

## The Spring Bloom: Timing & Absence and the Geritol solution to global warming

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### Slide 1 The Spring Bloom: Timing & Absence and the Geritol solution to global warming

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## Phytoplankton Readings

### Nutrients and the spring bloom

- Nutrient effects on growth, 11/4 (Tu)
- ▶ Chapter 10: Nitrogen cycle, nutrient limitation & chemostats
- ▶ Howarth, R. W. 1988. Nutrient limitation of net primary production in marine ecosystems. Ann. Rev. Ecol. Syst. 19: 89-110.
- Spring bloom, Today
- ▶ Readings
  - Chapter 11: Sverdrup's critical depth concept & the vernal phytoplankton
  - Sverdrup, H. U. 1953. On conditions for the vernal blooming of phytoplankton. J. Conseil perm. int. Explor. Mer. 18: 287-295.
  - Parsons, T. R., M. Takahashi, and B. Hargrave. 1984. Biological Oceanographic Processes, 3rd Edition, Pergamon Press, Oxford & New York. Pages 87-100.
  - Townsend, D. W. and R. W. Spinrad. 1986. Early phytoplankton blooms in the Gulf of Maine. Cont. Shelf Res. 6: 515-529.
- ▶ Become familiar with the non-dimensional critical depth graphic

### Slide 2 Phytoplankton Readings

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## Four major revolutions

### In our understanding of nutrient limitation

- Brandt (1899) was correct to focus on N limitation, Liebig's law, and the role of denitrification, but he missed the role of vertical mixing providing vertical flux of nutrients
- ▶ The anammox pathway, missed until 2003 provides further insight into the central role of nitrogen removal
- Chemostat work by Droop (1968), Capron & Meyer (1972), Fuhs & Rhee revealed the central importance of the **Internal nutrient pool** in controlling  $\mu$
- Goldman (Goldman *et al.* 1979, 1980) argued that phytoplankton in nature tend to grow at high relative growth rates, otherwise they would not exhibit Redfield stoichiometry. The internal nutrient pool tends to follow Redfield stoichiometry.
- ▶ Nutrient input controls phytoplankton biomass & species composition
- One phytoplankton assemblage rapidly replaced by another, each with high relative growth rate.
- Martin's Iron hypothesis: iron is the Liebigian nutrient in major areas of the world's ocean

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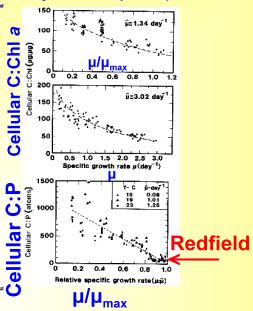
### Slide 3 Four major revolutions

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### Relative growth rate $\mu/\mu_{\max}$

Goldman (1980), reprinted by Harris (1986)

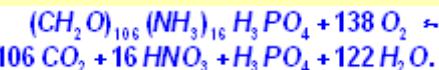
- Redfield ratios only attained at  $\mu/\mu'_{\max} = 1$
- C:Chl a ratio is a reasonable predictor of relative growth rate
  - But it is affected by shade adaptation. A shade adapted, slow growing cell may have low relative  $\mu$ , and low C:Chl a
- DiTullio & Laws (1986) developed a  $^{14}\text{C}$ -protein labeling procedure to estimate relative growth rate concentration



### Slide 4 Relative growth rate $\mu/\mu_{\max}$

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### Goldman's theory: The relationship between $\mu/\mu_{\max}$ & the Redfield ratio



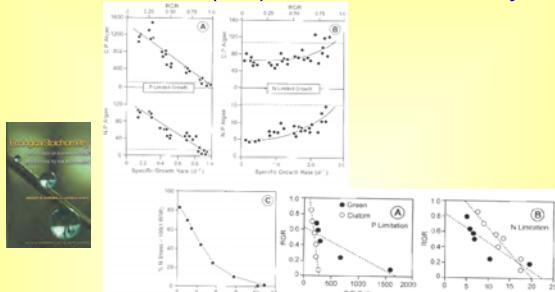
- The 'Redfield' ratio was first determined approximately by Harvey in the 20s, grinding up seaweeds
- Only phytoplankton growing near  $\mu'_{\max}$  have cellular C:N:P in Redfield proportions
- The Redfield ratio predicts the rate of regeneration on C:N:P in deep water **EEOS630**

### Slide 5 Goldman's theory: The relationship between $\mu/\mu_{\max}$ & the Redfield ratio

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### Ecological Stoichiometry

Sterner & Elser (2002): Reviews Goldman's theory



### Slide 6 Ecological Stoichiometry

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### The 3 meanings of N limitation

From Howarth (1988)

- **First**, Limitation of the specific growth rate of cells that are there
  - The cells that often dominate production are growing at high relative growth rates ( $\mu/\mu'_{\max} \approx 1$ )
  - In blooms terminated by nutrient depletion, cells exhibit low relative growth rates
- **Second**, limitation of potential production or yield
  - Nitrogen-spike experiments increase phytoplankton standing stock and production
  - The cells that increase disproportionately in abundance & growth rate may have been rare in the original community

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### Slide 7 The 3 meanings of N limitation

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### Third Limitation of Ecosystem Production

See Howarth (1988)

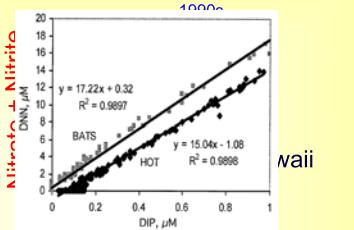
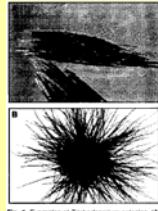
- Eutrophication: increased loading of a nutrient that is in short supply
  - If the MA Bay outfall had an effect on dissolved oxygen, would tertiary treatment reducing DIN input be the solution?
  - Or, does tertiary sewage treatment merely reduce rates of coastal denitrification? Smith & Hollibaugh
- Fe limitation
  - May produce only short-term increases in areal production
  - May not translate to long-term increases in oceanic production
- Phosphorus limitation on geologic time scales
  - There is a better correlation between phosphorus and production than nitrogen and production over geologic time scales
  - Nitrogen fixation can perhaps make up deficits in N, if iron is present for nitrogen fixation

### Slide 8 Third Limitation of Ecosystem Production

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### Trichodesmium & gyre N<sub>2</sub> fixation

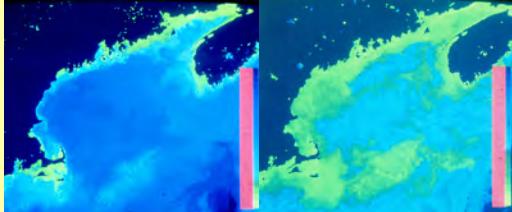
Mat-forming N<sub>2</sub>-fixing cyanobacterium, Capone et al. (1997)

