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# California Harmful Algae Risk Mapping (C-HARM) System



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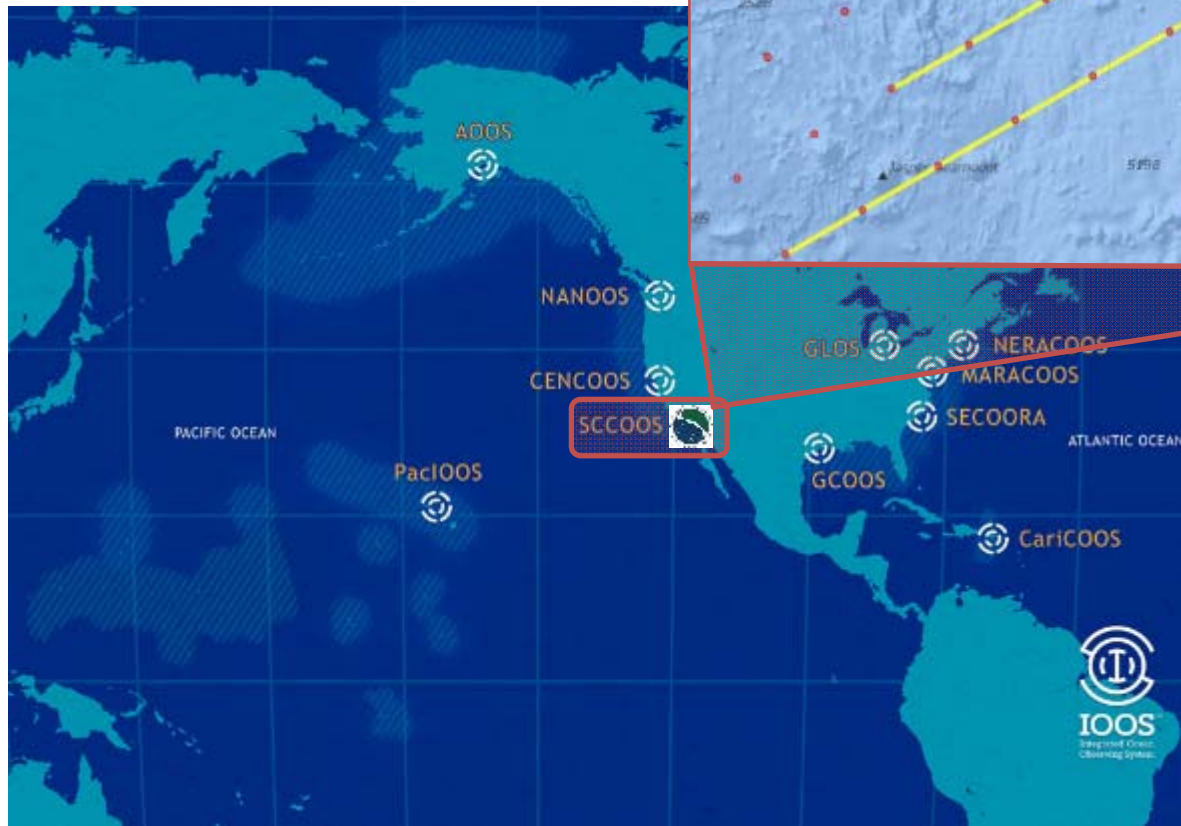
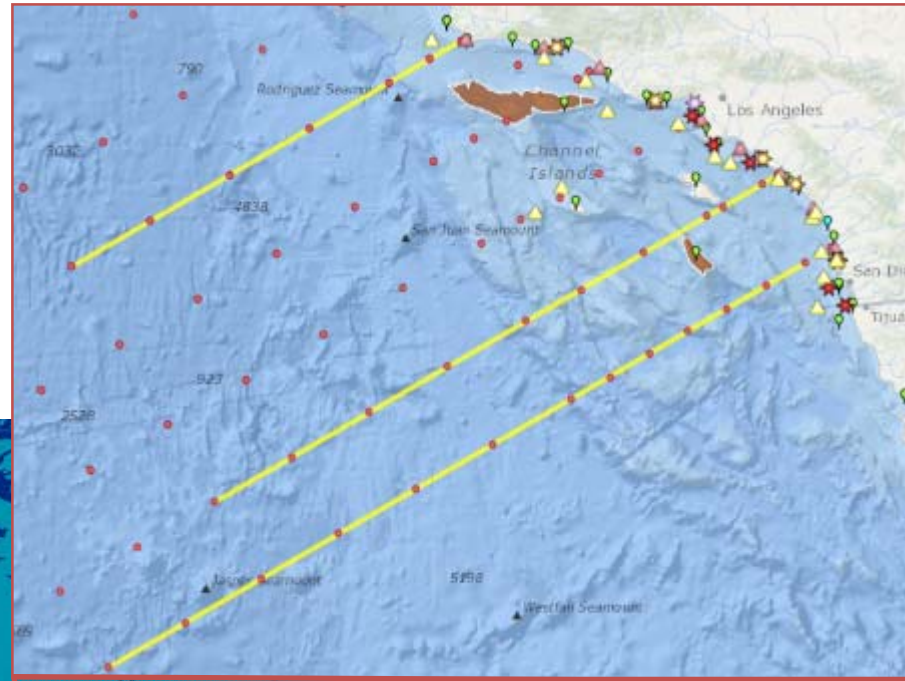
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# U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System

The **Integrated Ocean Observing System** or IOOS was born from the **Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2009**.

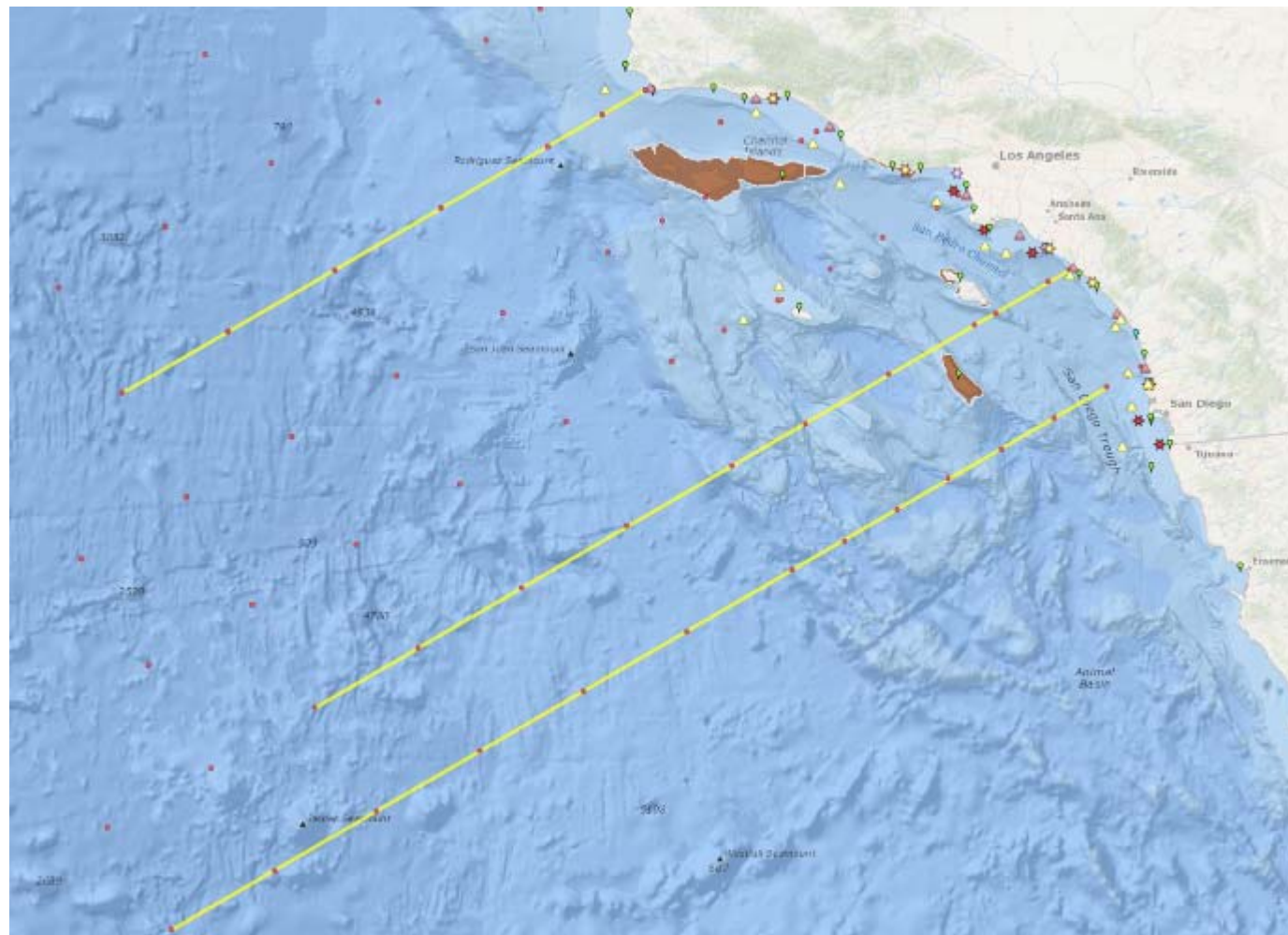












This law designated **11 regional associations** that act as a science-based decision support system.

# Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS)



Our Collaborative  
Network of Ocean  
Observations



-  High Frequency Radar  
2005
-  Ocean Acidification  
2014
-  CalCOFI Stations  
1949
-  CDIP Wave Buoys  
1975
-  CalCOFI SCCOOS Stns  
2004
-  Spray Glider Paths  
2007
-  ASBS Regions  
2014
-  Automated Shore Stns  
2005
-  Outfall Sites  
2017
-  Manual Shore Stns  
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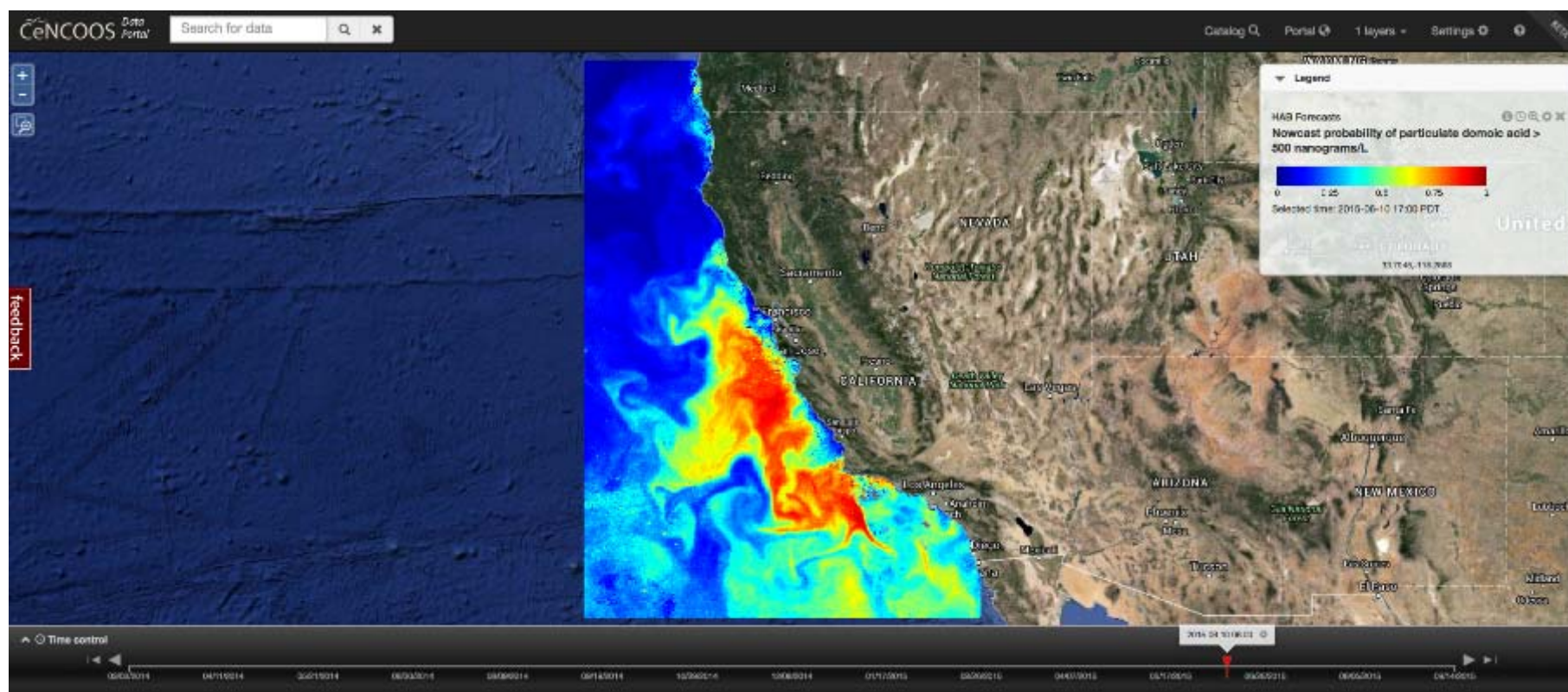


www.sccoos.org

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## HAB Nowcasts and Forecasts for the California Coast

<http://www.cencoos.org/data/models/habs>



## NASA Guidelines for Creating an Operational Ecological Forecasting model... at NOAA

- I. Is there a need for a predictive capability for domoic acid events?
- II. Is the model system ready and feasible?
- III. Does the model have skill?
- IV. Are stakeholders and agency end-users engaged?
- V. Can we successfully cross the “valley of death” between research and operations?

