

# Remobilization of Nutrients from Watersheds and Eutrophication in Marine Recipients

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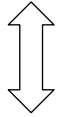
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## External Forcings

Climate Change (e.g. circulation)



Anthropogenic Perturbation (e.g. pollution drainage)

## Response of Ecosystem

- New/recycled production
- Food-web structure
- Biodiversity
- Habitats
- Energy flow

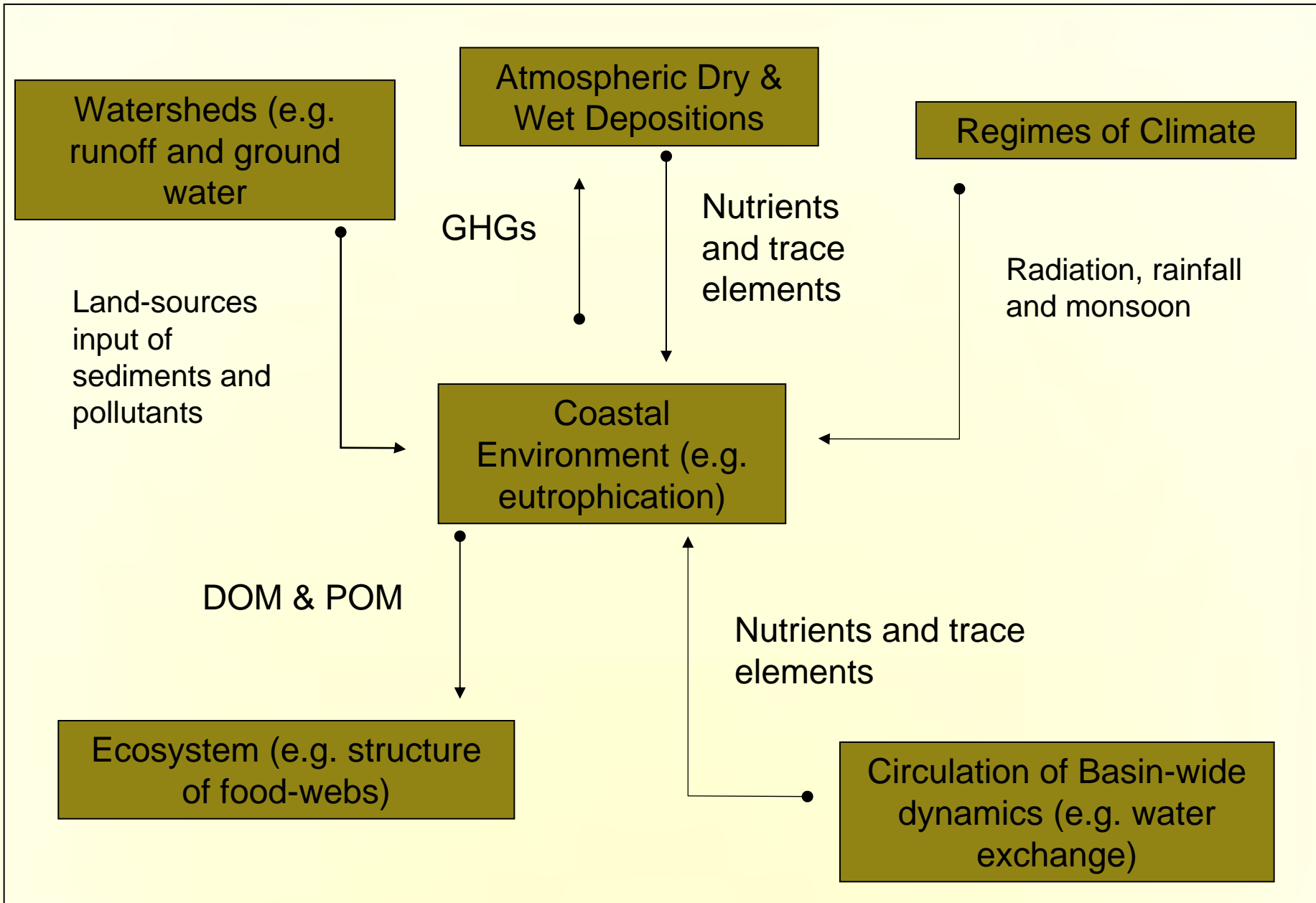
- Evolution
- Food production
- Water quality
- Tourism
- Others

## Knowledge & Infrastructure

- Policy
- Management
- Adaptive Strategy

Effect on the sustainability

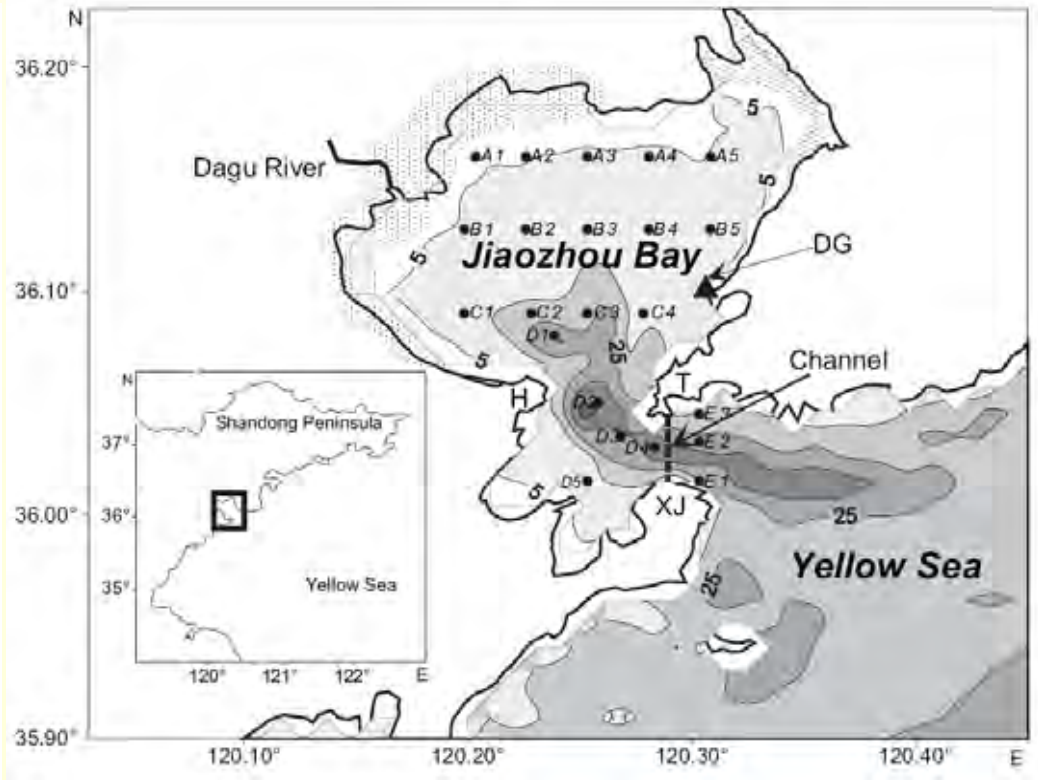
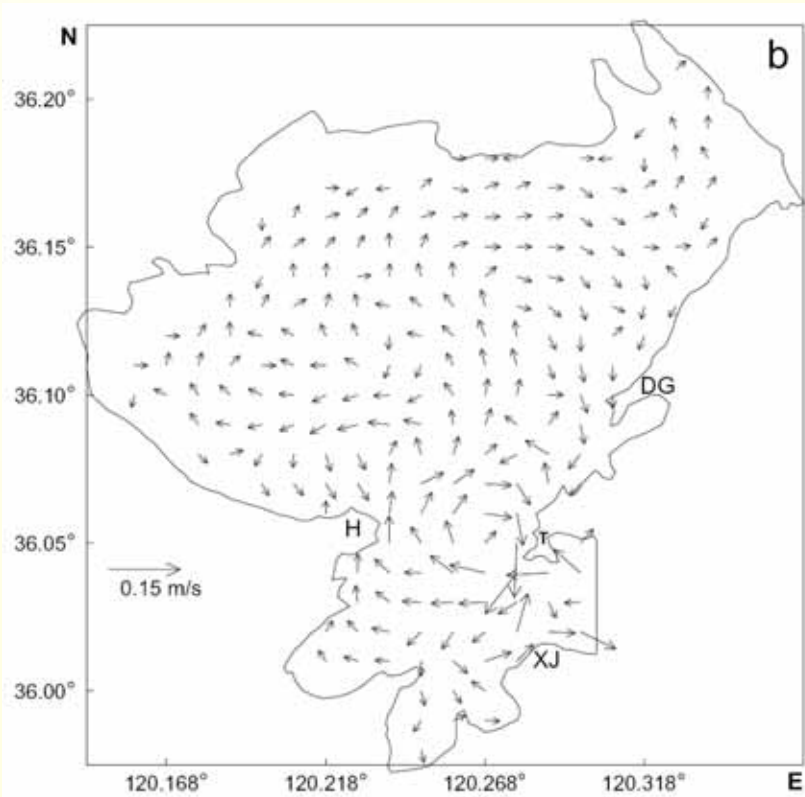
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# Objectives of the Study

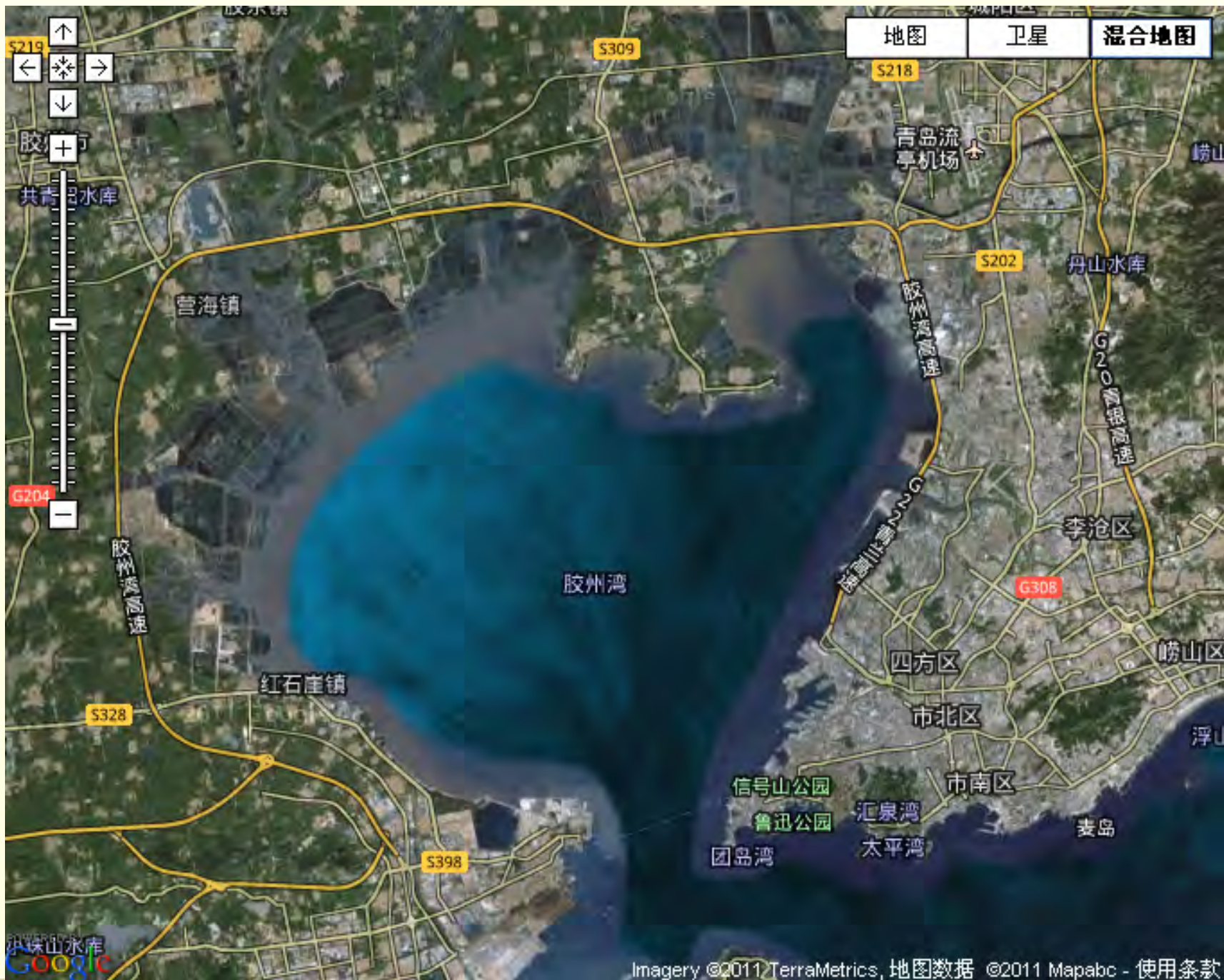
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- \* To evaluate the change in land use in the watersheds and its impact on the coastal recipients in terms of nutrient loss
- \* To understand the coastal hydro-dynamics and biogeochemistry in regulating the processes of eutrophication

