

# Science and Applications of Sentinel Missions: Harmful Algal Blooms

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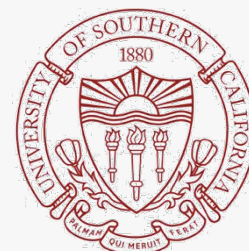
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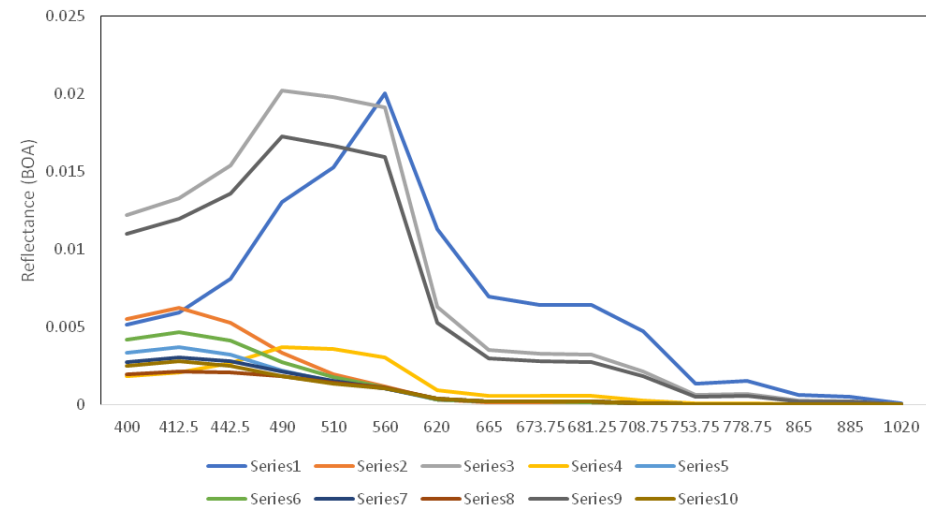
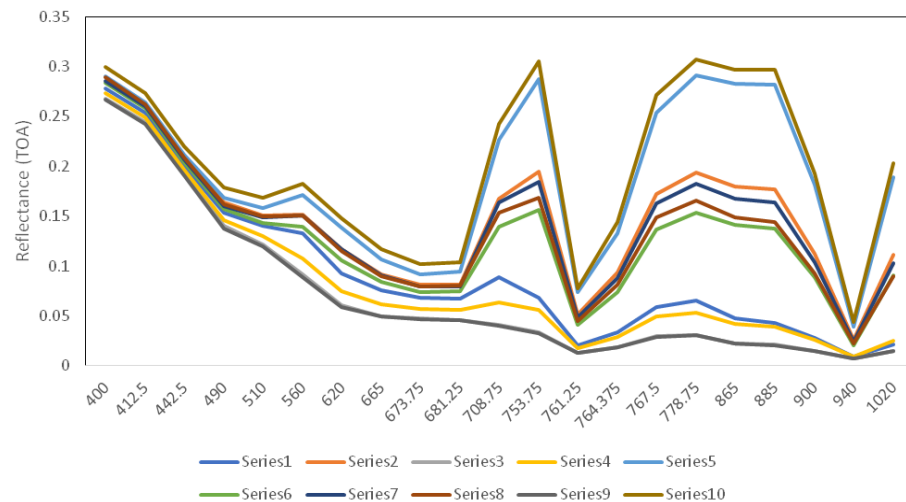
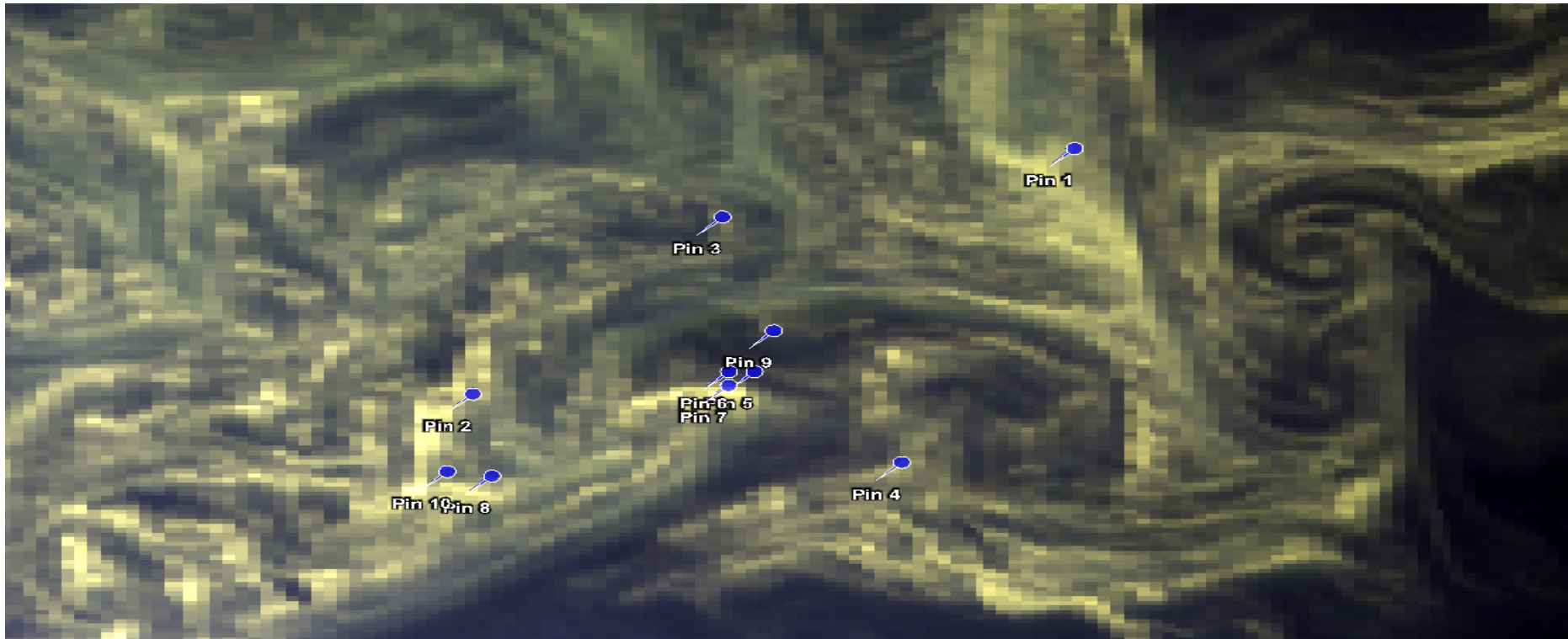
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# OLCI atmospheric correction



