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The Harmful Algal Bloom - Forecasting Branch (HAB-FB) is a research group within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) tasked with forecasting and monitoring HABs. One of the more effective ways to do so is through satellite based monitoring, which provides a synoptic view at high temporal resolution. The HAB-FB has established a routine and automated processing capability for satellite-derived products pertaining to the color of water. Water color can be used as proxy for various geophysical parameters, such as chlorophyll-a, turbidity, and water depth. All of our products are generated from mapped reflectance products, which we refer to as "level 3" products:

- [True Color](#) : a Red, Green, Blue (RGB) composite image
- [Chlorophyll-a \(Gilerson\)](#) : chlorophyll a concentration determined by a near-Infrared to red ratio as described by Gilerson et al. (2010).
- [Cyanobacteria Index](#) : the relative abundance of cyanobacteria biomass as determined by the cyanobacteria index algorithm developed by Wynne et al. (2008).
- [Low fluorescing Algae](#) : the relative abundance of phytoplankton which are low or non-fluorescing and do not contain phycocyanin (non-cyanobacteria).
- [Relative Fluorescence](#) : the relative chlorophyll fluorescence representative of chlorophyll concentration for high biomass blooms, determined by the Red-Band Difference developed by Amin et al. (2009).

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Product:  
True Color  
**Chlorophyll-a (Gilerson)**  
Relative Fluorescence  
Cyanobacteria Index

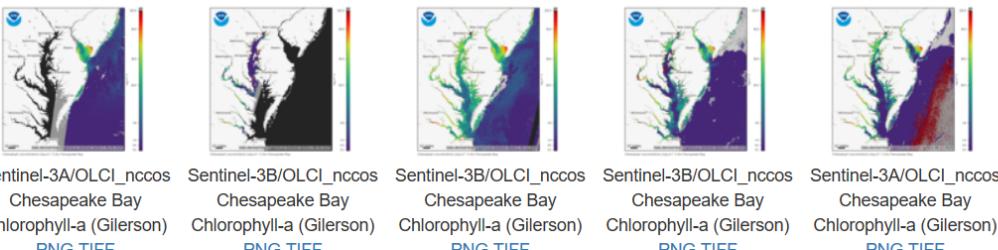
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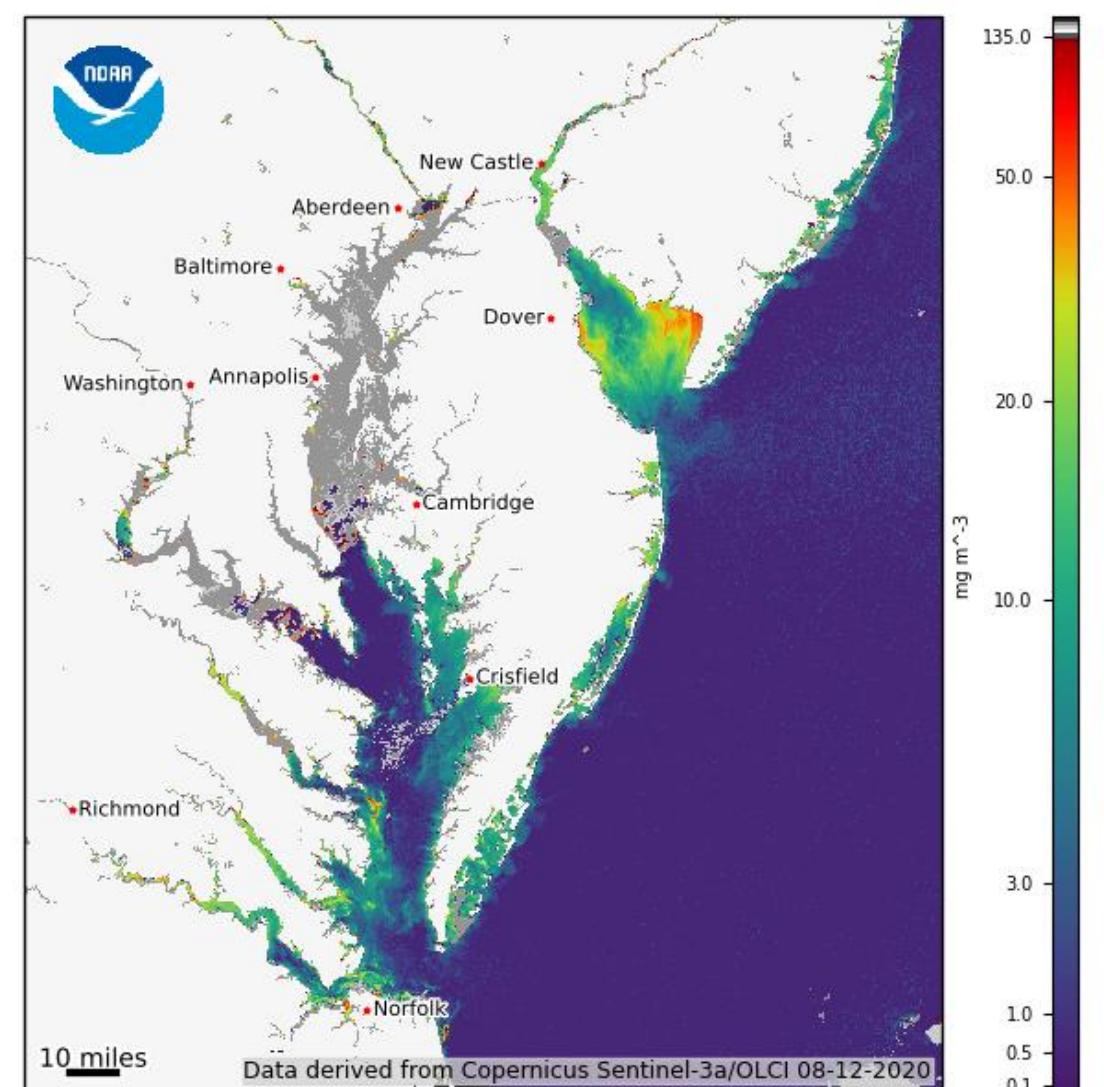
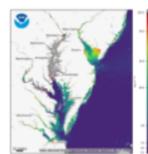
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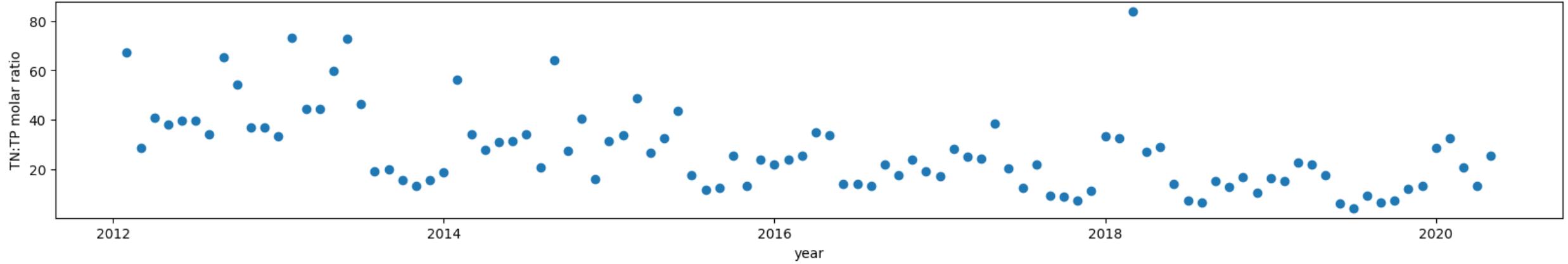
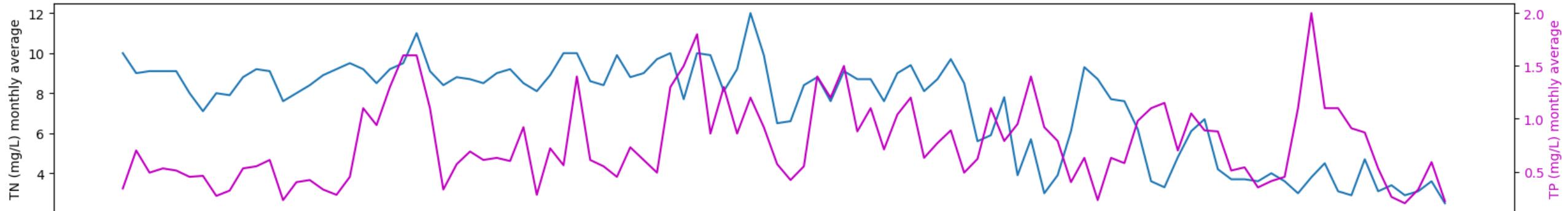
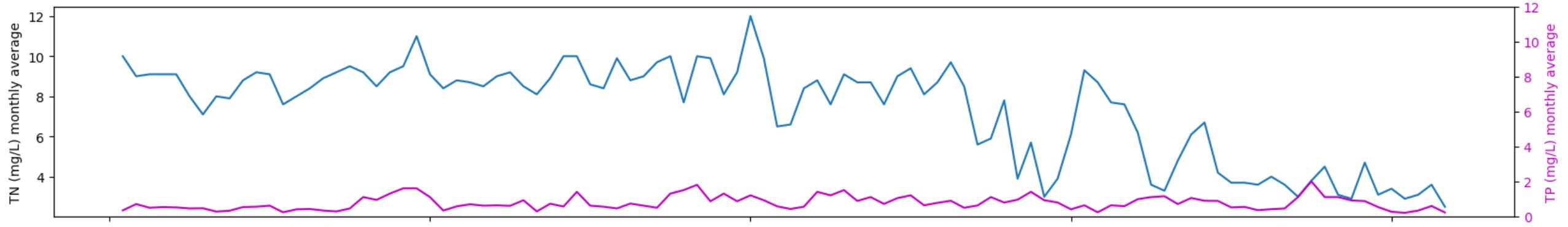
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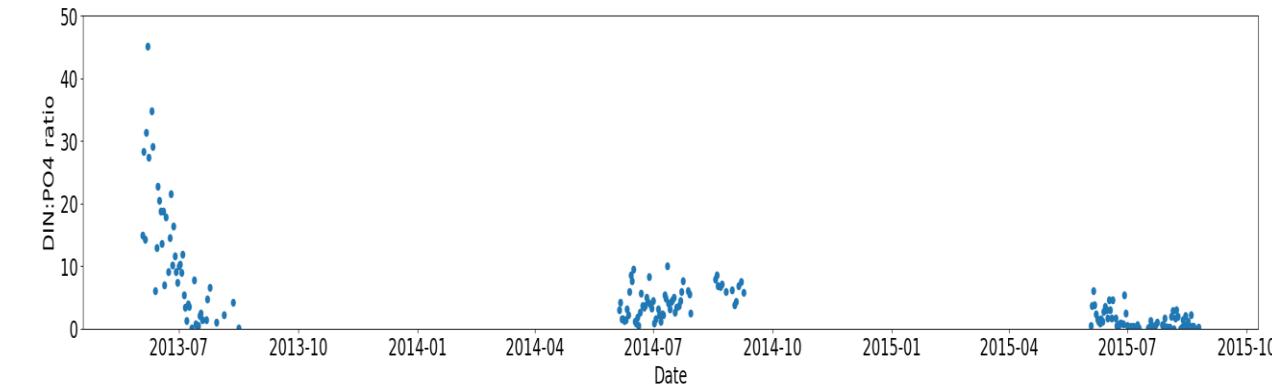
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# **Data from the NFK waste-water treatment plant with outflow near the mouth of the Lafayette River**

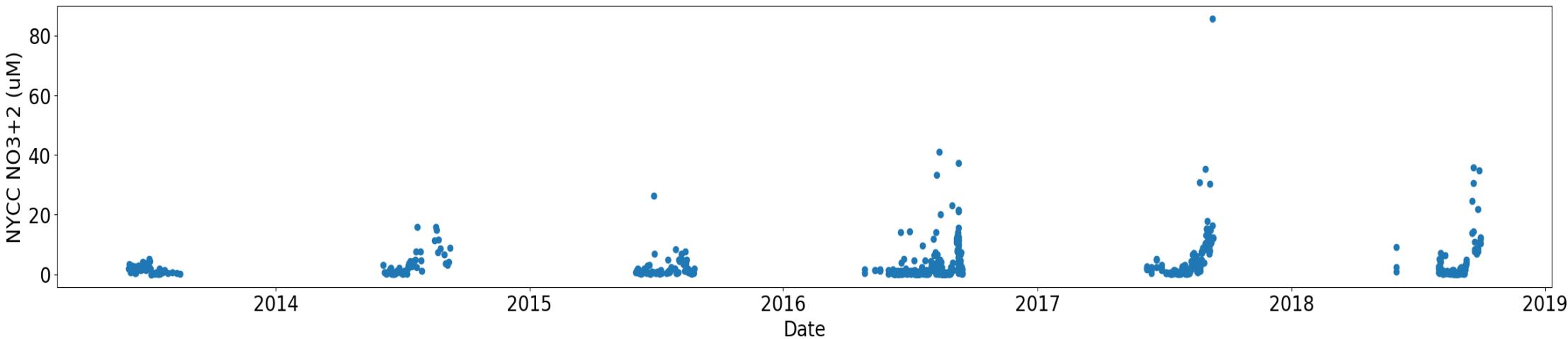
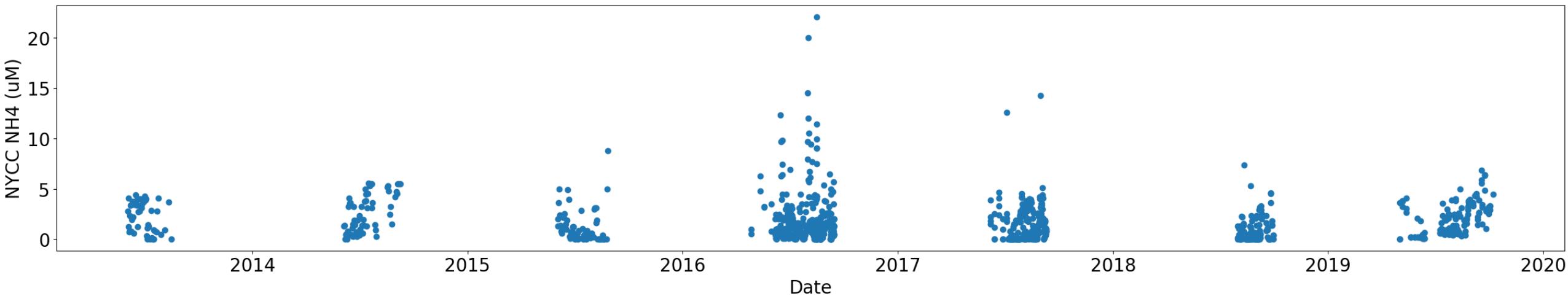


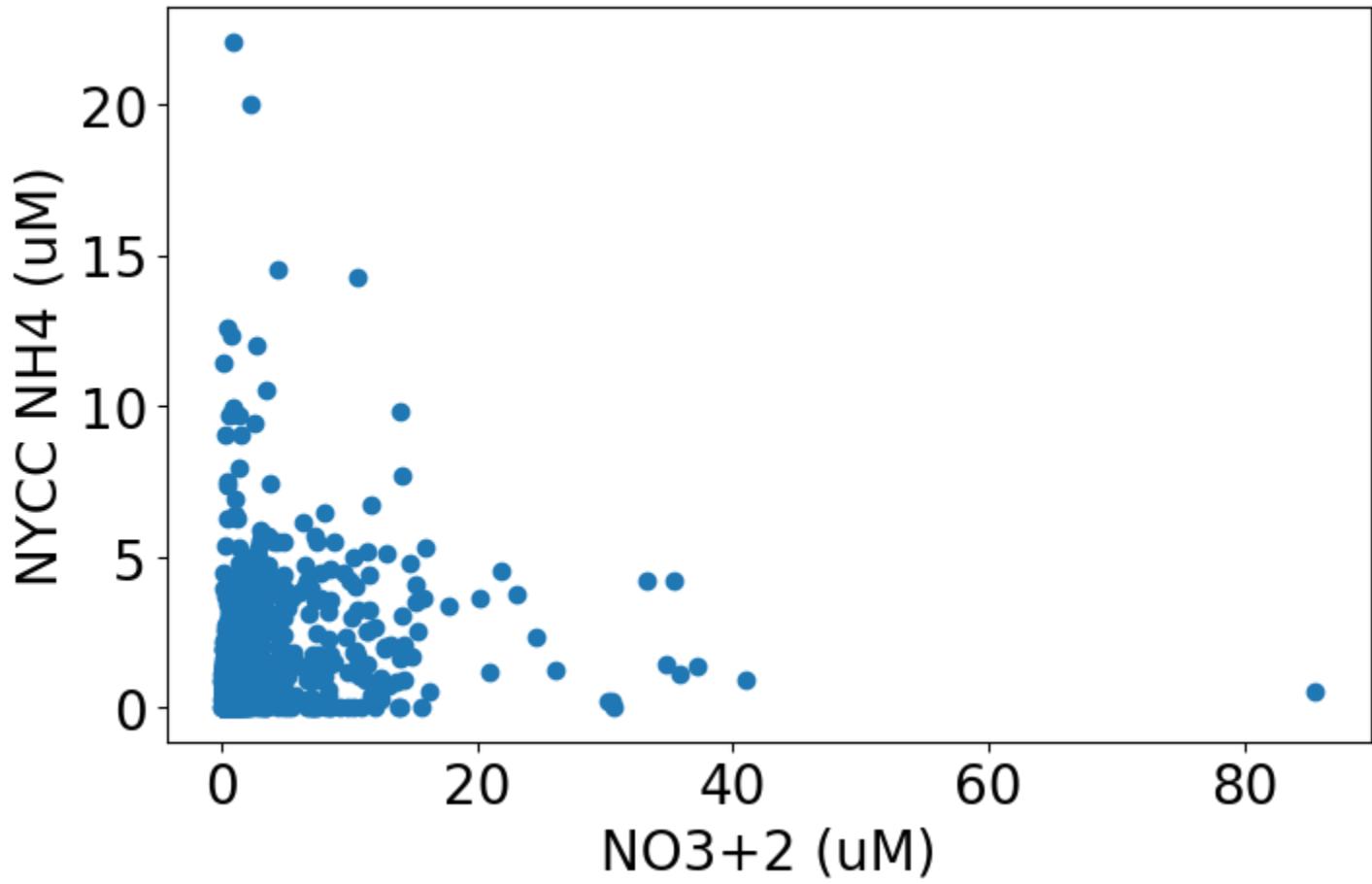
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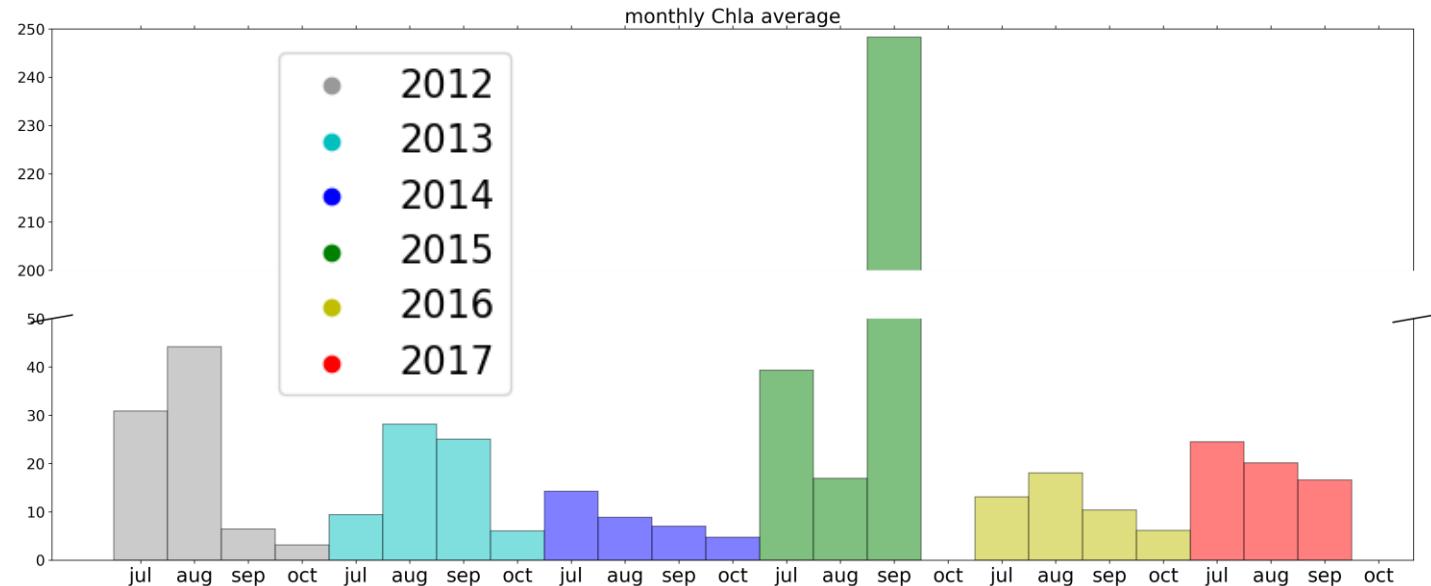
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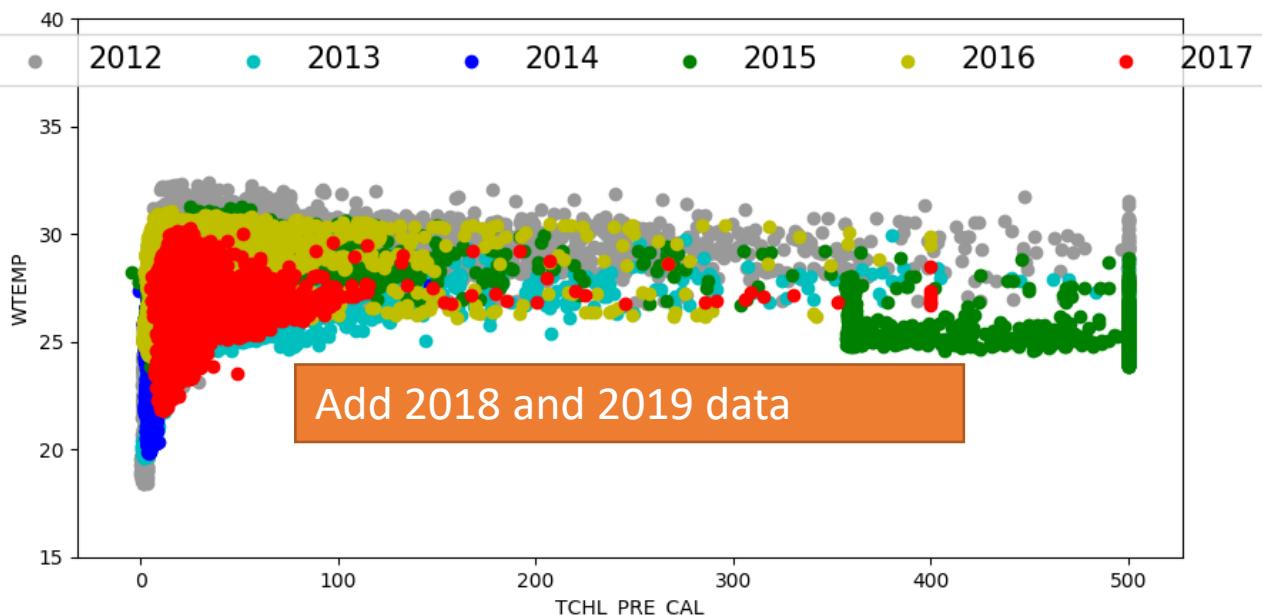


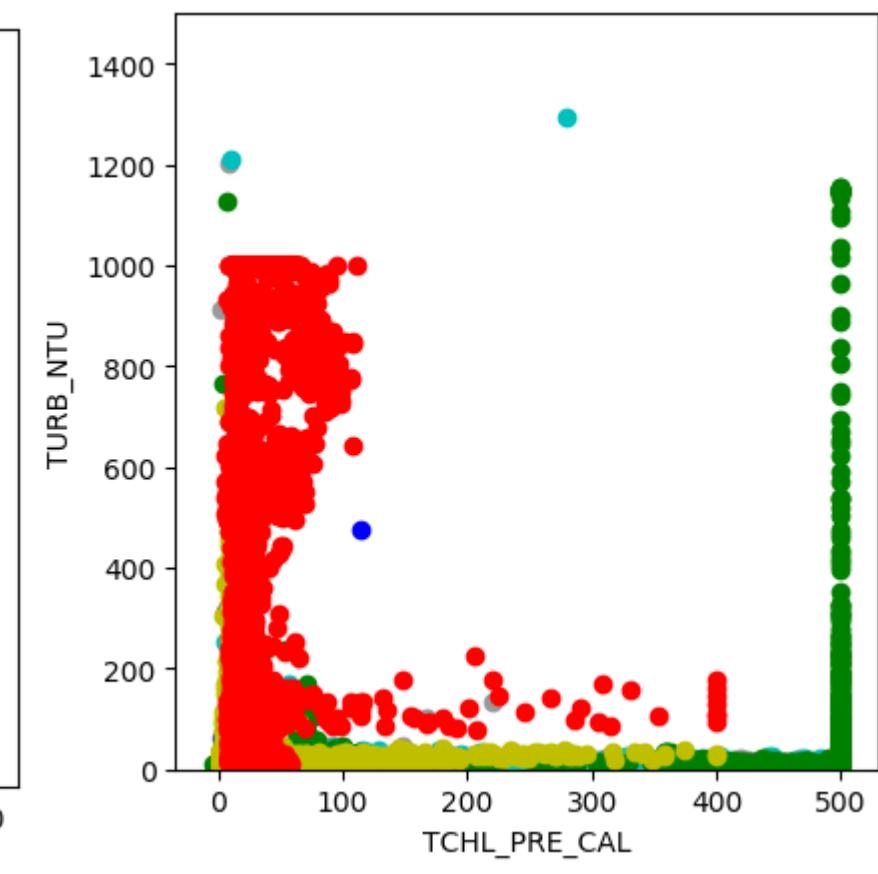
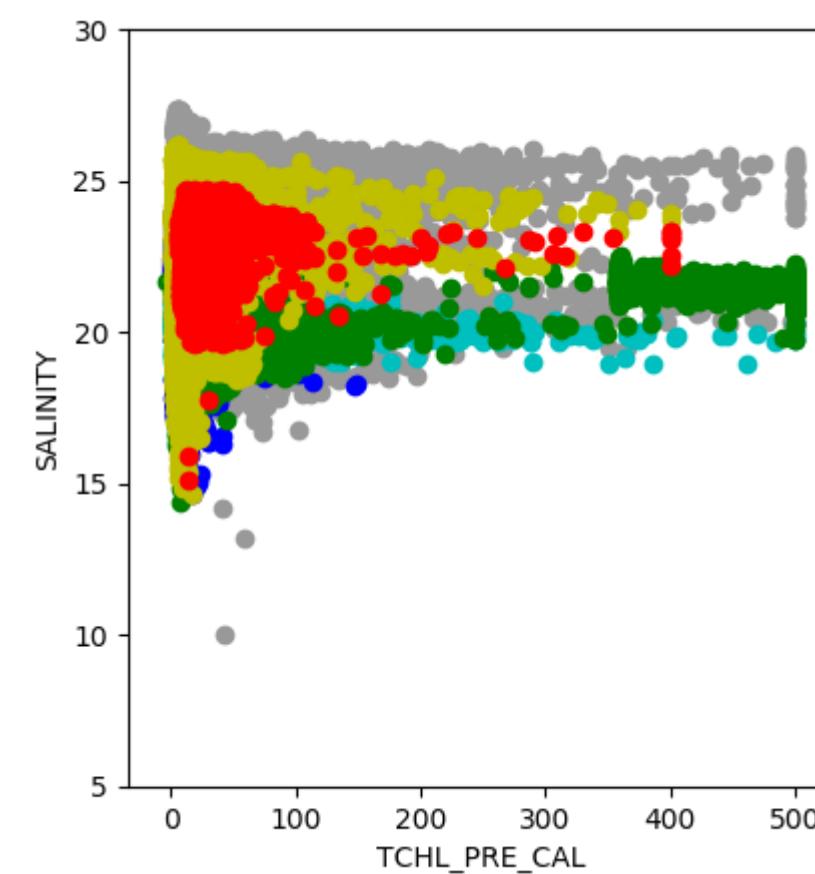
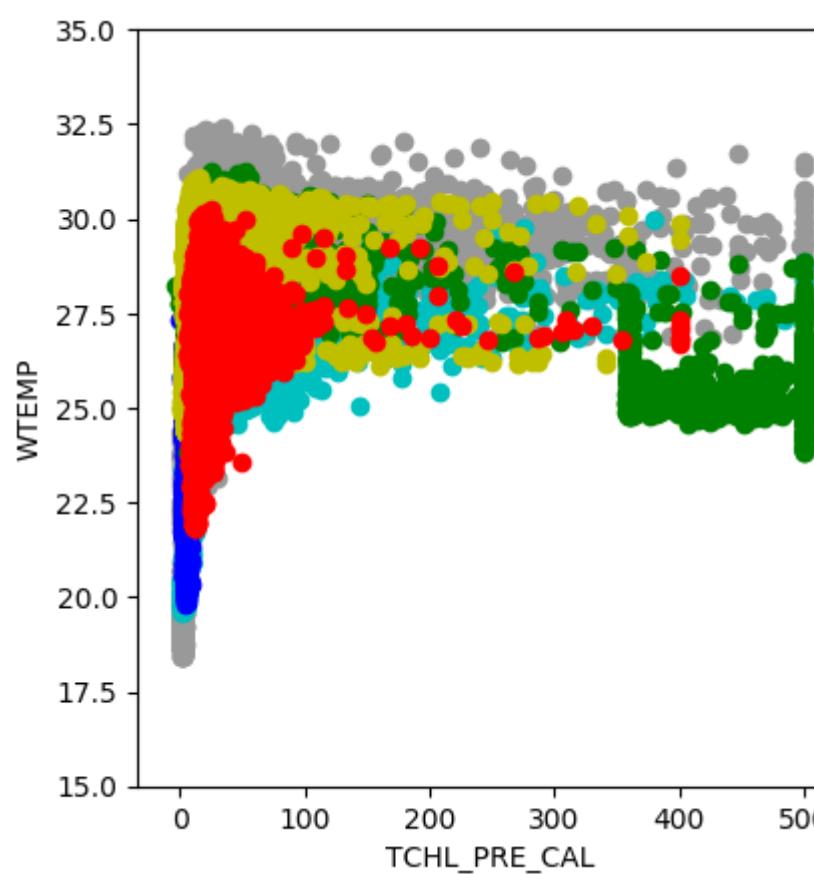
YSI data collected at the NYCC by M.  
Mulholland group.

Monthly average from YSI data collected from 2012 to 2019 (colors). Months are indicated in the y axis; x axis is Chl concentration as reported by the variable “TCHL\_PRE\_CAL”. There is a break in the y axis because September average on 2015 is an order of magnitude higher than the remaining dates.

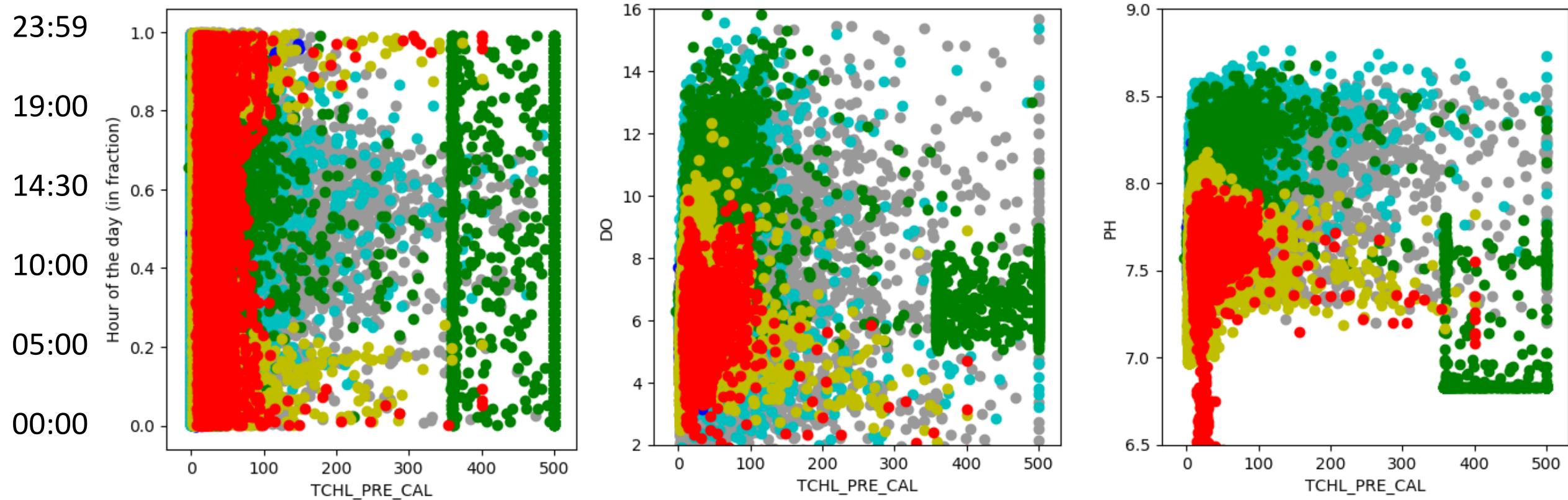


Cell count spread sheet



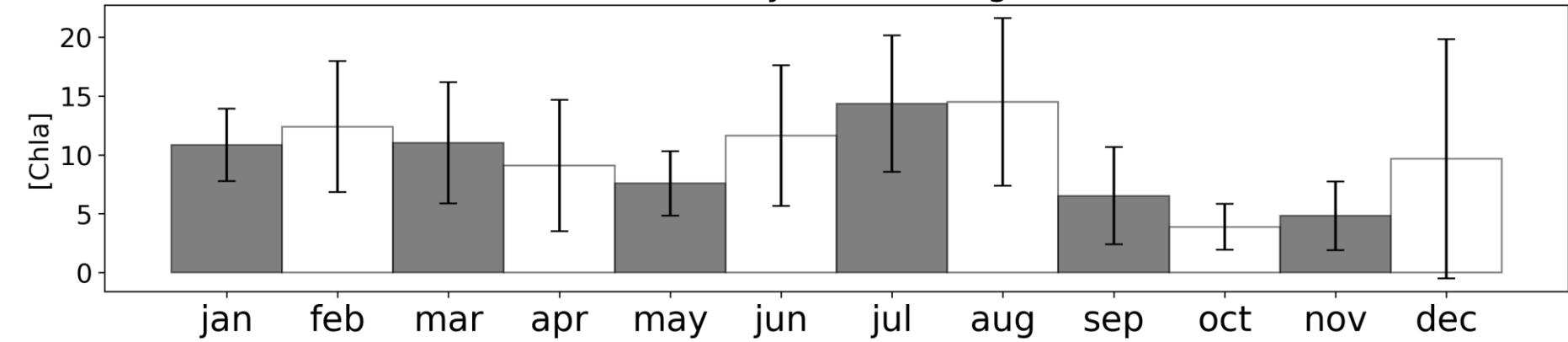


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- 2015
- 2016
- 2017

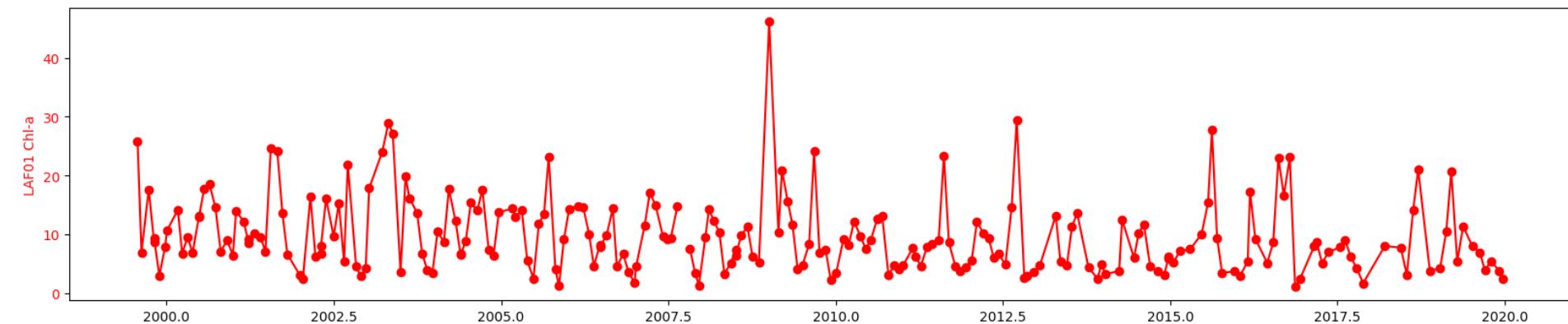


# Chesapeake Bay Long Term monitoring Program – LAF01 station

monthly Chla average

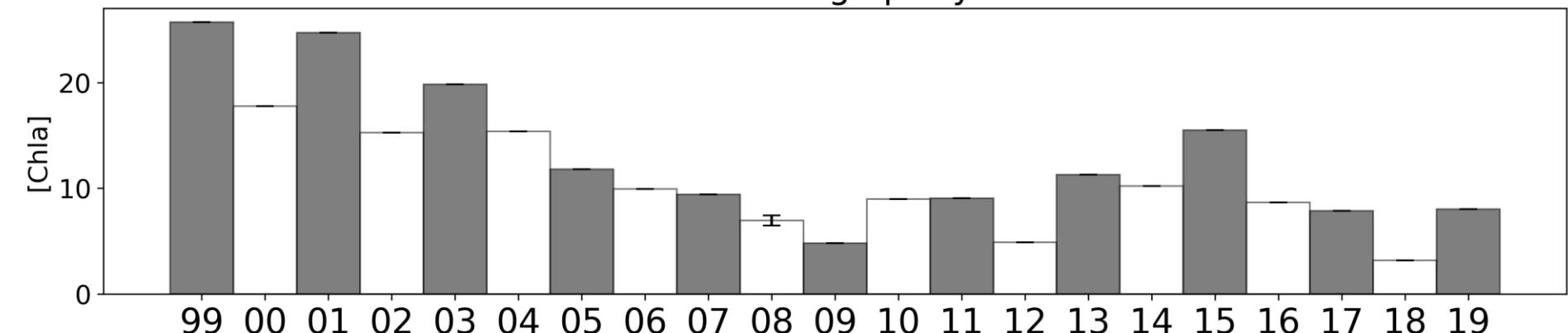


Monthly average from 1999 to 2019 for measurements done at "laf01" station



Chl data collected at "laf01" station from 1999 to 2019. Plot shows data density and "trends" on data

