

Relevance of passive microwave data for the activities in the Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS) and Mercator

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- Use of PMW in SST CMEMS products
- Use of PMW in Sea Ice CMEMS products
- Ice data assimilation in Mercator ocean and ice analysis system
- SSS data assimilation in Mercator global ocean analysis system
- Conclusion





#### The Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service

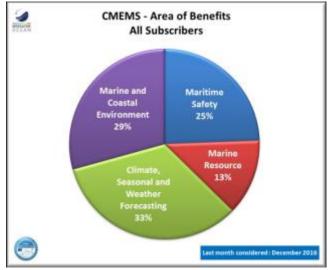
The Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS) provides regular and systematic reference information on the physical state, variability and dynamics of the ocean and marine ecosystems for the global ocean and the European regional seas with a free open access to the datasets.

A network of European producers

The service is targeted around four main areas of benefits: Maritime Safety, Coastal and Marine Environment, Marine Resources, and Weather, Seasonal Forecasting and Climate activities.

**Generic** to serve a **wide range of downstream applications**. More than 8500 registered users



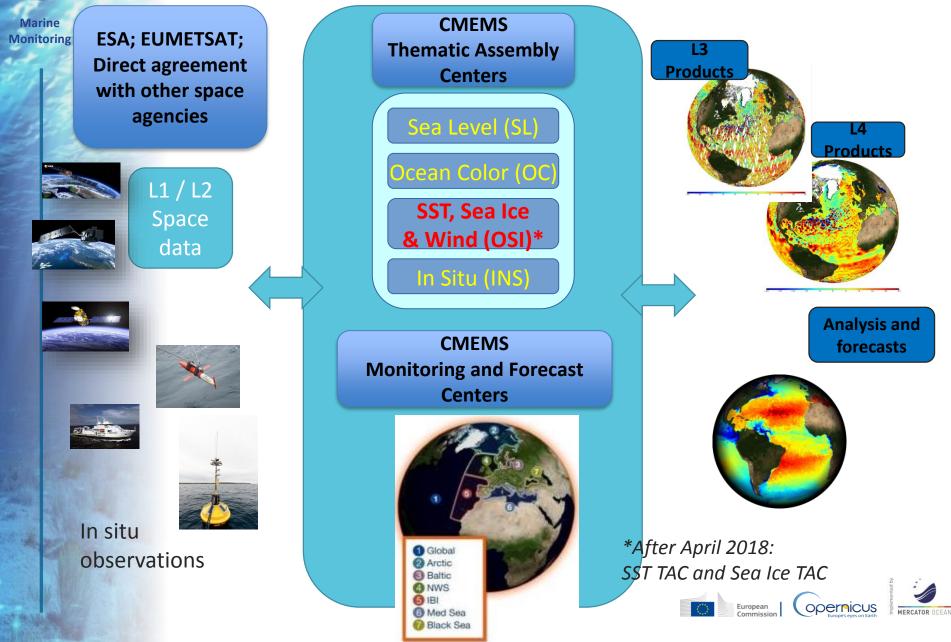


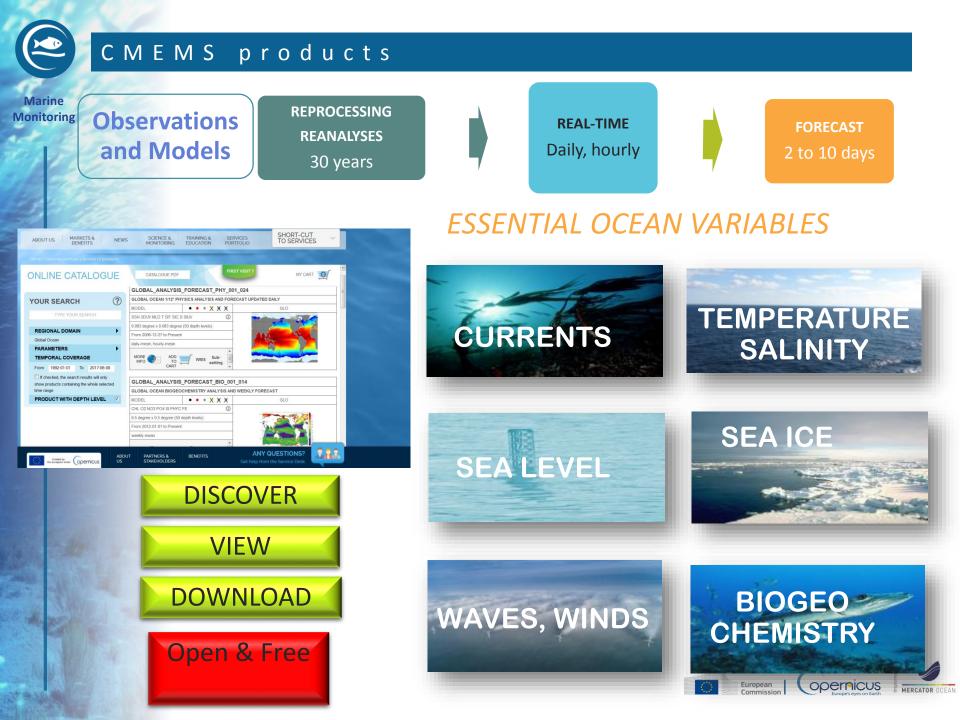
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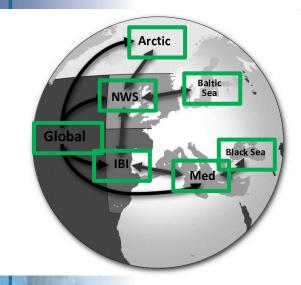
Multi-frequency Passive microwave Radiometry	Low-resolution (~25 km) sea ice concentration, area and extent, sea ice types, and sea ice drift. Sea surface temperature, near surface wind speed.	
L-band passive microwaves*		
SAR	SAR High-resolution for iceberg, sea ice deformation, drift, sea ice roughness, le and ridges.	
Scatterometry	Medium-resolution (~10 km) sea ice concentration, area and extent, sea ice types, and sea ice drift. Wind vector in ice free waters.	
Altimetry*	Sea ice freeboard height and snow depth. Open ocean sea level and sea surface height and hence dynamic topography and surface geostrophic current.	
IR radiometry	netry High-resolution sea and ice surface temperature	
Spectrometry	Chlorophyll a concentration and distribution. Used for estimation of phytoplankton concentration.	

