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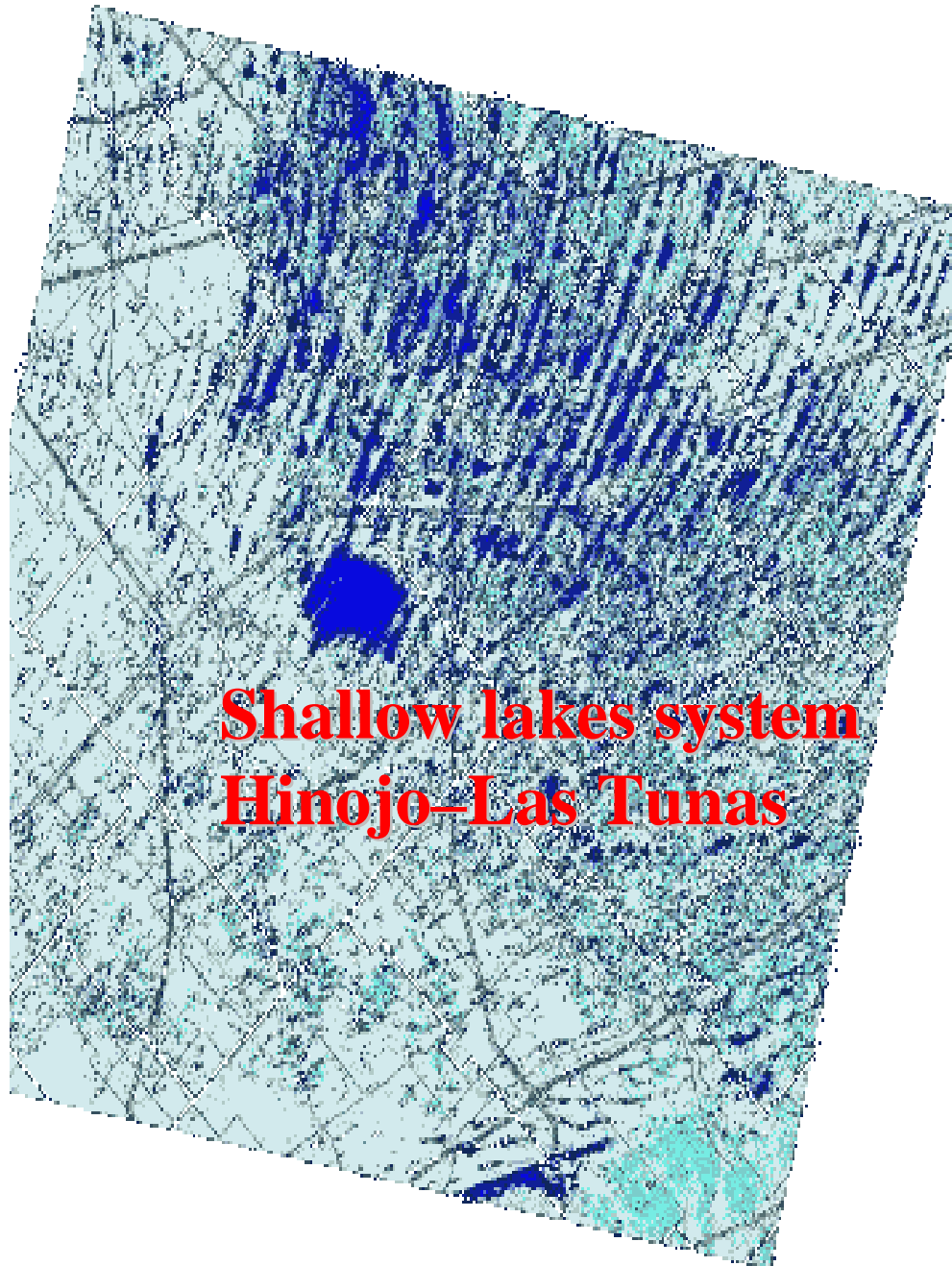


An aerial photograph of a wetland area, likely a marsh or delta, showing a complex network of water channels and numerous small, shallow lakes. The water is dark blue/black, and the surrounding land is a mix of green and brown, indicating vegetation and soil. A semi-transparent dark blue rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing white text. The text is centered and reads: "Number of shallow lakes in the Province of Buenos Aires". Below this, there are two bullet points: "• 10.500 larger than 10 ha" and "• 146.000 between 0,05 and 10 ha (Dangavs, 2004)". The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

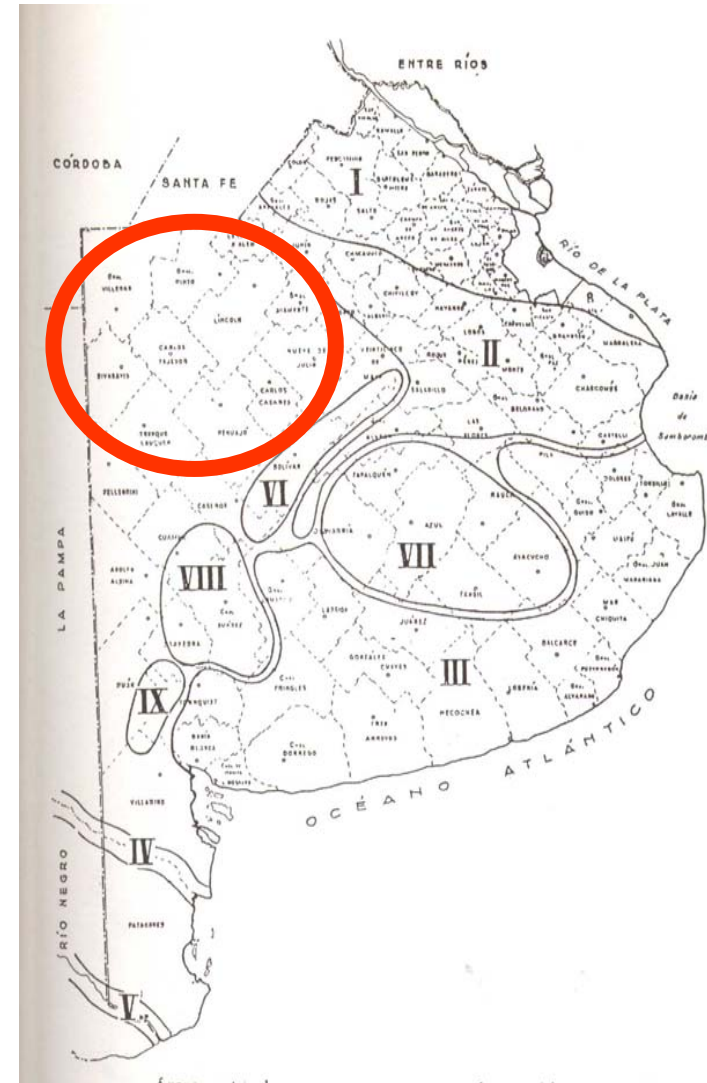
Number of shallow lakes in the Province of Buenos Aires

- 10.500 larger than 10 ha**
- 146.000 between 0,05 and 10 ha
(Dangavs, 2004)**

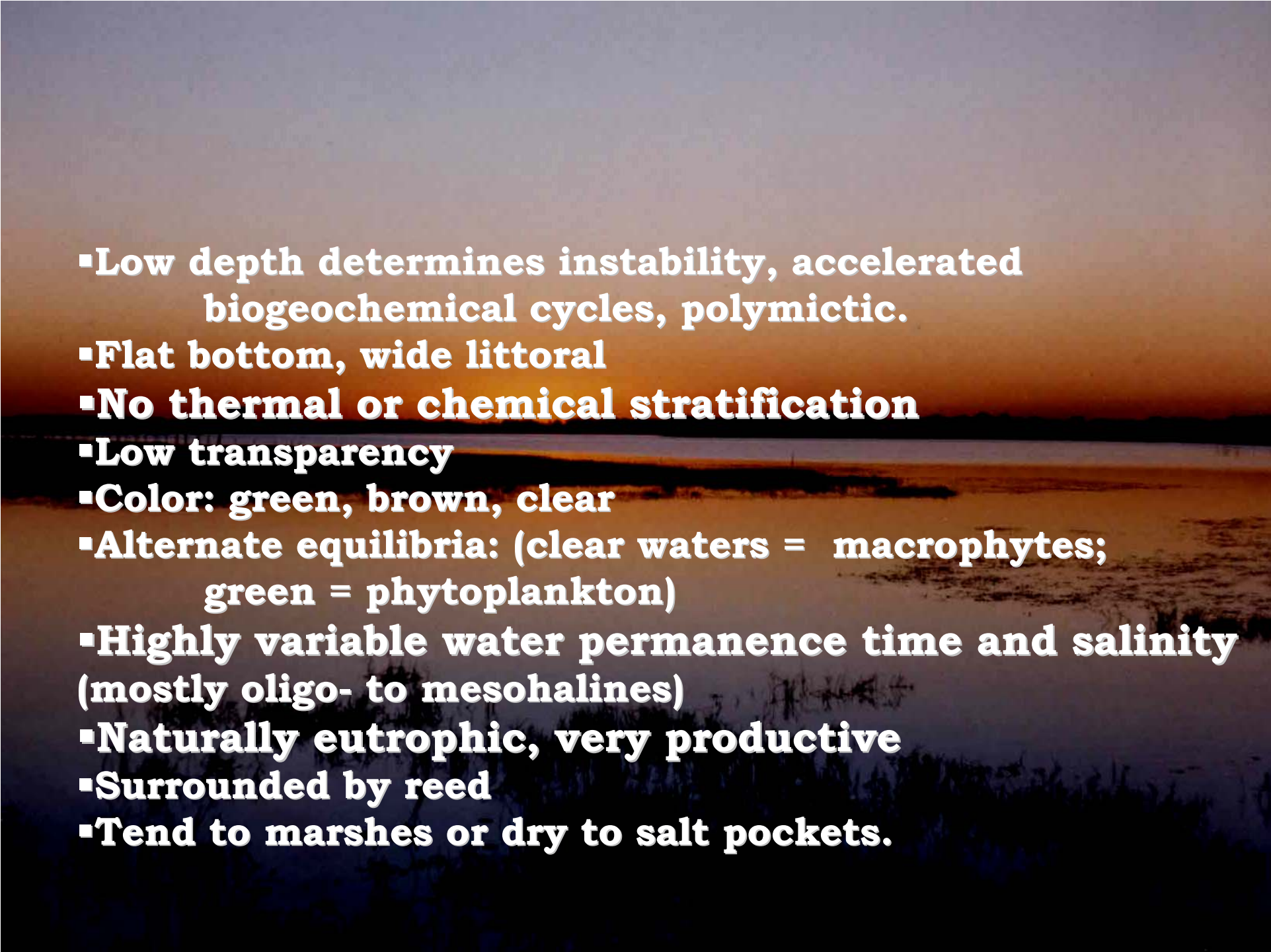
Distribution in the Province

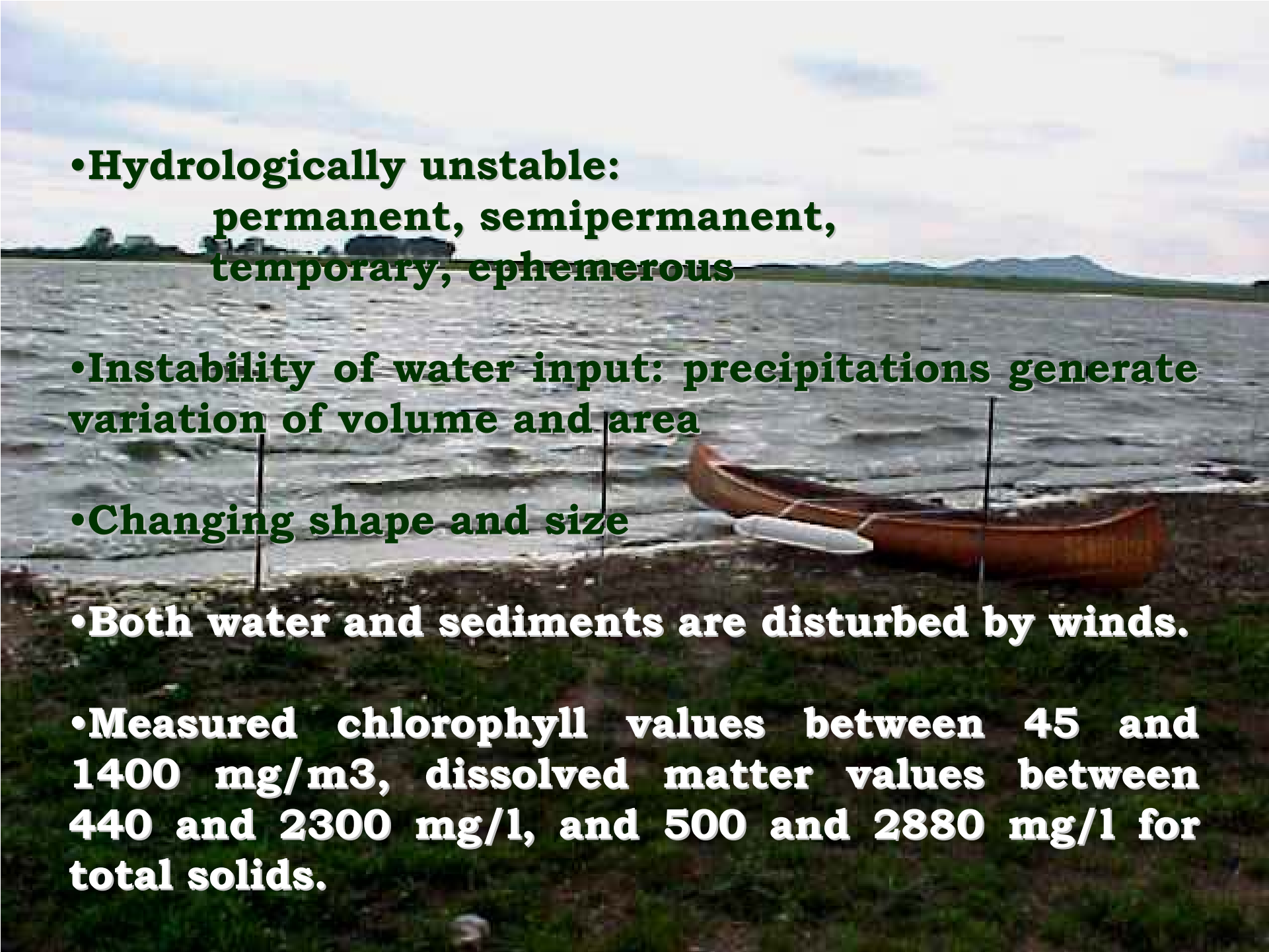


**Shallow lakes system
Hinojo–Las Tunas**



Bassins from Ringuelet, 1962

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- **Low depth determines instability, accelerated biogeochemical cycles, polymictic.**
 - **Flat bottom, wide littoral**
 - **No thermal or chemical stratification**
 - **Low transparency**
 - **Color: green, brown, clear**
 - **Alternate equilibria: (clear waters = macrophytes; green = phytoplankton)**
 - **Highly variable water permanence time and salinity (mostly oligo- to mesohalines)**
 - **Naturally eutrophic, very productive**
 - **Surrounded by reed**
 - **Tend to marshes or dry to salt pockets.**



- **Hydrologically unstable:**
permanent, semipermanent,
temporary, ephemeral

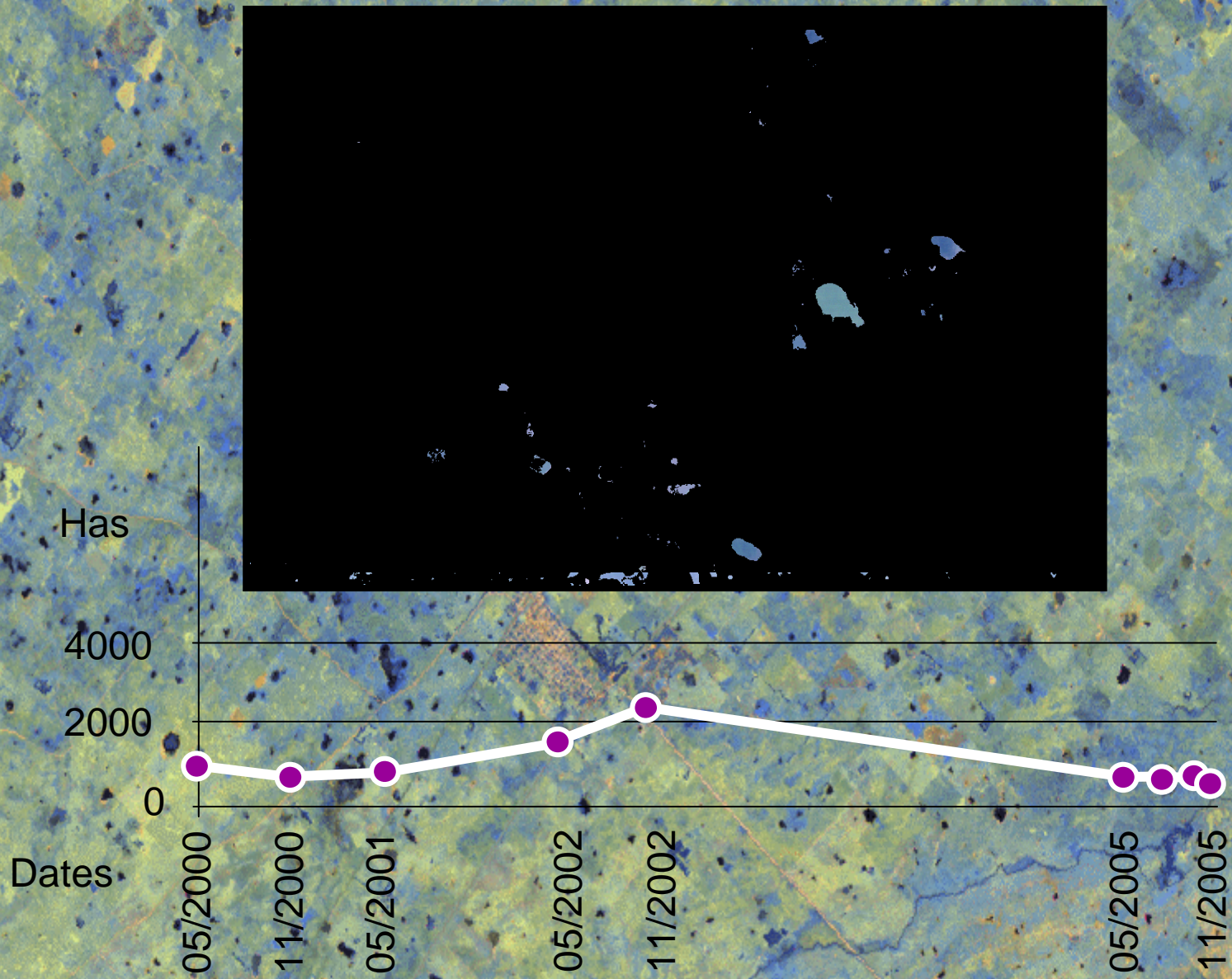
- **Instability of water input: precipitations generate variation of volume and area**

