

Supporting Information for "Configuration and validation of an oceanic physical and biogeochemical model to investigate coastal eutrophication: case study in the Southern California Bight"

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| Ventura/Oxnard | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|-------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| | H | Temperature | | | | | | |
| | | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.9501 | 2.56E-05 | 0.4336 | -0.0473 | 1.0904 | 0.7478 | 469 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.9813 | 5.19E-07 | 0.4918 | -0.0877 | 0.8213 | 0.64 | 468 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.9674 | 4.77E-06 | 0.2367 | -0.0371 | 0.9937 | 0.9045 | 468 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.94 | 5.28E-05 | 0.3952 | -0.0486 | 0.9739 | 0.7708 | 469 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.964 | 7.03E-06 | 0.3356 | -0.0479 | 1.0101 | 0.8419 | 1874 |
| | H | Oxygen | | | | | | |
| | | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.9783 | 9.51E-07 | 0.4175 | -0.0965 | 1.1792 | 0.7783 | 469 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.9433 | 4.24E-05 | 0.6098 | -0.1991 | 1.0992 | 0.5408 | 454 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.9945 | 4.08E-09 | 0.3427 | 0.0715 | 1.0235 | 0.8415 | 468 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.9826 | 3.96E-07 | 0.5476 | -0.1157 | 1.3601 | 0.6115 | 469 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.982 | 4.52E-07 | 0.3672 | -0.0765 | 1.1265 | 0.8353 | 1860 |
| | H | Chlorophyll-a | | | | | | |
| | | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.988 | 8.90E-08 | 0.3047 | -0.1115 | 0.7709 | 0.834 | 469 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.9939 | 6.04E-09 | 0.8634 | -0.3903 | 0.5026 | -0.4201 | 468 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.9617 | 4.91E-06 | 0.4354 | -0.046 | 0.6978 | 0.6917 | 468 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.908 | 2.80E-04 | 0.7088 | 0.2679 | 0.7467 | 0.3794 | 469 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9963 | 8.02E-10 | 0.4954 | -0.0805 | 0.6487 | 0.6311 | 1874 |
| | H | pH | | | | | | |
| | | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.9923 | 1.56E-08 | 0.5025 | 0.0042 | 0.6077 | 0.4949 | 455 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.9932 | 9.53E-09 | 0.7299 | -0.0136 | 1.5012 | 0.295 | 454 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.9691 | 3.83E-06 | 0.263 | 0.0032 | 1.0817 | 0.8409 | 468 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.9851 | 2.14E-07 | 0.3564 | 0.0047 | 1.3214 | 0.7207 | 467 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9828 | 3.78E-07 | 0.1939 | -4.93E-04 | 1.0847 | 0.9414 | 1844 |
| | H | Ammonia | | | | | | |
| | | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.823 | 0.3845 | 0.4336 | -6.30E-04 | 1.3382 | 0.6565 | 11 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.99944 | 0.0213 | 3.7219 | -3.3631 | 0.2629 | -32.6308 | 12 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.9295 | 0.2404 | 0.363 | 0.1663 | 1.4388 | 0.7813 | 12 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.9351 | 0.2306 | 3.2235 | -3.553 | 0.2904 | -21.1213 | 12 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9221 | 0.0258 | 1.1782 | -0.8397 | 0.7368 | -1.3224 | 47 |

Table 1: S1. Statistical comparison of vertical profiles of temperature, dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll *a*, pH, and ammonium concentration at Ventura/Oxnard monitoring region.

