

Update on IOCCG Working Group:

~~Ocean Colour Applications for Biogeochemical, Ecosystem and Climate Modeling~~

~~The Role of Ocean Colour in Biogeochemical, Ecosystem and Climate Modelling~~

**Synergy between ocean colour and
biogeochemical/ecosystem models**

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George Box, 1976

Time Line:

July 2015:	WG approved
Feb 2016:	Kick-Off Meeting (Ocean Sciences, New Orleans)– 2 days
Jul 2016:	MEAP-TT meeting (California) – ch 6
Sep 2016:	CLEO meeting (Rome) – ch 4
Dec 2016:	Outline all chapters (except 5)
26 Feb 2017:	WG meeting (ASLO, Hawaii) – 1 day
3 Mar 2017:	ASLO session (Hawaii)
Apr 2017:	EGU session (Vienna)
May 2017-Feb 2018:	multiple internet meetings
Feb 2018:	WG meeting (Ocean Sciences, Portland) – lunch
Mar 2018-Sep 2018:	multiple internet meetings
2-3 Oct 2018:	WG meeting (Boston) – 2 days
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Full Draft of Report

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2.1 What does a satellite radiometer “see”?

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2.3. Imagery Products

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2.5. Future Capability

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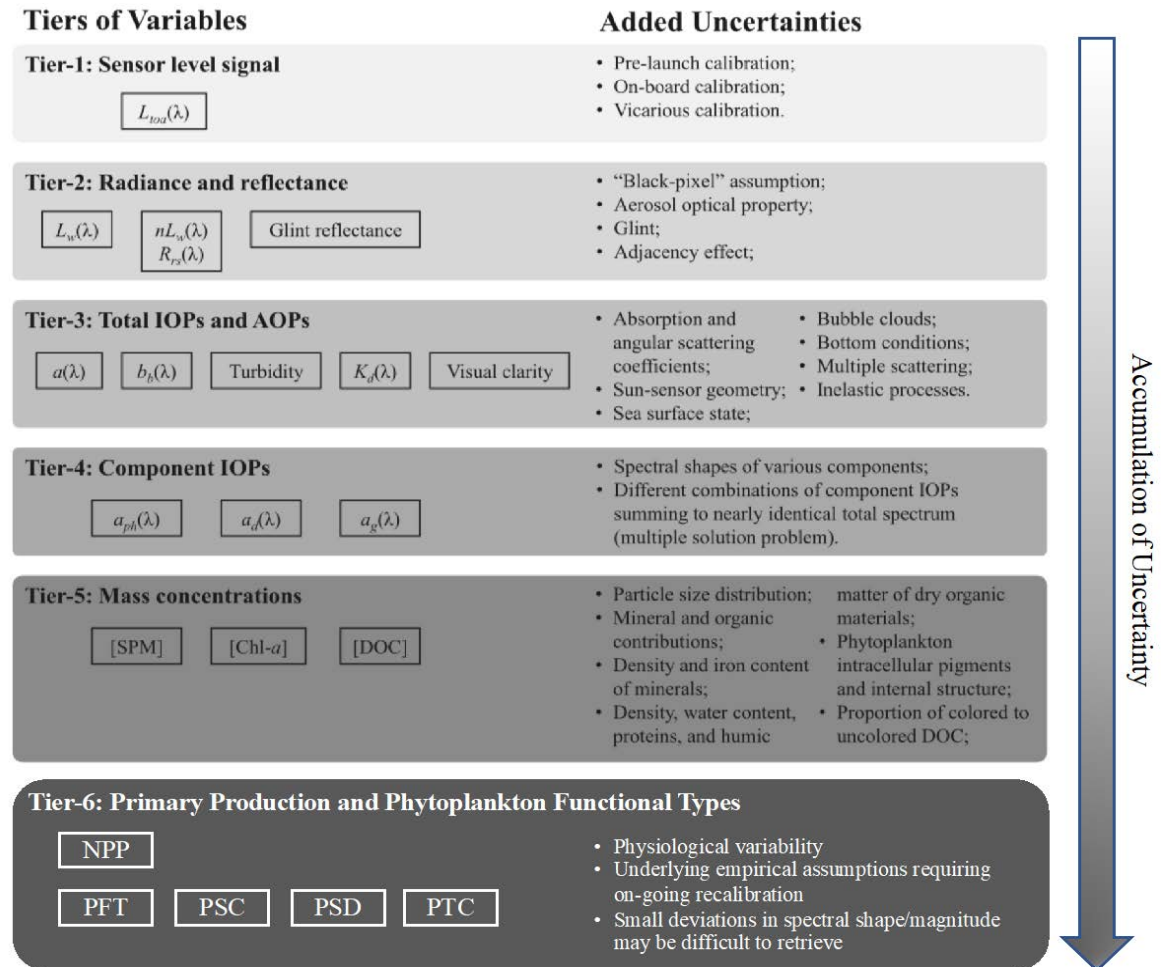