Sentinel-2 9 February 2016

POC: Dogliotti

34°30'S

34°40'S

Buenos  
Aires

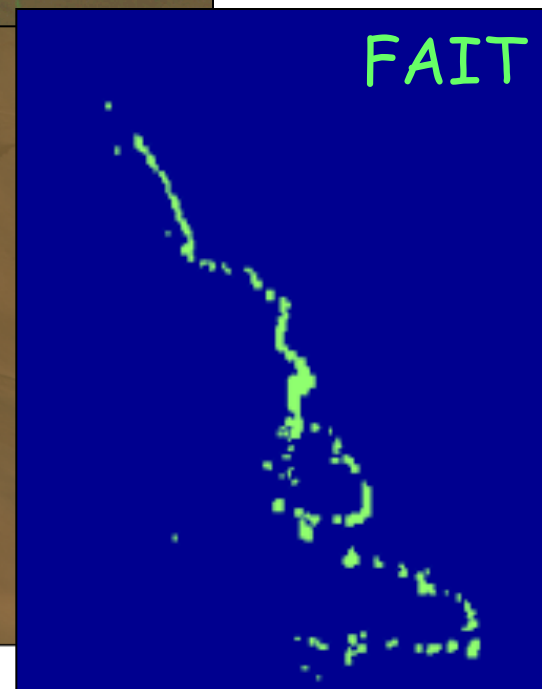
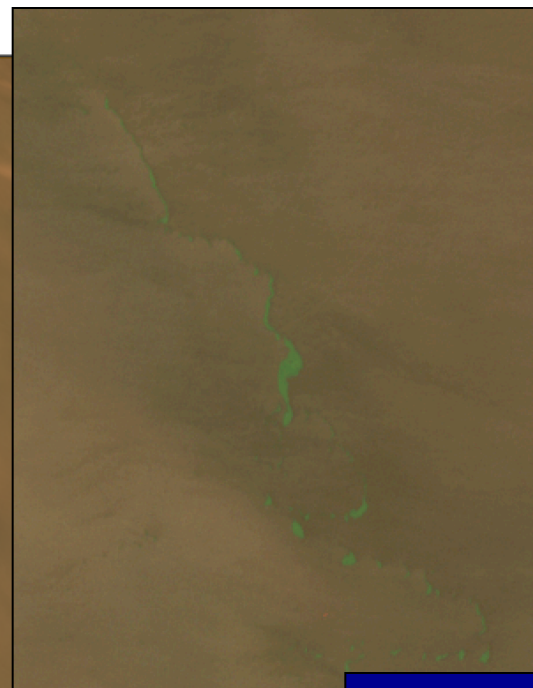
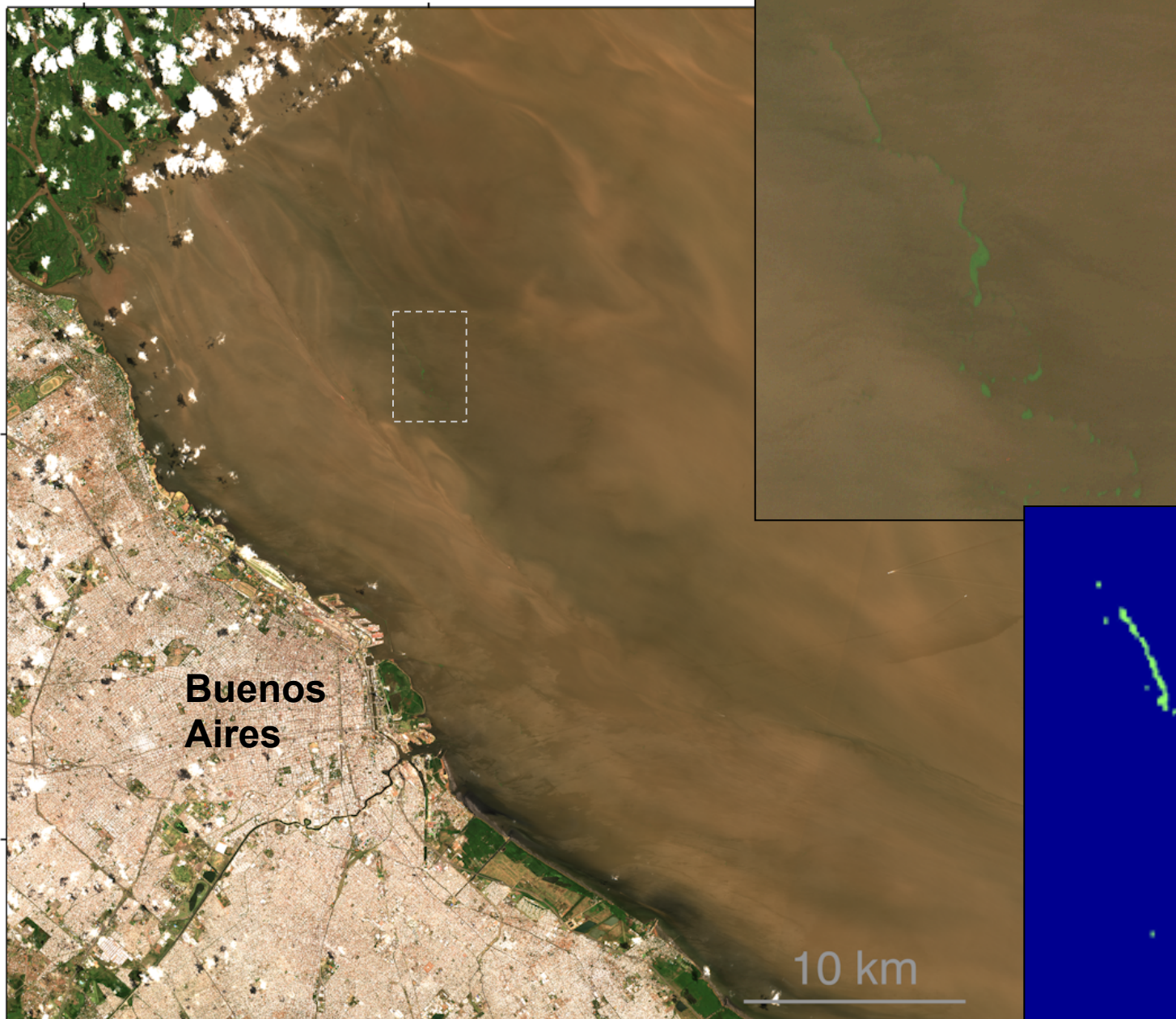
58°30'W

