

**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

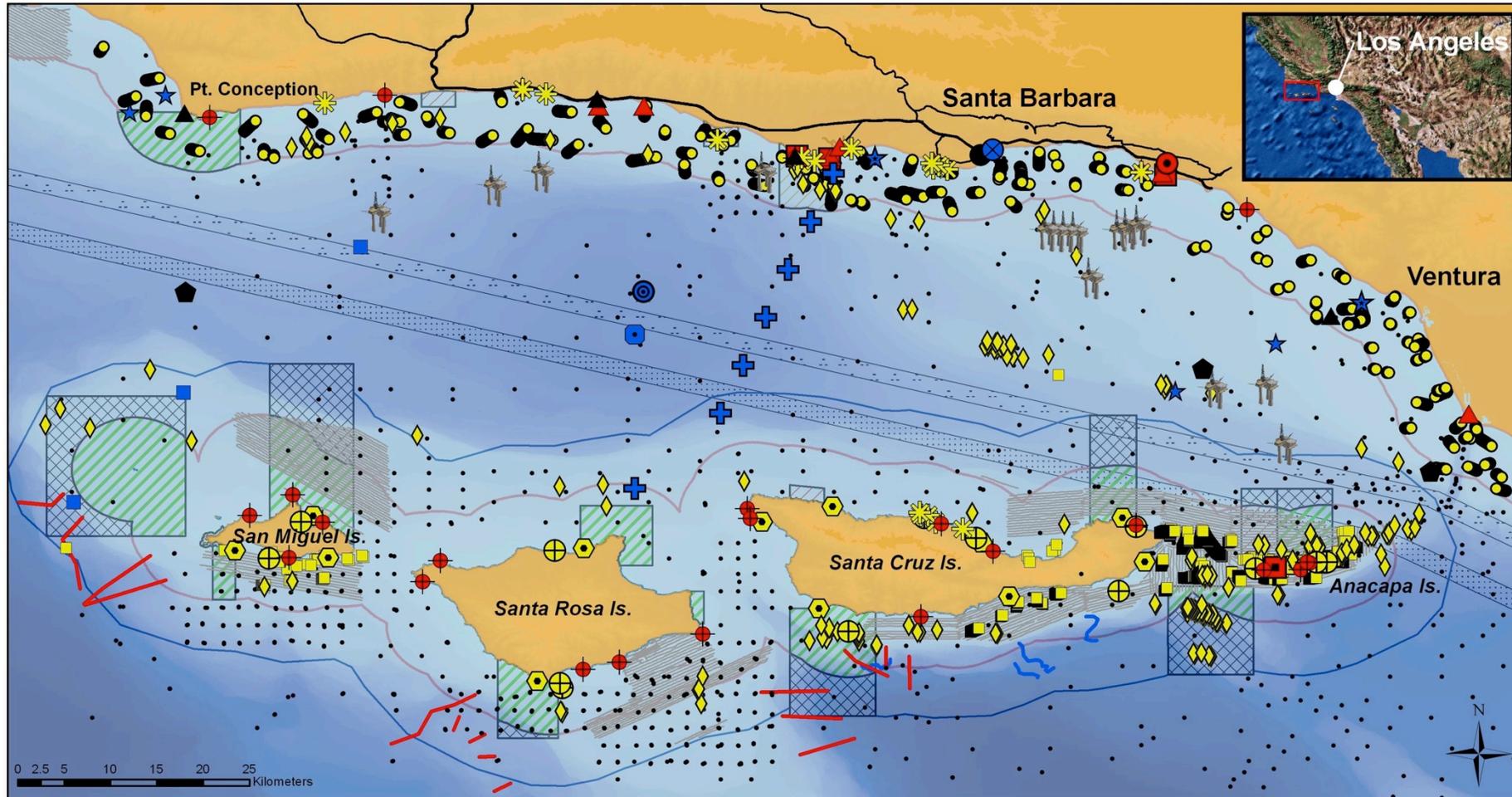
Gray Whales Count

CalCOFI



Existing Monitoring Partners

Santa Barbara Channel, California



Legend

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| ★ CalCOFI | ● SCCOOS CDIP Buoy | ● CINP/MARine Rocky Intertidal | ⚓ Love Oil Platform Survey | ⬆ Shipping North |
| ★ CalCOFI / SCCOOS | ▲ SCCOOS HF Radar | ◆ Love Submersible Survey | ● USGS Sediment Samples | ⬆ Shipping South |
| ■ NOAA NMFS Midwater Trawls | ● SCCOOS Manual Shore Station | ✱ SBC LTER | — USGS Survey Tracks | ▨ SMCA |
| ● Mark VI Sediment Trap | ◆ SCCOOS Automated Shore Station | ⊕ CNIP Kelp Forest | — CINMS Deep Sea Coral Transects | ▨ SMCA (No-Take) |
| ⊙ SIO Whale Acoustics | ■ LIMPETS Rocky Intertidal | ⊕ CINMS OB Moorings | — CINMS OE Transects | ▨ SMP |
| ⊗ SCCOOS HAB Monitoring | ▲ LIMPETS Beach | ● USGS ROV Video | — CA State Water | ▨ SMR |
| ⊕ Plumes and Blooms | ● SONGS Estuary Monitoring | ■ USGS Scuba-ROV Surveys | ▨ Federal MPA | ▨ SMRMA |
| | | | ▨ CINMS Boundary | ▨ Special Closure |

Bathymetry
Depth (m)
0
-1939

Projection: NAD 1983

Blue = Pelagic, Black = Oceanography, Red = Intertidal, Yellow = Benthic/Subtidal

CalCOFI - California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations
 SCCOOS - Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System
 NOAA - National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
 NMFS - National Marine Fisheries Service
 SIO - Scripps Institute of Oceanography
 HAB - Harmful Algal Blooms
 CDIP - Coastal Data Information Program
 HF - High Frequency
 LIMPETS - Long-term Monitoring Program & Experimental Training for Students
 SONGS - San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
 SBC LTER - Santa Barbara Coastal Long-term Ecological Research
 CNIP - Channel Islands National Park
 MARine - Multi-Agency Rocky Intertidal Network
 CINMS - Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
 ROV - Remotely Operated Vehicle
 USGS - United States Geological Survey
 MPA - Marine Protected Area
 SMCA - State Marine Conservation Area
 SMP - State Marine Park
 SMR - State Marine Reserve
 SMRMA - State Marine Recreational Management Area



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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



SBC MBON Analysis

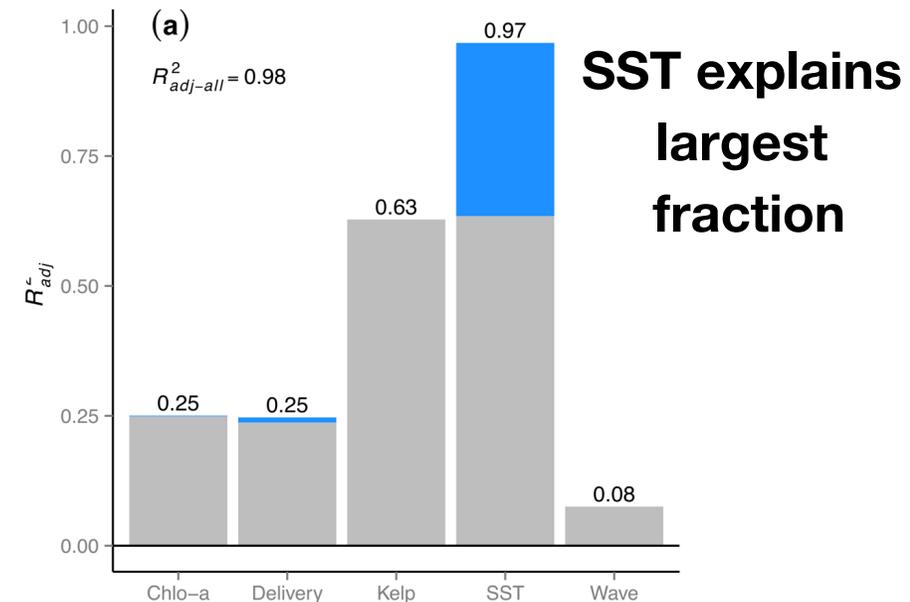
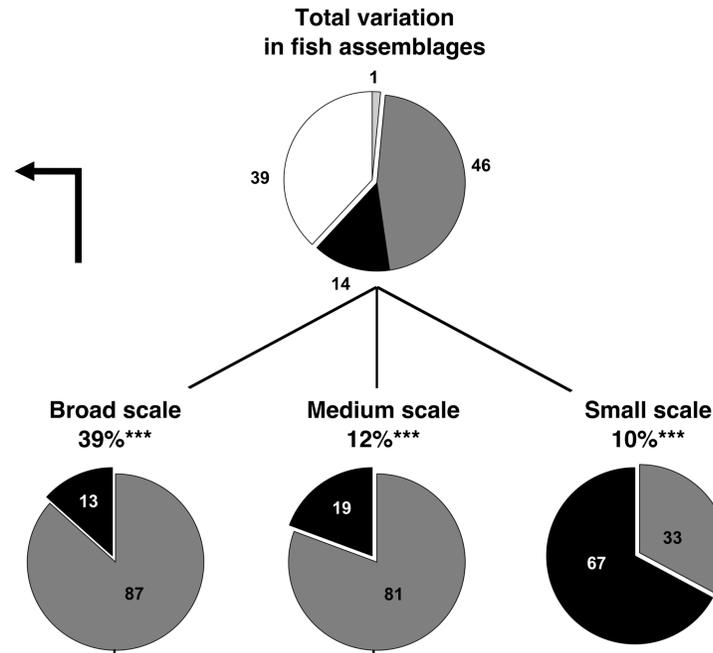
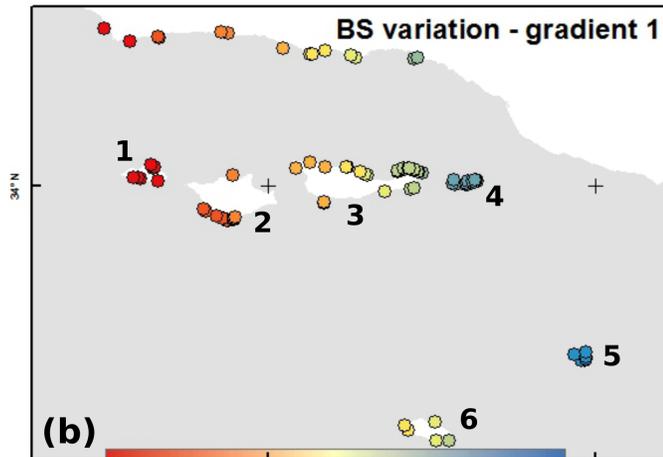
- Species distribution
- Community structure
- Environmental drivers
- Species spatial and temporal change