\* Note that the sea ice thickness presently derived from Cryosat 2 and SMOS is not yet in the list of CMEMS satellite high level products. However, the data are used for model validation and data assimilation tests are underway in the data are used for model validation and data assimilation tests are underway. It is likely that a near real time sea ice thickness product will be added in the OSI TAC portfolio for CMEMS Phase II (2018-2021).



#### Catalogue of product: SST

# Temperature & Salinity



#### **Model products**

**TEMPERATURE (T)** 

SALINITY (S)

From - 6000 m to surface

Forecast, NRT and Reanalysis

Source: MFC

In Situ Observation products TEMPERATURE (T) SALINITY (S) From – 6000 m to surface NRT and Reprocessing Source: INSITU TAC Satellite Observation products SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE (SST) L3 and L4 NRT and Reprocessing

Source: OSI TAC



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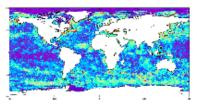
### CMEMS SST products

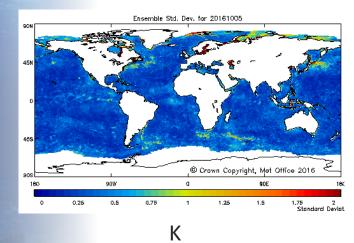
#### GLOBAL OCEAN SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE MULTI PRODUCT ENSEMBLE (GMPE)

#### Satellite-observation, Temperature, Near-real-time, Global-ocean

For The Global Ocean- The GHRSST Multi-Product Ensemble (GMPE) system has been implemented at the UK Met Office which takes inputs from various analysis production centres on a routine basis and produces ensemble products at 0.25deg.x0.25deg. horizontal resolution.







- 0.25 degree grid
- Daily
- Median
- Standard deviations
- Anomalies
- Gradients
- From 2009

#### GLOBAL OCEAN OSTIA SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE AND SEA ICE ANALYSIS

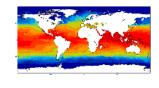
#### Satellite-observation, Sea-ice, Temperature, Near-real-time, Global-ocean

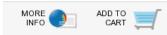
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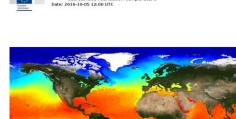
For the Global Ocean- the OSTIA global foundation Sea Surface Temperature product provides daily gap-free maps of:

- Foundation Sea Surface Temperature at 0.05° x 0.05° horizontal resolution, using in-situ and satellite data from both infra-red and micro-wave radiometers
- Sea Surface Temperature anomaly from the Pathfinder climatology at 0.25° x 0.25° horizontal resolution
- Estimates of SST bias in each of the satellites contributing to the OSTIA SST analysis at 0.25° x 0.25° horizontal resolution.Monthly and seasonal means of the daily Sea Surface Temperature product at 0.25° x 0.25° horizontal resolution are also available. This product provides the foundation Sea Surface Temperature which is the surface temperature free of diurnal variability

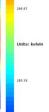
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0.05 deg daily (METOFFICE-GLO-SST-L4-NRT-OBS-SST-V2) L4 OSTIA SST and Sea Ice Analysis



- 0.05 degree grid
- Daily
- Foundation SST
- From 2007
- Reprocessed available

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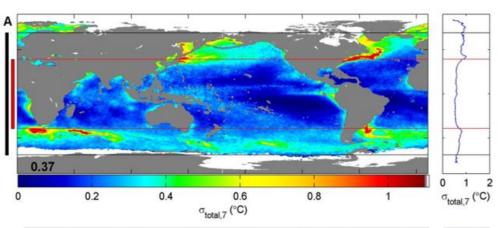
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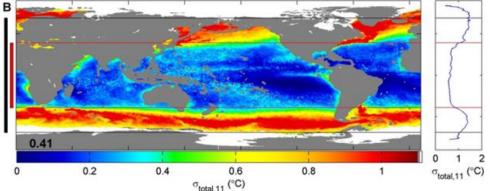
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#### The benefit to SST retrievals using ~7GHz and ~11GHz channels Standard deviation of

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- differences between AMSR-E and Reynolds SST for top (7GHz AMSR-E SST) and bottom (11GHz AMSR-E SST).
- Map using 11GHz demonstrates significant errors above 40 degree latitude for both hemispheres, due to decreased sensitivity to colder SST at 11 GHz.
- Importance of 6-7GHz channel • at high-latitudes.

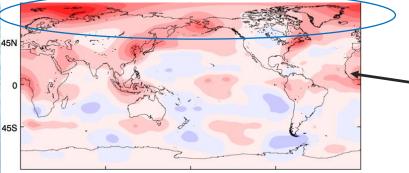
From Gentemann et al. (2010).



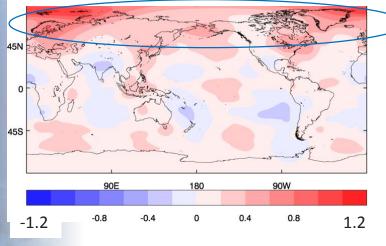
#### Sensors wrt Reference Data

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Mean AMSR2 bias to OSTIA reference, Jan 2016 (K)



Mean VIIRS bias to OSTIA reference, Jan 2016 (K)



#### AMSR2 and VIIRS bias vs OSTIA reference dataset which is in situ and high quality subset of MetOp AVHRR

- AVHRR sensitive to aerosols
  - AMSR2 large positive "bias" coast of Africa for AMSR2 - Saharan aerosols.
- AMSR2 is being "corrected" and losing good data.

Both AMSR2 and VIIRS warmer than reference dataset in the Arctic. NOAA AVHRR also warmer in the Arctic than MetOp AVHRR.

The agreement of independent datasets (IR and MW) suggests the MetOp AVHRR reference data is too cold in the Arctic.

-> Switching to use VIIRS as the reference in OSTIA improved the quality of the product as measured against Argo data.



### Current status of the different "sensors"



#### Low Earth Orbit IR

- Currently have several sensors in operation
- Status: <u>Satisfactory</u>

#### **Geostationary IR**

- Geostationary constellation well supported
- Status: <u>Satisfactory (TBC)</u>

#### Low Earth Orbit PMW

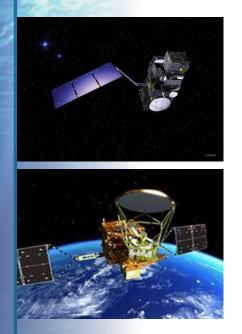
- Microwave satellites limited and without (presently usable) redundancy
- AMSR2 main workhorse: no confirmed continuity of plans for an AMSR-2
- Products available in GHRSST L2P format from JAXA and RSS
- Status: Sub-critical need redundant capability for global data

(GHRSST analysis)



#### SST satellite requirements overview

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A range of sensors (IR and MW) and platforms (polar/geostationary) giving wide coverage of the globe each day.

