

Bio-optical Diversity and Ocean Color Algorithm Optimization in a Complex, Urbanized Estuary.

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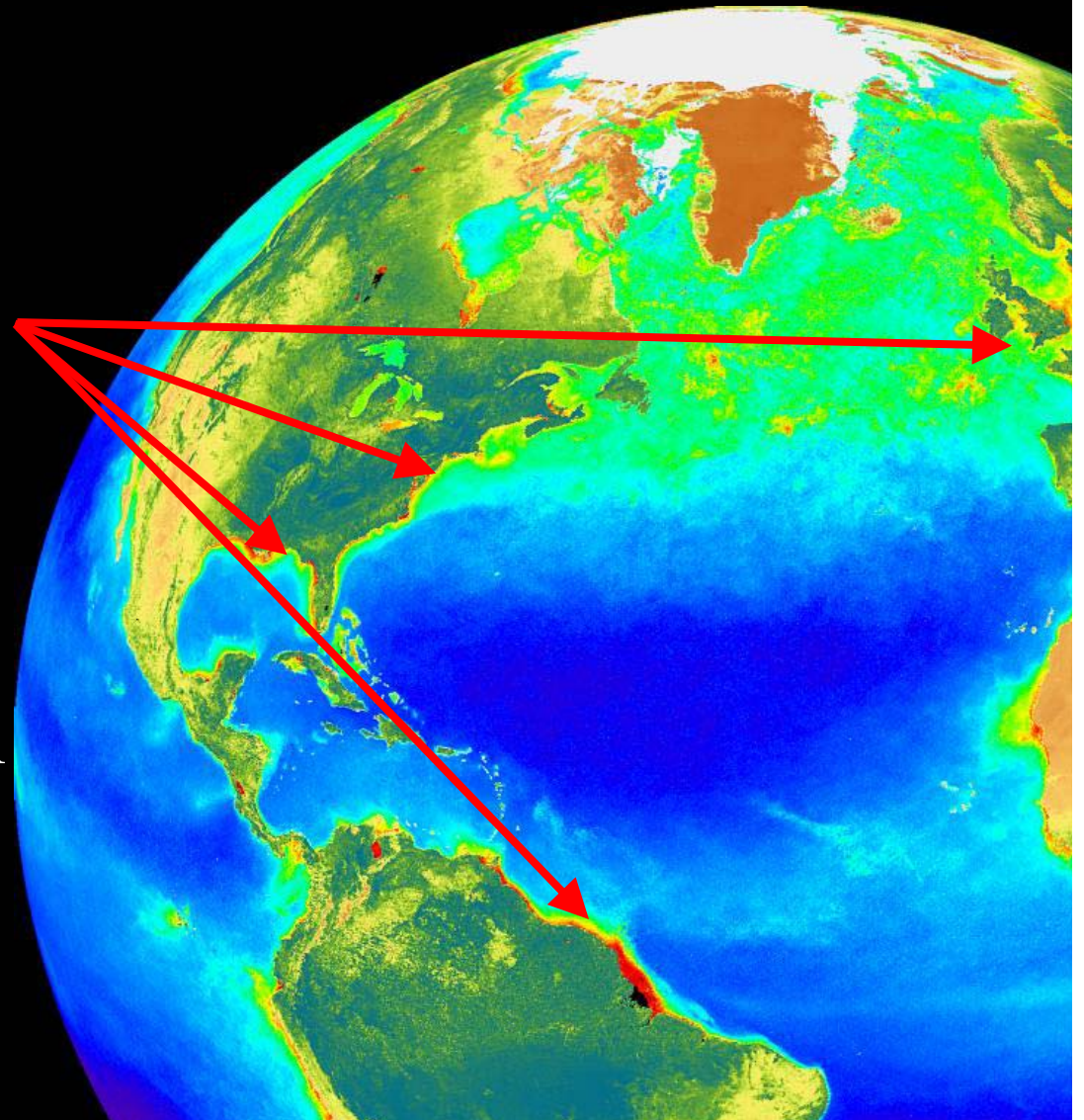
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What is Optically Complex?

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- Nearshore
 - Dissolved (CDM)
 - Non-algal (NAP)
 - SAAs
 - Problem: Spectral variability in optical properties



Developing SAAs for Complex, Dynamic Systems

- Characterize:
 - Inherent Optical Properties
 - Light field
 - Chl, TSM, etc.
- Are there distinct optical provinces within the region of interest?



For example...

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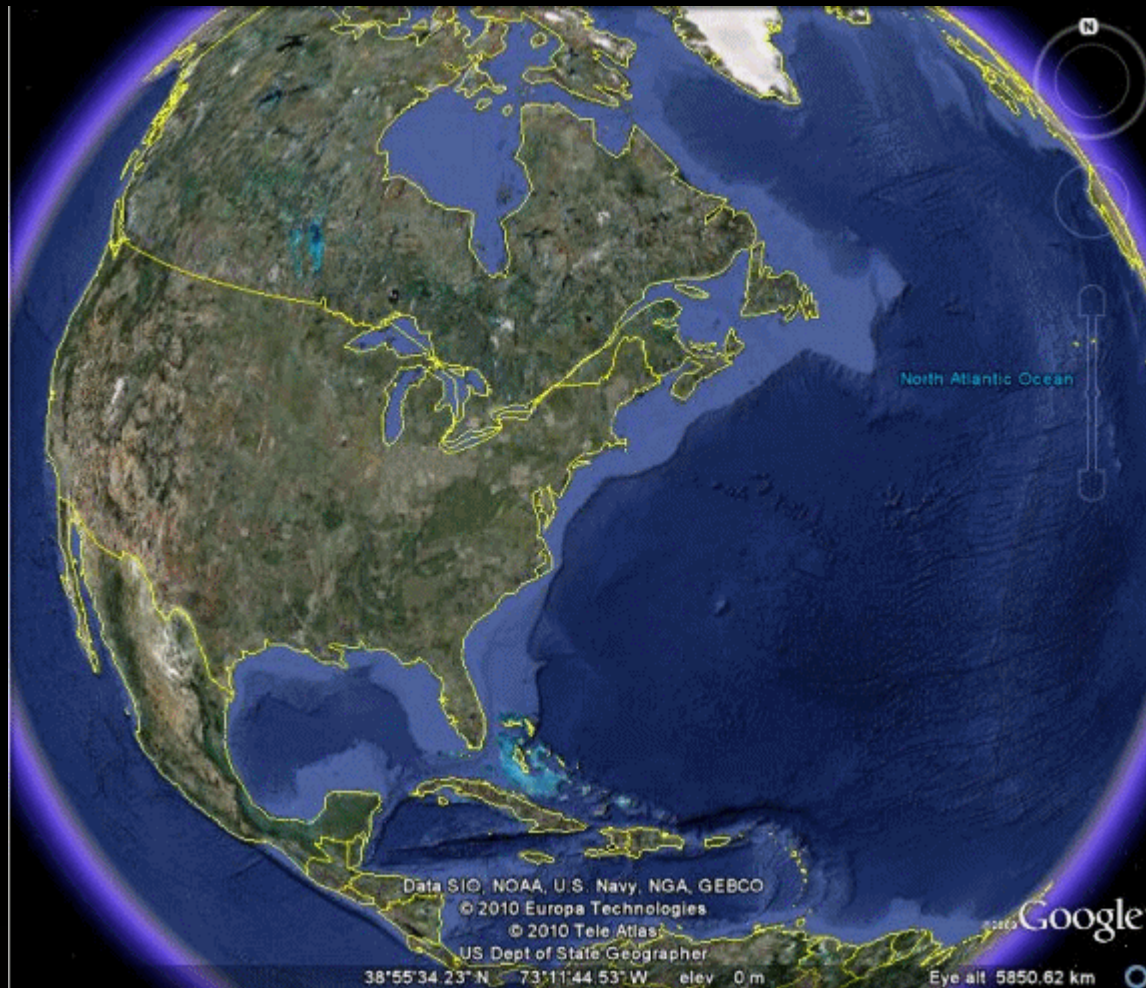
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Table 2. Field cruises. Sub-regions are 1) Eastern LIS, 2) Central LIS, 3) Western LIS, 4) CT River 5) NY Bight.

Cruise	Date	Stations	Sub-regions					
			1	2	3	4	5	
1) OGCO04	4-May	23						
2) LISICOS0305	5-Mar	9						
3) OGCO05	5-May	32						
4) LISICOS0705	5-Jul	33						
5) LIS0106	6-Jan	2						
6) LISICOS0306	6-Mar	5						
7) LISICOS0406	6-Apr	3						
8) OCGO06	6-Jul	31						
9) LISICOS0806	6-Aug	11						
10) LIS0507	7-Jun	3						
11) LIS0707	7-Jul	3						
12) LIS1207	7-Dec	3						

158 Stations between 2004 - 2007

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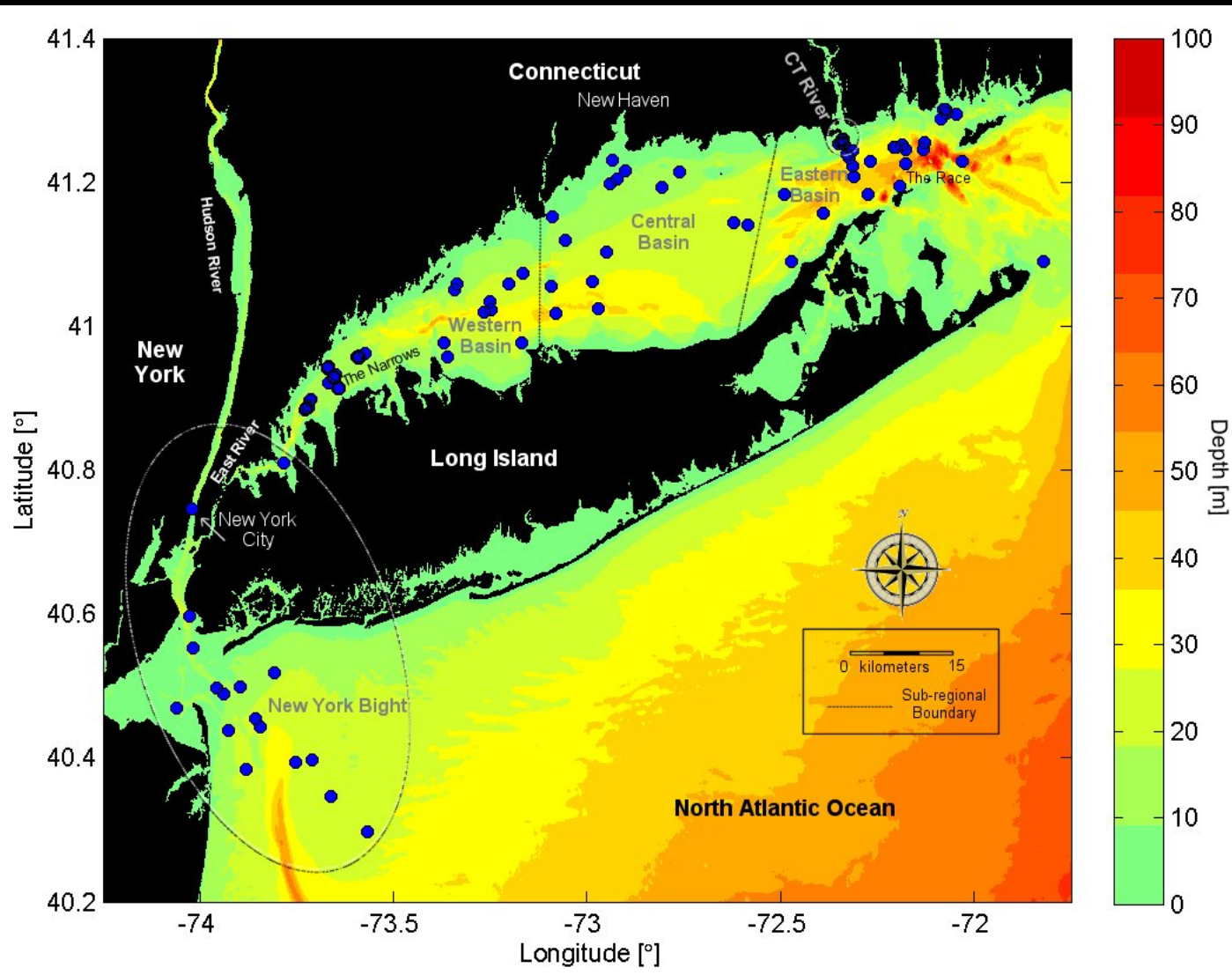
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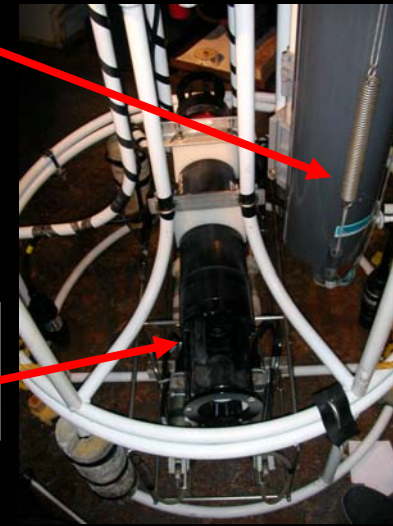
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Radiometry:
Upwelling/Downwelling
radiance/irradiance, $R_{rs}(\lambda)$

absorption $a(\lambda)$
attenuation $c(\lambda)$
backscattering $b_b(\lambda)$
temperature
pressure
conductivity

Chlorophyll
HPLC
TSM
QFT $a_{nap}(\lambda), a_{\phi}(\lambda)$

Particle Size
Distribution



LIS vs. the World (NOMAD)

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NASA bio-Optical Marine Algorithm Data set: 3,400 predominantly coastal stations worldwide.

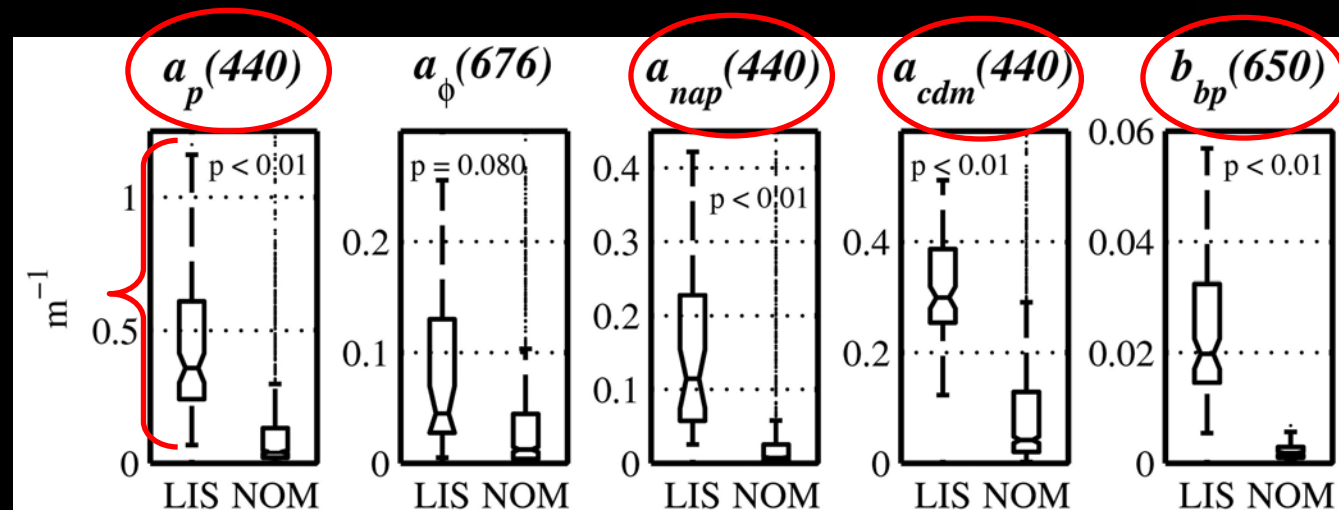
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LIS highly variable

