

A large concrete bridge with multiple pillars spans across a body of water. The sky is overcast. At the bottom of the image, there is a red timeline with white tick marks and labels for years from 1970 to 2015 in 5-year increments.

Jim !

*How long do you have to keep
studying San Francisco Bay ?*

Haven't you got this figured out yet ?

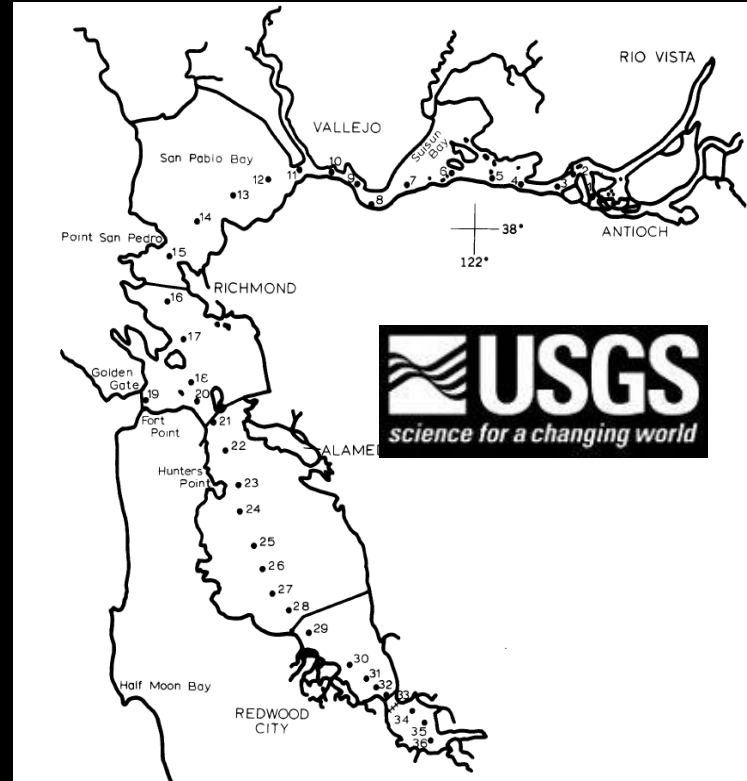
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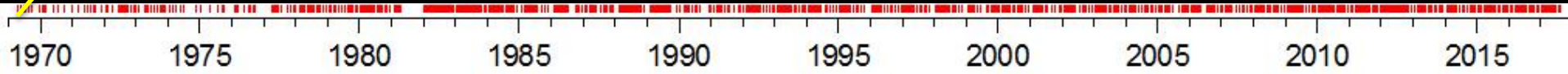
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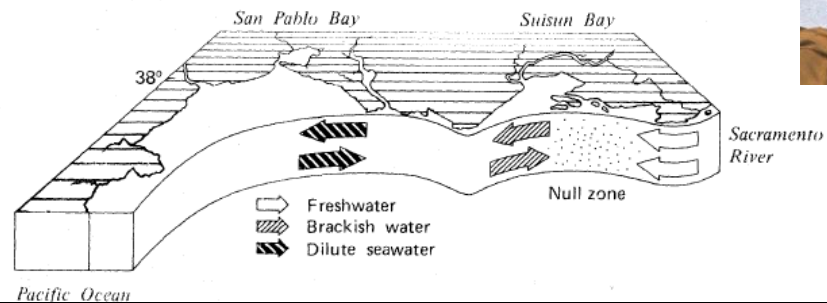


*An Era of
Discovery Begins*

April 10, 1969



Estuarine Circulation & Turbidity Maximum



Benthic Infauna

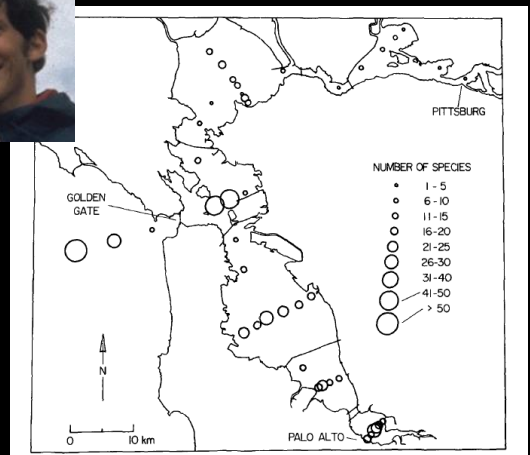
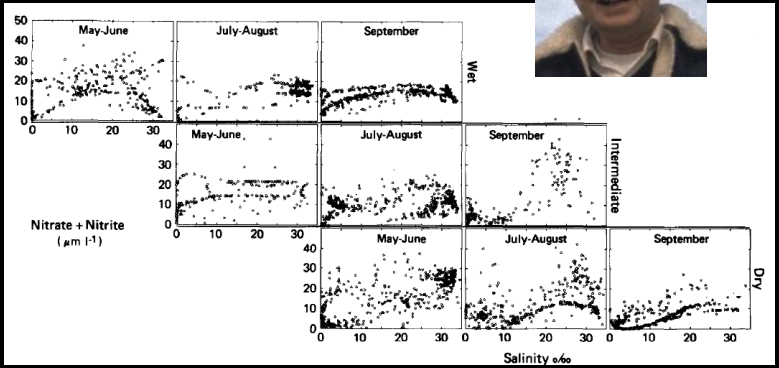
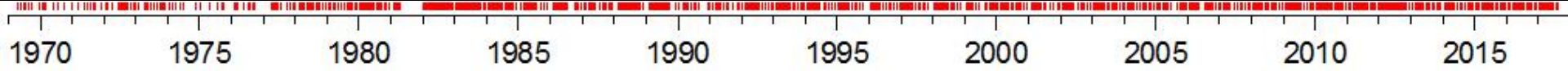


Fig. 2. Total number of benthic macrofauna species collected during February and August 1973 in replicate 0.1-m² samples and retained on 1.0-mm sieve.

Nutrient Concentrations, Seasonal-Spatial Patterns

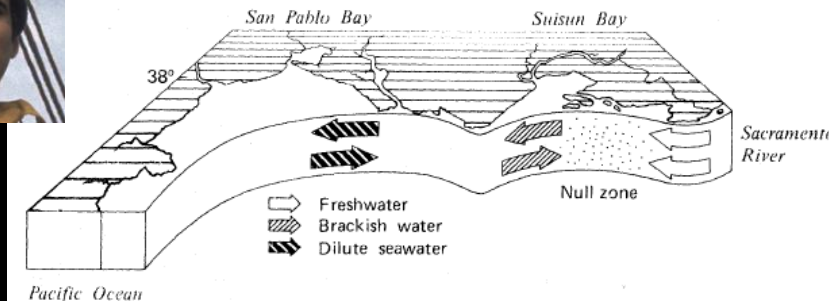


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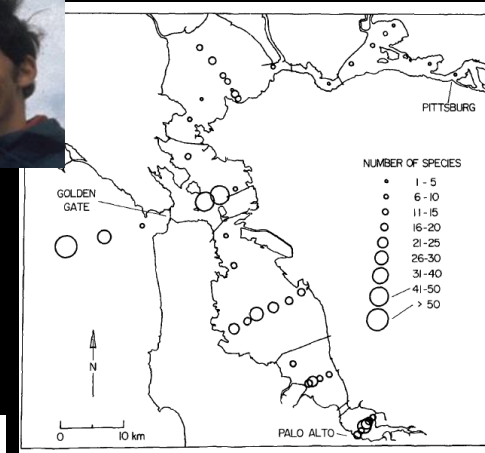




