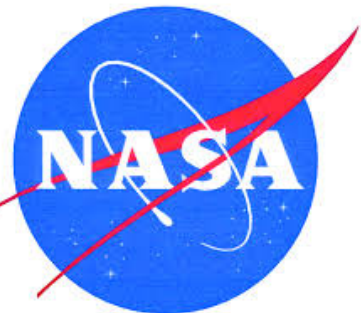




MARINE BIODIVERSITY OBSERVATION NETWORK

SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL



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Who we are

Partners

Plumes and Blooms

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

Southern California Coastal Water Research Project

Santa Barbara Coastal Long Term Ecological Research Program

Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS)

Channel Islands National Park

Gray Whales Count

CalCOFI





Goals:

1. Integrate biodiversity data to enable inferences about regional biodiversity
2. Develop advanced methods using imagery and genomics for monitoring biodiversity
3. Implement a tradeoff framework that optimizes allocation of sampling effort

PISCO

Since 1999, frequency varies
23 sites, random transects
Variable taxonomic resolution

NPS KFM

Since 1991, biannual
38 sites, islands fixed/random
Variable taxonomic resolution

SBC LTER

Since 2000, annual
11 reefs, mainland conc.
High taxonomic resolution

USGS SNI

Since 1980, semiannual
5 transects, San Nicolas Is.
Variable taxonomic resolution

Primary Data

4 projects,
16 time series

Data cleaning

Filter records

Harmonize design

Areas, depth ranges
Frequency
Fixed vs random

Harmonize taxonomy

Std codes (WoRMS)
Resolve ranks
Life stage
Closed/open spp list

Quality Control

Cleaned Data

3 time series



Integration
complexity

SBC MBON Analysis

- Species distribution
- Community structure
- Environmental drivers
- Species spatial and temporal change

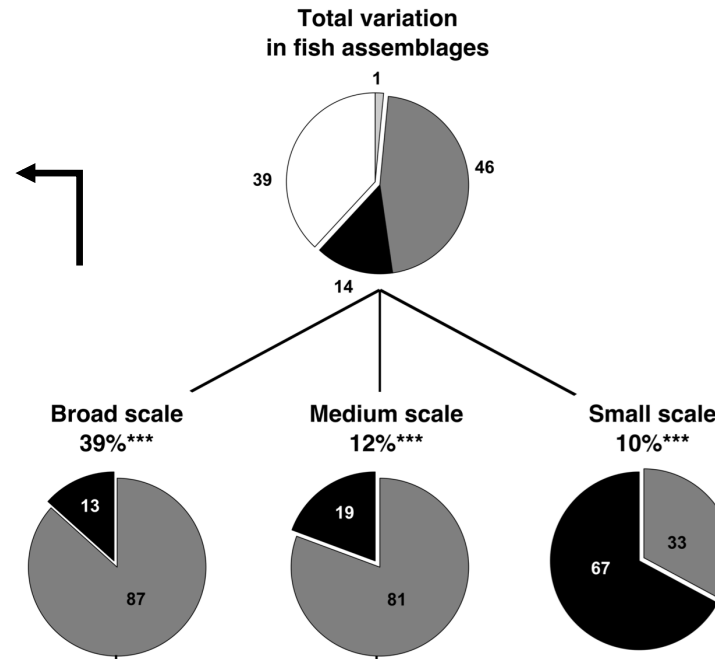
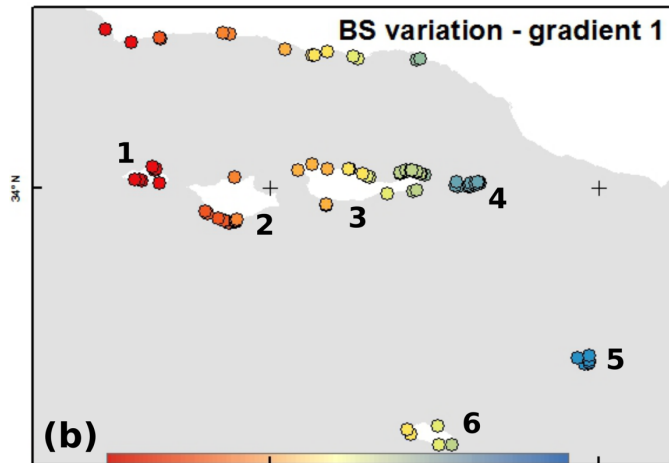
MBON Products

Secondary Data

Biodiversity
indices

Uncovering the complex and multiscale drivers of kelp forest communities

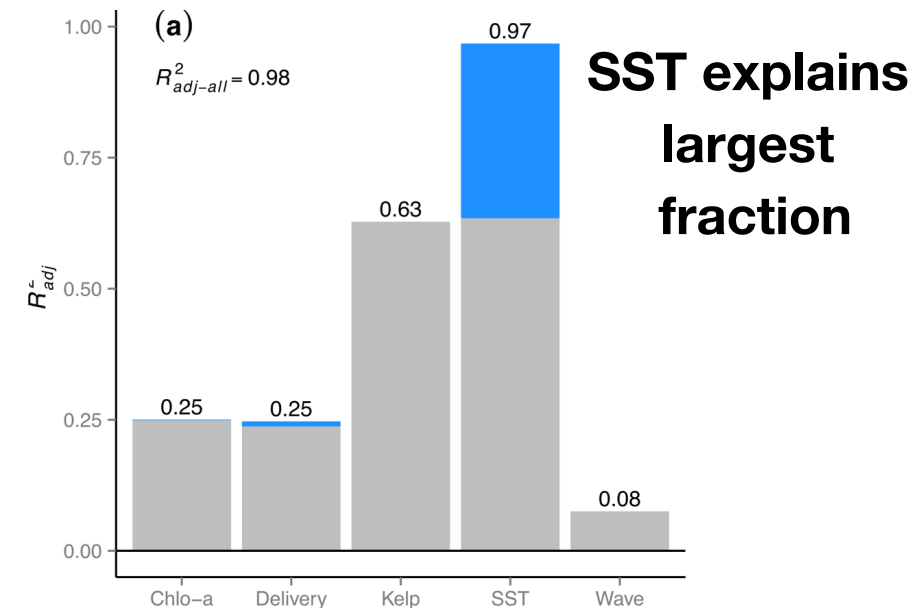
What are the most important scales of variation?



