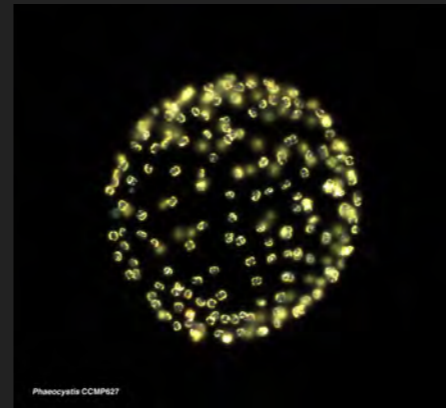
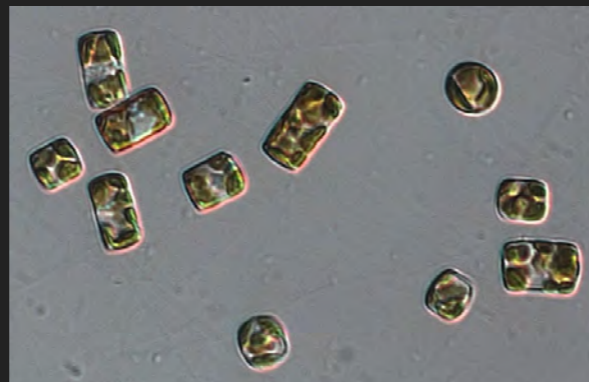
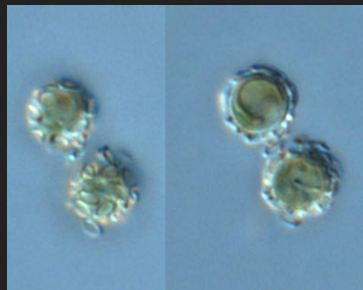




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# Optical and Pigment Phytoplankton Hyperspectral Library

## OUTLINE

- ▶ Motivation
- ▶ Team
- ▶ Approaches to Libraries for PFTs/Phytoplankton Community Composition
- ▶ Overview of Experiments
- ▶ Experimental Setup and Measurements Collected
- ▶ Preliminary Results: absorption, attenuation & backscatter
- ▶ Future Work

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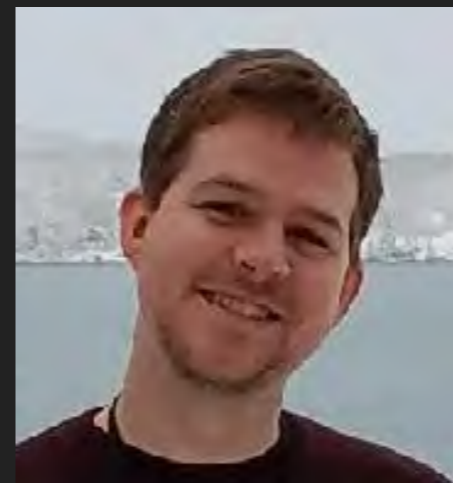
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## MOTIVATION

- ▶ **GOAL:** Enable characterization of how climate change alters phytoplankton communities as these changes will impact both carbon export from the surface ocean and the flow of carbon to higher trophic levels.
- ▶ **Objective**
  - ▶ Develop and apply optical-biogeochemical libraries for identification of phytoplankton communities from Remote Sensing and *in situ* times series of optical and pigment databases.
- ▶ **Research Questions**
  - ▶ What are the impacts of climate change on phytoplankton community composition and total biomass?
  - ▶ Do patterns in direct observations of PFTs (e.g., HPLC pigment-derived, flow cytometrically and microscopically enumerated phytoplankton) concur with satellite derived PFT estimates across regions with different physical and biological gradients?
  - ▶ How do the spectral fingerprints of PFTs change, and therefore our ability to quantify PFTs, in response to climate change variables?

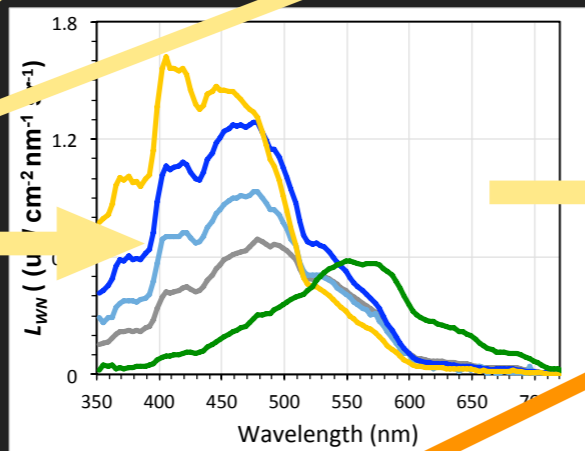
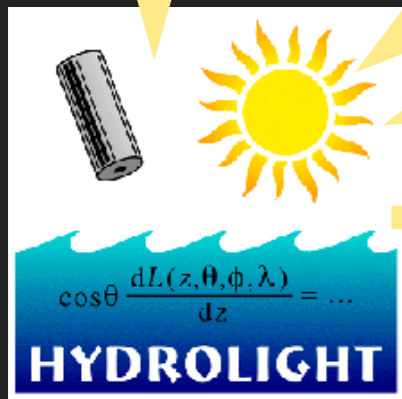
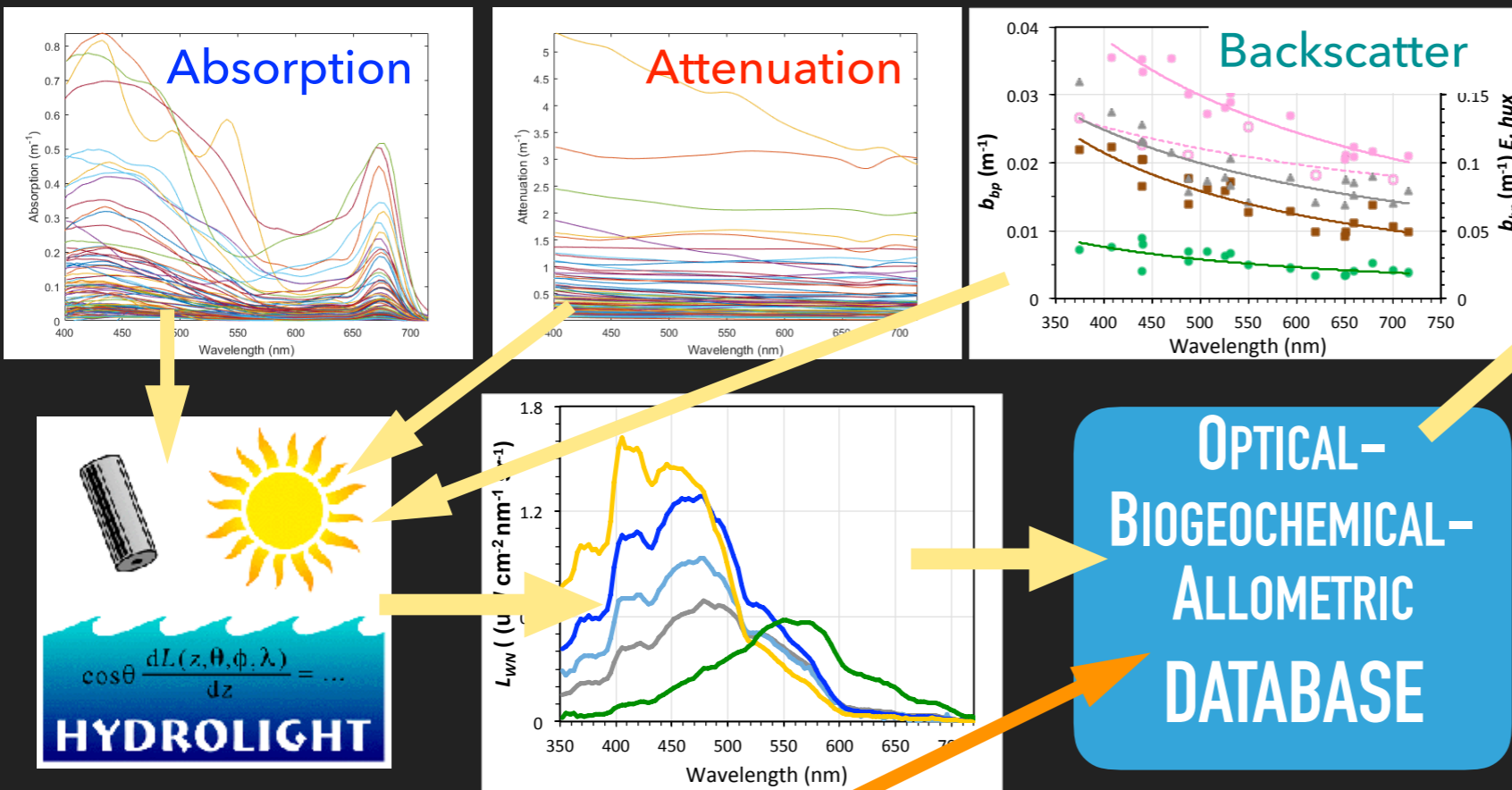
# PHYTOPLANKTON STUDIED BY TAXONOMY & DISTRIBUTION

~PFT	Polar	Temperate	Sub/Tropical	Mixtures
Diatoms	15	7	1	5
Cyanobacteria			4	4
Coccolithophores		4	1	4
Chlorophytes			2	2
Pelagophytes		1	1	2
Dinoflagellates	1	2	3	
Prasinophytes			2	
Cryptophytes			1	
Stramenopiles		1		
Phaeocystis	1	1		
other Prymnesioph.		3	1	
Pico-plankton	0	1	5	
Nano-plankton	4	7	16	
Micro-plankton	13	2	4	

Excludes Evolution & Co-Habitation experiments (3 species & 3 mixtures, respectively)

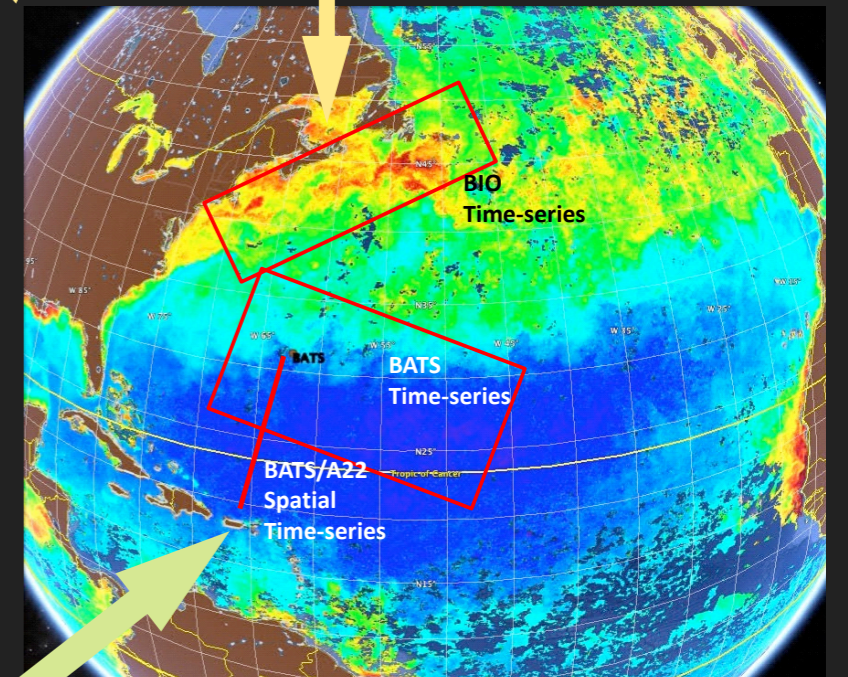
# APPROACHES FOR PFT / COMMUNITY COMPOSITION

## I. Phytoplankton (hyper)-Spectral Library



REMOTE SENSING  
PFTs &  
COMMUNITY COMPOSITION  
ALGORITHMS

OPTICAL-  
BIOGEOCHEMICAL-  
ALLOMETRIC  
DATABASE



## II. CHEMTAX Biomass-based Library

Pigments, C/N, #, size



CHEMTAX-REV  
DATABASE

PFTs &  
COMMUNITY COMPOSITION  
ALGORITHMS

Multi-Decade PFT  
& Phytoplankton  
community dataset  
for climate change/  
trend analysis



# EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND MEASUREMENTS

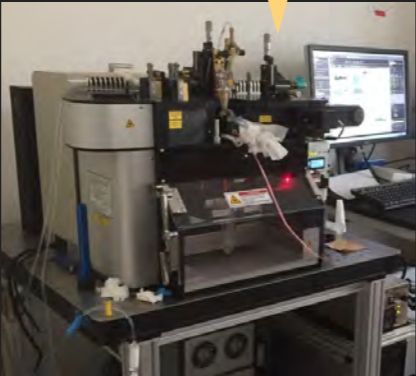
Preparation of Stock Cultures



Stock Culture



Cell Counts

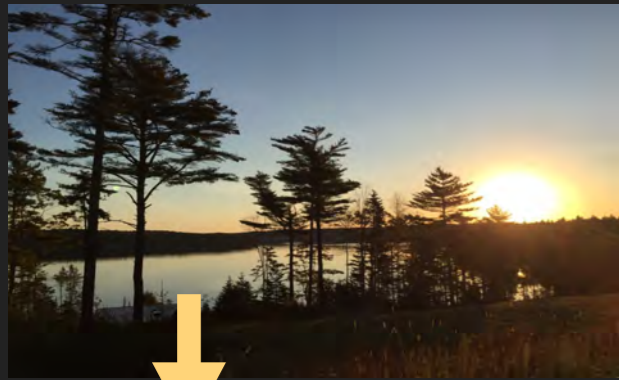


(Flow Cytometry & Light Microscopy)