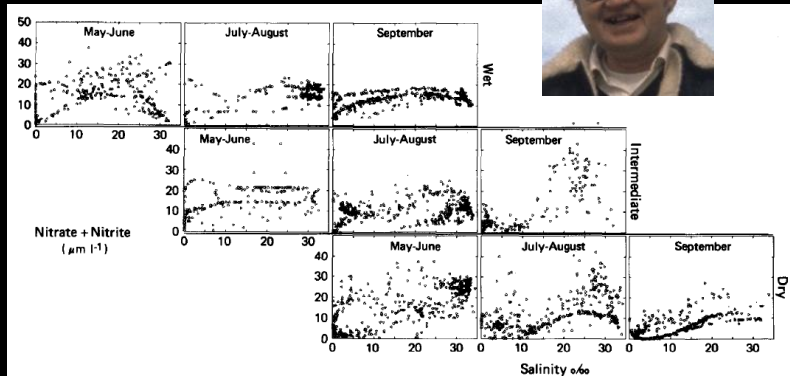
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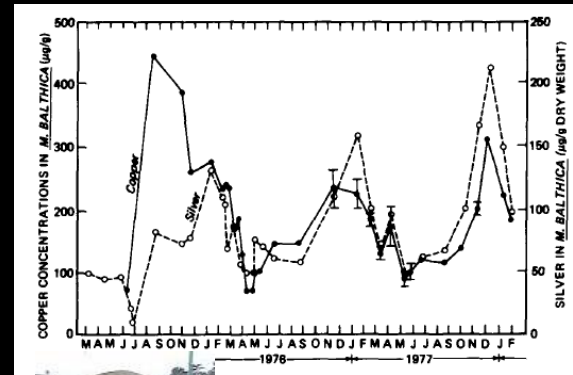
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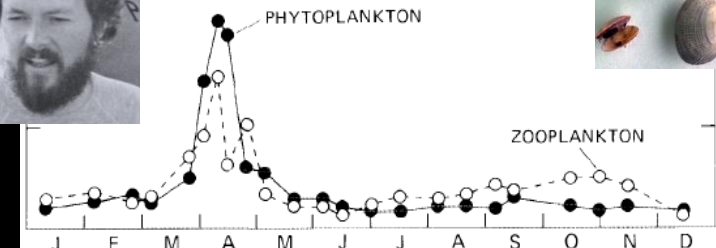
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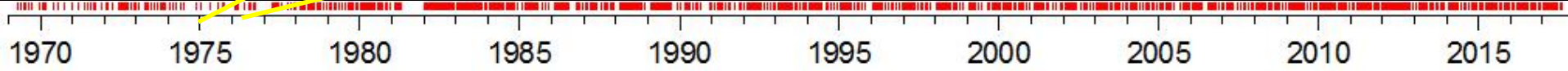
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Plankton & Modeling

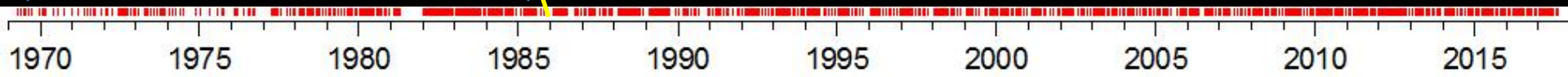
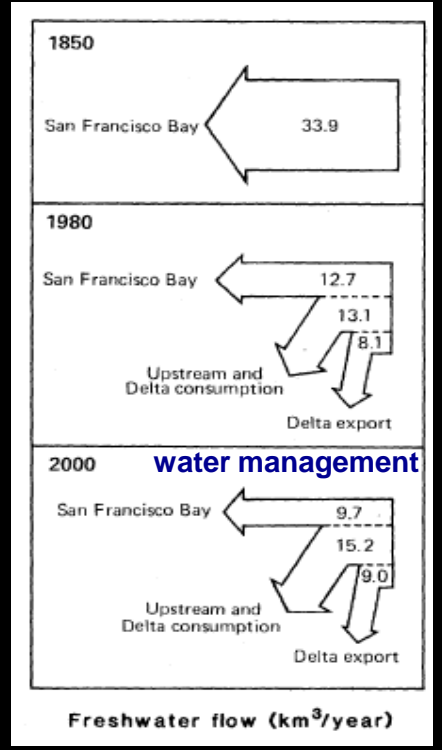
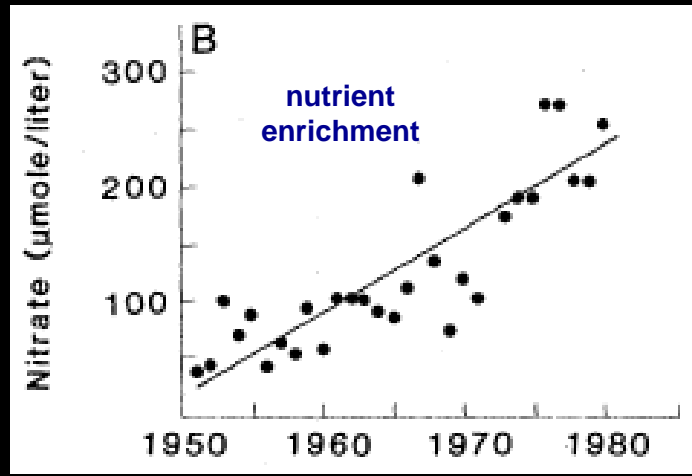
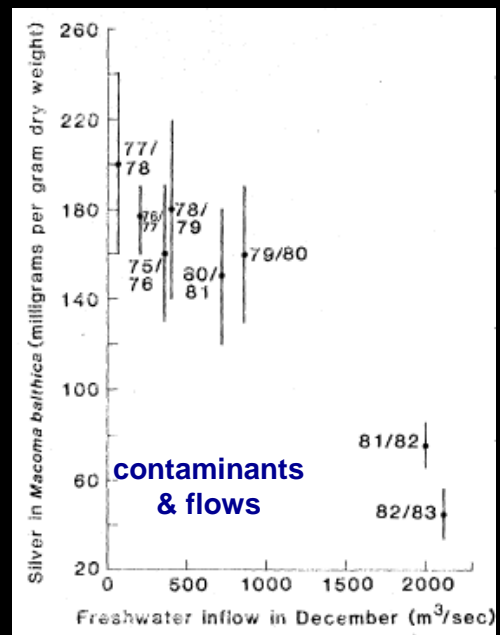
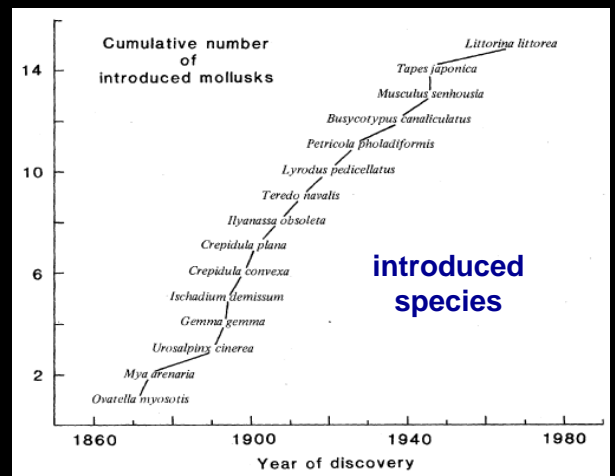
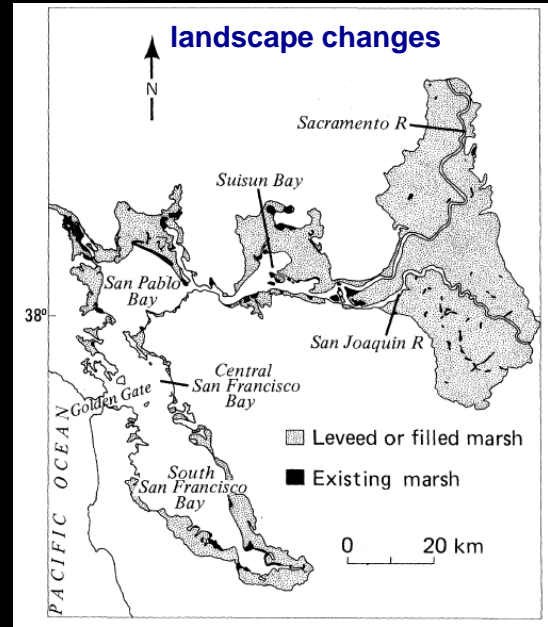


