Bioturbation <End> & Microphytobenthos, especially Benthic Diatom Production

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Slide 1 Bioturbation <End> & Microphytobenthos, especially

Benthic Diatom Production

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Class schedule

Order of topics

- Microphytobenthos
- ► Chapter 3
- ➤ Gould, D. G. and E. D. Gallagher. 1990. Field measurement of specific growth rate, biomass and primary production of benthic diatoms of Savin Hill Cove, Boston. Limnol. Oceanogr. 35: 1757-1770.
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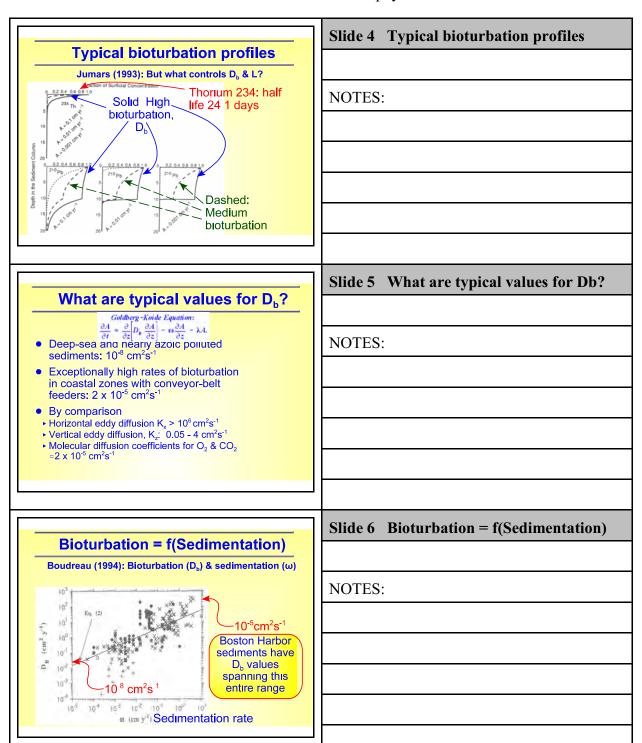
**Sediment-mixing rates, Pb-210 22-y half life **Sediment-mixing rates, Pb-21

accumulation = $\lambda \{z_2 - z_1\}/(\ln [A_{z1}/A_{z2}])$

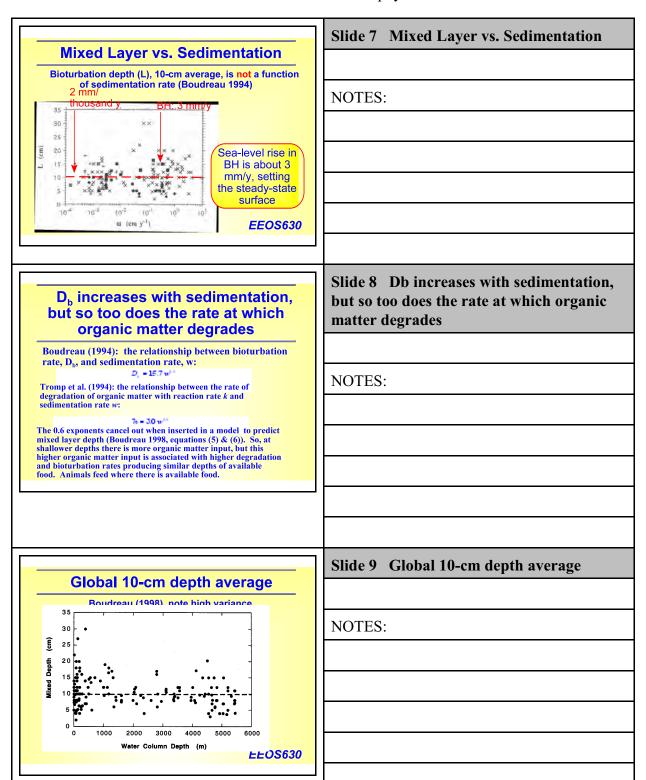
Slide 3 Estimating sedimentation rates

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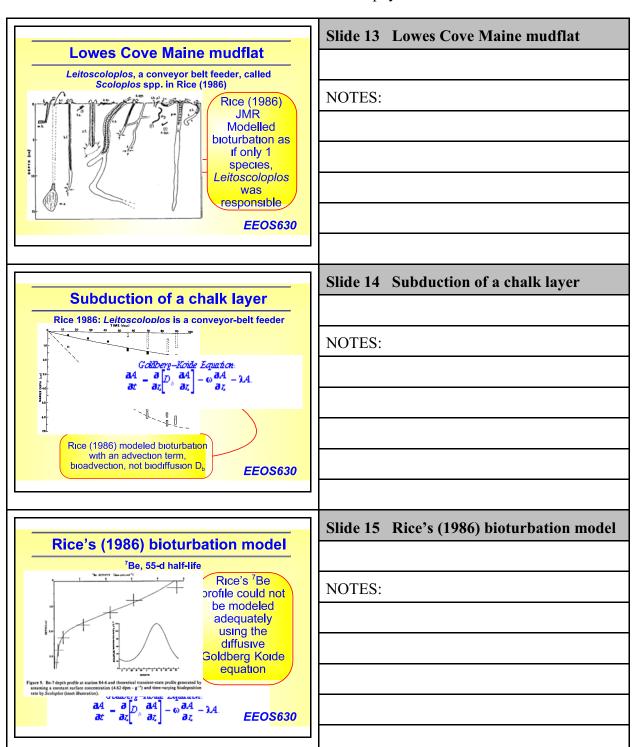


