



The Eastern Mediterranean Altimeter Calibration Network – eMACnet:

Anticipating JASON-3 and SWOT

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Outline



- e-MACnet Team Members
- Current state of the sensor network
 - System relocations
 - New deployments
 - Calibration results
- Near real-time data delivery capability (support for EMTWS)
- Network densification in anticipation of future missions' requirements
- Outlook









- Consortium comprises of the following groups:
 - Goddard Earth Science and Technology Center (GEST)
 - The National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)
 - The Hellenic Navy Hydrographic Service (HNHS)
 - The Hellenic Center for Marine Research (HCMR)





Current Network (e-MACnet)



Operational Sites:

- GAVDOS, Crete (GEST), relocated as of October 2010
- KASTELI (2), Crete (GEST & NTUA), online on IOC's GTS
- PALEKASTRO, TG + GNSS receiver (NTUA)
- CHIOS (NTUA)
- MANI (NTUA)
- THASOS (NTUA)
- Buoy sites (NTUA+GEST+HCMR):
 - New proposal submitted for GNSS & OBP addition to 1-2 existing HCMR buoys (2011)

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The eMACnet Network



- Six operational sites, one with two tide gauges (VegaPuls 61 Radar and OTT float)
- Three sites with CORS GNSS receivers
- Two more GNSS receivers purchased for installation at CHIOS & MANI (2010)
- THASOS and a new site in central north Greece will be equipped with GNSS receivers in early 2011
- Tracks covered: 18, 33, 94, 109 (185)











- The AQUATRAK tide gauge (operational since 2003) was relocated to the initially intended location after completion of the HNHS instrument shack on the new KARAVE harbor (east of old location)
- A new CORS GNSS receiver installed and operational at the new location, along with the MET3A sensor and communications equipment for local and satellite transmission of data
- New leveling between old and new sites and GPS data reduction will provide tie to the old record (end of 2010)

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KASTELI site





KASTELI data are placed online via GTS and can be viewed through IOC's web site









- Substantial effort over the past year on the automation of data collection, both for tide gauge and GNSS data
- All float tide gauges are connected via mobile phone lines and modems to a central server at NTUA
- The server executes weekly (or whenever desired) a routine that dials each sensor and downloads the data to the server (it also aligns the sensor clock to its own)
- The GNSS receivers we now deploy are online via mobile network communication lines and can be accessed from anywhere via a browser to control, download, reset, etc.









- Developed a relational data base for the GDR releases used by e-MACnet
- Allows easy computation of various quantities (e.g. SLAs) with multiple inputs for the various corrections
- Currently we are updating the J-1 part with the recently released enhanced JMR product
- Once complete, the d-base will be put online and it will be routinely maintained











Proposed Buoy Location (pending)









- Connect new KARAVE to EUMETCAST and enable data collection with 15 min latency
- Complete GNSS installations at CHIOS and MANI in 2010, and THASOS by early 2011 (GEST & NTUA have purchased instruments)
- Re-analysis of GPS data with ITRF2008 back to 2003
- Redo /extend calibration series with new GDRs for JASON 1 & 2
- Pursue redeployment of mobile SLR (FTLRS?) at Dionysos satellite tracking station (NTUA) in the next 1-2 years (will cover all tracks!!!)



















Coordinates for GVD5 based on ITRF2005 (1 year of data) ITRF2005 Orbits (GSFC, Luthcke et al.) JMR corrections (Desai model) New Parametric SSB (ITRF2005-compatible)

Revised Gavdos GVD5 Height:	21.7805 m
Previous Gavdos GVD5 Height:	21.7620 m
Ah Correction to previous Bias :	-0.0185 m
Ah Correction due to TRF change:	0.0246 m
Correction due to Seasonal ASLA:	-0.0080 m
Δh due to ΔGDR from v.B to v.C (cycle dependent)	

REVISED JASON-1 BIAS:





