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Copernicus FRM4SOC-2025 Training In Above-Water Radiometry

The AAOT and the CNR Ocean Observing System

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fiducial reference
measurements for
satellite ocean colour



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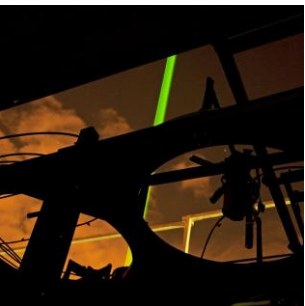
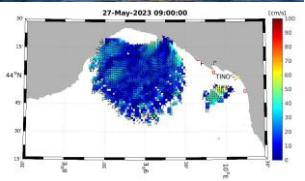
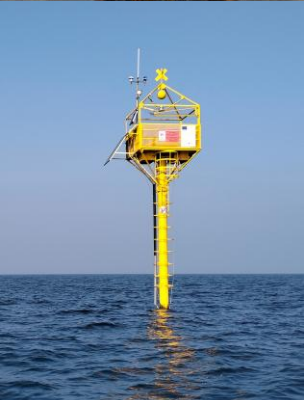
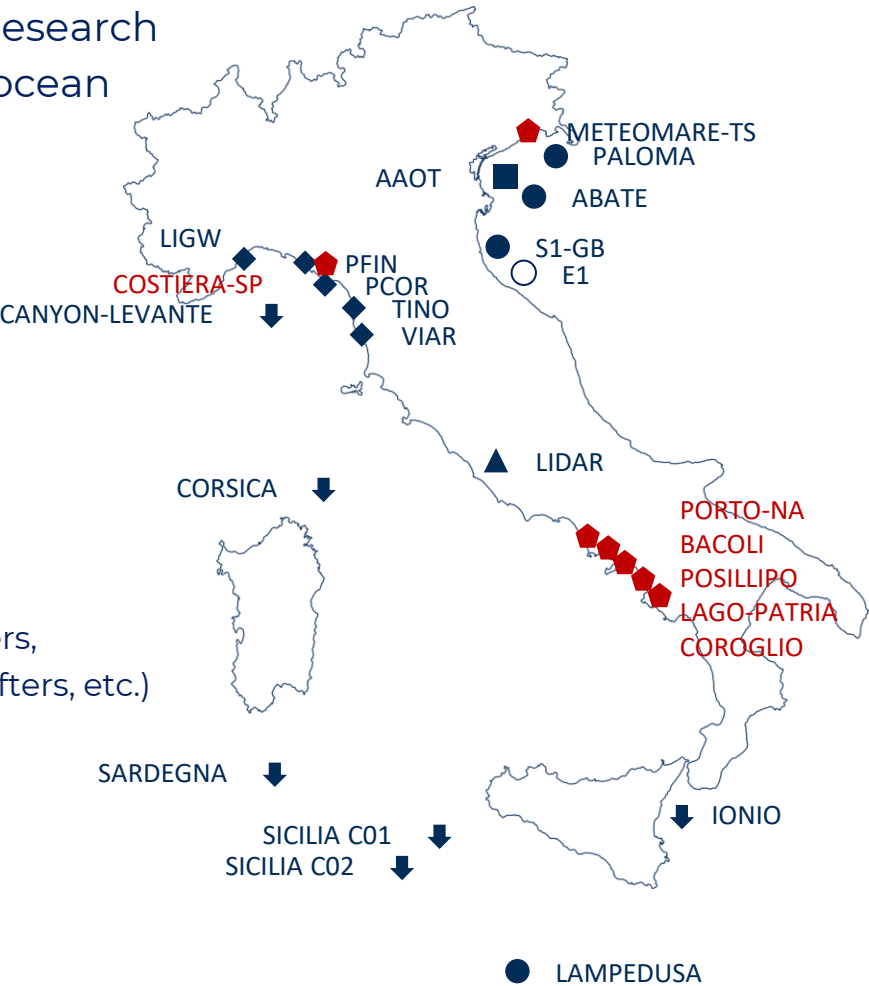
National Physical Laboratory



CNR-O(cean) Observing System

Diversity and geographical distribution of the National Research Council of Italy (CNR-ISMAR) ocean observing system:

- Fixed observatories
- Spar-buoy
- Buoy
- ↓ Mooring
- ◆ Coastal stations
- ◆ HF-Radar
- ▲ Lidar
- + Autonomous vehicles (Gliders, EuroARGO, OpenSWAP, SWAMP, Drifters, etc.)
- * Resarch vessels



Survey

Coordination: Exploitation & Growth

Infrastructure upgrade plan as percentage of EO/EOV/EBV per site (Rif. GOOS Strategy)

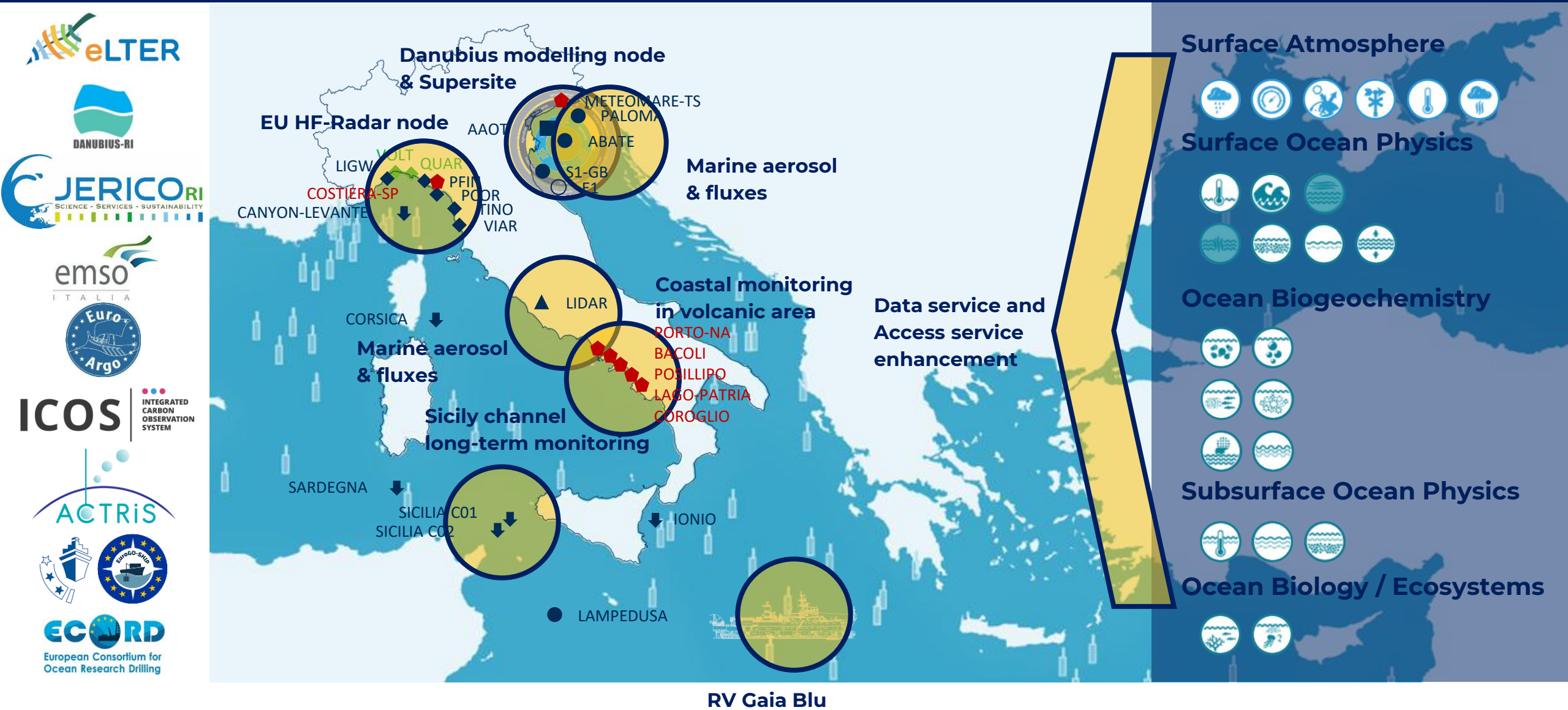
Objectives:
Fill the **crucial data** gaps, monitoring, **foster interdisciplinary research** (key enabler)



	AAOT	PALOM A	MEDA SI-GB	BOA EI	MEDA ABATE	MEDA LAMP.	MCOR SICA	MC01	MC02	MSAR DINIA	MIONI O	RADA R-HF	MARE OTS	METEO TS	LIDAR	METEO POS.	METEO P.NA	METEO BACOL	METEO L. PA.	METEO COR
ECV - Aerosols	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Carbon Dioxide, Methane & Other Greenhouse Gases	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ozone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Precursors for Aerosols and Ozone	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Atmosphere, Surface: Precipitation	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	2	0
ECV - Atmosphere, Surface: Surface Sea Level Pressure	4	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
ECV - Atmosphere, Surface: Surface Radiation Budget	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
ECV - Atmosphere, Surface: Surface Air Temperature	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	1	1	2
ECV - Atmosphere, Surface: Surface Water Vapour	4	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
ECV - Atmosphere, Surface: Surface Wind Speed and Direction	9	6	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	4	4	0
ECV - Ocean, Physical: Ocean Surface Heat Flux	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Physical: Sea Level	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Physical: Sea State	14	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Physical: Sea Surface Currents	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Physical: Sea Surface Salinity	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Physical: Sea Surface Stress	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Physical: Sea Surface Temperature	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Physical: Subsurface Currents	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Physical: Subsurface Salinity	3	0	3	2	1	1	15	12	7	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Physical: Subsurface Temperature	3	8	3	2	1	3	18	16	12	4	5	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Biogeochemical: Inorganic Carbon	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Biogeochemical: Nitrous Oxide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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ECV - Ocean, Biogeochemical: Ocean Colour	4	0	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Biogeochemical: Oxygen	2	4	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECV - Ocean, Biogeochemical: Transient Tracers	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EOV - Biogeochemistry: Particulate Matter	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EOV - Biogeochemistry: Stable Carbon Isotopes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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EOV - Biol. and Ecosys: Phytoplankton Biomass and Diversity	6	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EOV - Biol. and Ecosys: Zooplankton Biomass and Diversity	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EOV - Biol. and Ecosys: Fish Abundance and Distribution	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EOV - Biol. and Ecosys: Microbe Biomass and Diversity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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EOV - Cross-Disciplinary: Ocean Sound	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	29	18	16	11	7	10	6	4	3	3	4	2	2	7	3	5	5	5	6	1
PERCENTUALE ECV/EOV	83%	51%	46%	31%	20%	29%	17%	11%	9%	9%	11%	6%	6%	20%	9%	14%	14%	14%	17%	3%
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Multi- & Trans-domain approach