LIS significantly higher
than NOMAD

~Order of mag.
higher

Remote Sensing Reflectance

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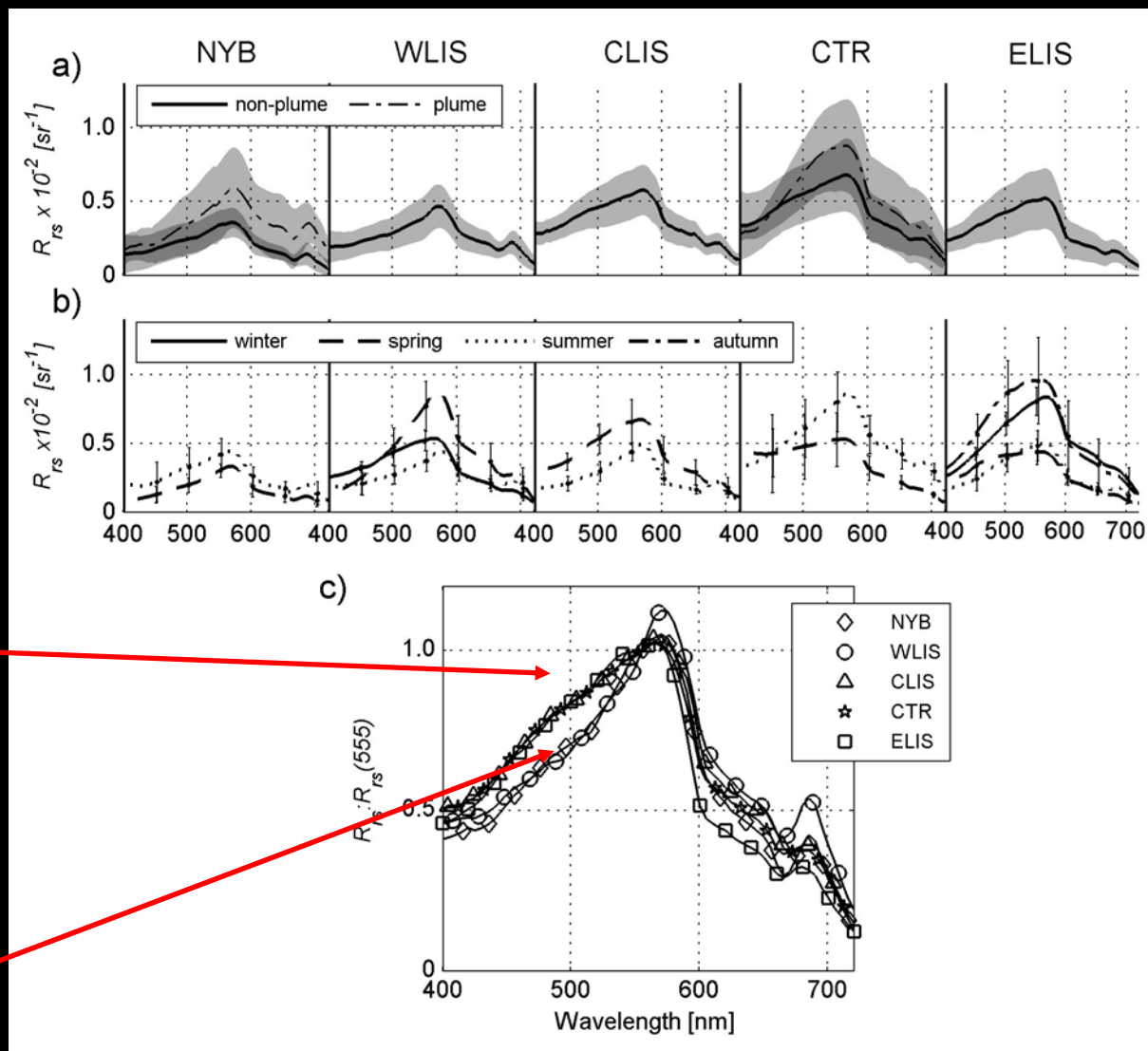
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Variability
between/within
sub-regions,
seasons in R_{rs}

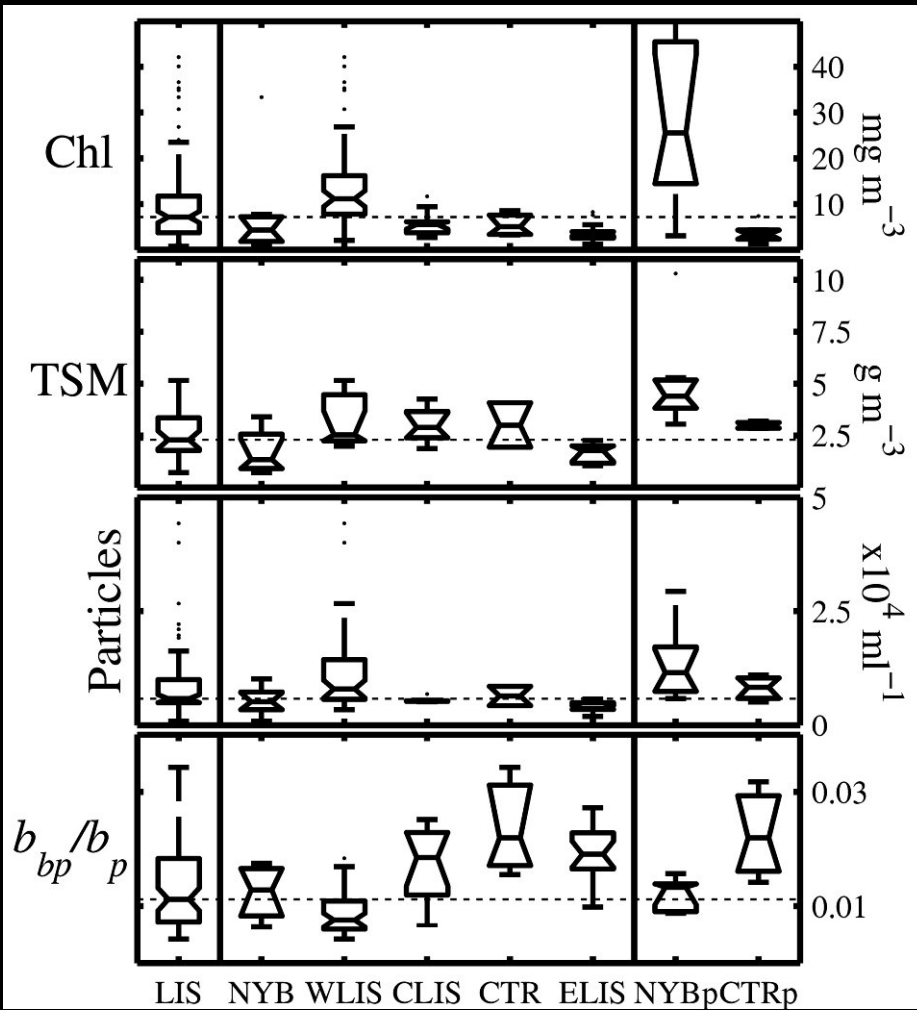
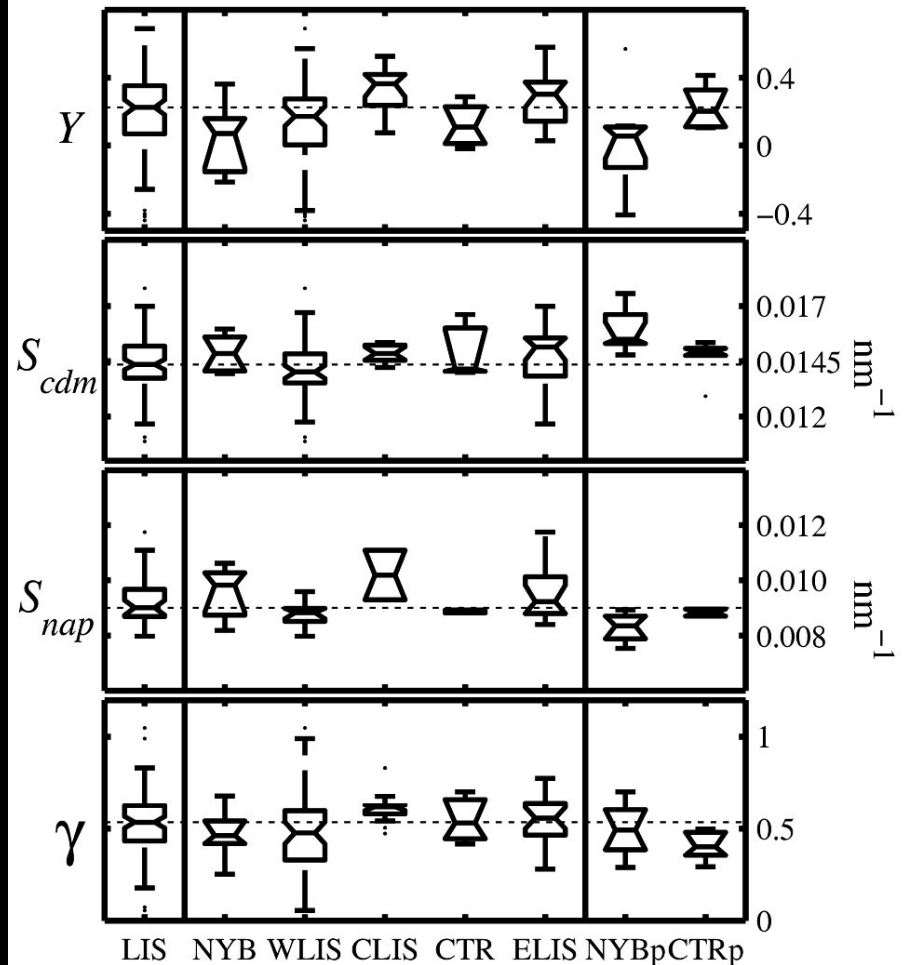
Sediment
dominated

Phytoplankton
dominated



Variability between sub-regions

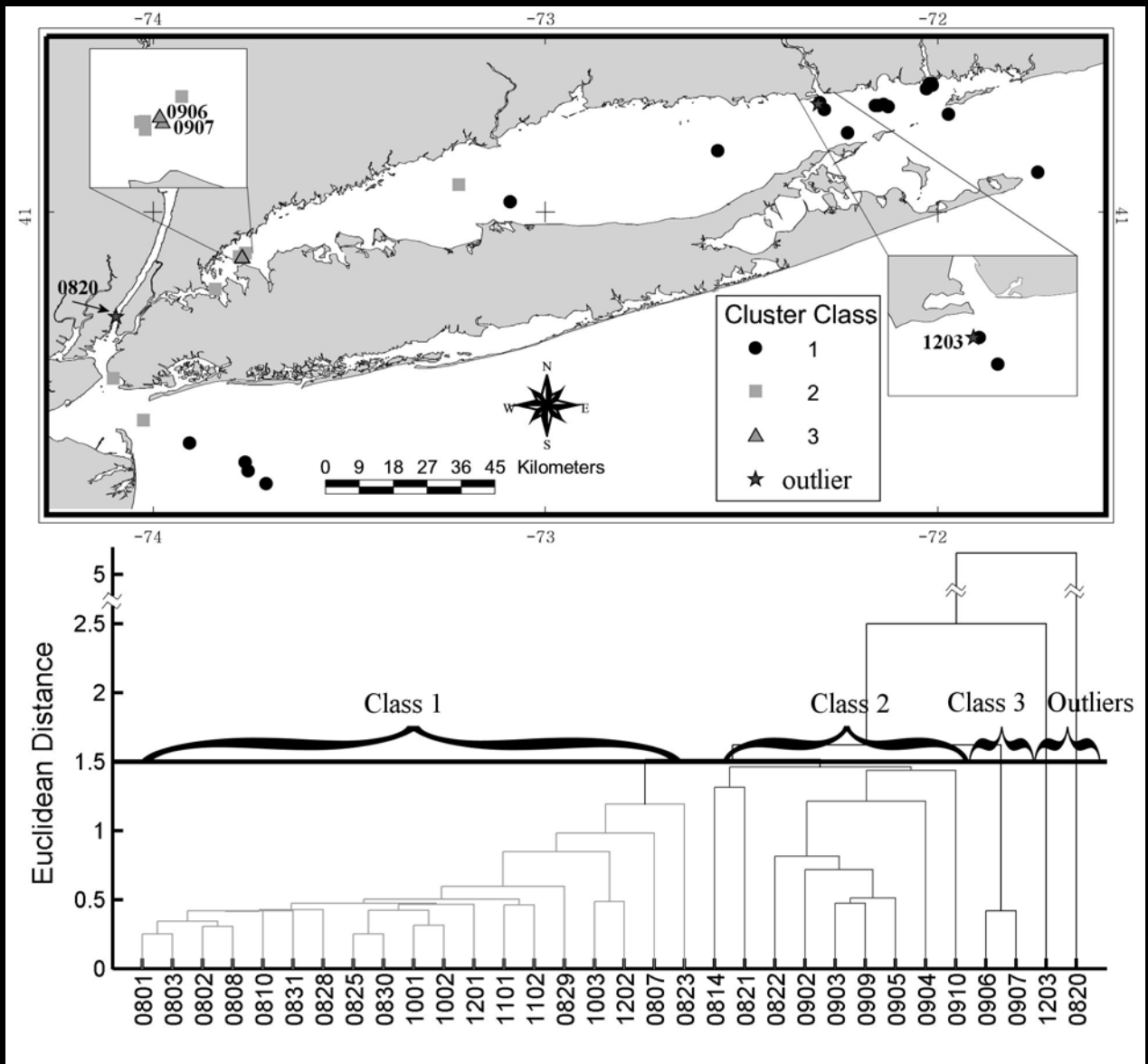
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IOP Spectral shape characteristics are fairly uniform across the region

Non-metric Multi-Dimensional Scaling (NMDS) – Cluster Map

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Stations clustered into 3 groups based on constituent absorption and scattering (magnitude):

- $a_p(440)$
- $a_\phi(676)$
- $a_{nap}(440)$
- $a_{cdm}(440)$
- $b_p(440)$
- $b_{bt}(650)$

Non-metric Multi-Dimensional Scaling (NMDS) and Principal Component Analysis

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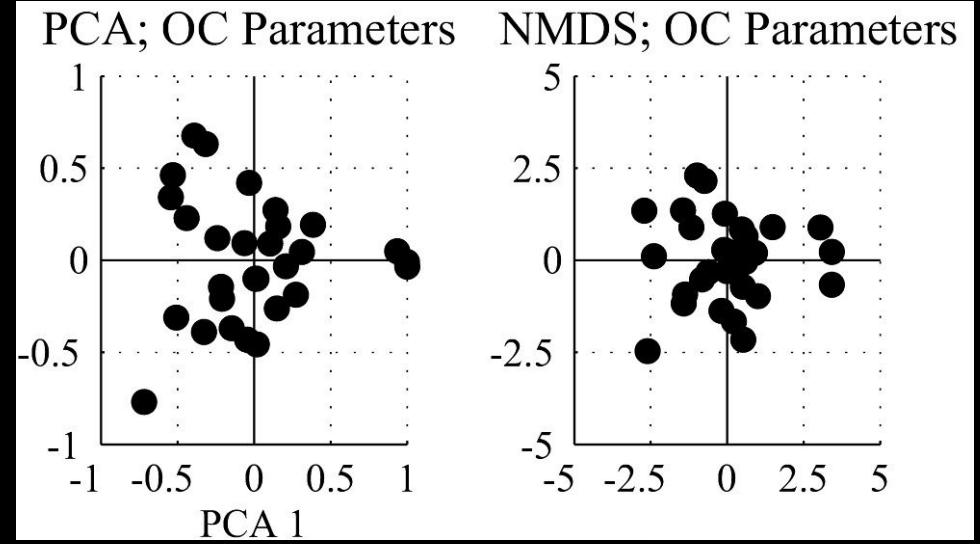
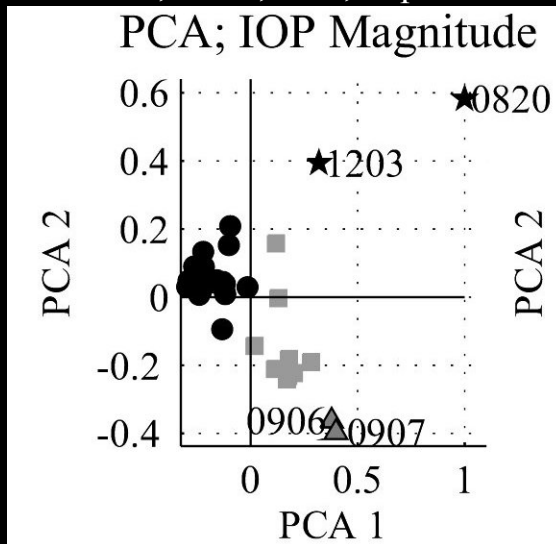
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Stations clustered based
on IOP "quantity"