Key features such as:

- Sensor(s) yielding very high quality reference SSTs.
  - SLSTR on the Sentinel 3 satellites is hoped to provide this.
- **Microwave** sensor(s) for a regular space/time coverage even in frequently **cloudy** locations.
  - AMSR2 currently provides this. What will replace it when it ceases to function?
- Sensors on geostationary satellites
  - for the the diurnal cycle in SST.

-> complementarity with the in situ surface temperature (mainly from Argo and surface drifters)



#### Passive Microwave Requirements

Marine Monitoring Passive Microwave Radiometers (PMW) for SST retrievals is an essential component of global constellation of SST sensors.

Provides temperature of ocean under **clouds**, not possible from infrared sensors, albeit **with poorer spatial** resolution.

- areas of extensive and persistent cloud cover
- in case of a large volcanic event
- Areas of high aerosol

**Impact studies** of SST analyses / ocean forecasts show PMW importance:

- For **verification** of SST analyses (and inter-comparisons) at the poles.
- Improves feature definition (e.g. fronts) esp. where persistent cloud.
- Improvement in RMSD, particularly at high latitudes.

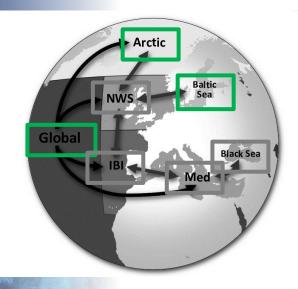
Sustainable passive microwave SST observations are also very important in the global ocean as well as in polar regions.

-> SST from PMW is a crucial contribution providing input to weather forecasting and CMEMS ocean and analysis and forecasting models. The future for PMW SSTs is very uncertain and as, of today, CMEMS cannot solely rely on USA or Japan contributing missions.



### Catalogue of products





#### Model products

SEA ICE COVERAGE, THICKNESS, DRIFT, SURFACE TEMPERATURE

Surface

NRT, Forecast and analysis

Source: 3 MFCS (Arctic, Baltic and Global)

In Situ Observation products

#### Satellite Observation products

ICE ST, SEA ICE COVERAGE, THICKNESS, DRIFT, EDGE, TYPE, ICEBERG DENSITY

Surface

NRT and Reprocessing

Source: OSI TAC

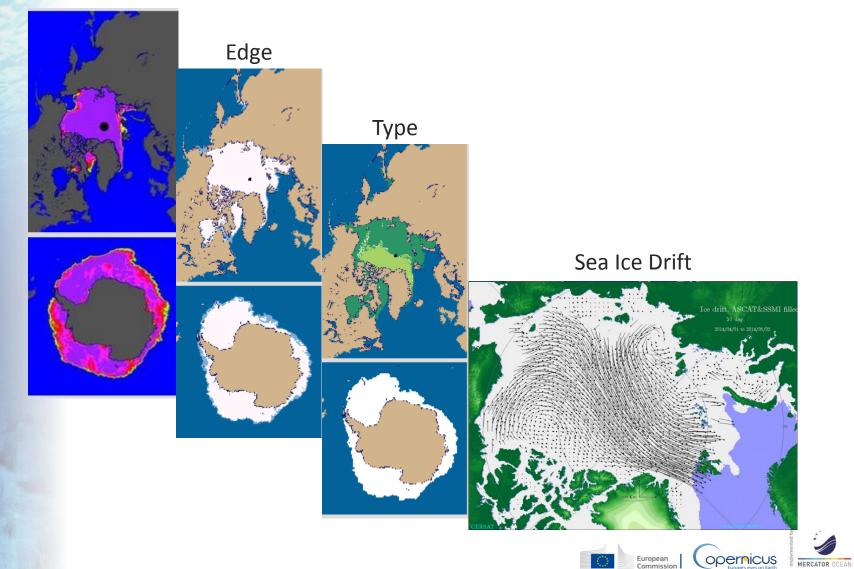




# Sea Ice products including PMW measurements

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#### Satellite sea ice thickness

#### CryoSat2:

#### Monitoring Pro:

- Thick ice
- High resolution along track 300m.

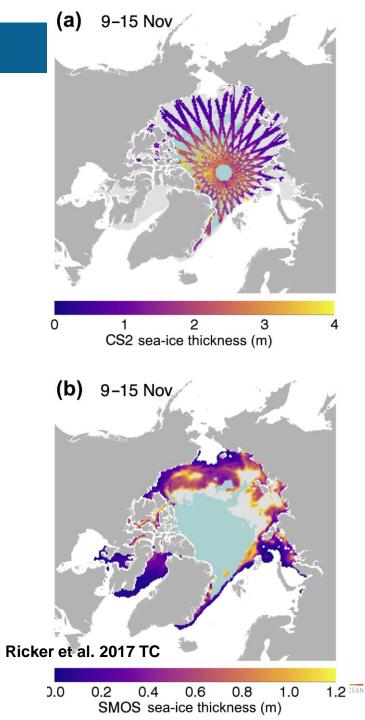
Contra:

- Low coverage
- Requires long processing windows
- High latency
- Imprecise in thin ice (small freeboard)
- Uncertainty with snow
- Not available in summer

#### SMOS:

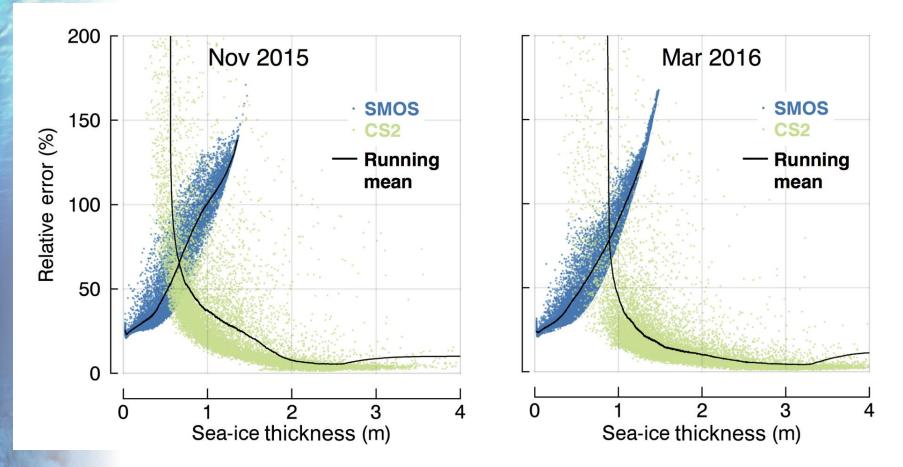
#### Pro:

- Daily full coverage, October March
- Better for NRT operations Contra:
- Coarse resolution ~35 km.
- Only 0 to 0.5m in level ice
- Until 1.5 m in deformed ice
- Not available in Summer



#### Satellite ice thickness: relative uncertainties

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What about biases? ...