Multi-platform approach

Buoys



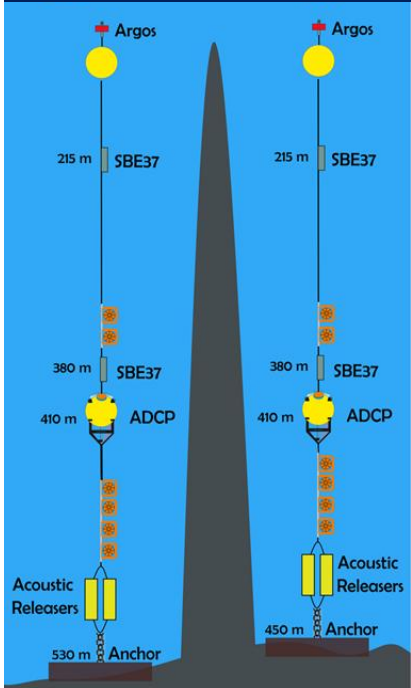
Calibration facilities



Platforms



Moorings



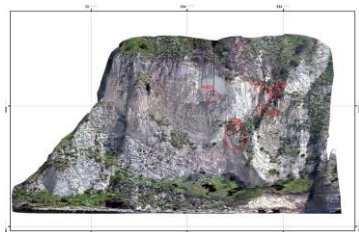
Argo floats



Lidar



Coastal stations



Samplings



Gliders



Radars



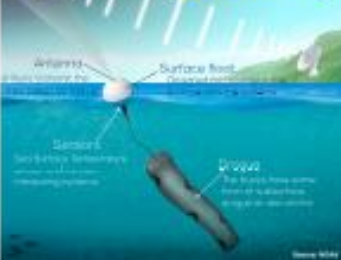
Ferry box



Bottom-based obs.



Drifters



Sensors & Labs



Vessels



ROV



Network of marine labs

The **CNR-ISMAR Sea Laboratories** are **13 entities** each operating in multiple locations of the Institute, aimed at the treatment, study and analysis of the environmental and biological matrices.



COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF SAMPLES (SAMPLES)

CORE REPOSITORY (ISMAR_CoRe)

NON-DSTRUCTIVE CORE LOGGING AND ANALYSIS (O-SED)

SEDIMENTOLOGY AND GRAIN-SIZE (GRAIL)

OPTICAL MICROSCOPY AND DIGITALIZATION (MicroDig 2D/3D)

CONTAMINANTS AND MICROPLASTICS (Cont-Plas)

MICROBIOLOGY, MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, ECOTOXICOLOGY (Bio-Ecotox)

MARINE ECOLOGY (Eco-Mar)

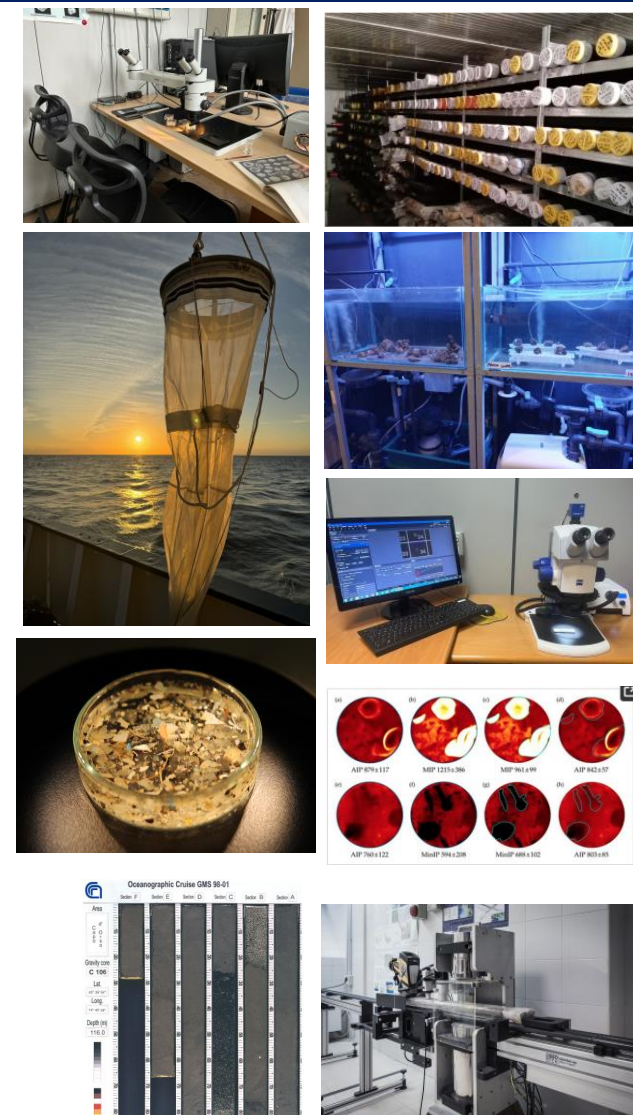
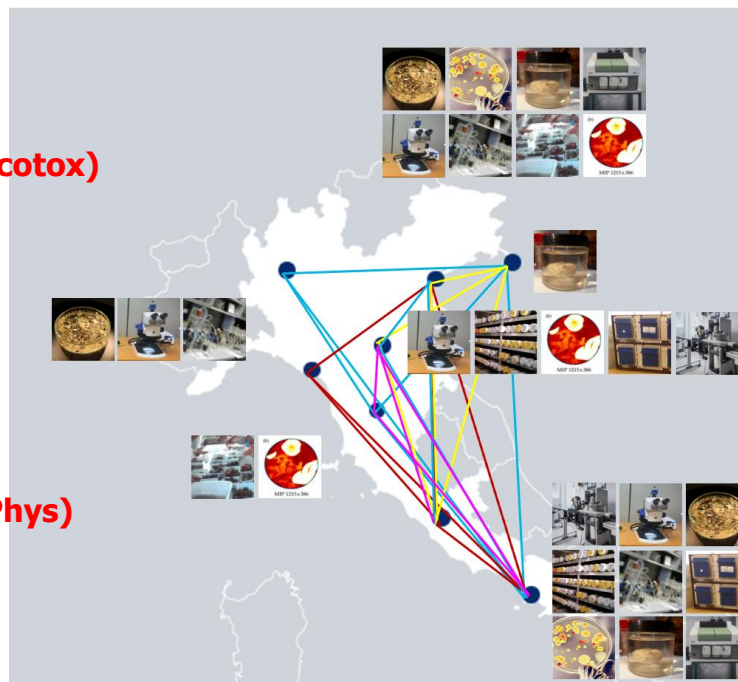
BIOGEOCHEMISTRY (BioGeoChem)

MICROCOSMS (μ -COSM)

OCEANOGRAPHIC SENSORS (Ocean-I)

MAGNETISM AND PALEOMAGNETISM (PMAG)

PHYSICS AND GEOCHEMISTRY OF SEDIMENTS AND ROCKS (GeoPhys)



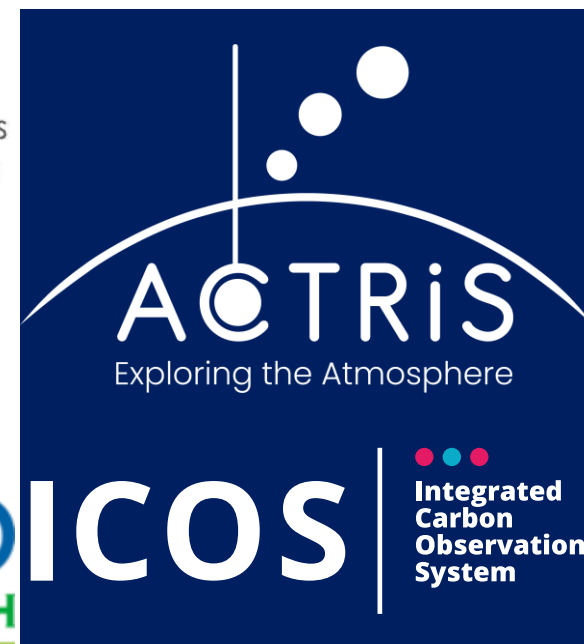
Coordination: national and international

Objective:

Integration and harmonization of all research infrastructures also in the ESFRI context to guarantee **access, services** and **long-term interdisciplinary research and data interoperability**, for impactful contribution at EU and international level; **avoid overlapping** and ensure effective **HR and cost management**



