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LAND-SEA BIOCHEMICAL TRANSFER FROM EARTH OBSERVATION

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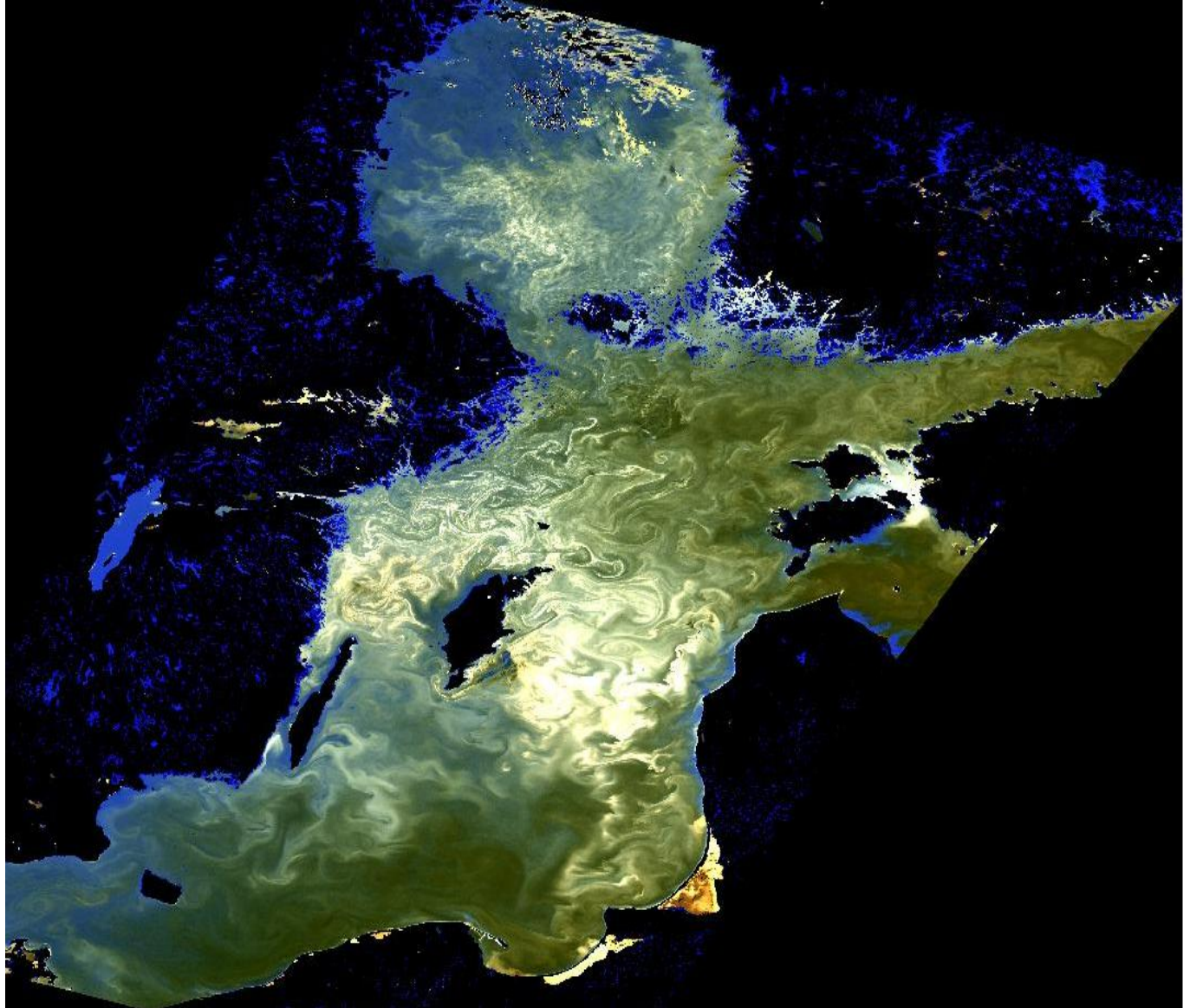


What do we want to observe?

- * **Eutrophication**
- * **Acidification**
- * **C N P cycles**
- * **Primary production**
- * **Terrestrial organic matter**

