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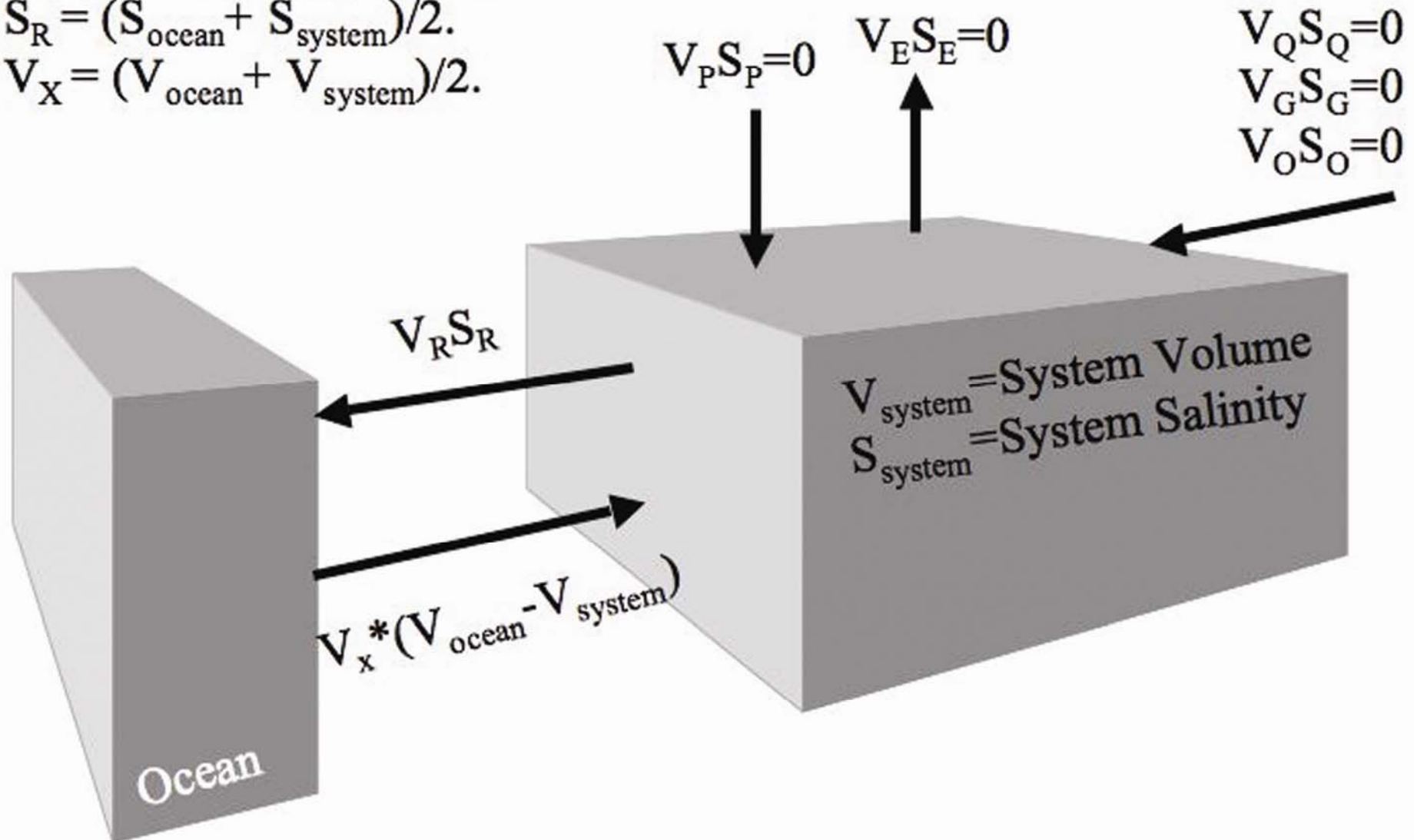
## Box Model Schematic

$$V_{\text{ocean}} - V_{\text{system}} = V_E - (V_P + V_Q + V_G + V_O)$$

$$V_R S_R = V_X (S_{\text{ocean}} - S_{\text{system}})$$

$$S_R = (S_{\text{ocean}} + S_{\text{system}})/2.$$

$$V_X = (V_{\text{ocean}} + V_{\text{system}})/2.$$



# Box Models

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**Box Models**

**One Dimensional (Vertical) Models**

**Three Dimensional Models**

## Box Model

$$\frac{dB_i}{dt} = S_i$$

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$$\frac{dB_N}{dt} = S_N$$

$$S_{[\text{NO}_3]} = -\tau_{\text{Phyt}_{\text{gmax}}} \text{Phyt} L_{\text{NO}_3} + \tau_{\text{nitri}} [\text{NH}_4];$$


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$$S_{[\text{NH}_4]} = -\tau_{\text{Phyt}_{\text{gmax}}} \text{Phyt} L_{\text{NH}_4} - \tau_{\text{nitri}} [\text{NH}_4] + \tau_{\text{Zoo}_{\text{bresp}}} \text{Zoo} + \\ \tau_{\text{SDET}_{\text{remin}}} \text{SDET} + \tau_{\text{LDET}_{\text{remin}}} \text{LDET};$$


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$$S_{\text{SDET}} = \tau_{\text{Zoo}_{\text{gmax}}} \text{Zoo}(1 - \beta) \frac{\text{Phyt}}{K_{\text{Phyt}} + \text{Phyt}} + \tau_{\text{Phyt}_{\text{mort}}} \text{Phyt} - \\ \tau_{\text{coag}} \text{SDET} (\text{PHYT} + \text{SDET}) - \tau_{\text{SDET}_{\text{remin}}} \text{SDET};$$


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$$S_{\text{LDET}} = \tau_{\text{coag}} (\text{Phyt} + \text{SDET})^2 - \tau_{\text{LDET}_{\text{remin}}} \text{LDET};$$


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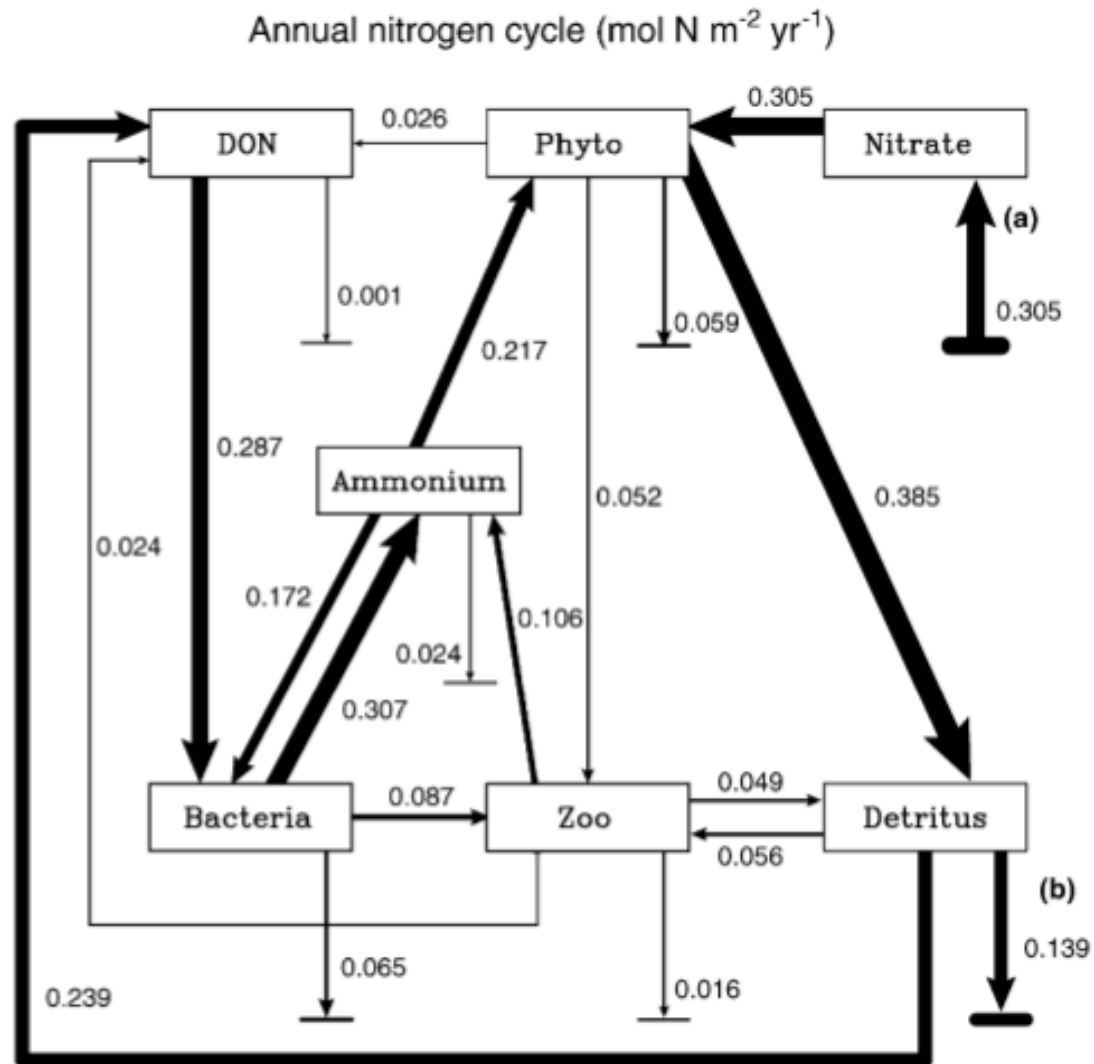
$$S_{\text{Phyt}} = \tau_{\text{Phyt}_{\text{gmax}}} \text{Phyt} L - \tau_{\text{Zoo}_{\text{gmax}}} \text{Zoo} \frac{\text{Phyt}}{K_{\text{Phyt}} + \text{Phyt}} - \\ \tau_{\text{Phyt}_{\text{mort}}} \text{Phyt} - \tau_{\text{coag}} \text{Phyt} (\text{Phyt} + \text{SDET});$$


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$$S_{\theta} = L \tau_{\text{Phyt}_{\text{max}}} \theta \left( \frac{V_P L \theta_{\text{max}}}{V_P^2 + (\alpha \theta \text{PAR})^2} - 1 \right)$$

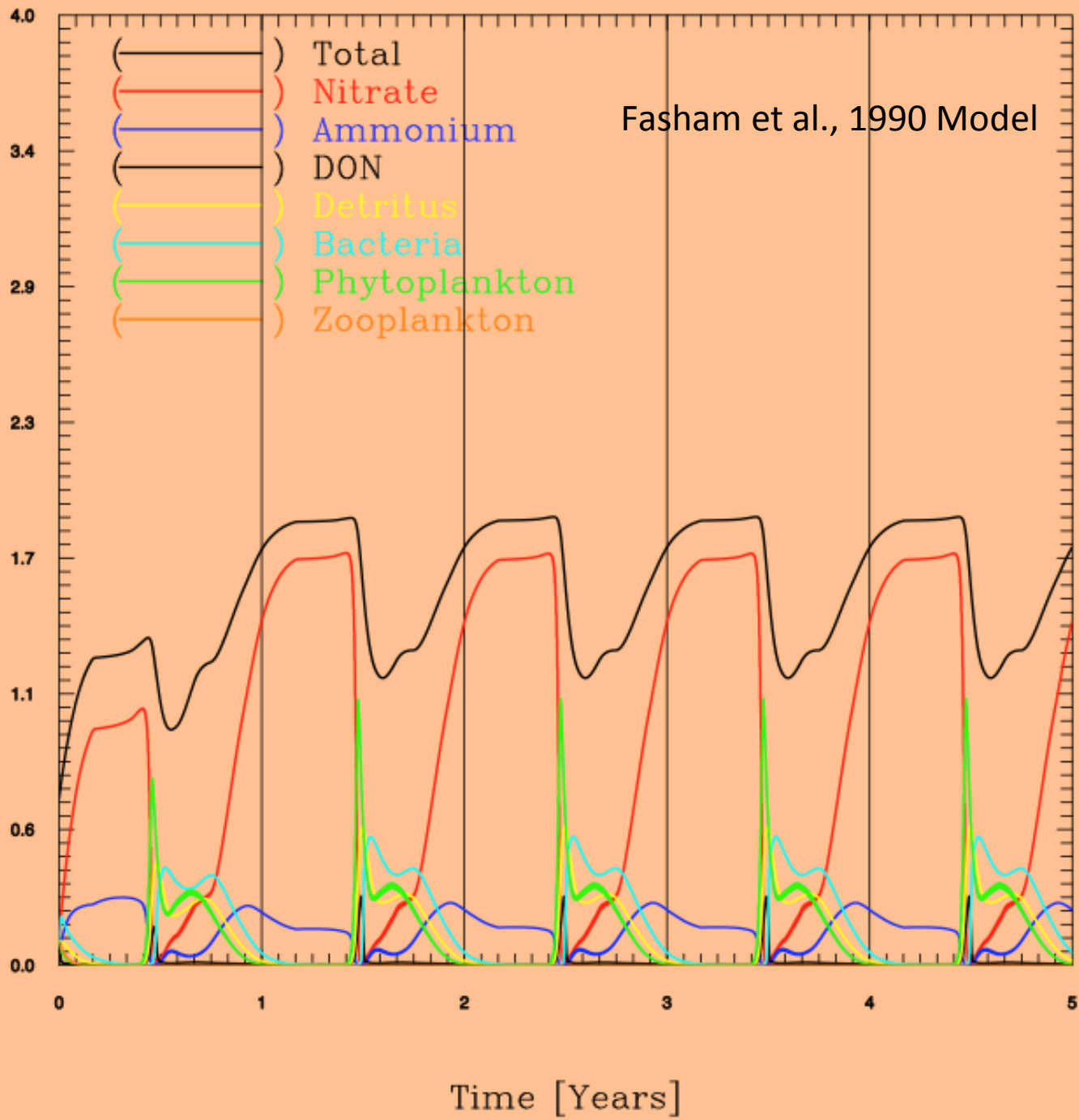

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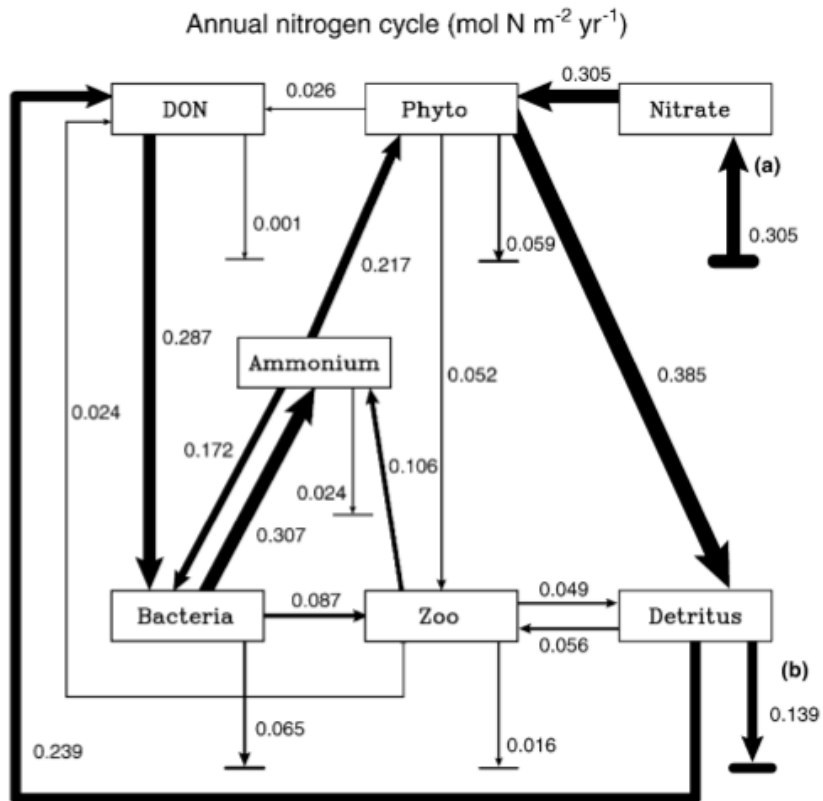


Model Components [ $\text{mmol N m}^{-3}$ ]

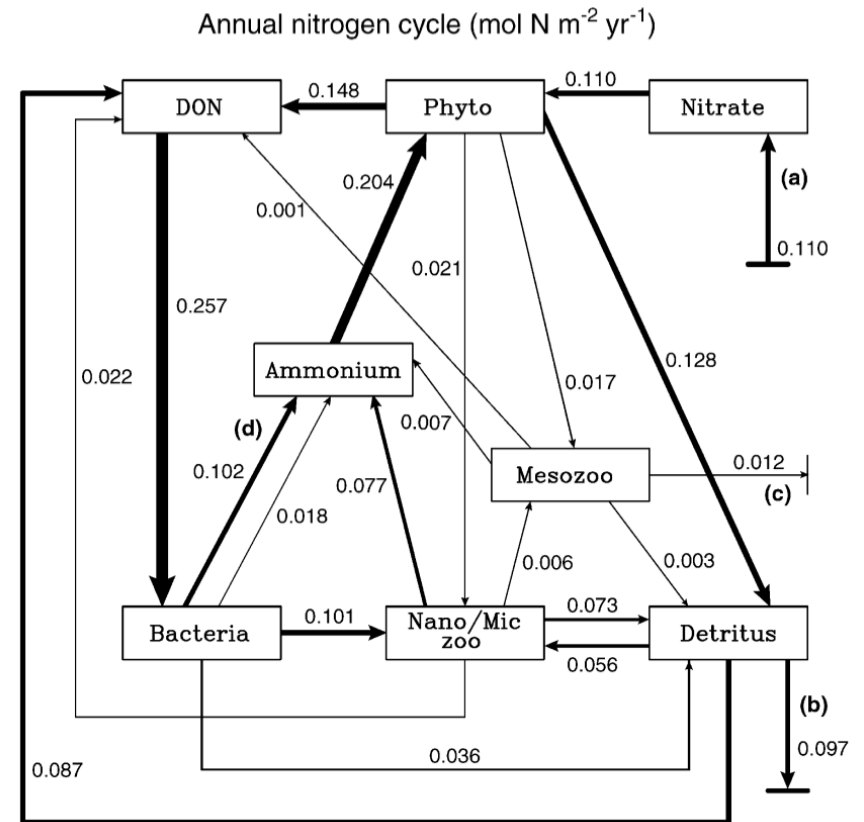


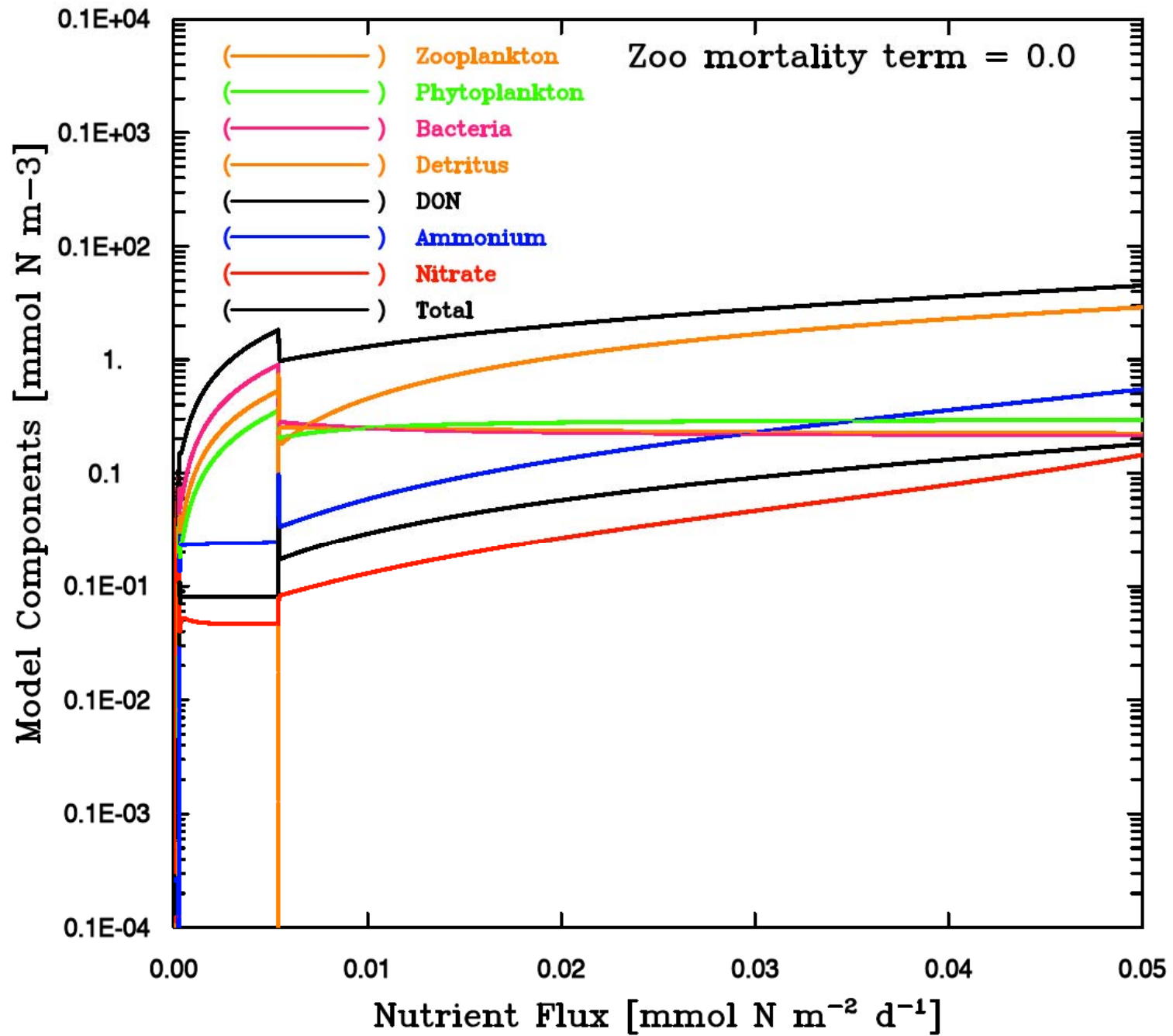
Configuring an ecosystem model using data from the Bermuda Atlantic Time Series (BATS)  
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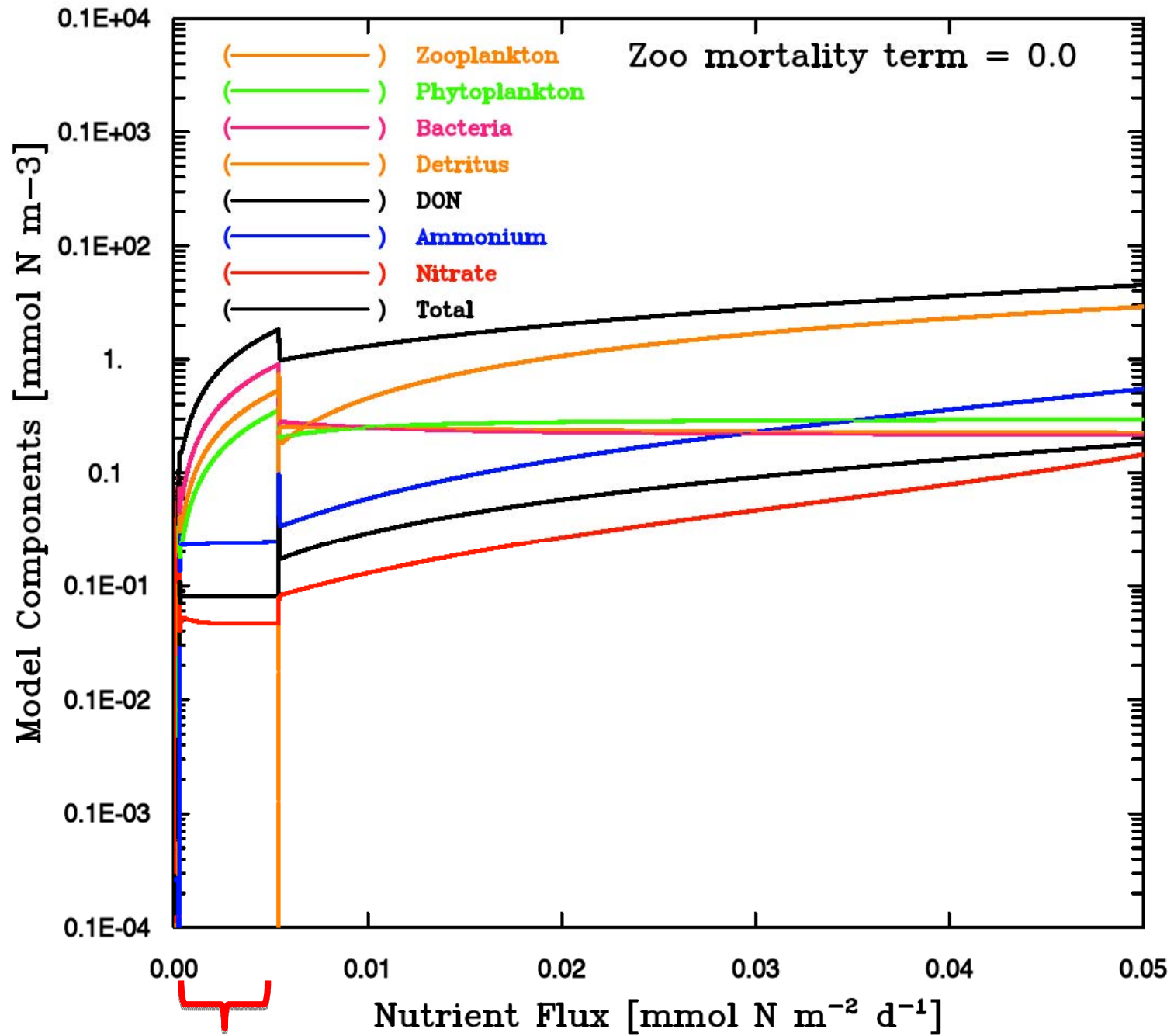


