

# Quality Control of Bio-Geochemical and optical Ferrybox data

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# Outline

- BGC QA procedures from MyO
- QA on above water reflectance data

# Quality Control Tests for Biogeochemical Data

## Recommendations from MyO documents

1) Jaccard, P., Norli M, Ledang, A.B., Hjermann, D.Ø., Reggiani, E.R., Sørensen, K., Wehde, H. Kaitala, S., 2013 WP15.

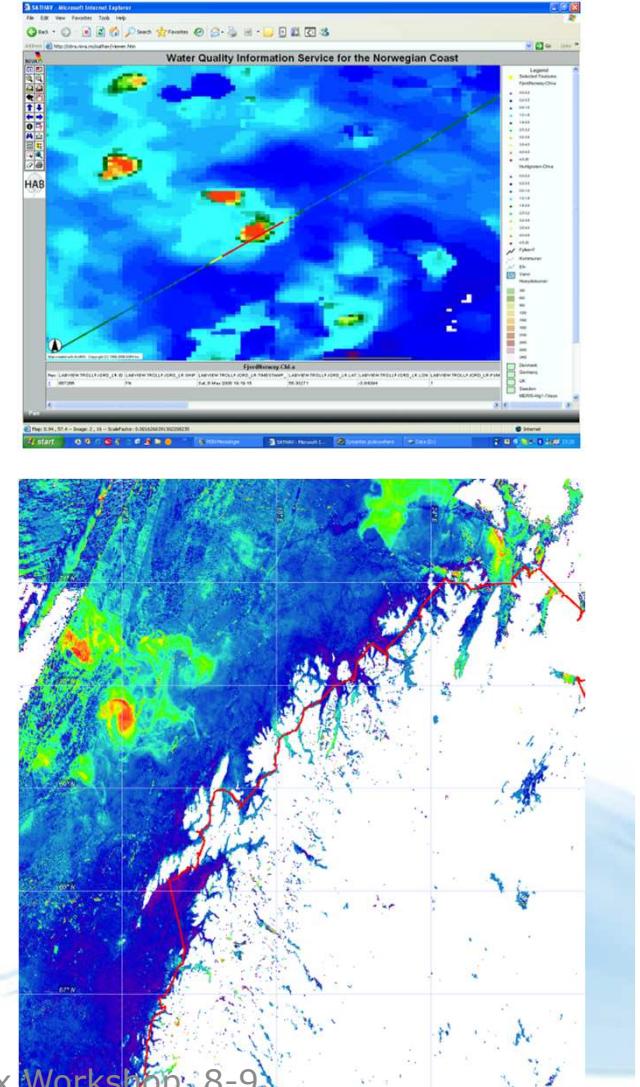
Real Time Quality Control of biogeochemical measurements. Version 2.0. June 2013, Rev 2014.