Era of Discovery





1986: End of an Era



1986: Beginning of a new Era

Basin Plan includes Pollutant Standards
(without data)

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*What has this
partnership meant?*

1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015

#1 We are engaged



Toxic Phytoplankton in San Francisco Bay

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University of California, Institute of Marine Sciences, Santa Cruz, CA
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Water Quality Variability in San Francisco Bay, Some General Lessons from 1996 Sampling

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Patterns of Water-Quality Variability in San Francisco Bay During the First Six Years of the RMP, 1993-1998



Lessons from Monitoring Water Quality in San Francisco Bay

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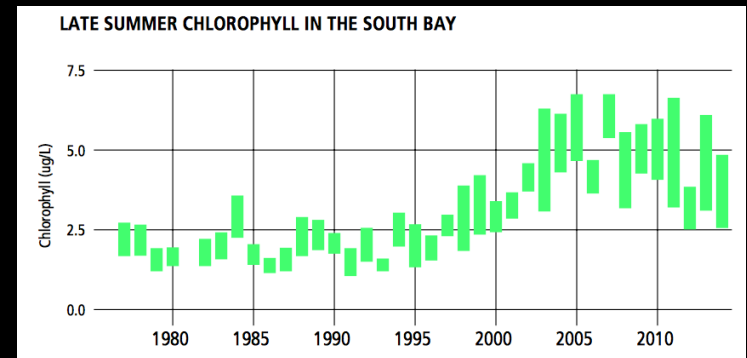


What is Causing the Phytoplankton Increase in San Francisco Bay?

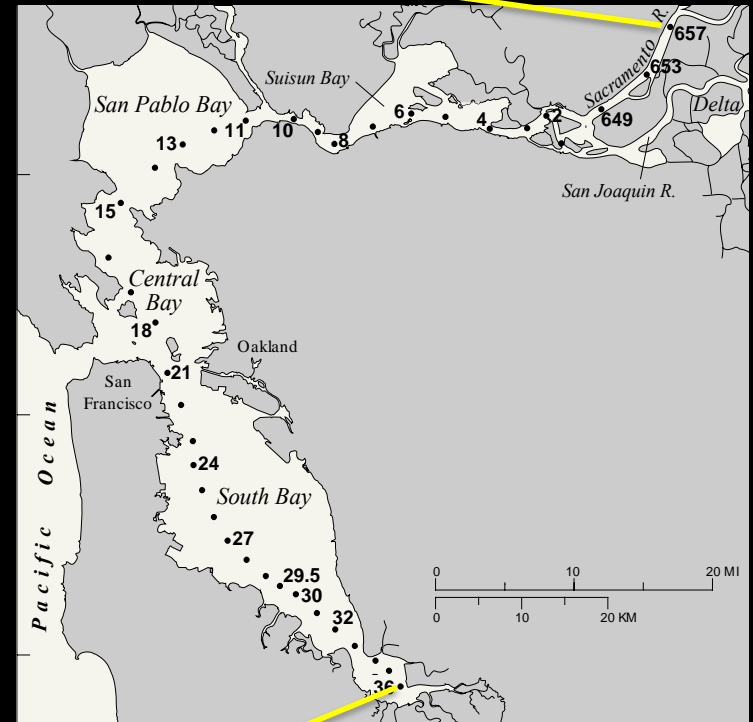
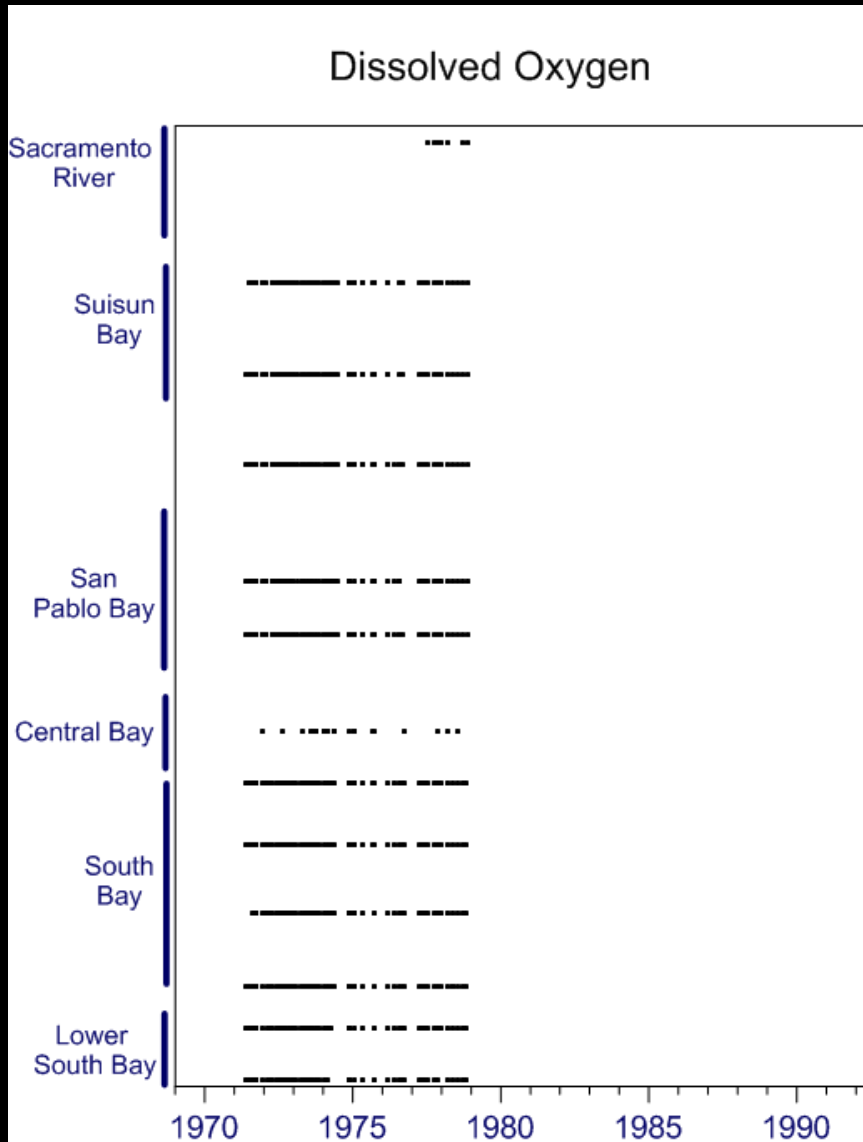
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THE PULSE OF THE BAY