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RV Gaia Blu

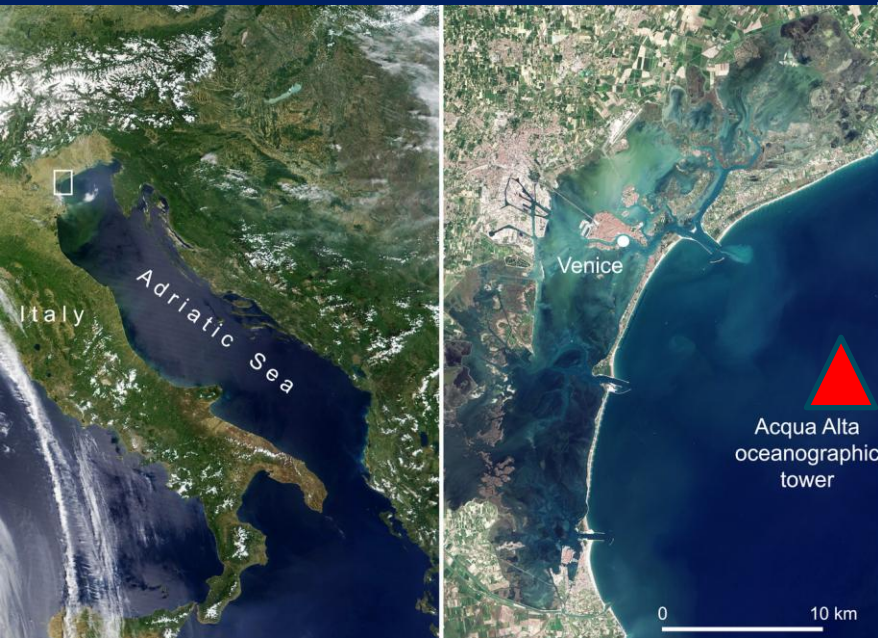


12 Oceanographic campaigns
184 Days on board
>40 Colleagues involved

New submission, very soon



Acqua Alta Oceanographic Tower (AAOT)



 **GPS Coordinates:** 45° 18' 51" N, - 12° 30' 29" E



Installation: 1970, refit 2018

→ OBSERVATIONS (routine)

SEA (level, waves, temperature, salinity, currents, nutrients, oxygen, plankton, carbon, ocean color)

ATMOSPHERE (wind, pressure, precipitation, radiation budget, water vapour, carbon)

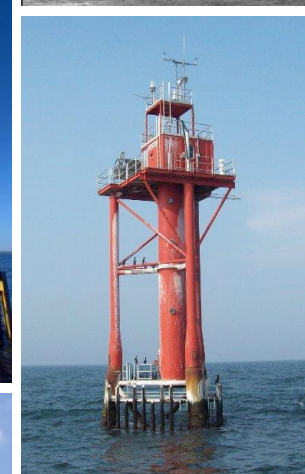
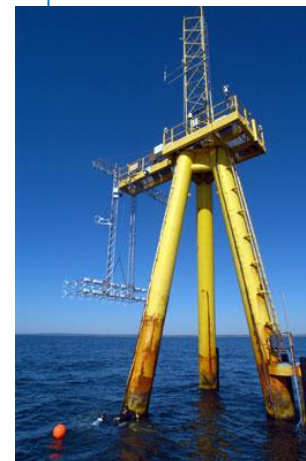


TRAINING & MEETING ACTIVITIES



- **Ocean Color Training** (2024)
- **Users meeting** (2024)
- **Bulletin of activities** (yearly)
- **Full Data sharing** (soon)

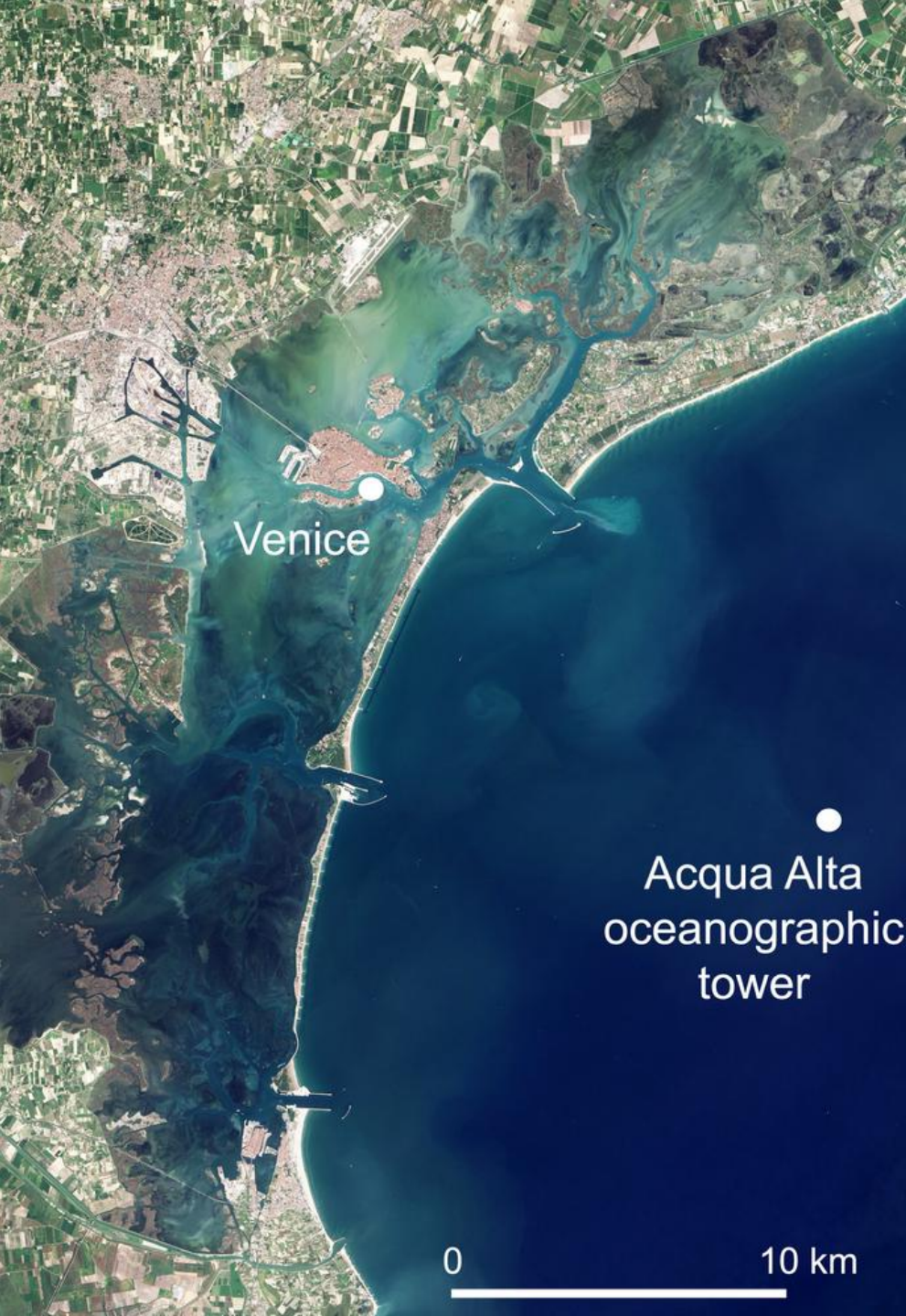
The global picture



Acqua Alta Oceanographic Tower (AAOT)



From local to global



Acqua Alta
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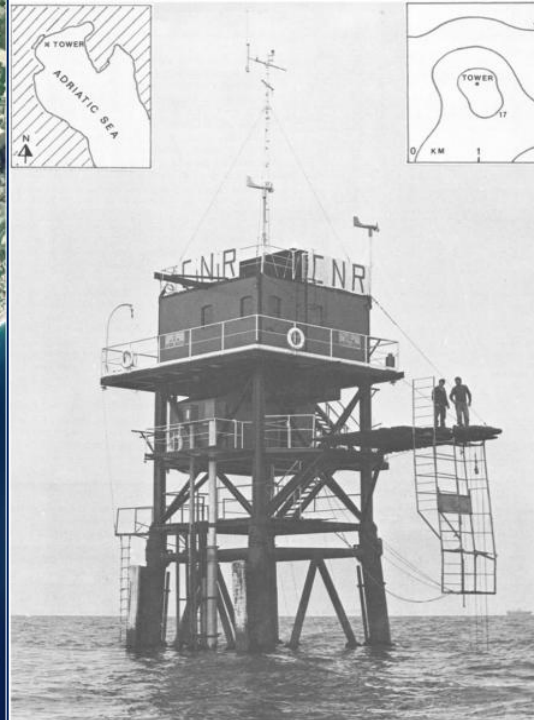
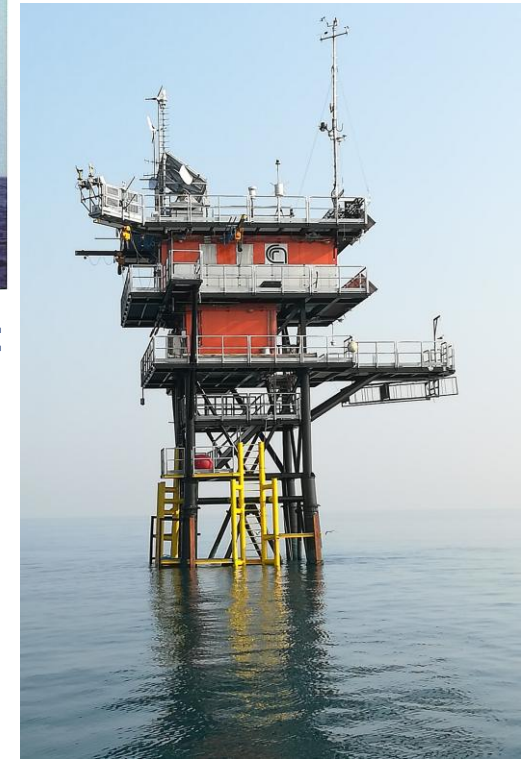


Fig. 1. The Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche oceanographic tower. The tower position in the Northern Adriatic Sea is shown in the upper left-hand corner. The inset at right shows the nearby bottom topography. Depth is in meters.

