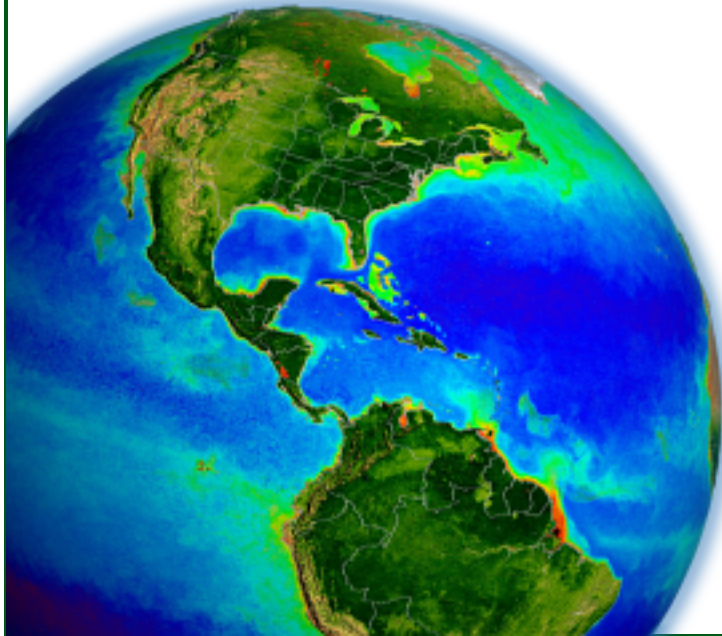


MODIS & VIIRS

Ocean Science Team Break-out



MODIS Science Team Meeting
19-22 May 2015, Silver Spring, MD

Ocean Break-out Agenda

May 20

Overview and Status		
1:30	Bryan Franz Gene Feldman Gene Eplee Gerhard Meister Fred Patt	Overview of Science Team & Ocean SIPS Status of MODIS and VIIRS OC & SST production Status of instruments and calibration - VIIRS calibration update (GE) - MODIS calibration update (GM) - SeaWiFS calibration update (FP) Questions/Discussion
3:00	Break	
Data Product Quality		
3:20	Brian Barnes	Cross-sensor continuity between SeaWiFS, MODIS/Aqua, and VIIRS over the Gulf of Mexico
3:40	Lian Feng and Chuanmin Hu	Effects of bright-target adjacency on TOA radiance and ocean color products: A statistical assessment
Data Product Applications		
4:00	Watson Gregg	Using S-NPP VIIRS ocean chlorophyll in a global model
4:20	Greg Silsbe	Net Primary Production modeling from satellite
4:40	Chuanmin Hu	Comparison of MODIS and VIIRS in detecting harmful Karenia brevis blooms in the NE Gulf of Mexico: A case study
5:00	Discussion	

Ocean Break-out Agenda

May 21

<i>Standard Product Suite</i>		
1:30	Zhongping Lee	<i>Discussion of Ocean Color products, what should we produce</i>
2:30	<i>Break</i>	
2:40	Prabhat Koner	<i>Predicted vs observed results for different channel combinations, information content and operational error for multi-sensors SST retrievals</i>
3:00	Peter Minnett	<i>Discussion of SST products and algorithms, what should we produce, what is the algorithm status, how can proposed approaches complement.</i> <i>Peter Minnett - MODIS continuity algorithm</i> <i>Andy Harris - deterministic inverse method for SST retrieval</i> <i>Kyle Hilburn - analysis and mitigation of atmospheric crosstalk</i>
3:30	<i>Discussion</i>	

A.28 The Science of Terra and Aqua

A.46 Terra and Aqua – Algorithms – Existing Data Products

PI	Proposal Title
Bryan Franz	Ocean Discipline Lead
Barney Balch	Integrating the MODIS PIC Product Into the Climate Data Record Maintenance and Refinement of the MODIS Algorithm for Particulate Inorganic Carbon
Mike Behrenfeld	Global Ocean Phytoplankton Carbon and Physiology With MODIS-Aqua
Scott Doney	Multi-Scale Satellite Analysis of the Biophysical Dynamics Governing Ocean Phytoplankton Community Structure
Bryan Franz	Maintenance and Quality Assessment of Remote Sensing Reflectance, Chlorophyll, and Diffuse Attenuation Products to Support MODIS Ocean Color Science
Robert Frouin	Improvements to the MODIS Standard Ocean PAR Product *Retrieval of Marine Reflectance From MISR Data
Chuanmin Hu	Maximize MODIS Potentials for Near Real-Time Ocean Applications Through Developing and Refining Novel Algorithms and Products Establish a Multi-Sensor Climate Data Record of Ocean Chlorophyll-A Concentrations Using a Novel Algorithm Concept
Zhongping Lee	Development of New Solar Radiation and Primary Production Products from MODIS Ocean-Color Measurements
Peter Minnett	The Forward Solution to Sea-Surface Temperature Retrieval From MODIS Measurements Continued Maintenance and Minor Refinement of Algorithms for Deriving SST From MODIS
Norm Nelson	Bermuda Bio-Optics Project: Continuation of Time-series and Retrospective Data Analysis
Dave Siegel	Plumes and Blooms: A Multi-Decadal Coastal Bio-Optical Time-series and Retrospective Data Analysis
Crystal Thomas/ Antonio Mannino	Support of NASA Ocean Biology and Biogeochemistry Research With Quality Assured HPLC Pigment Analysis
Jeremy Werdell	Advancing the Retrieval of Marine Inherent Optical Properties From Satellite Ocean Color Radiometry
Toby Westberry	A Next-Generation Net Primary Production Model for Application to MODIS Aqua Refinement of Global MODIS Chlorophyll Fluorescence Quantum Yields

A.29 Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership Science Team

PI	Proposal Title
Carlos Del Castillo	Ocean Discipline Lead
Barney Balch	Use of Suomi NPP for deriving science data records of ocean particulate inorganic carbon concentration: algorithm improvements, product validation and achieving continuity with the EOS product
Bryan Franz	Extension of the MODIS Ocean Color Time-Series to S-NPP/VIIRS: Marine Remote Sensing Reflectance and Derived Products
Robert Frouin	Development of a Science Quality Ocean Surface PAR Product from NPP VIIRS Data
Watson Gregg	Combining Data Assimilation with an Algorithm to Improve the Consistency of VIIRS Chlorophyll: Toward a Multidecadal, Multisensor Global Record
Andy Harris	New Physically Based Sea Surface Temperature Retrievals for NPP VIIRS
Chuanmin Hu	Refine and Improve Suomi NPP Chlorophyll a and Other Ocean Color Data Products Using a Novel Algorithm Concept
Zhongping Lee	Upgrade the Kd(490) Product to the Normalized Diffuse Attenuation Coefficient at 490 nm (nKd(490)) for Suomi NPP
Peter Minnett	Sea-Surface Temperature from VIIRS - Extending the MODIS Time Series for Climate Data Records
Frank Wentz	Analysis and Mitigation of Atmospheric CrossTalk in VIIRS SST Retrievals

MODIS and VIIRS Ocean Science Team

26 Selected Proposals
16 Unique PIs

Organization

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Science Team Leaders

Michael King (MODIS)

Jim Gleason (VIIRS, S-NPP Project Scientist)

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Bryan Franz (MODIS)

Carlos Del Castillo (VIIRS)

Ocean SIPS (MODIS & VIIRS, Implementation and Processing)

Gene Feldman & Bryan Franz

DAAC (MODIS & VIIRS, Archive and Distribution)

OB.DAAC (Gene Feldman & Sean Bailey, Ocean Color)

PO.DAAC (Robert Toaz & Ed Armstrong, SST)