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

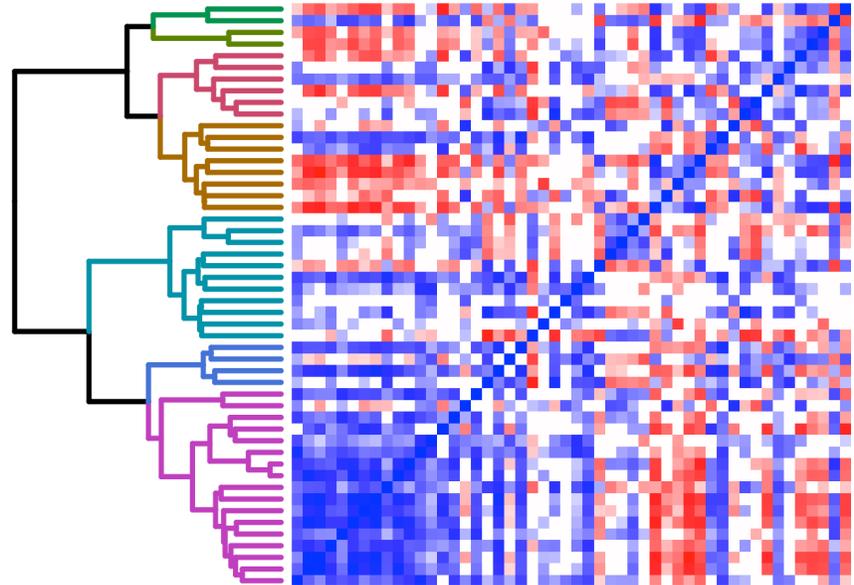


What environmental factor(s) underlie each spatial scale?

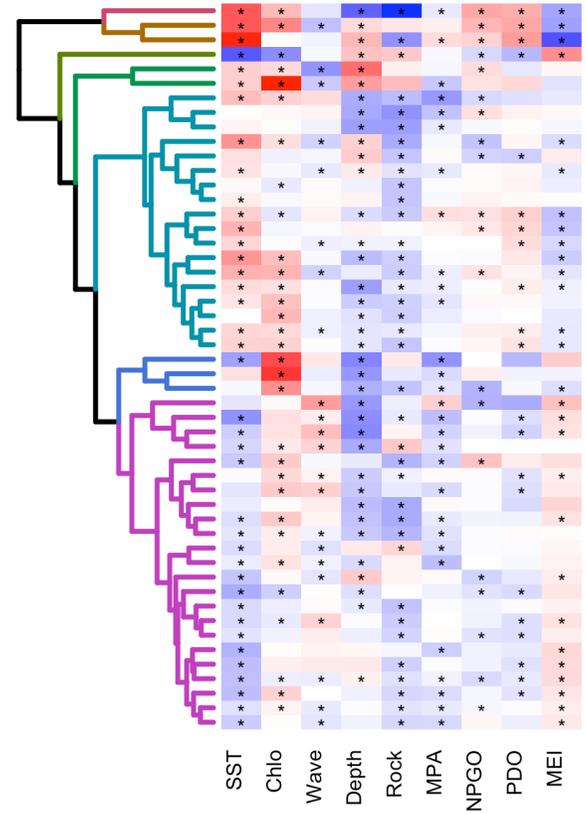
Lamy et al., in review, *Oecologia*

Explaining non-random patterns of species association in kelp forest communities

Significant association among species that arise due to shared environmental responses



- Kelleitia kelleitii
- Panulirus interruptus
- Macrocystis pyrifera
- Pterygophora californica
- Rhacochilus vacca
- Sebastes atrovirens
- Laminaria farlowii
- Embiotoca jacksoni
- Haliotis rufescens
- Embiotoca lateralis
- Oxyjulius californica
- Sebastes serranoides
- Gelidium
- Diopatra ornata
- Desmarestia ligulata
- Phragmatopoma californica
- Paralabrax clathratus
- Styela montereyensis
- Aplysia californica
- Muricea fruticosa
- Strongylocentrotus purpuratus
- Muricea californica
- Pisaster giganteus
- Neobernaya spadicea
- Tethya aurantium
- Pachythone rubra
- Balanophyllia (Balanophyllia) e
- Lytechinus pictus
- Sebastes mystinus
- Urticina lofotensis
- Eisenia arborea
- Pycnopodia helianthoides
- Mesocentrotus franciscanus
- Megathura crenulata
- Girella nigricans
- Thylacodes squamigerus
- Diaperoforma californica
- Semicossyphus pulcher
- Hypsypops rubicundus
- Halichoeres semicinctus
- Patria miniata
- Alloclinus holderi
- Apostichopus parvimensis
- Chromis punctipinnis
- Crassadoma gigantea
- Astrangia haimiei
- Rhinogobius nicholsii
- Leptogorgia chilensis
- Corynactis californica

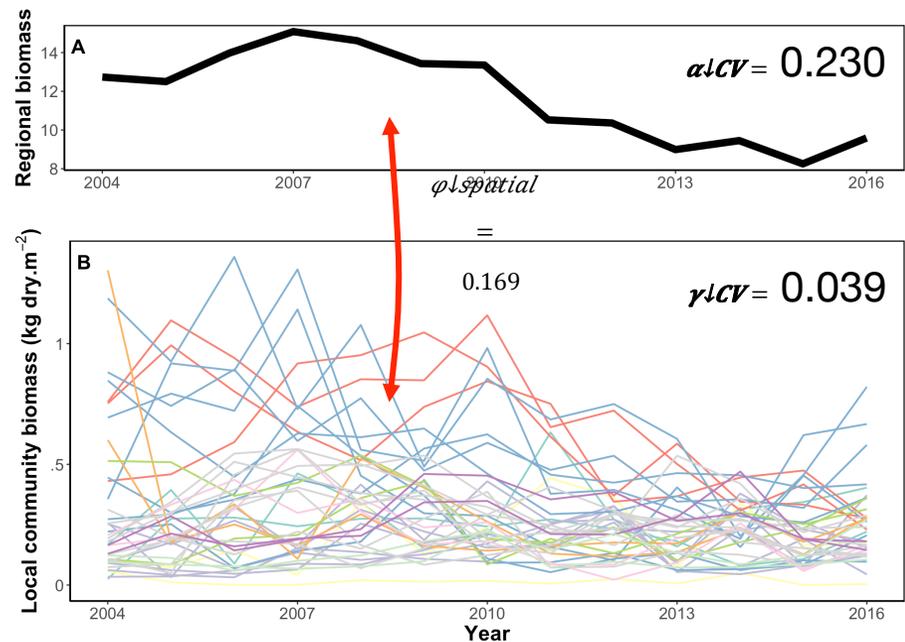
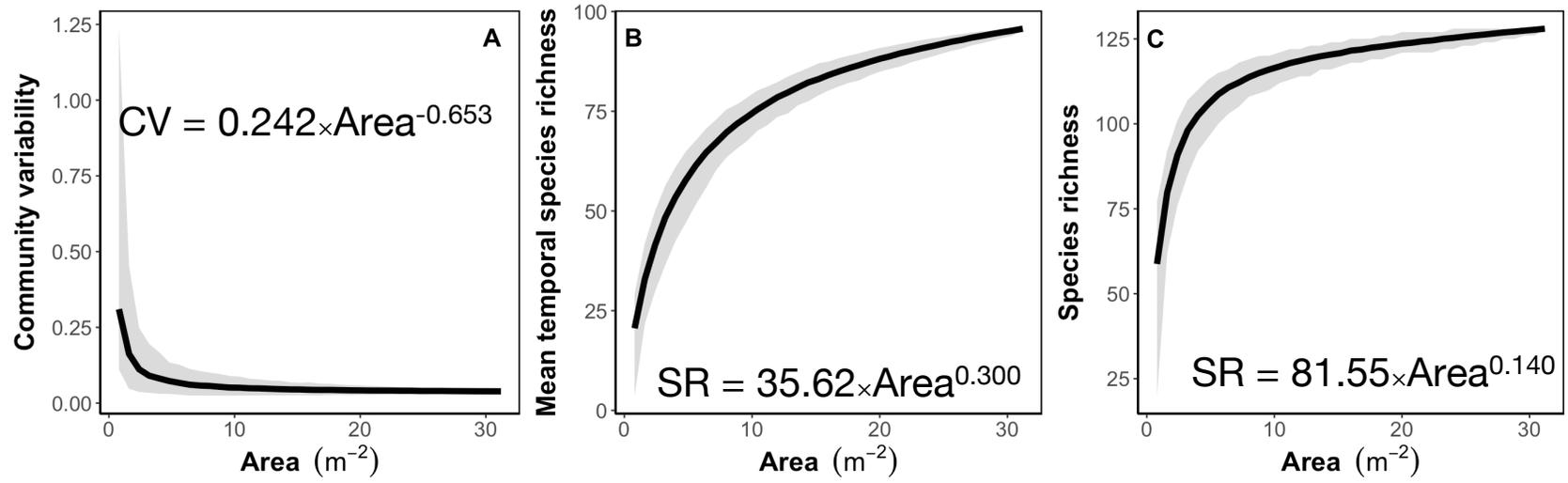