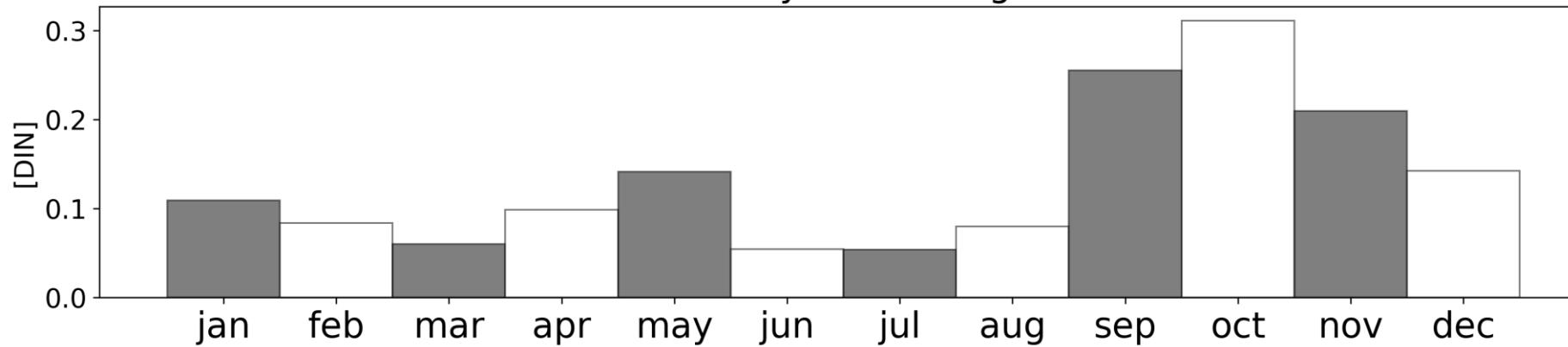
Chla average per year



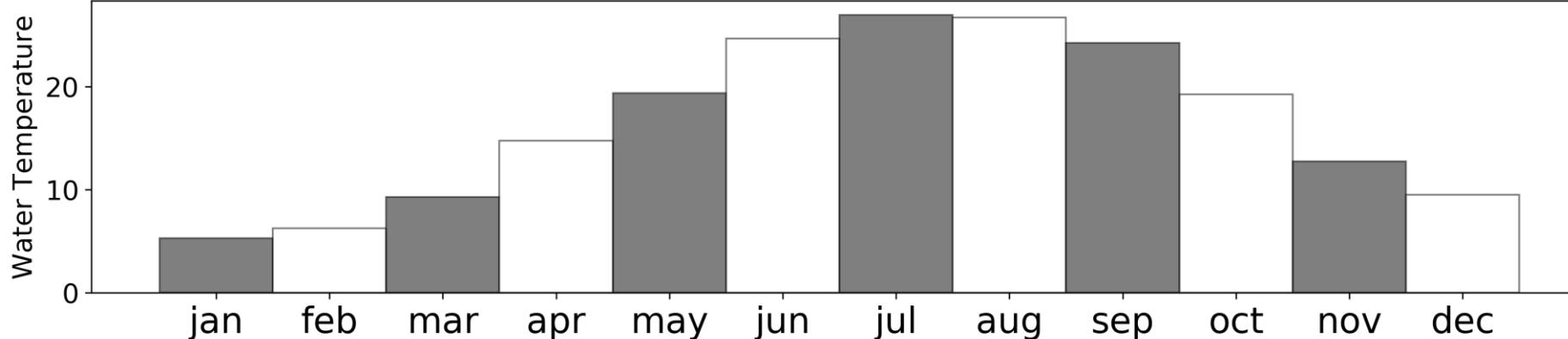
Average per year from 1999 to 2019. SD is shown, but it is too small (only visible in 2008)

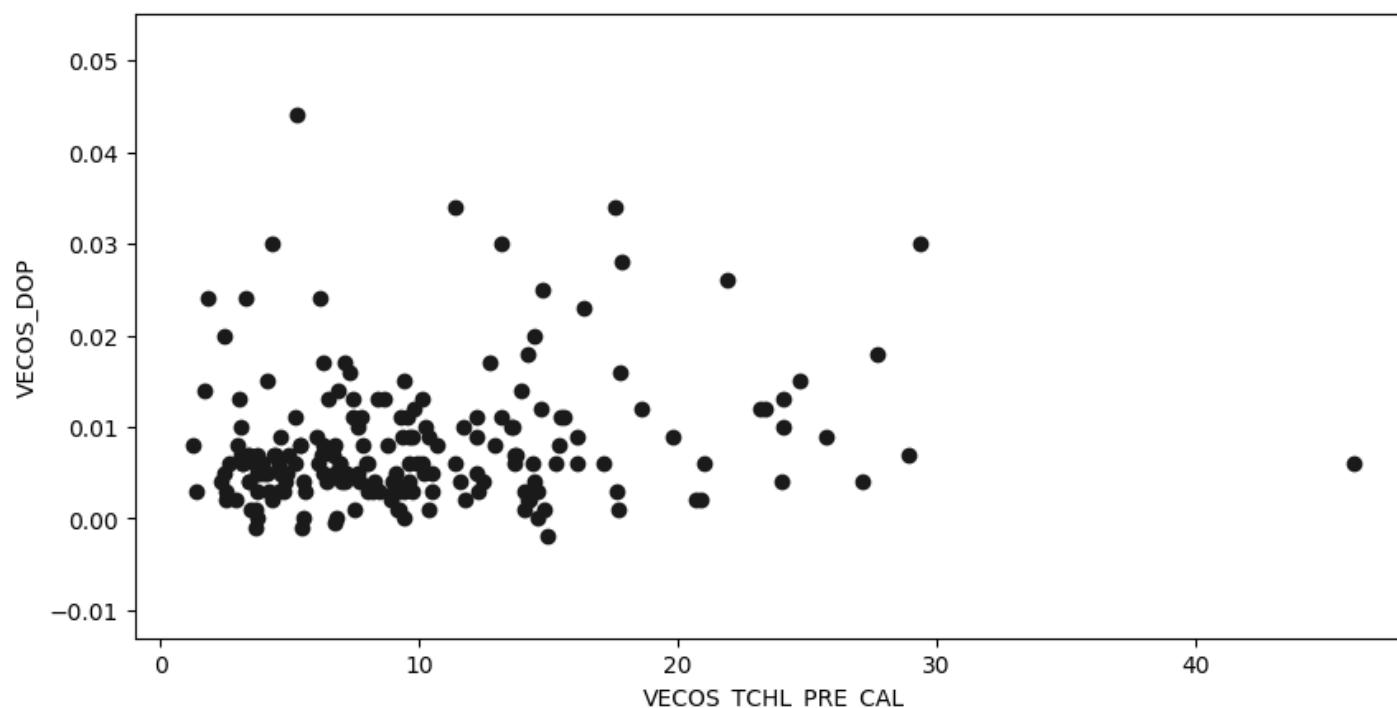
Monthly averages from 1999 to 2019 for measurements done at “laf01” station

monthly DIN average

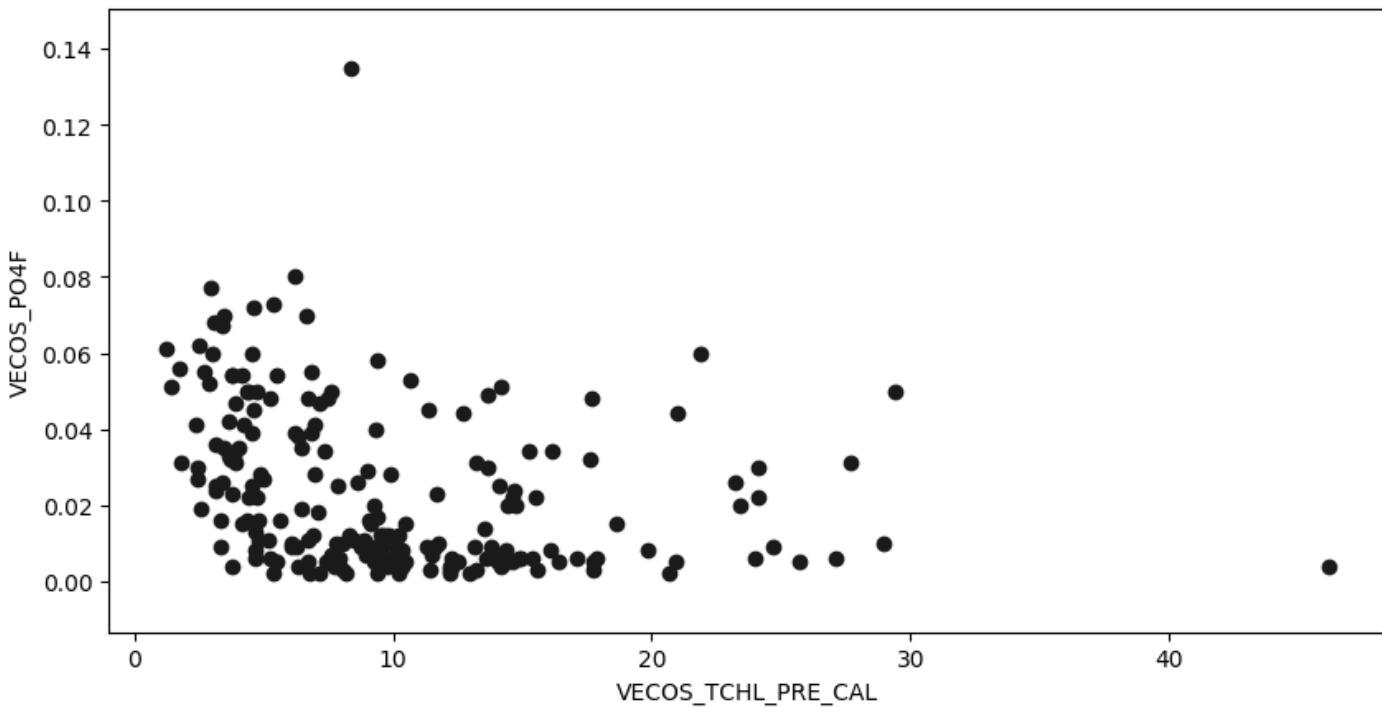


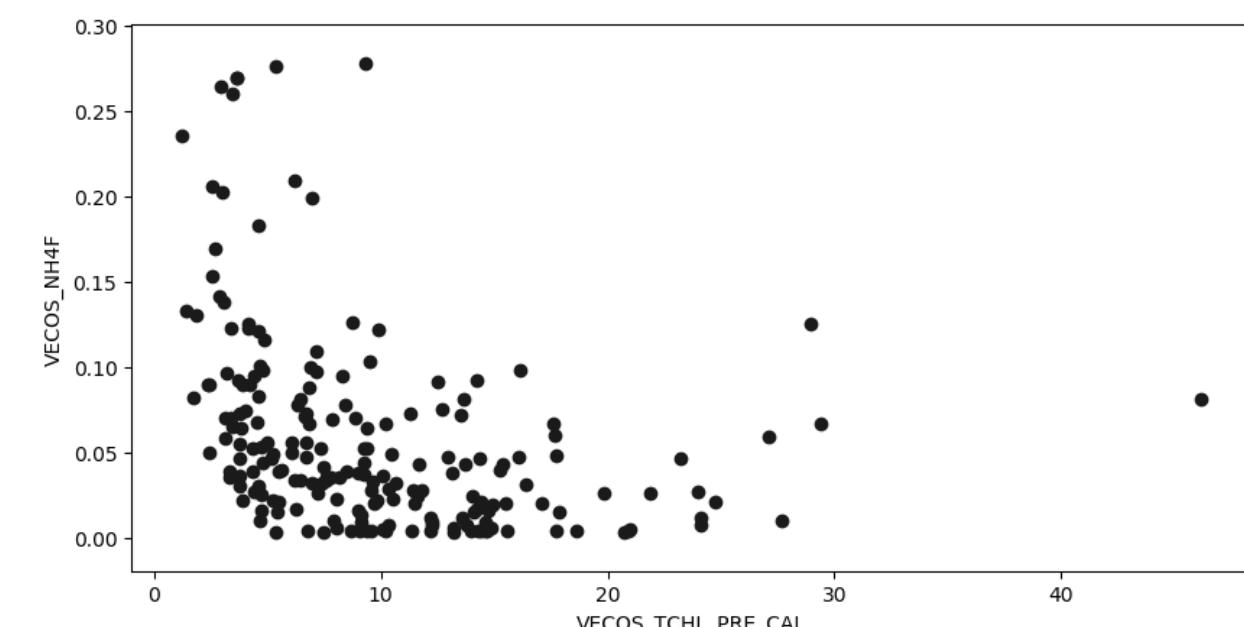
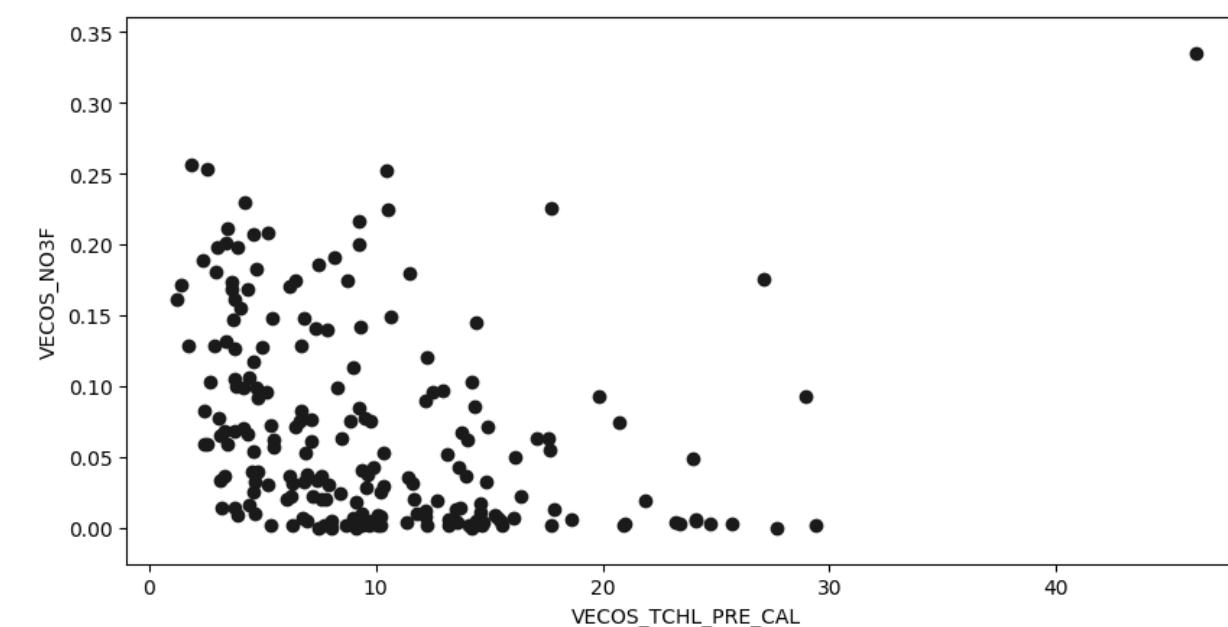
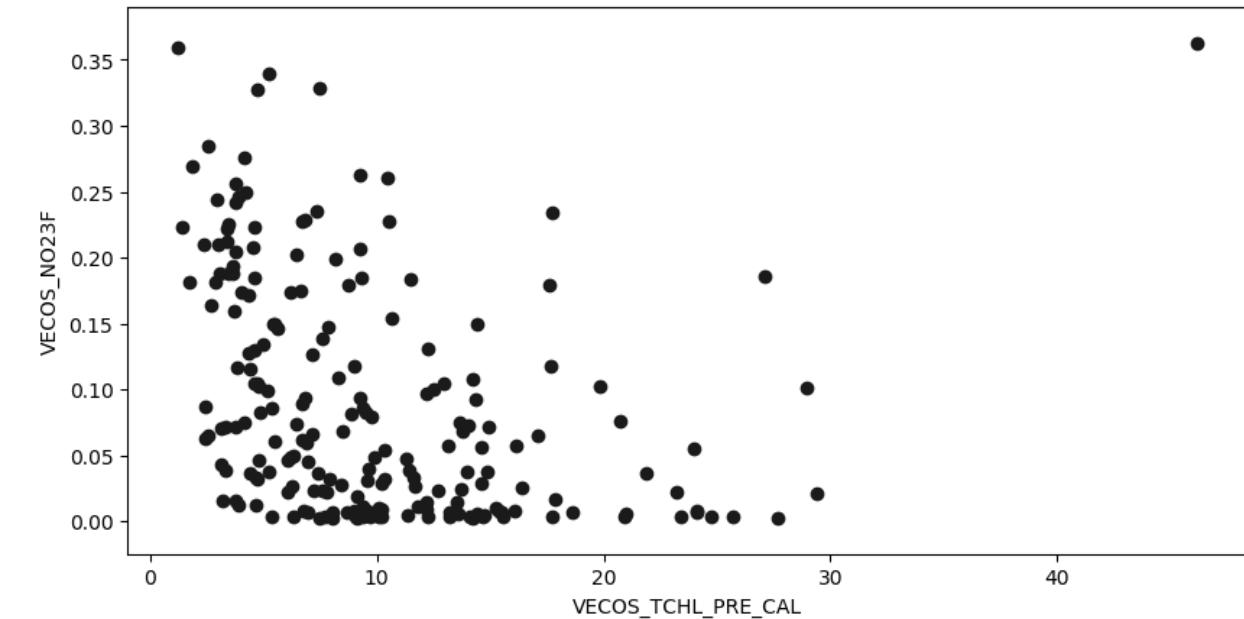
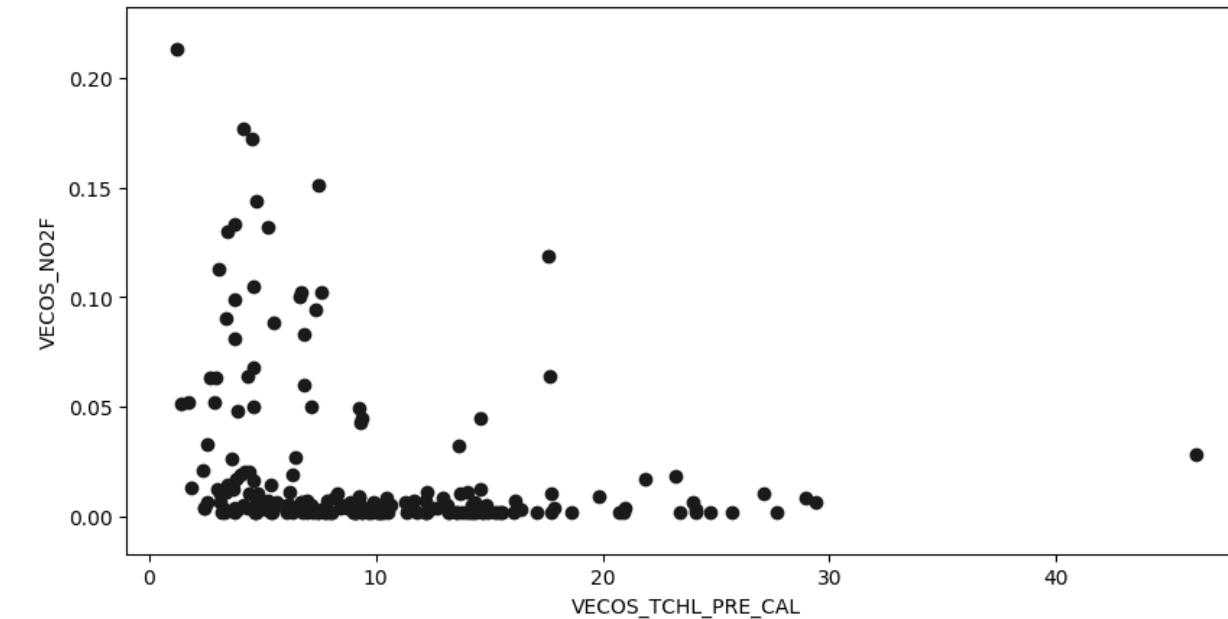
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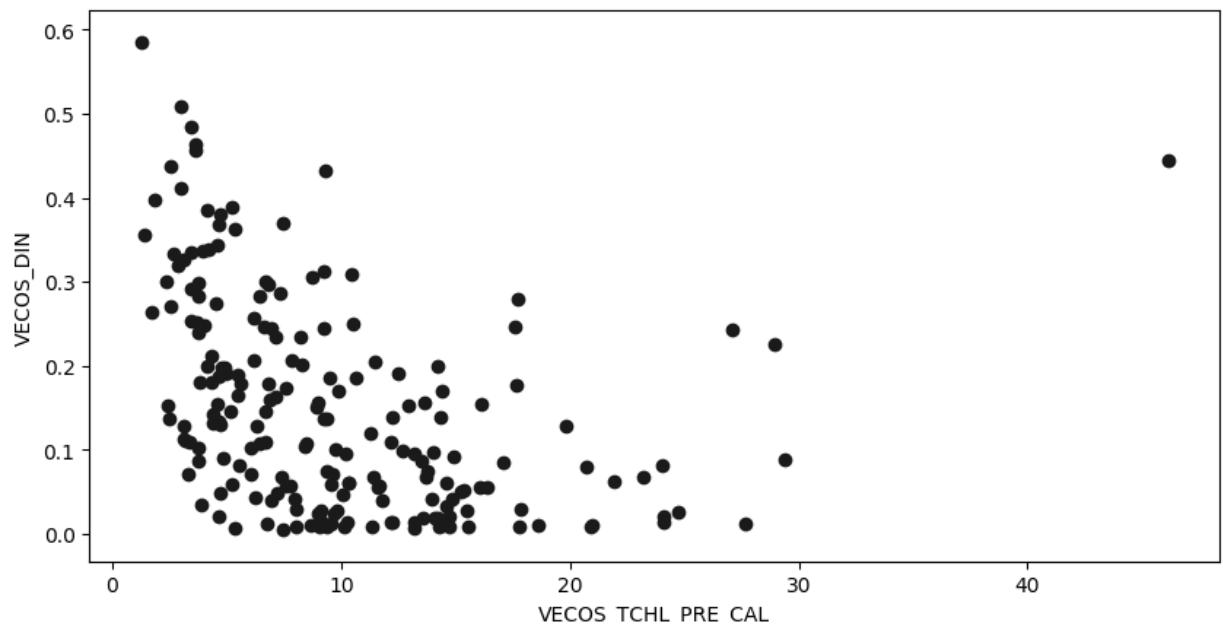
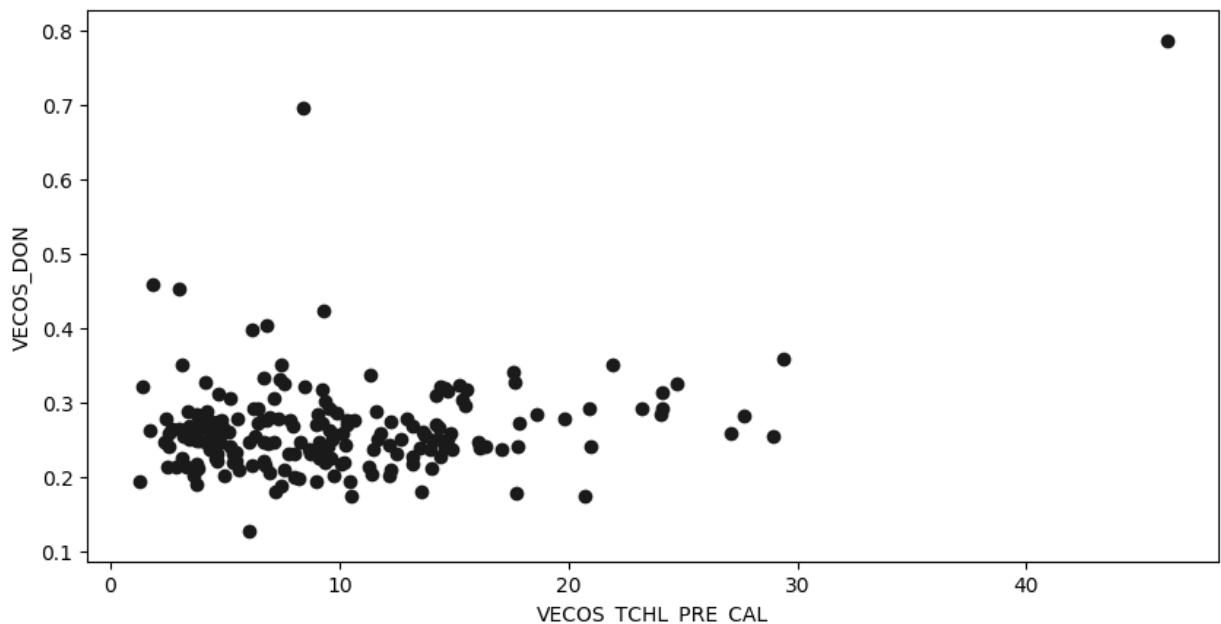
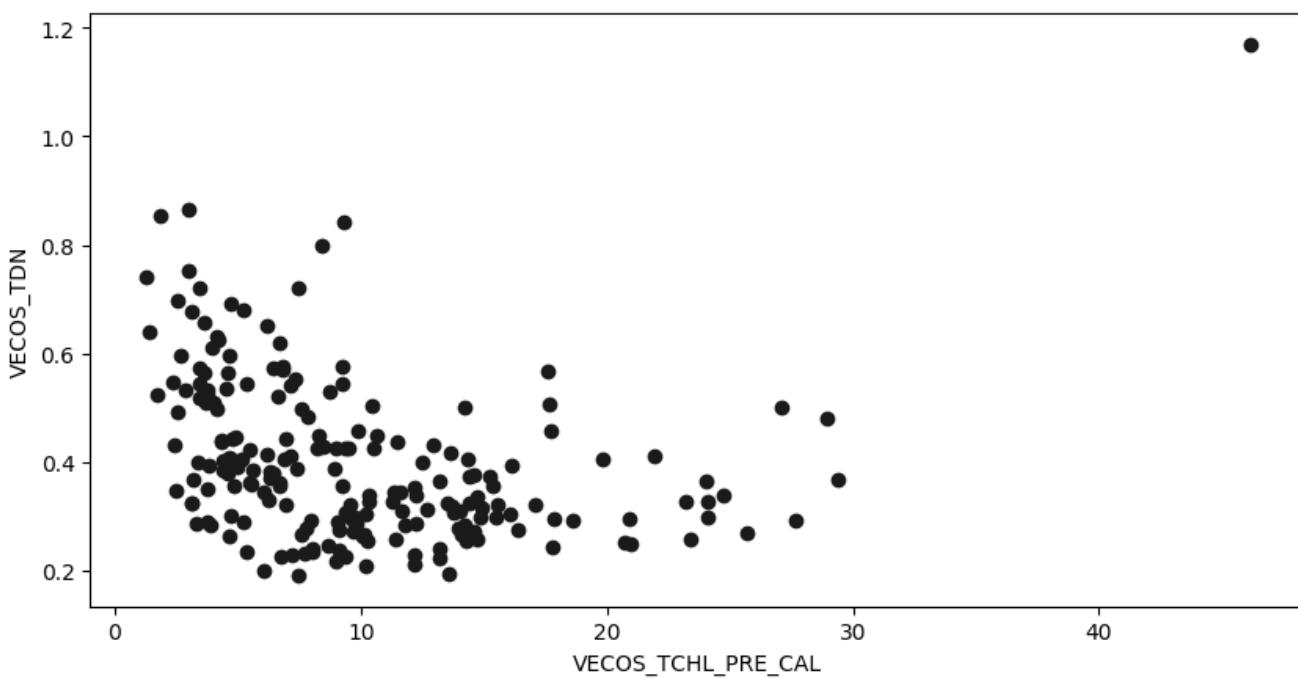


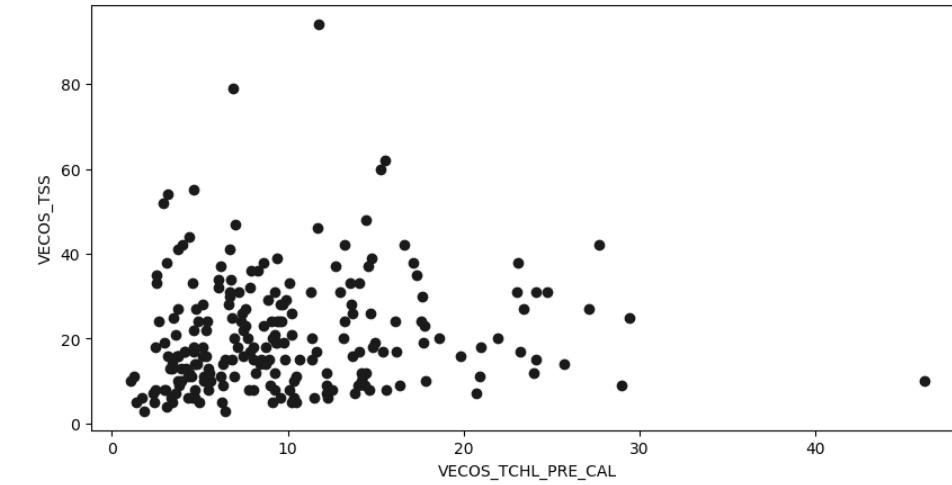
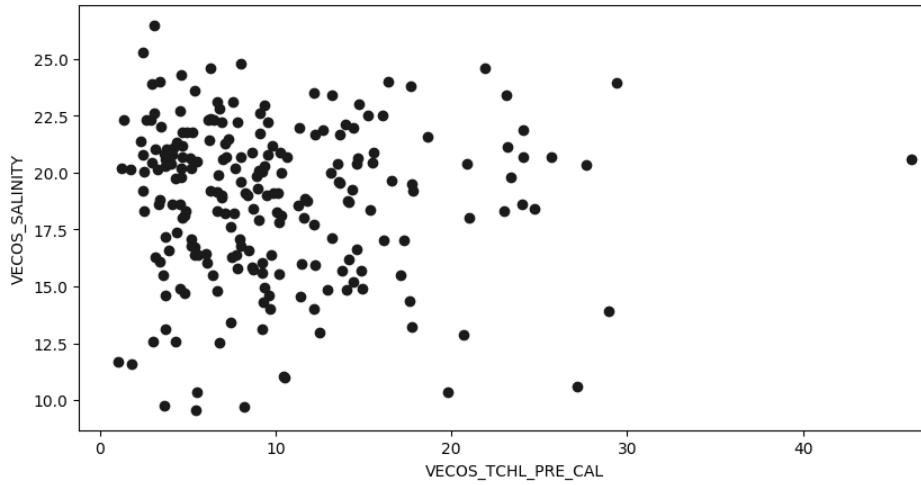
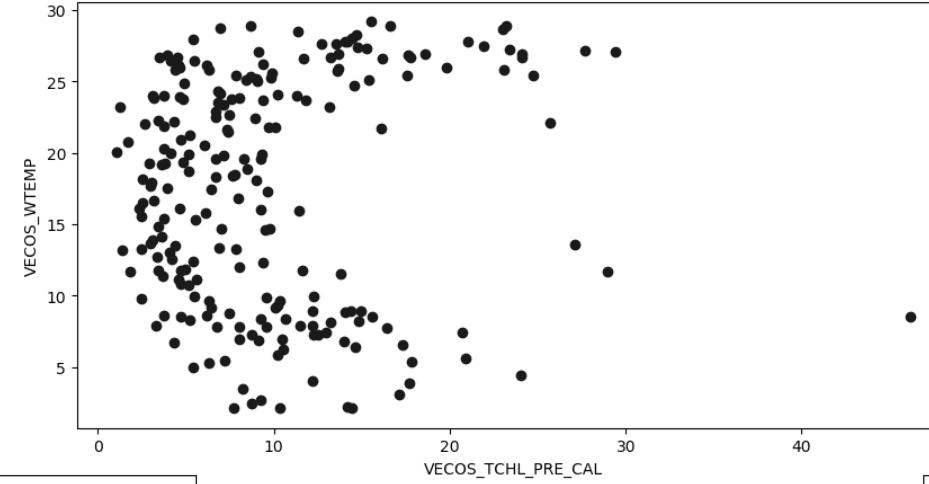
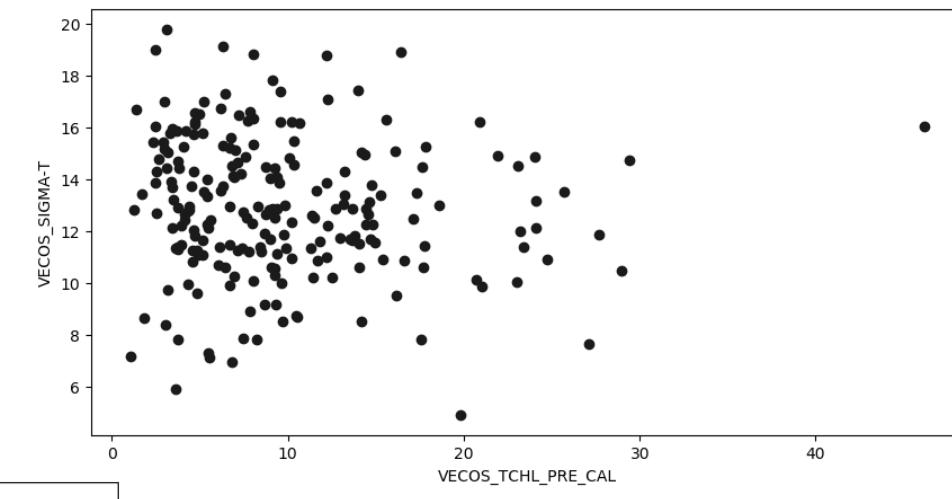
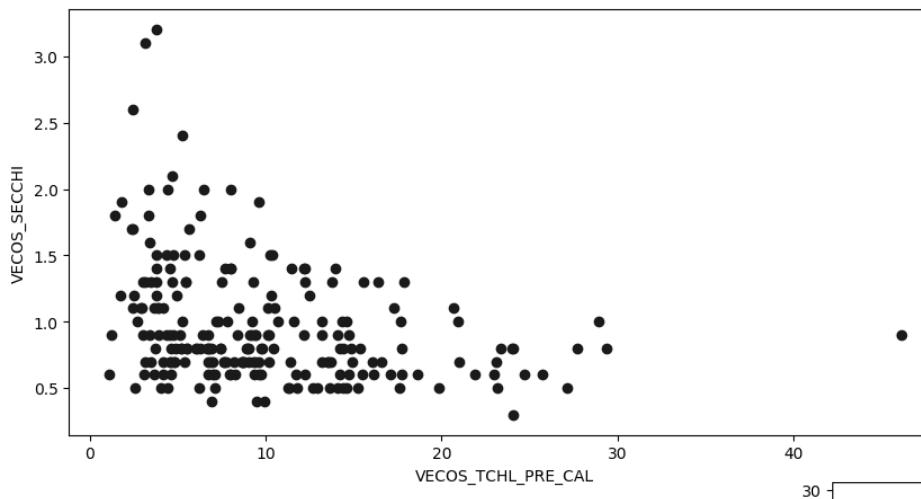


“correlation” plots of different water variables vs Chl. All values were measured in the long-term monitoring program at the Lafayette station.