Product Development and Documentation

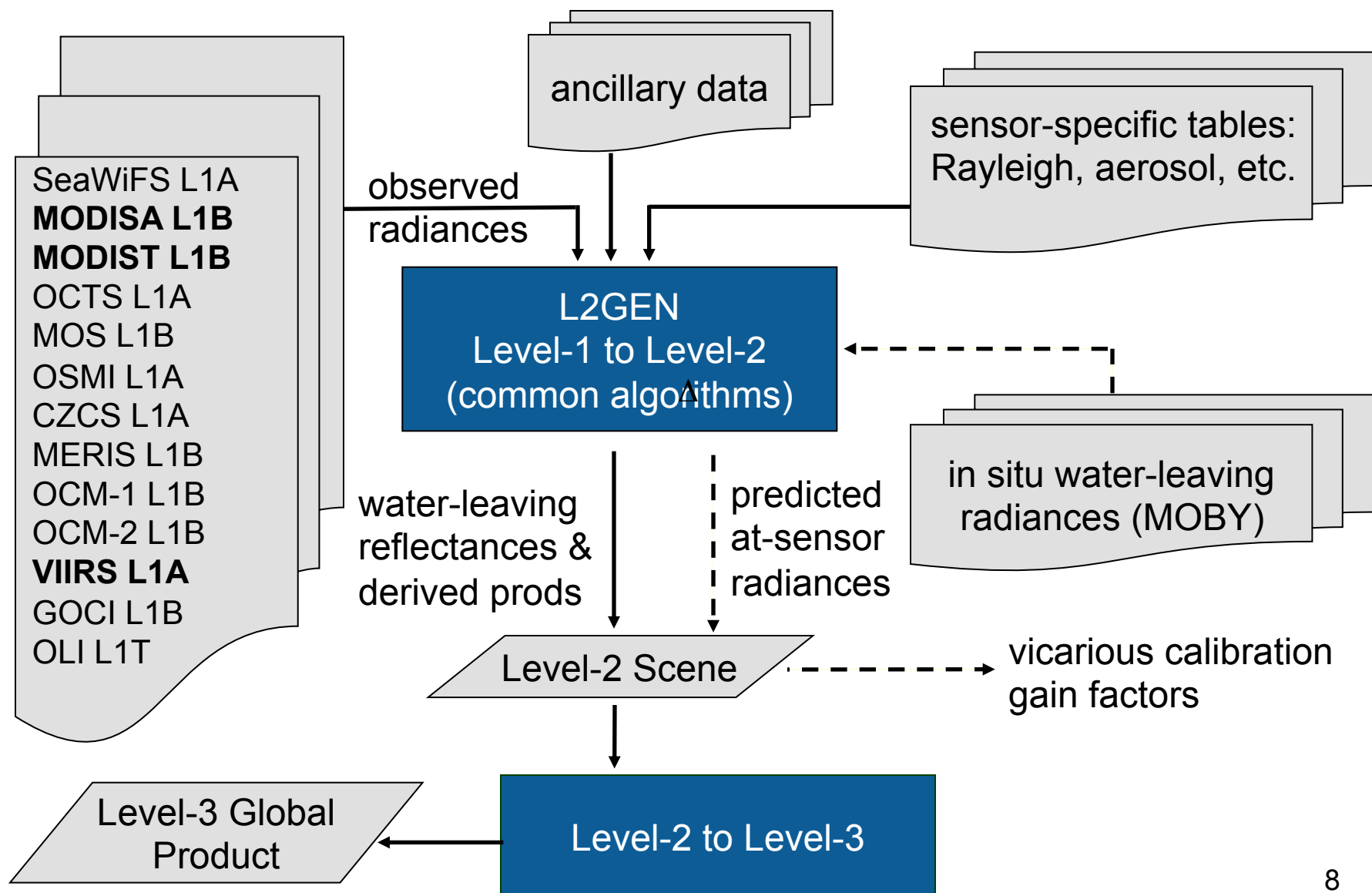
Standard, Evaluation, and Test Products

- a **standard product** is one that the SIPS is committed to maintain, and the DAAC is committed to archive and distribute, at the ultimate discretion of Program Management
- an **evaluation product** is one that the SIPS/DAAC may produce and distribute, if resources allow, to support community assessment of a new product or alternative product algorithm
- a **test product** is one that the SIPS may produce to support the algorithm PI in implementation verification and product testing

in practice, OC standard products are made at Level-2 and Level-3, while eval products are made only at Level-3 (usually from Level-3 Rrs dailies).

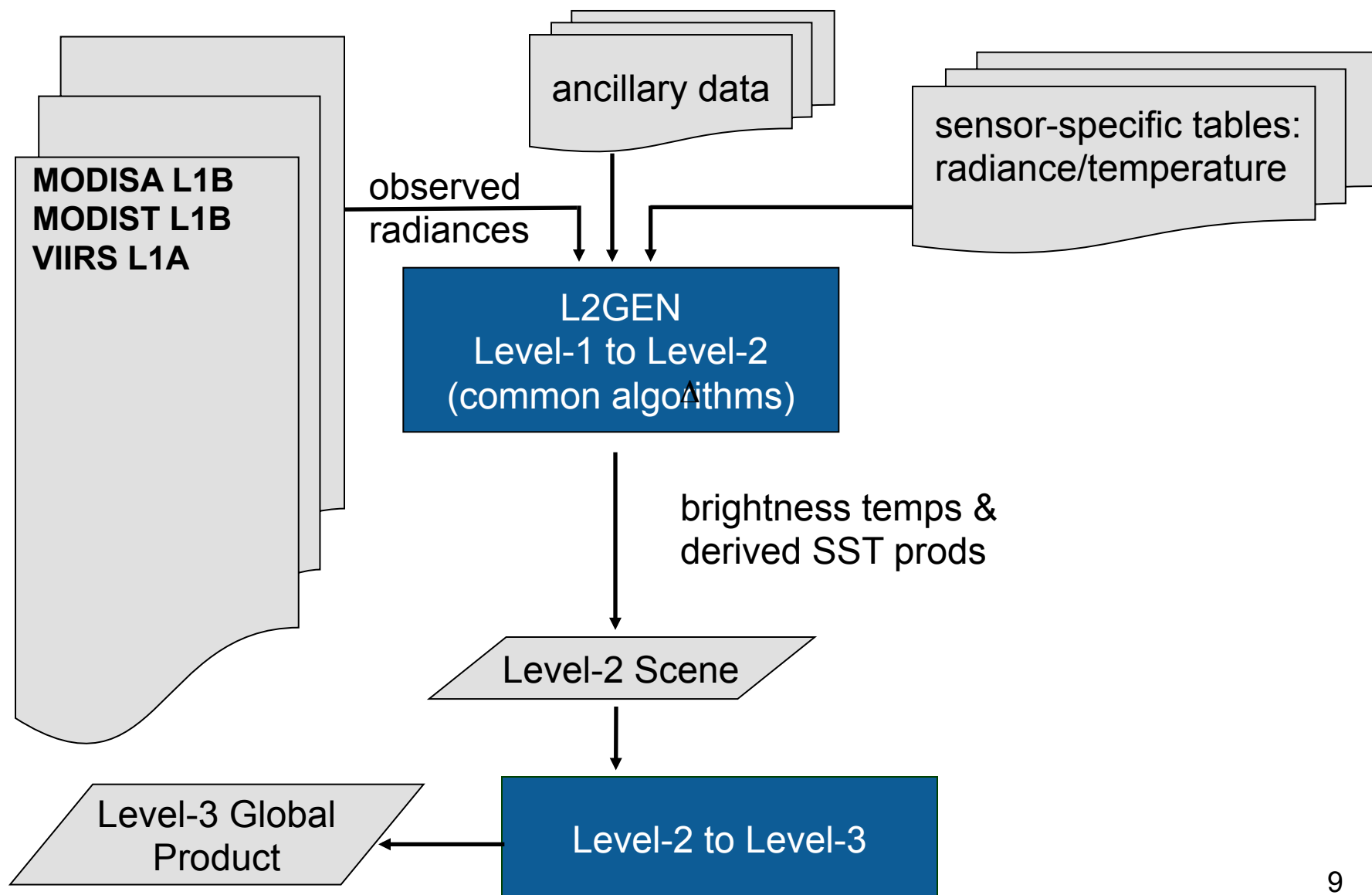
OC Implementation

NASA Standard Processing Code



SST Implementation

NASA Standard Processing Code



Product Documentation

- MODIS has historically required that every standard product have associated with it an Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD)
- The original MODIS ATBDs are extremely out of date and in many cases they are not relevant to current standard products
- This is largely due to the fact that the MODIS processing was awarded to the NASA OBPG in 2004 with the mandate to adopt the SeaWiFS heritage processing, as documented in SeaWiFS TMs
- It is also the case that the ocean algorithms are predominantly sensor-independent, evolved from broad community contributions
- To satisfy NASA Program Management and better serve the research community, we need to establish a new set of product documentation for the current standard product suite of MODIS & VIIRS, and maintain that level of documentation going forward
- To that end, Ocean SIPS is developing a set of online documents that can be easily updated and will include dynamic links to ensure that implementation and validation information remains current

Product and Algorithm Description Document

standardized elements

- **Product Summary**
 - defines what it is and what it's for
- **Algorithm Description**
 - as detailed as necessary to ensure full traceability to algorithm basis and heritage (e.g., links to published literature)
 - if applicable to multiple sensors, include any sensor-specific modifications required (e.g., adjustments for band passes)
 - algorithm failure conditions and associated product flags
- **Implementation**
 - how is the product distributed (product suite, file-types, encoding)
 - direct links to source code and/or software flow charts

Product and Algorithm Description Document

standardized elements

- **Assessment**
 - validation analyses (e.g., direct link to dynamic match-ups)
 - uncertainties
- **References**
 - links to previous ATBD(s) or TM(s), if relevant
 - links to published literature (DOIs)
- **Product History**
 - document version (date)
 - product change log

Product Description Documents

EARTH DATA Data Discovery - DAACs - Community - Science Disciplines -

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Algorithm Descriptions

The Ocean Biology Processing Group (OBPG) produces and distributes a standard suite of products for all compatible sensors at **Level-2** and **Level-3**, plus sea surface temperature (SST) and Sea Surface Salinity (SSS) from MODIS. The OBPG also produces a suite of **Level-3** evaluation products. Descriptions of these standard and evaluation products are provided below.

Standard Ocean Color Products

Chlorophyll *a* (chlor_a; mg m^{-3})

The concentration of the photosynthetic pigment chlorophyll *a*.

Diffuse attenuation coefficient for downwelling irradiance at 490 nm (K_d)

The diffuse attenuation coefficient for downwelling irradiance over the first optical depth.

Inherent Optical Properties (IOPs; m^{-1})

The spectral marine absorption and backscattering coefficients of water column constituents.

Particulate Organic Carbon (POC; mg m^{-3})

The concentration of particulate organic carbon.

Particulate Inorganic Carbon (PIC; mol m^{-3})

The concentration of particulate inorganic carbon.

Photosynthetically Available Radiation (PAR; $\text{Einstein m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$)

Daily mean photosynthetically available radiation (PAR) at the ocean surface.

Instantaneous Photosynthetically Available Radiation (IPAR; Einstein m^{-2})

IPAR the ocean surface at the time of the satellite observation. MODIS only.

Normalized Fluorescence Line Height (nFLH; $\text{mW cm}^{-2} \mu\text{m}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$)

Relative measure of water-leaving radiance associated with chlorophyll fluorescence. MODIS only.

Remote Sensing Reflectance (Rrs; sr^{-1})

The at-surface spectral remote-sensing reflectances observed by the satellite instrument. The aerosol optical thickness and Ångström data products are also described.

Standard Sea Surface Temperature Products

11 μm Sea Surface Temperature (SST; $^{\circ}\text{C}$)

Sea surface temperature derived from long-wave (11-12 μm) thermal radiation. MODIS only.

4 μm Sea Surface Temperature (SST4; $^{\circ}\text{C}$)

Sea surface temperature derived from short-wave (3-4 μm) thermal radiation. MODIS only.

