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# Validation of Sentinel-2 MSI Atmospheric Correction Products Over Perialpine Lakes Using Automated Radiometers and Field Campaign Data

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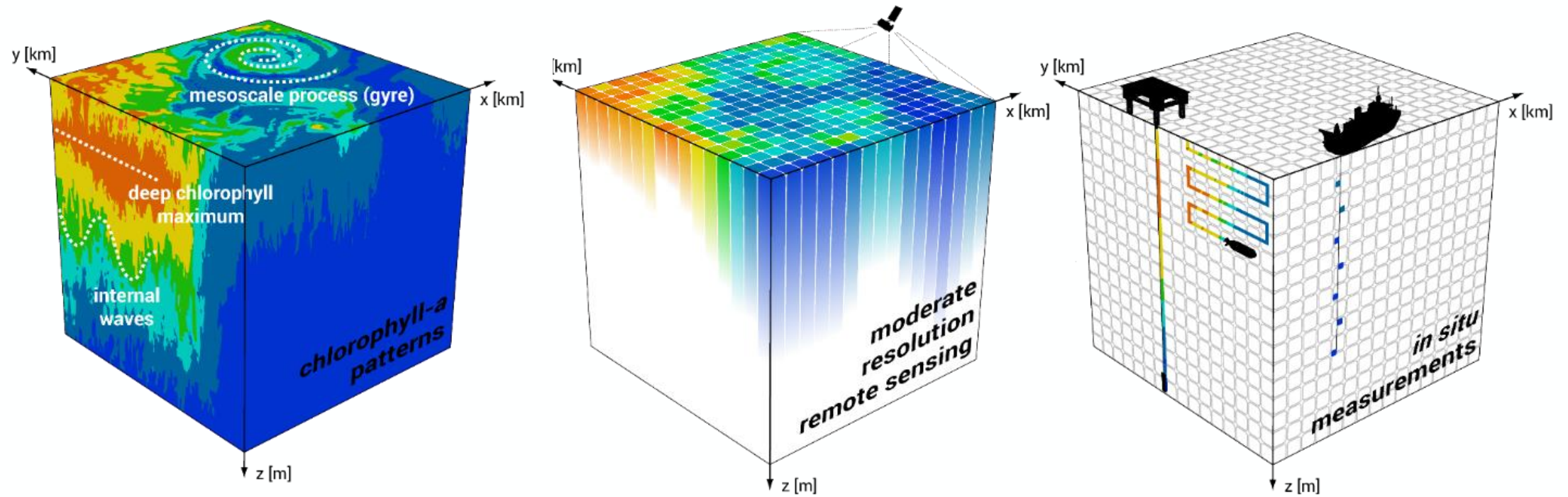
# Modelling complex biogeochemical patterns



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# ALPLAKES



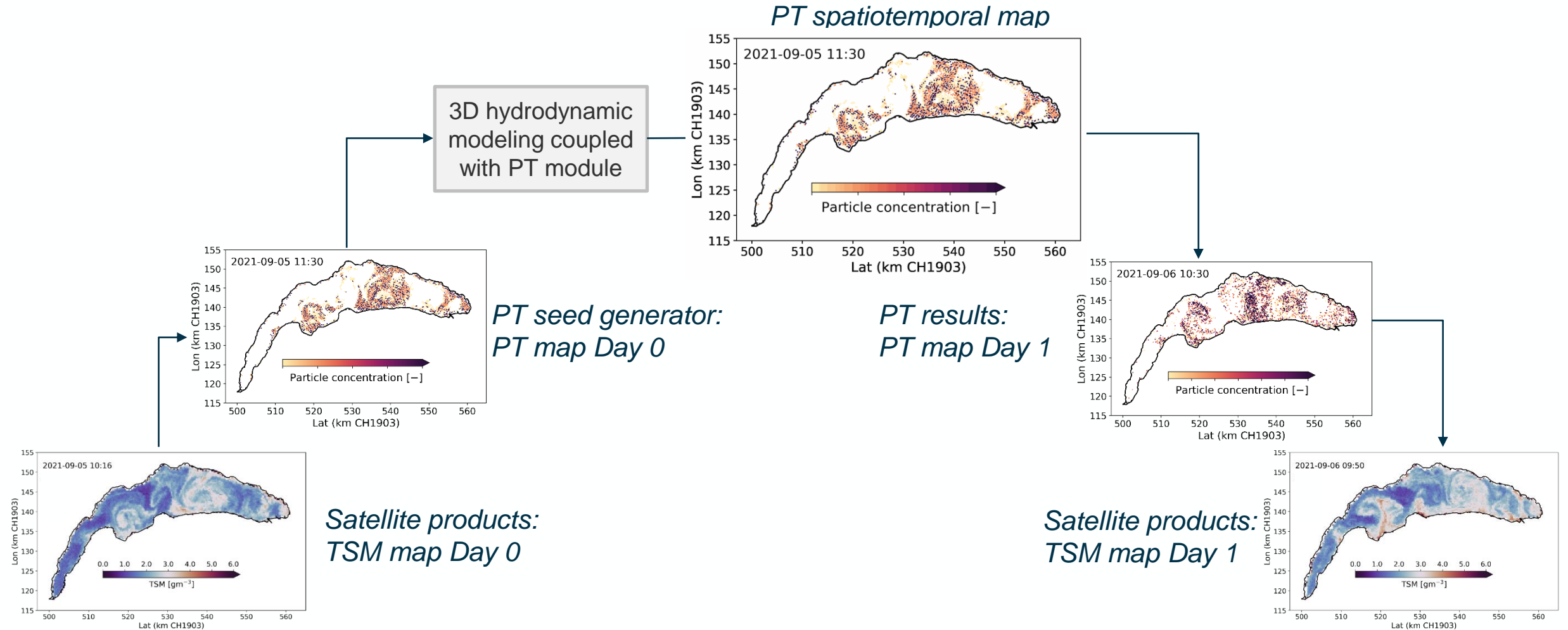
# Alplakes: integrate information from remote sensing, *in situ* measurements and 3D hydrodynamic modelling



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# Alplakes: sites



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Lakes with diverse morphological and hydrological features, trophic status, and climatic conditions located in the northern and southern Alps



# Alplakes: automated radiometry



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Lake Geneva (Switzerland/France)

*LéXPLORE platform*

**(i) WaterInsight WISPstation**

(ii) Satlantic HyperOCR

(iii) PML So-Rad



Lake Garda (Italy)

*Piline Sesarole*

**(i) HYPSTAR**



Greifensee (Switzerland)

*Eawag research platform*

**(i) WaterInsight WISPstation**

(ii) JB Hyperspectral RoX

# In situ radiometry



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Lake	Time frame	Radiometer	Type
Aegeri	06/2022	WISP3	Campaign
Caldonazzo	2019 - 2023	HyperOCR	Campaign
Garda	2015 – 2023	HyperOCR/WISP3	Campaign
Geneva	09/2022 – 07/2023	WISPStation	Automated radiometer
Greifensee	04/2022 – 07/2023	WISPStation	Automated radiometer
Morat	07/2022	WISP3	Campaign
St. Moritz	07/2022	WISP3	Campaign
Zurich	08/2022	TriOS Ramses	Campaign



1. What is the impact of MSI spatial resolution on atmospheric correction (AC) algorithm performance for the Alplakes sites?
2. How does a single center pixel compare to 3x3 pixel aggregation?
3. Is a generalized Alplakes AC feasible or do we require lake-specific AC selection?

# Match-up process



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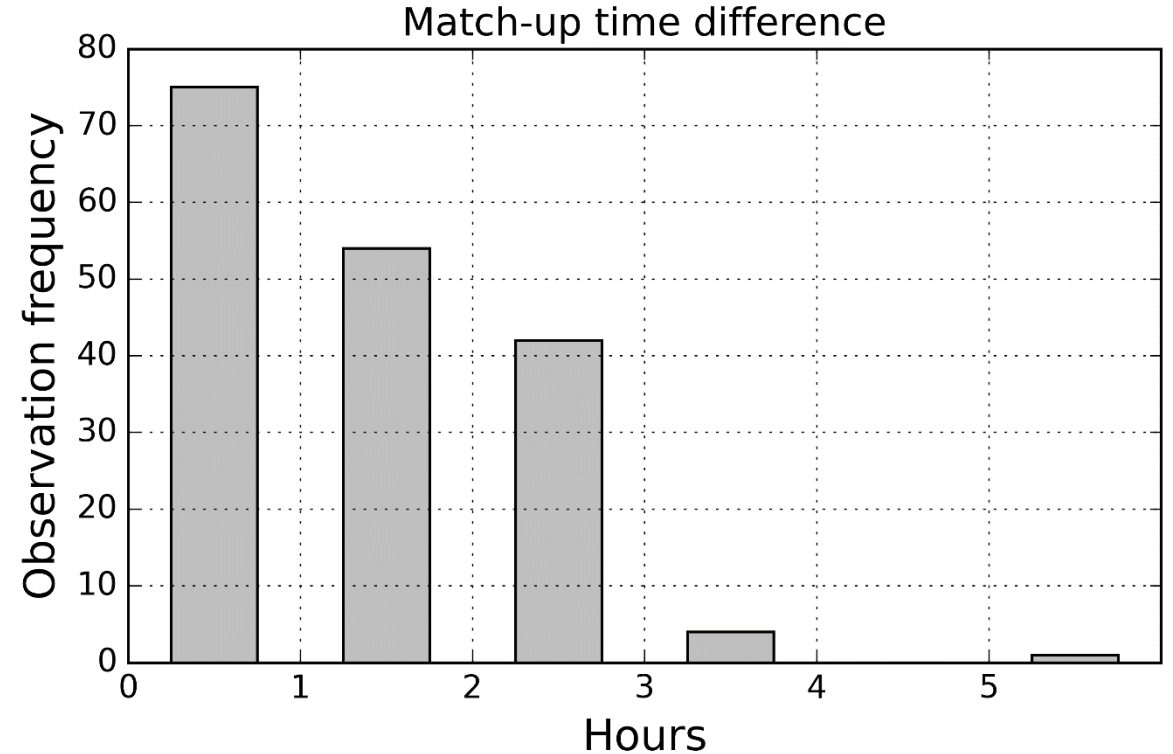


