









# DUACS DT2021: 28 years of reprocessed sea level altimetry products

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## Context: why reprocessing Sea Level products?

Full reprocessing every 3- 4 years in the Copernicus Marine Service, driven by user needs



Main Goal Improve the homogeneity and quality of the time series

Product Level	DT 2021 improvements		
	Small scales	Large scales	
2/2P Instrumental & geophysical Standard	✓ New GDR from space agencies		
	<ul> <li>✓ Atmospheric corrections TUGO+ERA 5</li> <li>✓ Barotropic tide FES 2014b</li> <li>✓ Internal tide Zaron, 2019</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ New Orbit Solution GDR-F &amp; GSFC-STD18</li> <li>✓ New calibration of the reference missions</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b> Cross Calibration & denoising	<ul> <li>✓ More permissive editing</li> <li>✓ New Mean Sea Surface &amp; Mean Profils</li> <li>✓ New Global &amp; regional MDT</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓ TP correction (WCRP, 2018)</li><li>✓ New Long Wave Length Error interpolation</li></ul>	
4 mapping & Eddy tracking	<ul> <li>✓ Improved Optimal Interpolation parameters         e.g. correlation scales</li> <li>✓ Bathymetry constraint</li> </ul>	✓ Sea ice mask added	

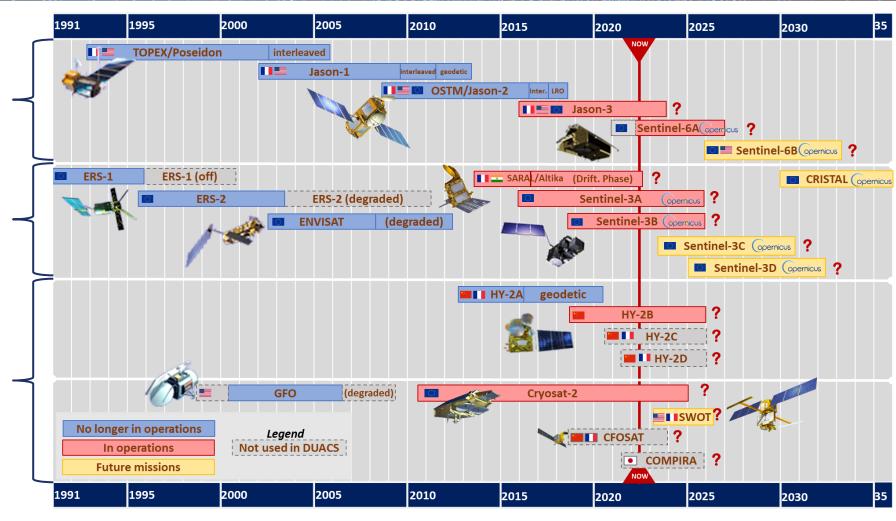




## Altimetric constellation: almost 30 years of observation



- SL-TAC System relies on reference altimeter (for climate)
   Topex/Poseidon, Jason series and now Sentinel-6 to retrieve large climate scales.
- Coverage altimeters (ERS1/2, Envisat, Sentinel3A/B), are needed to retrieve the mesoscale signals.
- Same for collaborative missions (GFO, SARAL, HY2B) and opportunity missions (Cryosat-2, CFOSAT)



15 missions ingested over the past 27 years (100+ years cumulated data)