- Urticina lofotensis
- Haliotis rufescens
- Styela montereyensis
- Tegula
- Phragmatopoma californica
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Environmental sorting

Diversity-stability relationships in kelp forest communities

How does ecosystem variability and diversity scale with space?



- Ecosystem spatial variability decreases 2.2 to 4.7 times faster than species richness increases
- Local communities display high spatial synchrony in ecosystem function ($\phi_{spatial}$)
- Spatial synchrony in ecosystem function depends on dominant species



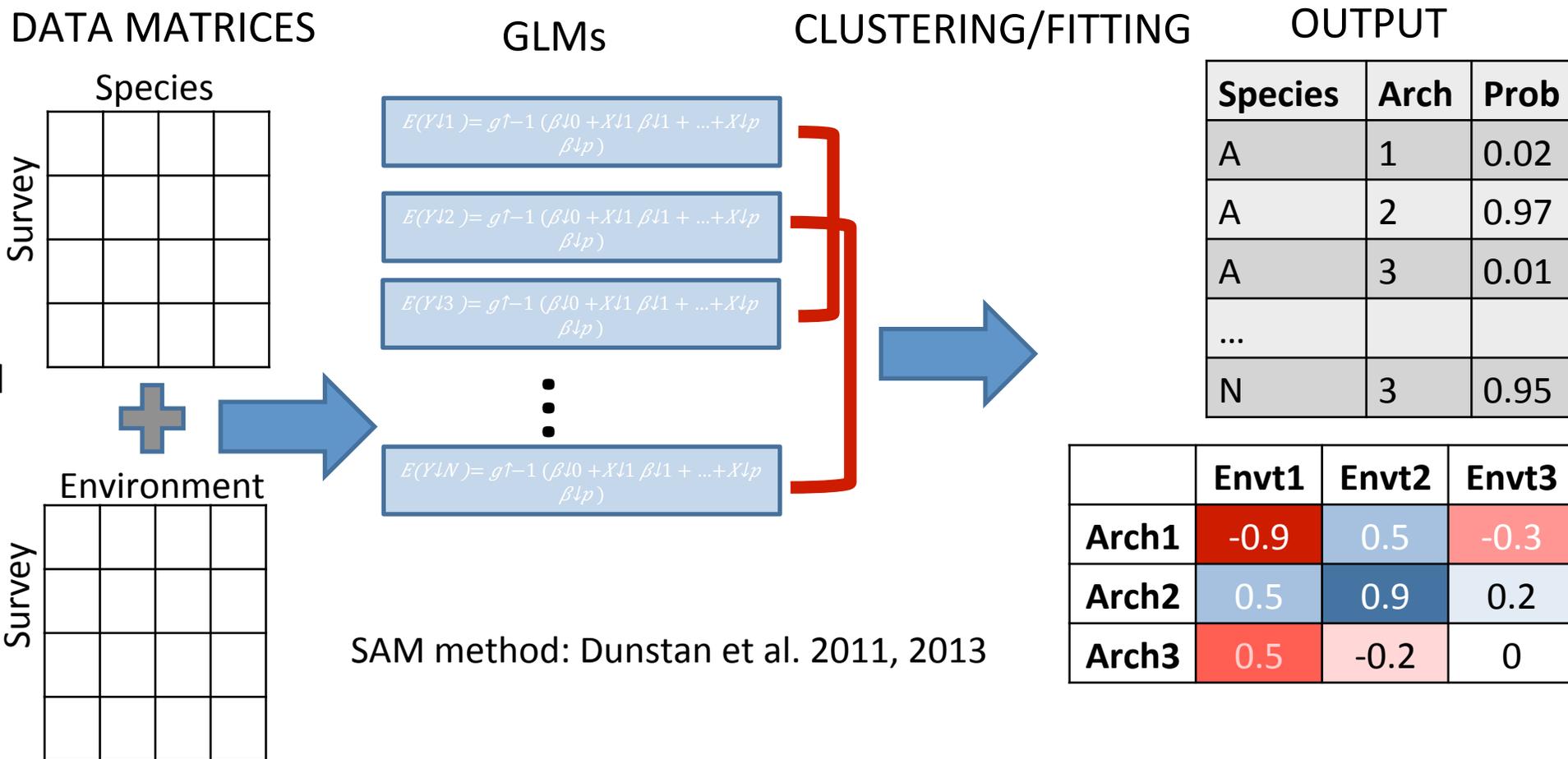
Species Archetype Modelling (SAM) for ecological forecasting

Modelling species response to environmental gradients and reducing dimensionality

