

# **In situ Protocols Update - Field Program Support Group (FSG)**

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# Outline

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- Brief introduction to the FSG
- CDOM protocol activity
  - November 2013 Workshop
  - Round robins
- Particle absorption protocol workshop
- Future plans
- IOCCG committee on protocols

# Field support group - Introduction

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**Goal:** to provide field observations and data analysis capabilities in support of the NASA OBB Program and related missions

# FSG Roles & Activities

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- Obtain complete field datasets for satellite validation & algorithm development.
- Update/develop field and lab measurement protocols with the community.
  - Document in new NASA OOPs
- Quantify and refine uncertainties of field and lab measurements
  - appropriate for satellite product validation and algorithm development
- Inform, interact & collaborate with OC community
- Foster international partnerships
  - Sharing of field & satellite data
  - protocols and QA/QC of field observations

**Assist OBB in preparing for PACE, ... GEO-CAPE, etc.**

# For more information on FSG ...

<http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/FSG/>

**OceanColor WEB**

Missions ▾ Data ▾ Documents ▾ Analyses ▾ People ▾ Forum ▾ Services ▾ Links

**Data Access**

**Level 1 and 2 Browser**  
Visually search the ocean color data archive. Directly download or order data from a single file to an entire mission. Data from the Aquarius mission is also available.

**Level 3 Browser**  
Browse the entire global ocean color, sea surface temperature and sea surface salinity data sets for many parameters and time periods and download PNG images or digital data in HDF format.

**Data Archive**  
Access to the complete data archive. Retrieval of data in bulk is possible.

**Ocean Productivity**  
Ocean Net Primary Productivity data products derived from MODIS and/or SeaWiFS data available from Oregon State University.

**Ocean Color**

Benguela Current

25 km

SeaDAS  
SeaBASS  
NRT Support  
Registration Services  
**Field Support Group**  
HPLC

**Support Services**

**SeaDAS**  
Comprehensive image analysis package for the processing, display, analysis, and quality control of ocean color data.

**SeaBASS**  
An archive of *in situ* oceanographic and atmospheric data for use in algorithm development and satellite data product validation.

**Registration for support services:**

- Data access and Subscriptions
- Forgotten password
- Email change

**Near Real-Time (NRT) Services:**

- NRT Data Subscriptions  
Subscriptions allow users to specify regions for NRT data to be continually staged on our FTP server for download.

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# Scientific Input Group

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- Informal ~~“advisory”~~ group that provides input on our activities
- Members
  - Bob Arnone
  - Barney Balch (since 2014)
  - Chuanmin Hu
  - Colin Roesler
  - Rick Stumpf
- Site visit in October 2013
  - SIG provided written “recommendations”
    - See backup slides and website (in ~2 weeks)
- Next site visit planned for Dec. 2014

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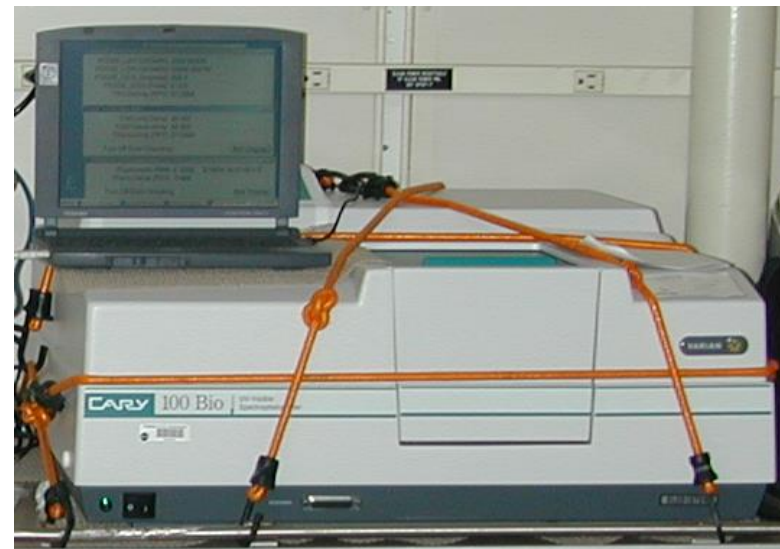
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- FSG convened a workshop at Goddard in November 2013 in collaboration with OC community of CDOM experts
  - Participants were familiar with the Ultrathin and considered CDOM experts
- Activity has continued with round robin activities to resolve protocol issues



# CDOM Workshop/Protocol Objectives 1

- Develop community consensus protocols for CDOM absorption using the WPI Ultrathat
  - Salinity/refractive index correction (0-40 psu).
  - Document variability between different Ultrathats.
    - Define the causes of any revealed differences.
- Compare results from double-beam spectrophotometers, Ultrathats, PSICAM, a-sphere, and ac-s instruments
- Document precision and accuracy of CDOM measurements for each type of instrument.