58°20'W

58°10'W

10 km

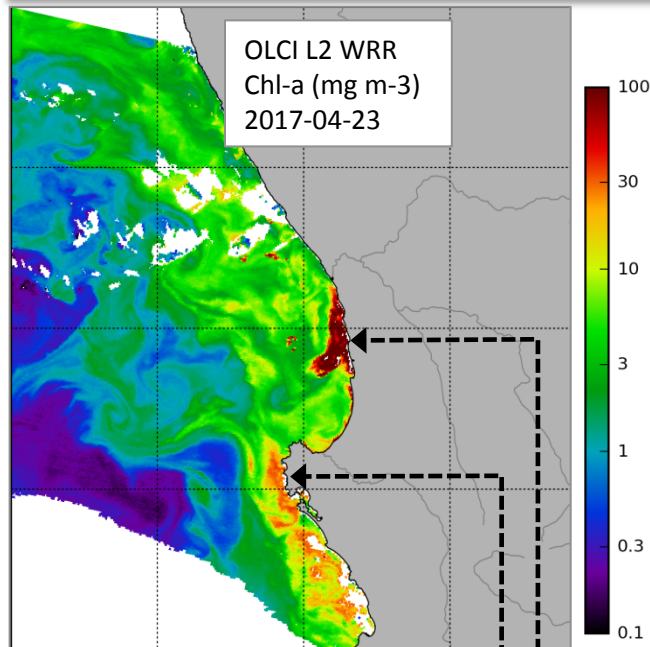
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# Performance of OLCI in high biomass waters in St Helena Bay, southern Benguela

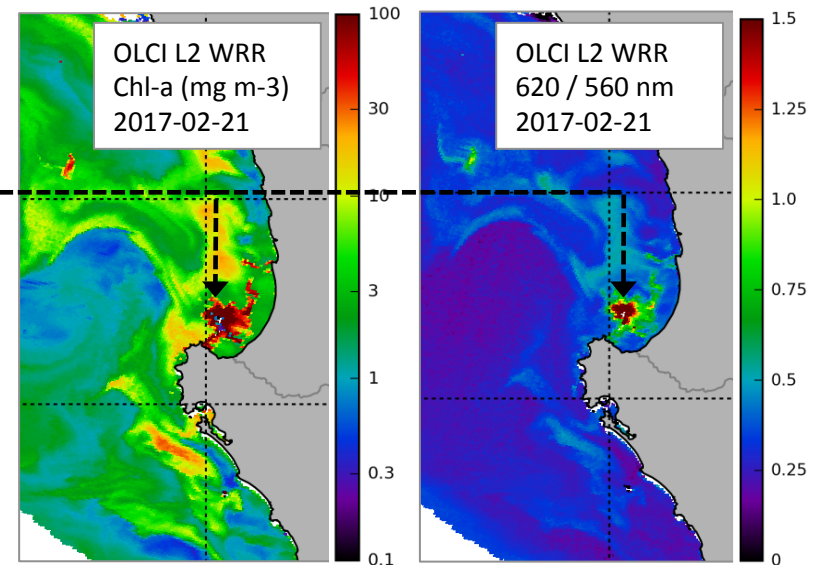
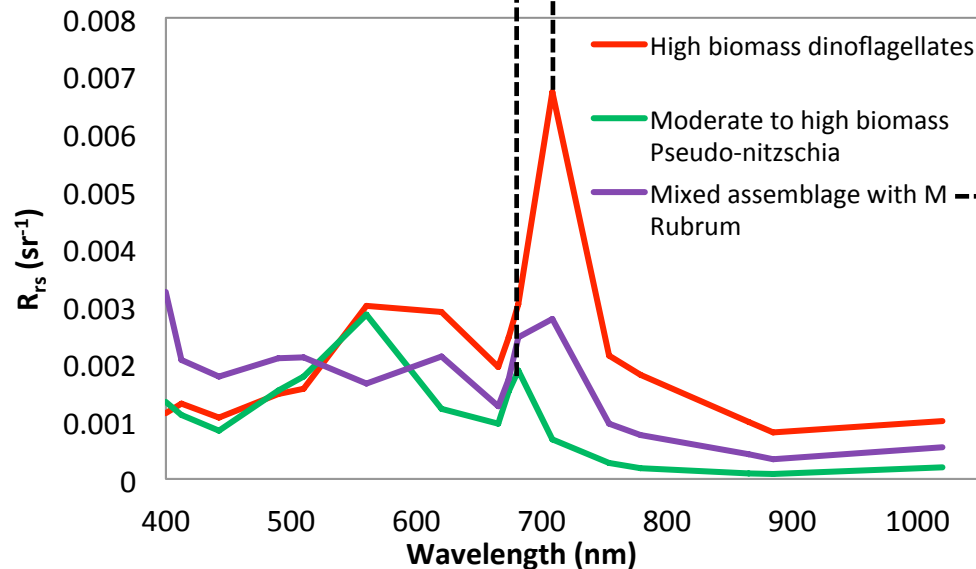
Marié Smith & Stewart Bernard, CSIR



The Benguela system has been affected by numerous high biomass bloom events during the 2016/2017 austral summer. Bloom populations have been highly variable, with a range of toxic and non-toxic dinoflagellates, the toxic diatom *Pseudo-nitzschia* and the ciliate *Mesodinium rubrum* dominating in different locations and times. Sentinel 3, with highly optimised spectral band locations – particularly at red wavelengths - offers the ability to spectrally differentiate between high biomass bloom types.

The ability to identify both dinoflagellate and *Pseudo-nitzschia* dominated blooms using the relative height of the 681 and 709 nm reflectance peaks was confirmed on several occasions with validation data.

The presence of *Mesodinium rubrum* was reported in the St Helena Bay area during February 2017. A unique spectral feature due to phycoerythrin absorption allows detection with a 620/560 nm reflectance ratio.







# Typical HAB in Japanese coast

<HAB in lake (Bad smell, Toxicity)>

*Microcystis* sp.