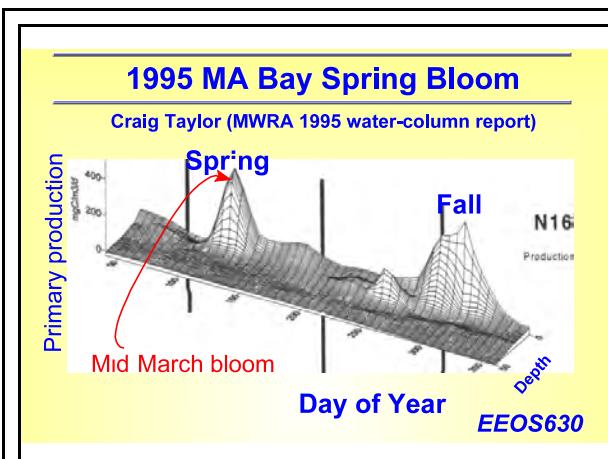


More Fe-rich dust & N fixation in Atlantic (Wu et al. 2000)

### Slide 9 Trichodesmium & gyre N<sub>2</sub> fixation

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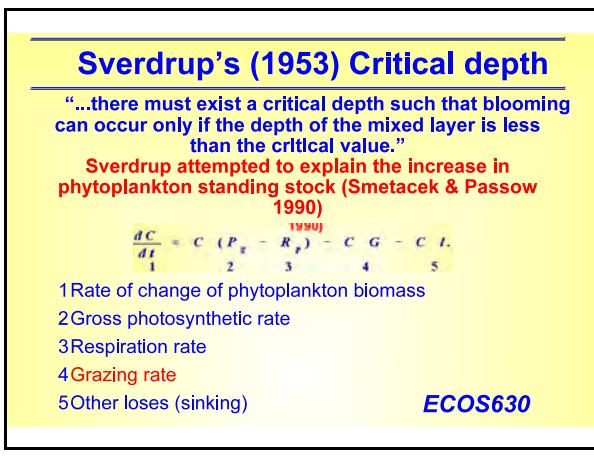
<p><b>Banse's three ocean types</b></p> <p>1: Oligotrophic gyres, 2: HNLC, 3: Seasonal</p>  <p>Gulf of Maine is Domain 3</p> <p>EEOS630</p>	<p><b>Slide 10 Banse's three ocean types</b></p> <p>NOTES:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>Overview of vernal bloom topics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History of the spring bloom           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gran and Braarud (1935)</li> <li>▪ Riley's near miss</li> <li>▪ Sverdrup's critical depth concept</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Non-dimensional critical depth &amp; the MA Bay spring bloom           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Townsend &amp; Spinrad</li> <li>▪ Nelson's hypothesis for the southern ocean</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Why there are no spring blooms in the tropics, subarctic Pacific, Southern Ocean AND Narragansett Bay in recent years (see today's Boston Globe)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Steady-state control of production by grazing, with grazer populations maintained by wintertime production</li> <li>▪ Lack of rapid spring stratification &amp; macronutrient depletion</li> <li>▪ Iron limitation</li> <li>▪ Light limitation (Nelson &amp; Smith, 1991)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>ECOS630</p>	<p><b>Slide 12 Overview of vernal bloom topics</b></p> <p>NOTES:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>The Gulf of Maine bloom</b></p> <p>Bill Hanlon (UMB M.Sc.): CZCS, pre-bloom and bloom</p>  <p>EEOS630</p>	<p><b>Slide 13 The Gulf of Maine bloom</b></p> <p>NOTES:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

**Slide 14 1995 MA Bay Spring Bloom**

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**Slide 16 Sverdrup's (1953) Critical depth**

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## Sverdrup's (1953) Critical Depth

### His assumptions, with comments

- Thoroughly mixed top-layer of thickness D
- Turbulence strong enough to evenly distribute phytoplankton
- Within mixed layer, extinction coefficient ( $k$ ) for PAR is constant
  - Wavelength of light (420-560 nm) considered (Too narrow but not a critical violation of assumptions, 400-720 nm - current range for PAR, see Behrenfeld & Falkowski 1997)
- Production not limited by nutrients
- Production by photosynthesis proportional to light
- Energy flux,  $I_c$ , at the compensation depth is known.
  - Riley (1957): 40 langley per day
  - Note that Riley was using full sunlight, not PAR

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## Slide 17 Sverdrup's (1953) Critical Depth

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## Units for light intensity

From Parsons et al. (1984), see Table 2 in Chapter 5

$\text{Ein} = \text{mol photon}$ ,  
so the units of light should be in terms of a flux  
 $\mu\text{Ein cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  in the PAR

PSR<PUR<PAR (Photosynthetically active radiation or Photo, available radiation wavelengths from 400 to 720 nm)

$\text{Ein} = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$  quanta =  $2.86 \times 10^6$  Angstroms g cal  
where Angstrom =  $10^{-10}$  m

1 g cal =  $4.185 \times 10^7$  ergs = 4,185 watt\*sec

1 g cal/cm<sup>2</sup> = 1 langley

Riley 1957: 0.03 g cal/cm<sup>2</sup>/min = 40 langley/d [Siegel et al. misquote Riley (1957): 0.3 g cal/cm<sup>2</sup>/min cal/cm<sup>2</sup>/min]

For average wavelength of visible light 550 nm,  
1 Ein =  $(2.86 \times 10^6 / 5500 \text{ g cal}) \times 52 \times 10^7 \text{ g cal}$   
note that Harrison and Platt use Watts/m<sup>2</sup>

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## Slide 18 Units for light intensity

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Obtained by integrating over time & depth: To find critical depth, need  $k_{\text{PAR}}$ ,  $I_o$  &  $I_c$ , the compensation light intensity

$$\frac{D_{cr}}{1 - e^{-k_e D_{cr}}} = \frac{I_c}{I_o k_e}$$

where,  $D_{cr}$  = critical depth [m].

$k_e$  = extinction coefficient [ $\frac{1}{m}$ ].

$I_o$  = (avg. energy)/time at sea surface (PAR).

$I_c$  = energy at compensation depth.

$$D_{cr} \approx \frac{I_c}{I_o k_e}$$

$D_{cr}$  = critical depth [meters].

$k_e$  = extinction coefficient.

$I_o$  = Avg. energy passing sea surface.

$I_c$  = energy at compensation depth.

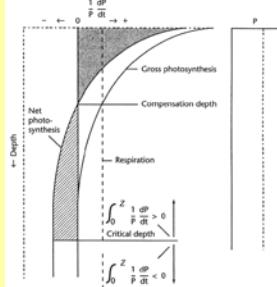
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## Slide 19 Sverdrup's equations

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### The classic critical depth diagram

From Parsons et al. (1984) Figure 41; Miller Fig 1.3

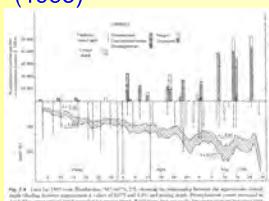


Sverdrup, a physical oceanographer, considered loss of phytoplankton to predators as a form of respiration; see Smetacek & Passow's critique and Platt et al. 1991

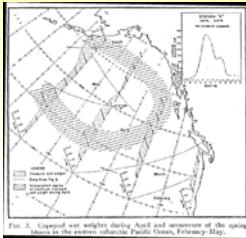
### Two tests of Sverdrup's model

Are either of these valid tests?