- Worldwide **longest directional wave dataset** (since 1979) enabling detection and understanding of climate change trends
- Sea level integrated with the **high-tide warning system** of the municipality of Venice
- Full **meteo-oceanographic and hydrological** variables coverage



CNR ISMAR South

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Check for updates

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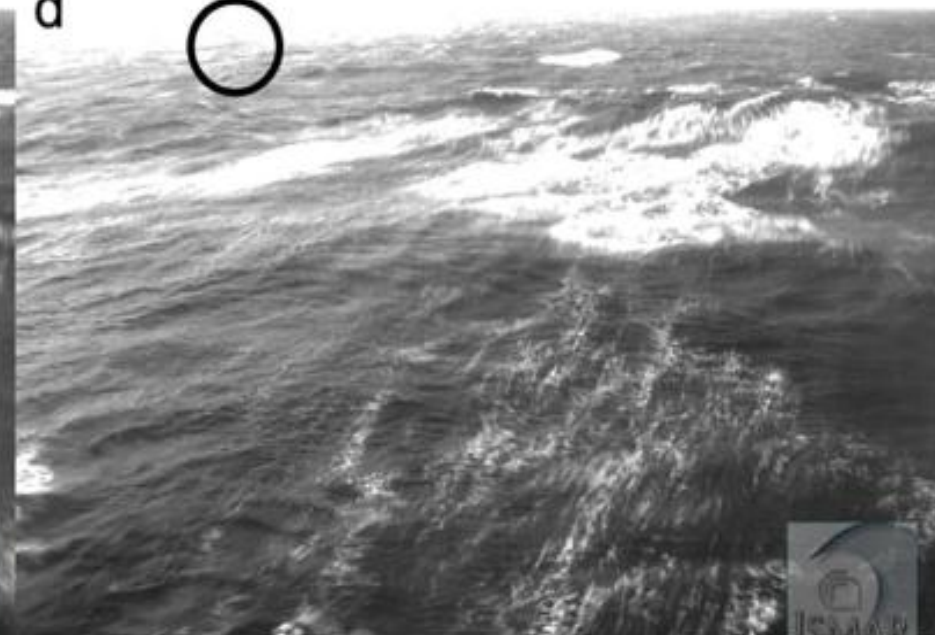
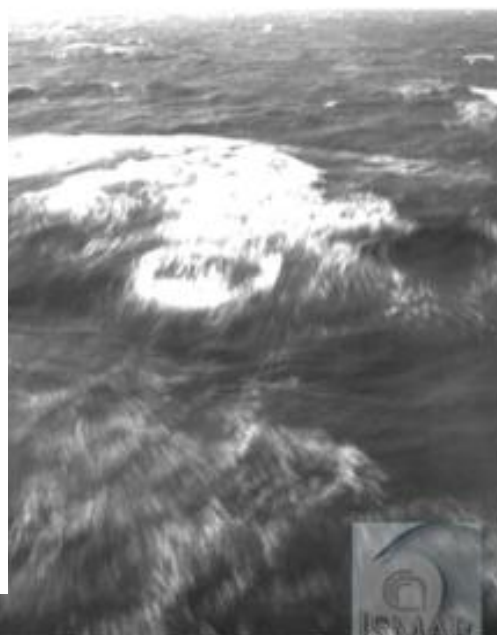
TA DESCRIPTOR

An exceptionally high wave at the CNR-ISMAR oceanographic tower in the Northern Adriatic Sea

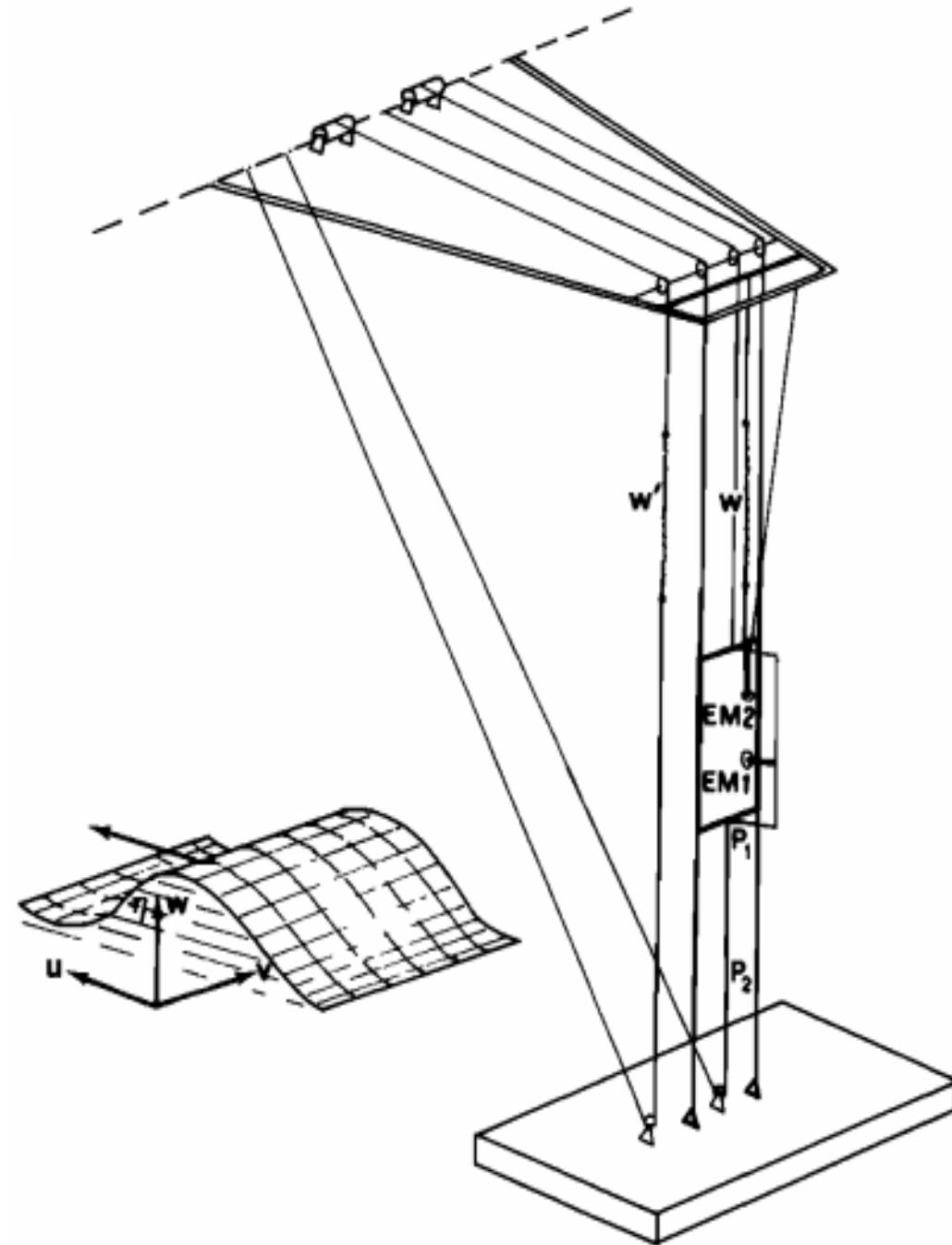
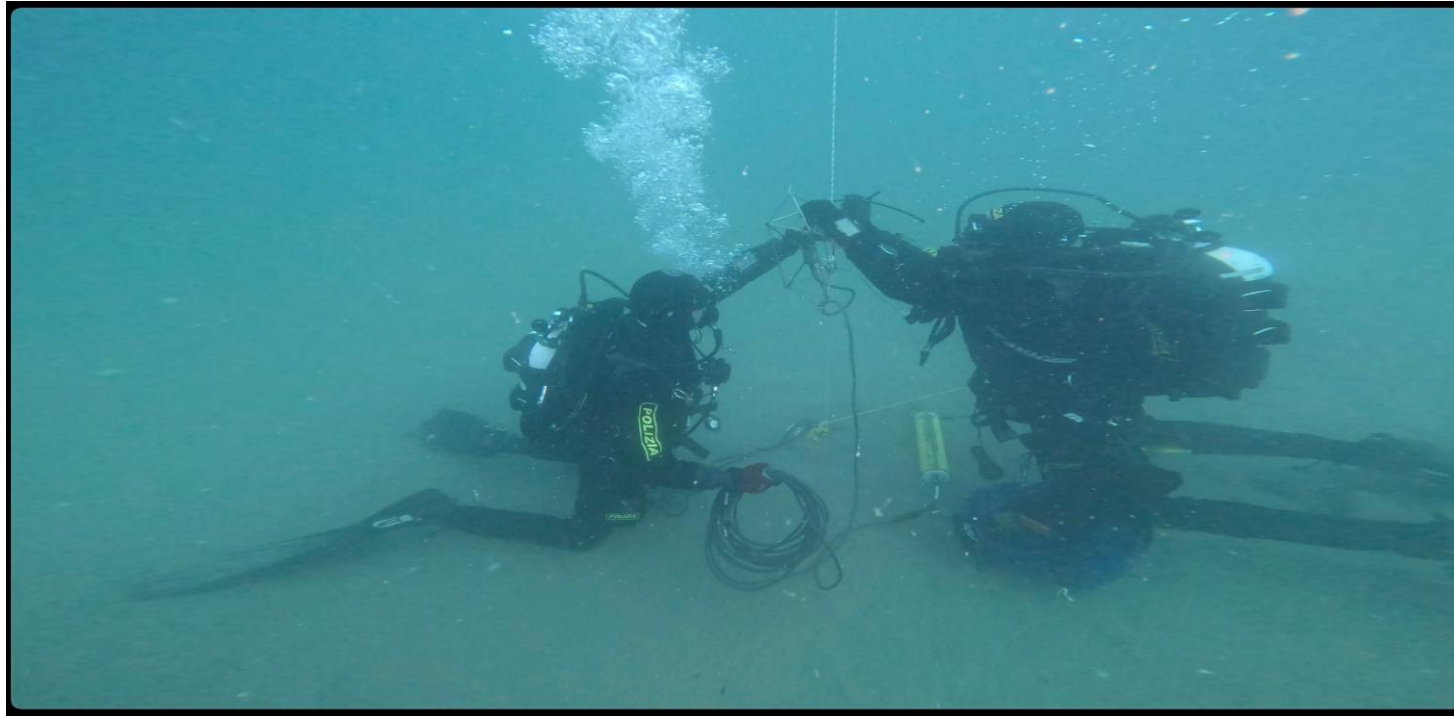
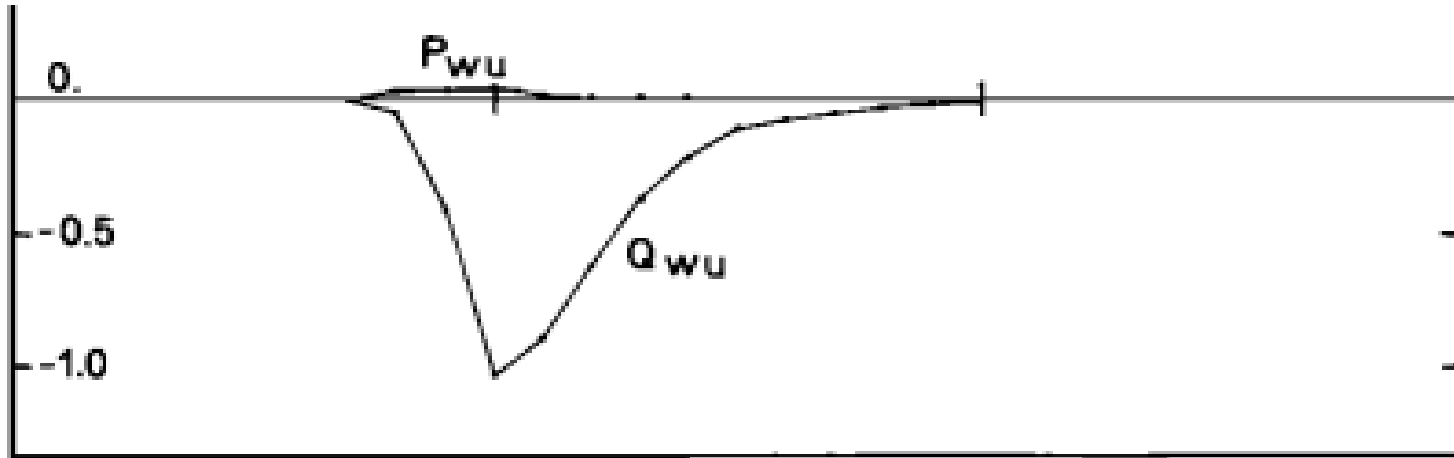
Luigi Cavaleri, Francesco Barbariol, Mauro Bastianini, Alvise Benetazzo , Luciana Bertotti & Angela Pomaro  

