

# Coastcolour bio-optical models and algorithms

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## Case 2 Water Inversion Algorithms

*Note Case 2 means: > 1 component necessary to describe the variability of water leaving radiance reflectances*

- Decomposition technique with a sequence of empirical algorithms using semi-analytical models
- Optimization of the parameters of a forward model to achieve a best fit between the measured and modeled reflectance spectrum
- Look-up table procedure: comparing the measured spectrum with simulated spectra in a look-up table
- Linear Matrix inversion
- Linear combinations from a principle component analysis (based on measured or simulated spectra)
- Neural network inversion with a NN training based on measured or simulated reflectance spectra and corresponding IOPs
- Classification of water reflectance spectra and determination of a class
- Combination of techniques, e.g. classification and neural networks

# Inversion using a neural network

## Pros

- Can be based on simulations using a sophisticated radiative transfer code
- Can include auxiliary information such as angles, temperature, salinity
- Can be constrained (is always constrained)
- Has a clear scope, which is defined by the training data set and its model
- Processing is very fast

## Cons

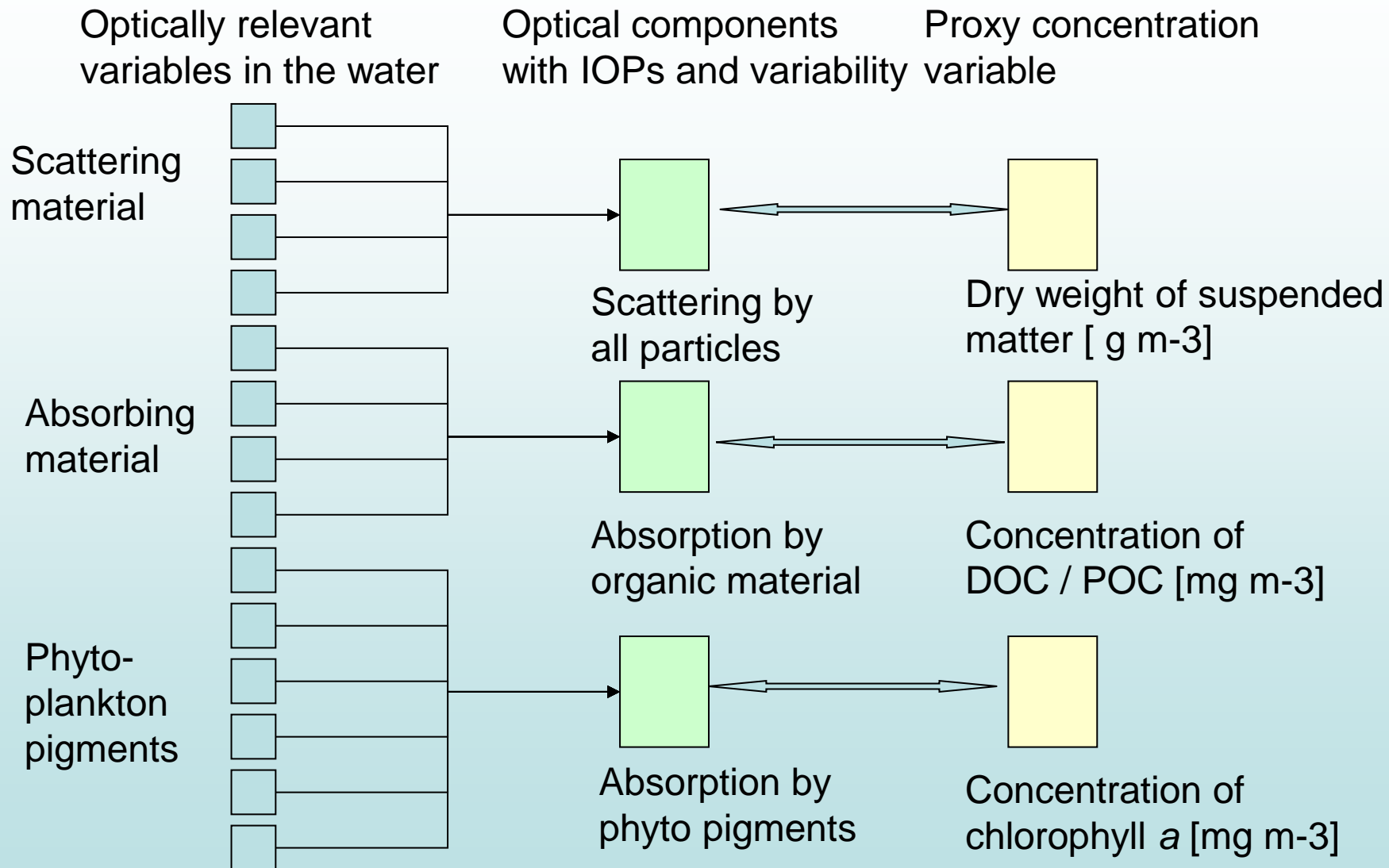
- Development and changes are time consuming
- Depends not only on the bio-optical / atmosphere model but also very much on the frequency distribution of the variables of the training data set
- The NN is determined by minimization of a mean error of the full training data set, i.e. single cases or certain ranges of cases still might have a large error
- Sensitive to overtraining by too many neurons, so that the interpolation power is lost

## Expected uncertainties

- Limitations by the bio-optical model
- Masking effect, saturation and ambiguities
- Relationship between concentrations and IOPs

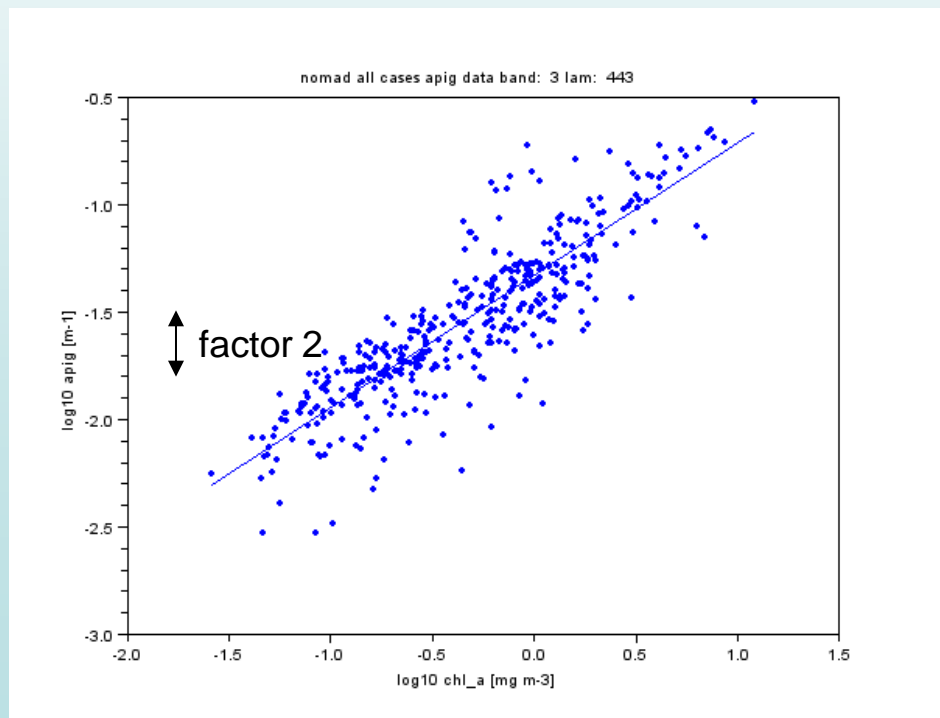


# Uncertainties due to the bio-optical model



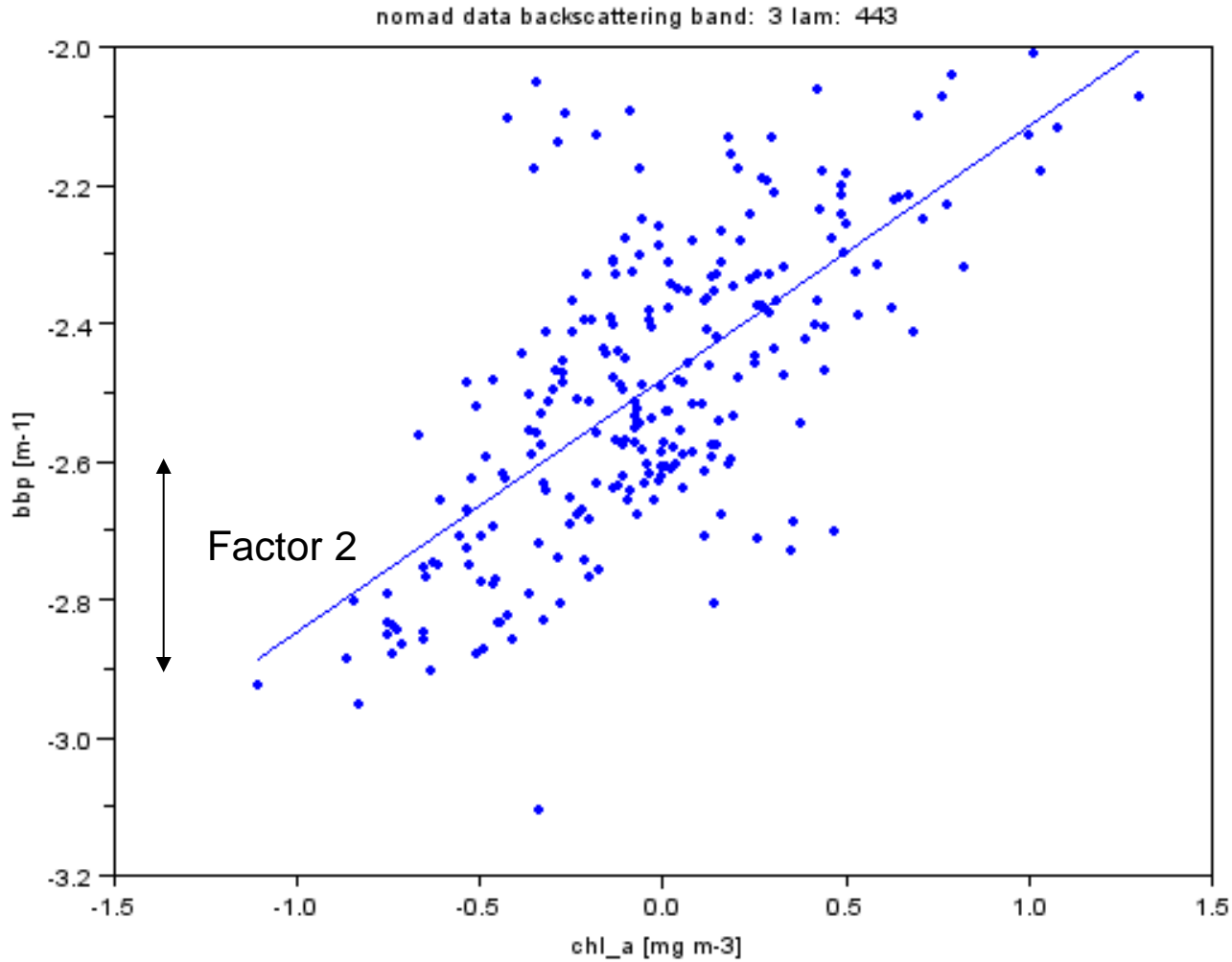
# Uncertainty due to optical variability

- NOMAD data set
  - Compiled, quality checked and maintained by OC group of NASA
  - In situ observations from different cruises, different teams, instruments, procedures, sky and wave conditions
  - Includes RLW at 6 MERIS bands (412,443,490, 510, 560,665)
  - a\_total, b\_total / bb\_total at443
- Note: in situ data have their own variabilities and uncertainties!



*Relationship between log10 of chlorophyll a concentration and log10 of absorption coefficient of phytoplankton pigments*

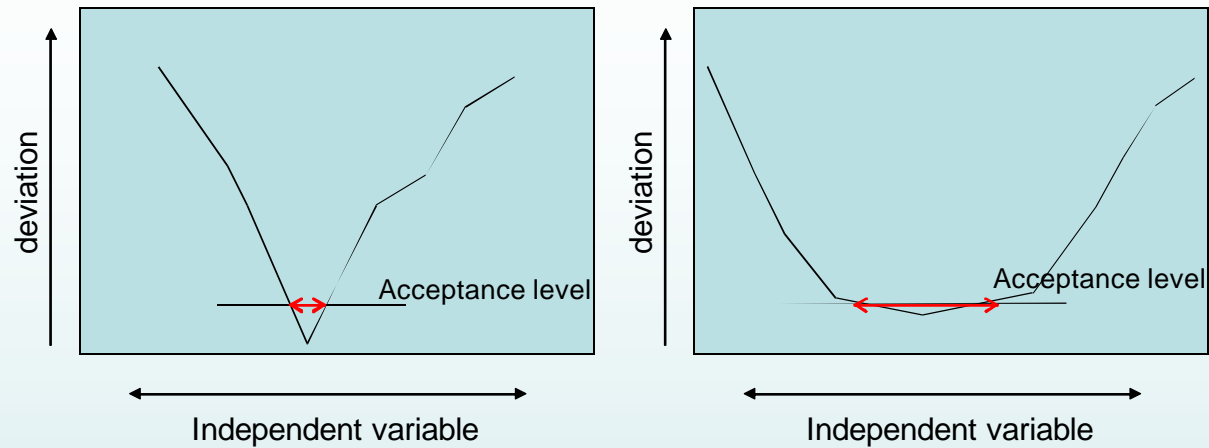
# Relationship chl\_f and backscattering coefficient



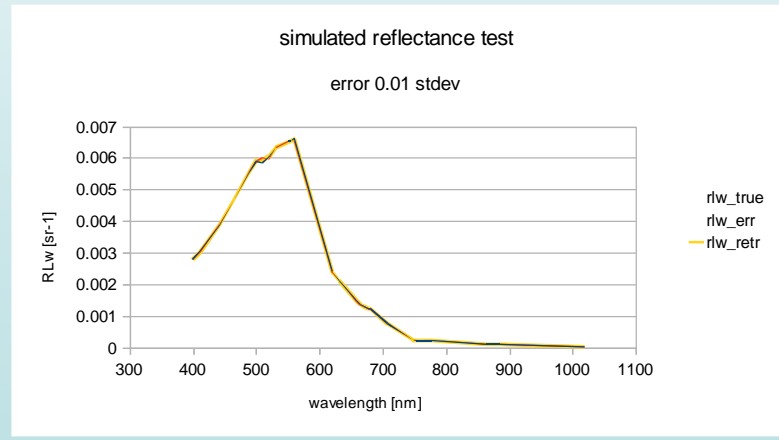
443 nm, 249 samples, log10 scale

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# Error due to masking and ambiguities



Width can be estimated from the 2nd order derivative (Hessian matrix)



- True spectrum simulated
- „measured“ spectrum = true \* random error
- Retrieved spectrum when LM has found solution

## Results and errors of retrieval

Variable	conc true	conc retr.	stdev of log_conc	err. estimated %	err true %
chlorophyll [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ]	1	0.8337	0.09191	9.626	-19.94
detritus [g m <sup>-3</sup> ]	1	1.152	0.1684	18.34	13.19
gelbstoff a443 [m <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.1	0.1005	0.03566	3.63	0.4842
min. SPM [g m <sup>-3</sup> ]	1	0.9948	0.006498	0.6519	-0.5238

kdmin\_true: 0.2096

kd490\_true: 0.2636

kdmin\_ret: 0.2089

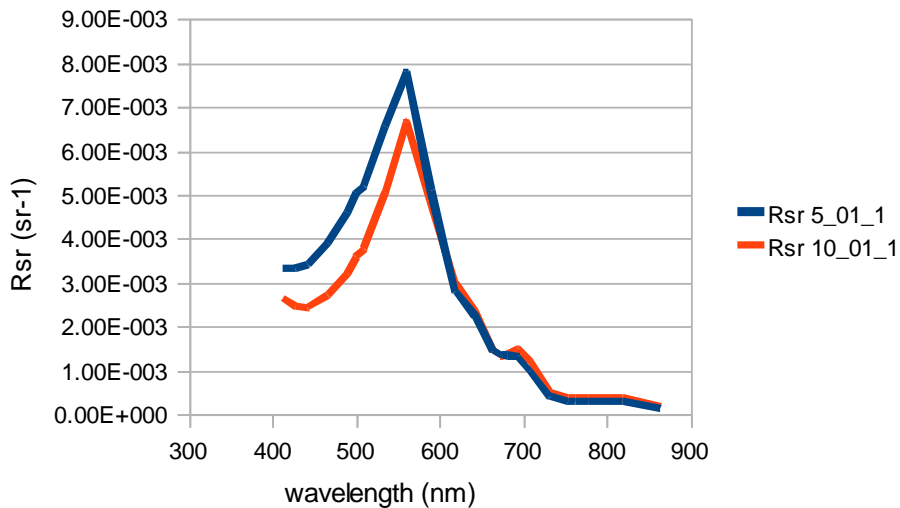
kd490\_ret: 0.2609

error: - 0.33%

error: -1.04%

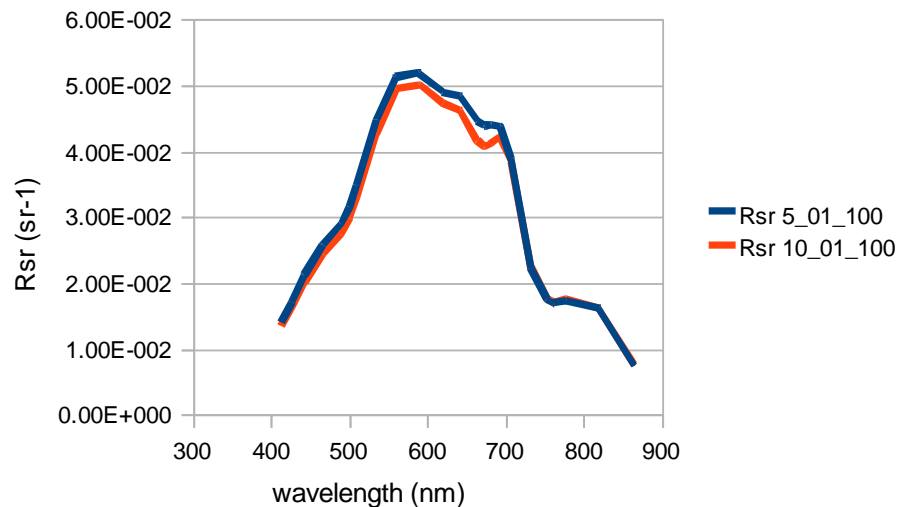
# Sensitivity at different concentration ranges and spectral bands

Remote Sensing reflectance TSM 1



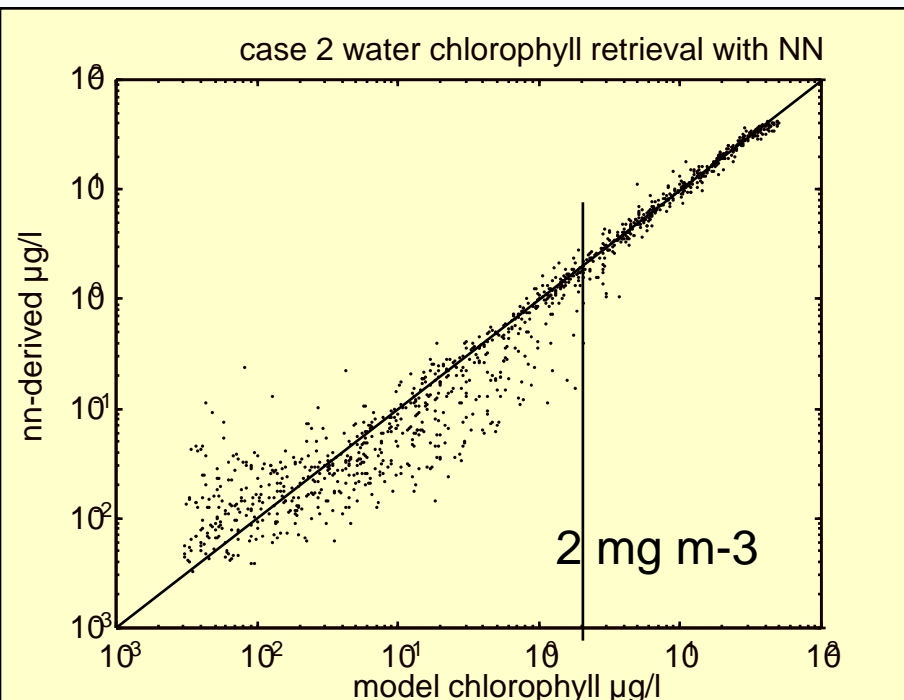
Chl. 5/10 mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
**TSM 1 g m<sup>-3</sup>**  
 aYS(443) 0.1 m<sup>-1</sup>

Remote Sensing reflectance TSM 100

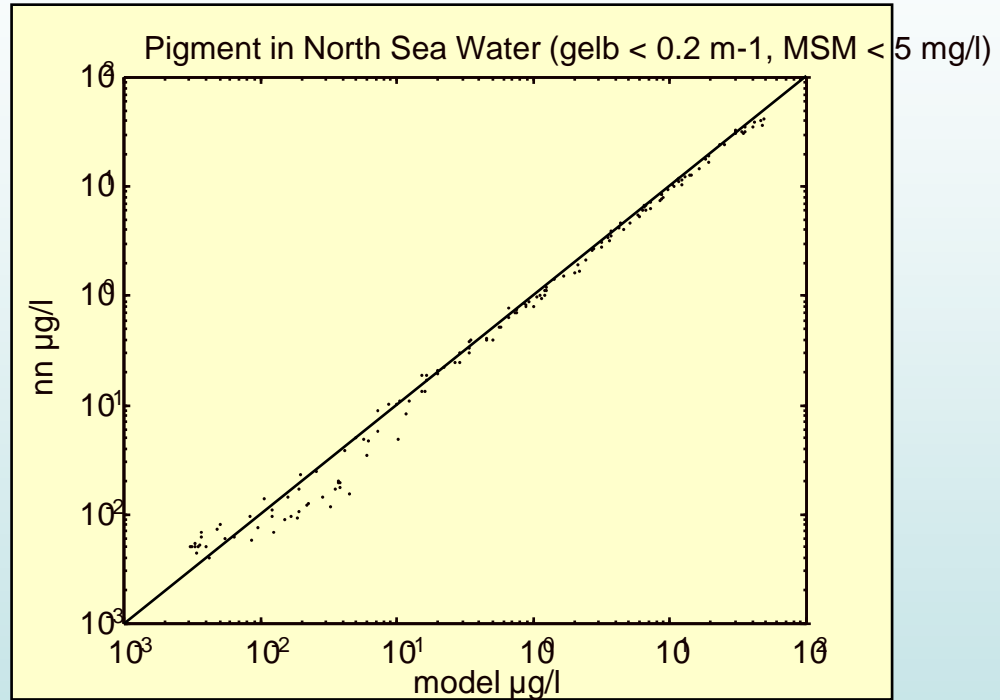


Chl. 5/10 mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
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# Uncertainties due to ambiguities for different concentration mixtures