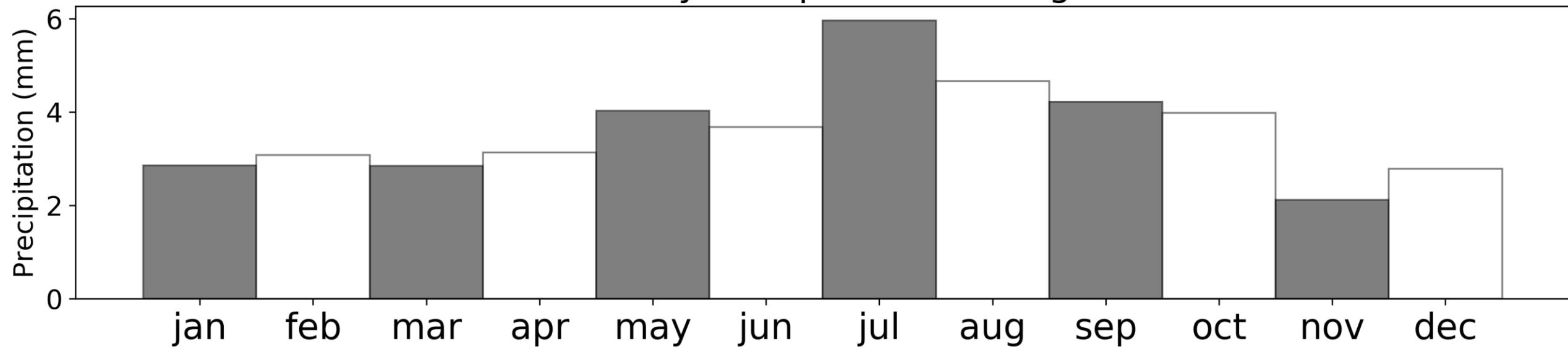






Weather data (i.e. rain) from different sources  
near the NYCC/laf01 sampling station

## monthly Precipitation average



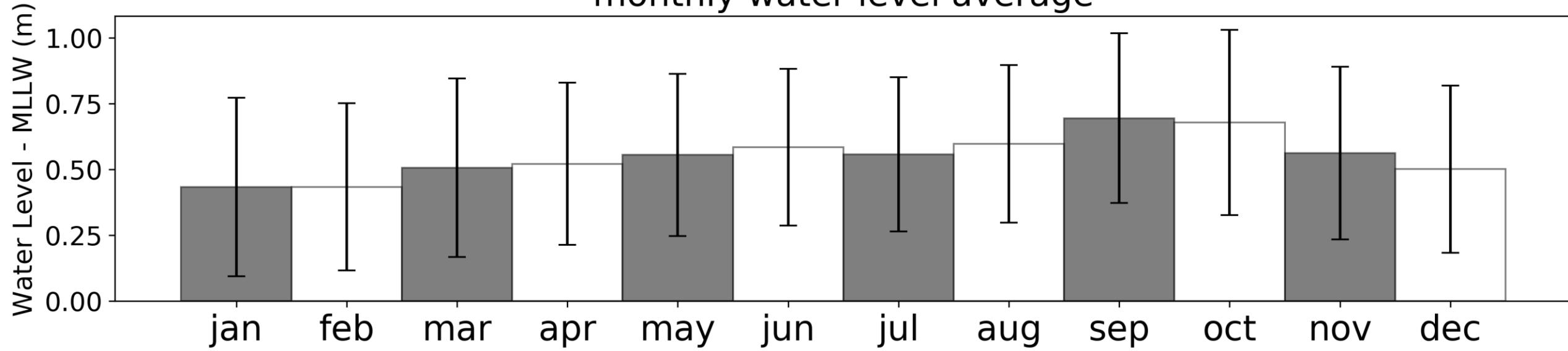
## NFK international airport data (wind/precipitation)

Data is publicly available at <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdo-web/cart>

Station name: NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, VA US Station ID: GHCND:USW00013737

Data contains daily average of wind speed and wind direction, and daily values of accumulated precipitation.

## monthly water level average



## Water level from the NOAA station at Sewells Point

Data is publicly available at

<https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/phyocean.html?bdate=20190101&edate=20191231&units=metric&tmezone=GMT&id=8638610&interval=h&action=data>

Station name: Sewell's Point, VA Station ID: 8638610

Data contains hourly measurements of water level. The page only allows you to download 365 days of data. Therefore, you need to download manually each year if more than one is required.

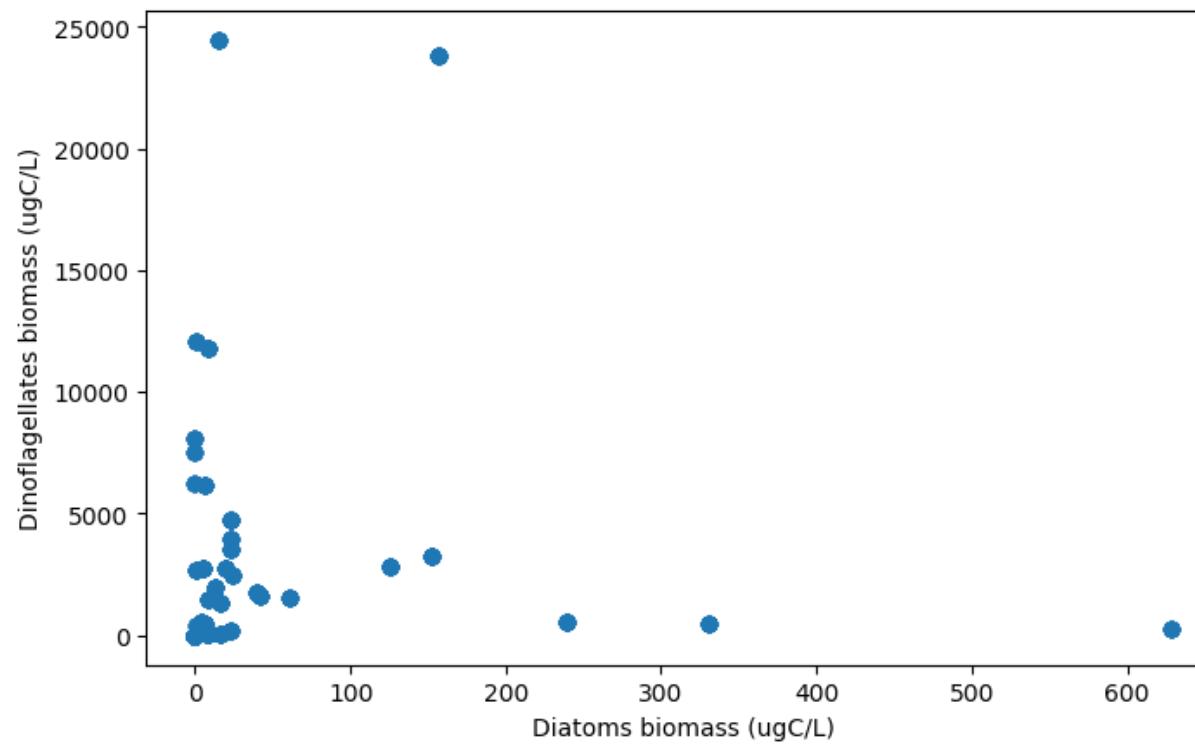
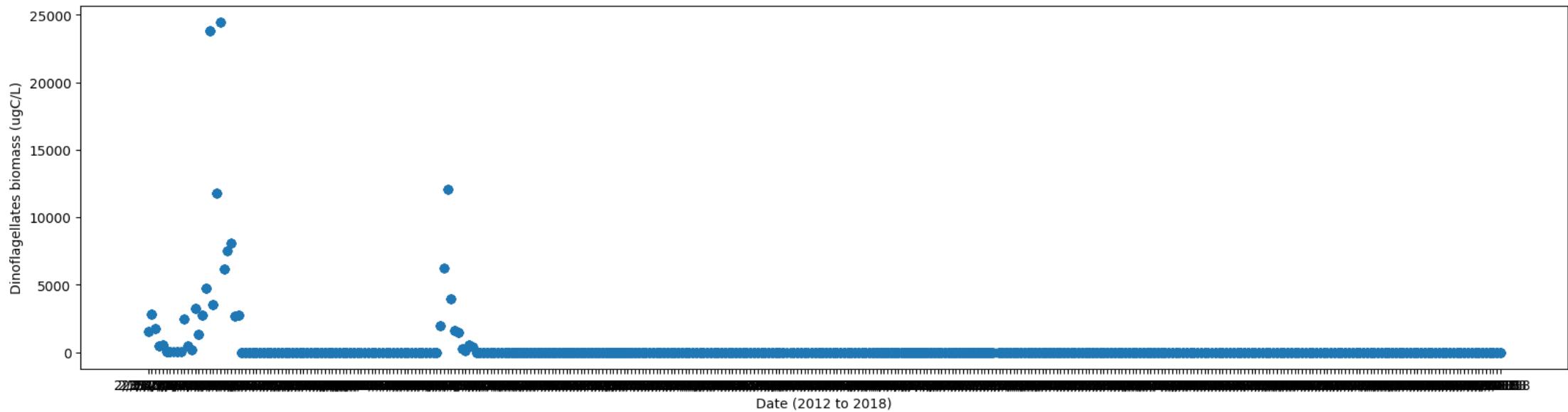
# Daily Sampling – Cell counts



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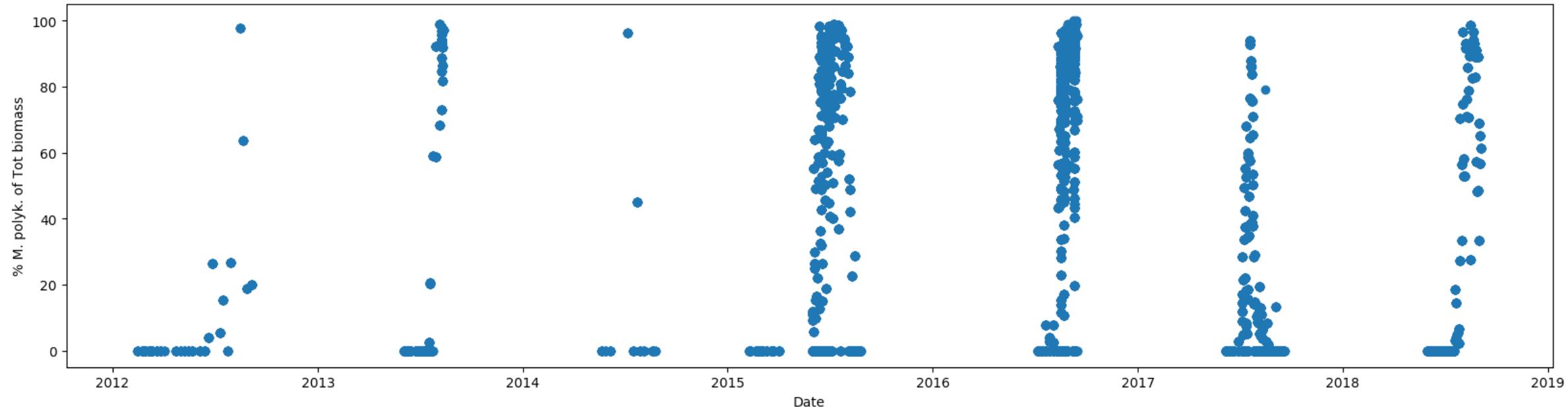
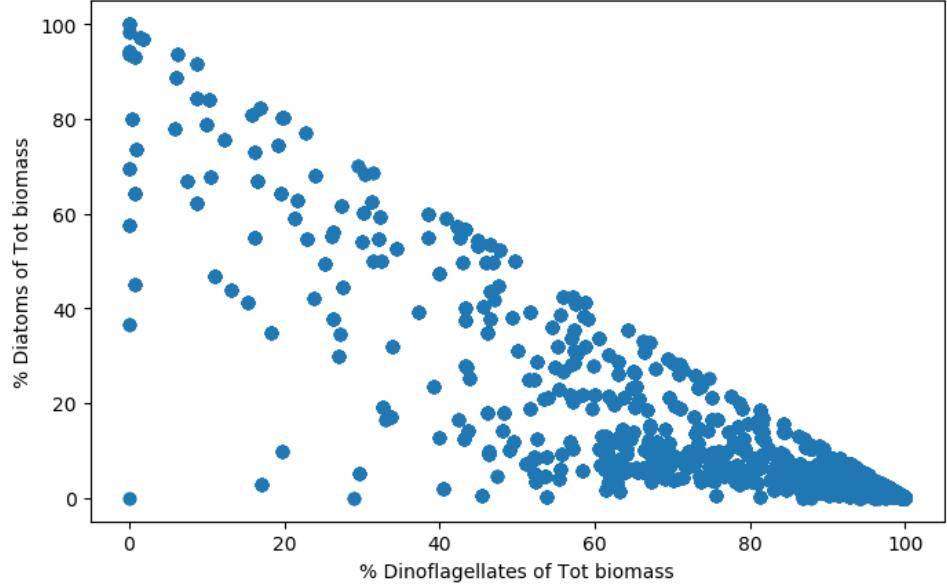
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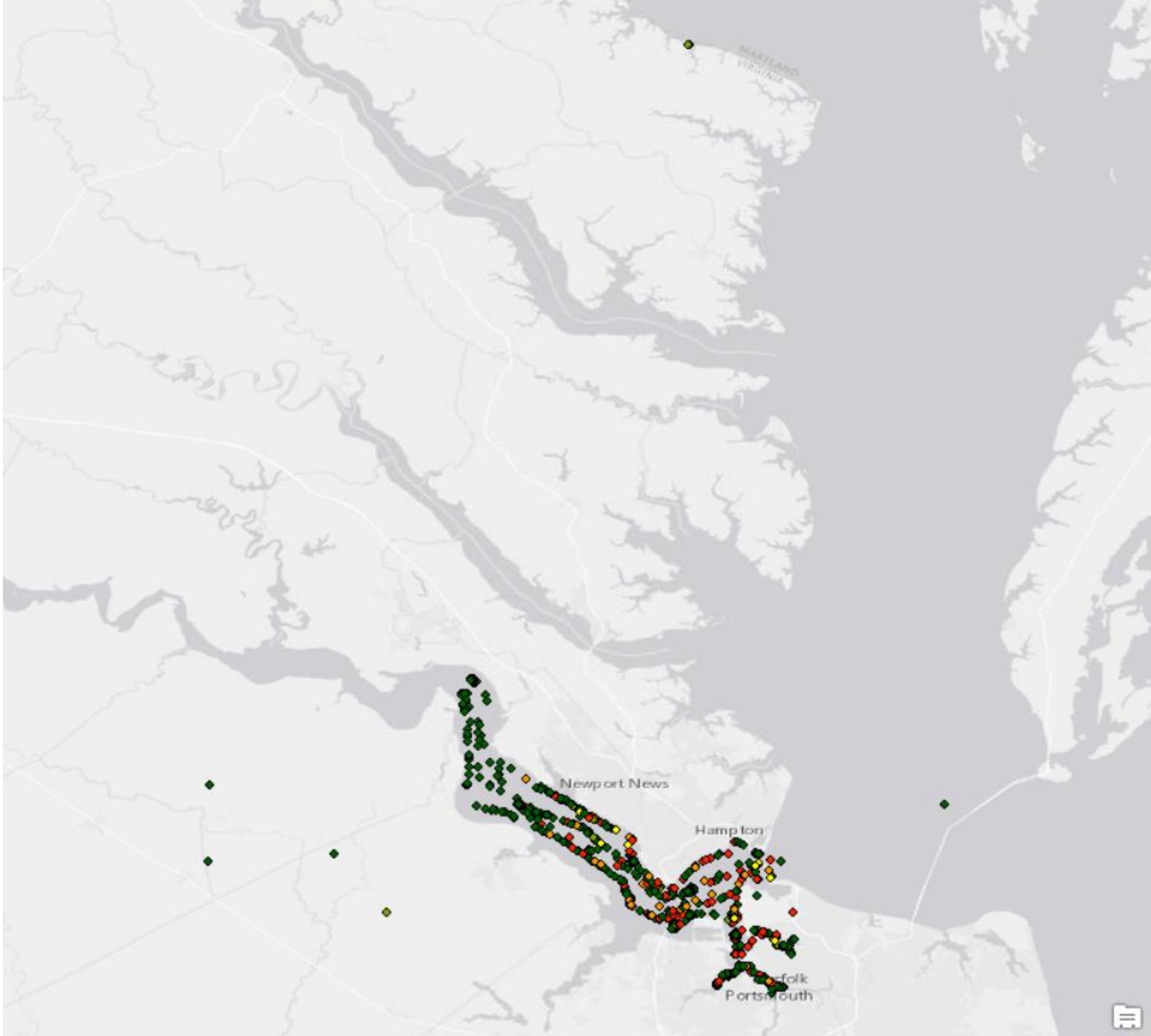


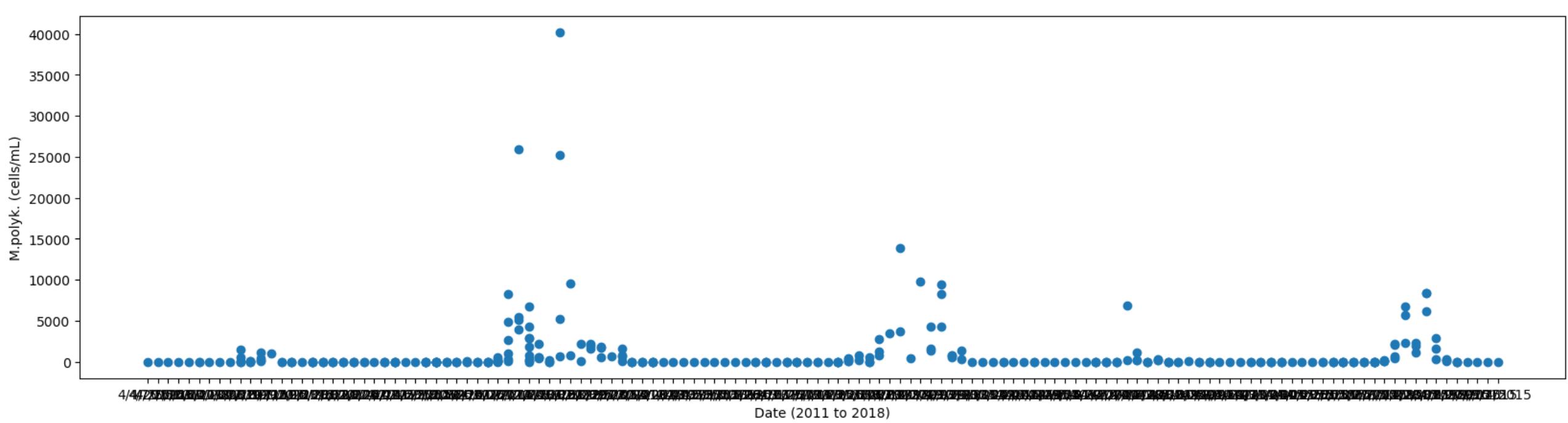
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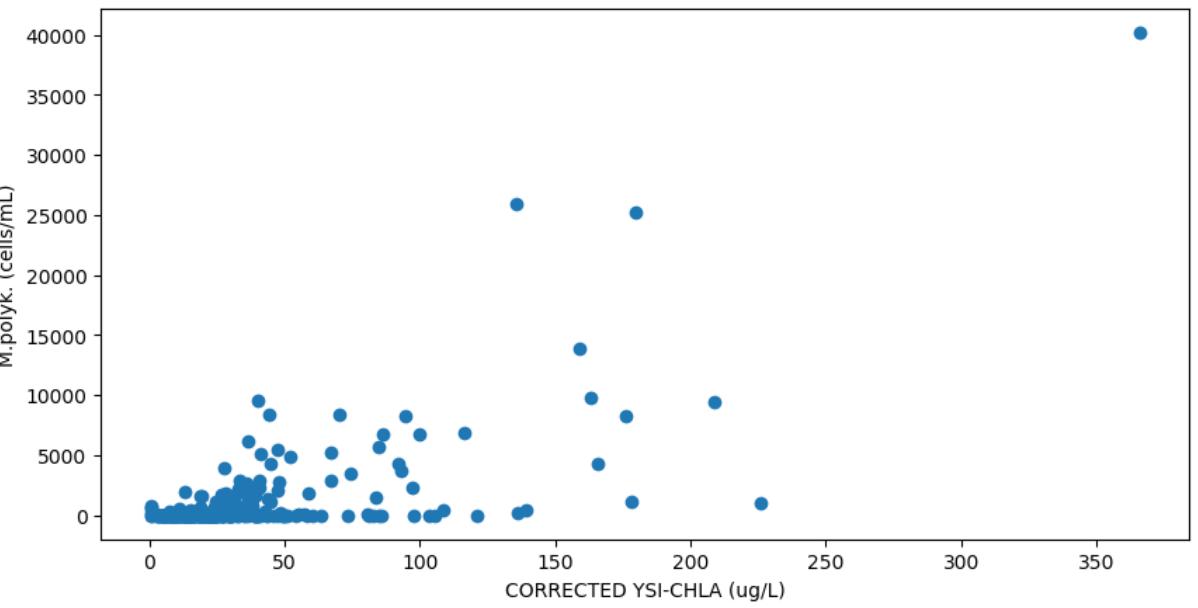
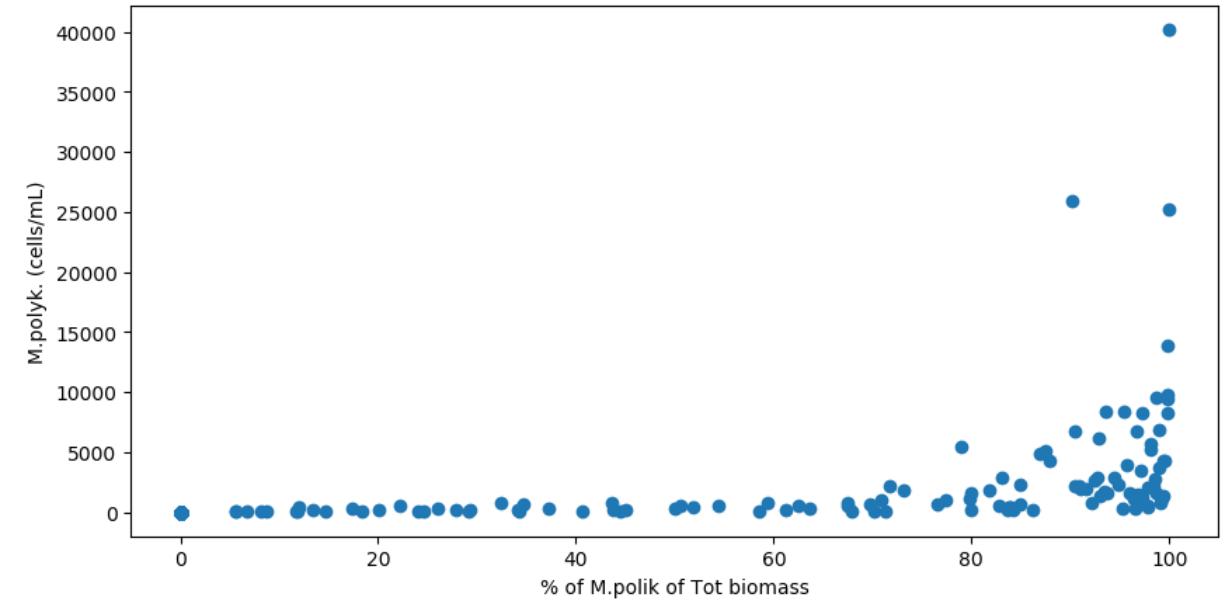
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# Cell counts from dataFLOW transects







# Data-FLOW transects through the Lafayette river (2008 – 2015)



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200.000001 - 410.300000

Summary\_dataFLOW\_LAFMH.csv Events

TCHL\_PRE\_CAL

- ◆ 1.500000 - 20.000000
- ◆ 20.000001 - 40.000000
- ◆ 40.000001 - 100.000000
- ◆ 100.000001 - 200.000000
- ◆ 200.000001 - 410.300000

LAFMH\_04162012.csv Events

TCHL\_PRE\_CAL

- ◆ 4.600000 - 7.900000
- ◆ 7.900001 - 9.400000
- ◆ 9.400001 - 10.700000
- ◆ 10.700001 - 12.800000
- ◆ 12.800001 - 15.700000

