

Fig. 12-3 Partitioning of the global inventories of nitrogen in the aquatic system. Units are Tg N. Reprinted from Söderlund and Rosswall (1982) with the permission of Springer-Verlag.



N-Cycling

Oxidation state

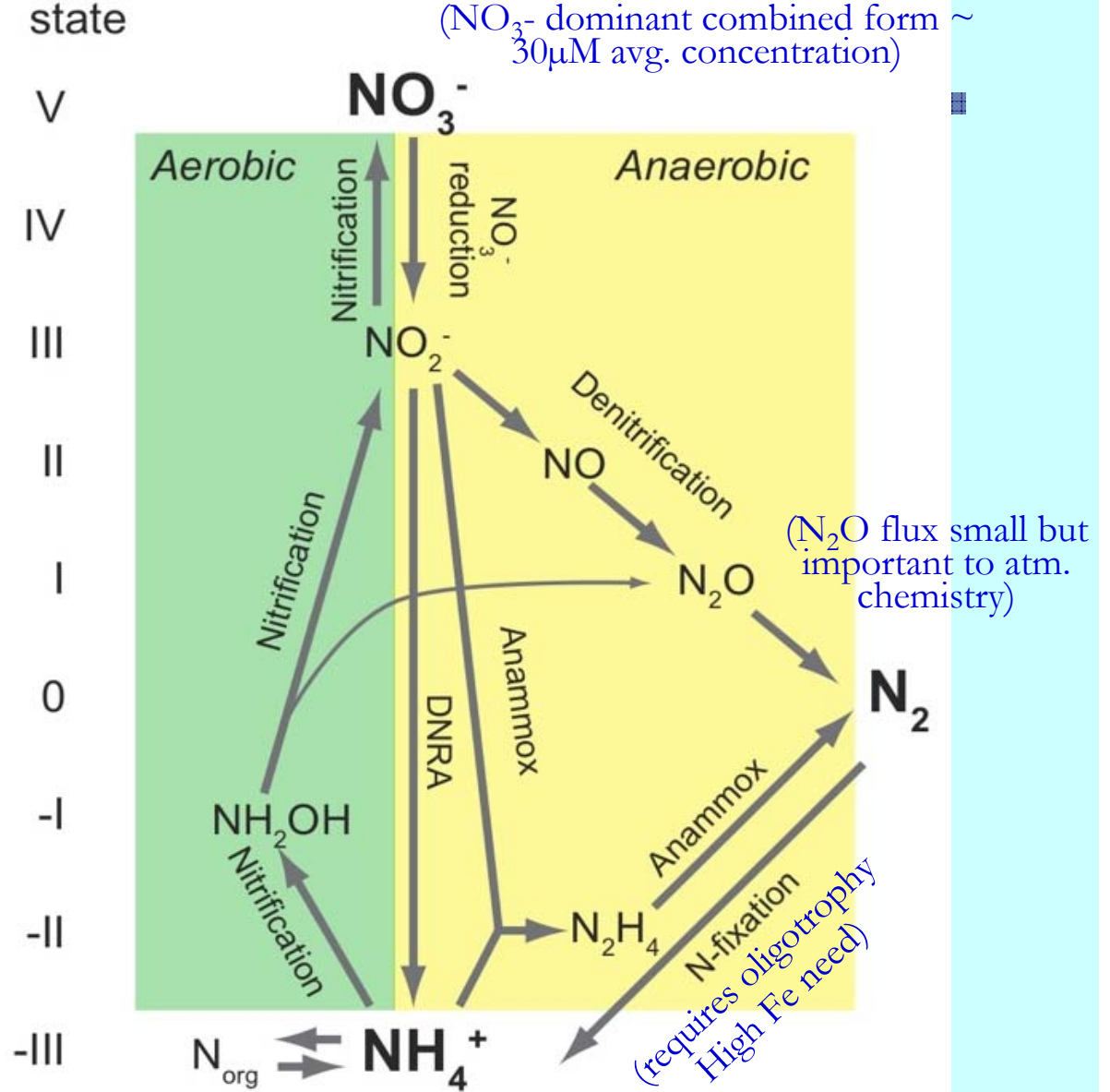




Table 15.9. Free Energy of N Transformations at pH = 7 (25°C)

Processes	$\Delta G^{0'}$ (pH = 7) (kJ mol ⁻¹)
Nitrification	
(1) $\text{NH}_4^+ + 1.5 \text{O}_2$ (0.2 atm) = $\text{NO}_2^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2 \text{H}^+$ (10^{-7} M)	-290.4
(2) $\text{NO}_2^- + 0.5 \text{O}_2$ (0.2 atm) = NO_3^-	-72.1
Denitrification^a	
(3) $\text{NO}_3^- + 1.25 \{\text{CH}_2\text{O}\} + \text{H}^+$ (10^{-7} M) = $0.5 \text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 1.75 \text{H}_2\text{O} + 1.25 \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$	-594.6
N Fixation	
(4) $0.5 \text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 1.5 \text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{H}^+$ (10^{-7} M) = NH_4^+	-39.4
(5) $0.5 \text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 0.75 \{\text{CH}_2\text{O}\} + 0.75 \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}^+$ (10^{-7} M) = $0.75 \text{CO}_2 + \text{NH}_4^+$	-60.3
Anammox	
(7) $\text{NH}_4^+ + \text{NO}_2^-$ = $\text{N}_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-357

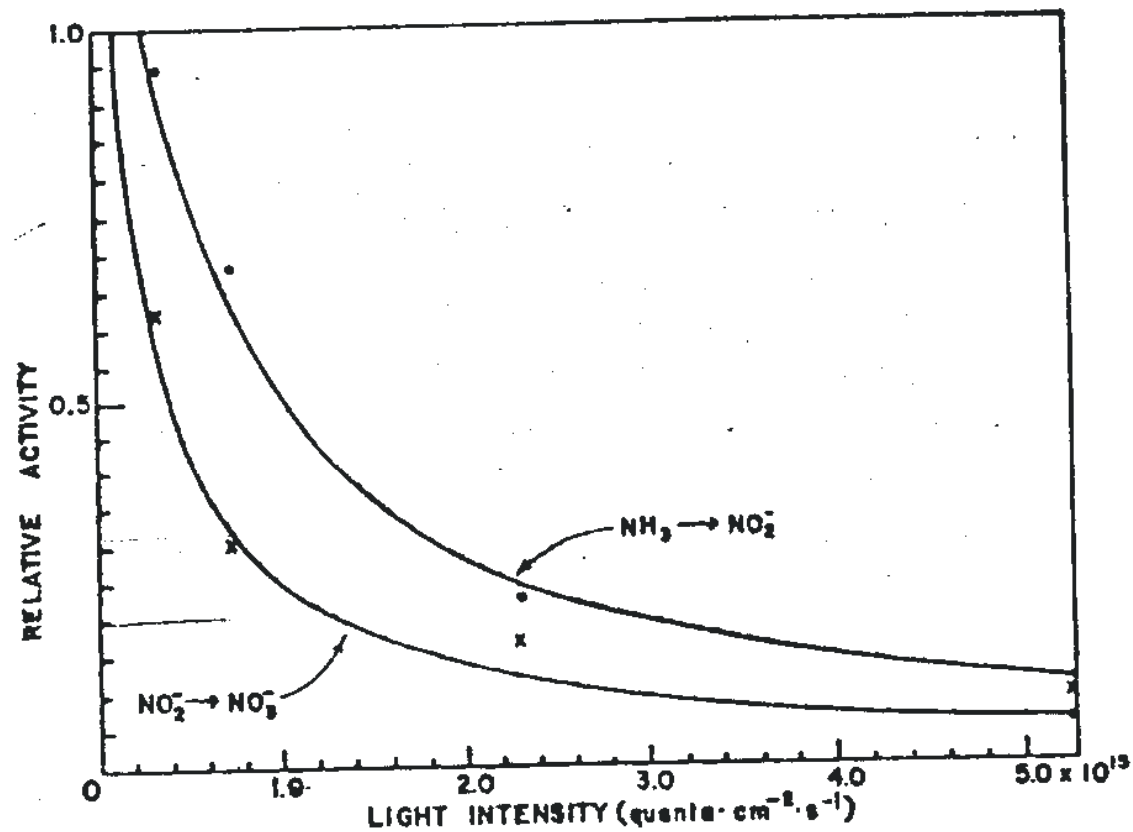


Figure 2. Effect of light intensity on nitrite oxidation and ammonia oxidation. Laboratory incubation of a sample from three miles off SIO, at 75 m depth (below the nitrite maximum). The smooth curves are hyperbolas fit to the data (see text).

N₂O Production as By-product of Deep-Sea Nitrification

Oudot et al 1990

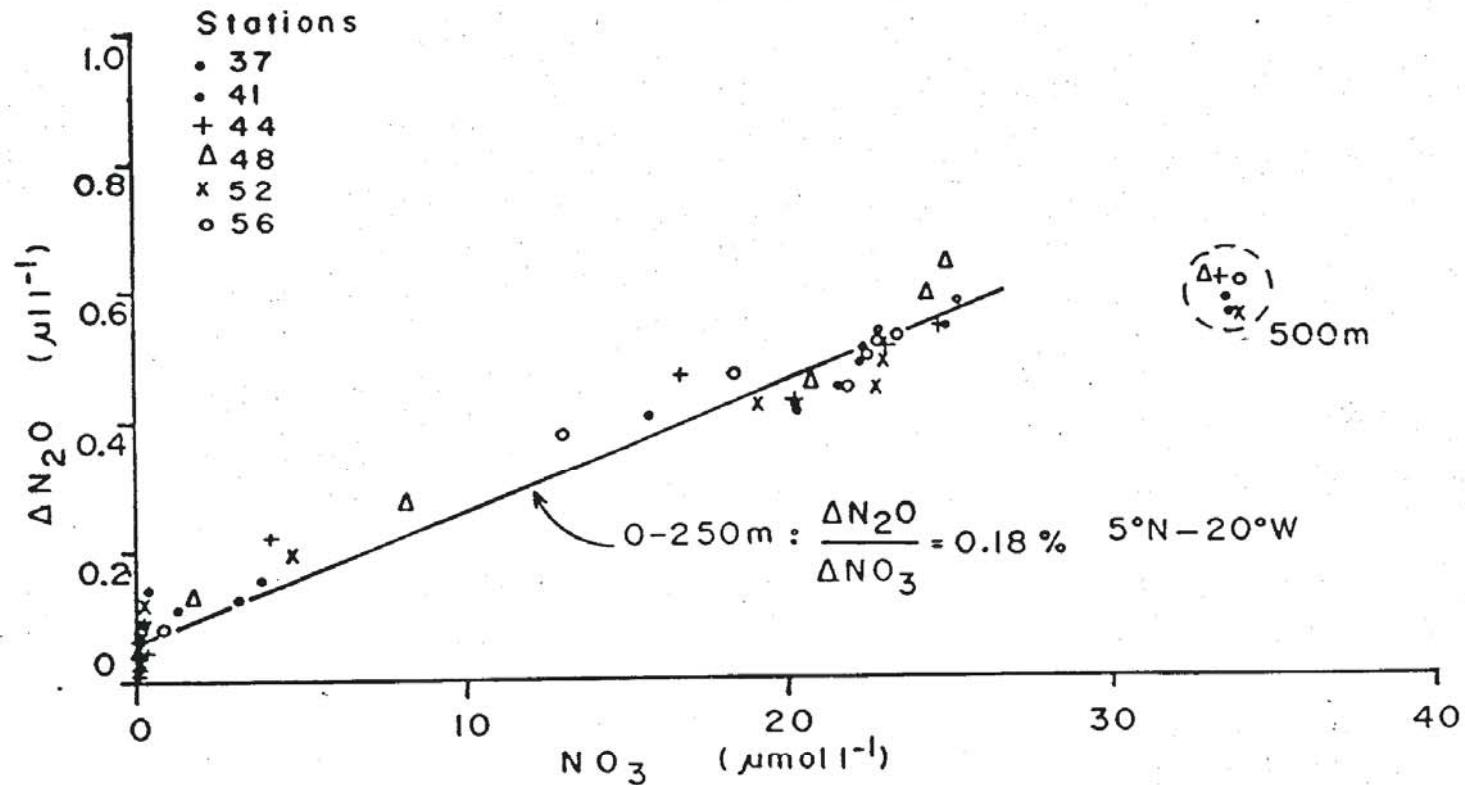


Fig. 9. Plot of apparent N₂O production (ΔN_2O) vs nitrate concentration (NO_3) for all stations in the convergence zone. The slope regression line fitted to the 0-250 m data ($r = 0.986$ for $n = 62$) shows the apparent ratio of N₂O to nitrate production.