2) MyO 2. R&D Reference Report – WP15.2

Reference: MYO2-INS-RRD-V1.1, In preparation

# BGC data and sensors

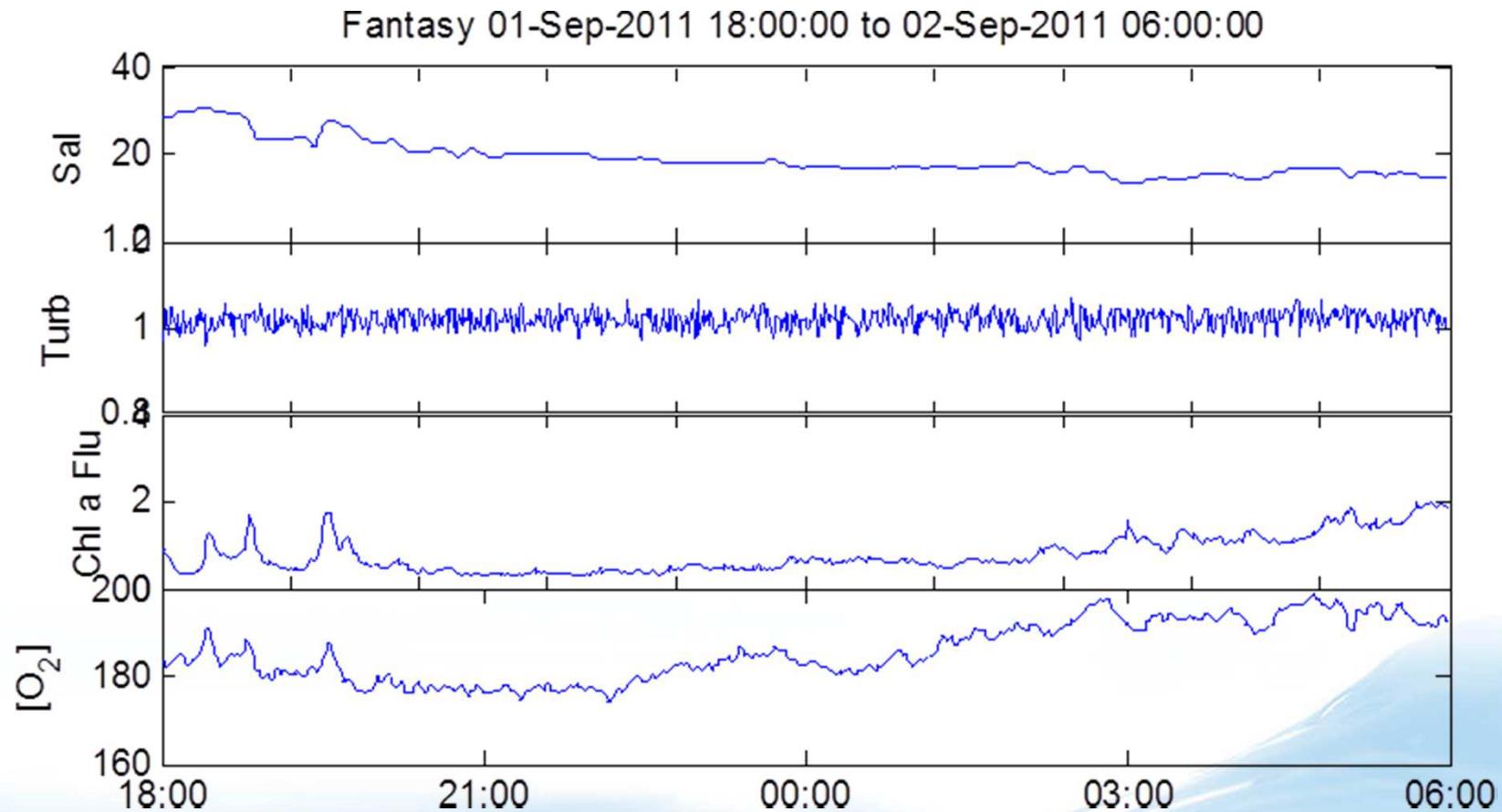
- Living species –
  - Night and day variation
- Phytoplankton patchiness
  - BGC-reactions
- New technology and measuring principles
  - Proxy measurements for a geophysical parameter
  - Calibration issues
  - Sensor prototypes



# General Issues

- Strong variability on all scales
- Variation of 2-3 orders of magnitude
- Sensor values often oscillate («noise»)
- General lack of extensive climatology (regional range)

