

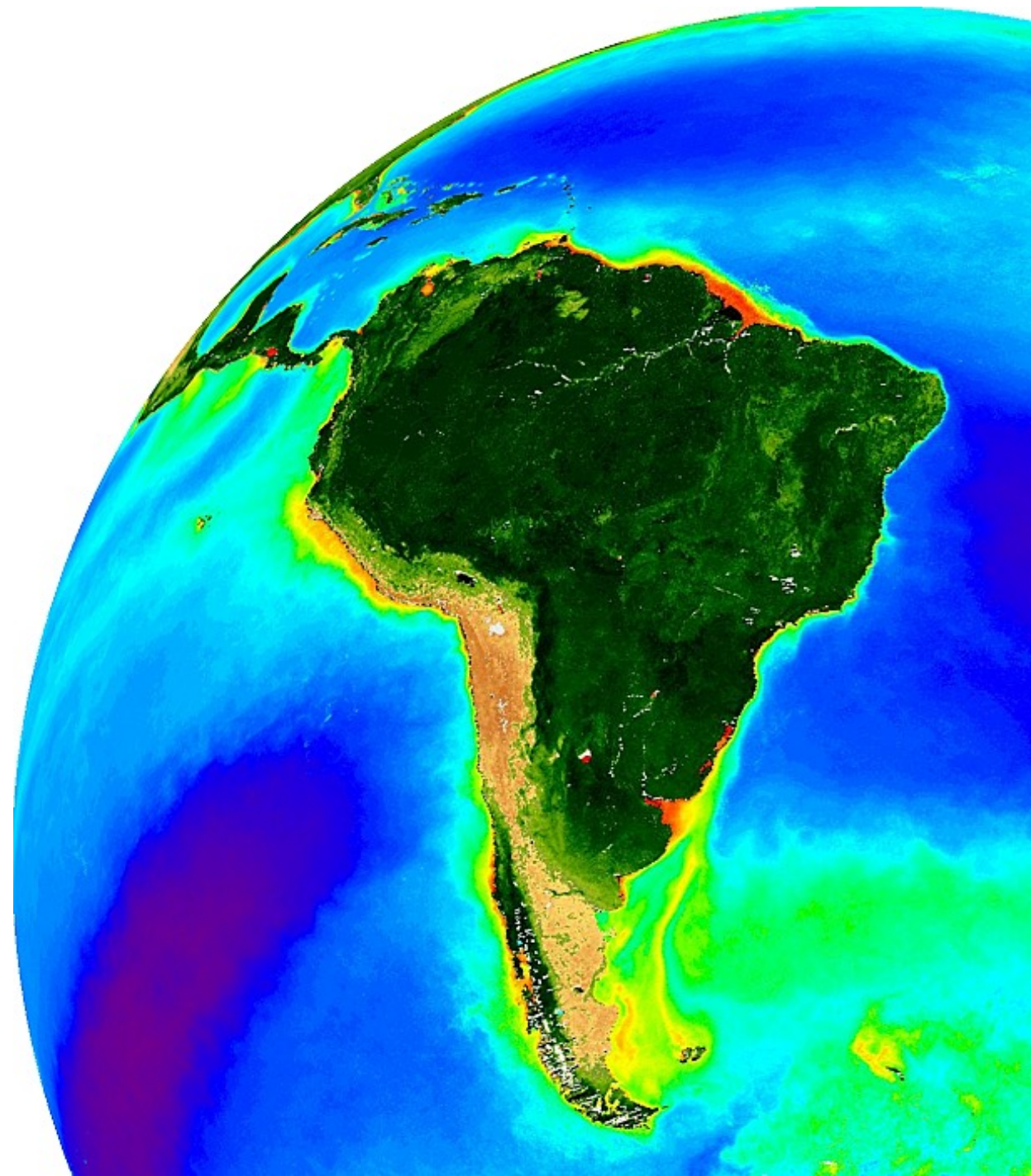
# Your *in situ* data and you

Alternative title: *How in situ data are used informs on how a remote sensing product should be interpreted*

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sharing experiences with *in situ* and satellite data with the goals of you ...

leaving with an appreciation for the interconnectedness of *in situ* and remote sensing data (*in situ* data are pervasive!)

keeping this interconnectedness in mind when interpreting your results



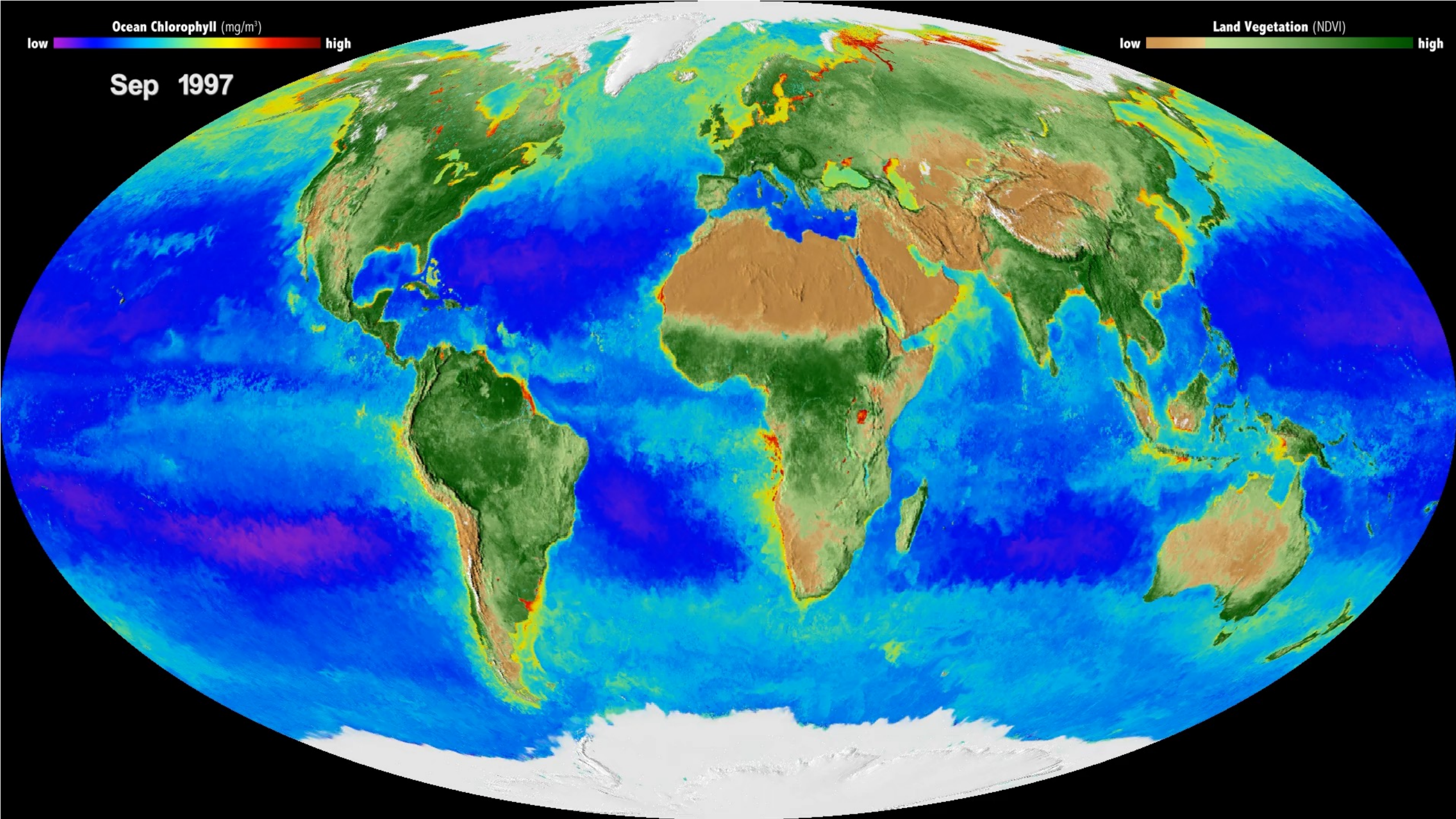
Ocean Chlorophyll (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

low high

Land Vegetation (NDVI)

low high

Sep 1997



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*In situ* data inform semi-analytic retrievals

empirical (adjective): based on, concerned with, or **verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic**

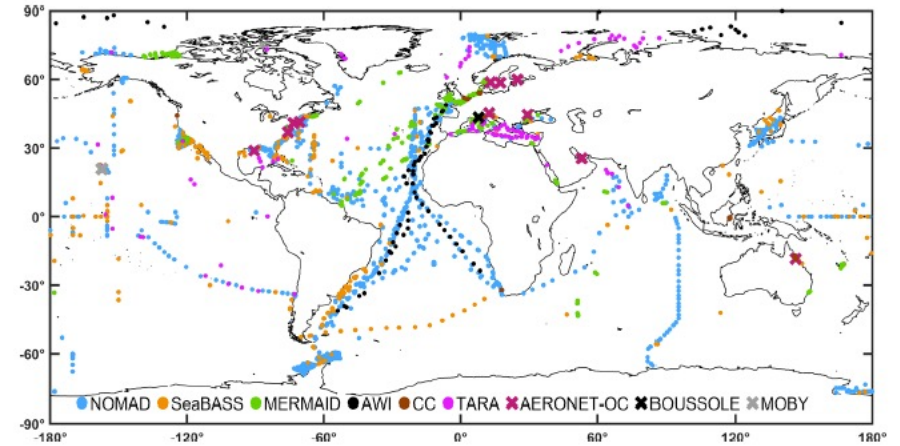


# Rrs maximum band ratio

$$X = \log_{10} [ \text{Rrs}(443 > 490 > 510) / \text{Rrs}(555) ]$$

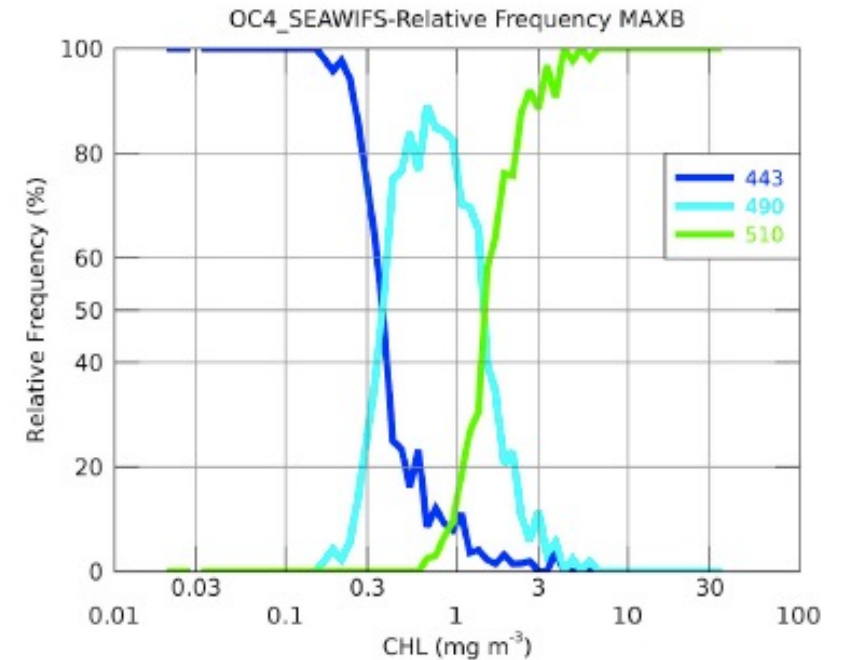
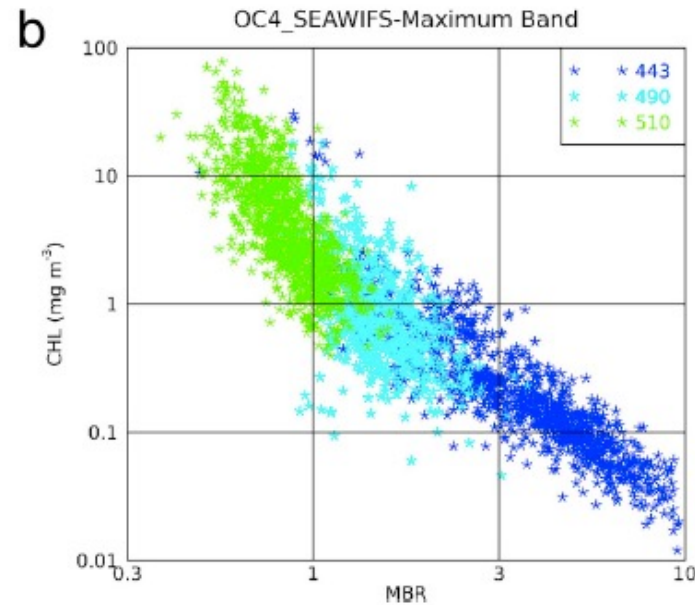
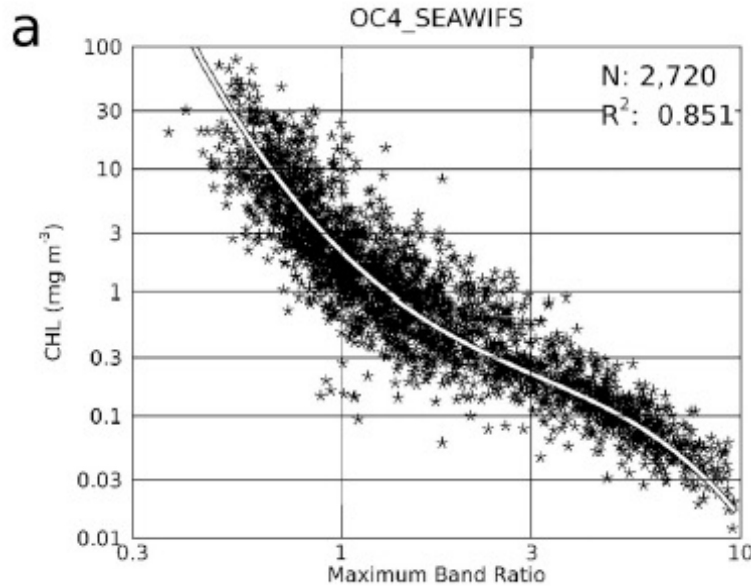
$$\log_{10}(\text{chl}) = a_0 + a_1 X + a_2 X^2 + a_3 X^3 + a_4 X^4$$

O'Reilly & Werdell 2019, Rem. Sens. Environ. [after O'Reilly et al. 1998, J. Geophys. Res.; O'Reilly et al. 2002, NASA TM, Werdell 2005, NASA OceanColor Web, others]



