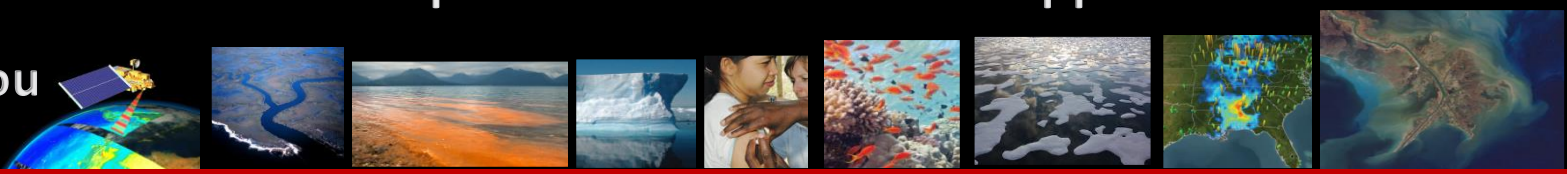


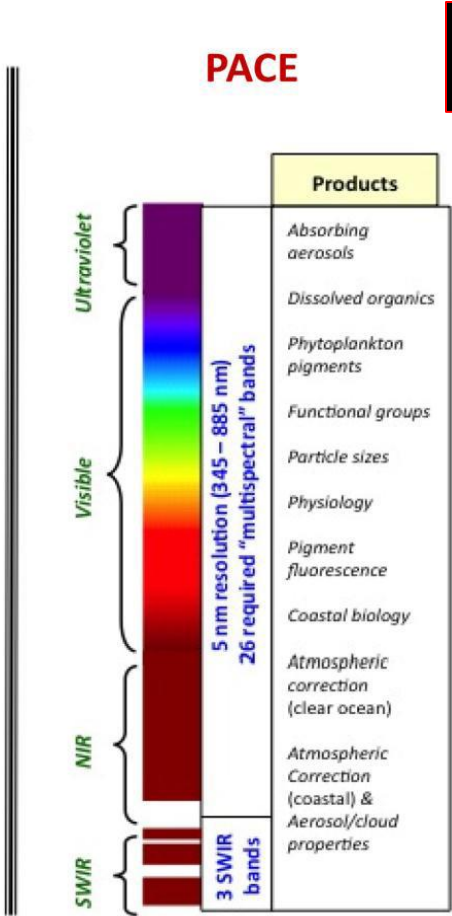
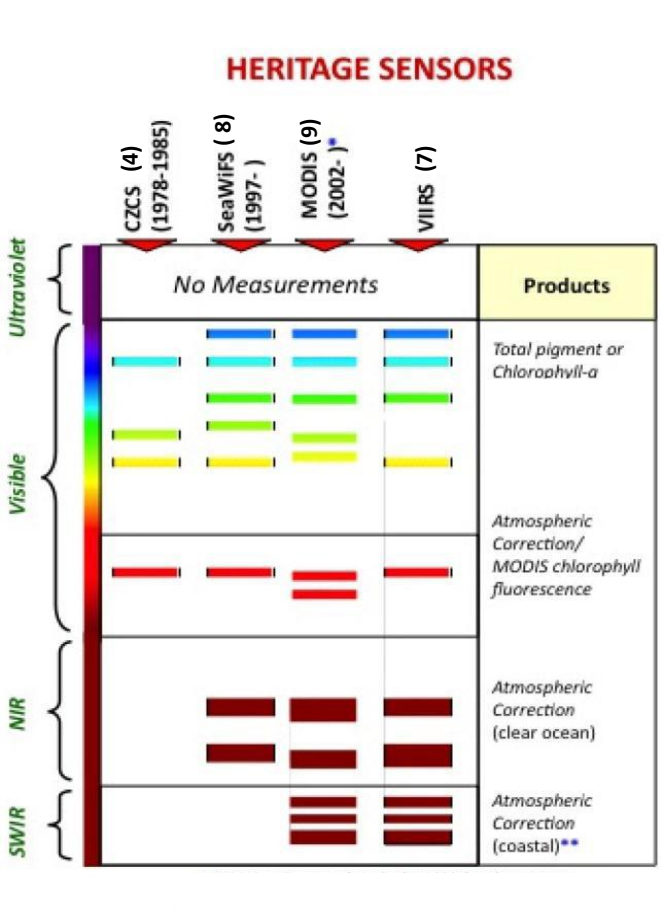
# Beyond PACE

Ocean Color -Measurement requirements of coastal & applications research

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## PACE: A Climate Initiative Mission with Enhanced Capabilities



- \* 2-day global coverage
- \* multiple daily observations at high latitudes

**PACE advanced capabilities :**

- ◆ hyper-spectral data
- ◆ extended spectral range (UV-SWIR)
- ◆ higher spatial resolution in inland (lakes), estuarine, coastal waters (250-500m?)
- ◆ key observations of aerosols/clouds
- ◆ higher signal-to-noise
- ◆ continual community access to data in near real time.
- ◆ development and implementation of applications (ocean/ atmosphere/terrestrial)

→ Improved **spectral range and spectral resolution** for PACE, will result in more, and higher quality, products relevant to **coastal ocean science & applications**, and **atmosphere science & applications** (polarimeter TBD).

→ Improved **spatial resolution and enhanced atmospheric correction** will extend retrievals to inland/estuarine and coastal waters.

(from PACE STD Report, 2012, available on PACE website)

White Papers – PACE Applications

PACE MISSION APPLICATIONS - Harmful Algal Blooms



Upper Left: Harmful Algal Blooms kill fish, contaminate seafood and pollute our waters (Photo from NOAA/IOOS). Lower Left: Warning sign for cyanobacteria (Image Credit: J. Graham, USGS). Right: Satellite image of Lake Erie, showing the extent of the 2011 harmful algal bloom (the most severe in decades). Credit: MERIS/NASA; processed by NOAA/NOS/NCCOS.

*Temporal? Is 2-day revisit enough?*

**Application Question/Issue:** *How can we better understand the causes and impacts (economic, cultural, environmental, human health) of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), and how can we improve monitoring and forecasting of the location and extent of HABs using ocean observations from space?*

**Who Cares and Why?**

Coastal HAB events have been estimated to result in economic impacts in the United States of at least \$82 million each year. The impacts of HABs range from environmental (e.g., alteration of marine habitats and impacts on marine organisms including endangered species), to human health (e.g., illness or even death through shellfish consumption, asthma attacks through

**The NASA Response**

The high (5-nm) spectral resolution measurements from PACE will allow regional algorithms to be developed for identifying and quantifying specific phytoplankton groups, thus allowing identification of HABs and tracking their evolution and variability over seasonal to interannual time scales. This information will lead to a highly sought-after understanding of environmental

**Applications Traceability Matrix**

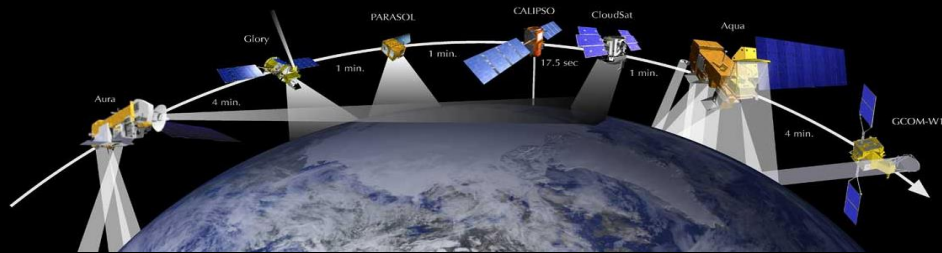
(with input/requirements from user community representatives, e.g., NOAA, EPA, USGS, FAA)

