SMS 598: Calibration and Validation for Ocean

Lecture 5 Fluorescence

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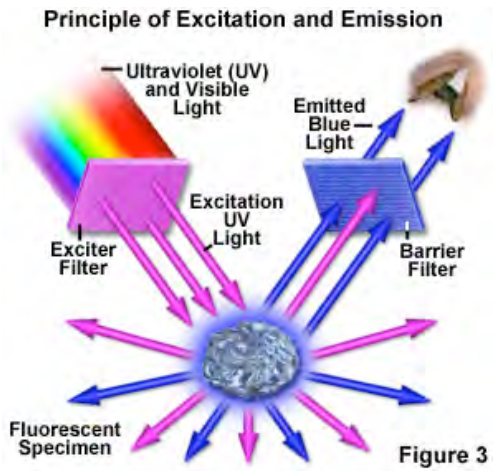

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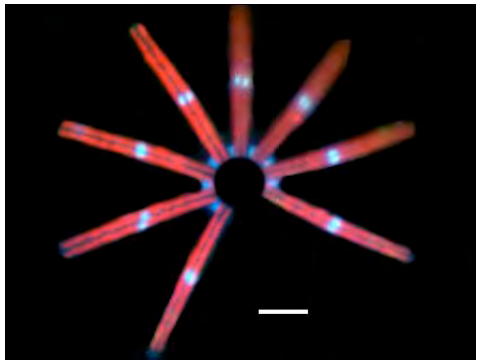
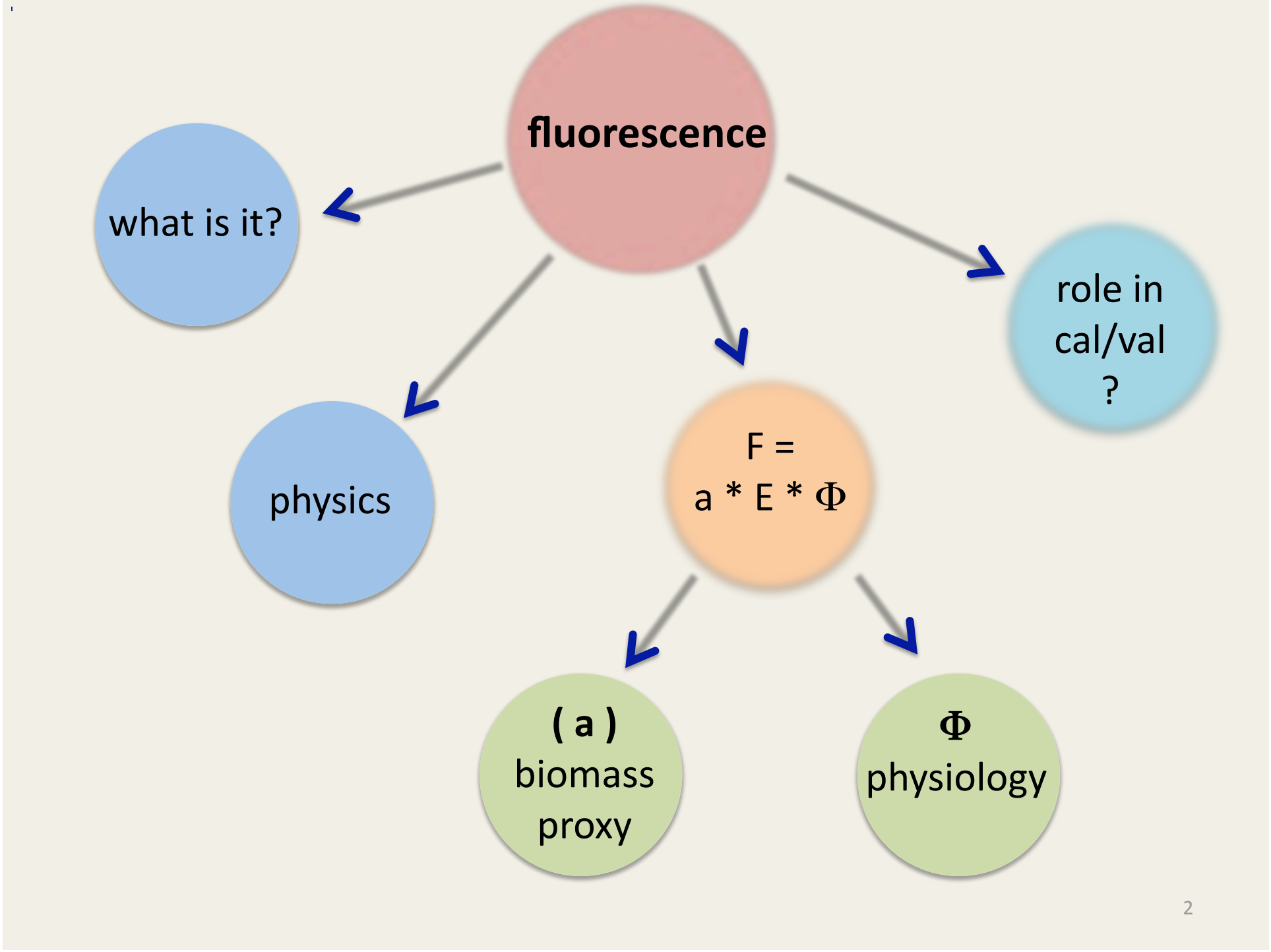


Epifluorescence microscope: chlorophyll fluorescence in *Thalassionema* (courtesy of M. Sierackiz0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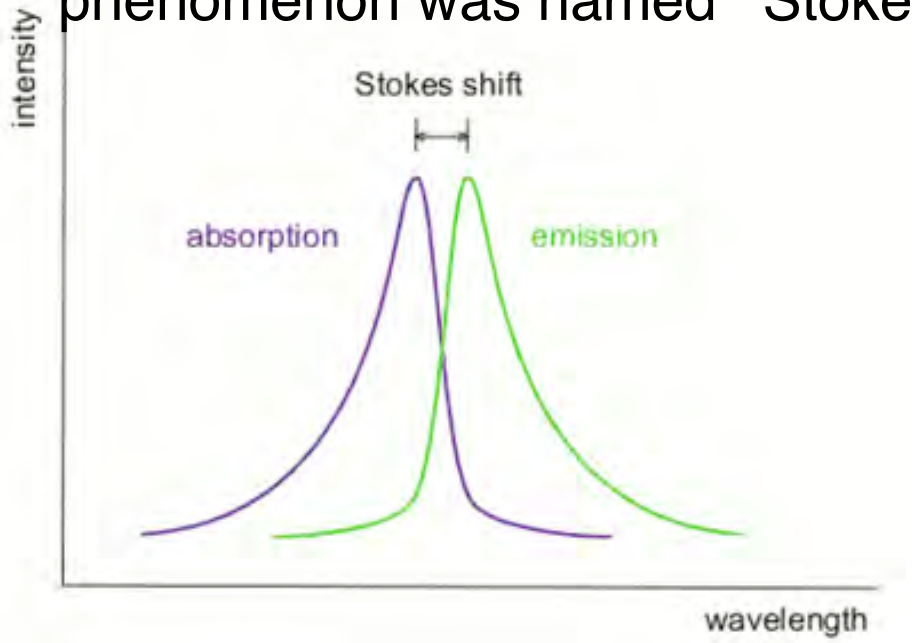
Sir George Gabriel Stokes

"I am almost inclined to coin a word and call the appearance fluorescence, from fluor-spar, as the analogous term opalescence is derived from the name of a mineral." –Phil. Trans. 479 (1852)

In 1852 Stokes described fluorescence, as exhibited by fluorspar and uranium glass. **He noted emission of visible light when he exposed them to UV light.** This phenomenon was named 'Stokes shift'.

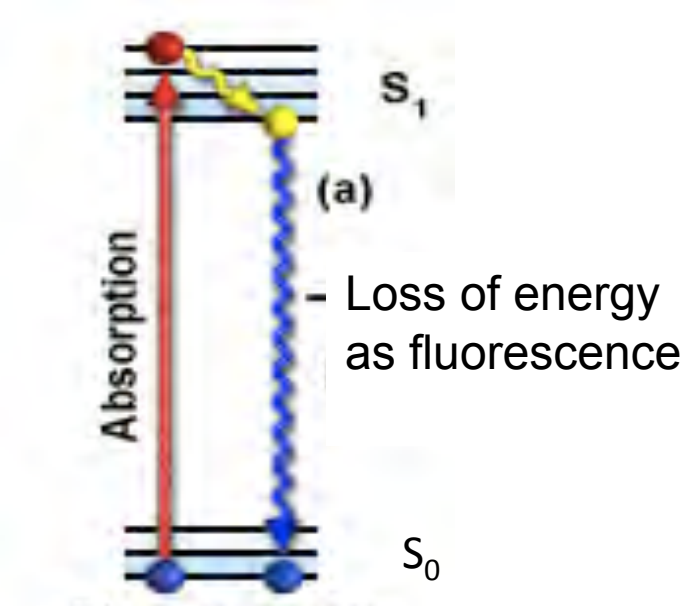


A fraction of energy absorbed at **shorter wavelength** (higher frequency, higher energy) is re-emitted as a photon at **longer wavelength** (lower frequency, lower energy).

$E = h\nu = hc/\lambda$

Fluorescence: A fraction of energy absorbed at a shorter wavelength (higher frequency, higher energy) is re-emitted as a photon at a longer wavelength (lower frequency, lower energy).

Energy (as a photon) can be absorbed **IF and ONLY IF** the energy of the photon ($E = h\nu = hc/\lambda$) is equal to <u>Δ energy</u> between an electron in the ground electronic state (S_0) and in a higher electronic state (S_n).



<u>Absorption</u> is an "electronic transition" ($O(10^{-15}$ s)), leading to an excited state. The excited electron returns to ground state by vibrational loss of energy (radiation-less decay). Certain molecules can lose some energy through photon loss, e.g., fluorescence. Note: from lowest electronic state of S_1 (not S_n). Other processes on next slide, but we'll stick to F.

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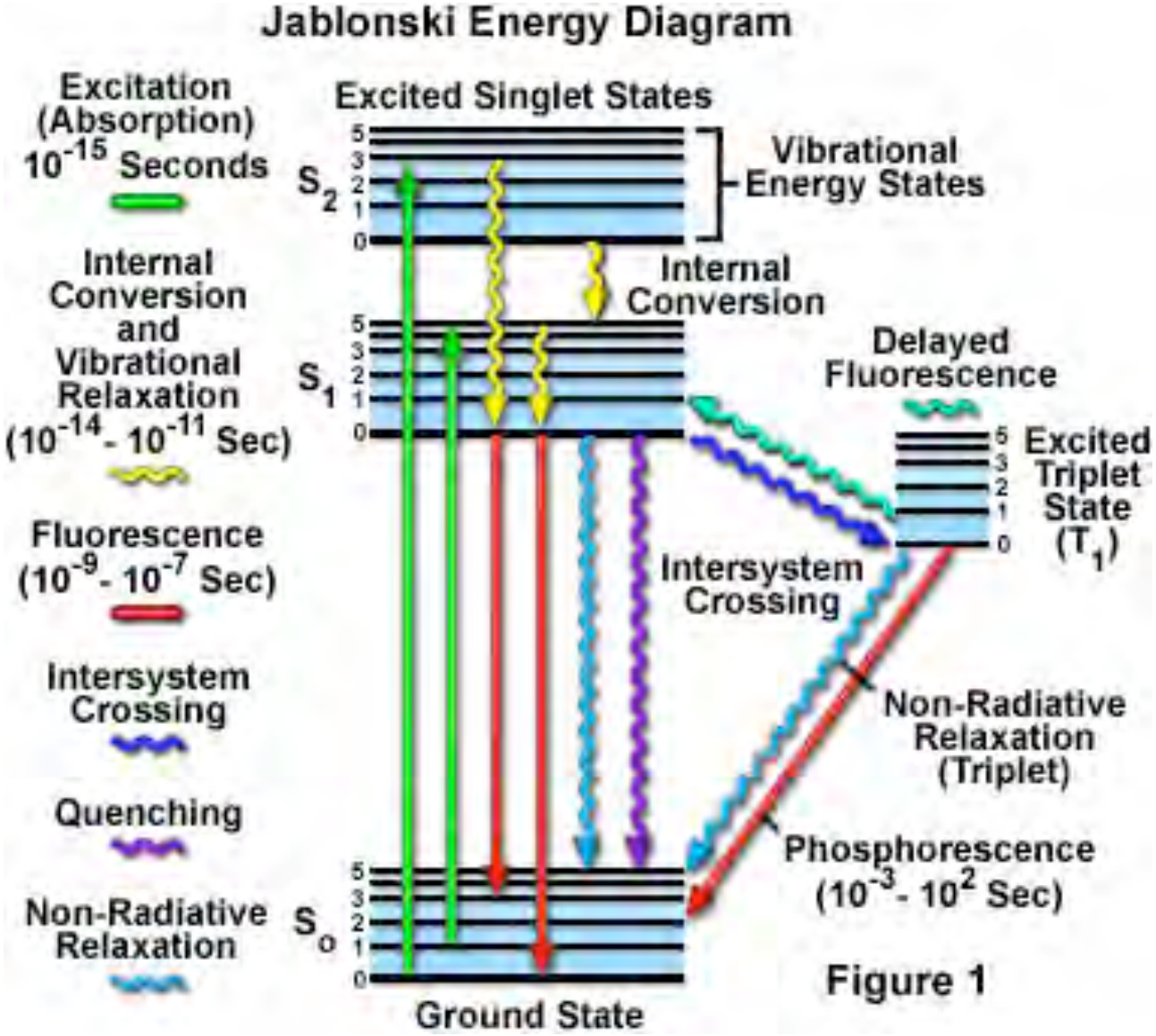
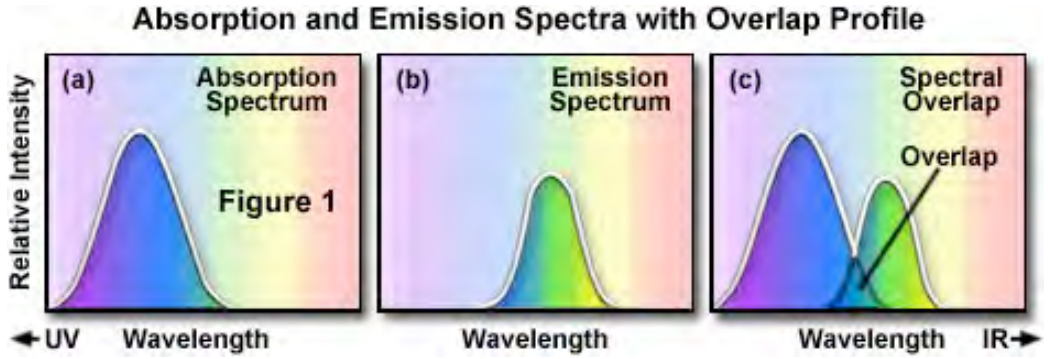
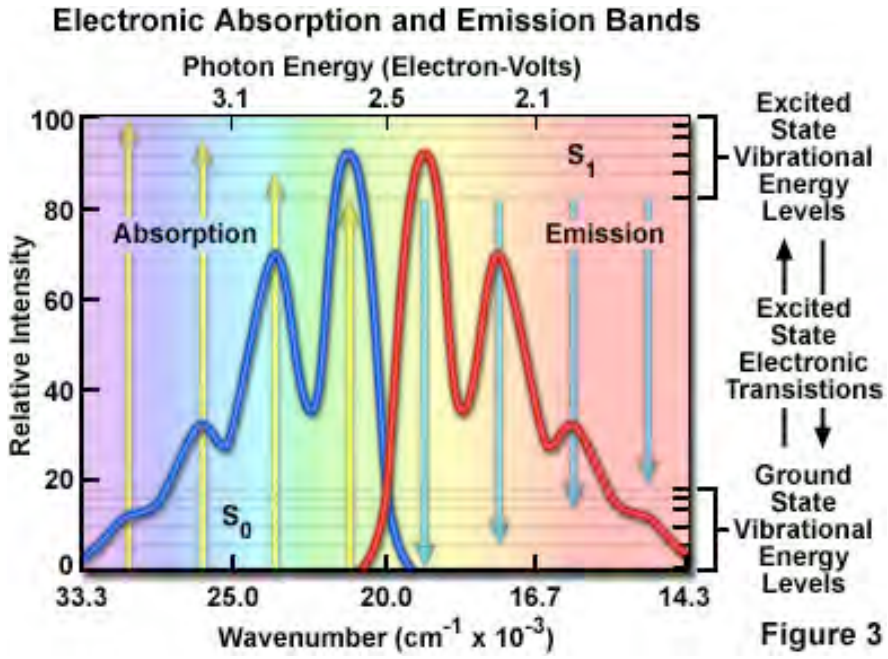


