



POC AND OTHER BGC PROXIES

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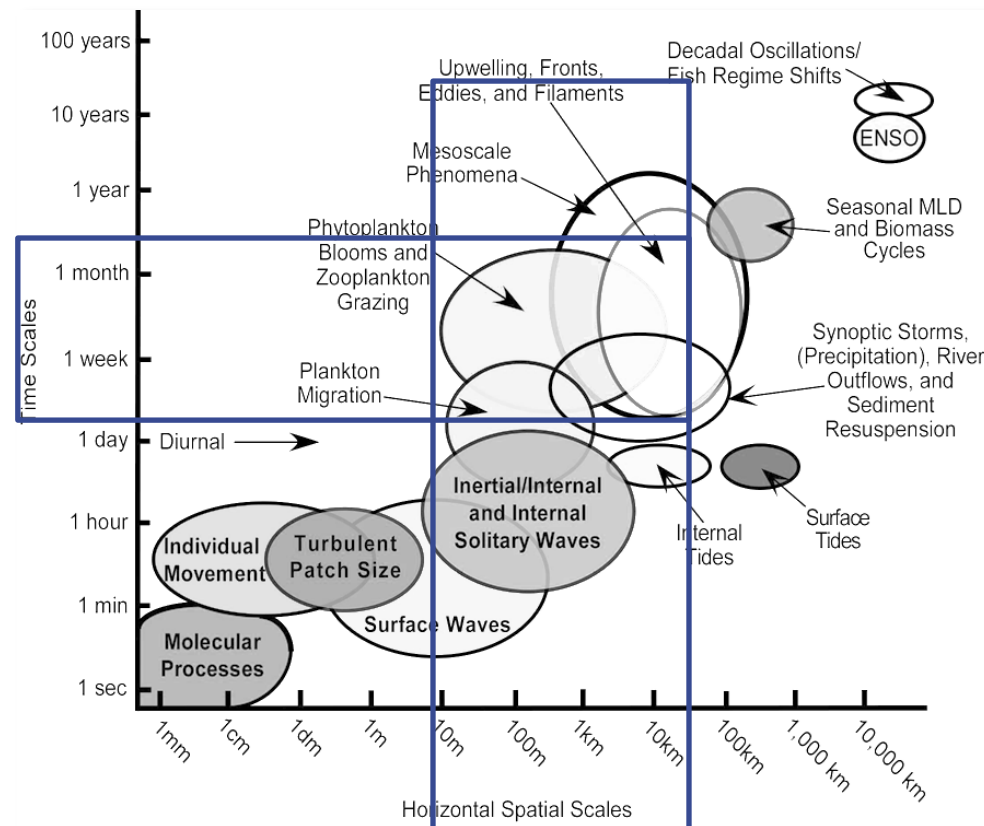
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Why?

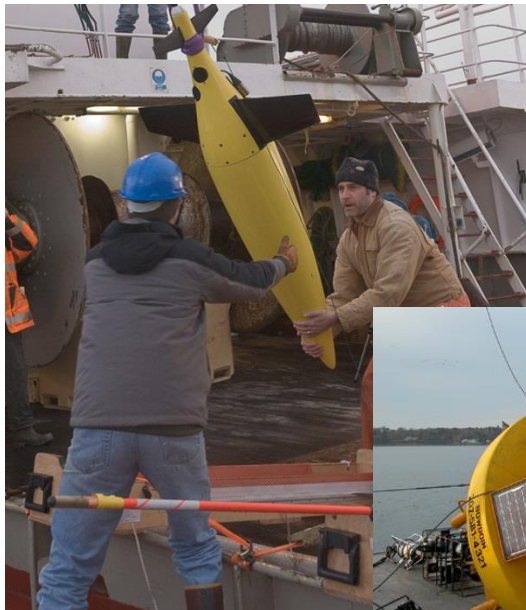


- Optics – in situ or remote sensed gives us higher resolution dataset
- Traditional methods (discrete) often expensive and time consuming
- Sampling the parameters on the scales of importance
- Validation for remote sensing and hi-res biogeochemical models (e.g. Haëntjens et al, 2017)



Why?

- Optical instruments are getting smaller, more robust and diverse
- They can be deployed over extended periods of time and in hard to reach areas



How?

COLLIN R., 2015:

ANYTHING THAT CAUSES VARIABILITY IN THE SAMPLE IS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO EXTRACT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FROM THAT SAMPLE.

Few examples of real entities and associated optical proxies (in situ)

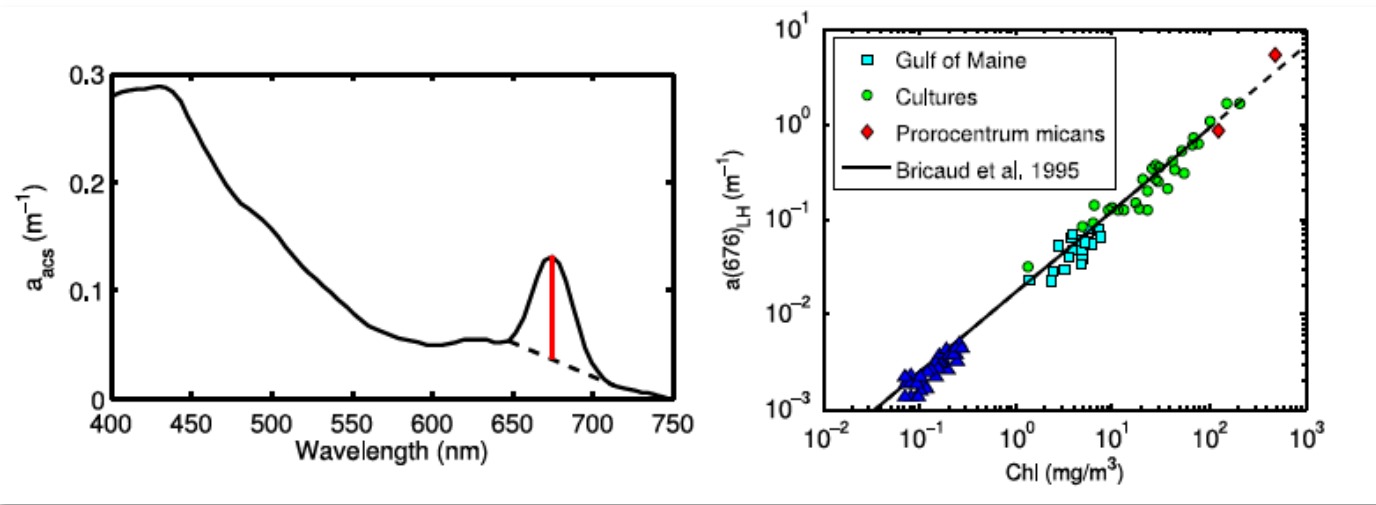
- Quantity
 - Chlorophyll -> Chlorophyll fluorescence, $a(676)$
 - Particulate organic carbon – c_p , b_{bp}
 - Phytoplankton carbon – b_{bp} , Chl
 - Suspended particulate matter - c_p , b_{bp}
 - Particulate Inorganic Carbon – acid labile b_{bp} (Balch – week 4), cross - polarized attenuation (Bishop's Carbon Explorer)
 - Dissolved organic carbon – CDOM absorption, fluorescence (next week more)
 - Nitrate, sulfates – UV absorption
 - Primary productivity – F_v/F_m , diel variability
 - Quality (particulate composition)
 - Particulate composition – b_{bp}/c_p , b_{bp}/b_p
 - Particle size - c_p , b_{bp} slopes and “fluctuation”, multiple angle scattering, multiple angle c_p
 - Phytoplankton composition – Chl, $a(\lambda)$, Chl/C, multiple channel fluorescence
 - DOC type – CDOM fluorescence and slope
- Check out - [Boss et al \(2014\)](#) and [Babin, Roesler and Cullen \(2008\)](#)

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- Change in these quantities will tell us something about fluxes
 - Fluxes— movement of a quantity from one pool to another
 - Space - e.g. carbon export from mixed layer to deeper ocean
 - Time – productivity - e.g. primary production
 - Type – e.g. phytoplankton to detritus, POC to DOC

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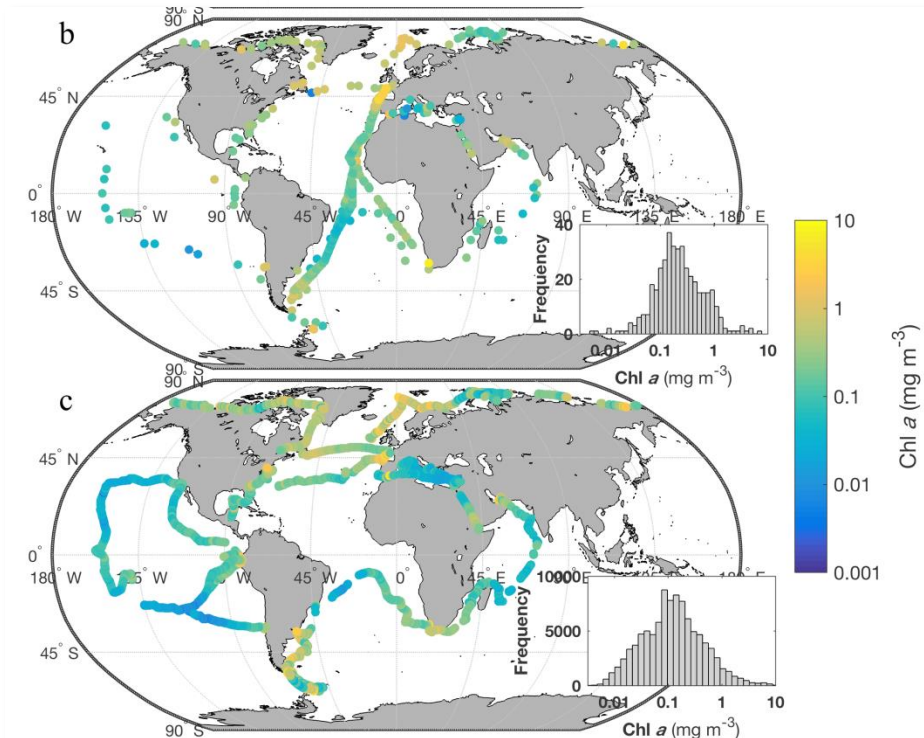
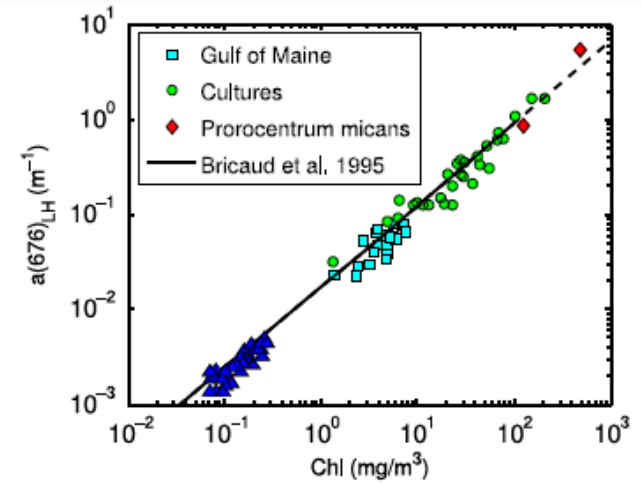
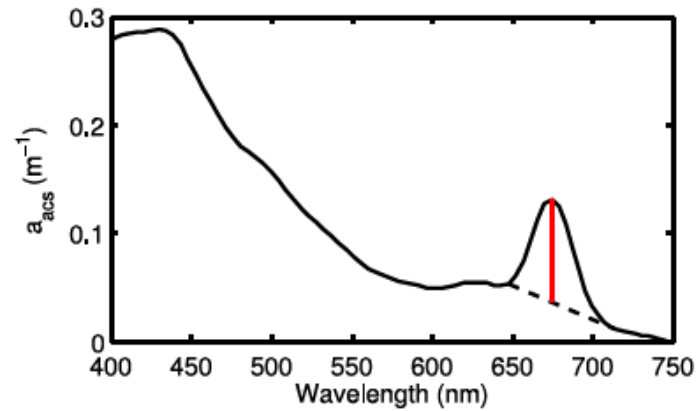
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Roesler and Bernard, 2013

