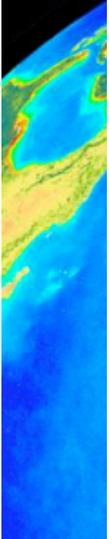


The Chesapeake Bay Program C_a algorithm round robin

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http://seabass.gsfc.nasa.gov/eval/cbp_eval.cgi



ALGORITHMS

to start,

a brief description of the algorithms and their forms ...

ALGORITHMS

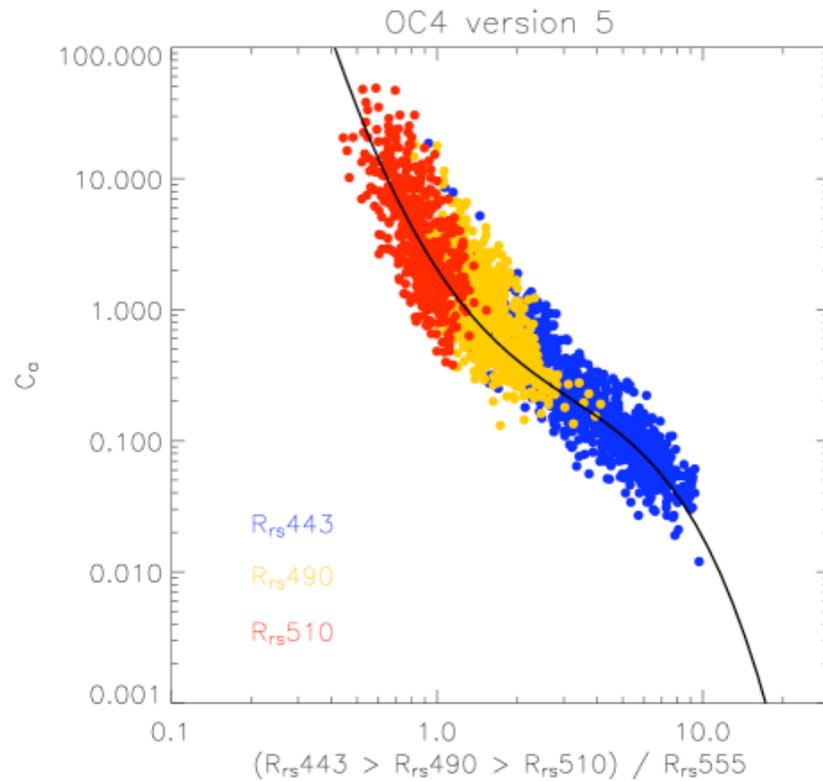
empirical (statistical) algorithms

OC4 version 4	(operational SeaWiFS; <i>O'Reilly et al. 2000</i>)
OC4 version 5	(for next SeaWiFS reprocessing)
OC3 version 5	(operational MODIS)
OC2 version 5	
OC3-CB	(Old Dominion University; tuned to Bay)
Clark	(NOAA; tuned to Bay; full-band; OC2 analog)
Carder	(operational VIIRS; OC2 analog)

semi-analytical algorithms

GSM01	(<i>Maritorena et al. 2002</i>)
GSM01-CB	(tuned to Bay; <i>Magnuson et al. 2004</i>)

EMPIRICAL ALGORITHMS



general form of algorithm

$$\log_{10}(C_a) = (c_0 + c_1 R + c_2 R^2 + c_3 R^3 + c_4 R^4)$$

where R is $\log_{10}(R_{rs} \lambda / R_{rs555})$

wavelengths used

OC4 = 443 > 490 > 510 / 555

OC3 = 443 > 490 / 555

OC2 = 490 / 555

Clark = 490 / 555

Carder = 490 / 555

principle differences

development data set (R_{rs} and C_a)

coefficients / regression

SEMI-ANALYTICAL ALGORITHMS

$$R_{rs} = g_0 \left(\frac{b_b}{a + b_b} \right) + g_1 \left(\frac{b_b}{a + b_b} \right)^2 \quad (\text{simplification of the radiative transfer equation})$$

