

# Remote sensing methods to map and monitor coastal habitats and bathymetry

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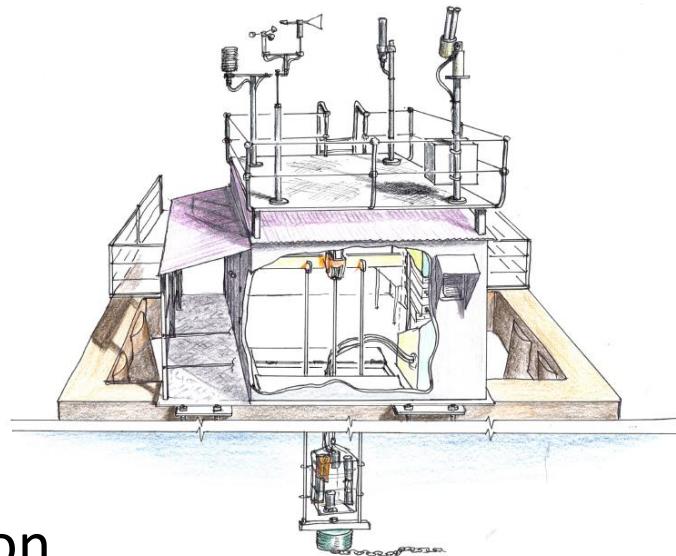
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# Development of Earth observation methods for water quality and coastal habitat assessment

- Characterisation of aquatic bio-optics & substrates
- Calibration and validation facilities
- Algorithms
- Accuracy and uncertainty metrics
- Multi-sensor model-data integration



# CSIRO - Optically Shallow and Optically Deep Water - Remote Sensing based on 3 methods

1. Atmospheric correction and air-water interface effects removal (RT physics-based and increasingly relying on ANN for fast processing)
2. For optically deep waters: adaptive linear matrix inversion method (aLMI) using variable sets of SIOPS (Specific Inherent Optical Properties) to allow for varying water types within one image
3. For optically shallow waters: enhancement of enhanced implementation of the inversion/optimization approach by Lee et al. (1999, 2001) by including multiple substratum types (SAMBUCa)

# SAMBUCa: Semi Analytical Model for Bathymetry, Unmixing and Concentration Assessment

SAMBUCa is an enhancement (by Brando et al. 2009) of the inversion/optimization method by Lee *et al.* (1998; 1999; 2001) to enable:

- Retrieval of chlorophyll-a, CDOM and NAP concentrations in varying water types
- Pure and mixed substratum-type compositions
- Retrieval of vertical attenuation (for optically deep water)
- Retrieval of bathymetry
- Estimating the contribution of the substratum-type to the remote sensing signal (SDI)

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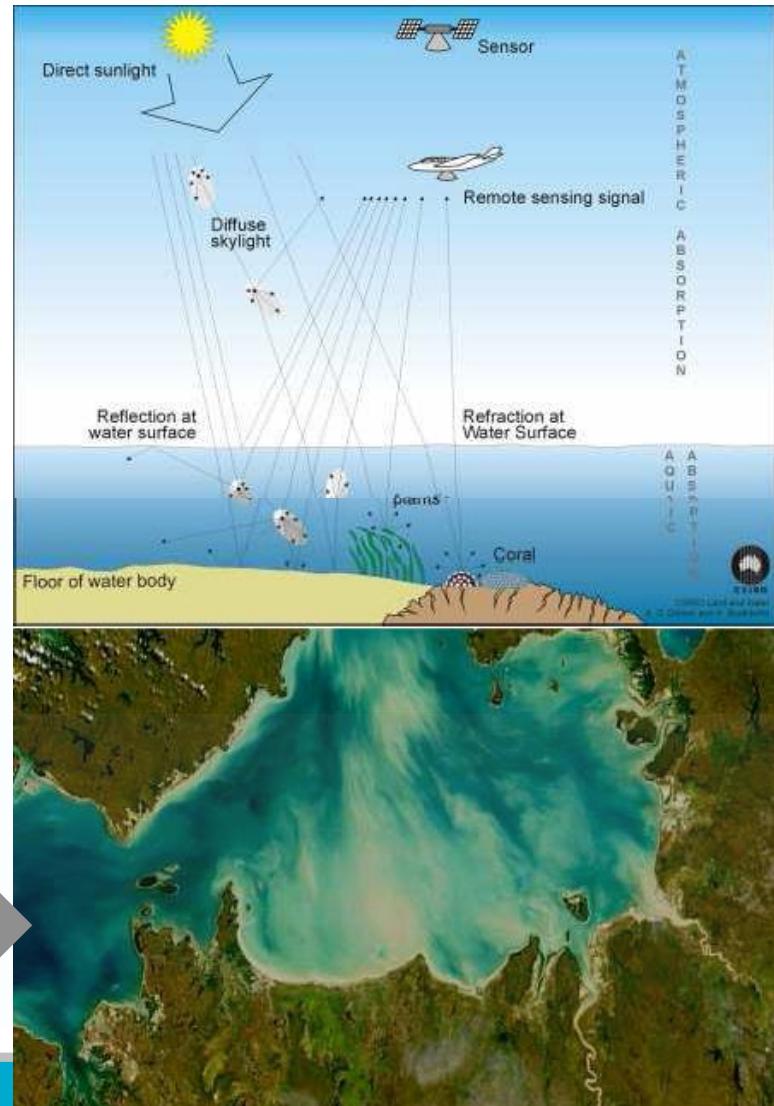
A physics based retrieval and quality assessment of bathymetry from suboptimal hyperspectral data

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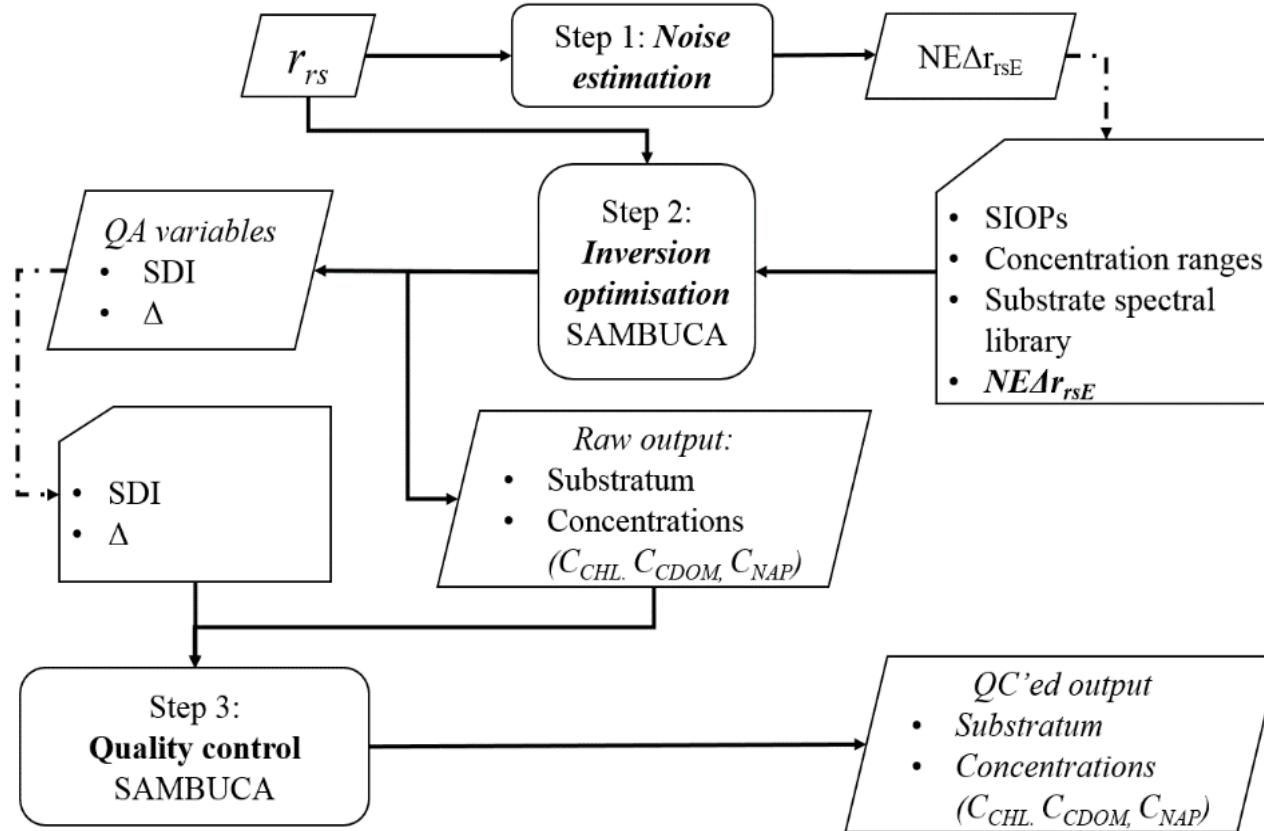
# The challenge for water quality and coastal habitat assessment

Coastal and coral reef water bodies are a mixture of:

- optically shallow,
- quasi optically deep
- and optically deep waters (gradients of clear to turbid waters & varying bottom visibility)
- substrate visibility and optical complexity affects water quality parameters model retrievals
- Previous approaches using empirical regression-based techniques cannot account for the complexity of these waters



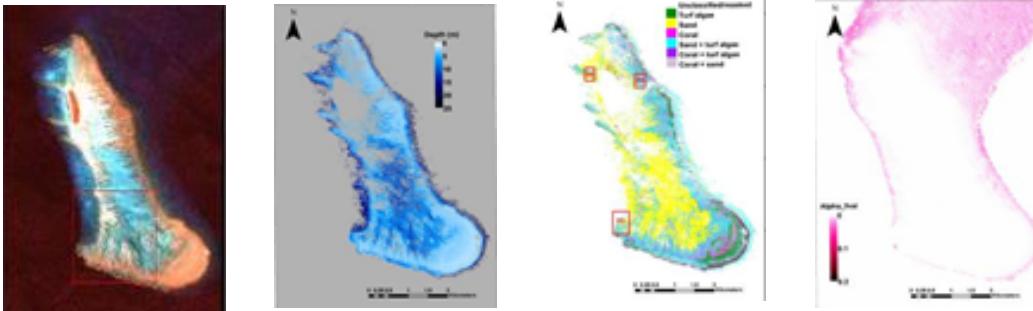
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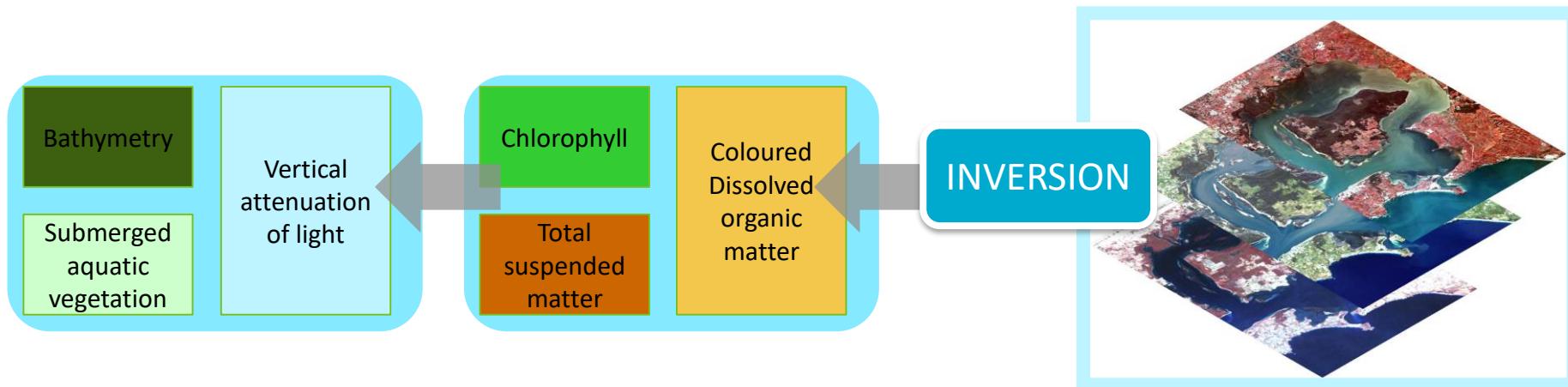
*It is sensor agnostic: it works across multispectral to hyperspectral EO*