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## Sentinel-2 MSI:

- 20m, 60m
- 1x1 (centre location), 3x3 (median of nine valid pixels)
- ACs: C2RCC, POLYMER, ACOLITE
- Valid water pixel identification through IdePix (Brockmann Consult; Skakun et al., 2022)
- $R_{rs}$  quality scoring



Skakun, S., Wevers, J., Brockmann, C., Doxani, G., Aleksandrov, M., Batič, M., Frantz, D., Gascon, F., Gómez-Chova, L., Hagolle, O., López-Puigdollers, D., Louis, J., Lubej, M., Mateo-García, G., Osman, J., Peressutti, D., Pflug, B., Puc, J., Richter, R., Roger, J.-C., Scaramuzza, P., Vermote, E., Vesel, N., Zupanc, A., Žust, L., 2022. Cloud Mask Intercomparison eXercise (CMIX): An evaluation of cloud masking algorithms for Landsat 8 and Sentinel-2. Remote Sensing of Environment 274, 112990.



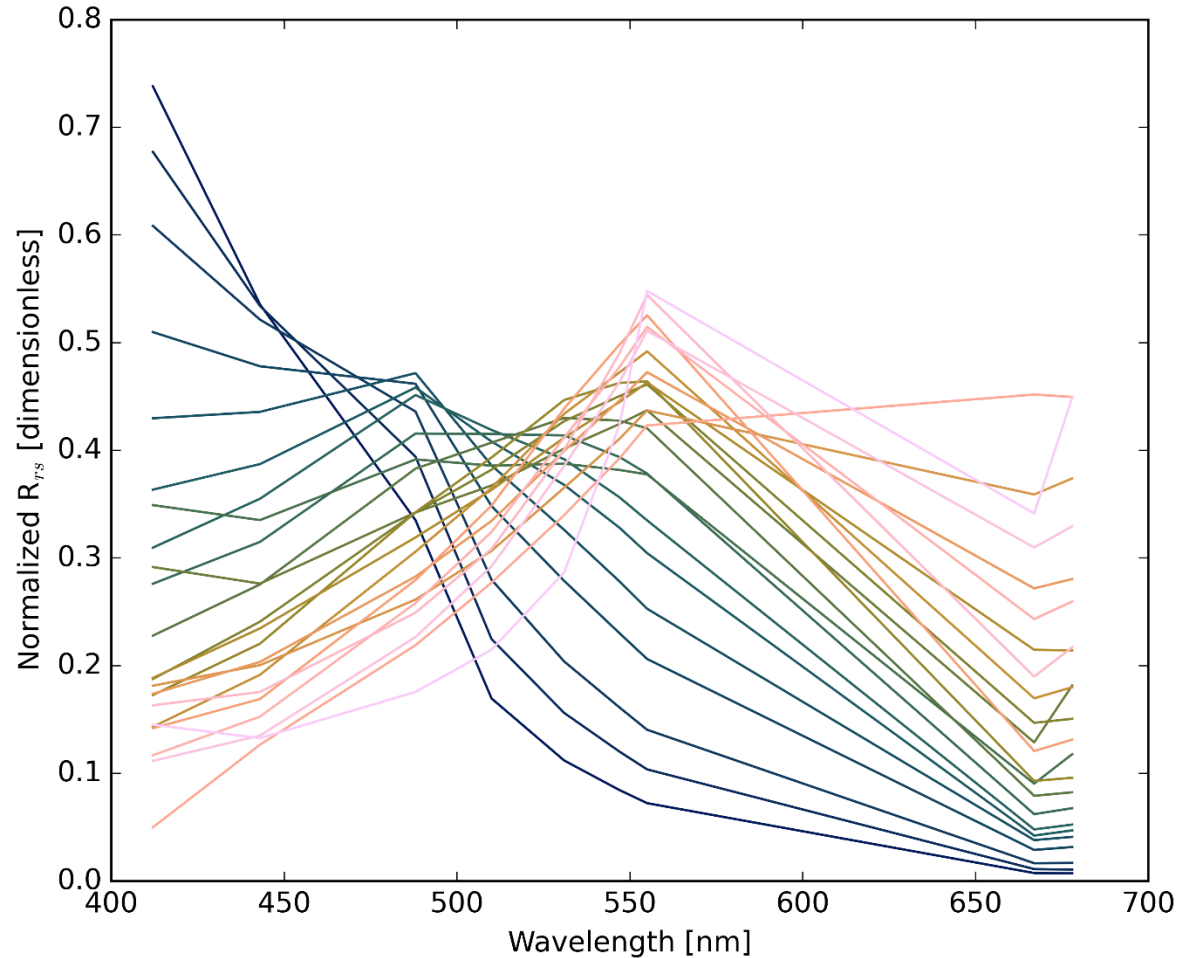
# $R_{rs}$ quality assurance – Wei et al. 2016



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Cluster IDs	
Cluster 1	Cluster 13
Cluster 2	Cluster 14
Cluster 3	Cluster 15
Cluster 4	Cluster 16
Cluster 5	Cluster 17
Cluster 6	Cluster 18
Cluster 7	Cluster 19
Cluster 8	Cluster 20
Cluster 9	Cluster 21
Cluster 10	Cluster 22
Cluster 11	Cluster 23
Cluster 12	

- Scoring against 23 simulated OWTs (open ocean and coastal waters)
- 0 – 1 score,  $\leq 0.5$  poor quality
- Original band settings SeaWiFS, MODIS, VIIRS, Landsat-8
- Only 443 nm from MSI directly comparable

Wei, J., Lee, Z., Shang, S., 2016. A system to measure the data quality of spectral remote-sensing reflectance of aquatic environments. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans* 121, 8189–8207.