R_{rs} == remote sensing reflectance

a == absorption coefficient

b_b == backscattering coefficient

g == constant

a separated into contributions by:

water (w), dissolved + non-algal detrital material (dg), and phytoplankton (ϕ)

b_b separated into contributions by:

water (w), and particles (p)

SEMI-ANALYTICAL ALGORITHMS

$$R_{rs} = g_0 \left(\frac{b_b}{a + b_b} \right) + g_1 \left(\frac{b_b}{a + b_b} \right)^2$$

$$a(\lambda) = a_w(\lambda) + a_{dg}(443) e^{-S(\lambda - 443)} + \mathbf{a}_\phi^*(\lambda) \text{ Chl}$$

$$b_b(\lambda) = b_{bw}(\lambda) + b_{bp}(443) \left(\frac{443}{\lambda} \right)^\eta$$

$R_{rs}(\lambda)$ from satellite(s)

S , η , g_0 , g_1 , & $\mathbf{a}_\phi^*(\lambda)$ are constants

$a_{dg}(443)$, $b_{bp}(443)$, & Chl are unknown

ALGORITHMS

next,

a review of SeaWiFS processing and evaluation protocols ...

SUMMARY

satellite data processing

5,000 SeaWiFS MLAC files acquired

processed using MSL12 5.4.1 -- 3 runs per file

mapped and combined into single hdf files using SeaDAS

statistical and visual QC applied

900 final files considered, spanning 1998 through 2005

comparison with *in situ* data

data distributions via histograms

time-series of monthly averages

match-ups with level-2 data

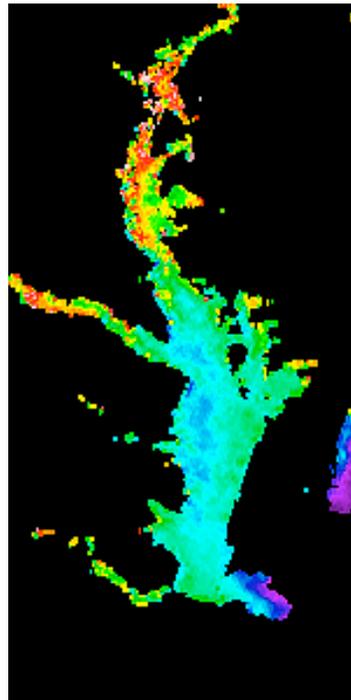
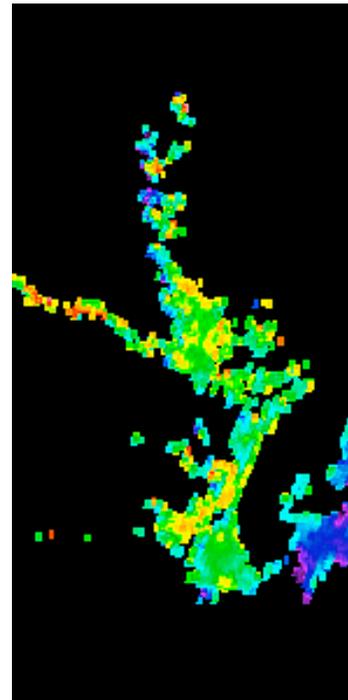
data stratification

