

Remote Sensing of Coastal Waters

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Improved Retrievals of Coastal Water Properties – Main Topics

Bio-Optical Properties – Surface Reflections – Atmospheric Impacts – Satellite Sensors

- **Non-traditional Red/NIR algorithms for Improved Retrievals of Coastal water properties**
- **Chlorophyll Fluorescence as a Function of Chlorophyll and other Water Parameters from Field Measurements & Simulation**
- **Harmful Algal Bloom Retrieval Algorithms**
- **Polarization properties of ocean and coastal waters**
- **Development of advanced atmospheric correction models**
- **Development of Coastal Observation Platform in LIS**
- **Hydrodynamic modeling for coastal waters**
- **Future plans and topics of study**

Relevance to NOAA's mission and the strategic plan

The work in this thrust area is in line with NOAA goals to conserve, protect, manage, and restore living marine resources and coastal and ocean resources is critical to the health of the U.S. economy, and to Restore, and **Manage the Use of Coastal and Ocean Resources** Through an Ecosystem Approach to Management. The work is also in keeping with NOAA strategies that address end to end processes that cover **monitoring and observing the land, sea, atmosphere**, and space to create an observational and data collection network that tracks Earth's changing systems, and assess and predict the changes of natural systems and provide information about the future.

Relevance to NOAA Line Office (i.e., National Weather Service, National Ocean Service) strategic plan

The work falls within NOAA-NESDIS mandates through (NODC) and (NCDDC) to manage uses of ecosystems by applying scientifically sound observations, assessments, and research findings and supports the **NOAA-NESDIS algorithm development strategy for improved coastal water retrieval; and within NOAA-NOS mandates to perform coastal monitoring and observations through measurements of physical, chemical, biological and meteorological phenomena affecting the marine environment.**

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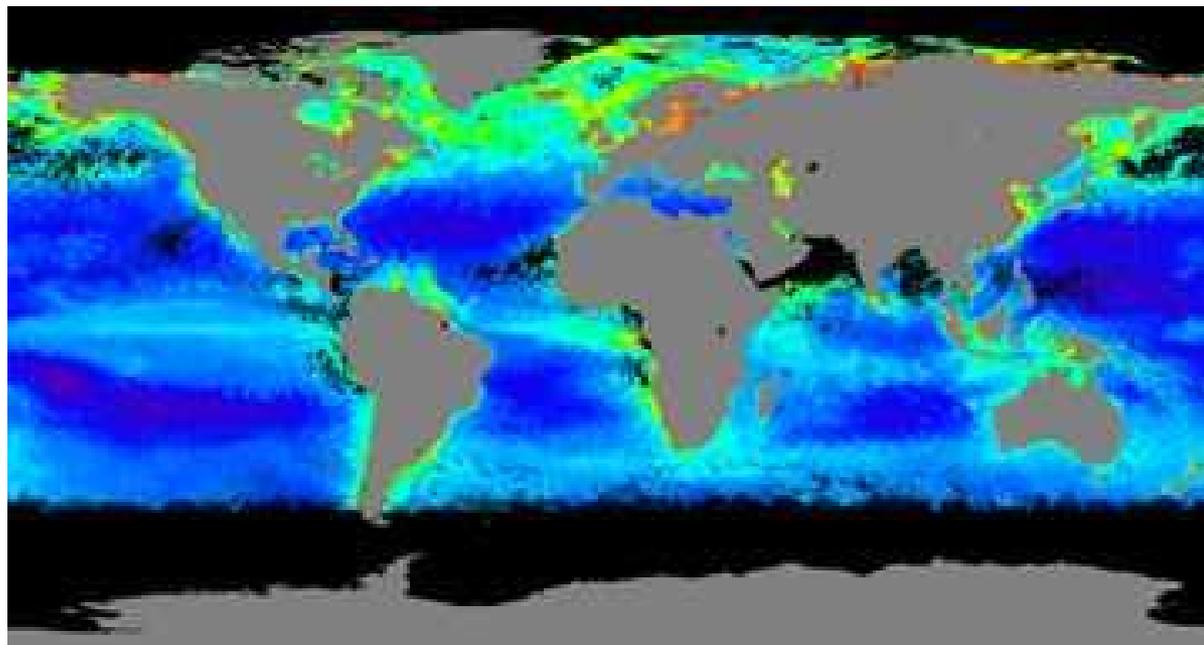
- ❖ *City College of NY and University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez*
- ❖ *5 Faculty Members*
- ❖ *1 Researcher*
- ❖ *8 Graduate Students*
- ❖ *6 Undergraduate Students*



Chlorophyll Global and Regional Maps

Marker for Ocean Health, Anthropogenic & Climate Change Impacts

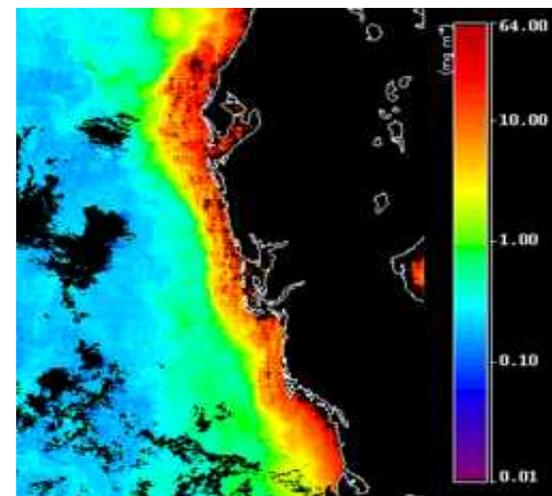
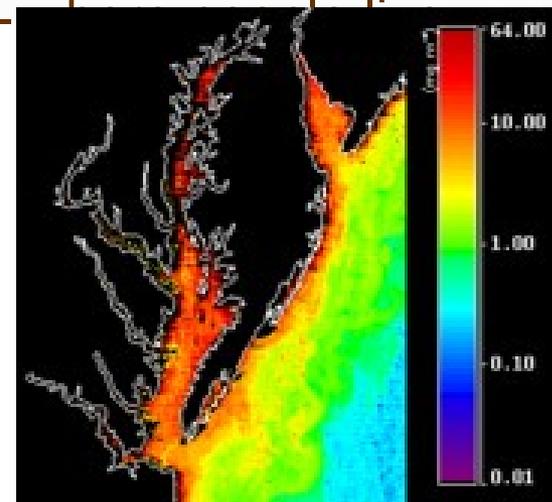
Coastal water retrievals difficult, but important-



Chlorophyll Concentration (mg/m³)



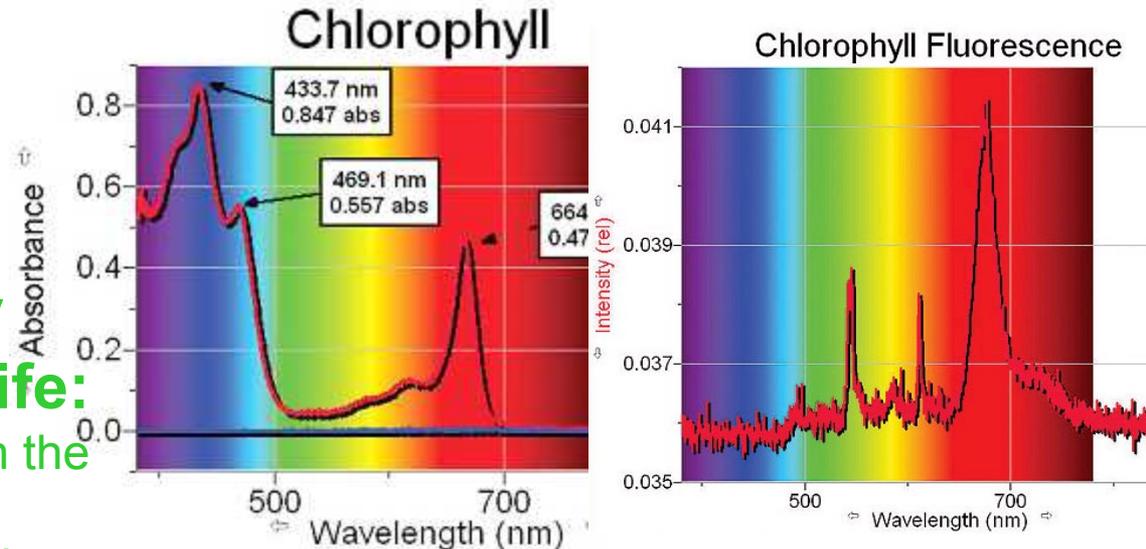
SeaWiFS, July 2006



MODIS, NE and Florida
coasts

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RS of water areas provides an efficient way of monitoring water quality, biomass in the ocean, sediment plumes, spatial and temporal scales of the water structures, sea surface temperature, etc.



Phytoplankton are a very important part of ocean life:

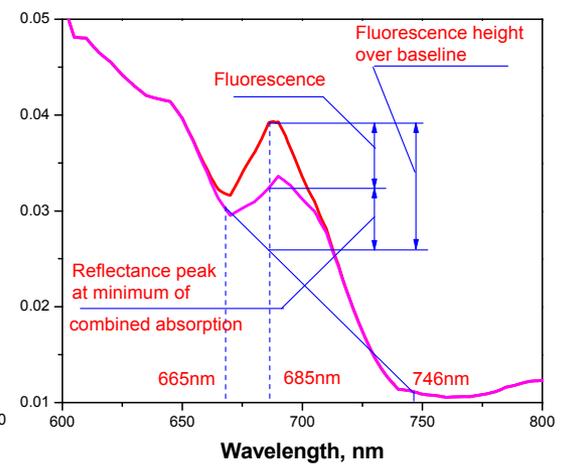
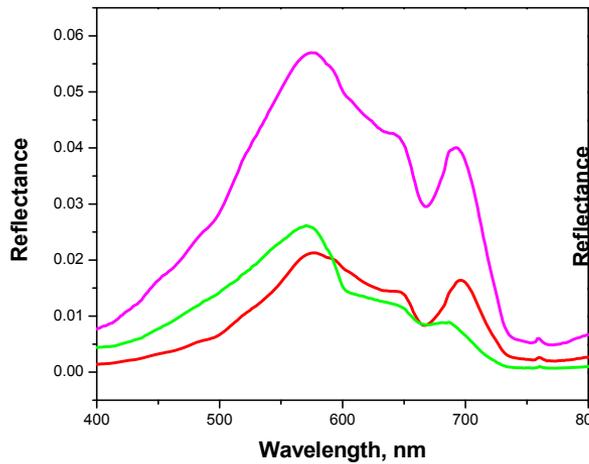
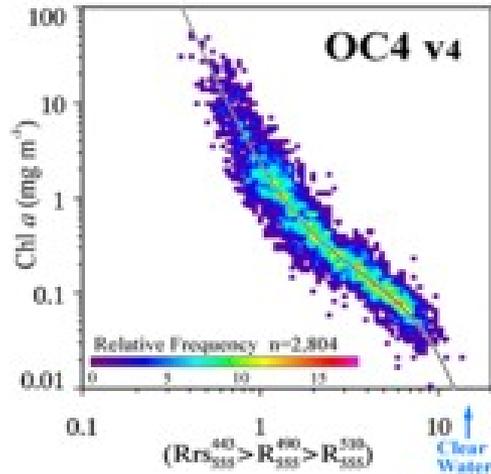
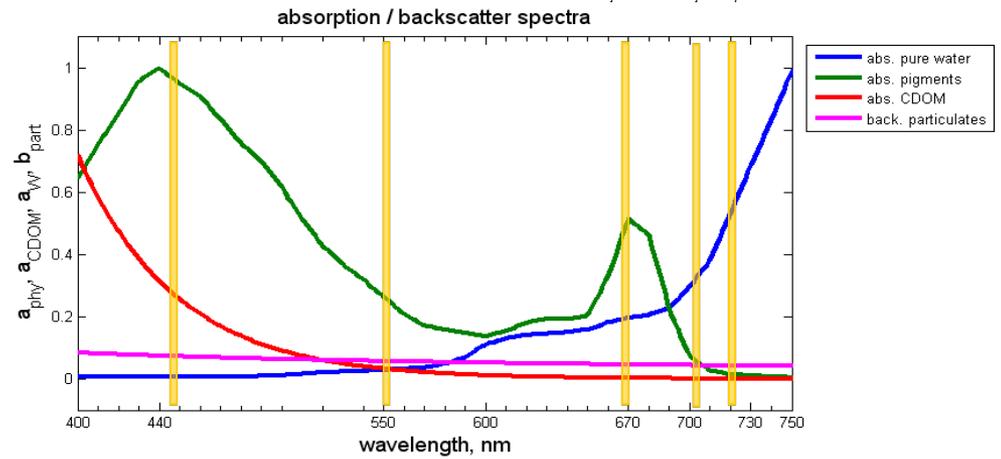
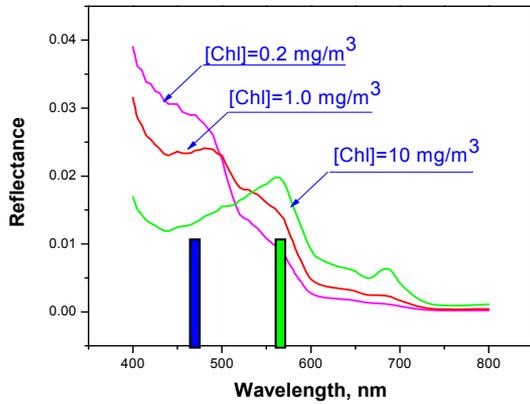
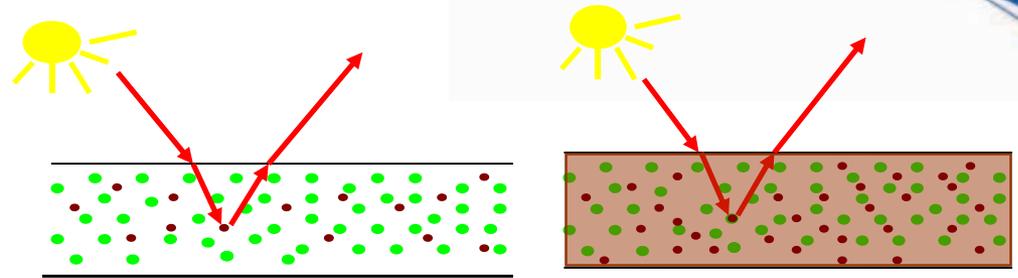
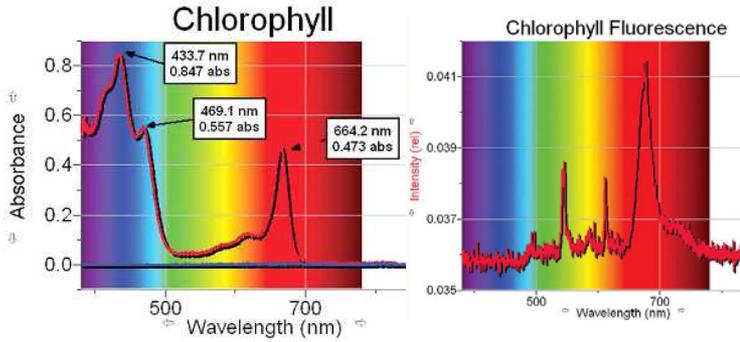
- Phytoplankton are the first link in the food chain.
- Phytoplankton convert nutrients into plant material through photosynthesis and convert carbon dioxide from sea water into organic carbon and oxygen as a by-product



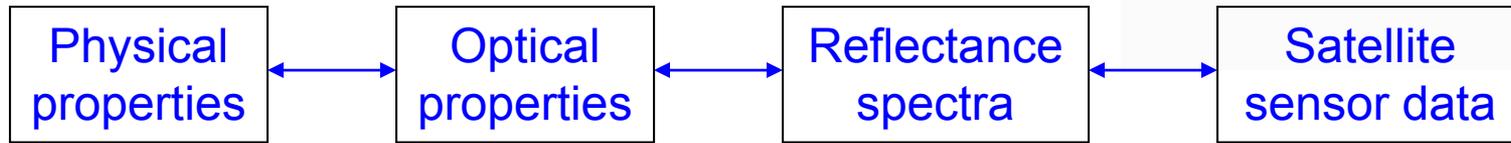
Amount of phytoplankton in the ocean can be traced by the concentration of the optically active pigment chlorophyll [Ch]

Chlorophyll fluorescence is an indicator of Chl concentration and an important characteristic of photosynthetic processes

Open ocean and coastal waters



Field Measurements

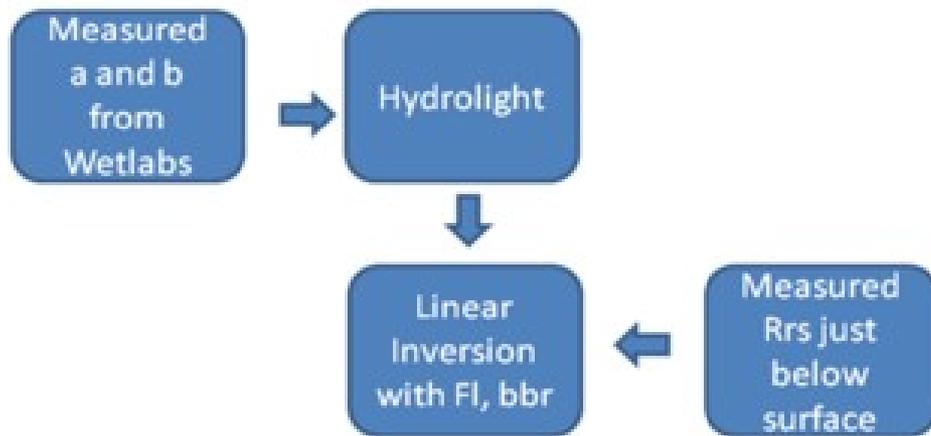


Instrumentation:

- WET Labs package: absorption, attenuation, scattering, backscattering, Chl concentrations, CDOM fluorescence, temperature, salinity,
- LISST for particle size distribution
- Hyperspectral profiler (Satlantic) and GER spectroradiometer for water reflectance measurements above and below water surface
- Polarization components detection
- Water sampling (Chl, TSS and mineral concentrations, CDOM absorption)