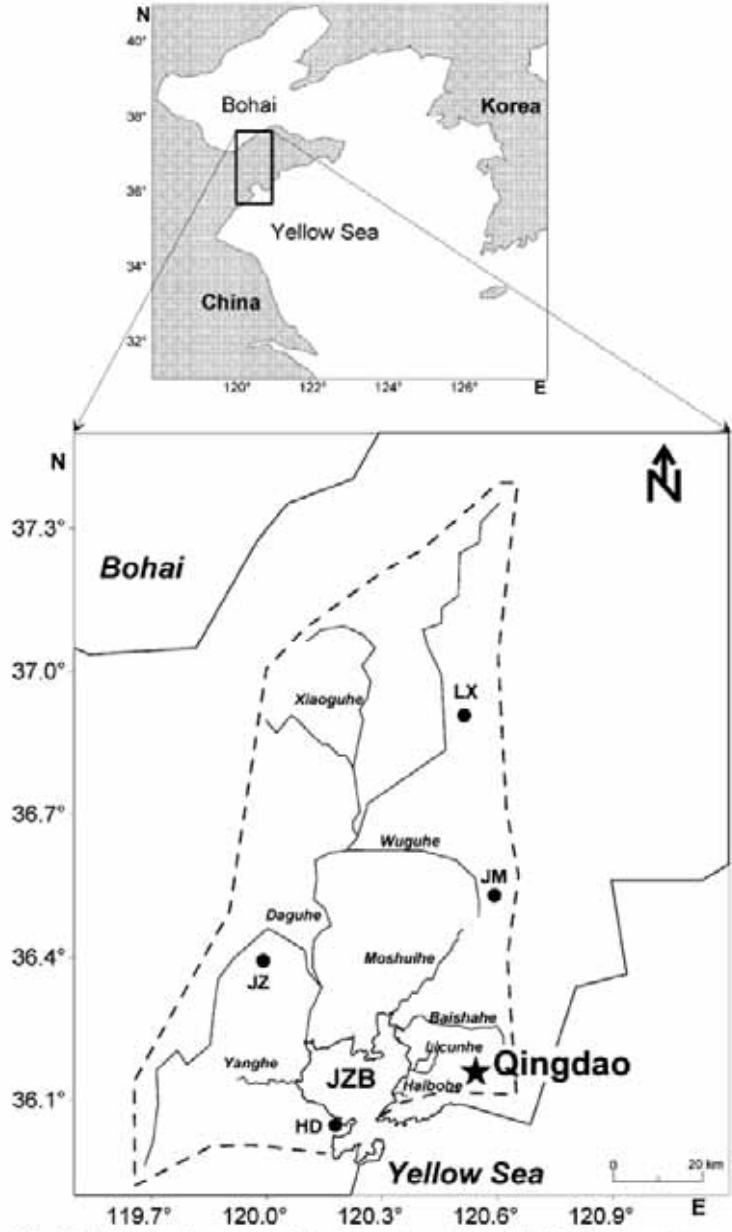


## Background Information about the Jiaozhou Bay

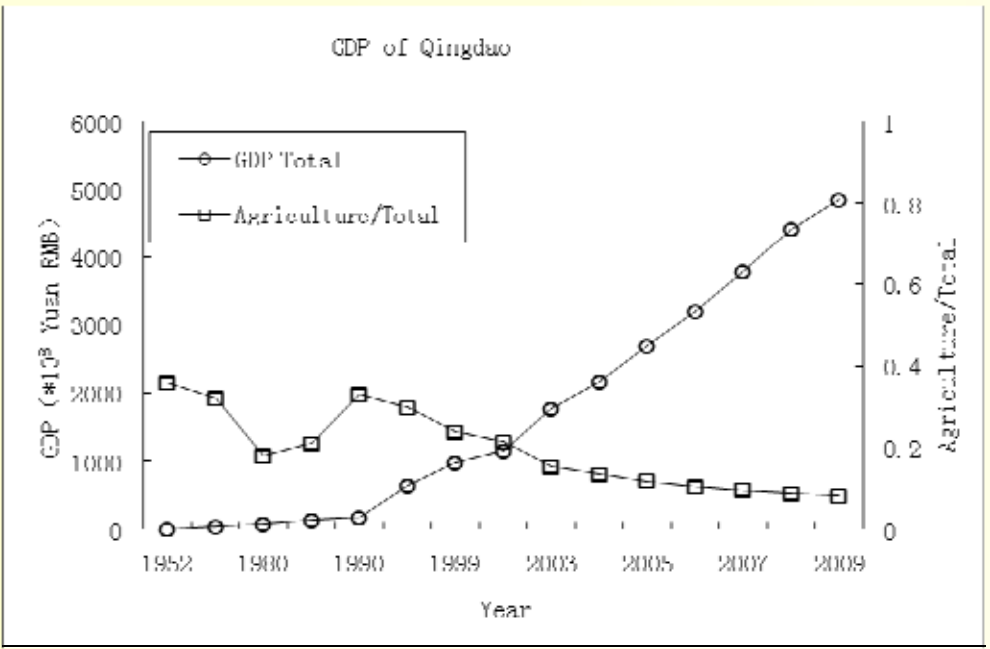
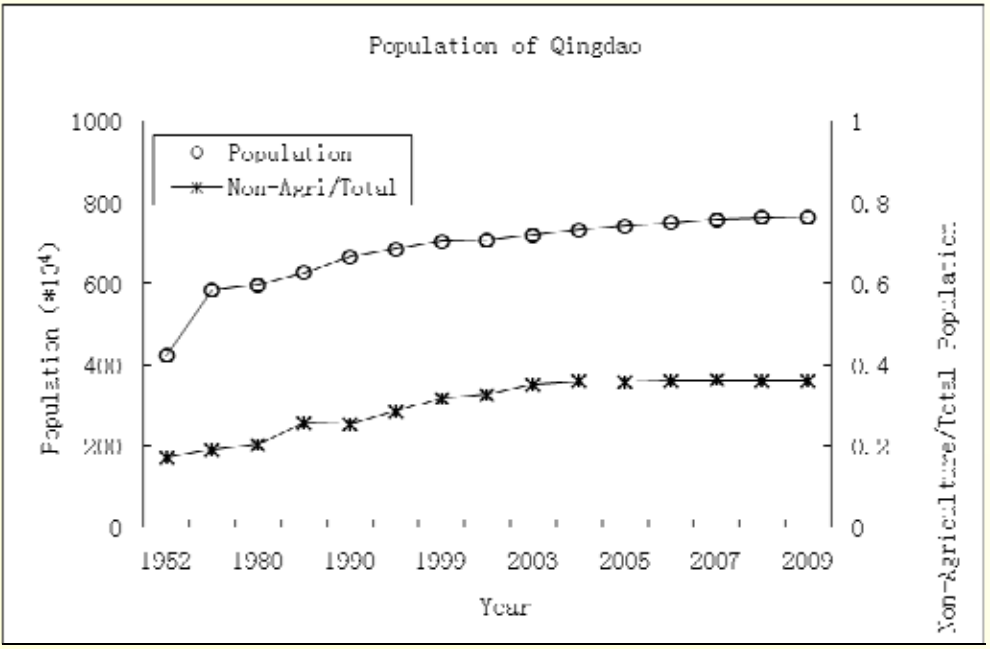
- Surface Area: 353.4 km<sup>2</sup> (2006), 452 km<sup>2</sup> (1971), 560 km<sup>2</sup> (1928), ca. 50-55% of surface is 0-5 m
- Drainage area: ca. 7500 km<sup>2</sup> with population of ca.  $7 \times 10^6$
- Water depth: 7 m on average, with max depth of 64 m
- Tide: Dominated by semidiurnal M2, contributing 80-90% of kinetic and potential energy; tide is 2.8 m on average (Range: 1.02-4.75 m)
- Connection to the Yellow Sea: A channel of 2.5 km wide
- Riverine influx:  $0.5-1 \times 10^9$  m<sup>3</sup>/yr, most of them are seasonal with dams



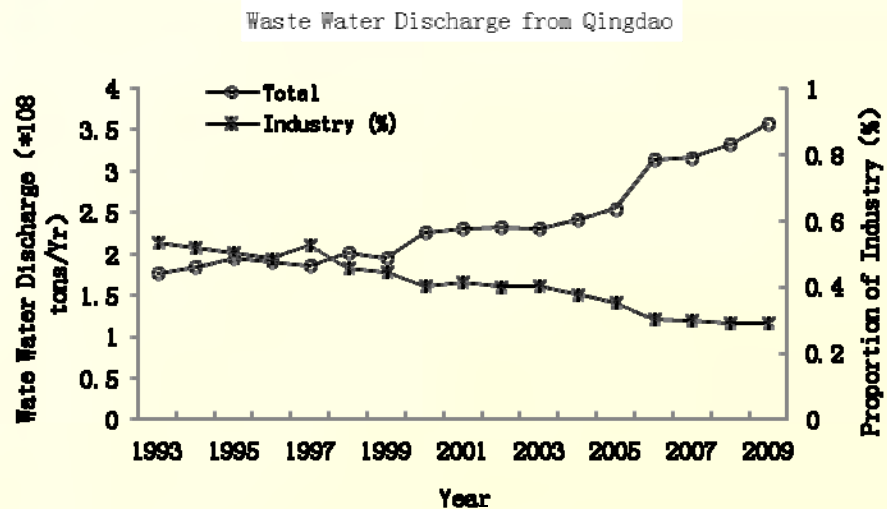
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**Fig. 2** The study area of the Jiaozhou Bay (JZB) Project shows the catchments for the major rivers, including Yanghe, Daguhe, Moshuihe, Baishaha, Licunhe, and Haibohe. The domestic centers, i.e., Qingdao, Jimo (JM), Laixi (LX), Jiaozhou (JZ), and Huangdao (HD) are also shown

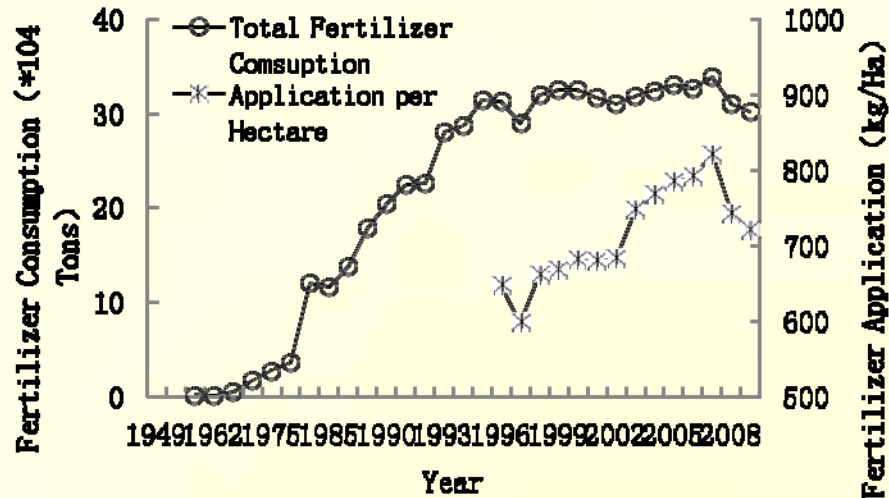




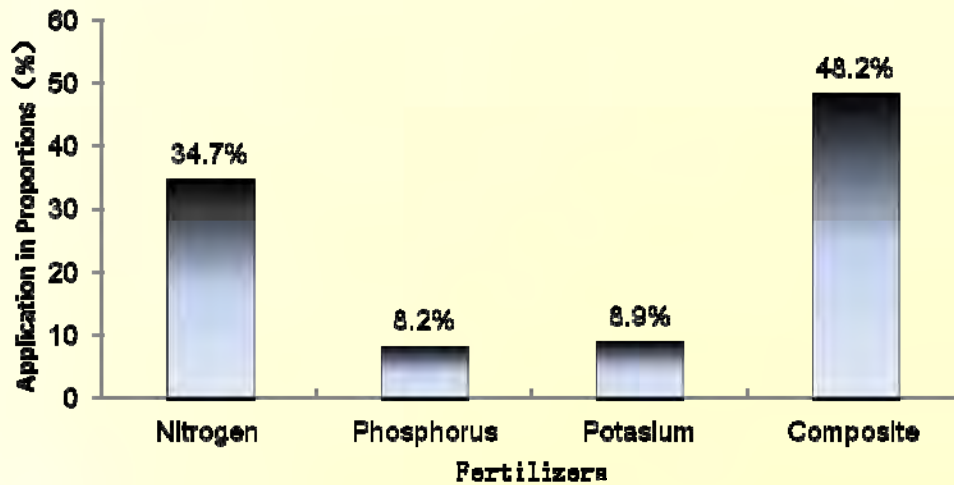


Period	PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	SiO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	References
1950	0.1-0.7	5-20				Xin, 1953
1962-1963	0.14 ± 0.03		0.38 ± 0.15	0.17 ± 0.13	1.6 ± 0.6	Shen, 2002
1983-1986	0.43 ± 0.17	2.4 ± 1.1	1.8 ± 1.0	0.39 ± 0.23	6.5 ± 3.7	Shen, 2002
1991-1998	0.33 ± 0.11	2.0 ± 1.9	2.0 ± 1.1	0.66 ± 0.40	8.2 ± 2.5	Shen, 2002
2001	0.1-0.5	1.4-8.2	6.1-32.2	1.2-4.2	8.3-10.8	Liu et al., 2005