# CDOM Workshop/Protocol Objectives 2

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- Review and update protocols for CDOM measurements
  - sample collection, storage and analysis from raw optical density to  $a_{CDOM}$  and CDOM spectral slopes.
- Identify and recommend NIST-traceable calibration standards to confirm instrument performance for spectrophotometers and Ultrapaths.
- Recommendations or plans for a NIST-traceable CDOM standard materials or community consensus reference material (similar to deep seawater DOC)
- Complete protocol document for discrete  $a_{CDOM}$  bench measurements

# CDOM Protocol Status

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See Rick Miller's poster #35 (Tuesday)

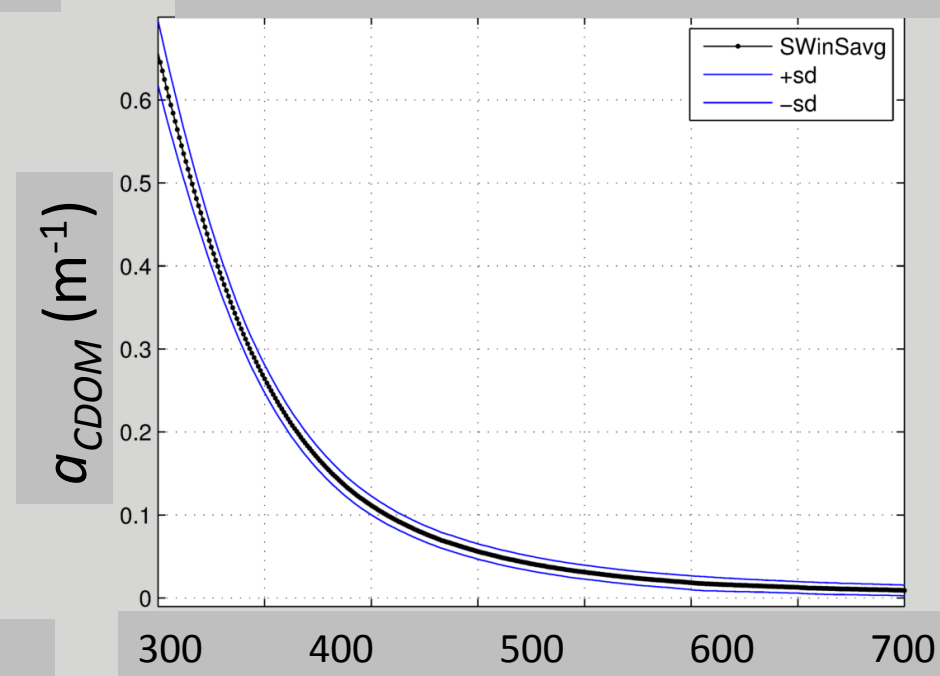
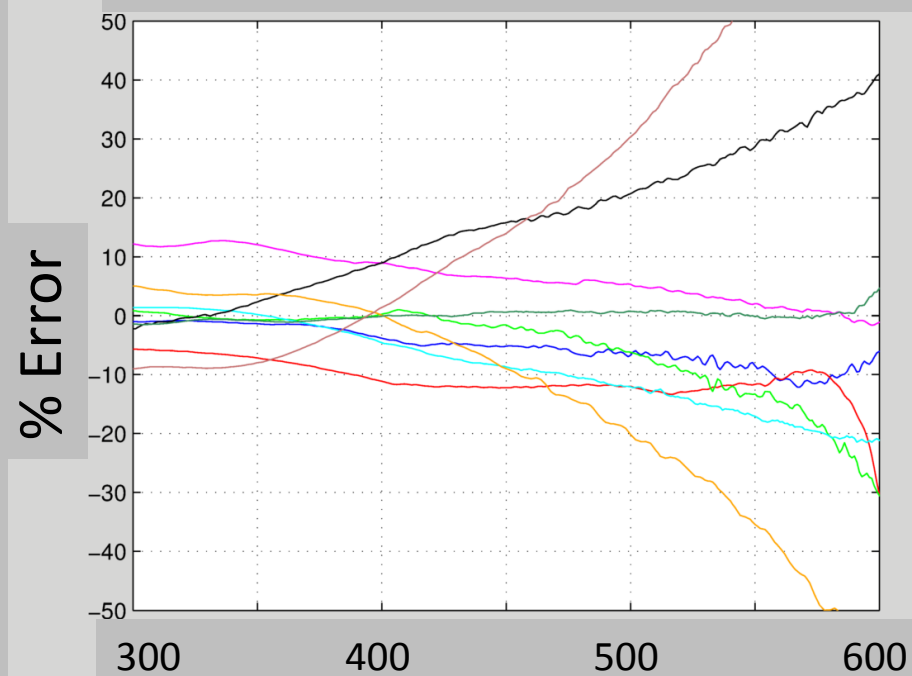
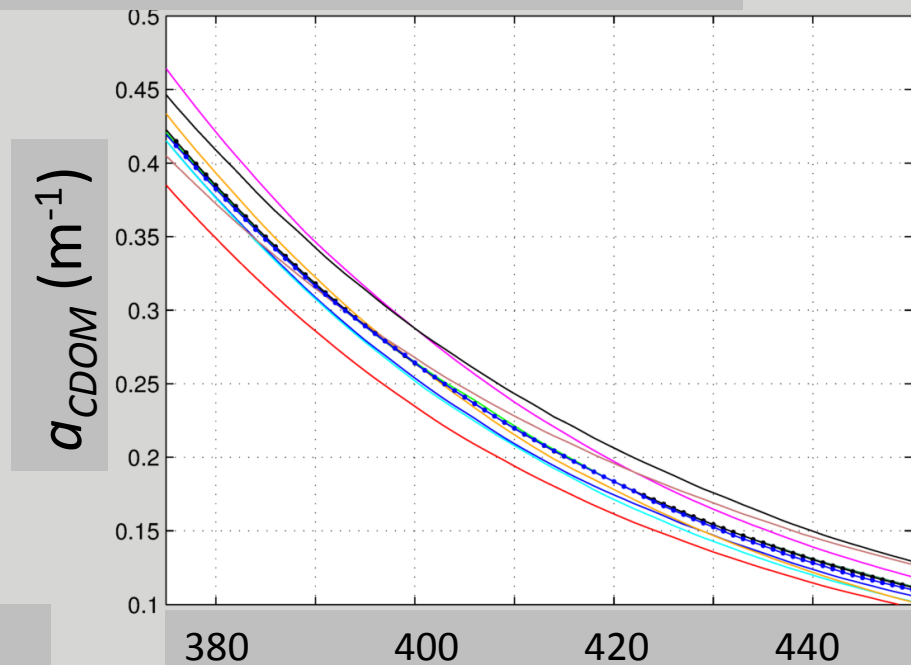
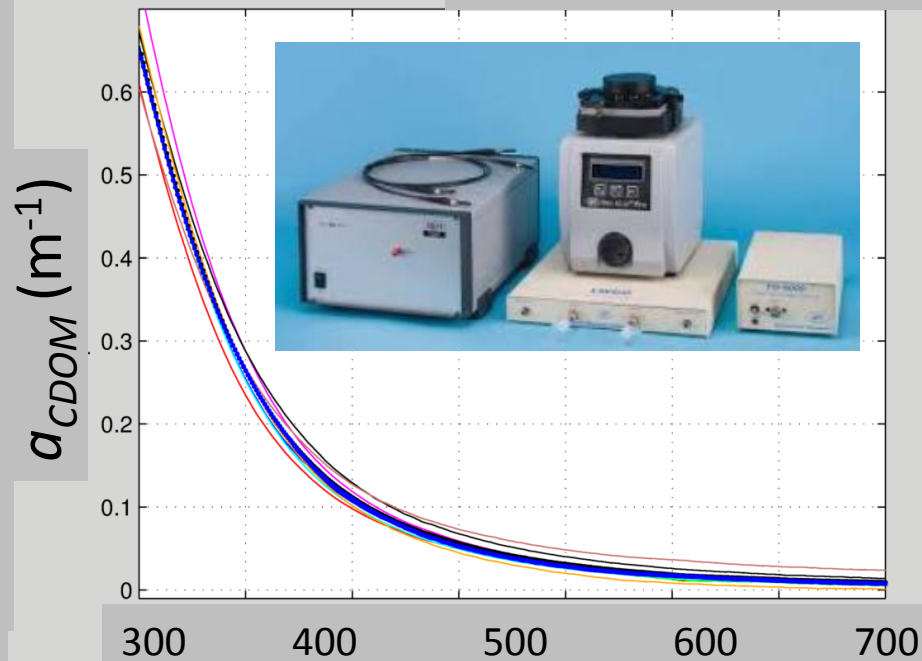
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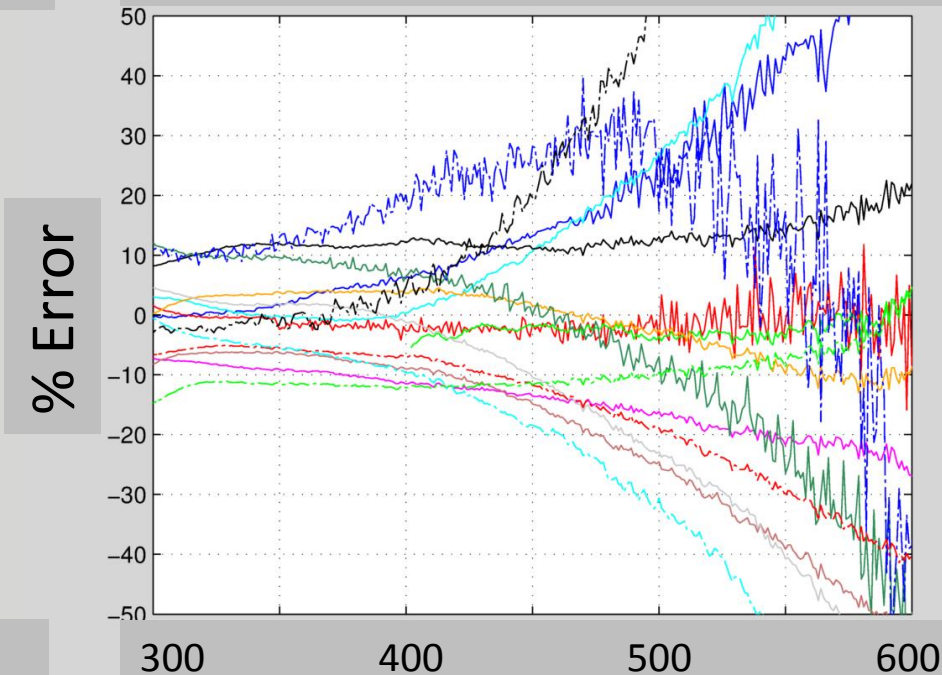
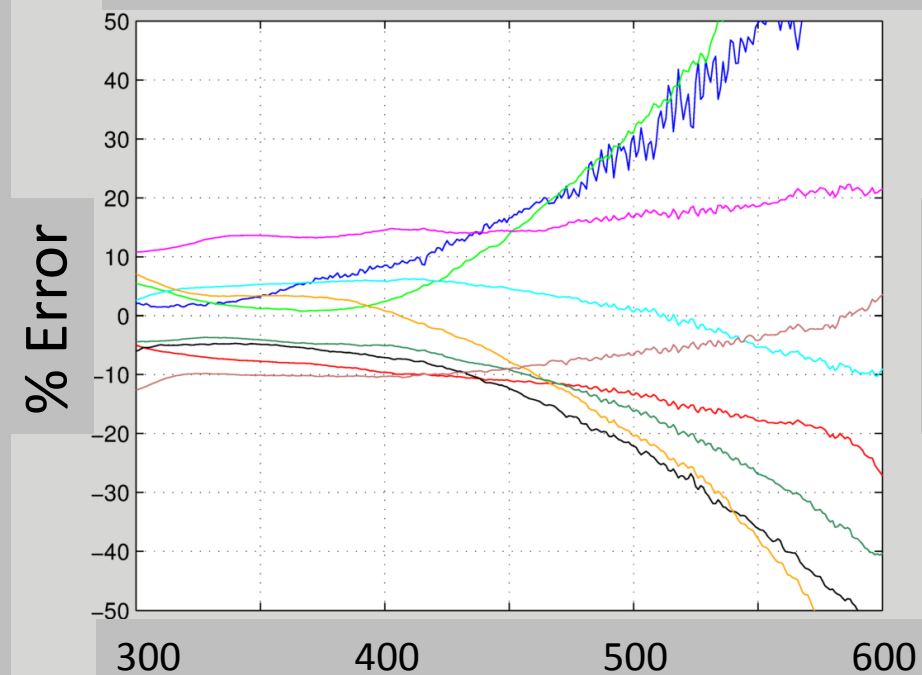
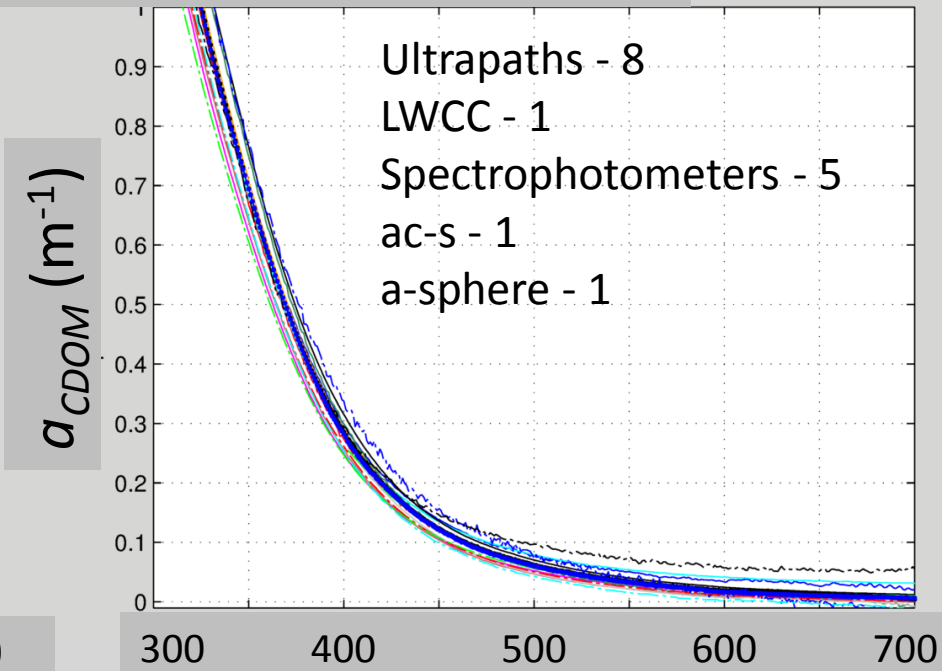
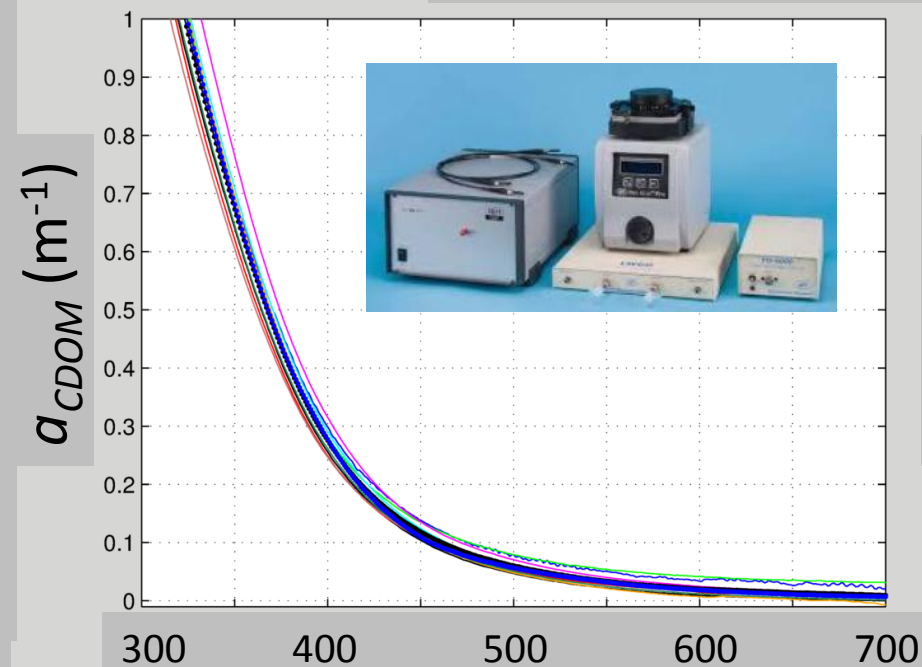
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- **First Post-workshop round robin - January 2014**
  - FSG prepared and distributed various CDOM samples including Suwannee River fulvic acid from IHSS (recommended as CDOM reference material at the workshop)
- **Second post-workshop round robin - summer 2014**
- **Draft protocol document (Norm Nelson coordinating)**