Brian Kinlan

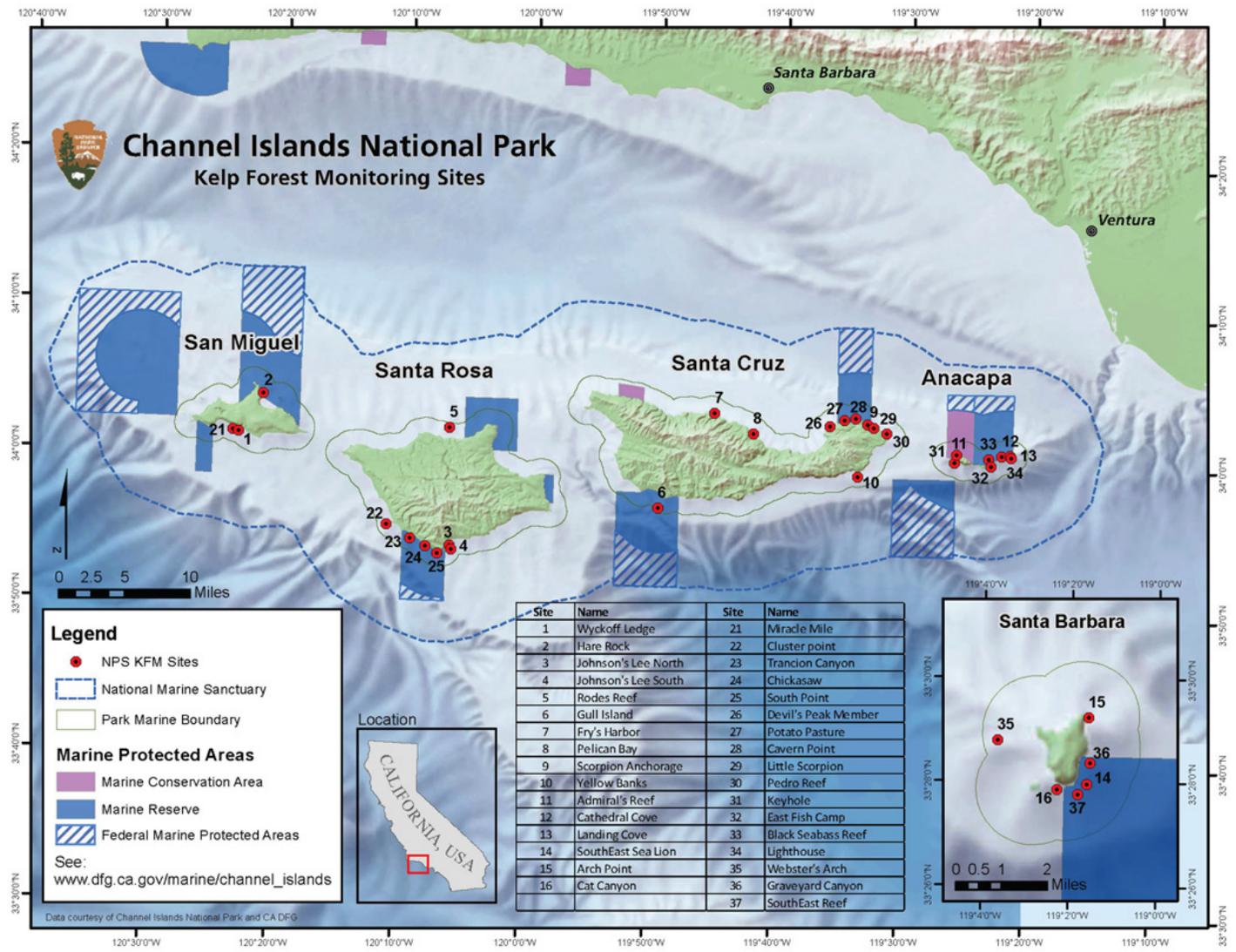


Rhiannon Rognstad



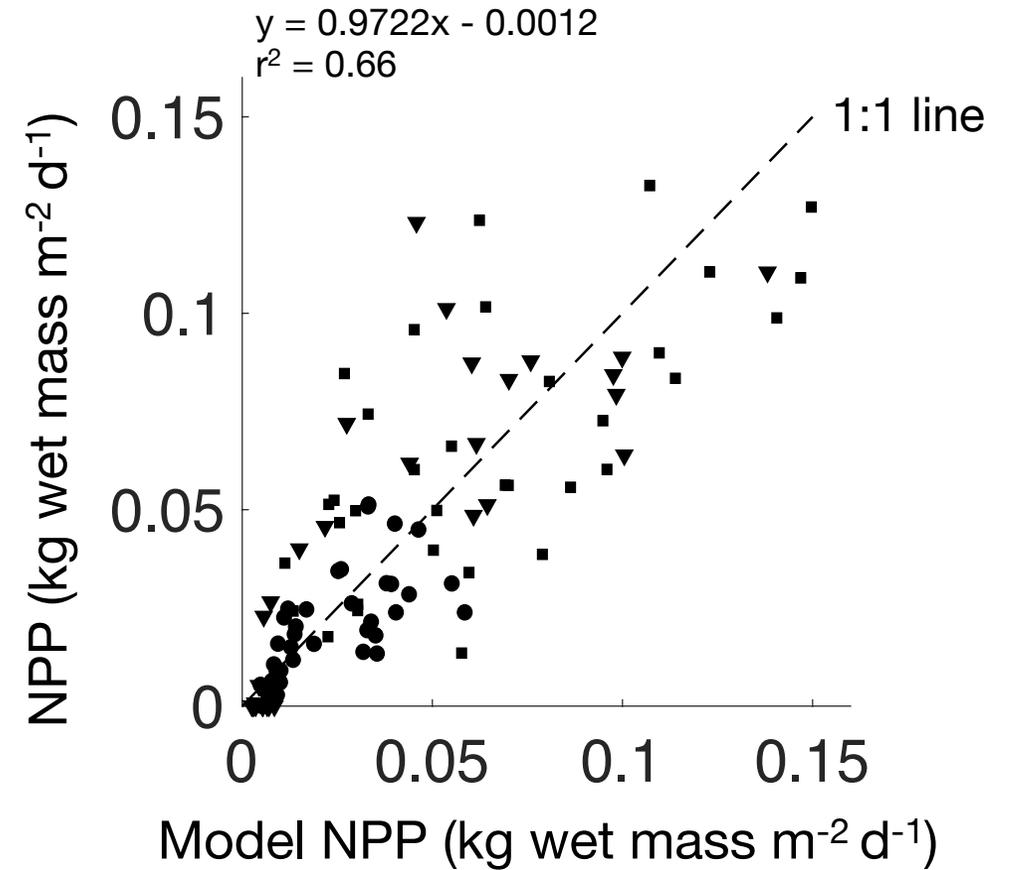
Biological: Kelp forest dataset, 82 taxa at 33 sites, 2004-2014

Environmental: Depth and substrate (*in situ*), SST (satellite-derived), wave height (interpolated, CDIP), surface chl a (satellite-derived), climate indices, Seascapes





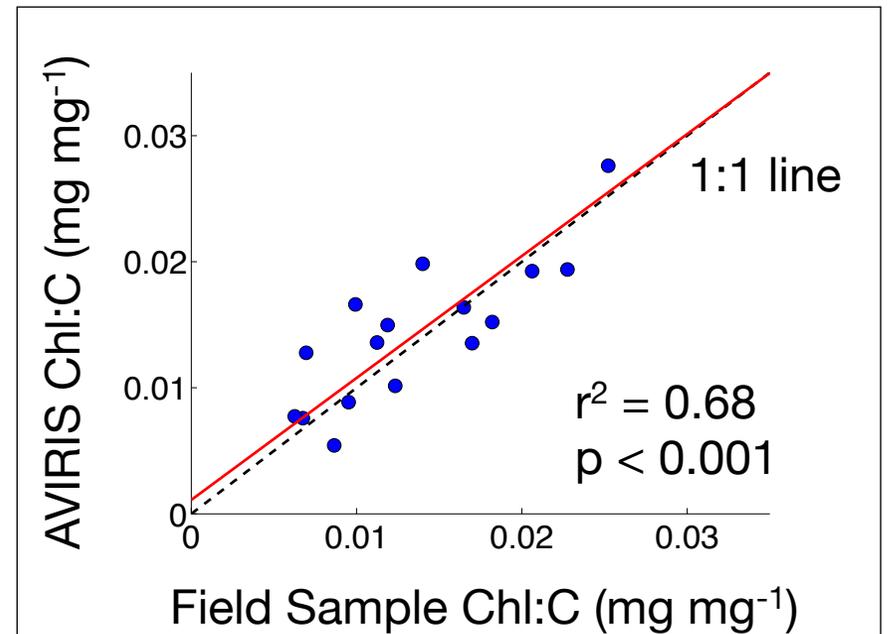
Landsat Kelp Forest Canopy Biomass & NPP



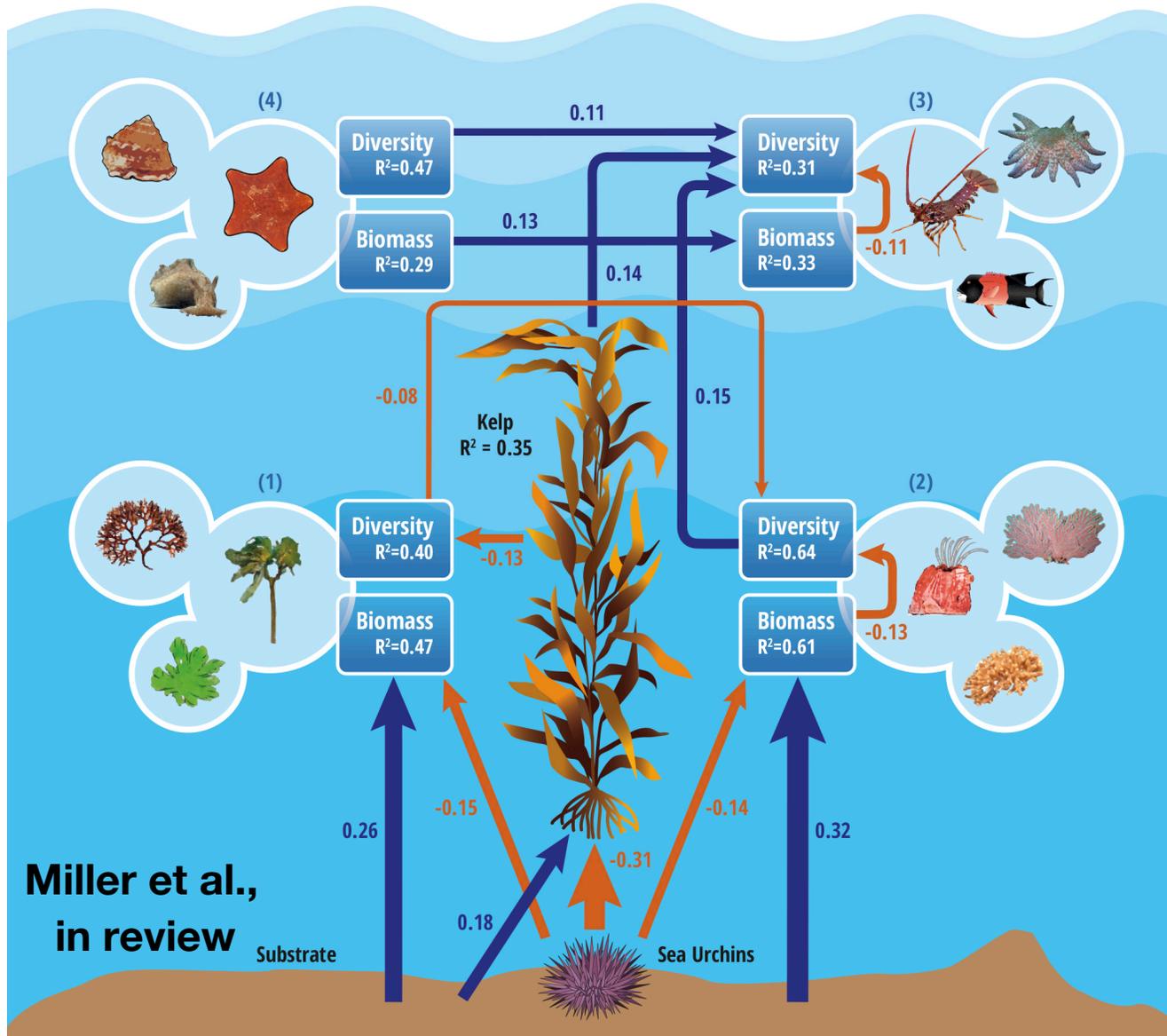
Hyperspectral aerial flights conducted 3x year⁻¹ in 2013 – 2015 using the AVIRIS sensor as part of the HyspIRI preparatory campaign



