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# **1** Processing Baseline Version

# 1.1 Sentinel3-A

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OL2 LAND	06.14 / 2.66	NRT: 23/06/2020 08:00 UTC NTC: 23/06/2020 08:00 UTC
OL2 MAR	06.13 / 2.43	NRT: 12/12/2018 10:15 UTC NTC: 12/12/2018 10:15 UTC
SY2	06.20 / 2.66	NTC: 23/06/2020 08:00 UTC
SY2_VGS	06.08 / 2.56	NTC: 15/01/2020 11:00 UTC

# **1.2 Sentinel3-B**

IPF	IPF / Processing Baseline version	Date of deployment
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OL2 MAR	06.13 / 1.15	NRT: 12/12/2018 10:15 UTC NTC: 12/12/2018 10:15 UTC
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# 2 Instrument monitoring

# 2.1 CCD temperatures

# 2.1.1 OLCI-A

The monitoring of the CCD temperatures is based on MPMF data extractions not yet operational. In the meantime, we monitor the CCD temperatures on the long-term using Radiometric Calibration Annotations (see Figure 1). Variations are very small (0.09 C peak-to-peak) and no trend can be identified. Data from current cycle (rightmost data points) do not show any specificity.

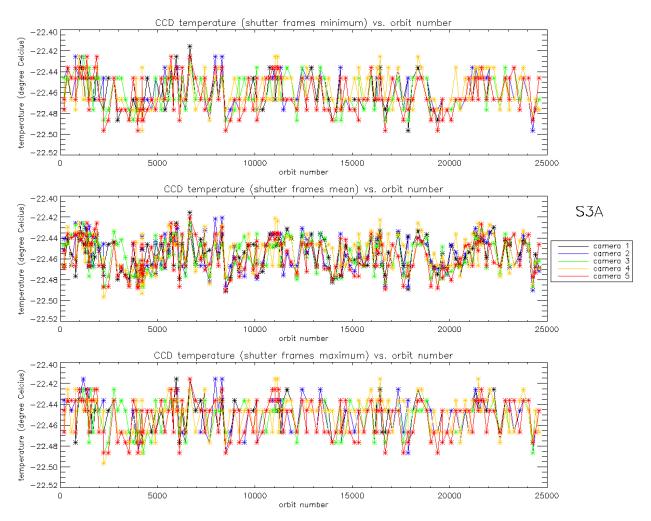


Figure 1: long term monitoring of OLCI-A CCD temperatures using minimum value (top), time averaged values (middle), and maximum value (bottom) provided in the annotations of the Radiometric Calibration Level 1 products, for the Shutter frames, all radiometric calibrations so far except the first one (absolute orbit 183) for which the instrument was not yet thermally stable.



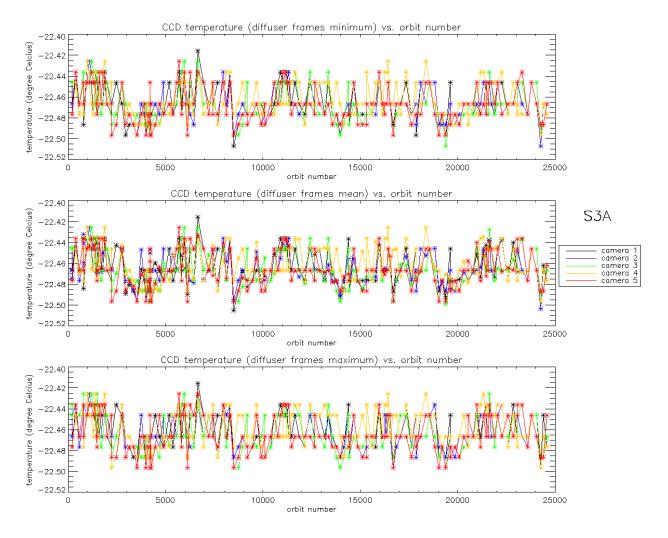


Figure 2: Same as Figure 1 for diffuser frames.



## 2.1.2 OLCI-B

As for OLCI-A, the variations of CCD temperature are very small (0.08 C peak-to-peak) and no trend can be identified. Data from current cycle (rightmost data points) do not show any specificity.

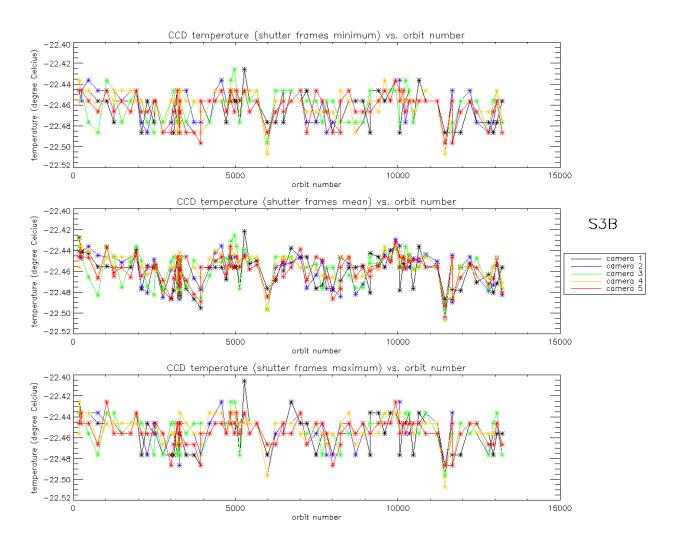


Figure 3: long term monitoring of OLCI-B CCD temperatures using minimum value (top), time averaged values (middle), and maximum value (bottom) provided in the annotations of the Radiometric Calibration Level 1 products, for the Shutter frames, all radiometric calibrations so far except the first one (absolute orbit 167) for which the instrument was not yet thermally stable.



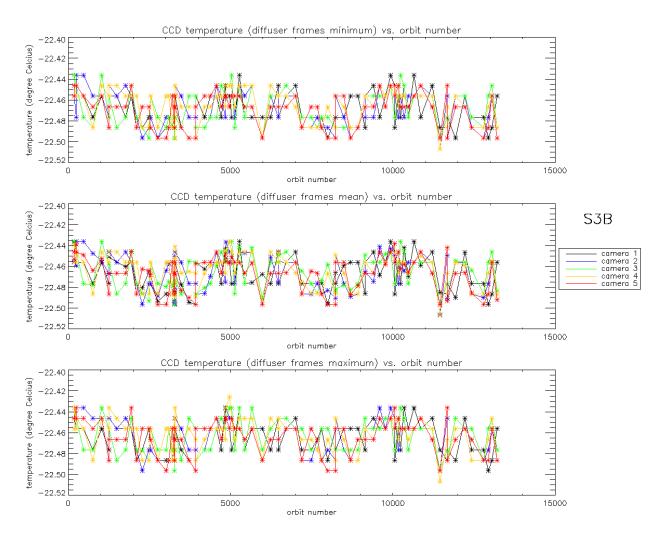


Figure 4: same as Figure 3 for diffuser frames.



# 2.2 Radiometric Calibration

For OLCI-A, three Radiometric Calibration Sequences have been acquired during Cycle 064:

- So1 sequence (diffuser 1) on 14/10/2020 08:26 to 08:27 (absolute orbit 24263)
- So1 sequence (diffuser 1) on 24/10/2020 02:24 to 02:26 (absolute orbit 24402)
- So1 sequence (diffuser 1) on 06/11/2020 00:07 to 00:09 (absolute orbit 24586)

For OLCI-B, two Radiometric Calibration Sequences have been acquired during Cycle 045:

- S01 sequence (diffuser 1) on 27/10/2020 03:48 to 03:50 (absolute orbit 13052)
- So1 sequence (diffuser 1) on 07/11/2020 17:32 to 17:34 (absolute orbit 13217)

The acquired Sun azimuth angles are presented on Figure 5 for OLCI-A and Figure 6 for OLCI-B, on top of the nominal values without Yaw Manoeuvre (i.e. with nominal Yaw Steering control of the satellite).



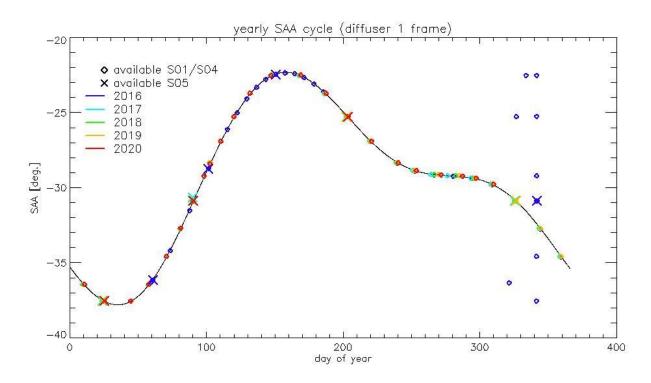


Figure 5: Sun azimuth angles during acquired OLCI-A Radiometric Calibrations (diffuser frame) on top of nominal yearly cycle (black curve). Diffuser 1 with diamonds, diffuser 2 with crosses, 2016 acquisitions in dark blue, 2017 in clear blue, 2018 in green, 2019 in yellow and 2020 in red.

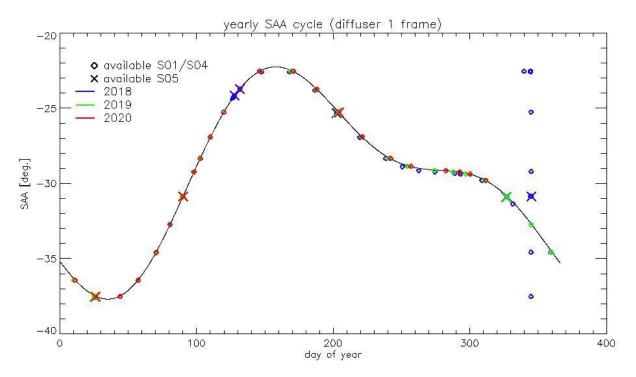


Figure 6: same as Figure 5 for OLCI-B (2018 in blue, 2019 in green and 2020 in red).



Sun Azimuth Angles as a function of solar zenith Angles are presented in Figure 7 for OLCI-A and Figure 8 for OLCI-B.

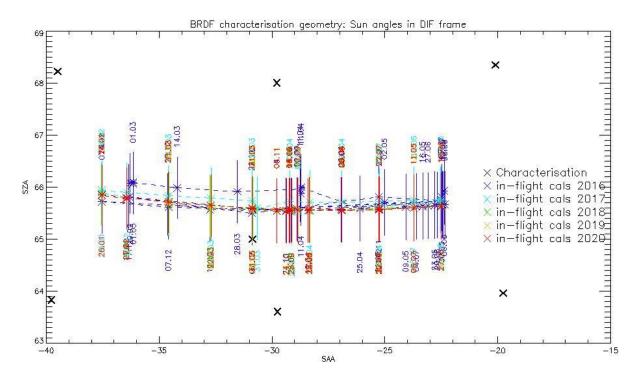


Figure 7: OLCI-A Sun geometry during radiometric Calibrations on top of characterization ones (diffuser frame)

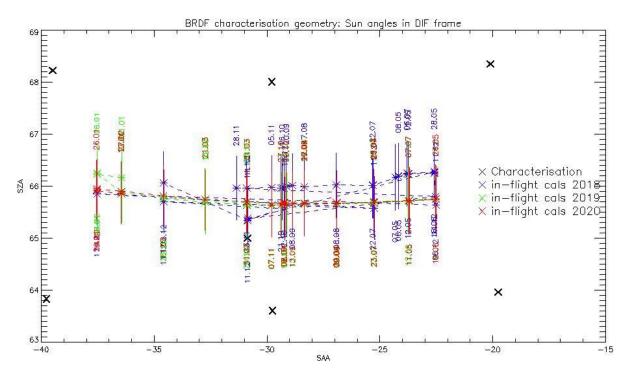


Figure 8: same as Figure 7 for OLCI-B



# 2.2.1 Dark Offsets [OLCI-L1B-CV-230]

#### Note about the High Energy Particles:

The filtering of High Energy Particle (HEP) events from radiometric calibration data has been implemented (for shutter frames only) in a post processor, allowing generating Dark Offset and Dark Current tables computed on filtered data. The post-processor starts from IPF intermediate data (corrected counts), applies the HEP detection and filtering and finally computes the Dark Offset and Dark Current tables the same way as IPF. An example of the impact of HEP filtering is given in Figure 9.

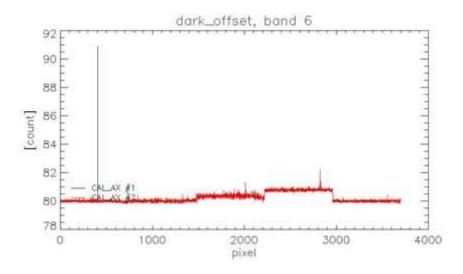


Figure 9: Dark Offset table for band Oa06 with (red) and without (black) HEP filtering (Radiometric Calibration of 22 July 2017). The strong HEP event near pixel 400 has been detected and removed by the HEP filtering.

All results presented below in this section have been obtained using the HEP filtered Dark Offset and Dark Current tables.



#### 2.2.1.2 OLCI-A

#### Dark offsets

Dark offsets are continuously affected by the global offset induced by the Periodic Noise on the OCL convergence. Current Cycle calibrations are affected the same way as others. The amplitude of the shift varies with band and camera from virtually nothing (e.g. camera 2, band 0a1) to up to 5 counts (Oa21, camera 3). The Periodic Noise itself comes on top of the global shift with its known signature: high frequency oscillations with a rapid damp. This effect remains more or less stable with time in terms of amplitude, frequency and decay length, but its phase varies with time, introducing the global offset mentioned above.

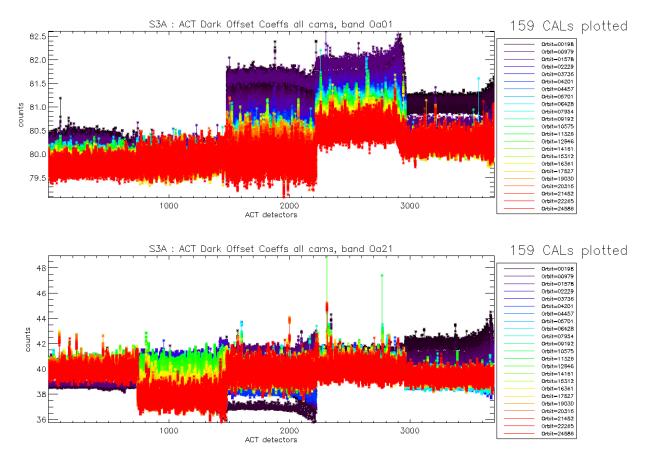


Figure 10: OLCI-A Dark Offset for band Oa1 (top) and Oa21 (bottom), all radiometric calibrations so far except the first one (orbit 183) for which the instrument was not thermally stable yet.

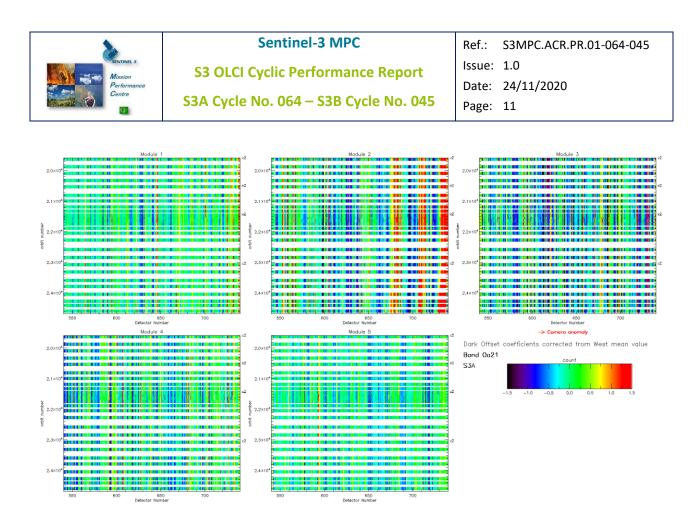


Figure 11: map of OLCI-A periodic noise for the 5 cameras, for band Oa21. X-axis is detector number (East part, from 540 to 740, where the periodic noise occurs), Y-axis is the orbit number. Y-axis range is focused on the most recent 5000 orbits. The counts have been corrected from the West detectors mean value (not affected by periodic noise) in order to remove mean level gaps and consequently to have a better visualisation of the long term evolution of the periodic noise structure. At the beginning of the mission the periodic noise for band Oa21 had strong amplitude in camera 2, 3 and 5 compared to camera 1 and 4. However PN evolved through the



mission and these discrepancies between cameras have been reduced. At the time of this Cyclic Report Camera 2 still shows a slightly higher PN than other cameras.

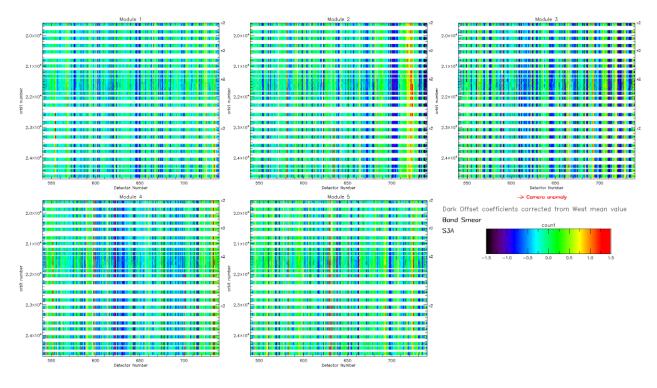


Figure 12: same as Figure 11 for smear band.

Figure 11 and Figure 12 show the so-called 'map of periodic noise' in the 5 cameras, for respectively band 21 and smear band. These maps have been computed from the dark offsets after removal of the mean level of the WEST detectors (not impacted by PN) in order to remove mean level gaps from one CAL to the other and consequently to highlight the shape of the PN. Maps are focused on the last 200 EAST detectors where PN occurs and on a time range covering only the last 5000 orbits in order to better visualize the CALs of the current cycle.

As there was no camera anomaly during the current cycle, there is no sudden change of periodic noise to report during the current cycle. We can see however a small drift in camera 2 Oa21 since about orbit 24000 for the last 100 pixels. This kind of drift had already been encountered for the same camera/band/pixels, for example between orbit 13500 and 14500 and between orbit 18000 and 19500 (see previous CR reports).

#### **Dark Currents**

Dark Currents (Figure 13) are not affected by the global offset of the Dark Offsets, thanks to the clamping to the average blind pixels value. However, the oscillations of Periodic Noise remain visible. There is no significant evolution of this parameter during the current cycle except the small regular increase (almost linear), for all detectors, since the beginning of the mission (see Figure 14).



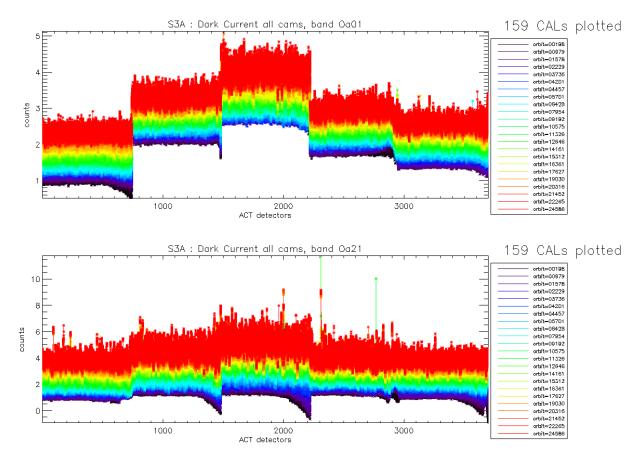


Figure 13: OLCI-A Dark Current for band Oa1 (top) and Oa21 (bottom), all radiometric calibrations so far except the first one (orbit 183) for which the instrument was not thermally stable yet.

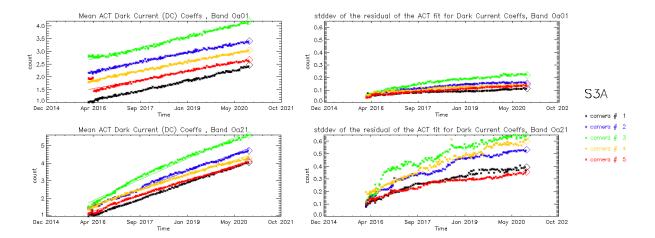


Figure 14: left column: ACT mean on 400 first detectors of OLCI-A Dark Current coefficients for spectral band Oa01 (top) and Oa21 (bottom). Right column: same as left column but for Standard deviation instead of mean. We see an increase of the DC level as a function of time especially for band Oa21.