On December 15, 2009, a very high wave crest was recorded by a local camera at the CNR-ISMAR oceanographic tower, 15 km offshore Venice in the Northern Adriatic Sea (Italy). The height of the estimated crest elevation appears well beyond the value ($1.25 \cdot H_s$) commonly used to identify a wave as freak. We document the wave event with a full description of the corresponding met-ocean conditions and related measurements, of which we provide a critical analysis.

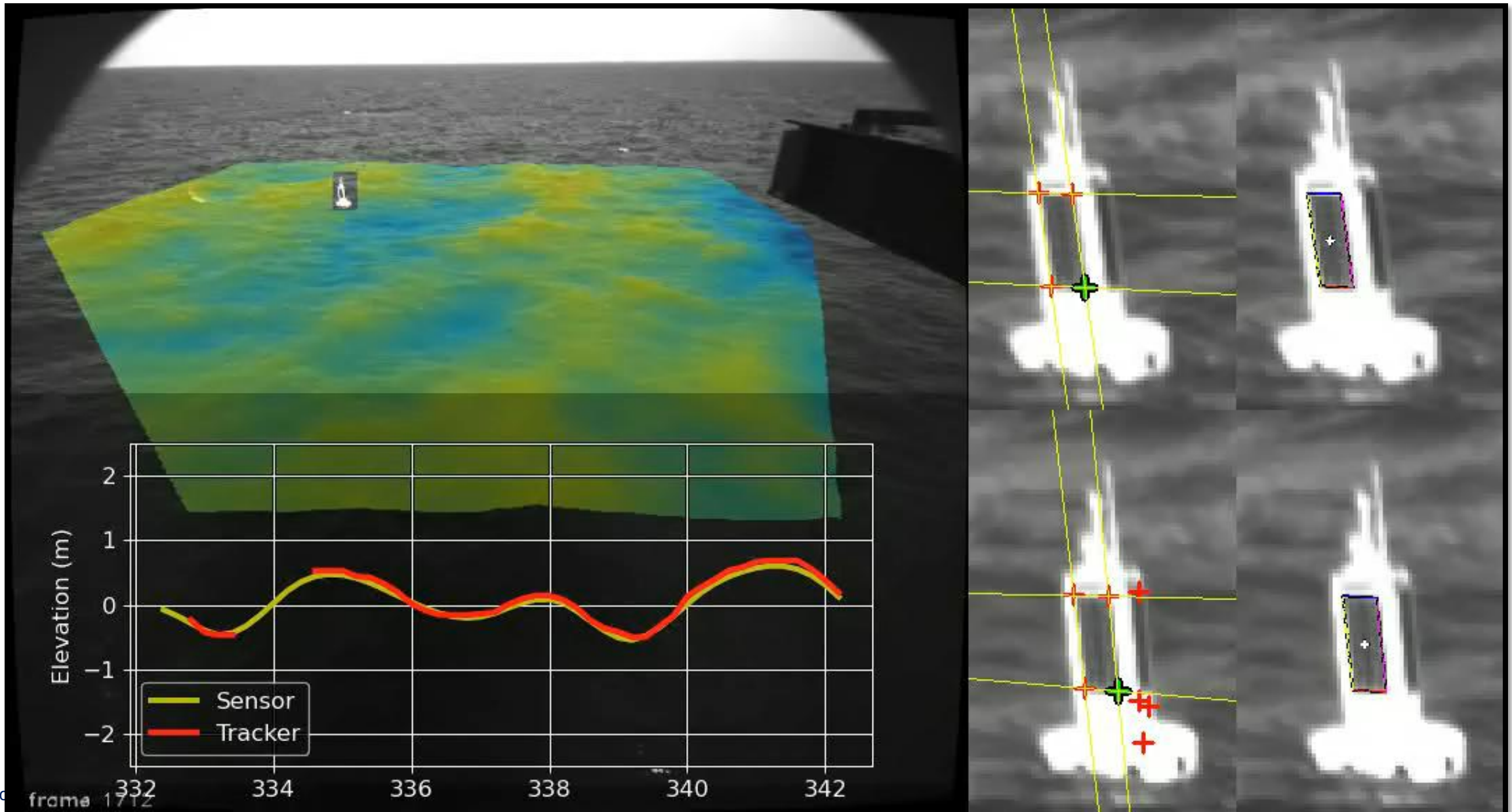
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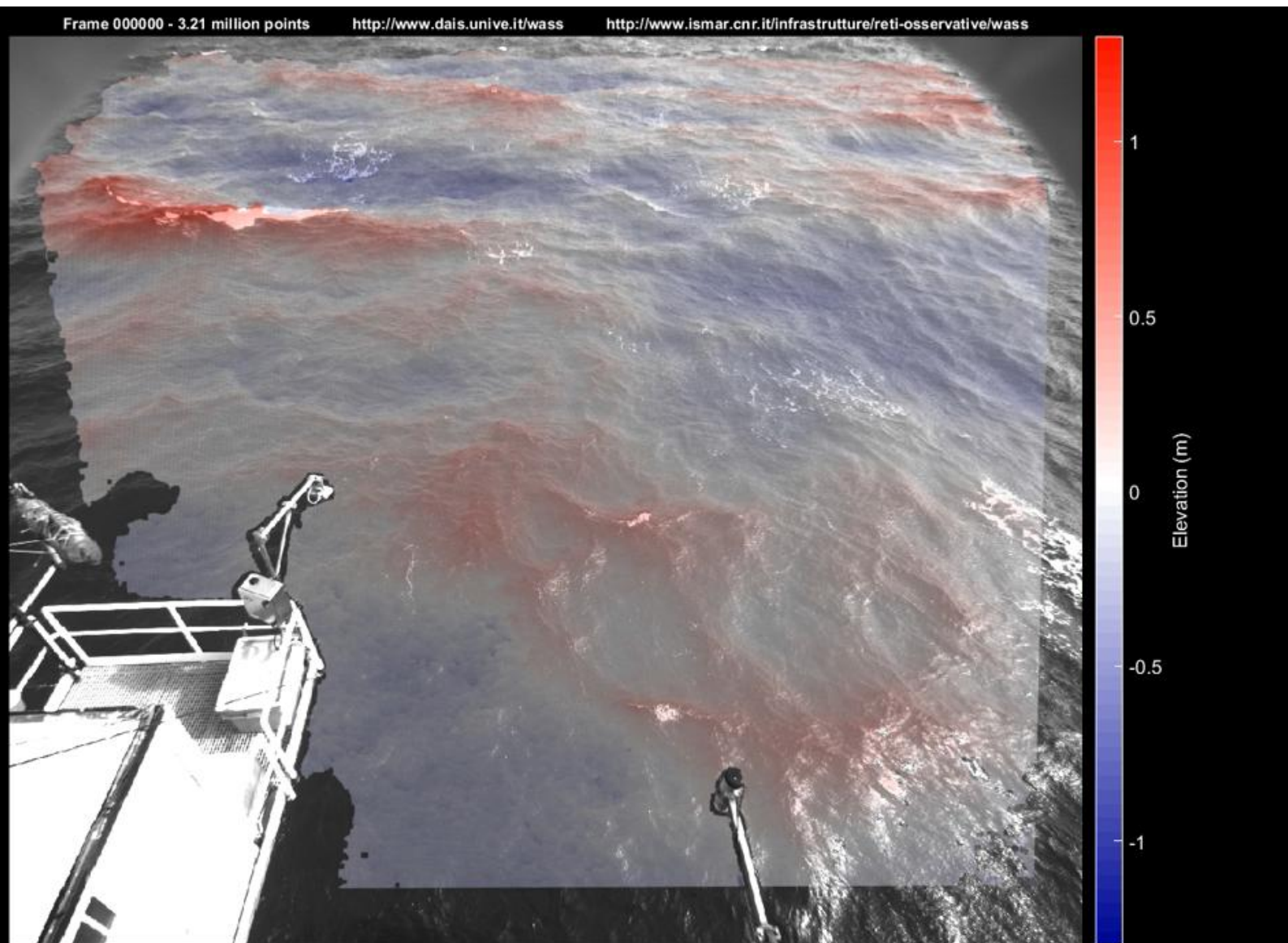
Experimental campaigns planning