## I. Why predict HABs in California?

- Domoic acid (from *Pseudo-nitzschia* blooms) is the leading HAB issue on the US West Coast
- **Unprecedented West Coast-wide HAB of 2015 -closed Dungeness Crab Fishery for the season; contributed to Unusual Mortality Events**
- Shellfish growers, fishermen, and marine mammal rescue groups want an early warning system that will **enable mitigation efforts and resource management**

### INITIAL BASELINE FOR DECISION-MAKING

- CDPH monitors for DA if PN present in water
- Relies on fixed quarantine periods

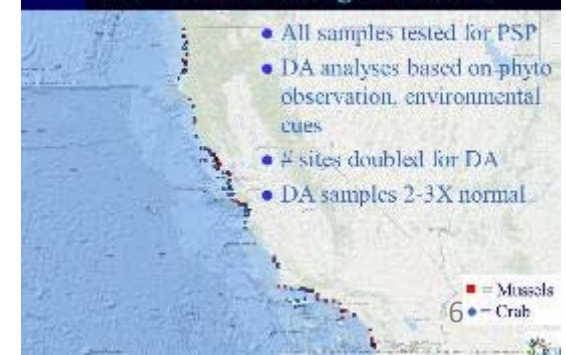


Lewitus et al. 2012



CA Dept of Public Health

Shellfish Monitoring Sites: 2015



# Empirical prediction models for *Pseudo-nitzschia* and Domoic Acid

## Lane et al. (2009)

- Monterey Bay; toxigenic *Pn* blooms

≥ 75% (blooms predicted)

## Anderson et al. (2009, 2011)

- Santa Barbara Channel
- *Pn* blooms
- *Pn* toxin

75%

salinity

chl *a*

$R_{RS}(0^+, \lambda)$

$a_p(\lambda)$

$a_g(\lambda)$

day of year

$\ln(\text{silicic acid:nitrate})$

silicic acid:phosphate

temperature

$\ln(\text{chl } a)$   
upwelling  
 $\ln(\text{Pajaro River})$

$\ln(\text{silicic acid})$   
nitrate

## Blum et al. (2006)

- Lab + field
- *Pn* toxin

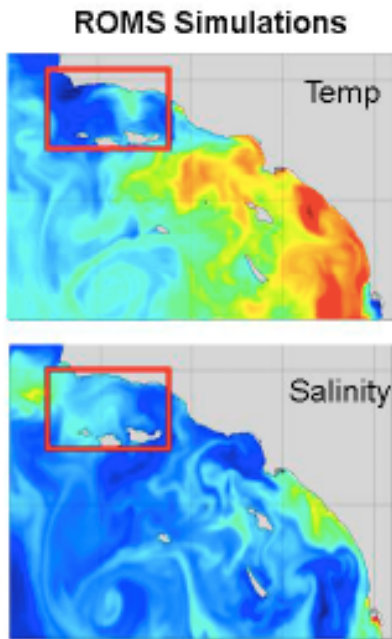
77%

phos:nitr  
si:nitr  
 $\ln(\text{si:phos})$   
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nitr:phos  
 $\sqrt{\text{nitr}}$   
 $\ln(\text{nitr})$   
phos

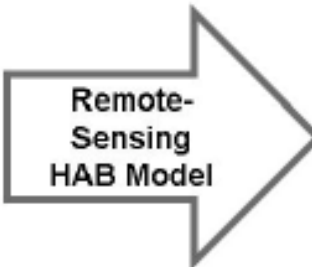
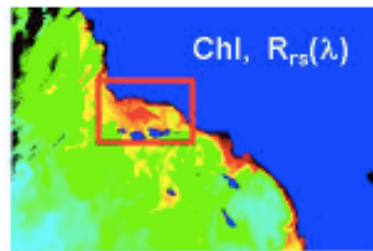
$\ln(\text{nitr:phos})$   
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 $\sqrt{\text{si}}$   
 $\ln(\text{cells})$



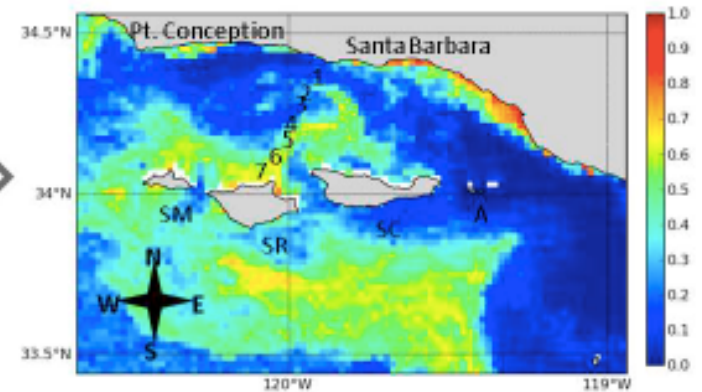
\*3-km CA ROMS with 3D-Var  
(Yi Chao/CeNCOOS&SCCOOS)



MODIS-Aqua Satellite Data



Predicted HAB Probability



HAB Variable (Threshold)

Best-fit Logistic GLM - RS

$$P_{\text{bloom}} = e^{(\text{logit})} / [e^{(\text{logit})} + 1]$$

*Pseudo-nitzschia*  
( $10^4$  cells  $\text{mL}^{-1}$ )

(i)  
 $\text{logit} = 8.54 - 10.84 \cdot [R_{rs}(510/555)] - 0.216 \cdot [\text{Month}] + 4.67 \cdot [R_{rs}(490/555)]$

(ii)  
 $\text{logit} = 5.32 - 2.87 \cdot [R_{rs}(490/555)] - 0.165 \cdot [\text{Month}]$

pDA  
( $500 \text{ ng L}^{-1}$ )

$$\text{logit} = -134.3 + 0.253 \cdot [\text{Chl}] + 4.0 \cdot [\text{Sal}] - 502 \cdot [R_{rs}(555)]$$

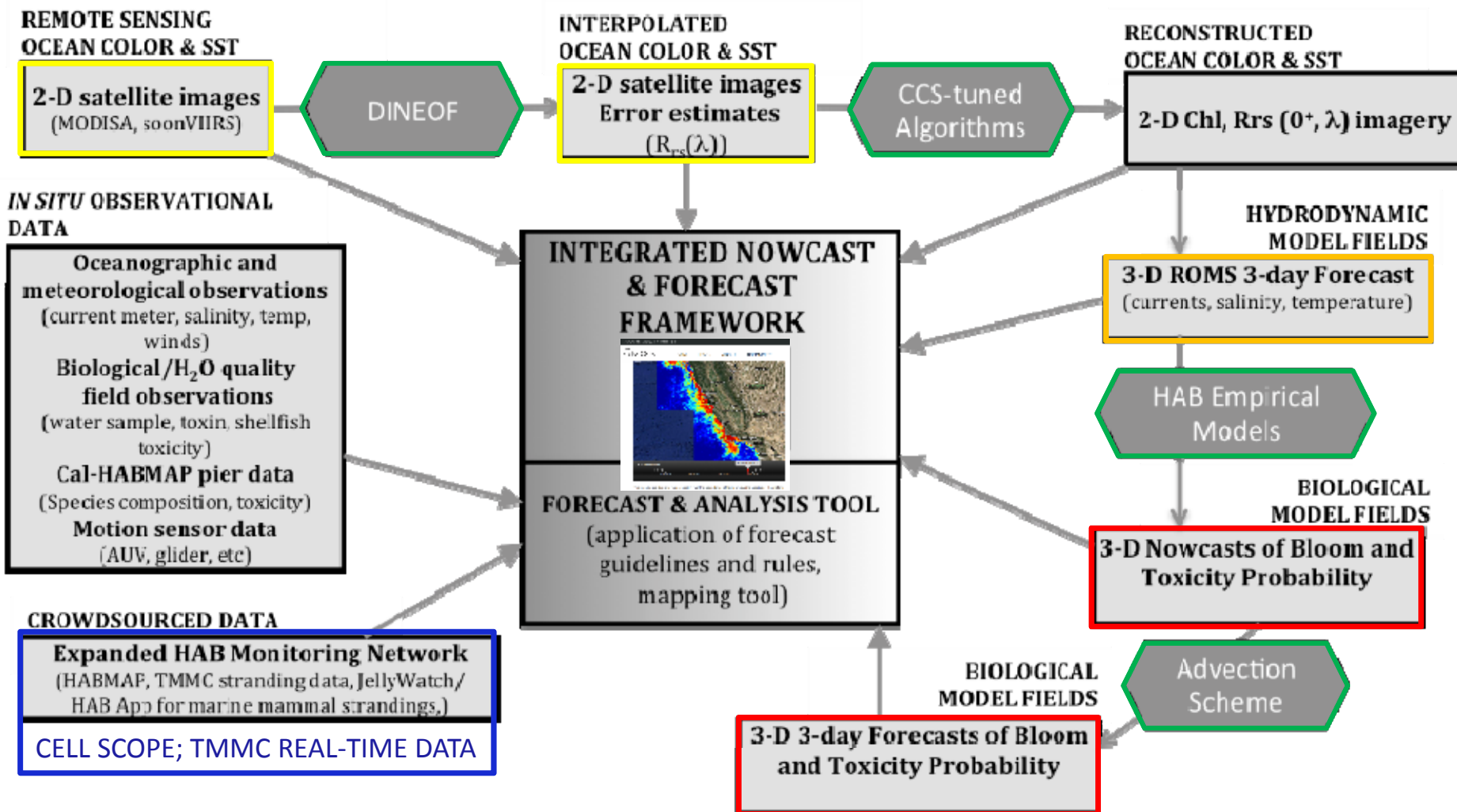
cDA  
( $10 \text{ pg cell}^{-1}$ )

$$\text{logit} = -90.0 - 0.35 \cdot [\text{Temp}] - 666 \cdot [R_{rs}(555)] + 2.87 \cdot [\text{Sal}]$$

Remote Sensing Reflectance  
Salinity  
Temperature  
Chlorophyll

*Nitrate*  
*Phosphate*  
*Silicic Acid*

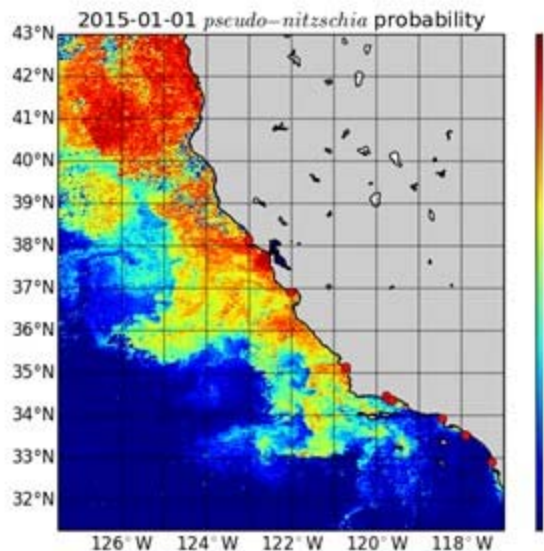
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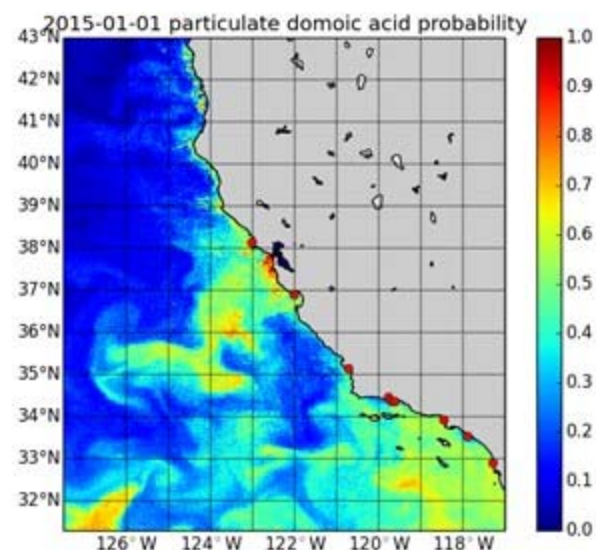
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## II. Is the Model System Ready and Feasible?

Probability  
Maps

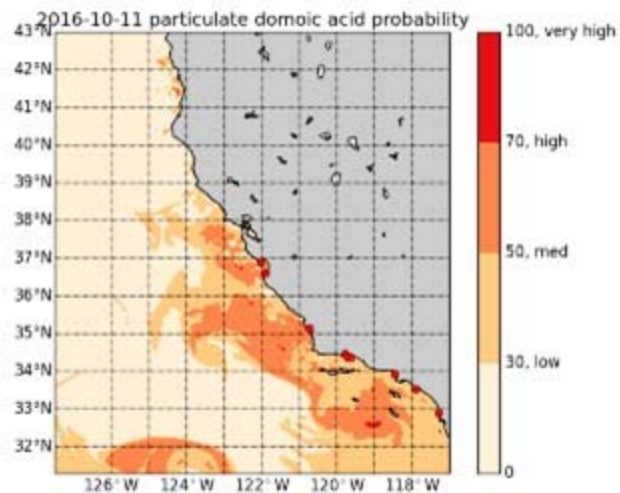
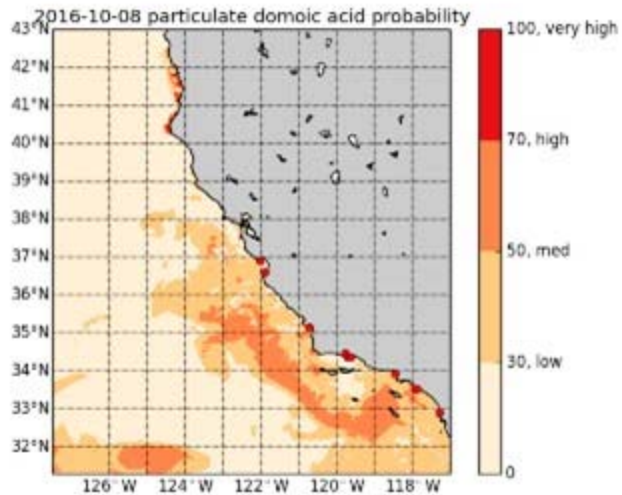