$a_p(440)$

$a_\phi(676)$

$a_{nap}(440)$

$a_{cdm}(440)$

$b_p(440)$

$b_{bt}(650)$

Stations did not cluster based on IOP
"quality"

Y

S_{cdm}

S_{nap}

Y

γ

Take Home

- Variability in spectral reflectance in LIS controlled by magnitudes of optical properties rather than by significant differences in spectral quality of optically significant constituents
- Minimizes necessity for sub-regional "tuning" of SAAs

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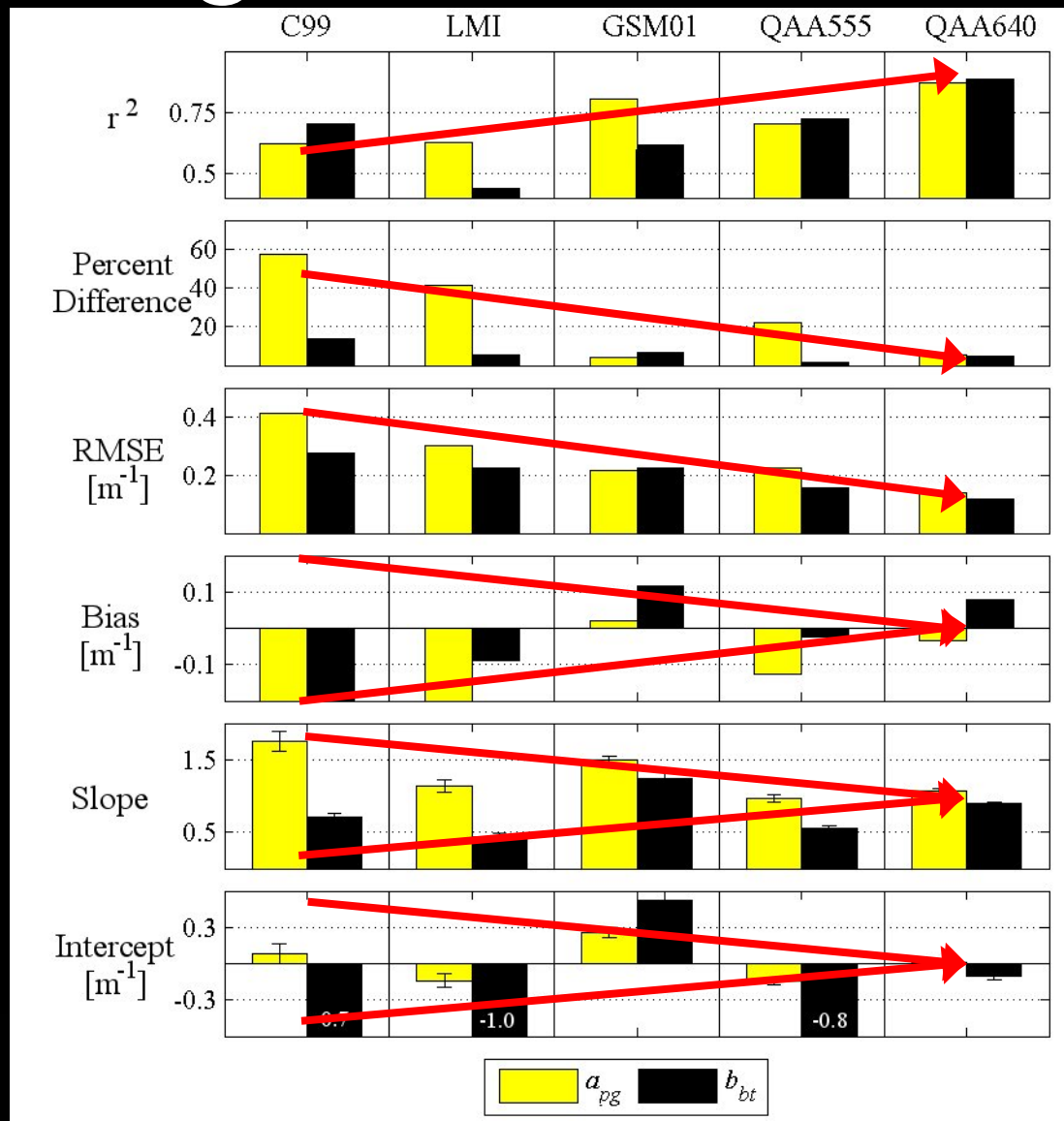


Table 1. Empirical calibration of the QAALIS. Dots are LIS data, solid lines are tuned models (this study), dotted lines are models with original coefficients from Lee et al. [2004]. Stars indicate new models used in this study.

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Mathematical Model	Data versus Model	r^2	RMSE	n
$u(\lambda) = \frac{b_2(\lambda)}{a(\lambda) + b_2(\lambda)}$ $= \frac{-g_0 + [(g_0)^2 + 4g_1 r_{rs}(\lambda)]^{1/2}}{2g_1};$ $g_0 = 0.121, g_1 = 0.006$		0.93	0.001	182
$a(640) = 0.37 + 0.023 \rho_3^{2.3};$ $\rho_3 = \frac{r_{rs}(645)}{r_{rs}(443)}$		0.70	0.026	26

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- Tuned each of 7 empirical algorithm components (555 and 640) with data from LIS
- Some components required new models

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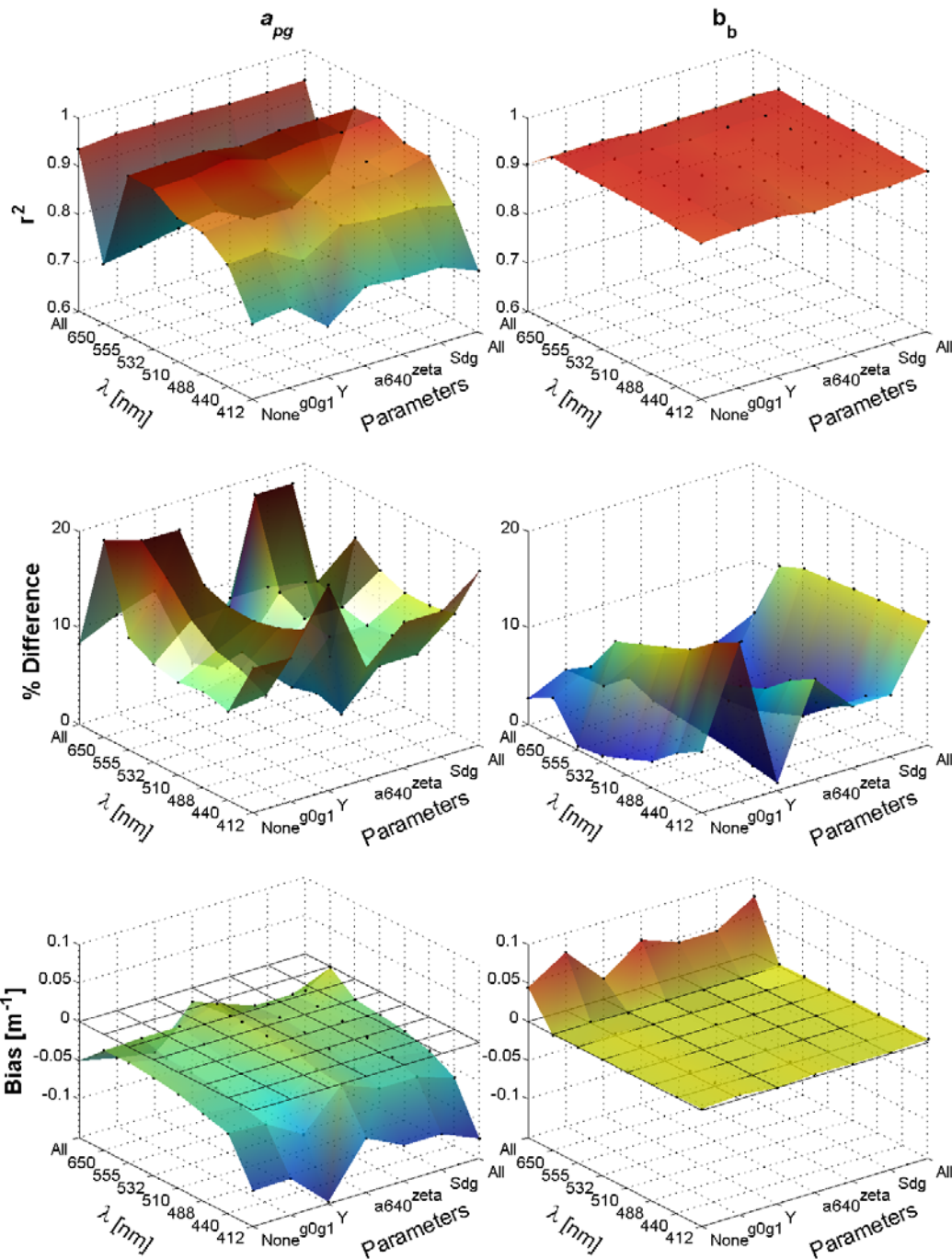
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640 nm

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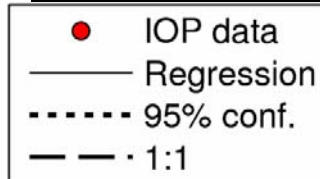
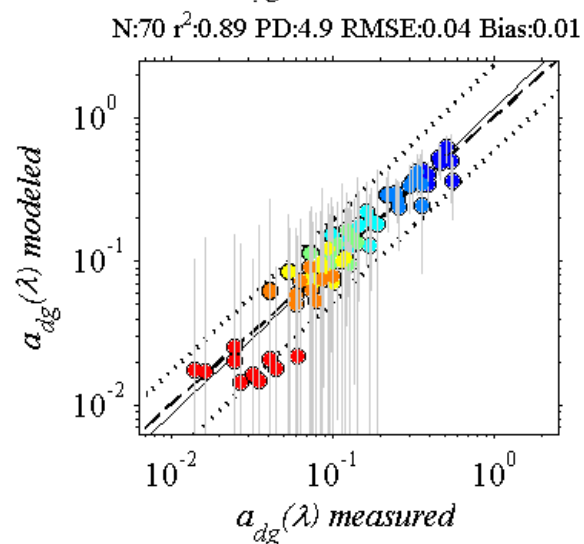
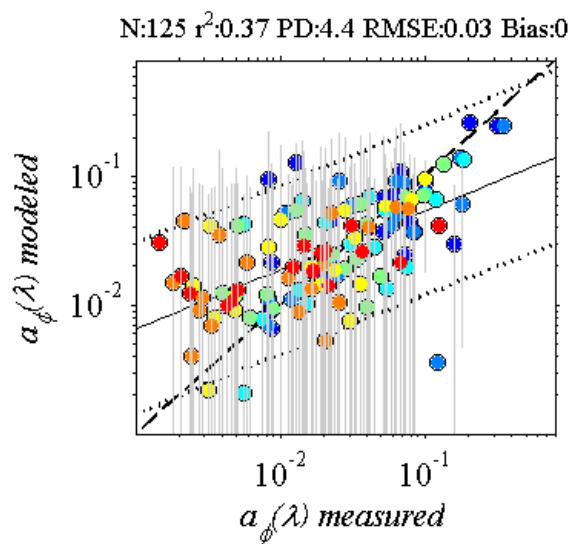
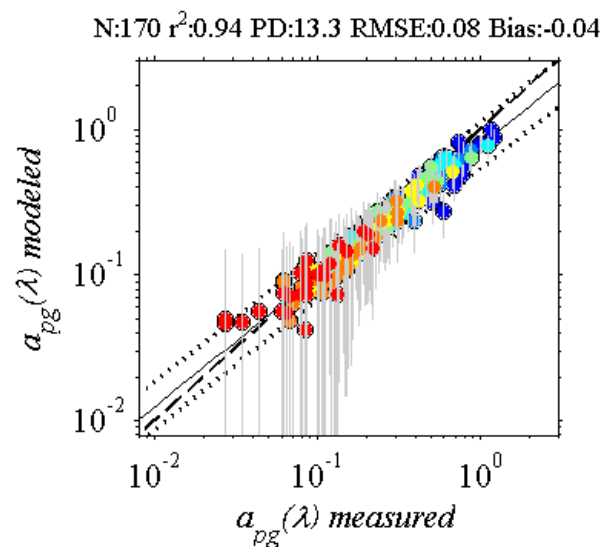
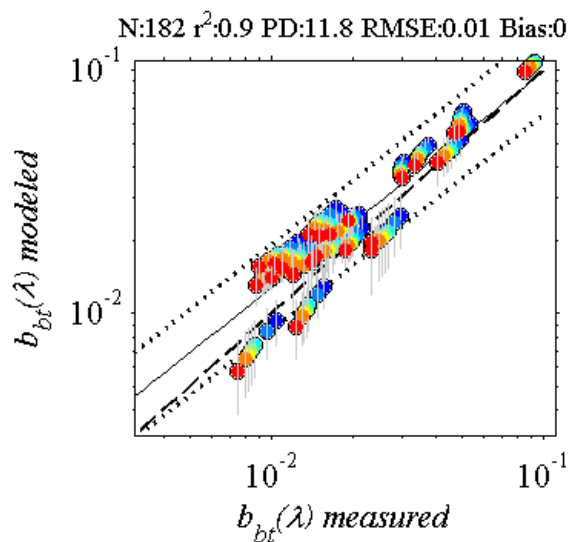
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$\lambda = 412 - 650 \text{ nm}$