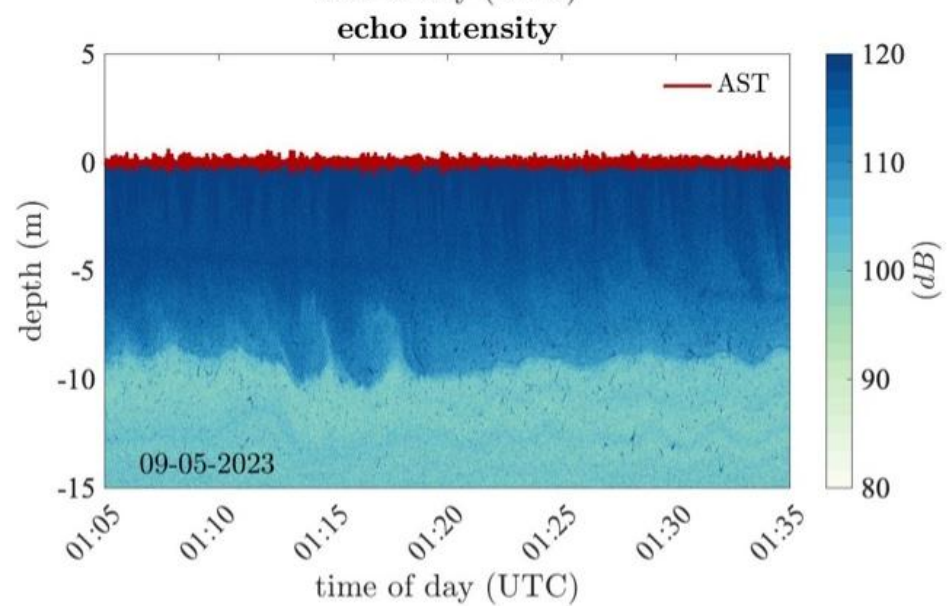
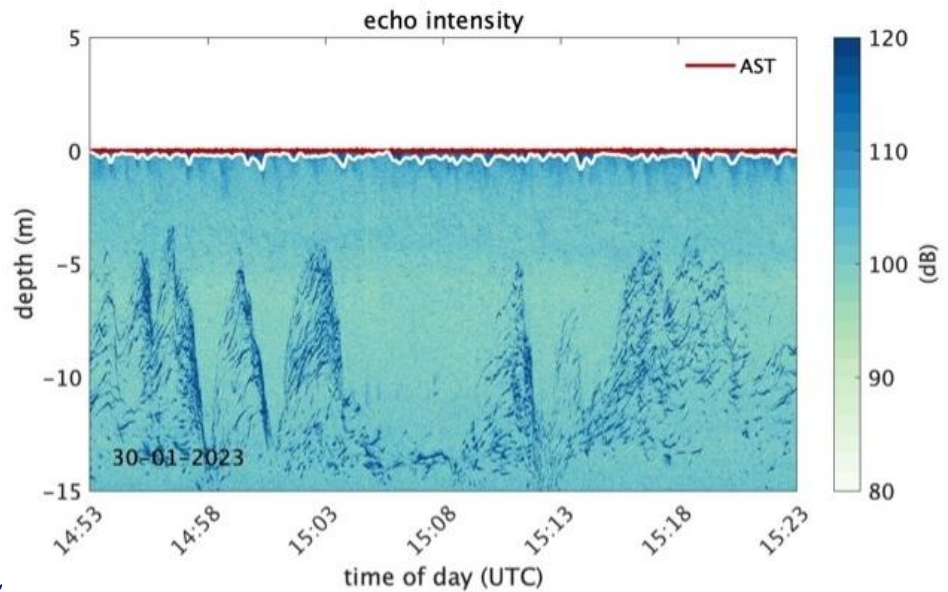
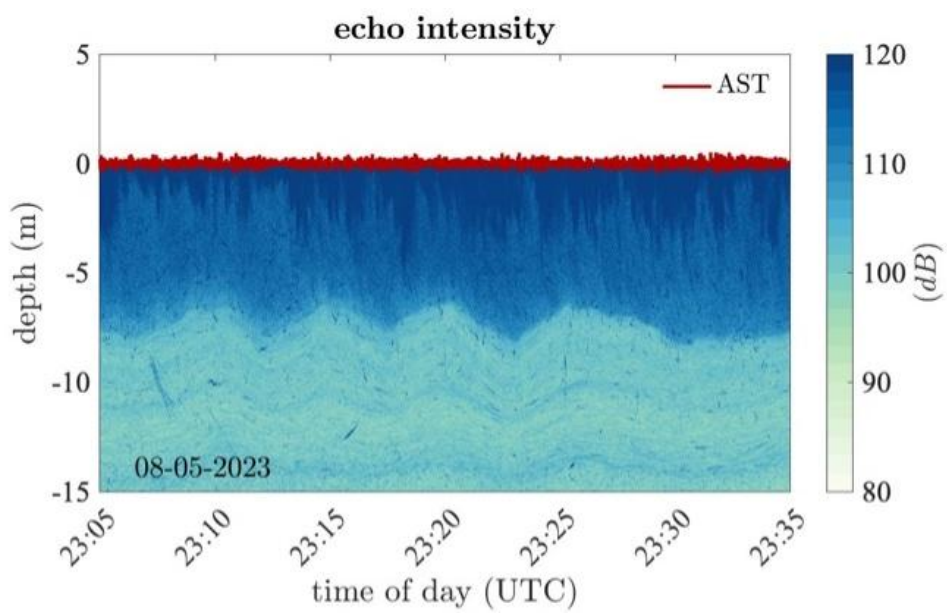
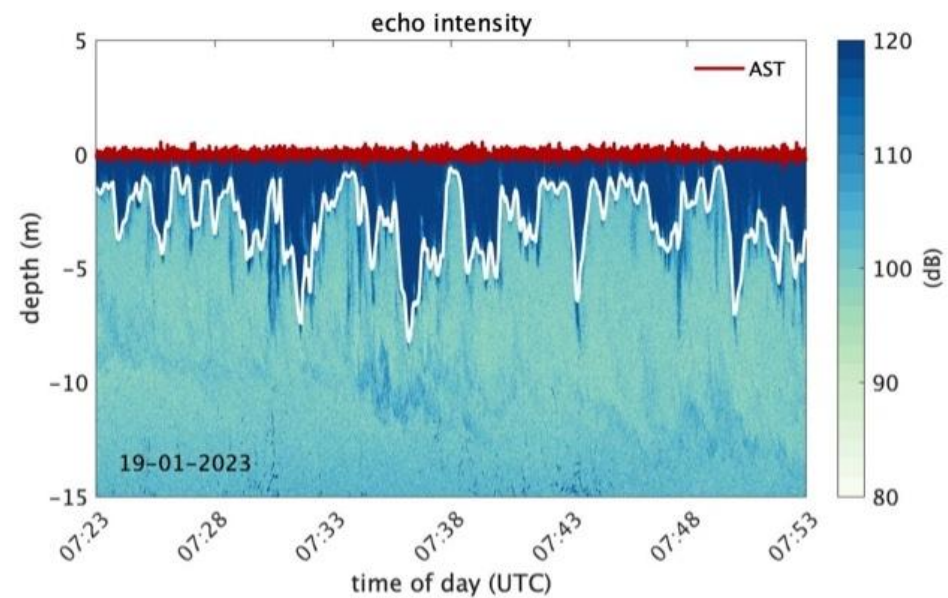
... and instrumental testing



Patents development



High-resolution instrumentation (e.g., Nortek signature ADCP)