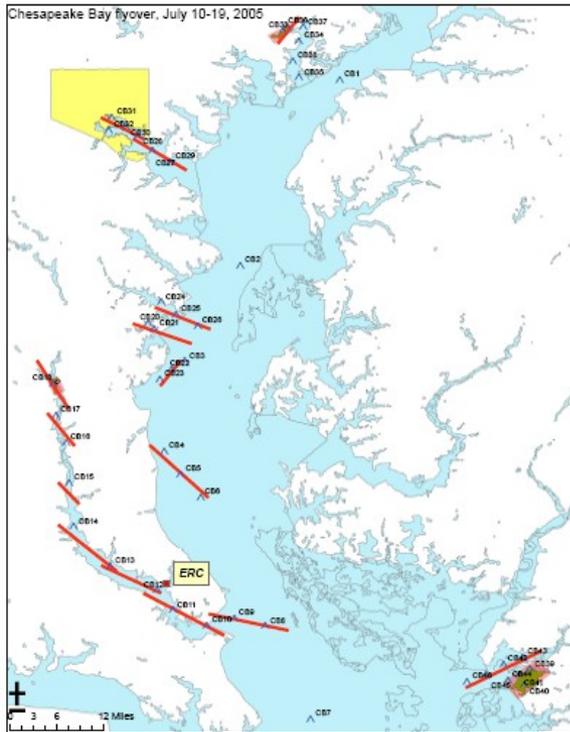
Closure between measured IOP and AOP under various ocean conditions



Assumptions:

1. Backscattering ratio is wavelength independent
2. The spectral shape of R_{rs} mainly depends on a and b while the amplitude is proportional to backscattering ratio

Areas of field campaigns



Areas of study:

Chesapeake Bay (2005), Georgia waters near Sapelo Island (2006), Long Island Sound, Peconic Bay NY Harbor, Hudson River (2004-2009), Sandy Hook, NJ (2008-09), Norfolk, VA (2009) Puerto Rico (2004-09)

Field measurements

NJ cruise, R/V Connecticut, 2008



Our partners – other teams:

Florida A&M University, FL;
Creighton University, NE;
University of Nebraska, NE,
NRL, SSC
NASA – GSFC, LARC
WET Labs Inc
University of Connecticut
Old Dominion University, VA
University of Texas
Texas A&M University



NY Harbor 2007-09



Norfolk, VA 2009 – validation of
CALIPSO and Glory missions

Calibration and Lab Measurements



For irradiance sensors LI-COR 1800-02 calibration standard



For radiance sensors OL 455 integrating sphere calibration standard

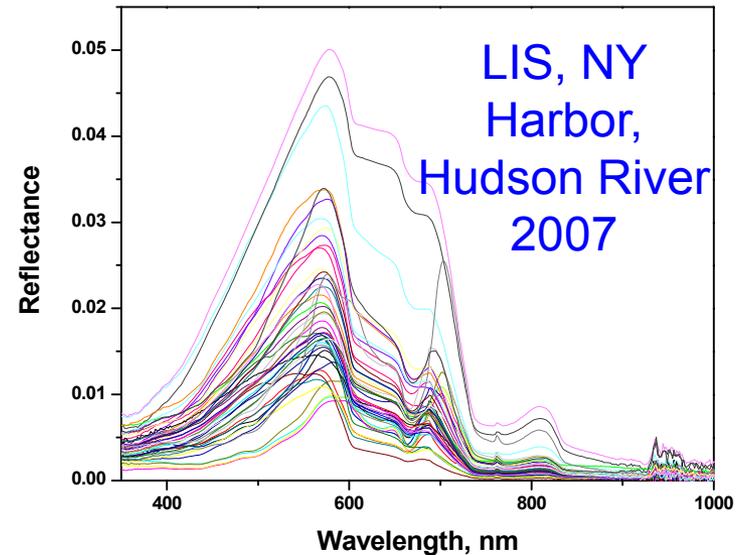
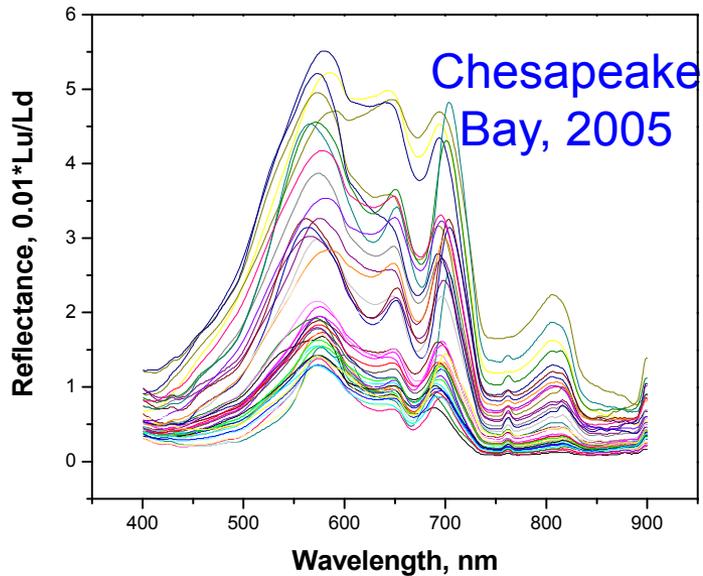


Perkin Elmer Lambda 19 UV/Vis Spectrometer for [Chl] and sample absorption spectra



Perkin Elmer Fluorescence Spectrometer LS 50 for excitation-emission matrix of CDOM

Variability of water parameters in field measurements

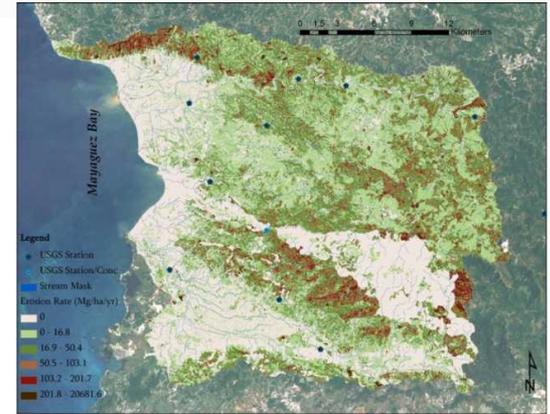


Chl	Abs	TSS
	400	
$\mu\text{g/l}$	m^{-1}	mg/l
9.1-	1.41-	7-
354.2	10.8	64.8

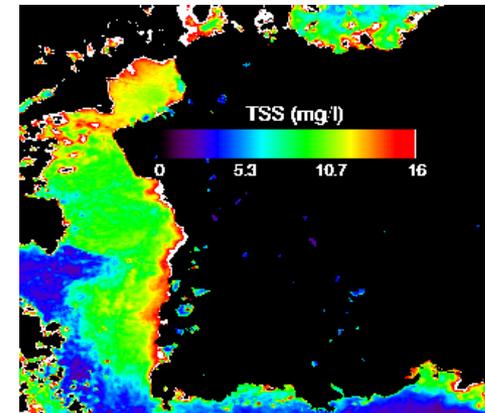
Chl	Abs	TSS
	400	
$\mu\text{g/l}$	m^{-1}	mg/l
1.9-	0.47-	1.7-
106	3.73	43.2

Remote Sensing and Biogeo-optical Properties Of Mayaguez Bay, F.Gilbes, PI, UPRM-Department of Geology

- Evaluation of MODIS data continued to fine-tuning the algorithm to estimate total suspended sediments (TSS).
- Analyses with the GIS based model continued to estimate soil erosion and sediment load to the Mayagüez Bay and compare it with same estimations derived from MODIS data.
- Composition and grain size distribution of TSS are being analyzed to determine their role in the optical properties of the water.
- A laboratory procedure was tested to extract the minerals from the sediments and measure their Remote Sensing Reflectance (Rrs).



Soil Erosion Rates for study area as determined with GIS. These results were compared with MODIS data by Vilmaliz Rodriguez, graduate student from Geology.



Example of TSS as measured with MODIS and using one of the tested algorithms.

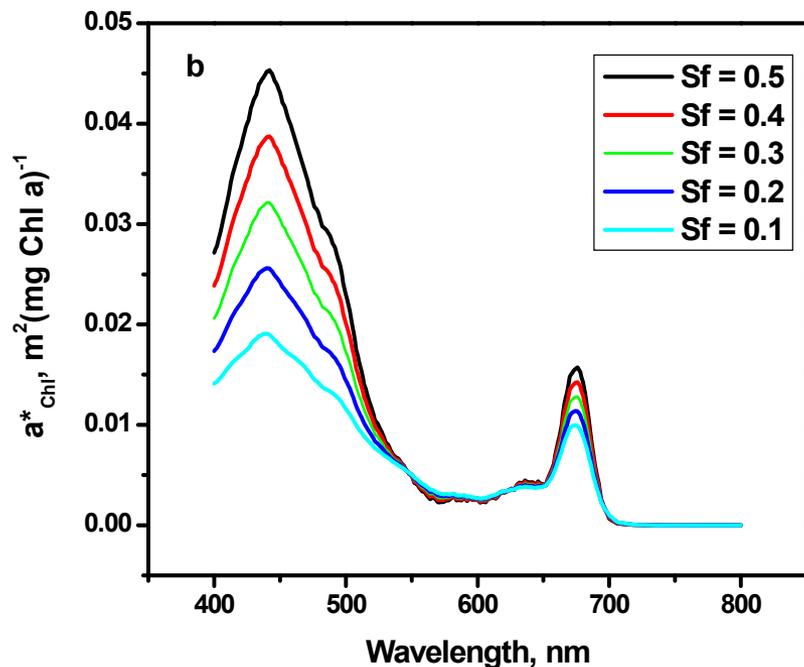
Red/NIR algorithms for Improved Retrievals of Coastal water properties

SPIE 2005-09, Sea Technology, 2007,
Optics in Natural Waters, 2009

To Examine Impact of Coastal Waters on NIR Retrievals used Datasets Simulated by Hydrolight Radiative Transfer Program

Several datasets, 500 reflectances each were simulated using HYDROLIGHT with and without fluorescence with 1 nm resolution (similar to IOCCG database – Lee) for typical conditions of coastal waters [Chl] = 1-100 mg/m³, CDOM absorption $a_y(400) = 0 - 5 \text{ m}^{-1}$, various Chl absorption spectra

Datasets: 1 - $C_{\text{nap}} = 0 - 1 \text{ mg/l}$ 2 - $C_{\text{nap}} = 1 - 10 \text{ mg/l}$ 3 - $C_{\text{nap}} = 10 - 100 \text{ mg/l}$

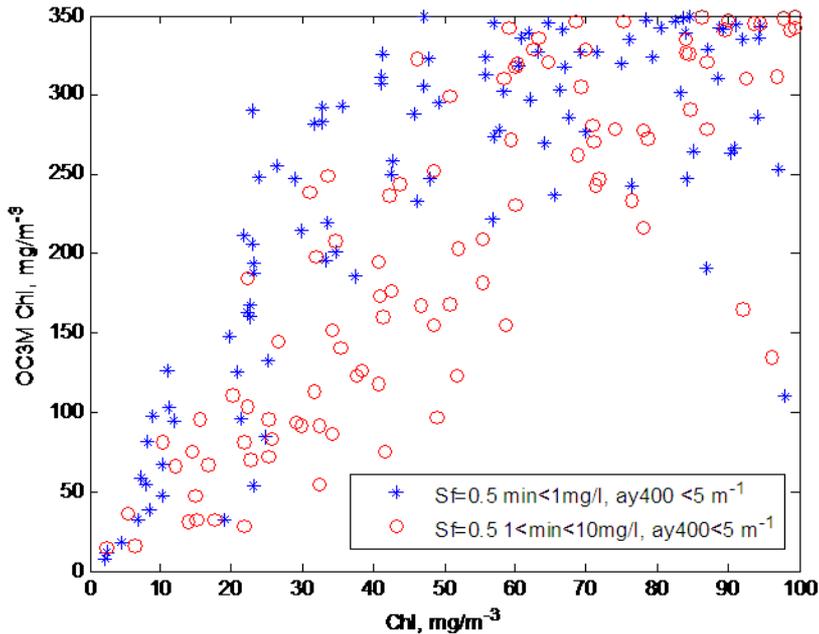


Specific Chl absorption: combination of pico- and micro-plankton spectra with several weighting factors – Ciotti et al., 2002

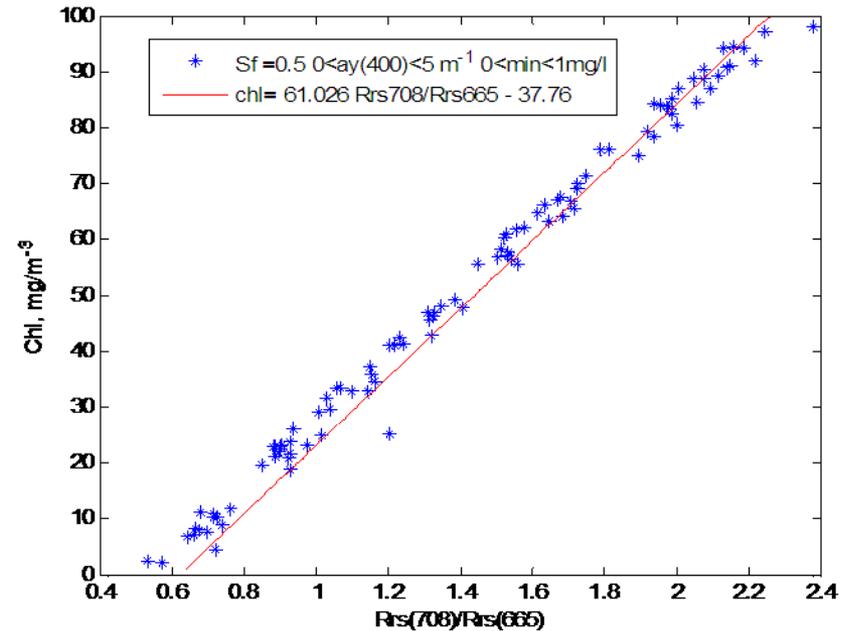
$$a_{chl}^*(\lambda) = S_f \cdot a_{pico}^*(\lambda) + (1 - S_f) \cdot a_{micro}^*(\lambda)$$

$$a_{chl}(\lambda) = a_{chl}^*(\lambda) * [Chl]$$

Blue-green and NIR Chl algorithms



Blue-green algorithms are extremely inaccurate in coastal waters, expected errors 100-300%

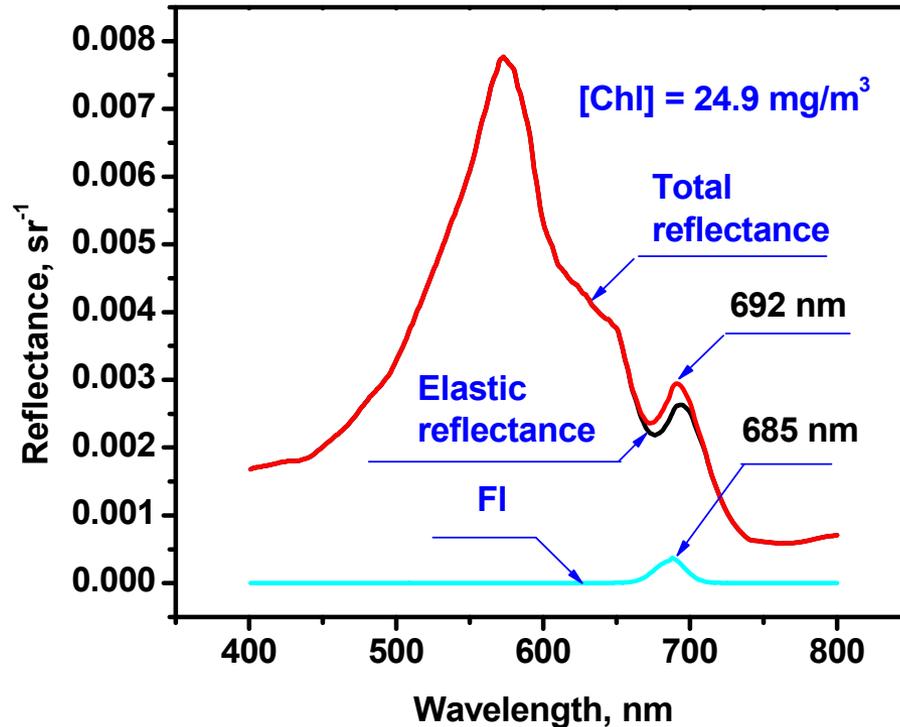


On the other hand, $Rrs(708)/Rrs(665)$ was found to be extremely stable for various water conditions: algorithm developed from MERIS reflectance data and in-situ Chl almost perfectly matches independently Hydrolight simulated data

Chlorophyll Fluorescence as a Function of Chlorophyll and other Water Parameters from Field Measurements & Simulation

Optics Comm., 2004, Appl. Optics, 2006, Opt. Express, 2007,
Opt. Express(2), 2008

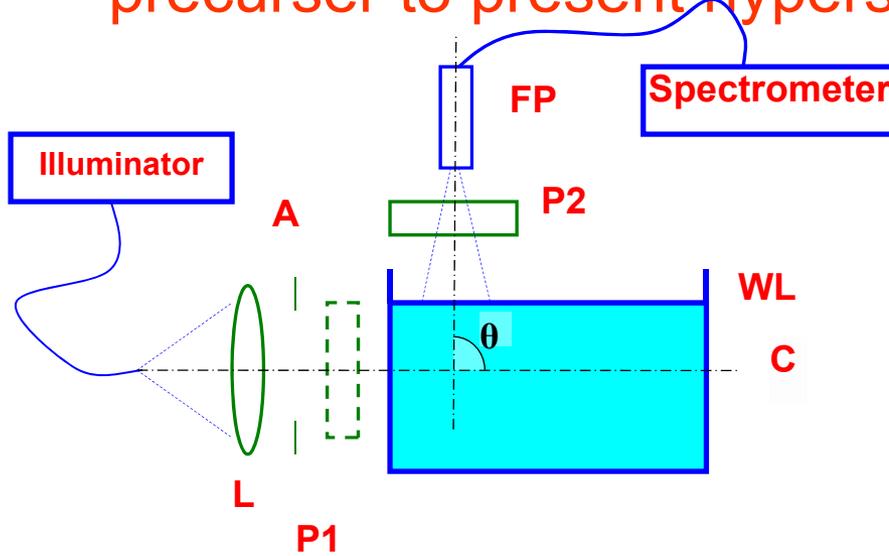
Total reflectance, components: elastic and fluorescence components