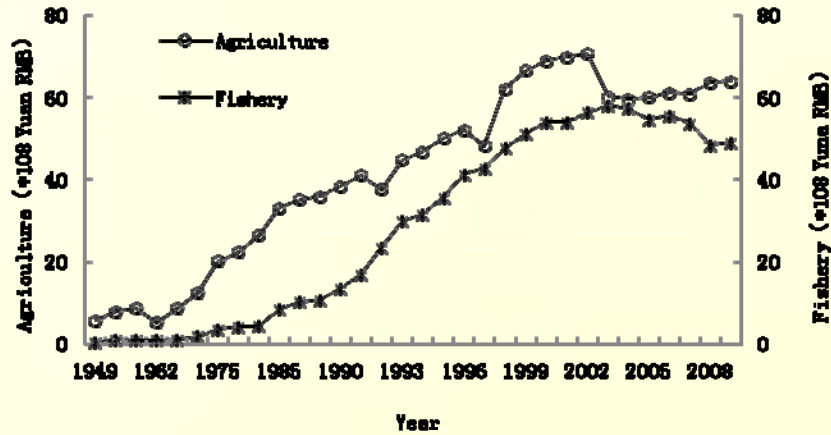
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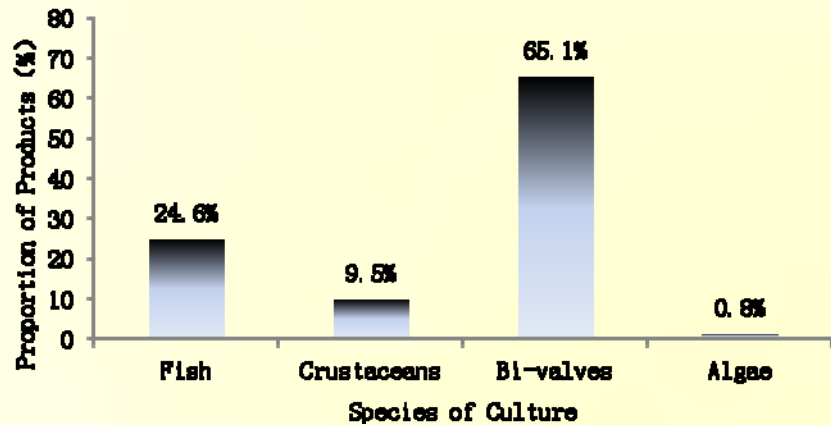
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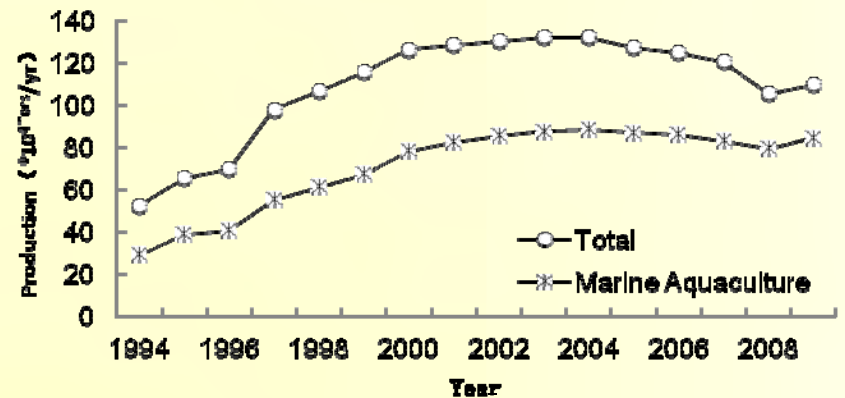
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Composition of Marine Aquaculture

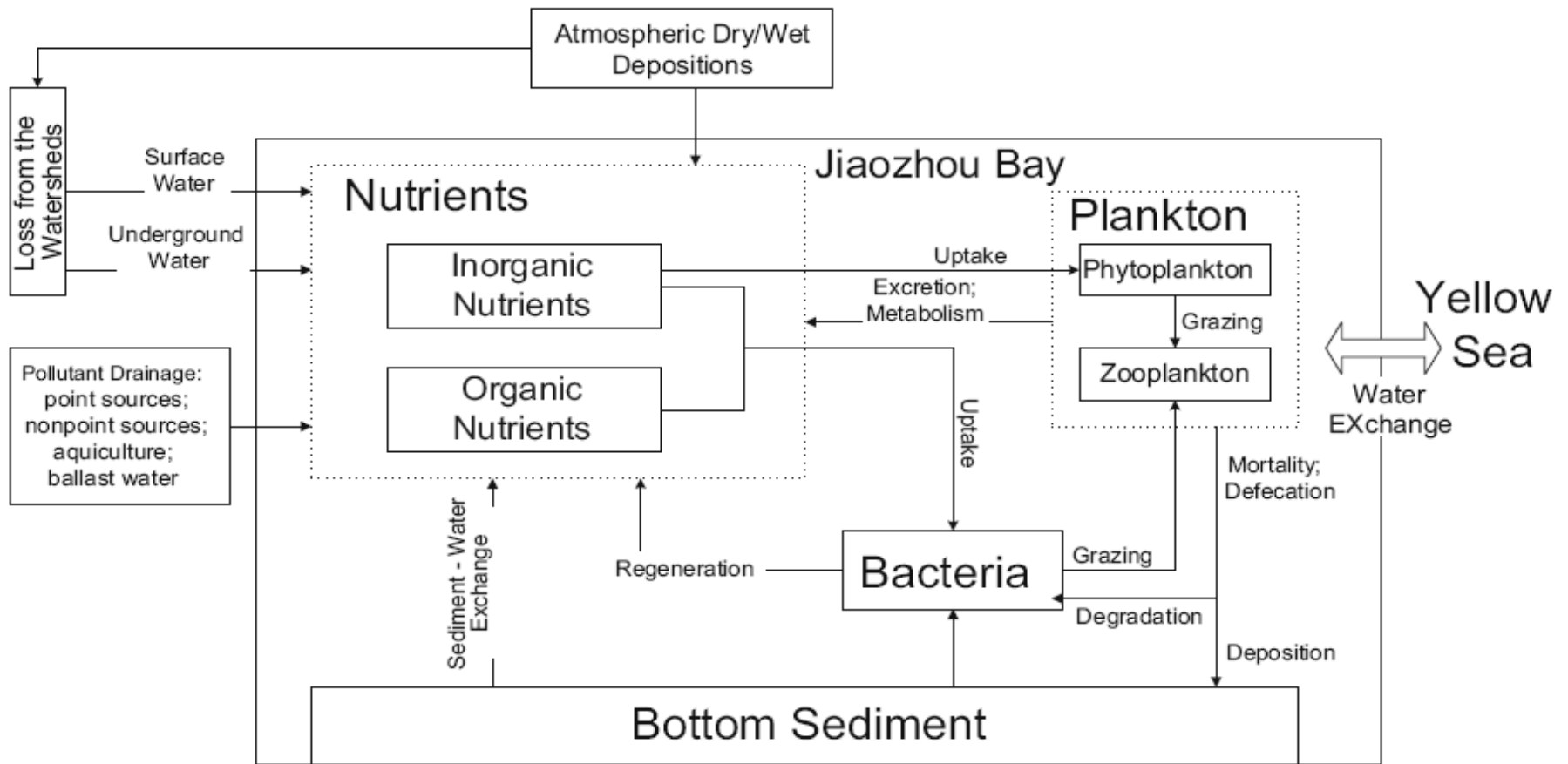


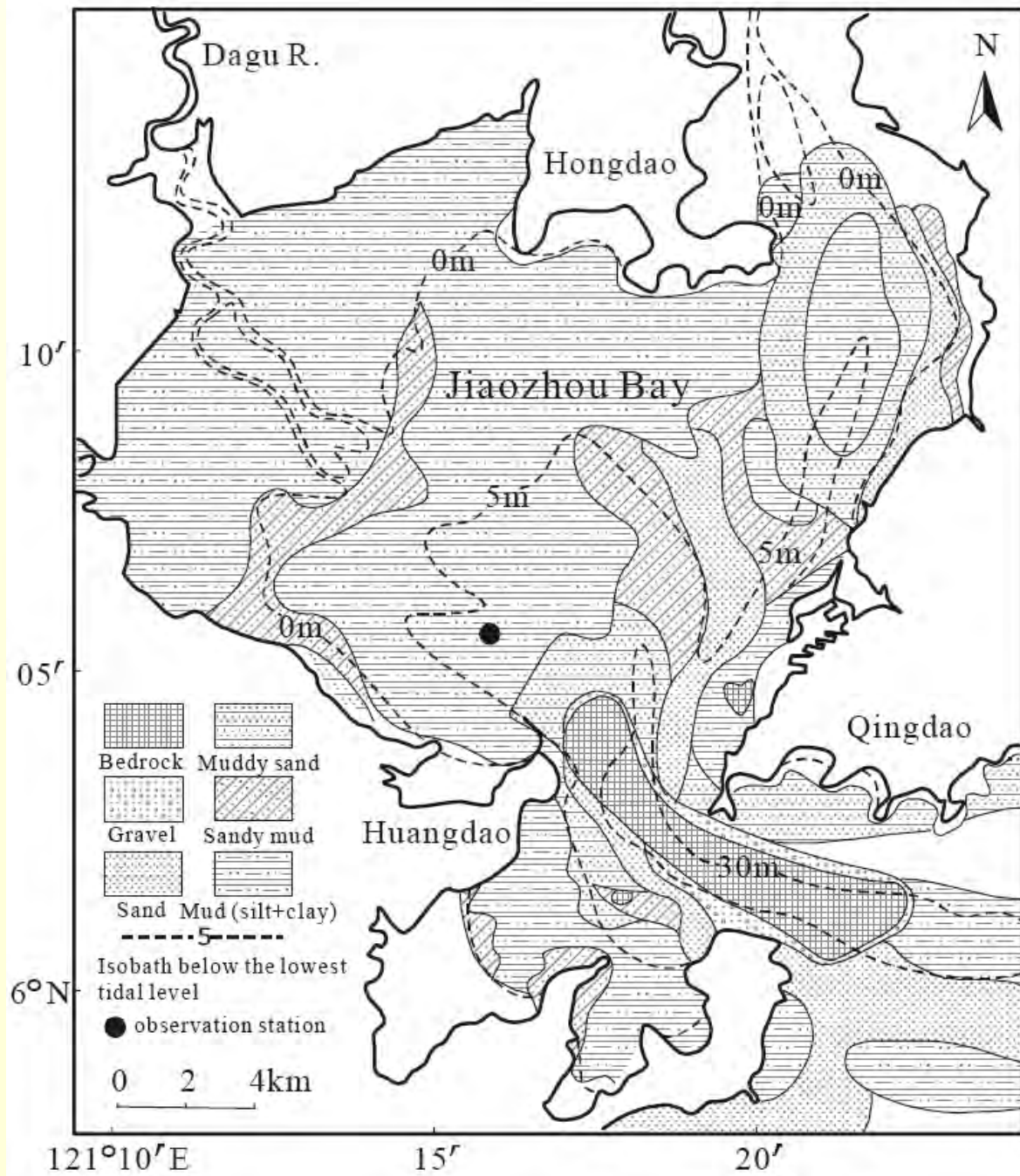
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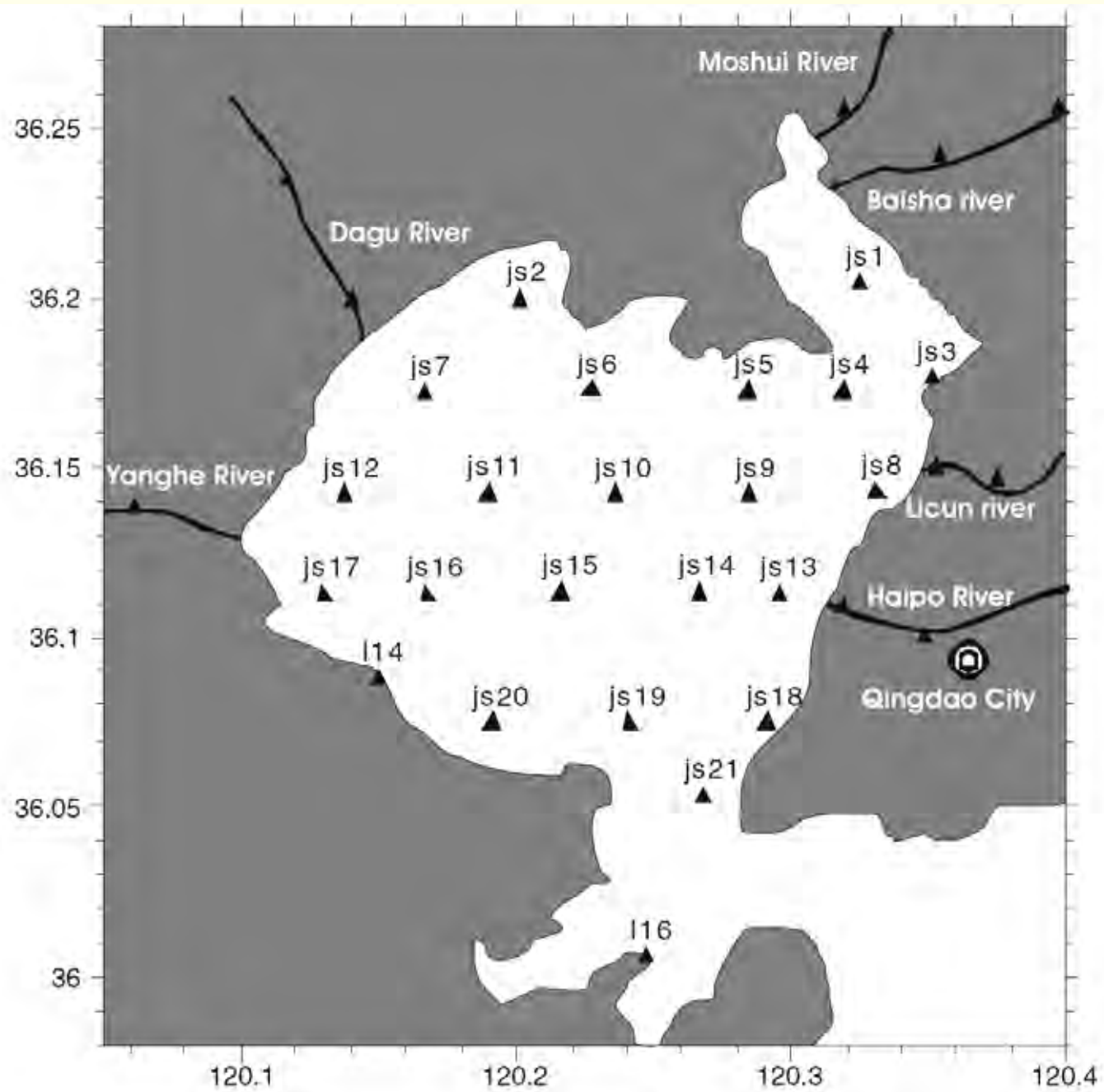