A possible explanation of the regular increase of DC could be the increase of the number of hot pixels which is more important in Oa21 because this band is made of more CCD lines than band Oa01 and thus receives more cosmic rays impacts. It is known that cosmic rays degrade the structure of the CCD, generating more and more hot pixels at long term scales. Indeed, when computing the time slopes of the spatially averaged Dark Current as a function of band, i.e. the slopes of curves in left plots of Figure 14, one can see that Oa21 is by far the most affected, followed by the smear band (Figure 15, left); when plotting these slopes against total band width (in CCD rows, regardless of the number of micro-bands), the correlation between the slope values and the width becomes clear (Figure 15, right).

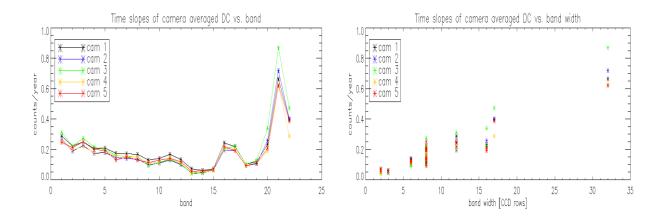


Figure 15: OLCI-A Dark current increase rates with time (in counts per year) vs. band (left) and vs. band width (right)

#### 2.2.1.3 OLCI-B

#### Dark Offsets

Dark offsets for OLCI-B show a similar behaviour than for OLCI-A: mean level gaps between different orbits, induced by the presence of a pseudo periodic noise on the east edge of the cameras with a drifting phase.

Evolution of OLCI-B Dark Offset coefficients for band Oa01 and Oa21 are represented in Figure 16.

The periodic noise maps are shown for band Oa21 and smear band respectively in Figure 17 and Figure 18. As it happened for OLCI-A after a few thousands of orbits, the strong periodic noise phase and amplitude drift, present at the very beginning of the mission is now showing a clear stabilization.

Despite this overall stabilization, small evolutions are still noticeable in some bands/camera, like for example pixels at the east edge of camera 1 in band Oa21 since orbit 10000 (upper left map in Figure 17) or in camera 4 band Oa21 since orbit 13000 (lower left map in Figure 17).



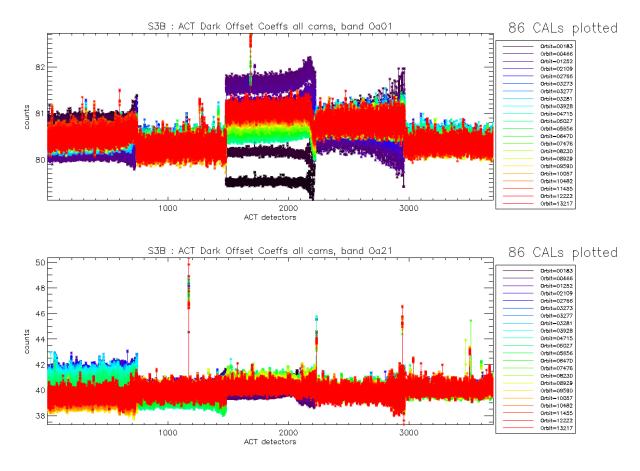


Figure 16: OLCI-B Dark Offset for band Oa1 (top) and Oa21 (bottom), all radiometric calibrations so far except the first one (orbit 167) for which the instrument was not thermally stable yet.

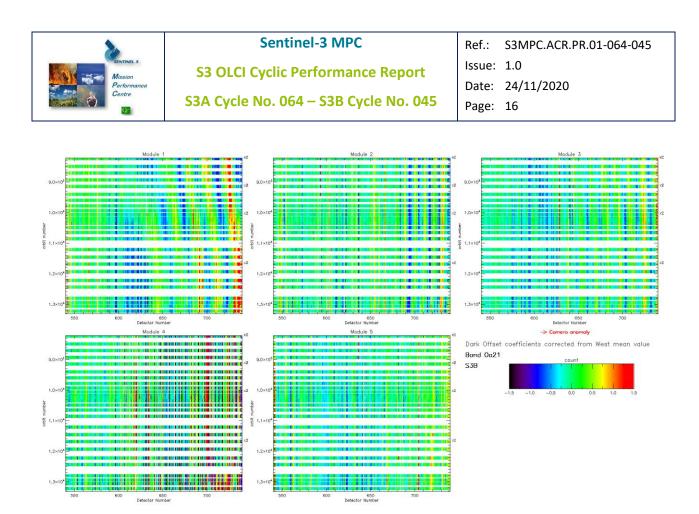


Figure 17: OLCI-B map of periodic noise for the 5 cameras, for band Oa21. X-axis is detector number (East part, from 540 to 740, where the periodic noise occurs), Y-axis is the orbit number. The counts have been corrected from the West detectors mean value (not affected by periodic noise) in order to remove mean level gaps and consequently to have a better visualisation of the long term evolution of the periodic noise structure.

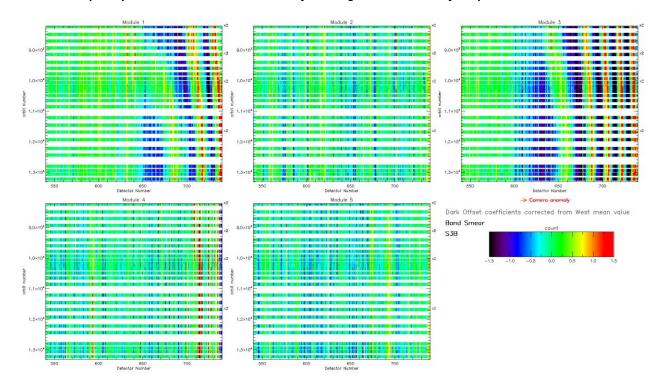


Figure 18: same as Figure 17 for smear band.



## Dark Currents

As for OLCI-A there is no significant evolution of the Dark Current coefficients (Figure 19) during the current cycle except the small regular increase (almost linear), for all detectors, since the beginning of the mission (see Figure 20) probably due to an increase of hot pixels (see Figure 21).

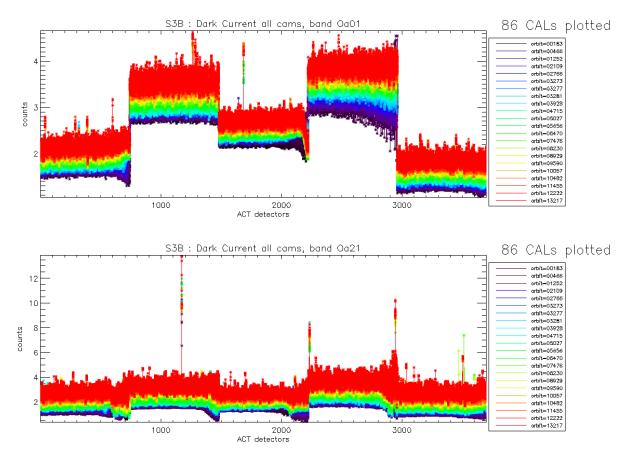


Figure 19: OLCI-B Dark Current for band Oa1 (top) and Oa21 (bottom), all radiometric calibrations so far except the first one (orbit 167) for which the instrument was not thermally stable yet.

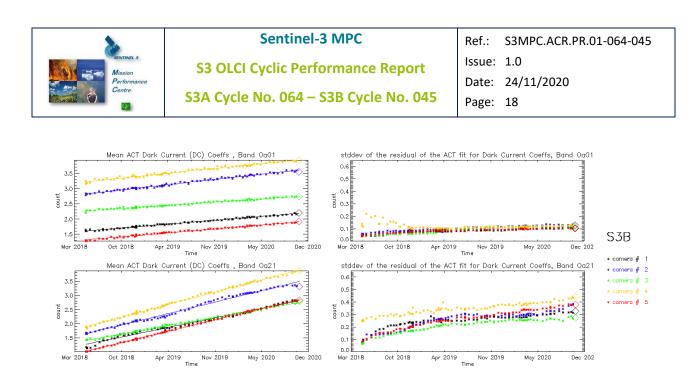


Figure 20: left column: ACT mean on 400 first detectors of OLCI-B Dark Current coefficients for spectral band Oa01 (top) and Oa21 (bottom). Right column: same as left column but for Standard deviation instead of mean. We see an increase of the DC level as a function of time especially for band Oa21.

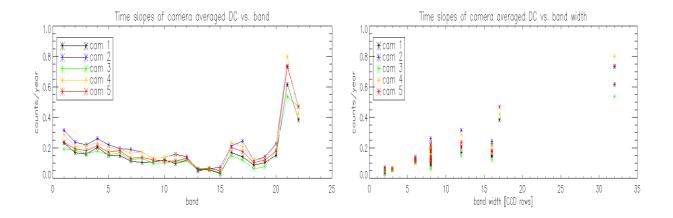


Figure 21: OLCI-B Dark Current increase rates with time (in counts per year) vs. band (left) and vs. band width (right)



# 2.2.2 Instrument response and degradation modelling [OLCI-L1B-CV-250]

### 2.2.2.1 Instrument response monitoring

## 2.2.2.1.1 OLCI-A

Figure 22 shows the gain coefficients of every pixel for two OLCI-A channels, Oa1 (400 nm) and Oa21 (1020 nm), highlighting the significant evolution of the instrument response since early mission.

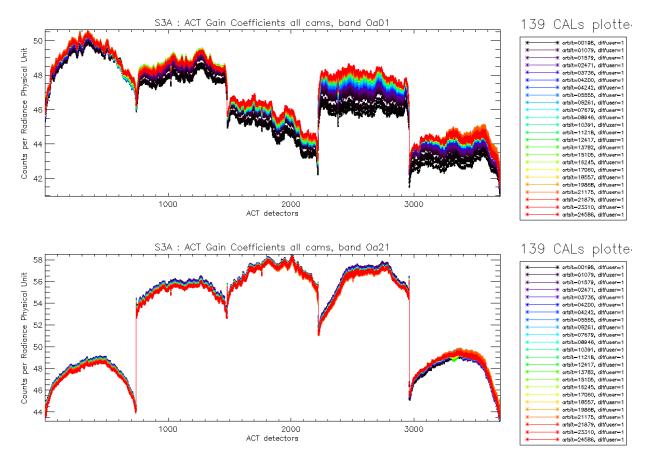


Figure 22: OLCI-A Gain Coefficients for band Oa1 (top) and Oa21 (bottom), all diffuser 1 radiometric calibrations so far except the first one (orbit 183) for which the instrument was not thermally stable yet.

The gains plotted in Figure 22, however are derived using the ground BRDF model which is known to suffer from illumination geometry dependent residual errors (see previous Cyclic Reports for more details). Consequently they are post-processed to replace the ground BRDF model by the in-flight version, based on Yaw Manoeuvres data, prior to determine the radiometric evolution.

Figure 23 displays a summary of the time evolution derived from post-processed gains: the cross-track average of the BRDF corrected gains (taking into account the diffuser ageing) is plotted as a function of time, for each module, relative to a given reference calibration (the 25/04/2016, change of OLCI channel



settings). It shows that, if a significant evolution occurred during the early mission, the trends tend in general to stabilize, with some exceptions (e.g. band 1 of camera 1 and 4, bands 2 & 3 of camera 5).

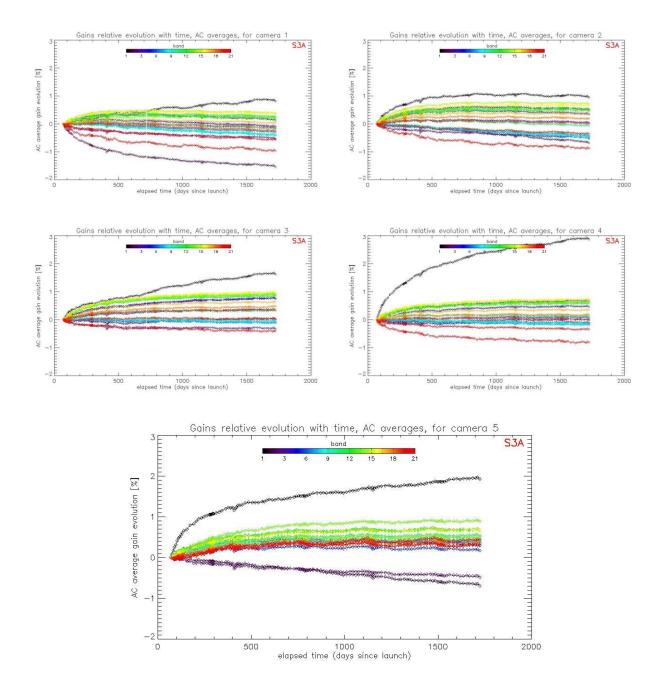


Figure 23: camera averaged gain relative evolution with respect to calibration of 25/04/2016 (change of OLCI channel settings), as a function of elapsed time since the beginning of the mission; one curve for each band (see colour code on plots), one plot for each module. The diffuser ageing has been taken into account.



## 2.2.2.1.2 OLCI-B

Figure 24 shows the gain coefficients of every pixel for two OLCI-B channels, Oa1 (400 nm) and Oa21 (1020 nm), highlighting the significant evolution of the instrument response since early mission.

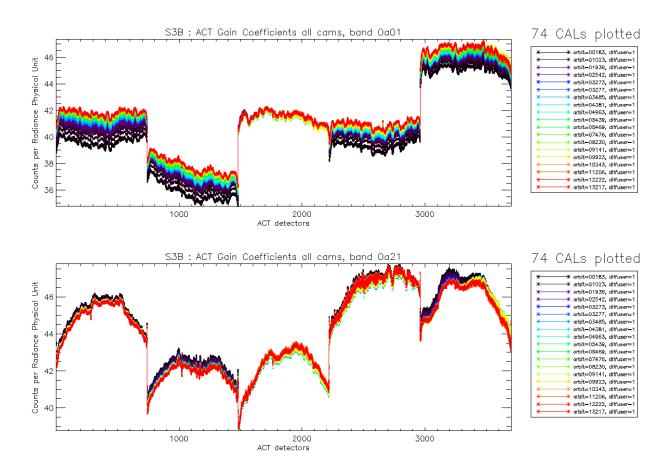
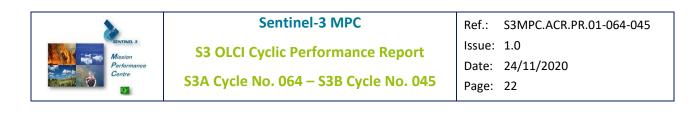


Figure 24: OLCI-B Gain Coefficients for band Oa1 (top) and Oa21 (bottom), all diffuser 1 radiometric calibrations so far except the first one (orbit 167) for which the instrument was not thermally stable yet.

Figure 25 displays a summary of the time evolution derived from post-processed gains: the cross-track average of the BRDF corrected gains is plotted as a function of time, for each module, relative to a given reference calibration (first calibration after channel programming change: 18/06/2018). It shows that, if a significant evolution occurred during the early mission, the trends tend to stabilize. The large amount of points near elapsed time = 220 days is due to the yaw manoeuvre campaign.



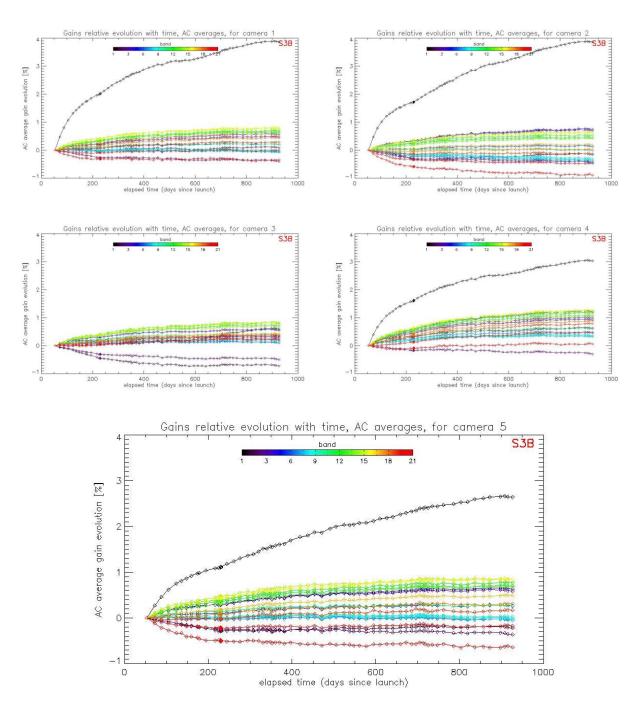


Figure 25: OLCI-B camera averaged gain relative evolution with respect to first calibration after channel programming change (18/06/2018), as a function of elapsed time since the beginning of the mission; one curve for each band (see colour code on plots), one plot for each module. The diffuser ageing has been taken into account.



#### 2.2.2.2 Instrument evolution modelling

#### 2.2.2.2.1 OLCI-A

The OLCI-A Radiometric Model has been refreshed and put in operations at PDGS the 15/10/2020 (Processing Baseline 2.71). The model has been derived on the basis of an extended Radiometric Calibration dataset (from 08/08/2016 to 08/08/2020). It includes the correction of the diffuser ageing for the six bluest bands (Oa1 to Oa6) for which it is clearly measurable. The model performance over the complete dataset (including the 6 calibrations in extrapolation over about 3 months) remains better than 0.09% when averaged over the whole field of view (Figure 26). The previous model, trained on a Radiometric Dataset limited to 28/08/2019, shows clearly a drift of the model with respect to most recent data (Figure 27). Comparison of the two figures shows the improvement brought by the updated Model over almost all the mission. Performance shown on Figure 26 adopts, as for OLCI-B, the dual model approach, i.e. two different models are used to cover the whole mission (red dashed line on Figure 26), each model being fitted on a partial dataset (green dashed line on Figure 26) whose coverage is optimised to provide best performance.

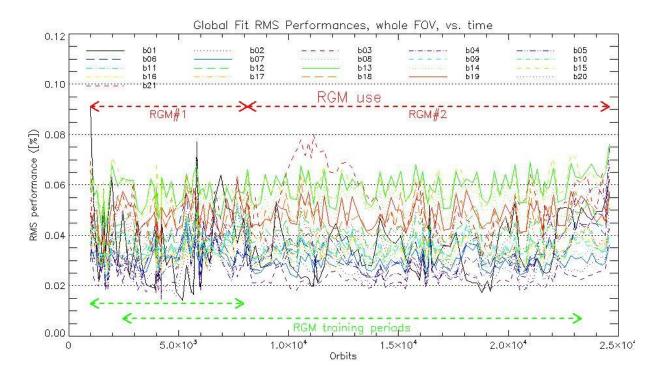


Figure 26: RMS performance of the OLCI-A Gain Model of the current processing baseline as a function of orbit.



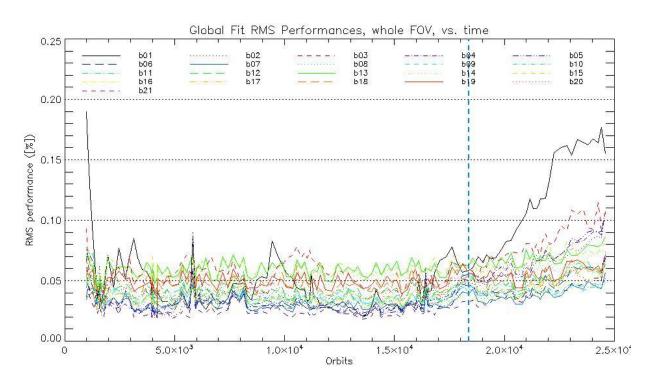


Figure 27: RMS performance of the OLCI-A Gain Model of the previous Processing Baseline as a function of orbit. The blue vertical dotted line defines the limit from which the gain model starts to be extrapolated (i.e. it corresponds to the most recent CAL of the dataset used to build the model).

The overall instrument evolution since channel programming change (25/04/2016) is shown on Figure 28.



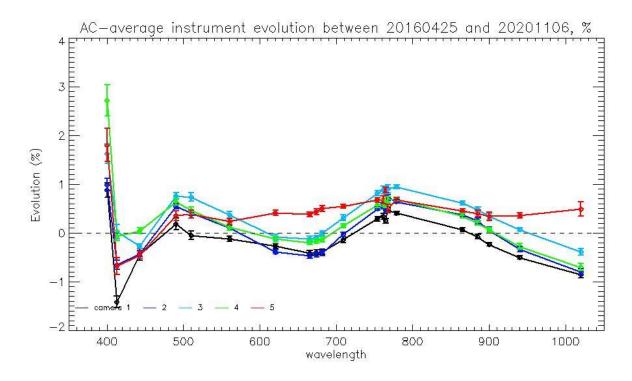


Figure 28: OLCI-A Camera-averaged instrument evolution since channel programming change (25/04/2016) and up to the most recent calibration (06/11/2020) versus wavelength.

The overall per camera performance, as a function of wavelength, and at each orbit is shown on Figure 29 as the average and standard deviation of the model over data ratio.

