

# Ocean Summary

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# Overall

- Reprocessing is going well, thanks to dedication of many people and organizations
  - 11 Months are complete 1.8 TB/day
  - Validation of many products is progressing well
- Experience with Terra has really paid off with Aqua
  - L1 data very well behaved
  - Oceans global products produced within 24 hrs
  - But don't be fooled, validation still requires time.
- State of the Ocean Discipline is Strong

# Highlights

- Terra SST is the best current IR SST product!
    - Aqua promises to be better.
    - CLIVAR/GODAE goals (0.1K) may be within reach.
  - Calibration of Terra MODIS ocean visible has been an extreme challenge, but results are quite spectacular.
  - Suite of MODIS ocean color products for research and evaluation, provide basis for improved science.
  - Fluorescence data more sensitive than expected.
    - shown to be useful in case 2 waters.
    - Research progressing on global implications for physiological ecology
- 7/23/02
- Impressive validation with independent AOL observations<sup>3</sup>

## Highlights (2)

- MOBY and MOCE nLw's are the world standard of reference for initialization of ocean color satellite data sets.
- Improved Coordination with SIMBIOS
  - Match ups with in-situ data from SeaBASS
  - Merged Terra Chlor\_a\_2 and SeaWiFS chlorophylls
  - Preparations for VIIRS/NPP
- NOAA near real time effort is bearing fruit
  - Something we can build upon for the VIIRS transition
- Use of high resolution bands for coastal regions.

# Current Areas of Emphasis

- Terra Validation and Aqua Initialization
- Terra+Aqua Products
- Need continued focus on distribution, outreach.
- Recompensation changes.
- Validation everywhere, but esp in the Southern Ocean.
- Reprocessing effort is exemplary, but its still very hard.  
Collection 5 code must be ready in 9 mos.
- Need to increase effort for new and applications products.
  - Coastal, HABs, etc

# Issues

- VIIRS instrument is promising for a follow-on
  - Pathway to VIIRS Science Products (CDRs) not clear
    - Needs definition
    - Realistic, scientifically useful goals
    - Realistic funding
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