N₂O Production/Consumption in the ETNP

Cohen and Gordon, 1978

An Intense OMZ Region

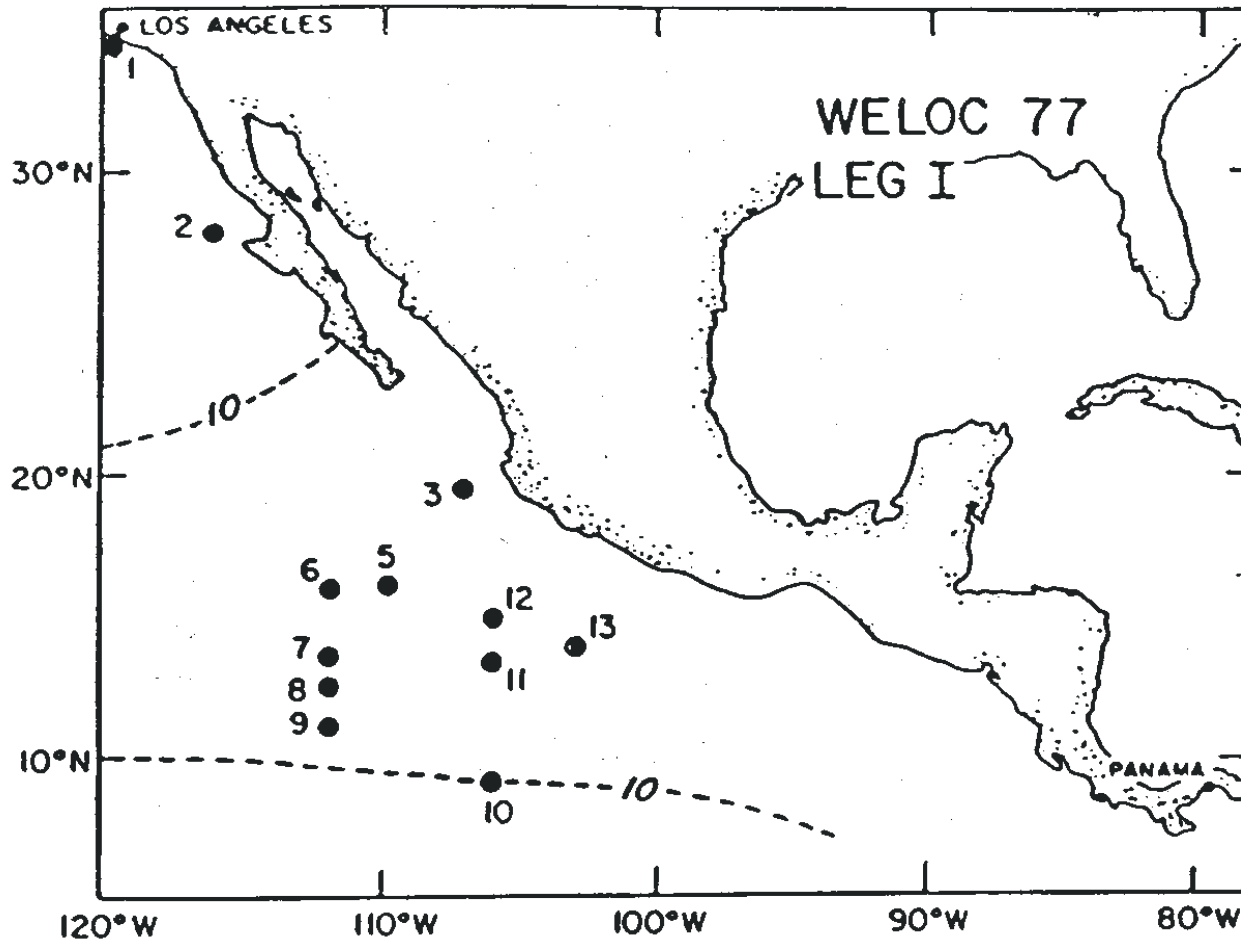
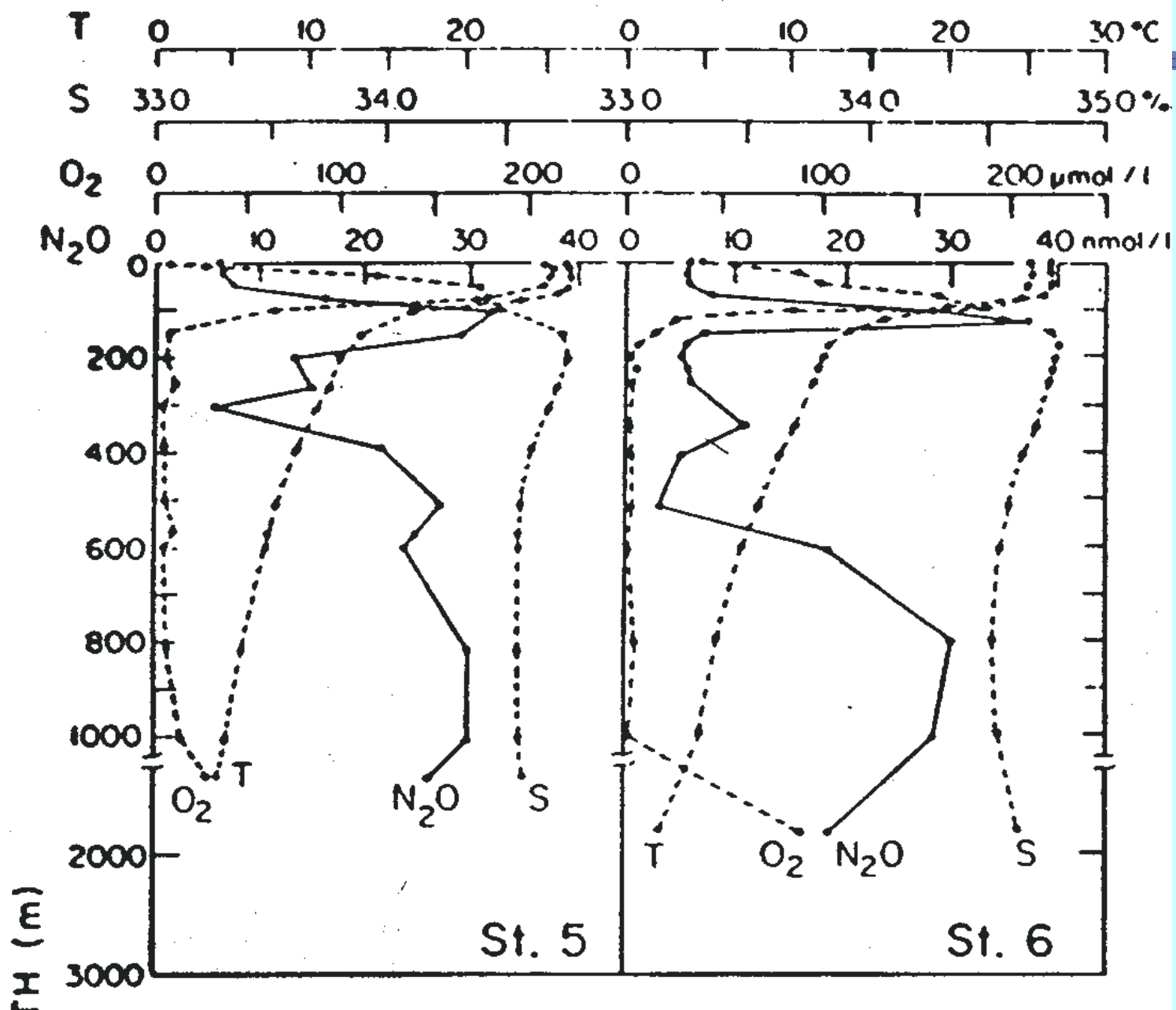


Fig. 1. Station locations for cruise WELOC 77-I. The dashed line delineates the region where intermediate waters contain less than 10 μmol O₂ l⁻¹ as determined by the Winkler procedure.

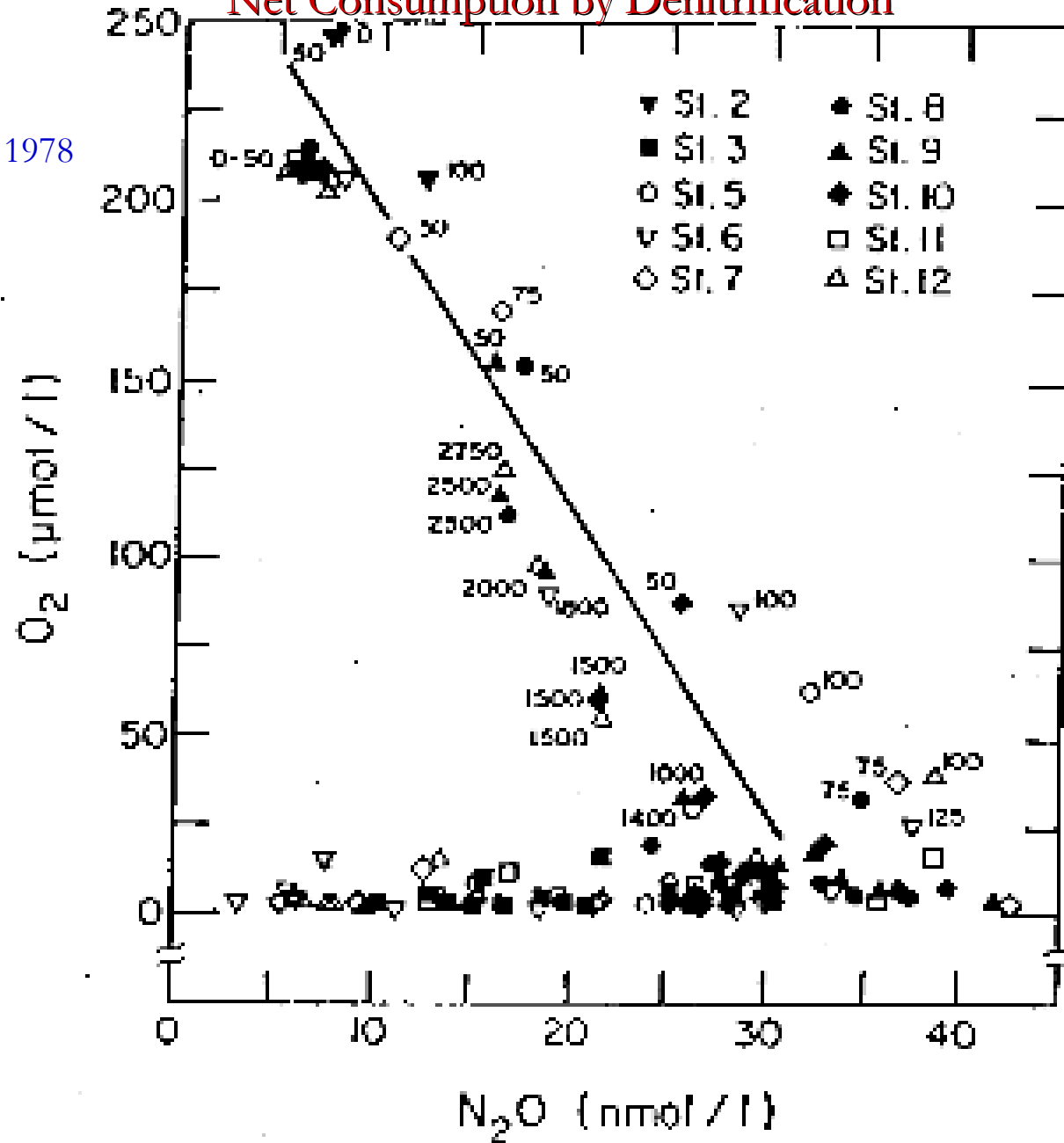
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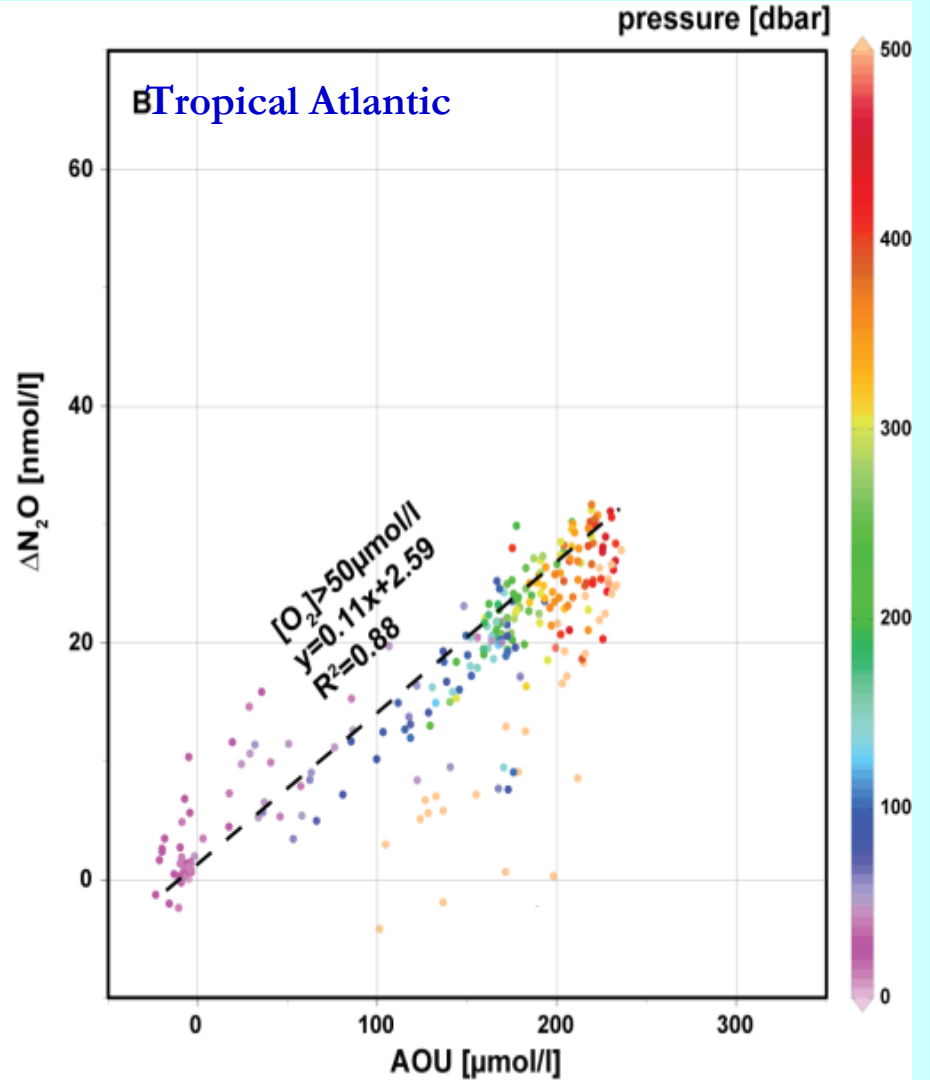
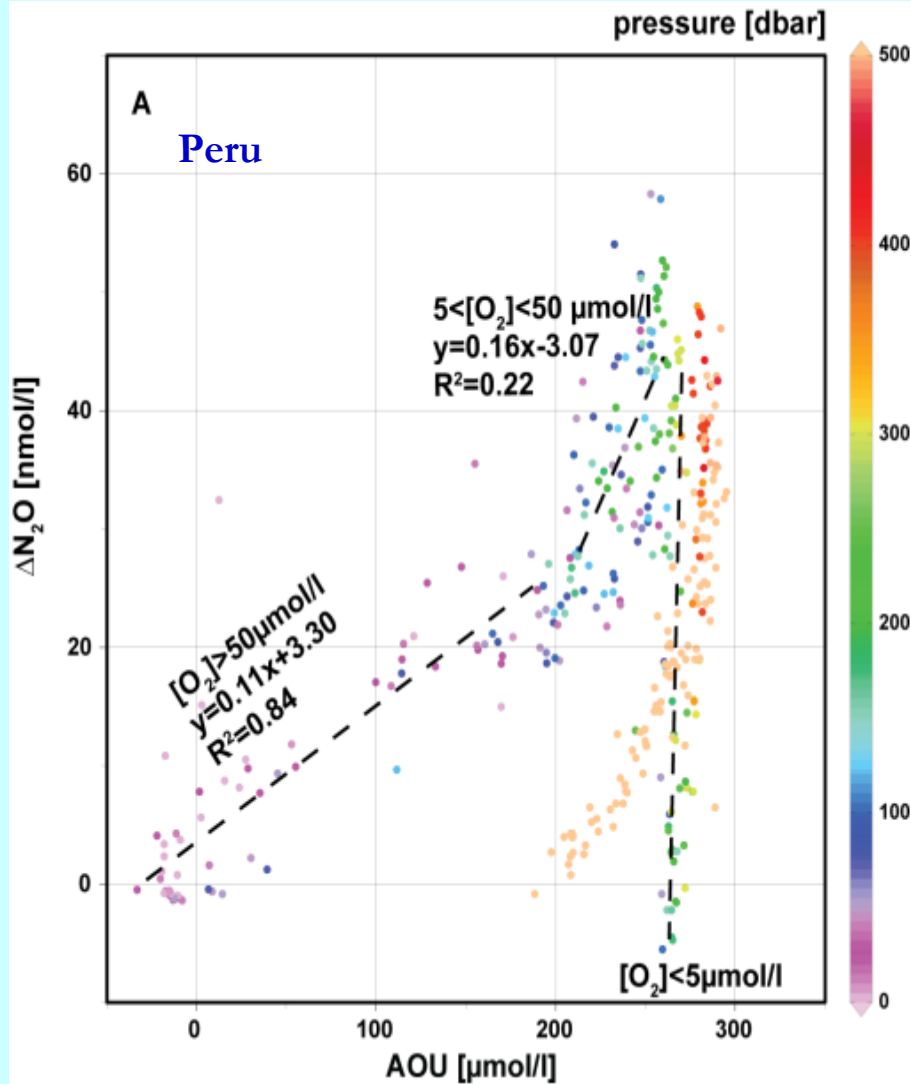
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N_2O Production as By-product of Deep-Sea Nitrification Net Consumption by Denitrification