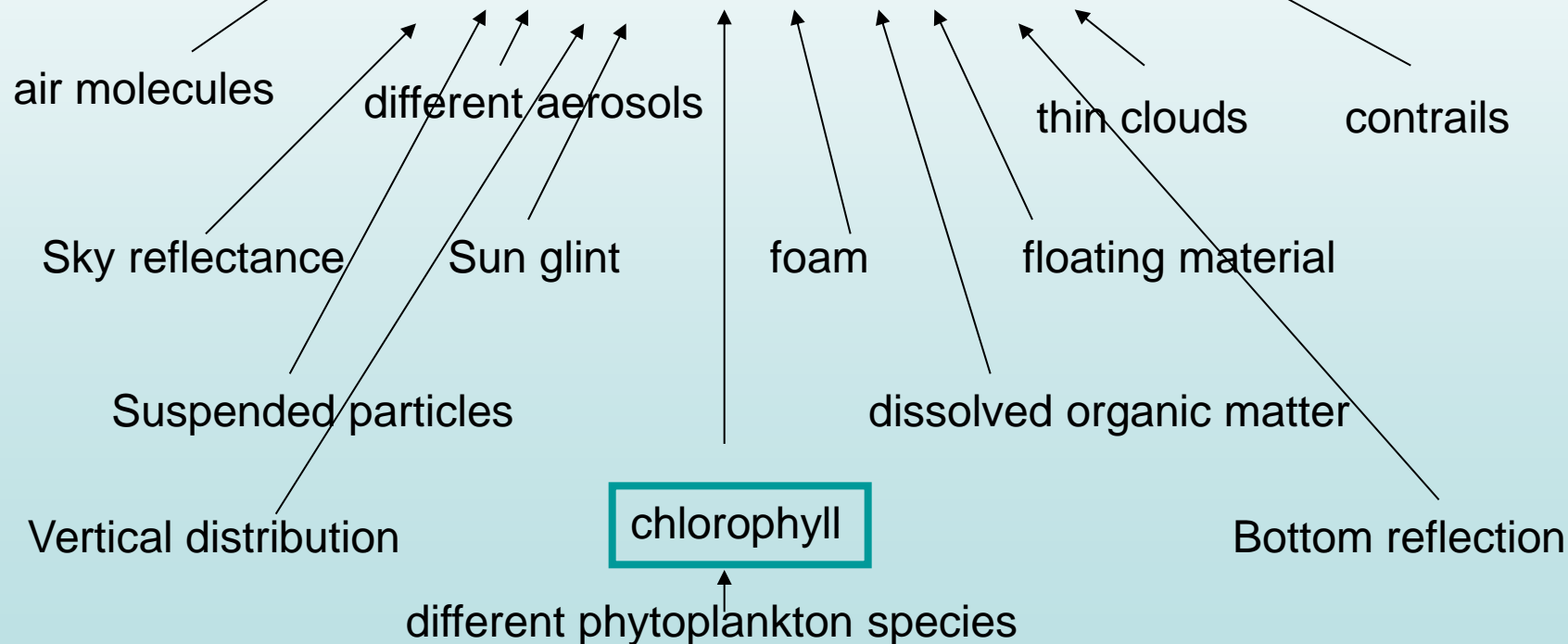
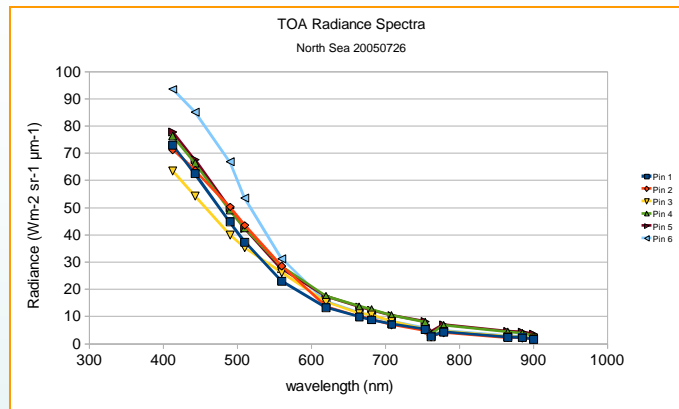


All cases of turbid water



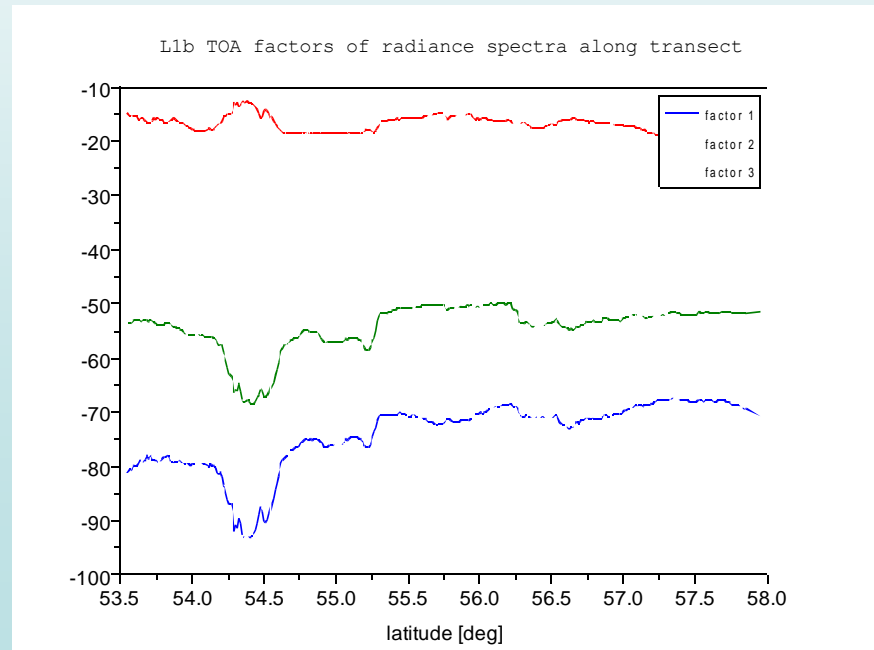
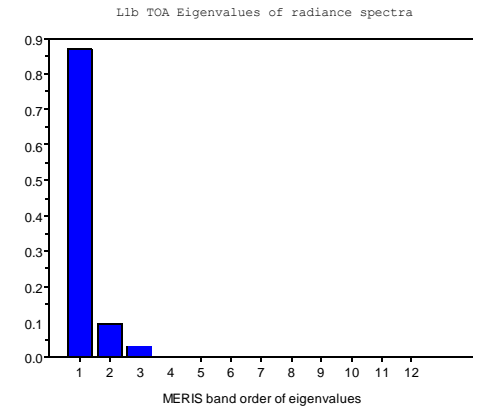
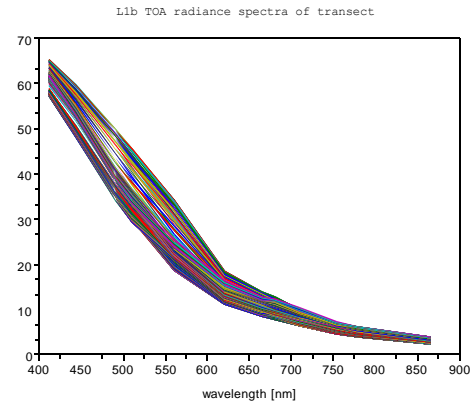
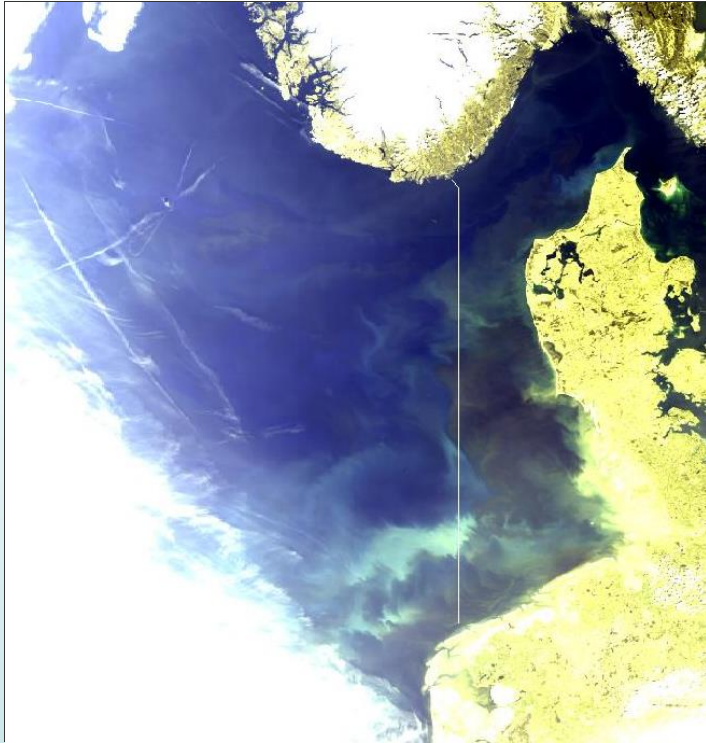
Typical North Sea coastal water:  
ay<sub>443</sub>: < 0.2 m<sup>-1</sup>, TSM < 5 mg /l

# What determines the radiance spectrum at TOA

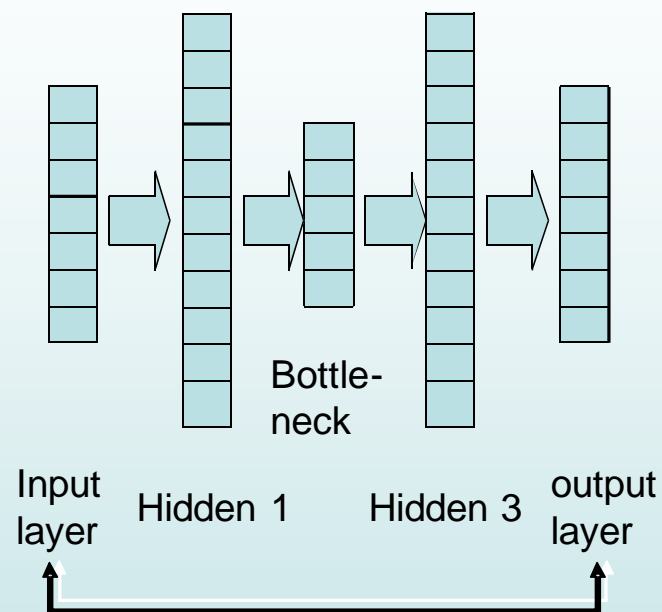




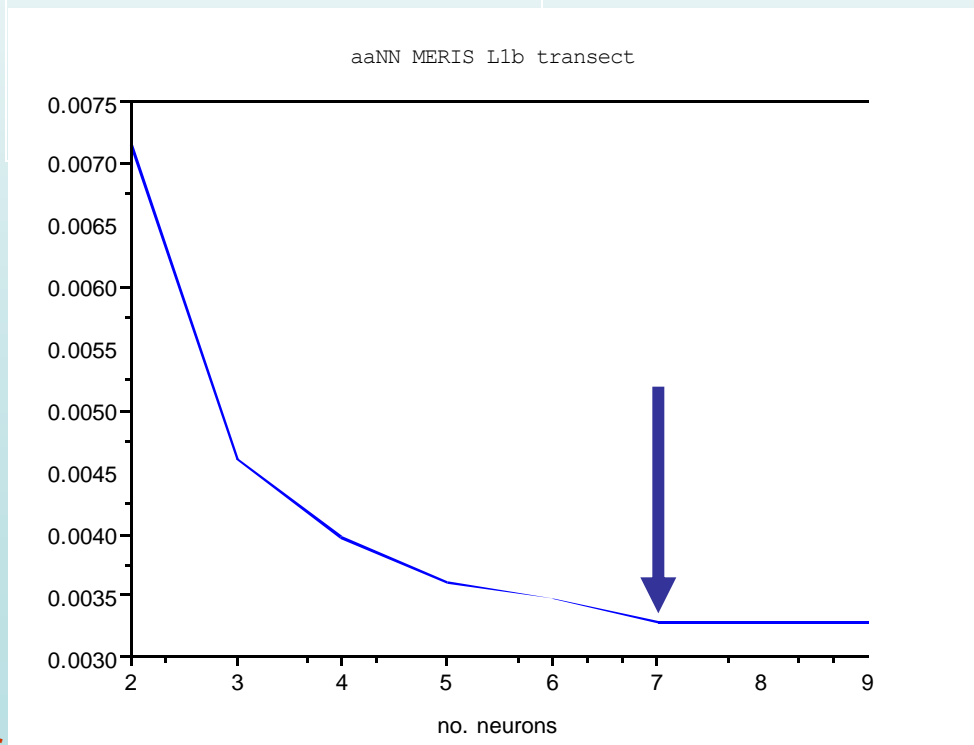
# Information content: PCA



# Information content: aaNN



Functions also  
as nonlinear PCA  
i.e. bottle neck number of  
neurons  
Provide estimate of  
Independent components



# The bio-optical model for Coastcolour

## Requirements

- Shall reproduce NOMAD IOP data set
- Shall reproduce reflectances of MERMAID data set
- Shall include all coastal water cases including
  - areas with extremely high suspended matter concentrations and
  - areas with extremely high concentrations of humic substances
  - Clear ocean water conditions

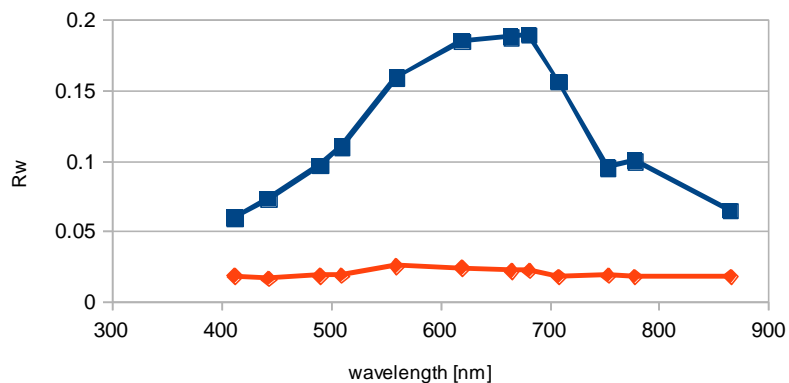
## Strategy

- Define parameters to characterize the frequency distributions of IOPs and reflectance spectra
- Characterize IOPs of NOMAD data set and reflectances of MERMAID data
- Define and adapt bio-optical model and produce a simulated training data set with ranges and frequency distribution, which meet the parameters of the measured data
- Extend bio-optical model to cover also the extreme cases

# Max reflexion spectra in turbid estuaries

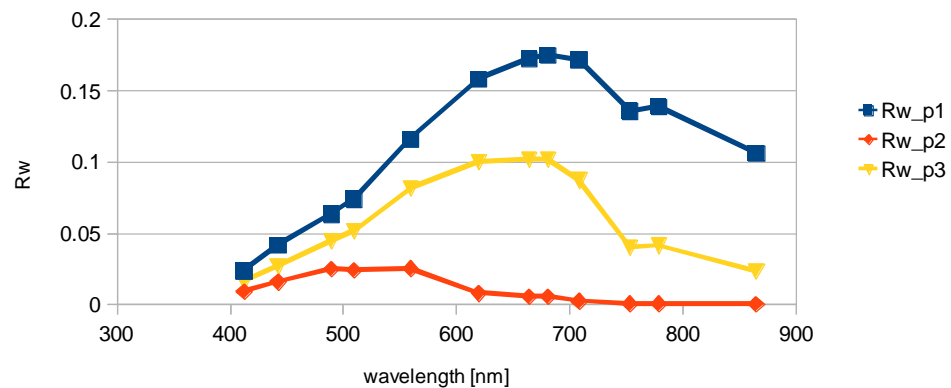
Amazon 20050803

Rw pin1, 2 compute from RLtosa



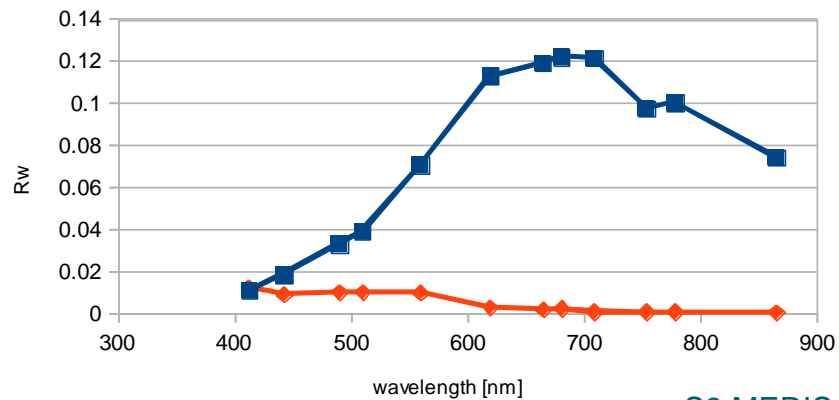
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Rw computed from RLpath



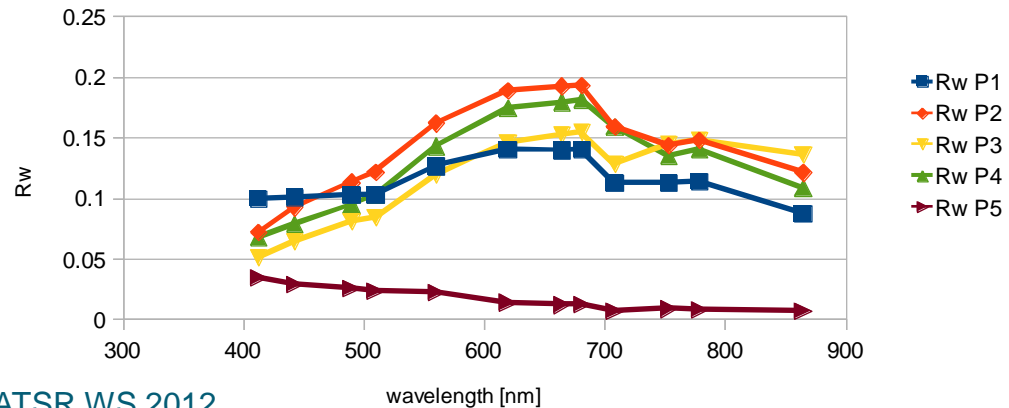
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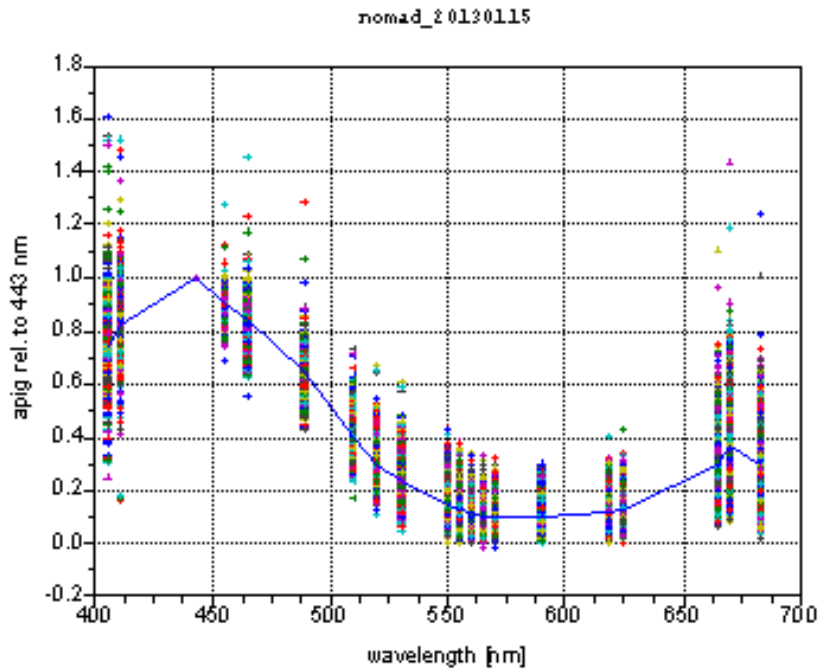
Rw computed from RL\_toa



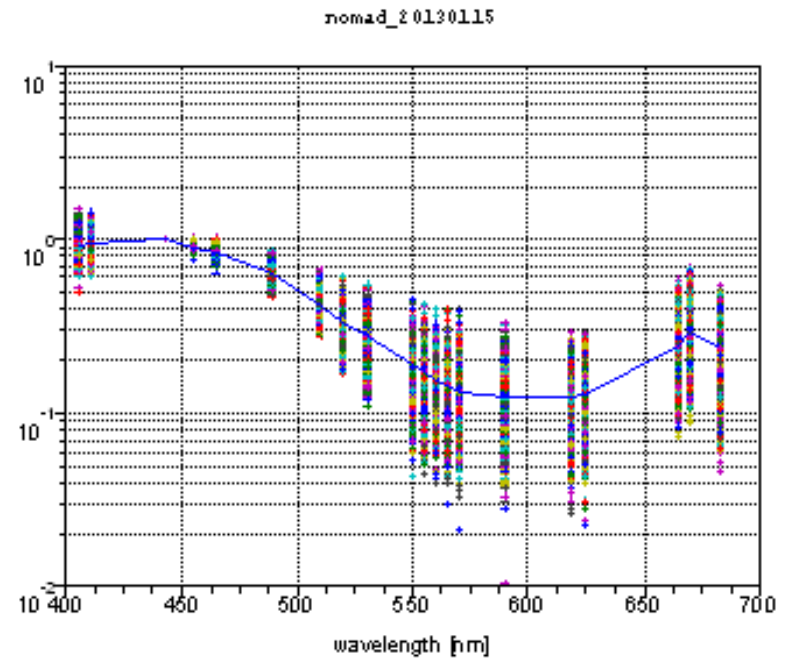
## Definition of components

- Coastcolour bio-optical model is based on 5 IOP components
  - Phytoplankton pigment absorption ( $a_{\text{pig}}$ )
  - Detritus absorption ( $a_{\text{det}}$ )
  - Yellow substance absorption ( $a_{\text{gelb}}$ )
  - Particulate matter scattering ( $b_{\text{part}}$ )
  - White scatterers ( $b_{\text{wit}}$ )
- These 5 IOP components are also reduced to 3 IOP components:
  - $A_{\text{pig}}$
  - $Adg$  (absorption by  $a_{\text{det}}$  +  $a_{\text{gelb}}$ )
  - TSM scattering (scattering by  $b_{\text{part}}$  +  $b_{\text{wit}}$ )
- Spectral optical properties have been derived from NOMAD data set
- Concentration Ranges have been determined
  - to cover water reflectance spectra of NOMAD and MERMAID
  - Extended to include extreme coastal and estuarine water (Rio de La Plata with high scattering , Lena river with high absorption, etc.)