Thomas Lamy



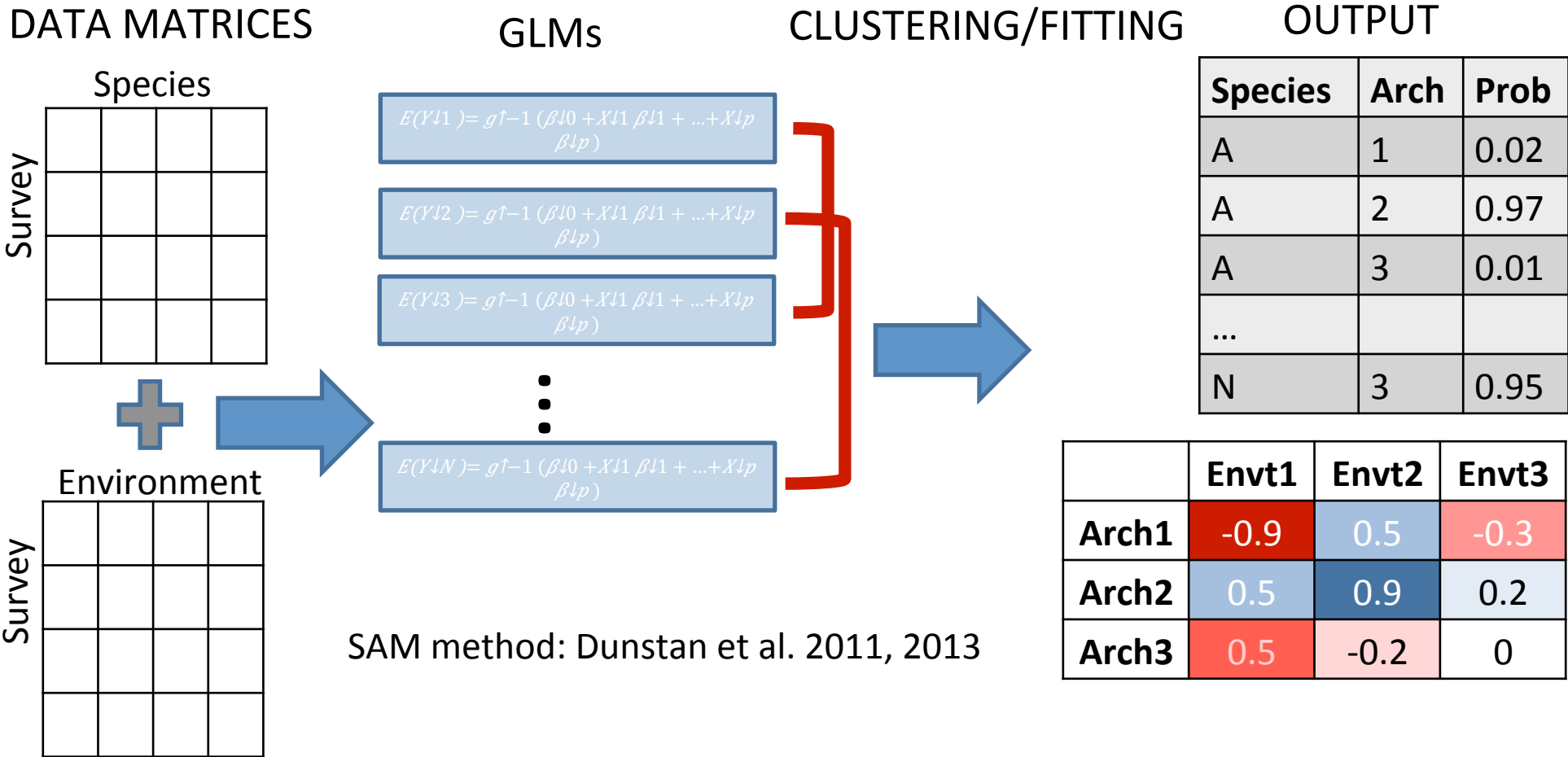
What environmental factor(s) underlie each spatial scale?



