

# Eleven years of high frequency in situ measurements within a marine monitoring and assessment programme



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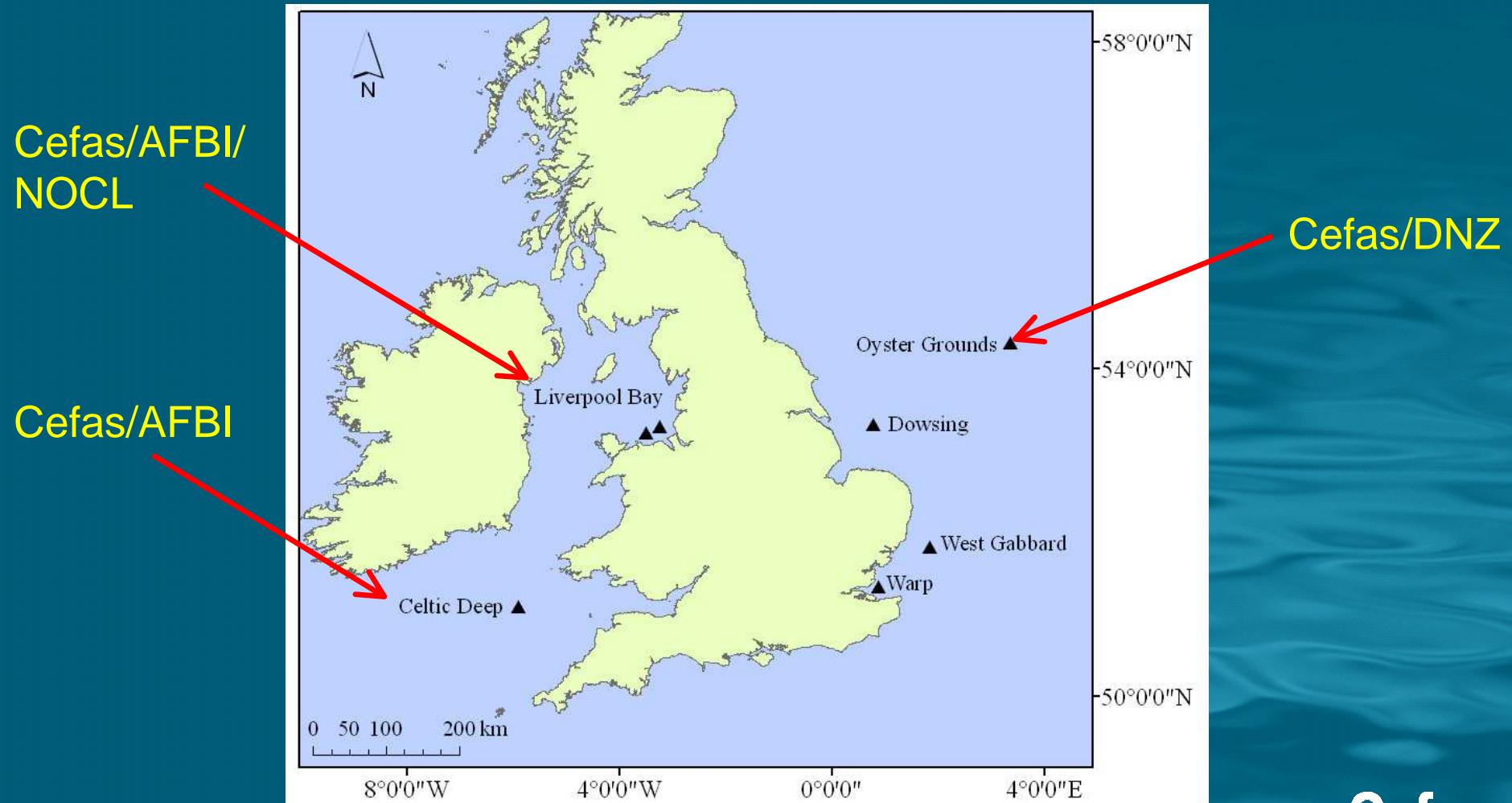
# History of UK eutrophication monitoring (1990-2000)