Application Question	Application Concept	Application Measurement Requirements	Applied Sciences Category	Potential Host Agency	Mission Data Product	Pro M Perf
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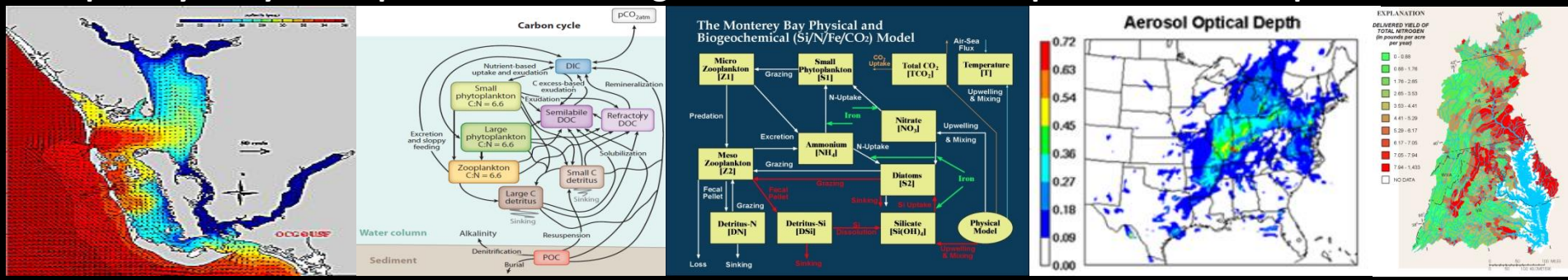
Ocean Color Measurement Requirements needed to further improve coastal & applications research (in addition to appropriate radiometric sensitivity):

- Improved spectral resolution, >16 bands/hyper-spectral
  - Improved spectral range: UV-NIR-SWIR, thermal imagery
  - Improved spatial resolution, < 500 m
  - Improved temporal resolution, > 1 image per day
- due to optical complexity of coastal areas
- due to spatio-temporal scales of physical & biogeochemical processes in coastal areas



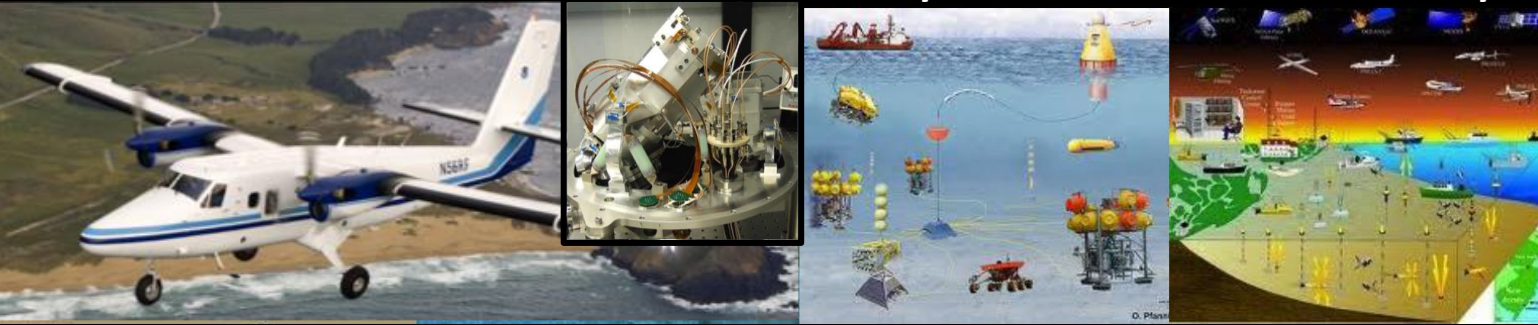
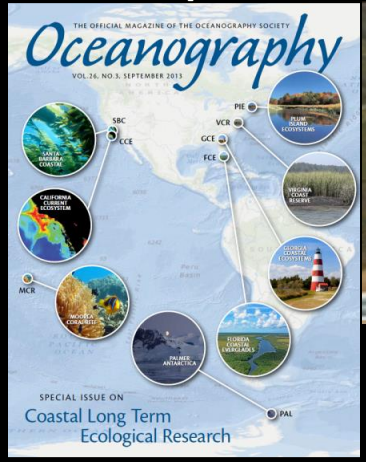
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# Coupled hydrodynamic-photochemical-biogeochemical models / coupled ocean-atmosphere-land models

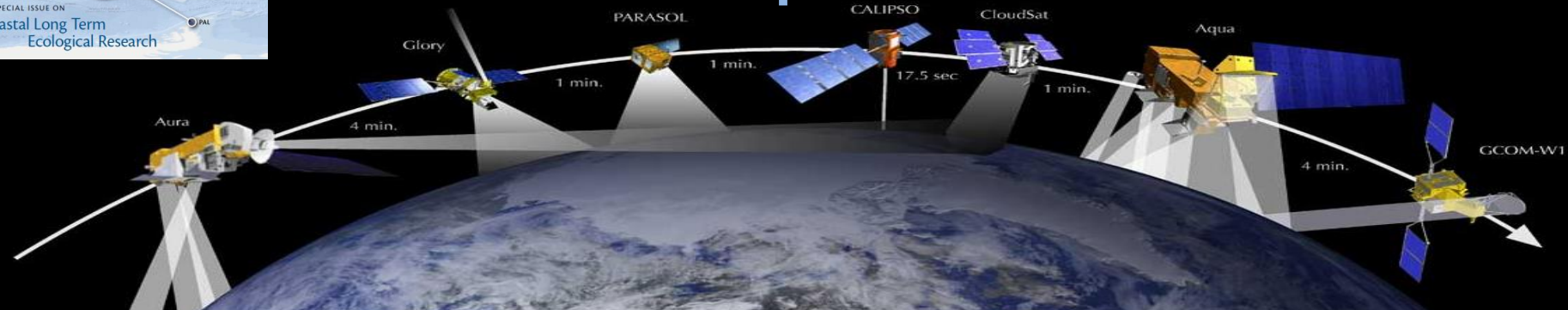


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**Coastal Ocean Observatories:**  
Various platforms/instruments, Continuous, interdisciplinary, free/easy data access, relevant to society

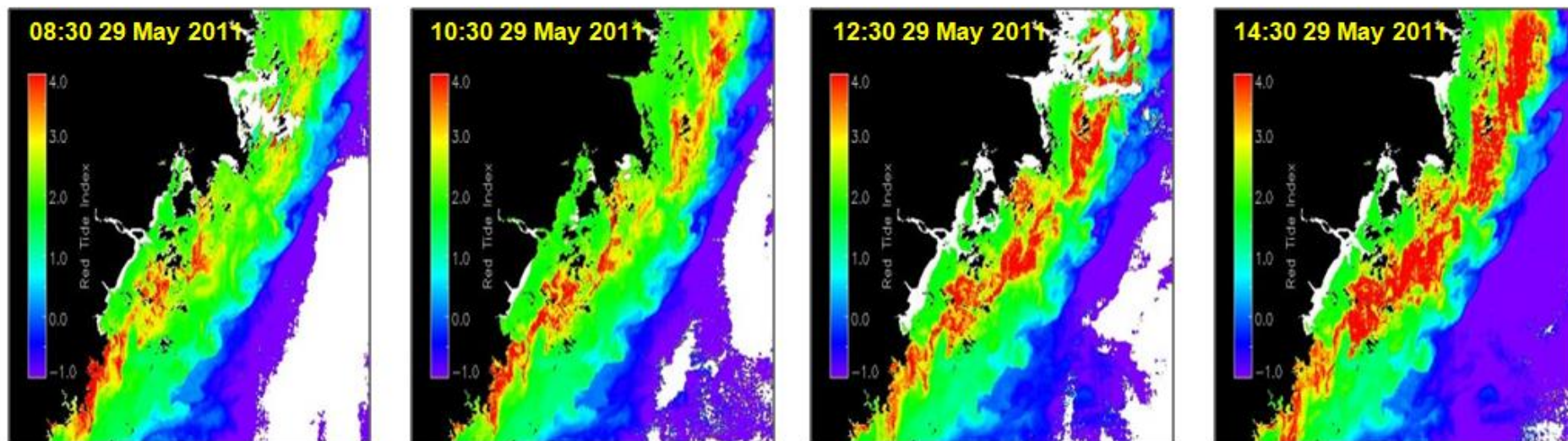


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## Harmful algal bloom along the East China's coast



GOCI-observed diurnal changes of a harmful algal bloom of *Prorocentrum donghaiense* along the East China's coast. From Lou and Hu (2014).