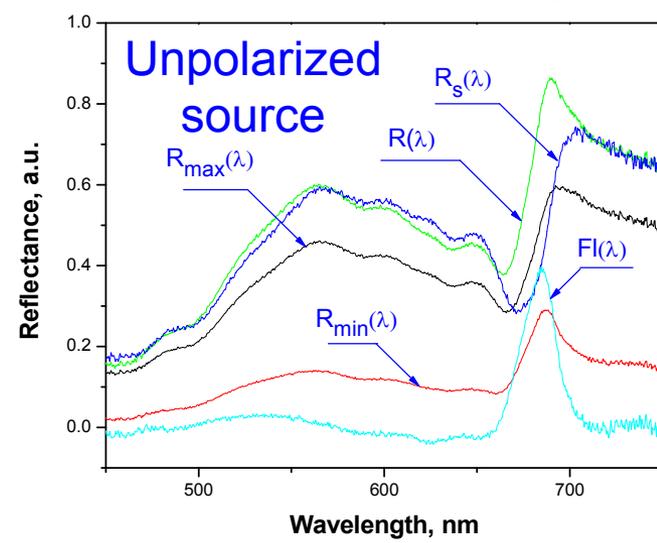
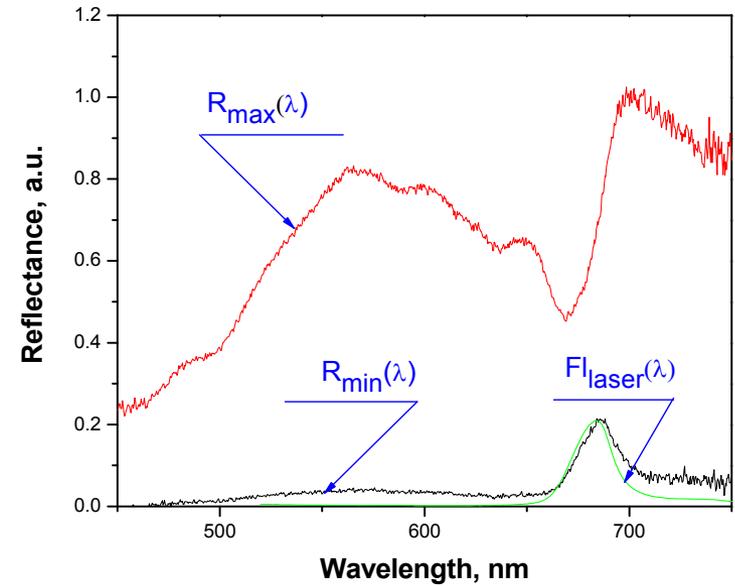
NIR peak on reflectance spectra is a good indicator of the $[Chl]$ but it also has the fluorescence component on top of elastic reflectance which adds significant uncertainty

NIR algorithms will be more accurate if the fluorescence is properly isolated or quantified

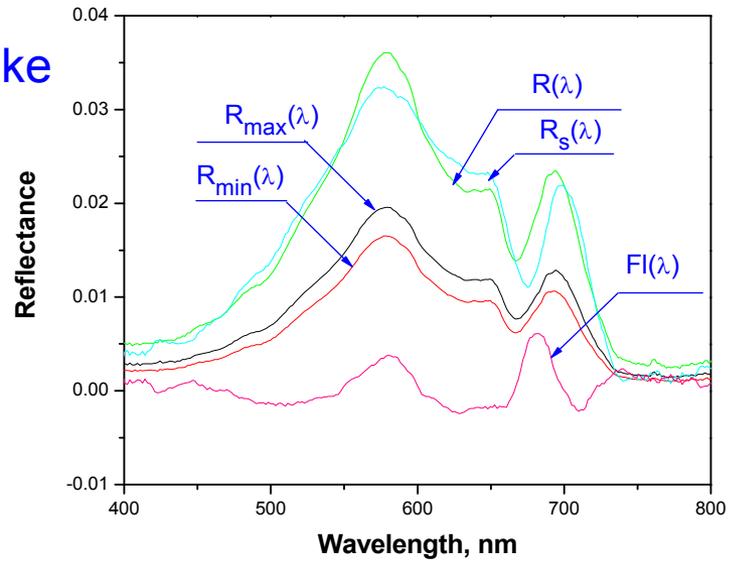
First Experiments on Polarization discrimination technique for the separation of fluorescence and elastic scattering (Patented) precursor to present hyperspectral Stokes Polarimeter



L – lens, FP – fiber probe, A – aperture, P1, P2 – polarizers, C – cuvette with algae, WL – water level.



Chesapeake Bay



Why is fluorescence signal important?

- It is related to chlorophyll concentration
- It can be used for the estimation of the fluorescence quantum yield and photosynthetic properties
- It is useful in detection of algal blooms

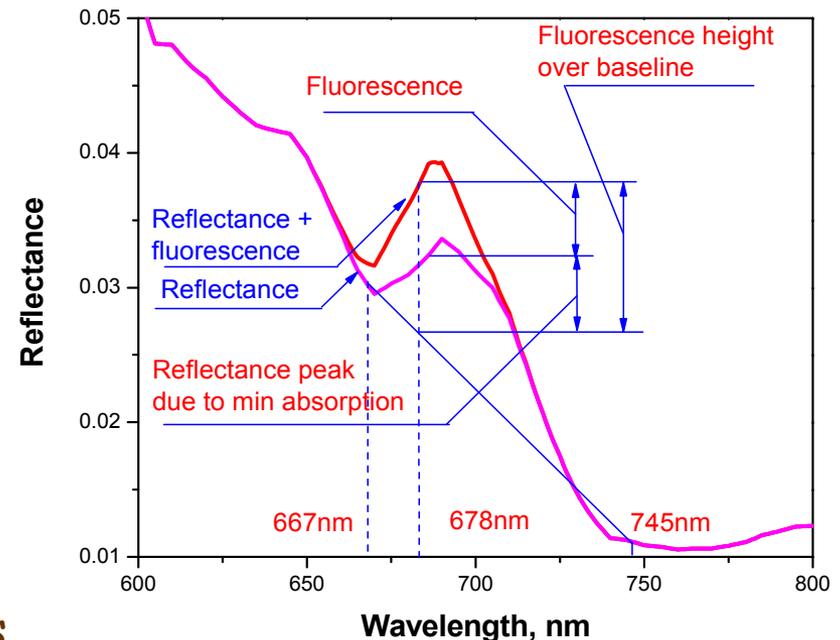
FI ~ [Chl] ?

FI ≈ FLH ???

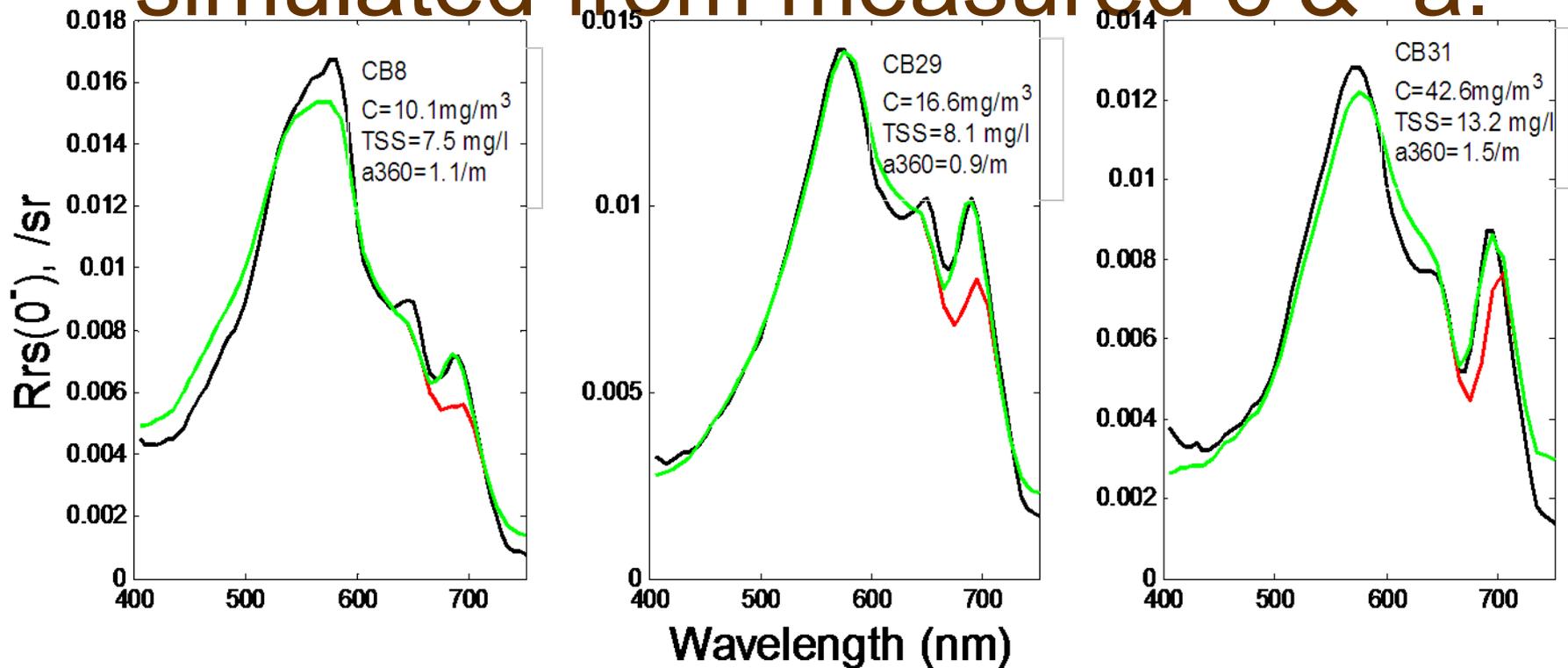
Is fluorescence quantum yield almost 100 fold range (0.1-9%) real?

What is the contribution of the fluorescence to the total reflectance in NIR?

How the fluorescence magnitude changes with the water composition?



Typical total and elastic reflectances, measured & simulated from measured c & a .



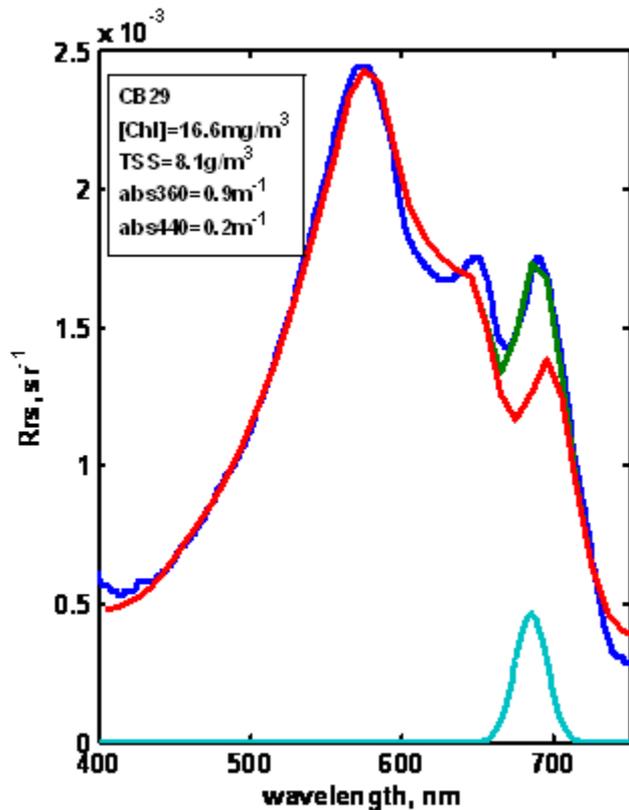
Black – measured, green – total fitted, red – elastic, simulated from measured c and a

Total reflectances were measured below water

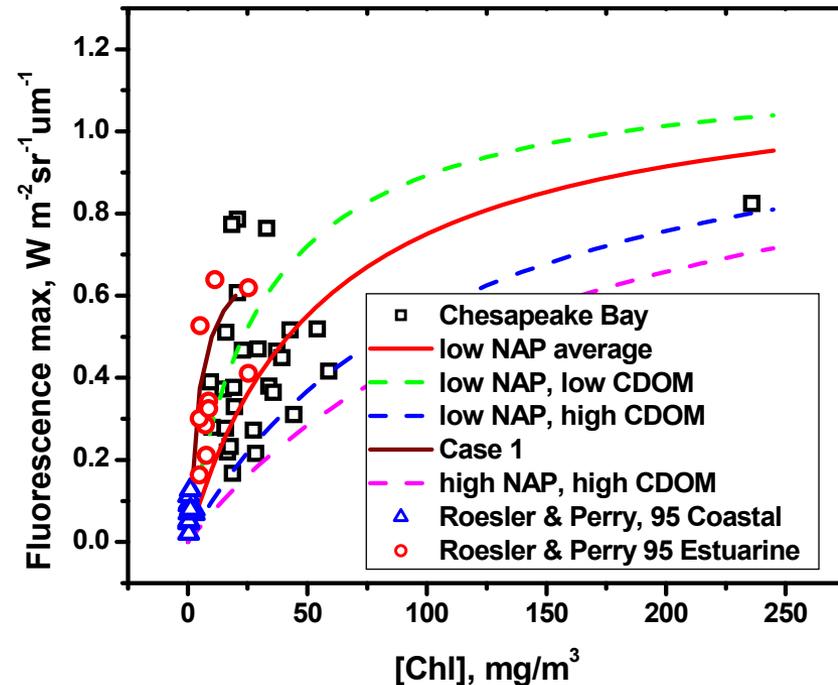
Elastic reflectances were simulated by Hydrolight from IOP

Fluorescence as a function of [Chl] and other water parameters from field measurements and simulations for varying conditions

$$Fl = 0.0375[Chl]/(1 + 0.32 a_y(400) + 0.01 C_{nap} + 0.032 [Chl])$$

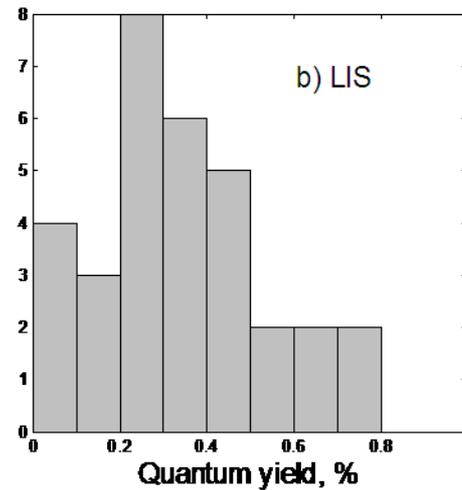
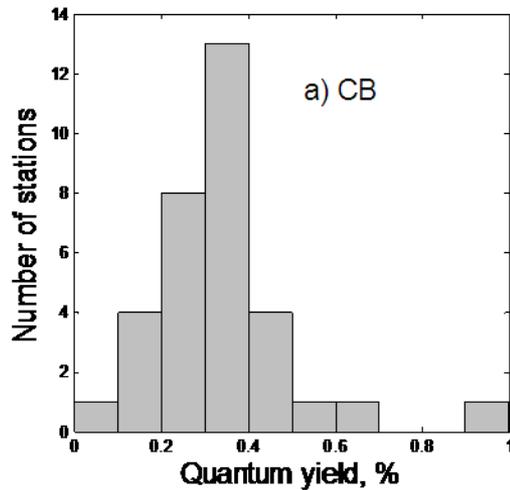


Typical fluorescence regimes

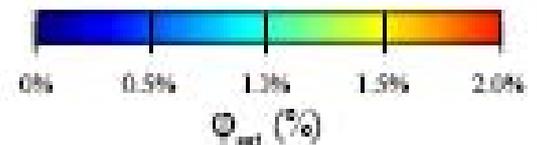
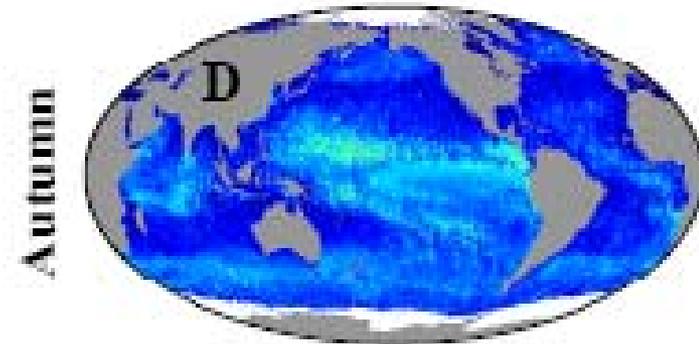
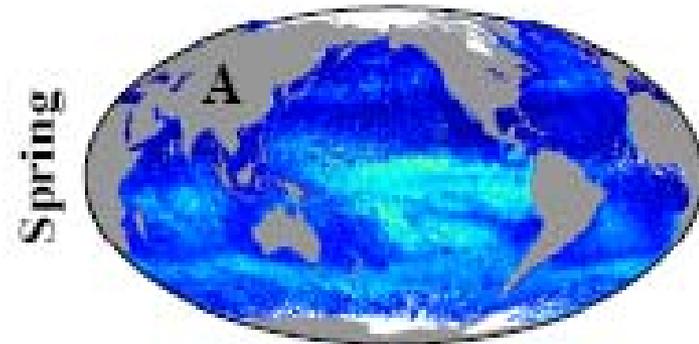


Based on the field data and radiative transfer simulations we parameterized Chl fluorescence component for coastal waters