Finally, Figure 30 to Figure 32 show the detail of the model performance, with across-track plots of the model over data ratios at each orbit, one plot for each channel.

Comparisons of Figure 30 to Figure 32 with their counterparts in Report of Cycle 62 clearly demonstrate the improvement brought by the new model whatever the level of detail.



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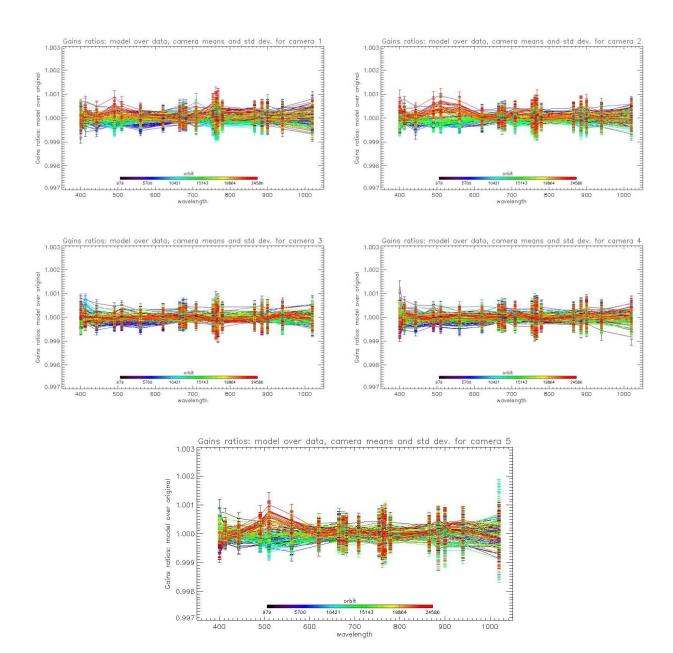
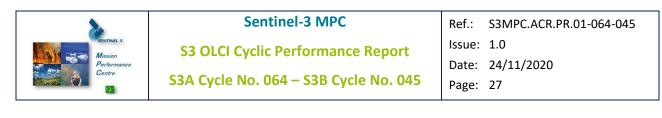


Figure 29: For the 5 cameras: OLCI-A Evolution model performance, as camera-average and standard deviation of ratio of Model over Data vs. wavelength, for each orbit of the test dataset, including 6 calibrations in extrapolation, with a colour code for each calibration from blue (oldest) to red (most recent).



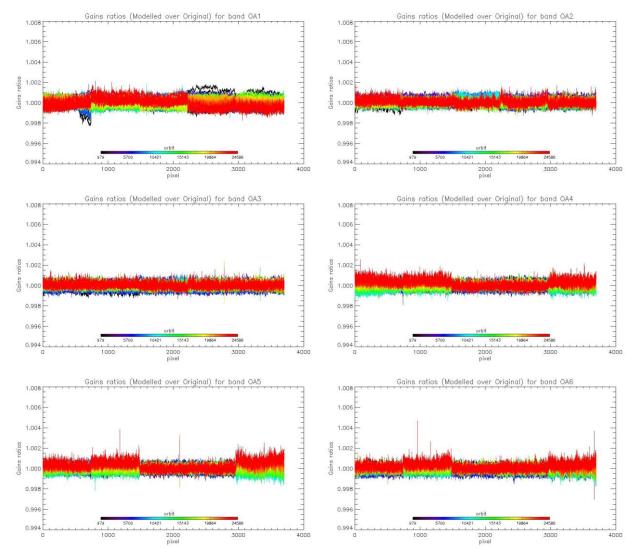


Figure 30: OLCI-A evolution model performance, as ratio of Model over Data vs. pixels, all cameras side by side, over the whole current calibration dataset (since instrument programing update), including 6 calibrations in extrapolation, channels Oa1 to Oa6.



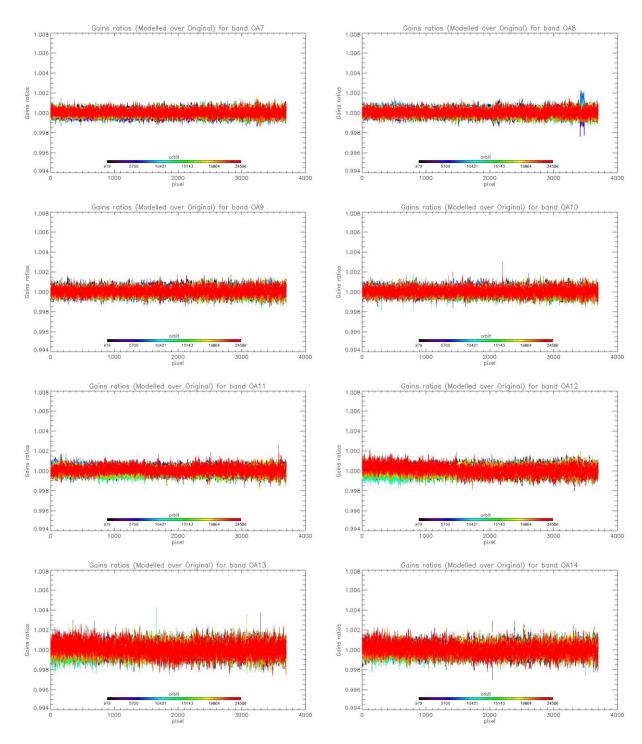


Figure 31: same as Figure 30 for channels Oa7 to Oa14.



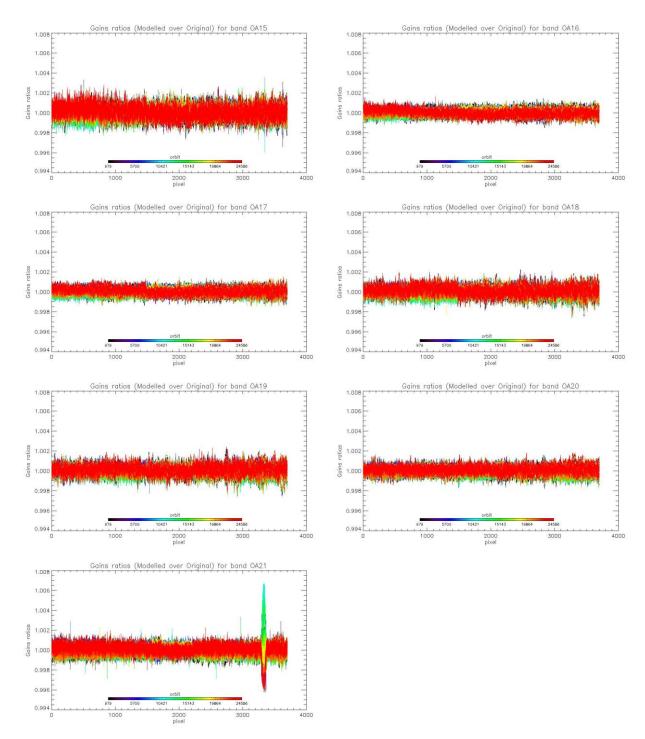


Figure 32: same as Figure 30 for channels Oa15 to Oa21.



### 2.2.2.2.2 OLCI-B

Instrument response and degradation modelling for OLCI-B, including the use of the in-flight BRDF model (based on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Yaw Manoeuvres), has been refreshed and deployed at PDGS on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (Processing Baseline 1.38). The model has been derived on the basis of an extended Radiometric Calibration dataset (from 05/11/2018 to 09/08/2020). It includes the correction of the diffuser ageing for the five bluest bands (Oa1 to Oa5) for which it is clearly measurable. The model performance over the complete dataset (including the 6 calibrations in extrapolation over about 3 months) is illustrated in Figure 33. It remains better than 0.07% when averaged over the whole field of view for all band except Oa01 (< 0.095%). The previous model, trained on a Radiometric Dataset limited to 02/10/2019, shows a drift of the model with respect to most recent data, especially for band Oa01 (Figure 34). Comparison of the two figures shows the improvement brought by the updated Model over all the mission.

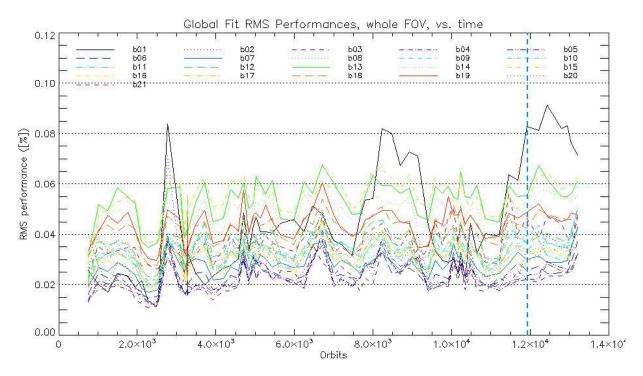
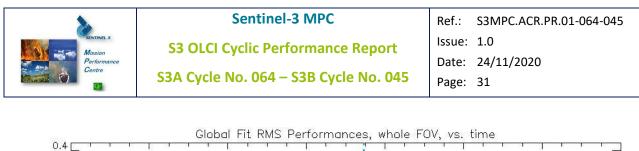


Figure 33: RMS performance of the OLCI-B Gain Model of the current processing baseline as a function of orbit. The blue vertical dotted lines defines the limit from which the gain model starts to be extrapolated (i.e. it corresponds to the most recent CAL of the dataset used to build the model).



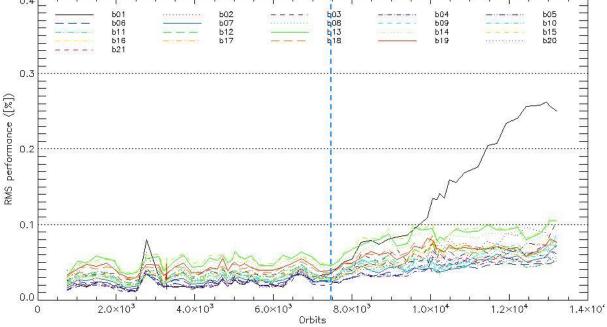


Figure 34: RMS performance of the OLCI-B Gain Model of the previous processing baseline as a function of orbit (please note the different vertical scale with respect to Figure 33).



The overall instrument evolution since channel programming change (18/06/2018) is shown on Figure 35.

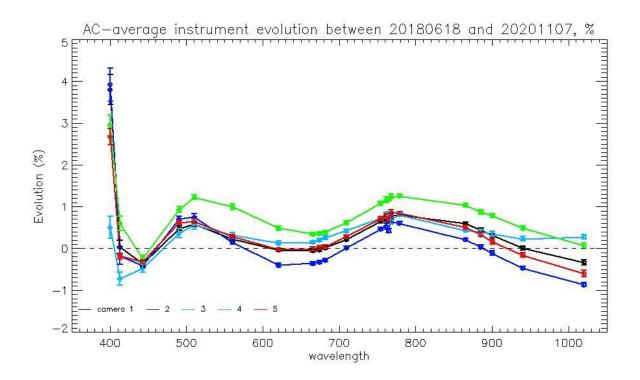


Figure 35: OLCI-B Camera-averaged instrument evolution since channel programming change (18/06/2018) and up to most recent calibration (07/11/2020) versus wavelength.

The overall per camera performance, as a function of wavelength, and at each orbit is shown on Figure 36 as the average and standard deviation of the model over data ratio.

Finally, Figure 37 to Figure 39 show the detail of the model performance, with across-track plots of the model over data ratios at each orbit, one plot for each channel.



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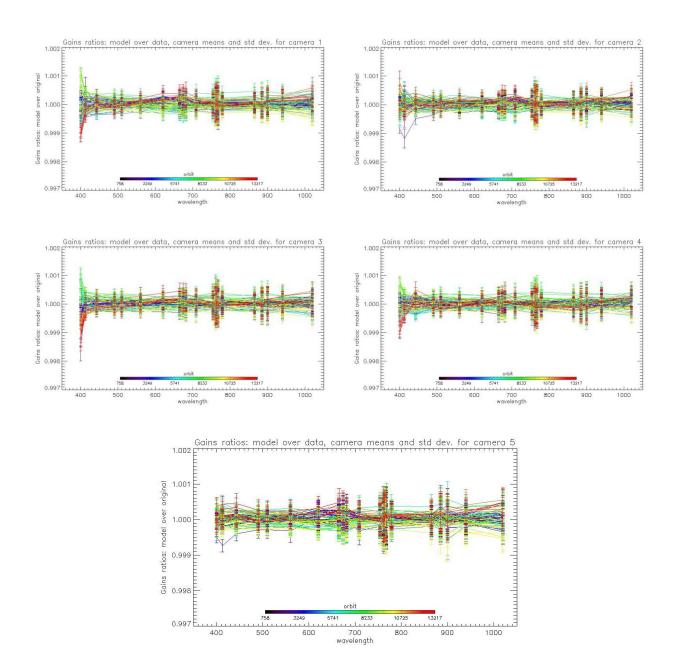


Figure 36: For the 5 cameras: OLCI-B Evolution model performance, as camera-average and standard deviation of ratio of Model over Data vs. wavelength, for each orbit of the test dataset, including 6 calibrations in extrapolation, with a colour code for each calibration from blue (oldest) to red (most recent).



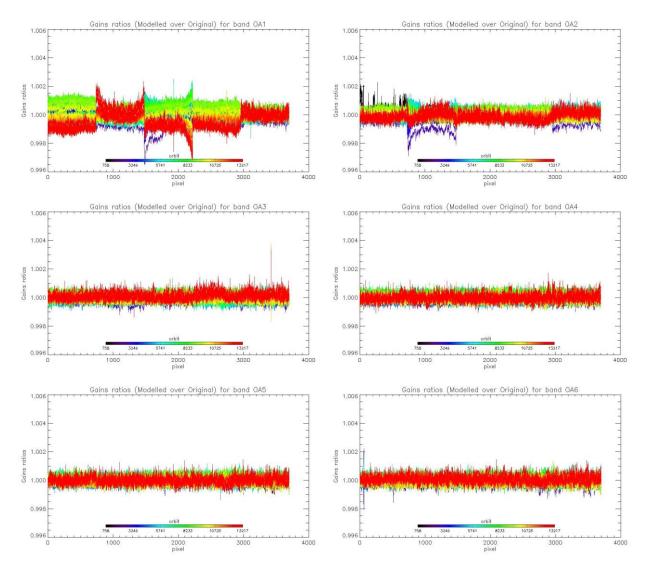


Figure 37: OLCI-B evolution model performance, as ratio of Model over Data vs. pixels, all cameras side by side, over the whole current calibration dataset (since instrument programming update), including 6 calibrations in extrapolation, channels Oa1 to Oa6.



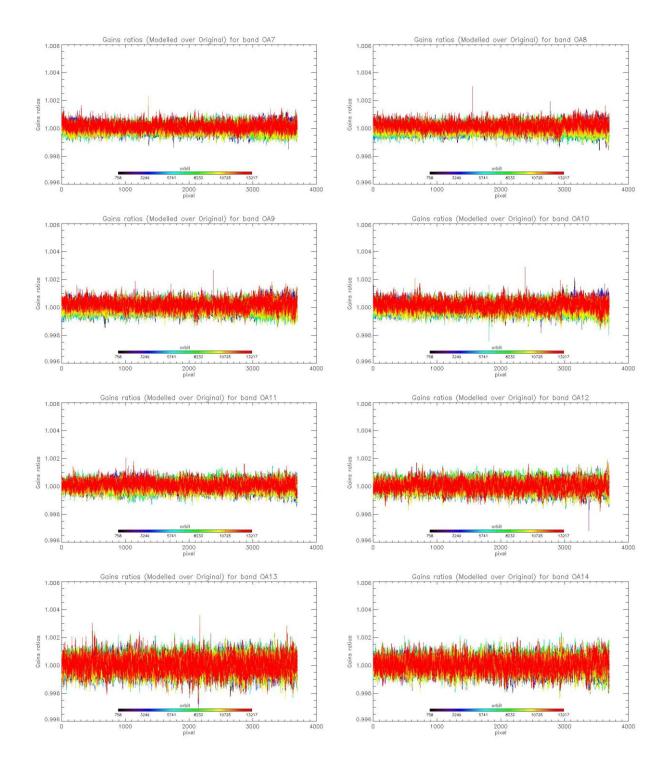


Figure 38: same as Figure 37 for channels Oa7 to Oa14.



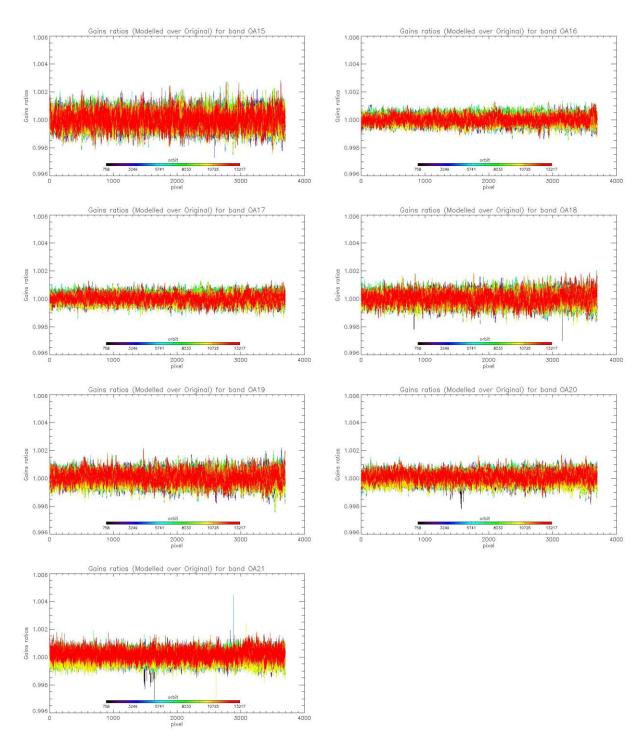


Figure 39: same as Figure 37 for channels Oa15 to Oa21.



### 2.2.3 Ageing of nominal diffuser [OLCI-L1B-CV-240]

### 2.2.3.1 OLCI-A

There has been no calibration sequence S05 (reference diffuser) for OLCI-A during acquisition cycle 064.

Consequently, the last ageing results presented in Cyclic Report #60/#41 (S3A/S3B) stay valid.

### 2.2.3.2 OLCI-B

There has been no calibration sequence S05 (reference diffuser) for OLCI-B during acquisition Cycle 045.

Consequently, the last ageing results presented in Cyclic Report #60/#41 (S3A/S3B) stay valid.

### 2.2.4 Updating of calibration ADF [OLCI-L1B-CV-260]

### 2.2.4.1.1 OLCI-A

No CAL\_AX ADF has been delivered to PDGS during the report period.

### 2.2.4.1.2 OLCI-B

A new CAL\_AX ADF has been generated fort OLCI-B with updated geometric Calibration. It has however not been delivered to PDGS during the report period.

## 2.2.5 Radiometric Calibrations for sun azimuth angle dependency and Yaw Manoeuvres for Solar Diffuser on-orbit re-characterization [OLCI-L1B-CV-270 and OLCI-L1B-CV-280]

### 2.2.5.1.1 OLCI-A

This activity has not evolved during cycle 064 and results presented in Cycle 15 report are still valid.

### 2.2.5.1.2 OLCI-B

Activity has started for S3B-OLCI. The SAA domain explored is now increased by the acquisitions from the Yaw Manoeuvres and analysis becomes meaningful. Analysis is on-going.



## 2.3 Spectral Calibration [OLCI-L1B-CV-400]

### 2.3.1 OLCI-A

There has been neither S02+S03 nor S09 Spectral Calibration for OLCI-A in the reporting period.

Consequently, the last spectral calibration results presented in Cyclic Report #62/#43 (S3A/S3B) remain valid.

### 2.3.2 OLCI-B

There has been neither S02+S03 nor S09 Spectral Calibration for OLCI-B in the reporting period.

Consequently, the last spectral calibration results presented in Cyclic Report #62/#43 (S3A/S3B) remain valid.

### 2.4 Signal to Noise assessment [OLCI-L1B-CV-620]

### 2.4.1 SNR from Radiometric calibration data

### 2.4.1.1 OLCI-A

SNR computed for all calibration data (S01, S04 and S05 sequences) as a function of band number is presented in Figure 40.

SNR computed for all calibration data as a function of orbit number for band Oa01 (the less stable band) is presented in Figure 41.

There is no significant evolution of this parameter during the current cycle and the ESA requirement is fulfilled for all bands.