New model with data assimilation



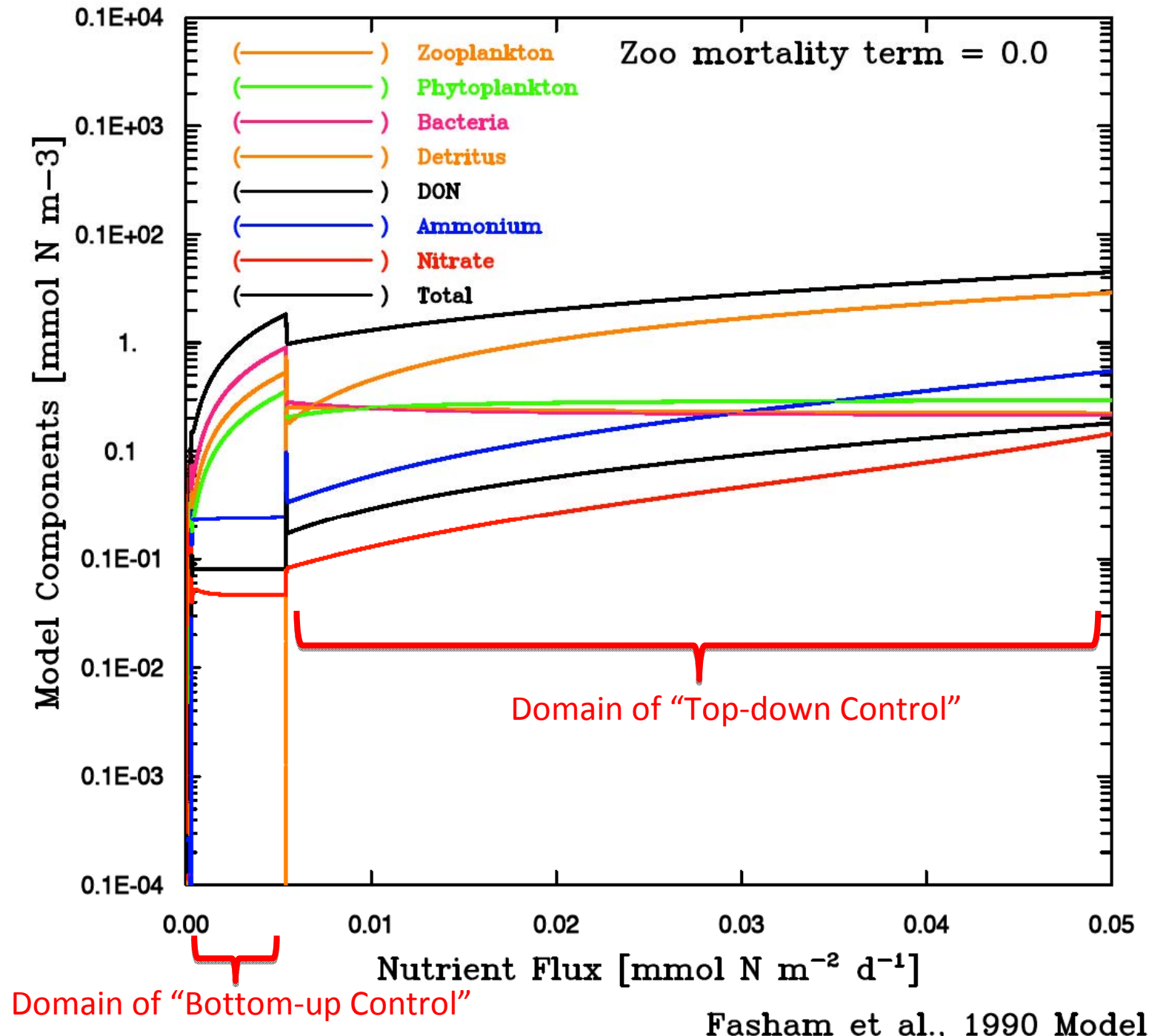


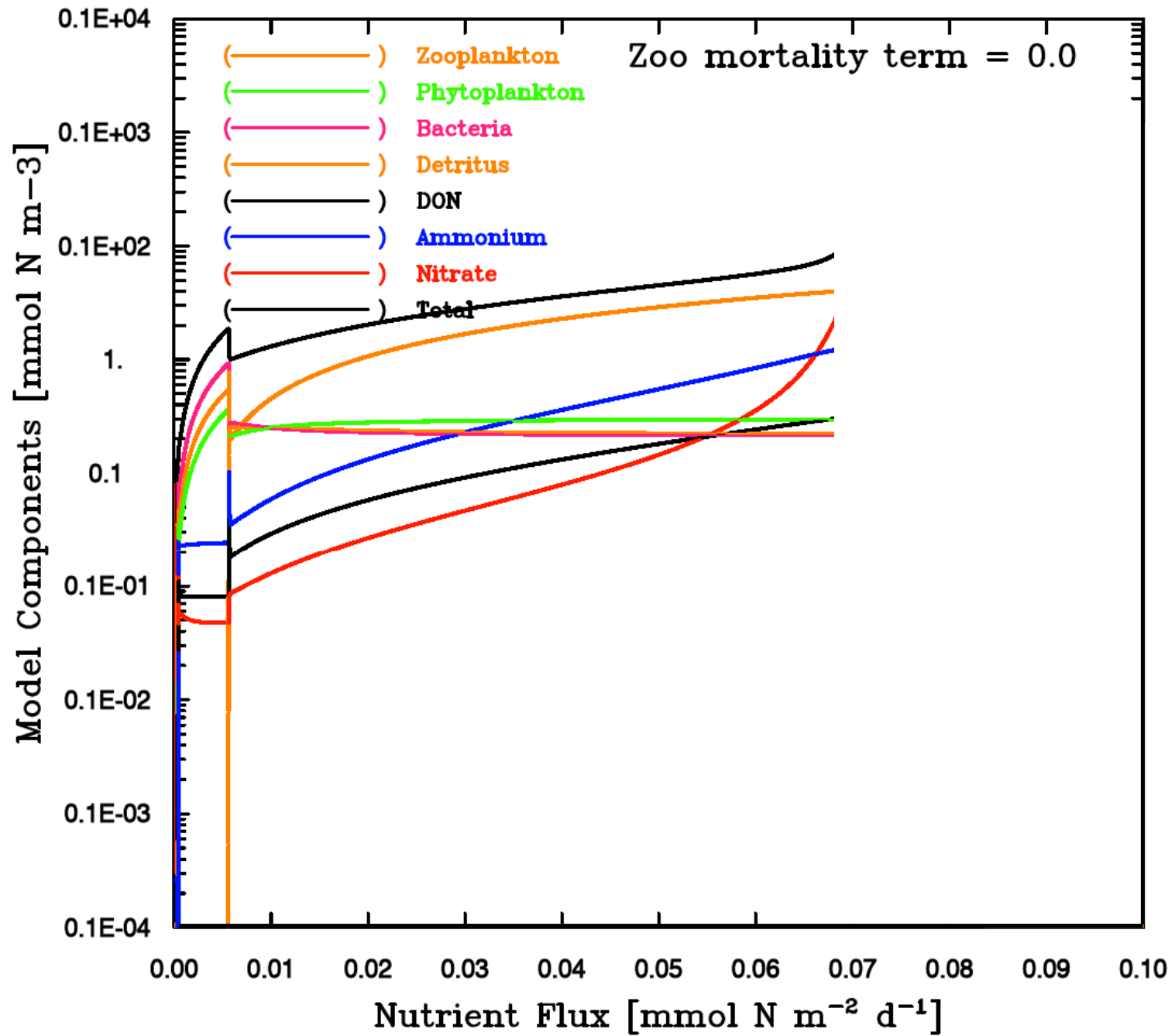
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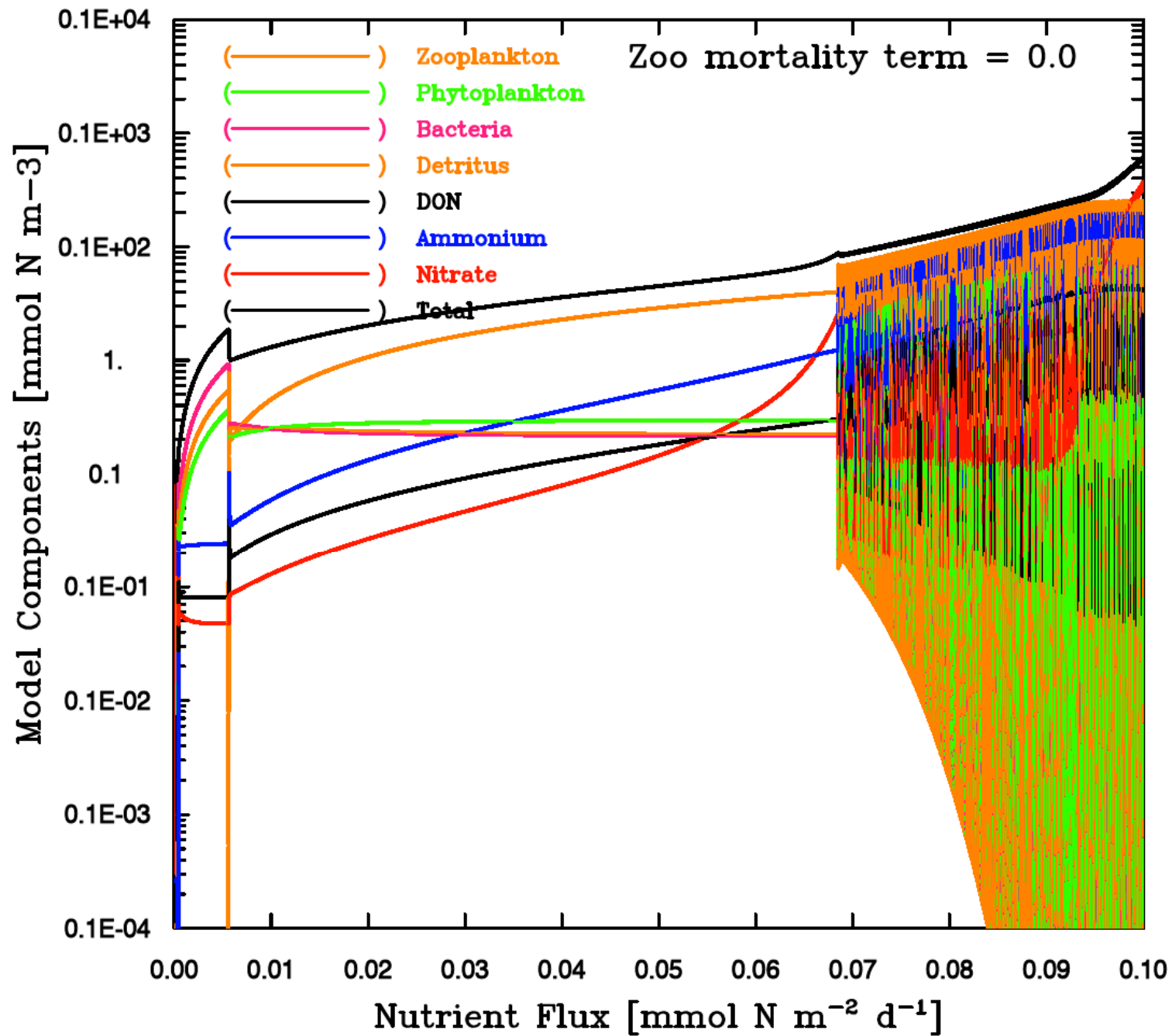
Domain of "Bottom-up Control"

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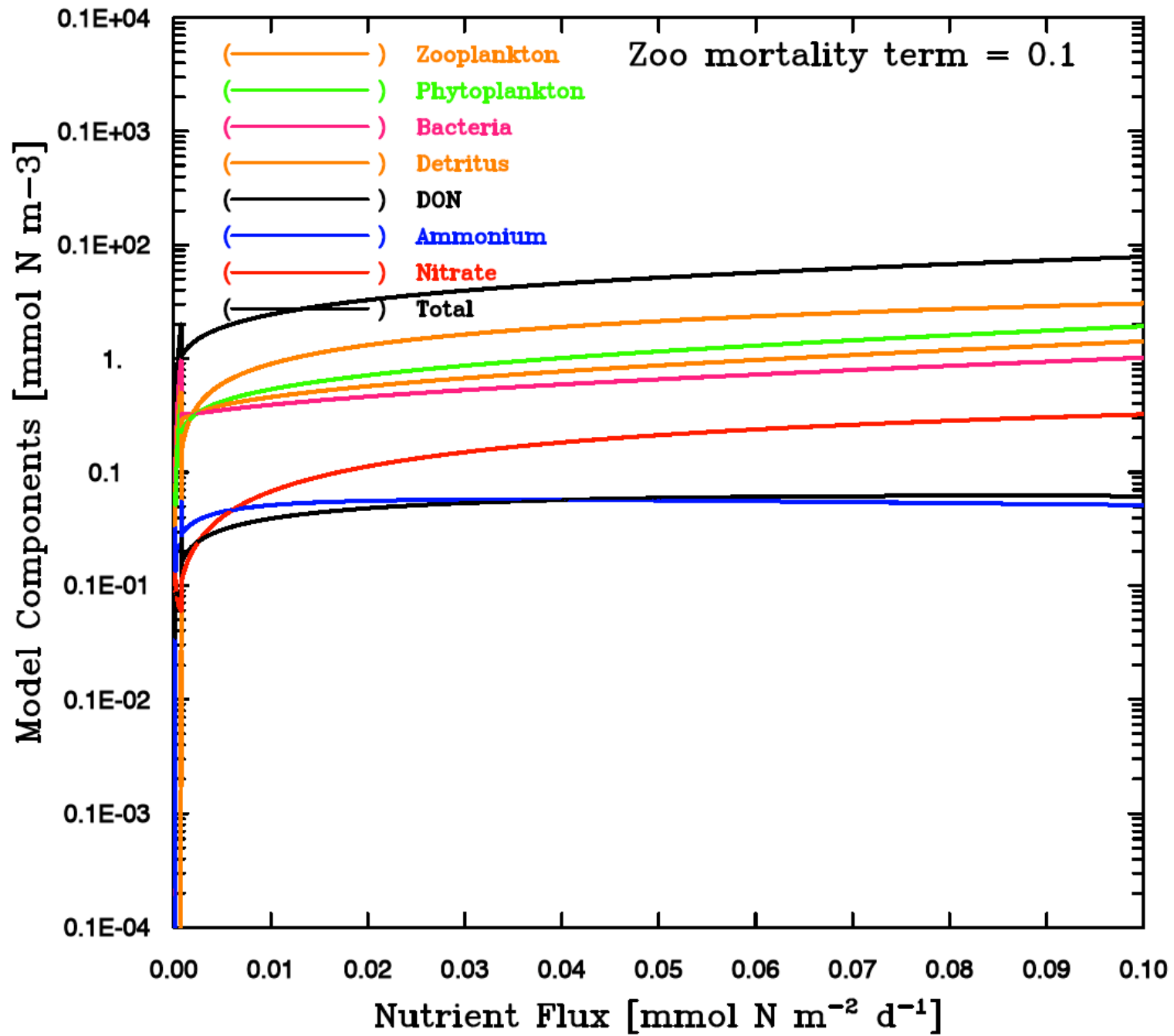




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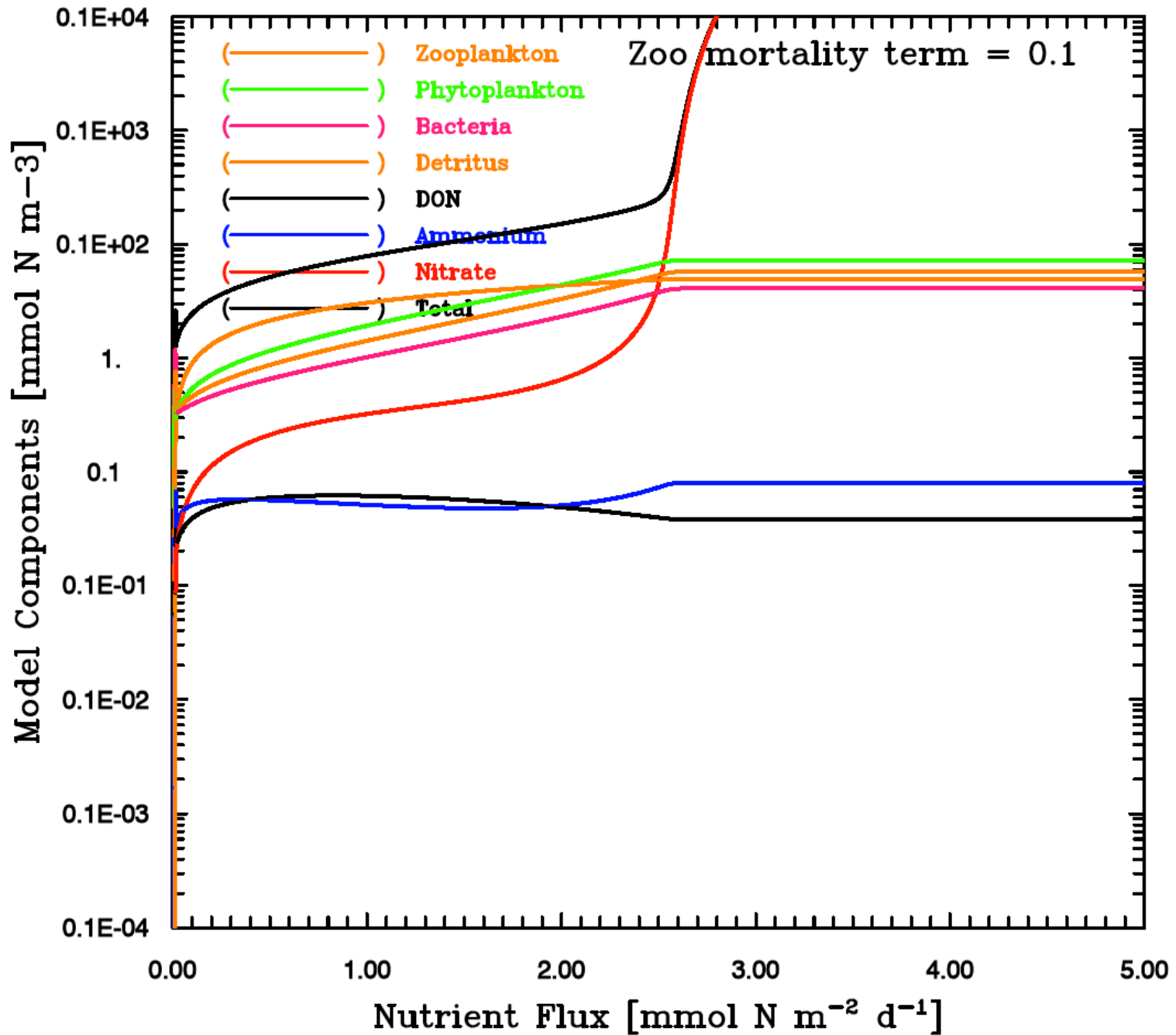


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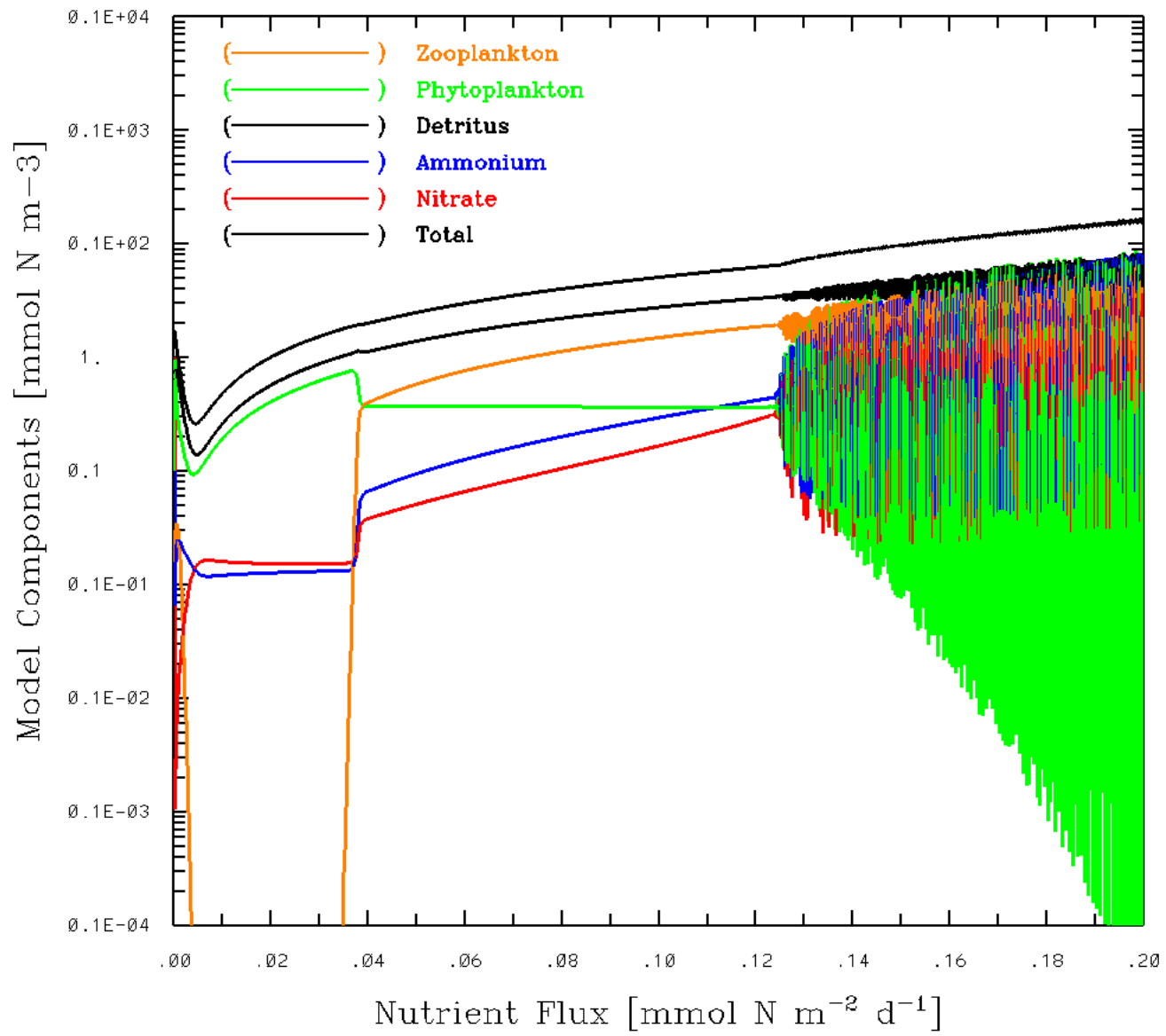