LAFMH\_04162012.csv Events

LATITUDE

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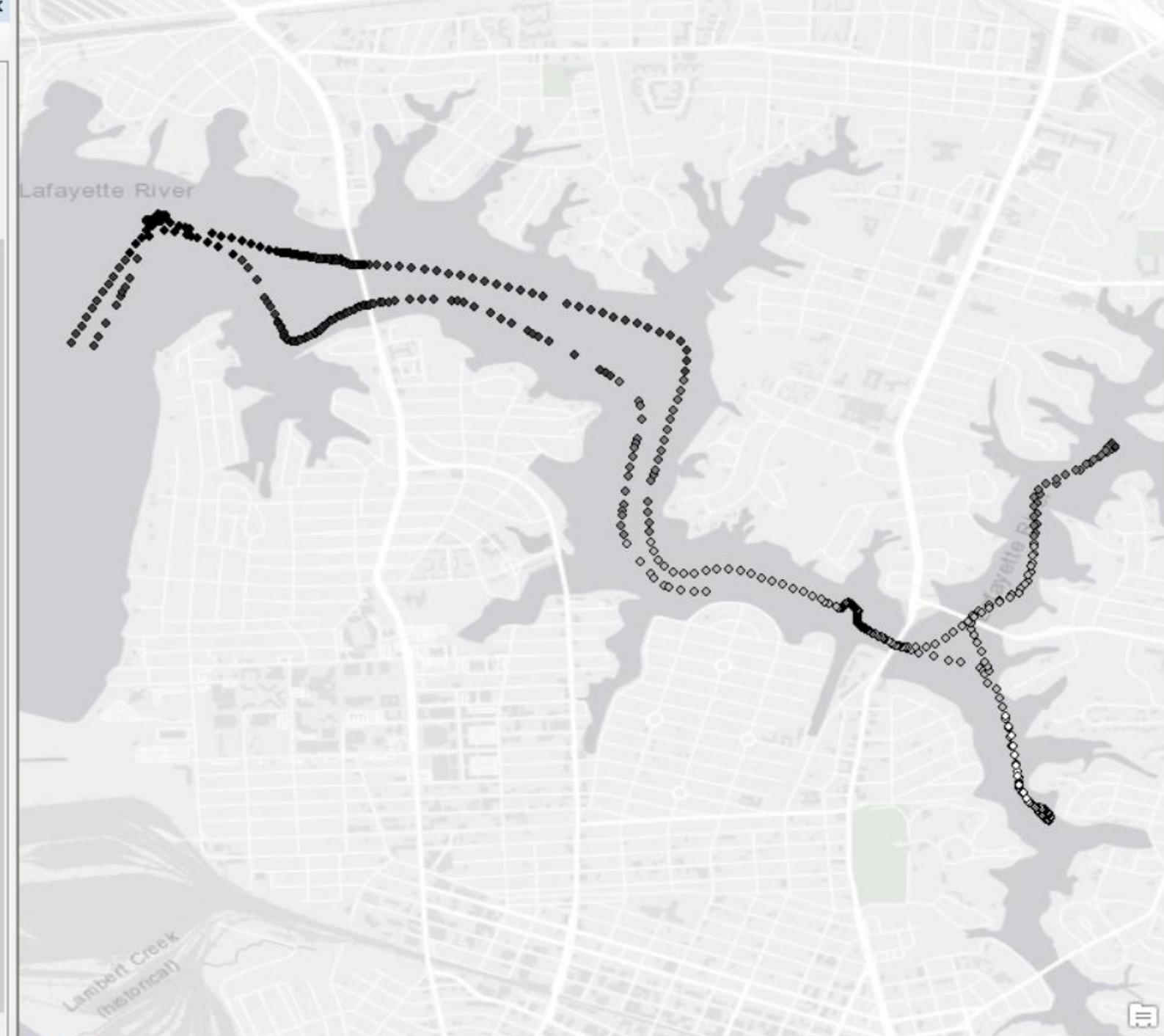
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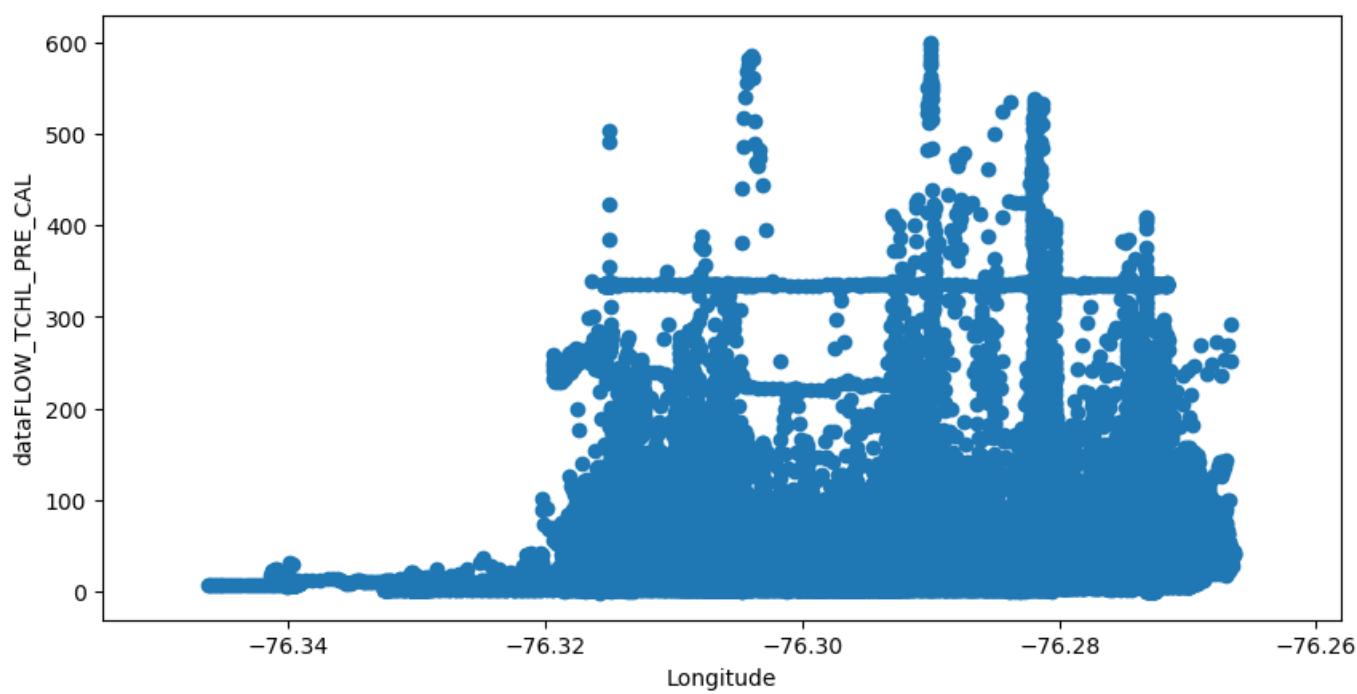
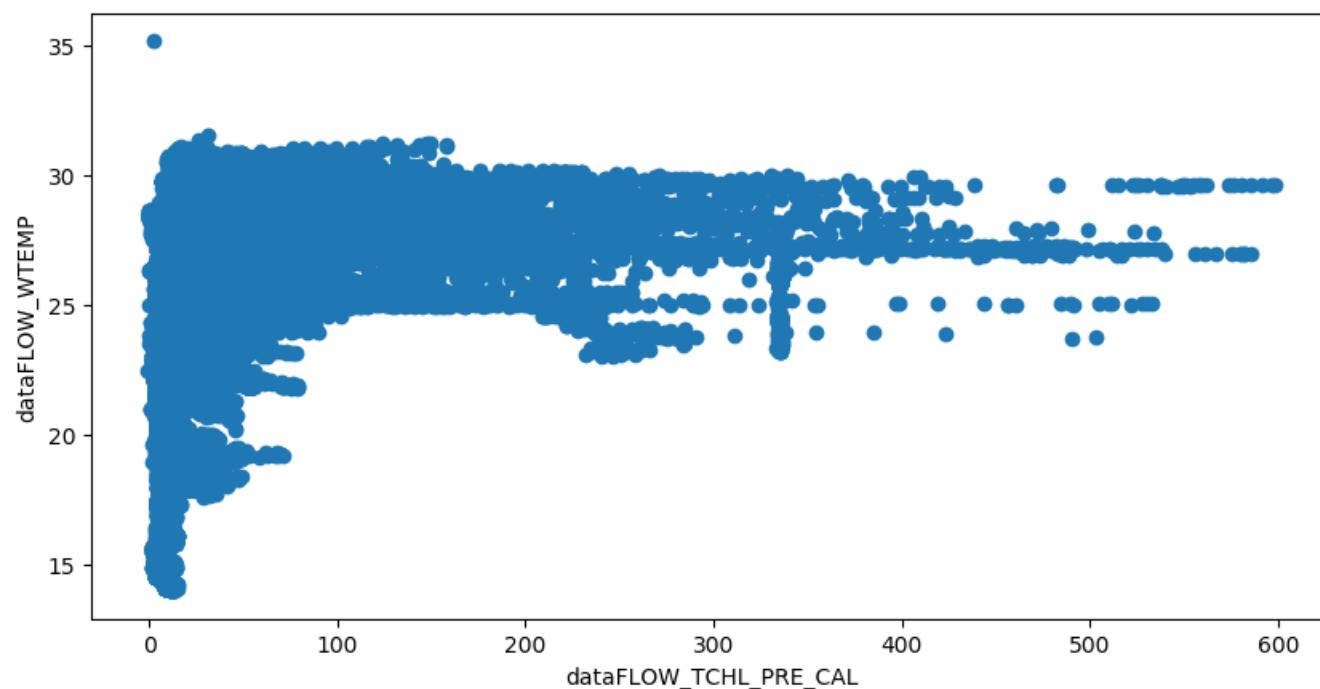
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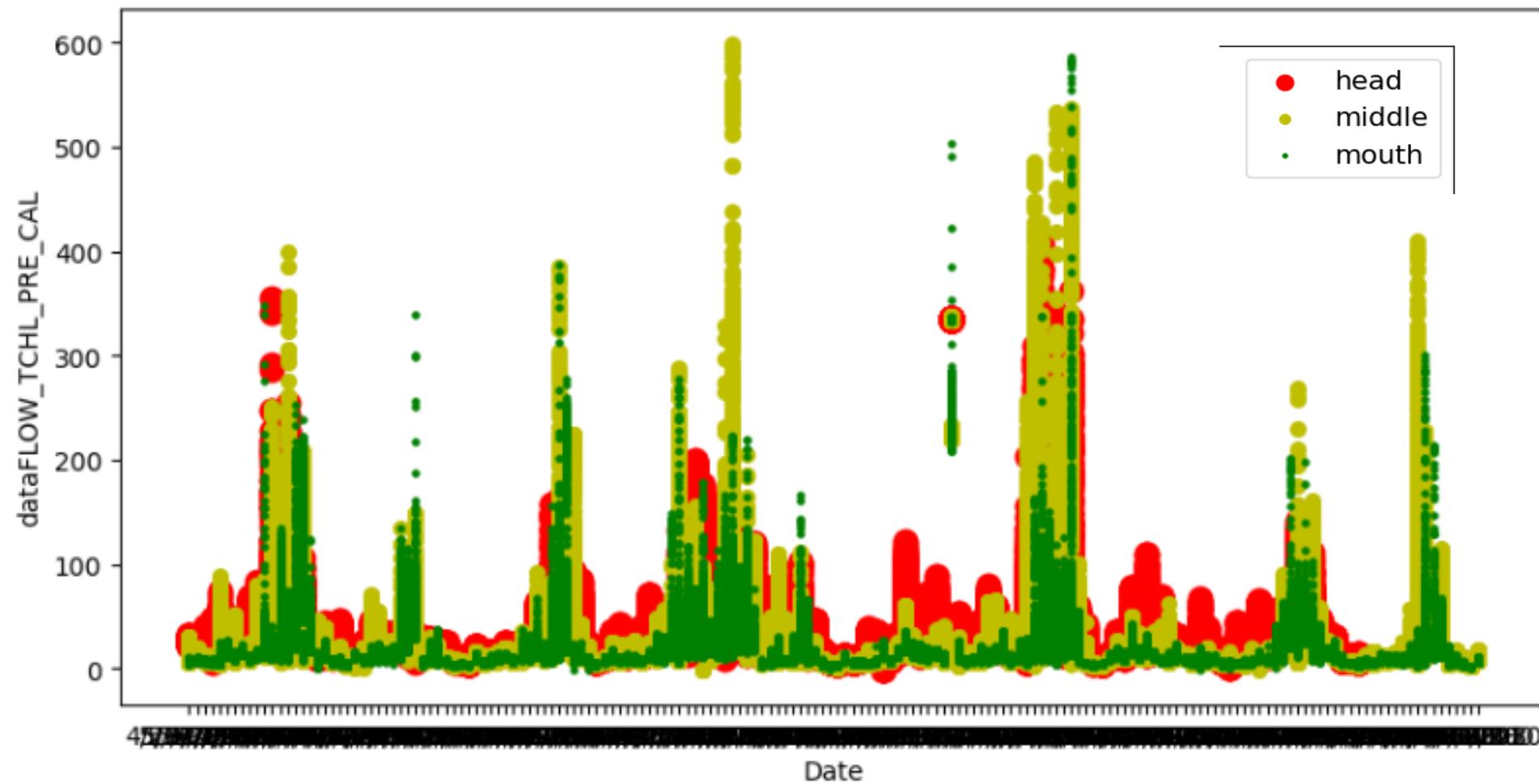
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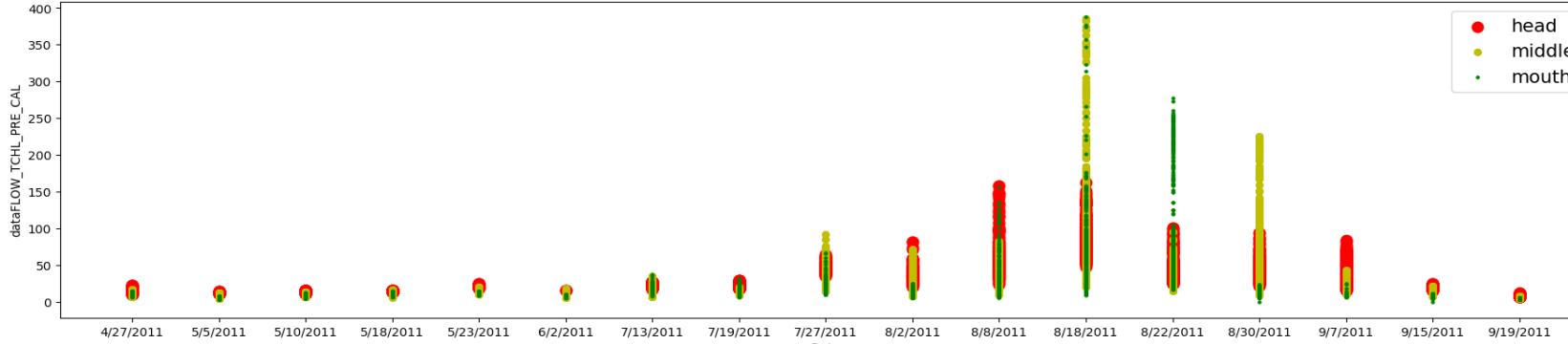
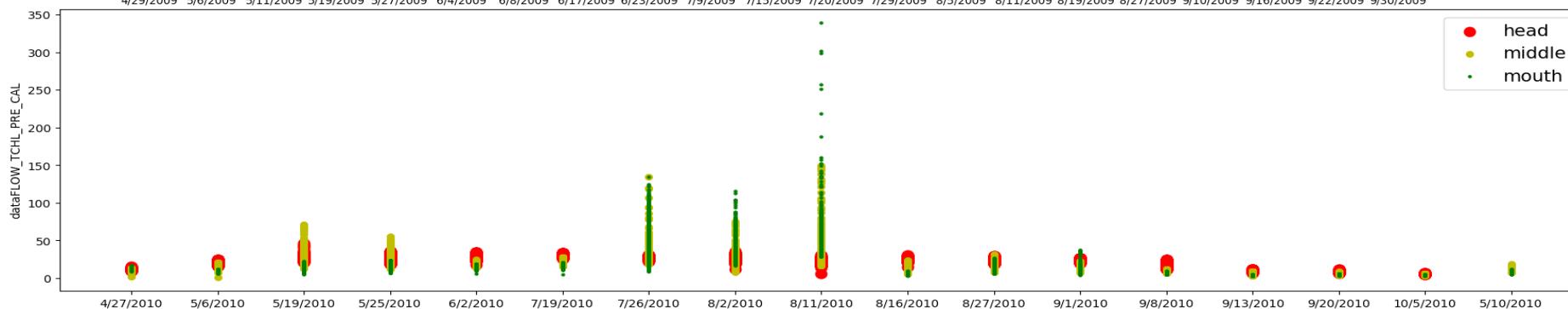
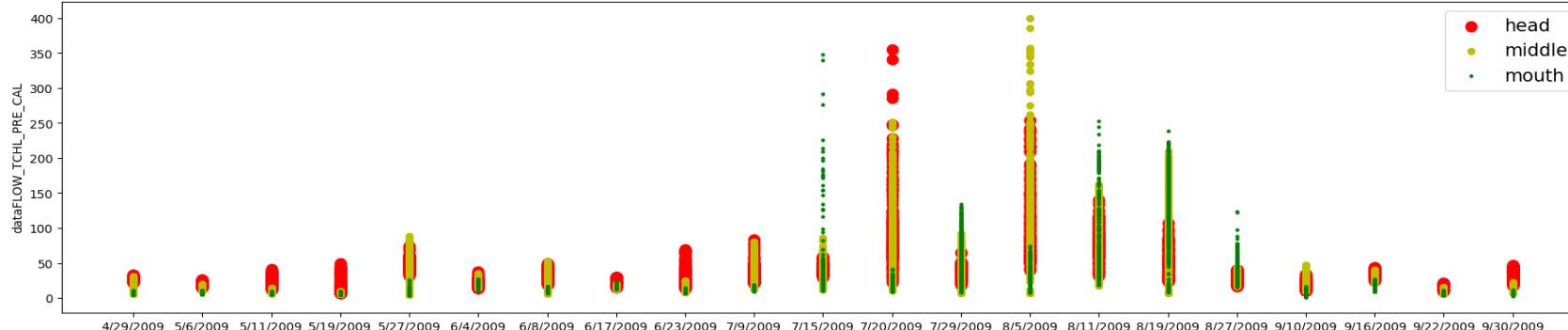
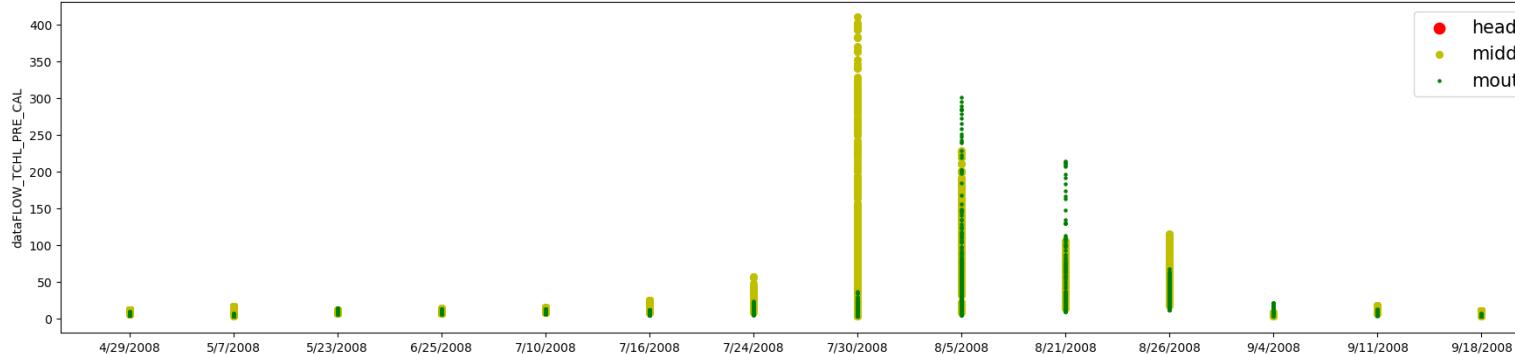
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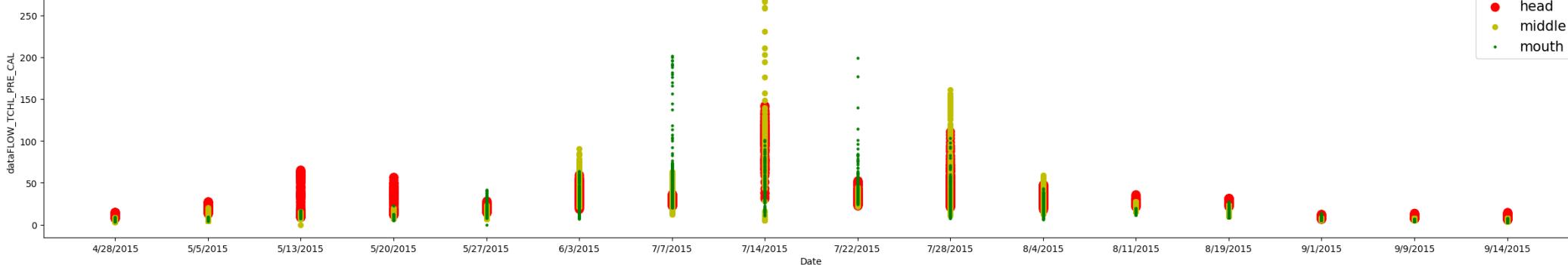
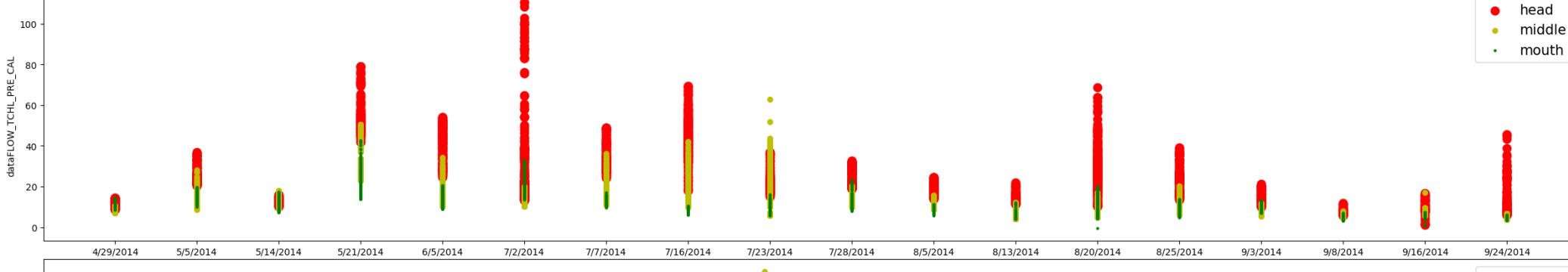
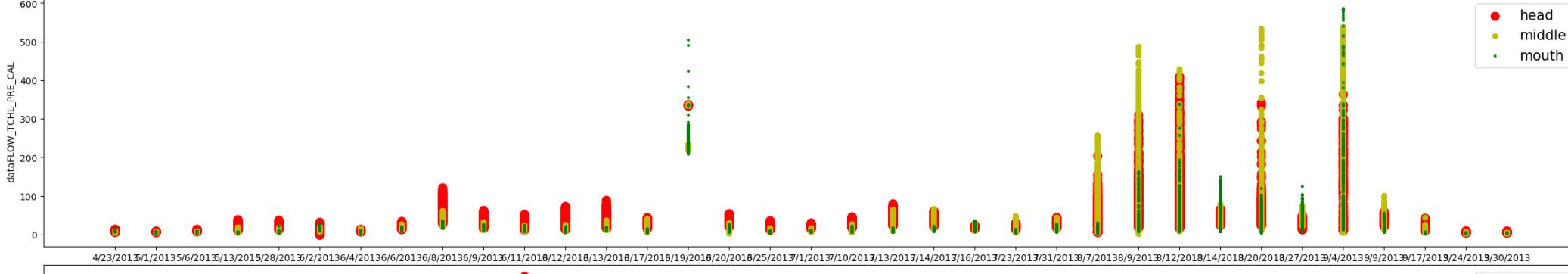
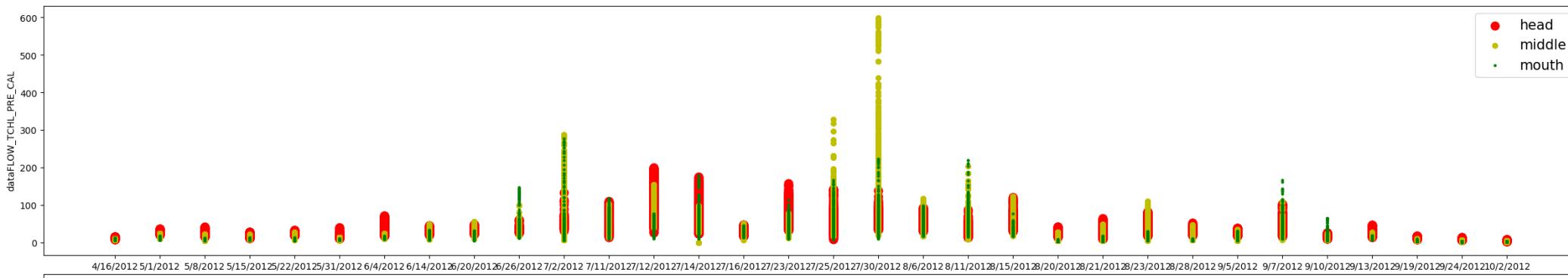




Chl measurements from 2008 to 2015 from dataFlow transects done along the James River. Data only includes the end of April to the beginning of October for a given year (longer datasets available online). Data is separated by longitude to attribute 'head', 'middle', and 'mouth' values. The coordinates used for this separations are arbitrary (observation in a map).



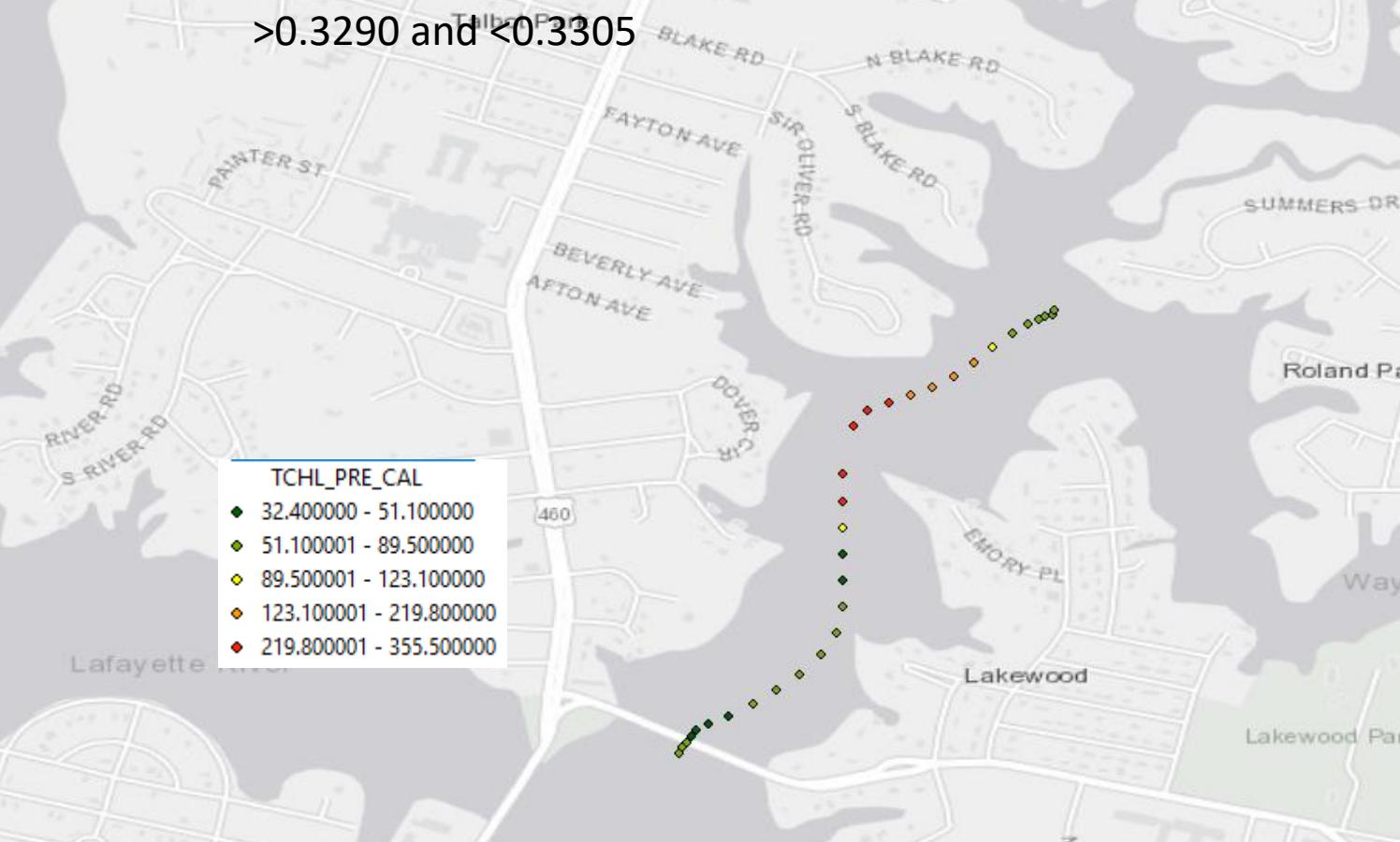
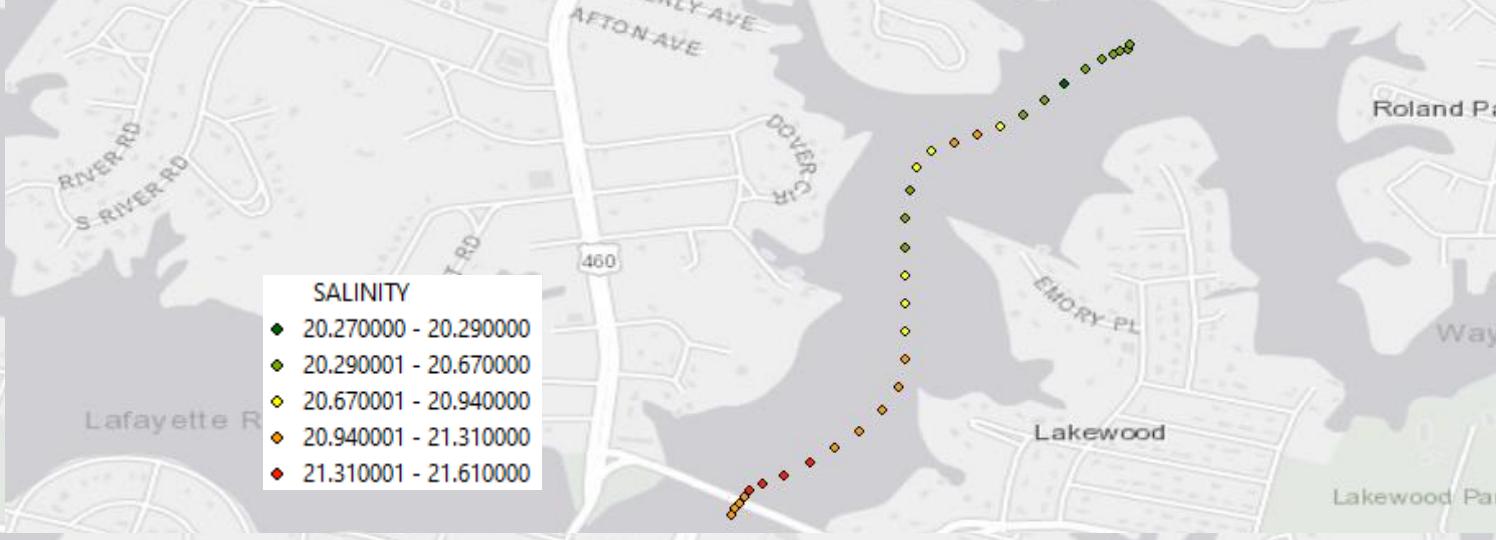
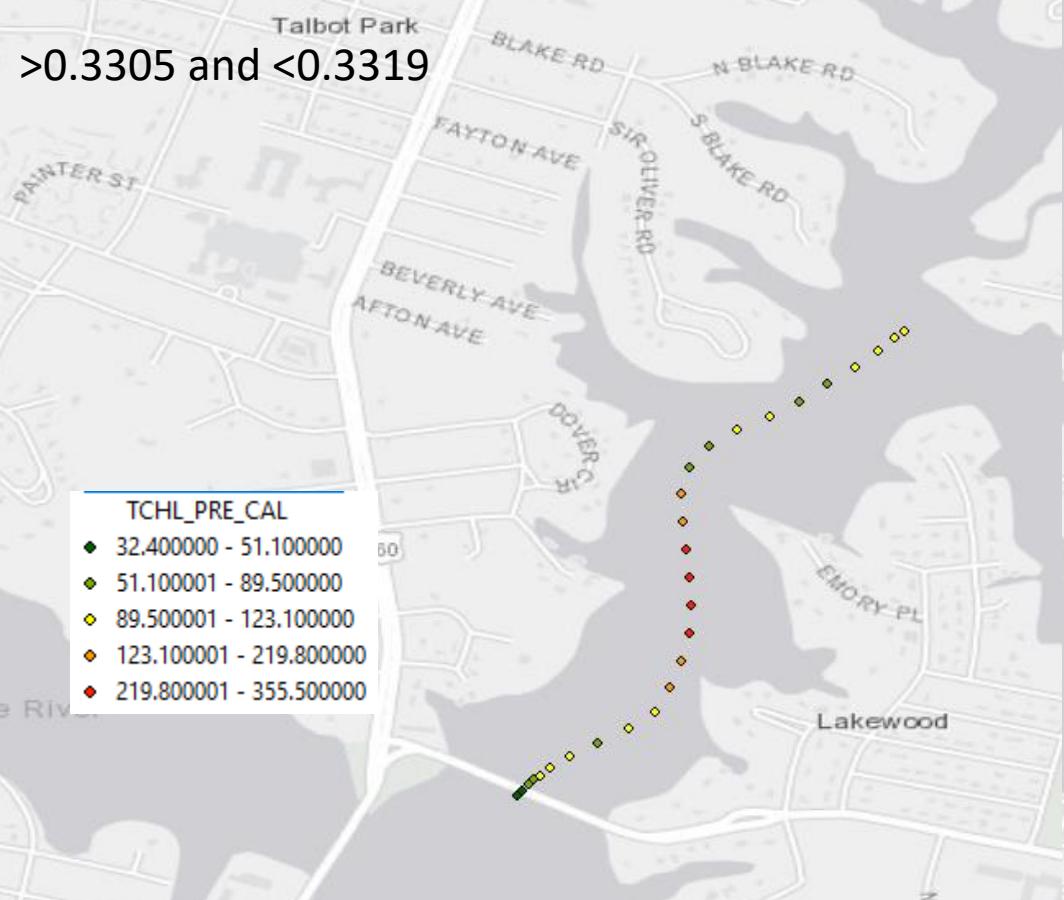
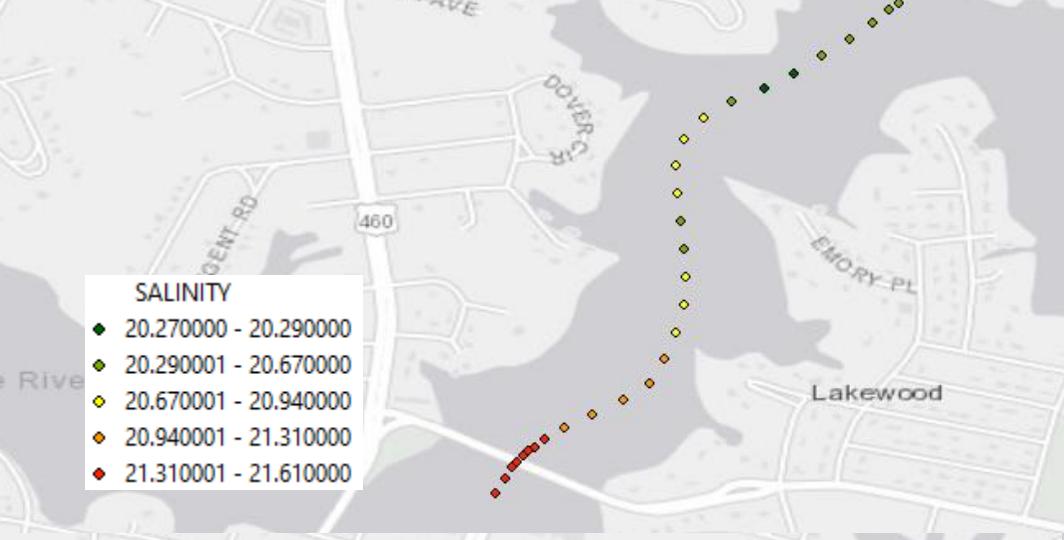


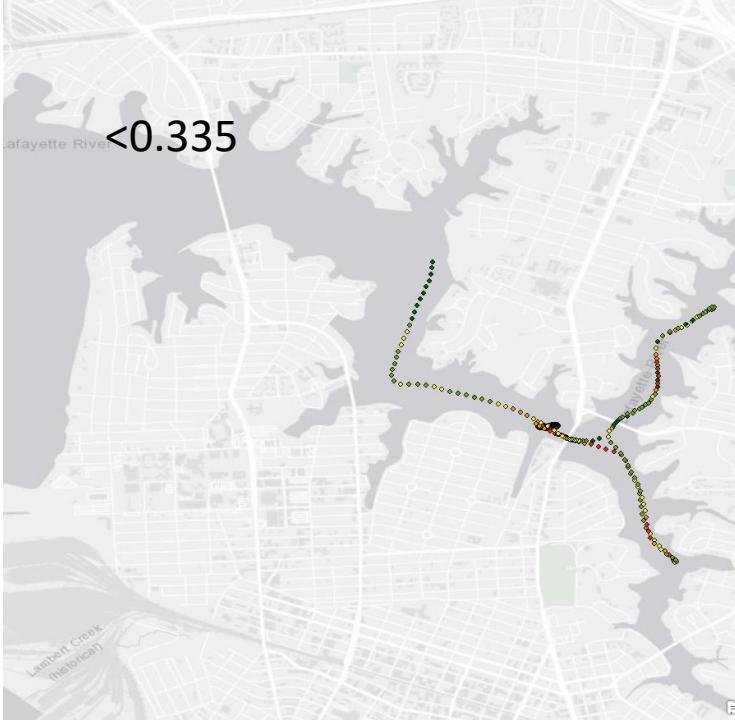
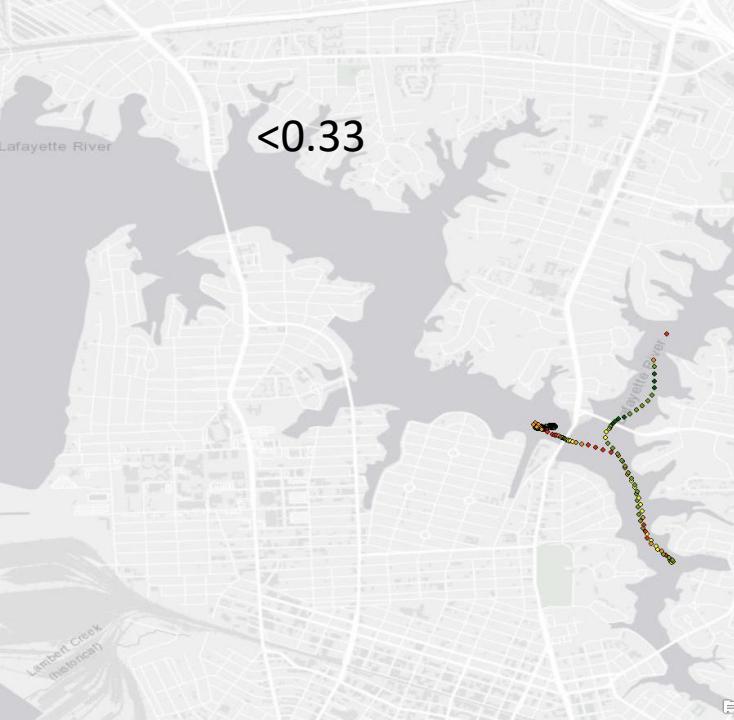


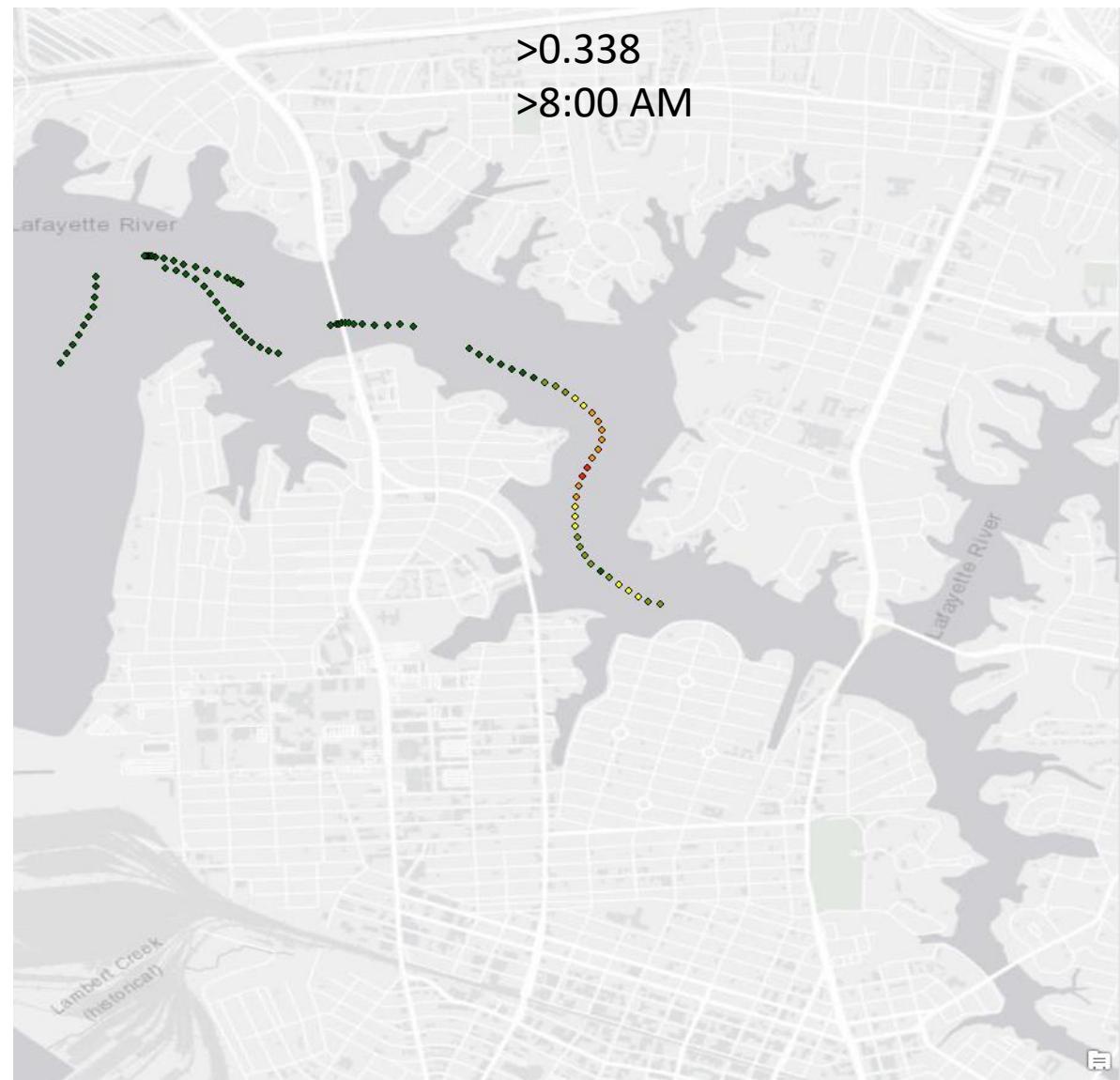
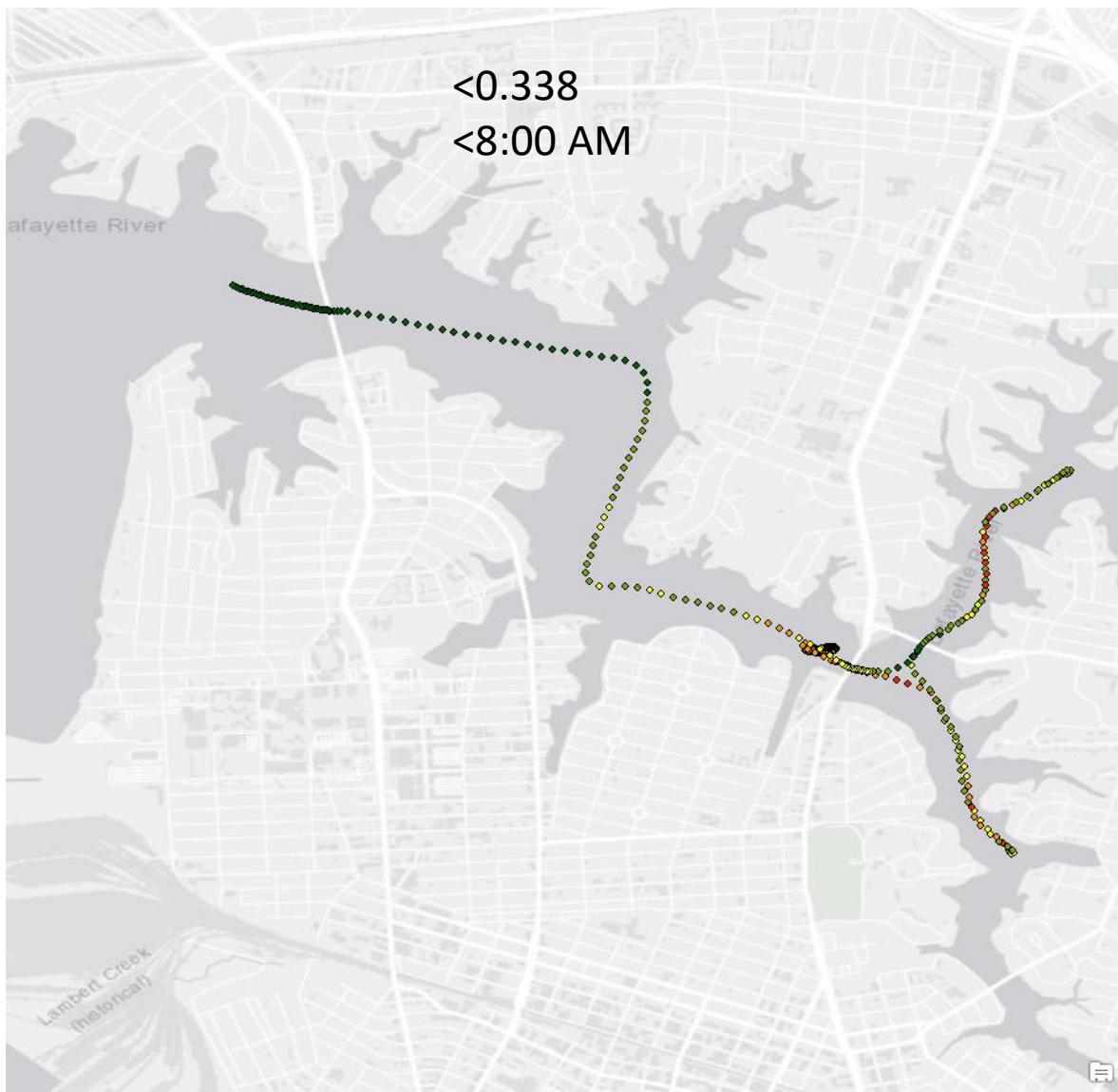