spatially: upper, middle, and lower Bay

temporally: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall

SATELLITE QC METRICS

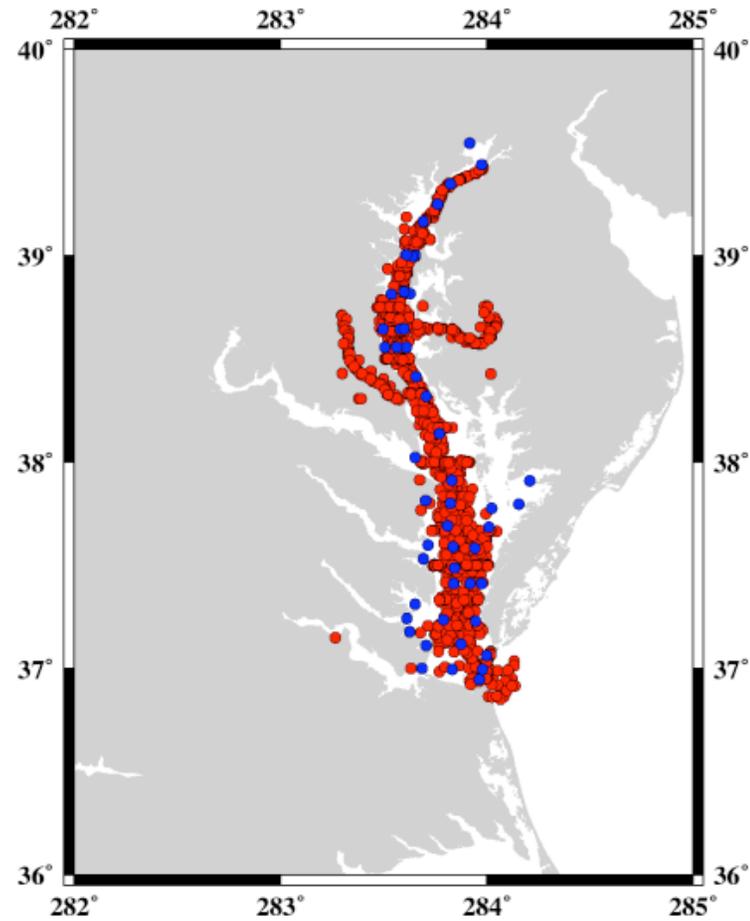
eliminate scenes with high satellite zenith angles in Bay
require > 25% of Bay ocean pixels to be cloud free
visual inspection:

*good**bad*

consider only $0.1 \leq C_a \leq 100 \text{ mg m}^{-3}$

require > 200 valid pixels per scene for regional analyses

IN SITU DATA



SIMBIOS/Harding

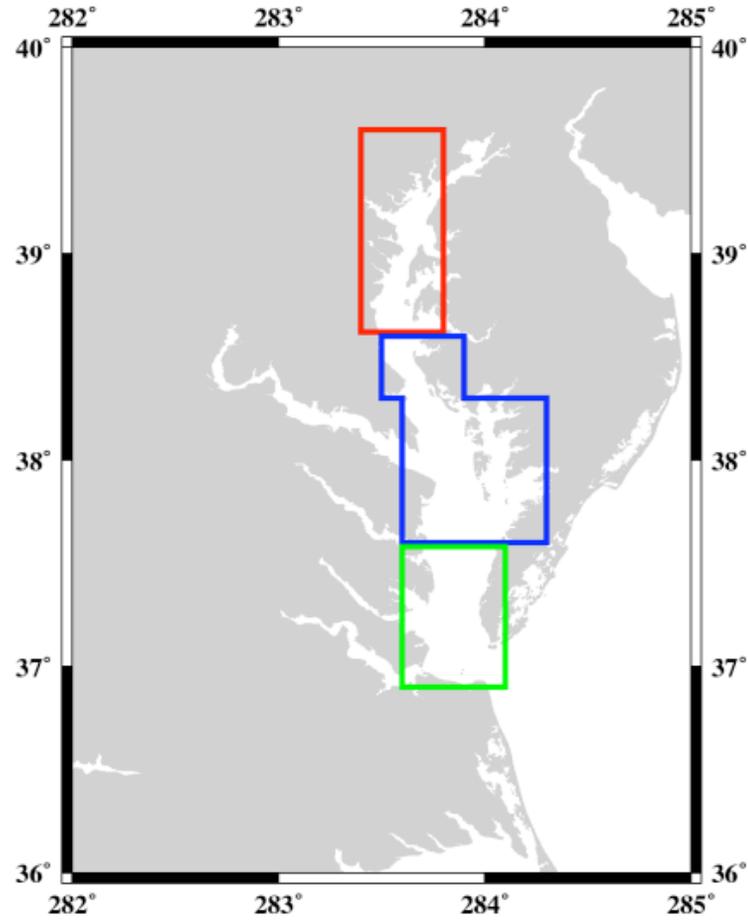
3,000 stations

CBP

15,000 stations

(fluorometrically derived)