Figure 2.8. Tiers of satellite-derived products and associated uncertainties introduced at each tier. The list of products is representative, but not exhaustive. Adapted from Zheng and DiGiacomo (2017).

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Table 2.3. Imagery Online Access

Note: IOCCG has mission specific data access links at: <http://ioccg.org/resources/data/>

Agency	Data Distribution	
NASA	Ocean Colour Web	https://oceancolour.gsfc.nasa.gov/
	Ocean Productivity	https://www.science.oregonstate.edu/ocean.productivity/
NOAA	Comprehensive Large-Array Data Stewardship System (CLASS)	https://www.class.ncdc.noaa.gov
EUMETSAT	EUMETSAT broadcast delivery system (EUMETCast)	https://www.eumetsat.int/website/home/Data/DataDelivery/EUMETCast/
EUMETSAT	EUMETSAT Data Centre	https://www.eumetsat.int/website/home/Data/DataDelivery/EUMETSATDataCentre
EUMETSAT and ESA	Copernicus Online Data Access (CODA) and SciHub	https://coda.eumetsat.int https://scihub.copernicus.eu/
European Commission	Copernicus Marine Environmental Monitoring Service	http://marine.copernicus.eu/
ESA and PML	Ocean Colour – Climate Change Initiative (OC-CCI)	https://www.oceancolour.org/
ACRI-ST	GlobColour	http://globcolour.info/

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Summary and Recommendations:

- Product selection
- Uncertainties
- Provide greater transparency on the products through more documentation.
- Provide additional information on data product uncertainties.
- Expand merged products to not only merge products in time, but also in space
- Improve the ease of access of the imagery through the use of Unidata's Thematic Real-time Environmental Distributed Data Services (THREDDS)
- Encourage greater sharing of community-derived custom data products through open data principles and services.
- Develop ocean colour methods and algorithms that employ additional hydrographic and biogeophysical information on environmental conditions.