http://www.micro.magnet.fsu.edu/optics/timeline/people/jablonski.html

Summary: **fluorescence emission**

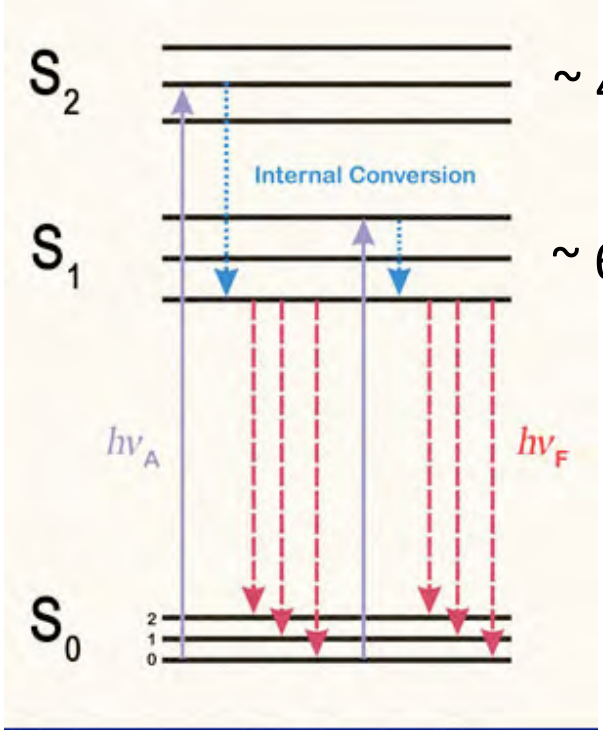
1. always from lowest vibrational state of S_1
2. red shifted – Stokes shift (higher λ, lower E)
3. mirror image of absorption





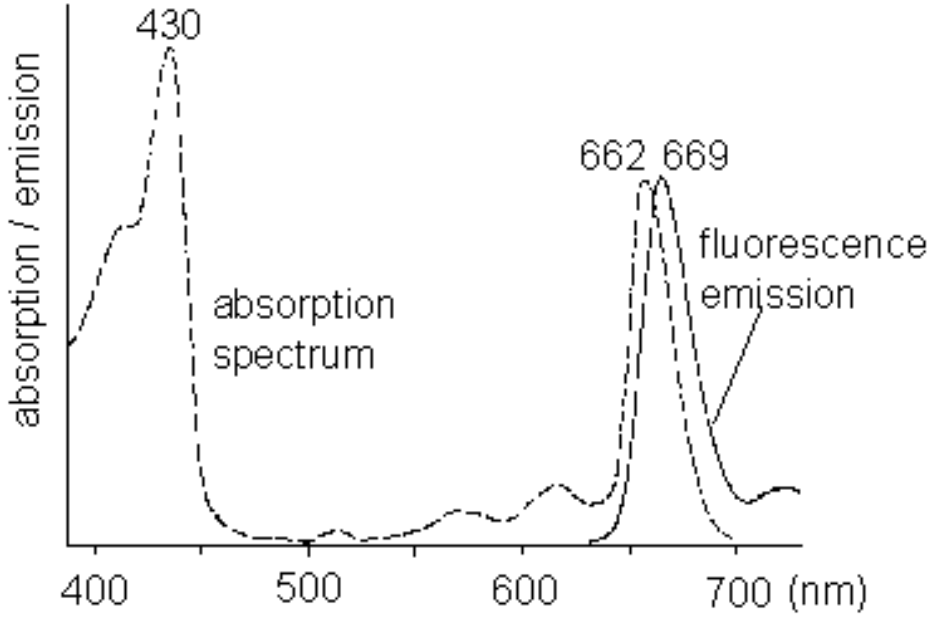
Chlorophyll *a* example

– single pigment molecule with two primary absorption bands: blue Soret band (S2) and red Q band (S1), with fluorescence emission and Stokes' shift only from Q band.



~ 436 nm

~ 676 nm

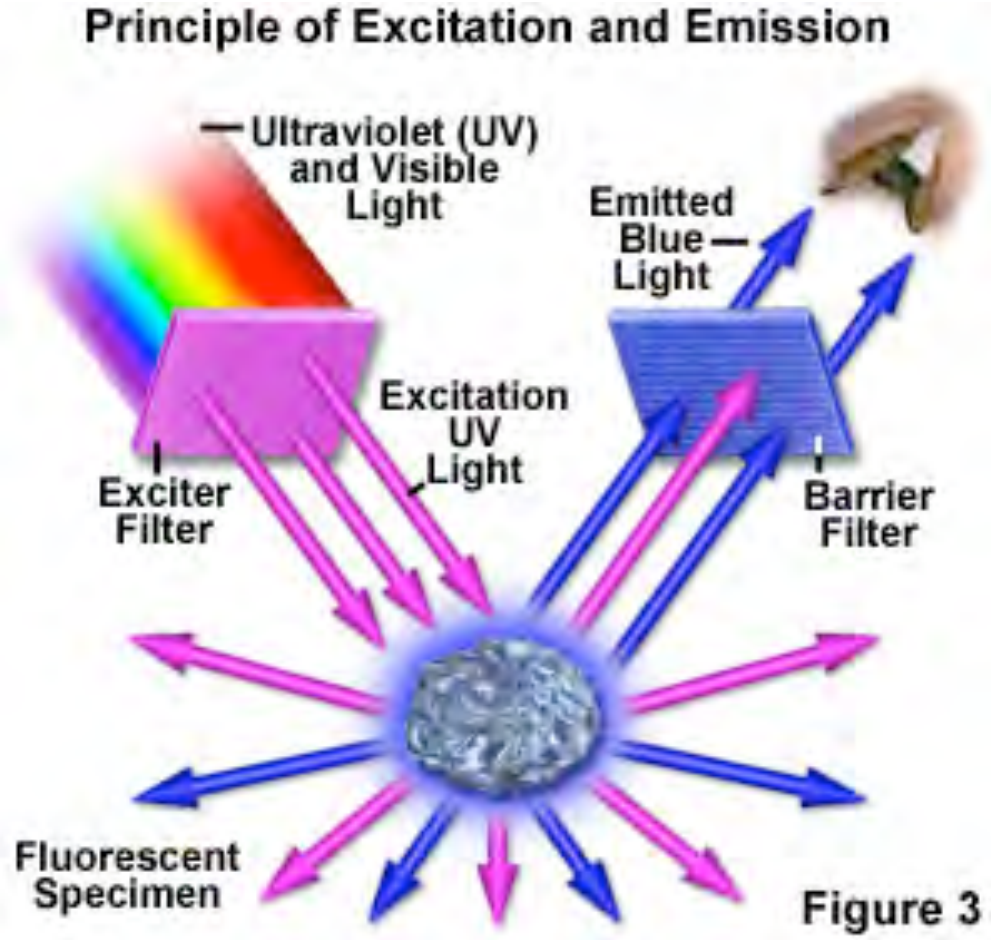


Note: on left, absorption maxima are *in vivo*; right, maxima are *in vitro*

Chlorophyll *a* example *(other compounds: CDOM & phycoerythrin)*
– single pigment molecule with two primary absorption bands: blue Soret band (S2) and red Q band (S1), with fluorescence emission only from Q band (with Stokes' shift – see preceding slide).

Two absorption bands of chlorophyll provides a great technical advantage
– allow better separation of excitation (blue) and emission (red) light.

Technical note: excite and detect fluorescence orthogonally; fluorescence is isotropic.



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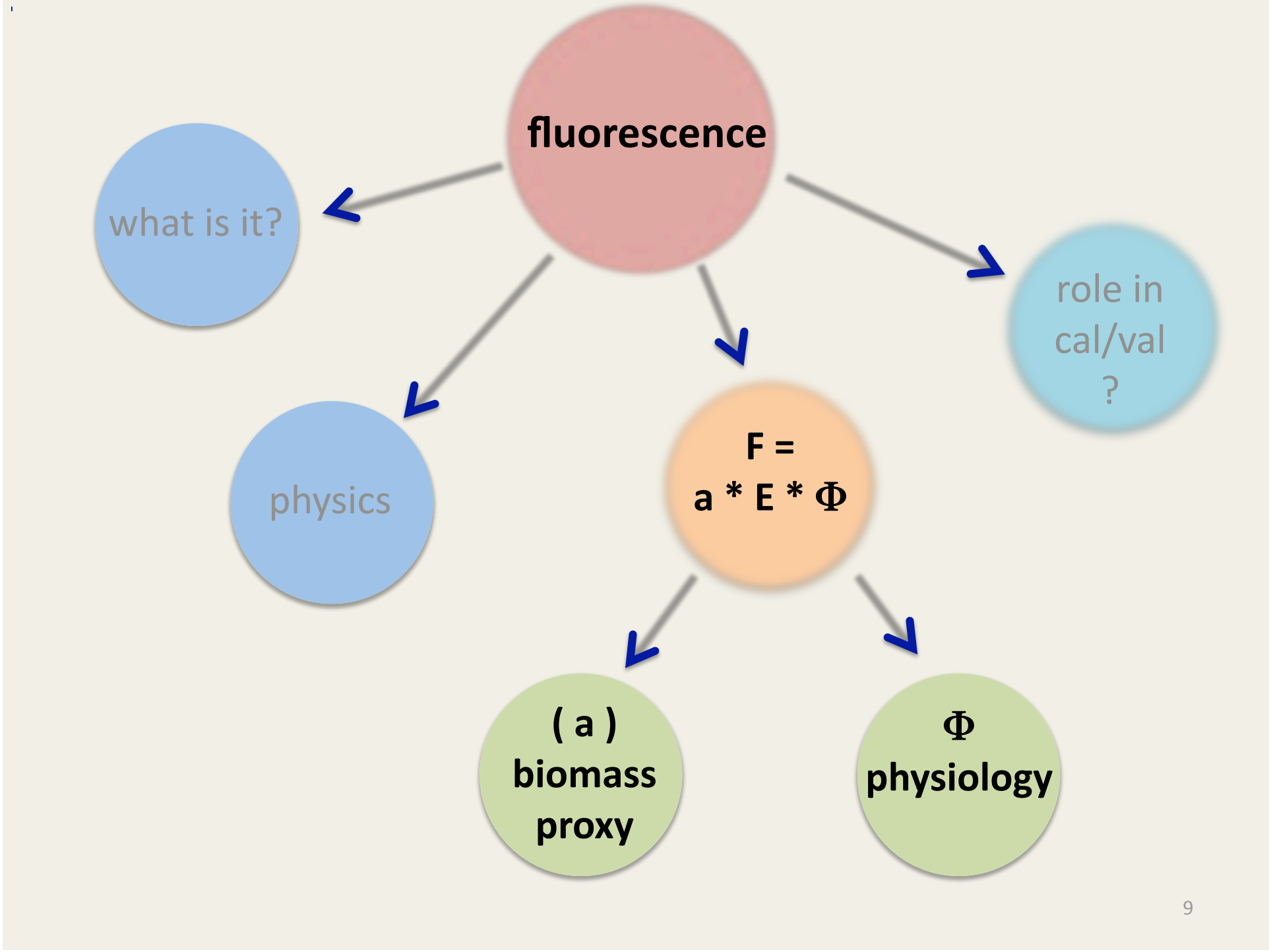
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$$F(\lambda) = a(\lambda) * E(\lambda) * \Phi_f$$

F

E or a

F = fluorescence emission
measure as photons or energy – difficult to get absolute measurement, so typically measured as relative fluorescence, in digital counts or analogue detector in volts)

a = absorption coefficient; 'related' to **C**, concentration (and a*)

E = energy of excitation light

λ = wavelength

Φ_f = quantum yield of fluorescence = $\frac{\text{moles photons emitted}}{\text{moles absorbed}}$

$$F = a(\lambda) * E(\lambda) * \Phi_f$$

Three things to note in the fluorescence equation:

1. a = absorption coefficient (not chlorophyll concentration; in acetone extract 'a' ~~ chl concentration, but not in live cells).