| Palos Verdes | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Temperature | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.9553 | 1.65E-05 | 0.2787 | -0.0089 | 1.1041 | 0.8758 | 469 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.9369 | 6.43E-05 | 0.6933 | -0.11 | 0.7773 | 0.2361 | 466 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.7446 | 2.89E-06 | 0.1655 | 0.0114 | 1.0806 | 0.9348 | 466 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.9382 | 5.92E-05 | 0.6126 | -0.0732 | 0.7632 | 0.3868 | 468 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9543 | 1.80E-05 | 0.3167 | -0.0374 | 0.9674 | 0.8489 | 1869 |
| Oxygen | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.9938 | 6.44E-09 | 0.1802 | 0.0333 | 1.1013 | 0.9226 | 469 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.8393 | 0.0024 | 0.799 | -0.2206 | 0.9073 | 0.0398 | 466 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.9864 | 1.48E-07 | 0.5168 | 0.0847 | 0.8388 | 0.6727 | 466 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.977 | 1.19E-06 | 0.2693 | -0.0309 | 0.9936 | 0.9063 | 467 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9777 | 1.05E-06 | 0.2006 | -0.0258 | 0.8967 | 0.9362 | 1868 |
| Chlorophyll-a | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.76 | 0.0107 | 0.6418 | 0.3323 | 0.9999 | 0.9226 | 469 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.8546 | 0.0016 | 0.4268 | 0.0123 | 1.063 | 0.7071 | 466 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.746 | 0.0132 | 0.6851 | 0.4555 | 1.5893 | 0.1706 | 466 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.9847 | 2.37E-07 | 0.3655 | 0.3253 | 1.0261 | 0.8194 | 468 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9605 | 1.01E-05 | 0.4613 | 0.2879 | 0.9824 | 0.7398 | 1869 |
| pH | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 1 | 0.9851 | 2.13E-07 | 1.8005 | -0.0326 | 1.3957 | -2.761 | 469 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.852 | 0.0017 | 0.2725 | 9.15E-04 | 1.4929 | 0.6798 | 466 |
| Summer | 1 | 0.9881 | 8.65E-08 | 1.801 | 0.0311 | 1.6202 | -2.8273 | 466 |
| Fall | 1 | 0.972 | 2.61E-06 | 1.4692 | 0.0191 | 1.3968 | -1.5757 | 468 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9961 | 1.03E-05 | 0.2933 | 0.0047 | 1.4036 | 0.7257 | 1869 |
| Ammonia | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0 |
| Spring | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.8229 | 0.1771 | 0.5029 | 0.1577 | 1.1088 | 0.5468 | 18 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.9153 | 0.0847 | 0.499 | 0.1908 | 1.0259 | 0.5897 | 18 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.8874 | 0.1126 | 0.4529 | 0.207 | 1.1458 | 0.4584 | 36 |

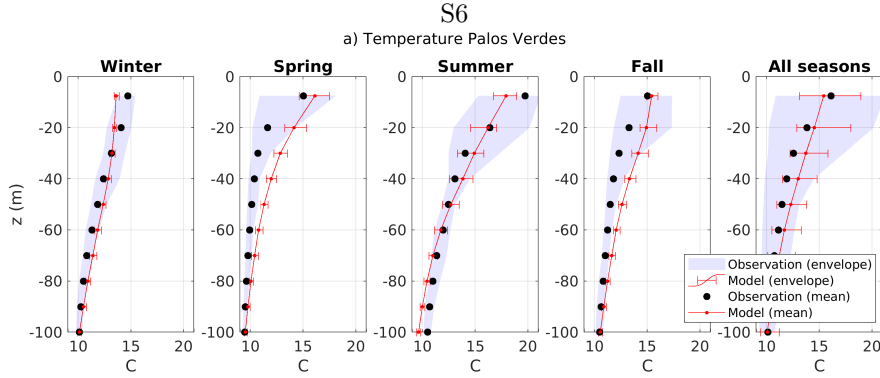
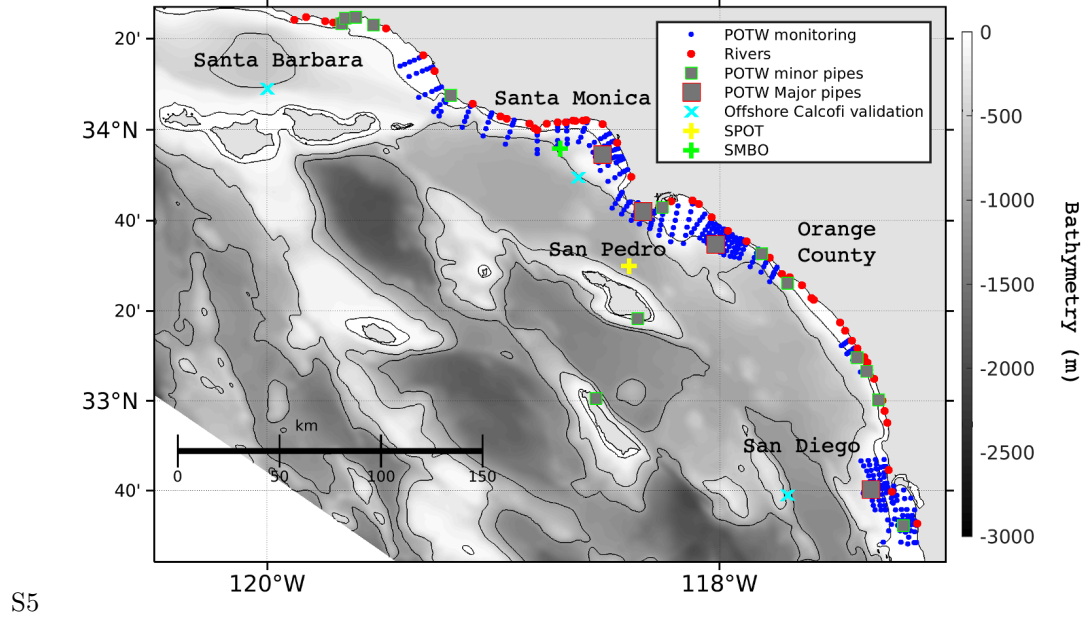
Table 2: S2. Same as Table S1 for Palos Verdes monitoring region.

