

ESA STSE WaterRadiance Project

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WaterRadiance Project Overview

- Literature Review (Task 1a)
- Scientific Analysis Plan (Task 1b)
- Development of a water optical properties model (Task 2)
 - includes measurements of pure water
- Development of a water-leaving radiance model in the UV to SWIR spectral range (Task 3) - MOMO (Matrix Operator Model)
 - addition of Raman scattering and polarization plus full range (UV to SWIR)
- Sensitivity analysis (Task 4)
 - Impact of uncertainties related to pure water inherent optical properties on water leaving radiances
 - UV spectral region (300 – 400 nm) / S-3 400 nm band
 - NIR/SWIR spectral range including temperature and salinity effect
- Development of retrieval algorithms of IOPs (Task 5)
 - GKSS Neural Network & GIOP approach

Link to GIOP (mainly within WaterRadiance Phase 2)

- Determine a version or versions optimised for the MERIS and Sentinel-3 bands
- Determine and implement a method for creating product error bars
- Identify the shortcomings of the retrieval algorithm and clearly define the observational conditions in which it is applicable
- Deliverable: MERIS & Sentinel-3 ATBD inputs
- GIOP is an evolving project and the intention is to provide a platform for prototyping and testing.
- Therefore, a pragmatic approach is to develop a bridge from BEAM to the C-coded GIOP processor.
- Deliverables: Contribution to MERIS and Sentinel-3 Retrieval Algorithm Validation & Scientific Roadmap docs