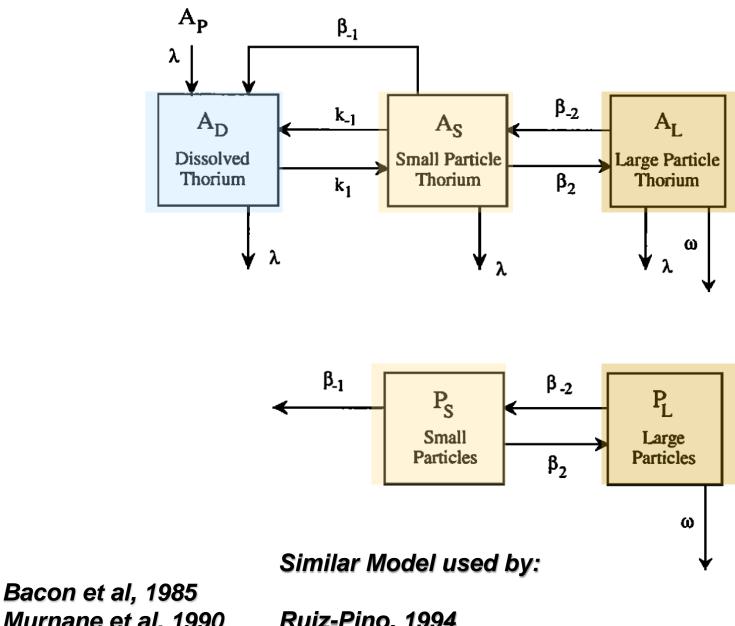
Potential of Inverse Methods in Studies of Dissolved/Particulate TEI Exchanges



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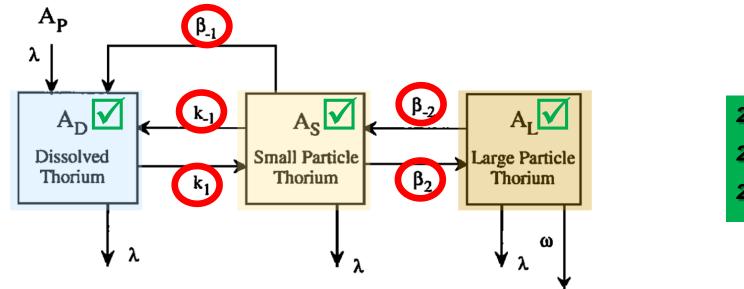


Murnane et al, 1990 Marchal+Lam, 2011

Ruiz-Pino, 1994 Athias et al, 2000

Questions:

- Can we estimate the rate constants k, β and w from data?
- What type of data is necessary?
- How much data do we need?



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Steady-state budgets for A_D, A_S, and A_L

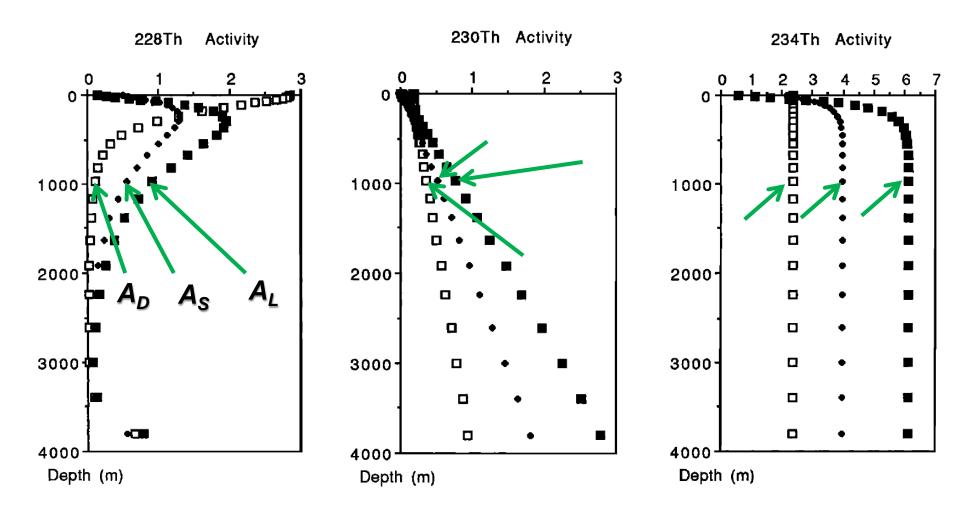
$$A_{D}: 0 = S + A_{s}(k_{-1} + \beta_{-1}) - A_{d}(k_{1} + \lambda) + T_{A_{d}}$$