- Report to OSPAR
- Ship based observations
- Good spatial coverage
- Poor temporal resolution
  - Annual winter nutrient survey
  - Occasional summer survey
- Limited biological data
  - Chlorophyll, oxygen
- Labour intensive (expensive)



# SmartBuoy Locations

## 7 routine monitoring sites



# SmartBuoy deployment history

Location	Start	End
Thames (Warp)	Nov 2000	Ongoing
Outer Thames (Gabbard)	Dec 2000	Ongoing
Dutch Coast (Noordwijk)	Mar 2000	April 2002
Liverpool Bay (x2)	Nov 2002	Ongoing
Oyster Ground	Mar 2006	Ongoing
North Dogger	Feb 2007	Sept 2008
Dowsing	Oct 2008	Ongoing
Celtic Sea	April 2009	Ongoing

Website: [www.cefas.co.uk/monitoring](http://www.cefas.co.uk/monitoring)

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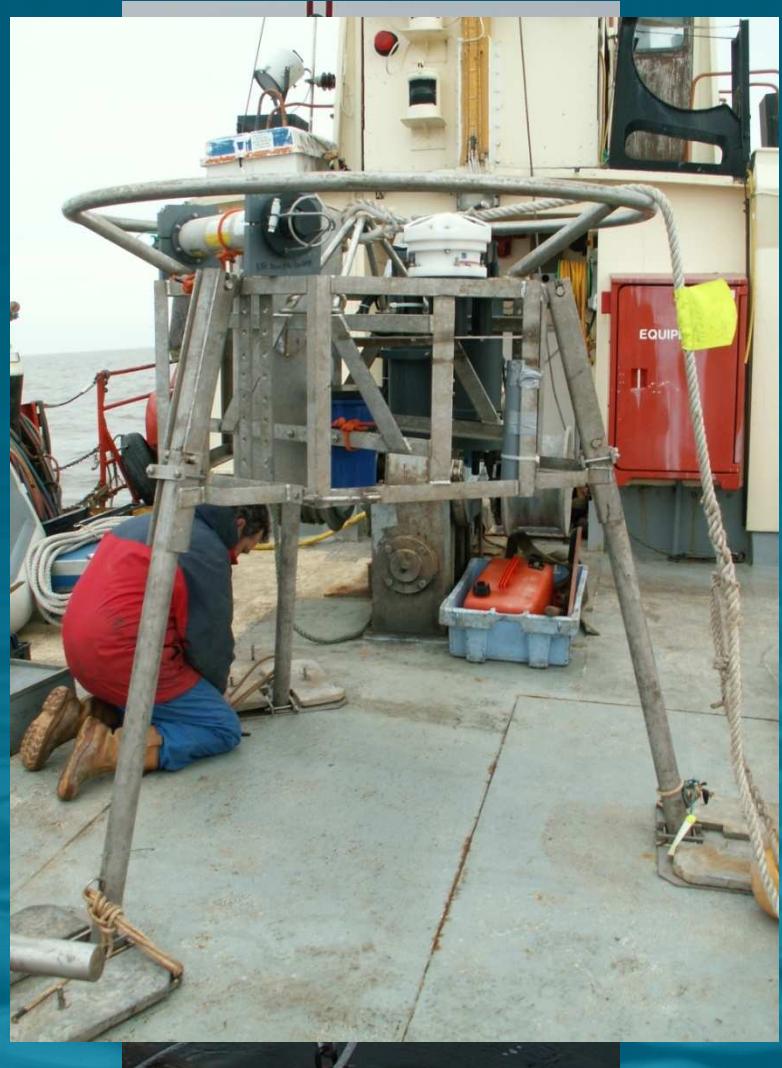
# SmartBuoy Configuration



Max. weight ca. 500kg

Variable	Sample frequency
Salinity	1Hz in 2 x 10 min burst/hr
Temperature	Data acquisition and control via ESM-2
Chlorophyll fluorescence	
Turbidity	
PAR irradiance	
Dissolved oxygen	
TOxN (total oxidisable nitrogen)	Up to every two hours
Dissolved silicate	Up to daily
Phytoplankton counts and composition	Every 4 days