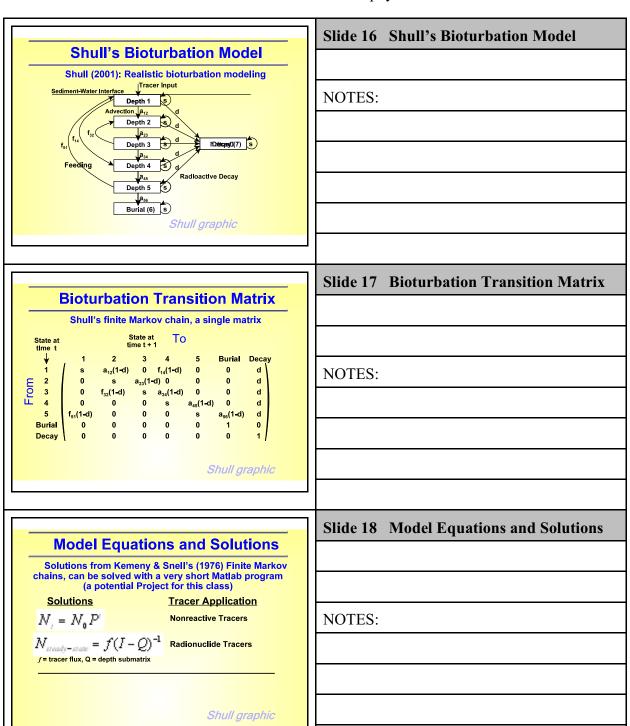
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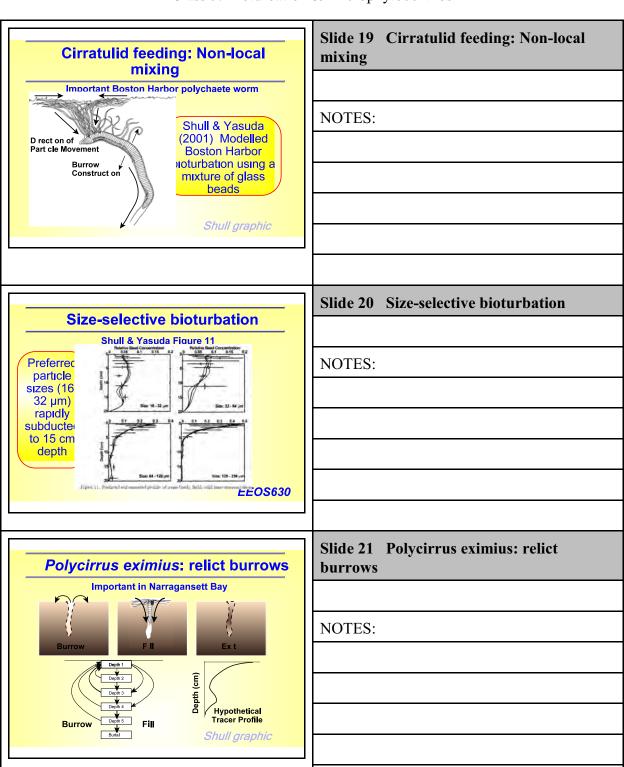