Particulate Domoic Acid Nowcast



Particulate Domoic Acid Forecast

Risk Maps  
based on  
stakeholder  
feedback

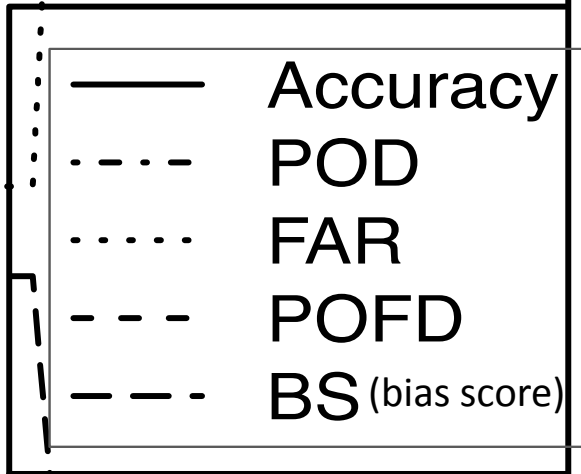
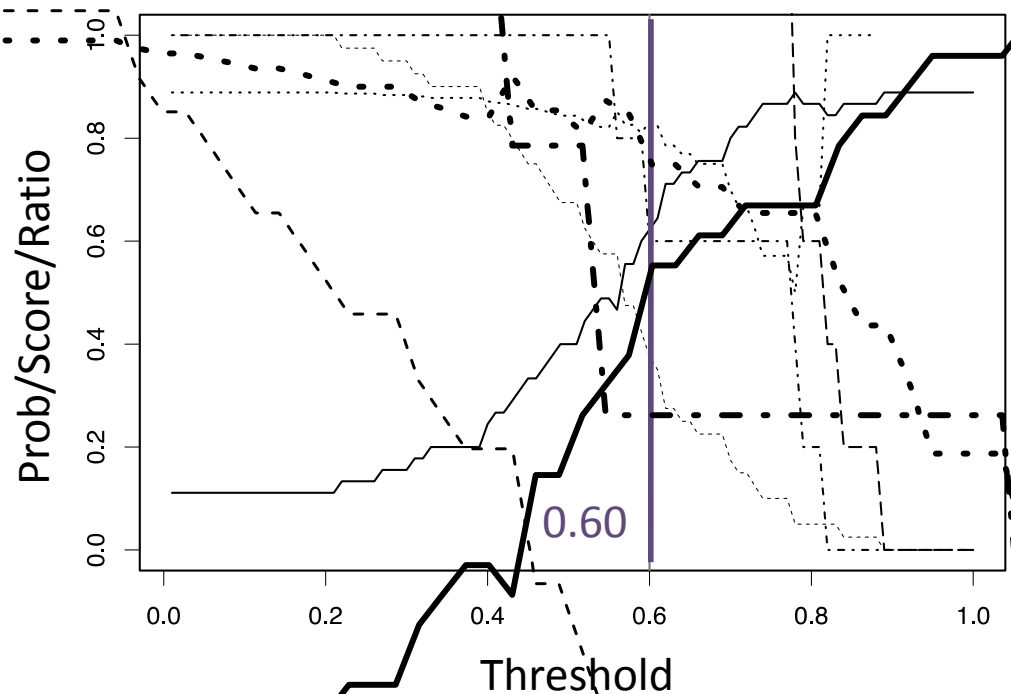
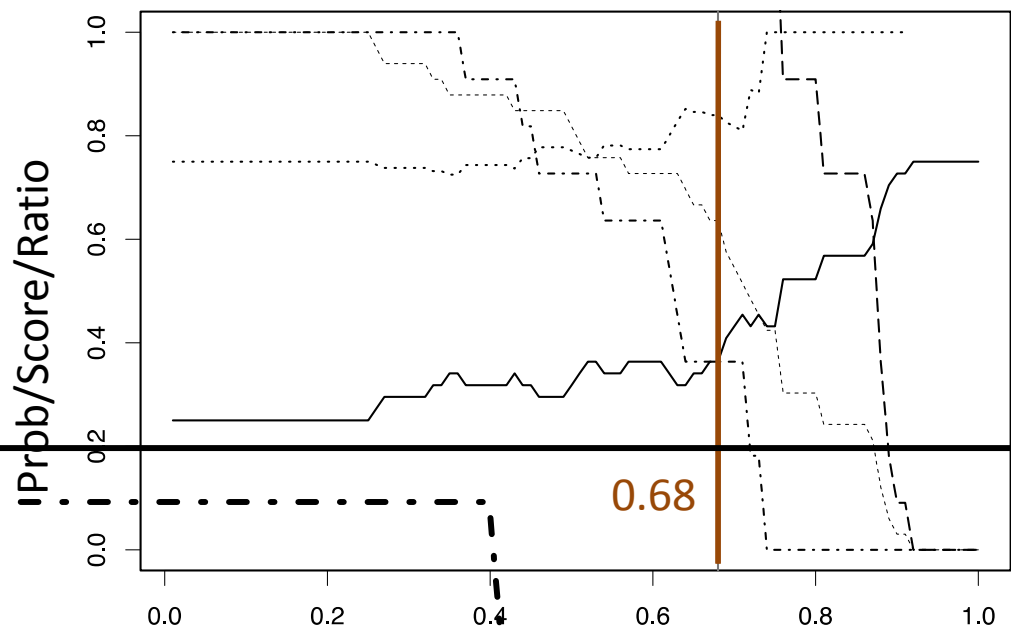


### III. Does the model have skill?

Contingency Plots to Assess Model Performance – Optimize Prob. Threshold

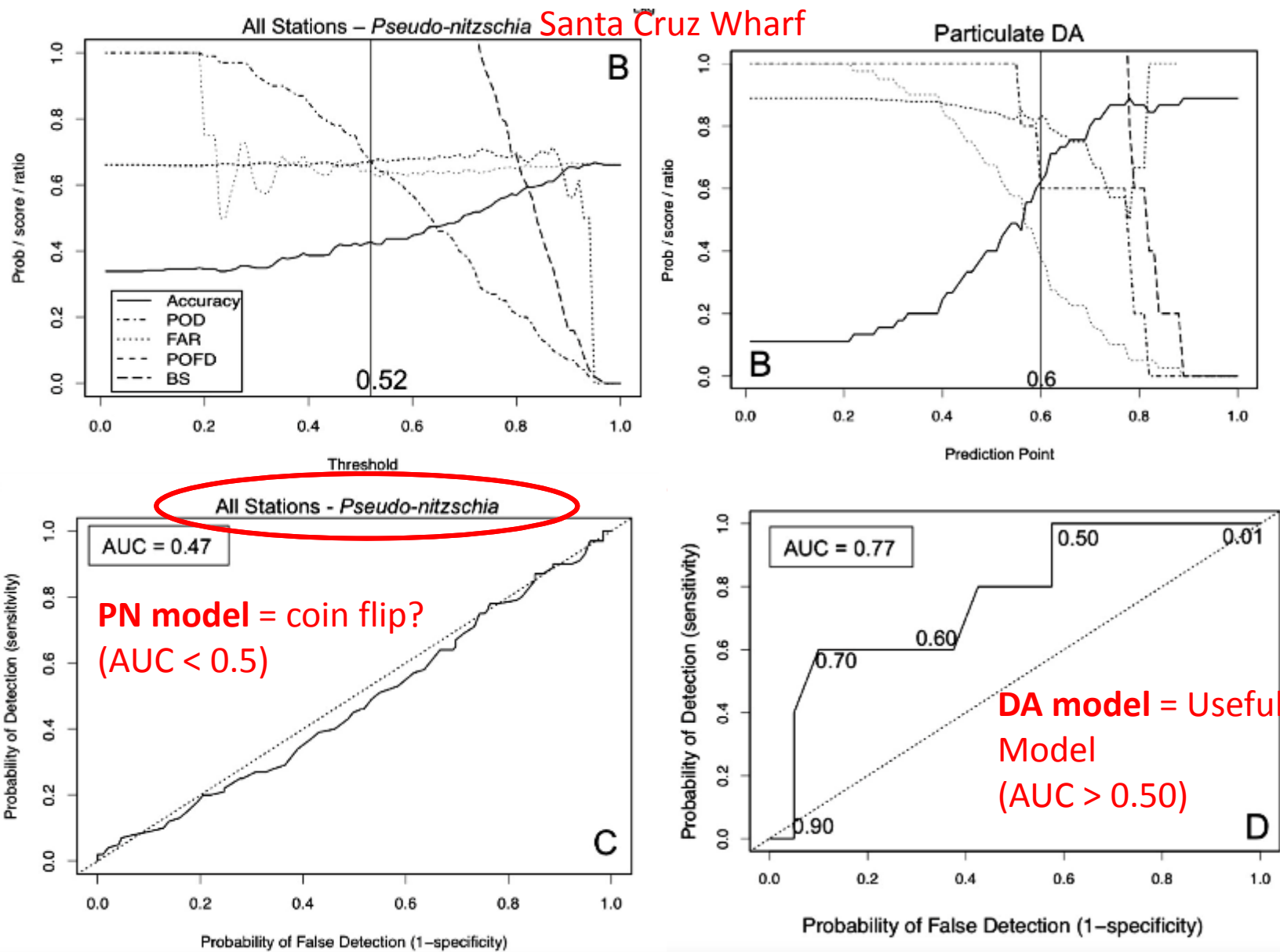
*Pseudo-nitzschia* at the SC Wharf vs. Nearest Model Pixel

Domoic Acid at the SC Wharf vs. Nearest Model Pixel



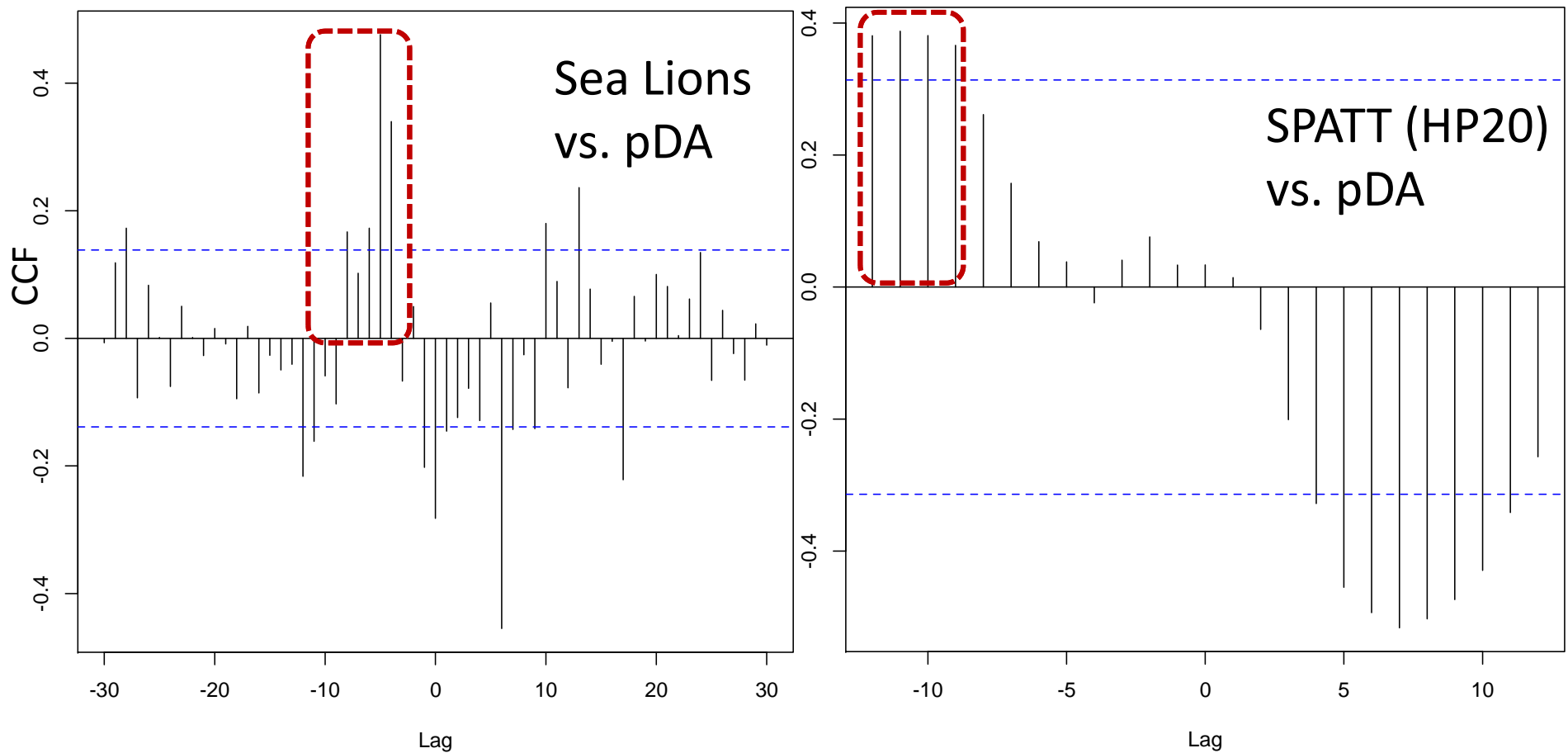
Anderson et al. 2016, Harmful Algae

# 2014 FEASIBILITY STUDY - SKILL ASSESSMENT



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The pDA model correlates well with central CA stranding peaks as early as 7 days before they occur...and with SPATT DA 9-12 days ahead



Cross correlation functions for the nearest **pixel corresponding with Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf**. ARIMA was applied to time series prior to analysis to account for non-stationarity.



