



# ATMOS 2024



## CNR Intro

**An overview of Earth Observation activities, with a focus on terrestrial Atmosphere and its interfaces with other components of the Earth's System**

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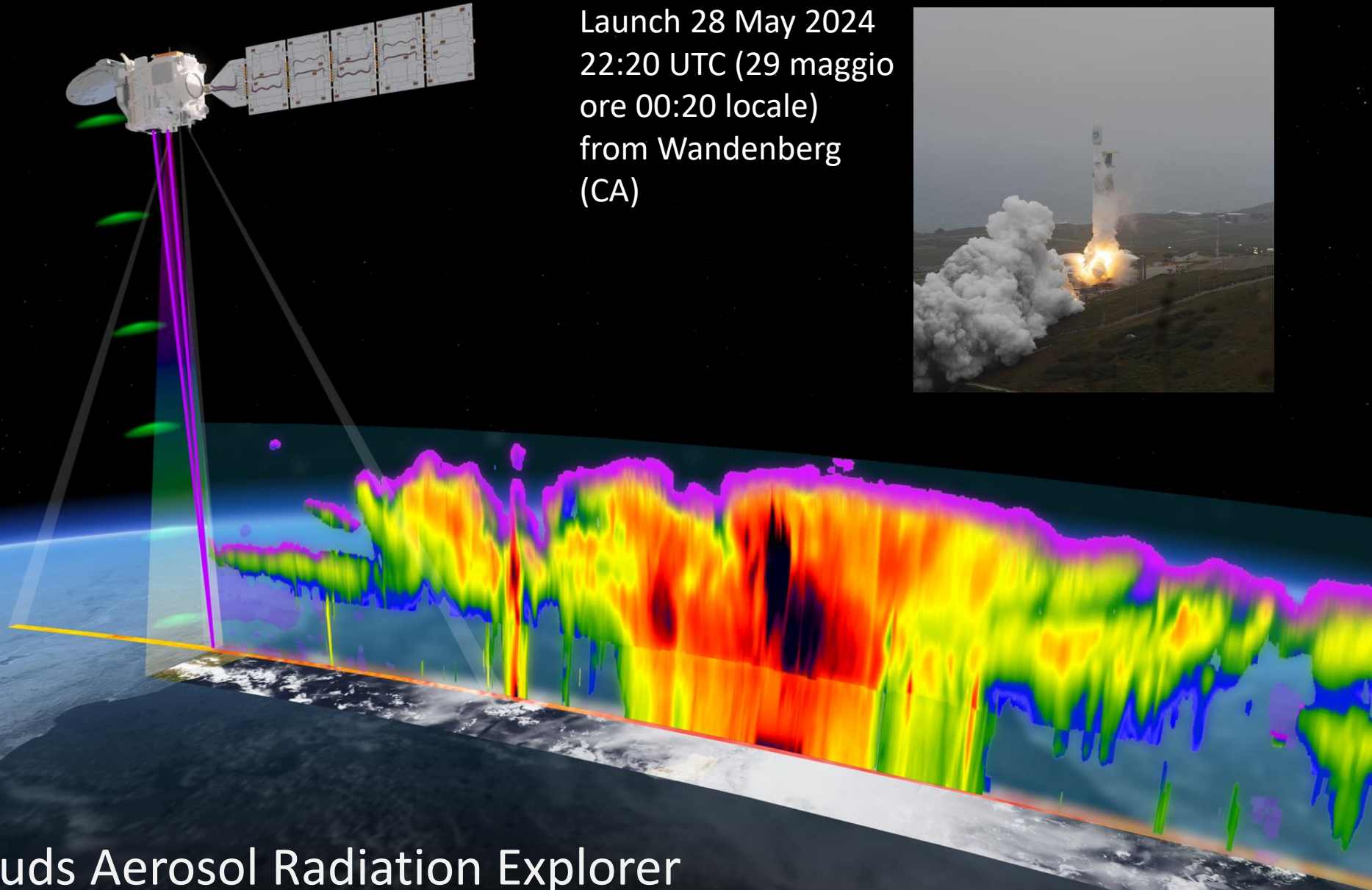
## Introduction



- In response to ESA's invitation, this opening talk provides a **brief overview of CNR's Earth Observation activities** conducted in cooperation with ESA, along with other national and international parties, and **focusing on terrestrial atmosphere and its interfaces with other components of the Earth System.**
- As the largest among the Public Research Entities (EPR) in Italy, CNR seizes the opportunity of a strong **multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary environment** especially valuable in sectors like Earth Observation from Space.
- **National collaborations with ASI, academic groups and other EPRs** (INAF, INGV, etc.) lay the necessary foundation to effectively address the challenges within the European context
- **Various interactions between CNR and ESA** are here represented in a nutshell, spanning from contributions to new mission concepts, to feasibility and requirement studies, to subsequent phases of both scientific and operational missions, including major efforts in development of new algorithms/products, and in Cal/Val activities.



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ore 00:20 locale)  
from Wandenberg  
(CA)



# EarthCARE

ESA/JAXA Earth Clouds Aerosol Radiation Explorer



## EarthCARE and CNR contributions



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- **CNR-ISAC** has been contributing to
  - **ESA EarthCARE MAG** together with top scientist colleagues from University of Reading, ECMWF, Politecnico di Torino, Stony Brook University, Leipzig Institute for Meteorology, KNMI, Environment Canada, Royal meteorological Institute of Belgium, DLR, FU Berlin, Max-Planck-Institute for Meteorology
- **CNR** is contributing to
  - **EarthCARE Validation** through “An Italian coordinated contribution to the Validation of EarthCARE products from three atmospheric observatories in the Central Mediterranean Sea” (CNR ISMAR, CNR ISAC, Sapienza, ENEA and the support of ASI through the ASI call for Ideas 2022) and “EACARE” (ACTRIS for EarthCARE L2 product evaluation)
  - **Best practices for the validation of Aerosol, Cloud, and Precipitation Profiles** initiative (CNR ISAC, ISMAR, IMAA)





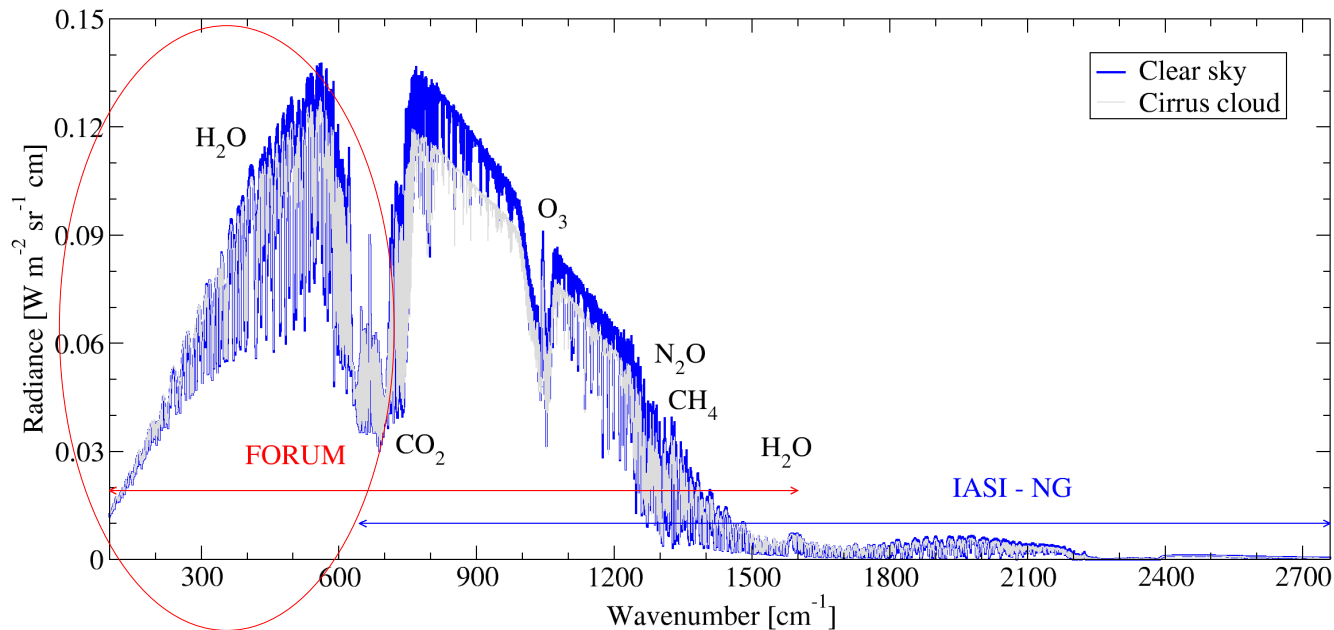
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<https://www.forum-ee9.eu/>

- Radiation Explorer for the Far-infrared (EU project 1998 Coordinated by UniBO, Italy)
- FORUM: Submitted by CNR to ESA Earth Explorer 8 (2010) – top 4 but not selected (PI. L.Palchetti)
- Earth Explorer 9 Call (Dec. 2016) – FORUM proposal submitted by CNR (PI. L.Palchetti)
  - Selected as 1 of 2 missions to enter competitive feasibility studies (Phase A, Nov. 2017)
  - Submitted Report for Mission Selection (June 2019)
  - ESA Earth Explorer 9 User Consultation Meeting (July 2019)
    - ACEO provide their recommendation to PB-EO
    - MSR: <https://www.forum-ee9.eu/forum-report-for-selection/>
- FORUM formally approved by PB-EO as the Earth Explorer 9 (Sept 2019)
- Currently in Phase C
- Launch planned for 2027

# The FORUM measurement

First global observations of the spectrally resolved Earth's OLR in the FIR with sufficient precision and absolute accuracy to evaluate the role of the FIR in shaping the current climate and thus reduce uncertainty in predictions of future climate change.