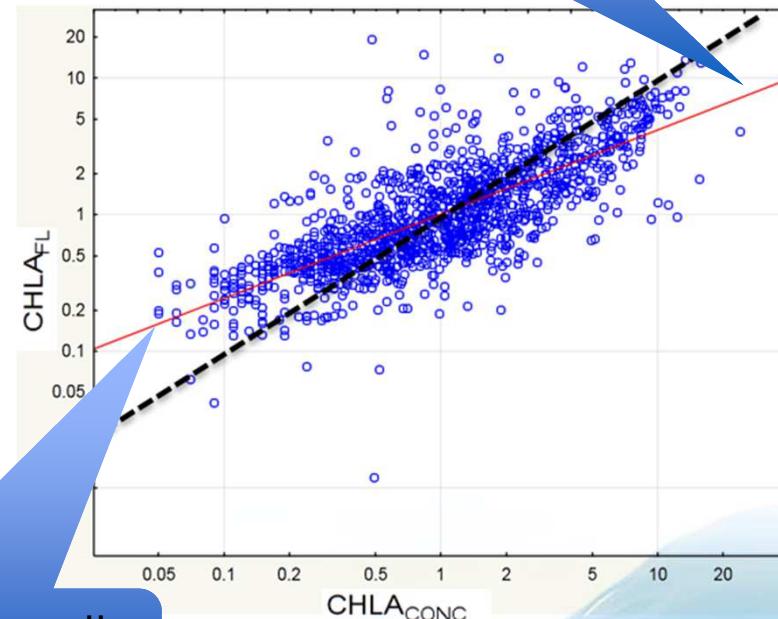
# Oscillations/Variations



# Chl a Fluorescence

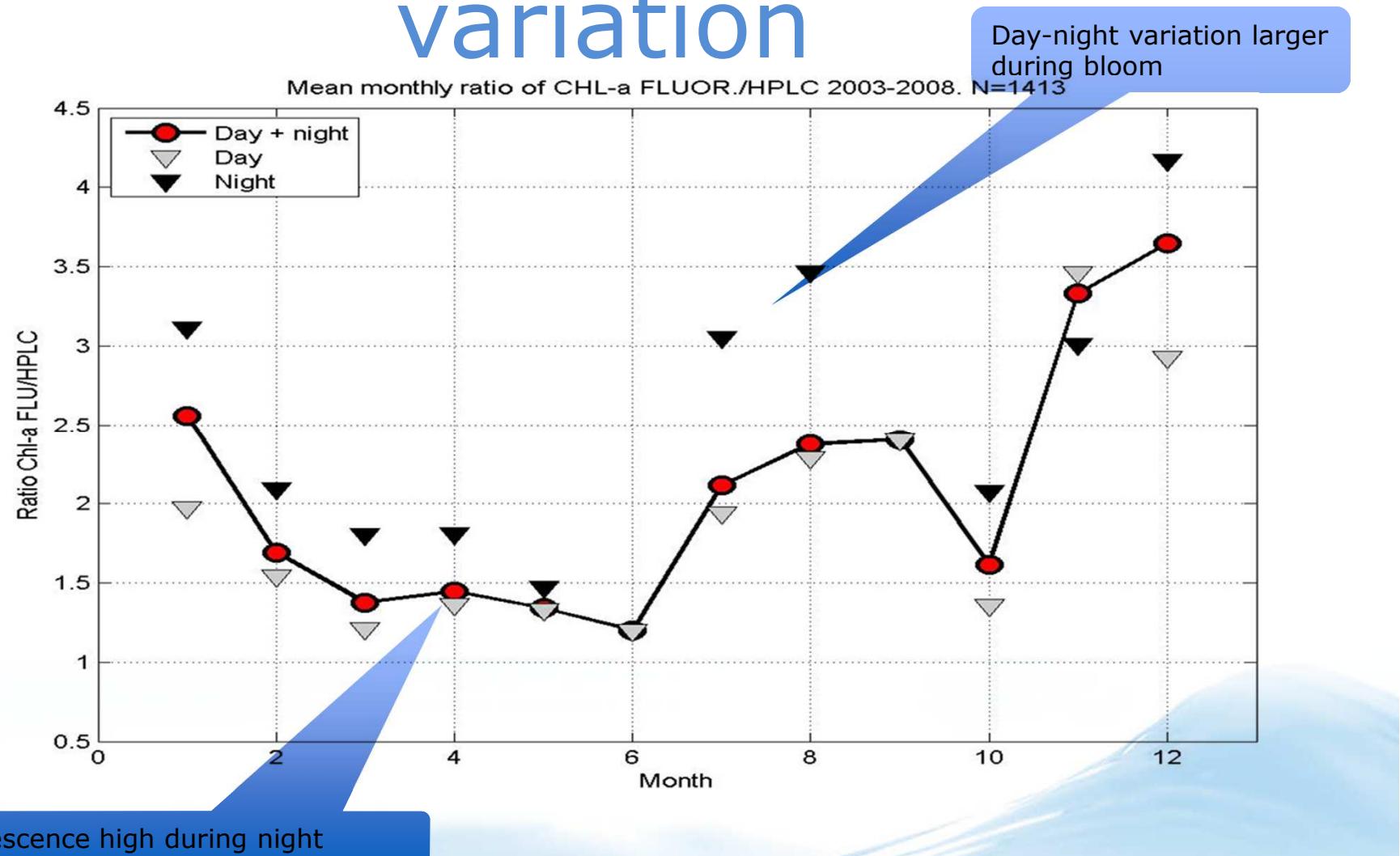
- Proxy for estimation of phytoplankton biomass
- Day light, length of day
- Seasonal variations
- Species composition