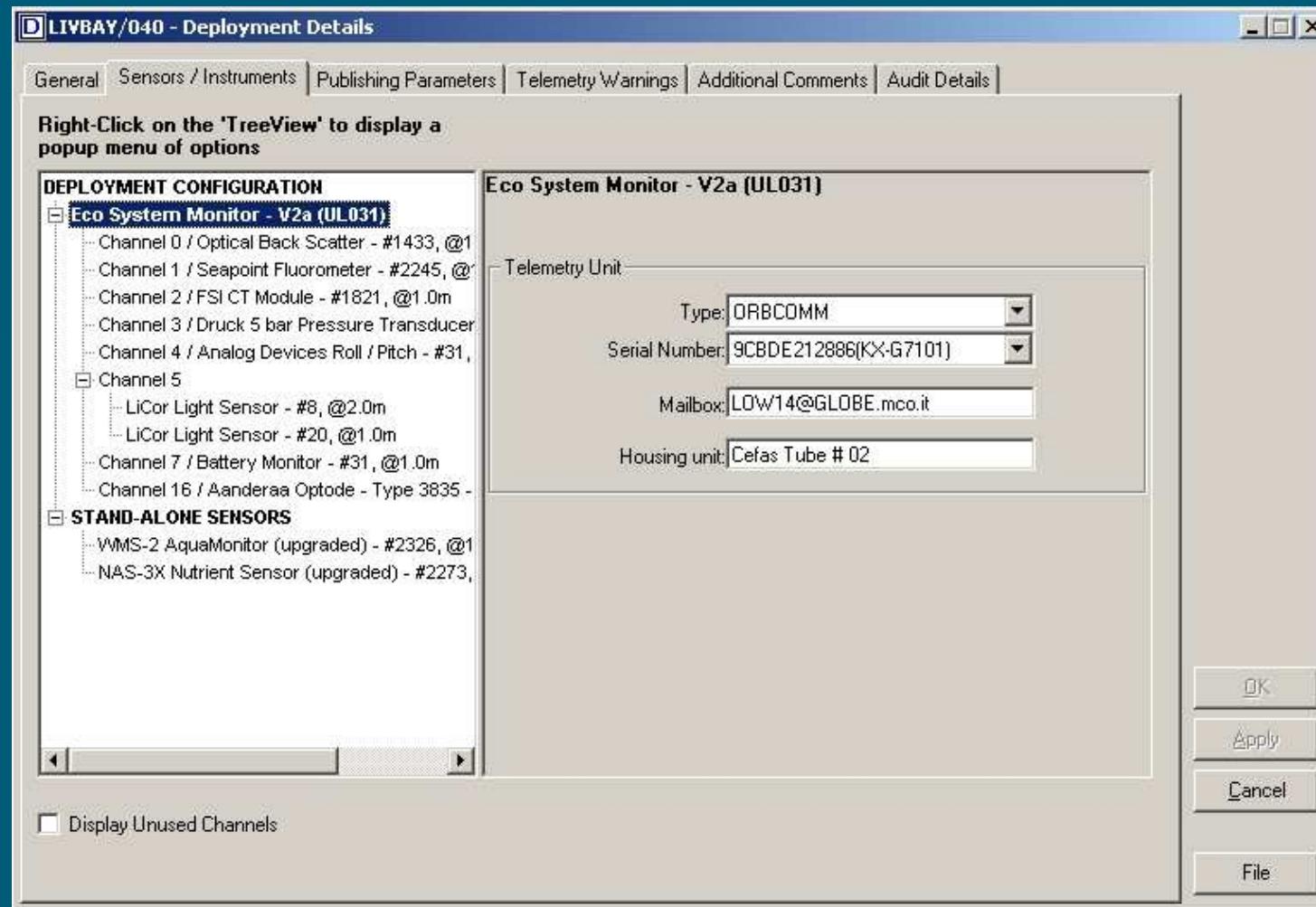
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# SmartBuoy Data Management System – 1

