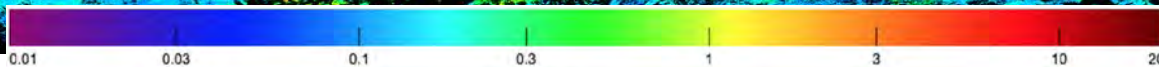
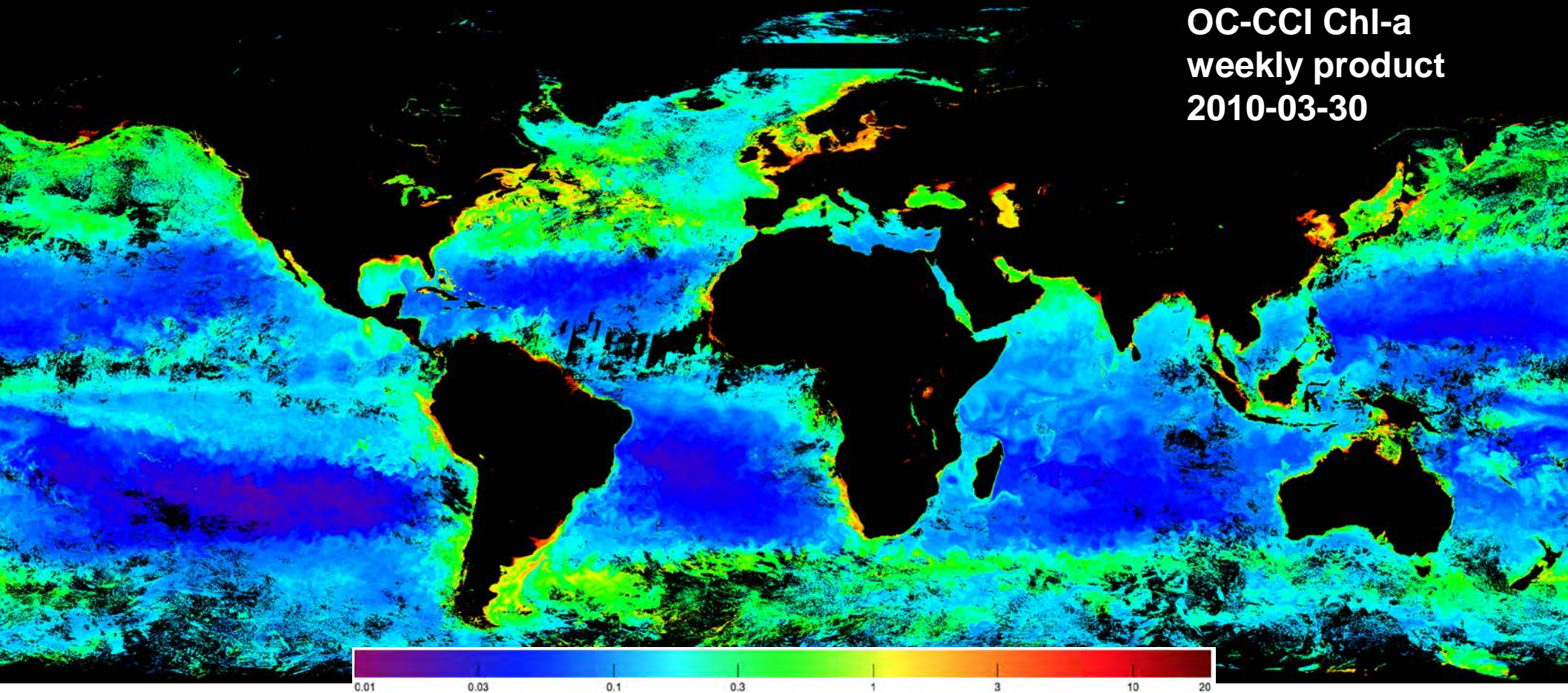


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# Talk outline

Diversity of algorithm approaches

In situ data

Performance metrics

Per-waterclass assessment

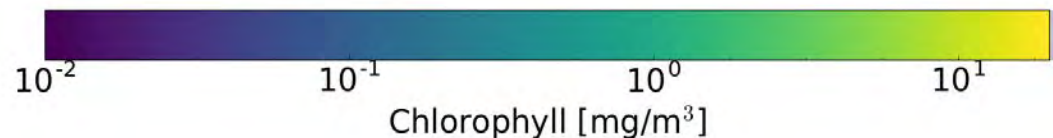
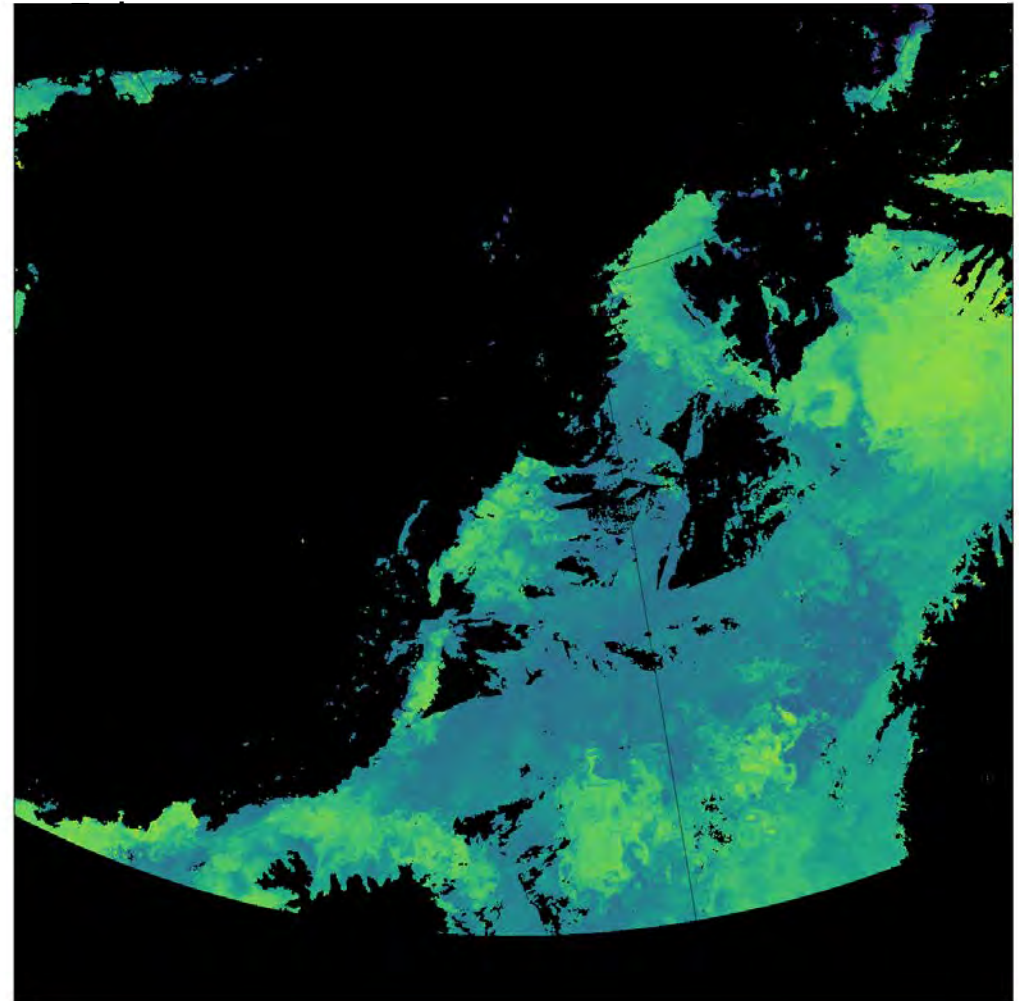
Algorithm Blending