- **Changing shape and size**

- **Both water and sediments are disturbed by winds.**

- **Measured chlorophyll values between 45 and 1400 mg/m³, dissolved matter values between 440 and 2300 mg/l, and 500 and 2880 mg/l for total solids.**

Variability





Laguna Del Estado
January 2005



Laguna Del Estado
January 2006



El Paraíso
February 2005



El Paraíso
February 2009



Quilla Lauquen
January 2005



Quilla Lauquen
February 2009





La Peregrina
February 2005



La Peregrina
February 2009



La Brava
October 2005



La Brava
October 2009

Objectives

- **Gain knowledge of the structure and functioning of the natural and socioeconomic components of the shallow lakes**

- **Develop new observation and monitoring tools**

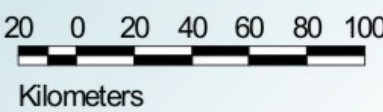
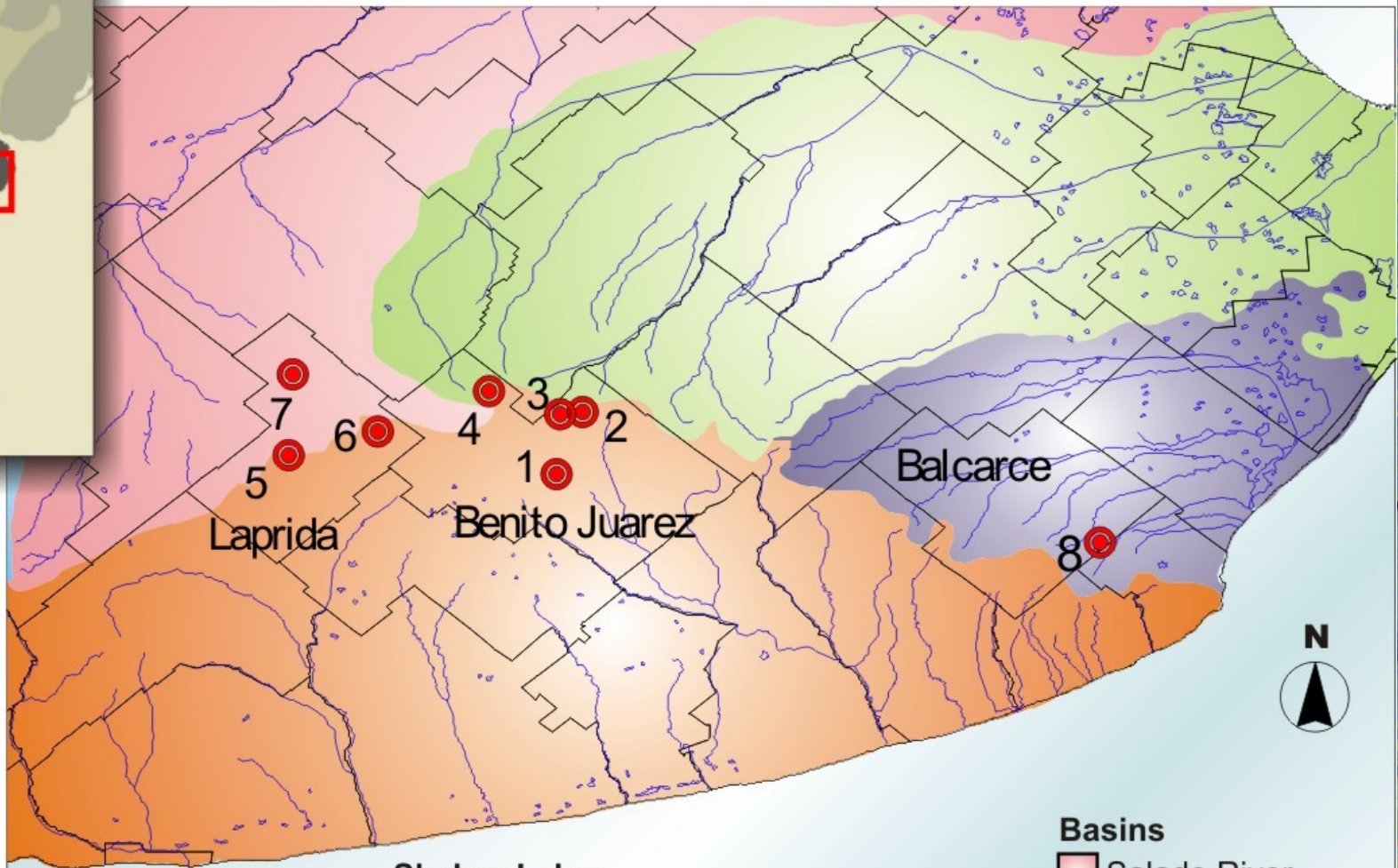
- **Integrate field data and remote sensors data**

- **Propose management strategies for shallow lakes taking into account socioeconomic, environmental and cultural aspects that have an impact on their dynamics.**

Study sites

Different shallow lakes were selected based on their hydrological characteristics, location, accessibility, trophic structure, site use, and basin land use.





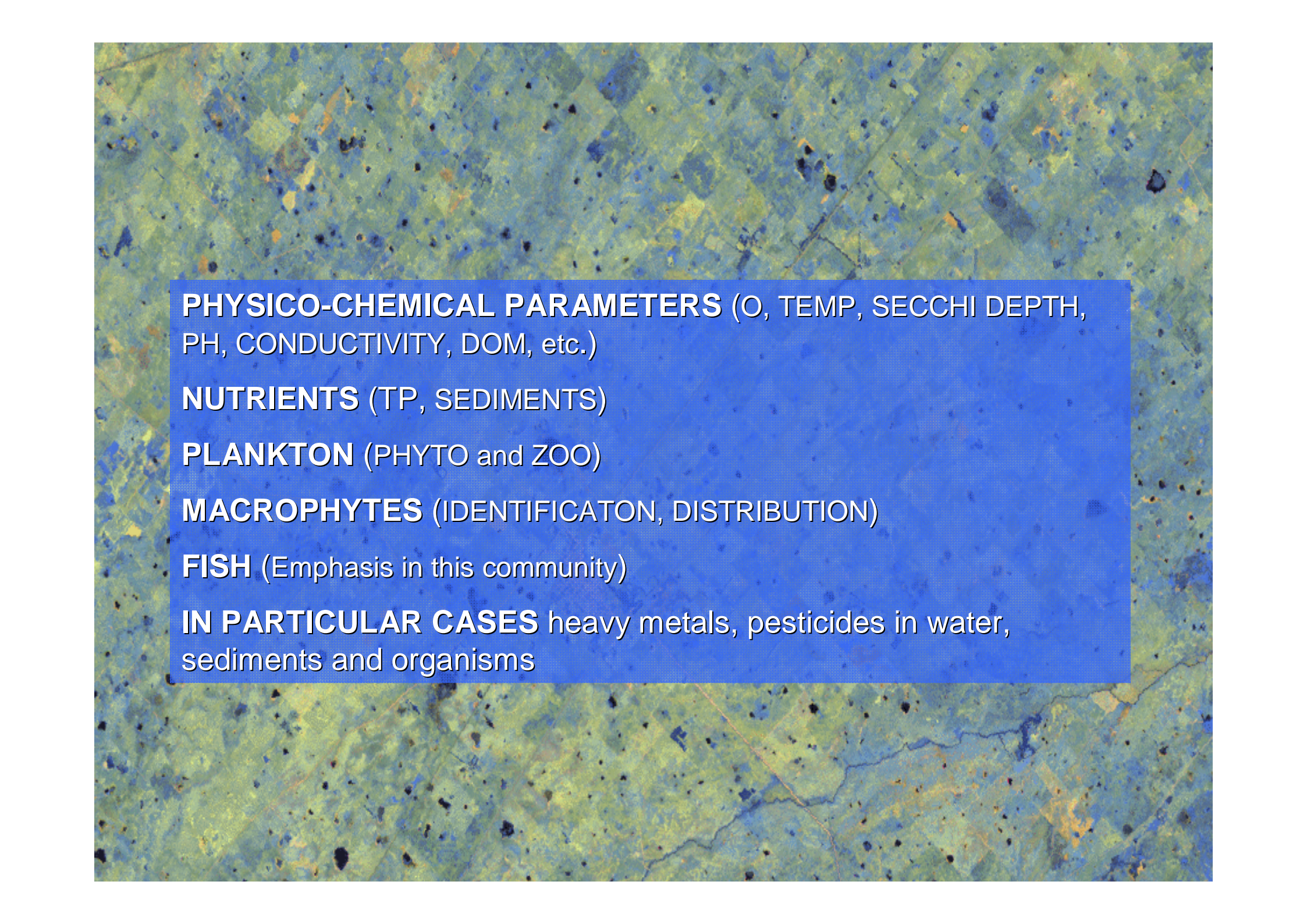
Shallow Lakes

- 1 - San Antonio
- 2 - El Chifle
- 3 - La Salada
- 4 - La Barrancosa
- 5 - El Paraiso
- 6 - Quilla Lauquen
- 7 - Del Estado
- 8 - La Brava

Basins

- Salado River
- Southeast
- South Streams
- South Salado River





PHYSICO-CHEMICAL PARAMETERS (O, TEMP, SECCHI DEPTH, PH, CONDUCTIVITY, DOM, etc.)

NUTRIENTS (TP, SEDIMENTS)

PLANKTON (PHYTO and ZOO)

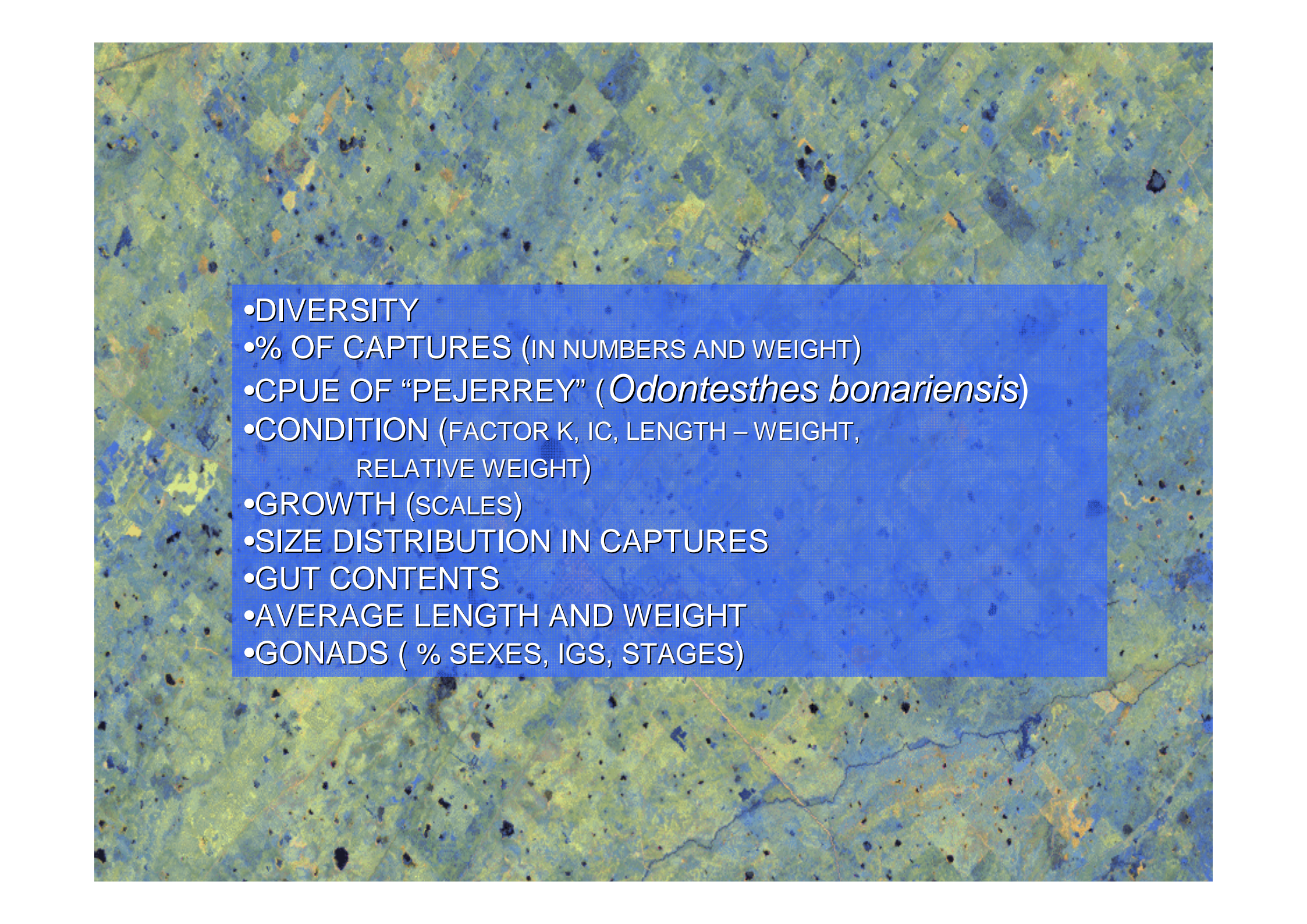
MACROPHYTES (IDENTIFICATON, DISTRIBUTION)

FISH (Emphasis in this community)

IN PARTICULAR CASES heavy metals, pesticides in water, sediments and organisms

FISH



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- DIVERSITY
 - % OF CAPTURES (IN NUMBERS AND WEIGHT)
 - CPUE OF "PEJERREY" (*Odontesthes bonariensis*)
 - CONDITION (FACTOR K, IC, LENGTH – WEIGHT, RELATIVE WEIGHT)
 - GROWTH (SCALES)
 - SIZE DISTRIBUTION IN CAPTURES
 - GUT CONTENTS
 - AVERAGE LENGTH AND WEIGHT
 - GONADS (% SEXES, IGS, STAGES)

Classification

| Shallow Lake | Secchi Disk Depth [cm] min – max (mean) | Chlorophyll a [mg/m³] min - max (mean-median) | Total Solids [mg/l] min - max (mean-median) |
|---------------------|--|---|--|
| La Brava | 37 – 37 (37) | 45.3 - 45.3 (45.3-45.3) | 507 – 507 (507-507) |
| Quilla Lauquen | 10 – 22 (16) | 76.3 - 122.1 (99.2-99.2) | 806 – 812 (809.0-809) |
| San Antonio | 18 – 36 (26.2) | 50.4 - 179.8 (101.4-94.0) | 1296 – 1418 (1376.6-1396) |
| La Barrancosa | 11.5 – 27 (19.5) | 71.3 - 155.4 (110.5-95.7) | 1327 – 1659 (1559.1-1624) |
| La Salada | 13 – 23 (17.3) | 112.0 - 260.2 (159.2-132.2) | 1184 – 1284 (1241.3-1248.5) |
| El Chifle | 7 – 23 (15.8) | 120.9 - 249.9 (200.6-215.8) | 1736 – 1953 (1846.8-1849) |
| El Paraiso | 11 – 17 (14) | 303.5 - 384.5 (353.9-369.0) | 1498 – 1830 (1684.0-1700) |
| Del Estado | 9 – 15.5 (9.5) | 325.0 - 671.2 (559.5-600.8) | 1788 – 2881 (2438.1-2522) |

The values of chlorophyll-a and total solids (TS) in the samples and the Secchi disk depth were used to perform a classification of the shallow lakes from field data following their turbidity. An initial classification was done by defining the quantile probability distribution.

Classification

Four categories were later defined from the quantile probability distribution and the expertise acquired in the field:

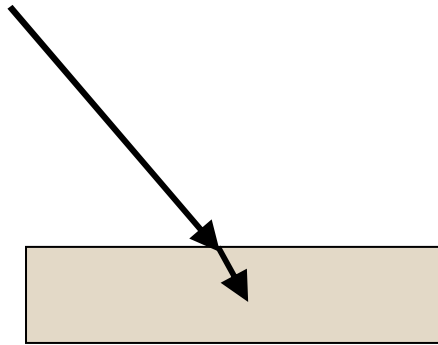
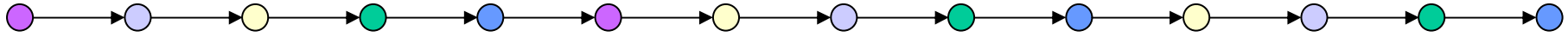
- Class 1, formed by clear water shallow lakes
- Class 2, formed by shallow lakes presenting intermediate turbidity values
- Class 3, formed by shallow lakes exhibiting high values of chlorophyll
- Class 4, formed by shallow lakes exhibiting the highest values of chlorophyll and total solids.