Oceans/Inland Waters

Water Resources

Disasters

Ecological Forecasting

Climate

- Water Quality Indicators/ Ecosystem Health
- Sediment transport (navigation)
- Post-storm Assessments (e.g., flood detection)
- Detection and tracking of hazards, including oil spills and HABs
- Improve assimilation of satellite data into operational models to (i) assess/improve management of coastal resources , and (ii) improve forecasting/predictions. Predictions at :
  - short term scales: necessary for managers to prepare for, and respond to events
  - longer scales: to enable strategic planning/to prevent, estimate impacts, mitigate impacts of events

- Improve separation of dominant optically active constituents (CDOM, NAP, Chla): still a major challenge
- Estimate particle abundance, size distribution, characteristics
- Resolve / quantify different phytoplankton pigments, key groups (functional/HABS) and their optical properties
- Observe/understand short-term changes, evolution of processes, transformation pathways

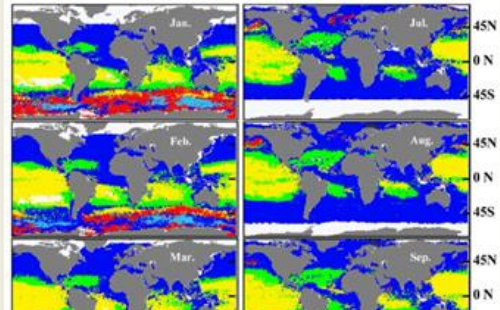
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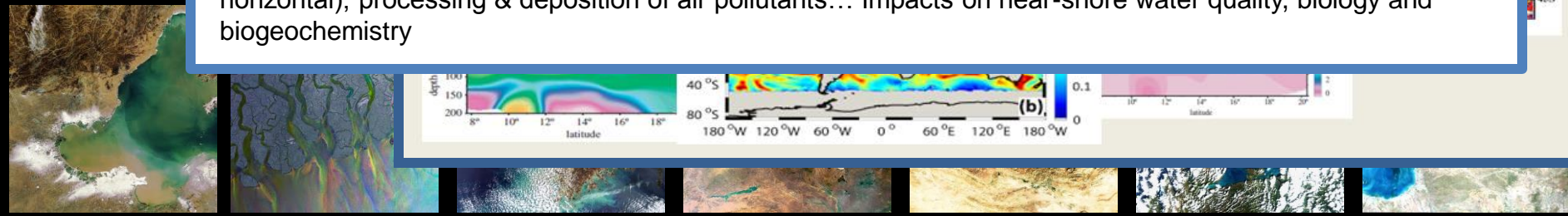
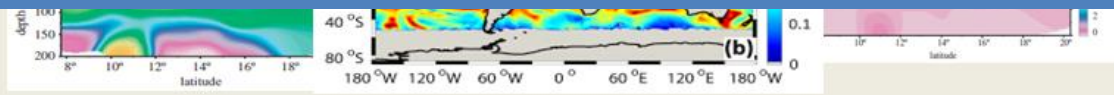
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*GEO-CAPE Interdisciplinary Science Group*  
(Co-Leads: Carolyn Jordan, Maria Tzortziou, Laura Iraci)

- 1) Influences of clouds, aerosols, meteorology on coastal waters and vice versa
- 2) Bidirectional fluxes of chemical constituents between the atmosphere and coastal waters
- 3) Impacts of anthropogenic activities on coastal ocean biogeochemical cycles

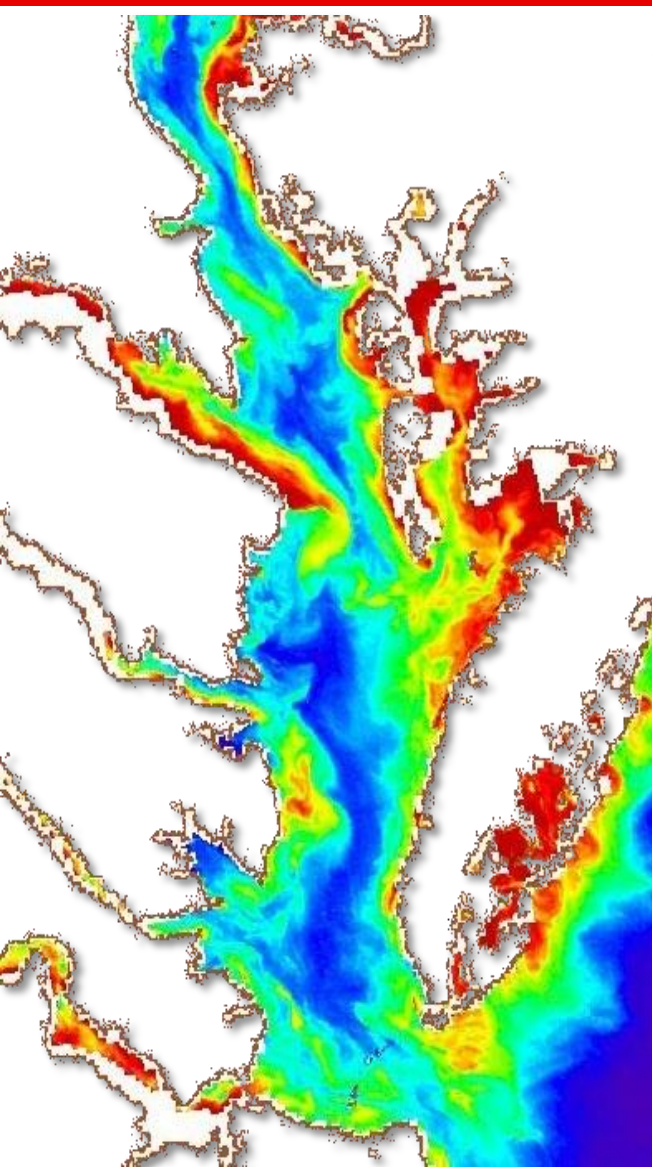


- ❖ Evaluate the spatial and temporal patterns in atmospheric variability and what this variability represents in terms of uncertainties in ocean color data products
- ❖ Apply results from ocean and air-quality measurements to examine optical closure in the ocean-atmosphere system
- ❖ Assess the role of estuarine & coastal systems a net source/sink for certain aerosols and trace gases.
- ❖ Integrate results with air-quality model simulations, to study effects of meteorological processes at the land-ocean interface (e.g. land-sea breeze circulations) on transport (vertical and horizontal), processing & deposition of air pollutants... Impacts on near-shore water quality, biology and biogeochemistry

