## Pacific Coastal Ecology Branch Physical and Water Quality Data

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## CRUISES

CTD profiles using (SBE 19 SEACAT) equipped with Li-Cor PAR sensor, Seapoint Turbidity Sensor, and WETStar Chlorophyll Fluorometer.

Parameters Measured Include: Temperature Conductivity Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR) *In situ* fluorescence Turbidity

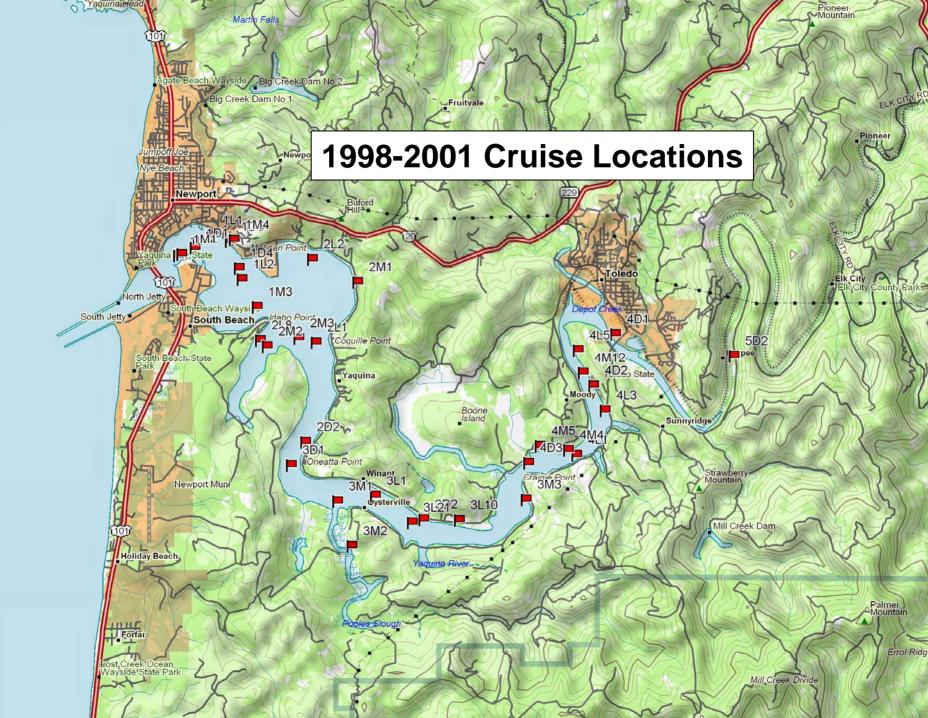
Profile measurements taken at 0.5-sec intervals from the water surface to 0.5 m above the bottom.

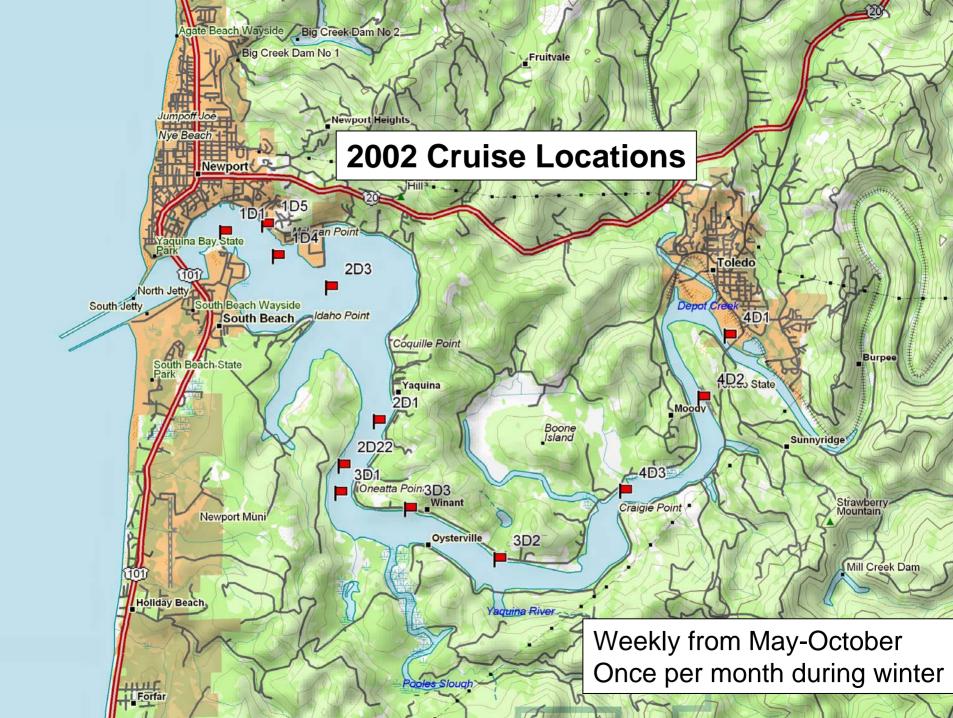
Most cruises track the flood tide, except during 2004 and 2005.