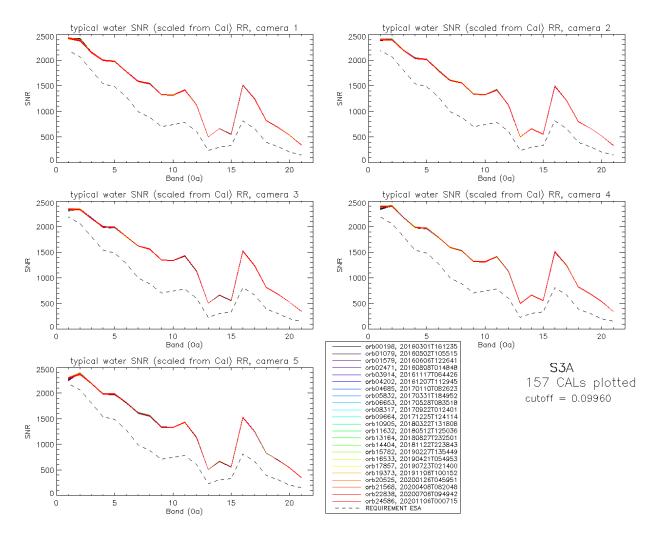


Figure 40: OLCI-A Signal to Noise ratio as a function of the spectral band for the 5 cameras. These results have been computed from radiometric calibration data. All calibrations except first one (orbit 183) are presents with the colours corresponding to the orbit number (see legend). The SNR is very stable with time: the curves for all orbits are almost superimposed. The dashed curve is the ESA requirement.



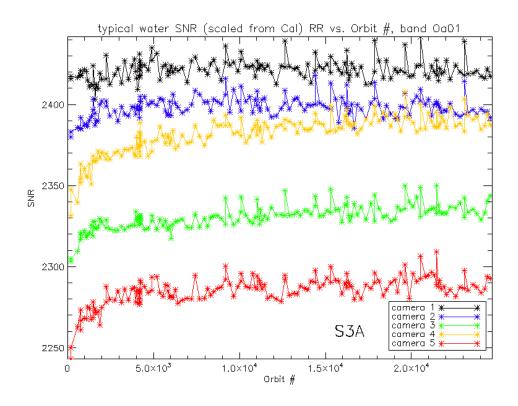


Figure 41: long-term stability of the SNR estimates from Calibration data, example of channel Oa1.

The mission averaged SNR figures are provided in Table 1 below, together with their radiance reference level. According to the OLCI SNR requirements, these figures are valid at these radiance levels and at Reduced Resolution (RR, 1.2 km). They can be scaled to other radiance levels assuming shot noise (CCD sensor noise) is the dominating term, i.e. radiometric noise can be considered Gaussian with its standard

deviation varying as the square root of the signal; in other words:  $SNR(L) = SNR(L_{ref}) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{L}{L_{ref}}}$ .

Following the same assumption, values at Full Resolution (300m) can be derived from RR ones as 4 times smaller.



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 Table 1: OLCI-A SNR figures as derived from Radiometric Calibration data. Figures are given for each camera

 (time average and standard deviation), and for the whole instrument. The requirement and its reference

 radiance level are recalled (in mW.sr<sup>-1</sup>.m<sup>-2</sup>.nm<sup>-1</sup>).

	L <sub>ref</sub>	SNR	C1		C2		C3		C4		C5		All	
nm	LU	RQT	avg	std	avg	std	avg	std	avg	std	avg	std	avg	std
400.000	63.0	2188	2421	6.2	2398	6.4	2330	7.4	2381	11.9	2285	9.1	2363	6.9
412.000	74.1	2061	2389	9.1	2405	6.3	2339	4.8	2401	5.0	2381	8.9	2383	5.3
442.000	65.6	1811	2159	5.6	2197	5.9	2164	4.9	2185	4.1	2194	5.5	2180	3.9
490.000	51.2	1541	2000	4.6	2036	5.1	1997	4.1	1983	4.4	1988	4.7	2001	3.3
510.000	44.4	1488	1979	5.3	2014	4.8	1985	4.6	1967	4.5	1985	4.5	1986	3.6
560.000	31.5	1280	1776	4.5	1802	4.1	1803	4.7	1794	3.9	1818	3.3	1799	3.0
620.000	21.1	997	1591	4.1	1609	4.2	1624	3.2	1593	3.2	1615	3.5	1606	2.6
665.000	16.4	883	1546	4.3	1557	4.4	1567	3.8	1533	3.6	1561	3.8	1553	3.1
674.000	15.7	707	1328	3.4	1337	3.6	1350	2.8	1323	3.2	1342	3.5	1336	2.5
681.000	15.1	745	1319	3.7	1326	3.2	1338	2.7	1314	2.4	1333	3.5	1326	2.2
709.000	12.7	785	1420	4.3	1420	4.1	1435	3.3	1414	3.5	1430	3.1	1424	2.8
754.000	10.3	605	1127	3.1	1120	2.9	1135	3.3	1125	2.5	1139	2.9	1129	2.3
761.000	6.1	232	502	1.1	498	1.1	505	1.2	500	1.1	508	1.4	503	0.9
764.000	7.1	305	663	1.6	658	1.5	668	2.0	661	1.5	670	2.1	664	1.3
768.000	7.6	330	558	1.5	554	1.3	562	1.3	557	1.4	564	1.3	559	1.0
779.000	9.2	812	1516	4.7	1498	4.7	1526	5.2	1511	5.0	1526	4.9	1515	4.2
865.000	6.2	666	1244	3.6	1213	3.6	1239	4.0	1246	3.5	1250	2.8	1238	2.9
885.000	6.0	395	823	1.7	801	1.6	814	2.0	824	1.4	831	1.7	819	1.1
900.000	4.7	308	691	1.6	673	1.3	683	1.6	693	1.5	698	1.5	688	1.0
940.000	2.4	203	534	1.2	522	1.1	525	0.9	539	1.1	542	1.3	532	0.7
1020.000	3.9	152	345	0.9	337	0.8	348	0.7	345	0.8	351	0.8	345	0.5



### 2.4.1.2 OLCI-B

SNR computed for all OLCI-B calibration data (S01, S04 (but not the dark-only S04) and S05 sequences) as a function of band number is presented in Figure 42.

SNR computed for all OLCI-B calibration data as a function of orbit number for band Oa01 (the less stable band) is presented in Figure 43.

As for OLCI-A the SNR is very stable in time. There is no significant evolution of this parameter during the current cycle and the ESA requirement is fulfilled for all bands.

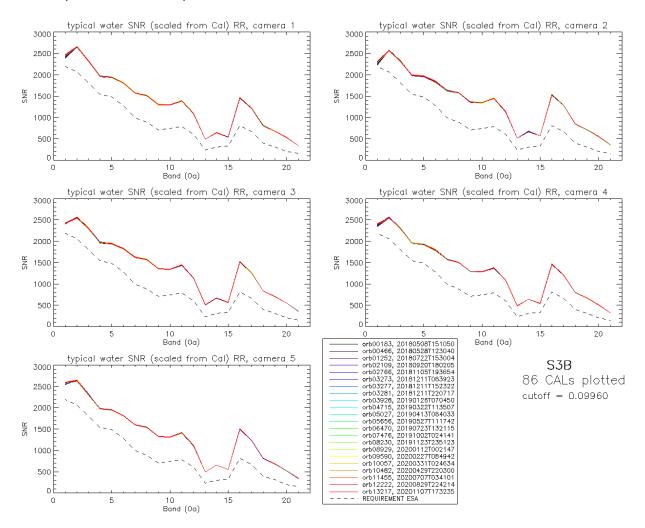


Figure 42: OLCI-B Signal to Noise ratio as a function of the spectral band for the 5 cameras. These results have been computed from radiometric calibration data. All calibrations except first one (orbit 167) are presents with the colours corresponding to the orbit number (see legend). The SNR is very stable with time: the curves for all orbits are almost superimposed. The dashed curve is the ESA requirement.



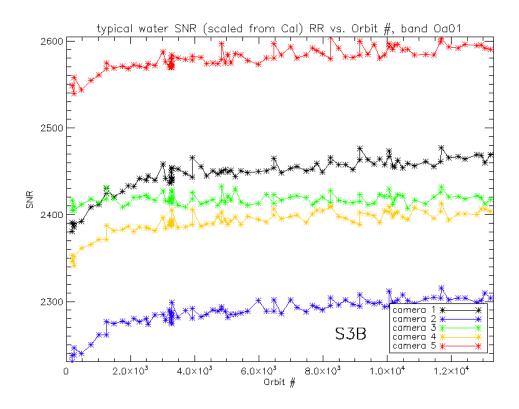


Figure 43: long-term stability of the OLCI-B SNR estimates from Calibration data, example of channel Oa1.



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# Table 2: OLCI-B SNR figures as derived from Radiometric Calibration data. Figures are given for each camera (time average and standard deviation), and for the whole instrument. The requirement and its reference radiance level are recalled (in mW.sr<sup>-1</sup>.m<sup>-2</sup>.nm<sup>-1</sup>).

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	L <sub>ref</sub>	SNR	C1		C2 C3				C4		C5		All	
nm	LU	RQT	avg	std	avg	std	avg	std	avg	std	avg	std	avg	std
400.000	63.0	2188	2447	19.7	2287	16.8	2417	5.9	2392	13.7	2580	12.9	2425	12.8
412.000	74.1	2061	2655	6.5	2570	5.8	2546	8.3	2549	5.7	2639	7.0	2592	4.8
442.000	65.6	1811	2325	6.4	2318	5.9	2302	6.2	2305	6.2	2310	6.2	2312	5.1
490.000	51.2	1541	1966	4.7	1988	5.7	1972	4.7	1952	4.5	1978	4.7	1971	3.7
510.000	44.4	1488	1938	5.1	1966	5.5	1942	4.9	1923	5.0	1951	4.7	1944	4.1
560.000	31.5	1280	1813	4.8	1847	5.2	1829	4.6	1804	5.1	1816	4.3	1822	3.8
620.000	21.1	997	1573	4.3	1626	4.6	1625	3.7	1576	3.8	1601	3.4	1600	2.9
665.000	16.4	883	1513	4.0	1579	3.8	1573	4.0	1501	3.0	1546	3.8	1543	2.8
674.000	15.7	707	1301	3.7	1358	3.8	1353	3.3	1292	2.7	1328	3.1	1326	2.4
681.000	15.1	745	1293	3.7	1347	3.2	1343	2.8	1285	2.8	1316	2.8	1317	2.1
709.000	12.7	785	1390	4.2	1447	4.3	1443	4.3	1373	3.0	1412	4.0	1413	3.2
754.000	10.3	605	1095	4.0	1142	3.8	1141	3.6	1089	2.9	1115	3.5	1117	3.2
761.000	6.1	232	487	1.3	509	1.3	508	1.4	485	1.1	497	1.5	497	1.0
764.000	7.1	305	643	1.7	672	2.0	672	1.9	641	1.6	657	1.9	657	1.5
768.000	7.6	330	541	1.6	567	1.5	564	1.4	541	1.4	554	1.6	553	1.1
779.000	9.2	812	1466	4.4	1534	4.8	1526	5.8	1466	3.9	1505	4.6	1500	4.0
865.000	6.2	666	1221	3.7	1286	3.8	1258	3.8	1204	3.8	1238	3.1	1241	2.9
885.000	6.0	395	808	2.4	847	1.8	834	2.0	798	1.8	814	2.1	820	1.5
900.000	4.7	308	679	1.5	714	2.0	704	1.6	669	1.6	682	1.5	690	1.2
940.000	2.4	203	527	1.3	549	1.6	551	1.3	510	1.2	522	1.3	532	0.9
1020.000	3.9	152	336	0.8	358	1.1	358	0.8	318	0.8	339	1.1	342	0.7



### 2.4.2 SNR from EO data

### 2.4.2.1 OLCI-A

There has been no update on SNR assessment from EO data during the cycle. Last figures (cycle 9) are considered valid.

### 2.4.2.2 OLCI-B

The SNR assessment from EO data has not been applied to OLCI-B considering a) that SNR estimates from RC data have been proved more reliable for OLCI-A and b) that it requires a significant amount of human and machine resources that can be more efficiently used for other tasks.

### 2.5 Geometric Calibration/Validation

### 2.5.1 OLCI-A

OLCI-A georeferencing performance is compliant since the introduction of MPC Geometric Calibration, put in production on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2018. It has however significantly improved after its last full revision of GCMs (Geometric Calibration Models, or platform to instrument alignment quaternions) and IPPVMs (Instrument Pixels Pointing Vectors) both derived using the GeoCal Tool and put in production on 30/07/2019.

The following figures (Figure 44 to Figure 49) show time series of the overall RMS performance (requirement criterion) and of the across-track and along-track biases for each camera. New plots (Figure 50 and Figure 51) introduce monitoring of the performance homogeneity within the field of view: georeferencing errors in each direction at camera transitions (difference between last pixel of camera N and first pixel of camera N+1) and within a given camera (maximum bias minus minimum inside each camera). The performance improvement since the 30/07/2019 is significant on most figures: the global RMS value decreases form around 0.35 to about 0.2 (Figure 44), the across-track biases decrease significantly for all cameras (Figure 45 to Figure 49), the along-track bias reduces for at least camera 3 (Figure 47) and the field of view homogeneity improves drastically (Figure 50 and Figure 51, but also reduction of the dispersion – distance between the  $\pm 1$  sigma lines – in Figure 45 to Figure 49).

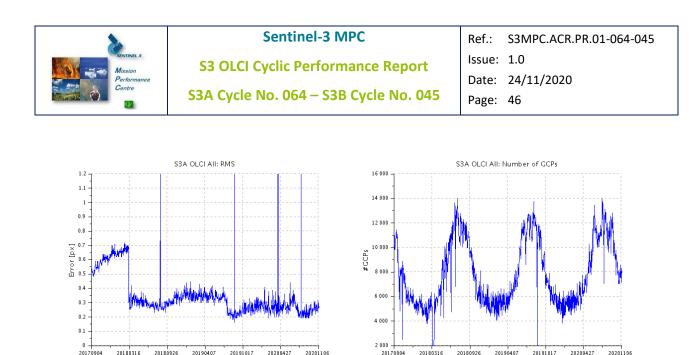


Figure 44: overall OLCI-A georeferencing RMS performance time series (left) and number of validated control points corresponding to the performance time series (right) over the whole monitoring period

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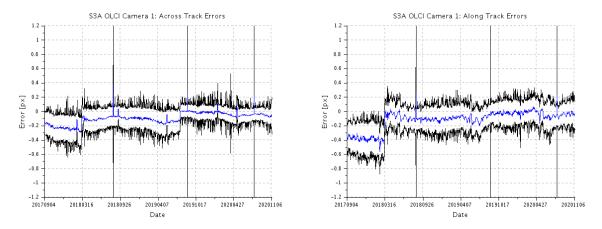


Figure 45: across-track (left) and along-track (right) OLCI-A georeferencing biases time series for Camera 1. Blue line is the average, black lines are average plus and minus 1 sigma.

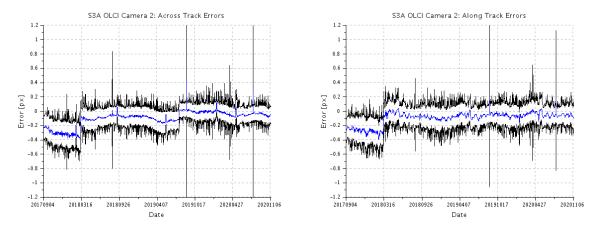
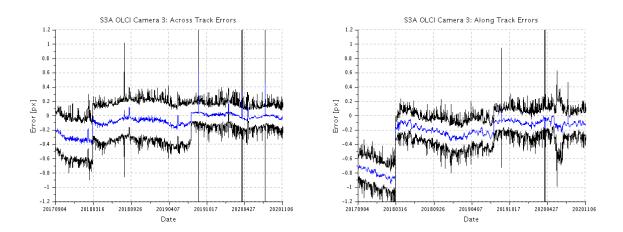
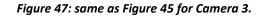
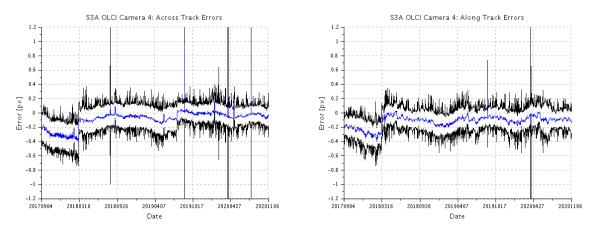


Figure 46: same as Figure 45 for Camera 2.











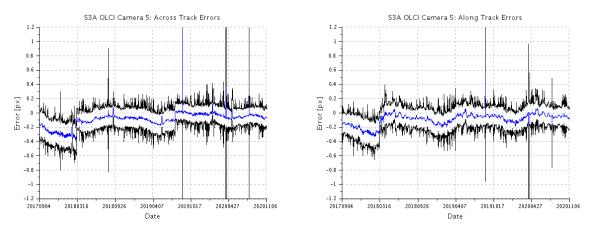


Figure 49: same as Figure 45 for Camera 5.

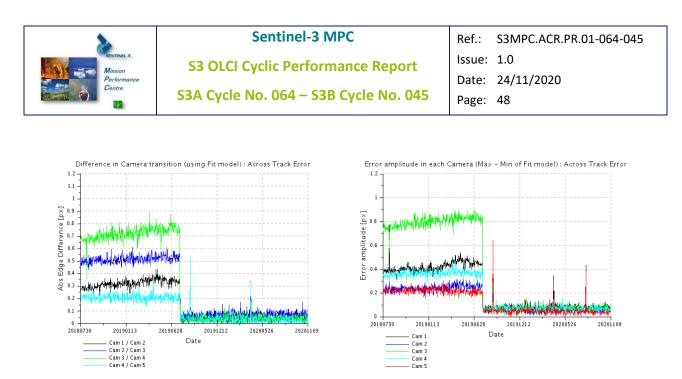


Figure 50: OLCI-A spatial across-track misregistration at each camera transition (left) and maximum amplitude of the across-track error within each camera (left).

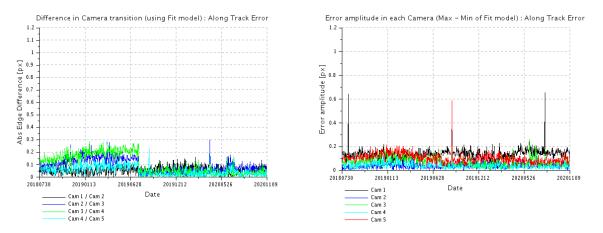


Figure 51: OLCI-A spatial along-track misregistration at each camera transition (left) and maximum amplitude of the along-track error within each camera (left).

### 2.5.2 OLCI-B

Georeferencing performance of OLCI-B improved significantly with the fourth geometric calibration introduced the 30/07/2019. However, the instrument pointing is still evolving, in particular for camera 2 (Figure 58) and a new geometric calibration has been done and introduced in the processing chain on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2020. Its impact is significant on the along-track biases of all cameras (Figure 53 to Figure 57), but also on the continuity at camera interfaces (Figure 58, left) and on intra-camera homogeneity (Figure 58, right).

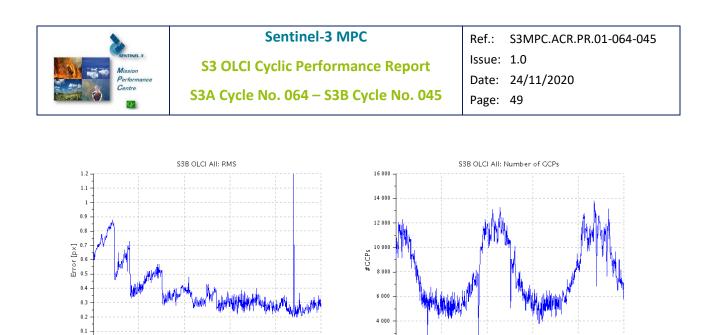


Figure 52: overall OLCI-B georeferencing RMS performance time series over the whole monitoring period (left) and corresponding number of validated control points (right)

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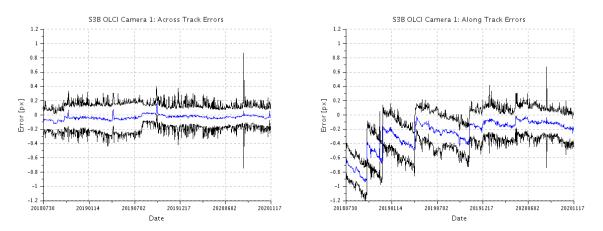


Figure 53: across-track (left) and along-track (right) OLCI-B georeferencing biases time series for Camera 1.