$$A_{S}: 0 = A_{d}k_{1} + A'_{L}P_{L}\beta_{-2} - A_{s}(k_{-1} + \beta_{-1} + \beta_{2} + \lambda) + T_{A_{s}}$$

$$\mathbf{A_L:} \quad 0 = A_{\mathbf{s}}\beta_2 - A_{\mathbf{L}}'P_{\mathbf{L}}(\beta_{-2} + \lambda) - \frac{\partial F_{A_L}}{\partial z} + T_{A_L}$$

Matrix Notation:

Modeled values



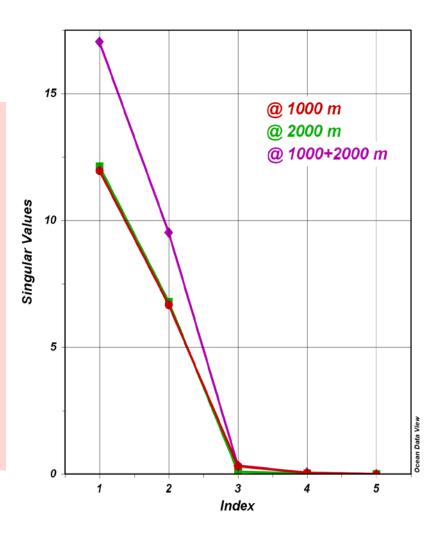
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9 equations in 5 unknowns! Overdetermined?

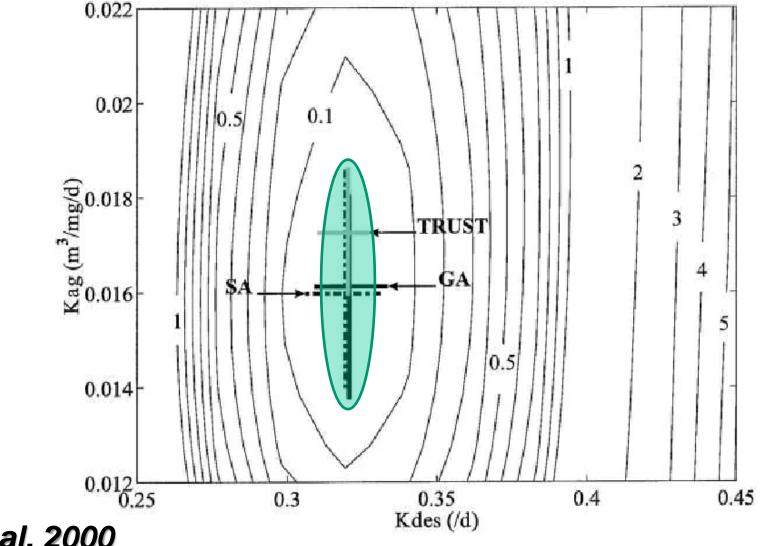
Perform Singular Value Decomposition of Matrix

Surprise:

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Underdetermined systems have an infinite number of solutions:

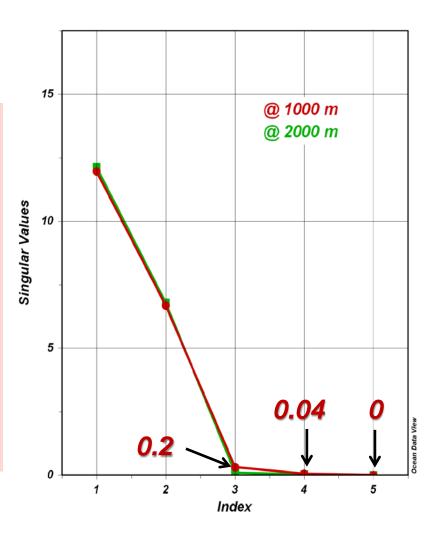


Athias et al, 2000

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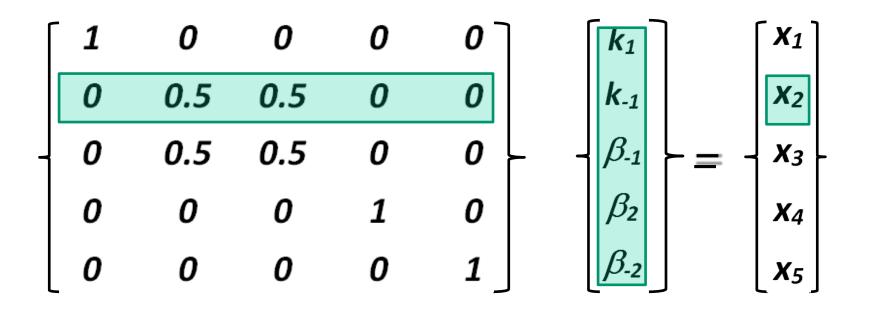
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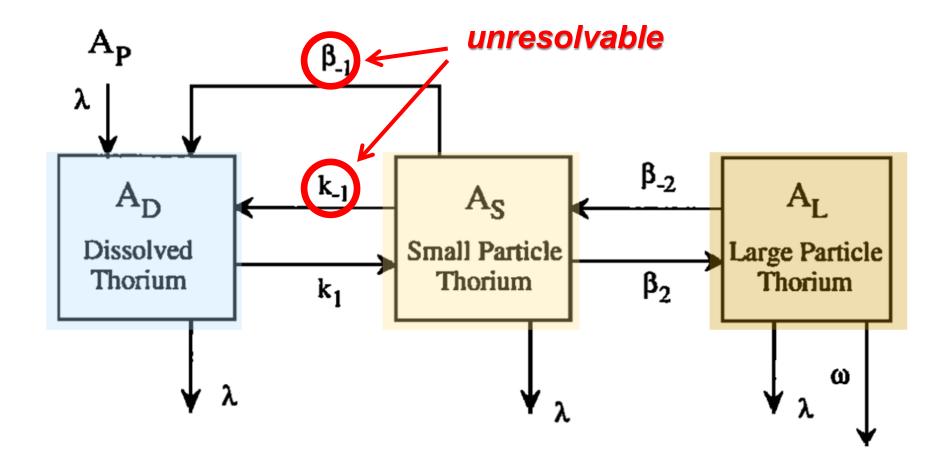
Resolution Matrix:

p=4; cond=300

@1000 m



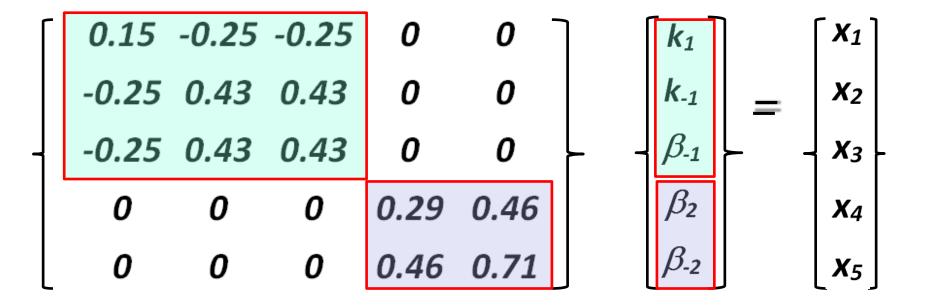
- k_1, β_2 , and β_2 fully resolved, but
- $X_2 = (k_{-1} + \beta_{-1})/2$
- $X_3 = (k_{.1} + \beta_{.1})/2$
- cannot resolve k_{1} and β_{1}
- large condition number, e.g., solution very sensitive to data errors

