

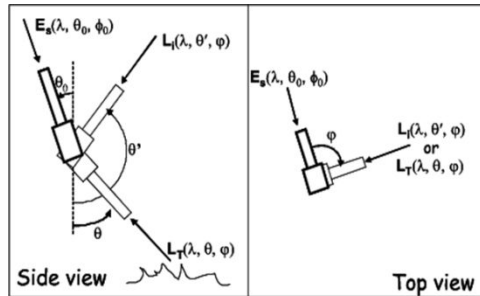
AERONET-OC: An Overview

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AERONET-OC: sites

The Ocean Color component of the Aerosol Robotic Network generating globally distributed time-series of standardized $L_{WN}(\lambda)$ and $\tau_a(\lambda)$ measurements targeting the validation of satellite ocean color data products



$(\varphi = \varphi_0 + 90^\circ; \theta = 40^\circ; \theta' = 140^\circ)$



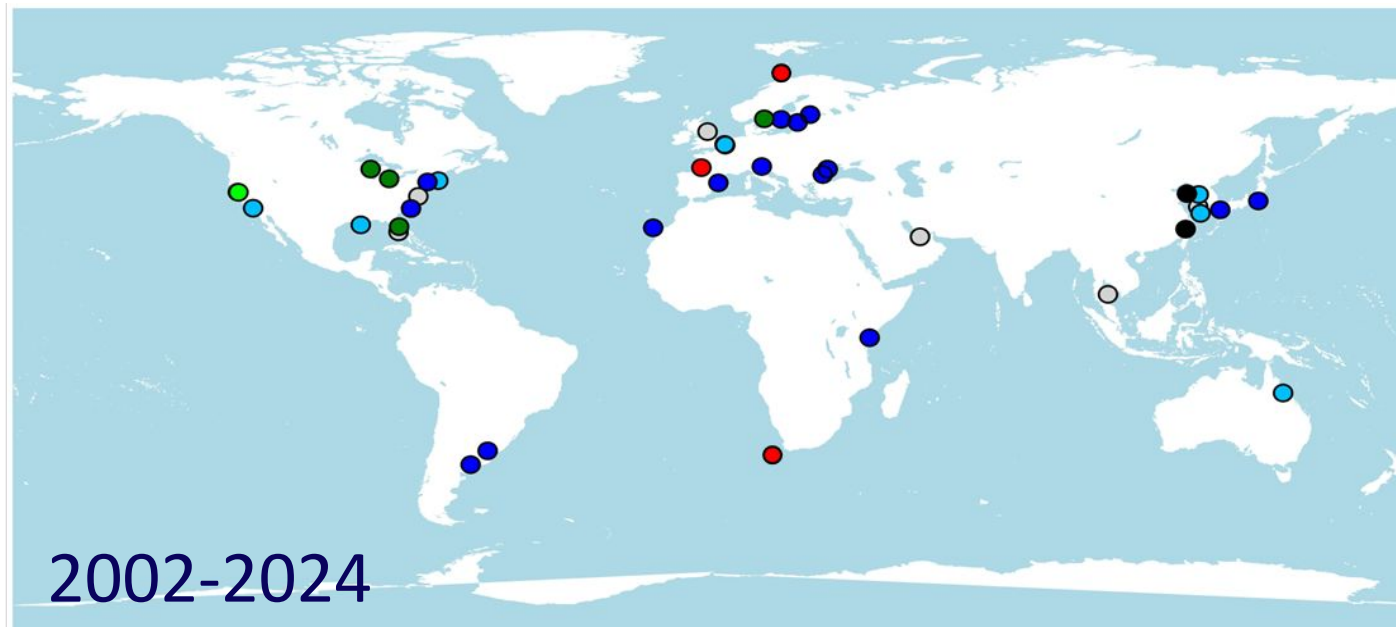
Sky-radiance: L_i

Sea-radiance: L_T

$$L_W(\varphi, \theta, \lambda) = L_T(\varphi, \theta, \lambda) - \rho(\varphi, \theta, \theta_0, W)L_i(\varphi, \theta', \lambda)$$

$$L_W(\lambda) = L_W(\varphi, \theta, \lambda)C_{\mathfrak{Z}Q}(\lambda, \theta, \phi, \theta_0, \tau_a, Chla, W)$$

$$L_{WN}(\lambda) = L_W(\lambda) \left(D^2 t_d(\lambda) \cos \theta_0 \right)^{-1} C_{f/Q}(\lambda, \theta_0, \tau_a, Chla)$$



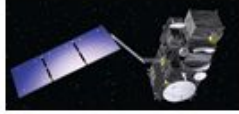
● ● ●
CE-318 (9-channel)

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CE-318T (12-channel)