# NOMAD pigment absorption spectra



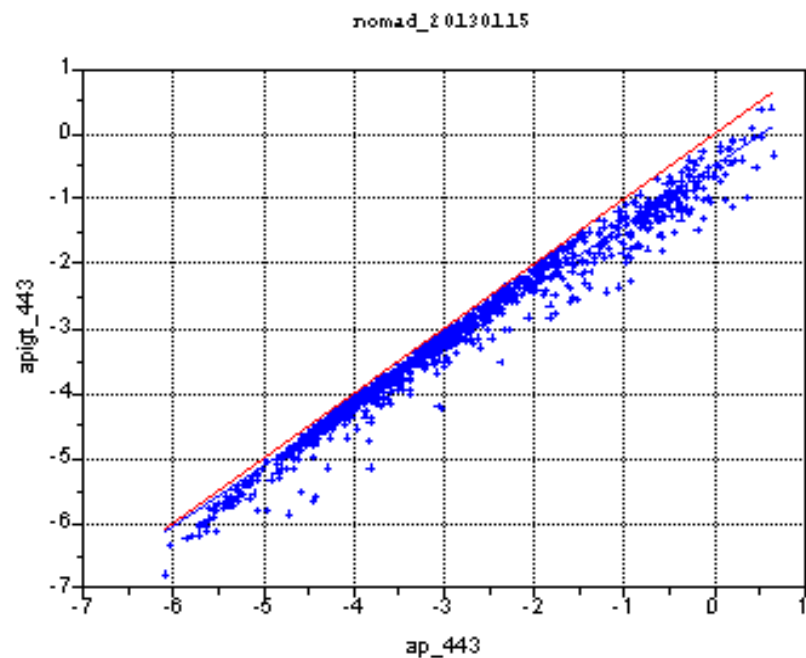
$A_{\text{pig}}$  lin normalized at 443 nm



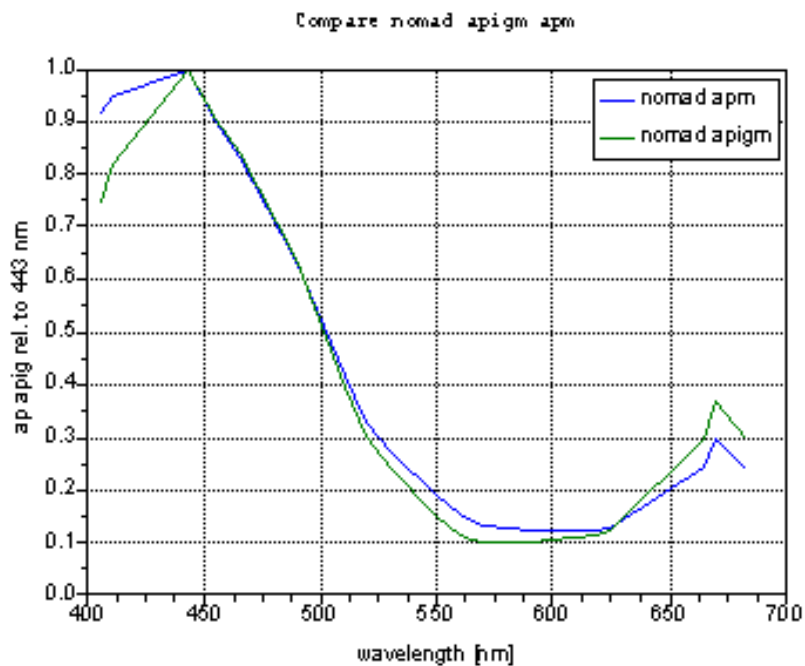
$A_{\text{pig}}$  log normalized at 443 nm



# coastcolour NOMAD: Relationship between total particle absorption and pigment absorption



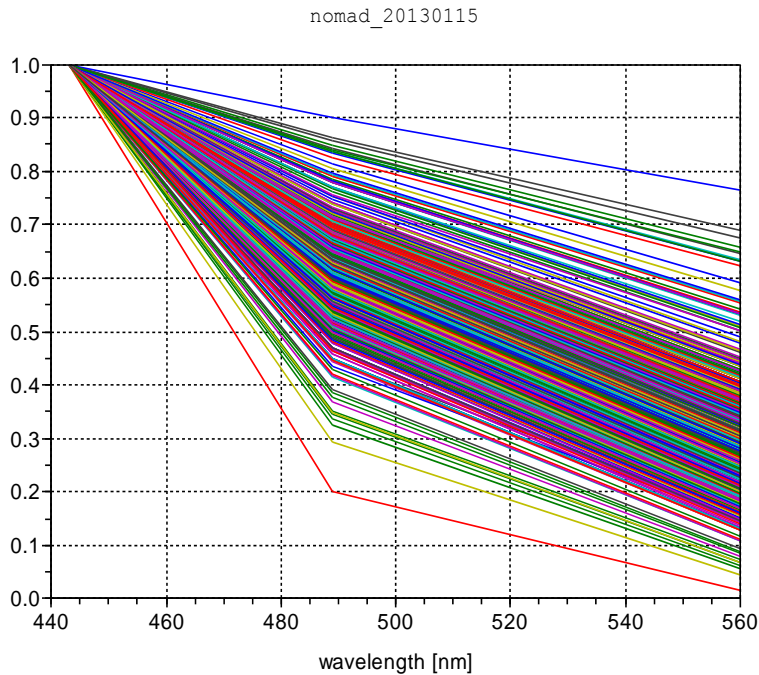
a\_pig vs a\_p, log scale



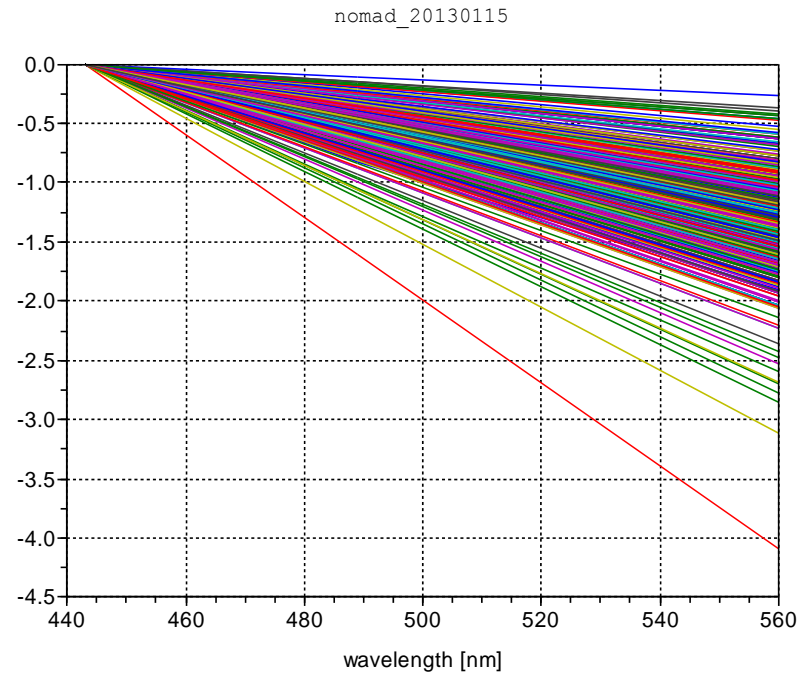
Mean absorption spectra of a\_pig and a\_p

$$a\_pig = \exp(\log\_ap * 0.924 - 0.502 - 0.4 + \text{rand}() * 0.8)$$

# NOMAD: wavelength absorption slope of ad



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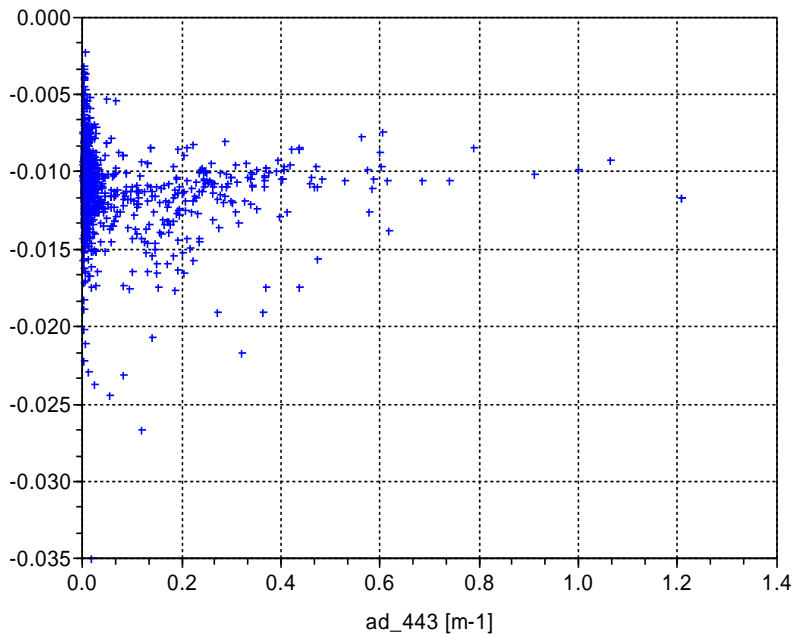
slope  $s$ , computed from  $\log_{10}(\text{ad}_{560}) / (560 - 443)$

mean  $s$ : 0.0108, min  $s$ : 0.00228, max  $s$ : 0.0349, 5-95% percentile: 0.00738 - 0.015

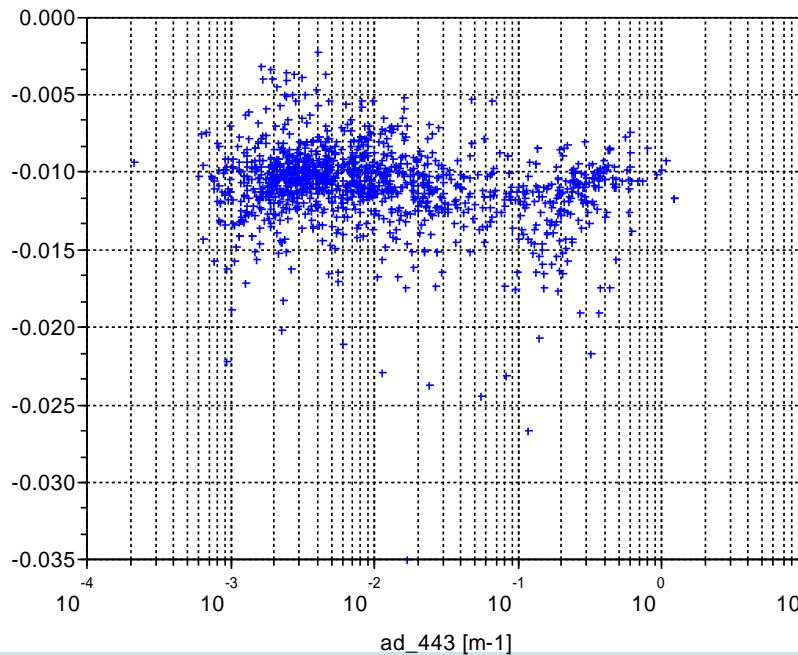


# NOMAD: ad wavelength slope as a function of ad\_443

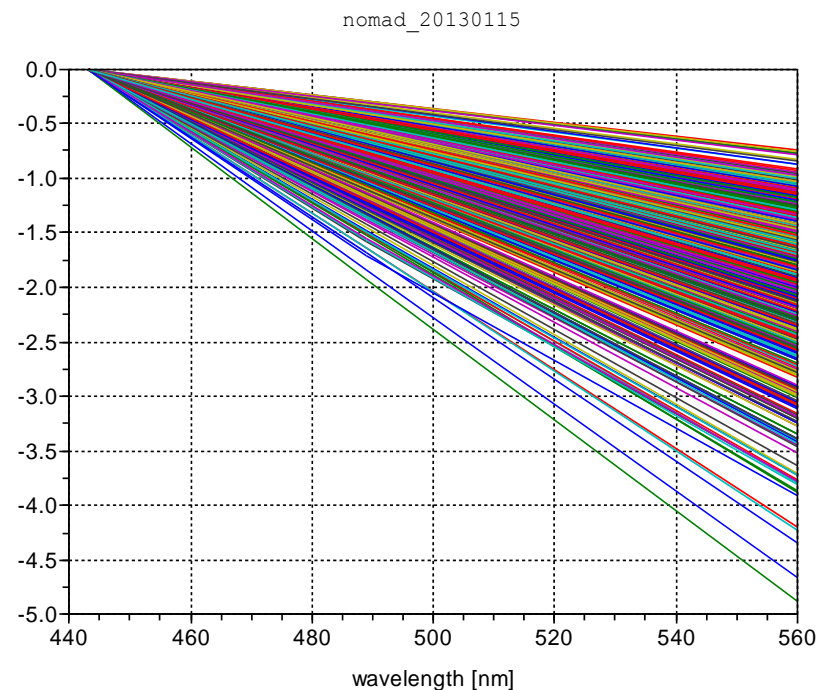
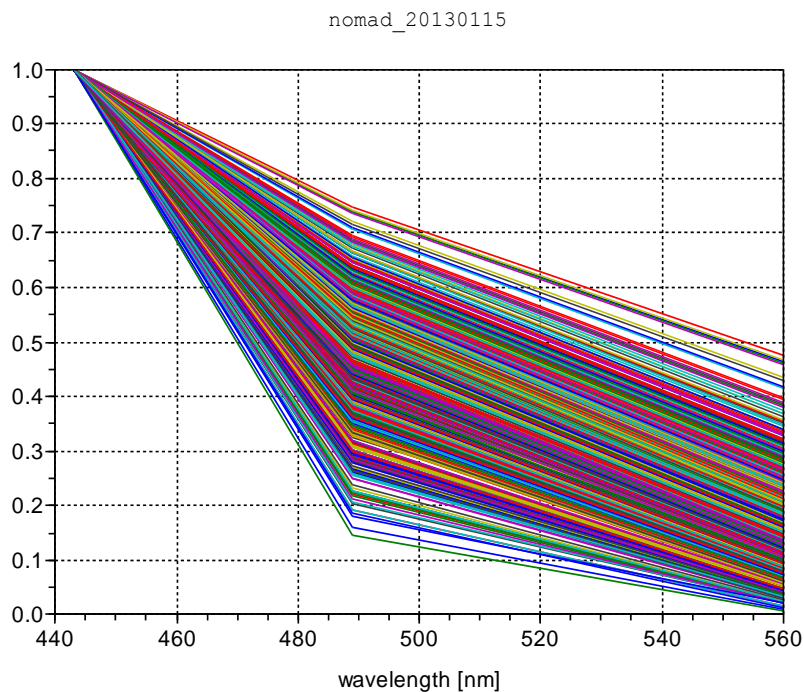
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# NOMAD: wavelength absorption slope $s$ of $a_g$

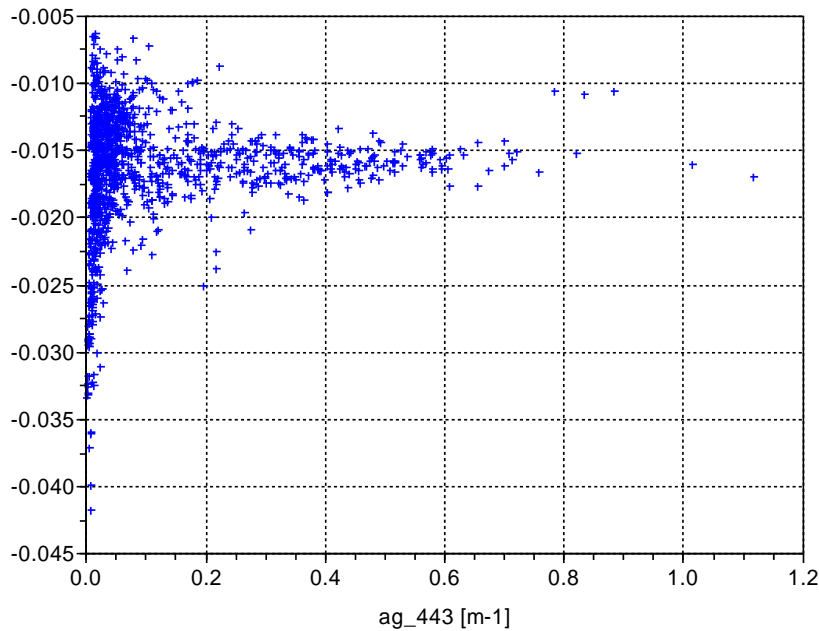


slope  $s$ , computed from  $\log_n(a_{g560}) / (560-443)$

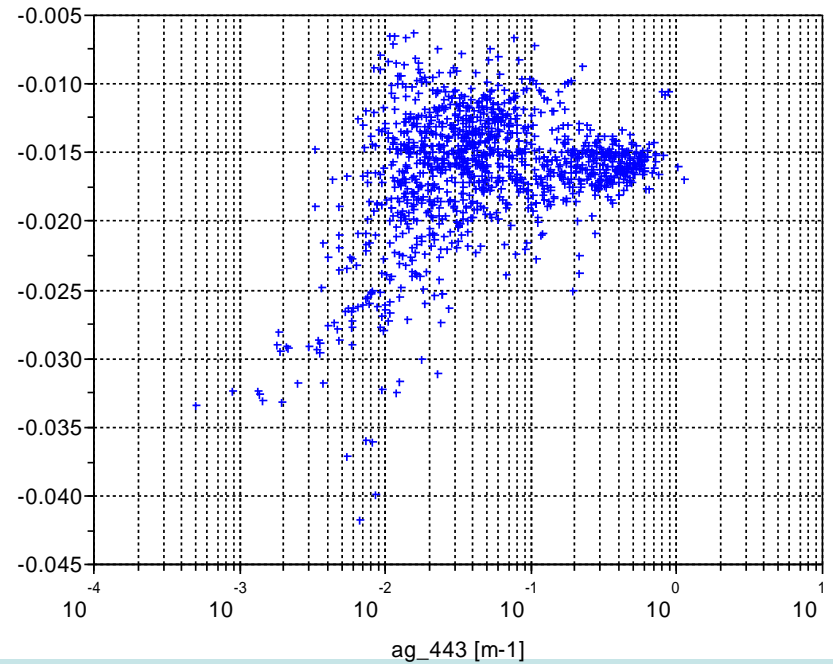
mean  $s$ : 0.0163, min  $s$ : 0.00635, max  $s$ : 0.0417, 5-95% percentile: 0.0105 - 0.025

# NOMAD: ad wavelength slope as a function of ag\_443

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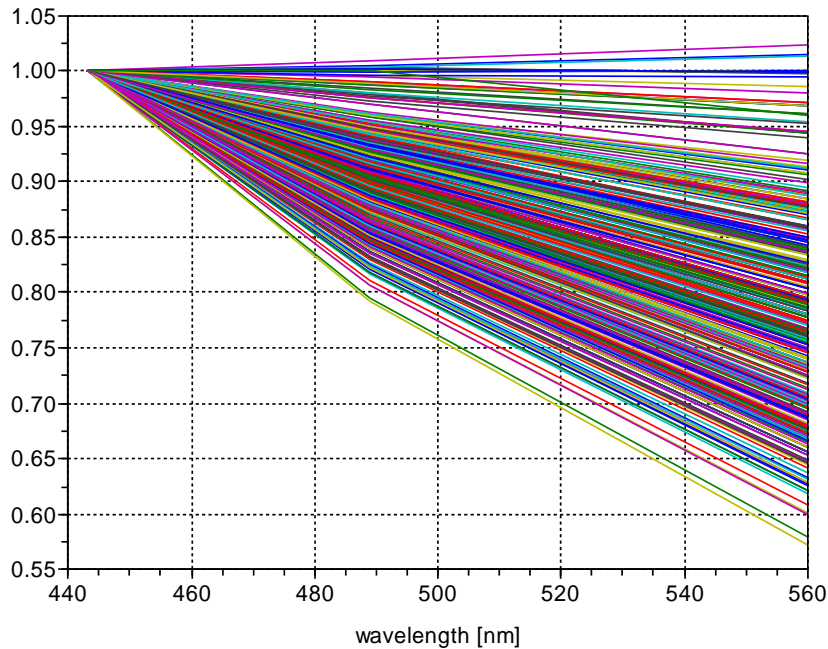


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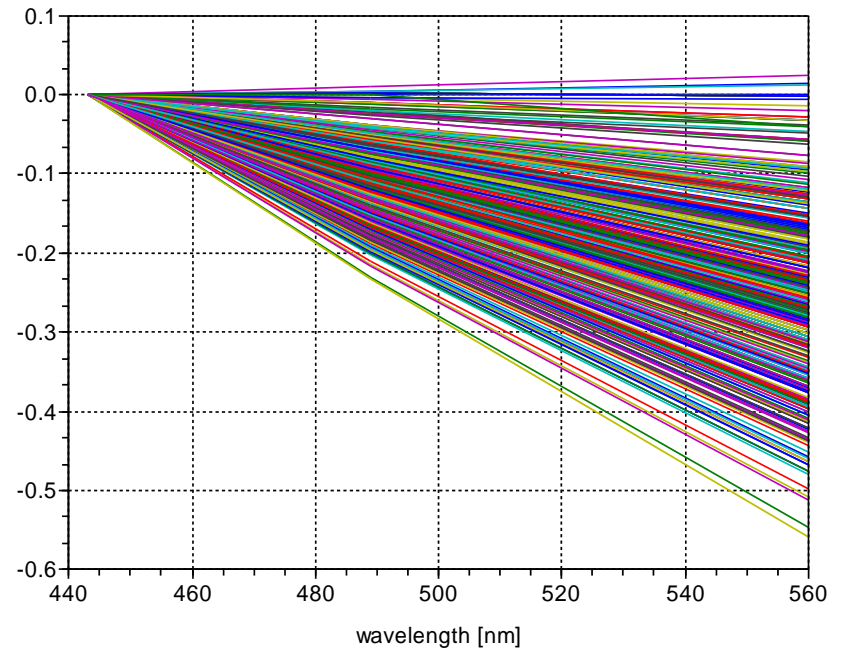