Species Archetype Modelling (SAM) for ecological forecasting

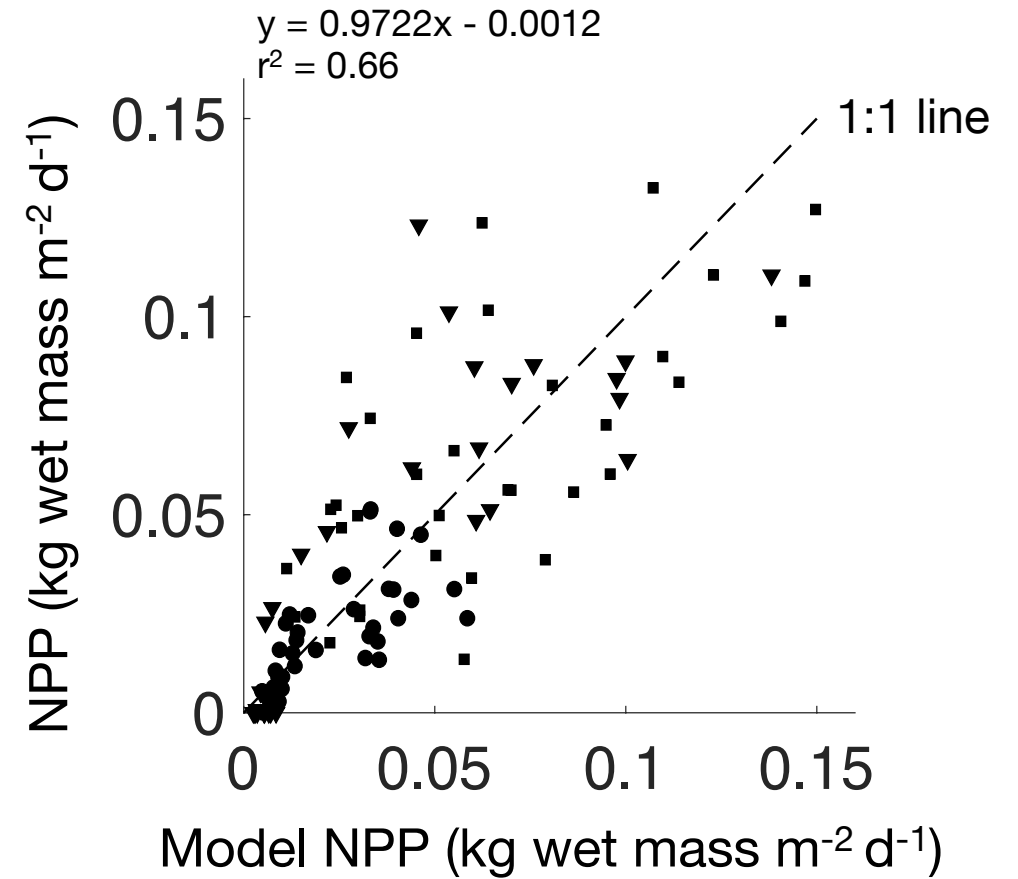
Modelling species response to environmental gradients and reducing dimensionality