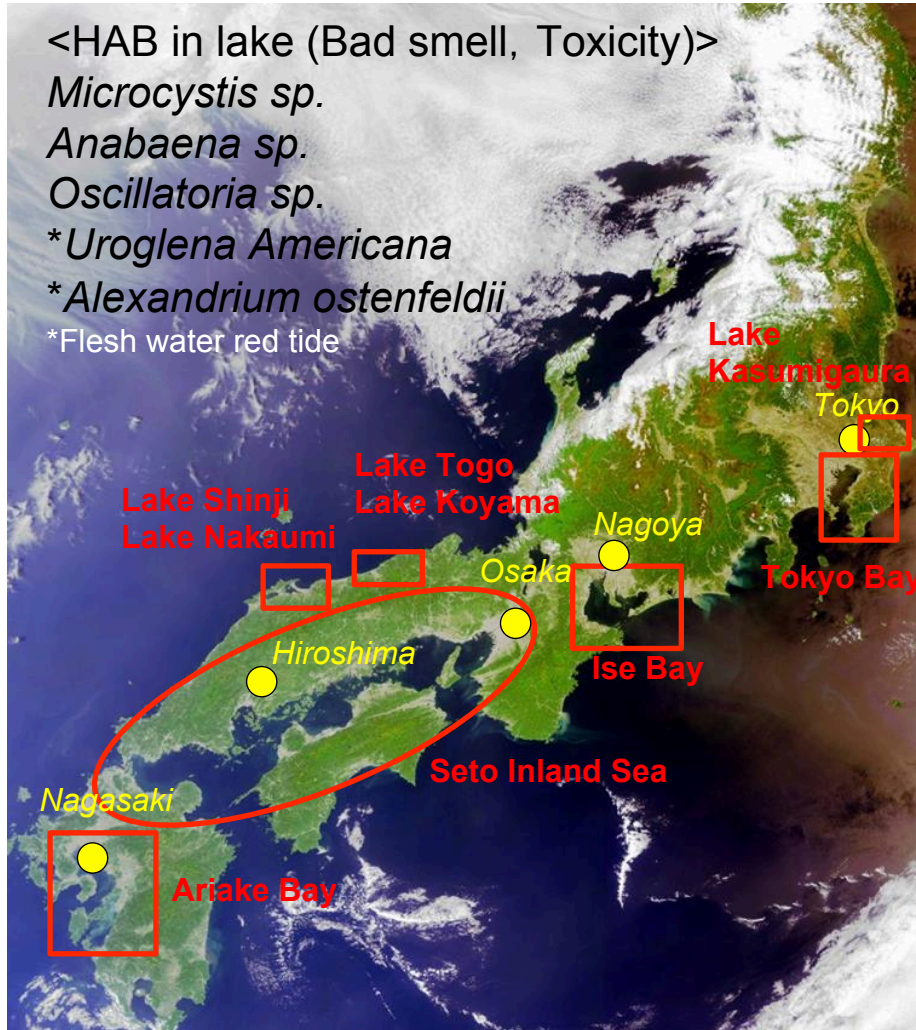
*Anabaena* sp.

*Oscillatoria* sp.

\**Uroglena Americana*

\**Alexandrium ostenfeldii*

\*Flesh water red tide



<HAB in bay area>

## Raphidophytes to kill fish

A. *Chattonella antiqua* (most serious)

B. *Chattonella marina*

C. *Chattonella ovata*

D. *Heterosigma akashiwo*

## Dinoflagellate to kill fish and shellfish

E. *Cochlodinium polykrikoides*

F. *Karenia mikimotoi*

## Dinoflagellates to kill bivalves

G. *Heterocapsa circularisquama*

## Dinoflagellate bearing diarrhetic shellfish poison

H. *Dinophysis fortii*

I. *Dinophysis acuminata*

## Dinoflagellate causing paralytic shellfish poison

J. *Alexandrium catenella*

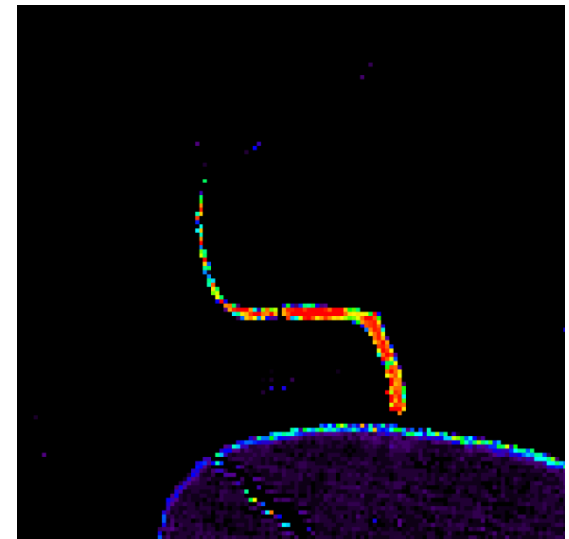
K. *Gymnodinium catenatum*

First image around Japan observed by Sentinel-3 OLCI on May 12, 2016

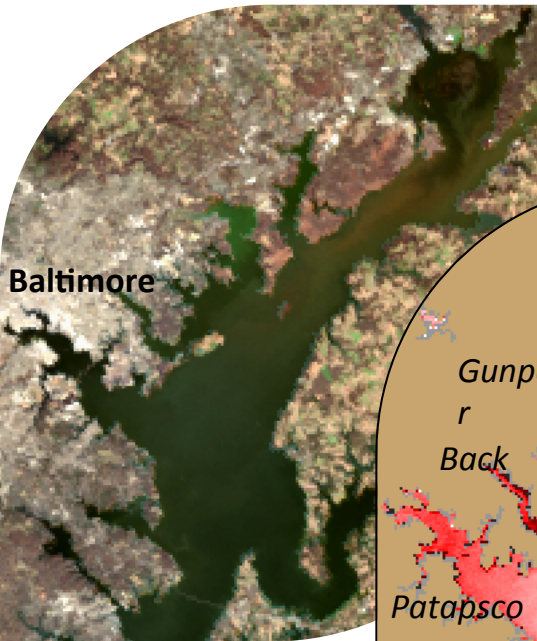
(Imai et al., Bull. Jpn. Soc. Fish. Oceanogr., 77:39-45, 2013)