SPATIAL STRATIFICATION



upper
middle
lower

from *Magnuson et al. 2004*

INTERMISSION

before we move on to the results ...

let's pause for a discussion on algorithm evaluation criteria

POSSIBLE EVALUATION CRITERIA

the histograms, time-series, and scatter plots convey comparative information in rather different ways

given pre-defined CBP requirements, certain analyses may prove more powerful than others

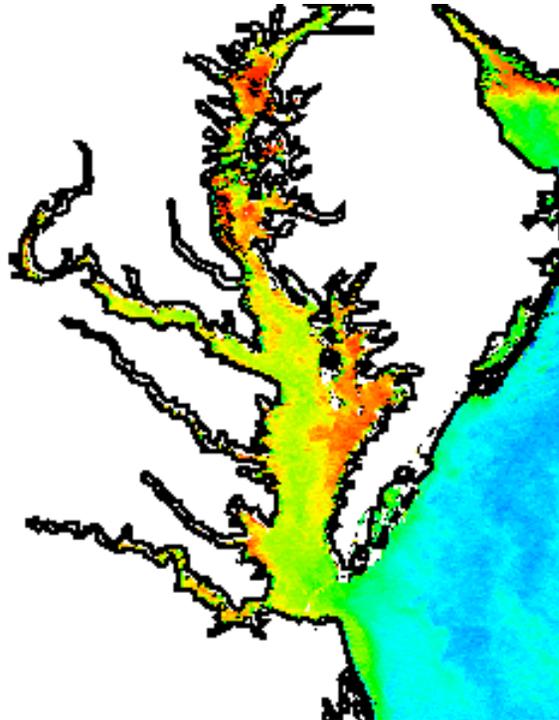
possible considerations

- (1) geographic coverage (# of valid satellite pixels)
- (2) absolute accuracy (quantitative evaluation?)
- (3) reproduction of temporal features (qualitative evaluation?)

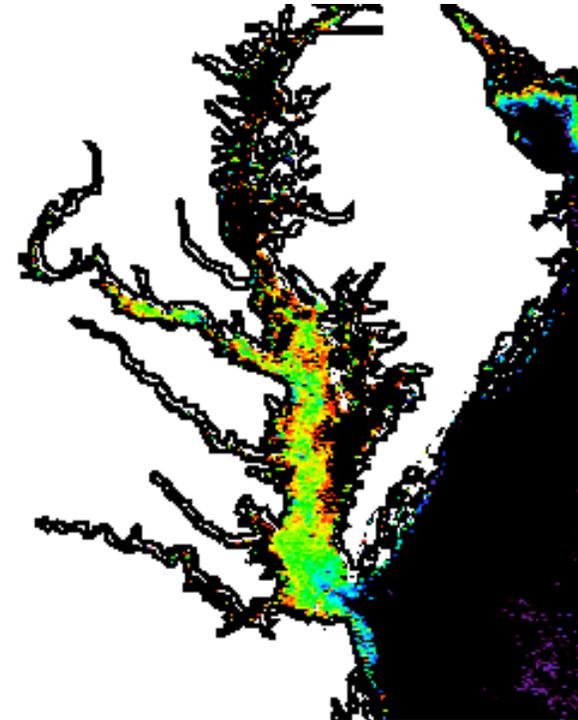
COVERAGE ISSUES



OC4v4



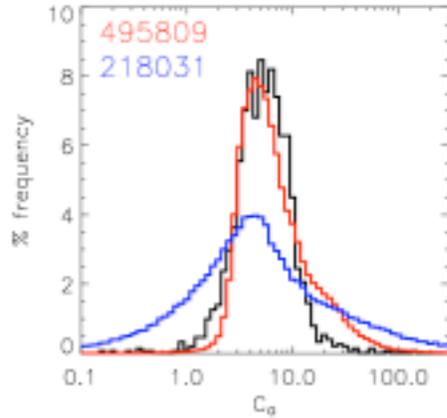
GSM01-CB



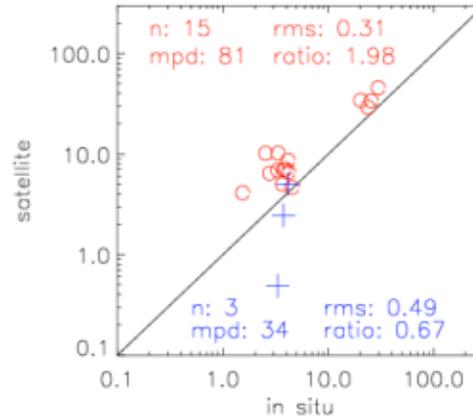
Scene from Spring 2005; C_a from 0.1 to 100 mg m⁻³ shown