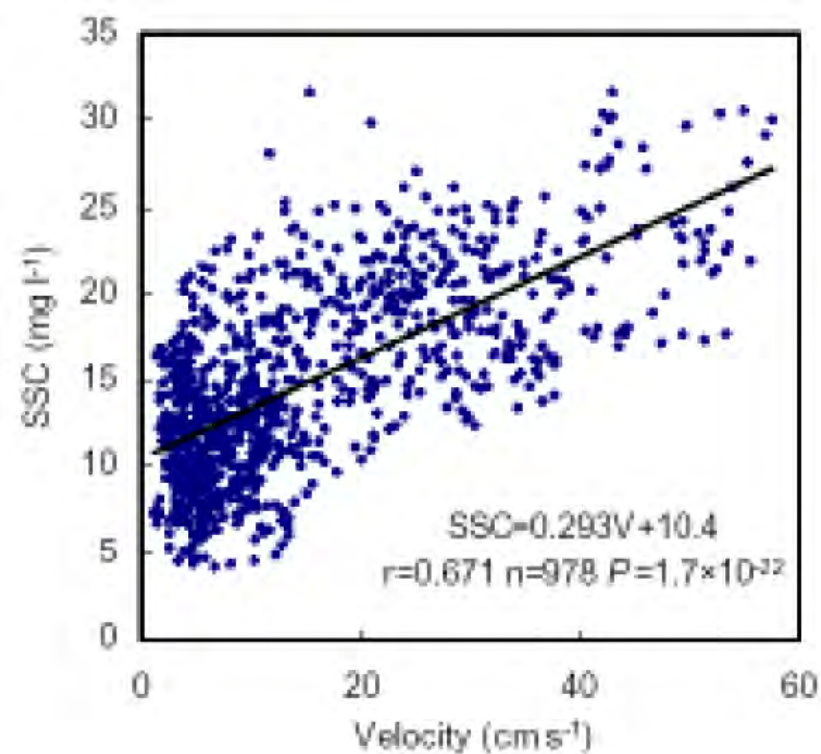
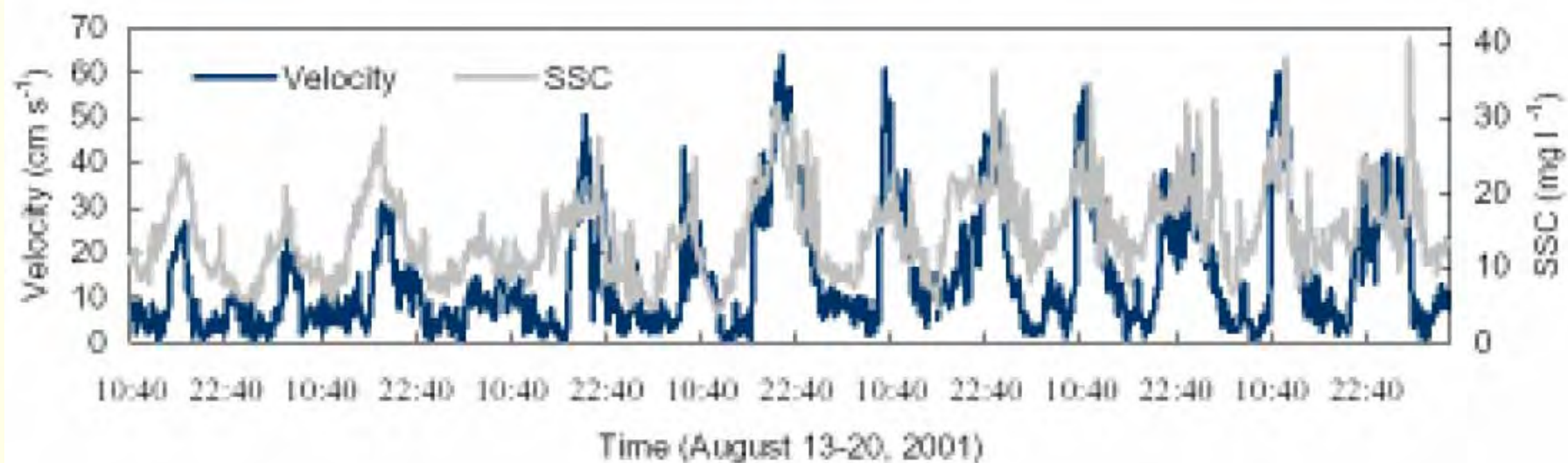
## Working Hypothesis

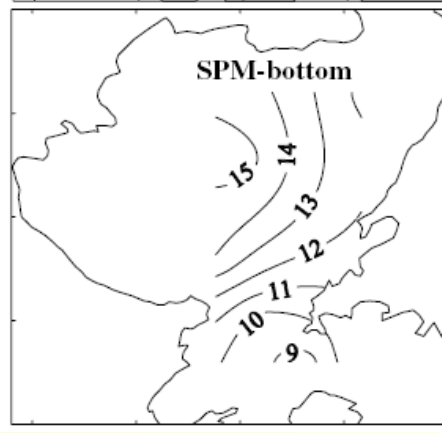
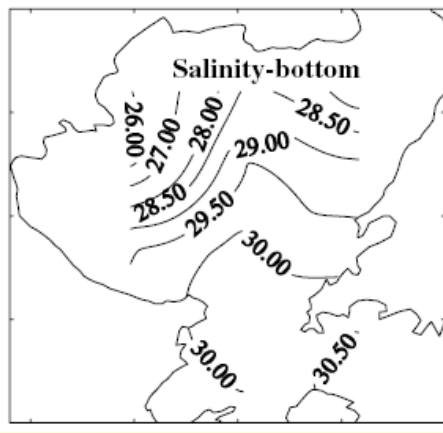
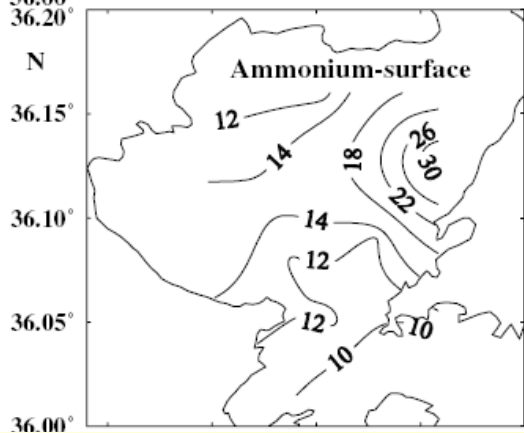
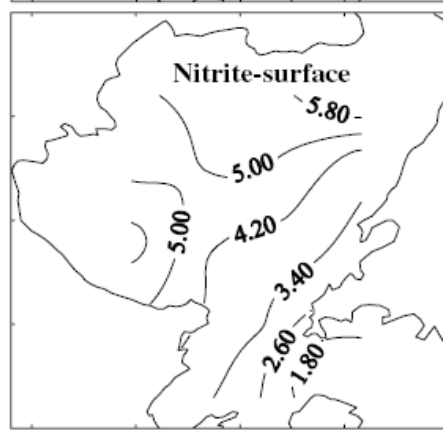
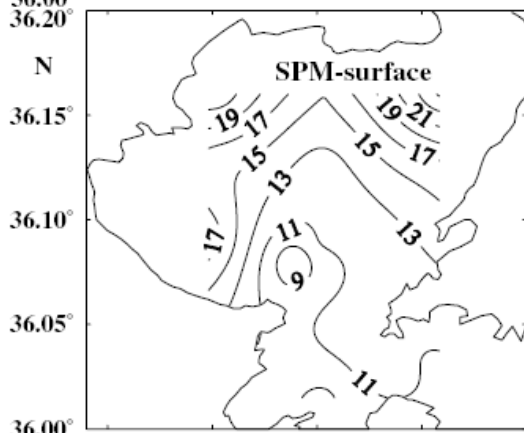
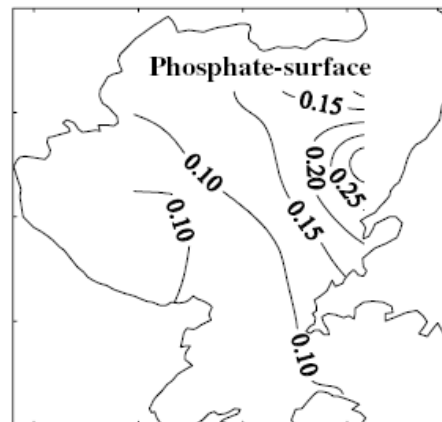
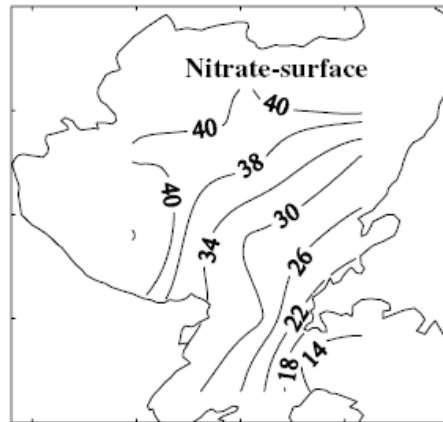
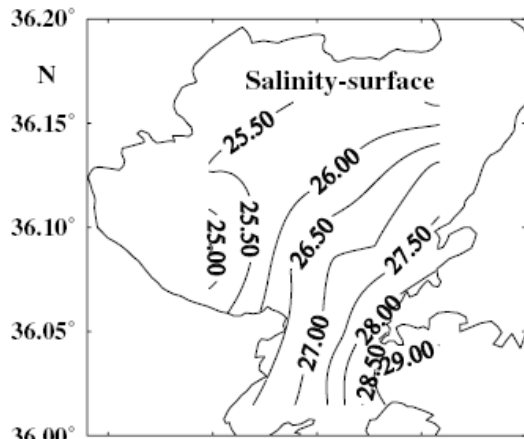
Although land-use change in the watersheds has induced an increase in plant nutrient influx into the coastal waters, the evolution of eutrophication of the Jiaozhou Bay is regulated by the oceanographic processes.....