Rhiannon
Rognstad

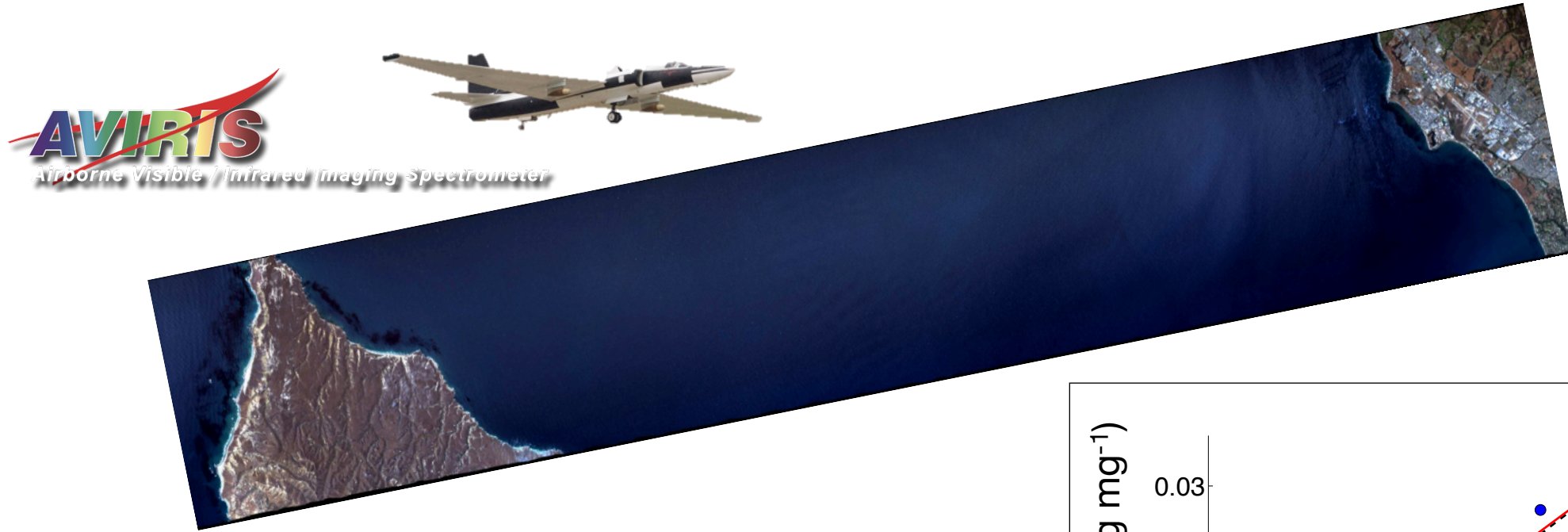




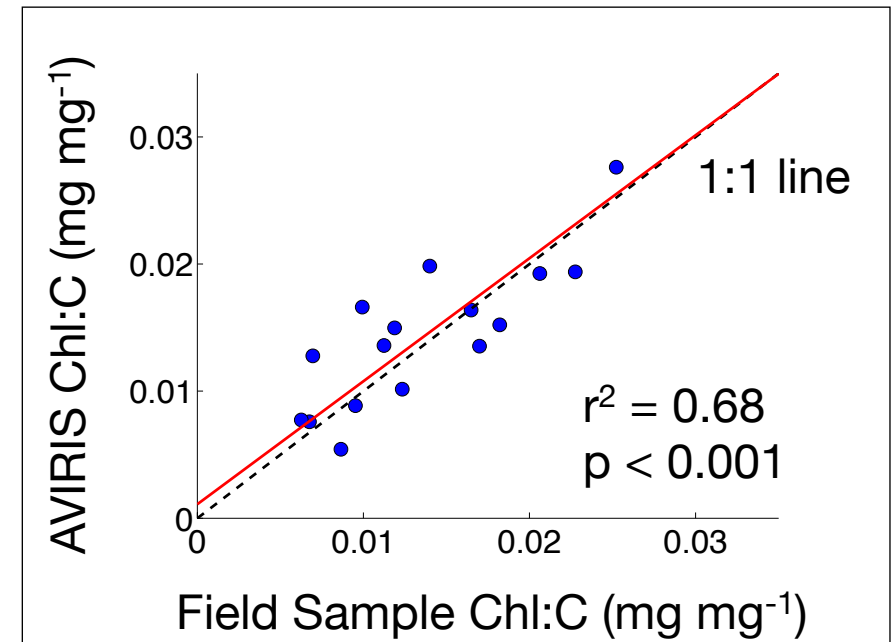
Landsat Kelp Forest Canopy Biomass & NPP



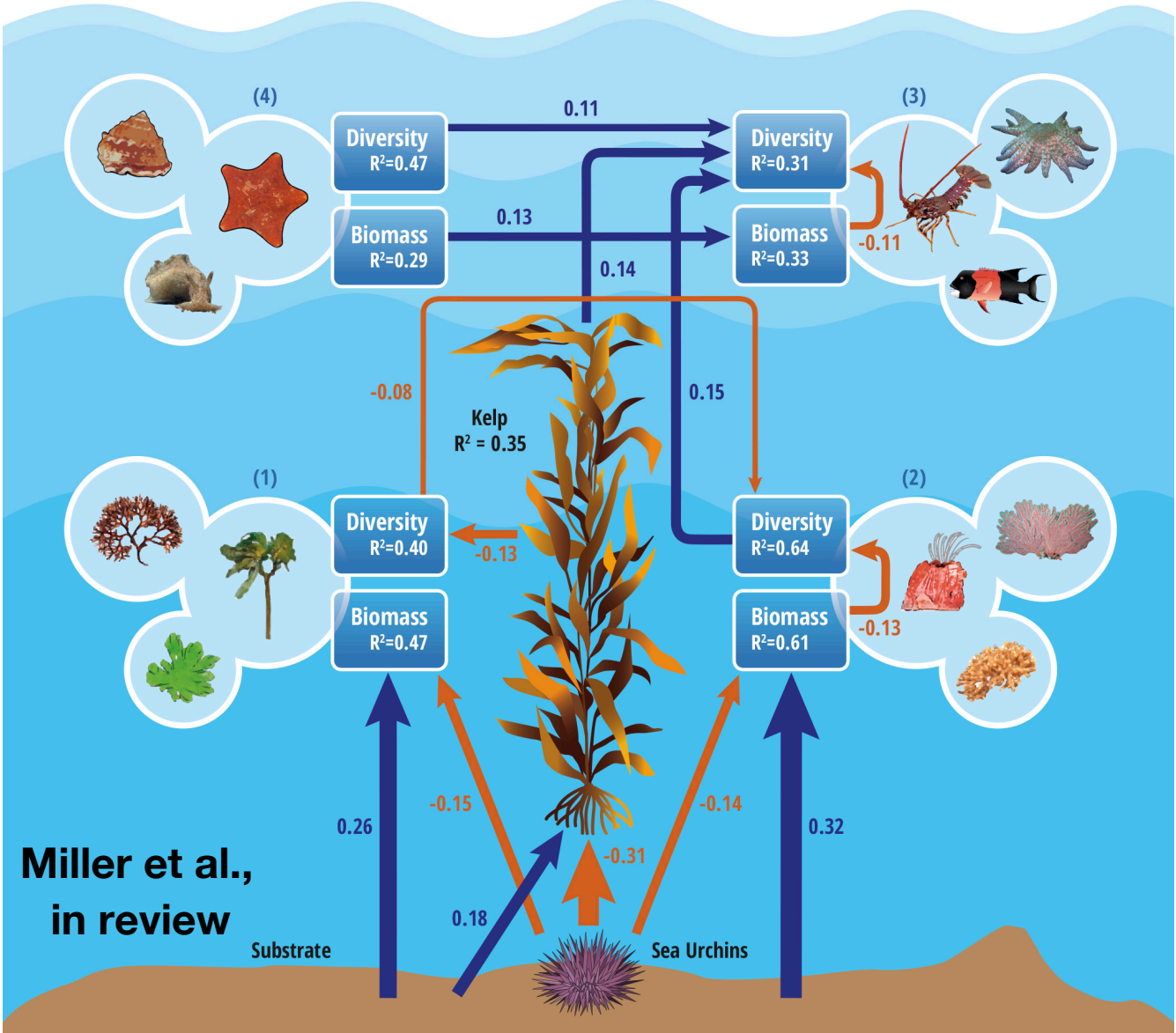
Hyperspectral aerial flights conducted 3x year⁻¹ in 2013 – 2015 using the AVIRIS sensor as part of the HyspIRI preparatory campaign