Recent Comparison of Peru OMZ with Tropical Atlantic





N_2O Supersaturation in Surface Waters of ETNP and ETSP Influence on Atmosphere?

Cohen and Gordon, 1978

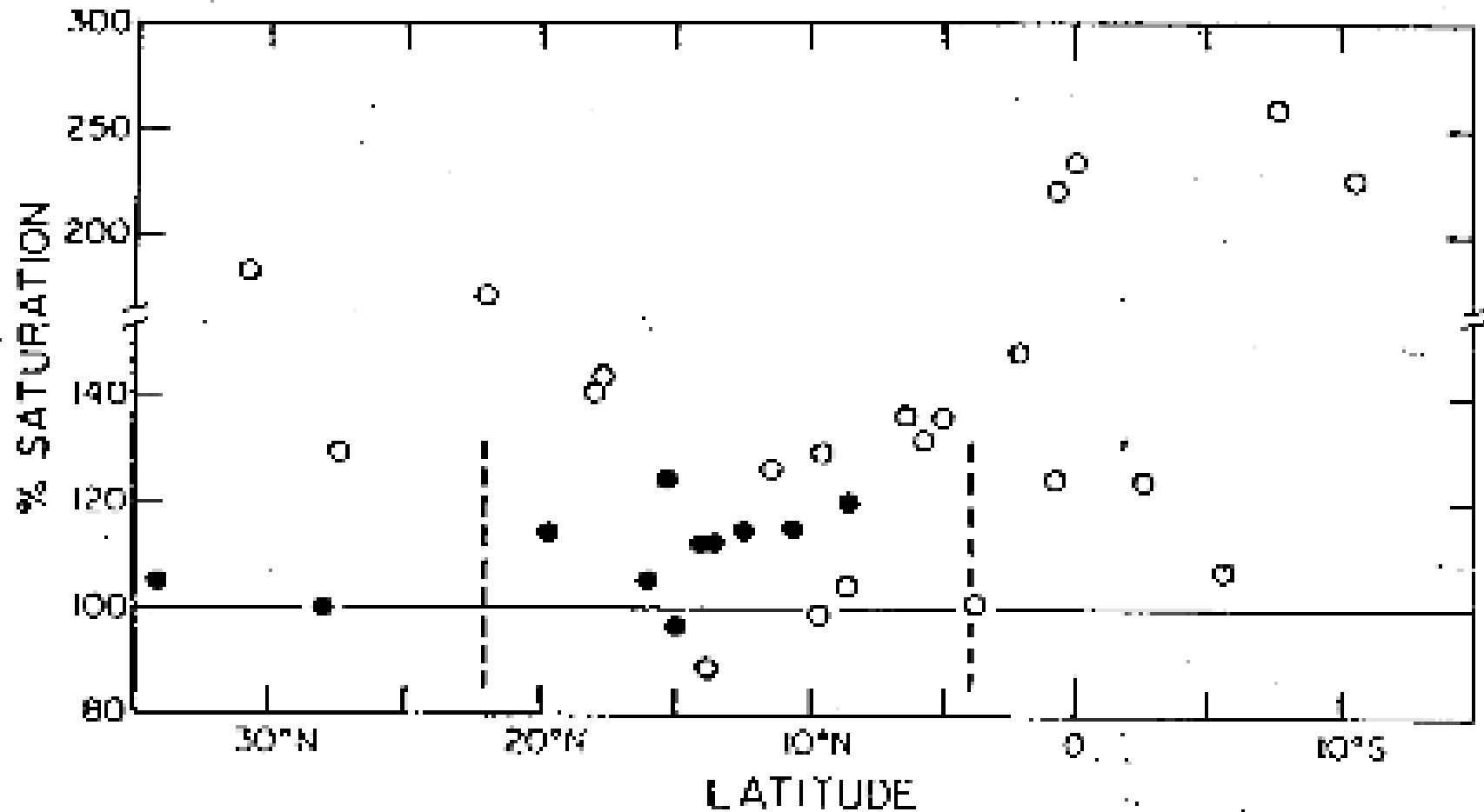




Table 1: N Budget (Tg/yr)	Delwiche (1970)	Liu (1979)	Codispoti & Christensen (1985)	Gruber & Sarmiento (1997)
Inputs				
atmospheric	4.1	49	40	15
runoff	30	17	25	41
N₂-fixation	10	30	25	125
Total Inputs	44.1	96	90	181
Outputs				
pelagic denitrification	40	50	60	85
sedimentary denitrification	0	10	60	85
burial & other	0.2	36	38	19
Total Outputs	40.2	96	158	189

N Residence Time ~ 3000 yr



Likely Marine N Cycle Controls

Factors Promoting Denitrification

- n Suboxic conditions (poor ventilation, high respiration)
- n Availability of NO_3^-
- n Availability of organic C

Factors Promoting N_2 fixation

- n Oligotrophic conditions (Low combined N availability)
- n Warm temperatures and water column stability
- n Fe and Mo availability
- n Low N:P ??? (How important is P constraint?)

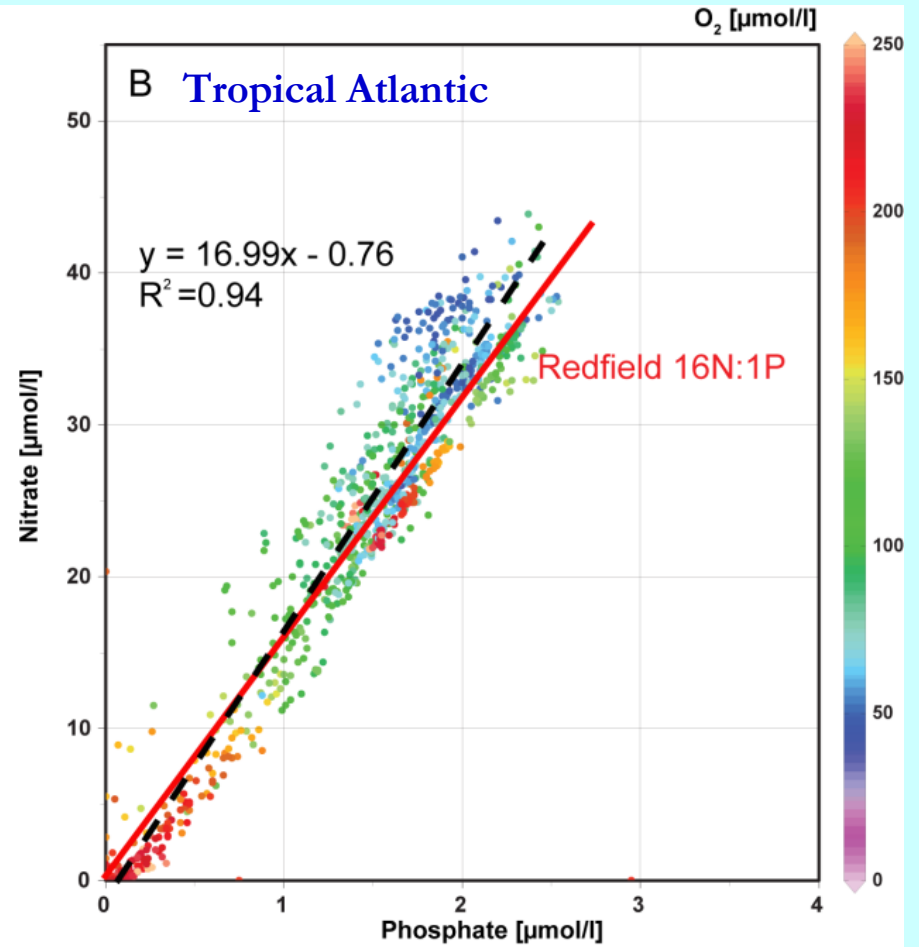
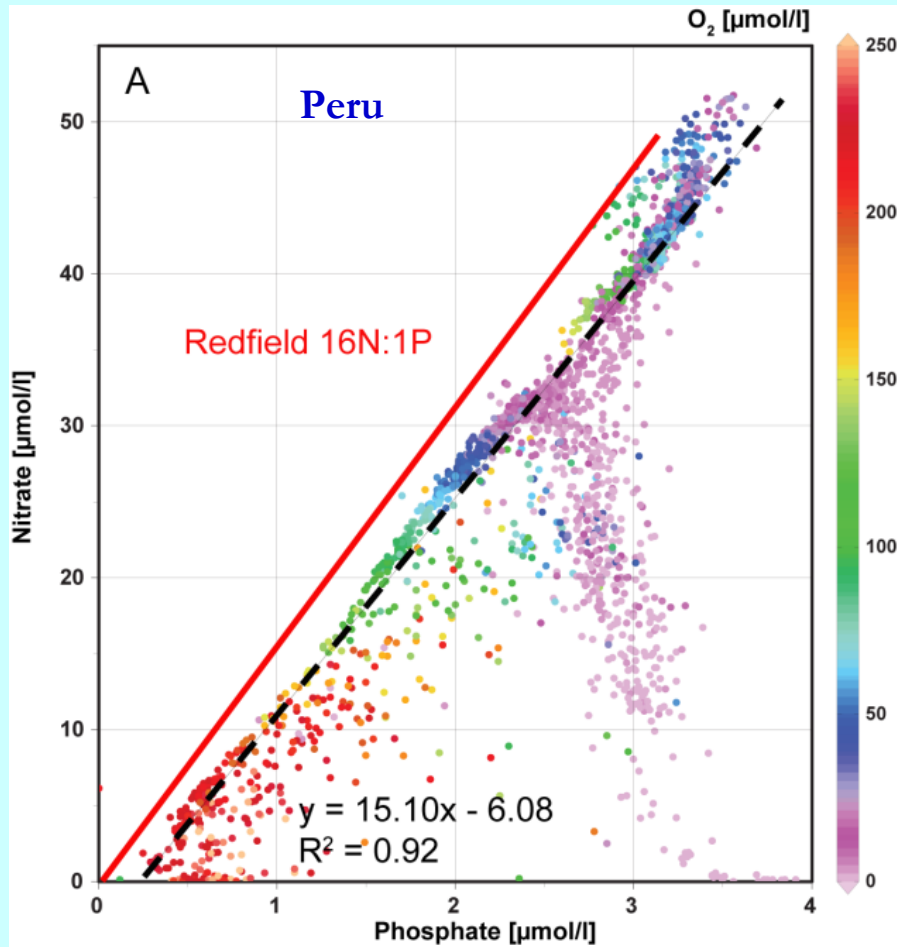
Source/Sink Balance \Rightarrow Combined N Inventory \Rightarrow Export Prod.