RESEARCH LETTER

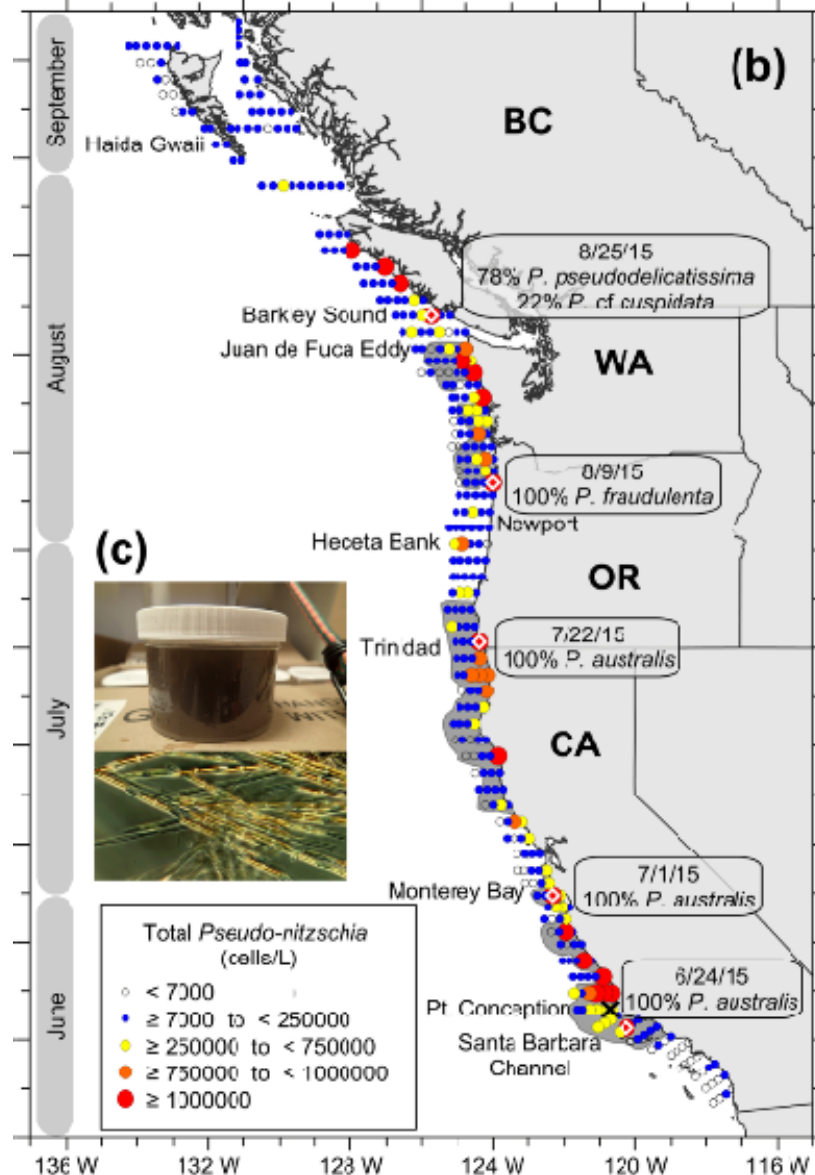
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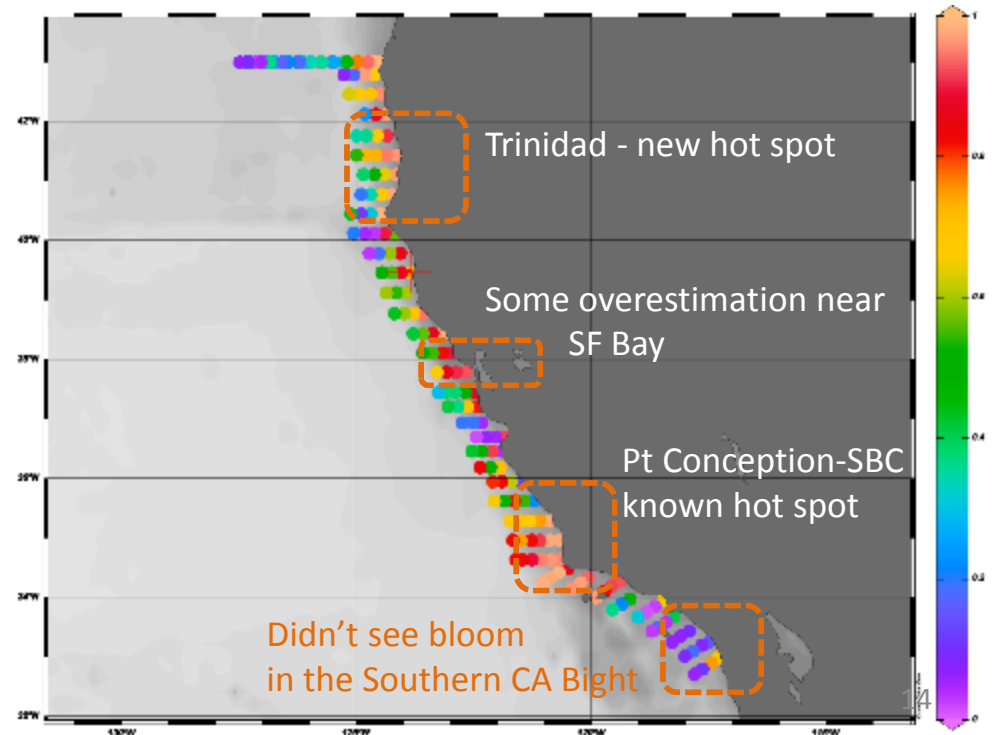
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R/V Shimada NMFS Cruise-of-Opportunity

C-HARM ESTIMATES AT CRUISE STNS

Likelihood of a *Pseudo-nitzschia* bloom





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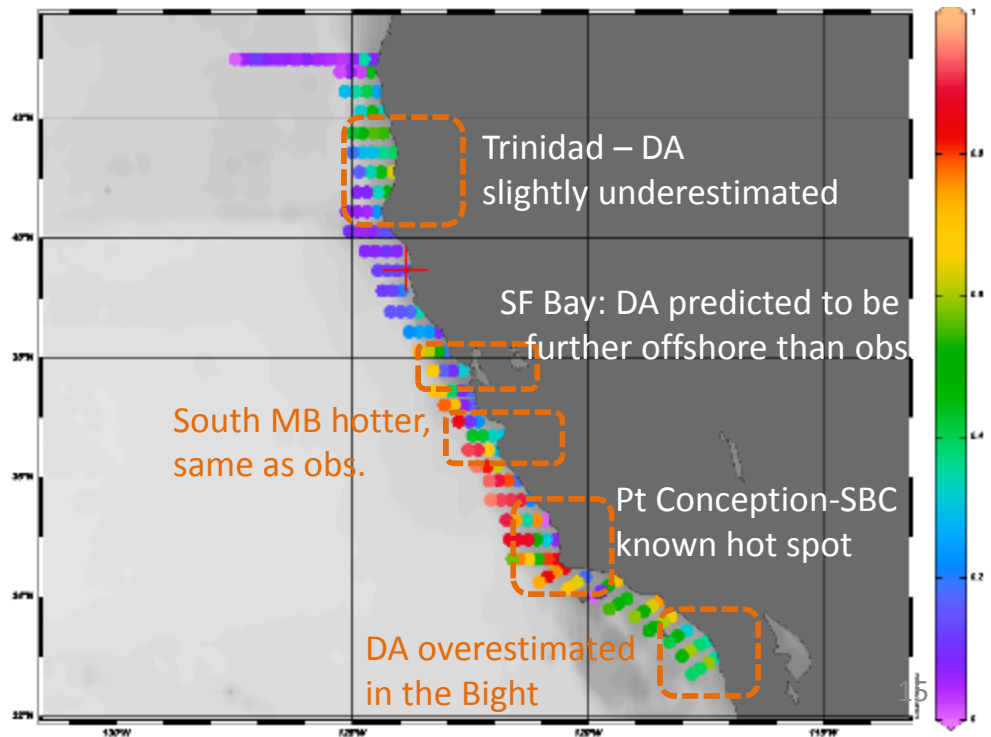
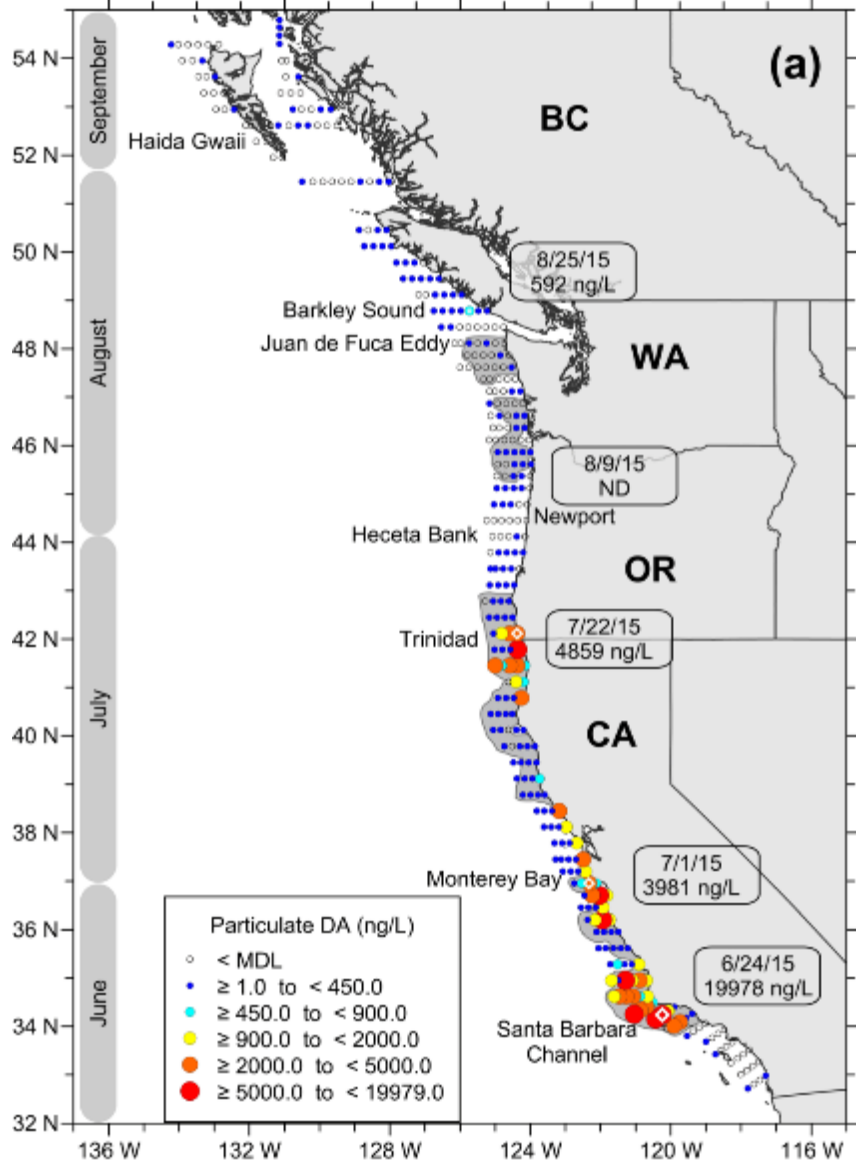
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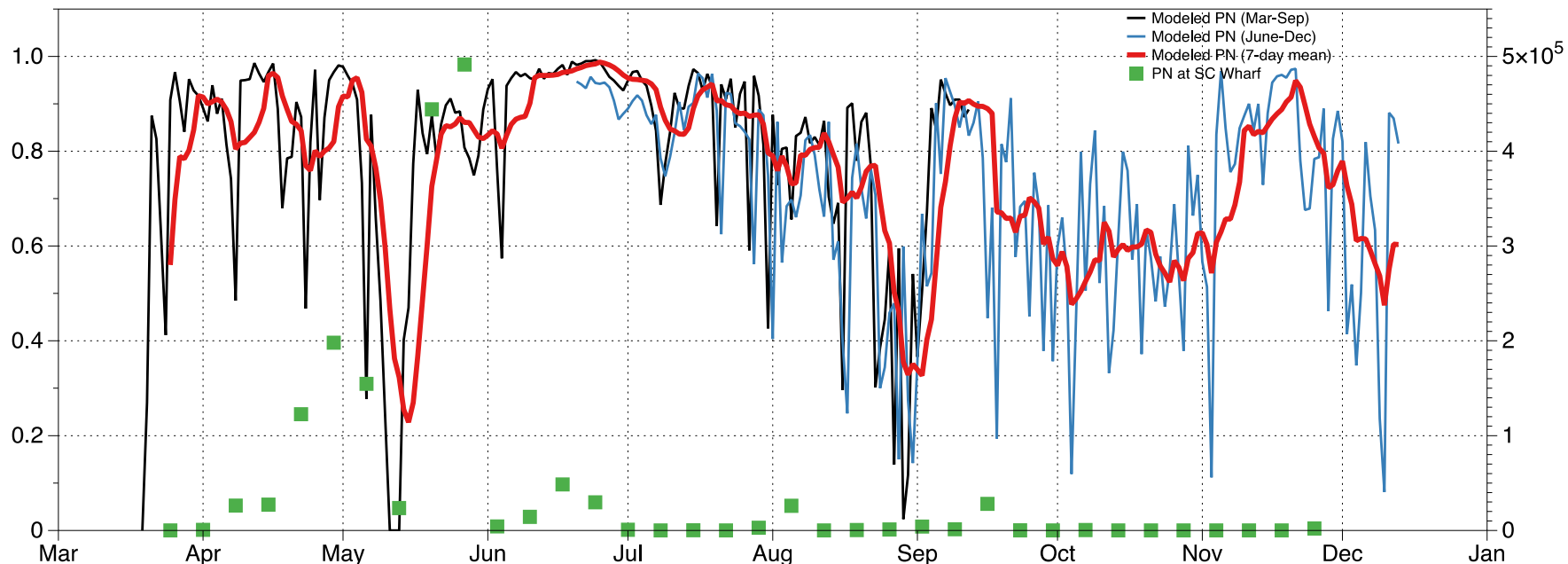
Likelihood of elevated DA Levels  
71% Accuracy, 20% False Positives