EXAMPLE ANALYSES

distributions

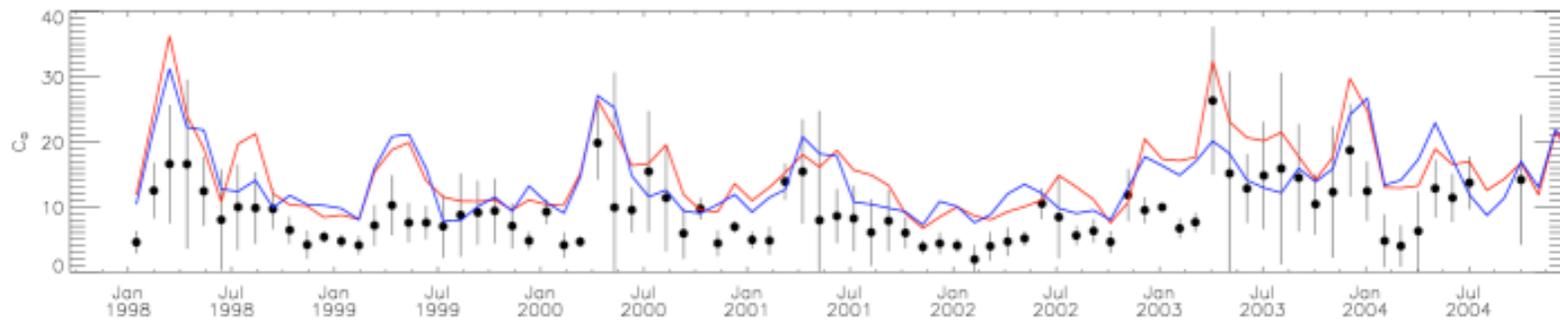


match-ups



results generated
for each algorithm
for each region
for each season

time-series



EXAMPLE RESULTS

distributions

Winter			Spring			Summer			Fall		
low	mid	upper	low	mid	upper	low	mid	upper	low	mid	upper
OC4	OC4	OC4	OC3	OC4	OC4	OC4	OC4	X	OC2	OC4	OC4
OC3	Carder	Carder	OC3-CB	OC3-CB	Carder	OC3	GSM-01	X	Clark	Carder	Carder

match-ups

Winter			Spring			Summer			Fall		
low	mid	upper	low	mid	upper	low	mid	upper	low	mid	upper
OC3-CB	OC3-CB	X	OC4	Carder	Carder	OC4	OC3	Carder	OC4	OC4	Clark
GSM-CB	GSM-CB	X	GSM-CB	GSM-CB	OC4	GSM-CB	OC2	OC2	OC3	OC3	X