Ricker et al. 2017 TC





# Evolution of the ice DA component in the Mercator system

#### **Assimilation**

- SAM2 / 3D-FGAT innovation (First Guess at Appropriate Time) / IAU (Incremental Analysis Update)/ Local 2D Technic.
- 3D-VAR Large Scale Biases Correction

#### **Assimilated Observations**

- SST
- Altimetry (Envisat, Jason, Cryosat2,...)
- In situ (T,S) (Argo) from CORA (CMEMS) data base
- Hybrid Mean Dynamical Topography (MDT)
- Assimilation switched off in ice covered areas

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- Implementation of **OSI SAF** sea ice concentration assimilation into a multi category sea ice model context (**LIM3**).
- A 2007-2014 reanalysis has been performed with a pan-Arctic configuration.

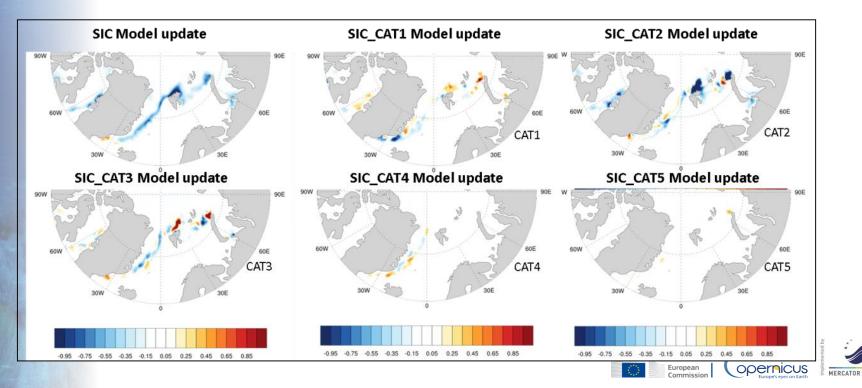




Multivariate Sea Ice Model update

The SIC innovation is projected on total SIC variable of the state vector and each category of SIC is extrapolated statistically using covariance and through the sea ice analysis.

Total SIC increment analysis (top left), increment for each single category with LIM3 having 5 categories (28th December 2006)



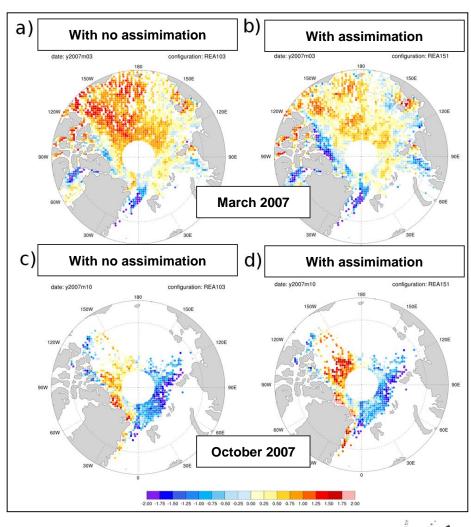
Impact of SIC (OSI SAF) data assimilation:

A 2007-2014 short reanalysis has been performed with the updated **pan-Arctic configuration at 1/4°**.

• Assimilation of sea ice concentration into a multi category sea ice model context has been successfully implemented.

• This reanalysis improves the sea ice thickness representation in winter.

#### Differences with ICESat-GSFC ice thickness



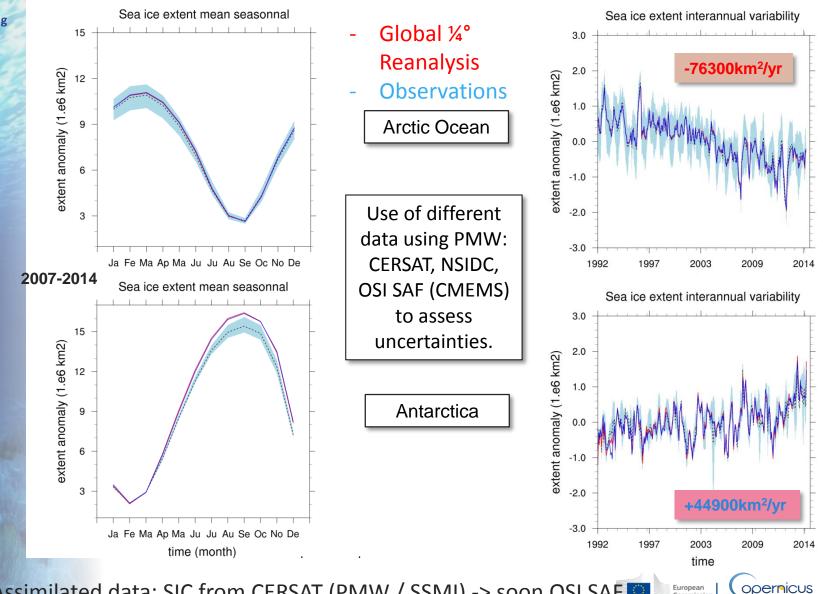
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#### data assimilation in Mercator S e a I c e

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Assimilated data: SIC from CERSAT (PMW / SSMI) -> soon OSI SAF

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### Perspectives:

- LIM3 sea ice model and NEMO3.6 for the next real time and reanalysis system in 2019, with a sea ice multi-category assimilation.

- Assimilation of Cryosat-2/SMOS SIT merged product in LIM3 sea ice model:

first tests with the pan-Arctic configuration implementation in the global system.



# Specific Requirements from CMEMS: Polar regions

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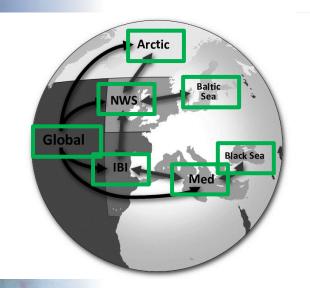
Improvements of the satellite observations over these areas are of paramount importance to ensure that future user needs, in terms of resolution and data availability and of resolution will be satisfied.

