





#### FRM4SOC project overview and overarching goal of this workshop

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#### A chain of reasons:

- 1. We are here to continuously improve **Ocean Colour observations** from space
- 2. To improve **Ocean Colour observations** we must validate them with **field measurements**
- 3. Our **field measurements** must be acquired with **trustworthy field radiometers**
- 4. To **trust our field radiometers** we must properly **calibrate** and **characterize** them, among other things
- 5. To properly calibrate and characterize them, we must arrive at internationally agreed laboratory practices and promote them internationally
- 6. To arrive to **internationally agreed laboratory practices for OCR** and **promote them internationally** we are <u>all</u> sitting here today







### Why are we here today?

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#### Who are we <u>all</u>?



#### We are the main Ocean Colour Field Radiometry stakeholders



All of us around the table today are crucial to achieve a common understanding of what is needed to effectively promote <u>FRM principles</u> across the <u>Ocean Colour</u> community

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What are Fiducial Reference Measurements (FRMs)?



A suite of **independent**, **fully characterised**, and **traceable** (to a **community agreed reference**, ideally **SI**) measurements of a **satellite relevant measurand**, tailored specifically to address the **calibration/validation needs** of a class of satellite borne sensors, and following the guidelines outlined by the **GEO/CEOS Quality Assurance framework for Earth Observation (QA4EO)** 

[Goryl et al. 2023]









The FRM concept naturally goes beyond OC...

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#### x = "reference" measurement (in situ) Spatio-temporal collocation

Matchup database Representativeness y = E0 measurement (satellite) uncertainties  $[\Sigma]$  $[(x,y),(u_x,u_y)]$  $u_v$  = satellite uncertainty Metric calculation Analysis and Interpretation

[Loew et al. 2017]

copernicus.eumetsat.int The EO data are in practice rarely fully traceable, for instance, because fundamental calibrations

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done in the laboratory prelaunch cannot be repeated in space.

Ancillary

Ancillary data

Quality check /

Homogenization

the only way to link the EO data back to an agreed standard.



 $u_{y}$  = insitu uncertainty

 $|x - y| < k\sqrt{u_x^2 + u_y^2 + \Sigma^2}$ All of us around the table today are crucial to achieve a common understanding of what is needed to effectively promote FRM principles across the Ocean Colour community

Consequently the **comparison against reference measurements** in a validation exercise is often

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Satellite

Data  $[y, u_y]$ 

Quality check

Homogenization

In situ

Data  $[x, u_x]$ 

Quality check

Homogenization

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# Ocean Colour: concentrations of optically-active substances from space

Ocean colour depends on concentrations of phytoplankton, coloured dissolved material and sediments



"Ocean Colour" seems like a qualitative definition, however it's all about quantifying these substances



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# EU Copernicus Sentinel-3 Ocean and Land Colour Instrument (OLCI)

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	OLCI spectral bands	$\lambda$ center	Width
1	aerosol, in-water properties	400	15
2	yellow substance, detritus	412.5	10
3	chlorophyll absorption max	442.5	10
4	chlorophyll and other pigments	490	10
5	suspended sediments, red tide	510	10
6	chlorophyll absorption min	560	10
7	suspended sediments	620	10
8	Chlor. absorption, fluorescence	665	10
9	fluorescence	673.75	7.5
10	chlorophyll fluorescence peak	681.25	7.5
11	Chlor. fluoresc. ref., atm. corr.	708.75	10
12	vegetation, clouds	753.75	7.5
13	O <sub>2</sub> R-branch absorption	761.25	2.5
14	atmospheric parameters	764.375	3.75
15	cloud top pressure	767.5	2.5
16	O <sub>2</sub> P-branch absorption	778.75	15
17	atmospheric correction	865	20
18	vegetation, water vapour ref.	885	10
19	water vapour, land	900	10
20	atmospheric correction	940	20
21	atmospheric correction	1020	40

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Ocean colour data provide a window into the **living ecosystems** in our **oceans** and **coastal and inland waters**, and measure **water quality** and **sediment dynamics**.



