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Since the launch of Topex/Poseidon, more than 19 years ago, satellite altimetry has evolved in parallel with the user community and oceanography. As a result of this evolution, we now have:

- A bigger choice of products, more and more easy-to-use, spanning complete GDRs to pre-computed sea level anomalies and gridded datasets and indicators such as MSL index or ENSO index.

- a mature approach, combining altimetric data from various satellites and merging data acquired using different observation techniques, including altimetry, to give us a global view of the ocean;

- data available in real or near-real time for operational use.

Different services are available either to choose between the various datasets, or to download, extract or even visualize the data.

2012 – 2013 saw changes (new regional data, FES2012, but also the end of Jason-1, the arrival of Saral), even though the major ones are planned for the beginning of next year (reprocessing of the whole multimission time series with a serious re-thinking of the whole set of gridded data, and also the public opening of the Online Data Extraction Service, and a new altimetry portal, restyling Aviso web and adding CTOH information and data) OSTS session

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