- Sustainable operation of medium-resolution (5-10 km) multi-frequency and polarization passive microwave observations of SST, sea ice lead fraction and sea ice concentration, area and extent.
- Continuation of the Cryosat-2 mission to monitor sea ice thickness, continental ice shelves elevation changes and contribute to the observation of the ocean surface topography in ice free regions.
- Reliable retrieval of **sea level in the leads** to reach the retrieval accuracy required to monitor Climate Change.
- Continuation of **SMOS** like observations of **thin sea ice** below 0.5 m.
- Automated production of ice chart-like products from a combination of SAR data and other data (e.g. bi-static SAR, passive microwave, multi-frequency SAR).
- Reliable retrieval of ocean colour in the marginal ice zone.

CMEMS requirements for the evolution of the Copernicus Satellite Component (February 2017)

### Catalogue of products

# Temperature & Salinity



SMOS SSS is not a CMEMS product

#### Model products

**TEMPERATURE (T)** 

- SALINITY (S)
- From 6000 m to surface

Forecast, NRT and Reanalysis

Source: MFC

In Situ Observation products TEMPERATURE (T) SALINITY (S) From – 6000 m to surface NRT and Reprocessing Source: INSITU TAC Satellite Observation products SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE (SST) L3 and L4 NRT and Reprocessing Source: OSI TAC



#### Marine

Monitoring The salinity is an ocean variable playing a key role in the ocean variability.

→Observing this Sea Surface Salinity (SSS) is crucial for monitoring, understanding and forecasting the ocean circulation, water cycle and climate changes.

The launch of ESA's SMOS mission (2009-Now) as well as NASA's Aquarius (2011-2015) and SMAP missions (2015-Now) provide for the first time satellite measurements of SSS.

Several studies already demonstrated the ability of SMOS and Aquarius missions to provide useful and new information on SSS.

**BUT,** these data are not widely used by the ocean modelling community and in particular by the ocean forecasting centers

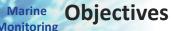
→ Land contamination, RFI, latitudinal bias, galactic noise and so on

→ Technical challenges of assimilating SSS data and assessing the impact of these data in the forecasting systems.

The SSS products are still in development and constantly evolving toward an increased quality.



#### SMOS-Nino2015 ESA project



Design, implement and perform an **Observing System Experiment** of the **SSS** with different operational ocean forecasting systems.

- UK MetOffice: global ¼° ocean forecasting system with a 3DVar FGAT DA and a bias correction
- Mercator Ocean: global ¼° ocean forecasting system with SAM2 and a 3DVar large scale bias correction
- Provide feedbacks to the operational forecasting community (GODAE Ocean View), promote and enhance the use the SSS SMOS products
- Refine the requirements for SSS (Sea Surface Salinity) after the analysis of the errors associated with these experiments

Context: the onset and evolution of the **2015/16 El Niño event** 

https://www.godae-oceanview.org/projects/smos-nino15/



#### SMOS-Nino2015 ESA project

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Data assimilation of different data sets: daily/weekly products from:

- ESA's SMOS
- Aquarius (V4.0)
- SMAP (V2.0)

SSS data assimilation between 40°S and 40°N. All other observations routinely assimilated are kept (SLA, SST and in-situ observations).

FOAM salinity (psu) psy3v3r3 salinity until 25-12-2015 near 0m 01/07/201 → The freshening 2015 increases in the West 2015 from 2013 to 2015. The onset of the El-Niño 01/01/2014 מוב 2014 2015/16 event is evident in the SSS from both 01/01/2014 2014 systems. 0 01012013 2013 90.0 120.0 150.0 180.0 210 0 240 0 270 0 Longitude 200 100 150 250

Hovmöller diagrams of salinity along the Equator in the Pacific

Monitor Observing System Experiments with the Mercator global ocean ¼°

- **REFERENCE experiment** (January 2014 to March 2016) : Assimilation of the current network (SLA (along tracks), satellite SST (OSTIA), in situ profiles (no salinity TAO/TRITON moorings) and NO satellite SSS assimilation.
- <u>SMOS</u> (2015-March 2016):
   REFERENCE + <u>SMOS CEC-LOCEAN v2-18km,25km, 4 days (debiased)</u>

<u>AQUARIUS/SMAP</u> (2015-March 2016):

REFERENCE + Aquarius V4.0 (1°x1°) from JPL, 7-day running mean (until May 2015) + SMAP V2.0 (0.25°x0.25°) from RSS, 8-day running mean (from June 2015)

The observation operator H for the weekly mean SSS

- No spatial filtering for SMOS and SMAP (0.25°x0.25°)
- Spatial smoothing (shapiro filter) for Aquarius (1°x1°)

→ BIAS CORRECTION: 3Dvar scheme for large scale bias correction of in-situ data and for SSS data → observation errors of SSS estimated from an adaptive method

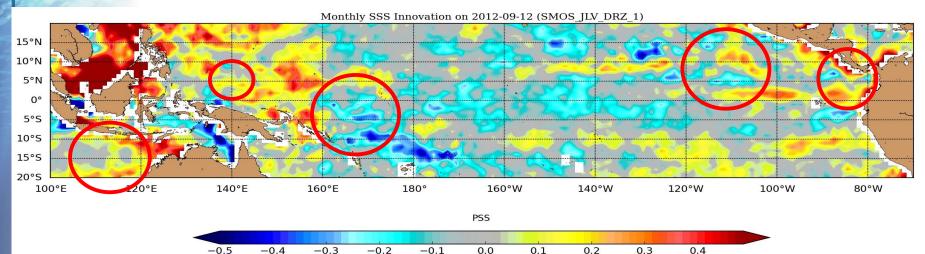


#### Data assimilation of SMOS SSS data

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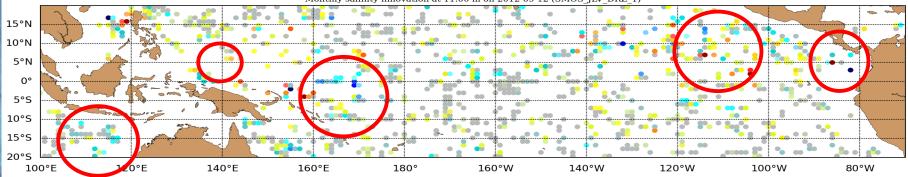
#### SSS innovation vs in-situ innovation before bias correction

#### Monthly SMOS SSS innovation



#### Monthly in-situ SSS innovation

Monthly salinity innovation at 11.00 m on 2012-09-12 (SMOS JLV DRZ 1)