# Optically Shallow Waters Inversion Methods

## SAMBUCA

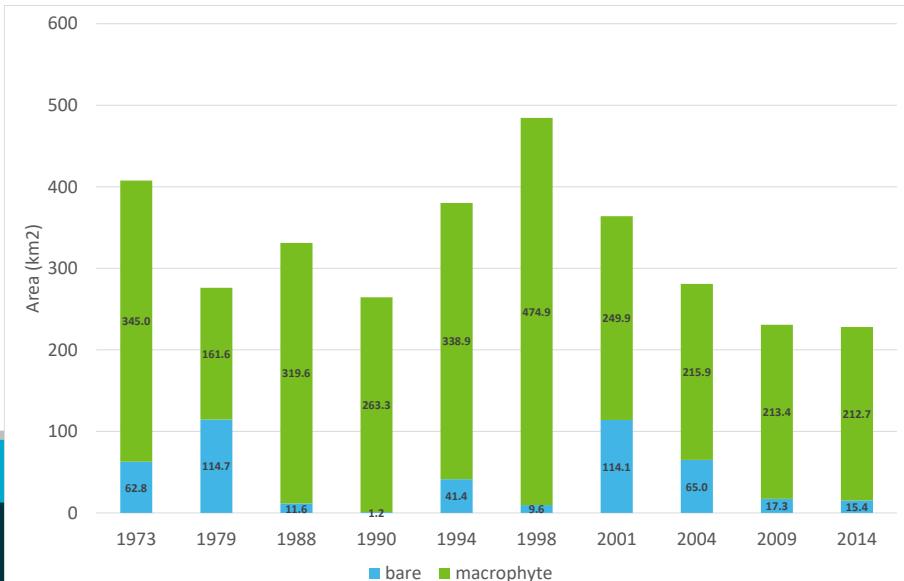
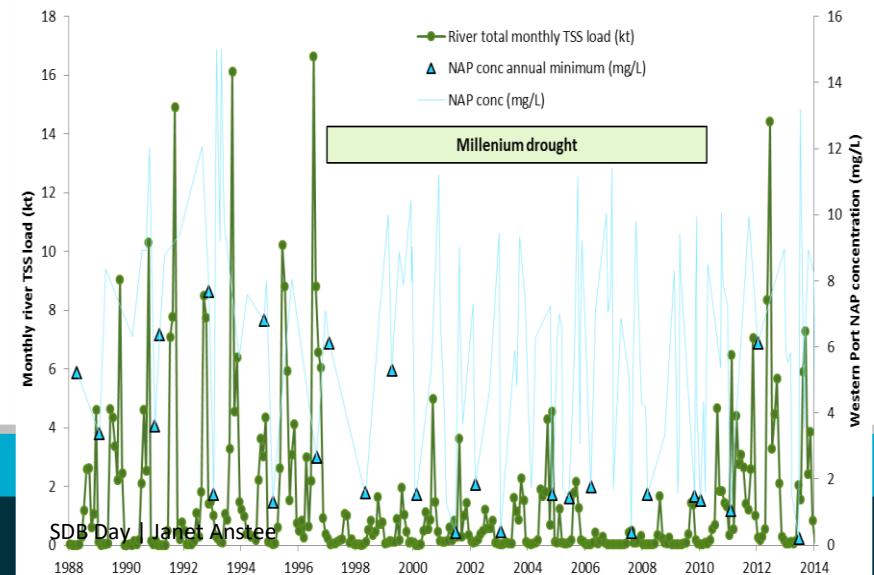
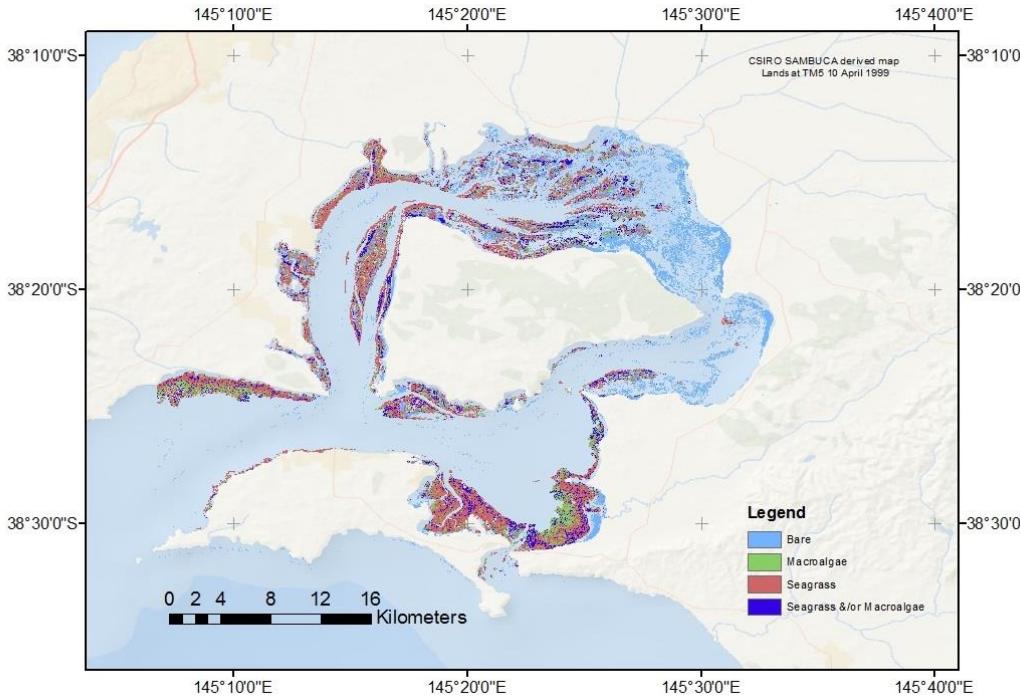


- Implementing the Open Source code on the National Computational Infrastructure (NCI) facility at the Australian National University.
- This enables processing at higher resolution, within shorter periods of time and provide access to new tools and techniques (such as time-series analysis) when applied on the Digital Earth Australia DataCube.
- This research is currently being supported through a joint CSIRO-GA project.

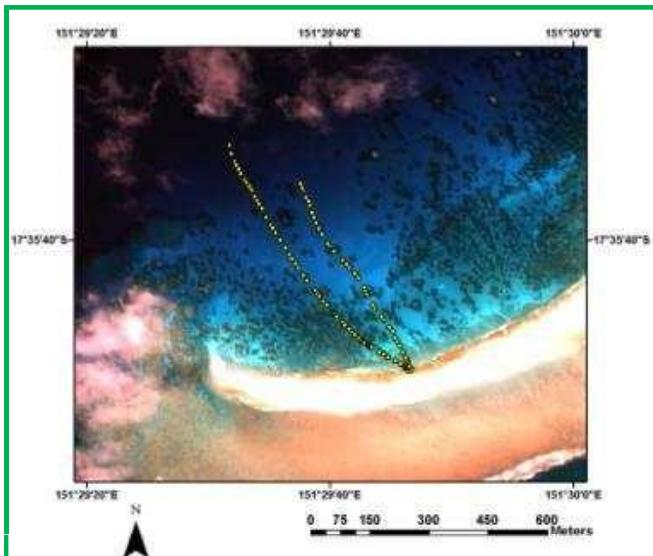


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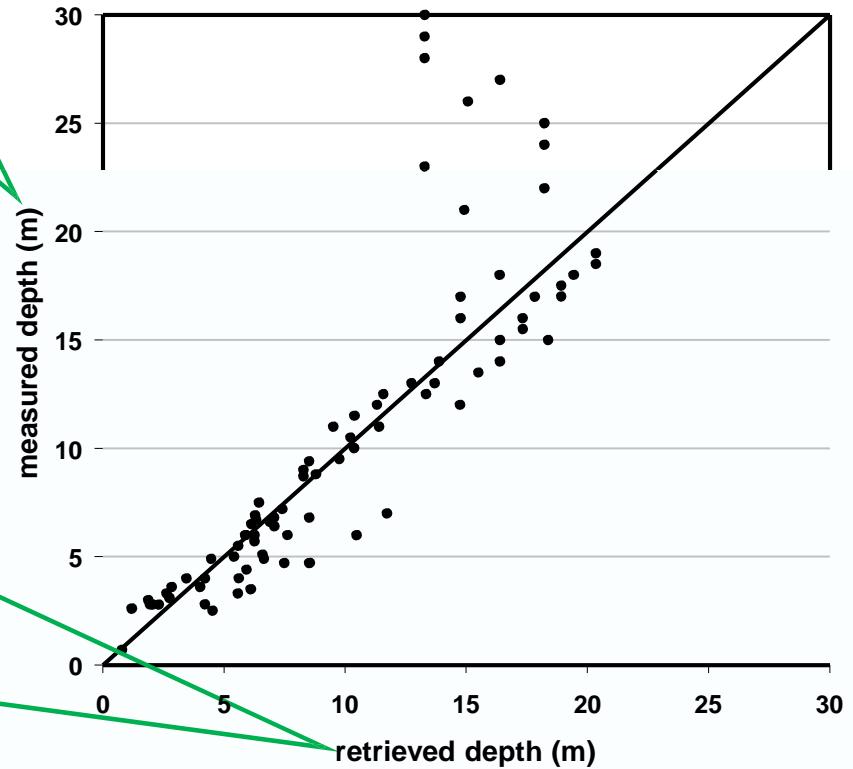
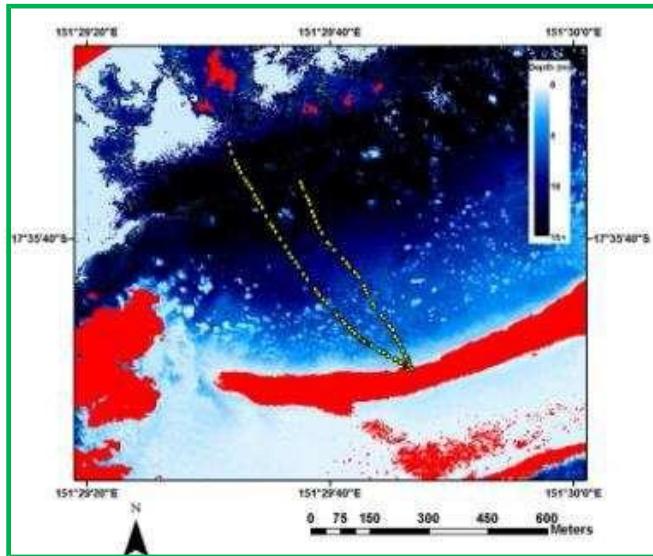
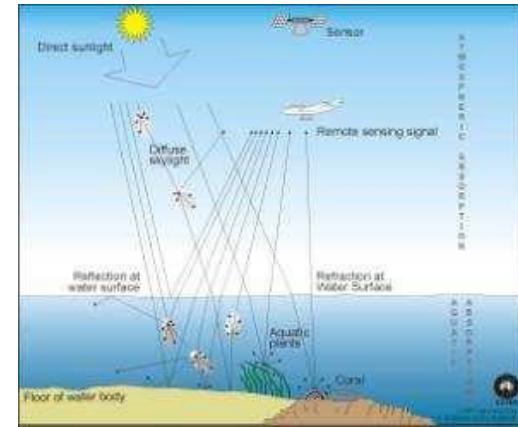
- Inversion retrievals of
  - WQ information
  - bathymetry
  - substrate type
- Light Attenuation Kd(490)