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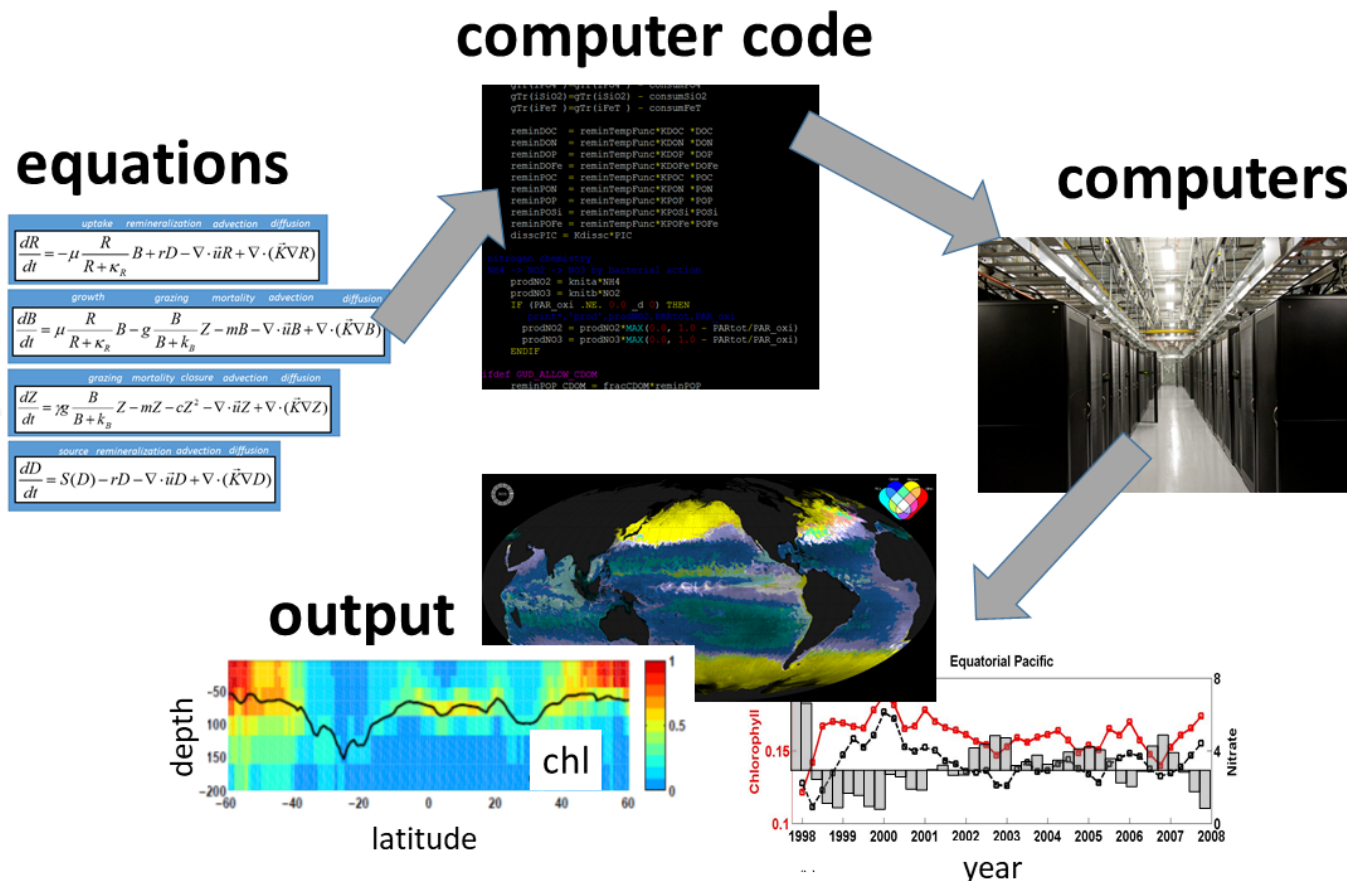


Figure 3.3: Schematic on developing and using a numerical model.

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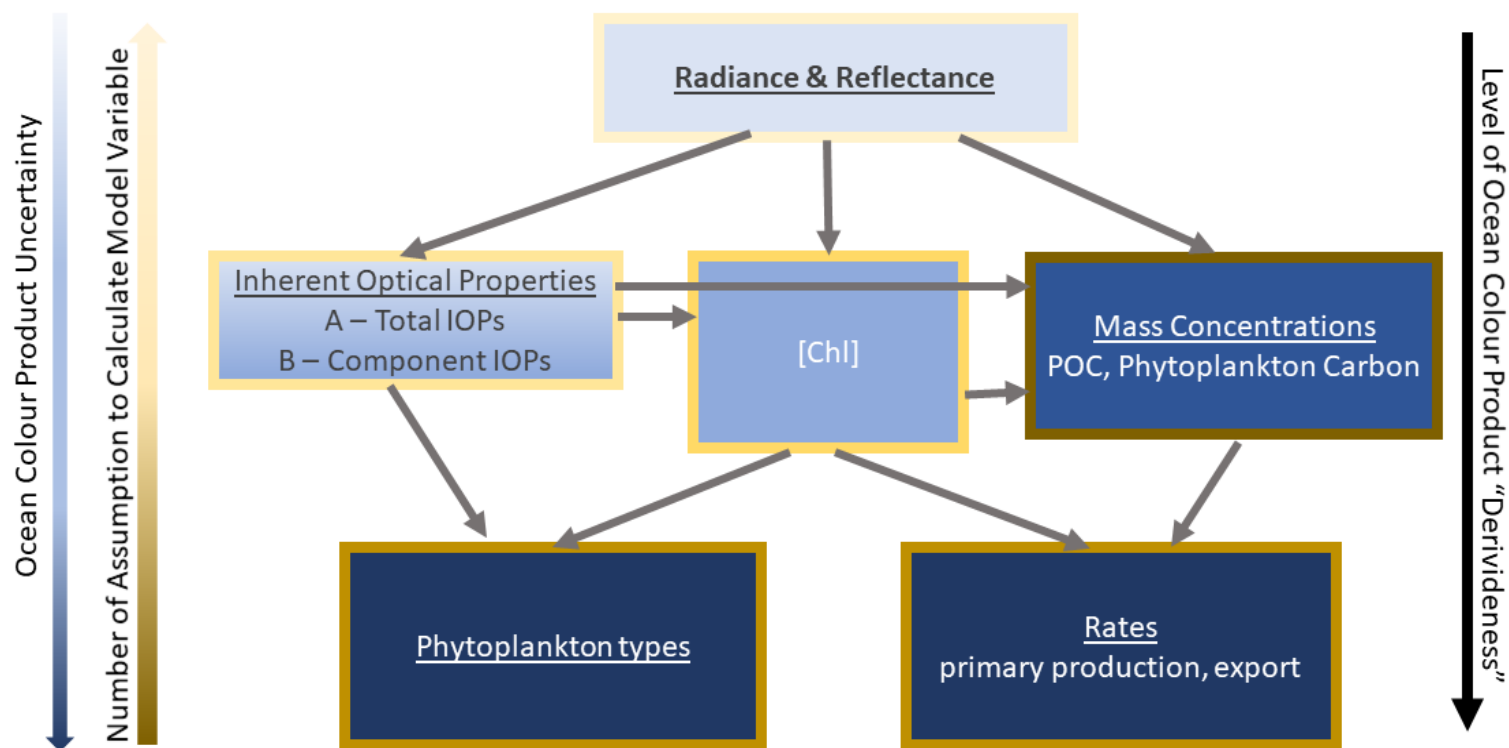


