



# Hyperspectral Measurements to Predict Marine Phytoplankton Biodiversity in Coastal Regions

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# Merging Remote Sensing Products and Taxonomic Composition for Potential Hypsiri Applications

## Outline

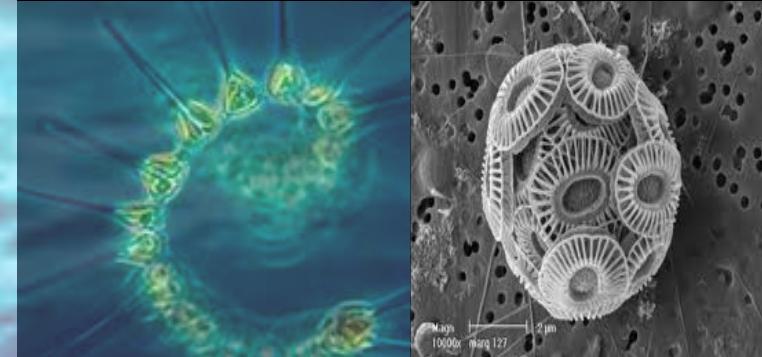
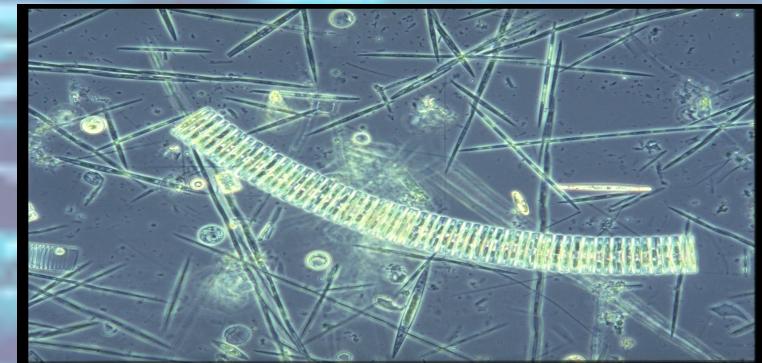
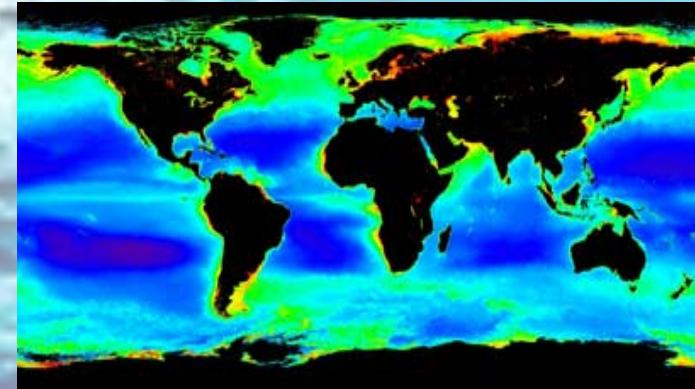
Phytoplankton Functional Types will allow improved our understanding of phytoplankton ecology, climate interactions, and elucidate carbon linkages.

Hyperspectral Imaging combined with thermal bands will pave the road to deconvolving IOPS into Phytoplankton Functional Types

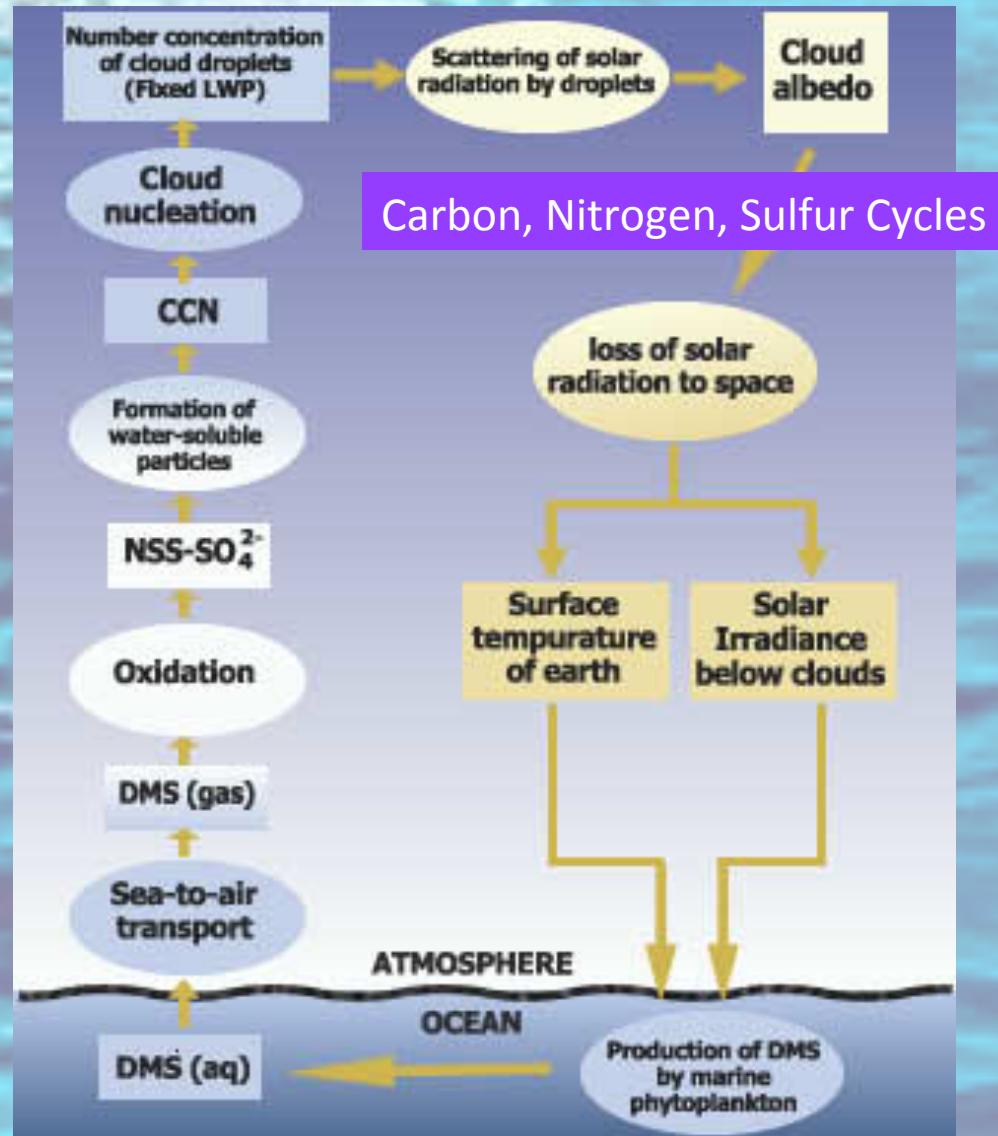
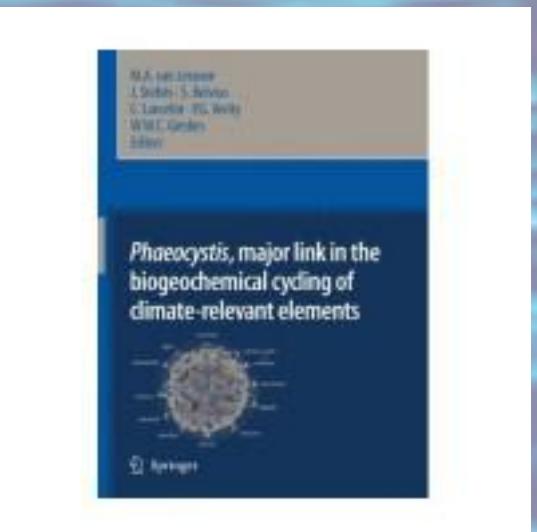
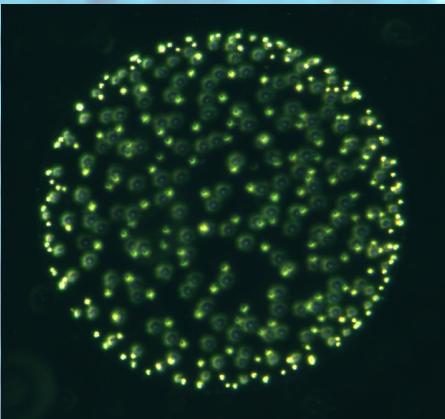
- Matrix Inversion Applications
- Understanding of Photophysiology

Presenting A Spatial Example of PFTs in the Gulf of Maine &

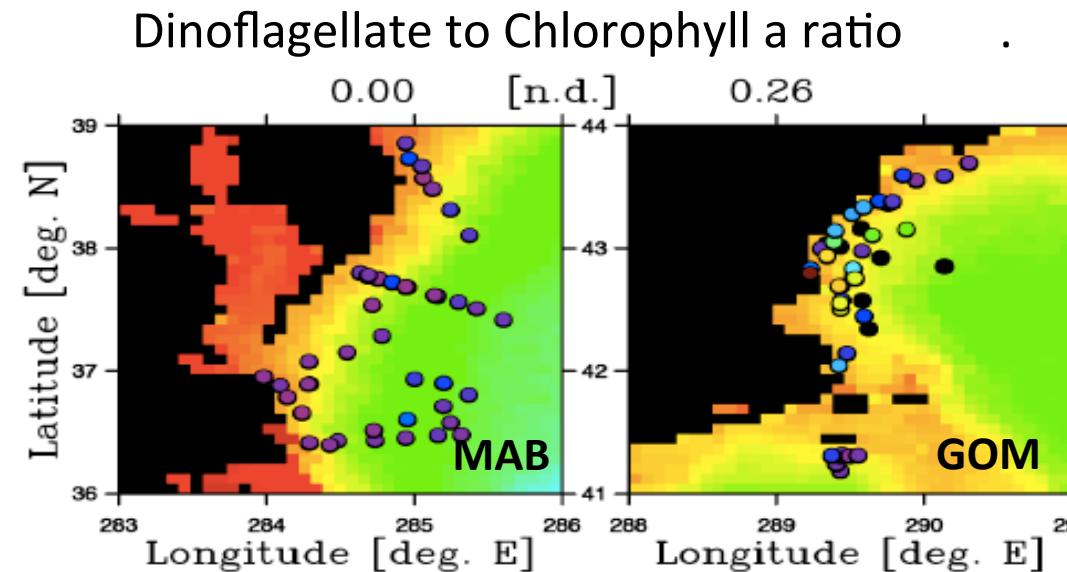
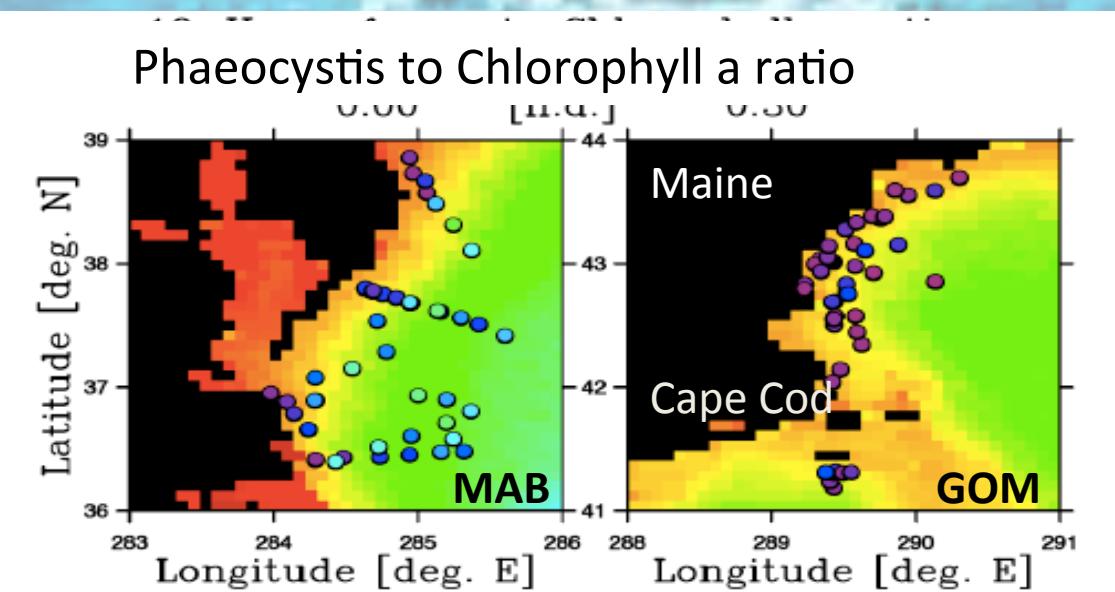
Temporal 2-year Time Series in the Mid Atlantic Bight.