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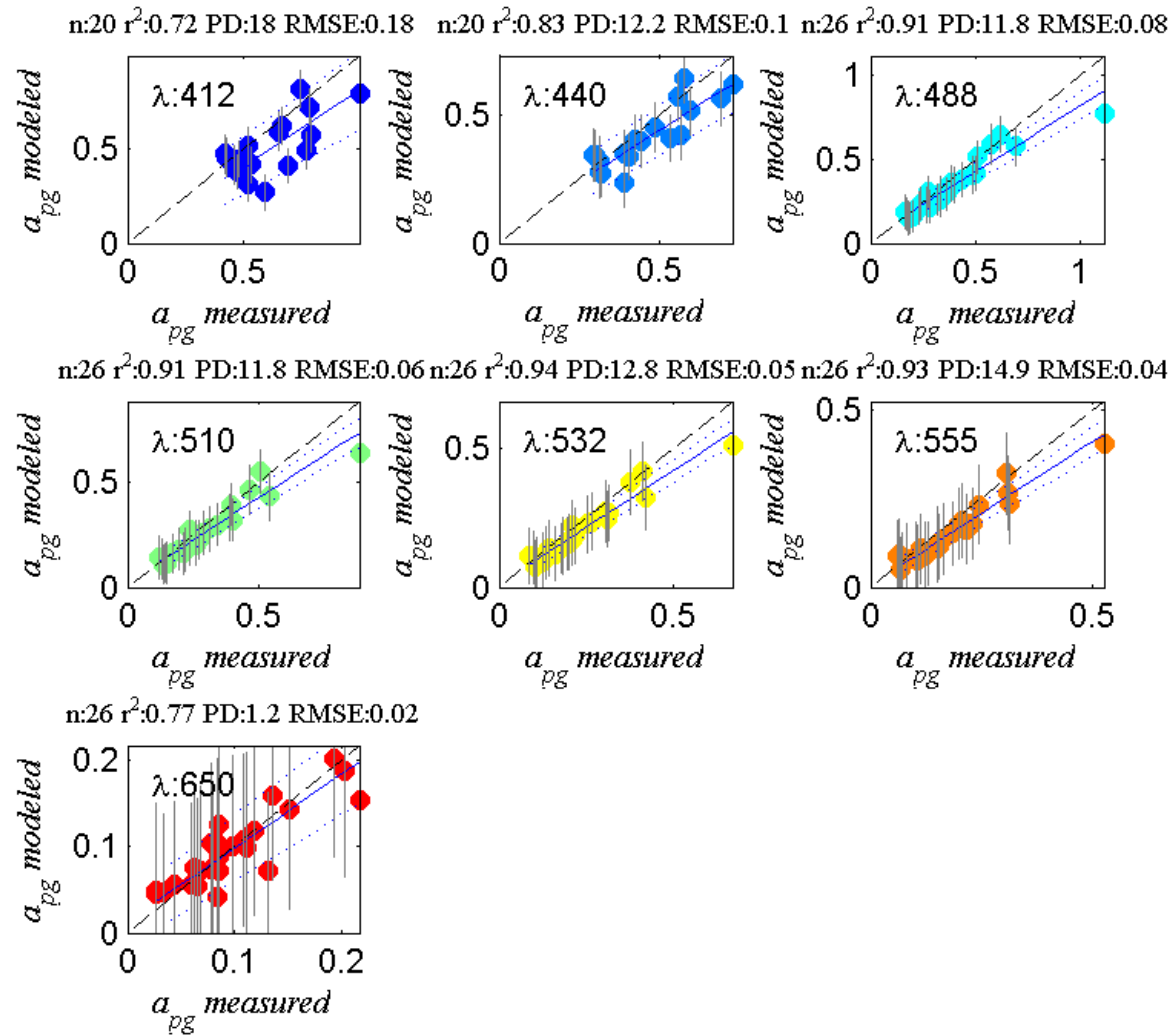
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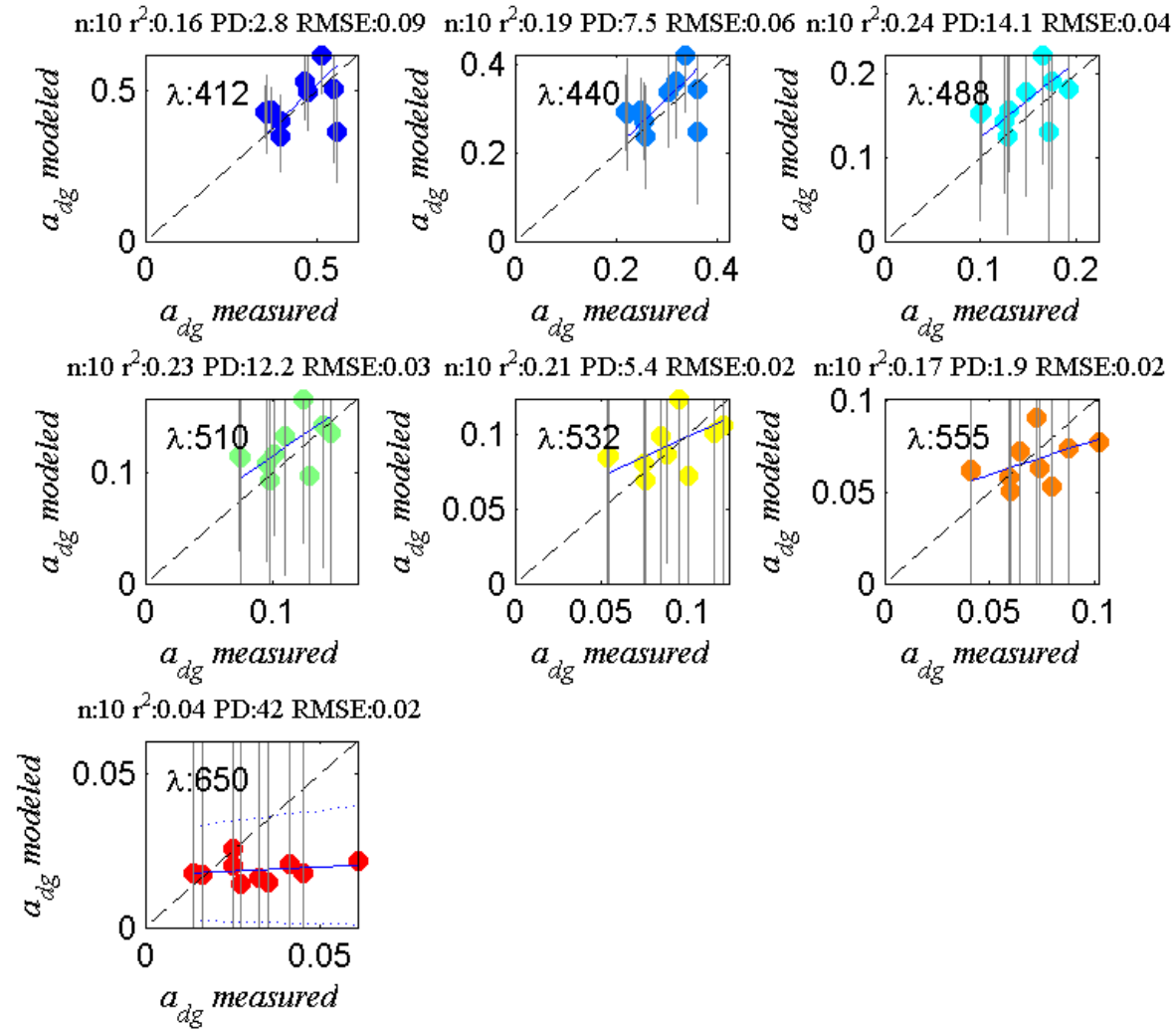
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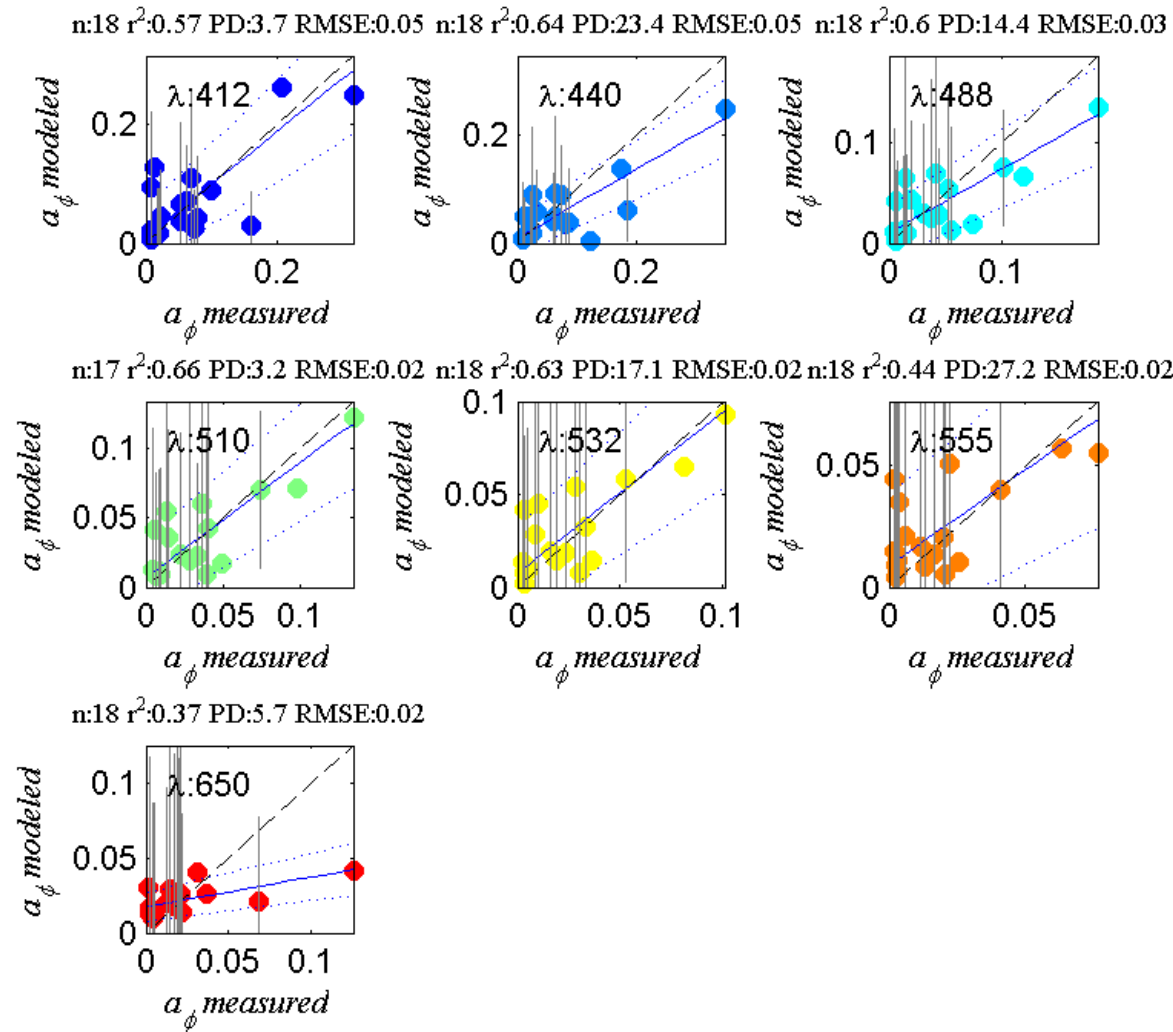
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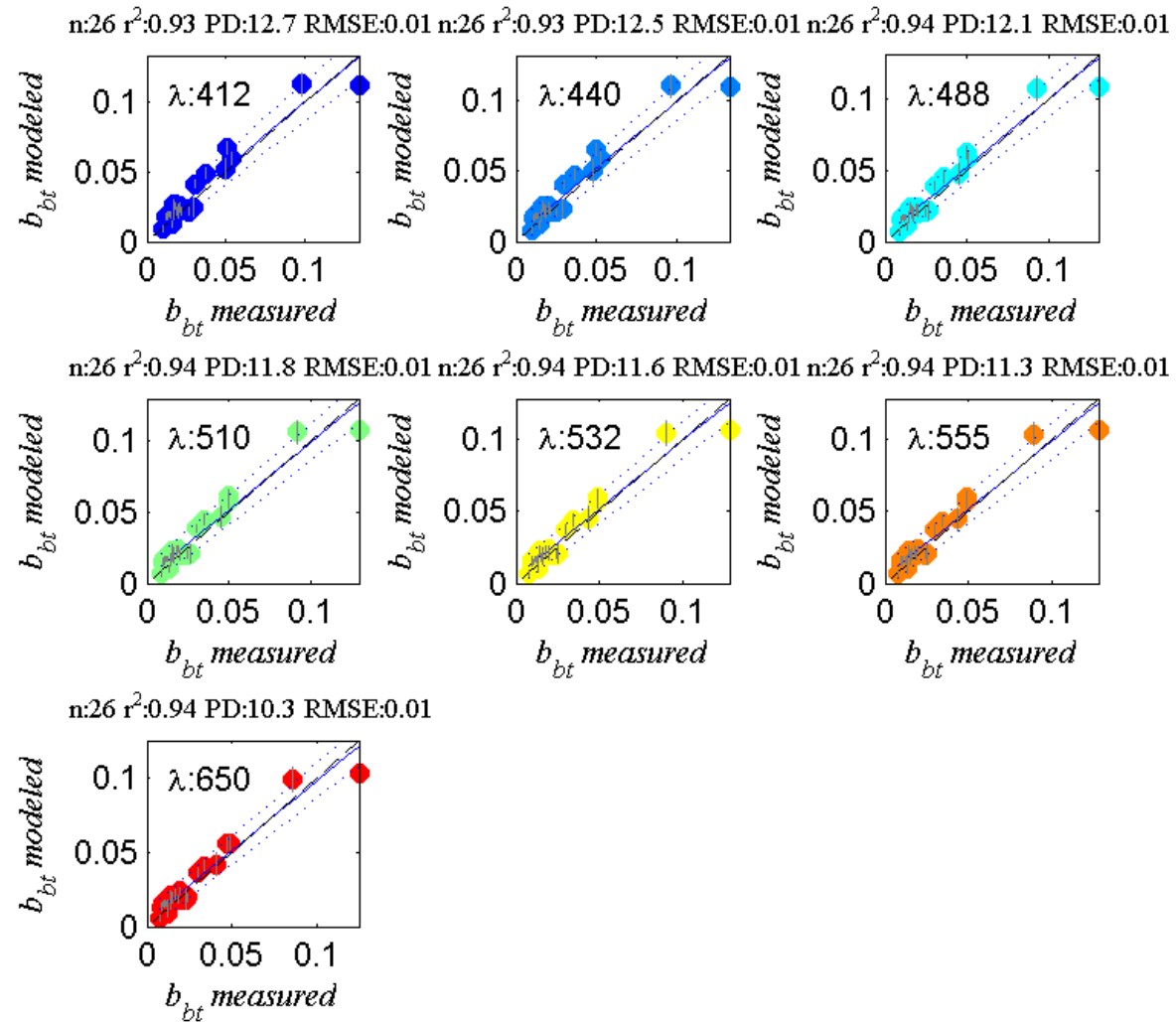
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Biogeochemical Property Retrievals

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- IOPs depend on particulate and dissolved property characteristics

Optimization

- Isolate relationships between IOPs and biogeochemical properties

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- a_{φ} (440, 676) --> Chl (ideally)
- b_b or R_{rs} (500-650) --> TSM