It is proposed to fly in tandem with IASI-NG to deliver a measurement of the spectrum with unprecedented coverage from **100 to 2760  $\text{cm}^{-1}$**  (3.62-100 $\mu\text{m}$ )

# Scientific support to mission preparation: field FIR campaigns

Unique FIR spectral measurements from ground and stratospheric platforms

**REFIR-PAD (CNR-INO, ASI) from 2005 to date**

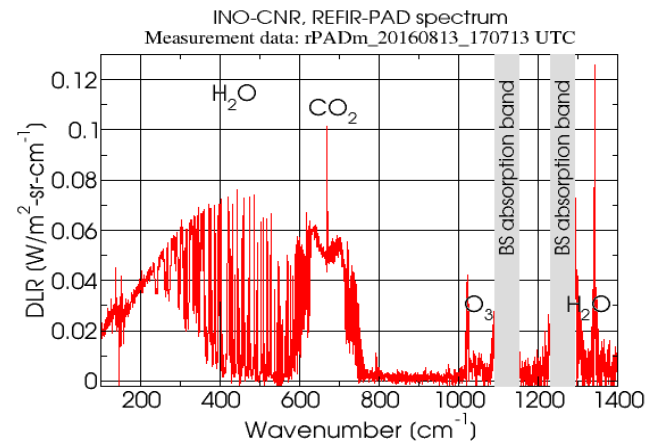
From stratospheric balloon (34 km) and high-altitude sites (>3km)

**FIRMOS (ESA – CNR-INO – ASI)**

From high-altitude sites

**FIRMOS-B (ESA – CNR-INO – ASI)**

From stratospheric balloons



## Data analysis studies with specific forward / inverse tools:

- SACR (Simultaneous Atmosphere and Cloud Retrieval): CNR-INO code
- FARM (Fast Retrieval Model): developed at CNR-INO with support of CNR-ISAC, exploits the  $\sigma$ -F2N fast forward model developed at University of Basilicata and University of Bologna.

## Scientific support to mission preparation, ASI support

- **FORUM –SCIENZA (ASI, CNR-INO, 2019-2022)**

Goals: to develop a new algorithm for direct FIR simulations and simultaneous data retrievals of atmospheric parameters and optical and microphysical properties of clouds, and to optimise some subsystems of FIRMOS for balloon stratospheric flights



- **FORUM-BALLOON ((ASI, CNR-INO, 2021-2024)**

Goals: to design and build a new prototype starting from the ground prototype FIRMOS, optimised for balloon stratospheric flights

- **FIT-FORUM – Forward and Inverse Tool for FORUM (ASI, Univ. Bologna, 2023-2025)**

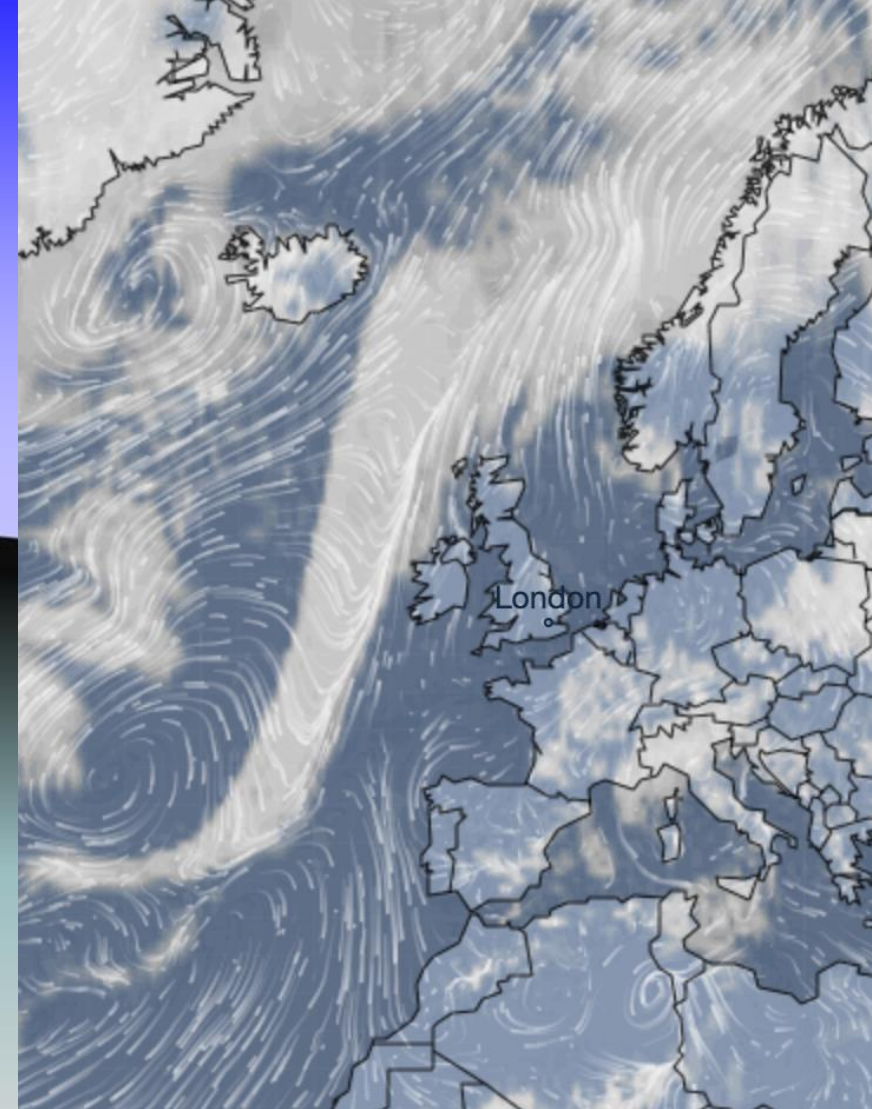
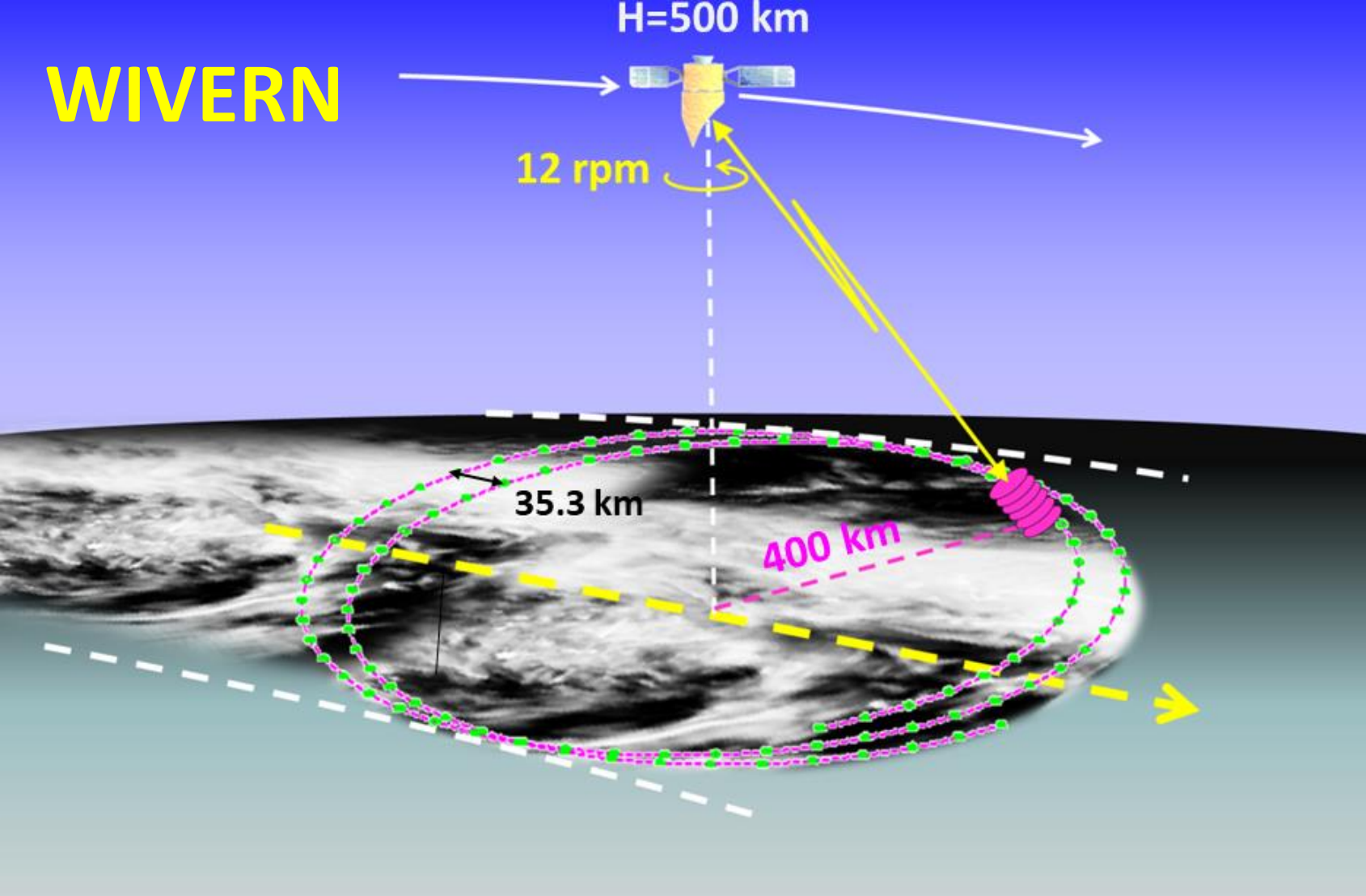
Goal: to develop and implement a modular and flexible radiative transfer code for the forward simulation and the inversion of spectral radiances in the (Far and Mid) infrared part of the spectrum, with focus on FORUM observations.

- **MC-FORUM - Meteo and Climate exploitation of FORUM (ASI, CNR-IBE, 2023-2025)**

Goal: to develop tools and competencies for the exploitation of the future FORUM measurements in support of numerical weather predictions and climate models.



