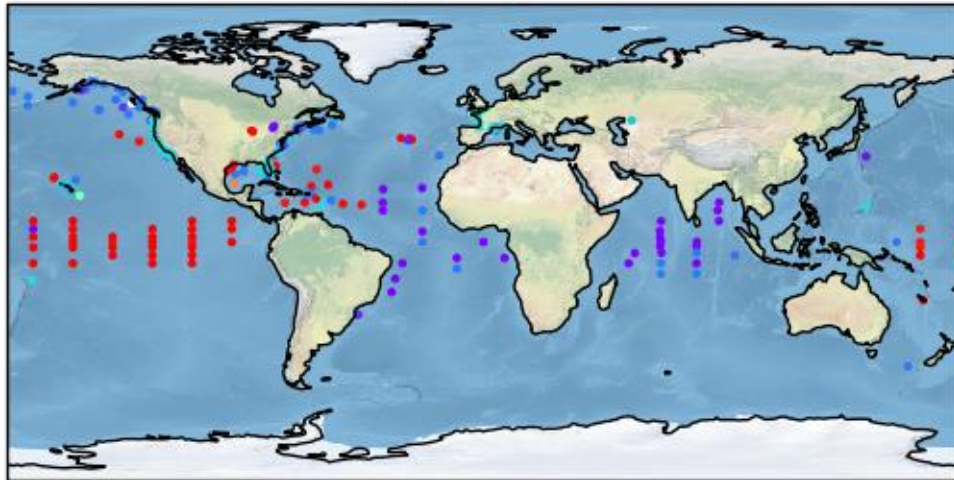




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## Moorings

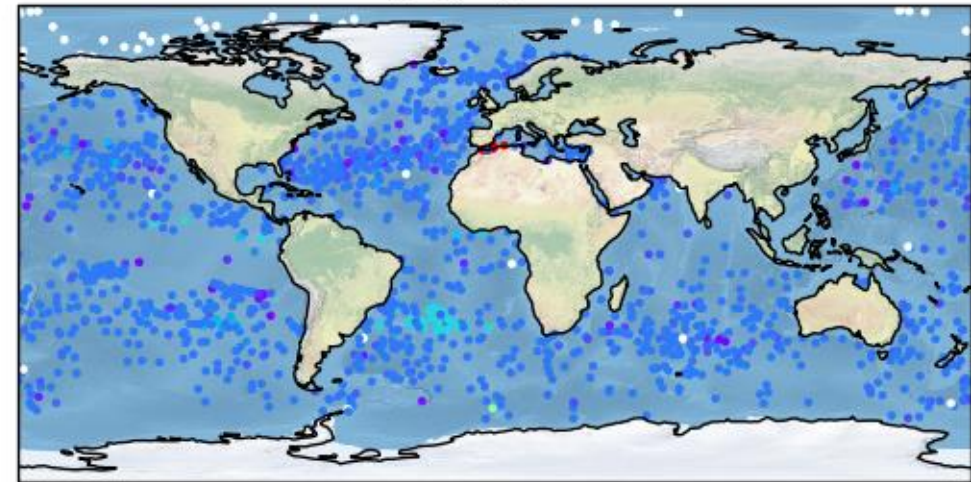
latest\_TS\_MO\_20190422



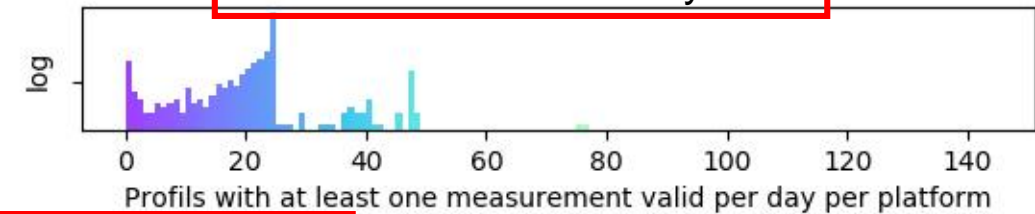
→ 1 profile every 10 minutes

## Surface drifters

latest\_TS\_DB\_20190422

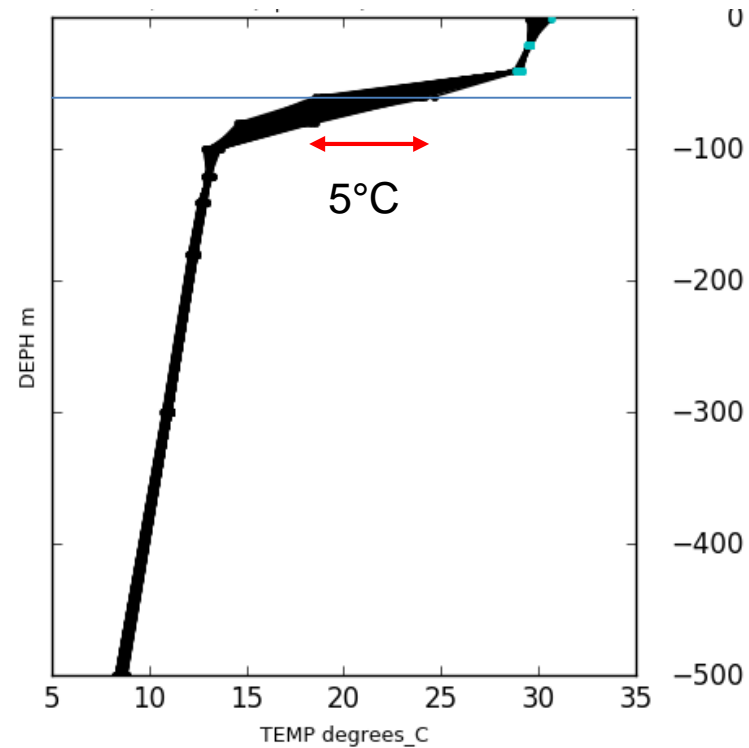
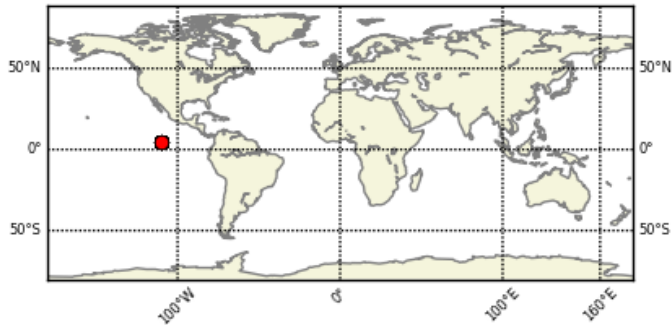