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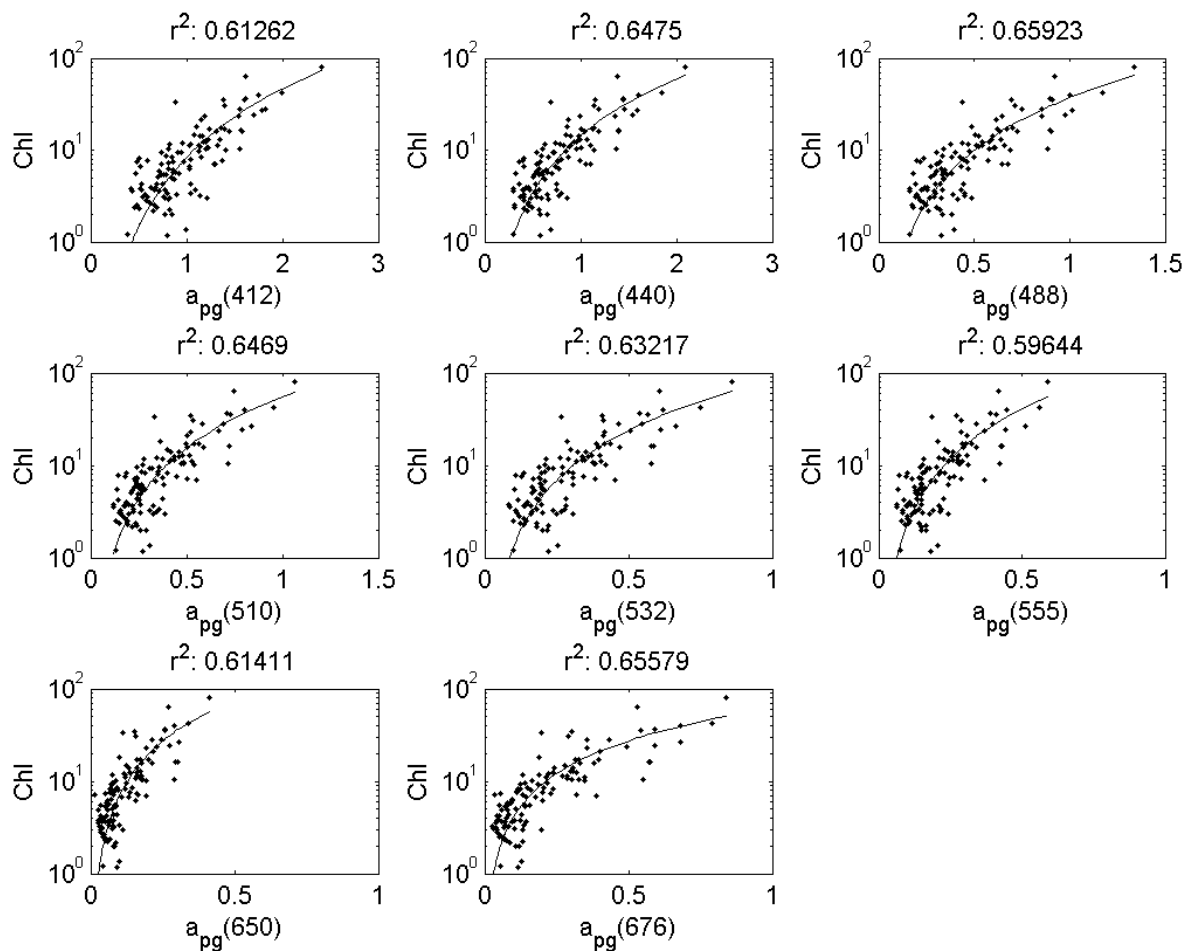
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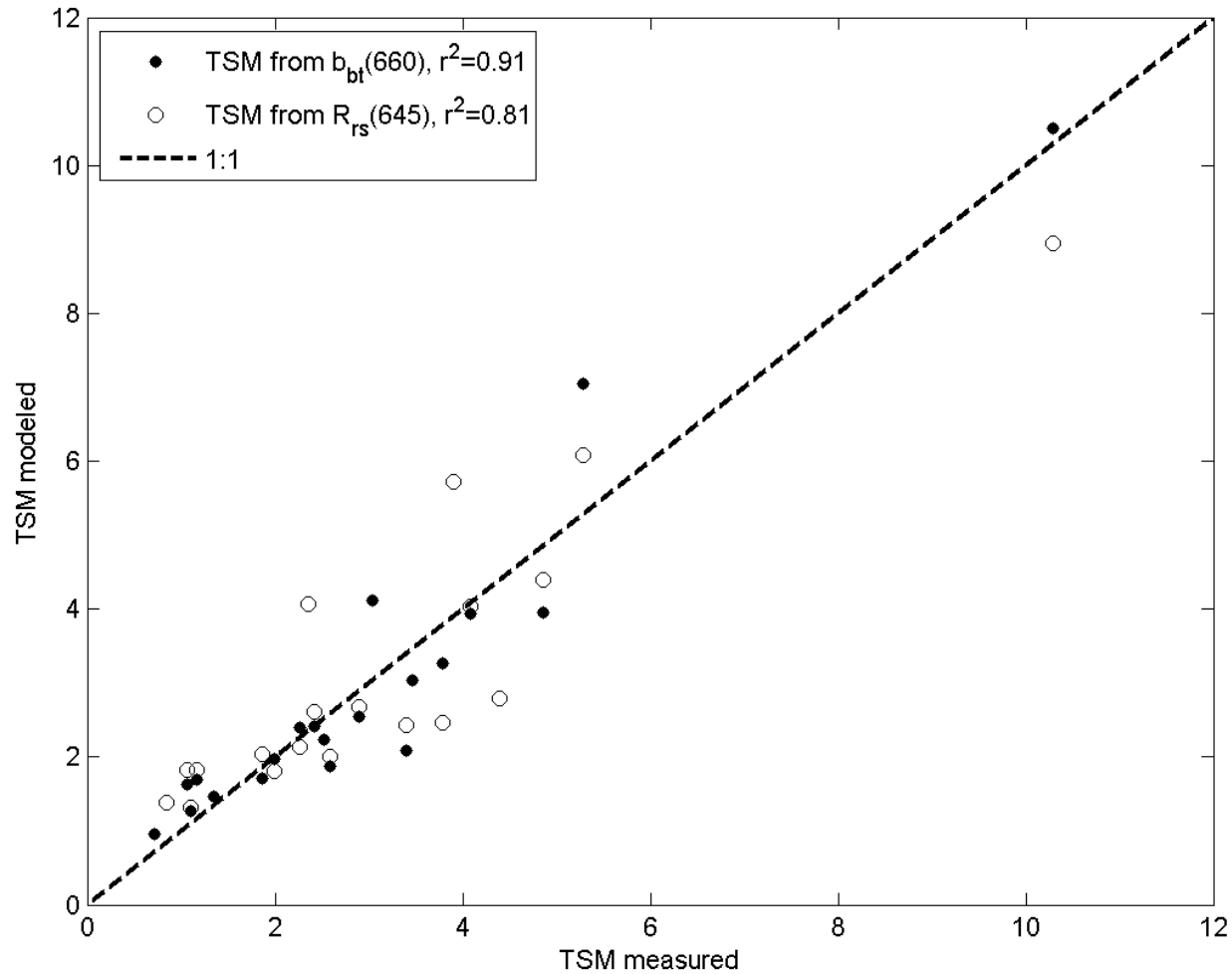
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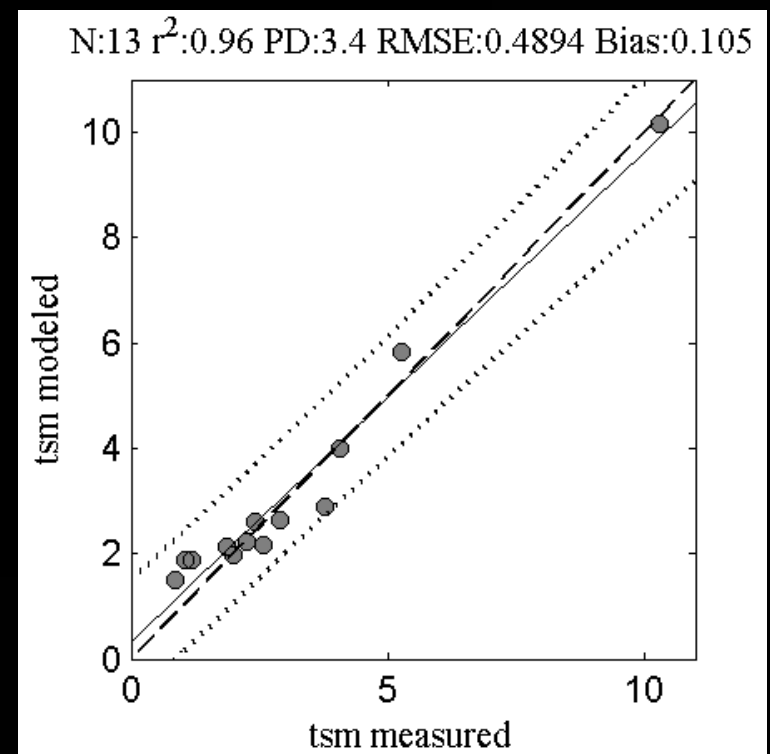
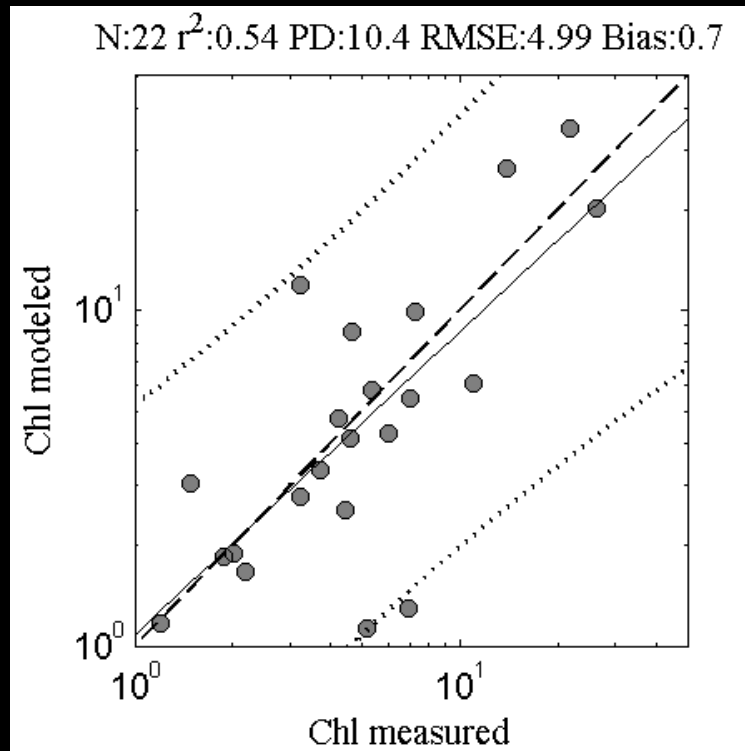
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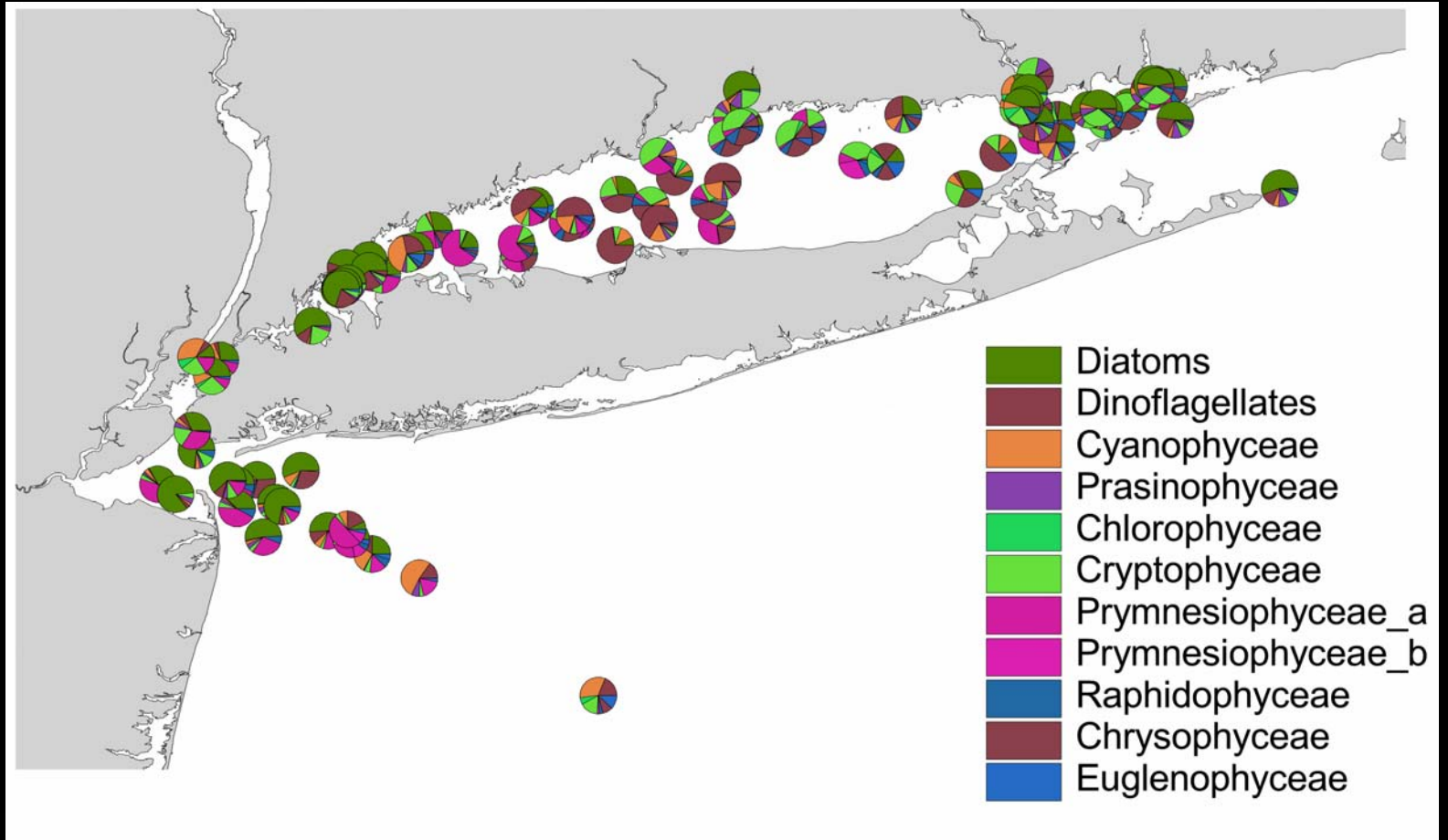
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Summary

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- Characterization of optical variability important to SAA development in complex waters
 - LIS highly complex and absorbs and scatters more strongly than most data in NOMAD
 - Sub-regional heterogeneity in IOPs & R_{rs}
 - IOP *spectral shape parameters* are generally homogeneous
 - Regionally optimized QAA succeeds in retrieving IOPs from R_{rs}

New England Floods of 2010

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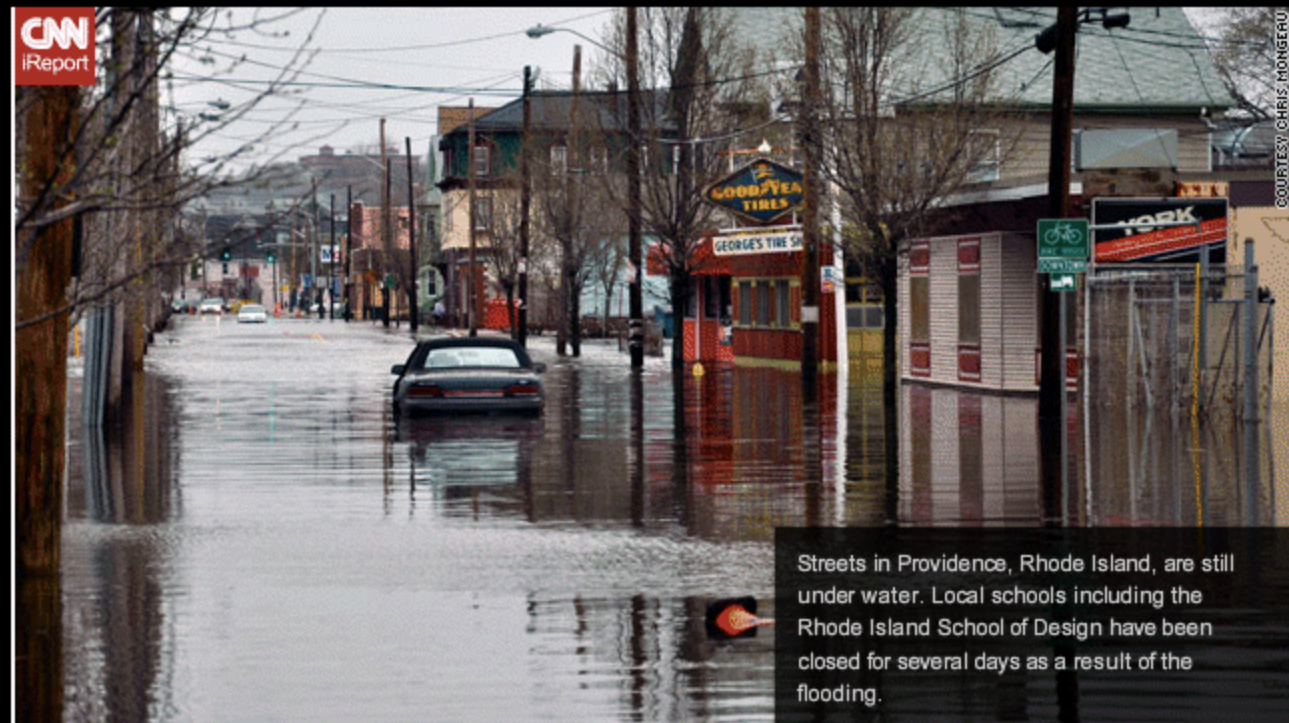
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➤ "Rhode Island experienced its **worst flooding in more than 100 years.**" - AP

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➤ "...**unprecedented in our state's history.**" – Gov. Don Carcieri

Optimization

➤ "Stonington, CT...largely cut off as two of its **three bridges went out.**" - AP

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➤ "...muddy earth beneath a Middletown [CT] apartment complex gave way, leaving **two buildings teetering over the ravine,**" – AP