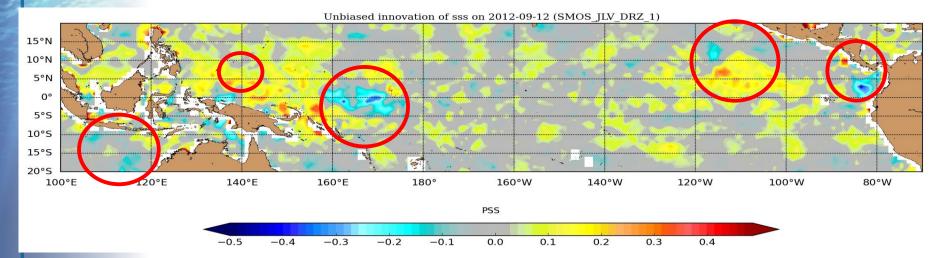


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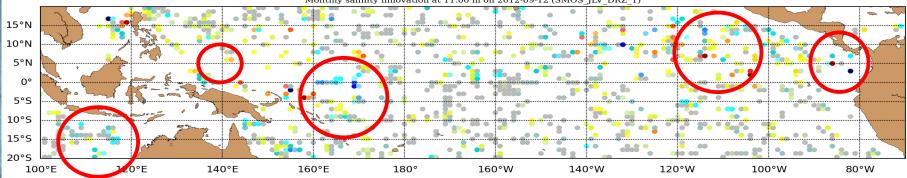
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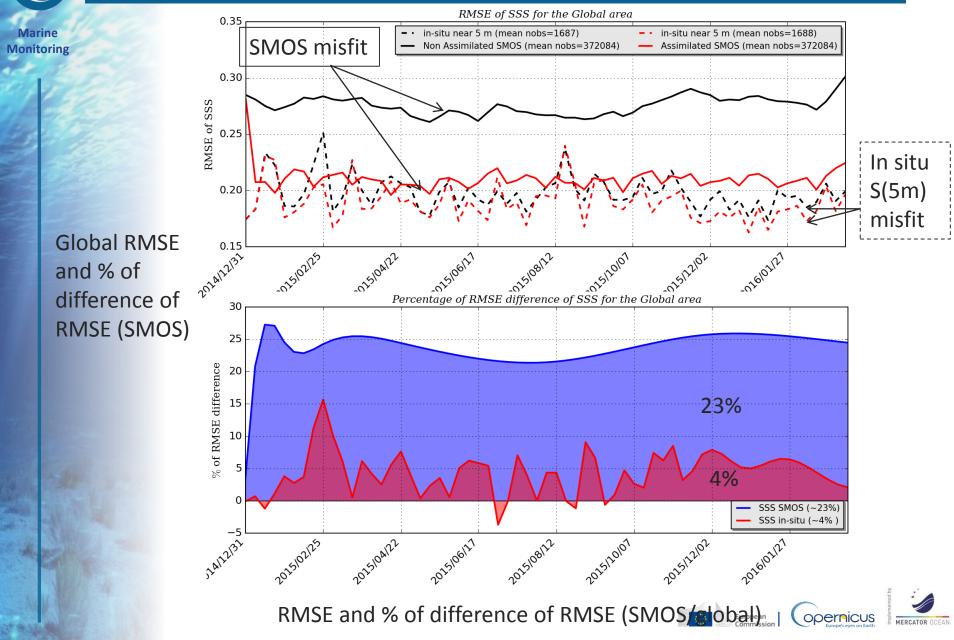
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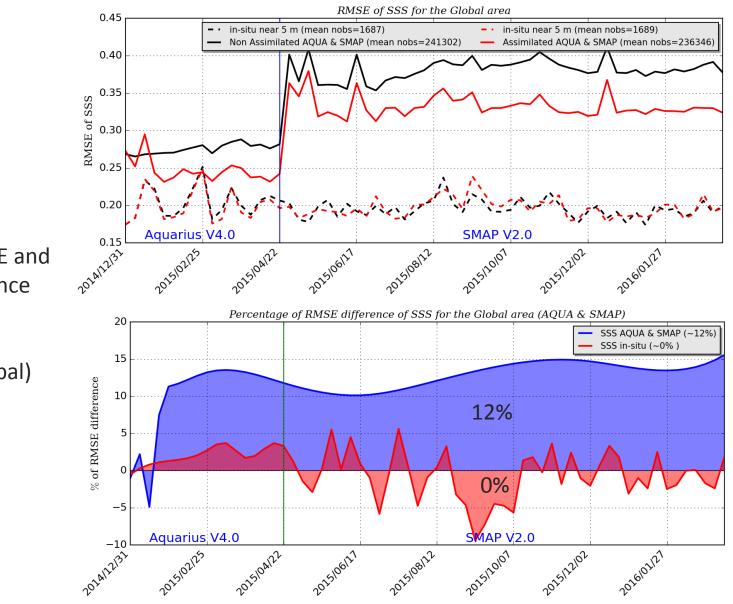
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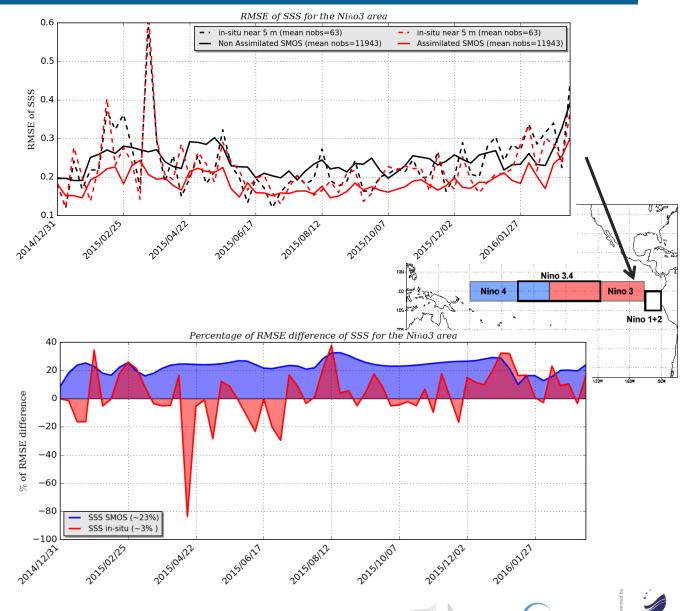
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Global RMSE and % of difference of RMSE (Aquarius &SMAP/global)