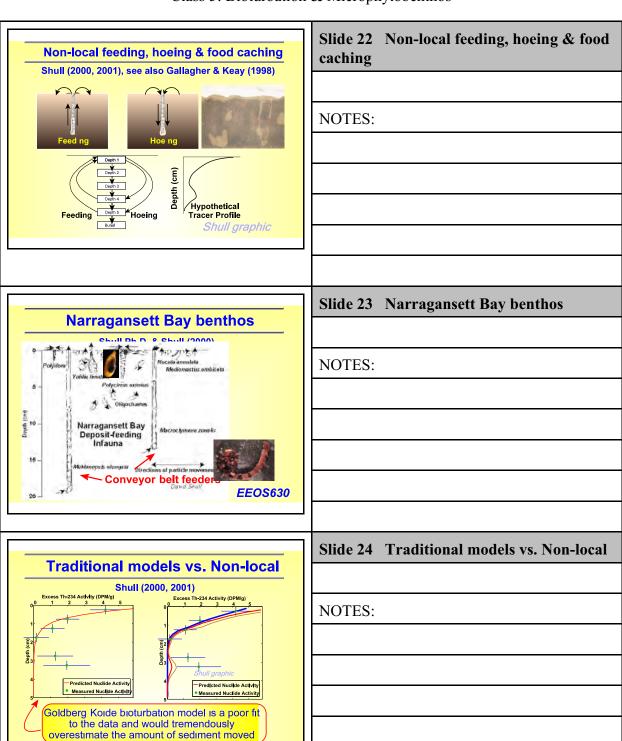
Slide 10 Other explanations Other explanations · Predation: depth of fish feeding NOTES: ► How deep can a flounder bite? ▶ How deep can a crab dig? Compaction of mud Relationship to microphytobenthic & phytodetrital food caching? ► Food caching (see Gallagher & Keay ▶ Storing food from the surface in subsurface burrows for later ingestion EEOS630 Slide 11 Guinasso & Schink (1975) Guinasso & Schink (1975) modeled a pulse of glass microtektites (glass spheres) and introduced G a dimensionless number modeled a pulse of glass microtektites Major implications for pollution, e.g., New Bedford (glass spheres) and introduced G a PCBs or LA's DDT Sedimentation rate is ω dimensionless number [G=3 G=0.03 **Increasing Bioturbation** depth, L Time $G=D_b/(L^*\omega)$ NOTES: Modal mixing depth of tracer deepens with D Modeling non-local mixing Slide 12 **Modeling non-local mixing** Boudreau (1986b) "Infaunal macroorganisms are capable of NOTES: exchanging sedimentary material over distances equal to or greater than the scale over which the concentration of tracer changes substantially. This type of non-diffusive bioturbation is called nonlocal mixing Funnel feeders

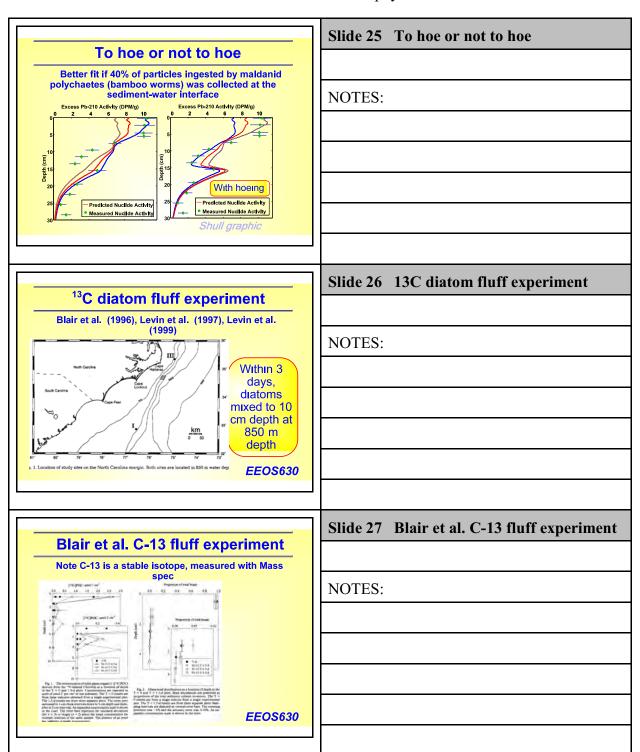
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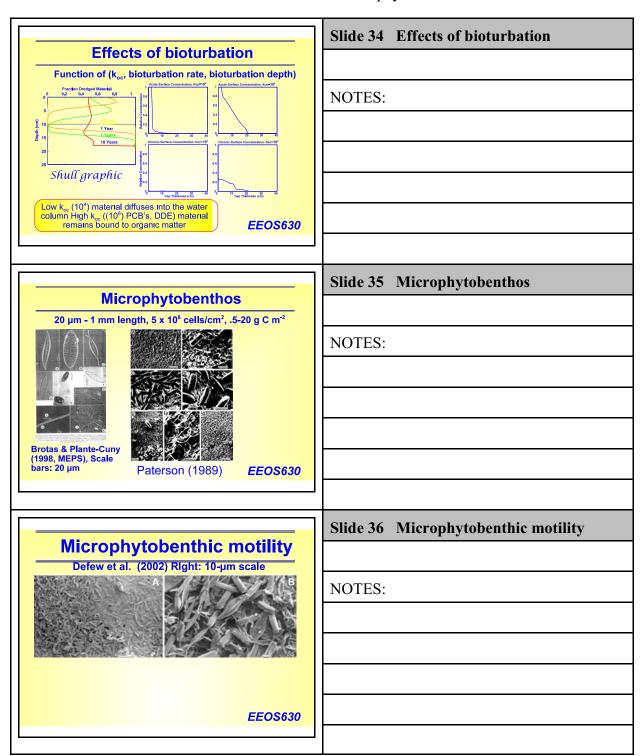