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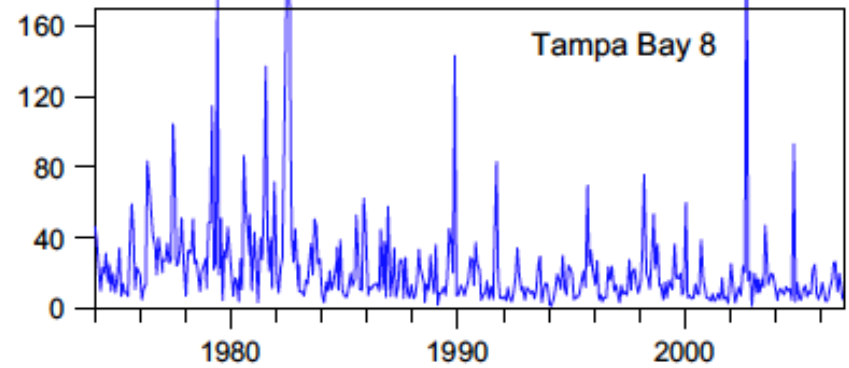
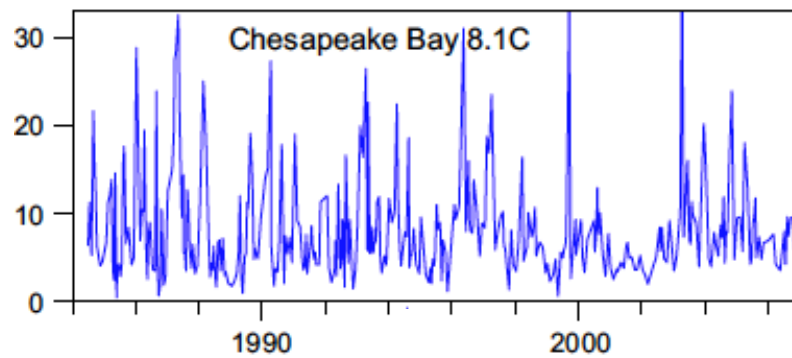
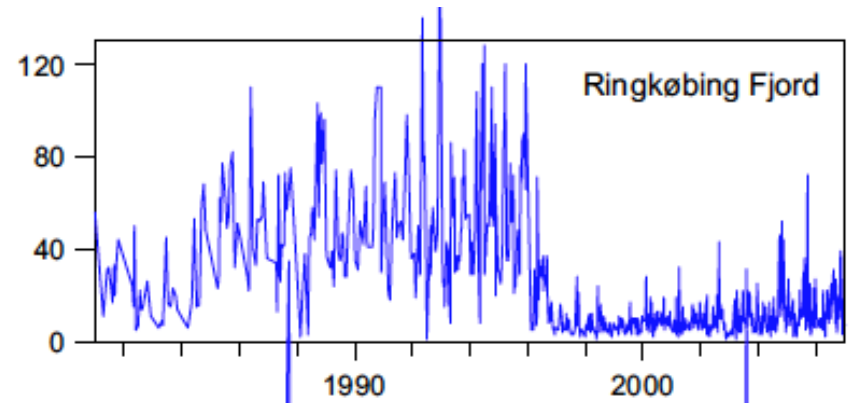
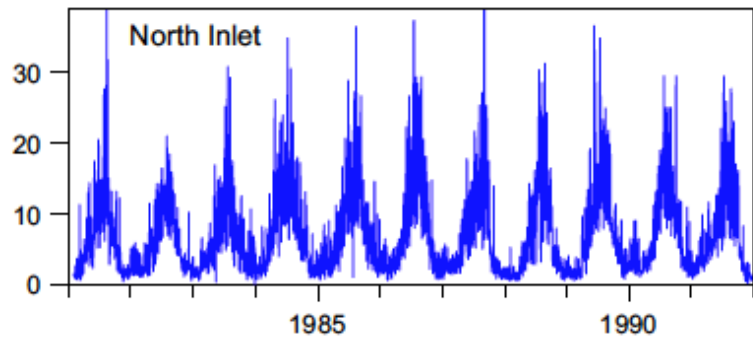


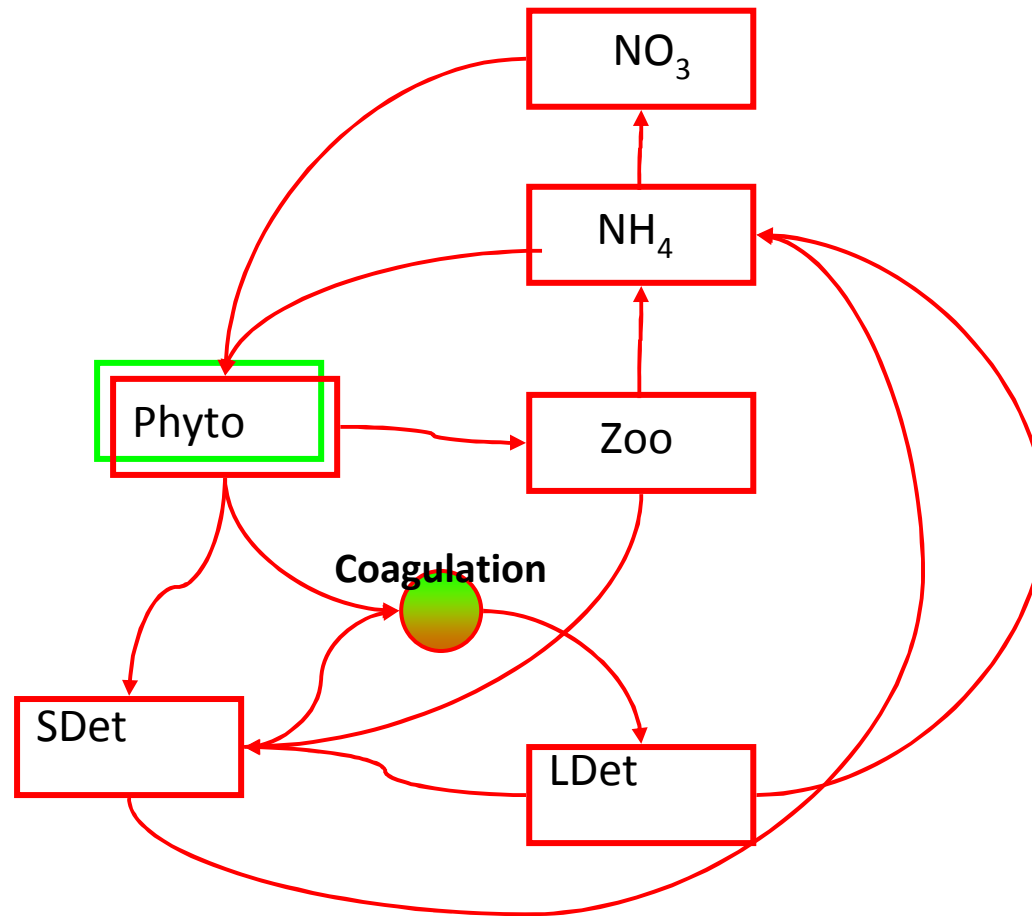
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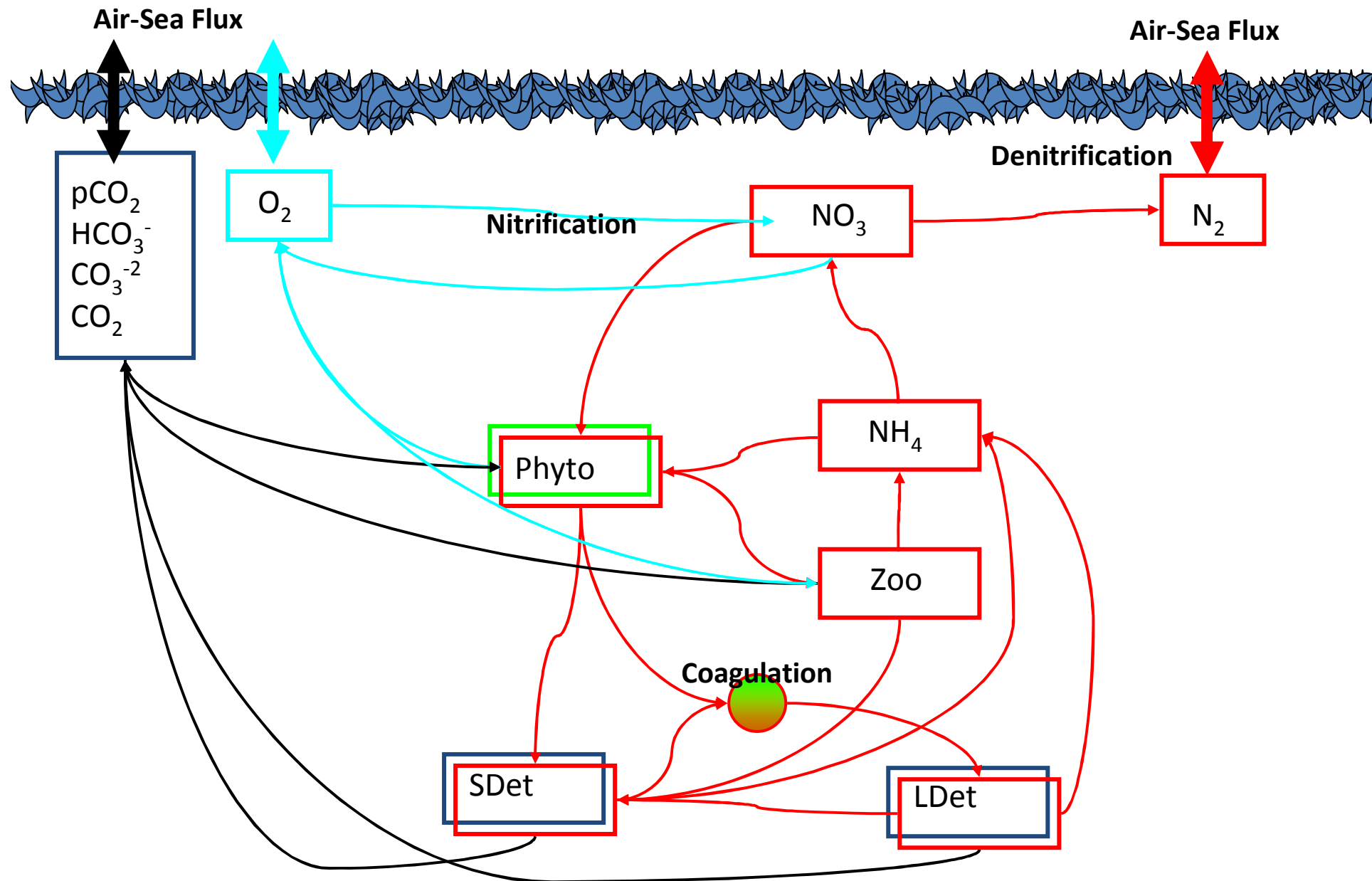


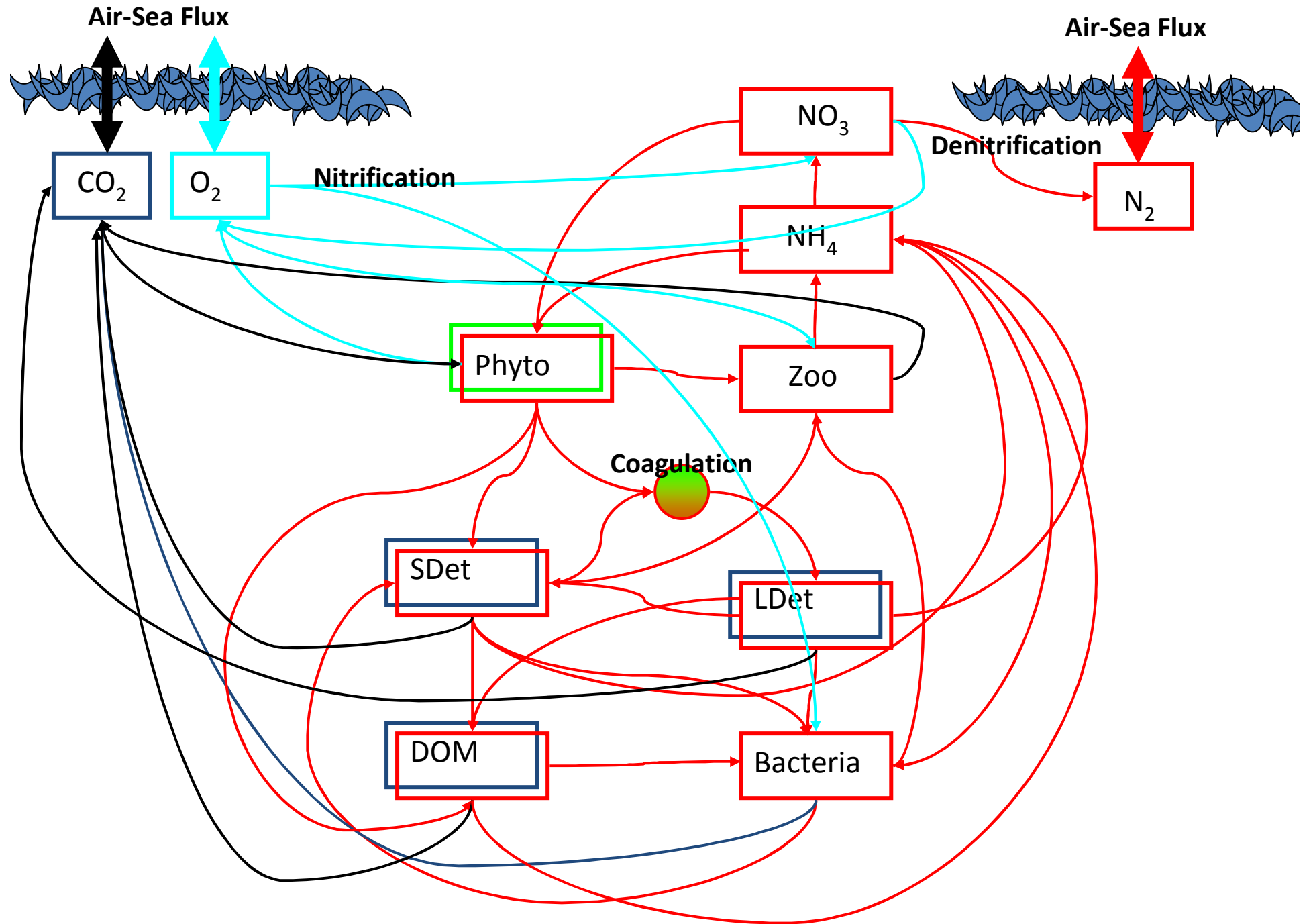
CCS Model

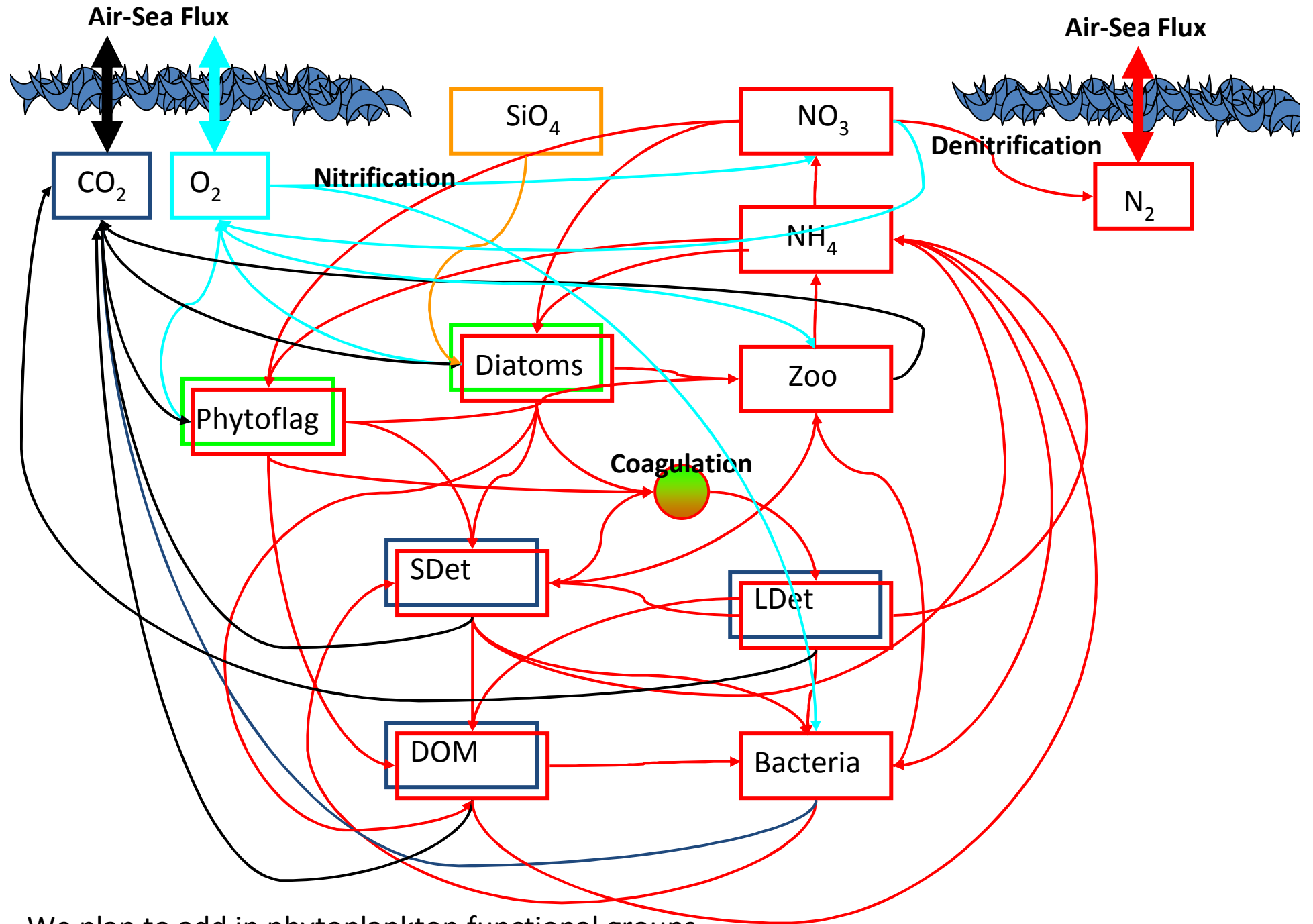
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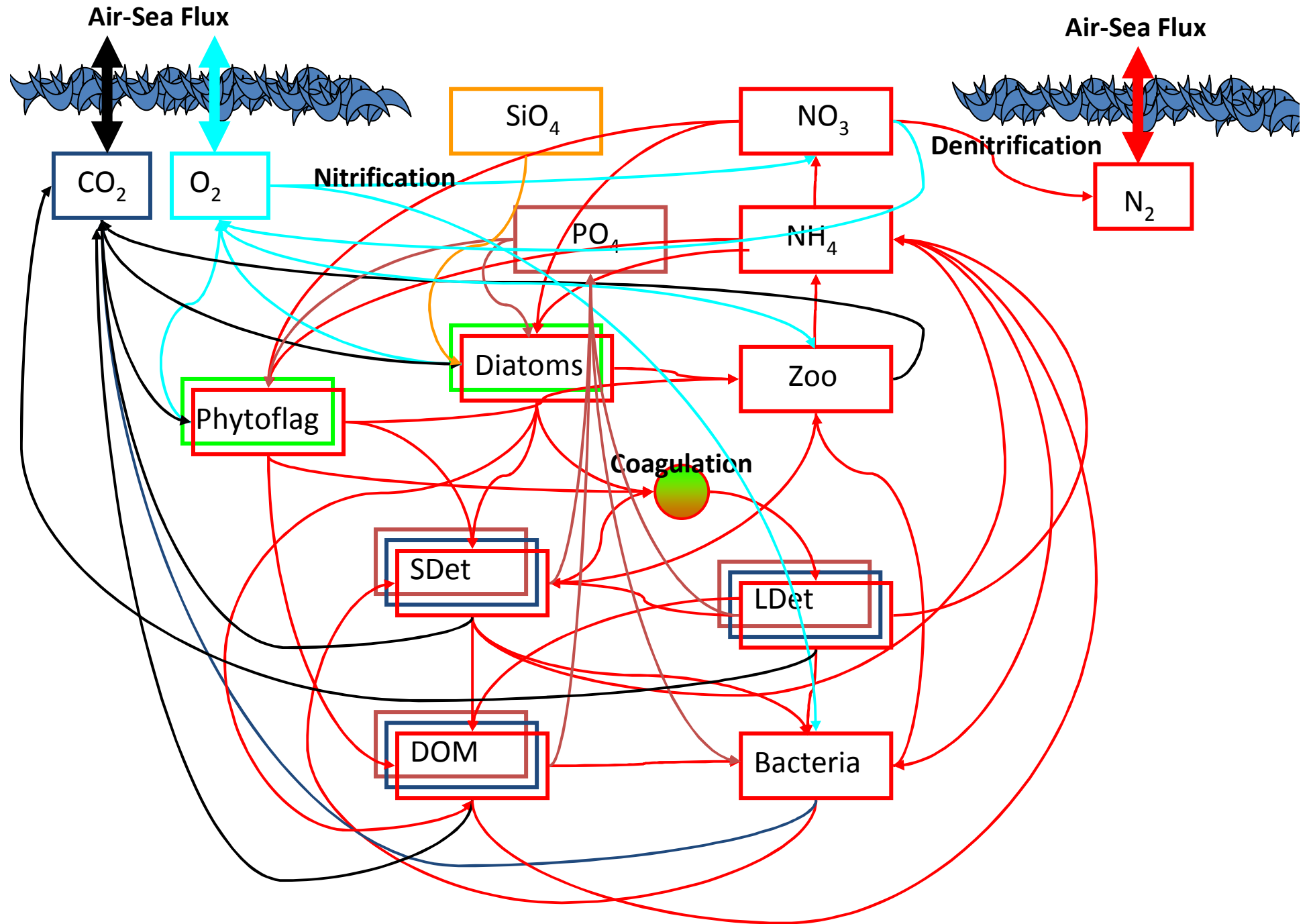