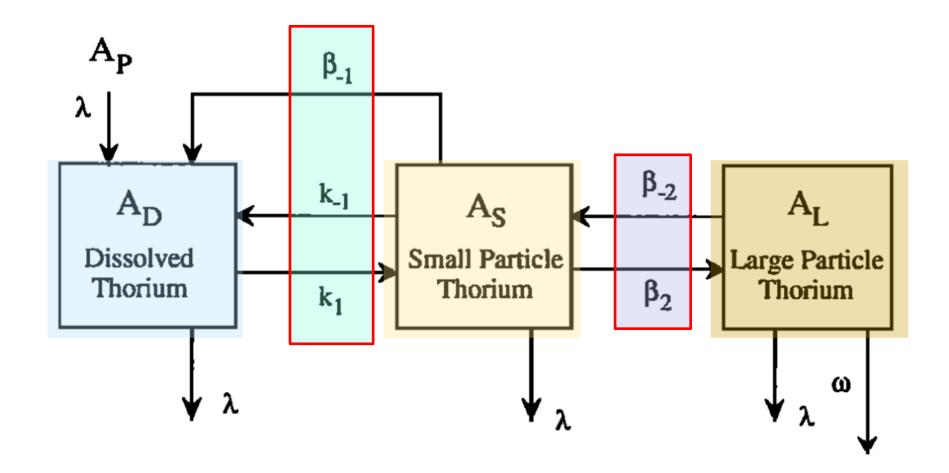




p=2; cond=1.8

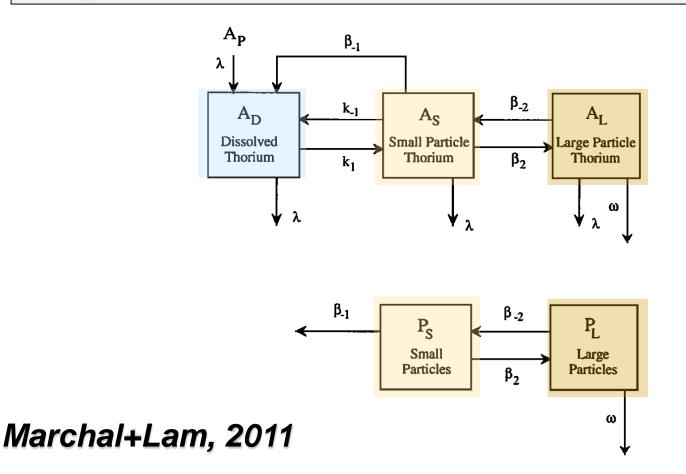
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Improvements:

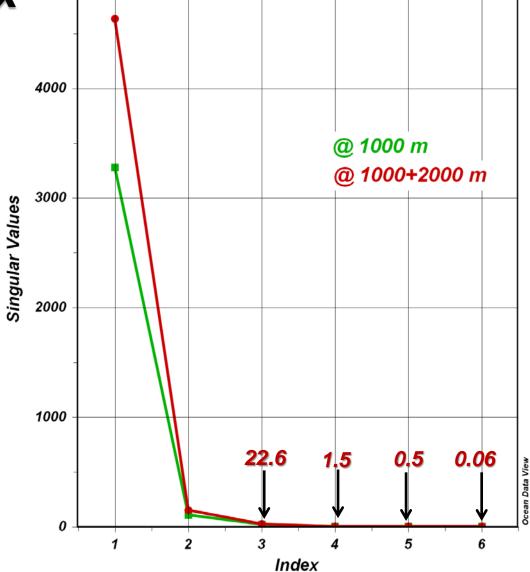
- More A_D, A_S, and A_L data at additional depths do not help
- Particle concentration data together with budgets for particle mass provide indepent information on $\beta_{.1}$, β_2 , and $\beta_{.2}$ and will help to resolve k's and β 's.