Chl:C estimated from hyperspectral images closely resembles Chl:C measured in the laboratory



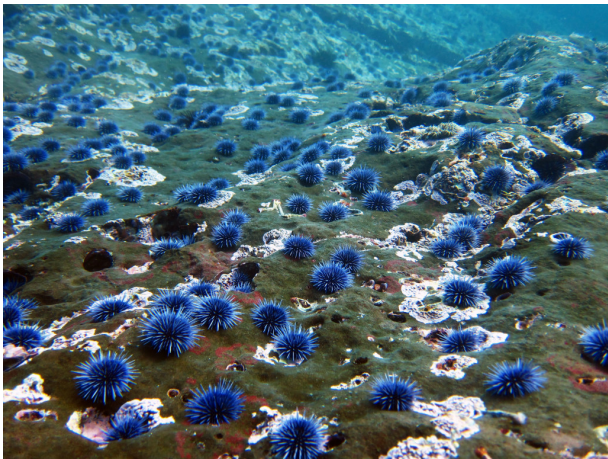
Giant kelp is a foundation species that positively affects reef biodiversity directly and indirectly



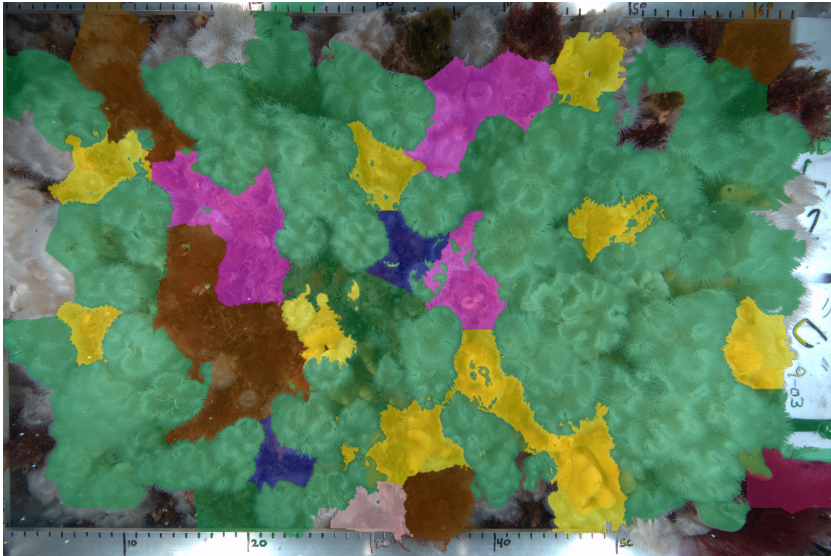
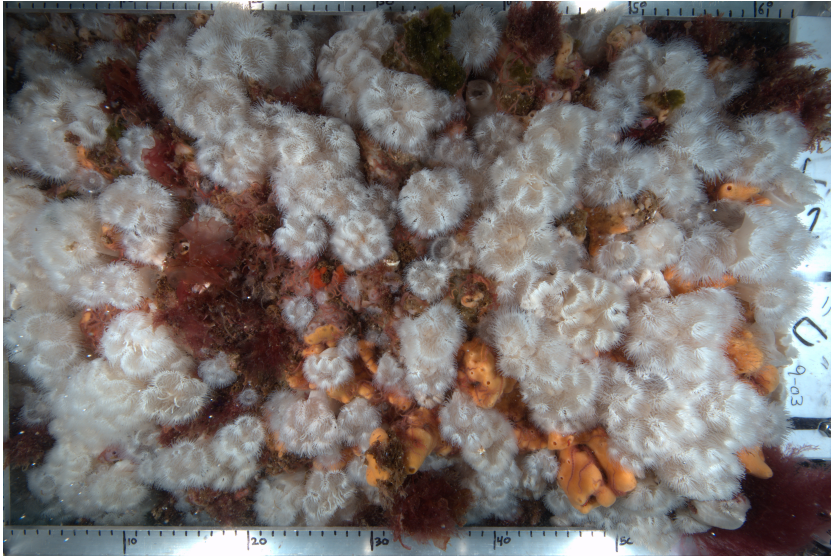
Kelp forest



Urchin barren



Deep learning for image analysis



- Scalable deployment of CNN models
- Hierarchical models
 - Taxonomic: Genus -> Species
 - Ontological: Substrate -> Exact object