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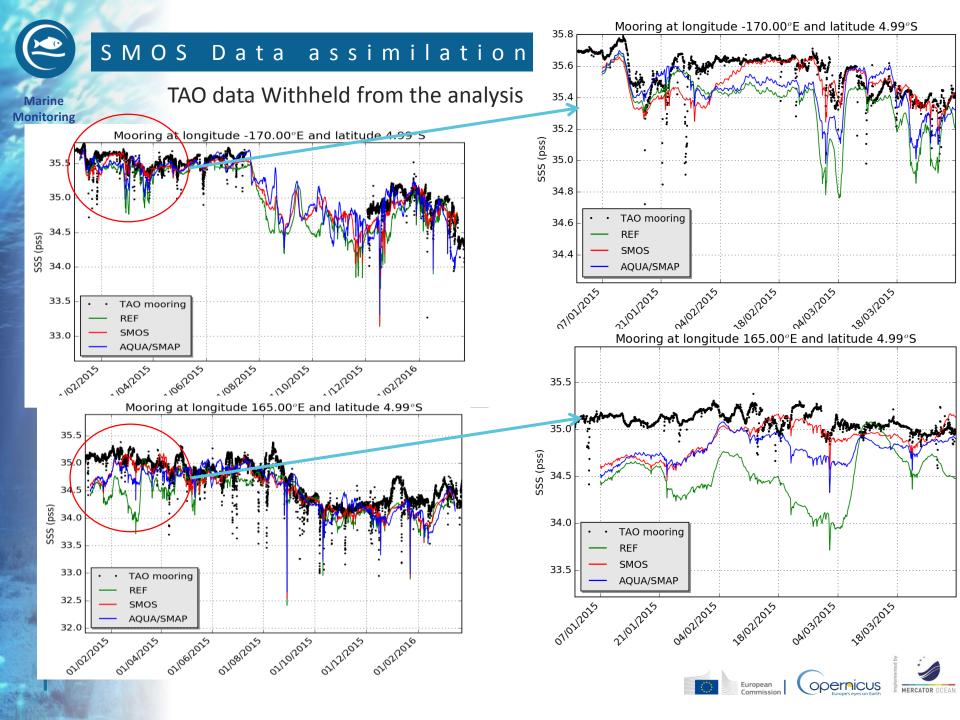
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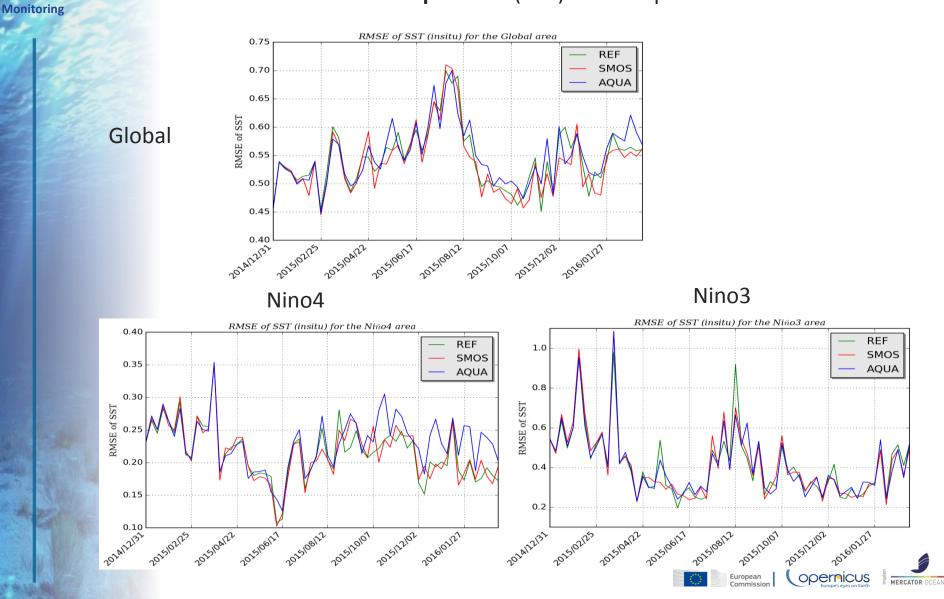
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RMSE and % of difference of RMSE (SMOS/Niño3)



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#### RMSE to in-situ temperature (5 m) for all experiments



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#### Impact of SMOS data assimilation on SSS

SSS mean differences (SMOS - REF)

-0.06

-0.02

0.02

### SSS mean differences (AQUA/SMAP - REF) ava: 0.0047psu avg: 0.01psu Min =-1.040 Psu Max = 1.837Contour 0.01 psu Contour 0.01 CLS 0.02

Saltier in the tropic  $\rightarrow$  reduce the precipitation

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Fresher at mid-latitudes  $\rightarrow$  reduce the evaporation

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The AQUA+SMAP impact is stronger. There are very similar patterns (Atlantic NECC) but the impact is opposed in the Pacific Warm Pool.

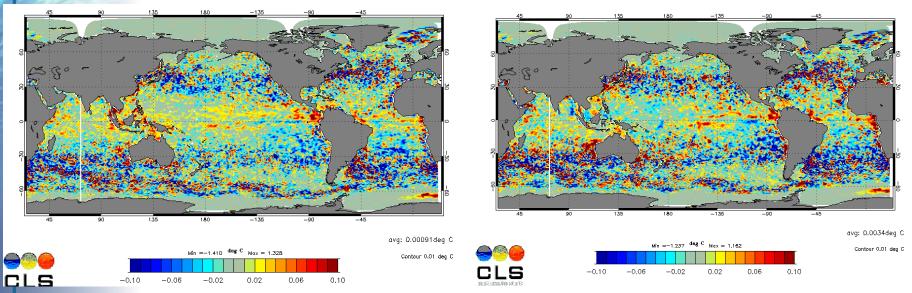


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#### Impact of SMOS data assimilation on SST

#### SST mean differences (SMOS - REF)

#### SST mean differences (AQUA/SMAP - REF)



- The impact of the SSS on the SST is not negligible.
- SSS DA generally "warms" the tropics, AQUA/SMAP cools down the Warm Pool.
- -> impact on the mixed layer bias?





DA of SSS from SMOS seems to have a positive impact on the ocean analysis and forecast

#### A bias correction is necessary

- Reduction of the RMS of SSS innovation → closer to the in-situ
- ➤ RMS of SMAP (rss product at 0.25°x0.25°) innovation is higher than for SMOS ⇒ ongoing discussions
- The SST is significantly impacted
- Misfits to insitu T/S profiles
  - Not significantly changed
     The sub-surface T/S equilibrium has changed, may be we correct too much the sea surface (SST and SSS)?
- SLA: slight improvement 
   the mean SLA increment (2015) has been reduced in the tropical Pacific.