time-series

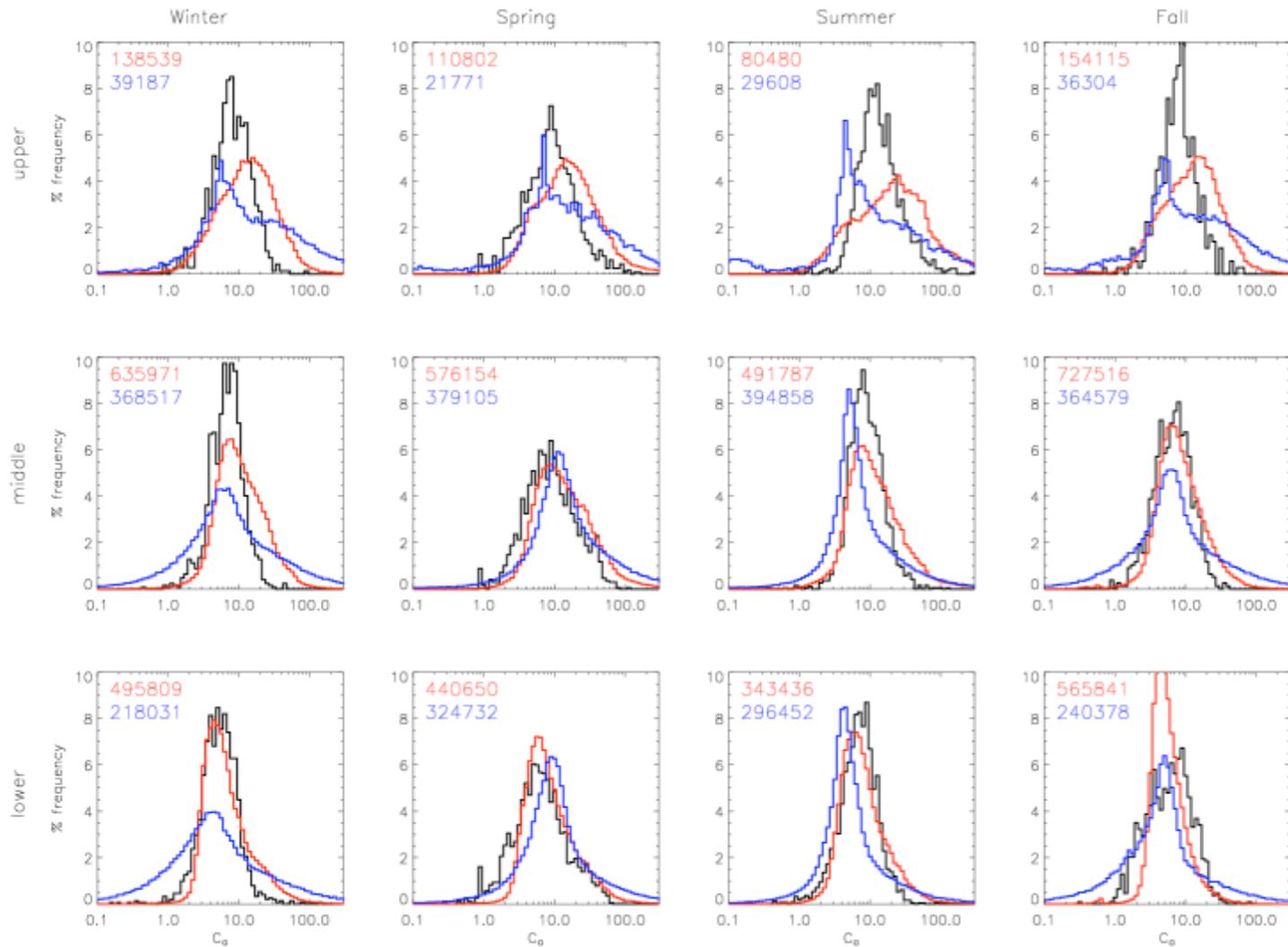
low	mid	upper
OC4	OC4	OC4
OC3-CB	OC3-CB	Carder