**Can be done only
if related to water colour**

Eutrophication



Chlorophyll-a

There are no Chl-a
algorithms that work
reliably over the Baltic Sea

Copernicus Marine
Environment Monitoring
Service Chl-a product

$$R^2=0.203$$

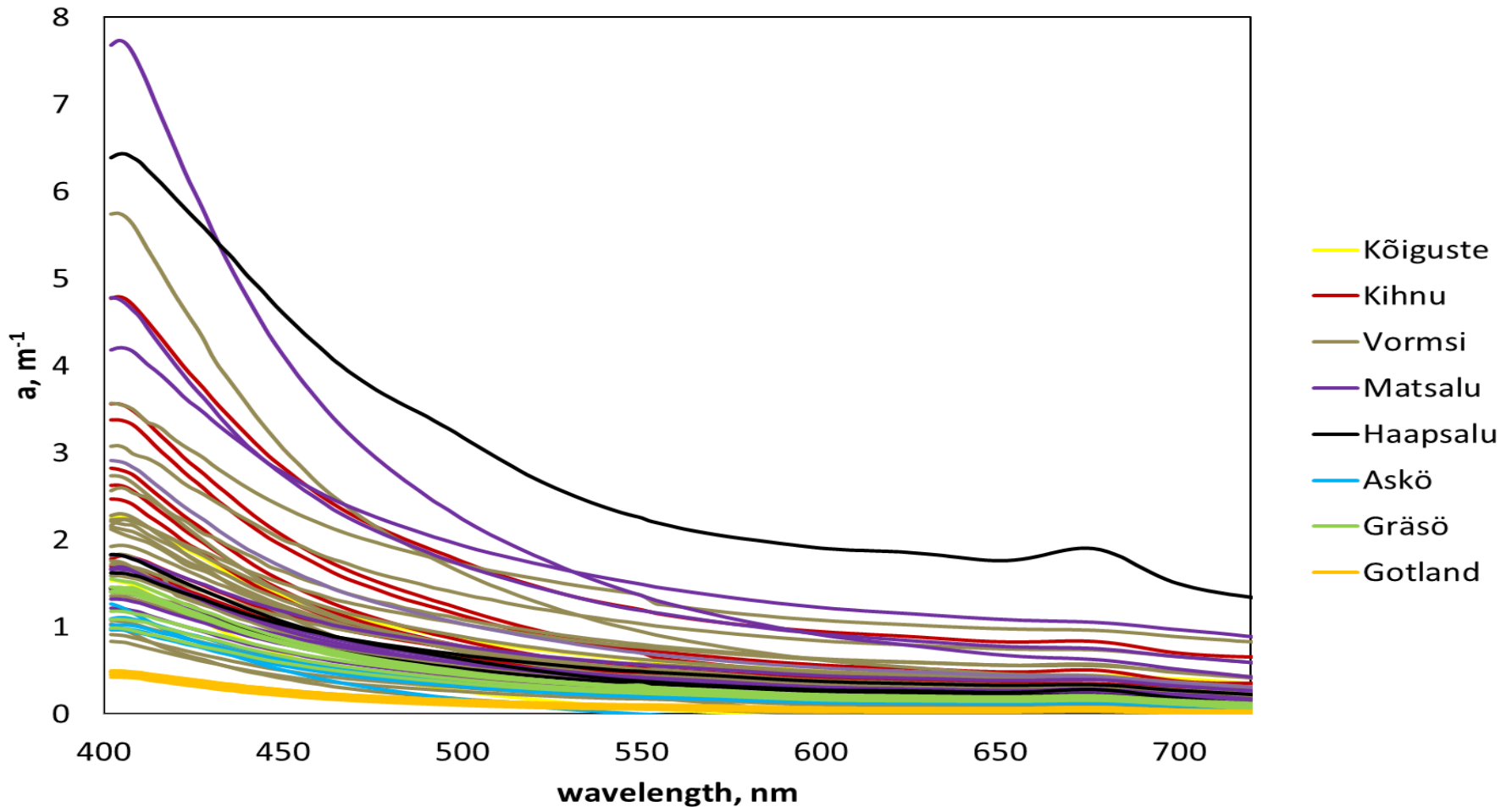
Chlorophyll-a

- * Atmospheric correction
- * Differences in optical properties

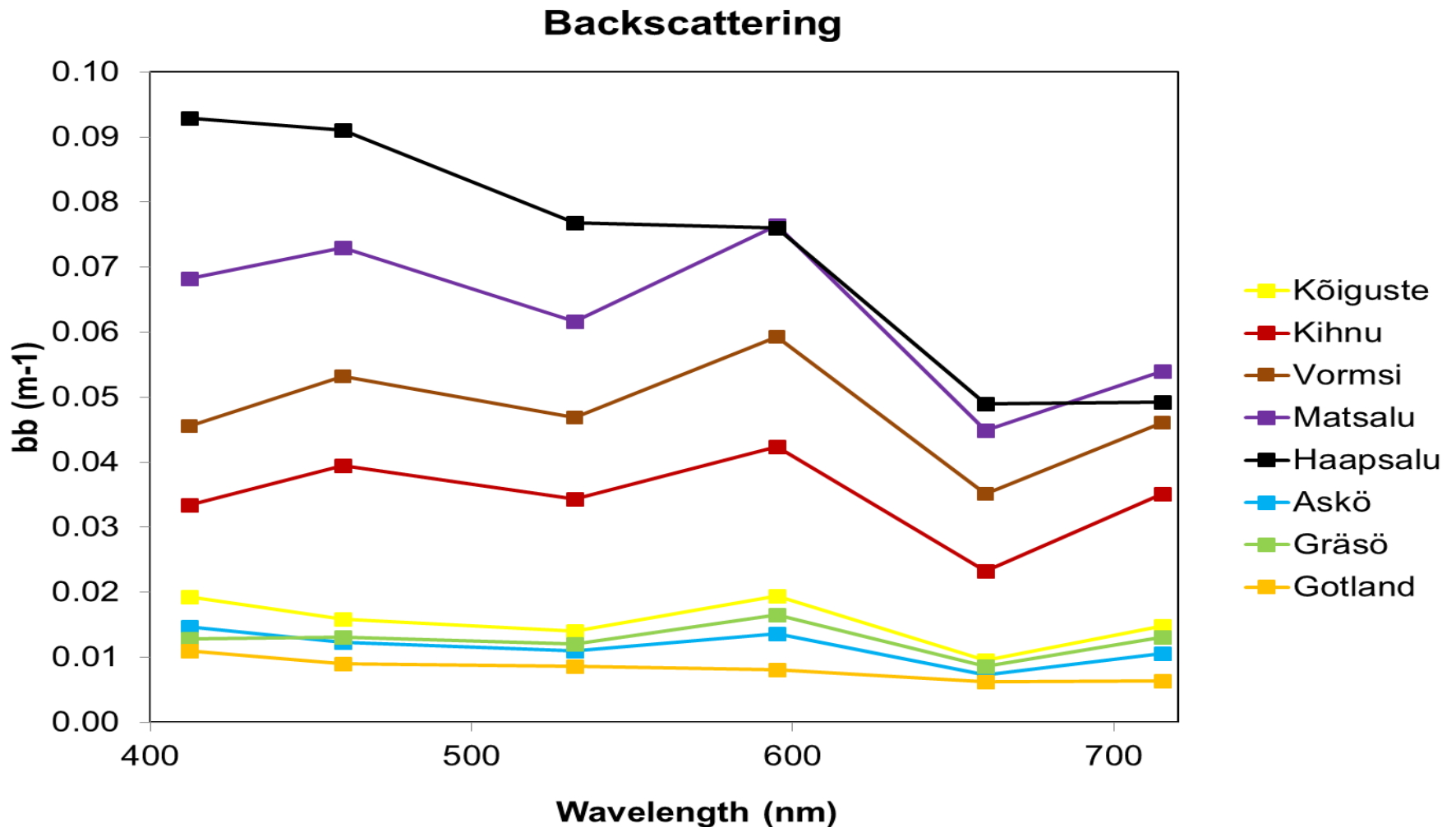


Big differences in optical properties

Absorption



Big differences in optical properties



