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Retrieval of Biogeochemical Properties in Marine Waters Using a Newly Introduced Inversion of the Three-stream Irradiance Model: BOUSSOLE SITE

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reflectance $R \propto \frac{L_w}{E_d} \propto \frac{b_b}{a+b_b}$

downwelling irradiance E_d water-leaving radiance L_w







"Seas & Oceans are pools of clear waters where the light plays

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02 Objectives



"Invert to uncover new possibilities"

 Demonstrating the feasibility of the inversion approach for identifying important physical and biological processes

 Coherently map information between optical and biogeochemical model variables.







03 Data & Methods

Pilot study area

- In the Ligurian Sea (7°54 'E, 43°22 'N), one of the Northwestern Mediterranean sub-basins, at about 32 nautical miles from the French coast (water depth is 2440 m).
- High availability of bio-optical data with high frequency (every 15 min).
- Ideal for the test and skill analysis of the newly introduced inversion model.





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Observation tools

e.g., CMEMS data, marine optical observatory, BGC-Argo floats in the Mediterraneanen sea









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04 QC results

Signal signature analysis of Rrs (λ)



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O4 Inversion results (Chla, a_{phy}, a_{NAP}, a_{CDOM} from 2005 to 2012)

Summer [stratification] (May-Jun-Jul-Aug) Autumn [oligotrophic condition] (Sep-Oct) Winter [vertical mixing] (Nov-Dec-Jan) Spring [spring bloom] (Feb-Mar-Apr)







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04 Inversion results (K_d (λ) from 2005 to 2012)

K_d at 412.5, 442.5, 490, 510 and 555 nm at daily frequency











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Predict

Chl-a best skill metrics EXP configuration

$Data = bbp_{442}, model = bbp_{442}$ Data = bbp₄₈₈, model = bbp₄₉₀ 2012 $Data = bbp_{550}, model = bbp_{555}$ 2022 2013 vea

04 Inversion results $(b_{bp}(\lambda) \text{ from 2005 to 2012})$

b_{bp}(442), b_{bp}(490) and b_{bp}(555) at daily frequency













(a)





(d)

04 Inversion results

Panel (a), (b), and (c) skill metrics for Chl-a EXP1 (Perturbation of $a*_{PH}(\lambda)$, b* $_{PH}(\lambda)$ and b $*_{bPH}(\lambda)$). Panel (d) skill metrics for Chla EXP2 (Perturbation of β : one of parameters that modulates Chl-a to carbon ratio (θCHL) as a function of PAR).

(c)









05 Main conclusions

R_{rs} QC procedure

- The procedure proposed is well suited to reduce noise in themodel output while preserving the temporal and spectral variability of the observational data
- The application with 3D operational systems, as used in CMEMS, may require development of quality control procedures to handle the Rrs data for the assimilation procedure

Inversion approach

- The IOPs analysed, such as phytoplankton absorption and particulate backscattering coefficients, proved to be important elements influencing model skill.
- Physiological processes such as phytoplankton photo-acclimation, which affect absorption and backscattering, are key elements to consider.

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