first attempt to identify
top 2 performers for each analysis

INTERMISSION

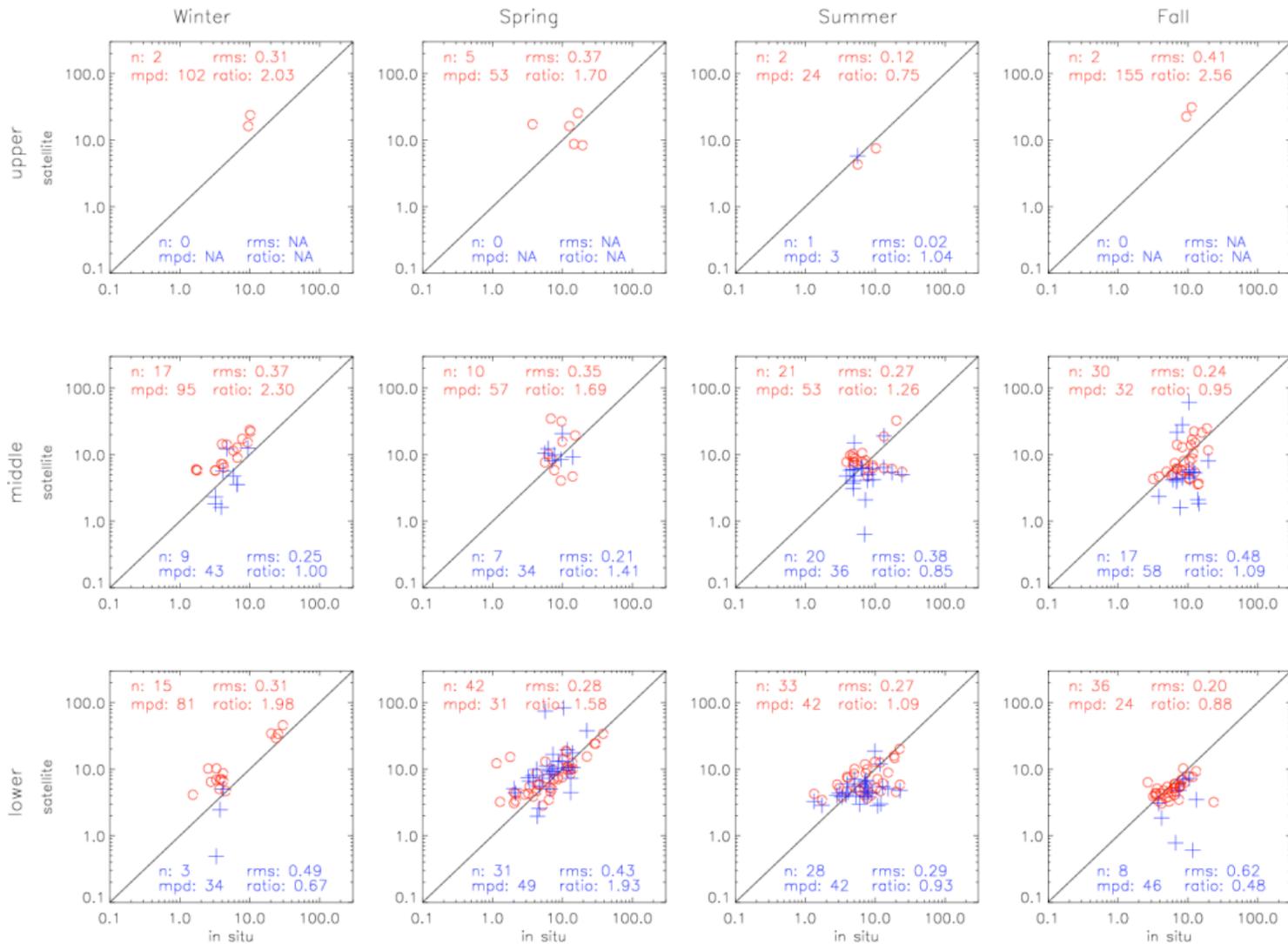
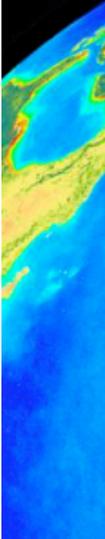
rather than delve into results for each algorithm,
here are example results for OC4v5 and GSM-CB
(one empirical, one semi-analytical)