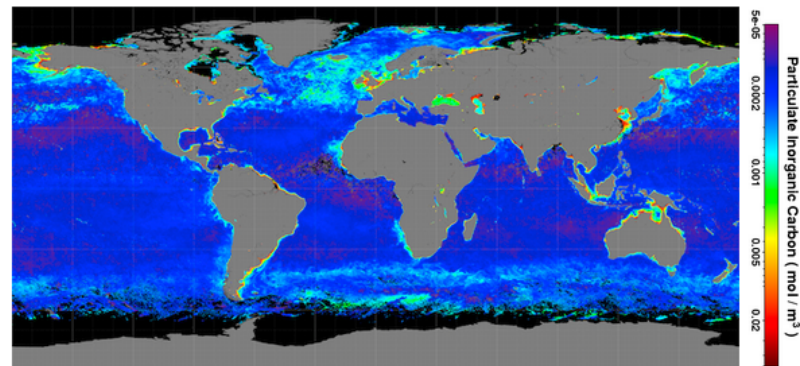
Particulate Inorganic Carbon (PIC)

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1 - Product Summary

This algorithm derives the concentration of particulate inorganic carbon (PIC) in mol m^{-3} , calculated using observed in situ relationships between water-leaving radiances, spectral backscattering coefficients, and concentrations of PIC (i.e., calcium carbonate or calcite). Algorithm implementation is contingent on the availability of sensor bands near 443 and 555nm. The algorithm is applicable to all current ocean color sensors. The PIC product is included as part of the standard Level-2 OC product suite and the Level-3 PIC product suite.



MODIS Aqua PIC seasonal composite for Spring 2014

Algorithm Description

2 - Algorithm Description

The PIC algorithm is a hybrid of two independent approaches, defined here as the 2-band approach (Balch et al. 2005) and the 3-band approach (Gordon et al. 2001). The 3-band approach is used when the 2-band approach fails.

Input:

2-band approach

Normalized water-leaving radiances in two bands near 443 and 555 nm.

3-band approach

Spectral top-of-atmosphere reflectances at three wavelengths near 670, 750, and 870 nm

Output:

pic, the concentration of particulate inorganic carbon in mol m^{-3}

The 2-Band Approach:

The algorithm makes use of a precomputed look-up table, derived from in situ measurements, that contains the total backscattering coefficient for calcite at 546 nm, $b_{bc}(546)$ in m^{-1} , as a function of nLw(443) and nLw(555). The concentration of calcite (PIC) is computed by dividing $b_{bc}(546)$ by a calcite-specific backscattering coefficient ($1.628 \text{ m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$), as also derived from in situ measurements.

In cases where nLw(555) is not available (OCTS, MODIS, MERIS, etc.), it is estimated from the closest native green wavelength (547, 560, and 565 nm, etc.) using the empirical relationships described [here](#).

The 2-band algorithm may fail to retrieve PIC for two primary reasons: 1) the normalized water-leaving radiances could not be retrieved due to atmospheric correction failures or other masking conditions (e.g., clouds or land), and 2) the retrieved water-leaving radiances may be outside the range of values in the precomputed LUT. A common reason for either of these conditions is that the PIC concentration is very high, which can result in large water-leaving radiance signals in the near infrared channels that lead to poor or failed atmospheric correction. In some cases the signal is so strong in the near infrared that the observation is flagged and masked as a cloud. When these failures occur, the algorithm will attempt a retrieval using the 3-band approach, which uses a simple atmospheric correction that is more robust over bright waters.

The 3-Band Approach:

Observed TOA radiances, $L_t(\lambda)$, at three spectral bands near 670, 765, and 865 nm are converted to reflectance and then related to the components of the radiant path reflectance through:

$$\rho_t(\lambda) = (\rho_r(\lambda) + t_s(\lambda) \times \rho_f(\lambda) \times t_s(\lambda) \times \rho_w(\lambda) + \rho_a(\lambda))t_g(\lambda)$$

where:

$\rho_f(\lambda)$ is top-of-atmosphere reflectance (measured), $\rho_r(\lambda)$ is reflectance due to Rayleigh scattering in the absence of aerosols (calculated), $\rho_f(\lambda)$ is reflectance due to whitecaps and foam (calculated), $t_s(\lambda)$ is diffuse transmittance of the atmosphere from surface to sensor (calculated), $t_g(\lambda)$ is atmospheric gas transmittance Sun to surface to sensor (calculated), $\rho_w(\lambda)$ is water-leaving reflectance (unknown), and $\rho_a(\lambda)$ is aerosol reflectance (unknown).

Aerosol and water-leaving reflectances can be expressed roughly as:

$$\rho_a(\lambda) \approx \rho_a(\lambda_0) \times \exp(a \times (\lambda_0 - \lambda))$$

and

$$\rho_w(\lambda) \approx \frac{b_b(\lambda)}{6.179 \times (a_w(\lambda) + b_b(\lambda))}$$

where:

a_w is the absorption coefficient of seawater, b_b is the total backscattering coefficient, and $\lambda_0 = 865 \text{ nm}$.

Backscattering by calcite and seawater can be roughly expressed as:

$$b_b(\lambda) \approx b_{bc}(546) \times \left(\frac{546}{\lambda}\right)^{1.35} + b_{bw}(\lambda)$$

Through an iterative procedure, seeded by setting the backscattering coefficients to their pure seawater values, values for $\rho_a(865)$ and a can be retrieved, and ultimately the backscattering coefficient for calcite at 546 nm, $b_{bc}(546)$ can be derived. The concentration of calcite (PIC) is then computed by dividing $b_{bc}(546)$ by an *a priori* calcite-specific backscattering coefficient ($1.628 \text{ m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$).

Sensor-specific details:

As noted, the 2-band algorithm uses a common look-up table define for nLw(443) and nLw(555), and adjusts the satellite nLw retrievals as needed to account for sensor-specific differences in center wavelength relative to the look-up table indices. For the 3-band approach, the atmospheric properties and water optical properties are computed at the sensor specific band passes in the red and near-infrared, and thus the sensor differences are inherent in the implementation. The actual wavelengths used for the various sensors are shown in the table below, with the 3-band algorithm center wavelengths in parentheses.

SeaWiFS	443, 555 (670, 765, 865)
MODIS	443, 547 (667, 748, 869)
MERIS	443, 560 (665, 779, 865)
VIIRS	443, 551, (671, 751, 862)

Failure conditions:

The PIC product is not computed if the [Level-2 flags](#) indicate LAND, HIGLINT or CLOUDS. A failure condition is indicated in Level-2 by setting the PIC value for that pixel to the [_FILLVALUE](#) and setting the [Level-2 flags](#) to indicate PRODFAIL.

Implementation Details

3 - Implementation

Product Short Name	pic
Level-2 Product Suite	OC
Level-3 Product Suite	PIC
Level-3 Masking	ATMFAIL, LAND, HISATZEN, STRAYLIGHT, CLDICE, LOWLW, NAVWARN, ATMWARN, HISOLZEN, NAVFAIL, FILTER, HIGLINT

For further details on the implementation, go to the algorithm [source code](#) or the [graphical description](#) of the algorithm implementation in the NASA ocean color processing code (l2gen).

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build/src/l2gen/calcite.c File Reference

Defines | Functions

(r11331/r10609)

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>
#include "l12_proto.h"
#include "l2_flags.h"

Include dependency graph for calcite.c:
```

```
graph TD
    calcite_c["build/src/l2gen/calcite.c"] --> l12_proto_h["l12_proto.h"]
    calcite_c --> stdlib_h["stdlib.h"]
    calcite_c --> math_h["math.h"]
    calcite_c --> l2_flags_h["l2_flags.h"]
    l12_proto_h --> stdlib_h
    l12_proto_h --> math_h
    l12_proto_h --> l2_flags_h
```

Go to the source code of this file.

Defines

```
#define BAD_CACO3 BAD_FLT
#define N443 490
#define N550 456
```

Functions

```
float get_bbstar(float lat)
float calcite_3b(l2str *l2rec, int32_t ip)
float calcite_2b(l2str *l2rec, int32_t ip)
float calcite_c(l2str *l2rec, int32_t ip)
void calcite(l2str *l2rec, l2prodstr *p, float prod[])
```

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build/src/l2gen/calcite.c (r11331/r10609)

Go to the documentation of this file.