Questions



- Bricaud et al. (1995)  
 Garver and Siegel (1997)  
 Lee et al. (1998, 1999, 2002, 2009)  
 O'Reilly et al. (2000)  
 Maritorena et al (2002)  
 Gohin et al. (2002, 2005)  
 Smyth et al. (2006)  
 Morel et al. (2007)  
 Franz and Werdell (2010)  
 Morel and Antoine (2011)  
 Hu et al. (2012)  
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- Case-I and Case-II.
  - Band ratio (e.g OC2-4) vs IOPs (e.g QAA, GSM).
  - Regional or global algorithms?

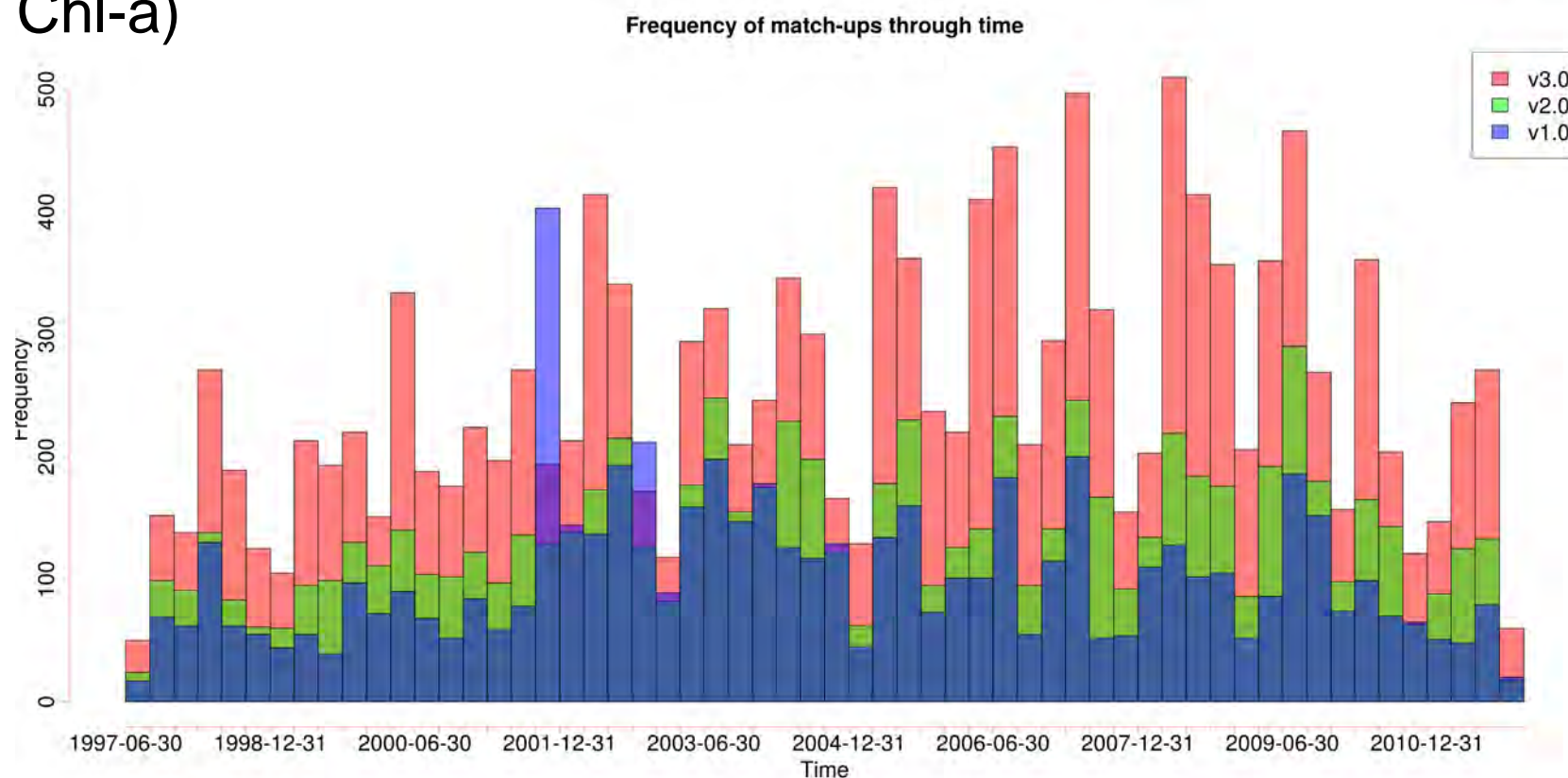
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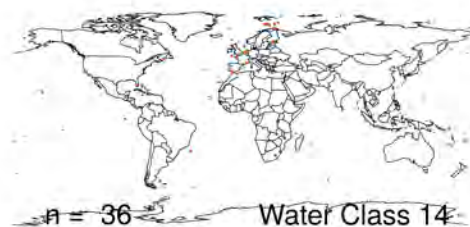
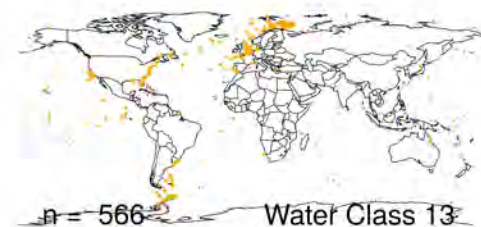
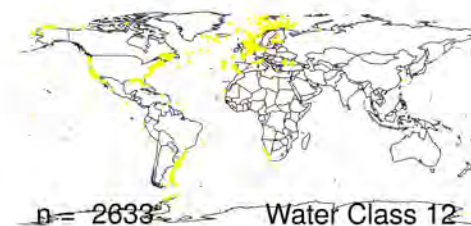
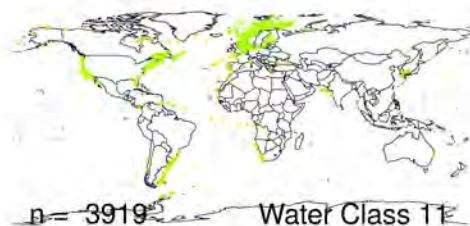
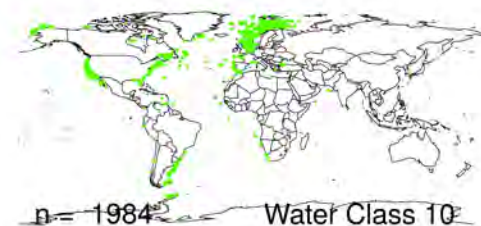
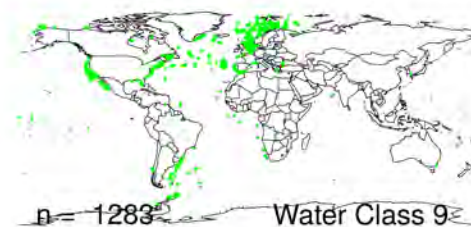
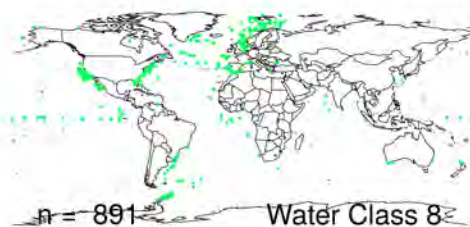
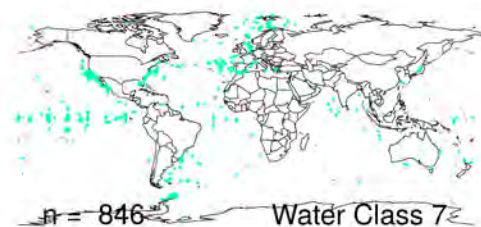
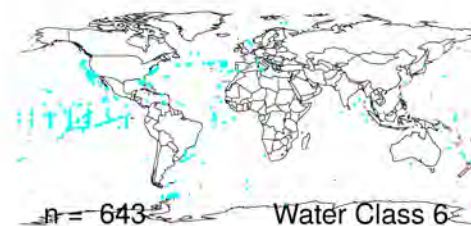
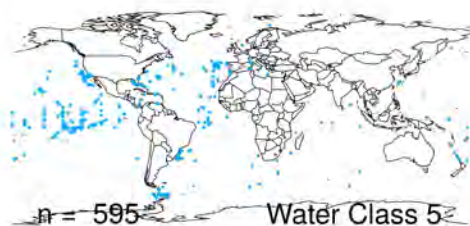
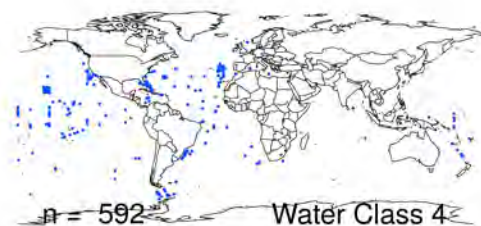
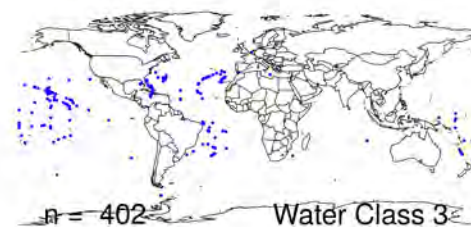
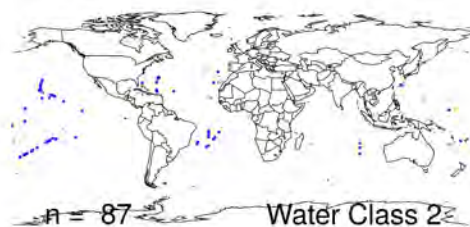
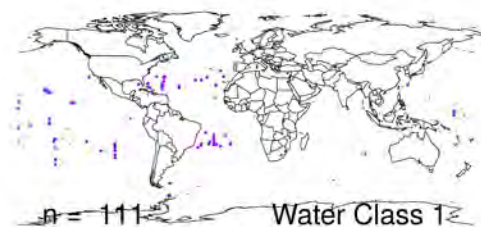