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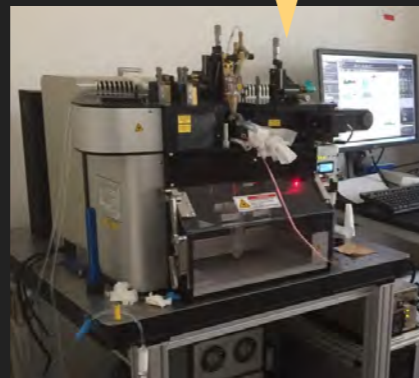
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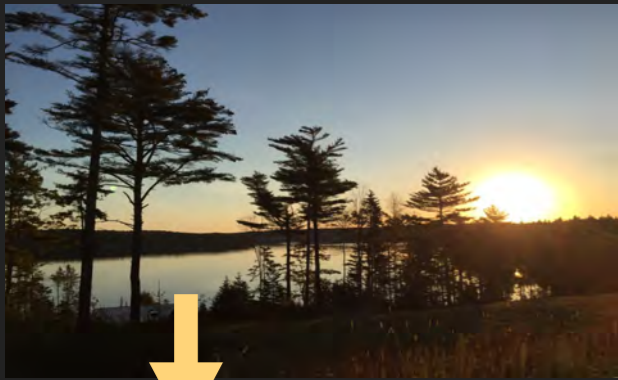
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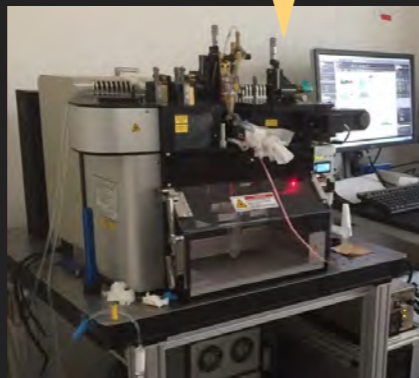


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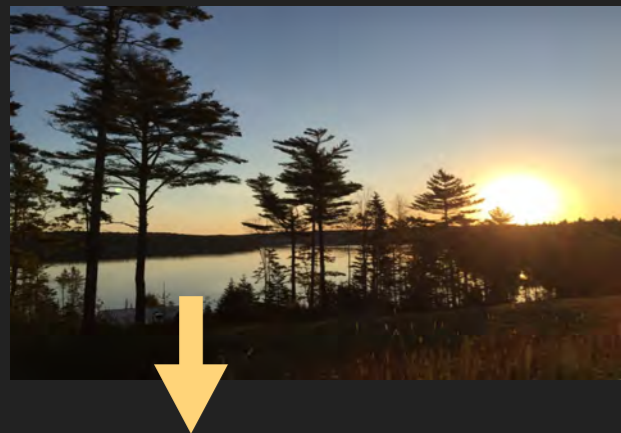
**Natural  
Phytoplankton Bloom  
Cell Concentrations**

Cell Counts



(Flow Cytometry & Light Microscopy)

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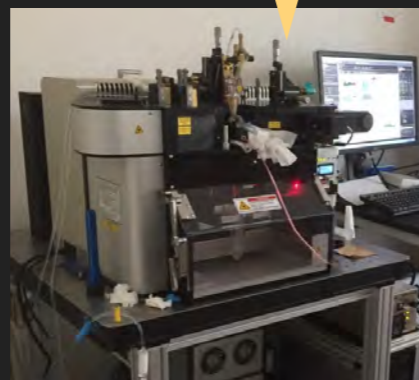
Filter Samples



Pigments  
POC/PN  
PIC, POP,  
 $a_p, a_d, a_g,$   
nutrients,  
DOC, etc.

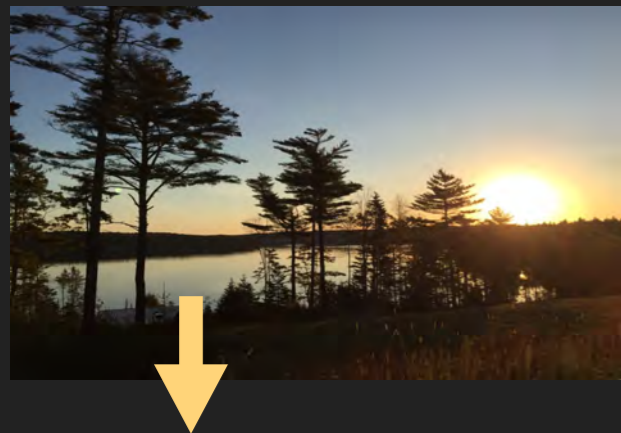


Cell Counts,  
Size, Biovolume



(Flow Cytometry &  
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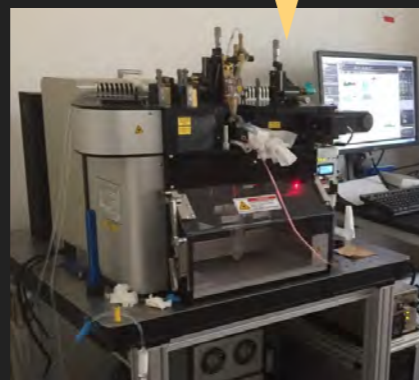
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Particle Absorption  
(IS Mode)

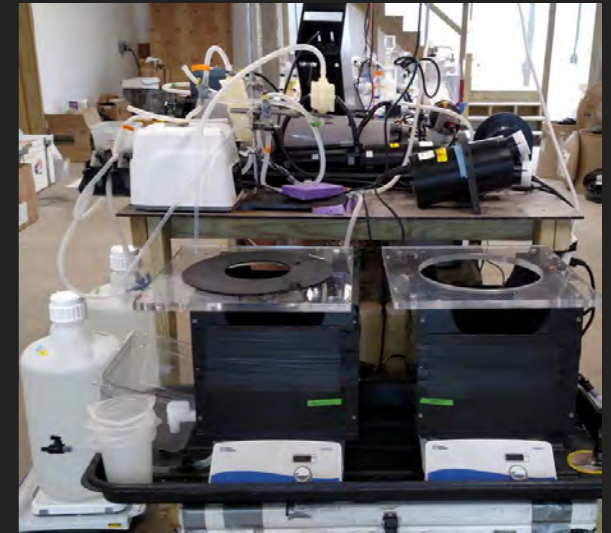
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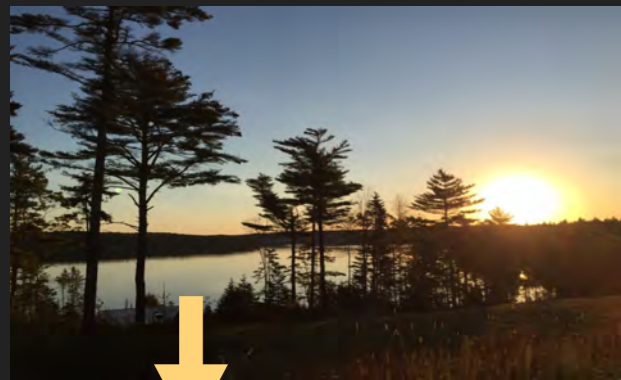
Backscatter  
(VSF-3, HS6, BB9)



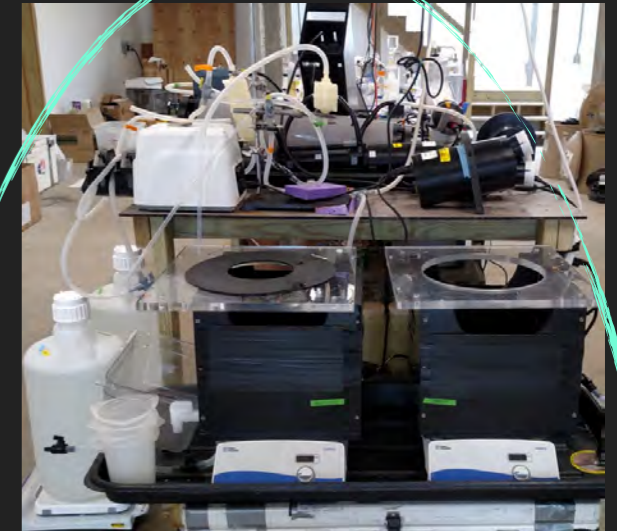
Flow-Through IOPs  
(ac-s, PhytoFlash, TSG,  
ICAM, BB3, VSF-R) and LISST

Processed  
- Whole Water  
- <0.2 μm Water

# EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND MEASUREMENTS



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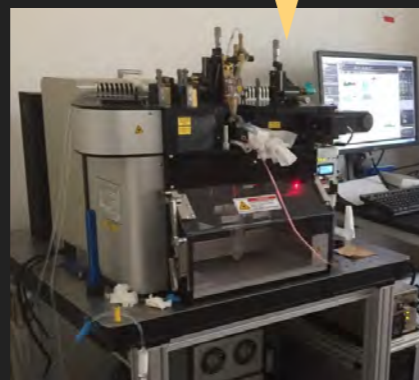


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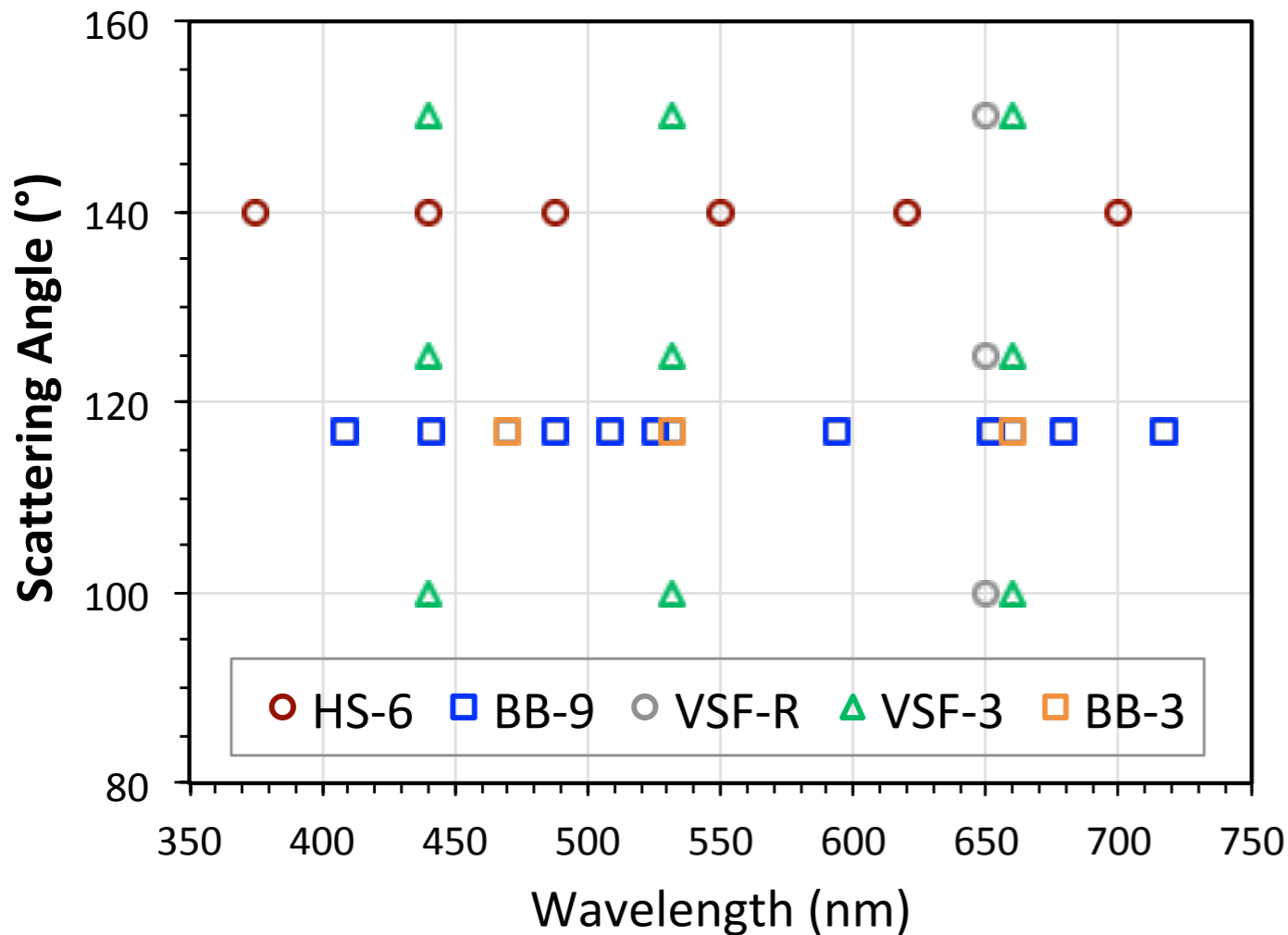
(Flow Cytometry &  
Light Microscopy)



Particle Absorption  
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# SPECTRAL AND ANGULAR DETAILS FROM SCATTERING SENSORS