Slide 28 Non-local transport modes for Non-local transport modes for fresh organic fresh organic matter matter From Blair et al. (1996), Levin et al. 1997 & 1999 Smith et al. 1986-1987 invoked subsurface defecation to explain naturally occurring 239-,240-Pu profiles in NW Atlantic sediments NOTES: • Graf (1989) explained subsurface ChI a peaks in the deep Wheatcroft (1992) Santa Catalina basin beads ▶ Possibly sediment-tagged Nobel metals in MA Bay "Alternatively, subsurface defecation may be a means of caching material for later use (Jumars et al. 1990, Smith Scraping or hoeing surficial material into burrows, as has been observed in shallow water (Dobbs and Whitlach 1992) may be another means of rapid transport EEOS630 Slide 29 Confined Aquatic Disposal **Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD)** (CAD) NOTES: Slide 30 Capping contaminated **Capping contaminated sediments:** sediments: Benthic ecological issues for Benthic ecological issues for confined aquatic disposal (CAD) confined aquatic disposal (CAD) What currency should be used to assess the need for a cap NOTES: Where should the CAD cells be placed? Impacts during CAD creation Whether to cap How thick to cap How to monitor EEOS630

Slide 31 Whether to cap cells Whether to cap cells Sedimentation rate, toxicity of new material Reasons to cap NOTES: ► Highly toxic material (e.g., dioxin) ► Low sedimentation rate ► Vulnerable ecological resources ► Bet hedging (ecological uncertainty) ► Deep bioturbation Reasons not t ► High natural sedimentation rate Contaminated ambient surrounding sediment ► Ambient community already heavily degraded ► Rapid pollutant degradation rate EEOS630 Slide 32 How thick to cap How thick to cap Assessing bioturbation & chemical gradients Natural sediment transport depth NOTES: Cap thickness depends on chemical properties of pollutant ▶ Degradation rate Factors controlling bioturbation ▶ Biogeography ► Food supply and quality ► Grain size EEOS630 Slide 33 Processes affected by cap **Processes affected by cap** thickness thickness NOTES: EEOS630

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Methods fo	or estimating	Benthic	diatom	standing
stock, pro-	duction & sp	ecific gro	owth rat	:e (µ)

- Estimating standing stock:
- ► Cell numbers
- ► Biomass using ChI a extraction (measured using fluorescence in laboratory)
- Estimating production
 - ▶ ¹⁴C incorporation into organic matter
 - ► O₂ production
 - Bell jars
 - Microelectorodes
 - ► Fluorescence: FRR & PAM
- Estimating μ: Redalje-Laws Chl a-specific ¹⁴C

Slide 37	Methods for estimating Benthic
diatom s	tanding stock, production &
specific g	rowth rate (μ)

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 μ is per capita growth rate; μ_{max} is max growth rate, intrinsic growth rate, Malthusian parameter

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \mu \ N.$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dt}.$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \mu_{max} N$$
, with no resource limitation.

$$\mu_{max} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dt}.$$

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Slide 38 'mu' µ and little 'r'

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The Malthusian parameter: r_{max}

Maximum growth rate, no density-dependent limitation

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = r_{max} N, \text{ with no resource limitation.}$$

$$N_t = N_0 e^{\mu_{max} t}.$$

$$N_t = N_0 e^{r_{mx}t}.$$

$$ln\left(\frac{N_t}{N_0}\right) = \mu_{\text{max}} t$$

$$ln\left(\frac{N_t}{N_0}\right) = r_{\text{max}} t$$

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Slide 39 The Malthusian parameter: rmax

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Specific growth rate, μ, and doublings per day (archaic)

$$ln\left(\frac{N_{t_l}}{N_0}\right) = ln(2) = \mu t_d.$$

$$t_d = \frac{ln(2)}{\mu} \approx \frac{0.693}{\mu}.$$

$$Specific growth rate \left[\frac{doublings}{day}\right] = \frac{1}{t_d}.$$

$$= \frac{\mu}{ln(2)}.$$

$$\approx \frac{\mu}{0.693}.$$

Slide 40 Specific growth rate, μ, and doublings per day (archaic)

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Biomass-specific production, µ

Estimating biomass, in carbon, the key problem in estimating μ. Estimating photoautotropic Carbon:Chl *a* ratio difficult

$$\mu = \begin{array}{l} specific \ production \\ = \begin{array}{l} \underline{production} \\ \underline{biomass} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \underline{P} \\ \underline{B} \\ \end{array} \\ = \begin{array}{l} \underline{dC} \\ \underline{dt} \\ \underline{B} \end{array}.$$

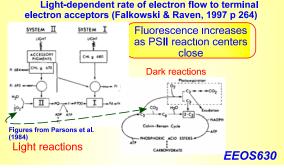
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Slide 41 Biomass-specific production, µ