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



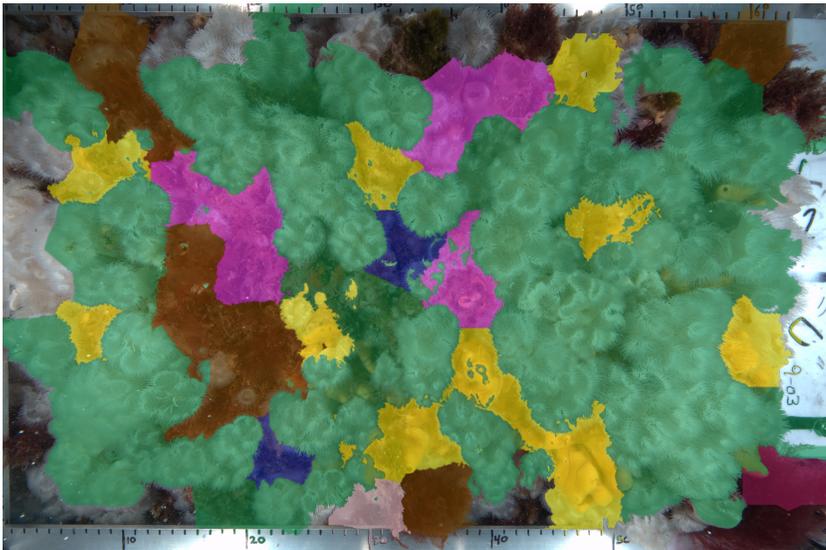
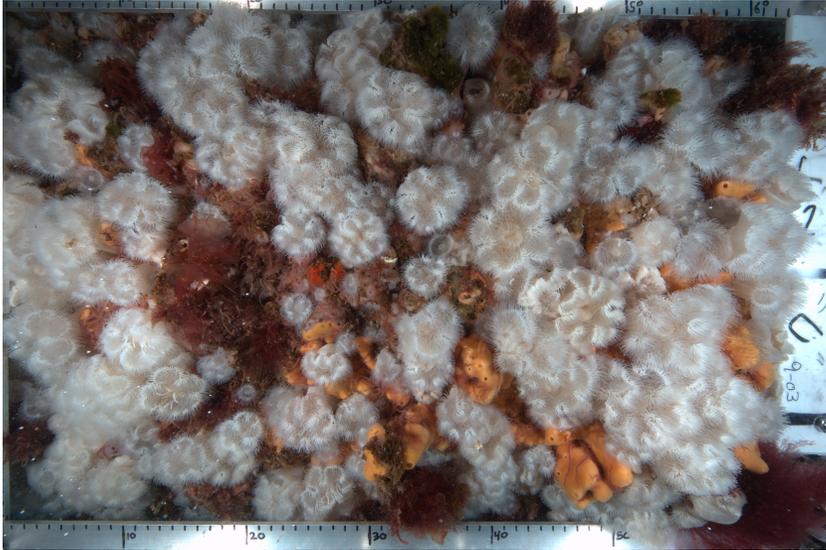
Deep learning for image analysis



UCSB Center for Bio-Image Informatics supports:
Life sciences, Geography, Ecology, Medical, Marine Science

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Deep learning for image analysis



- Scalable deployment
- Hierarchical models
 - Taxonomic: Genus -> Species
 - Ontological: Substrate -> Exact object
- Fully convolutional segmentation

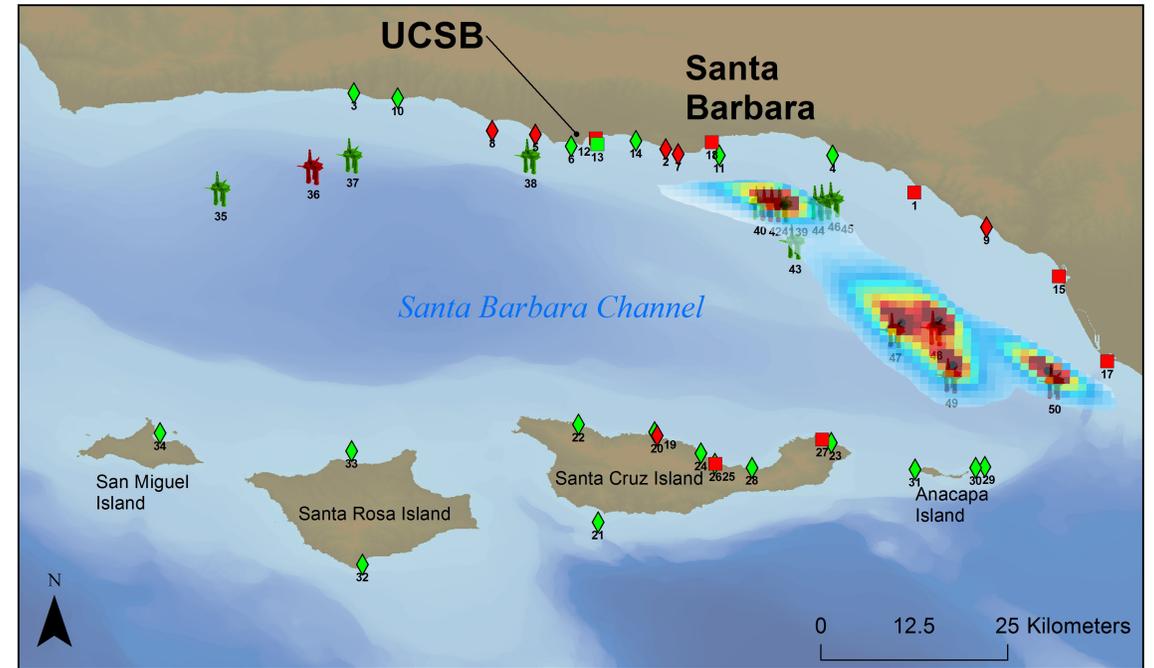
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Biodiversity and connectivity on offshore oil platforms and natural reefs

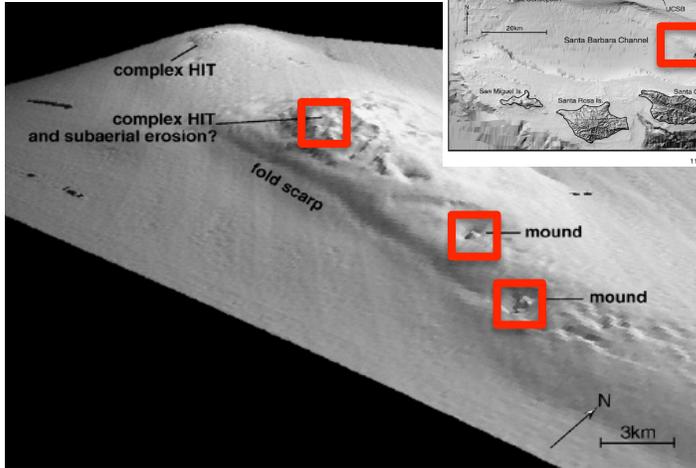
Photographically sampling communities on natural reefs and offshore oil platforms



ROMS modeling of potential larval dispersal



Deepwater biodiversity of the Santa Barbara Channel



CALAFIA 100-300 m
AUV survey, 2016

- ***AUV surveys in collaboration with NOAA NWFSC Seattle***
- ***Describe variability in biodiversity and relation to environmental factors***