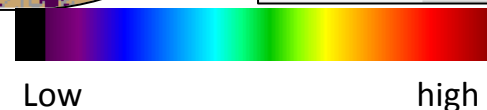
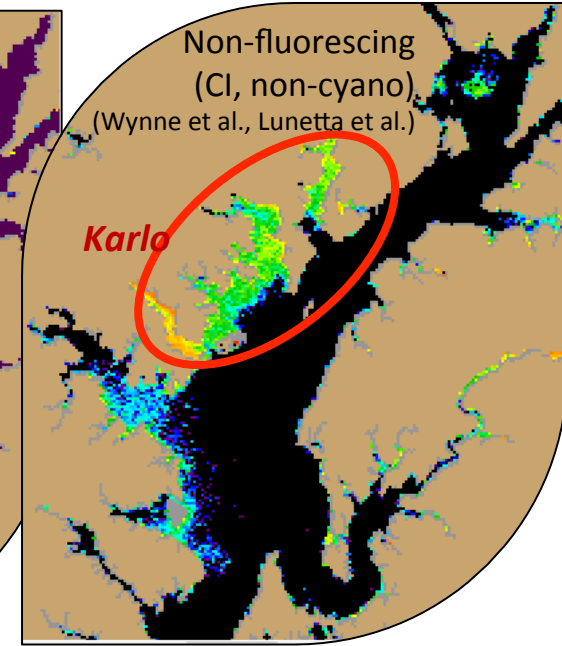
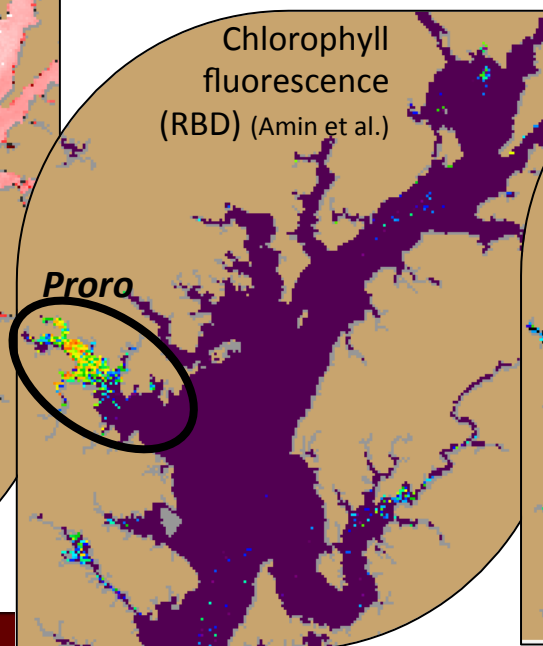
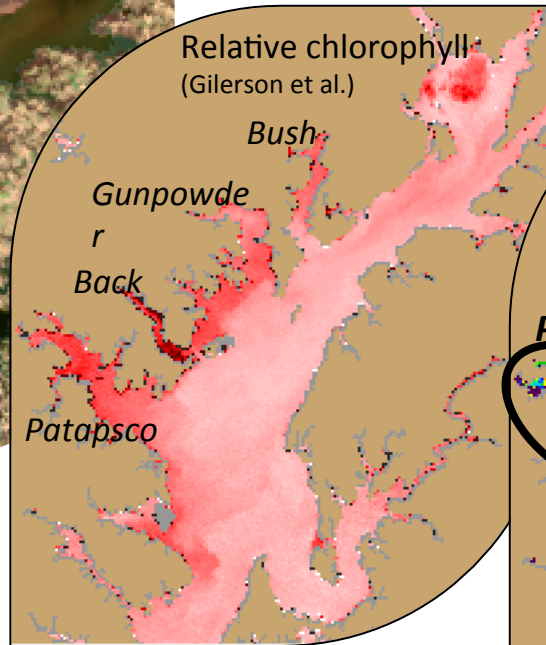
# Next-Generation Sensors



Chesapeake Bay Blooms. Fish kills in tributaries,  
Dec 20, 2016. *Karlodinium* present (fish killing).  
No kills in Patapsco with *Prorocentrum*.



OLCI "true color"



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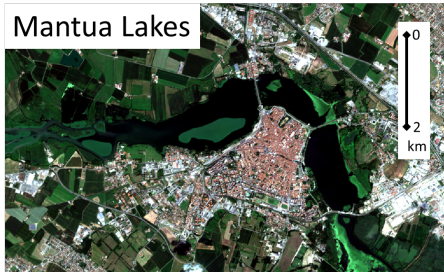


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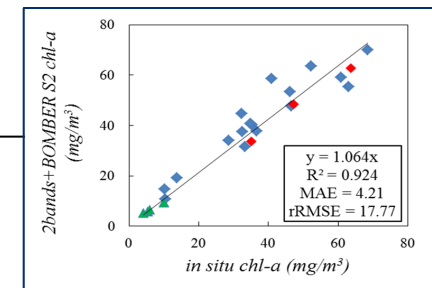
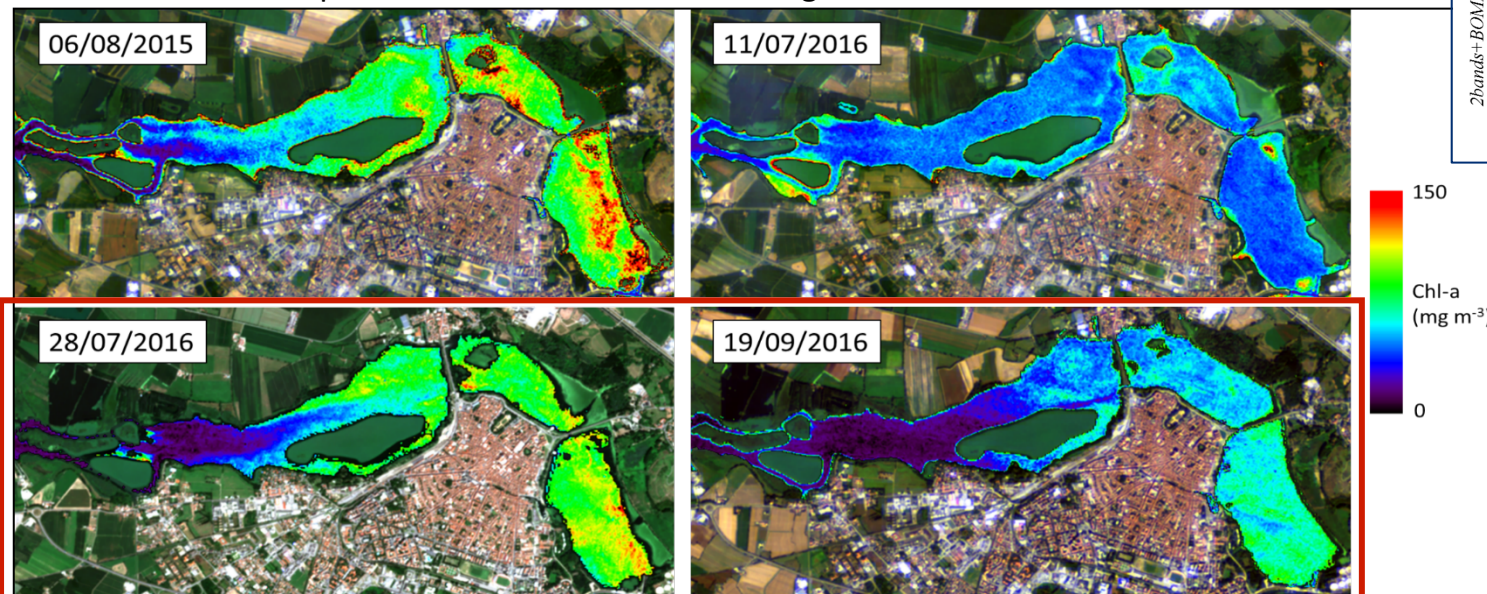