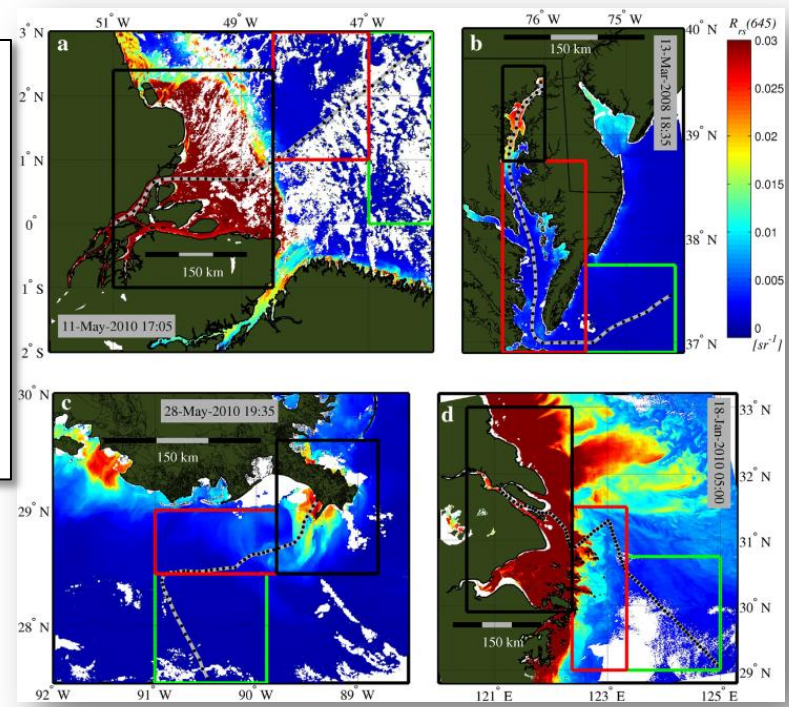




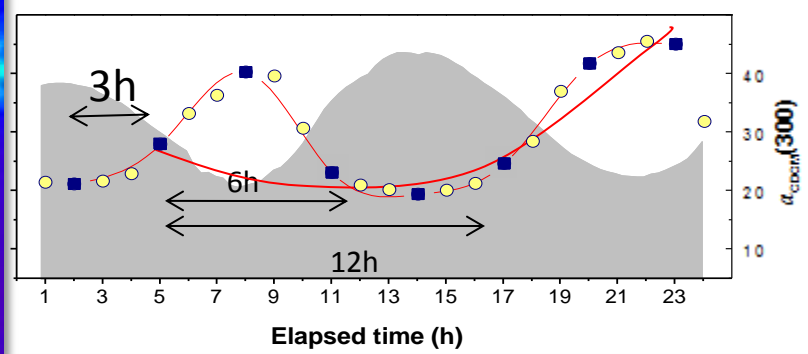
# Beyond PACE: Coastal areas are highly dynamics environments



**Spatial resolution < 500m** is required to resolve spatial heterogeneity in ocean color and suspended materials in **river plumes**. **1-km resolution** is adequate in the **open ocean**.  
(a) Amazon River,  
(b) Chesapeake Bay,  
(c) Mississippi River,  
(d) Yangtze River.  
(Aurin et al., 2013)



## Wetipquin wetlands



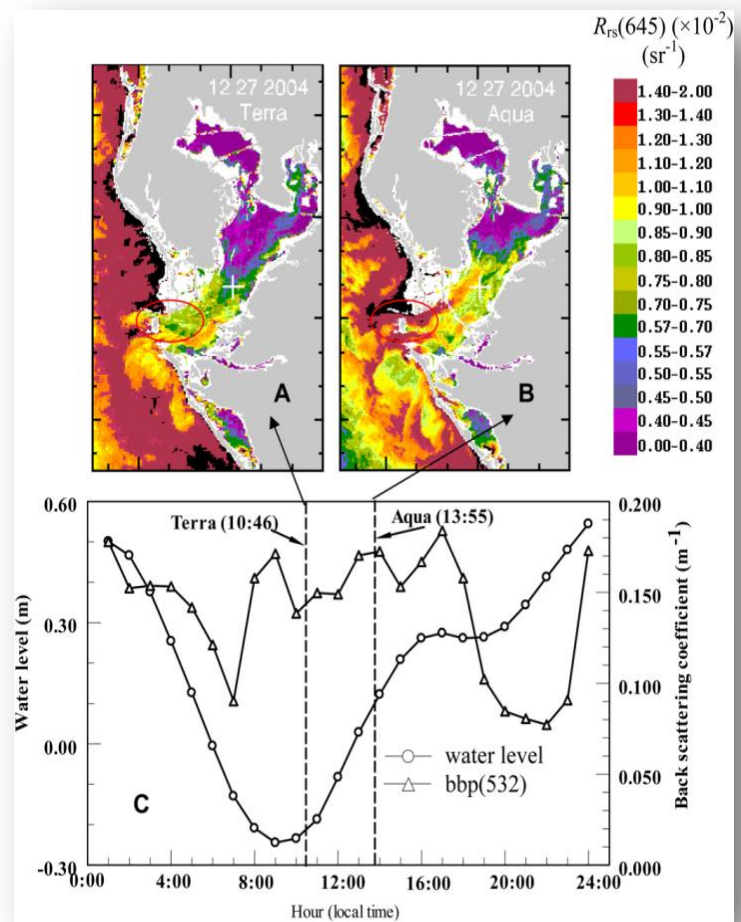
MODIS-Aqua:  
Lw(645),250-m  
(Franz et al. 2006).

Tzortziou et al. (2012) had hourly measurements of wetland-ocean exchanges of CDOM, DOC, DIC, and Chla. **Temporal resolution better than 3-hr, and spatial resolution < 500m** are required to resolve temporal and spatial patterns at the land-ocean interface.