→ 1 measurement every hour



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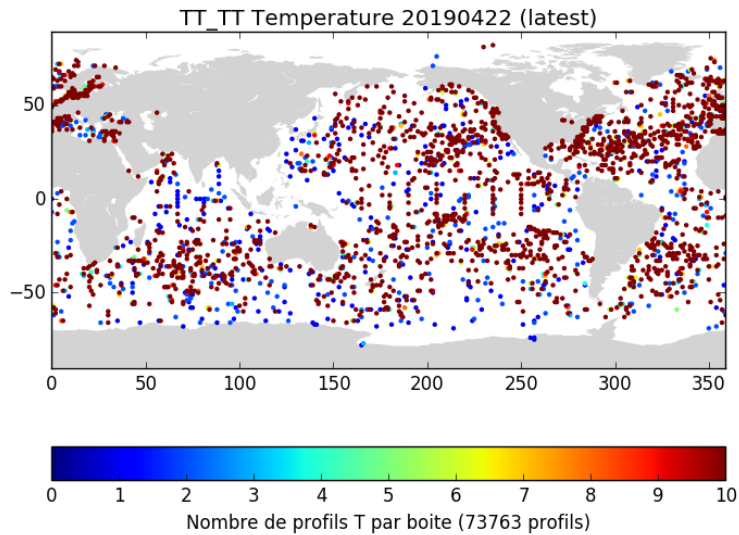
Mooring: 5°N, 110°W, **144 profiles**, 20190422



→ 1 profile every 10 minutes

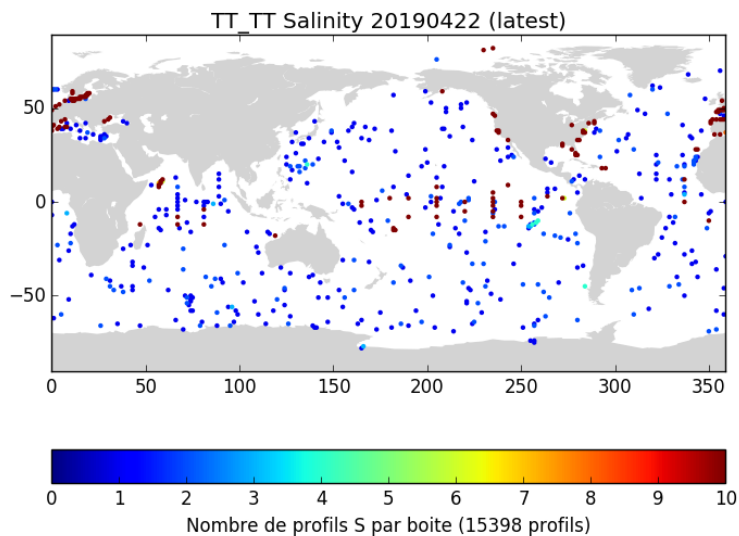


# T/S profiles - Selection: 1 day, 1 profile/day/platform



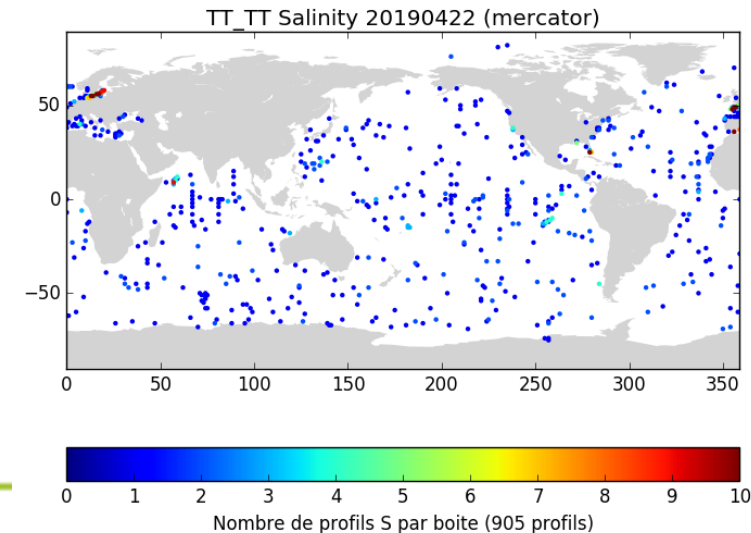
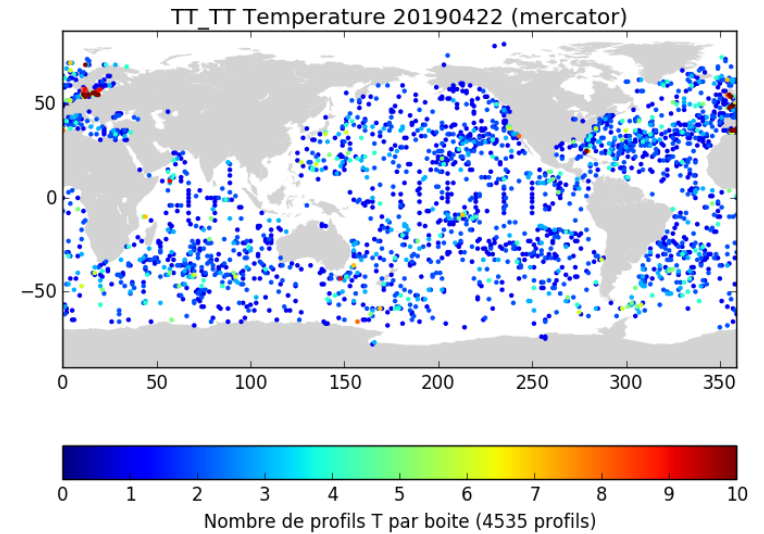
Temperature