# WIVERN



- ❑ ESA EE11 candidate mission for the study of the **global in-cloud winds**
- ❑ Currently in **Phase A** (launch in 2030 if selected in July 2025).
- ❑ First-ever **conically scanning 94GHz radar** with **Doppler** capabilities
- ❑ Flagship product: **in-cloud vertical profiles of winds** over 800km swath
- ❑ Other products: **CloudSat/EarthCARE heritage** but with **30-40 times better sampling**

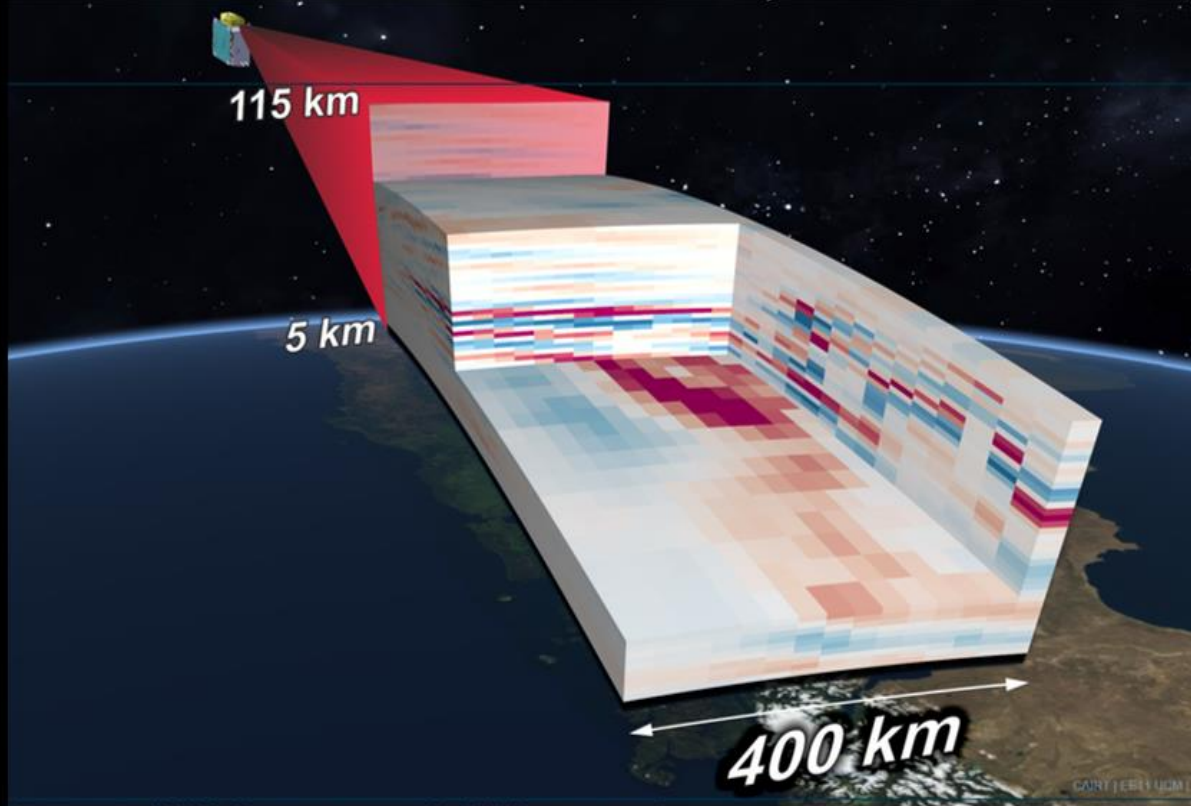
Wolde et al., AMT 2018  
Battaglia et al, AMT, 2018, 2022, 2023  
Illingworth et al., BAMS, 2018.  
Battaglia et al, IEEE TGRS, 2017



## WIVERN and CNR Contributions



- **CNR-ISAC** is contributing to **Wivern MAG** together with top scientist colleagues from University of Reading, Politecnico of Turin, University of Leicester, CNRS, Meteo France, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute, Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, Stony Brook University, Leipzig Institute for Meteorology, ECMWF, National Observatory of Athens and the Finnish Meteorological Institute.
- **CNR-ISAC** is contributing, through sub-contracts from Politecnico of Turin to:
  - **ASI call for Ideas** (*Wivern data assimilation study of extratropical cyclones, AI applied to Wivern retrievals of ice content, Wivern polarimetry for ice content constraints*)
  - **ESA phase A studies** (*Wivern data assimilation studies for diversified type of severe events, mission validations plans, Wivern products of ice retrievals*).



# CAIRT

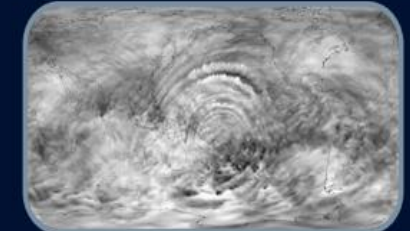
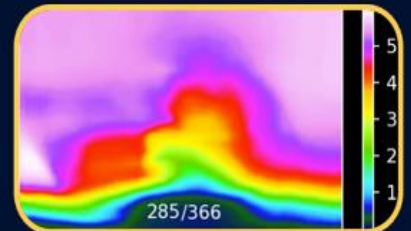
The Changing Atmosphere InfraRed Tomography Explorer

CAIRT is one of the two ESA EE11 candidate missions for the study of the **coupling between composition, circulation and climate change**

Main scientific objectives:

Diagnostics of the **atmospheric circulation**

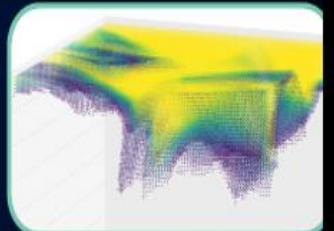
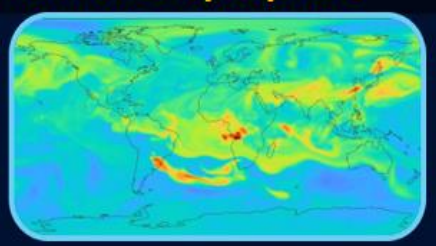
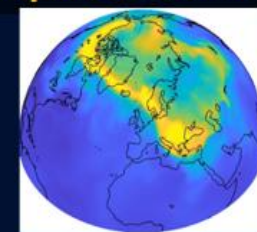
and its driving: **gravity waves**



Investigation of **coupling** of middle atmosphere with space weather

Quantification of injection of **pollutants and aerosols** from the troposphere

Resolving **Stratosphere-Troposphere Exchange** and impact on climate



It exploits MIPAS heritage but it is the first **imaging limb instrument from space** allowing **3D observations** with **unprecedented spatial resolution**

Currently in **Phase A**



## CAIRT and CNR Contributions



- After a pluri-decennial activity for the L2 analysis of MIPAS on ENVISAT, **CNR-IFAC** is contributing to **CAIRT MAG** together with Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany), Forschungszentrum Jülich (Germany), University of Leeds (United Kingdom), Royal Belgian Institute of Space Aeronomy (Belgium), Instituto de Astrofísica de Andalucía (Spain), National Centre for Scientific Research (France), ECMWF, University of Toronto (Canada), University of Oxford (United Kingdom), University of Oulu and Finnish Meteorological Institute (Finland)
- **CNR-IFAC** is contributing, together with other CNR Institutes (ISAC-CNR, INO-CNR, IAC-CNR), INGV and other Italian Academic Institutions (University of Bologna and University of Basilicata) to:
  - **ASI call for Ideas** (*CASIA: CAIRT Analysis and Synergy with IASI-NG*)
  - **ESA phase A studies** (*Performance and Requirement Consolidation-CAIRT, impact study on volcanic hazard on air traffic*).



## Copernicus Sentinel-4 and Sentinel-5 missions and CNR Contributions



- **CNR-IFAC** is contributing to **Sentinel-4/Sentinel-5 MAG** together with IUP-Bremen, BIRA/IASB, Wageningen University, ECMWF, SRON, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, DLR, KNMI, Eumetsat, University Warsaw, EC, Brussels.
- **CNR-IFAC has been** contributing to the preparatory studies for exploitation of S-4 and S-5 data products by coordinating the Horizon 2020 project AURORA in a joint effort with ECMWF, KNMI, BIRA-IASB, FMI, and industrial partners
- AURORA (Advanced Ultraviolet Radiation and Ozone Retrieval for Applications) investigated the potential of assimilating synergistic products obtained by applying to synthetic data of S.4 and S.5 the CDF (Complete Data Fusion) a posteriori data fusion algorithm developed at CNR-IFAC
- The CDF has been continuously upgraded and tested by CNR-IFAC in the last decade and it is now ready for completing the investigation on assimilation of fused products through experiments on S-4 and S-5 real measurements.



## ESA/EUM contracts related to TCWV retrieval from ATSR instruments using AIRWAVE



### **[2015/2016] ESA ATSR Long Term Stability (ALTS)**

- WP 3100 - TCWV (sea) Algorithm Implementation
- WP 3200 - TCWV (land) feasibility study

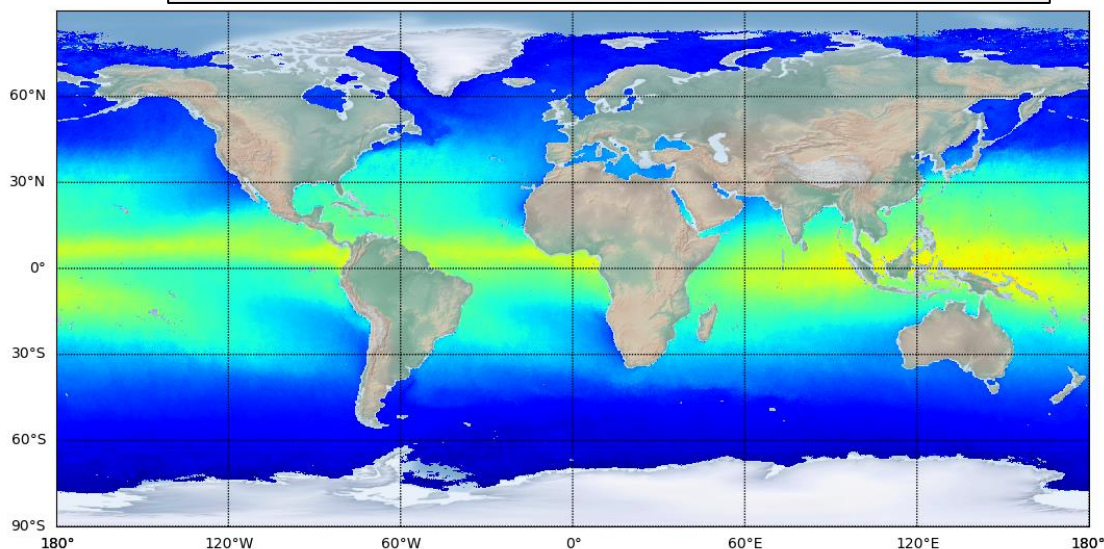
**[2016/2017] ESA IDEAS+ WP 3610 Radiative Transfer Simulation for QA4EO and radiation budget studies.**