Classification

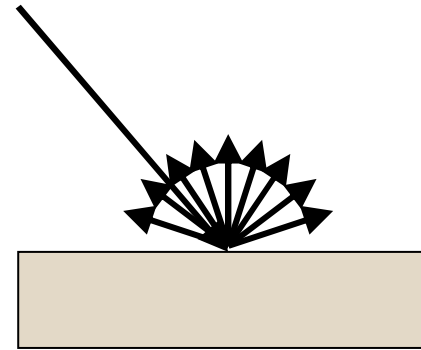
| Class | Variable | Mean | Min | Max | Median | Q1 | Q3 |
|-------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Chl <i>a</i> | 60.80 | 45.30 | 76.30 | 60.80 | 45.30 | 76.30 |
| | TS | 659.50 | 507.00 | 812.00 | 659.50 | 507.00 | 812.00 |
| | SDD | 25.50 | 14.00 | 37.00 | 25.50 | 14.00 | 37.00 |
| 2 | Chl <i>a</i> | 130.03 | 50.40 | 260.20 | 117.50 | 93.20 | 155.40 |
| | TS | 1435.63 | 806.00 | 1953.00 | 1397.00 | 1284.00 | 1629.00 |
| | SDD | 20.63 | 11.50 | 36.00 | 19.00 | 17.00 | 23.00 |
| 3 | Chl <i>a</i> | 305.73 | 120.90 | 384.50 | 340.40 | 249.90 | 371.90 |
| | TS | 1728.29 | 1498.00 | 1942.00 | 1706.00 | 1686.00 | 1830.00 |
| | SDD | 13.71 | 10.00 | 17.00 | 15.00 | 11.00 | 16.00 |
| 4 | Chl <i>a</i> | 559.46 | 325.00 | 671.20 | 600.80 | 533.30 | 667.00 |
| | TS | 2438.20 | 1788.00 | 2881.00 | 2522.00 | 2347.00 | 2653.00 |
| | SDD | 9.00 | 7.00 | 10.00 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 10.00 |

Mean, minimum, maximum, median, first and third quantil values for chlorophyll-a, total solids (TS) and Secchi disk depth (SDD) defined for each class.

Introduction – Behavior of Light under Water



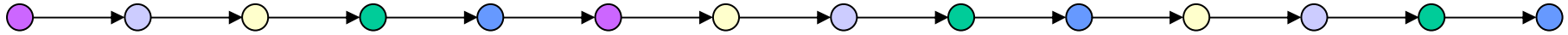
Absortion



Dispersion

Optic properties of water depend on suspended particles and on dissolved substances.

Introducción – Comportamiento de la Luz bajo el Agua



Absortion  **Suspended clay paricles**

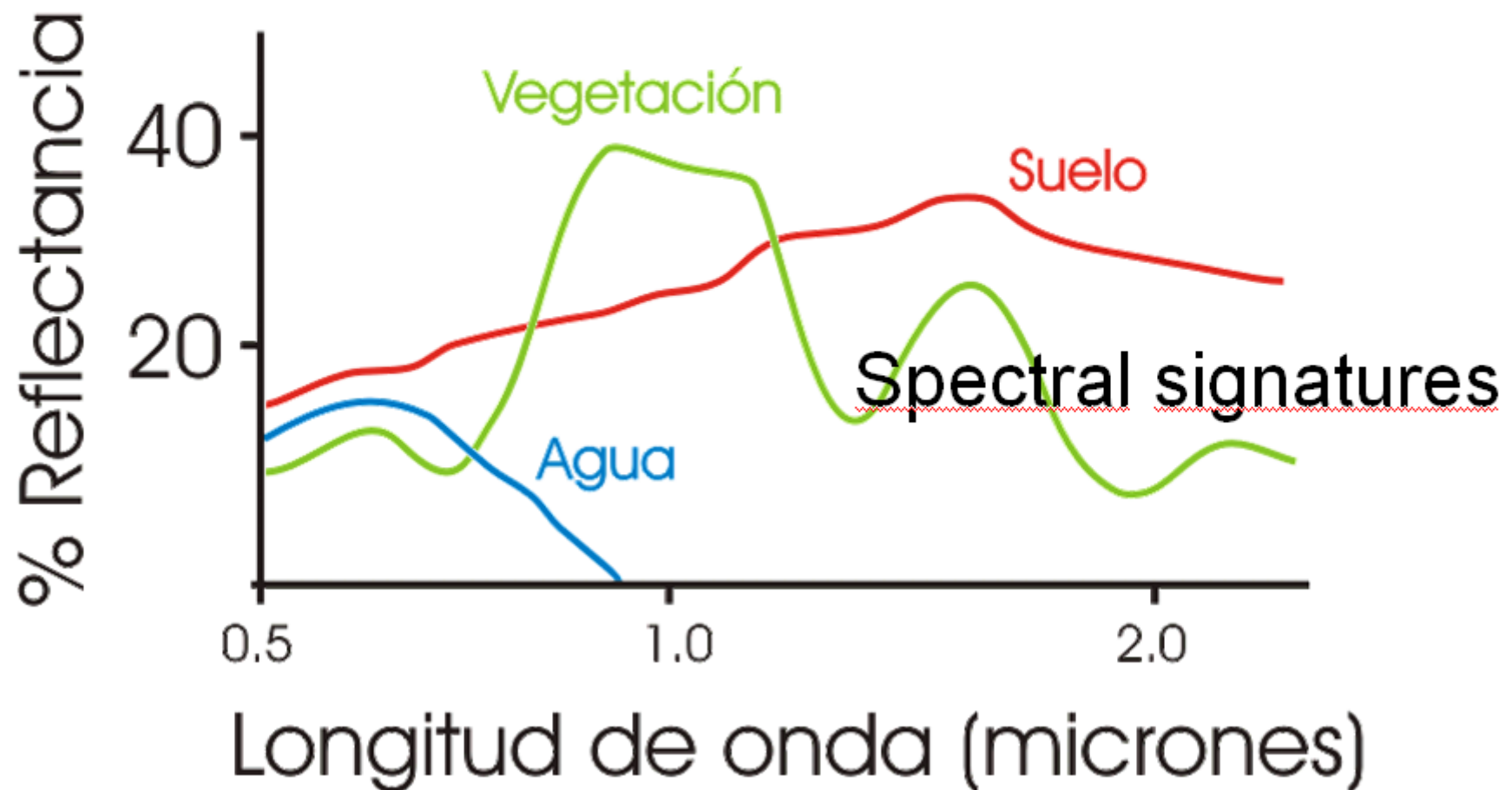
Dispersion  **Dissolved organic substances**

Absortion + Dispersion  **Phytoplankton**

Introduction – Spectral signatures



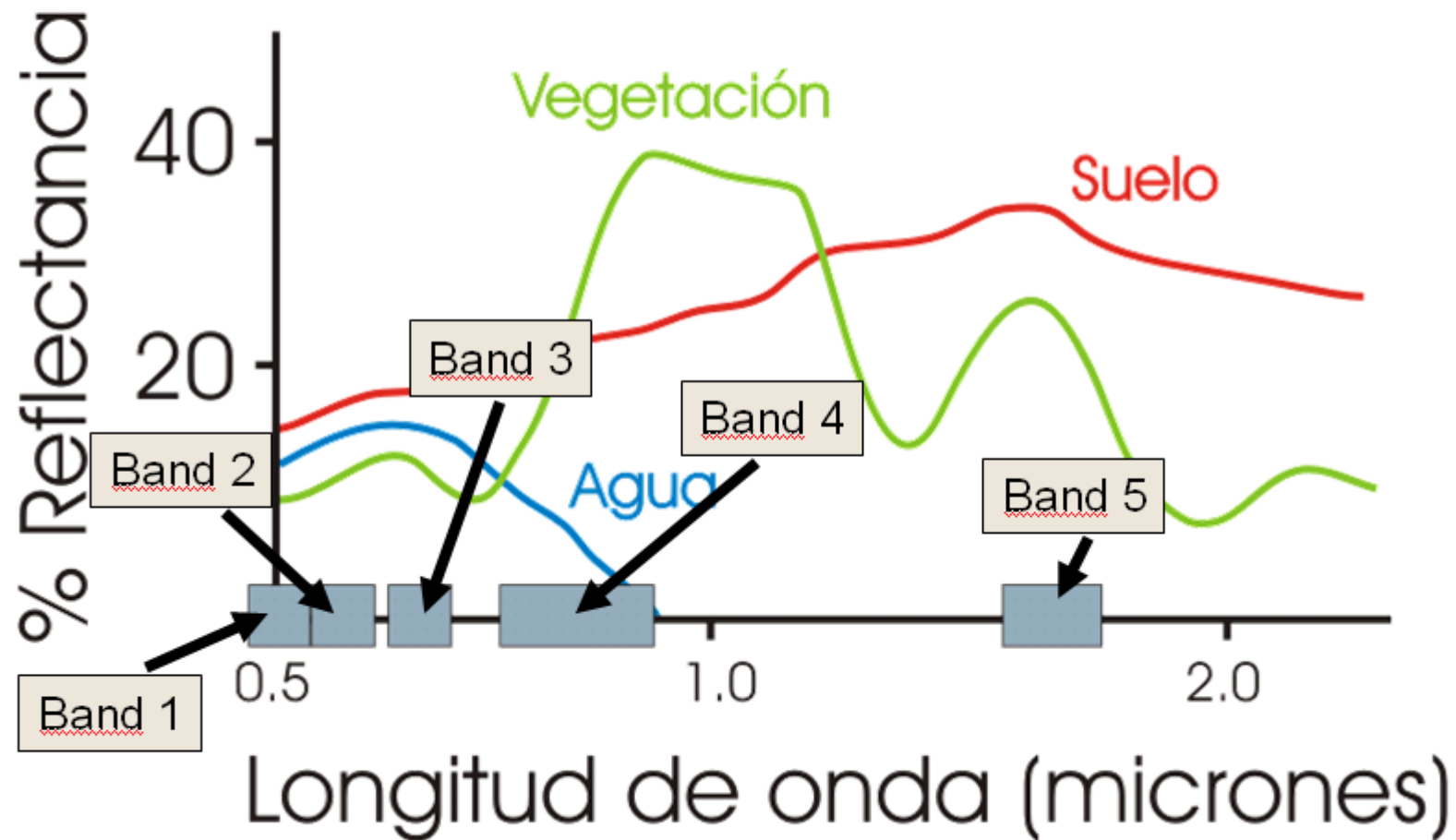
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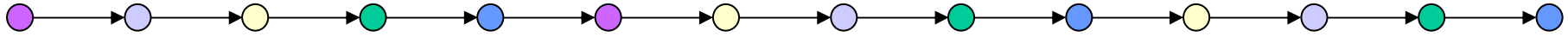
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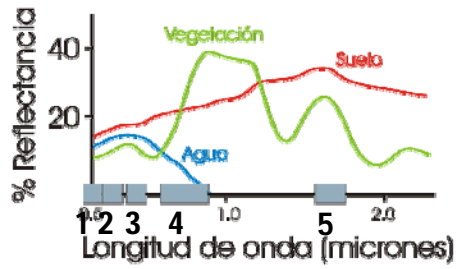
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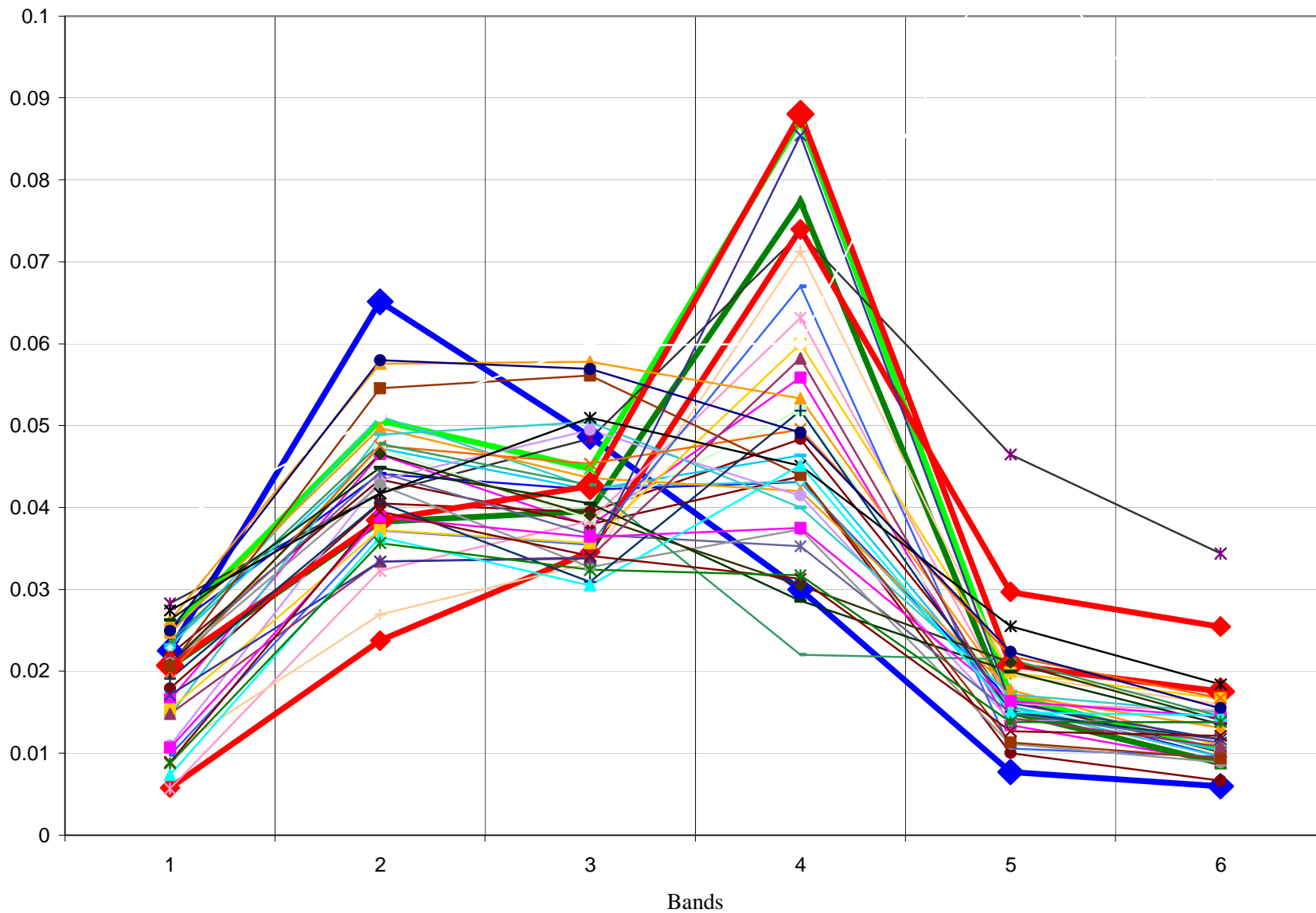
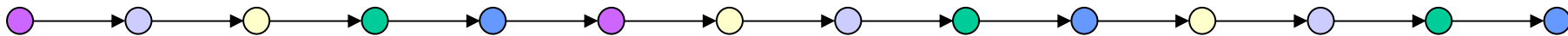
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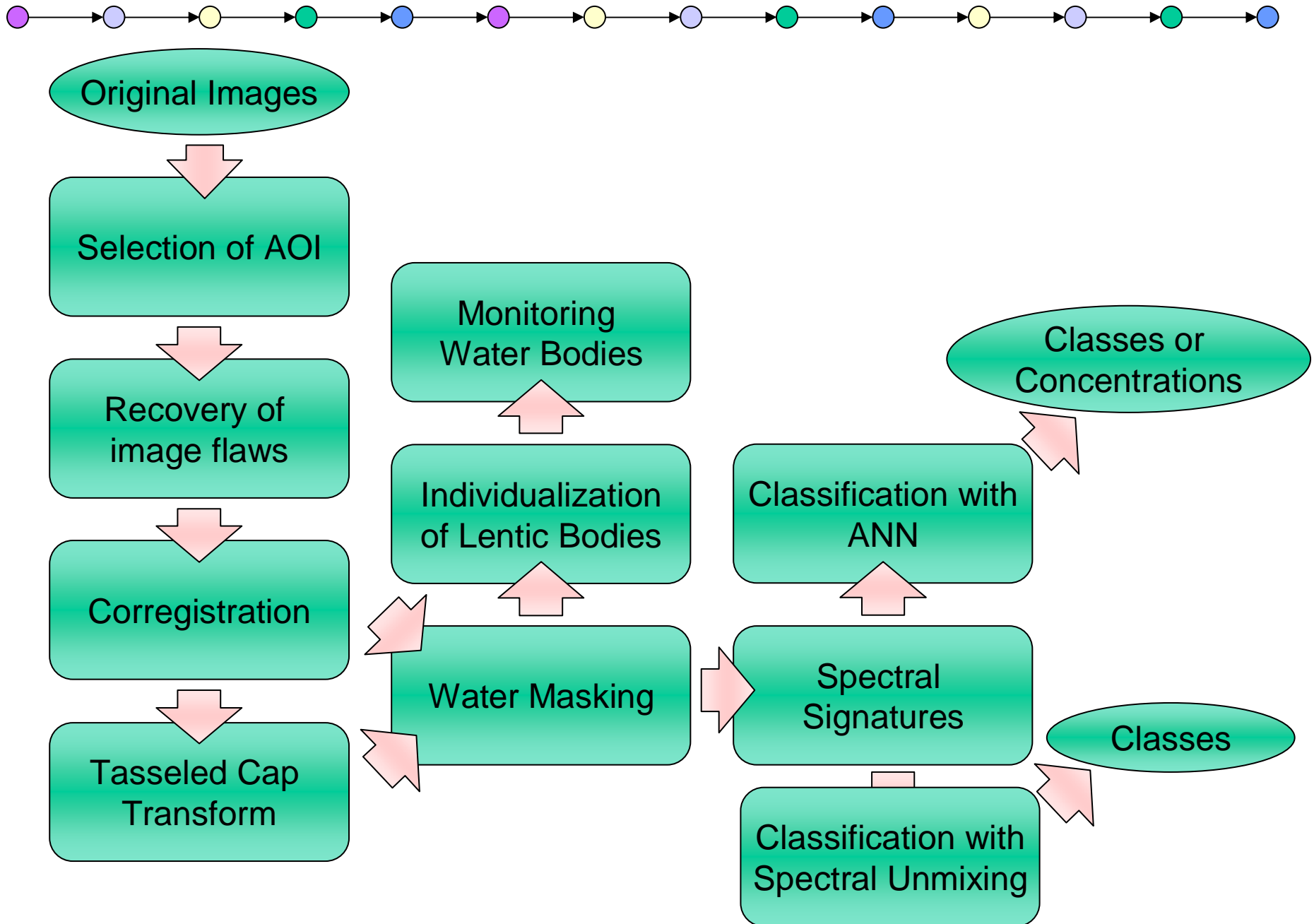
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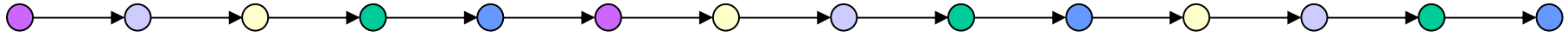
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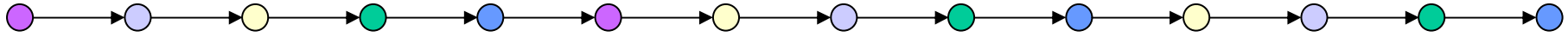
Methodology