73 763 → 4 535



Salinity

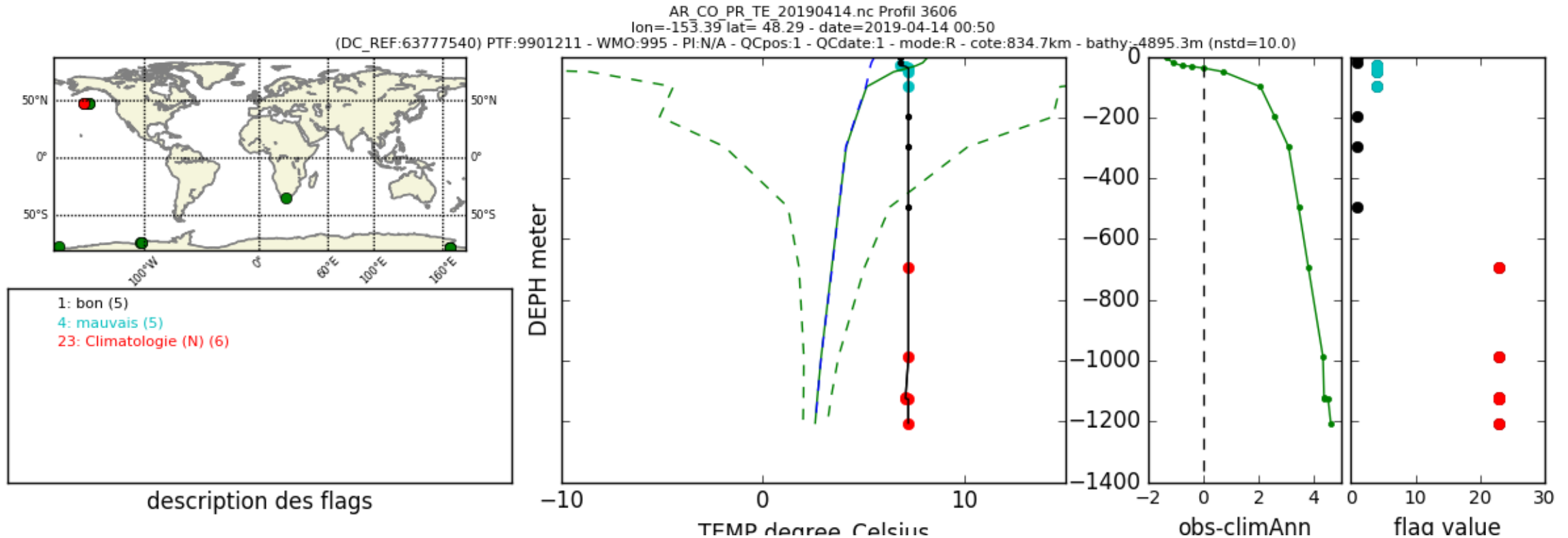
15 398 → 905



# T/S profiles - Qualification → flag

→ **Third challenge** : qualify the data

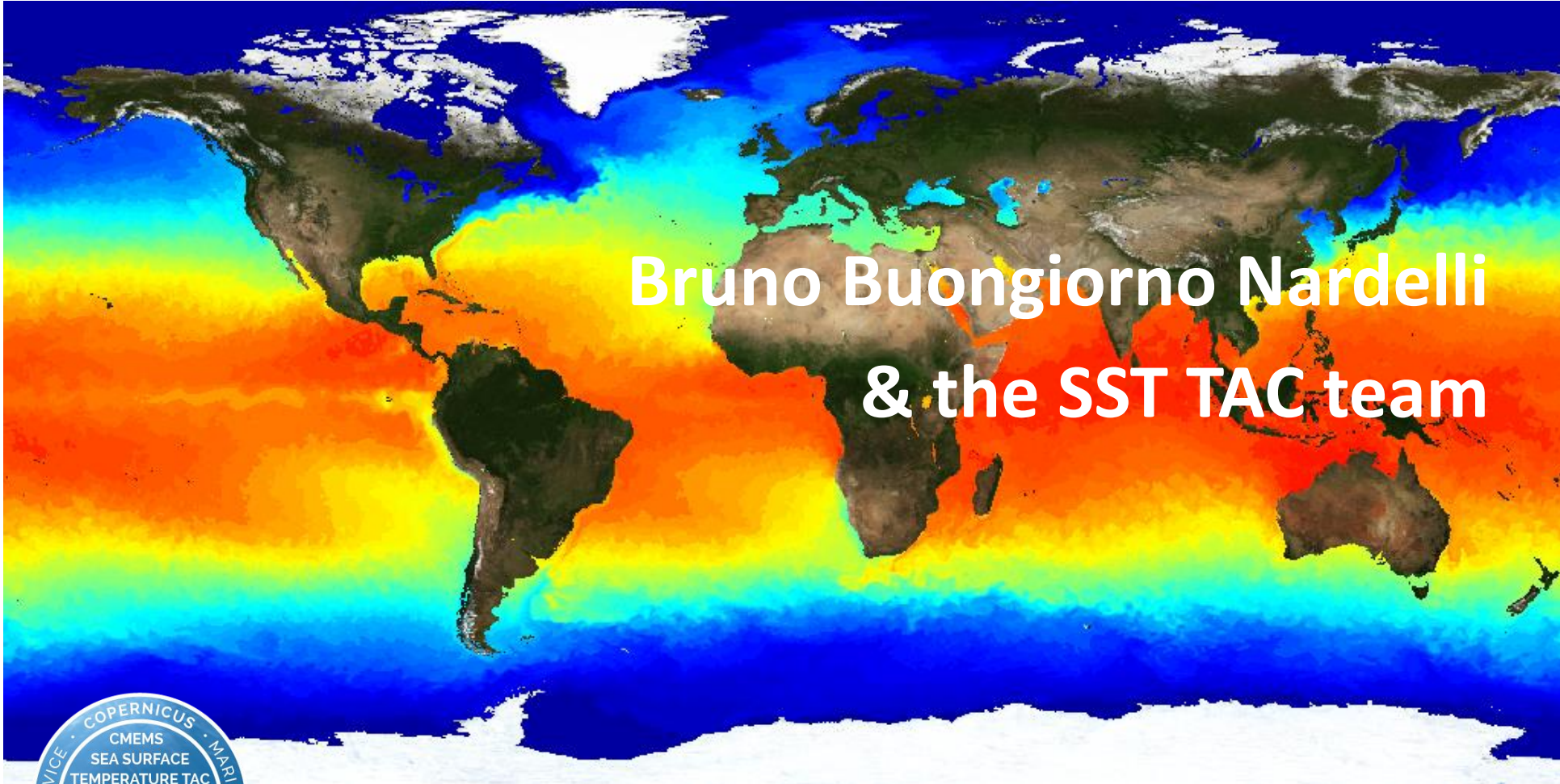
!!! Each field (TEMP, PSAL, JULD, POSITION) comes with a flag