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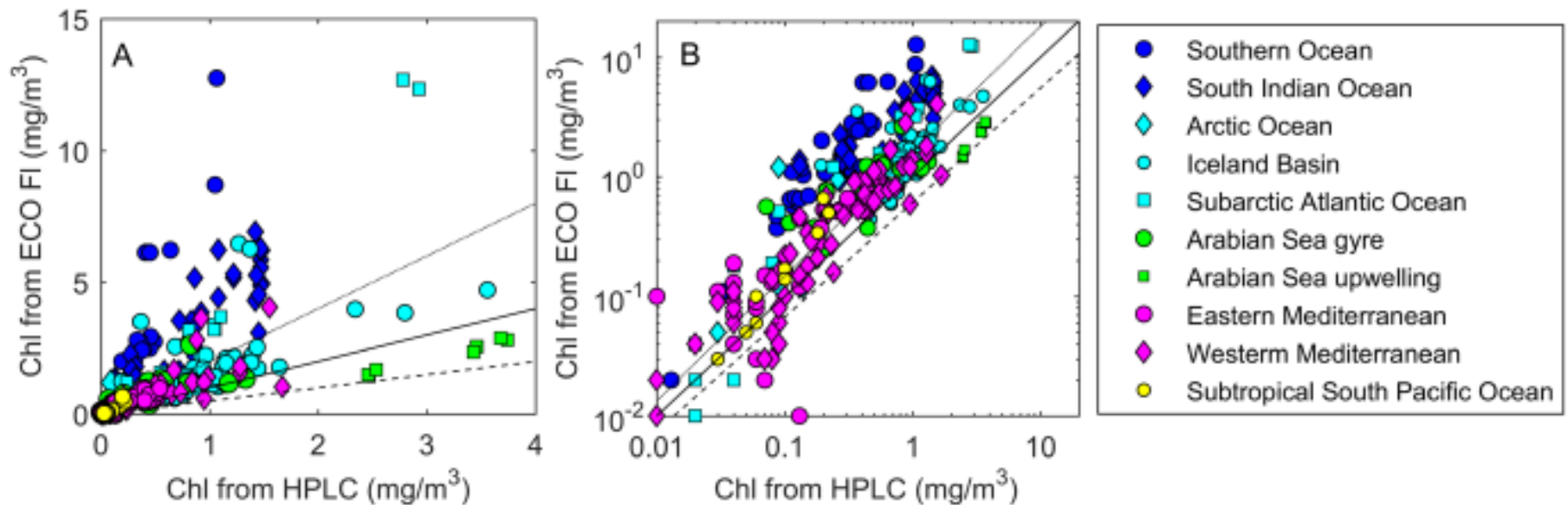
Chase et al, 2017 (in review)

Chl - HPLC $n = 402$

Chl - a_p $n = 96,929$

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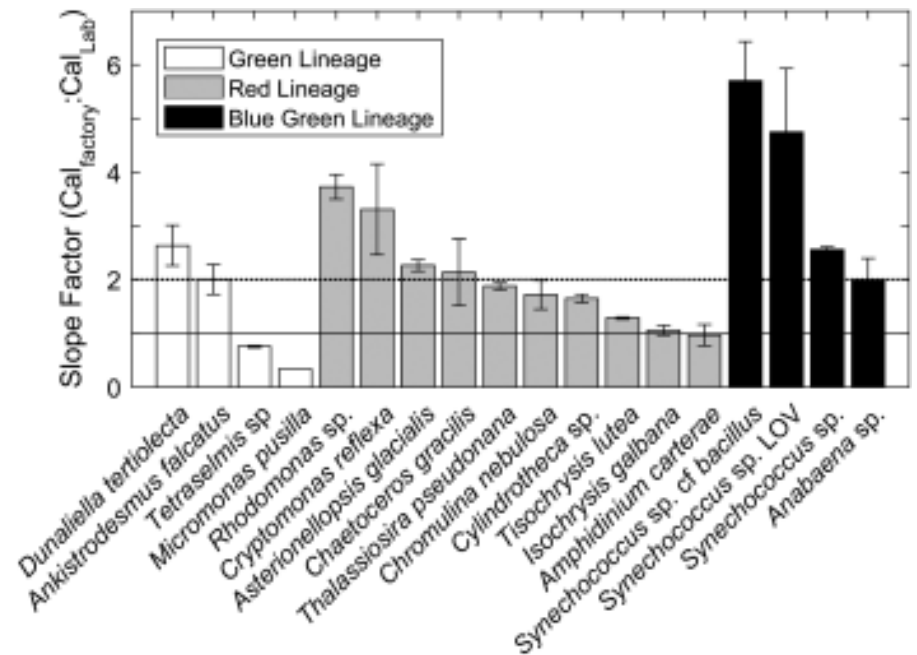
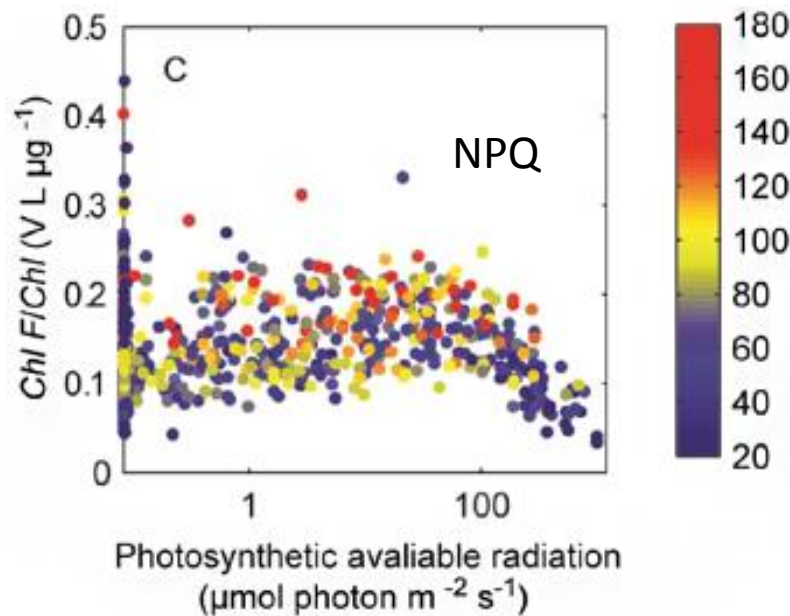
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1) Physiology - light, nutrients, life stages

2) Species composition

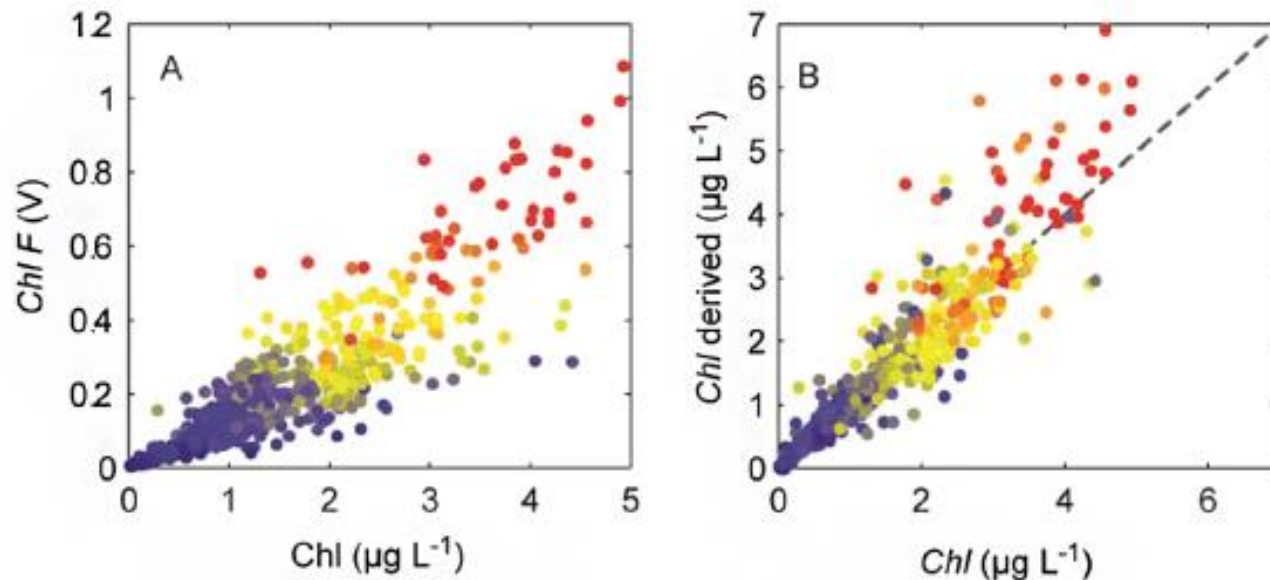


Cetinić et al., 2015

Roesler et al, 2017

Chlorophyll biomass

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Non – linear function of PAR, temperature, depth and time (details in D'Asaro (2011))

- Not a simple correction, depended on multiple factors
- should be interpolated within the time/space of your experiment, not extrapolated
- See also Xing et al. 2016;

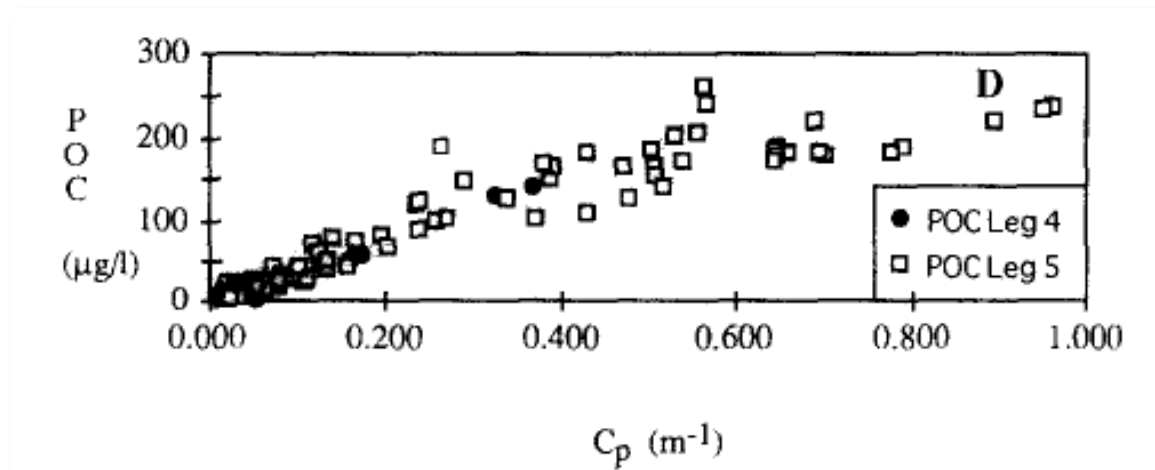
Particulate Organic Carbon & Suspended Particulate Material proxy

Backscattering and attenuation are associated with particle concentration / size.

However !!!

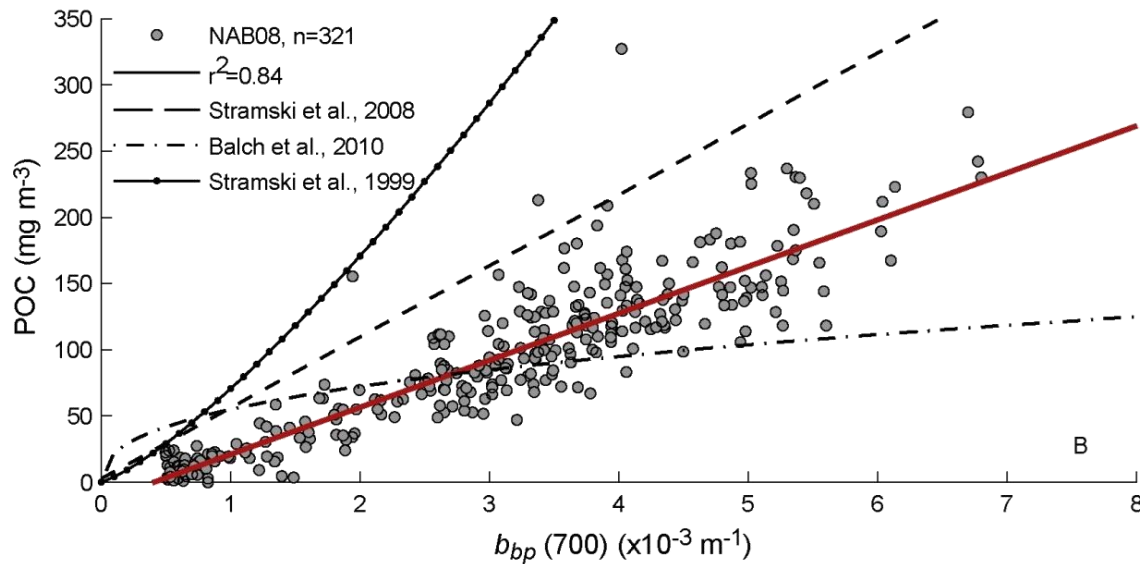
Backscattering is also highly dependent on morphology and type of the particle

Carbon density in all oceanic particles / phytoplankton is not the same.



