



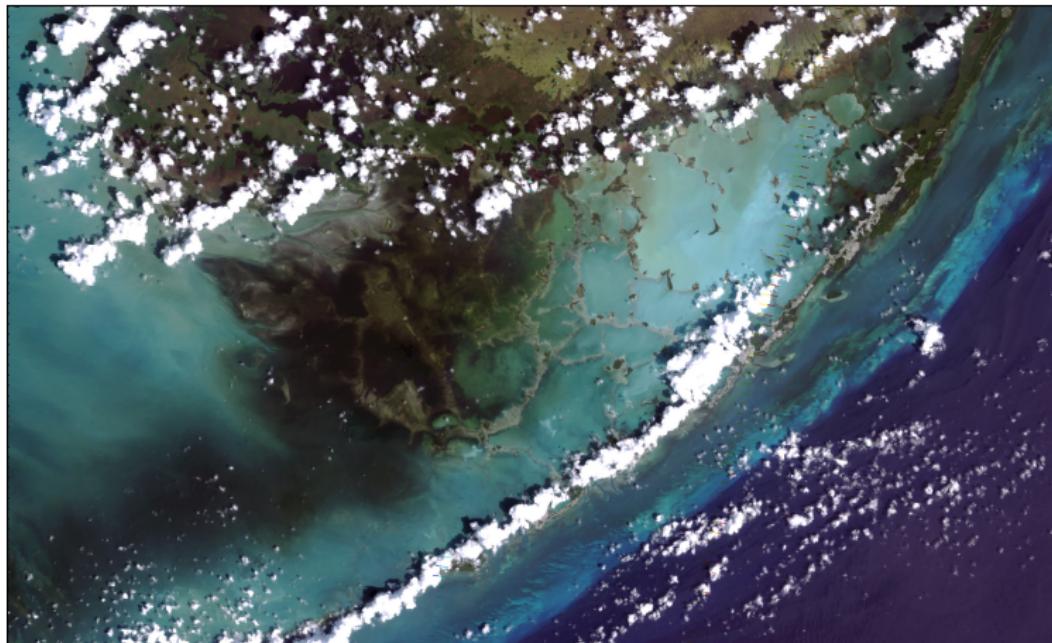
FINE-SCALE SPATIAL PATTERNING OF PHYTOPLANKTON ABUNDANCE IN A COASTAL ESTUARY

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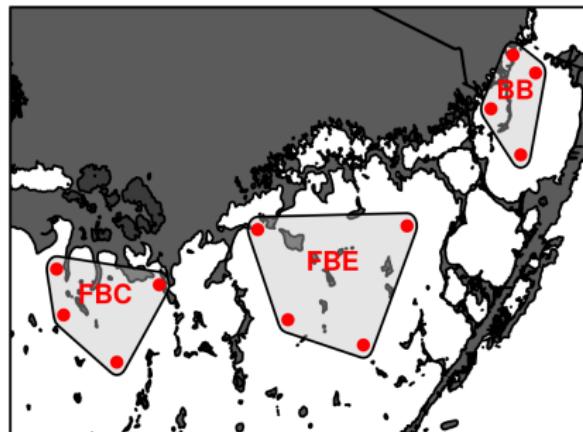
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HOW CAN WE DESCRIBE PHYTOPLANKTON DISTRIBUTIONS?