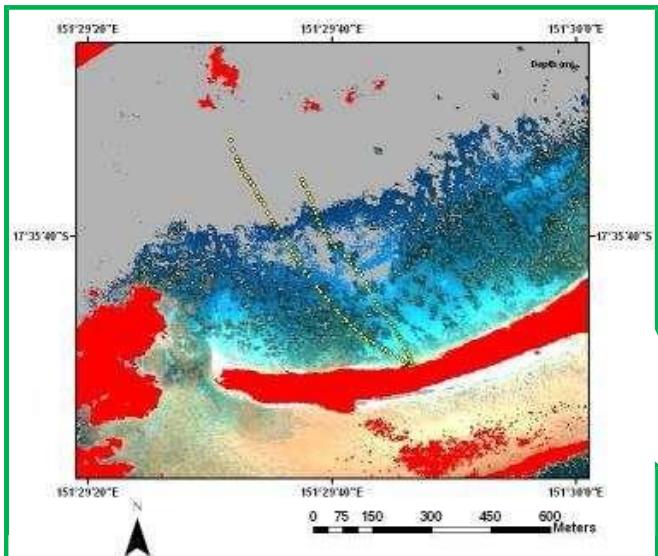
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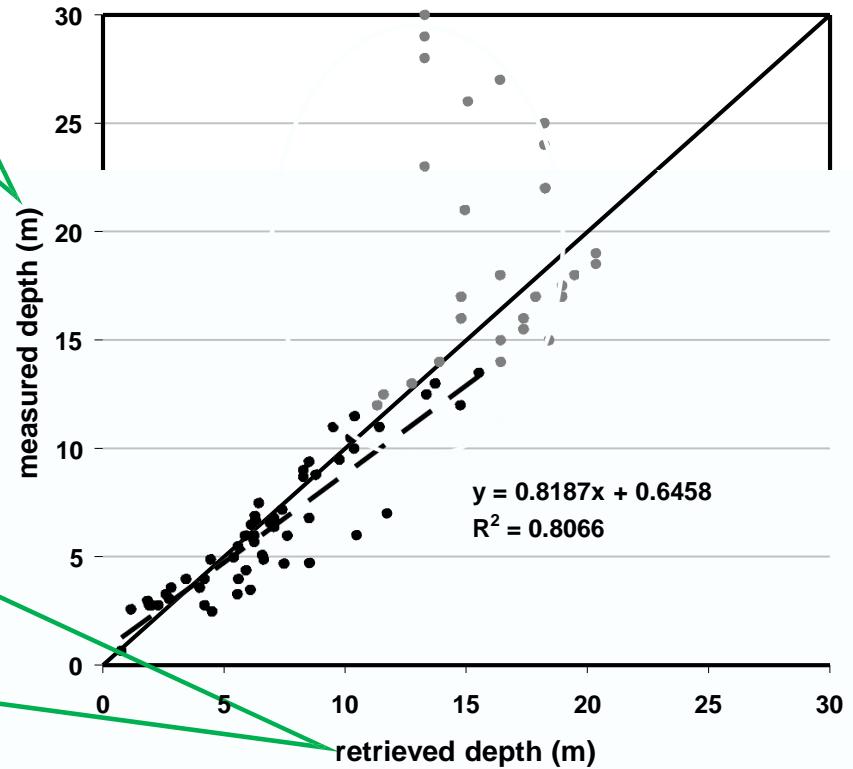
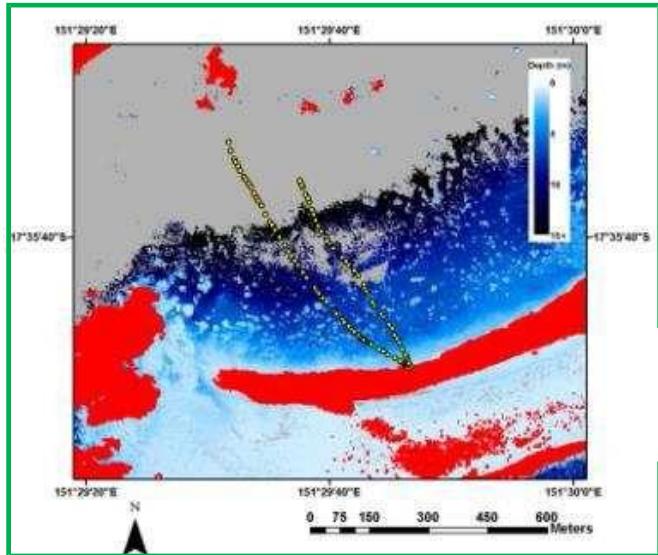
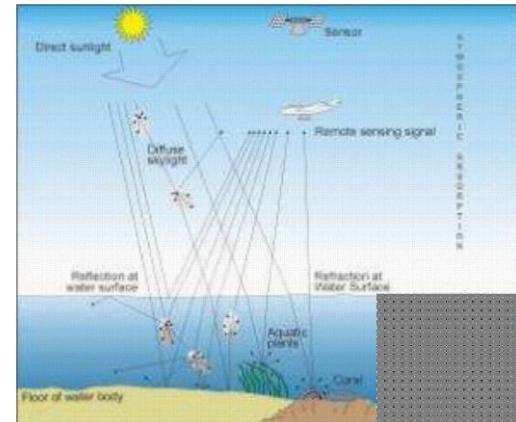
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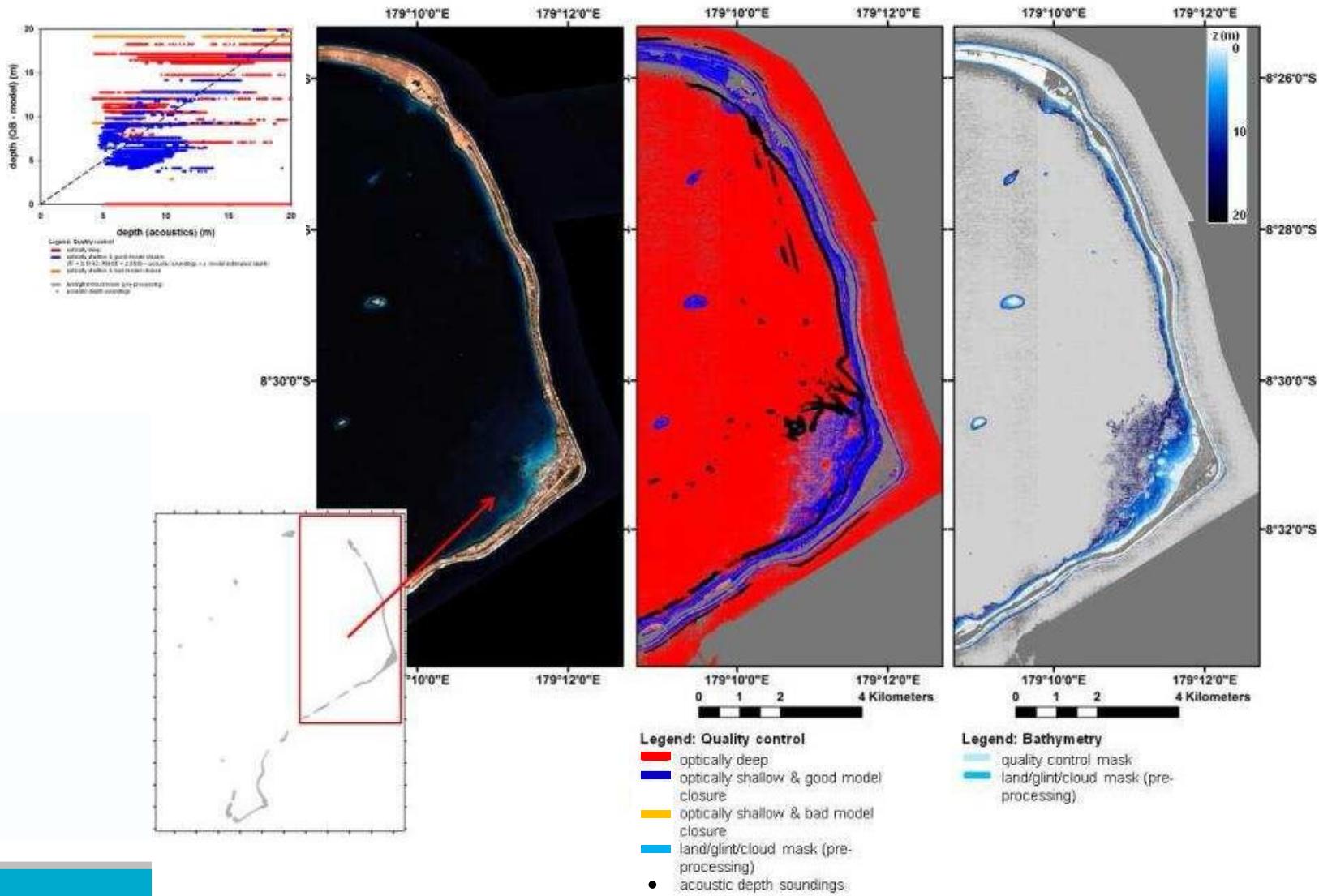
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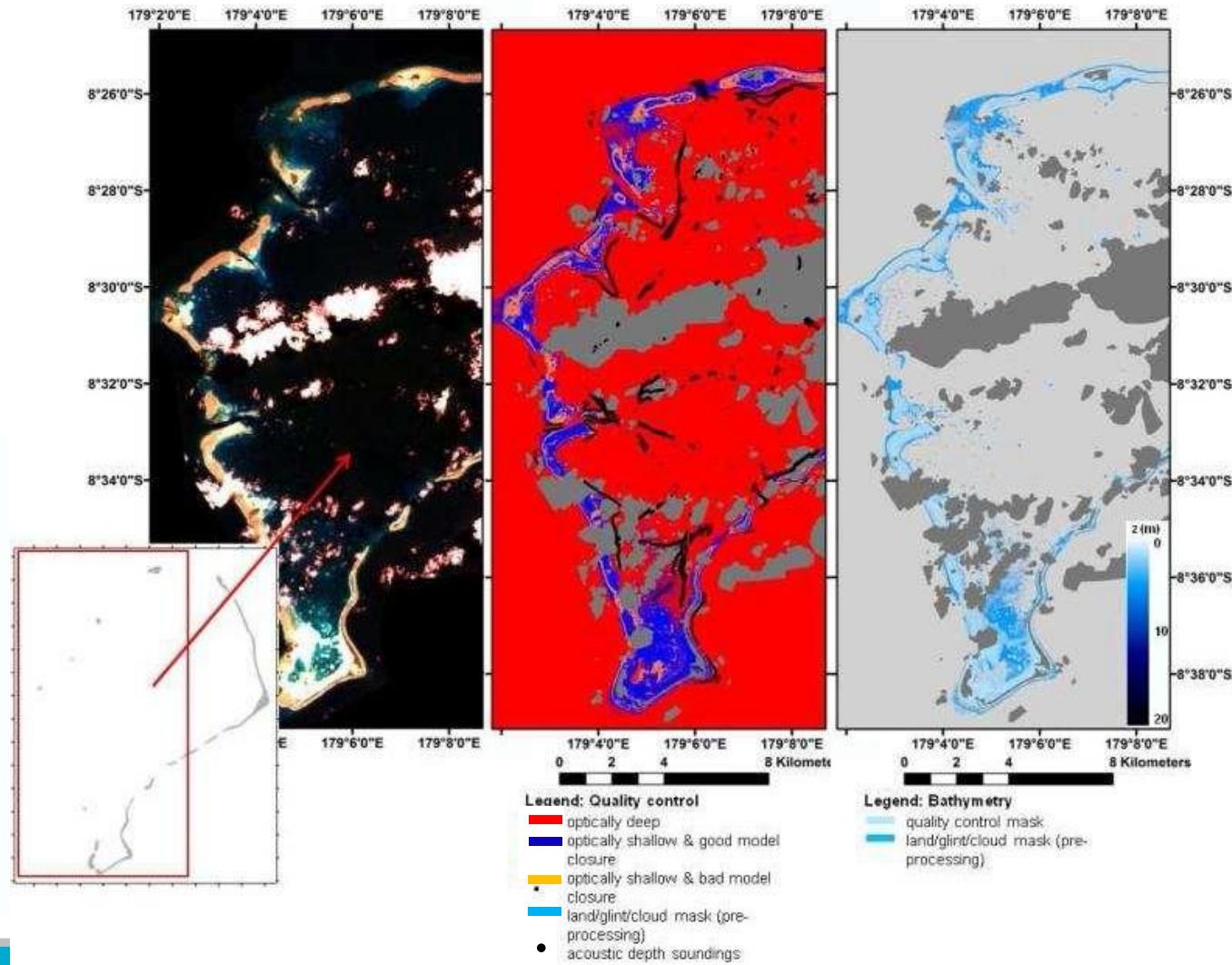
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Quality control