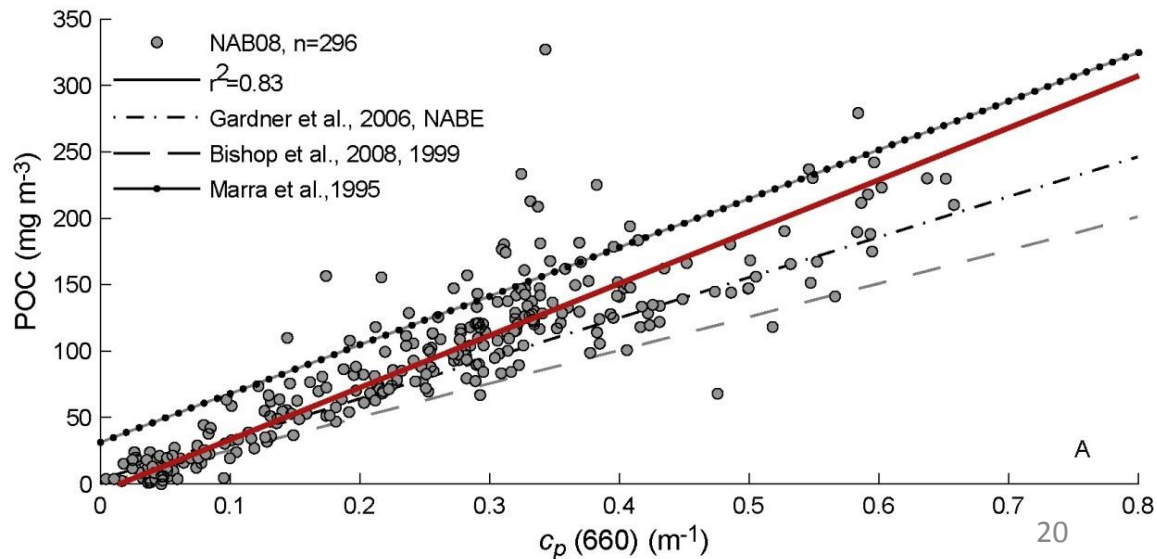
Gardner et al 1993

Particulate Organic Carbon

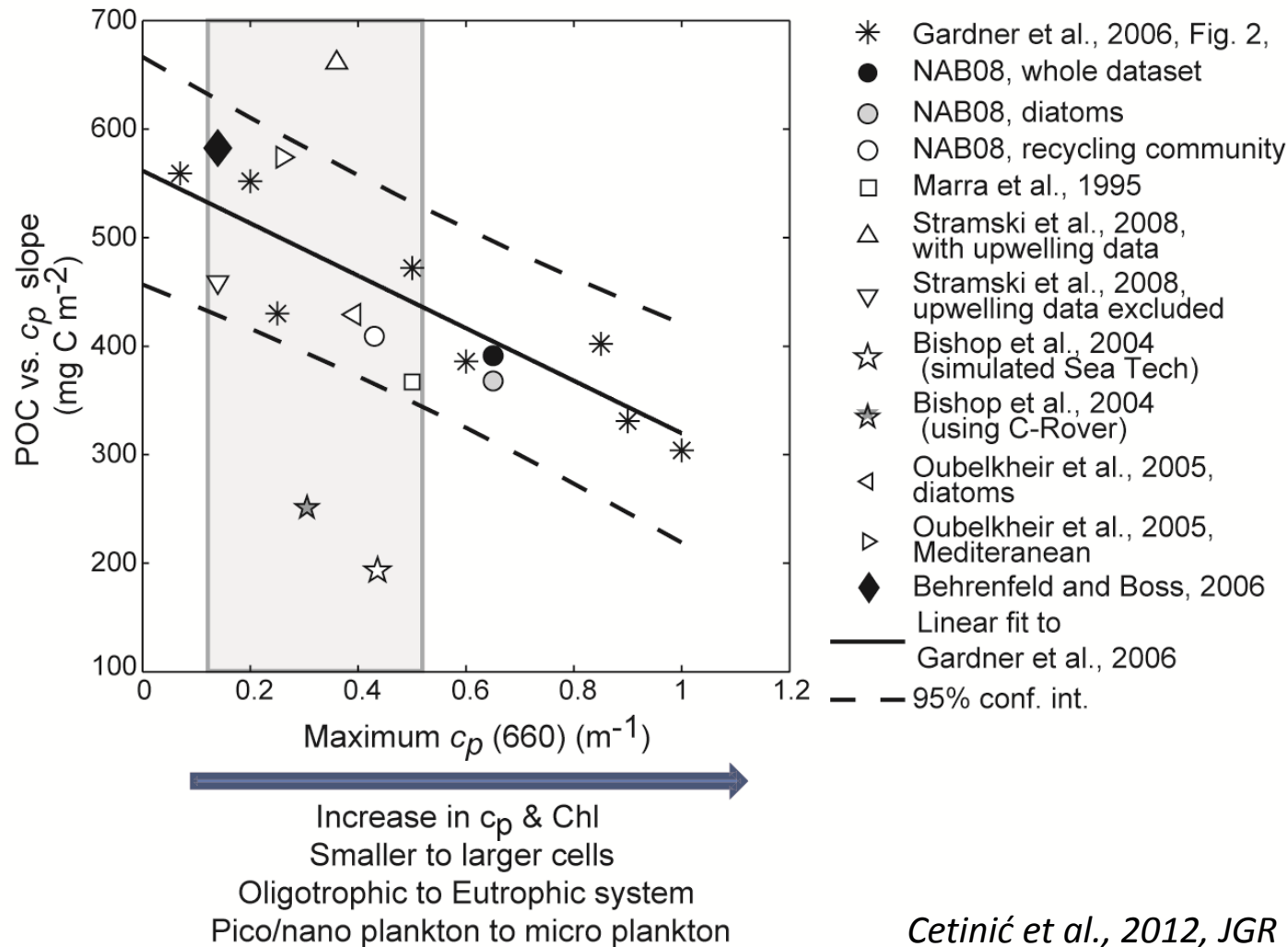


Particulate backscattering (b_{bp})

Beam attenuation (c_p)



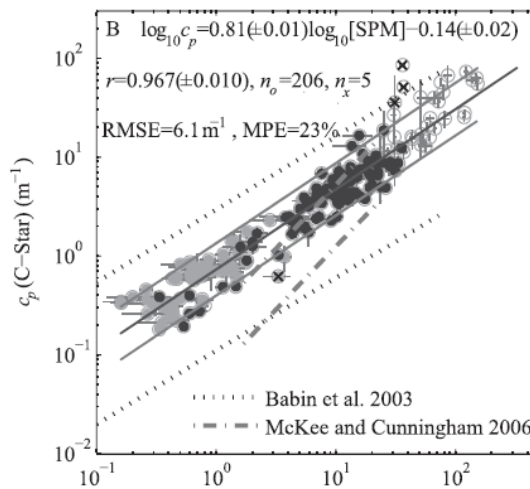
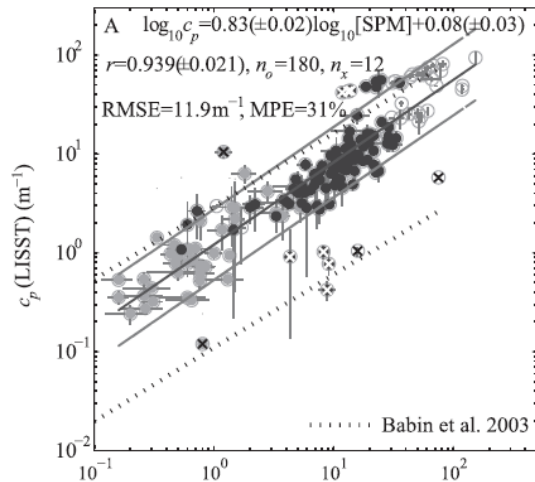
POC/ c_p slope comparison (mg C m^{-2})



Cetinić et al., 2012, JGR

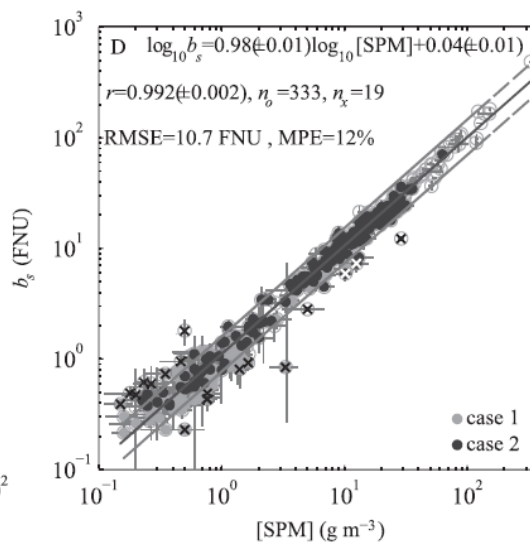
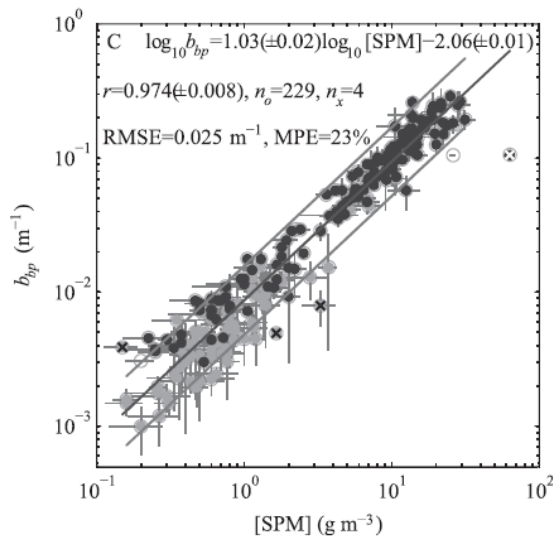
Suspended Particulate Matter