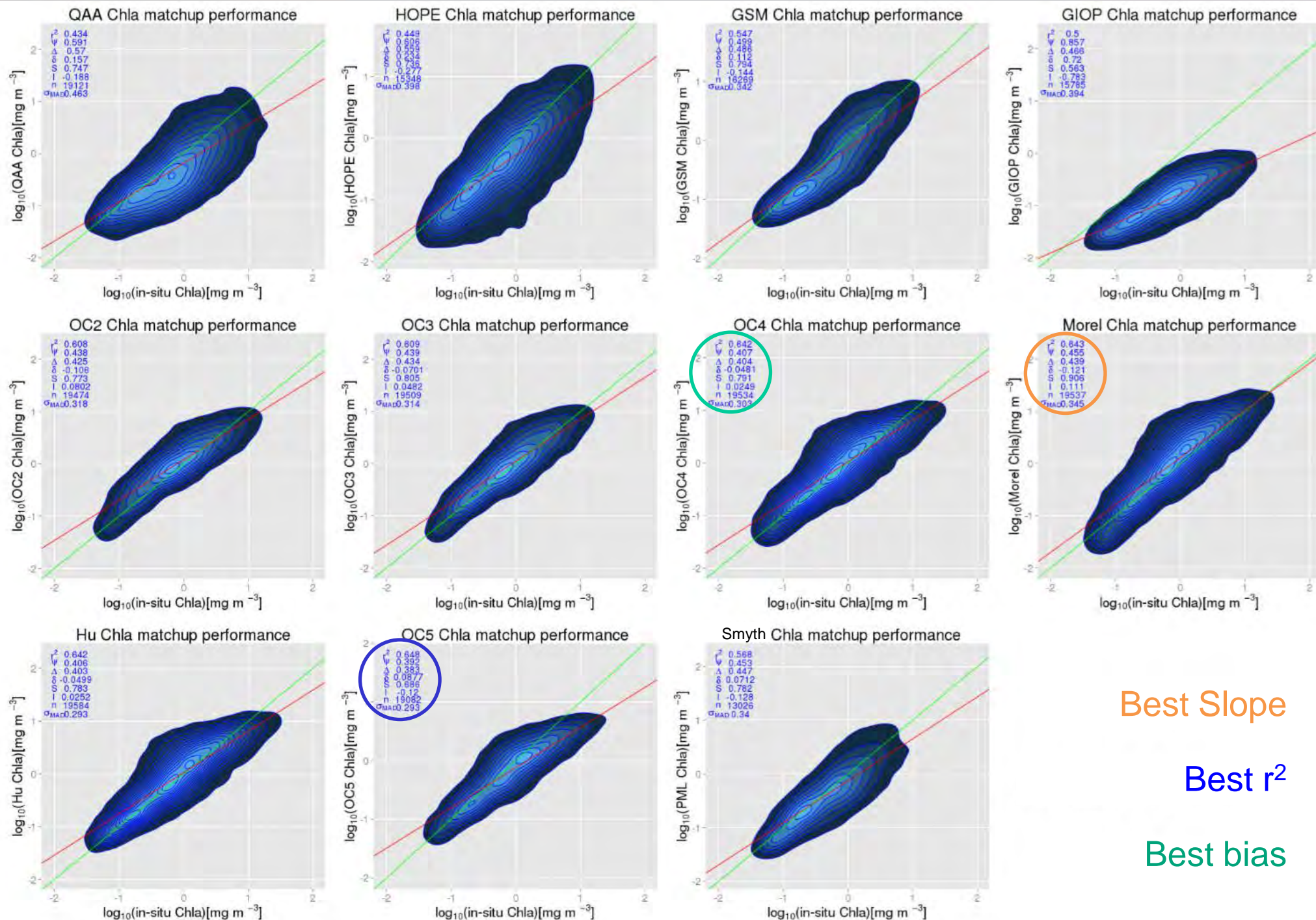
Assessment of algorithm performance relies upon collection of masses of high quality in situ data.