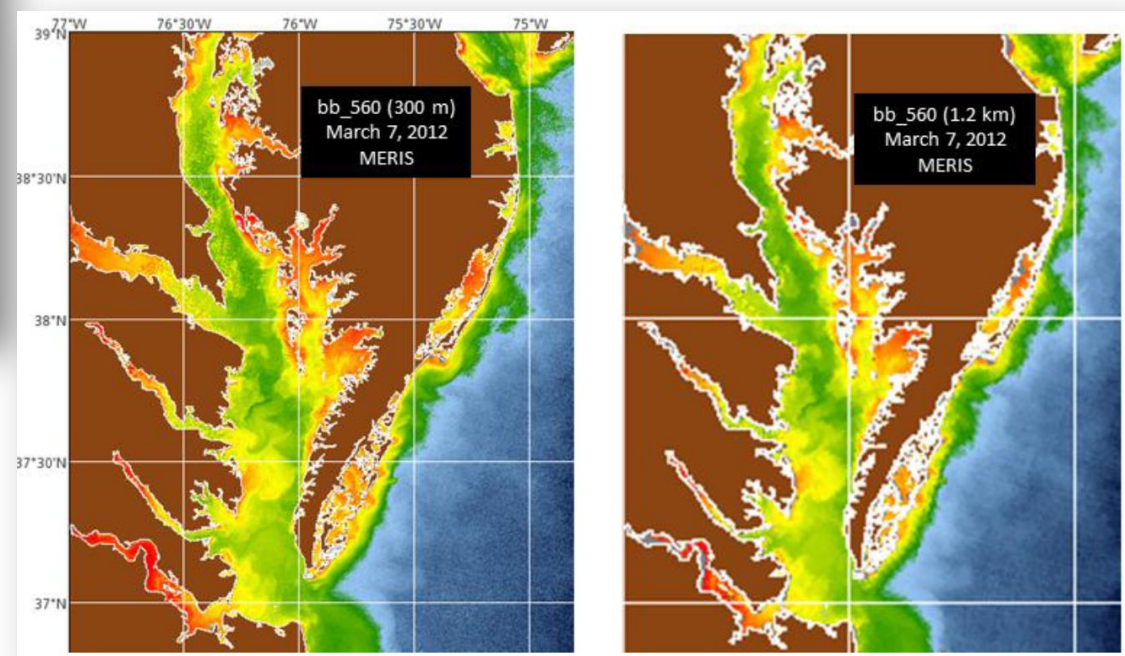




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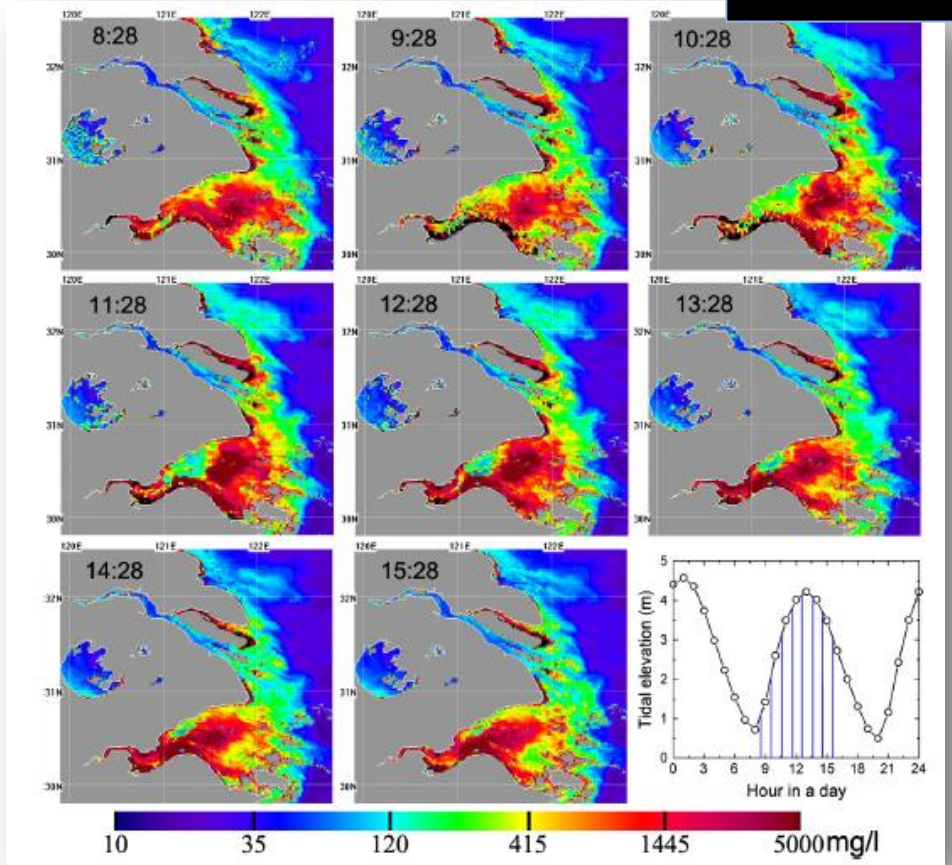
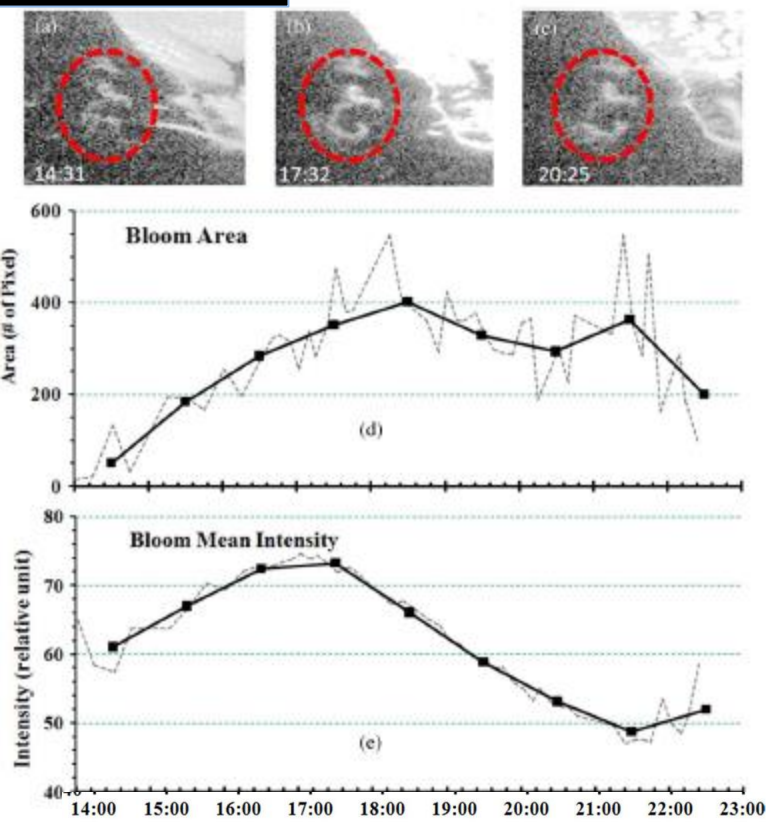
**MERIS** images of the Chesapeake Bay collected March 7, 2012.  
LEFT: **300 m resolution** total backscattering coefficient at 560 nm (bb 560 nm). RIGHT: **1.2 km resolution** bb 560 product.  
(from PACE SDT Report. Image courtesy of Robert Arnone, Naval Research Laboratory.)



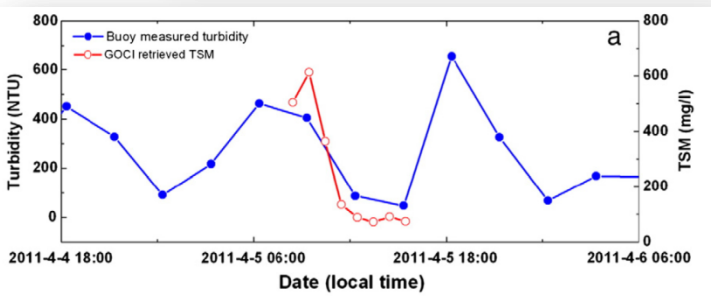
Chen et al. (2010) found **high-frequency changes** in both **phytoplankton and suspended sediments** driven by tidal and subtidal currents, in Tampa Bay.

GOES Imager

GOCI data



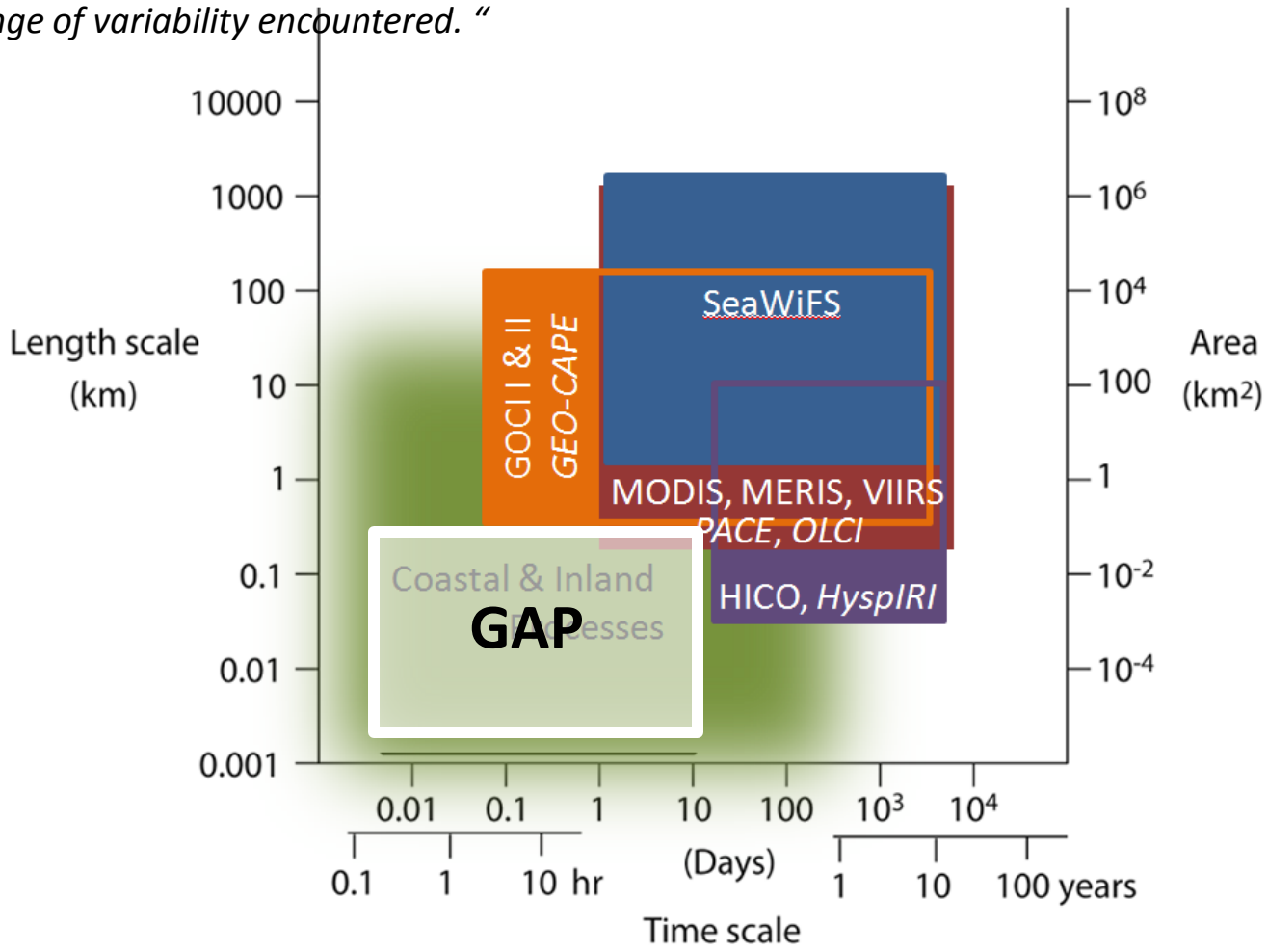
Using geostationary data from GOES, Hu and Feng (2014) were able to capture the strong diurnal changes of a *Trichodesmium* bloom in the Gulf of Mexico, due possibly to a combined effect of physical aggregation and phytoplankton migration. The bloom area increased by eightfold, and the mean bloom intensity increased by ~22%, within 4 hours.