Figure 4.1. Schematic depicting uncertainties and level of “derivedness”.

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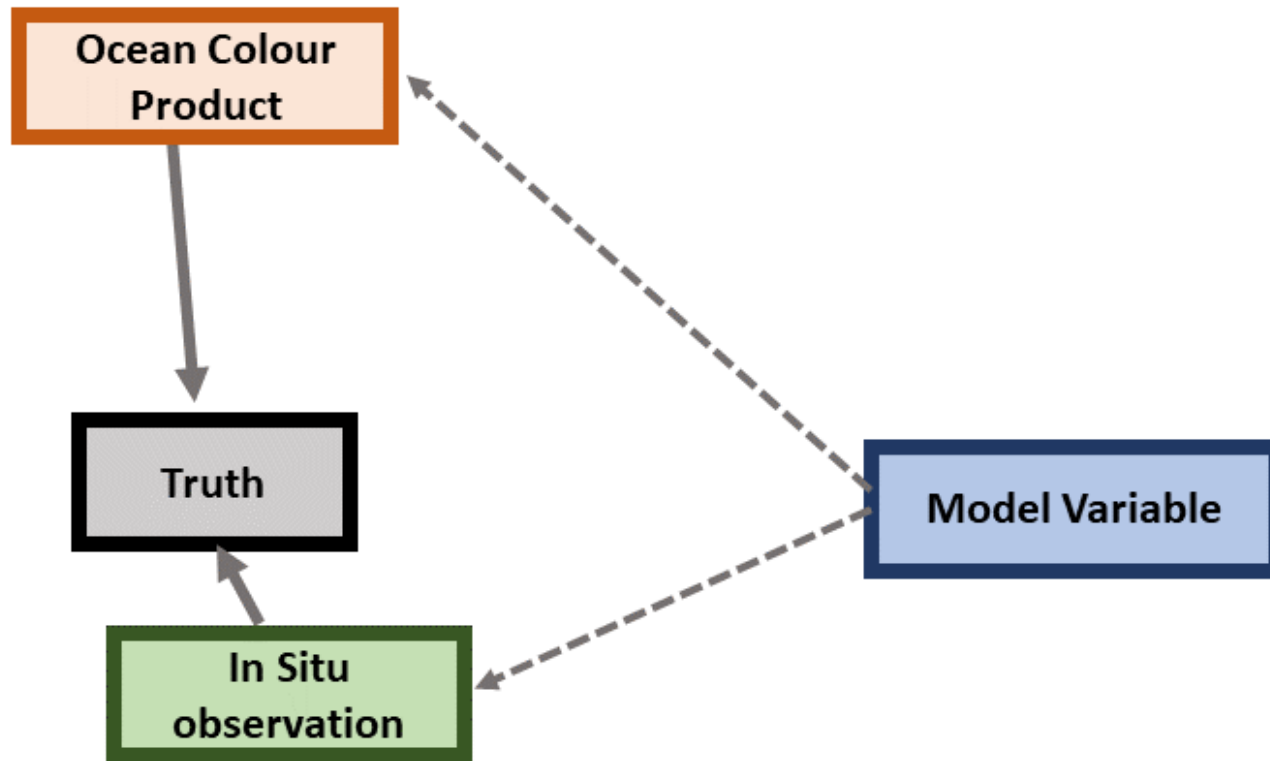