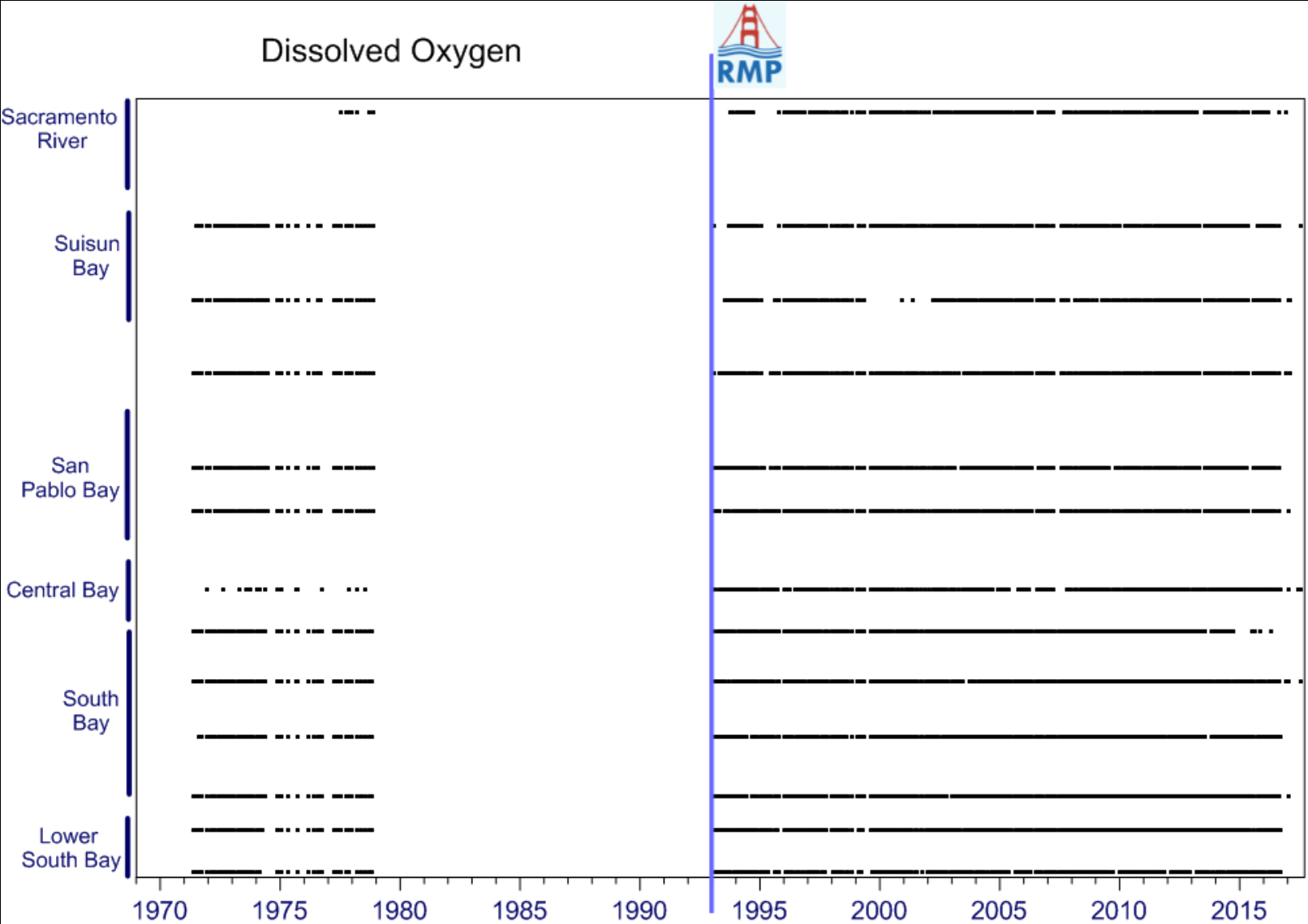
The State of Bay Water Quality: 2015 and 2065



#2 Continuity of Measurements



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Water Quality of San Francisco Bay

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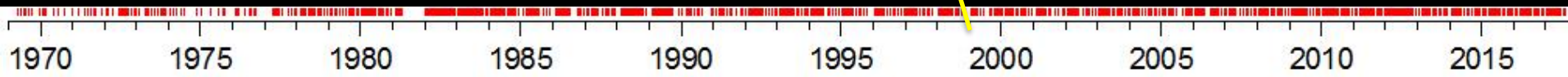
Since 1968, the USGS has sustained a research program to understand how coastal ecosystems function and how those functions are altered by human disturbances.

One component of this program is directed towards following and understanding changes in the

WATER QUALITY OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY

	Project Overview
	Long-term Data Visualization
	Query Data 1969-present
	X-Y Scatter Plots

Latest Cruise Data
July 31, 2017



Who Accesses the Data?

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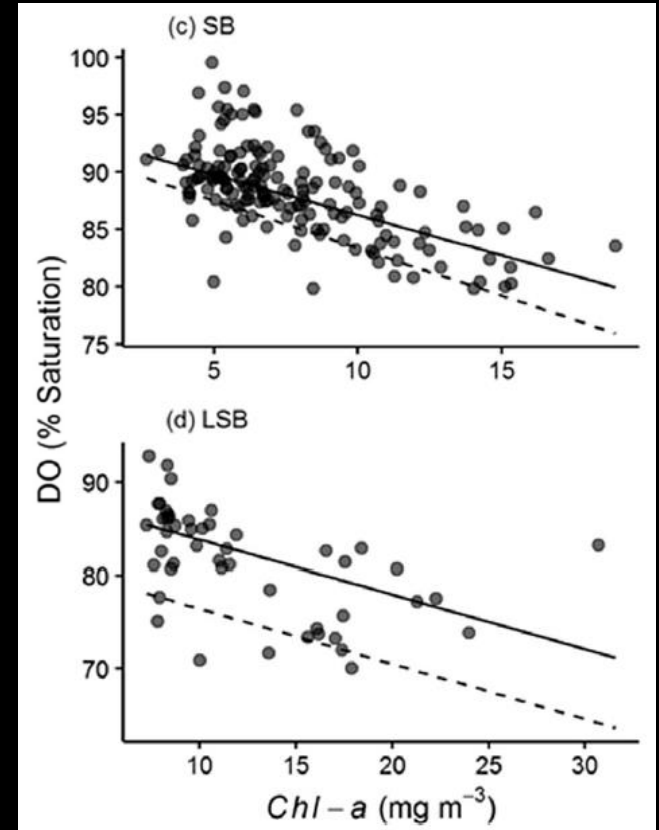
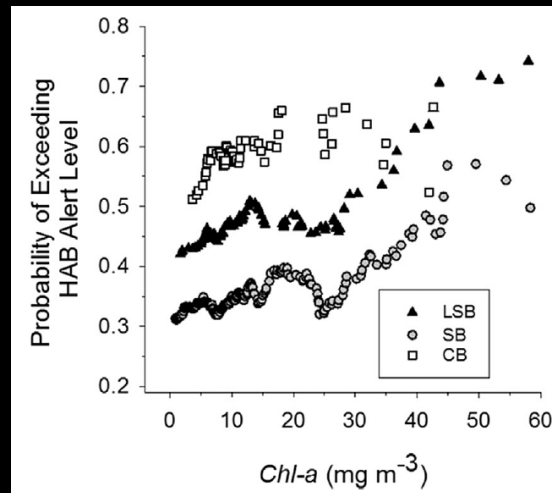
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Data used in assessments

Scientific Basis to Assess the Effects of Nutrients on San Francisco Bay Beneficial Uses