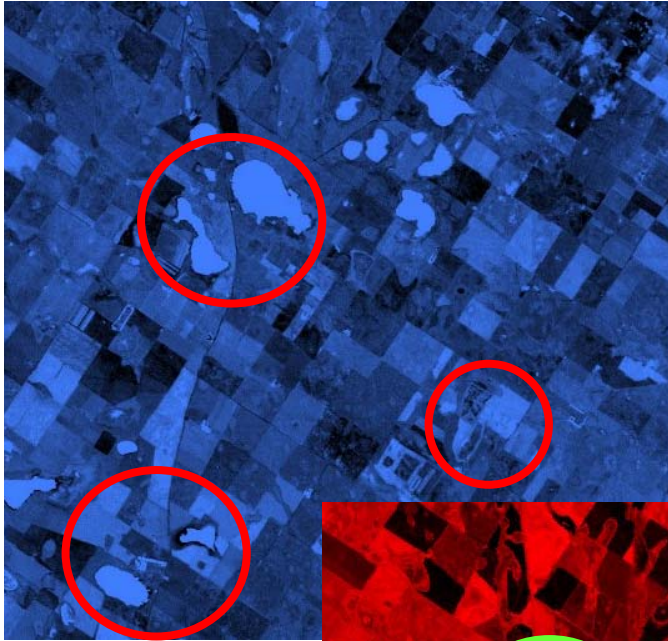
Selection of AOI



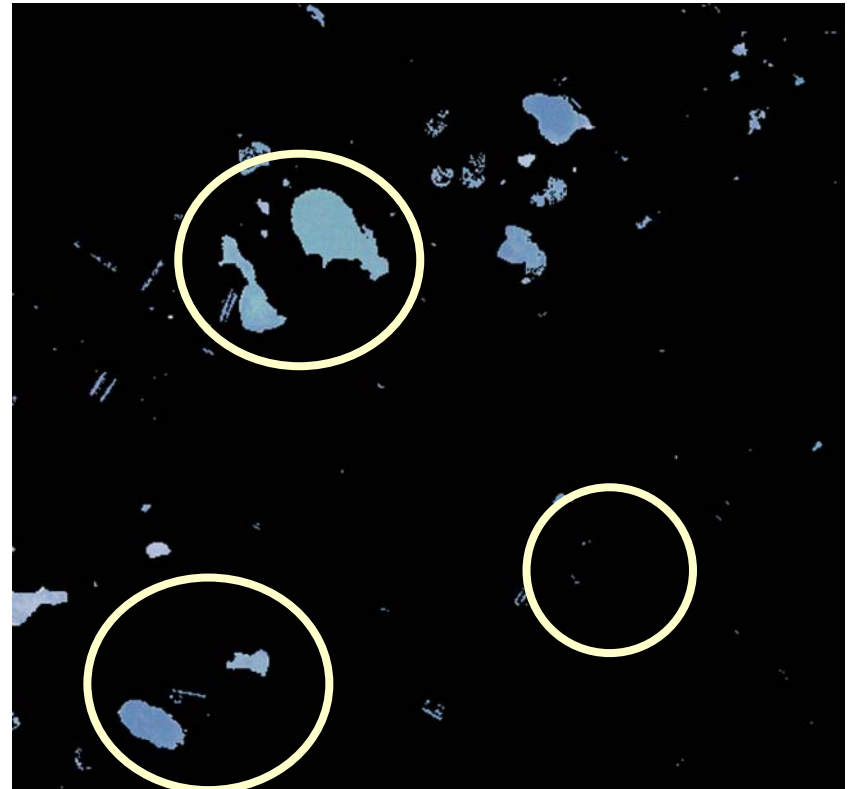
Water Mask



Wetness - Tasseled Cap

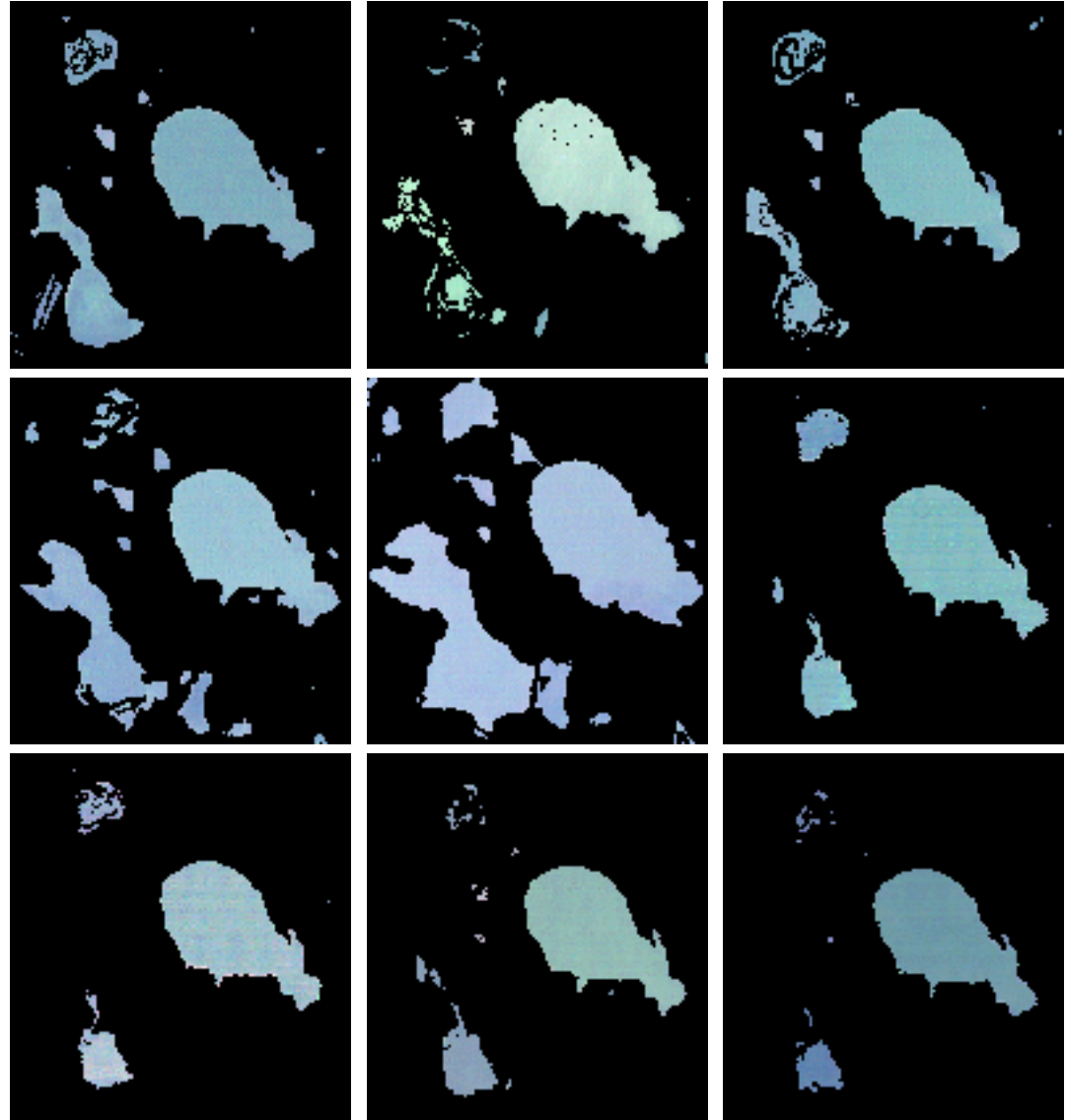
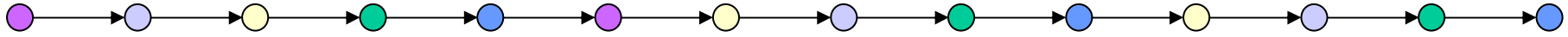


Water Bodies

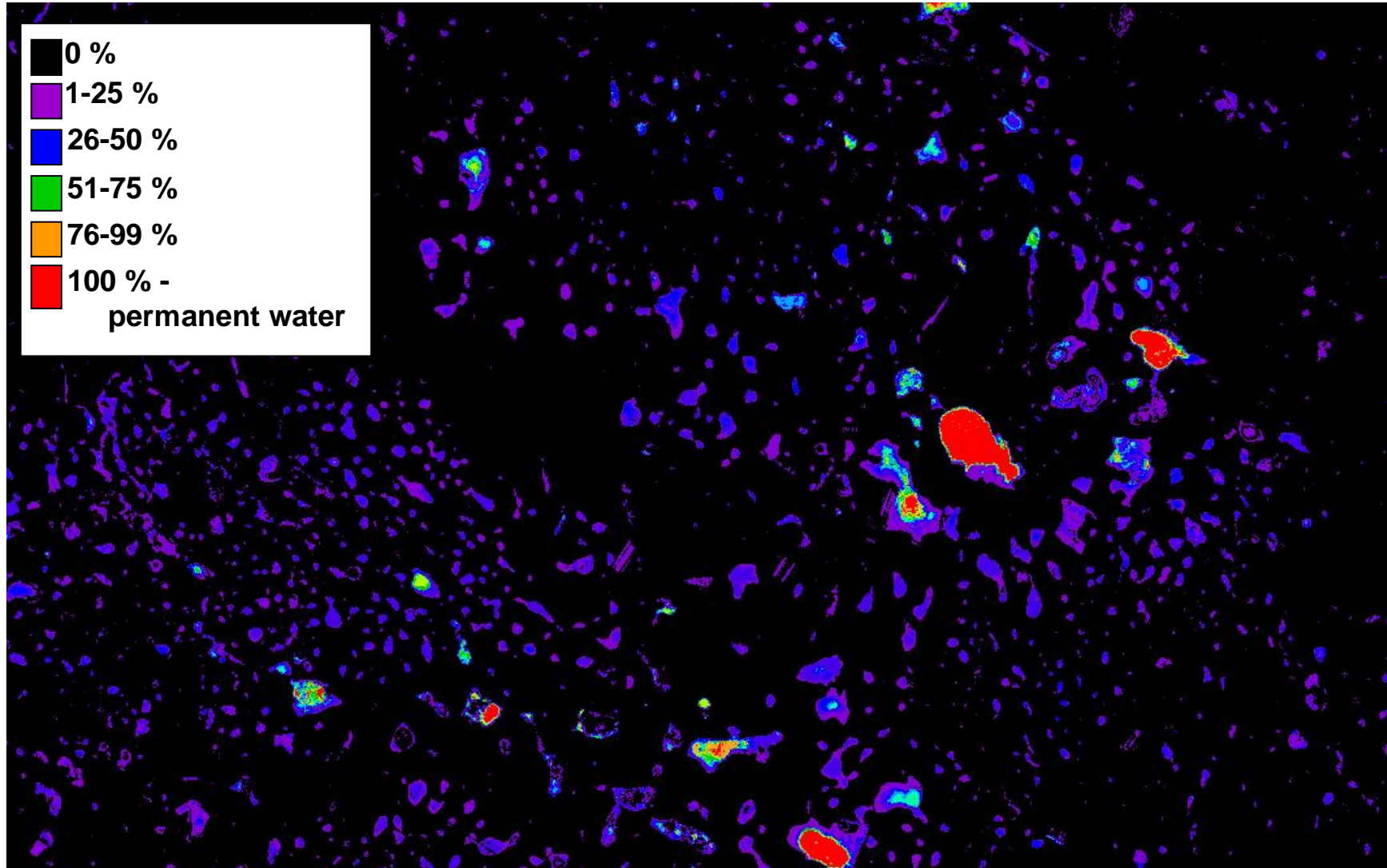
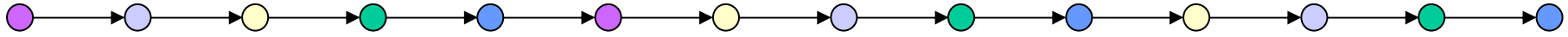


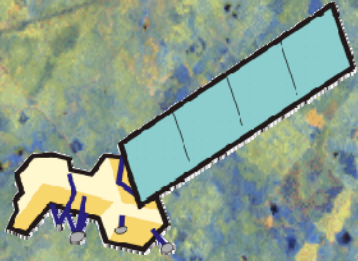
Brightness - Tasseled Cap

Water Masks



Recurrence Maps

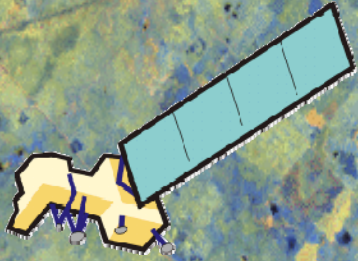




Classification by Spectral Unmixing

The objective of the *spectral unmixing* method is to perform an analysis at the subpixel scale, focusing on determining the percentage of each constituent of the ground cover.

Each spectrum in a spectral dataset can be modeled as a linear combination of a finite number of spectrally distinct signatures (end-members), with coefficients or fractional abundances between 0 and 1 and adding up to one.

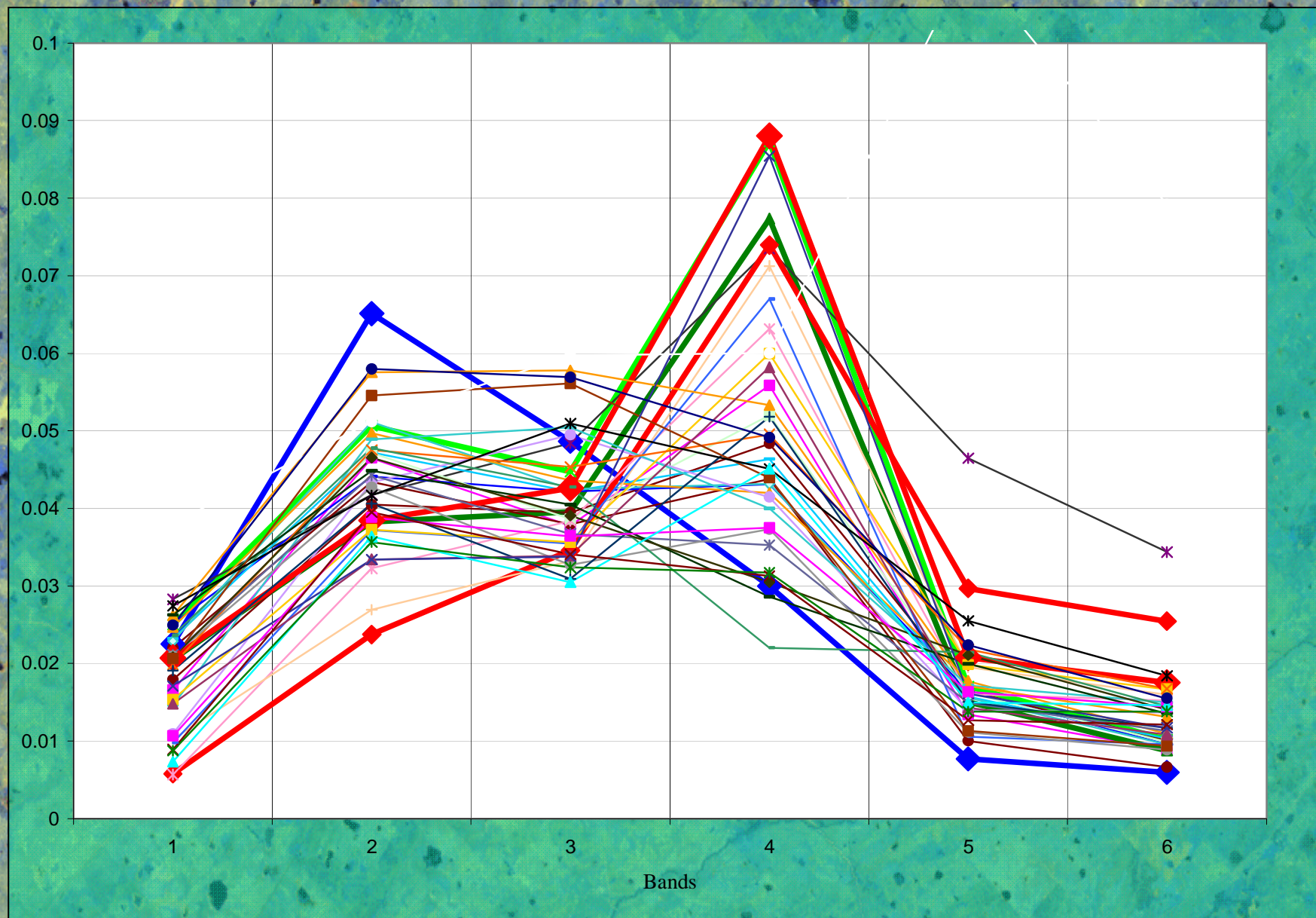


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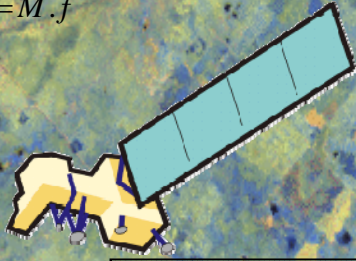
Each pixel in the image is a point or vector in an n -dimensional space, n depending on the number of available bands.

Each constituent of ground cover materials can thus be defined as an end-member (its spectral signature), and it is clear that the election of the most representative end-members in the mixture is key to the desired result.

Classification by Spectral Unmixing



$$r = M \cdot f$$



Classification by Spectral Unmixing

The reflectance value of each pixel is

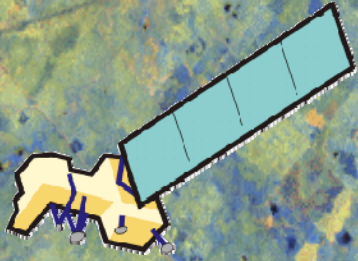
$$r = M \cdot f$$

where r is the reflectance in the pixel, M is a matrix which columns are the signatures of the selected end-members, and f is a vector representing the fraction of each end-member corresponding to the analyzed pixel.