# How do PFTs Link Biogeochemical Cycles?



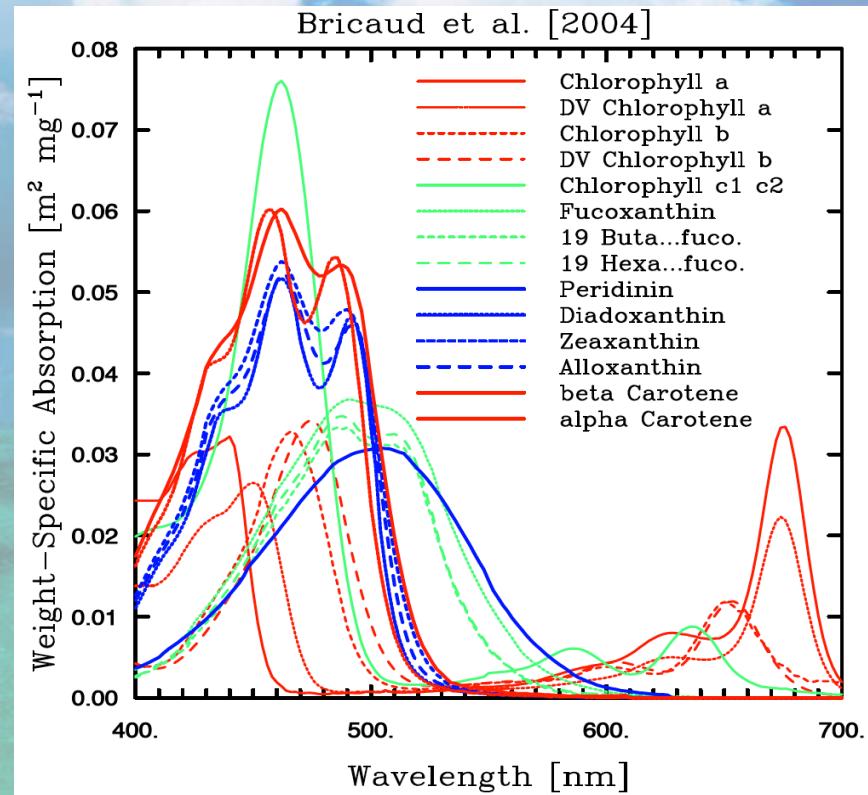
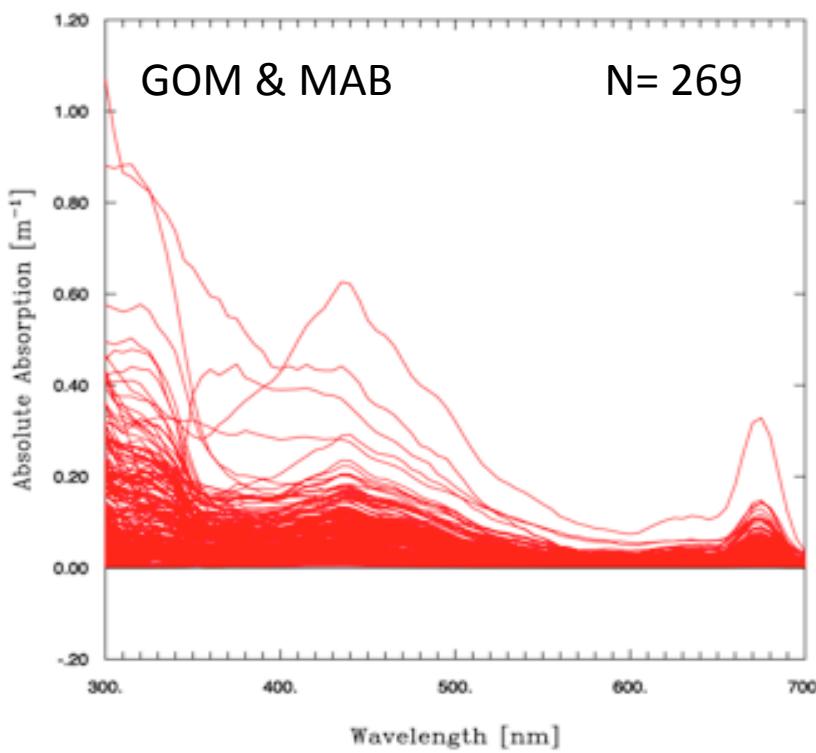
# The Complexities of the Carbon Cycle



Moisan et al. 2011,  
Moisan et al., J.  
Continental Research

## Hyperspectral Measurements by Hyspiri will potentially:

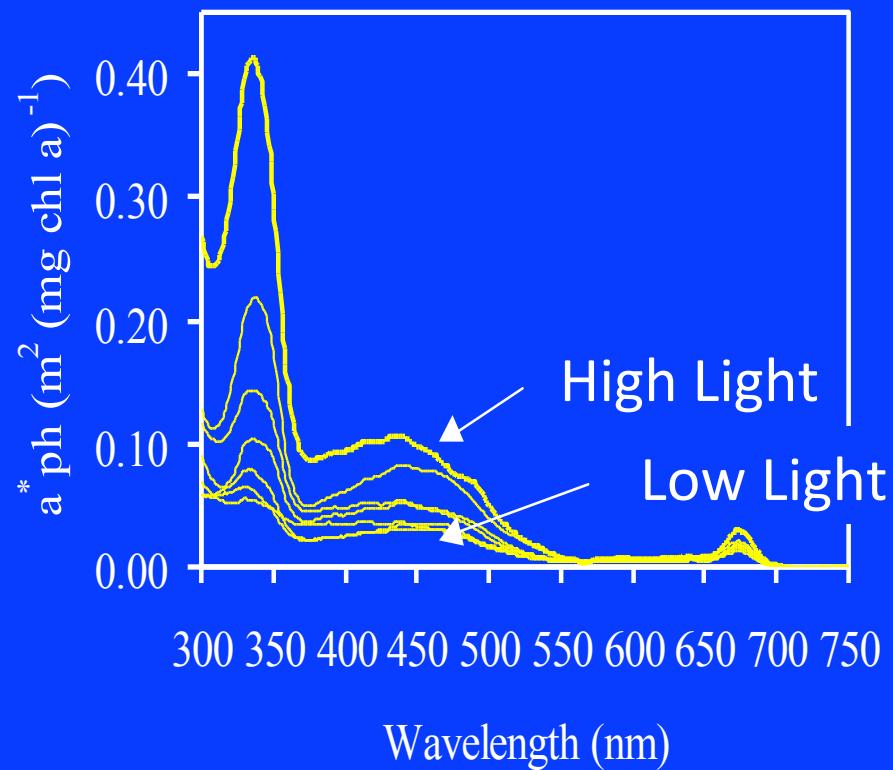
- 1) Increase the Accuracy of Measuring “Gaussian Bands” of Pigments which contribute to Rrs and,
- 2) Understanding Physiological Acclimation to Temperature, Light, & Nutrients



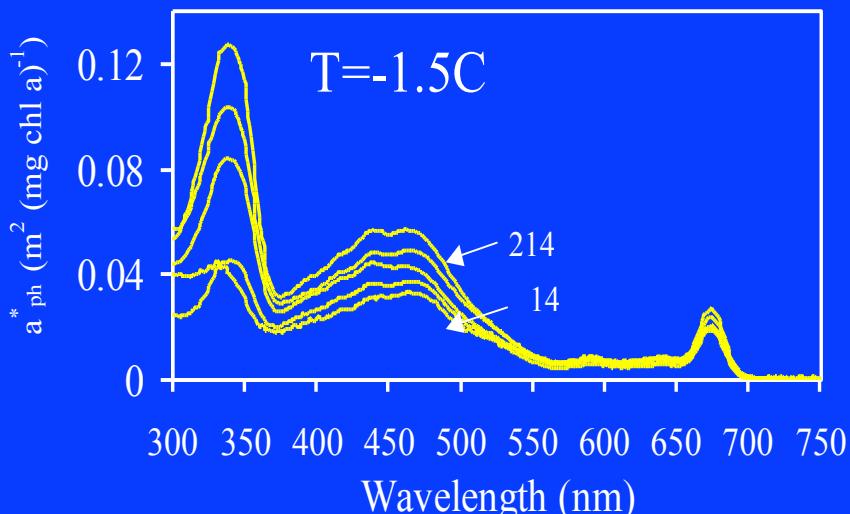
Bidigare et al., 1990, Bricaud et al. 2004,  
Moisan et al. 2011

# Incorporate Physiology into Models:

Chl a-specific Absorption  
Varies significantly  
with Light



And Temperature.....



Moisan and Mitchell 1999  
Moisan et al. 2001

# Estimating Phytoplankton Functional Types with Hyperspectral Measurements

Satellite-derived

PAR

Temperature

Chlorophyll a



Phytoplankton Absorption Properties ( $a_{ph}$ )