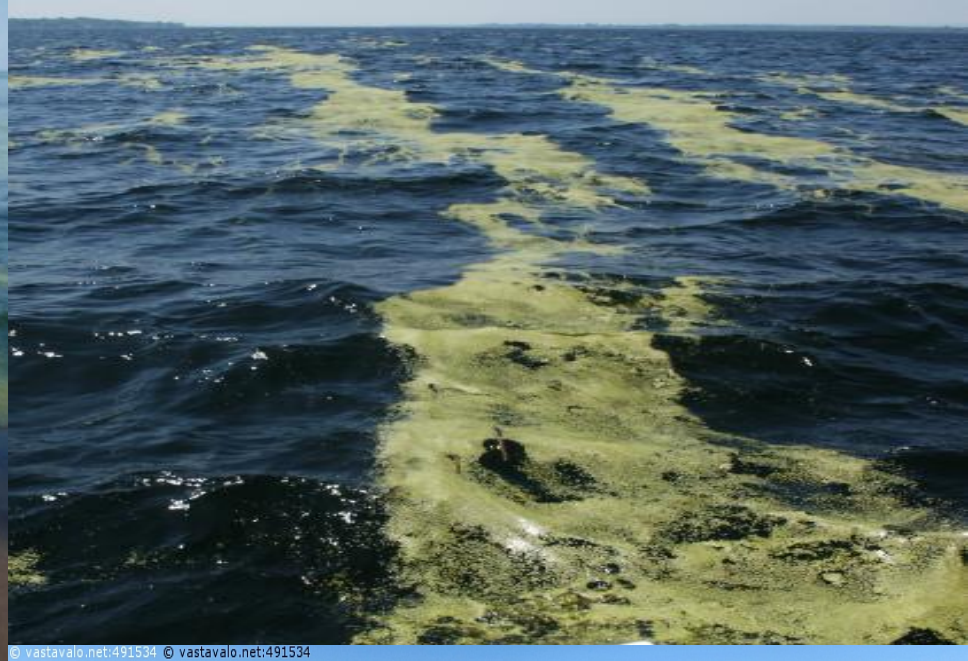


Chlorophyll-a

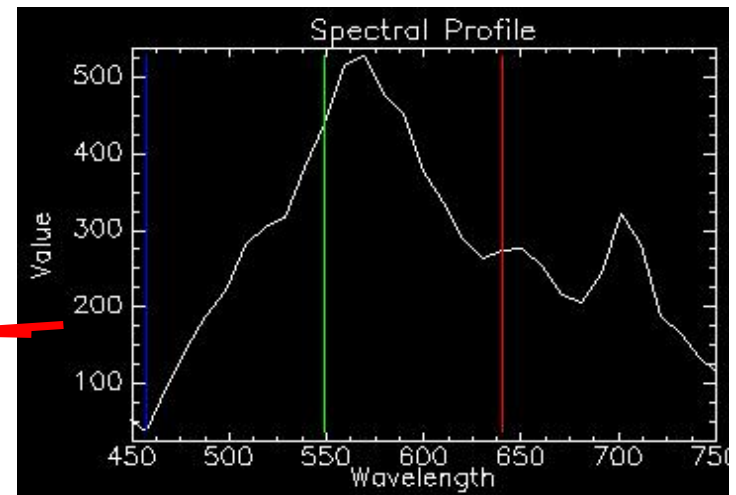
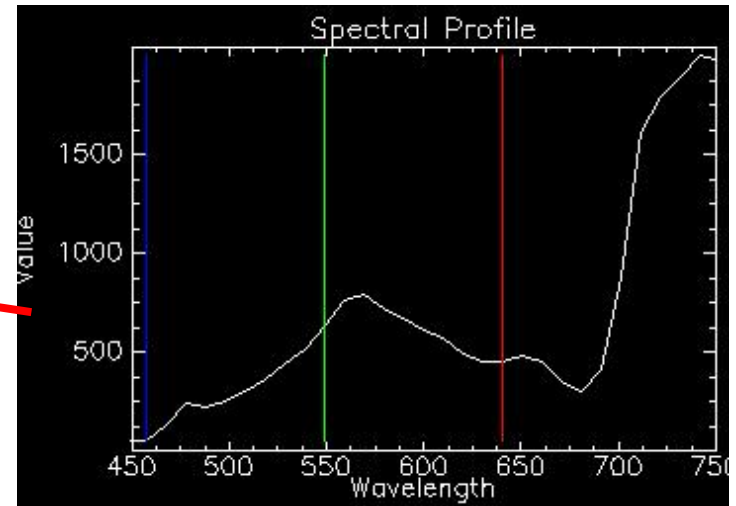
Seasonality due to huge differences between optical properties of phytoplankton assemblages

Empirical algorithms with seasonal coefficients?

Analytical methods with two sets of SIOPs?

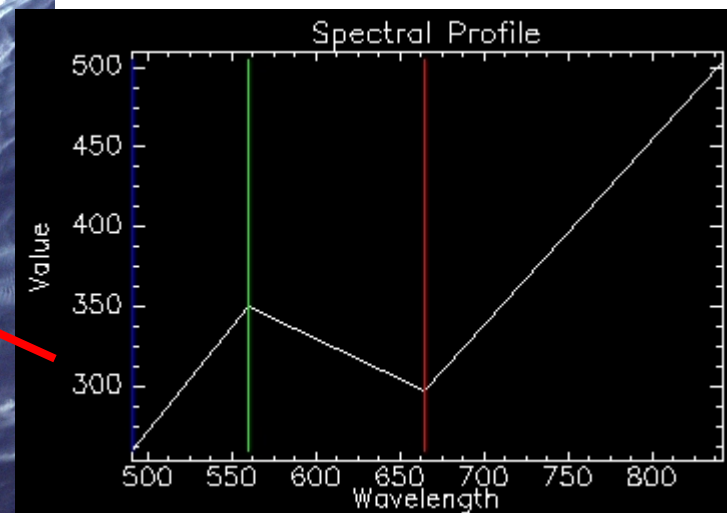
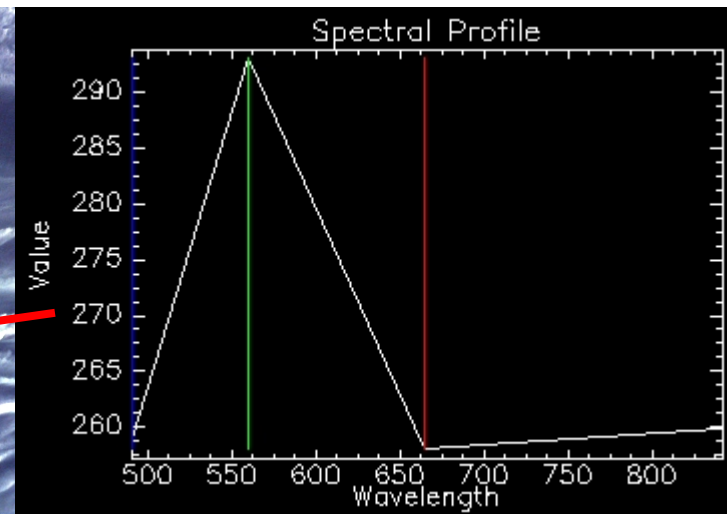
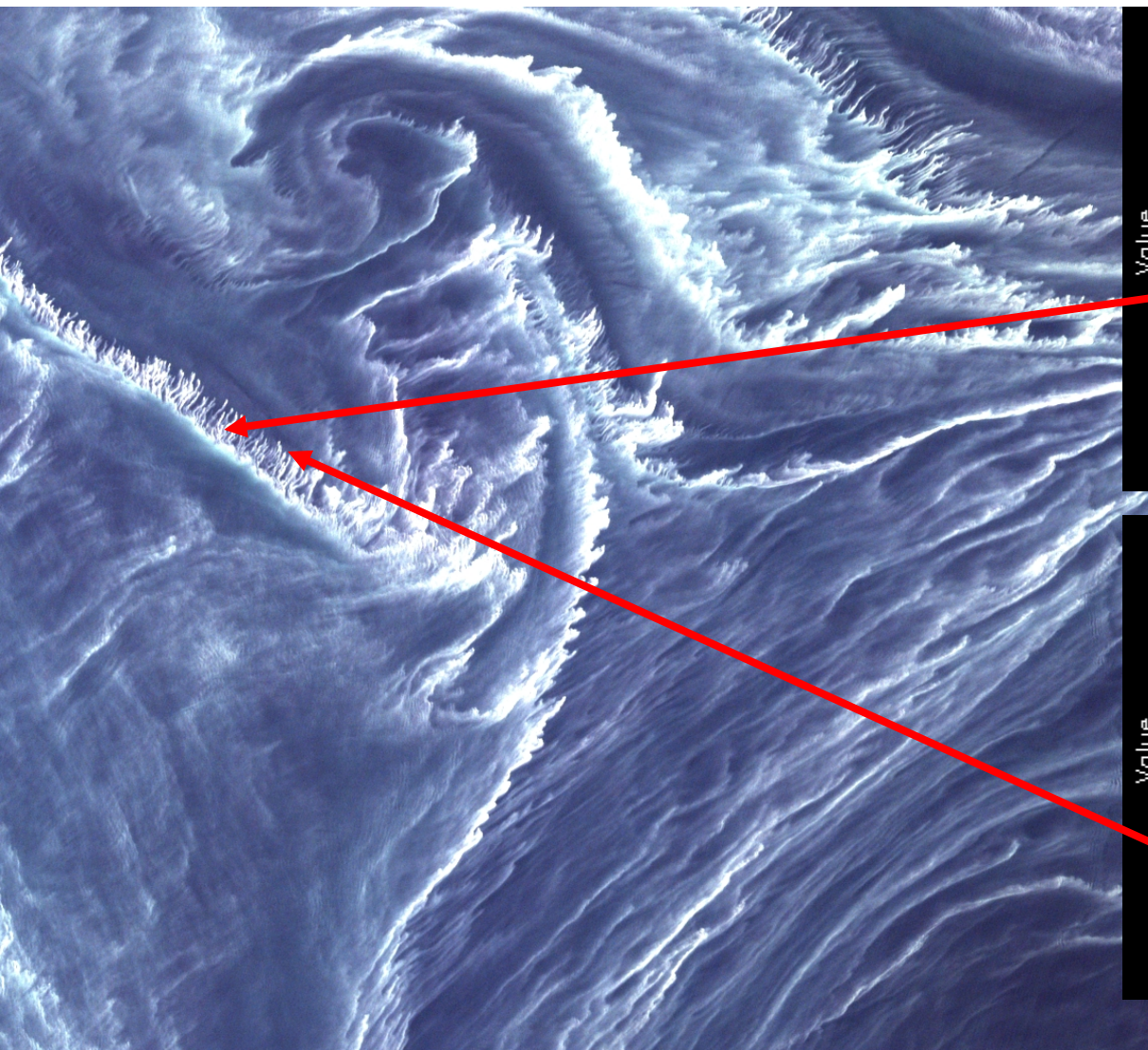