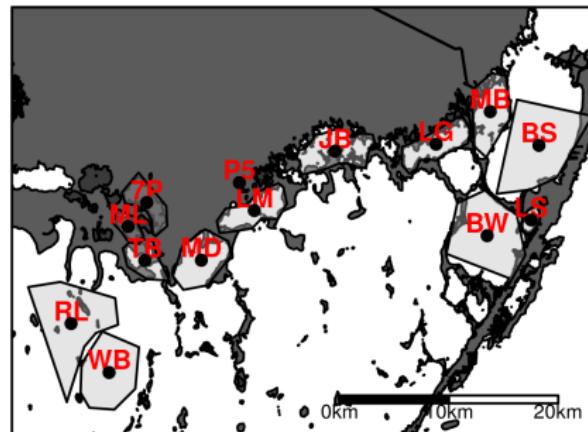


THE DISCRETE APPROACH

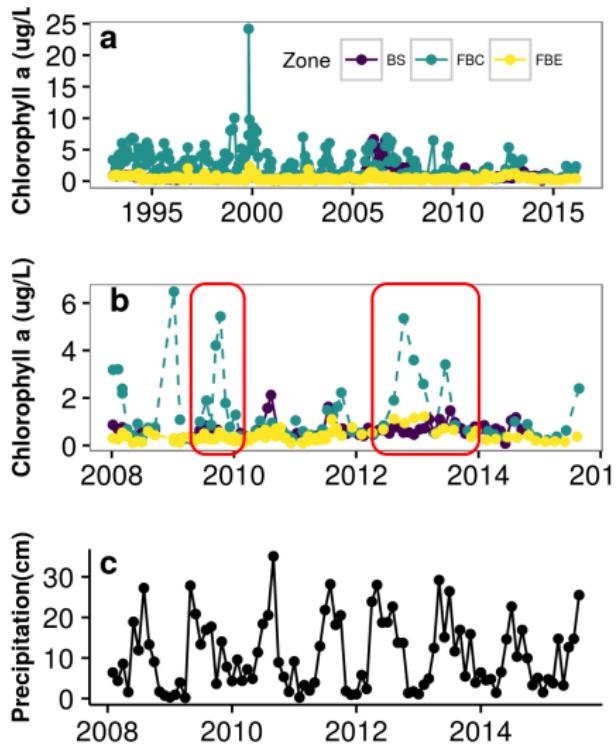
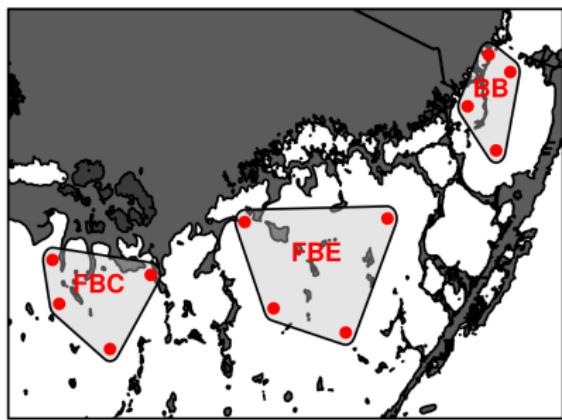
Bay-Wide Network
(Monthly, 1993 - 2015)



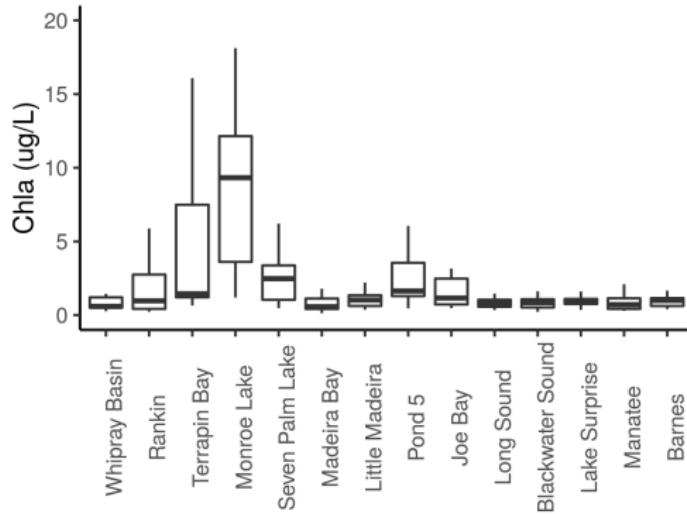
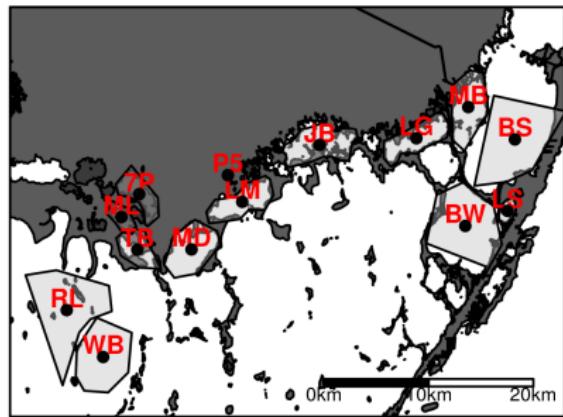
Coastal Network
(Quarterly, 2008 - 2015)