**[2018/2019] ESA IDEAS+ WP 3490 AIRWAVE water vapour exploitation for coastal altimetry.**

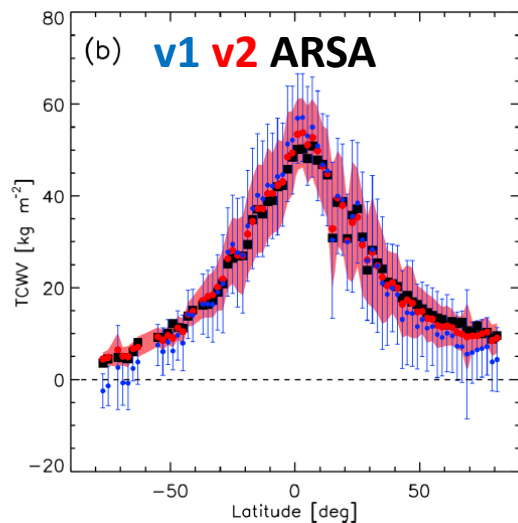
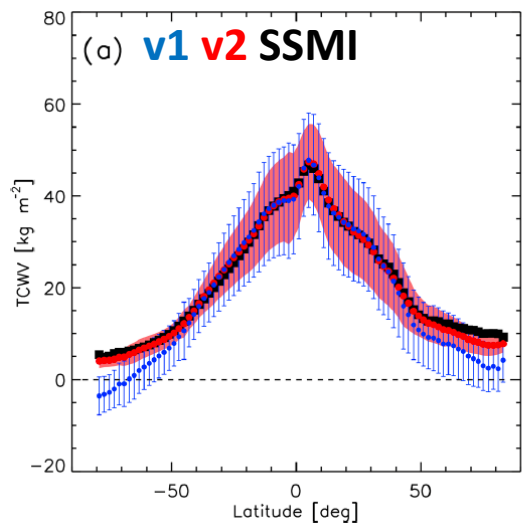
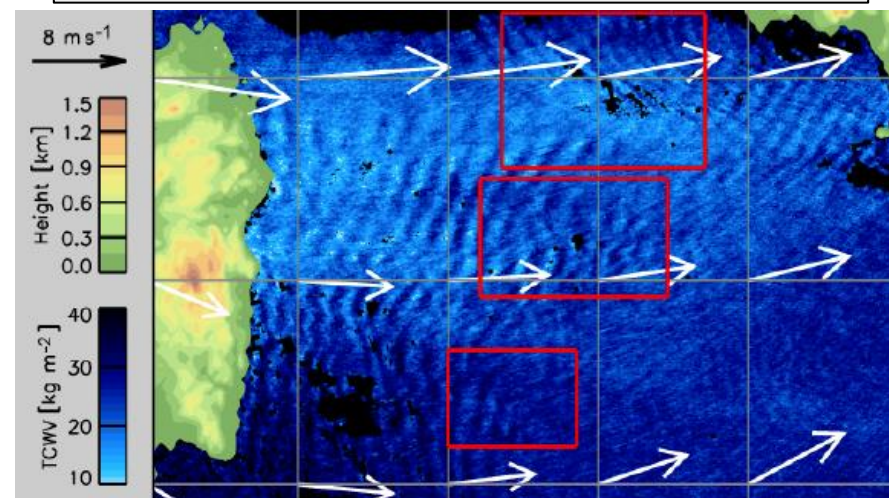
**[2019/2023] EUMETSAT AIRWAVE-SLSTR: an algorithm to retrieve TCWV from SLSTR measurements over water surfaces + follow-on study.**

**[2023/2024] ESA IDEAS-QA4EO Total Column Water Vapour Essential Climate Variable from (A)ATSR(-1/2) reprocessed L1 data series using AIRWAVE-V3**

Global TCWV mean, AIRWAVEv3 ATSR data



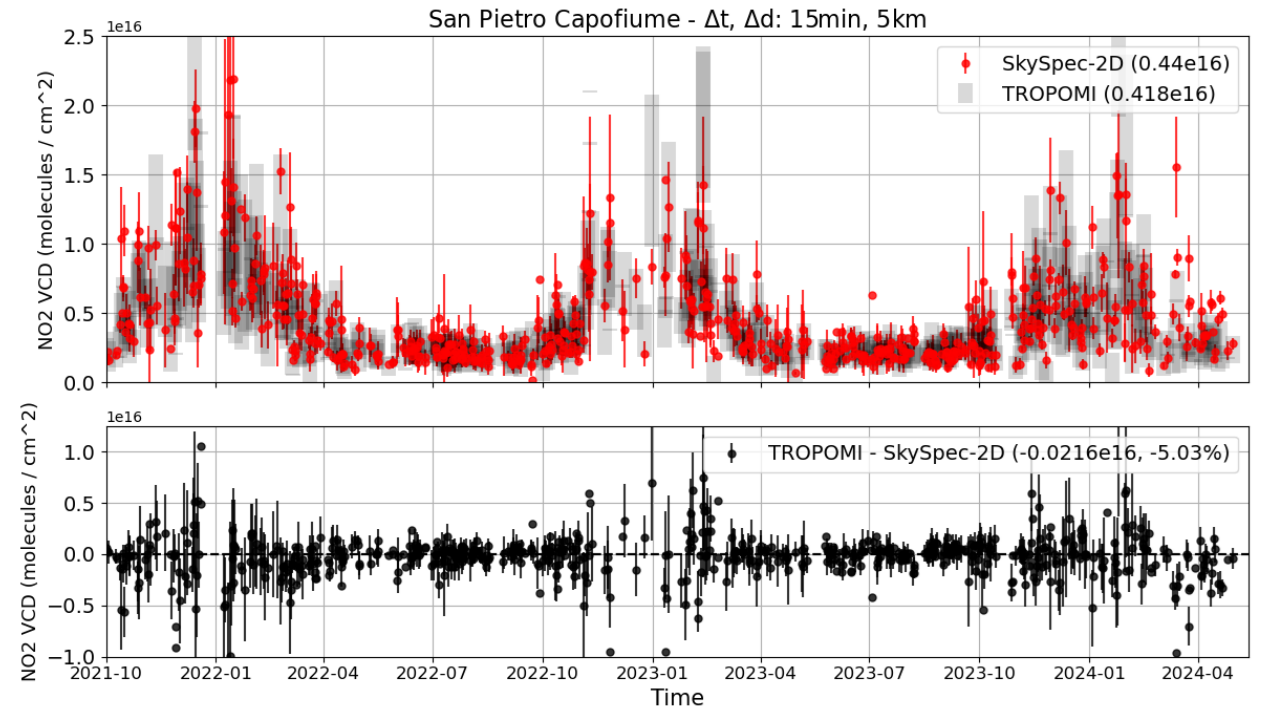
Lee waves, AIRWAVEv2, 18 July 1997  
Tyrrhenian Sea (Papandrea et al., 2019)



During the projects two version of AIRWAVE have been developed and validated. The figures show zonal means of TCWV for AIRWAVEv1 (blue), AIRWAVEv2 (red) and correlative measurements (black): Satellite SSM/I (a) and Radiosondes ARSA (b). (Castelli et al., 2019)

# ESA contracts related to QA4EO activities

[2021/2024] IDEAS-QA4EO WP2250: Towards a new FRM4DOAS-compliant site





# FRM4AER - Scientific Service for Fiducial Reference Measurements for Aerosol Product Cal/Val Activities ( 2022-2023) EUMETSAT

The goal of this service is to provide an aerosol FRMs database (FRM4AER) to support the Copernicus mission Cal/Val (starting with S3 in WP#1)

Activity 1: Ground-based Aerosol Retrieval for Copernicus Missions Cal/Val

→ Definition and development of ground-based aerosol retrieval algorithms for satellite Cal/Val (e.g. for SLSTR and OLCI)

Activity 2: Ground-based Aerosol Profiling Copernicus Missions Cal/Val

→ Provision of fiducial aerosol reference measurements (i.e. ground based remote sensing also covering spatial and timeliness needs)

Activity 3: Assessment of Uncertainties of Ground-based Aerosol Measurements

→ assessment of the uncertainties of the output of Activity 2 which specifies the strategy for continuous quality monitoring and Cal/Val of the generated products.

Activity 4: Campaigns for Copernicus Missions Cal/Val

→ propose campaigns (i.e. based on opportunity) to support the provision of fiducial aerosol reference measurements.

Activity 5: Integration and Maintenance of the Aerosol FRM Database into the EUMETSAT Processing Environment

→ integrate and maintain the aerosol FRM database setup in the previous tasks into EUMETSAT environment.

# Satellite Calibration/Validation and Urban Environment Monitoring Super- Site: Boundary-layer Air Quality-analysis Using Network of INstruments – "BAQUNIN" [ 2017 to present]

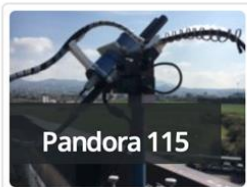
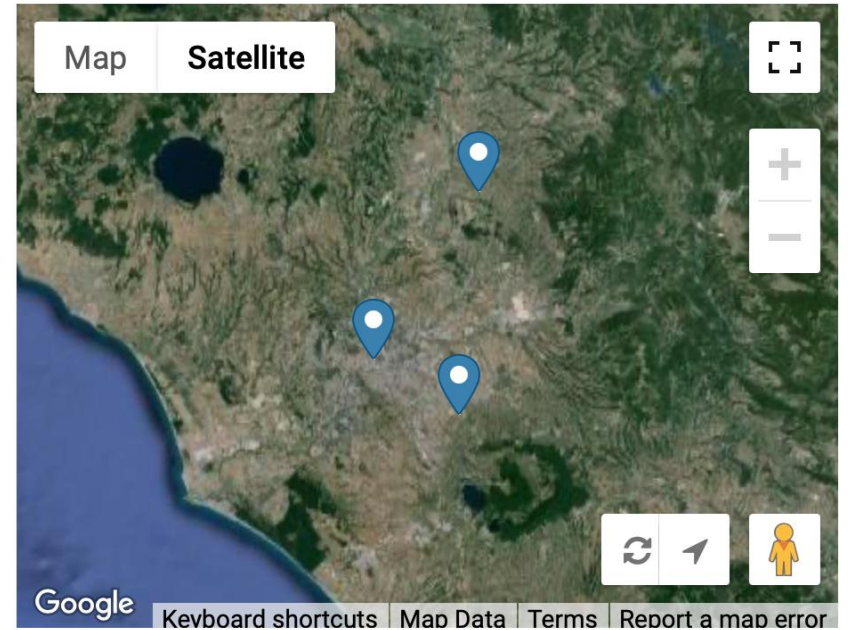