**See Rick Miller's poster #35 (Tuesday)**

# Suwanee River Fulvic Acid in Ultrapure water

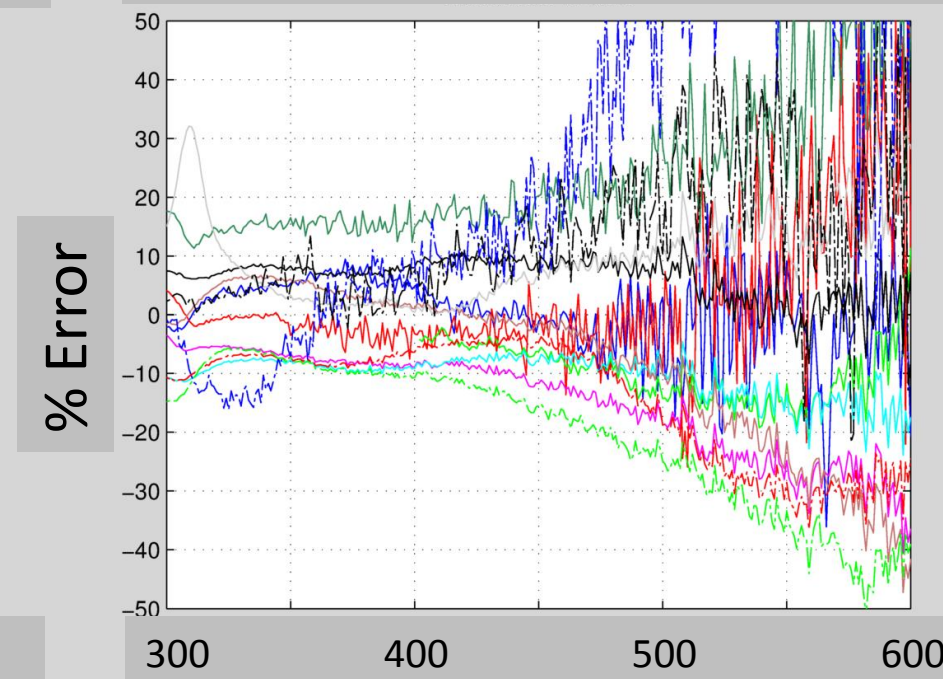