```
00001 /*-----*/
00002 /* calcite.c - get calcium carbonate concentration. */
00003 /* */
00004 /* Inputs: */
00005 /* l2rec = level-2 structure containing one complete scan after */
00006 /* atmospheric correction. */
00007 /* Outputs: */
00008 /* caco3 = calcium carbonate concentration, per pixel */
00009 /* */
00010 /* Written by: W. Robinson, GSC, 7 Jun 2000. */
00011 /* S. Bailey, OCEPG, July 2004, conversion to C. */
00012 /* B. Franz, OCEPG, Sep 2004, sensor generalization and */
00013 /* implementation of 2-Band algorithm. */
00014 /* */
00015 /*-----*/
00016
00017 #include <stdlib.h>
00018 #include <math.h>
00019 #include "l12_proto.h"
00020 #include "l2_flags.h"
00021
00022
00023 #define BAD_CACO3 BAD_FLT
00024
00025 static float pi = PI;
00026 static float radeg = RADEG;
00027 static int32_t caco3_msk = LAND | HIGLINT | CLOUD;
00028 static float caco3min = 1.18e-5; /* bcb */
00029 static float bbstar = 4.0; /* bcb */
00030
00031 /* ----- */
00032 /* calcite_3b() - calcium carbonate concentration from 3-Band algorithm. */
00033 /* */
00034 /* Gordon, H.R. Boynton, G.C., Balch, W.M., Groom, S.B., Harbour, D.S., */
00035 /* Smyth, T.J., Retrieval of Coccolithophore Calcite Concentration from */
00036 /* SeaWiFS Imagery, GRL, 28, 8, 1587-1590. */
00037 /* */
00038 /* ----- */
00039
00040 float get_bbstar(float lat) {
00041     static float c[] = {8.701E-01, 1.200E-01, -5.999E-04, -6.606E-04,
00042         4.202E-05, -1.150E-06, 1.614E-08, -1.138E-10, 3.196E-13};
```

Assessment

4 - Assessment

A limited set of Level-2 satellite-to-in-situ match-up validation results are available through the validation tool of the SeaWiFS Bio-Optical Archive and Storage System (SeaBASS) are provided below.

- [SeaWiFS](#)
- [MODIS Aqua](#)
- [MODIS Terra](#)
- [VIIRS](#)
- [OCTS](#)
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MODIS Aqua vs. In situ

Dates	1930-01-01 to 2015-05-08
Date Archived	2000-01-01 to 2015-05-08
North	90
South	-90
West	-180
East	180
Depth	0 to 10000
Output products	pic
Investigator/Experiment/Cruise	ALL
Data Source	seabass
Minimum valid satellite pixels	50
Maximum solar zenith angle	70
Maximum satellite zenith angle	56
Maximum time difference between satellite and in situ	3
Maximum coefficient of variation of satellite pixels	0.15
Maximum irradiance difference between measured and modeled	20
Maximum windspeed	35
Satellite version	R2013.1
