

VIIRS Ocean Color Team Activities

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Website for VIIRS ocean color images and Cal/Val:
<http://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/sod/mecb/color/>

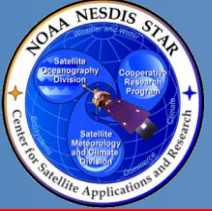
Website for VIIRS ocean color data:
http://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cwn/cw_products_ocLOM.html

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VIIRS Spectral Bands for Ocean Color



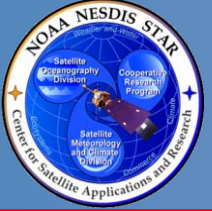
VIIRS (Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite) on
Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership (**SNPP**)

VIIRS-**SNPP**, Oct. 28, **2011**, VIIRS-Joint Polar Satellite System (**JPSS**) **J1**, **2017**, VIIR-**J2**,
2021, and **J3 & J4** (up to ~2038)

VIIRS [†]		MODIS		SeaWiFS
Ocean Bands (nm)	Other Bands (nm)	Ocean Bands (nm)	Other Bands (nm)	Ocean Band (nm)
410 (M1)	638 (I1)	412	645	412
443 (M2)	862 (I2)	443	859	443
486 (M3)	1600 (I3)	488	469	490
—		531	555	510
551 (M4)	<i>SWIR Bands</i>	551	<i>SWIR Bands</i>	555
671 (M5)	1238 (M8)	667	1240	670
745 (M6)	1601 (M10)	748	1640	765
862 (M7)	2257 (M11)	869	2130	865

[†]VIIRS-SNPP nominal center wavelength

Spatial resolution for VIIRS M-band: 750 m, I-band: 375 m

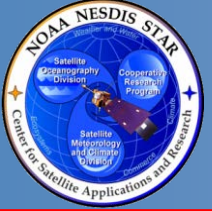


Nominal Center Wavelength for VIIRS

SNPP & JPSS-1



VIIRS Nominal Center Wavelength (nm)		
Band	SNPP	JPSS-1
M1	410	411
M2	443	445
M3	486	489
M4	551	556
M5	671	667
M6	745	746
M7	862	868
I1	642	638
I2	862	867



Summary of VIIRS Ocean Color EDR Products



- **Inputs:**

- VIIRS M1-M7 and the **SWIR M8, M10, and M11** bands SDR data
- Terrain-corrected geo-location file
- Ancillary meteorology and ozone data

- **Operational (Standard) Products (8):**

- Normalized water-leaving radiance (nL_w 's) at VIIRS visible bands M1-M5
- Chlorophyll-a (Chl-a) concentration
- **Diffuse attenuation coefficient for the downwelling spectral irradiance at the wavelength of 490 nm, $K_d(490)$**
- **Diffuse attenuation coefficient of the downwelling photosynthetically available radiation (PAR), $K_d(\text{PAR})$**
- Level-2 quality flags

- **Experimental Products:**

- Inherent Optical Properties (IOP-a, **IOP-a_{ph}**, **IOP-a_{dg}**, **IOP-b_b**, **IOP-b_{bp}**) at VIIRS M2 or other visible bands (M1-M5) from the Quasi-Analytical Algorithm (QAA) (*Lee et al.*, 2002)
- Photosynthetically Available Radiation (PAR) (*R. Frouin*)
- **Chl-a from ocean color index (OCI) method** (*Hu et al.*, 2012; *Wang and Son*, 2016)
- Others from users requests

➤ Data quality of ocean color EDR are extremely sensitive to the SDR quality. It requires **~0.1%** data accuracy (degradation, band-to-band accuracy...)!



Multi-Sensor Level-1 to Level-2 (MSL12) Ocean Color Data Processing System

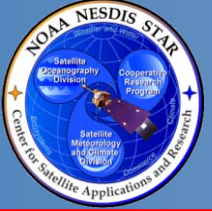


➤ NOAA-MSL12 Ocean Color Data Processing

- ✓ NOAA-MSL12 is based on SeaDAS version 4.6.
- ✓ Some significant improvements: (1) the SWIR-based ocean color data processing for coastal and inland waters, (2) improved Rayleigh and aerosol LUTs, (3) algorithms for detecting absorbing aerosols and turbid waters, (4) ice detection algorithm, (5) improved straylight and cloud shadow algorithm, (5) improved NIR water reflectance correction algorithm, (6) new destriping algorithm, and others.

➤ MSL12 for VIIRS Ocean Color Data Processing

- ✓ Routine ocean color data processing (daily, 8-day, monthly) since VIIRS launch.
- ✓ Routine global VIIRS ocean color data productions for the two data streams: **Near-Real-Time (NRT)** and **Science Quality** ocean color data processing.
- ✓ Coastal turbid and inland waters from other approaches, e.g., the **SWIR approach**, results in the US east coastal, China's east coastal, Lake Taihu, Lake Okeechobee, Aral Sea, etc.



MSL12 Ocean Color Algorithms, Improvements, and Updates



➤ Algorithms used in the ocean color EDR data processing:

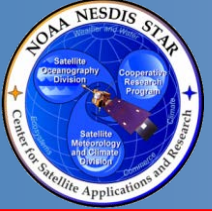
- Atmospheric corrections:
 - Gordon & Wang (1994) (and Wang et al. (2005)) for open ocean using the NIR bands
 - Wang (2007) and Wang and Shi (2007) using the SWIR bands
 - The NIR reflectance correction algorithm using **BMW** (Jiang and Wang, 2014) for costal/inland waters
- Operational chlorophyll-a: OC3V algorithm
- $K_d(490)$ algorithm: Wang et al. (2009) algorithm
- $K_d(\text{PAR})$ algorithm: Son and Wang (2015)
- Destriping algorithm: Mikelsons et al. (2014)
- Stray light/Cloud shadowing effects: Jiang and Wang (2013)

➤ Updates

- Polarization correction algorithm (errors are corrected)

➤ Experimental Products

- IOPs: Quasi-Analytical Algorithm (QAA) (Lee et al., 2002)
- PAR: Frouin et al. (2003)
- Chlorophyll-a data from the OCI method: Hu et al. (2012) and implemented in VIIRS using Wang and Son (2016)



End-to-End Ocean Color Data Processing



- NOAA Ocean Color Team has been developing/building the capability for the **End-to-End** satellite ocean color data processing including:
 - Level-0 (or Raw Data Records (RDR)) to Level-1B (or Sensor Data Records (SDR)).
 - Level-1B (SDR) to ocean color Level-2 (Environmental Data Records (EDR)).
 - Level-2 to global Level-3 (**routine daily, 8-day, monthly, and climatology data/images**).
 - Validation of satellite ocean color products (in situ data and data analysis capability).
- Support of in situ data collections for VIIRS Cal/Val activities, e.g., **MOBY, AERONET-OC sites, NOAA dedicated cruises (2014, 2015, 2016,)**
- **On-orbit instrument calibration (solar and lunar) for ocean color data processing:**
 - J. Sun and M. Wang, “Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite solar diffuser calibration and its challenges using solar diffuser stability monitor,” *Appl. Opt.*, **53**, 8571-8584, 2014.
 - J. Sun and M. Wang, “On-orbit characterization of the VIIRS solar diffuser and solar diffuser screen,” *Appl. Opt.*, **54**, 236-252, 2015.
 - J. Sun and M. Wang, “On-orbit calibration of Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite reflective solar bands and its challenges using a solar diffuser,” *Appl. Opt.*, **54**, 7210-7223, 2015.
 - J. Sun and M. Wang, “Radiometric calibration of the VIIRS reflective solar bands with robust characterizations and hybrid calibration coefficients,” *Appl. Opt.*, **54**, 9331-9342, 2015.
- **On-orbit vicarious calibration using MOBY in situ data:**
 - Developed the NIR- and SWIR-based vicarious calibration approach with a unified gain set for OC data processing.
 - M. Wang, W. Shi, L. Jiang, and K. Voss, “The NIR- and SWIR-based on-orbit vicarious calibrations for satellite ocean color sensors,” *Opt. Express* (Submitted).
- **RDR (Level-0) to SDR (Level-1B) data processing (efficient RDR to SDR processing):**
 - Sun, J., M. Wang, L. Tan, and L. Jiang, “An efficient approach for VIIRS RDR to SDR data processing,” *IEEE Geosci. Remote Sens. Lett.*, **11**, 2037-2041, 2014.
- **Ocean Color Data Analysis and Processing System (OCDAPS)**—IDL-based VIIRS ocean color data visualization and processing package
 - Wang, X., X. Liu, L. Jiang, M. Wang, and J. Sun, “VIIRS ocean color data visualization and processing with IDL-based NOAA-SeaDAS”, *Proc. SPIE 9261*, 8 Nov. 2014.

Report for the 2014 NOAA dedicated Cal/Val cruise has been published!

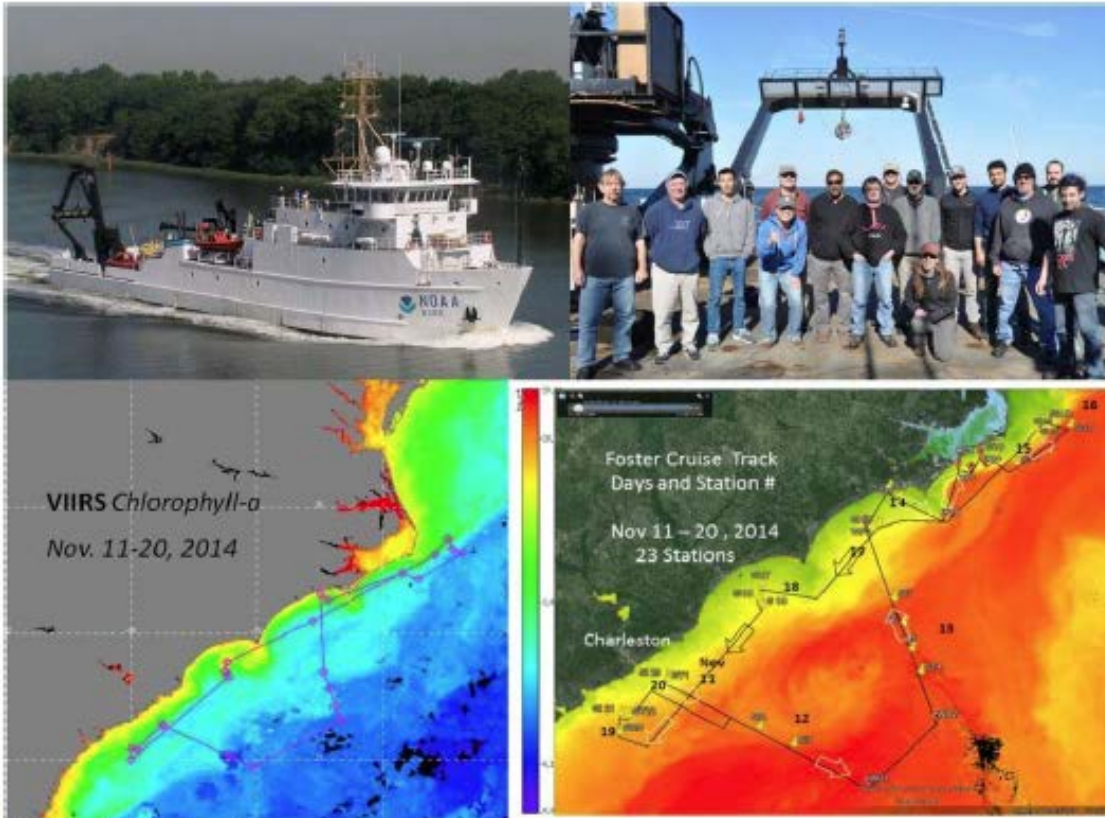
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Dedicated VIIRS Cal/Val Cruise

NOAA Ship Nancy Foster

2-14 December 2015

Validation Measurements

- **Water-Leaving Radiance** - HyperPro, MicroPro, C-OPS, GER, SBA, TRIOS, HyperSAS, ASD
- **Aerosol Optical Depth** - Microtops
- **Chlorophyll** - HPLC, Fluorometric, (in situ and extracted)
- **Absorption** - ACS, AC9, Spectrophotometric
- **Backscatter** - BB9, BB7, BB3, ECO Puck
- **Bi-directional radiance distribution** - NURADS
- **Phytoplankton Physiology** - FRRF, FRe, Alf-a
- **Carbon** - POC and DOC water analysis; plus CDOM
- **Total Suspended Matter** - Gravimetric



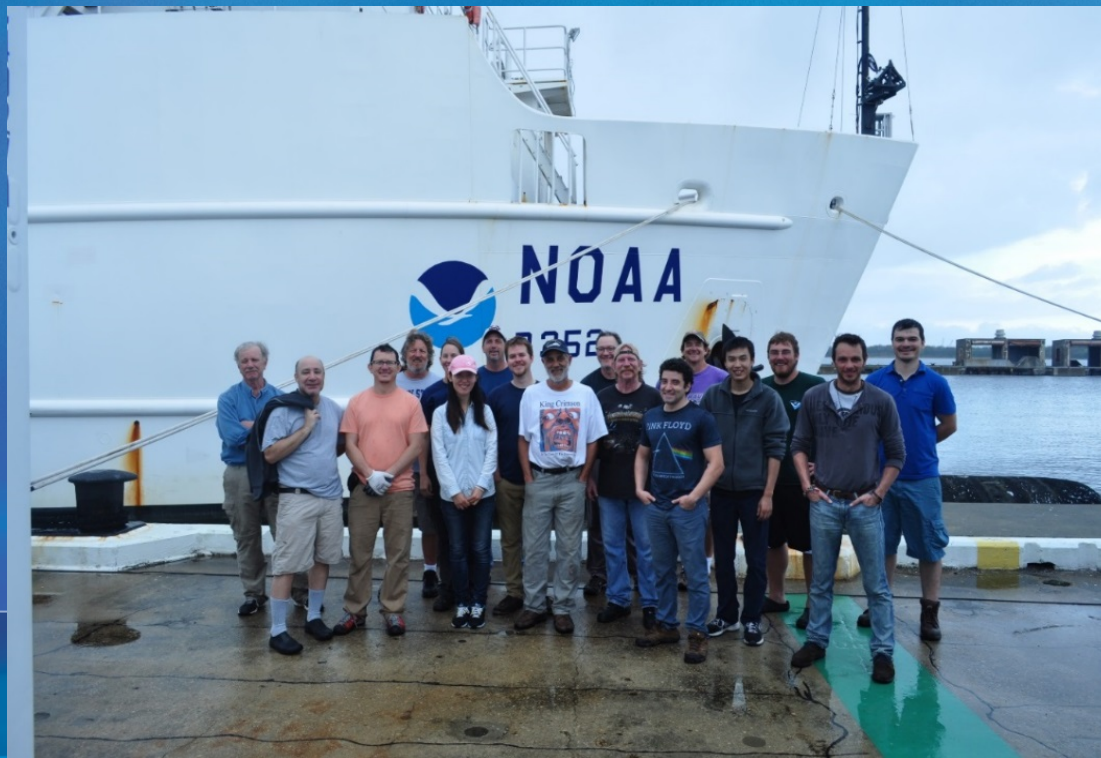
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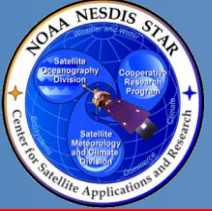
US Agencies