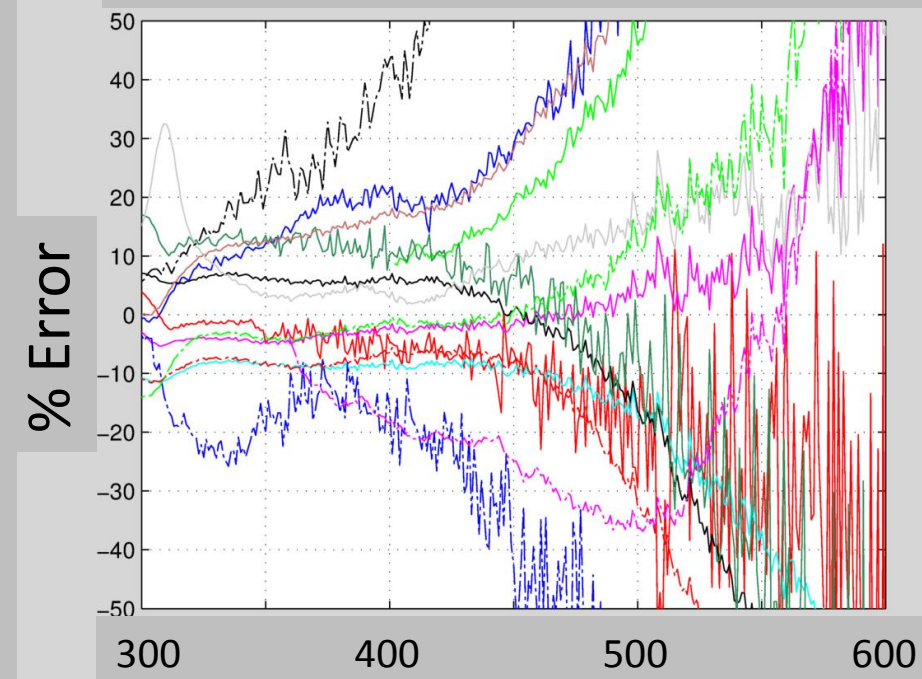
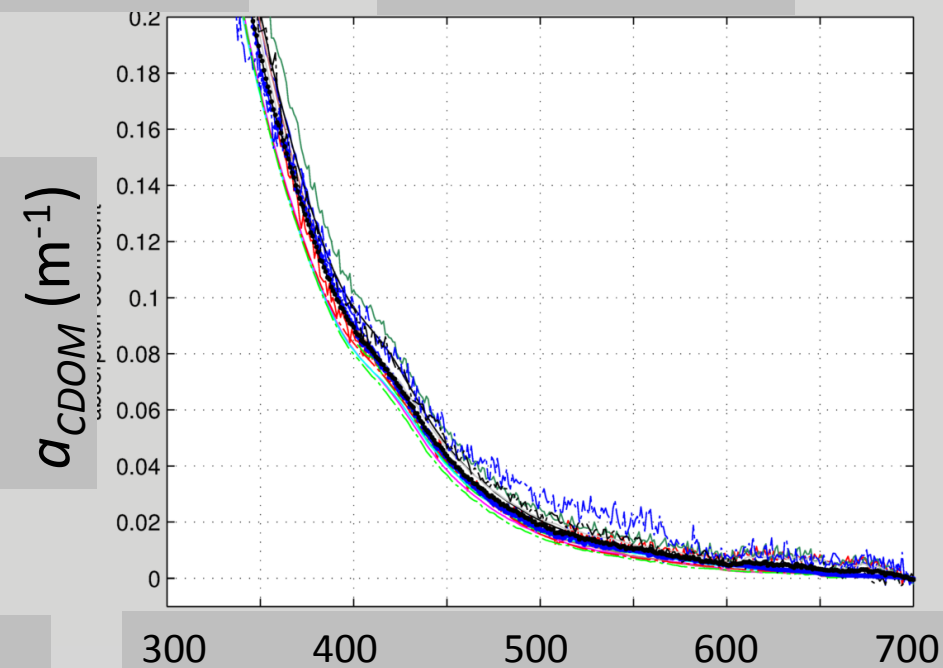
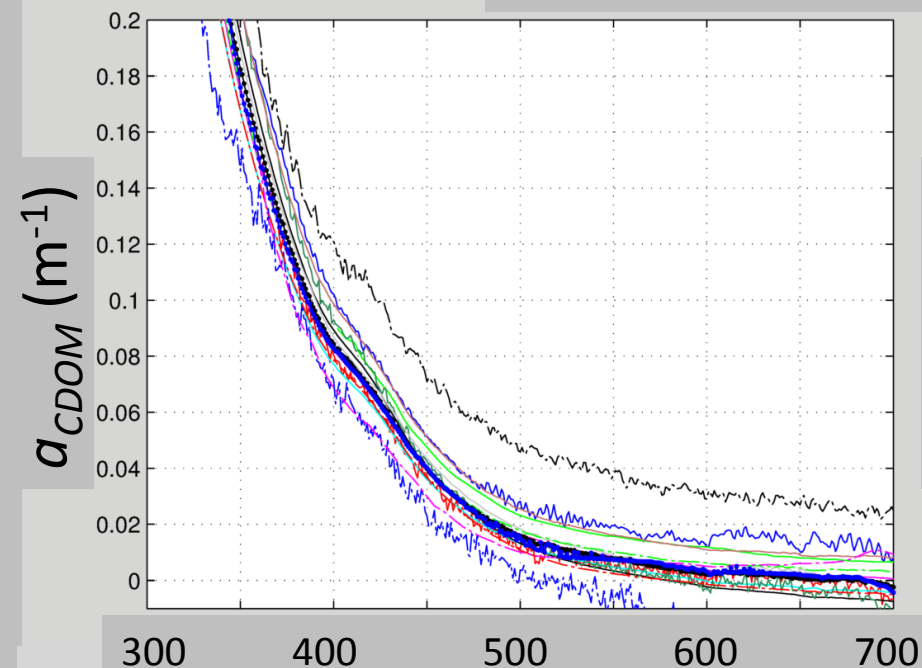