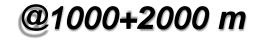


$$Particle Budgets \begin{bmatrix} -A_D & A_S & A_S & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A_D & -A_S & -A_S & -A_S & A_L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A_S & -A_L & -(A_L)_z \\ -A_D & A_S & A_S & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A_D & -A_S & -A_S & -A_S & A_L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A_S & -A_L & -(A_L)_z \\ -A_D & A_S & A_S & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A_D & -A_S & -A_S & -A_S & A_L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A_S & -A_L & -(A_L)_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A_S & -A_L & -(A_L)_z \\ 0 & 0 & -P_S & -P_S & P_L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & P_S & -P_L & -(P_L)_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_{-1} \\ \beta_{-1} \\ \beta_{-1} \\ \beta_{-2} \\ k_{-2} \\ k_{-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

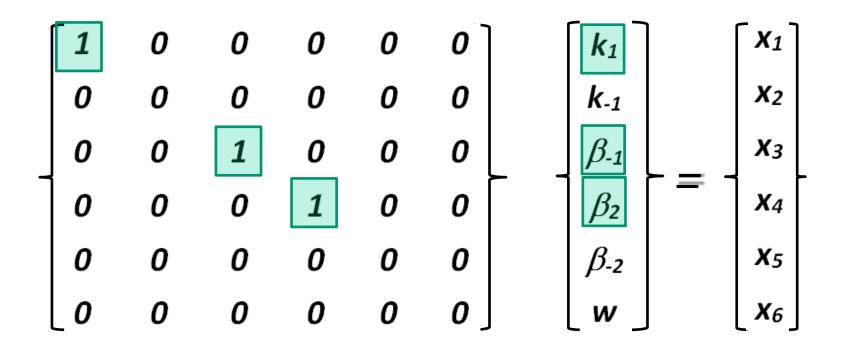
11 equations in 6 unknowns! Overdetermined?

Perform Singular Value Decomposition of Matrix

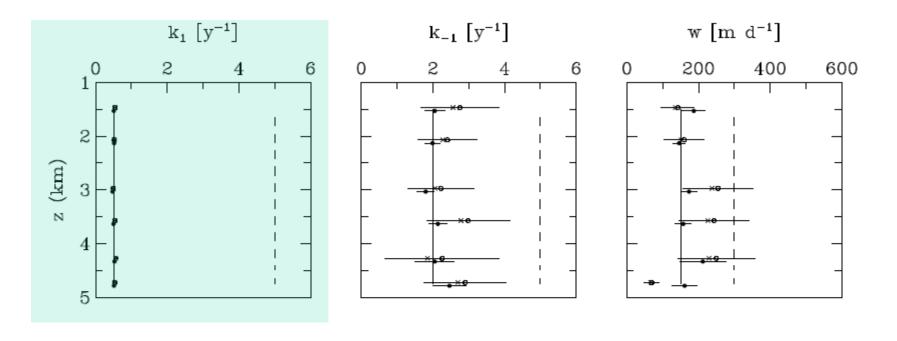


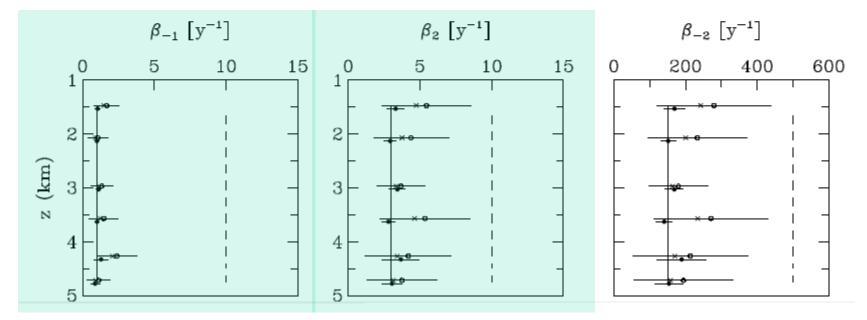


Resolution Matrix: p=3; cond=163



- k_1, β_1 , and β_2 fully resolved, but
- no information about k_{1} , β_{2} , and w