| Orange County | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Temperature | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.9576 | 1.35E-05 | 0.3367 | -0.0121 | 1.2251 | 0.8516 | 160 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.9485 | 2.90E-05 | 0.5951 | -0.1141 | 0.8358 | 0.4459 | 533 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.9911 | 2.72E-08 | 0.1347 | -0.0159 | 0.915 | 0.9678 | 533 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.9684 | 4.22E-06 | 0.2664 | -0.0299 | 1.0673 | 0.8948 | 536 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9648 | 6.43E-06 | 0.2751 | -0.035 | 1.0442 | 0.8863 | 1762 |
| Oxygen | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.9814 | 5.14E-07 | 0.5154 | -0.1284 | 1.0365 | 0.6531 | 150 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.8985 | 4.10E-04 | 0.6115 | -0.166 | 0.9822 | 0.484 | 533 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.9863 | 1.51E-07 | 0.4794 | 0.0804 | 0.9262 | 0.7151 | 534 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.9862 | 1.55E-07 | 0.2931 | -0.0013 | 1.2359 | 0.884 | 536 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9691 | 3.85E-06 | 0.2723 | -0.0375 | 0.9982 | 0.9009 | 1753 |
| Chlorophyll-a | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 1 | 0.9824 | 4.07E-07 | 0.8303 | 0.6852 | 1.9989 | -0.0086 | 160 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.7529 | 0.012 | 0.3621 | 0.3607 | 2.1486 | 0.4429 | 533 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.9414 | 4.81E-05 | 0.9337 | 0.4737 | 1.0747 | -0.0828 | 535 |
| Fall | 1 | 0.8947 | 4.72E-04 | 1.0123 | 0.5335 | 0.9134 | -0.3251 | 536 |
| All Seasons | 1 | 0.9057 | 3.08E-04 | 0.6321 | 0.5208 | 1.6726 | 0.2878 | 1764 |
| pH | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.9783 | 9.41E-07 | 0.2747 | -6.21E-05 | 1.229 | 0.8937 | 160 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.7922 | 0.0063 | 0.7736 | -0.0104 | 1.3646 | 0.2406 | 533 |
| Summer | 1 | 0.9528 | 2.05E-05 | 1.3597 | 0.0186 | 1.3771 | -1.2486 | 534 |
| Fall | 1 | 0.9839 | 2.88E-07 | 1.6476 | -0.0305 | 1.8355 | -2.3012 | 536 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9415 | 4.78E-05 | 0.5507 | -0.0065 | 1.3345 | 0.6301 | 1763 |
| Ammonia | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0 |
| Spring | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0 |
| Summer | 1 | 0.9757 | 0.1405 | 1.443 | 0.863 | 4.9489 | -2.6939 | 48 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.703 | 0.5037 | 2.9169 | -0.0161 | 0.2753 | -14.5478 | 48 |
| All Seasons | 1 | 0.8126 | 0.0946 | 1.218 | 0.5894 | 2.0709 | -1.3268 | 96 |