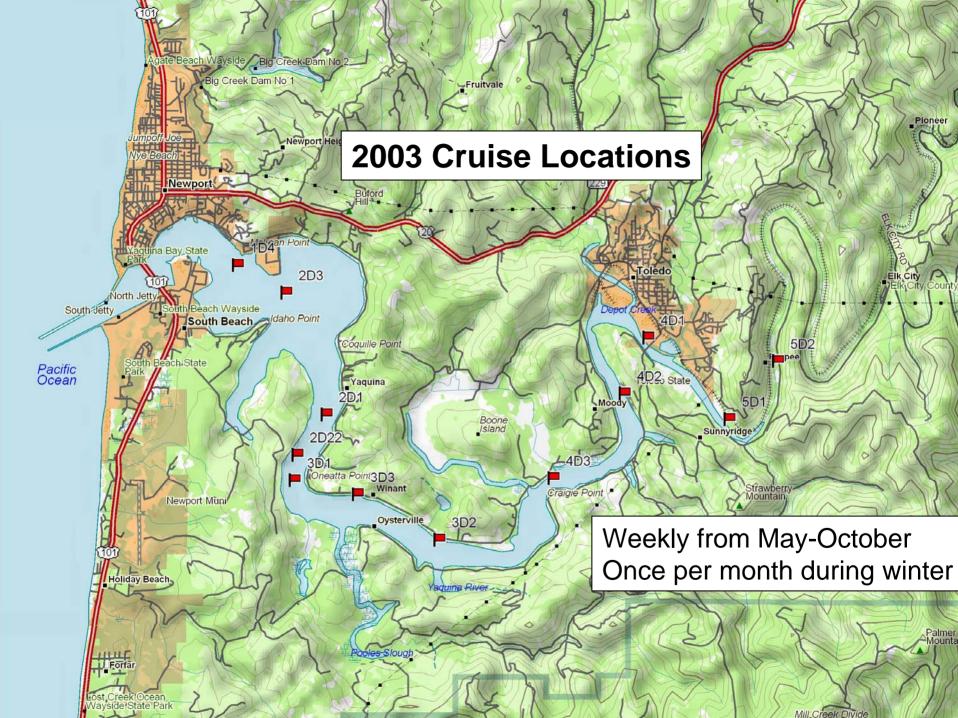
Grab samples for NO<sub>2</sub>+NO<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>, PO<sub>4</sub>, SiO<sub>4</sub>