# NOMAD: normalized (443 nm) scattering spectra

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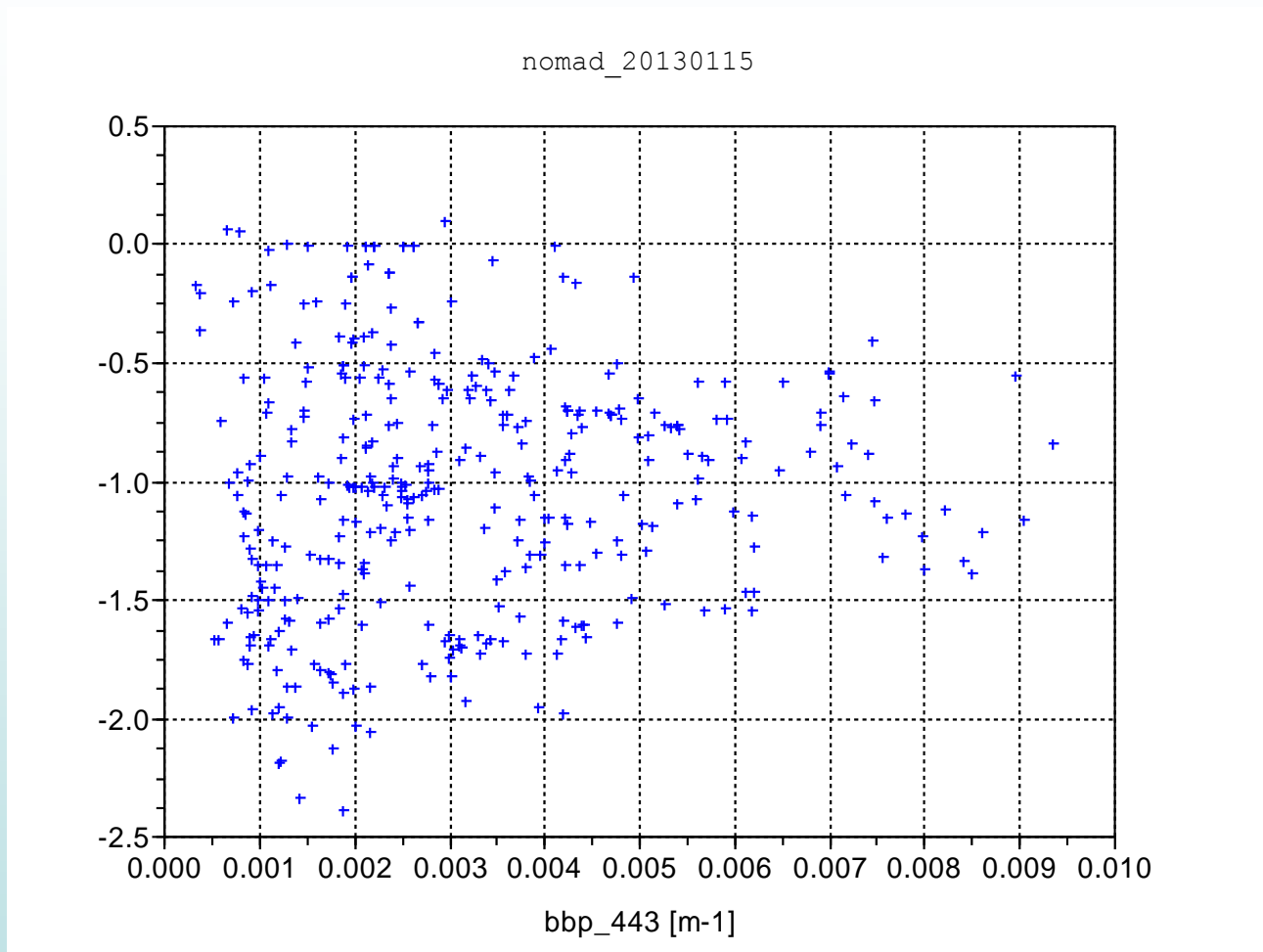


mean s: -1.03, min s: 0.1, max s: -2.4, 5-95% percentile: -0.104 - -1.87



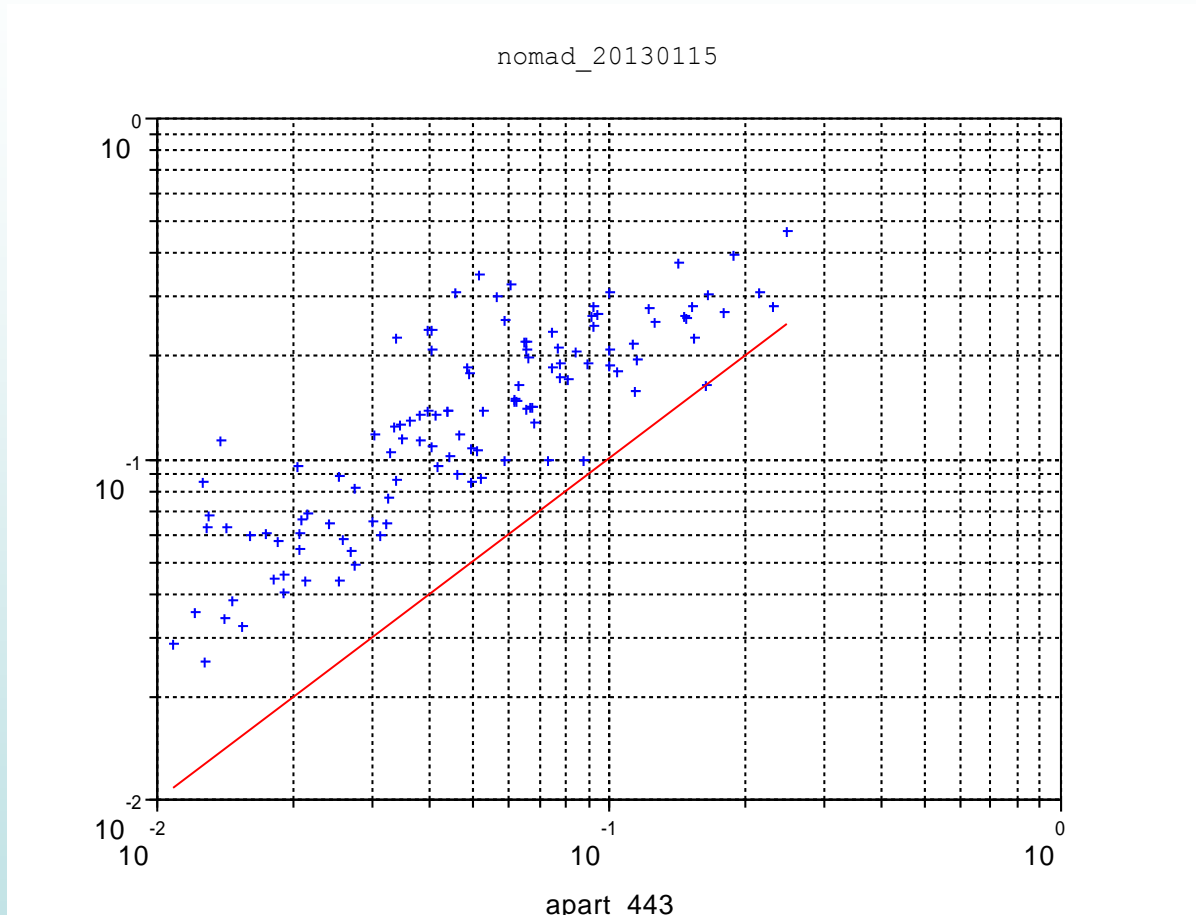
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# NOMAD: Wavelength exponent of particle backscattering coefficient s



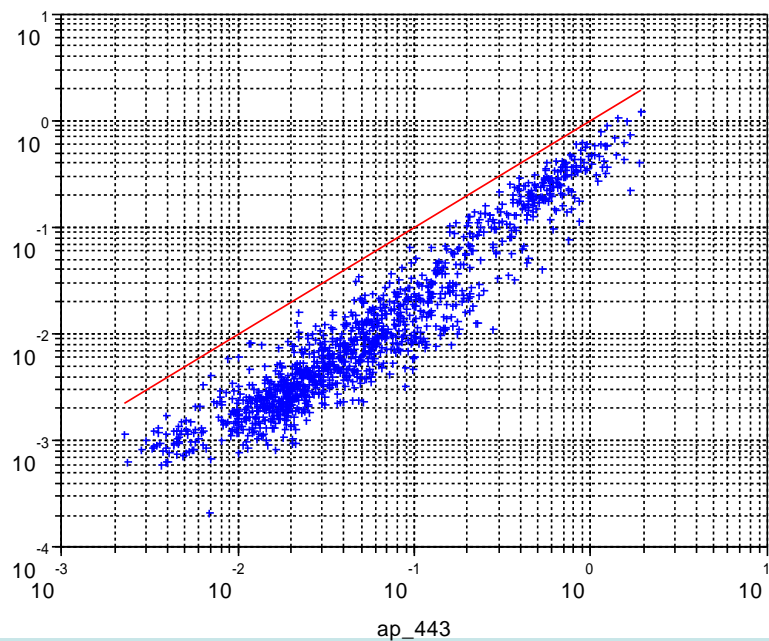
$$bbp(\lambda) = bbp(443) * (\lambda/443)^s$$

# NOMAD: Relationship between bp and ap

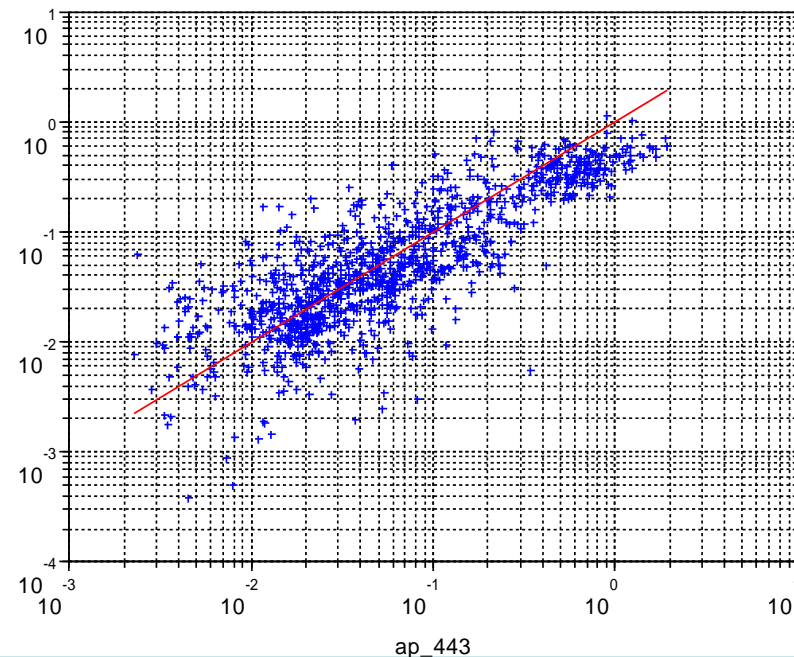


# Relationship between $ad / ap$ and $ag / ap$

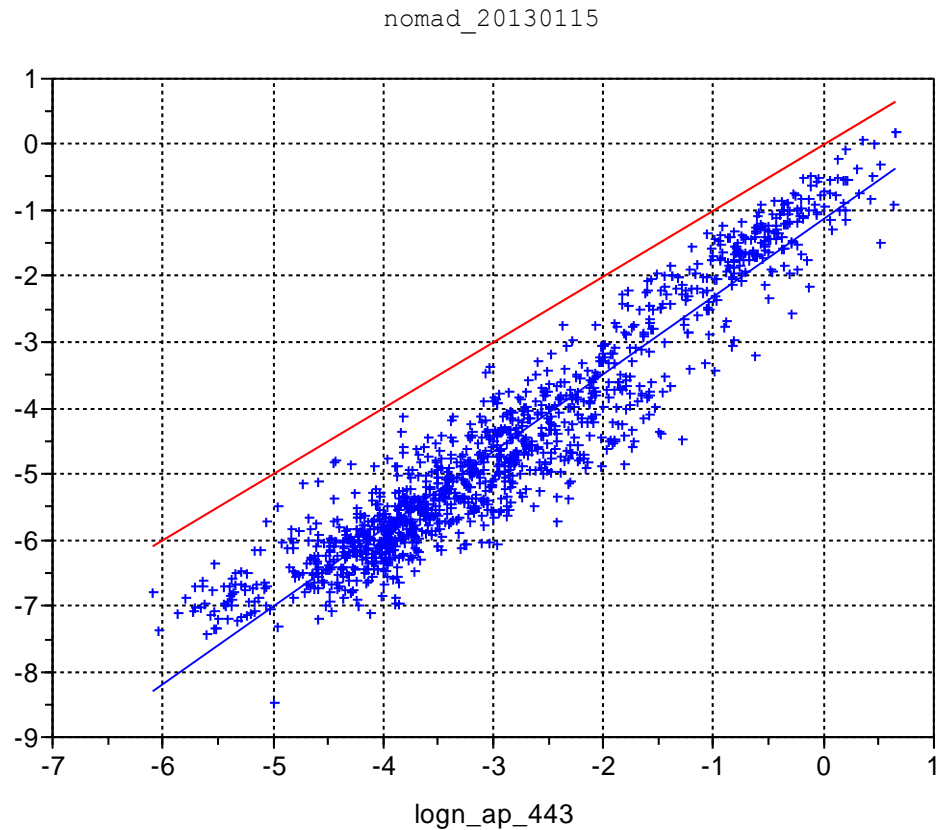
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# Relationship between ad / ap

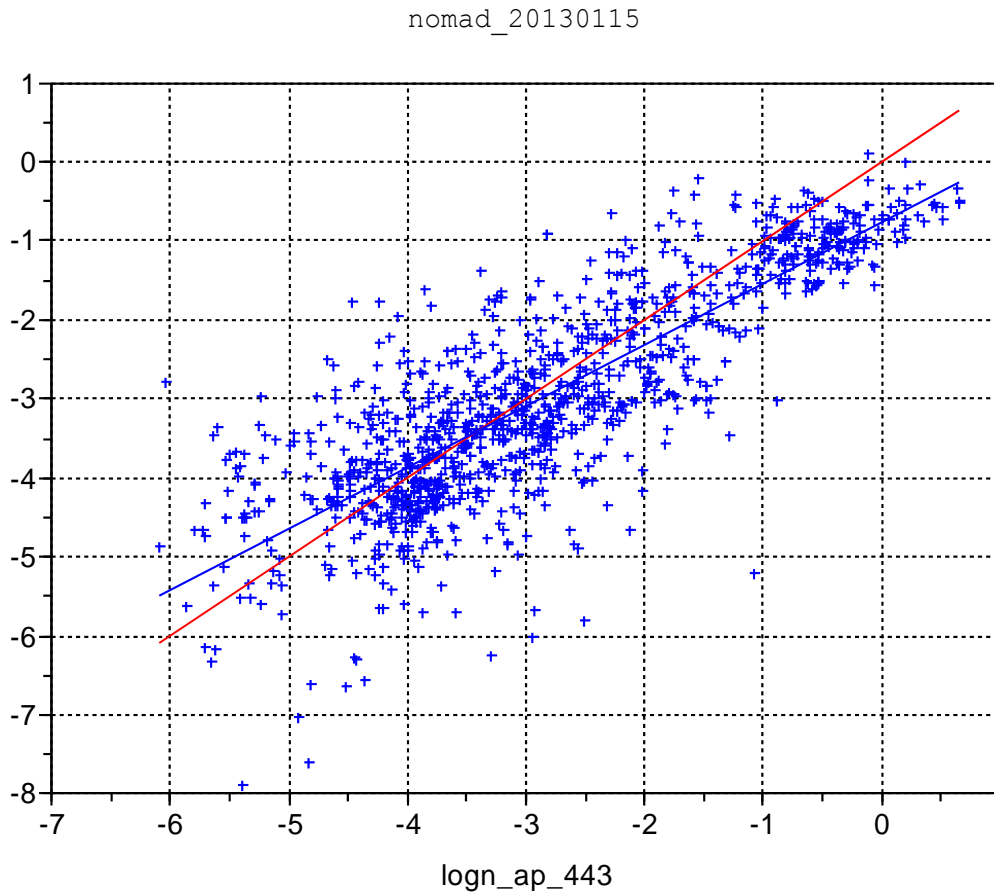


$$\text{logn\_ad\_443} = \text{logn\_ap\_443} * 1.172 - 1.152 \pm 0.5$$

$$\text{ad\_443} = \exp(\text{logn\_ap\_443} * 1.172 - 1.152 - 1 + \text{rand}() * 2.0)$$



# Relationship between ag / ap



$a=0.7754, b=-0.771, sig=0.751$

$ag\_443 = \exp(\log\_ap\_443 * 0.7754 - 0.771 - 1.5 + \text{rand}() * 3.0)$

## Bio-optical model for NOMAD range

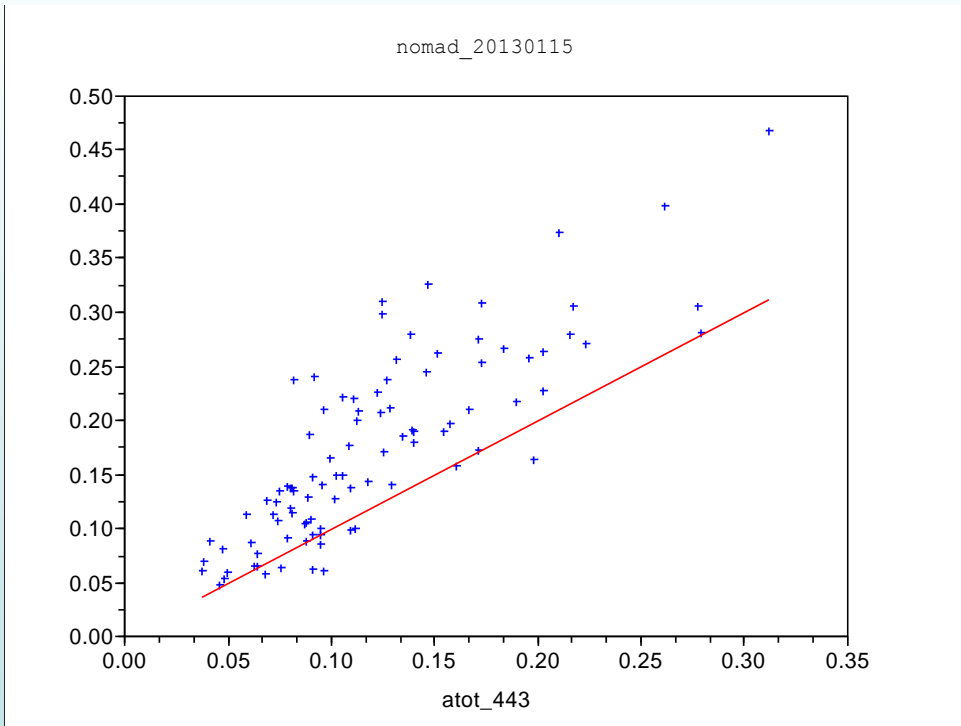
- 1. ap particle absorption
  - ap\_443 range: 0.002 -2 m<sup>-1</sup>
- 2. ad Detritus absorption
  - ad\_443: 0.0005 - 1 m<sup>-1</sup>
  - slope: 0.005 - 0.015
- 3. Gelbstoff absorption
  - ag\_443: 0.001 -1 m<sup>-1</sup>
  - slope: 0.01 - 0.025
- 4. Particle Scattering
  - bbp\_443: 0.0002 - 0.01, entspricht bp wenn mit 50 multipliziert: bp 0.01 - 0.5, erweitert bis 1.0
  - slope 0.0 - 2.0

## NOMAD: Bio-optical model co-variances

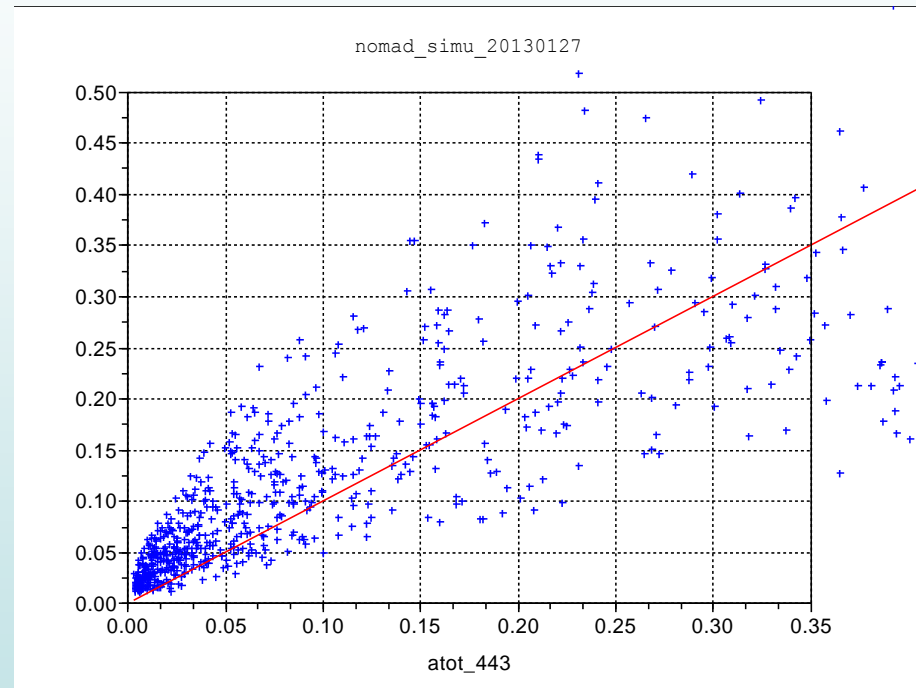
- particle absorption and particle scattering
  - $\log(bp/ap) = -0.364 \cdot \log_{ap} - 0.0774$ , sig = 0.328
  - follows:  $bp = \exp(-0.364 \cdot \log_{ap} - 0.0774 \pm 0.5) \cdot ap$
  - $bp = \exp(-0.364 \cdot \log_{ap} - 0.0774 - 0.5 + \text{rand}() \cdot 1) \cdot ap$
- 
- detritus absorption
  - $\log_{ad\_443} = \log(ap\_443) \pm 1.61$
  - $ad\_443 = \exp(\log(ap\_443) - 1.61 + \text{rand}() \cdot 3.22)$
  - $ad\_443 = \exp(\log_{ap\_443} \cdot 1.172 - 1.152 - 1 + \text{rand}() \cdot 2.0)$
- $apig\ 443 = ap_{443} - ad\_443$ ;
- 
- Gelbstoff absorption
  - $ag\_443 = \exp(\log_{ap\_443} \cdot 0.7754 - 0.771 - 1.5 + \text{rand}() \cdot 3.0)$



# Test of simulated data: btot vs. Atot at 443 nm



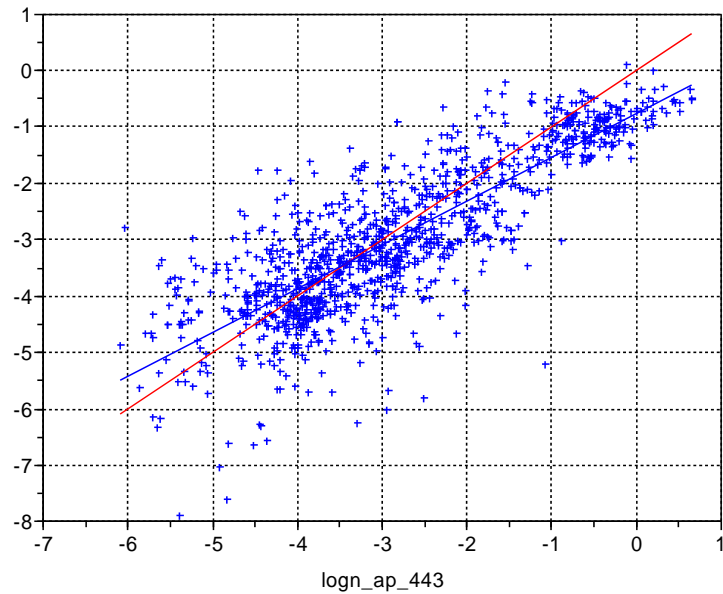
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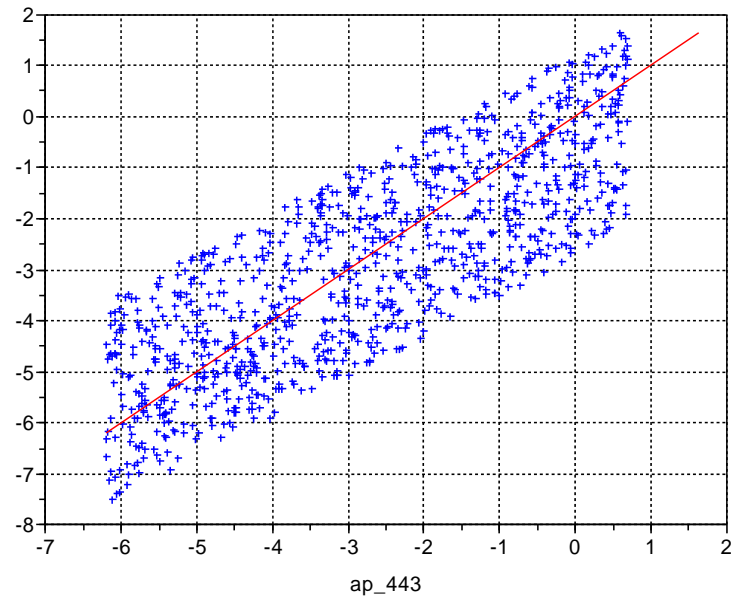
# Compare ag\_443 vs. ap\_443