HYPERION
30 m

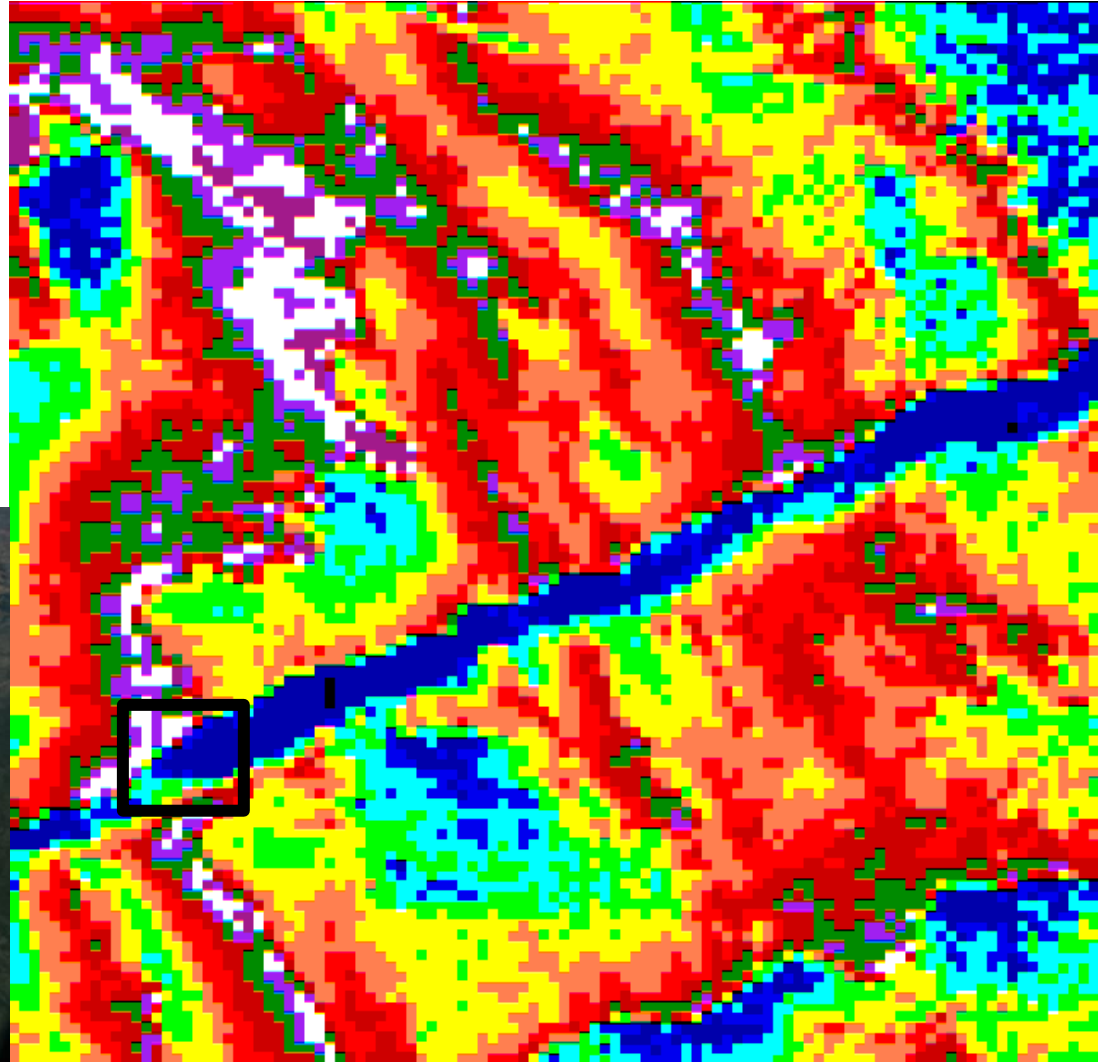
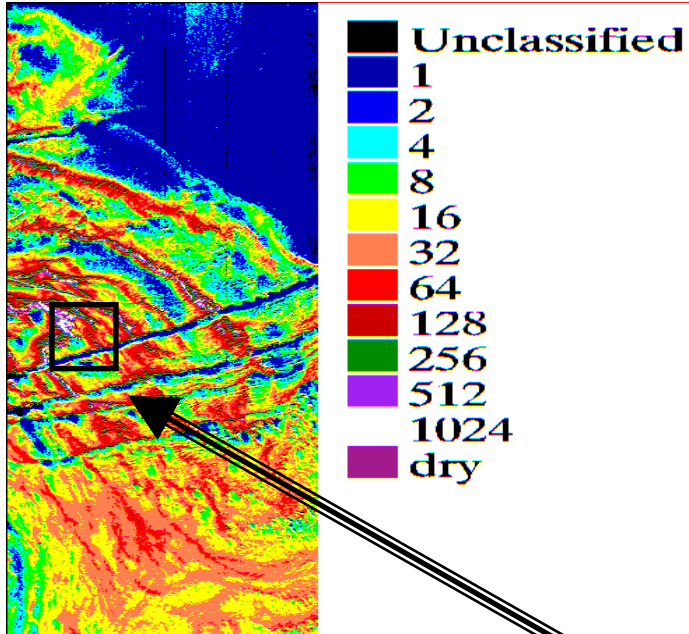


Kutser 2004, L&O

10 m resolution not sufficient?