## Sentinel-2 MSI for mapping phytoplankton in turbid extremely productive inland waters with recurrent cyanobacterial bloom



The Mantua Lakes (northern Italy, Po river valley) are three shallow basins characterized by nutrient-enriched and turbid waters and dominated by phytoplankton primary producers with recurrent blooms of potentially toxic cyanobacteria (e.g. *Pseudoanabaena* sp. and *Geitlerinema* sp.)

S2 maps the chl-a concentrations during the 2016 summer season



Product validation for three dates



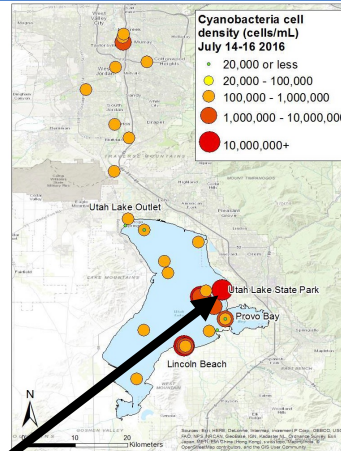
For the images in the box a distribution of phytoplankton groups was also produced (next slide)

## July 14 2016, Lindon Marina, Lake Utah

Toxic algae bloom closes Utah lake, sickens more than 100 people



July 14, 2016: This photo shows discolored water caused by an algae bloom near the Lindon Marina in Utah Lake in Lindon, Utah. (Rick Egan/The Salt Lake Tribune via AP.)



Sentinel 1 image of 21 July 2016 showing some wave dampening

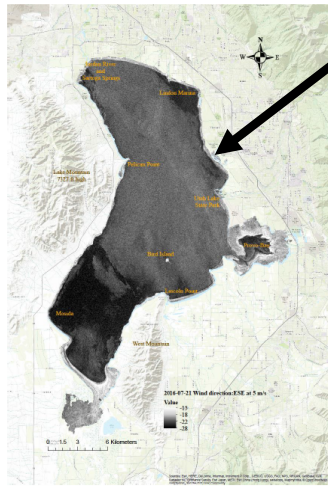


Figure 13 Wind direction ranging between East and South, Lake Utah, image from 21 July 2016 at 13:34 UTC time

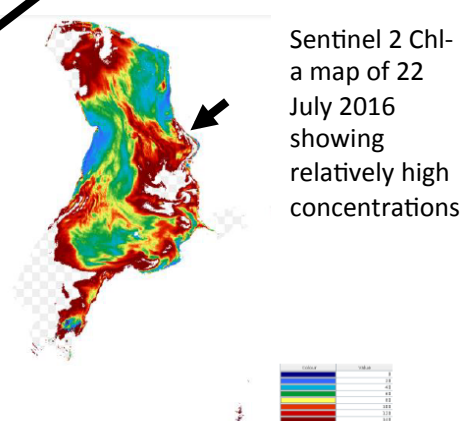


Figure 15 Chlorophyll classified optical image from 22 July, 2016 at 18:21 UTC time. (the black values are higher than 500  $\mu\text{g/L}$  and the white shows the presence of clouds) Image: Annelies Hommerson, Water Insight

## Cyanobacteria monitoring by synergistic use of S1 and S2 (and S3):

Challenges are:

- 1) understand difference in physical observations and patterns (optical vs radar)
- 2) to find simultaneous overpasses (should improve with S3 for large lakes)
- 3) in radar: separate effects of wind, surface scums and recreation
- 4) in radar: for smaller lakes speckle removal is still a problem

## DETECTING ALGAE IN LAKES

using Sentinel-1 C-band SAR images

by

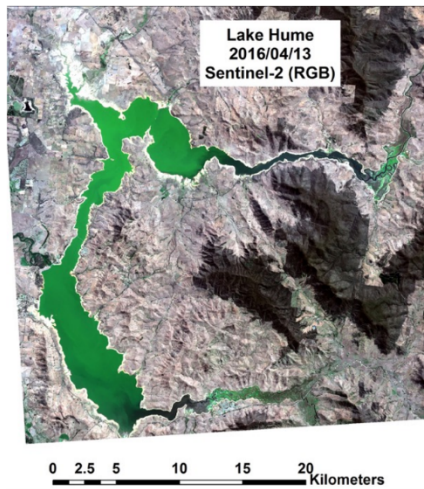
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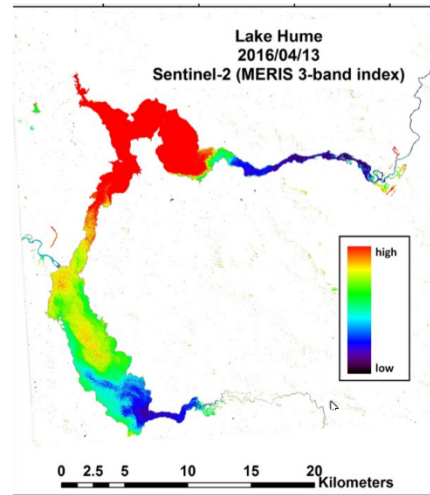
Satellite data