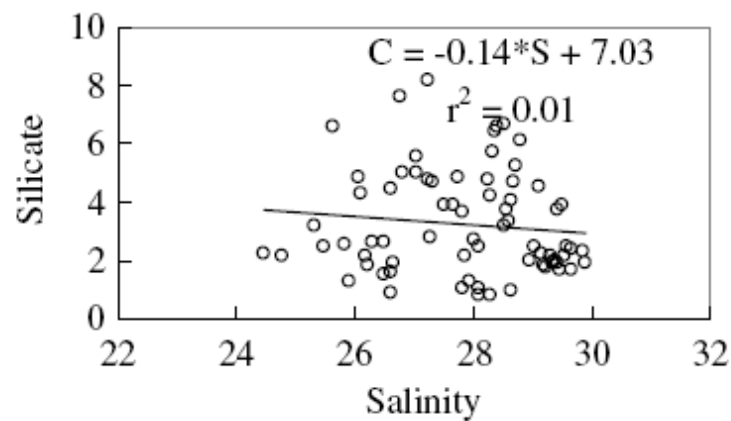
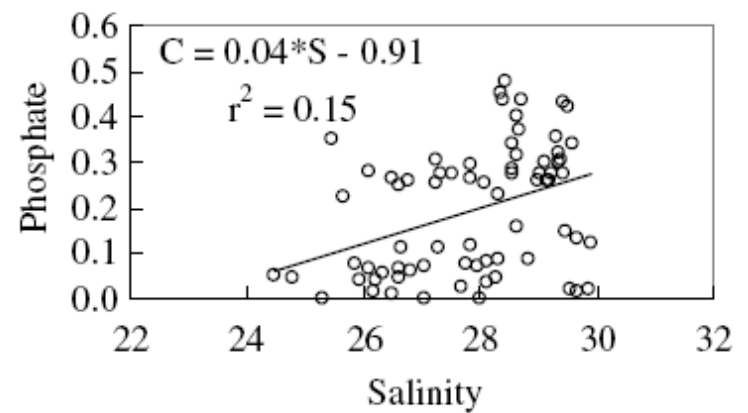
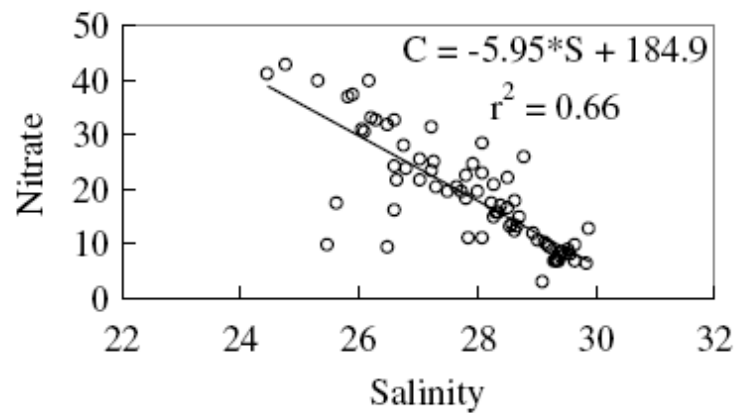
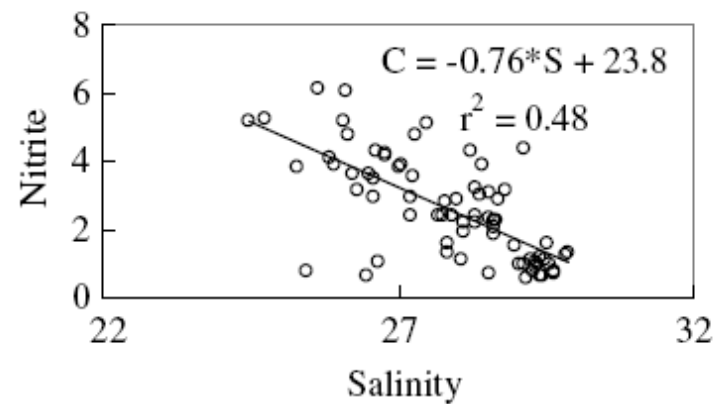
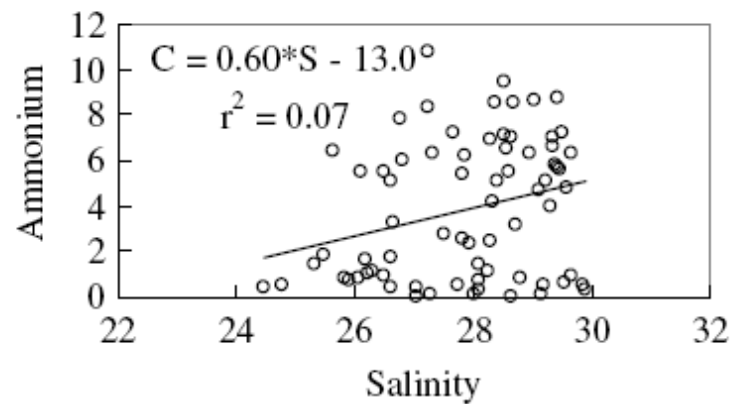












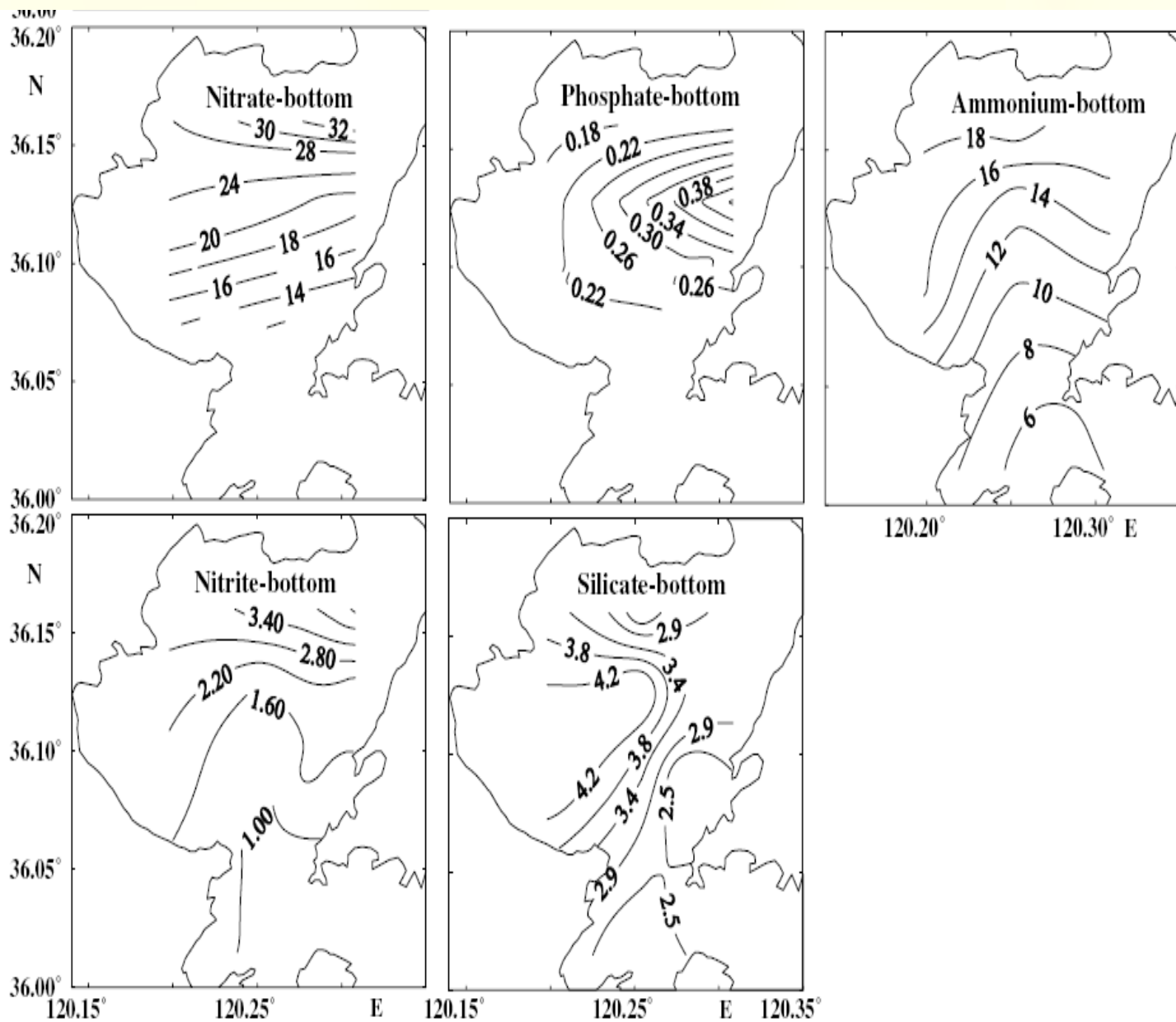


Table 3  
Nutrient concentrations in major rivers that empty into Jiaozhou Bay ( $\mu\text{M}$ )

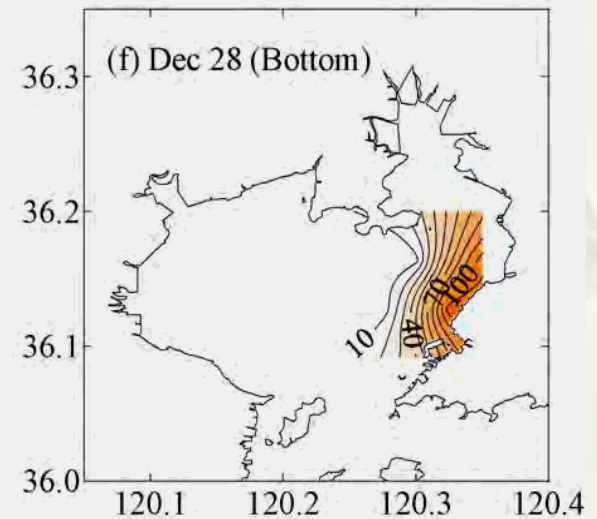
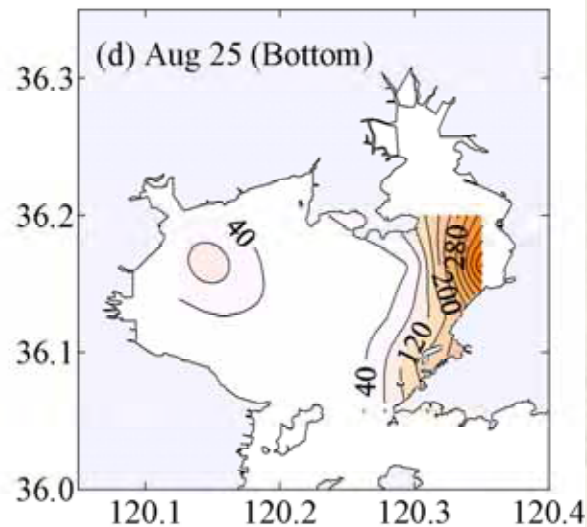
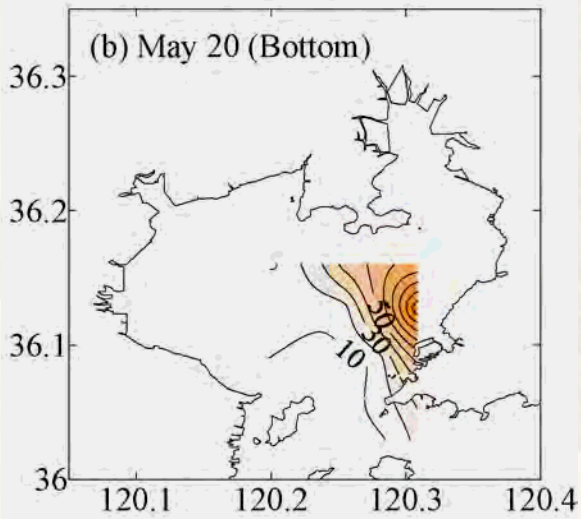
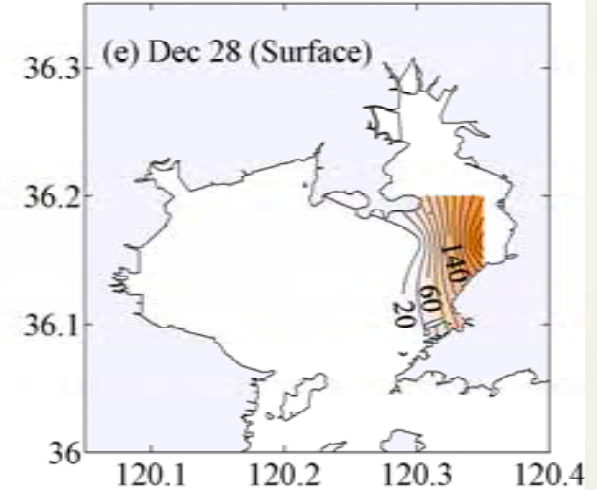
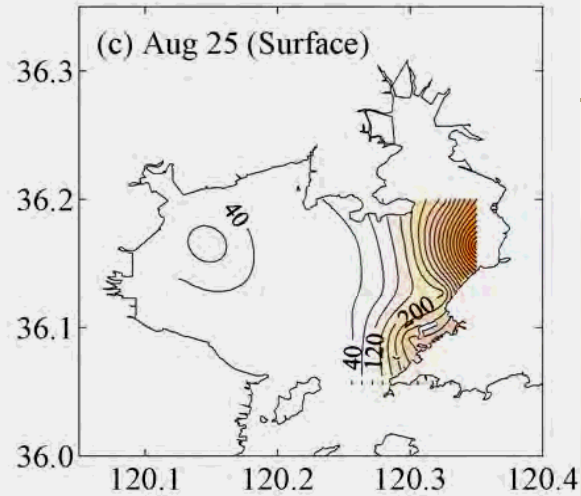
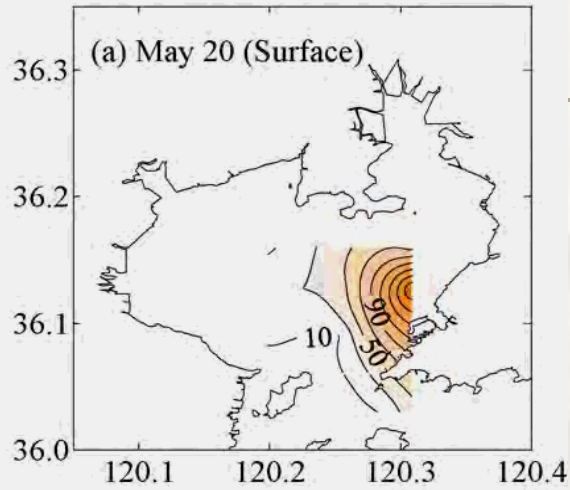
River	$\text{NH}_4^+$	$\text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{NO}_2^-$	$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$	$\text{SiO}_3^{2-}$	N/P	Si/N
<i>Dry season (March 2002)</i>							
Licunhe	60.1	3.1	2.1	90.1	370.8	0.7	5.7
Daguhe	25.4	34.2	0.7	0.1	12.7	626	0.1
Yanghe	26.6	163.9	1.2	0.1	21.0	3566	0.1
Moshuihe	156.1	436.1	0.3	33.5	280.4	18	0.5
Bashahe	58.0	304.2	18.4	1.9	30.1	205	0.1
<i>Flood season (August 2002)</i>							
Licunhe	274.6	4.0	0.6	60.5	333.7	4.6	1.2
Daguhe	19.6	1.4	0.0	0.7	156.5	31.2	7.4
Yanghe	5.3	6.2	0.3	0.3	71.1	43.2	6.0
Moshuihe	1081	4.0	0.3	63.9	285.9	17.0	0.3
Bashahe	18.9	221	9.6	0.6	55.7	400.0	0.2