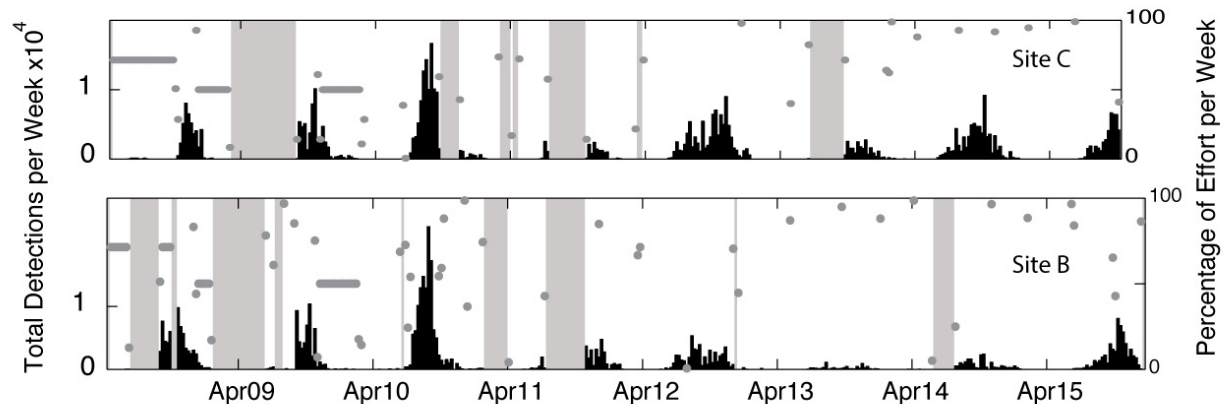
BisQue

Acoustic Detection of Marine Mammals



***Warm anomaly in
2013-2015 caused baleen
whales to move into SBC***

Hildebrand et al. *in prep*



Blue Whale

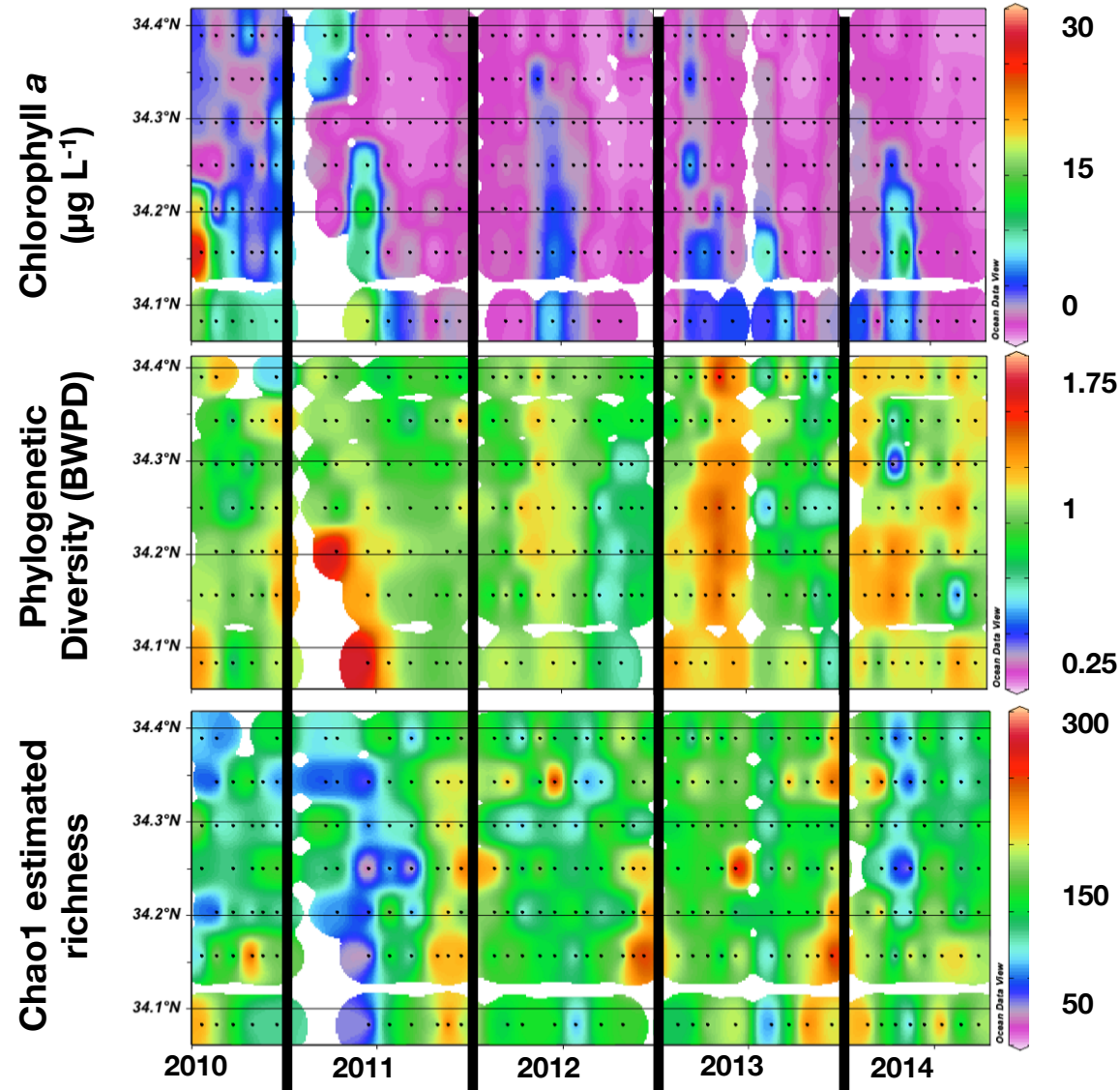


Fin Whale



Prokaryote diversity and richness show distinct temporal patterns in the surface SBC