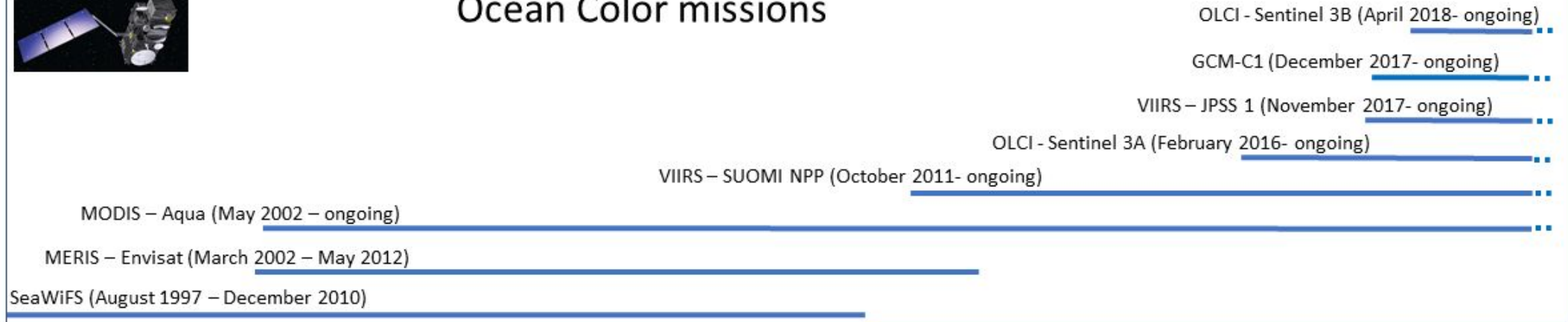
● ● ● Active marine ● ● Active inland ● Potential ● Dismissed

Standardized marine and inland waters spectral band configurations

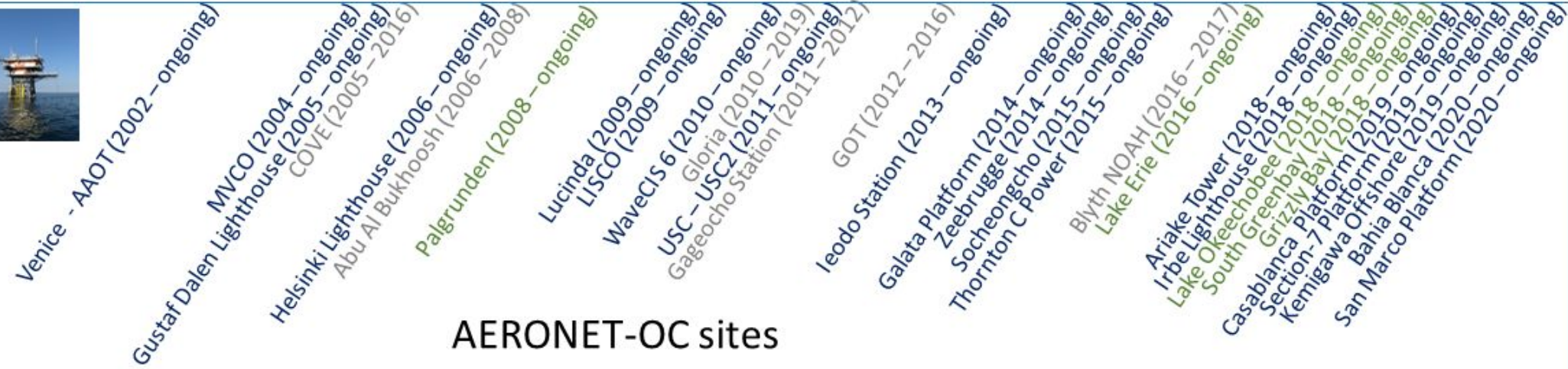
AERONET-OC: expansion (2002-2020)



Ocean Color missions



2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020



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AERONET-OC: Toward Version 4

Version-3 (https://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/draw_map_display_seaprism_v3)

- *Relaying on spectrally independent sea surface reflectance factors*
- *Comprehensive and fully automated QC at Level 2.0*
- *Data products (i.e., L_{WN}) corrected for brdf effects according to the Chla- and IOP-based methods.*

Toward Version-4

- *Comprehensive and fully automated QC also at Level 1.5 (i.e., incorporating most of the current quality checks applied for Level 2.0).*
- *Ranking of individual L_{WN} as a function of spectral and temporal consistency for a better assessment of satellite data products.*
- *Statistical determination of L_{WN} uncertainties for individual measurements (under evaluation).*
- *Application of advanced sea surface reflectance factors accounting for spectral dependence as a function of aerosol type, optical thickness, and polarization? (under evaluation since April 2024).*