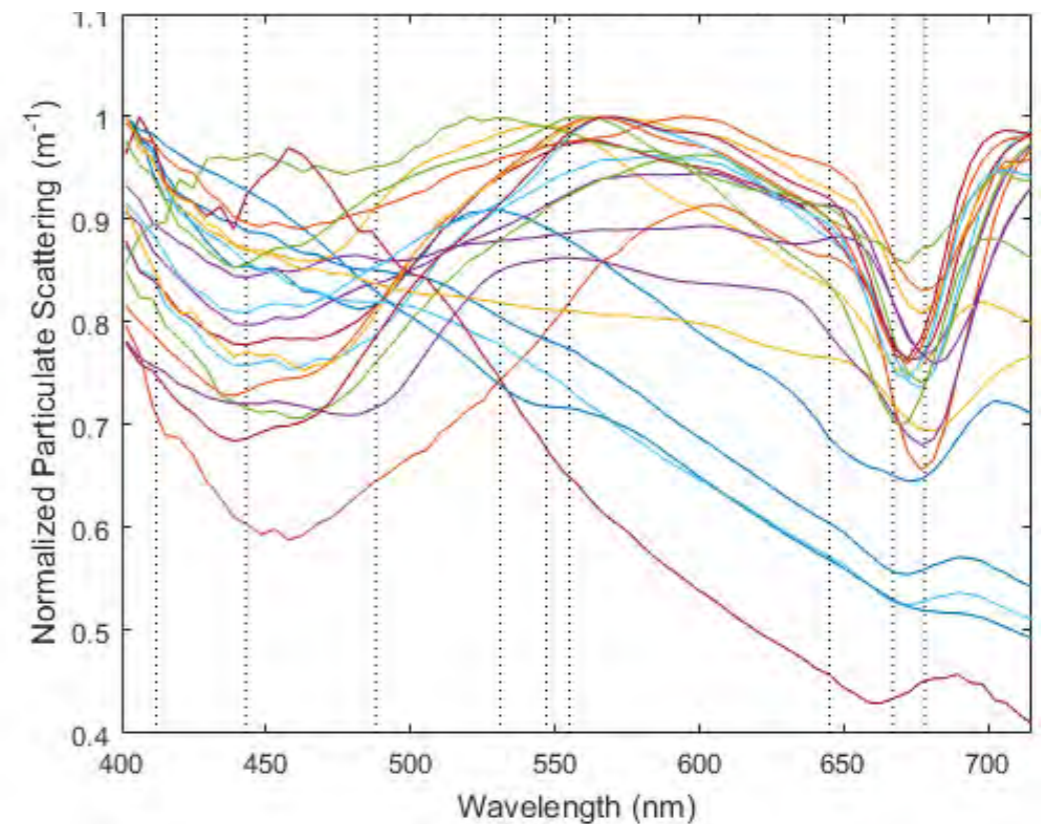
$b_{bp}$  from VSF-3, VSF-R, BB3, BB9 and HS6