## Boundary-layer Air Quality-analysis Using Network of Instruments Super Site

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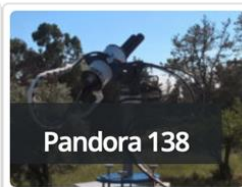
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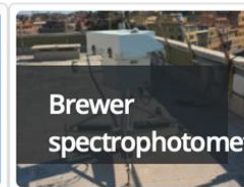
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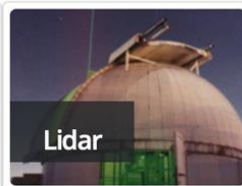
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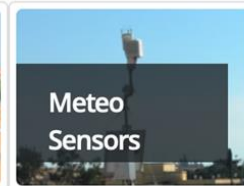
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Lidar



All Sky  
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Sensors



MFRSR  
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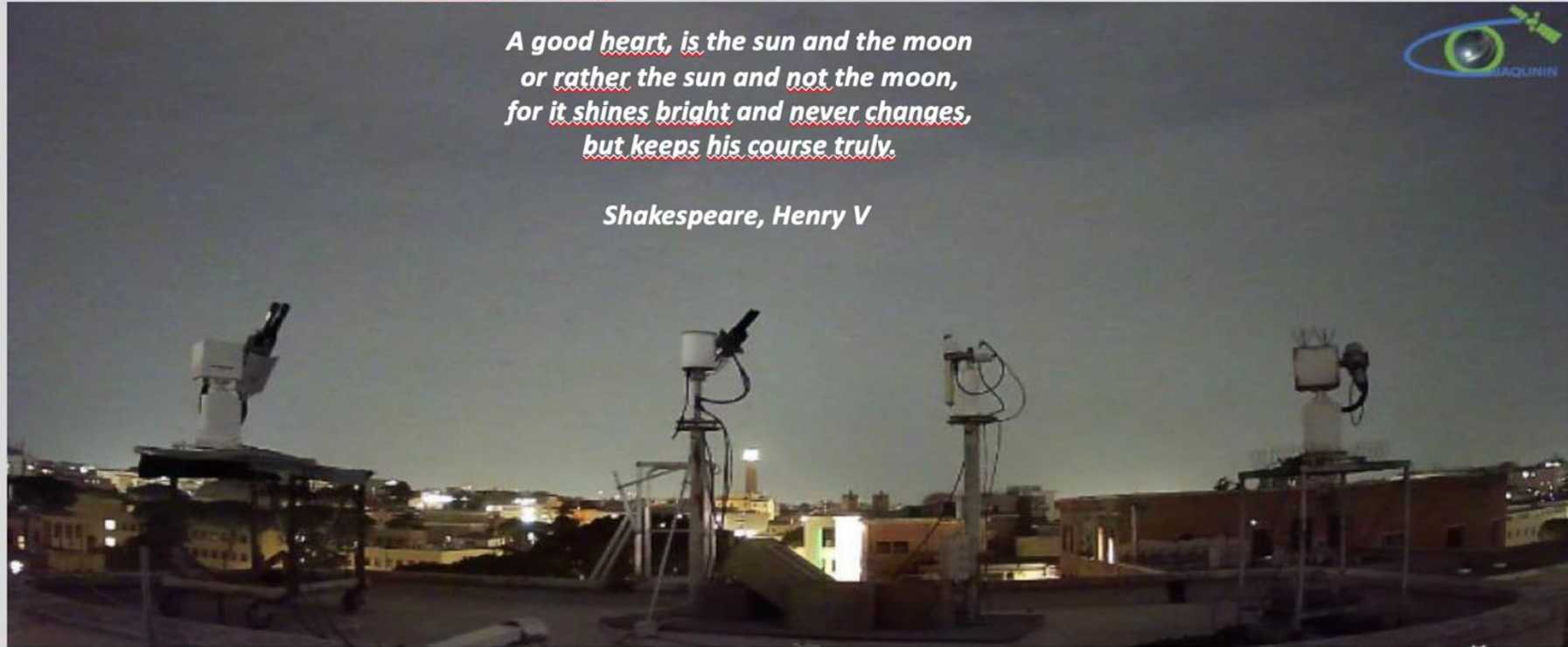
**Night-time (lunar) aerosol and trace gases columnar observations: towards a new product's generation : ESA-Serco CCN3 contract: QA4EO/SER/SUB/28 (QA4EO-SER-MGT-PLN-4307) [ 2020-2023].**

**The Skynet network for the retrieval of aerosol properties  
from the moon irradiance measurements**

M. Campanelli (ISAC- CNR, IT) , G. Kumar and V. Estelles (UV, SP), A. Uchiyama and T. Matsunaga (NIES, JP),  
A. Iannarelli, S. Casadio, G. Mevi, N. Ferrante (SERCO, IT), A. Di Bernardino (U. SAPIENZA, IT)

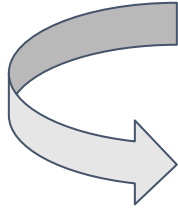
*A good heart, is the sun and the moon  
or rather the sun and not the moon,  
for it shines bright and never changes,  
but keeps his course truly.*

*Shakespeare, Henry V*



**Fourth Joint GSICS/IVOS Lunar Calibration Workshop, 4-8 December 2023, Darmstadt, Germany**

“Atmosphere Cal/Val: Improved AOD@440nm - phase 1” ESA-Serco contract: CCN5 QA4EO/SER/SUB/28, 2021-2022



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Atmospheric Measurement Techniques  
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Evaluating the effects of columnar NO<sub>2</sub> on the accuracy of aerosol optical properties retrievals

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 and Stelios Kazadzis<sup>8</sup>

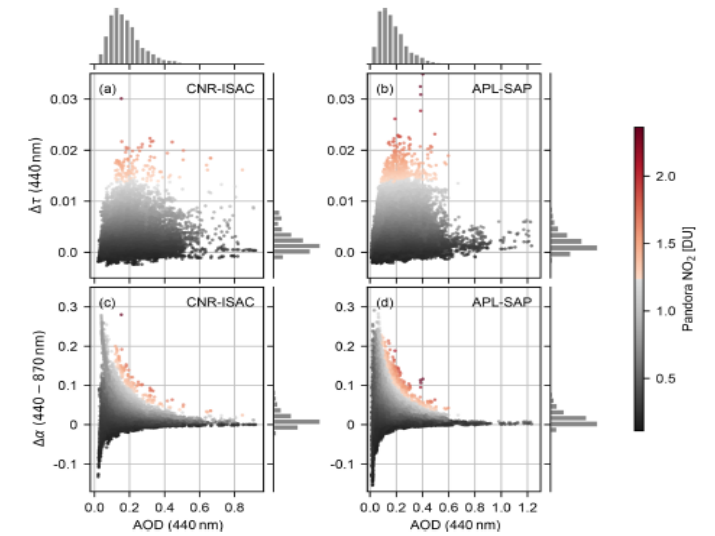


Figure 6. The differences in the modified AERONET AOD at 440 nm (a, b) and AE at 440–870 nm (c, d) over CNR-ISAC and APL-SAP from the standard products illustrated with respect to the standard AERONET AOD measurements at 440 nm and the actual NO<sub>2</sub> observed by Pandora (color scale). The corresponding distributions of all variables are also included.

“Atmosphere Cal/Val: Improved AOD@440nm - phase 2” ESA-Serco contract: CCN8 QA4EO/SER/SUB/28, 2022-2023



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Assessment of NO<sub>2</sub> uncertainty impact on aerosol optical depth retrievals at a global scale

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“Cloud effects on AOD and trace gas retrievals” ESA-Serco contract: CCN11 QA4EO/SER/SUB/28, 2024 ....ongoing...

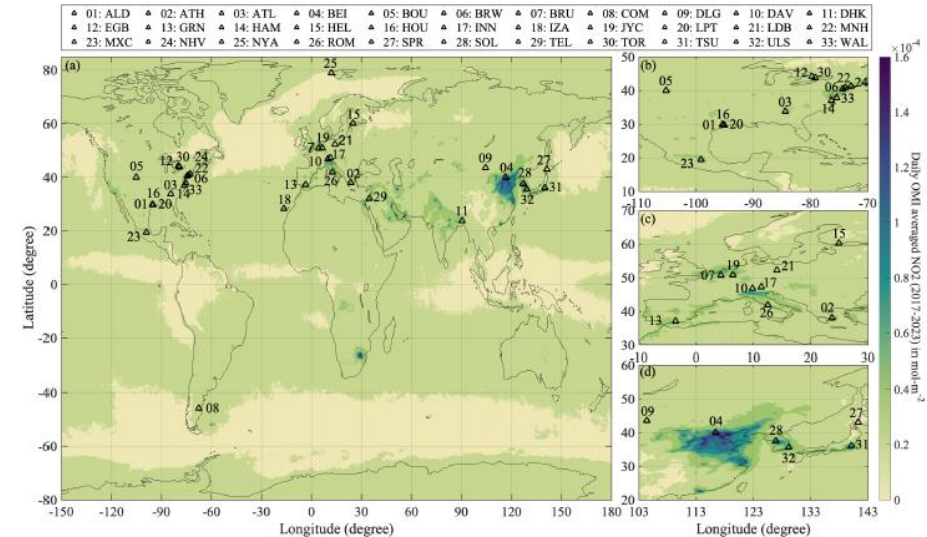


Figure 1: (a) Overview of the co-located AERONET and PGN stations and 7-year (2017–2023) averaged NO<sub>2</sub> (mol·m<sup>-2</sup>) from OMIV satellite measurements. Panels (b), (c) and (d) are the focused maps for the clustered locations in North America, Europe and northeast Asia, respectively.



# How do Ocean Currents affect the Earth System?

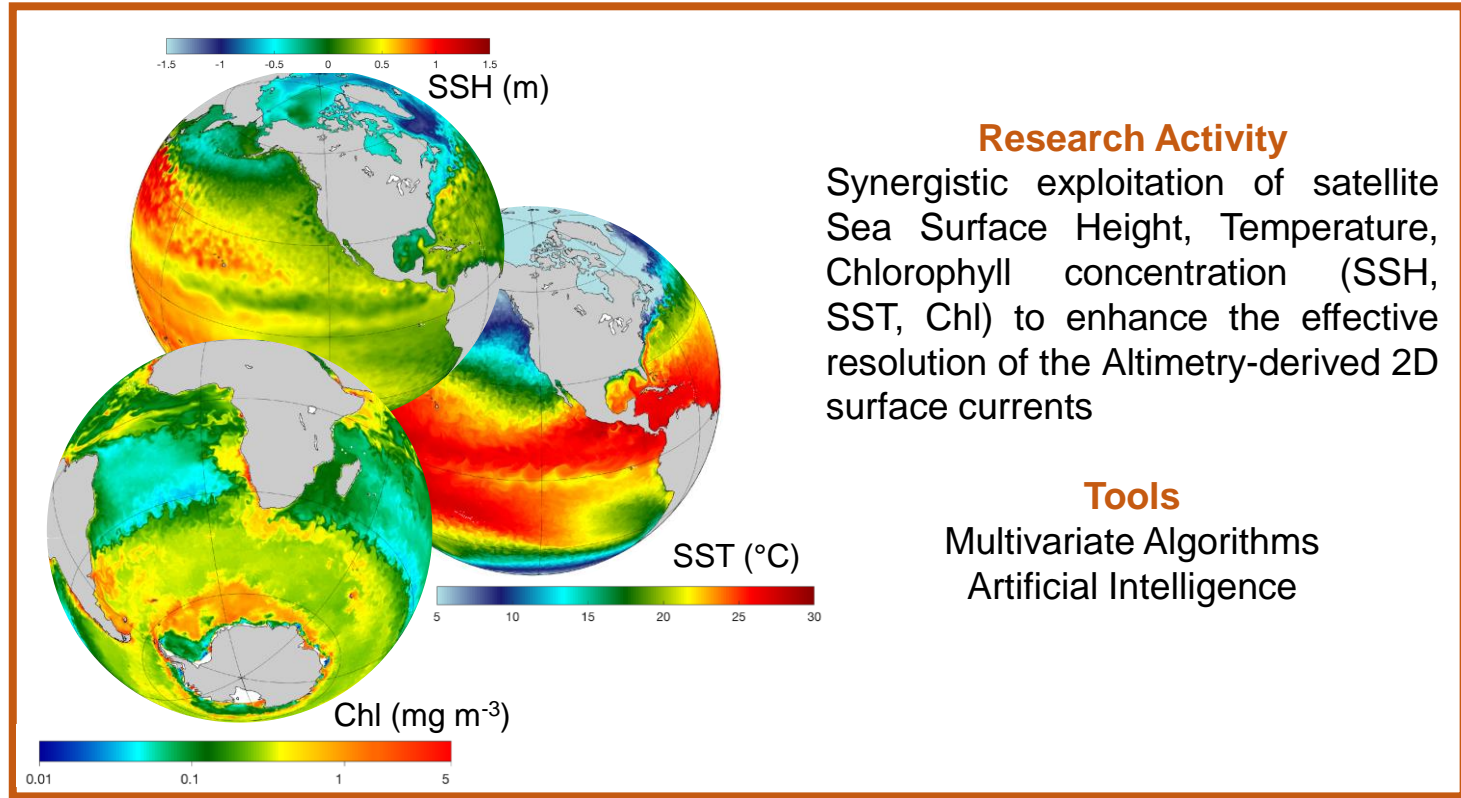
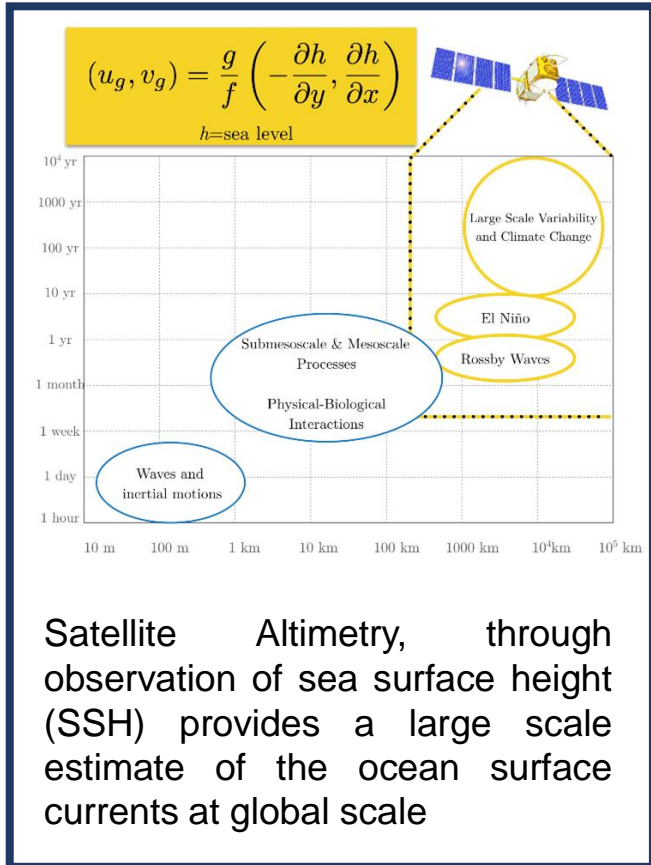
## Can we optimize the monitoring of the ocean currents exploiting a multivariate approach?

Ocean currents are among the key factors regulating oceanic and atmospheric processes -> 2D/3D transport of heat, salt, nutrients  
 Need for synoptic, high spatio-temporal resolution observations

Satellite Altimetry  
 ~since 1993

Our approach: Synergy of SSH, SST, Chl  
 (2018 to present)

New HR satellite missions for ocean currents monitoring (CNES/NASA SWOT, 2024 + ESA-Harmony 2029) + Synergy



**Research Activity**  
 Synergistic exploitation of satellite Sea Surface Height, Temperature, Chlorophyll concentration (SSH, SST, Chl) to enhance the effective resolution of the Altimetry-derived 2D surface currents

**Tools**  
 Multivariate Algorithms  
 Artificial Intelligence

**Projects:**

- ESA-Globcurrent (in Kind)
- ESA-CIRCOL
- ESA-WOC
- ESA WOC Extension

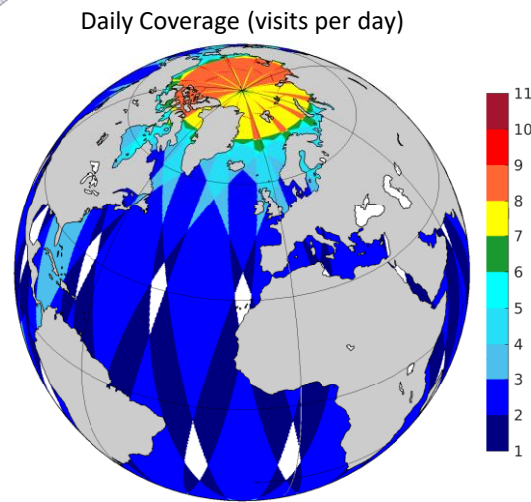
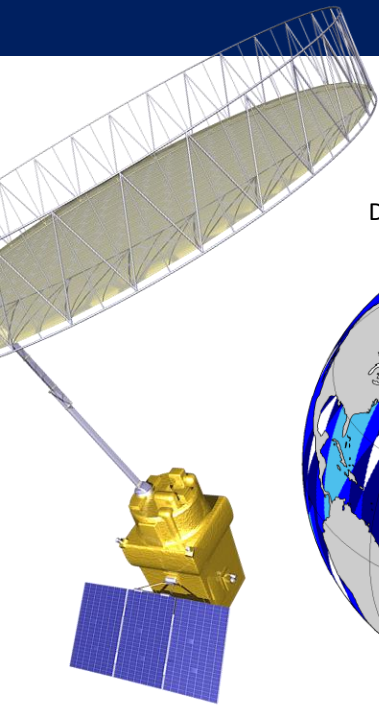


- PIs:**
- Daniele Ciani (CIRCOL) [CNR-ISMAR]
  - Bruno Buongiorno Nardelli (World Ocean Circulation-WOC) [CNR-ISMAR]

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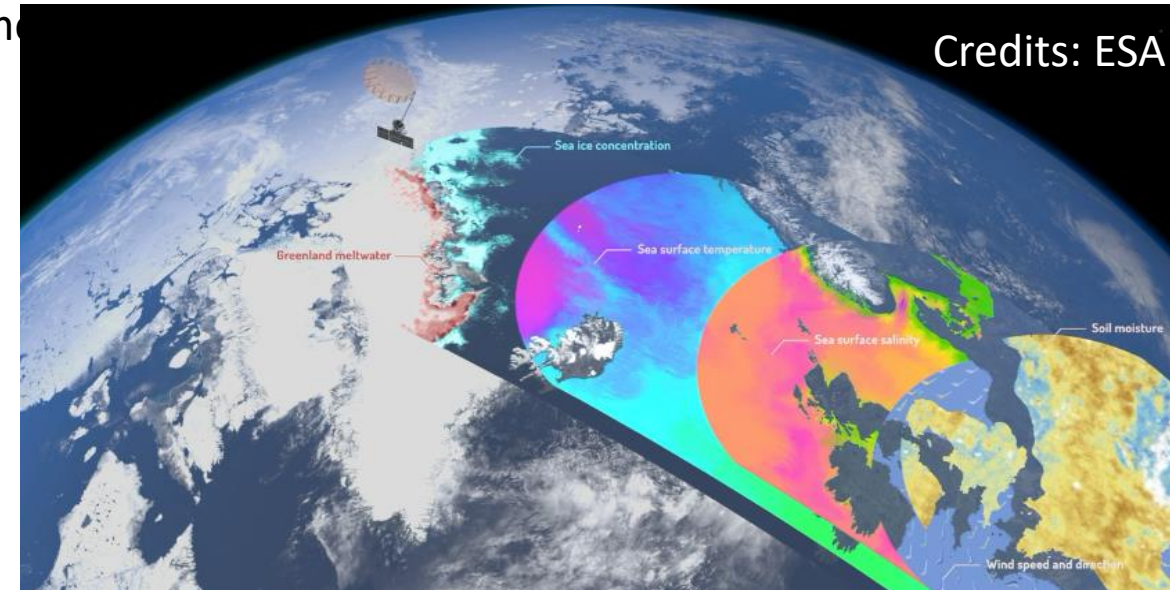
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CIMR: Wide-swath (~1900 km), passive Microwave Radiometer. Expected Launch: 2029+  
time



### Measured Quantities:

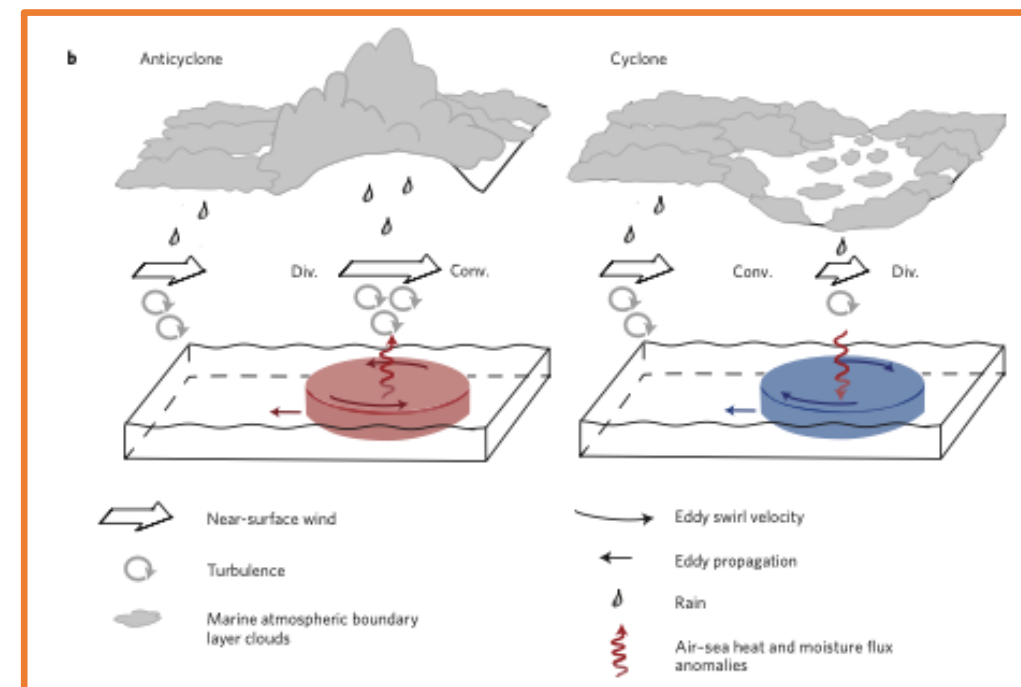
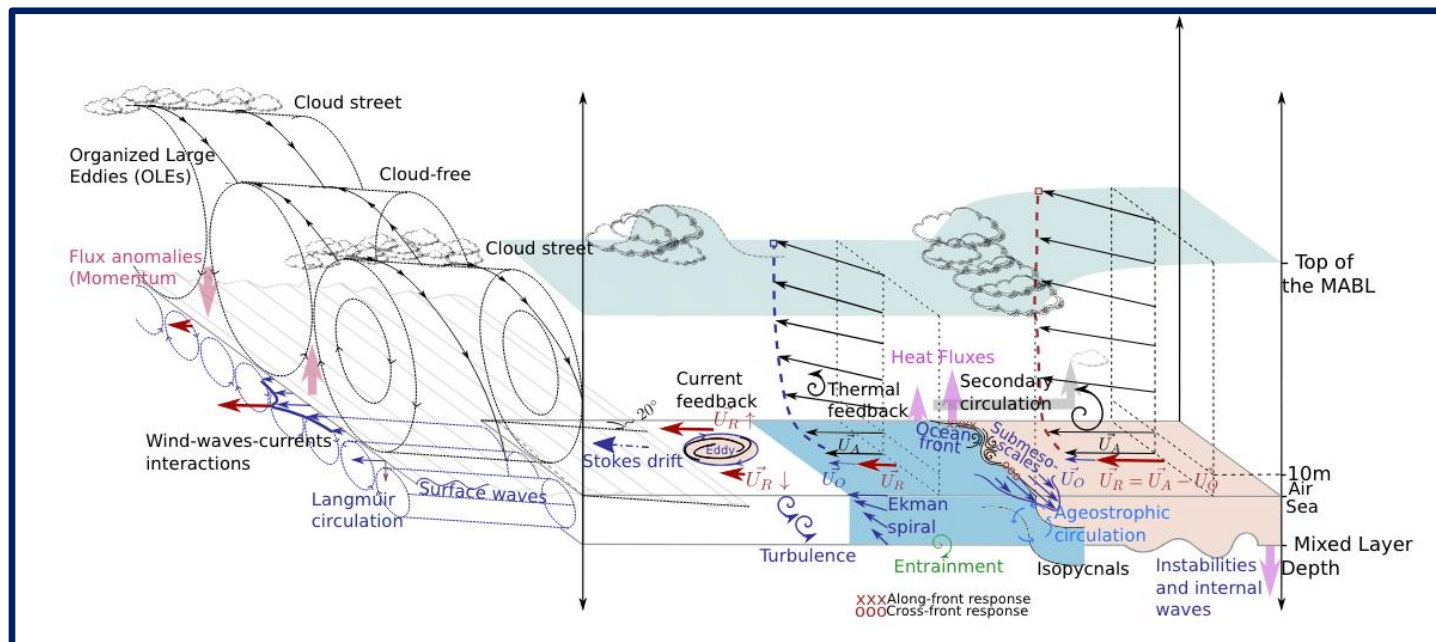
- Sea Surface Temperature
- Sea Surface Salinity
- Soil Moisture
- Sea ice concentration /thickness
- Wind vectors



### CNR-ISMAR main contributions:

- Involvement in the CIMR Mission Advisory Group:  
Rosalia Santoleri (2018-2023), Daniele Ciani (2024+)
- Involvement in the CIMR Apps project (CIMR Mission application studies): quantify the CIMR contribution for the
- R&D studies on the impact of the CIMR Sea Surface Temperature (SST) observations for the Regional SST monitoring (Mediterranean)
- R&D on the ingestion of CIMR Brightness Temperature observations for data assimilation applications

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Technical Assistance to Earth Explorer 11 SEASTAR Phase- 0 campaign

- First scientific campaign of the unique 3-look Ocean Surface Current Airborne Radar ATI-SAR demonstrator
- Two successful campaigns over the Iroise Sea and the Mediterranean
- Two fantastic datasets combining OSCAR SAR imagery, EO imagery, numerical model data and in situ observations
- Successfully validated the SeaSTAR concept in a dynamic, macrotidal coastal environment
- Imagery acquired coincident with SWOT overpass during its fast-repeat Cal/Val phase



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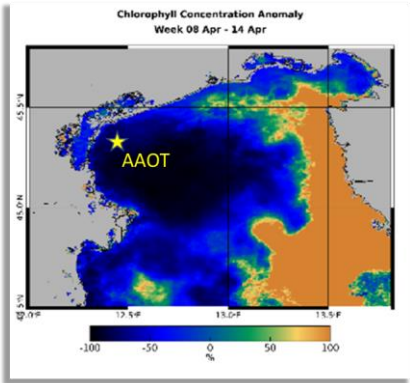
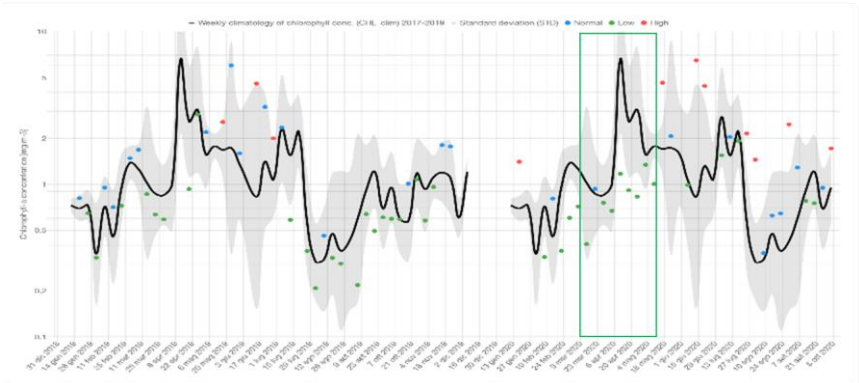


# Synergy of observational analyses for assessing inland and coastal water connectivity: ESA SOON - Satellite Observations for inland and cOastal water quality during COVID lock-down

- **Analysis of weekly mean anomalies** of OC products from *Sentinel-3* OLCI (300m)
- **Diagnosis** of inland-marine water *connectivity* from *Sentinel-2* MSI (10m)
- **Diagnosis** of SST product from *optimally interpolated multiplatform product* (1km)

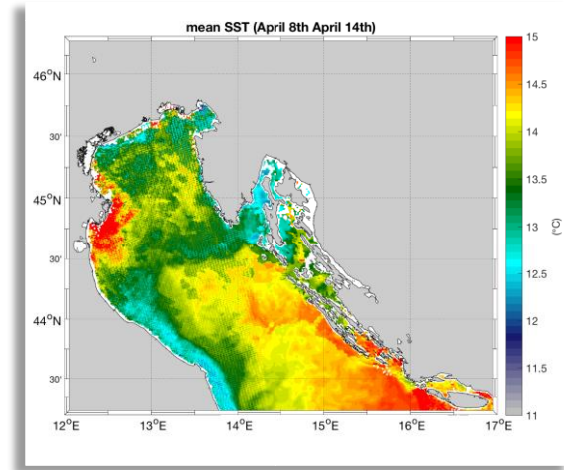
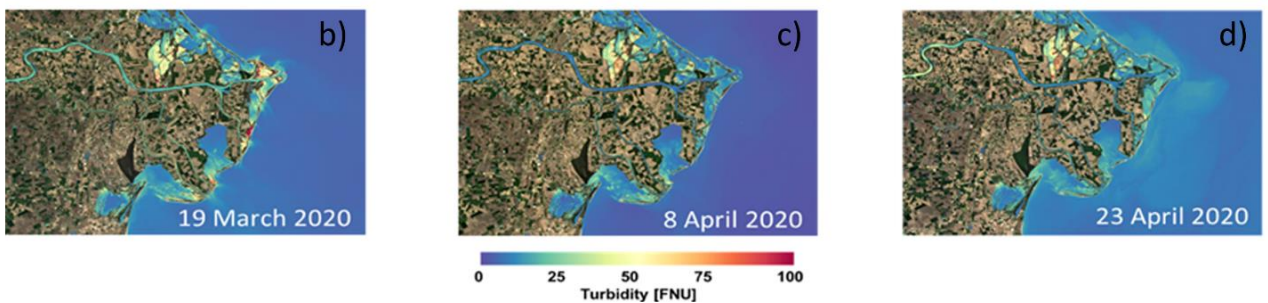
Sentine2/3 based products  
on ESA-RACE Dashboard

Synergy of SST (multi-sensor), Chl (S3-OLCI), Water Turbidity and Rrs (S2-MSI), Wind and river discharge (in situ)



Negative Chl-a anomalies  
...till the end of the  
COVID2019 lockdown !!!