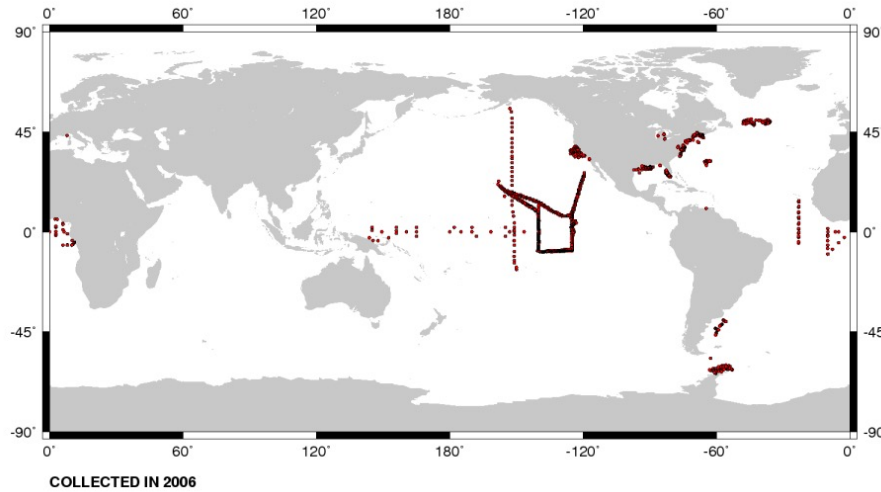
Valente et al. 2022, Earth Syst. Sci. Data

developed using a “global” dataset of in situ Rrs( $\lambda$ ) and chl

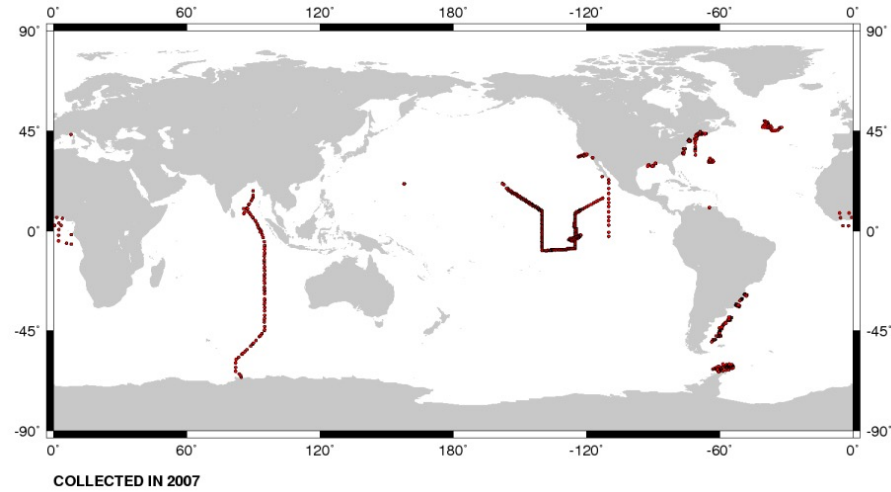


# SeaBASS (NASA *in situ* archive) holdings by year: 2006-2009

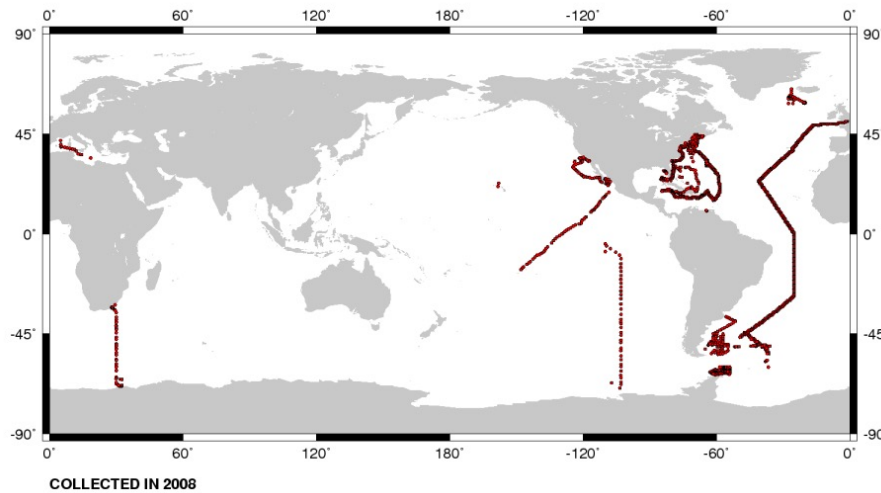
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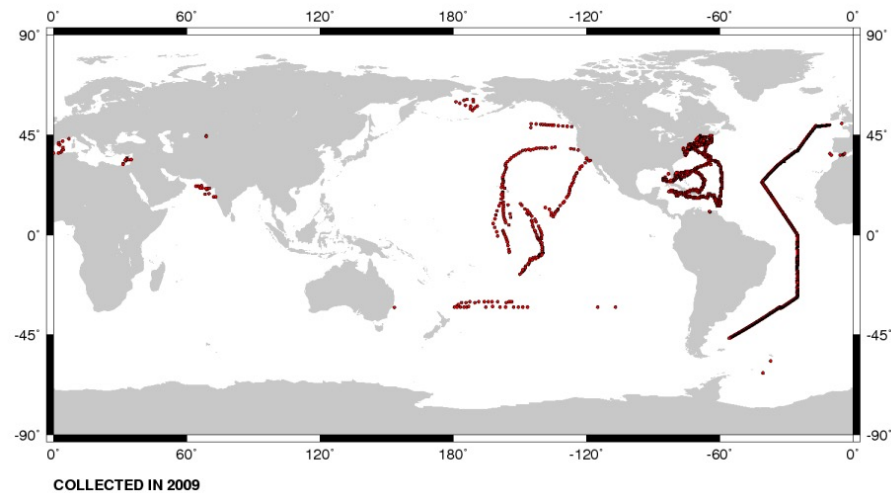
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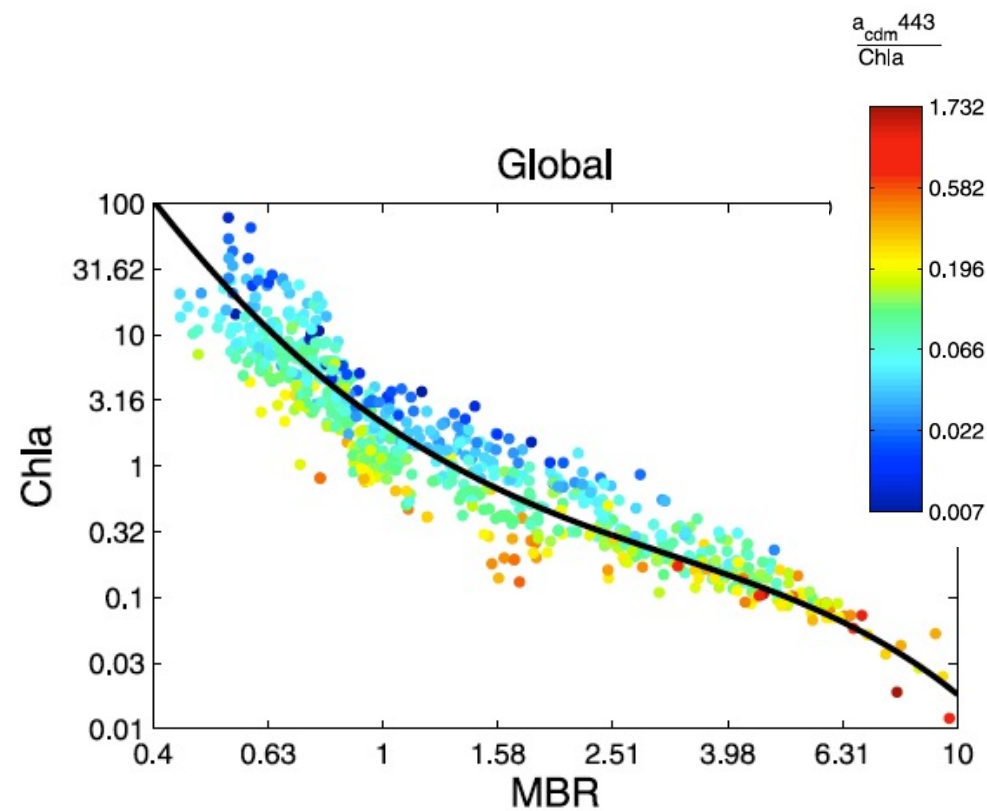
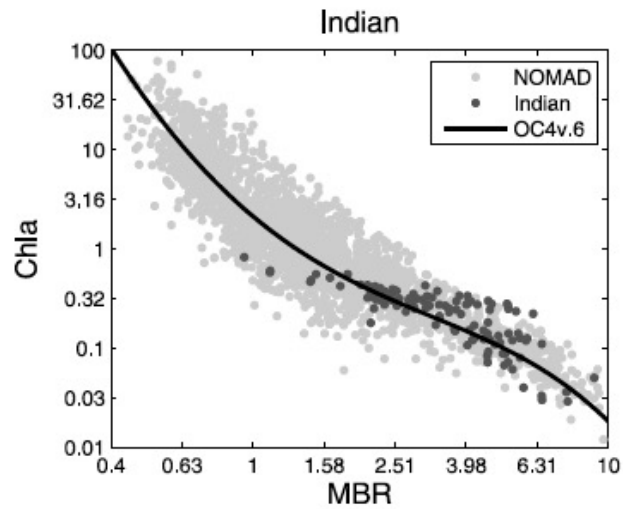
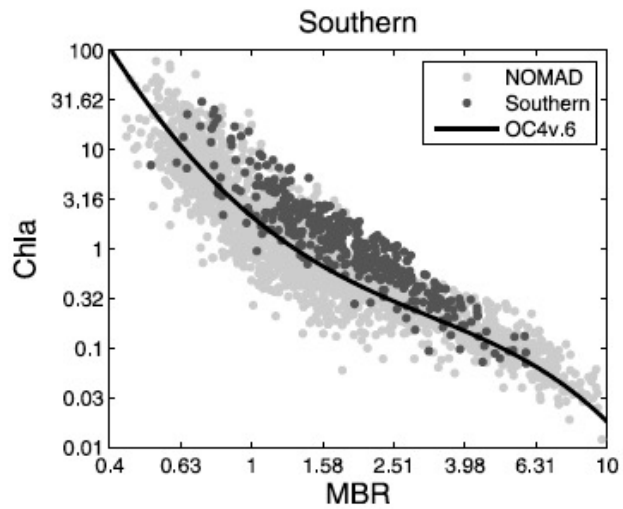
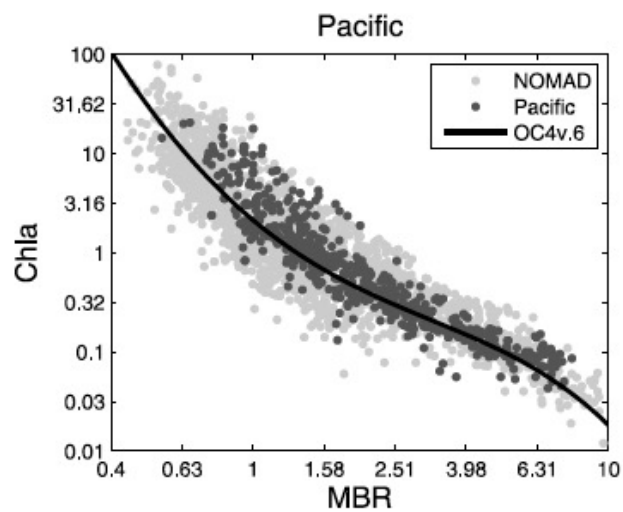
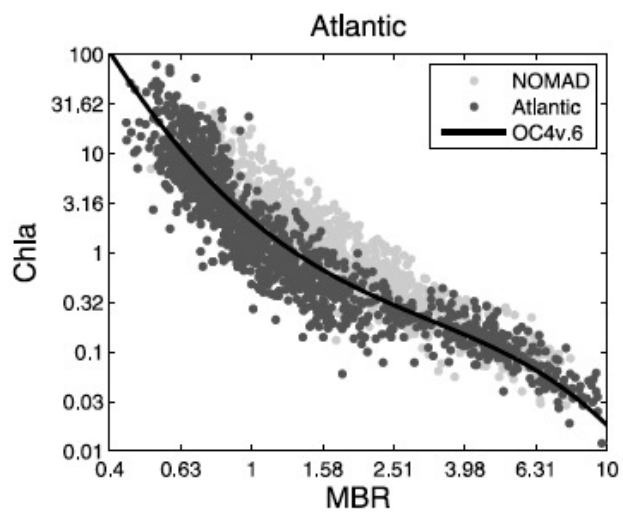


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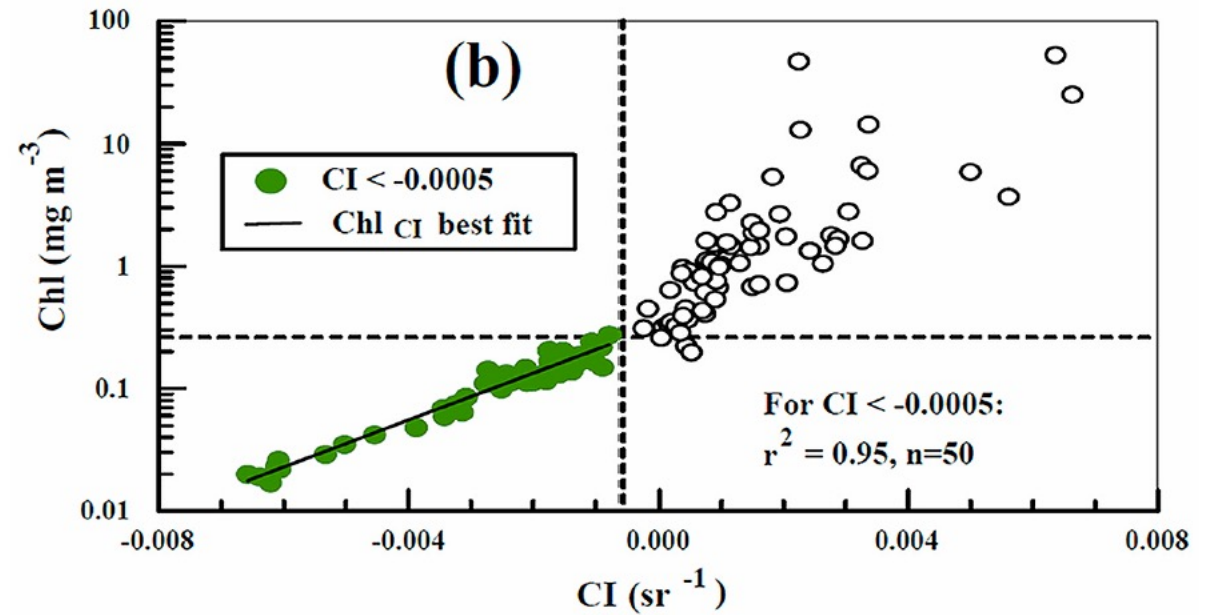
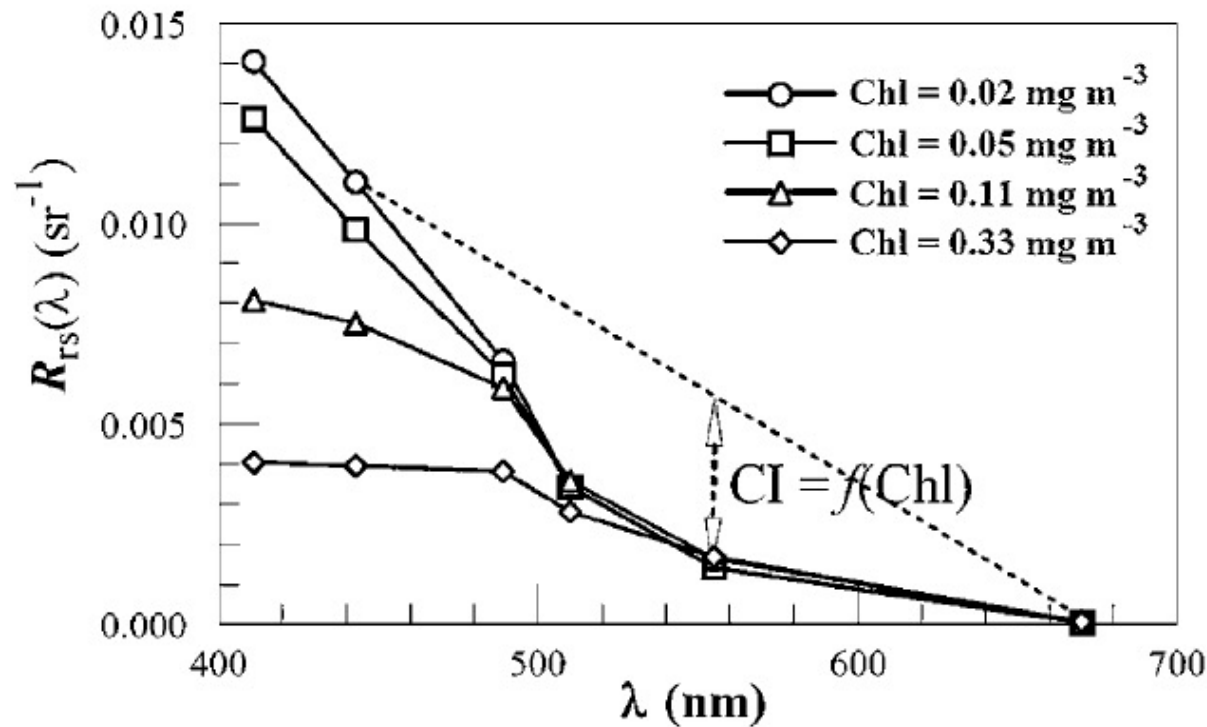
Szeto et al. 2011, J. Geophys. Res.