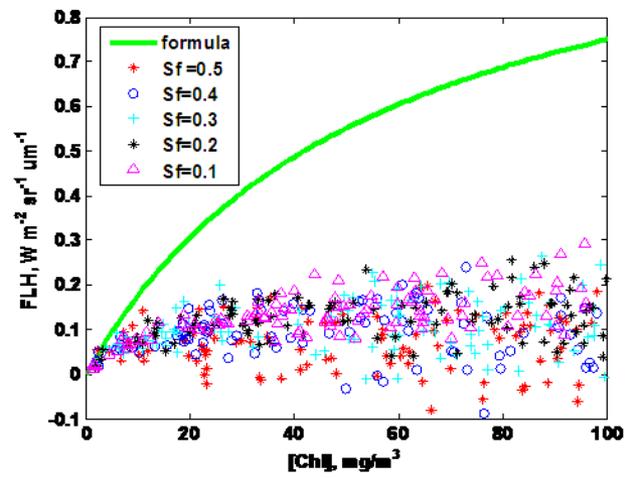
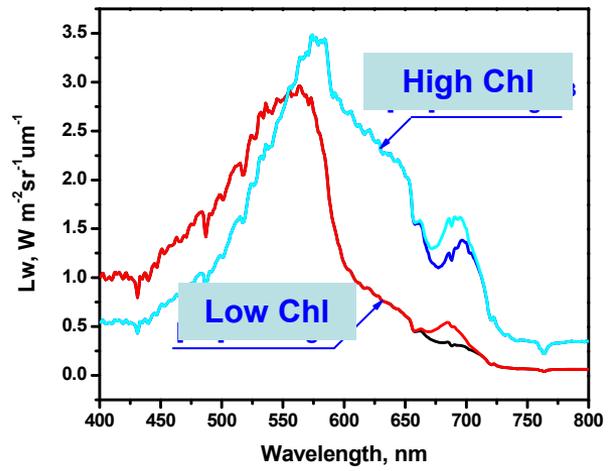
Distribution of the fluorescence quantum yield values for two coastal areas of study



Mean values are around 0.3-0.5% which is in a good agreement with other authors estimations (Behrenfeld et al.) on the global scale for the open ocean

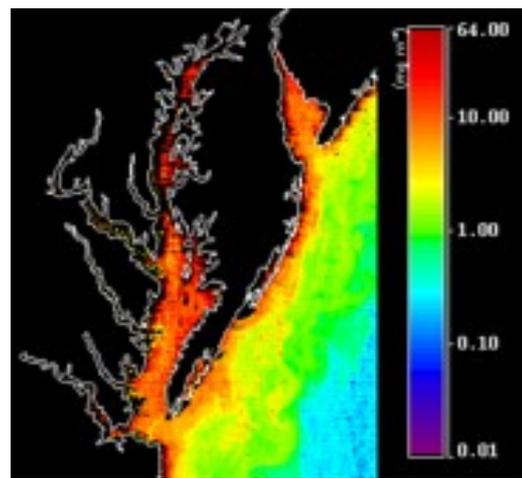
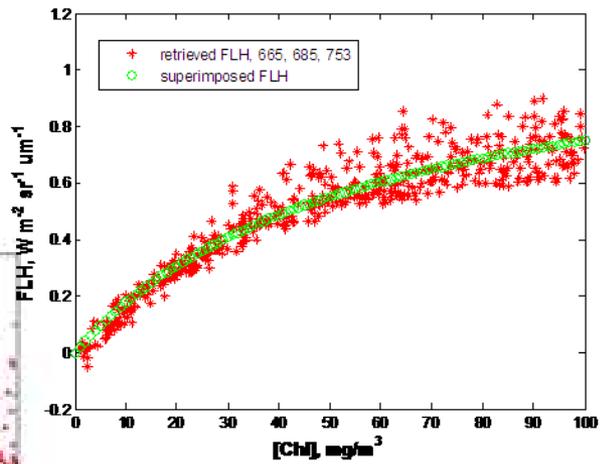


Indicates potential improvements for Coastal Fluorescence Height Algorithms

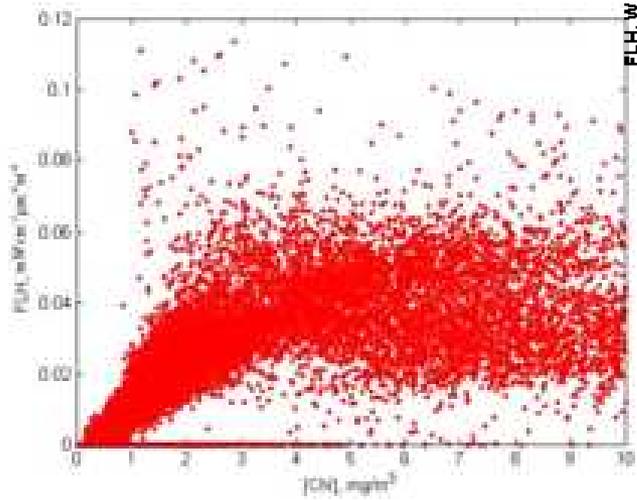


MODIS: 667, 678, 748 nm

Simulated FLH response



[Chl] map for Chesapeake Bay



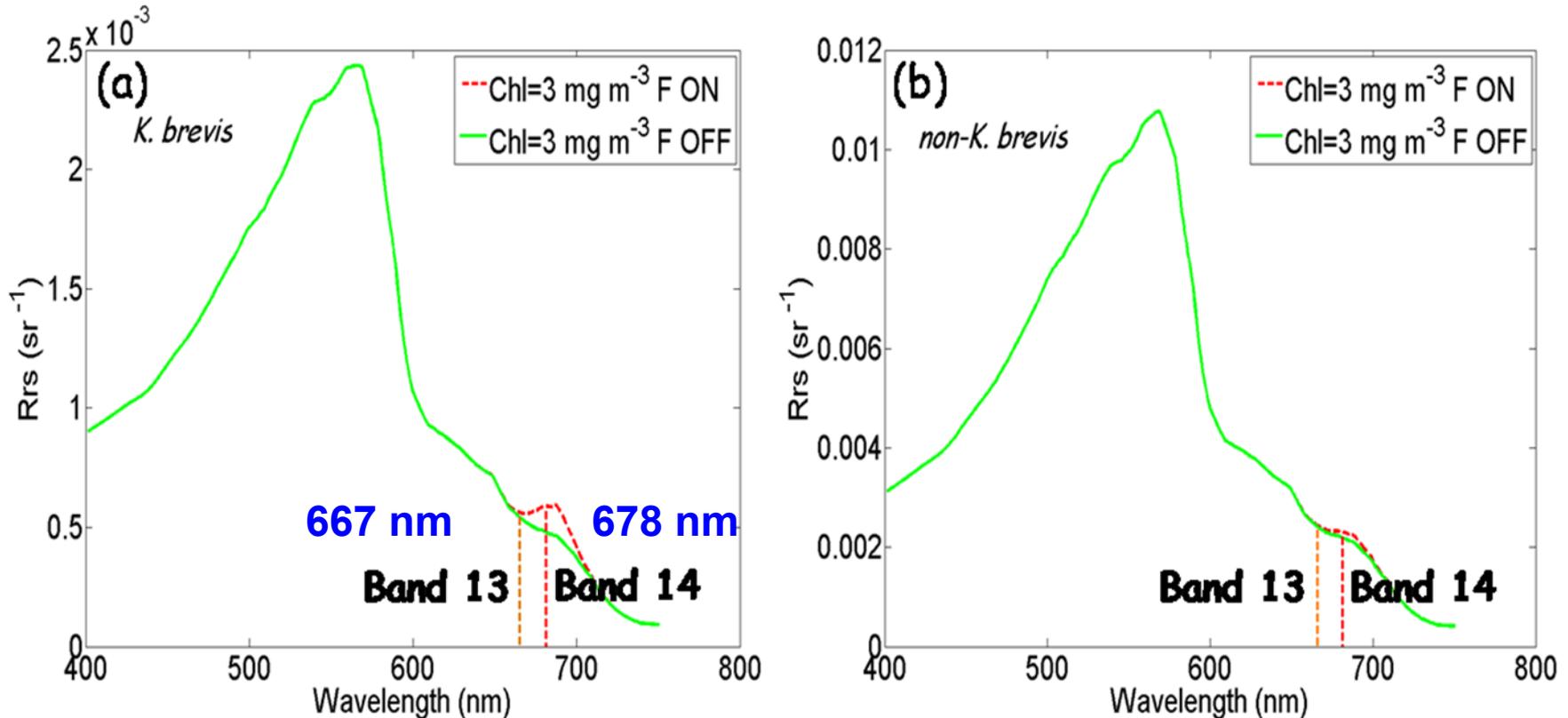
Satellite retrieval using MODIS FLH algorithm

665, 685, 753 nm – improvement with modified central band

Harmful Algal Bloom Retrieval Algorithms

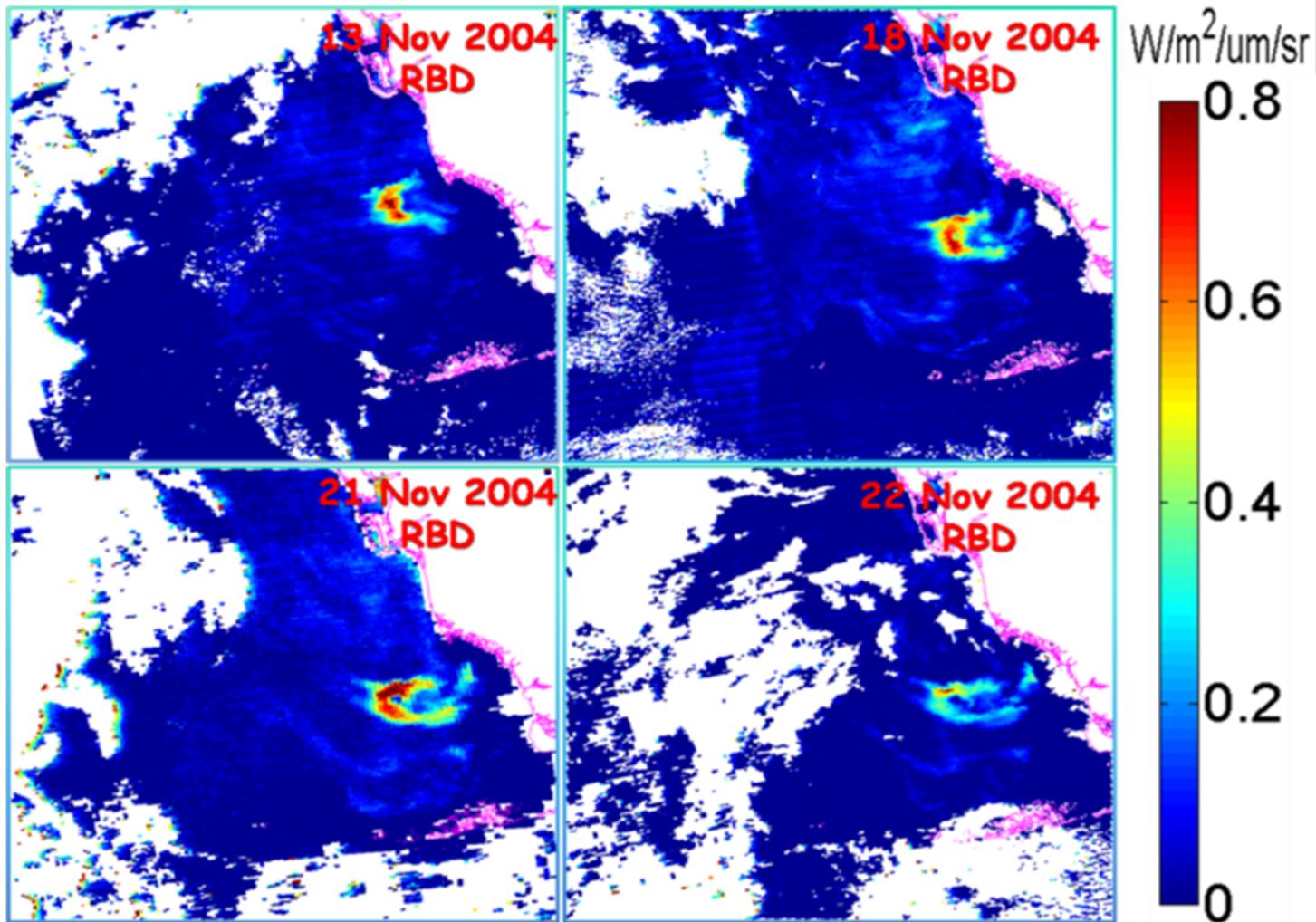
AMS, AGU, SPIE 2009, Opt. Express, 2009

RBD Detection of *Karenia Brevis* blooms using NIR bands

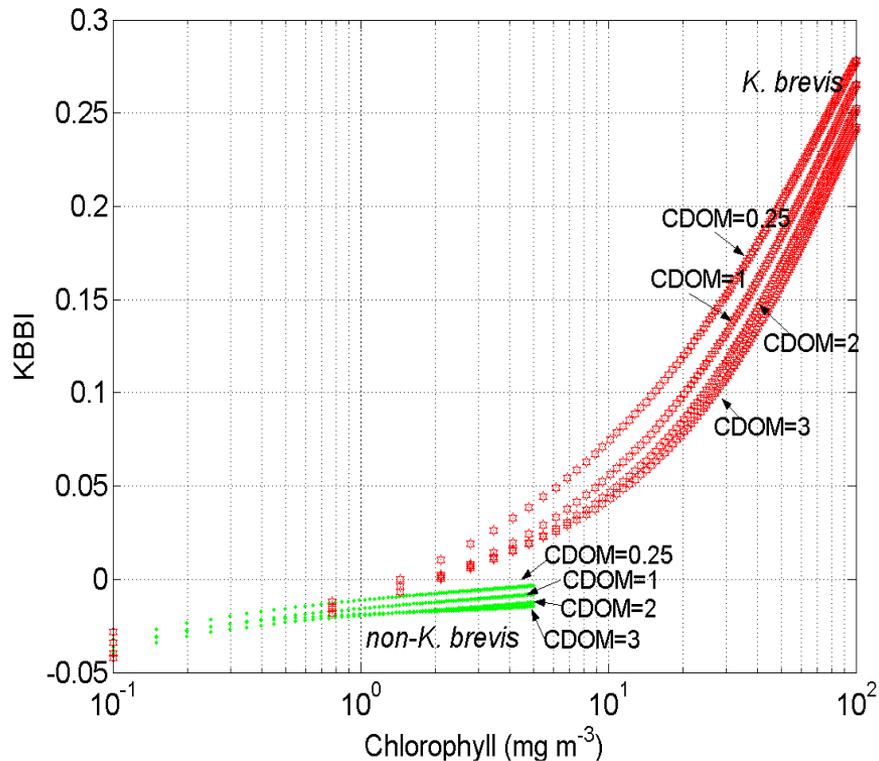


Because of the large particle sizes *Karenia Brevis* backscattering is lower than for other types of algae and fluorescence is more pronounced. And because differences in adjacent spectral bands used atmospheric correction impacts minimized

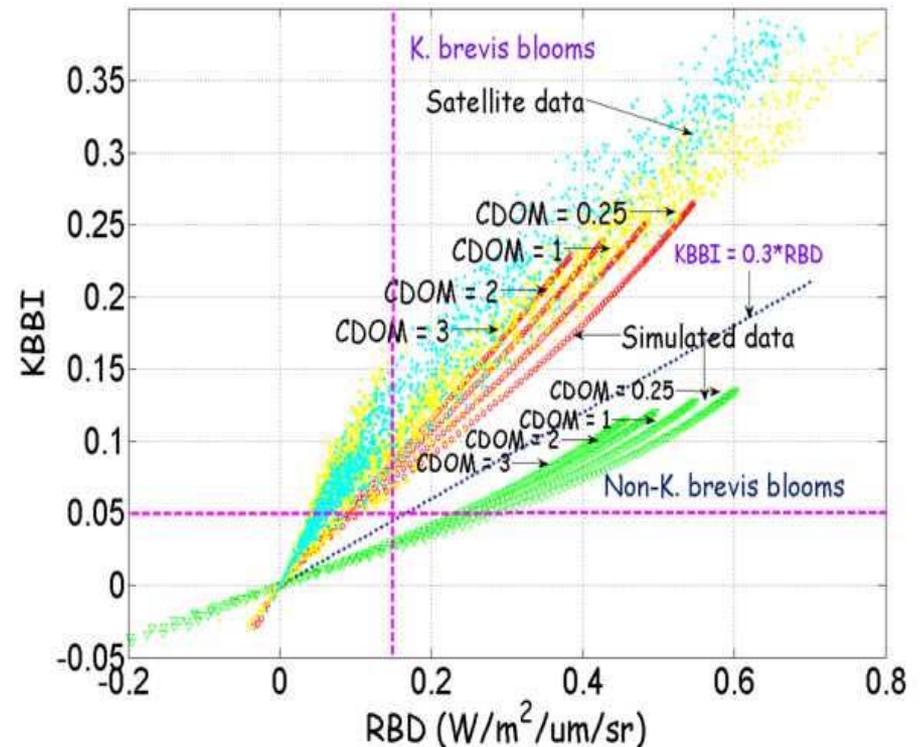
Progression of *K. Brevis* bloom using MODIS RBD