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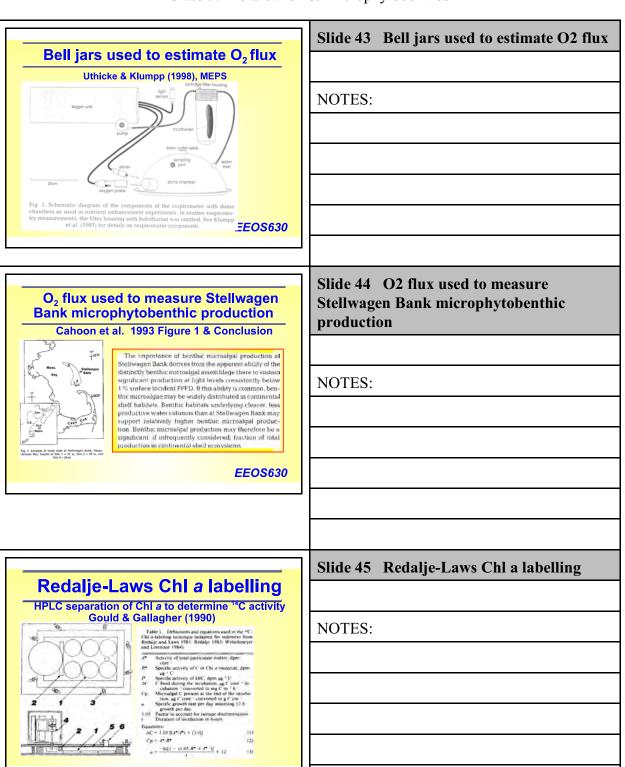
Gross primary productivity

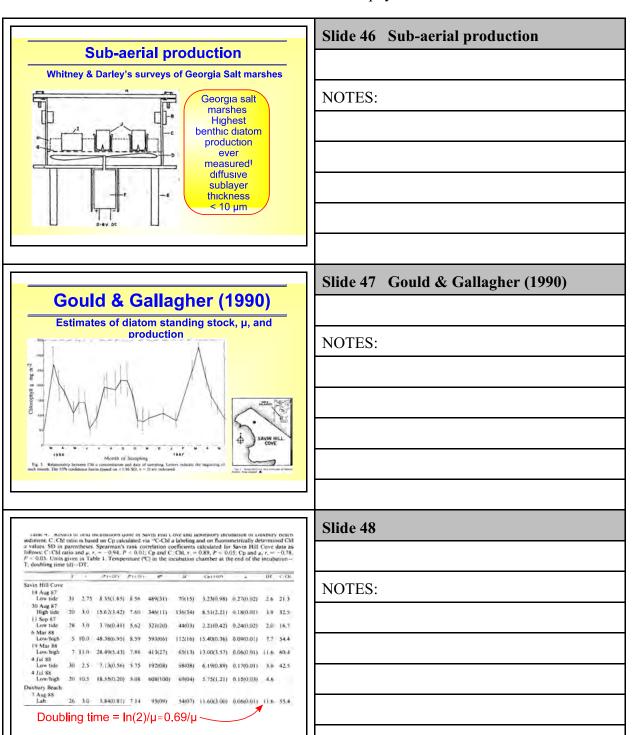
Light-dependent rate of electron flow to terminal