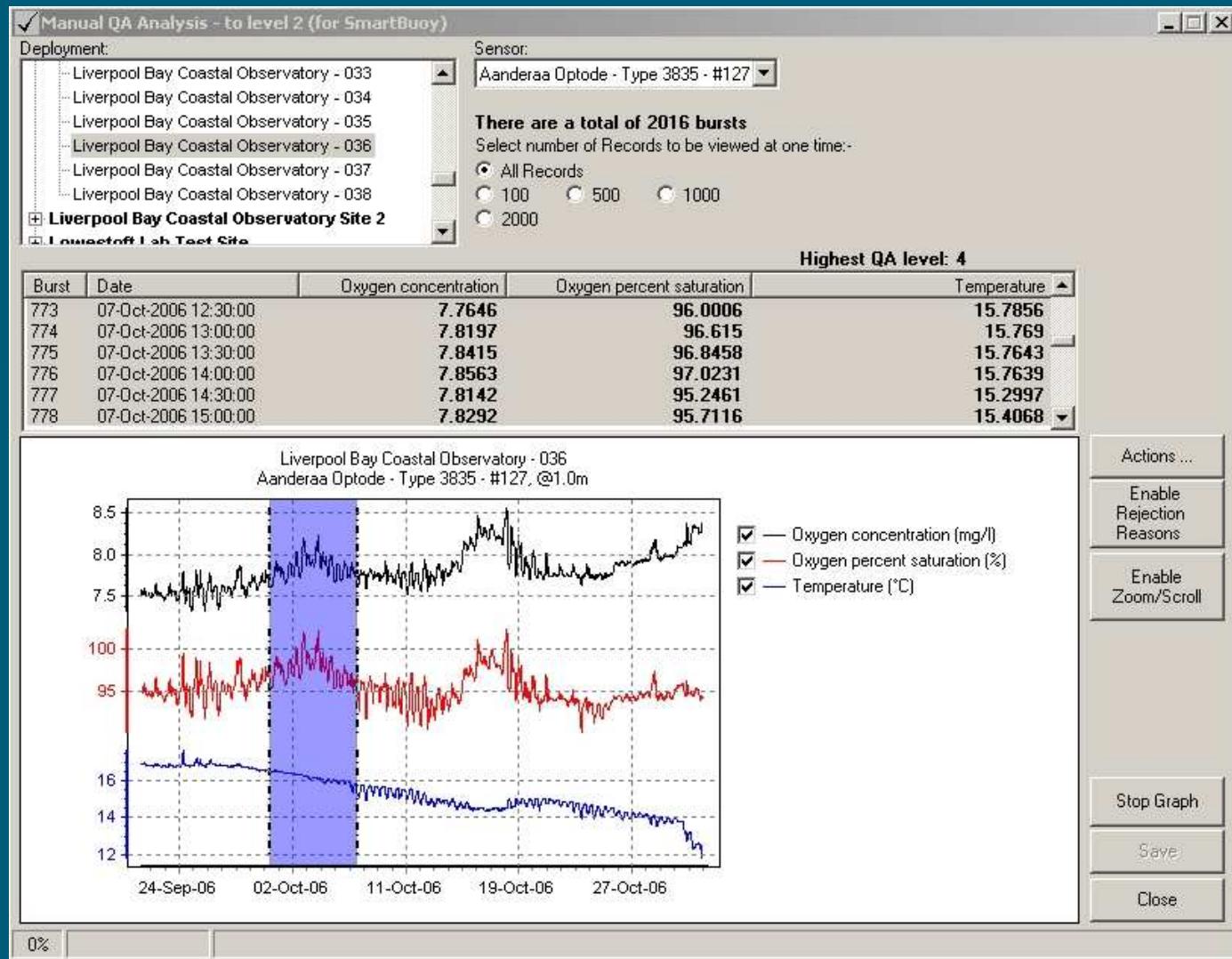
## Sensor and deployment configuration



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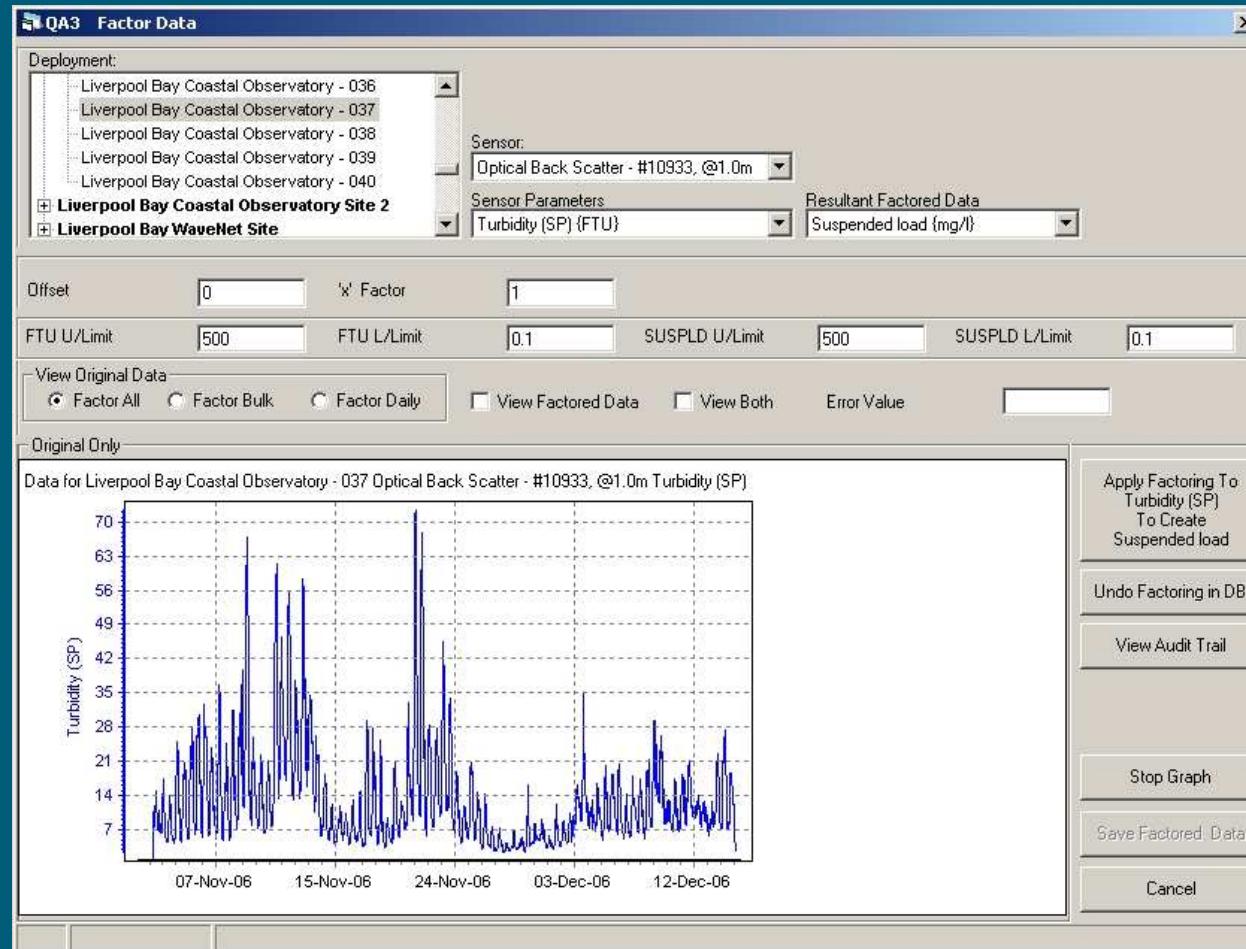
# SmartBuoy Data Management System – 2

## QA Level 2 (manual QA by expert user)



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# SmartBuoy Data Management System – 3 QA Level 3 (applying field calibrations)



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# Web access to data

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Marine monitoring  
Data policy

## Marine monitoring

### SmartBuoy Basic Map

Hover the mouse-pointer over a buoy location to view the latest data from that buoy

Display the value for: Turbidity (SP) (at 1m); FTU  
Values displayed represent: Turbidity (SP) (at 1m); FTU



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Acknowledgements

- Active buoy (outline only represents data >8 hours old).
- Future location.
- Inactive buoy (no data for >36 hours).
- Inactive location.