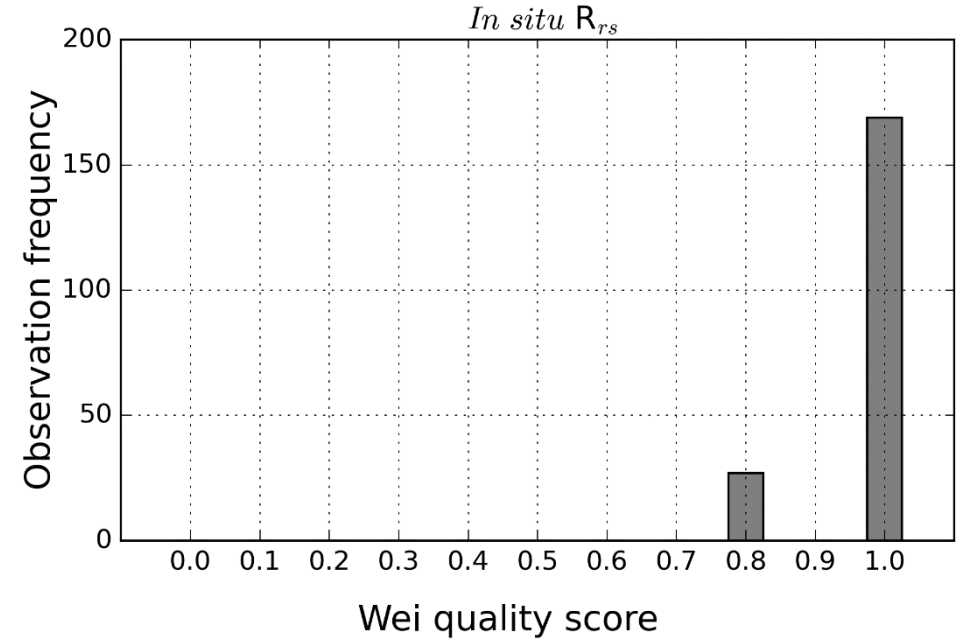
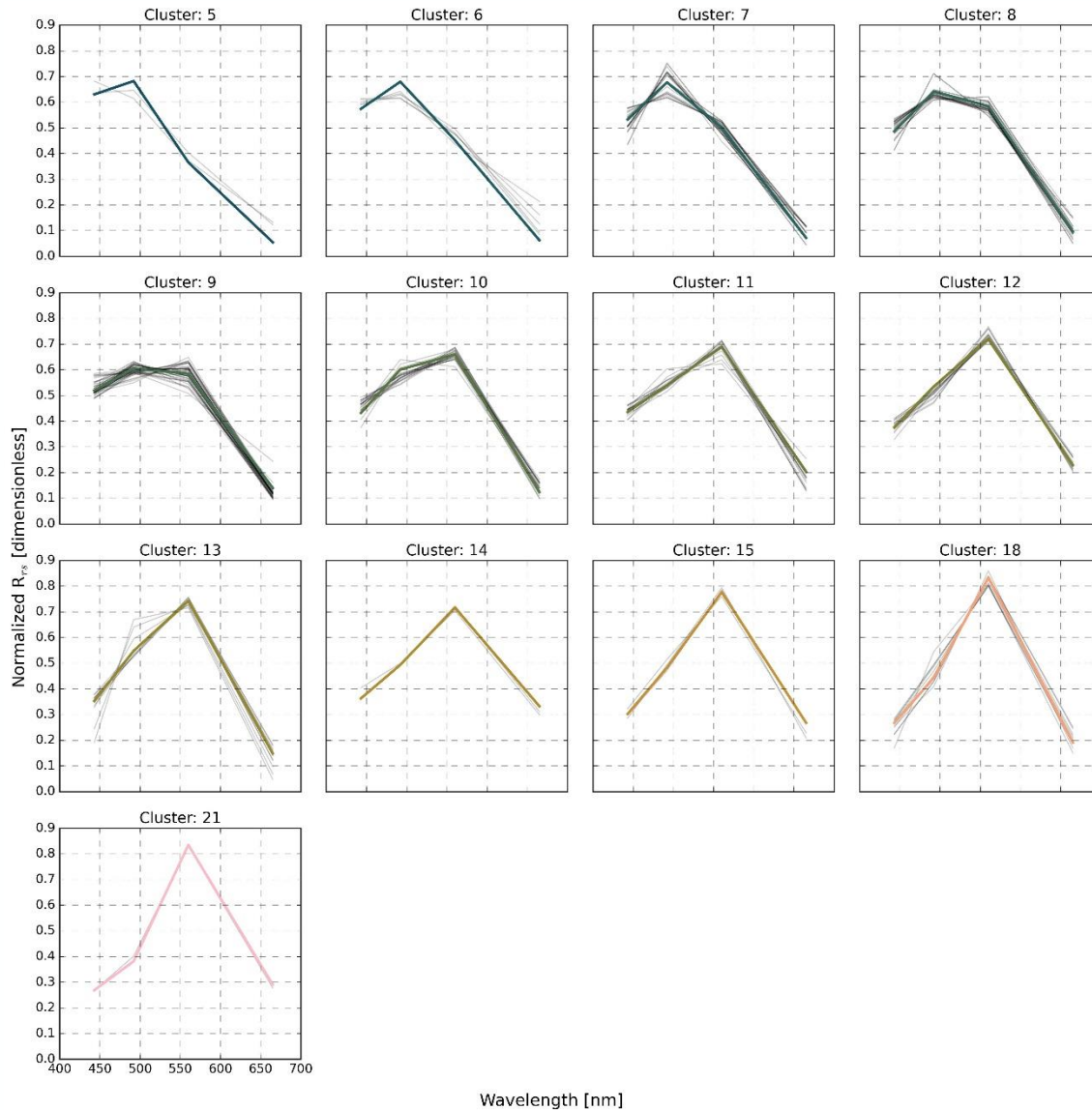
# R<sub>rs</sub> quality assurance – Wei scoring



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Groetsch, P.M.M., Gege, P., Simis, S.G.H., Eleveld, M.A., Peters, S.W.M., 2017. Validation of a spectral correction procedure for sun and sky reflections in above-water reflectance measurements. *Opt. Express*, OE 25, A742–A761.



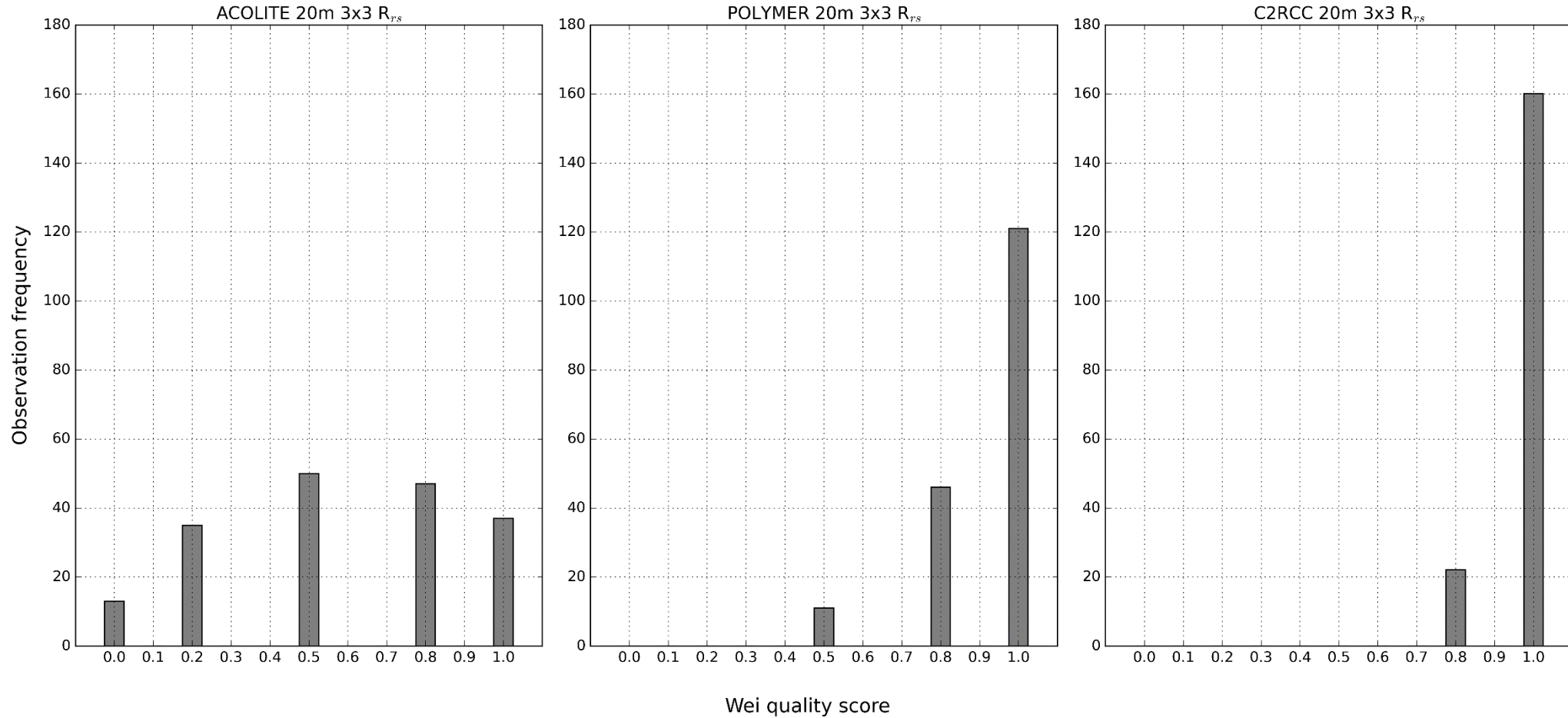
# $R_{rs}$ quality assurance – Wei scoring



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12 combinations:

- 3x AC (C2RCC, ACOLITE, POLYMER)
- 2x match-up box (1x1, 3x3)
- 2x spatial resolution (20m, 60m)

Comparison of median symmetric accuracy (MdSA [%]) per lake per band per AC:

$$MdSA[\%] = \left( 10^{\text{median}(|\log_{10}(\frac{e}{o})|)} - 1 \right) \times 100$$

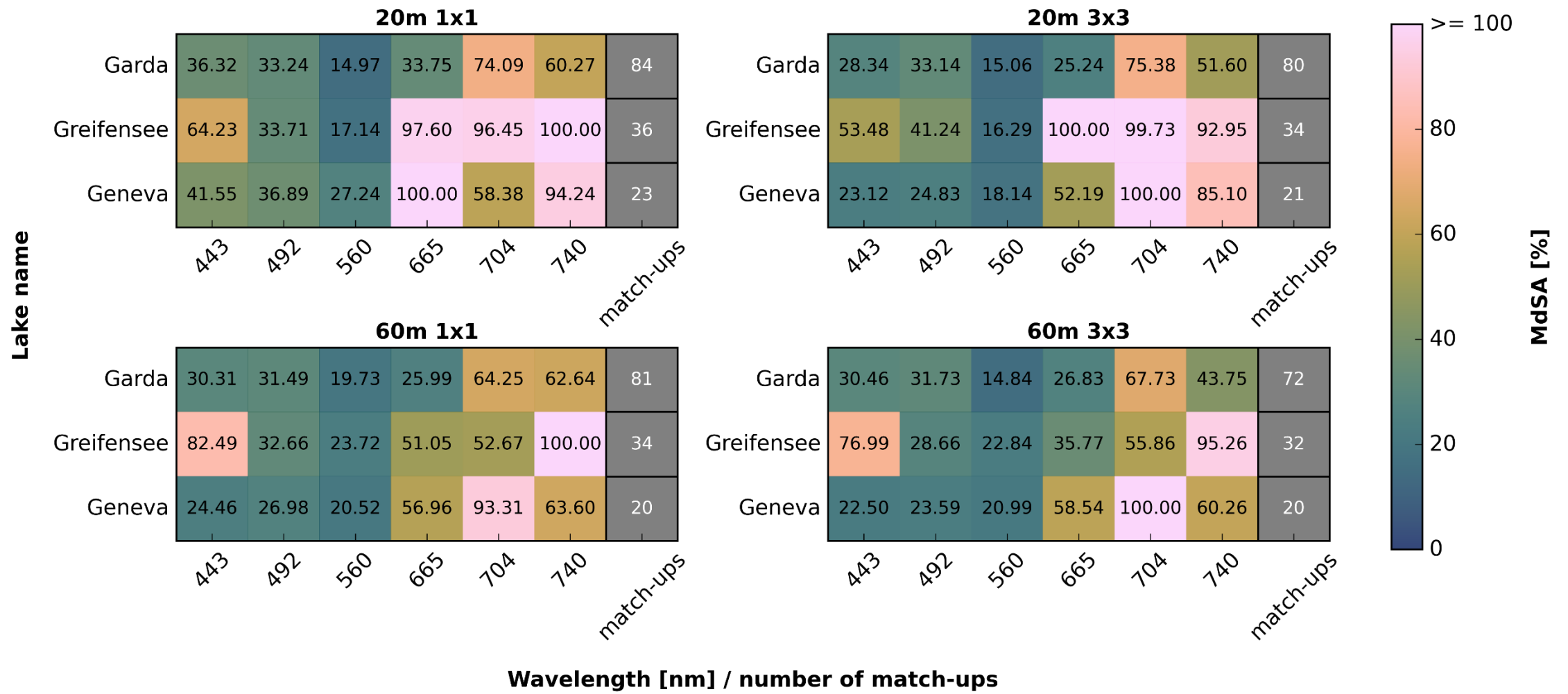
# Lowest MdSA per lake per band from an AC