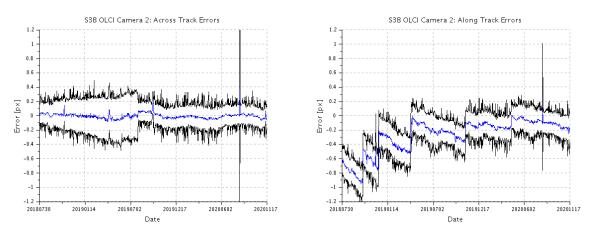
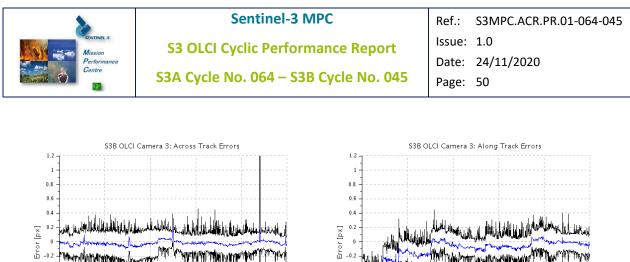
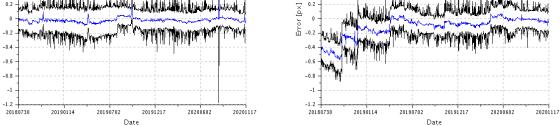
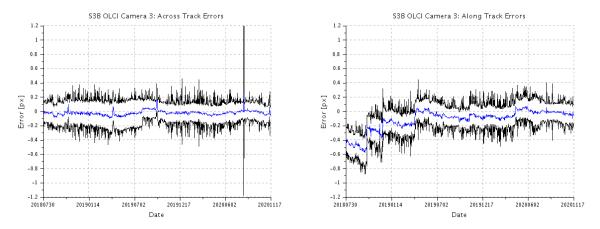


Figure 54: same as Figure 45 for Camera 2.











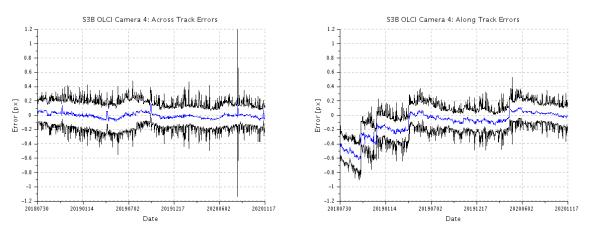


Figure 57: same as Figure 45 for Camera 5.

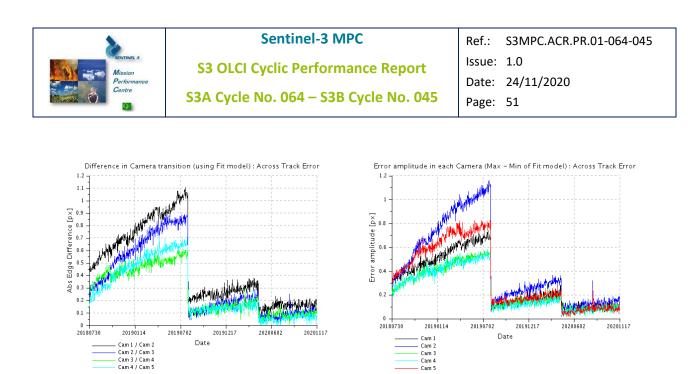


Figure 58: OLCI-B spatial across-track misregistration at each camera transition (left) and maximum amplitude of the across-track error within each camera (left).

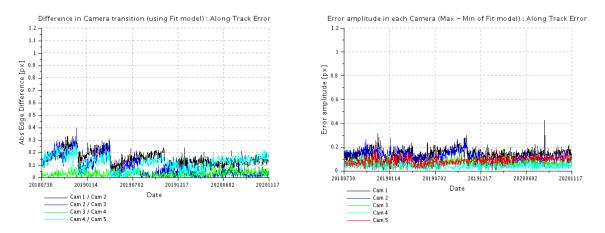


Figure 59: OLCI-B spatial along-track misregistration at each camera transition (left) and maximum amplitude of the along-track error within each camera (left).



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## **3 OLCI Level 1 Product validation**

## 3.1 [OLCI-L1B-CV-300], [OLCI-L1B-CV-310] – Radiometric Validation

### 3.1.1 S3ETRAC Service

### Activities done

The S3ETRAC service extracts OLCI L1 RR and SLSTR L1 RBT data and computes associated statistics over 49 sites corresponding to different surface types (desert, snow, ocean maximizing Rayleigh signal, ocean maximizing sunglint scattering and deep convective clouds). The S3ETRAC products are used for the assessment and monitoring of the L1 radiometry (optical channels) by the ESLs.

All details about the S3ETRAC/OLCI and S3ETRAC/SLSTR statistics are provided on the S3ETRAC website <u>http://s3etrac.acri.fr/index.php?action=generalstatistics</u>

- Number of OLCI products processed by the S3ETRAC service
- Statistics per type of target (DESERT, SNOW, RAYLEIGH, SUNGLINT and DCC)
- Statistics per sites
- Statistics on the number of records

For illustration, we provide below statistics on the number of S3ETRAC/OLCI records generated per type of targets (DESERT, SNOW, RAYLEIGH, SUNGLINT and DCC) for both OLCI-A (Figure 60) and OLCI-B (Figure 61).

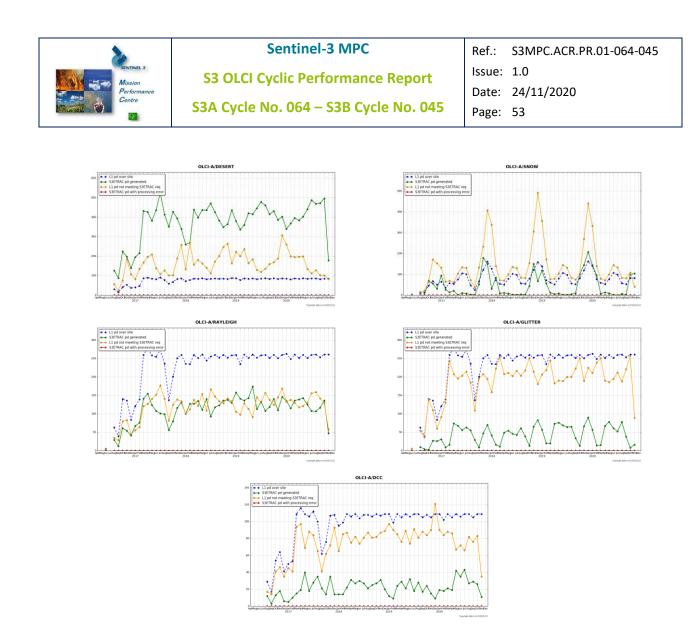


Figure 60: summary of S3ETRAC products generation for OLCI-A (number of OLCI-A L1 products Ingested, blue – number of S3ETRAC extracted products generated, green – number of S3ETRAC runs without generation of output product (data not meeting selection requirements), yellow – number of runs ending in error, red, one plot per site type).

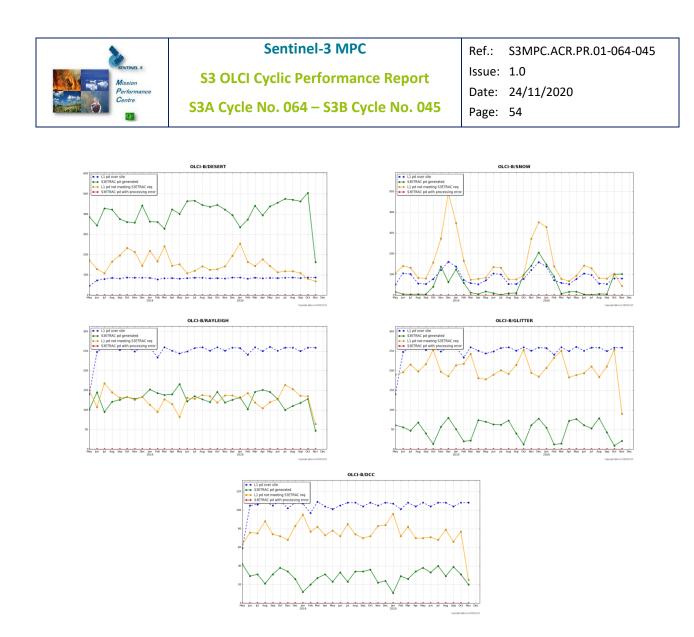


Figure 61: summary of S3ETRAC products generation for OLCI-B (number of OLCI-B L1 products Ingested, yellow – number of S3ETRAC extracted products generated, blue – number of S3ETRAC runs without generation of output product (data not meeting selection requirements), green – number of runs ending in error, red, one plot per site type).



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## 3.1.2 Radiometric validation with DIMITRI

### Highlights

OLCI-A and OLCI-B L1B radiometry verification as follow:

- The verification is performed until the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.
- All results from OLCI-A and OLCI-B over Rayleigh, Glint and PICS are consistent with the previous cycle over the used CalVal sites.
- Good stability of both sensors OLCI-A and OLCI-B could be observed, nevertheless the timeseries average shows higher reflectance from OLCI-A.
- Bands with high gaseous absorption are excluded.

### **Verification and Validation over PICS**

- The ingestion of all the available L1B-LN1-NT products from OLCI-A and OLCI-B over the 6 desert calval-sites (Algeria3 & 5, Libya 1 & 4 and Mauritania 1 & 2) has been performed until the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.
- 2. The results are consistent overall the six used PICS sites (Figure 62 and Figure 63). Both sensors show a good stability over the analysed period.
- 3. The temporal average over the period January 2020 Present of the elementary ratios (observed reflectance to the simulated one) for OLCI-A shows gain values between 2-4% over all the VNIR bands (Figure 64). Unlikely, the temporal average over the same period of the elementary ratios for OLCI-B shows gain values within 2% (mission requirements) over the VNIR spectral range (Figure 64). The spectral bands with significant absorption from water vapor and O<sub>2</sub> (Oa11, Oa13, Oa14, Oa15 and Oa20) are excluded.



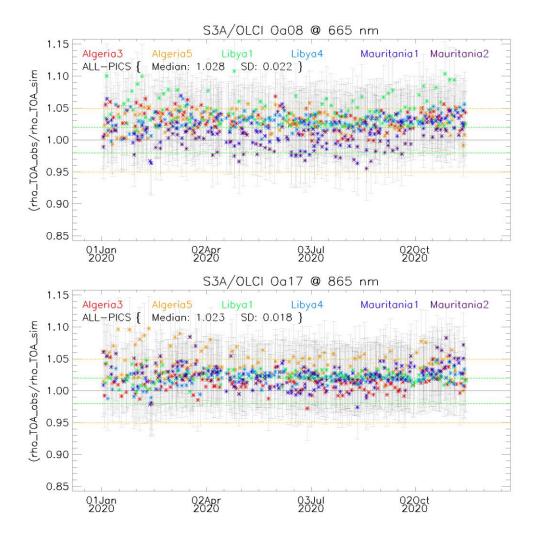


Figure 62: Time-series of the elementary ratios (observed/simulated) signal from OLCI-A for (top to bottom) bands Oa08 and Oa17 respectively over January 2020-Present from the six PICS Cal/Val sites. Dashed-green and orange lines indicate the 2% and 5% respectively. Error bars indicate the desert methodology uncertainty.



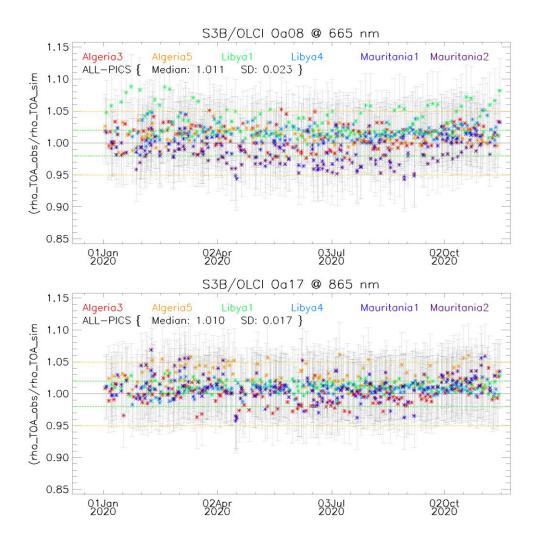


Figure 63: Time-series of the elementary ratios (observed/simulated) signal from OLCI-B for (top to bottom) bands Oa08 and Oa17 respectively over January 2020-Present from the six PICS Cal/Val sites. Dashed-green and orange lines indicate the 2% and 5% respectively. Error bars indicate the desert methodology uncertainty.



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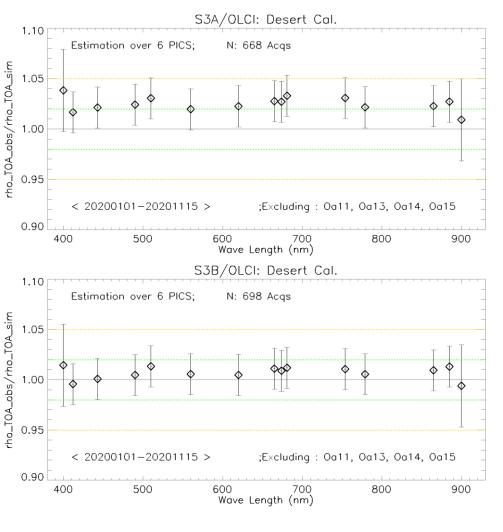


Figure 64: The estimated gain values for OLCI-A and OLCI-B over the 6 PICS sites identified by CEOS over the period January 2020-Present as a function of wavelength. Dashed-green and orange lines indicate the 2% and 5% respectively. Error bars indicate the desert methodology uncertainty.

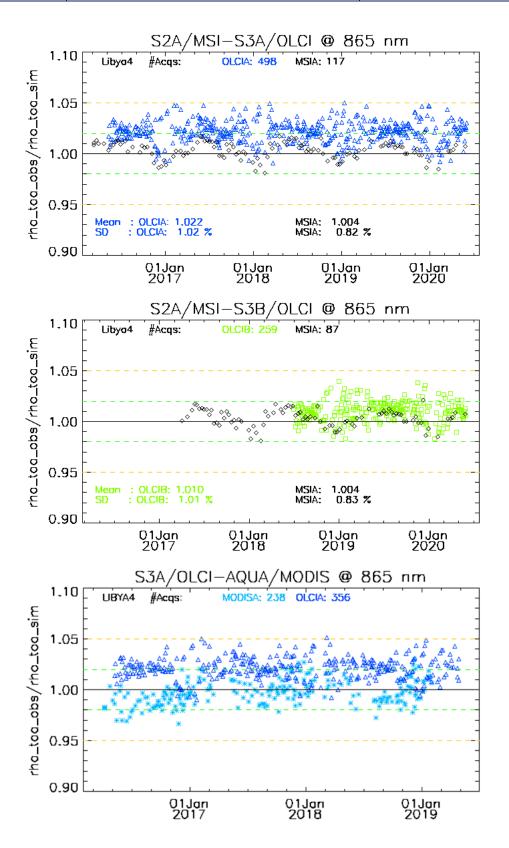
### **Cross-mission Intercomparison over PICS:**

X-mission Intercomparison with MODIS-A and MSI-A has been performed until February 2019 and June 2020 respectively. Figure 65 shows time-series of the elementary ratios from S2A/MSI, Aqua/MODIS, S3A/OLCI and S3B/OLCI over the LYBIA4 site for the period April 2016 until February 2019 and June 2020, respectively.

We observe a clear stability over the three sensors, associated with higher reflectance from OLCI-A wrt to MSI-A and MODISA. MODISA shows higher fluctuation wrt to MSI-A and OLCI-A/B ones.

Figure 66 shows the time averages of estimated gains for the same sensors (MSI-A, OLCI-A, OLCI-B and MODIS-A) over PICS. The spectral bands with significant absorption from water vapour and O2 are excluded. OLCI-A seems to have higher gain wrt the other sensors, which means that OLCI-A has brighter reflectance than its simulated one by PICS method.







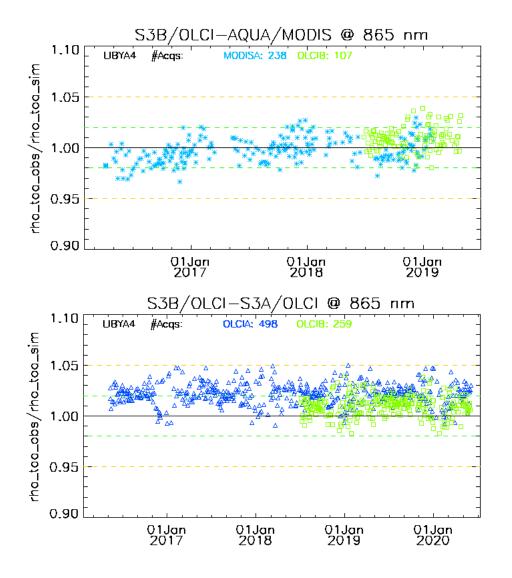
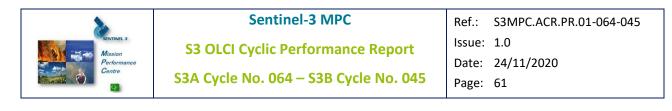


Figure 65: Time-series of the elementary ratios (observed/simulated) signal from (black) S2A/MSI, (blue) S3A/OLCI, (green) S3B/OLCI and (Cyan) Aqua/MODIS for NIR band 865nm over LIBYA4 site. Dashed-green and orange lines indicate the 2% and 5% respectively. The systematic and total uncertainties of the desert methodology are 1% and 5% respectively.



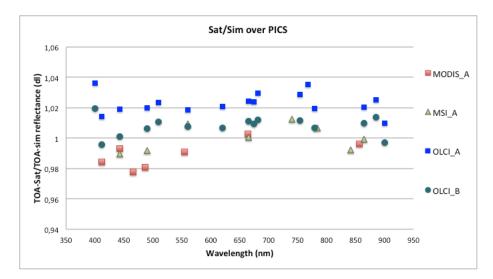


Figure 66: Ratio of observed TOA reflectance to simulated one for (yellow) S2A/MSI, (red) Aqua/MODIS, (blue) S3A/OLCI and (dark-green) S3B/OLCI averaged over the six PICS test sites as a function of wavelength.

### Validation over Rayleigh

Rayleigh method has been performed from the available mini-files over the **last 12 months** for OLCI-A and OLCI-B. The results were produced with the configuration (ROI-AVERAGE). The gain coefficients of OLCI-A are consistent with the previous results. Bands Oa01-Oa05 display biases values between 5%-7% while bands Oa06-Oa09 exhibit biases between 2%-3% higher than the 2% mission requirements (Figure 67). The gain coefficients of OLCI-B are lower than OLCI-A ones, where bands Oa01-Oa05 display biases values about 3-5%, when bands Oa6-Oa9 exhibit biases better than 2% mission requirements (Figure 67).

### Validation over Glint and synthesis

Glint calibration method with the configuration (ROI-PIXEL) has been performed over the **last 12 months** for OLCI-A and OLCI-B. The outcome of this analysis shows a good consistency with the desert and Rayleigh outputs over the NIR spectral range Oa06-Oa09 for both sensors. Glint results from OLCI-A show that the NIR bands are within the 2% (mission requirements), except Oa21 which shows higher biases more than ~5% for both sensors (see Figure 67). Again, the glint gain from OLCI-B looks slightly lower than OLCI-A one.



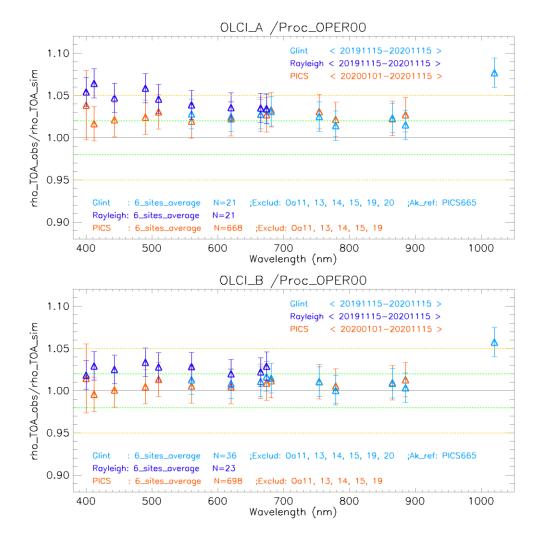


Figure 67: The estimated gain values for OLCI-A and OLCI-B from Glint, Rayleigh and PICS methods over the past twelve months as a function of wavelength. We use the gain value of Oa8 from PICS-Desert method as reference gain for Glint method. Dashed-green and orange lines indicate the 2% and 5% respectively. Error bars indicate the method uncertainties.