- **NOAA/NESDIS/STAR** (NOAA)
- **Naval Research Laboratory, Stennis Space Center (NRL)**
- **NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA)**
- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)**

Universities

- **City University of New York, Long Island; CREST**
- **Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University**
- **University of Massachusetts, Boston**
- **University of Miami**
- **University of South Florida**
- **University of Southern Mississippi**
- **Oregon State University**



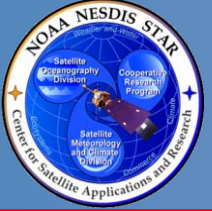


Two Data Streams for VIIRS Ocean Color EDR



To meet requirements from **All** users (operational, research, modeling, etc.), we proposed and have been routinely producing VIIRS global ocean color products in two data streams:

- **Near-Real-Time (NRT) Ocean Color Data Processing (12-24 hours):**
 - Quick turn around with ~12-24 hours latency (operational)
 - Using standard IDPS operational SDR data
 - Ancillary data using the Global Forecast System (GFS) model
 - Data may not be completed due to various issues (SDR missing, computer, etc.)
 - Data will be processed in NOAA **CoastWatch** and **OSPO**
- **Science Quality Ocean Color Data Processing (One-two weeks delay):**
 - About one-two weeks delay
 - Reprocessed mission-long ocean color data and continue-forward data stream
 - Using improved SDR (based on IDPS SDR data) (science quality SDR)
 - Science quality (assimilated) NCEP ancillary data
 - Complete global coverage
 - May expand to more experimental products & test with improved algorithms
 - Ocean color EDR will be reprocessed (mission-long) about every two-three years (or as needed, e.g., short-term data reprocessing, error fixing, etc.)
 - Data will be processed in **NOAA/STAR** and transferred to CoastWatch for distributions



VIIRS Mission-long Ocean Color Data

Reprocessing

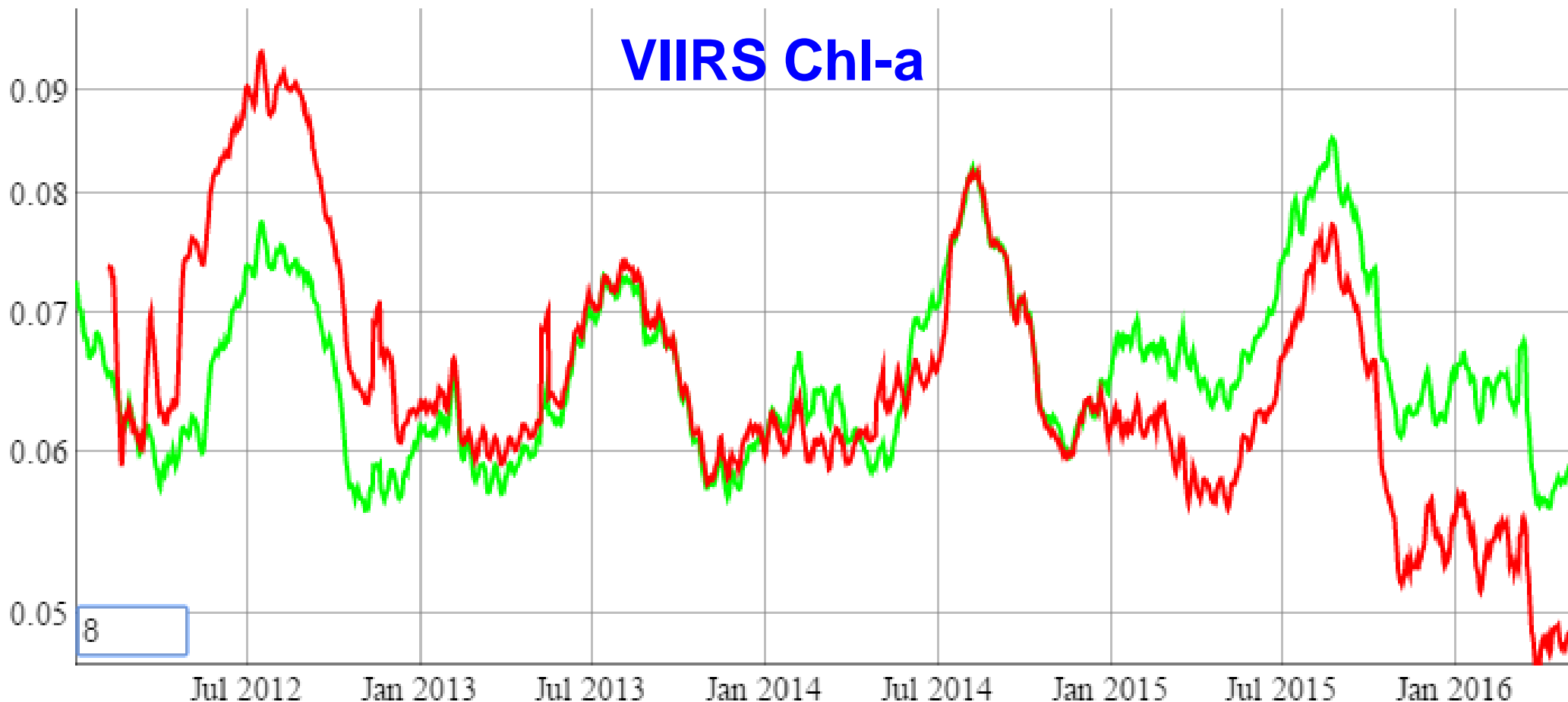


- ✓ We have successfully reprocessed VIIRS mission-long ocean color data products for the **Near-Real-Time** data stream in summer 2015 and the **Science Quality** data stream just recently (May 2016). Both data streams have been going forward routinely.
- ✓ For the **Science Quality** data stream, VIIRS mission-long SDR has been reprocessed using significantly improved on-orbit calibration (both **solar and lunar** approaches).
- ✓ Both VIIRS ocean color data are available through CoastWatch. In particular, **the ocean color Science Quality data stream is now distributed through CoastWatch (will also be distributed in NCEI) at: http://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cwn/cw_products_ocLOM.html.**
- The reprocessed VIIRS mission-long Science Quality ocean color data have been significantly improved, providing accurate and consistent ocean color data for science research and applications. **It shows the importance of the lunar data for calibration, particularly in recent years (and forwarding).**
- In particular, significant improved VIIRS ocean color data over **global high altitude lakes**, which is a very significant progress for remote sensing of inland water quality.
- VIIRS **chlorophyll-a**, $K_d(490)$, $nL_w(443)$ and $nL_w(551)$ data from global oligotrophic waters for two data streams: **Near-real-time data stream with IDPS SDR** and the recently reprocessed **Science Quality data stream with the new OC-SDR**. The **same MSL12** ocean color data processing system has been used for both data streams. We also show some global images and quantitative comparisons with MOBY in situ data.



Global Oligotrophic Waters

VIIRS Chl-a



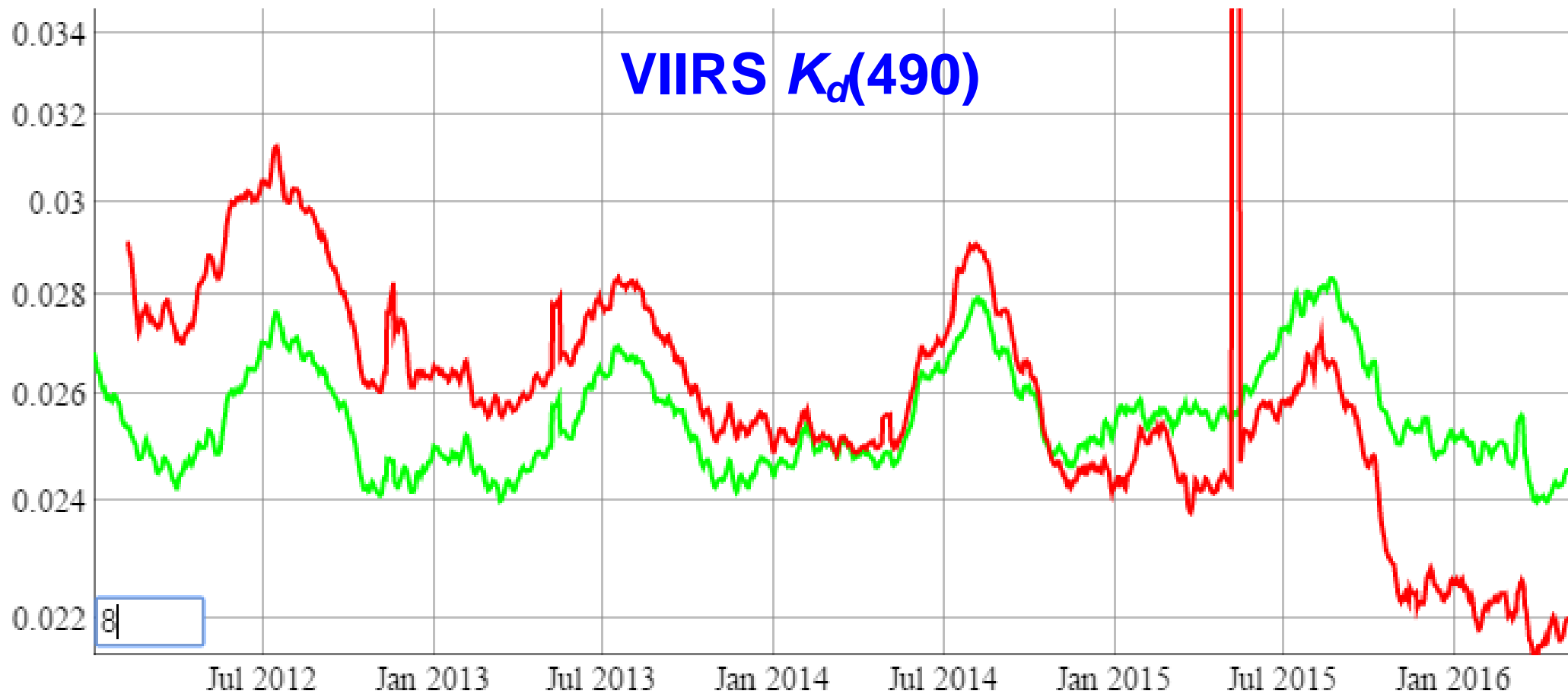
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Near-real-time data

Green: VIIRS **OC-SDR**
Science quality data

Both data are reprocessed using the same **MSL12!**



Global Oligotrophic Waters



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Global Oligotrophic Waters

VIIRS $nL_w(443)$



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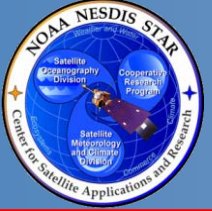
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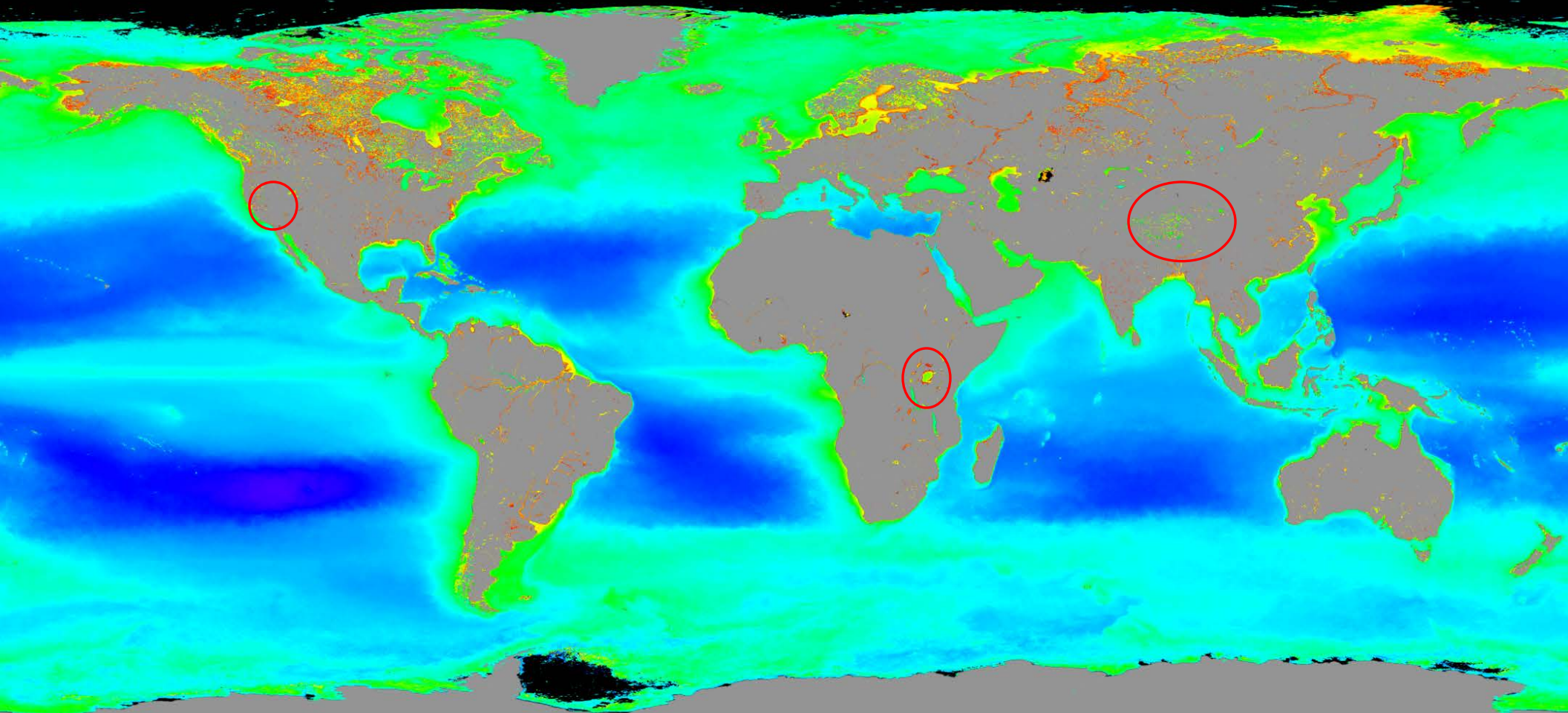
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Science quality data**

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VIIRS Climatology Chlorophyll-a Image (February 2012 to January 2016)



Log scale: 0.01 to 64 mg/m³

Generated using **MSL12** for VIIRS mission-long ocean color data **reprocessing**

Wang, M., X. Liu, L. Tan, L. Jiang, S. Son, W. Shi, K. Rausch, and K. Voss, "Impacts of VIIRS SDR performance on ocean color products," *J. Geophys. Res. Atmos.*, **118**, 10,347–10,360, 2013.