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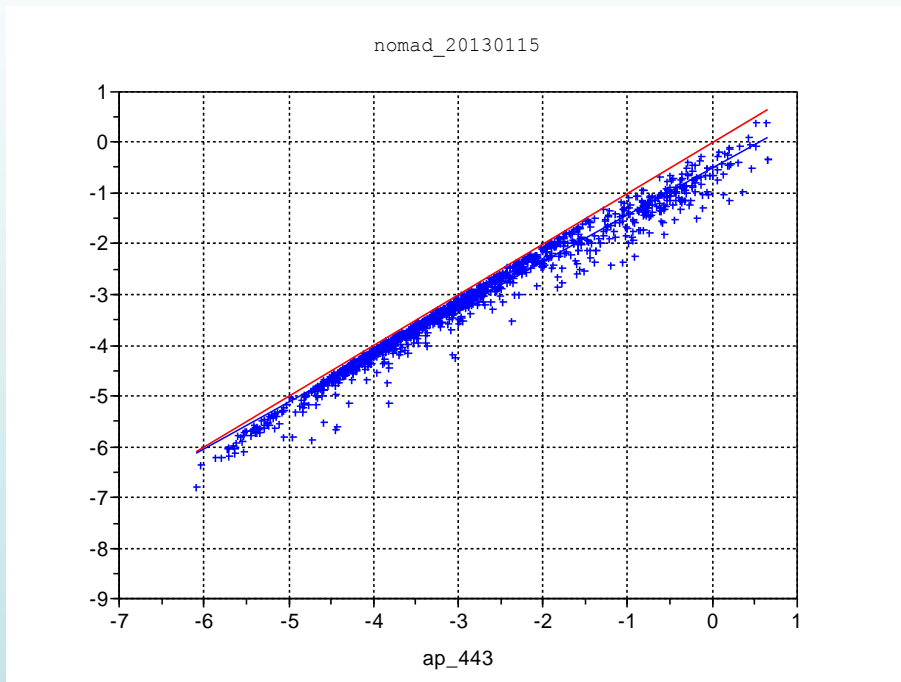
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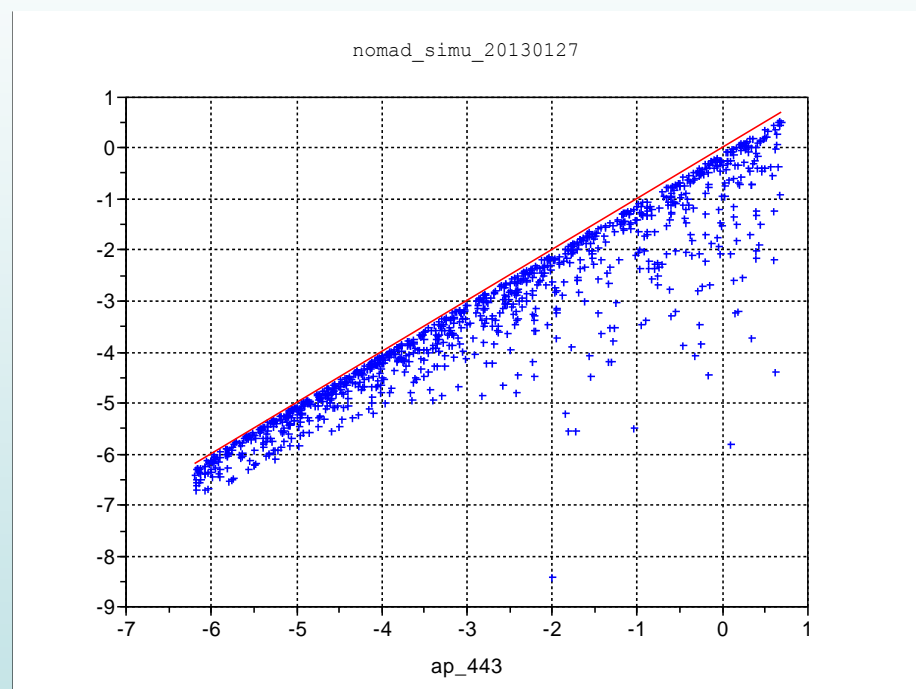


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# Compare apig\_443 vs ap\_443



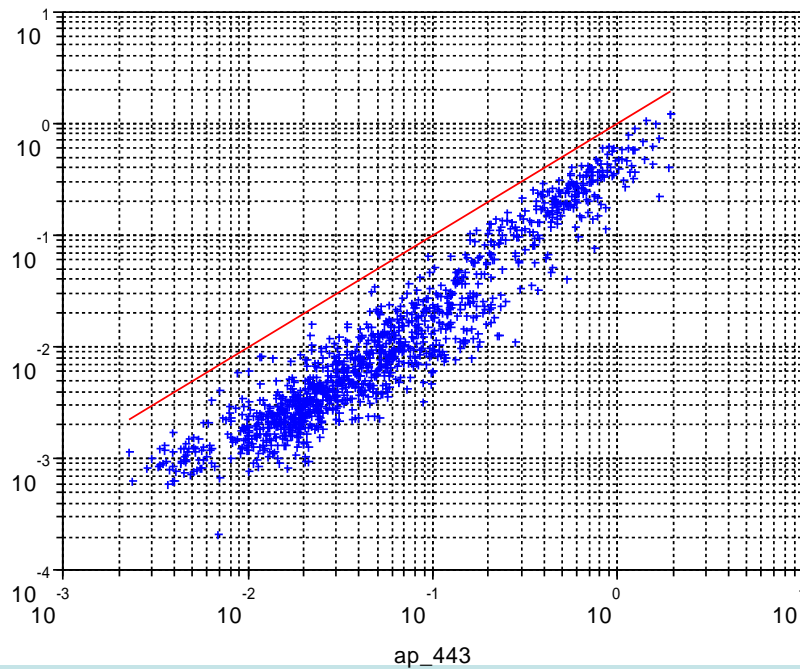
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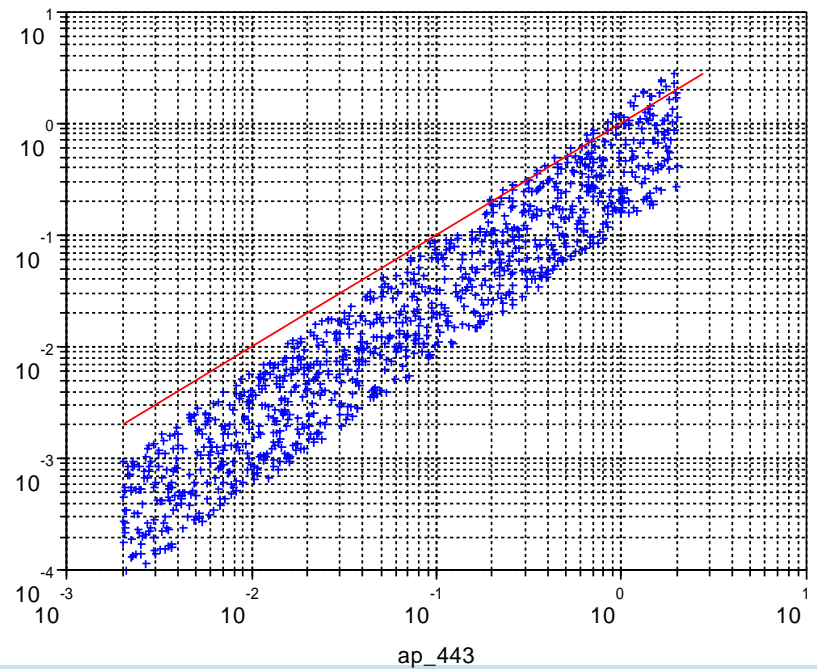
# Compare ad\_443 vs. Ap\_443

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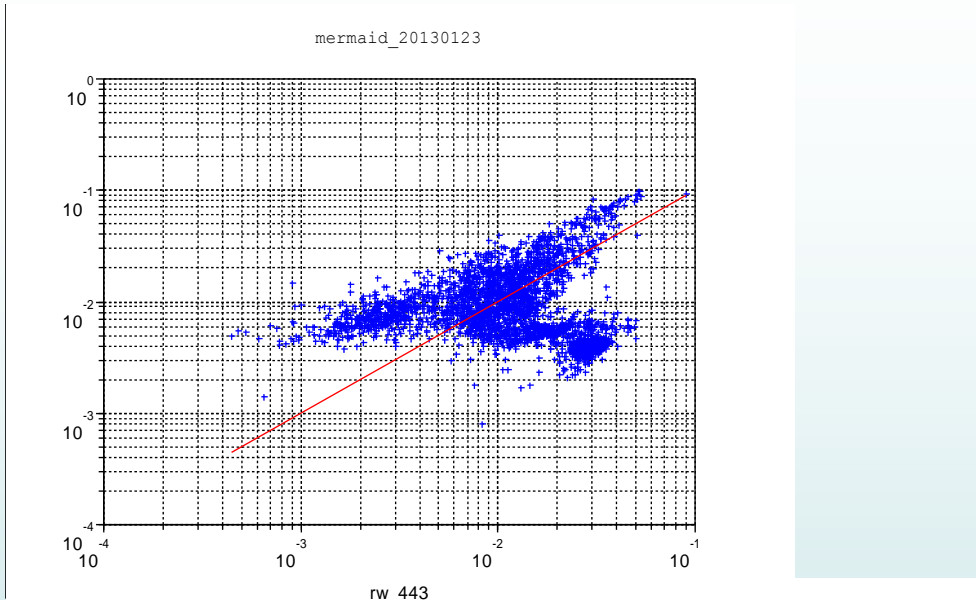
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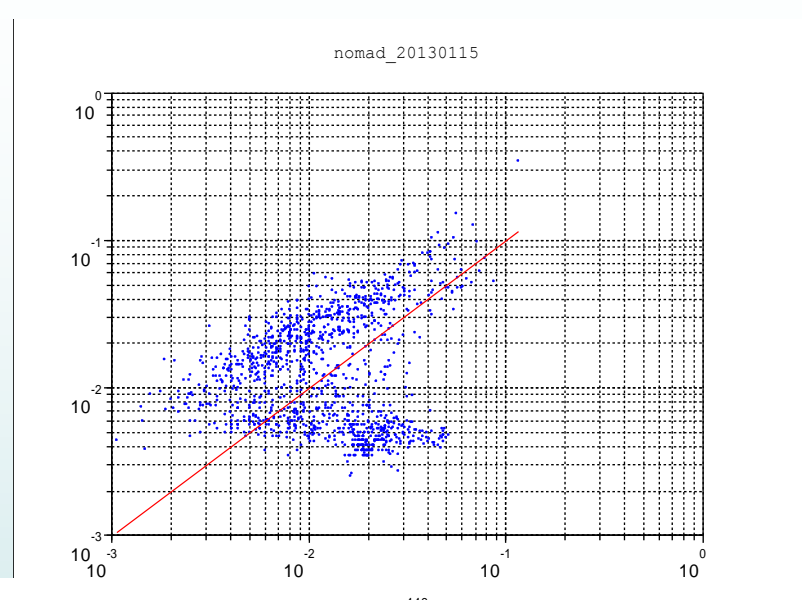


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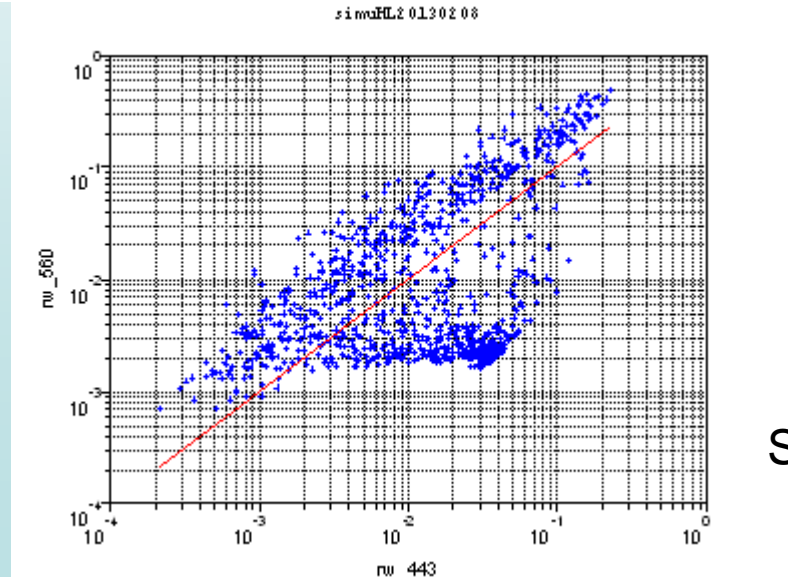
# Frequency distribution rw\_560 vs. rw\_443



MERMAID



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## Model versions

- Spectral slopes
    - ex\_agelb =0.025
    - ex\_adet =0.0074
    - ex\_bpart =1.87
    - ex\_bwit =0.0
  
  - Min. Ranges reduced Coastcolour
  - apig: 0.0005 – 1.5
  - agelb: 0.0005 -1.0
  - adet: 0.0005 -1.0
  - bpart: 0.01 – 10.0
  - bwit: 0.01 – 10.0
  - atot: 0.0005 – 1.5
  - btot: 0.01-10.0
- |  | Min. Ranges full Coastcolour |
|--|------------------------------|
|  | 0.0005 – 5.0                 |
|  | 0.0005 – 5.0                 |
|  | 0.0005 – 100.0               |
|  | 0.01 – 100.0                 |
|  | 0.01 – 100.0                 |
|  | 0.0005 – 5.0                 |
|  | 0.01 – 1000.0                |

## Co-variances

- Alternative starting with atot or btot
- $atot = \exp(\log\_atot\_an + \text{rand}() * \log\_atot\_diff)$ 
  - $btot\_min = atot * 0.1$
  - $btot\_min = \max(btot\_min, btot\_an)$
  - $btot\_max = atot * 10.0$
  - $btot\_max = \min(btot\_max, btot\_en)$
  - $btot\_diff = btot\_max - btot\_min$
  - $btot = \exp(\log\_btot\_min + \text{rand}() * \log\_btot\_diff)$
- $btot = \exp(\log\_btot\_an + \text{rand}() * \log\_btot\_diff)$ 
  - $atot\_min = btot * 0.1$
  - $atot\_min = \max(atot\_min, atot\_an)$
  - $atot\_max = btot * 2.0$
  - $atot\_max = \min(atot\_max, atot\_en)$
  - $atot\_diff = atot\_max - atot\_min$
  - $atot = \exp(\log\_atot\_min + \text{rand}() * \log\_atot\_diff)$

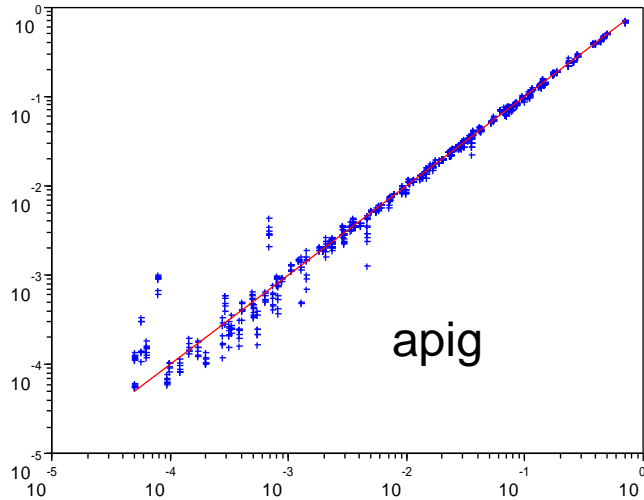
## Used values

### Alternative starting

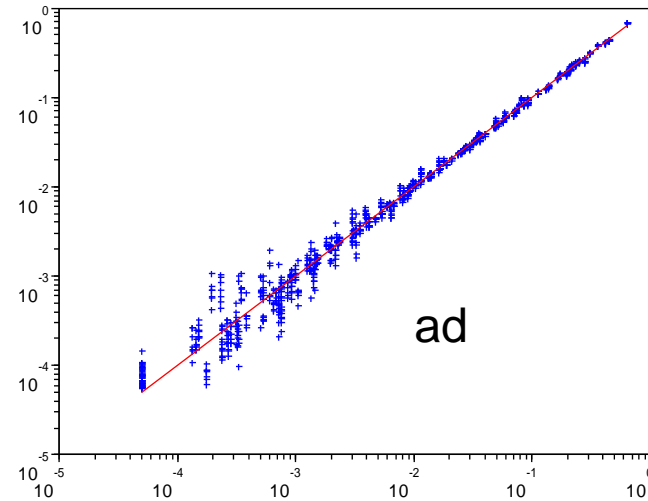
- 1
  - $\text{apig} = \max((\text{rand()} * \min(\text{apig\_en}, \text{atot})), (\text{apig\_an} * 0.1))$
  - $\text{agelb} = \max((\text{rand()} * \min(\text{agelb\_en}, (\text{atot} - \text{apig}))), (\text{agelb\_an} * 0.1))$
  - $\text{adet} = \max((\text{atot} - \text{apig} - \text{agelb}), (\text{adet\_an} * 0.1))$
- 2
  - $\text{agelb} = \max((\text{rand()} * \min(\text{agelb\_en}, \text{atot})), (\text{agelb\_an} * 0.1))$
  - $\text{apig} = \max((\text{rand()} * \min(\text{apig\_en}, (\text{atot} - \text{agelb}))), (\text{apig\_an} * 0.1))$
  - $\text{adet} = \max((\text{atot} - \text{apig} - \text{agelb}), (\text{adet\_an} * 0.1))$
- Simulate 1 Mio. cases within these ranges according to the steps (s. above)

# Test of NN with reduced TSM

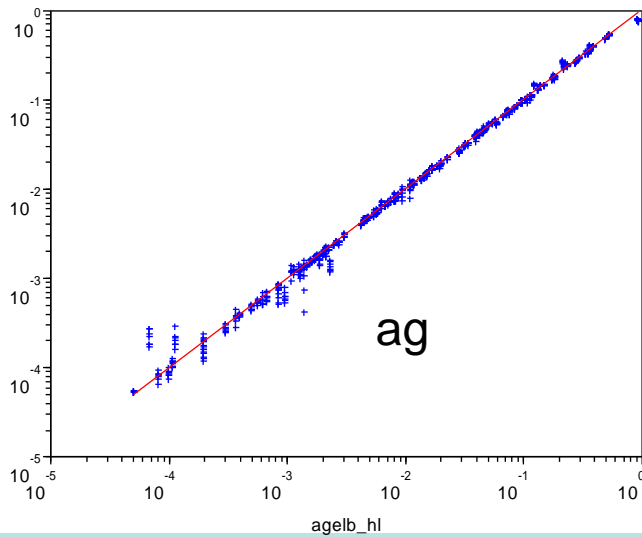
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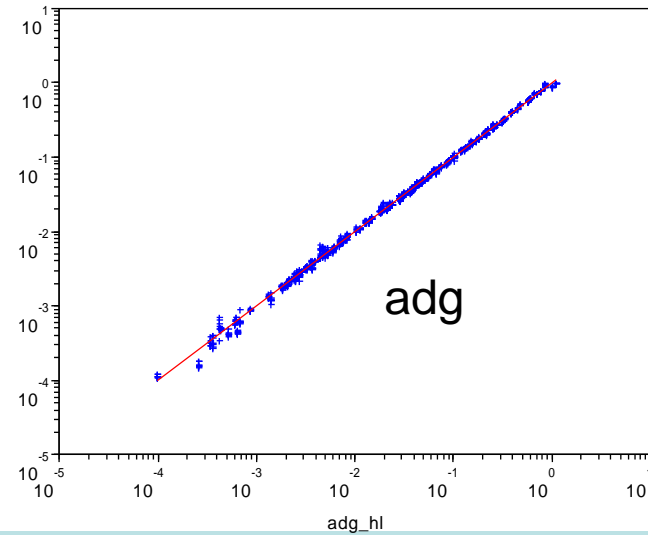
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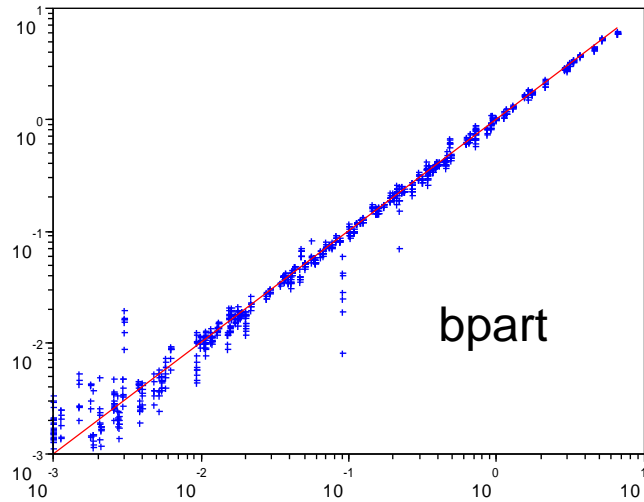


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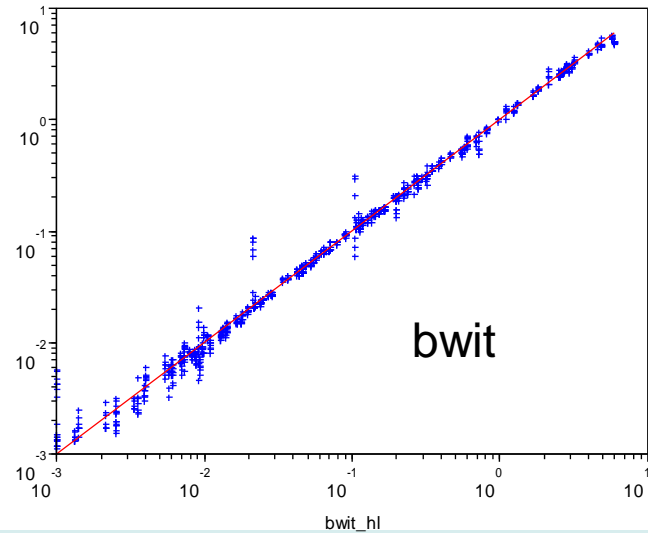