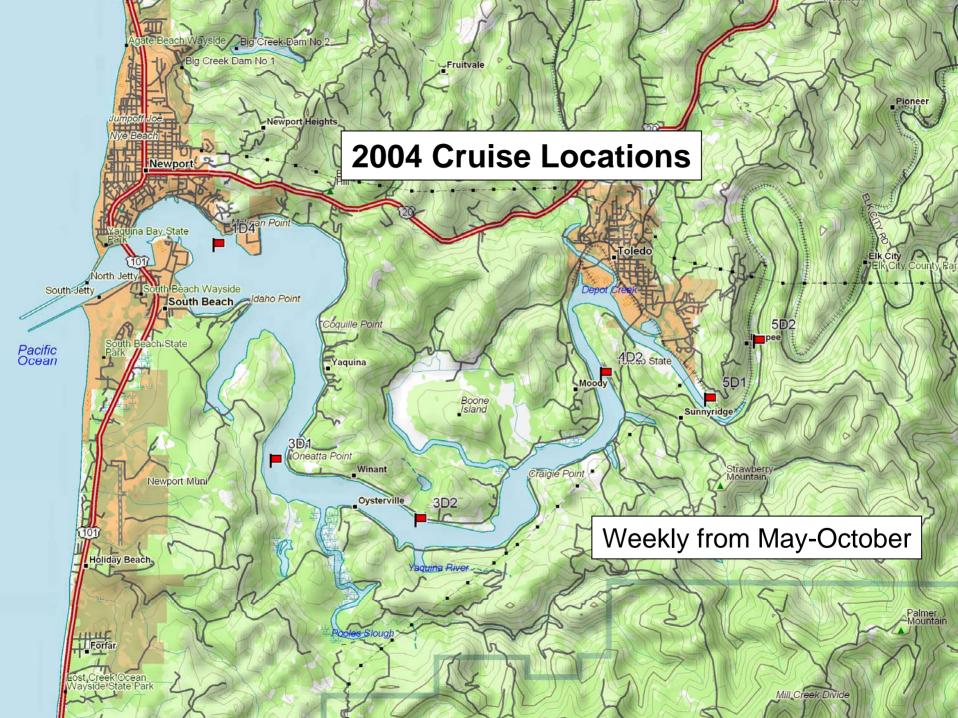
Quarterly grab samples for total suspended solids and chlorophyll a (2002-2004)

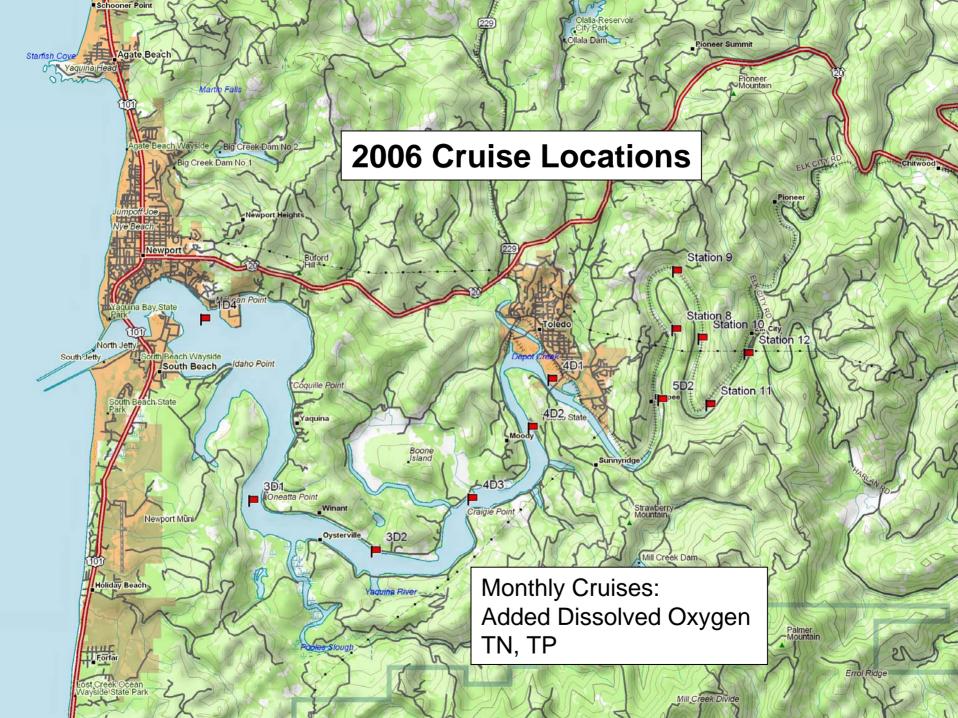
Number of Stations and sampling frequency varies by year