C_p



Particle
apparent density

b_{bp}

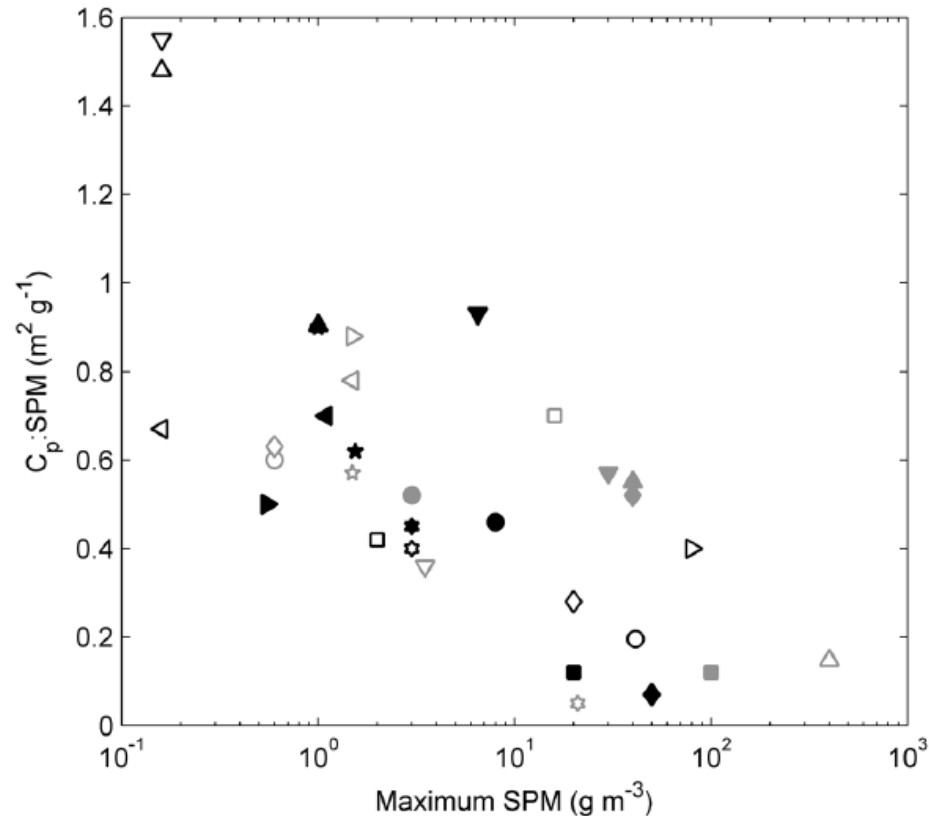


Particle composition

SPM

Nuekermans et al. 2012

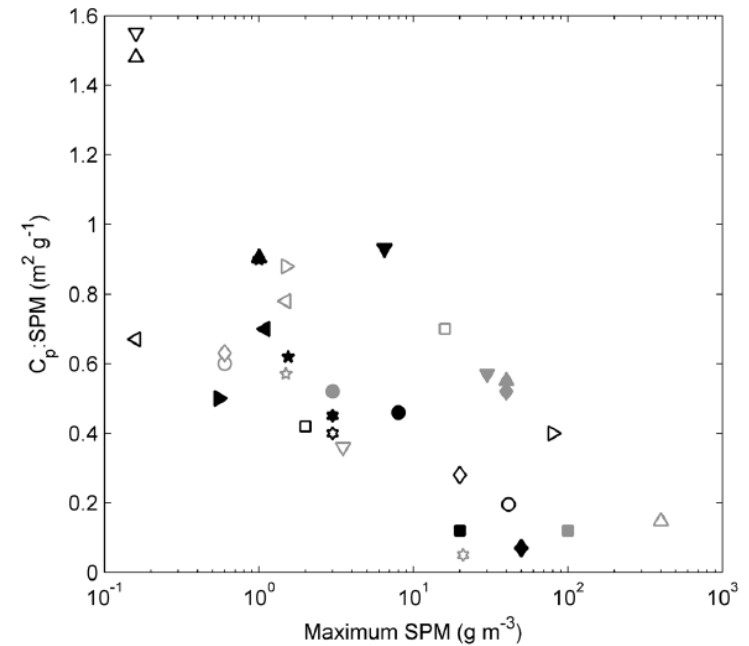
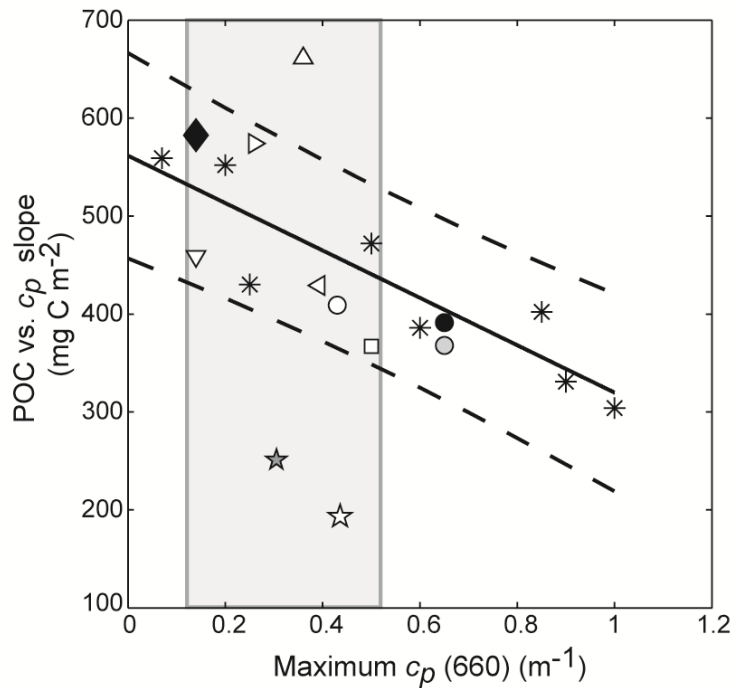
Suspended Particulate Matter



Hill et al. 2011

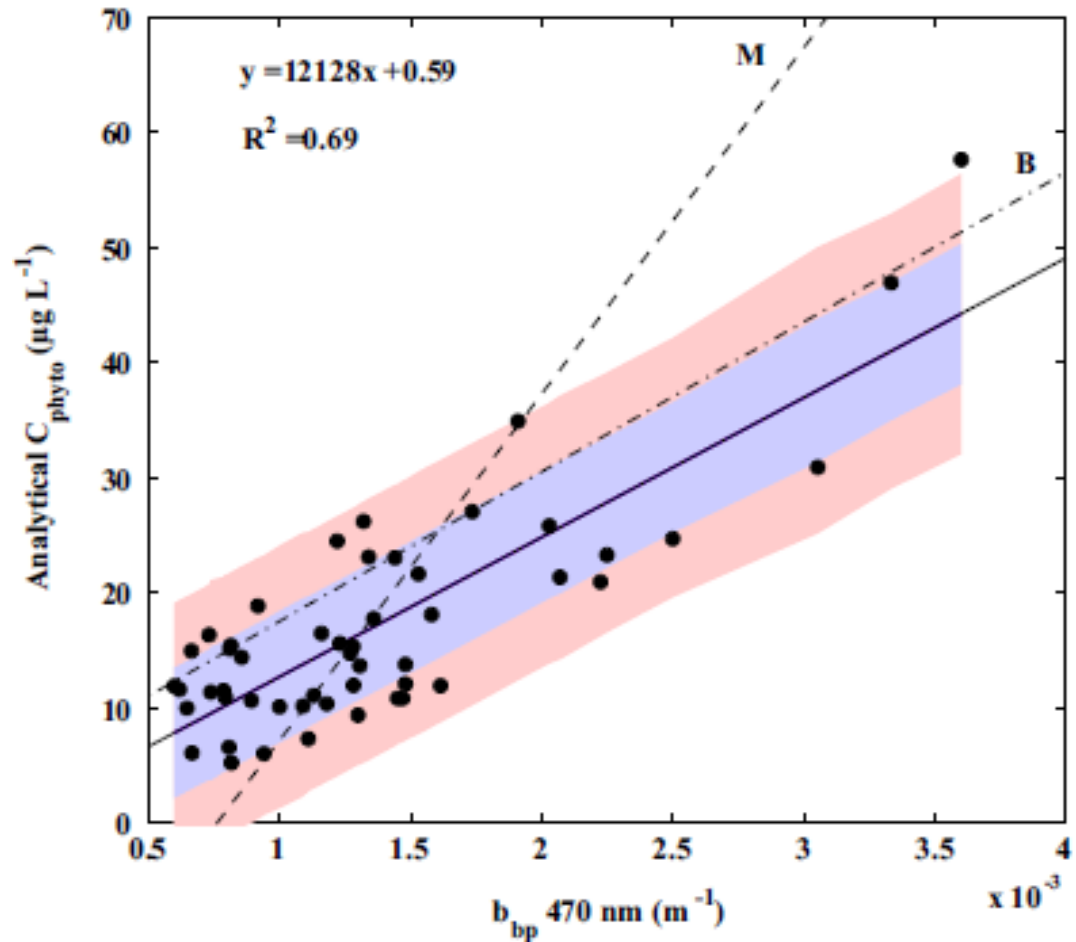
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Why are we seeing opposite trends?



Phytoplankton carbon

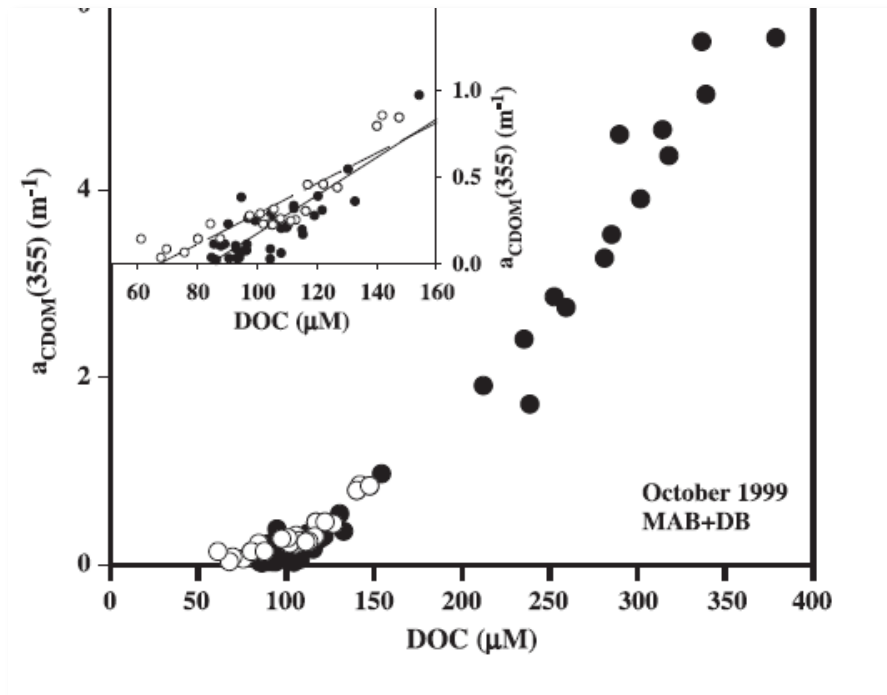
- Cell sorting technique in combination with optics
- Traditionally – calculation from of imaging/flow cytometry based biovolumes and cell/C values