Control for Atmospheric CO_2 ?

Coupling to P?



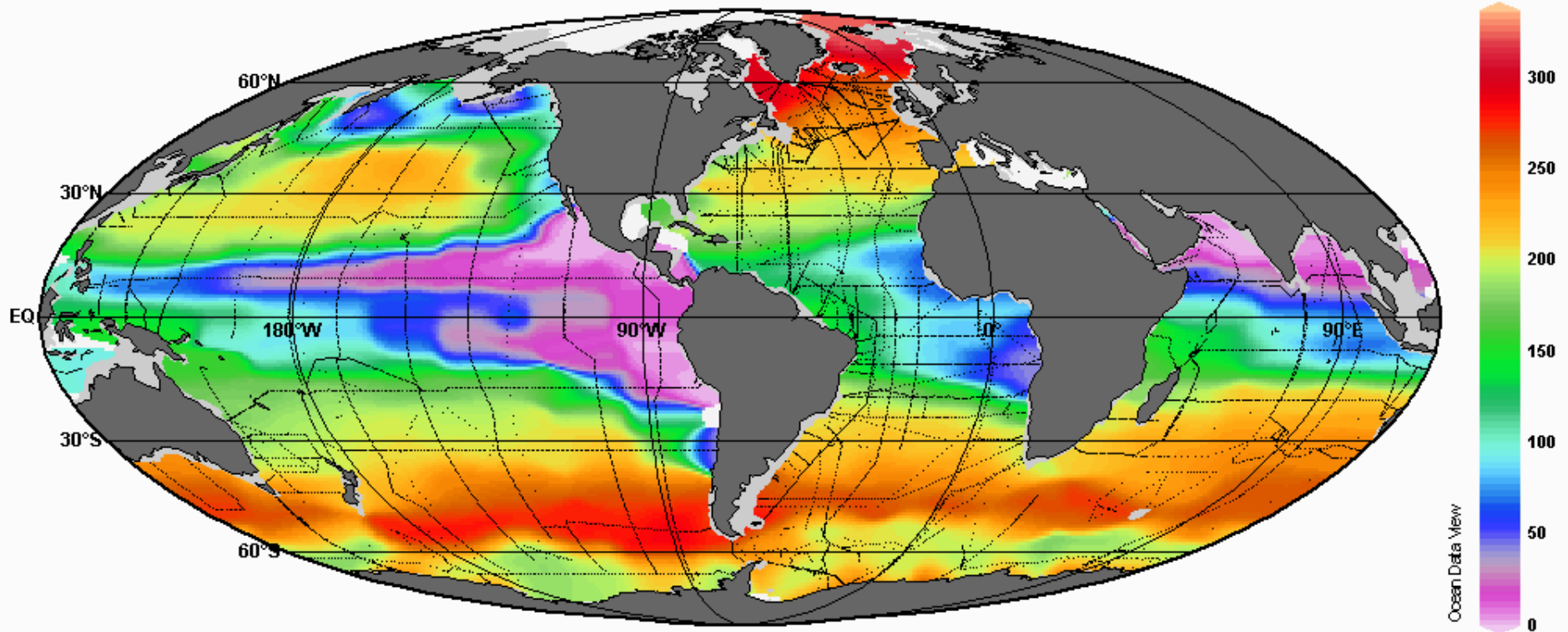
Deviations from Redfield





Geographic Separation between N Source and Sink

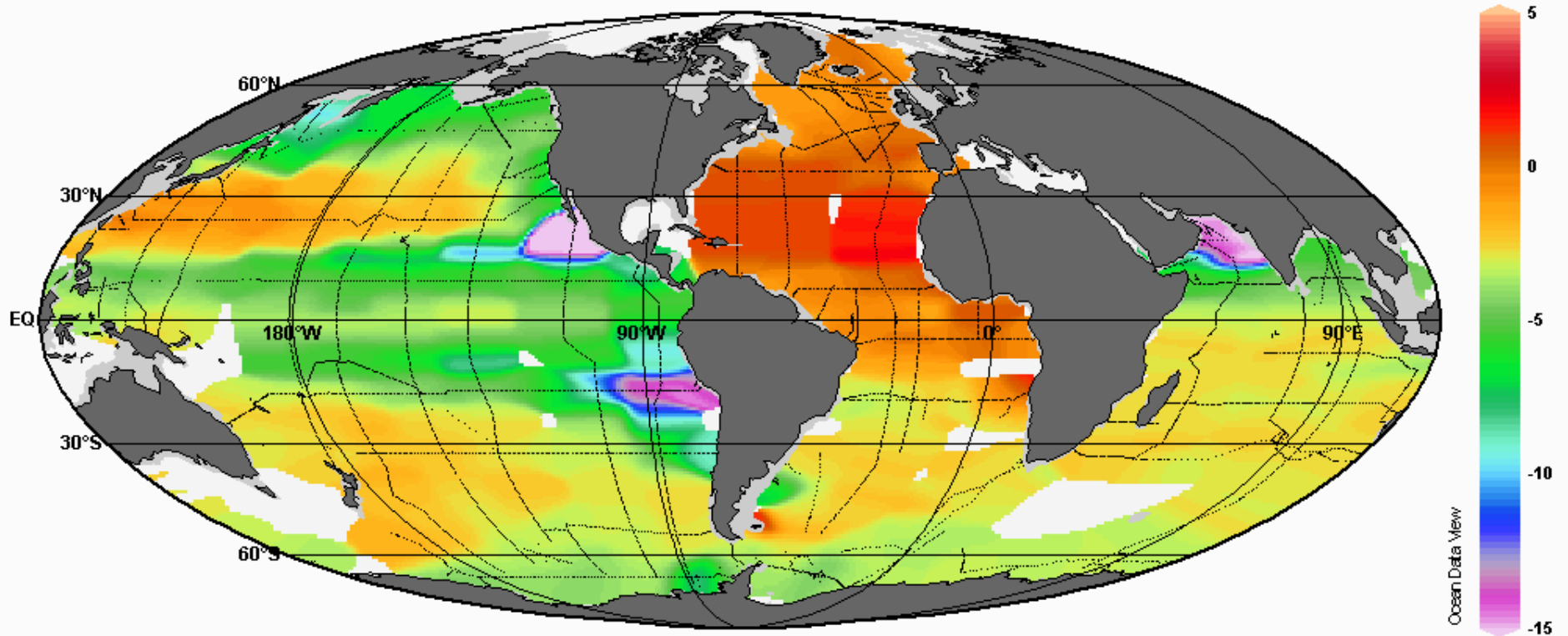
OXYGEN [UMOL/KG] on DEPTH [M]=300





Global Distribution of NO_3^- Anomalies

N' on DEPTH [M]=300

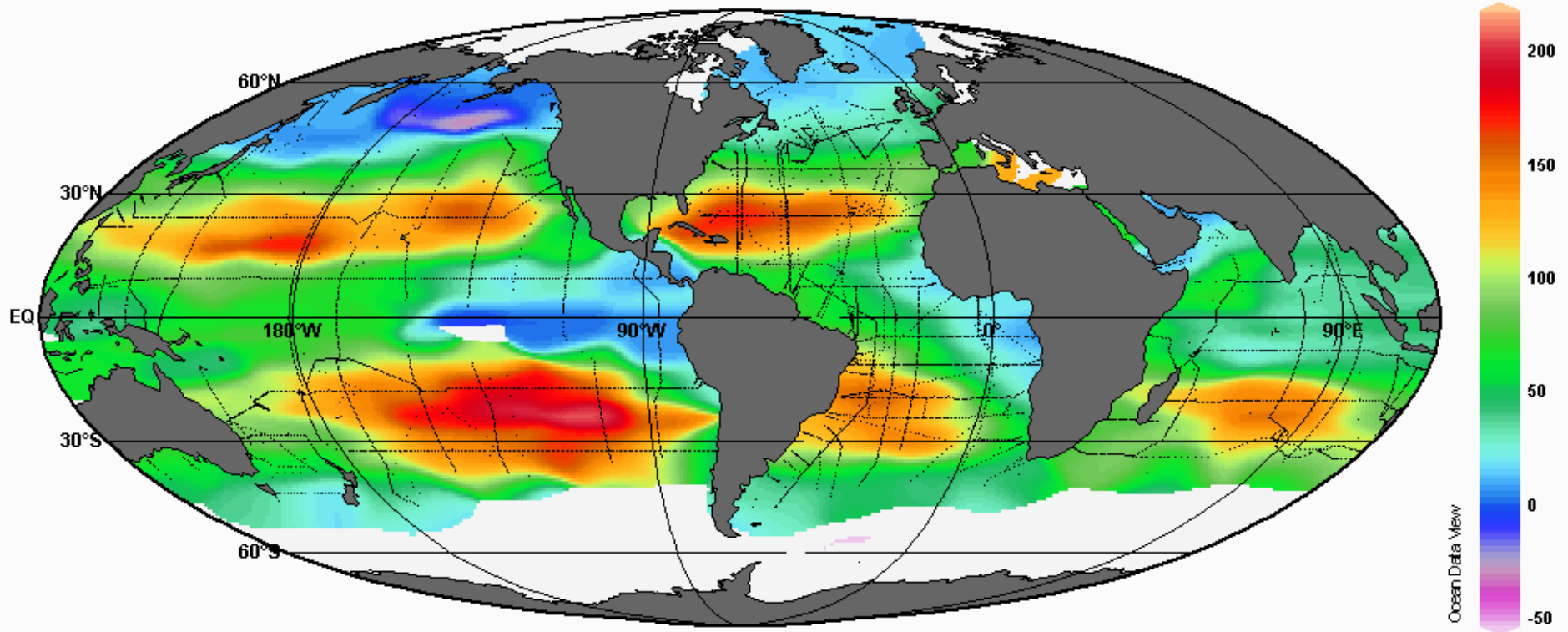


$$N' = \text{NO}_3^- + \text{NO}_2^- - 16 \times \text{PO}_4^{-3}$$



Depth of Nitracline as Indicator of N-rich and N-poor regions

DEPTH [M] on NITRATE [UMOL/KG]=1

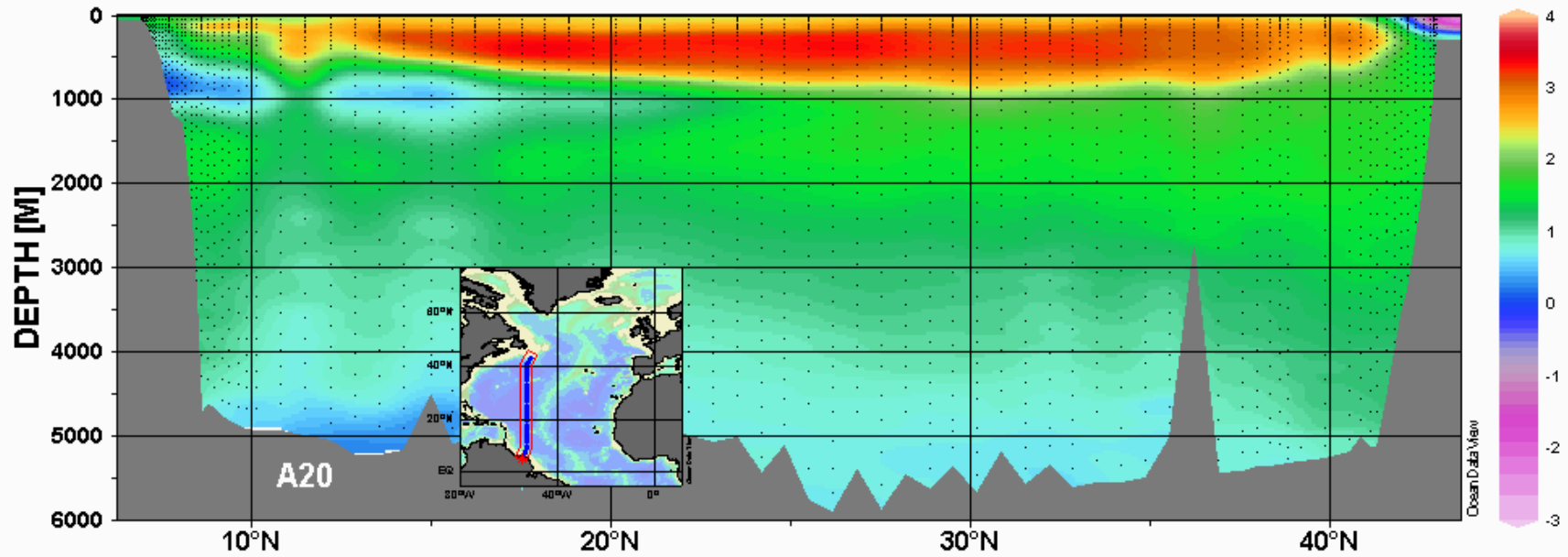




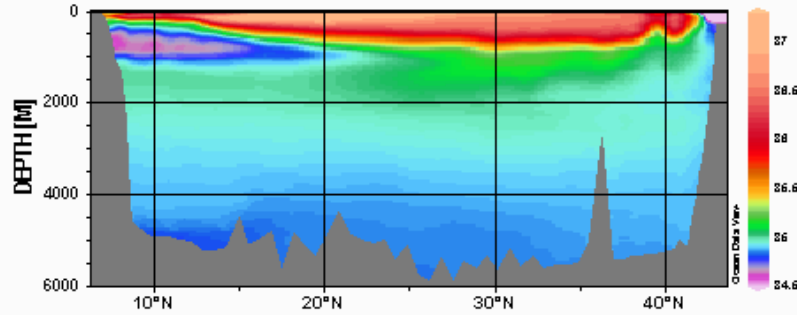