**Table 7** Quantity of water and nutrients discharged from the Daguhe to JZB

Time	Discharge <sup>a</sup> (10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	Nutrients (concentration (Con): $\mu\text{mol/l}$ , Discharge (DIS): 10 <sup>4</sup> mol/yr)					
		$\text{NO}_3^-$ Con <sup>b,c</sup>		$\text{NO}_2^-$ Con <sup>b,c</sup>		$\text{SiO}_2$ Con <sup>b,c</sup>	
		DIS	DIS	DIS	DIS	DIS	DIS
1967	239.0	309.52	7,397.6	4.76	113.8	114.00	2,724.6
1981	No runoff						
1982	2.4	0.00	0.0	178.57	42.5	133.00	31.7
1983	No runoff						
1984	No runoff						
1985	391.0	23.93	935.6	3.14	122.9	133.00	5,200.3
1986	6.0	19.43	11.7	1.14	0.7	133.00	79.8
1987	5.8	73.43	42.5	2.36	1.4	133.00	77.0
1988	11.9	21.00	24.9	1.57	1.9	133.00	157.6
1989	No runoff						
1997	148.4	64.52	957.5	5.43	80.6	133.00	1,973.7
1998	219.2	35.00	767.2	1.89	41.5	133.00	2,915.4
1999	8.8	73.33	64.2	5.71	5.0	133.00	116.5
2000	No runoff						
2001	258.9	182.86	4,734.2	8.36	216.4	133.00	3,443.4

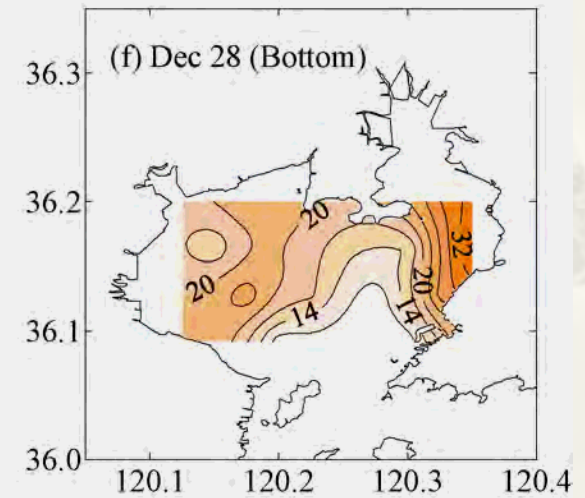
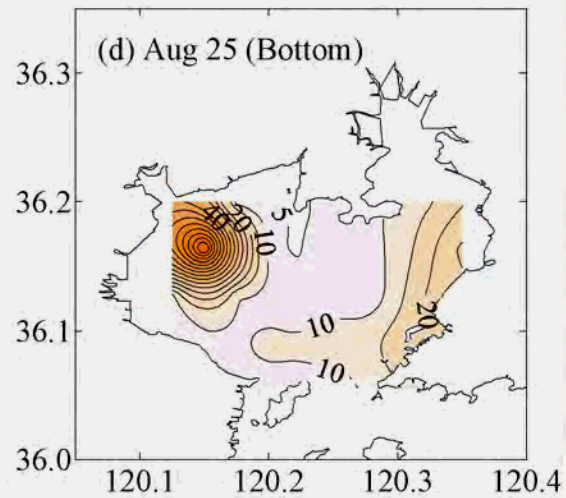
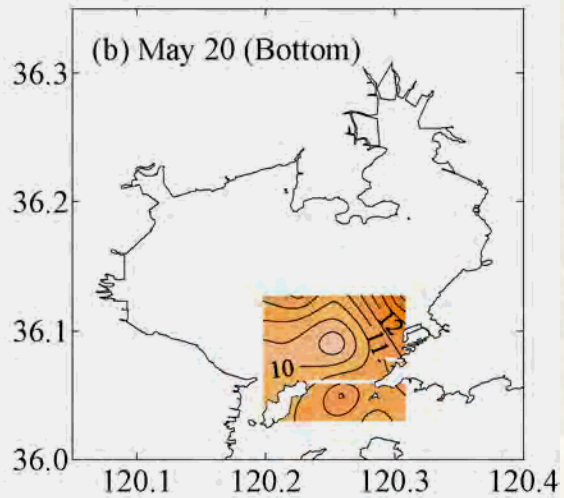
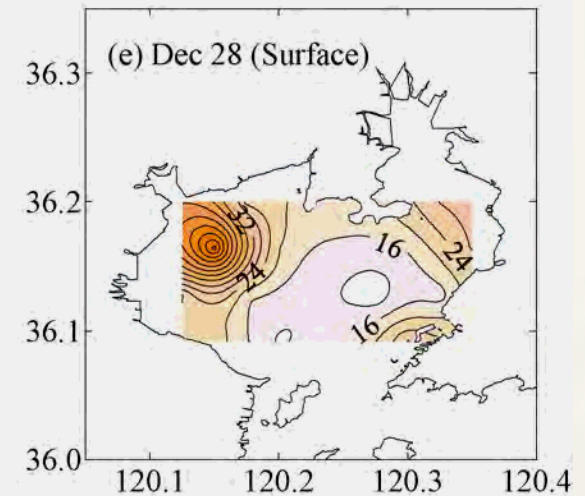
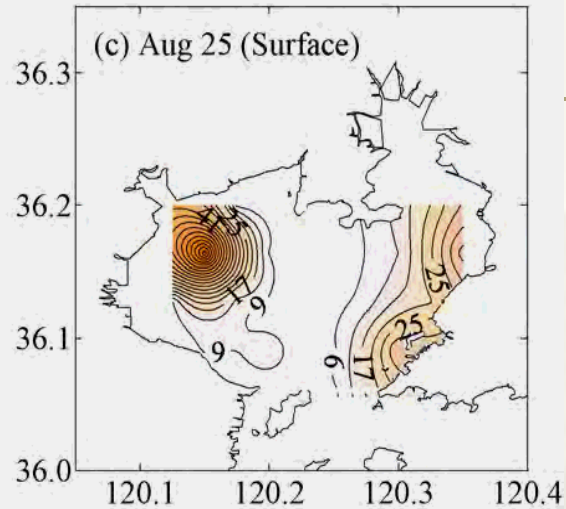
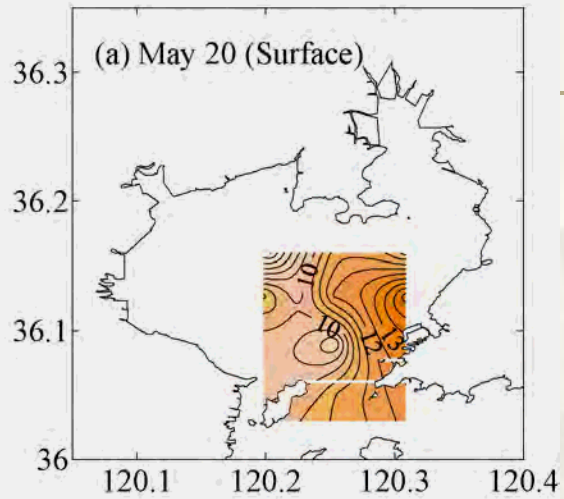
<sup>a</sup> The Qingdao Hydrologic Bureau, <sup>b</sup> the Qingdao Water Environment Pollution Survey Evaluation Report (1967–1988), <sup>c</sup> the Water Environment Detection Center of Qingdao (1997–2001)

CH<sub>4</sub>



Horizontal distributions of CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations (nmol/L) in the Jiaozhou Bay during May, August and December of 2003

N<sub>2</sub>O



Horizontal distributions of N<sub>2</sub>O concentrations (nmol/L) in the Jiaozhou Bay during May, August and December of 2003

## Dissolved CH<sub>4</sub> in the river waters around the Jiaozhou Bay and the riverine input

Rivers	CH <sub>4</sub> ( μ mol/L)					Flow <sup>a</sup> (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Riverine input (10 <sup>6</sup> mol/yr)
	2001.08	2001.10	2002.03	2002.05	Average		
Moshui River	2.86	37.9	95.0	42.9	44.7 ± 38.0	0.923	1.30
Licun River	11.0	19.8	40.3	53.9	31.2 ± 19.5	0.34	0.335
Loushan River	6.21	9.19		13.2	9.52 ± 3.49	0.11 <sup>b</sup>	0.033
Yang River	0.526	0.317	0.215	0.793	0.463 ± 0.255	1.78	0.026
Dagu River	1.49	0.857	2.37	0.167	1.22 ± 0.938	23.7	0.912
Sum						26.9	2.61

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	2002.03	2002.05	Average		
Moshui River	76.0	32.8	54.4	0.923	1.58
Licun River	158	206	182	0.34	1.95
Loushan River	141	781	461	0.11 <sup>b</sup>	1.60
Yang River		33.5	33.5	1.78	1.88
Dagu River	387	518	453	23.7	339
Sum				26.9	346

CH<sub>4</sub>Table 2. Seasonal variation of CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes in different regions of Jiaozhou Bay

Region	stations	CH <sub>4</sub> fluxes (μmol·m <sup>-2</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> )					
		Spring (May 2002/ May 2003)		Summer (Aug. 2003)		Winter (Dec. 2003)	
		LM86	W92	LM86	W92	LM86	W92
I	5(6)	178 ± 162	374 ± 342	364 ± 284	878 ± 685	118 ± 144	232 ± 282
II	6(1)	5.15	10.8	31.2 ± 42.3	75.3 ± 102	4.58 ± 1.40	8.98 ± 2.75
III	6(14)	11.3 ± 13.0	23.7 ± 27.3	21.9 ± 20.1	52.9 ± 48.5	4.24 ± 3.58	8.31 ± 7.02