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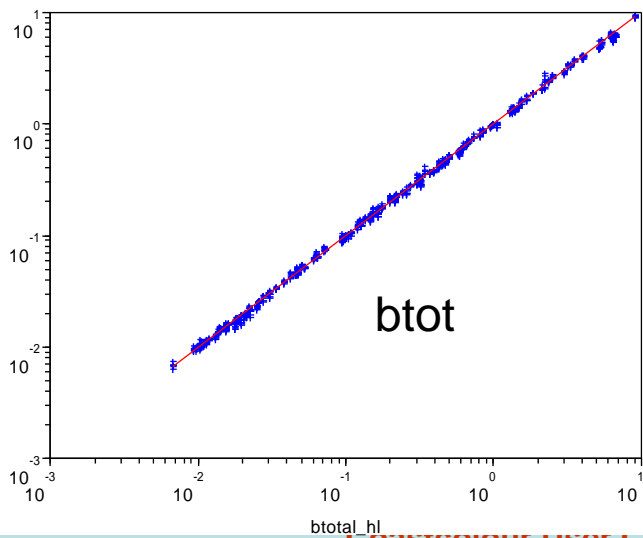
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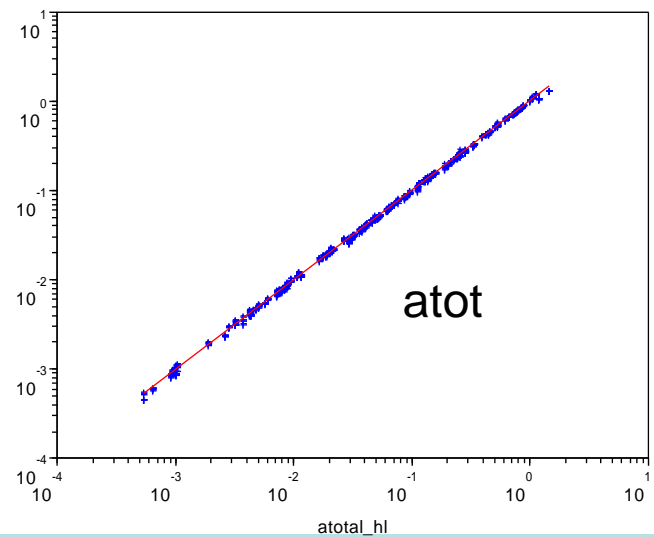
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# Atmospheric Correction & IOP Retrieval

- Key to success: Atmospheric Correction
  - For Case2 water processing we need an AC which performs over clear, turbid as well as absorbing waters
  - CC-AC emphasis is on turbid waters, even over extreme waters (high reflective as well as highly absorbing) the AC shall not fail
  - Coupled ocean-atmosphere Radiative transfer modelling for AC and IOP retrieval
- Regional IOP retrieval
  - Neural network methodology
    - Global NN & Optical Water Type classification related NNs
    - Strength in turbid waters
  - Quasi Analytical Approach (QAA)
    - Strength in clear waters

# Atmosphere

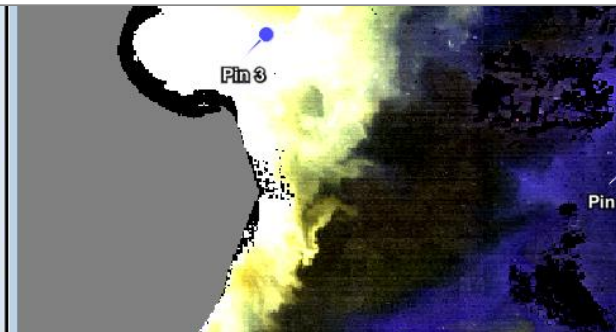
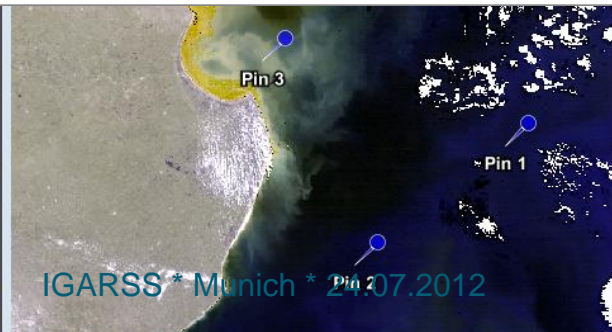
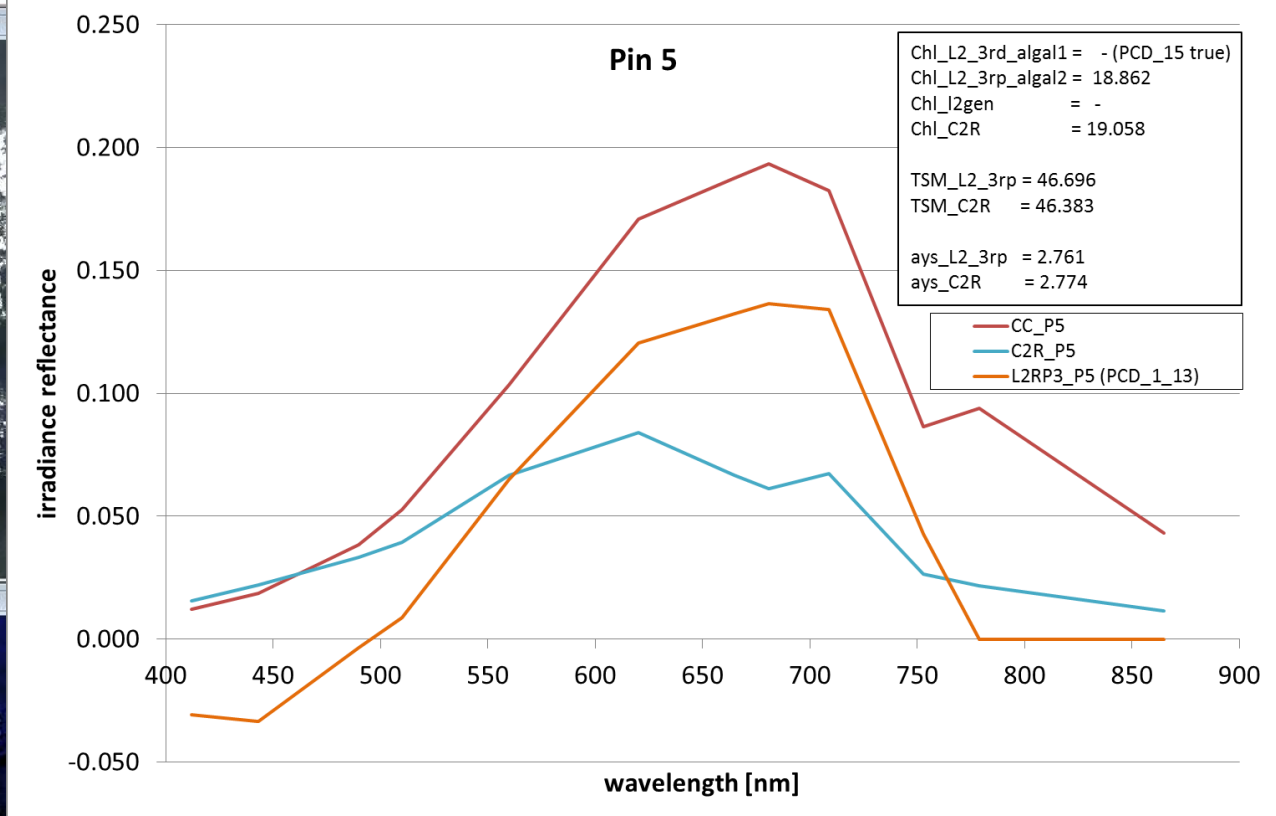
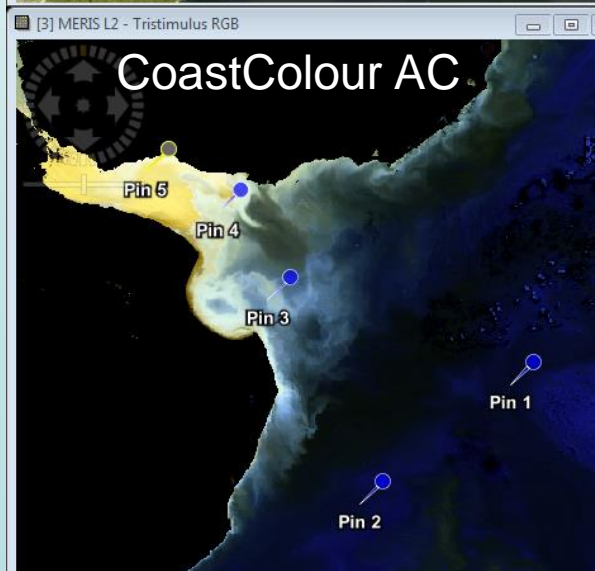
- Atmosphere
  - Radiative Transfer Model of R. Santer, using Aerosol models based on coastal AERONET measurements
  - Parameters for simulation: AOT 550, angstrom, wind
- All simulations for different sun and viewing angles
- 7 Mio cases with water model simulated

# Water

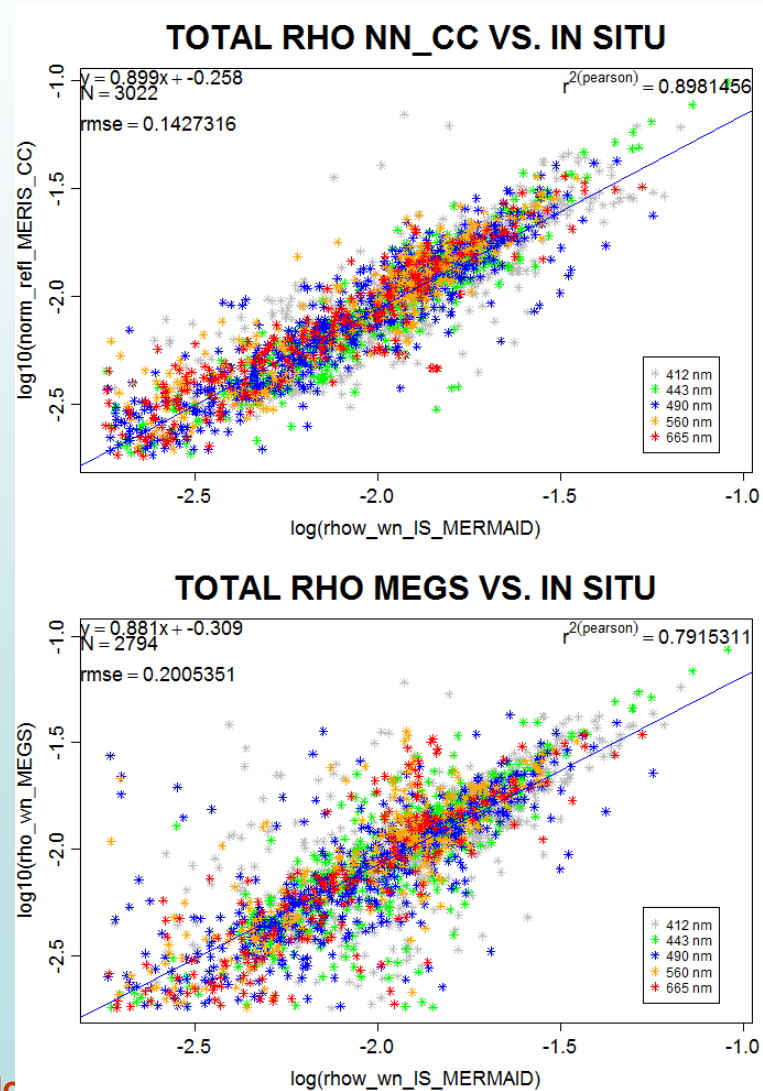
- Analysis of reflectance spectra of extreme cases
- Chlorophyll range 0.01 – 100 mg m<sup>3</sup>
- TSM range 0.01 – 1000 mg/l
- Bio-optical model 5 IOP components:
  - a<sub>pig</sub>
  - a<sub>detritus</sub> (slope 0.0074)
  - a<sub>gelbstoff</sub> (slope 0.025)
  - b<sub>particle</sub> (slope 1.87)
  - b<sub>white</sub> (slope 0.0)
- Balanced frequency distribution
- Temperature: 0 – 36 deg C, salinity: 0 – 42



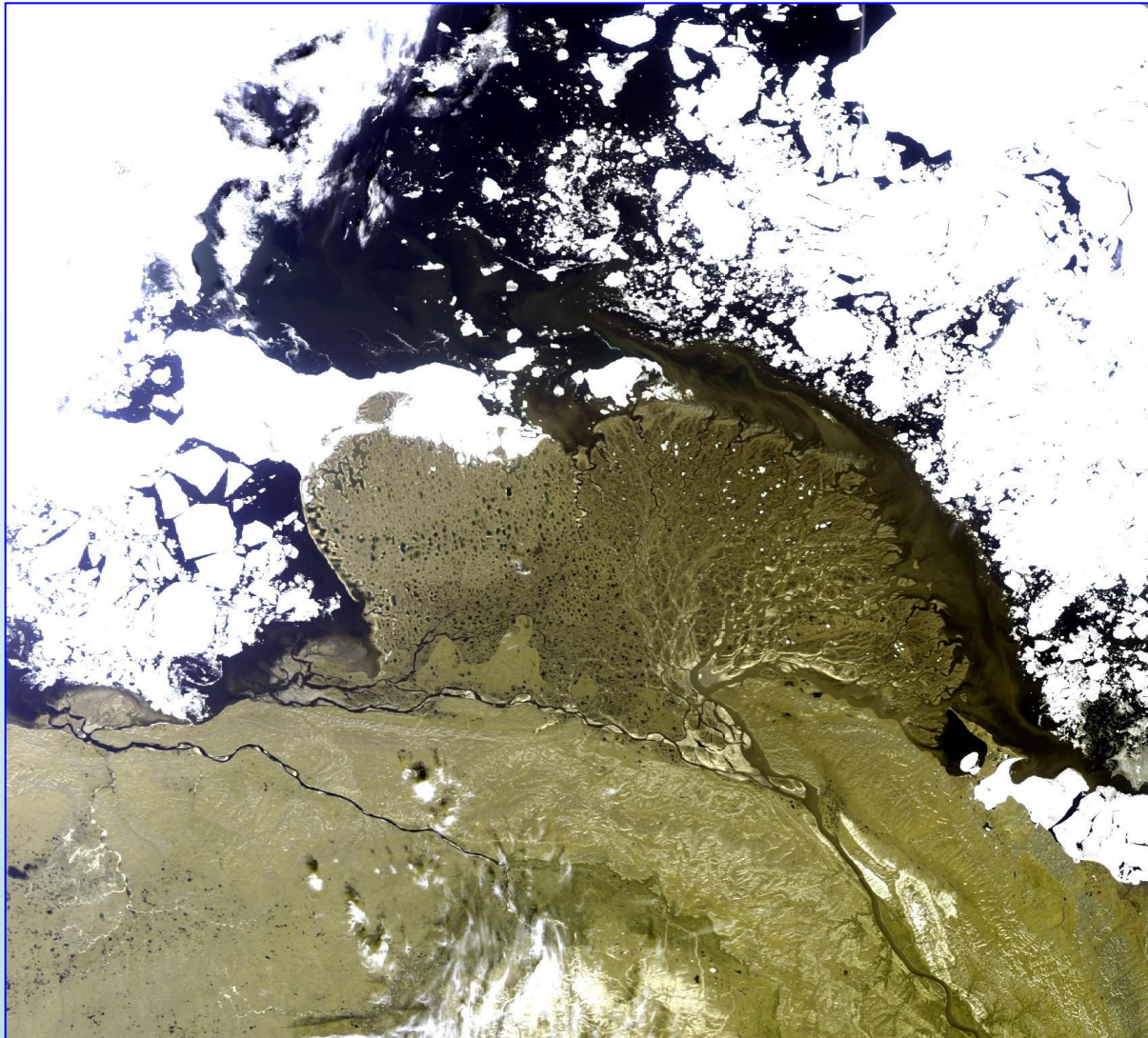
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# Validation on MERMAID data



# Validation of AC and 5 component model: Lena Delta



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Lena Delta 73 N

Lena > 500 km<sup>3</sup> fresh water, 2nd after Yenesei in the Arctic

Very high concentration of absorbance substances (Carbon):

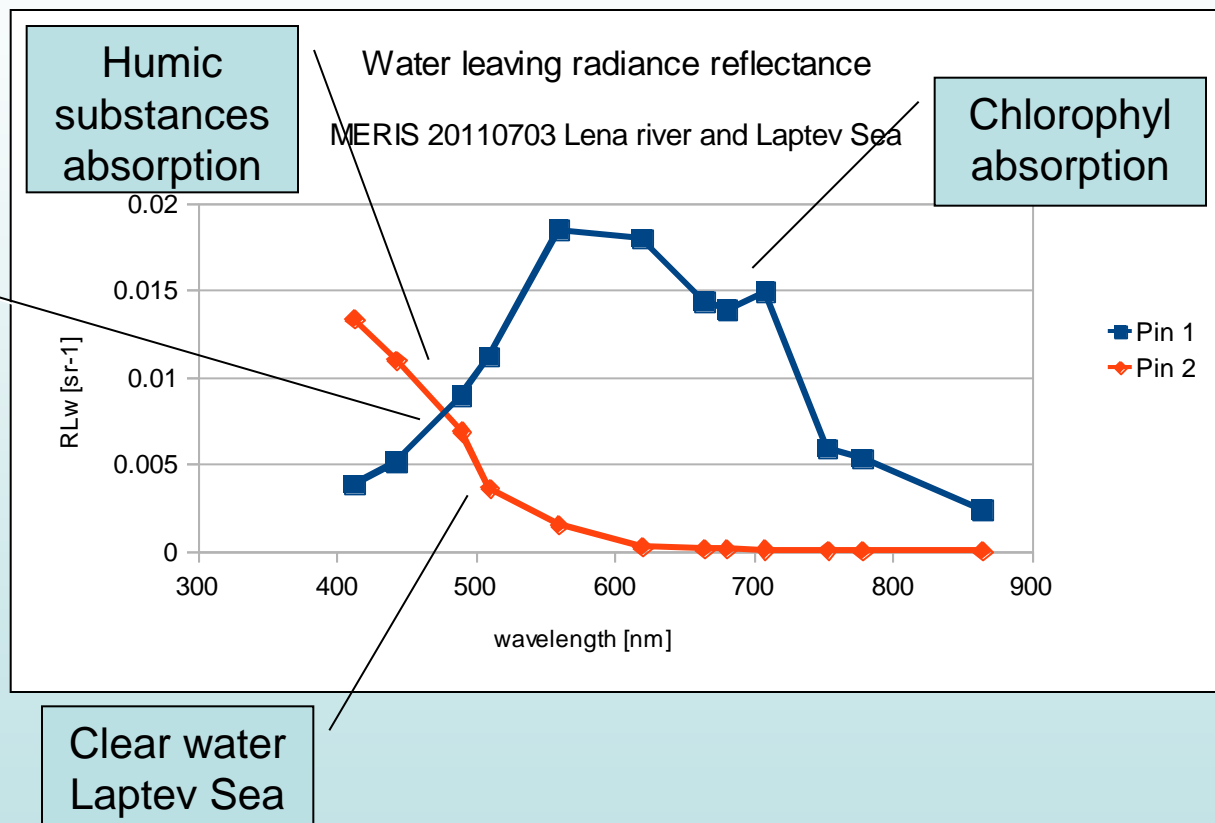
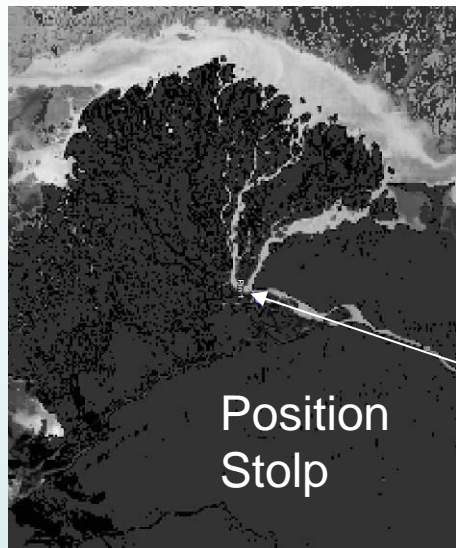
**adg443 5-8 m<sup>-1</sup>**