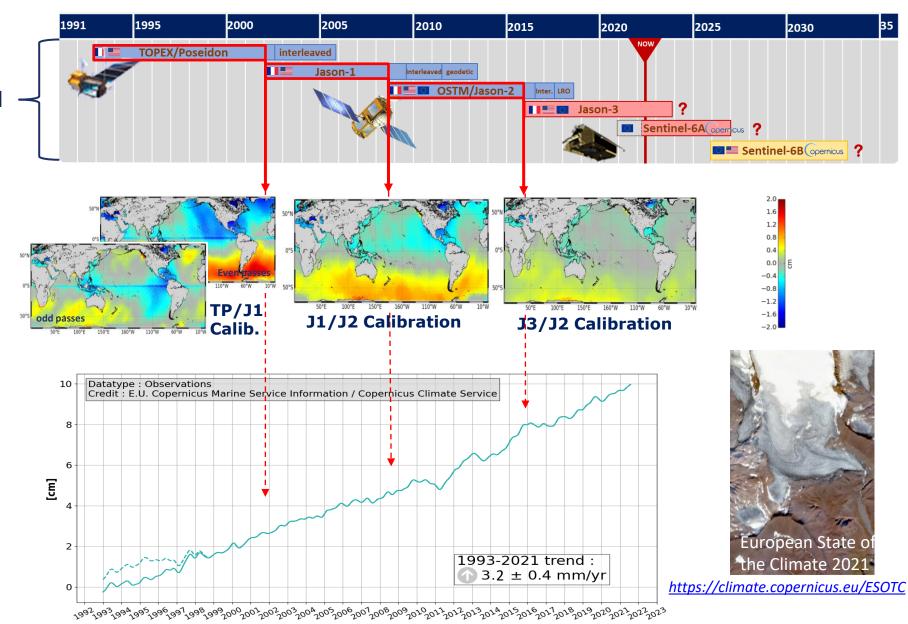


## Upgrade of homogeneity and calibration to ensure climate scales monitoring

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Fine calibration during tandem mission ensure the continuity

Global mean sea level has increased by ~9 cm over 1993-2021, ~2/3 of this increase occurs during the second half of this period



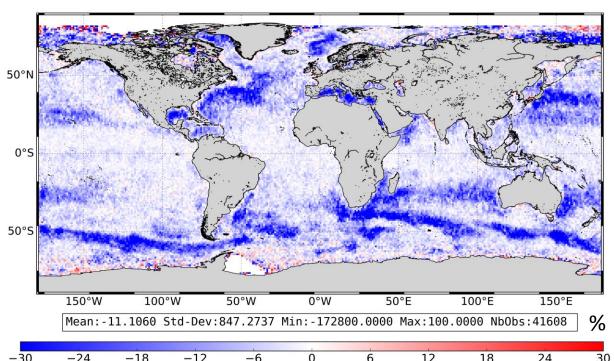


#### Refinement of merging algorithms to improve mesoscale...

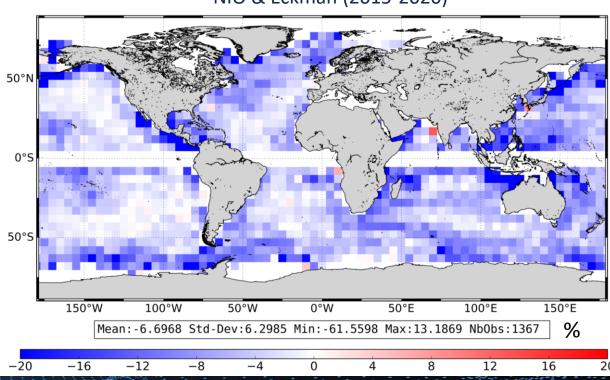
- L2/L3/L4 improvement lead also to a better description of the mesoscale in DT2021
  - =>10% Improvement of gridded Sea Level at Global scale relative to DT2018
- Regional distribution of this improvement (in blue):
  - =>20% Improvement on at mesoscales in high variability regions
- Result confirmed on the current by comparison to drifing buoys



Error reduction using independent altimetric mission (2016-2020, focus on 65-500km wavelength)



Error reduction using independent drifting buoys corrected from NIO & Eckman (2015-2020)

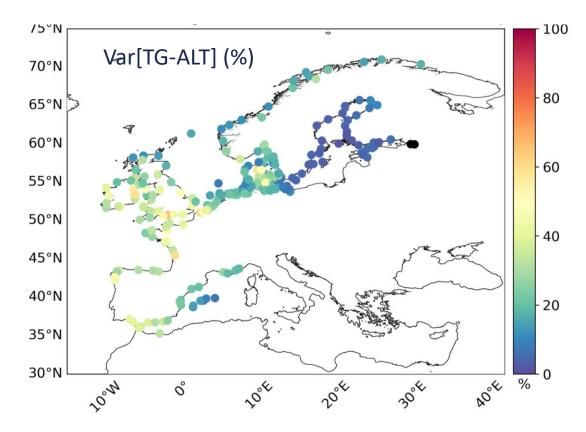






GLOBAL PRODUCTS	DT2021	DT2018	improv. DT2021
R	0,90	0,90	_
rmsd (cm)	4.38 (0,01)	4.48 (0,01)	2 %
var TG (cm²)	104 (1)		
var ALT(cm²)	92 (1)	91 (1)	
var TG-ALT (cm²)	19 (1)	20 (1)	5 %
Distance TG	83 km	89 km	7 %
data pairs	1.464.531	1.457.377	0.5 %
nStations	266		

<sup>()</sup> uncertainties (error bars) computed from the bootstrap method using 1000 iterations



DT2021 product with larger variance. Better results in terms of RMSD and variance diff.



### **Download products & informations**



Sea Level products and associated documentation are available at several:



2-Satellite Global gridded maps Global MSL

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