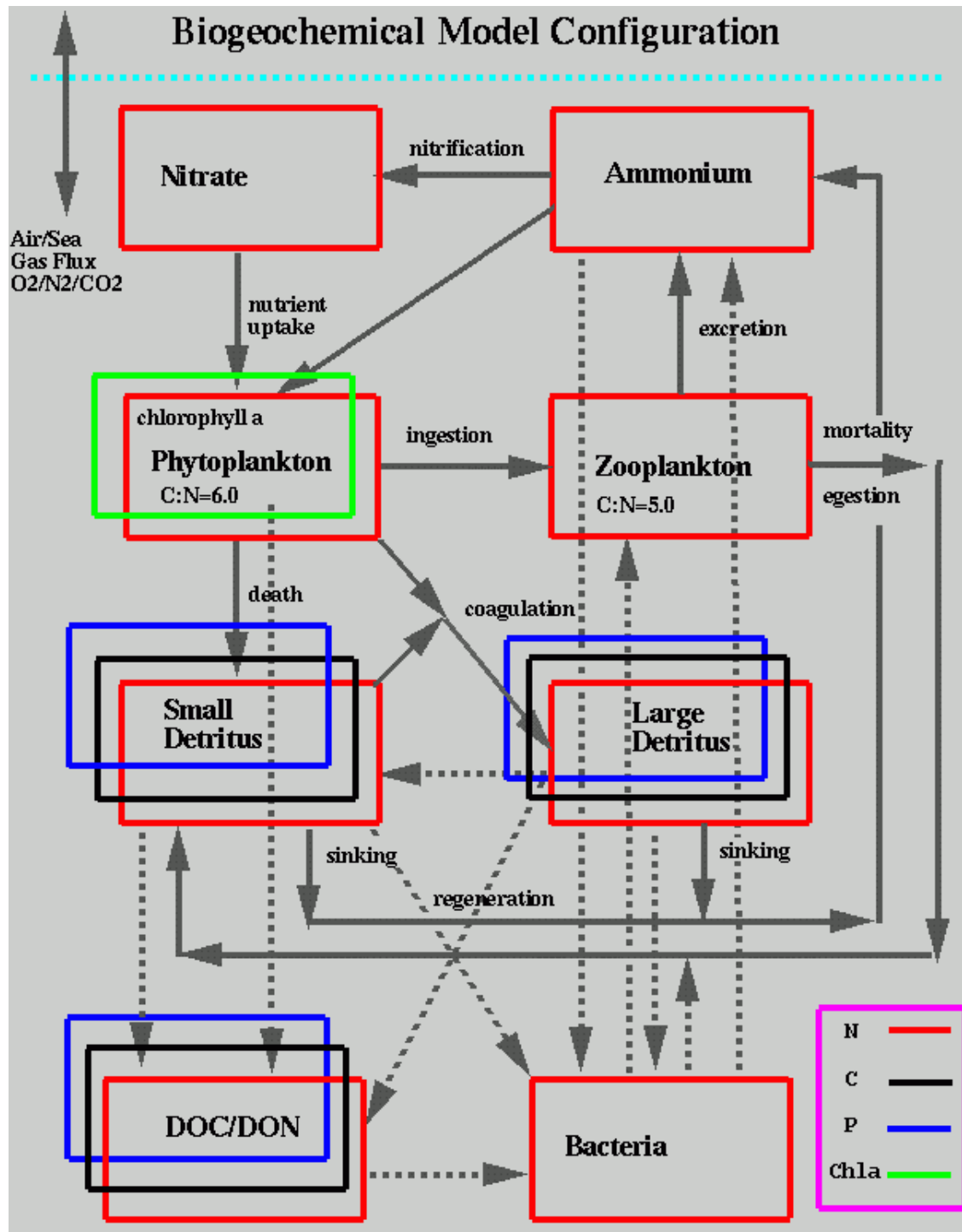


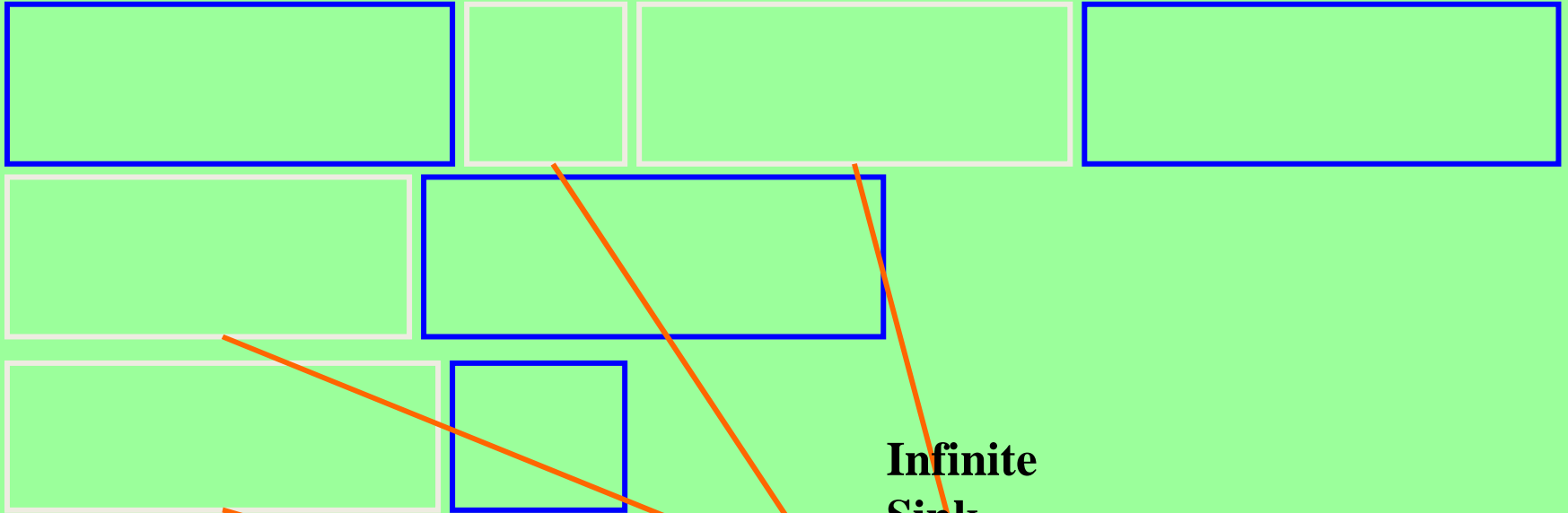
We plan to add in phytoplankton functional groups





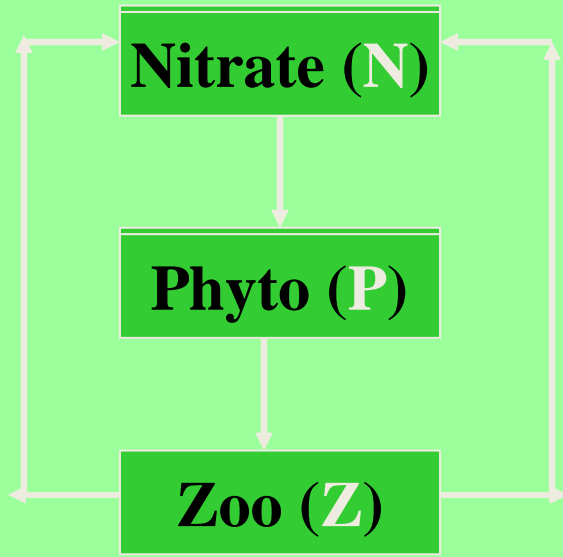
# Biogeochemical Model Configuration





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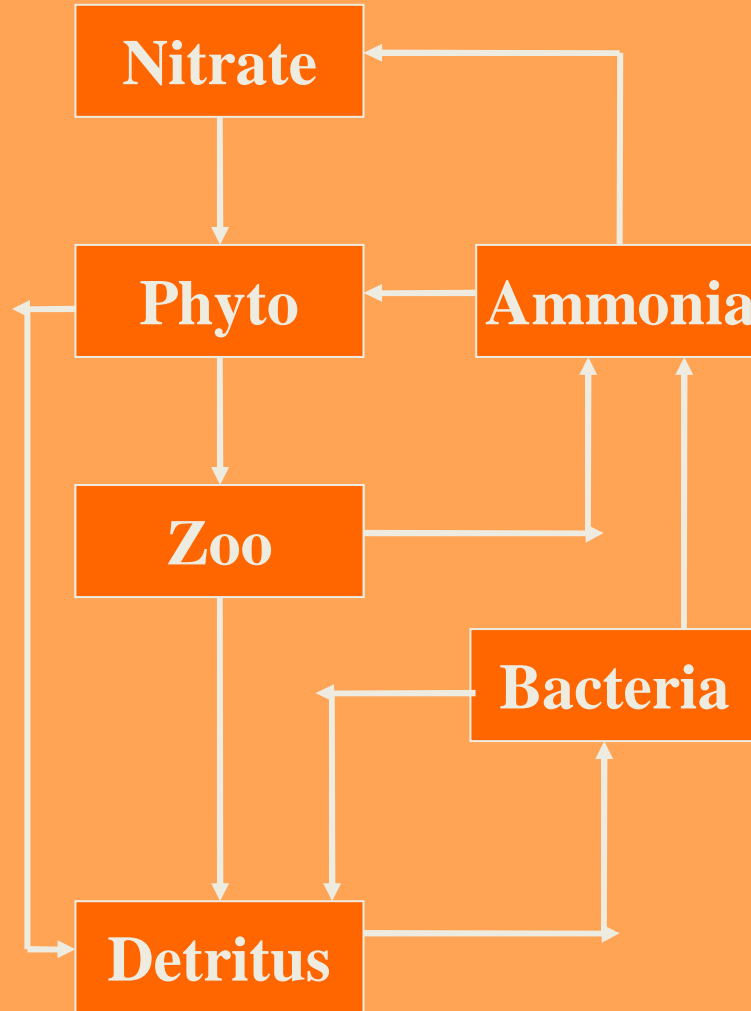
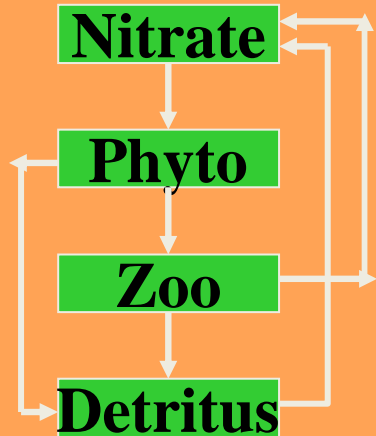
**Infinite Source**



	<b>N</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Z</b>
<b>N</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>P</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Z</b>	<b>X</b>		

# Potential Ecosystem Webs

Food Web Diagrams



Linkage Matrix

	N	D	P	Z
N			X	
D	X			
P		X		X
Z	X	X		

	N	A	D	B	P	Z
N					X	
A					X	
D				X		
B		X	X			
P			X			X
Z		X	X			







## One Dimensional (Vertical) Model

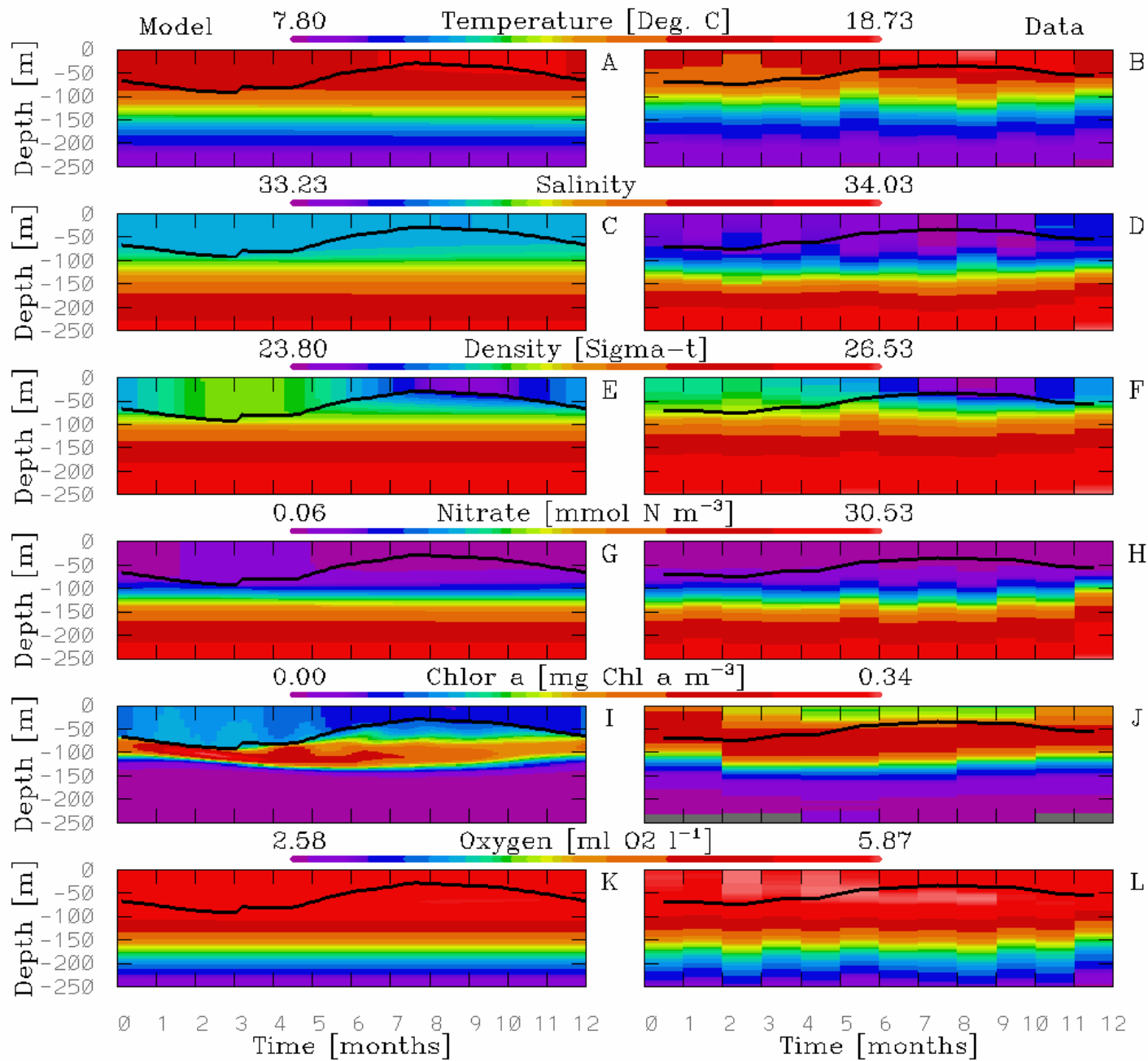
$$\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + (w + w_B) \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K_z \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial z} = S_i$$

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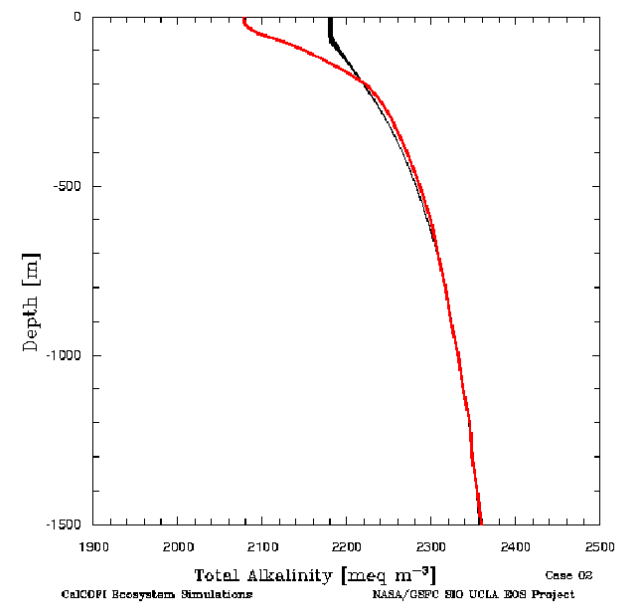
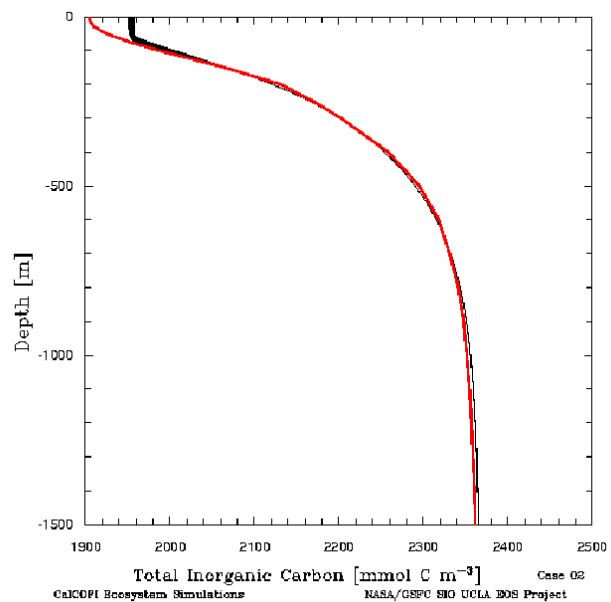
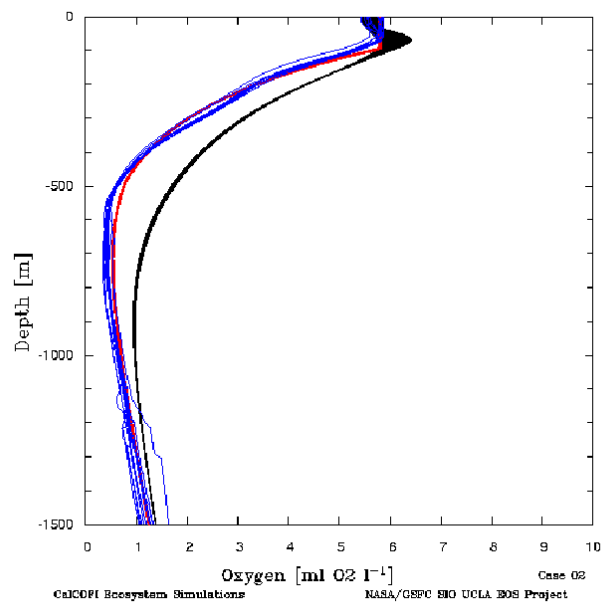
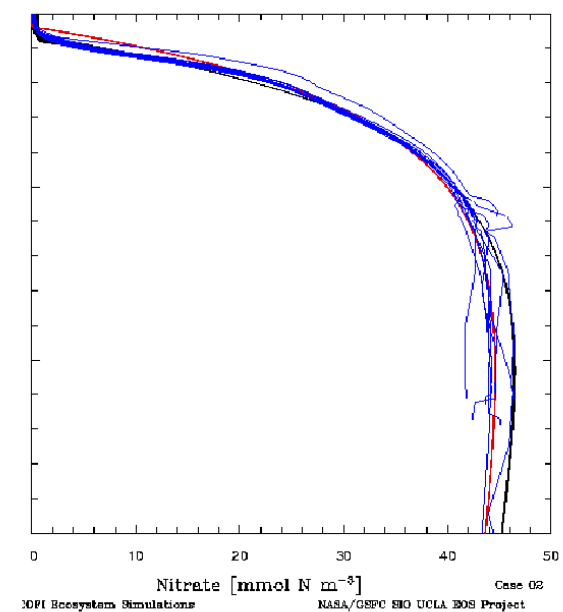
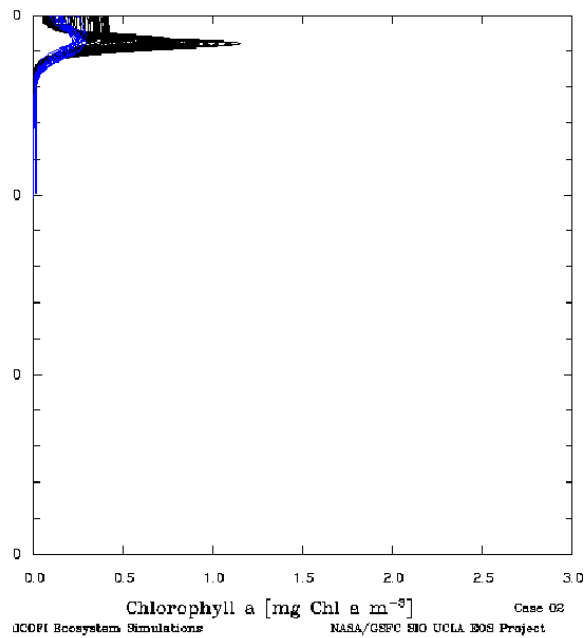
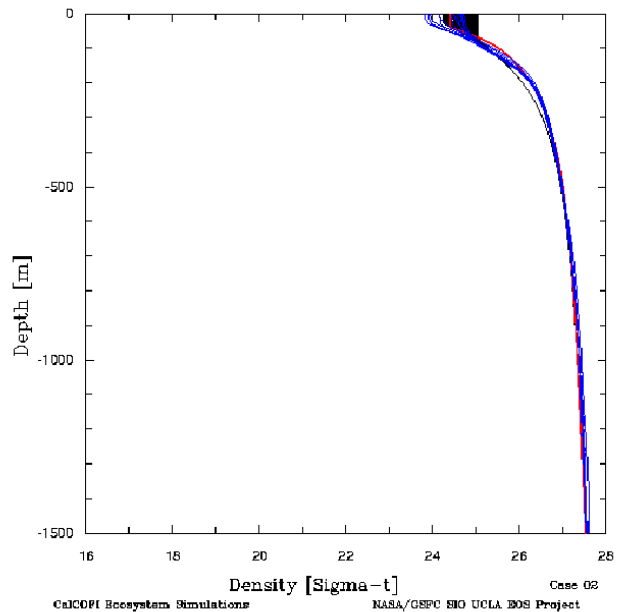
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$$\frac{\partial B_N}{\partial t} + (w + w_B) \frac{\partial B_N}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K_z \frac{\partial B_N}{\partial z} = S_N$$







## Three Dimensional Model

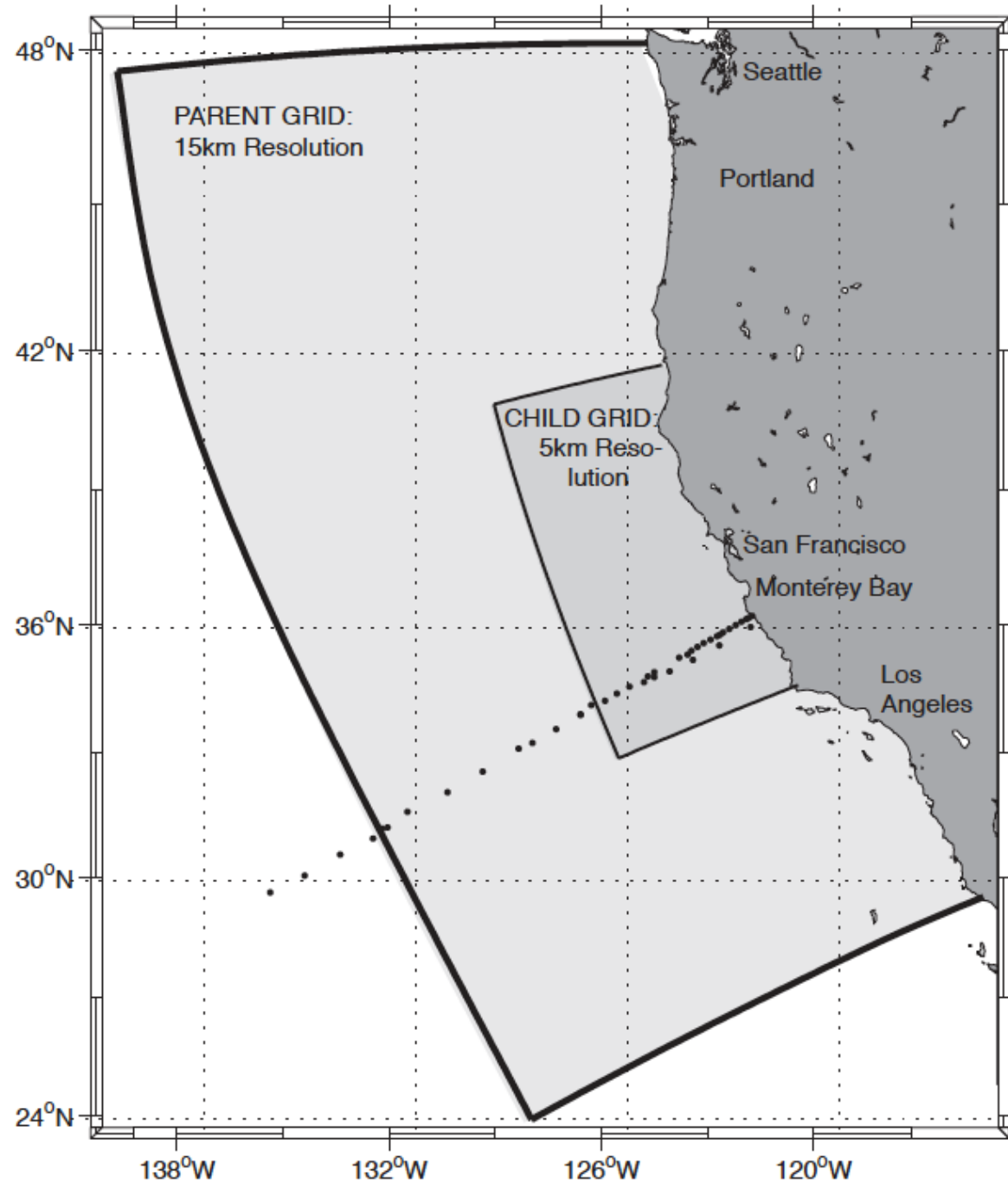
$$\frac{dB_i}{dt} + (\vec{v} + \vec{v}_B) \cdot \nabla B_i - \nabla \cdot (\vec{K} \nabla B_i) = S_i$$