Table 3: S3. Same as Table S1 for Orange County monitoring region.

| San Diego | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Temperature | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.9837 | 8.92E-09 | 0.1767 | 0.0087 | 0.9502 | 0.9563 | 875 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.933 | 9.48E-06 | 0.6435 | 0.0952 | 0.7604 | 0.2865 | 870 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.9777 | 4.19E-08 | 0.2018 | 0.0099 | 0.9219 | 0.9415 | 872 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.9554 | 1.29E-06 | 0.366 | 0.042 | 0.8388 | 0.7412 | 752 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9776 | 4.25E-08 | 0.3034 | 0.0327 | 0.8537 | 0.8537 | 3369 |
| Oxygen | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.9901 | 7.23E-10 | 0.235 | 0.0586 | 1.033 | 0.9197 | 875 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.8676 | 2.56E-04 | 0.9234 | 0.2944 | 0.7858 | -0.3415 | 872 |
| Summer | 0 | 0.9984 | 8.48E-14 | 0.4432 | 0.1531 | 1.3659 | 0.7116 | 872 |
| Fall | 0 | 0.9467 | 3.11E-06 | 0.5672 | 0.1334 | 1.3846 | 0.583 | 752 |
| All Seasons | 0 | 0.9801 | 2.40E-08 | 0.4918 | 0.1273 | 1.0803 | 0.7141 | 3371 |
| Chlorophyll-a | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 1 | 0.9835 | 5.43E-08 | 0.9773 | -0.7082 | 1.7145 | -0.2335 | 868 |
| Spring | 0 | 0.8785 | 1.69E-04 | 0.7206 | -0.6207 | 1.4246 | 0.1742 | 866 |
| Summer | 1 | 0.9882 | 1.75E-09 | 1.333 | -0.6907 | 1.4466 | -1.05 | 870 |
| Fall | 1 | 0.9217 | 5.51E-05 | 1.3544 | -0.7661 | 2.0718 | -1.3569 | 728 |
| All Seasons | 1 | 0.9711 | 1.52E-07 | 1.2126 | -0.6905 | 1.4832 | -0.7492 | 3332 |
| pH | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | 0 | 0.9956 | 1.23E-11 | 0.639 | 0.0081 | 1.131 | 0.5334 | 875 |
| Spring | 1 | 0.8967 | 7.78E-05 | 1.2711 | 0.0212 | 1.3149 | -0.9033 | 872 |
| Summer | 1 | 0.9923 | 2.04E-10 | 0.7664 | 0.0168 | 2.1329 | 0.1267 | 844 |
| Fall | 1 | 0.9022 | 5.98E-05 | 0.8492 | 0.0106 | 1.6647 | 0.0895 | 752 |
| All Seasons | 1 | 0.9782 | 3.75E-08 | 0.9155 | 0.0146 | 1.5082 | -0.0285 | 3343 |
| Ammonia | | | | | | | | |
| | H | Correlation Coefficient | p-value | Cost Function | Percentage Bias | Ratio of Standard Deviations | Nash-Sutcliffe Model Efficiency | Number of observations |
| Winter | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0 |
| Spring | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0 |
| Summer | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0 |
| Fall | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0 |
| All Seasons | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0 |

Table 4: S4. Same as Table S1 for San Diego monitoring region.