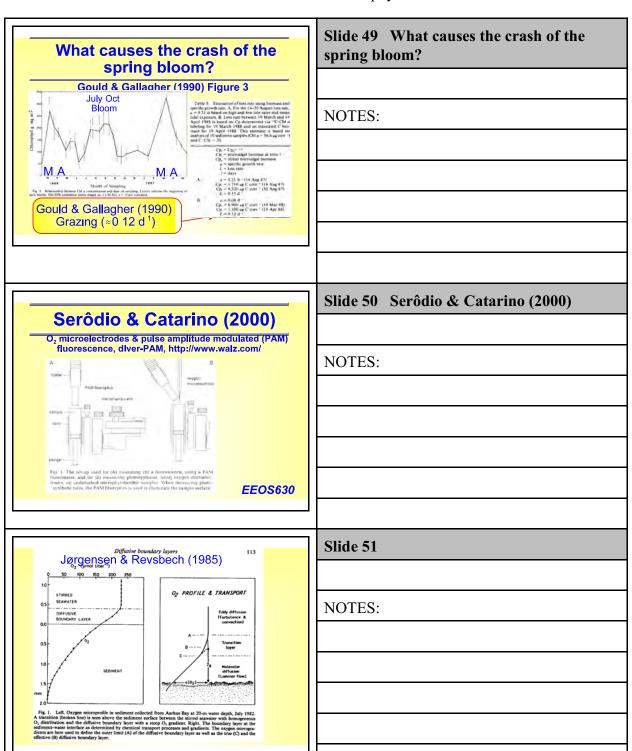


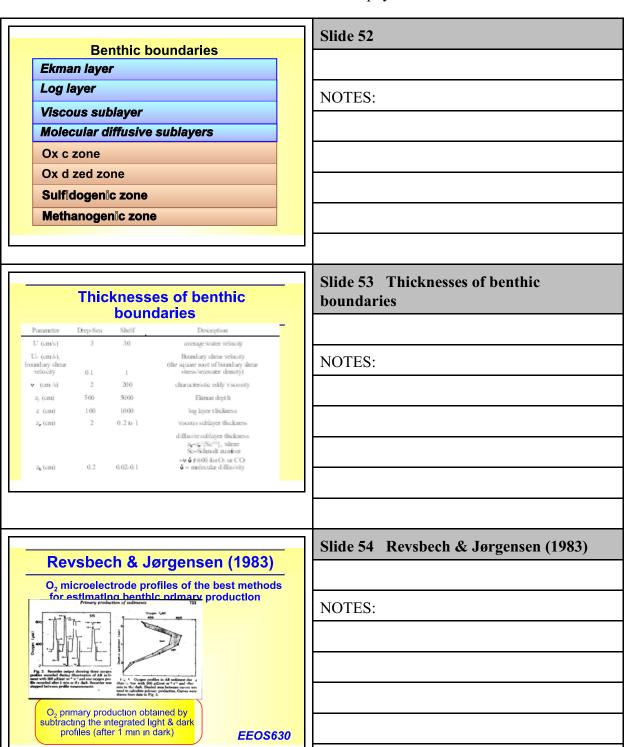
Slide 42 Gross primary productivity

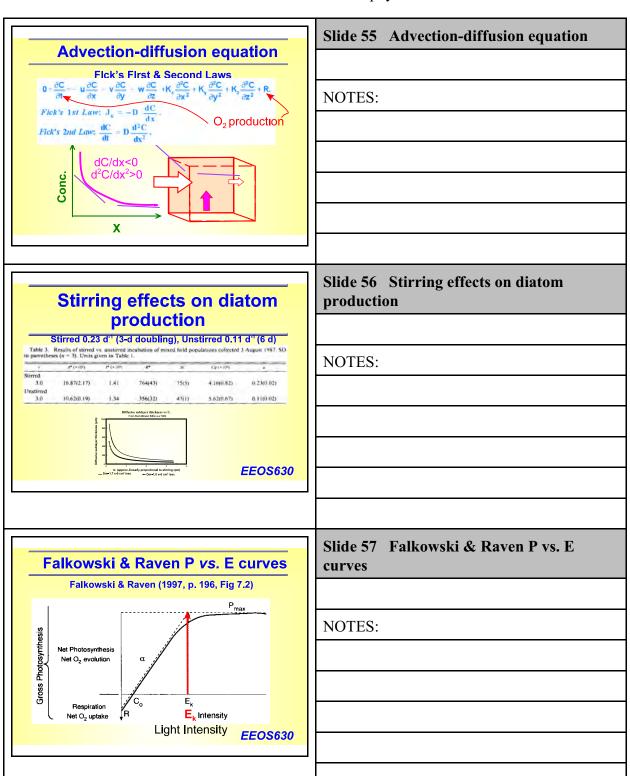
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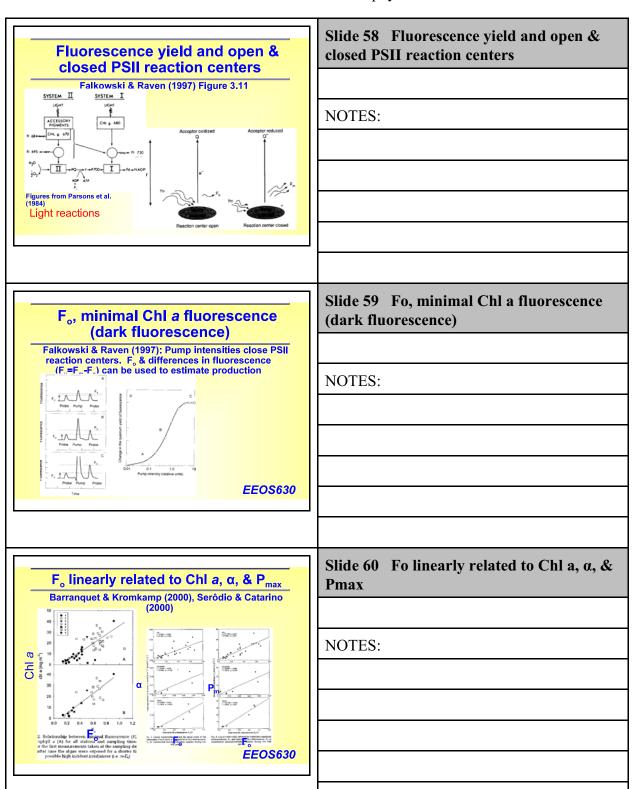