Classification of *K. brevis* with KBBI

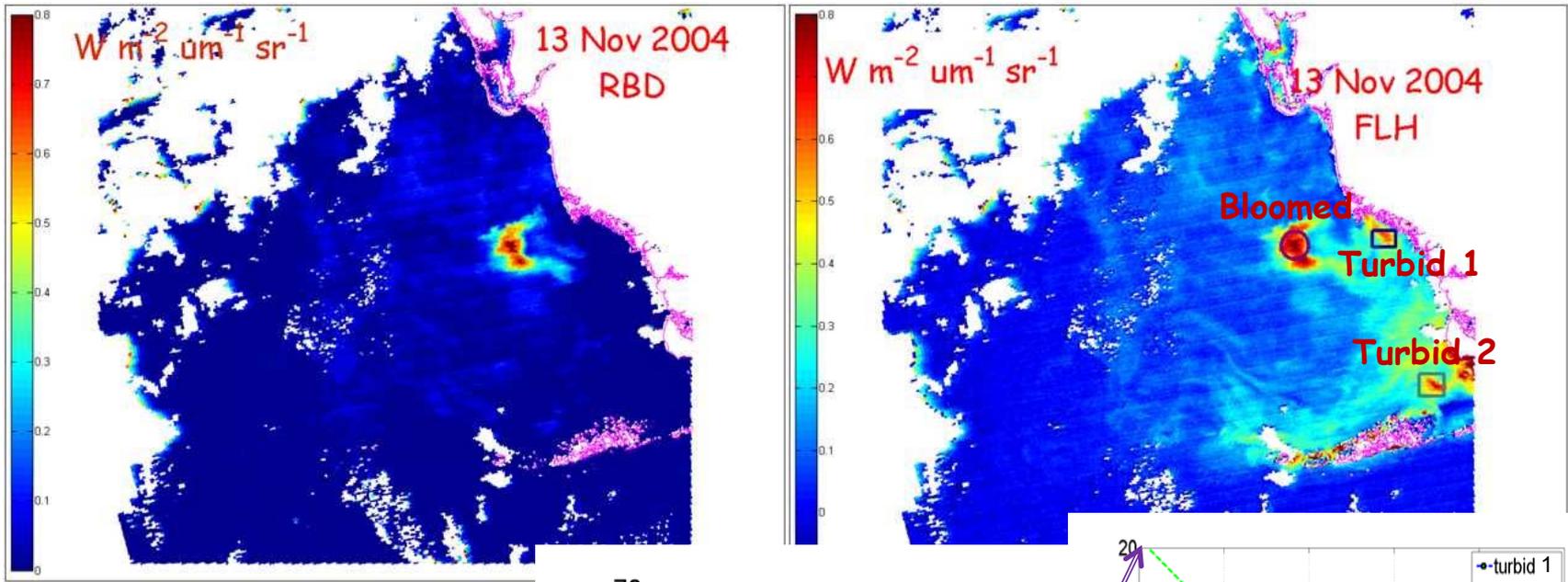


Particulate backscattering for *K. brevis* and non-*K. brevis* blooms are modeled based on the cell concentrations of *K. brevis* according to [Cannizzaro et. al 2004]

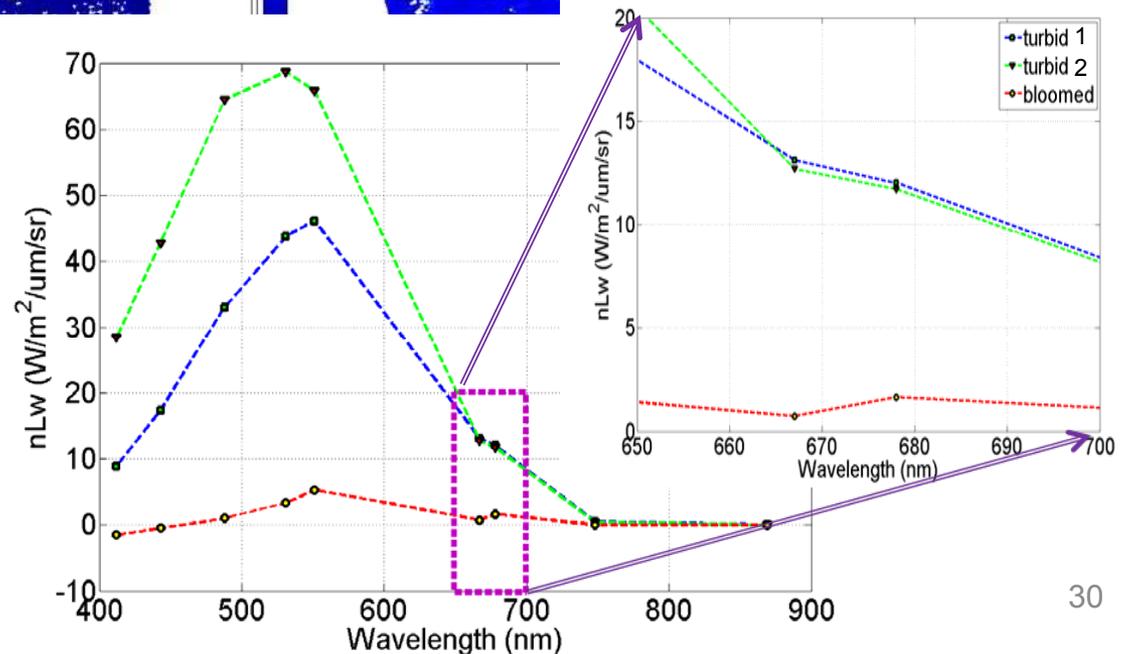


K. brevis simulated according to [Cannizzaro et. al 2004] and non-*K. brevis* simulated using standard bio-optical model assuming background concentration of NAP = 2 mg/l . Chlorophyll ranges between 1 and 100 mg/m^3

RBD vs. FLH

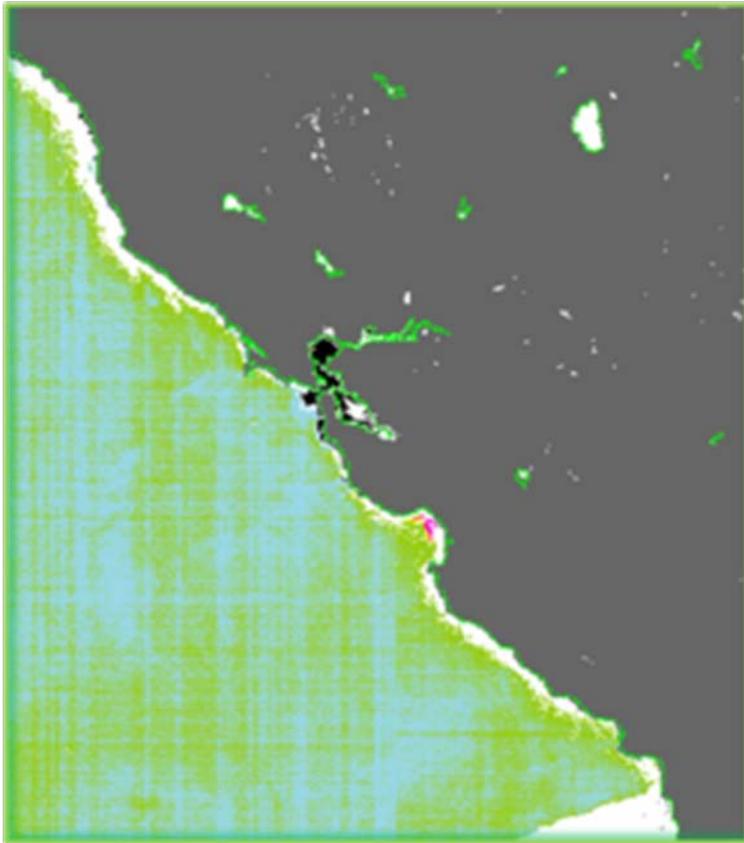


FLH alone cannot discriminate between bloomed waters and highly scattering waters. However, both the RBD or KBBI could easily distinguish between the two types of waters: since they both result in negative values in the highly scattering waters and positive values in the bloomed waters.

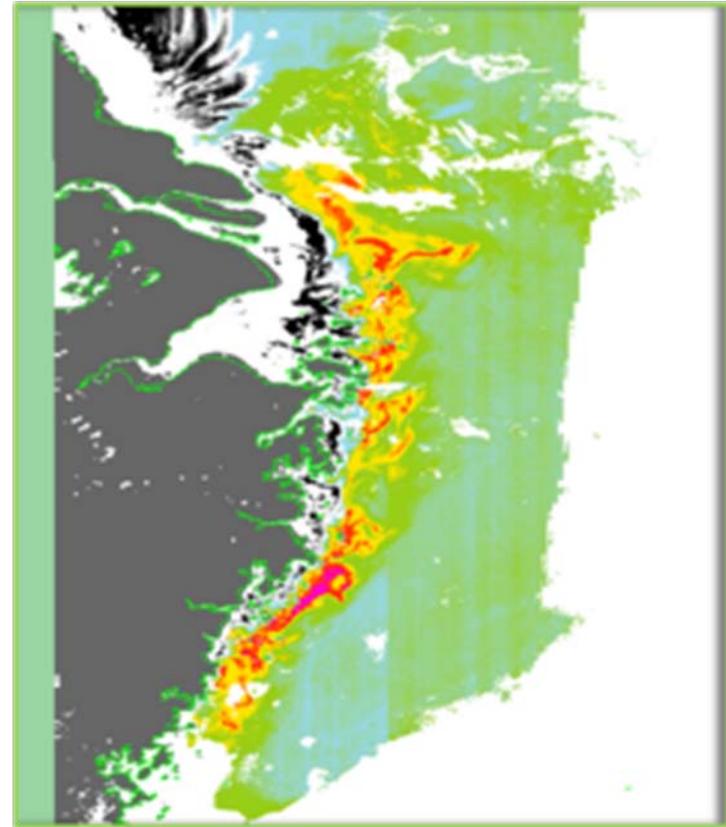


Red Tide Detection with RBD Technique

**Monterey Bay Nov
3 2007**



**East China Sea 4
June 2005**



Polarization properties of ocean and coastal waters

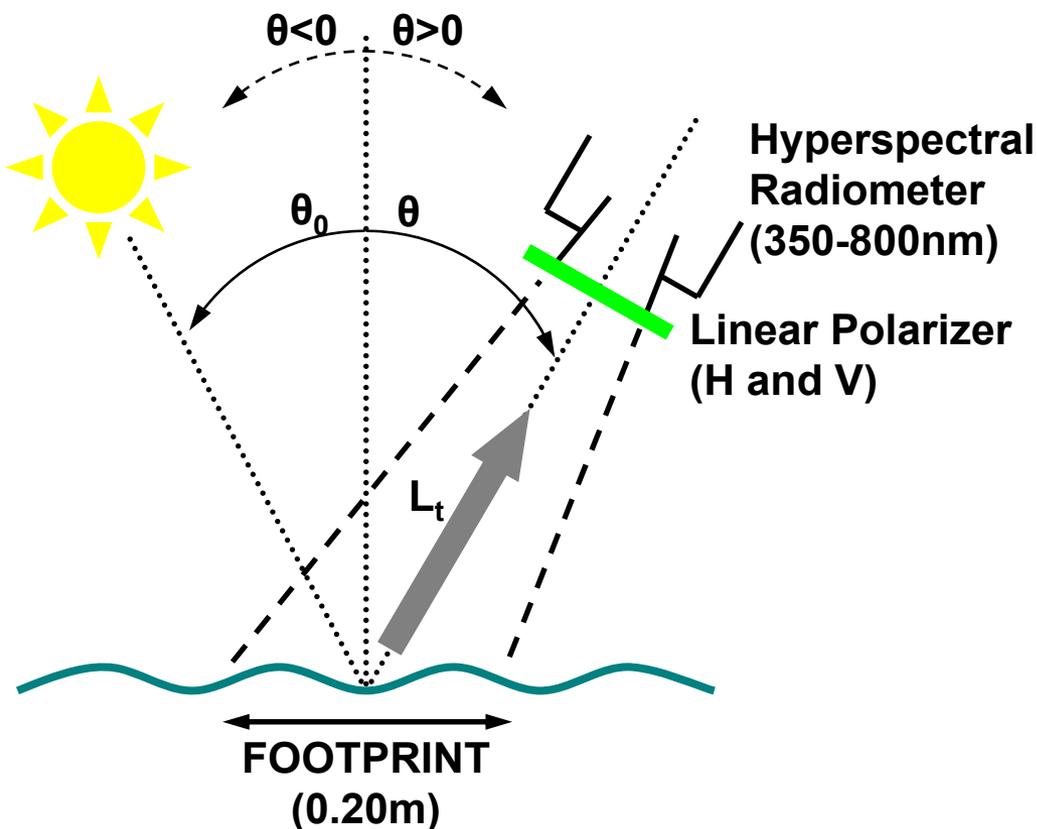
Applied Optics, 2006, Optics Express, 2008

Why do we need polarization characteristics of water?

- The absorption of organic (non-chlorophyll) particles and mineral (inorganic) particles is exponential, similar to the absorption of CDOM – separation is problematic
- Organic particles have relative (to water) index of refraction 1.06-1.08, minerals 1.12-1.25, CDOM does not scatter
- Particle size distribution is an important factor of particulate scattering and backscattering
- Polarization characteristics depend on both: index of refraction and particle size distribution and that's why they can be useful in retrieval !!!
- They are also useful in the separation of fluorescence and elastic components, in the improvement of the underwater vision, in the interpretation of ocean lidar signals
- It is important to determine contribution of atmosphere and air-water interface to the total degree of polarization

Polarization measurements above water

Shipborne above-water angularly resolved measurements of the polarized components were taken in the Hudson River (Summer 2007 Campaign)



Geometry of observation of the instrument



The radiometer was rotated up to 70° (5° steps) either side of nadir viewing

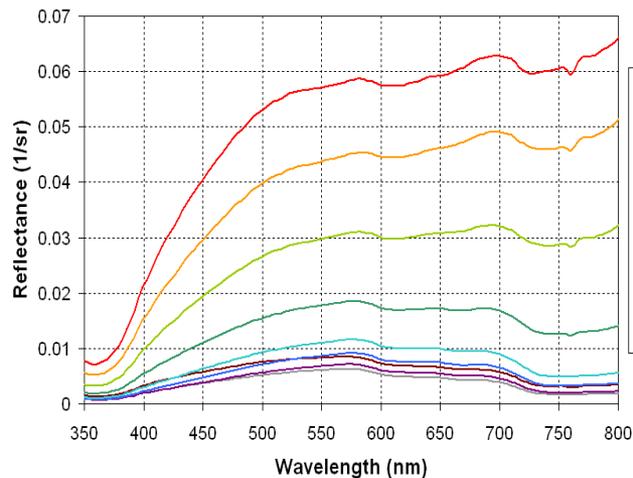
The scanning system was mounted at the extremity of the back deck of the boat ($\sim 1\text{m}$ above water)

Simultaneous measurement of downwelling spectral irradiance (E_d)

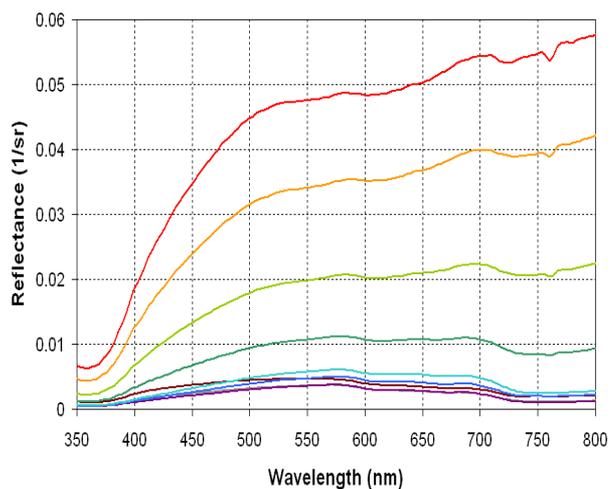
Optical characterization

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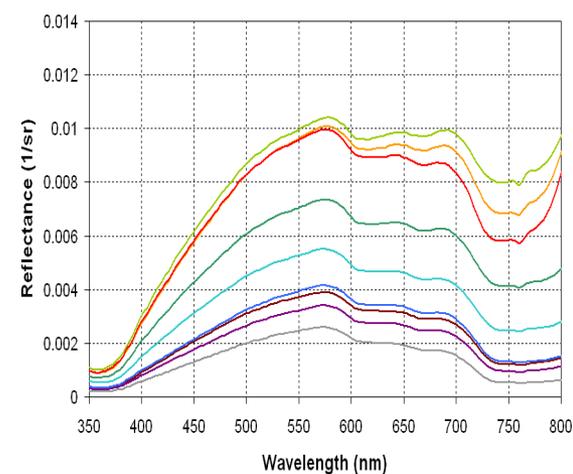
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H Component

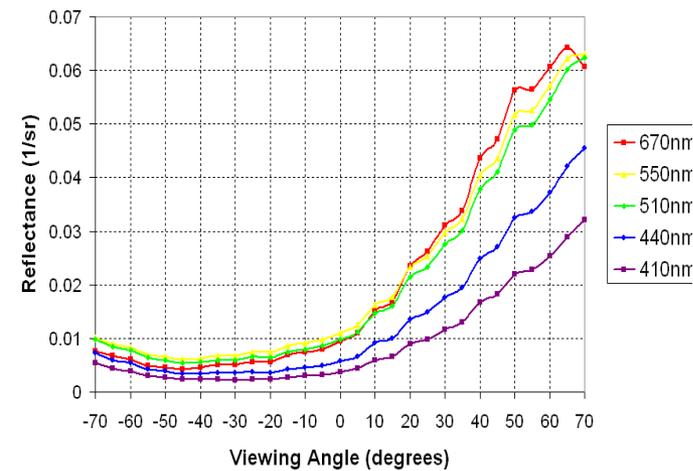


V Component

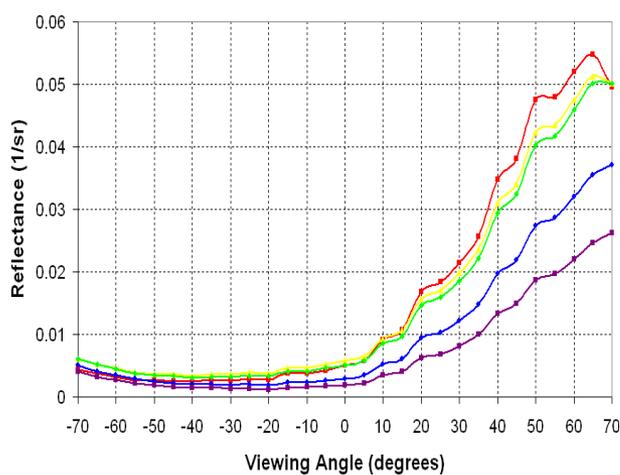


- Angular dependence: Station 3

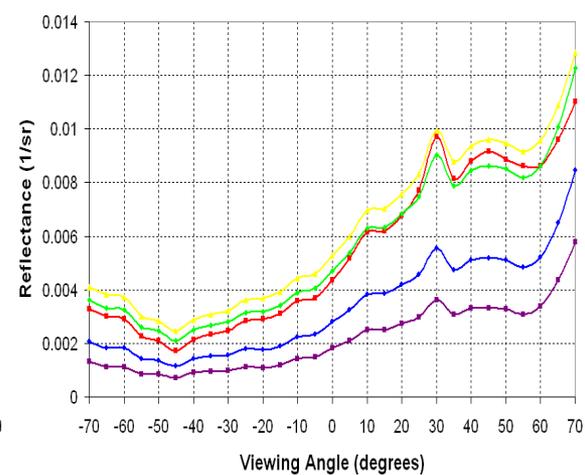
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H Component