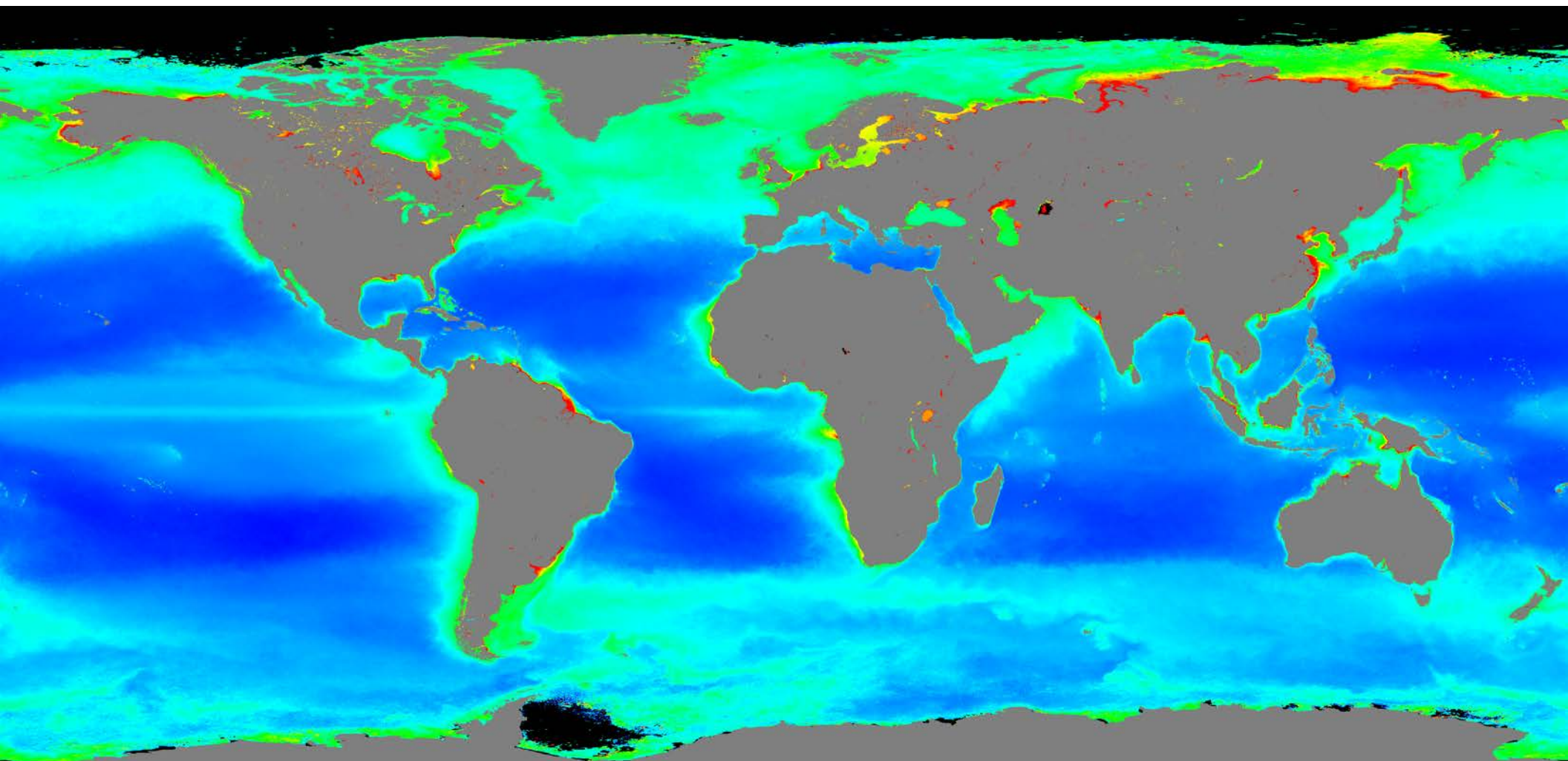
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VIIRS Climatology $K_d(490)$ Image (OLD)

(March 2012 to February 2015)



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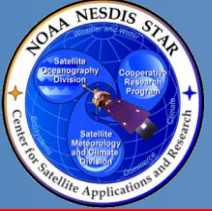


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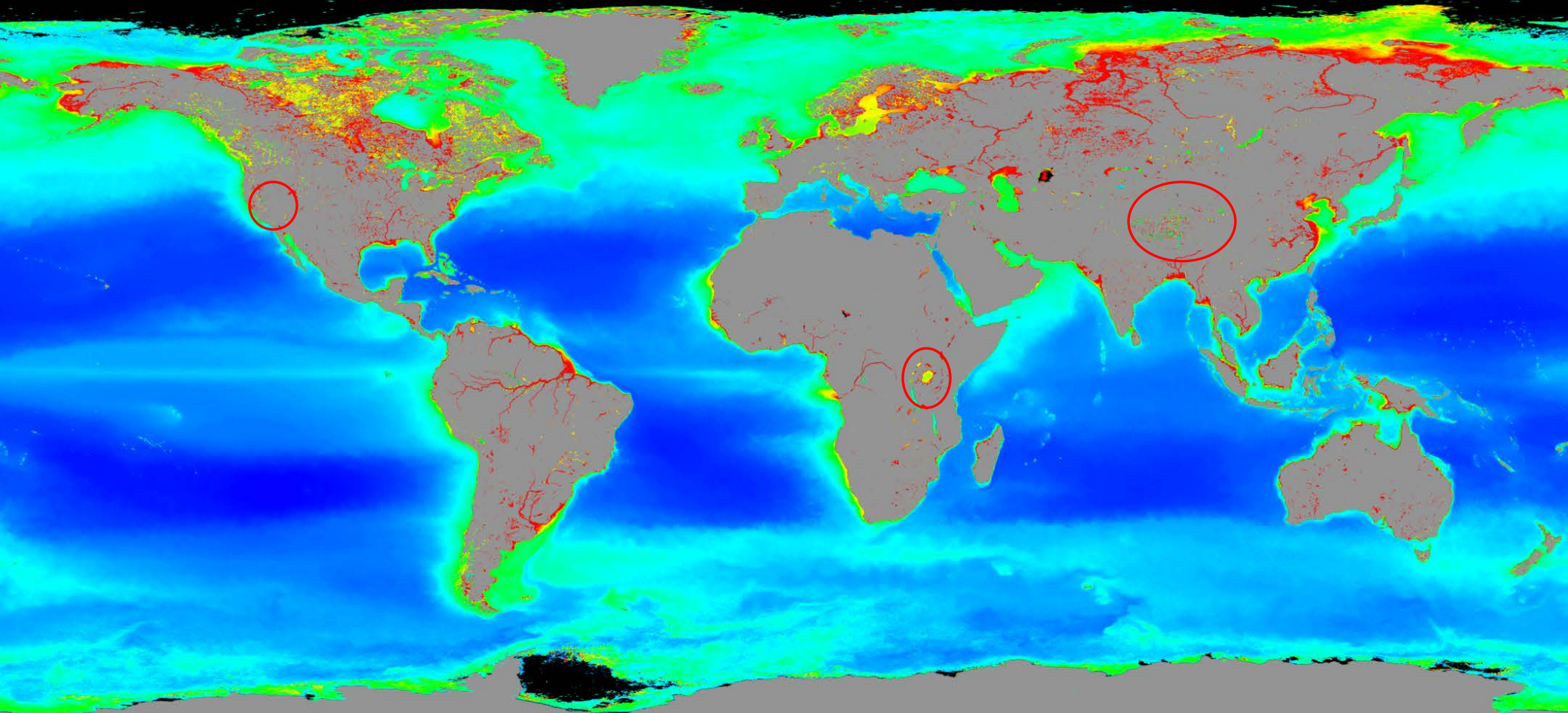
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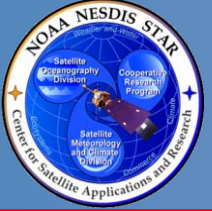


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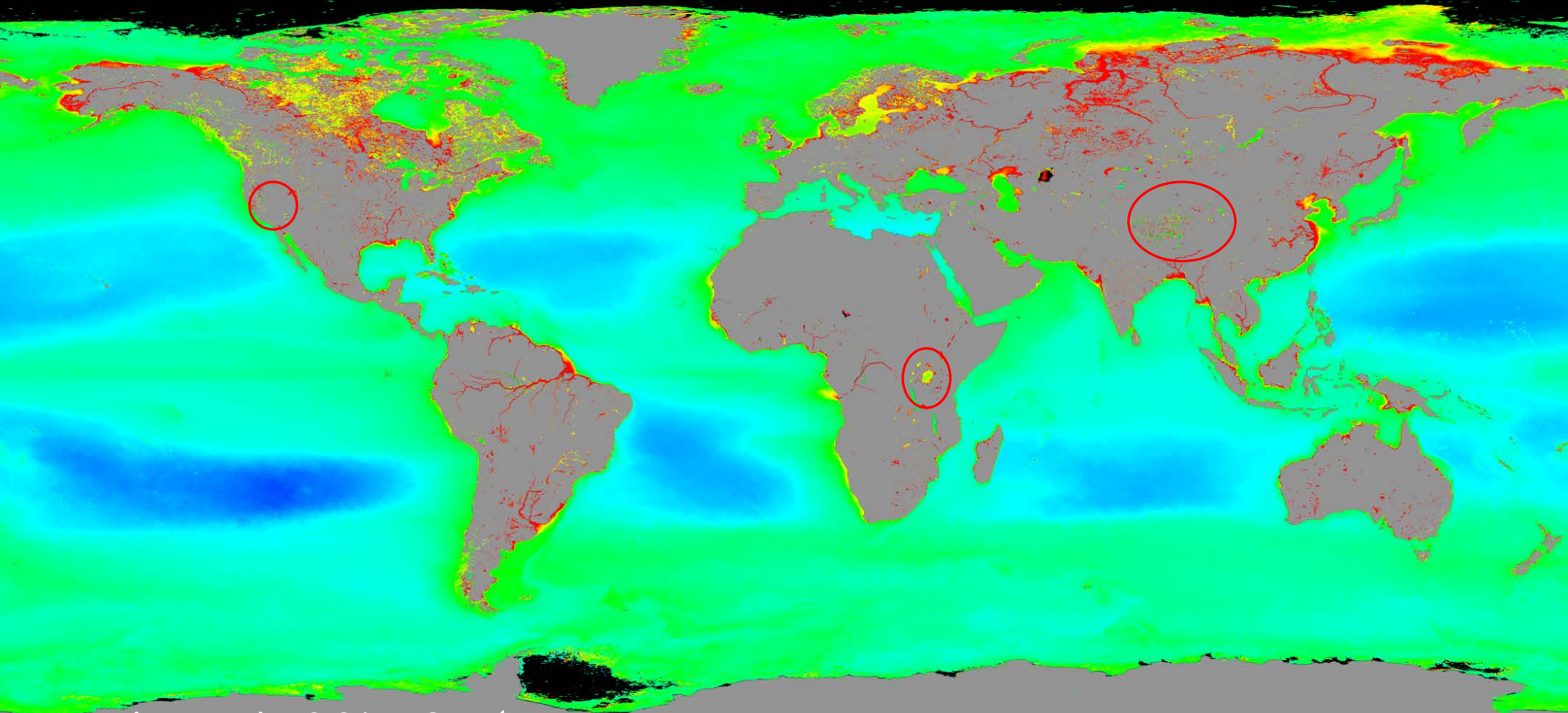
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VIIRS Climatology $K_d(\text{PAR})$ Image (February 2012 to January 2016)



Log scale: 0.01 to 2 m^{-1}

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Matchup of **VIIRS-MSL12**

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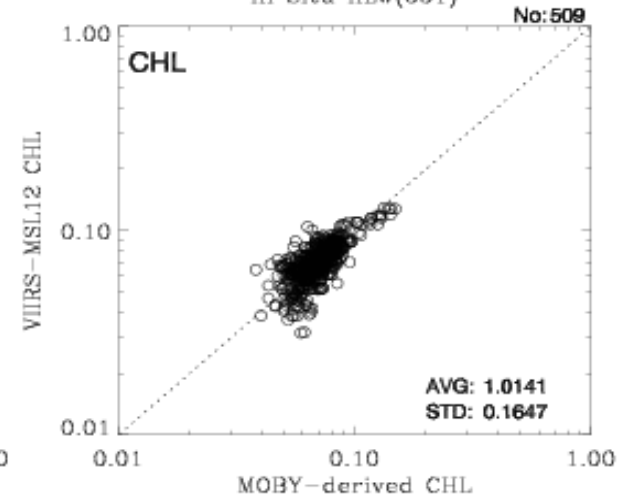
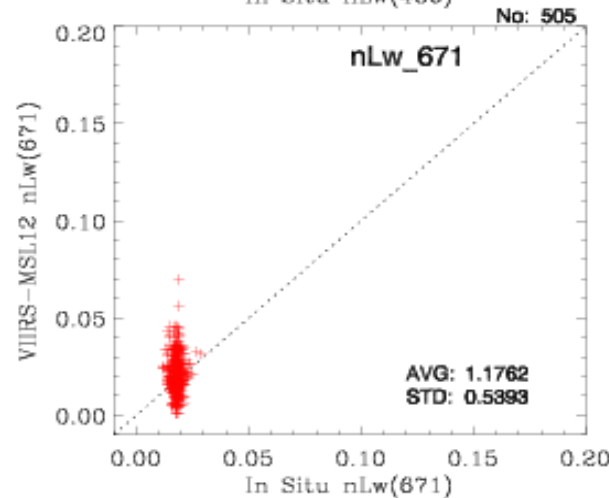
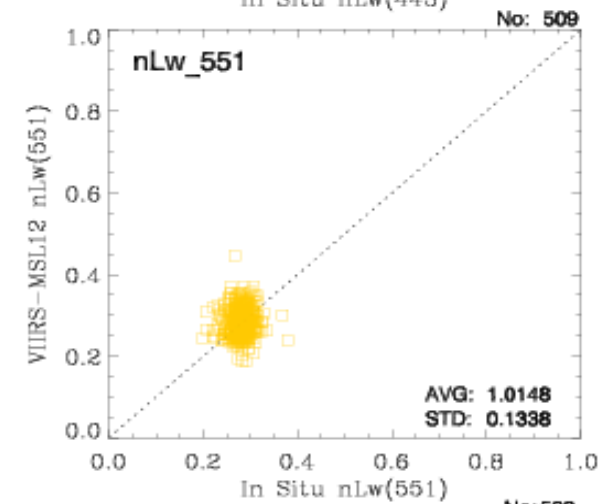
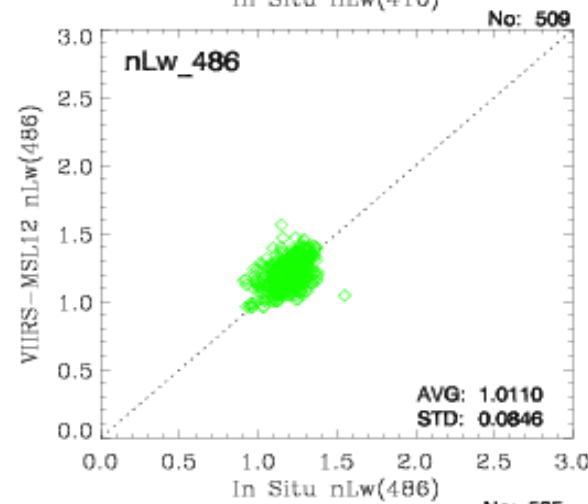
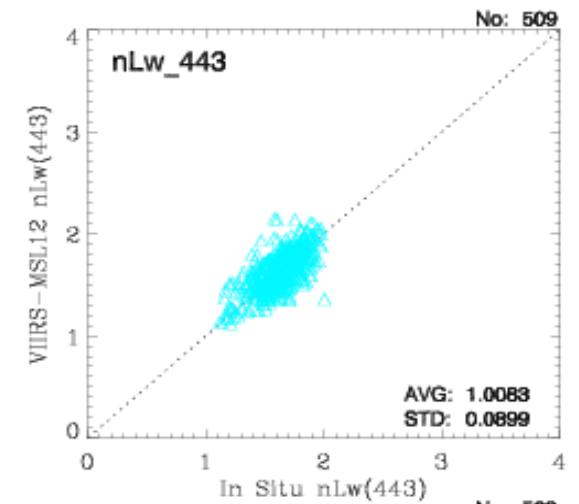
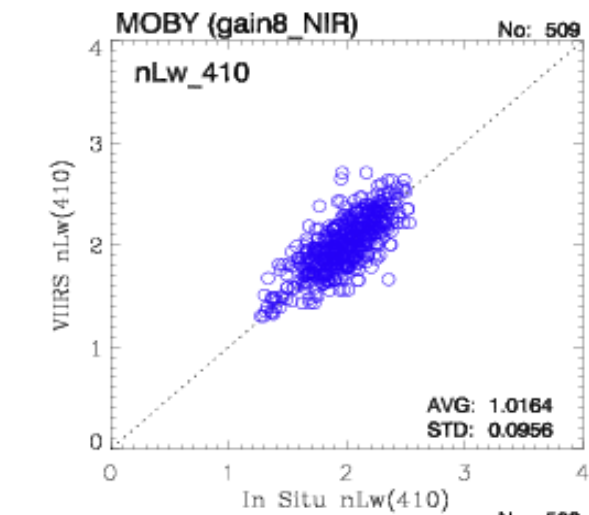
MOBY In Situ