# Example: Funafuti, Tuvalu

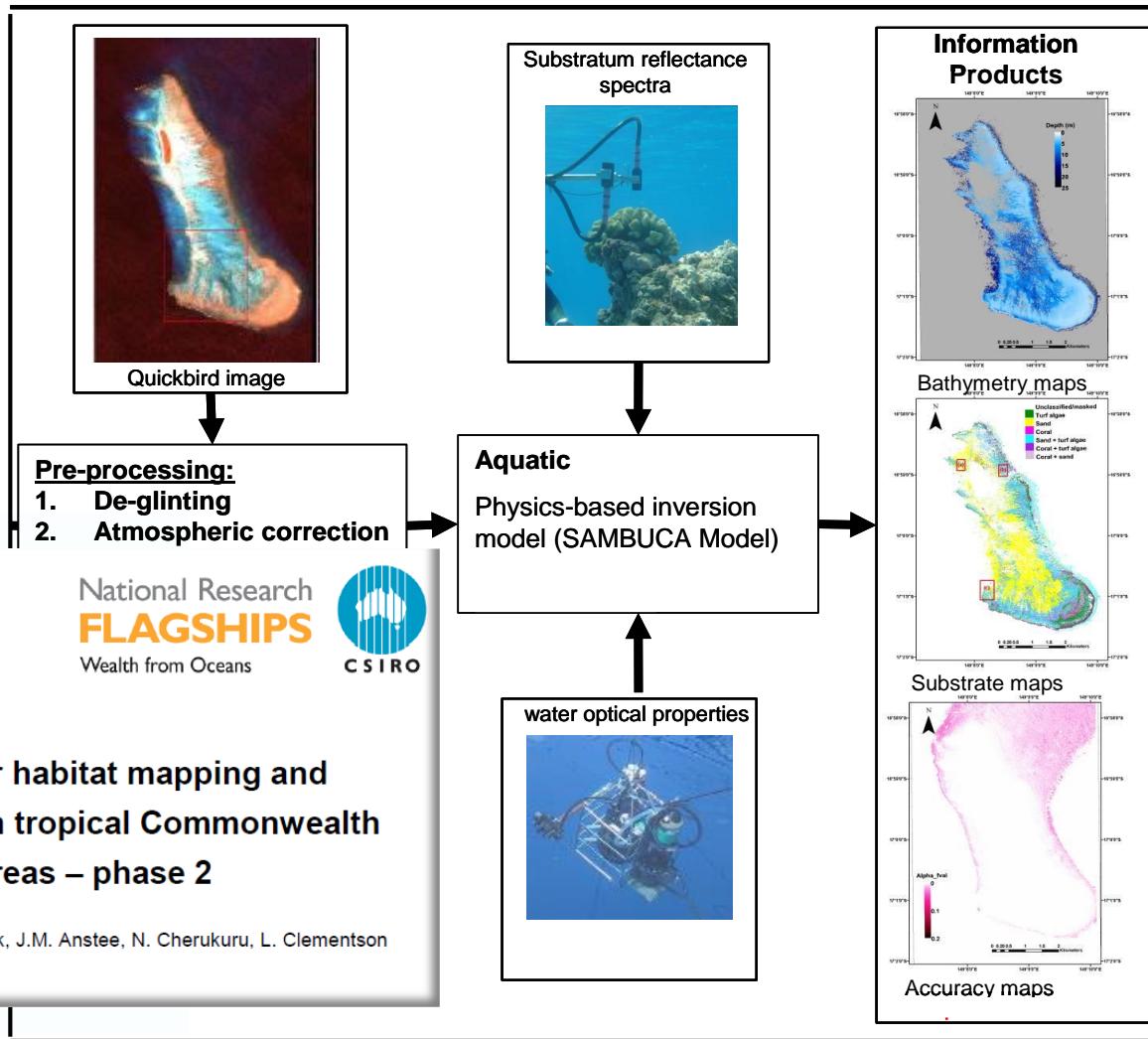


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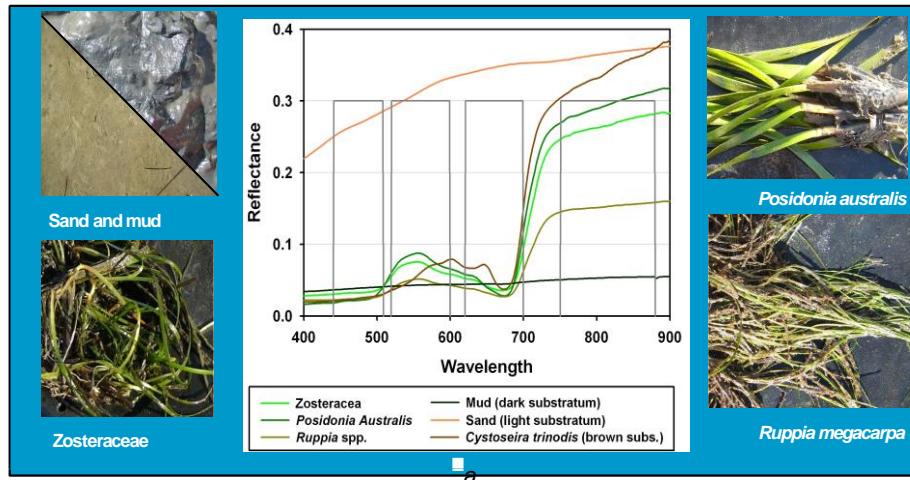
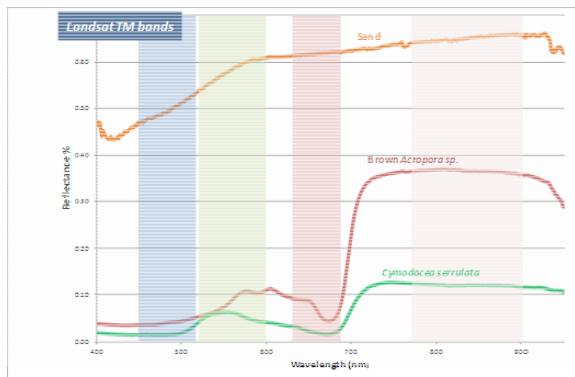
# SAMBUCA approach

(applied on Quickbird imagery, Botha et al., 2010)



# Parameterizing SAMBUCA: Substrates

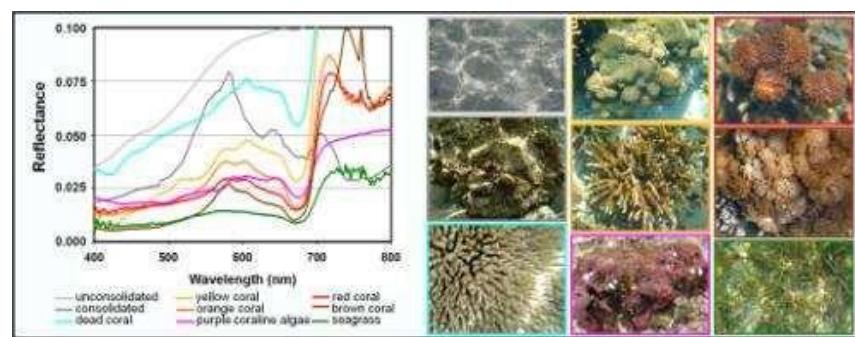
Spectral sensitivity of satellite data:



Data prepared from:

Archival spectral library derived from historical in situ measurements.

	Sand	<i>Cymodocea serrulata</i>
<i>Acropora</i> sp	0.913	0.492
Sand		1.010

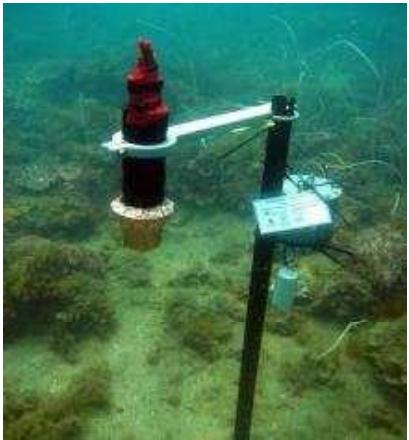


normalized Spectral Separability Metric, nSSM (Botha, et al. 2013) accounts for spectral shape and magnitude features in multispectral datasets by combining the Spectral Angle Mapper (SAM), metric with an Euclidian Minimum Distance metric.

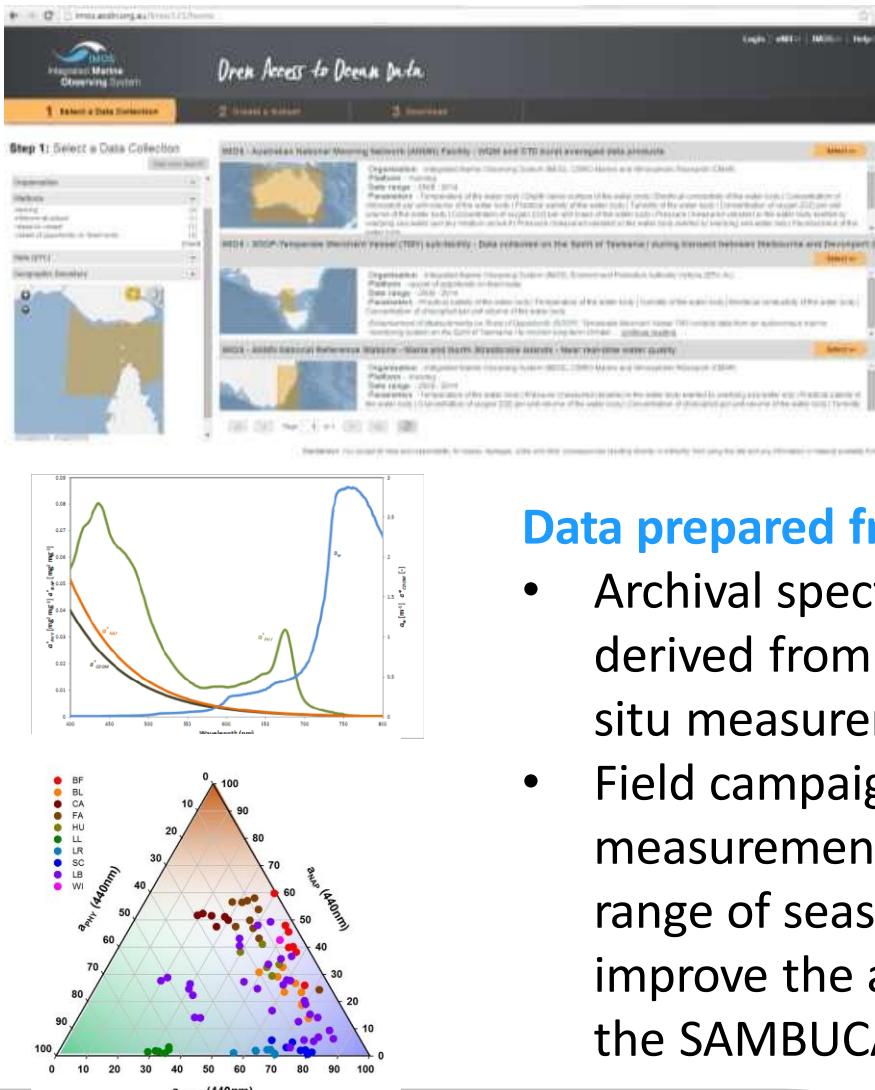
# Parameterizing SAMBUCA: Water Column

Optical complexity and seasonal differences:

Oct 07- Dry Season



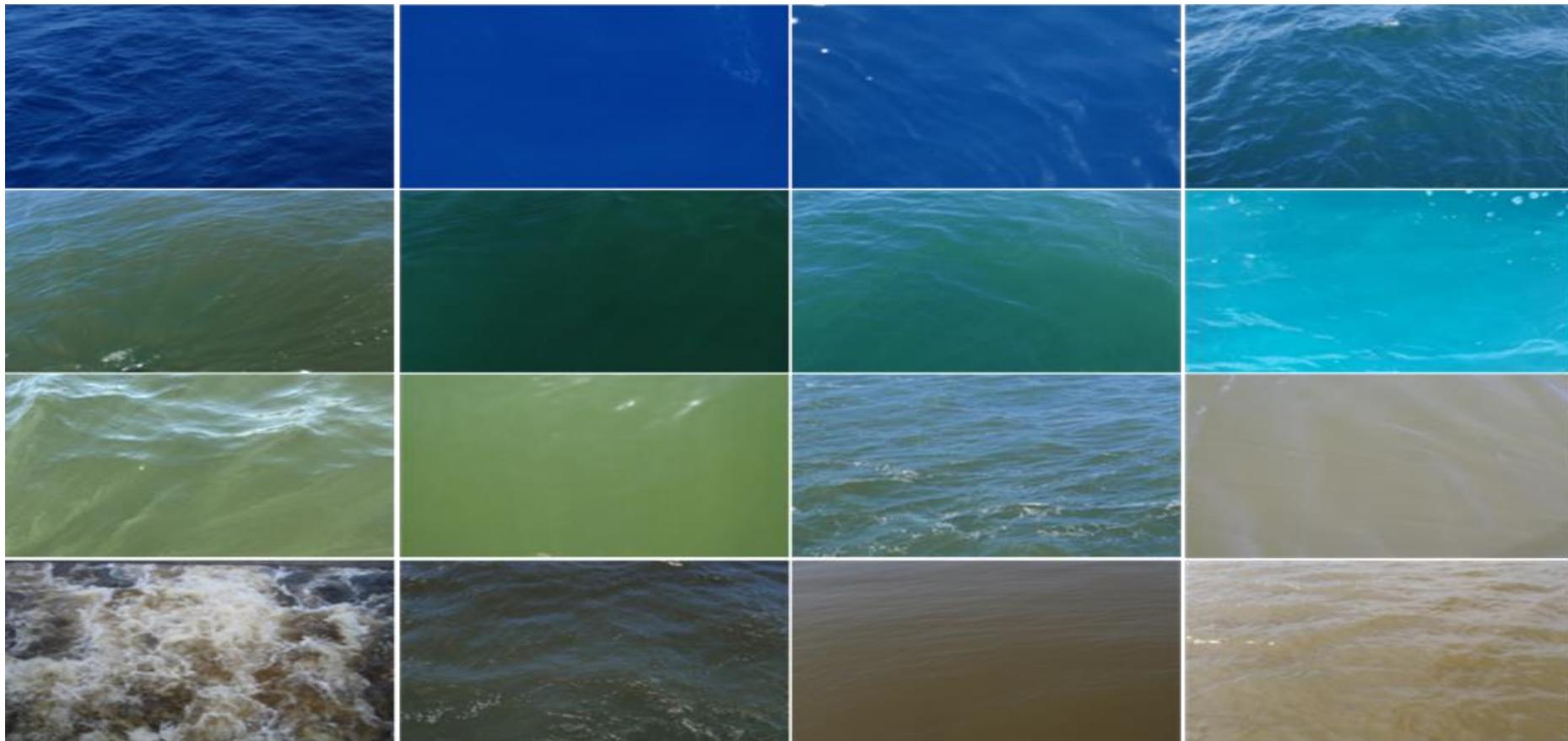
Feb 08 – Wet Season



Data prepared from:

- Archival spectral library derived from historical in situ measurements
- Field campaign measurements over a range of seasons would improve the accuracy of the SAMBUCA retrievals

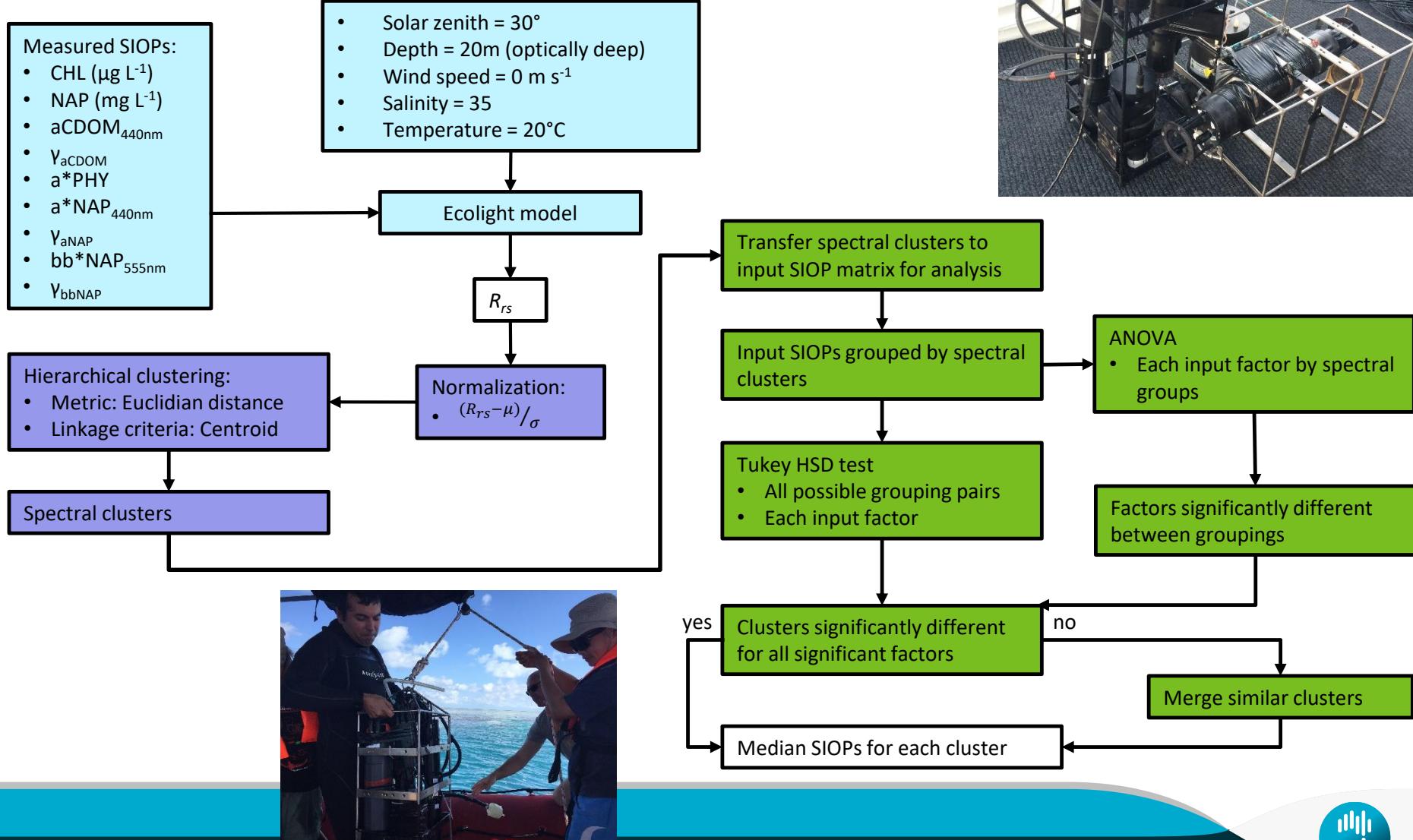
# Parameterising a semi-analytical model



- Operational continental scale water quality
- OWT classification reduce optical complexity of water bodies



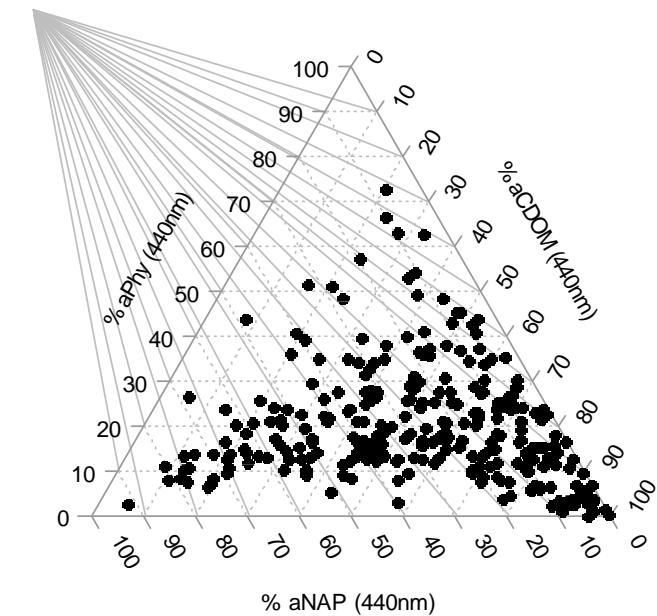
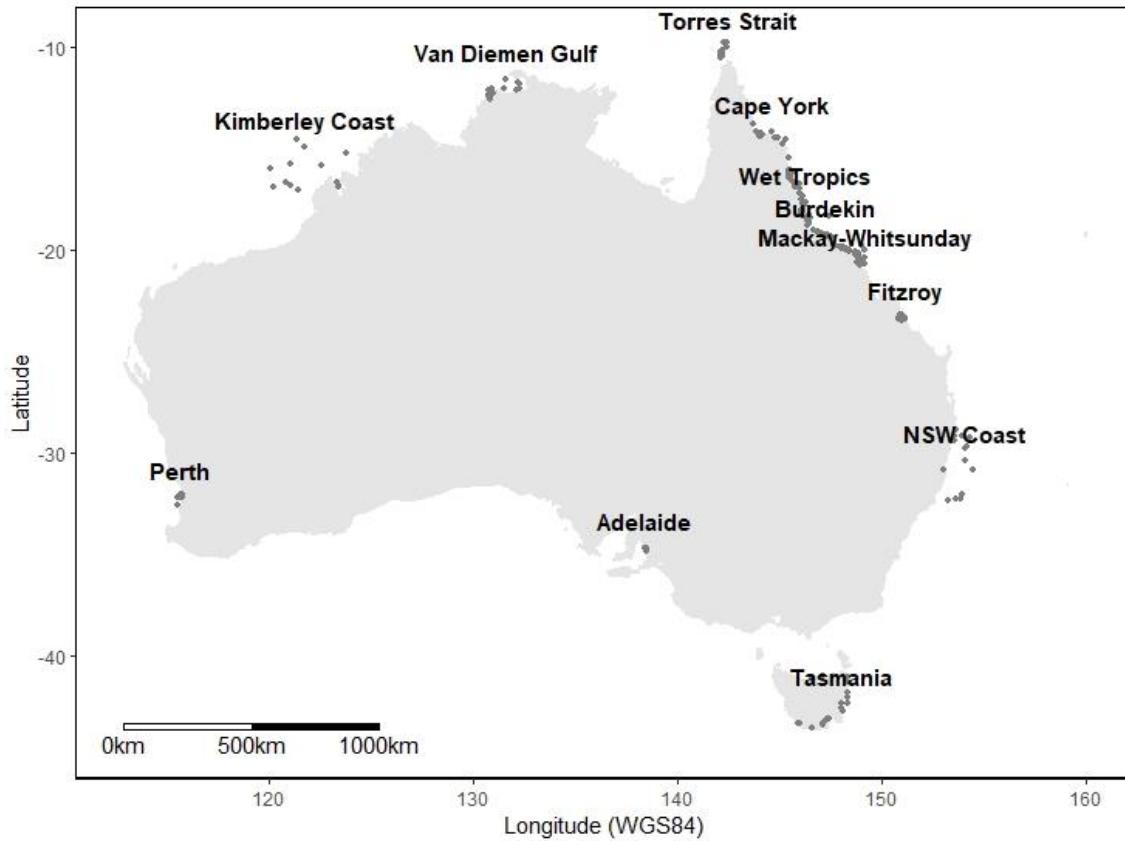
# Workflow