More Info

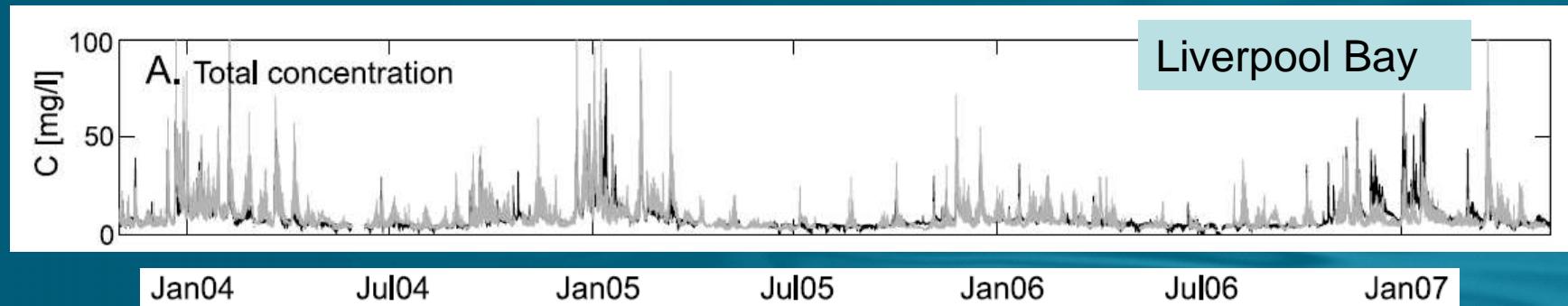
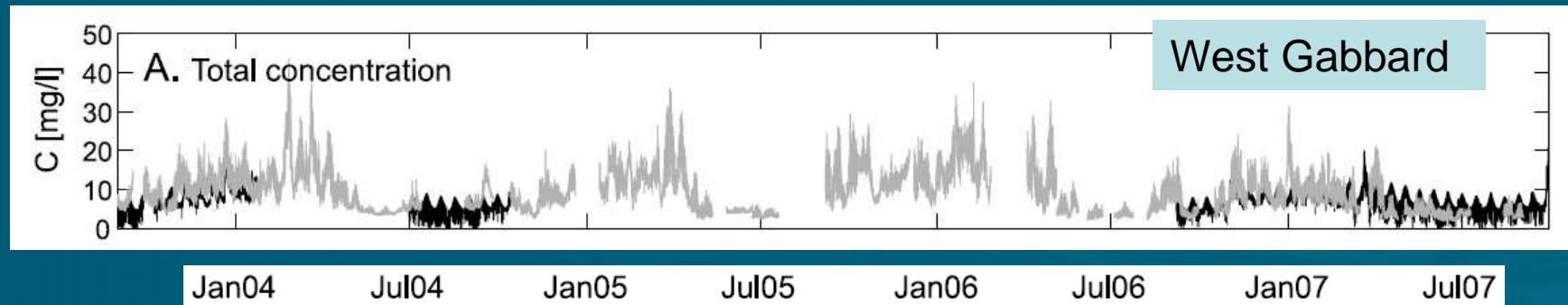
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# Model validation – suspended particulate matter