Fig 4.2. Schematic of uncertainties in in situ and ocean colour products.

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Summary and Recommendations:

Models, in situ observations and ocean colour products are different tools to help us understand the ecological and biogeochemical processes in the ocean. Integrated results will need a multi-way discussion.

- modellers should have better information about using satellite data and new approaches.
- agencies should examine and explore how additional information can be presented alongside satellite products to help modellers make informed choices and interpretations.
- Other ways to inform modelling community: e.g. this report

Chapter 5: Ocean Colour for Model Skill Assessment

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5.3.2: Challenges of point-to-point comparisons in a heterogenous ocean

5.3.3: Making the space and time scales of skill assessments “fit to purpose”

5.4. Beyond chlorophyll: assessing skill against other satellite-derived ecosystem properties

5.5. Conclusions

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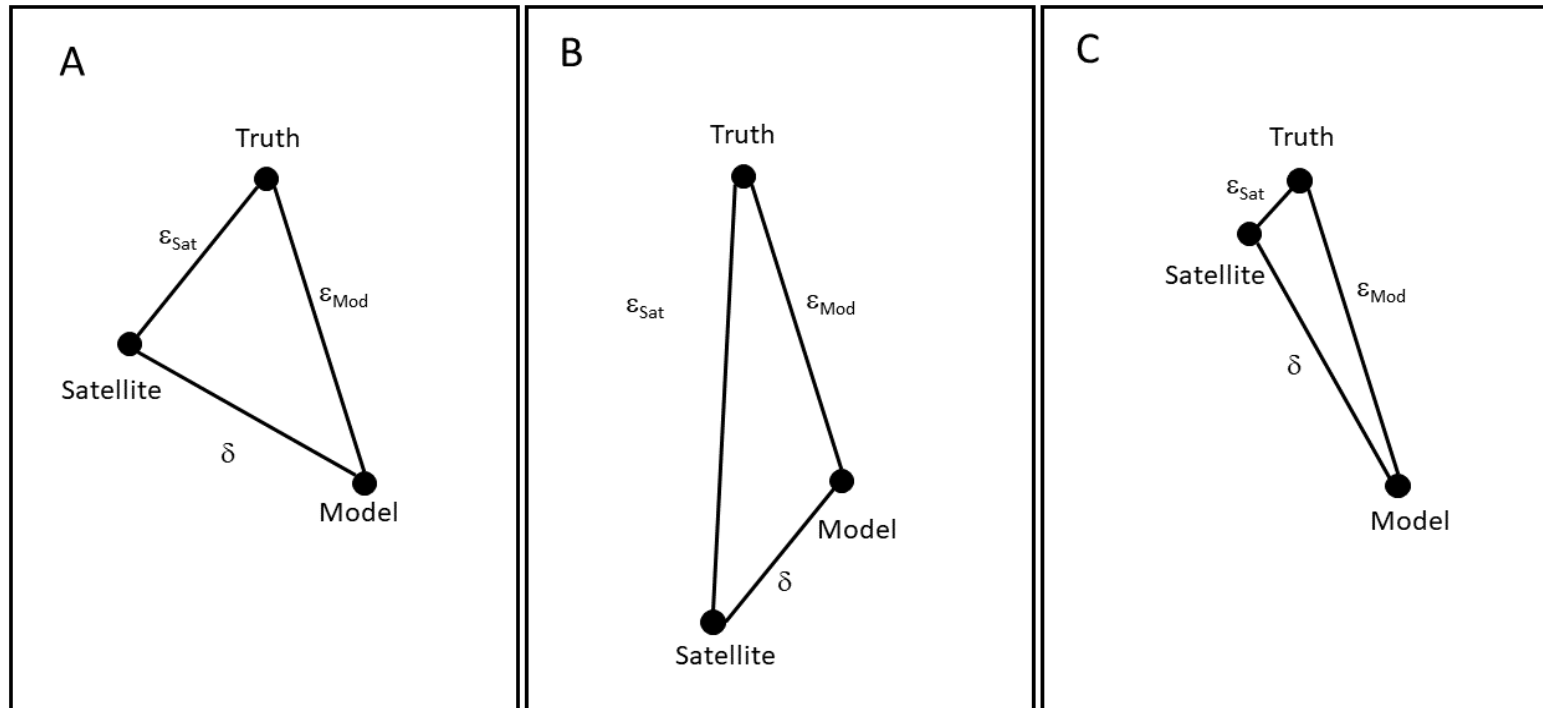