He et al (2013), looked at the hourly changes in TSM in the Hangzhou Bay retrieved by GOCI on 5 April 2011. Good agreement between GOCI-TSM and turbidity from buoy.

### Spatial and Temporal Resolution

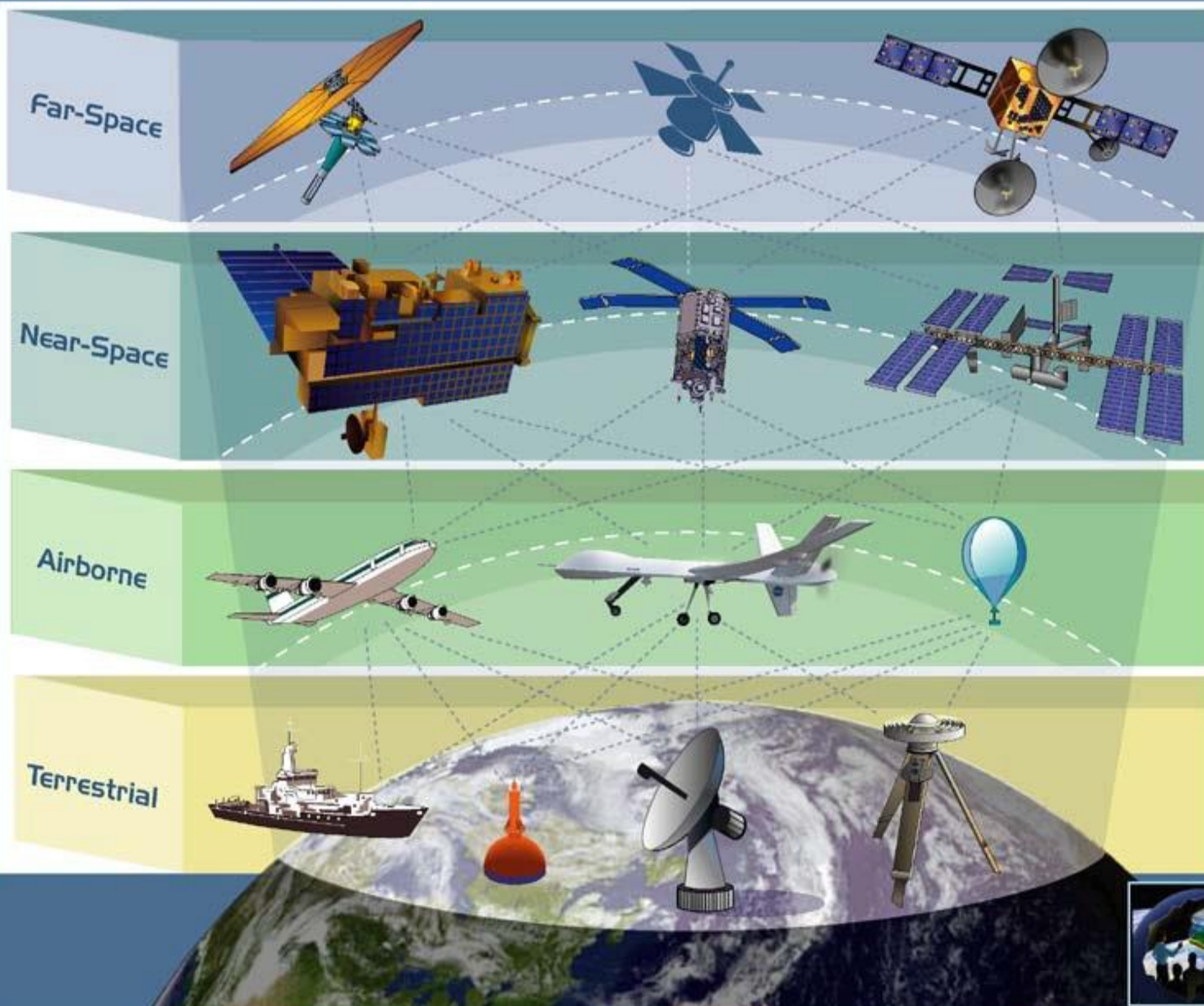
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from Mouw et al., Remote Sens. Environ, In revision  
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# Vantage Points