+

in-situ monitoring



'True' colour

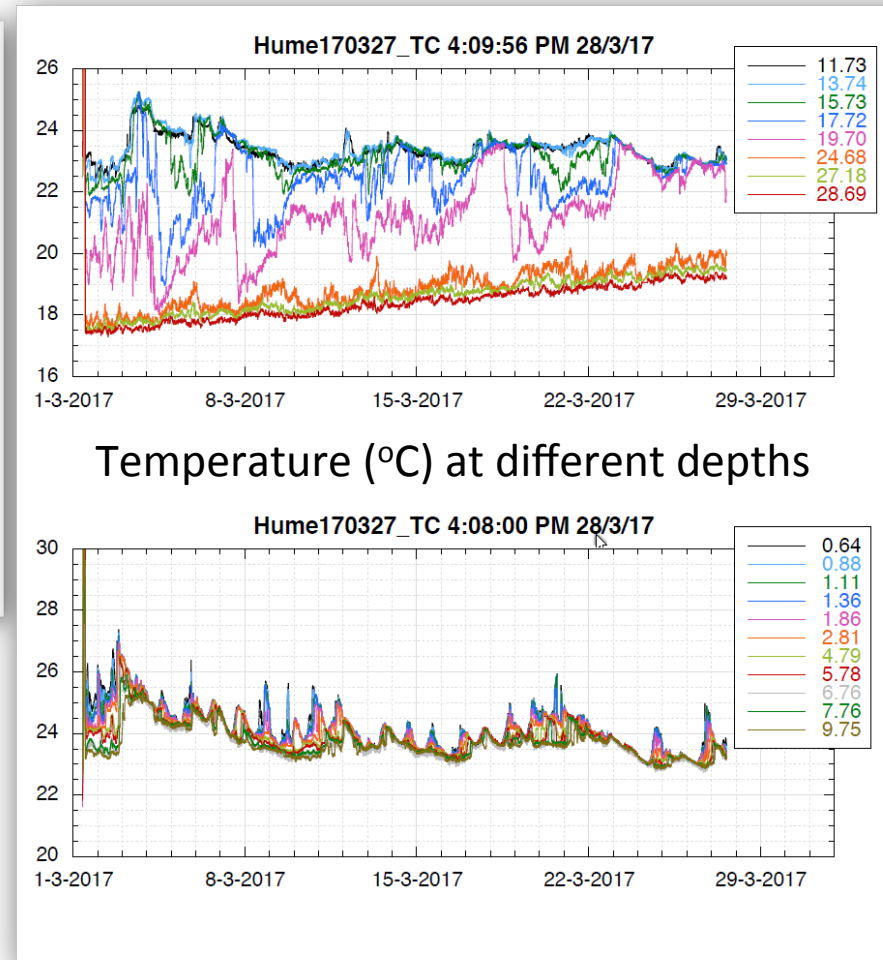


3 band chlorophyll index

+ 3D modelling (Delft3D)



scenario forecast of cyanobacteria  
blooms in Lake Hume, Australia  
for risk minimisation



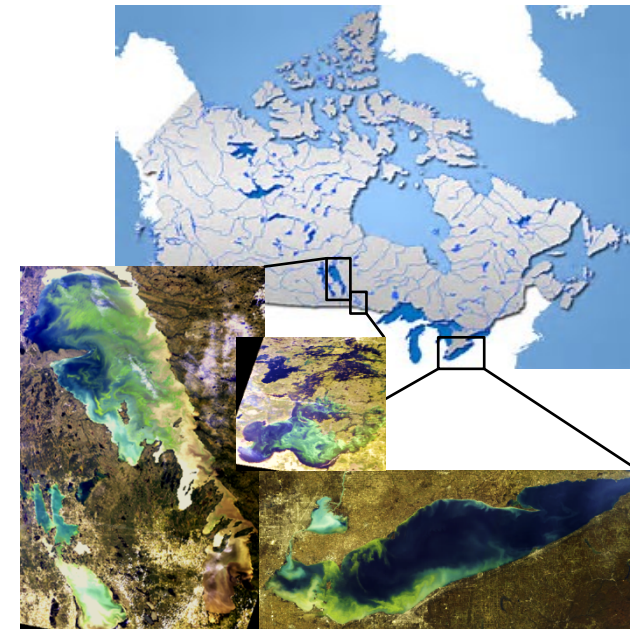
Malthus, T.J., Botha, E., and Anstee, J. (2016) Early warning system for harmful algal blooms:  
Report on Workpackage 2 - Rapid Bloom Identification: Satellite sensing. CSIRO Land and Water, Australia.

Lake Hume BGA risk minimisation | Klaus D. Joehnk

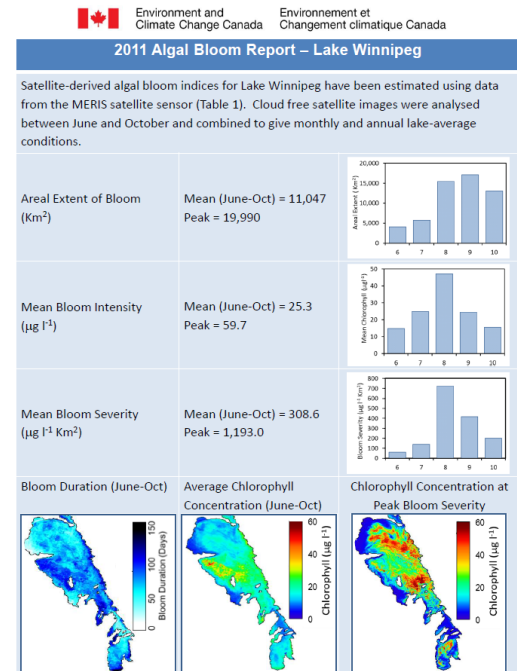
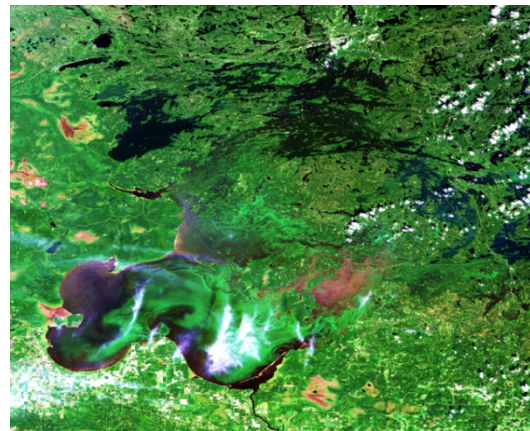
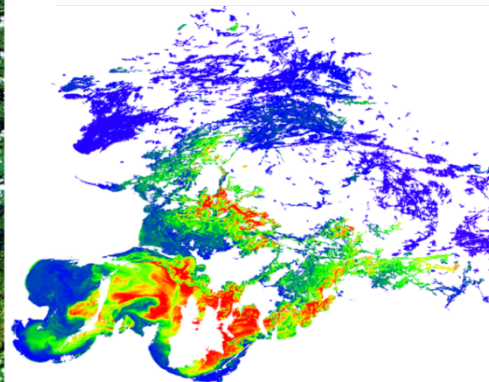
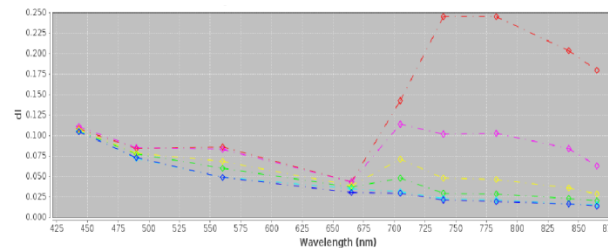