Most Recent Data Update	2014-11-07 16:20:27

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Search Results

Total number of matchups: 17

Date format is YYYY-MM-DD, time format is HH:MM:SS, and times are GMT.
Only products with matchups will be displayed.

[pic](#) [Download Stats/Plots](#) [Generate Data File \(.csv\)](#) [Download Data File](#)

Statistics

Data

Product Name	MODIS Aqua Range	In situ Range	#	Best Fit Slope	Best Fit Intercept	R ²	Median Ratio	Abs % Difference	RMSE
pic	0.00004, 0.00130	0.00003, 0.00065	17	1.92308	-0.00003	0.52004	1.70518	70.51802	0.00027

The linear regression algorithm has been changed to reduced major axis.

Product Lifecycle

from concept to standard product

1. PI develops new algorithm or modification, demonstrates feasibility, perhaps publishes results.
2. If PI and Ocean Team Leader agree, PI works with SIPS to implement in NASA processing code and to develop a test plan for verification and large-scale testing.
3. If PI is satisfied with implementation tests, and SIPS confirms that **required computing resources are available**, evaluation products and documentation will be produced and distributed, and the algorithm will be incorporated into SeaDAS.
 - a. PI works with SIPS to develop or update the Product Description Document (to be hosted under “evaluation products”).
 - b. SIPS/DAAC begins production and distribution of product
 - c. PI performs assessment of results (validation, global dist., trends)
4. Before the next mission reprocessing opportunity, PI/SIPS/DAAC and Program Management review the performance evaluation, documentation, and appropriateness for standard production.

MODIS & VIIRS Ocean Processing Status

2014.0 Multi-Mission Ocean Reprocessing

Scope

- OC from CZCS, OCTS, SeaWiFS, MERIS, MODIS(A/T), and VIIRS
- SST from MODIS

Motivation

1. improve interoperability and sustainability of the product suite by adopting modern data formats, standards, and conventions
2. incorporate algorithm updates and advances from community and last MODIS Science Team developed since 2010 (last alg. update).
3. incorporate knowledge gained in instrument-specific radiometric calibration and updates to vicarious calibration

Status

- OC from OCTS & **VIIRS done, MODISA in progress**
- SST from MODISA and MODIST done (not yet released)

R2014.0 Changes to OC Standard Product Suite

Level-2 OC Product	Algorithm Changes