2. there is a λ for both absorption and E, excitation energy

3. quantum yield of fluorescence, Φ_f , varies:
   - in solution (*in vitro)*, F is a function of solvent and temperature
   - in living cell (*in vivo),* F is a function of physiology

$$F = a(\lambda) * E(\lambda) * \Phi_f$$

1) a = absorption coefficient

in vitro (e.g., in acetone extract: a ~ chl conc., hence F ~ conc; Turner Designs 10-AU calibration protocol.

in vivo (living cells): F ~ a …… with other caveats, such as constant Φ_f

F

E or a

Technical note: fluorescence is linear function of concentration at low concentrations; re-absorption occurs at higher concentrations.

a vs. F (flow cytometry)

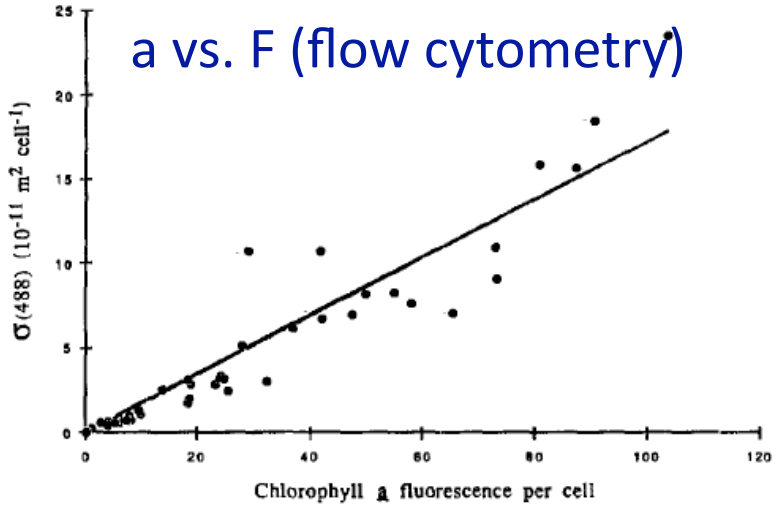
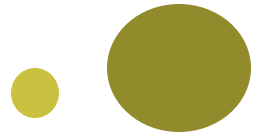


Fig. 5. Regression of geometric mean of Chl *a* fluorescence per cell (converted to linear units) measured in the flow cytometer vs. $\sigma(488)$ for all species and growth irradiances listed in Table 1; $\sigma(488) = 0.173 \times 10^{-11} \times$ Chl *a* fluorescence per cell; $r^2 = 0.93$.

Perry & Porter 1989

a* changes due to pigment packaging – i.e., size and photo-adaption.
Therefore, fluorescence-to-chlorophyll must too.

F/Chl was a function of cell size in San Francisco Bay, due to greater pigment packaging in larger cells.



Sizes were separated w/ screens
- netplankton (>22 µm)
- nanoplankton (5–22 µm)
- ultraplankton (<5 µm)

F / Chl was linearly related within size class, but was significantly different between sizes: ultraplankton = 2 * nanoplank. = 2 * netplank.

Data from San Francisco Bay;
Alpine and Cloern (1985). J Plankton Research 7: 318.

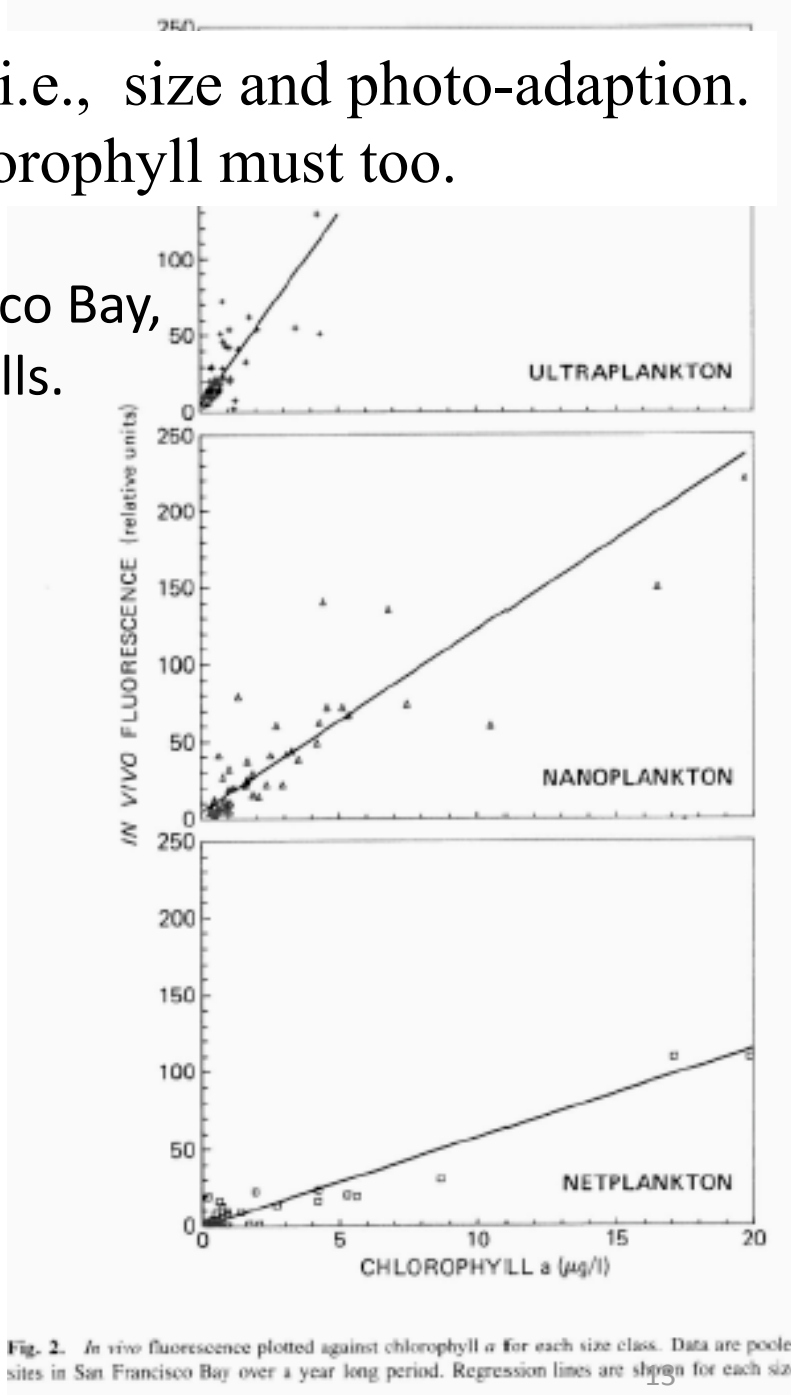
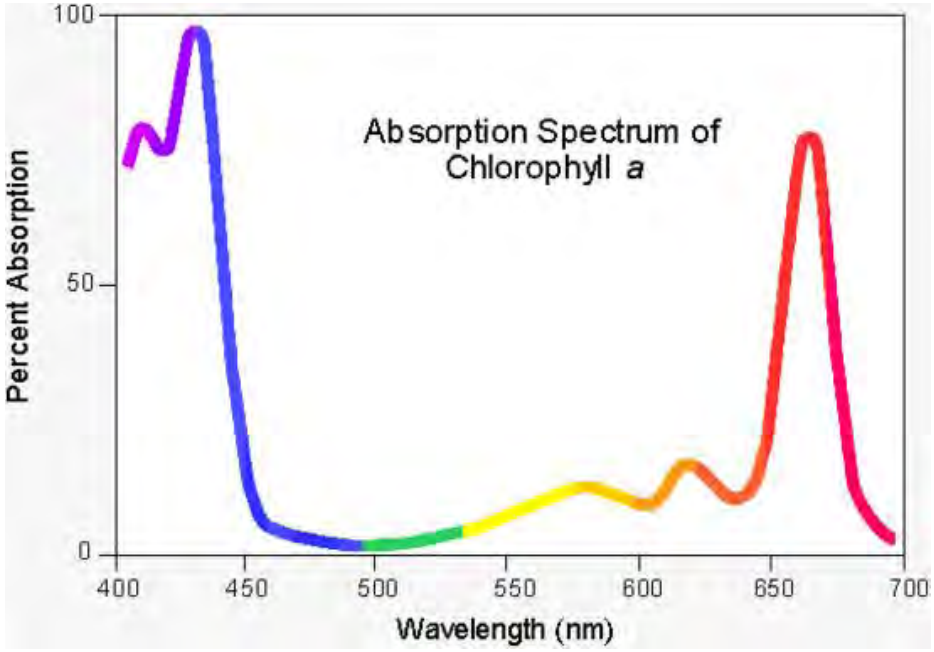


Fig. 2. *In vivo* fluorescence plotted against chlorophyll *a* for each size class. Data are poole
sites in San Francisco Bay over a year long period. Regression lines are shown for each siz

$$F = a(\lambda) * E(\lambda) * \Phi_f$$

2) λ− dependence for both absorption and E, excitation energy:

there must be a match between wavelengths of phytoplankton absorption spectrum and lamp excitation spectrum.



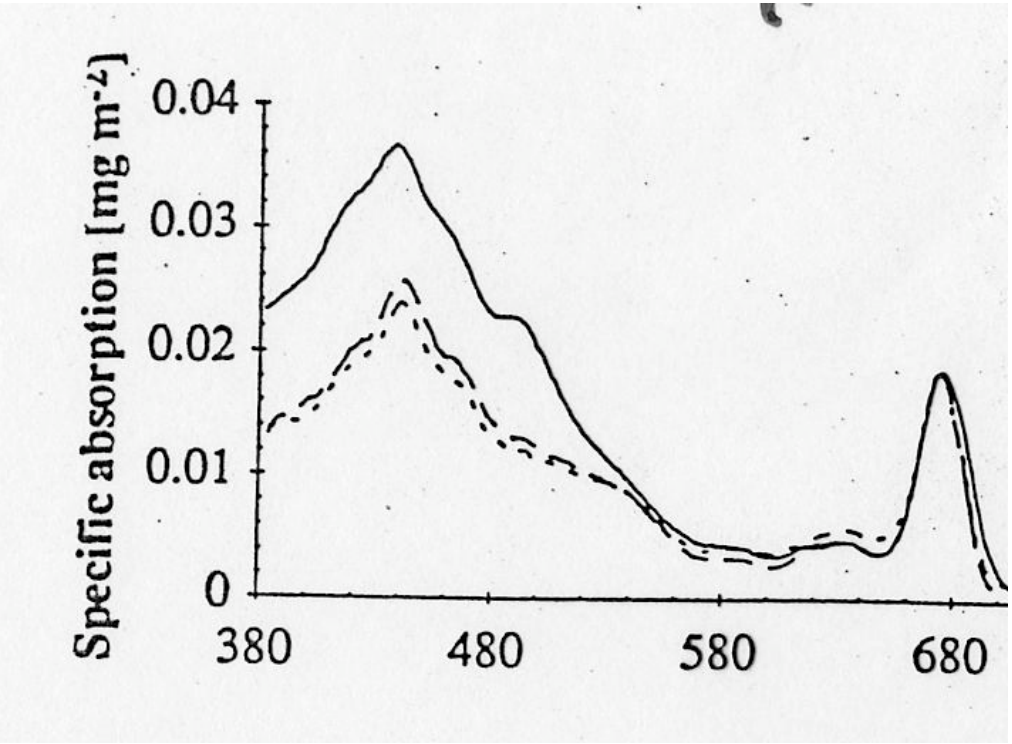
What is the excitation spectrum of a typical *in situ* fluorometer?

(Models do differ in λ; also, calibration issues associated with changes in E and/or λ over time)

$$F = a(\lambda) * E(\lambda) * \Phi_f$$

λ– dependence for both absorption and E, excitation energy:

phytoplankton absorption at 470 nm can be separated into absorption by photosynthetic pigments(a_ps) and photoprotective pigments (a_pp). Only photosynthetic pigments are capable of transferring energy to chlorophyll Q-band, resulting in fluorescence. Here, fluorescence is proportional to a_ps.



solid line = a_phyt

dotted line = a_ps

difference = a_pp

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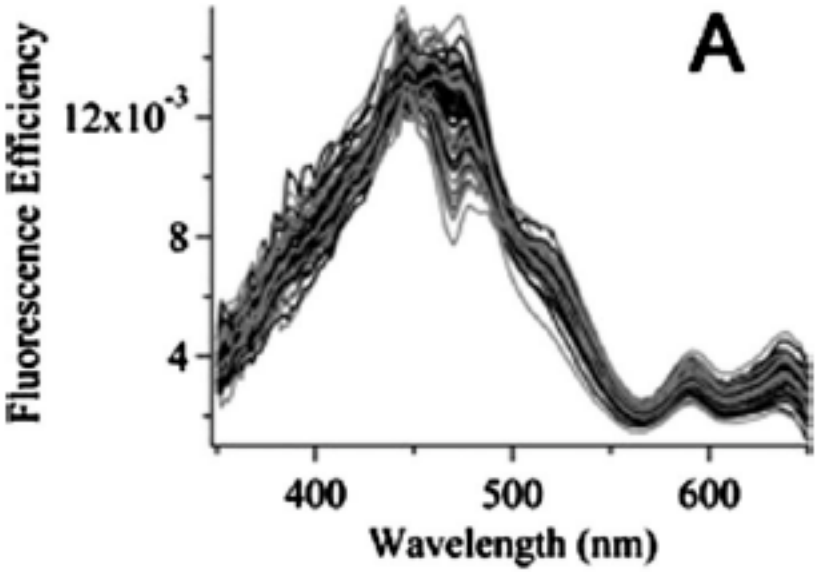
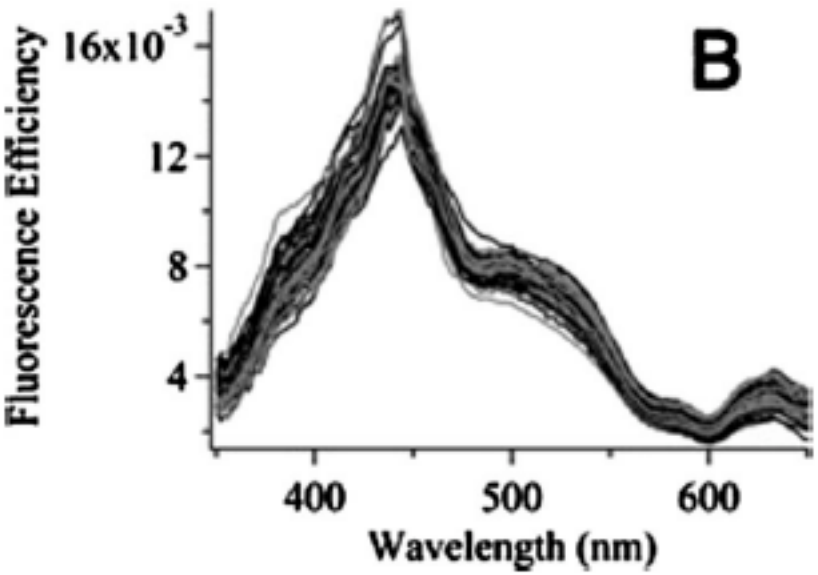
λ− dependence for both absorption and E, excitation energy:

Is the ratio between chlorophyll *a* and accessory pigments constant?