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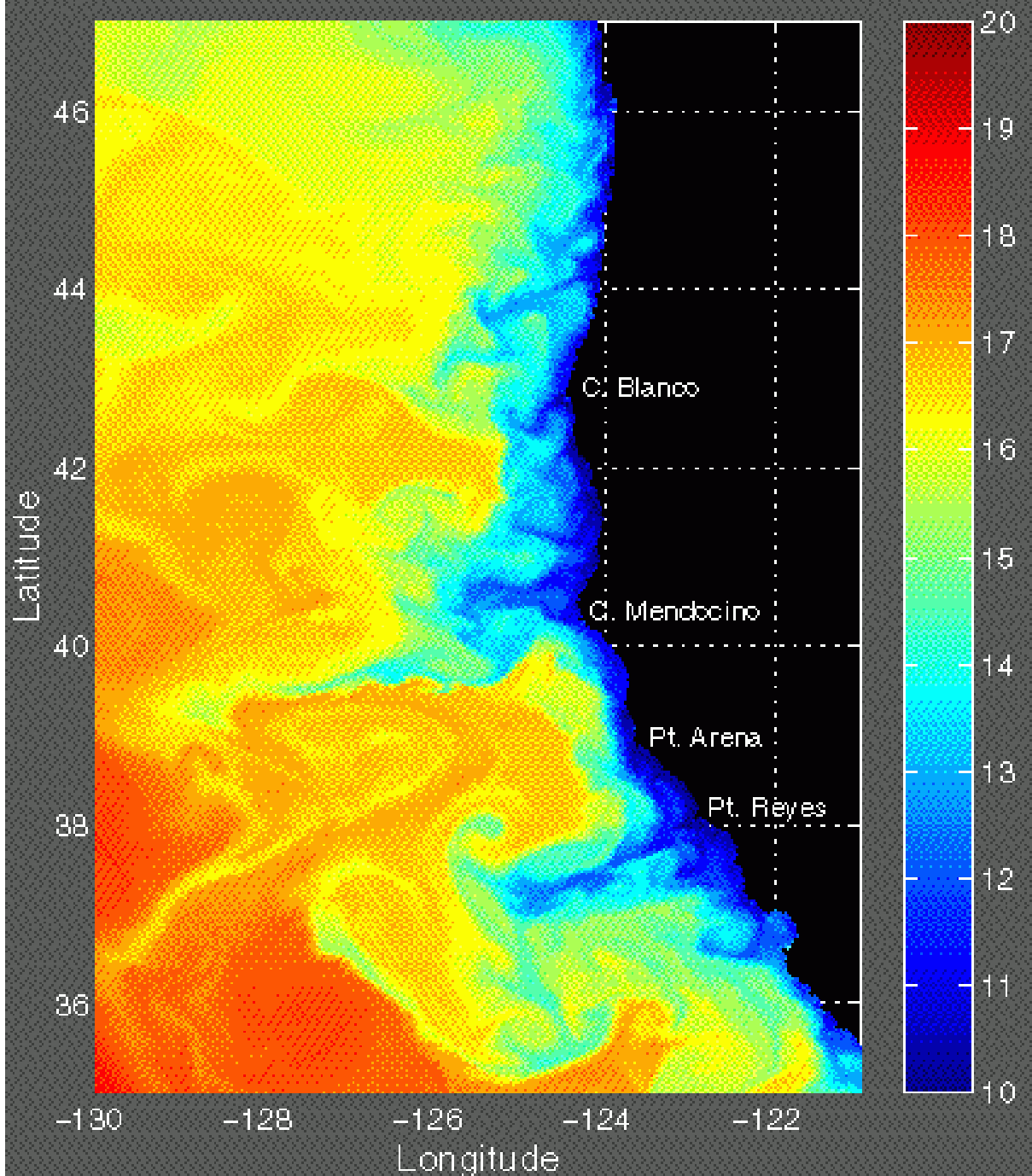
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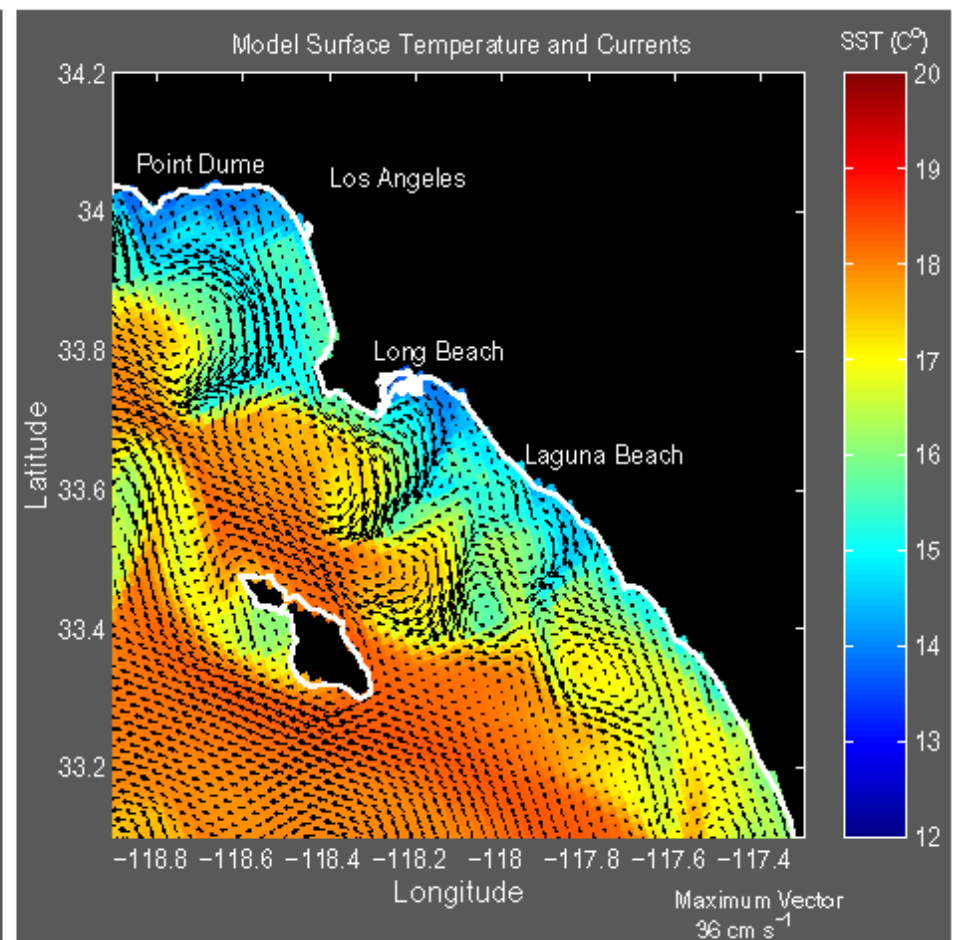
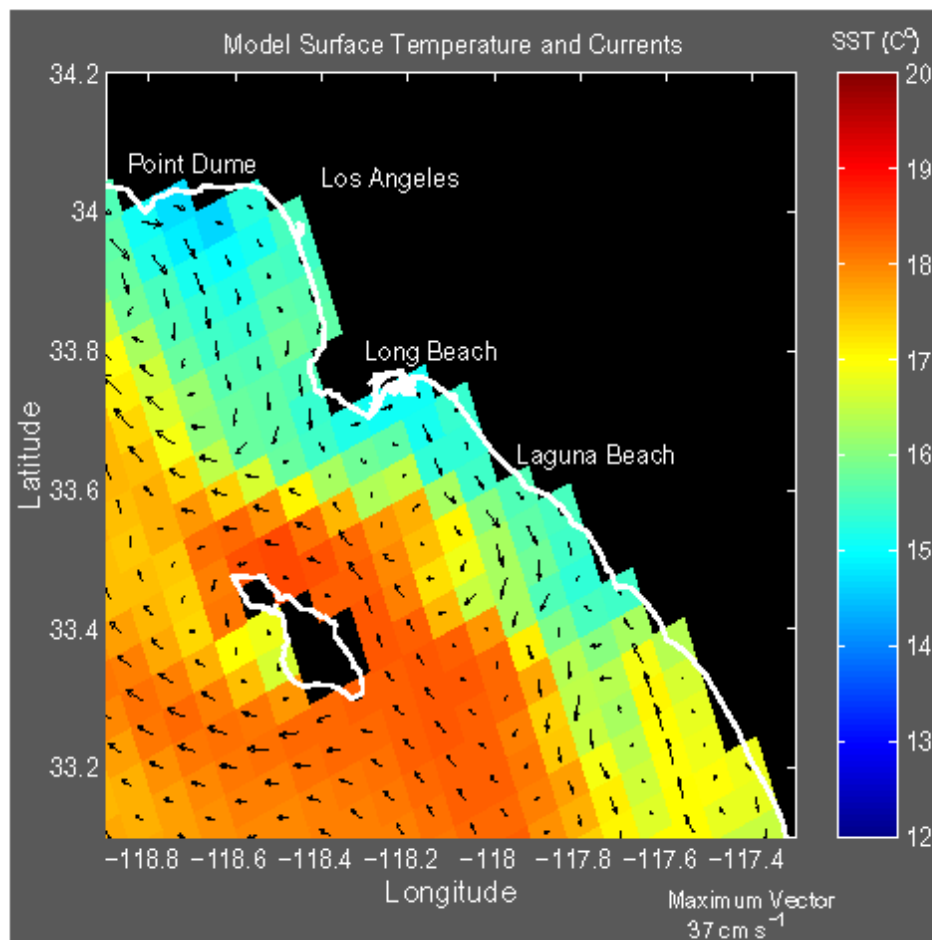
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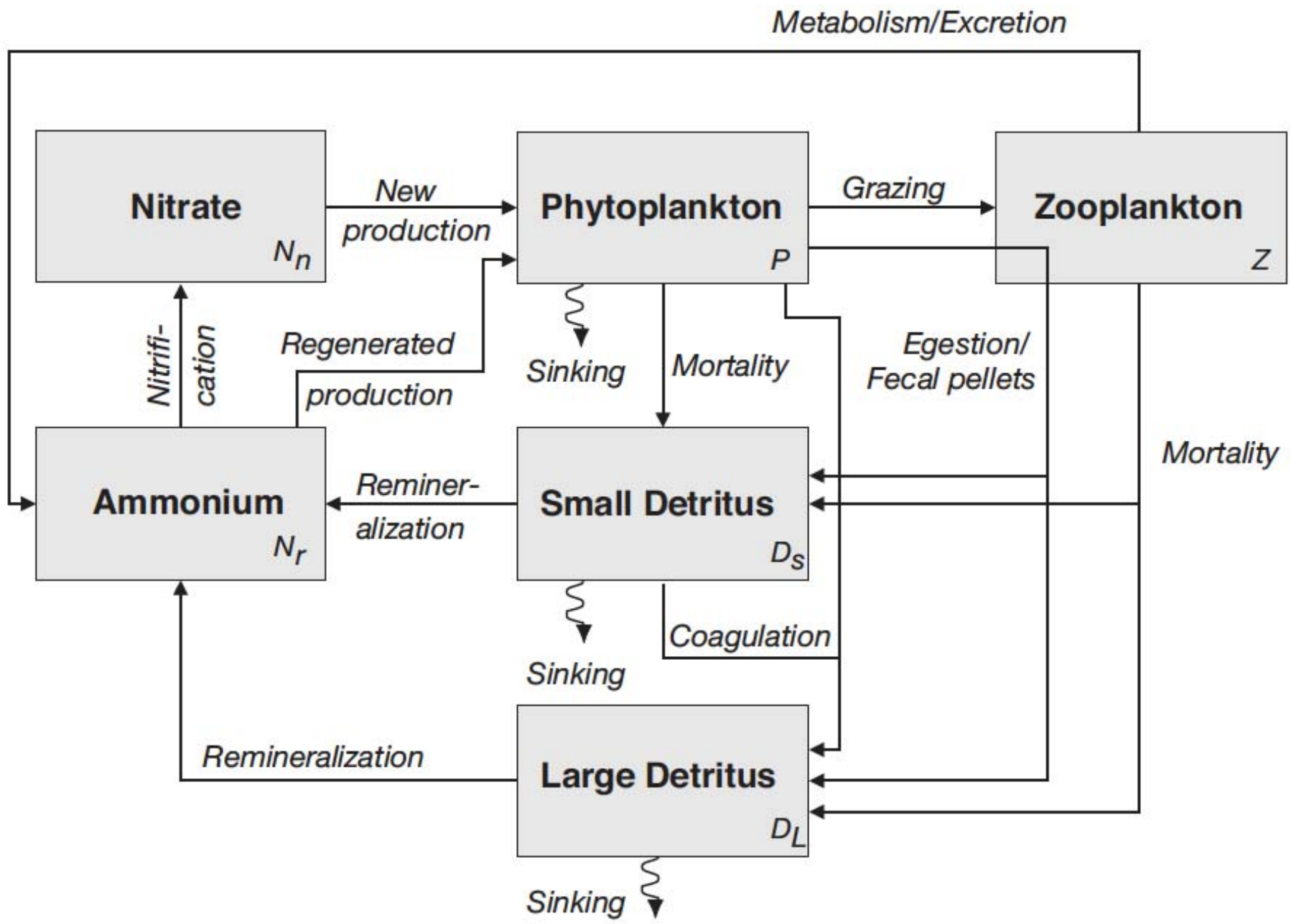
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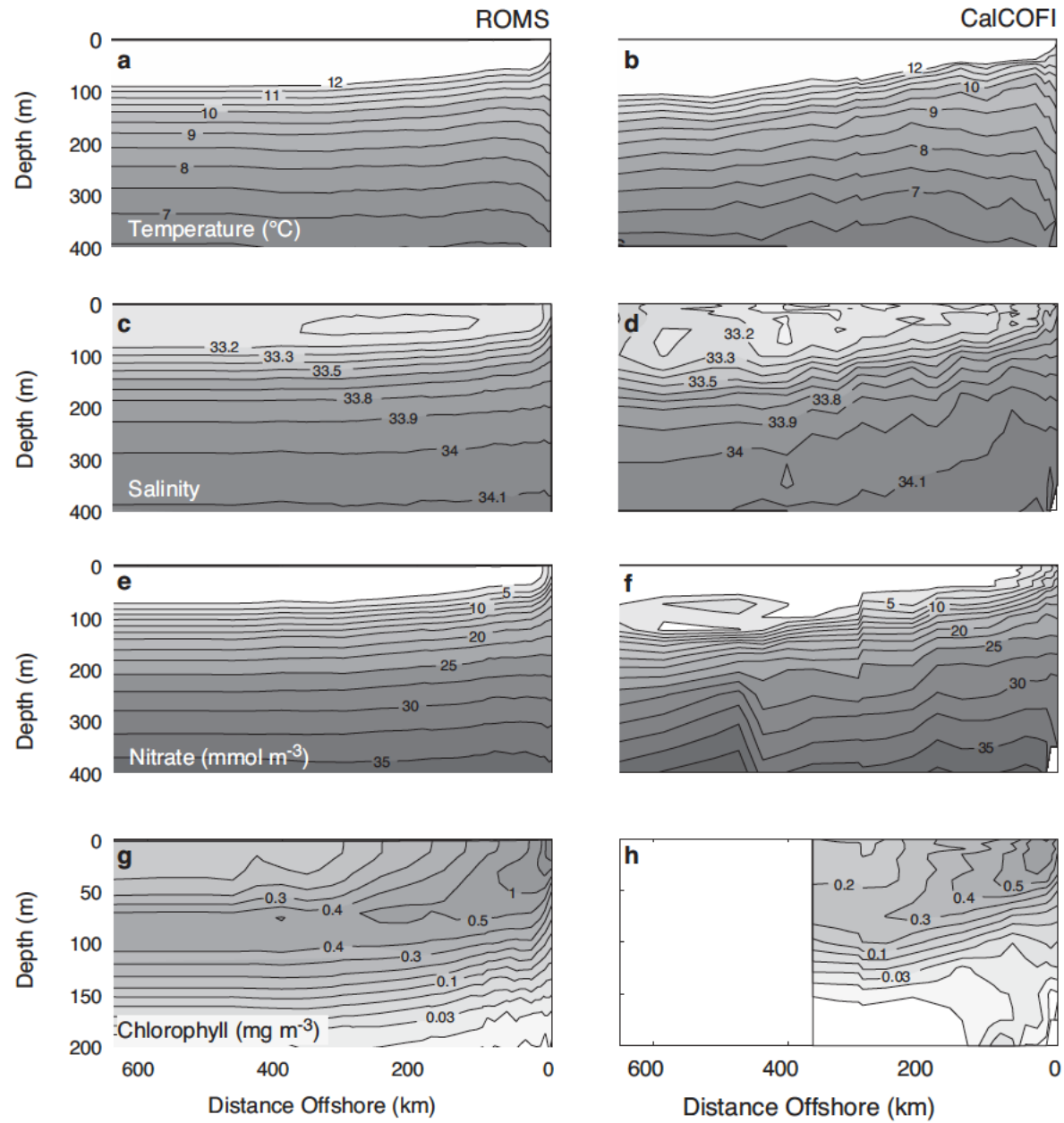


# Model SST in Summer





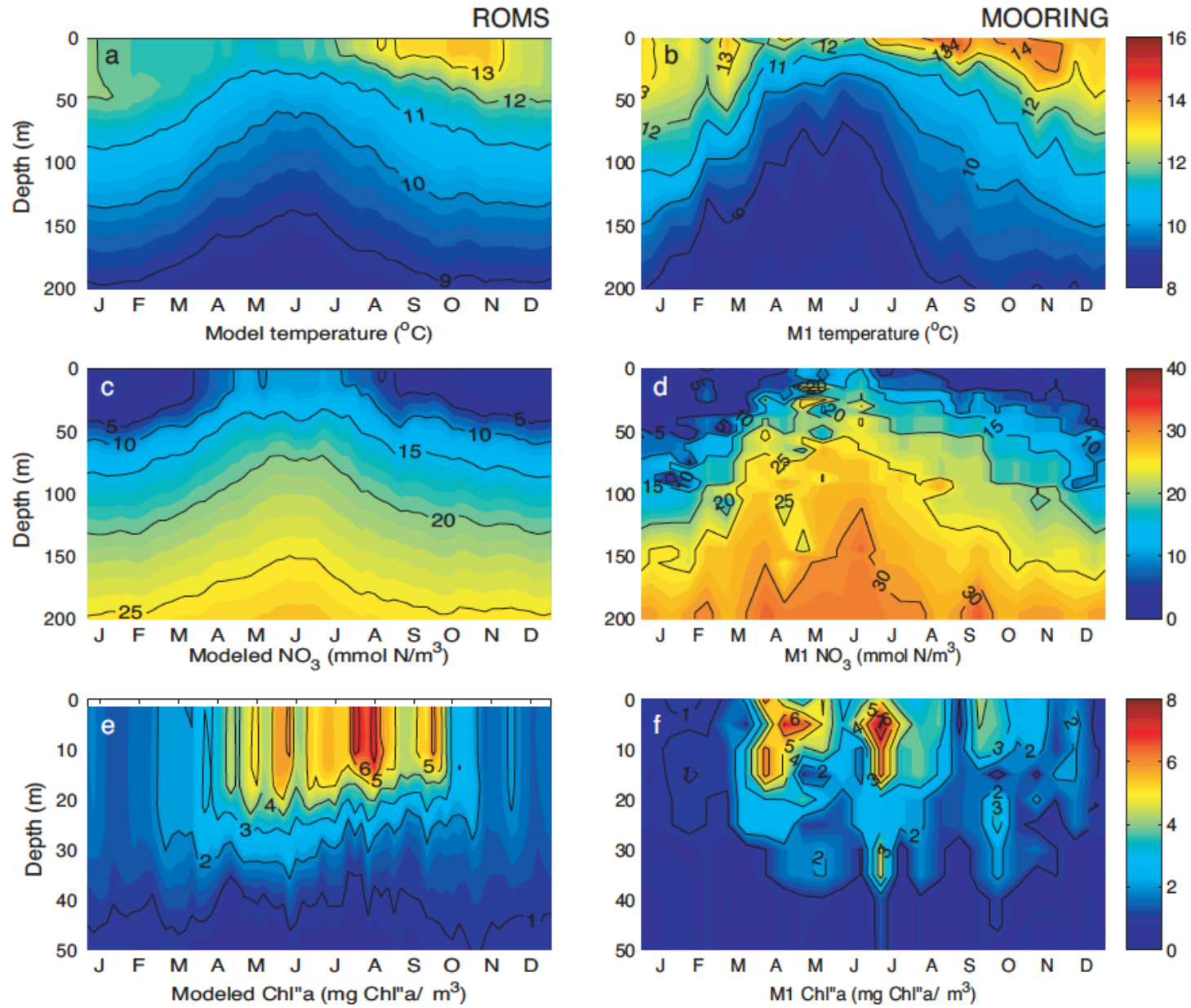




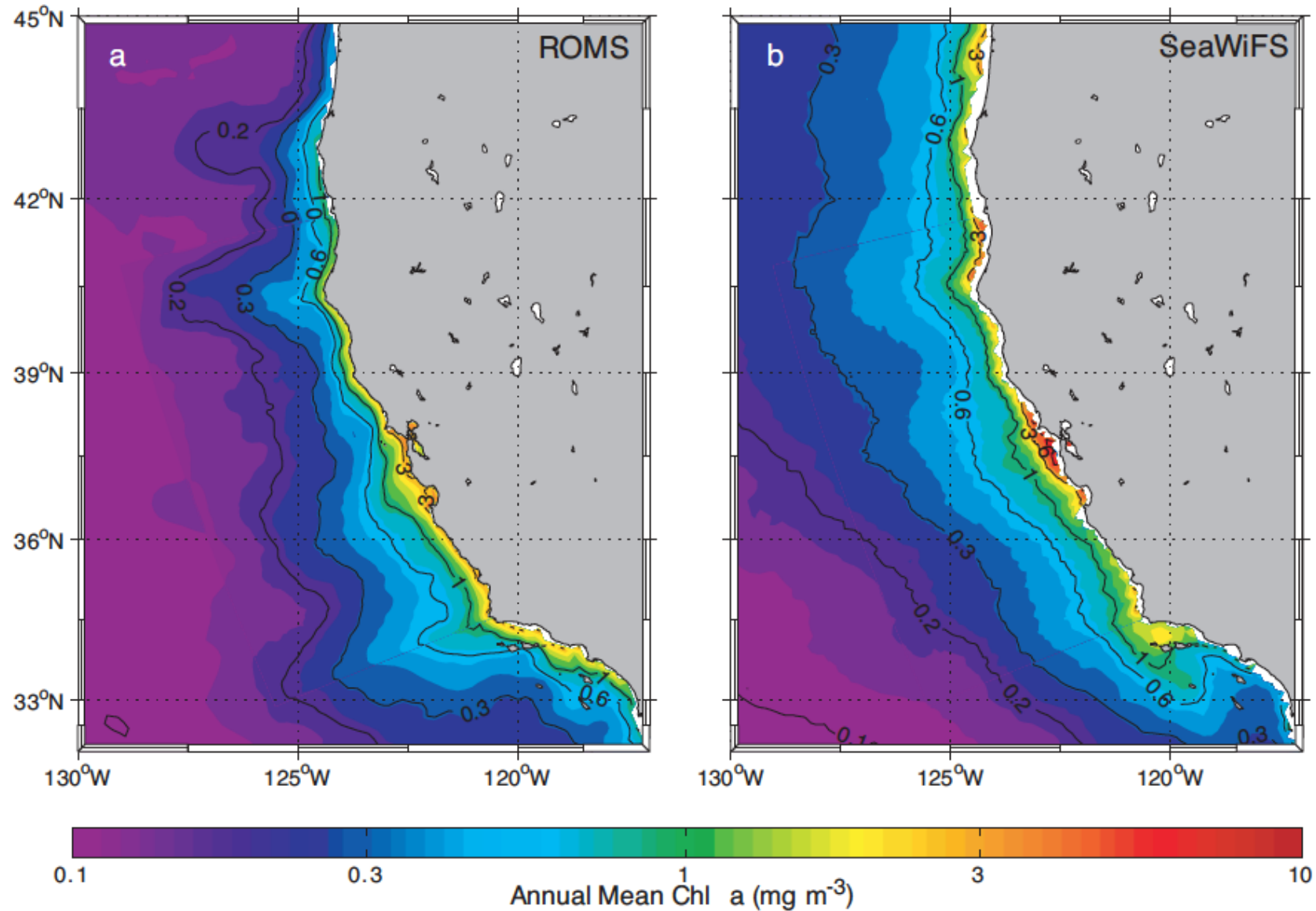
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Line 90 CaCOFI