#### 3.1.3 Radiometric validation with OSCAR

The OSCAR Rayleigh have been applied to the S3A and S3B S3ETRAC data from the 6 oceanic calibration sites listed in Table 3 using a new chlorophyll climatology, which has been derived from the CMEMS OLCI monthly CHL products considering the years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Site Name	Ocean	Ocean North Latitude		East Longitude	West Longitude
PacSE	South-East of Pacific	-20.7	-44.9	-89	-130.2
PacNW	North-West of Pacific	22.7	10	165.6	139.5
PacN	North of Pacific	23.5	15	200.6	179.4
AtlN	North of Atlantic	27	17	-44.2	-62.5
AtlS	South of Atlantic	-9.9	-19.9	-11	-32.3
IndS	South of Indian	-21.2	-29.9	100.1	89.5

#### Table 3. S3ETRAC Ocean Calibration sites

In Figure 68 the average OSCAR OLCI-A and OLCI-B Rayleigh results are given for October 2020. The results are obtained with the new climatology. In Figure 69 and Table 4 the average of all scenes currently (re)processed with this new climatology is given. This average is obtained from respectively 484 OLCI-B and 334 OLCI-A scenes with valid results. Reprocessed scenes include all months of 2019 and May to October 2020.

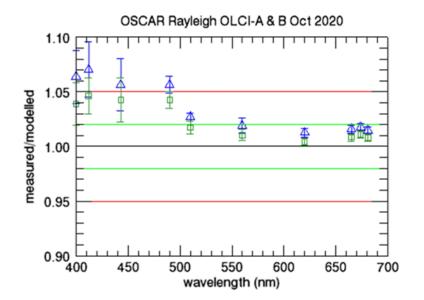
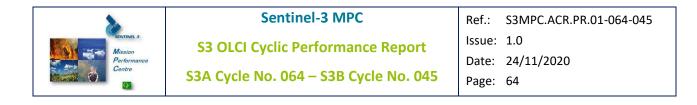


Figure 68. OSCAR Rayleigh S3A and S3B Calibration results as a function of wavelength for September 2020. The results are obtained with a new climatology derived from CMEMS OLCI monthly CHL products.



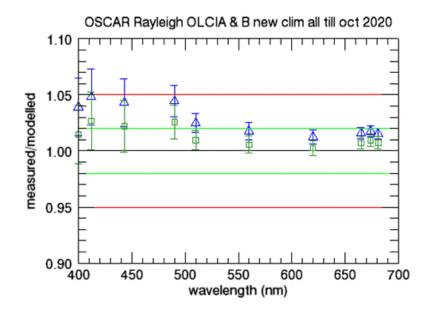


Figure 69. OSCAR Rayleigh S3A and S3B Calibration results as a function of wavelength. Average and standard deviation over all scenes currently (re)processed with the new climatology.

Table 4. OSCAR Rayleigh calibration results for S3A and S3B (average and standard deviation over all
acquisitions) over all scenes currently (re)processed with the new climatology and observed difference (in %)
between OLCIA and OLCIB

OLCI band	Wavelength	Oscar Rayleigh (	OLCIA	Oscar Rayleigh	% difference	
	(nm)	avg	stdev	avg	stdev	OLCIA and OLCIB
Oa01	400	1.038	0.025	1.014	0.026	2.36%
Oa02	412	1.047	0.025	1.026	0.025	2.04%
Oa03	443	1.042	0.021	1.021	0.023	2.03%
Oa04	490	1.044	0.014	1.025	0.015	1.83%
Oa05	510	1.025	0.008	1.009	0.009	1.52%
Oa06	560	1.018	0.008	1.005	0.008	1.21%
Oa07	620	1.013	0.006	1.003	0.007	0.98%
Oa08	665	1.016	0.005	1.007	0.005	0.91%
Oa09	674	1.018	0.005	1.009	0.005	0.81%
Oa10	681	1.015	0.005	1.007	0.005	0.79%
Oa11	709	0.998	0.008	0.994	0.009	0.41%
Oa12	754	1.010	0.002	1.009	0.002	0.08%



### 3.2 [OLCI-L1B-CV-320] – Radiometric Validation with Level 3 products

#### 3.2.1 OLCI-A

There has been no new result during the cycle. Last figures (cycle 20) are considered valid.

#### 3.2.2 OLCI-B

This activity has not started for OLCI-B.



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# 4 Level 2 Land products validation

### 4.1 [OLCI-L2LRF-CV-300]

#### 4.1.1 Routine extractions

#### 4.1.1.1 OLCI-A

- The focus for this time period has been on the rolling archive Non Time Critical (NT) data until the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2020. More data available for statistical analysis as a concatenation procedure for all available data in the MERMAID processing has been implemented.
- Concatenated time series of OLCI Global Vegetation Index and OLCI Terrestrial Chlorophyll Index have been regenerated on the current rolling archive availability including previous extractions since June 2016 and April 2018 for S3A and S3B respectively.

Figure 70 to Figure 79 below present the Core Land Sites OLCI-A time series over the current period.

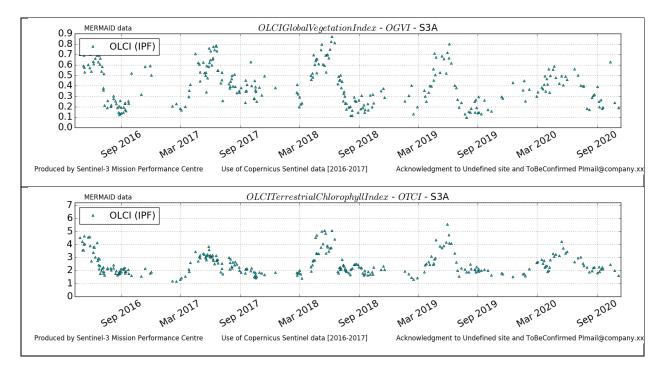
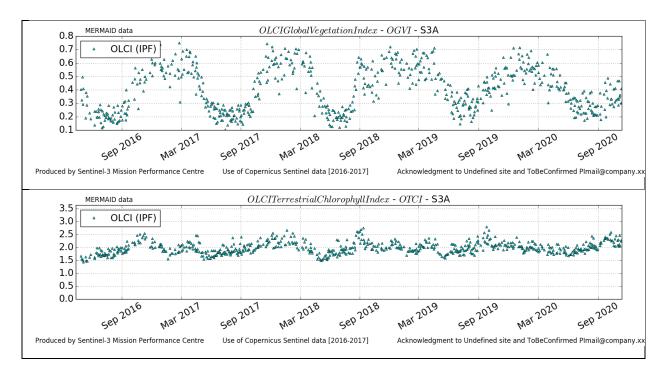
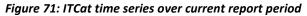


Figure 70: DeGeb time series over current report period







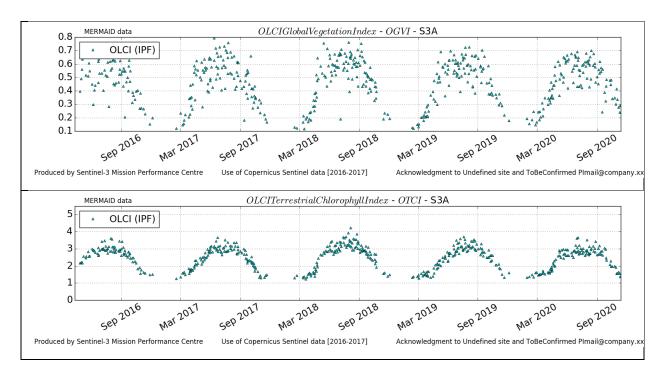
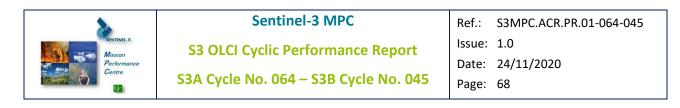
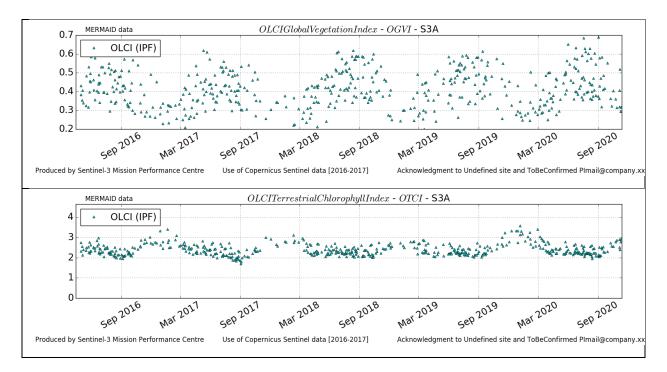


Figure 72: ITIsp time series over current report period







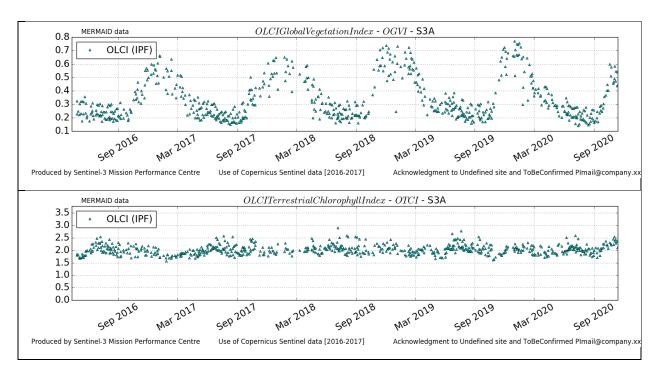
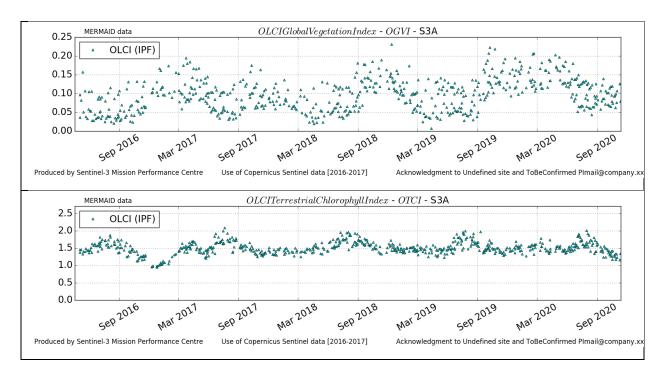
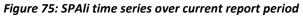


Figure 74: ITTra time series over current report period







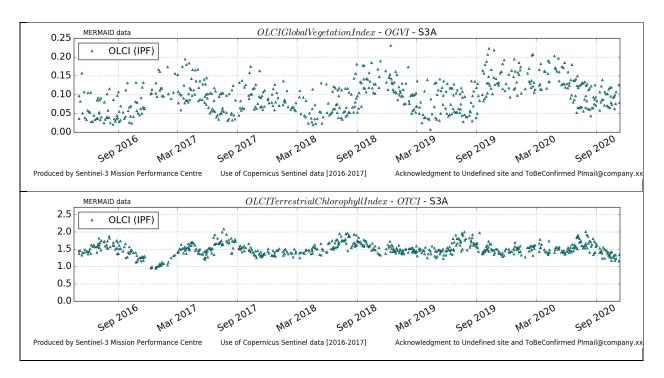
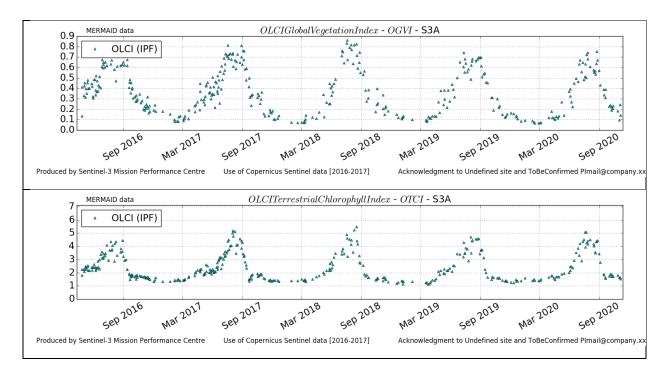


Figure 76: UKNFo time series over current report period







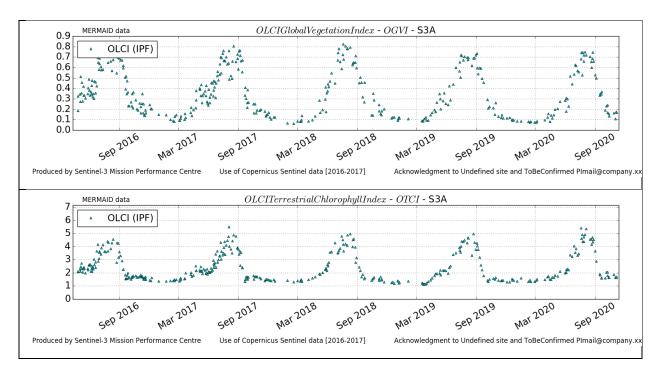


Figure 78: USNe2 time series over current report period

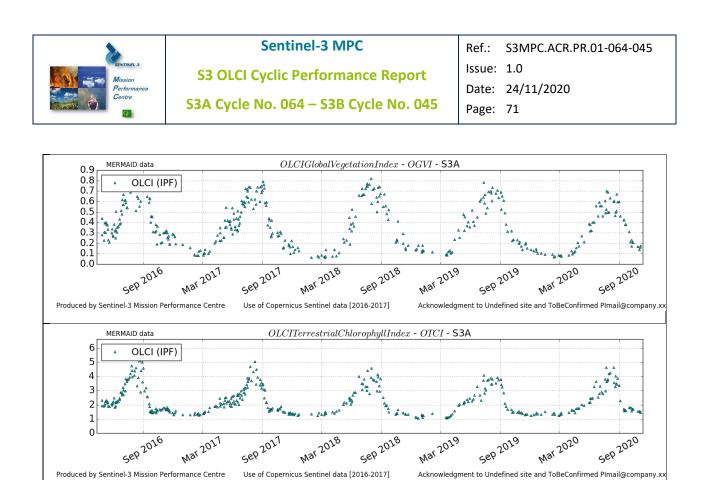


Figure 79: USNe3 time series over current report period

#### 4.1.1.2 OLCI-B

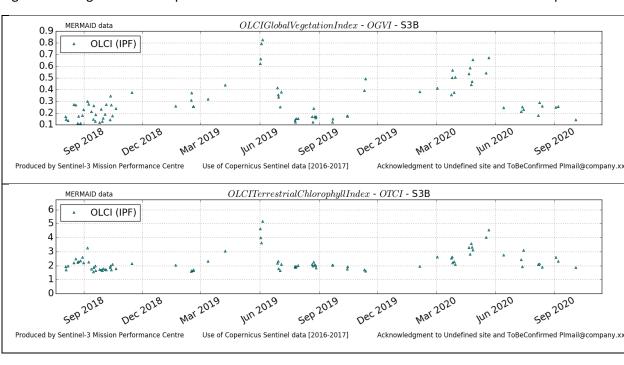
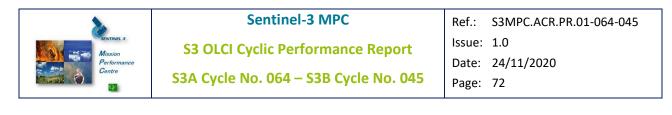
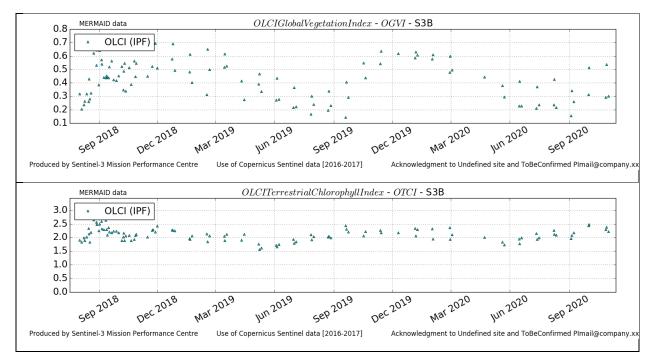


Figure 80 to Figure 89 below present the Core Land Sites OLCI-B time series over the current period.

Figure 80: DeGeb time series over current report period







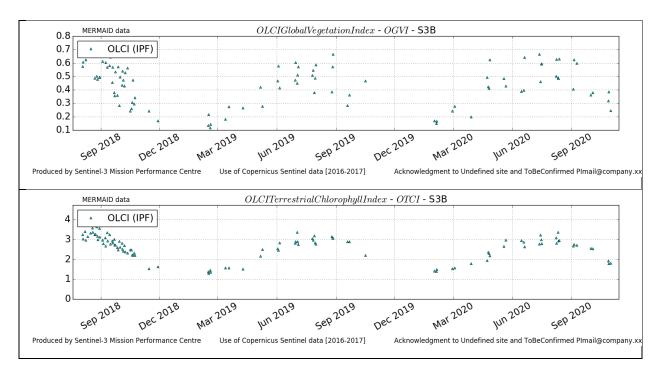
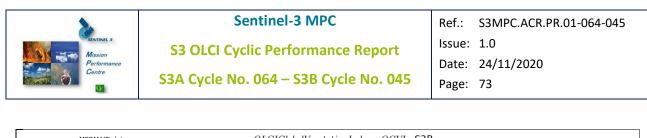
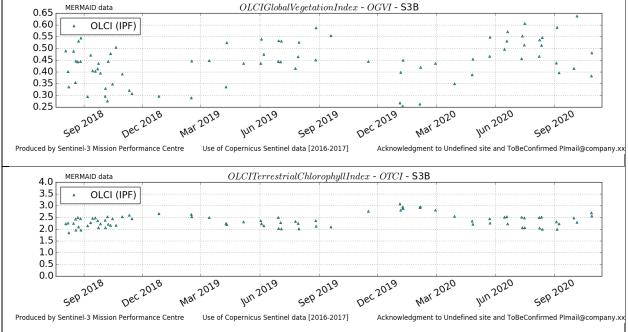


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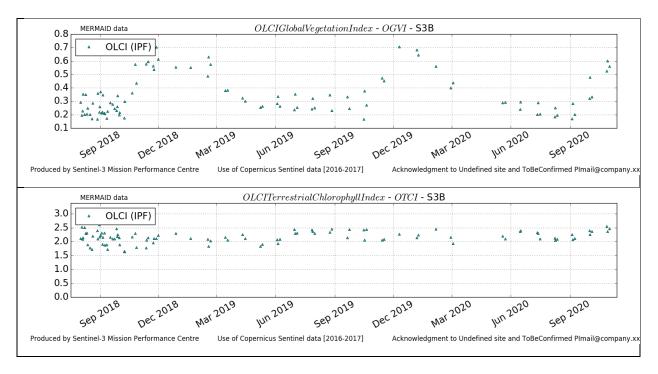
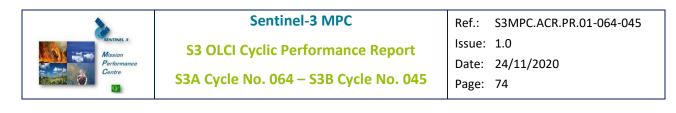
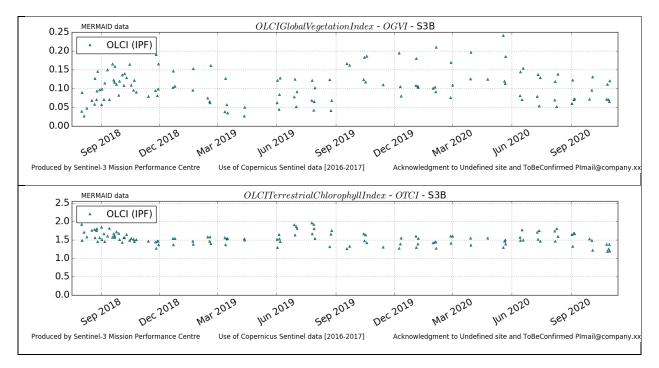
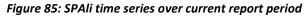


Figure 84: ITTra time series over current report period







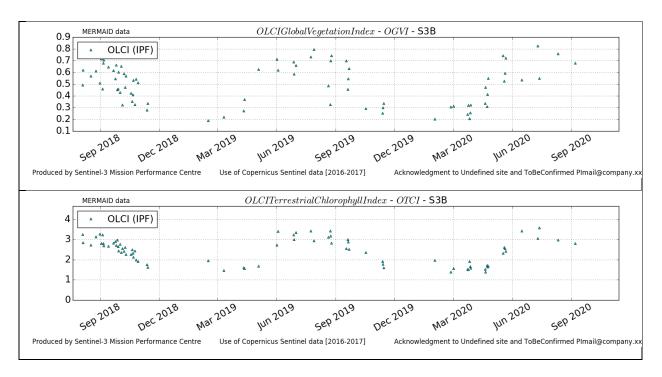
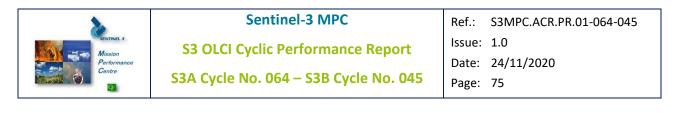
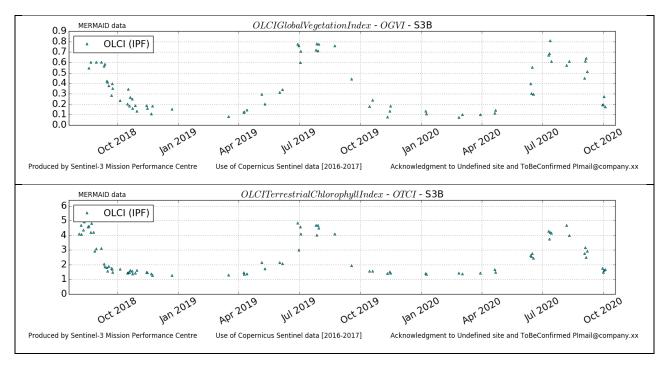