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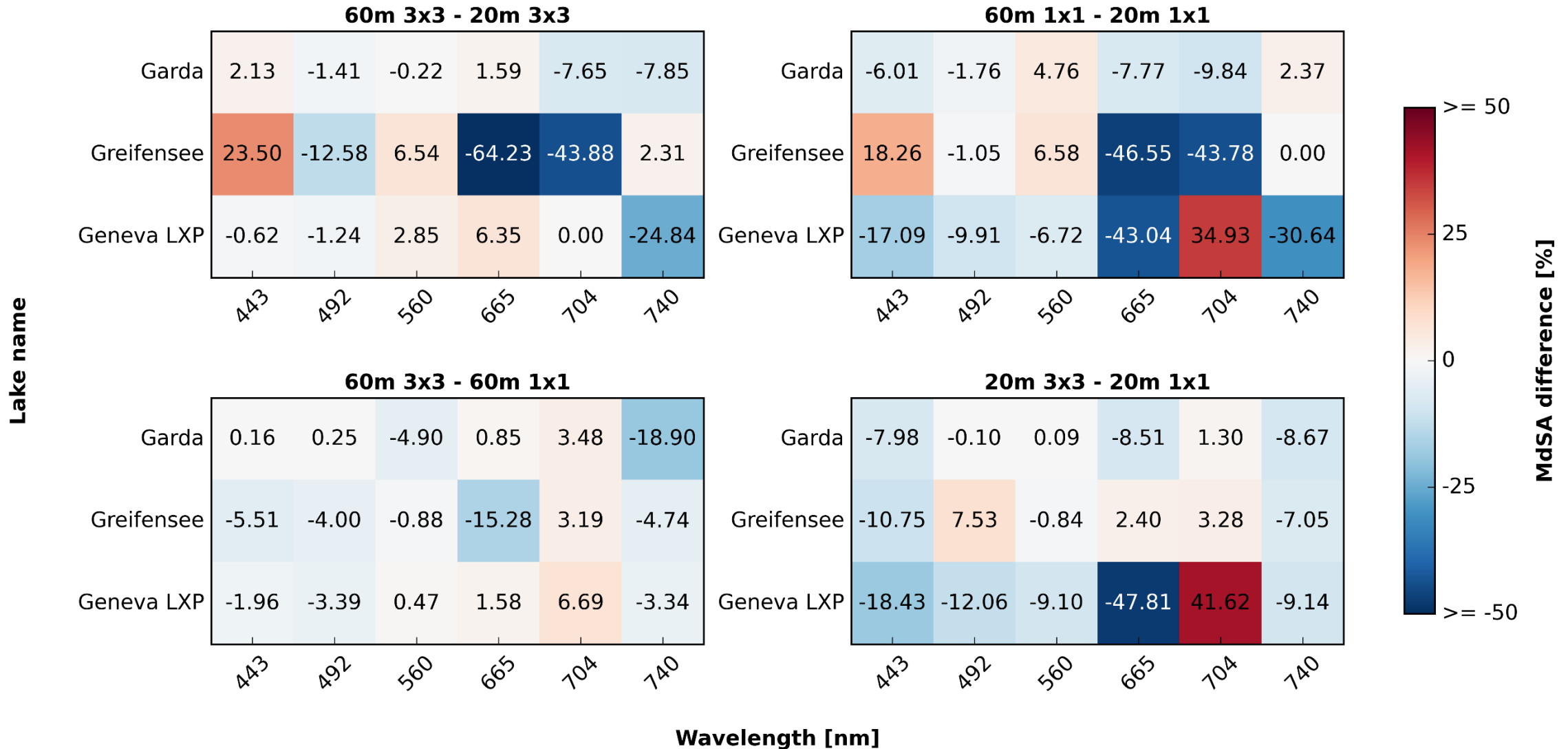
# MdSA difference between configurations



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# Lowest MdSA: corresponding AC



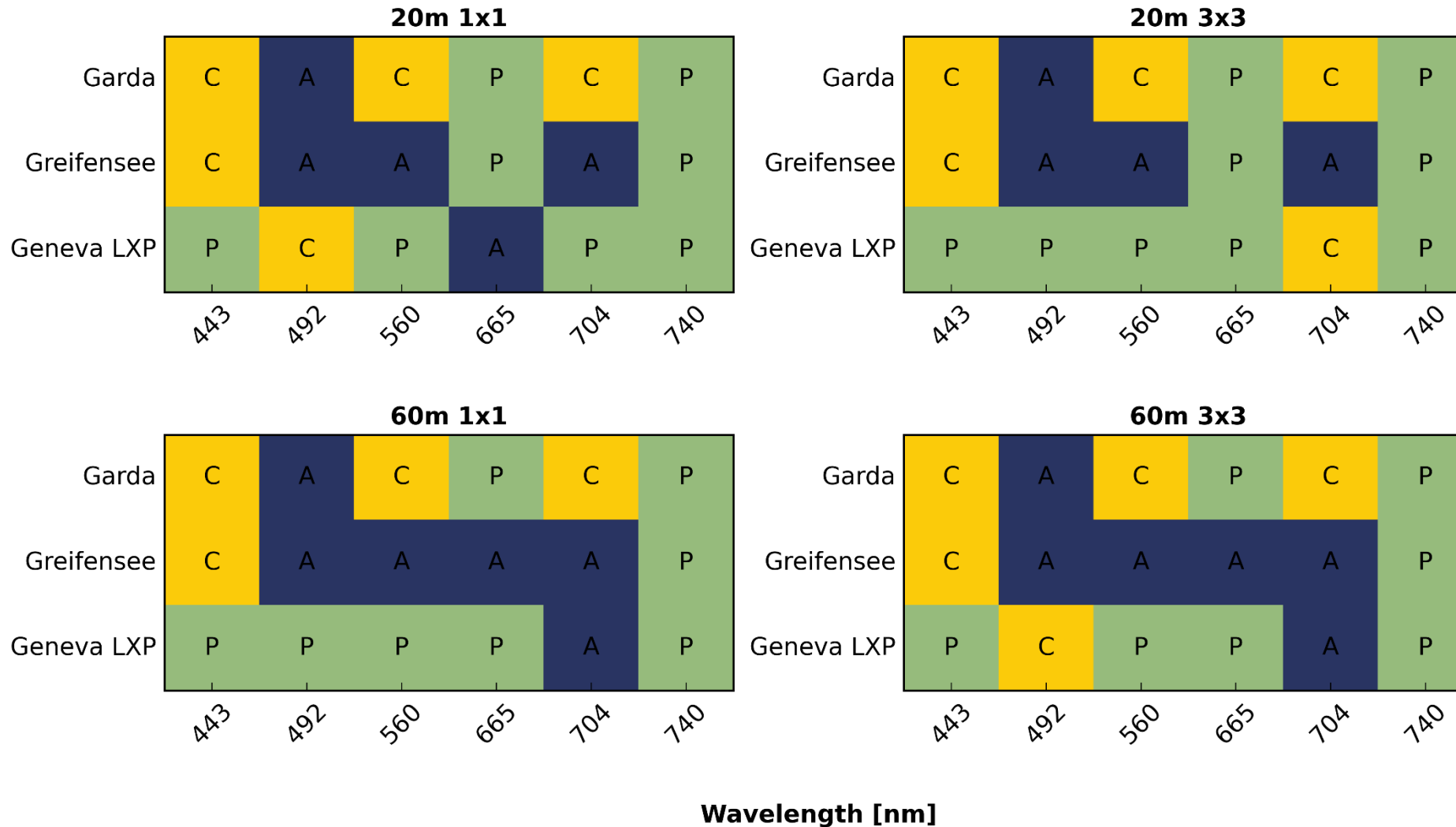
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Lake name