Graff et al., 2015

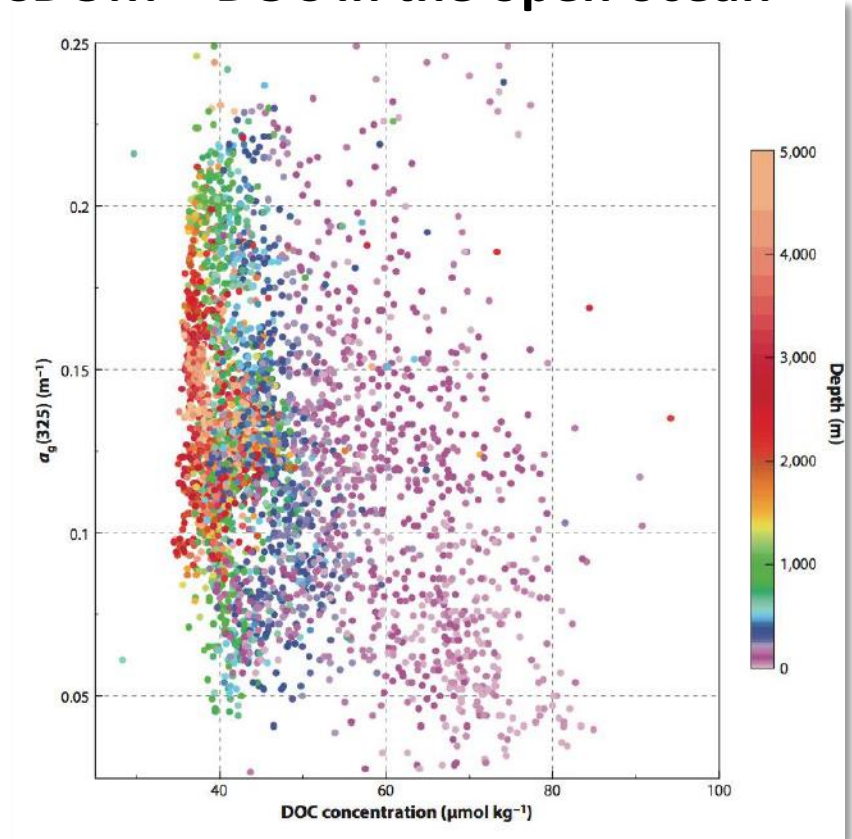
Dissolved Organic Carbon

CDOM = DOC in the coastal ocean



Vecchio and Blough, 2004

CDOM ≠ DOC in the open ocean



Nelson and Siegel 2013

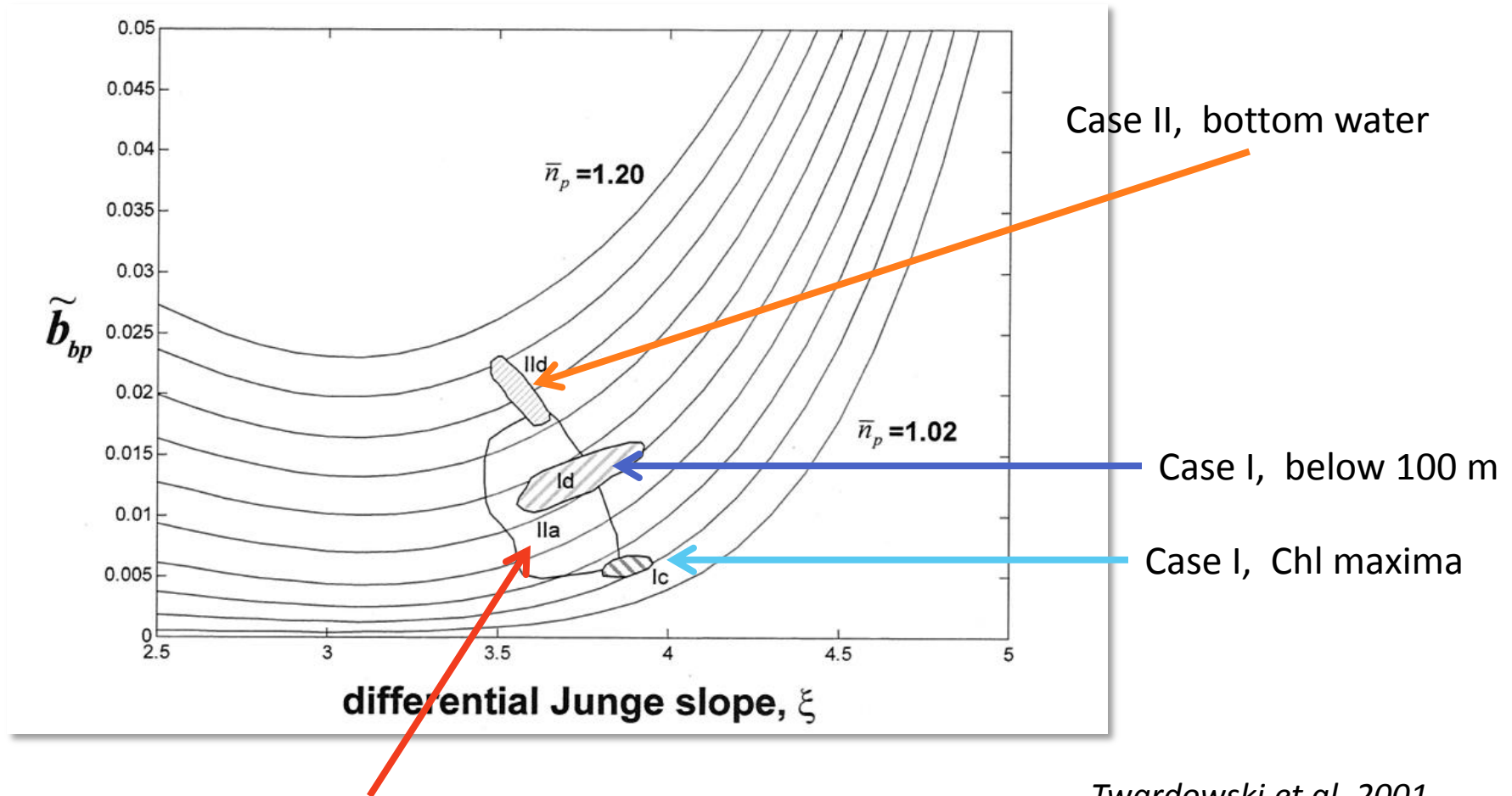


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OPPORTUNITY IN CHAOS

QUALITY (COMPOSITION)

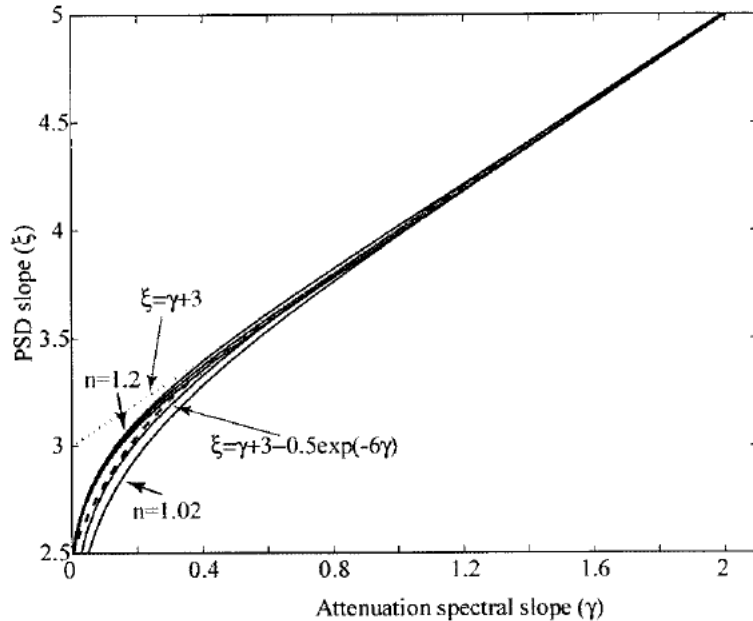
Particulate composition – b_{bp}/c_p , b_{bp}/b_p



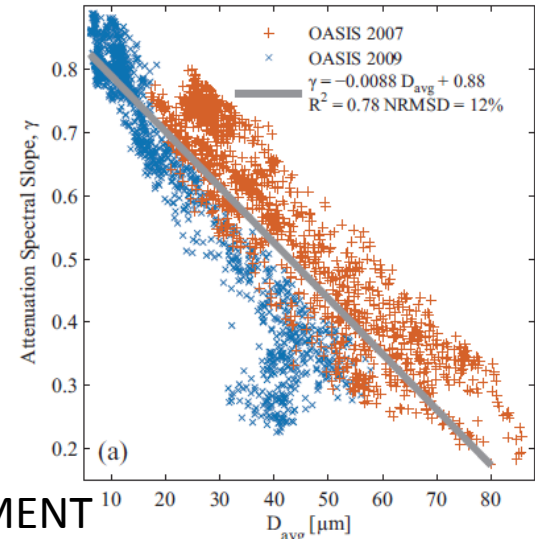
Twardowski et al, 2001

Case II, coastal waters in complex environment

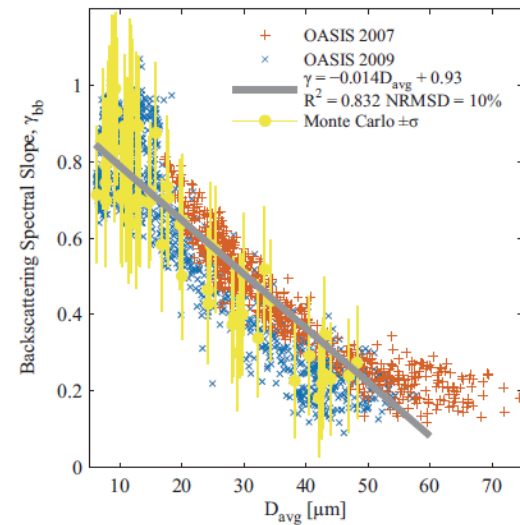
Particle size – slope based



Boss et al, 2001



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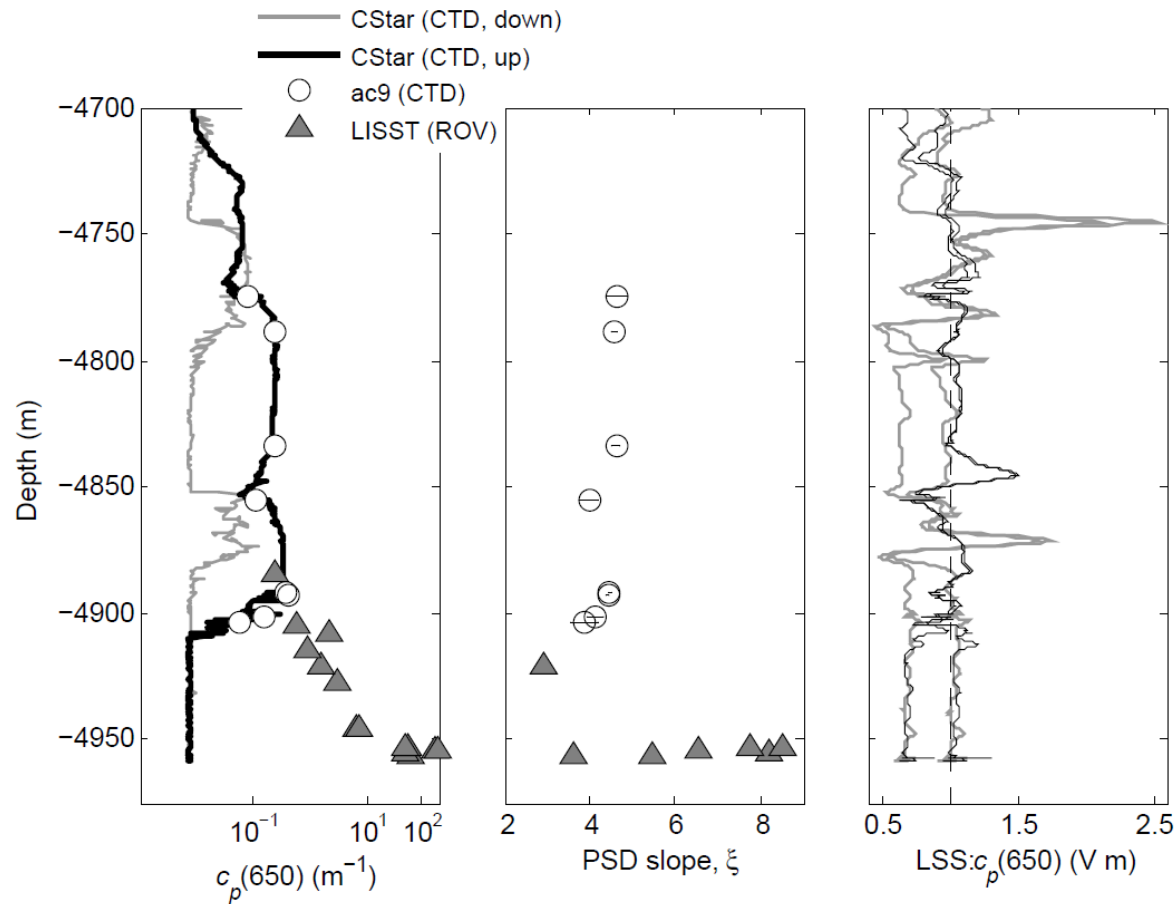