1. $R_{rs}(\lambda)$	<i>calibration updates, ancillary data updates, improved</i>
2. Ångstrom	<i>land/water masking, terrain height, other minor fixes</i>
3. AOT	$\lambda = 412, 443, 469, 488, 531, 547, 555, 645, 667, 678$
4. Chlorophyll a	<i>new algorithm (Hu et al. 2012)</i>
5. $K_d(490)$	<i>coefficient update</i>
6. POC	<i>no change</i>
7. PIC	<i>updated algorithm and LUT</i>
8. CDOM_index	<i>remove product (redundant with new IOP suite)</i>
9. PAR	<i>consolidated algorithm, minor fixes</i>
10. iPAR	<i>MODIS-only, no change</i>
11. nFLH	<i>MODIS-only, flagging changes (allow negatives)</i>
12. IOPs	<i>added suite of inherent optical property products (Werdell et al. 2013)</i>

R2014.0 VIIRS OC Standard Product Suite

Level-2 OC Product	Algorithm Reference
1. $R_{rs}(\lambda)$	<i>Spectral water-leaving reflectance and derived aerosol optical properties</i>
2. Ångstrom	
3. AOT	
4. Chlorophyll a	<i>Phytoplankton chlorophyll concentration</i>
5. $K_d(490)$	<i>Marine diffuse attenuation at 490nm</i>
6. POC	<i>Particulate organic carbon concentration</i>
7. PIC	<i>Particulate inorganic carbon concentration</i>
8.	
9. PAR	<i>Daily mean photosynthetically available radiation</i>
10.	
11.	
12. IOPs	<i>Suite of inherent optical property products (Werdell et al. 2013)</i>

Expanded Product Suite - IOPs

proposed IOP product suite

- $a(\lambda)$ *total absorption at all visible wavelengths*
- $bb(\lambda)$ *total backscatter at all visible wavelengths*
- $adg(443)$ *absorption due to phytoplankton at 443nm*
- Sdg *exponential spectral slope for adg*
- $bbp(443)$ *particle backscattering at 443nm*
- Sbp *power-law spectral slope for bbp*
- uncertainties *uncertainties in adg , aph , bbp at 443nm*

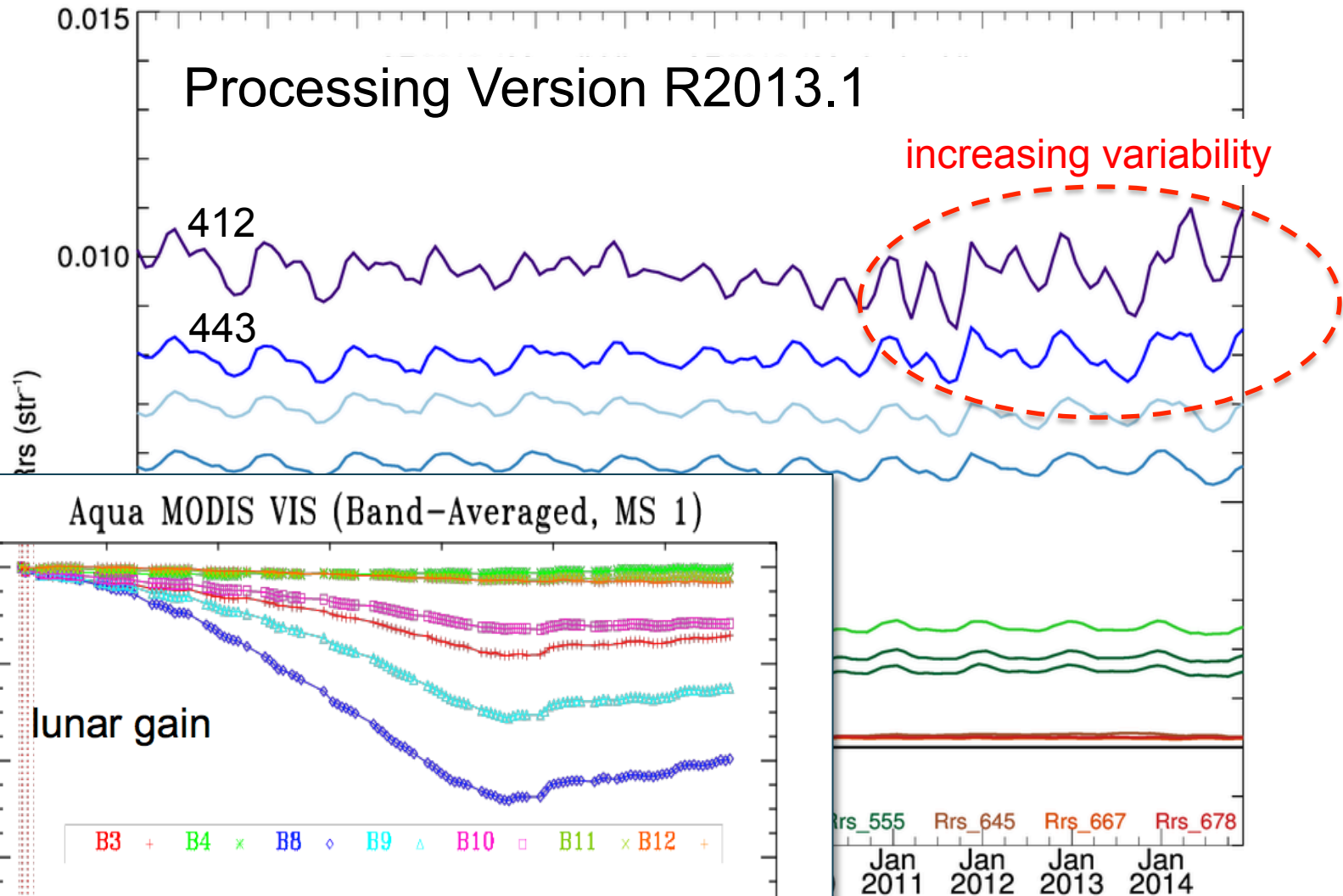
VIIRS	$\lambda = 410, 443, 486, 551, 671$
MODIS	$\lambda = 412, 443, 469, 488, 531, 547, 555, 645, 667, 678$

General Status of MODIS & VIIRS Ocean Color

MODISA

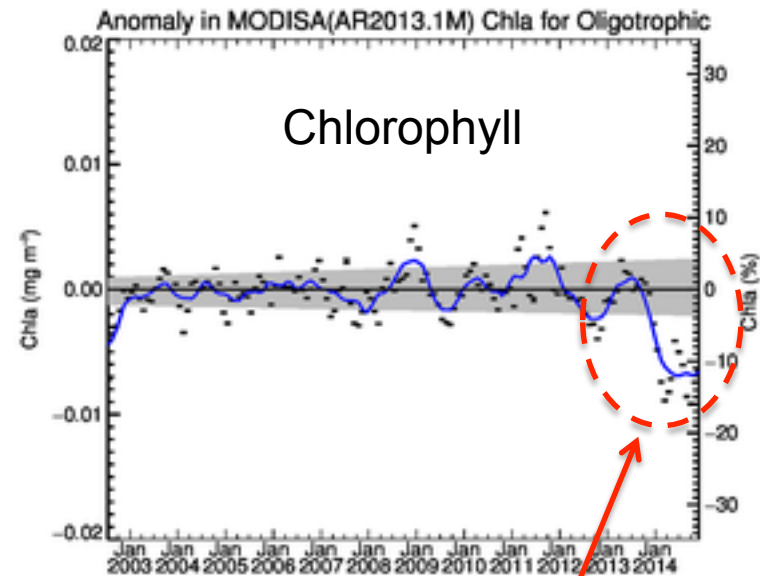
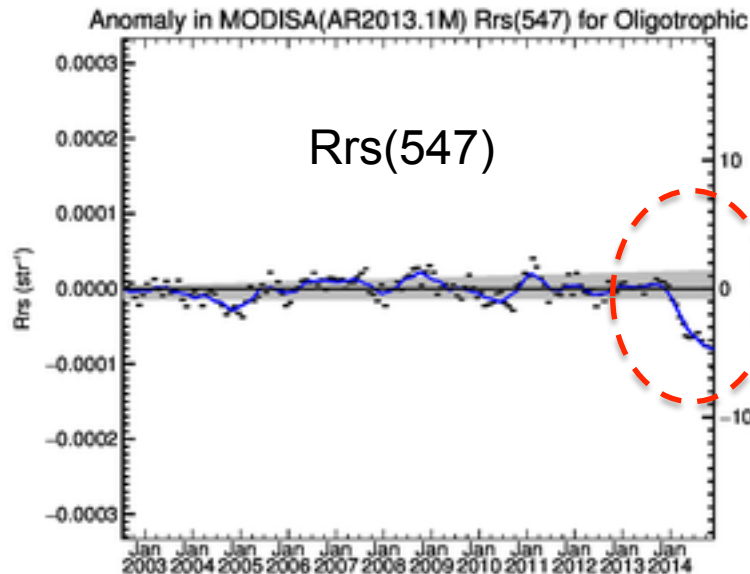
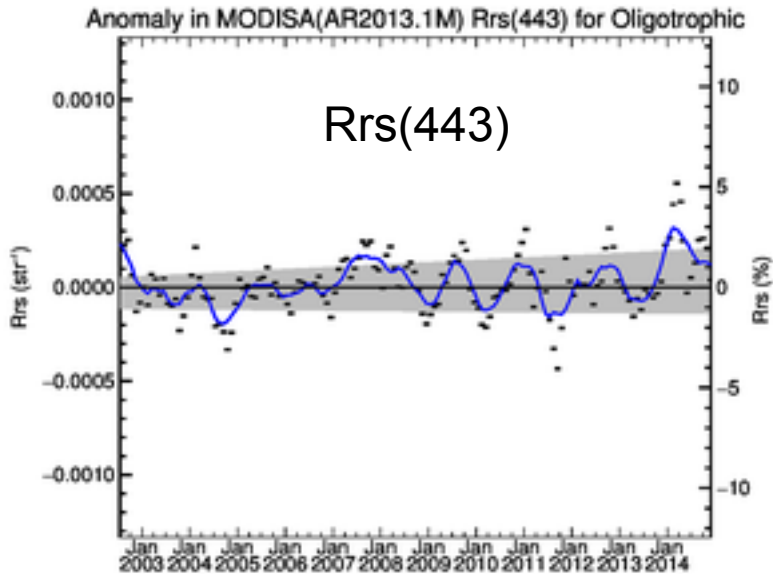
- last full mission OC reprocessing in 2012 (current version 2013.1)
- there are issues with the calibration stability in the VIS-NIR, especially after Jan 2014 (will be “improved” in 2014.0 reprocessing)

MODISA Rrs(λ) Deep-Water Time-Series



MODISA Clear-Water Rrs Anomaly Trends

Current Operational
R2013.1



2014 anomaly
“calibration issue”