Emiliania huxleyi cells



Thalassiosira pseudonana

Richardson et al. 2010. Rev. Sci. Instrum. 81, 013103

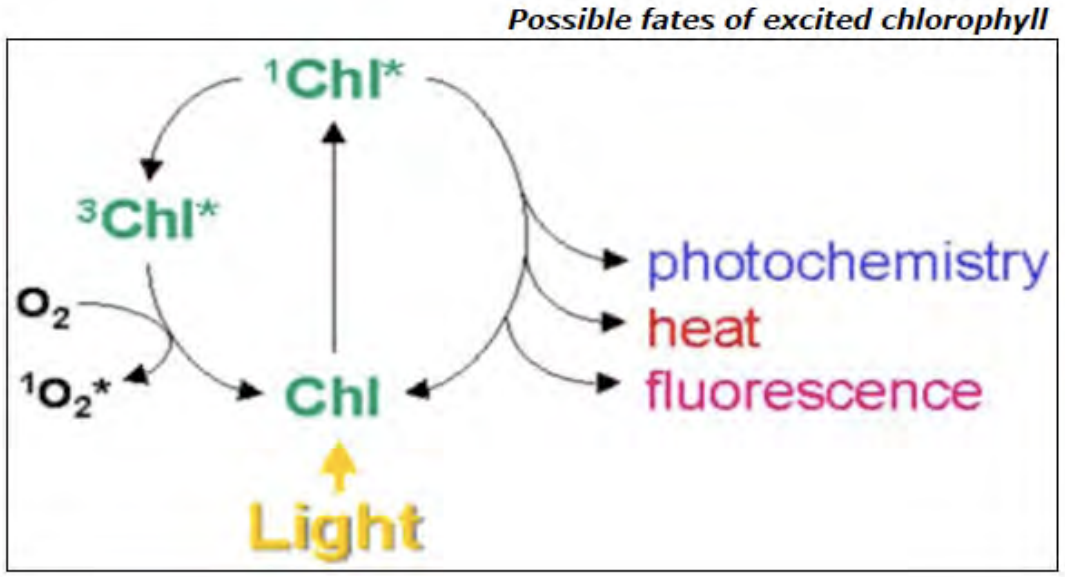
Single-cell excitation spectra
(O(50-100 individual cells))

$$F = a(\lambda) * E(\lambda) * \Phi_f$$

3) quantum yield of fluorescence varies spatially & temporally (Φ_f = moles photon fluoresced/ moles photon absorbed):

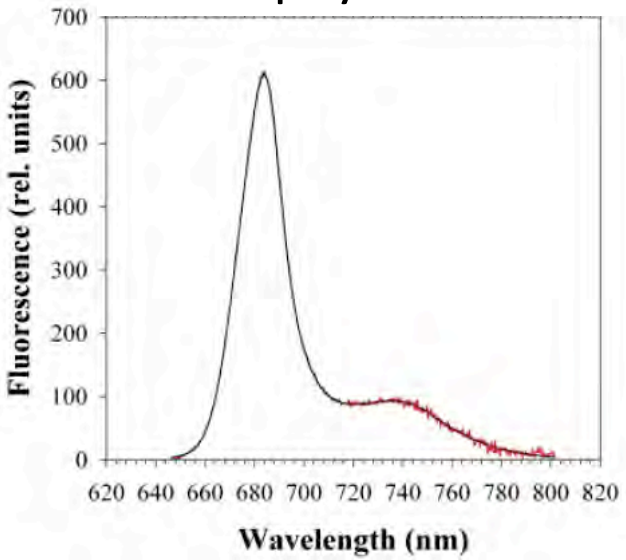
– in solution (*in vitro)*, F is a function of environment (solvent, temperature, pH, ionic strength); $\Phi_f \sim 0.33$ for Chl *a* acetone extract

– in living cell (*in vivo),* F is a function of photosynthetic physiology, and is influenced by light (photo-quenching and photo-damage) and nutrient limitation; typically Φ_f is <0.03.



http://biologie.univ-mrs.fr/upload/p222/1_fluorescence.pdf

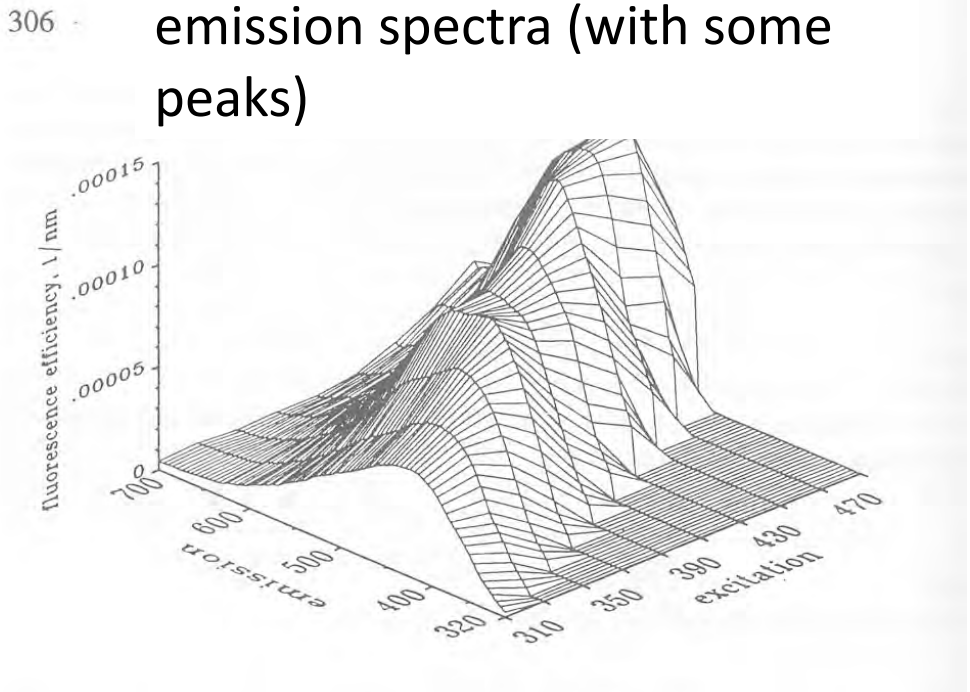
Chlorophyll *a* - red



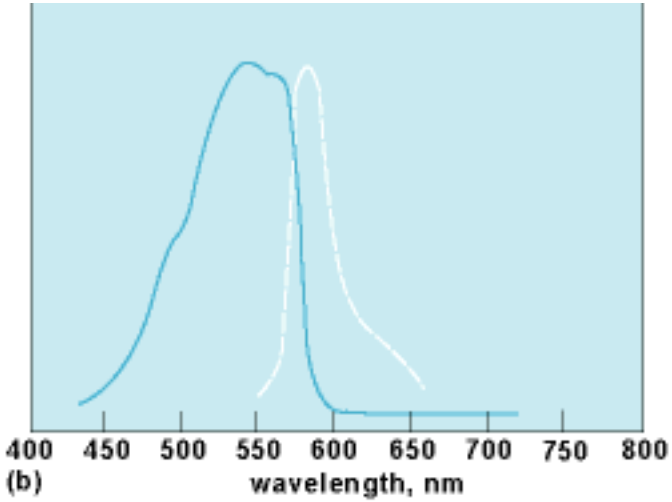
What fluoresces in the ocean?

both Chl *a* and CDOM exhibit natural or solar stimulated fluorescence;
PE – lidar stimulation, solar – not sure.

CDOM – broad excitation and emission spectra (with some peaks)



Phycoerythrin – orange



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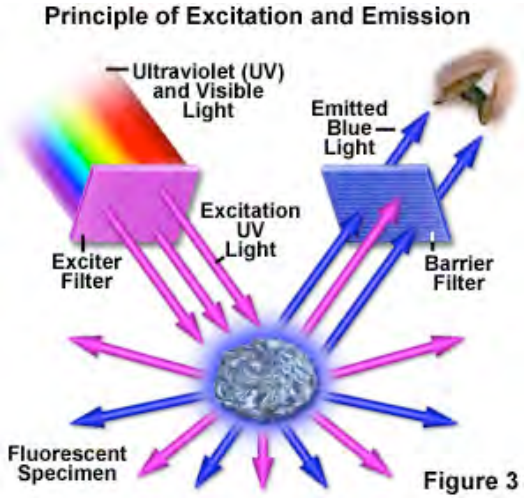
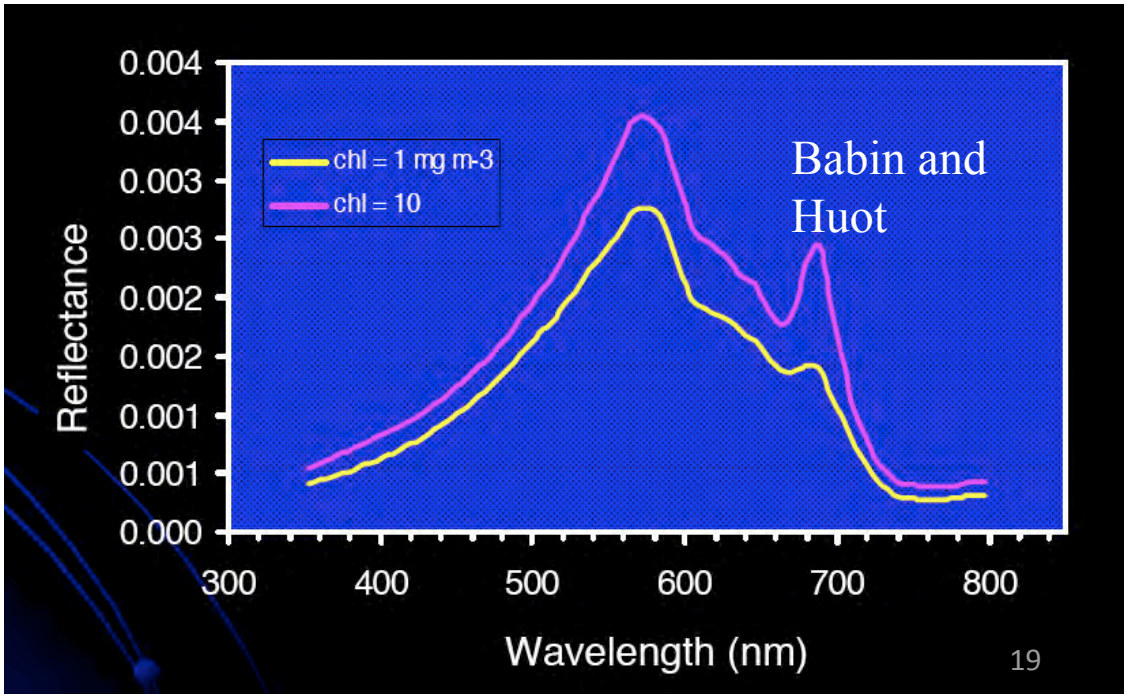
Two types of fluorescence measurements

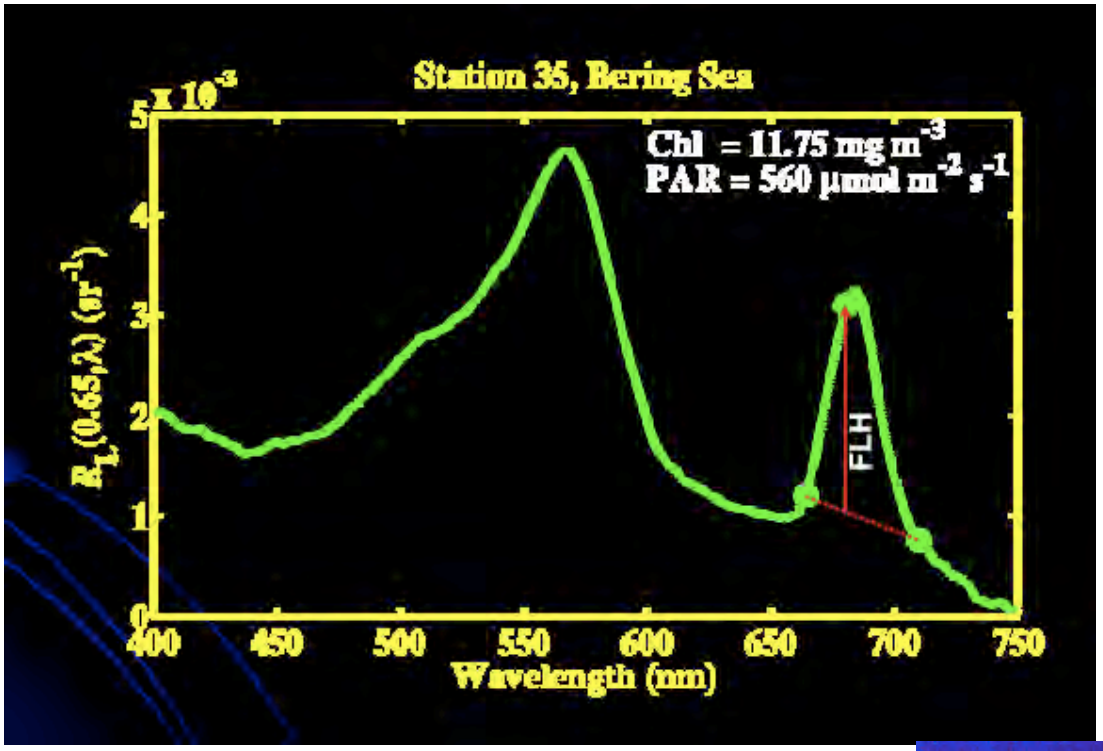


1) **active – artificial light source for E(λ)**
   - static: use for profiles of chlorophyll fluorescence; moorings; mobile platforms – **WILL USE IN LAB THURSDAY**
   - time resolved (true tr is ~ femo/picos for chemistry, like hole burning in CDOM; but could consider pump & probe, variable F)

2) **passive**
   - sun is light source for E(λ)

WILL SEE IN FIELD RADIOMETRIC DATA AND HYDROLIGHT



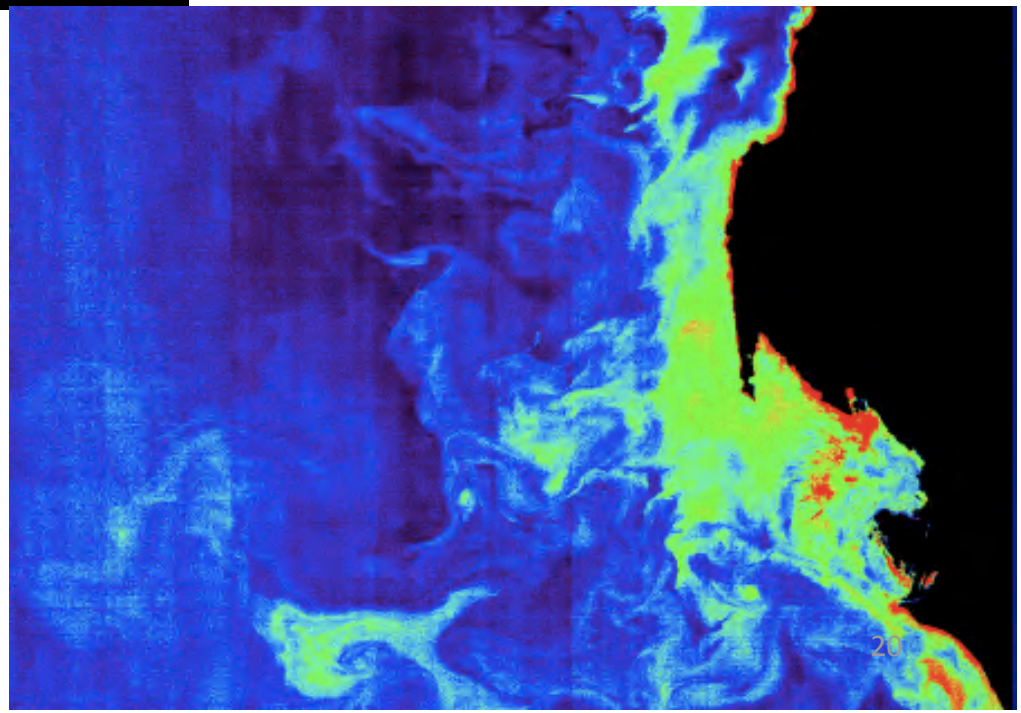


Not going to say much now about solar-stimulated fluorescence. Slides from Babin and Huot; they caution its use in turbid waters (bbp, not all F)

Other issues:

1) satellite images only available on clear days; bias of high light/ quenching; what is Φ_f?