N. Atlantic Station M test by Sverdrup (1953)



Parsons et al. (1966) test in subarctic Pacific



### Sverdrup's Test

Fig 1.4

Phyto- & Zooplankton numbers per liter

Critical depth  
(2 light attenuation coefficients)

Mixed Layer

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Fig. 1.4. Abbie ice 1987 from Woods Hole "M" (61°7'N, 70°E) showing the relationship between the approximate critical depth (including biomass representation) values of 0.071 and 0.10 and mixing depth. Phytoplankton counts increased in April-May, when mixed depth exceeded the mixing depth. While these data are crude, the observations are not far from diagnostic (Sverdrup 1951).

## Slide 20 The classic critical depth diagram

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## Slide 21 Two tests of Sverdrup's model

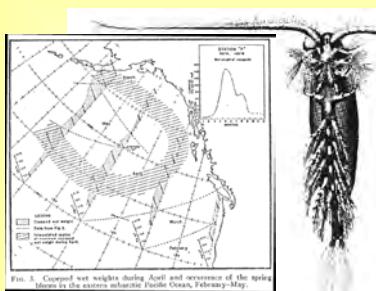
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## Slide 22 Sverdrup's Test

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### Subarctic Pacific, Station P

Parsons et al. (1966): Macrozooplankton wet weights



*Neocalanus plumchrus* &  
*N. cristatus*

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### Slide 23 Subarctic Pacific, Station P

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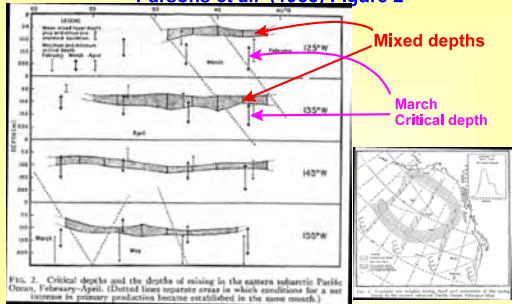
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### Subarctic Pacific, Station P

Parsons et al. (1966) Figure 2



### Slide 24 Subarctic Pacific, Station P

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### Predicting Gulf of Maine Spring Blooms

Why is the MA Bay bloom delayed until March?

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### Slide 25 Predicting Gulf of Maine Spring Blooms

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### North Atlantic Critical Depths

Miller (2004) Table 1.2, from Platt et al. 1991  
Proc. Royal Soc. London B 264: 205-217.

Table 1.2 Critical depth as a function of date and latitude. (from Platt et al. 1991)

Date	Latitude (°N)	Critical depth (m)	
		With just phytoplankton respiration	With all losses included
1 February	40	361	131
	50	274	97
1 March	40	447	164
	50	385	141
1 April	40	551	193
	50	521	238
1 May	40	635	237
	50	639	238
1 June	40	691	258
	50	723	270

140 m (all losses) to 450 m in March. Does Sverdrup's model apply to a 35 m MA Bay water column?

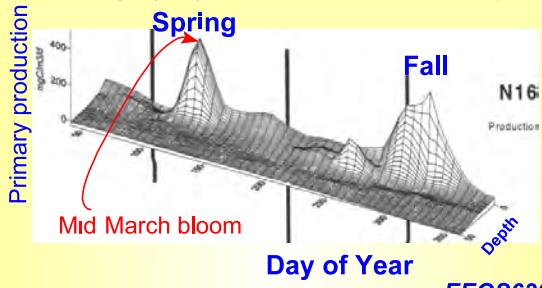
$I_o$  in MA Bay the same,  $k_{PAR}$  higher? EEOS630

### Slide 26 North Atlantic Critical Depths

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### 1995 Seasonal production

Craig Taylor (MWRA 1995 water-column report)



### BH-MA Bay: A tidal front

MWRA State of the Harbor Report & Mann & Lazier



Stratification can occur in any month (snow melt inversions), but stable pycnocline develops in March



### Slide 27 1995 Seasonal production

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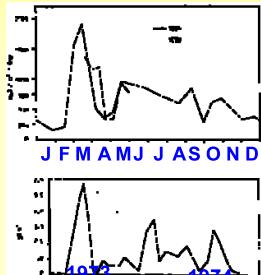
### Slide 28 BH-MA Bay: A tidal front

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**MA Bay Blooms in March**

Parker (1975) documented a March production and biomass bloom in 1973 and 1974

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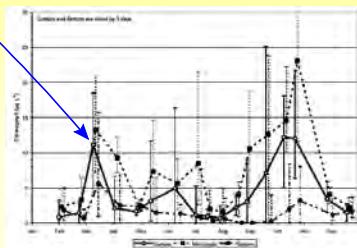
Standing Stock

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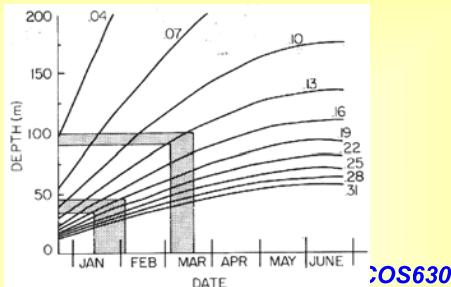
**2000 MA Bay Bloom**

Mid-March spring bloom, massive fall bloom

How much carbon using back-of-the-envelope:  
assume C:Chl a ≈ 30 & 10-m euphotic zone.  
Or, 12 µg Chl a /L \* 30 g C/g  
Chl a \* 10 m \* 1000 L/m<sup>2</sup> = 3.6 g C m<sup>-2</sup>

**Slide 29 MA Bay Blooms in March**

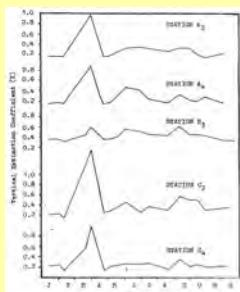
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**Townsend & Spinrad (1986)**Figure 12:  $I_o$  (date) &  $k_{PAR}$  needed to predict  $Z_{cr}$ **Slide 30 2000 MA Bay Bloom**

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**Slide 31 Townsend & Spinrad (1986)**

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**What is  $k_{\text{PAR}}$ ?**From Parker (1975):  $\approx 0.2 \text{ m}^{-1}$  before bloom

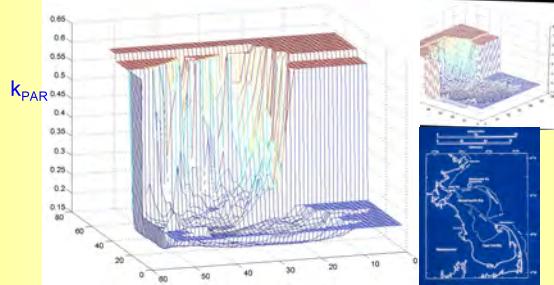
Note that  $k$ , the light attenuation coefficient, is a function of wavelength, should be expressed as  $k_{\text{PAR}}$  & is linearly correlated with Chl a concentration

Note  $K$  is about equal to 1.7/Secchi disk depth (or 8.5 m for  $k=0.2 \text{ m}^{-1}$ )