➤ "...**detours around I-95,** the main link between New York and Boston." -AP

TSM delivery to coastal waters

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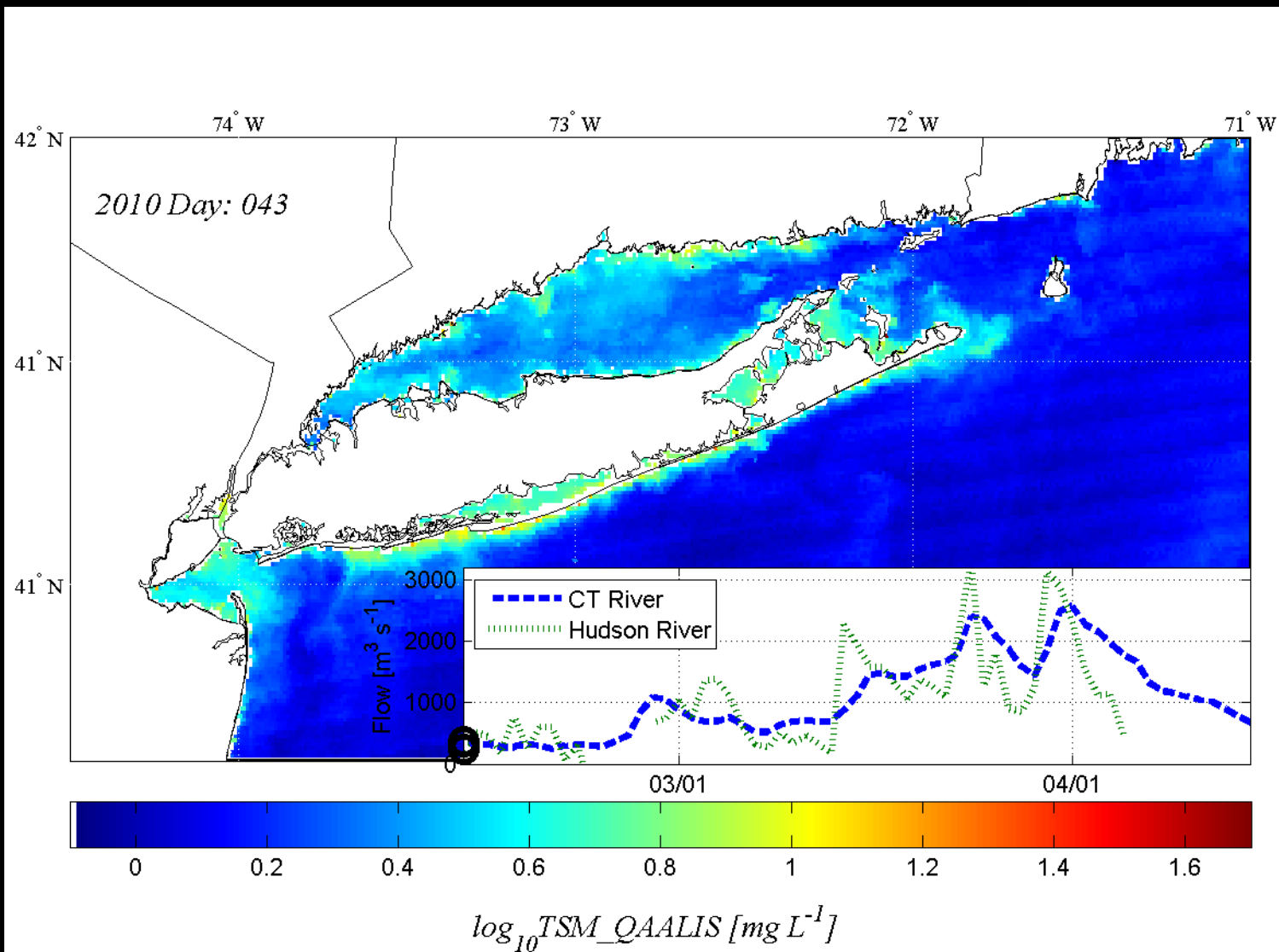
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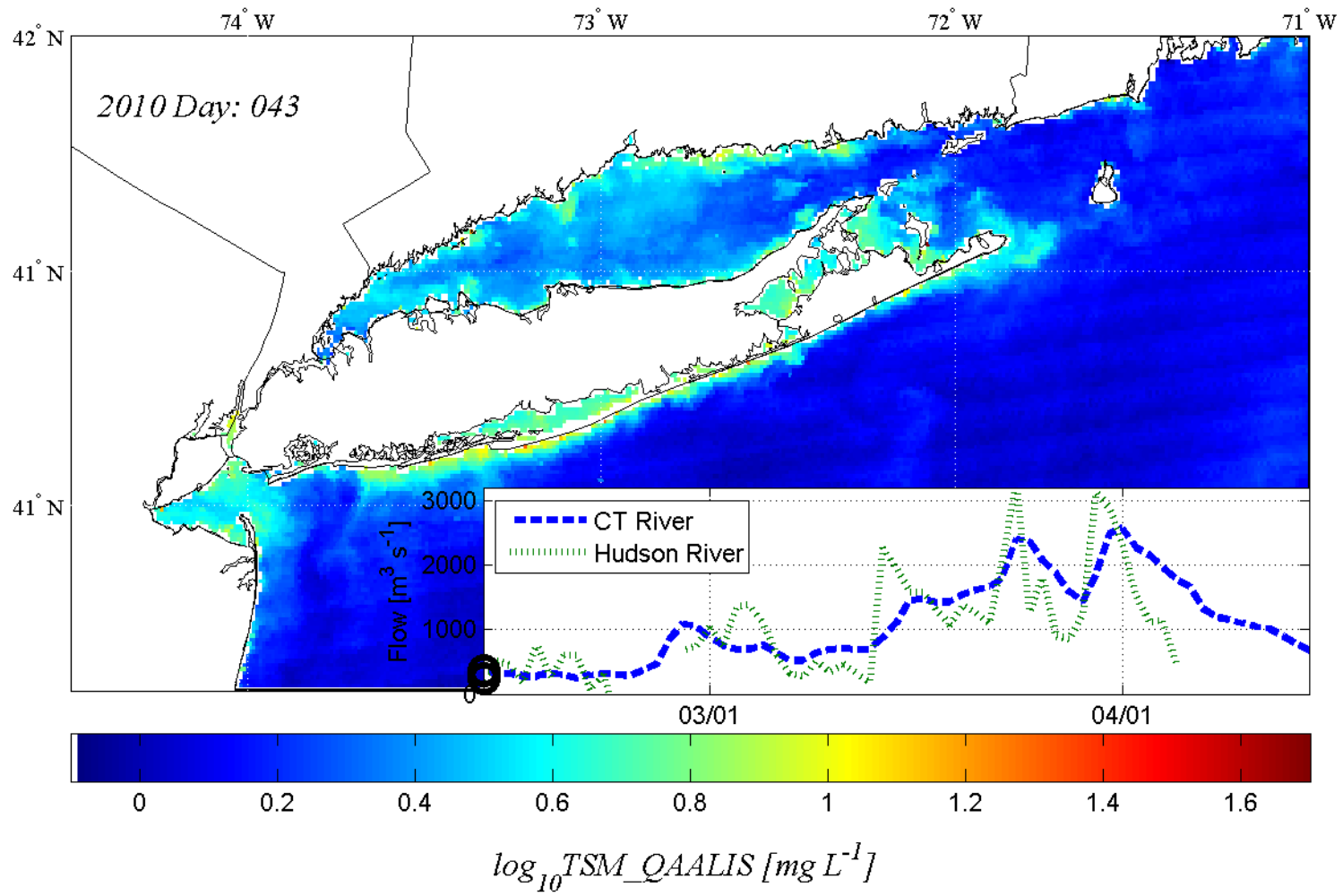
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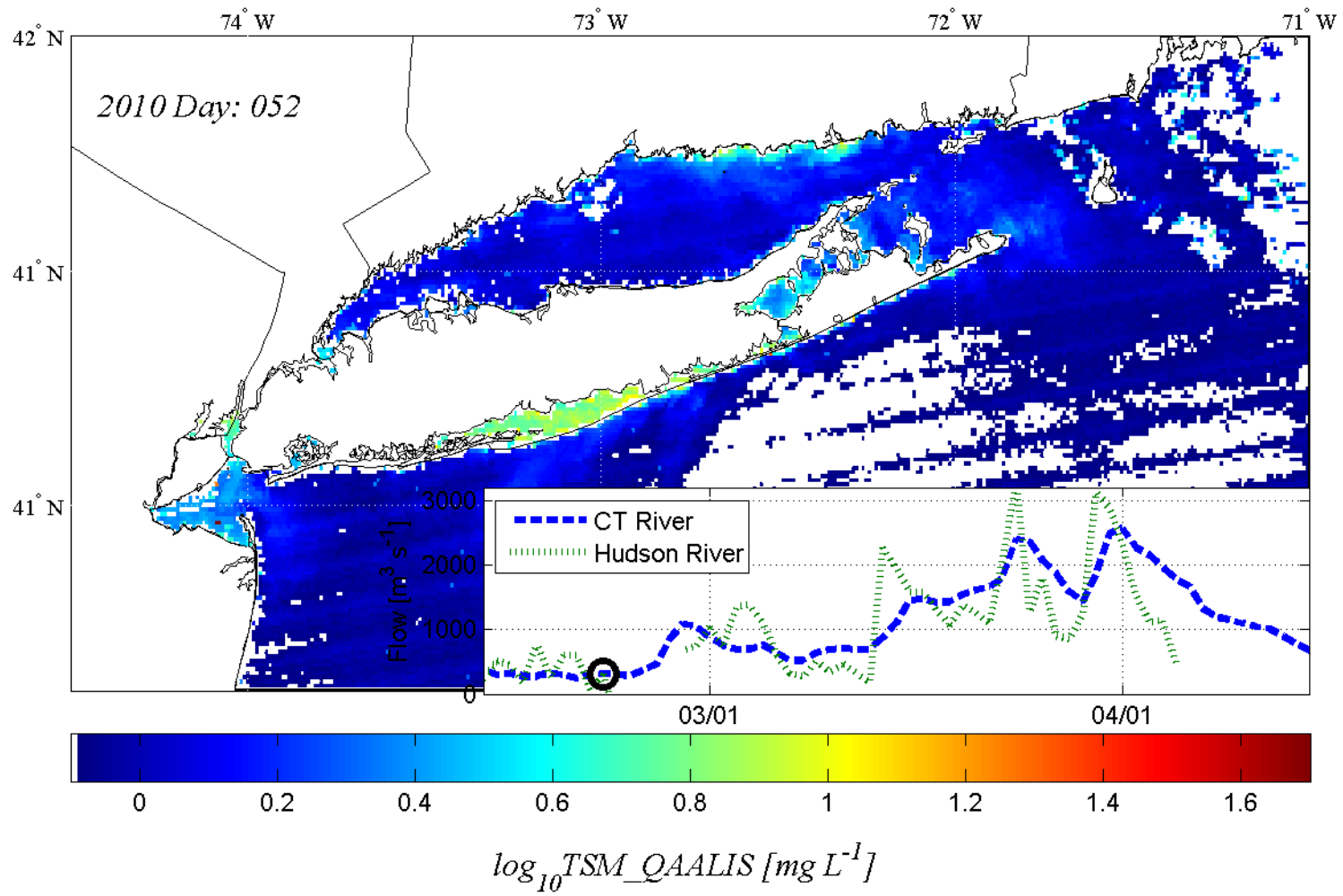
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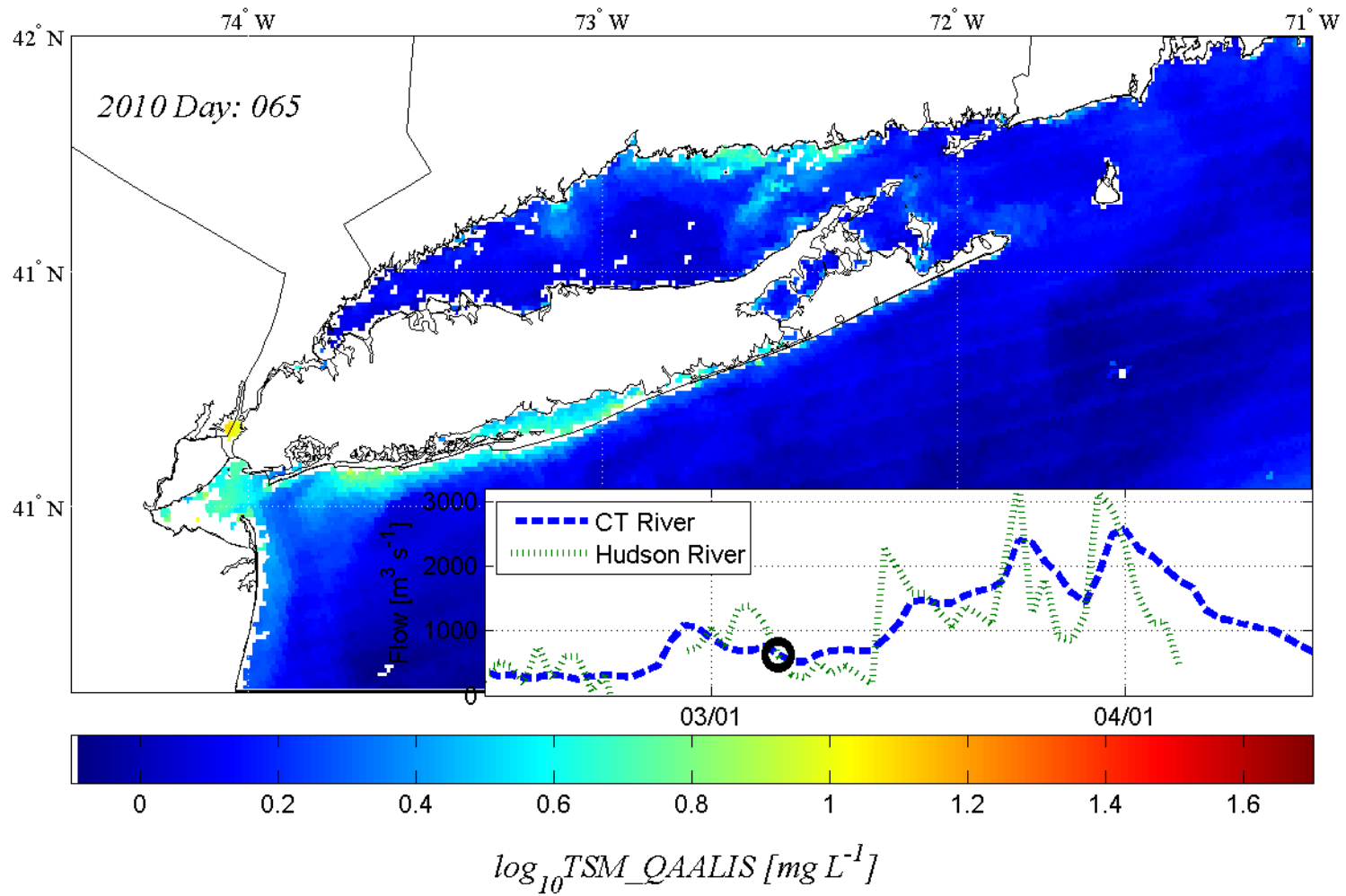
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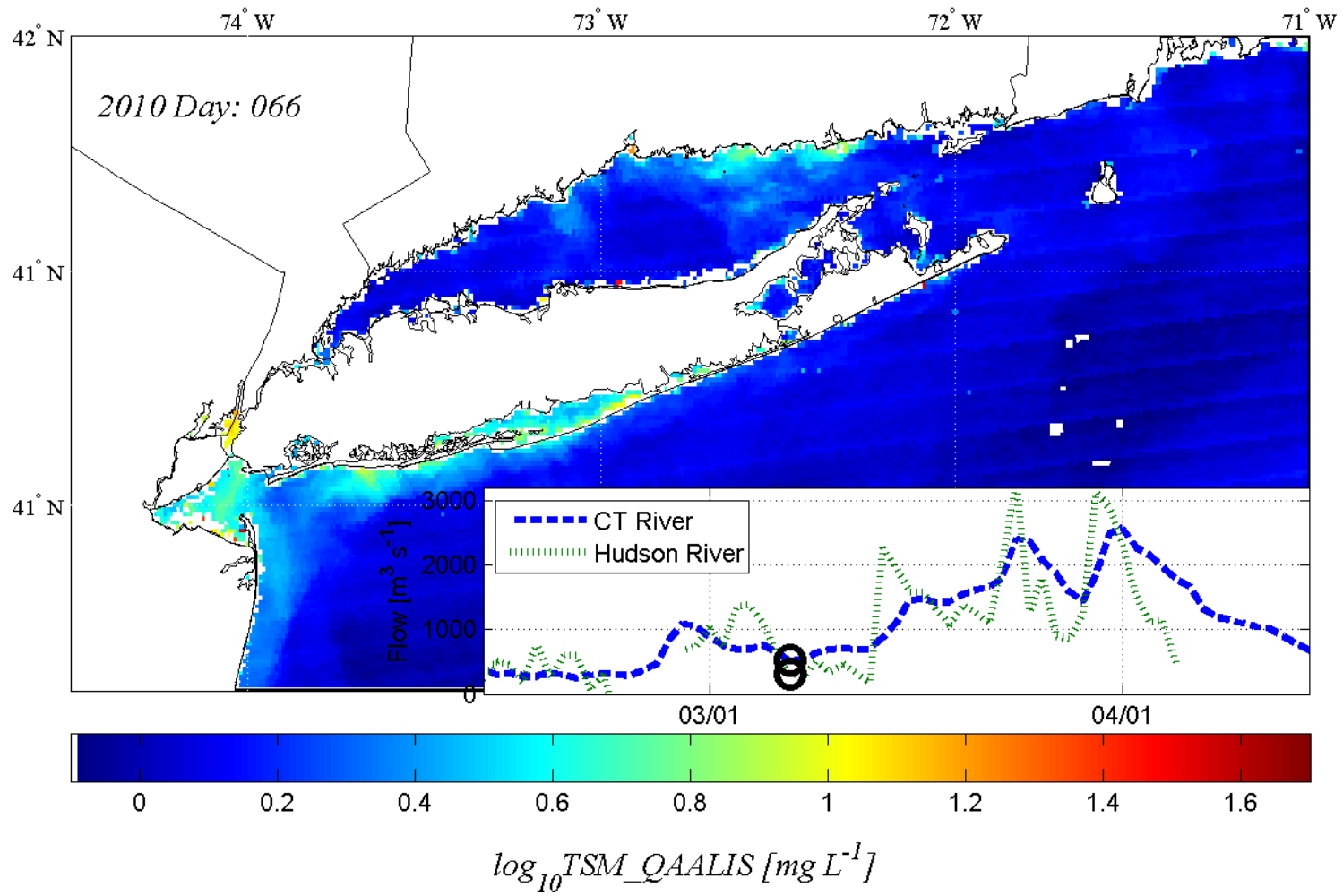
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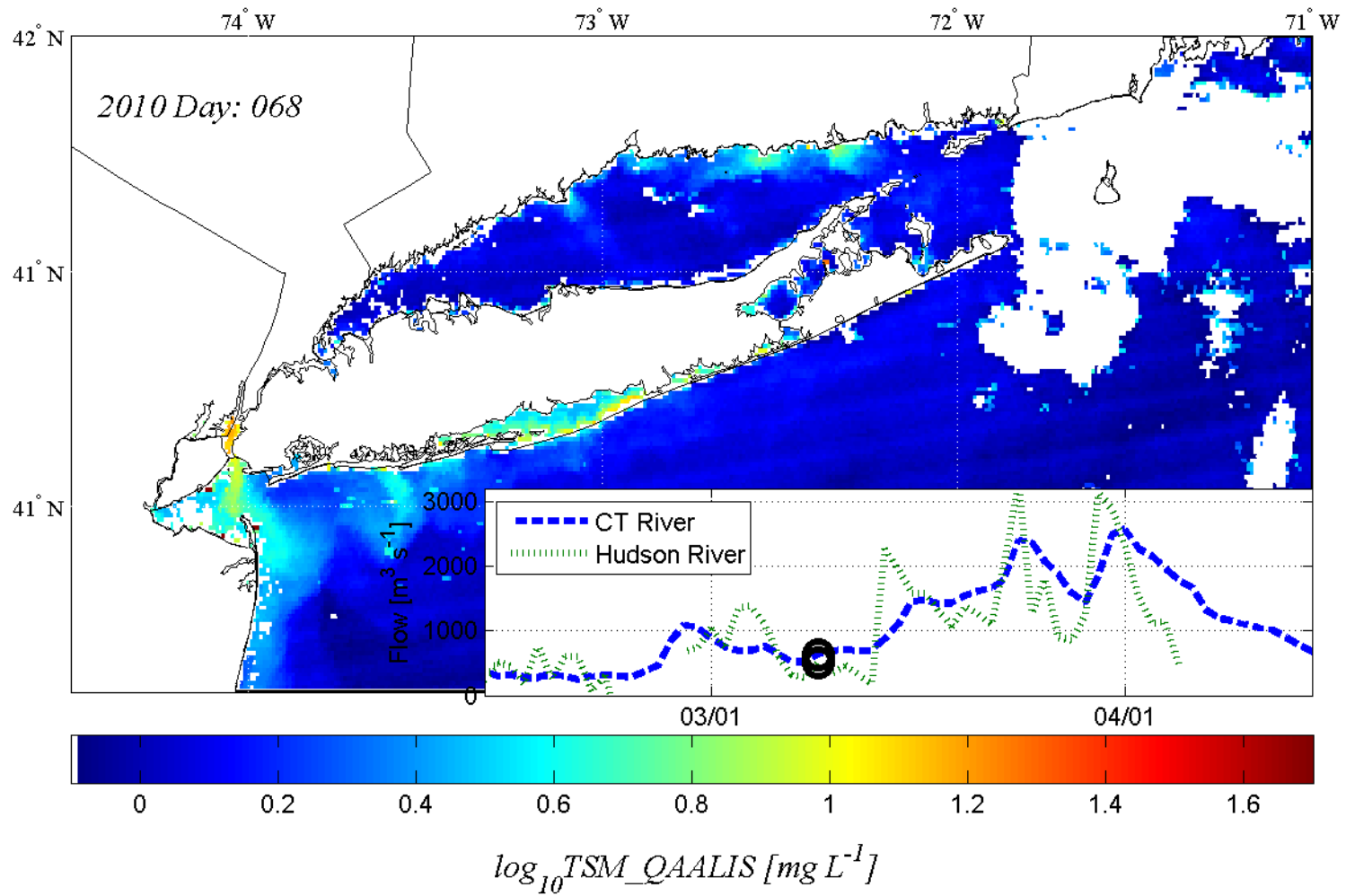