# Rrs line height (baseline subtraction)

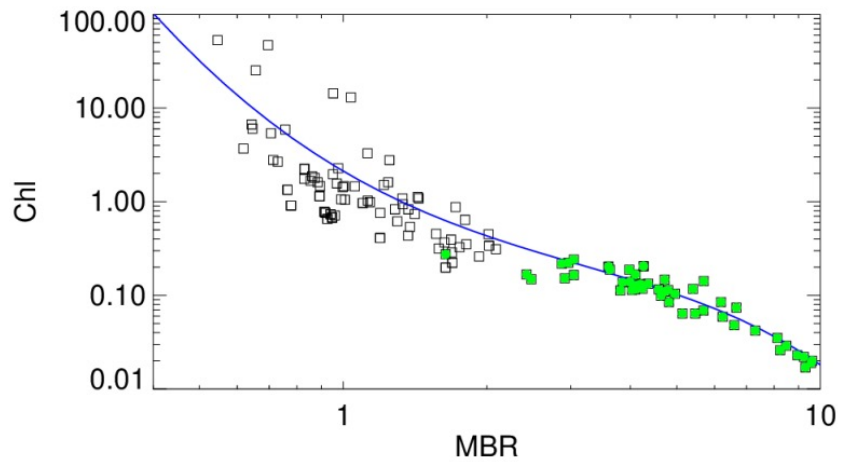
Chlorophyll Index (CI) from Hu et al. 2012, J. Geophys. Res. and Hu et al. 2019, J. Geophys. Res.

$$CI = R_{rs,555} - \left[ R_{rs,443} + (555 - 443) / (670 - 443) \times (R_{rs,670} - R_{rs,443}) \right]$$

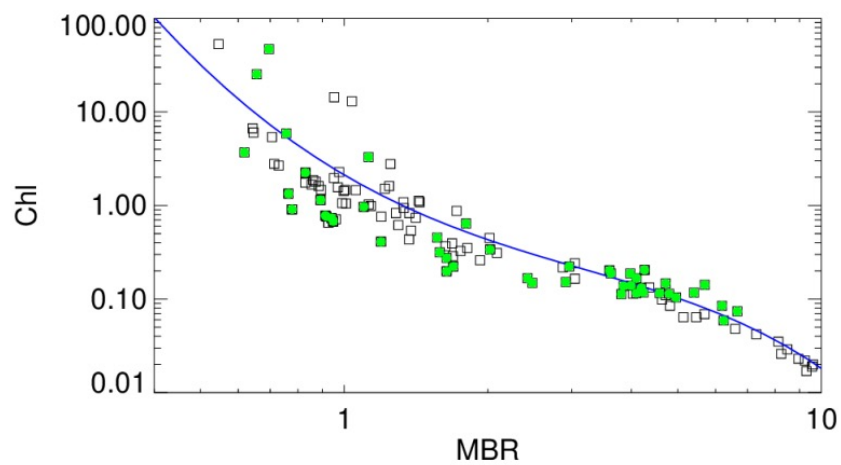


$$\text{Log}_{10}(\text{Chl}) = a \text{CI} + b$$

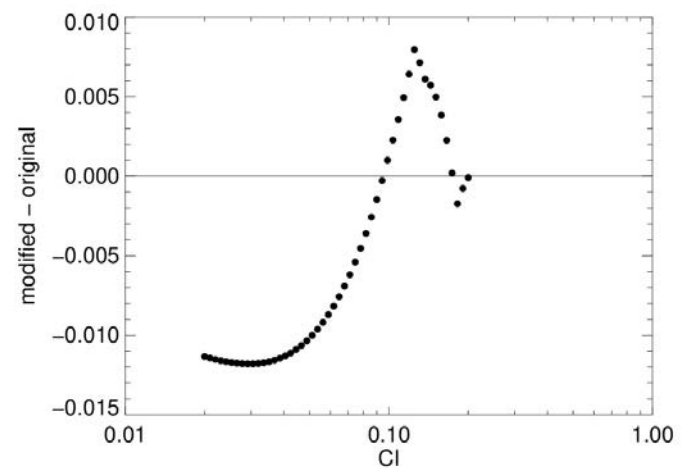
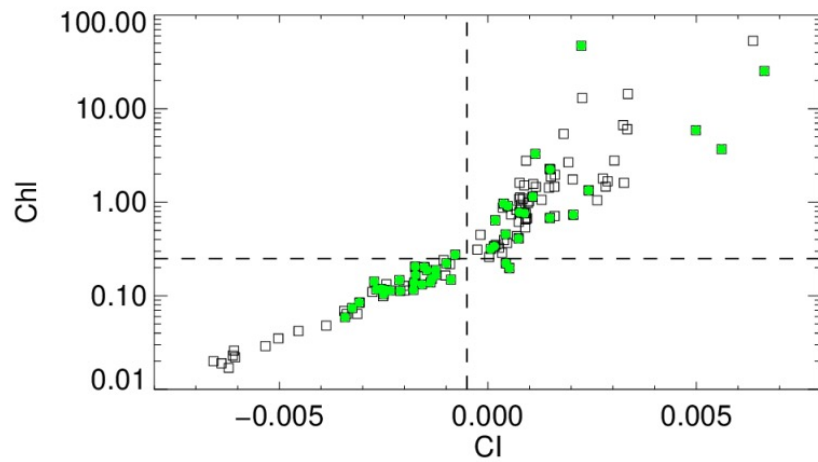
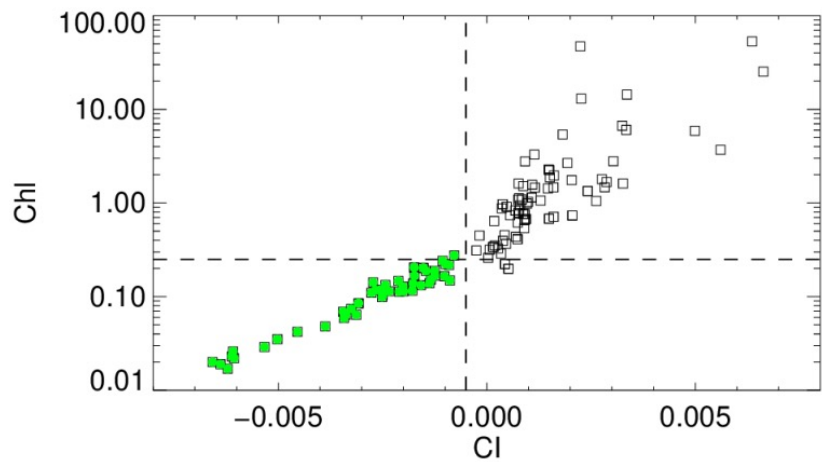
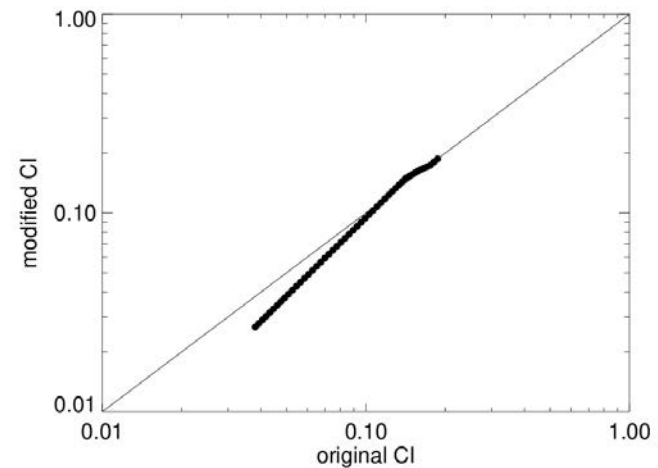
original



modified



difference



inverse (adjective): opposite or contrary in position, **direction**, **order**, or effect



**one sentence summary of this inversion paradigm:** How much of each absorbing and backscattering component is needed (in a least squares sense) to reconstruct the measured reflectance spectrum?

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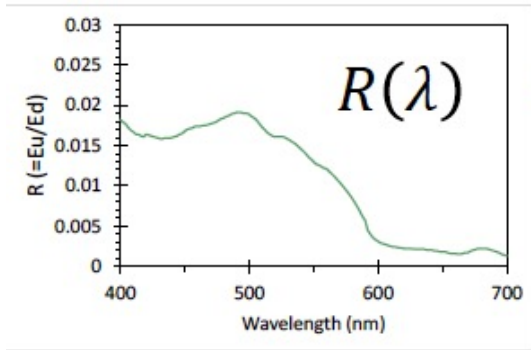
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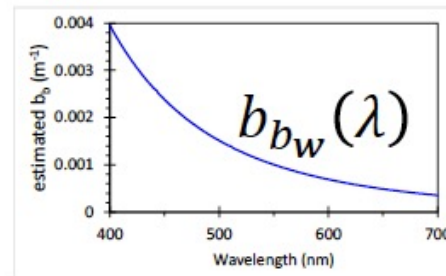
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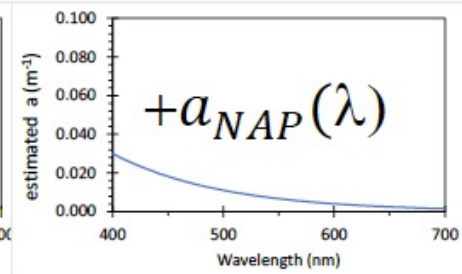
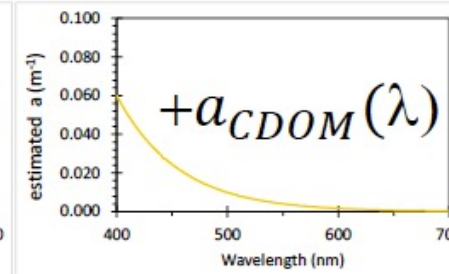
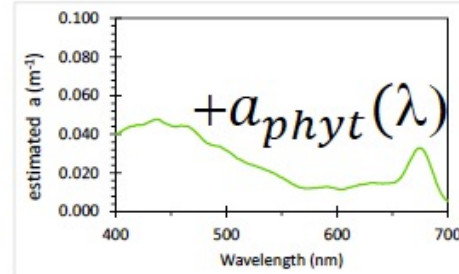
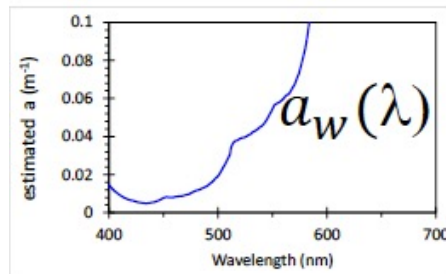
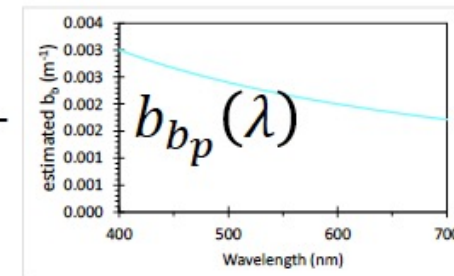
what combination of these ...



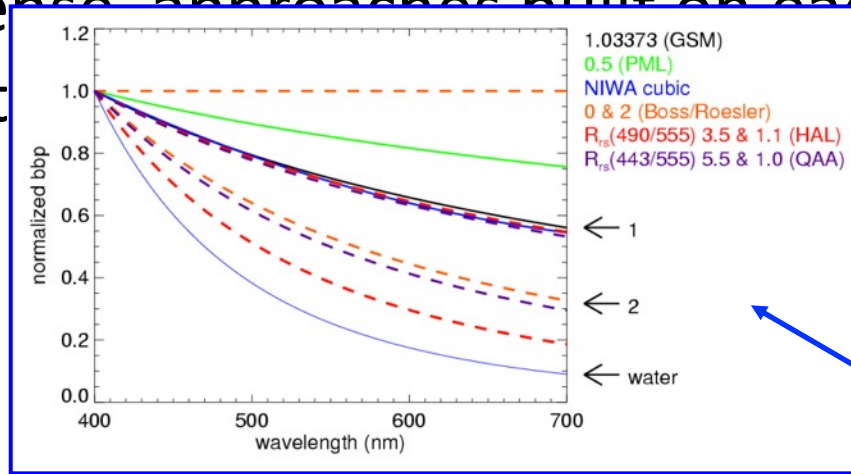
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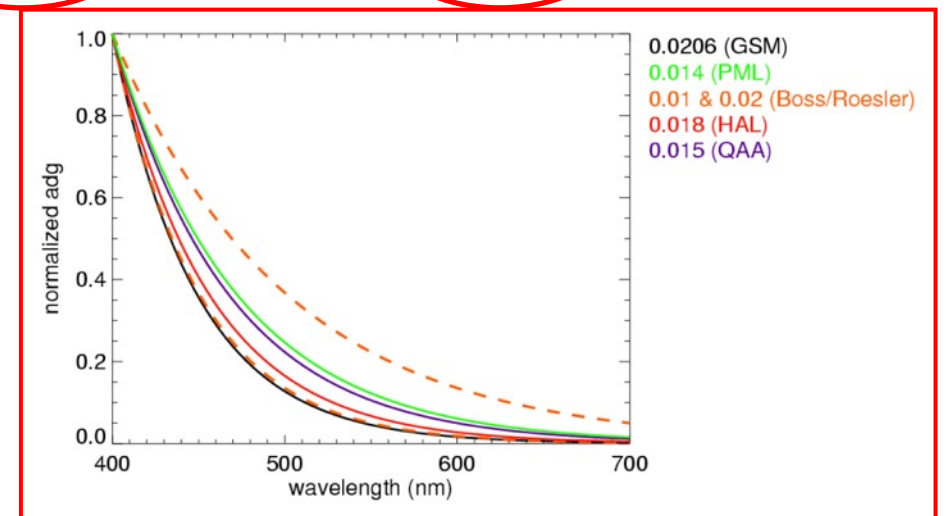
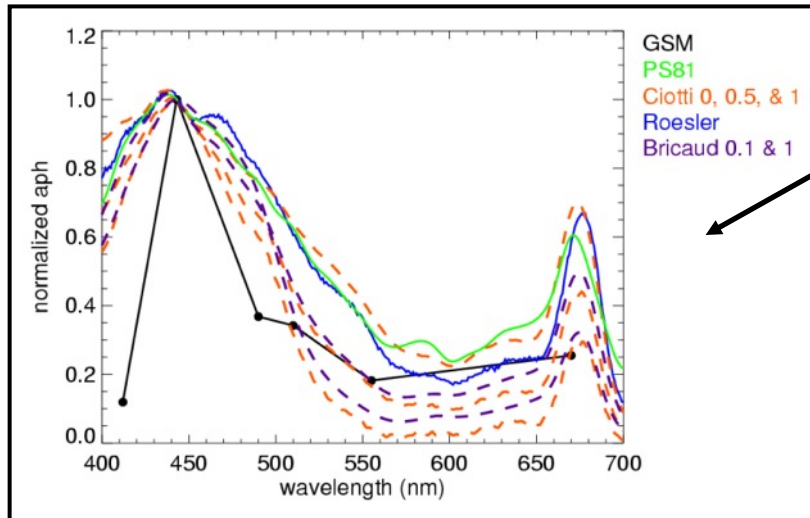
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In the broadest sense, approaches built on each other or experienced convergent evolution in common and key places ...