**A = ACOLITE**  
**C = C2RCC**  
**P = POLYMER**



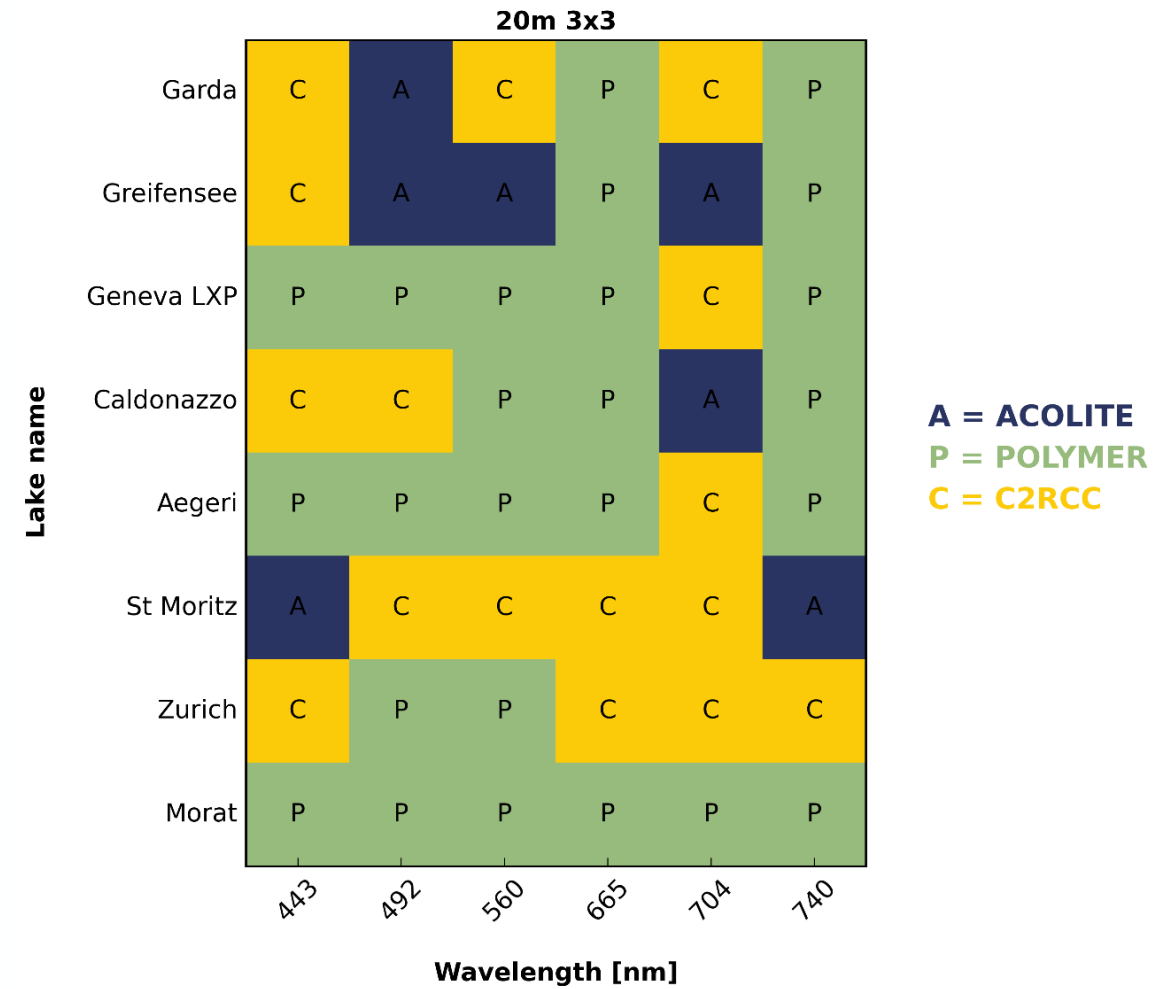
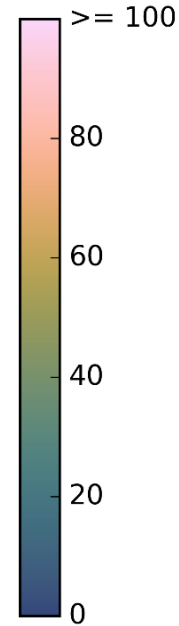
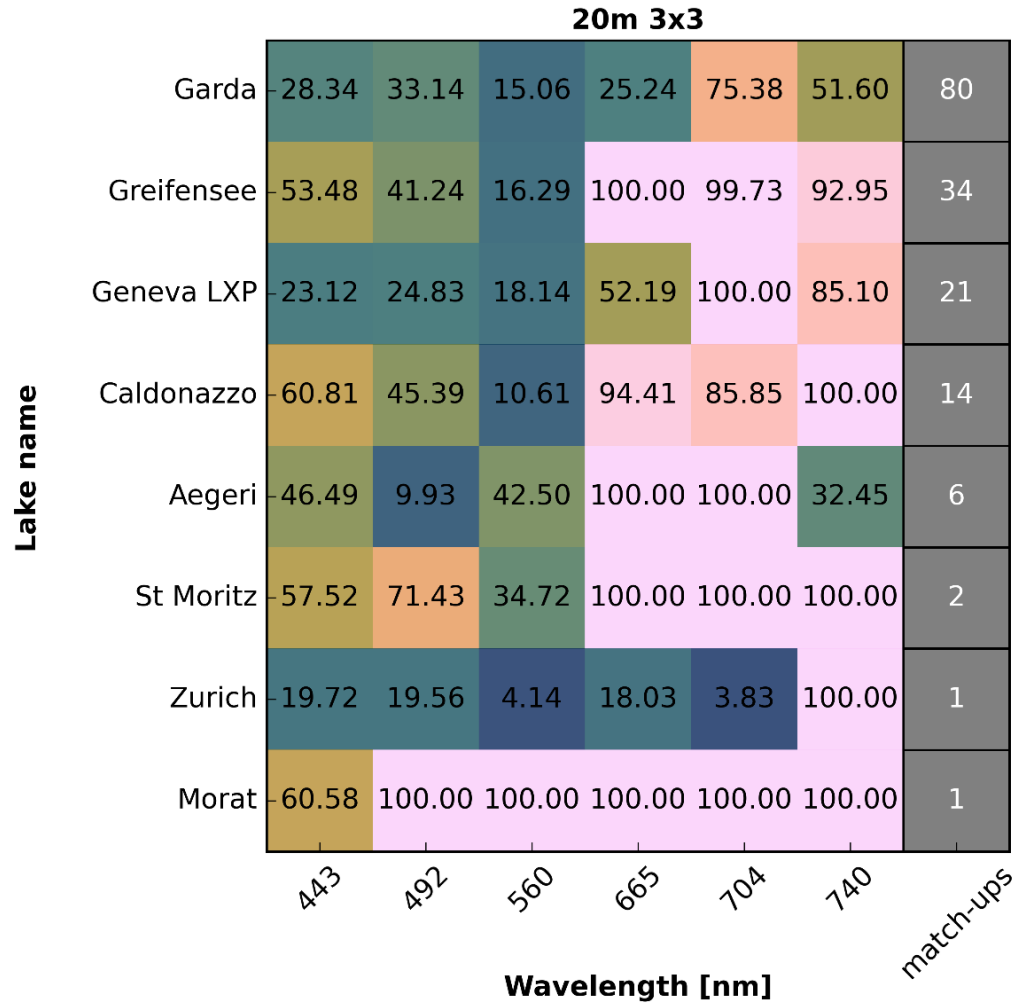
# MdSA and AC for all sites