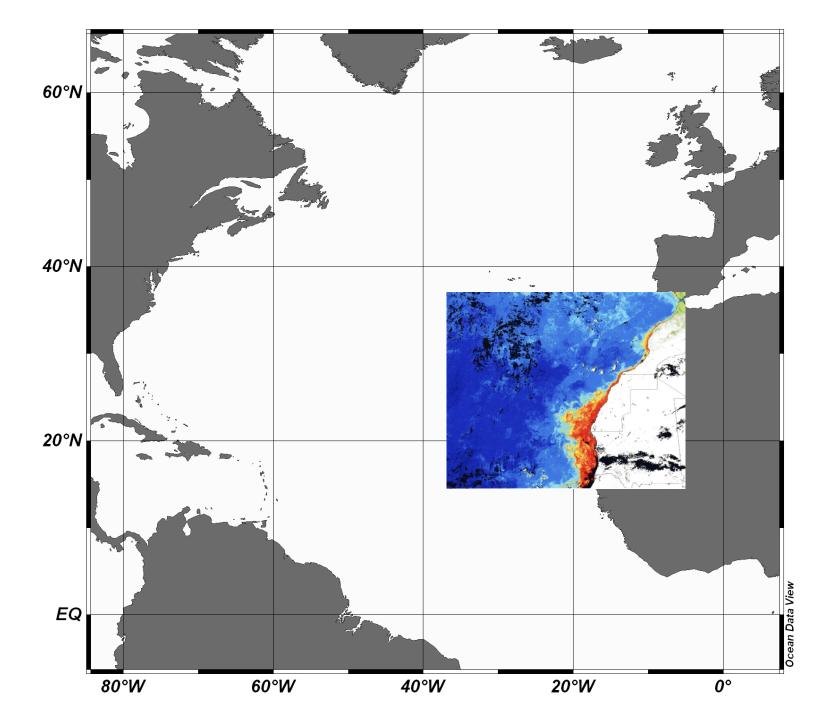
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Conclusions: Part 1

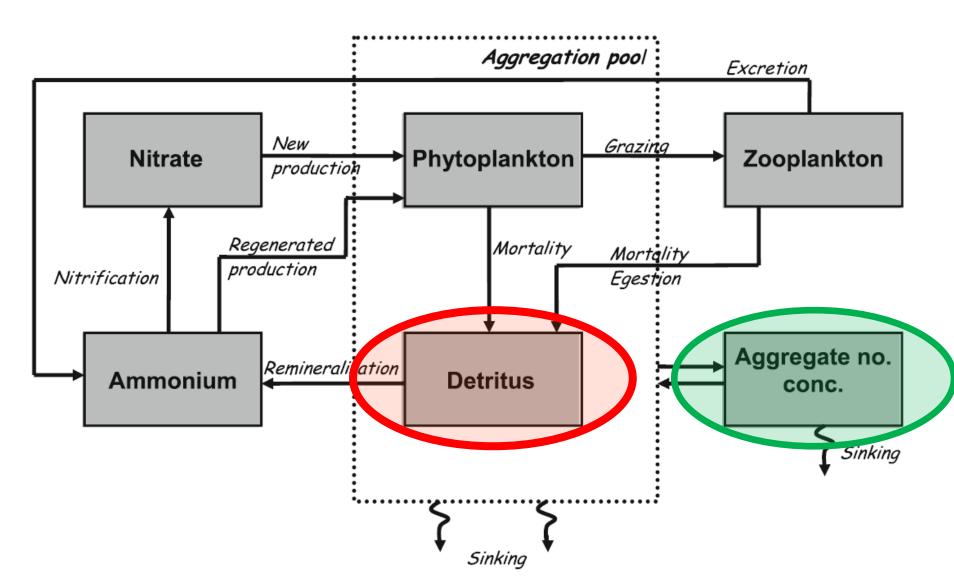
- SVD allows analysis of linear systems: rank, condition, resolution, data resolution
- Should always be done before solutions are calculated.
- Be prepared for surprises: systems are often underdetermined
- Combination of TEI and particle concentration data improved rank and resolution.
- Are particle data available on a regular basis?