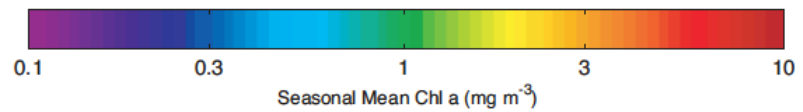
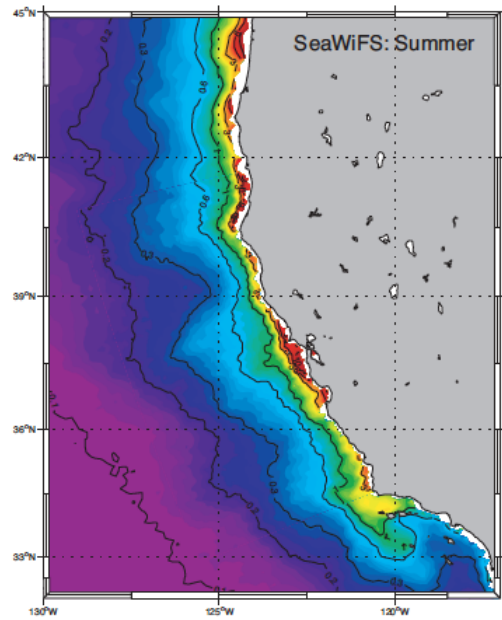
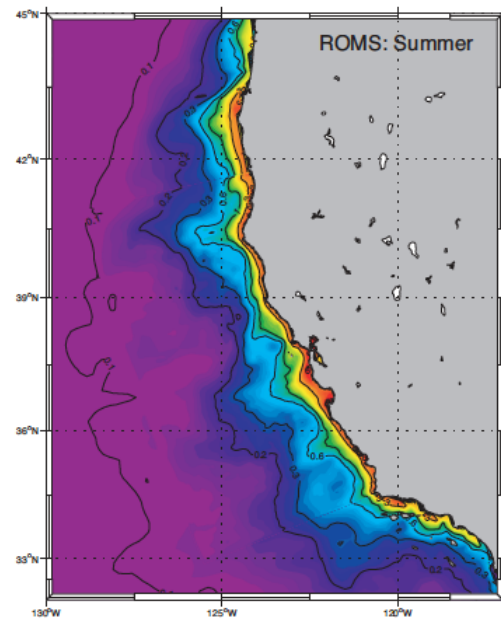
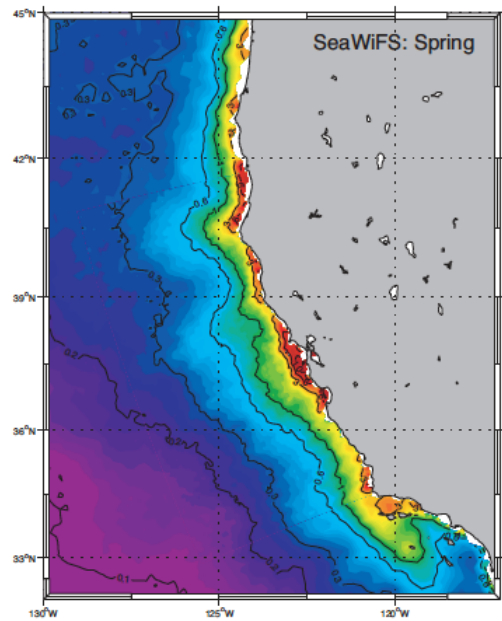
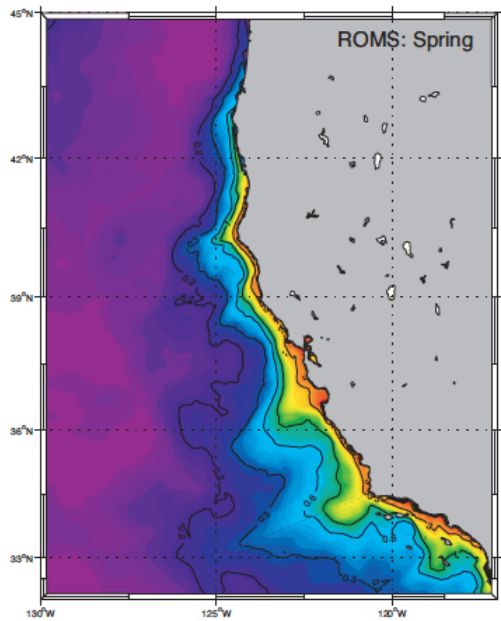


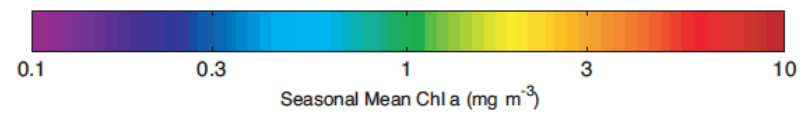
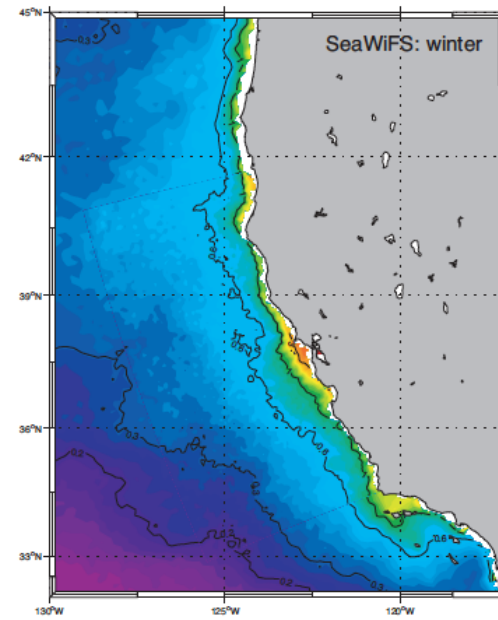
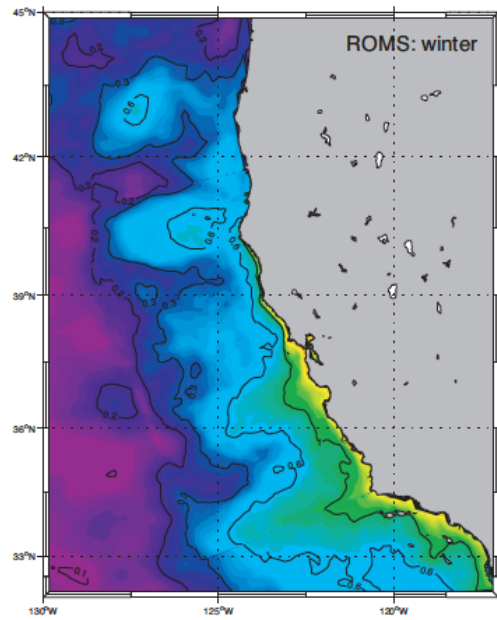
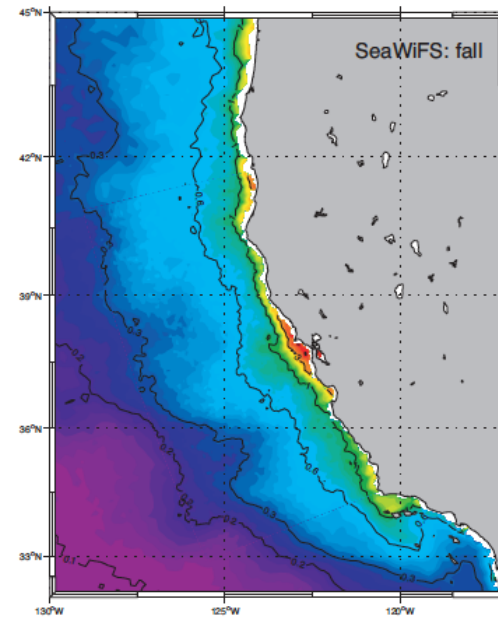
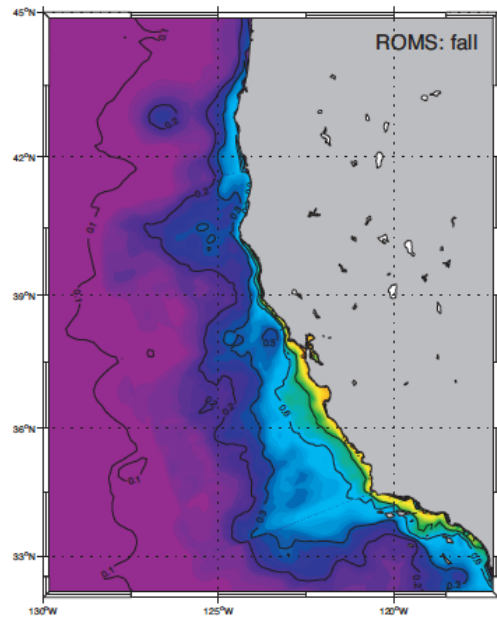


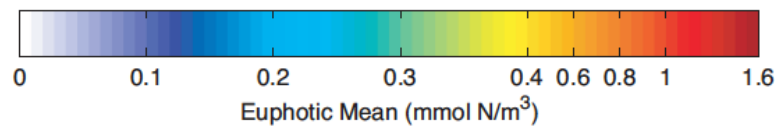
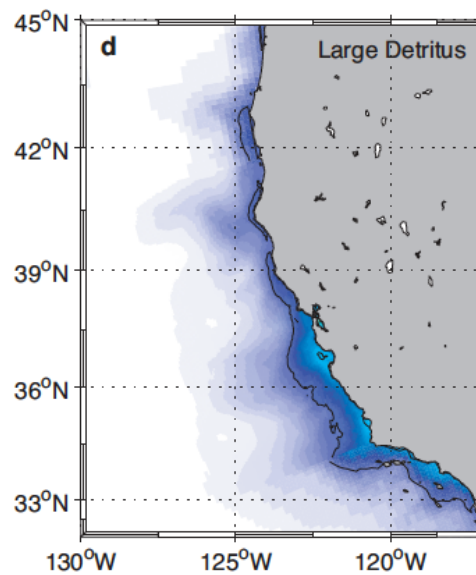
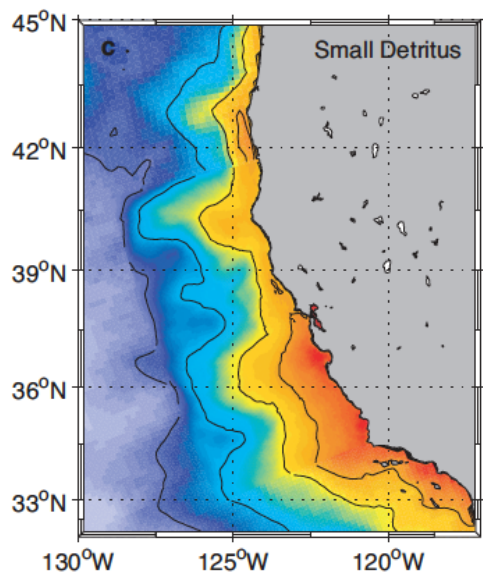
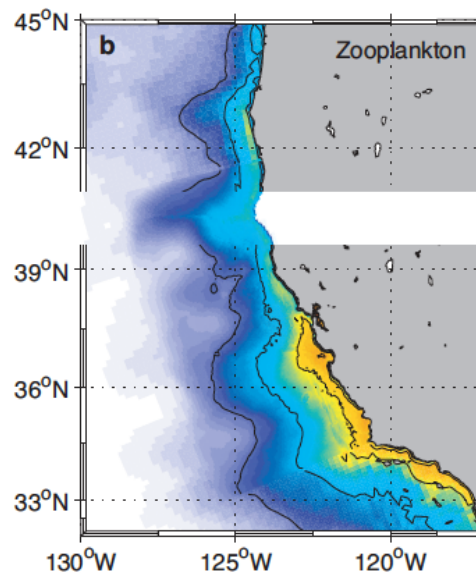
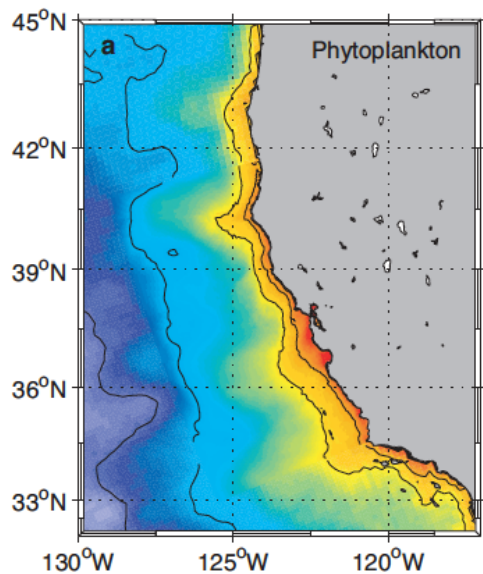
Comparison of the modeled and observed climatological annual cycle of temperature, Nitrate, and chlorophyll at the M1/H3 mooring site in Monterey Bay



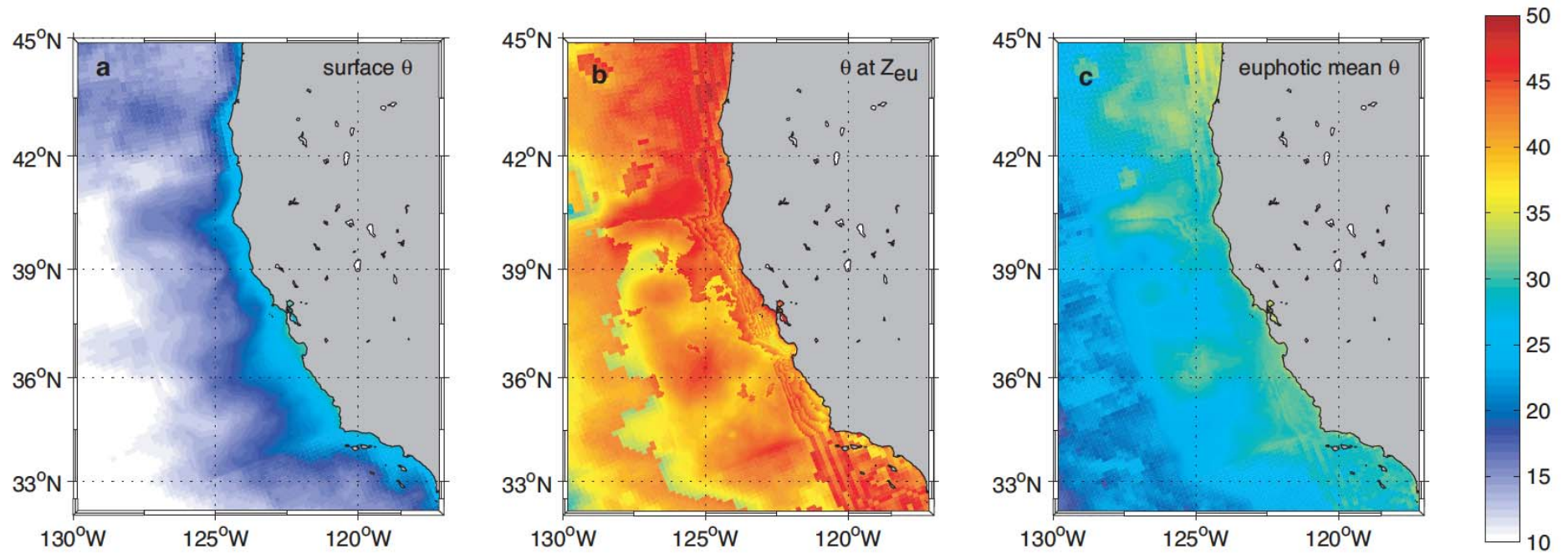
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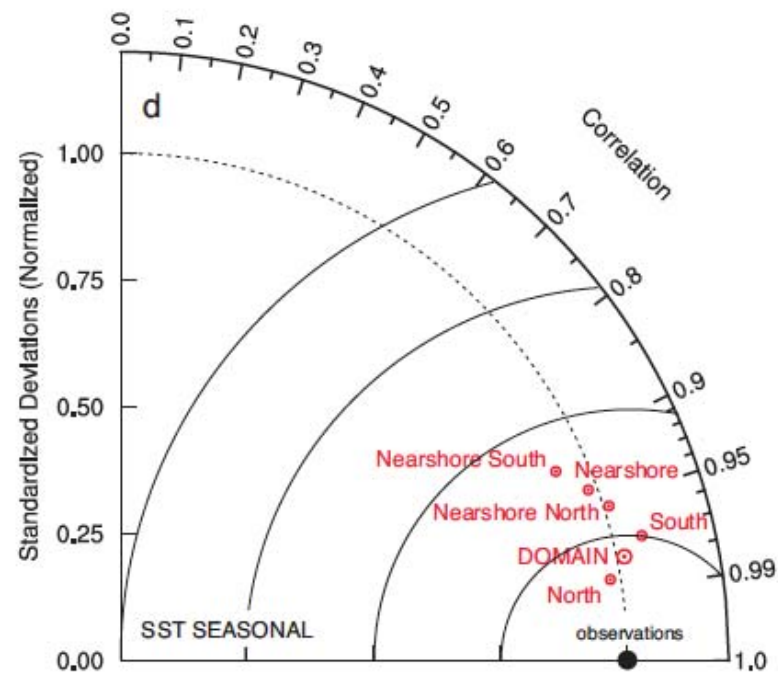
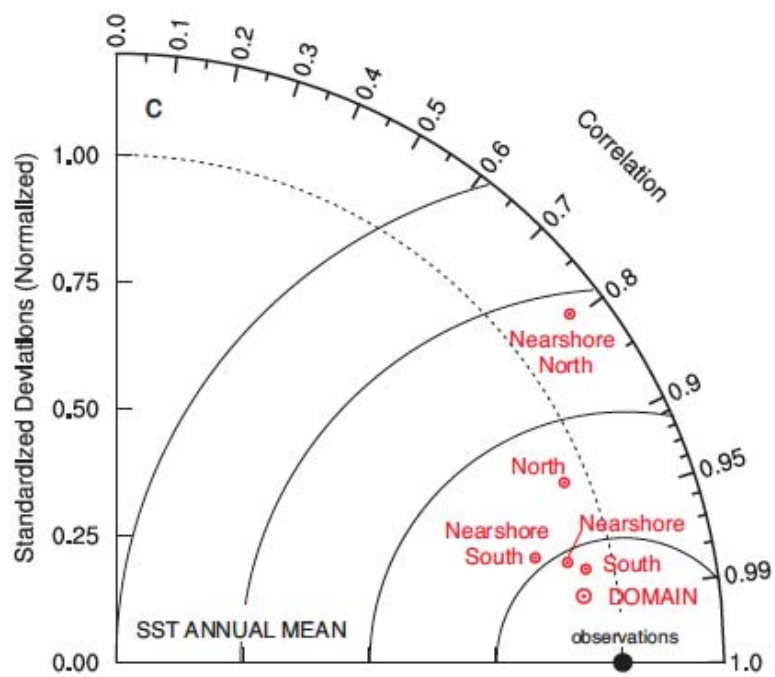
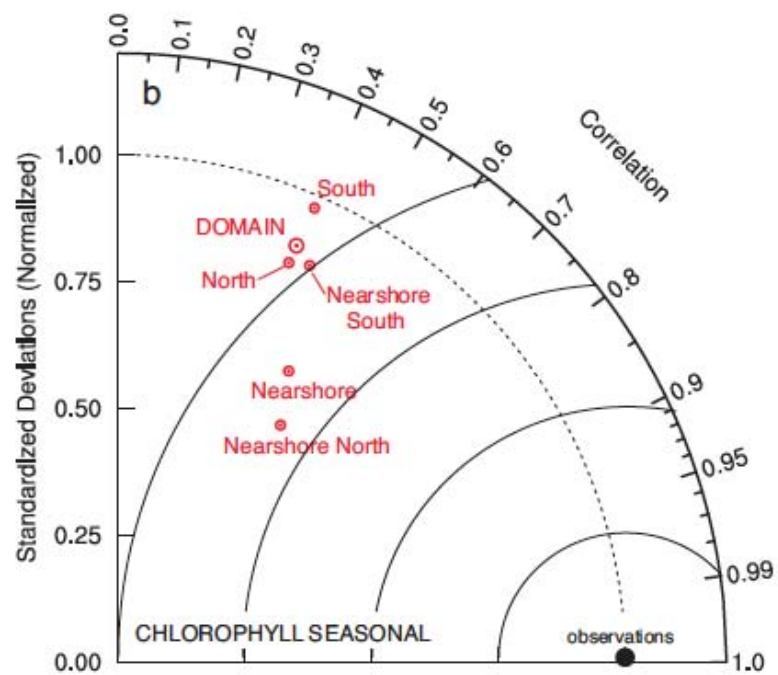
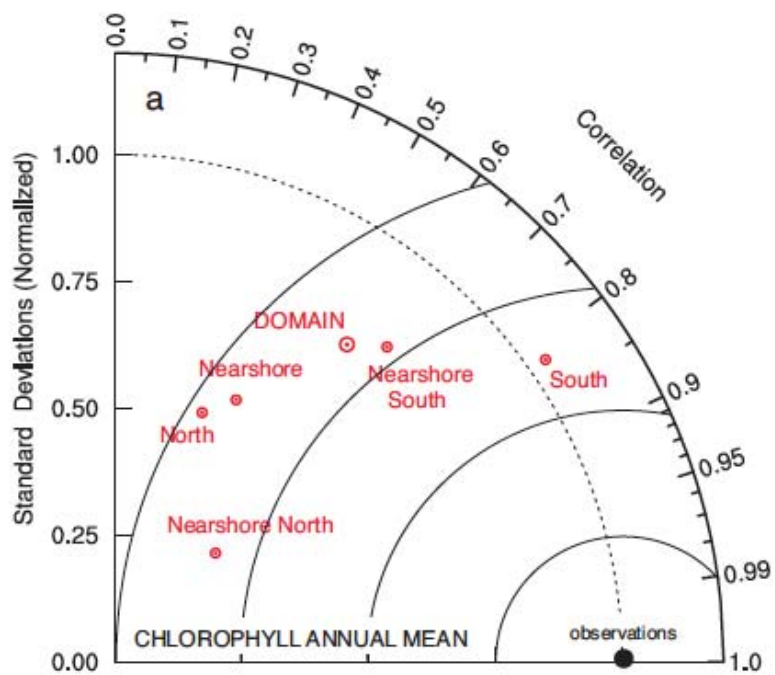