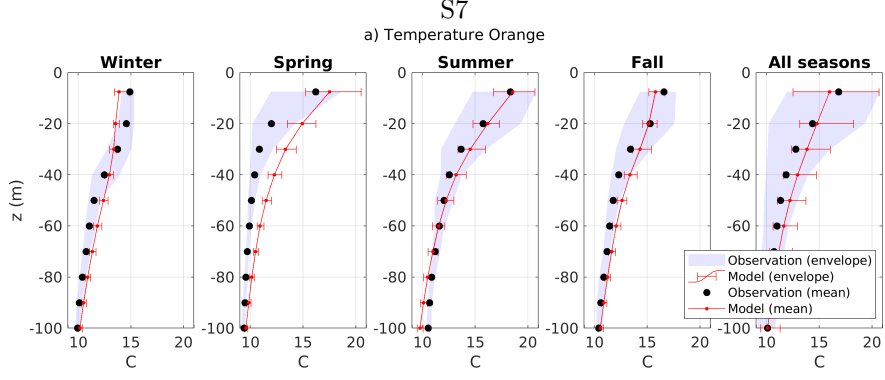


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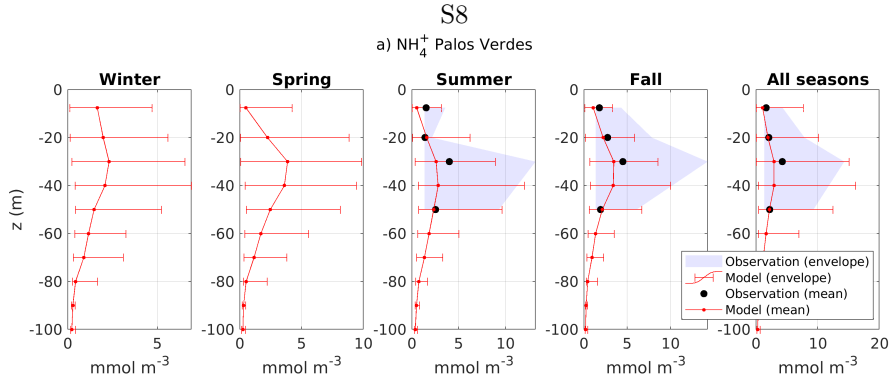


Figure 4: Seasonal profiles of ammonium concentration in average in Los Angeles (Palos Verdes). The red line and red bars are the spatial and temporal means and the variability from the model. The black dots and the gray shade are the spatial and temporal mean and the variability from *in situ* data. These profiles are showing agreement on intensity, seasonality and shape of the vertical profile with exceptionally high concentrations at mid-depth.

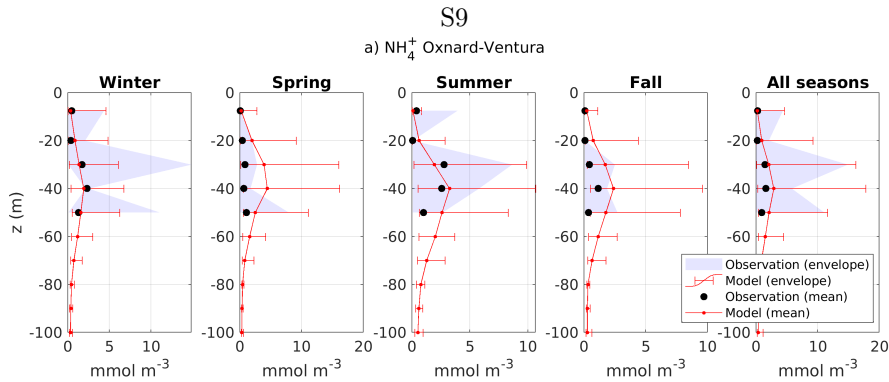


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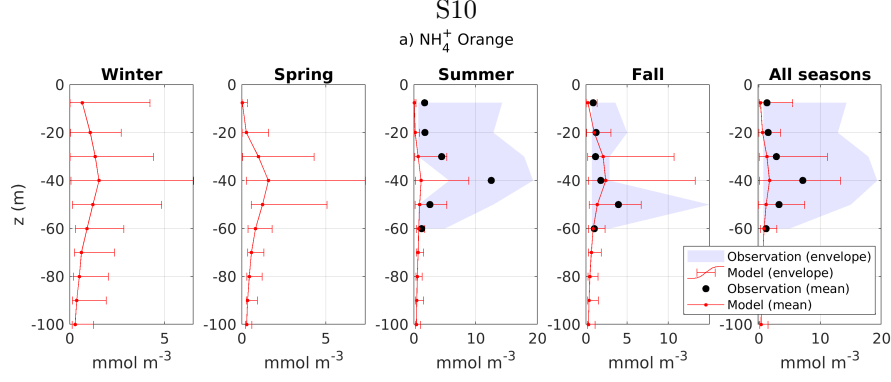