Slade & Boss, 2015

c_p

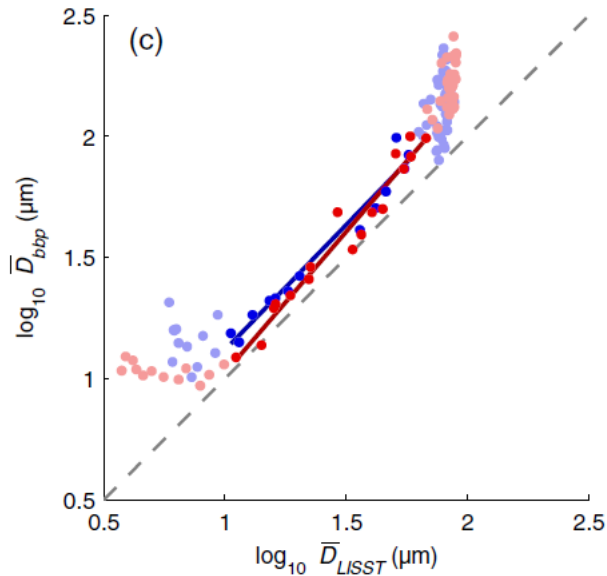
b_{bp}

Application - Particle composition in a hydrothermal plume



Estapa et al, 2015

Particle size – fluctuation based



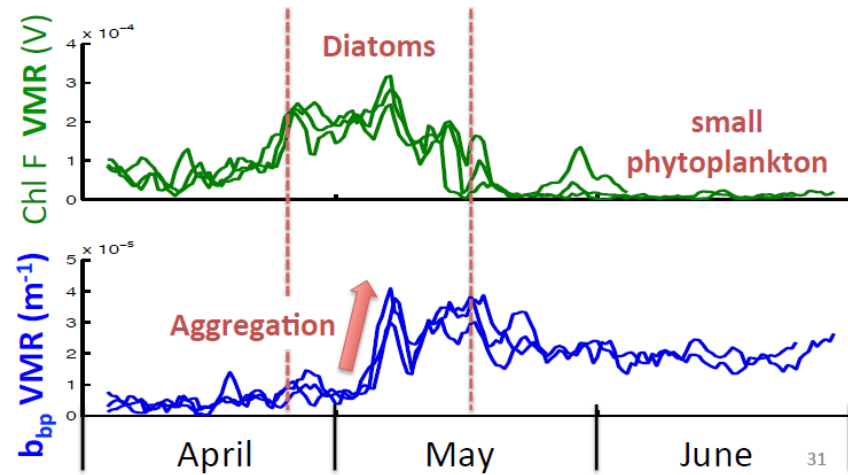
Briggs et al, 2013

phytoplankton
size proxy

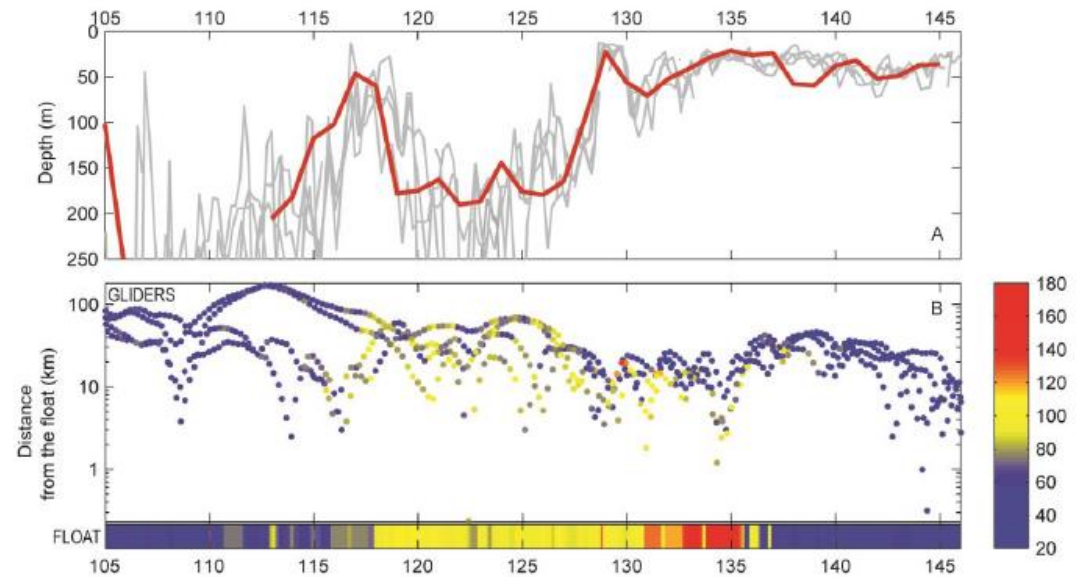
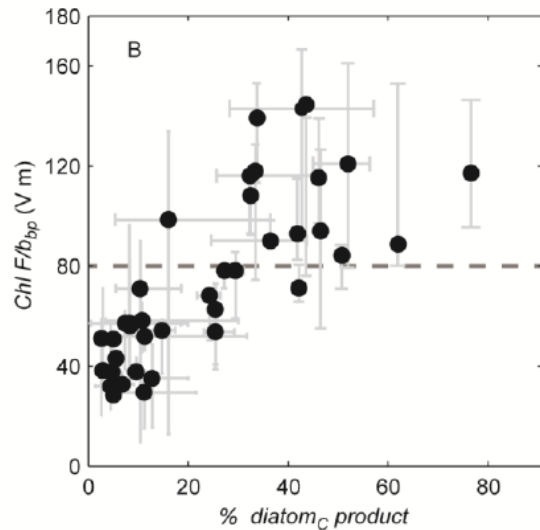
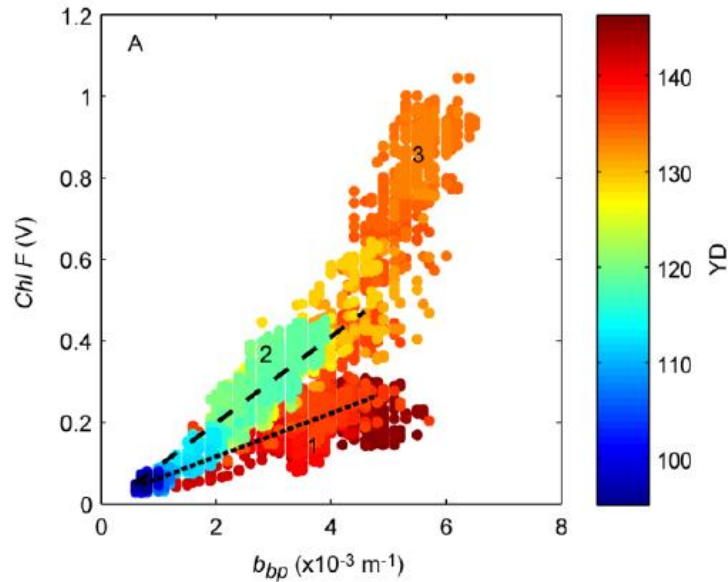
particle
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Briggs, PhD
thesis

Application



Phytoplankton Community composition



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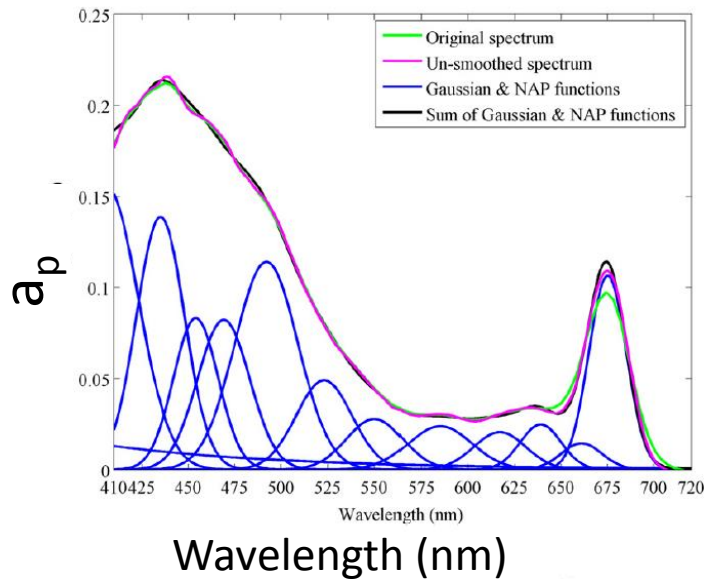
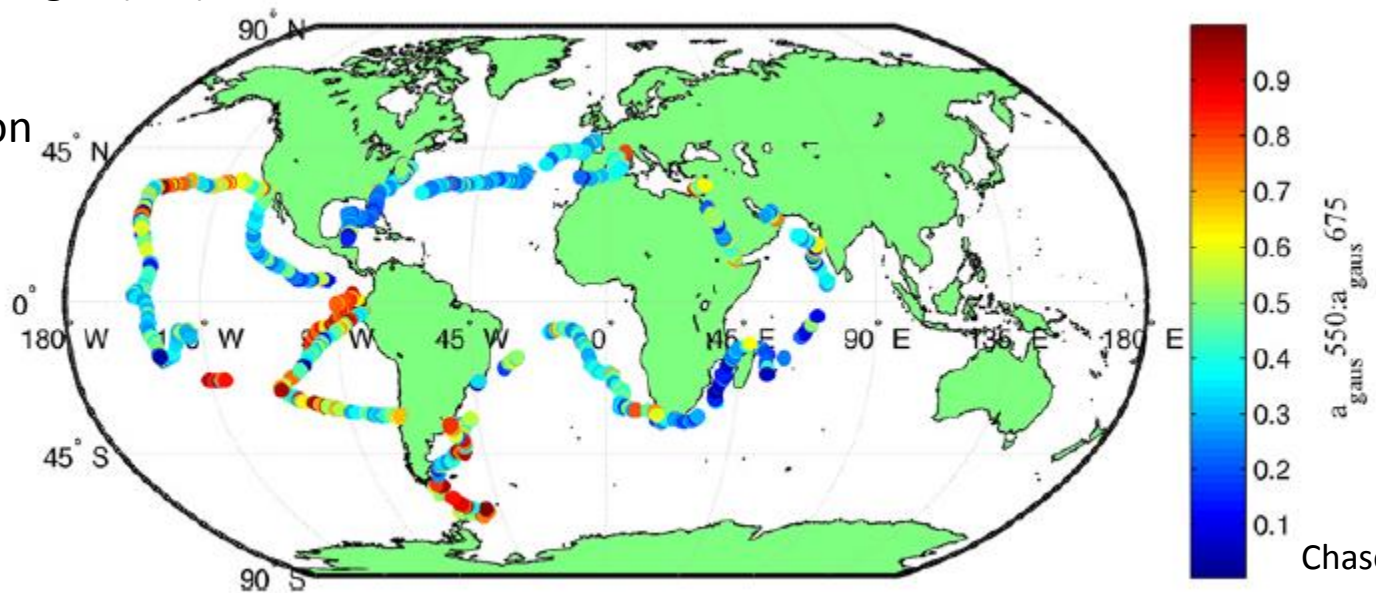


Table 2

Correlations between HPLC pigment concentrations and $a_{\text{gaus}}(\lambda_i)$ at ten different pigment absorption wavelengths. Correlation values are Spearman's rank correlation coefficient (non-parametric; denoted ρ). A and B are coefficients determined using Eq. (4) (Section 2.4).

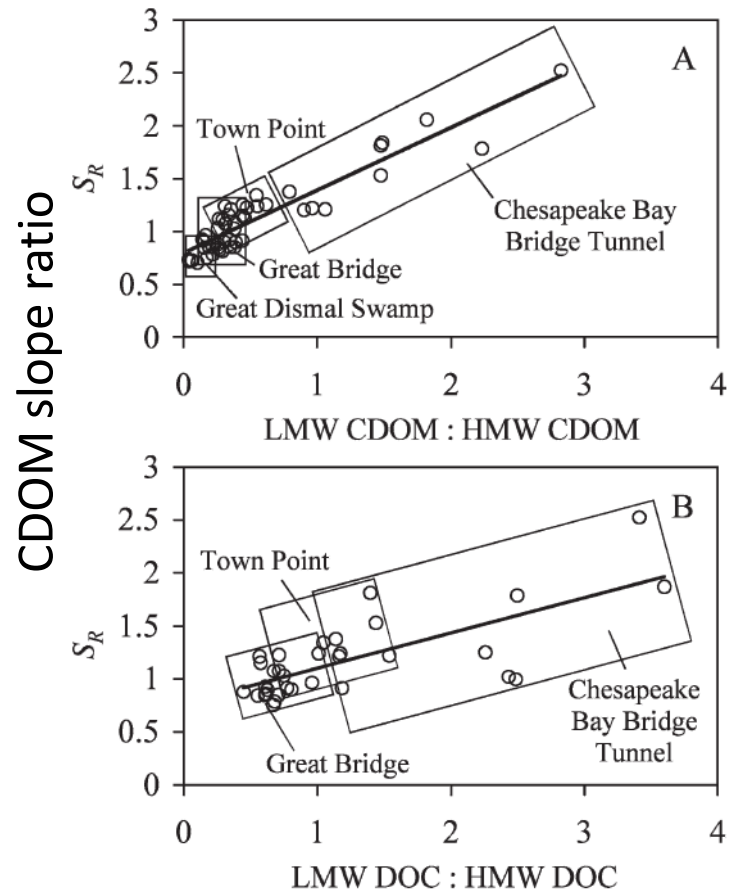
Wavelength (nm)	Pigment(s)	ρ	A	B	$e_{\text{median}} (\%)$
435	TChl <i>a</i>	0.868	0.031	0.578	35
617	TChl <i>a</i>	0.834	0.003	0.758	36
675	TChl <i>a</i>	0.899	0.014	0.798	30
454	0.03(TChl <i>b</i>) + 0.07(Chl <i>c</i>)	0.845	0.028	0.414	57
469	TChl <i>b</i>	0.783	0.066	0.533	52
661	TChl <i>b</i>	0.747	0.018	0.668	40
585	Chl <i>c</i>	0.846	0.014	0.582	53
639	Chl <i>c</i>	0.894	0.012	0.641	41
492	PPC	0.606	0.046	0.650	51
523	PSC	0.855	0.013	0.588	49

Phycoerithrin
proxy distribution



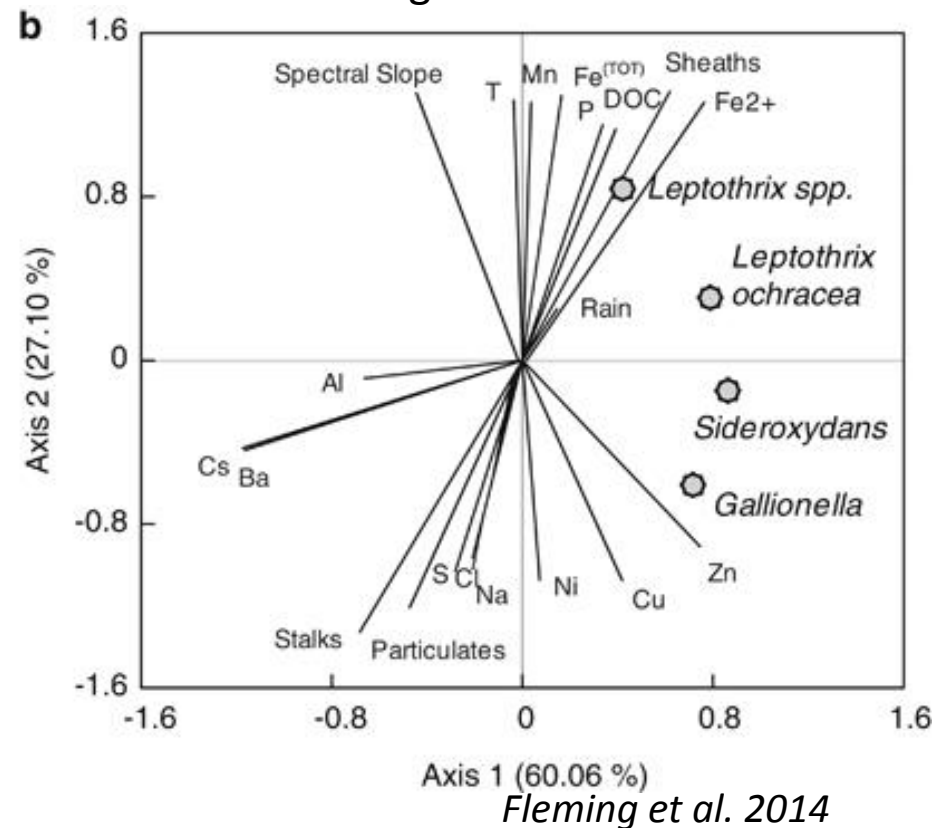
Chase et al, 2013

CDOM slope \sim DOC molecular mass



Helms et al., 2008

Ecological succession among
iron-oxidizing bacteria
unexplored relationship between
FeOB and organic carbon