Numbers in the parentheses are number of stations observed in spring

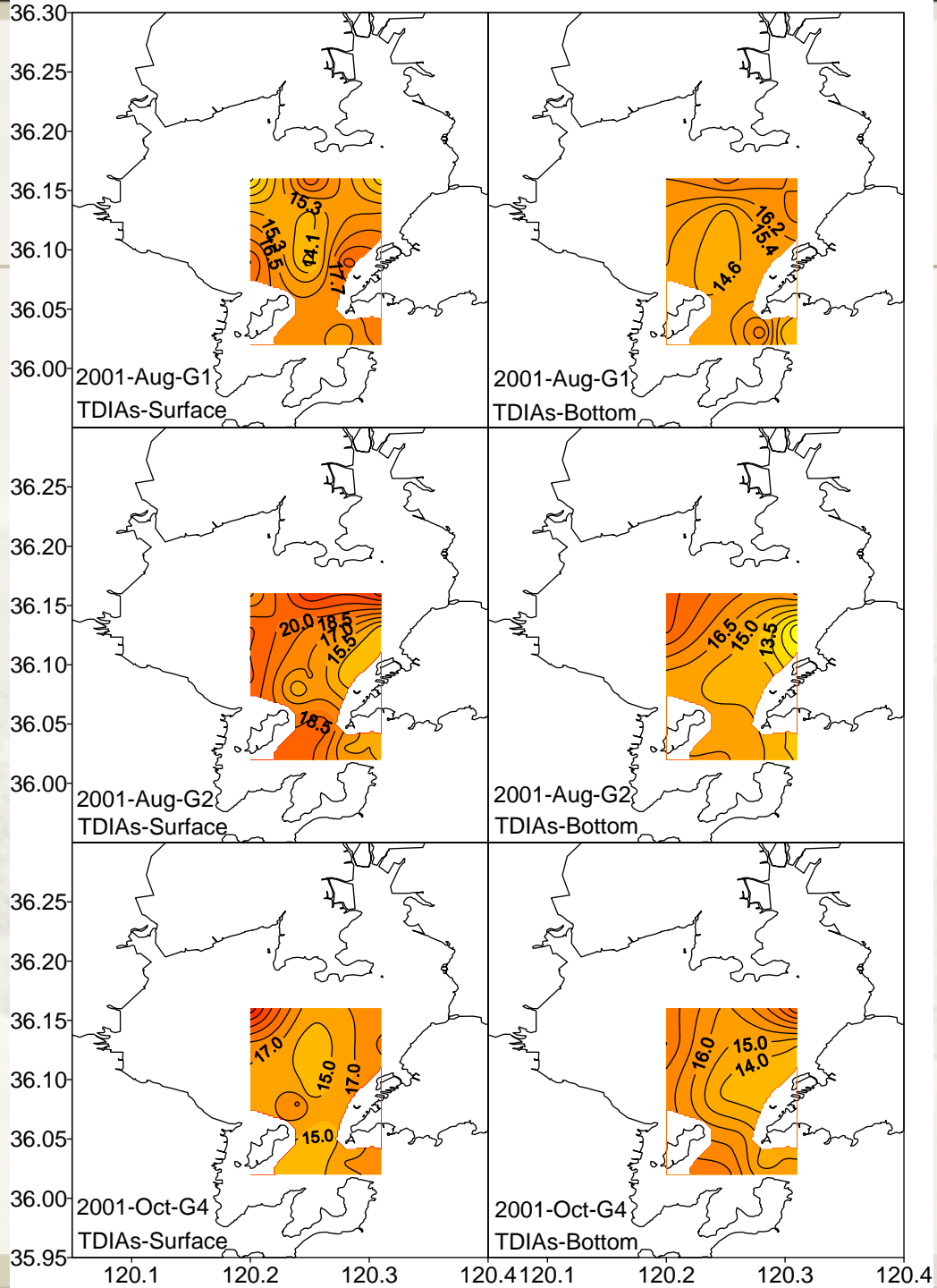
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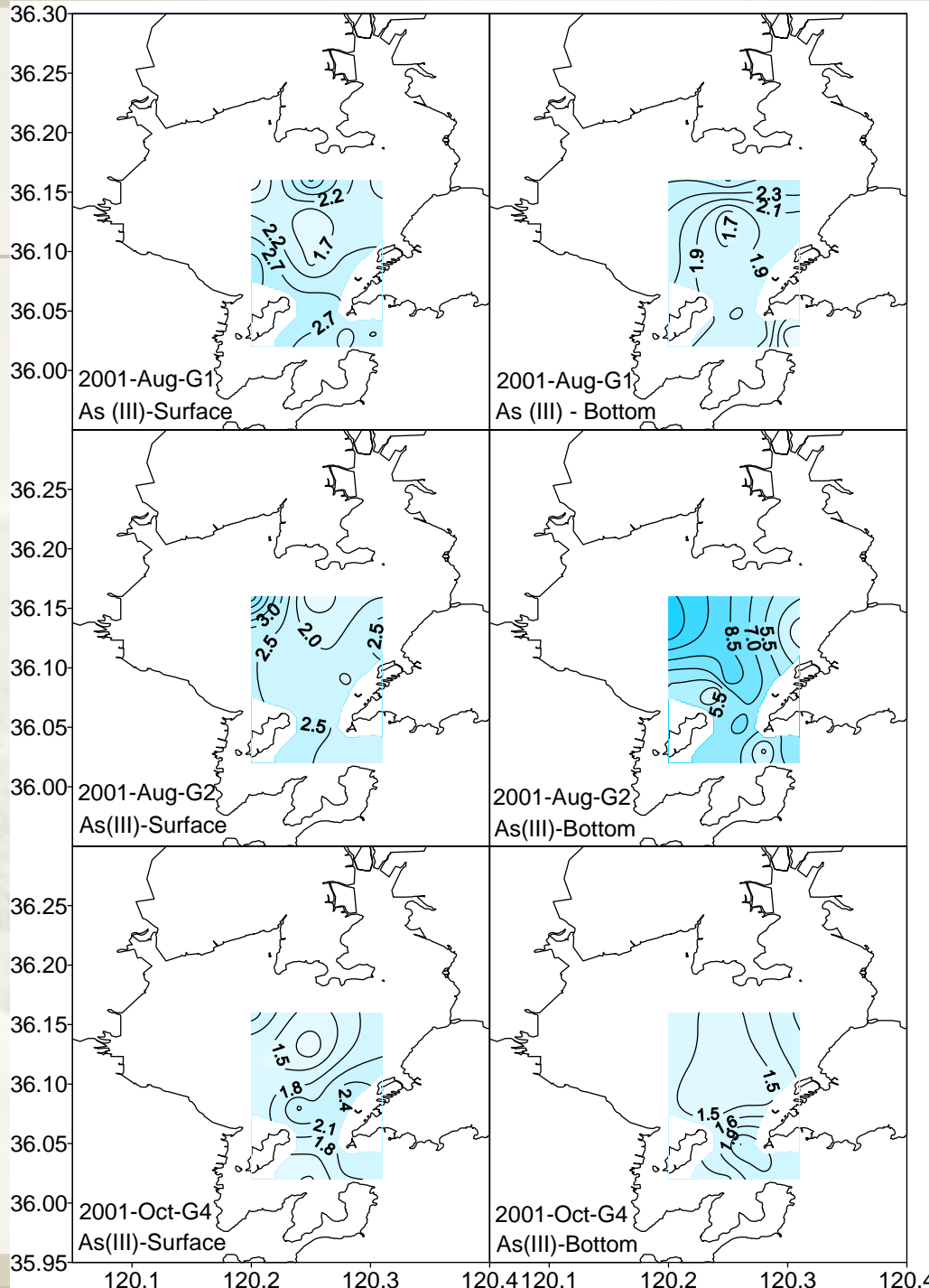
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		Spring (May 2002/ May 2003)		Summer (Aug. 2003)		Winter (Dec. 2003)	
		LM86	W92	LM86	W92	LM86	W92
I	5(6)	17.7 ± 24.7	37.3 ± 51.9	21.3 ± 14.3	50.5 ± 27.4	11.4 ± 7.90	22.4 ± 15.5
II	6(0)			22.6 ± 44.2	43.4 ± 84.8	16.3 ± 21.3	32.0 ± 41.8
III	6(14)	1.50 ± 3.73	3.16 ± 7.86	3.03 ± 2.78	5.81 ± 5.32	-0.67 ± 2.74	-1.31 ± 5.37

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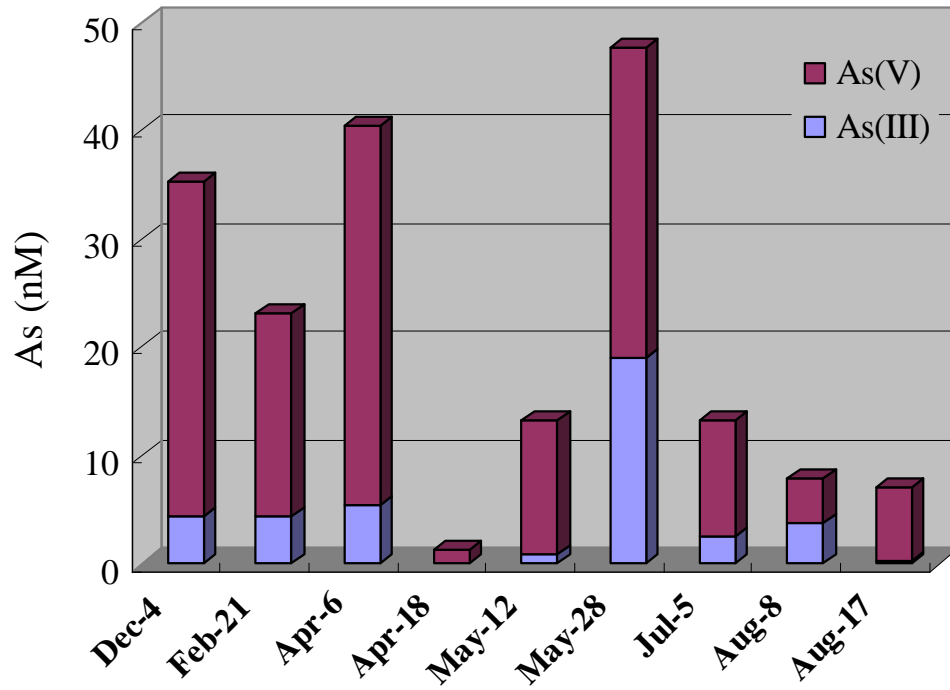
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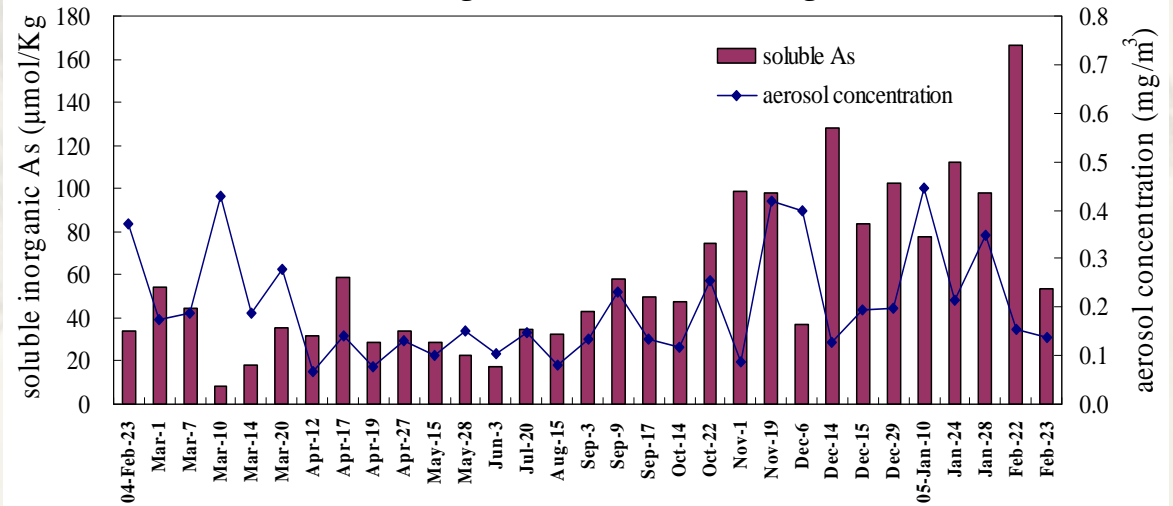


As<sup>3+</sup> in August and October 2001

## Rainwater in Qingdao

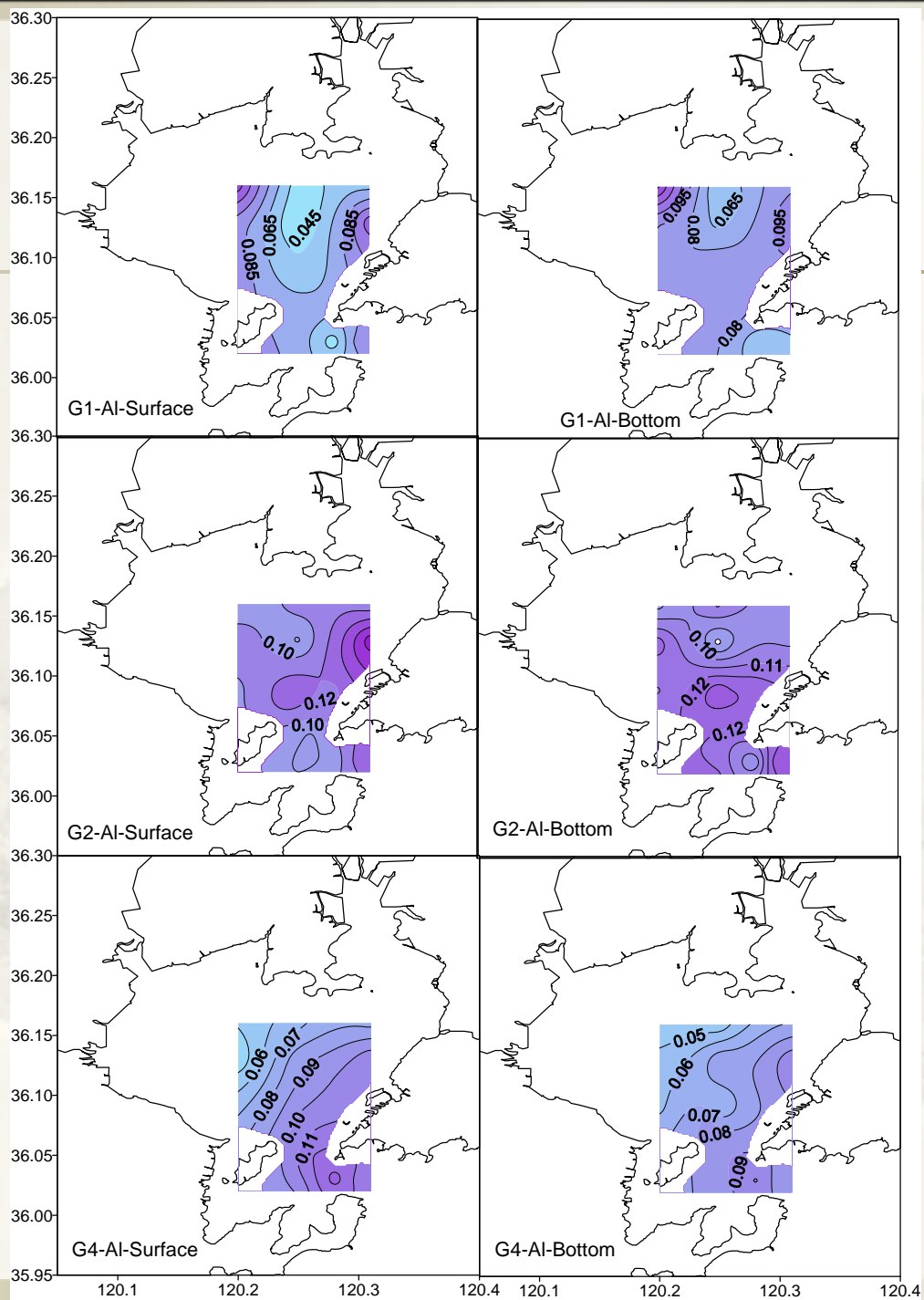


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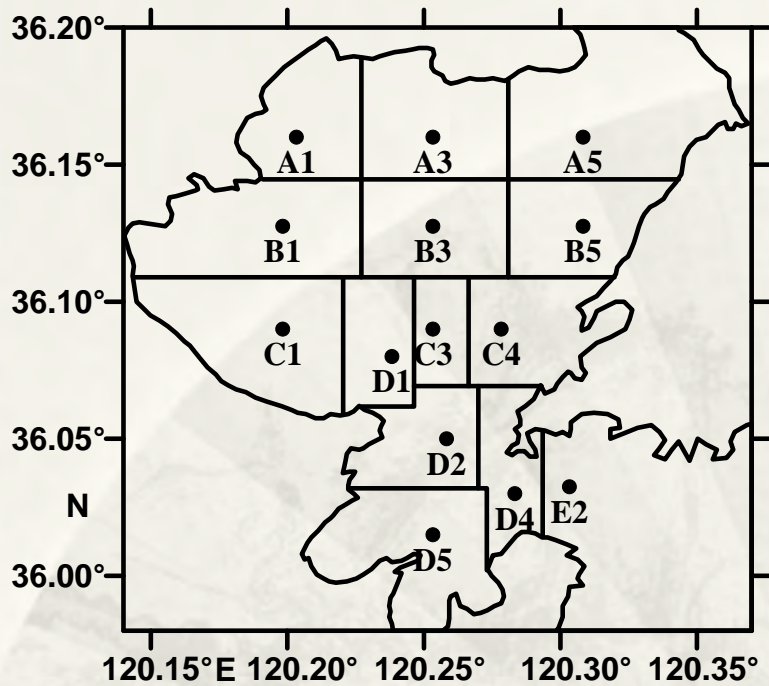