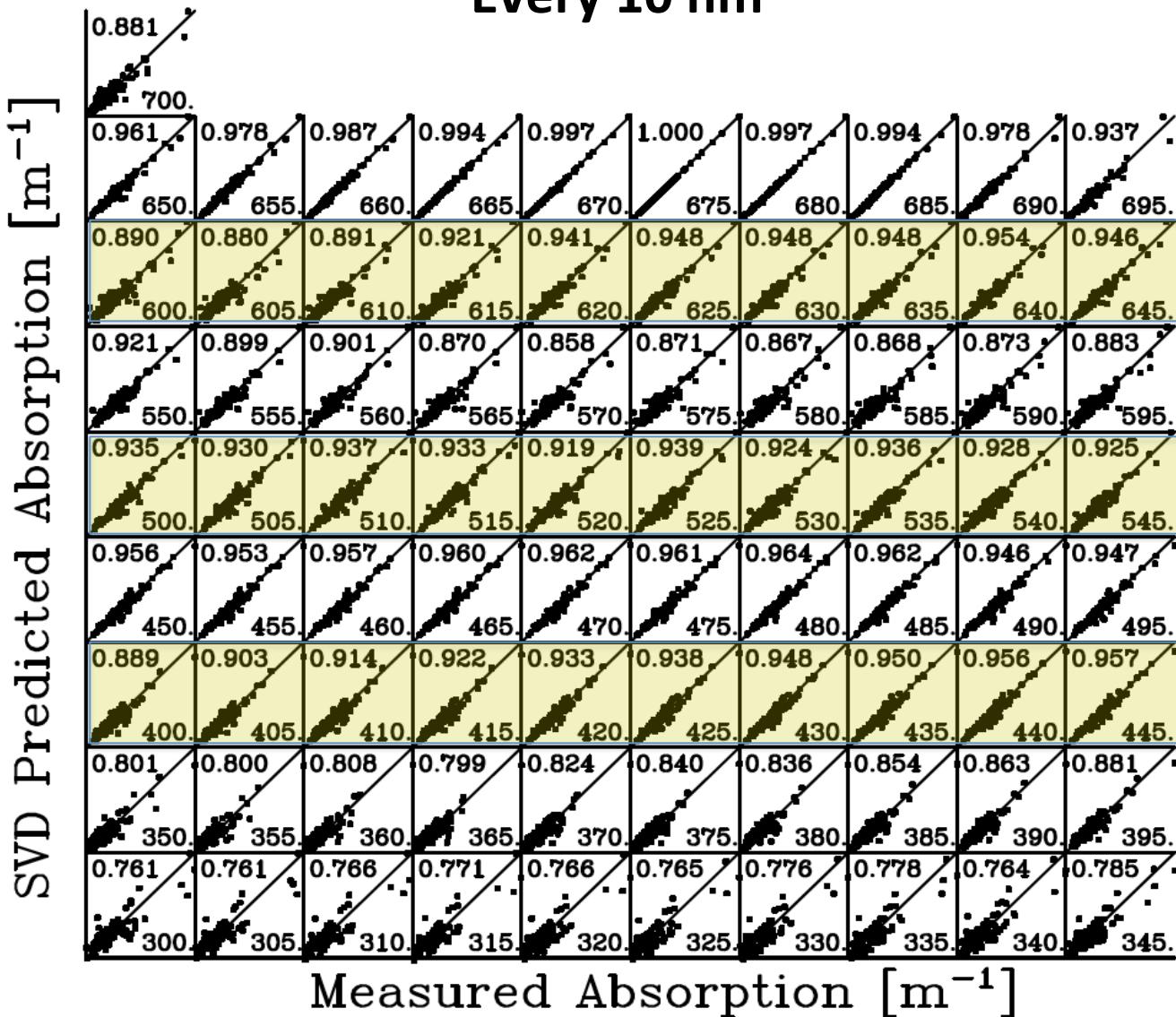


Matrix Inversion  
through  
Singular Value  
Decomposition

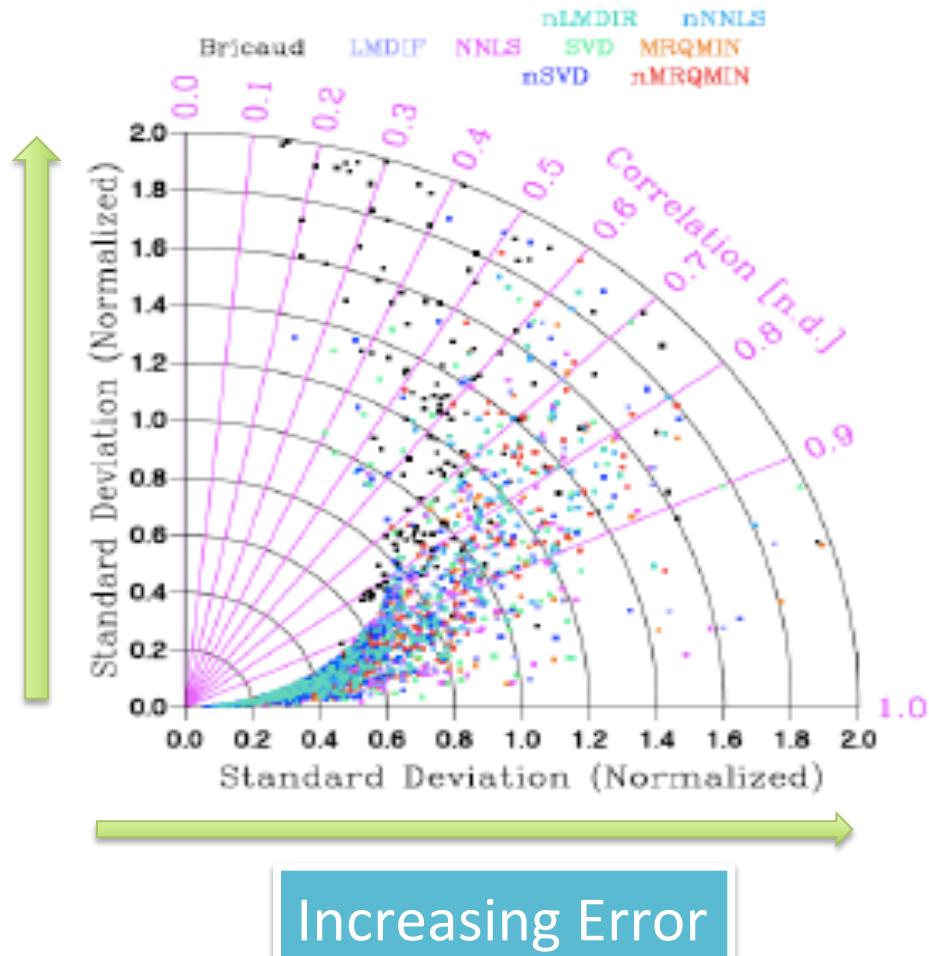


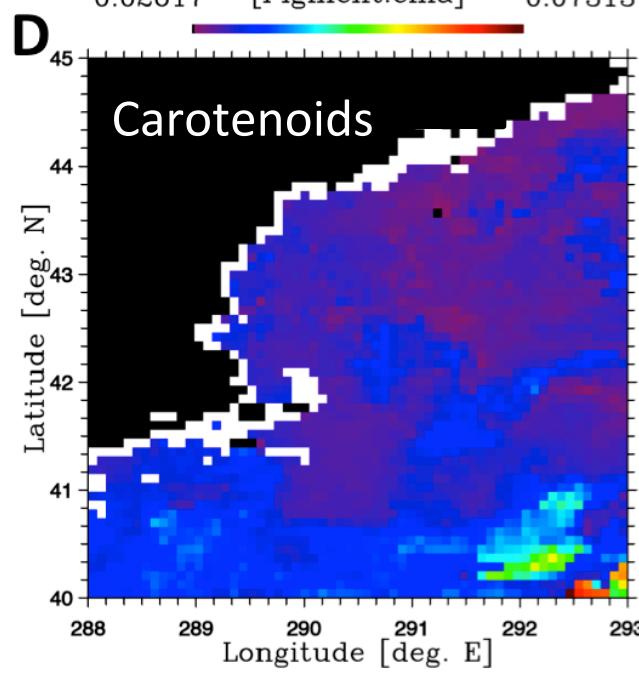
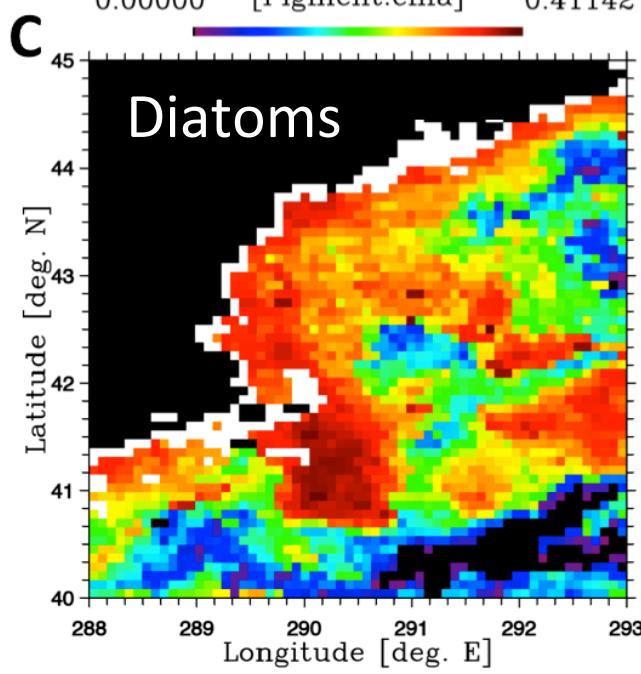
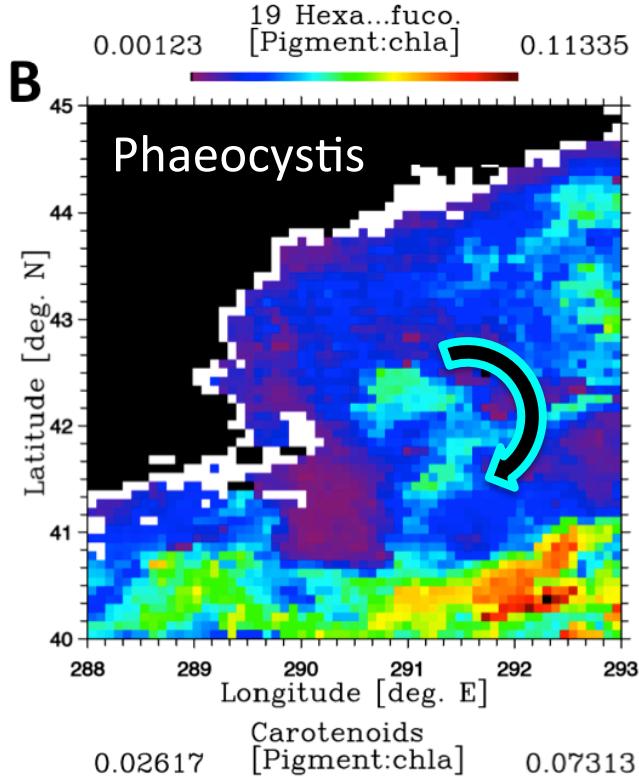
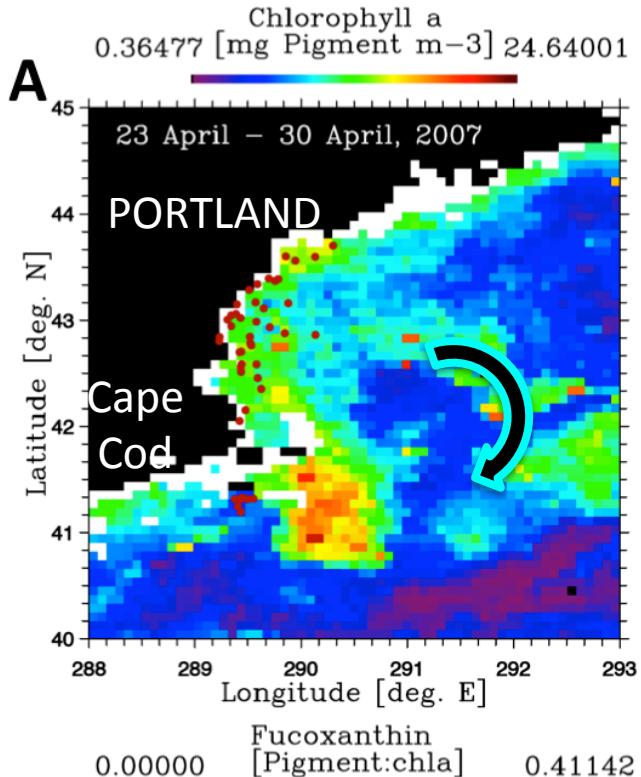
~14 marker pigments  
(Diatoms, Phaeocystis,  
Chlorophytes, dinoflagellates, &  
physiology)

# Matrix Inversion Model Prediction of Absorption Every 10 nm

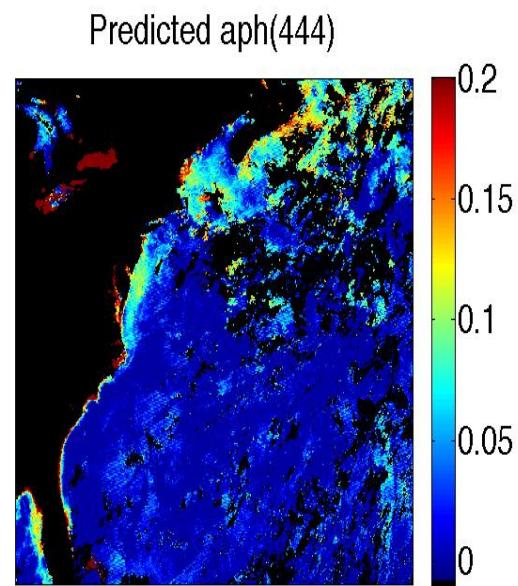
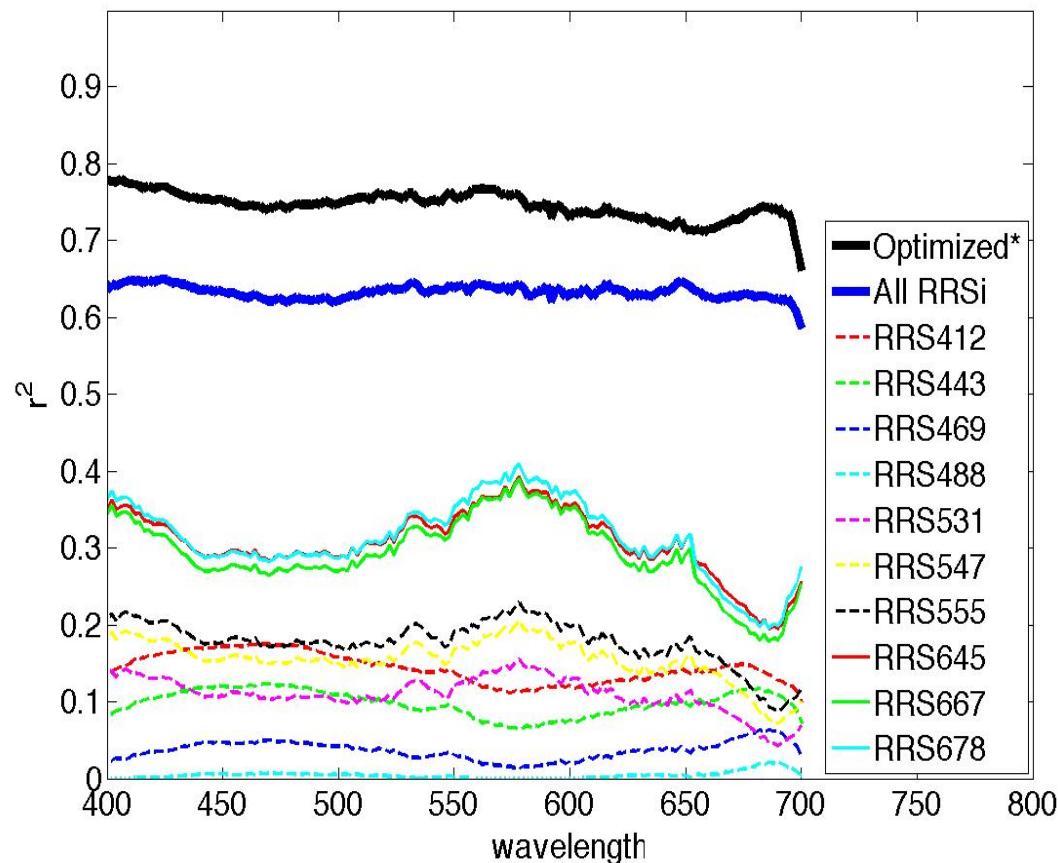