N₂ Fixation Effects: Sargasso Sea

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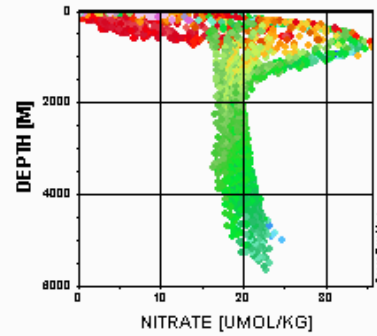
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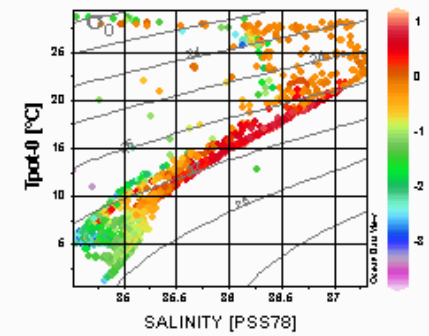
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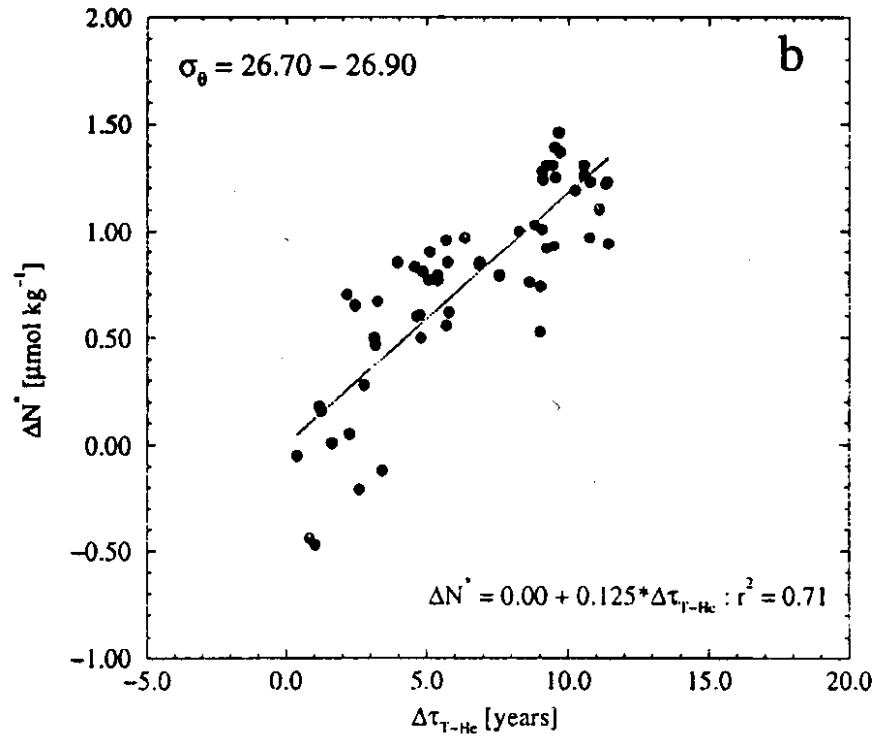
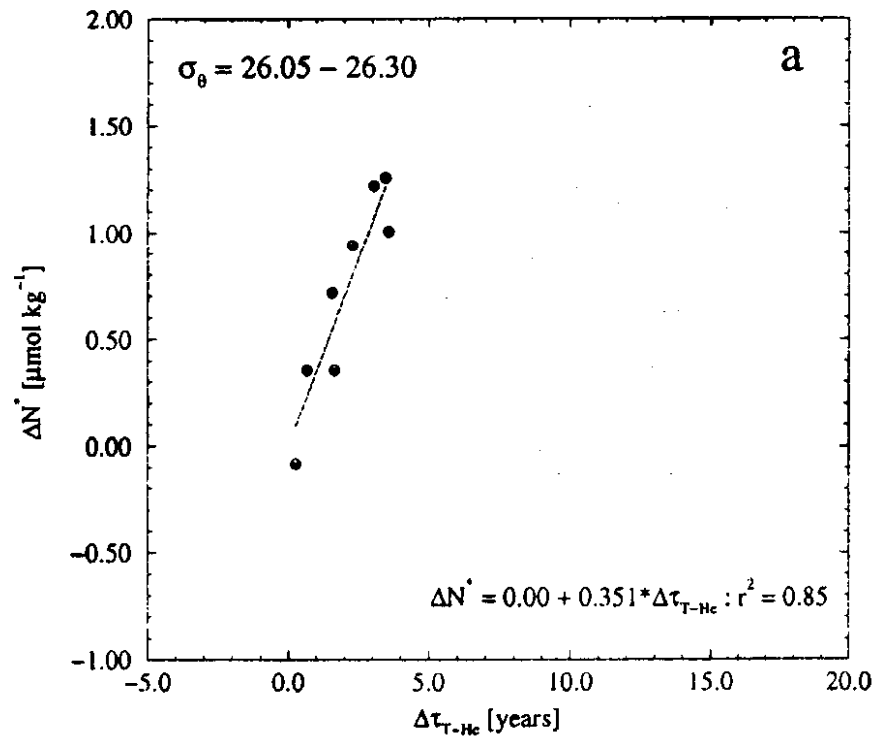




Estimation of N_2 -fixation rate

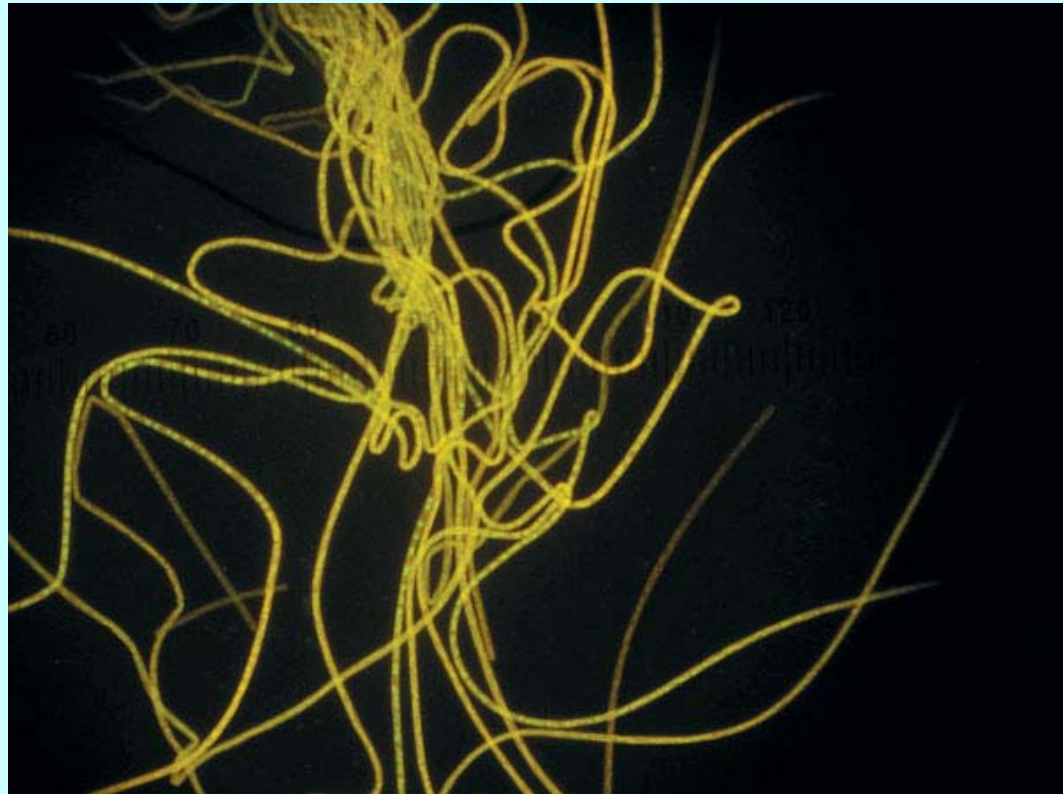
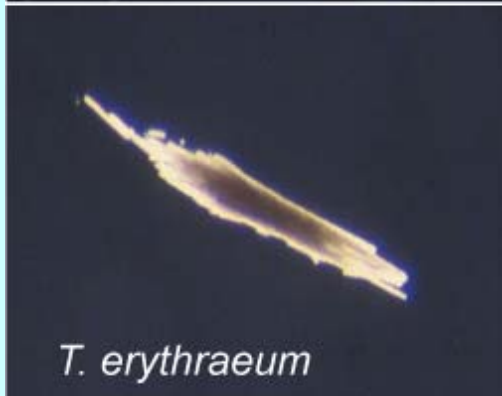
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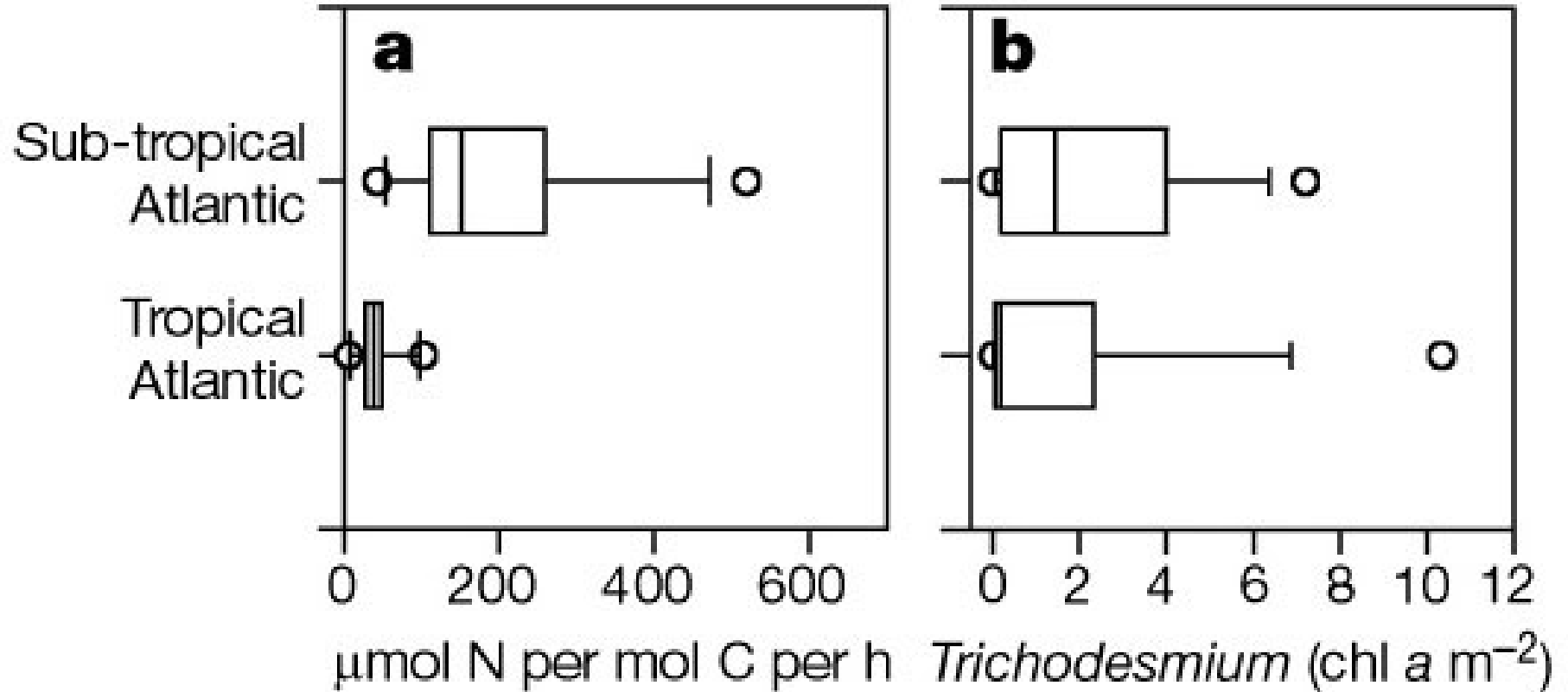
Trichodesmium - Primary Oceanic N₂ Fixer