## 2015 – Pseudo-nitzschia – Santa Cruz WHARF

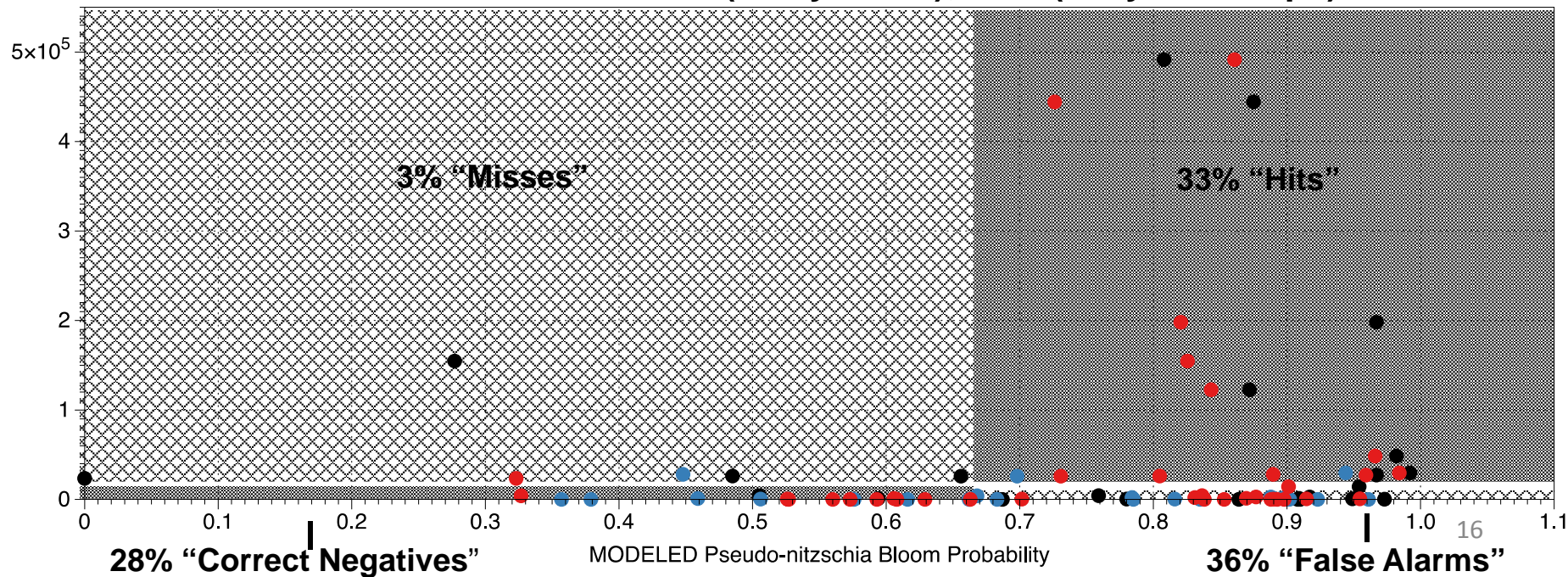
MODELED Pseudo-nitzschia Bloom Probability



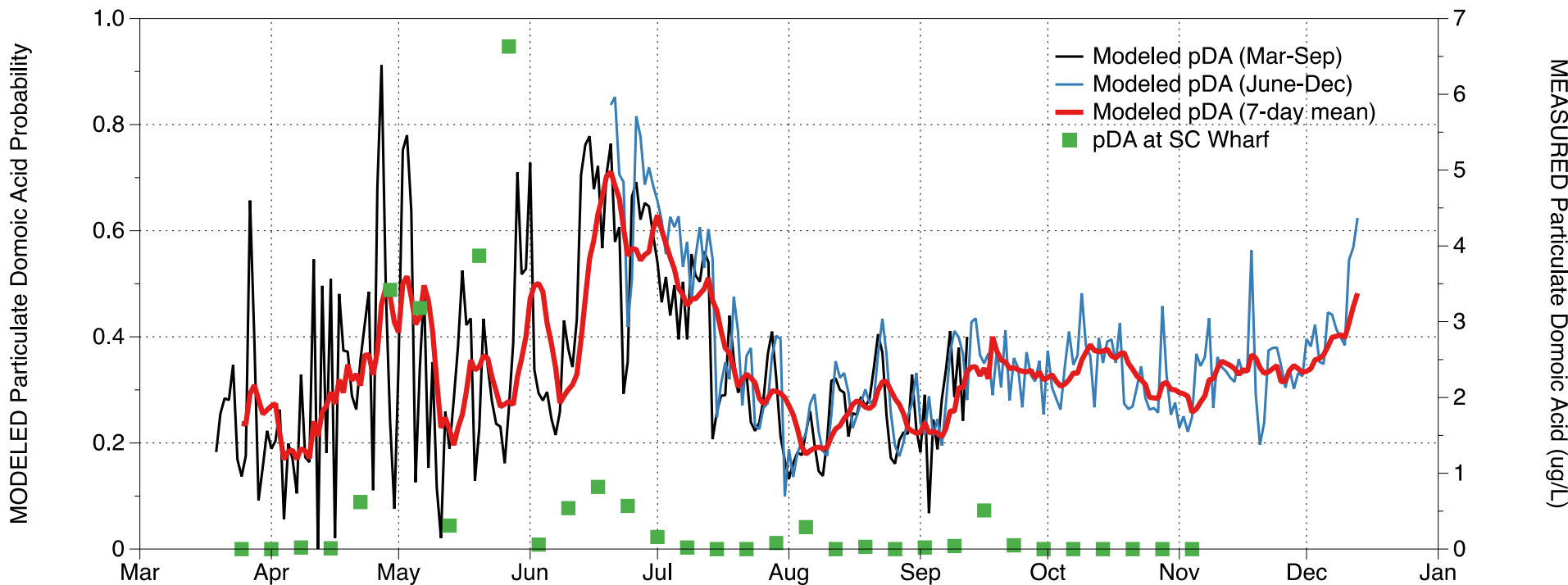
OBSERVED Pseudo-nitzschia spp. Abundance (cells/L)

**OVERALL ACCURACY = 61% (7-day mean); 43% (daily matchups)**

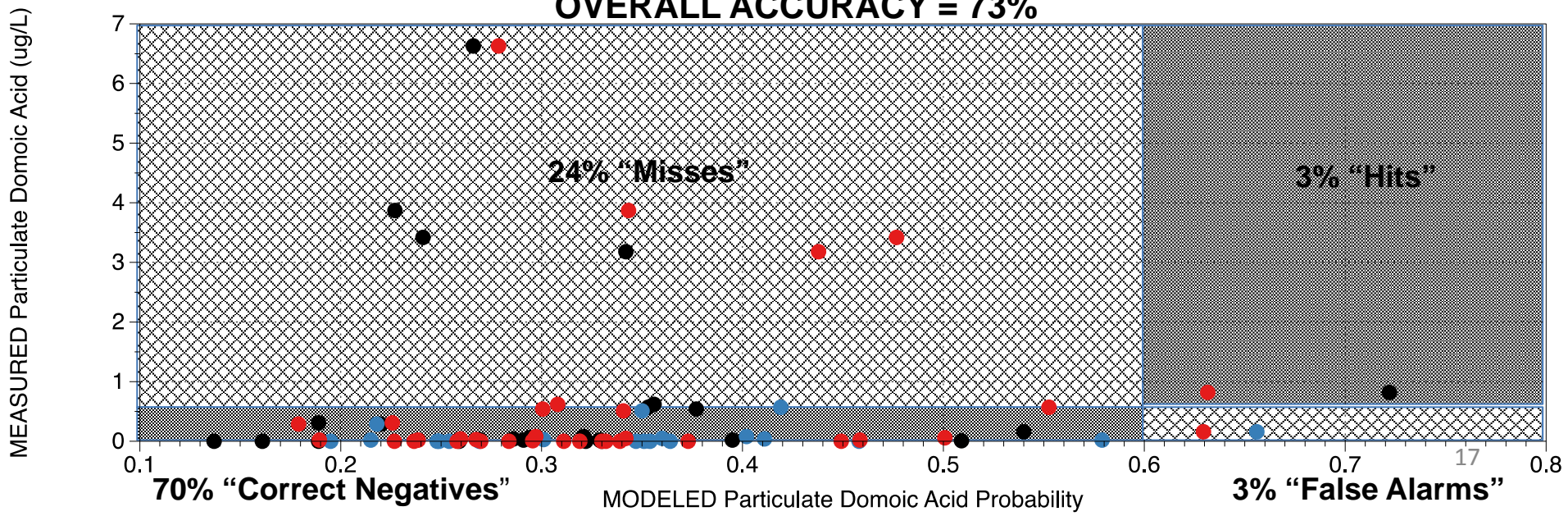
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### 2015 - Particulate Domoic Acid - Santa Cruz Wharf

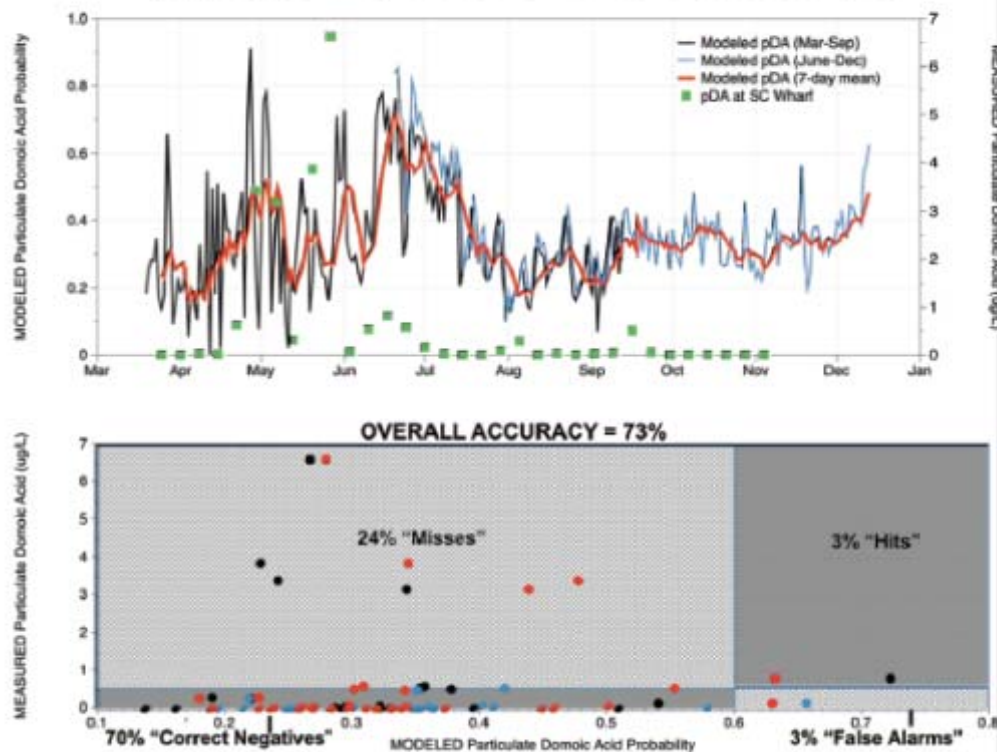


**OVERALL ACCURACY = 73%**

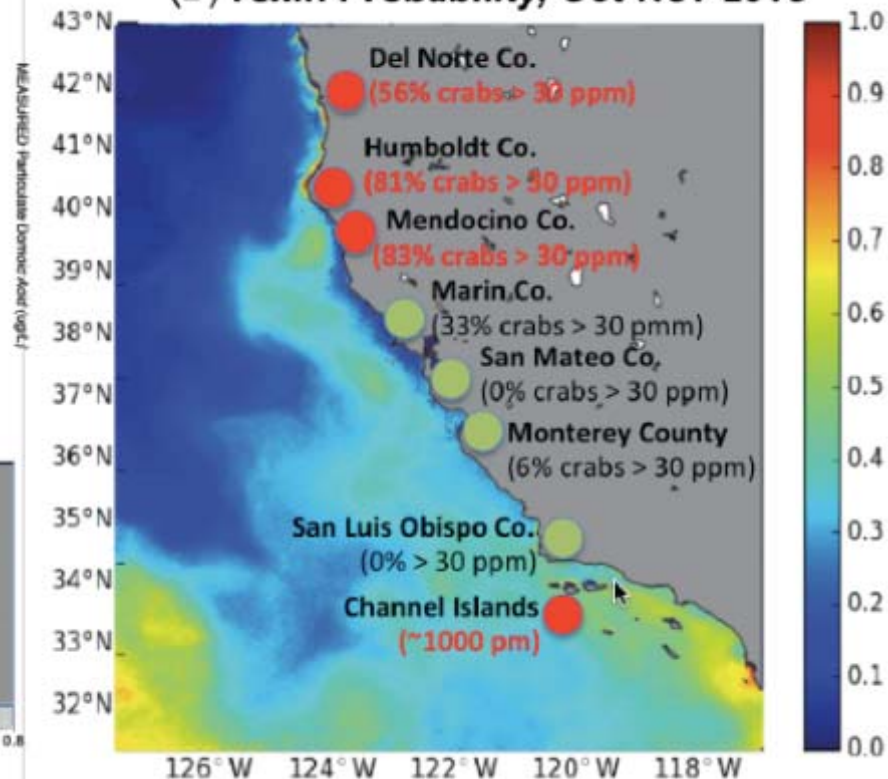


# 2015 – Dungeness crab closures match climatological model

(A) Santa Cruz Wharf – Skill Assessment



(B) Toxin Probability, Oct-Nov 2015



# IV. Are stakeholders and agency end-users engaged?

<http://www.cencoos.org/data/models/habs>

**Pseudo-nitzschia** Pseudo-nitzschia Danicok Aoki Cellular Danicok Aoki

2015-01-10 pseudo-nitzschia probability

red points = shore stations

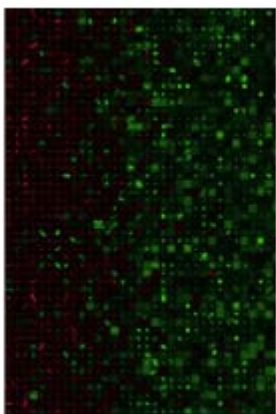
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GOOGLE FORM  
Feedback from:  
Natural Resource Managers  
End Users  
Partner Organization  
(NOAA NOS & NWS)

CellScope  
UC Berkeley

Mobile Microscopy  
taking imaging to new places

Technology



### Software

We develop custom software for our mobile microscopes to coordinate image collection, annotation, data management, web connection, and, for a growing number of applications, automated image analysis.