# Taylor Plot: Matrix Inversion Algorithm for Absorption

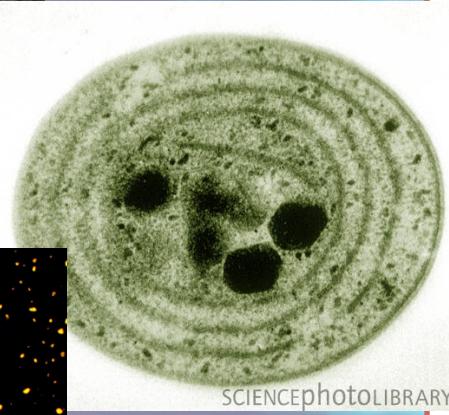
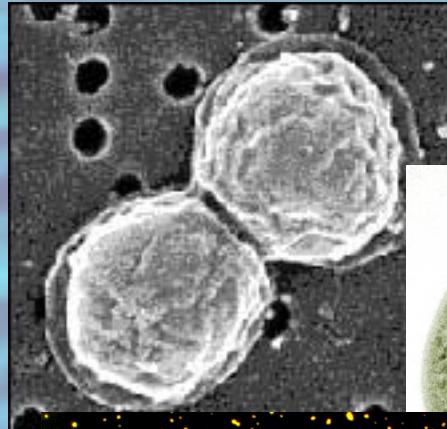
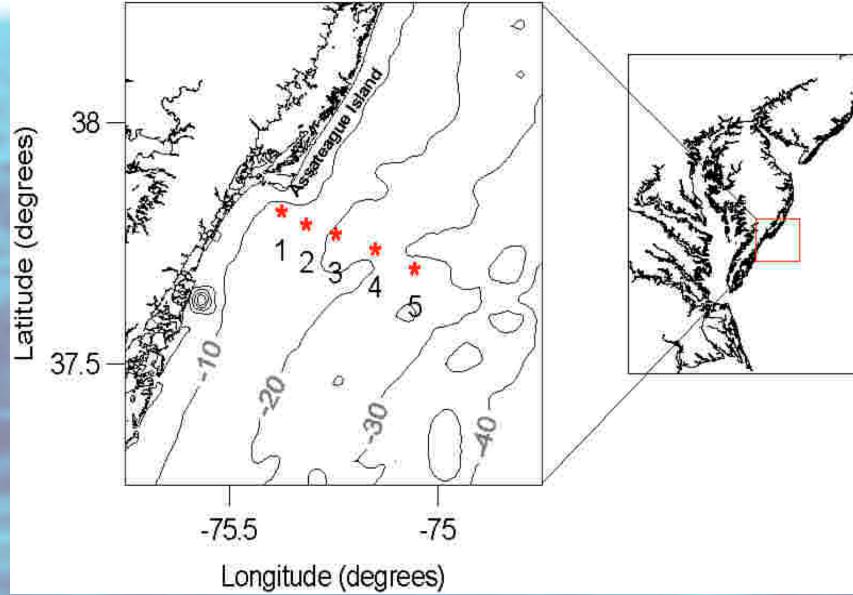




# Stepwise Regression with Variable Selection for Prediction of Absorption



Includes Physiological Responses to Temperature & Light

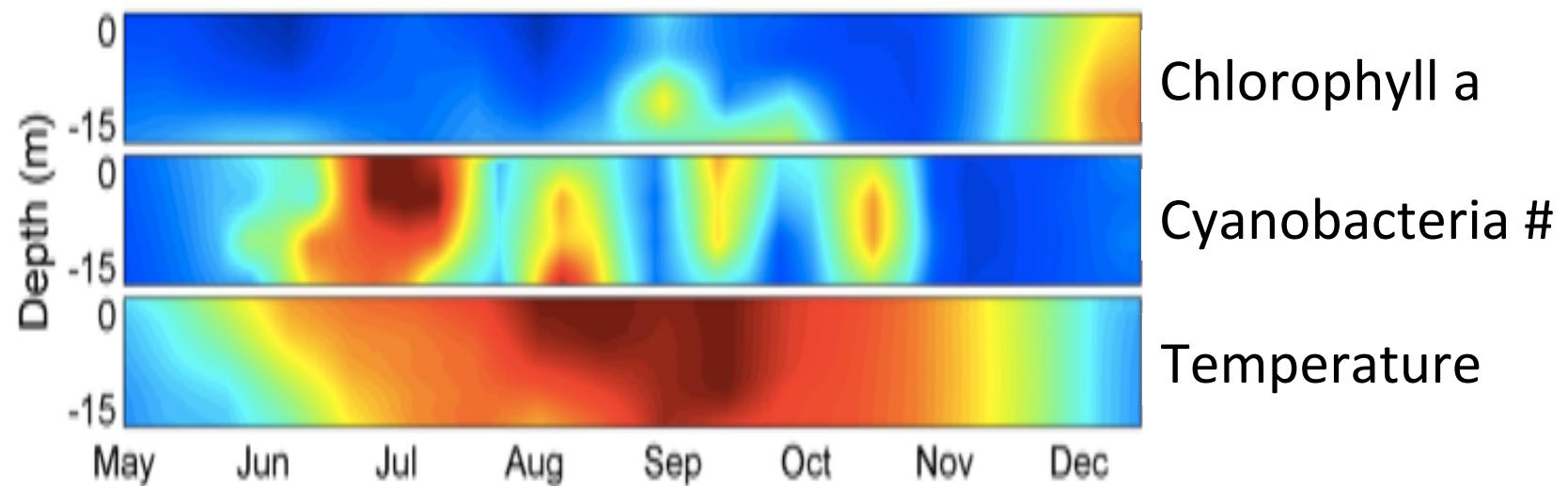


## Temporal Dynamics of Cyanobacteria:

- **2-year biweekly Coastal Transect in Virginia-NASA Wallops Flight Facility**
- **Punctuated Blooms of Cyanobacteria in Response to Temperature**
- **Patches of Cyanobacteria persisted for 3-4 weeks and could be observed at 60 m resolution during a 19 day cycle**

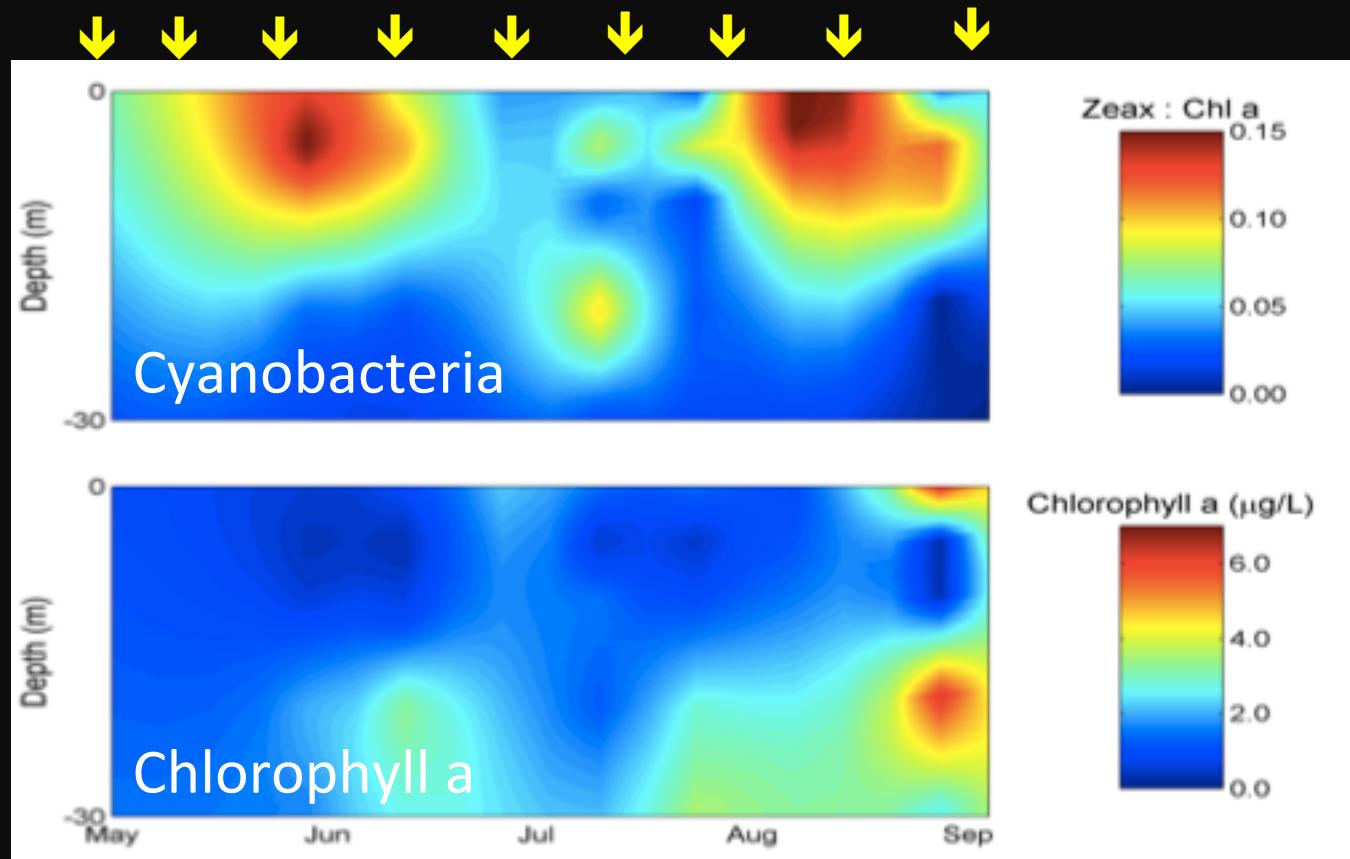
# Cyanobacterial Blooms Induced by Temperature and limited by Grazing by Nanoflagellates

Station 3 of COBY Transect



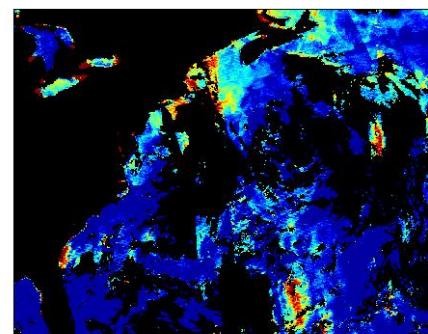
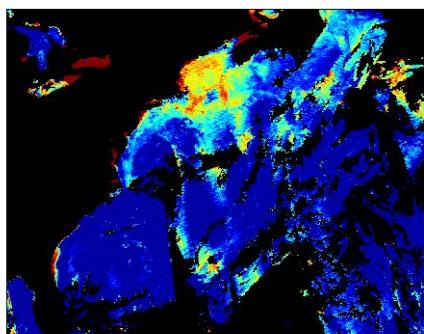
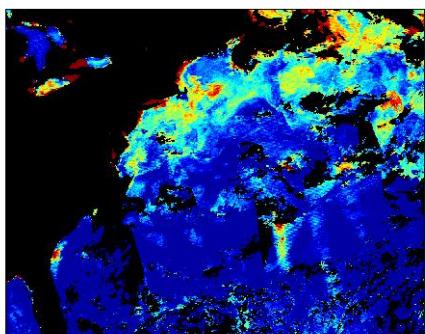
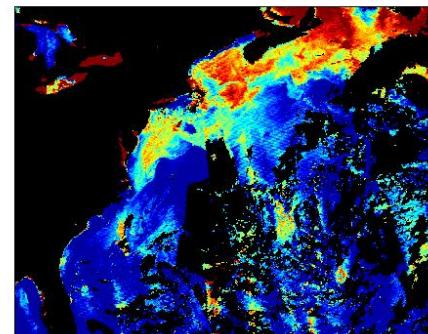
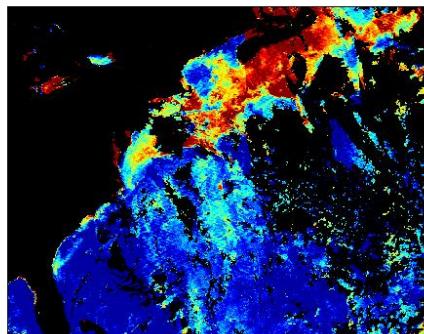
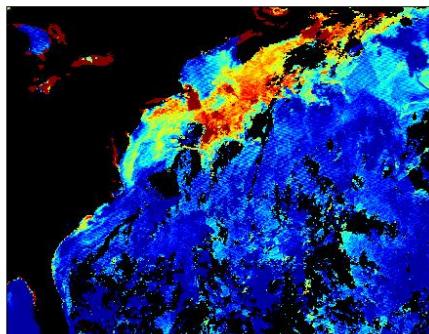
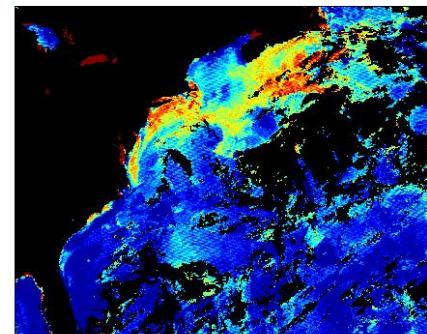
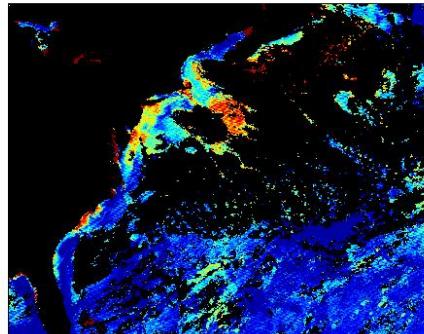
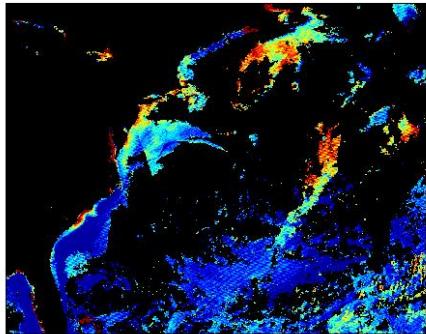
$R^2$  values of Temperature and Cyanobacteria = 0.80