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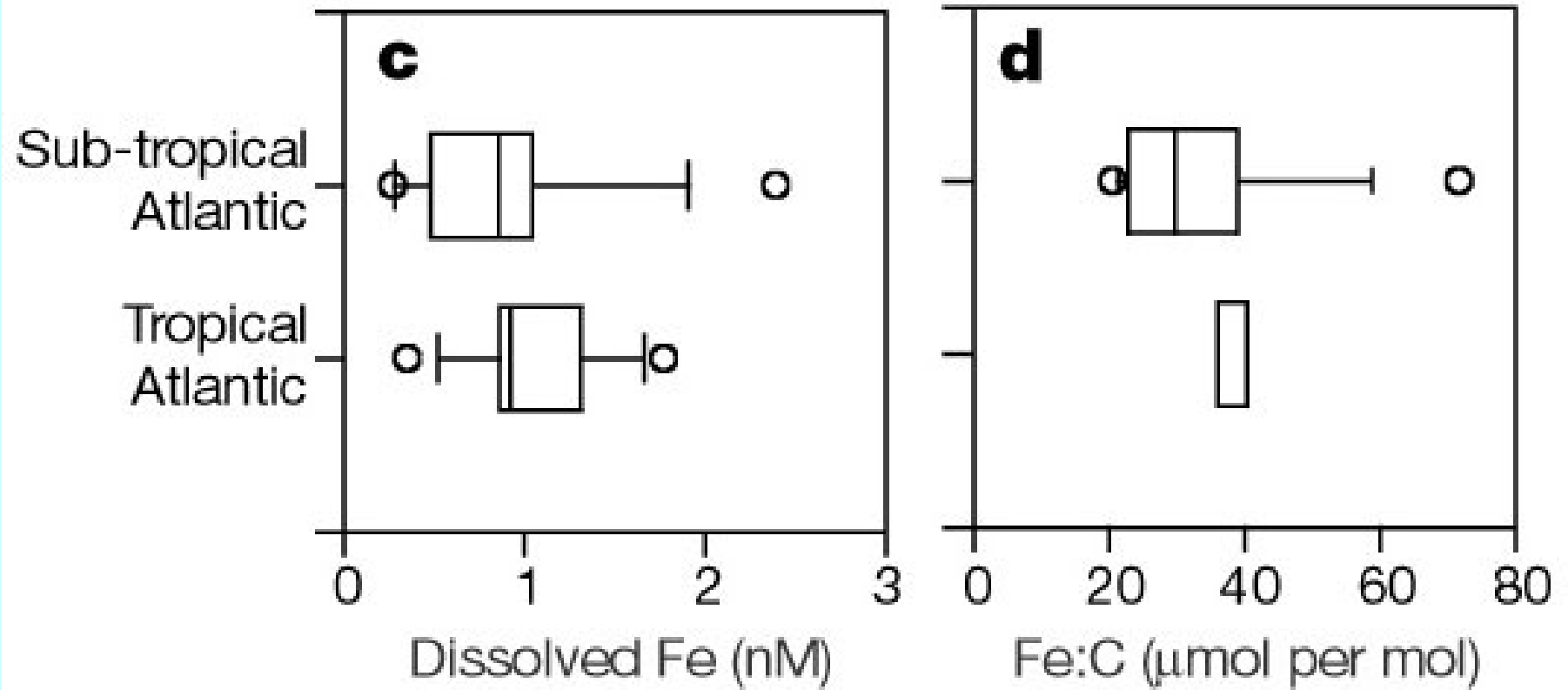
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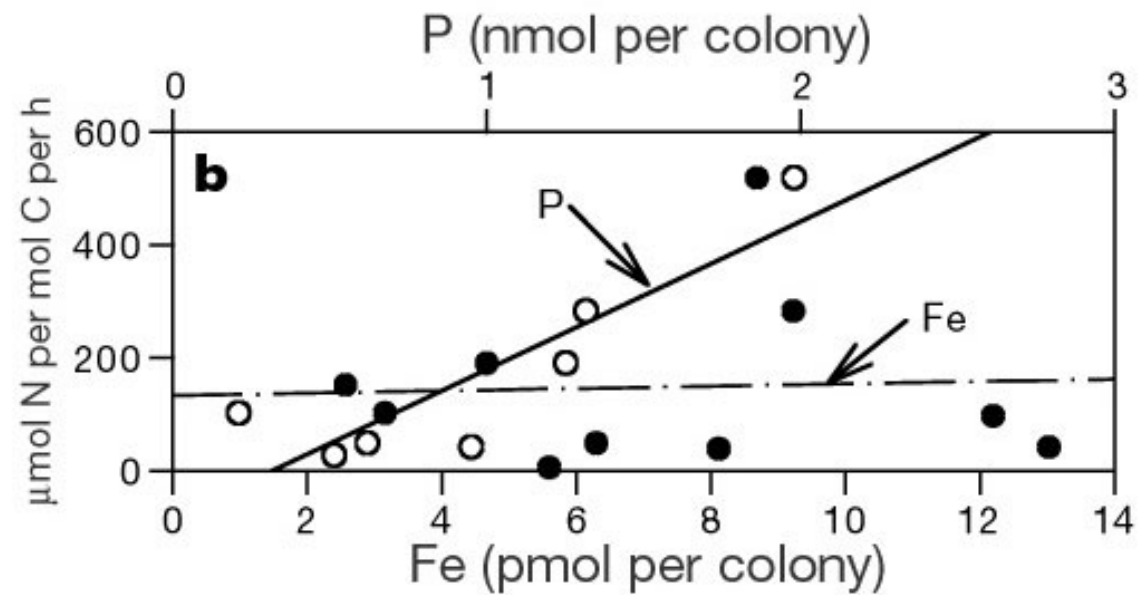
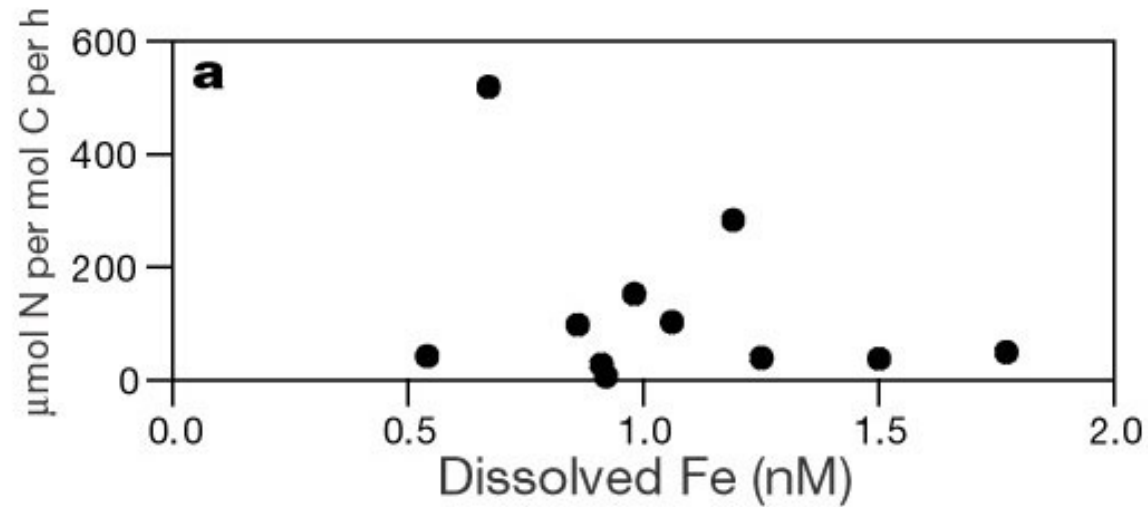
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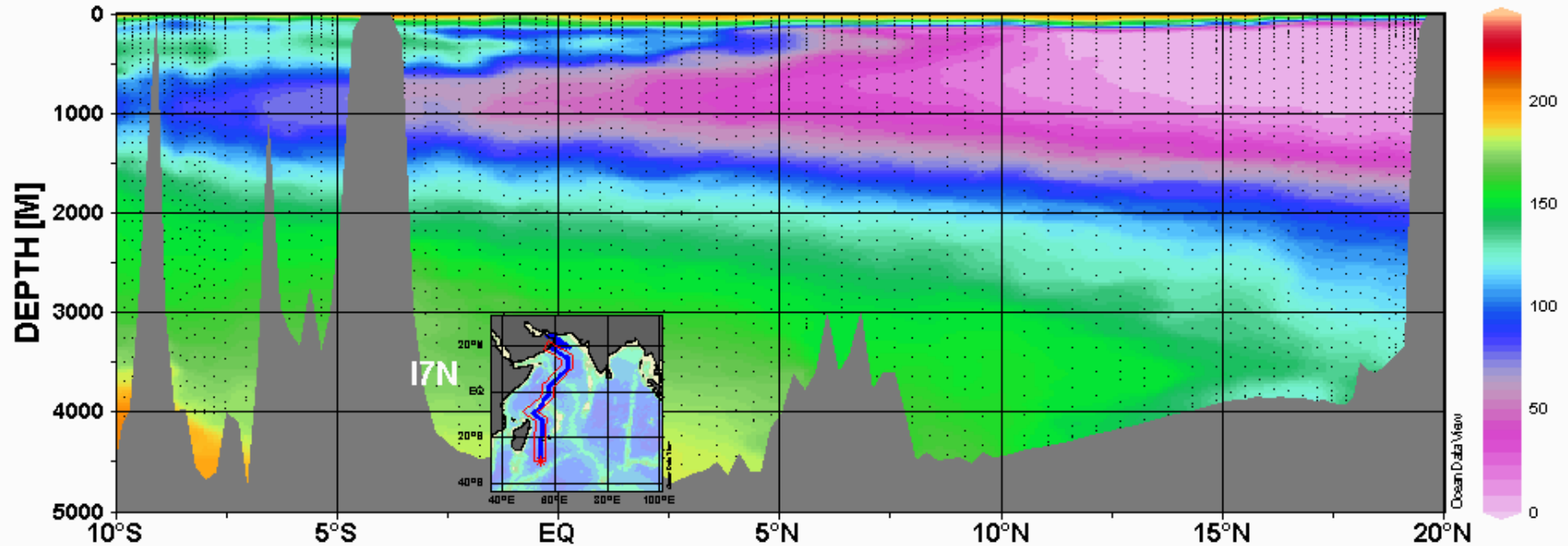