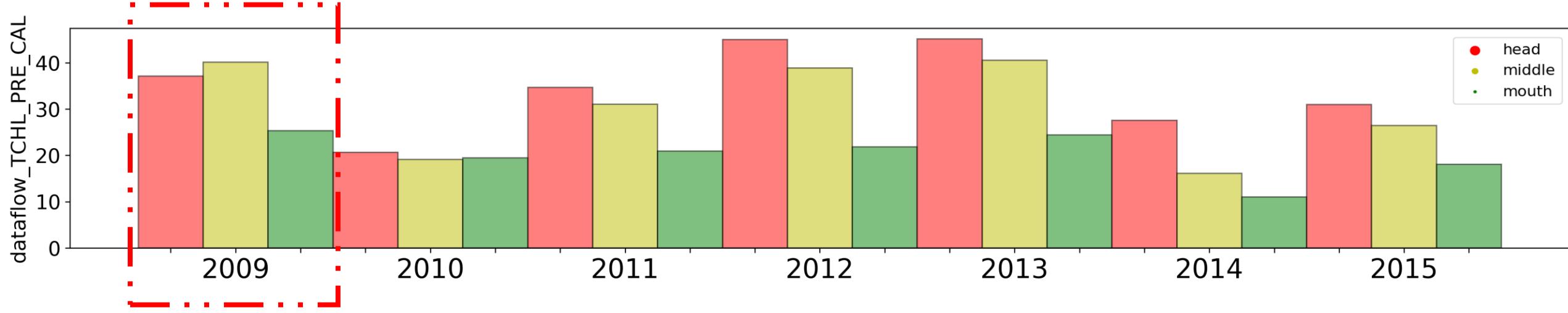
dataFLOW transects. Individual circles represent points at which samples were collected. (right) Chl, (middle) Salinity, and (left) sampling time. It can be seen that high Chl concentrations move through the mouth along with salinity during the latest transect done





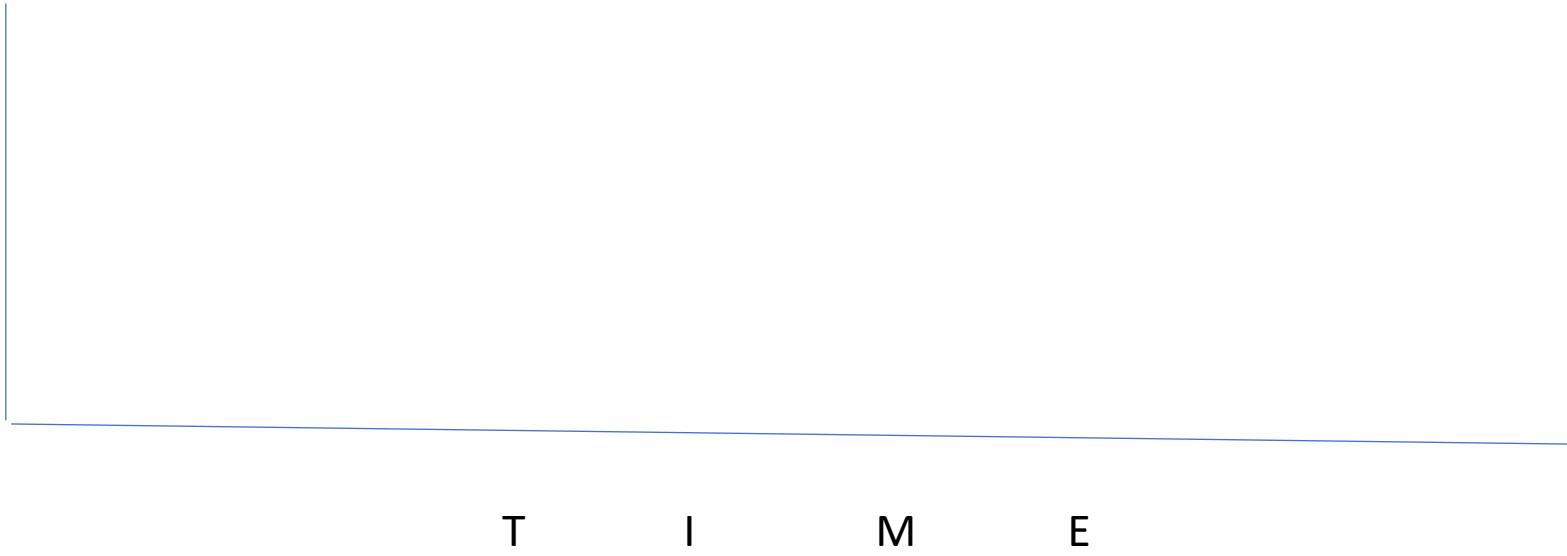




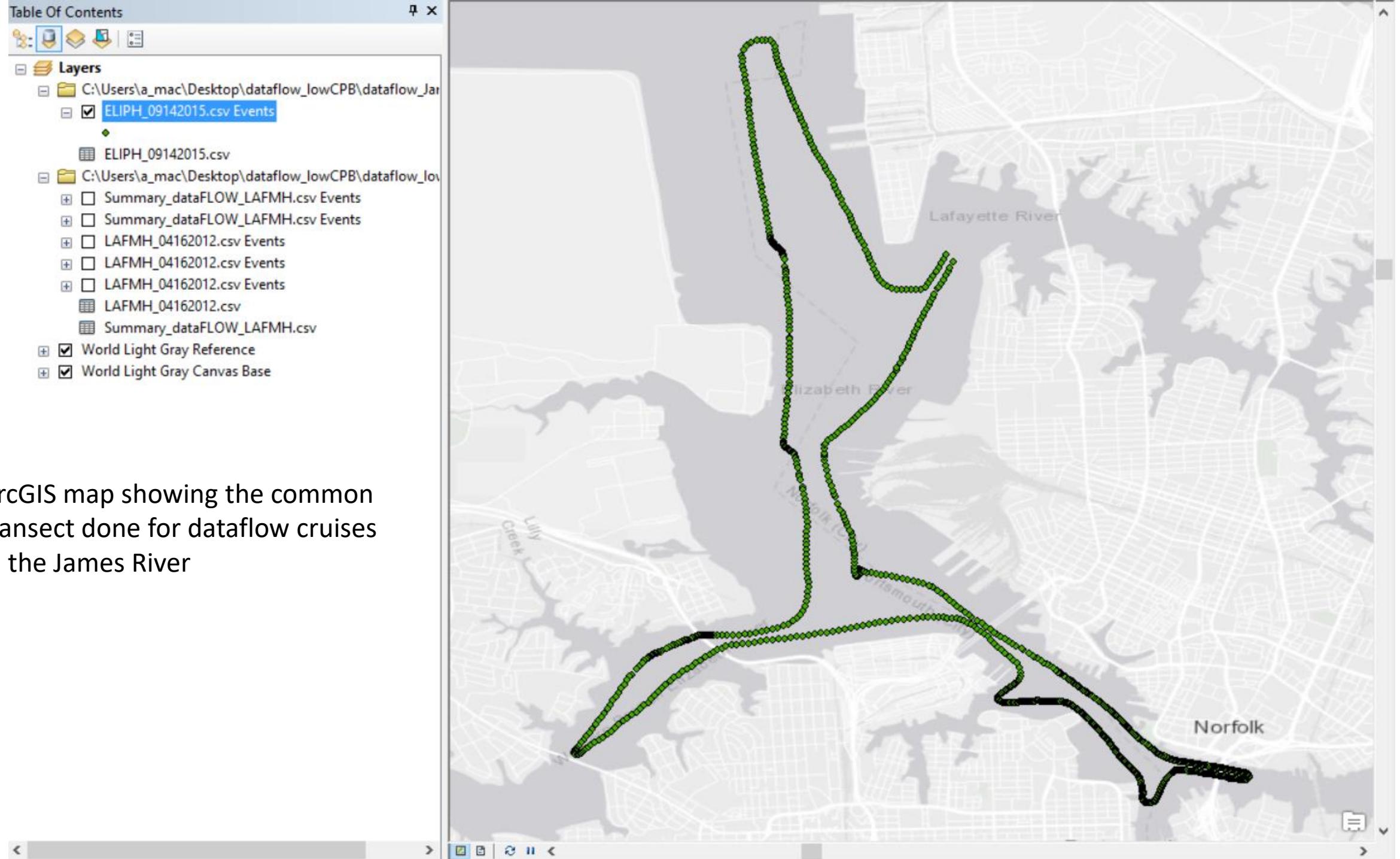


In only one case mid is higher than head (2009). In the rest of the years, head has the highest concentrations and mouth the lowest (confirmation of initiation at head?)

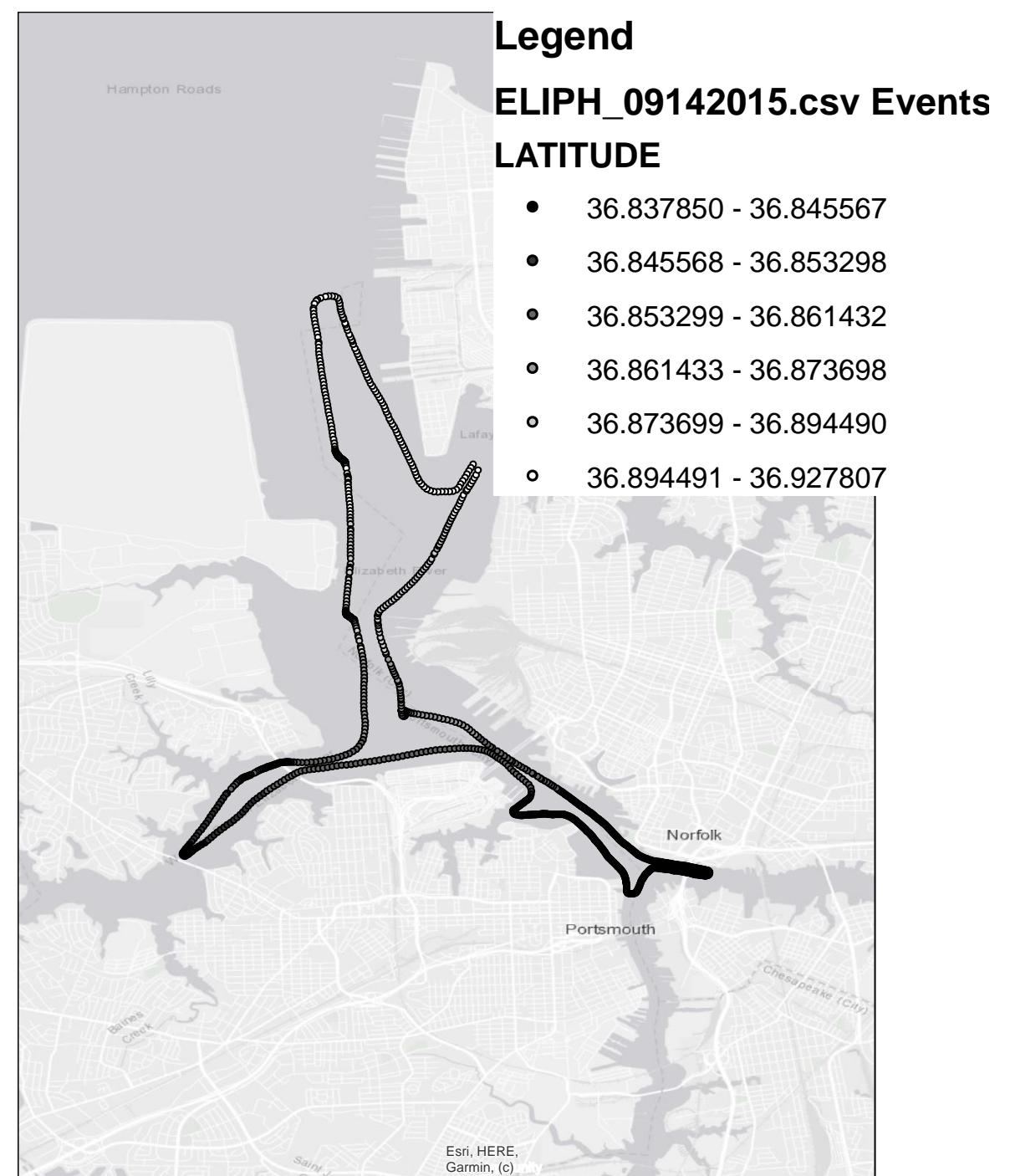
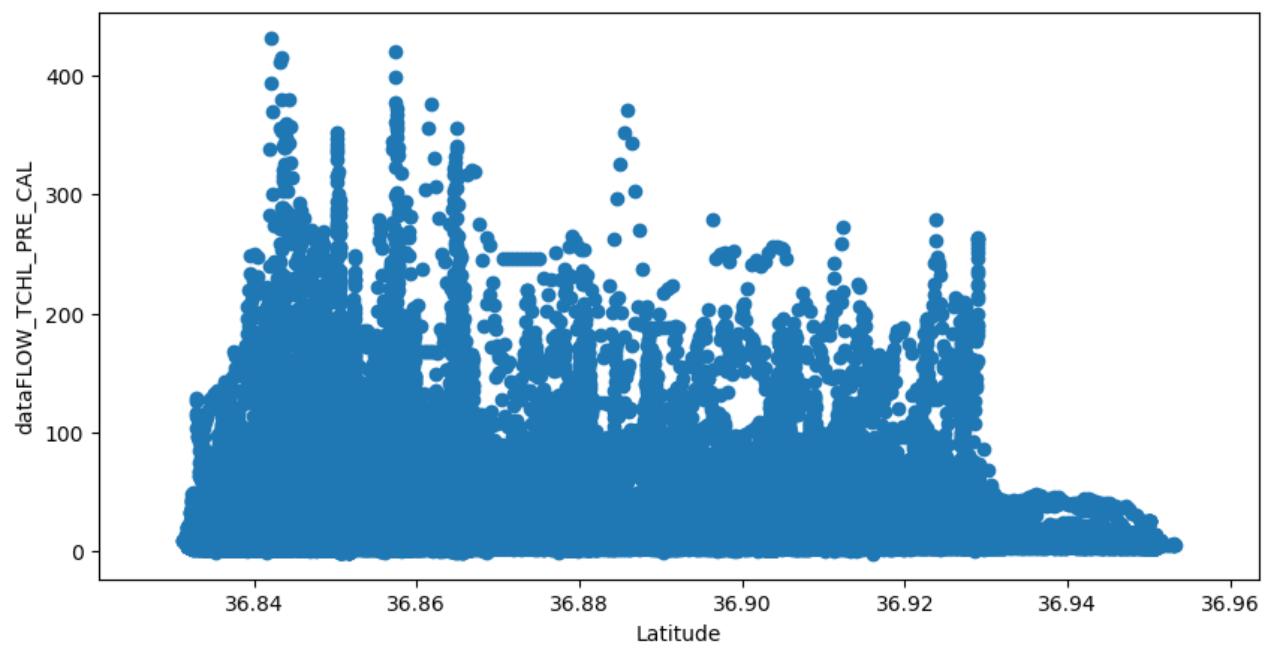
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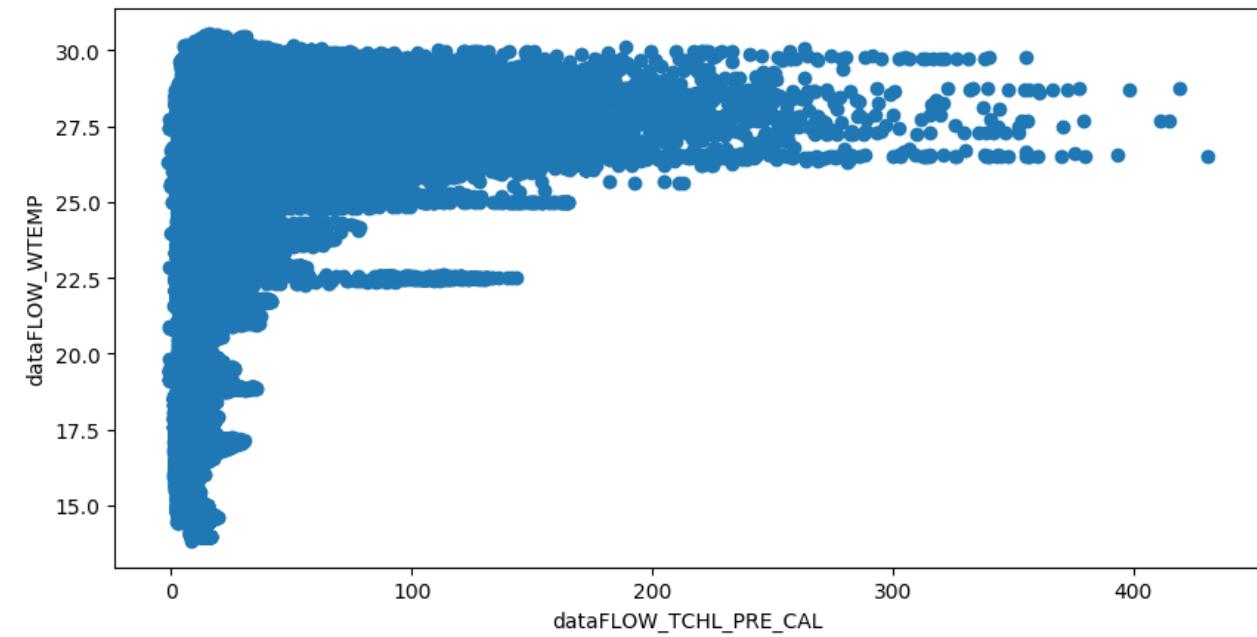
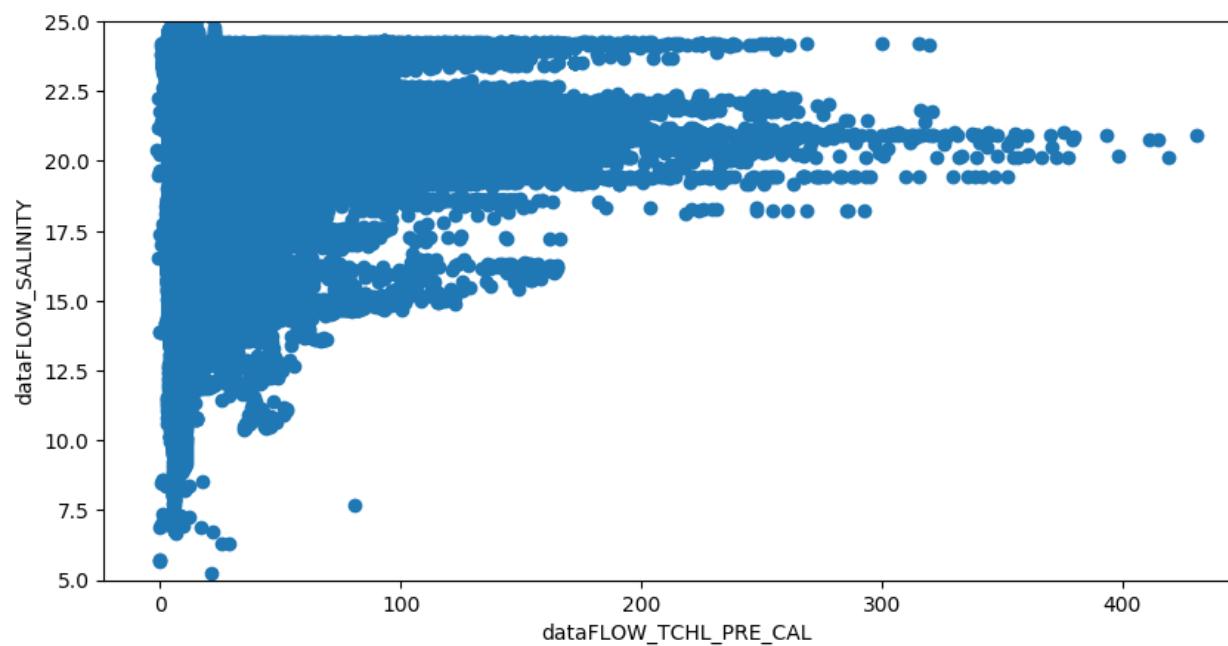


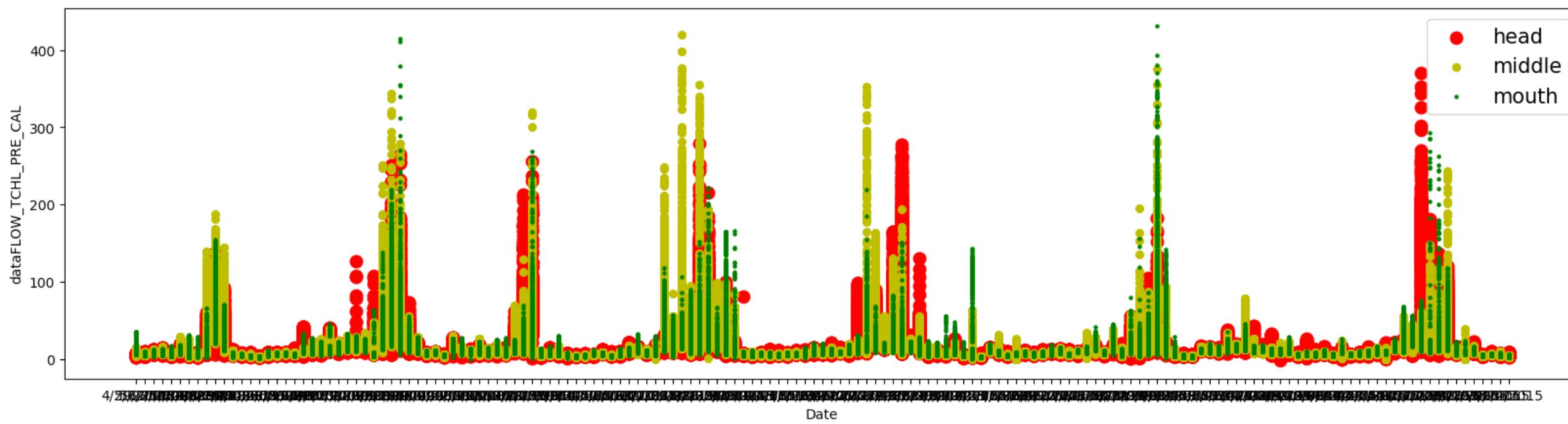
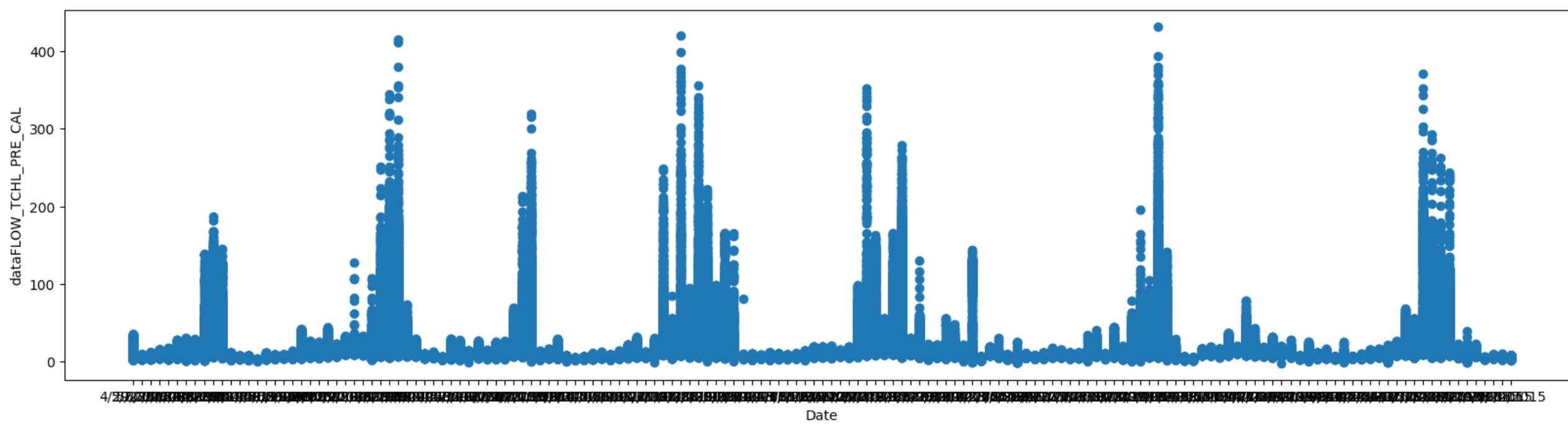
# Data-FLOW transects through the James river (2008 – 2015)



ArcGIS map showing the common transect done for dataflow cruises in the James River







# Comparison of multiple datasets

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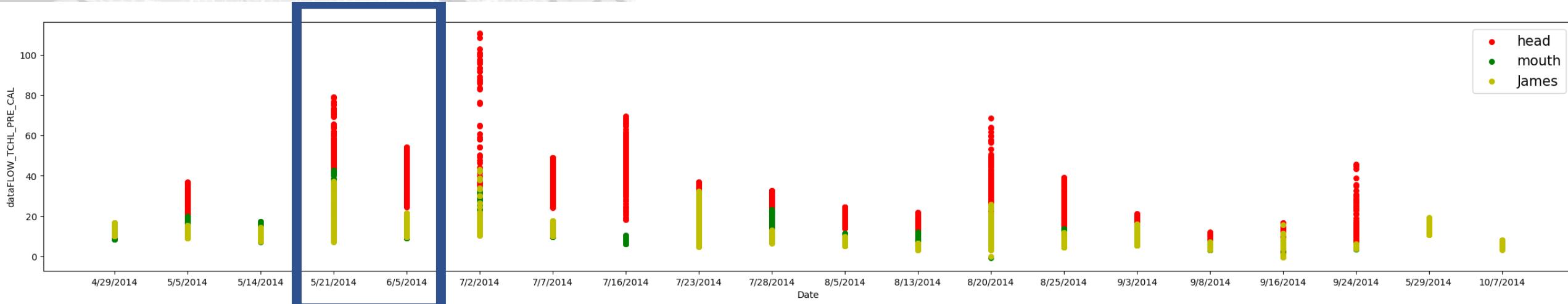
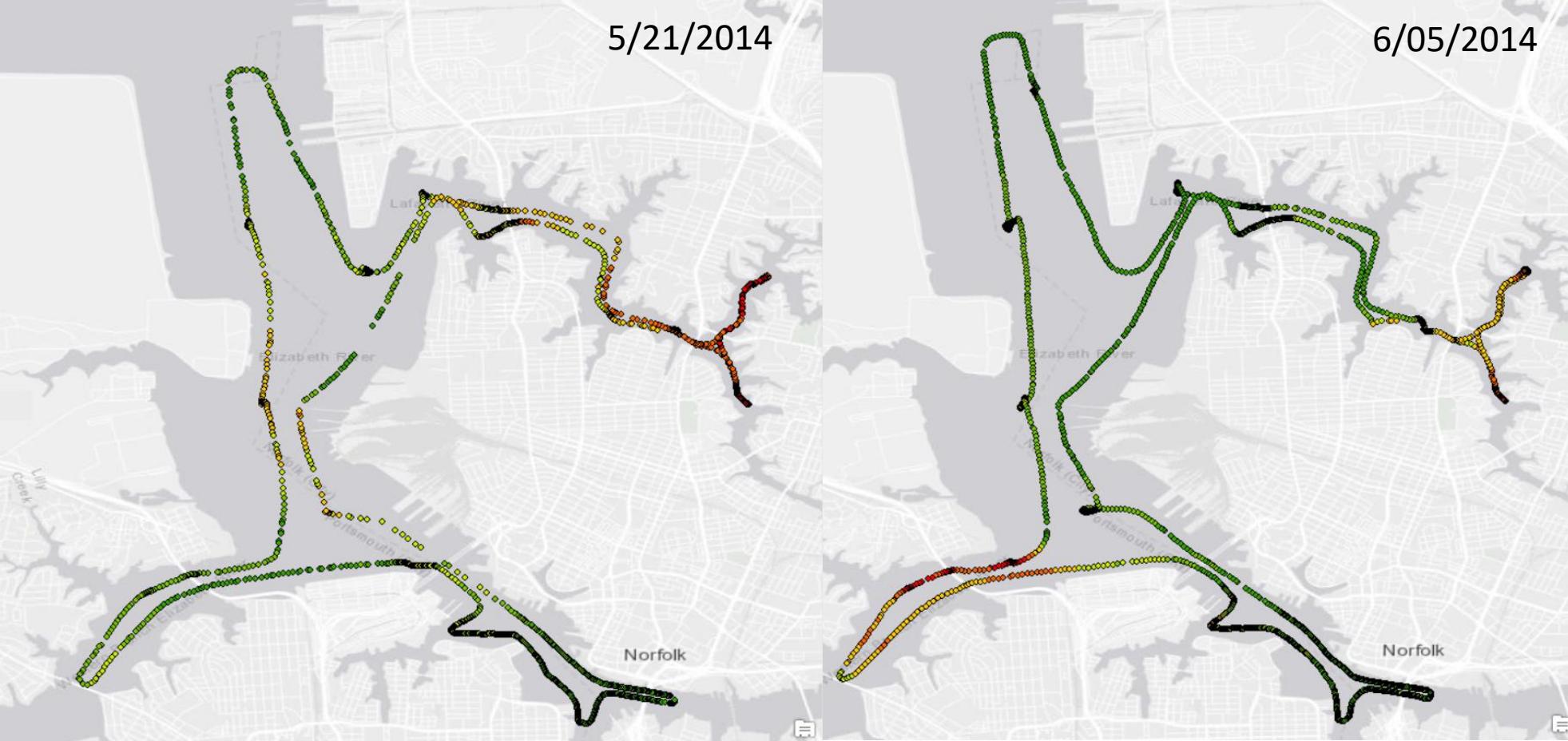
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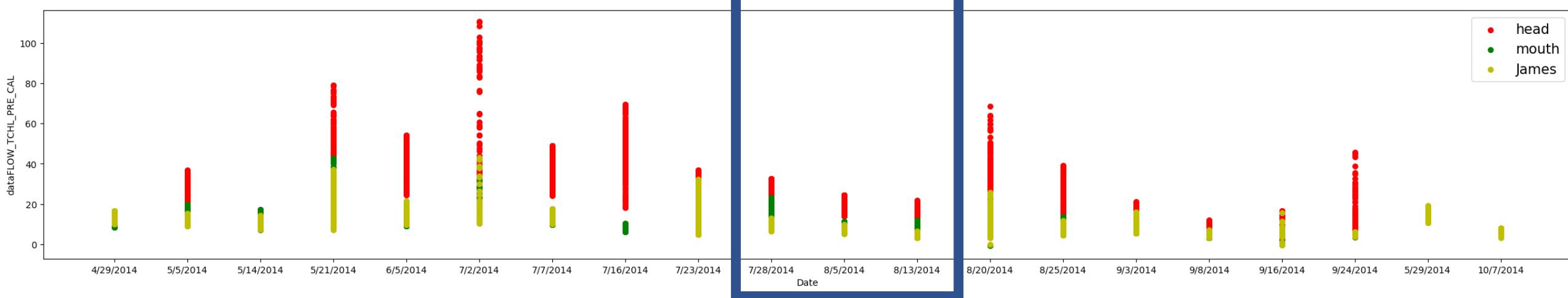
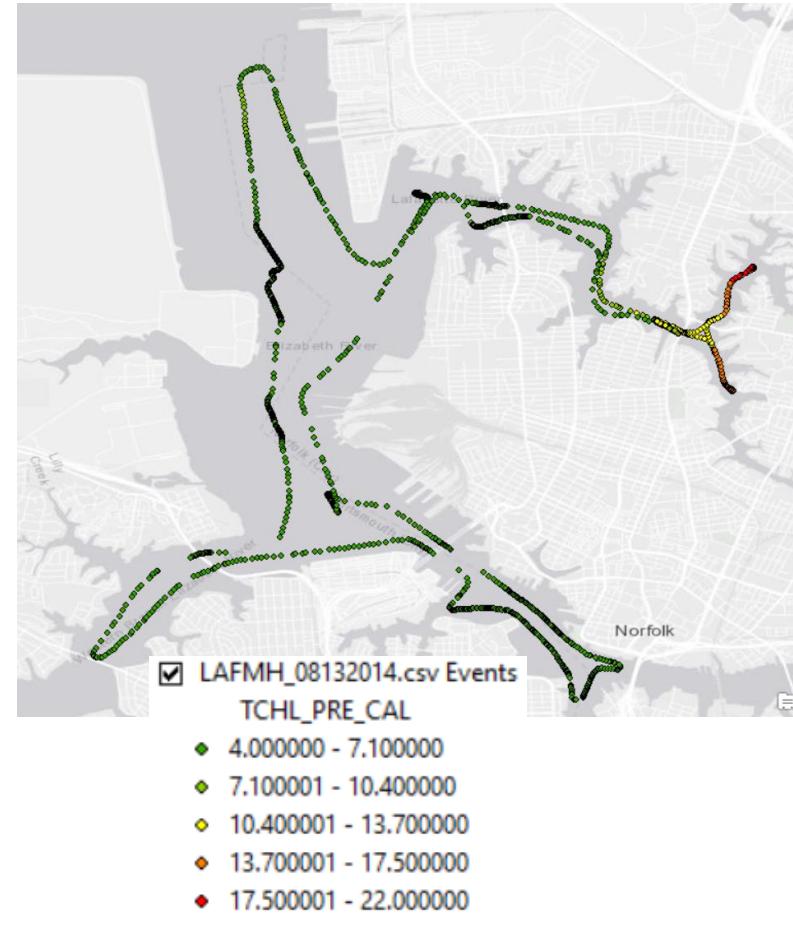
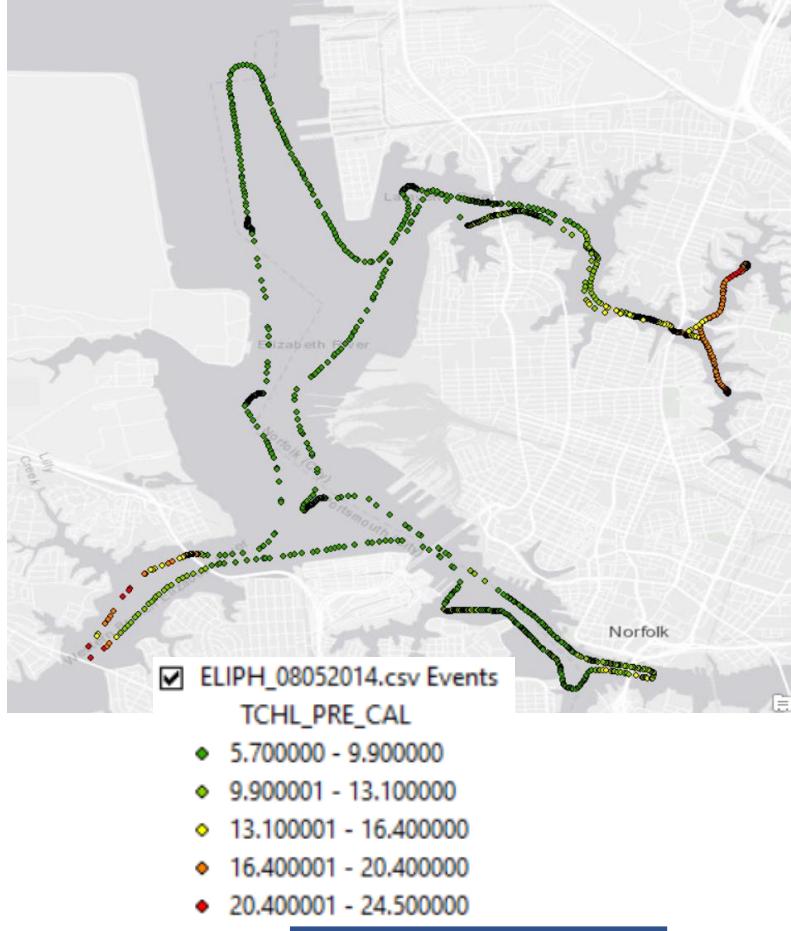
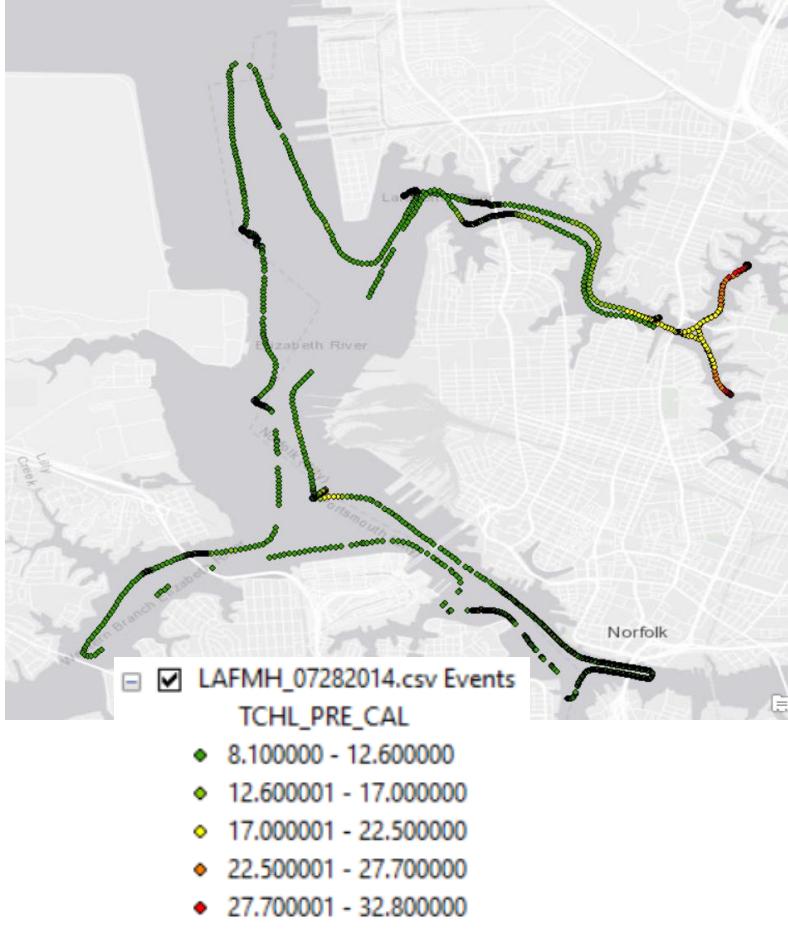
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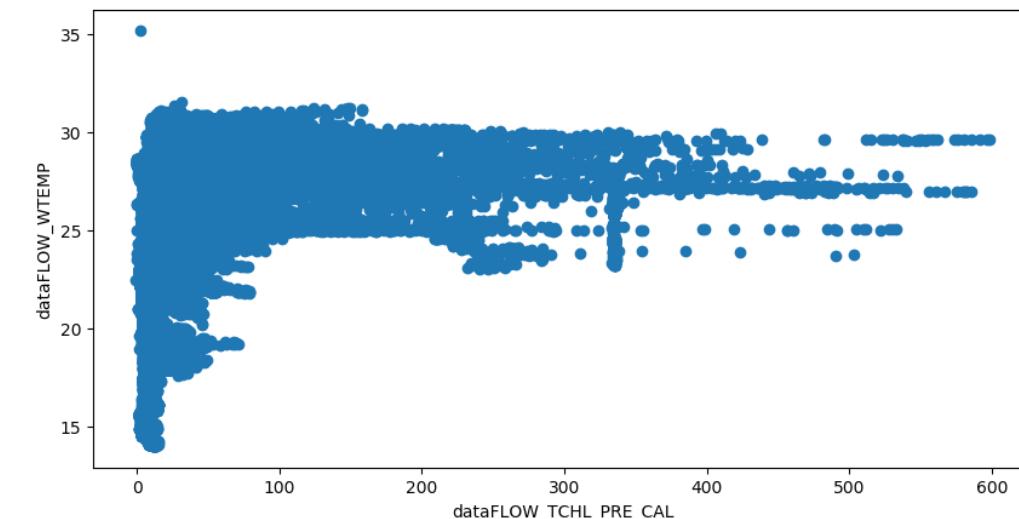
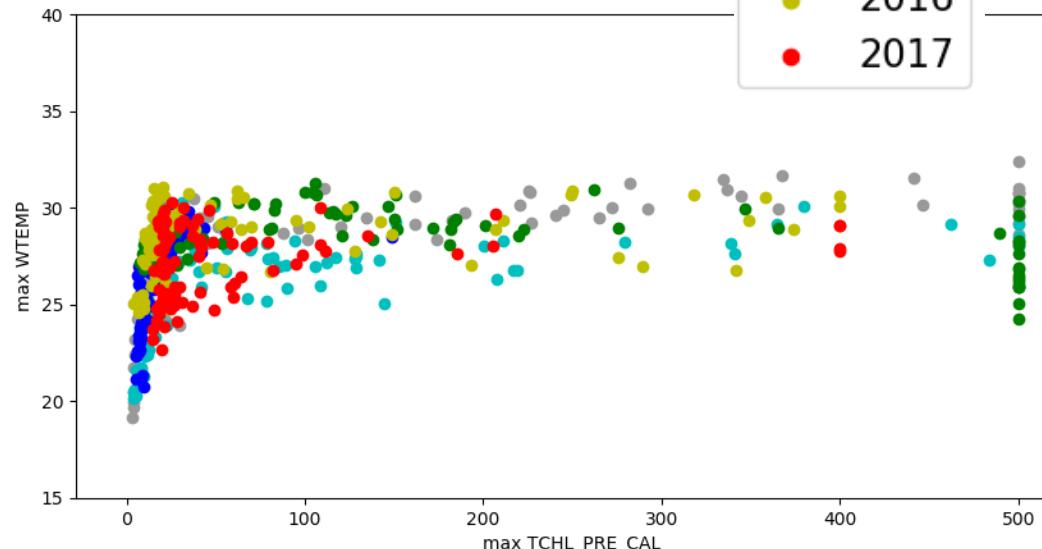
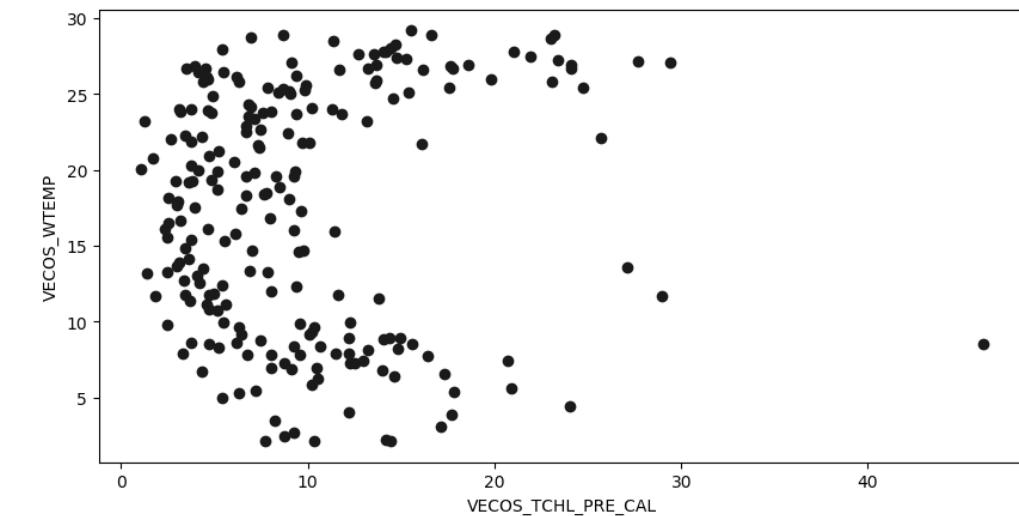
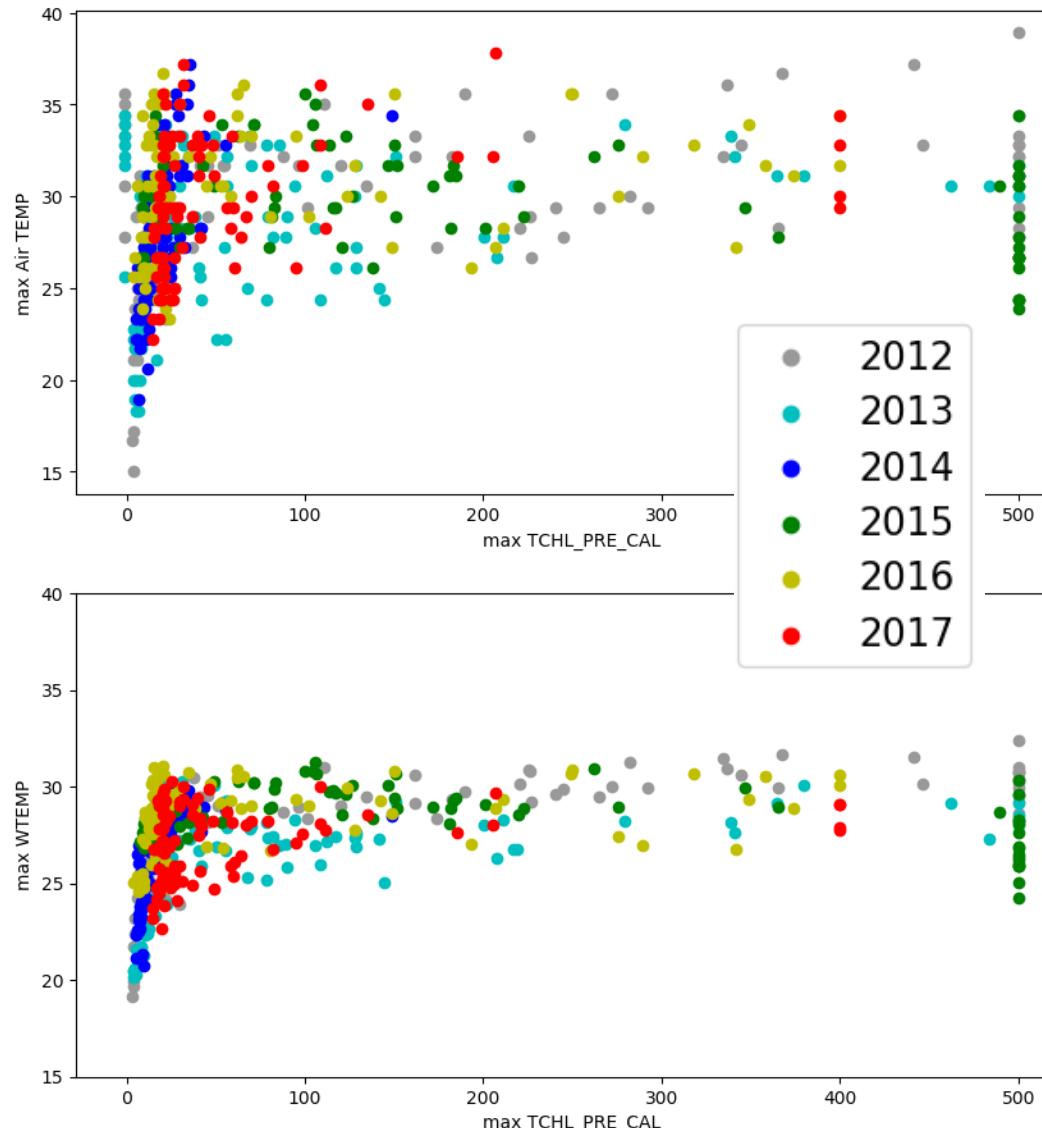