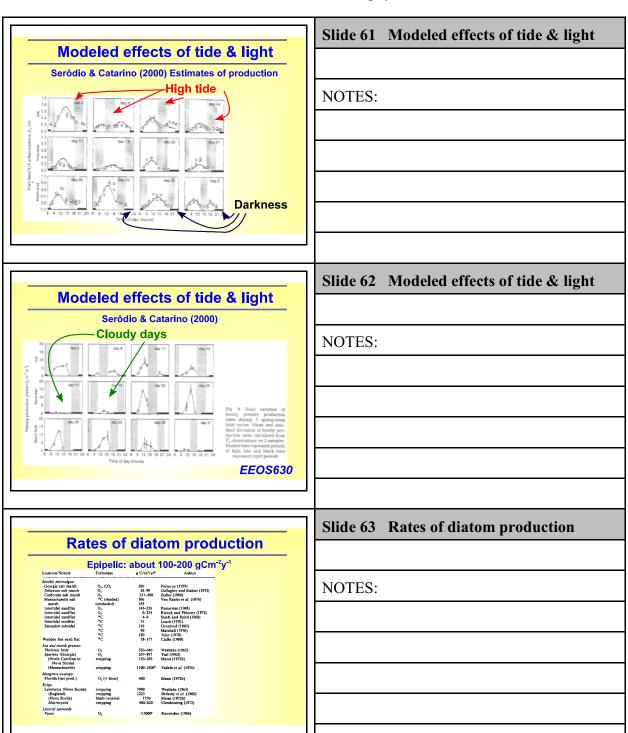


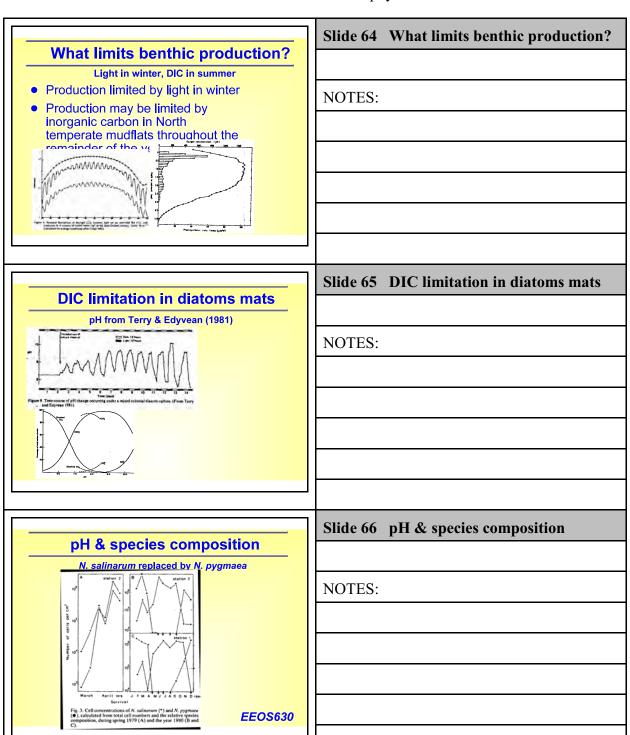


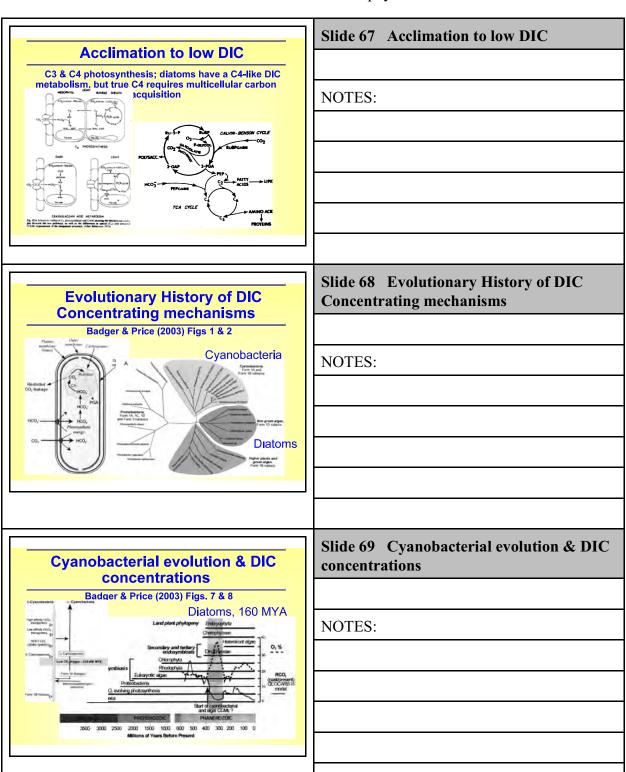


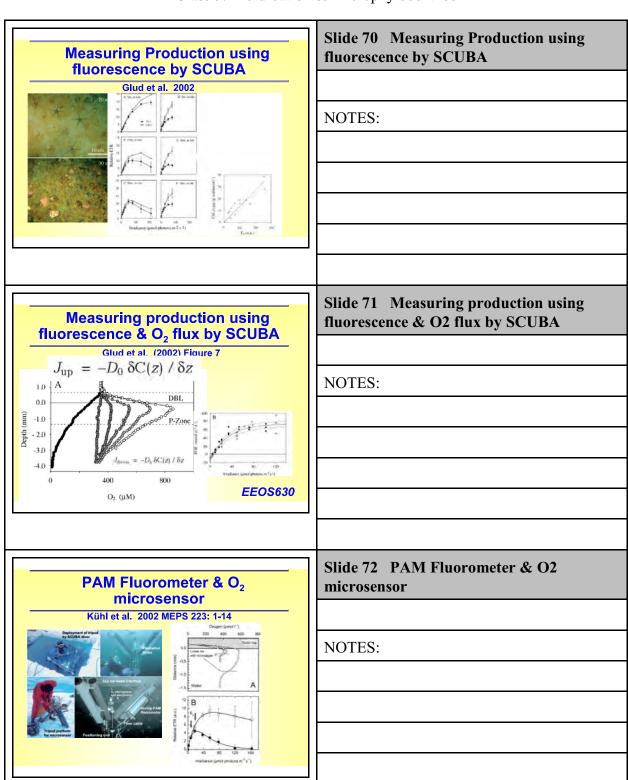


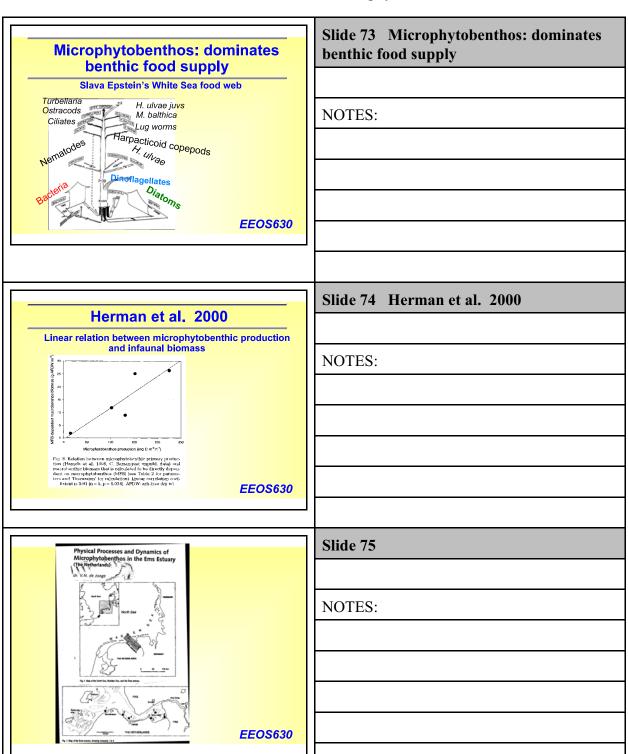


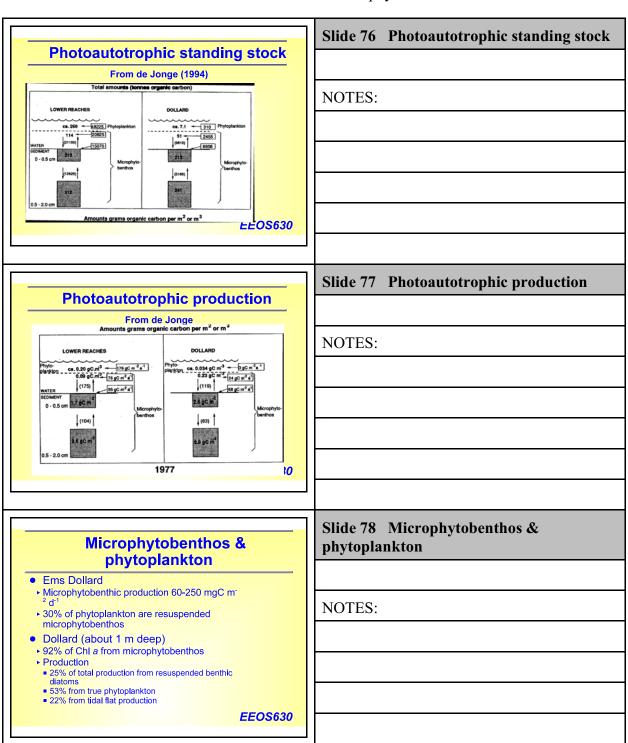












Conclusions on microphytobenthos

- Microphytobenthic production is often a major source of labile organic matter in shallow benthic systems from the intertidal to approximately the 1% light depth (or slightly deeper)
- Mucous production can have profound effects on sediment transport and organic geochemistry
- Microphytobenthic production is intimately coupled to the physics of the benthic boundary layer
- It can be measured using ¹⁴C, O₂, or fluorescence
- Benthic diatom specific growth is often very slow

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