# Punctuated Cyanobacteria Blooms in the Context Of 19 Day Return Events for Hypsiri



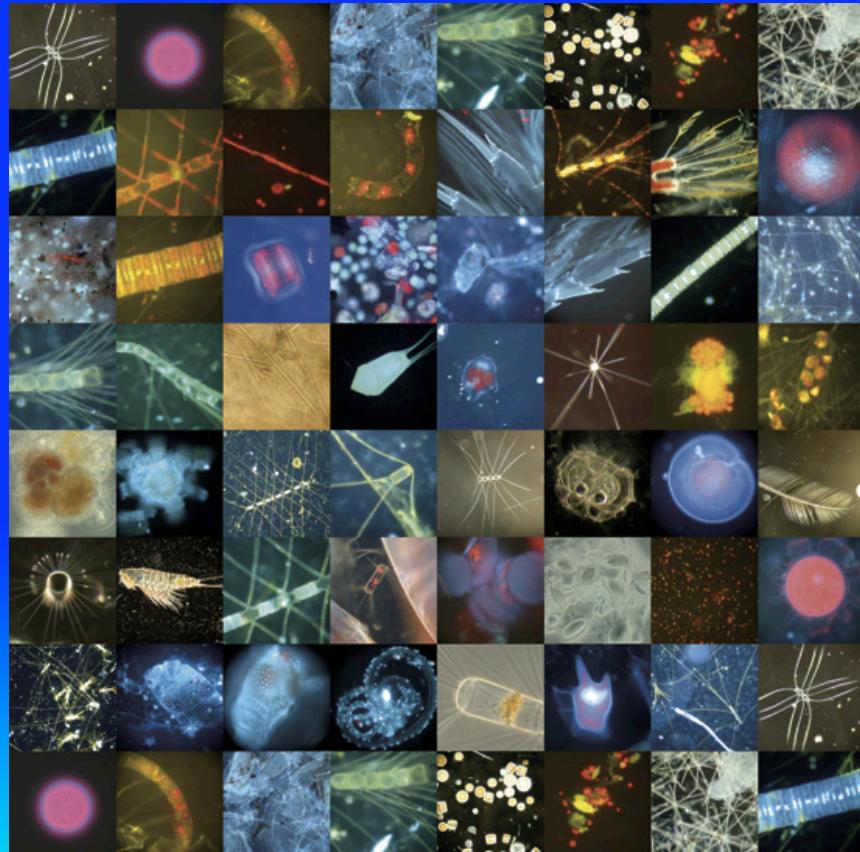
Station 5: Integrated Ocean Observing System Time Series During Spring

Predicted aph(444) from Feb 1<sup>st</sup>- June 9th 2007 every 16 days  
the scale is from 0 (blue) to 0.2(red)



# Conclusions

- 1) PFTs may be indicators of Temperature, Ecological Indicators for Changes in Climate, and may indicate trophic linkages and carbon flow;
- 2) PFTs are the Next step to incorporating ecological interactions into biogeochemical models which utilize chlorophyll a and Carbon as ecological currency, and;
- 3) Hyspiri has the technological impetus to demonstrate phytoplankton diversity with multiple wave bands and input of physiological responses to temperature and PAR.



## Acknowledgements

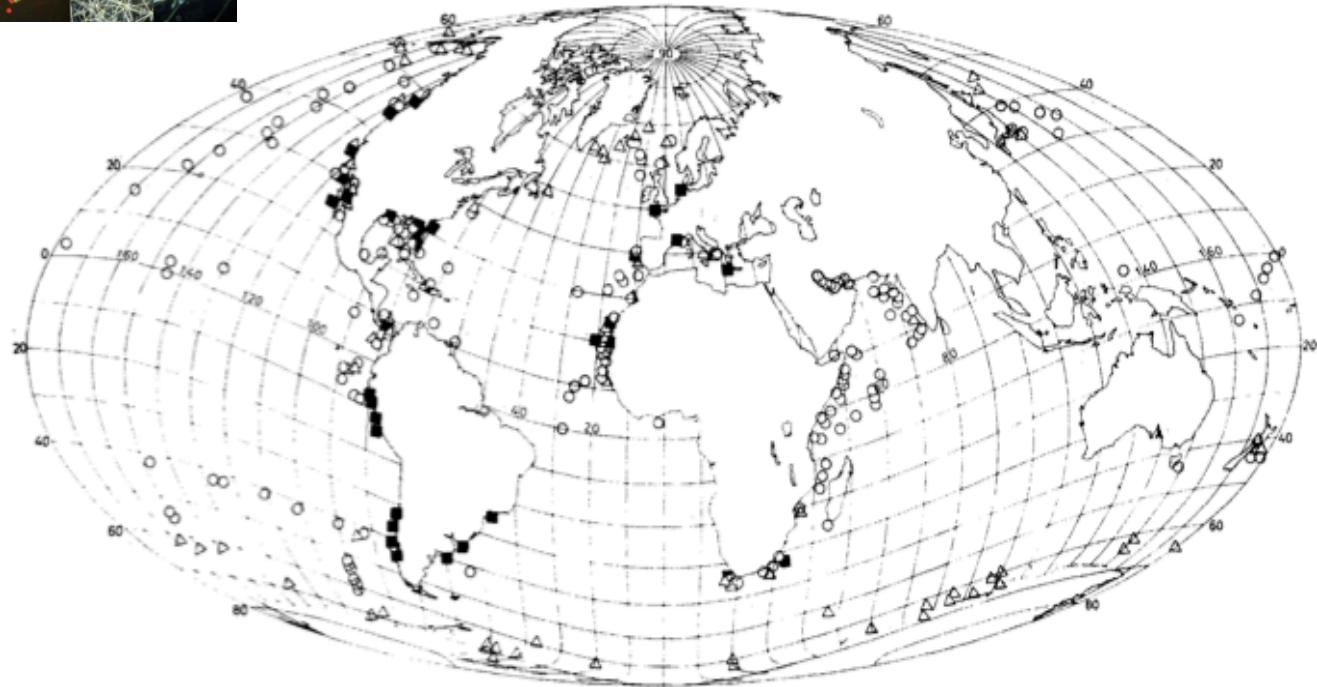
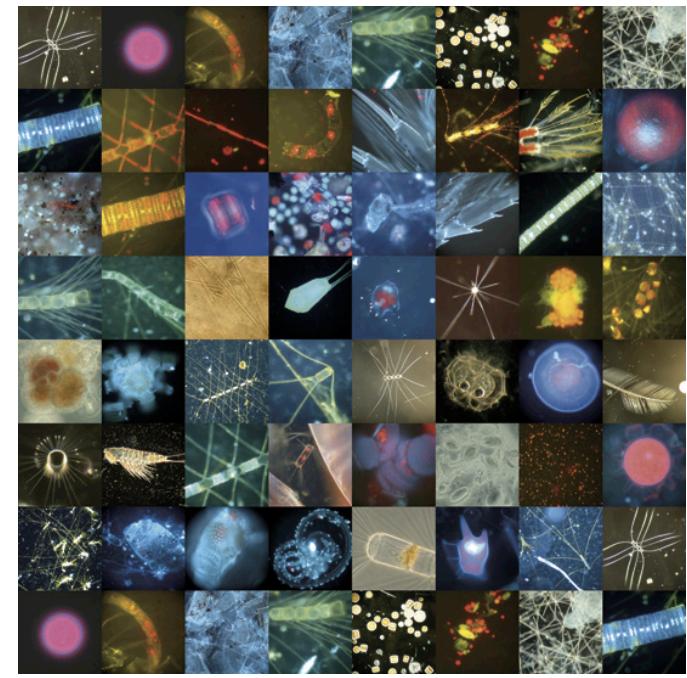
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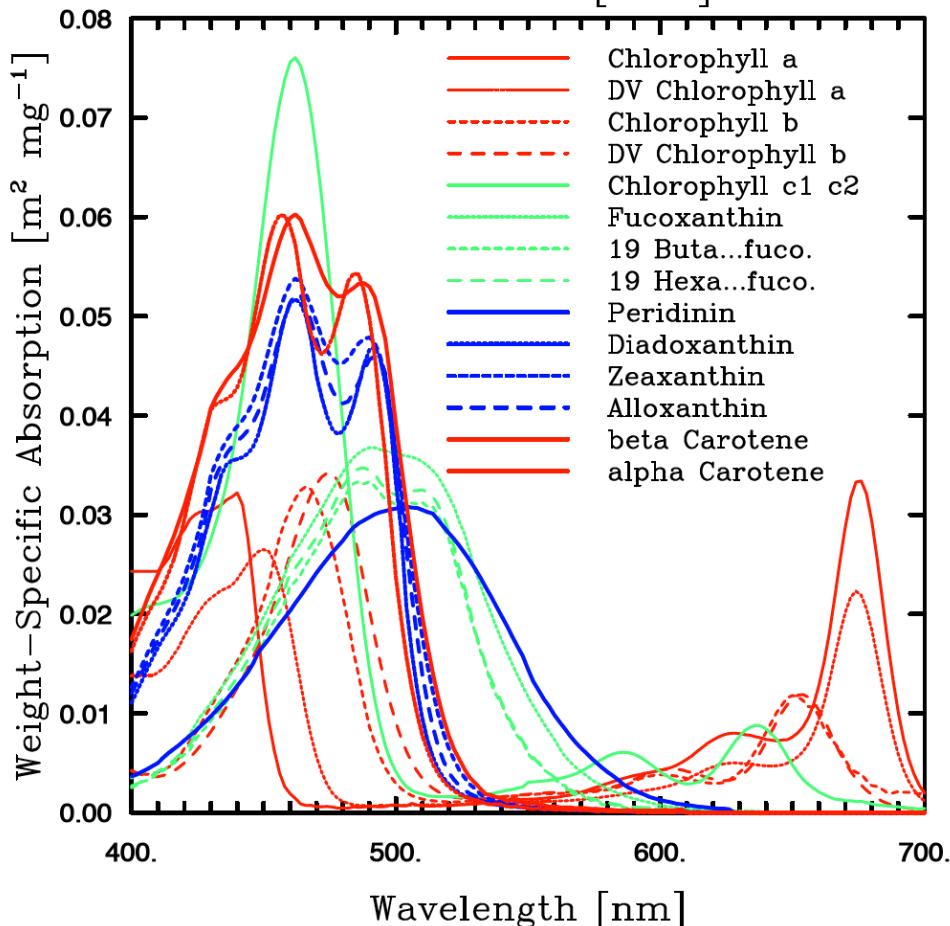
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See Poster Moisan et al. – on Bandwidth Selection for Hyspiri





Bricaud et al. [2004]