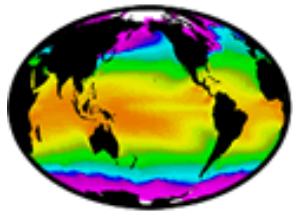
# SST products

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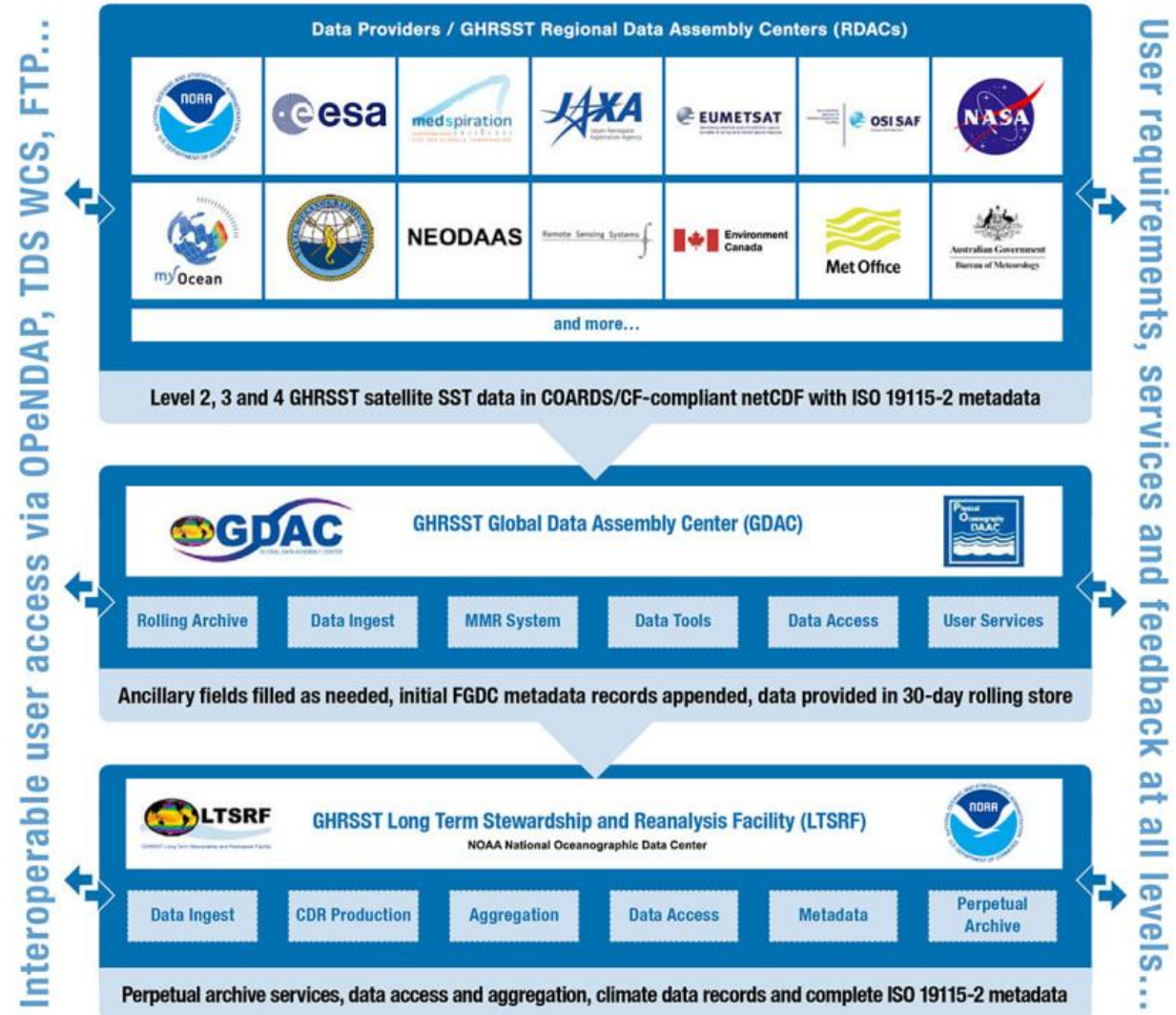
# SST: the international framework