South → North, or islands → mainland



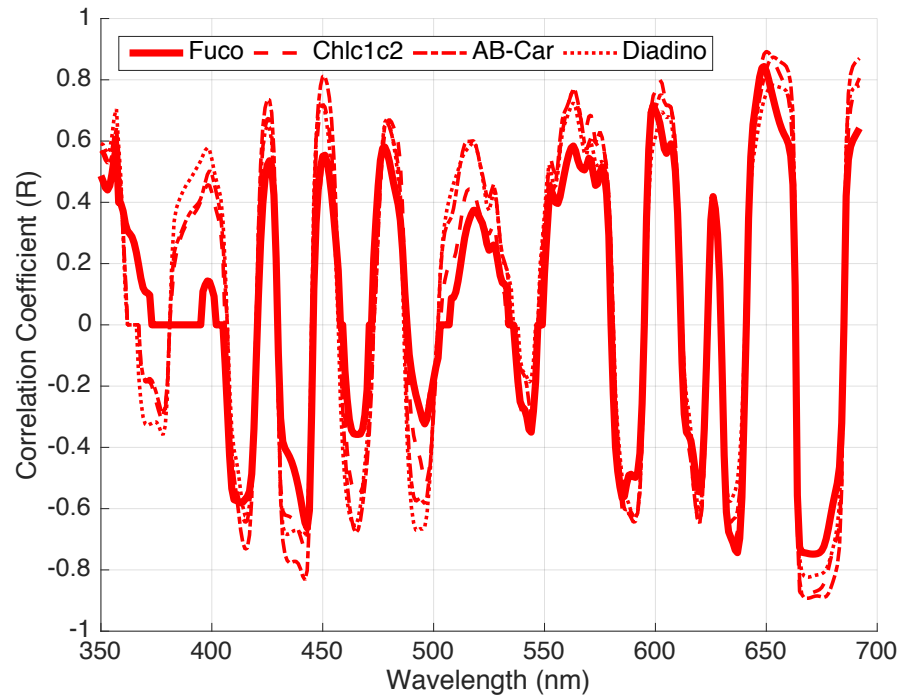
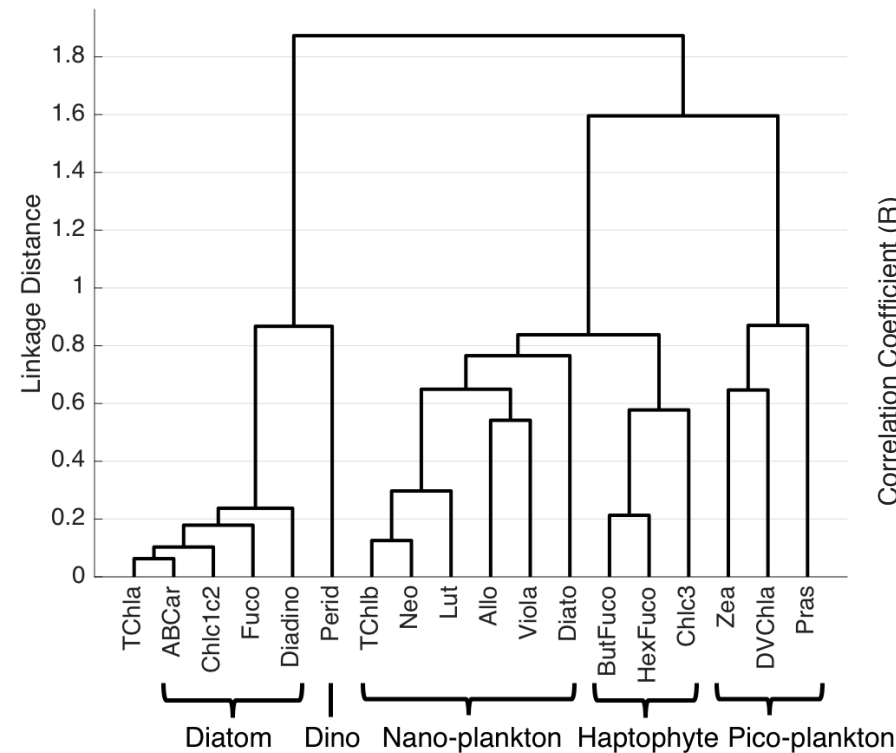
- Time-series from 2010 –2014
- Bacteria and archaea from 16S rRNA gene (V4 region)
- 578 samples from 43 cruises sequenced



Wear et al. *in prep*

Modeling Phytoplankton Pigment “Communities”

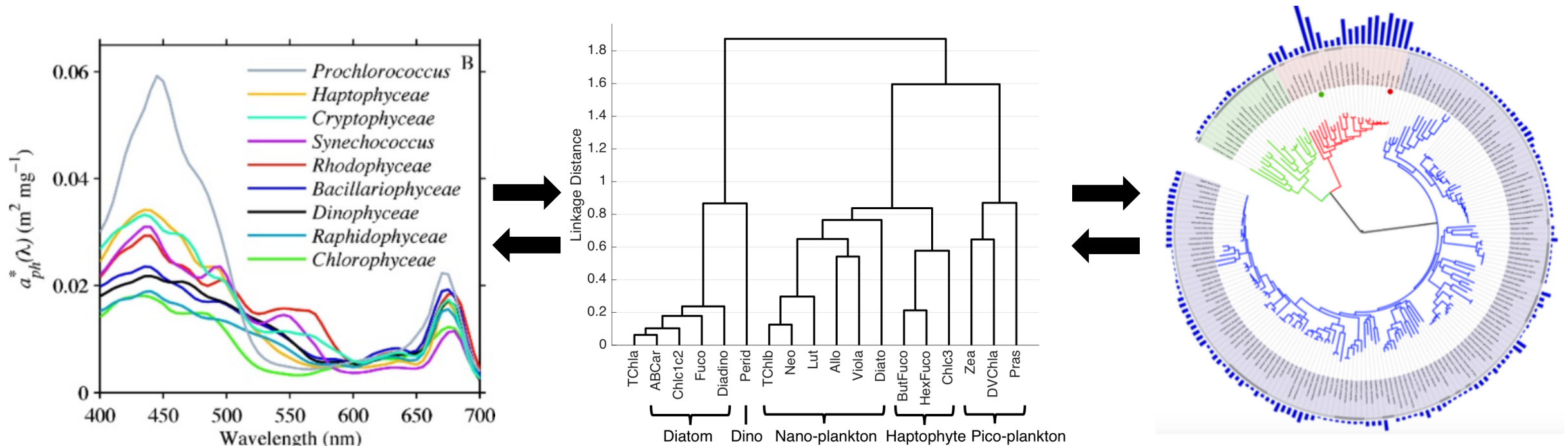
- Derivative analysis of phytoplankton absorption spectra isolates absorption features with robust relationships to phytoplankton pigments and communities
- Pigment communities (defined with cluster, EOF analyses) can be modeled using relationships with spectral absorption signatures