Fluorescence low at high concentrations



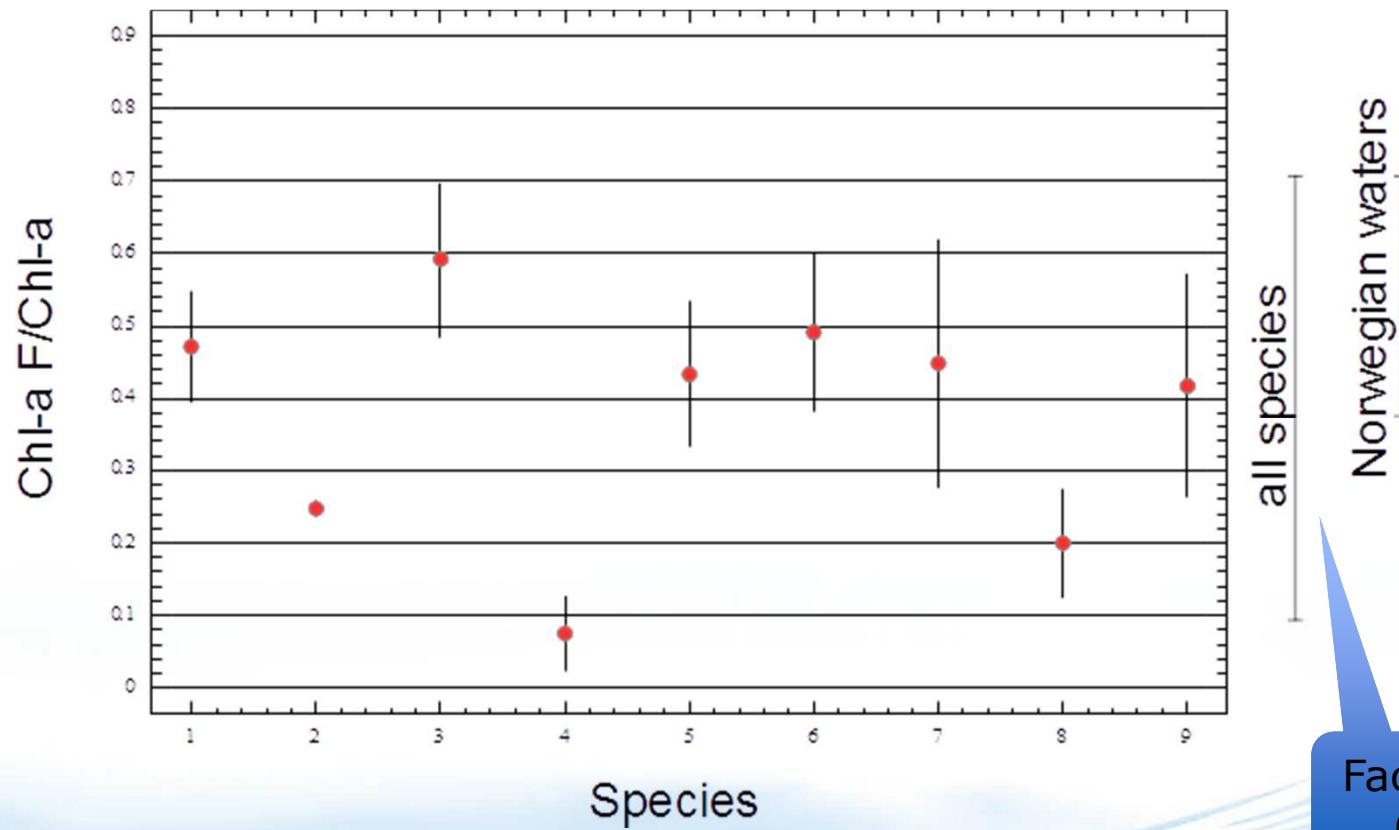
Fluorescence high at small concentrations