# Suwanee River Fulvic Acid in NaCl solution



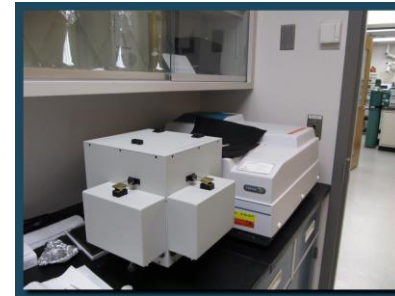
# Coastal Hawaii Seawater

# Null-corrected



# Particle Absorption Protocol Activity

- NASA OOPs published as NASA TM in 2003 (Mitchell et al.)
- Workshop scheduled for June 2014
  - Refine and update protocols for filter pad measurements of particle absorption.
    - Compare traditional QFT, T-R technique, internal integrating sphere, ac-s, a-sphere, and PSICAM.
    - Sample collection, storage and analysis
    - Amplification factors, hysteresis, etc.
    - Depigmentation protocol
  - **Participants:** Collin Roesler, Rick Reynolds, Dariusz Stramski, Emmanuel Boss, Mike Twardowski, Jim Sullivan, Eurico D'Sa, Marcel Babin, Rüdiger Röttgers, Brian Schieber, Aimee Neeley, Mike Novak, Scott Freeman, Joaquin Chaves, Jeremy Werdell & Antonio Mannino.





# Future Plans

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- Working on resolving how to account for DOC sorption onto POC samples
- *in situ* IOP Workshop Winter/Spring 2015
- TBD Summer 2015

# IOCCG Sponsored Protocol Activity

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- IOCCG Committee to follow ocean color protocol development activities
- Optics protocol workshop on Oct. 25 (day before OO XXIII begins in Portland, Maine) - coordinated by Steve Ackleson
  - bring together experts from around the world to discuss the next steps towards the establishment of community protocols for *in situ* and above-water observations in support of ocean color science.
  - Advise the IOCCG: workshop report, research community plans for updating and expanding existing protocols.

**BACKUP SLIDES**

# FSG staff & capabilities

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Antonio Mannino .....	PI; biogeochemistry
Jeremy Werdell .....	Consigliere; satellites
Win Decker .....	SSAI Program Manager
Joaquin Chaves .....	biogeochemistry; biology
Scott Freeman .....	in-water IOPs & AOPs
Mike Novak .....	biogeochemistry
Aimee Neeley .....	phytoplankton ecology
Crystal Thomas .....	HPLC
Chris Kenemer .....	HPLC
Giulietta Fargion .....	SeaBASS/HPLC data management; HQ liaison
Chris Proctor .....	SeaBASS; validation
Karen Mitchell .....	operations
Vince Wilding .....	Web developer
Stan Hooker .....	optical instrumentation development; AOPs

# Scientific Input Group Oct. 2013 Site Review Recommendations

## Summary of Review:

The program review for the FGS program was well received and the SIG was impressed with their progress. Their vision for the future role for in situ ocean measurements clearly identifies and justifies their activities for emerging satellite sensors and algorithms. The SIG encourages continuation of the FGS development and fully support their activities.

Below is a list of suggestions that are most critical to make further improvement.

- 1) Conduct more outreach both to engage the community in defining and evaluating protocols but also to better expose the capabilities and activities of FSG;
- 2) Develop protocols for water leaving radiance. Confirm and work with the community on new developments for in situ methods and emerging ocean instruments, etc. Are existing off the shelf capabilities sufficient, are some better than others, what are the evaluation criteria?
- 3) Continue development of protocols or IOP / AOP measurements- and instruments used. Inform the community on instruments and advances being made etc. Provide an organic website for SOPs which evolves via FSG and community engagement and coordination.
- 3) Workshops for CDOM, HPLC, POC, PIM etc are important , glad to see they are emerging . Suggest several per year which can coincide with major meetings.
- 4) Suggest minimize cost of some workshops and protocols which can be conducted from a pier with participants for ~2 days, rather that going on cruise with extensive cost. Save research cruise activities and costs for high value sample collections (unique region, process).

Congratulations on a job well done.

**Scientific Input Group:** Robert Arnone; Collin Roesler; Chuanmin Hu

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*In situ data collection*

**FSG supports NASA flight project & OBB needs**

*Measurement  
Protocols  
refinement*

*Best practices for  
data use within  
satellite paradigm*