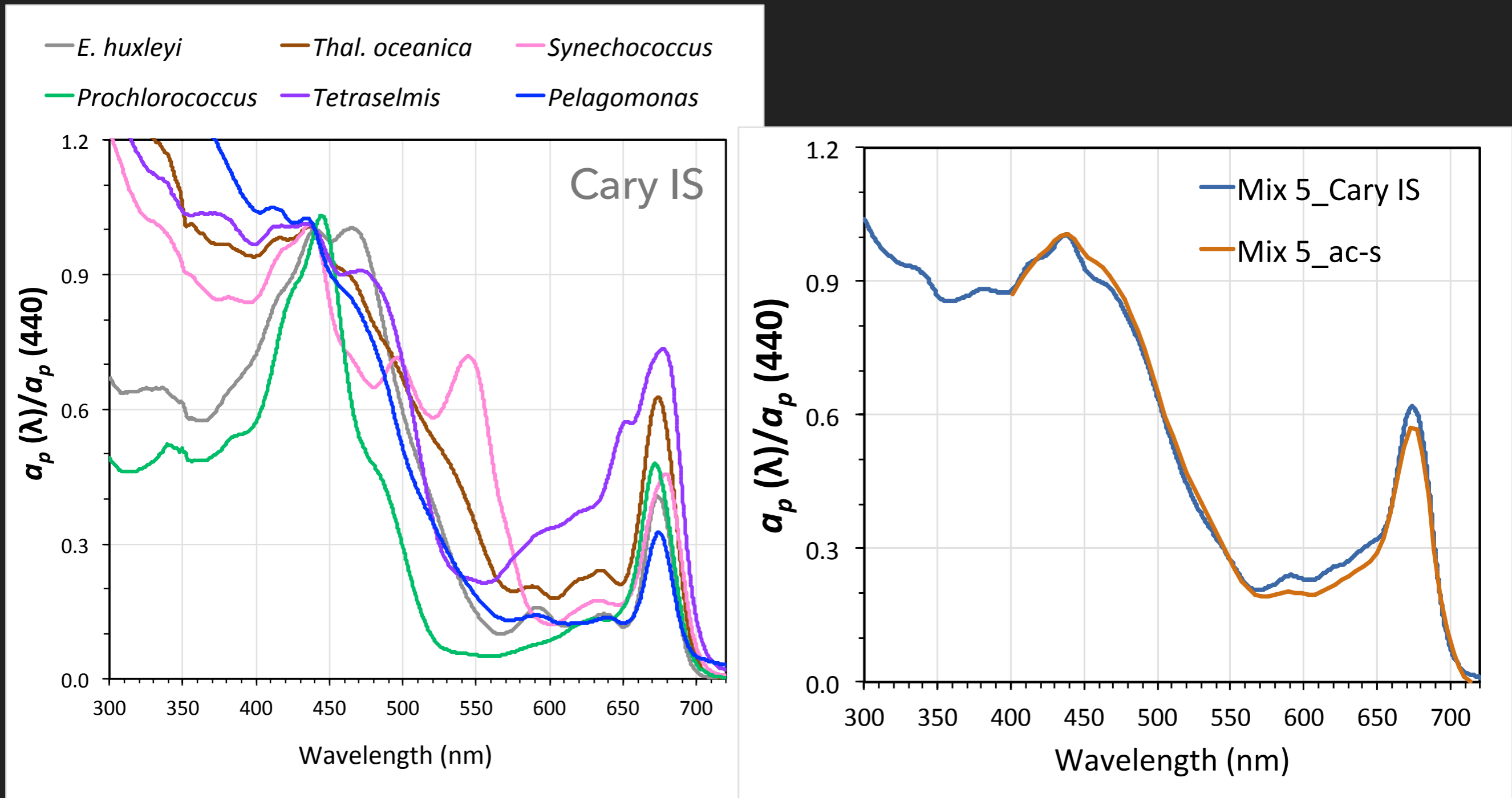
16 discrete wavelengths

5 unique angles

Scattering coefficient (b) from ac-s



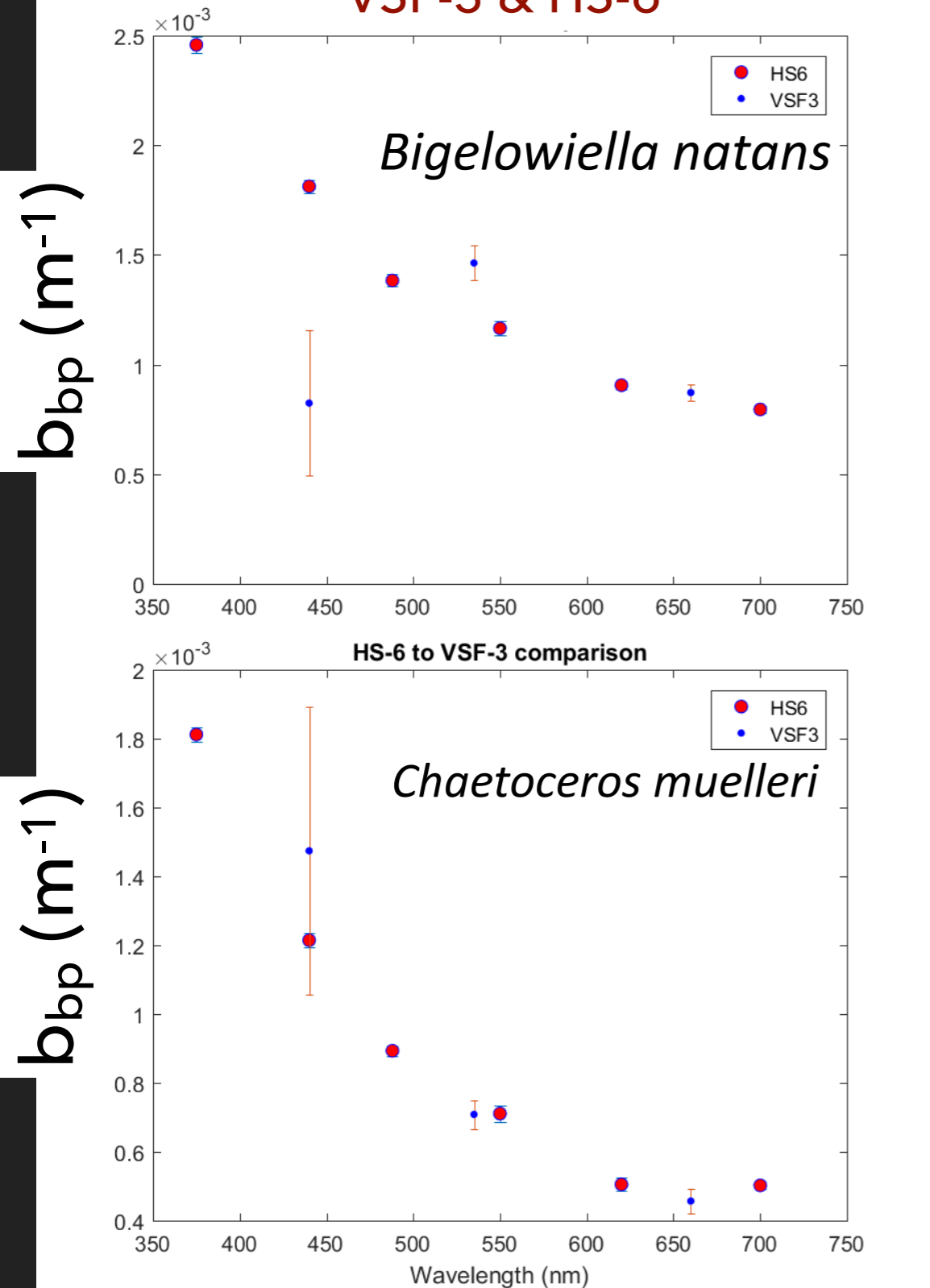
# PHYTOPLANKTON ABSORPTION - INDIVIDUALS & MIX 5



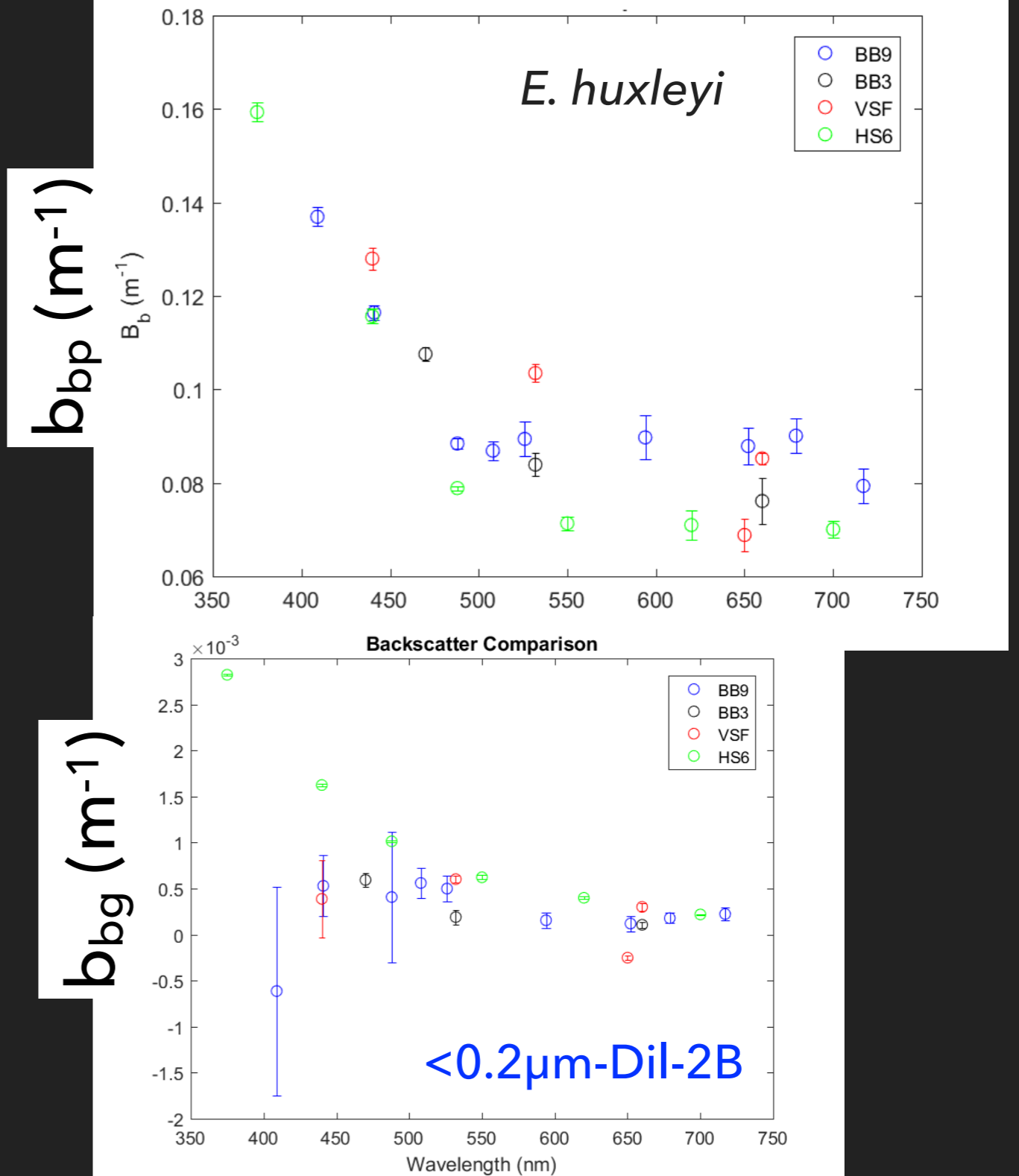


# BACKSCATTER COMPARISONS

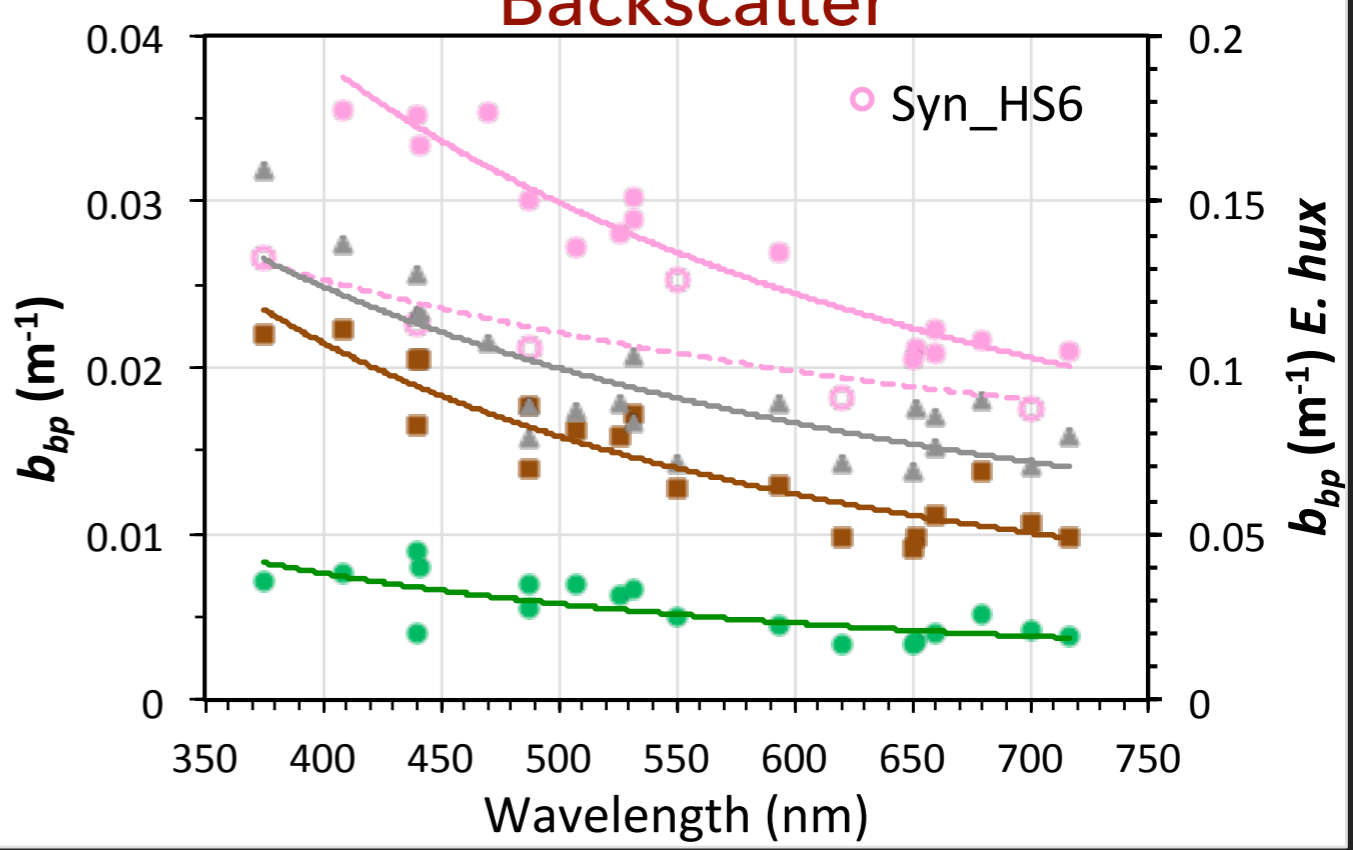
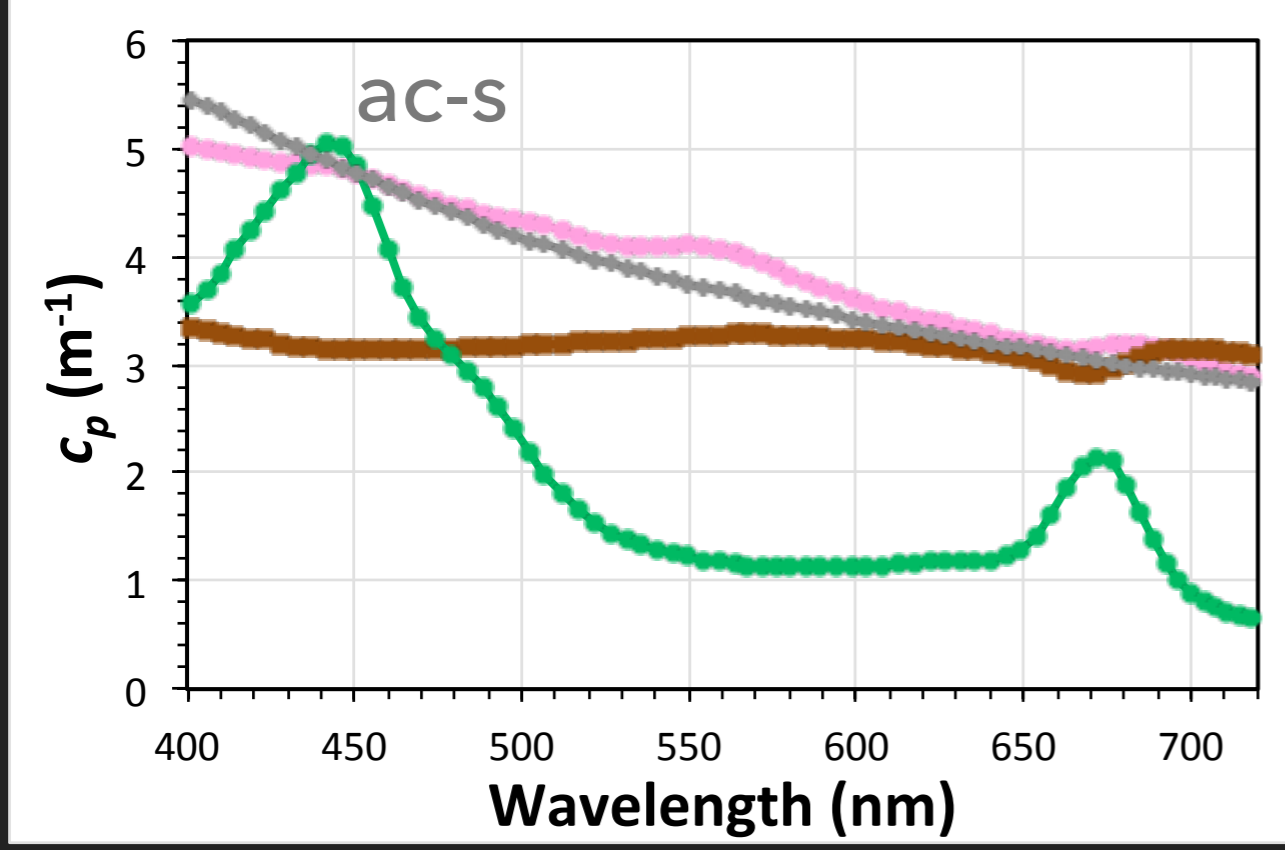
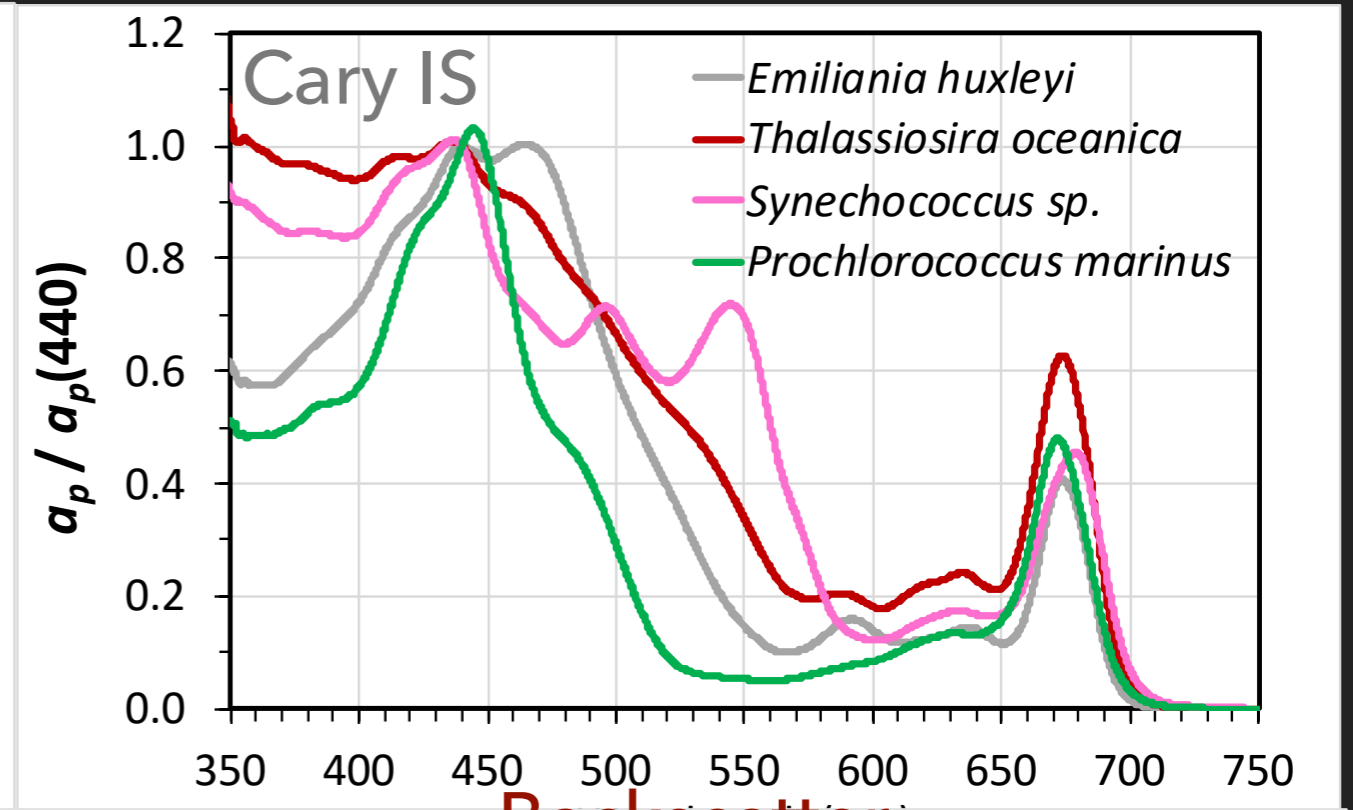
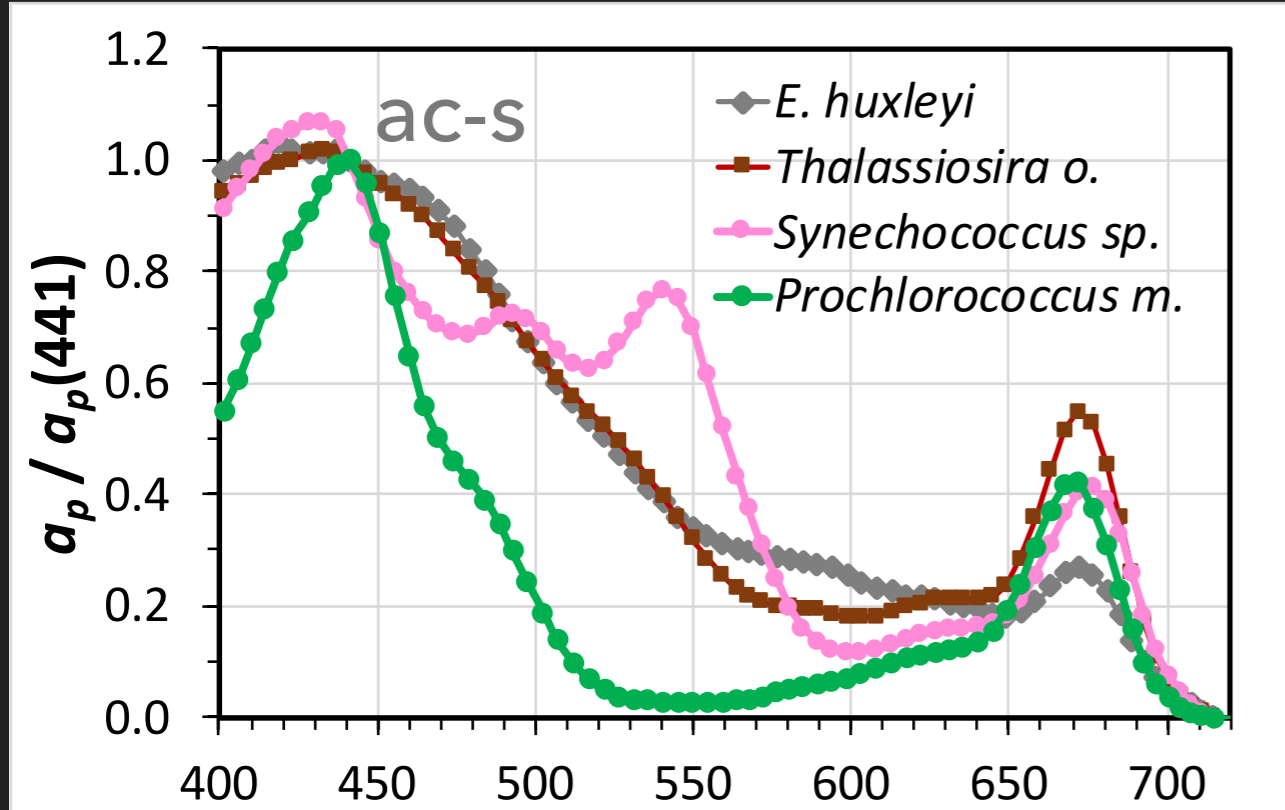
VSF-3 & HS-6



