

Low values of in situ Chlorophyll

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NASA has adopted the OCI chlorophyll algorithm

Hu, C., Z. Lee, and B.A. Franz (2012). Chlorophyll-a algorithms for oligotrophic oceans: A novel approach based on three-band reflectance difference, J. Geophys. Res., 117, C01011, [doi:10.1029/2011JC007395](https://doi.org/10.1029/2011JC007395).http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/staff/franz/papers/hu_et_al_2012_jgr.pdf

Compared to the current OCX algorithm, this will result in lower `chlor_a` values when `chlor_a < 0.4 mg/m3` (`log(chlor_a) < -0.9162907`), so it is interesting to know how often in situ measurements fall below this value.

```
setwd("/Volumes/System-ambrosia-10.6/Users/gwhite/OP/XA/A2013.1/data/insitu")
cp.df = read.csv("cp-20141117-AC.csv")
str(cp.df)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 1583 obs. of 16 variables:
## $ lat : num 54.5 53 53 53.9 53.8 ...
## $ lon : num -56.4 -55 -55 -52.7 -53.1 ...
## $ dn : int 185 130 130 133 134 134 190 191 104 105 ...
## $ day : int 3 9 9 12 13 13 9 10 13 14 ...
## $ mon : int 7 5 5 5 5 5 7 7 4 4 ...
## $ year : int 1984 1988 1988 1988 1988 1988 1985 1985 1984 1984 ...
## $ h : num 16.6 435.5 446.5 928.1 607.3 ...
## $ sigma : num 3.58 17.07 15.24 20.06 11.05 ...
## $ zm : num 8.37 13.06 10.31 -3.86 19.73 ...
## $ Bo : num 0.793 2.19 0.114 0.185 0.943 ...
## $ rho : num 0.7 0.82 0.99 0.99 0.96 0.89 0.92 0.67 0.86 0.27 ...
## $ dataset: Factor w/ 65 levels " 90001"," 91001",...: 5 8 8 8 8 8 53 53 4 4 ...
## $ stn : Factor w/ 669 levels " 3 "," 9 ",...: 65 19 19 43 44 44 78 80 47 47 ...
## $ chlsur : num 0.913 9.786 9.412 18.304 5.396 ...
## $ tempsur: num -1.2 0 0 -0.9 -0.6 -0.6 1 6.3 0.7 0.7 ...
## $ tz : num 9 10 10 10 10 10 1 1 10 10 ...
```

```
sum(cp.df$chlsur < 0.4)
```

```
## [1] 448
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```
log(0.4)
```

```
## [1] -0.9162907
```

Clearly a significant fraction of the measurements will be affected by this change.

```
hist(log(cp.df$chlsur))
```

Histogram of $\log(\text{cp.df\$chlsur})$