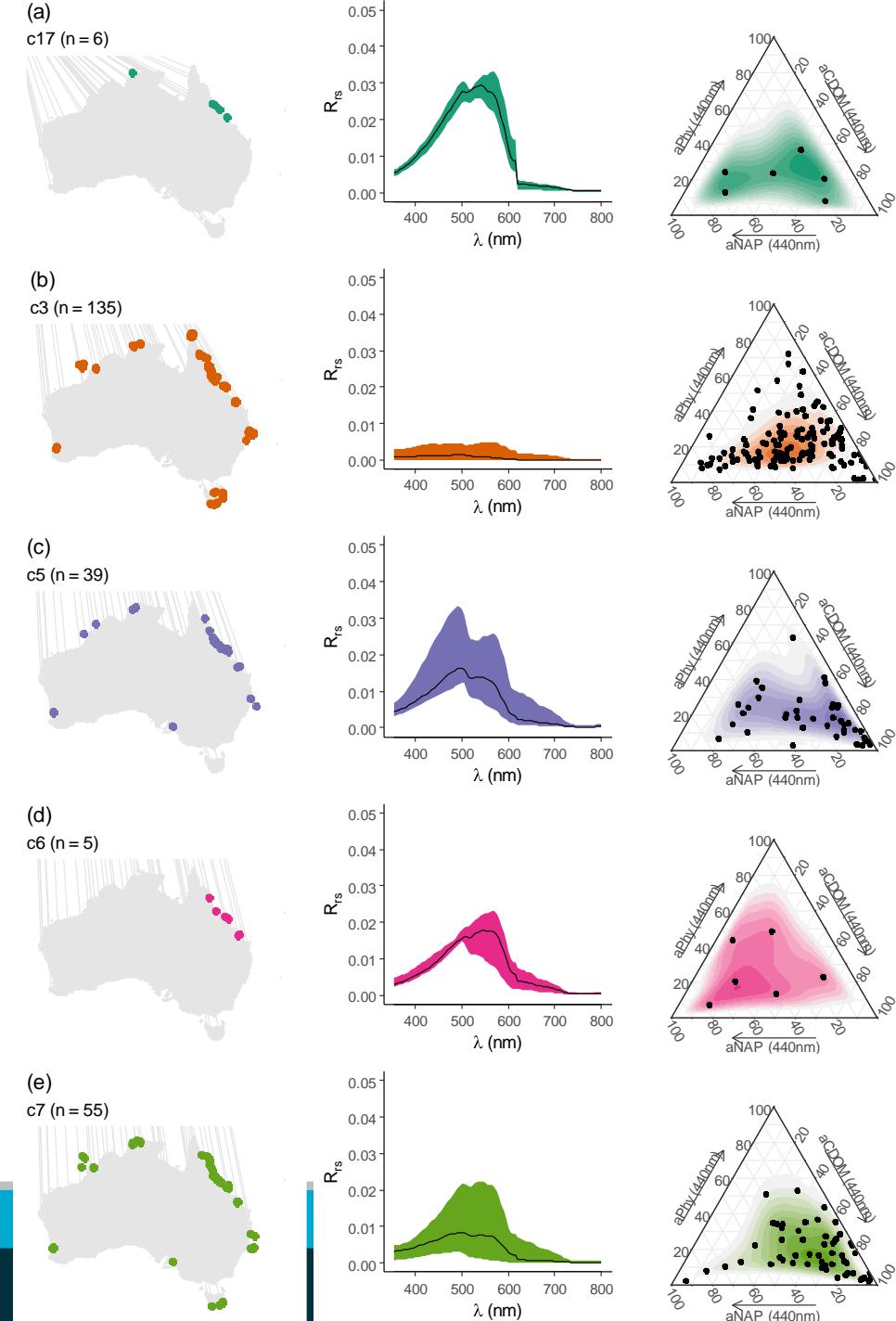
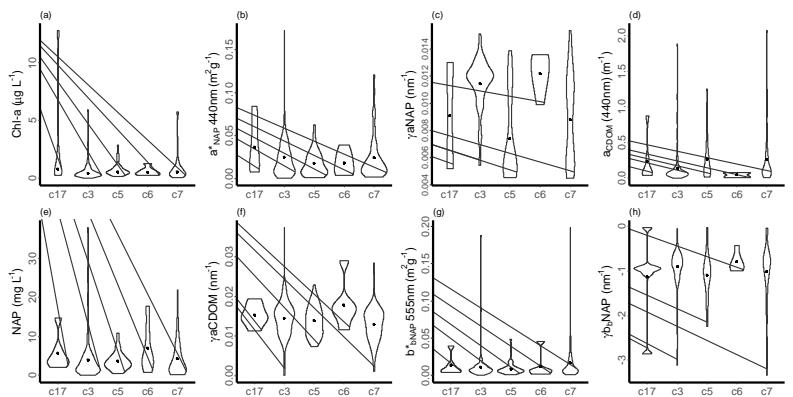
# Coastal SIOPs

## (2001 – 2017, 286 observations)



# Coastal Clusters

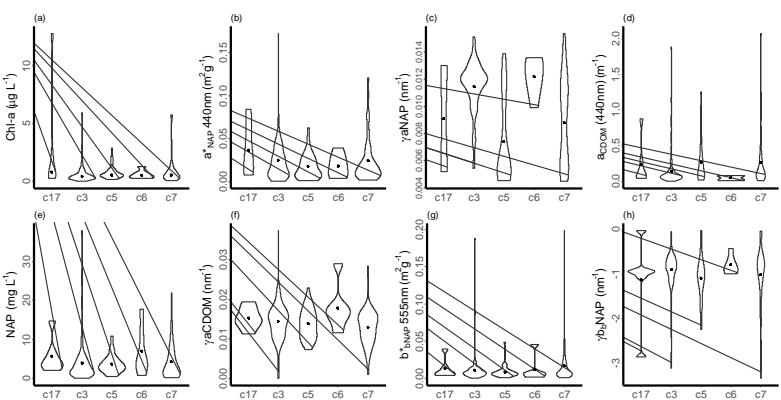
Cluster	n	Description
C17	6	Turbid tropical wet season
C3	135	Clear coastal dominated by CDOM absorption
C5	39	Coastal waters with a strong estuarine influence
C6	6	Turbid tropical dry season
C7	55	Open coastal waters with higher amounts of suspended organic material than c3.



# Final clusters

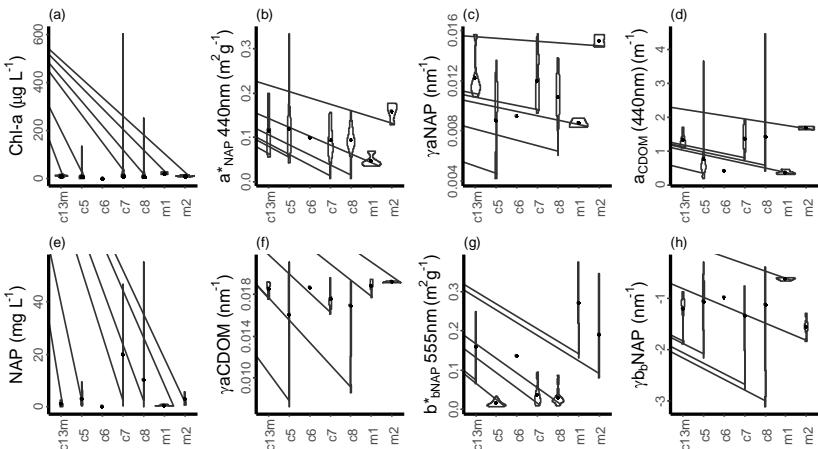
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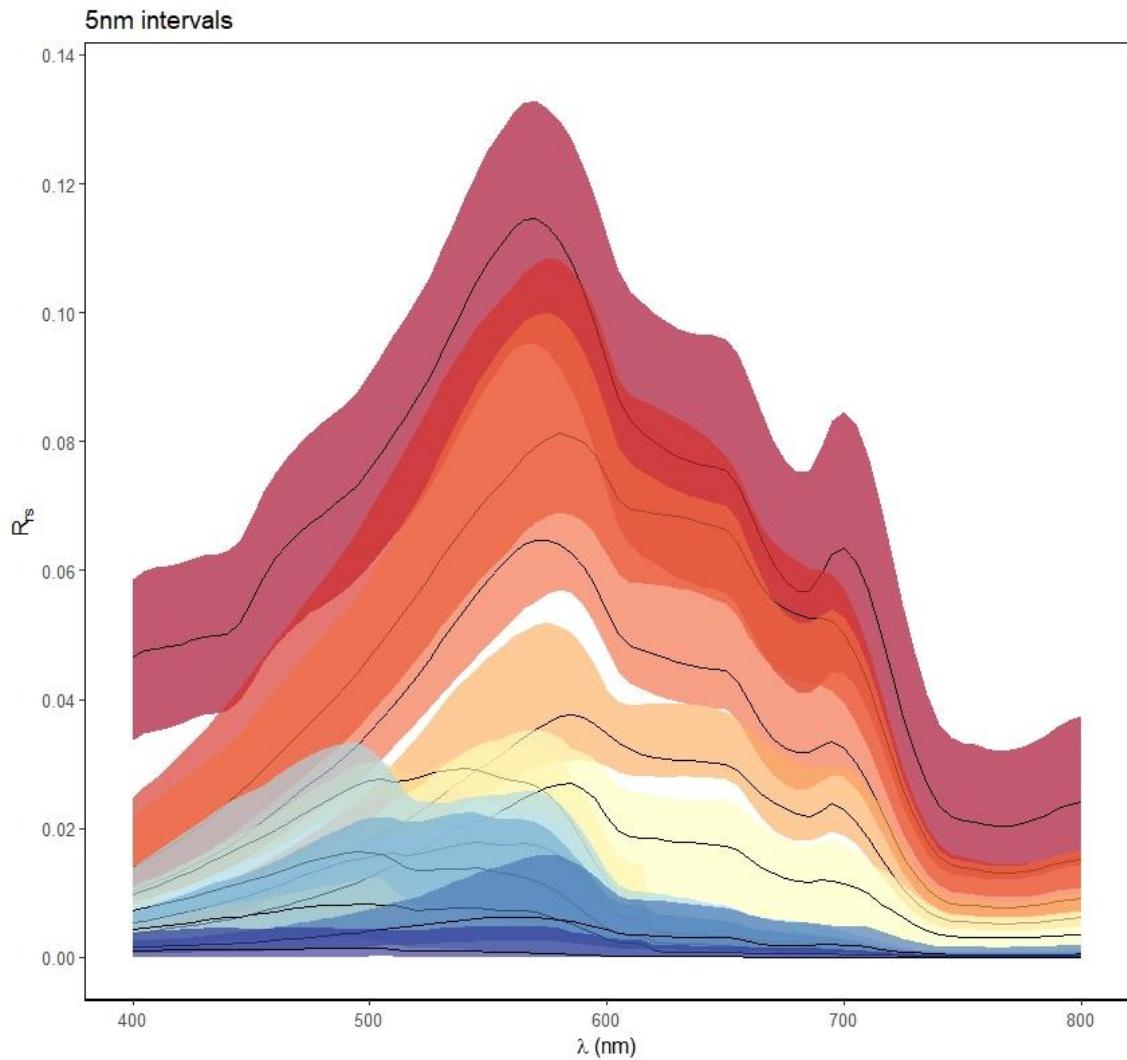