Model Retrievals	R ²
TChlb (green algae)	0.815
HexFuco (haptophytes)	0.733
Fuco (diatoms)	0.856
Perid (dinoflagellates)	0.887
Pigment EOF Mode 1 (Early upwelling mixed bloom)	0.884
Pigment EOF Mode 2 (Diatoms vs. mixed nano-/pico-)	0.852
Pigment EOF Mode 3 (Pico-plankton vs. haptophytes)	0.454
Pigment EOF Mode 4 (Dinoflagellates vs. mixed diatoms/haptophytes)	0.809

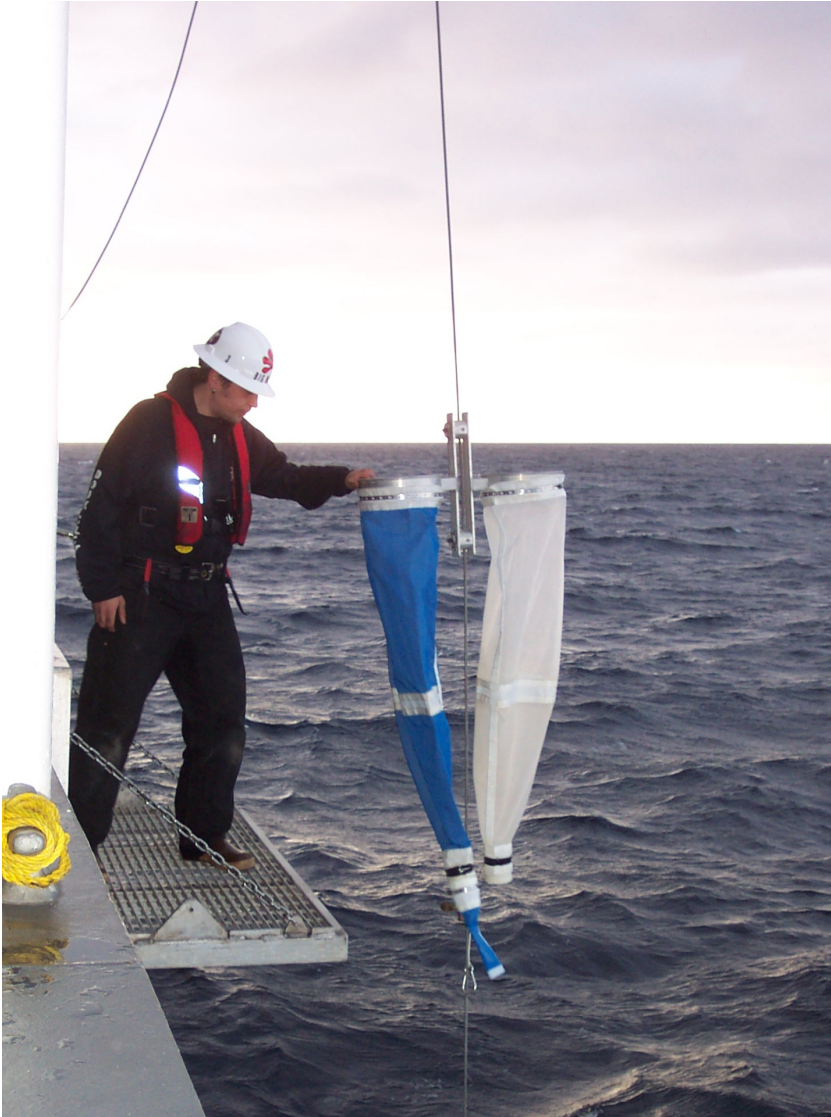
Next Steps

- Apply model to hyperspectral remote sensing reflectance observations from AVIRIS and Plumes and Blooms archive
- Incorporate Next-Gen Sequencing observations for validation of phytoplankton community composition retrievals from remote sensing algorithms



*Figure adapted from Dierssen et al. 2006 (left), Catlett and Siegel *in prep.* (center), and Ciccarelli et al. 2006 (right)

Metabarcoding to identify pelagic ichthyoplankton



Dovi Kacev



- ***Collected 74 samples from three coastal cruises***
- ***Morphologically ID all fish***
- ***Confirmed ID with Sanger sequencing***
- ***In process of bulk tissue sequencing***
- ***Working with Sanctuaries MBON team***