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# ACOLITE MSI 20m 3x3



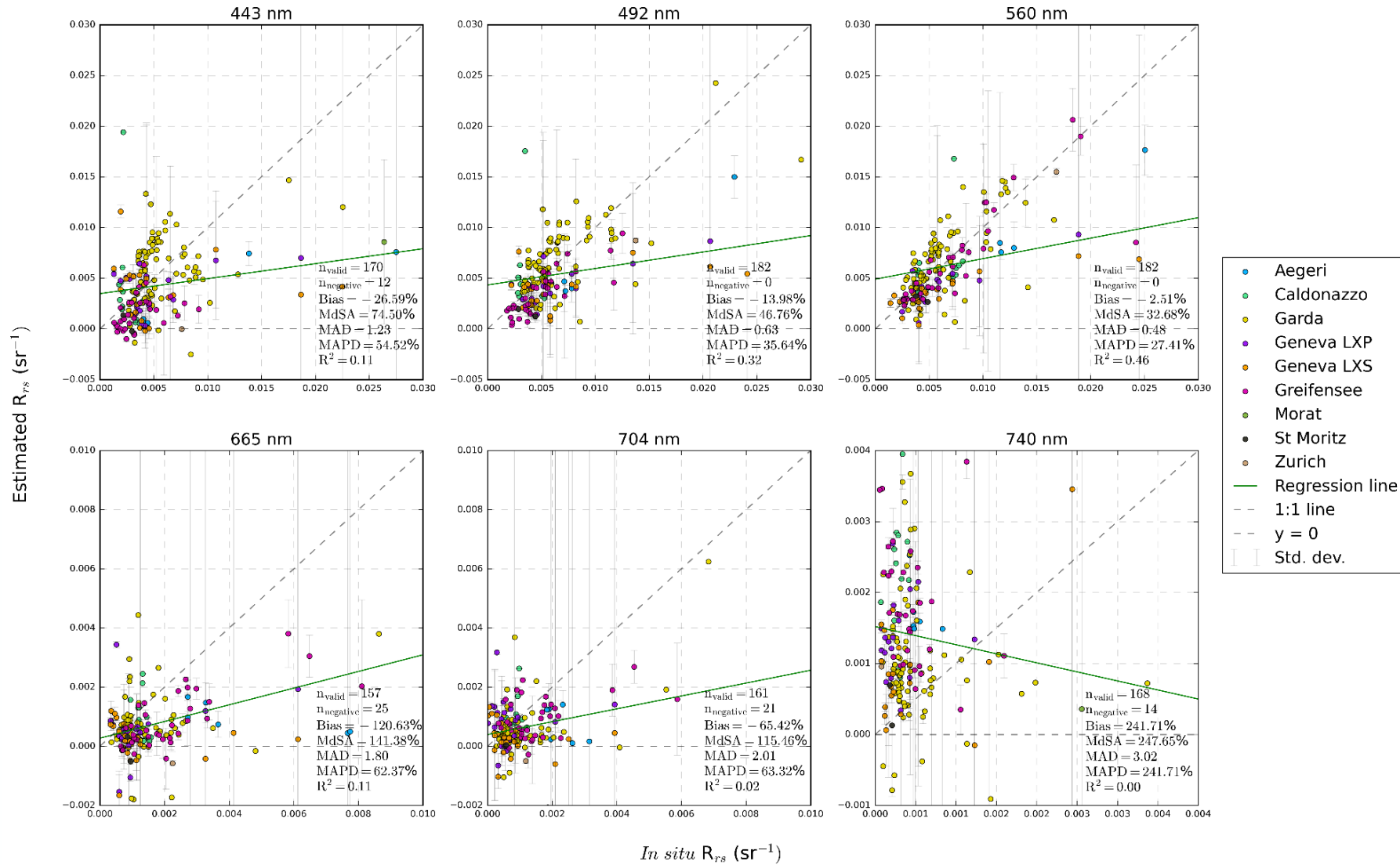
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## MSI ACOLITE 20m 3x3



# C2RCC MSI 20m 3x3



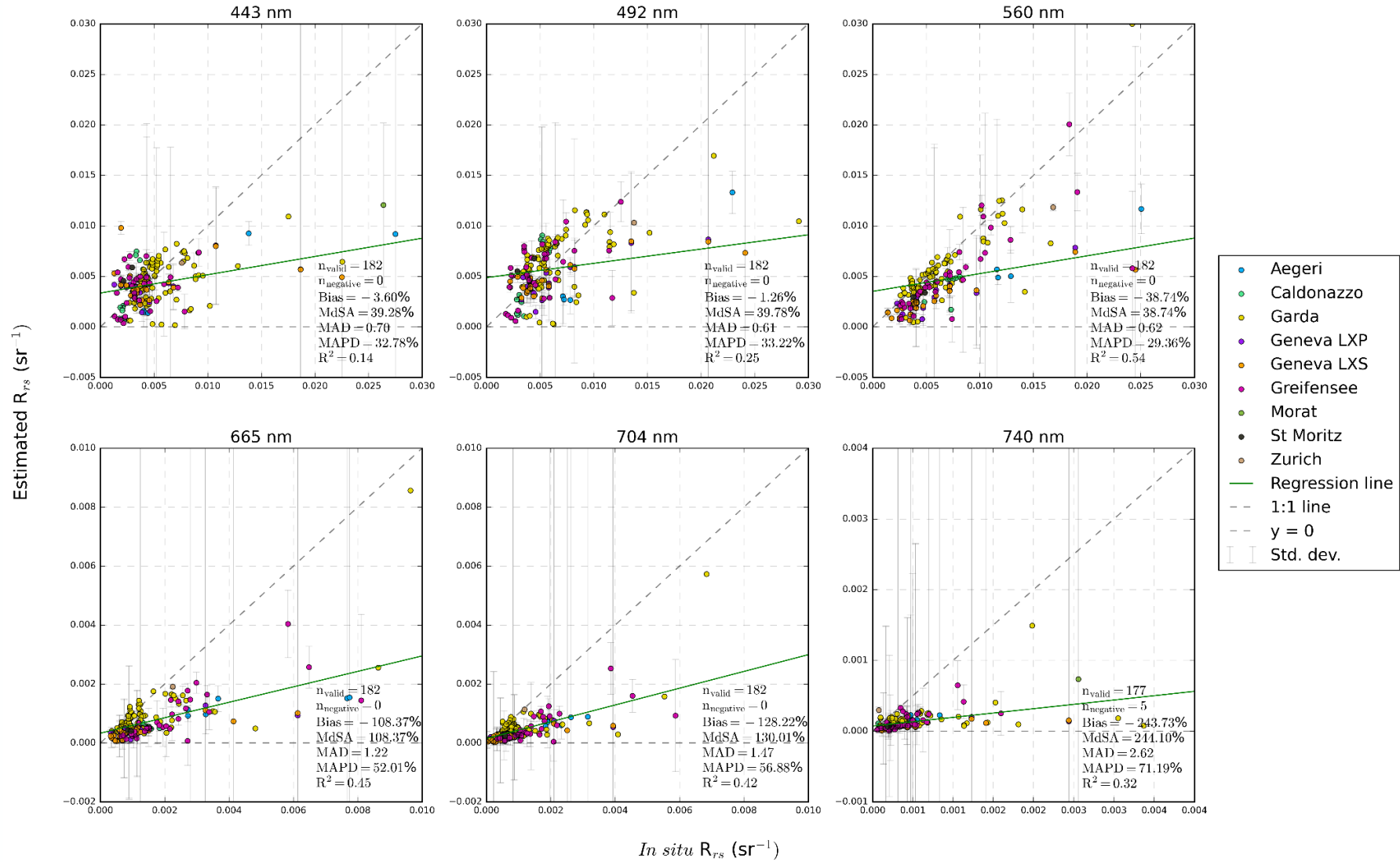
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## MSI C2RCC 20m 3x3



# POLYMER MSI 20m 3x3



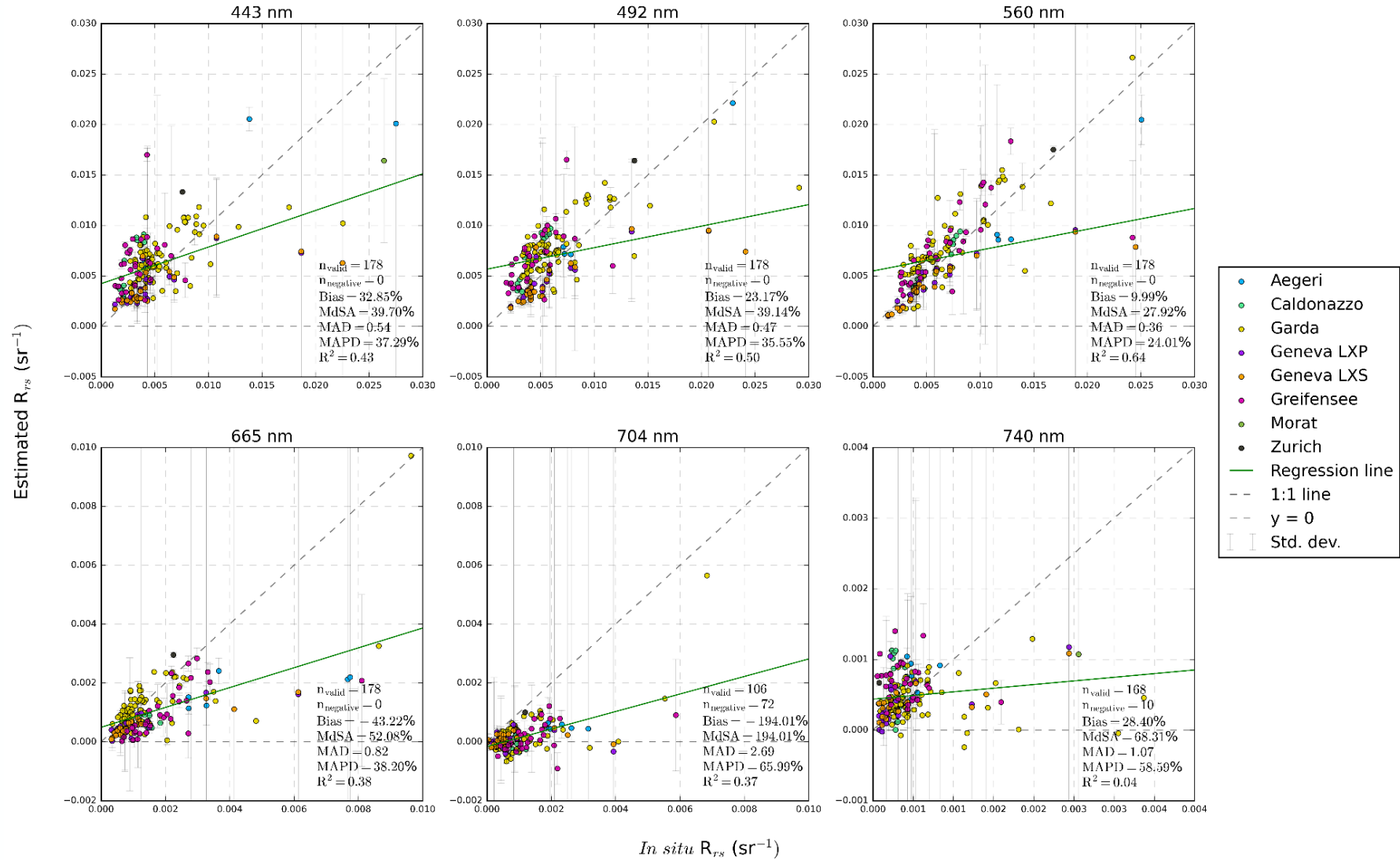
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## MSI POLYMER 20m 3x3