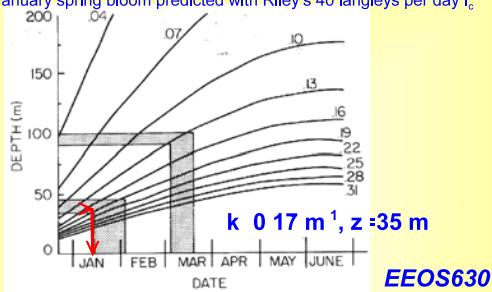
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**Slide 32 What is  $k_{\text{PAR}}$ ?**

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**Light attenuation,  $k_{\text{PAR}}$ , for MA Bay**From the MA Bay 3-d Hydroqual model: Bay  $k_{\text{PAR}}$  modeled as  $0.17 \text{ m}^{-1}$ **Slide 33 Light attenuation,  $k_{\text{PAR}}$ , for MA Bay**

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**Townsend & Spinrad (1986)**Figure 12:  $I_o$  (date) &  $k$  needed to predict  $Z_c$ A January spring bloom predicted with Riley's 40 langleys per day  $I_o$ **Slide 34 Townsend & Spinrad (1986)**

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## Dimensionless critical depth plots

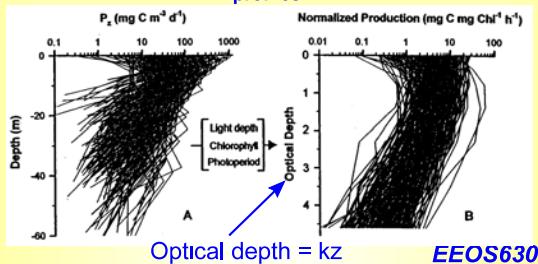
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### Slide 35 Dimensionless critical depth plots

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## Behrenfeld-Falkowski remote sensing algorithms

Generalized productivity profiles, 1042 MARMAP profiles

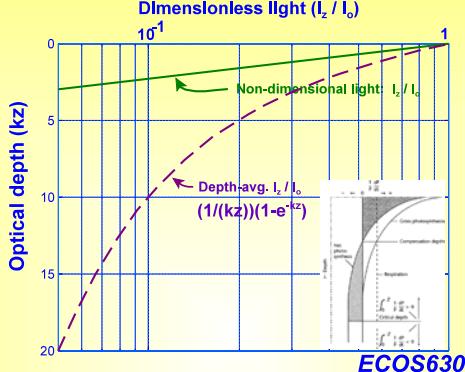


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### Slide 36 Behrenfeld-Falkowski remote sensing algorithms

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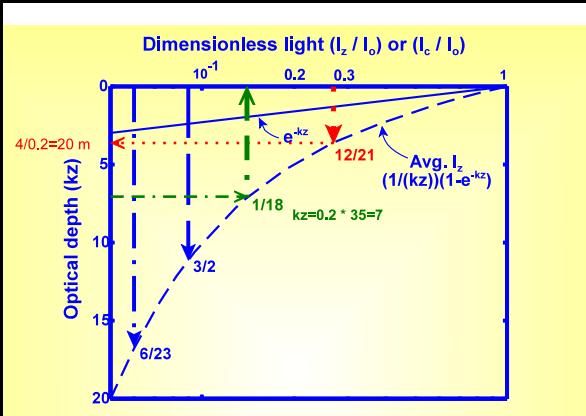
## Dimensionless light ( $I_z / I_o$ )



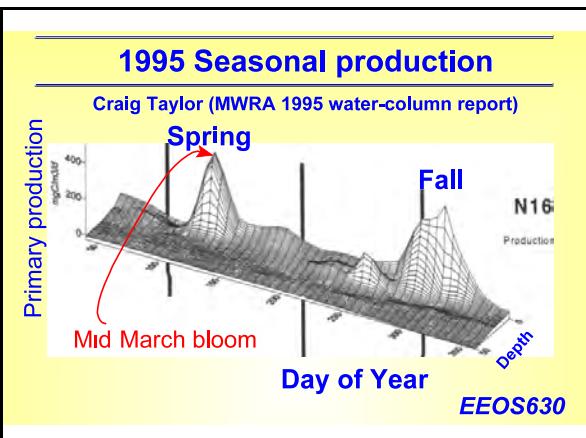
### Slide 37 New England insolation

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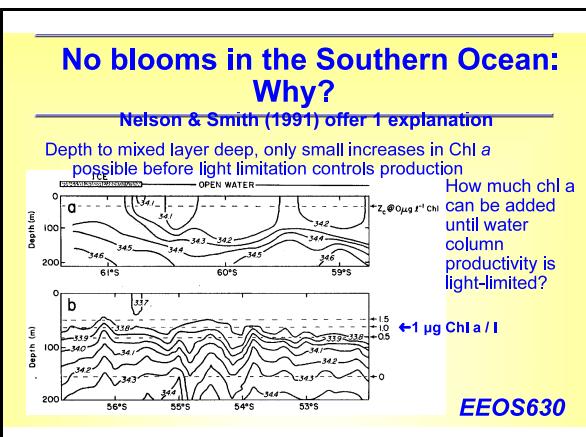


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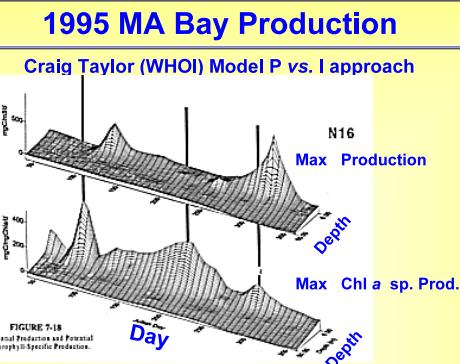
**Slide 42 1995 Seasonal production**

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**Slide 43 No blooms in the Southern Ocean: Why?**

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<p><b>BH-MA Bay: A tidal front</b></p> <p>MWRA State of the Harbor Report &amp; Mann &amp; Lazier</p> <p>Stratification can occur in any month (snow melt inversions), but stable pycnocline develops in March</p>	<p><b>Slide 44 BH-MA Bay: A tidal front</b></p> <p>NOTES:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>Why is there a March, not a January bloom?</b></p> <p>MA Bay application of Smith &amp; Nelson (1991)</p> <p>Amount of Chl a to make <math>Z_{cr} = kz</math></p>	<p><b>Slide 45 Why is there a March, not a January bloom?</b></p> <p>NOTES:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>Massachusetts Bay Production</b></p> <p>Cole-Cloern relationship &amp; Subsurface Chlorophyll maxima</p> <p>EEOS630</p>	<p><b>Slide 46 Massachusetts Bay Production</b></p> <p>NOTES:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

**Slide 47 1995 MA Bay Production**

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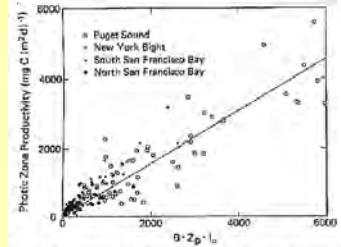
**Cole-Cloern relationship: No N!**82% of variance explained by  $BZ_p I_o$ 

Fig. 2. Regression of photic zone productivity against the composite parameter  $BZ_p I_o$  for 211 incubation experiments.  $P = 1.50 + 0.73 (BZ_p I_o)$ ;  $r^2 = 0.82$ ;  $S_{re}$  (standard error of the estimate) = 410

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**Slide 48 Cole-Cloern relationship: No N!**

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**Cole-Cloern works in MA Bay**

P+7 \*I\_o accounts for 82% of production, why?