2) how to interpret, E(λ), a (λ), depth resolution



Won't say much about fluorescence induction curve: rapid rise and slow decline. Input for productivity models.

Fast rise (< second); #1 – low light; #2 – high light adapted; #3 DCMU

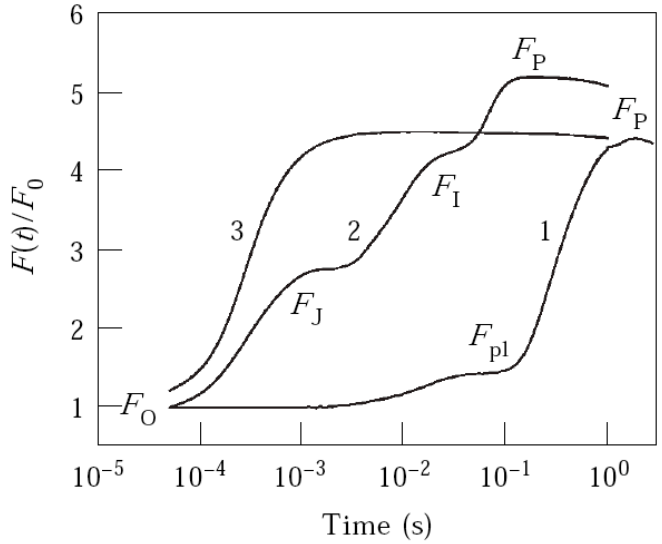
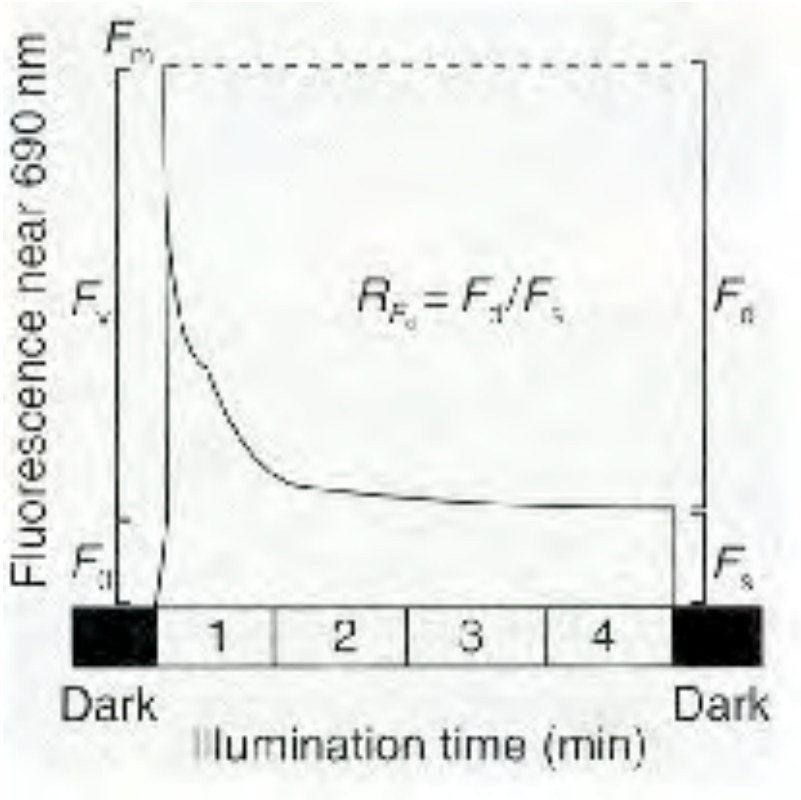


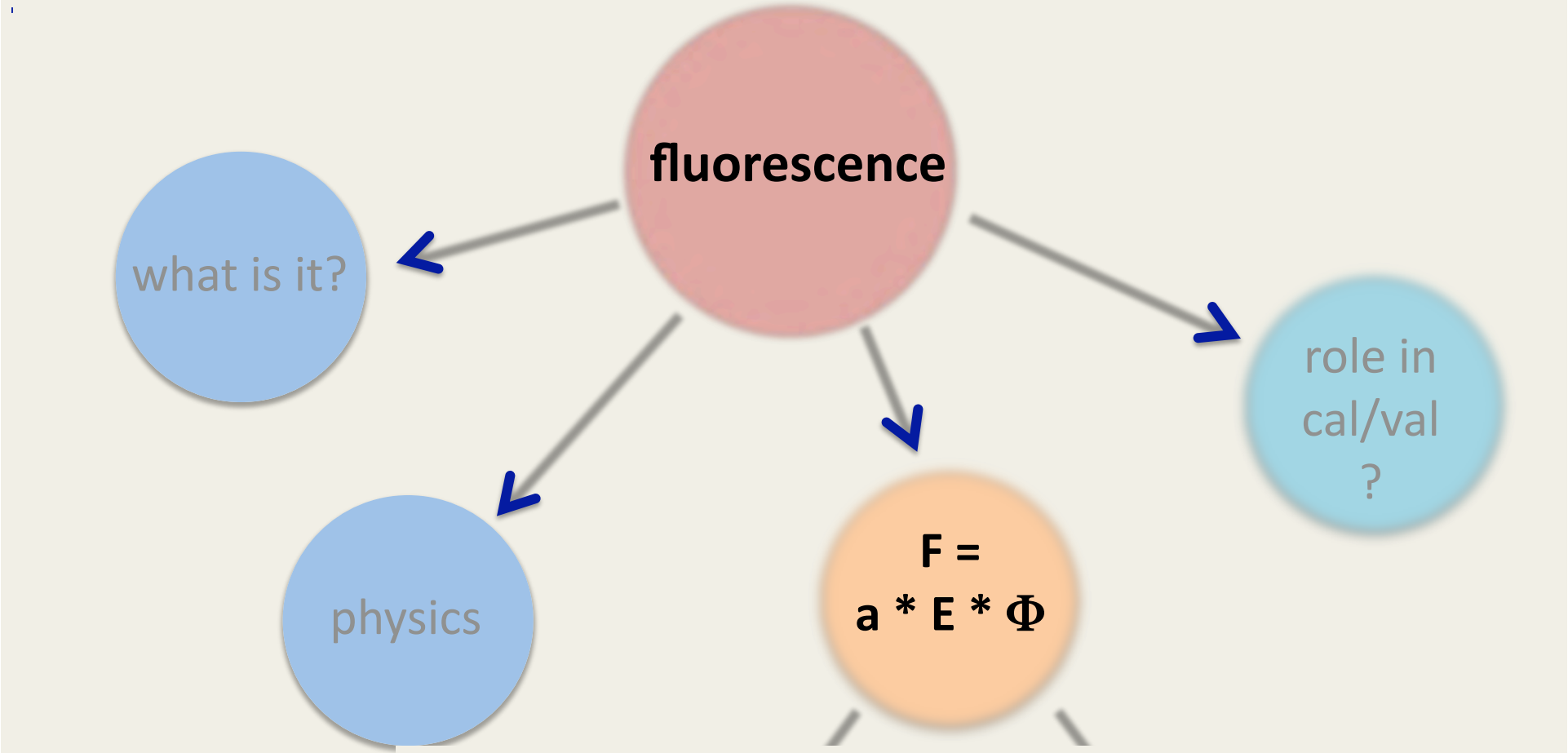
FIG. 1. Fast Chl *a* fluorescence induction curves (fluorescence as a function of time—from 50 μs to 1 s) measured on dark adapted *Pisum sativum* leaves illuminated with 12 Wm^{-2} (curve 1), 600 Wm^{-2} (curve 2), and 600 Wm^{-2} in the presence of DCMU (curve 3). Wavelength of illumination, 650 nm. For definition of symbols, see Glossary.

Slow rise (< minute)



photoreduction of QA to QA^- and connectivity among Reaction Centers

photochemical, thermal and other quenching



What can tell active sensors tell us?

Use F to measure biomass?

(a) biomass proxy

Φ physiology

Use F to measure something related to productivity rate?

Fluorescence quenching a challenge

(sometimes have to look at night time data only, or try correction)

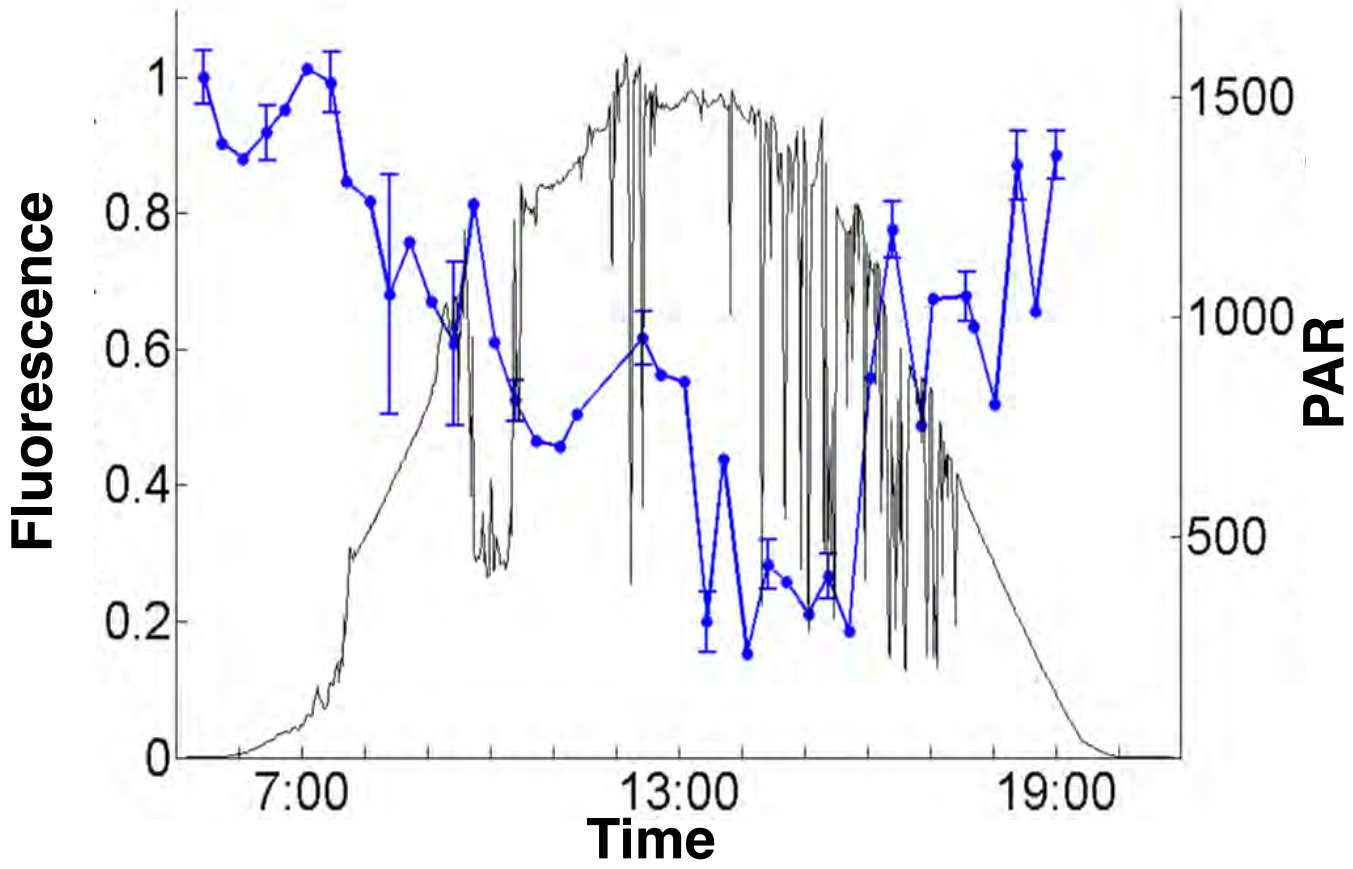
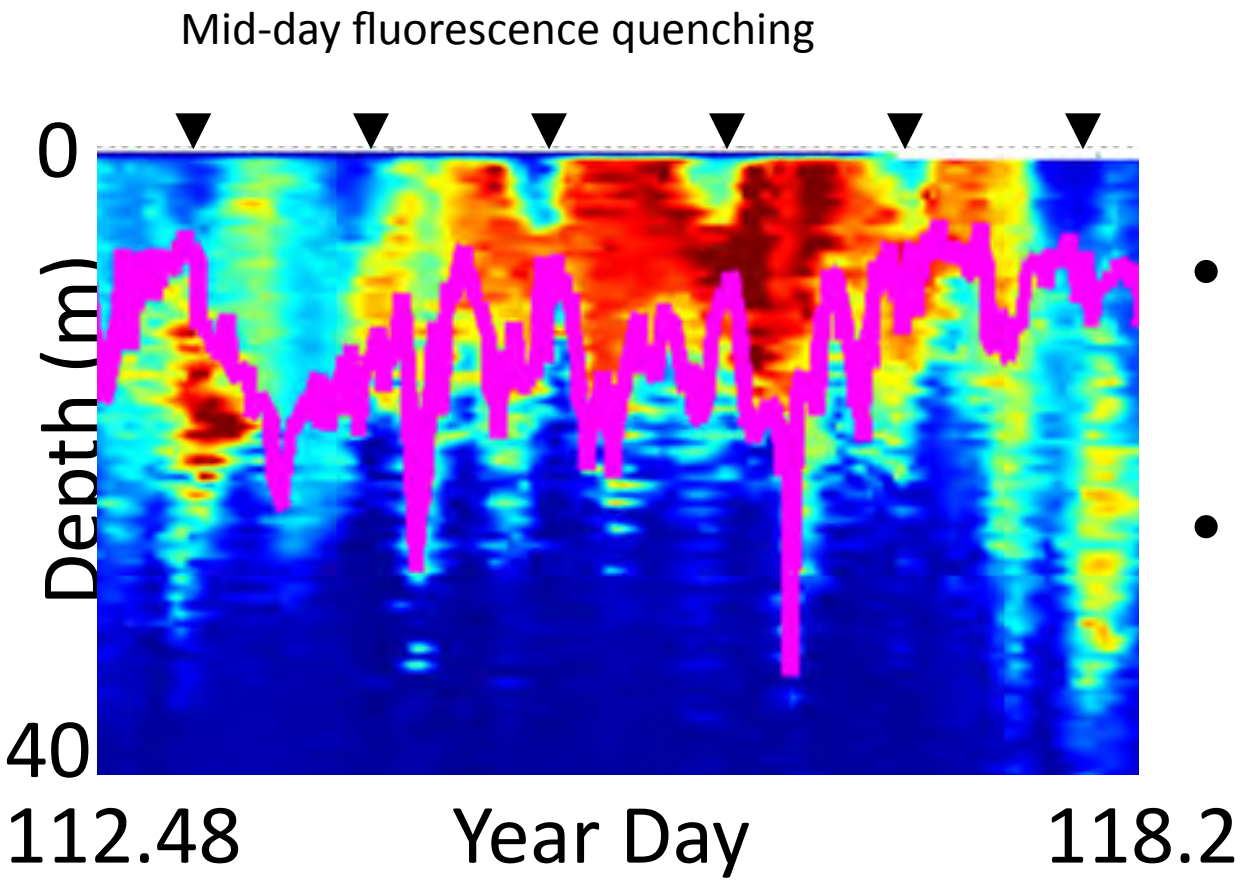