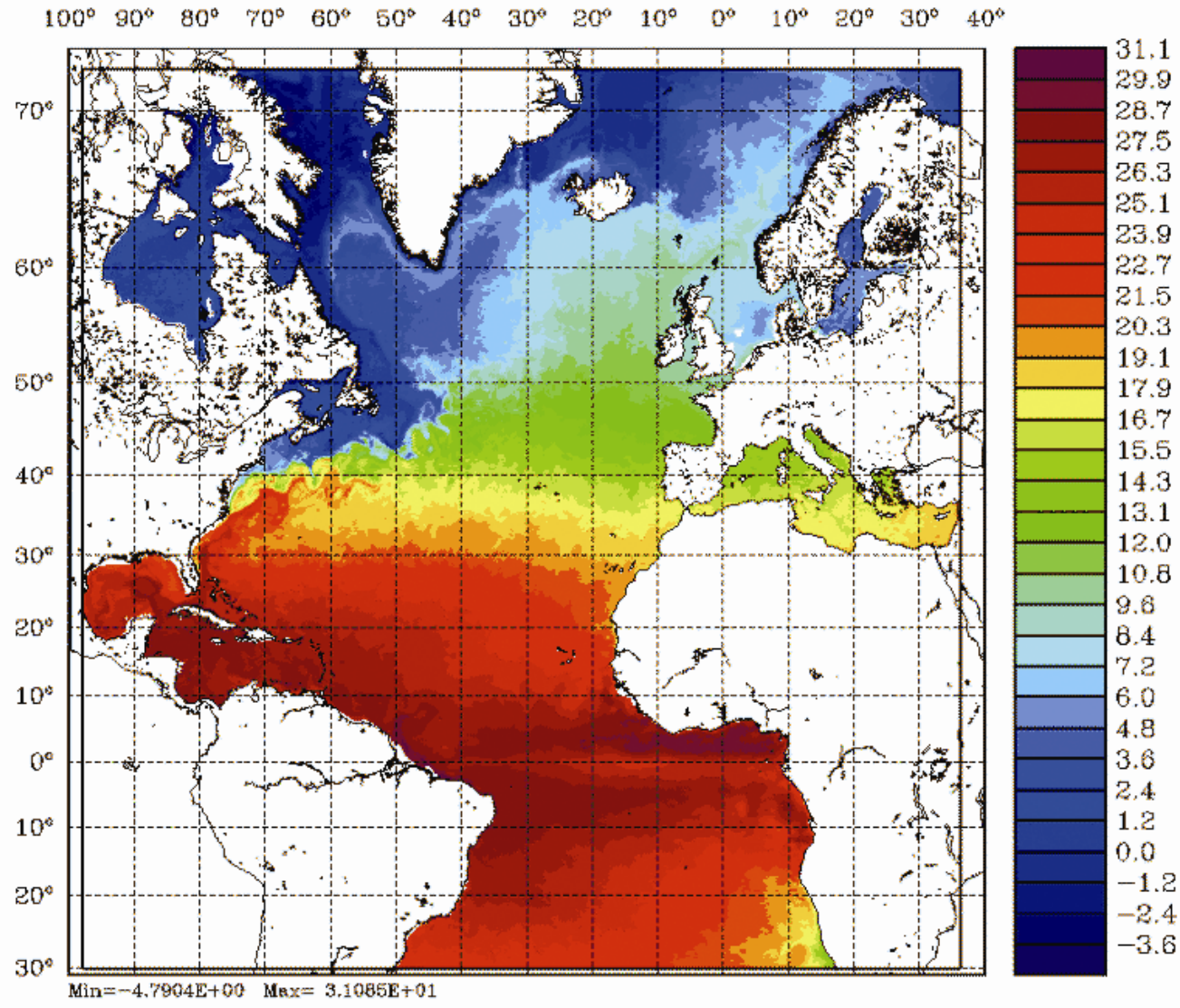






Maps of the chlorophyll-to-carbon ratio [ $\mu\text{gchl} (\text{mg C})^{-1}$ ]

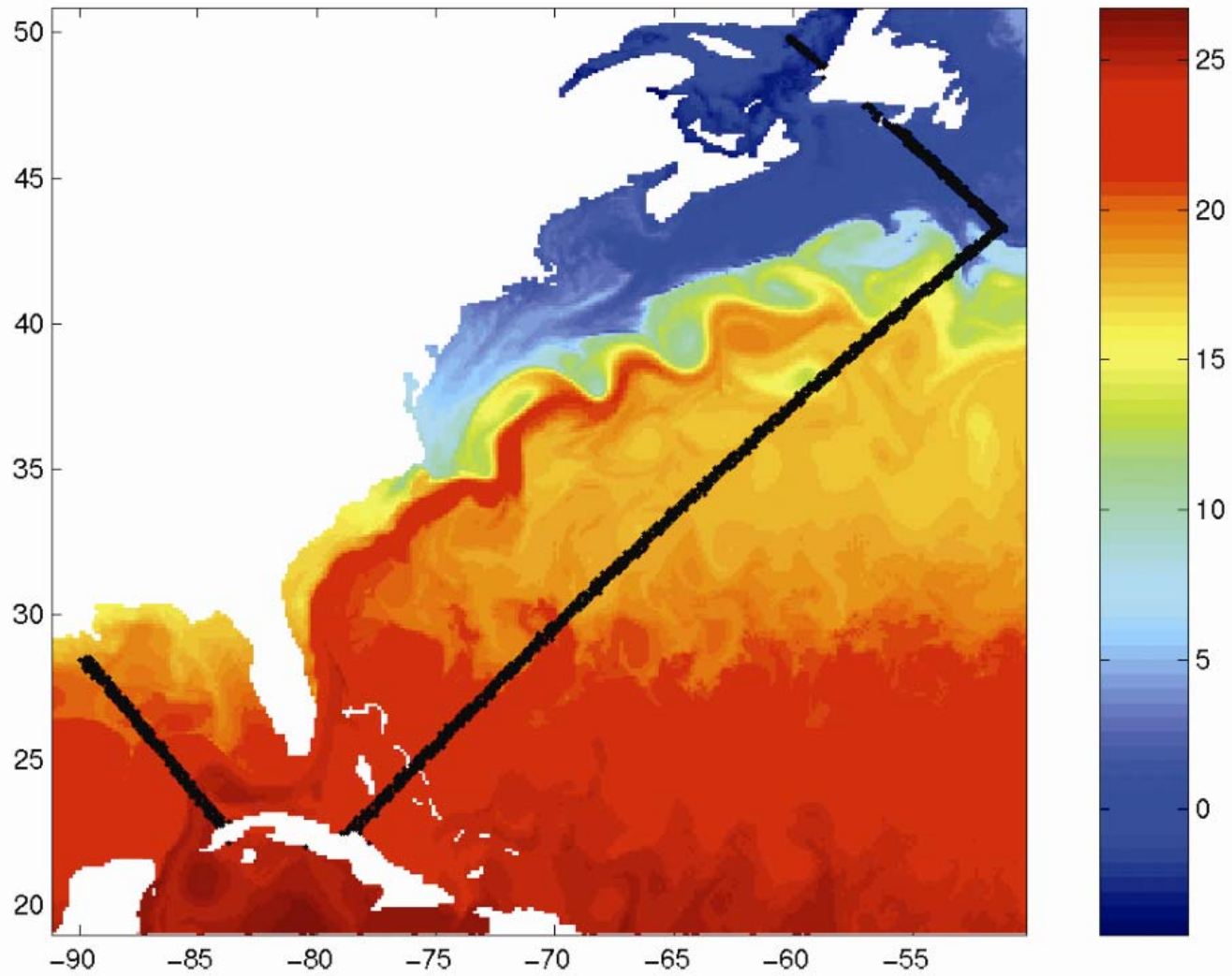




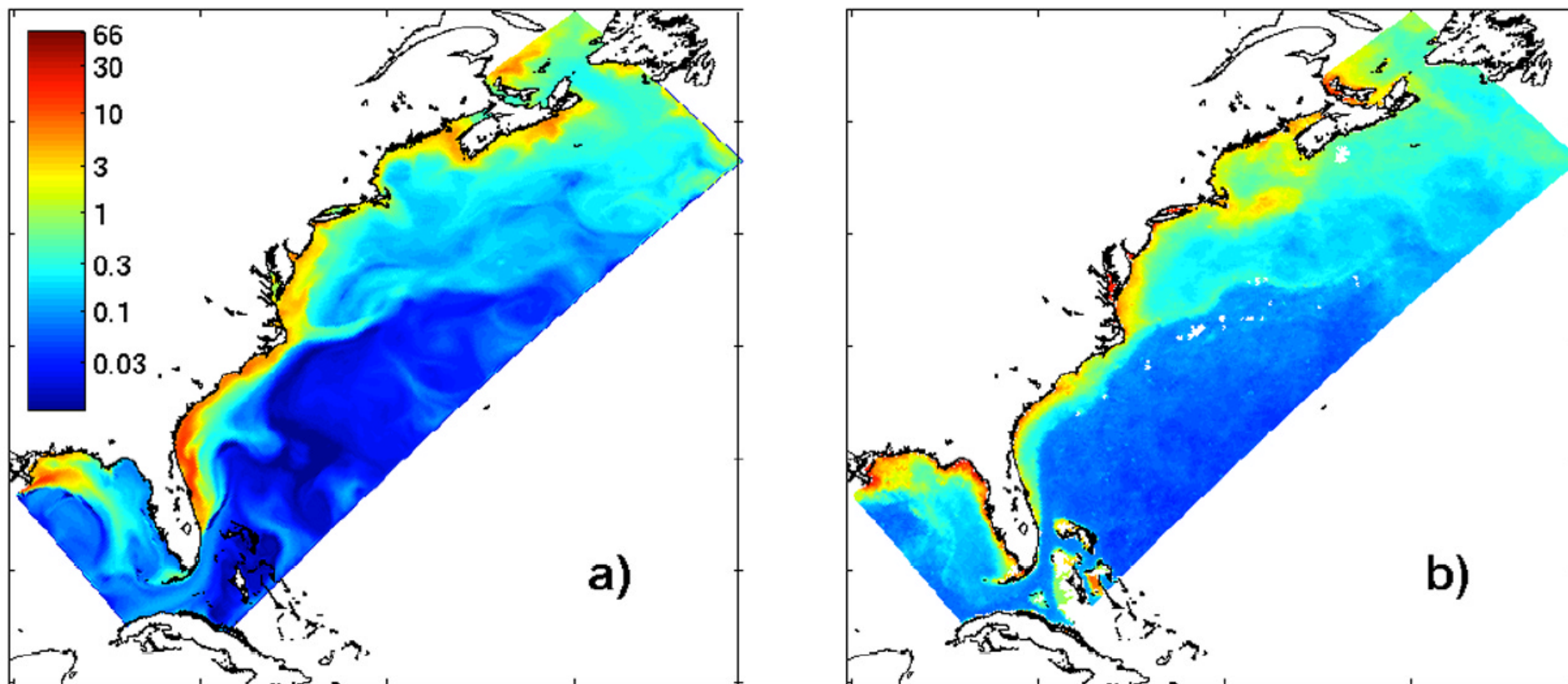
133.00 Day



10-km North Atlantic ROMS (NATL) Surface temperature  
Output stations for NENA 1-way nesting open boundary conditions

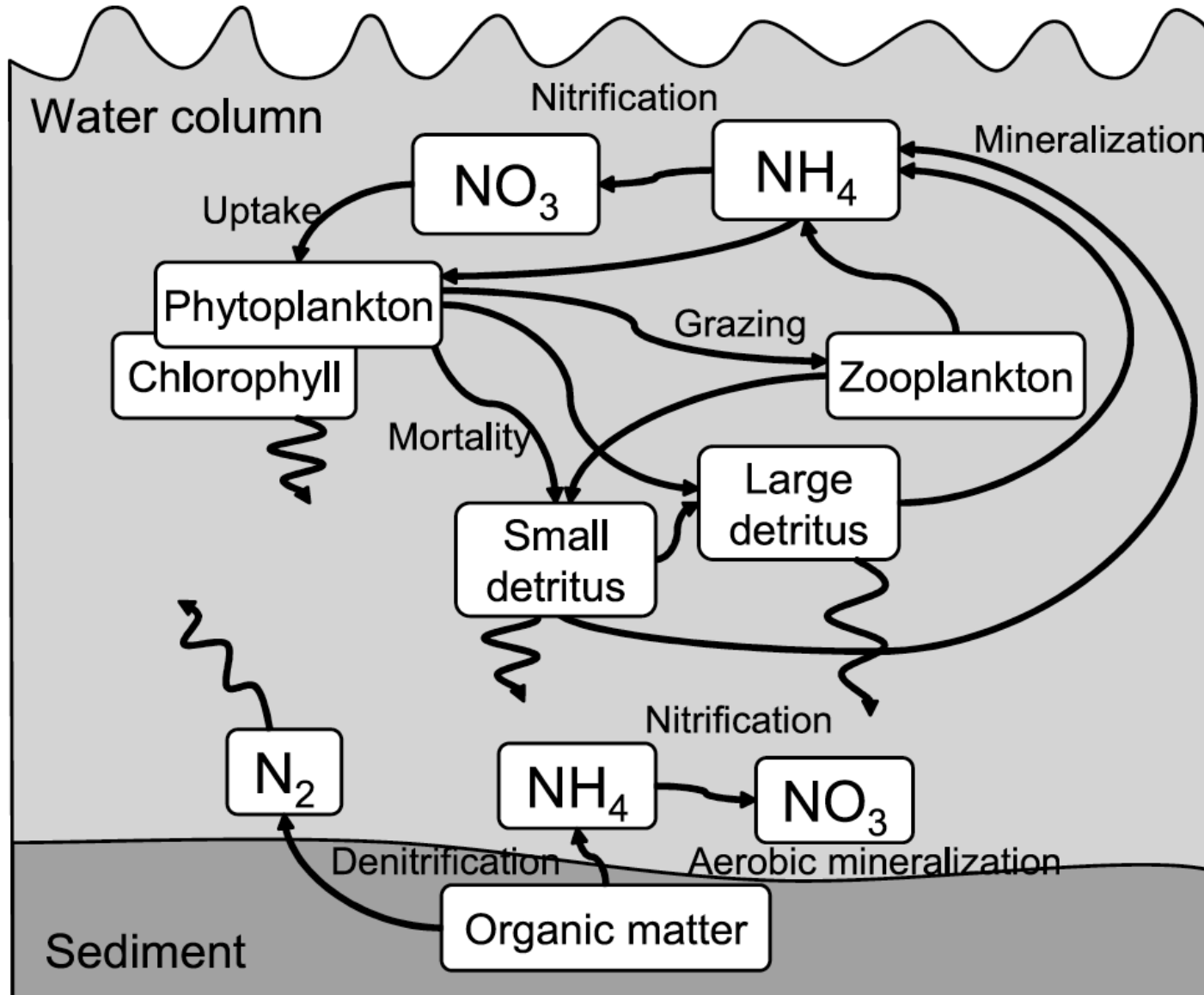


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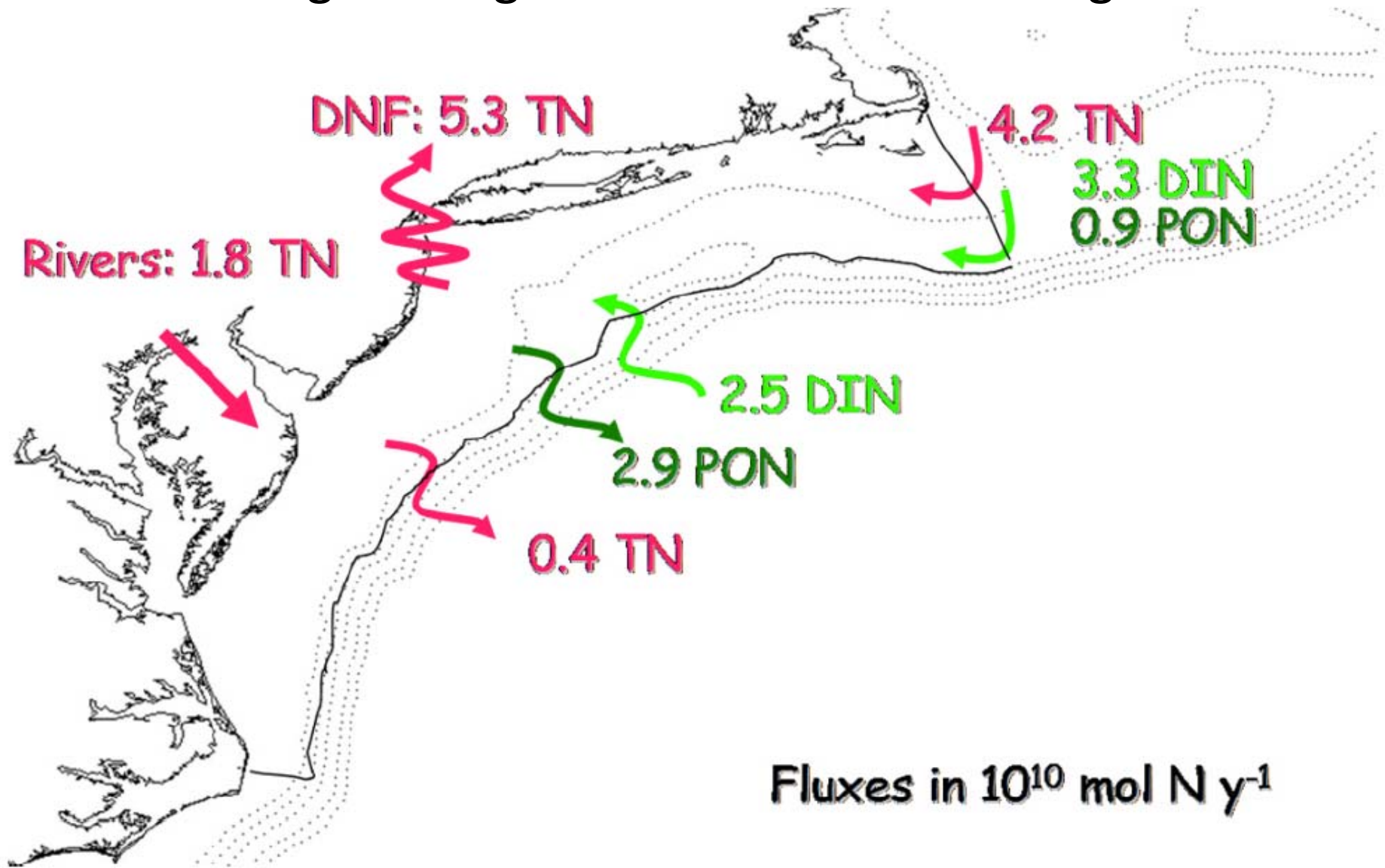


(a) Model-simulated mean surface chlorophyll for July of 1994 and  
(b) SeaWiFS mean chlorophyll for July of 2003 (same color scale)

# Biological Model Schematic



# Nitrogen Budget for the Mid-Atlantic Bight



# State-of-the-Art in GBC Modeling:

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- Develop the ecosystem model equations (a subjective effort)
- Fit the model solution to observations by using data assimilation (DA) in a 1D-mode to tune the model's parameter set
- Run the model in 3D-mode with fit parameters from 1D DA  
[in practice, most models run in an Nx1D configuration]



An example of the various 'parameter sets' obtained from fitting an ecosystem model to observations using 12 different DA schemes

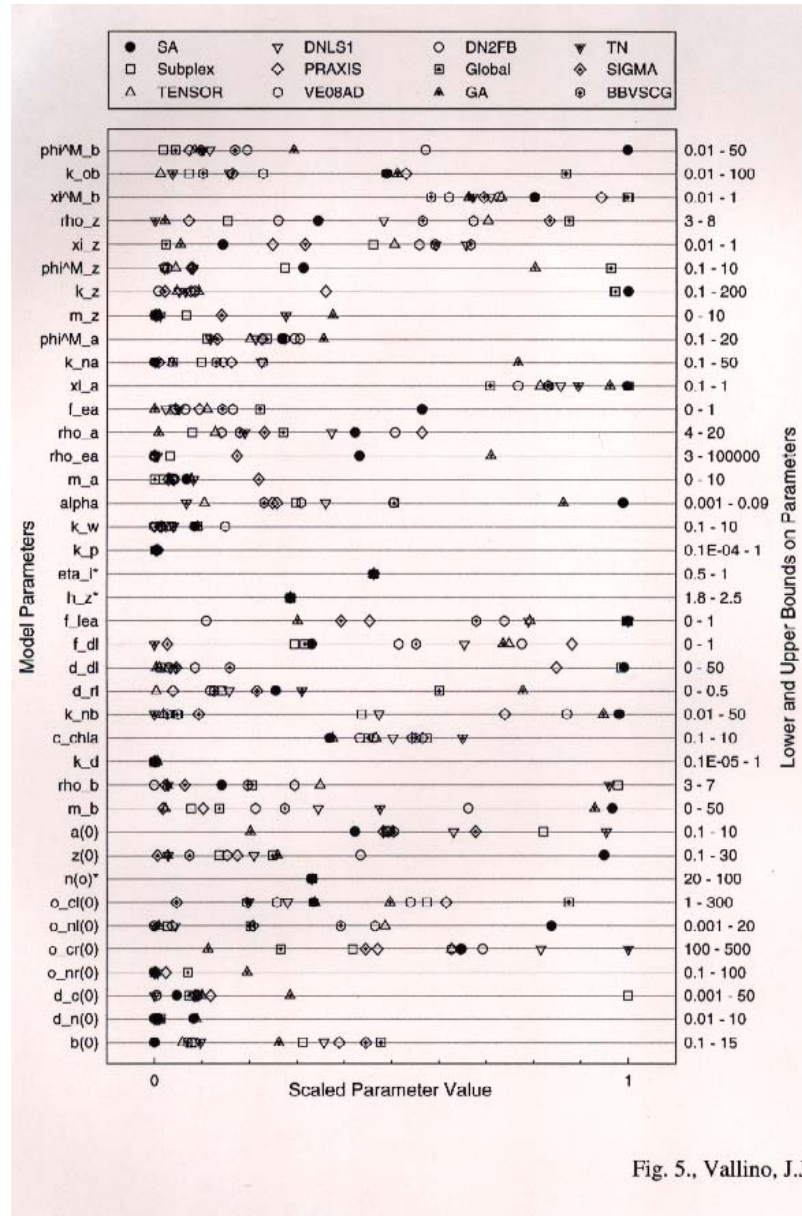


Fig. 5., Vallino, J.J.