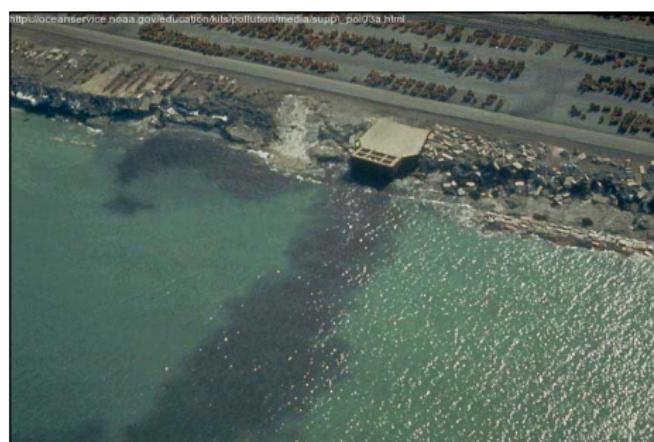
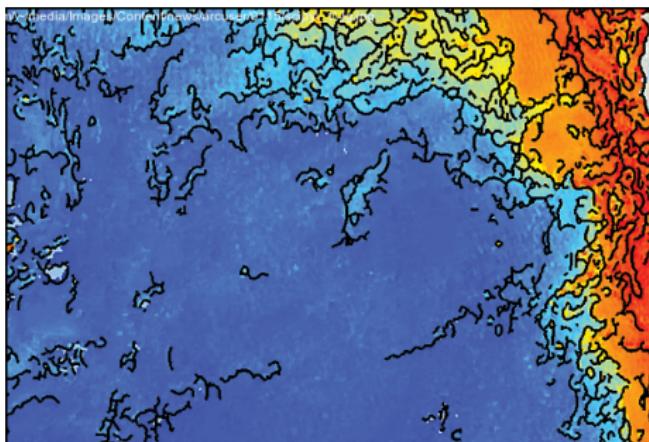
BAY-WIDE NETWORK



COASTAL NETWORK



WHAT DO WE MISS WITH THE DISCRETE APPROACH?



- ▶ Spatial Gradients
- ▶ Point Source Extent

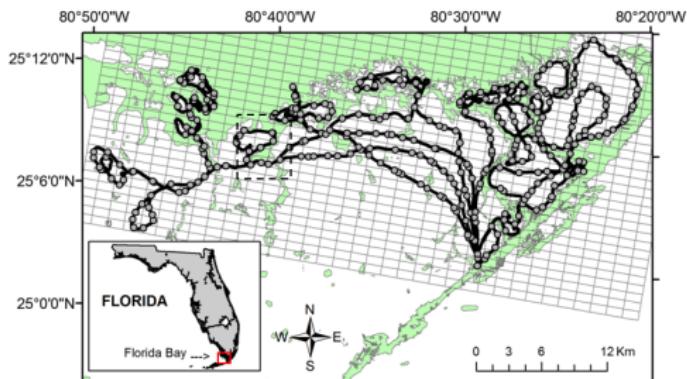
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¹Adams and Blair 2014