If the matrix is not invertible, a pseudo-inverse shall be computed:

$$M^* = (M M^t)^{-1} M^t$$

which is a least squares fitted solution.



Classification by Spectral Unmixing

A vector of percentages

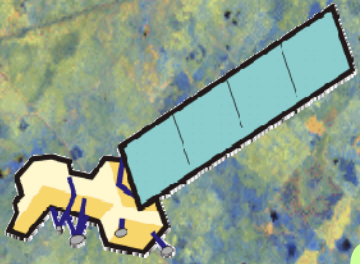
$$f' = M * r$$

can be used for reconstructing the image (pixel by pixel) and obtaining from it the reflectance values

$$r' = M.f.$$

In such a way, the error of the method can be estimated by the quadratic difference

$$e = (r' - r)^2$$



Classification by Spectral Unmixing

Contingency table

| Field Data Categories | Band Categories | | | | Total |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----|---|---|-------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 20 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Total | 5 | 16 | 6 | 6 | 33 |



Classification by Spectral Unmixing

Principal components analysis

| Variable | Comp1 | Comp2 | % reconstruction of each variable in the plane |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| BAND 2 | - 0.69970 | 0.18315 | 52.31 |
| BAND 4 | 0.73597 | - 0.16958 | 57.04 |
| CHLOROPHILL. | 0.89717 | - 0.22452 | 85.53 |
| TOTAL SOLIDS | 0.93425 | 0.20324 | 91.41 |
| FIXED SOLIDS | 0.89679 | 0.21089 | 84.86 |
| FILTERED SOLIDS | 0.77242 | 0.48022 | 82.72 |
| SECCHI DEPTH | - 0.79546 | 0.42759 | 81.55 |

Artificial Neural Network Models



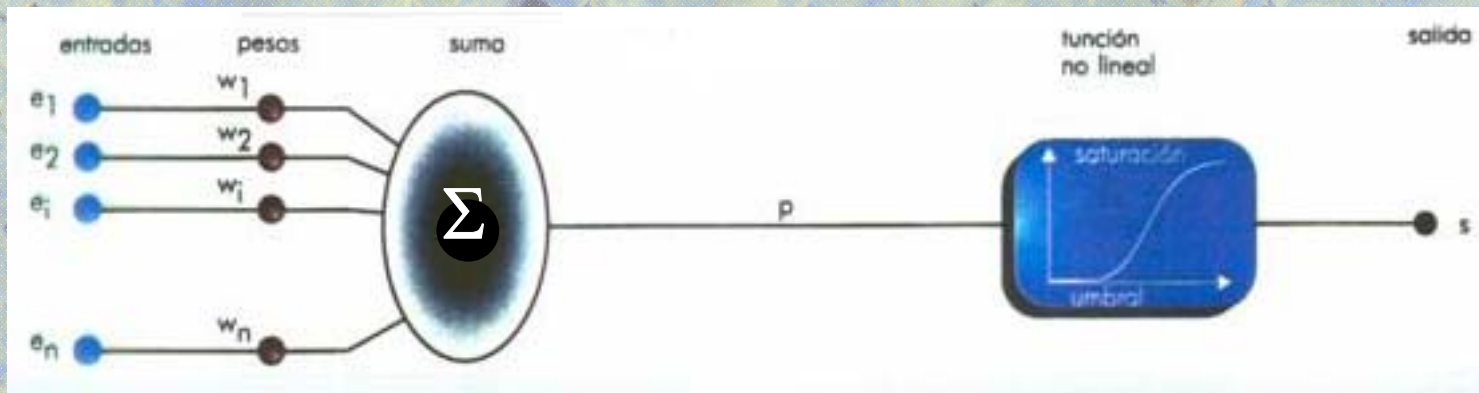
- **An Artificial Neural Network is an approximation model of the “black box” type.**
- **It imitates the learning process of a human brain.**
- **They are adequate for complex systems that involve non-linearities**
- **They can handle large numbers of variables.**
- **They have great predictive capacity and can ignore intrinsic noise in measurements.**

Artificial Neural Network Models

ARCHITECTURE of an ANN MODEL

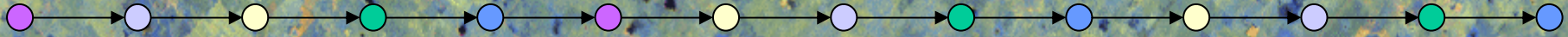
Non-linear elements (neurons) forming layers.

Each neuron computes the weighted addition of its input values and generates an activation function which is a function of the inputs it has received.



A commonly used activation function is the logistic sigmoid function which has its range in the interval $(0, 1)$ and is used to normalize the response of output nodes (neurons).

Artificial Neural Network Models

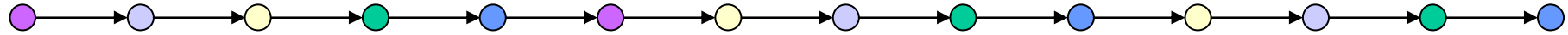


We use a “forward feed” ANN called Multilayer Perceptron and it is trained using a *Back Propagation (BP)* algorithm.

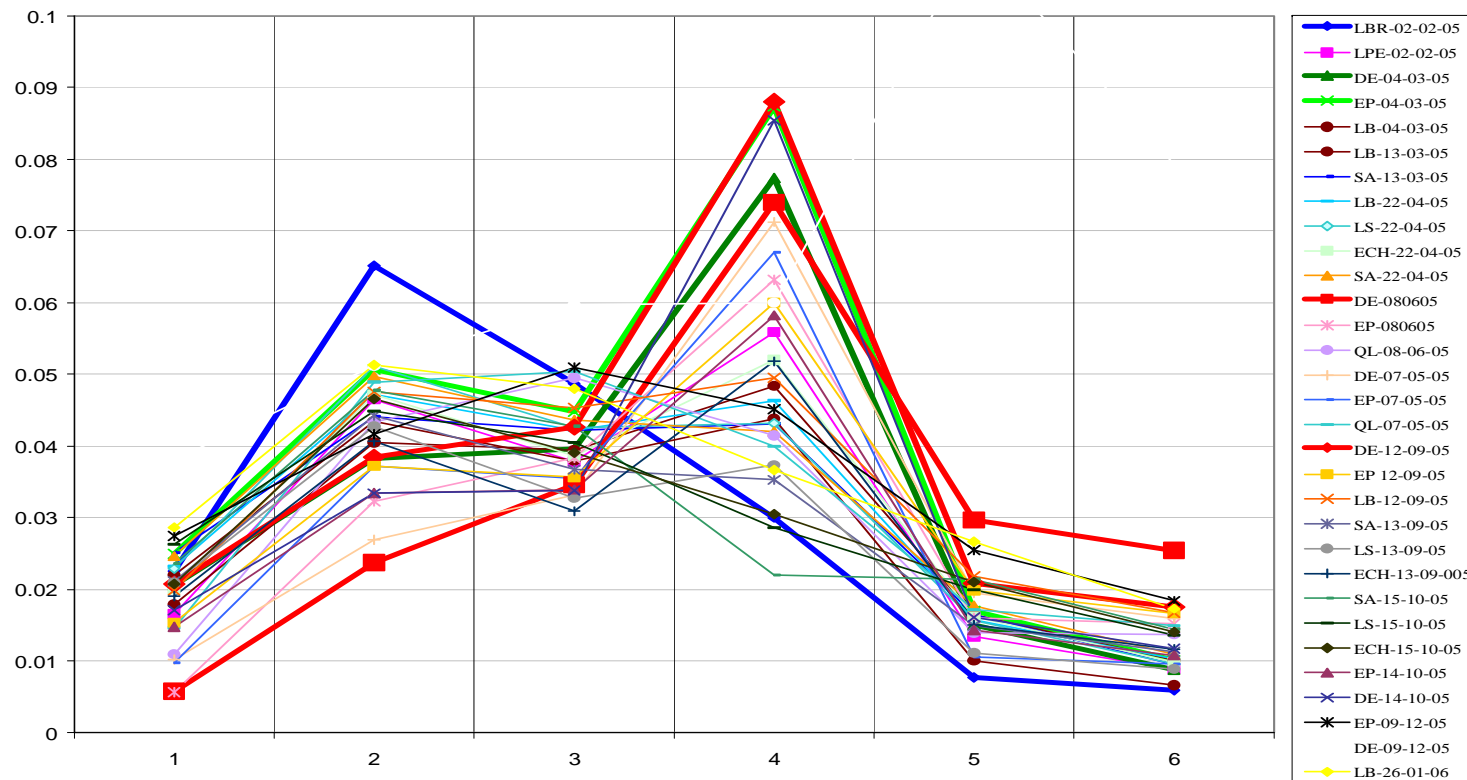
The ANN is fed with an input data set and the corresponding output.

First the input is given and the calculations through the network yield the output, then the error in the output is computed, and finally the weights in the network are updated.

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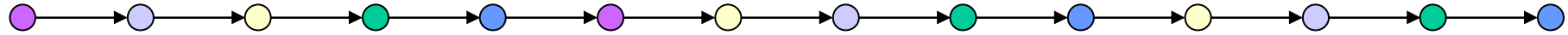


Automatic preprocessing of satellite images using classification of field data and spectral signatures

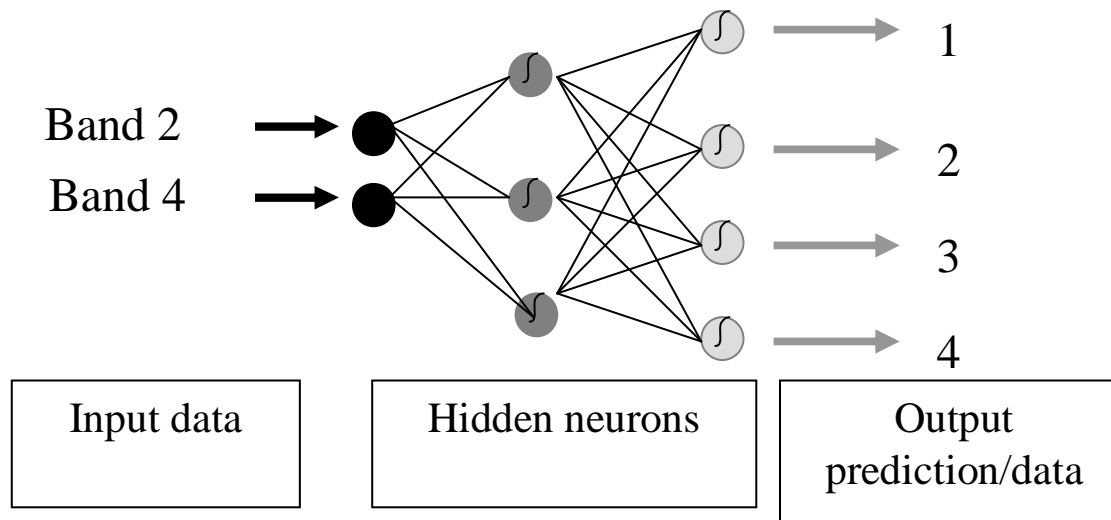


Spectral signatures of La Barrancosa (LB), Quilla Lauquen (QL), San Antonio (SA), La Salada (LS), El chifle (ECH), Del Estado (DE), La Brava (LBR) and El Paraíso (EP) at different dates.

Artificial Neural Network Models

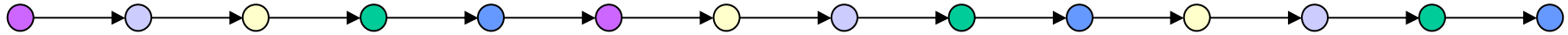


**Construction of an ANN model for obtaining a ponderation of Bands 1 to 5
(visible and near infrared spectrum)
of LANDSAT 5 TM and LANDSAT 7 ETM+**

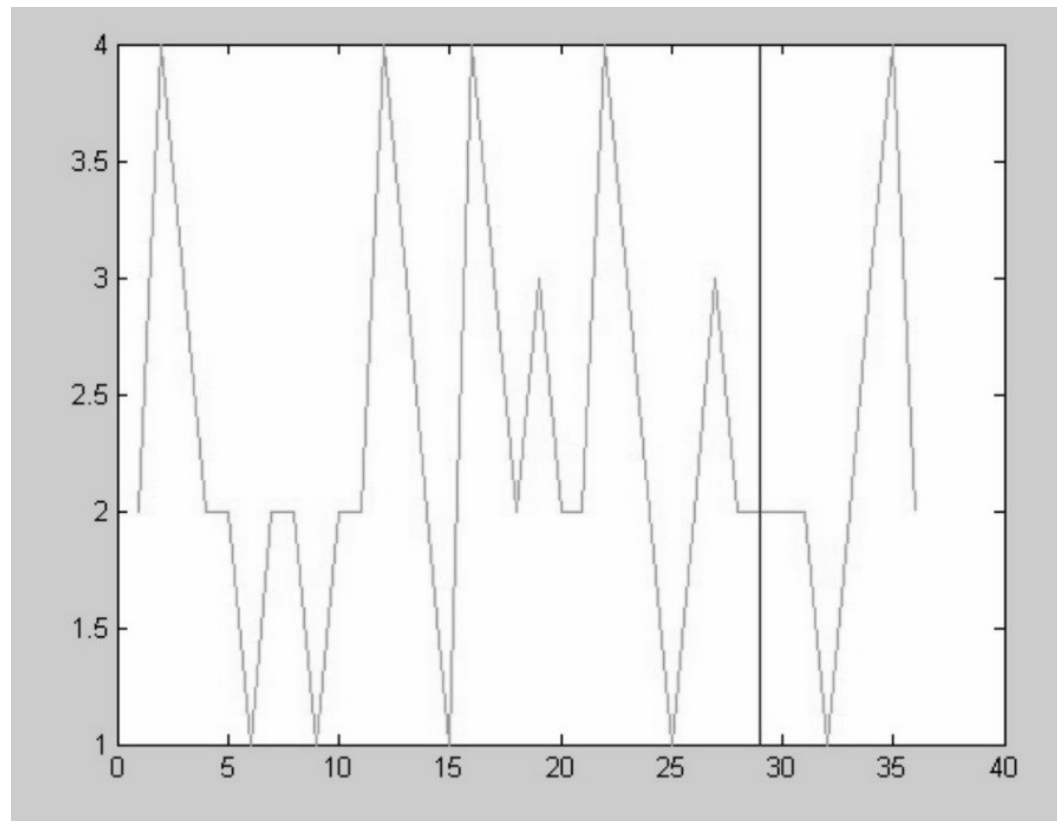


Classification architecture.

Artificial Neural Network Models

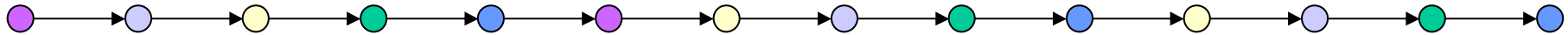


Clasification of shallow lakes based on their spectral signature as a function of their turbidity