[Publications](#) [CellScope Explorer App](#)



### Field Studies

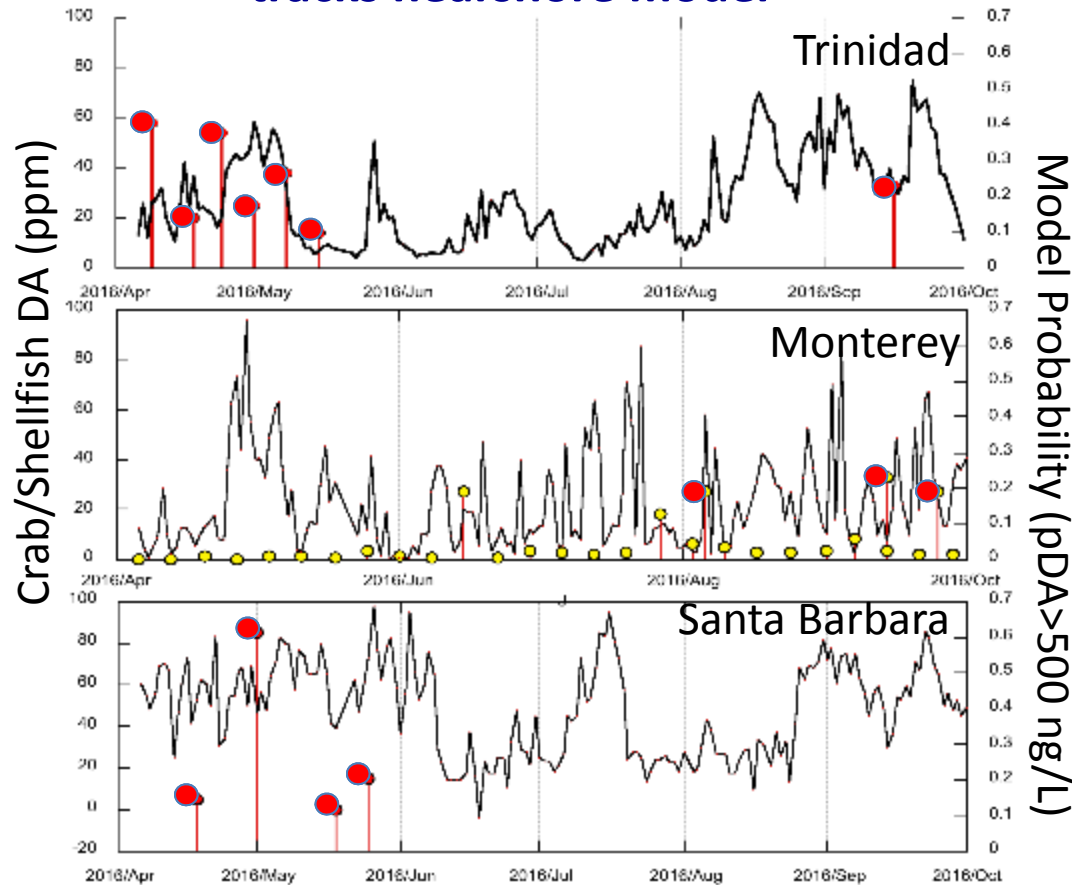
Together with collaborators around the world, we are testing the use of mobile microscopy to solve real-world problems in places including Vietnam, India, Thailand, Cameroon, the Ivory Coast, and Hawaii.

[Publications](#) [Applications](#)

Teaming up with Ben Pitterle from Santa Barbara Channelkeepers & Carrie Culver @ UCSB<sub>20</sub>

# What does C-HARM tell us about shellfish toxicity?

## 2016 – Crab/Shellfish toxicity tracks nearshore model



Red=Crab, Yellow=Mussel

Crab Data from: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo/pages/fdbdomoicacidinfo.aspx>

## New partners in Aquaculture 2016-2017

Greg Dale –

Coast Seafoods, Humboldt Bay

Kelly Stromberg –

Catalina Sea Ranch (first offshore site in U.S., San Pedro Bay)

Eric Bjorkstedt, Brian Tissot –

Humboldt State University

Jeff Anderson –

Northern Hydrology

### Objectives:

- Collect paired shellfish/water toxins
- Create statistical model of shellfish toxicity
- Hydrological model of HB

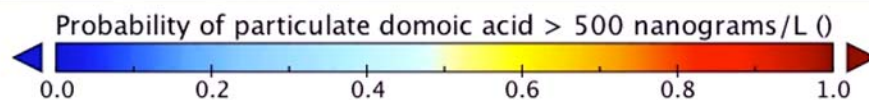
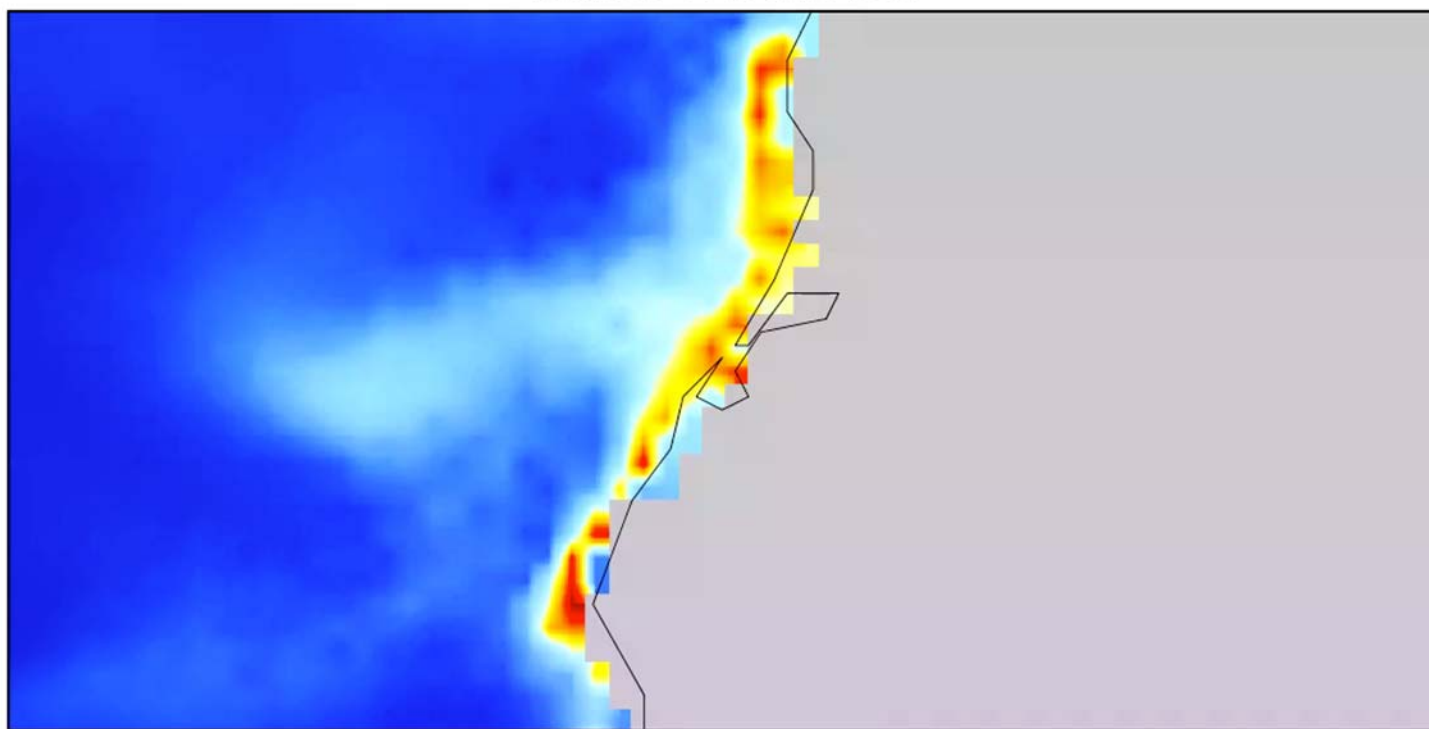
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Brett Stacy – UCSC Graduate Student

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Probability of particulate domoic acid > 500 nanograms/L

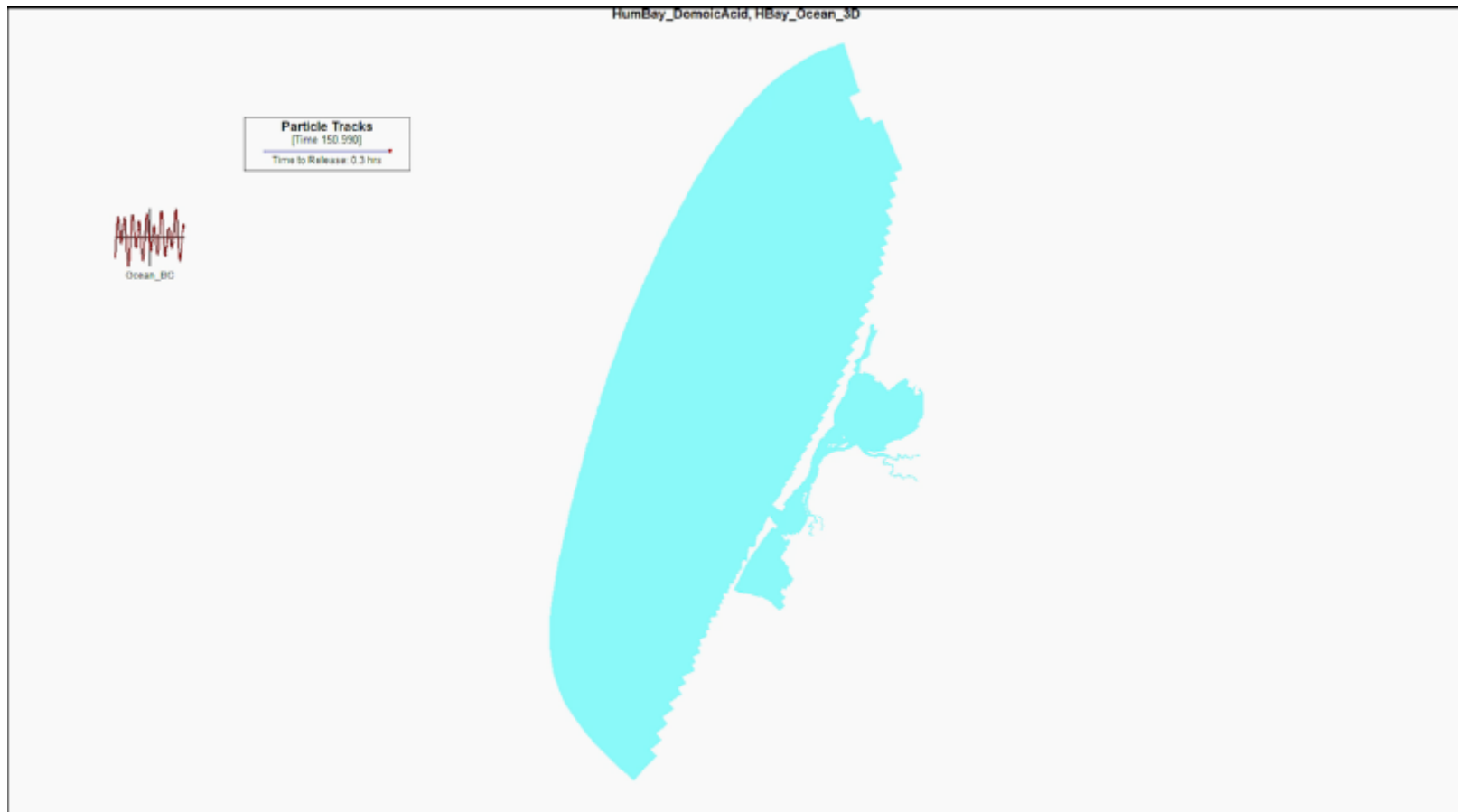
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Data Min = 0.0, Max = 1.0

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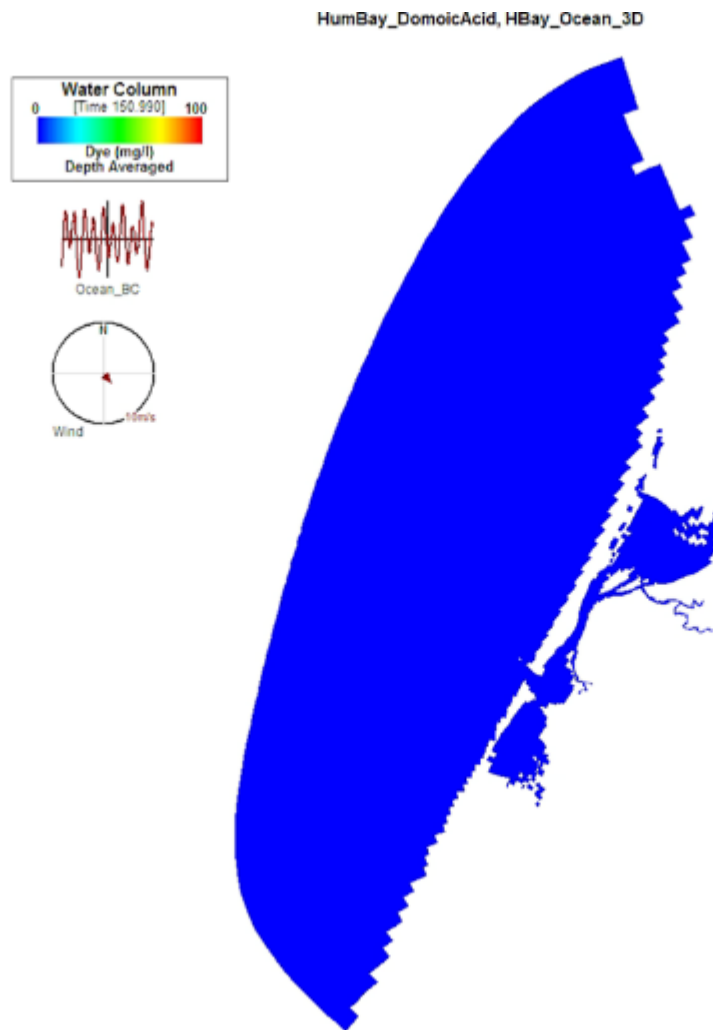