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# FRM for Ocean Colour product validations and calibration

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### **System Vicarious Calibration**

Calibration using the FRM Gold Standard in Ocean Colour

### Validation

Validation Fiducial Reference Measurements

- Do the products meet the Mission Requirements, justifying mission Return on Investment?
- Do we instil user confidence in the products by delivering qualified validation results and product uncertainties?

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# FRM4SOC2 resources, guidelines, tools



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**9.** Review, test and promote: field comparisons, training, international workshops, feedback from experts

 8. Maintenance of Ocean Colour In-Situ Database OCDB, Fiducial Radiometer Data Base FidRadDB and promotion of their use https://ocdb.eumetsat.int/

7. Complete end-to-end uncertainty budget included in HyperCP, thoroughly documented and clear to users

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HyperCP



**1. Field radiometer classes** to conform to the FRMOCnet standards





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fiducial reference measurements for satellite ocean colour

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Promoting the adoption of FRM principles across the community

2. Full characterisation of batches of field radiometers

and a service of free calibrations and rentals of fully

calibrated/characterised instruments



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**3. Community guidelines** on radiometer cal/char standards and FRM certification

**4.** Radiometer cal/char **guidelines for laboratories**, international lab exercises and continuous communication with manufacturers and users



**5.** In situ **measurement procedures**, specific to the radiometer classes, and recommendations that complement those in the IOCCG protocols



radiometric measurements, extension of use cases

MAINE

6. HyperCP community processor for hyperspectral above-water

https://github.com/nasa/HyperCP/tree/master

#### Context: Fiducial Reference Measurements for Satellite Ocean Colour – FRM4SOC

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2016 - 2019 FRM4SOC Phase 1





- Foundations and missing elements to achieve FRM quality
- <u>https://frm4soc.org</u>



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#### 2021 – present FRM4SOC Phase 2



- Funded by the EU and coordinated by EUMETSAT
- Promote the adoption of FRM principles across the OC community
- Develop foundations for operational implementation of the FRM principles by the Ocean Colour community, start with in situ hyperspectral radiometry
- Verify and demonstrate the operations of the FRM community framework
- Visit: <u>https://frm4soc2.eumetsat.int/</u>



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### FRM4S0C2 community services

#### The second FRM4SOC-2 WORKSHOP

on Calibration and Characterisation of Ocean Color Field Radiometers

**20 – 22 May 2025** @ Tartu Observatory, University of Tartu, Estonia



fiducial reference measurements for satellite ocean colour



Short-term (free) rental of an Ocean Colour radiometric system. Free calibration of your own radiometers -SECOND CALL

SECOND CALL



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The Second Edition of the EU Copernicus Programme FRM4SOC Training for in situ Ocean Colour Above-Water Radiometry towards Satellite Validation will be held in July 2025 in Venice and nearby Acqua Alta Oceanographic Tower (AAOT) in the Adriatic Sea.

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### FRMOCnet: A network of radiometric measurements with the FRM quality



### FRM for Ocean Colour: Other efforts

The development and implementation of the FRM principles is an incremental process. FRM4SOC phase 2 is built on the decades of work done previously by several teams worldwide.





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#### Assessment of AERONET-OC L<sub>WN</sub> uncertainties



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Fiducial Reference Measurements are required for Ocean Colour product Validation to certify meeting the Mission Requirements and to deliver qualified products and uncertainties to users

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#### Resources: FRM4S0C-2 website

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#### Resources: IOCCG website

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<u>https://ioccg.org</u>

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sponsors advanced ocean colour training courses in various countries around the world.