Partly very turbid

Bio-optics campaign  
June 26 – July 5th 2011

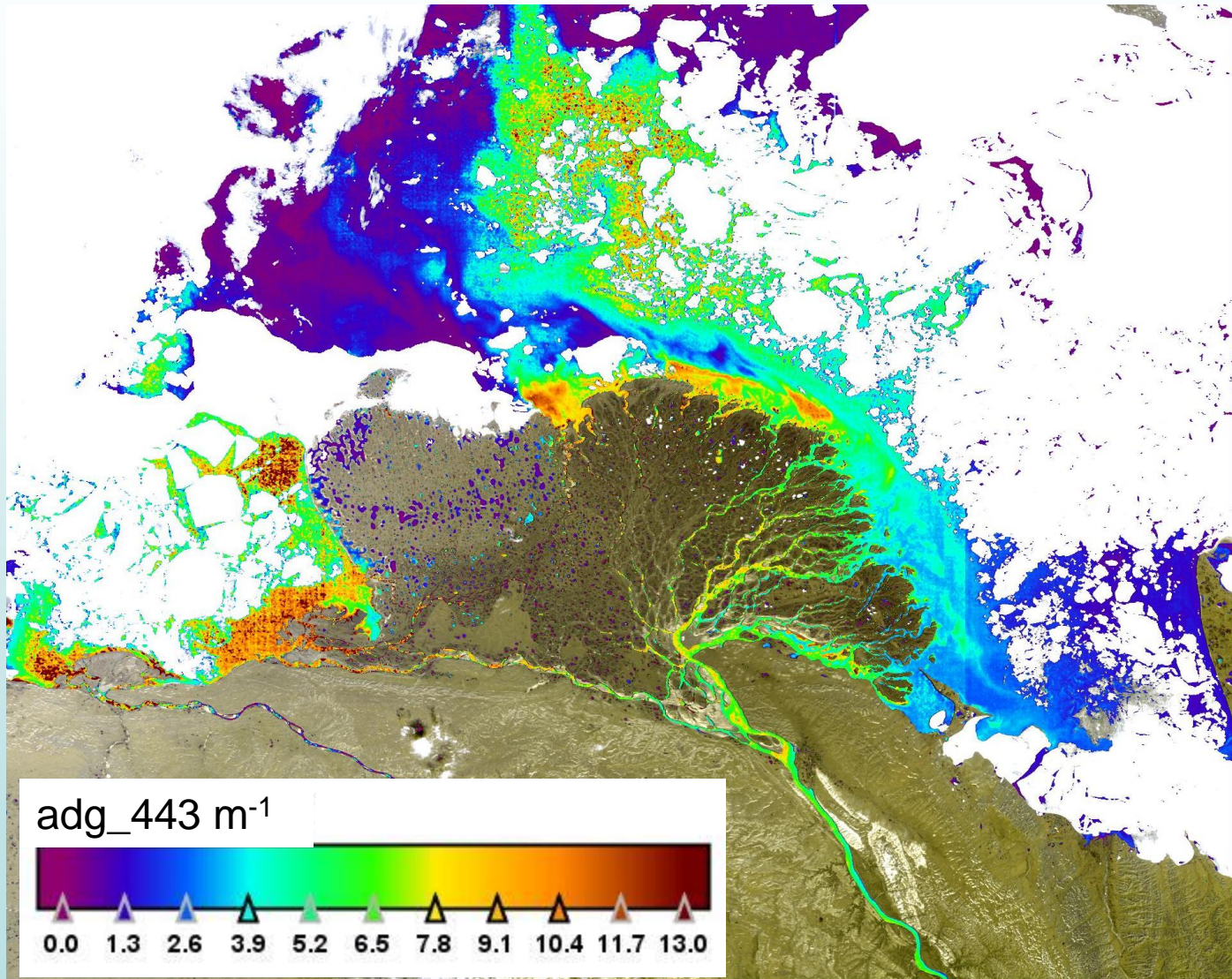


# Water leaving radiance reflectance



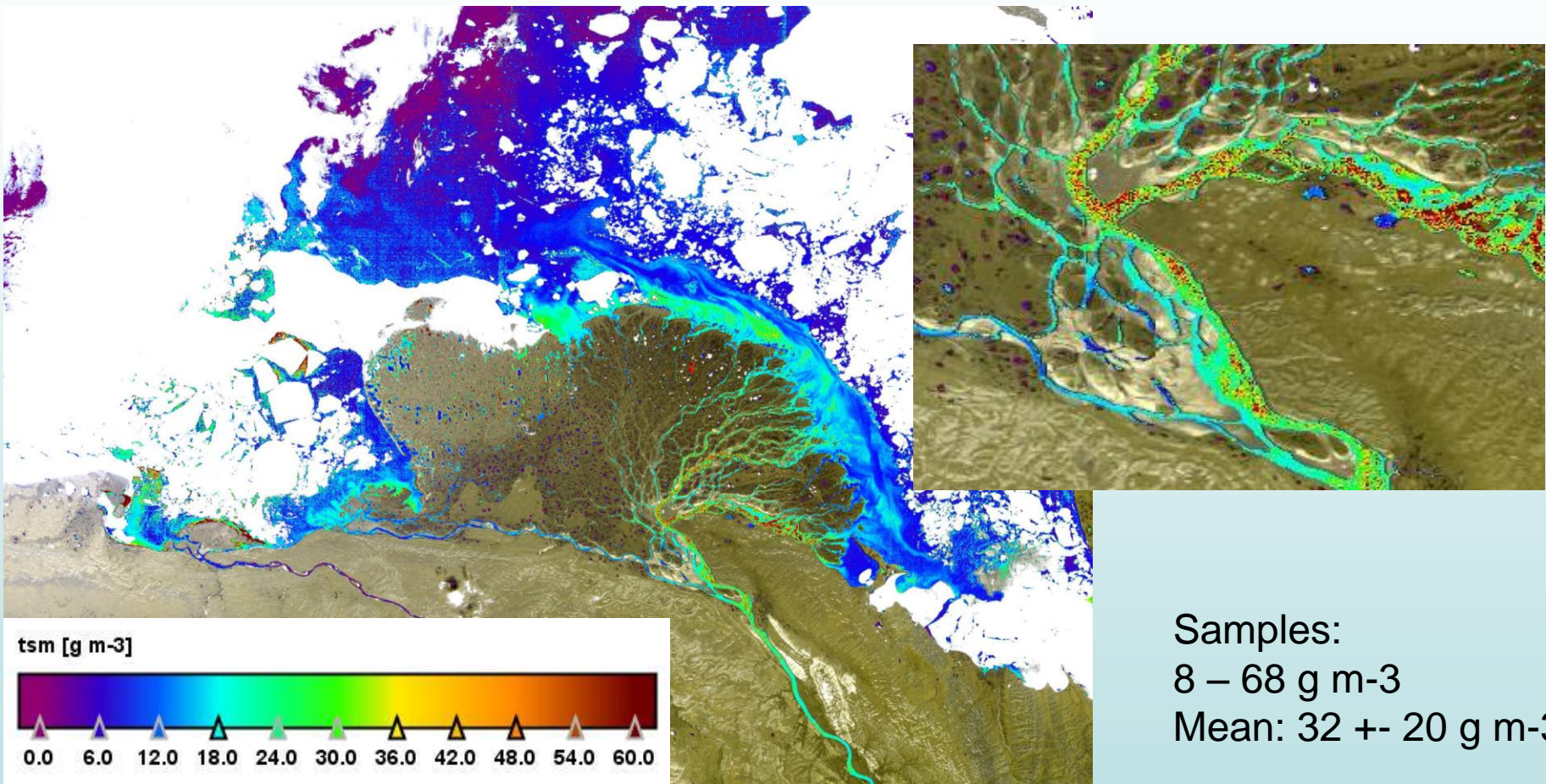
Blue: reflectance at position Stolp  
Red: reflectance in clear water Laptev Sea

## adg (a<sub>443</sub> of detritus and gelbstoff)





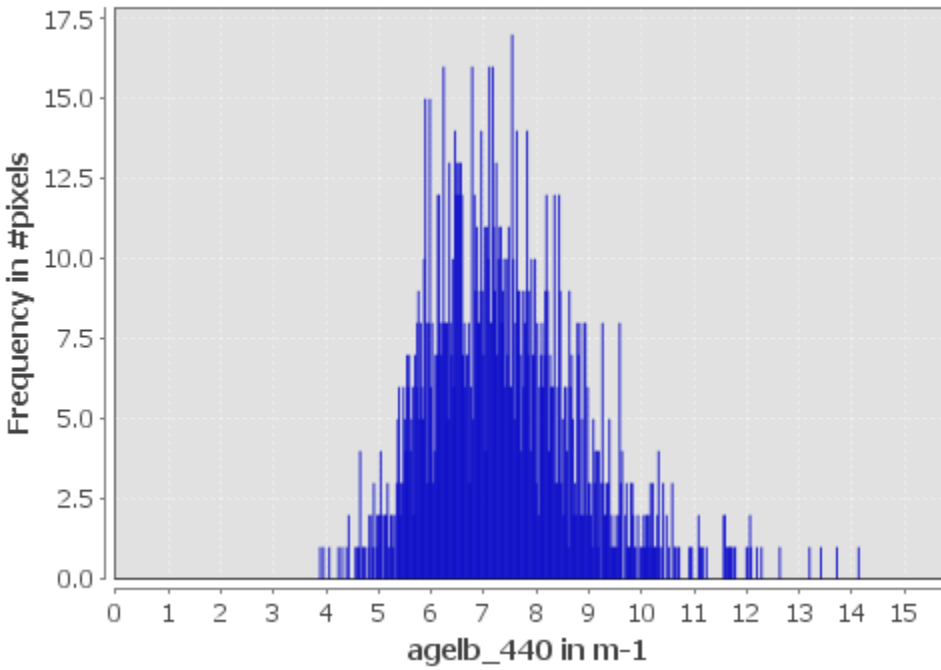
# TSM



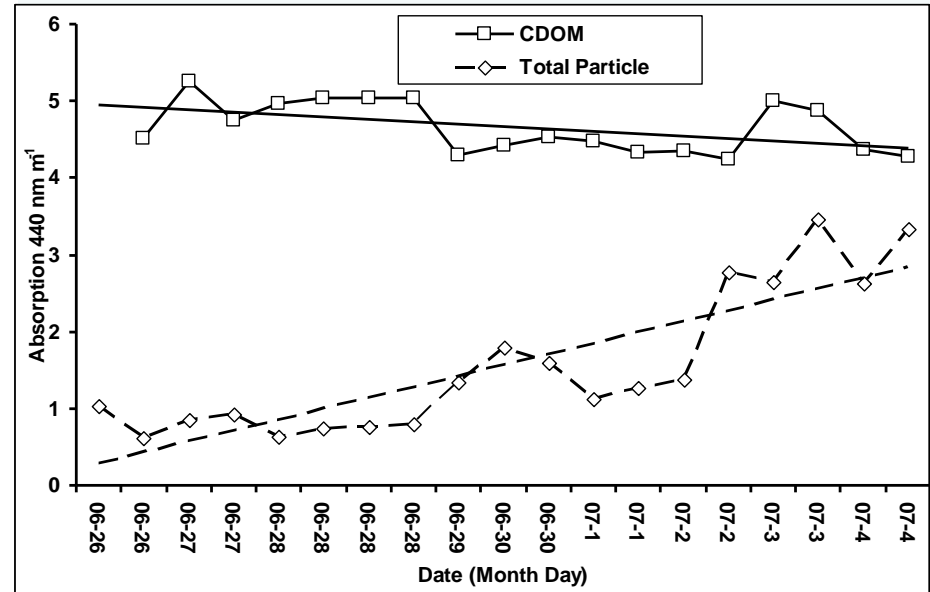
Samples:  
8 – 68  $\text{g m}^{-3}$   
Mean: 32  $\pm$  20  $\text{g m}^{-3}$

# Absorption by CDOM and bleached particles

**Histogram for agelb\_440**



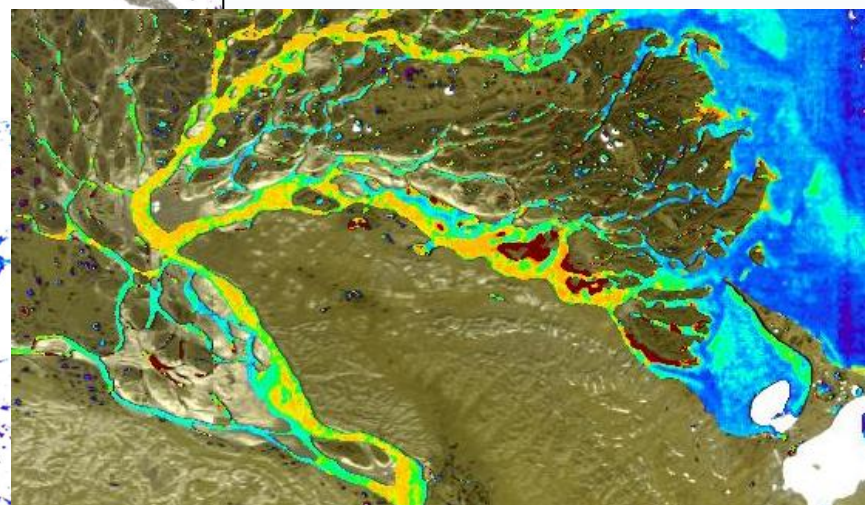
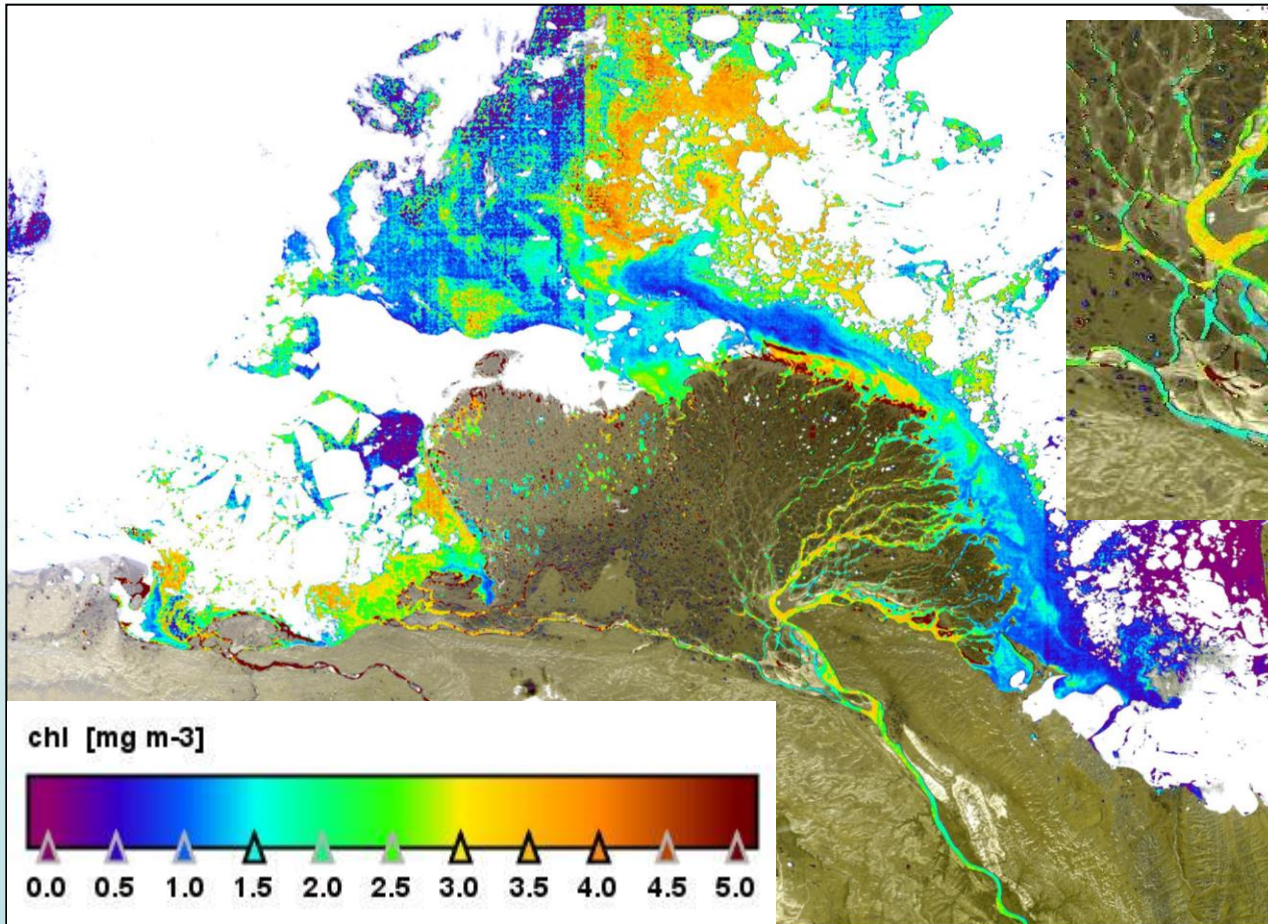
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In situ



# Chlorophyll

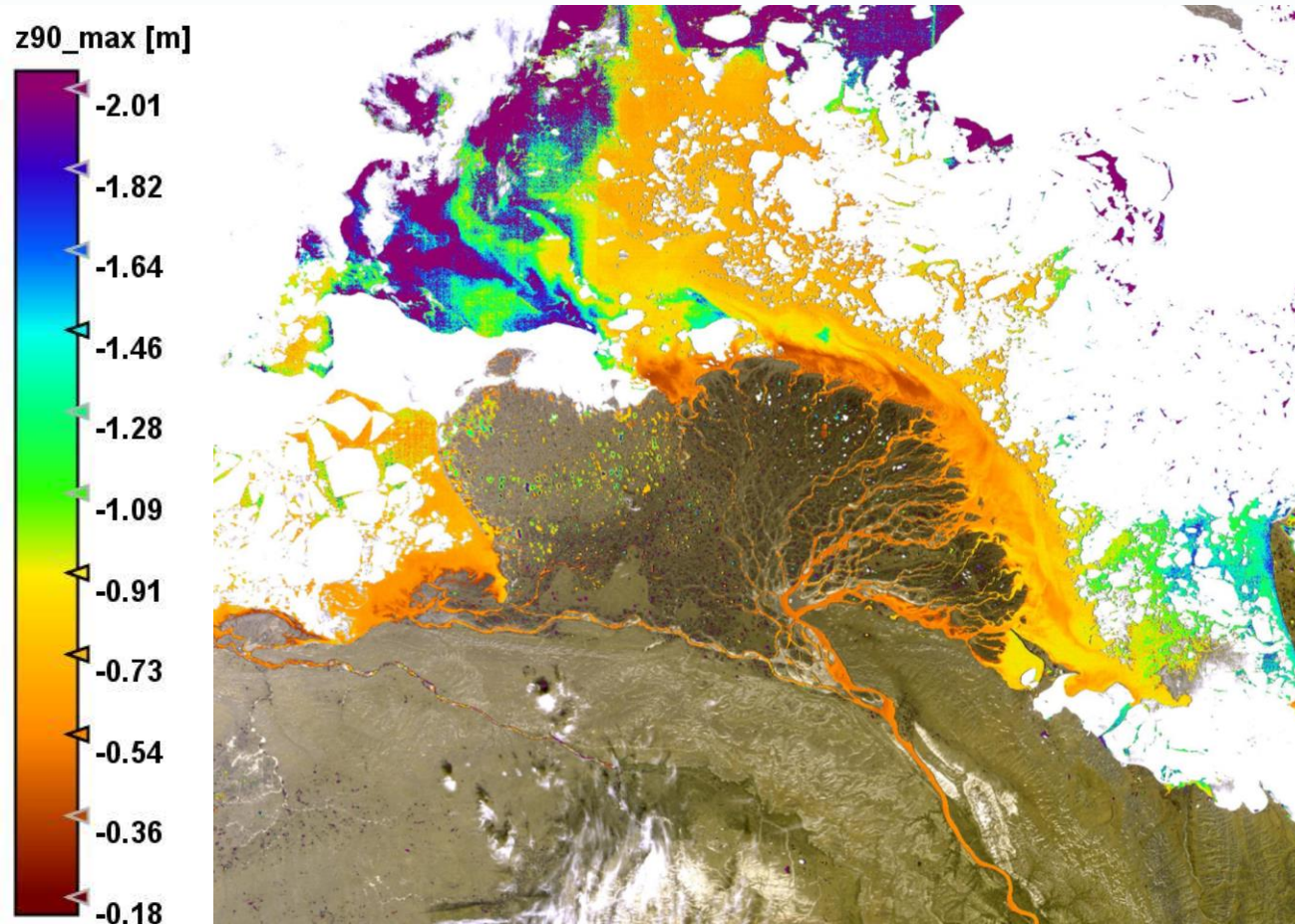


Chlorophyll measured  
from samples:  
1 – 3 mg m<sup>-3</sup>

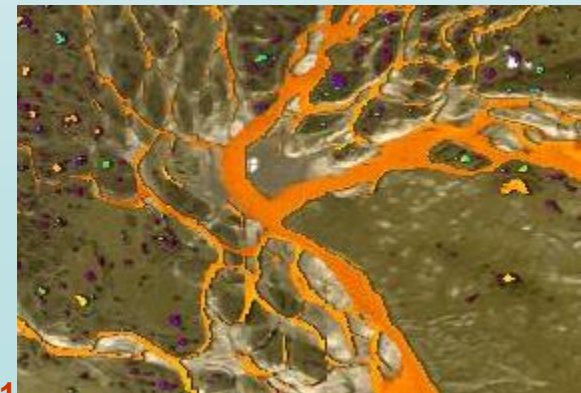
In situ: 2-4 mg m<sup>-3</sup>



# Z90\_max

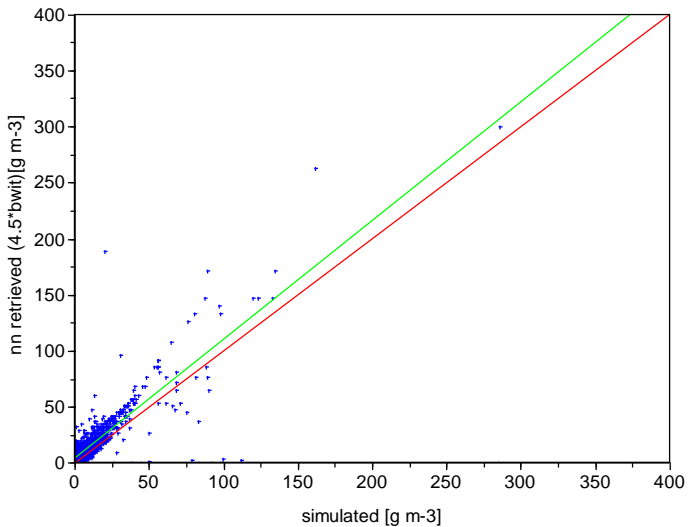


Secchi: 30 – 85 cm



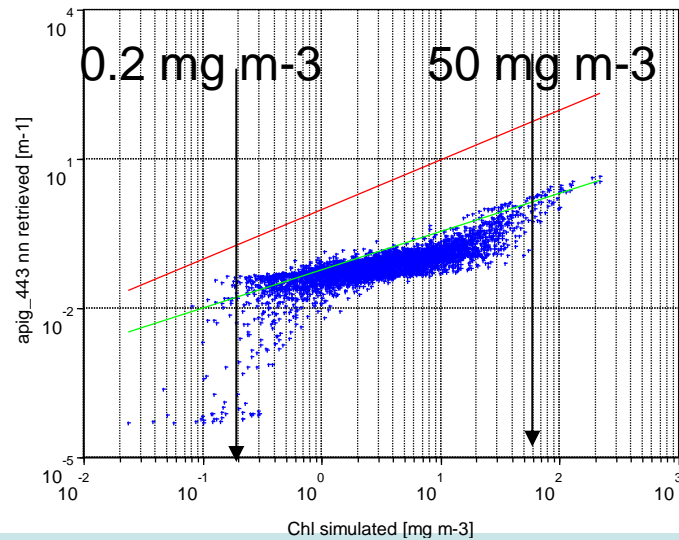
## Test with CC-NN of Simulated RR data

round robin NN simulated data min



SPM (Min)

round robin NN simulated data chl



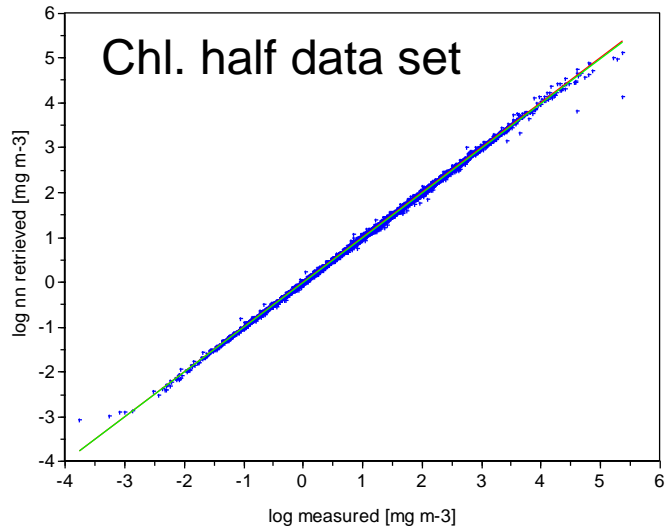
Chlorophyll



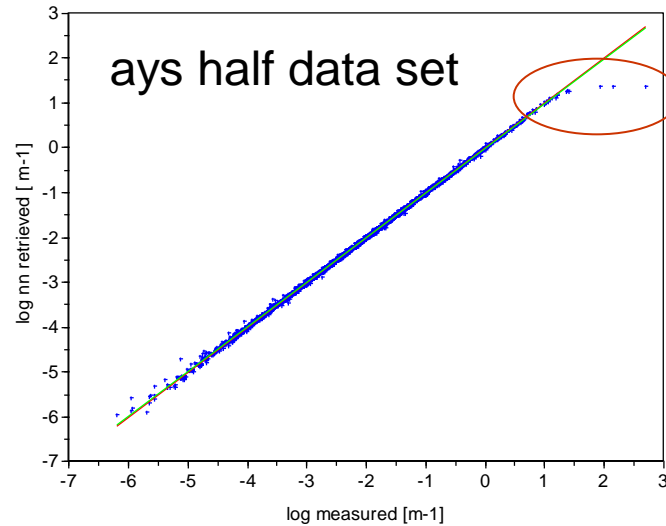
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# Test of simulated RR data set: NN trained on this model