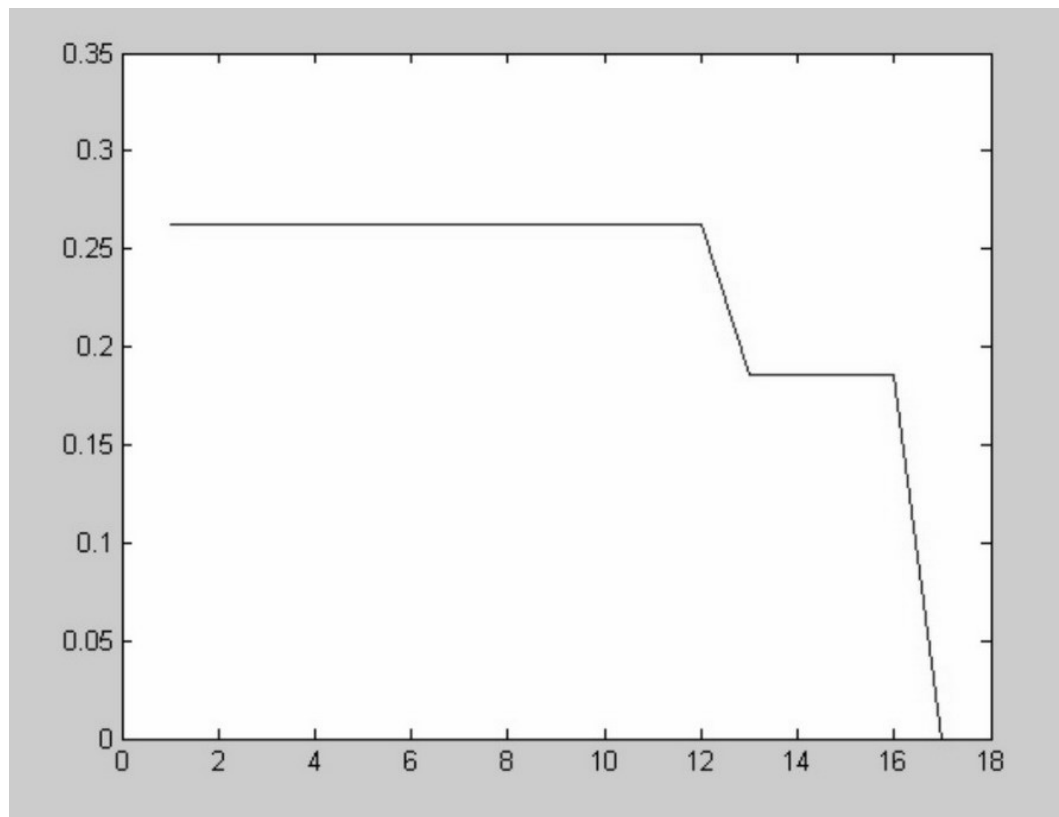
The predicted output is 100% accurate

Artificial Neural Network Models



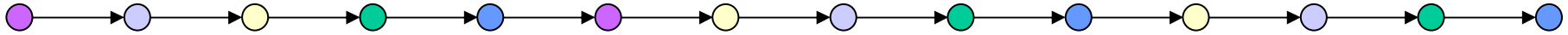
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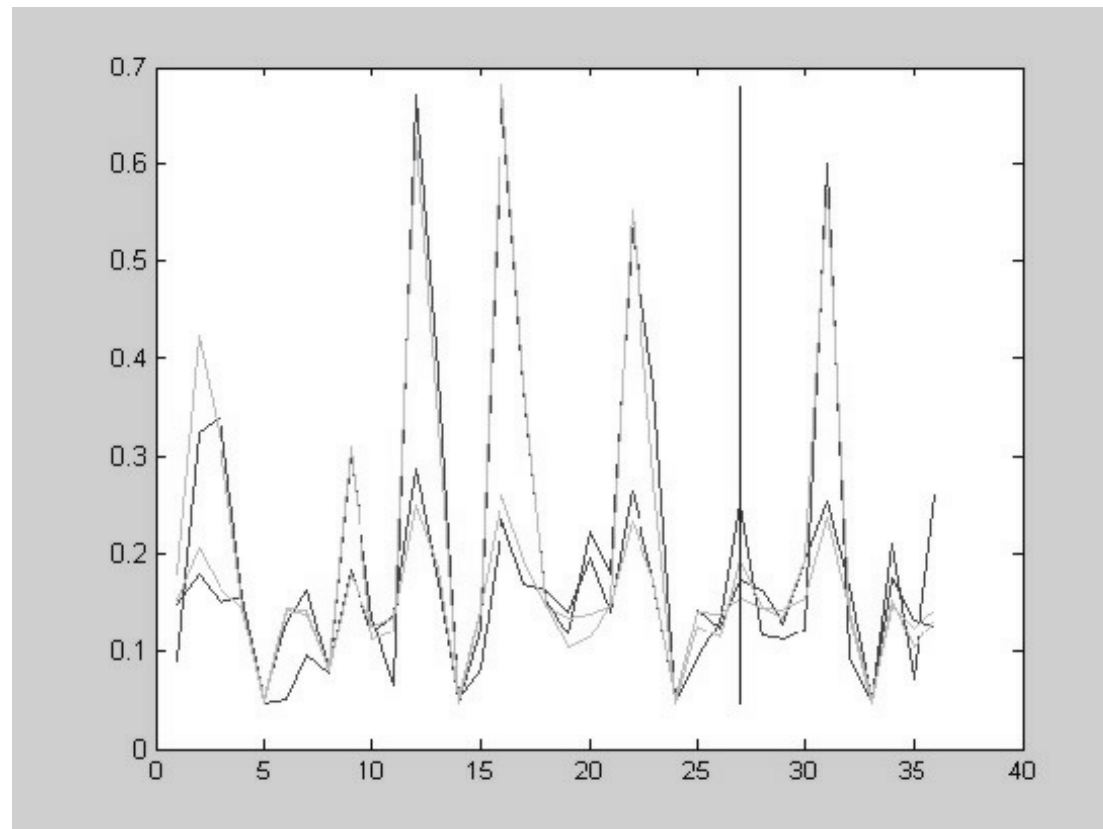


Accuracy is obtained very fast

Artificial Neural Network Models

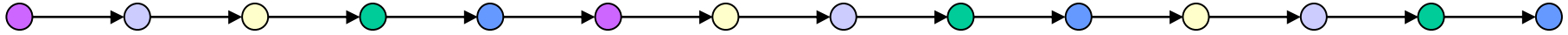


Determination of Total Solids and Chlorophyll-a

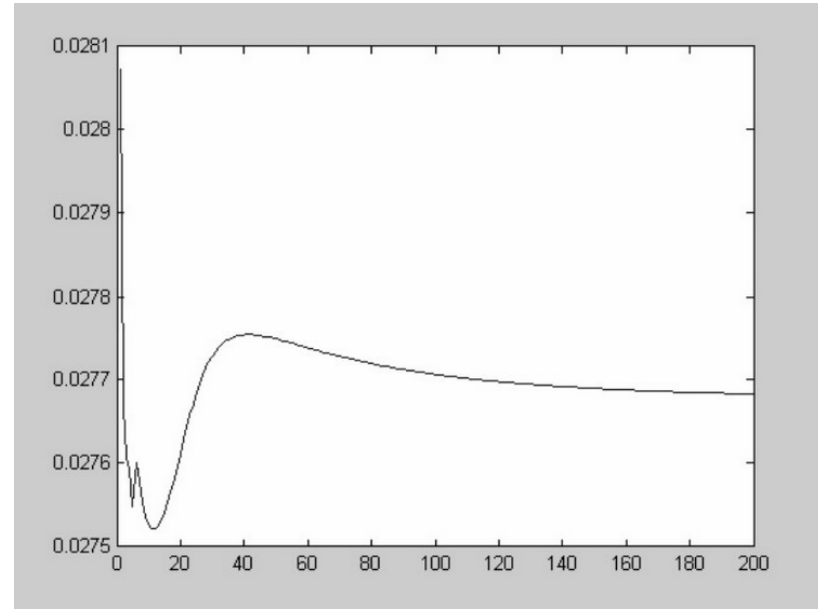
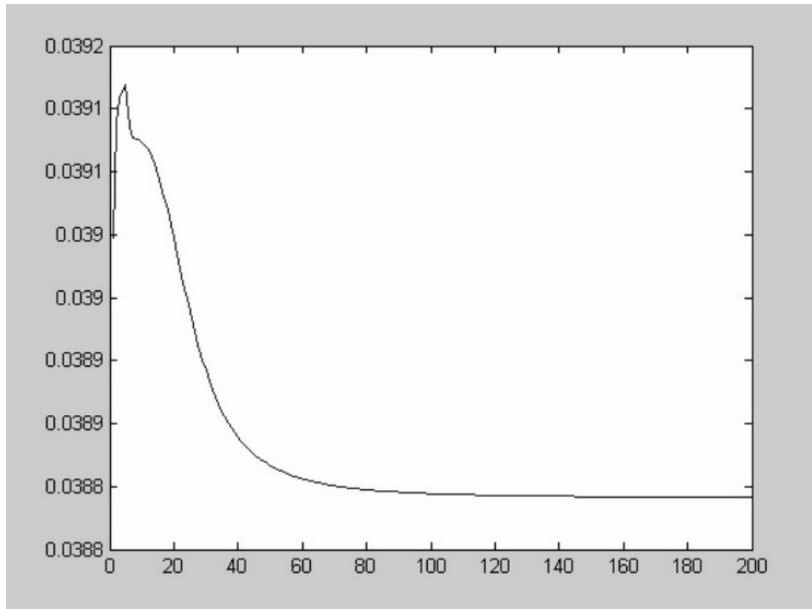


Total Solids (1/1000 mg/l) and Chlorophyll (1/1000 mg/m³) concentrations, when ANN runs are performed using both sets together, measured (black lines) and obtained from the ANN model (gray lines)

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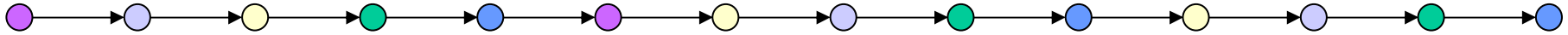


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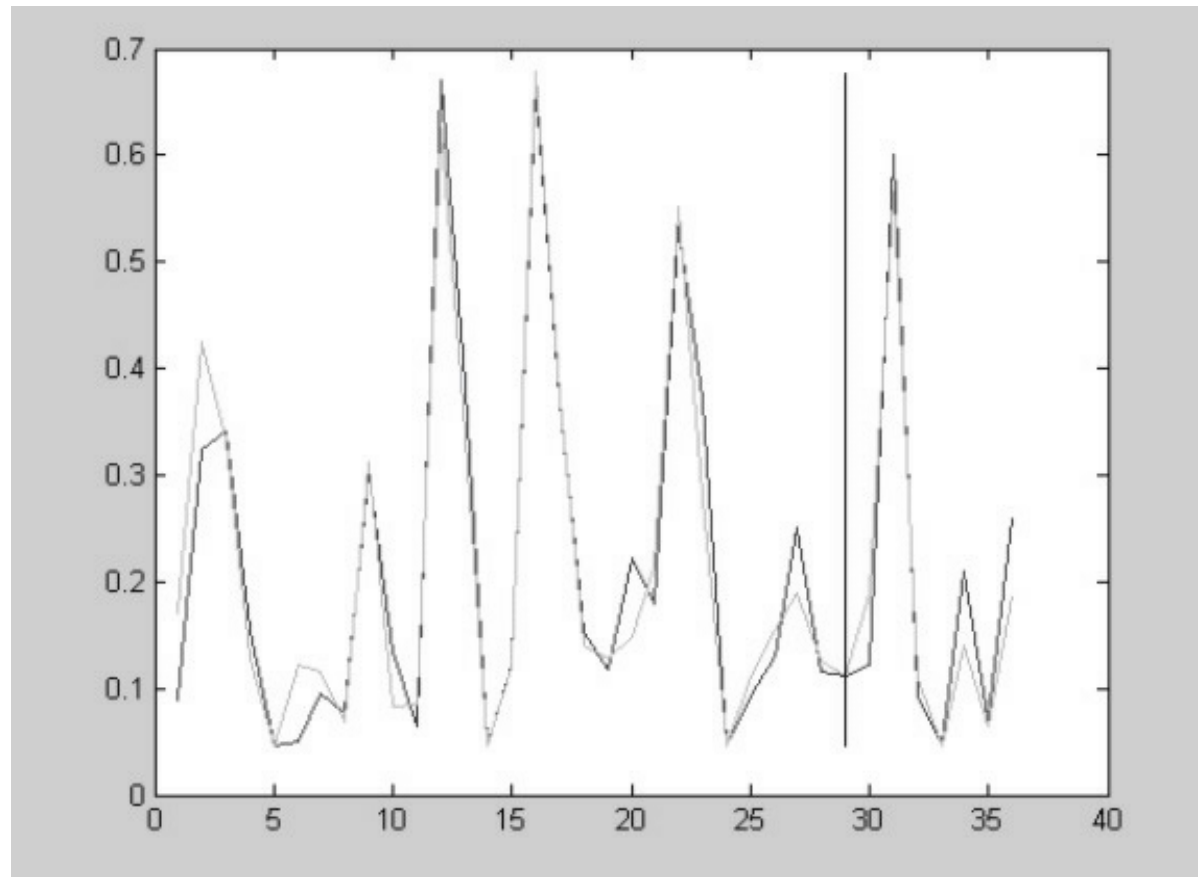


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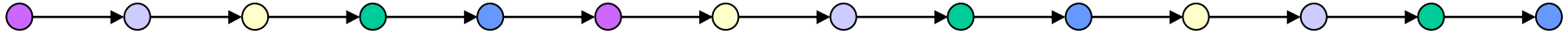


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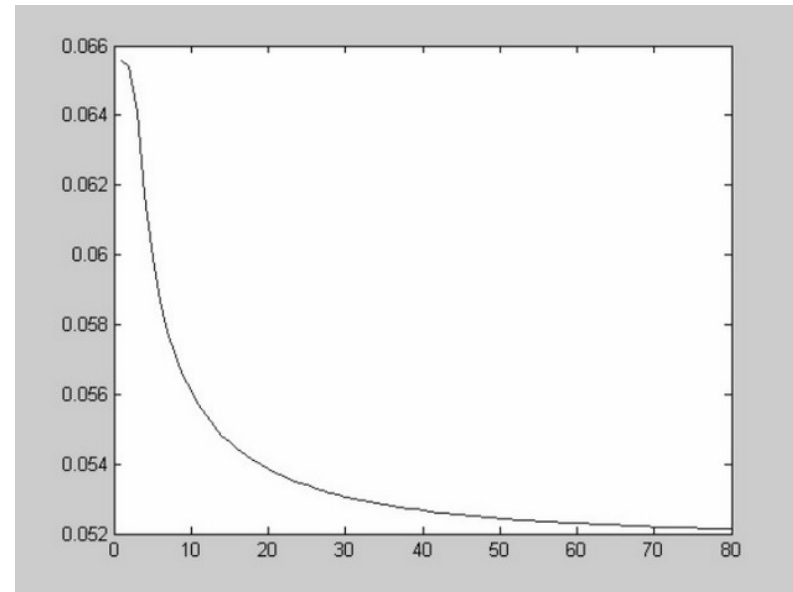
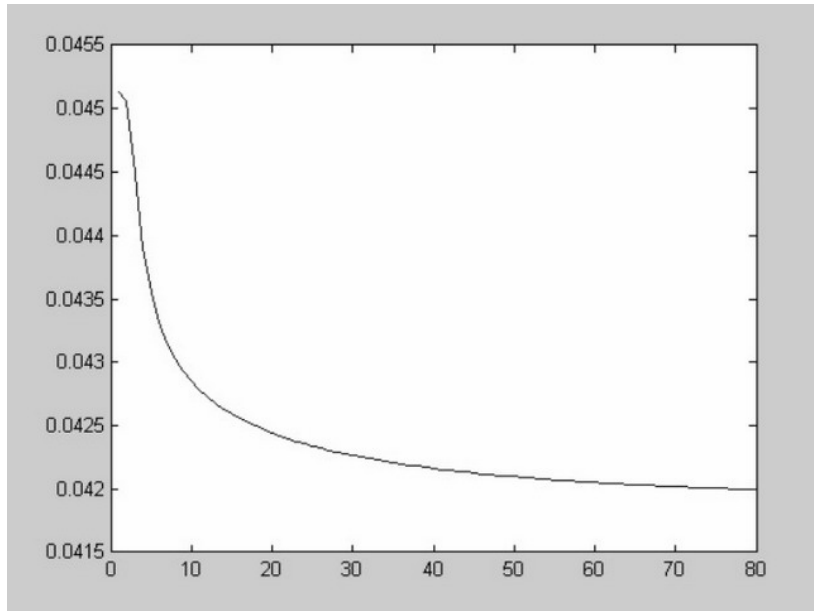


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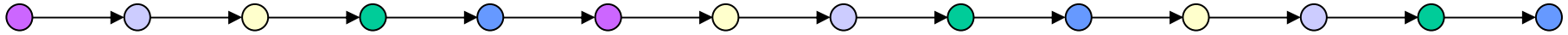


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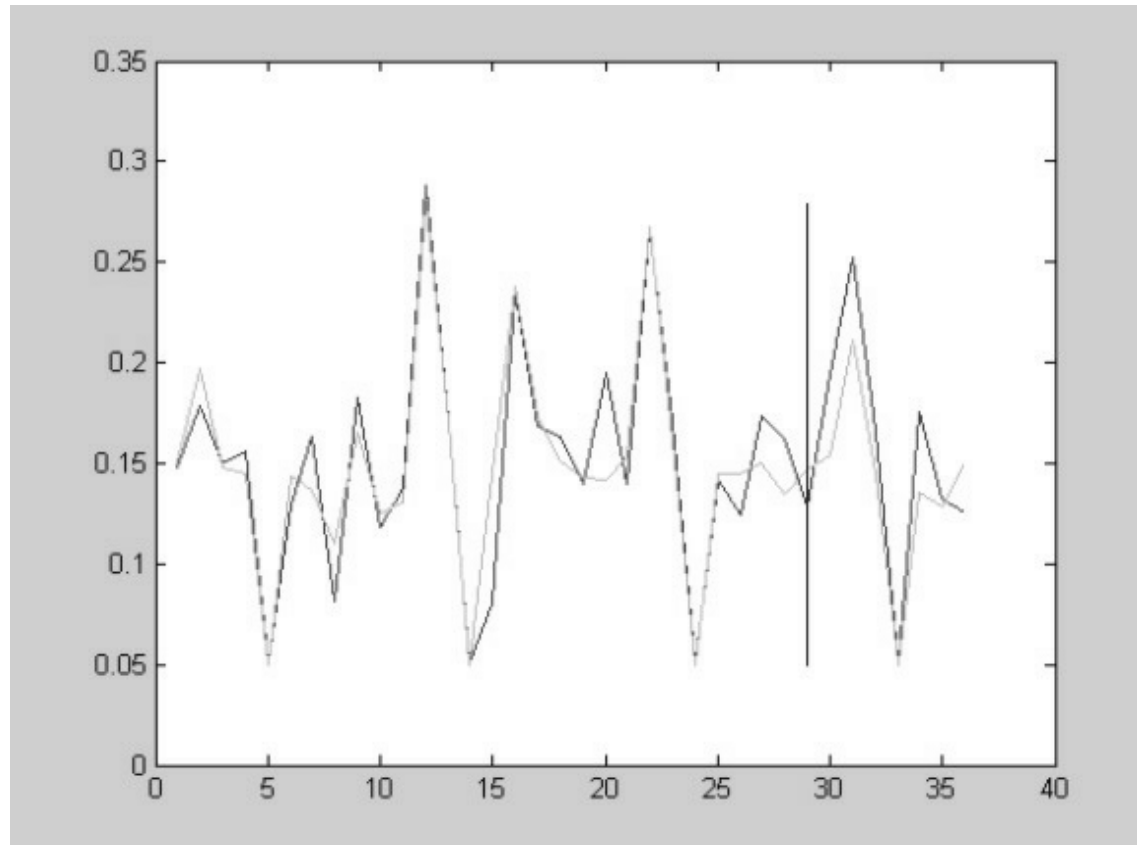


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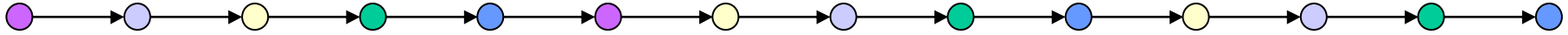