Figure 2: Damariscotta River *in situ* chlorophyll a fluorescence and PAR (µmol photons/s/m^2) vs. time.

Drzewianowski 2008 – MS thesis

Another example of mid-day fluorescence quenching

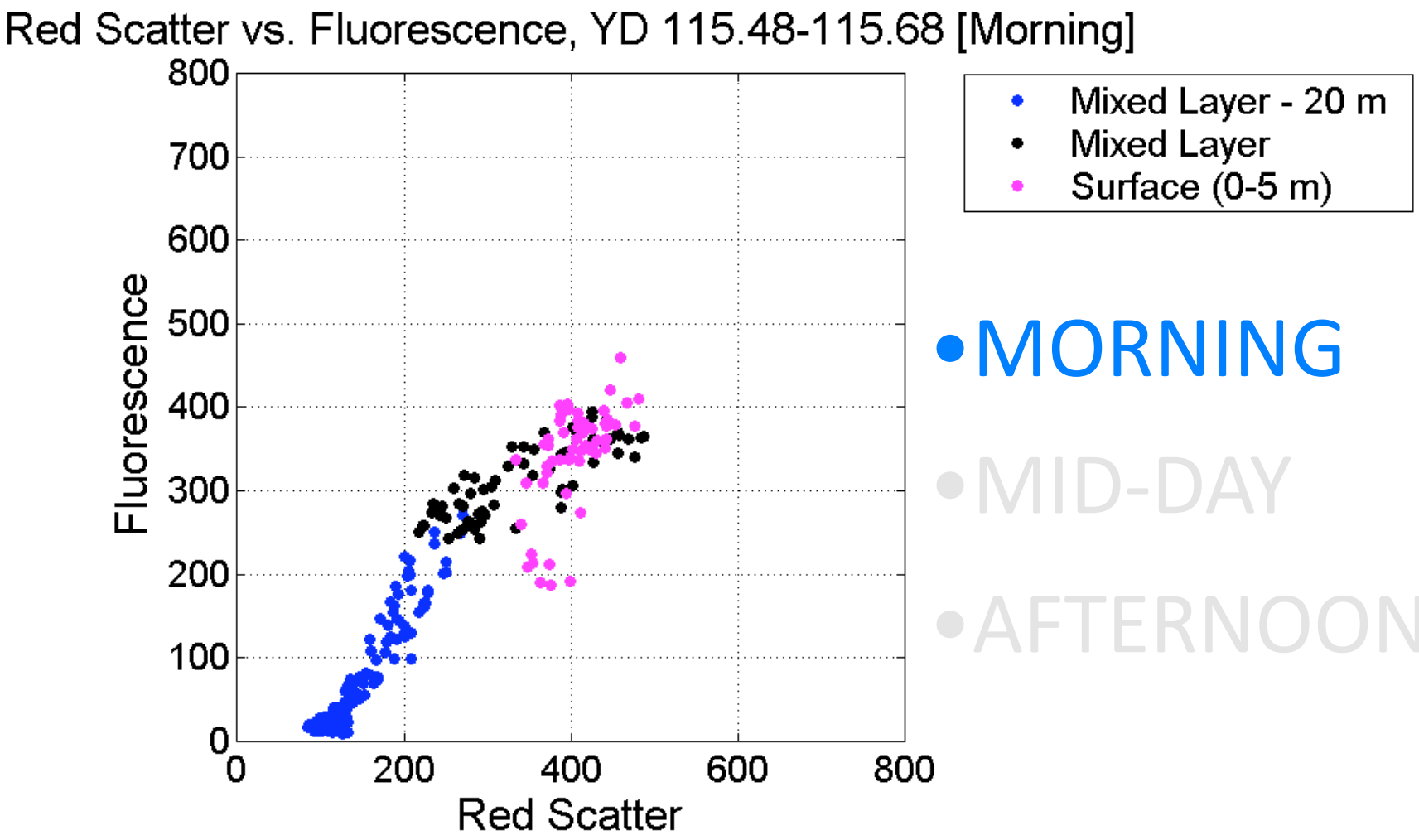


- Quenching observed to 11m
- Fluoresence quenched up to 80% at surface

So maybe for biomass, should we concentrate on night-time measurements *in vivo* fluorescence measurements?

Sackmann 2007 PhD.

Mid-day fluorescence quenching



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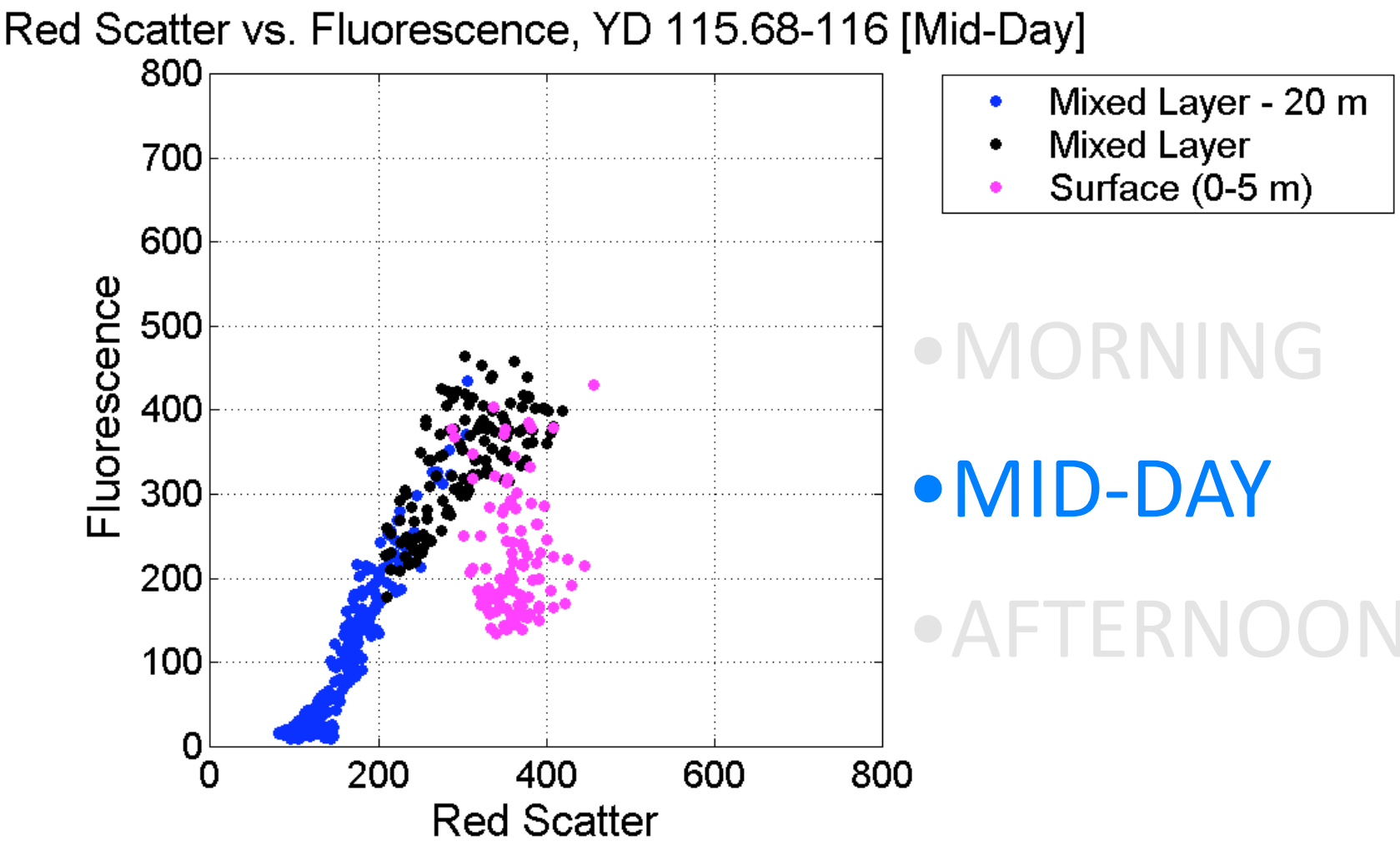

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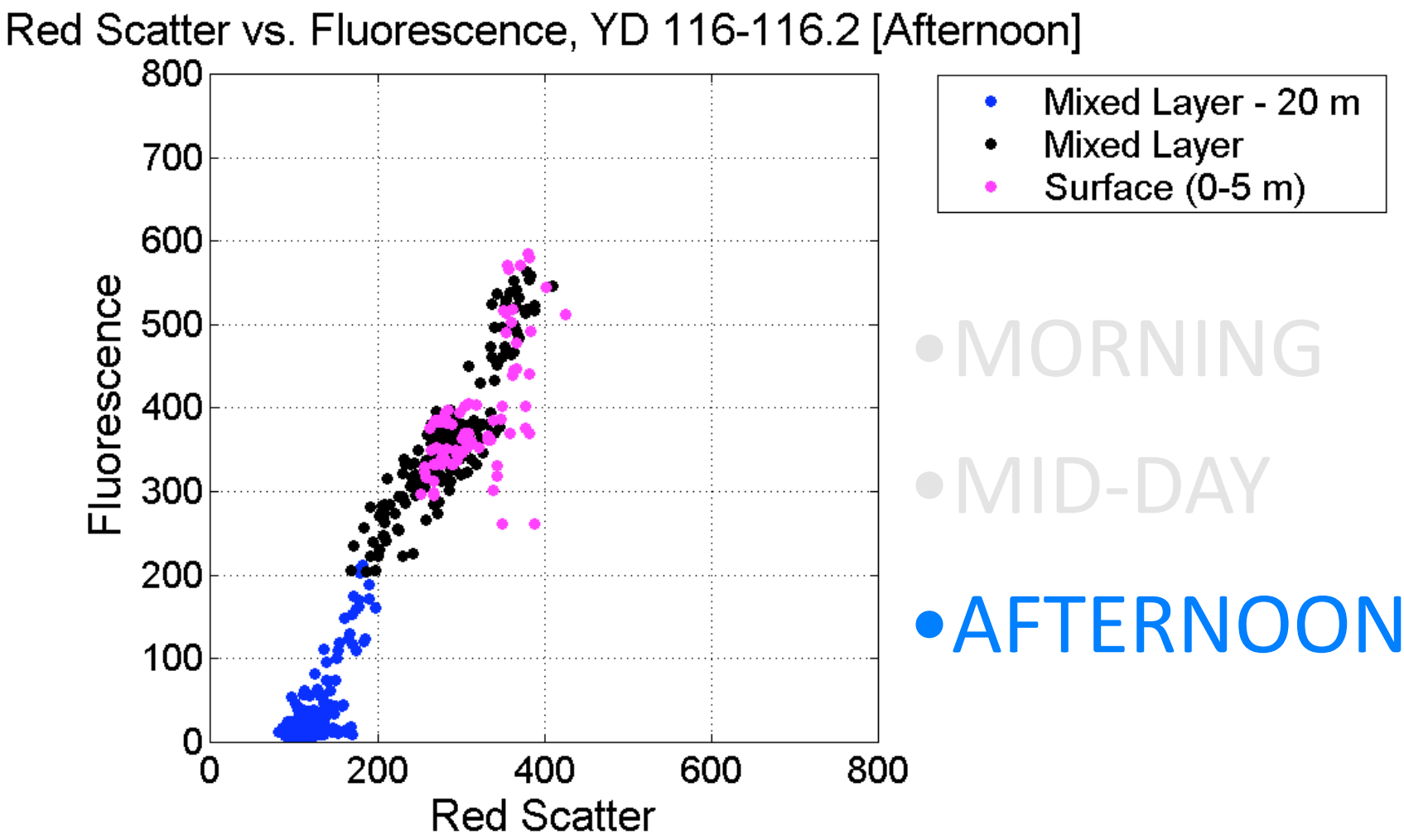

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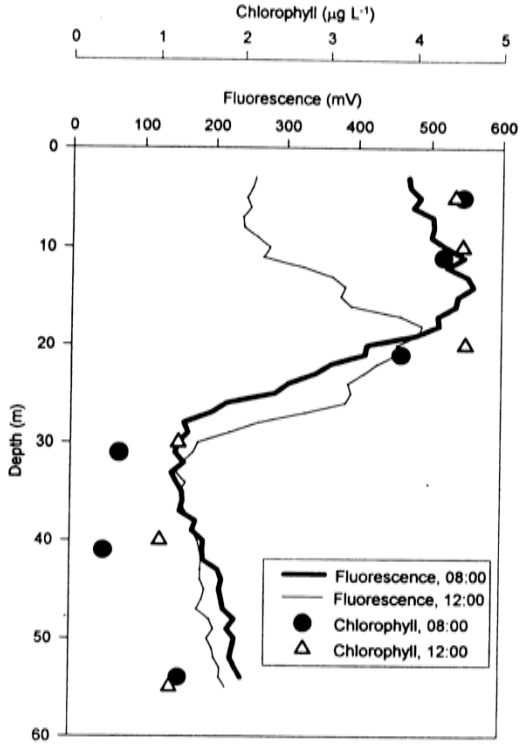
Fluorescence measurements on a ship can be well calibrated, because you can collect frequent water samples.