When using in situ data the spatio-temporal distribution of observations needs to be considered.

Some variables (e.g.  $b_{bp}$ ) are under-sampled compared to others (e.g. Chl-a)





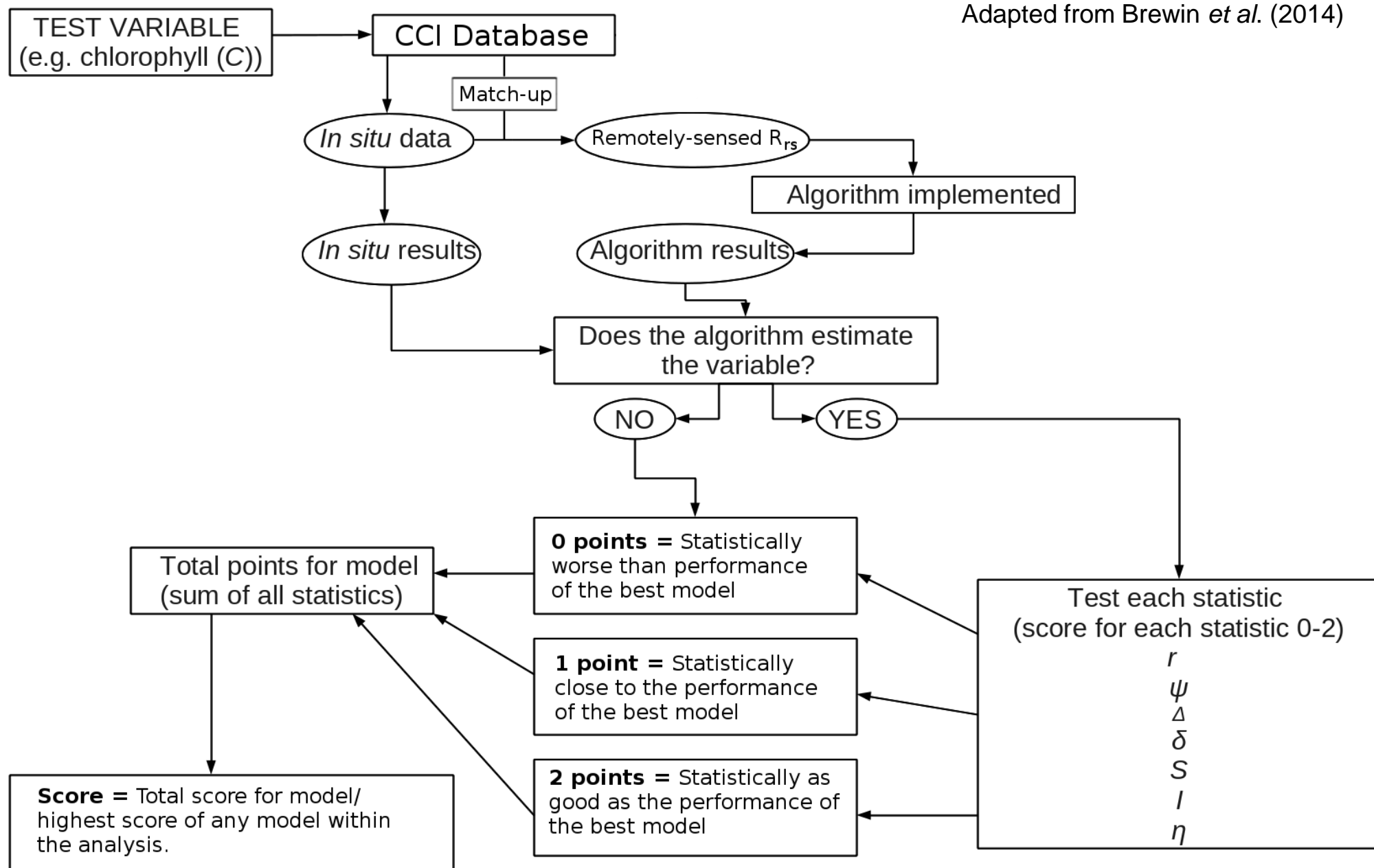


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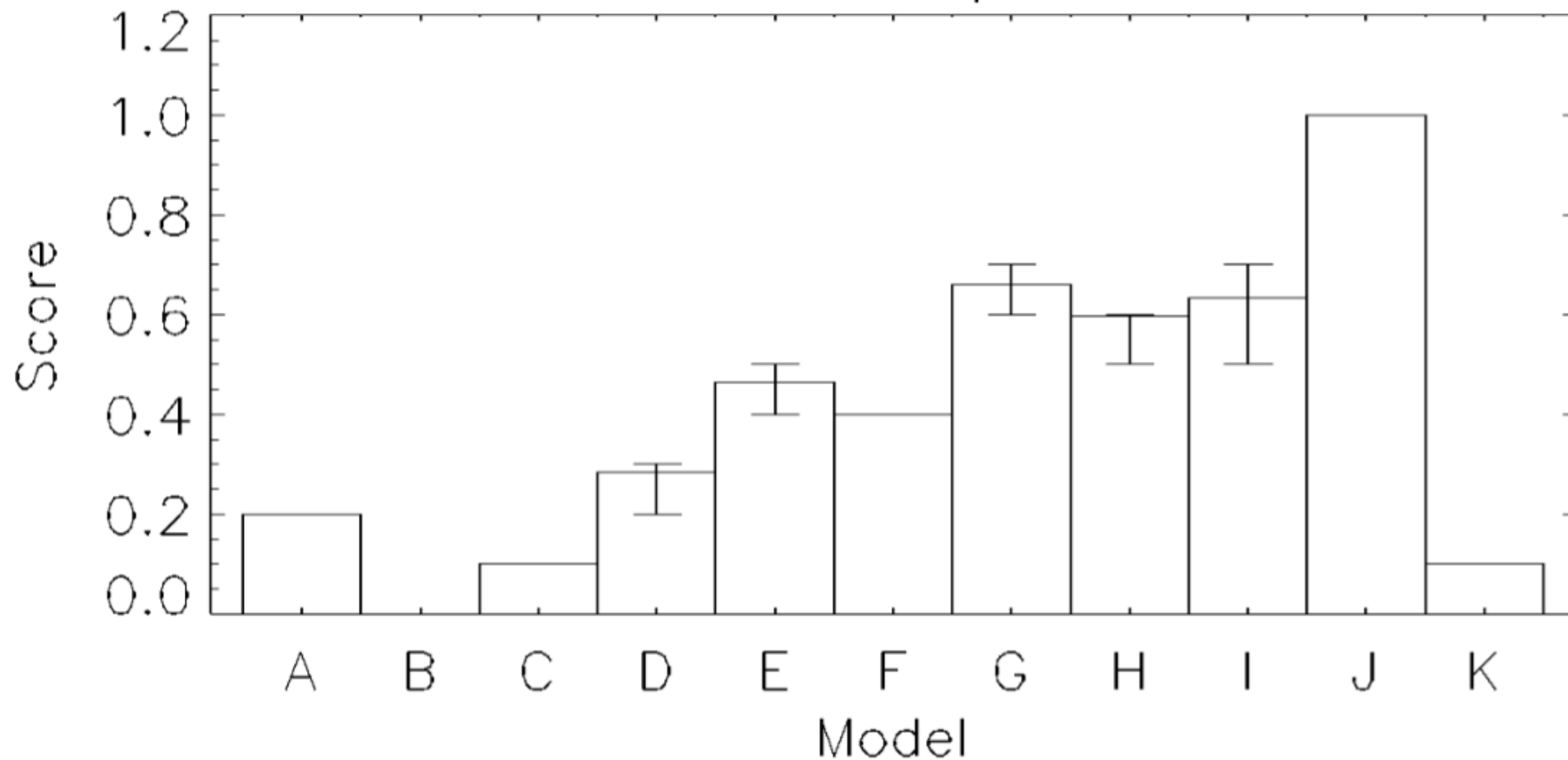
Best  $r^2$