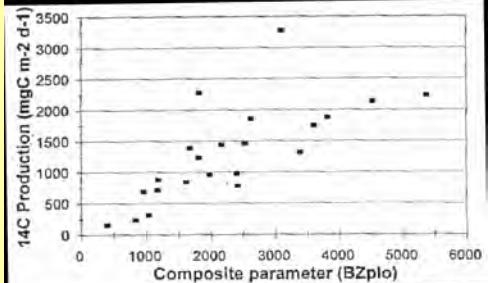


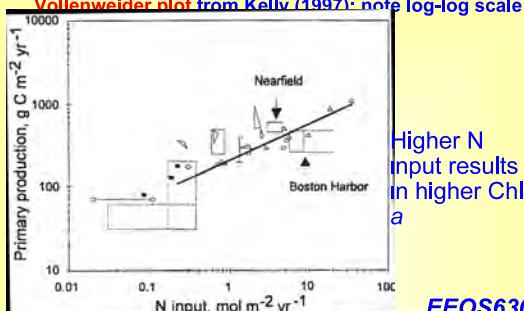
Figure Kelly/Doering MA Bay data EEOS630

**Slide 49 Cole-Cloern works in MA Bay**

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**MA Bay production  $\propto$  N Loading**

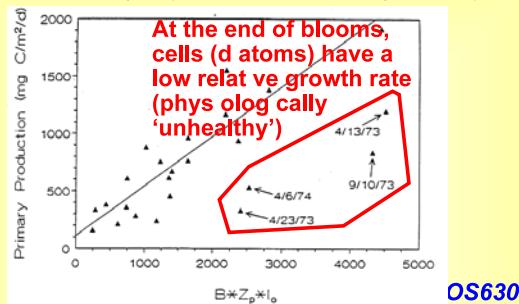
Vollenweider plot from Kelly (1997); note log-log scale

**Slide 50 MA Bay production  $\propto$  N Loading**

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**Bz<sub>p</sub>I<sub>o</sub> model fails after blooms**

Jim Shine (1992) UMASS Ph.D., Parker (1975 data)

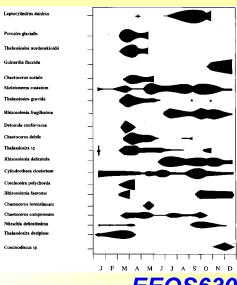
**Slide 51 Bz<sub>p</sub>I<sub>o</sub> model fails after blooms**

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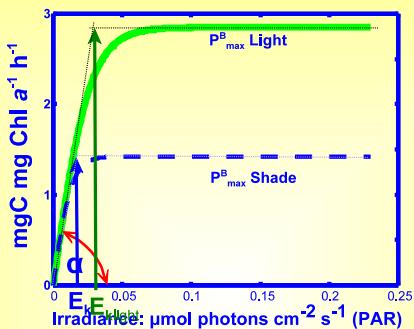
**Phytoplankton succession in bay**

Diatom species composition from Parker (1975)

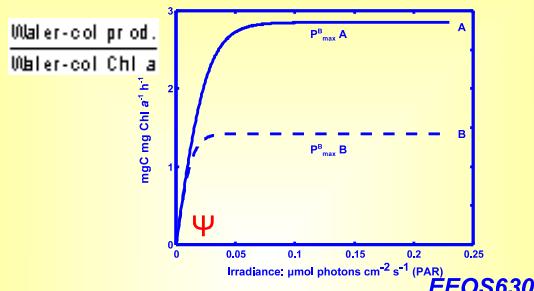
- Rapid reduction of dissolved inorganic nitrogen to  $< 1 \mu\text{M}$  at end of bloom
- Rapid succession of diatom species at the termination of the spring bloom
  - Bloom species settle out to the bottom
  - Very high fluorescent yield
  - Low relative growth rates:
    - High C:Chl a ratios
    - Low assimilation numbers

**Slide 52 Phytoplankton succession in bay**

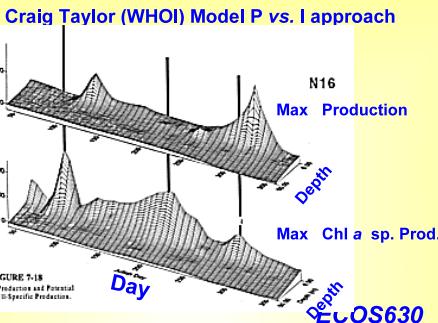
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**Chl a-specific gross productivity****Slide 53 Platt's (1986) Explanation**

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**Platt's biooptical model****Slide 54 Platt's biooptical model**

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**1995 MA Bay Production****Slide 55 1995 MA Bay Production**

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### Cole-Cloern relationship

82% of variance explained by  $BZ_p I_o$

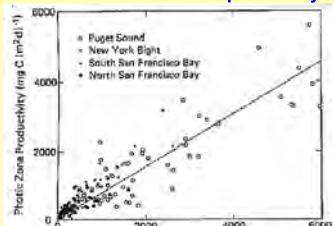


Fig. 2. Regression of photic zone productivity against the composite parameter  $BZ_p I_o$  for 211 incubation experiments.  
 $P = 150 + 0.73 (BZ_p I_o)$ ;  $r^2 = 0.82$ ;  $S_e$  (standard error of the estimate) = 410

### Slide 56 Cole-Cloern relationship

NOTES:

### Why does the Cole-Cloern model work?

Wofsy is wrong, Platt (1986) appears correct

- Wofsy (1983)
  - Nutrient-rich lakes, bays and estuaries:
    - Phytoplankton grow until the mixed layer is equivalent to five optical depths.
    - Production is light-controlled, and nutrients are usually in excess (Wofsy incorrect: Nutrients still limit yield as noted in Howarth's (1988) 2nd sense of nutrient limitation)
- Platt (1986)
  - Succession among phytoplankton groups leads to phytoplankton acclimated to current nutrient input regime
  - Their P vs. I parameters are close to temperature-controlled optima

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### Slide 57 Why does the Cole-Cloern model work?

NOTES:

### Why does the model work?

Wofsy is wrong, Platt (1986) appears correct

- Bio-optical models &  $\Psi$  (psi)
  - Platt (1986) Initial slope of the generalized P vs. I relationship,  $\Psi$  (pronounced psi), relatively constant at  $0.4 \text{ g Chl a m}^{-2} \text{ mol}^{-1}$  photons
  - Raven & Falkowski (1997) Figure 9.9
    - $\Psi$  not a constant
      - Higher at low light intensities
      - Lower in nutrient-stressed cells
- A high relative specific growth rate produces the Cole-Cloern or Malone-Platt relationship
  - If relative growth rate is high (coupled mainly to temperature), then
  - There must be a close coupling between nutrient loading and Chl a concentration

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### Slide 58 Why does the model work?