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Science Quality Data

MOBY

**Marine Optical Buoy
(MOBY) --- In situ
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Statistics of **VIIRS Data** vs. **In Situ (MOBY)**

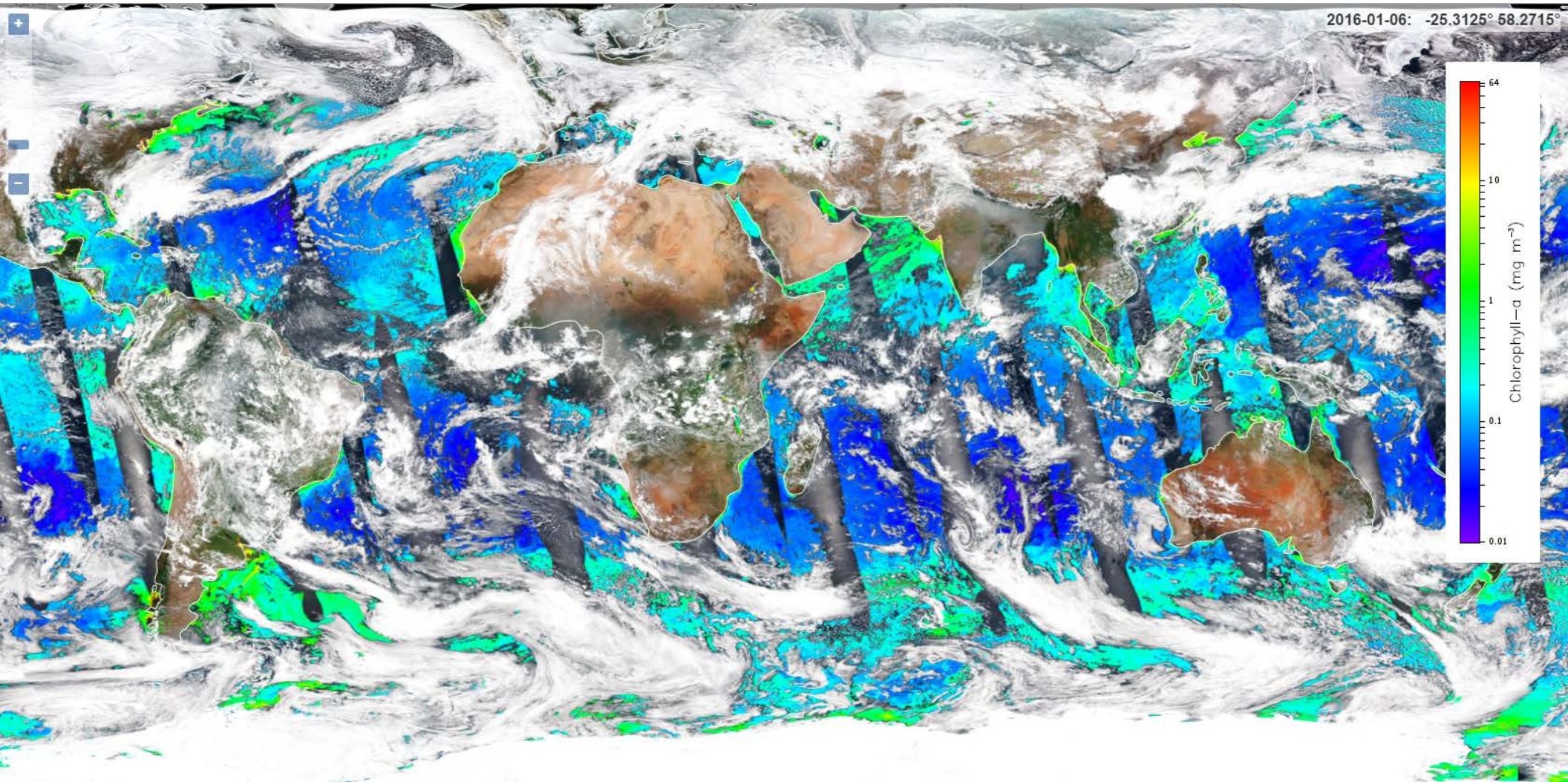
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	IDPS-SDR MSL12 (ver. 1.10) (Near-Real-Time Data)				OC-SDR MSL12 (ver. 1.10) (Science Quality Data)			
	AVG	MED	STD	No	AVG	MED	STD	No
$nL_w(410)$	1.0083	1.0065	0.0961	463	1.0164	1.0157	0.0956	509
$nL_w(443)$	1.0191	1.0005	0.1733	475	1.0083	1.0062	0.0899	509
$nL_w(486)$	1.0258	0.9991	0.1861	475	1.0110	1.0103	0.0846	509
$nL_w(551)$	1.0604	0.9809	0.4910	475	1.0148	1.0004	0.1338	509
$nL_w(671)$	1.3366	1.0059	2.1345	487	1.1762	1.1053	0.5393	505
<i>Chl-a</i>	1.0508	0.9764	0.4254	468	1.0141	1.0041	0.1647	509
$K_d(490)$	1.0135	0.9826	0.2437	471	0.9842	0.9760	0.1007	505

MOBY



OCView: Seamless Global Coverage



2000 km

Landmask from USGS LP DAAC. True color and granule boundaries produced from JPSS SNPP VIIRS SDR. Ocean Color data produced by NOAA/NESDIS/STAR Ocean Color group. Shorelines © OpenStreetMapData (license).

Algorithm: QC data daily monthly color bar true color granules

8-day climatology shorelines granules

NIR Chl-a

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VIIRS Global Ocean Color Composite Images

VIIRS: Chlorophyll-a Region: Global January 2016

OCView: on off

MSL12-NIR (NRT)							MSL12-NIR (SCI)						
CLM	MON	8d1	8d2	8d3	8d4		CLM	MON	8d1	8d2	8d3	8d4	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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MSL12-SWIR (SCI)							MSL12-NIRSWIR (SCI)						
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Standard Products	Eval. Products
Chlorophyll-a	PAR
nL _w (410)	a(443)
nL _w (443)	a _{ph} (443)
nL _w (486)	a _g (443)
nL _w (551)	b _g (443)
nL _w (671)	b _{pp} (443)
K _d (490)	a(551)
K _d (PAR)	b _l (551)
	Chl-a_OCI

Notes:

- VIIRS Near-real-time (NRT) products are produced from original IDPS SDR and ancillary data from the Global Forecast System (GFS) model. VIIRS Science-Quality (SCI) products are produced from recalibrated Ocean Color SDR (OC-SDR) and science quality (reanalysis) ancillary data.
- VIIRS NRT products before Feb.6, 2012 are not reliable or usable due to VIIRS instrument calibration error in IDPS SDR.
- The VIIRS nominal center wavelengths (different from the specification) are as follows (units in nm): M1:410, M2:443, M3:486, M4:551, M5:671, M6:745, M7:862, M8:1238, M10:1610, M11:2250
- The details on VIIRS MSL12-NIR water reflectance correction algorithm (BMW) can be found in [Jiang and Wang \(2014\)](#).
- VIIRS MSL12-SWIR uses M8 and M10 as the two atmospheric correction bands as described in [Wang et al. \(2007\)](#).
- The VIIRS K_d(490) data are derived using [Wang et al. \(2009\)](#) algorithm.
- The VIIRS K_d(PAR) data are derived using [Son and Wang \(2015\)](#) algorithm.
- VIIRS chlorophyll-a, K_d(490), K_d(PAR) and nL_w products are post-processed to remove striping as described in [Mikkelsen et al. \(2014\)](#). The destriping software can be downloaded [here](#).
- Evaluation Products: The VIIRS PAR algorithm was provided by Robert Frouin and implemented in MSL12 by STAR Ocean Color Research Team. The VIIRS IOP products are derived using the Quasi-Analytical Algorithm (QAA) from [Lee et al. \(2002\)](#).

VIIRS Ocean Color Product Calibration / Validation

Data Source: Science Quality (NIR) Location: MOBY data matchup

Science Quality (NIR): MOBY Site Ocean Color Data Matchup

Select a parameter for interactive plot: none

View Site Locations On Map

View Scatter Plot

Satellite data were extracted using 5x5 pixels from L2 file. In Situ data: Q1 - MOBY Quality 1; Q2 - MOBY Quality 2.

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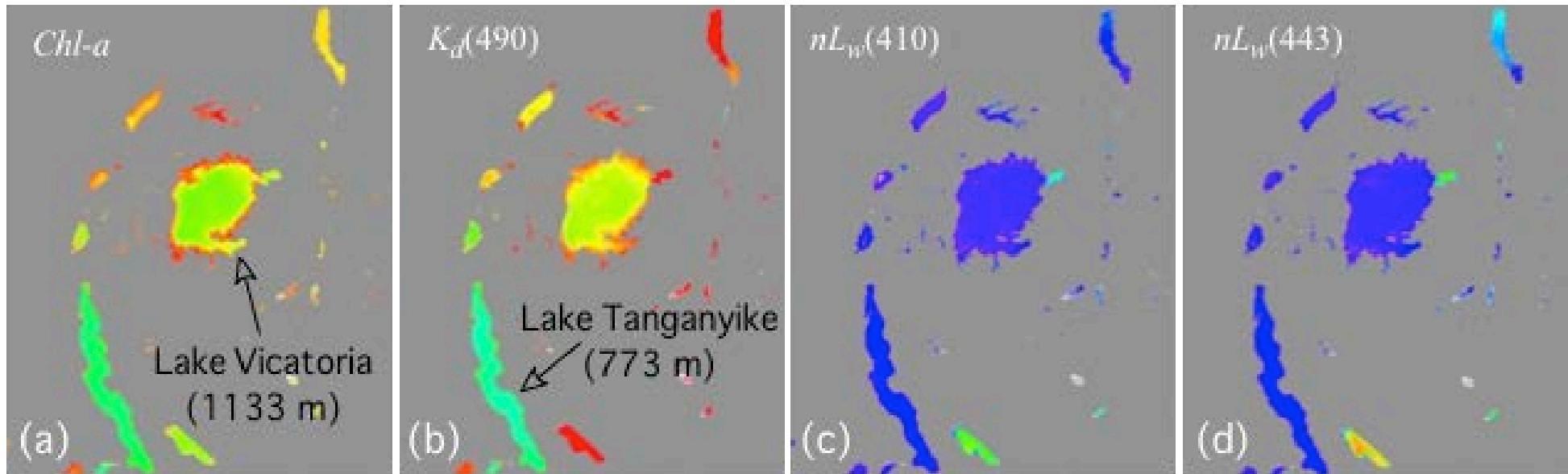
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Routinely producing VIIRS global ocean color products (daily, 8-day, monthly, climatology) using the MSL12 with the NIR, SWIR, and NIR-SWIR atmospheric correction algorithms.

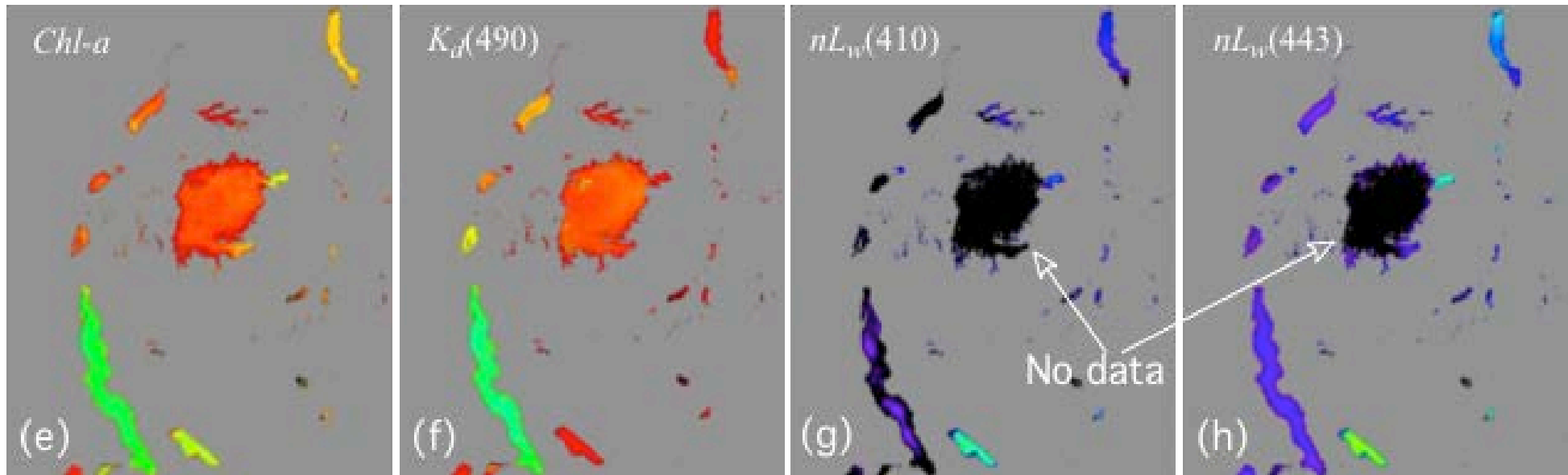
Significantly Improved Water Property Data Over High Altitude Lakes (1)

High Altitude Lake Victoria (1133 m) and Lake Tanganyike (773 m)

New Data Reprocessing



Previous Data

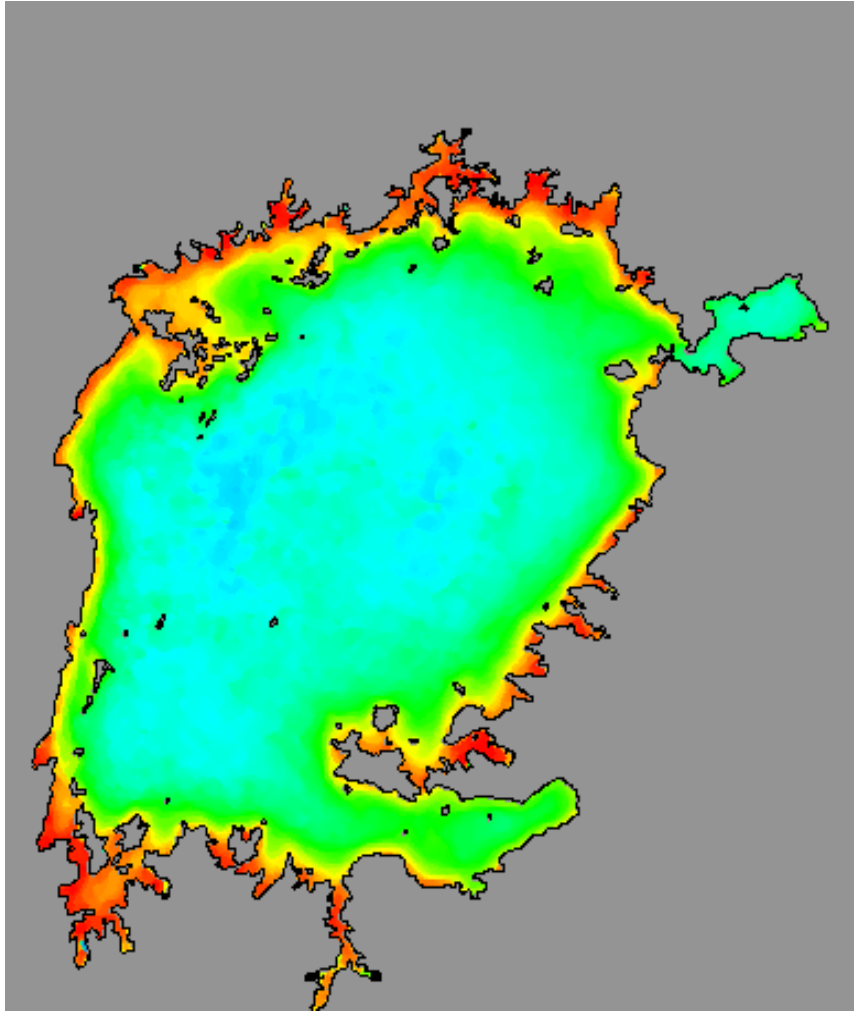


VIIRS mission-long ocean color data have been successfully reprocessed using improved MSL12. VIIRS ocean color data over open oceans and coastal/inland waters have been significantly improved, in particular, over high altitude lakes. This is a significant progress for remote sensing of inland water quality.

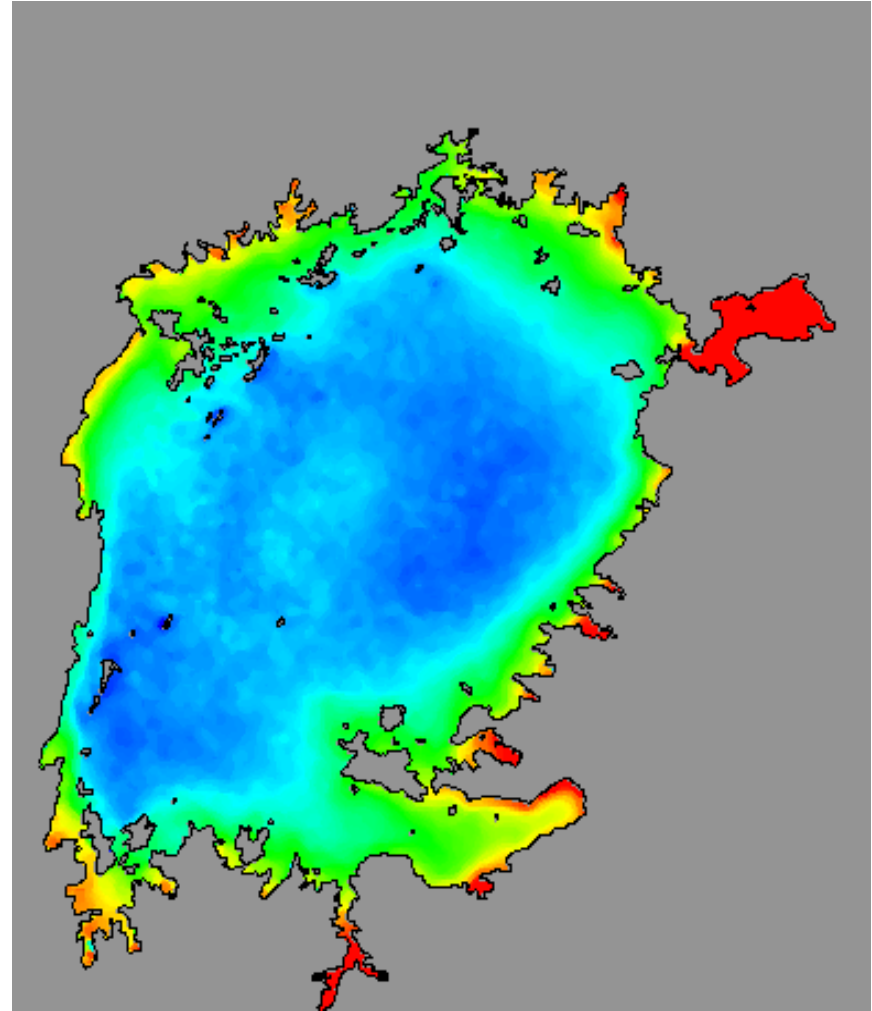
Lake Victoria---Fresh water (South Africa, Area: 68,800 km², Ave. depth: 40 m)

VIIRS Climatology Images (Jan. 2012–May 2016)

VIIRS *Chl-a*



VIIRS $K_d(490)$

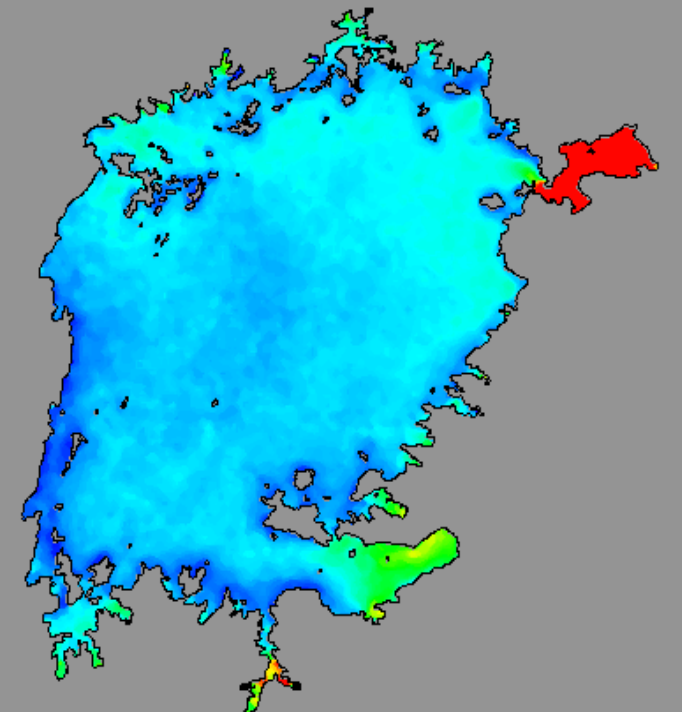


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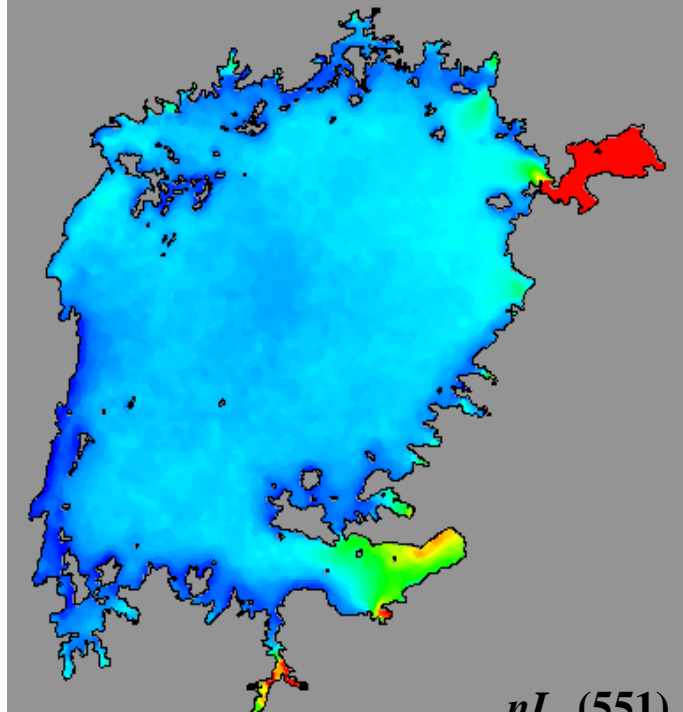
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Lake
Victoria

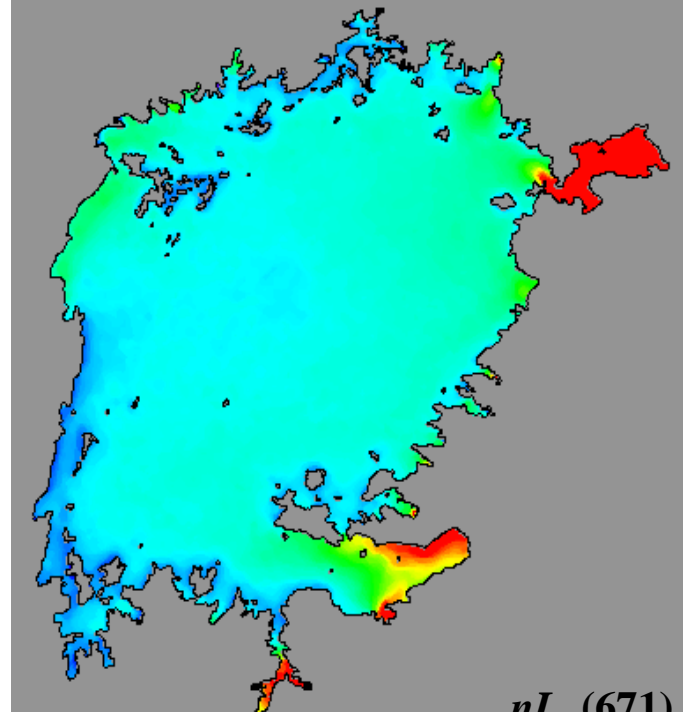
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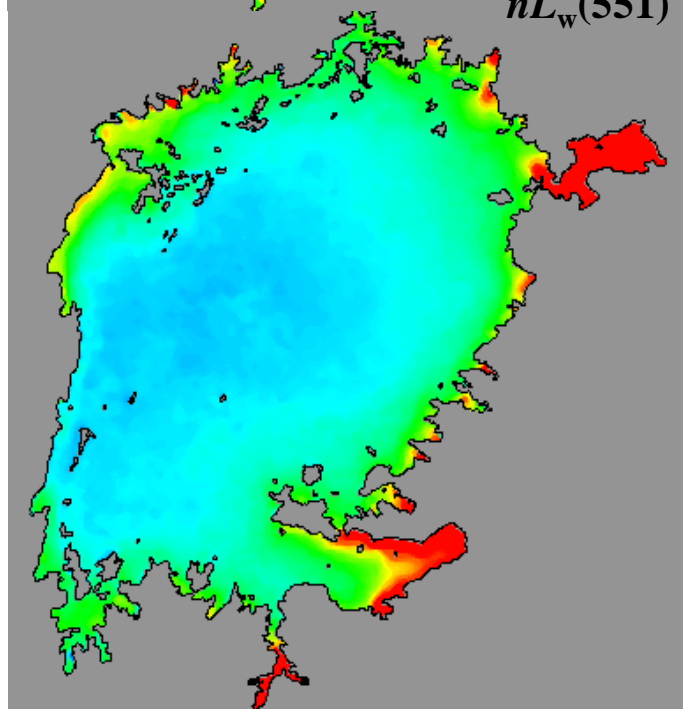
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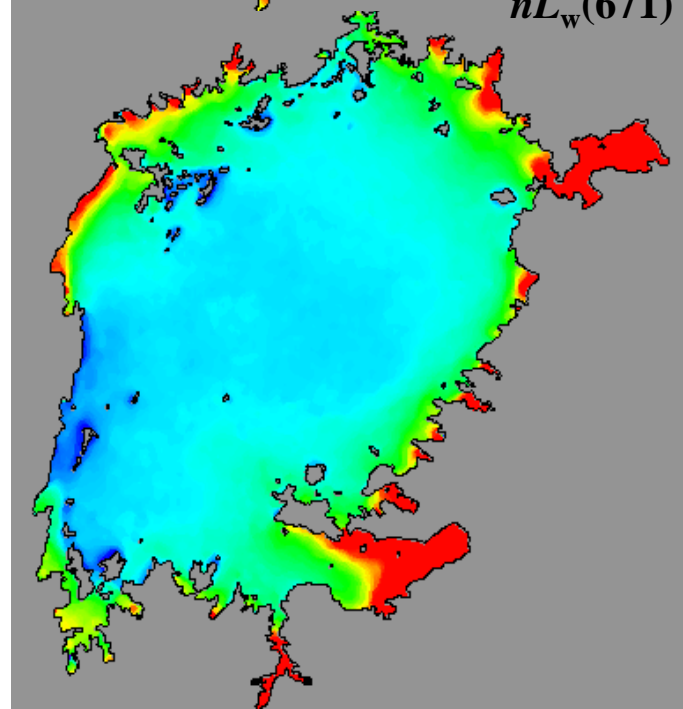
$nL_w(486)$



$nL_w(551)$



$nL_w(671)$



Color scales (linear-scale):

$nL_w(410)$: 0 ~ 1.0

$nL_w(443)$: 0 ~ 1.2

$nL_w(486)$: 0 ~ 1.5

$nL_w(551)$: 0 ~ 2.0

$nL_w(671)$: 0 ~ 0.5

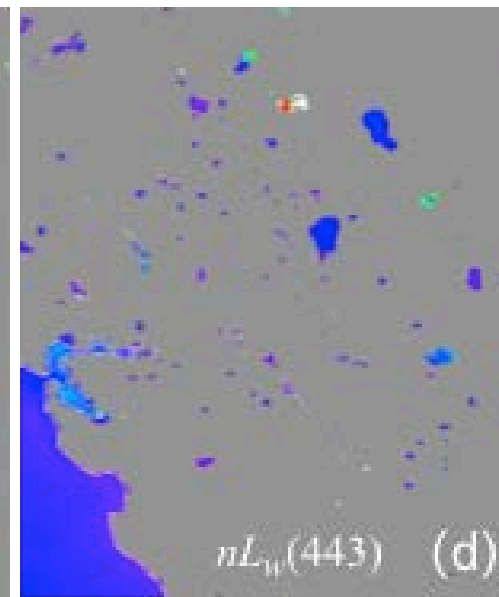
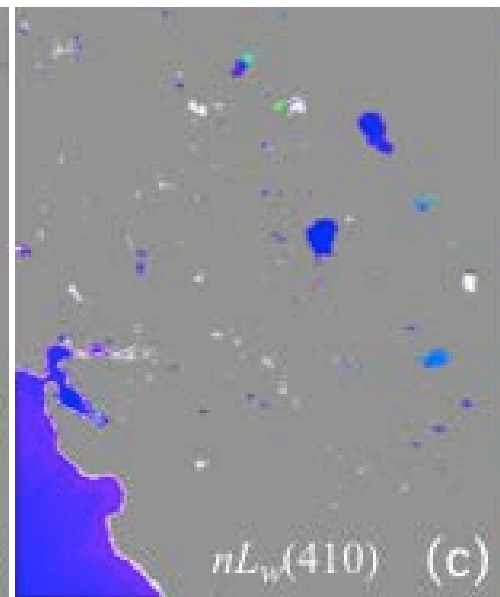
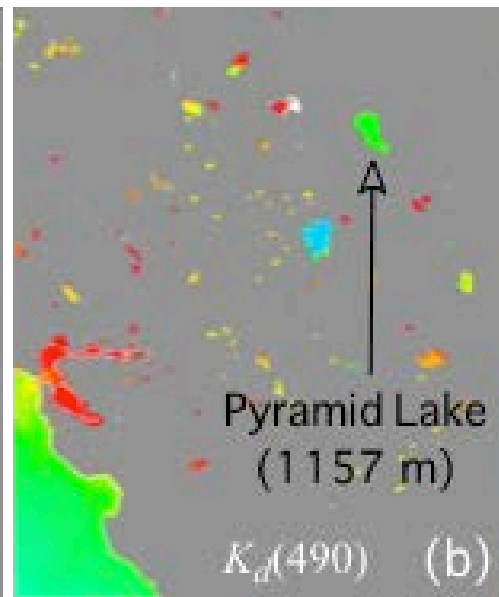
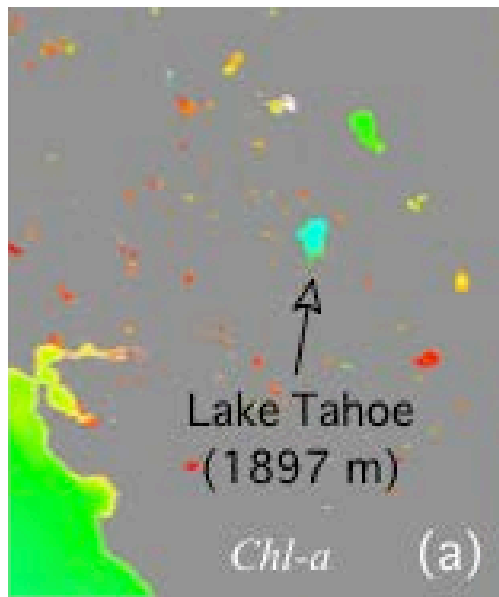
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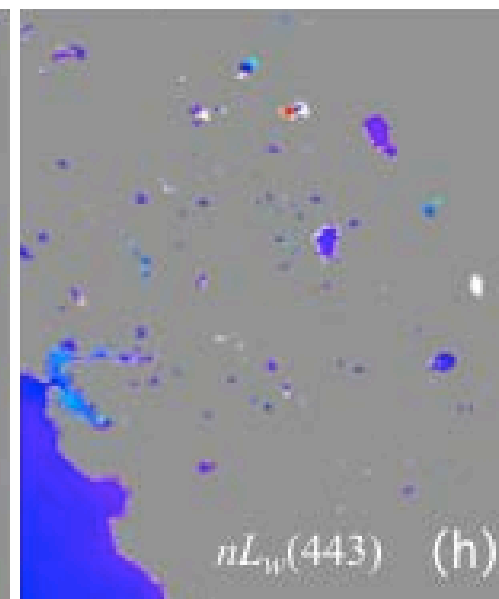
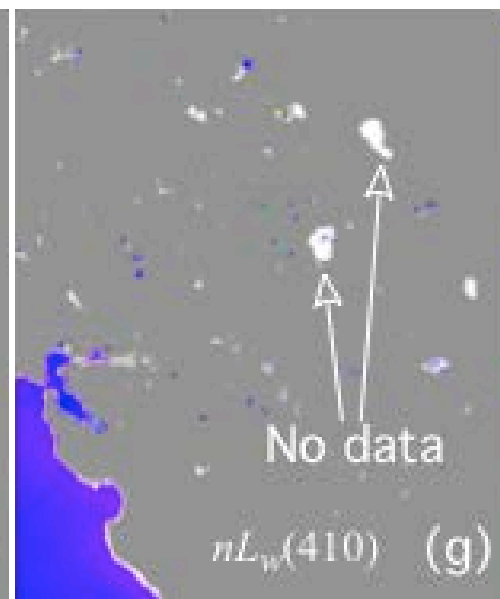
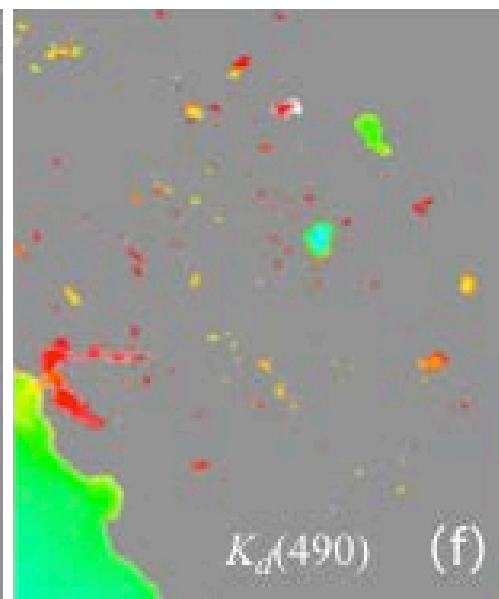
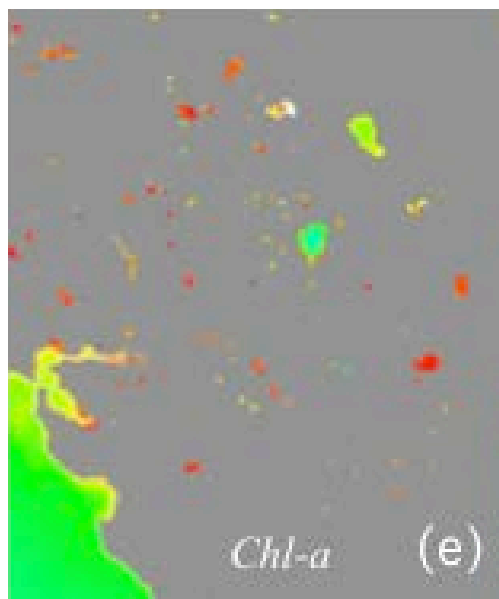
Significantly Improved Water Property Data Over High Altitude Lakes (2)

High Altitude Lake Tahoe (1,897 m) and Pyramid Lake (1,157 m)

New Data Reprocessing



Previous Data

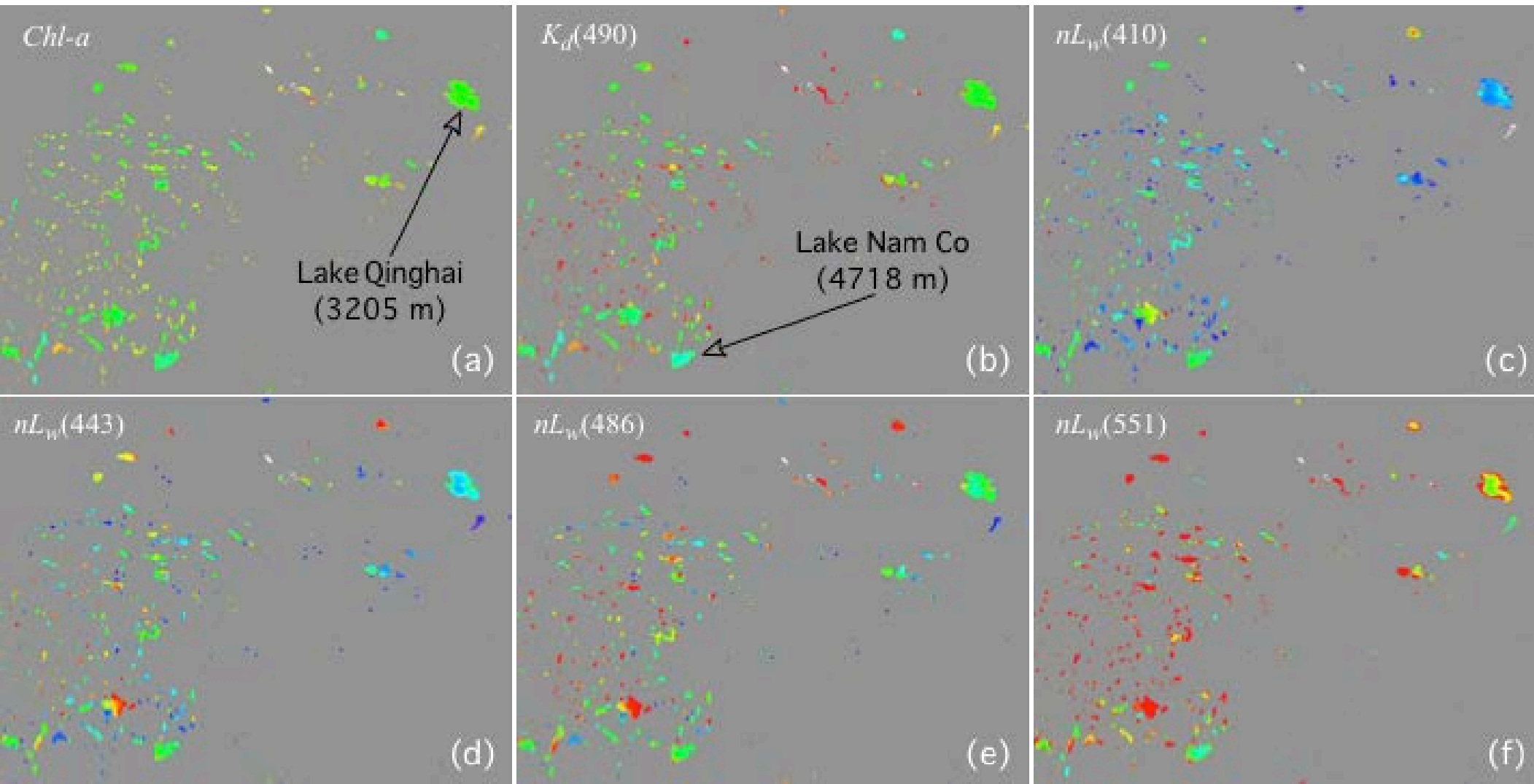


Lake Tahoe---Fresh water (California/Nevada, Area: 490 km², Ave. depth: 300 m)

Pyramid Lake---1/6 salinity (Nevada, Area: 490 km², Max. depth: 109 m)

Significantly Improved Water Property Data Over High Altitude Lakes (3)

High Altitude Lake Qinghai (3,205 m) and Lake Nam Co (4,718 m)



Lake Qinghai---Saline lake (Qinghai, China, Area: 4489 km², Ave. depth: 21 m)

Lake Nam Co---Saline lake (Tibetan, China, Area: 1920 km², Ave. depth: 33 m)

Wang, M., "Rayleigh radiance computations for satellite remote sensing: Accounting for the effect of sensor spectral response function," *Opt. Express*, **24**, 12414–12429, 2016. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1364/OE.24.012414>.



VIIRS (OC-SDR) Climatology Images (2012–2015)

$K_d(490)$ (0.03–8.0 m^{-1} in log scale)

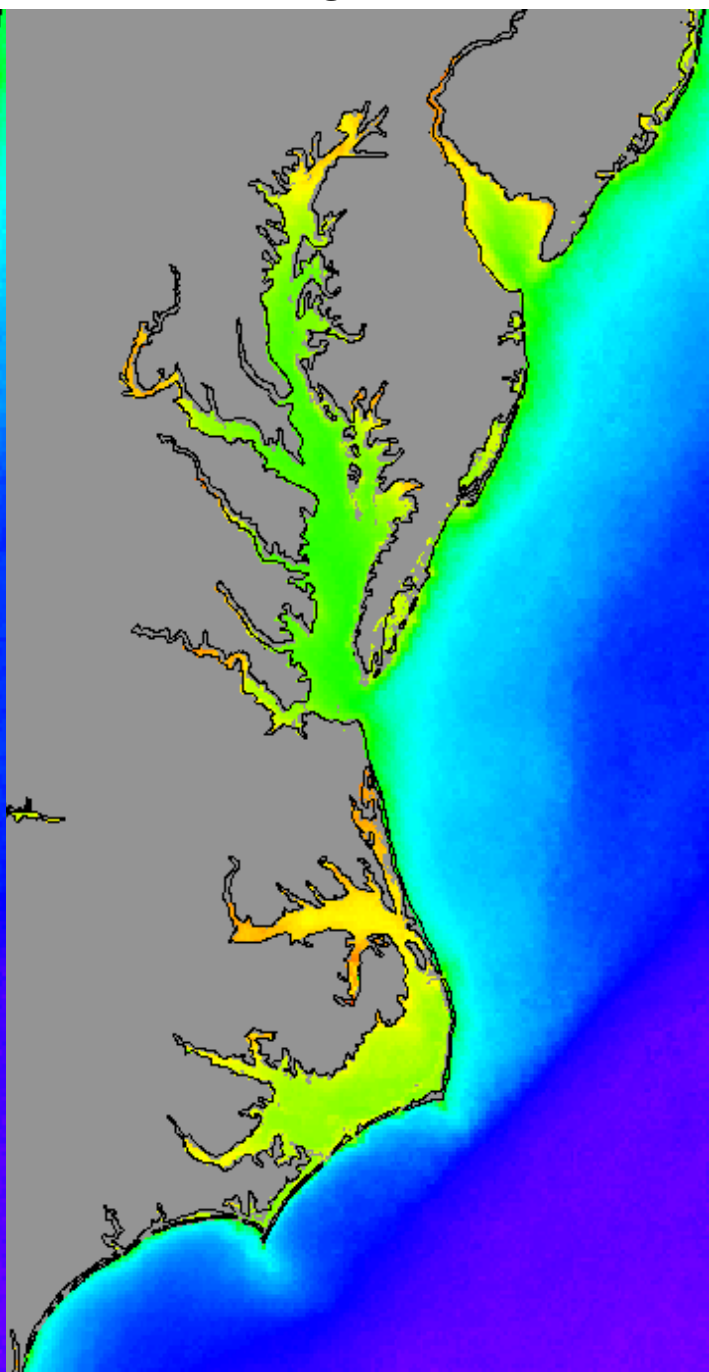
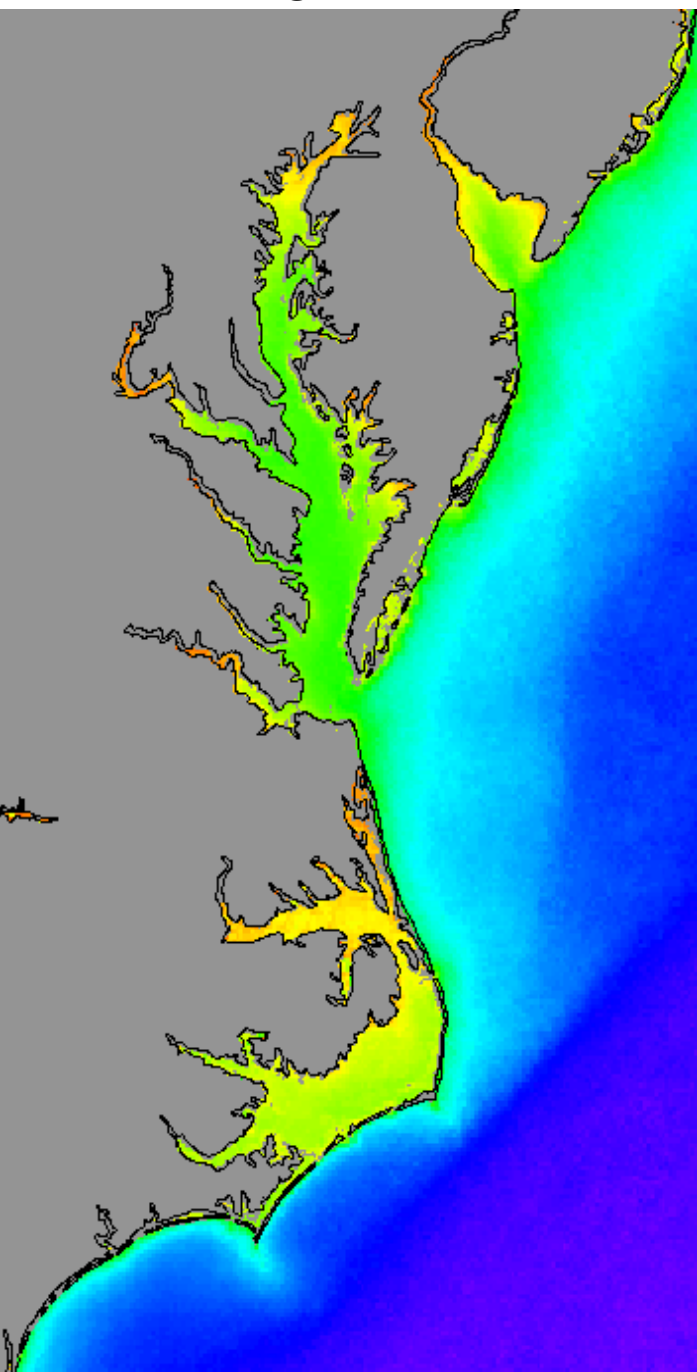
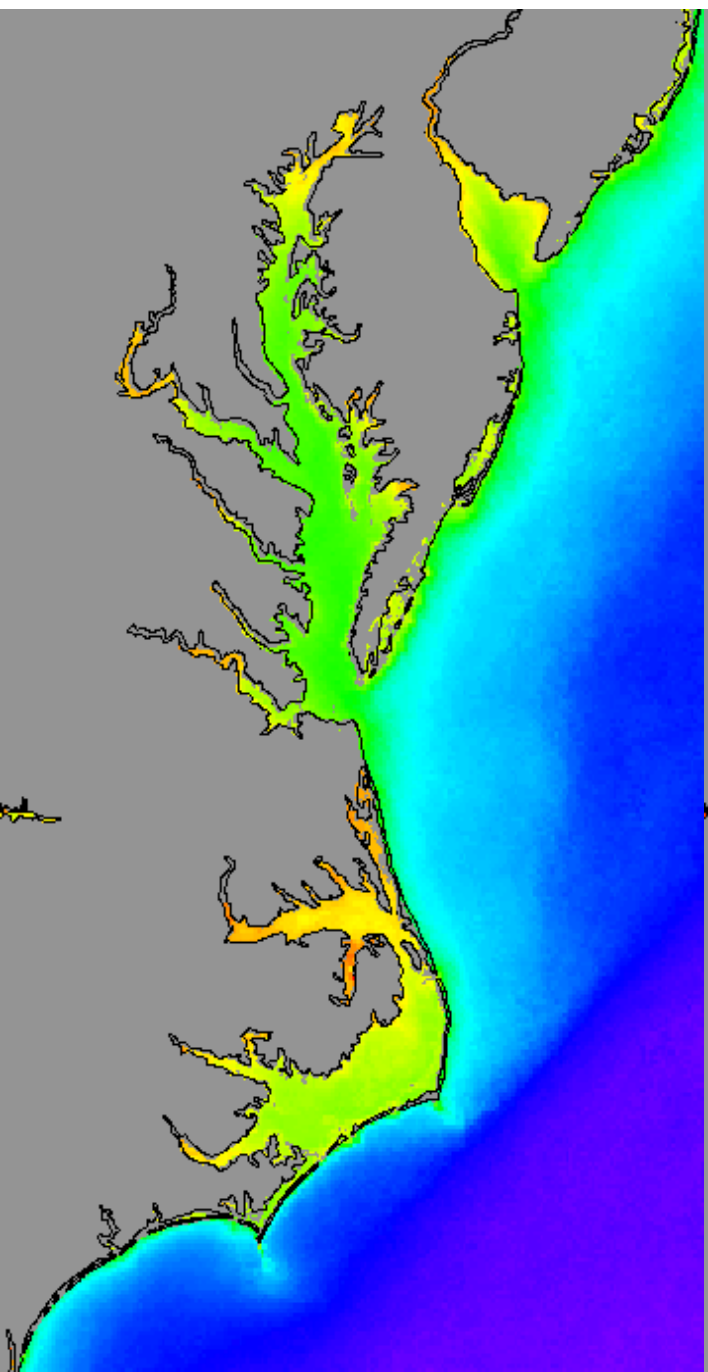
US East Coast



NIR

SWIR

NIR-SWIR

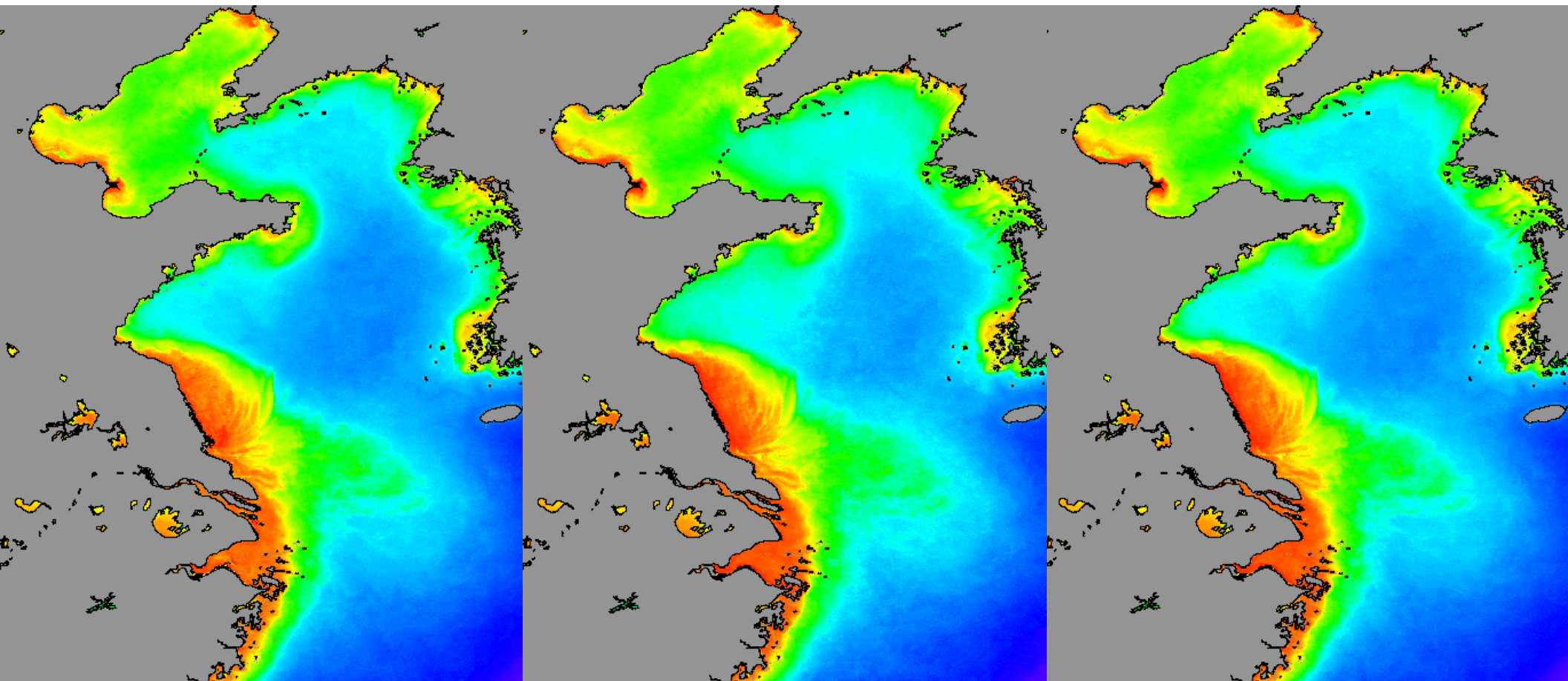


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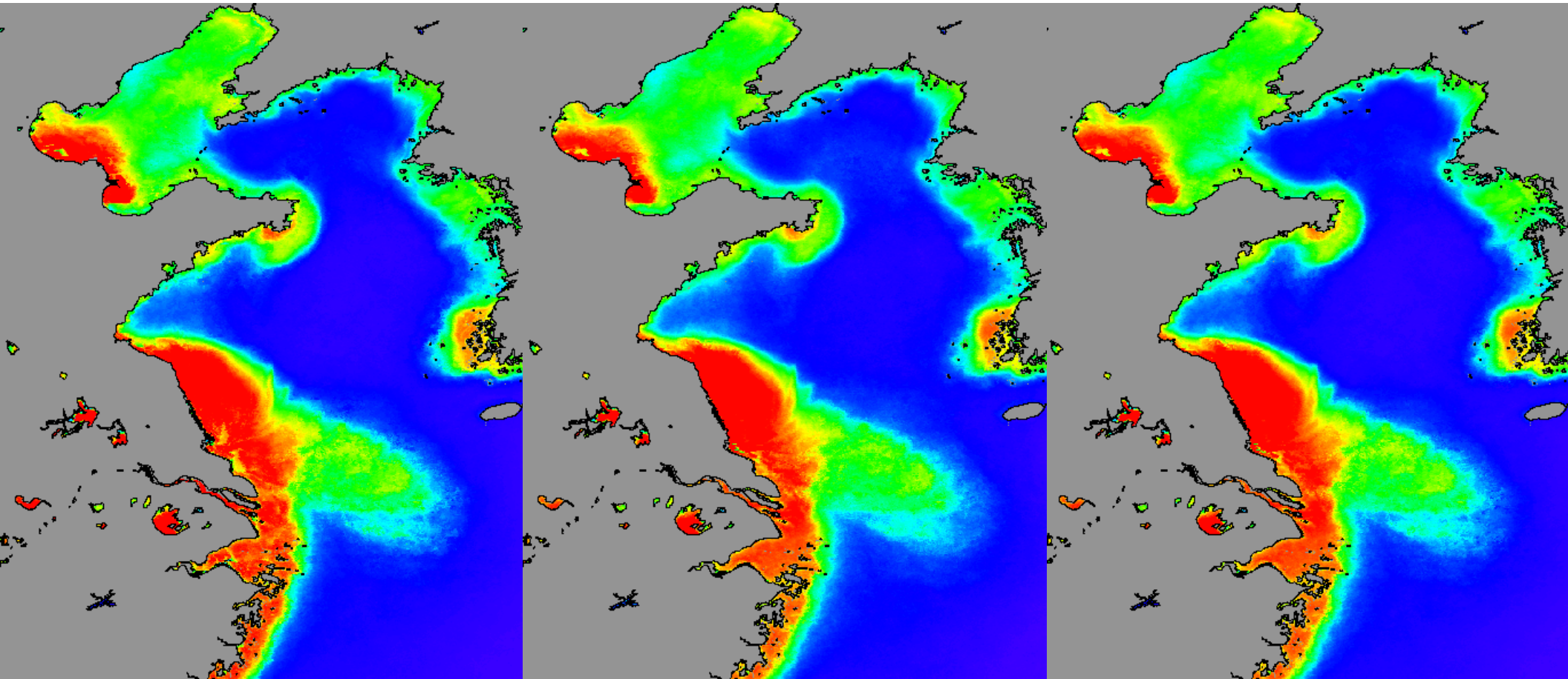
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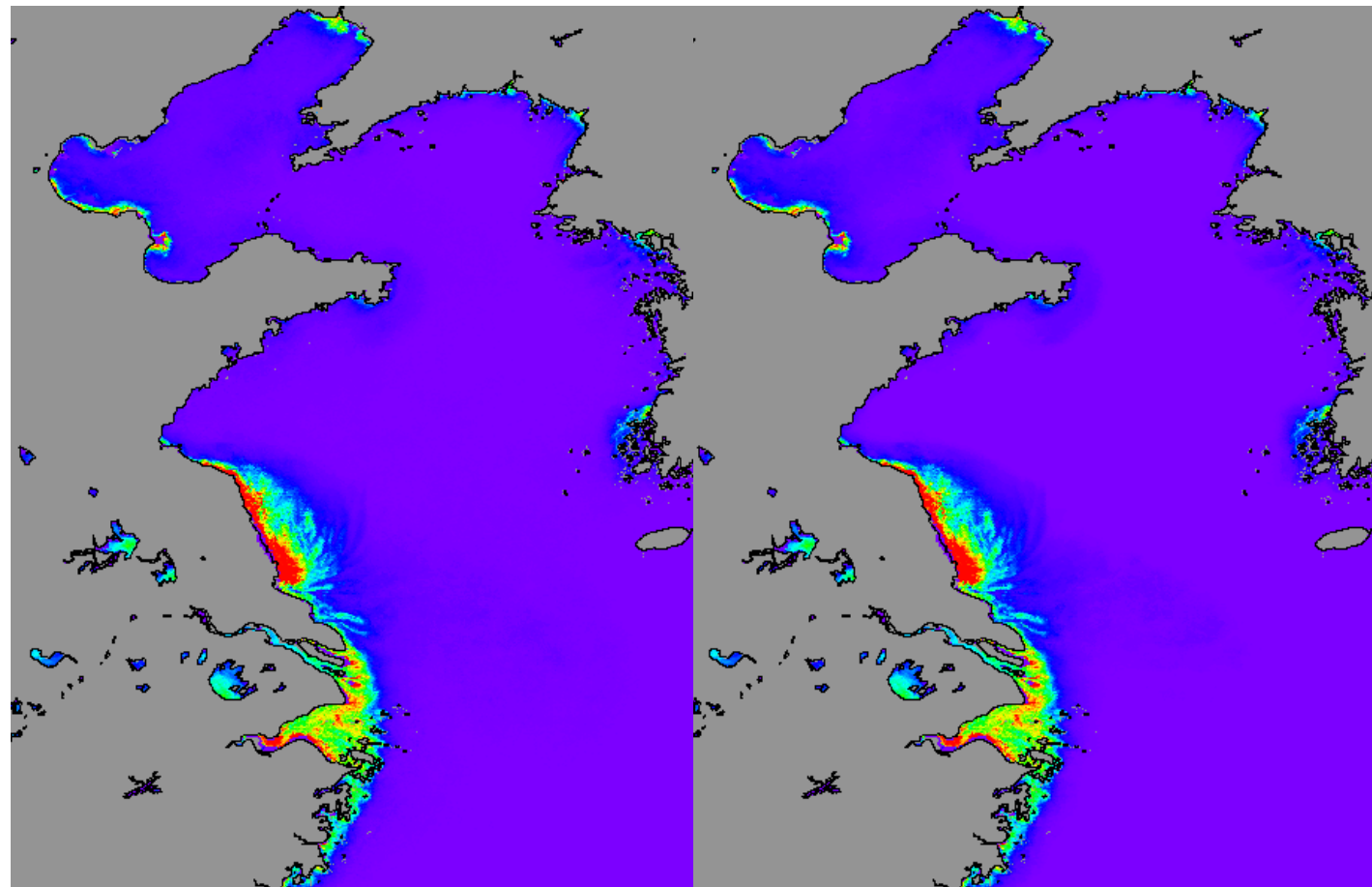
$nL_w(551)$ (0.0~5.0 mW/cm² μm sr in linear scale)