# Diurnal and seasonal variation



# Chla-Fl/Chl-a - Species

Nr.	Algekulturer
1	<i>Chrysochromulina polylepis</i>
2	<i>Dunaliella tertiolecta</i>
3	<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i>
4	<i>Oscillatoria agardii</i>
5	<i>Prorocentrum minimum</i>
6	<i>Prymnesium parvum</i>
7	<i>Phaeodactylum tricornutum</i>
8	<i>Selenastrum capricornutum</i>
9	<i>Skeletonema costatum</i>



# MyO document – tests discussed in the document

- Global range test
- Regional range test
- Spike test
- Gradient test (and frozen profile test)
- Instrument comparison test
- Parameter relation test
- Calibration status test

# Global Range Test

- Need to accommodate expected extremes in oceans
- Regional ranges reported by partners  
Chl *a* fluorescence -0.1 to 100 µg/l
  - Small drift in calibration can cause small negative values
- Dissolved oxygen 0 to 900 µM

# Regional Range Test

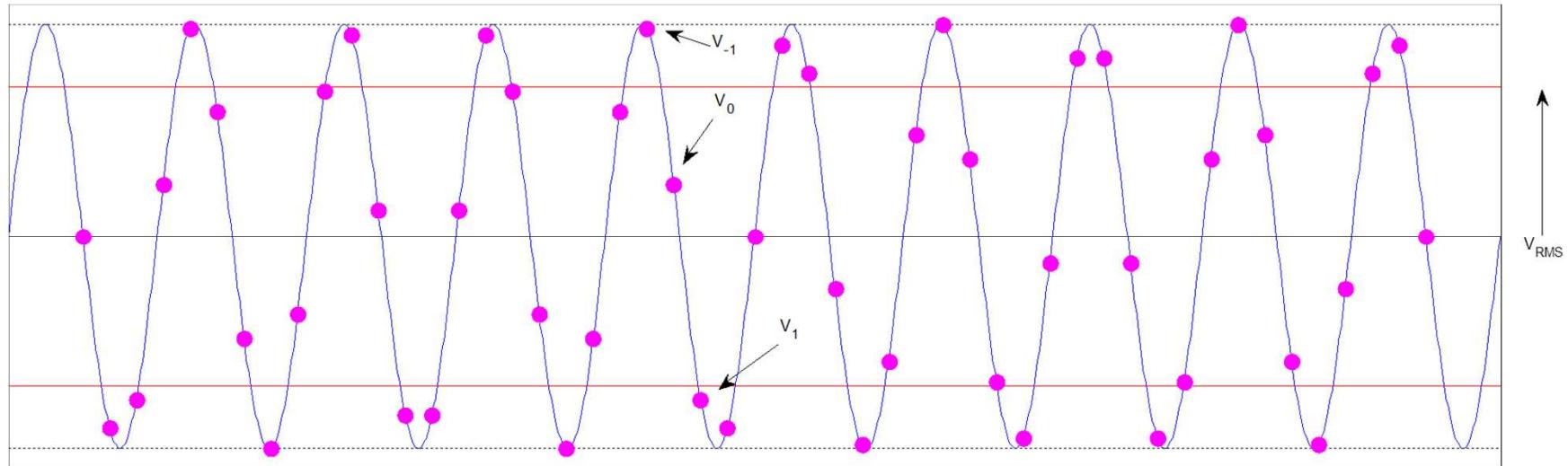
- Strong variability on all scales
- Can vary between 2-3 orders of magnitude
- General lack of extensive climatology