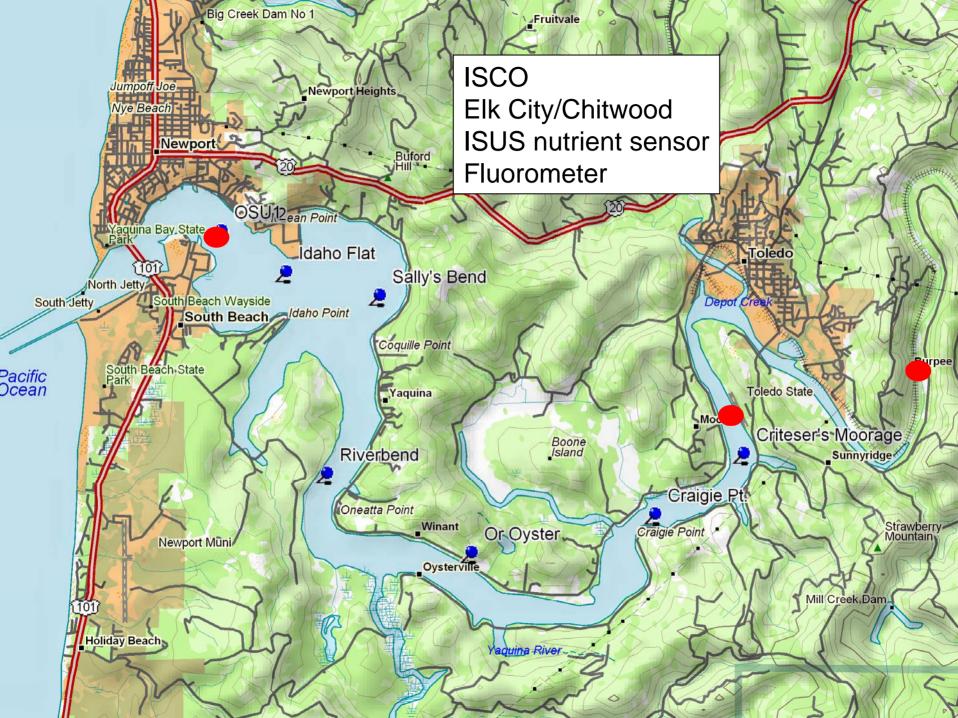
## **Time-Series** Data

- YSI datasondes (not real-time)
- Parameters Measured

Temperature, Conductivity/Salinity, Depth, pH, Dissolved oxygen, Turbidity, Chlorophyll *a* 

Deployment locations

- 1996-1998 OSU dock
- 1999-present OSU (surface & bottom), Criteser's, Oregon Oyster, Cragie, Riverbend
- 2003-2004 Idaho Flat
- 2004-present Sally's Bend



## Yaquina Bay Nutrient Criteria Case Study

# Objective: To develop and test new methods for setting nutrient criteria protective of estuarine resources.

Components Include:

- Identificatiton and quantification of sources of nutrient loading.
- Trend Analysis of nutrients, chlorophyll a, dissolved oxygen & water quality
- Reference Condition Approach vs. Stress-Response Approach
- Factors controlling the distributiton of seagrass, macroalgae, chlorophyll a.