Best bias

Adapted from Brewin *et al.* (2014)



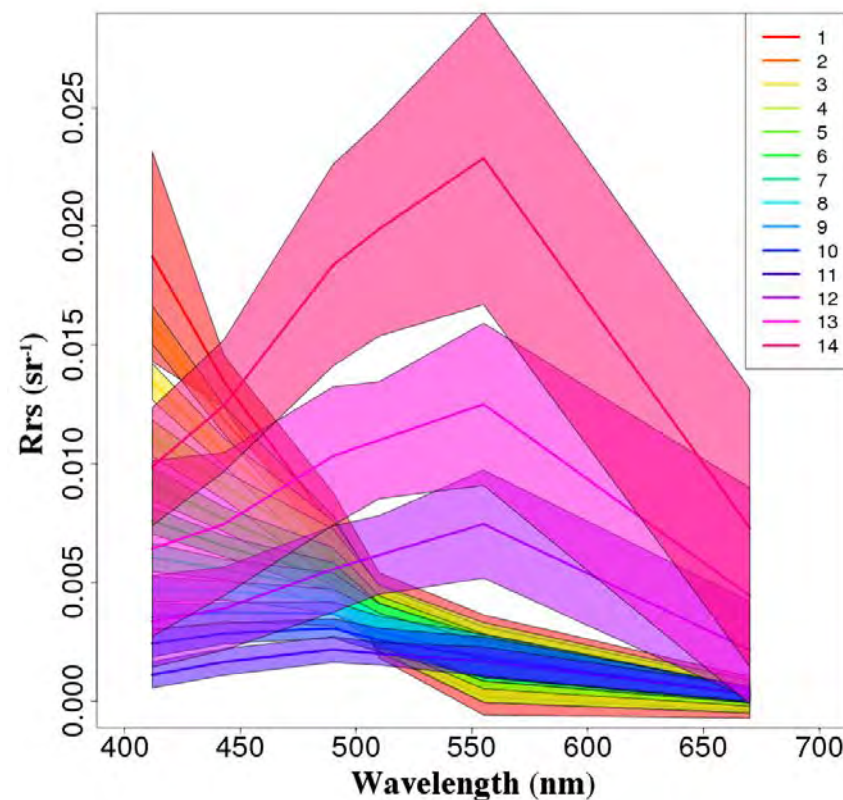
## Intermodel comparison Chl



Optical water classes as introduced by Tim Moore (2009, 2014).

Optical water classes were already used in OC-CCI for the assignment of per product uncertainty. These agree with estimates for other methods (Melin, 2016).

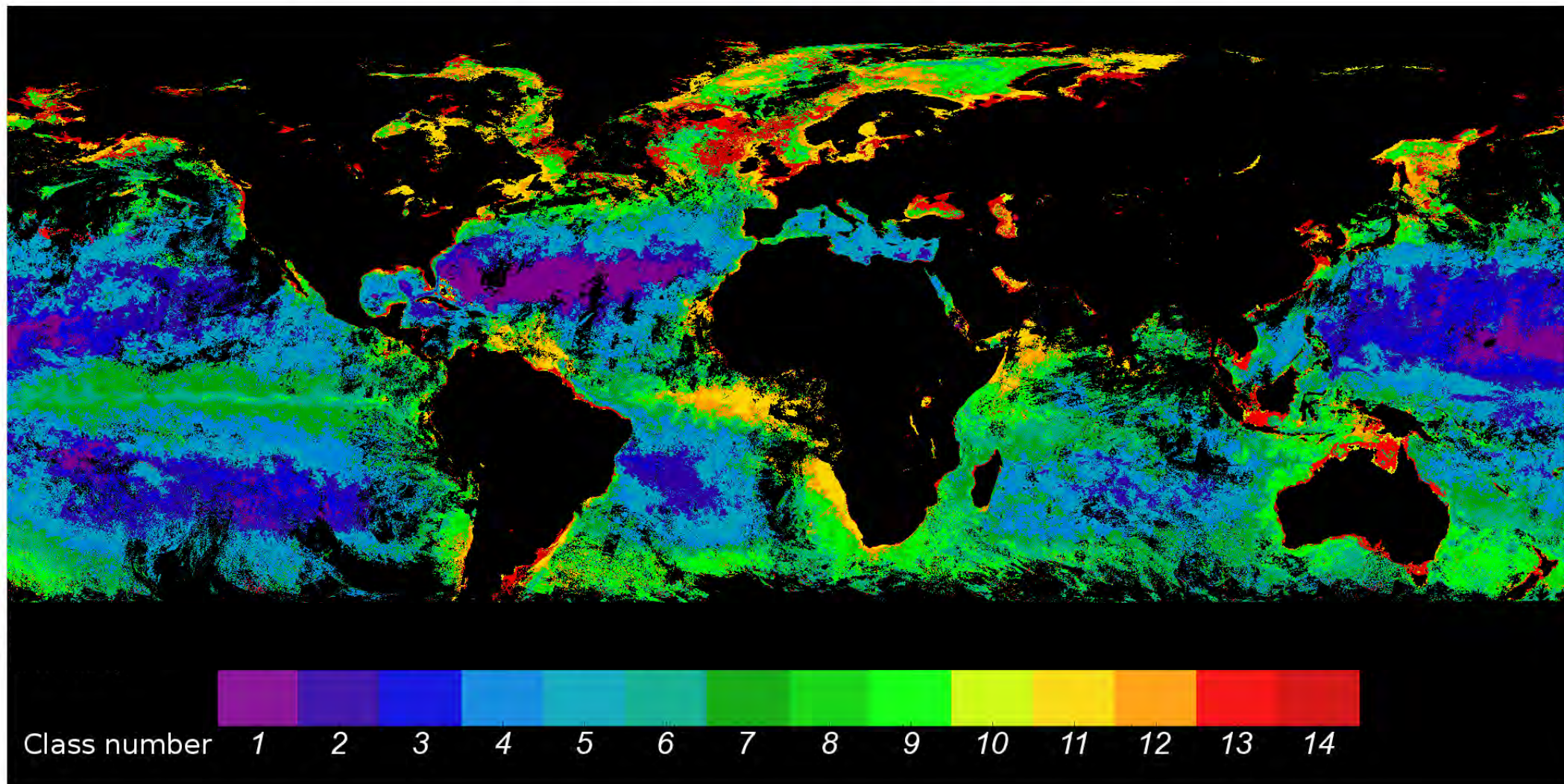
Where there are sufficient data, you can assess the algorithm performance in each optical water type.