V Component



New Sensor Development

- Under-water angularly resolved measurements of the polarization components:



- Polarizers (0° , 90° , 45°) are attached to three hyperspectral radiance sensors (Satlantic):

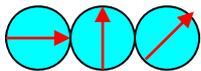
ADV: simultaneous measurements

no need to manually switch polarizer position

- A step electric motor allows for a full rotation of the radiometers to change the angle automatically:

ADV: faster and convenient measurements

more accurate determination of the angular position



Simultaneous measurement of downwelling spectral irradiance (E_d)

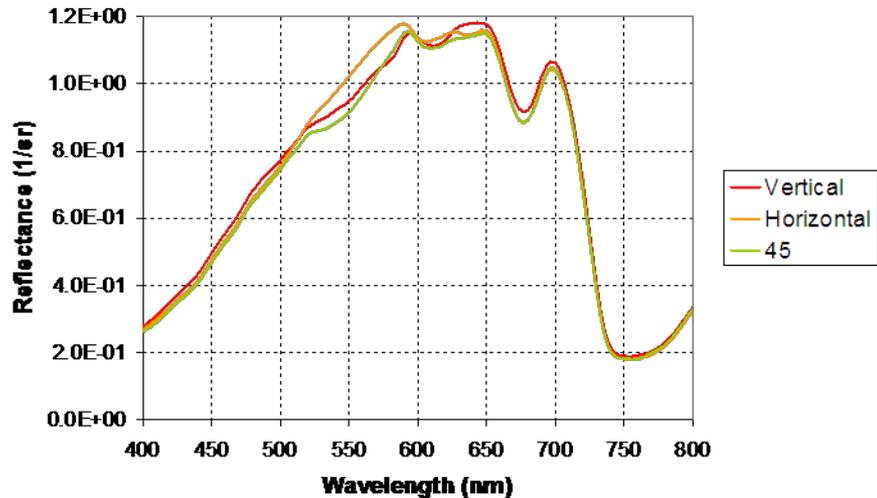


Accuracy of measurements

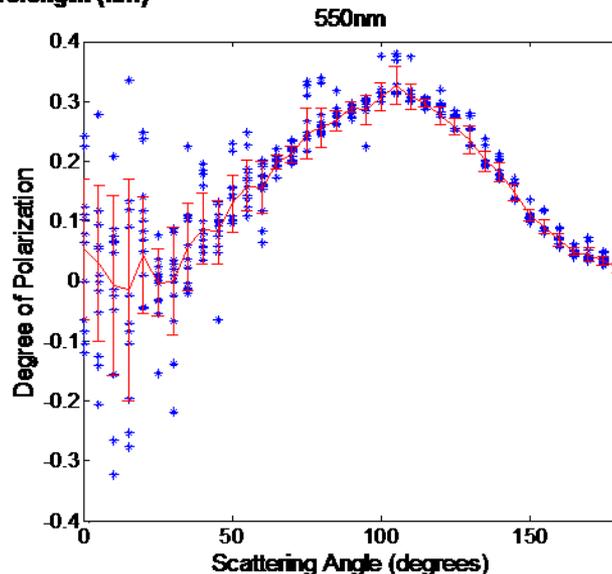
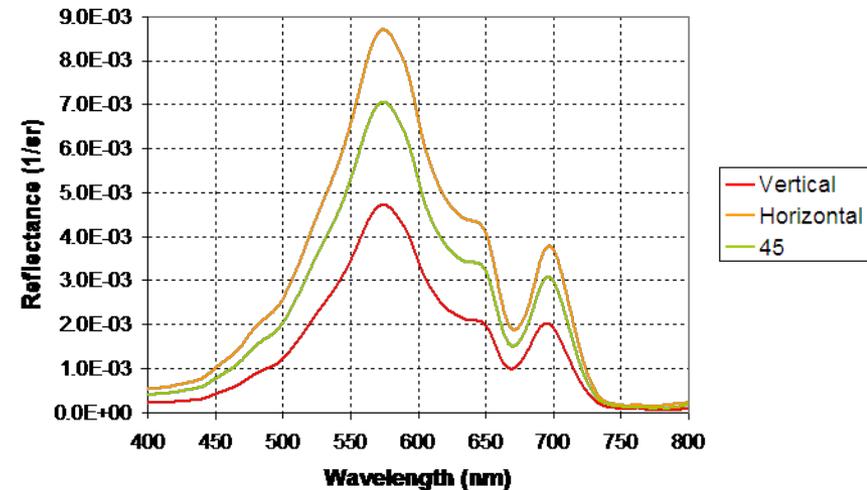
Radiances at scat. angle 0 deg

at 90 deg

0deg 1m

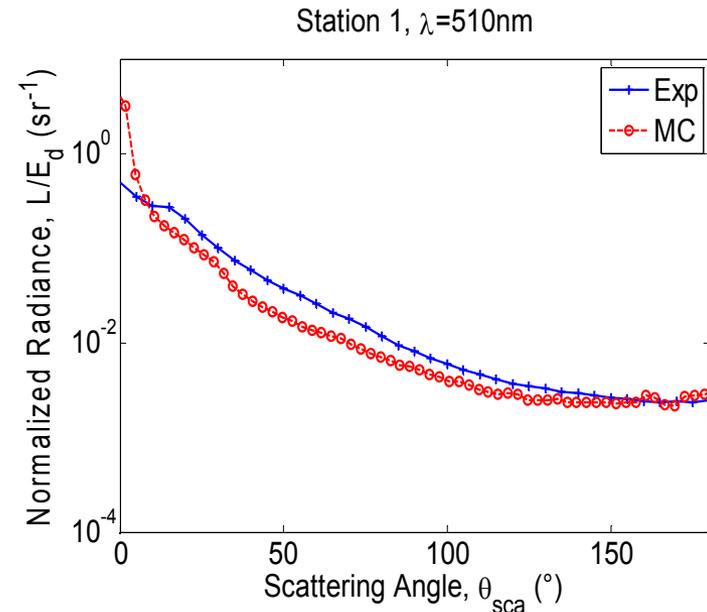
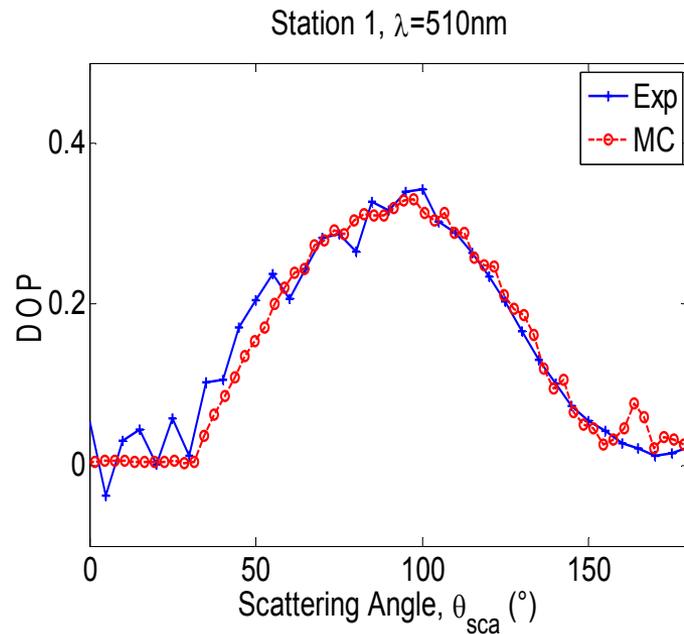


0deg 1m



Variability of degree of polarization as a function of scattering angle

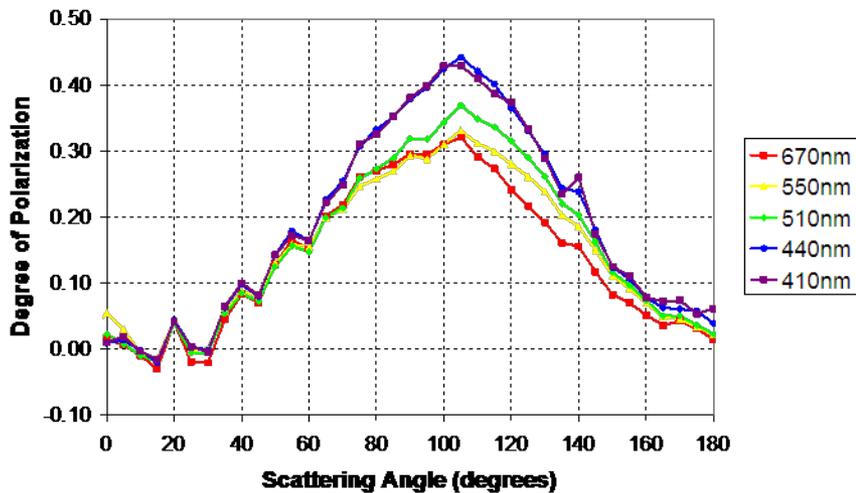
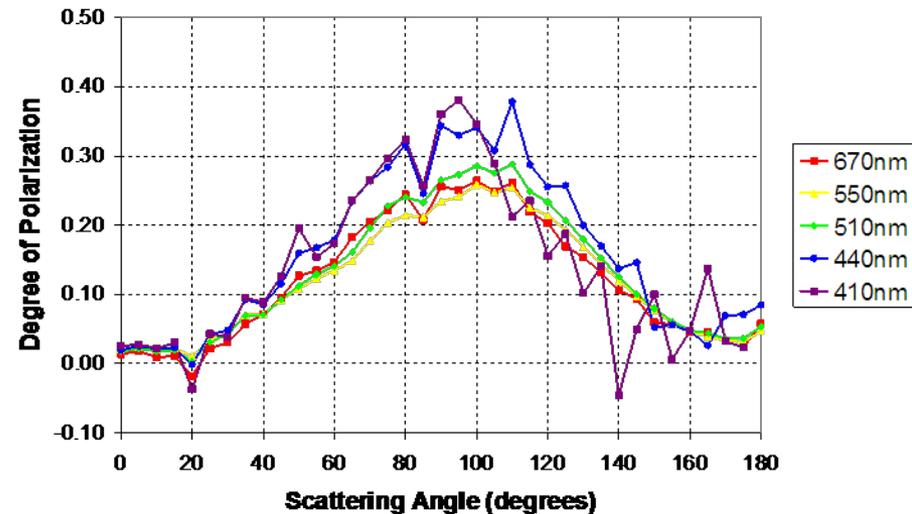
Comparison of measured and simulated underwater degree of polarization and radiance distributions



New Jersey Coast, summer 2008

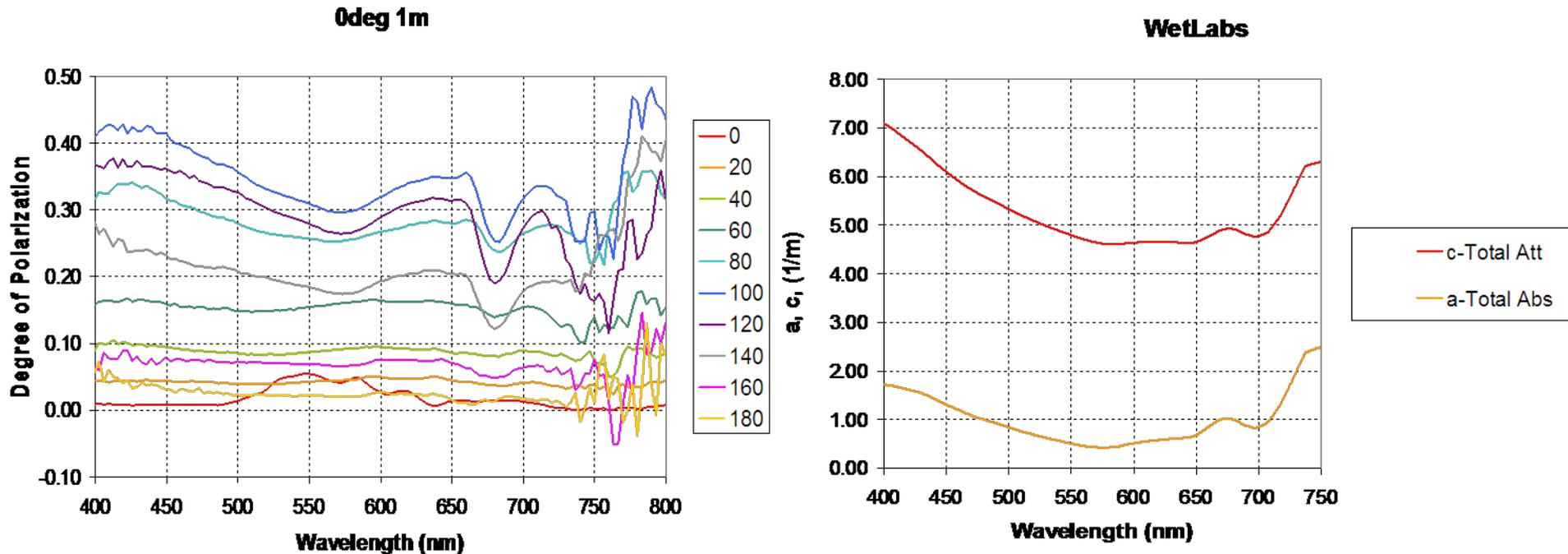
Polarization characteristics can be also studied from the platform

Degree of polarization as a function of scattering angle for various wavelengths and two depths (marina)

0deg 1m**0deg 2m**

Decrease of DOP with depth due to the multiple scattering

Degree of polarization as a function of wavelength



Degree of polarization generally follows total absorption trend; multiple scattering decreases with absorption increase.

Fluorescence is an additional depolarizing factor

Examining Impact of Atmospheric Corrections on Coastal Ocean Color

Retrievals

- Retrieving water signal in coastal areas is complicated by several factors
 - turbid waters which make dark pixel approximations invalid. Use SWIR algorithm (Wang et al.)
 - Complex aerosols which are not completely represented by global based LUT's.
- Past efforts - Explore whether in areas with high CDOM absorption (like Chesapeake Bay), we can use the 412nm channel as an extra atmosphere constraint which when combined with atmosphere estimates in the long wave channels, improves water leaving radiances.
- Some success seen in improving retrieval for highly absorbing cases but observed correlations of optical thickness and water leaving radiances show solution is not always an improvement.

Difficulties/ Current Efforts

- Assuming a single mean water leaving signal clearly introduces statistical biasing which is probably only partially reduced by including SWIR band information.
- Algorithm clearly not reasonable for most waters since it requires high CDOM absorption.
- Algorithm requires three-channel optimization over regional atmosphere LUT. Hard to make operational.
- Current efforts - Can we try to estimate 412 water leaving signal using estimators (i.e bio-optical Stumpf et al, NN etc)
- Instead of solving for Atmosphere contribution directly, can we clean up errors using post-processing correction (like Stumpf's absorbing aerosol correction scheme ?)

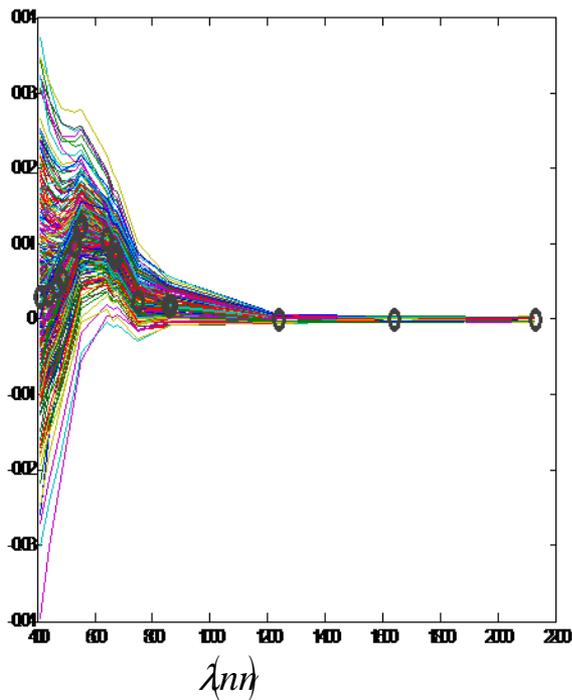
Current Results

- Post Processing approach using 412nm estimator requires an adjustment in the spectral correction factor (between 3-4) then that assumed by Stumpf et al (between 6-8)
- A Neural Network approach to estimating 412nm (trained using channels 490, 510, 555, 670) based on insitu global measurements seems to be a much better estimator than the bio-optical one with correlation factor $R^2 \sim .6$ compared to bio-optical estimator factor $R^2 \sim .35$
- High correlation requires inclusion of the 490 nm channel.