## Inland (6)

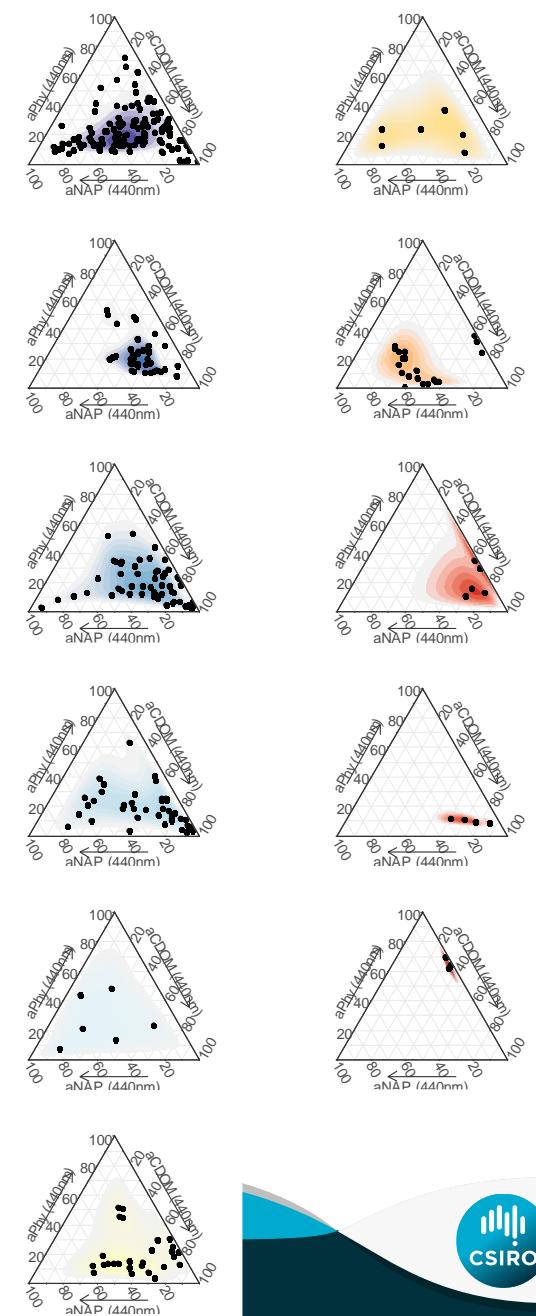
Cluster	n	Description
i5	42	Clear NAP dominated
i7	21	Clear CDOM dominated
i8	27	Turbid
i13	6	Highly turbid NAP dominated
im1	5	Green – phytoplankton dominated
im2	4	Turbid – highly reflective