Parameters being assembled:

- Temperature
- Salinity
- Dissolved oxygen
- Chlorophyll a
- Nutrients
- Turbidity
- Light Attenuation / Secchi Depth
- Total Suspended Solids

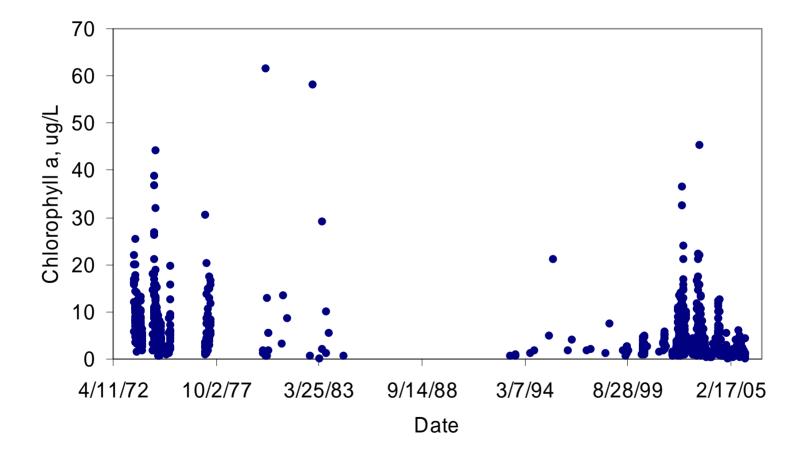
### Data Includes

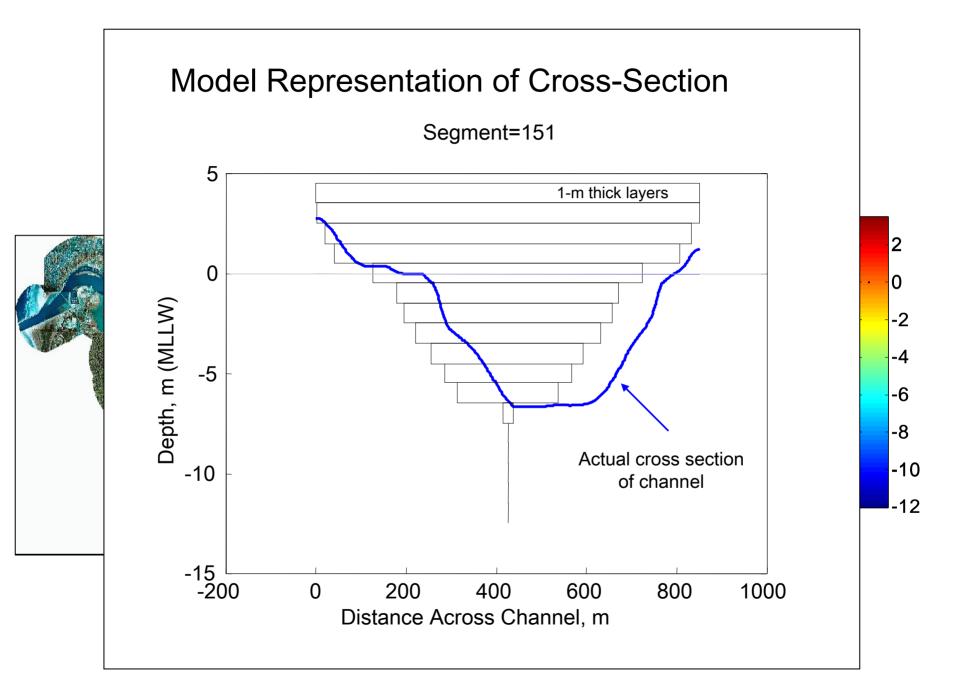
- Pacific Coastal Ecology Branch Cruises
- EMAP
- Classification (10 stations, low tide and high tide cruise, 2004)
- Kaldy & Eldridge Trophic Cruises in 2000