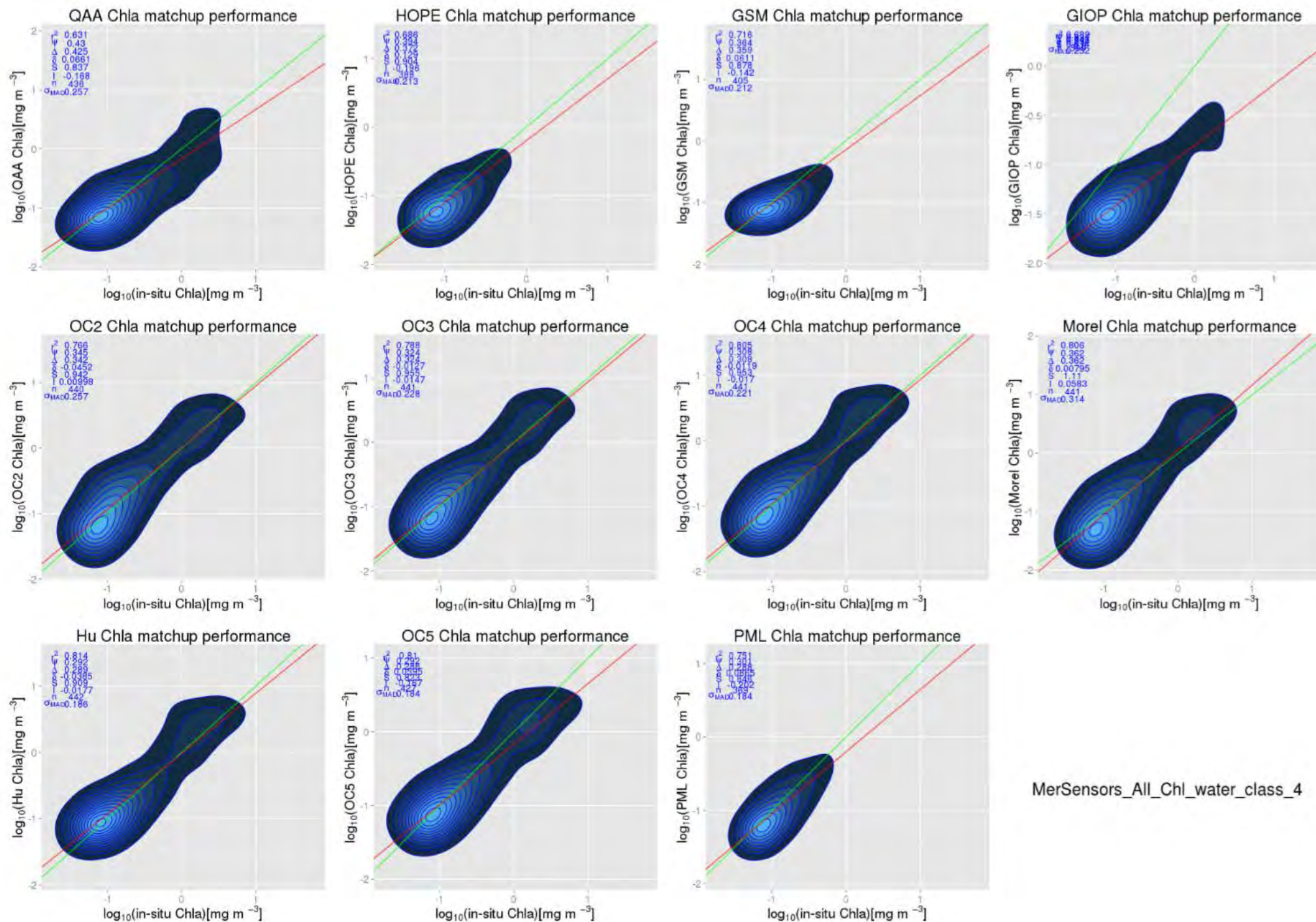


OC-CCI water classes as updated within the project to better cover the global variability in  $R_{rs}$  (Jackson et al 2017).



## *Dominant Optical Water Class, July 04-08 2004*





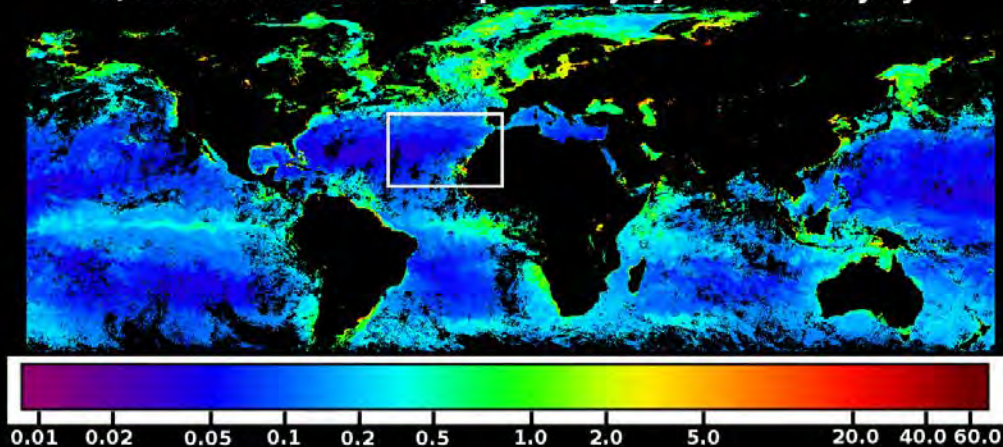
Simply switching from one algorithm to another according to dominant optical class may introduce artificial boundaries in the derived products. The OCI algorithm is an example of a blended algorithm that avoids this problem.