Figure 5.1: Truth, error and misfit in comparing ocean colour estimates and models (Following Lynch et al., (2009)).

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Metric	Formula	Interpretation
Median absolute deviation (MAD)	$MAD = median(\delta)$	The dispersion of the model-satellite misfits
Robust bias (B^*)	$B^* = median(\hat{y}) - median(y)$	The distance between model and satellite medians
Spearman's rank correlation coefficient (ρ)	$\rho = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n ((\hat{y}_{r,i} - \bar{\hat{y}}_r)(y_{r,i} - \bar{y}_r))}{\sigma_{\hat{y}_r} \sigma_{y_r}}$	Normalized measure of monotonic consistency of relative spatiotemporal variations
Unbiased Median Absolute Deviation (MAD')	$MAD' = median(\delta - B^*)$	MAD after subtracting out the robust bias
Normalized interquartile range	$IQR^* = IQR_{\hat{y}} / IQR_y$	Ratio of variability in model to that of the comparison data

Table 5.2: Robust skill metrics used in comparing models with satellite data. In all cases, δ is the misfit between the model-based estimate (\hat{y}) and the satellite-based estimate (y), and n is the number of comparison points. The interquartile ranges of the model and satellite data are indicated as $IQR_{\hat{y}}$ and IQR_y , respectively. The ranked values of model and satellite data are indicated as \hat{y}_r and y_r , and the standard deviation of the model and satellite data are indicated as $\sigma_{\hat{y}_r}$ and σ_{y_r} .

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Summary and Recommendations:

- ocean colour measurements has played a crucial role in building confidence in marine ecosystem models: combination of spatial and temporal coverage
- challenges that still must be confronted by the modeling and ocean colour communities
- skill assessment metrics to be closely fit to the space and time scales of interest.
- the continued lengthening of the satellite time series will also enable more direct testing of climate change trends

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Case Studies:

- Study region and model configuration.
- Data assimilation system.
- Skill improvement of the system.
- Lessons learnt

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Summary and Recommendations:

- Data assimilation of ocean colour still new – need to continue method development
- Use of Argos float data to provide depth information will be important development

Chapter 7: Synergistic use of ocean colour data and models to understand marine biogeochemical processes

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7.1 Use of hindcast simulations to explore processes that result in observed variability

Case Study 7.1.1: Elucidating the nutrient supply routes controlling primary production

Case study 7.1.2: Drivers of trends in phytoplankton community composition

Case study 7.1.3: Investigating the potential for iron limitation of primary production

7.2 Using hindcast models to extend satellite data into the recent past to explore decadal variability

Case Study 7.2.1: Exploring the response of the North Atlantic bloom to decadal variability

Case Study 7.2.2: Investigating the mechanisms of decadal variability in North Atlantic biomass

7.3 Caveats and Recommendations

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Case study 7.1.3: Investigating the potential for iron limitation of primary production *satellite-based quantum yield of fluorescence* *model-based nutrient limitation*