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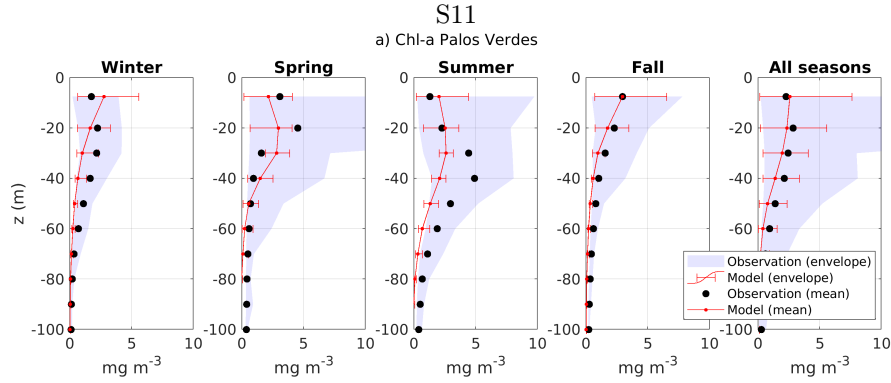


Figure 7: Seasonal profiles of chlorophyll *a* concentration in average in Los Angeles (Palos Verdes). The red line and red bars are the spatial and temporal means and the variability from the model. The black dots and the gray shade are the spatial and temporal mean and the variability from *in situ* data. These profiles are showing agreement on intensity, seasonality and shape of the vertical profile with exceptionally high concentrations at mid-depth.

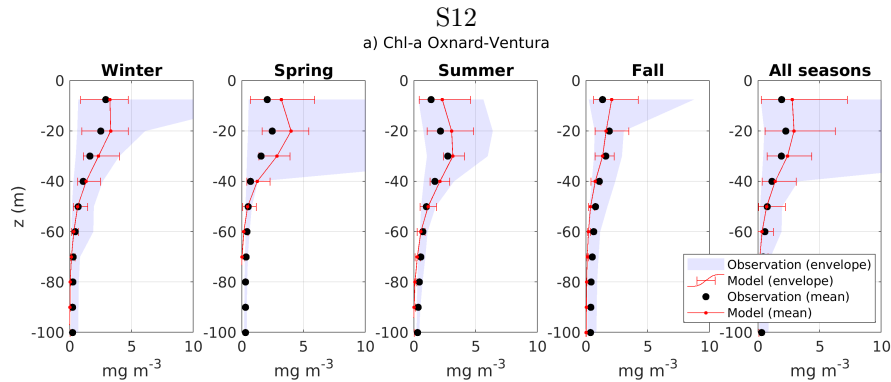


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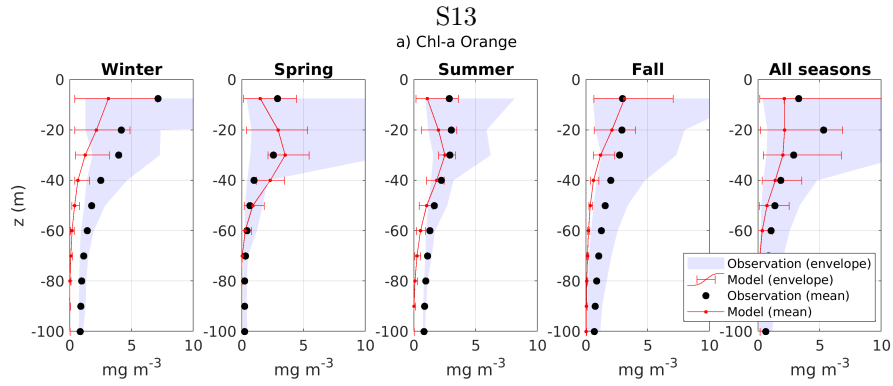