Within the OC-CCI processing chain, water class memberships are used to weight the blending, respecting which algorithm(s) are expected to perform best given the optical characteristics of the observed water.

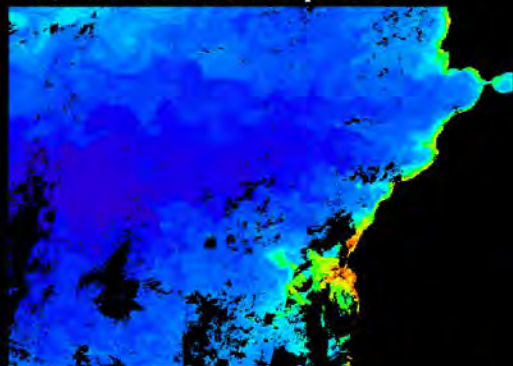
Relatively simple to add new optical water types and algorithms to such a comparison and processing chain with sufficient justification.



a) Global blended Chl-a product July 2004 4-8th July

Chl-a concentration (mg m<sup>-3</sup>)

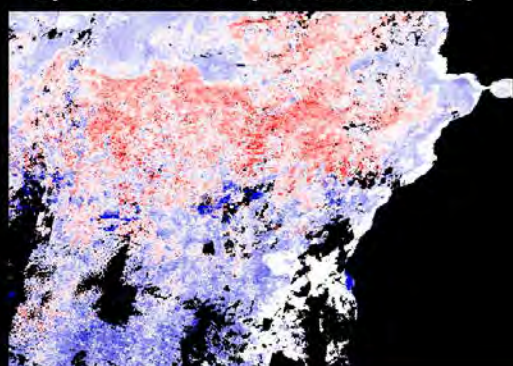
b) Chl-a blended product



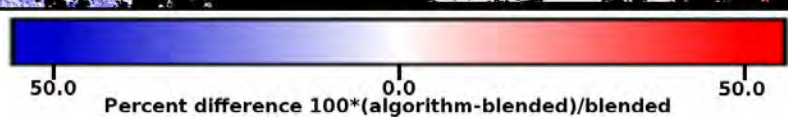
c) Difference (OC3-blended)



d) Difference (OC5-blended)



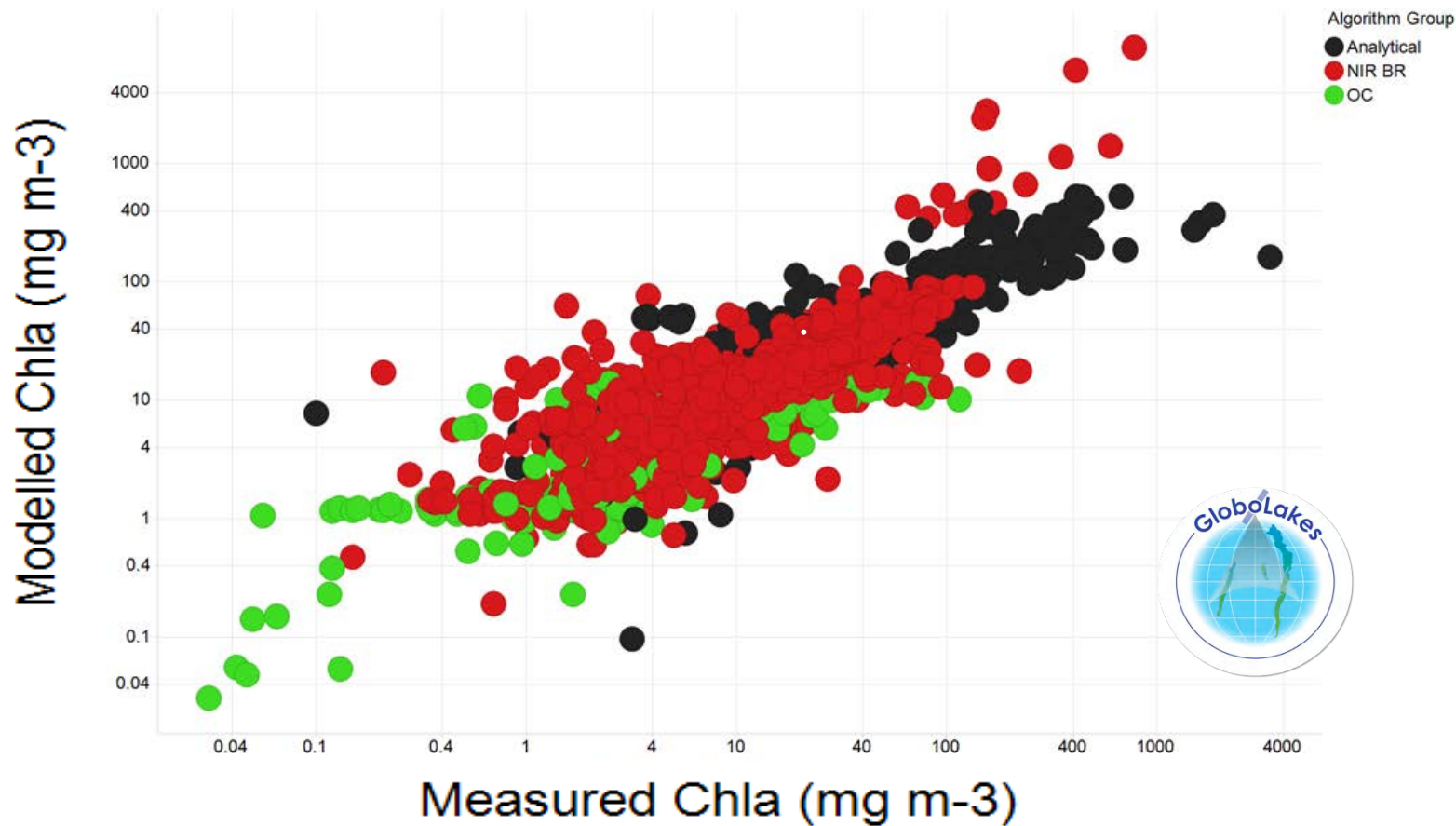
e) Difference (OCI-blended)