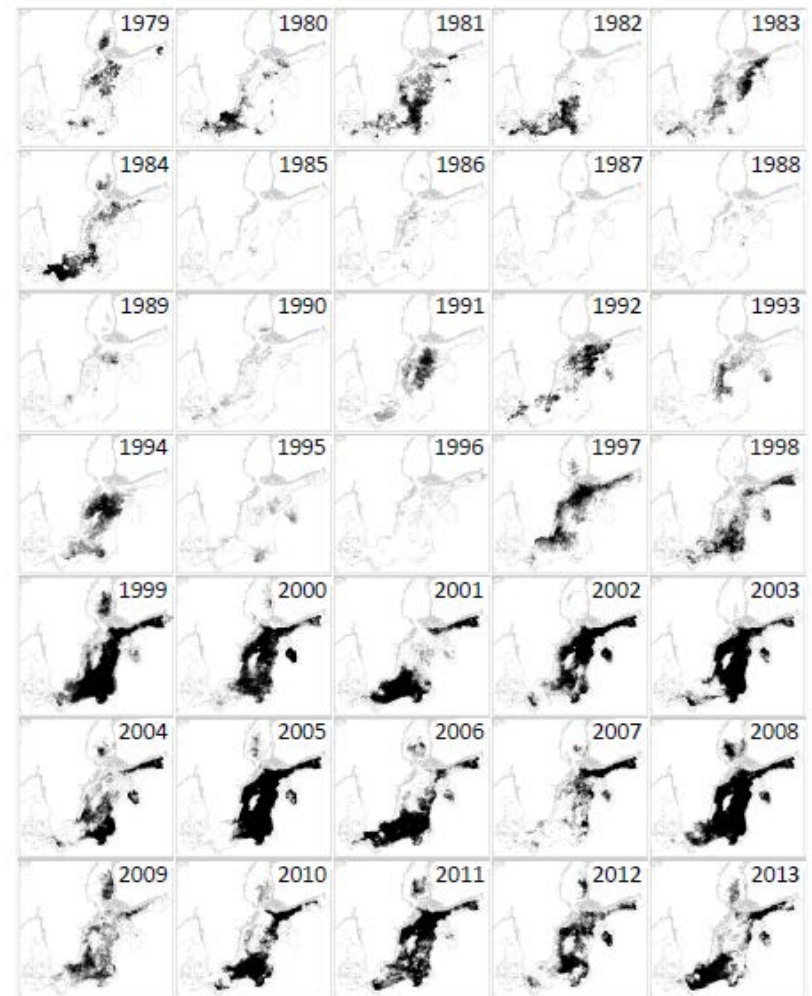


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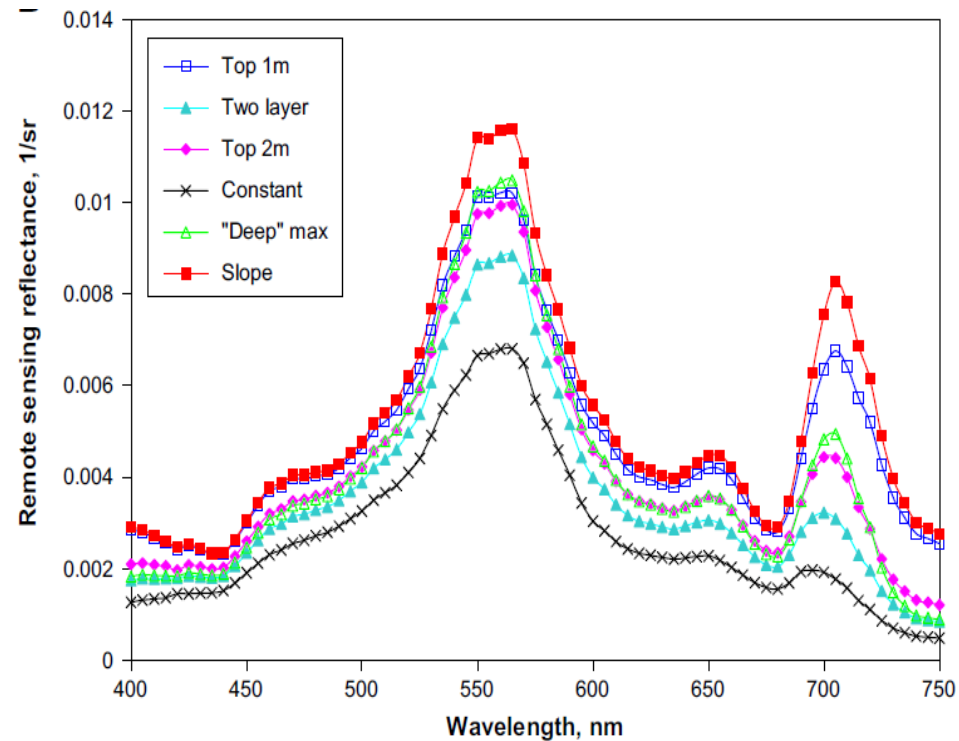
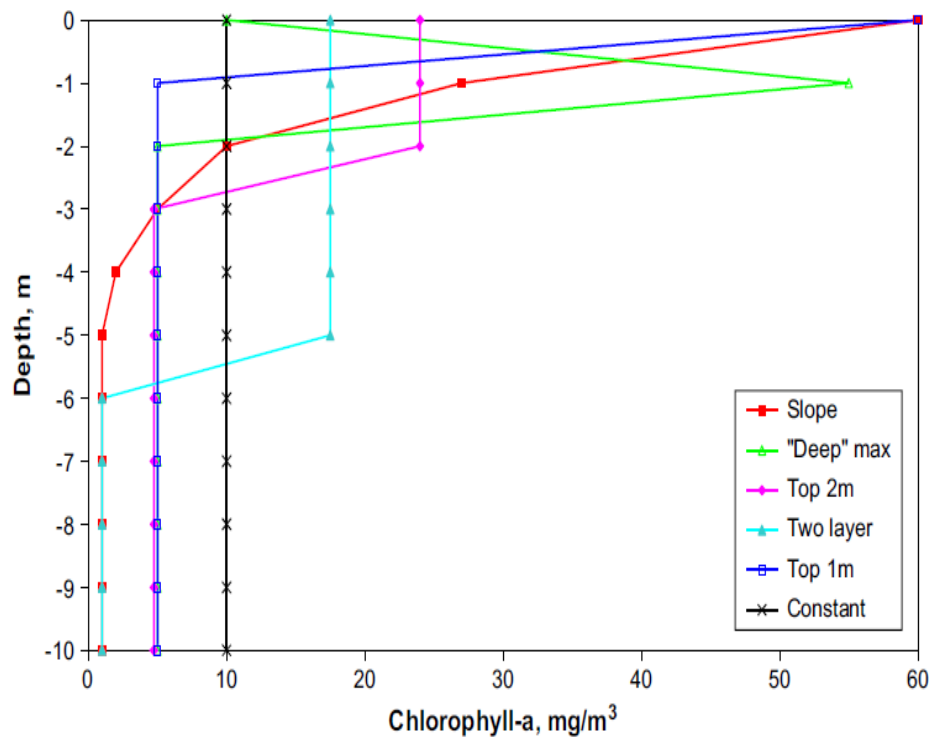


Can we map bloom extent changes if we cannot get biomass?