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**Table 1**  
Example methods for deriving normalized  $a_{ph}(\lambda)$ .

Reference	Uses measured data (Y/N)	Input data required	Description
Prieur and Sathyendranath (1981)	Y	$C_a$	Single $a_{ph}^*(\lambda)$ vector
Roesler et al. (1989)	Y	$C_a$	Single $a_{ph}^*(\lambda)$ shape
Lee et al. (1996a, b)	N	$C_a$	Blends two Gaussian basis vectors
Bricaud et al. (1995)	Y	$C_a$	Blends two basis vectors
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Hoge and Lyon (1996)	N	$C_a$	Single Gaussian basis vector (Hoepffner and Sathyendranath, 1993)
Sathyendranath et al. (2001)	Y	$C_a$	Blends $a_{ph}^*(\lambda)$ basis vectors for two phytoplankton populations
Ciotti et al. (2002)	Y	Size parameter, $S_f$	Blends $a_{ph}^*(\lambda)$ basis vectors for micro- and picophytoplankton

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$$r_{rs}(\lambda) = G(\lambda)$$

$$\frac{b_{bw}(\lambda) + B_{bp} b_{bp}^*(\lambda)}{a_w(\lambda) + A_{ph} a_{ph}^*(\lambda) + A_{dg} a_{dg}^*(\lambda)}$$

**Table 3**  
Example methods for deriving normalized  $S_{bp}$ .

Method	Uses measured data (Y/N)	Input data required	Description
Morel and Maritorena (2001)	Y	$C_a$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>S_{bp}</math> defined in terms of <math>\tilde{b}</math></li> </ul>
Gordon et al. (1988)	N	$C_a$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines <math>b_p(\lambda)</math> from <math>C_a</math></li> <li>• Assumes <math>\tilde{b} = F(C_a)</math></li> </ul>
Ciotti et al. (1999)	Y	$C_a$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logarithmic function from <math>-2</math> where <math>C_a = 0.05 \text{ mg m}^{-3}</math> to <math>0</math> where <math>C_a = 20 \text{ mg m}^{-3}</math></li> </ul>
Lee et al. (2002)	Y	$r_{rs}(\lambda)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empirical relationship</li> </ul>
Roesler and Boss (2003)	N	$\tilde{b}(\lambda), c_p(\lambda), a_p(\lambda)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solves for for <math>b_{bp}(\lambda)</math> and <math>S_c</math></li> </ul>
Antoine et al. (2011)	Y	$C_a$ or $b_b(555)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empirical relationship</li> </ul>
Brewin et al. (2012)	Y	$C_a$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empirical relationship for <math>b_{bp}(\lambda)</math></li> </ul>

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$$r_{rs}(\lambda) = G(\lambda)$$

$$b_{bw}(\lambda) + B_{bp}b_{bp}^*(\lambda)$$

$$a_w(\lambda) + A_{ph}a_{ph}^*(\lambda) + A_{dg}a_{dg}^*(\lambda)$$

**Table 2**  
Example approaches for partitioning  $a(\lambda)$  into  $a_{ph}(\lambda)$  and  $a_{dg}(\lambda)$ .

Reference	Method and assumptions for parameterizing $a_{ph}(\lambda)$ and $a_{dg}(\lambda)$	Additional input data	Applied to ocean color data? (Y/N)
Roesler et al. (1989)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math> has fixed exponential slope, <math>S_{dg}</math></li> <li><math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math> blue-to-red absorption peak defined using pigment data</li> <li>Solves for <math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math> and <math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>C_a</math></li> <li>Phaeophytin-a concentration</li> </ul>	N
Lee et al. (2002)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math> has fixed exponential slope, <math>S_{dg}</math></li> <li>Empirical relationship uses <math>r_{rs}(\lambda)</math> to parameterize band ratio of <math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math></li> <li>Solves for <math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math> and <math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	Y
Ciotti and Bricaud (2006) Method 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math> assumed to be exponential</li> <li>Empirical relationships uses <math>C_a</math> to parameterize band ratios of <math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math></li> <li>Solves for <math>M_{dg}</math>, <math>S_{dg}</math>, <math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math>, and <math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math> algebraically (Bricaud and Stramski 1990)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>C_a</math></li> </ul>	Y
Ciotti and Bricaud (2006) Method 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math> assumed to be exponential</li> <li><math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math> parameterized through mixing of pico- and microphytoplankton contributions (Ciotti et al. 2002)</li> <li>Solves for <math>M_{dg}</math>, <math>S_{dg}</math>, <math>M_{ph}</math>, and the size parameter of phytoplankton (<math>S_f</math>) via nonlinear optimization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>C_a</math></li> </ul>	Y
Zheng and Stramski (2013b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math> assumed to be exponential</li> <li><math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math> shape expressed through band ratios of 412:443 and 510:490</li> <li>Searches multiple speculative (feasible) solutions of <math>M_{dg}</math>, <math>S_{dg}</math>, <math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math>, and <math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math> (Bricaud and Stramski, 1990)</li> <li>Computes candidate and selects optimal solution for <math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math> and <math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math> using stacked inequality constraints</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-determined bounds of inequality constraints</li> </ul>	Y
Zhang et al. (2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math> assumed to be exponential</li> <li><math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math> parameterized as the sum of mixing of pico-, nano-, and microphytoplankton contributions</li> <li>Solves for <math>M_{dg}</math>, <math>S_{dg}</math>, <math>a_{dg}(\lambda)</math>, and <math>a_{ph}(\lambda)</math> including contributions of pico-, nano-, and microphytoplankton using constrained least-squares optimization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>C_a</math>-specific <math>a_{ph}^*(\lambda)</math> for pico-, nano-, and micro-phytoplankton</li> </ul>	N

Werdell et al. 2018,  
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Table 5. Delta Statistics for the Sensitivity Analyses<sup>a</sup>

Run	N	MPD				Median				
		$b_{bp}$	$a$	$a_{dg}$	$a_{\phi}$	$\Delta R_{rs}$	$\Delta b_{bp}$	$\Delta a$	$\Delta a_{dg}$	$\Delta a_{\phi}$
GIOP-DC	437	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.04	8.52	8.56	27.25	35.83
$S_{bp} - 33\%$	440	5.19	5.17	7.58	2.98	0.99	11.23	11.70	32.14	34.69
$S_{bp} + 33\%$	436	5.65	5.70	8.82	2.90	1.14	11.40	10.70	23.51	39.12
$S_{dg} - 33\%$	448	18.96	33.44	101.73	46.59	1.61	16.27	19.08	32.94	31.95
$S_{dg} + 33\%$	399	3.77	8.41	40.10	32.92	1.23	9.44	8.95	79.90	59.32
$S_{dg}$ from [7]	439	3.20	5.33	20.40	14.58	1.10	8.65	9.80	22.25	34.42
$C_a - 33\%$ in [14]	419	2.02	2.92	1.48	7.25	1.19	8.79	8.83	28.62	31.10
$C_a + 33\%$ in [14]	437	1.56	2.28	1.14	5.90	1.10	8.12	9.17	26.79	40.09
Fixed $C_a$ in [14]	369	4.57	7.89	2.60	21.68	1.46	11.30	11.53	30.97	26.70
$\alpha_{\phi}^*$ from [17]	357	8.33	12.72	7.04	22.23	1.20	14.26	16.75	38.30	23.13
$G$ from [22]	422	9.99	6.15	7.49	14.12	1.16	11.50	13.64	37.49	36.24
Matrix inversion	475	4.60	3.68	2.24	7.41	1.73	9.15	9.43	24.79	36.82
$400 \leq \lambda \leq 600$ nm	424	0.23	0.21	0.08	0.38	0.92	8.76	8.78	31.94	36.55

<sup>a</sup>N is the sample size. MPD is the average spectral median percent difference between GIOP-DC and each alternate run, as calculated in Tables 2 and 3. Medians of the  $\Delta$ IOP frequency distributions are also presented, as presented in Table 4.

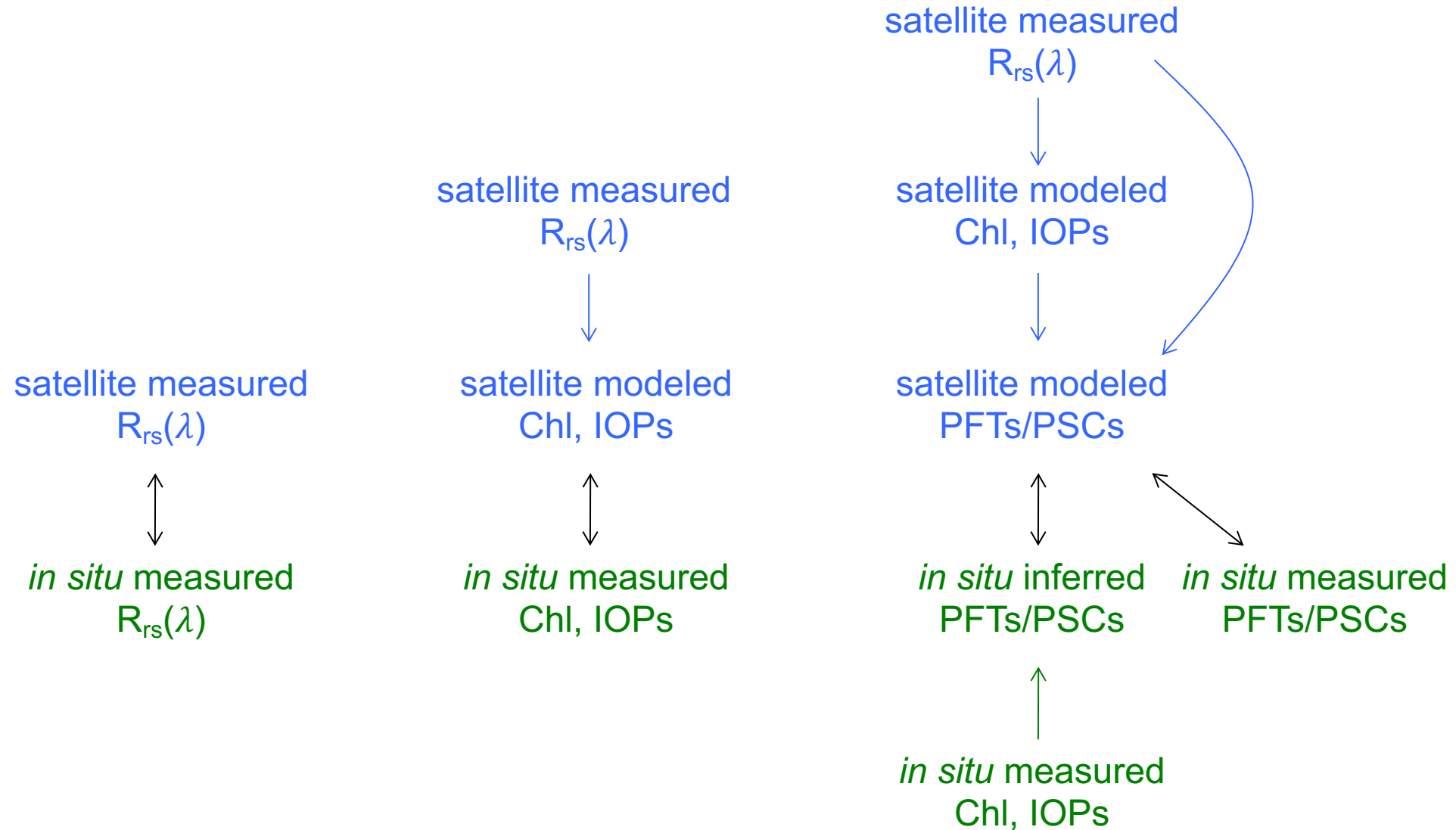
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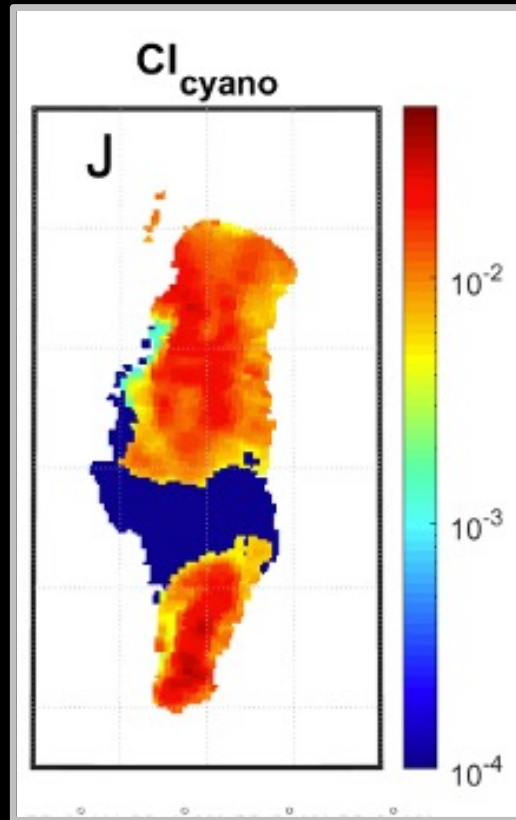
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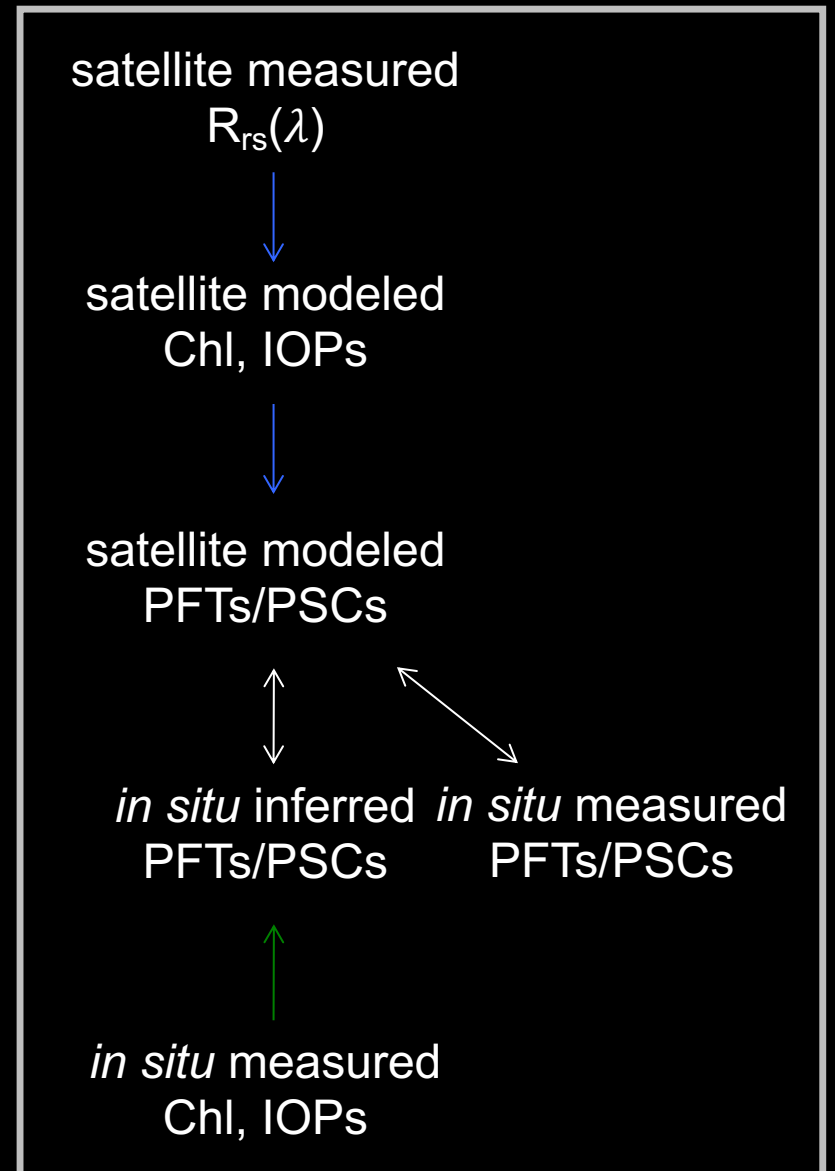
# consider a question

*Given what you know about the in situ methods and the satellite algorithms, how would you prepare the in situ data for a validation satellite exercise to get as close to apples-to-apples comparisons as possible (e.g., common units, observational space, etc.)?*

microscopy  
genetic/molecular methods  
flow cytometry  
coulter counters  
video imaging (IFCB, FlowCam)  
continuous plankton recorder  
spectroscopy  
optics ( $b_b$ ,  $c$  spectral slopes)  
HPLC pigment analyses  
etc.



unitless (derived from  $\rho_w(\lambda)$ )





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aerosol lookup tables (AERONET)  
NIR correction (black pixel assumption)  
out-of-band correction  
pure seawater  
foam and whitecap mask/correction  
BRDF correction  
( others I'm forgetting )

ancillary data

atmospheric pressure  
water vapor  
relative humidity  
wind speed  
ozone  
NO<sub>2</sub>  
SST, SSS  
sea ice

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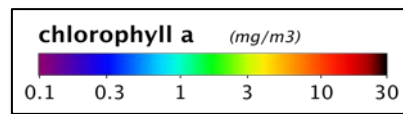
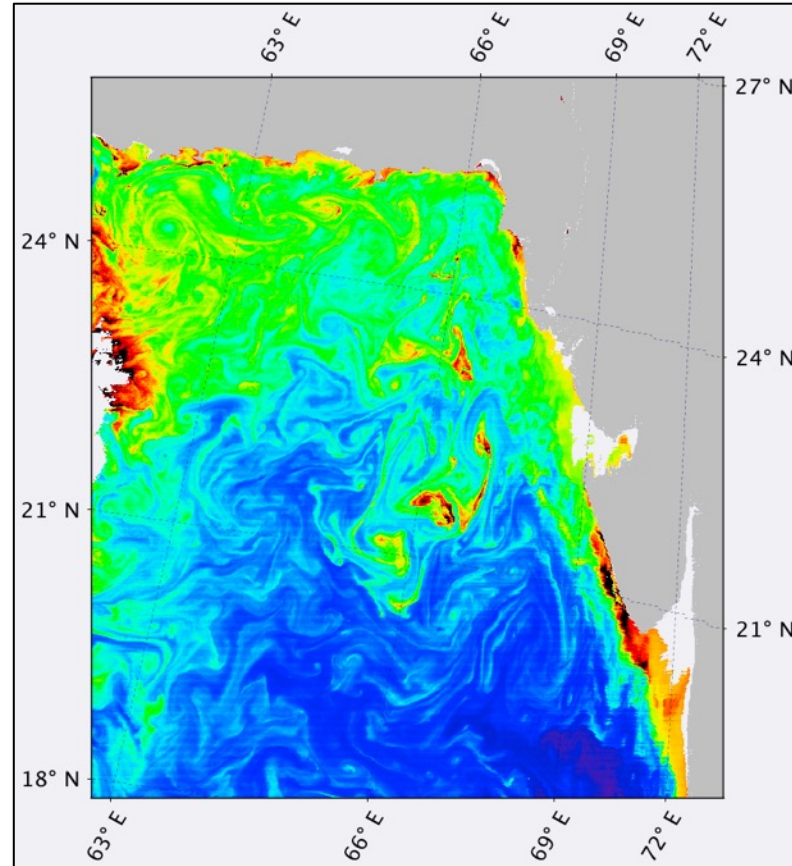
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*in situ* data are embedded into almost 100% of ocean color

# understand how data processing changes the “answers”

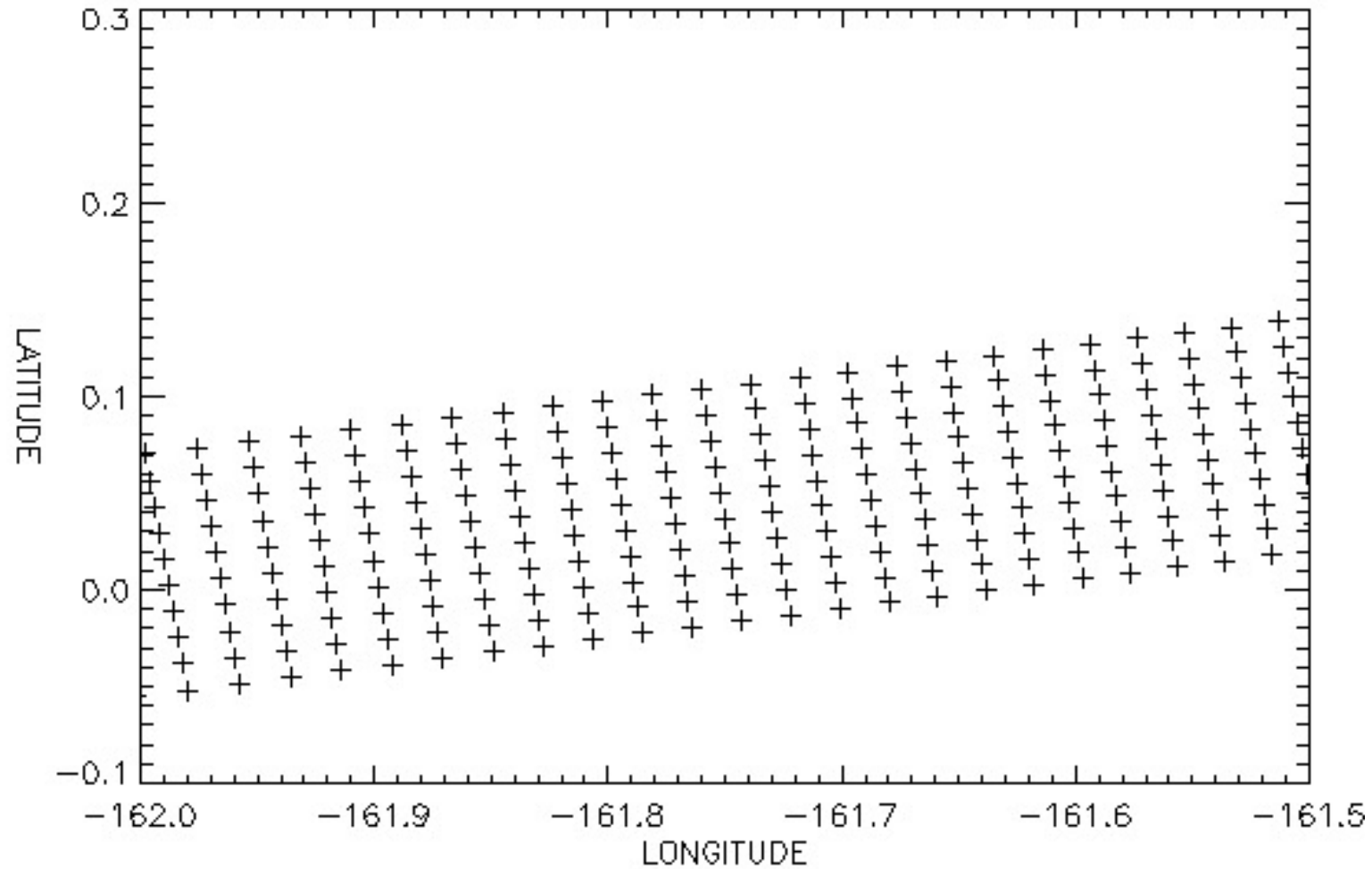
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- temporal resolution
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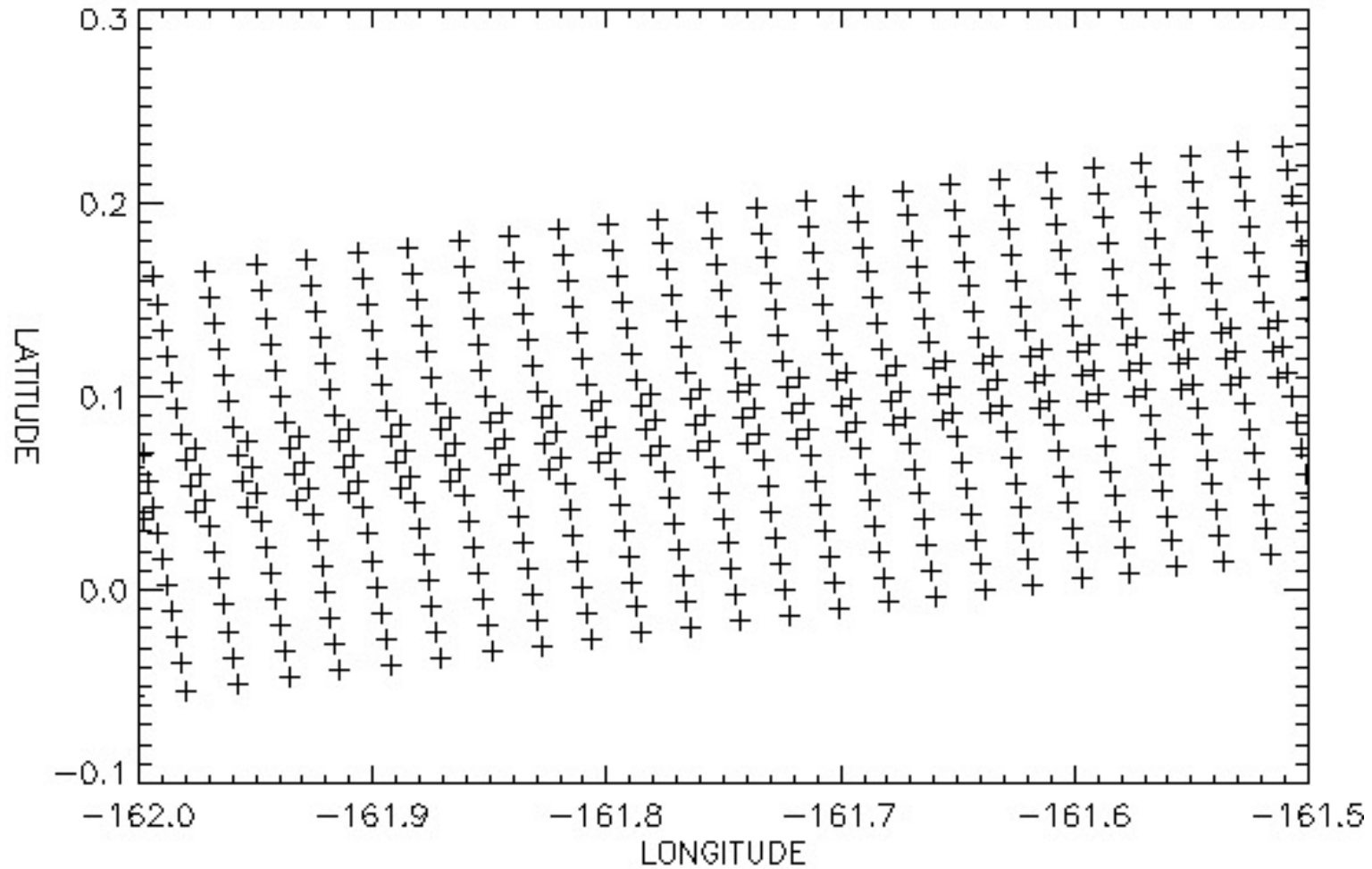