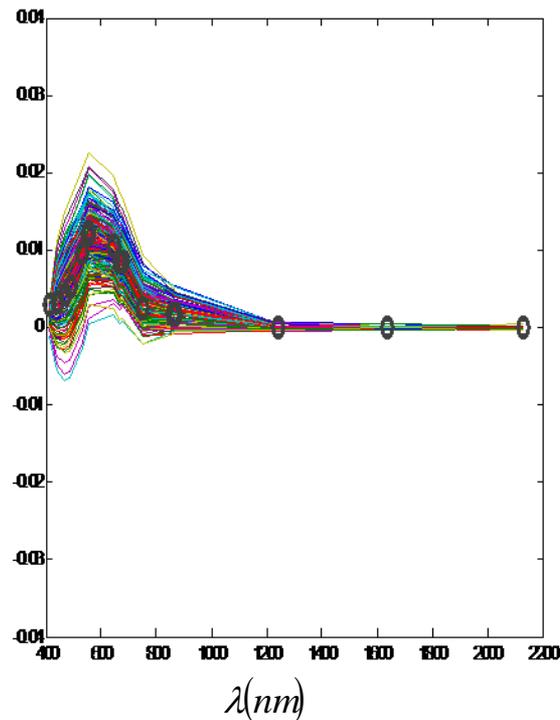
Optimizing spectral correction factor

Water leaving signals (443nm) with
AERONET Ref Atmospheres (NYC) inverted using SeaDAS
atmospheres

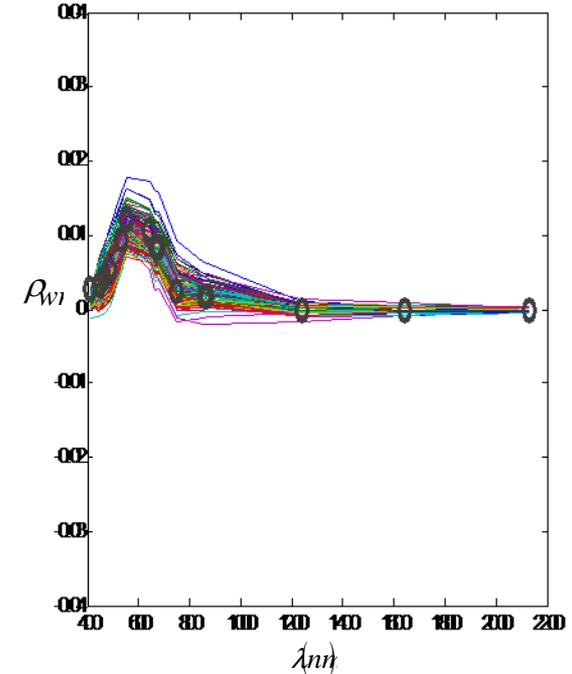
No post-processing
correction



N=6 power exponent correction
Stumpf Power Law correction



N=3 power exponent correction
Based on optimization over AERONET
Atmospheres.



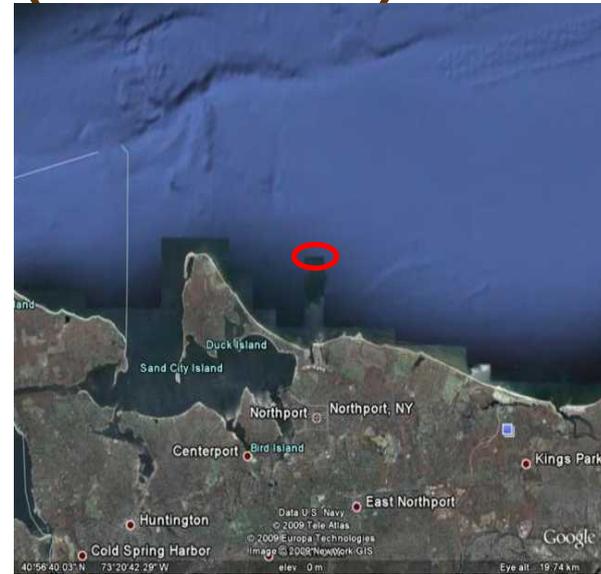
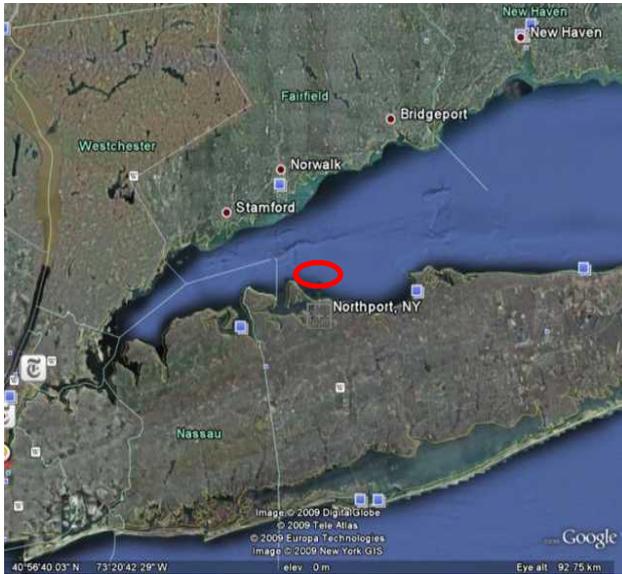
Note improvements seen both for highly absorbing aerosol models pushing Solution negative as well as high angstrom aerosol models which SeaDAS Model atmospheres would underestimate.

Future Directions

- Test these post-processing algorithms on current LISCO Sea-PRISM Ocean Observing Site.
- Develop together with NASA-GISS efficient Radiative Transfer codes to ingest aerosol vertical structure to improve retrieval for absorbing aerosols.

Development of Coastal Observation Platform in LIS

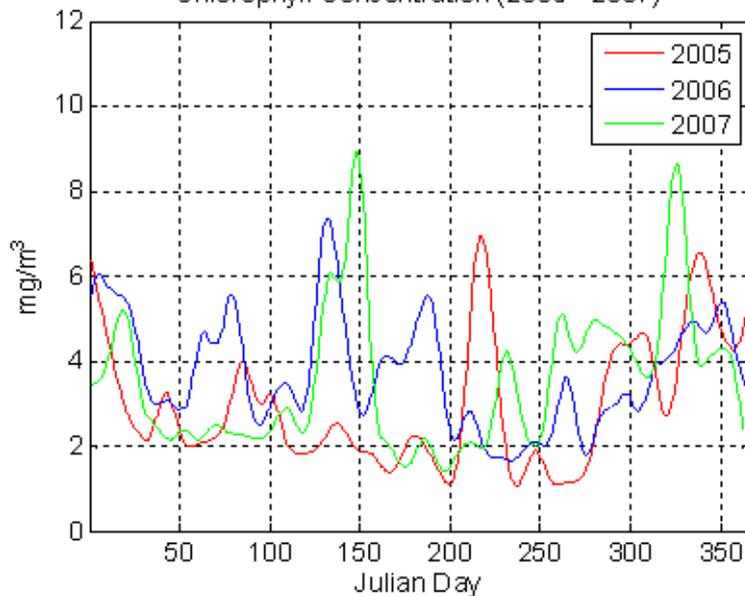
Long Island Sound Coastal Observatory (LISCO)



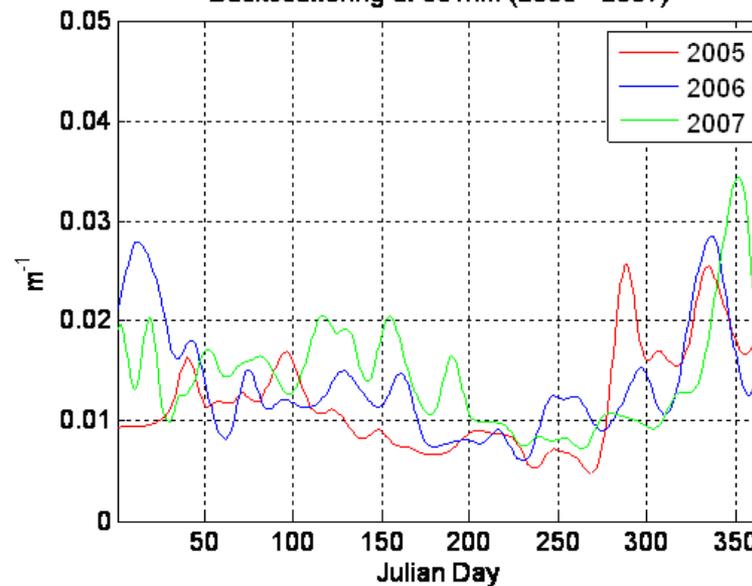
With SeaPRISM installed close to the western corner it will be operational for the most time of the day (90 deg to the Sun position)

Water quality in the area of platform

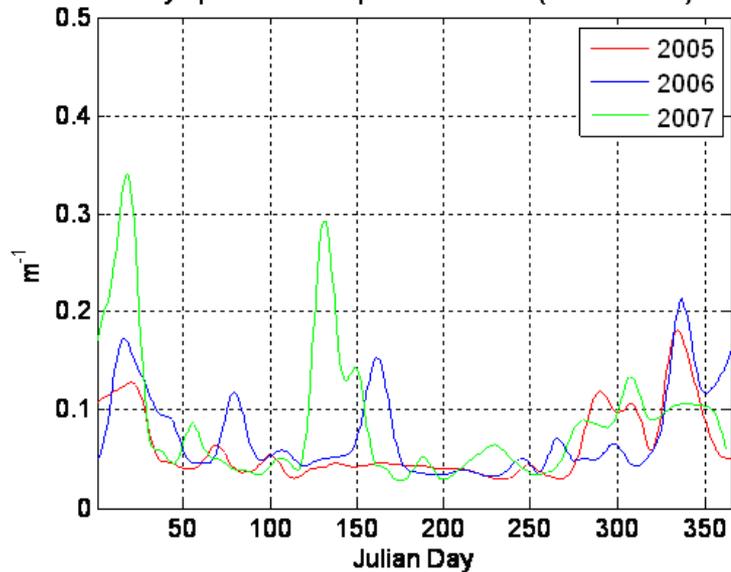
Chlorophyll Concentration (2005 - 2007)



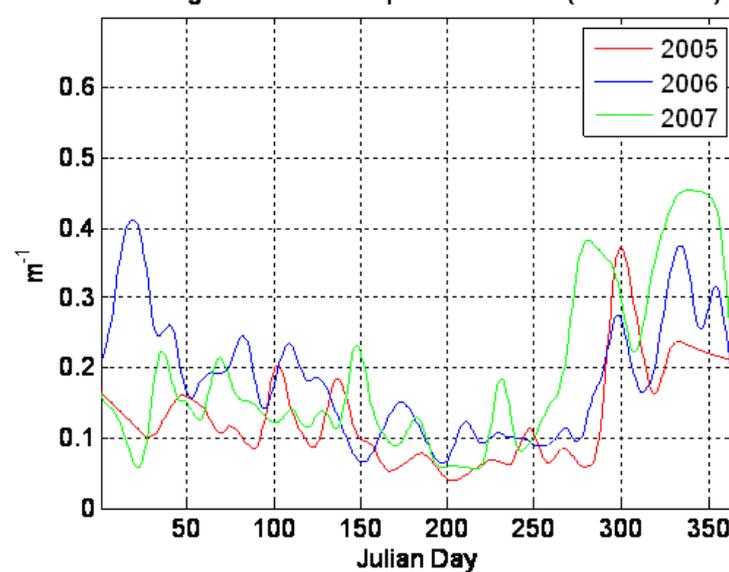
Backscattering at 551nm (2005 - 2007)



Phytoplankto Absorption at 443nm (2005 - 2007)



Non Alga Particle Absorption at 443nm (2005 - 2007)



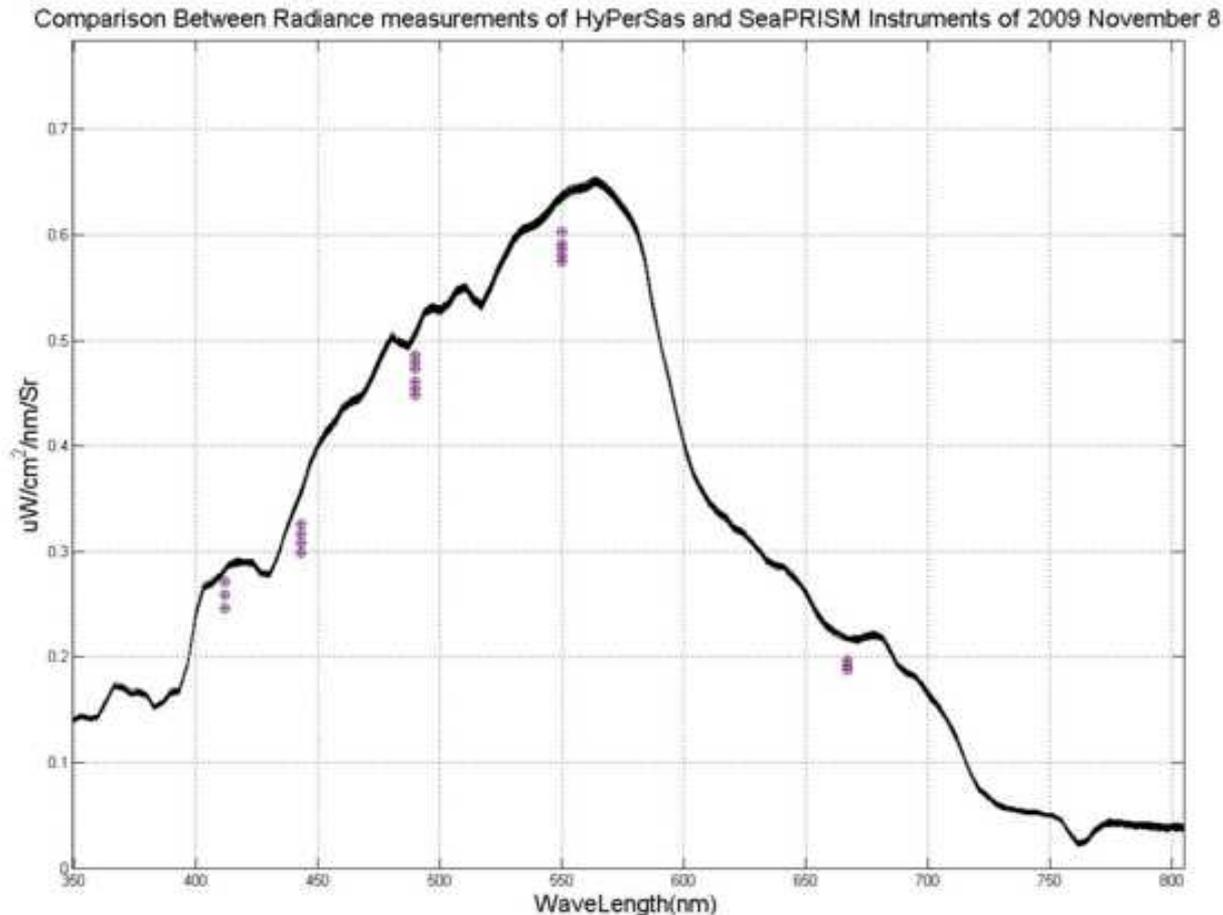
HyperSAS instrument to be modified in the future
also for hyperspectral polarimetric platform
measurements







Comparison of HyperSAS and SeaPRISM measurements, November 8, 2009





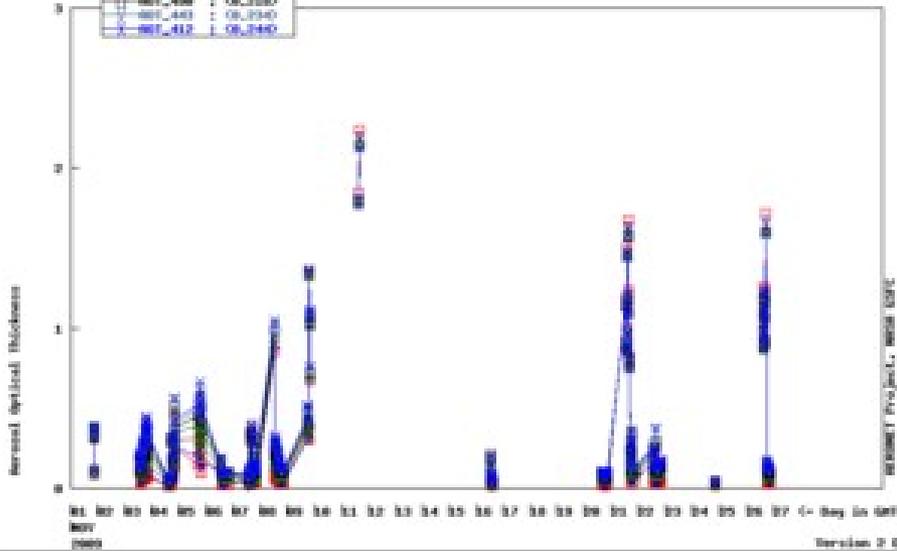
AERONET

AEROSOL ROBOTIC NETWORK



LISCO, N 40°57'16", W 73°20'30", Alt 12 m,
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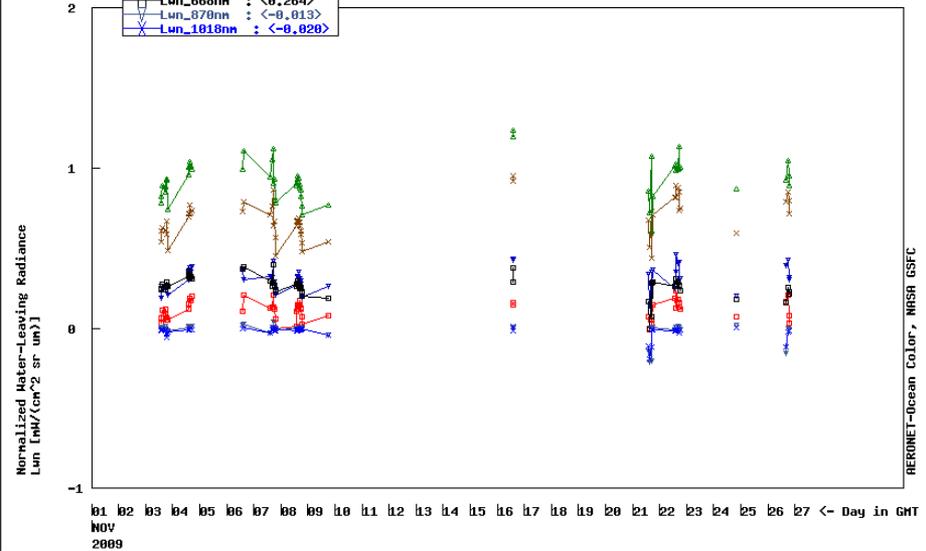
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Aerosol Optical Thickness from LISCO site for Nov 2009