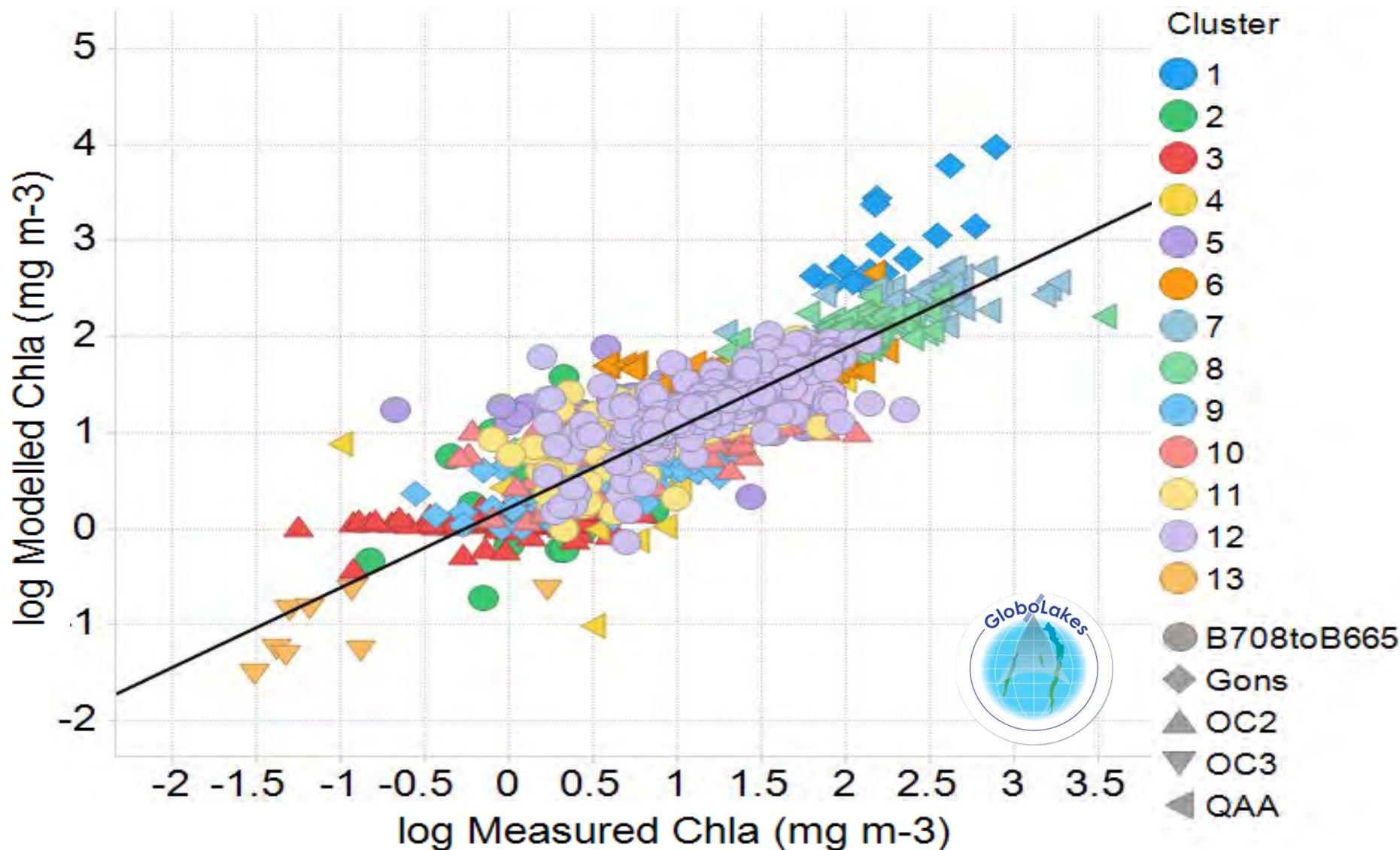
Blending by water class can include algorithms that are themselves blended algorithms (e.g. OCI).

We can observe the dominance of algorithms in particular conditions without introducing artificial boundaries.

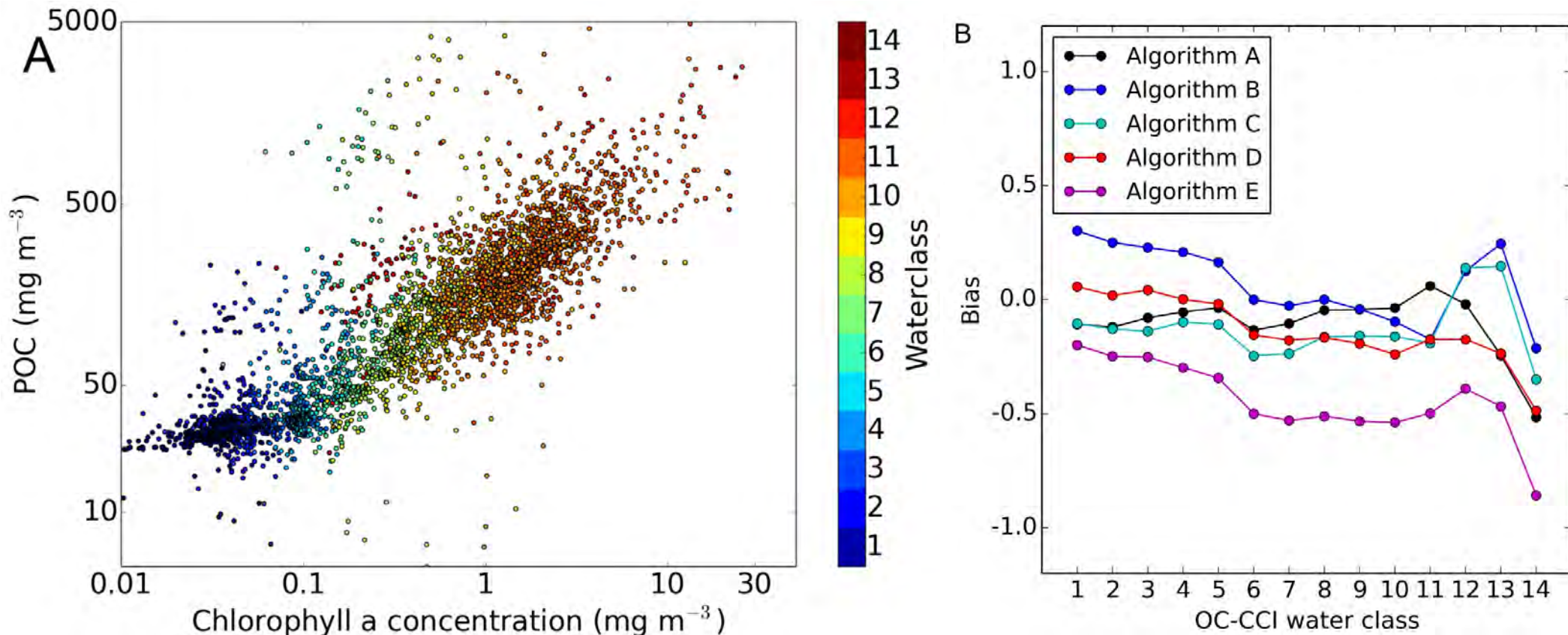
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## Summary:

Assess algorithm performance through multi-metric approach rather than relying on a single measure of performance.

Consider what is important for the end users (number of retrievals, unbiased results, minimal error, IOPs?).

Techniques such as bootstrapping can allow insight into the robustness of results and the sensitivity to sample selection.

The multi-metric assessment is applicable (and required) for both atmospheric correction and in-water algorithms.

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