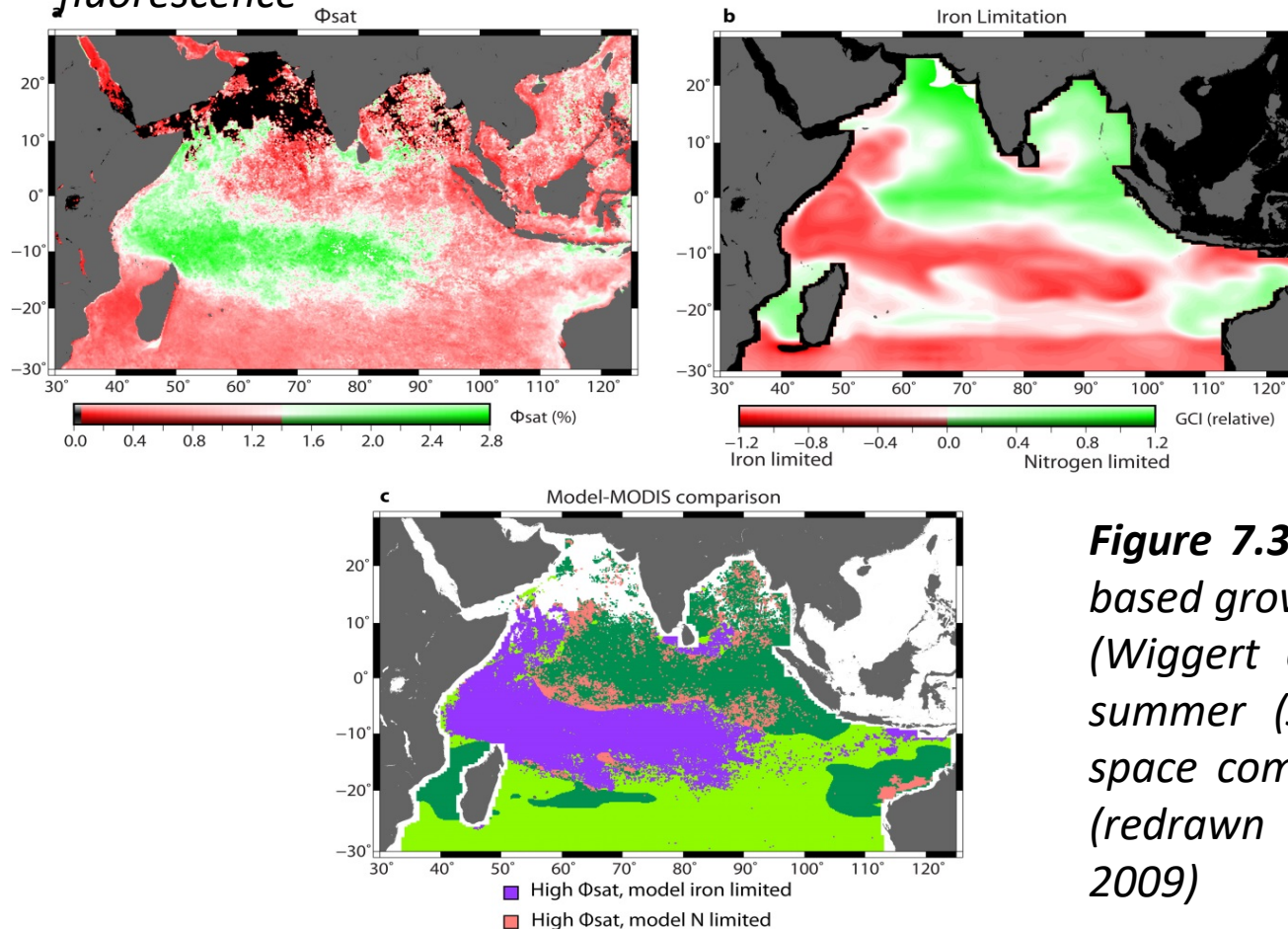


Figure 7.3: (a) ϕ_{sat} and (b) model-based growth constraint index (GCI) (Wiggert et al., 2006) for boreal summer (June–August). (c) State-space comparison of ϕ_{sat} and GCI. (redrawn from Behrenfeld et al., 2009)

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Summary and Recommendations:

- Use of biogeochemical models in combination with satellite-derived ocean colour data provided information on the processes controlling observed phytoplankton variability
- Caveat: the model must be able to reproduce the observed variability
models may miss some processes
- Recommend more such studies and collaborations:
e.g. use model output to extend satellite data sub-surface.