**Kahru and Elmgren
2014**



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Kutser et al. 2008

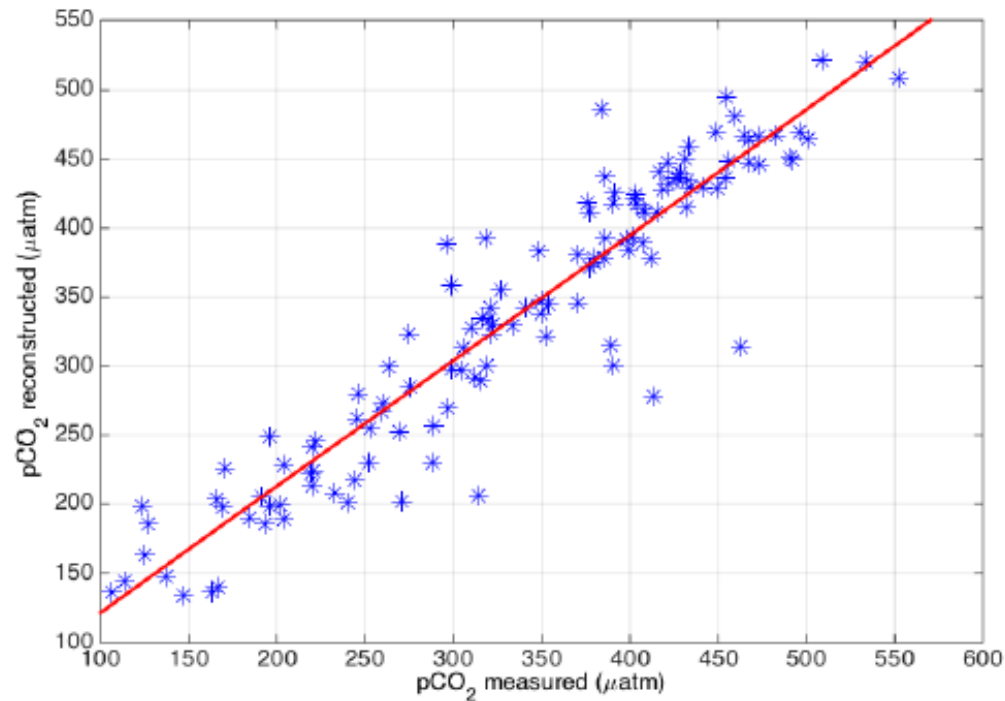
Acidification

Uptake of CO₂

- * In ocean waters correlated to chlorophyll-a or temperature
- * In lake waters correlated to DOC (and CDOM that has optical signature)