Distributions of Biogenic and Lithogenic Particles

Modelers View



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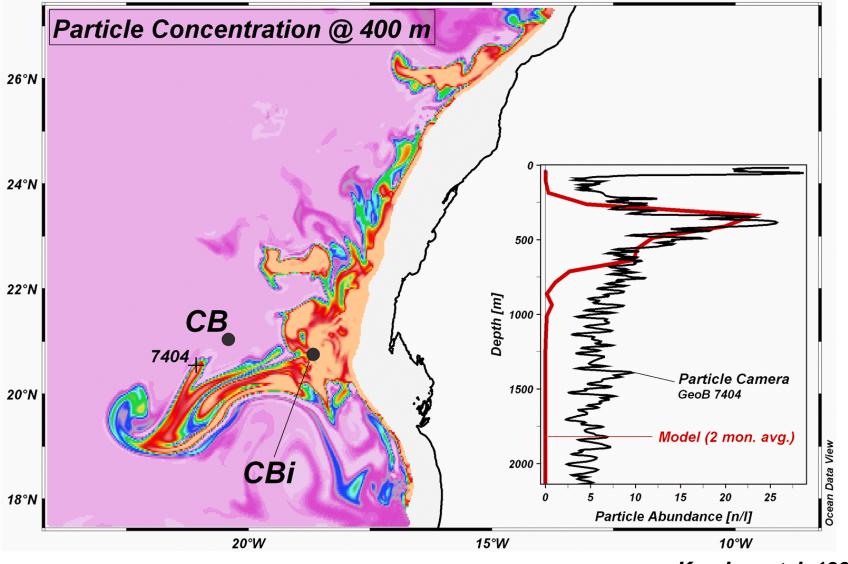
Animation: Large detritus map

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Animation: Large detritus section

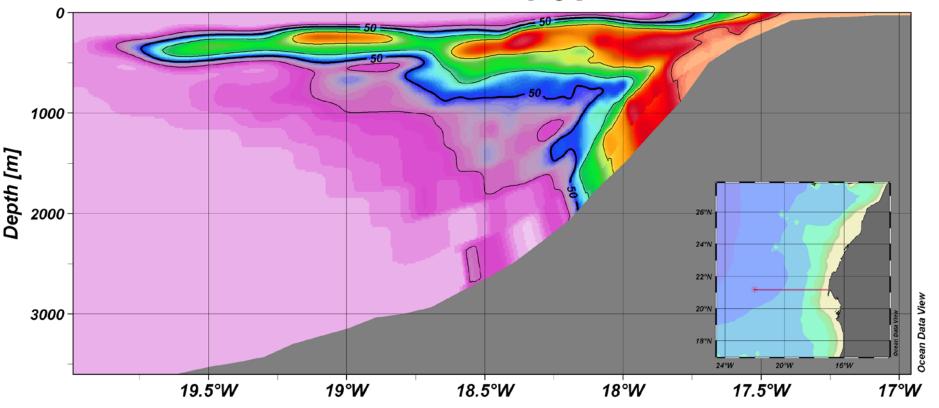
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Sediment Resuspension – Nepheloid Layers