# Spike/Gradient Tests

- Identify «background noise»
  - Resolve issue of oscillations in data (jfr Turbidity)
- Consider surrounding measurements
  - Resolve issue of strong variability
- Make it parameter and regional independent
  - Resolve issue of climatology
- Keep it simple
  - Near real time automated quality control

# Step 0

## Identify Background Noise



Consider data in neighborhood  $[-i, i]$  of  $v_0$   
Assume a sine wave on the neighborhood  
Then

$$V_{RMS} = \sigma_V$$

# Step 1

## Define a Threshold

- Threshold based on surrounding background noise and median
- Potential spike when V0 is outside this range

$$\bar{x}_{-i,+i} \pm \sqrt{2}\sigma_{x,-i,+i}$$

## Step 2 Reject or Accept

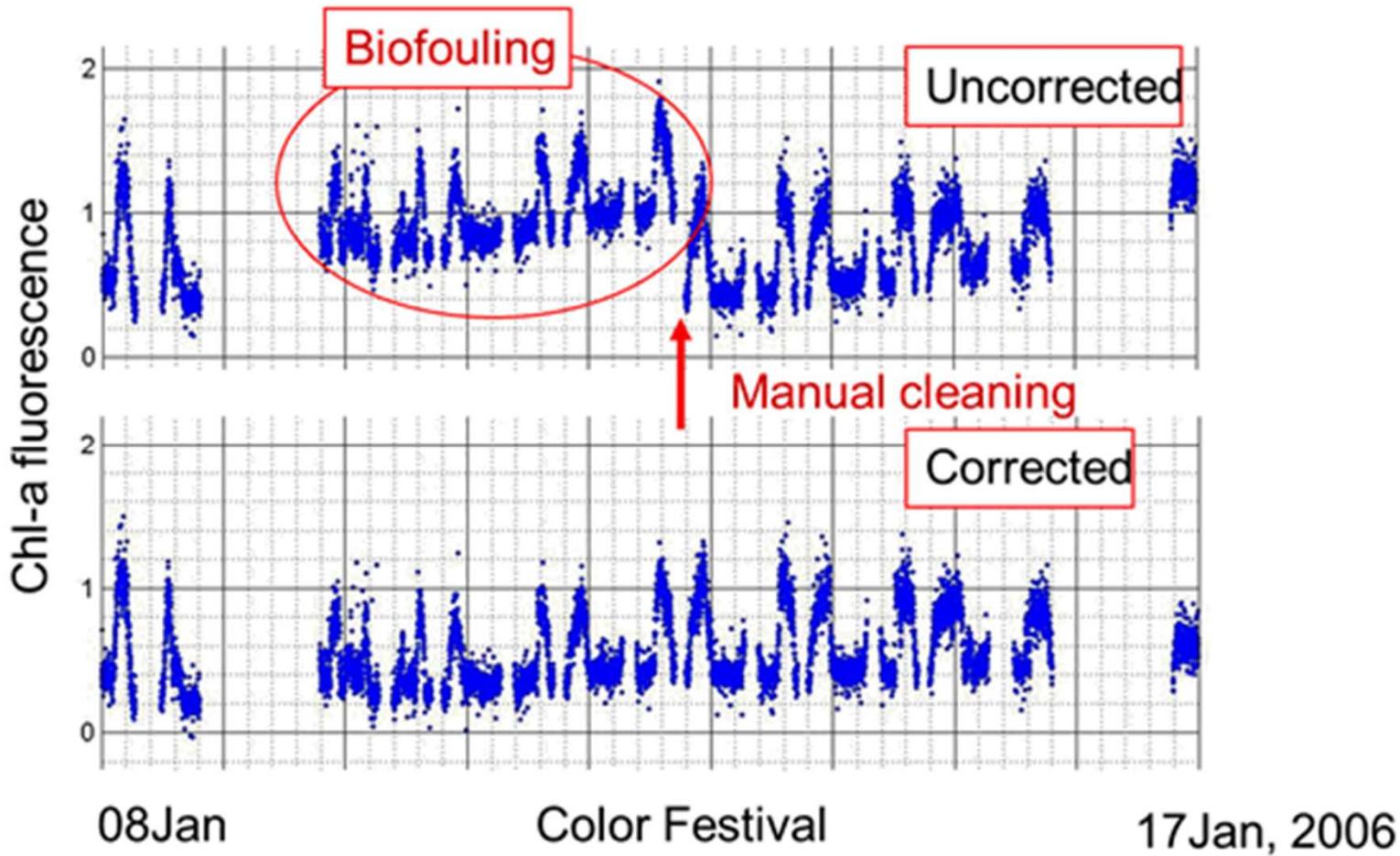
- Use AIC (Akaike Information Criterion) with and without  $V_0$
- If lower AIC without  $V_0$ , then  $V_0$  is an outlier
- AIC as defined here can be thought as a measure of statistical entropy