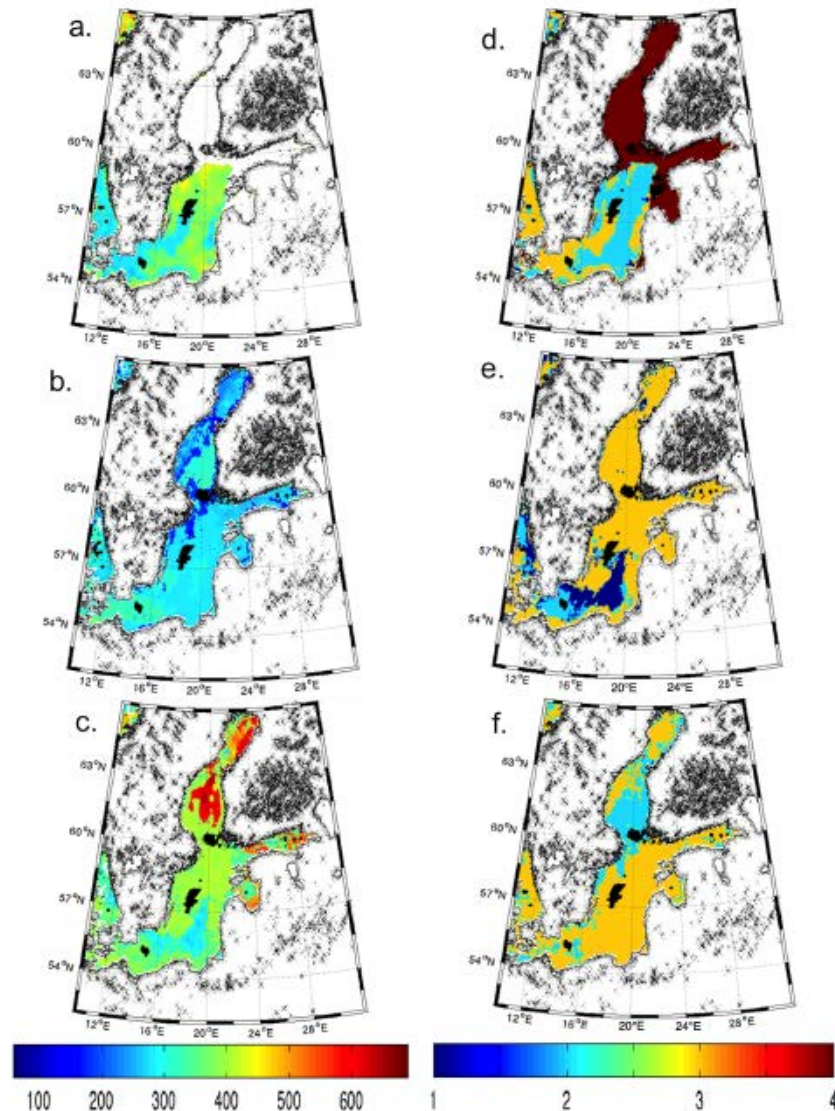


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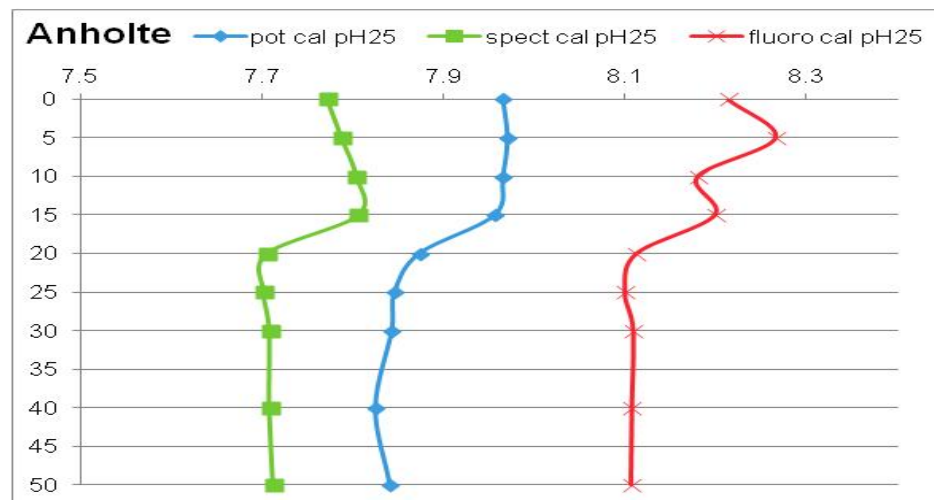
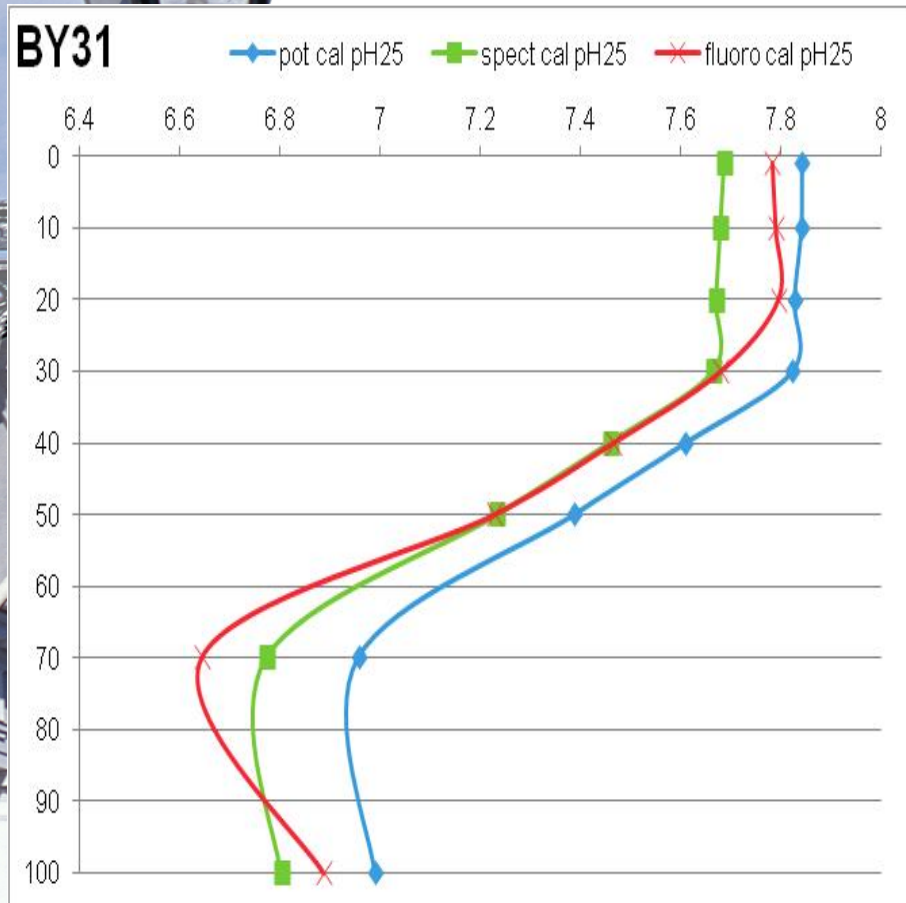


Neural Net combining SST,
Chl-a, CDOM, NPP, MLD.

Parard et al. 2015



In situ pH measurements



S. Lainela
Personal communication



Carbon Nitrogen Phosphorus

Total phosphorus remote sensing

Lakes: Kutser et al. 1995

Song et al. 2012

Rivers: Wu et al. 2010

Anderson 2012

Baltic Sea: ?



Carbon Nitrogen Phosphorus

Nitrogen remote sensing

Lakes: Chen and Quan 2012

Baltic Sea: ?



Carbon Nitrogen Phosphorus

Carbon remote sensing

- * Phytoplankton**
- * Dissolved Organic/Inorganic Carbon**
- * Particulate Organic/Inorganic Carbon**



Carbon Nitrogen Phosphorus

Carbon remote sensing

- * Phytoplankton Functional Types
absorption spectra (pigments)
backscattering signal (size)**



Terrestrial organic matter

Dissolved Organic Carbon

**Coloured Dissolved
Organic Matter**

Particulate Organic Carbon

**Absorption similar to
CDOM**

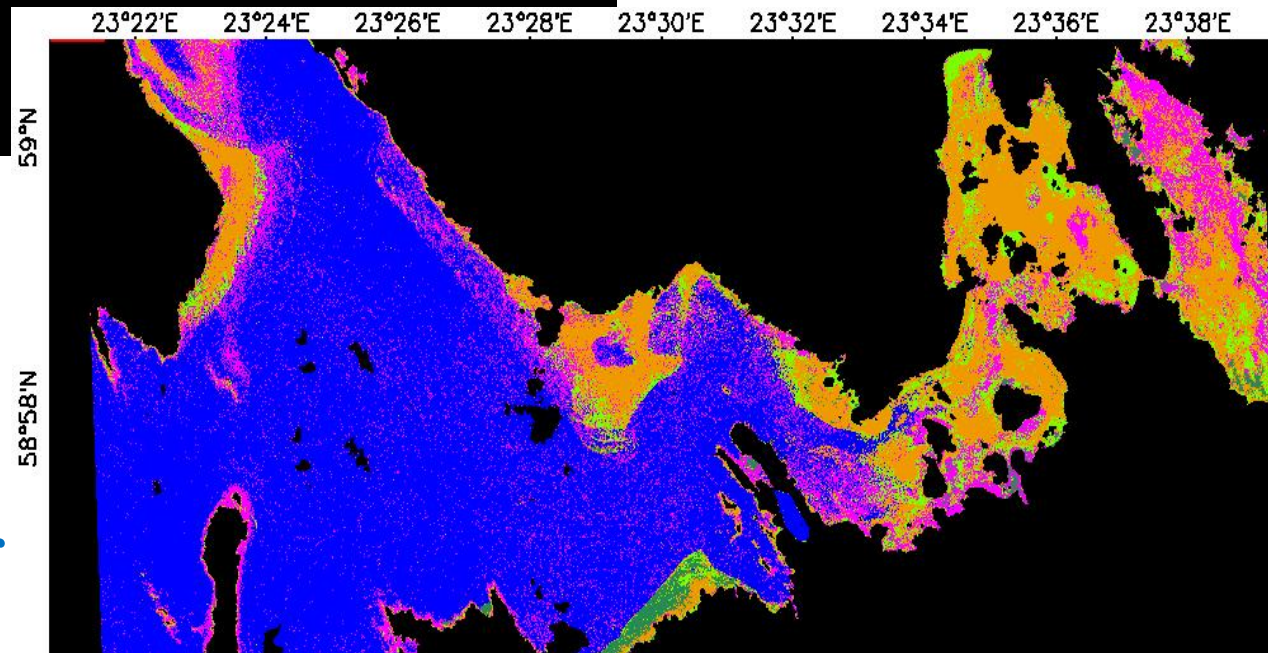
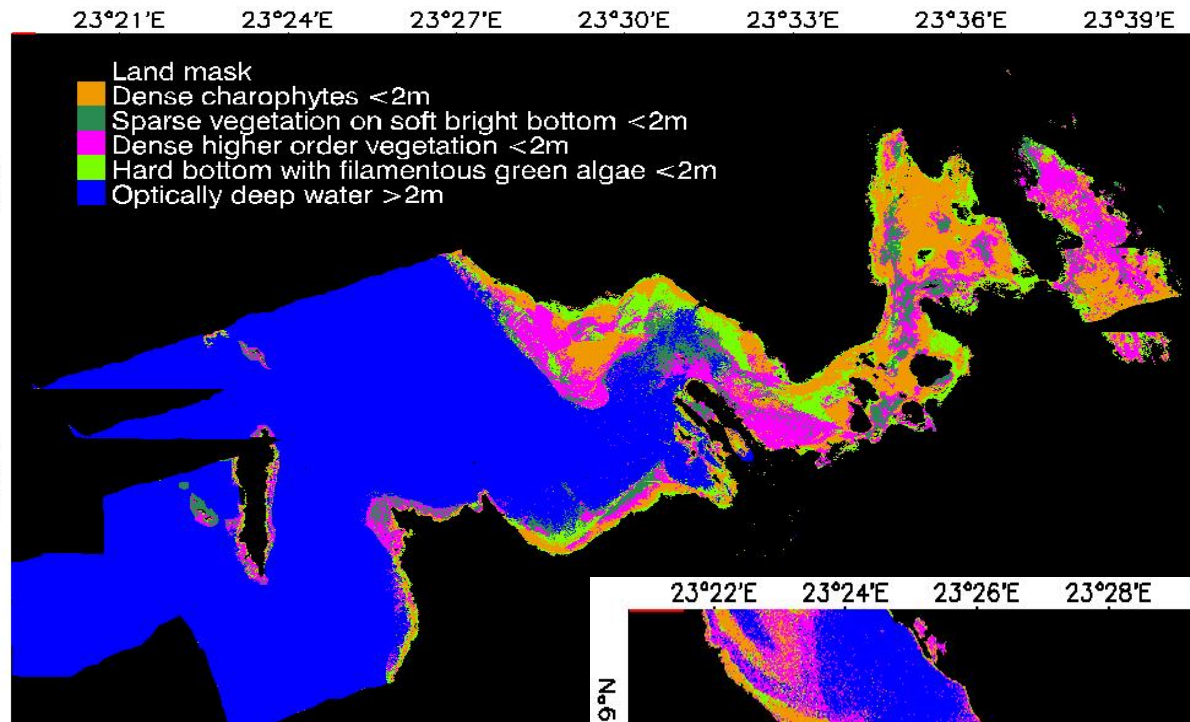