# Capabilities



Permanent

Deployable

**LI/L2/HEO/GEO**  
Sentinel satellites for continuous monitoring

**LEO/MEO**  
Active & passive sensors for trends & process studies

- Optical Rem. Sensing
- Thermal Imagery
- Microwave/radar/SAR

**Suborbital**  
In situ measurement in research campaigns & validation of new remote sensors

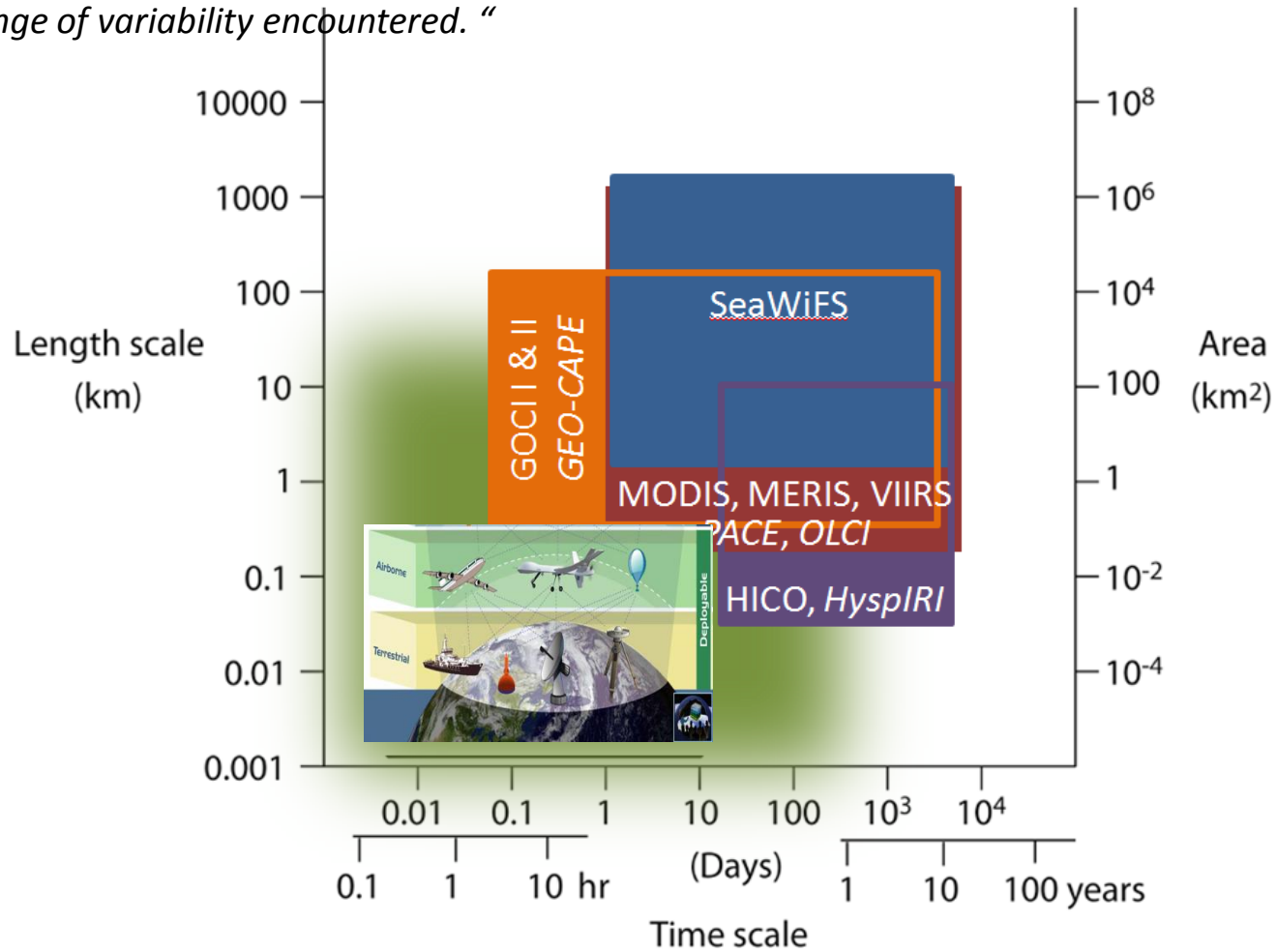
**Surface-Based Networks**  
Ocean buoys, air samplers, strain detectors, ground validation sites

**Information Systems**  
Data management, data assimilation, modeling & synthesis



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## **HICO - Hyperspectral Imager for the Coastal Ocean**



***Designed to sample the coastal ocean (<http://hico.coas.oregonstate.edu/>)***

- spatial resolution: 90 m*
- hyper-spectral coverage: 380 to 960 nm (sampled at 5.7 nm)*
- high signal-to-noise ratio*
- the repeat coverage is limited*

*→ HICO spatial resolution: provides a close look at rivers, estuaries, and the coastal ocean*

*→ HICO spectral resolution: a range of coastal products, including water clarity, bottom types, differentiation between benthic habitats (seagrass mapping), bathymetry, on-shore vegetation maps.*

*→ Has been used to address coastal applications (e.g., EPA)*

*(development of applications tools, smart-phone apps to increase public awareness of water quality and ecosystem health)*

## NASA – Future Decadal Survey Mission: Hyperspectral Infrared Imager (HyspIRI)

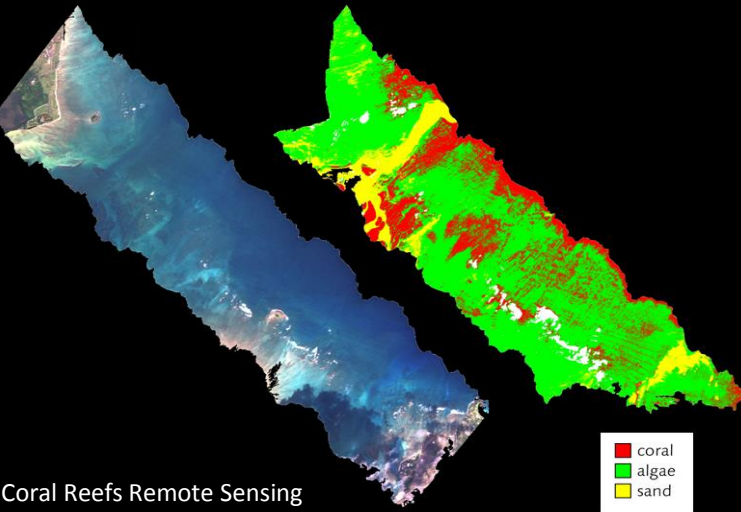
Hyperspectral at 60 m resolution (depth < 50m)

Improved capabilities in six major areas:

- wetlands (delineation and type)
- shoreline processes (land/water/ice geomorphology)
- water surface features classification
- water column retrievals
- bathymetry
- benthic cover types (classification and mapping)

(the HyspIRI White Paper, under review by the HyspIRI Aquatic Studies Group)

HyspIRI	Visible -SWIR	Thermal IR
Spectral Range	380 to 2500 nm	3.98, 7.35, 8.28, 9.07, 10.53, 11.33, and 12.05 μm
Spectral Bandwidth	10 nm, uniform over range	0.084, 0.32, 0.34, 0.35, 0.36, 0.54, 0.54, and 0.52 μm
Swath Width	145 km	600 km
Spatial Resolution	60 m (Depth < 50m) 1 km (Depth > 50m)	60 m (Depth < 50m) 1 km (Depth > 50m)
Orbit	Polar Ascending	Polar Ascending
Equatorial Crossing	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Equatorial Revisit	19 days	5 days
Rapid Response	3 days	3 days



Sargassum spp. (GoM)



Ulva prolifera bloom (off Qingdao, China)



Trichodesmium mats (GoM)



Oil spill (GoM)

Previous Decadal Survey – National Research Council (NRC)



Committee on Assessing Requirements for Sustained Ocean Color Research and Operations – NRC, 2011

Gap Analysis - needed resources for RS of coastal and inland waters  
(Colleen Mouw et al, In Revision, Remote Sensing Environm).

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# The rocky road from research to operations for satellite ocean-colour data in fishery management

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educating participants about the availability, access, and use of satellite data, providers obtain a better understanding of user needs and requirements. Some examples of this are given below.

### Better data accessibility

Courses conducted by NOAA were designed to help participants work with satellite data using ArcGIS, software familiar to many fishery scientists. Because importing satellite data into ArcGIS can be cumbersome, particularly for lengthy time-series, a new ArcGIS extension (Environmental Data Connector, EDC) now

coastal water types.

Coastal zones are extremely dynamic relative to the open ocean, so greater spatial and temporal resolution is needed to resolve their features, e.g. 30–300 m, multiple looks per day (IOCCG, 2000). These spatial and temporal scales are unachievable simultaneously with polar-orbiting satellites. Airborne sensors deliver high spatial resolution, with fewer atmospheric correction issues, but provide only a single snapshot in time (Carder et al., 1993; Davis et al., 2002; Filippi et al., 2006). Geostationary satellites are the best option for high temporal resolution, which has been demonstrated with SST data (Maturi et al., 2008). The first ocean-colour sensor





**Keynote Address: 2013 International Ocean Colour Science Meeting**

***Issues related to ocean colour in coastal zones and inland waters***

*Stewart Bernard, Tim Moore, Stefan Simis, Lisl Robertson, Hayley Evers-King,  
Mark Matthews, and Mark Dowell*

Summary: Suggested Ways Forward for Coastal and Inland Ocean Colour Applications

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**Bring on the global constellation of  
geostationary ocean colour sensors.....**