Love et al. in review, Nishimoto et al. *in prep*

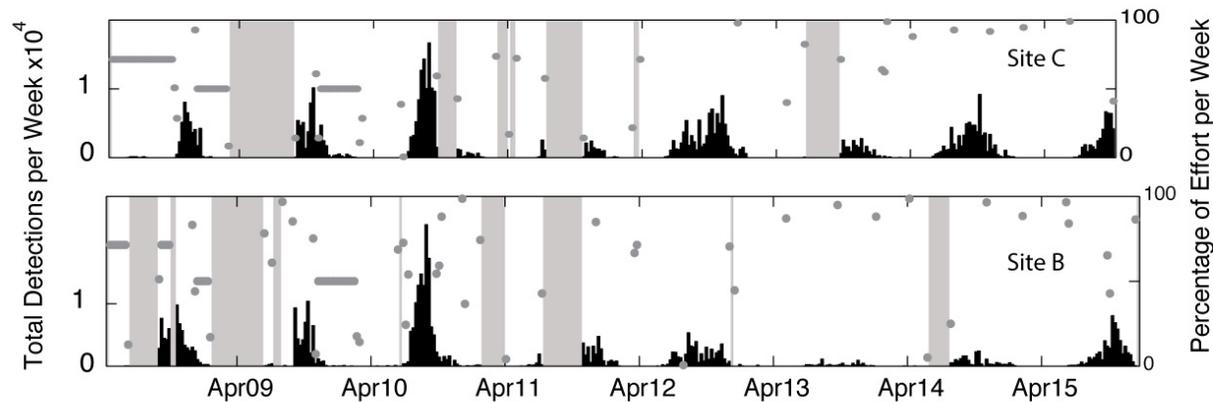


Acoustic Monitoring in Channel Islands



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

Hildebrand et al. *in prep*



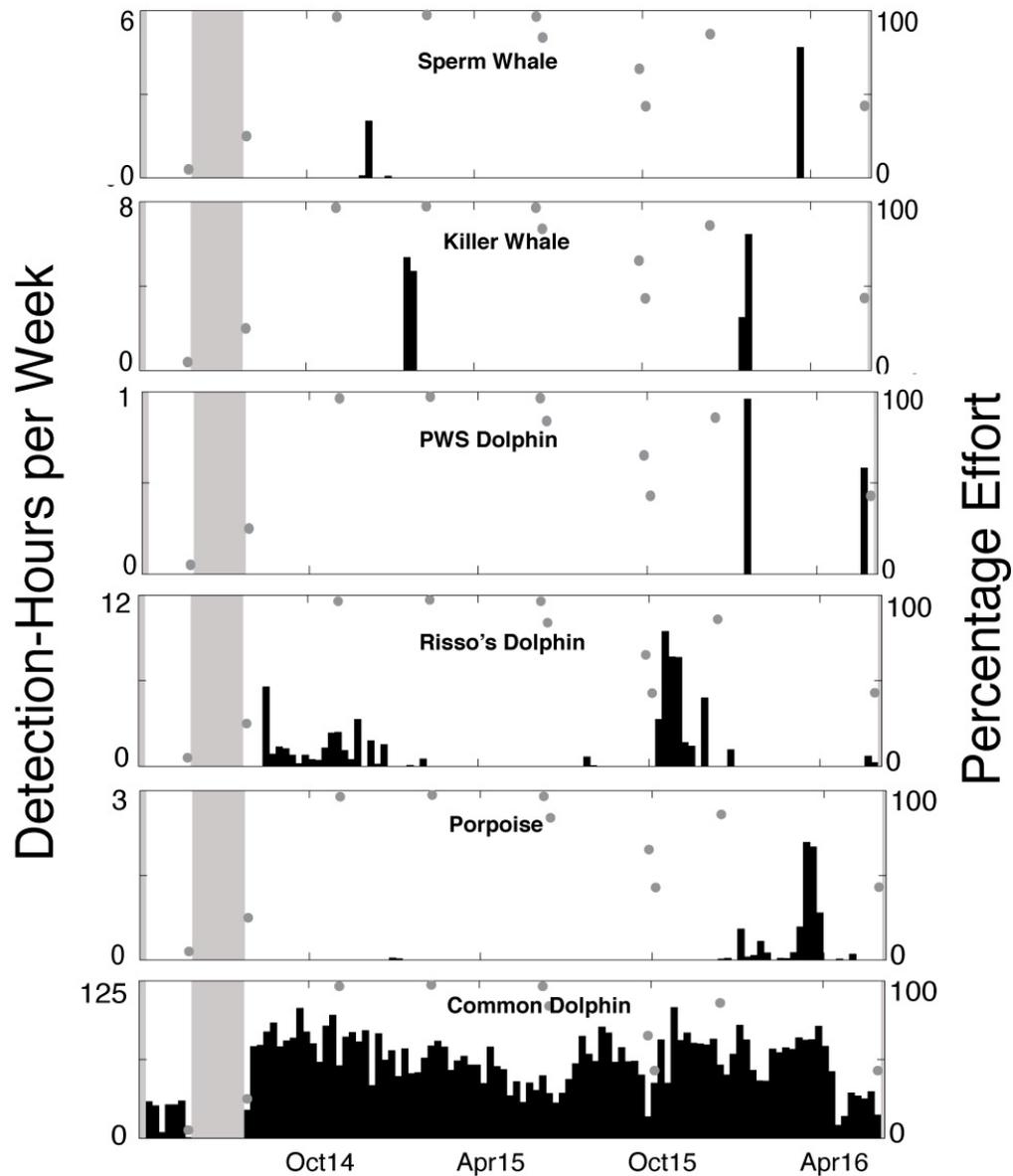
Blue Whale



Fin Whale



Acoustic Detection of Marine Mammals



Pacific White-Sided Dolphin



Dall's Porpoise



- ***Cold water spp absent in spring 2015***
- ***Common dolphins very abundant***

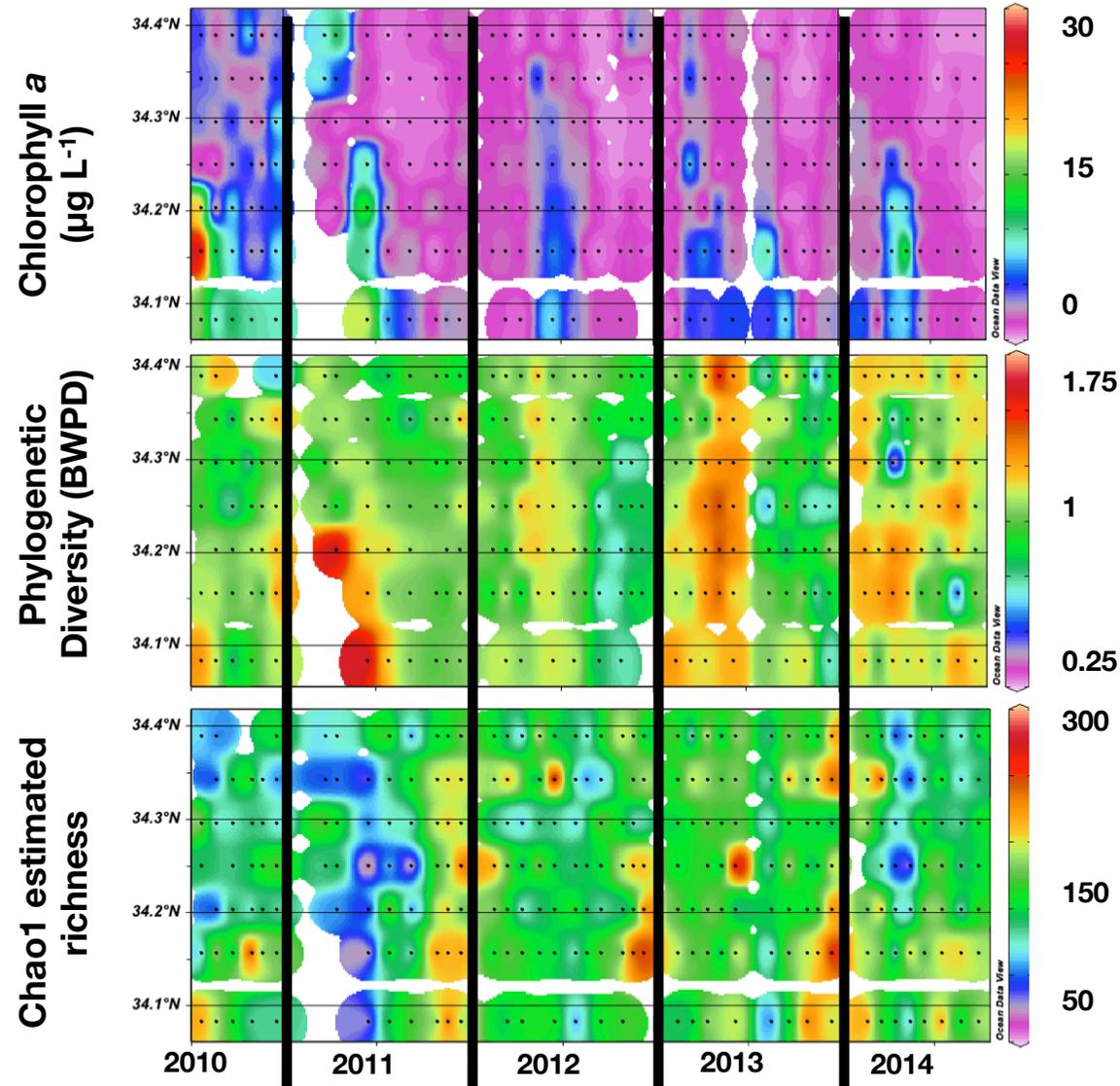
Short-Beaked Common Dolphin



Hildebrand et al. *in prep*

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*

Eukaryotic Plankton Diversity in SBC

Community Composition via High Throughput Sequencing (HTS)

- Archived monthly time series (2011–2014)
- 476 total samples
 - 228 at surface
 - 144 at 75m
- Multiple rDNA primer sets
 - 16S (V4/V5)
 - 18S (V9)
- New time-series (2016–present)