General Status of MODIS & VIIRS Ocean Color

MODISA

- last full mission OC reprocessing in 2012 (current version 2013.1)
- there are issues with the calibration stability in the VIS-NIR, especially after Jan 2014 (will be “improved” in 2014.0 reprocessing)

MODIST

- last full mission OC reprocessing in 2011 (current version 2010.0)
- calibration of MODIST requires stable MODISA/SeaWiFS for cross-cal
- effort pending finalization of MODISA and SeaWiFS reprocessing

VIIRS

- 2014.0 OC reprocessing completed (previous version 2013.1)
- calibration stability and data quality looks very good, following extensive calibration efforts
- redesign of VIIRS Level-1A/B and geolocation process and format in progress, with anticipated regeneration of all VIIRS granules late 2015

General Status of MODIS & VIIRS SST

MODISA & MODIST

- full mission SST reprocessing recently completed (not yet released)
- incorporates latest algorithm coefficient updates and quality flag updates from algorithm PI, and Collection 6 calibration

VIIRS

- SST processing capability using MODIS heritage algorithms implemented, but pending final refinement of algorithm coefficients
- algorithm refinement is pending operational launch of Level-1A redesign, which is needed to support efficient regional extraction and specialized processing for in situ buoy match-ups

Instruments and Calibration

SeaWiFS

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MODIS

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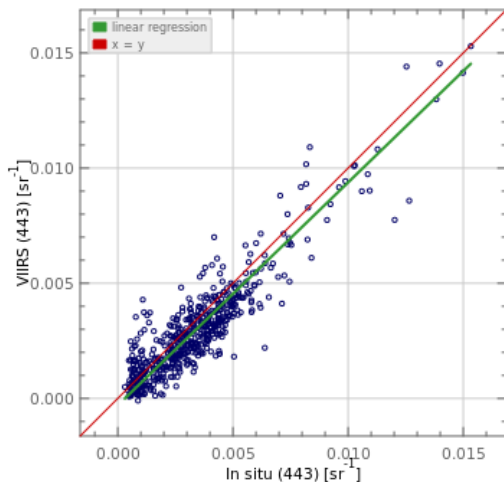
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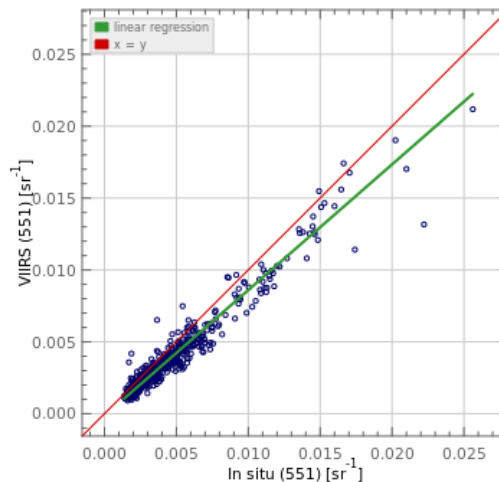
Product Quality

VIIRS R2014.0 In Situ Validation

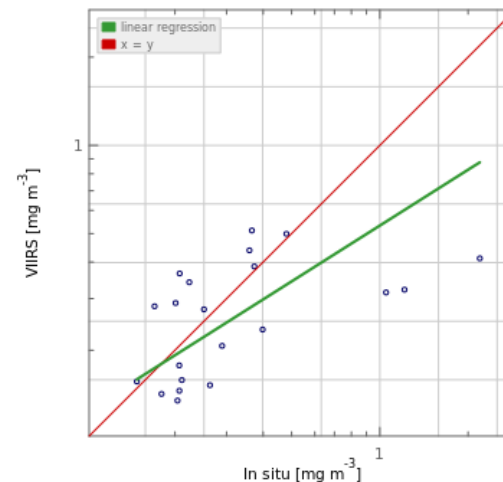
Rrs(443)



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Chl_a



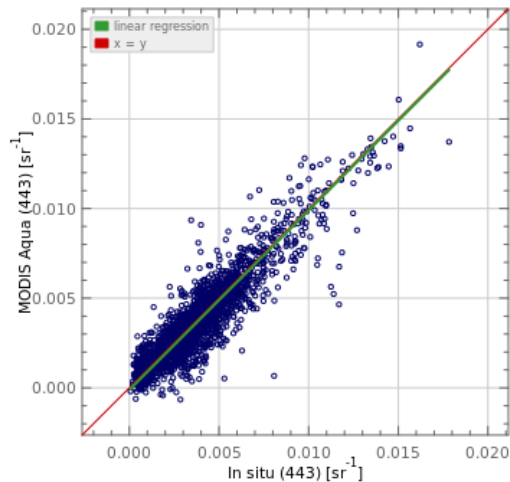
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Rrs443	-0.00009, 0.01529	0.00031, 0.01533	551	0.96766	-0.00030	0.84769	0.85058	24.30475	0.00103
Rrs486	0.00061, 0.01924	0.00101, 0.02276	551	0.86426	-0.00018	0.93398	0.80337	21.36508	0.00120
Rrs551	0.00092, 0.02118	0.00137, 0.02562	551	0.87412	-0.00015	0.94758	0.83103	17.50243	0.00112
Rrs671	-0.00023, 0.00919	0.00001, 0.00872	549	0.95335	-0.00020	0.85823	0.72070	31.53838	0.00049

Product Name	VIIRS Range	In situ Range	#	Best Fit Slope*	Best Fit Intercept*	R ² *	Median Ratio	Abs % Difference	RMSE*