NOTES:

## Why no phytoplankton bloom in the Subarctic Pacific?

Parsons et al. (1966): the Major Grazer hypothesis  
 Evans & Parslow's Micrograzer Hypothesis  
 Martin's Iron Hypothesis  
 Ecumenical Iron hypothesis

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### Slide 59 Why does the model work?

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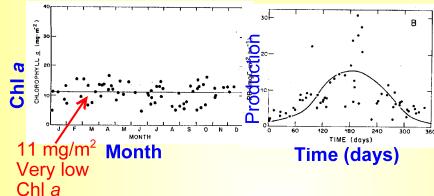
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### Slide 60 Why no phytoplankton bloom in the Subarctic Pacific?

NOTES:

## No bloom at Station P in the Subarctic Pacific

Chl *a* and production from Frost (1987)



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### Slide 61 No bloom at Station P in the Subarctic Pacific

NOTES:

### The 'Major Grazer' hypothesis

Macrozooplankton grazing keeps bloom in check

- Major grazer Hypothesis

- Heinrich (1957)

- Beklemishev (1957)

- McAllister (1960)

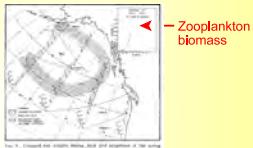
- Parsons et al. (1966)

- Fulton (1973)

- *Neocalanus plumchrus* & *N. cristatus*:

- Horsefly-sized calanoids

- Keep blooms in check due to unique life history



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### Slide 62 The 'Major Grazer' hypothesis

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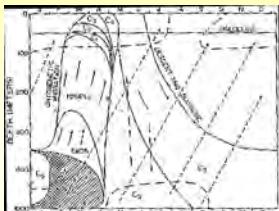
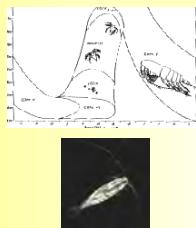
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### *Neocalanus* life history, different from *Calanus finmarchicus*, *Calanus pacificus* & *Pseudocalanus*

Reproduce at depth, CIII stages feeding on bloom



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### Slide 63 *Neocalanus* life history, different from *Calanus finmarchicus*, *Calanus pacificus* & *Pseudocalanus*

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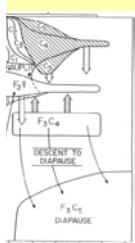
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### N. Atlantic *Calanus* life history

*Calanus finmarchicus*: the N. Atlantic dominant



Females must feed to produce eggs:  
20-30 d lag

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### Slide 64 N. Atlantic *Calanus* life history

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## The micrograzer hypothesis: ciliates

Evans & Parslow's (1985) model

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## Blooms with constant mixed layers

Evans & Parslow (1985), Figures 2 & 3

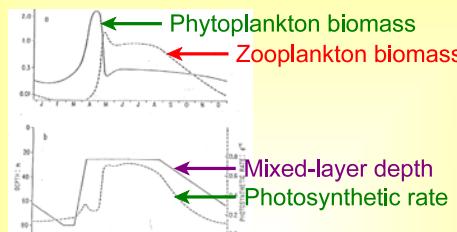


FIGURE 1. (a) The annual cycle of Model 1 phytoplankton (—) and zooplankton (---) biomass, expressed as milligrams of carbon per cubic meter, for the parameters of Table 1. (b) The annual cycle of mixed layer depth (—) and photosynthetic rate  $\alpha$  (---)  $\text{d}^{-1}$ .

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## Slide 65 The micrograzer hypothesis: ciliates

NOTES:

## Protozoan grazing & winter standing stocks the key!

Evans & Parslow's (1985)

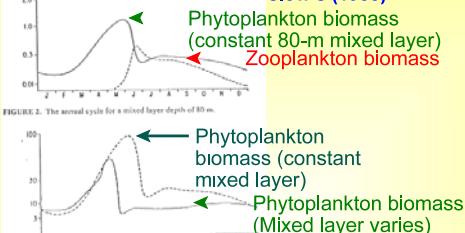


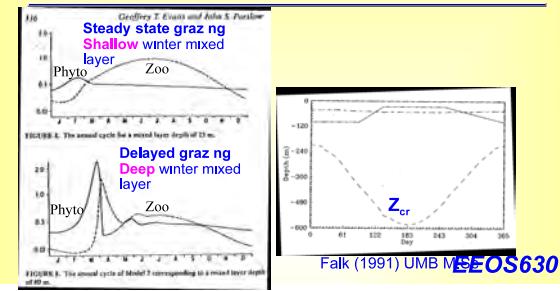
FIGURE 2. The annual cycle for a mixed layer depth of 80 m.

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## Slide 67 Protozoan grazing & winter standing stocks the key!

NOTES:

**Permanent halocline is one key to the lack of spring bloom in the N. Pacific**



**Slide 68 Permanent halocline is one key to the lack of spring bloom in the N. Pacific**

NOTES:

**Evans & Parslow's micrograzer hypothesis**

- North Pacific blooms are kept in check by protozoan grazing
- The permanent halocline in the North Pacific (relatively high rainfall relative to evaporation) results in a permanent surface mixed layer and higher winter-time production than the N. Atlantic
- Protozoan grazer standing stocks remain high during the winter and can keep phytoplankton in check

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**Slide 69 Evans & Parslow's micrograzer hypothesis**

NOTES:

**Problems with the “naive” micrograzer hypothesis**

- Why are there spring and fall blooms in areas like MA Bay, where the critical depth usually always exceeds the bottom depth?
- What controls diatom production, a group that owes much of its evolutionary success to its resistance to microzooplankton grazing?

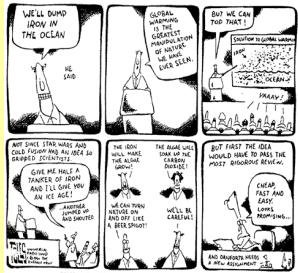
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**Slide 70 Problems with the “naive” micrograzer hypothesis**

NOTES:

### Martin's Geritol solution

The late John Martin's hypothesis created a frenzy of activity in 1989: based on a talk at WHOI



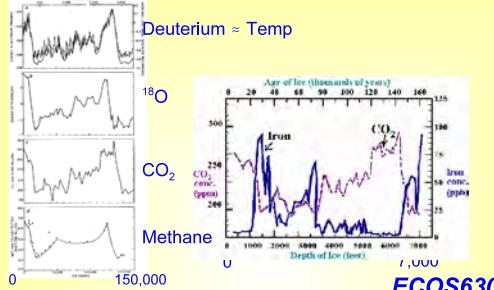
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### Slide 71 Martin's Geritol solution

NOTES:

### The Greenhouse effect & Fe

Woodwell figures. Fe dust increased during ice ages



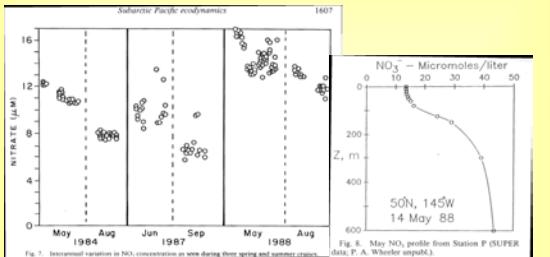
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### Slide 72 The Greenhouse effect & Fe

NOTES:

### High nitrate all year at Station P

Data from Frost (1991): 5-17  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{NO}_3^-$ , which is higher DIN than MA Bay in winter (about 15  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{NO}_3^-$ )

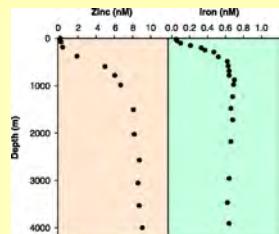


### Slide 73 High nitrate all year at Station P

NOTES:

### Iron & Zn depletion in surface water

Morel & Price (2003) Subarctic Pacific



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### Slide 74 Iron & Zn depletion in surface water

NOTES:

### Roles of Fe in plant metabolism

Geider & LaRoche (1994)

- Cytochrome oxidase
- Fe-superoxide dismutase
- Catalase
- Peroxidase
- Ferrodoxin (needed for N<sub>2</sub> fixation)
- Nitrate reductase, nitrite reductase
- Glutamate synthetase
- Others

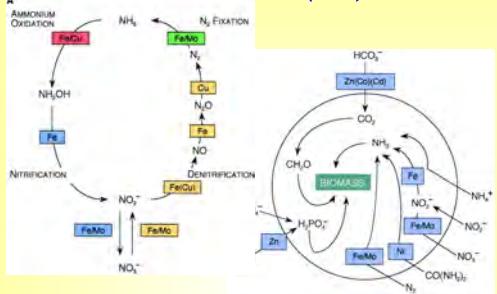
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### Slide 75 Roles of Fe in plant metabolism

NOTES:

### Key uses of Fe & Zn by microbes

Morel & Price (2003)

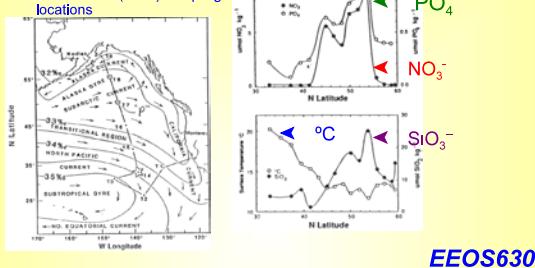


### Slide 76 Key uses of Fe & Zn by microbes

NOTES:

### Martin & Fitzwater's Fe hypothesis

They argue that iron, not grazing, limit standing stocks  
Martin & Fitzwater's (1988) &  
Martin et al. (1989) sampling locations



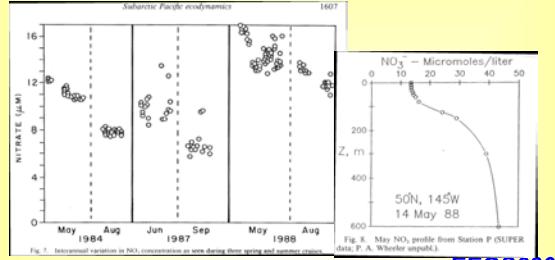
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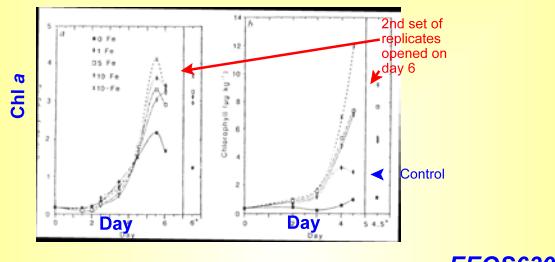
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### Slide 78 High nitrate all year at Station P

NOTES:

### Martin & Fitzwater (1988), Martin et al. (1999)

#### Increase in Chl a at Station P, T7



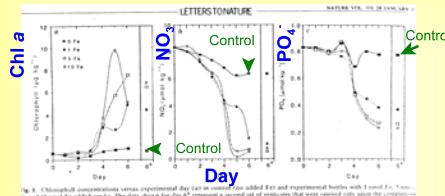
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### Slide 79 Martin & Fitzwater (1988), Martin et al. (1999)

NOTES:

### Station P: Effects of Fe on Chl a, N & P

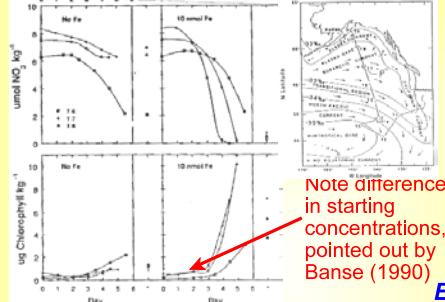
No replicates, Banse (1990) noted the statistical problems



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### Fe effect dependent on lat & long

$\text{NO}_3^-$  reduced, especially at St P (T7) & T8

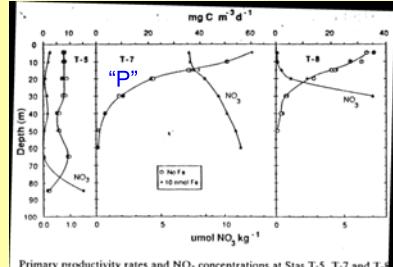


Note differences  
in starting  
concentrations,  
pointed out by  
Banse (1990)

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### No Fe effect on production!

Martin et al. (1989): *in situ* incubations



Primary productivity rates and  $\text{NO}_3^-$  concentrations at Stas T-5, T-7 and T-8 were added to one of the three replicates at each depth; no effects were observed.

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### Slide 80 Station P: Effects of Fe on Chl a, N & P

NOTES:

### Slide 81 Fe effect dependent on lat & long

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### Slide 82 No Fe effect on production!

NOTES:

### The ecumenical Fe hypothesis

Morel (1991) , Miller et al. (1991)

- Small phytoplankton ( $<10 \mu\text{m}$ ) less affected by low Fe

- Use  $\text{NH}_4^+$  as primary N source
- Outcompetes diatoms for  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and Fe

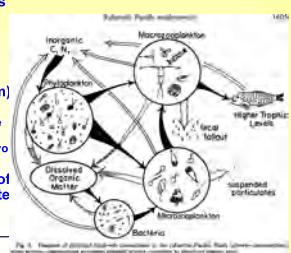
- Are Grazer-limited

- Grow with high relative growth rates

- Large phytoplankton cells ( $>10 \mu\text{m}$ ) Fe-limited

- More likely to use  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ; Nitrate reductase requires Fe;
- Outcompeted for Fe due to low surface:volume ratios

- Fe additions leads to stimulation of large cells which synthesize nitrate reductase and remove  $\text{NO}_3^-$



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### Slide 83 The ecumenical Fe hypothesis

NOTES:

### Market-oriented CO<sub>2</sub> solution

Carbon credits for the geritol solution



What is the geritol solution & could it work?