All Instruments



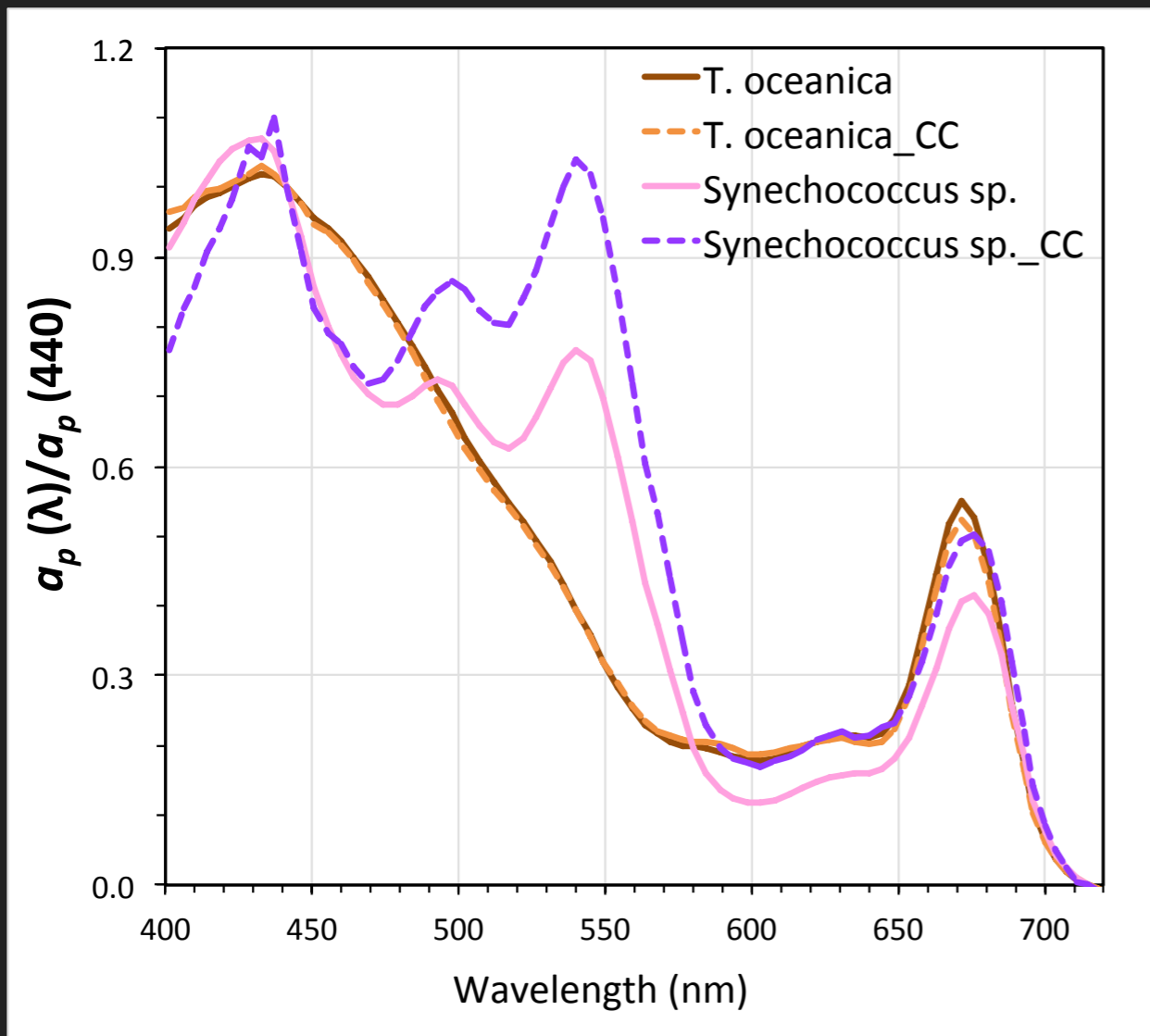
# IOP RESULTS - GLOBALLY SIGNIFICANT PHYTOPLANKTON



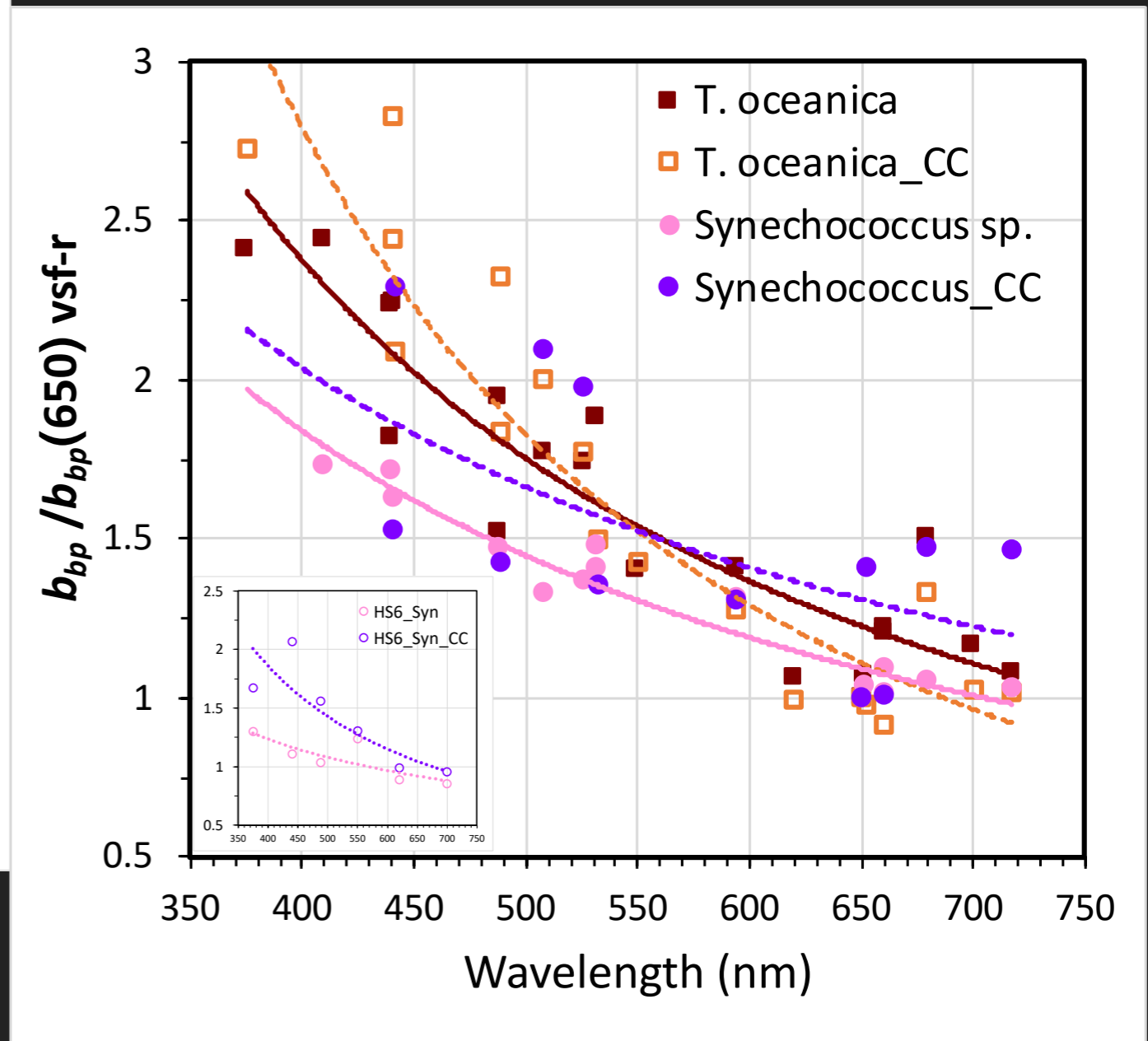
# IOPs IN CLIMATE CHANGE EXPERIMENT (+TEMP, +LIGHT, +CO<sub>2</sub>)