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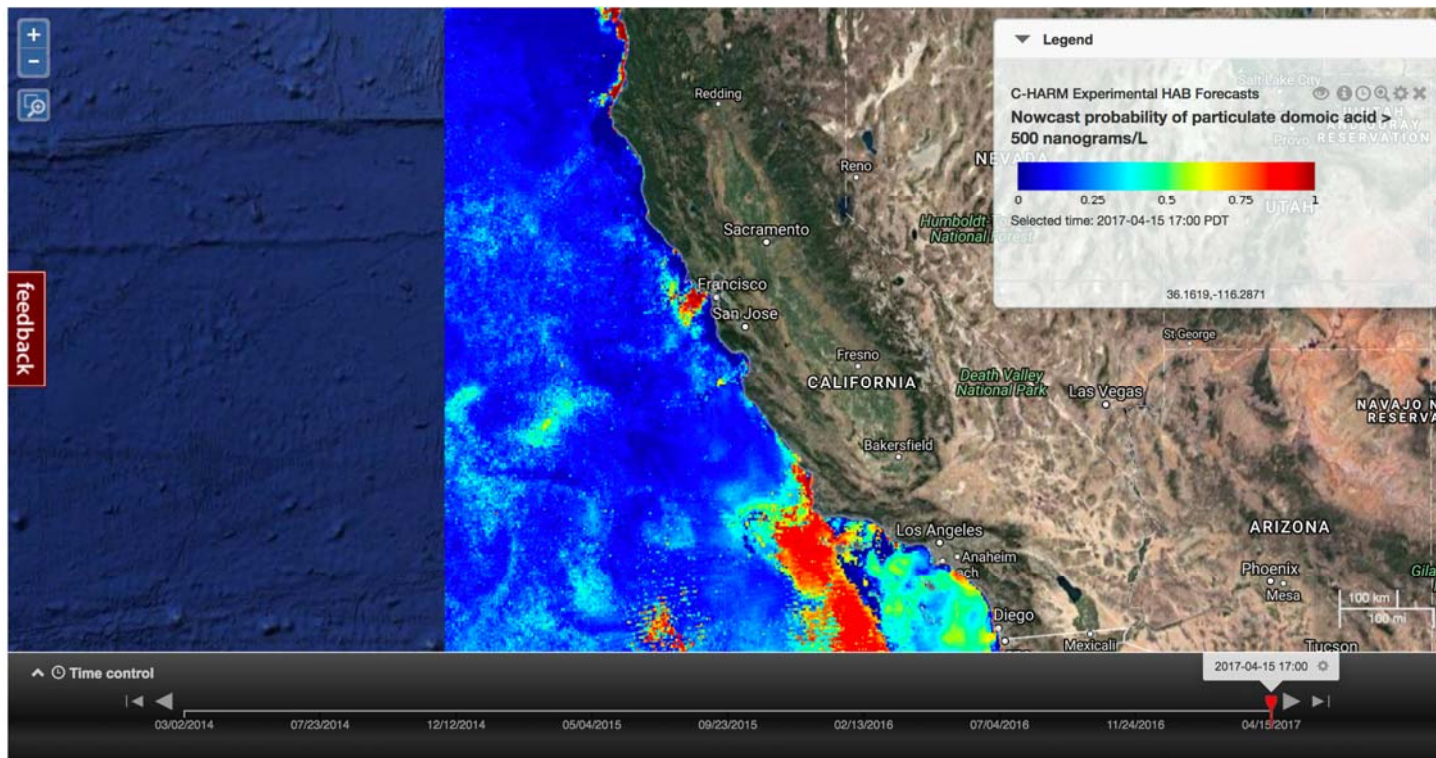
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Dye Simulation

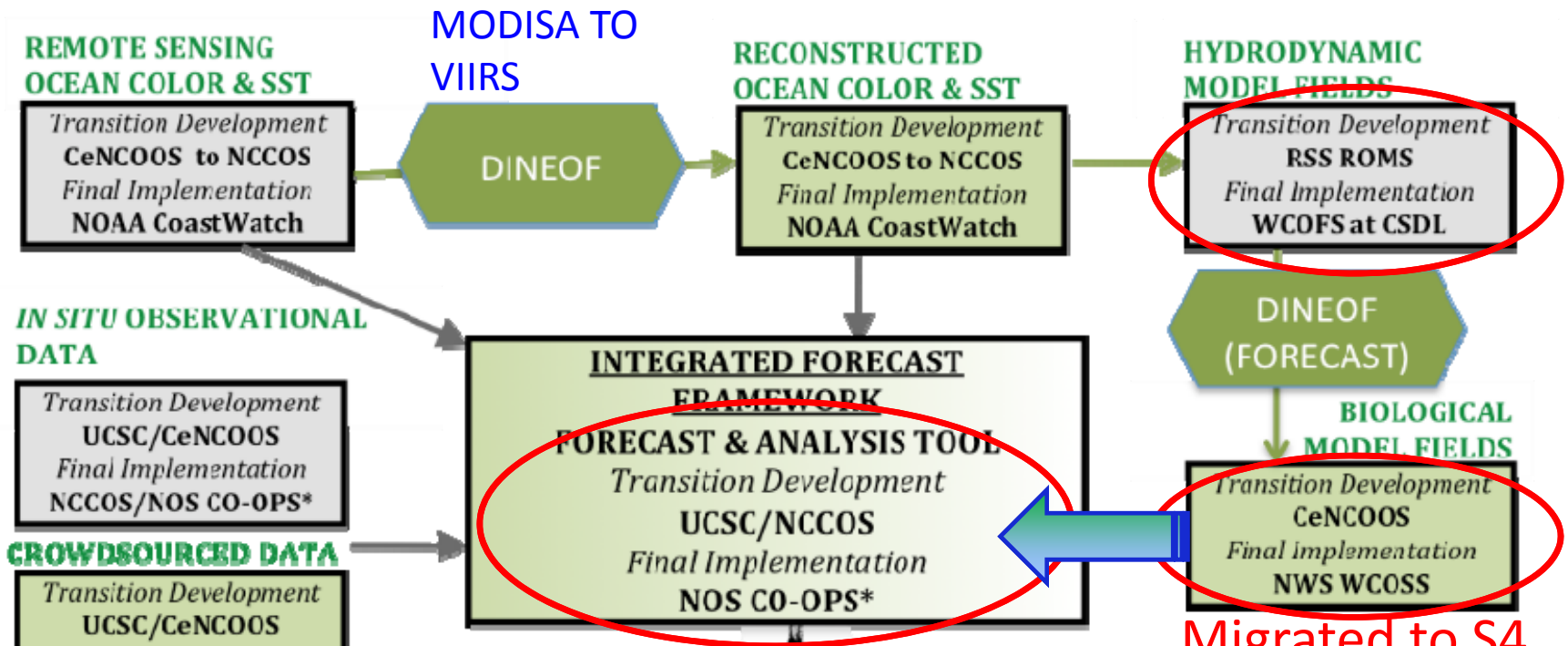


## Update: Southern California Domoic Acid Event, April 2017

- Mass stranding event throughout food web - Santa Barbara to San Diego
- Shellfish advisories in Santa Barbara; Strandings of Sea lions, Dolphins, Elephant Seals, Guadalupe Fur Seals, Loons, Grebes, Cormorants, & Brown Pelicans
- Mostly adult female (pregnant) sea lions; many fatalities reported



# V. Can we successfully cross the “valley of death”?



Migrated to S4 Supercomputer in Jan 2016

- NOAA NCCOS OPERATIONAL HAB MODELS**
- \*GULF OF MEXICO
  - LAKE ERIE
  - GULF OF MAINE
  - CHESAPEAKE BAY
  - CALIFORNIA

**CeNCOOS** = Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System  
**NCCOS** = National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science  
**CSDL** = Coast Survey Development Lab  
**RSS** = Remote Sensing Solutions, Inc.

**WCOFS** = West Coast Ocean Forecast System  
**WCOSS** = Weather and Climate Operational Supercomputing System  
**CO-OPS** = Center for Operational Oceanographic Products & Services

# THANK YOU!



NOAA MERHAB & ECOHAB



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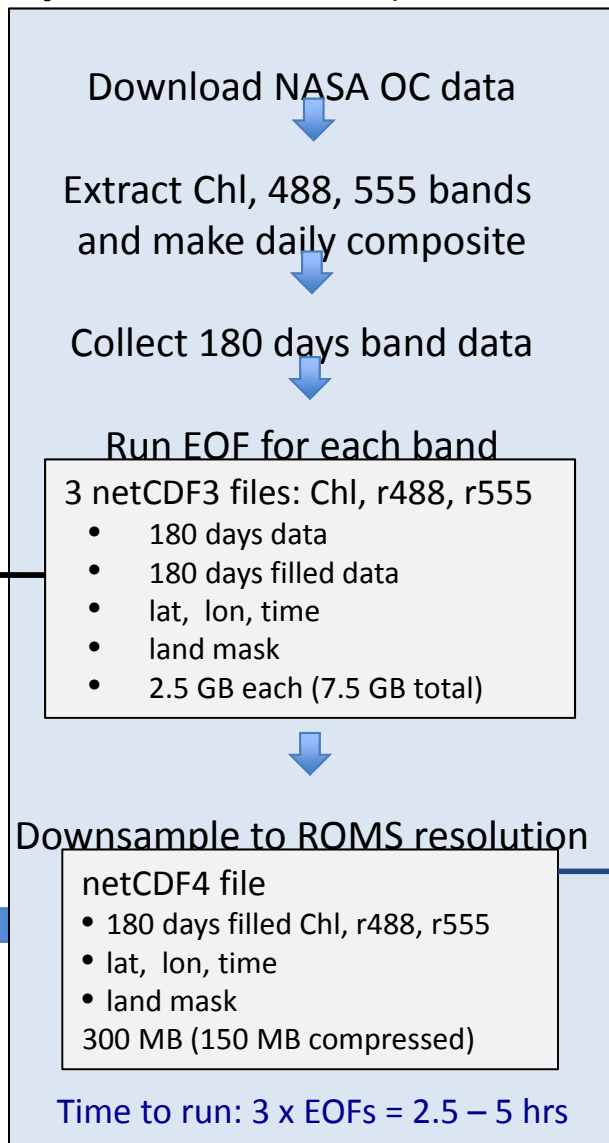
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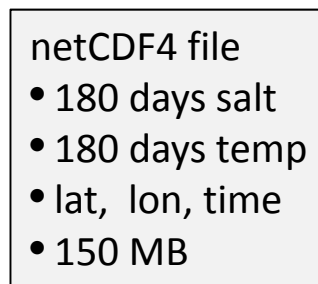
### Prep Satellite data (CoastWatch)



Archive ←  
Source data  
DINEOF results

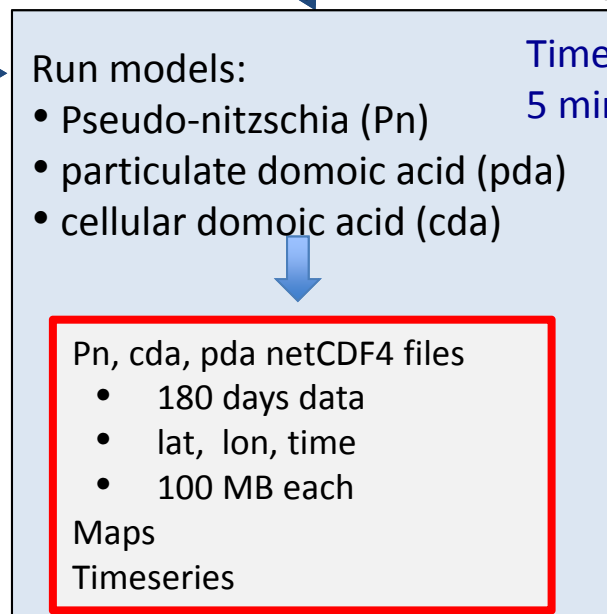
Use in forecast script  
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### Collect ROMS data (CeNCOOS, S4)