Chapter 8: Using Models to Inform Ocean Colour Science

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8.1 Exploring the consequences of missing data

Case Study 8.1.1: Effect of missing data on annual and monthly means

Case Study 8.1.2: How do gaps in satellite data affect phenology studies?

8.2 Models can be used to inform on ocean colour signals and products

Case Study 8.2.1. Contribution of phytoplankton functional types to ocean colour product uncertainty

Case Study 8.2.2. Exploring Uncertainty in the remotely sensed Chl product derived from limited in situ observations.

8.3 Application of climate models to help inform the ocean colour community on trend detection and attribution

Case Study 8.3.1: Informing detection of climate change trends in satellite ocean colour records

Case Study 8.3.2: Exploring the effect of data record gaps on trend detection

Case Study 8.3.3. Comparing trends in multiple components of the system

8.4. Models informing future ocean colour products and missions

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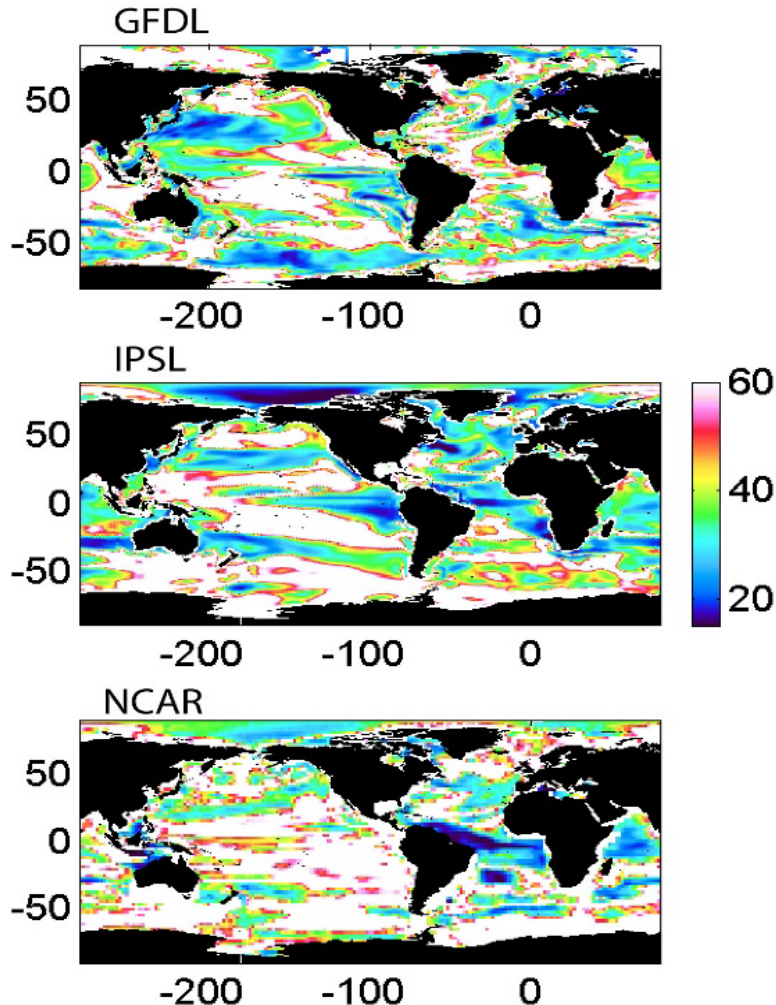


Figure 8.7: *Number of years of continuous data required to distinguish a climate change-driven trend in chlorophyll concentration from natural variability. (Modified from Henson et al., 2010).*

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Summary and Recommendations:

Numerical models can be used as laboratories

- Elucidate some of the limitations and uncertainties of ocean colour products,
- Inform future needs of ocean colour missions
- Assist in algorithm development.

Facilitate the full potential of these applications:

- collaboration between modellers and ocean colour communities
- continued development of models that include ocean optics
- comparison of uncertainties in ocean states derived from both model output and ocean-colour products.
- including models in mission and ocean monitoring design (e.g. OSSEs)

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- Finish revisions by early May 2019
- Finish recommendations
- (Formatting for report)

Issues:

- length