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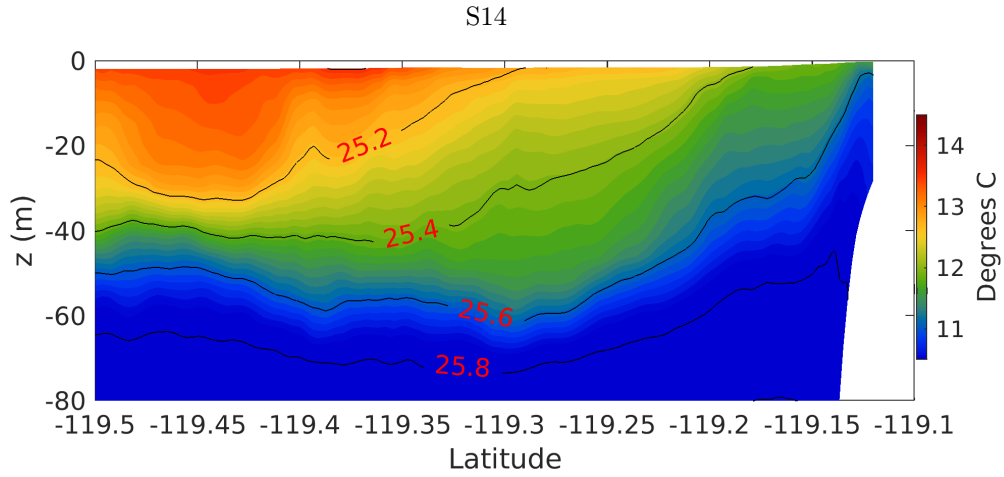


Figure 10: Cross-section of temperature (and potential density iso-lines) perpendicular to Ventura and Santa Barbara coast in Spring 1999. It shows the surfacing of the deep cold waters during and upwelling event.

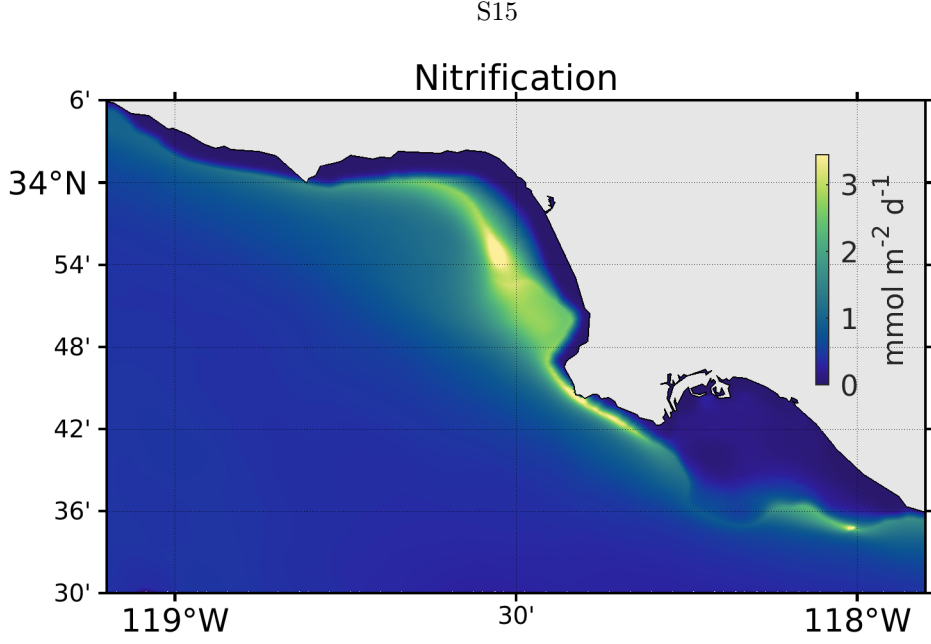


Figure 11: Average nitrification rate in Santa Monica and San Pedro bays. This figure shows the high rates around the locations of the outfalls that results from the release of high concentrations of ammonium below the thermocline.