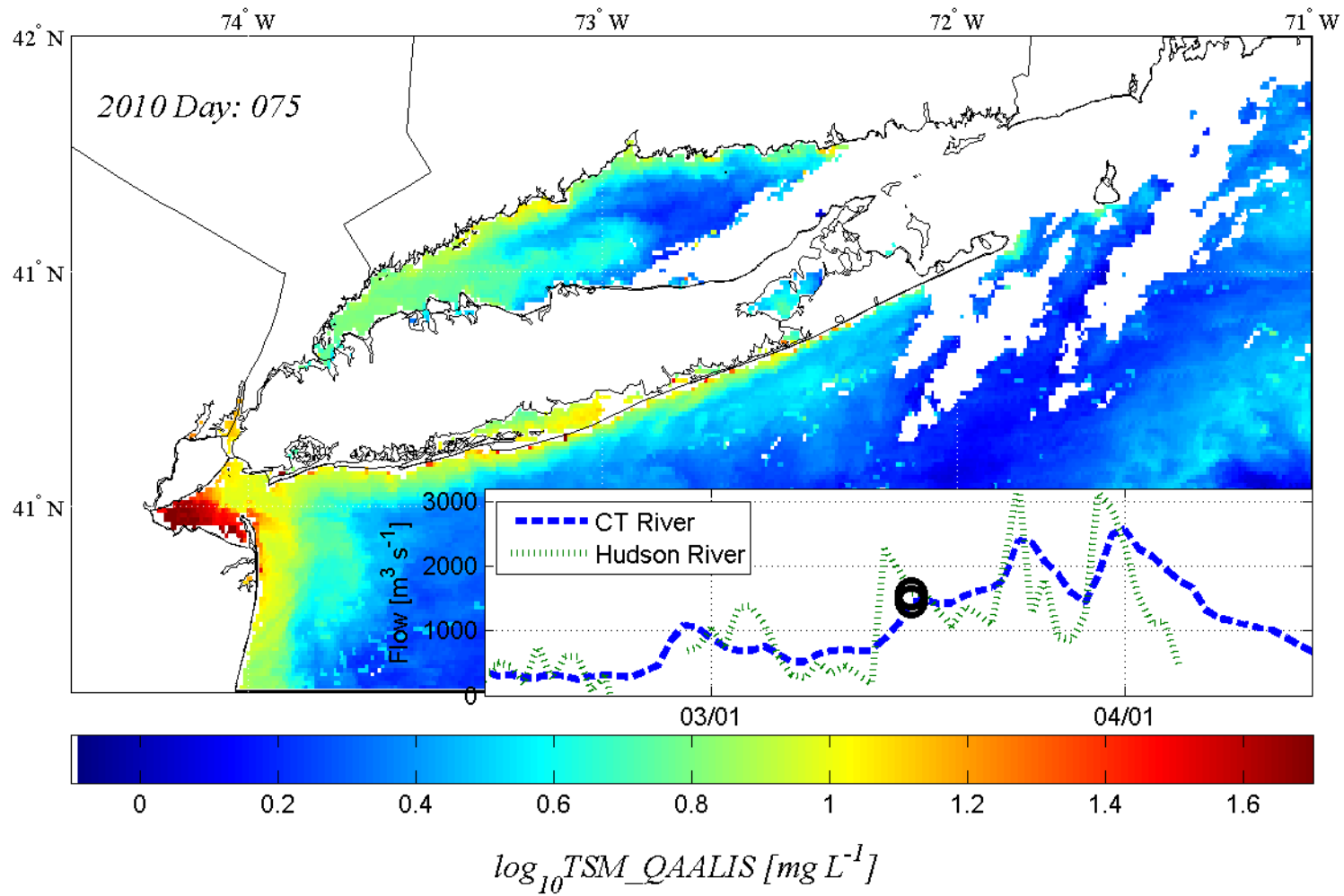


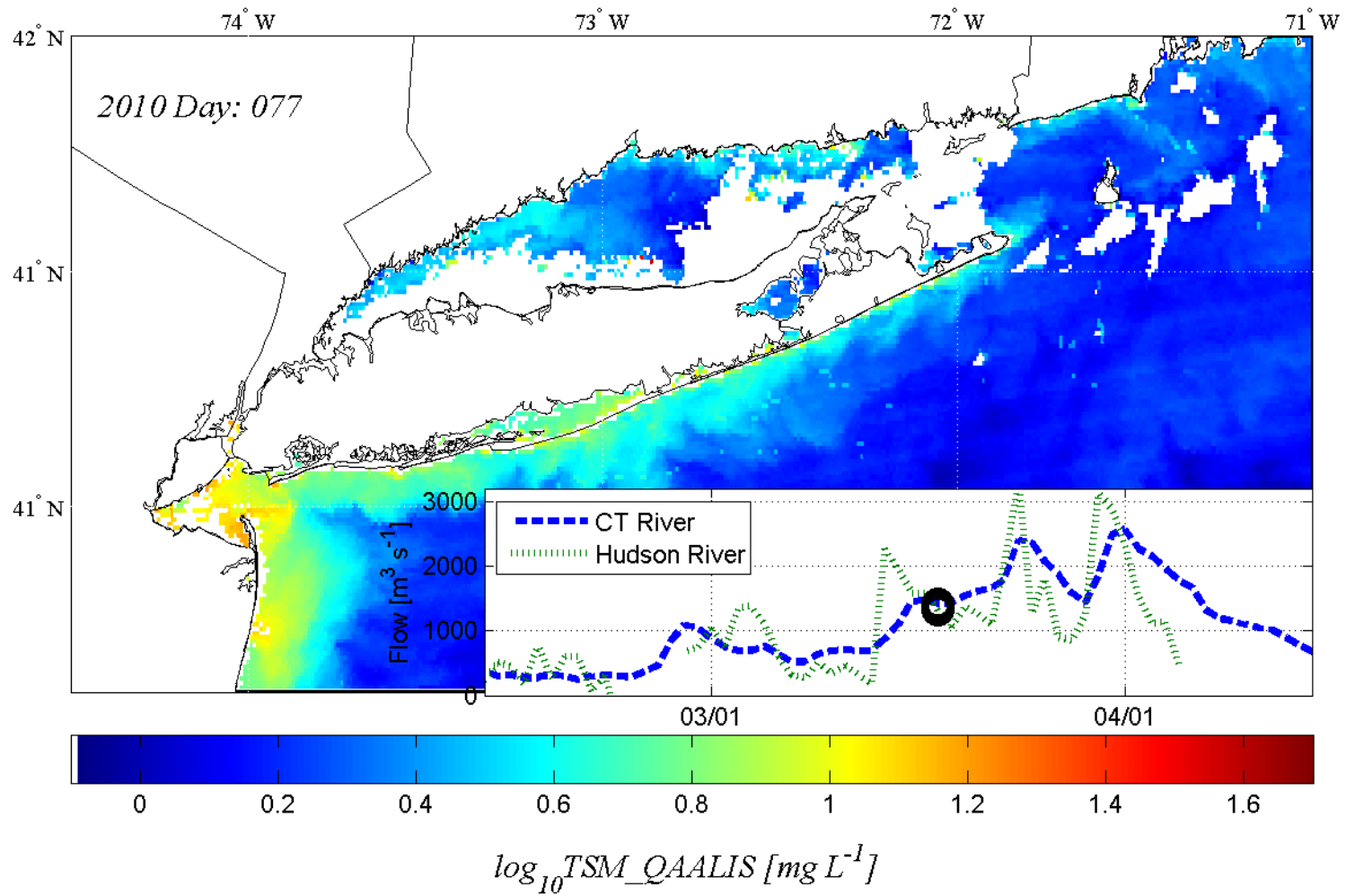


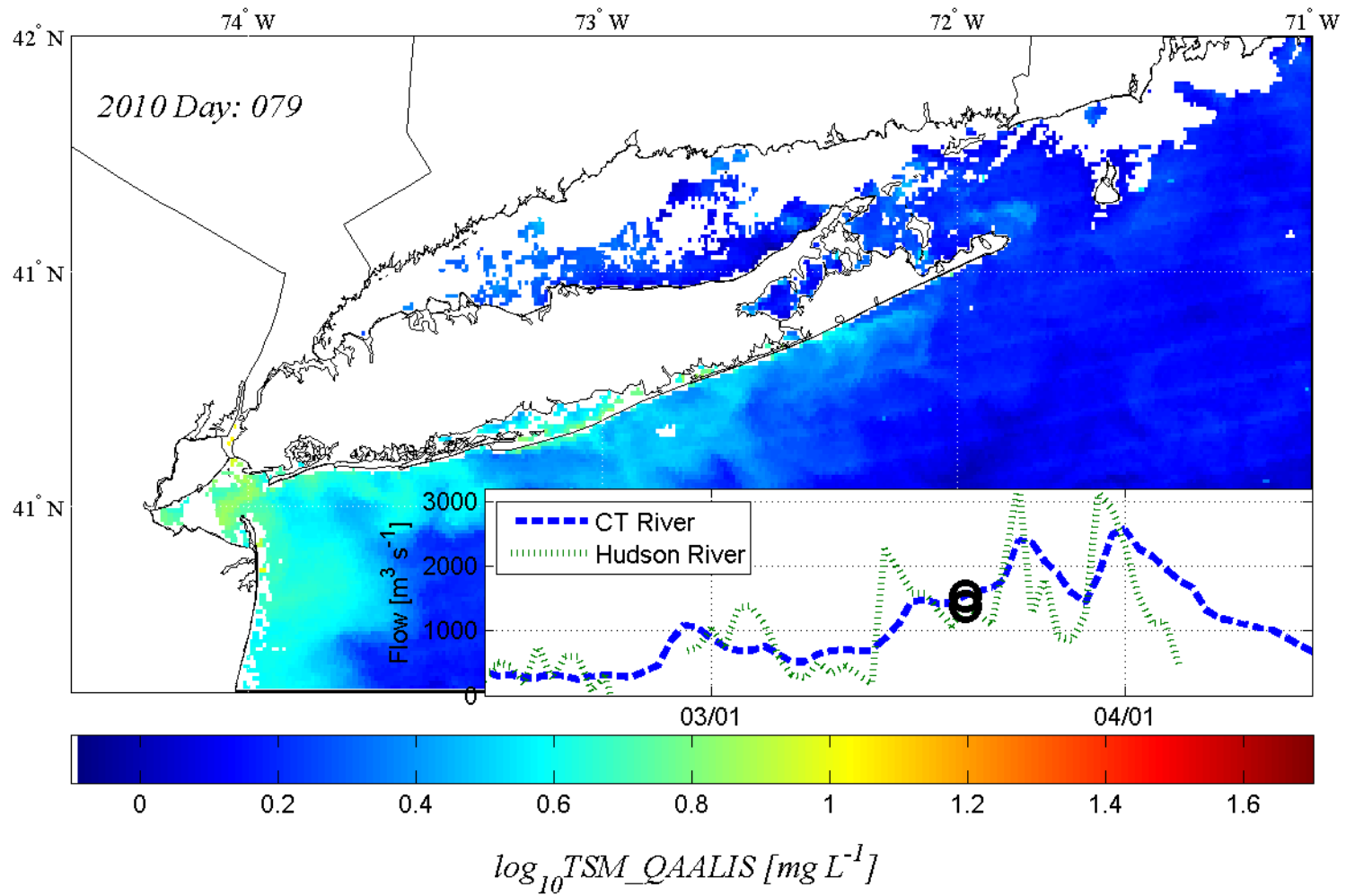


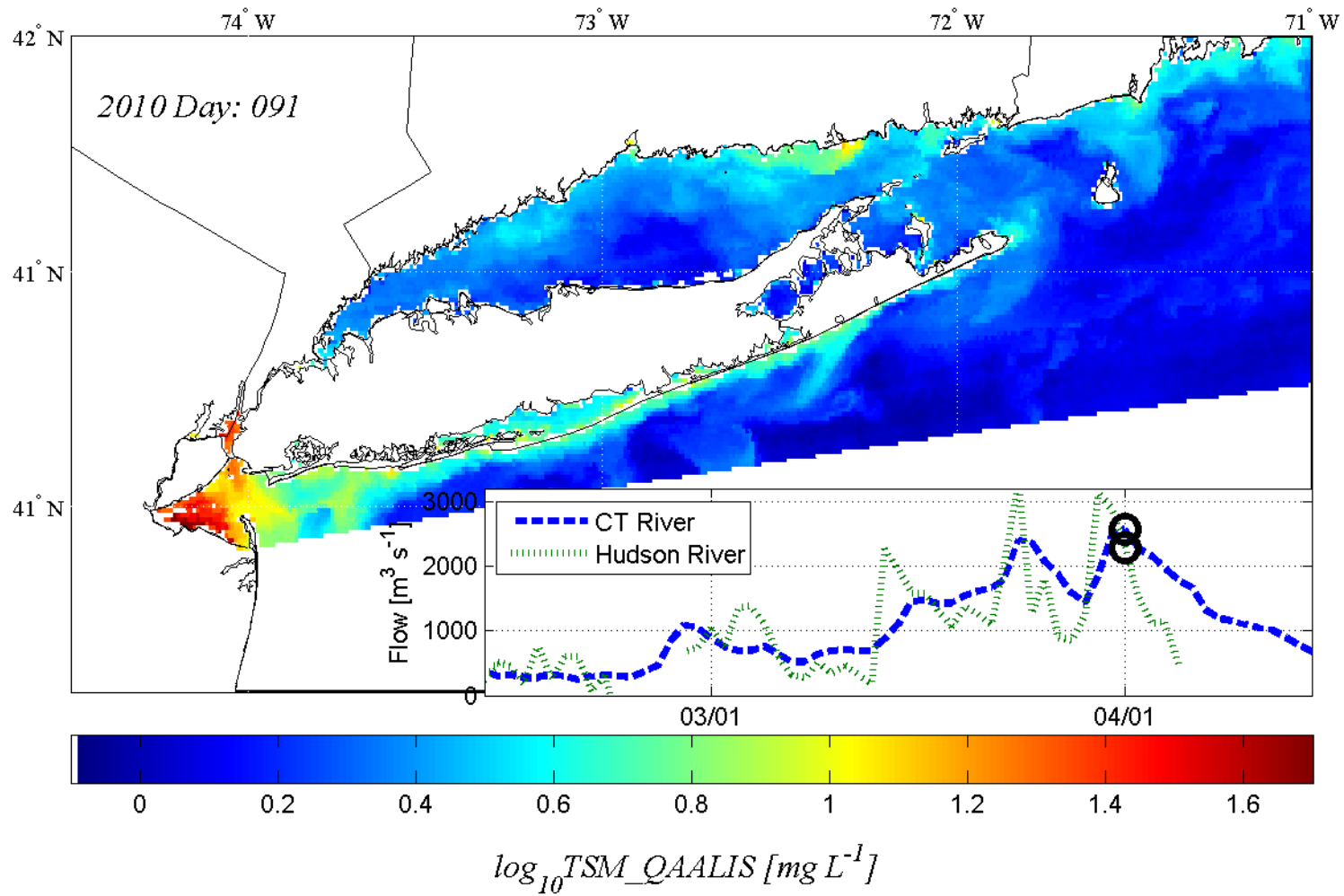


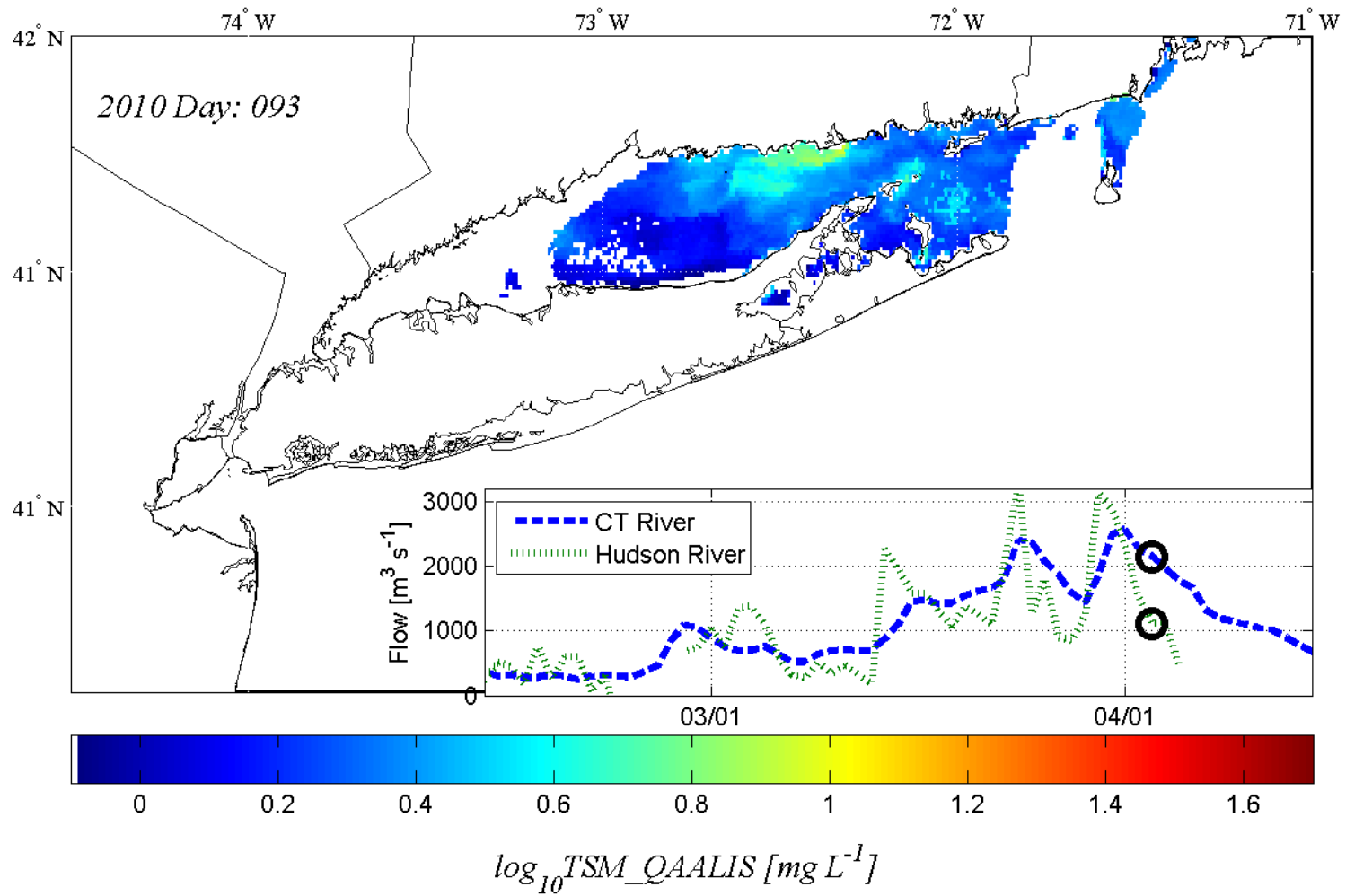


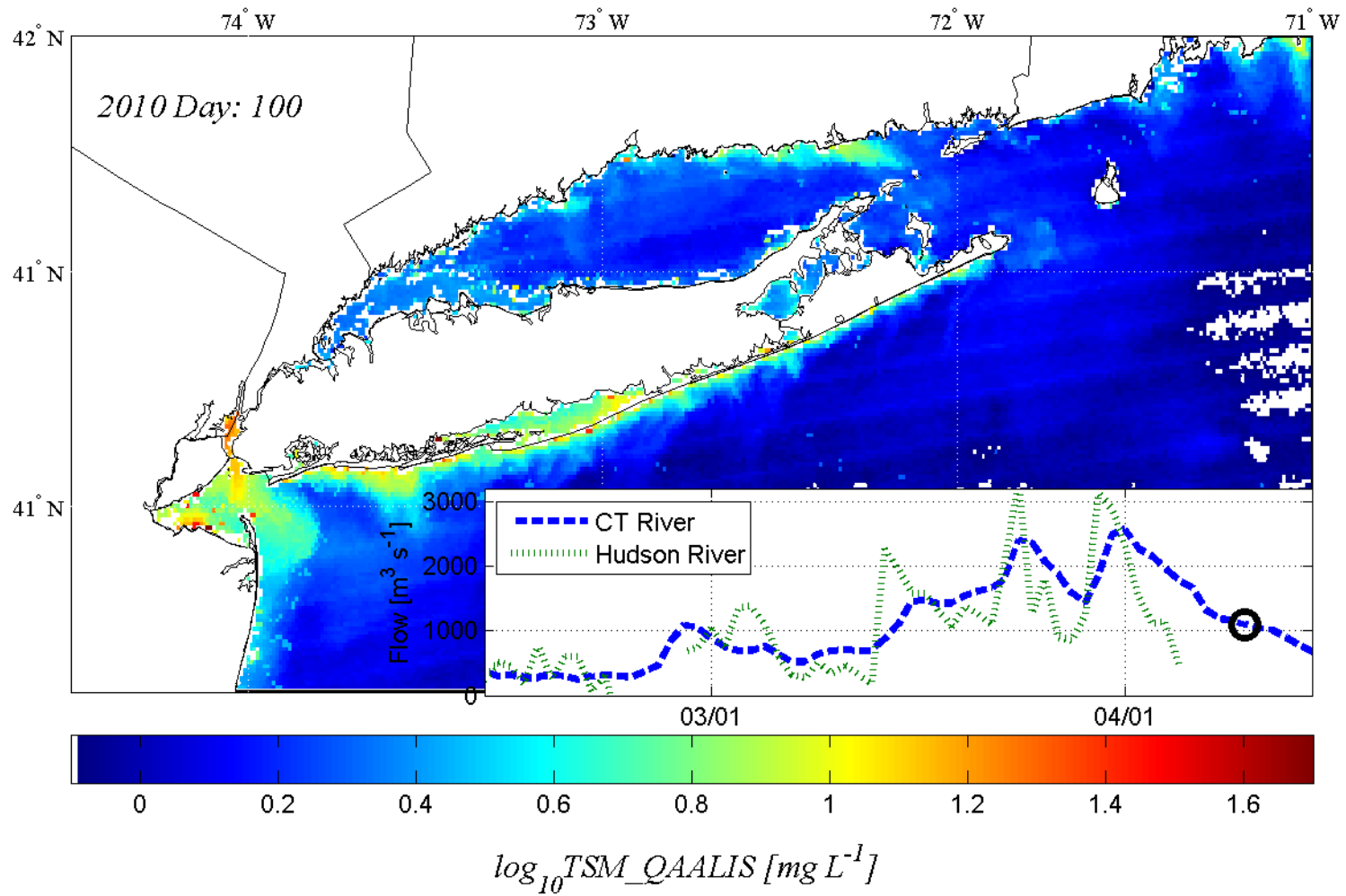












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CT R. Hudson R.

	CT R.	Hudson R.	
TSM	16	40	mg/L
Vol.	2500	2500	m ³ /s