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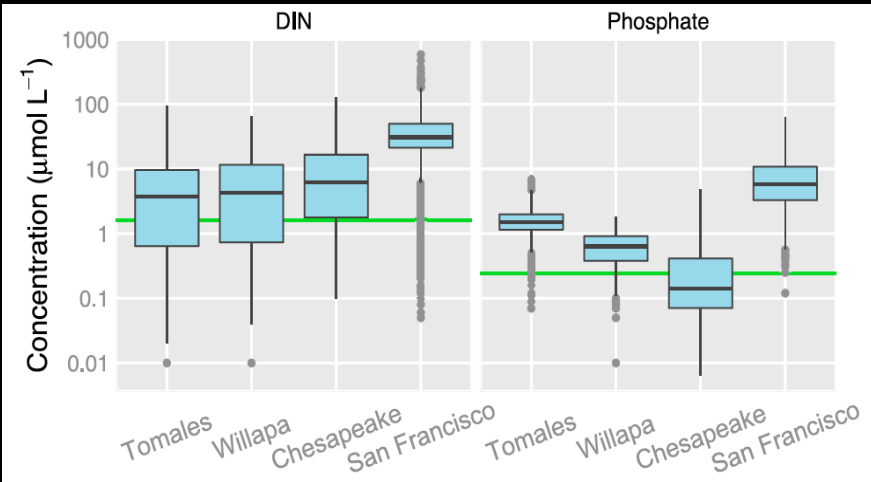
Novel analyses of long-term data provide a scientific basis for chlorophyll-a thresholds in San Francisco Bay

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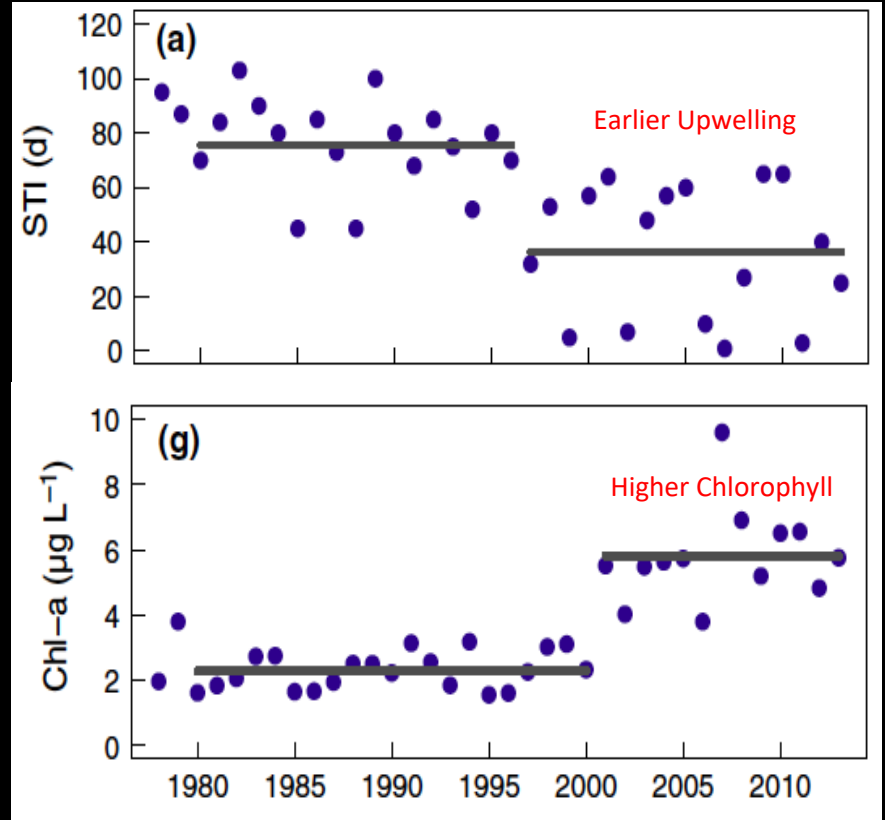
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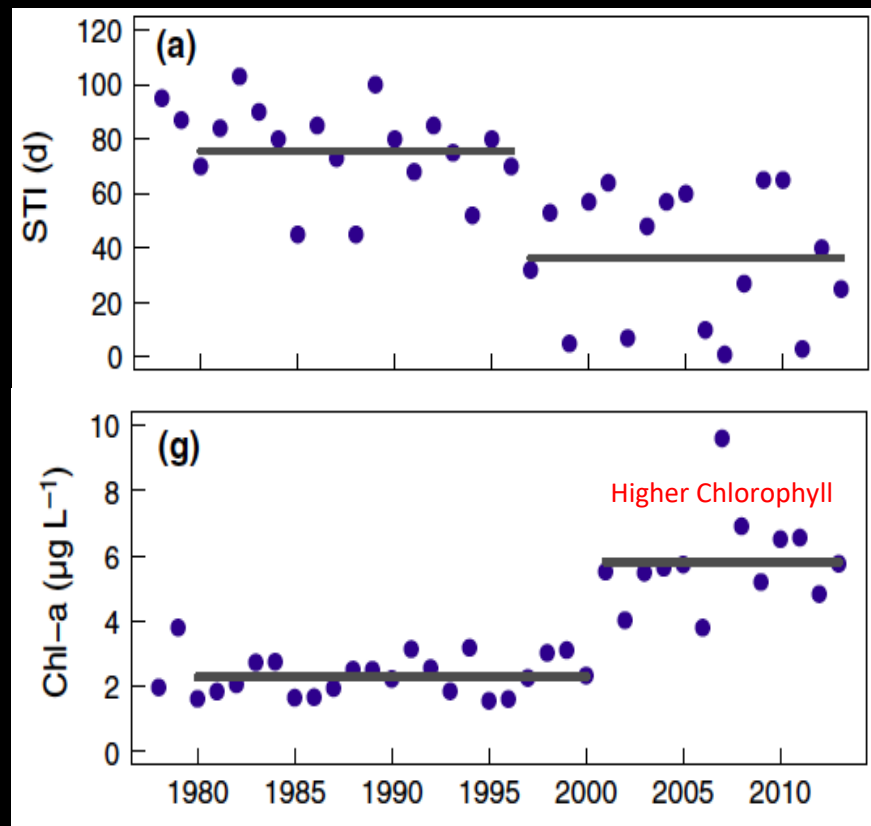
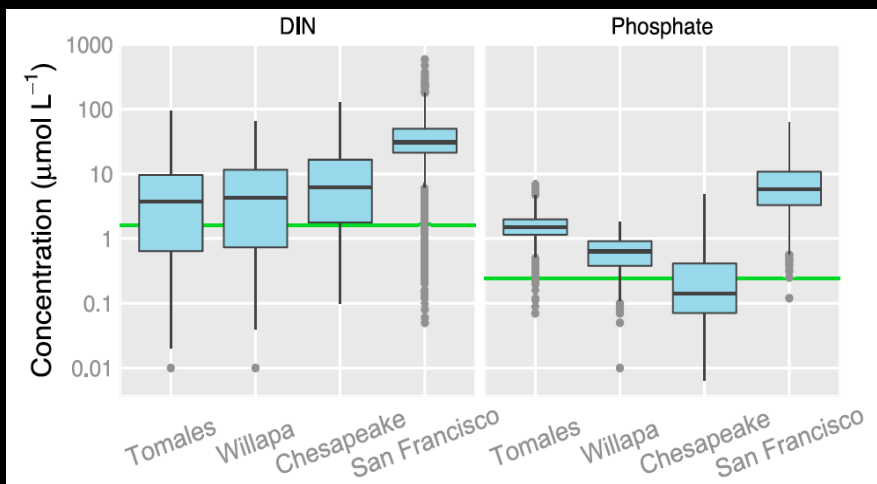
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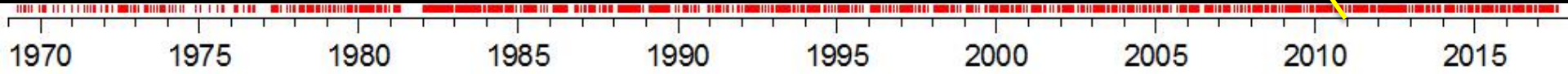
Trends



Data used to set scientific directions:





Nutrient Management Strategy



Data used to make decisions

The USGS San Francisco Bay Water Quality Research Program ... plays a critical role, and provides an essential and unparalleled service for Bay-Delta regulators, managers, and stakeholders, especially as it pertains to informing high-stakes decision-making related to nutrients.