$$U_t = \frac{1}{2} AIC = n \log \hat{\sigma} - \sqrt{2} \cdot s \cdot \frac{\log n!}{n}$$

# Biofouling Test

- Applied to Ferrybox Chl *a* fluorescence
- Subsequent trips
- Identify cleaning events
- By definition a **delayed mode** correction

# Biofouling test



# QA on TriOS RAMSES above water reflectance data

NIVA. ESA contract with Richard Santer and  
Francis Zagolski

RAMSES-TriOS/Ferrybox Measurements with Concurrent  
MERIS/in-situ Reflectance Matchups  
- A New Protocol for in-situ Data Processing

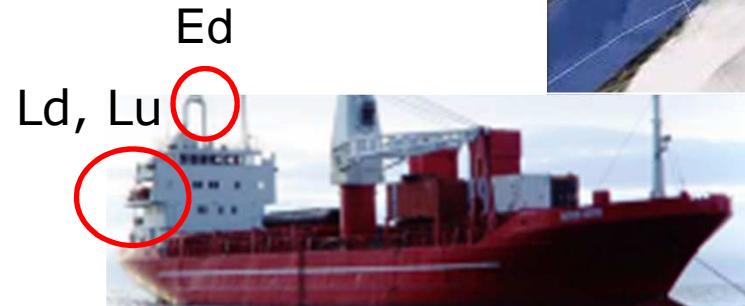


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# QA on TriOS RAMSES Measurements

- Hyperspectral radiance and irradiance measurements
- Relationship to BGC values are improving
- Issues
  - Sun position
  - Weather and sea state (ozone, wind,  $p_{atm}$ , AOT 865nm)
  - Moving platform
  - Platform dependent



# QC

- Pre-screening
  - SZA < 75
  - Direct sun glint
  - Ship speed
- NIVA/Trios POLREF Processor
  - LUT extractor (view angles asymmetry)
  - Corrections for polarization, sun glitter
  - QC flags