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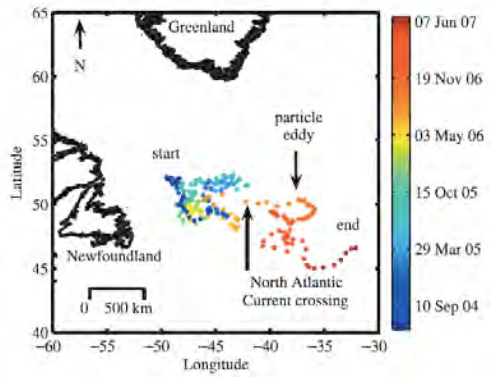
From Falkowski and Raven 1997
Chlorophyll fluorescence and extracted concentration of chlorophyll early AM vs. noon.

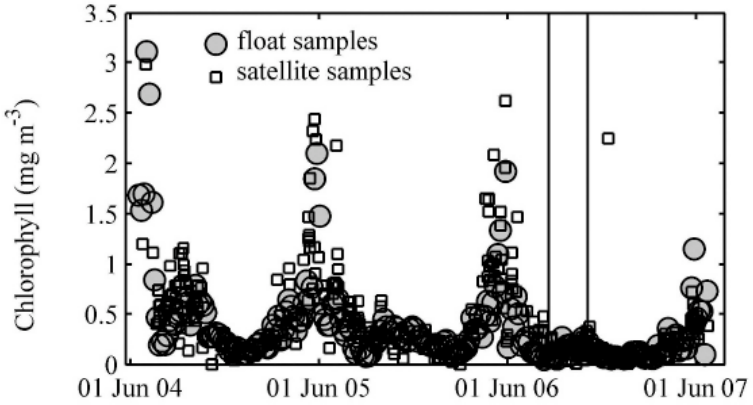
This profile shows the effect of day-time fluorescence quenching on mid-day fluorescence profile. Symbols are extracted chlorophyll from bottle samples.

Fluorescence to chlorophyll more difficult on remote, autonomous platforms

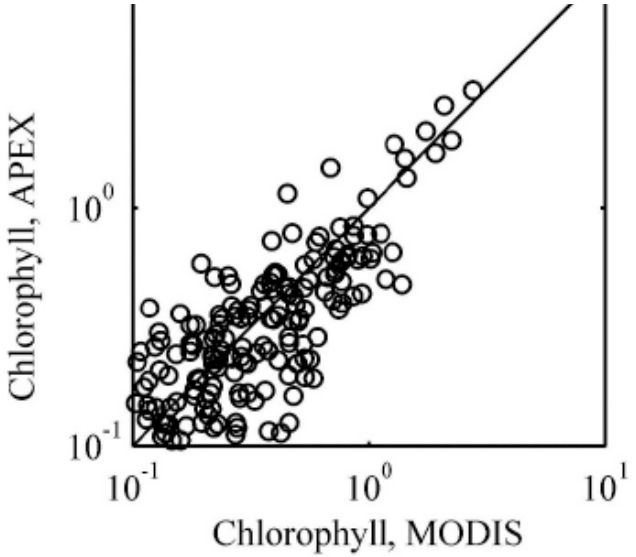
Boss et al. (2008) Limnol. Oceanogr.

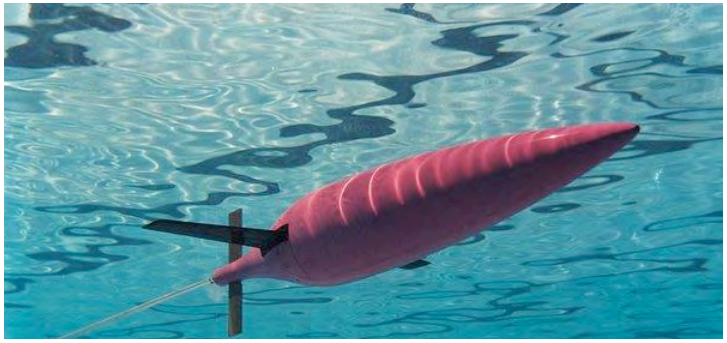
Observations of pigment and particle distributions in the western North Atlantic from an autonomous float and ocean color satellite

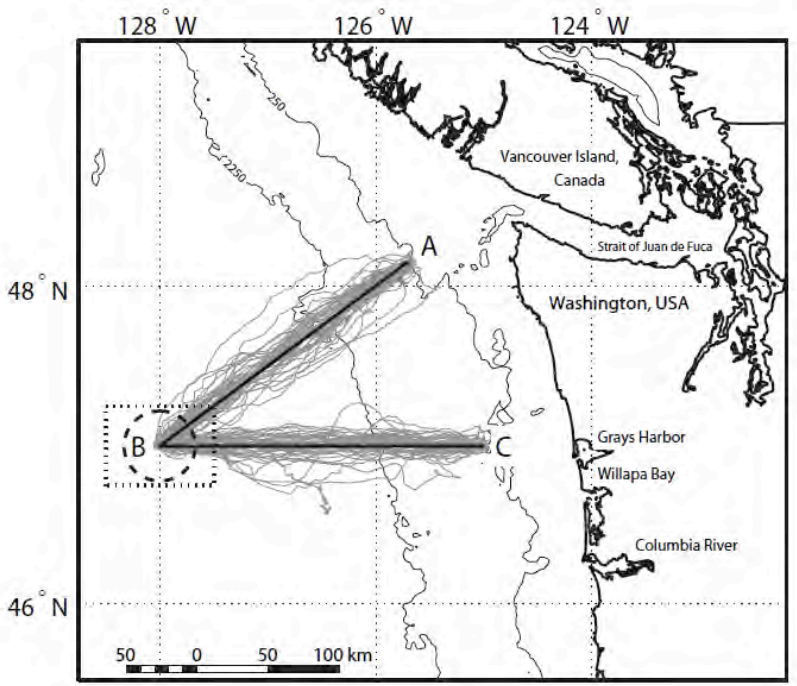




Time series and comparison of chlorophyll concentration as measured by the float and satellite ocean color sensors.







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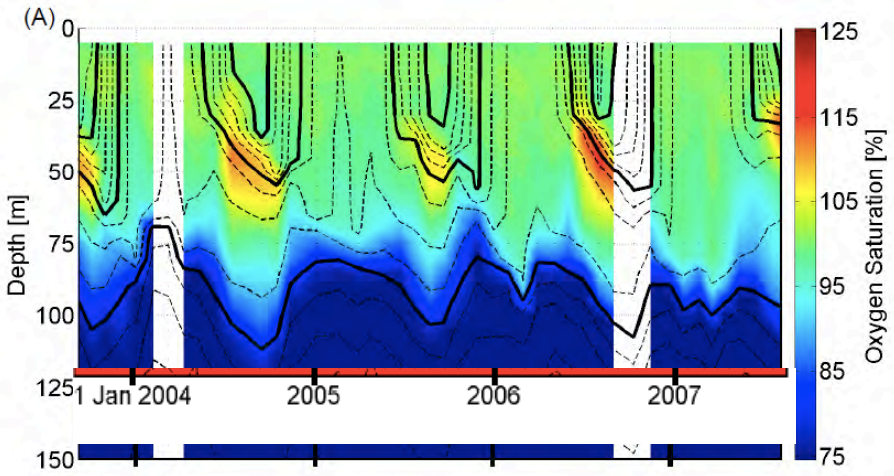
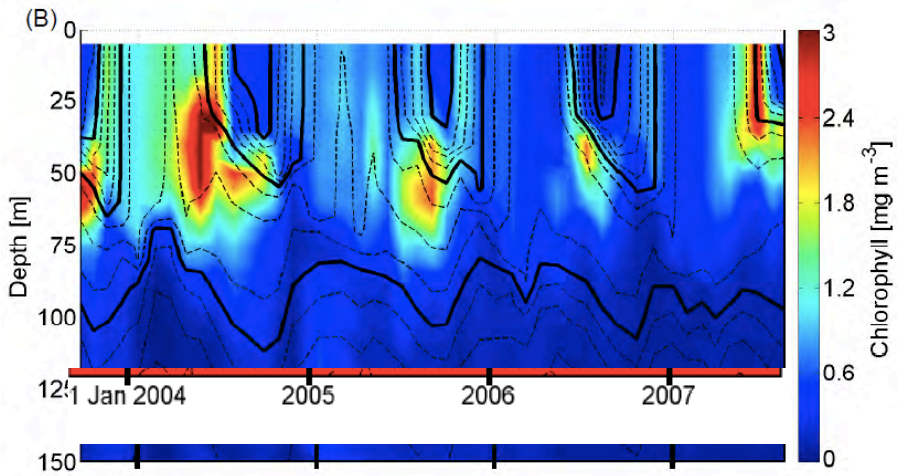
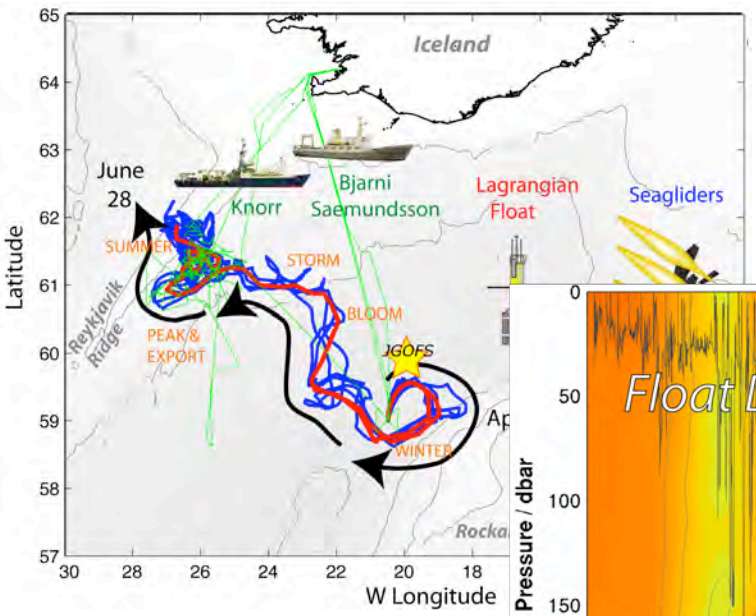
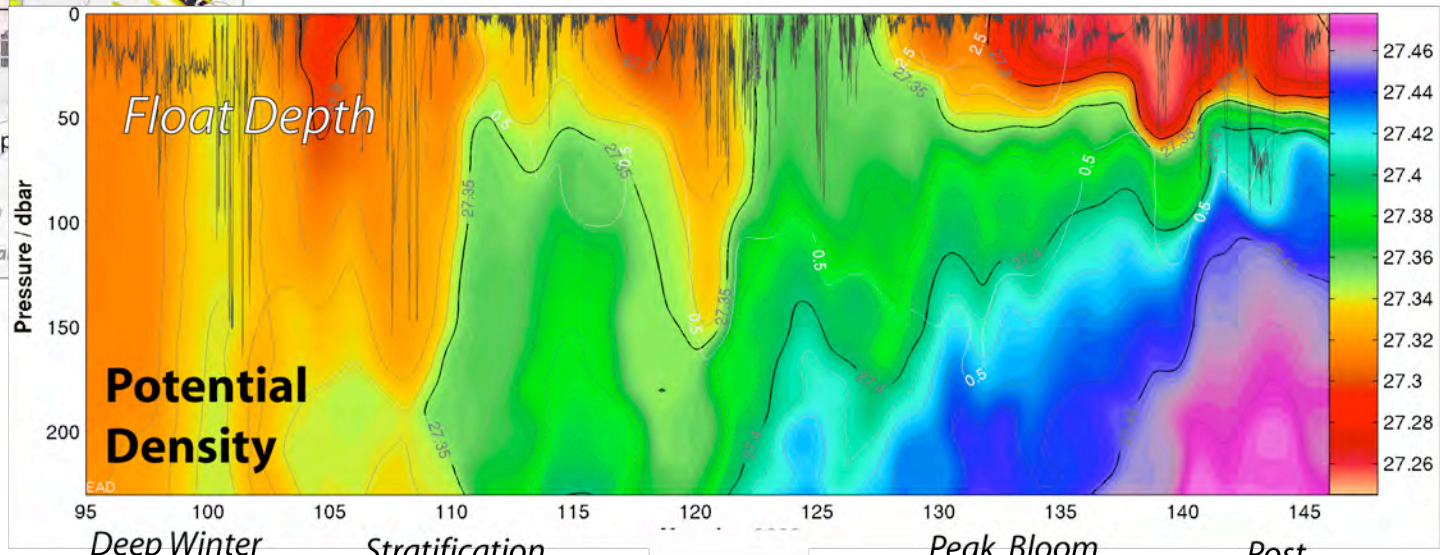




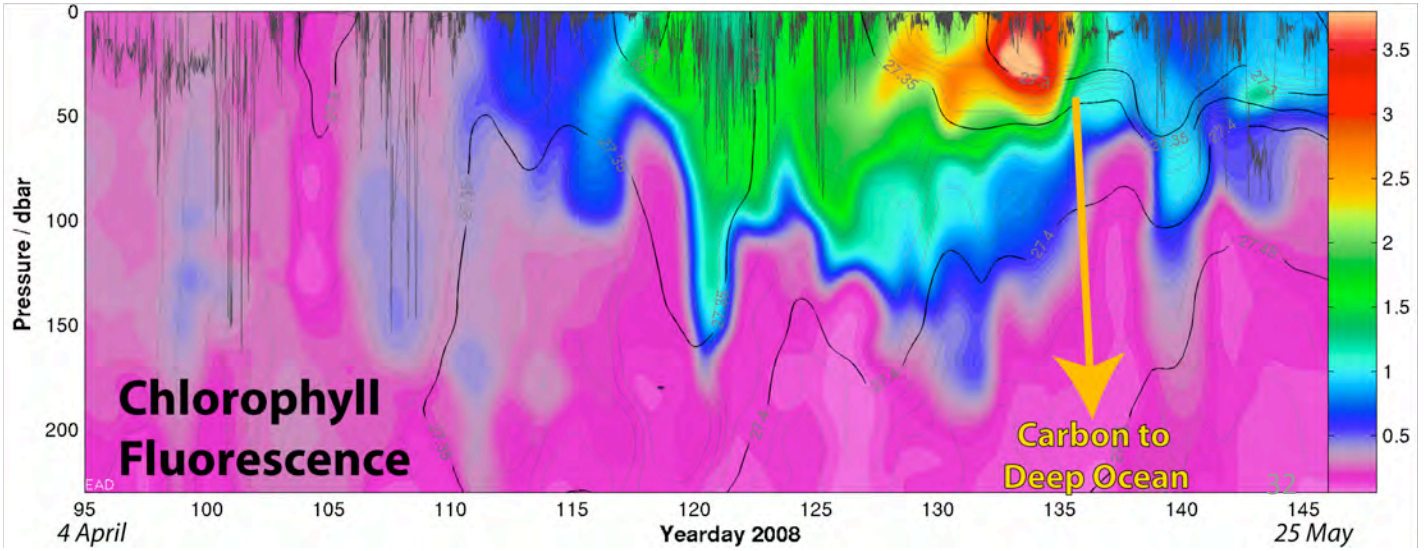
Perry et al. (2008) Limnol. Oceanogr.