Thomas Mumley
Assistant Executive Officer
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board



San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 13, 2015

Michael Chotkowski, PhD
Delta Science Coordinator
United States Geological Survey
Sacramento, CA

Dear Dr. Chotkowski:

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) San Francisco Bay Water Quality Research Program (SF Bay Program) plays a critical role, and provides an essential and unparalleled service for Bay-Delta regulators, managers, and stakeholders, especially as it pertains to informing high-stakes decision-making related to nutrients. Please accept this letter of support for the USGS SF Bay Program, submitted by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Nutrient Management Strategy Steering Committee.

The Water Board is charged with protecting San Francisco Bay water quality. The Bay receives wastewater inputs from the region's 7.2 million people, along with agricultural inputs from the Central Valley, which combined deliver substantial nutrient loads and place the Bay among the most nutrient-enriched estuaries in the nation. In response to concerns about nutrient-related impacts in the Bay, the Water Board launched the San Francisco Bay Nutrient Management Strategy in 2012, which calls for a collaborative-based science strategy to serve as the foundation for a nutrients regulatory policy. The San Francisco Bay Nutrient Management Strategy Steering Committee, with participants from federal, state, and local agencies, industry, and public-interest stakeholders, oversees implementation of the Strategy. Key to the current and continued success of the Strategy is a strong federal, state, and local partnership and cost-sharing.

It is difficult to overstate the value and uniqueness of the USGS SF Bay Program, recognized internationally for its fundamental scientific advancements while also serving as an essential resource for Bay managers and stakeholders. The USGS SF Bay Program, under Dr. Jim Cloern's leadership since the 1970s, is considered among the best estuarine records worldwide, and has led to major advancements in our understanding of the Bay and other estuaries. The USGS SF Bay Program, through hypothesis-driven research and long-term measurements, identified the physical and biological factors that have historically given the Bay inherent resistance to its high nutrient levels - high turbidity and strong tidal mixing limited light available for phytoplankton growth, and abundant benthic grazers efficiently filtered phytoplankton from the water column. That same long-term and rigorously-maintained record also provided the early warning that the Bay's resistance to nutrients was weakening. Two USGS-led studies (Cloern et al. 2007, 2010) documented how summer/fall phytoplankton levels tripled in South San Francisco Bay between the late 1990s and 2005, and explained how, through a cascade of processes, phytoplankton became more able to utilize the Bay's ample nutrient supply.

The San Francisco Bay Nutrient Management Strategy was launched in direct response to the USGS SF Bay Program observations. The early-warning is allowing the Water Board and stakeholders to proactively evaluate nutrient management options before full-blown problems develop, thereby ensuring protection of the Bay, and potentially saving citizens billions of dollars

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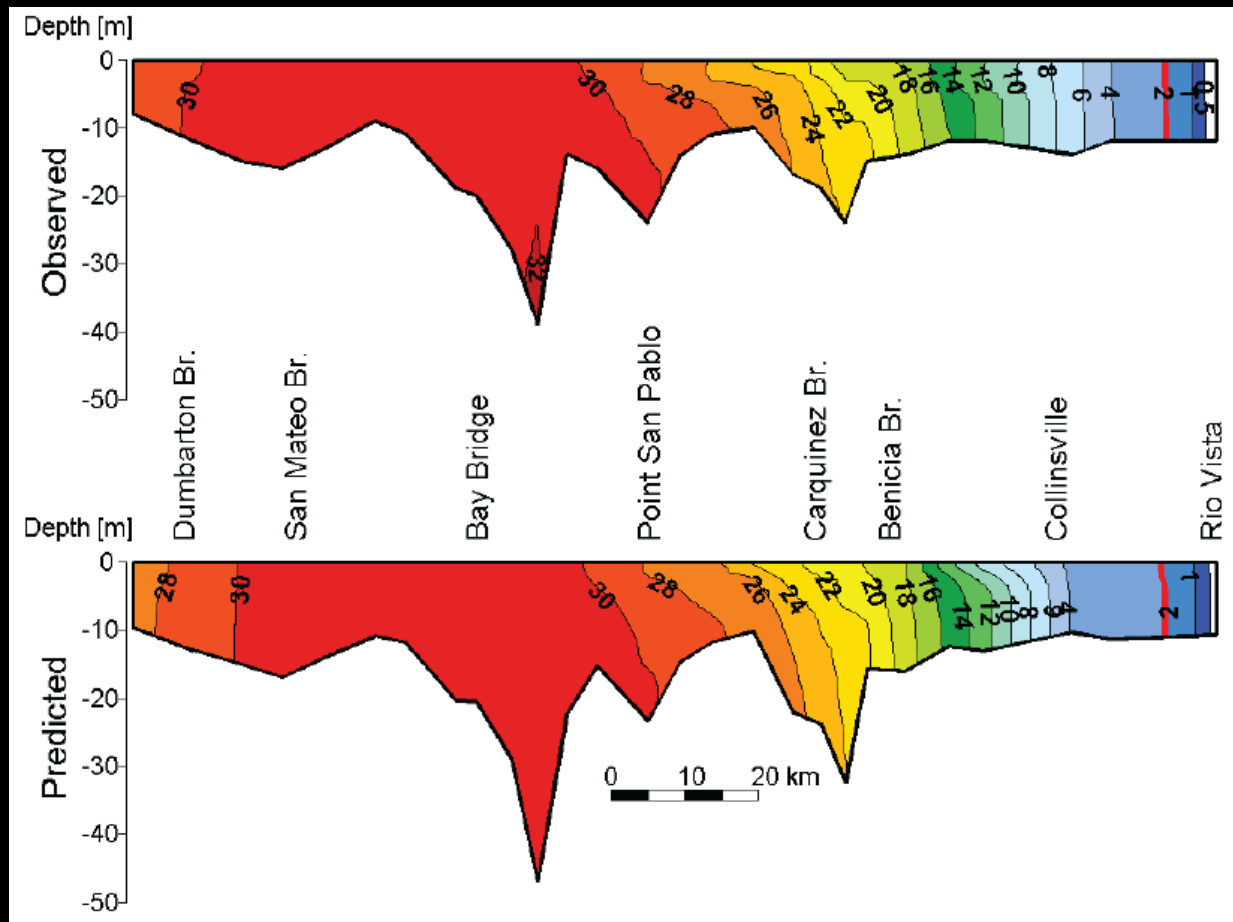
Data used by the scientific community