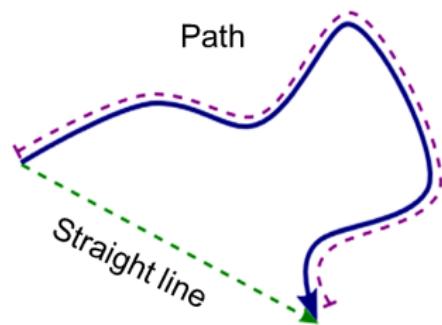
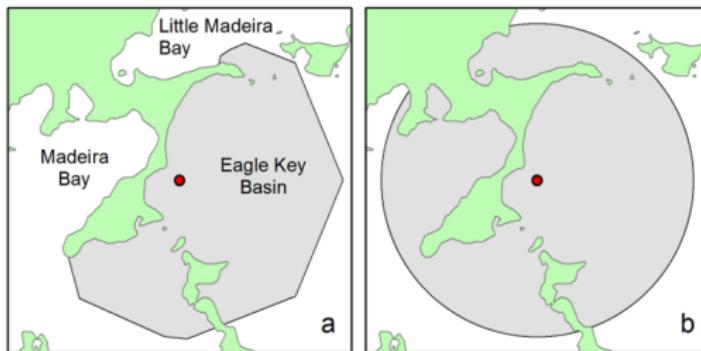
AN ALTERNATIVE - THE UNDERWAY APPROACH

- ▶ Quarterly surveys
- ▶ Measurements every 50m
- ▶ Emphasis on freshwater discharge



INVERSE PATH DISTANCE WEIGHTING (IPDW)

As the crow flies or as the fish swims?²³



Project-specific optimization for:

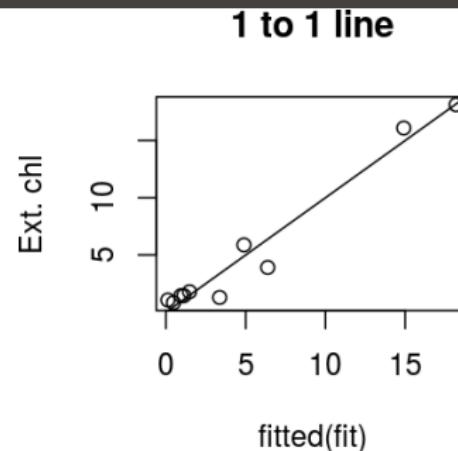
- ▶ Spatial Grain
- ▶ Max Neighborhood Distance

²Little et al. 1997

³Suominen et al. 2010

CHLOROPHYLL MODELLING^{1,2}

Instrument Package	Parameter
Optical 1	CDOM
...	Chlorophyll
Optical 2	CDOM
...	Chlorophyll
...	Phycocyanin
...	Phycoerytherin

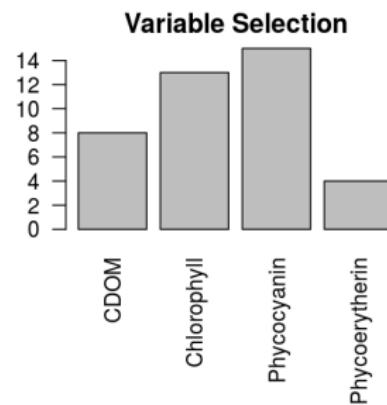
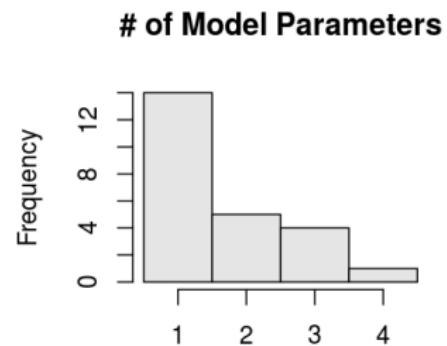
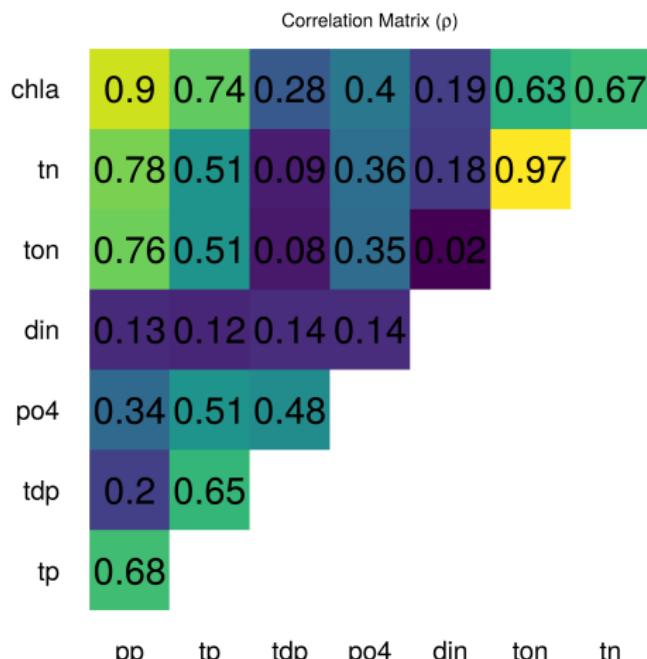