**GHR SST**  
GROUP FOR HIGH RESOLUTION  
SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE

<https://www.ghrsst.org/>

**NRT: products** within few hours  
**REP: consistent** re-processed  
time series

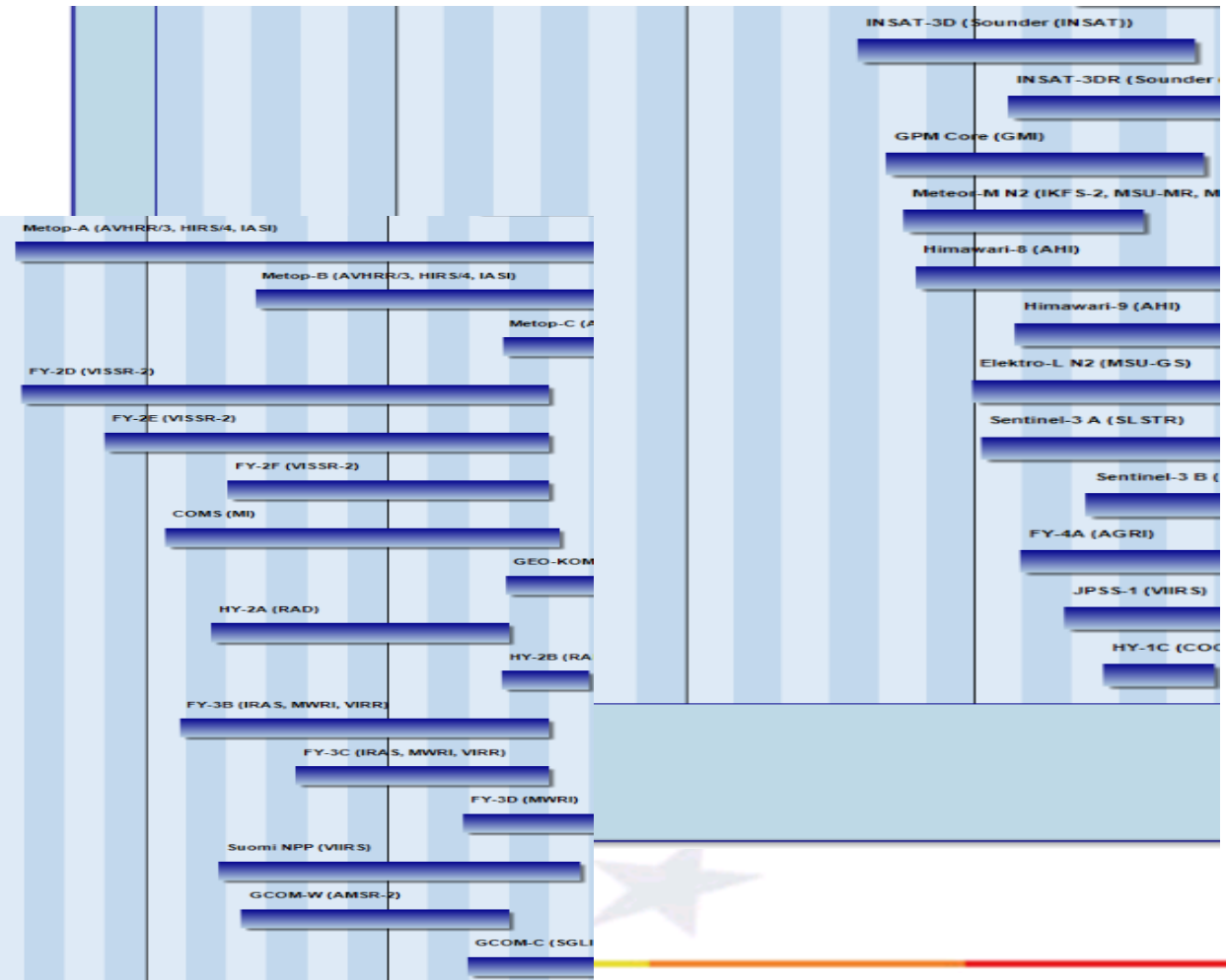
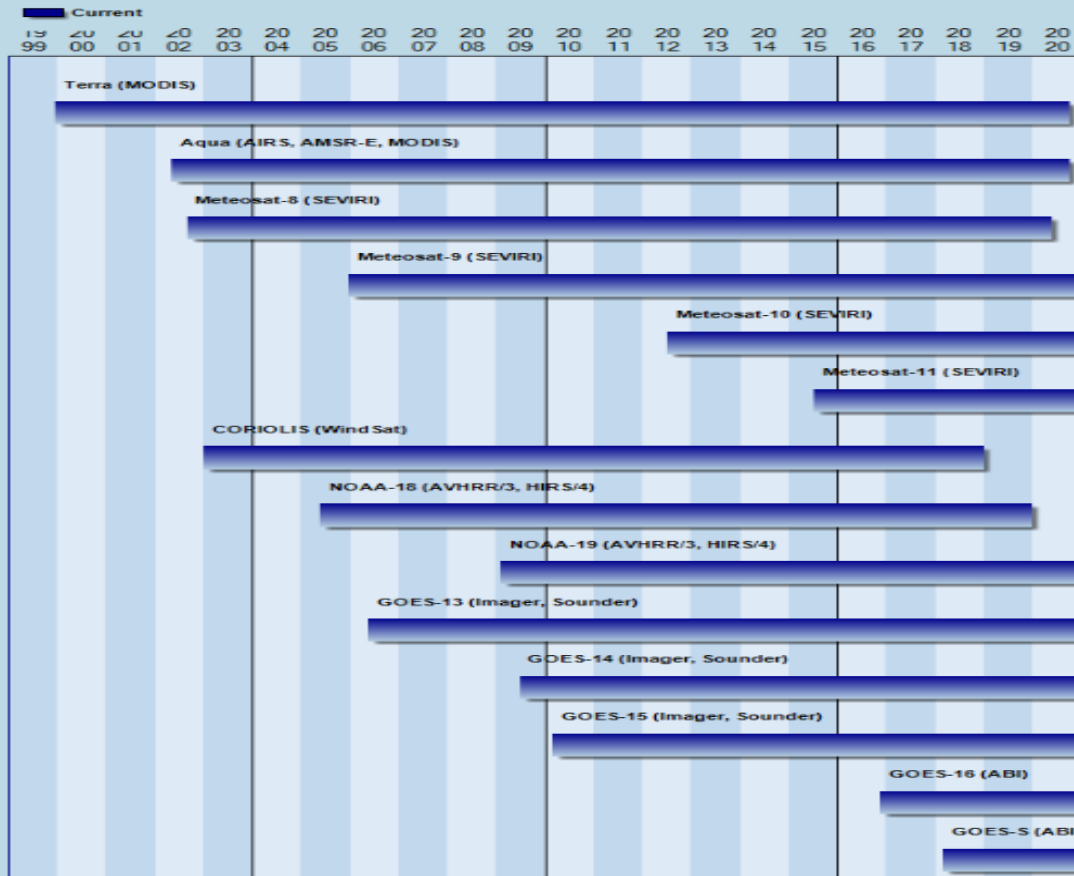