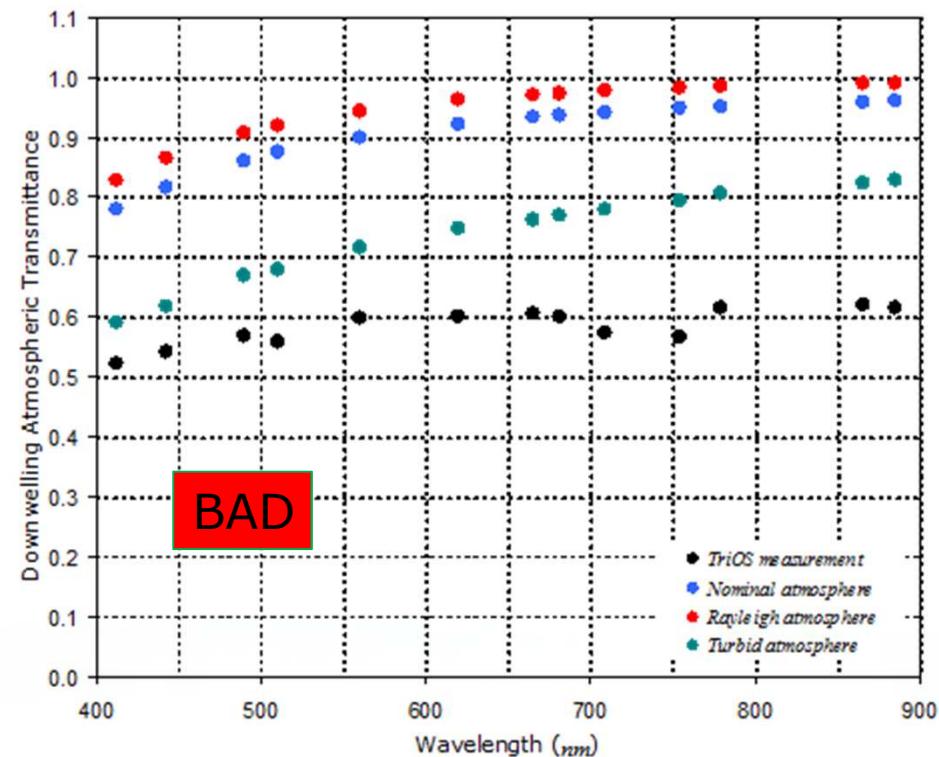
# QC Flags

Flag name	Notation	Flag setting
Hight Glint	FHG	$L_{\text{glint}} / (R_{\text{pol}} \cdot L_{\text{sky}}) > 0.5$
High Transmittance	FHT	$T_{\text{dw,meas}} > T_{\text{dw,Rayleigh}}$
Low Transmittance	FLT	$T_{\text{dw,meas}} < T_{\text{dw,Turbid}}$
High atmospheric Radiance	FHR	$L_{\text{sky,meas}} > L_{\text{dw,Turbid}}$
Low atmospheric Radiance	FLR	$L_{\text{sky,meas}} < L_{\text{dw,Rayleigh}}$
Water-leaving Radiance	FWR	$L_{w,\text{meas}} < 0$

- Cloud flag: FLT
- Shadow flag: FWR
- Turbid Flags: FLT and FHR
- Rayleigh flags: FLR and FHT
- Glint flag: FHG

# Flagg Low Transmittance FLT- Cloud

Trios  
Nominal  
Rayleigh  
Turbid



# Rough efficiency of NIVA/Trios Efficiency

- Color Fantasy (Starboard and Port side)
- 2009/07/03-2009/08/20
- 4218 measurements (spectra)

	STARBOARD	Total	FLR	FLT	FHR	FHT	FHG	FLW
Total flagged	3792	785	2539	292	2542	6	1958	
% bad	90	19	60	7	60	0	46	

	PORT	Total	FLR	FLT	FHR	FHT	FHG	FLW
Total flagged	3724	762	2786	292	2542	0	1774	
% bad	88	18	66	7	60	0	42	



400-500 measurements left on each side of the ship for 50 days (~ 2\*10/day).  
(This means not 20 satellite matchups)

# Further Studies

JeriCO: AAOT March-July 2014  
HighROC: Cruise April 2014

Test of the Flags routines on  
these data