#### Historic Data:

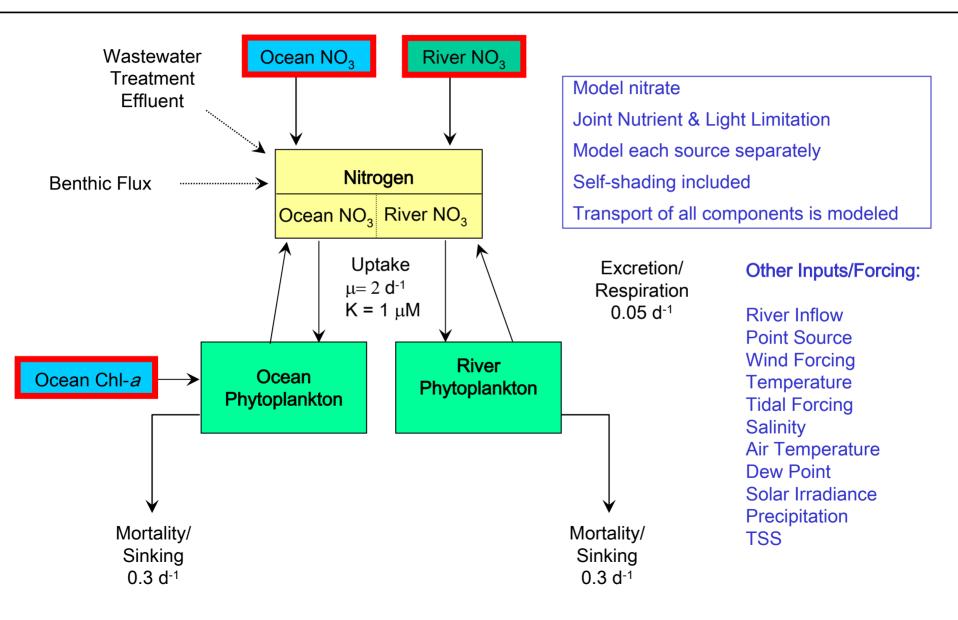
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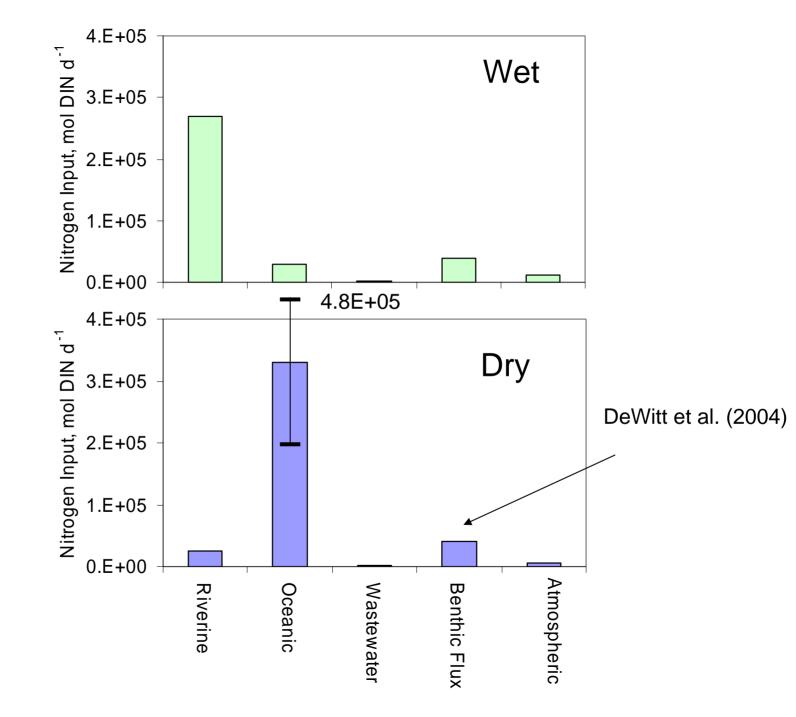
Example time-series of all chlorophyll a data in Yaquina Bay/River