# SST constellation

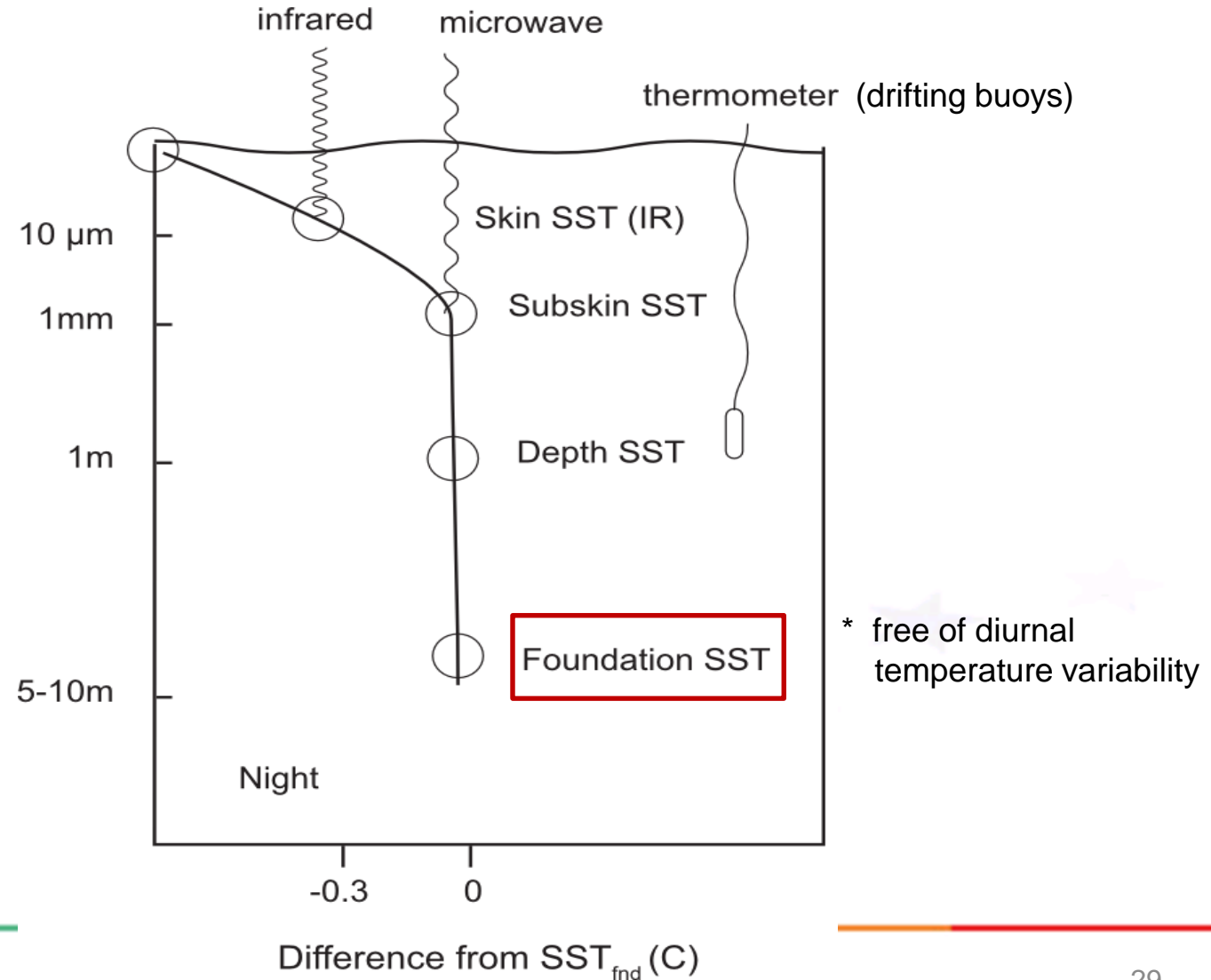
## SURFACE TEMPERATURE (OCEAN)