Transport*	3,460	8,640	mton/day

*Assuming vertical homogeneity, no contribution to flow south of river gauges, etc.

2.5 X higher



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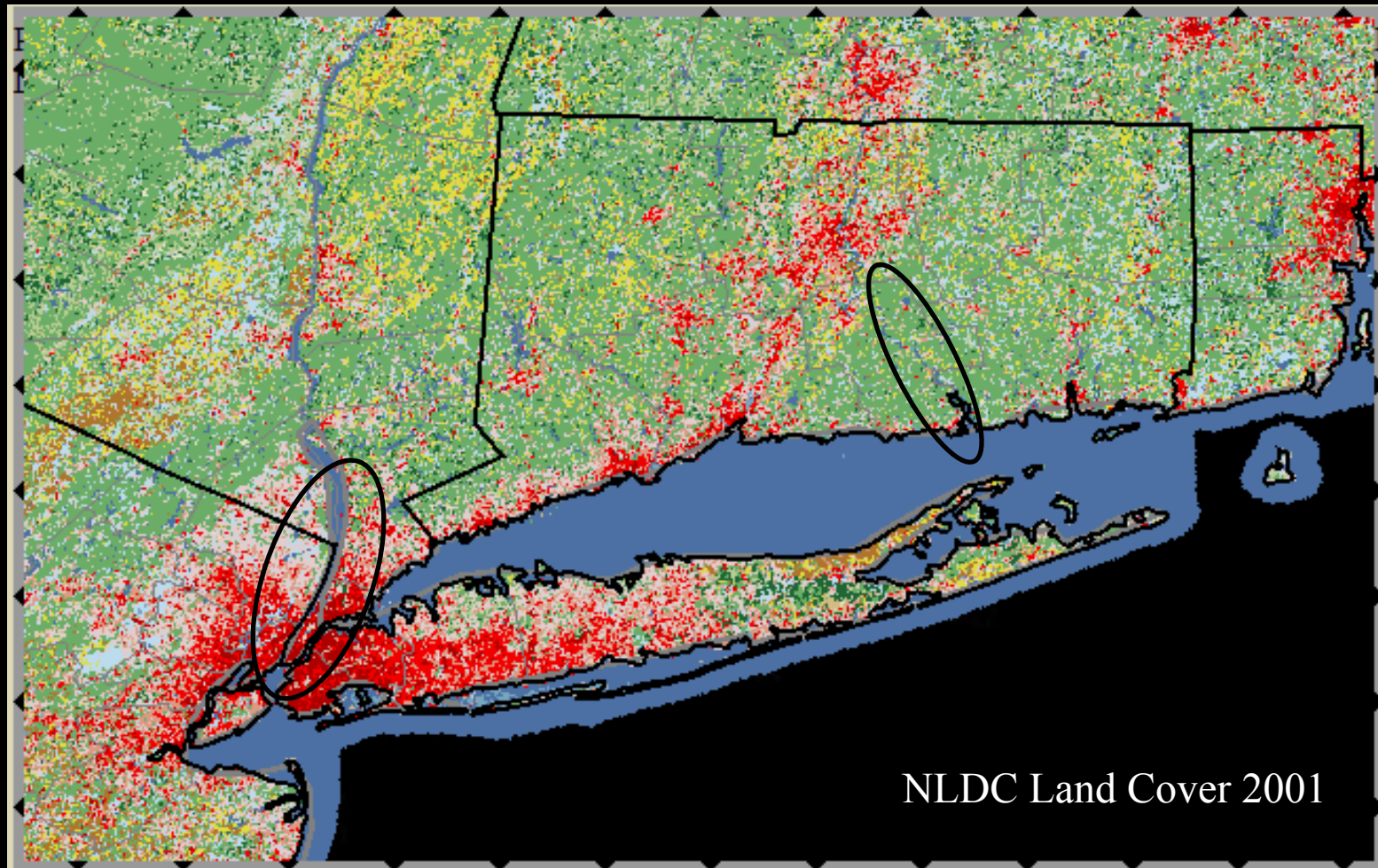
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NLDC Land Cover 2011

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- Data acquisition and sharing