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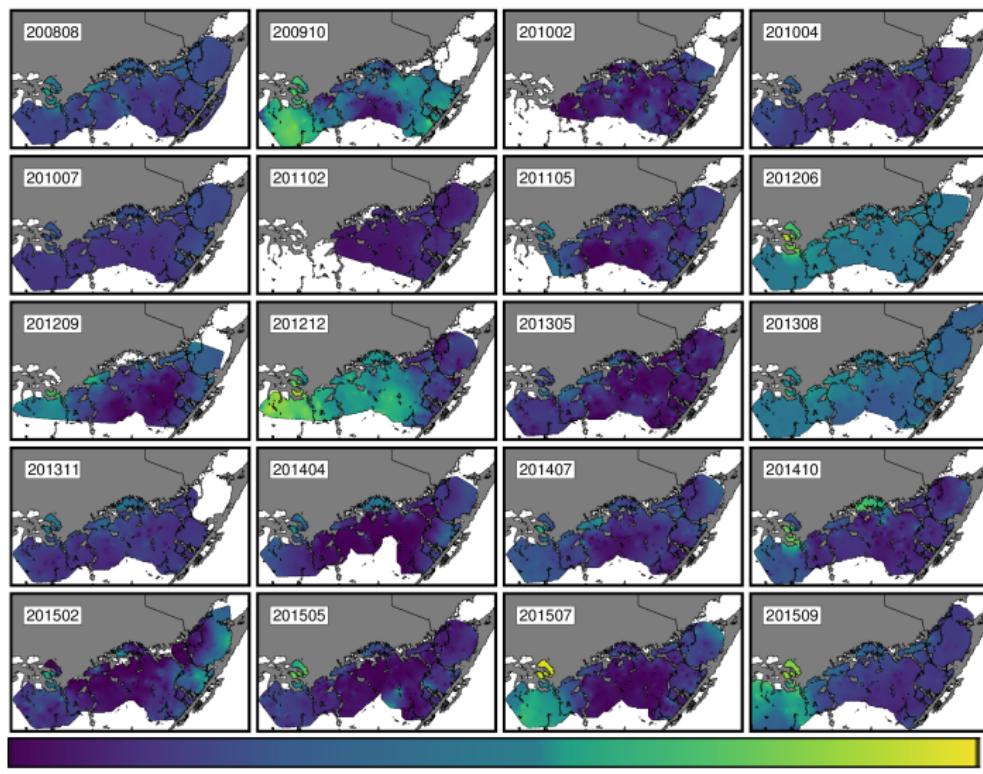
- > Initial correlation matrix
- > MLR with all variables...
- > Checking for redundancy in variable pairs
- > Generate AIC for candidate models
- > Checking VIF...