Current Missions



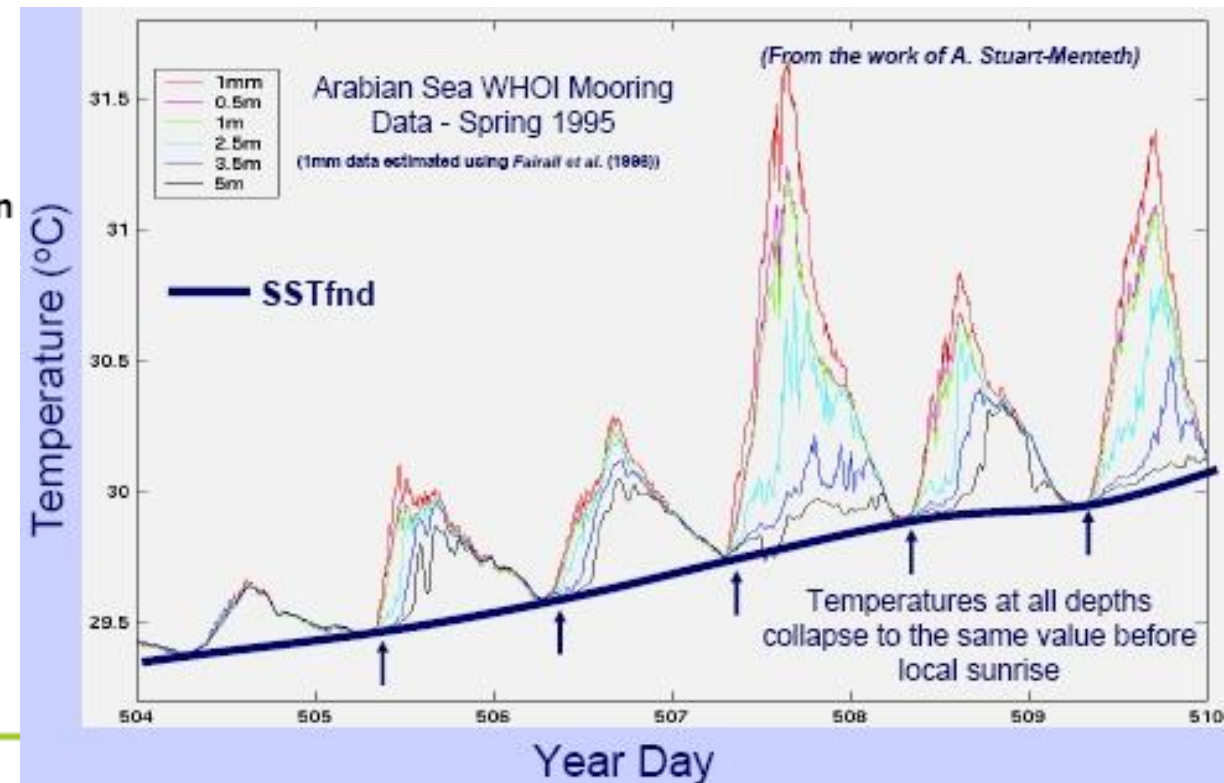
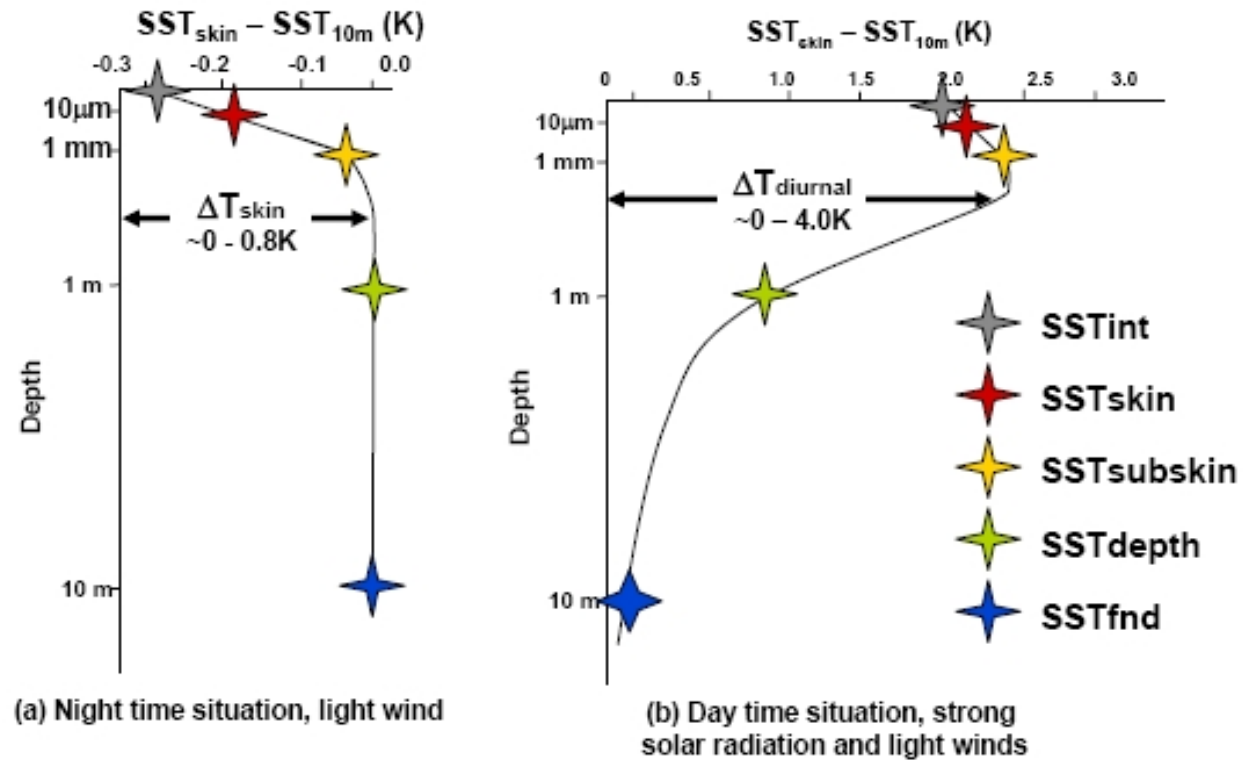
# GHR SST: common SST definitions

- SST definitions are related to the instruments and to the retrieval algorithm used
- Satellite products may provide different SSTs





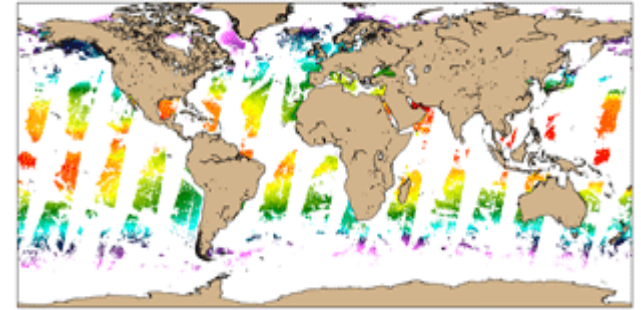
# SST: diurnal cycle



# SST Satellite product definitions, pros/cons

## L2P (Pre-processed):

- the lowest level SST observations
- provide the highest number of true observations in time (at the original spatial resolution “pixel”)
- have limited coverage: single passages, no data under clouds (IR), rain (MW)
- do not include any adjustment of biases among different sensors/overpasses
- provided with Sensor Specific Error Statistics: provide an estimate of systematic and random errors at pixel level + quality level flags



**Advanced  
users**

## Skin & subskin SST

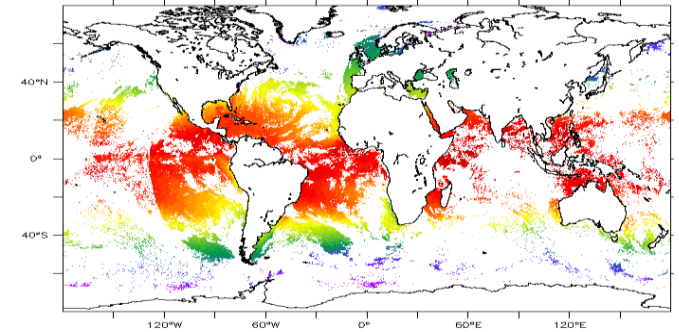
Producers: NASA, NOAA, EUMETSAT, OSI-SAF, ESA...



# SST Satellite product definitions, pros/cons

## **L3S** (Super-collated):

- combine observations from multiple sensors/passes
- providing higher coverage and including an adjustment of biases
- provide a composite/average
- are still affected by data voids due to cloud/rain.