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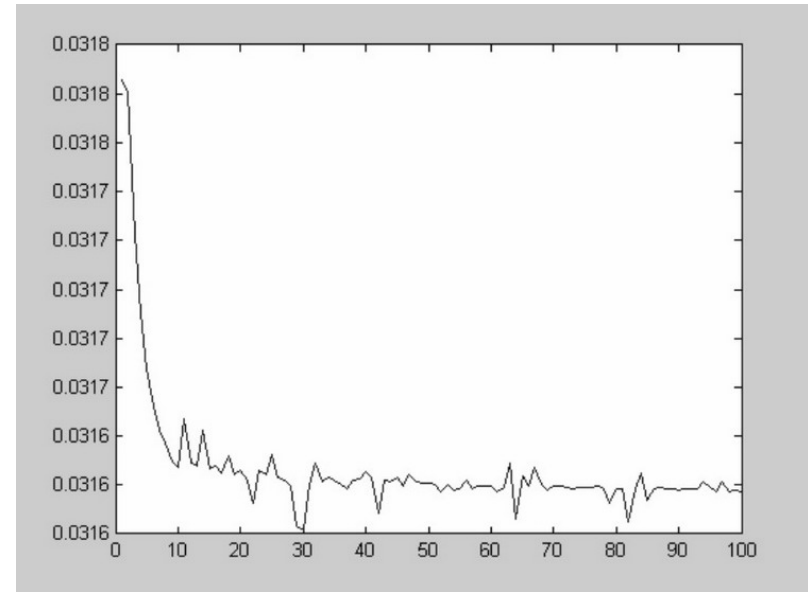
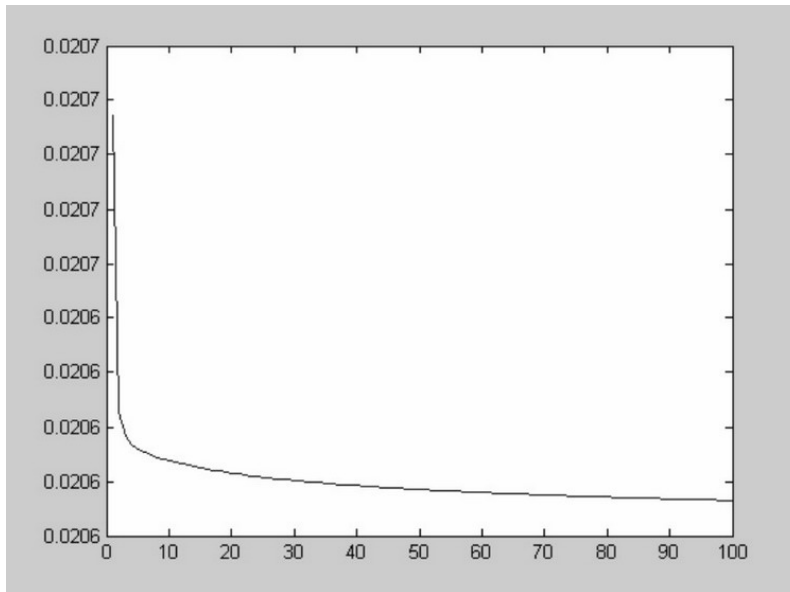


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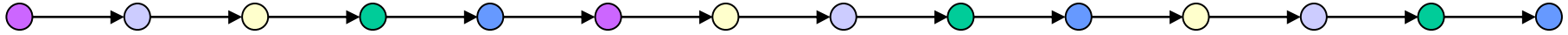


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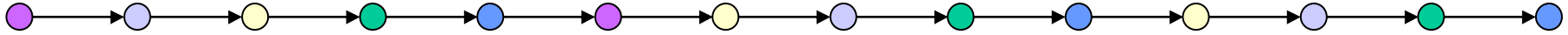


Validation of results

| | Random Sample | La Barrancosa | San Antonio | Chifle – La Salada | Chifle – El Paraiso |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Median Total Solids | 1624 mg/l | 1624 mg/l | 1396 mg/l | 1849-1249 mg/l | 1849-1700 mg/l |
| Absolute learning error | 200 mg/l | 224 mg/l | 216 mg/l | 170 mg/l | 156 mg/l |
| Absolute predicting error | 320 mg/l | 205 mg/l | 217 mg/l | 357 mg/l | 821 mg/l |
| Mean square error | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| Determination coefficient | 0.94 | 0.87 | 0.87 | 0.87 | 0.79 |

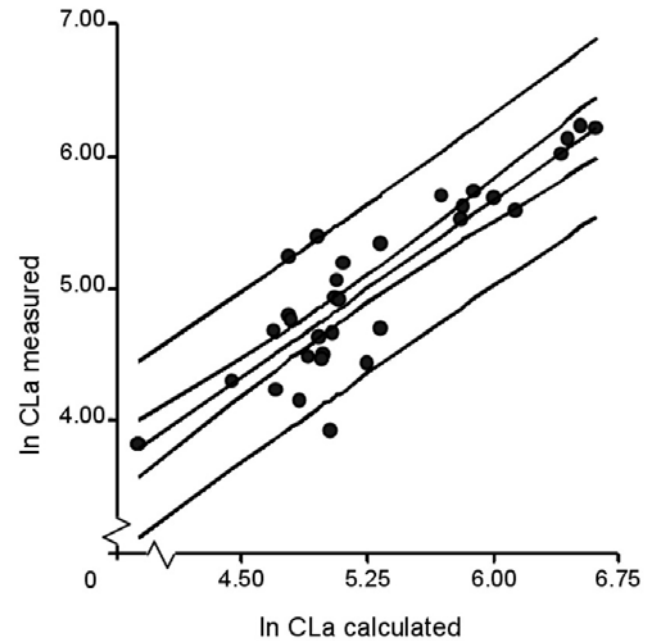
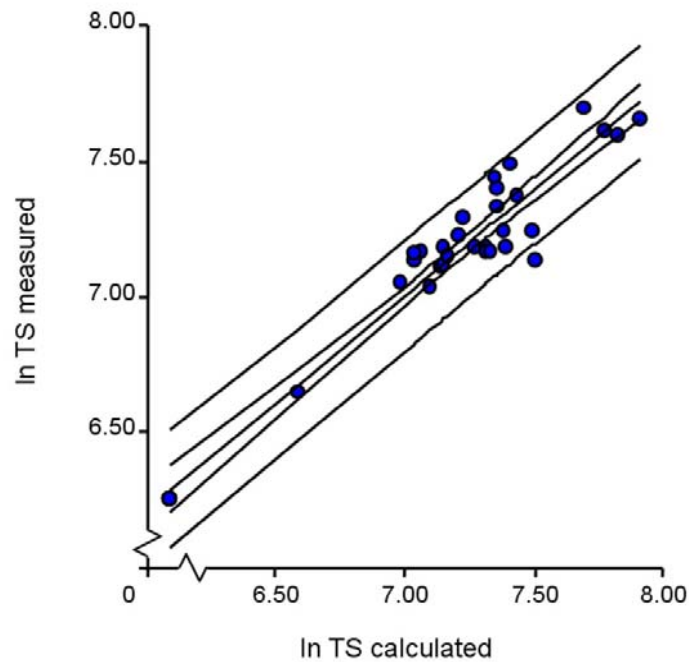
| | Random Sample | La Barrancosa | San Antonio | Chifle – La Salada | El Paraiso |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Median chlorophyll-a | 153.5 mg/m ³ | 95.7 mg/m ³ | 94.0 mg/m ³ | 216-132 Mg/m ³ | 369 mg/m ³ |
| Absolute learning error | 42 mg/m ³ | 42 mg/m ³ | 42 mg/m ³ | 37 mg/m ³ | 45 mg/m ³ |
| Absolute predicting error | 52 mg/m ³ | 48 mg/m ³ | 63 mg/m ³ | 74 mg/m ³ | 182 mg/m ³ |
| Mean square error | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.16 |
| Determination coefficient | 0.86 | 0.89 | 0.88 | 0.87 | 0.77 |

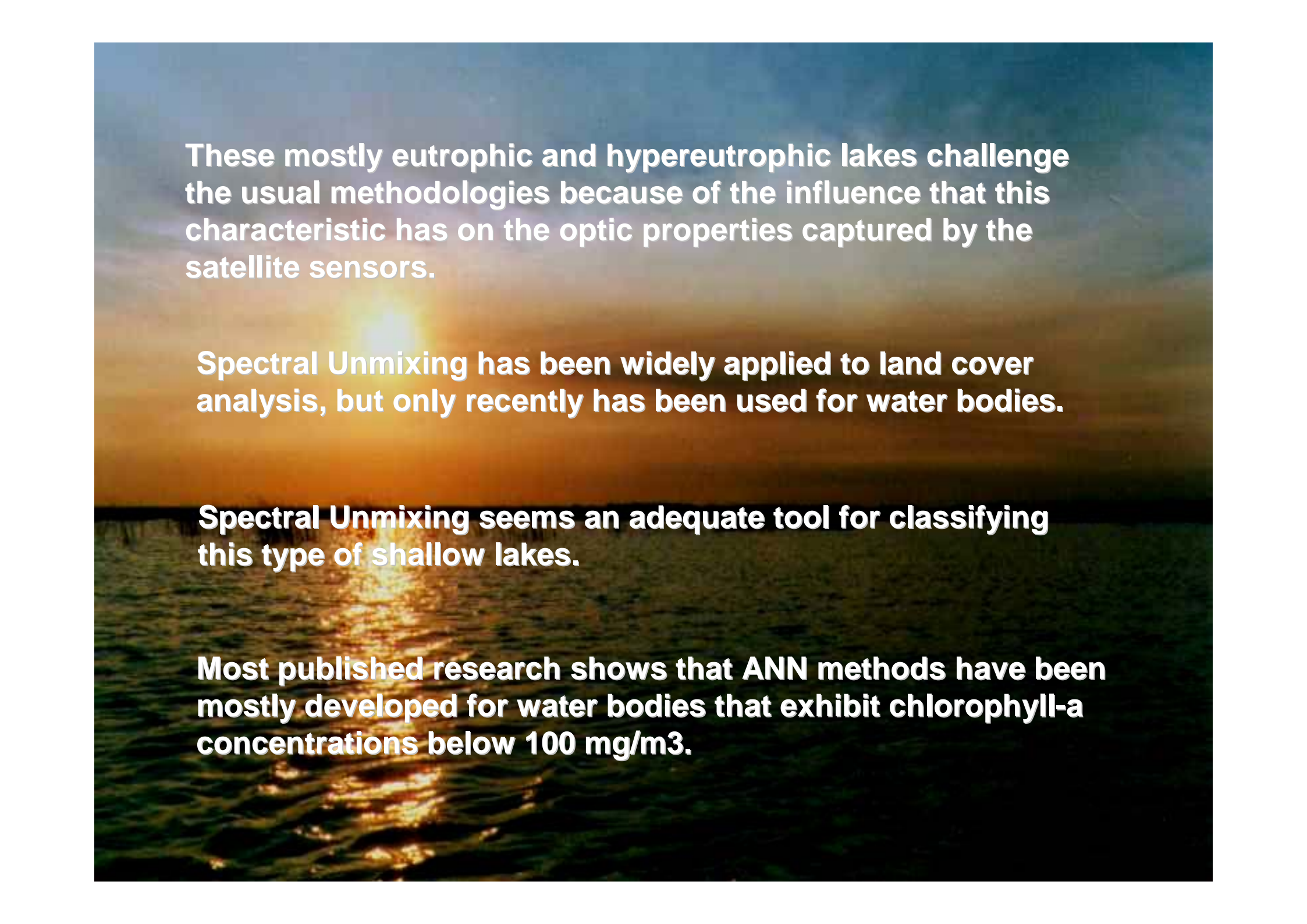
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Validation of results

Regression analysis of measured and calculated total solids and chlorophyll-a with confidence and prediction bands



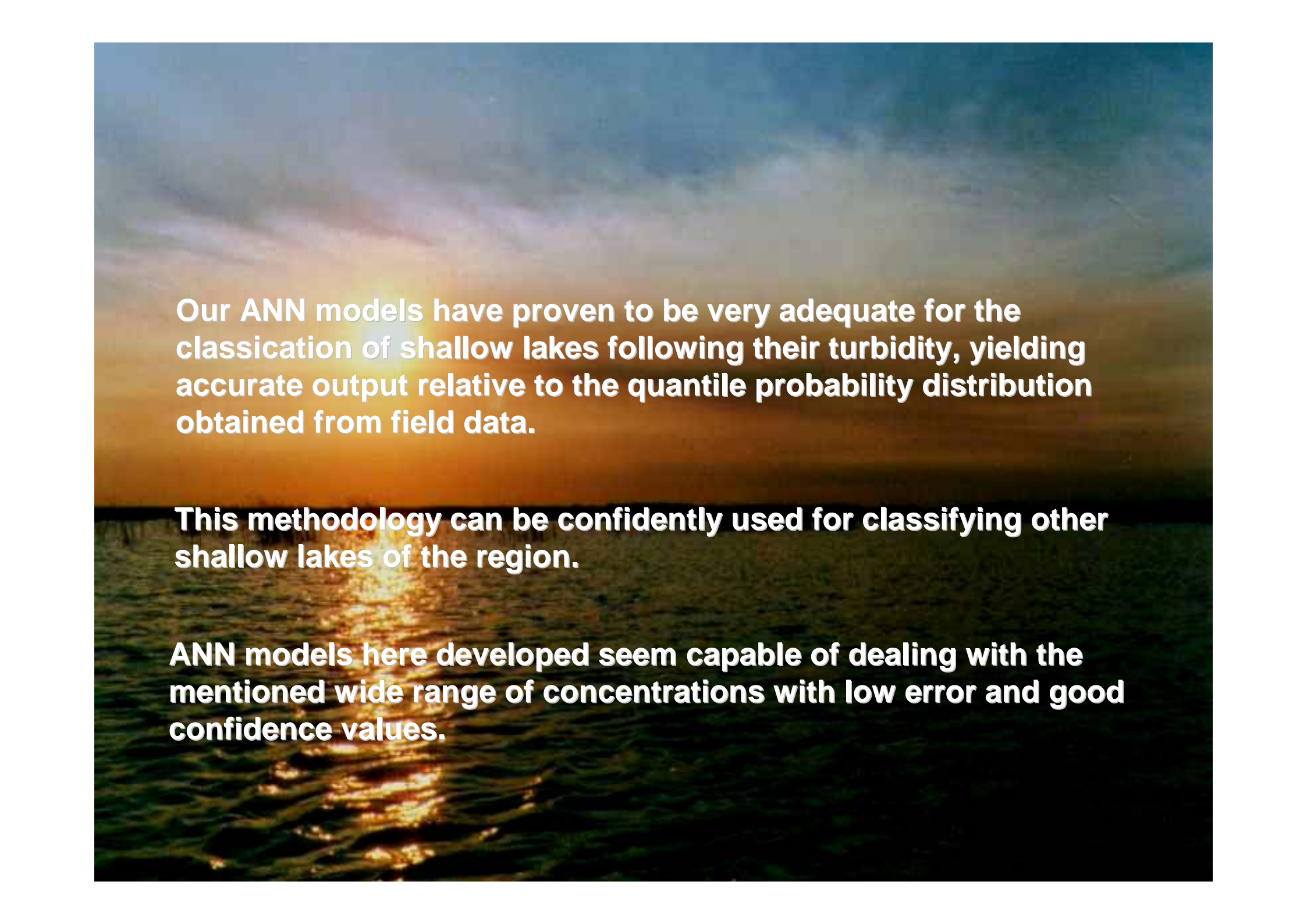
A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a clear blue at the top. The water is dark green with ripples, and the reflection of the sun is a prominent feature in the center.

These mostly eutrophic and hypereutrophic lakes challenge the usual methodologies because of the influence that this characteristic has on the optic properties captured by the satellite sensors.

Spectral Unmixing has been widely applied to land cover analysis, but only recently has been used for water bodies.

Spectral Unmixing seems an adequate tool for classifying this type of shallow lakes.

Most published research shows that ANN methods have been mostly developed for water bodies that exhibit chlorophyll-a concentrations below 100 mg/m³.

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a pale blue at the top. The water is dark green with ripples, and the reflection of the sun is a prominent, shimmering path of light.

Our ANN models have proven to be very adequate for the classification of shallow lakes following their turbidity, yielding accurate output relative to the quantile probability distribution obtained from field data.

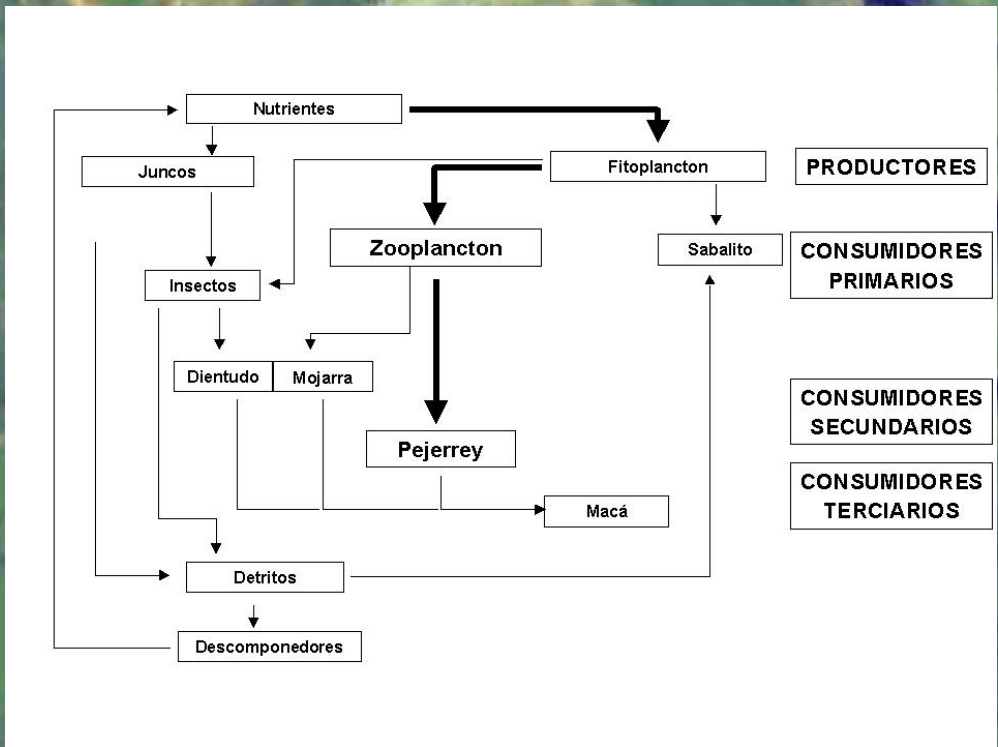
This methodology can be confidently used for classifying other shallow lakes of the region.

ANN models here developed seem capable of dealing with the mentioned wide range of concentrations with low error and good confidence values.