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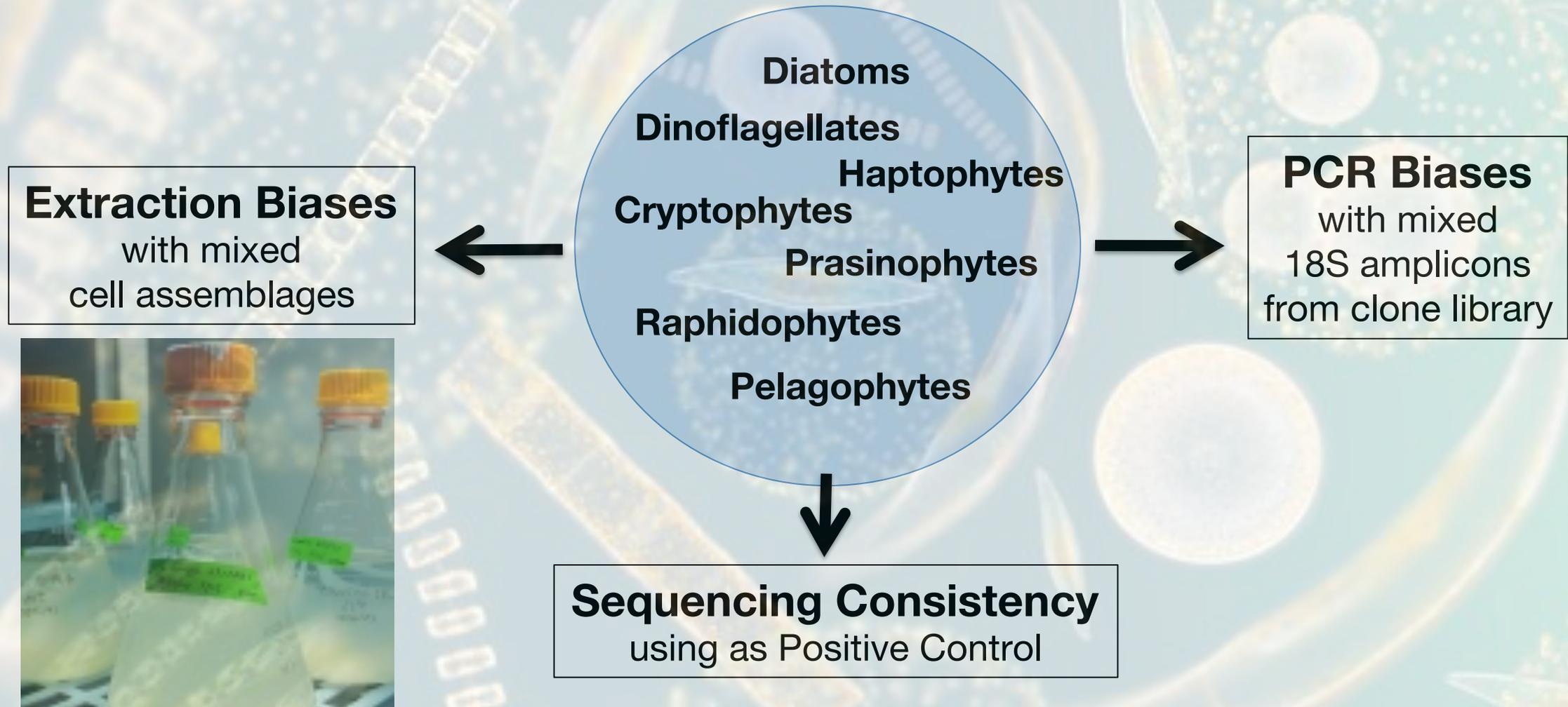
Dylan Catlett



**Use HTS data to validate remote sensing algorithms
for phytoplankton community composition**

Constructing Mock Eukaryote Communities

Up to 28 phytoplankton species



Bioinformatics Pipeline Comparison

Subset of
Sequence Data
from FL & MB

16S & 18S rDNA
Sequence Reads
(n=17)

Pipelines

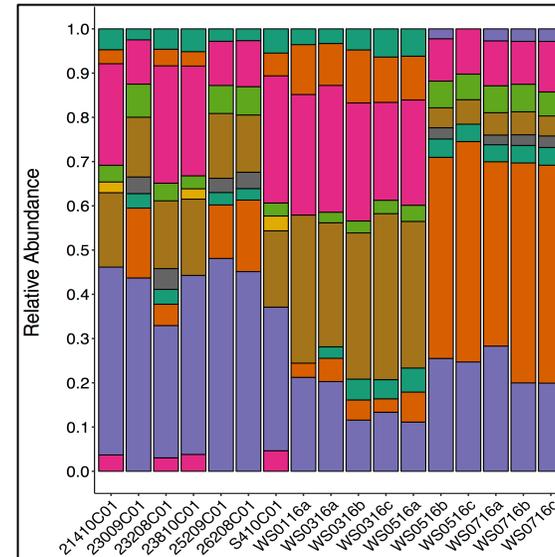
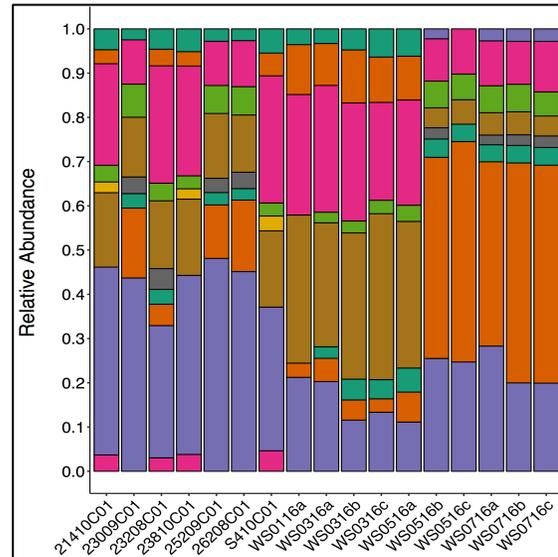
Mothur
(SBC)

Banzai
(MBARI & USF)



Dr. Anni Djurhuus
USF

Community
Assemblages

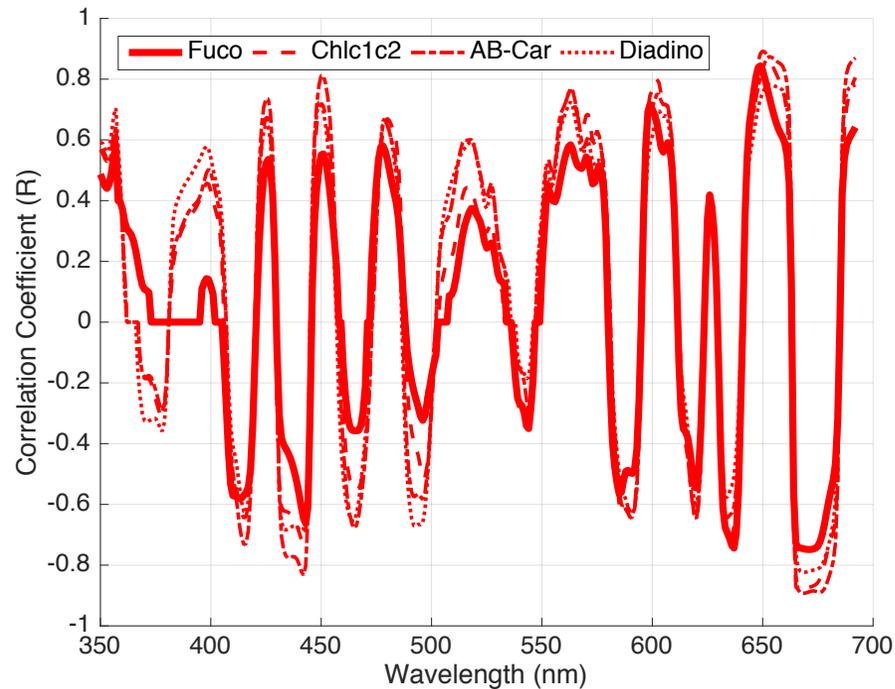
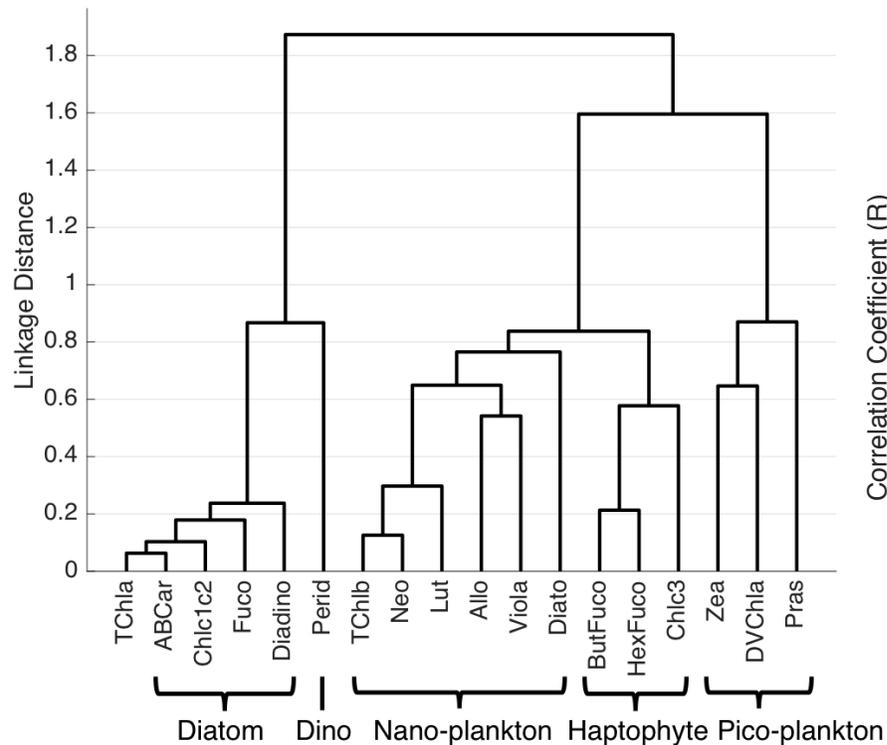