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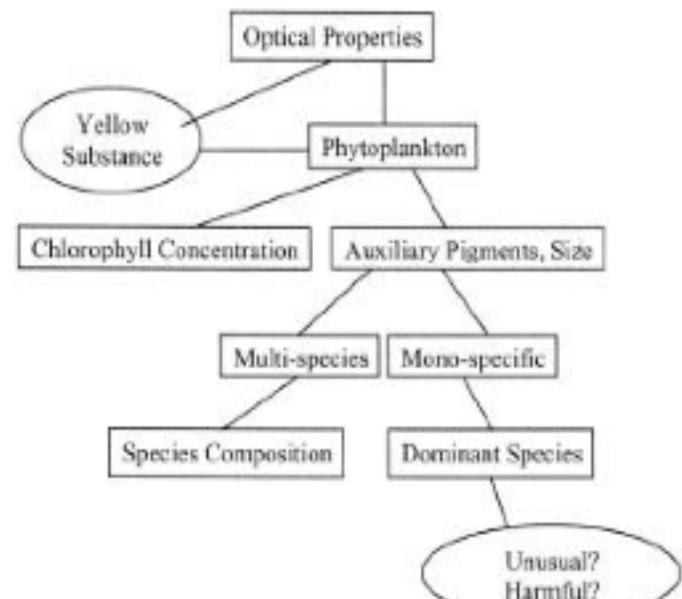
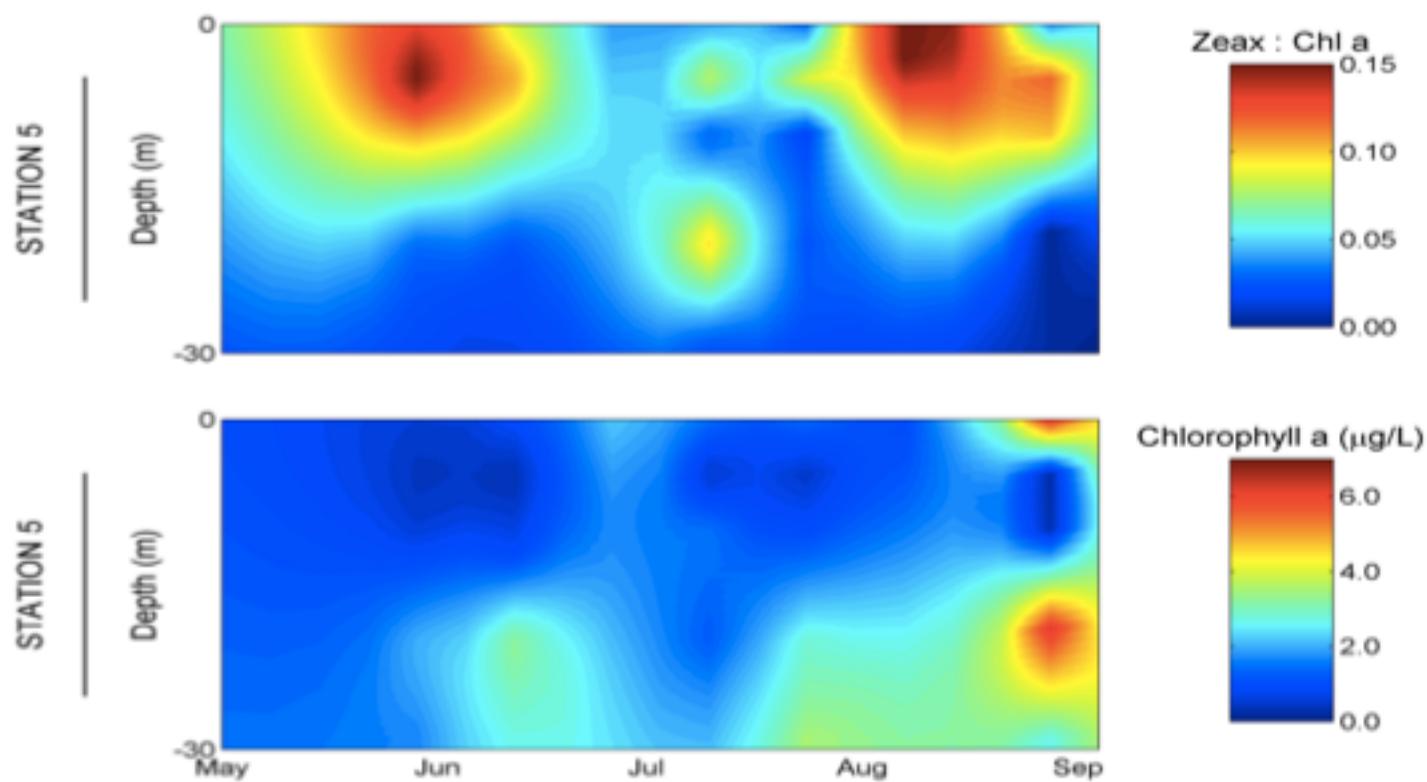


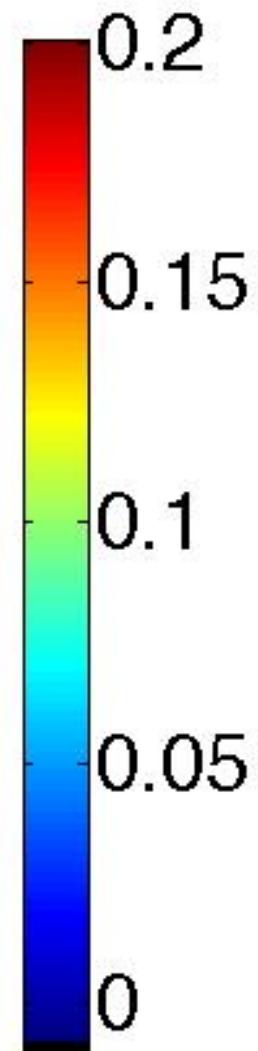
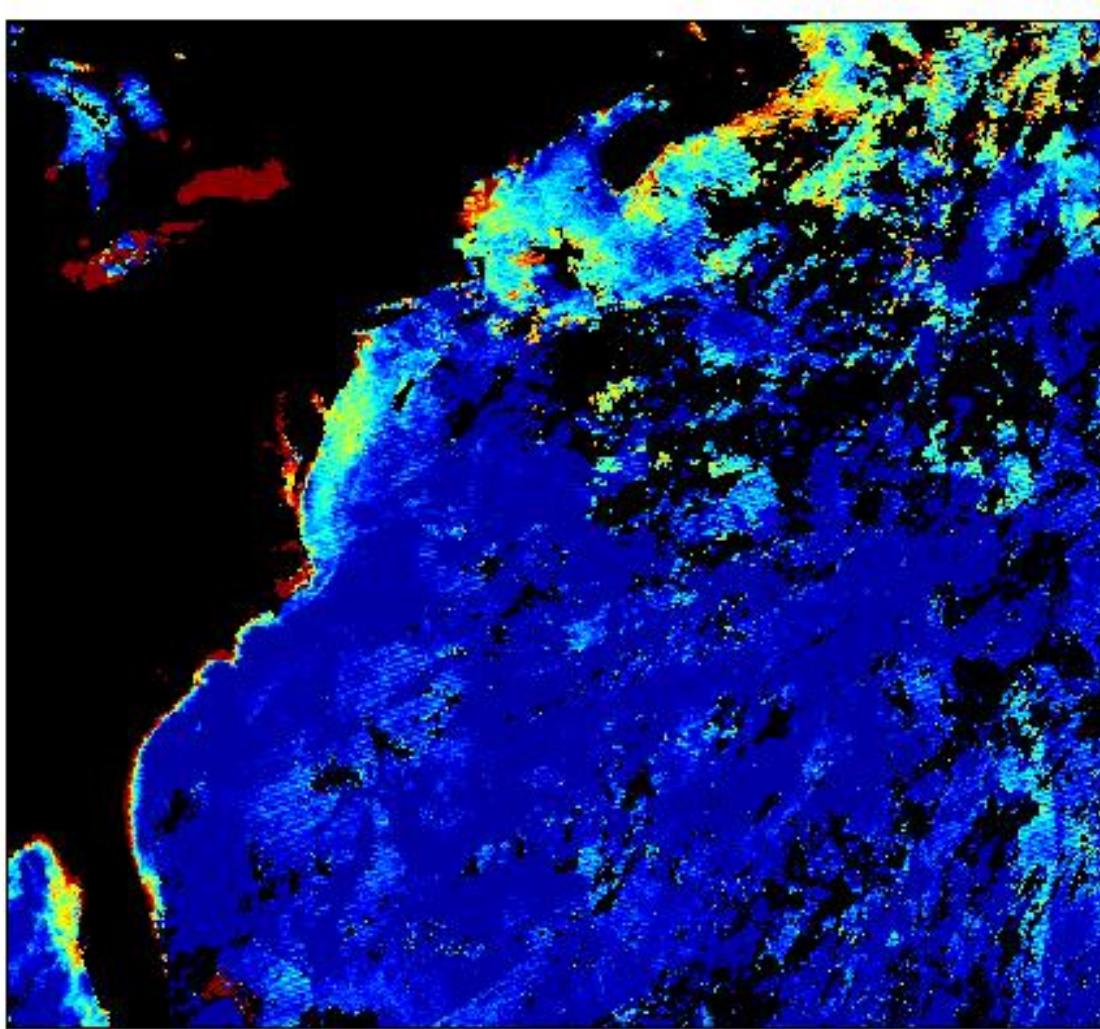
Fig. 7— Schematic diagram showing sources of variations in phytoplankton absorption characteristics in the aquatic environment. These in turn influence ocean colour.

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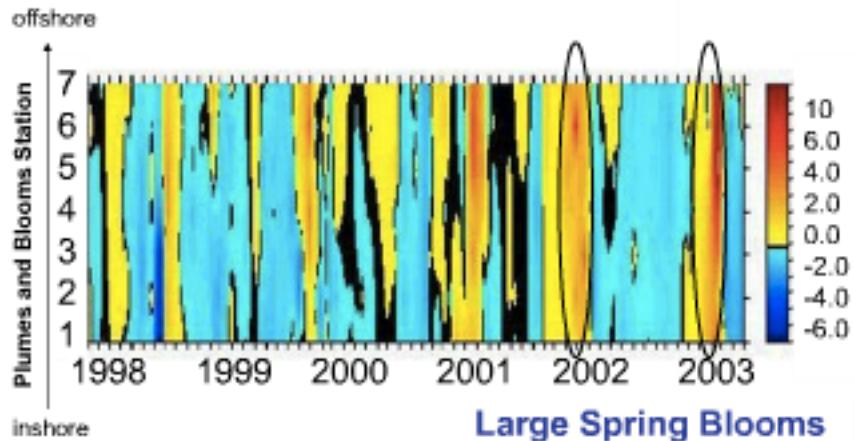