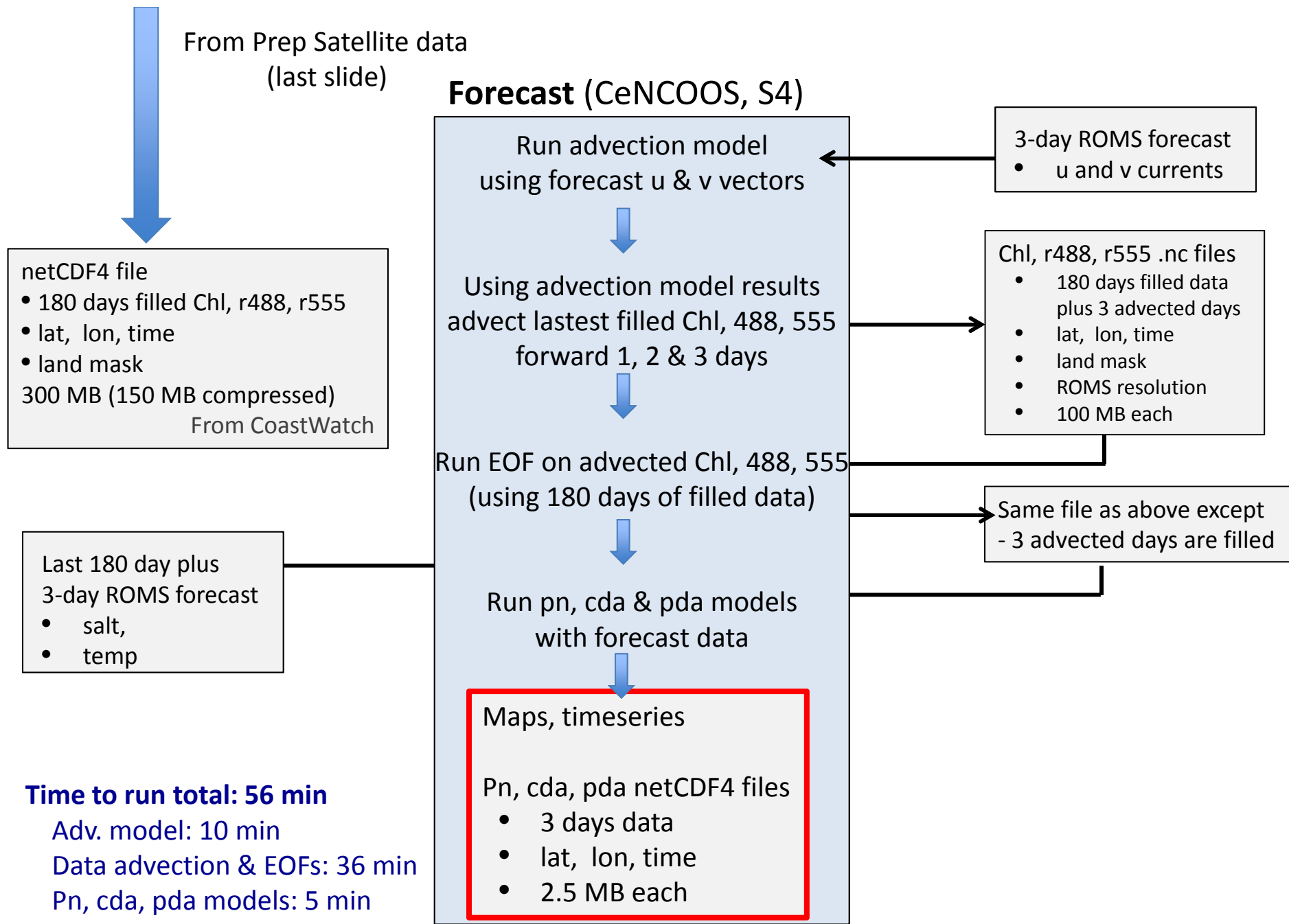


Time to run  
4 min / day

### Nowcast (CeNCOOS, S4)

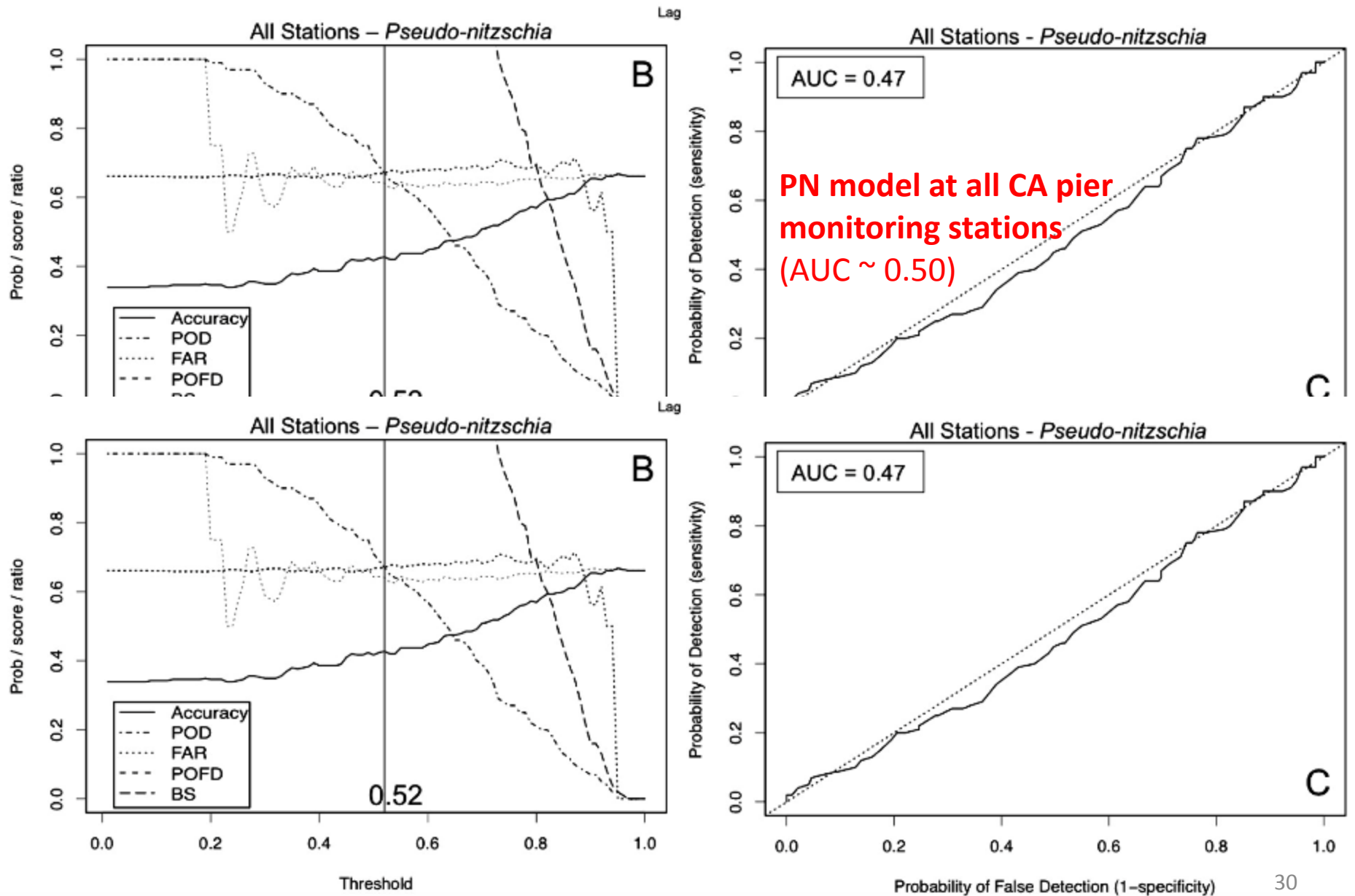


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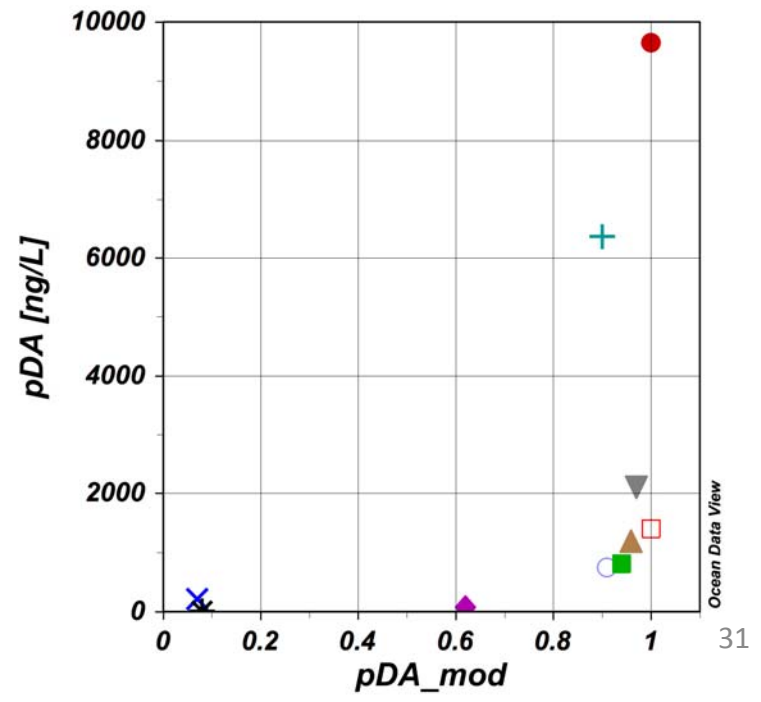
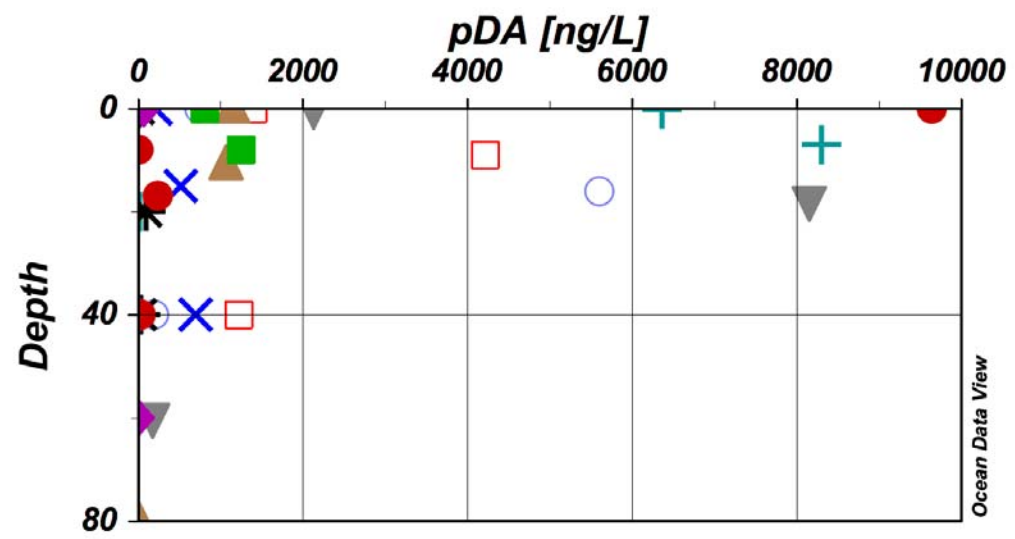
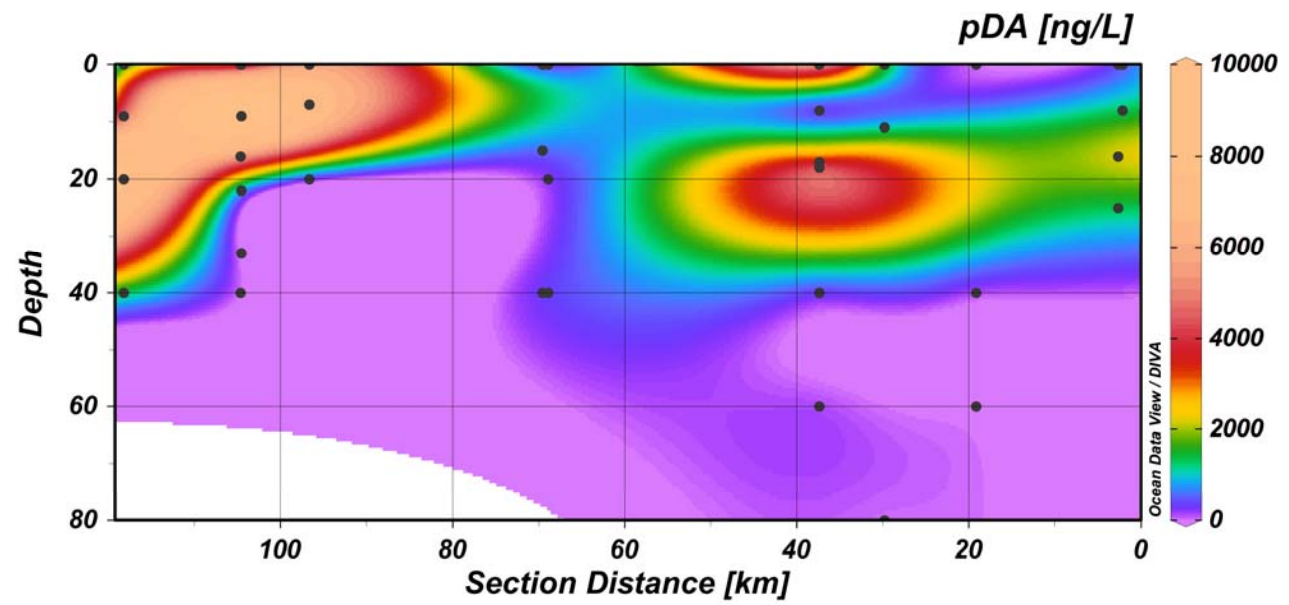
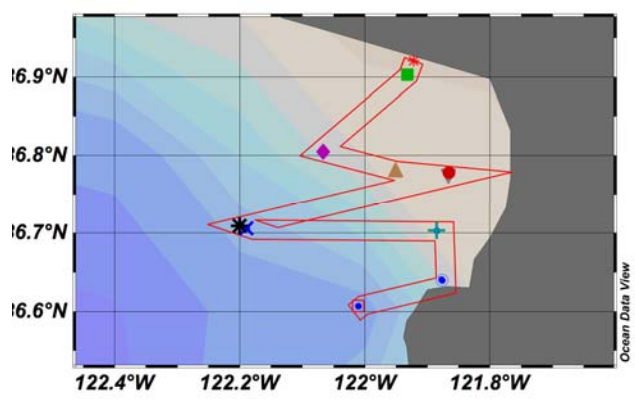


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Contingency Plots to Assess Model Performance - Optimize Prob. Threshold



# ECO HAB – R/V Carson Day Cruises (May 12 – June 5)





## LESSONS LEARNED... *so far*

- Communicate early and often with partner agency/operational end-user
- Be prepared for leadership turnover at agency level
- Carefully document and annotate your model system
- Stay flexible - do not get wedded to one idea of a model's "forever home"
- Continue R&D efforts - operational does not mean perfect