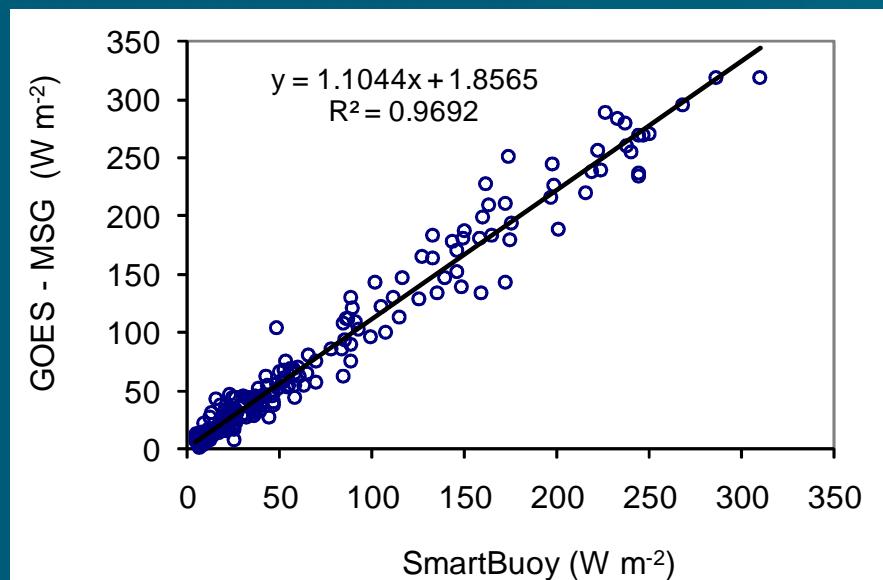
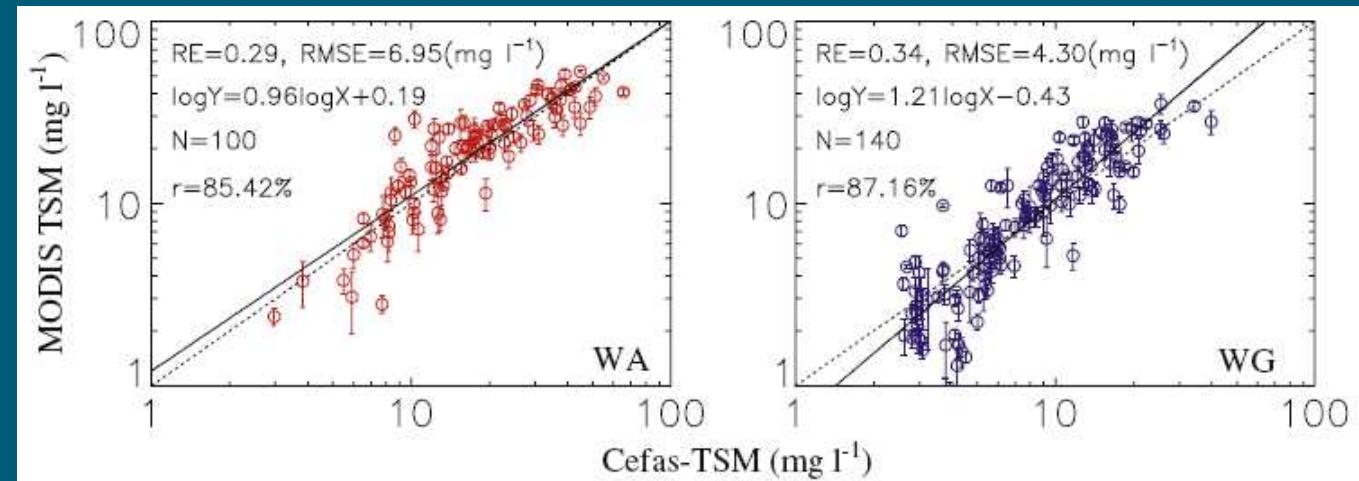


- SPM controls underwater light climate in coastal locations
- Timing of spring bloom

# Validation of remote sensing products

Validation of  
MODIS TSM  
algorithms

Nechad et al.  
(2011)



Estimates of daily global  
solar irradiance from  
SmartBuoy versus estimates  
from GOES – MSG satellites

Capuzzo et al. (accepted)

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# North Dogger - Oxygen depletion

- Bottom water isolated after stratification
- Very little increase in bottom temperature
- Decreasing oxygen concentration until autumn mixing