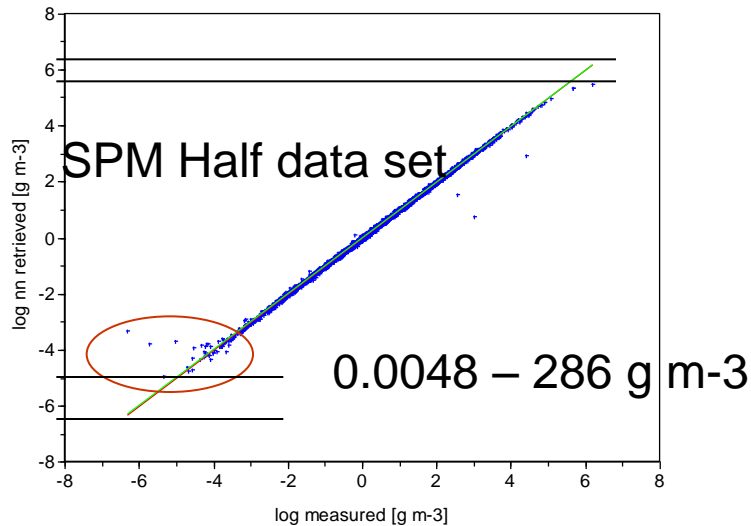
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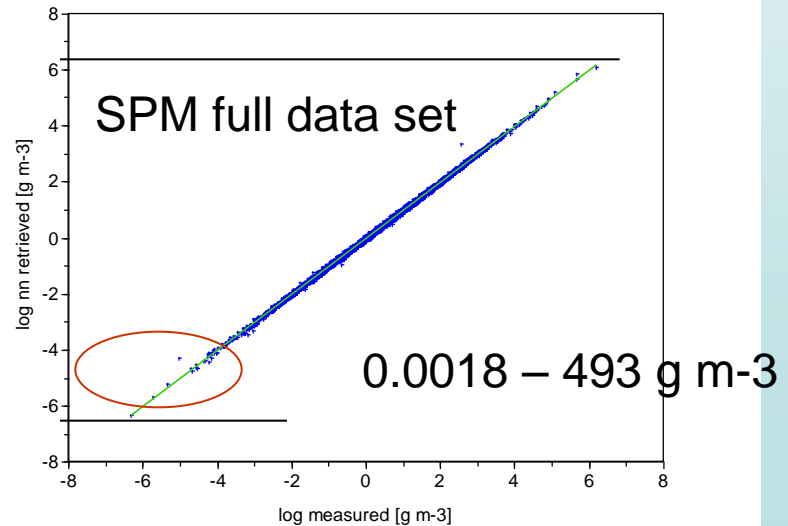
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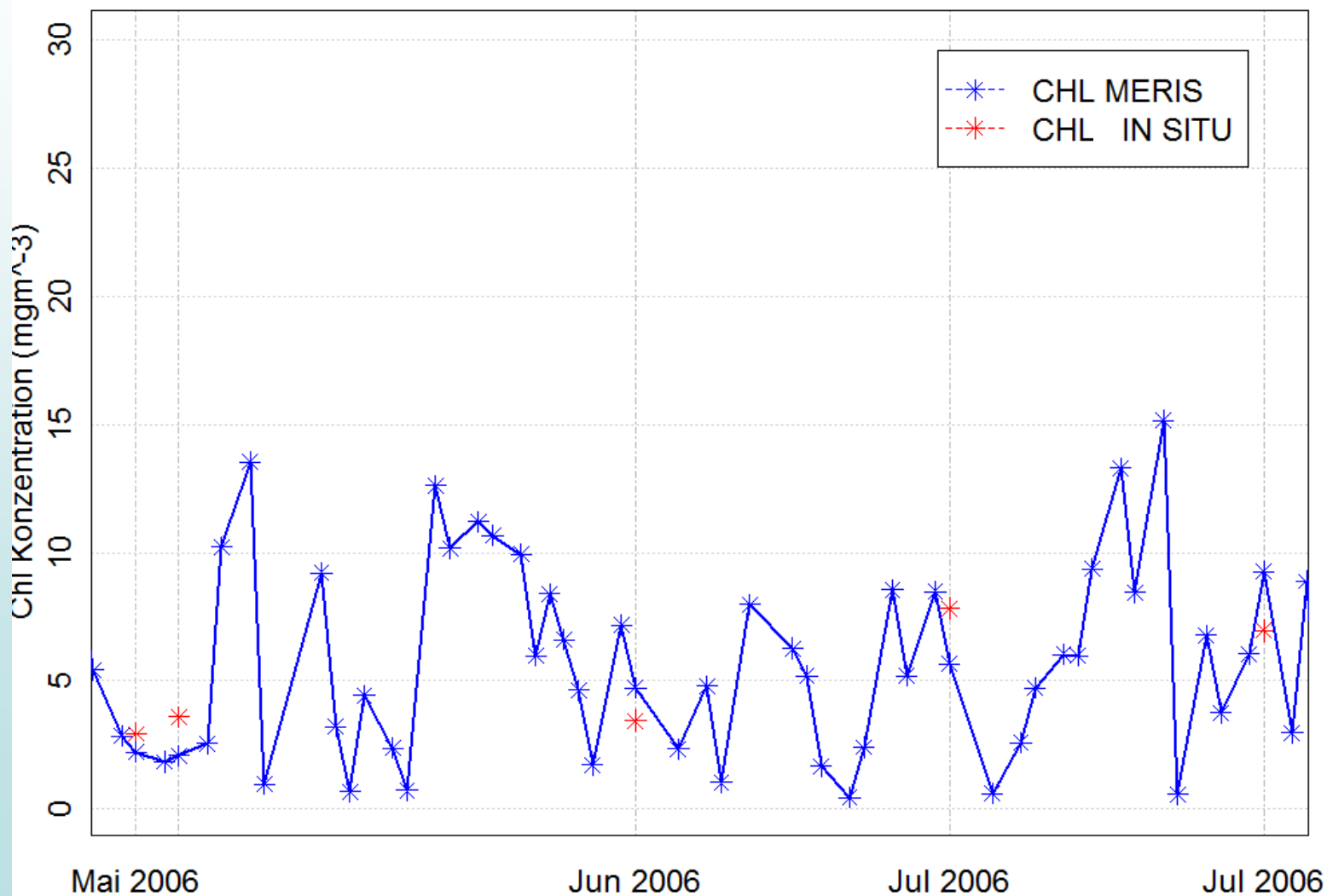
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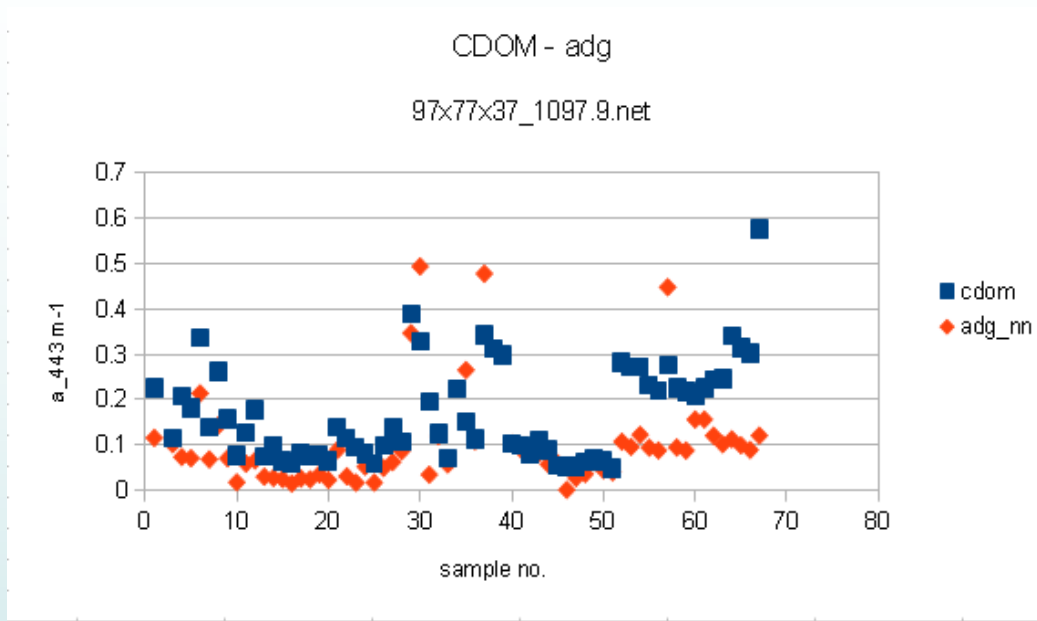
# Helgoland Transect

5 component algorithms

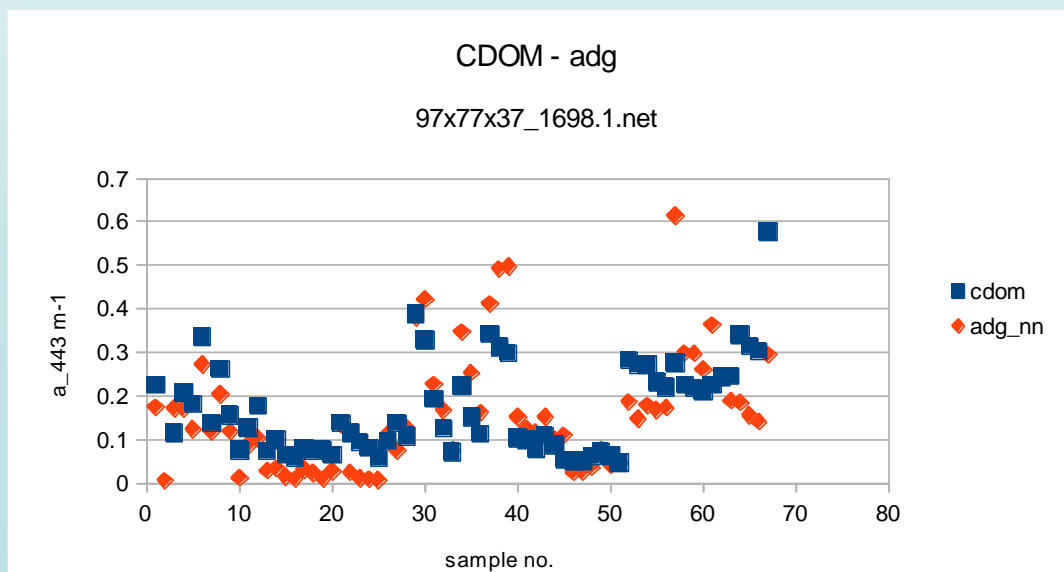
Helgoland Tageswerte 2006



# Validation NN for CDOM



CC-model with full range

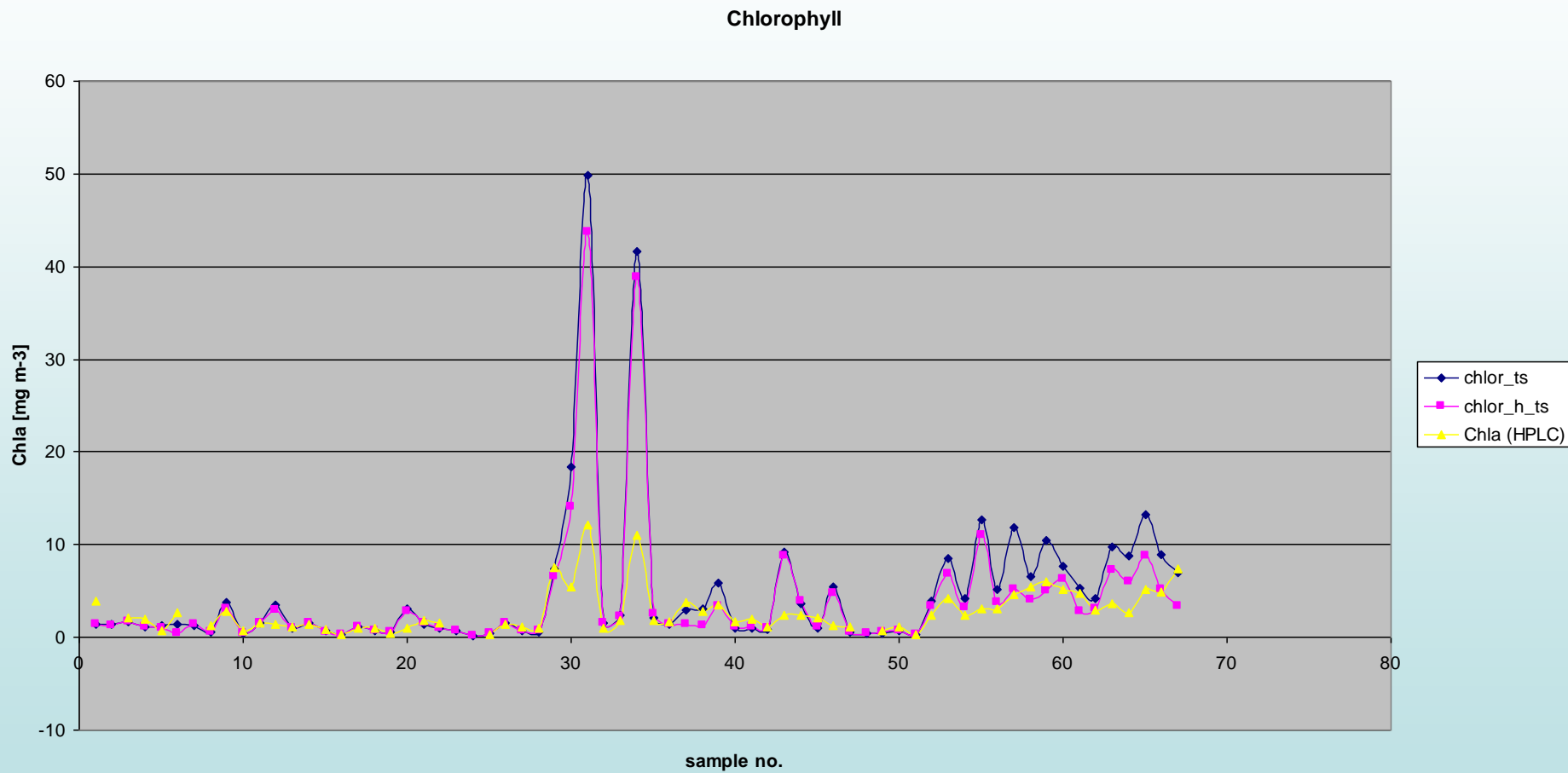


CC-model with limited range

## Regional adapted bio-optical model

- Based on regional bio-optical model (adapted from T. Schroeder, 2004)
  - North Sea and Baltic Sea (Coastlook project)
  - Ranges of concentrations
  - Ranges of co-variances
  - Phytoplankton absorption: Bricaud et al, 1995
  - Components:
    - Phytoplankton pigment absorption
    - TSM scattering
    - TSM absorption
    - Gelbstoff absorption

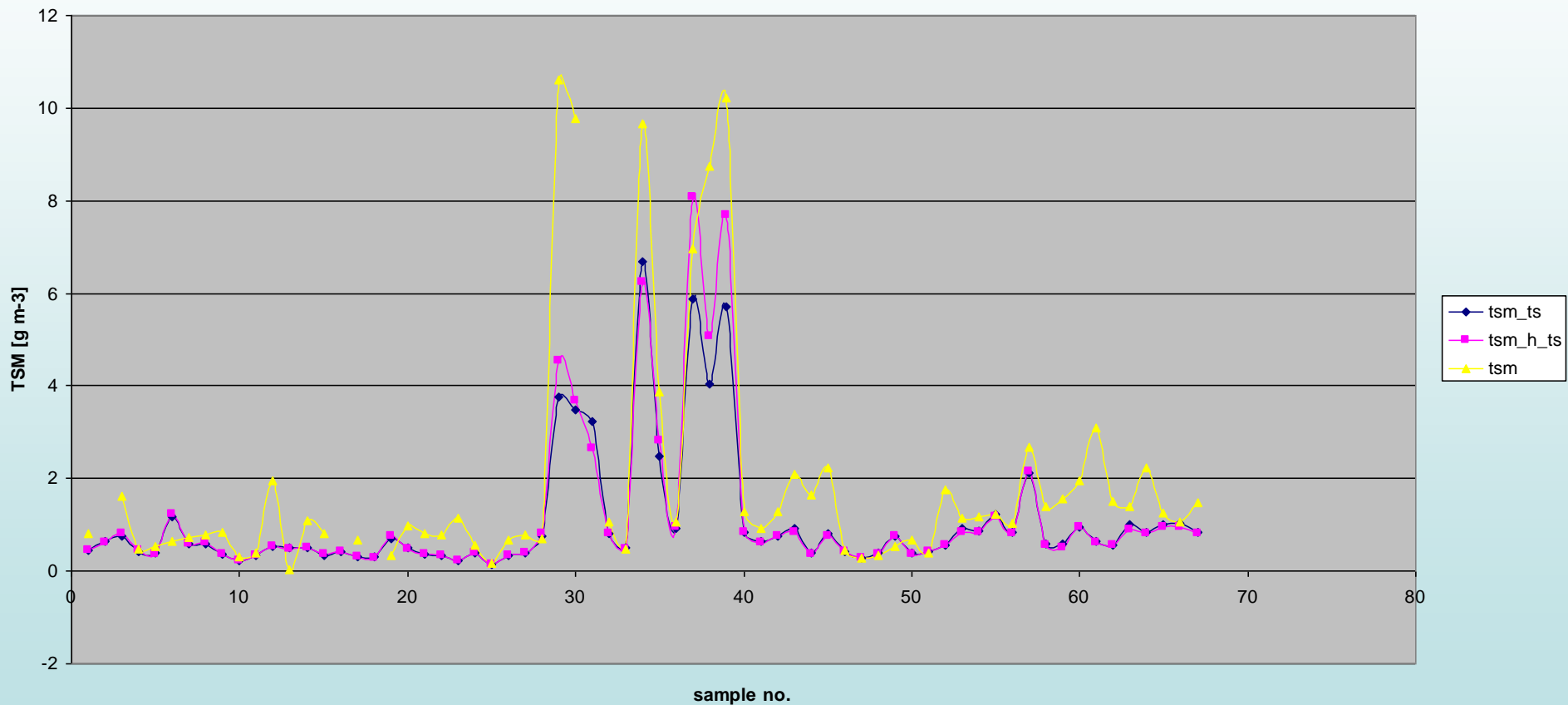
# Chlorophyll



Yellow: chl (HPLC) in situ, blue and red from TRIOS with NN

# TSM

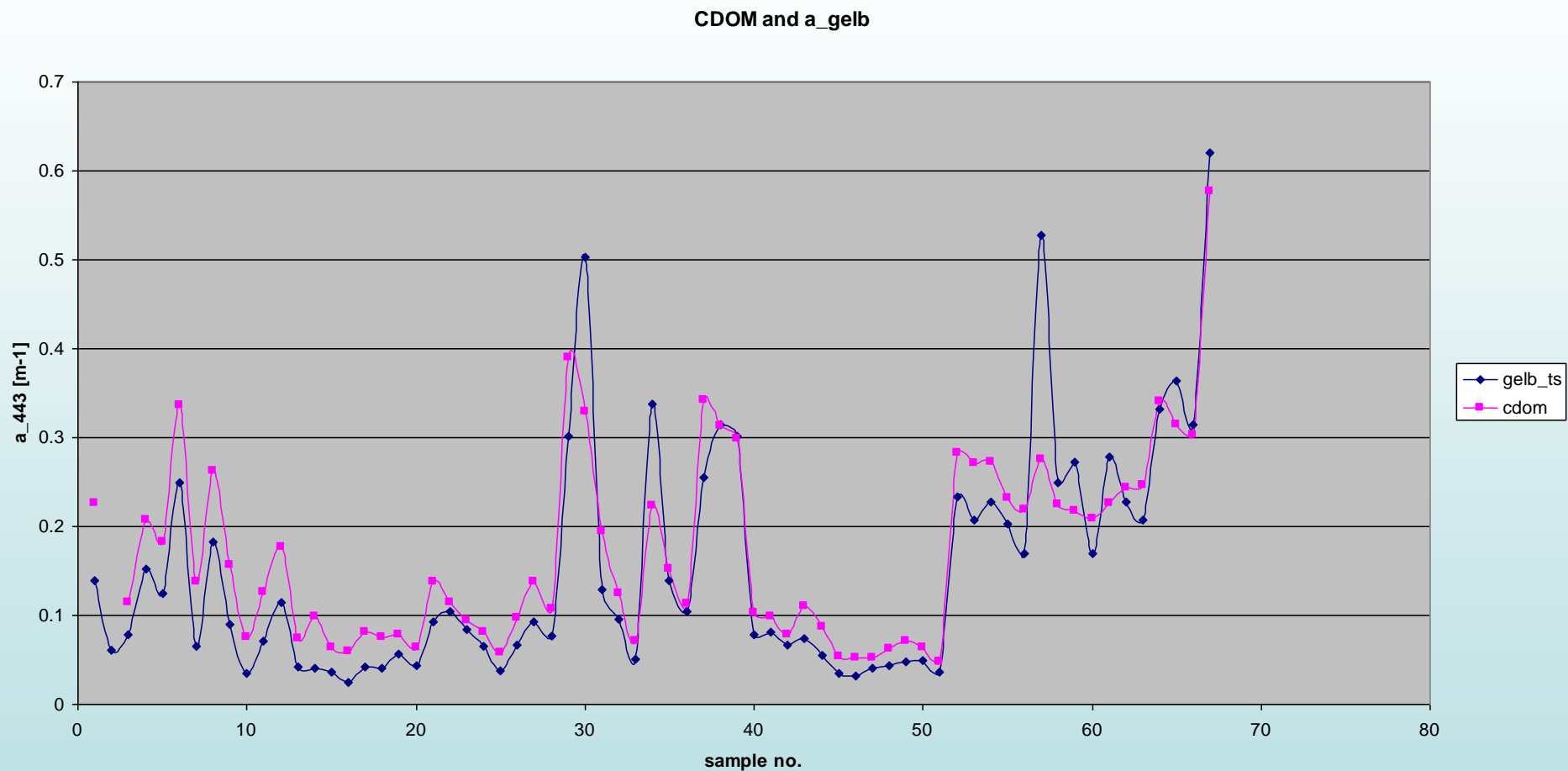
## TSM



Yellow: tsm in situ, blue and red from TRIOS with NN



# CDOM Baltic Sea and North Sea




Red: in situ, blue derived from TRIOS using water NN

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# Summary and Conclusions

- Next steps for second L2 reprocessing
- Merge NN with full and limited TSM / CDMOM range
- Validate results
- Report





**Thank you for your attention**

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