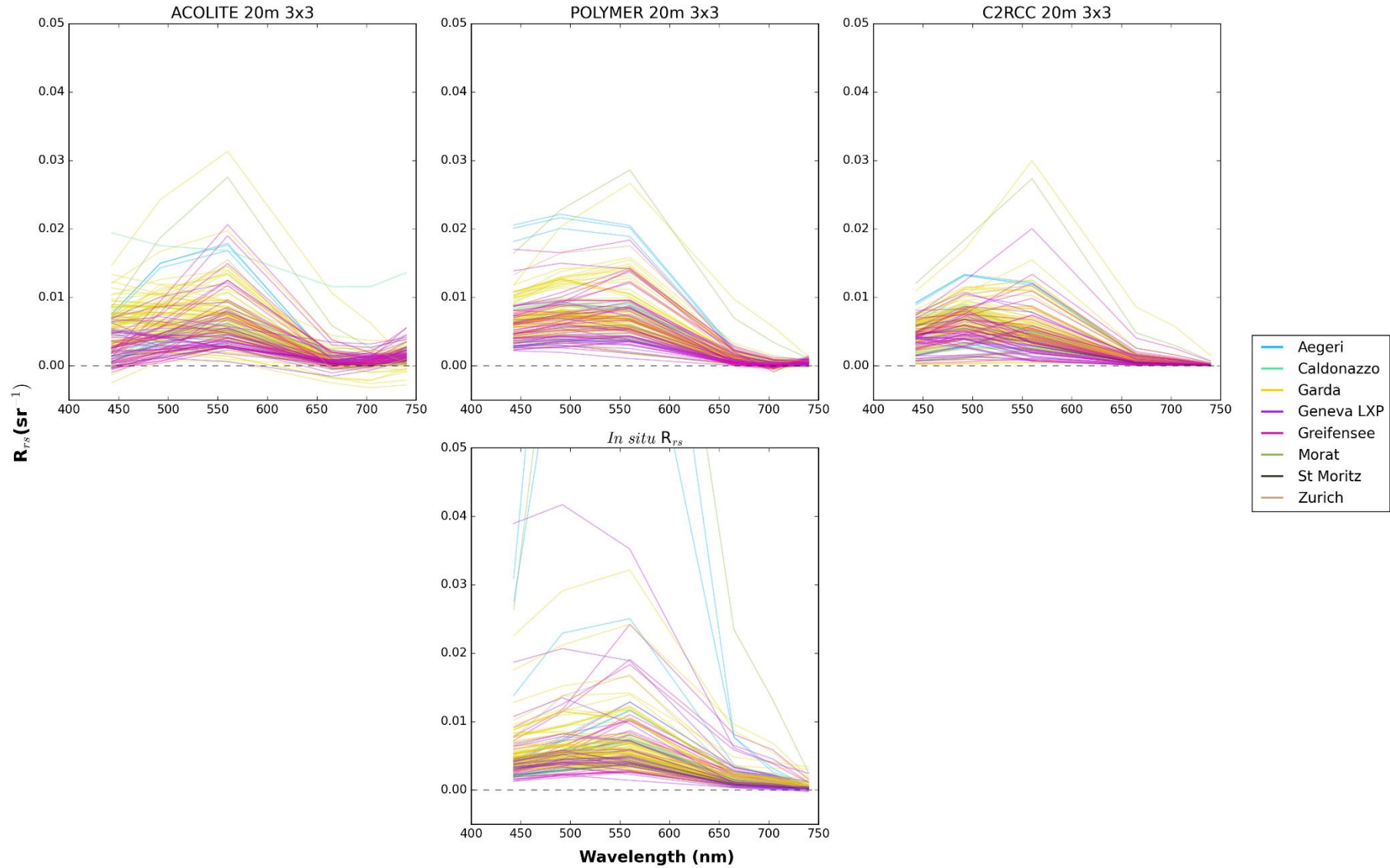
# Match-up $R_{rs}$



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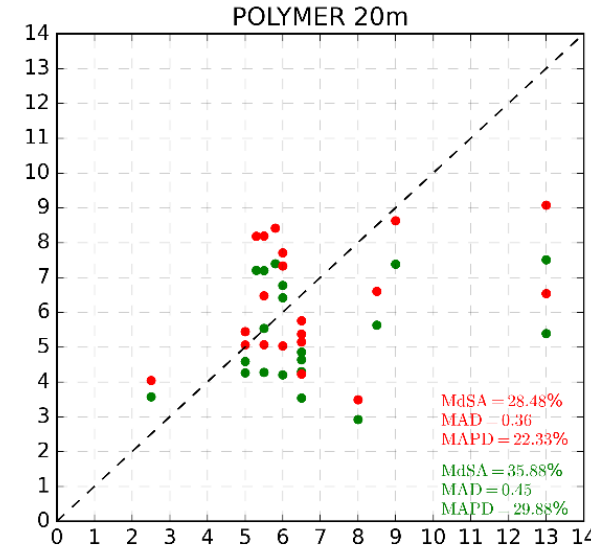
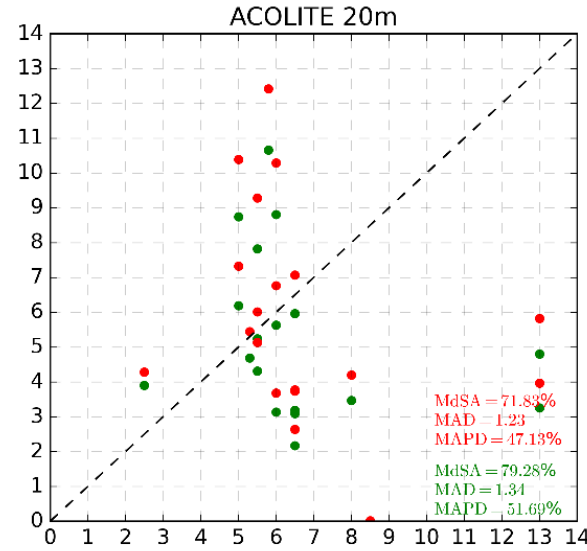
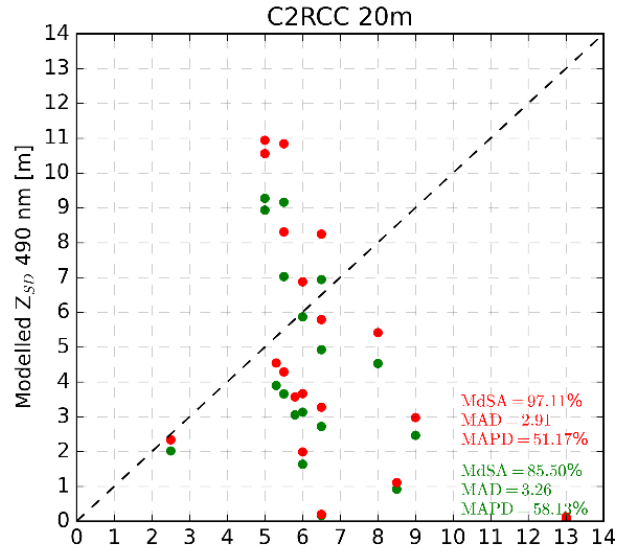
# Secchi depth ( $Z_{SD}$ ) retrievals: Lake Garda match-ups