#### Further analysis of the results are needed:

#### Impact of SSS DA at depth, especially on the stratification:

- Barrier Layer Thickness
- Increase of stratification at the base of MLD?

Focus on the Tropical Pacific Region, impact in other regions/processes:
-> in the Amazon plume region
-> in the Bay of Bengal.

Comparisons with the MetOffice experiments

Difficulty to assess the small scale changes in SSS due to the sparsity of in situ data.



#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Marine Monitoring In the post 2025 time period, **CMEMS model resolutions will be increased** by a factor of at least 3 (e.g. global 1/36°, regional 1/108°) compared to the present and more advanced data assimilation methods will be available. The objective will be to describe at fine scale the upper ocean dynamics to improve, in particular, our capabilities to describe and forecast the ocean currents and provide better boundary conditions for very high resolution coastal models (a few hundred of meters).

The three main areas of improvements are:

- Improved space/time resolution of upper ocean dynamics -> currents and salinity surface observations are required
- Better monitoring and forecasting of the coastal ocean.
- Better monitoring of biogeochemical state of ocean.

*+ specific requirements for the monitoring of the rapidly changing polar <i>regions.* 

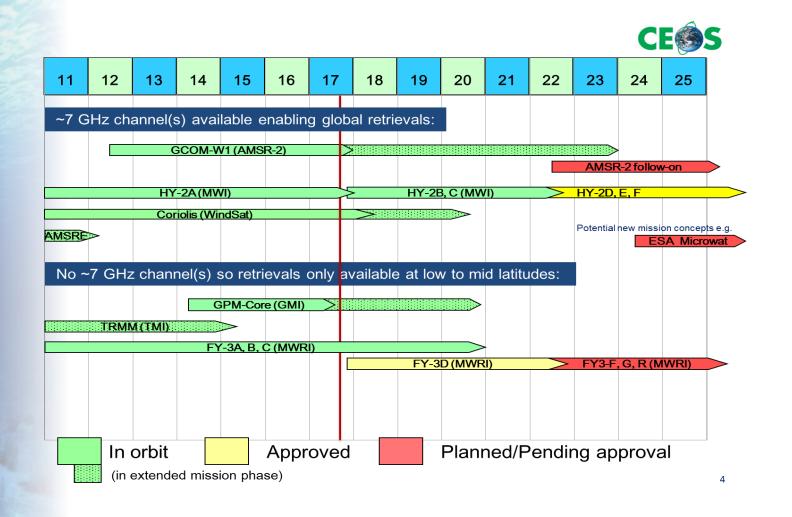
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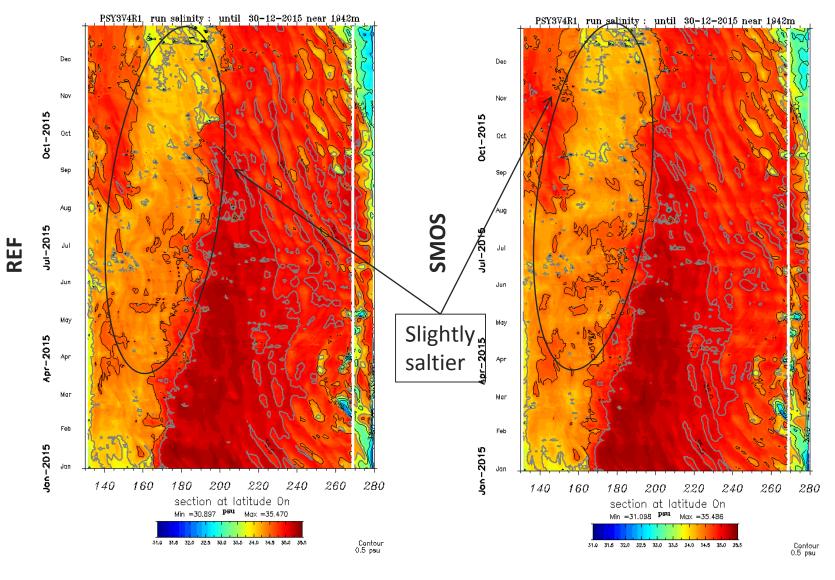
### Specific Requirements: SST

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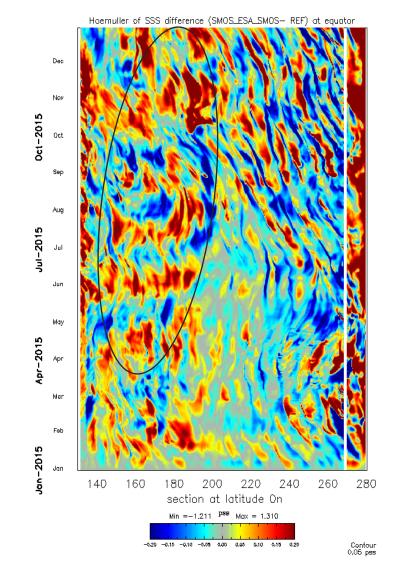


## SSS: Hoevmuller at equator





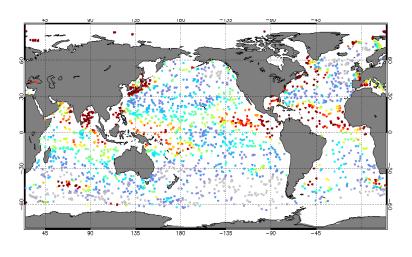
# SSS difference (SMOS-REF): Hoevmuller at the equator

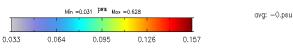


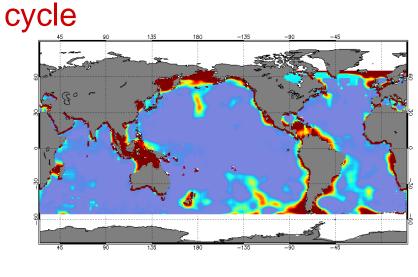
Slightly saltier

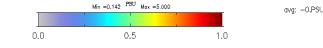


#### Data assimilation of debiased SSS: Observation errors for a DA

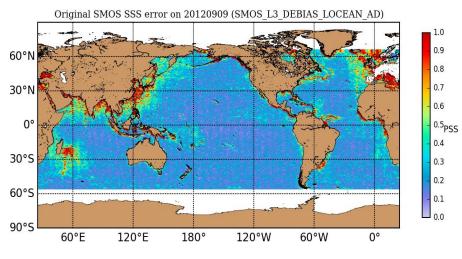








#### SSS error for in-situ data



SSS error for SMOS data diagnosed by the bias and used in the DA scheme

SSS error specified by LOCEAN



#### Ice products

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