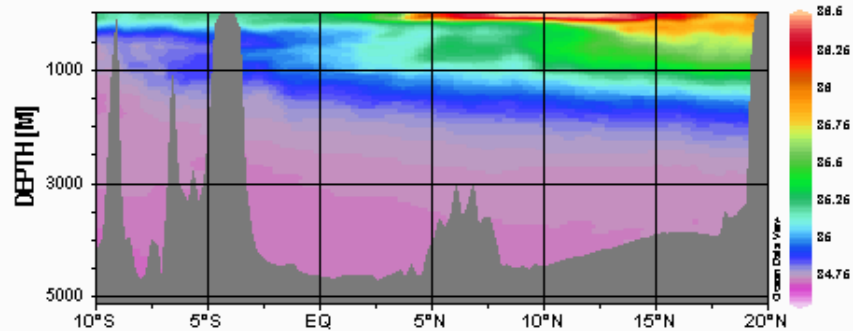
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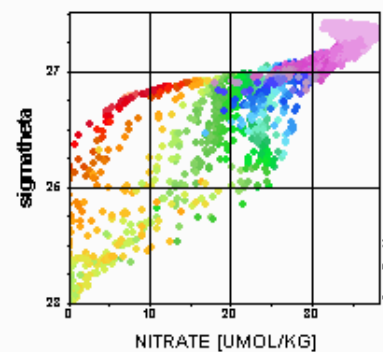
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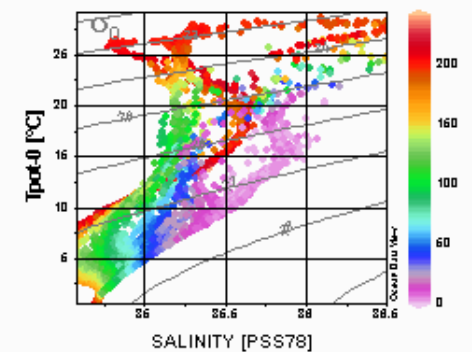
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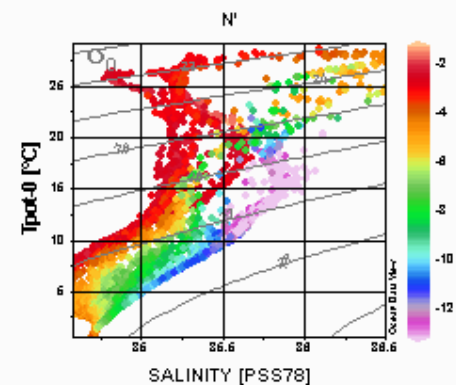
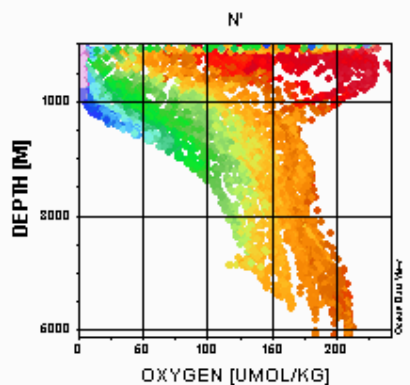
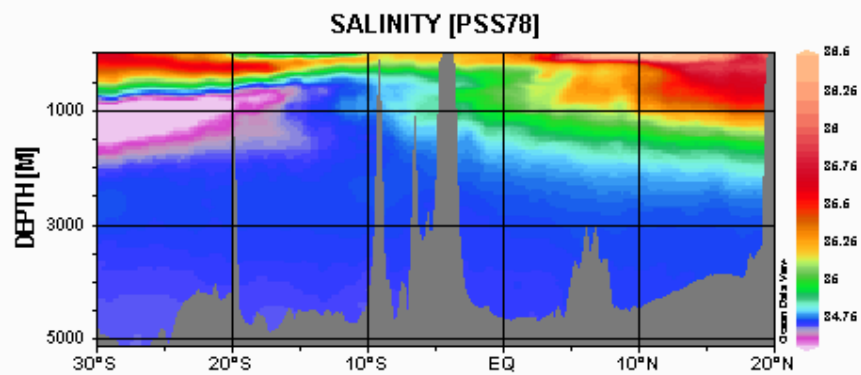
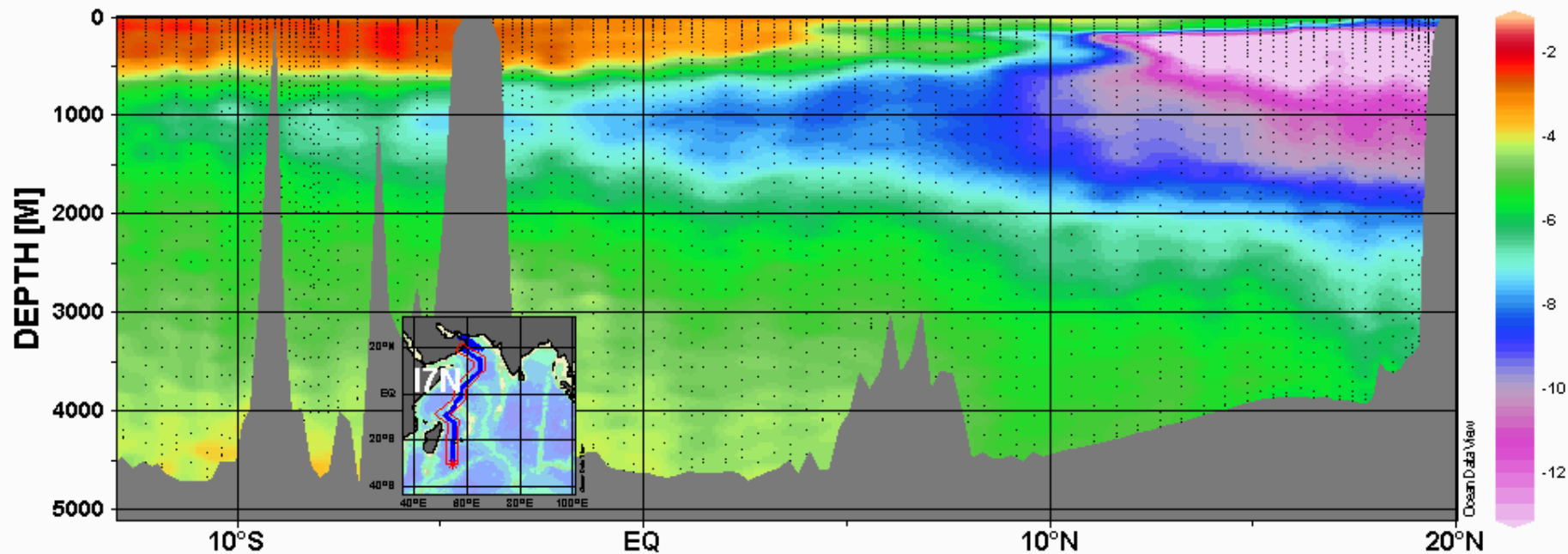
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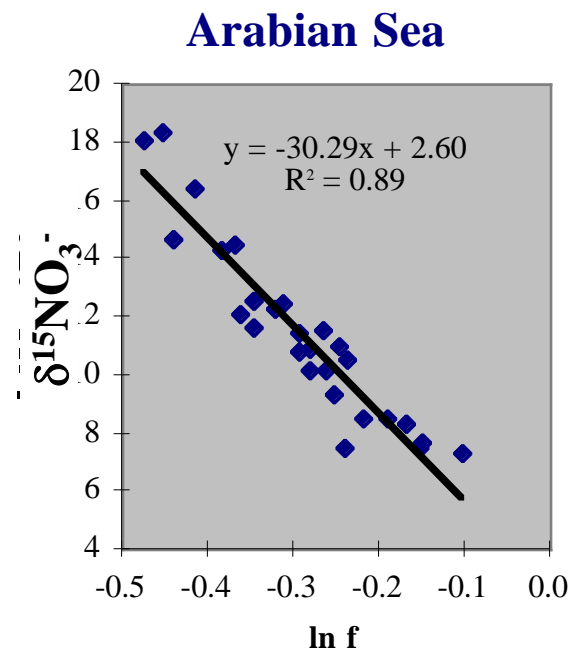
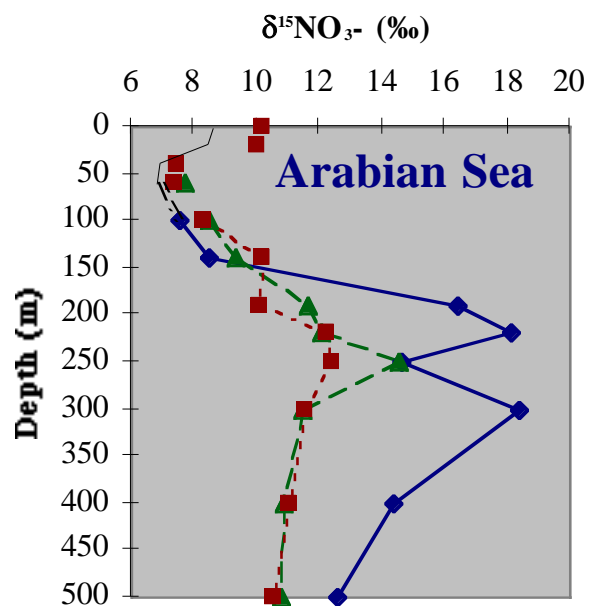
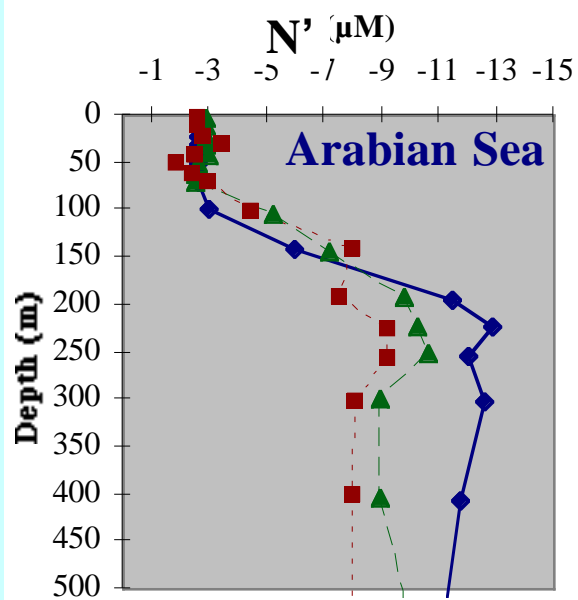




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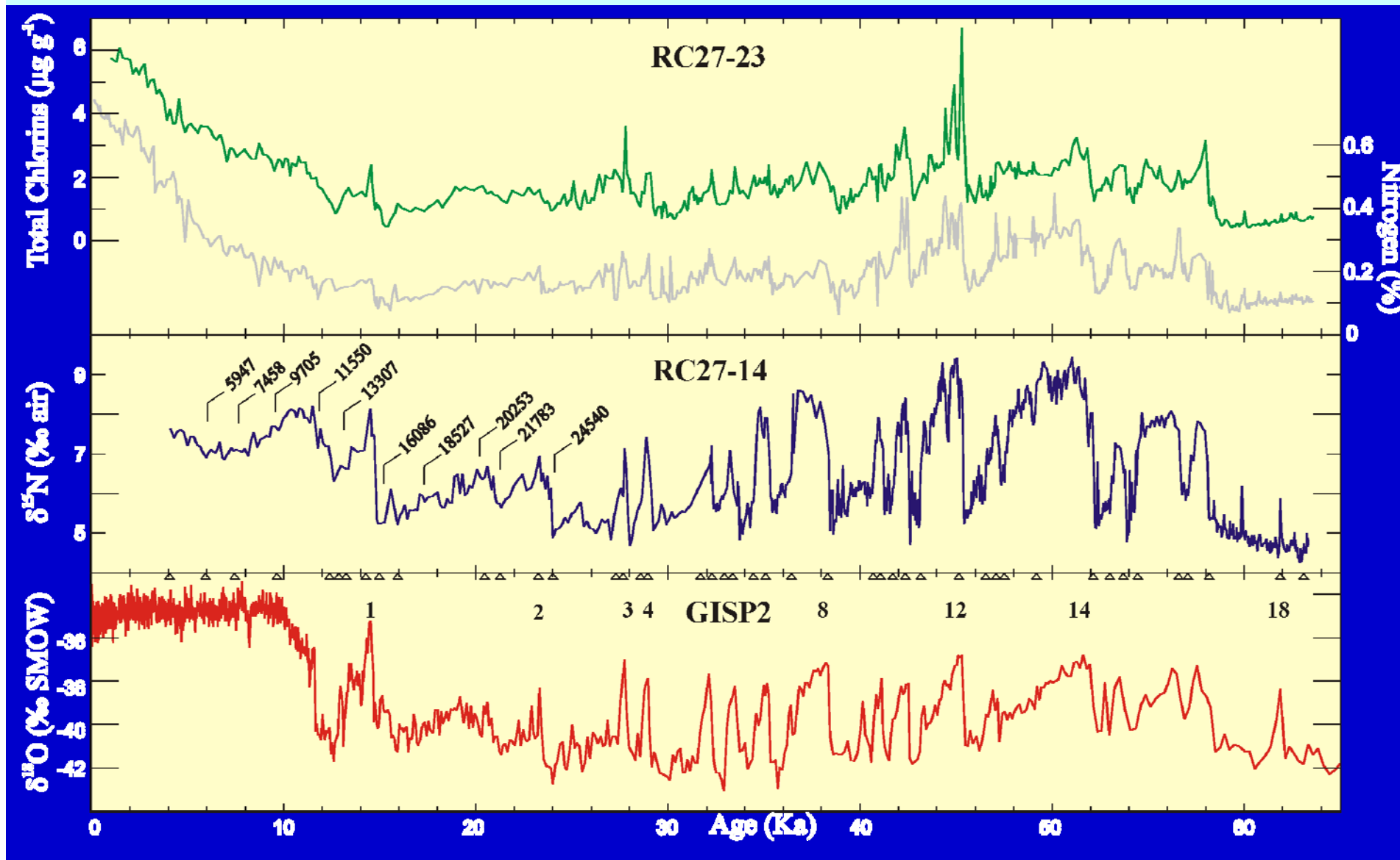
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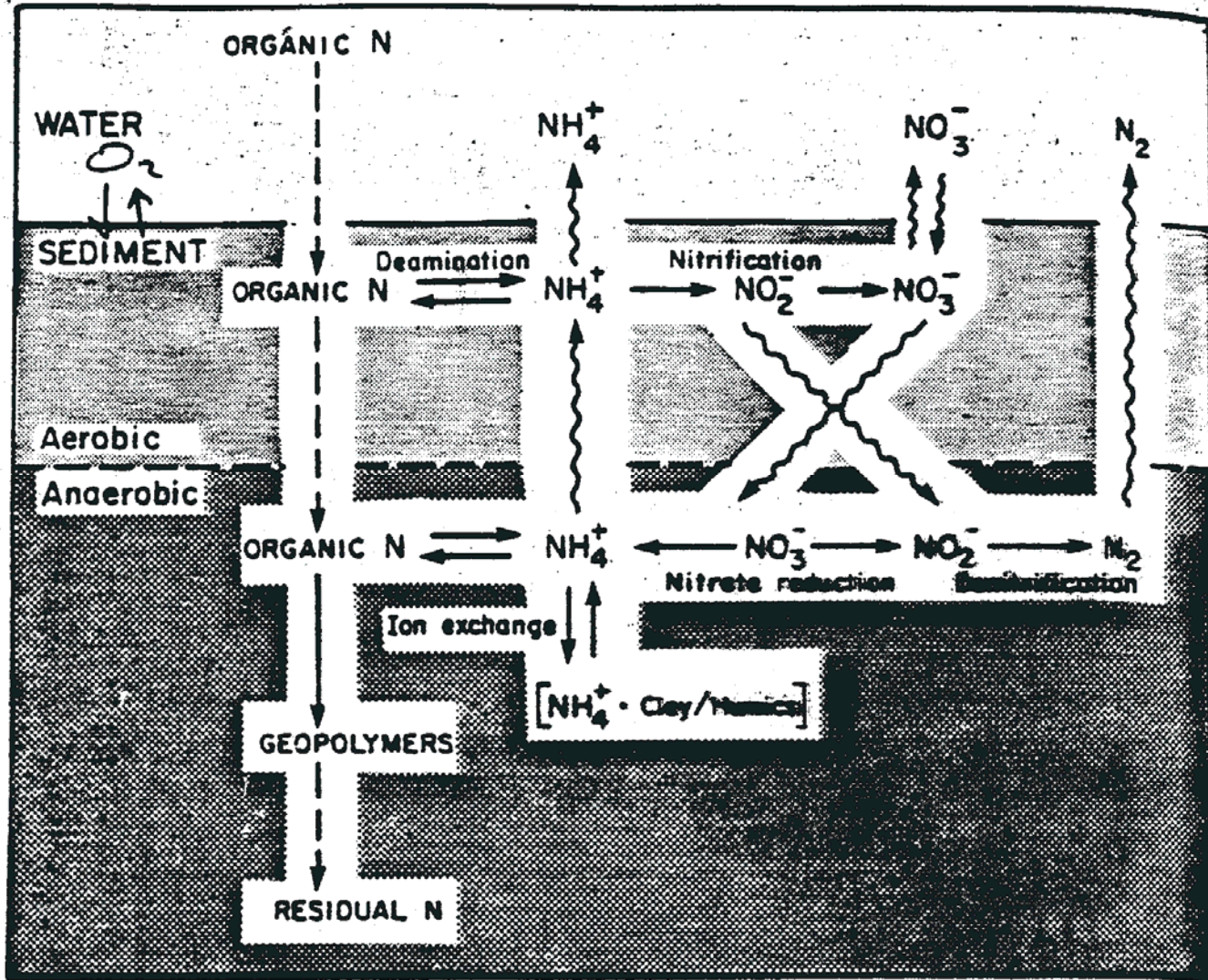