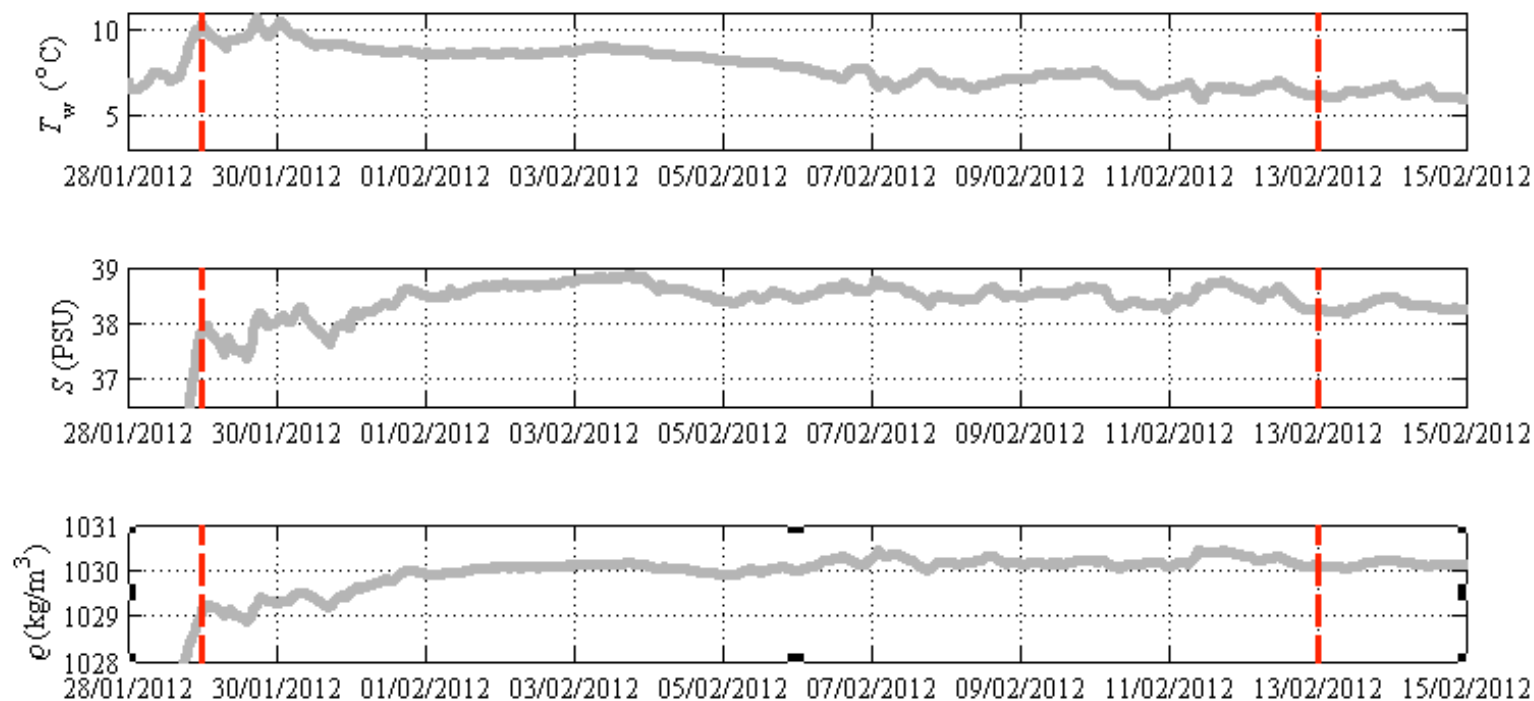
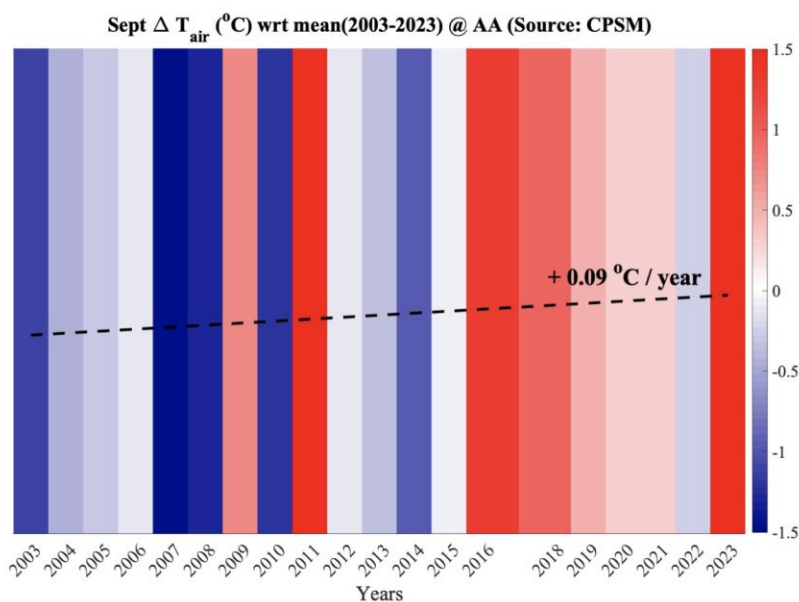
Long and short term variability studies



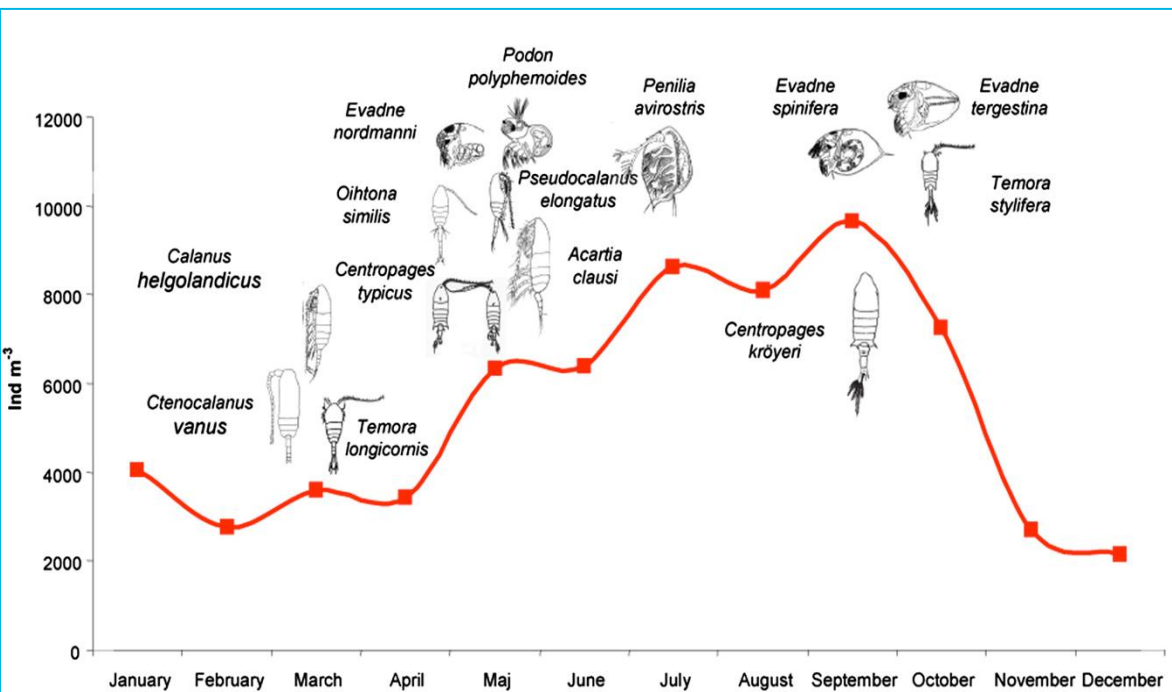
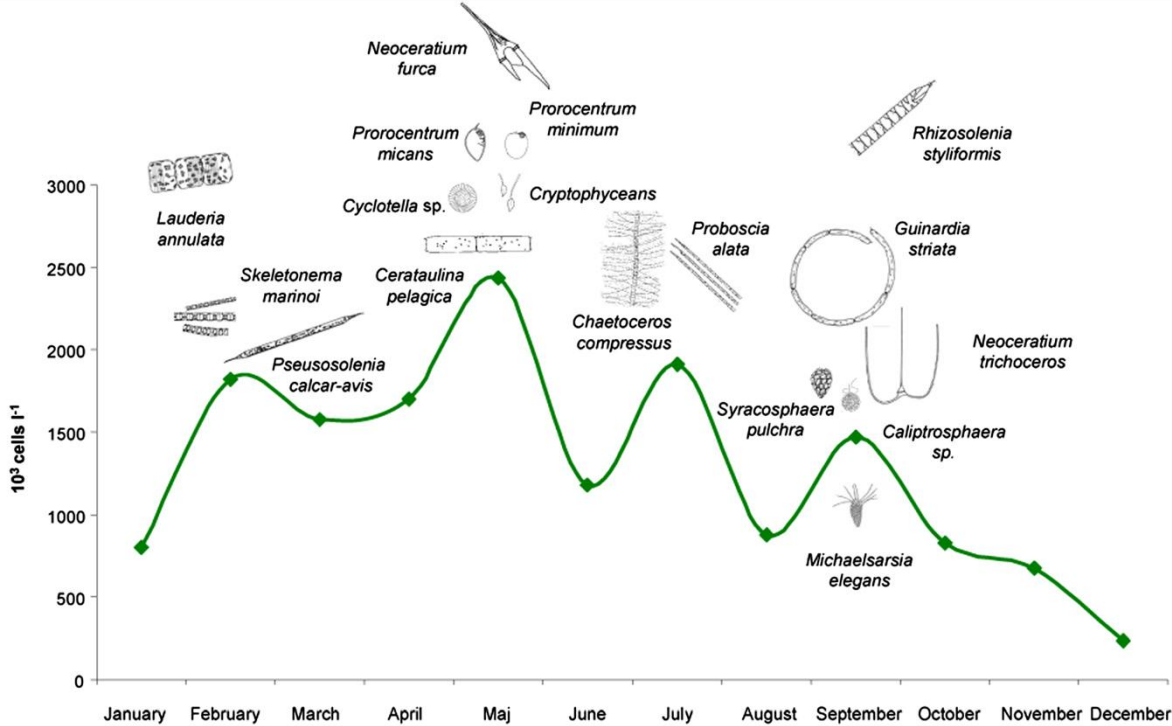
Measurement of **hydrological parameters** at different depths.