# Predicted aph(444)



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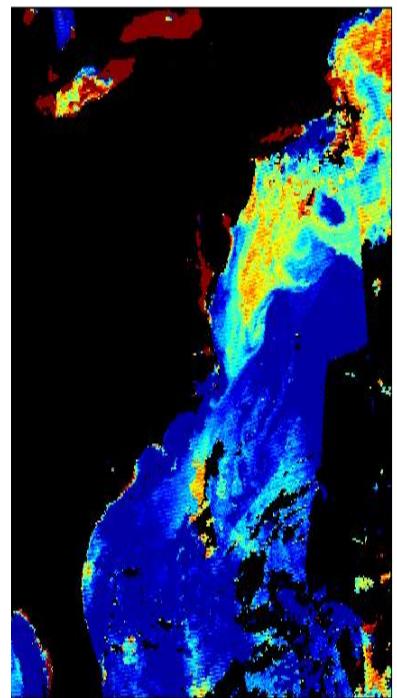
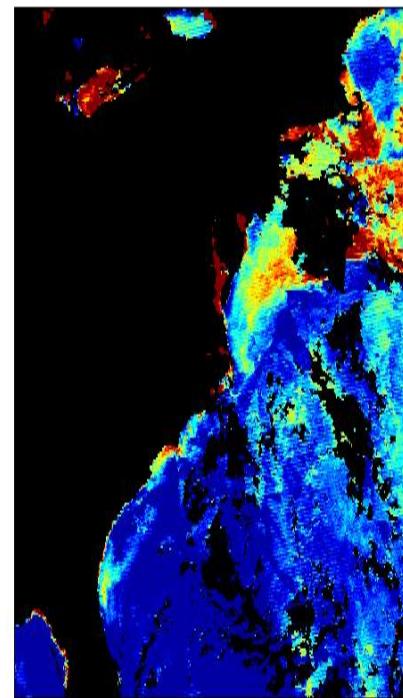
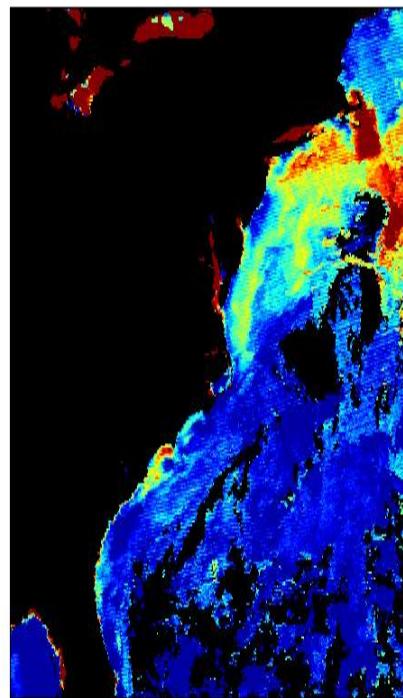
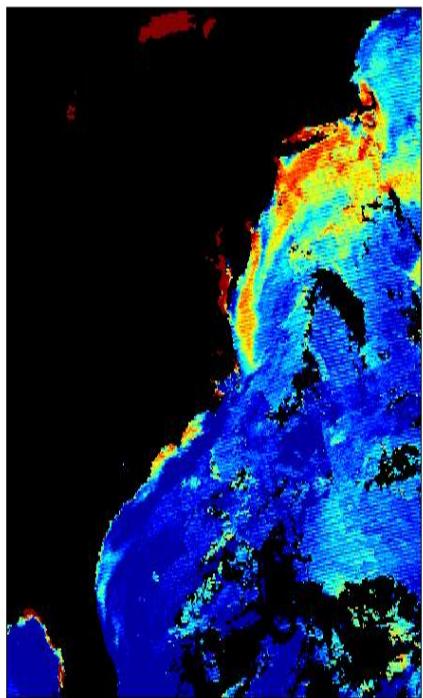
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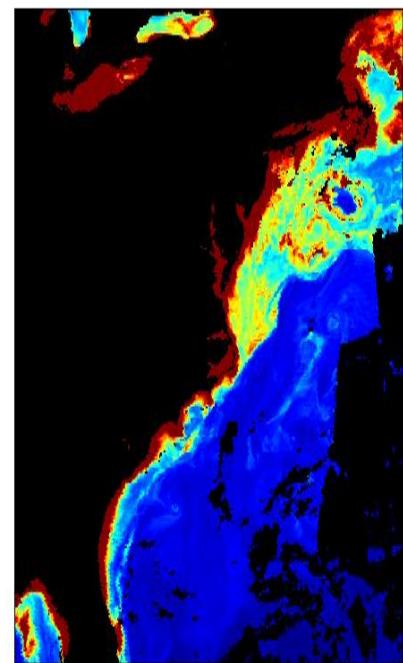
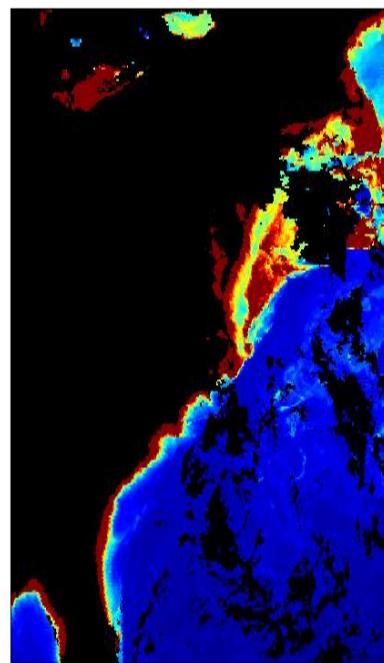
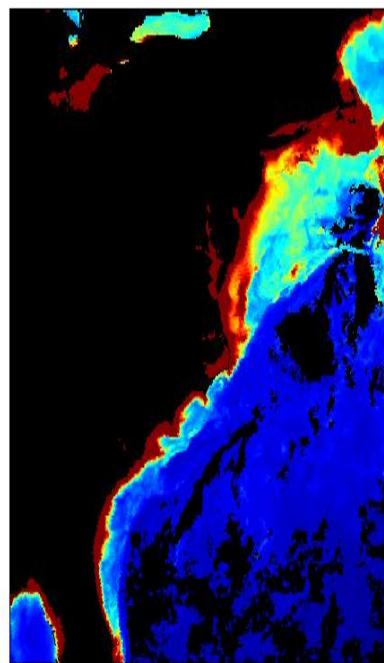
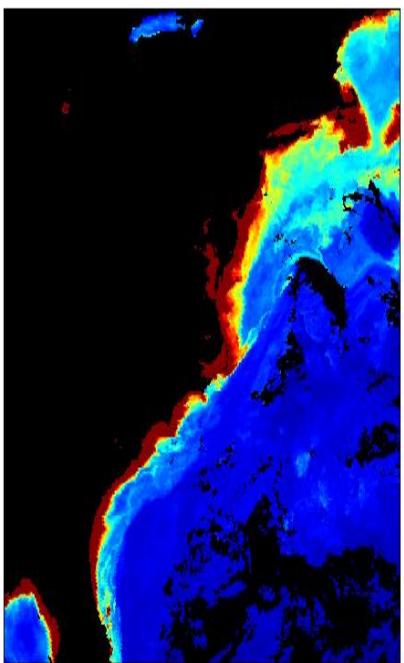
Large Spring Blooms  
Dominated by  
*Pseudo-nitzschia* spp.

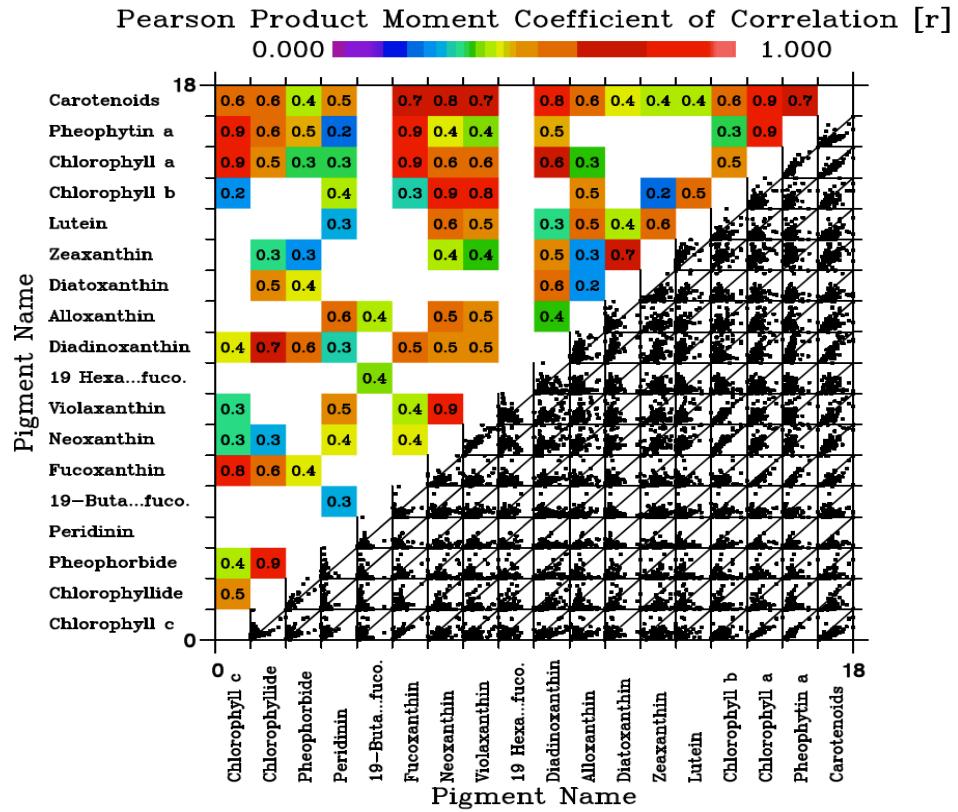
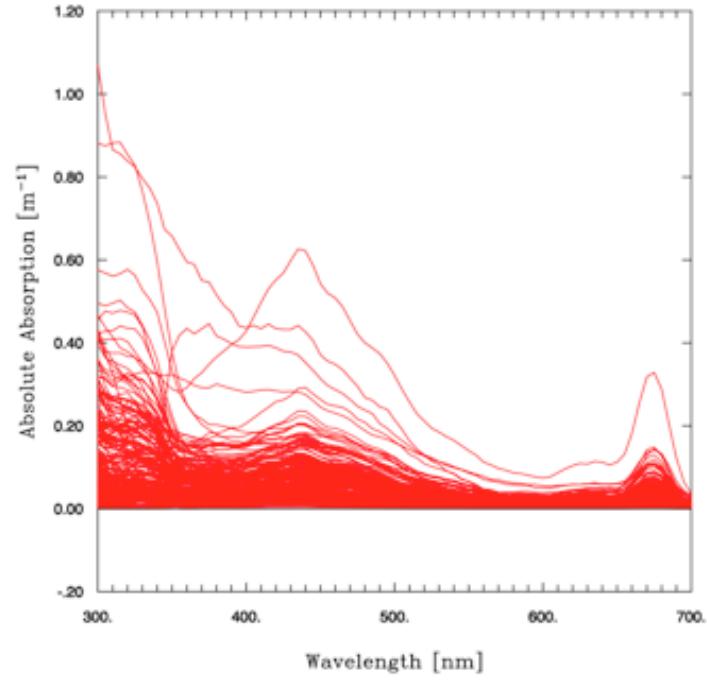
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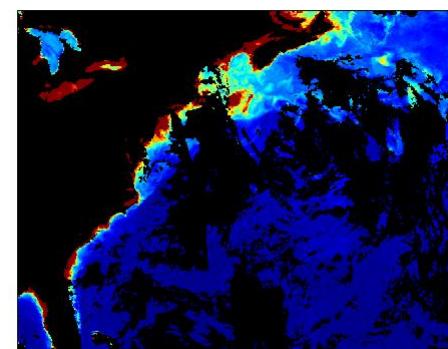
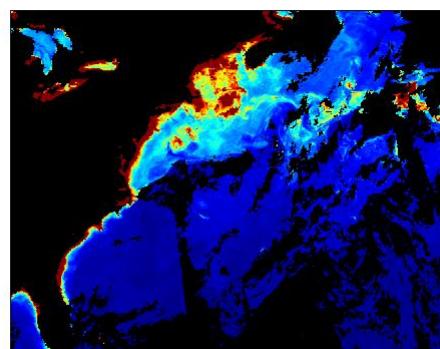
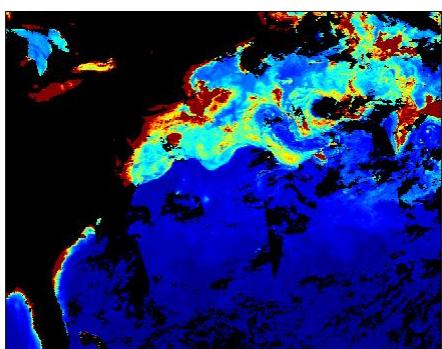
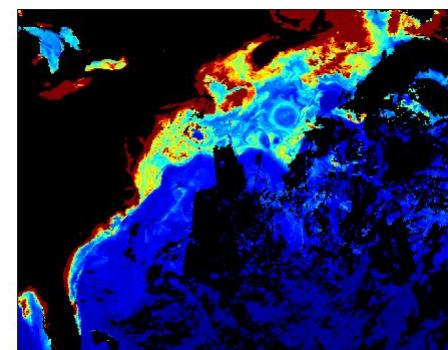
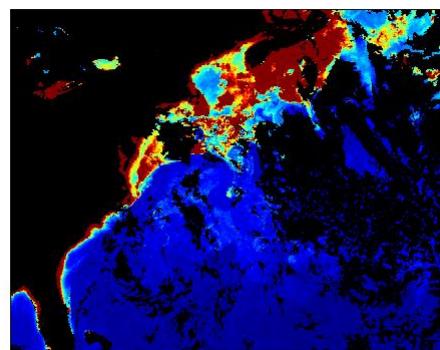
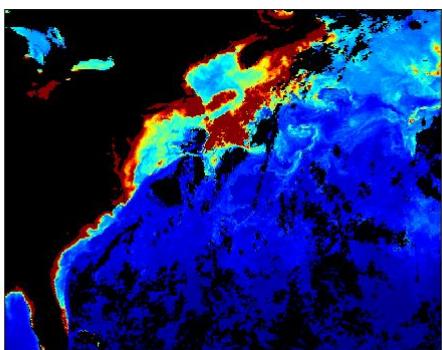
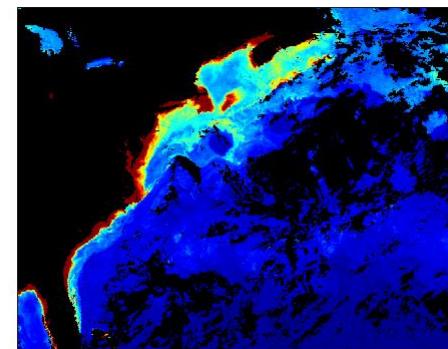
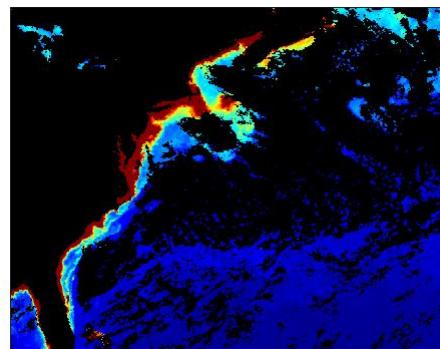
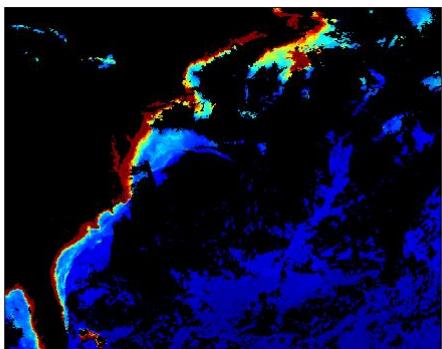
Chl a





