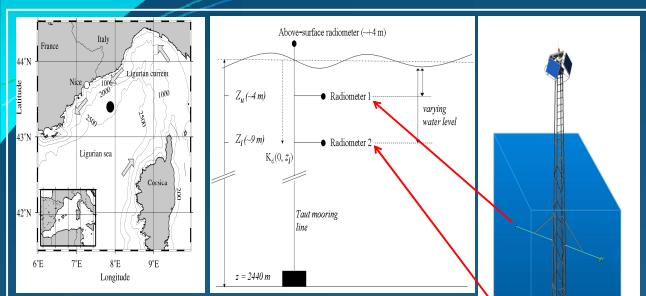


Field characterization of wave-induced underwater light field fluctuations

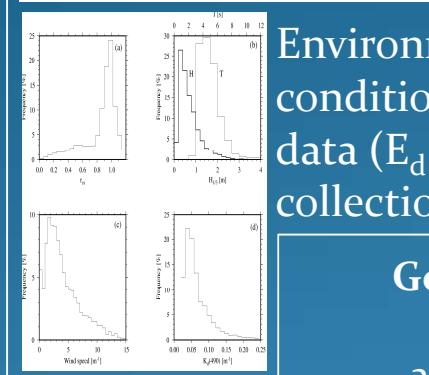
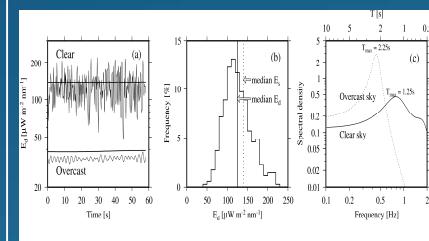
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The site Measurement principle [1]
(Mediterranean, clear Case 1 waters)

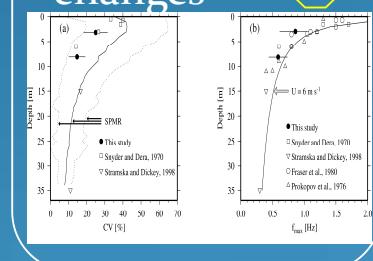


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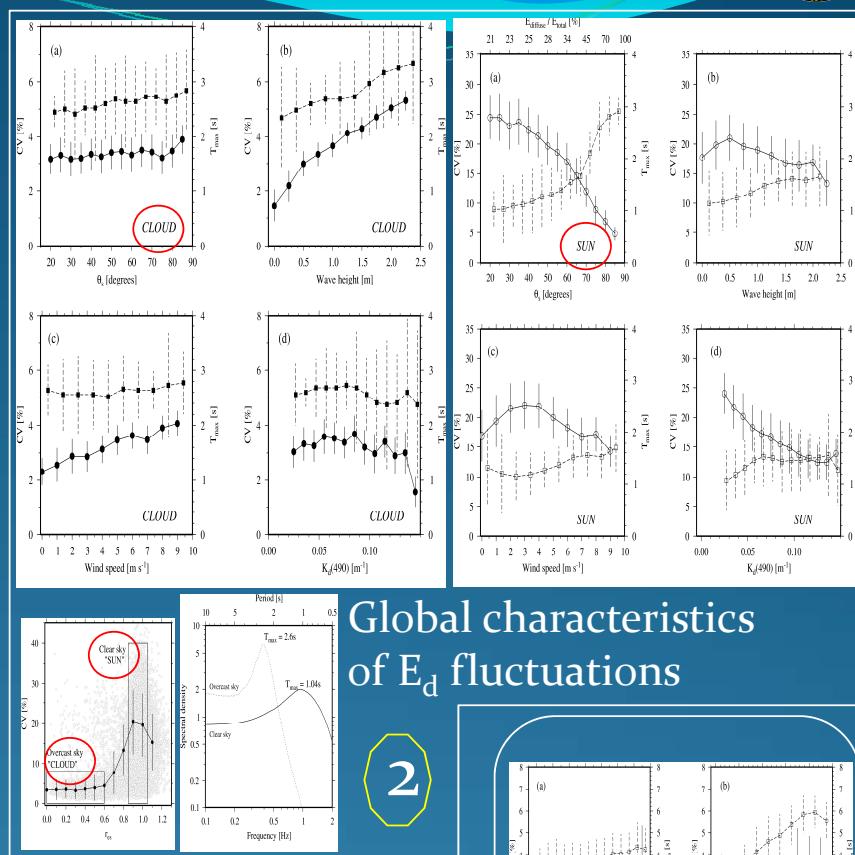
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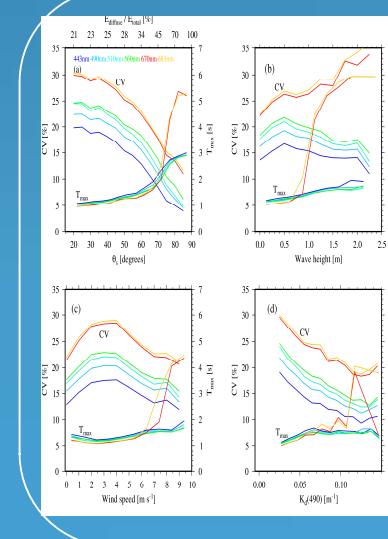


Goal: provide a thorough field description of the characteristics (period T_{\max} & amplitude: CV in %) of underwater light field fluctuations in relation to environmental conditions (sun elevation, wave characteristics, wind, depth, cloudy vs clear skies, water clarity and wavelength) in complement to previous works often carried out in coastal waters or at a single band [e.g., refs 2-8] or from modeling studies [e.g., ref 9]



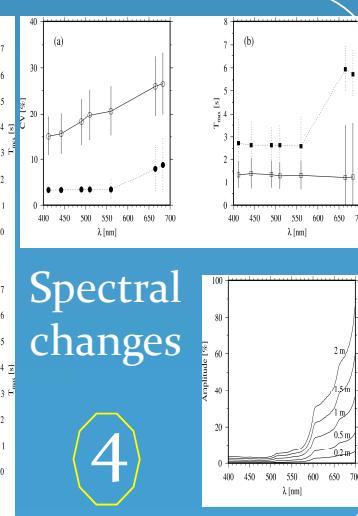
Global characteristics of E_d fluctuations

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Spectral changes

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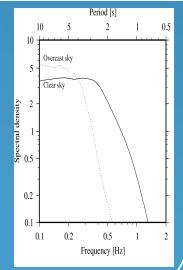
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What about E_u ?

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