⁴Seppälä et al. 2007 ⁵Venables and Ripley 2002

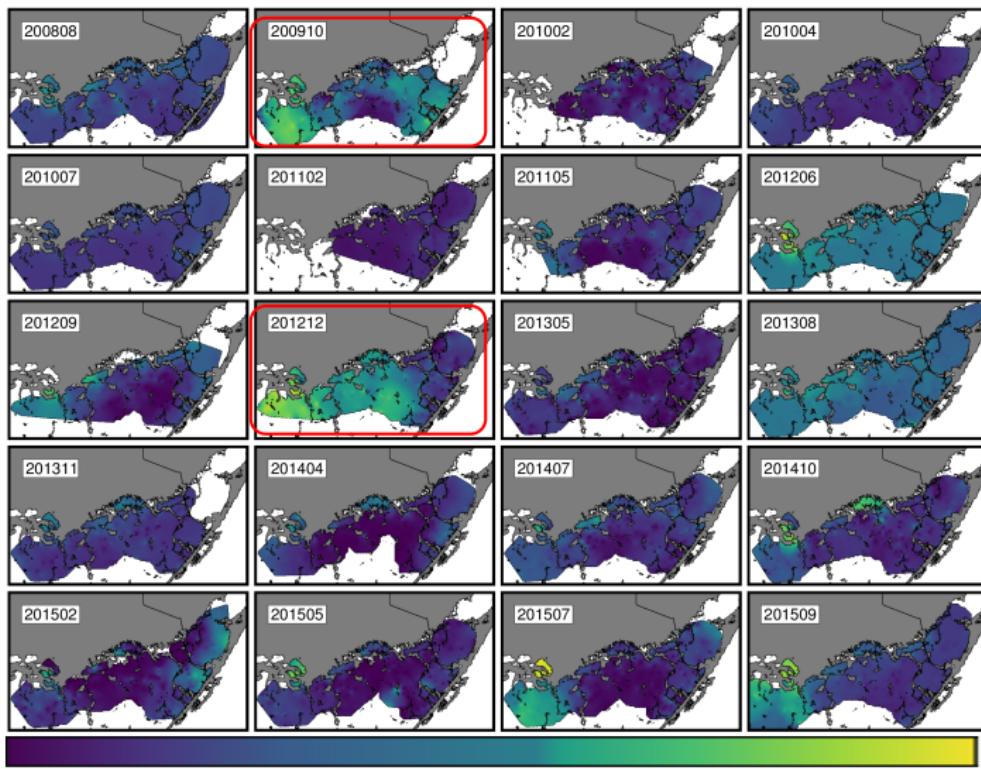
WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM CHL MODELLING?



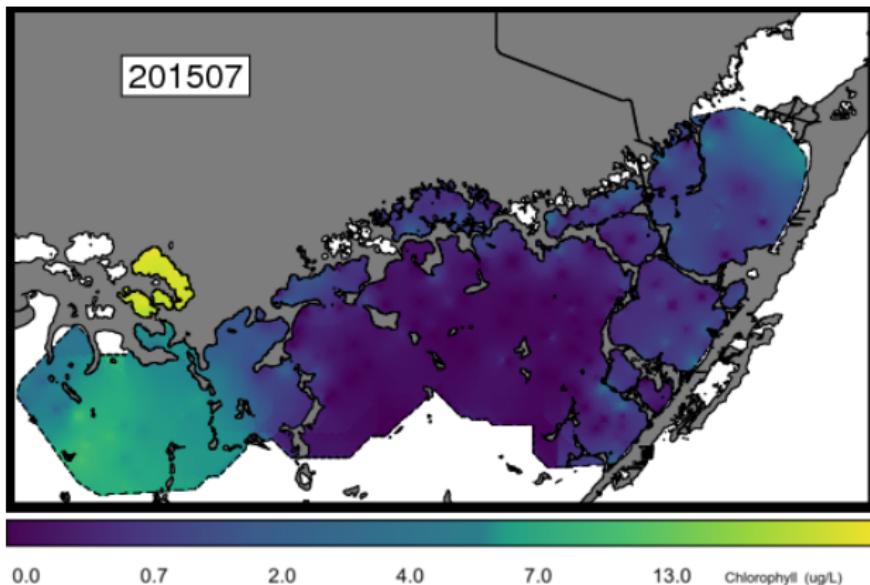
UNDERWAY CHLOROPHYLL



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SPATIAL VARIABILITY



RESOURCES

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