50 examples, from archaeology to zooplankton ecology

Discipline	Measurements Used	Discovery/Application	Citation
anthropology	Salinity, Temperature	used oxygen-isotopes in clam shells to reconstruct human landscape use during the Late Pre-historic period	Erkens, J. W., Byrd, B. F., Spero, H. J. & Fritsch, A. K. Stable isotope reconstructions of shellfish harvesting seasonality in an estuarine environment: implications for Late Holocene San Francisco Bay settlement patterns. <i>Journal of Archaeological Science</i> 40, 2014-2024 (2013).
biogeochemistry	Salinity, temperature, chlorophyll-a, SPM, DO, nutrients	concentrations of dissolved Mn, Co, Zn, and Pb all increased after a phytoplankton bloom decayed	Luengen, A. C., Raimondi, P. T. & Flegal, A. R. Contrasting biogeochemistry of six trace metals during the rise and decay of a spring phytoplankton bloom in San Francisco Bay. <i>Limnology and Oceanography</i> 52, 1112-1130 (2007).
biogeochemistry	Salinity, temperature, nutrients	showed that the Bay is heterotrophic, but net metabolism varies seasonally	Smith, S. V. & Hollibaugh, J. T. Water, salt, and nutrient exchanges in San Francisco Bay. <i>Limnology and Oceanography</i> 51, 504-517 (2006).
biogeochemistry	Salinity, temperature, chlorophyll-a, SPM, DO, nutrients	concentrations of dissolved methylmercury decreased as a phytoplankton bloom developed, and increased as the bloom decayed	Luengen, A. C. & Flegal, A. R. Role of phytoplankton in mercury cycling in the San Francisco Bay estuary. <i>Limnology and Oceanography</i> 54, 23-40 (2009).
bivalve ecology	Salinity	the alien clam <i>Potamocorbula amurensis</i> can complete its life cycle along most of the estuarine salinity gradient	Nicolini, M. H. & Penny, D. L. Spawning, fertilization, and larval development of <i>Potamocorbula amurensis</i> (Mollusca:Bivalvia) from San Francisco Bay, California. <i>Pac. Sci.</i> 54, 377-388 (2000).
bivalve ecology	Salinity, Temperature, Chlorophyll-a	seasonal reproduction of the clam <i>Potamocorbula amurensis</i> tracks seasonal patterns of the phytoplankton food supply	Parcho, F. & Thompson, J. K. Influence of hydrologic processes on reproduction of the introduced bivalve <i>Potamocorbula amurensis</i> in northern San Francisco Bay, California. <i>Pacific Science</i> 56, 329-345 (2002).
conservation biology	Salinity	used salinity data to assess environmental controls on and	De la Cruz, S. E. W. et al. Resource selection and space use by sea ducks during the non-breeding season: Implications for
		strategies for conserving sea bird populations	habitat conservation planning in urbanized estuaries. <i>Biological Conservation</i> 169, 68-78 (2014).
ecosystem ecology	Salinity, Chlorophyll-a, DO	synthesized the data to describe key spatial and seasonal patterns of estuarine variability	Kimmerer, W. Open water processes of the San Francisco Estuary: physical forcing to biological responses. <i>San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science</i> 2(1) (2004).
ecotoxicity	Chlorophyll-a	used a model to demonstrate how phytoplankton variability affects selenium bioaccumulation by mussels	Spencer, M., Fisher, N. S., Wang, W. X. & Ferson, S. Temporal variability and ignorance in Monte Carlo contaminant bioaccumulation models: A case study with selenium in <i>Mytilus edulis</i> . <i>Risk Analysis</i> 21, 383-394 (2001).
ecotoxicology	Chlorophyll-a	bioavailability of Cd and Zn increased during a phytoplankton bloom	Lee, B. G. & Luoma, S. N. Influence of microalgal biomass on absorption efficiency of Cd, Cr, and Zn by two bivalves from San Francisco Bay. <i>Limnology and Oceanography</i> 43, 1455-1466 (1998).
ecotoxicology	Salinity, SPM, Chlorophyll-a	calibrated and validated a model of selenium transport and accumulation in estuarine biota	Chen, L., Meseck, S. L., Roy, S. B., Grieb, T. M. & Baginska, B. Modeling Fate, Transport, and Biological Uptake of Selenium in North San Francisco Bay. <i>Estuaries and Coasts</i> , 1-20 (2012).
fish ecology	Chlorophyll-a	discovered a population decline of northern anchovy following introduction of the alien clam <i>Corbula amurensis</i>	Kimmerer, W. J. Response of anchovies dampens effects of the invasive bivalve <i>Corbula amurensis</i> on the San Francisco Estuary foodweb. <i>Marine Ecology Progress Series</i> 324, 207-218 (2006).
fish ecology	Temperature	used a bioenergetics model to calculate prey consumption by striped bass, an introduced species	Loboschewsky, E. et al. Individual-level and Population-level Historical Prey Demand of San Francisco Estuary Striped Bass Using a Bioenergetics Model. <i>San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science</i> 10 (2012).
geochemistry	Chlorophyll-a	showed that seasonal patterns of sediment organic C and N track seasonal patterns of phytoplankton biomass	Lesen, A. E. Sediment organic matter composition and dynamics in San Francisco Bay, California, USA: Seasonal variation and interactions between water column chlorophyll and the benthos. <i>Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science</i> 66, 501-512 (2006).
geochemistry	Temperature	used data as input to a model of copper cycling and transport	Bessinger, B. et al. A Kinetic Model of Copper Cycling in San Francisco Bay. <i>San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science</i> 4 (2006).
geochemistry	Salinity, Temperature, Chlorophyll-a, nitrate-nitrite	used data to measure/understand dissolved iron and iron-binding ligand distributions along the salinity gradient	Bundy, R. M. et al. Iron-binding ligands and humic substances in the San Francisco Bay estuary and estuarine-influenced shelf regions of coastal California. <i>Marine Chemistry</i> 173, 183-194 (2015).
geochemistry	Salinity, Temperature, Chlorophyll-a	used oxygen isotope ratios of phosphate to infer local sources of wastewater P along the salinity gradient	McLaughlin, K., Kendall, C., Silva, S. R., Young, M. & Poytan, A. Phosphate oxygen isotope ratios as a tracer for sources and cycling of phosphate in North San Francisco Bay, California. <i>Journal of Geophysical Research</i> 111 (2006).
geochemistry	Temperature	used data as inputs to a box model for assessing long-term fate of PCBs in the Bay	Davis, J. A. The long-term fate of polychlorinated biphenyls in San Francisco Bay (USA). <i>Environ. Toxicol. Chem.</i> 23, 2396-2409 (2004).
geochemistry	Salinity, DO, SPM, nitrate + nitrite	deduced a wastewater source of rare-earth elements based on their co-variation with nutrients (nitrate + nitrite)	Harris, V., Bindland, K. W. & Flegal, A. R. Increases in Anthropogenic Gadolinium Anomalies and Rare Earth Element Concentrations in San Francisco Bay over a 20 Year Record. <i>Environ Sci Technol</i> 50 (2016).
hydrodynamics	Salinity	initialized and validated a 3D hydrodynamic and salinity model	Chua, V. P. & Fringer, O. B. Sensitivity analysis of three-dimensional salinity simulations in North San Francisco Bay using the unstructured-grid SUNTANS model. <i>Ocean Modelling</i> 39, 332-350 (2011).
hydrodynamics	Salinity	initialized a 3D hydrodynamic model to project salinity intrusion under scenarios of sea level rise	Chua, V. P. & Xu, M. Impacts of sea-level rise on estuarine circulation: An idealized estuary and San Francisco Bay. <i>Journal of Marine Systems</i> 139, 58-67 (2014).
hydrodynamics	Salinity	validated a model of salt dispersion between the coastal ocean and Bay	Fram, J. P., Martin, M. A. & Stacey, M. T. Dispersive fluxes between the coastal ocean and a semienclosed estuarine basin. <i>Journal of Physical Oceanography</i> 37, 1645-1660 (2007).