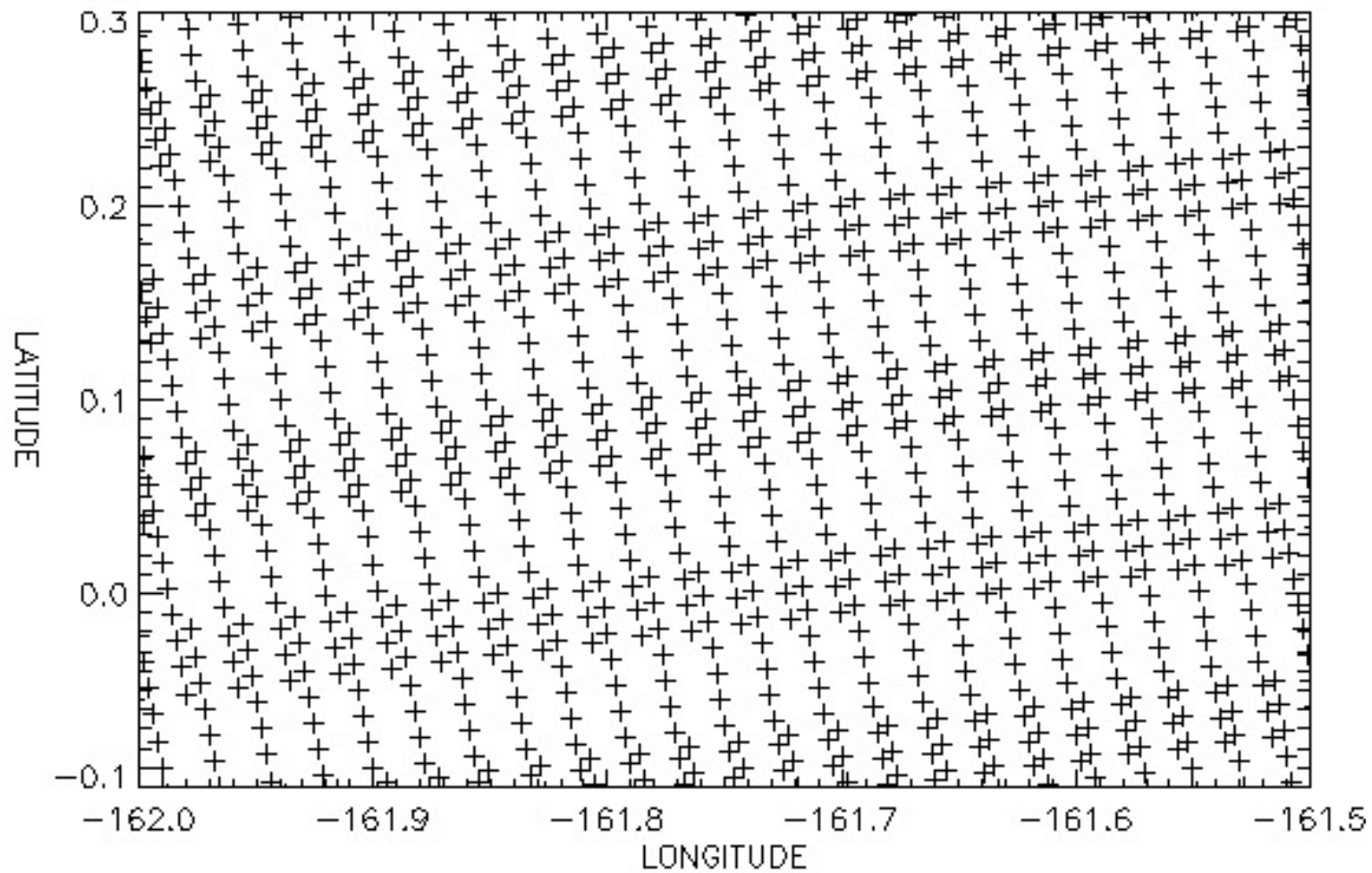
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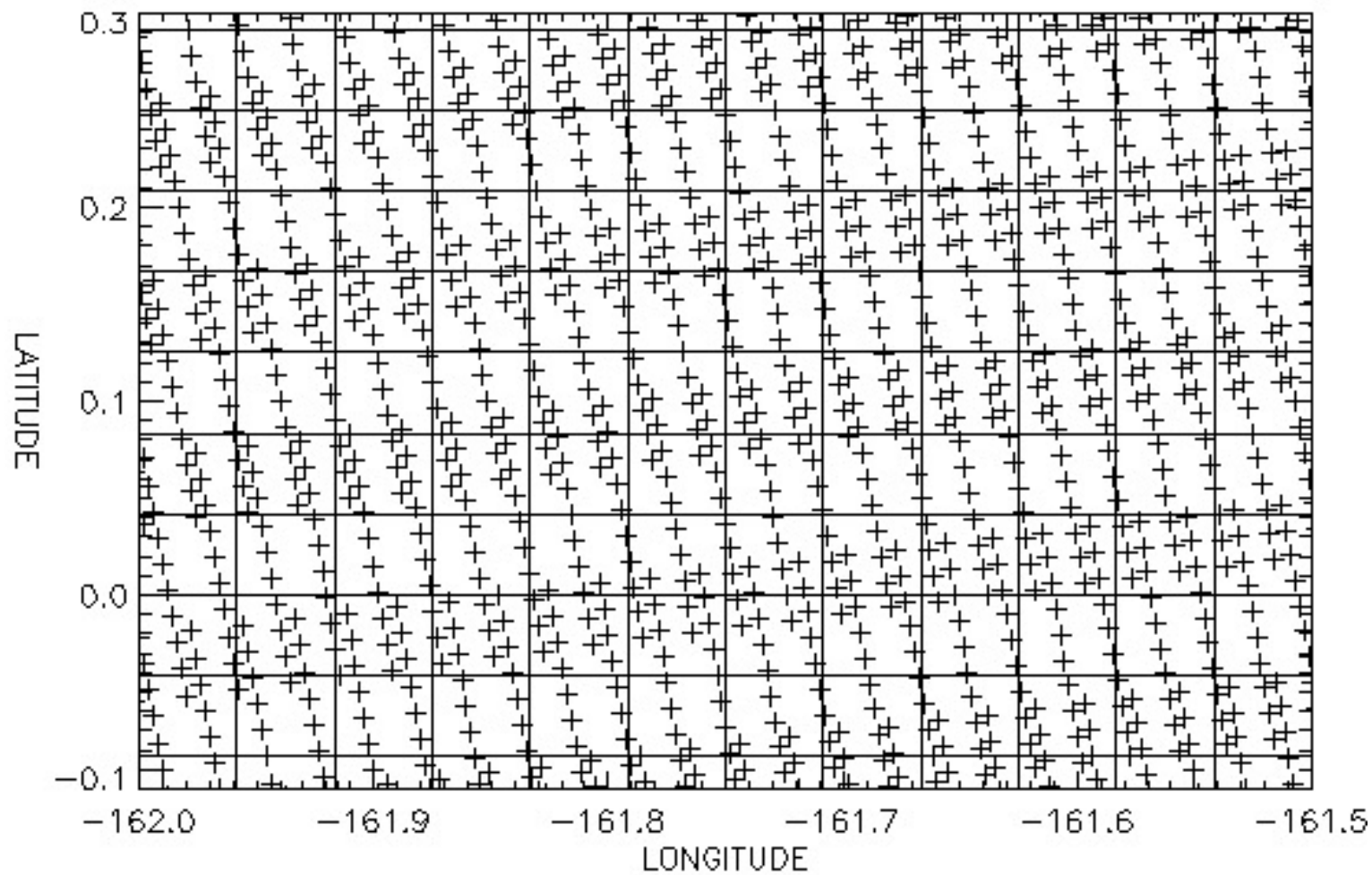
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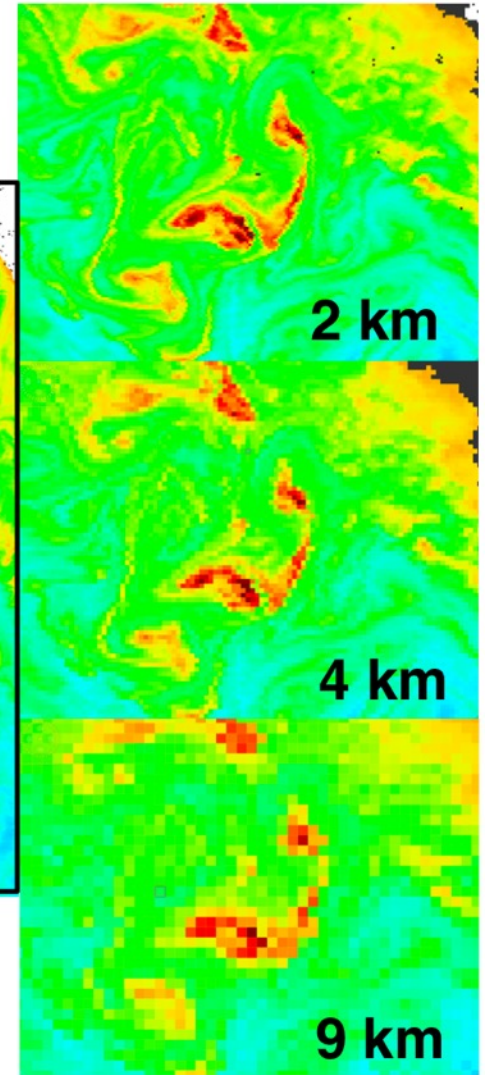
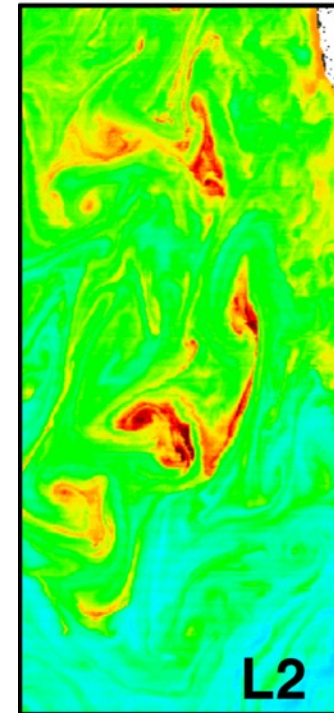
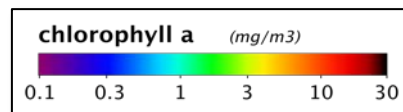
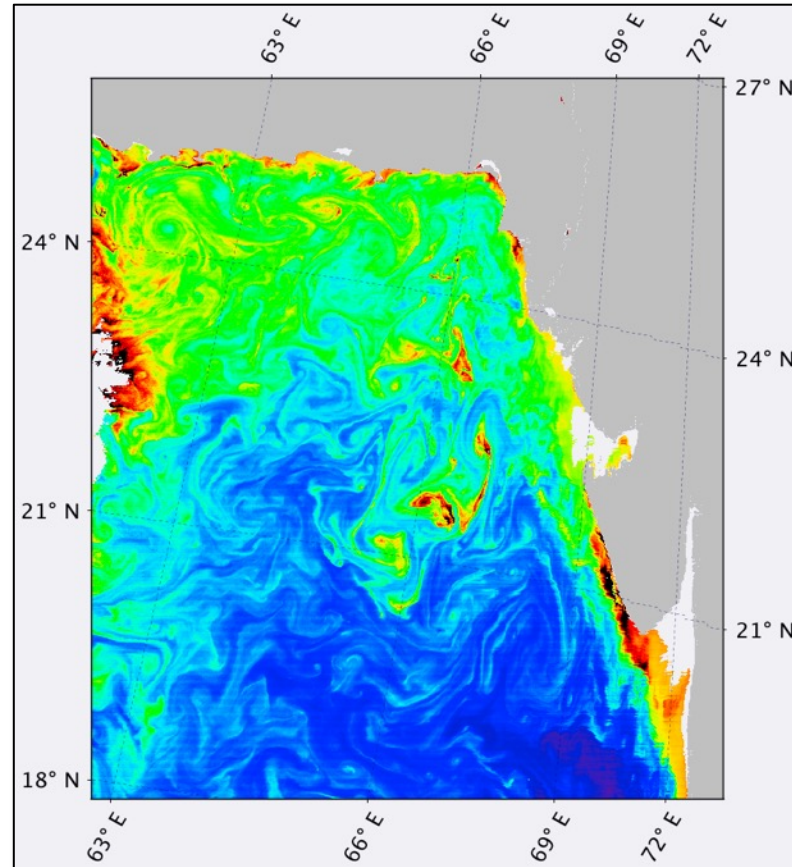




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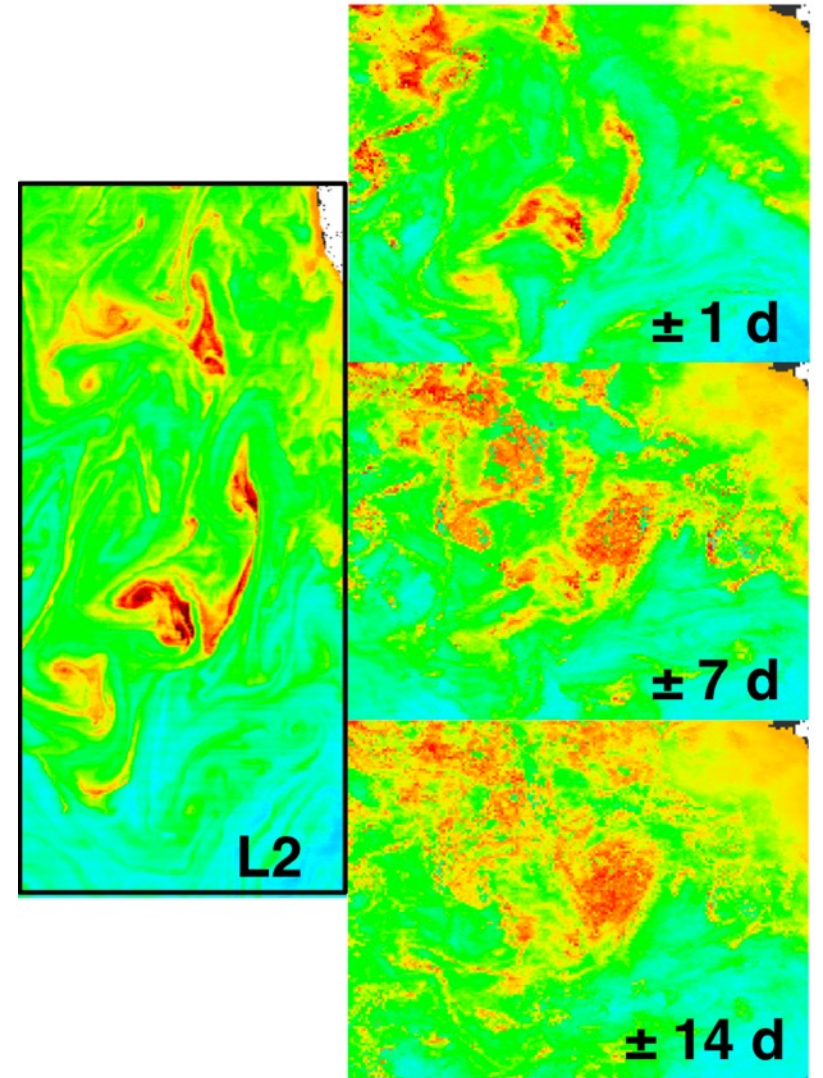
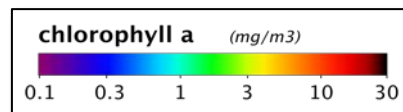
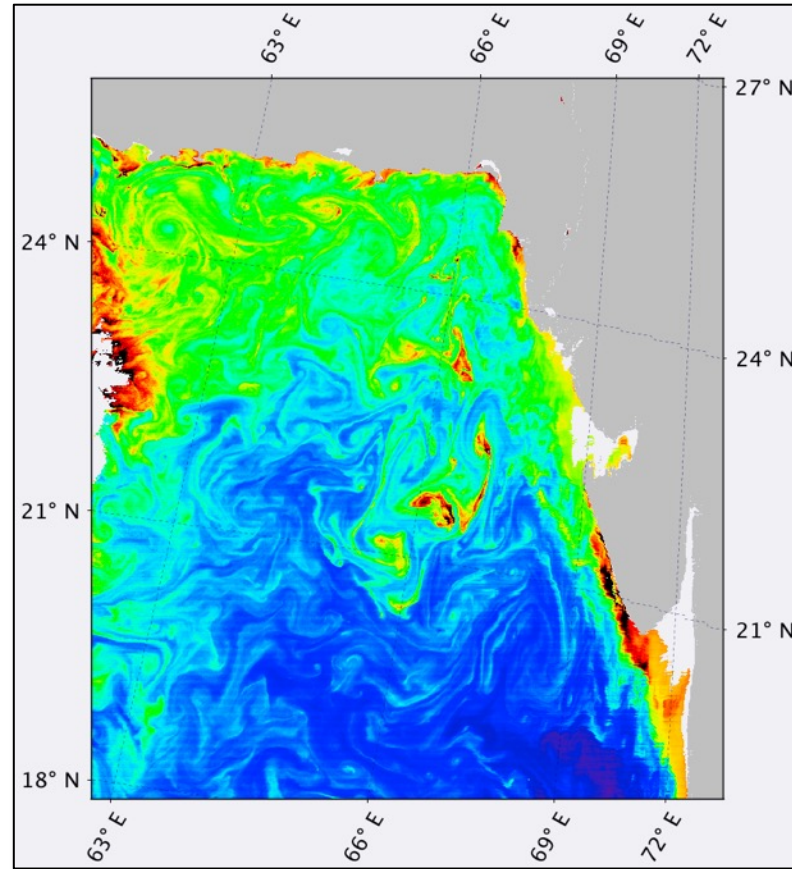
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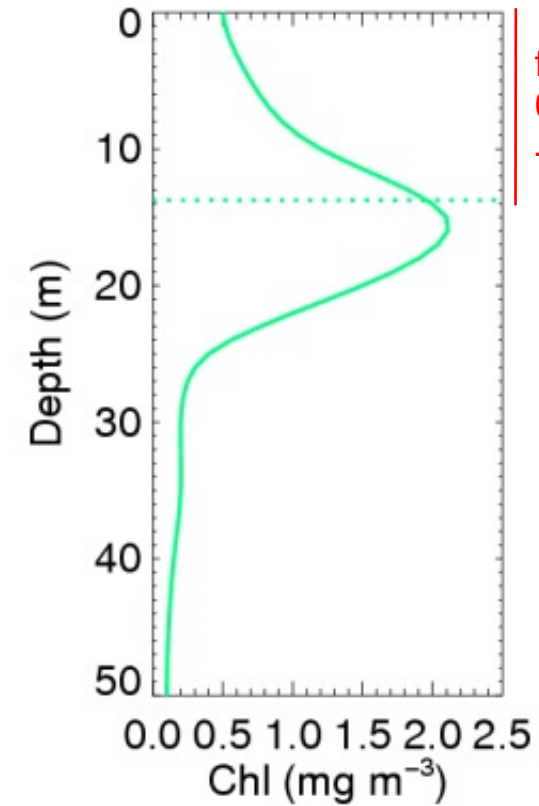
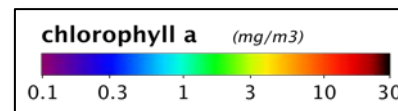
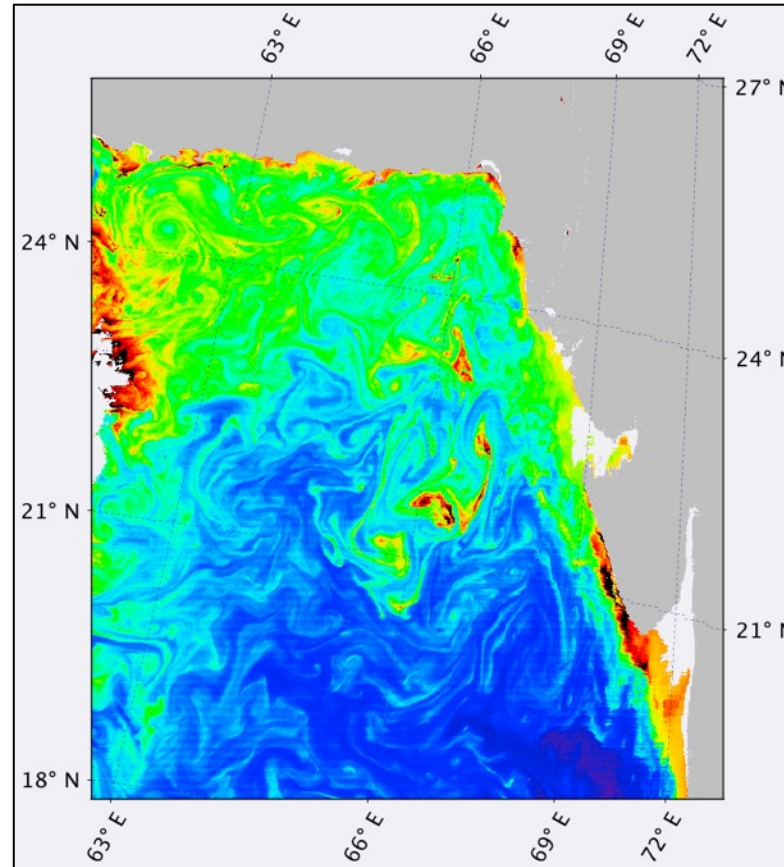