Figure 86: UKNFo time series over current report period







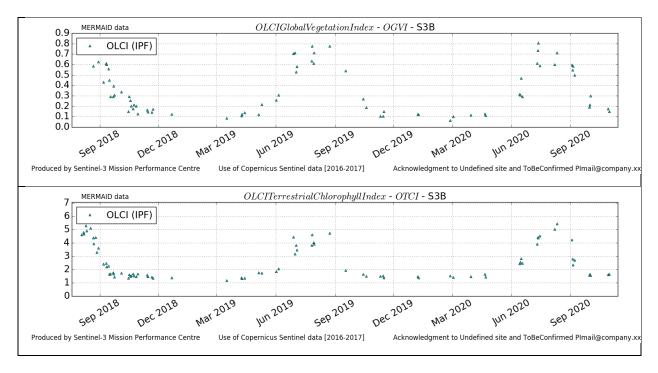


Figure 88: USNe2 time series over current report period

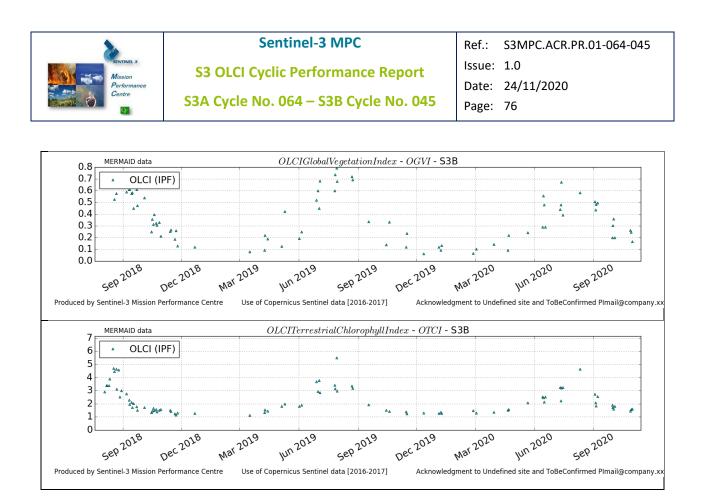


Figure 89: USNe3 time series over current report period

#### 4.1.2 Comparisons with MERIS MGVI and MTCI climatology

This report presents the comparison between MERIS and OLCI land products between 21st October 2020 and 20th November 2020. The comparison is conducted using 3x3 pixel extractions over 36 established validation sites. The sites are distributed across a range of latitudes and include representative land cover types (Table 5). Statistical measures of the comparison between MERIS and OLCI products are presented in Table 6. In general, there is good agreement between the land products with strong R2 values and biases around 0. There are similar seasonal trajectories and timings shown in the extractions from both products at the following sites reviewed in this monthly report: BE-Brasschaat, DE-Haininch and FR-EstreesMons (Figure 90 to Figure 92). The monthly mean extractions from all sites is shown in Figure 93. Both OTCI and OGVI display strong agreements with the MERIS archive (R2 = 0.91), NRMSD < 0.2 and absolute bias < 0.07. The performance results are available in the MPC web app:

https://s3mpc-soton.shinyapps.io/s3mpc\_gui/



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# Table 5: Validation sites analysed in report S3A 64/S3B 45. Land cover data from GLC2000 grouped according to the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) designations.

Acronym	Country	Network	Lat	Lon Land cover
AU-Alice-Mulga	Australia	TERN-SuperSites, AusCover/OzFlux	-22.283	133.251 EBF
AU-Calperum	Australia	TERN-SuperSites, AusCover/OzFlux	-34.003	140.588 Non-forest
AU-Cape-Tribulation	Australia	TERN-SuperSites, OzFlux	-16.106	145.378 EBF
AU-Cumberland	Australia	TERN-SuperSites, AusCover/OzFlux	-33.615	150.723 EBF
AU-Great-Western	Australia	TERN-SuperSites, AusCover/OzFlux	-30.192	120.654 DBF
AU-Litchfield	Australia	TERN-SuperSites, AusCover/OzFlux	-13.18	130.79 EBF
AU-Robson-Creek	Australia	TERN-SuperSites, AusCover/OzFlux	-17.117	145.63 EBF
AU-Rushworth	Australia	TERN-AusCover	-36.753	144.966 DBF
AU-Tumbarumba	Australia	TERN-SuperSites, AusCover/OzFlux	-35.657	148.152 EBF
AU-Warra-Tall	Australia	TERN-SuperSites, AusCover/OzFlux	-43.095	146.654 EBF
AU-Watts-Creek	Australia	TERN-AusCover	-37.689	145.685 EBF
AU-Wombat	Australia	TERN-SuperSites, AusCover/OzFlux	-37.422	144.094 EBF
BR-Mata-Seca	Brazil	ENVIRONET	-14.88	-43.973 Non-forest
CR-Santa-Rosa	Costa Rica	ENVIRONET	10.842	-85.616 EBF
DE-Geb	Deutschland	CORE	51.1	10.914 Cultivated
DE-Selhausen	Deutschland	ICOS	50.866	6.447 Cultivated
FR-Aurade	France	ICOS	43.55	1.106 Cultivated
FR-Estrees-Mons	France	ICOS Associated	49.872	3.021 Cultivated
FR-Guayaflux	France	ICOS Associated	5.279	-52.925 EBF
FR-Hesse	France	ICOS	48.674	7.065 DBF
FR-Montiers	France	ICOS	48.538	5.312 DBF
FR-Puechabon	France	ICOS	43.741	3.596 ENF
IT-Casterporziano2	Italy	ICOS	41.70427	12.35729 Mixed forest
IT-Cat	Italy	CORE	37.279	14.883 Cultivated
IT-Collelongo	Italy	EFDC	41.849	13.588 DBF
IT-lsp	Italy	CORE	45.813	8.635 Mixed forest
IT-Lison	Italy	ICOS	45.74	12.75 Cultivated
IT-Sro	Italy	CORE	43.728	10.284 Mixed forest
IT-Tra	Italy	CORE	37.646	12.867 Cultivated
PR-Guanica	Puerto Rico	NEON	17.97	-66.869 EBF
SE-Dahra	Senegal	KIT / UC	15.4	-15.43 Cultivated
SP-Ali	Spain	CORE	38.452	-1.065 Cultivated
UK-NFo	United Kingdom	CORE	50.845	-1.54 DBF
UK-Wytham-Woods	United Kingdom	ForestGeo - NPL	51.774	-1.338 DBF
US-Bartlett	United States	NEON, AERONET	44.064	-71.287 DBF
US-Harvard	United States	NEON, AERONET	42.537	-72.173 DBF
US-Moab-Site	United States	NEON, AERONET	38.248	-109.388 Non-forest
US-Mountain-Lake	United States	NEON, AERONET	37.378	-80.525 DBF
US-Oak-Rige	United States	NEON, AERONET	35.964	-84.283 DBF
US-Ordway-Swisher	United States	NEON, AERONET	29.689	-81.993 ENF
US-Talladega	United States	NEON, AERONET	32.95	-87.393 ENF



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Table 6: Comparison statistics between monthly S3A/B OLCI land products and MERIS archive data.

	S3A						S3B										
Site Acronym		OT	CI vs MTCI				/I vs MGVI		_		OTC	l vs MTCI				VI vs MGVI	
	n	R2	NRMSD	Bias	n	R2	NRMSD	Bias		n		NRMSD	Bias	n	R2	NRMSD	Bias
AU-Alice-Mulga	12	0.56	0.03	-0.03	12	0.65	0.11	0.02		12	0.12	0.08	-0.23	12	0.25	0.11	0
AU-Calperum	12	0.45	0.04	0.09	12	0.9	0.08	-0.01		12	0.08	0.05	0.04	12	0.66	0.16	-0.01
AU-Cape-Tribulation	12	0.82	0.04	-0.1	12	0.28	0.06	0.15		11	0.78	0.04	-0.18	11	0.24	0.17	0.11
AU-Cumberland	12	0.9	0.02	0.02	12	0.37	0.1	0.08		12	0.54	0.05	0.02	12	0.58	0.1	0.08
AU-Great-Western	12	0.97	0.02	0.13	12	0.95	0	0.04		12	0.98	0.01	0.14	12	0.73	0.1	0.03
AU-Litchfield	12	0.94	0.02	-0.01	12	0.95	0.06	0.04		12	0.65	0.08	0.02	12	0.93	0.06	0.02
AU-Robson-Creek	12	0.92	0.03	-0.06	12	0.87	0.04	0.1		12	0.79	0.05	-0.18	12	0.65	0.13	0.11
AU-Rushworth	12	0.79	0.04	0.13	12	0.2	0.08	0.09		12	0.27	0.07	-0.13	12	0.47	0.08	0.04
AU-Tumbarumba	12	0.84	0.06	0.35	12	0.5	0.1	0.11		12	0.55	0.08	0.16	12	0.3	0.1	0.03
AU-Warra-Tall	12	0.63	0.08	-0.01	12	0.36	0.14	0.05		8	0.32	0.09	-0.39	8	0.28	0.24	0
AU-Watts-Creek	12	0.62	0.05	0.05	12	0.46	0.08	0.09		12	0.67	0.06	0.03	12	0	0.2	0.07
AU-Wombat	12	0.89	0.03	0.13	12	0.34	0.08	0.08		12	0.73	0.04	-0.09	12	0.06	0.11	0.04
BR-Mata-Seca	12	0.98	0.04	-0.02	12	0.99	0.05	0.02		12	0.93	0.07	-0.01	12	0.98	0.07	0.03
CR-Santa-Rosa	12	0.98	0.04	0.11	12	0.58	0.21	0.12		12	0.93	0.08	-0.03	12	0.42	0.27	0.06
DE-Geb	12	0.89	0.09	-0.1	12	0.86	0.15	0.05		11	0.86	0.12	0.05	11	0.56	0.29	0.01
DE-Selhausen	12	0.88	0.09	-0.02	12	0.51	0.21	0.06		12	0.73	0.12	-0.16	12	0.26	0.3	0.01
FR-Aurade	12	0.79	0.11	0.1	12	0.84	0.19	0.14		11	0.88	0.08	0.03	11	0.86	0.16	0.08
FR-Estrees-Mons	12	0.95	0.07	0.06	12	0.88	0.11	0.06		12	0.78	0.15	0.14	12	0.82	0.14	0.04
FR-Guayaflux	12	0.68	0.03	-0.18	12	0	0.1	0.17		11	0.68	0.04	-0.25	11	0.02	0.22	0.24
FR-Hesse	12	0.99	0.04	0.06	12	0.98	0.06	0.07		11	0.97	0.06	0.08	11	0.86	0.17	0.08
FR-Montiers	12	0.99	0.03	-0.11	12	0.98	0.08	0.04		12	0.96	0.08	-0.1	12	0.9	0.17	0.08
FR-Puechabon	12	0.78	0.04	-0.06	12	0.9	0.06	0.09		12	0.93	0.03	0.03	12	0.93	0.06	0.06
IT-Casterporziano2	12	0.99	0.01	-0.08	12	0.85	0.03	0.07		12	0.91	0.04	-0.05	12	0.47	0.08	0.06
IT-Cat	12	0.61	0.04	-0.36	12	0.74	0.16	0.01		12	0.56	0.05	-0.3	12	0.46	0.19	0.02
IT-Collelongo	12	0.98	0.05	-0.02	12	0.99	0.05	0.02		12	0.92	0.13	0.05	12	0.96	0.11	0.03
IT-Isp	12	1	0.02	0	12	0.99	0.06	0.06		11	0.97	0.05	0.03	11	0.9	0.16	0.04
IT-Lison	12	0.98	0.03	-0.04	12	0.98	0.07	0.09		12	0.93	0.06	-0.05	12	0.94	0.1	0.09
IT-Sro	12	0.9	0.03	-0.18	12	0.93	0.06	0.08		12	0.8	0.04	-0.2	12	0.75	0.09	0.1
IT-Tra	12	0.72	0.02	-0.05	12	0.97	0.1	0.07		12	0.52	0.03	0.09	12	0.98	0.06	0.09
PR-Guanica	12	0.47	0.14	-0.22	12	0.32	0.14	0.07		12	0.54	0.15	-0.39	12	0.19	0.2	0.05
SE-Dahra	12	0.76	0.04	-0.04	12	0.89	0.43	0.01		11	0.22	0.09	-0.07	11	0.88	0.52	0.02
SP-Ali	12	0.93	0.02	0.06	12	0.03	0.14	0.03		12	0.89	0.02	0.09	12	0.1	0.28	0.03
UK-NFo	12	0.98	0.04	-0.22	12	0.97	0.08	0.07		10	0.96	0.05	-0.17	10	0.95	0.11	0.07
UK-Wytham-Woods	12	0.97	0.05	0.06	12	0.95	0.07	0.1		12	0.92	0.08	-0.01	12	0.82	0.16	0.08
, US-Bartlett	12	0.98	0.03	-0.03	12	0.97	0.1	0.06		11	0.89	0.08	-0.03	11	0.96	0.12	0.03
US-Harvard	12	0.99	0.03	-0.16	12	0.97	0.09	0.05		11	0.97	0.05	-0.2	11	0.94		0.02
US-Moab-Site	12	0.72	0.02	0.05	12	0.05	0.22	0.01		11	0.75	0.03	0.01	11	0.04	0.43	0.04
US-Mountain-Lake	12	0.99	0.04	-0.22	12	0.99	0.05	0.03		11	0.96	0.07	-0.42	11	1		0.01
US-Oak-Rige	12	0.99	0.03	-0.06	12	0.98	0.07	0.05		12	0.99	0.04	-0.08	12	0.99		0.05
US-Ordway-Swisher	12	0.62	0.02	0.02	12	0.9	0.03	0.09		12	0.14	0.04	0	12	0.71		0.06
US-Talladega	12	0.98	0.02	-0.13	12	0.98	0.05	0.07		12	0.91	0.05	-0.18	12	0.95		0.07



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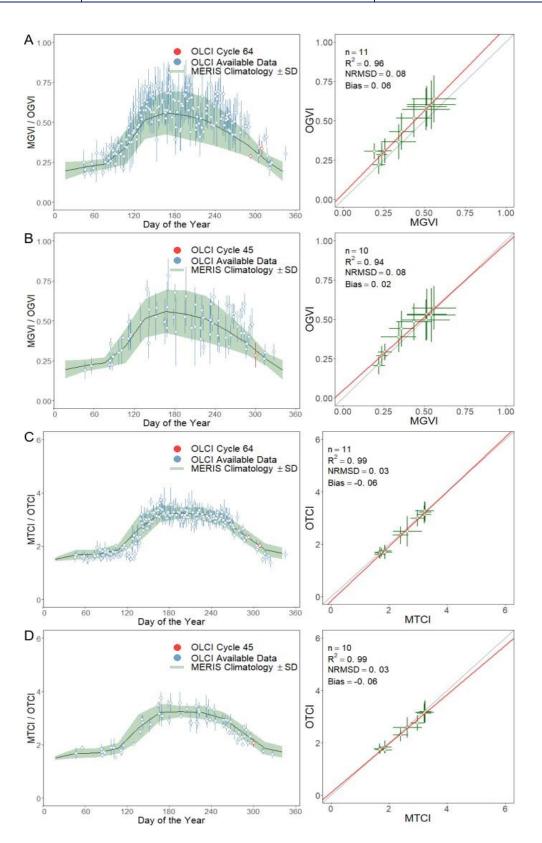


Figure 90: Time-series OGVI and OTCI and corresponding scatterplot of monthly mean for site BE-Brasschaat, Belgium, land cover Needle-leaved, evergreen. A and C represent S3A; B and D represent S3B.



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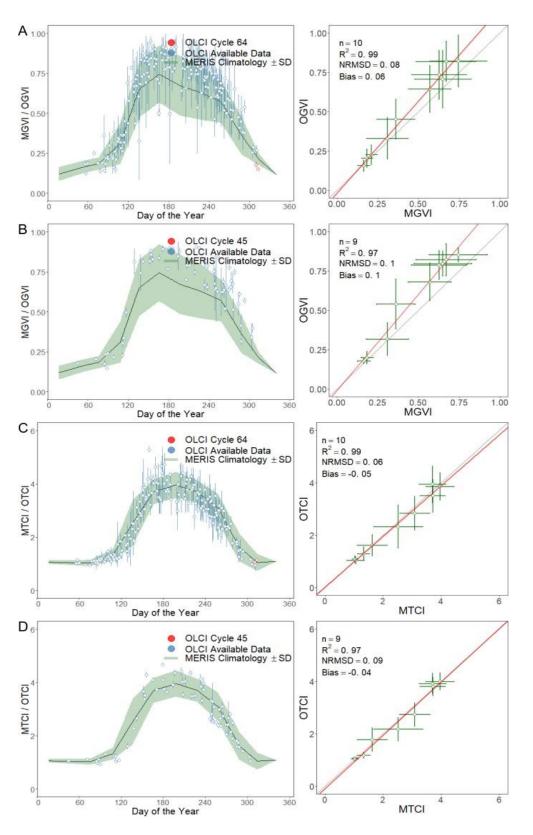


Figure 91: Time-series OGVI and OTCI and corresponding scatterplot of monthly mean for site DE-Haininch, Deutschland, land cover Broadleaved, deciduous, closed. A and C represent S3A; B and D represent S3B.



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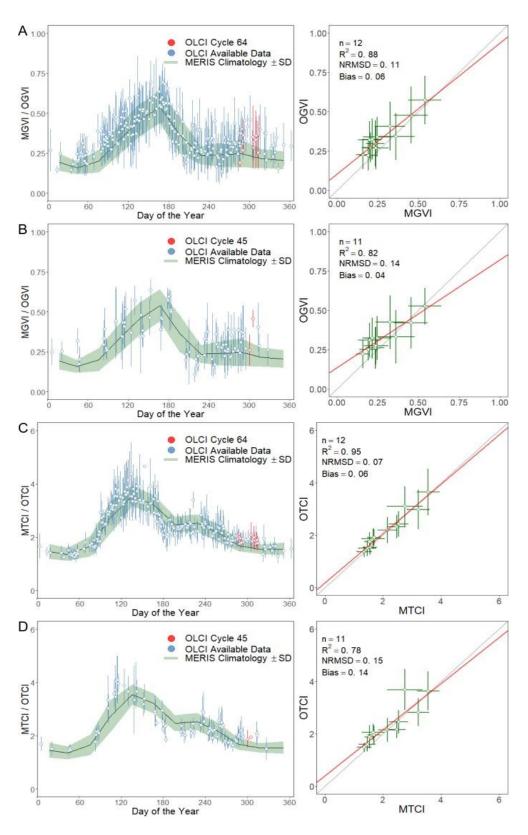


Figure 92: Time-series OGVI and OTCI and corresponding scatterplot of monthly mean for site FR-EstreesMons, France, land cover Cultivated and managed areas. A and C represent S3A; B and D represent S3B.



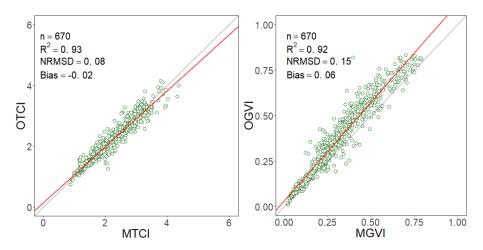


Figure 93: Comparison of OTCI-MTCI (a) and OGVI-MGVI (b). Points in the scatterplot represent the monthly mean of all available S3A and MERIS archive over 55 validation sites. Red and grey lines represent the modelled and 1:1 lines respectively. The scatterplots are updated to include extractions from cycle S3A 64.

## 4.2 [OLCI-L2LRF-CV-410 & OLCI-L2LRF-CV-420] – Cloud Masking & Surface Classification for Land Products

There has been no new result during the cycle. Last figures (cycle 27) are considered valid.



## 5 Level 2 Water products validation

# 5.1 [OLCI-L2-CV-210, OLCI-L2-CV-220] – Vicarious calibration of the NIR and VIS bands

Results are not further discussed here as SVC is now implemented directly by EUMETSAT.