hydrodynamics	Salinity	used an empirical relationship between the salinity gradient and freshwater inflow in a sediment-transport model	Ganju, N. K. & Schoellhamer, D. H. Calibration of an estuarine sediment transport model to sediment fluxes as an intermediate step for simulation of geomorphic evolution. <i>Continental Shelf Research</i> 29, 148-158 (2009).
hydrodynamics	Salinity	Initialized, calibrated and validated a 3D tidal hydrodynamic model	Gross, E. S., MacWilliams, M. L. & Kimmerer, W. J. Three-dimensional Modeling of Tidal Hydrodynamics in the San Francisco Estuary. <i>San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science</i> 7 (2009).
hydrodynamics	Salinity	data were used to initialize and validate a 3D tidal hydrodynamics and salinity model	MacWilliams, M., Bever, A., Gross, E., Kettefian, G. & Kimmerer, W. Three-Dimensional Modeling of Hydrodynamics and Salinity in the San Francisco Estuary: An Evaluation of Model Accuracy, X2, and the Low-Salinity Zone. <i>San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science</i> 13 (2015).
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macrofauna ecology	Salinity, temperature, chlorophyll-a	showed that abundances of benthic foraminifera increase during phytoplankton blooms	Lesen, A. E. Relationship between benthic foraminifera and food resources in South San Francisco Bay, California, USA. <i>Marine Ecology Progress Series</i> 297, 131-145 (2005).
microbial ecology	Salinity	ammonia-oxidizing bacteria and archaea have different abundances and spatial structure along the salinity gradient	Mosier, A. C. & Francis, C. A. Relative abundance and diversity of ammonia-oxidizing archaea and bacteria in the San Francisco Bay estuary. <i>Environmental Microbiology</i> 10, 3002-3016 (2008).
microbial ecology	Salinity, Temperature, Chlorophyll-a, SPM	showed that bacterial metabolism covaries with river flow and organic-matter input	Murrell, M. C., Hollibaugh, J. T., Silver, M. W. & Wong, P. S. Bacterioplankton dynamics in northern San Francisco Bay: Role of particle association and seasonal freshwater flow. <i>Limnology and Oceanography</i> 44, 295-308 (1999).
microbial ecology	Salinity, Temperature, Chlorophyll-a, SPM, nutrients	measured and explored controls on nitrification rates	Domashek, J., Casciotti, K. L. & Francis, C. A. Variable Nitrification Rates Across Environmental Gradients in Turbid, Nutrient-Rich Estuary Waters of San Francisco Bay. <i>Estuaries and Coasts</i> 39, 1050-1071 (2016).
microzooplankton ecology	Salinity, Temperature, Chlorophyll-a, nutrients	measured anomalously low microzooplankton grazing rates in low-salinity regions of the estuary	Murrell, M. C. & Hollibaugh, J. T. Microzooplankton grazing in northern San Francisco Bay measured by the dilution method. <i>Aquatic Microbial Ecology</i> 15, 53-63 (1998).
paleoecology	Salinity	benthic foraminifera assemblages remained stable over a 125-ky period, but changed after a recent species introduction	Lesen, A. E. & Lippis, J. H. What have natural and human changes wrought on the foraminifera of the San Francisco Bay late Quaternary estuary? <i>Quaternary Research</i> 76, 211-219, doi:10.1016/j.yqres.2011.06.005 (2011).
phytoplankton ecology	Chlorophyll-a, nutrients	assessed effects of wastewater effluent on phytoplankton communities	Esparza, M. L. et al. Impact of atypical ammonium concentrations on phytoplankton abundance and composition in fresh versus estuarine waters. <i>Aquatic Biology</i> 21, 191-204, doi:10.3354/ab00588 (2014).
phytoplankton ecology	Salinity, chlorophyll-a, SPM, silicate, light extinction	showed that diatom primary production and Si uptake decreased after introduction of the clam <i>Corbula amurensis</i>	Kimmerer, W. Long-term changes in apparent uptake of silica in the San Francisco estuary. <i>Limnology and Oceanography</i> 50, 793-798 (2005).
remote sensing	SPM	measured sediment deposition in restored marshes using satellite reflectance data calibrated with measured sediment concentrations	Newcomer, M. E. et al. Estuarine sediment deposition during wetland restoration: a GIS and remote sensing modelling approach. <i>Geocarto International</i> 29, 451-467 (2014).
sclerochronology	Chlorophyll-a	used synchrony between chlorophyll-a and $\delta^{13}C$ of <i>Crassostrea gigas</i> shells to infer timing of invasion by this non-native oyster	Goodwin, D. H., Cohen, A. N. & Roopnarine, P. D. Forensics on the half shell: A sclerochronological investigation of a modern biological invasion in San Francisco Bay, United States. <i>Palaos</i> 25, 742-753 (2010).
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sediment dynamics	Salinity	set initial conditions of a 3D hydrodynamic, wind wave, and sediment transport model	Bever, A. J. & MacWilliams, M. L. Simulating sediment transport processes in San Pablo Bay using coupled hydrodynamic, wave, and sediment transport models. <i>Marine Geology</i> 345, 235-253 (2013).
sediment dynamics	Salinity	measured settling velocities of decoupled cohesive sediments along the salinity gradient	Manning, A. J. & Schoellhamer, D. H. Factors controlling fine settling velocity along a longitudinal estuarine transect. <i>Marine Geology</i> 345, 266-280 (2013).
sediment dynamics	Salinity	inferred sediment transport pathways in the coupled Bay-ocean system	McGinn, M., Erikson, L., Wan, E., Powell, C. & Maddocks, R. F. Distribution of biologic, anthropogenic, and volcanic constituents as a proxy for sediment transport in the San Francisco Bay Coastal System. <i>Marine Geology</i> 345, 113-142 (2013).
sediment dynamics	Salinity	discovered that the sediment supply for restoring salt marshes varies with the slope of the estuarine salinity gradient	Shellenbarger, G. G., Wright, S. A. & Schoellhamer, D. H. A sediment budget for the southern reach in San Francisco Bay, CA: Implications for habitat restoration. <i>Marine Geology</i> 345 (2013).
sediment dynamics	SPM	showed that suspended sediment concentrations decreased and estuarine waters cleared suddenly after 1998	Schoellhamer, D. H. Sudden clearing of estuarine waters upon crossing the threshold from transport- to supply-regulation of sediment transport as an erodible sediment pool is depleted. <i>San Francisco Bay, 1999. Estuaries and Coasts</i> 34, 885-899 (2011).
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teaching estuarine hydrology	Salinity, Chlorophyll-a, SPM	online data were used to teach a graduate-level course, <i>Hydrology of San Francisco Bay and Delta</i>	Schoellhamer, D. H. Teaching Estuarine Hydrology with Online Data. <i>Estuaries and Coasts</i> 32, 1069-1078 (2009).

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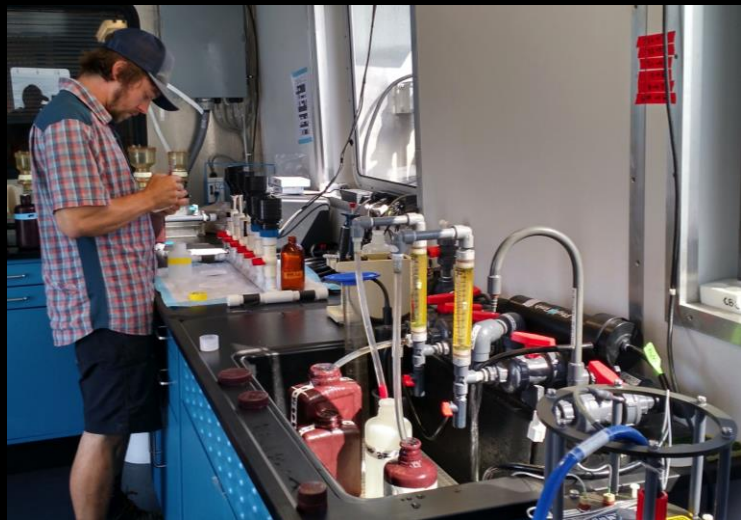
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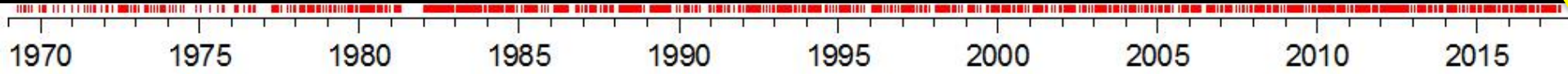
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Dear Mr. Cloern, I am following up with you to say thank you so much for your time and attention. I got so much good information from you, and I am very grateful. I am almost done with my article, and will send it to you as soon as I finish!! Thanks again, Noa



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