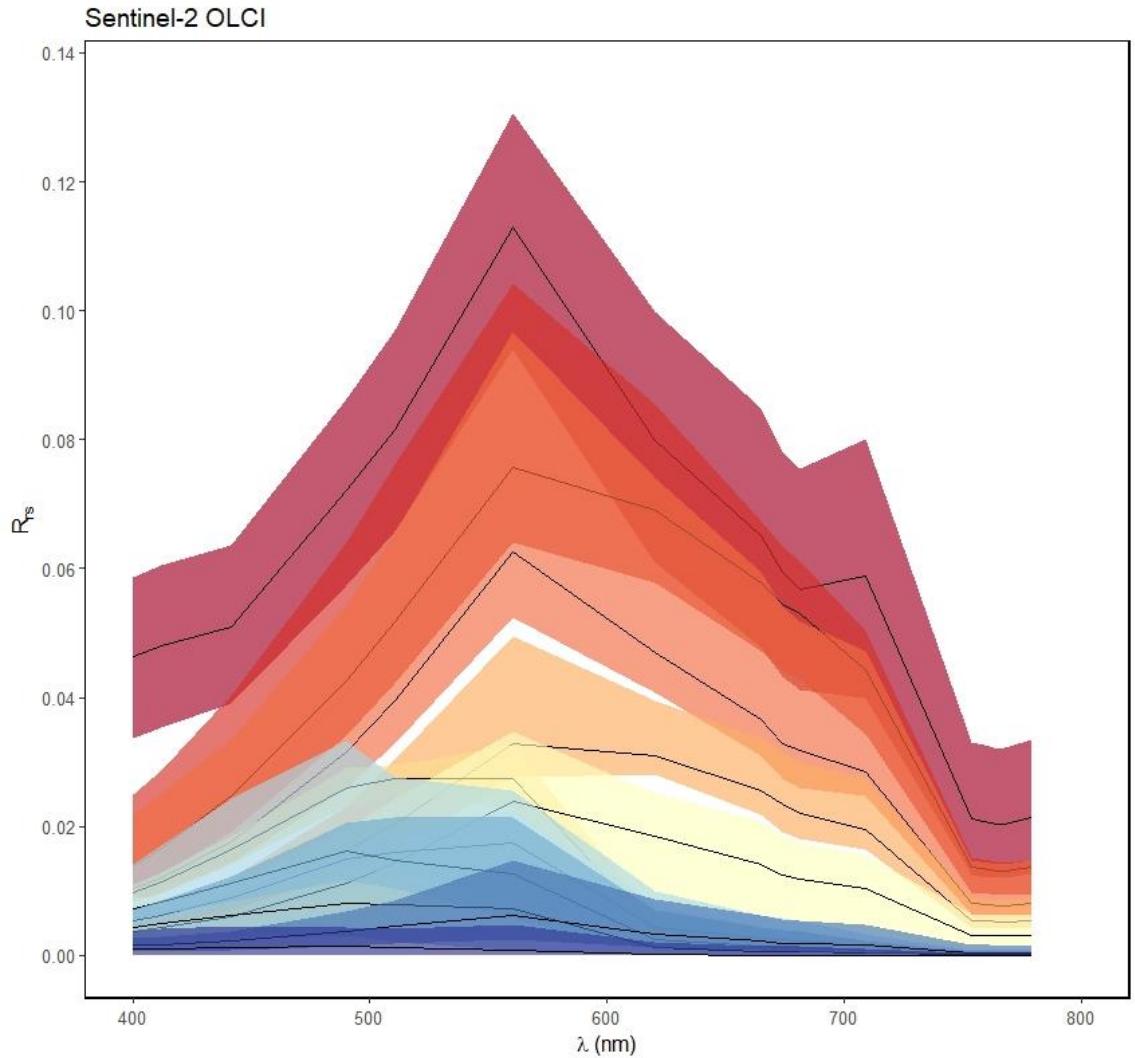
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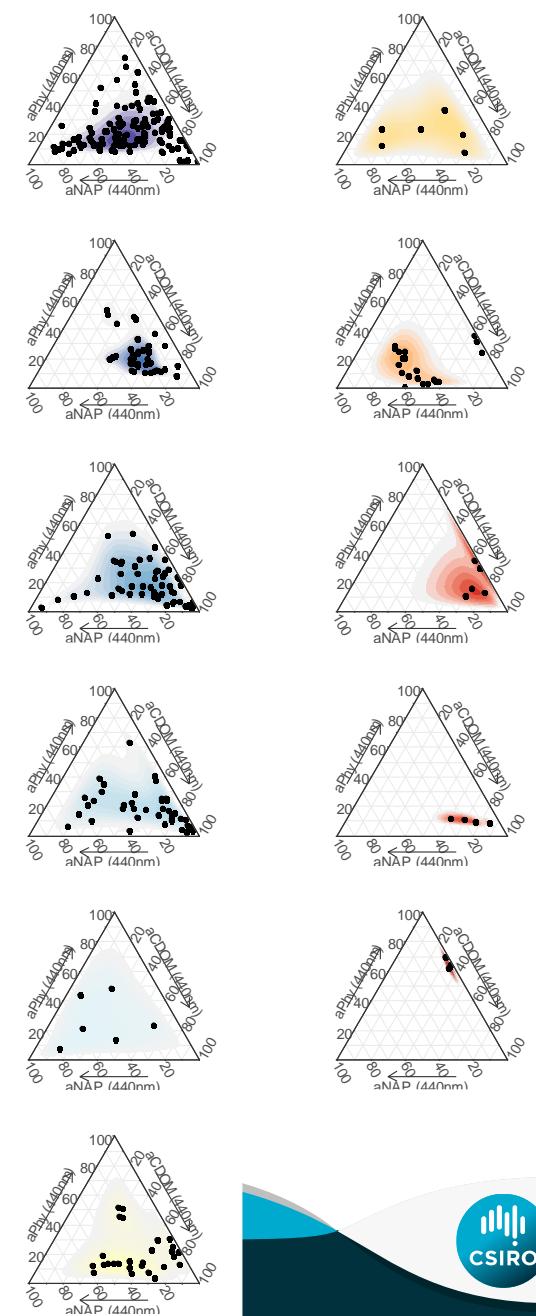
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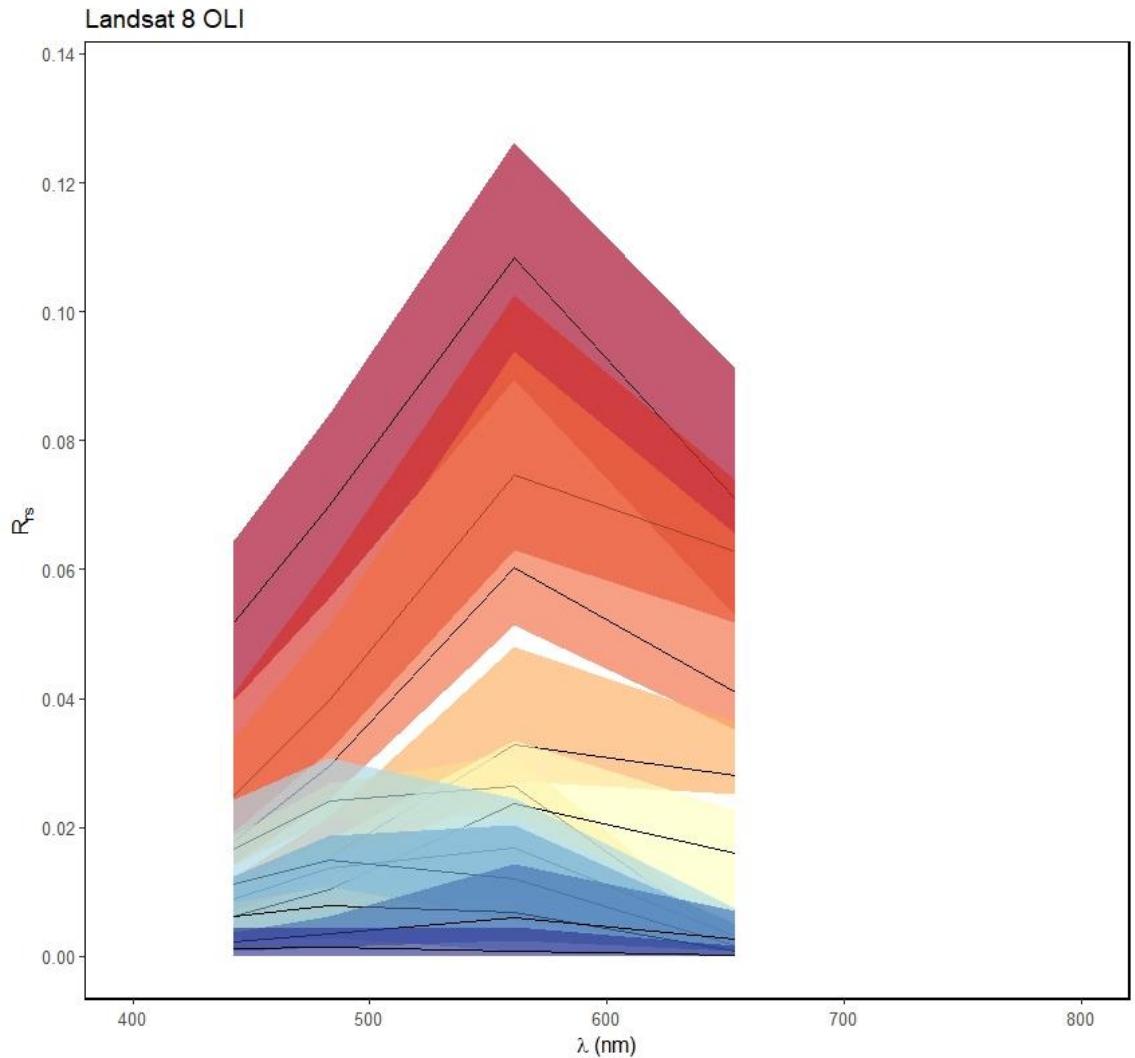
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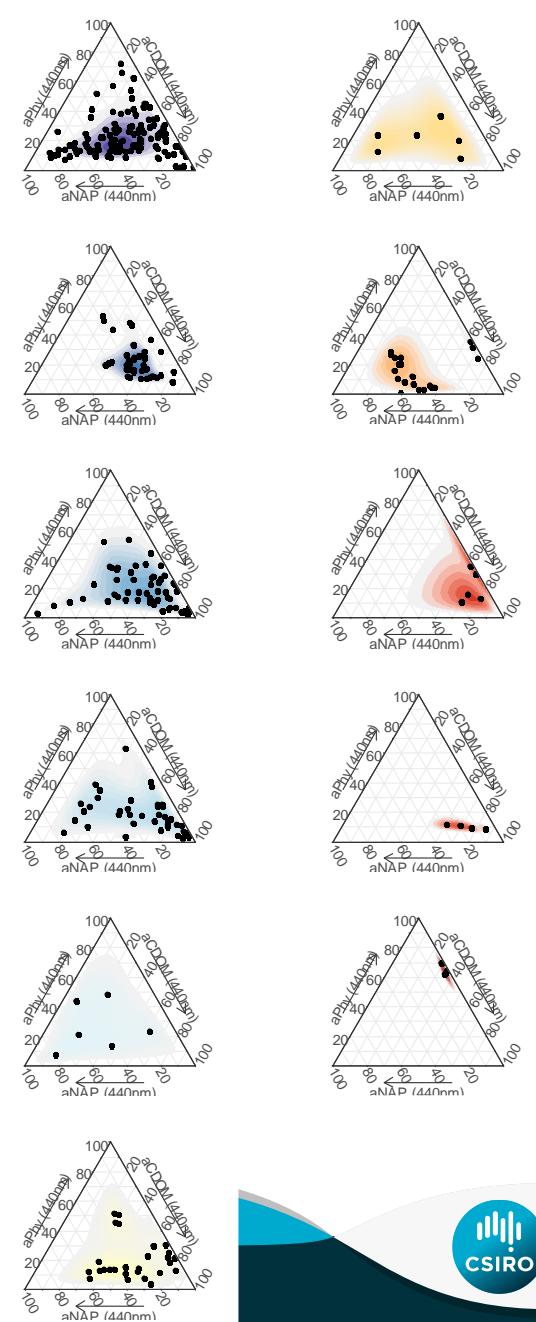
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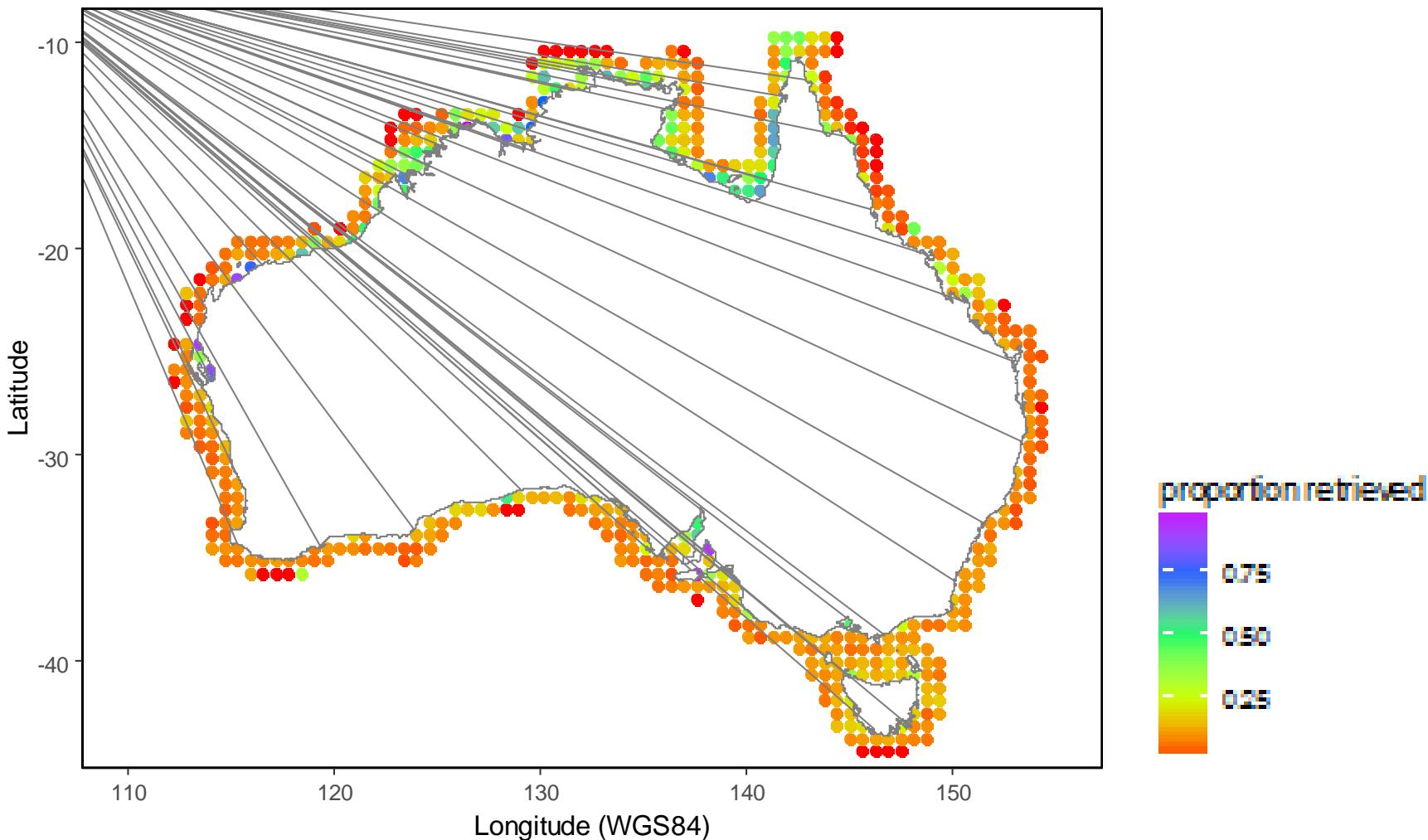


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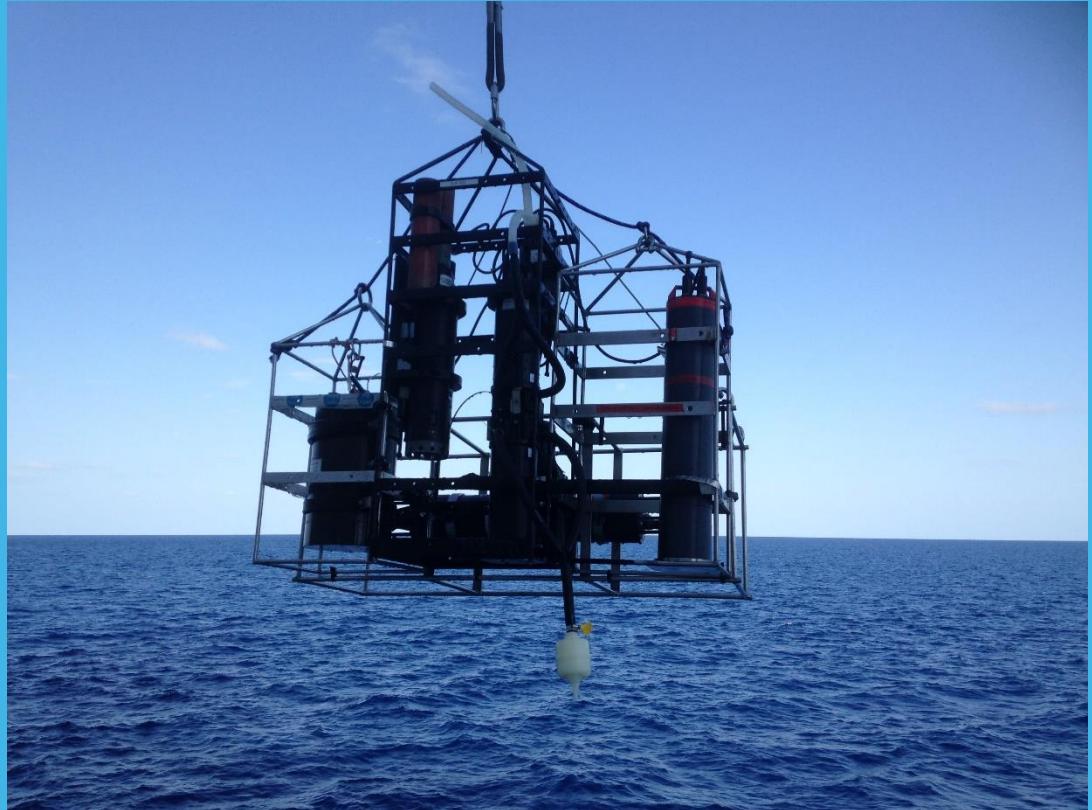
# Potential applications gap analysis using an EO Data Cube



# Conclusions

- First steps towards a spatial and spectral gap analysis method for SIOP data.
- Despite obvious gaps in the datasets, there are distinct similarities of coastal and estuarine water properties in eastern, southern and western Australia.
- There is a lack of temporal data to understand the variability associated with seasons.
- The cluster analysis returned several small clusters that were both spectrally and bio-optically unique but did not have enough observations to be statistically sound.
- Further surveys (especially in nice places) are required to capture unique end-members before a full continental-scale model can be implemented for all waters in Australia.

# Thank you



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