PI: Federico Falcini [CNR-ISMAR]



Disentangling perception  
versus reality from synergic  
analysis:

Seasonal-environmental  
conditions make hard to  
disentangle lockdown effects.

Environmental (first-order)  
causes enhanced water quality  
during the lockdown.

# Development of Multistressor Cumulative Hazard Index - CHI



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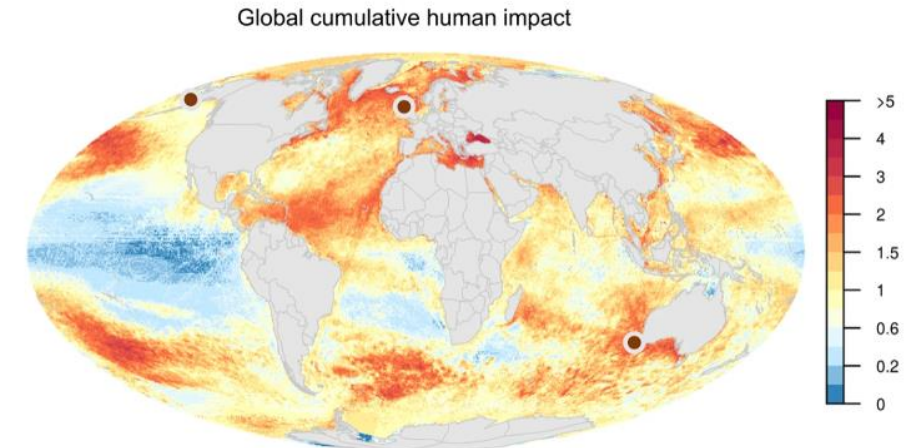
Project: ESA-MITHO

PROVIDE a set of cumulative multi-hazard index (CHI) from EO-derived products

IDENTIFY areas & times of high vulnerability

TEST Feasibility of AI-based O<sub>2</sub> detection methods from EO-derived data for deoxygenation monitoring

| CHI              | Multi -Stressors             | Area of Interest  | Spatial resolution | Data type         | Scientific Case Study   |
|------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| CHI <sub>1</sub> | SST, pH                      | Global/surface  | 1°x 1°             | Satellite         | SC 1 Biodiversity<br>SC 2 Desertification<br>SC 3 Zooplankton |
| CHI <sub>2</sub> | SST, SSD, pH, O <sub>2</sub> | Global / depth  | 1°x 1°             | Satellite+model   | SC 1 Biodiversity<br>SC 4 Zooplankton                         |
| CHI <sub>3</sub> | SST, SSD, pH, Wind           | Global/surface  | 0.25°x 0.25°       | Satellite         | SC 2 Desertification<br>SC 4 Sargassum                        |
| CHI <sub>4</sub> | SST, Fishing effort          | Global/surface  | 1°x 1°             | Satellite+In Situ | SC 3 Fish   |
| CHI <sub>5</sub> | SST, SSS, pH, O <sub>2</sub> | NW European Shelf depth                                   | 0.111°x 0.067°     | Model             | SC 1 Biodiversity   |
| CHI <sub>6</sub> | SST, SSS, TSM, Wind          | Mediterranean Sea (Po River);<br>Black Sea (Danube River) | 0.01° x 0.01°      | Satellite         | SC 6 Inland and marine water connectivity                     |





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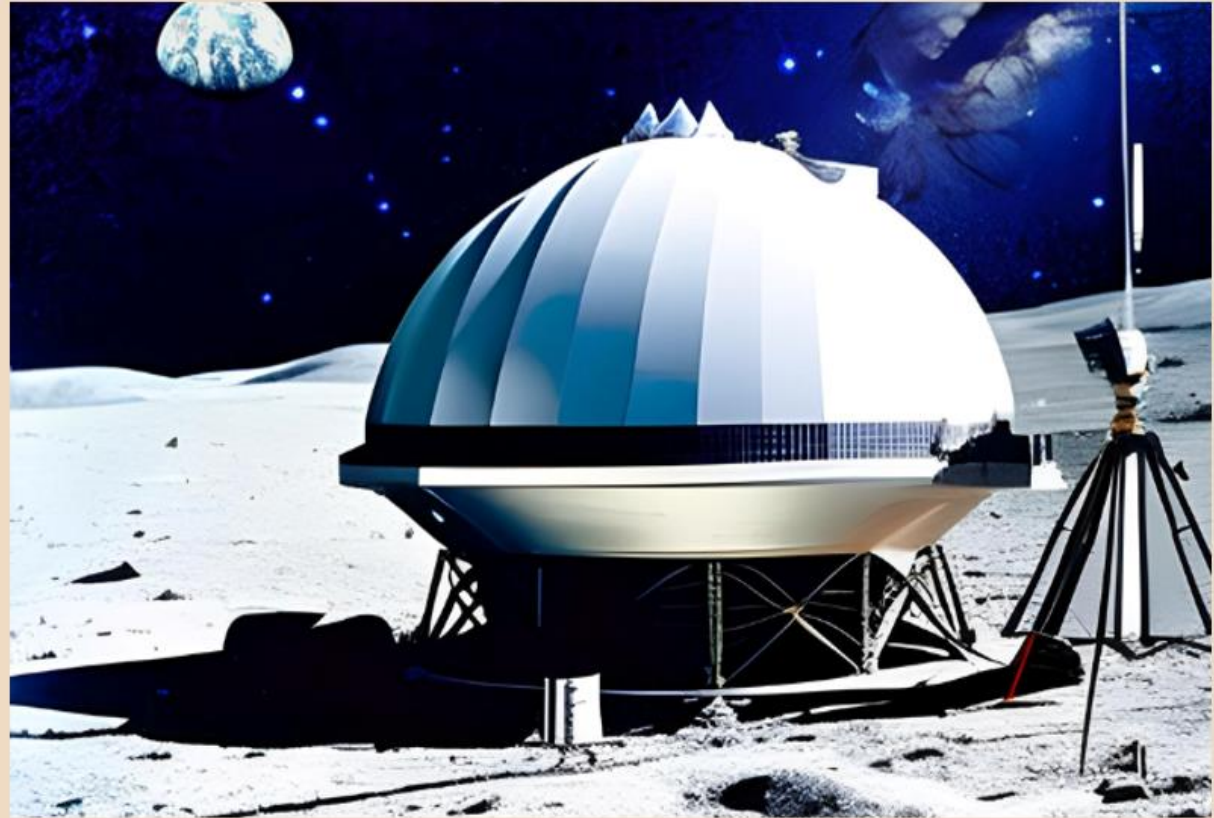
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# EARTH MOON MARS

Overview of the NPRR Research  
Infrastructure under development  
in the framework of the EMM project  
by INAF, CNR and ASI

Ugo Cortesi (CNR-IFAC)  
and the EMM team





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## MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. The creation of a new infrastructure for the deep space communications, starting from the Sardinia Radio Telescope located in Cagliari – Italy, to establish a powerful link between Earth-Moon-Mars → DSN, ESTRACK;
2. to explore the capability of the Moon as a multi-purpose research laboratory dedicated to the Earth and Universe Science from the Moon;
3. to perform R&D activities to develop pathfinders of innovative instruments for the observation of the Earth and the Universe, to be accommodated on a Lunar Infrastructure;
4. a step-forward to Mars, i.e. a) create a network of experts in data analysis and theoretical models to follow an interdisciplinary approach to improve our knowledge of the Earth and Planetary atmospheres, by sharing their own expertise in the respective fields; b) combine datasets from different instrumentations with complementary information;
5. to train a new generation of scientists and engineers, and give them the possibility of leading the scientific revolutions that these infrastructures will make possible;
6. to establish a closer relationship and networking between the Italian research institutes and industries, in order to boost their synergies and optimize the allocation of resources at the national level.



## Project «Earth-Moon-Mars» – WP-1500

**WP-1500 [CNR]**  
Earth and Mars  
Research  
Network

**WP-1500.1 [CNR]**  
Review, test and inter-comparison of existing fast RT Models

**WP-1500.2 [CNR]**  
Selection and Optimization of Fast Radiative Transfer model

**WP-1500.3 [CNR]**  
Development of procedures for data assimilation of future measurements in weather forecasting models

**WP-1500.4 [CNR]**  
Development and implementation of an ensemble data assimilation system for limited area models

**WP-1500.5 [CNR]**  
Implementation/test of fast RT Models in the GLOBO/BOLAM climate model at ISAC-CNR

**WP-1500.6 [CNR]**  
Numerical modeling at regional/global scale on planetary atmospheres

**WP-1500.7 [CNR]**  
Improving the Italian remote sensing network : from satellite validation to air quality studies

**WP-1500.8 [CNR]**  
Nadir and limb RT models for Earth, Mars and other Planetary atmospheres

**WP-1500.9 [CNR]**  
Observation and characterization of Saharan dust events.

**WP-1500.10 [CNR]**  
Optimization and upgrade of the KLIMA radiative transfer and inversion model

**WP-1500.11 [CNR]**  
Infrastructure for the application of the Complete Data Fusion to real data

**WP-1500.12 [INAF]**  
Martian facility for sand/dust mobilization: planetary images, lab experiment, terrestrial analogues

**WP-1500.13 [INAF]**  
Laboratory of molecular spectroscopy in planetary atmospheres