Chisholm, S. W., P. G. Falkowski and J. J. Cullen. 2001. Dis-crediting ocean fertilization. *Science* 294: 309-310.

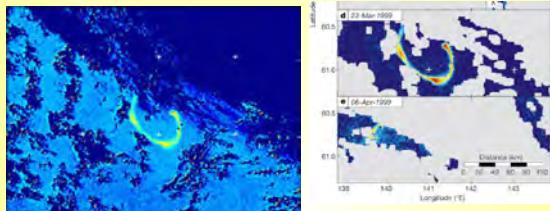
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### Slide 84 Market-oriented CO<sub>2</sub> solution

NOTES:

### SOIREE (Southern Ocean iron release experiment)

SeaWiFS Image of 100 km bloom, 30 d after Fe-II spike



Abraham et al. 2000

### Slide 85 SOIREE

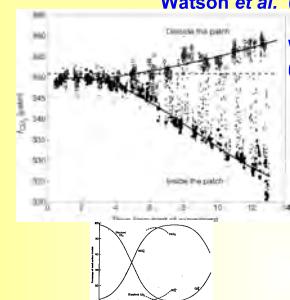
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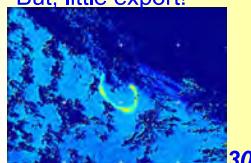
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**Fe increases CO<sub>2</sub> gradient**

Watson et al. (2000): SOIREE

Warming,  
0.3° C

But, little export!

**Slide 89 Fe increases CO<sub>2</sub> gradient**

NOTES:

**SOIREE: major results**

Confirms the 'ecumenical' iron hypothesis

- Increase in photosynthetic parameters by day II, measured by variable fluorescence
- Increase in large chain-forming diatoms by day 5: 30-50 µm cell size
- Microzooplankton abundance quadrupled
  - Grazing only on small phytoplankton cells (< 20 µm cells)
- **No evidence of macrozooplankton response**
  - No increased carbon export to sediment traps
- Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> decreased in surface ocean; this gradient would increase the atmosphere to ocean flux of CO<sub>2</sub>

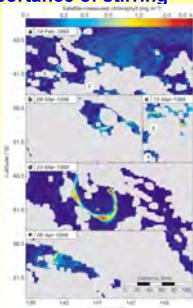
**Slide 90 SOIREE: major results**

NOTES:

**SOIREE**

Abraham et al. 2000. Importance of stirring

- 150-km long bloom 6 weeks after the Fe fertilization experiment
- 23 March 1999
  - 3 mg Chl a m<sup>-3</sup>
  - In an area where SeaWiFS indicates the mean Chl a was 0.2 ± 0.06 mg Chl a m<sup>-3</sup> (15X increase)
- Stirring plays a key role
  - Fit growth rates of  $\mu=0.19 \text{ d}^{-1}$
  - Loss due to horizontal diffusion =  $0.07 \text{ d}^{-1}$
  - Loss due to grazing =  $0.01 \text{ d}^{-1}$
  - Loss due to sinking =  $0.02 \text{ d}^{-1}$
- Accumulation of 600-3000 t of algal C

**Slide 91 SOIREE**

NOTES:

### C:N:P:Fe Redfield ratios

C:N:P:Fe  $\approx$  106:16:1:(0.003 to 0.0003)

- Lab cultures**
  - Geider & LaRoche (1994)
    - Dinoflagellate (*Gymnodinium*) N:Fe  $\approx$  2000
    - Diatom N:Fe  $\approx$  10,000
    - Synechococcus* (blue green) N:Fe  $\approx$  3000
  - Sunda *et al.* (1995), quoted in Fung *et al.* (2000)
    - Measured range N:Fe 13,000 - 116,000
      - Low productivity N:Fe  $\approx$  60,000 C:Fe 400,000
      - High productivity N:Fe  $\approx$  34,000 C:Fe 220,000
  - Boyd *et al.* (2004) Gulf of Alaska bloom
    - N:Fe 5800
    - C:Fe 38,000

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### Slide 92 C:N:P:Fe Redfield ratios

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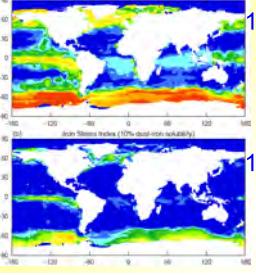
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### Iron stress in the oceans

Zones where Fe:N uptake  $>$  Fe:N supply (from dust & upwelling), Fung *et al.* (2000)



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### Slide 93 Iron stress in the oceans

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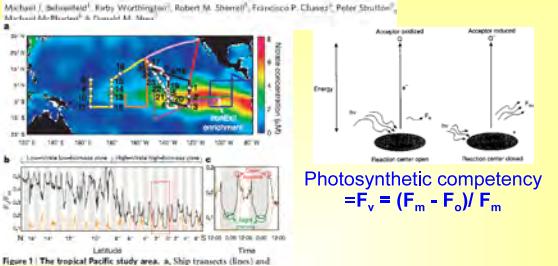
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### Controls on tropical Pacific Ocean productivity revealed through nutrient stress diagnostics

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### Slide 94 The ecumenical Fe hypothesis

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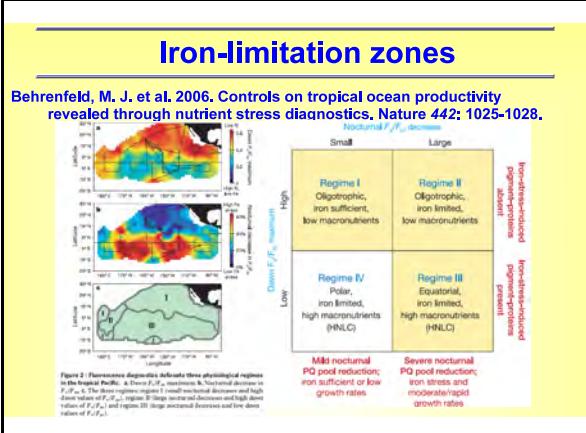
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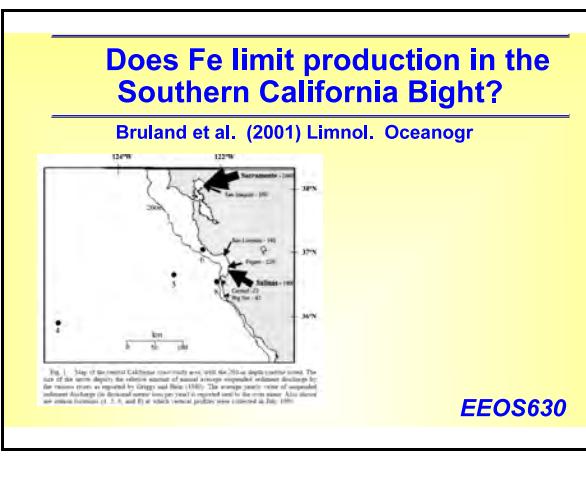
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**Slide 95 Iron-limitation zones**

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**Slide 96 Does Fe limit production in the Southern California Bight?**

NOTES: