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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<sub>d</sub> 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 ( $\lambda$ )



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## **O4 Inversion results** (Chla, a<sub>phy</sub>, a<sub>NAP</sub>, a<sub>CDOM</sub> 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** ( $K_d$ ( $\lambda$ ) from 2005 to 2012)

K<sub>d</sub> at 412.5, 442.5, 490, 510 and 555 nm at daily frequency











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#### Chl-a best skill metrics EXP configuration

# $Data = bbp_{442}, model = bbp_{442}$ Data = bbp<sub>488</sub>, model = bbp<sub>490</sub> 2012 $Data = bbp_{550}, model = bbp_{555}$ 2022 2013 vea

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

b<sub>bp</sub>(442), b<sub>bp</sub>(490) and b<sub>bp</sub>(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  $\beta$ : one of parameters that modulates Chl-a to carbon ratio (θCHL) as a function of PAR ).

(c)

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## **05 Main conclusions**

R<sub>rs</sub> 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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