Terrestrial organic matter

Large amount of carbon is fixed by benthic vegetation

Benthic carbon can probably be estimated from satellites

Terrestrial organic matter



WorldView-2



Vahtmäe and Kutser
2013

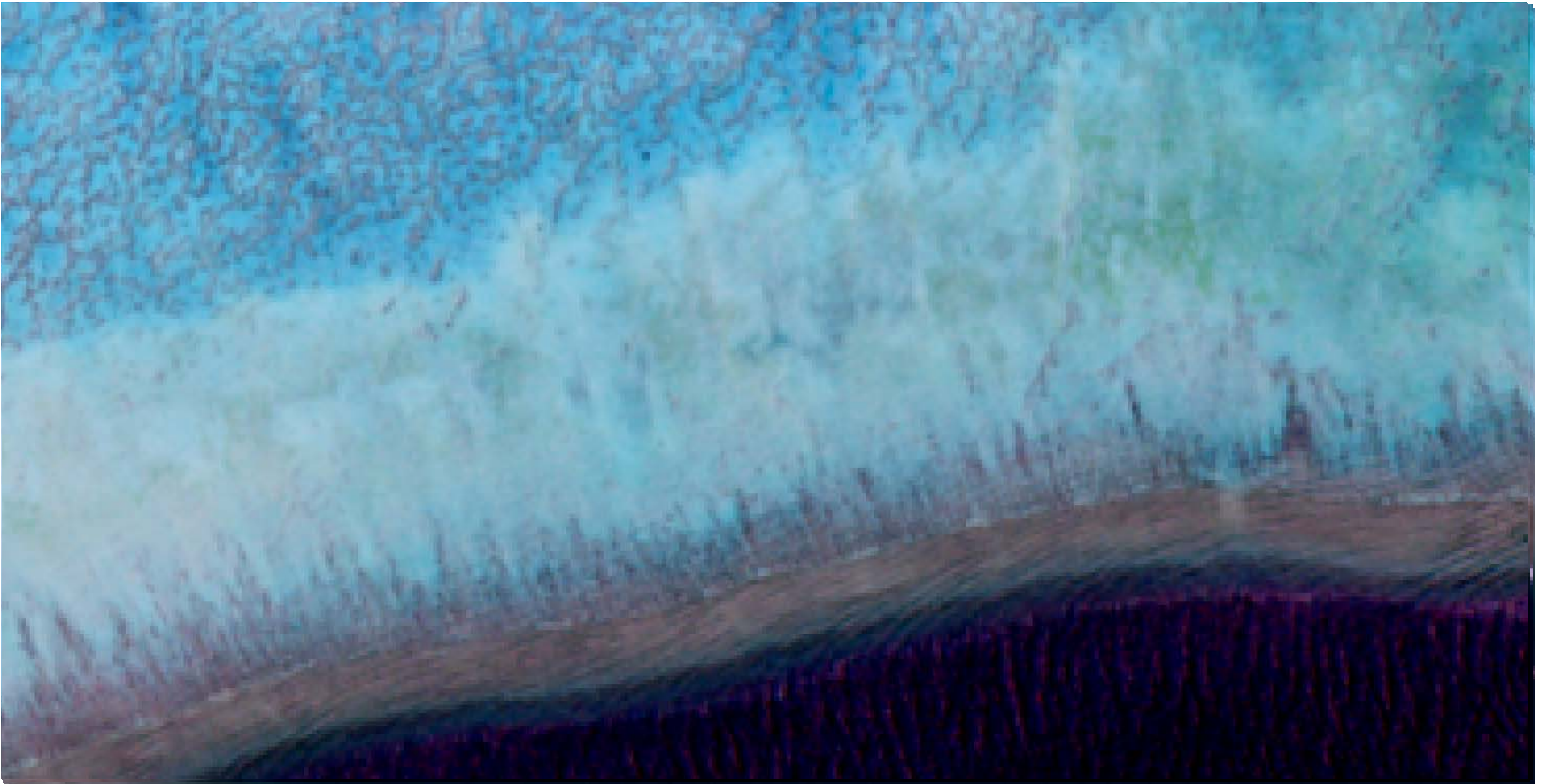
Terrestrial organic matter







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ESA SEOM Sen2coral Project
John Hedley



Primary production

Baltic Sea PP

Wozniak et al. 1995

Wozniak and Olszewksi 1995

Chlorophyll-a

$E_d(\text{PAR})$

SST



Primary production

**There are methods to estimate PP
in large lakes from satellite data
(Kauer et al. 2015)**

MERIS

Chlorophyll-a

$K_d(\text{PAR})$

$E_d(\text{PAR})$



Discussion points

- * Do we need a coordinated effort to get robust ocean colour products for the Baltic Sea?
- * Can we estimate $p\text{CO}_2$ routinely?
- * Is the accuracy sufficient to detect acidification?




Discussion points

- * Relationships between different carbon fractions and water colour?
- * Relationships between nitrogen and water colour?
- * Relationships between phosphorus and water colour?

Discussion points

- * Is there strong enough relationship between DOC and CDOM to allow mapping carbon flux from rivers to the sea?
- * Can we estimate POC and DOC separately?

Discussion points

A decorative image on the left side of the slide showing a black street lamp with a glass globe, a metal railing with a Greek key pattern, and a white building facade with columns and a flag.

* Is recognising phytoplankton functional types realistic in the Baltic Sea?

* Can we estimate primary production in the Baltic Sea?



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Thank you!