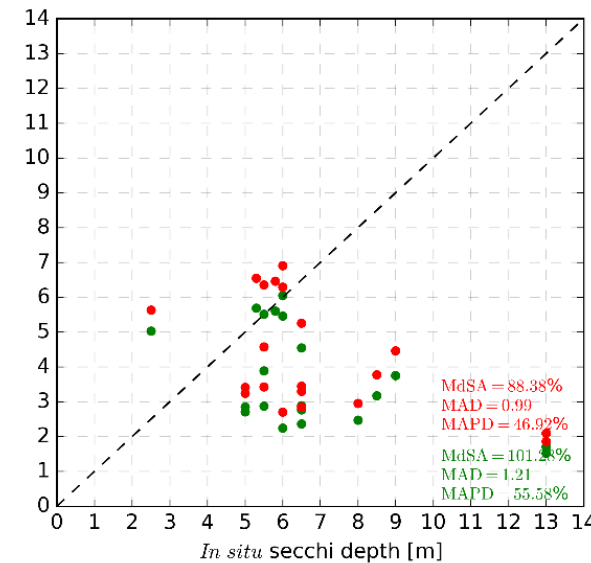
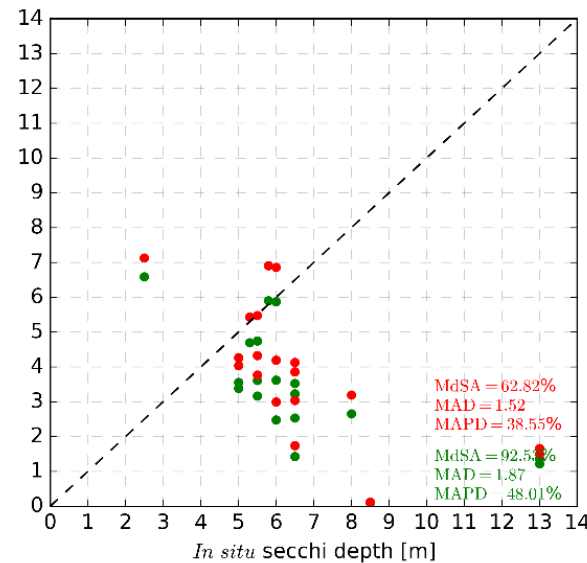
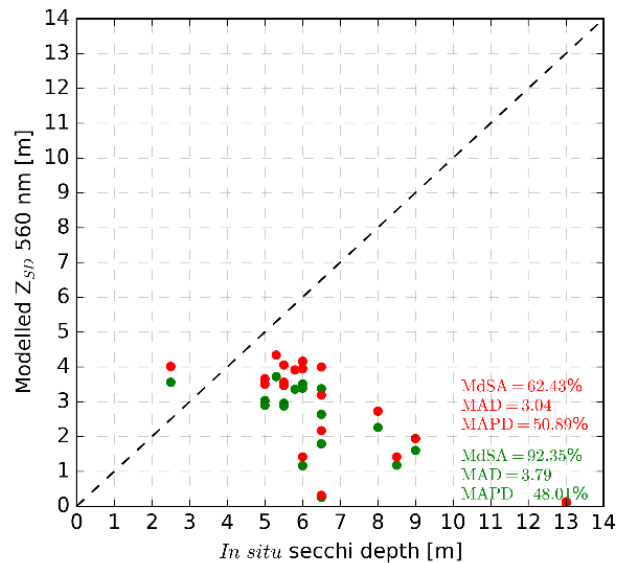
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- $Z_{SD}$  Lee 2016
- $Z_{SD}$  Jiang 2019



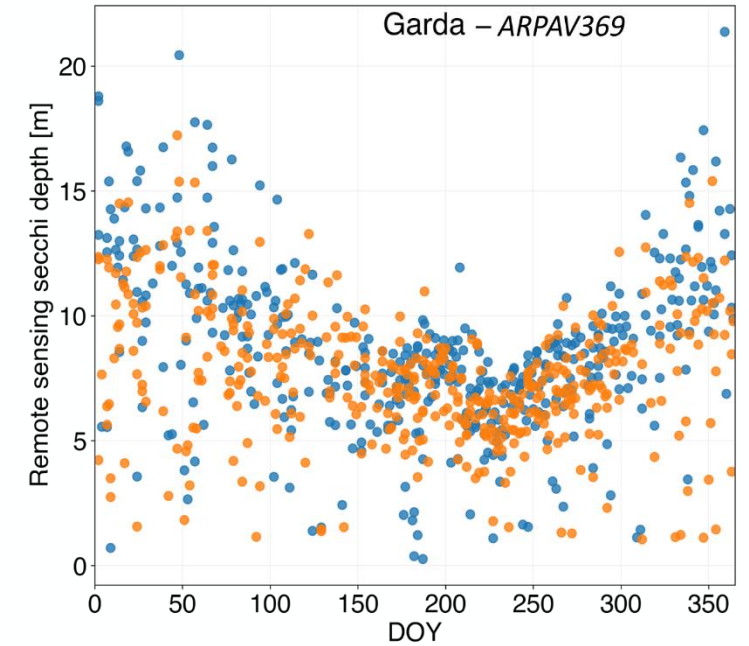
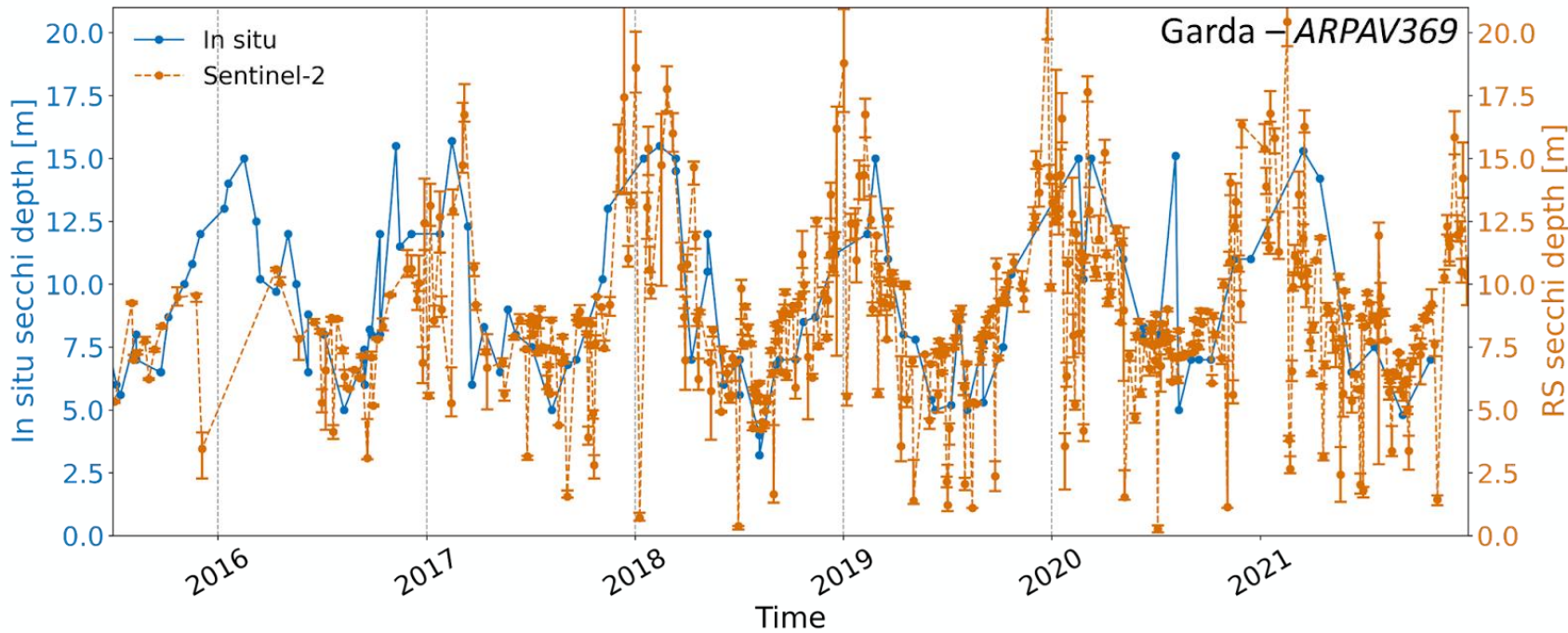
# Time series Secchi - Lake Garda



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Jiang, D., Matsushita, B., Setiawan, F., Vundo, A., 2019. An improved algorithm for estimating the Secchi disk depth from remote sensing data based on the new underwater visibility theory. *ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing* 152, 13–23.



# Conclusions



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1. 20m resolution outperforms 60m: Lower error, more match-ups, higher spatial detail
2. 1x1 vs 3x3: Single center pixel leads to increased error
3. Algorithm comparison: POLYMER 20m 3x3 is most consistent across evaluations, followed by C2RCC and ACOLITE for the dataset under study
4. Lake-specific AC: Necessity for switching depending on downstream algorithm retrieval
5. Regional tuning: Accurate downstream retrieval [MdSA < 30%] of  $Z_{SD}$  and TSM possible when coefficients are adjusted
6. Inaccuracies: Noticeable in red/NIR bands across sensors and lakes, hinting at possible signal to noise ratio limitations or the need for additional glint correction
7. Outstanding issue: Lack of uncertainty provision in current algorithms for TSM and  $Z_{SD}$

# Thank you for listening!



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[www.alplakes.eawag.ch](http://www.alplakes.eawag.ch)  
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The screenshot shows the ALPLAKES website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ALPLAKES logo, a 'Lakes' menu, an 'API' icon, an 'About' icon, and a language dropdown set to 'EN'. Below the navigation bar is a 'Sort By' dropdown menu. The main content area displays a grid of lake data cards. Each card features a 3D satellite image of a lake, a flag indicating the country, the lake name, and a list of coordinates. Below the coordinates, a short paragraph provides key statistics: elevation above sea level, surface area, average depth, and maximum depth. The lakes shown are Lake Geneva, Lake Zurich, Lake Biel, Lake Greifen, Lake Garda, Lake Lugano, Lake Murten, and Lake Caldonazzo. A '3D' icon and a cursor are visible on each image, indicating interactivity. At the bottom left of the interface, there is a toggle switch.

Lake Name	Country	Coordinates	Elevation (m)	Surface Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Average Depth (m)	Maximum Depth (m)
Lake Geneva	Switzerland	46.45, 6.5	372	580	154	310
Lake Zurich	Switzerland	47.24, 8.68	406	89	49	104
Lake Biel	Switzerland	47.08, 7.17	429	39.3	28	74
Lake Greifen	Switzerland	47.36, 8.68	435	8.45	18	32
Lake Garda	Italy	45.58, 10.63	65	370	136	346
Lake Lugano	Switzerland	45.99, 8.97	271	48.7	134	288
Lake Murten	Switzerland	46.93, 7.08	429	22.8	24	45
Lake Caldonazzo	Italy	46.02, 11.24	449	5.38	26	49