China East Coast

The **NIR** normalized water-leaving radiance contribution in highly turbid coastal regions.

SWIR

NIR-SWIR



China East Coast

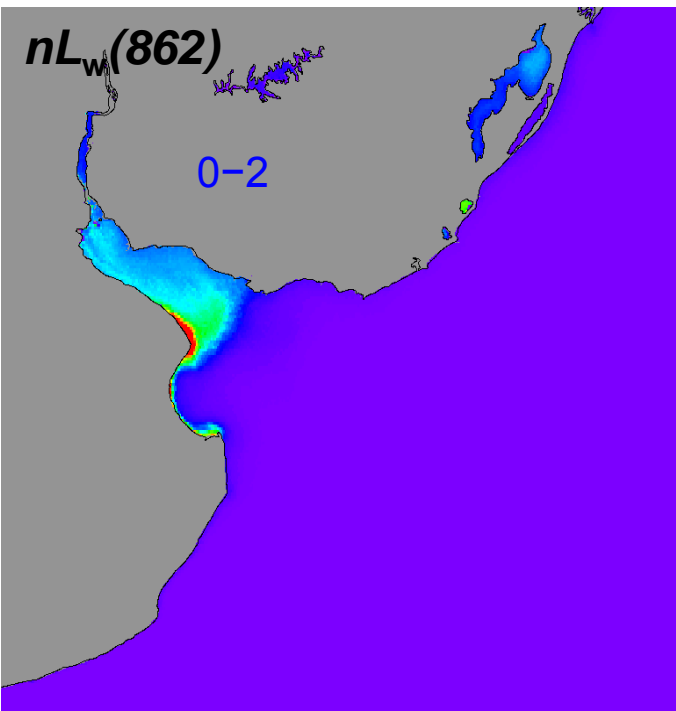
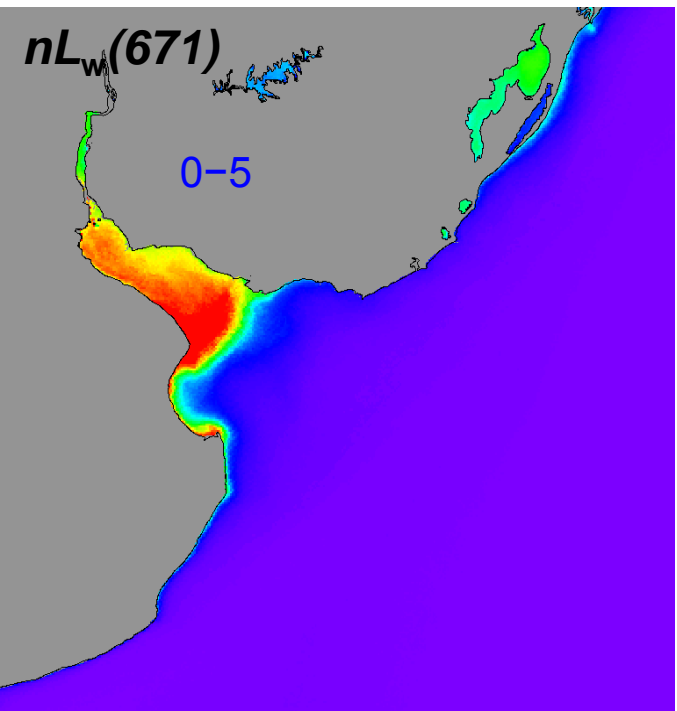
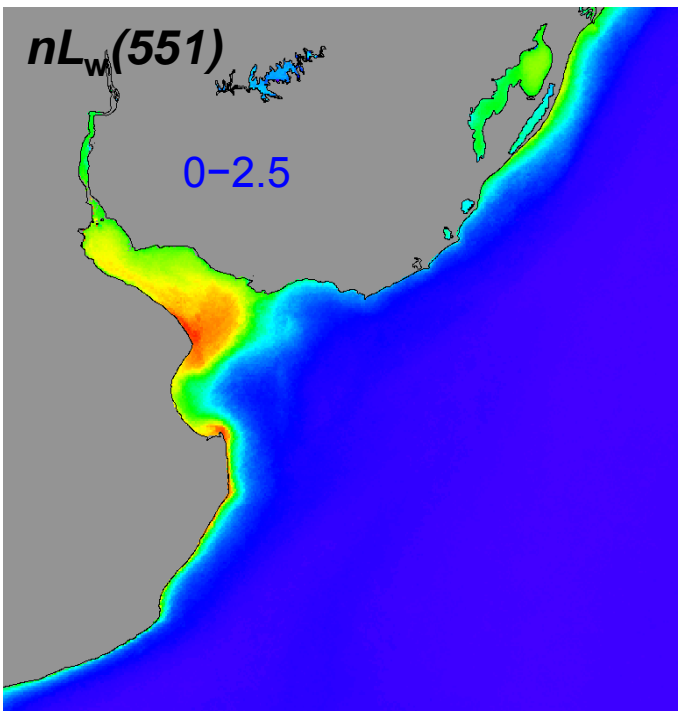
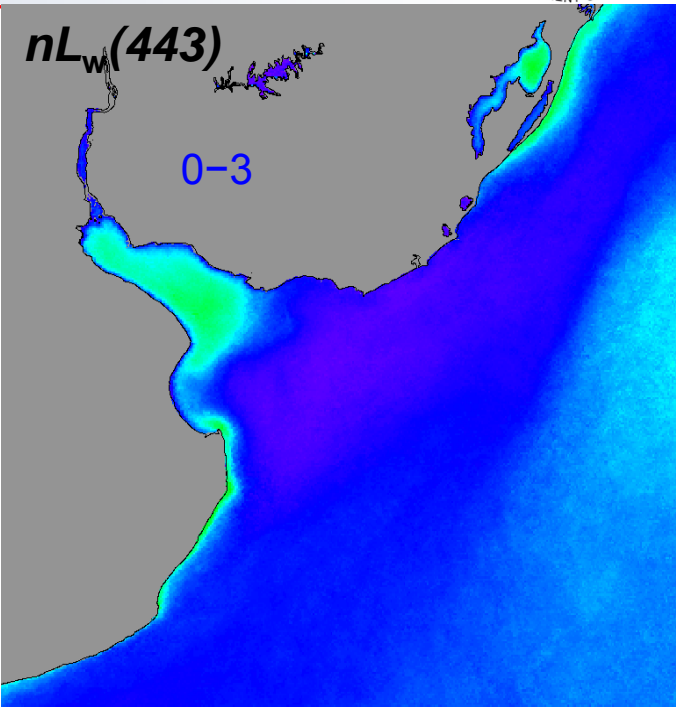
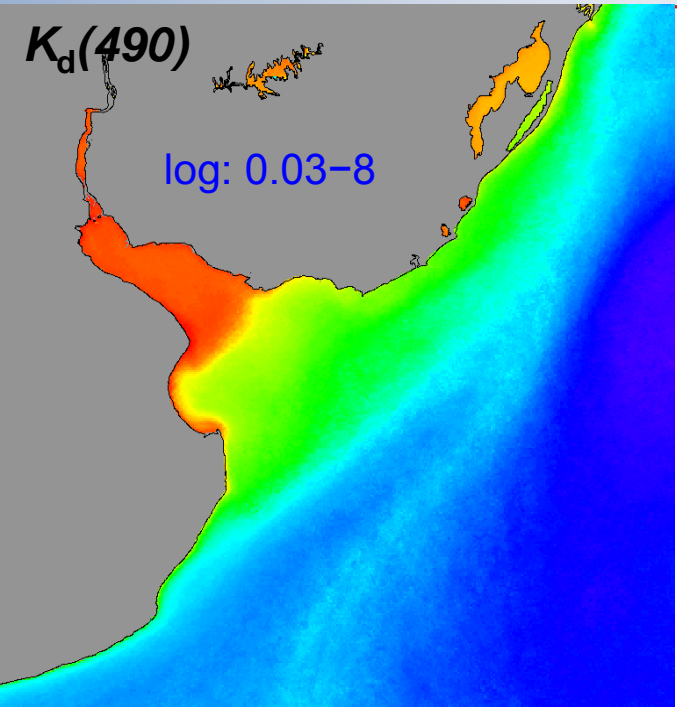
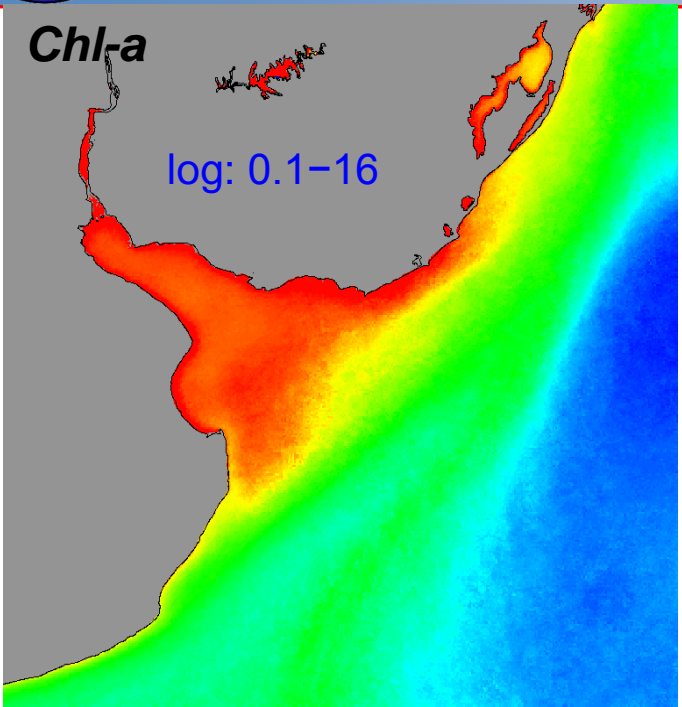
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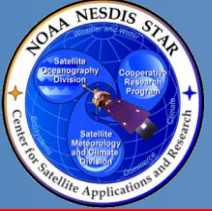


VIIRS Climatology (2012-2015) using the NIR-SWIR Approach



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Conclusions

- We have completed VIIRS mission-long **science quality** ocean color data **reprocessing** (including **SDR** and **EDR**), and the data stream is now going forward. **Two data streams have been routinely produced: near-real-time and science quality ocean color data.**
- We have developed VIIRS instrument calibration capability, and with new calibration LUTs, VIIRS ocean color products are significantly improved.
- VIIRS ocean color products have been significantly improved (**over global high altitude lakes**) after the implementation of some important updates, new algorithms, and with vicarious calibrations using MOBY data.
- In general, VIIRS **normalize water-leaving radiance** spectra show reasonable agreements with in situ measurements at MOBY, AERONET-OC sites, and various other ocean regions.
- The new NIR ocean reflectance correction algorithm (**BMW**) improves ocean color data over coastal and inland waters.
- VIIRS global ocean color products have been routinely produced using the **NIR**, **SWIR**, and **NIR-SWIR** atmospheric correction algorithms, providing necessary satellite data for various applications in coastal and inland waters, as well as for further improving data quality.
- Our evaluation results show that **VIIRS-SNPP is now capable of providing high quality global ocean color products in support of science research and operational applications.**
- Have been/will be working on **VIIRS-JPSS-1**, **OLCI-Sentinel-3**, **GOCI**, **SGLI-GCOM-C**.

VIIRS Images and Cal/Val:

<http://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/sod/mecb/color/>

VIIRS Ocean Color Data:

http://coastwatch.noaa.gov/cwn/cw_products_ocLOM.html