DATA DISTRIBUTIONS



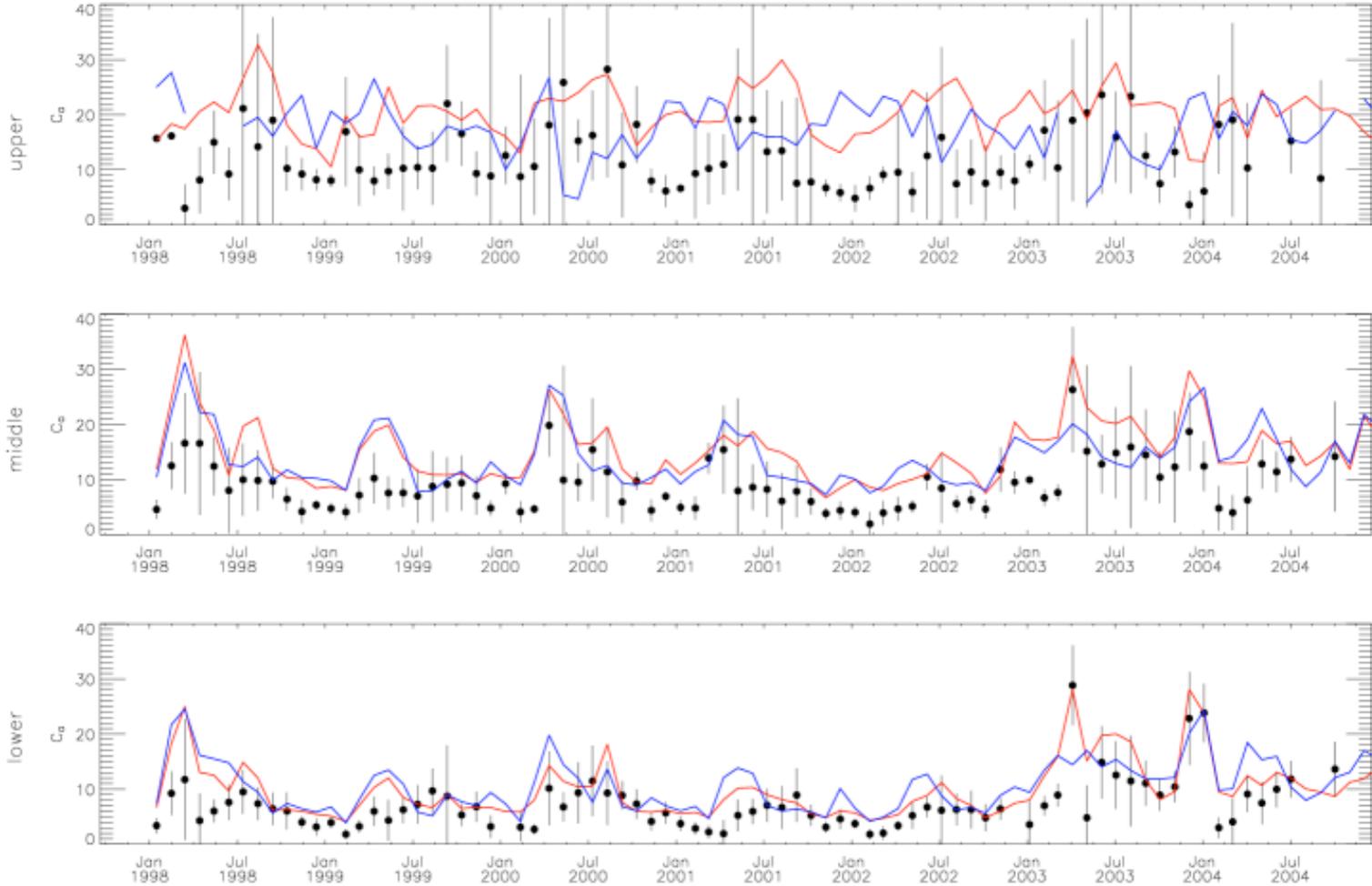
in situ OC4v5 GSM-CB

SATELLITE MATCH-UPS



OC4v5 GSM-CB

TIME-SERIES



in situ OC4v5 GSM-CB

KNOWN ISSUES WITH ANALYSES

varying statistical approaches (e.g., median vs. mean in time-series)

additional statistical approaches (e.g., K-S tests for distributions)

alternative satellite and *in situ* exclusion criteria

alternative satellite flagging and masking schemes

alternative averaging approaches for match-ups and time-series

nuances of semi-analytical algorithms

NEXT STEPS

considering what was presented in the preceding slide,
this meeting provides an introduction to the activity ...

in the coming months, this group should focus on:

- (1) review and discussion of existing results
- (2) implementation of alternative analyses
- (3) selection of algorithm(s)
- (4) transition to CoastWatch
- (5) MODIS