Moisan et al. 2011

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# Predicting aph from Satellite Products

Data Location  
260 datapoints from 2002-2008

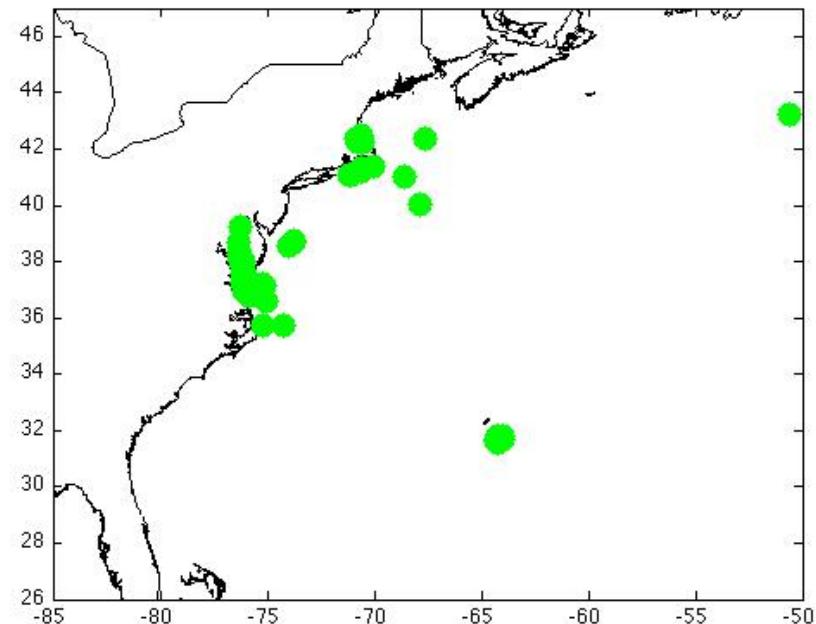
Using multiple linear regression on satellite products

N= 270 samples

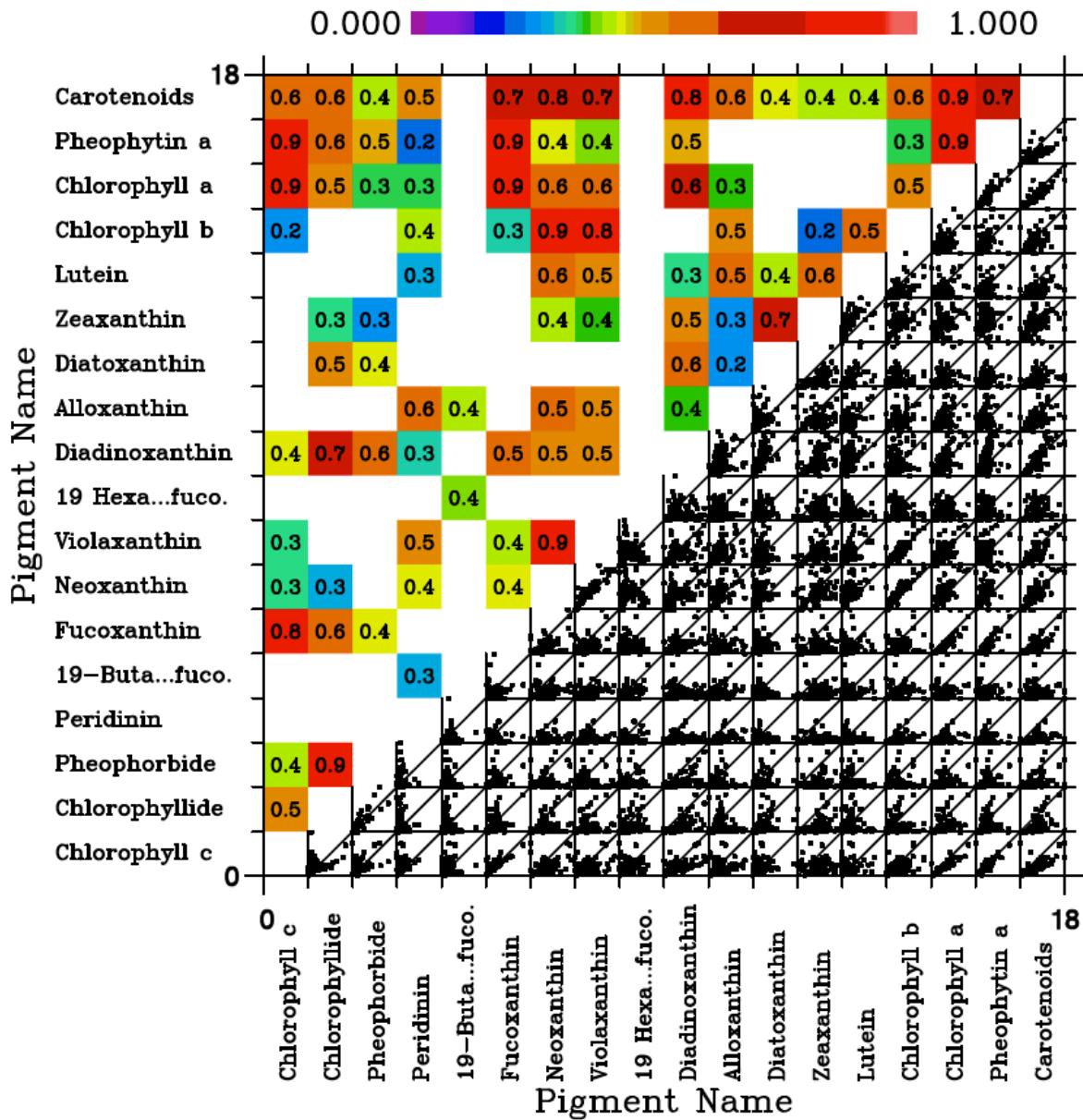
- NASA MAA Cruise (Gulf of ME)
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- NASA GSFC/WFF COBY Crusise
- SEABASS Data Base

Ex:

$$\text{aph}(\lambda) = B_0(\lambda) + B_1(\lambda) * \text{RRS412} + B_2(\lambda) * \text{RRS443} + B_3(\lambda) * \text{RRS469} + \dots$$



## Pearson Product Moment Coefficient of Correlation [r]





## Future Directions for Hyspiri

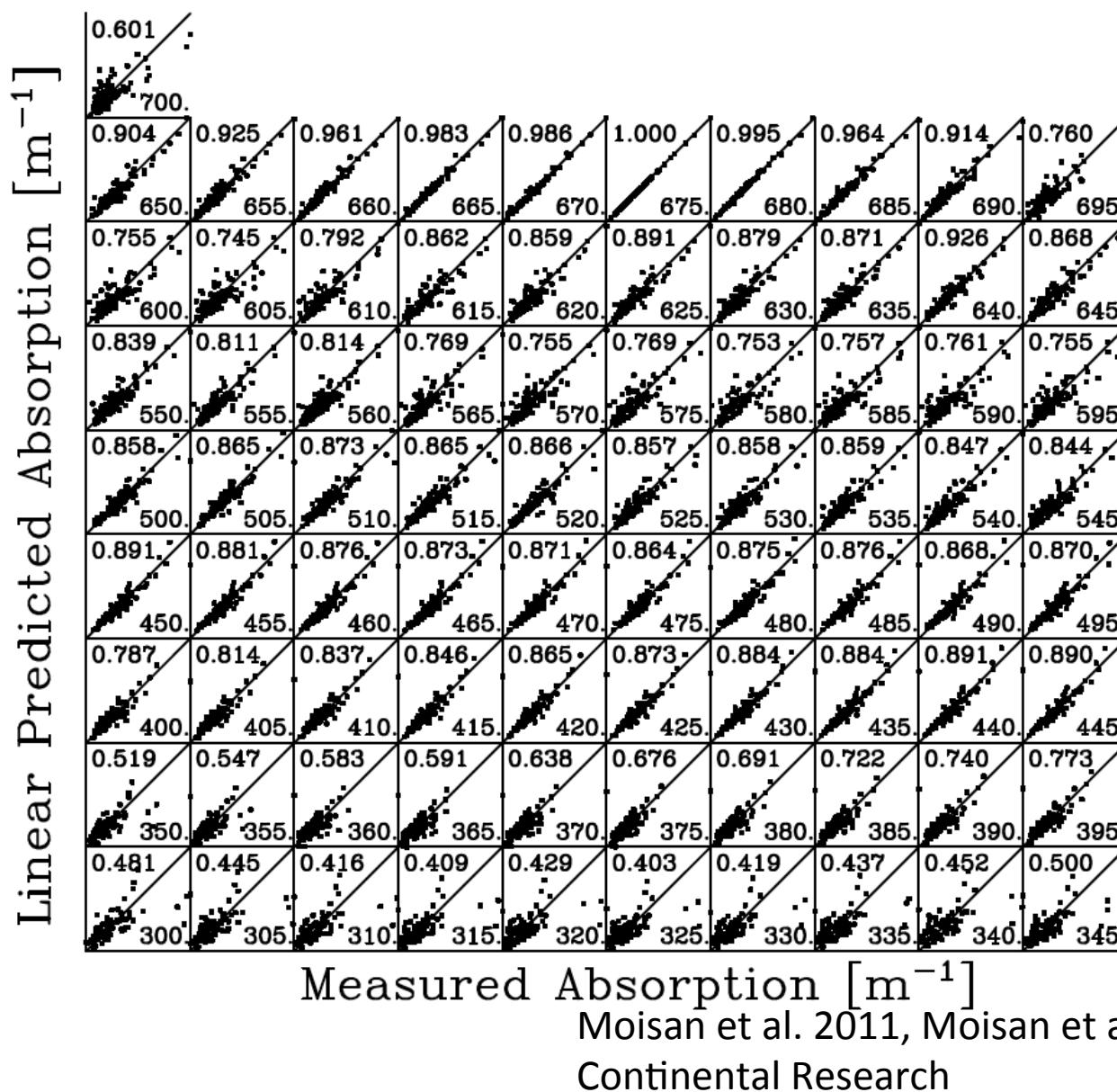
- Will show significant changes in the Distribution of IOPs (Absorption) and Chlorophyll a
  - as shown by 8-day binned averages of Chlorophyll a
- High spectral resolution will allow for the retrieval of characteristics of the phytoplankton community and the Carbon Cycle
- Will allow for understanding Coastal Processes which have ephemeral responses on time scales of weeks which do not match the chlorophyll a distribution

# Objectives

The Proposed Resolution of Hyspiri will potentially Resolve Phytoplankton Biomass:

- 1) Prediction and Observation of Inherent Optical Properties**
- 2) Taxonomic Composition by phytoplankton marker pigments;**
- 3) Combine Temperature Relationships with PFTS.**
  - Example in the Gulf of Maine with Phaeocystis and diatoms
    - Resolve the spatial dynamics of two different populations of Diatoms and Phaeocystis (& others)
  - Example in the Mid-Atlantic Bight
    - Blooms of Cyanobacteria

## Linear-predicted Model based on Chlorophyll a, Light, & Temperature



Moisan et al. 2011, Moisan et al. accepted J.  
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