# Algal bloom monitoring of Canadian inland waters

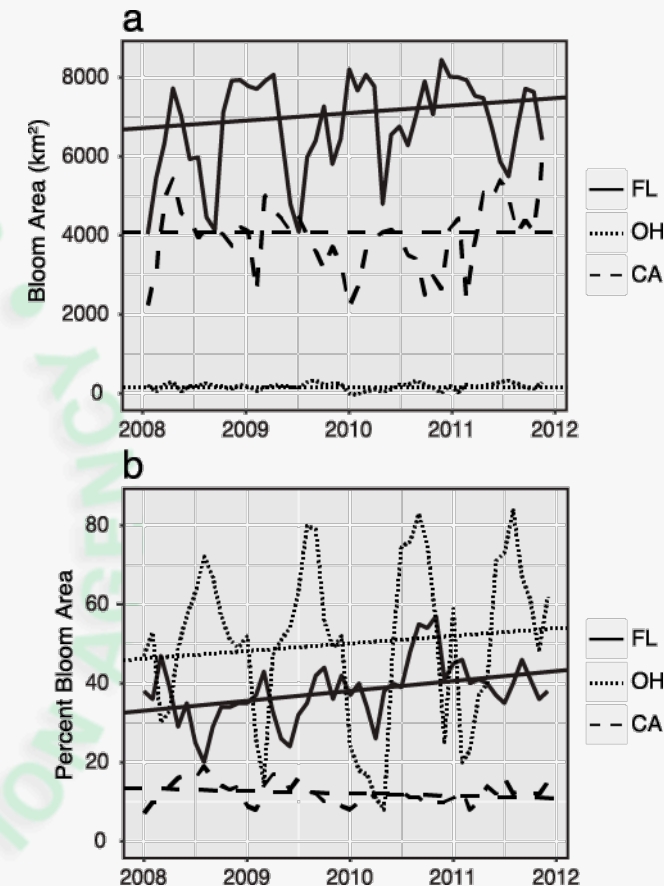
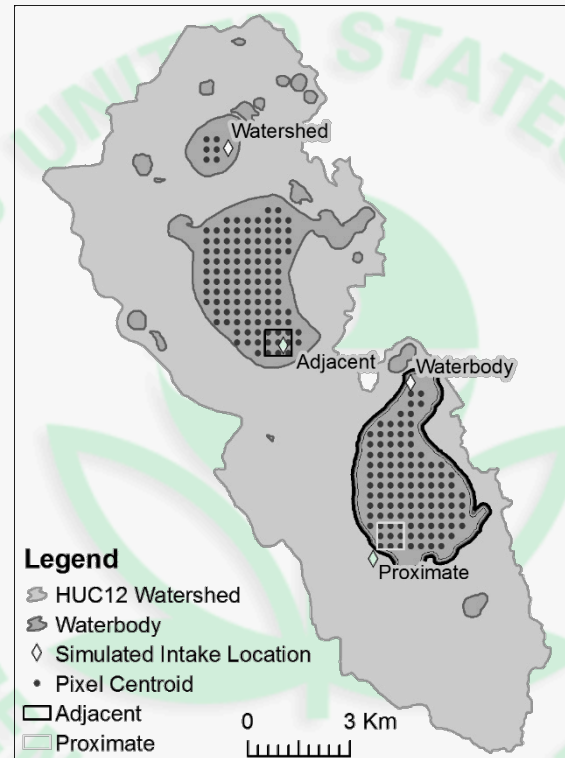
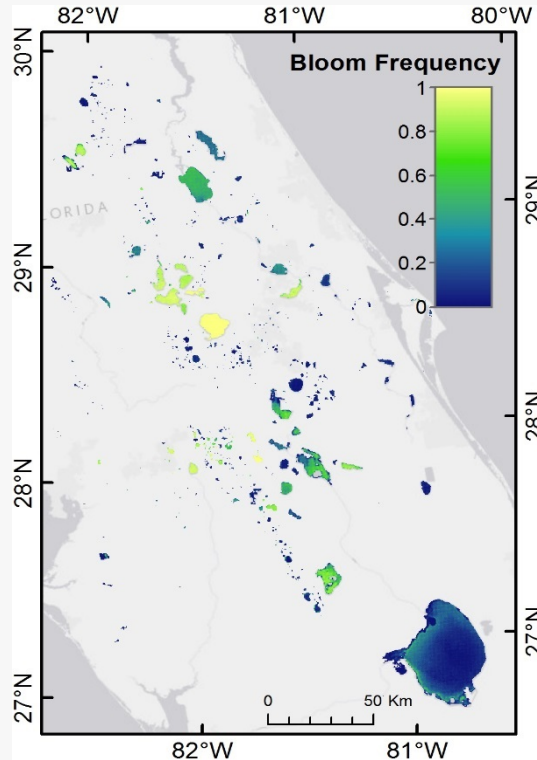
- Bloom monitoring of Canadian lakes transitioning from MERIS/MODIS to S-3 OLCI and S-2 MSI.
- Operational reporting on quantitative bloom indices; intensity, areal extent, duration and overall severity.
- Measuring lake responses to nutrient management practices, land-use change, climate change, and invasive species.



S-2 MSI true colour image and L1 MCI-derived Chlorophyll from an intense cyanobacteria bloom on Lake of the Woods, August 27 2016



# Frequency & Extent



Sources: Clark et al. (*In Press*). Satellite monitoring of cyanobacterial harmful algal bloom frequency in recreational and drinking source waters. *Ecological Indicators*.

Urquhart et al. (*In Revision*). A method for monitoring cyanobacterial harmful algal bloom spatial extent using satellite remote sensing data. *Harmful Algae*.

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