Past Reconstruction of Denitrification Intensity





Sediment Denitrification Effects



100 Tg sea.

Legend:
Wavy arrow: Diffusion
Solid arrow: Reaction
Dashed arrow: Sedimentation and burial

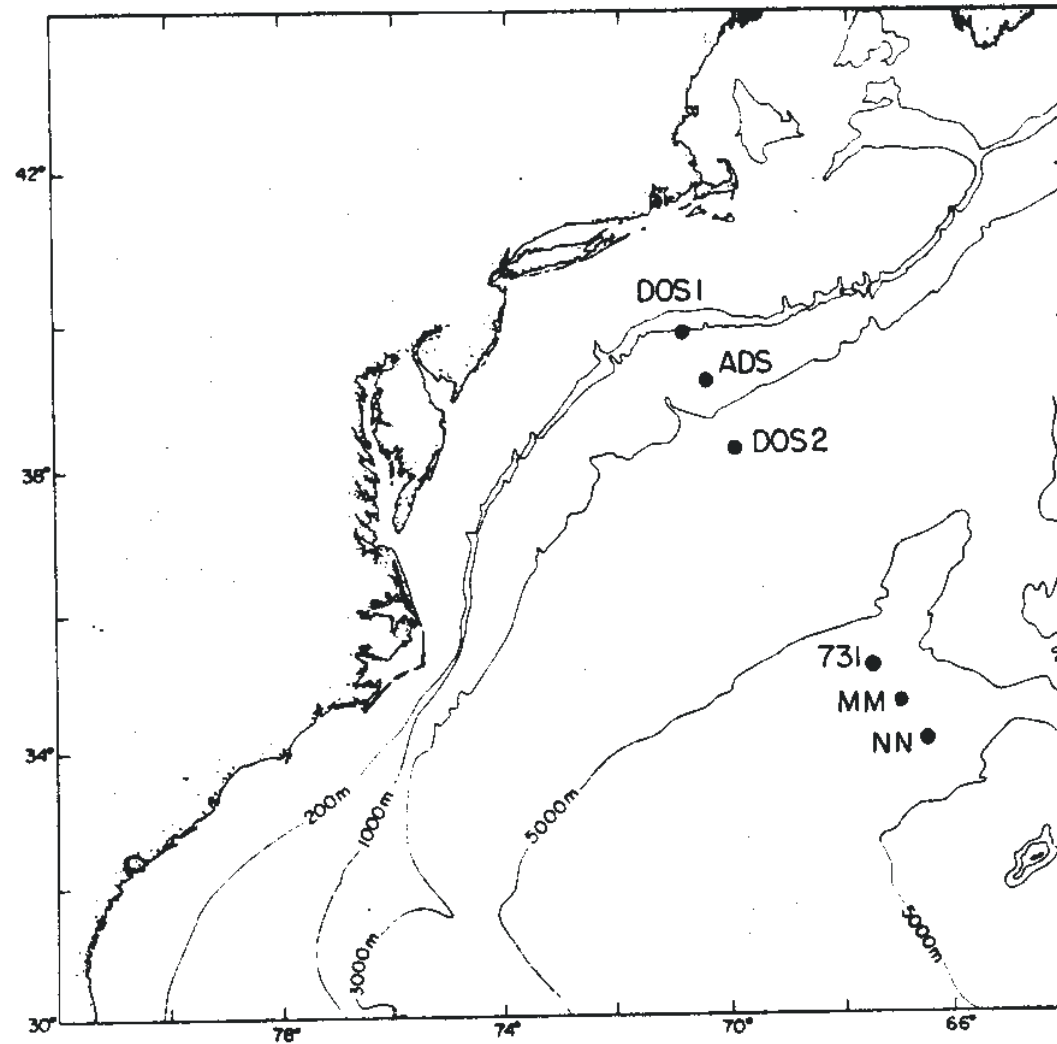
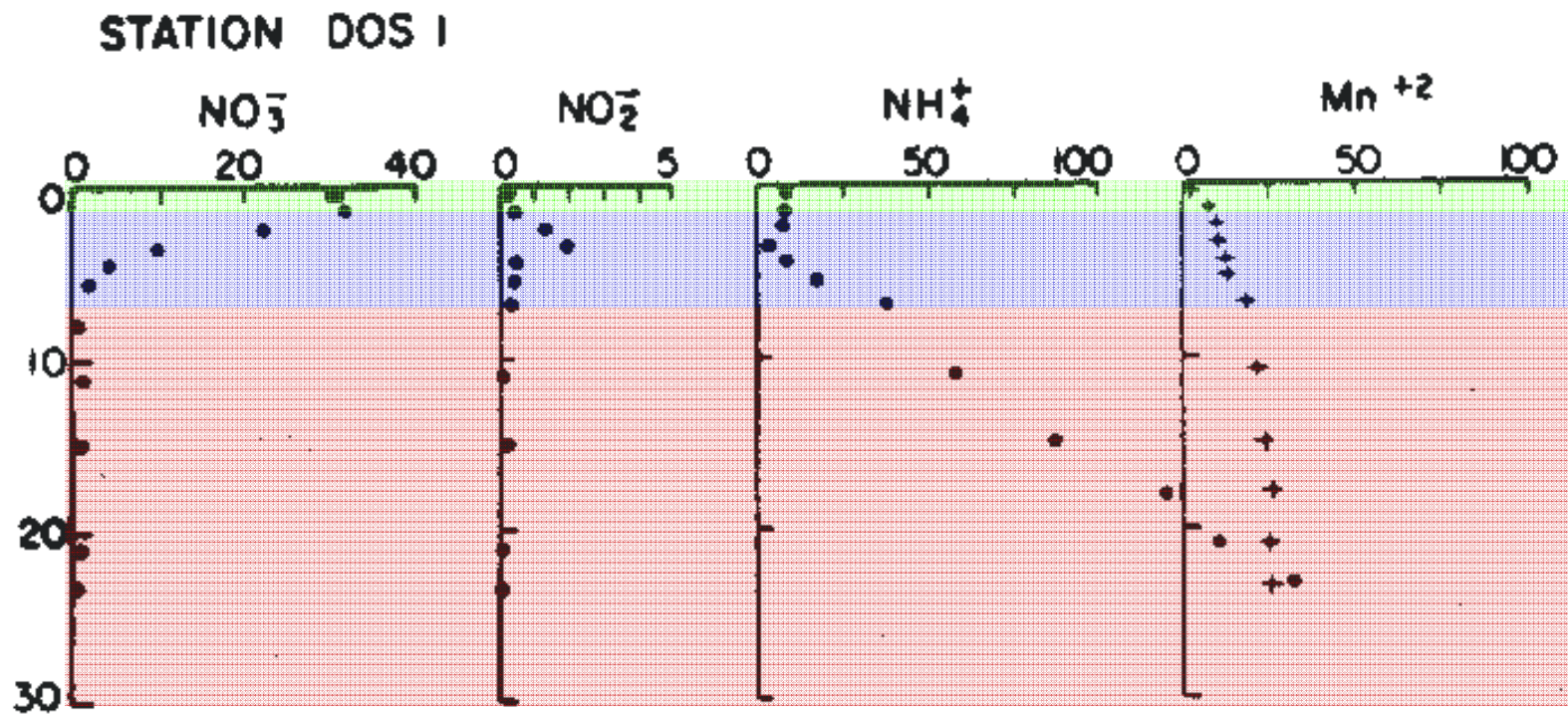


Figure 1. Station locations.

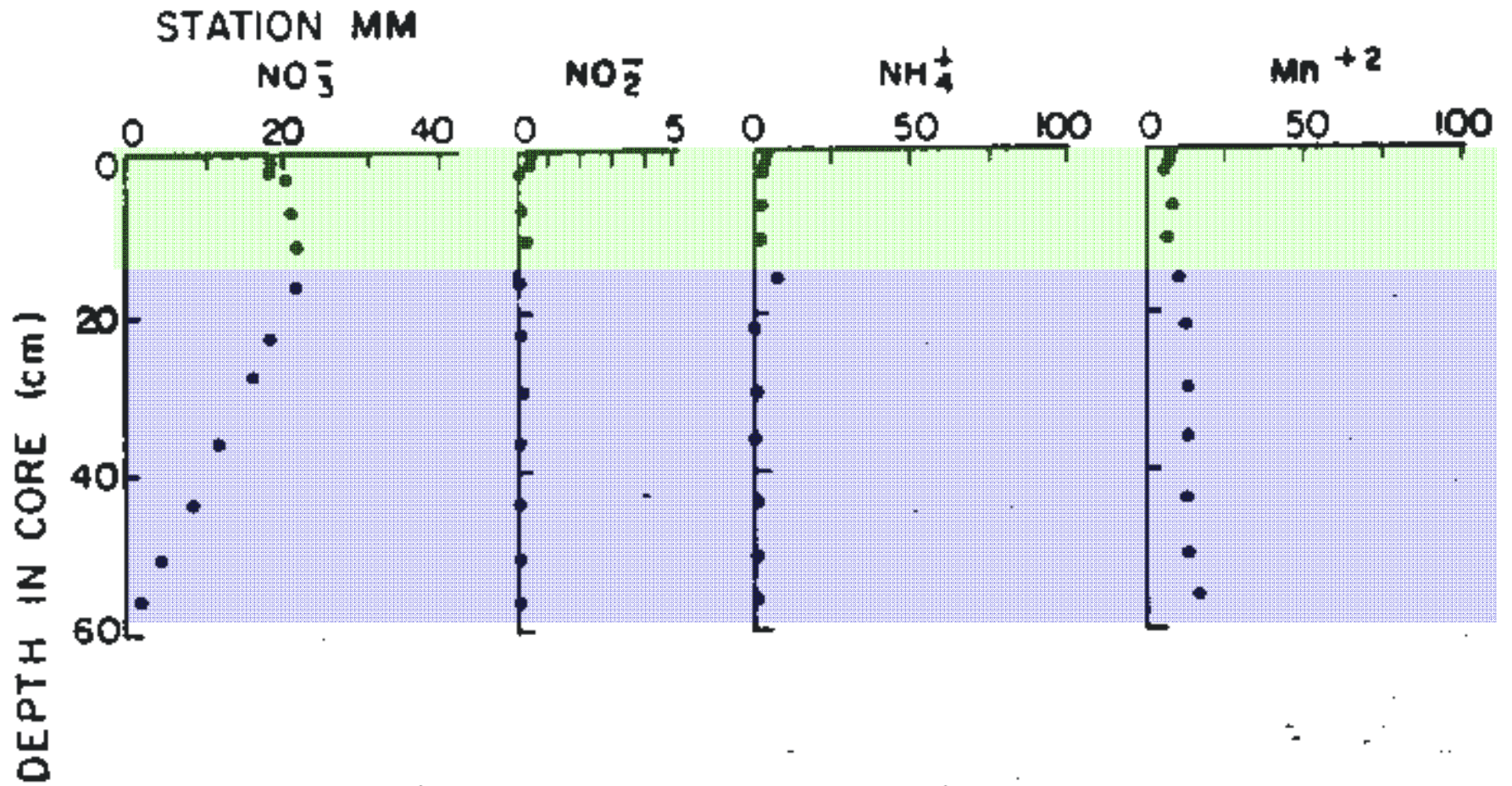


Vertical Segregation of N Transformation Processes by Red-Ox Zone





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