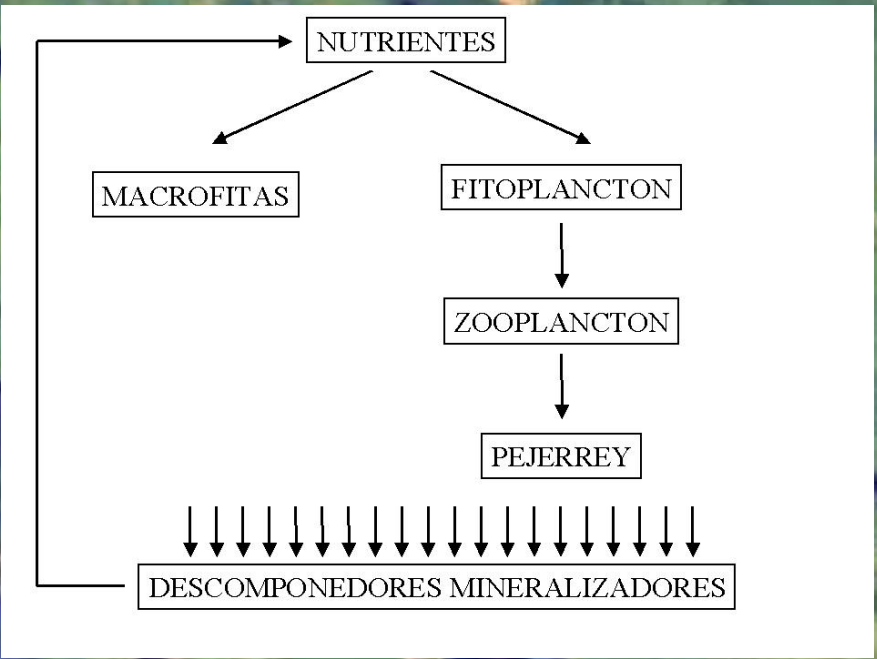
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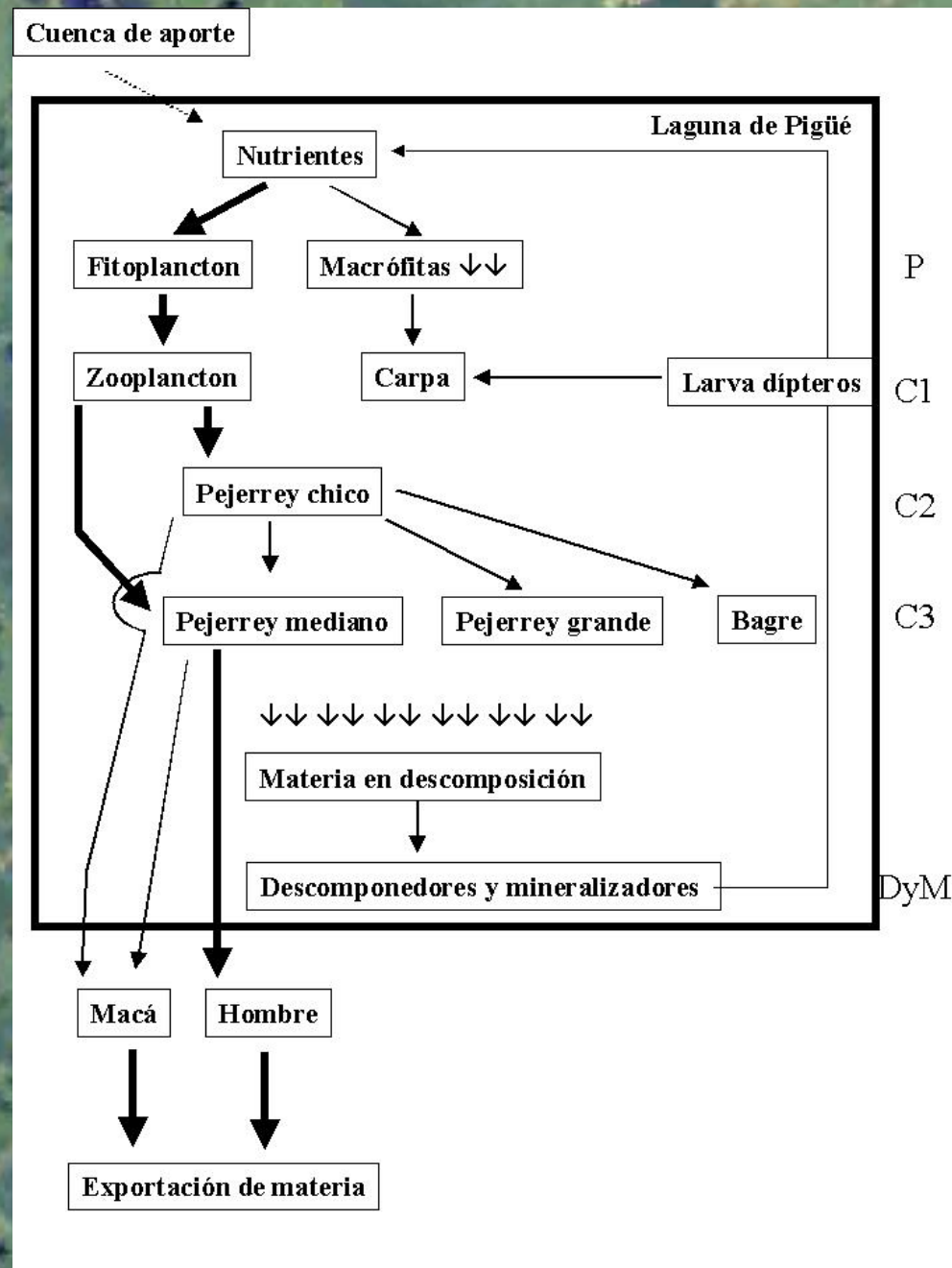


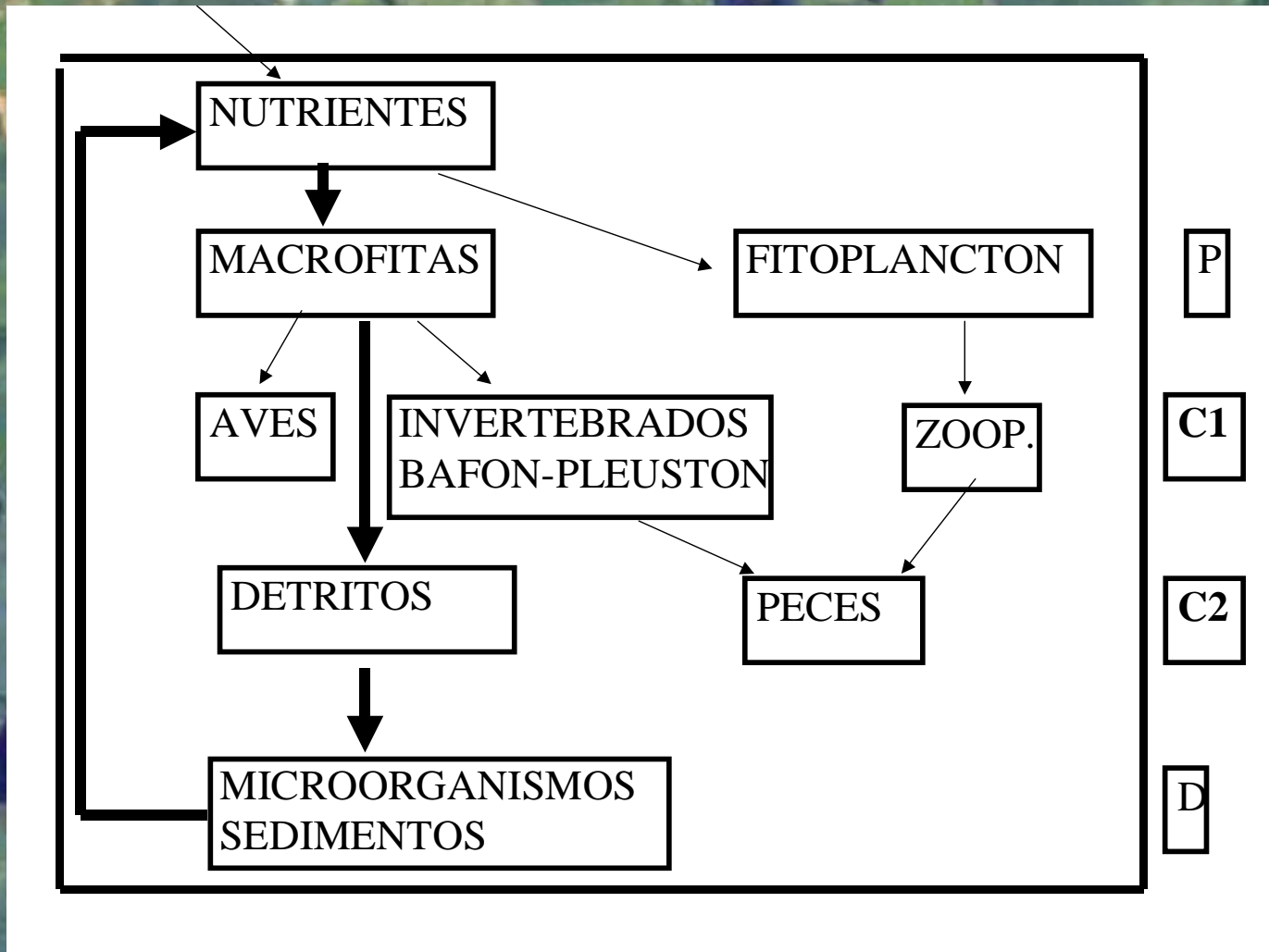
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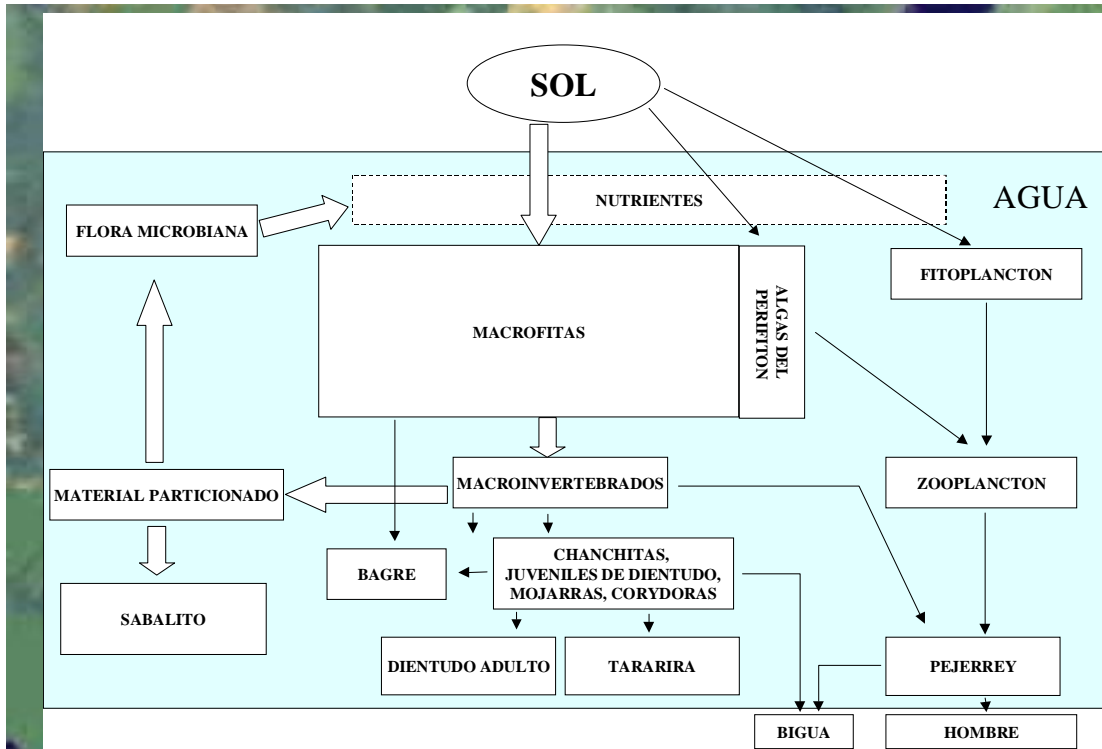


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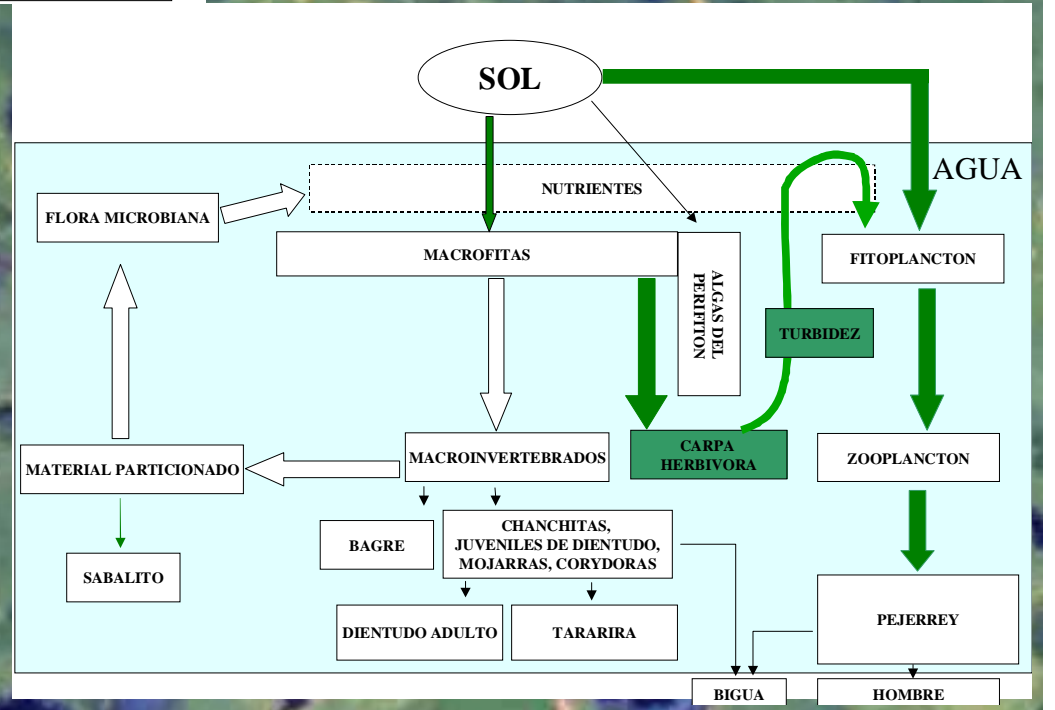




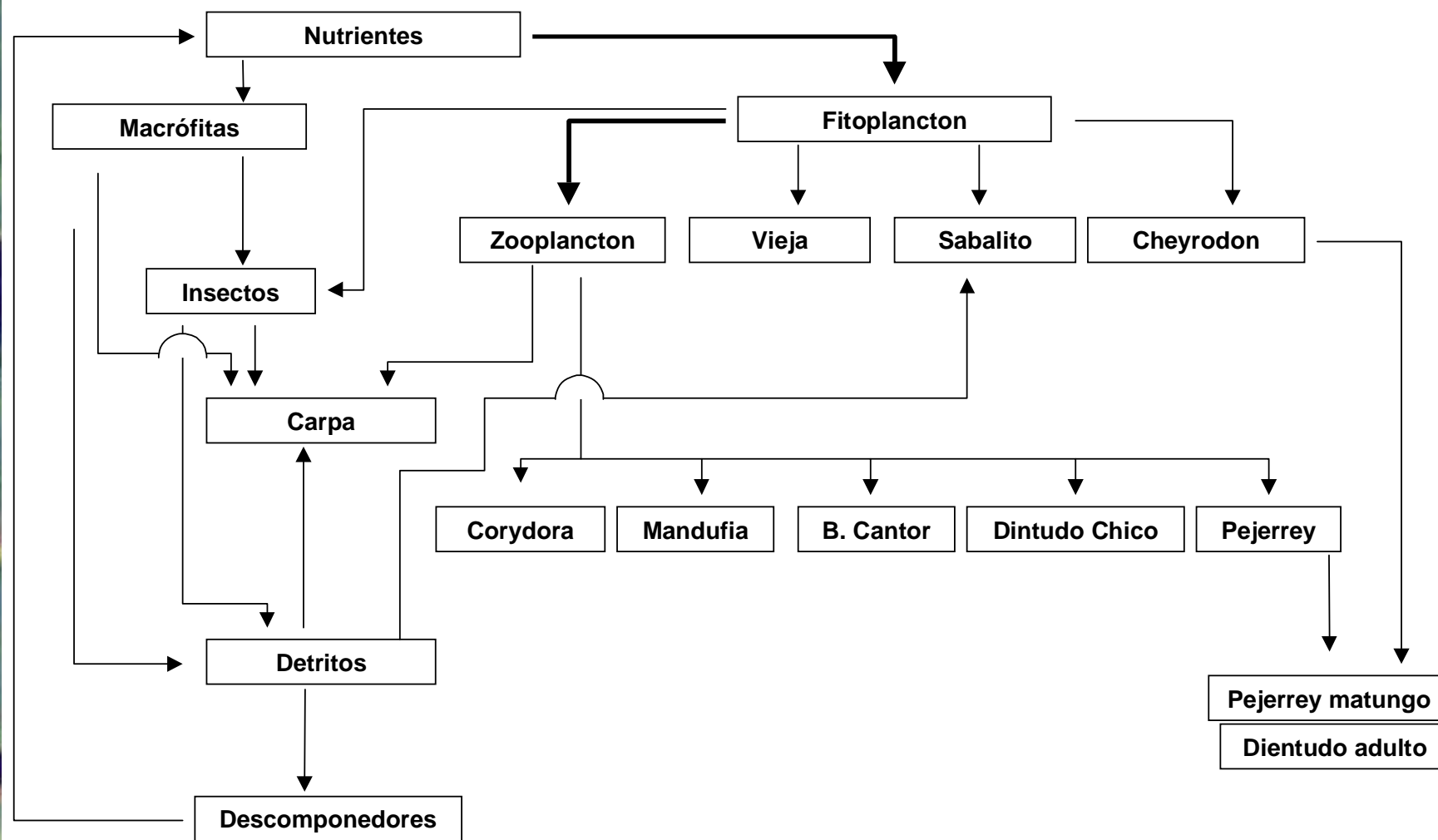
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