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Modeling Phytoplankton Pigment “Communities”

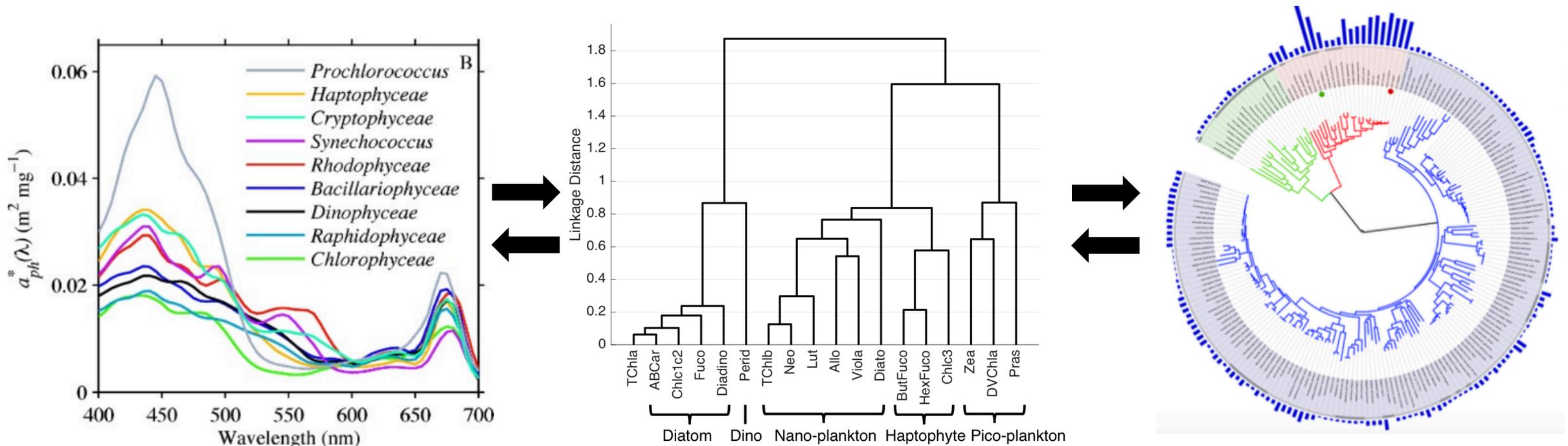
- Derivative analysis of phytoplankton absorption spectra isolates absorption features with robust relationships to phytoplankton pigments and communities
- Pigment communities (defined with cluster, EOF analyses) can be modeled using relationships with spectral absorption signatures



| 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 |

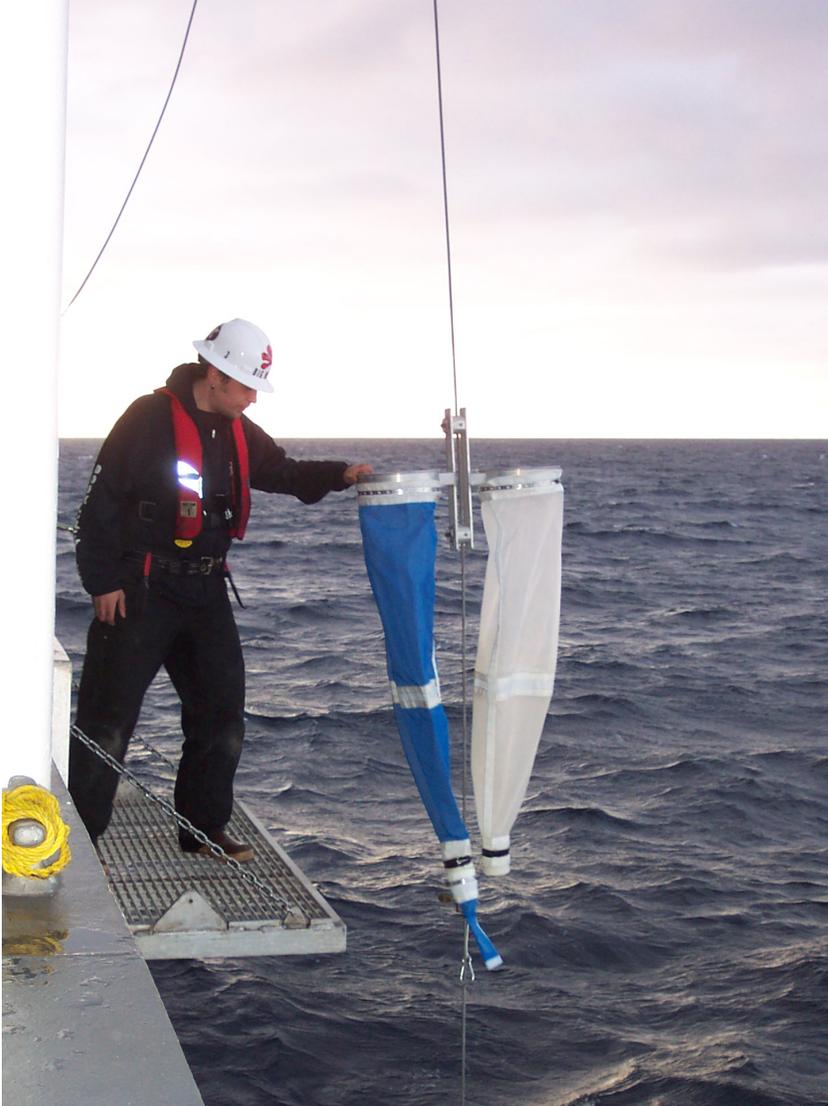
Next Steps

- 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 sequencing
- In process of bulk tissue sequencing
- Working with Sanctuaries MBON team



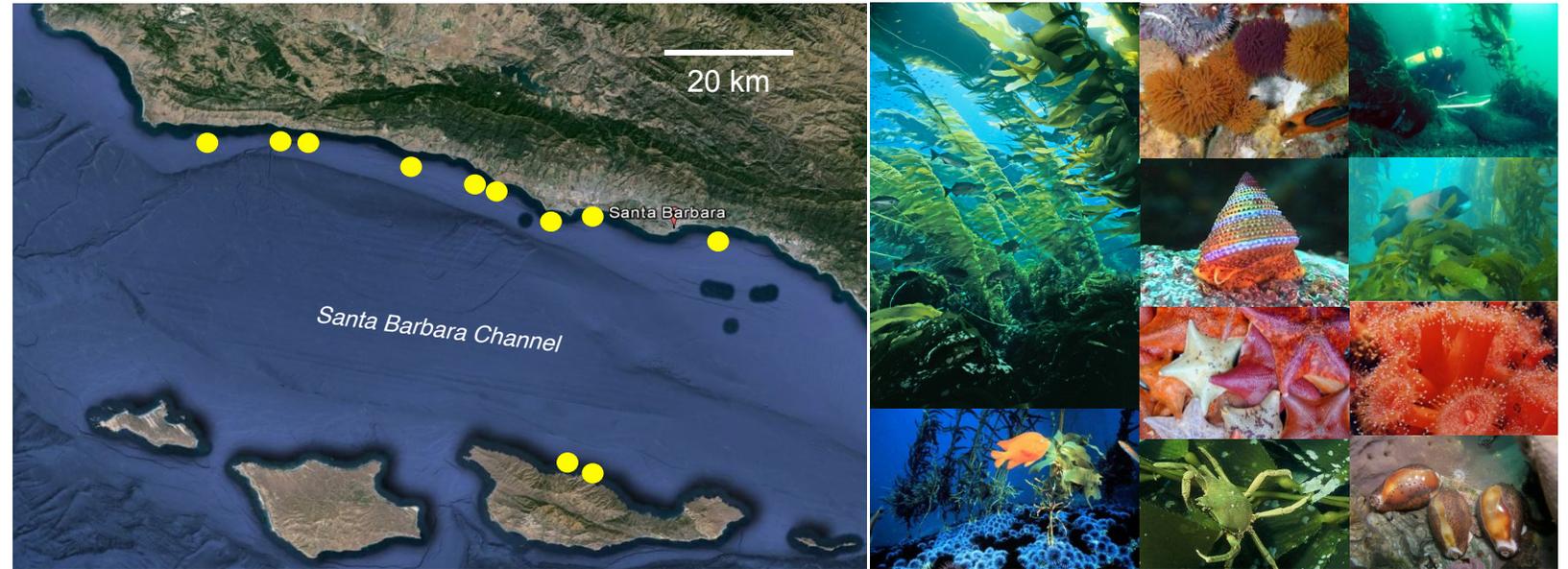
Parallel MBON sampling effort in collaboration with SBC LTER, NPS

MBON

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- Data collected from 44 plots (80 m²) distributed across 11 sites spanning 80 km of coast from 2001-present
- *Ecological variables:* Abundance, size and biomass of ~ 200 species of kelp forest algae, invertebrates, & fish
- Add: eDNA, mosaicked imagery