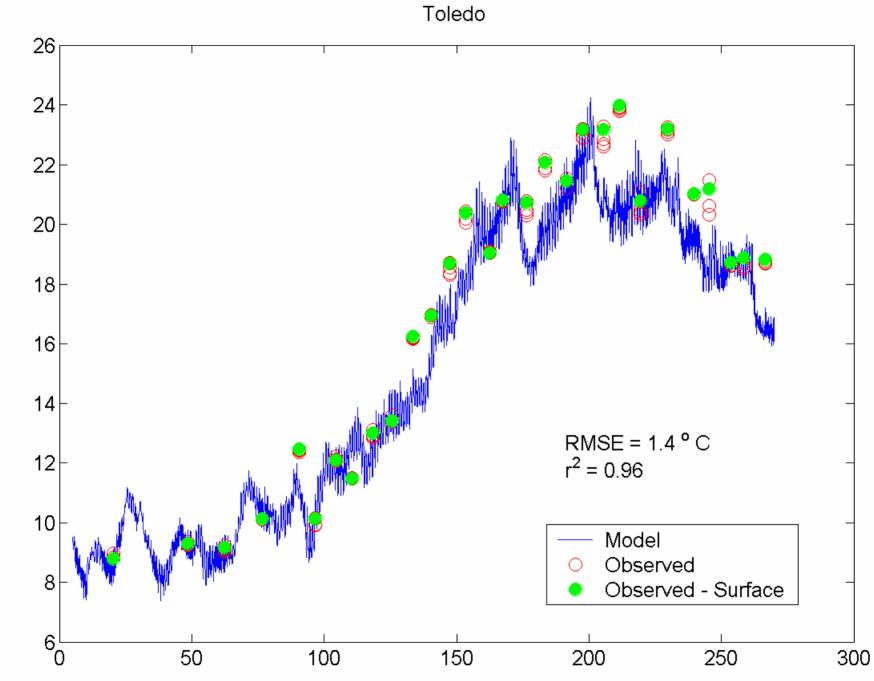




### Simplified Schematic of Model

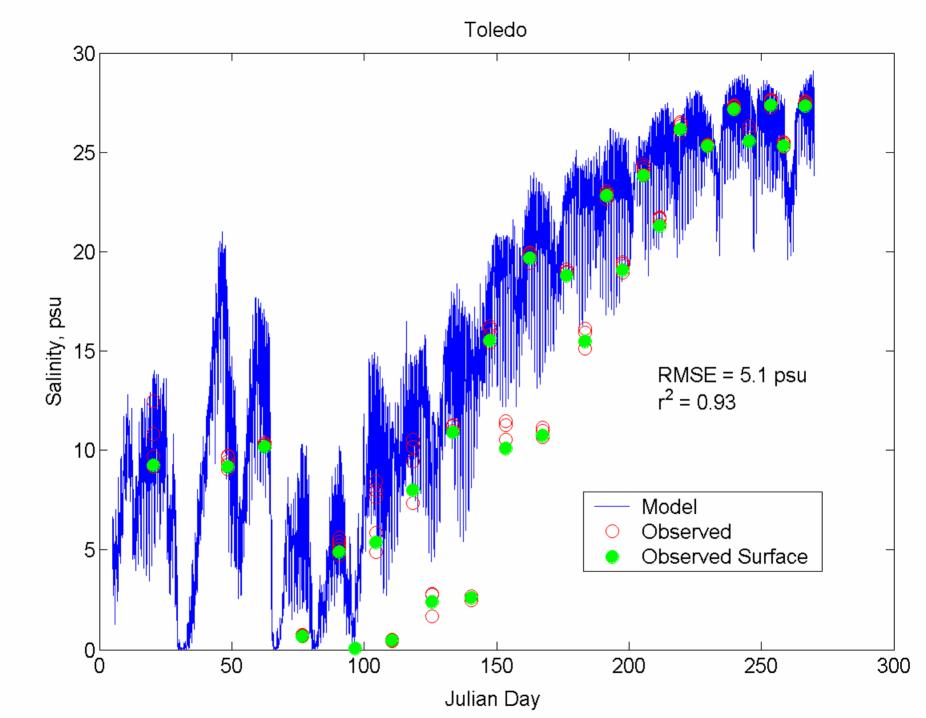






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Water Temperature, <sup>o</sup> C



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ass and water column properties which indicate oceanic versus /.

omorphic clustering of estuaries. as additional classifying variable.

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(turbidity, light attenuation, salinity, and chlorophyll a) watershed nutrients).