## **Subskin SST, night-time data only (=Foundation SST)**

Odyssea, Ifremer, CMEMS

SST\_GLO\_SST\_L3S\_NRT\_OBSERVATIONS\_010\_010

- Global: 0.1° horizontal resolution, daily (each grid point is dated)

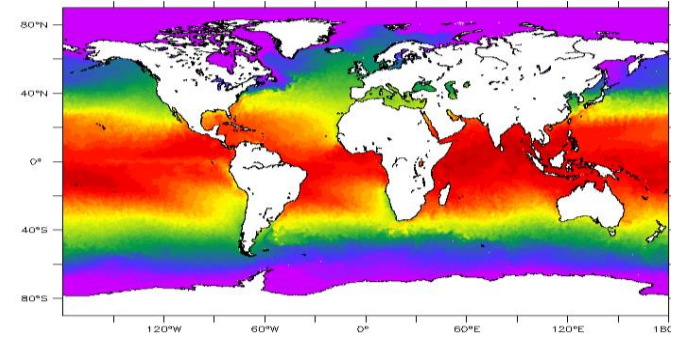
SST\_EUR\_SST\_L3S\_NRT\_OBSERVATIONS\_010\_009\_A

- European North Western Shelves: 0.02° horizontal resolution, daily

# SST Satellite product definitions, pros/cons

## L4 (gridded):

- generated by combining satellite and in situ observations within Optimal Interpolation/Variational methods
- gap-free maps → original data smoothed (degree of smoothing, homogeneity of spectral content in space depend on the algorithm/configuration)



## Foundation SST

Ostia, Met Office, CMEMS

SST\_GLO\_SST\_L4\_NRT\_OBSERVATIONS\_010\_001

Global: 0.05° horizontal resolution, daily

## Skin SST

Ostia, Met Office, CMEMS

SST\_GLO\_SST\_L4\_NRT\_OBSERVATIONS\_010\_014

Global: 0.25° horizontal resolution, **hourly**



# Many more products...

## GHR SST MULTI-PRODUCT ENSEMBLE (GMPE)

Each day the GHR SST Multi-product Ensemble ( GMPE ) experiment, coordinated by the GHR SST Inter-Calibration TAG (IC-TAG), produces a median SST map and associated standard deviation map using SST analysis data collected over the last 24 hour period (i.e. yesterday). Thus, the nominal analysis time for the GMPE median ensemble SST is 12:00Z for the previous day (i.e., T-1). The image data sets are updated each day ~13:30Z.

The GMPE median ensemble SST map (click [here](#)) is computed as a median average using a variety of GHR SST L4 analysis products after their differing analysis grids have been homogenised by area averaging onto a standard 0.5° lat/lon grid. Although several analyses provide greater coverage (such as large lakes) the median-ensemble SST coverage is restricted by the use of the OSTIA analysis land mask. The GMPE median ensemble SST is currently derived using the following inputs:

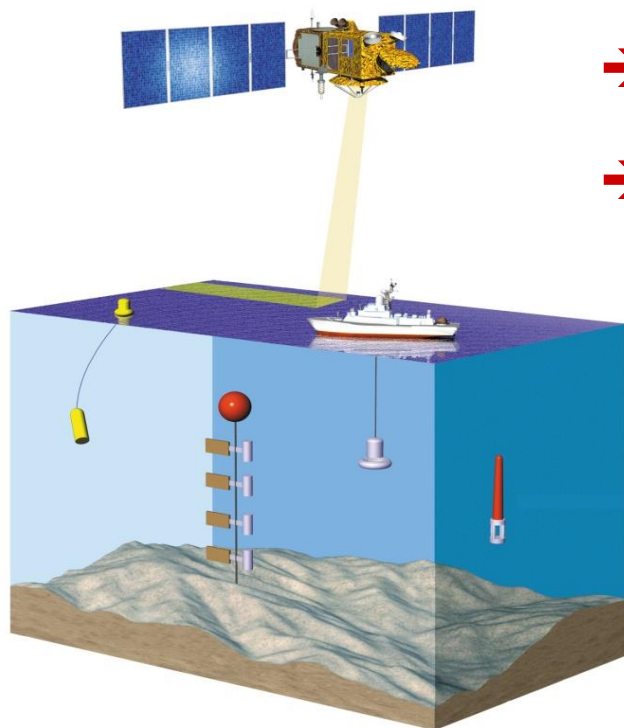
- Met Office OSTIA SST analysis
- NCEP RTG SST HR SST analysis
- NAVOCEANO NAVO K10 SST observations
- JMA MGD SST SST analysis
- RSS RSS MW Fusion SST analysis
- RSS RSS MW+IR Fusion SST analysis
- FNMOG GHR SST-PP SST and sea Ice analysis
- Ifremer ODYSSEA SST analysis
- NOAA AVHRR OI (Reynolds).
- Meteorological Service of Canada (CMC) 1/3 degree SST analysis.
- BMRC GAMSSA SST analysis

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➤ Product User Manual

➤ Quality Information Document

The screenshot shows the CMEMS website interface. The top navigation bar includes the European Commission logo, the Copernicus Marine Service logo, and the Mercator Ocean International logo. The main header reads "COPERNICUS MARINE ENVIRONMENT MONITORING SERVICE" and "Providing PRODUCTS and SERVICES for all marine applications". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for ABOUT US, USE CASES & MARKETS, NEWS, SCIENCE & MONITORING, TRAINING & EDUCATION, and SERVICES PORTFOLIO. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area displays "YOUR SEARCH" results for the query "SEA\_LEVEL\_". It shows 10 ocean products matching the criteria. The first product is "SEALEVEL\_GLO\_PHY\_L4\_NRT\_OBSERVATIONS\_008\_046", described as "GLOBAL OCEAN GRIDDED L4 SEA SURFACE HEIGHTS AND DERIVED VARIABLES NRT". The search parameters are: REGIONAL DOMAIN: All areas; PARAMETERS: SSH UVG; TEMPORAL COVERAGE: From 1992-01-01 to 2019-05-10. A small globe icon is visible next to the product name.

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