## Modelling the effect of temperature on the maximum growth rates of phytoplankton populations

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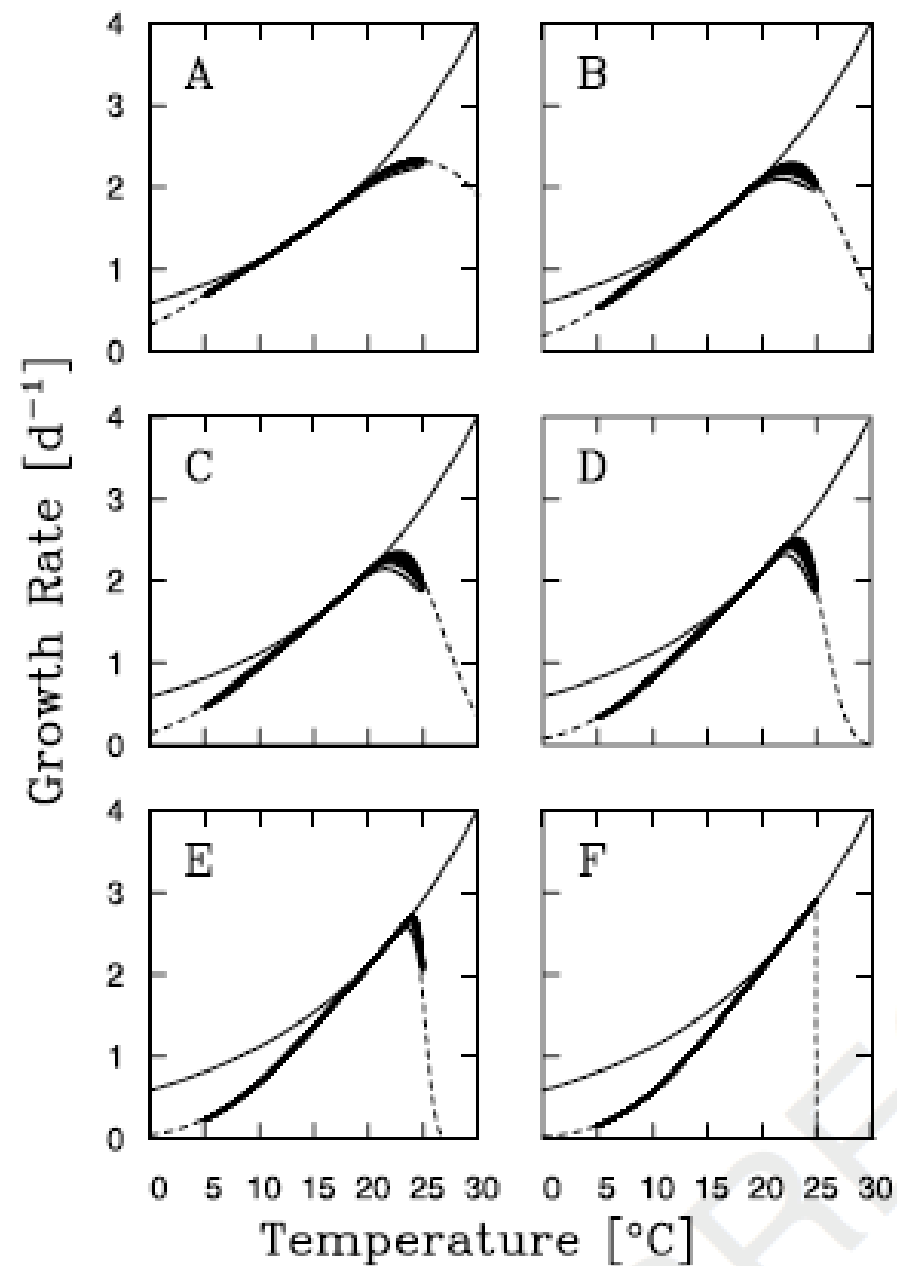
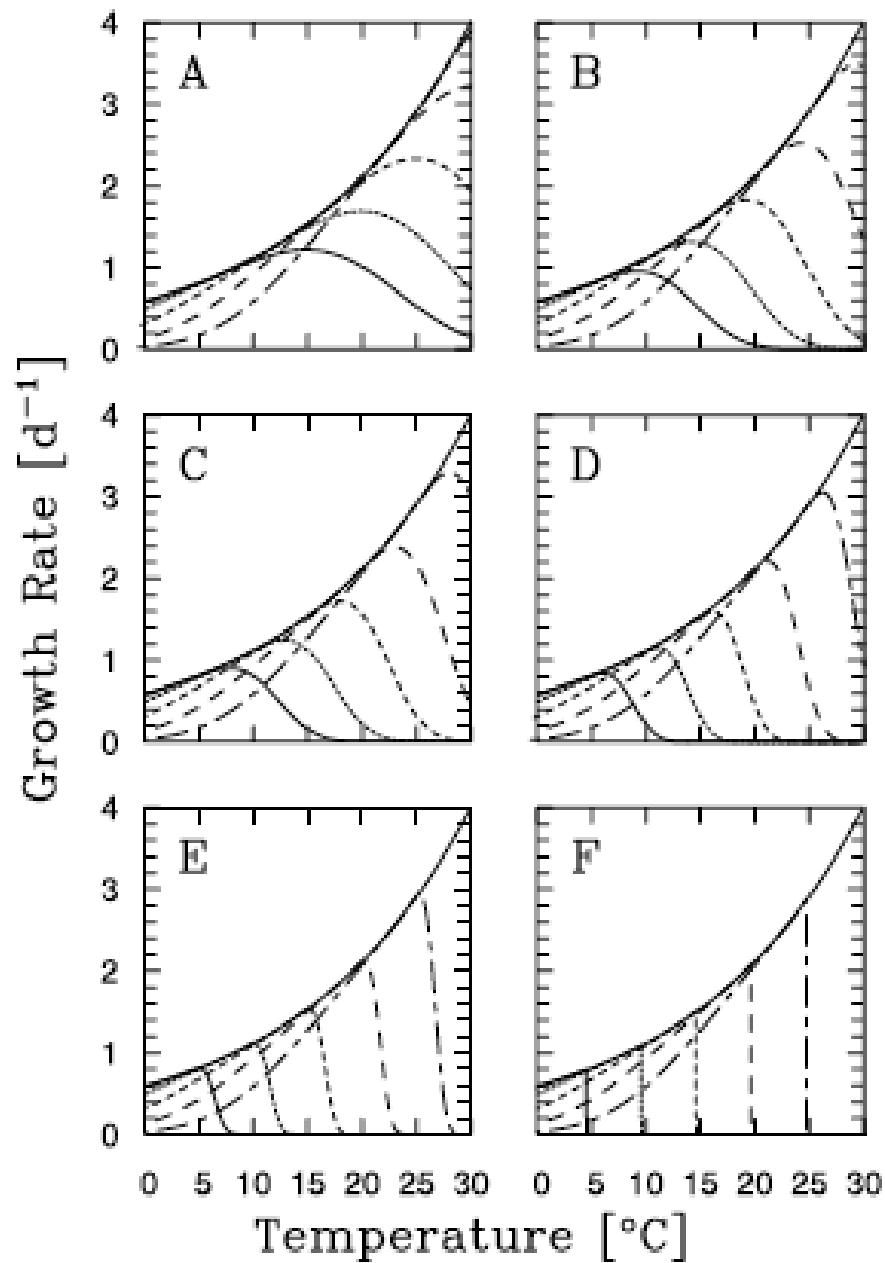
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### Abstract

Functional relationships which parameterize growth based on the Eppley temperature relationship for phytoplankton maximal growth rates are increasingly being used in marine and freshwater ecosystem models. In this paper, we demonstrate the effect of using such generalized relationships in modelling studies. Two suites of numerical experiments are carried out to investigate the sensitivity of models to generalized growth relationships. In each experiment, 100 individual species or groups of phytoplankton are allowed to compete under a variety of growth versus temperature relationships. One suite of experiments is carried out within a simple 'chemostat' type model that is forced with seasonally varying temperature and photosynthetically available radiation (PAR) fields. A second suite of experiments is carried out using a biogeochemical mixed-layer model to demonstrate the sensitivity of these models to various temperature versus growth relationships. The key difference in the biogeochemical mixed-layer simulations is in the timing of the ecosystem response to seasonal variability of the mixed-layer depth and temperature. The Eppley growth versus temperature relationship overestimates phytoplankton growth by as much as 80% during the spring when growth rates are crucial to the timing of the spring blooms. This decrease in growth rates causes a delay in the spring phytoplankton bloom which in turn results in significant changes in all other model constituents. The results from both suites of experiments show that it is important to resolve the intrinsic growth dynamics of a population in order to properly resolve the maximum growth rates of phytoplankton populations. The results also present a possible explanation for why phytoplankton are commonly found growing within water colder than their optimal temperature for growth. A dynamic growth versus temperature model is introduced that is capable of resolving the growth dynamics of a population of phytoplankton under a variety of temperature forcing scenarios. This new growth versus temperature model/relationship will be useful in global biogeochemical models and demonstrates the importance of underlying population dynamics in controlling bulk community growth estimates.

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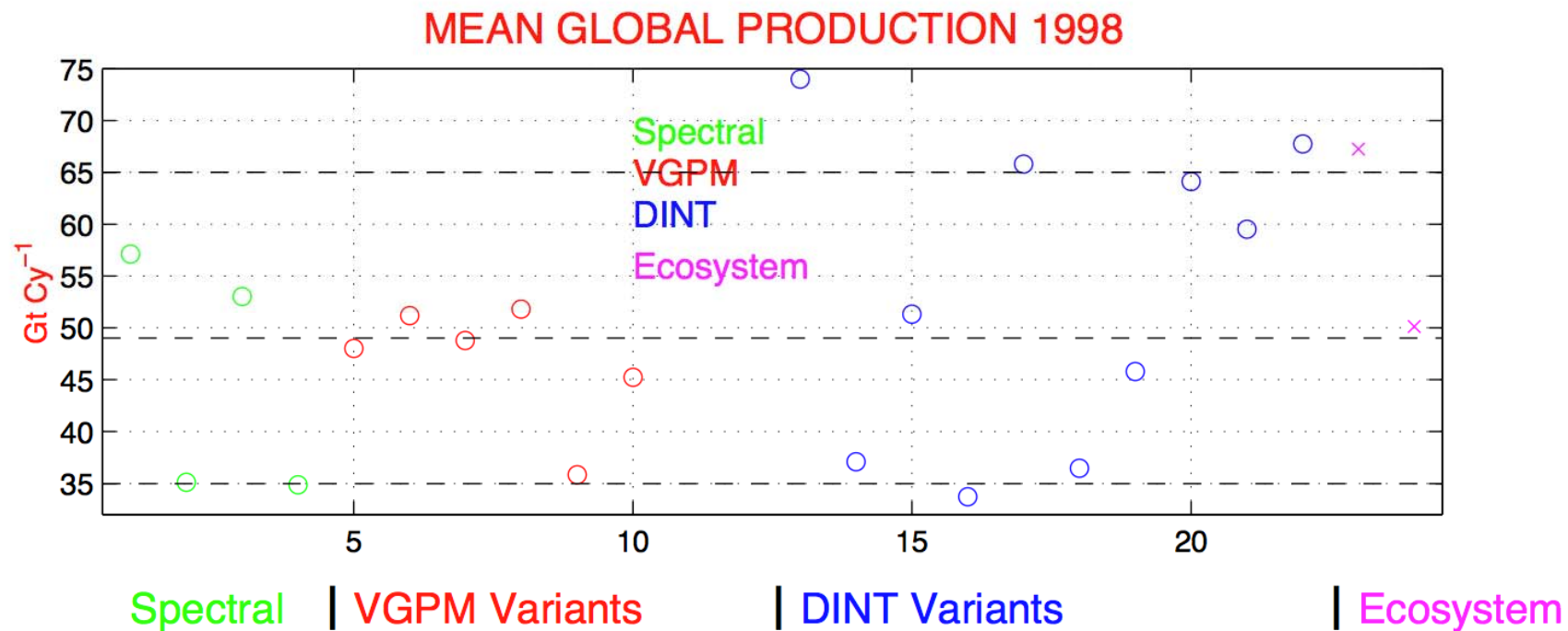


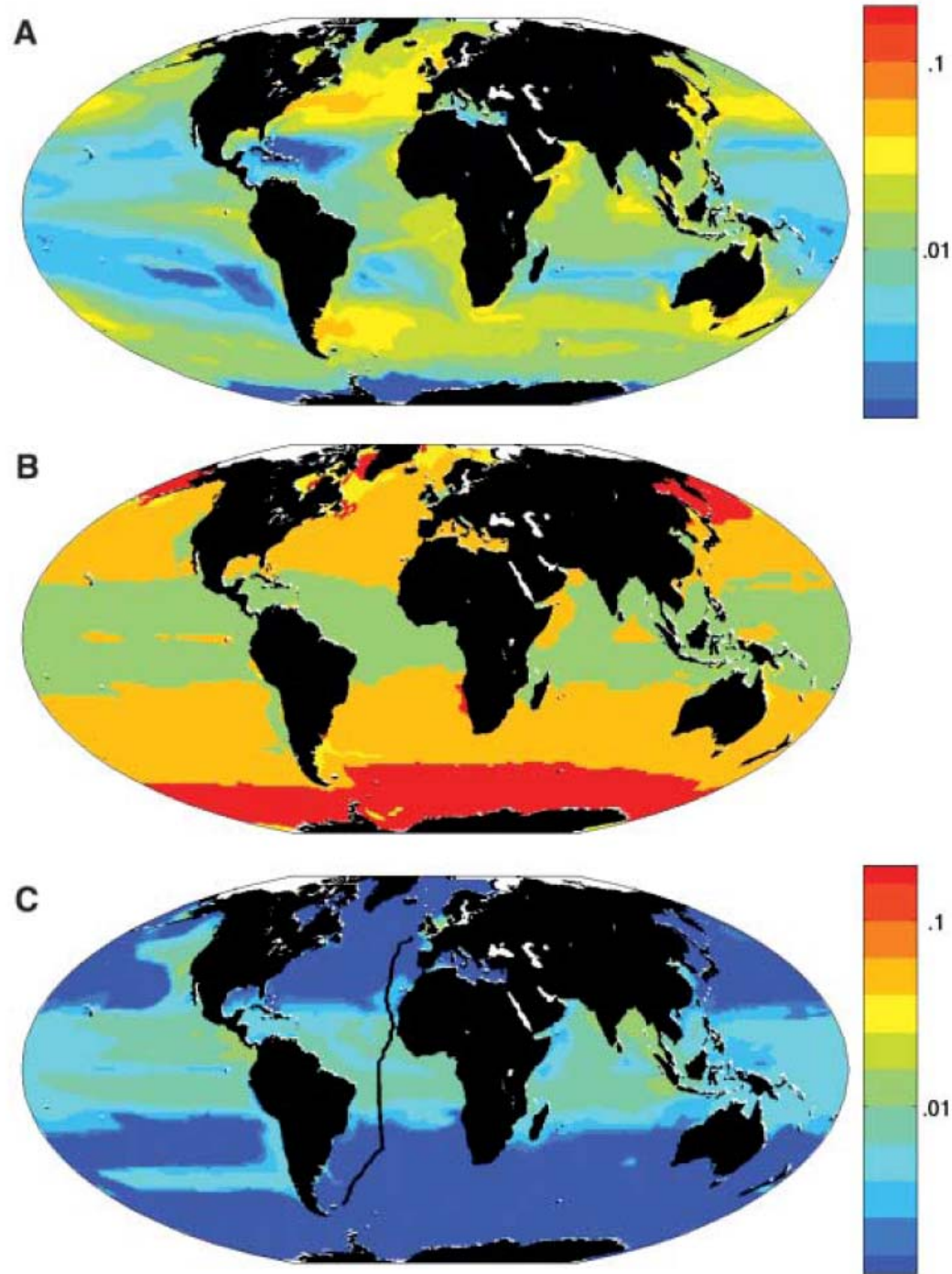
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# Emergent Biogeography of Microbial Communities in a Model Ocean

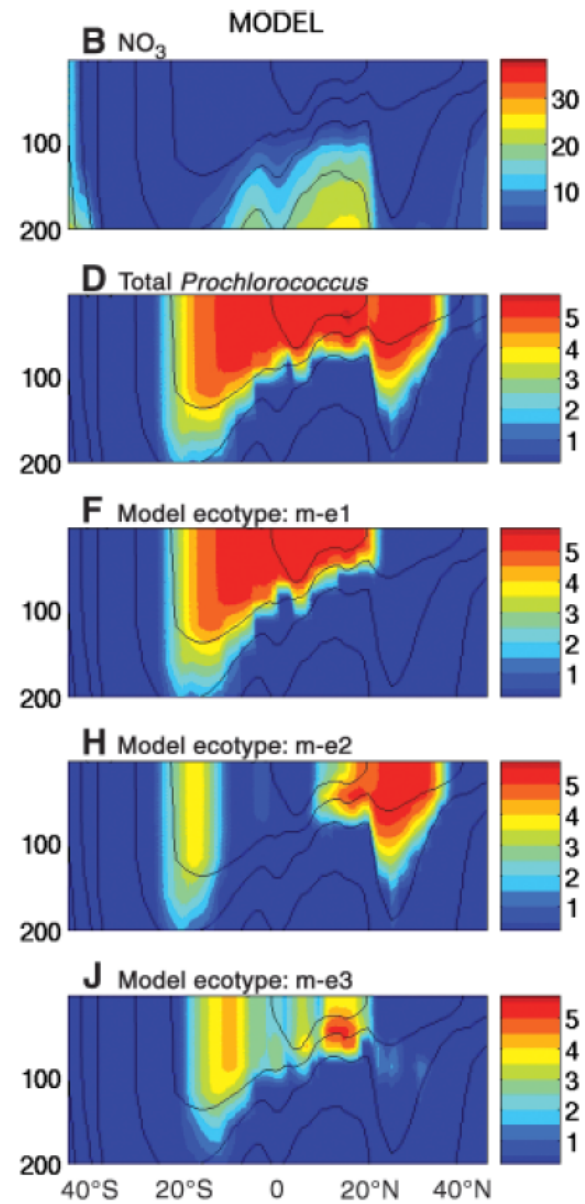
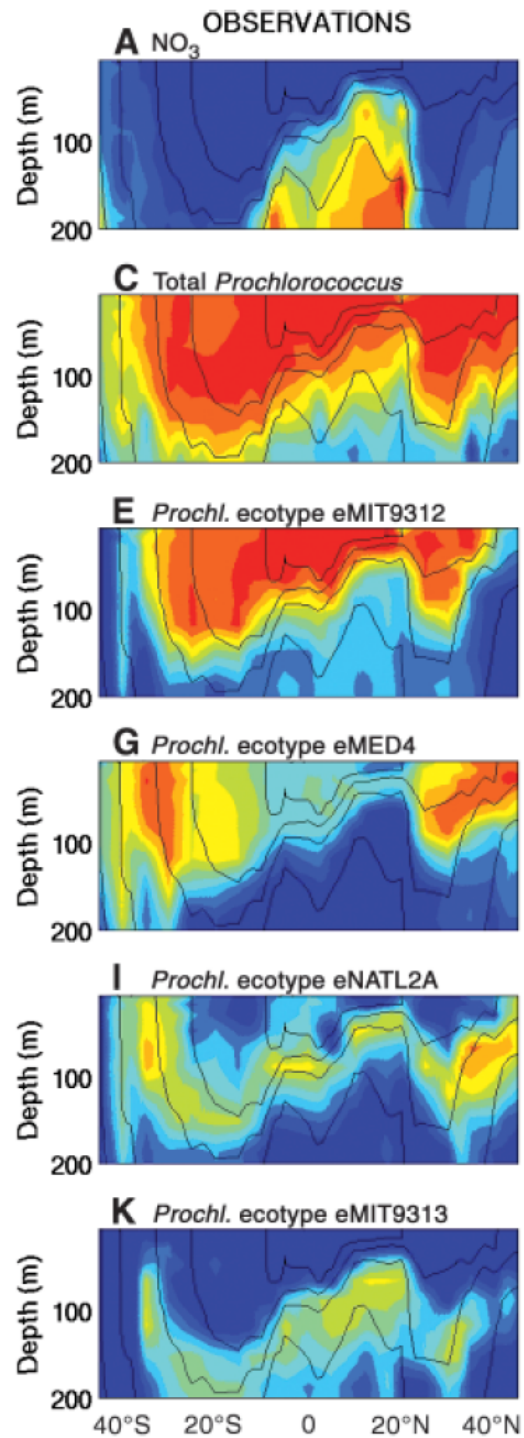
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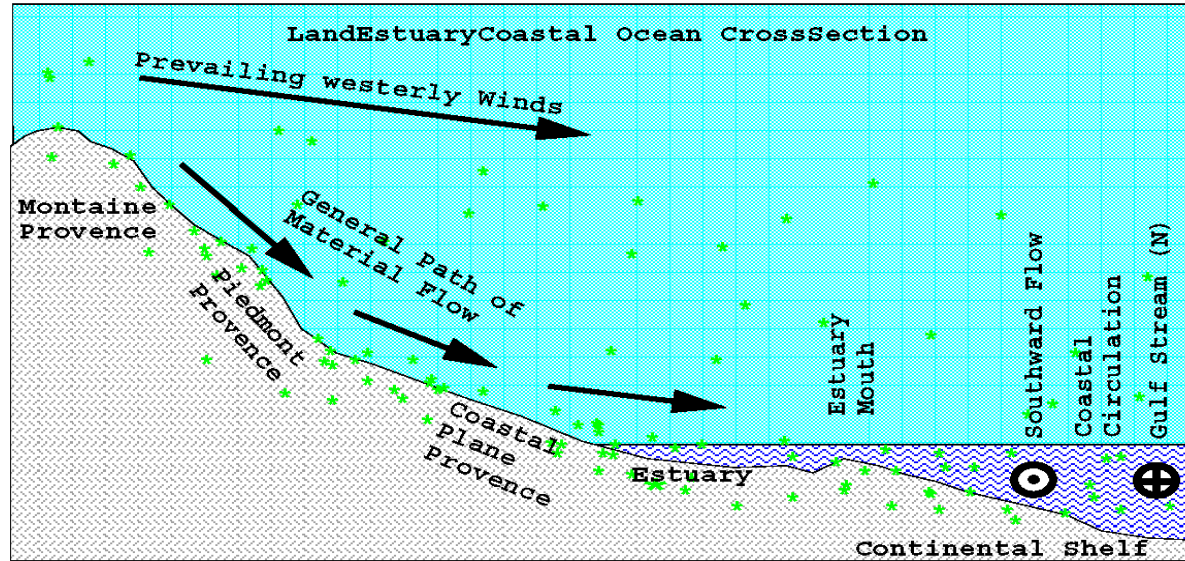
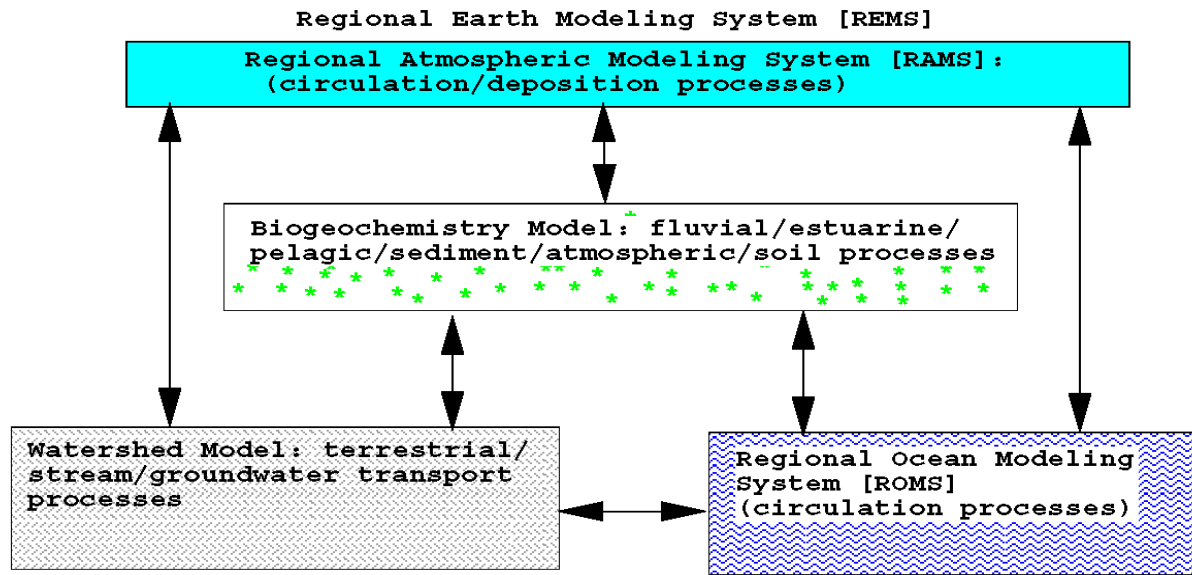
A marine ecosystem model seeded with many phytoplankton types, whose physiological traits were randomly assigned from ranges defined by field and laboratory data, generated an emergent community structure and biogeography consistent with observed global phytoplankton distributions. The modeled organisms included types analogous to the marine cyanobacterium *Prochlorococcus*. Their emergent global distributions and physiological properties simultaneously correspond to observations. This flexible representation of community structure can be used to explore relations between ecosystems, biogeochemical cycles, and climate change.

**Fig. 1.** Annual mean biomass and biogeography from single integration. **(A)** Total phytoplankton biomass ( $\mu\text{M P}$ , 0 to 50 m average). **(B)** Emergent biogeography: Modeled photo-autotrophs were categorized into four functional groups; color coding is according to group locally dominating annual mean biomass. Green, analogs of *Prochlorococcus*; orange, other small photo-autotrophs; red, diatoms; and yellow, other large phytoplankton. **(C)** Total biomass of *Prochlorococcus* analogs ( $\mu\text{M P}$ , 0 to 50 m average). Black line indicates the track of AMT13.











## Coastal Watersheds on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts