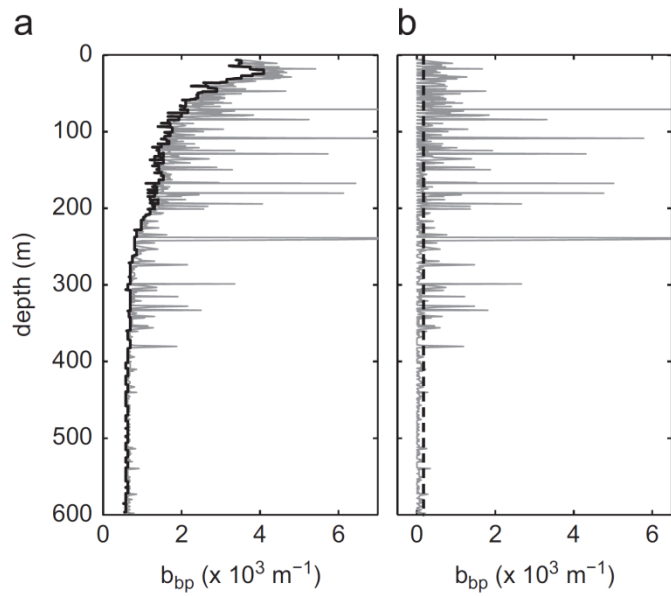
Fleming et al. 2014



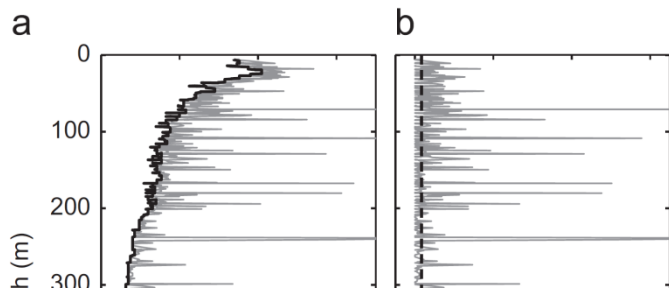
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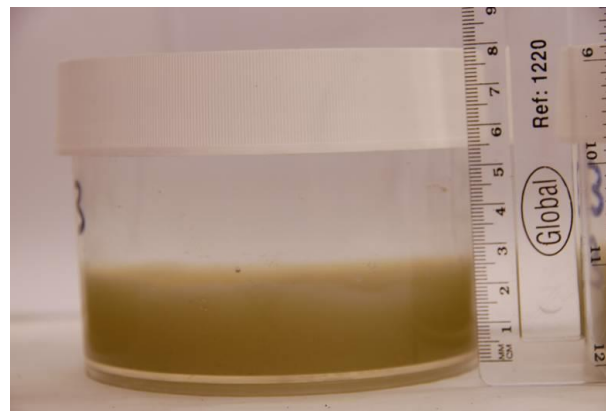
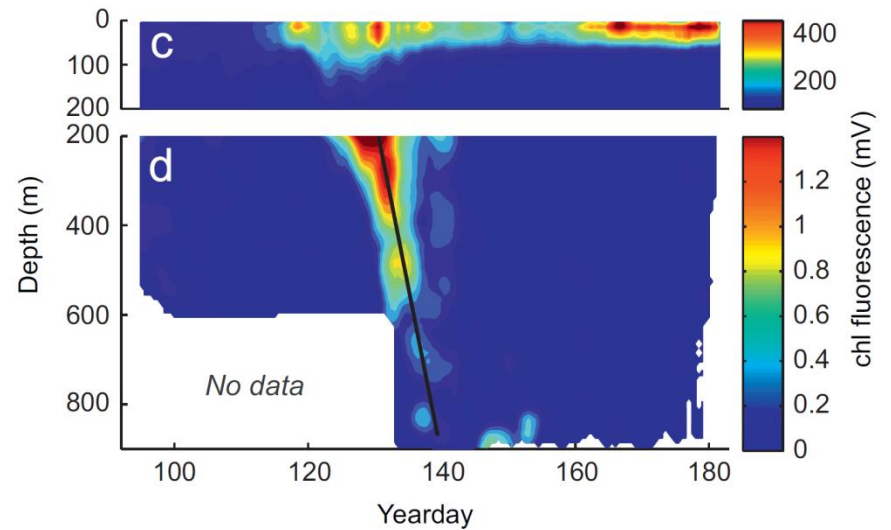
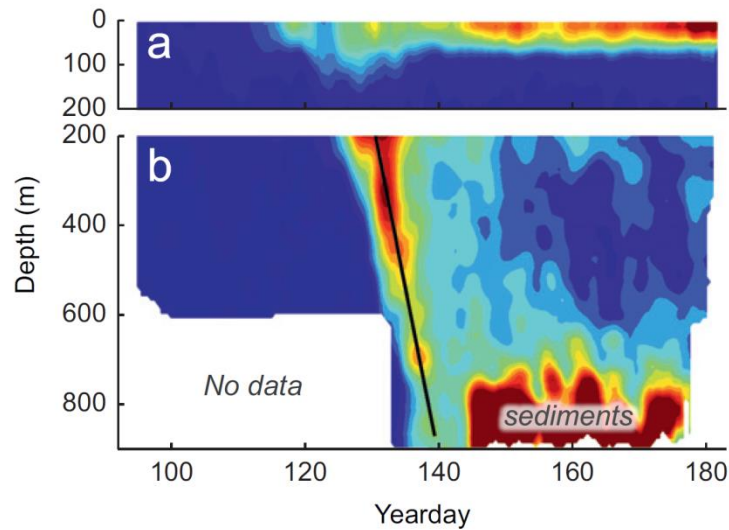
FLUXES



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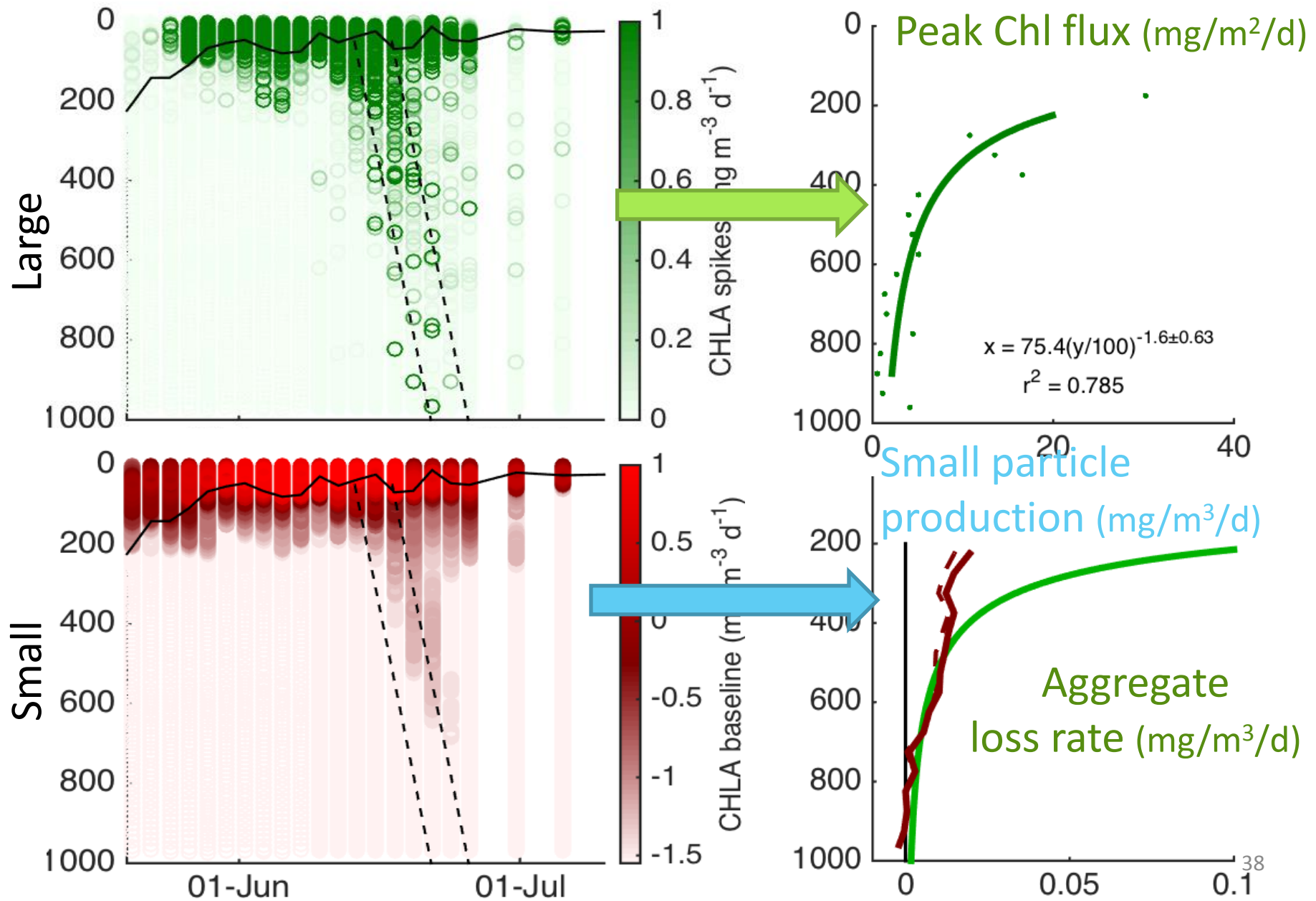


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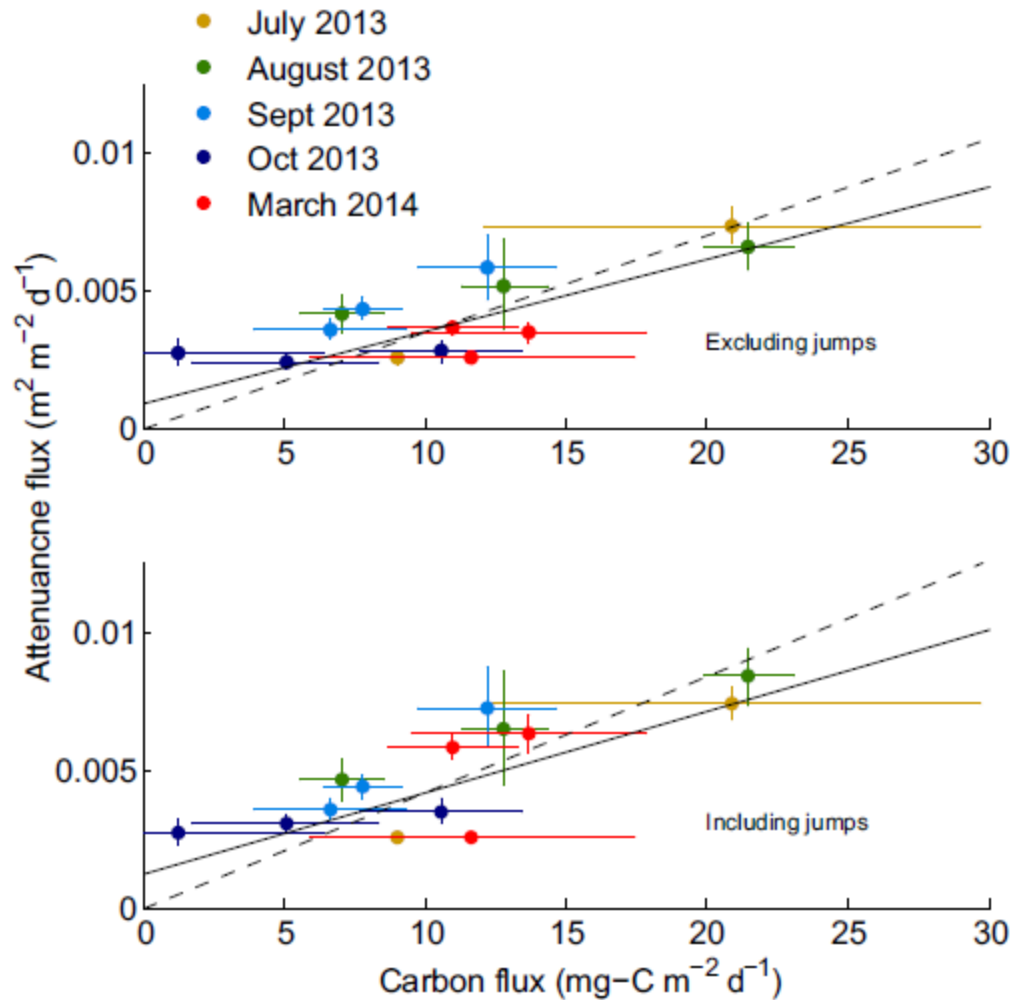


DISSAGGREGATION

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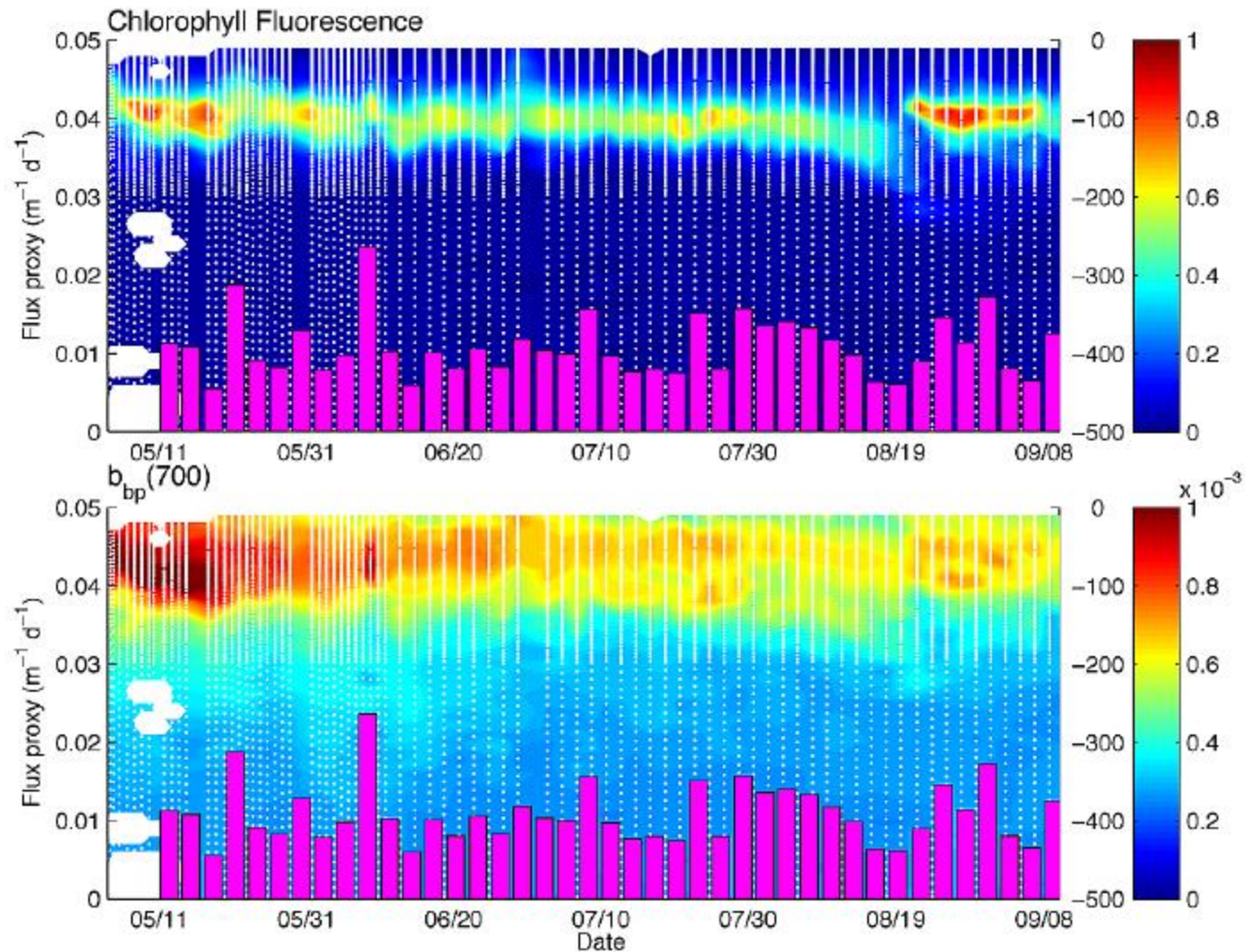


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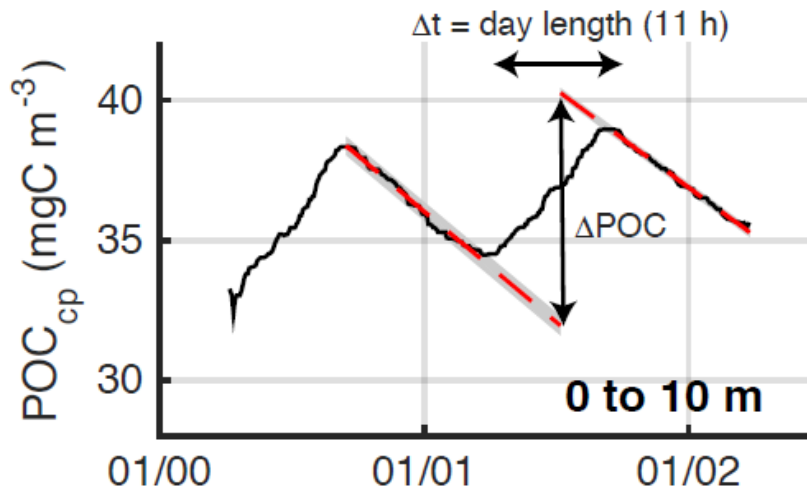


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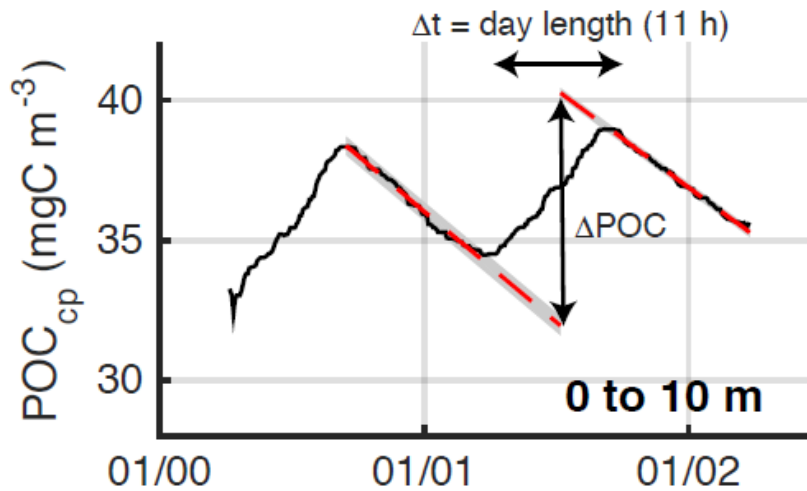


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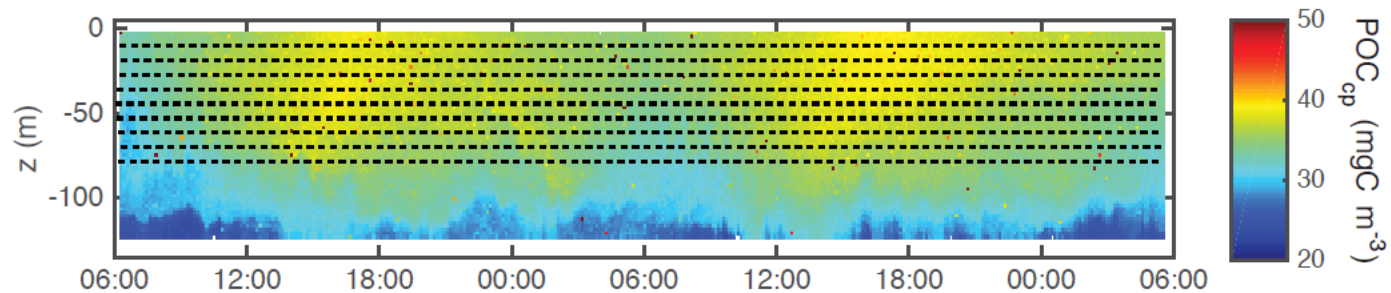


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(but see Claustre et al 1999, Dall'Olmo et al 2011)

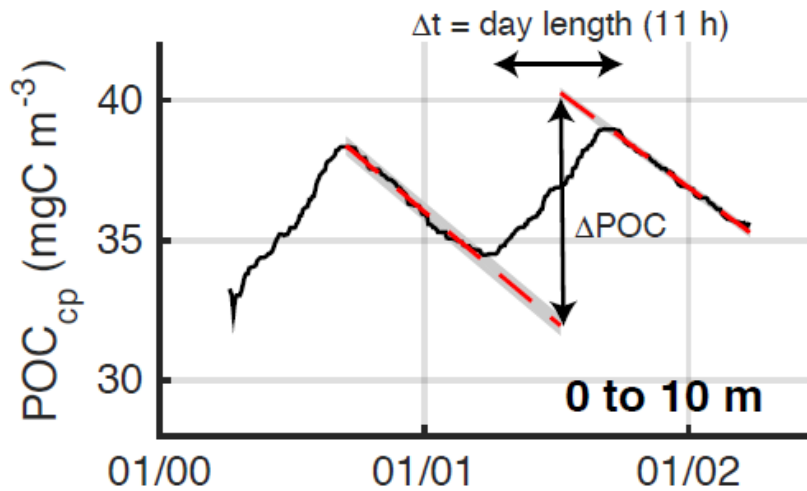
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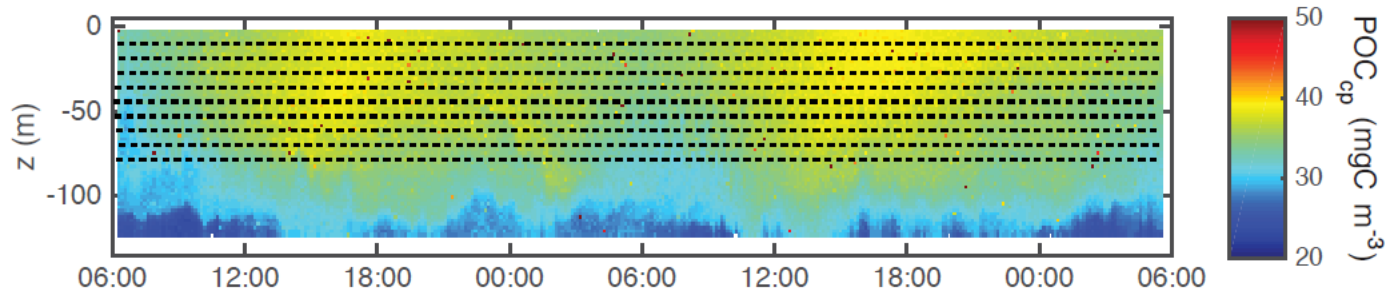
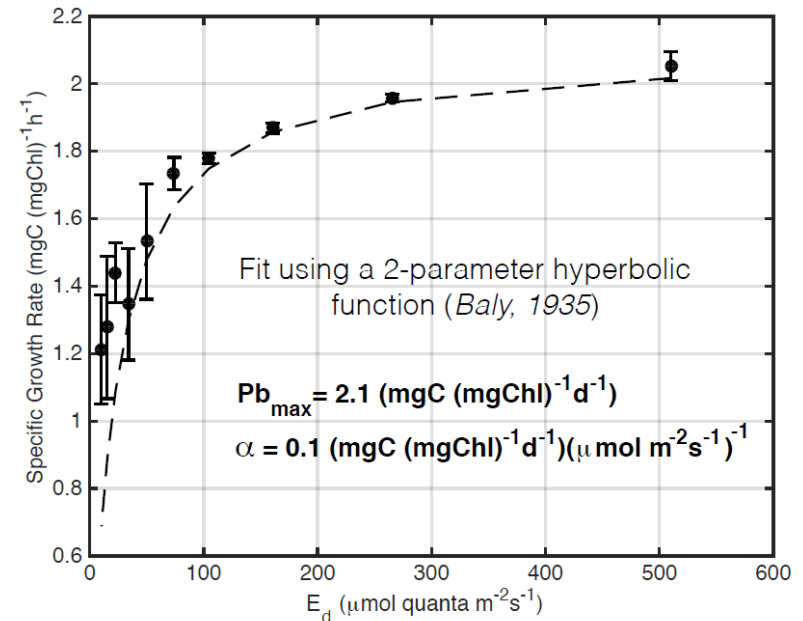
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PROXIES WORK UNTIL THEY DON'T (MJP)

1. Validate – make sure your proxies are based on strong and meaningful relationship with biogeochemical parameters
2. Interpolate rather than extrapolate – know the limits of your method, spatial, temporal and logical
3. Same as Rufus the dog, seize the variability and chaos (but remember 1 and 2)