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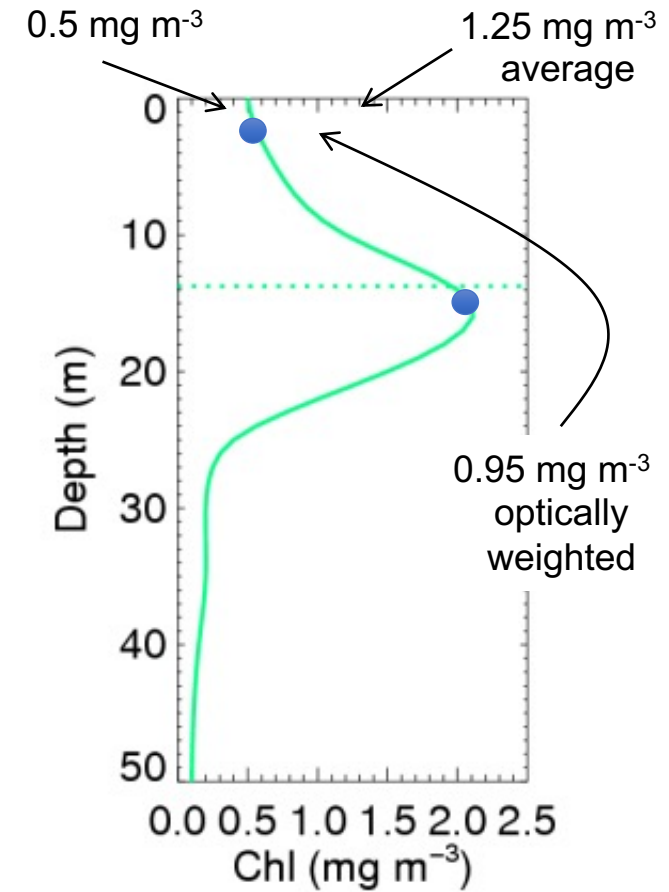
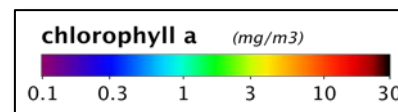
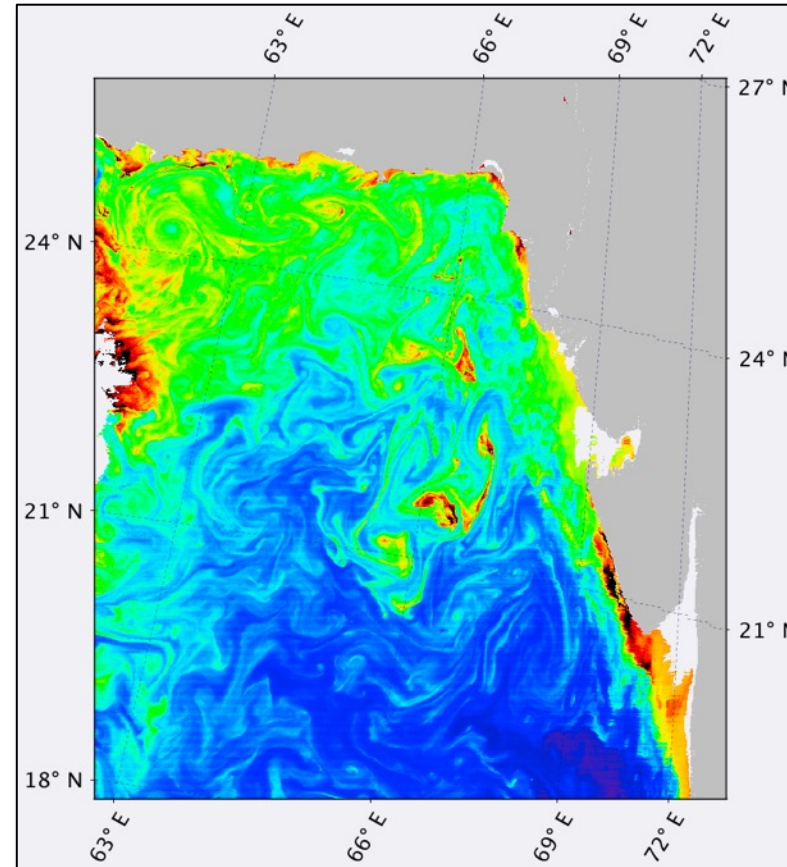
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## Theoretical derivation of the depth average of remotely sensed optical parameters

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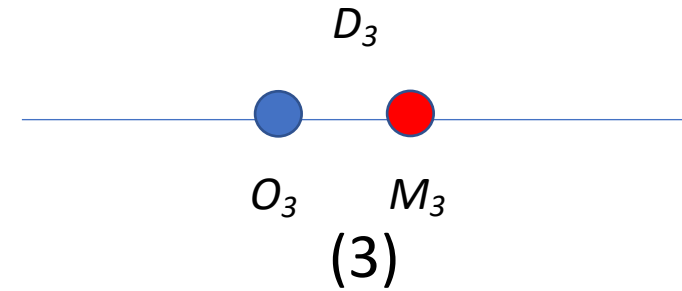
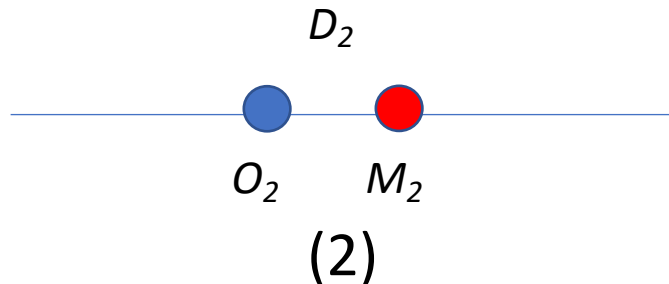
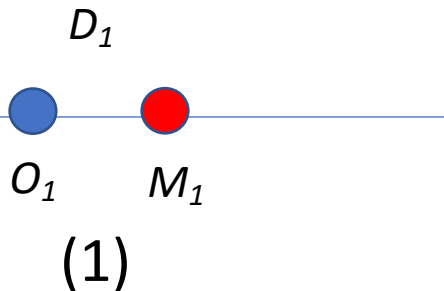
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*Answer:  $D$  is the same for all (stop wasting our time!)*

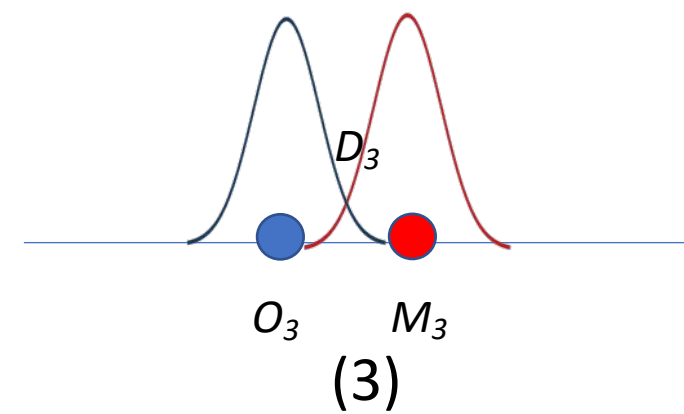
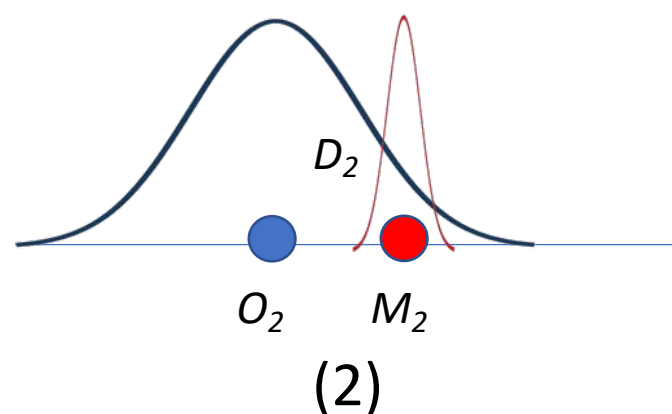
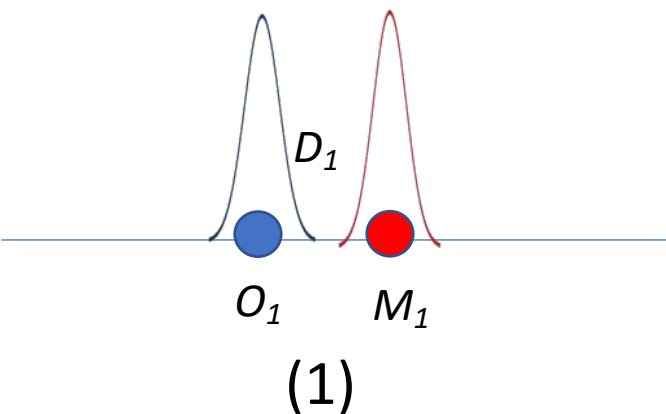


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*This time, we'll consider measurement uncertainty and draw a probability density function around each point ...*

*Answer: (a) yes, (b) no, (c) somewhat.*



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$$\text{mean bias} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N M_i - O_i$$

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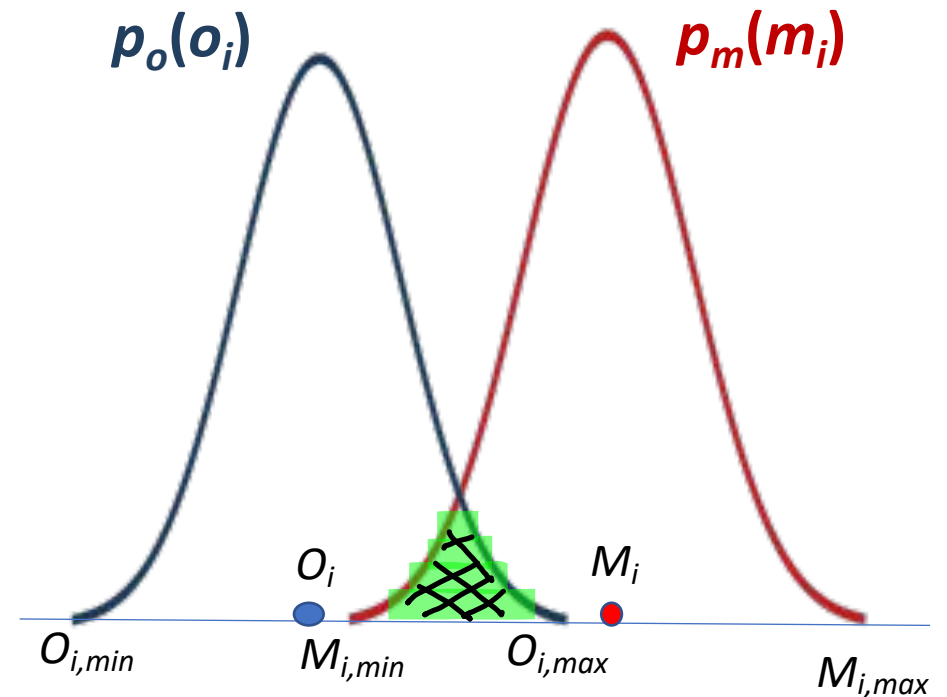
We correct difference with correction factor (CF):

$$CF_i = 1 - DO_i$$

( $DO_i$ ) is the *degree of overlap metric* proposed by Harmel et al (2010) (see paper for calculus).

Corrected difference is:

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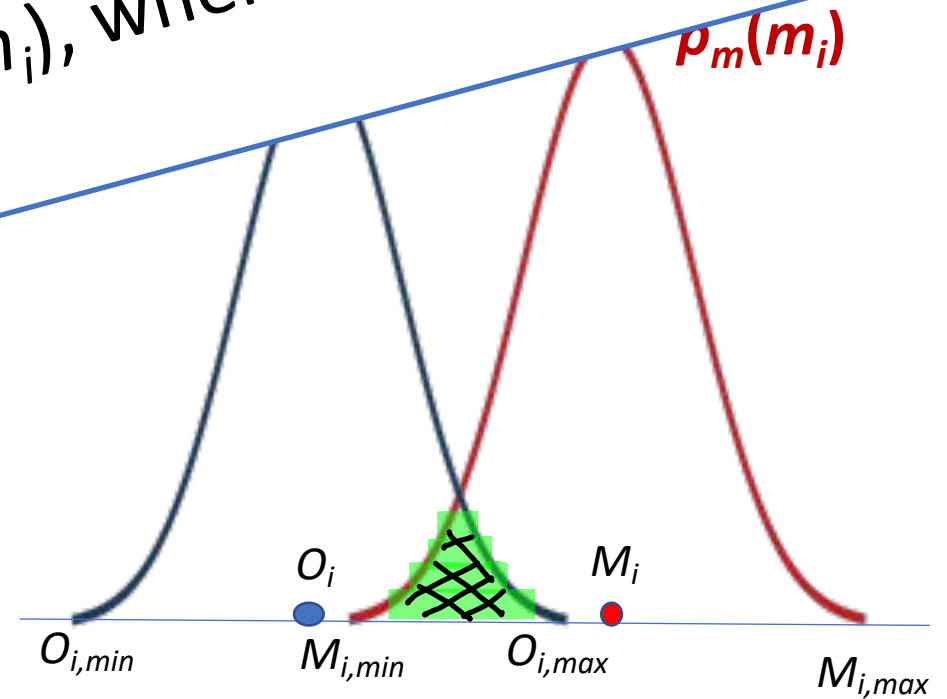
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- For completely overlapping  $p_o(o_i)$  and  $p_m(m_i)$ , where  $DO_i = 1$ , no difference can be discerned