Timing of a bloom from a float – evolution of float patch from early April to late May.





Deep Winter Mixed Layer — *Stratification Bloom Starts* — *Storm* — *Peak Bloom Diatom Dump* — *Post Bloom*



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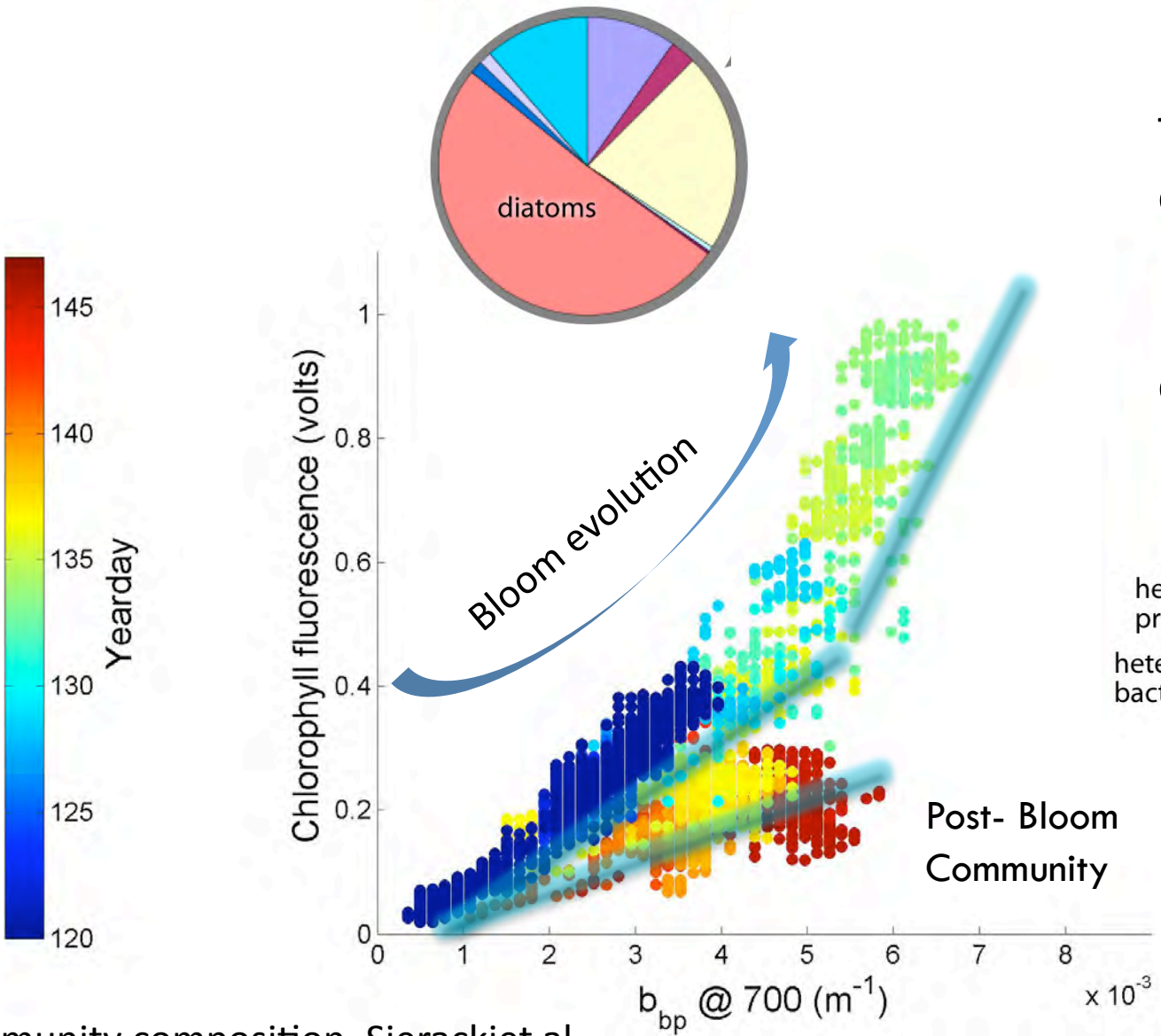
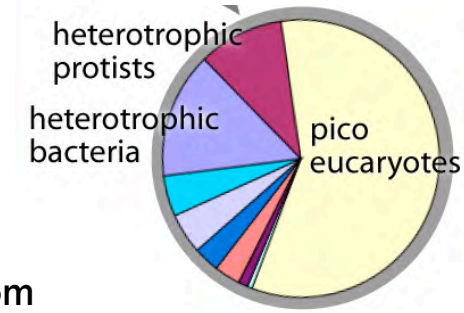
Change in Chl F/ b_{bp} – diagnostic of phytoplankton community composition? (shift from diatoms after Si depletion to pico-eukaryotes)



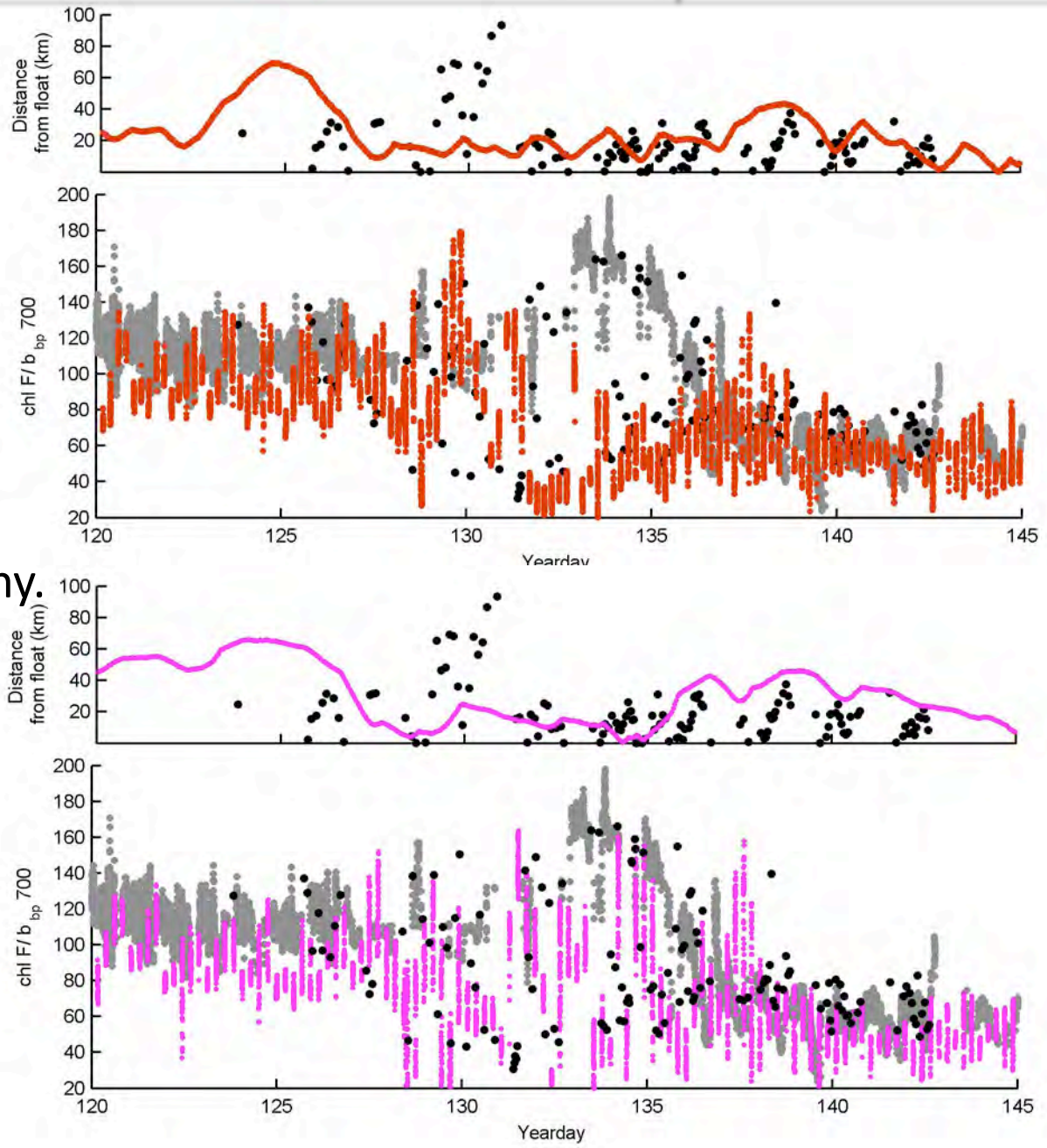
Three distinct optical regimes; phytoplankton 'pie' scaled to cell carbon



Ship data

Community composition, Sierackiet al.

Seaglider measurement of Chl F/ b_{bp} shows diatom patches.



Distance from glider to float

Similar early bloom choreography.

Similar post bloom choreography.

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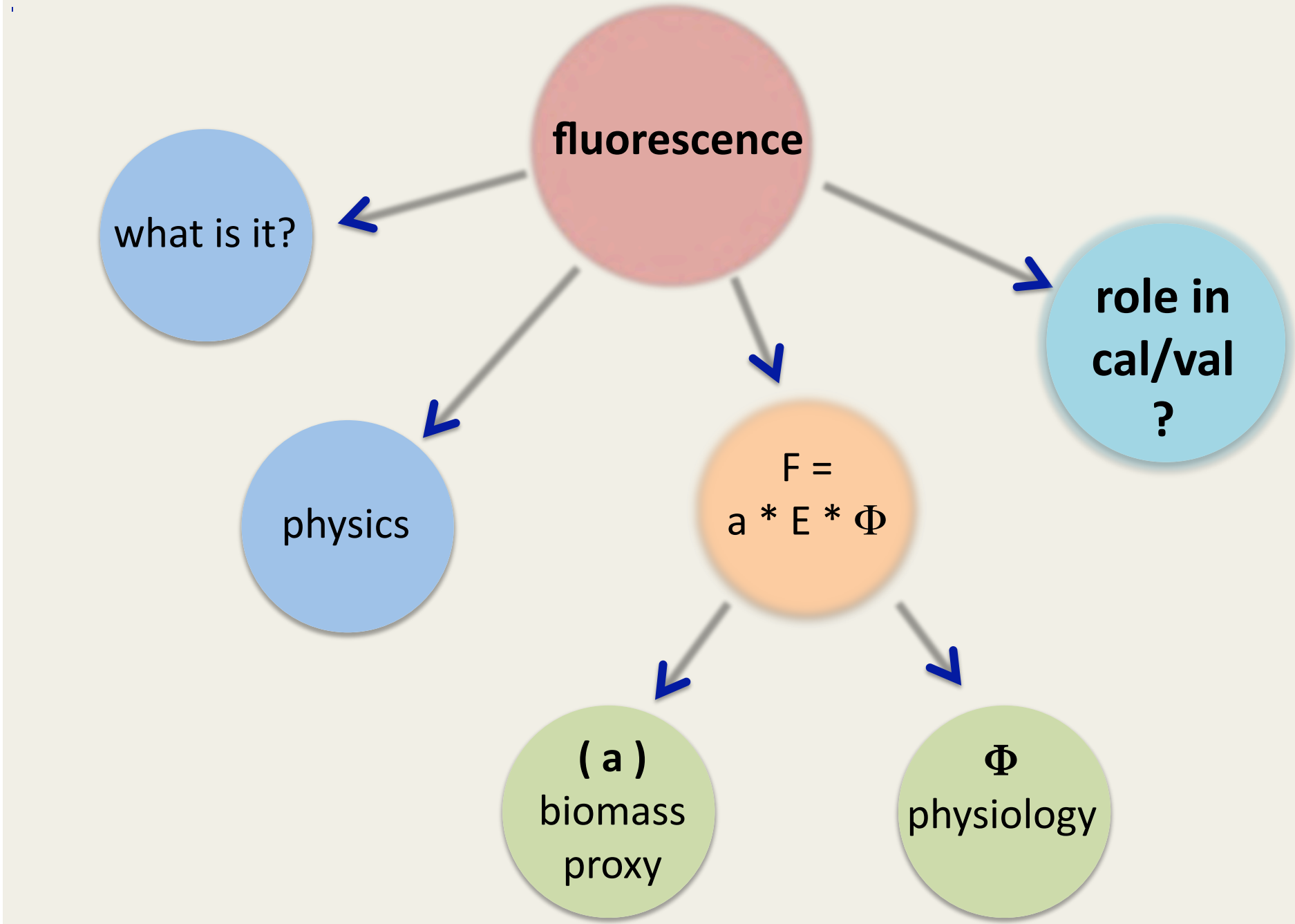
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