+4°C, +30% Light, +0.5% CO<sub>2</sub>

Absorption:  $a_p/a_p(440)$



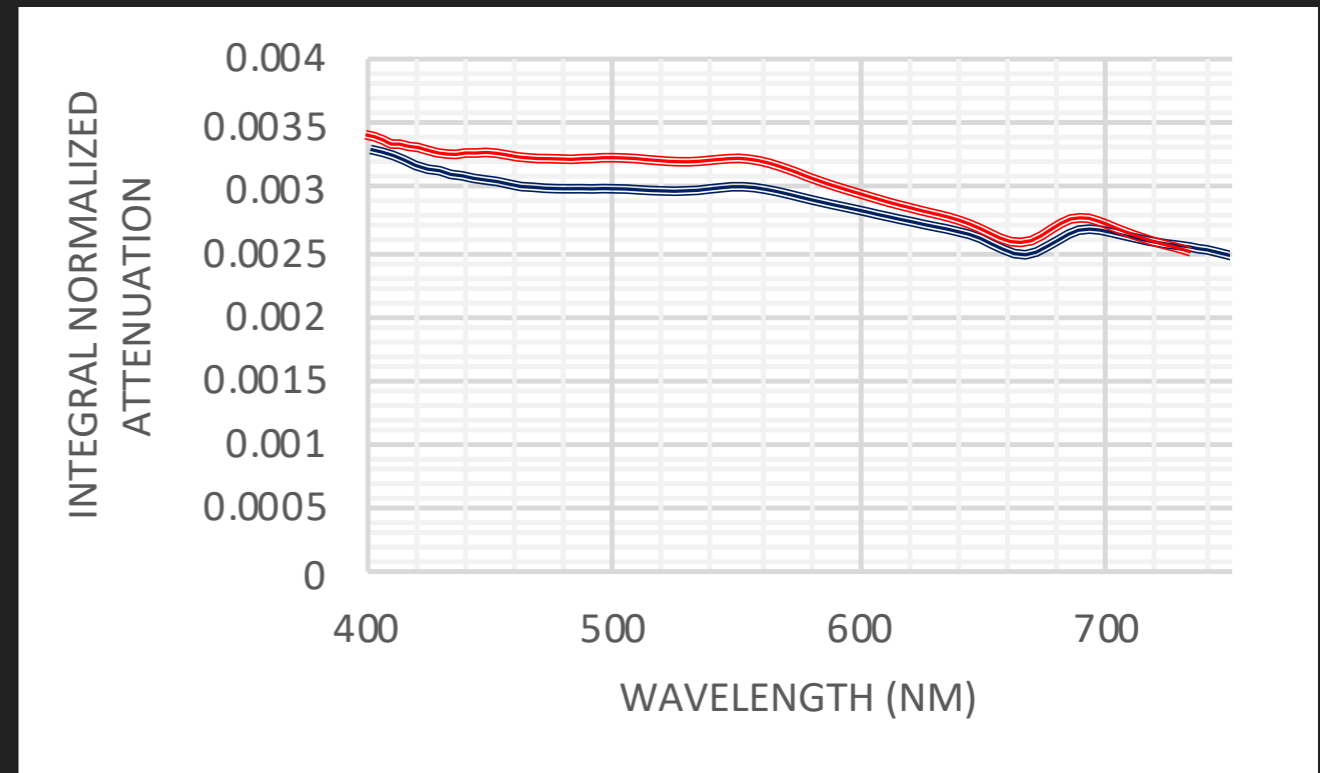
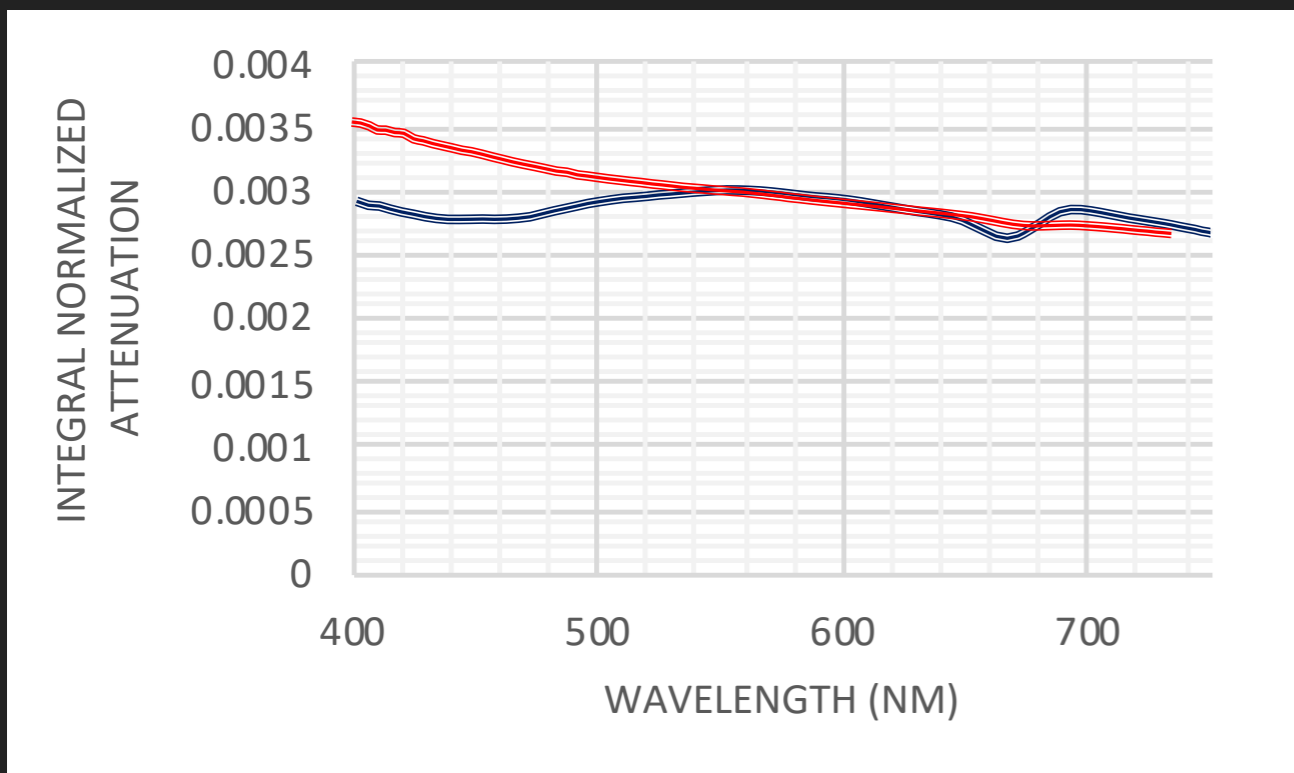
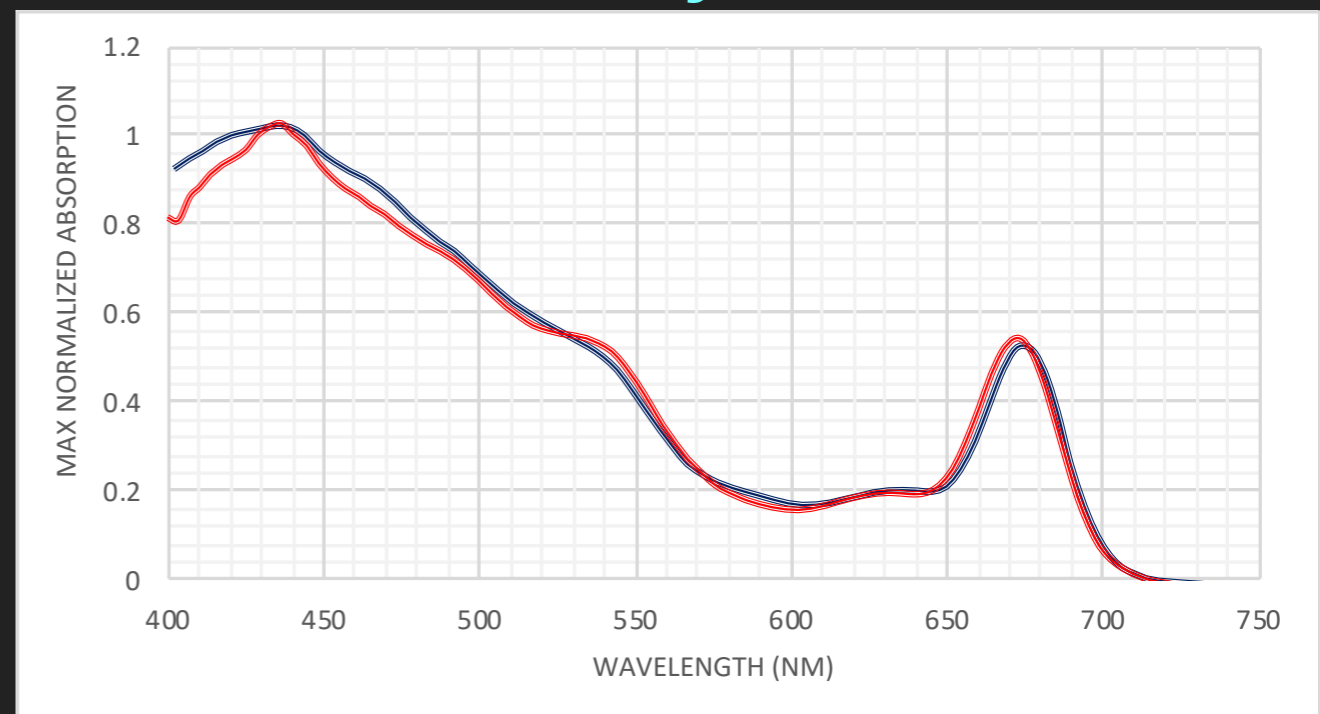
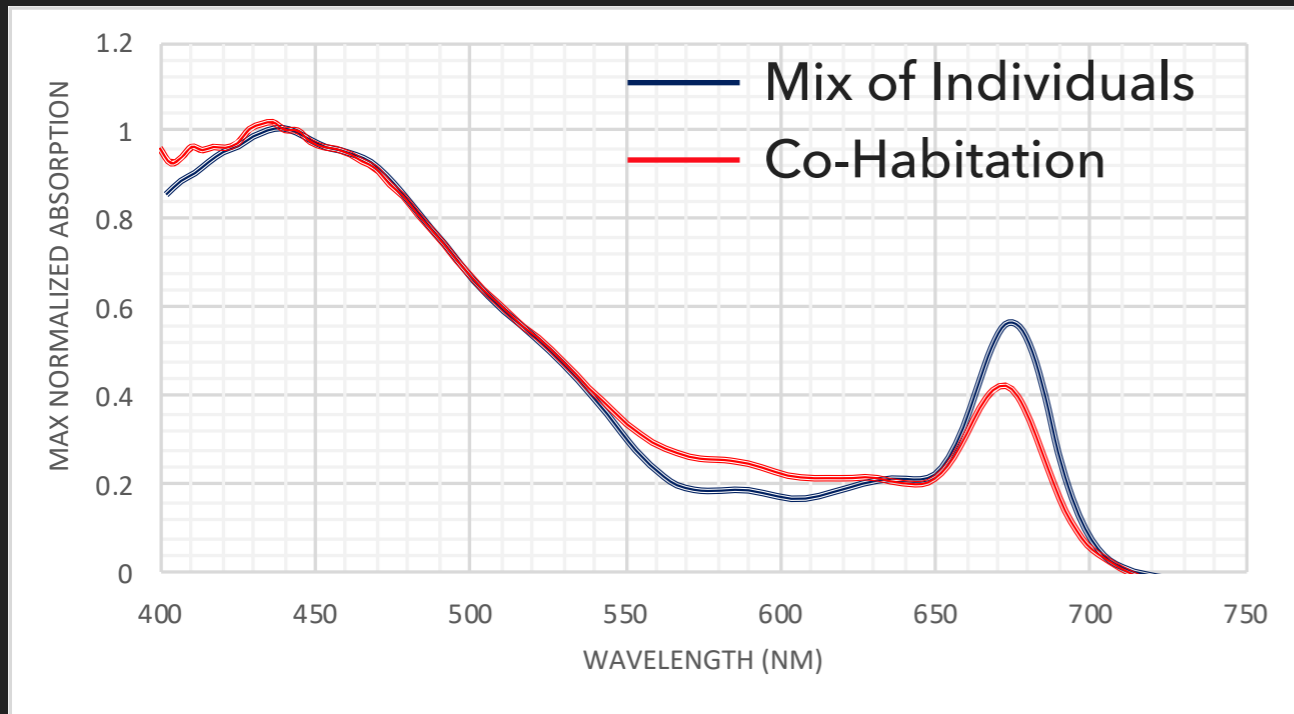
Backscatter:  $b_{bp}/b_{bp}(650)$