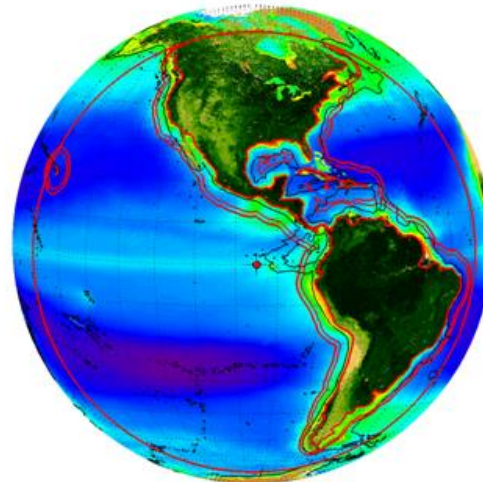


## Constellation of Geo Ocean Color Missions

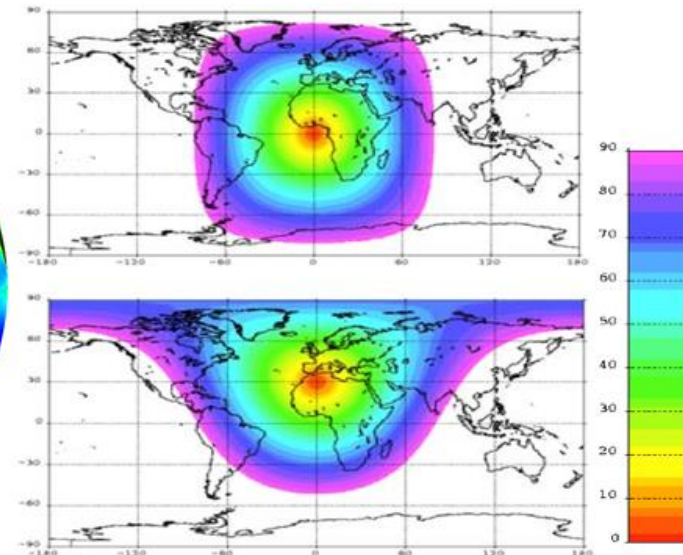
- Diurnal variability of coastal processes and hazards observable from Geo.
- Several other nations are planning Geo ocean color missions: Korea (operational follow-on), Europe and India.



**GOCI-II: 2018**

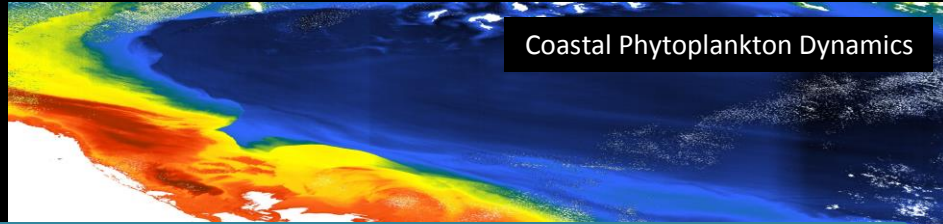
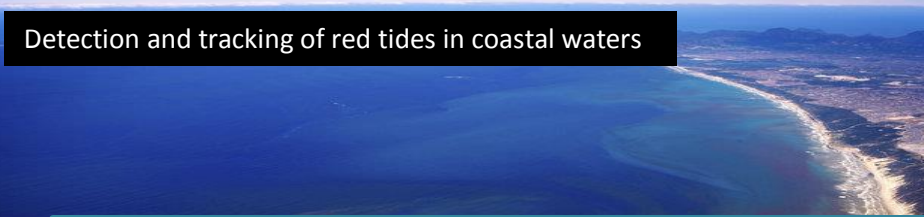


**GEO-CAPE**



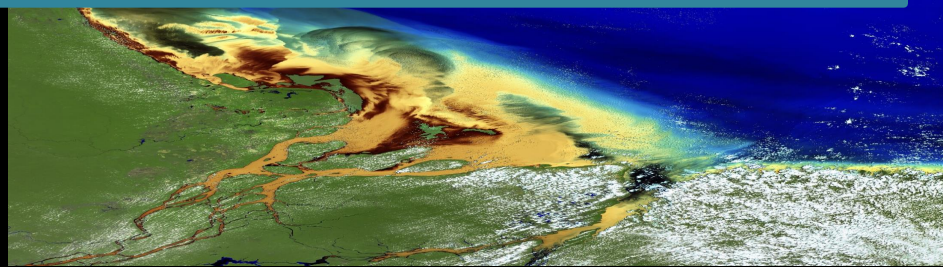
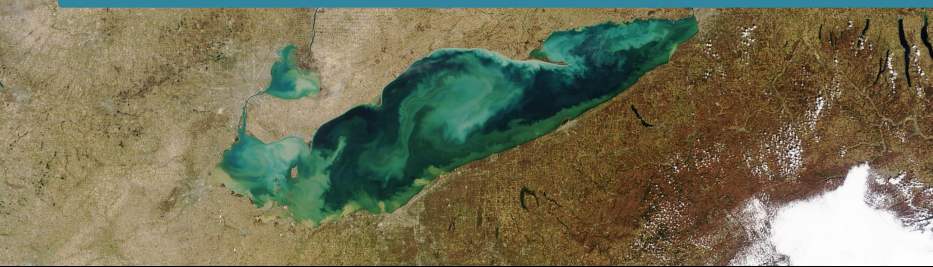
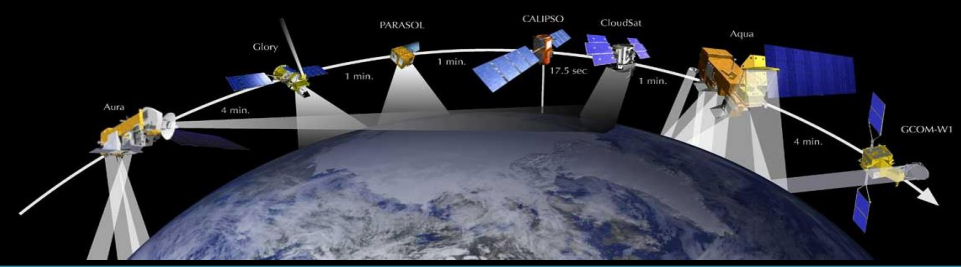
**HOCI or OCAPI**

- Harmonization through constellation promotes consistent global assessment of coastal ecosystems and carbon fluxes.
- Synergies with PACE: improve global productivity measurements, on-orbit cross-calibration, joint cal/val activities, etc.



Four Measurement Requirements :

- Improved spectral resolution, >16 bands/hyper-spectral
  - Improved spectral range: UV-NIR-SWIR
  - Improved spatial resolution, < 500 m
  - Improved temporal resolution, > 1 image per day
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## BEYOND PACE: SUMMARY

- ❖ PACE will provide unique capabilities compared to previous NASA OC sensors, resulting in unique opportunities for coastal and applications research.
- ❖ To improve coastal and applications research, we need:
  - Improved spectral resolution, >16 bands/hyper-spectral (PACE will have)
  - Improved spectral range, UV-NIR-SWIR (PACE will have)
  - Improved spatial resolution, < 500 m (PACE may have, but NOT in combination)
  - Improved temporal resolution, > 1 image per day (beyond PACE)
- ❖ Recommendations from the Science & Applications Communities, we need:
  - A multi-sensor approach (high-resolution polar orbit and geo, constellation of geo)
  - Investment on geostationary
  - Combination with passive/active RS, optical RS, thermal, radar SAR, aircraft sensors, EV-Is
  - Improved algorithms that use the improved capabilities of future sensors
  - Improved in-situ/field observations , updated protocols, coordinated networks, data access
  - Improved coupled physical-ecosystem models , coupled terrestrial-ocean-atmosphere models.
  - coordination with the international community
- ❖ To address applications we need:
  - improved latency requirements
  - more studies to quantify the impact of applications requirements on measurement/mission characteristics & minimize risks related to overall mission cost and data quality
  - more interactions with the USER community: feedback, outreach & training.