## 5.2 [OLCI-L2WLR-CV-300, OLCI-L2WLR-CV-310, OLCI-L2WLR-CV-32, OLCI-L2WLR-CV-330, OLCI-L2WLR-CV-340, OLCI-L2WLR-CV-350, OLCI-L2WLR-CV-360 and OLCI-L2WLR-CV-370] – Level 2 Water-leaving Reflectance product validation.

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#### 5.2.2 OLCI-A

#### Activities done

- The focus for this time period has been on the rolling archive Non Time Critical (NT) data until the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.
- Current reporting period is hereafter compared to the reprocessed archive covering the April 2016 to November 2017 period. No issues are reported neither in the extraction process nor in OLCI data.
- All extractions and statistics have been regenerated on the current rolling archive availability including all the extraction since July 2017. The available matchups therefore represent over almost three years of operation.
- At best 480 and 486 matchups at 490 and 560nm respectively are useful for this time period. OLCI's performances remain nominal.



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#### **Overall Water-leaving Reflectance performance**

#### **Scatter plots and Performance Statistics**

Figure 94 to Figure 96 below present the scatterplots and statistics of OLCI FR versus in situ reflectance. Two time periods are considered:

- The reprocessed archive covering the April 2016 to November 2017 time period
- The current reporting period computed on the NT dataset.

The current reporting period statistics are in line with the reprocessed dataset.

Table 7 below summarises the statistics over the reprocessing period while Table 8 provides the same figures for the NT rolling Archive over July 2017 – present. The latter statistics are almost within the requirements (5% accuracy in the blue/green bands) – as demonstrated by the RPD values between 2 and 4.8%, with the noticeable exception of 400 and 412 nm with 9-10%. Performances over the current period appear a bit lower than for the calibration period (except at 412 nm), but of the same order of magnitude.



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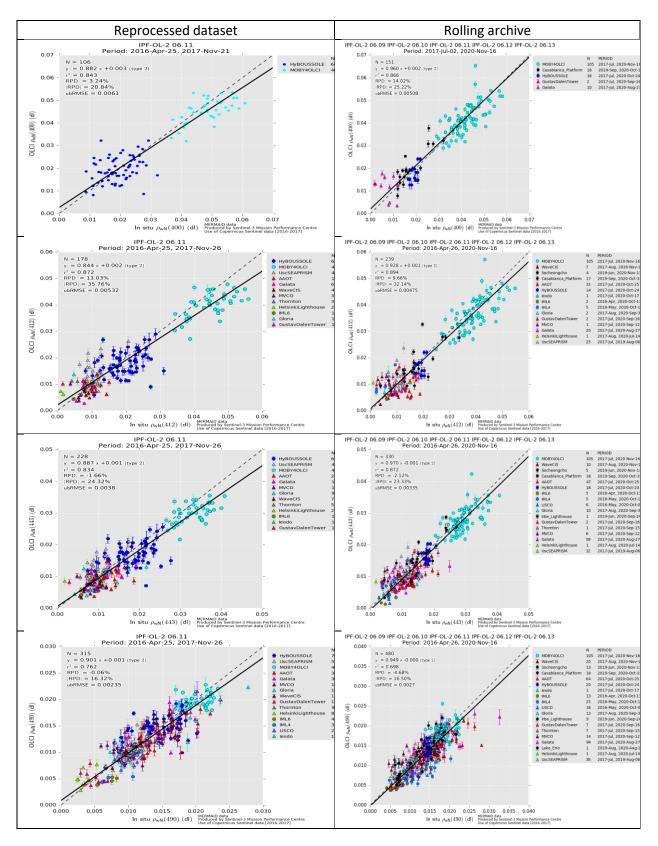


Figure 94: Scatter plots of OLCI-A versus in situ radiometry (FR data). Reprocessed dataset (left), all available data for the current time period (right), Oa1 to Oa4 (400 to 490 nm)



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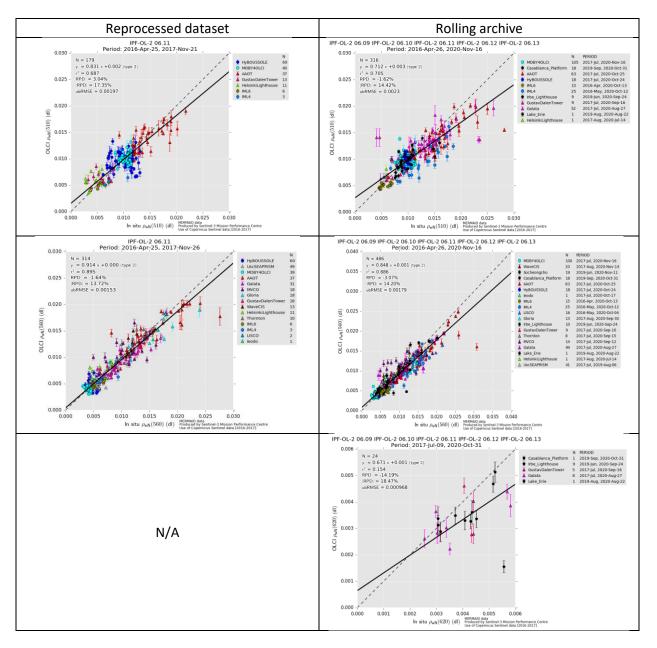


Figure 95: Scatter plots of OLCI-A versus in situ radiometry (FR data). Reprocessed dataset (left), all available data for the current time period (right), Oa5 Oa6 and Oa07 (510, 560 and 620 nm).

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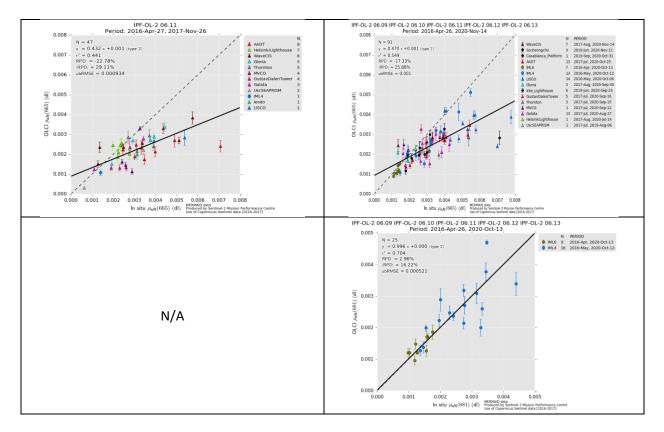


Figure 96: Scatter plots of OLCI-A versus in situ radiometry (FR data). Reprocessed dataset (left), all available data for the current time period (right), Oa8 and Oa10 (665 and 681 nm).

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lambda	Ν	RPD	RPD	MAD	RMSE	slope	intercept r	r2
400	105	3.52%	20.74%	-0.0009	0.0062	0.8774	0.0029	0.8435
412	178	13.03%	35.76%	-0.0011	0.0054	0.8444	0.0021	0.8721
443	228	-1.66%	24.32%	-0.0013	0.0040	0.8874	0.0006	0.8336
490	315	-0.06%	16.32%	-0.0004	0.0024	0.9009	0.0009	0.7618
510	179	3.04%	17.35%	-0.0002	0.0020	0.8314	0.0015	0.6869
560	314	-1.64%	13.72%	-0.0003	0.0016	0.9139	0.0004	0.8946
665	47	-22.78%	29.11%	-0.0009	0.0013	0.4325	0.0009	0.4406

Table 7: OLCI-A FR statistics over REP\_006 period; FR data.

#### Table 8: OLCI-A FR statistics over July 2017-present.

lambda	Ν	RPD	RPD	MAD	RMSE	slope	intercept	r2	
400	151	14.02%	25.22%	0.0007	0.0051	0.9598	0.0020		0.87
412	239	9.66%	32.14%	-0.0010	0.0049	0.9285	0.0007		0.89
443	330	-2.12%	23.33%	-0.0011	0.0035	0.9699	-0.0006		0.87
490	480	-4.68%	16.50%	-0.0009	0.0029	0.9492	-0.0002		0.70
510	316	-1.62%	14.42%	-0.0006	0.0024	0.7118	0.0027		0.70
560	486	-3.07%	14.20%	-0.0006	0.0019	0.8485	0.0008		0.89
620	24	-14.19%	18.47%	-0.0007	0.0012	0.6712	0.0006		0.15
665	91	-17.33%	25.88%	-0.0008	0.0013	0.4696	0.0009		0.55
681	25	2.96%	16.22%	0.0000	0.0005	0.9958	0.0000		0.70



#### **Time series**

Figure 97 and Figure 98 below present Galata and AAOT in situ and OLCI time series over the June 2017present period, for the same IPF configuration (from a scientific point of view).

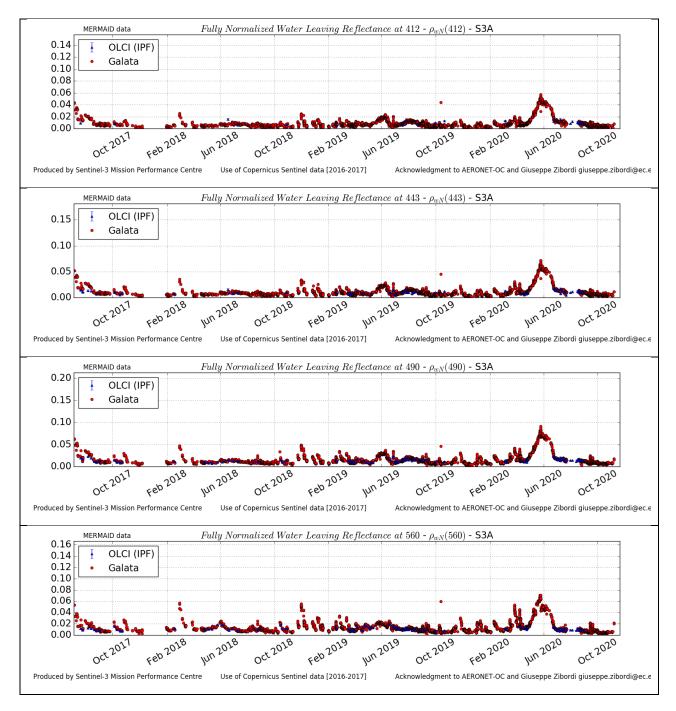


Figure 97: Galata time series over current report period



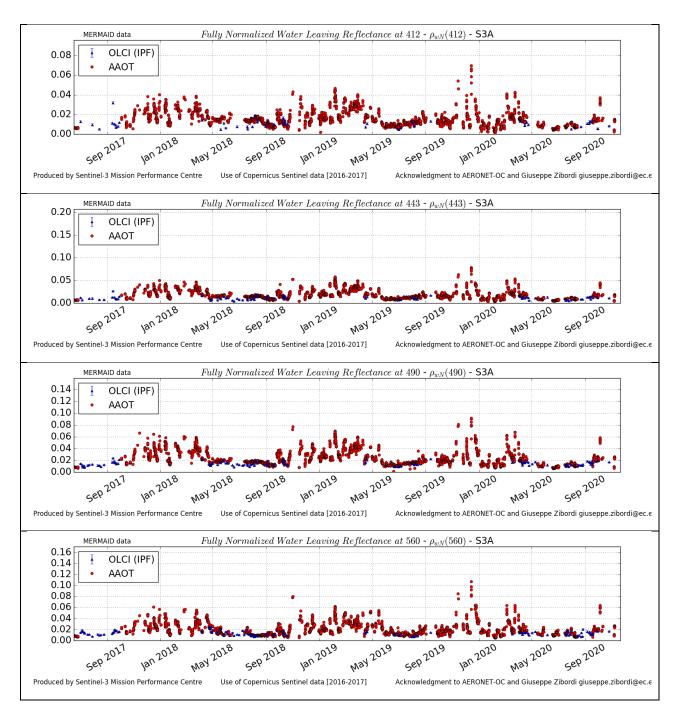


Figure 98: AAOT time series over current report period



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#### 5.2.3 OLCI-B

#### Activities done

- The focus for this time period has been on the rolling archive Non Time Critical (NT) data until the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.
- All extractions and statistics have been regenerated on the current rolling archive availability including all the extraction since February 2019.
- At best 308 and 333 matchups at 490 and 560nm respectively are useful for this time period.

# It must be noted that OLCI-B has no SVC adjustment and as such cannot be expected to provide performances of the same level of quality than OLCI-A.

#### **Overall Water-leaving Reflectance performance**

#### **Scatter plots and Performance Statistics**

- Figure 99 below presents the scatterplots and statistics of OLCI-B FR versus in situ reflectance.
- Table 9 below summarises the statistics over the current reporting period.



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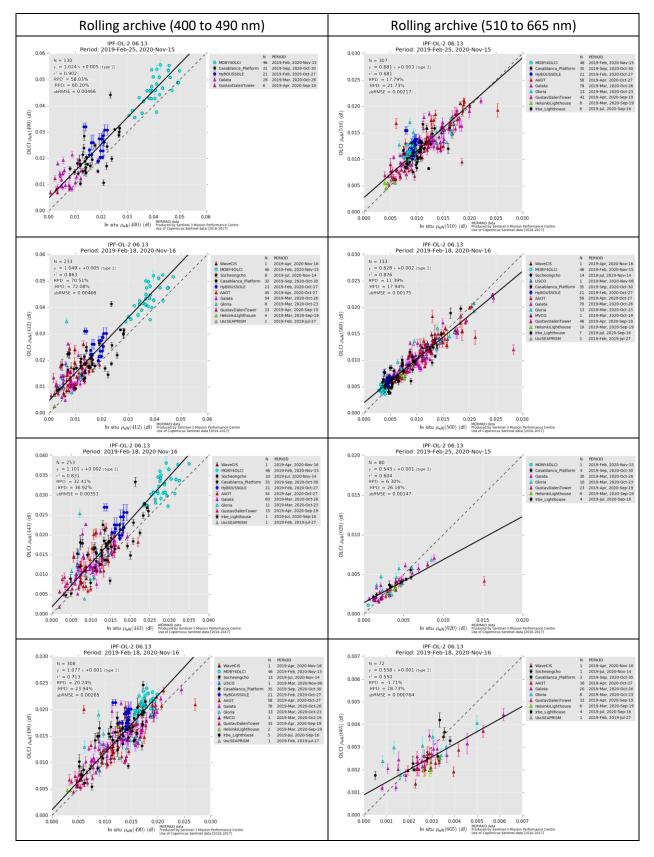


Figure 99: Scatter plots of OLCI-B versus in situ radiometry (FR data). All available data for the current time period.



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#### Table 9: OLCI-B FR statistics over February to August 2020 reporting period.

lambda	Ν	RPD	RPD	MAD	RMSE	slope	intercept	r2	
400	130	58.03%	60.20%	0.0054	0.0072	1.0242	0.0049		0.90
412	233	70.51%	72.08%	0.0055	0.0072	1.0487	0.0047		0.86
443	253	32.41%	36.92%	0.0032	0.0048	1.1009	0.0017		0.83
490	308	20.24%	23.94%	0.0021	0.0034	1.0772	0.0011		0.71
510	307	17.79%	21.73%	0.0014	0.0026	0.8810	0.0027		0.68
560	333	11.39%	17.94%	0.0004	0.0018	0.8279	0.0020		0.88
620	80	6.30%	26.16%	-0.0003	0.0015	0.5429	0.0014		0.60
665	72	-1.71%	28.73%	-0.0004	0.0009	0.5583	0.0009		0.55

#### Time series

Figure 100 and Figure 101 below present AAOT and GALATA in situ and OLCI-B time series over the current period.



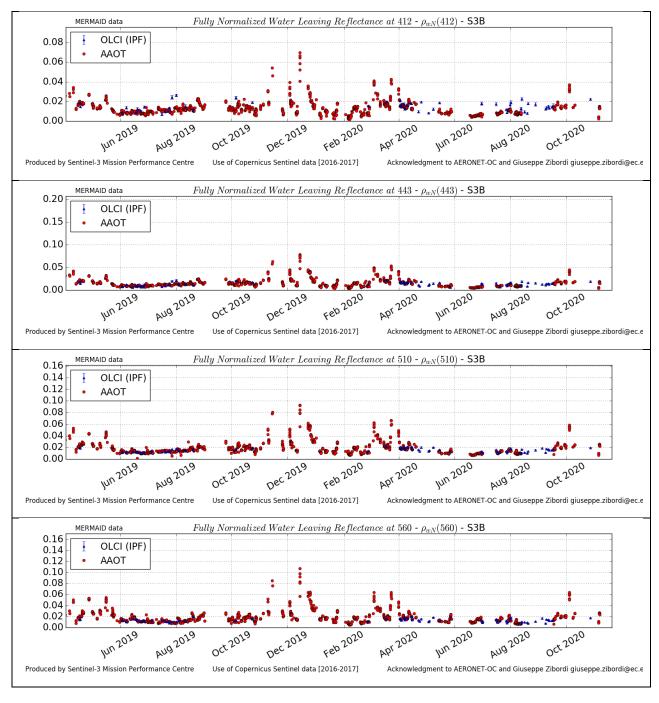
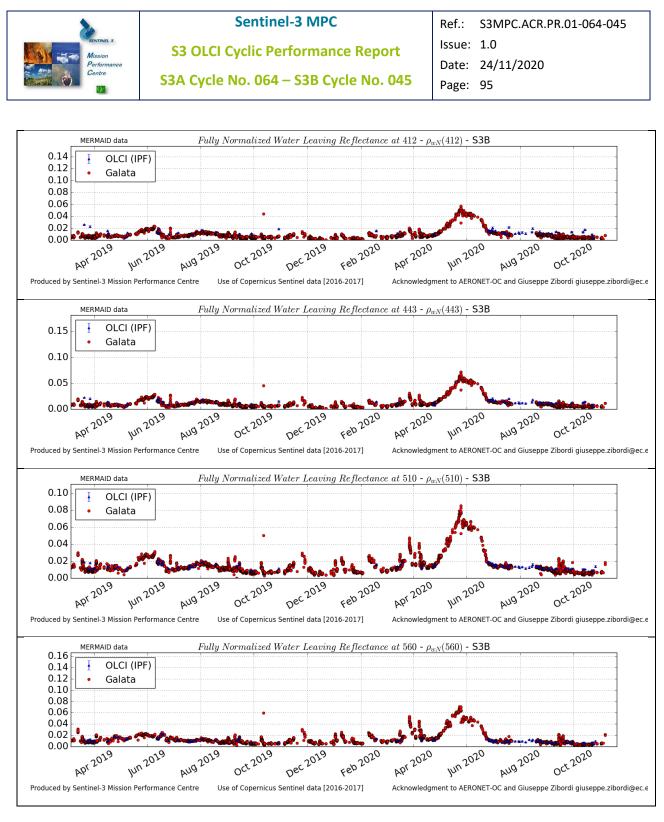


Figure 100: AAOT time series over current report period







# 5.3 [OLCI-L2WLR-CV-430] – Algorithm performance over spatial and temporal domains

There has been no new result during the cycle. Last figures (cycle 27) are considered valid.

### 5.4 [OLCI-L2WLR-CV-510 & 520] – Cloud Masking & Surface Classification for Water Products

There has been no new result during the cycle. Last figures (cycle 27) are considered valid.

### 5.5 [OLCI-L2WLR-CV530] Validation of Aerosol Product

There has been no new result during the cycle. Last figures (cycle 56/37) are considered valid.

# 5.6 [OLCI-L2WLR-CV-380] Development of calibration, product and science algorithms

There has been no new development on calibration, product and science algorithms during the cycle.



# 6 Validation of Integrated Water Vapour over Land & Water

There has been no new result during the cycle. Last figures (cycle 56/37) are considered valid.



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## 7 Level 2 SYN products validation

There has been no new result during the cycle. Most recent performance figures can be found in the S3MPC OPT Annual Performance Report - Year 2019 (S3MPC.ACR.APR.005, issue 1.2, 25/06/2020), available on-line at:

https://sentinels.copernicus.eu/web/sentinel/user-guides/sentinel-3-olci/document-library.



## 8 Events

For OLCI-A, three Radiometric Calibration Sequences have been acquired during Cycle 064:

- S01 sequence (diffuser 1) on 14/10/2020 08:26 to 08:27 (absolute orbit 24263)
- So1 sequence (diffuser 1) on 24/10/2020 02:24 to 02:26 (absolute orbit 24402)
- So1 sequence (diffuser 1) on 06/11/2020 00:07 to 00:09 (absolute orbit 24586)

For OLCI-B, two Radiometric Calibration Sequences have been acquired during Cycle 045:

- S01 sequence (diffuser 1) on 27/10/2020 03:48 to 03:50 (absolute orbit 13052)
- So1 sequence (diffuser 1) on 07/11/2020 17:32 to 17:34 (absolute orbit 13217)



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## 9 Appendix A

Other reports related to the Optical mission are:

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