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# Validation metrics

$\frac{1}{N} \sum$   
*mean bias*

$\frac{1}{N} \sum$




Corrected



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RESEARCH ARTICLE  
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**Development and Validation of an Empirical Ocean Color Algorithm with Uncertainties: A Case Study with the Particulate Backscattering Coefficient**

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**Key Points:**

- A reflectance line height metric was used as a predictor of the particulate backscattering coefficient at 555 nm
- The degree of overlap metric was used to correct validation skill metrics for measurement

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# population statistics: long-term distributions and time series

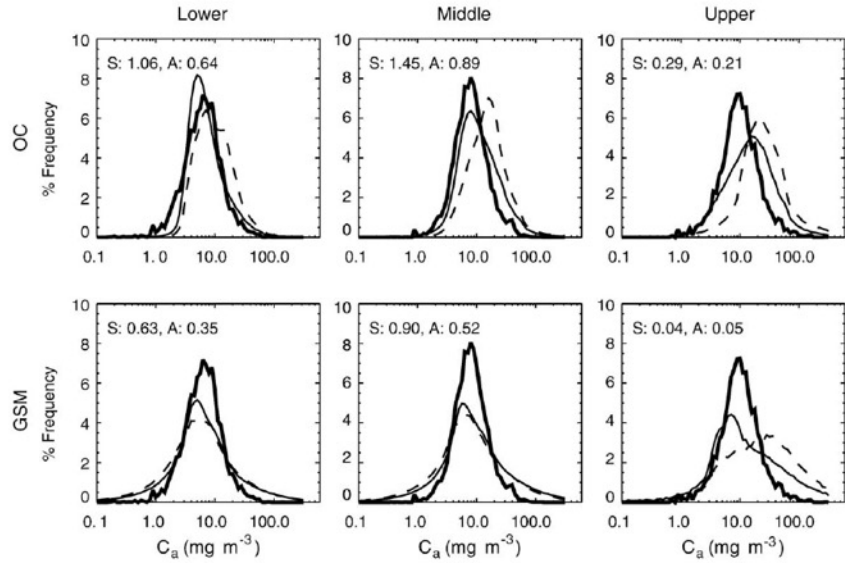


Fig. 4. *In situ*  $C_a$  distributions (thick lines) in the Lower, Middle, and Upper Bays compared to OC and GSM retrievals for SeaWiFS (thin solid) and MODIS-Aqua (thin dashed). OC4 was used for SeaWiFS and OC3 for MODIS-Aqua. Sample sizes (in million pixels) for satellite retrievals are provided in each panel, with SeaWiFS indicated by S and MODIS-Aqua indicated by A. *In situ* sample sizes are 7204, 5814, and 3660 for the Lower, Middle, and Upper Bay, respectively. Data from all four seasons are included.

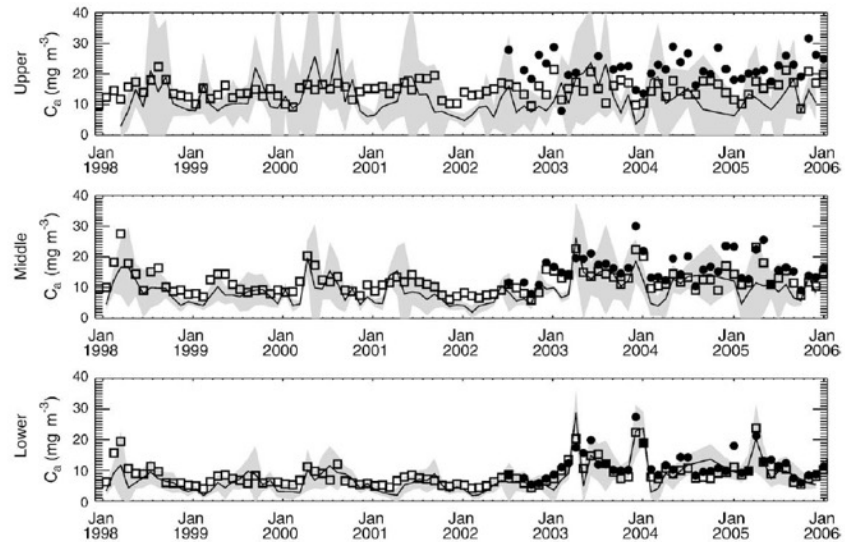


Fig. 5. Monthly averages of *in situ*  $C_a$  (thin lines) in the Upper, Middle, and Lower Bays compared to OC retrievals for SeaWiFS (OC4; empty squares) and MODIS-Aqua (OC3; filled circles). The grey shaded area represents one standard deviation about the *in situ* averages. The RPD reported in the text was calculated as  $100 \cdot (\text{median}(C_a^{\text{satellite}}/C_a^{\text{in situ}}) - 1)$  using each monthly satellite and *in situ* pair.

# residual histograms and scatter plots

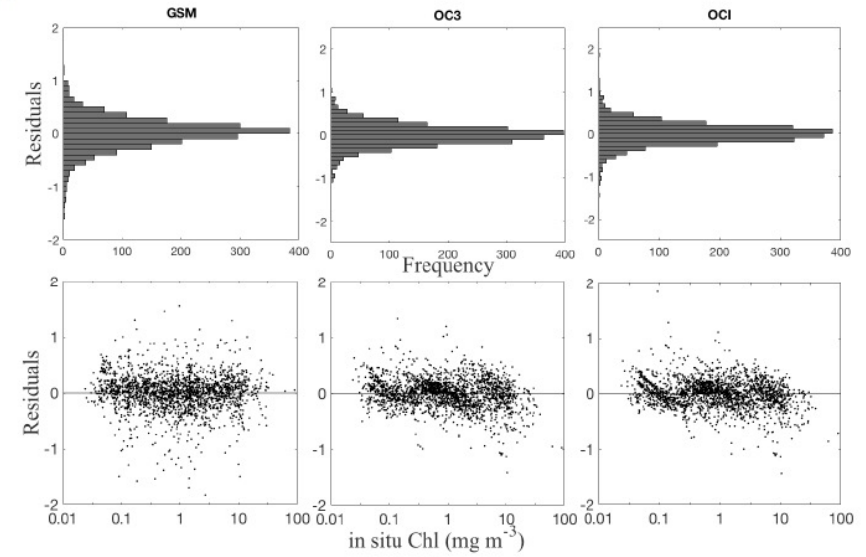


Fig. 3.  $\log_{10}$  residuals histograms and scatterplots of the SeaWiFS-to-*in situ*  $Chl$  match-ups. The top row are histograms of  $\log_{10}$  summarizing the error distribution of GSM, OC3, and OCI algorithms. The bottom panels are residual plots of the difference between model satellite  $Chl$  and the reference *in situ* values versus reference values. The plots were created with  $\log_{10}$  values, but the axes are in  $Chl$  units ( $\text{mg m}^{-3}$ ).

$$\zeta = \frac{M_i - O_i}{\sqrt{u(M_i)^2 + u(O_i)^2}}$$

Zeta-score plots

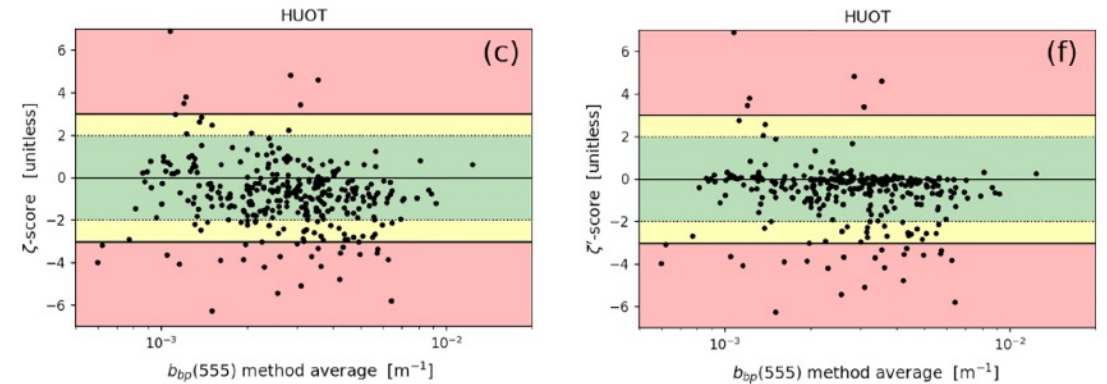


Figure 4. Zeta score plots comparing modeled and observed  $b_{bp}(555)$  varying with the method average values of  $b_{bp}(555)$ . Subplots (a)–(c) correspond to LH, GIOP, and Huot models, respectively. Subplots (d)–(f) use corrected zeta scores for the LH, GIOP, and Huot models, respectively.



## Taylor and target diagrams

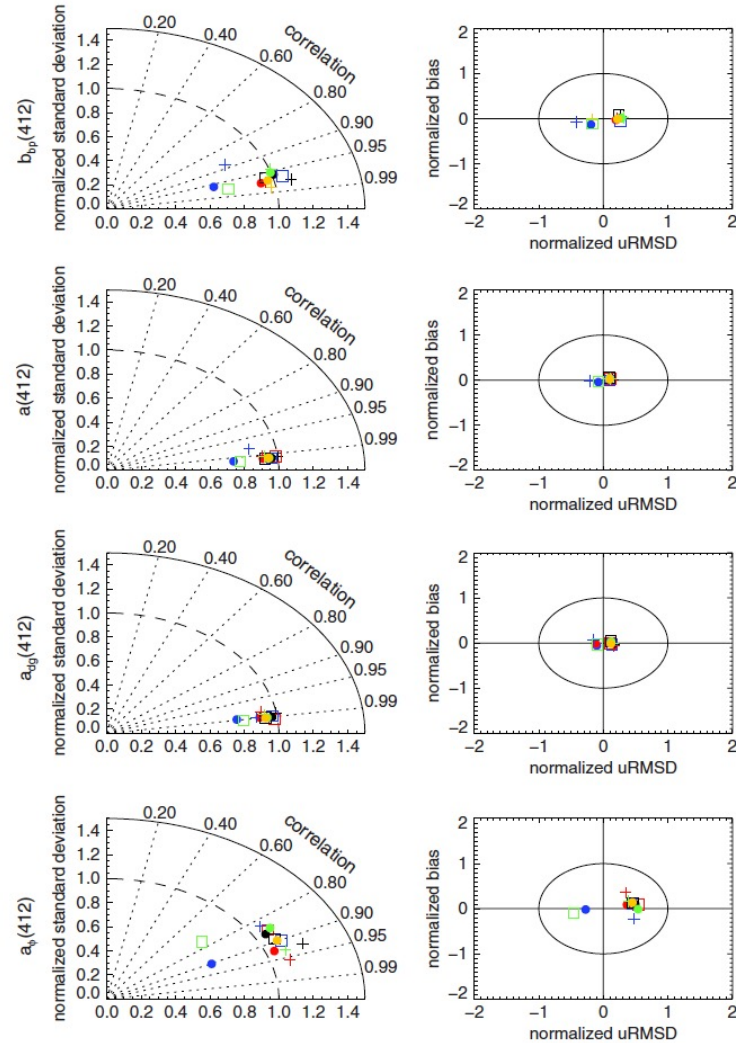


Fig. 5. Taylor and Target diagrams for IOPs at 412 nm from the IOCCG data set for the 12 alternate parameterizations of GIOP compared to GIOP-DC.  $uRMSD$  is the unbiased root mean square difference. Symbols indicate the following: blue cross =  $S_{dg} - 33\%$  ( $= 0.012 \text{ nm}^{-1}$ ); red cross =  $S_{dg} + 33\%$  ( $= 0.024 \text{ nm}^{-1}$ ); green circle =  $S_{dg}$  dynamically calculated using Lee *et al.* [7]; blue square =  $S_{bp}$  from Lee *et al.* [7] -33%; black square =  $S_{bp}$  from Lee *et al.* [7] +33%; red circle = OC-derived  $C_a - 33\%$  prior to input into Bricaud *et al.* [14]; black circle = OC-derived  $C_a + 33\%$  prior to input into Bricaud *et al.* [14]; green square =  $a_p^*(\lambda)$  from Bricaud *et al.* [14] with  $C_a$  fixed at  $0.18 \text{ mg m}^{-3}$ ; blue circle =  $a_p^*(\lambda)$  from Ciotti and Bricaud [17] with a size fraction of 0.5; black cross =  $G(\lambda)$  from Morel *et al.* [22]; orange cross = optimization using linear matrix inversion; and green cross = optimization considering only  $400 \leq \lambda \leq 600 \text{ nm}$ .

## confusion matrices

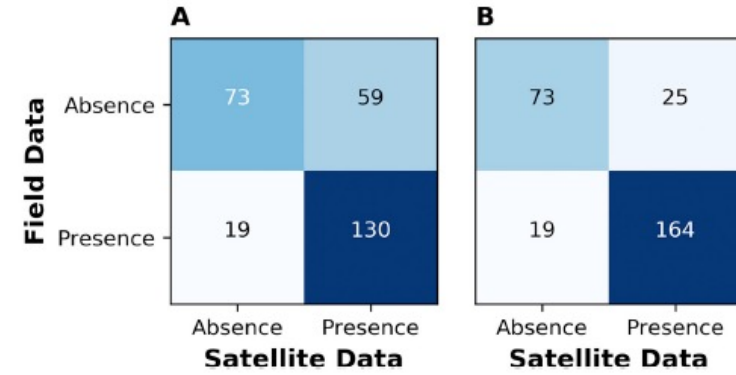


Fig. 3. Confusion matrix from the algorithm validation with (A) MC only, and (B) MC and cyanobacteria cell density as field CyanoHAB reference data. Numbers in the confusion matrix represent the sample count in each scenario. CyanoHAB class and the no-bloom classes were coded as 'Presence' and 'Absence' class.

## star plots

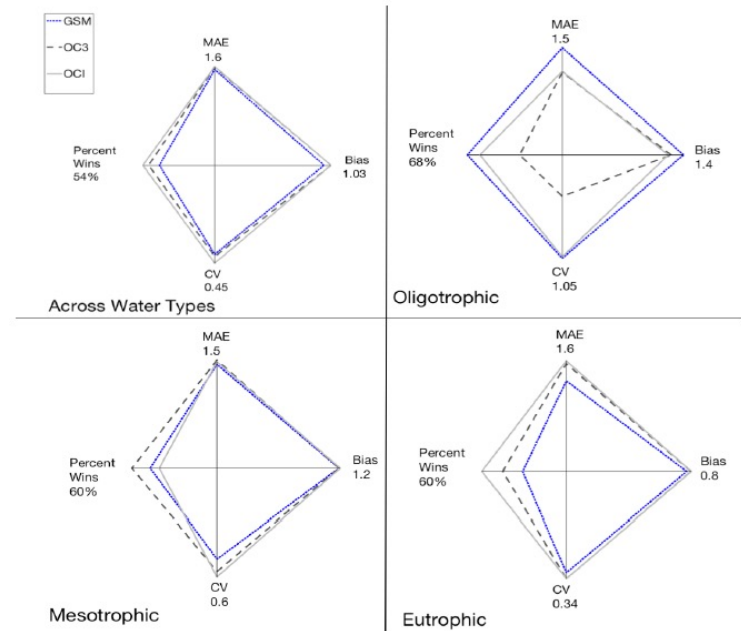


Fig. 6. Comparison of the metrics results of bias, MAE, pairwise percent wins and coefficient of variation summarized in star plots across all water types. The plot center represents values that indicate poor algorithm performance, while farthest from center represents the best performance. The numbers represent the value of the best performing algorithm value for each metric.



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## Global Biogeochemical Cycles

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### A Satellite Assessment of Environmental Controls of Phytoplankton Community Size Structure

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#### Key Points:

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- Regionally, phytoplankton size distributions vary, responding to variable light and modes of nutrient delivery
- Cell size is increasing in the cold ocean and the dynamic regions in the warm ocean and declining in the warm ocean

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