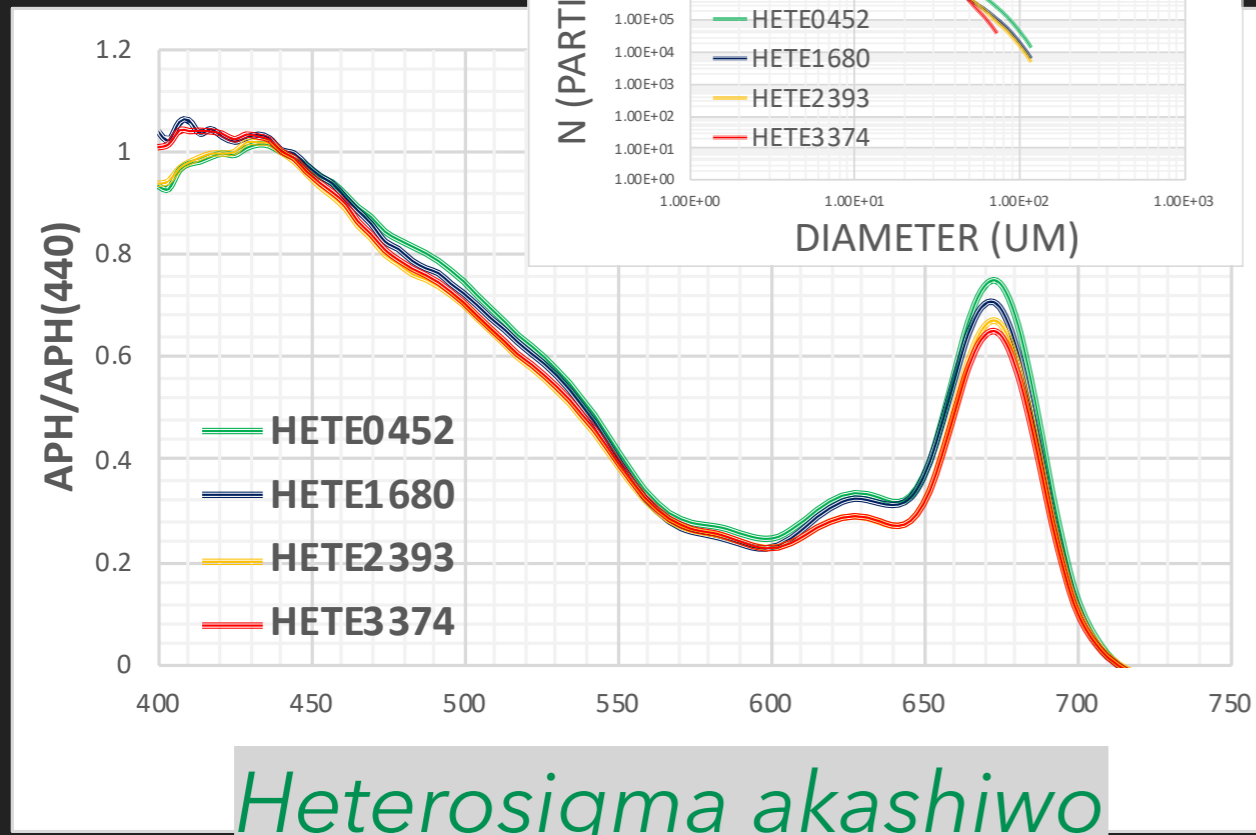
# CO-HABITATION VS MIXTURES OF MONO-SPECIFIC CULTURES

*T. oceanica* & *E. hux*

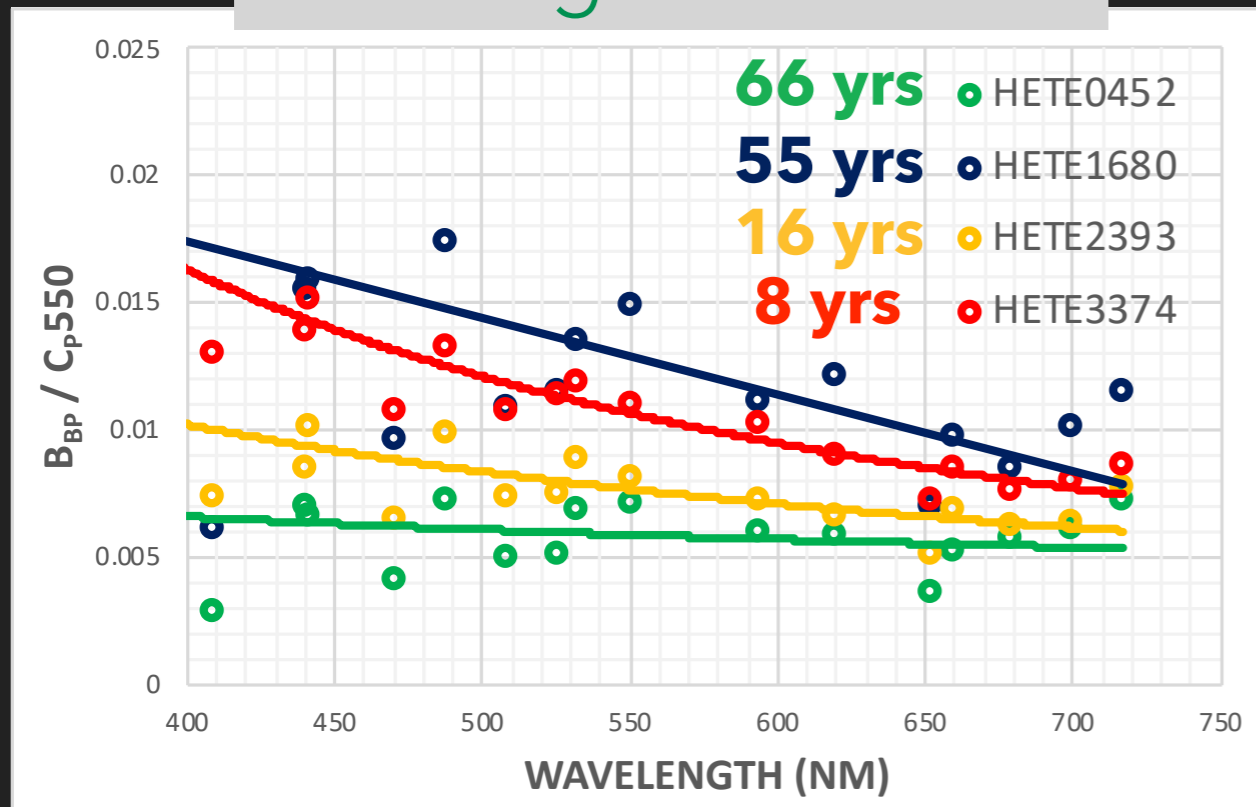
*T. oceanica* & *Synechococcus*



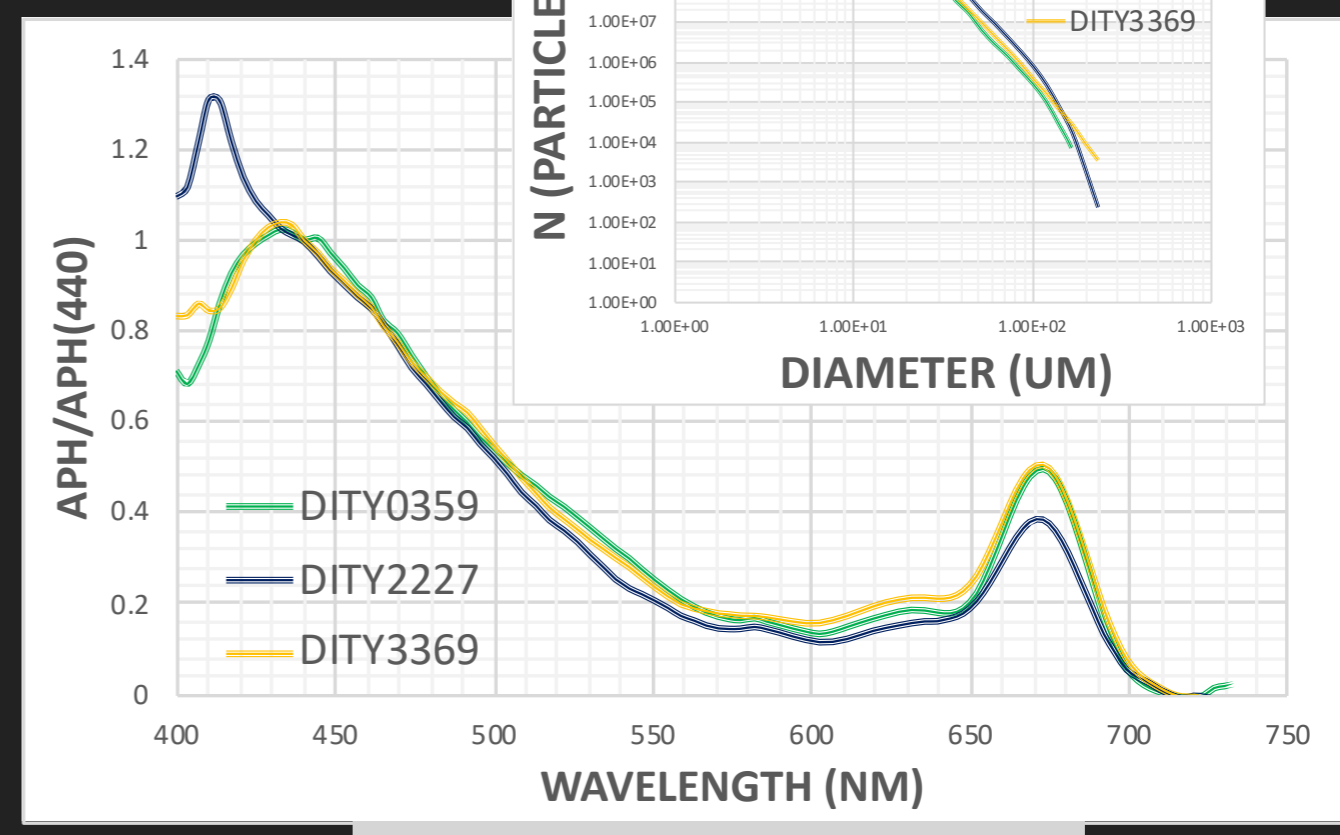
# ADAPTATION



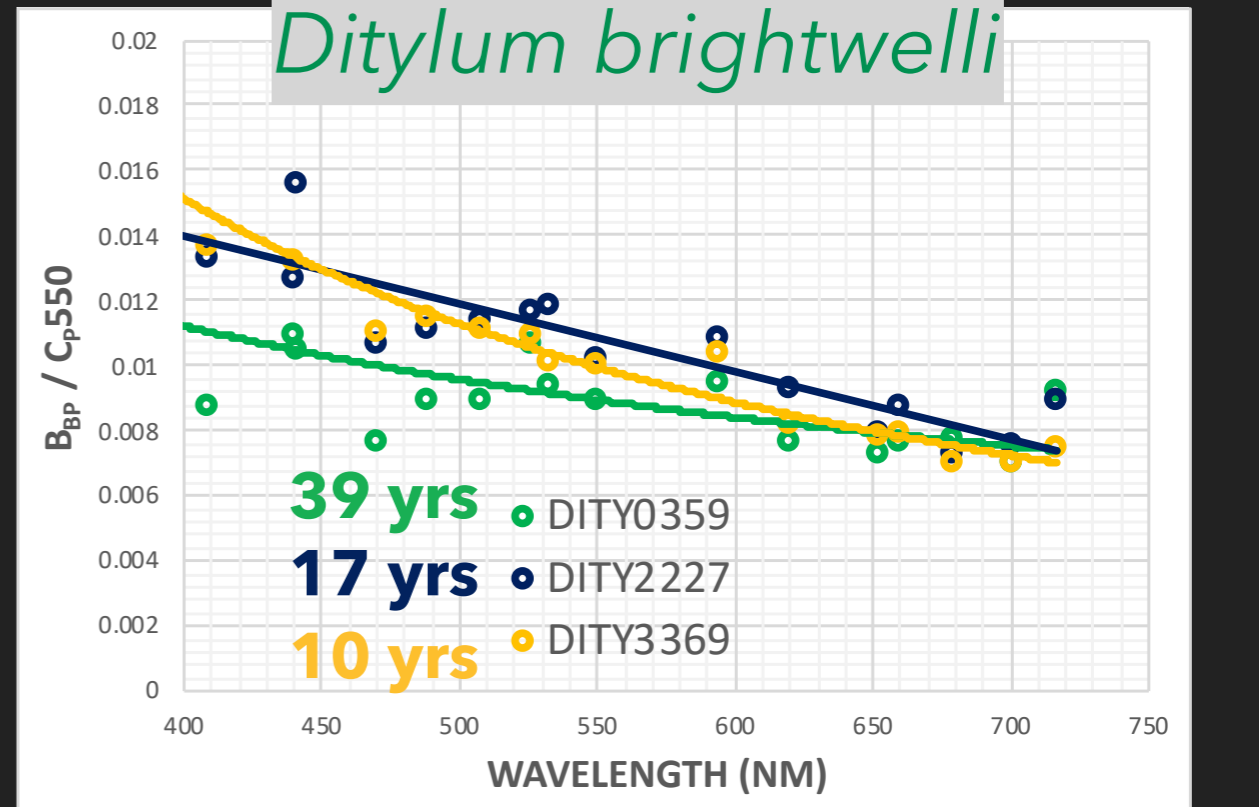
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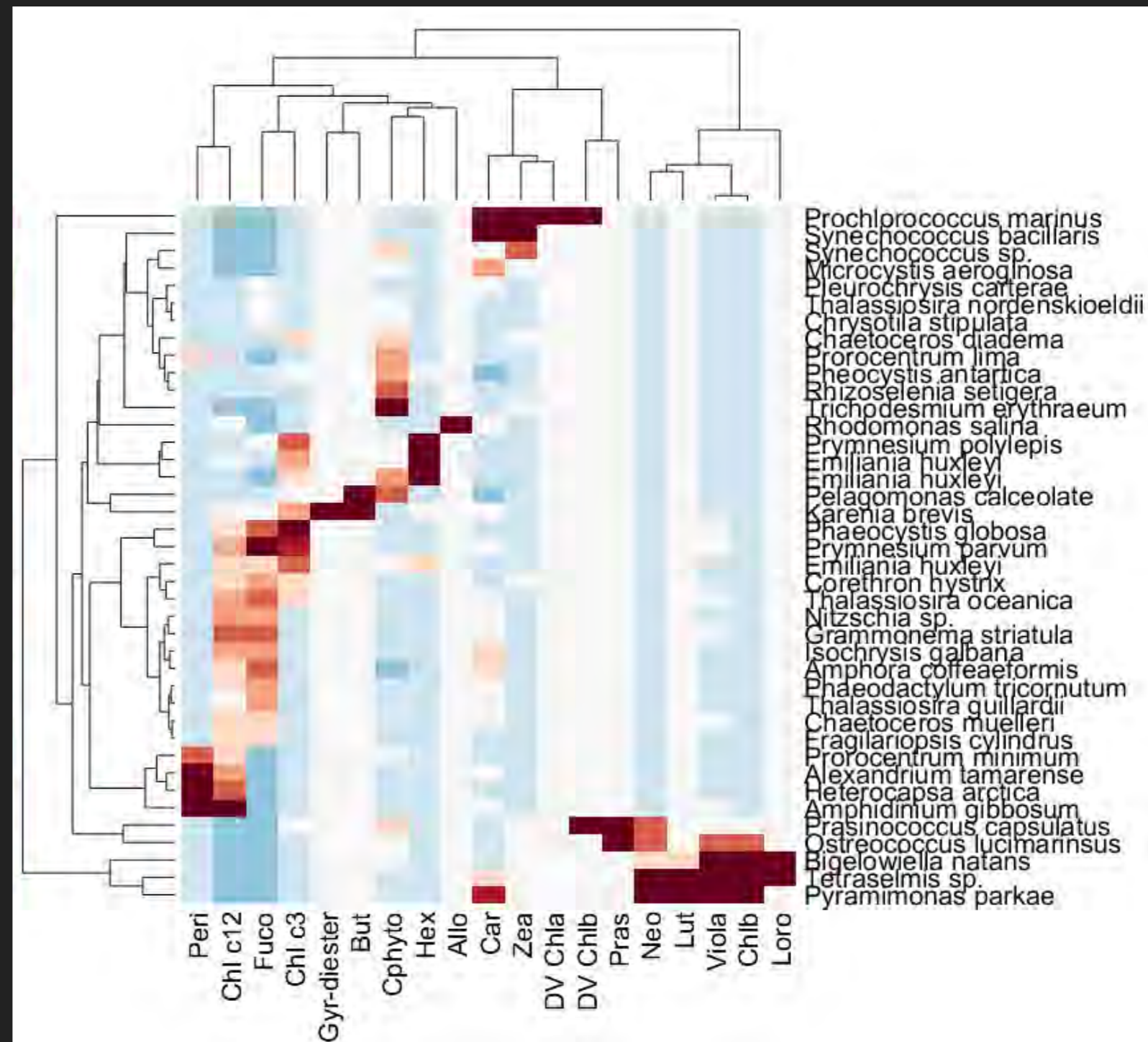