Maximum values per day.

Left plots: (top) Air temperature is from the NFK airport station; (bottom) max water temperature and chl are from YSI data collected at the head of the Lafayette River (NYCC)

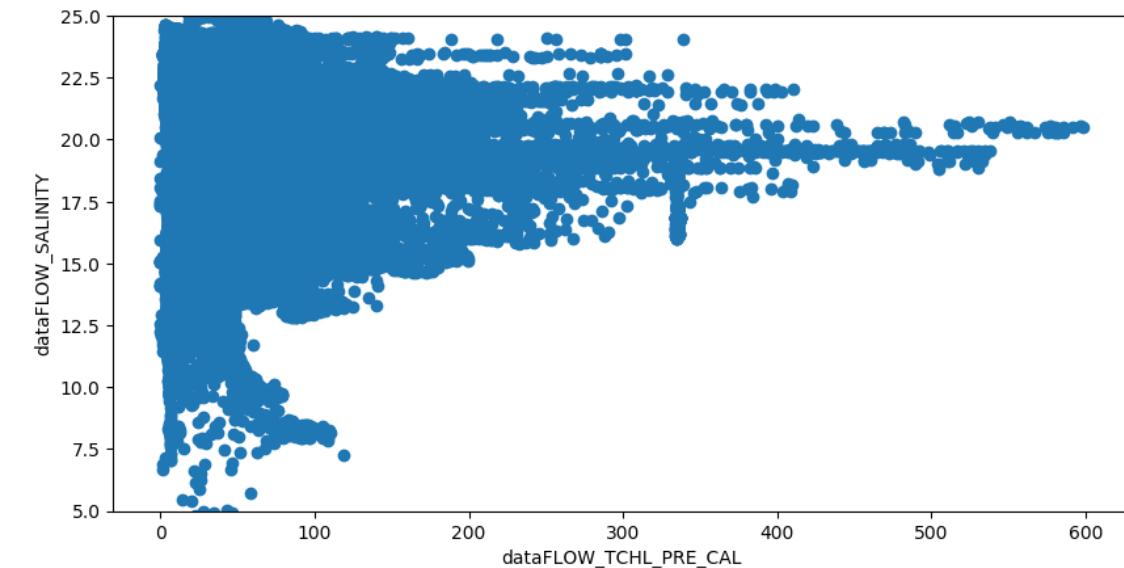
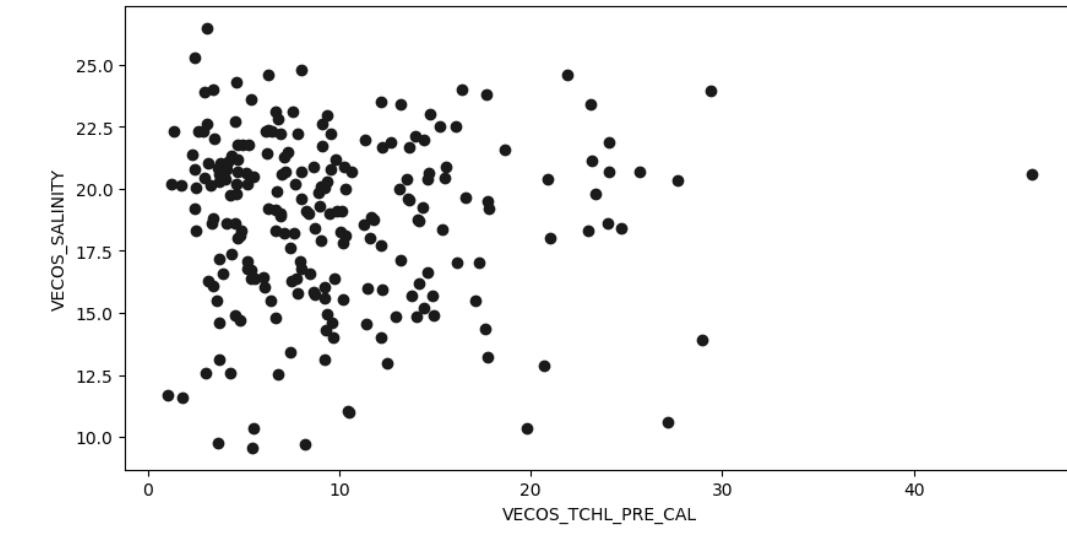
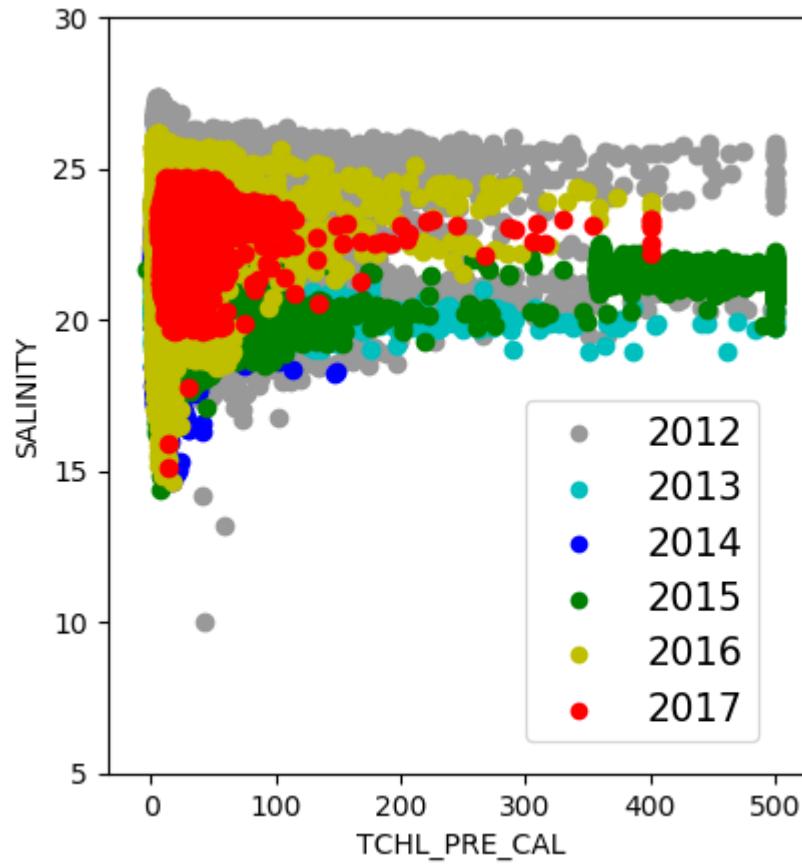
Right plots: (top) Water temperature and Chl values are from long term (1999 to 2019) monitoring station at the Lafayette; and (bottom) similar comparison with data from dataflow transects done at the Lafayette river (2008 to 2015)

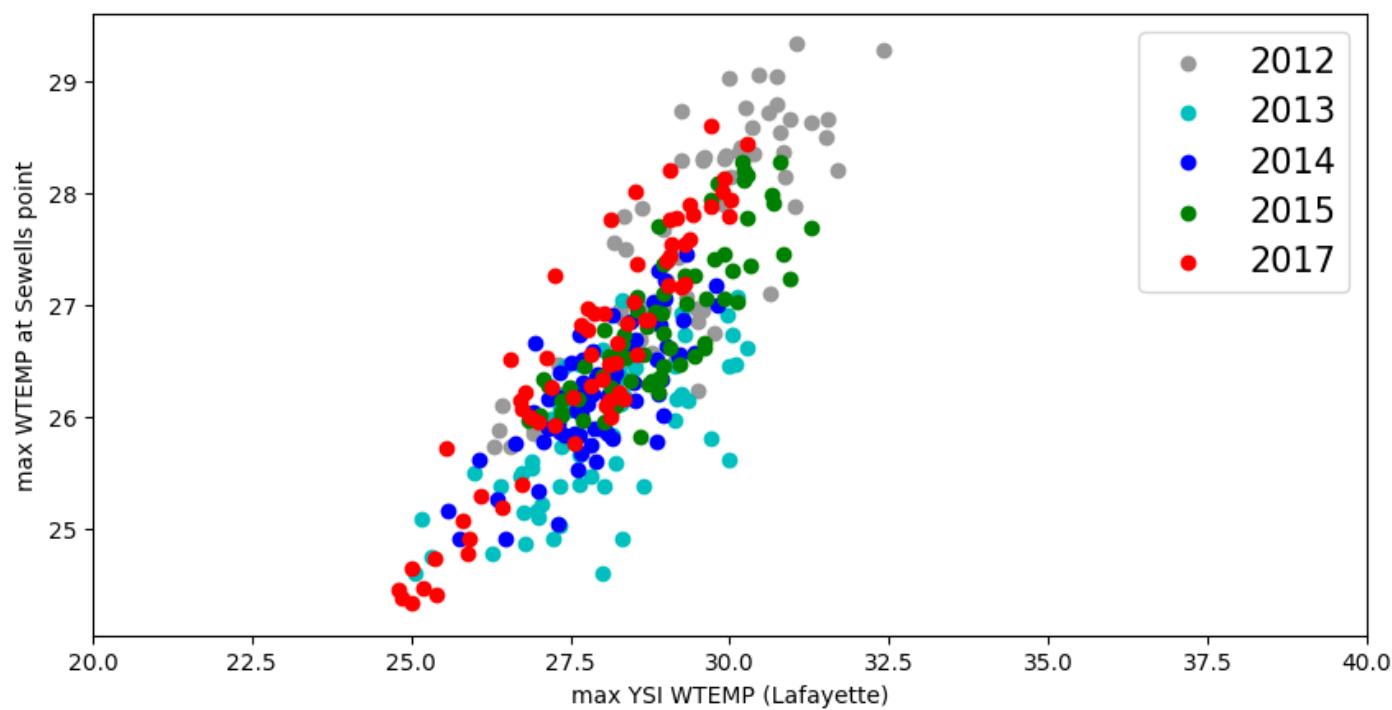
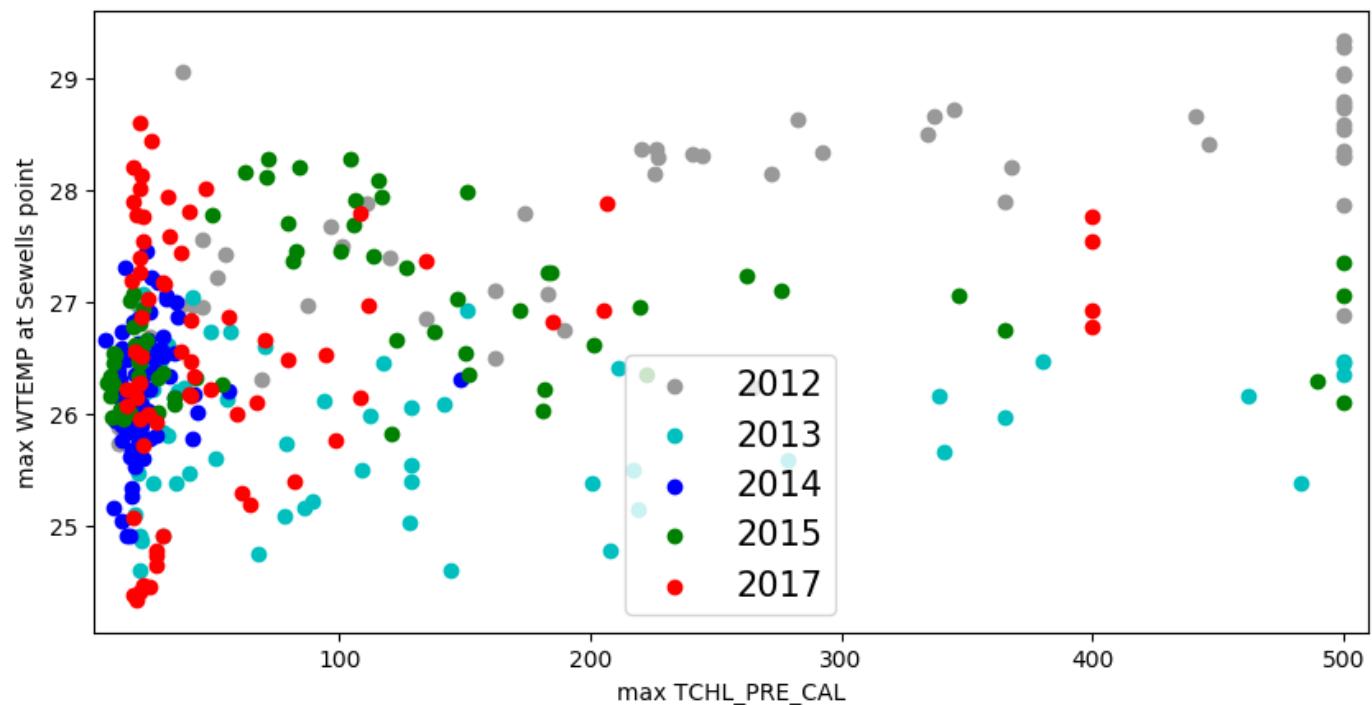


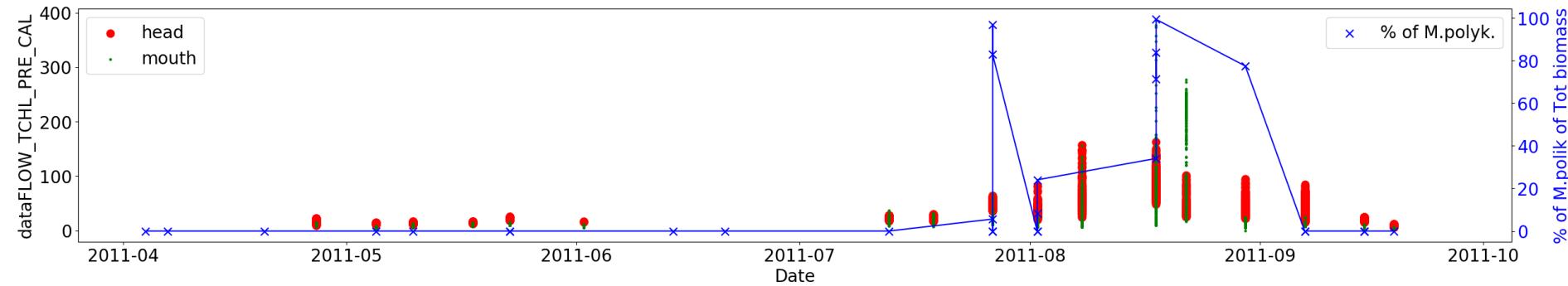
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Left plot: Salinity and Chl from YSI data collected at the head of the Lafayette River (NYCC)

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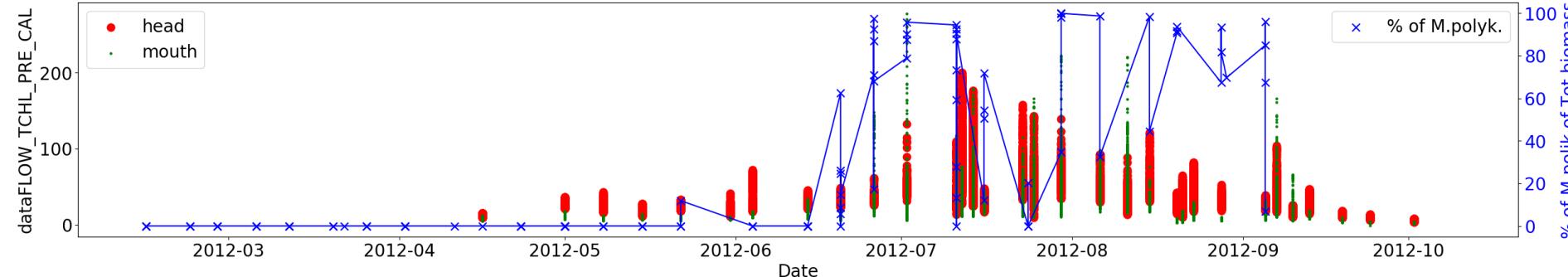




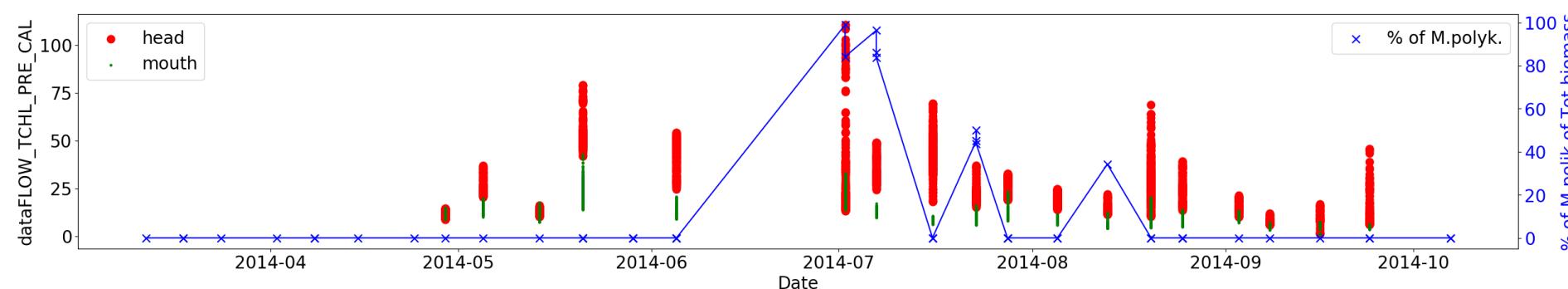
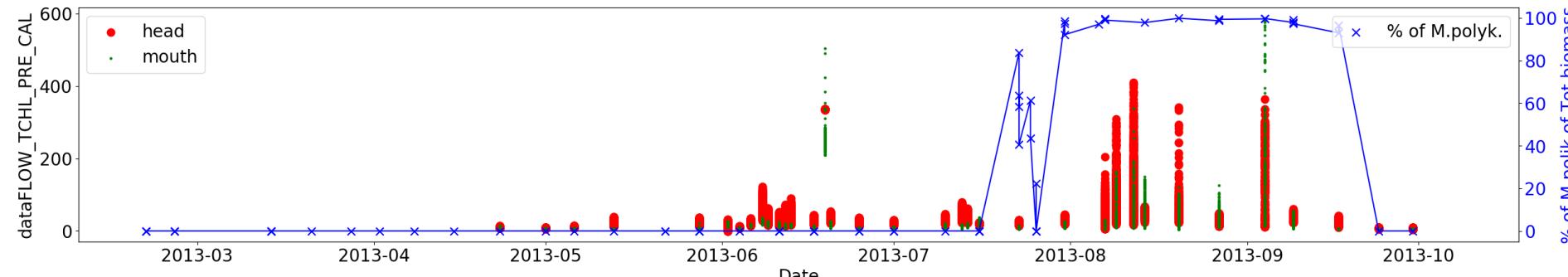


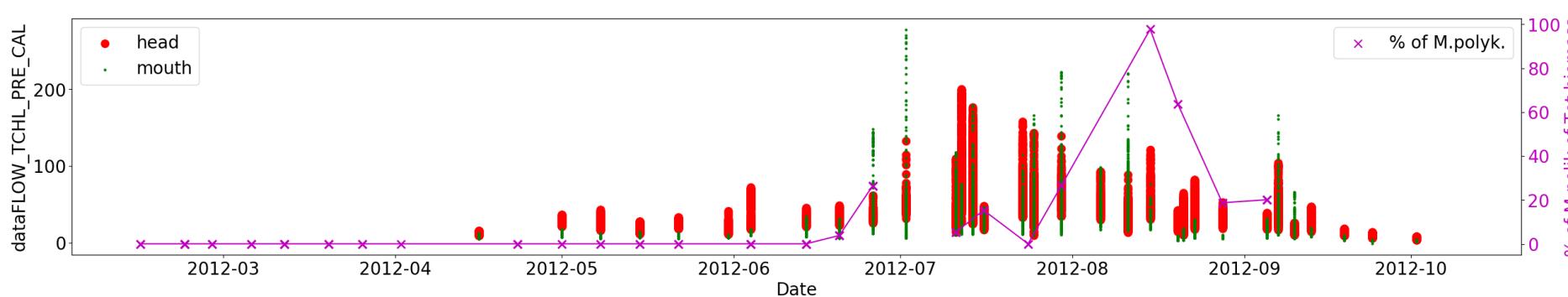
## Cell counts from dataflow transects

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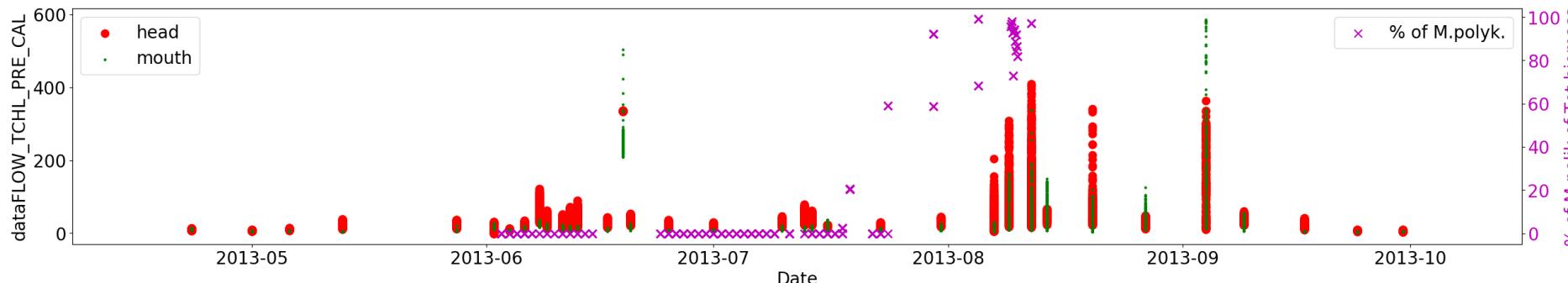
Left axis shows TCHL measured along the dataflow transects. Right axis shows the percentage of *M. polykrikoides* out of total biomass during the same dataflow transects



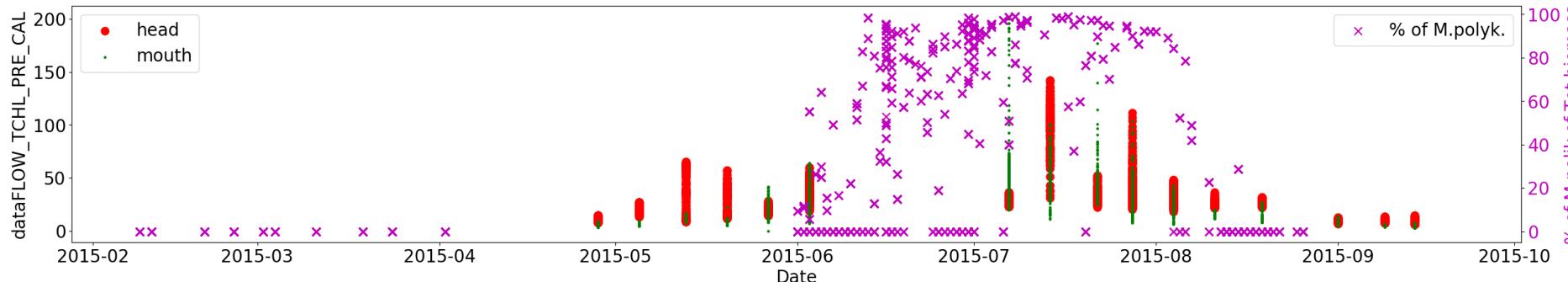
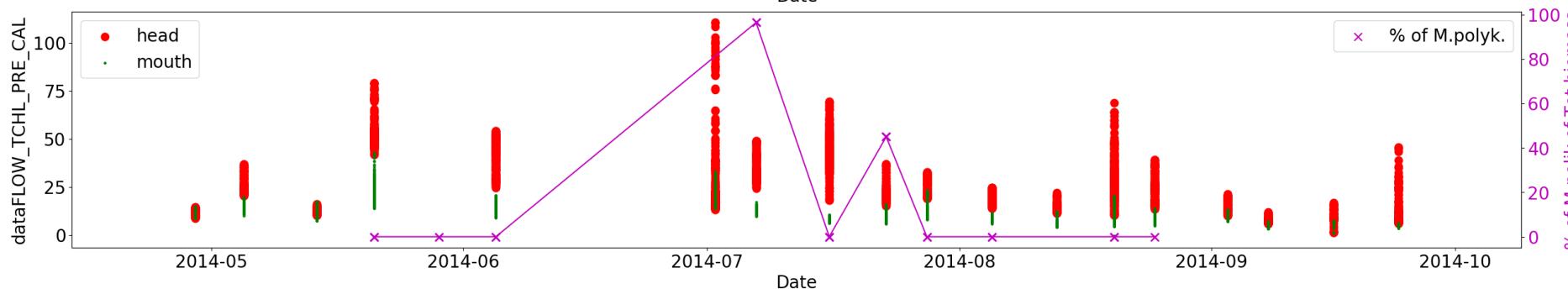


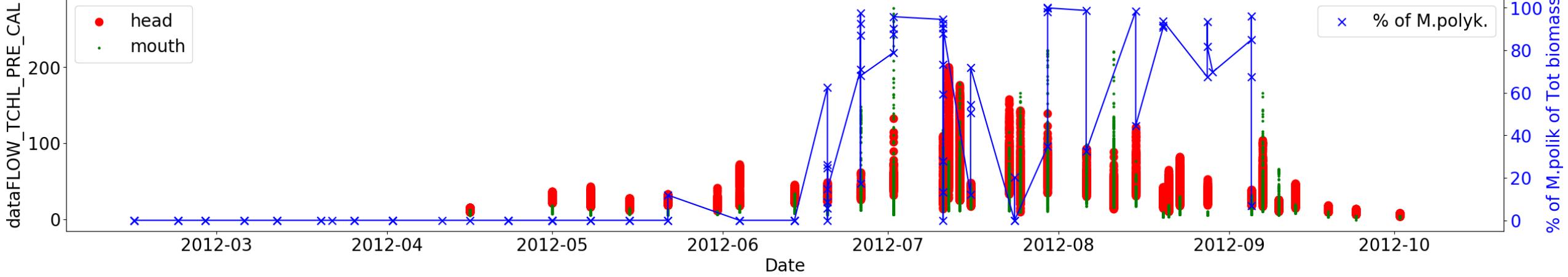
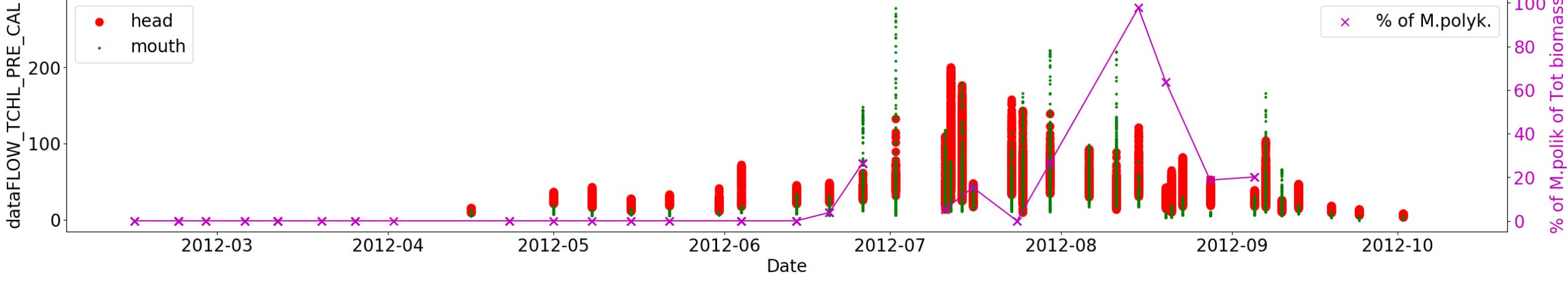
Cell counts from daily sampling

These are plots showing blooms capture during dataflow transects from 2012 to 2015. Chl data goes from 2008 to 2015, but cell counts from daily sampling done at the Lafayette go only from 2012 to 2015.