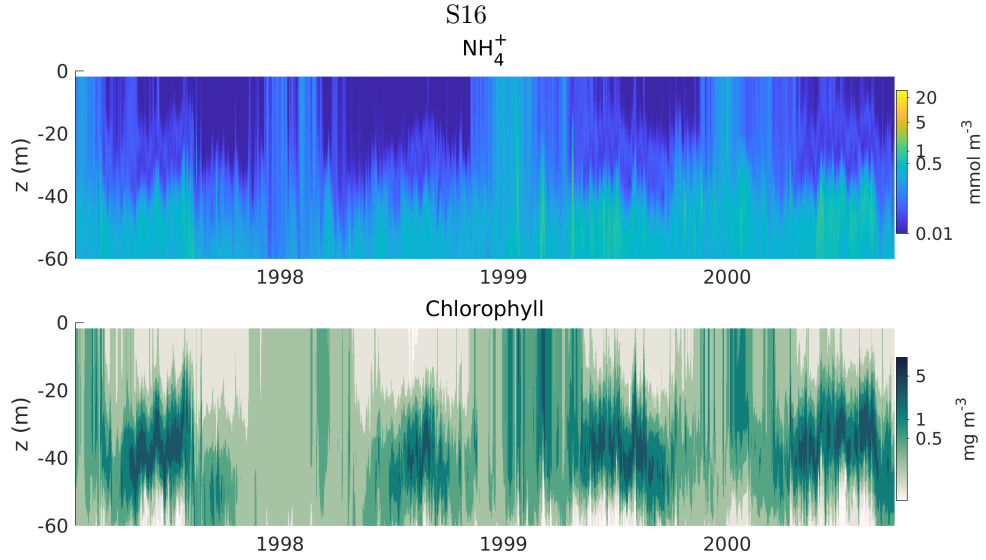


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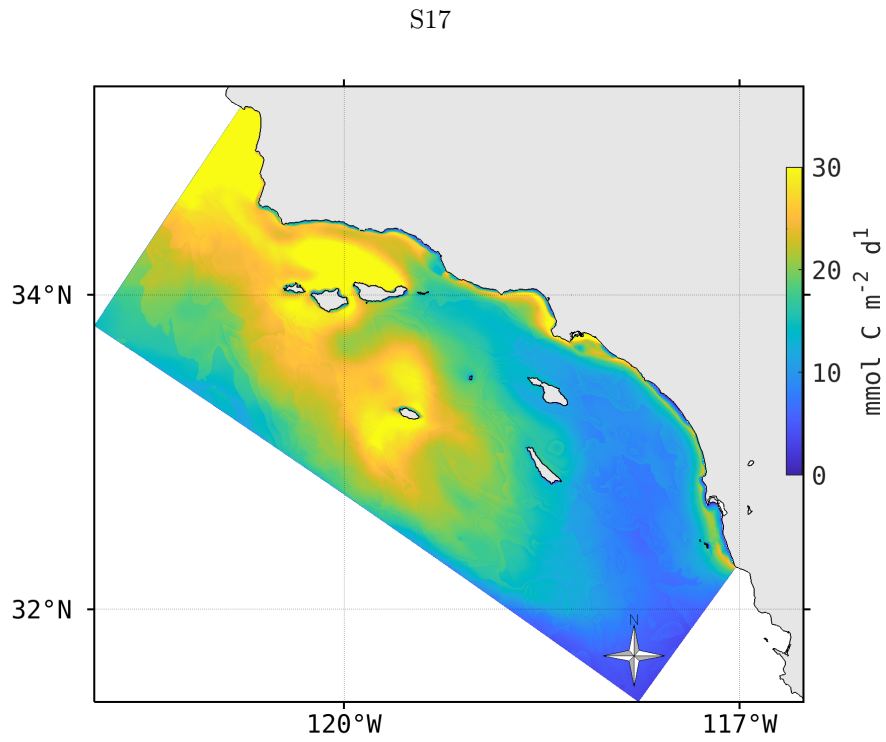


Figure 13: Summer time 1997-2000 average carbon export at 40 m in the SCB. The map shows hot-spots of intense carbon export in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles coasts.