chlora	0.13469, 0.51238	0.14823, 2.19377	21	0.63292	-0.27375	0.51249	0.85871	33.97323	0.27166

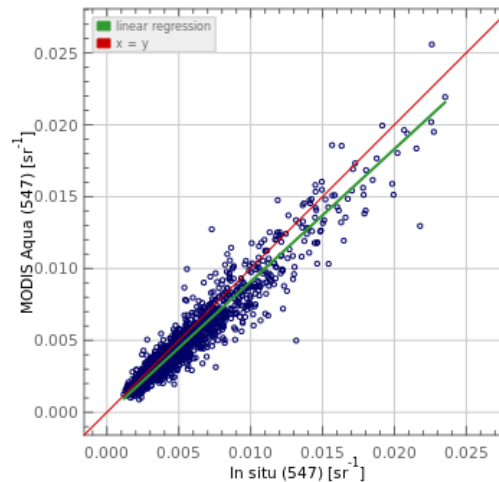
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MODISA R2013.1 In Situ Validation

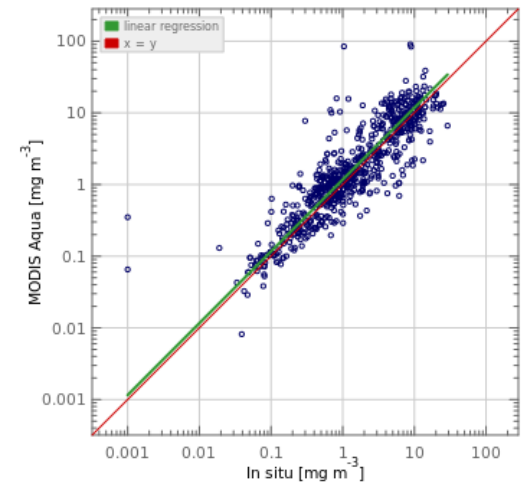
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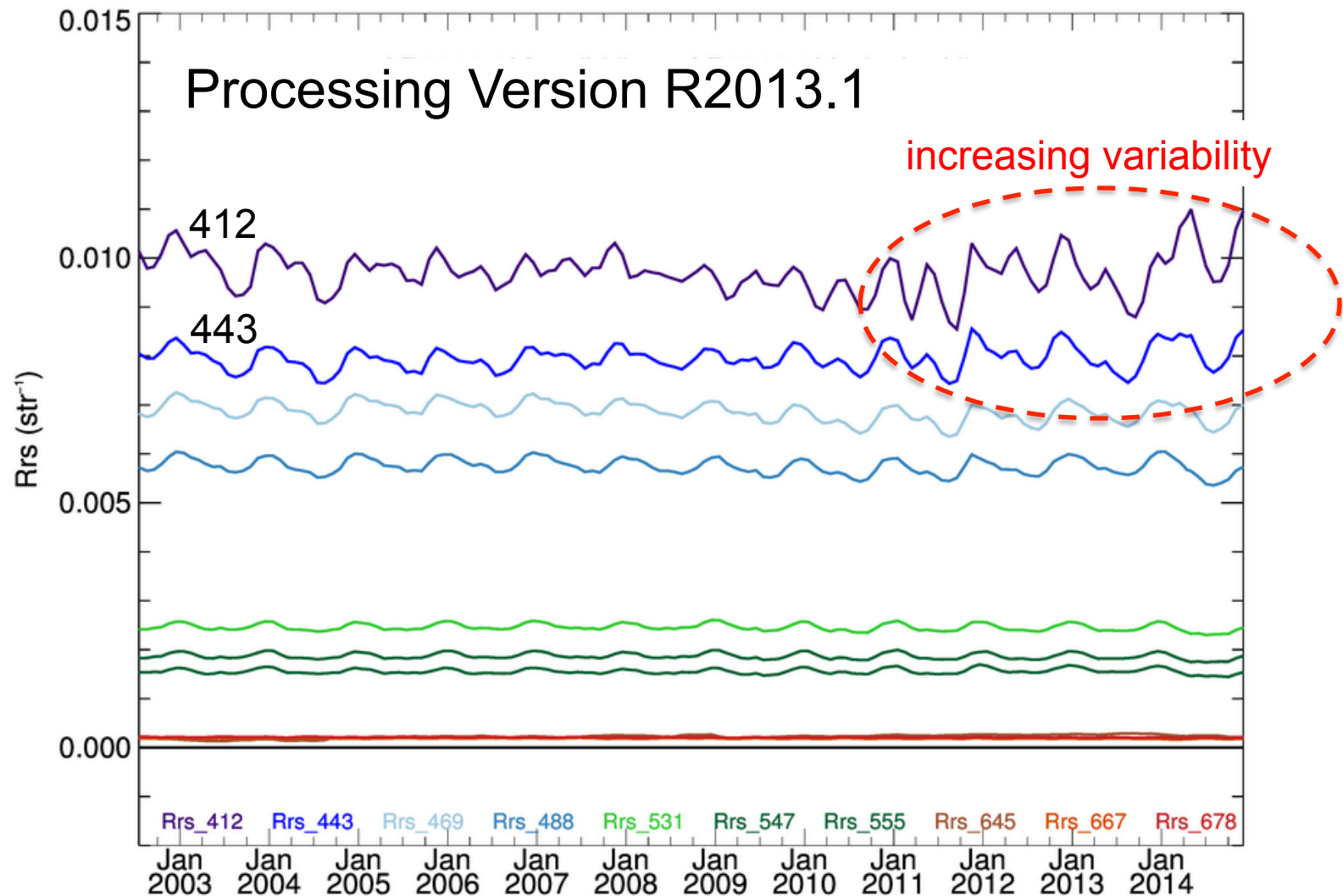
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1	Rrs443	-0.00065, 0.01916	0.00007, 0.01783	2124	1.00106	-0.00011	0.85345	0.98369	16.73993	0.00105
	Rrs488	0.00033, 0.02030	0.00039, 0.02289	1829	0.90079	-0.00012	0.91138	0.87838	14.98993	0.00112
1	Rrs531	0.00092, 0.02045	0.00133, 0.02285	724	0.91916	-0.00022	0.92451	0.87761	13.88098	0.00119
	Rrs547	0.00089, 0.02559	0.00117, 0.02353	1702	0.92216	-0.00013	0.92495	0.89320	12.55173	0.00111
	Rrs667	-0.00034, 0.01186	0.00001, 0.01100	1620	1.02181	-0.00019	0.87108	0.80298	28.30381	0.00041
	Rrs678	-0.00034, 0.01009	0.00010, 0.00904	385	1.17917	-0.00034	0.86345	0.77994	31.52185	0.00045

	Product Name	MODIS Aqua Range	In situ Range	#	Best Fit Slope*	Best Fit Intercept*	R ² *	Median Ratio	Abs % Difference	RMSE*
	chlora	0.00818, 90.17510	0.00100, 29.00400	695	1.00199	0.06869	0.81326	1.13231	38.19472	0.32752

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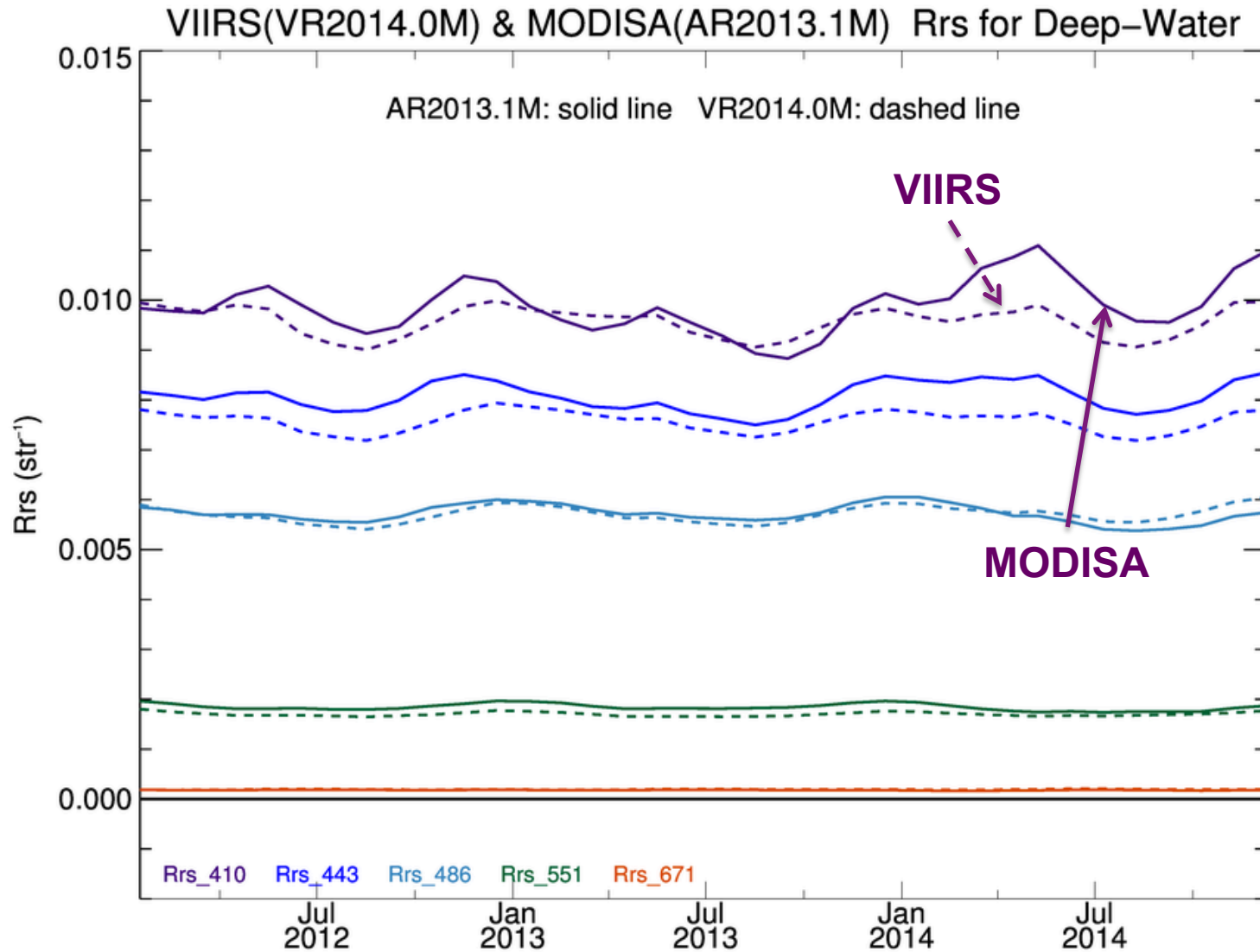
MODISA Rrs(λ) Deep-Water Time-Series

monthly mean deep-water Rrs



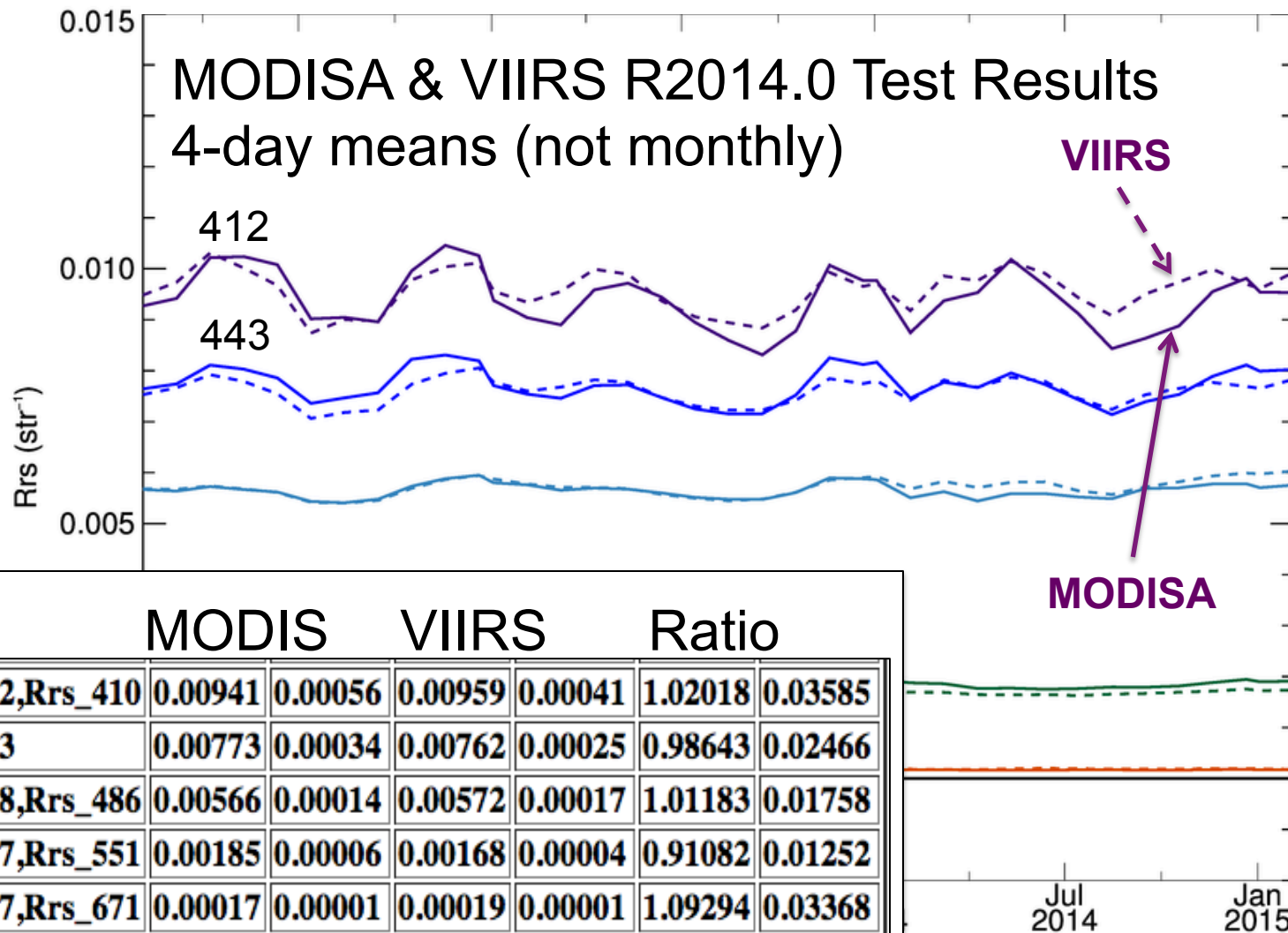
VIIRS R2014.0 & MODISA R2013.1

monthly mean deep-water Rrs



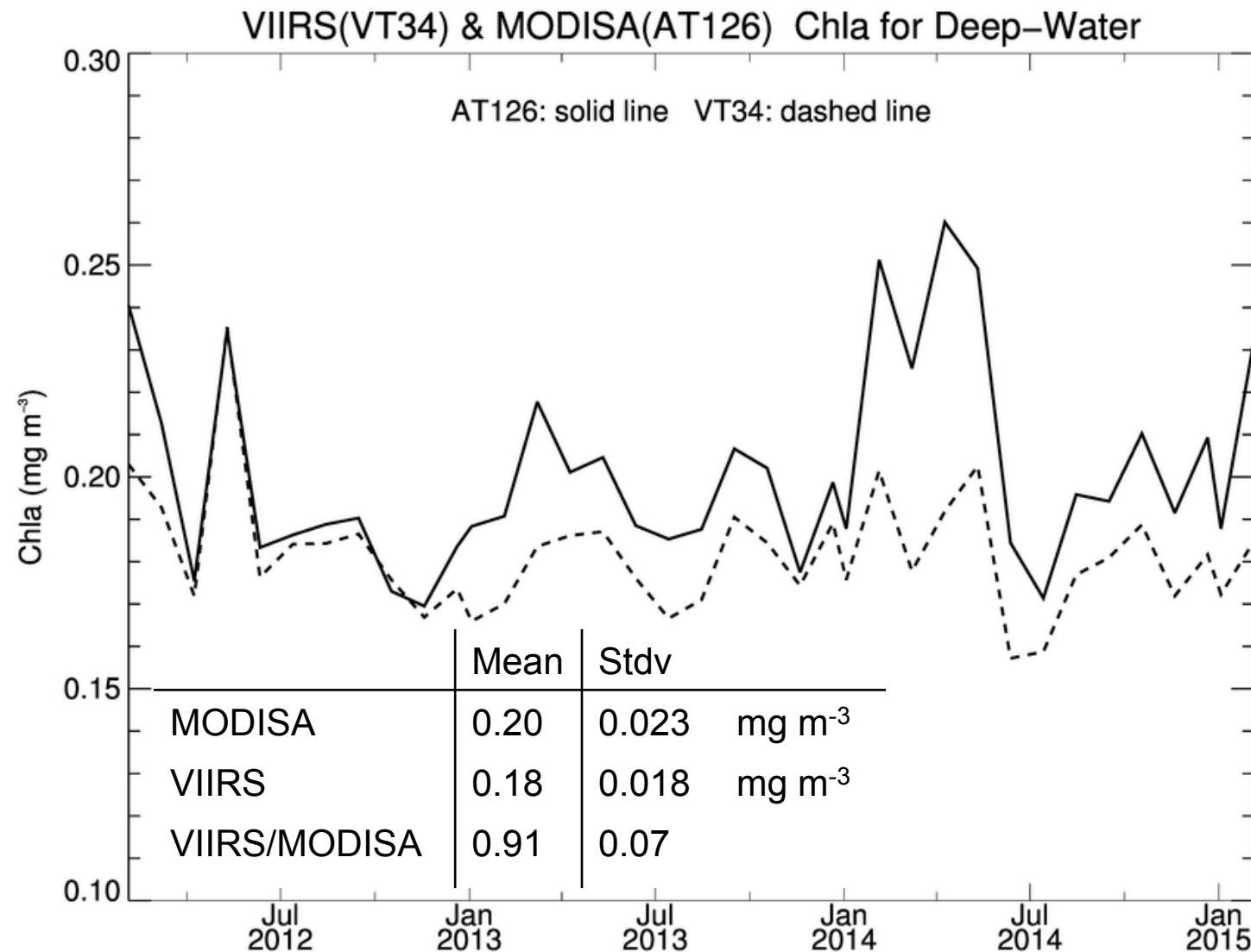
MODISA showing agreement with R2014.0 VIIRS

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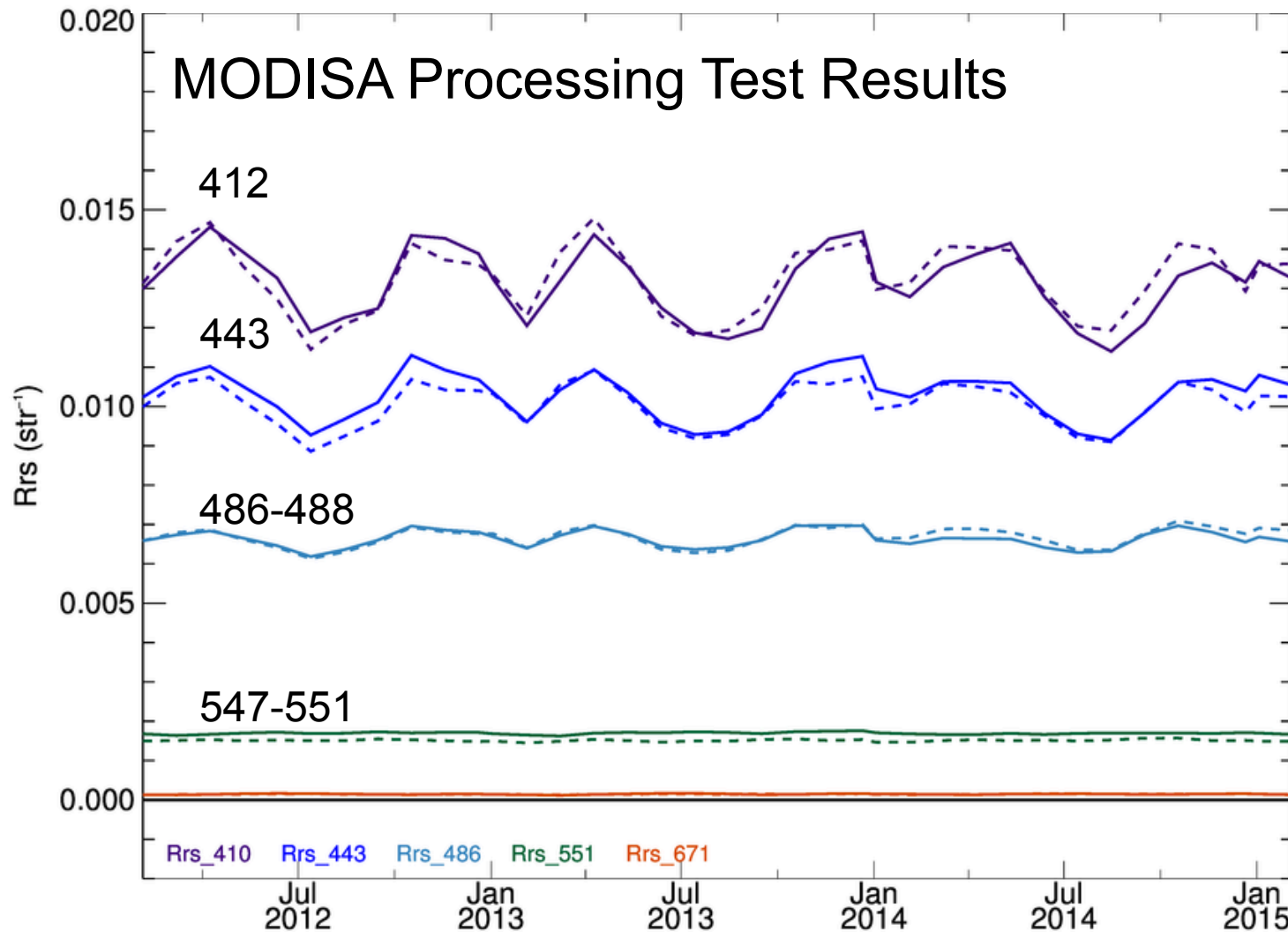
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Chlorophyll (OCI) Deep-Water Time-Series



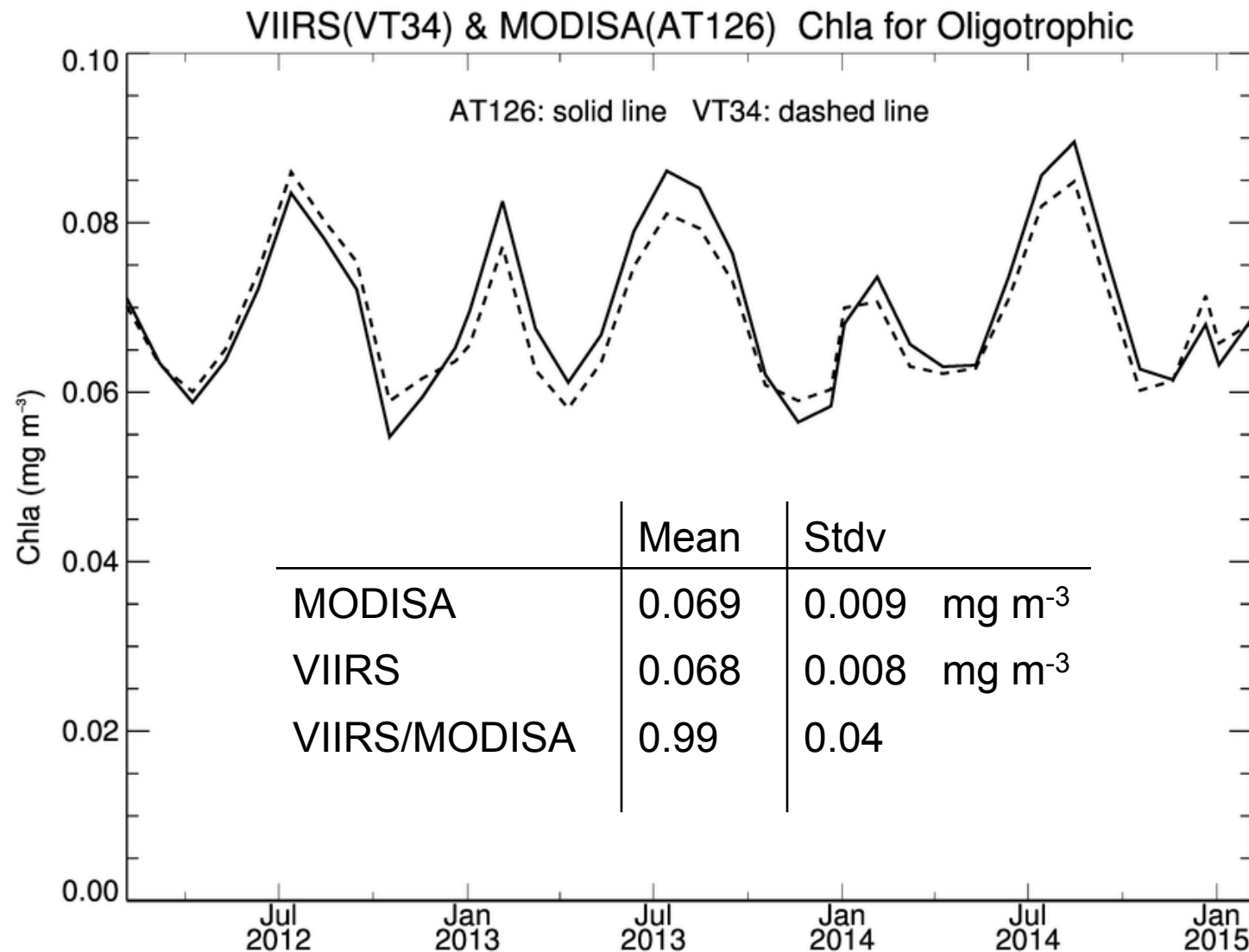
MODISA & VIIRS Rrs(λ) Clear-Water Time-Series

showing “good” agreement



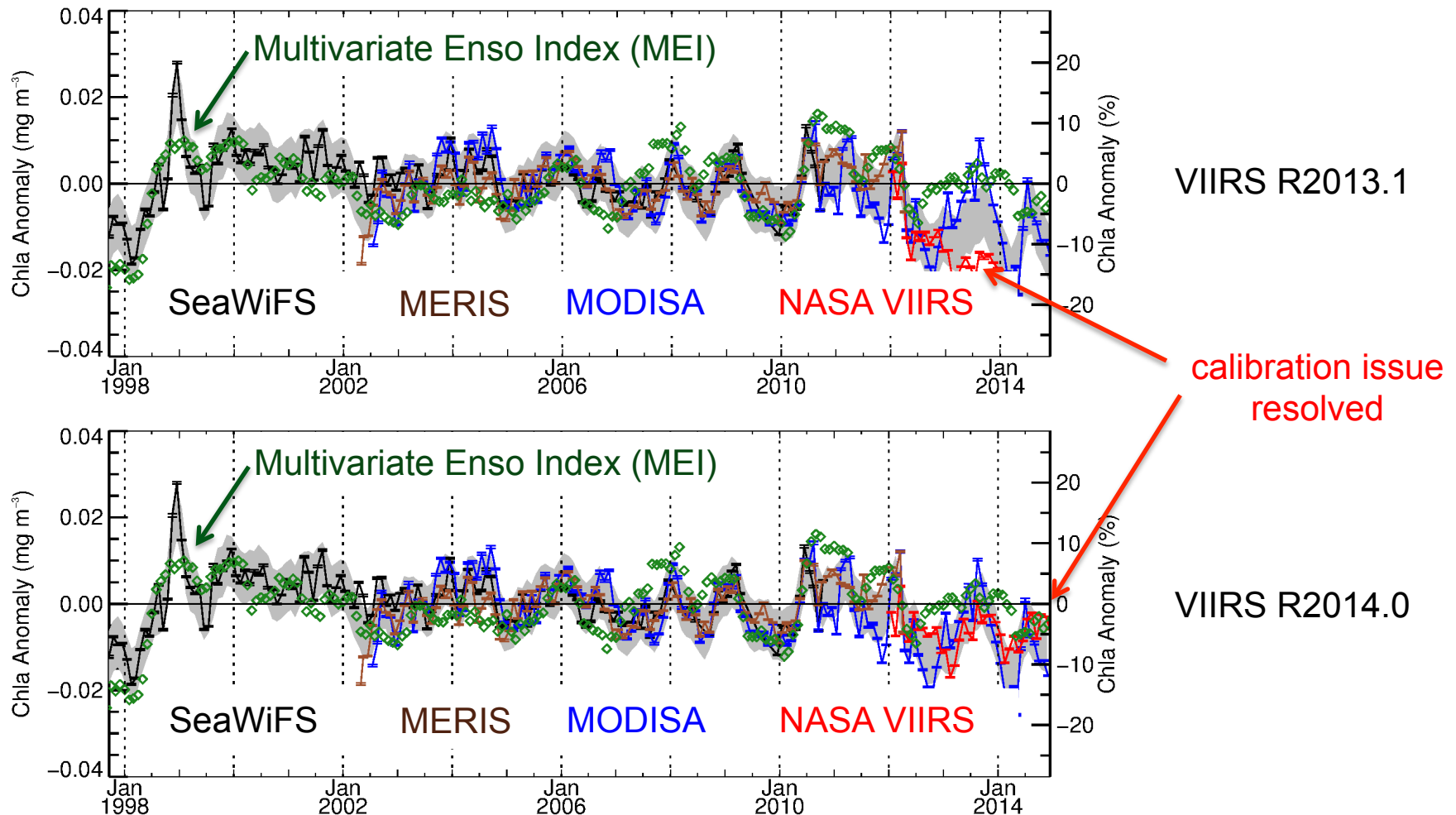
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Chlorophyll (OCI) Deep-Water Time-Series



Global Mid-Latitude ($\pm 40^\circ$) Chlorophyll Anomaly

showing improved agreement of VIIRS with MODISA, MEI, and historical norms after R2014.0 reprocessing



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Possible Discussion Topics

- questions about anything presented?
- is VIIRS better than MODIS?
- VIIRS Level-1A/B/GEO redesign
- SeaDAS status
- SeaBASS status
- MERIS/GOCI/OLCI/SGLI/OLI status