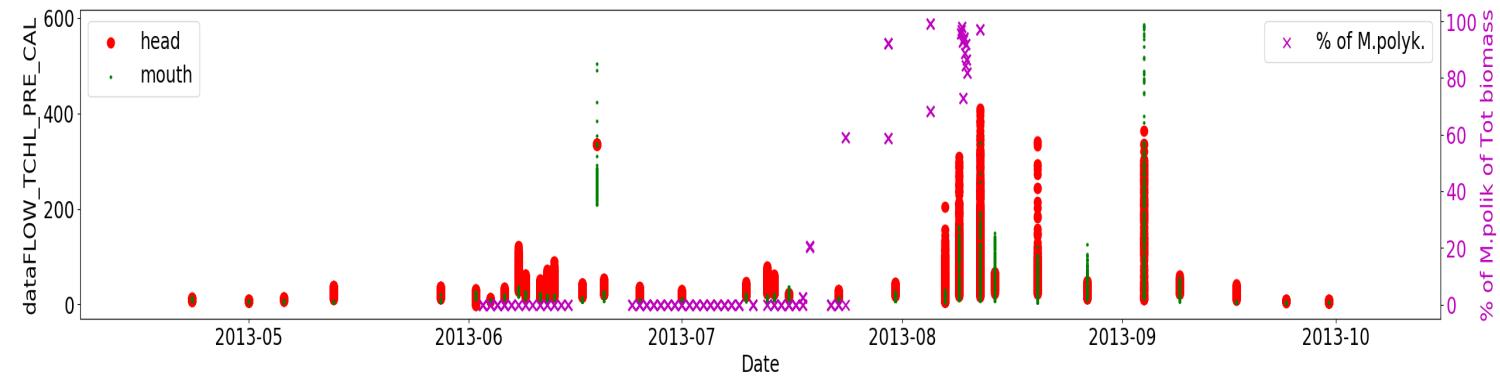
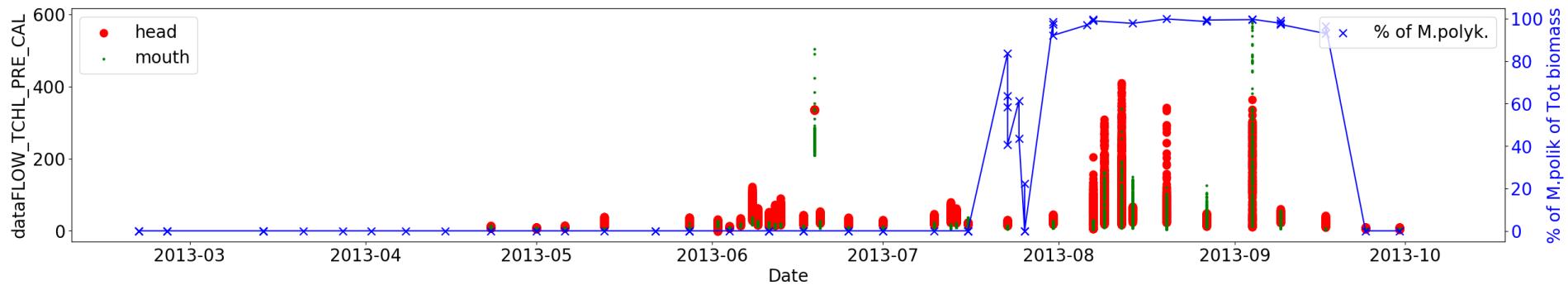


Left axis shows TCHL measured along the dataflow transects. Right axis shows the percentage of *M. polykrikoides* out of total biomass from samples collected during daily sampling campaigns.

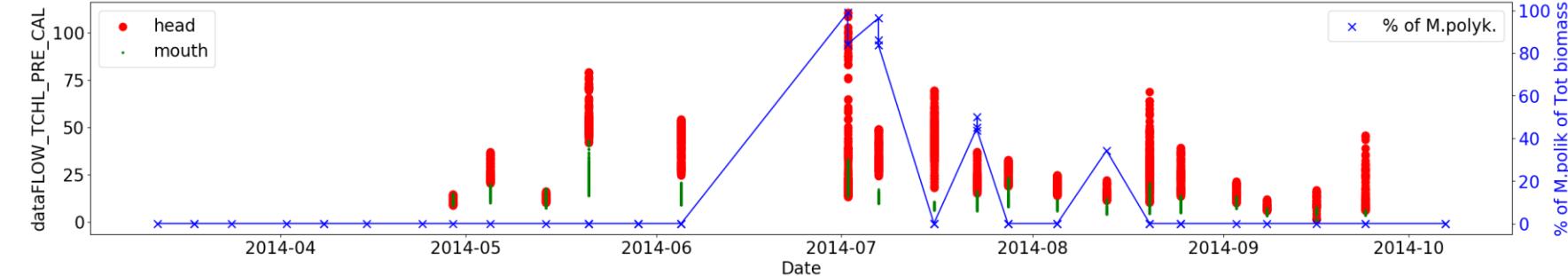
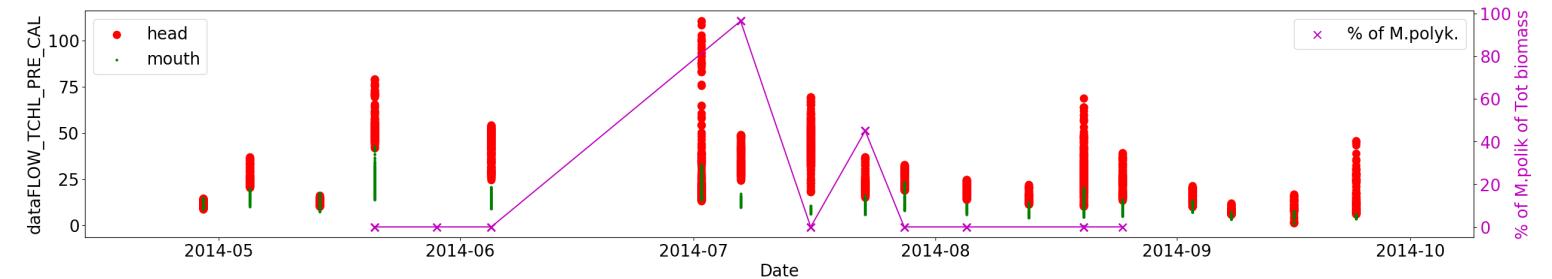


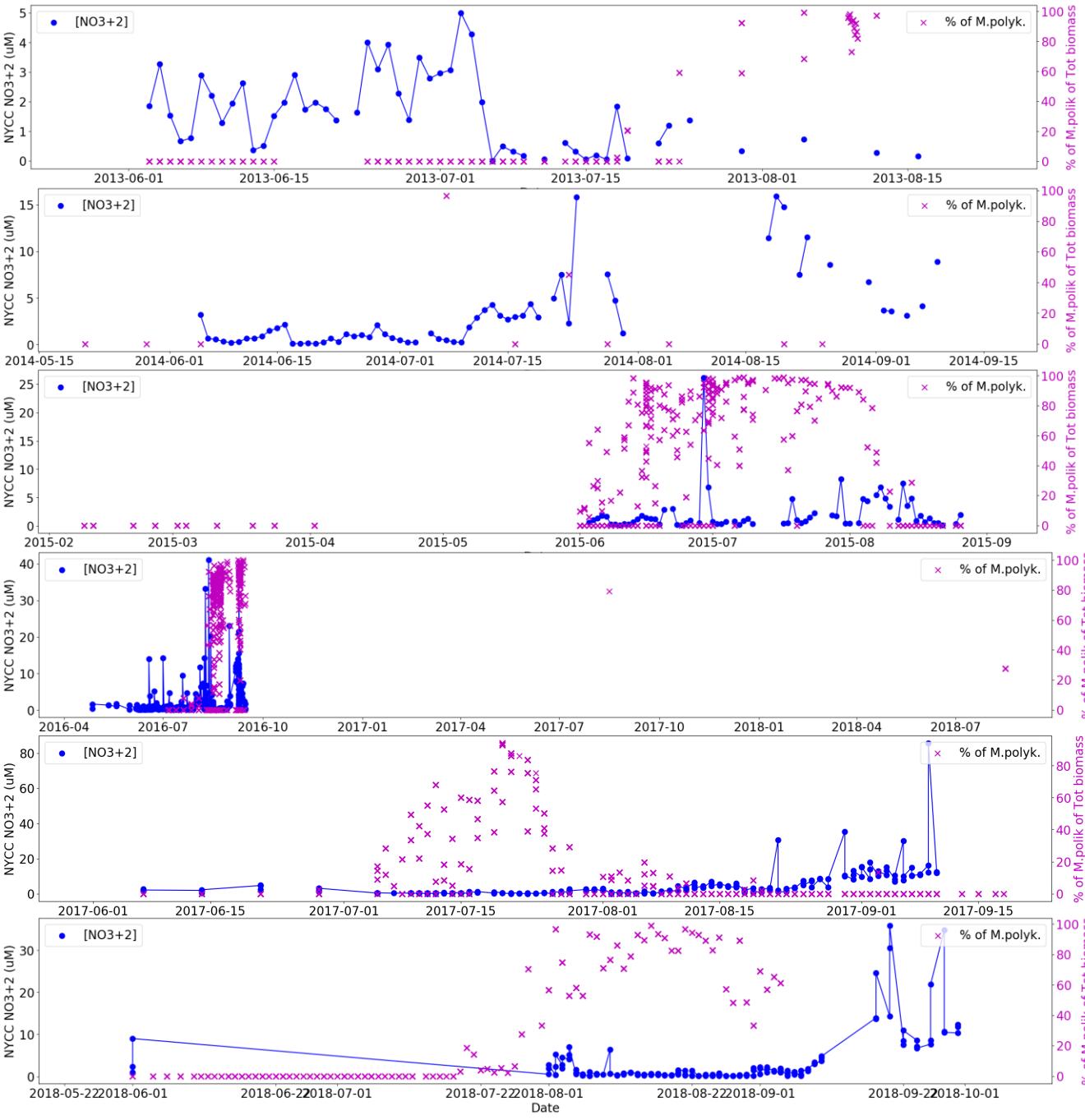


Missmatch(?) between the daily sampling (magenta) and dataflow (blue) cell counts. In the early part of the time series, both results agree in low numbers for % of *M. polykrikoides*. However, there are significant visual differences during the bloom. Can this help to ask for money to use Pete's boat to do transects? There are examples for other years in the next slide



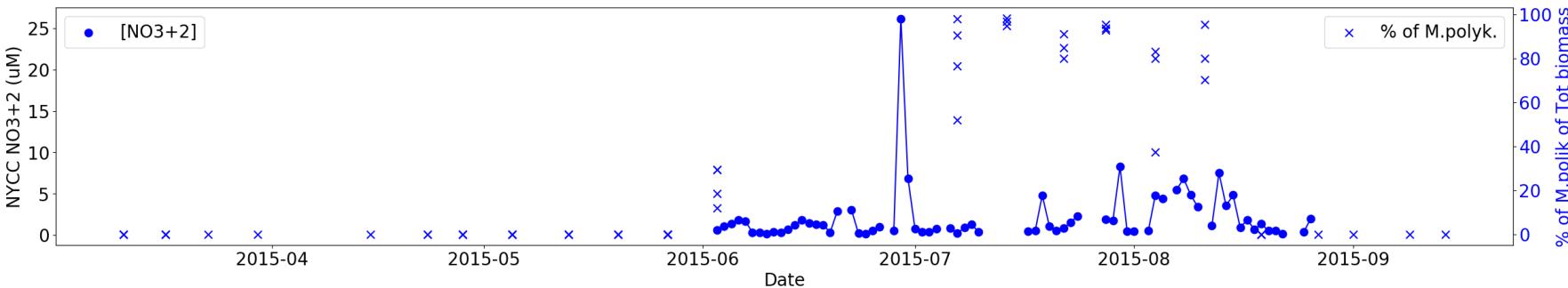
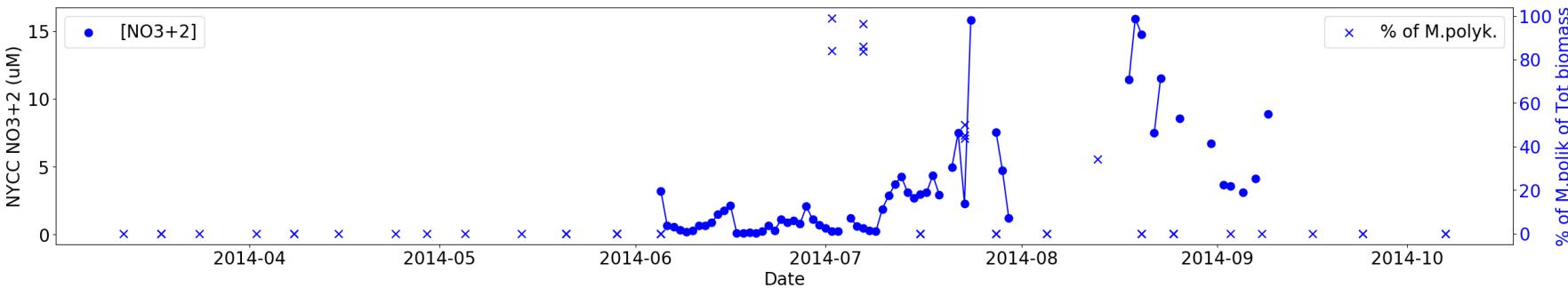
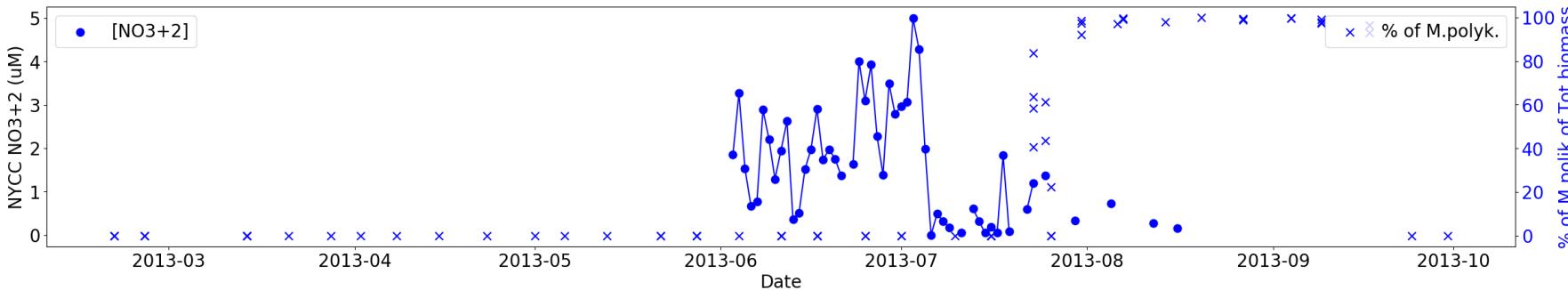
More examples of the mismatch or match between summer sampling and dataflow results.





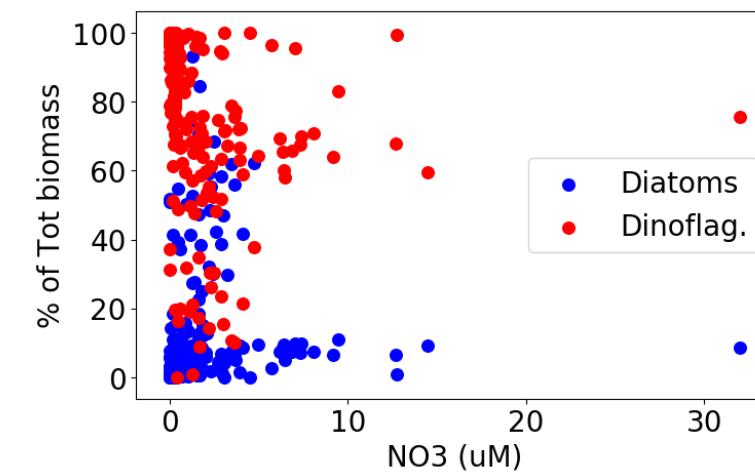
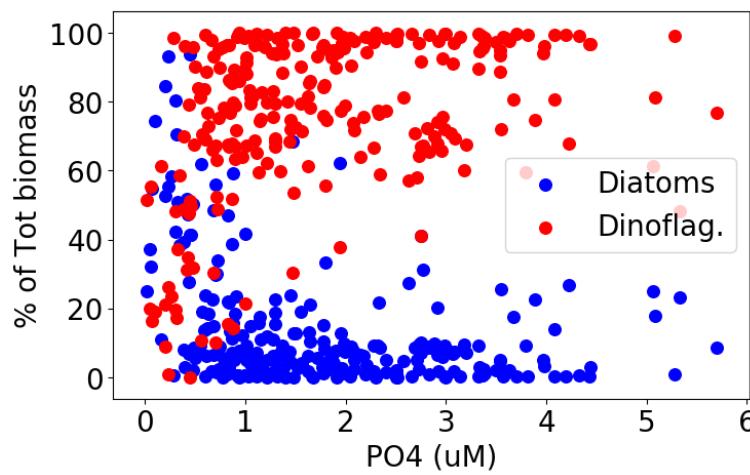
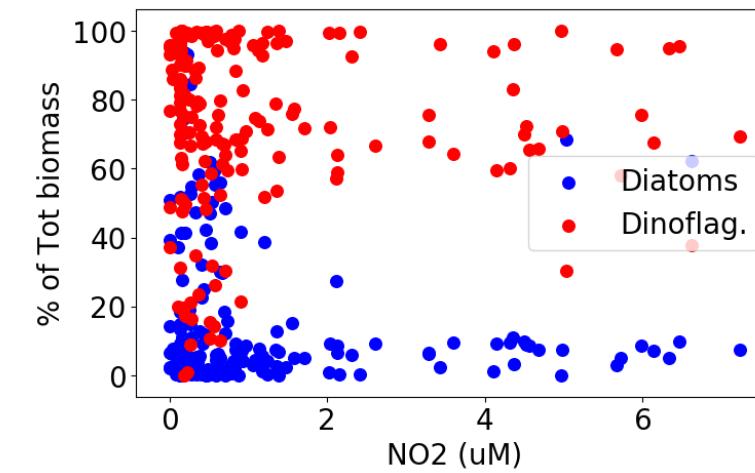
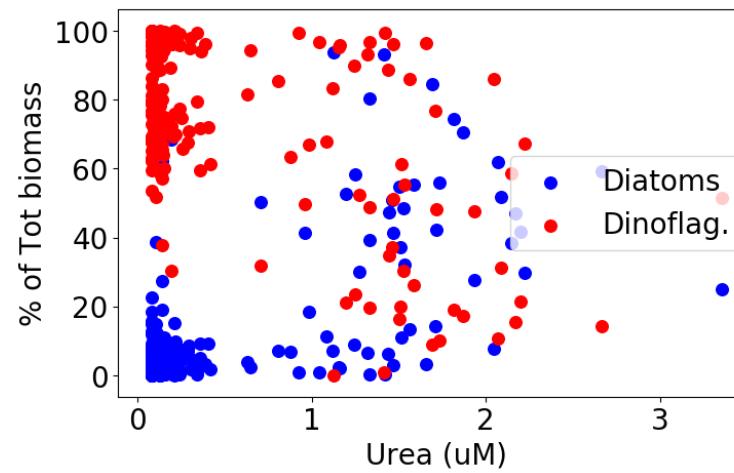
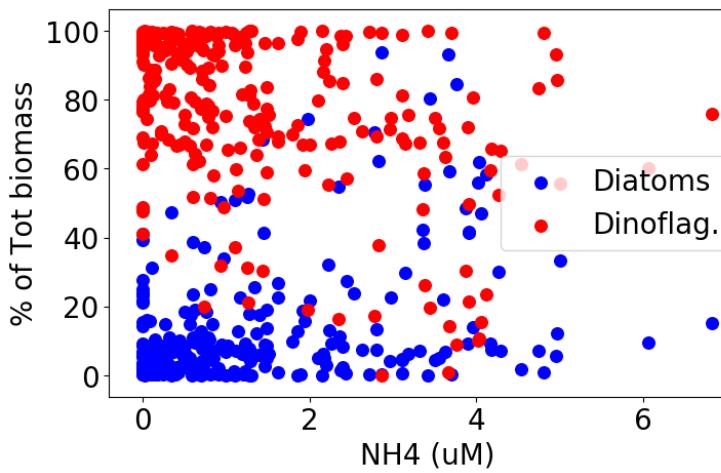
## Nutrients (NO<sub>3</sub>) and % of M.polyk. (both datasets from summer sampling)

Plots showing nutrient concentration (NO<sub>3</sub>) from samples collected during summer sampling campaigns from 2013 to 2018; and % of M. polyk. Of total biomass also from samples collected during summer sampling.



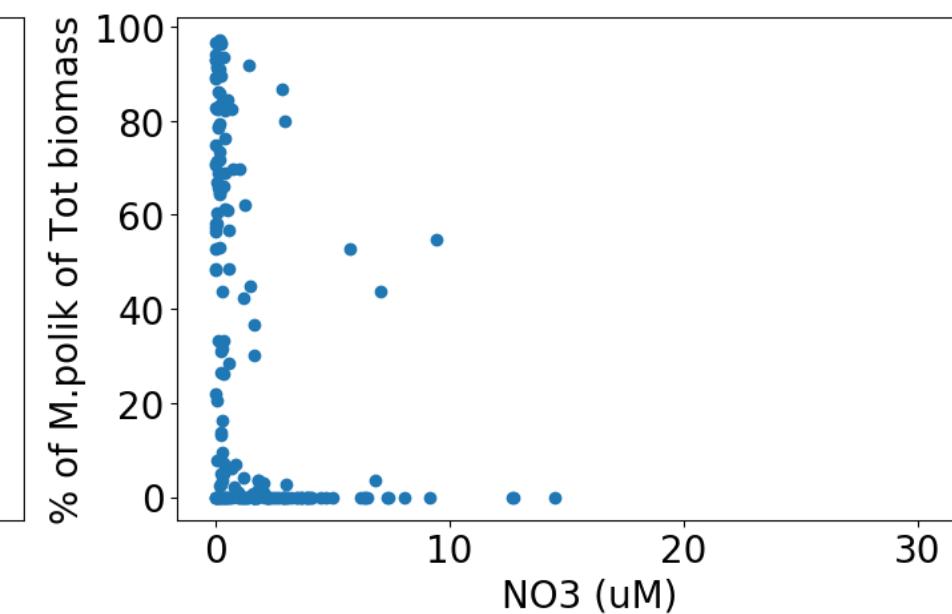
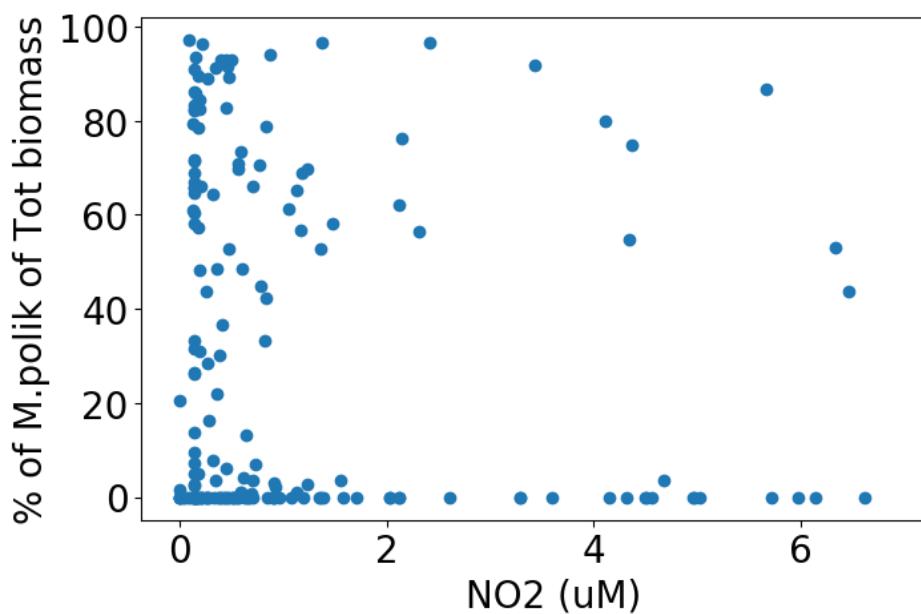
**Nutrients (NO<sub>3</sub>2) and % of M.polyk. (from summer sampling and dataflow, respectively).**

Plots showing nutrient concentration (NO<sub>3</sub>2) from samples collected during summer sampling campaigns from 2013 to 2018; and % of M. polyk. Of total biomass from samples collected during dataFlow transects along the Lafayette R.

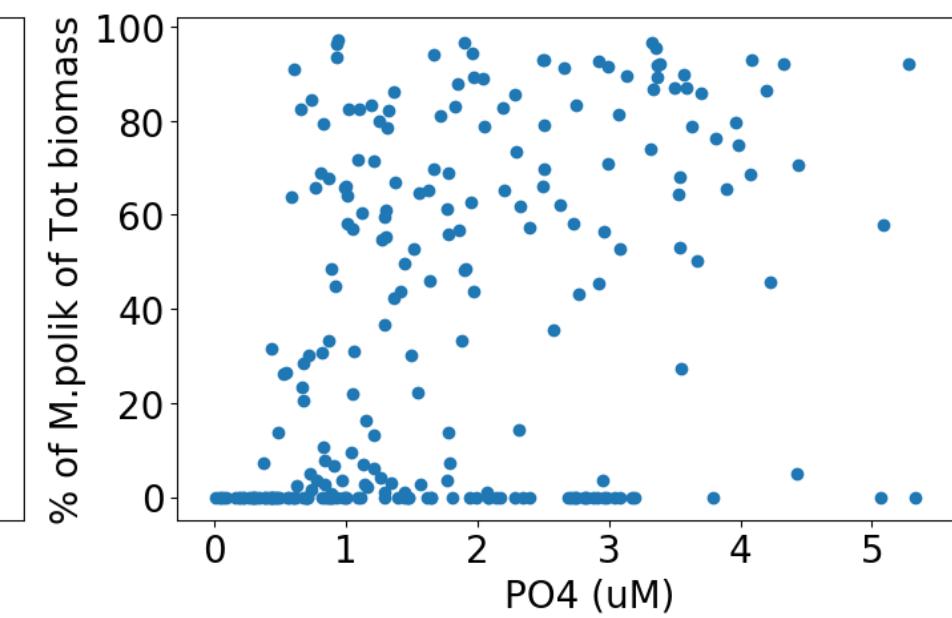
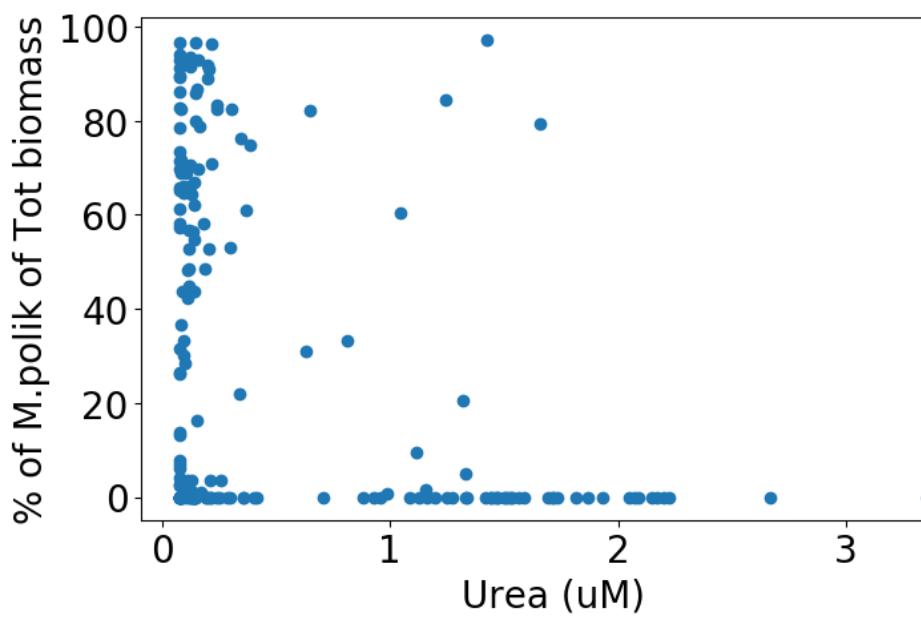


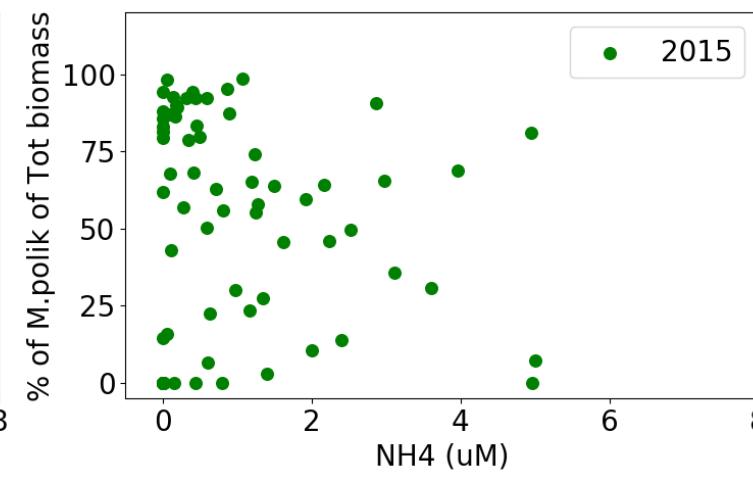
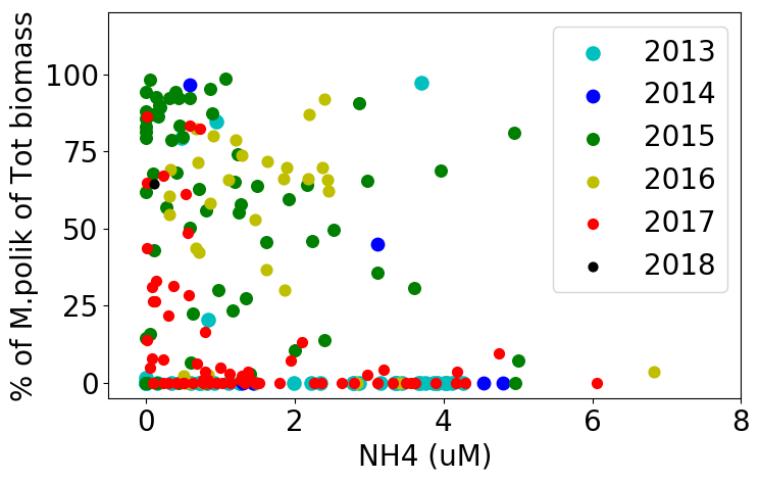
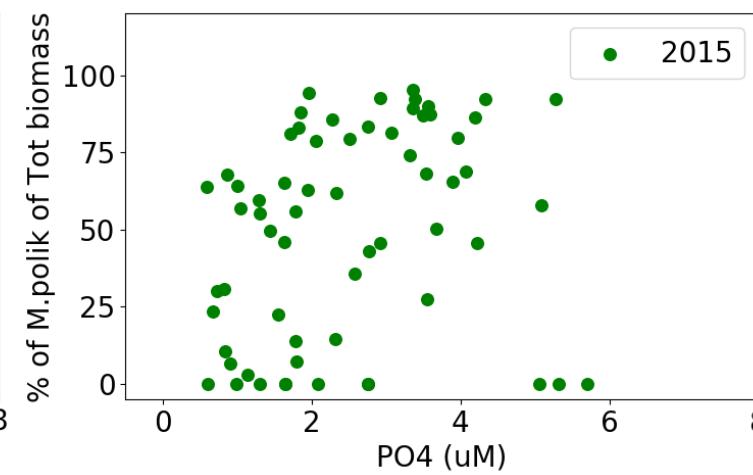
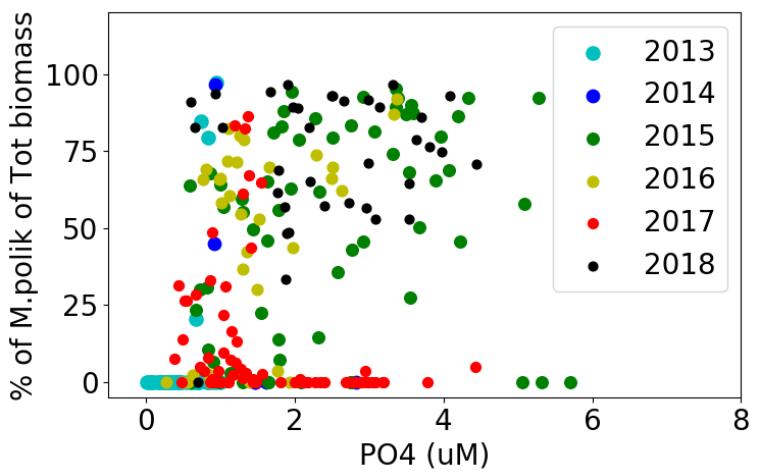
The relationship is clearly not with the dissolved nutrients the day of X abundance.