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#### Complete characterization of ocean color radiometers

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Verifying and validating waterleaving radiance measurements from space for an accurate derivation of Ocean/Water Colour biogeophysical products is based on concurrent high-guality fiducial reference measurements (FRM) carried out on the ground or water body. The FRM principles established by the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) recommend that in situ Ocean Colour radiometers (OCR) have a documented history of SI traceable calibration including uncertainty budgets. Furthermore, there can be significant differences between calibration and use of the instruments in the field due to differences in operating temperature, angular variation of the light field (especially for irradiance sensors), the intensity of the measured radiation, and spectra variation of the target, among others. Each of these factors may interact with individual properties of the instrument when deployed in the field, and estimation of such uncertainties requires instrument characterization in addition to the absolute radiometric calibration if expanded uncertainties within +10% (k = 2) are the aim. The FRM4SOC Phase 2 project - funded by the European Commission in the frame of the Copernicus Programme and implemented by EUMETSAT - contributes to these efforts, aiming at developing an operational and sustained network of radiometric measurements of FRM quality. Within FRM4SOC-2, scientists from the Tartu Observatory (TO) of the University of Tartu performed an unprecedented batch of calibrations and characterizations on a set of 37 hyperspectral field radiometers representative of the most used OCR classes within the OC community. The calibrations and characterizations performed include the determination of radiometric responsivity, long-term stability, the accuracy of the spectral scale, non-linearity and accuracy of integration times, spectral stray light, angular response of irradiance sensors in air, dark signal, thermal sensitivity, polarization sensitivity, and signal-to-noise ratio of individual OCRs. Consistent correction of biases and extended uncertainty analysis procedures of in situ data obtained from different instruments and measurement models need to be clearly defined, which is the objective of this paper.

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# A reminder: This workshop is hybrid!

Let our voices be heard Let's keep everyone out there awake and listening  $\odot$ 

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Czesław Niemen, Poland







Mercedes Sosa, Argentina 🕷









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**Tours around the Tartu Observatory Live streaming for those attending online** Cal/char setups: 14:00 – 15:30 Estonian time (GMT + 3), same MS Teams link Facilities tour: 16:00 – 17:30 Estonian time (GMT + 3), same MS Teams link











### *For those here not as familiar with Ocean Colour...*

near-UV - VIS - NIR

Ocean Colour scientists study the "colour" of natural water bodies from space to determine what substances are dissolved/suspended in the water and in what concentrations ... Someone out there may say "well, the ocean is blue, what's all the fuss about?" ...

Río de la Plata Estuary (Argentina/Uruguay)



Sediments? How much? Photosynthetic organisms? How much? Which species? Dissolved organic matter? How much? Floating vegetation? Cyanobacteria? Etc...

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### Ocean Colour: Removal of atmospheric signal and uncertainties

Satellite measurement, L<sub>TOA</sub> [mW/m<sup>2</sup>/sr/nm] Water-leaving radiance,  $L_w \sim 10\%$ Atmosphere and sea surface ~ 90% Sunlight scattered from atmosphere Sunlight penetrating Sunlight reflected off the water column the sea surface Water-leaving radiance Particulate and dissolved matter absorb and backscatter light Dierssen and Randolph, 2012, Earth System Monitoring



- Water-leaving radiance is a small fraction of the total radiance measured by the satellite
- Satellite instrument calibration and algorithms require the lowest possible uncertainties
- The uncertainties are magnified for water-leaving radiances

#### Ocean Colour – observing the living aquatic ecosystems



#### Climate

### Water Quality

Biological Carbon Pump – oceans constitute about 50% of Earth's carbon sequestration Aquatic phytoplankton – about 50% of Earth's primary production, fraction of the fixed Carbon is buried into the deep ocean Ocean absorbs 20 – 30% of anthropogenic  $CO_2$  emissions, also contributing to ocean acidification Harmful Algal Blooms Drinking water quality Tourism and coastal communities Eutrophication Ecosystem status and services Legislation, e.g. EU Water Framework Directive

#### Marine resources

Fisheries Aquaculture Coastal management / ports Legislation, e.g. EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive

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Sea Surface Height

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# Traceability: An unbroken chain

# Transfer standar<u>ds</u>

#### Audits

Rigorous uncertainty analysis

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Documented procedures