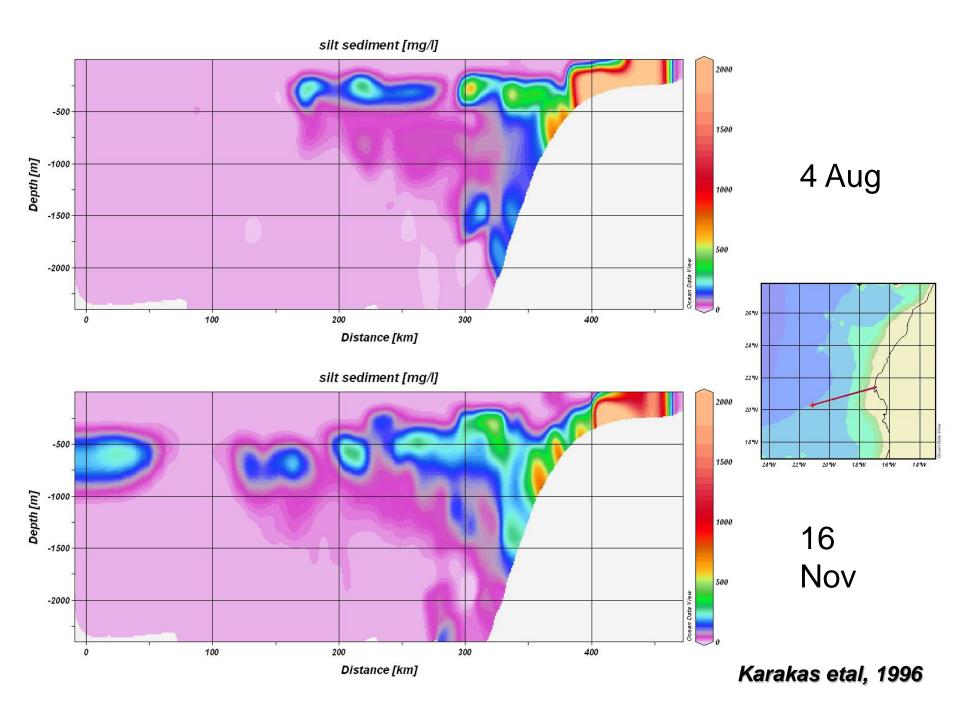


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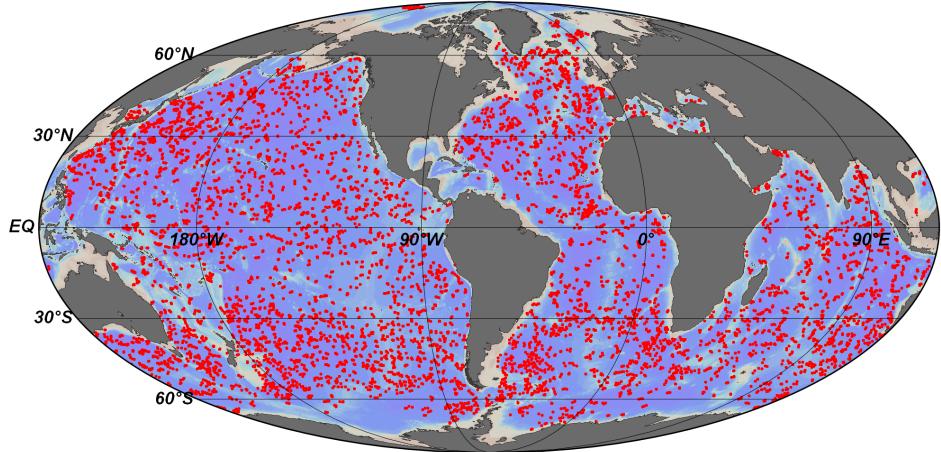
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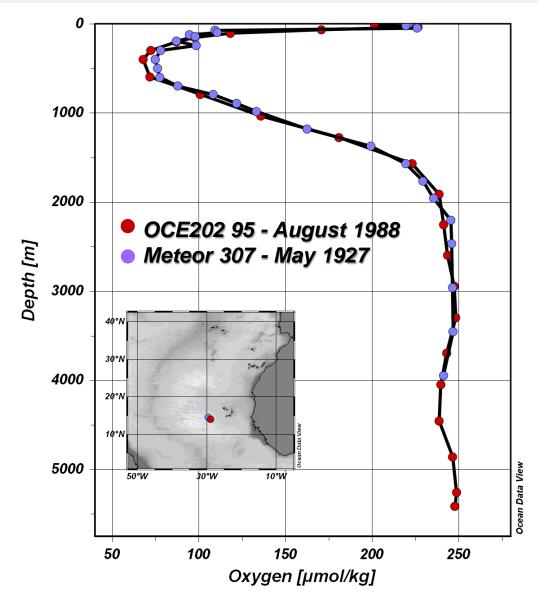
Conclusions: Part 2

- Biogenic and lithogenic particle distributions highly variable in space and time.
- Lateral transport is important.
- Observations at any given time far from being representative.
- Optical sensors on moving platforms needed to help improve data coverage.
- Effect on TEI distributions depends on residence time. Fast-turnover TEIs are strongly affected.

One Month of ARGO Data (Jan/2008 - 10600 profiles)



Integrating nature of ocean tracers. Example Oxygen.



- Distribution, downward flux, and composition of biogenic particles are highly variable in space and time.
- Similarity to rain events.
- Variability documented by sediment traps.

- Sediment resuspension requires large bottom shear stresses (large bottom velocities).
- Occurs sporadically under extreme conditions only.
- Local sources and spreading paths highly variable.