Is there any relationship if we plot accumulated days instead? i.e. nutrient levels 1,2,3... days before x abundance

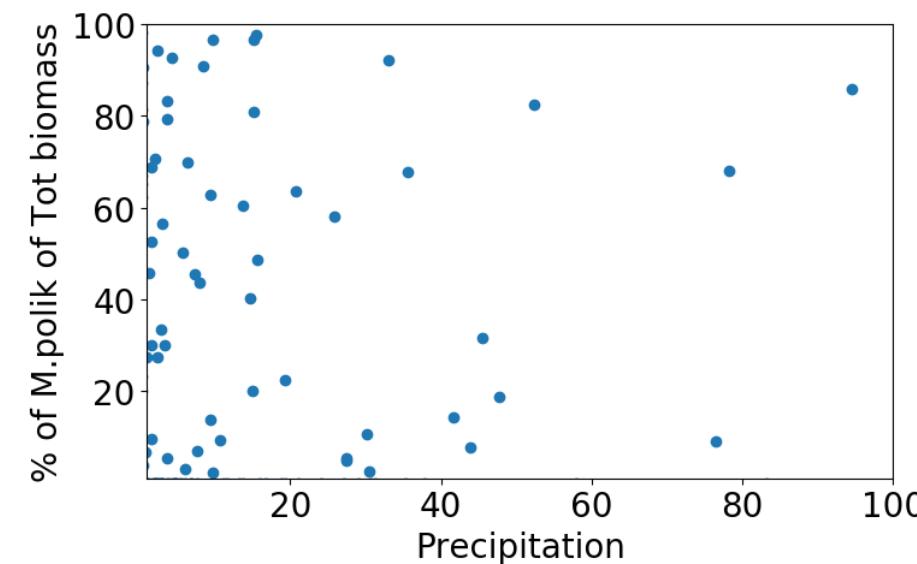
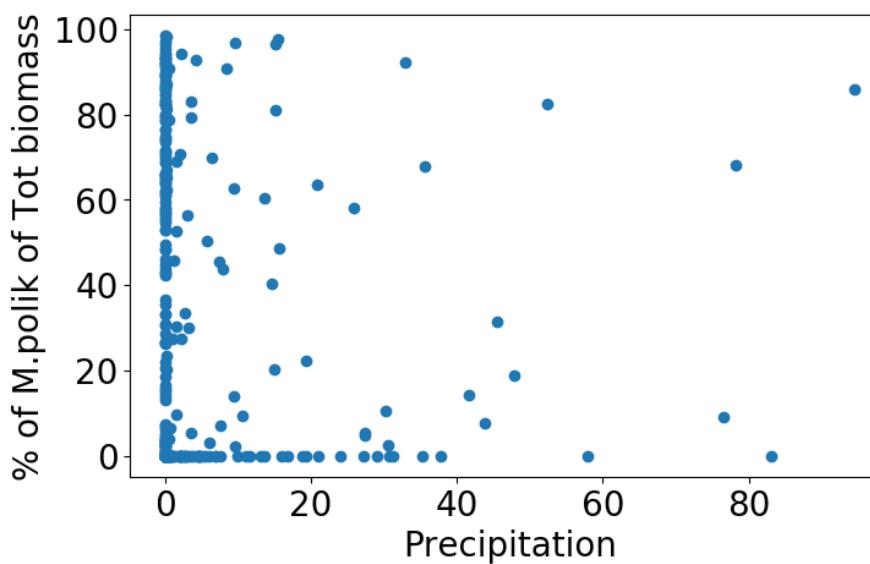


Similar analysis, but using  
*M. polykrikoides*  
abundance specifically



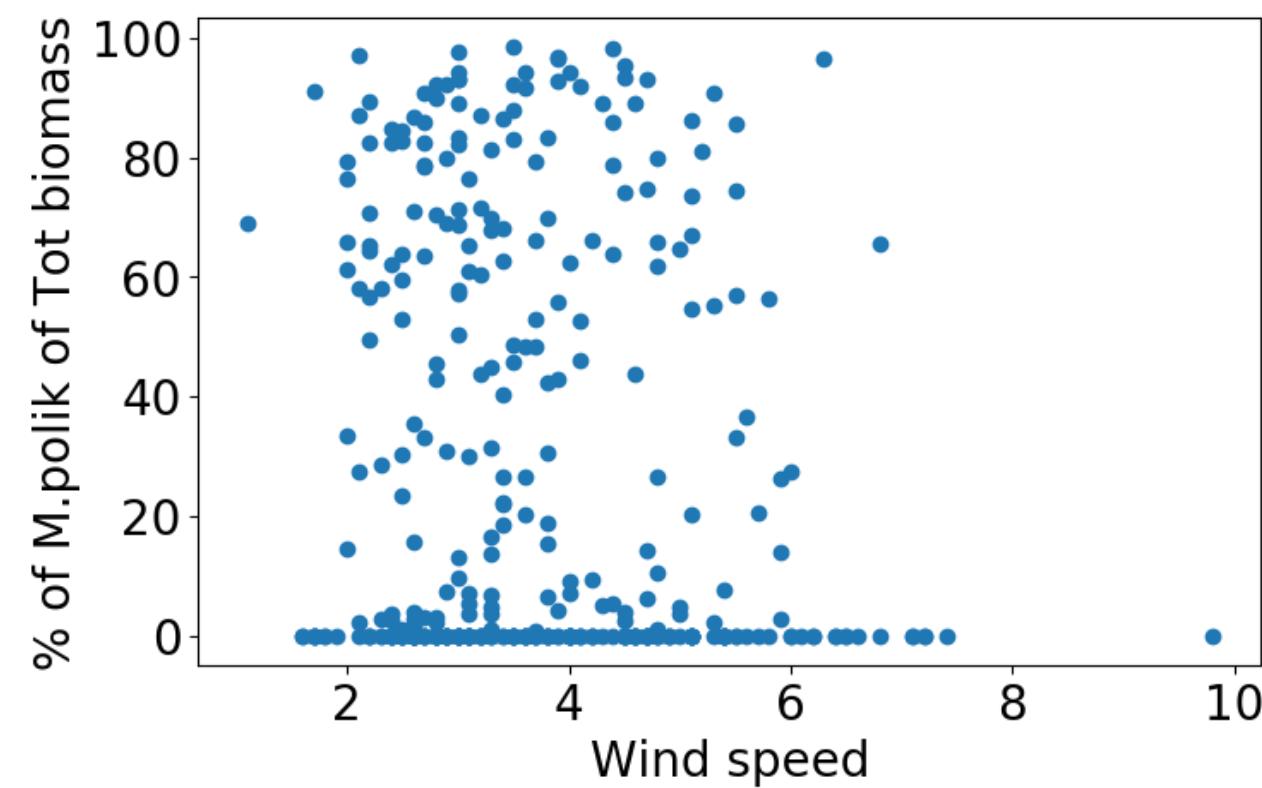


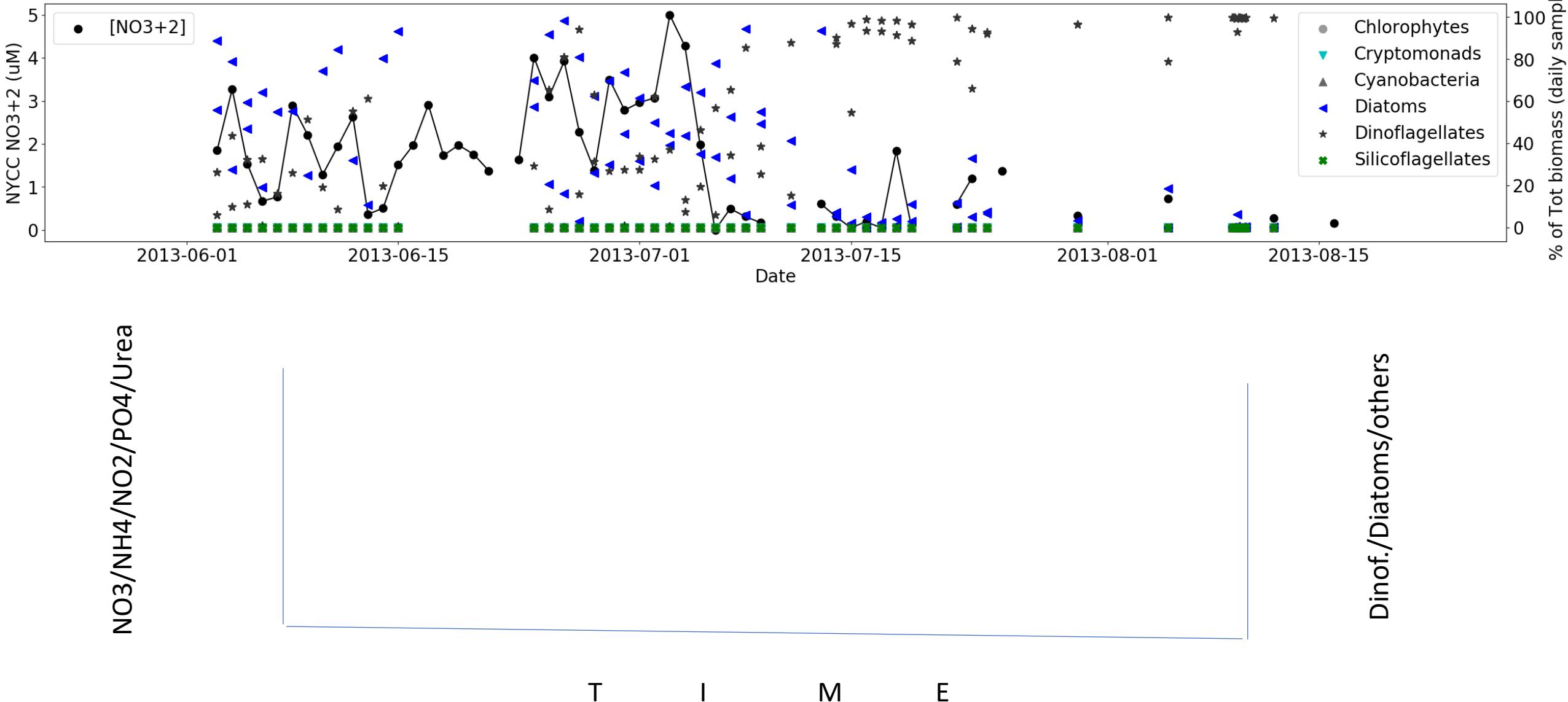
Similar data as the slide before. However, here the data is separated by year. This could allow to clear trends if present only within a specific year but. See example in this slide with PO<sub>4</sub> vs %M. polyk. During 2015



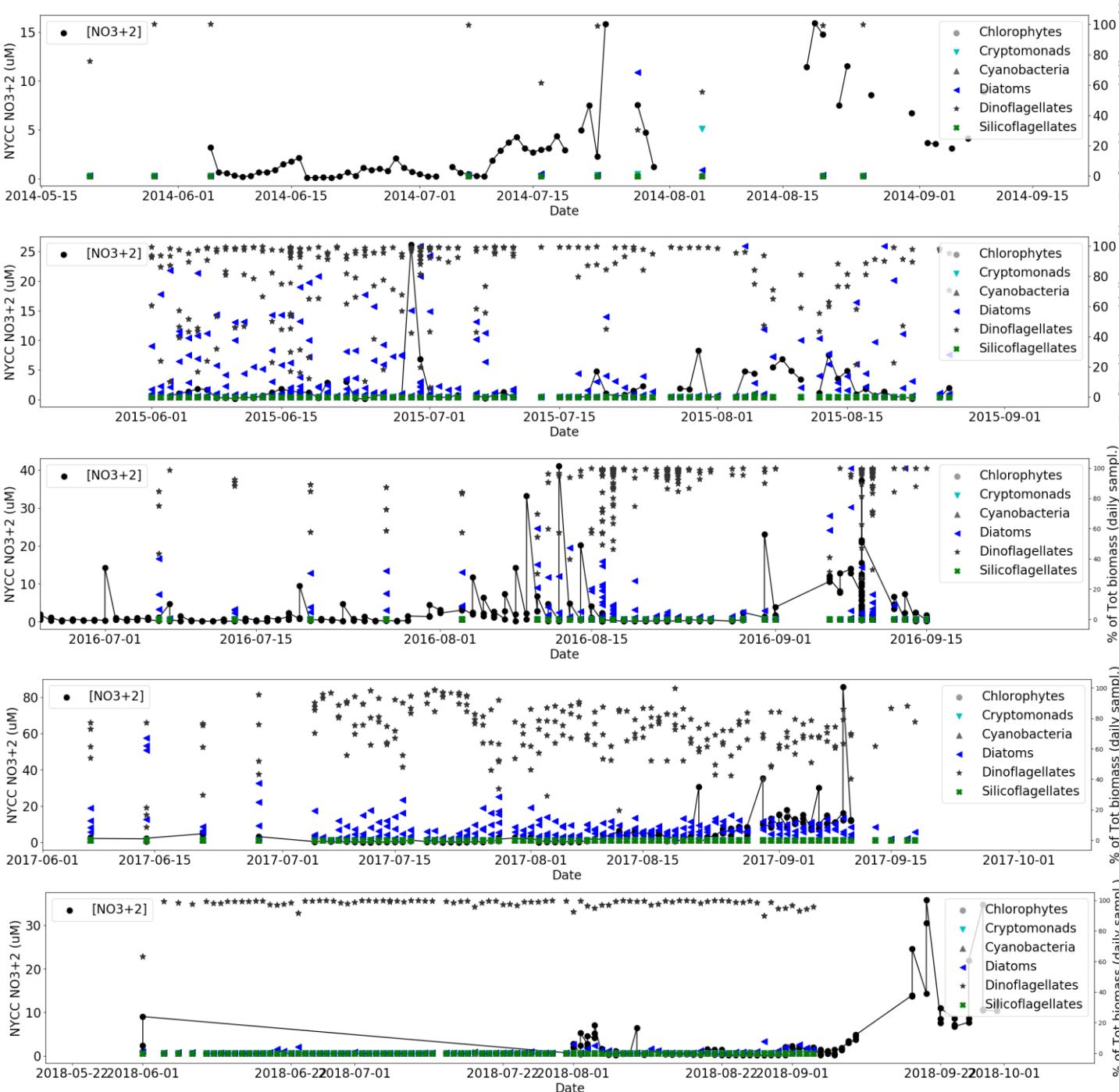
Explore this further. For example, it seems that there is some relationship between precipitation and %of *M. polyk*. When removing the 'Zeros'.

What about wind speed? (lower-right figure)

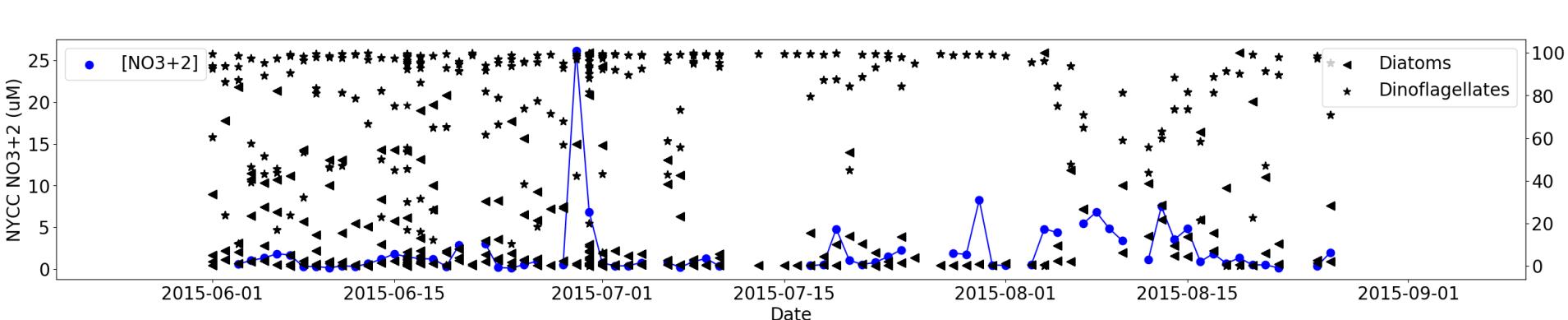
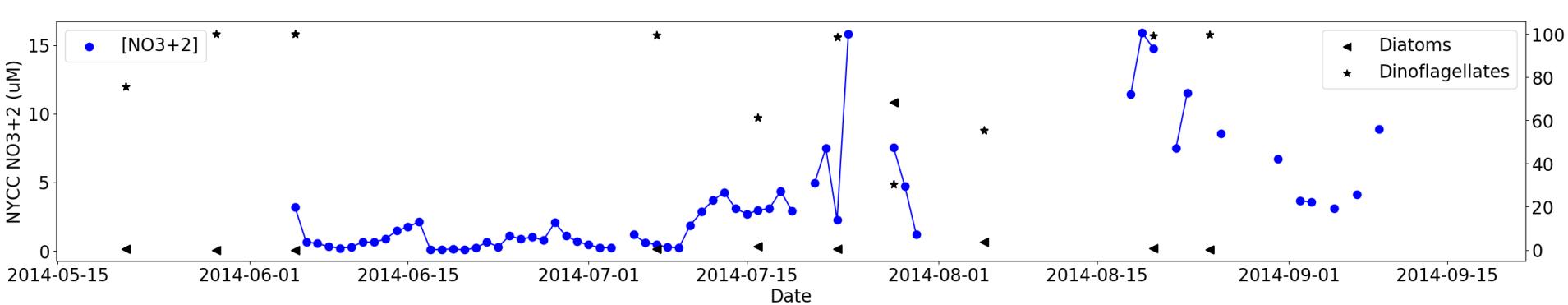
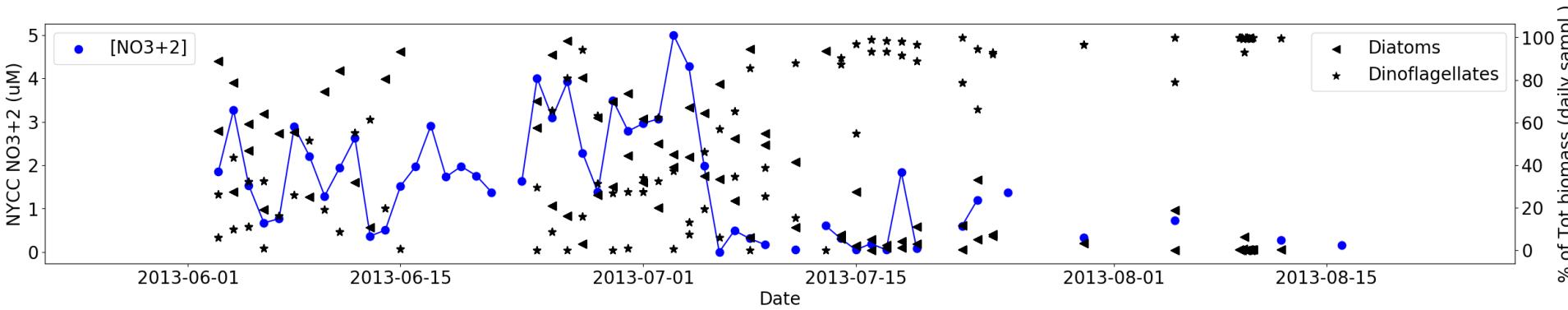




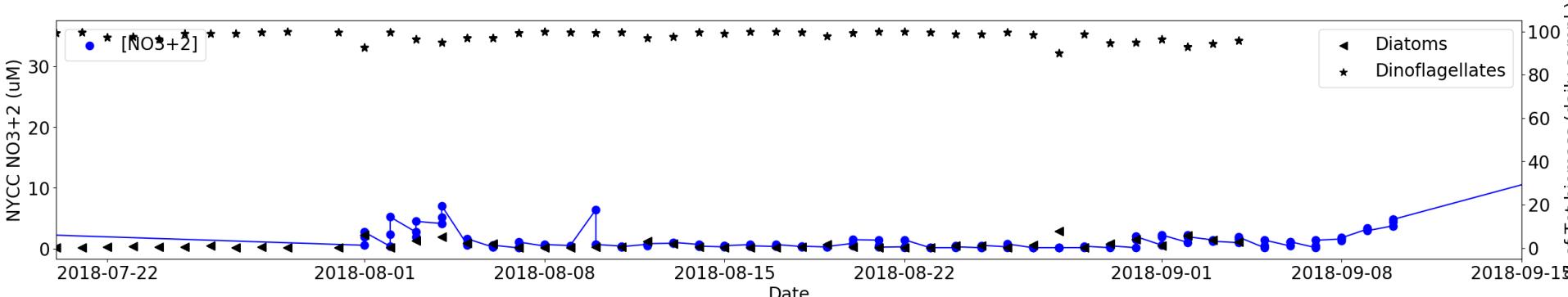
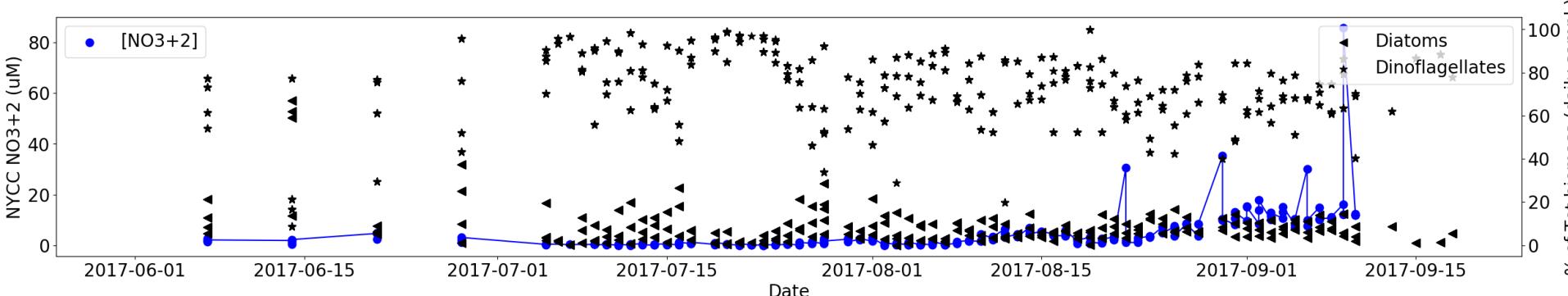
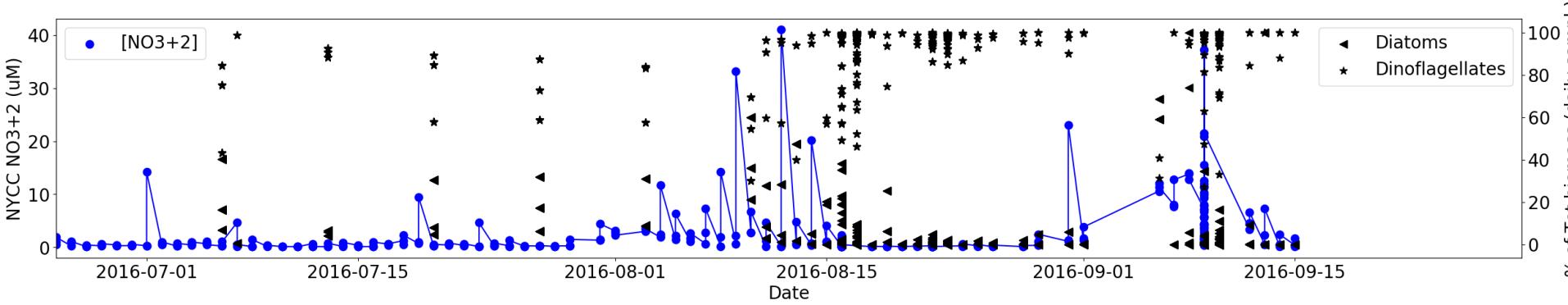
Different nutrient (i.e. urea) data is available from the summer sampling campaigns. From this sampling, also cell counts at different levels (i.e. species) are available at the same site.  
 Nutrient ratios and the abundance of different organisms could be plotted to extract relationships. See following slides for examples.



Dinoflagellates are the ones that dominate the timeseries, followed by diatoms. However, for the following plots, only those two are going to be used.



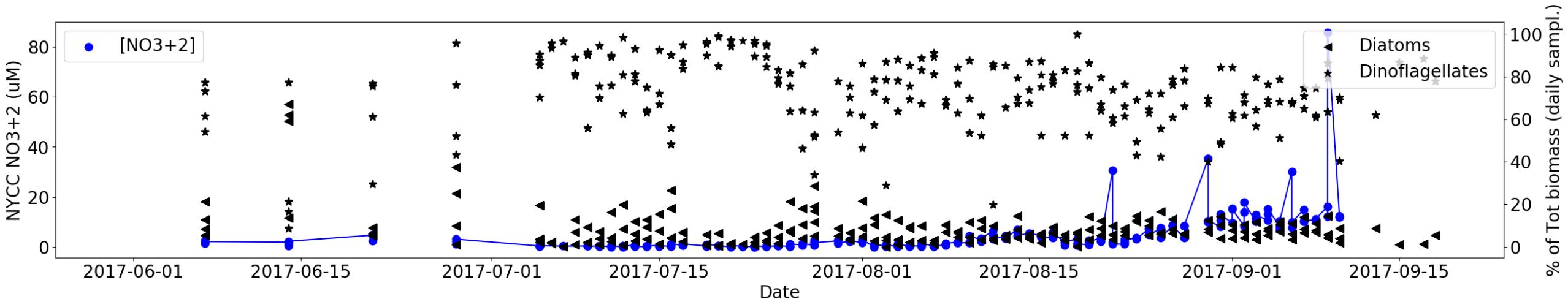
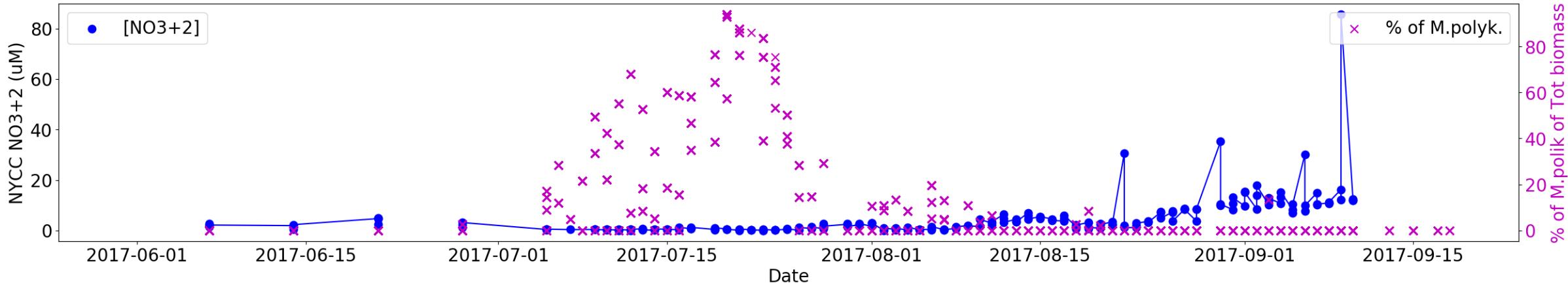
Time series showing dissolved nutrients ( $\text{NO}_x$  specifically) and the percentage of diatoms/dinos of the total biomass. Data is separated by year, from 2013 to 2018, for a clearer presentation.

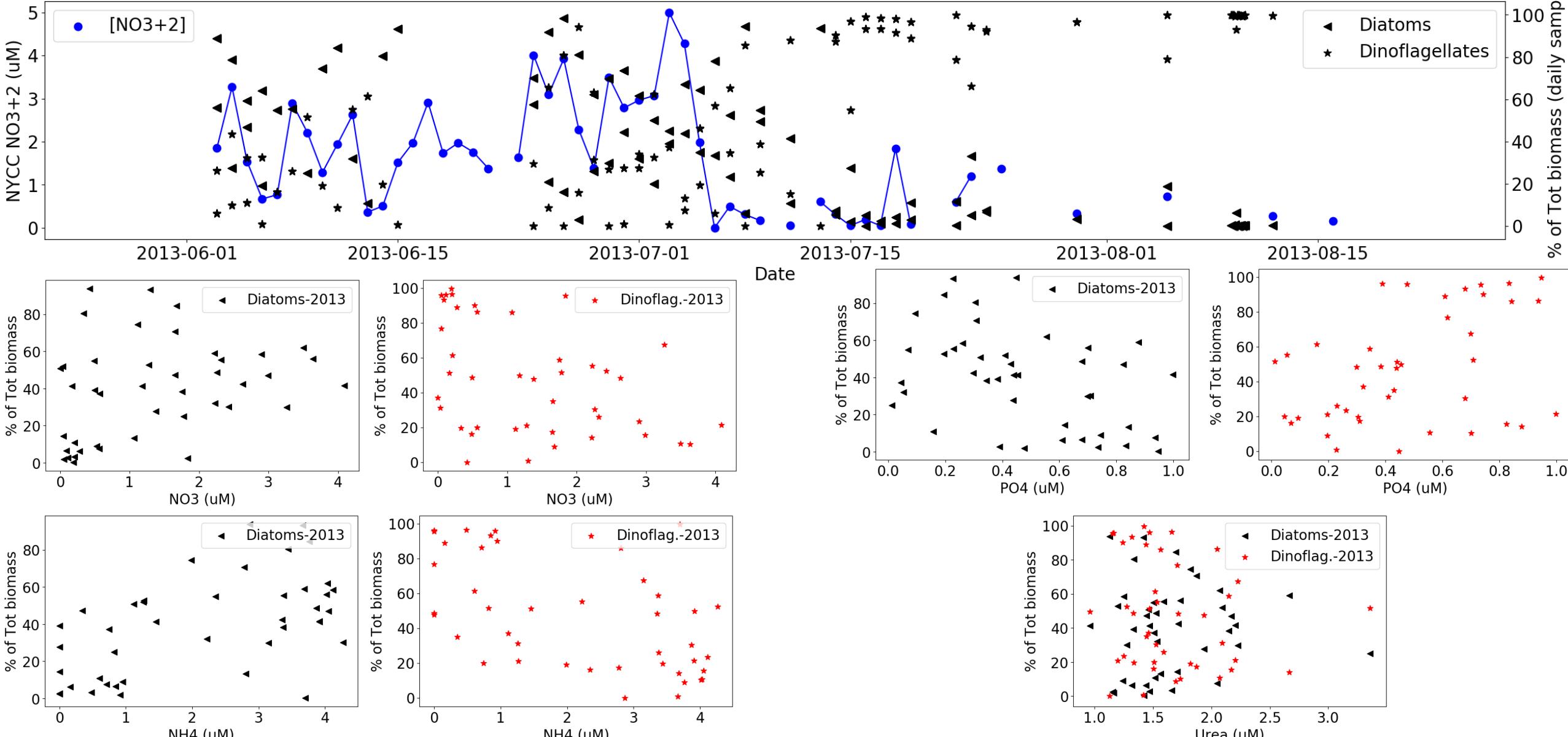


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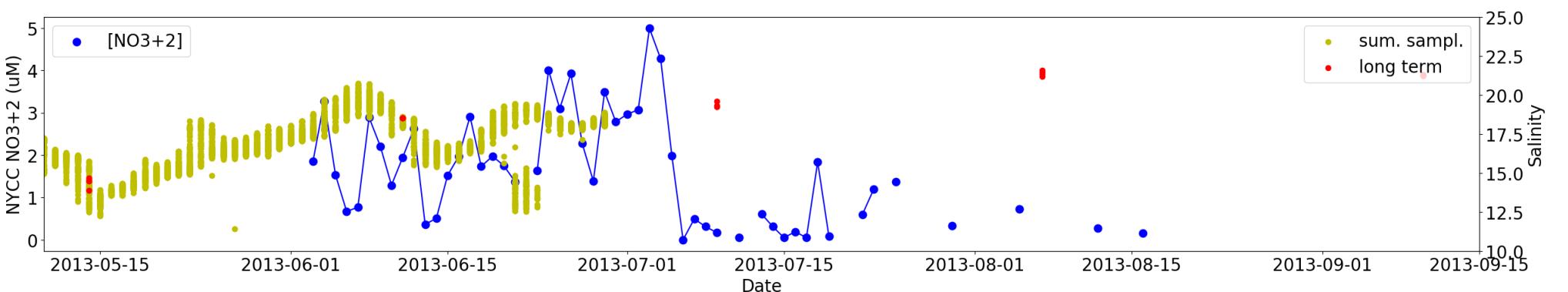
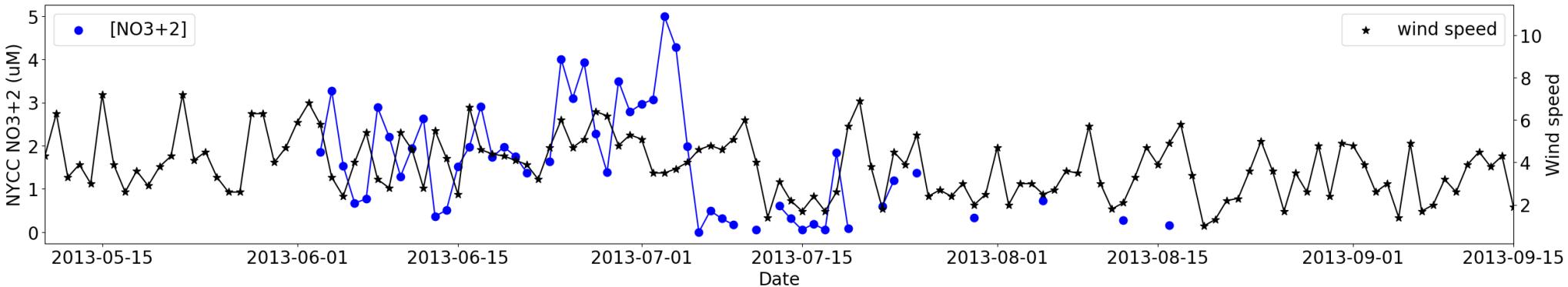
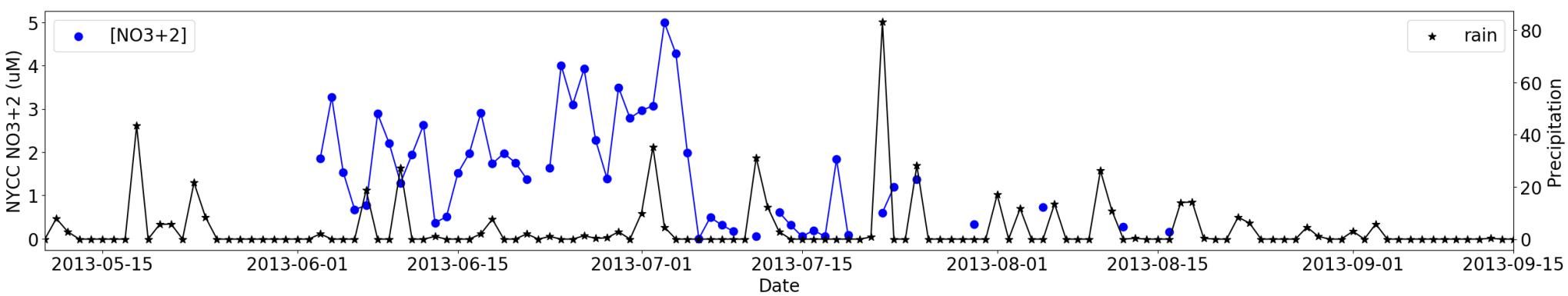
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Most of the years, dinoflagellates abundance is not equal to *M. polykrikoides* abundance. This will make association with nutrient data (and other type of data) more complicated. Which one do we use depends in the question that we are asking, but I will recommend to use species numbers when available.

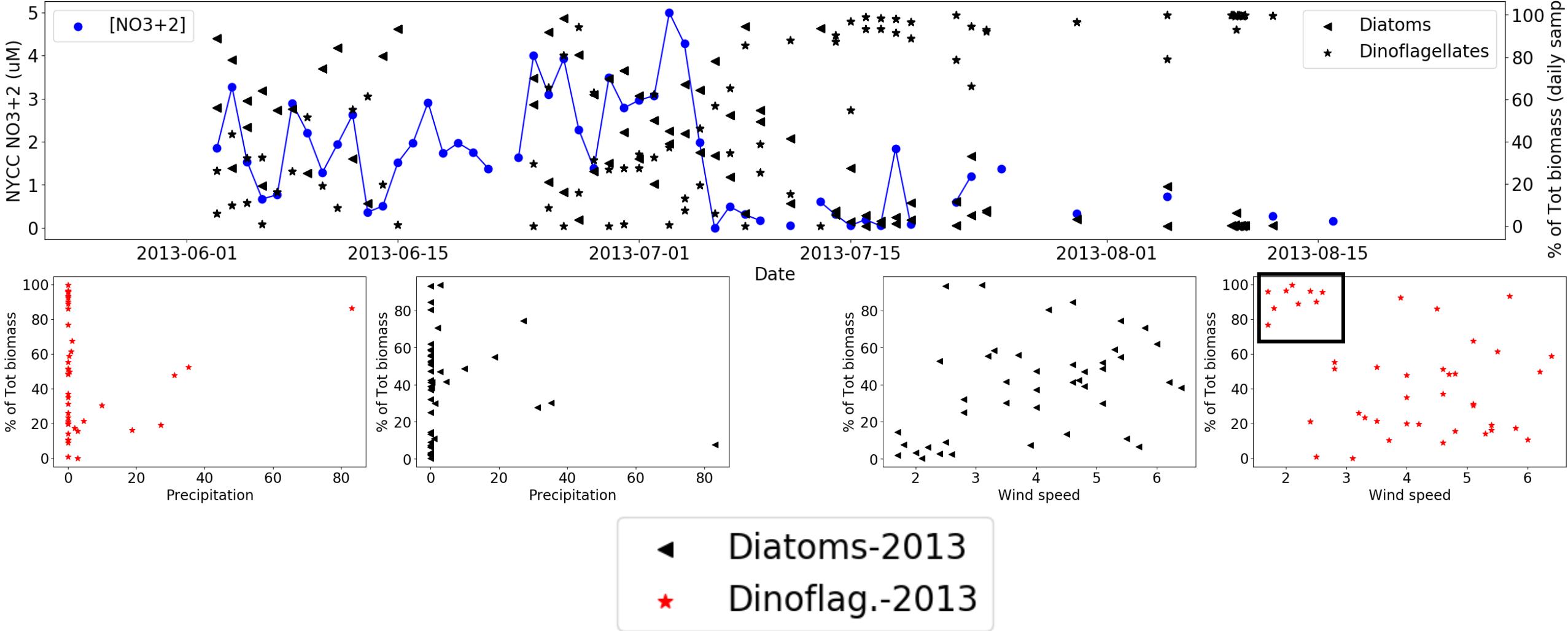




Only during 2013, there is clear trends/correlation between percentage of diatoms/dinoflagellates and dissolved nutrients. You can see on the upper graphic how diatoms dominate while  $\text{NO}_3+2$  is high, but it switch to dino dominance when  $\text{NO}_3+2$  is depleted.



If there seems to be some relationship between nutrients and % of diatoms/dinos, what is then controlling those nutrients?  
 Just for the sake of the exercise, I am plotting precipitation, wind speed and salinity for the same period of time in which nutrients data is available (only for 2013).  
 It seems that precipitation peaks correlate with some nutrient peaks, but that is not true for most of the time-line. However, windspeed seems to follow a more consistent pattern (see next slide).



Although I haven't done a proper linear regression analysis, it seems that under some conditions precipitation has a positive correlation with dinos and negative with diatoms.

Windspeed seems to affect the % of organisms more consistently, specially for diatoms