Applications:

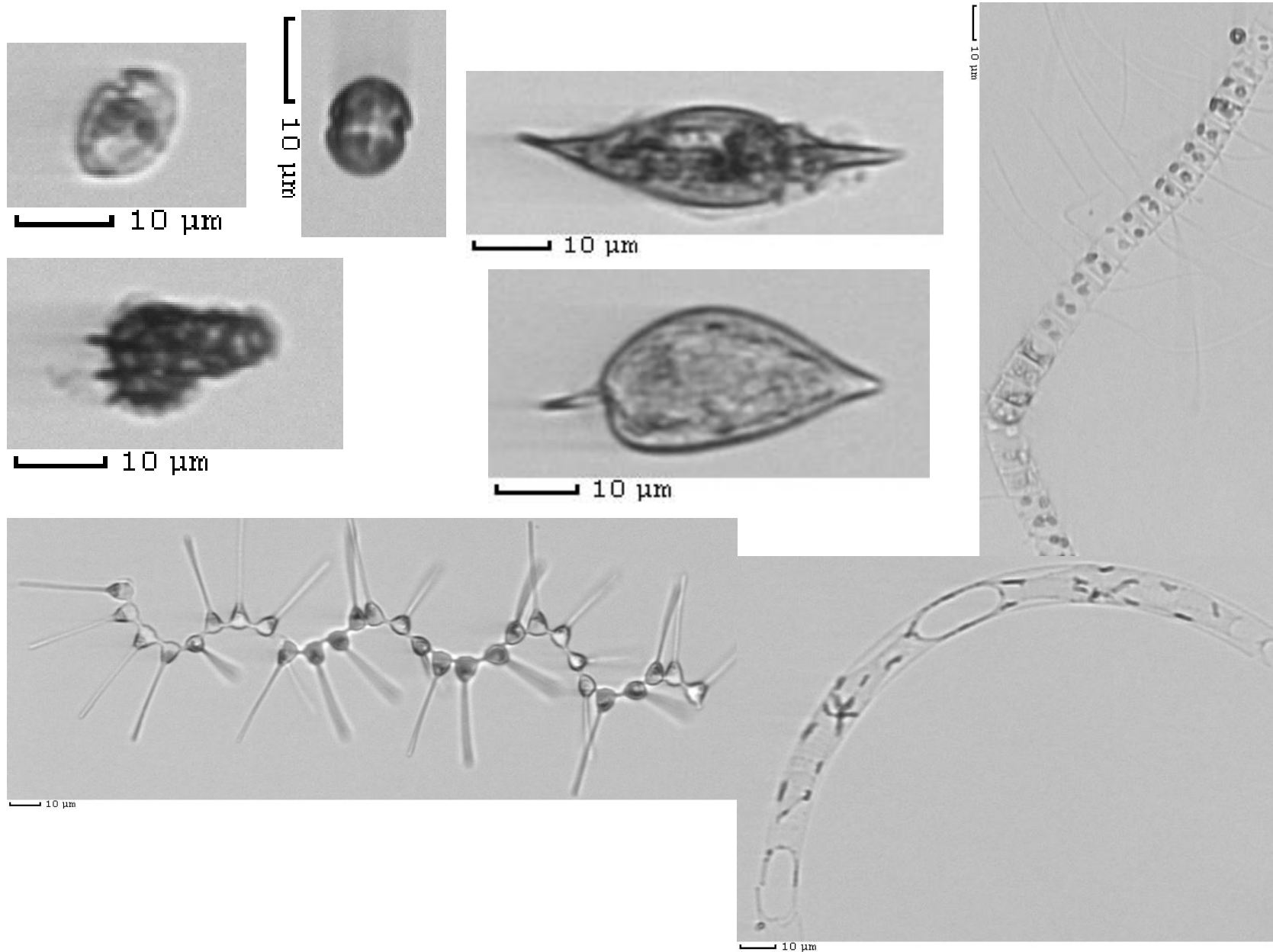
- River plumes detection
- Dense water formation and related processes
- Long-term monitoring



Biogeochemical observations



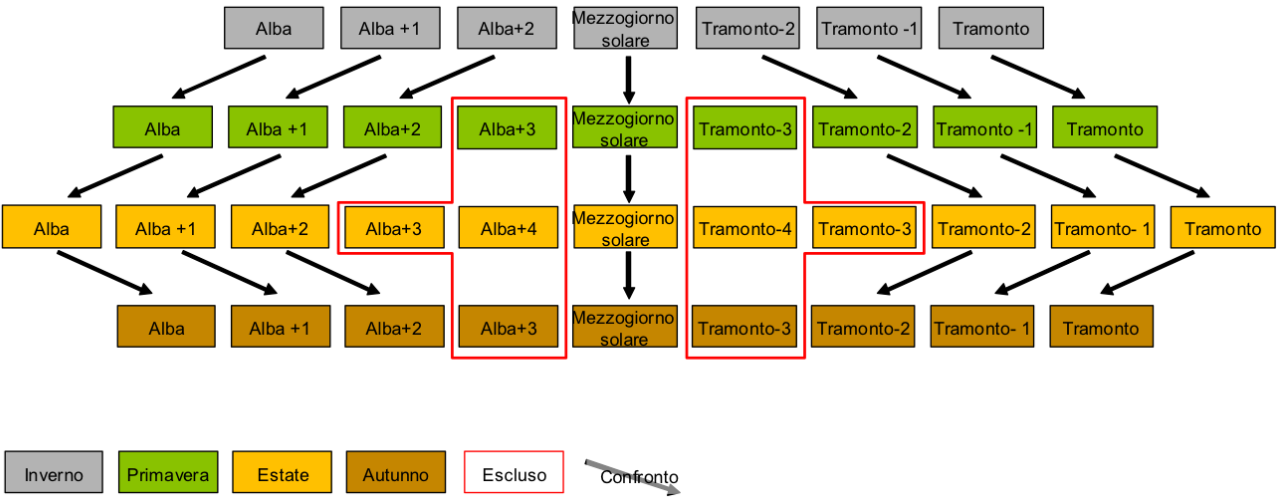
Automated microscopy imaging system AI assisted



Imaging Flow Cytobot



AI assisted underwater webcams



Ecological monitoring studies

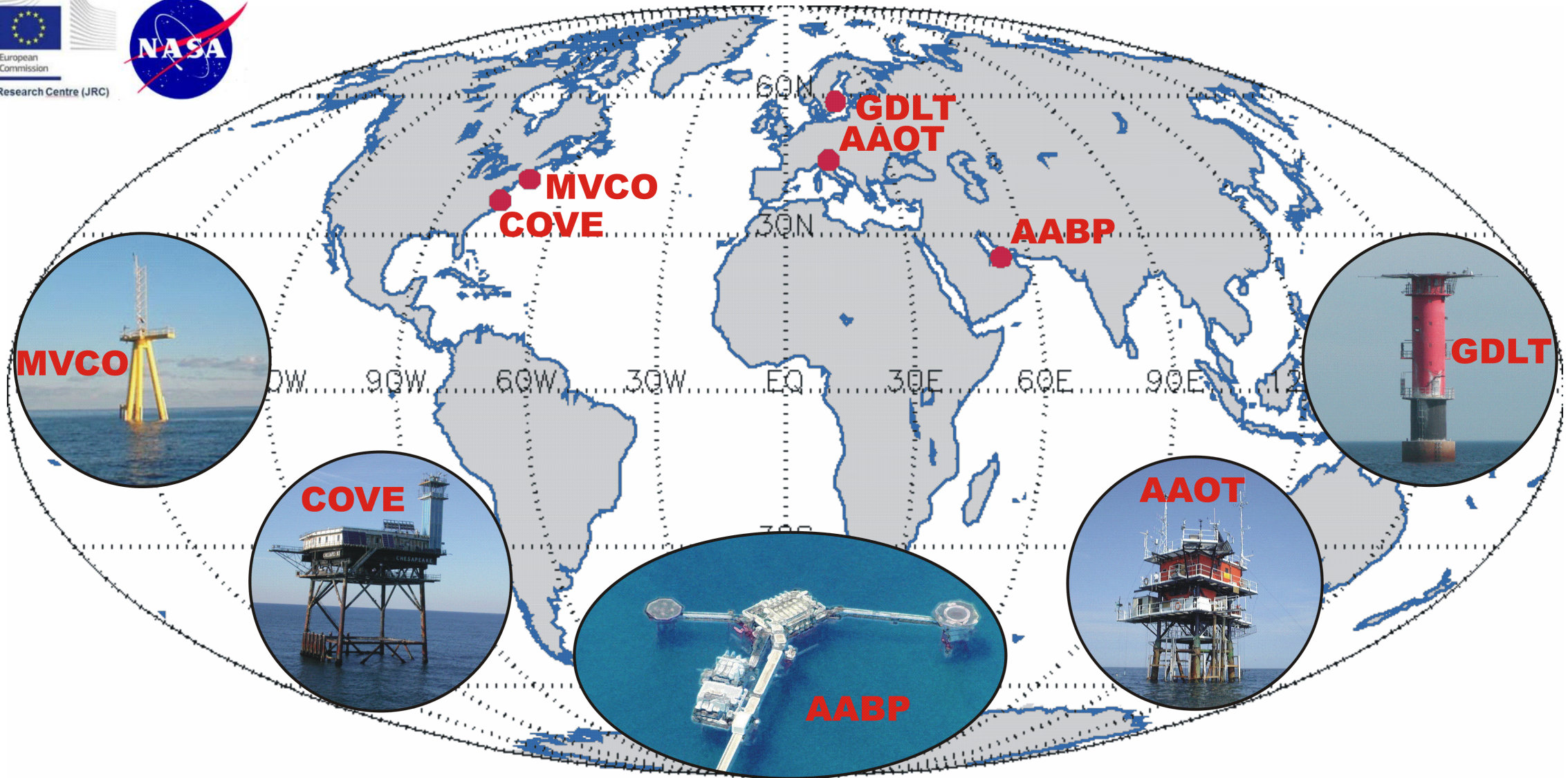
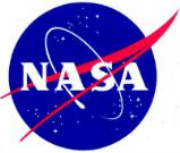
Pinna nobilis (Mollusca: Bivalvia) larvae monitoring



Wood samples durability tests



Time-series of bio-optical data for ocean colour applications



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