*Ditylum brightwelli*



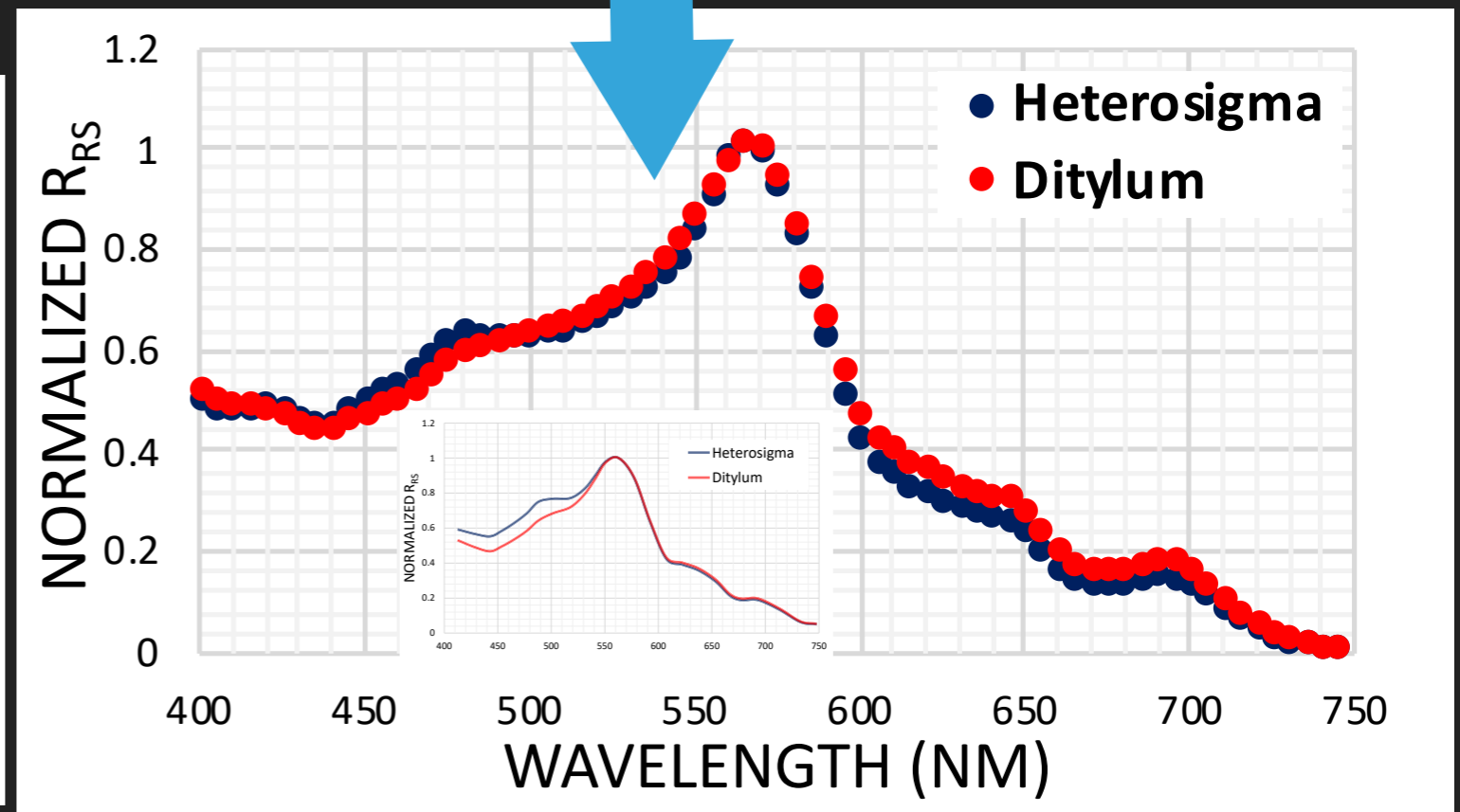
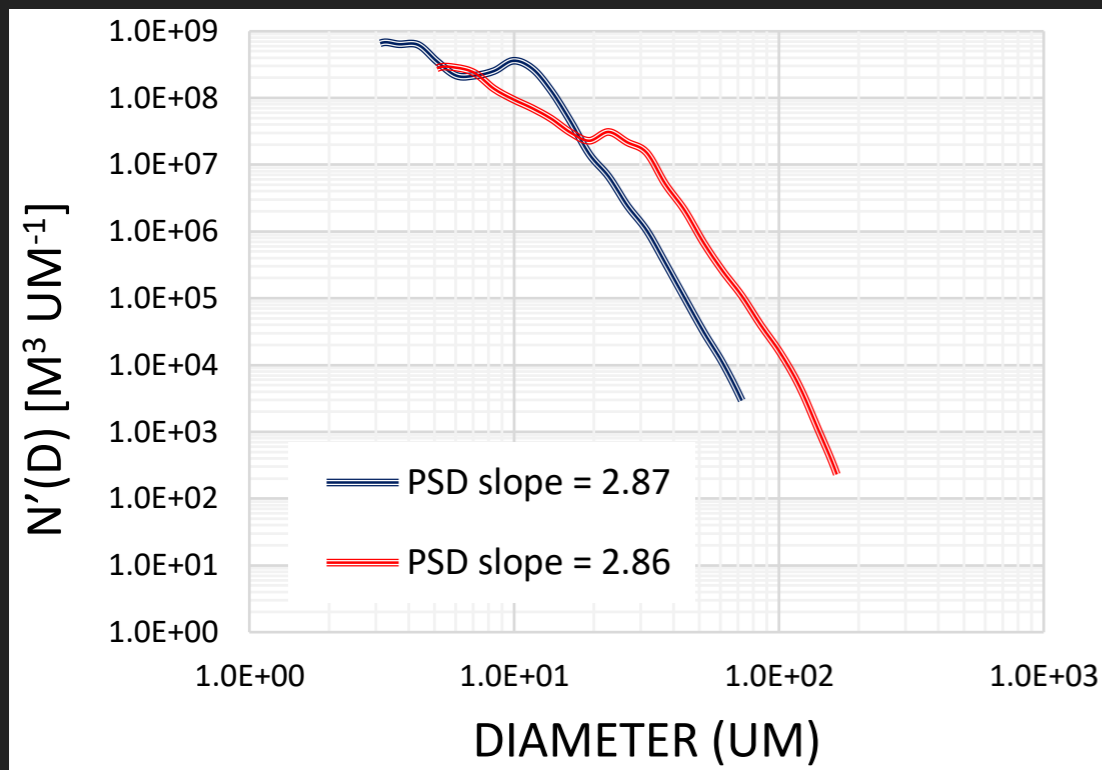
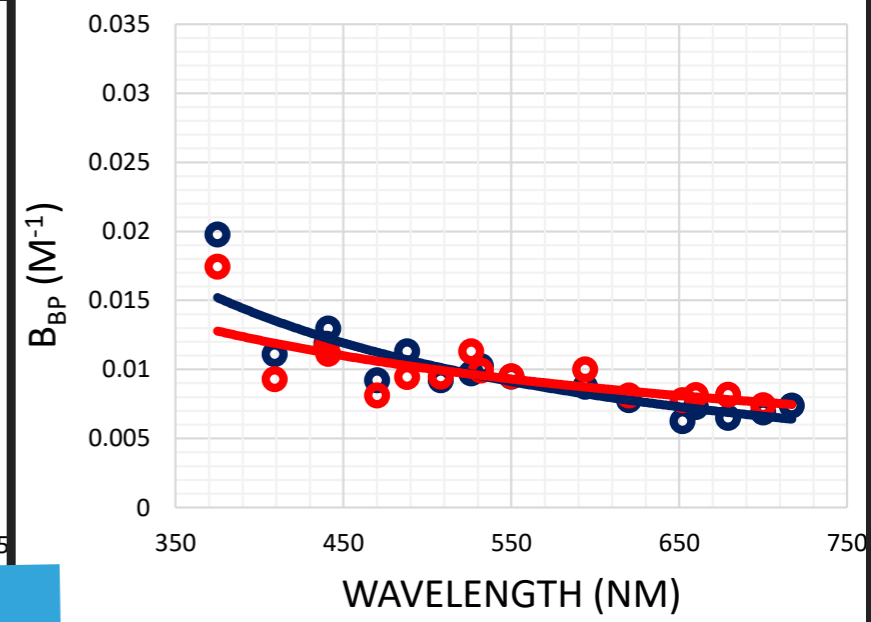
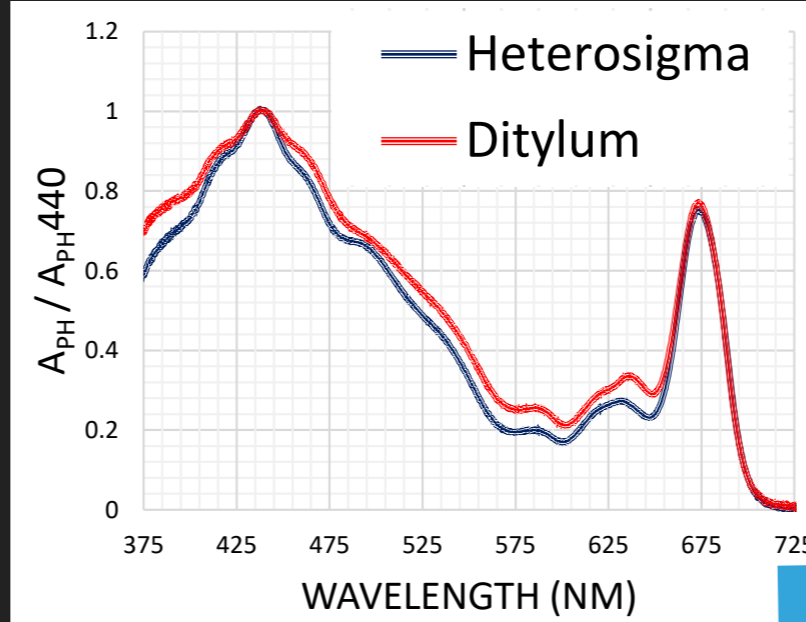
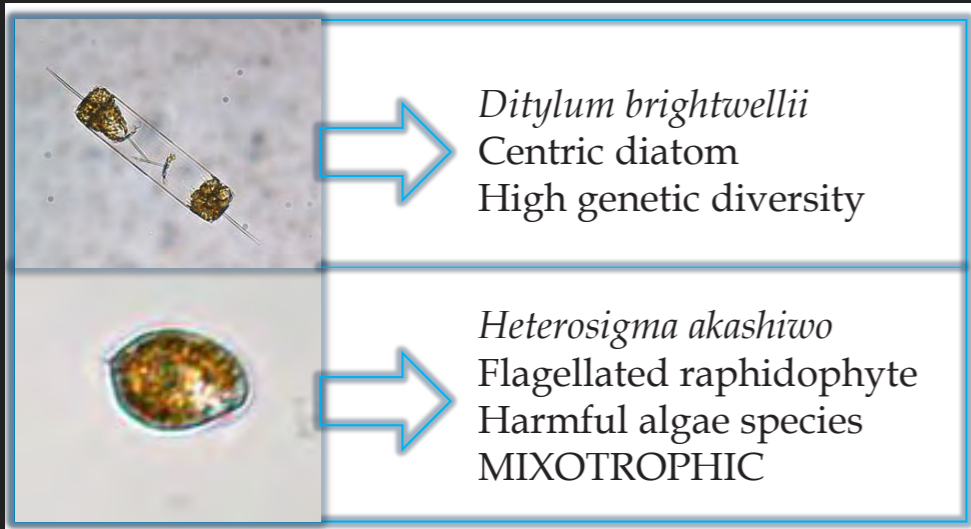
## C\_PHYTO CHEMTAX

- ▶ CHEMTAX applied to estimate abundances of taxonomic groups using in situ pigments.
- ▶ CHEMTAX relies on accurate regional diagnostic pigment-to-Chl-a ratios for a region of interest.
- ▶ C\_phyto is preferred indicator of biomass.
- ▶ Developing a set of refined pigment-to-Chl-a and pigment-to-C\_phyto ratios for the global application of CHEMTAX.
- ▶ Ratios are currently being tested on culture mixtures created by varying proportions of cell concentrations.



Ward cluster heat maps illustrating the distribution of pigment-to-C\_Phyto ratios

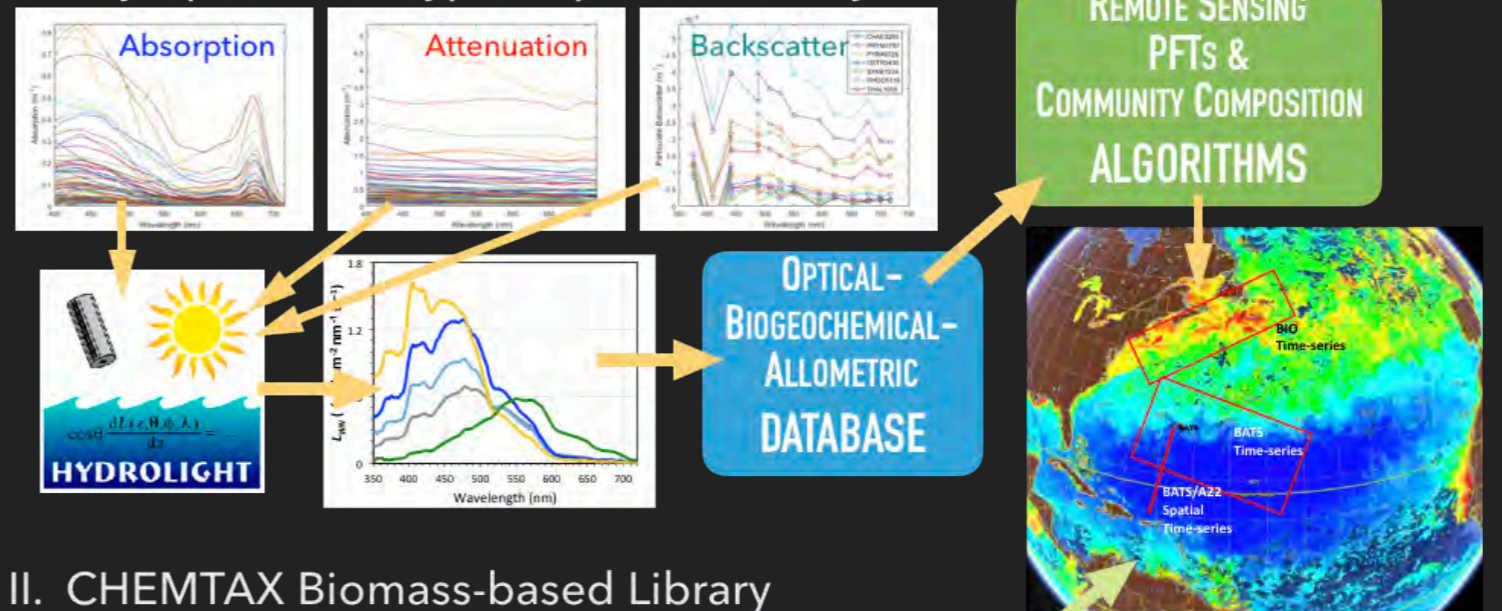
# EXAMPLE OF 2 OPTICALLY SIMILAR SPECIES BUT DIFFERENT PFT



# WHAT COMES NEXT?

- ▶ Experimental Data QA/QC, Analysis & Synthesis
- ▶ Build Spectral Library & CHEMTAX Library
- ▶ Algorithm development & evaluation
- ▶ Multi-decade in situ time-series data analysis
- ▶ Satellite data processing & analysis of study region time-series

## I. Phytoplankton (hyper)-Spectral Library



## II. CHEMTAX Biomass-based Library

Pigments, C/N, #, size