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Level 1.0 Lun Data from NOV 2009

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Water Leaving Radiance from LISCO site for Nov 2009

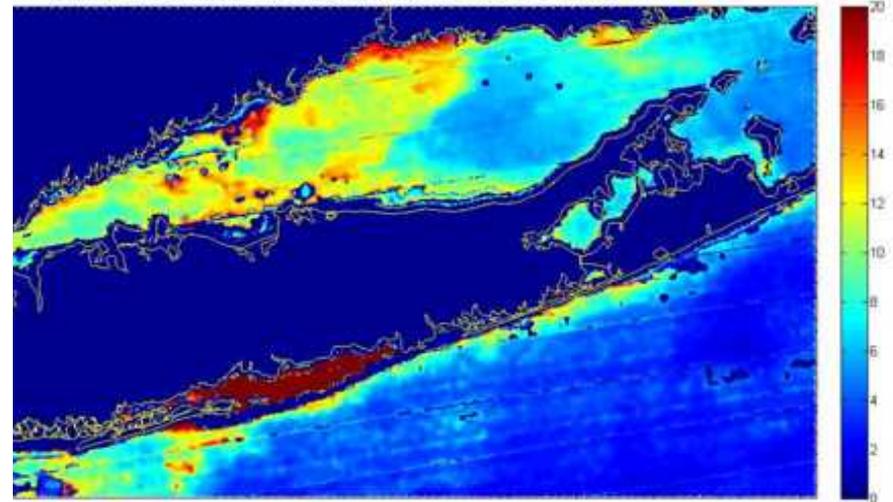
Satellite imagery for Long Island Sound

MODIS (Aqua) 250m Resolution True Color Composite image of 2009 November 8



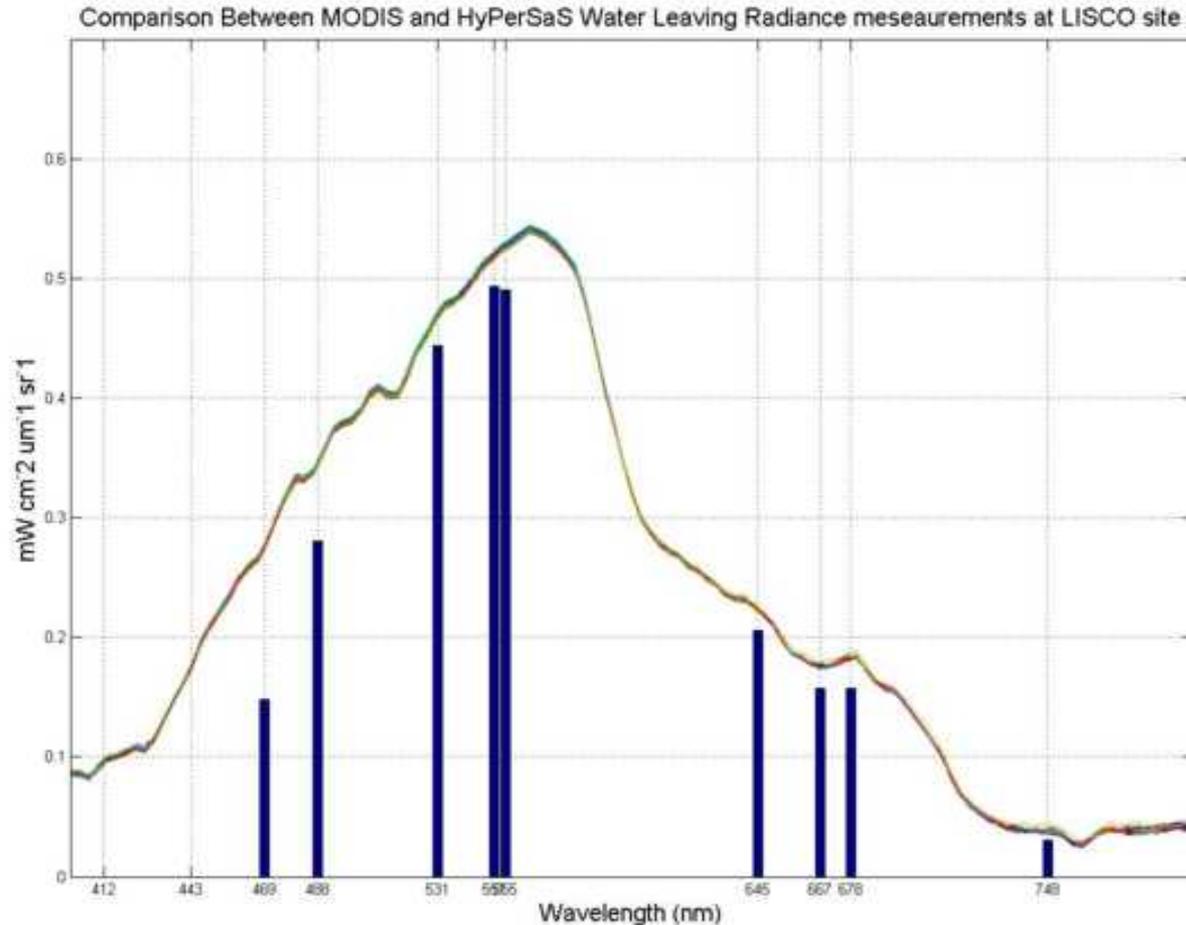
MODIS Aqua 250 m true color composite image, November 8, 2009

Chlorophyll Concentration (mg/m^3) Map of 2009 November 8



MODIS Aqua map of chlorophyll concentration, November 8, 2009

Comparison between HyperSAS and MODIS water leaving radiances at LISCO site

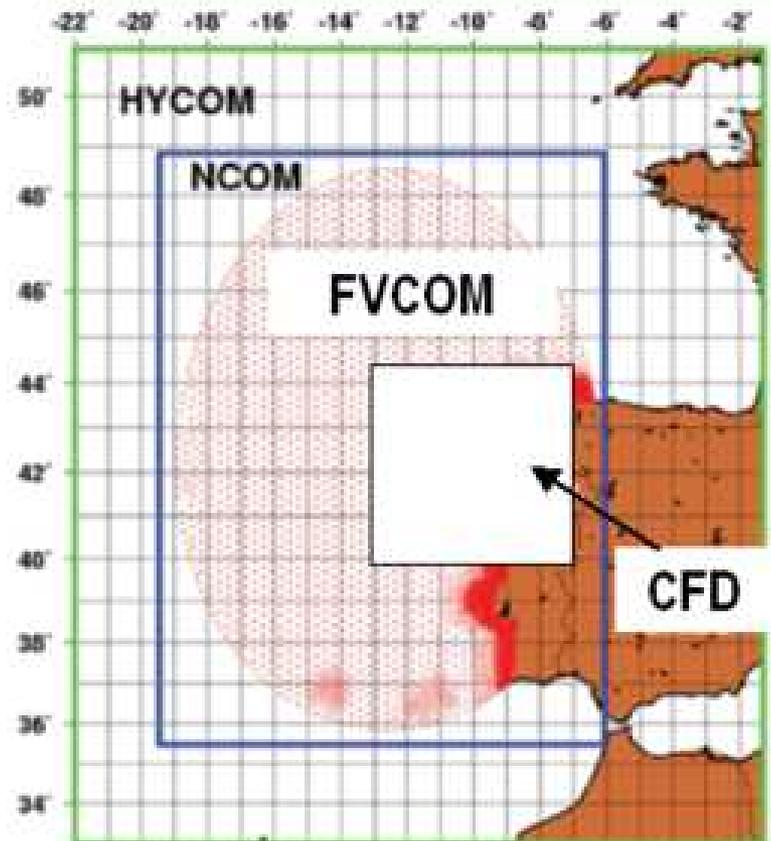


Hydrodynamic modeling for coastal waters

Coupling CFD and Coastal Models

Coupling Strategies

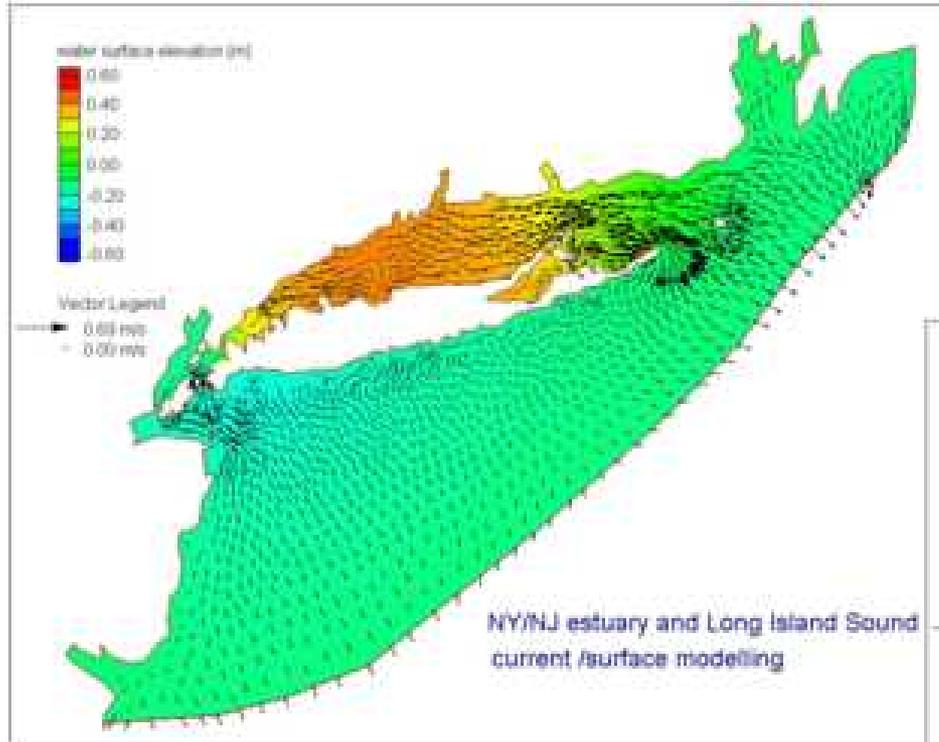
- CFD model and coastal model (FVCOM) are coupled together
- CFD is used to resolve fine scale flows, and coastal model is used to capture large scale background flows
- Chimera overset grids
- Two-way coupling



Coastal Flow Modeling for NY/NJ Estuary --- Mesh

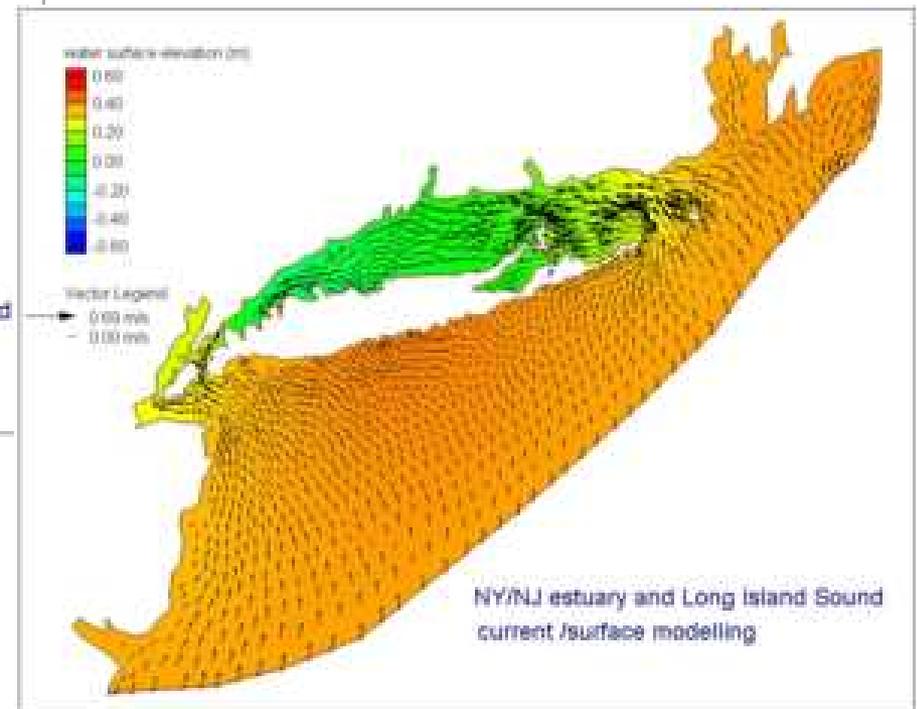


Coastal Flow Modeling for NY/NJ Estuary --- Solutions

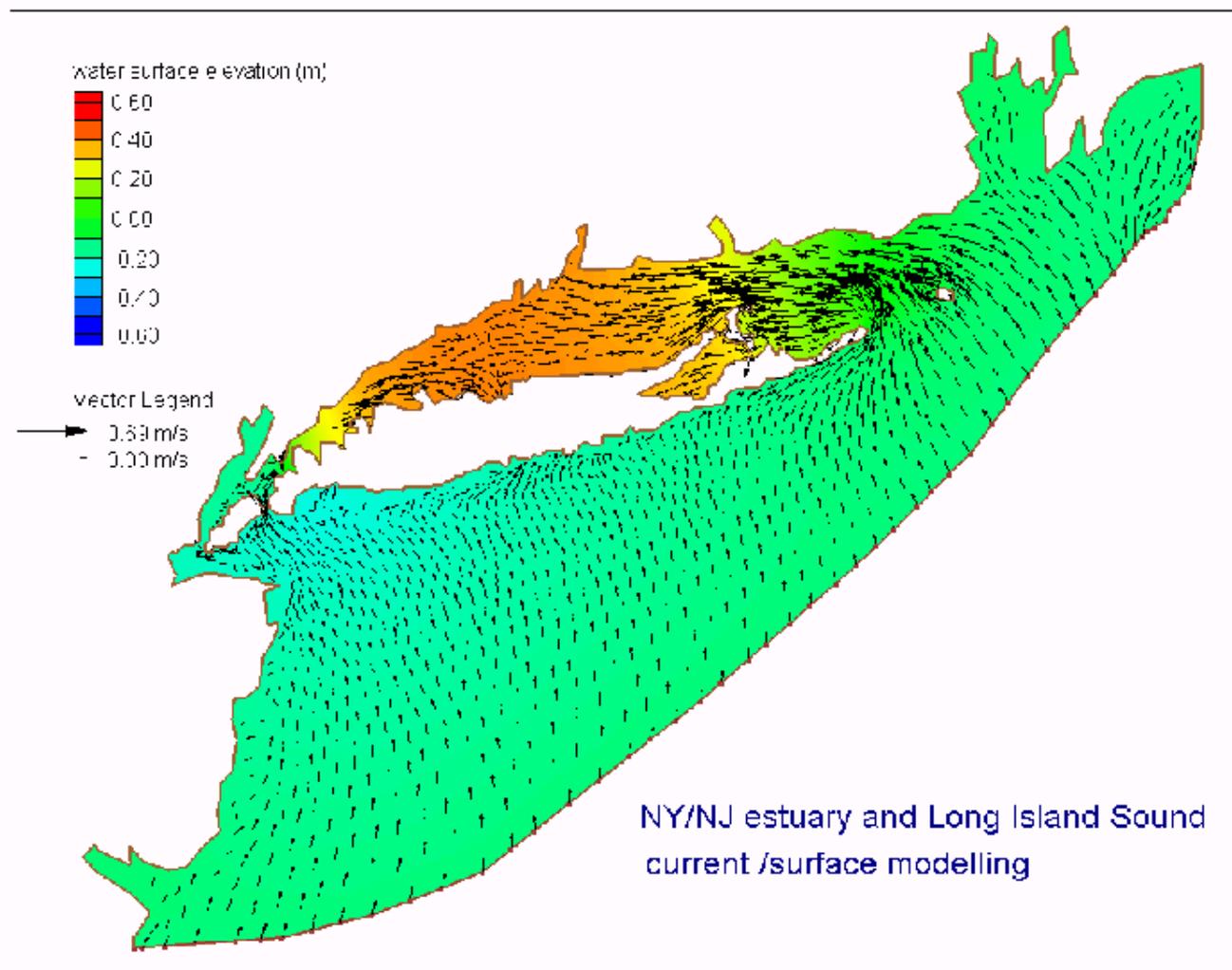


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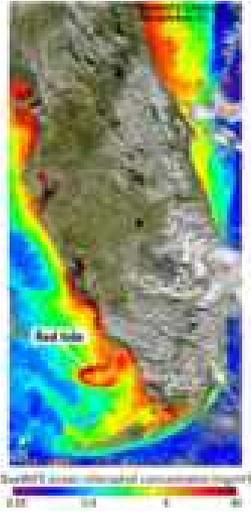
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RS of algal blooms



Airborne monitoring of LIS, NE coast

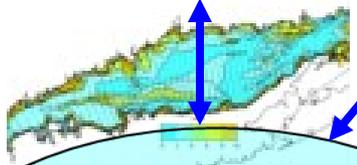


Participation in development of network for cal/val of satellite data in coastal zones



Improvement of RS algorithms and quality of ocean monitoring

Models for Chl and CDOM FL, UV and NIR channels



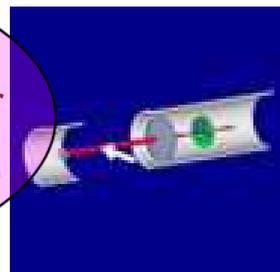
Field campaigns



Combined processing of data from US and international satellites

Development of hydrodynamic model for LIS with incorporated RS data

Diagnostics of water parameters (active laser techniques, polarization, PSD)



Future plans

- Improvement of IOP retrieval algorithms based on hyperspectral, UV, NIR and polarization data
- Studies of inland waters
- Algorithms for the detection and prediction of algal blooms
- Cal/val efforts for NPOESS, HICO, current and future US and international satellites
- Development of advanced atmospheric correction models based on LISCO and AERONET data, lidar measurements.
- Incorporation of satellite data into hydrodynamic models
- Land-ocean interactions and their impact on ocean extreme events

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