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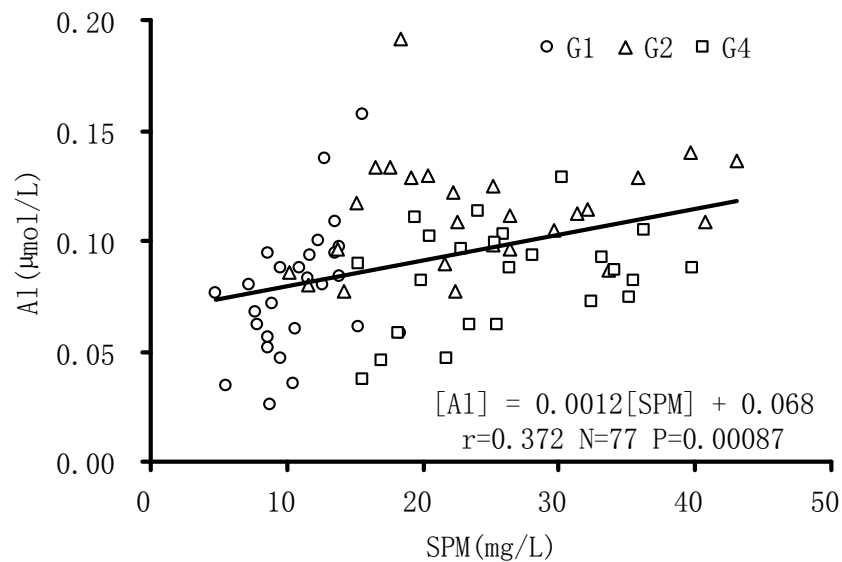
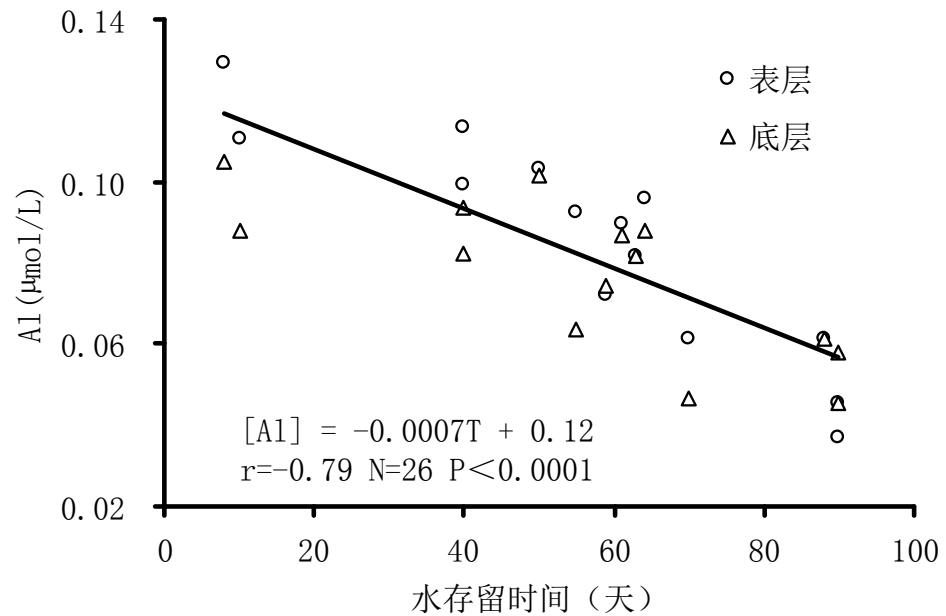
Pathways	Flux (mol yr <sup>-1</sup> )
River	$(13.4 \pm 4.6) \times 10^3$
Rainfall	$5.6 \times 10^3$
Aerosols	$0.14 \times 10^3$
Ground waters	$0.51 \pm 0.92$
Waste waters	$1.01 \times 10^3$
Yellow Sea → Jiaozhou Bay	$(410 \pm 95) \times 10^3$
Jiaozhou Bay → Yellow Sea	$(11.8 \pm 2.4) \times 10^3$



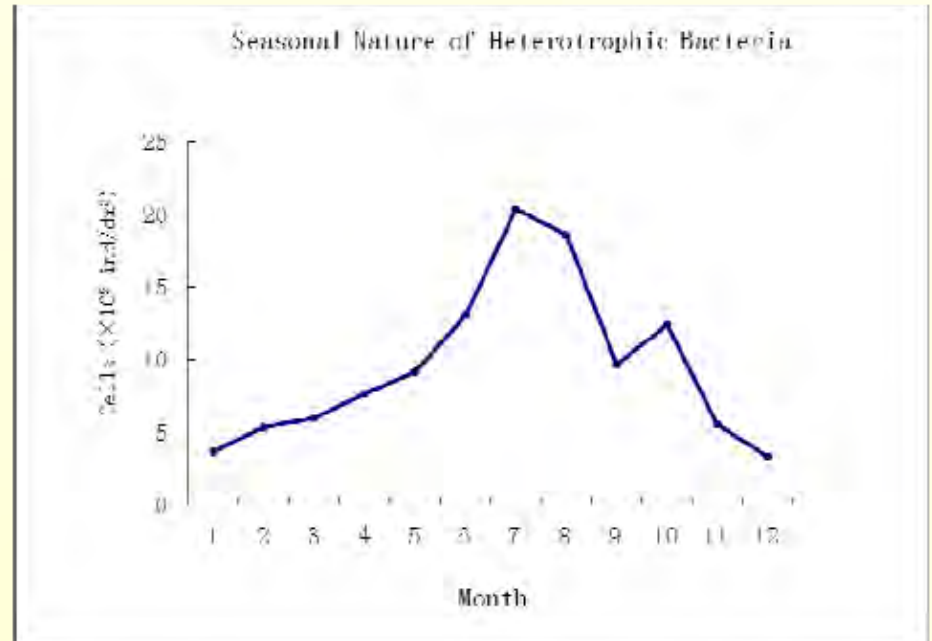
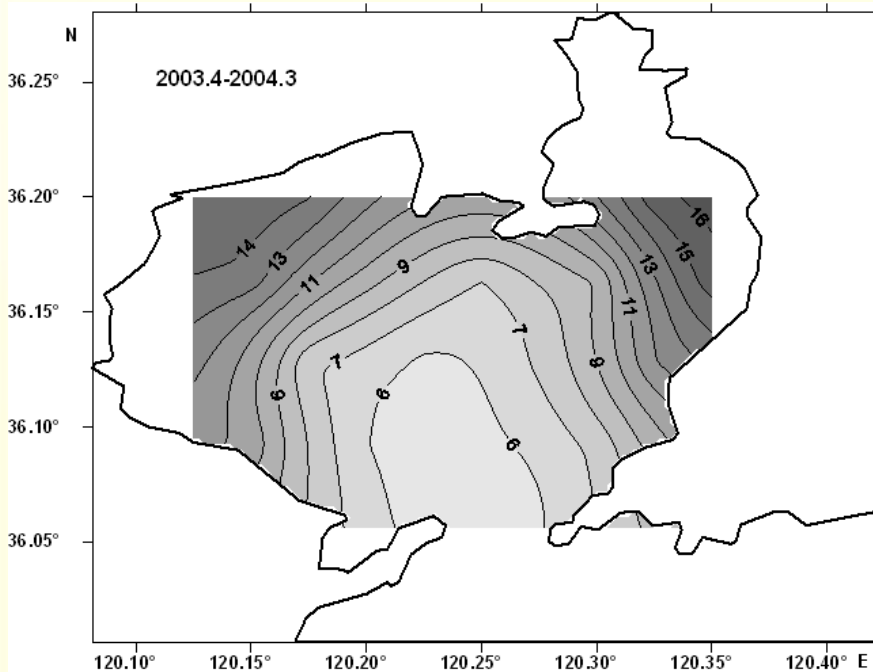
Dissolved Al in August and October 2011.



Sub-regions of Al distribution



# Heterotrophic bacteria (cell/dm<sup>3</sup>)

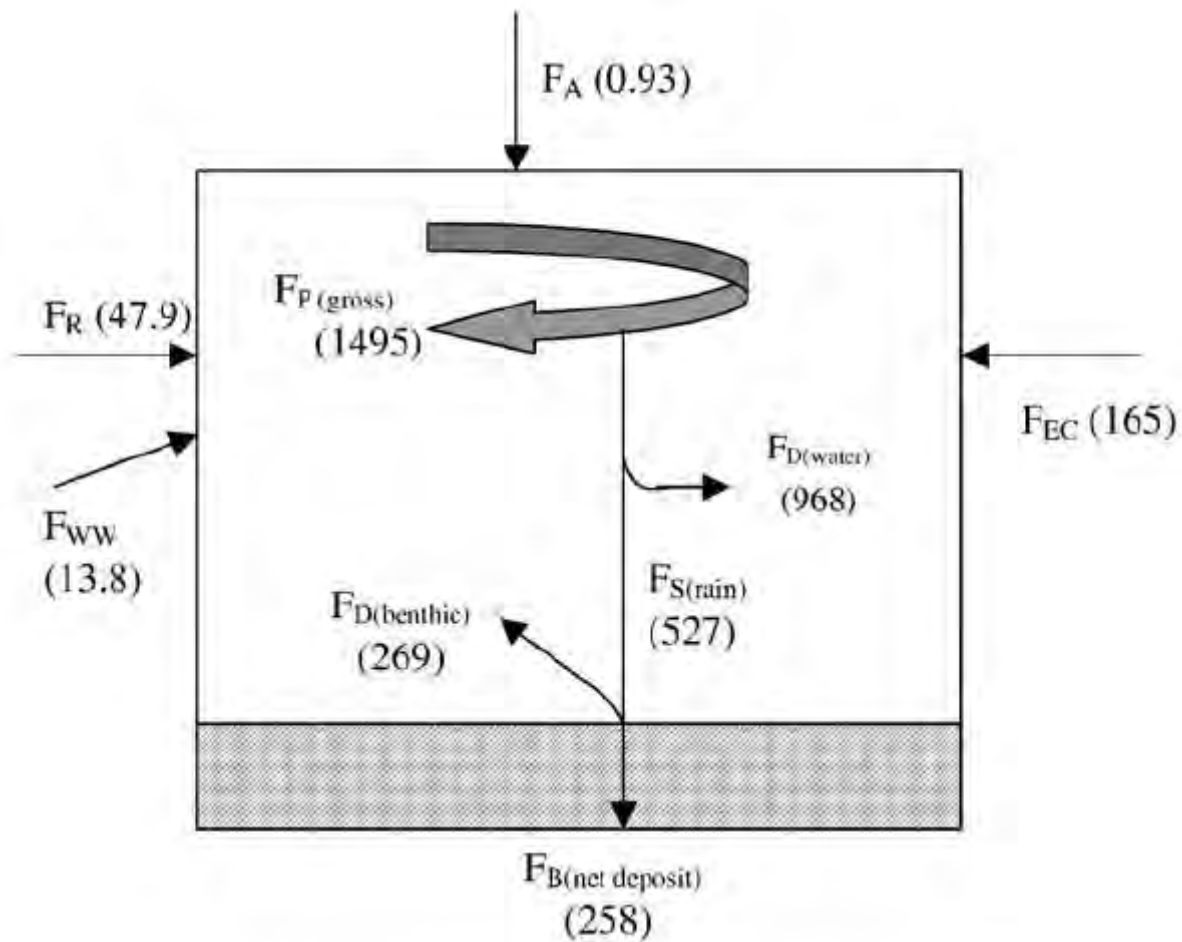


- Heterotrophic bacteria biomass is  $5.06 \times 10^9$ - $15.64 \times 10^9$  cell/dm<sup>3</sup> (Average:  $9.64 \times 10^9$  cell/dm<sup>3</sup>)
- Use of TP by heterotrophic bacteria is 0.9-1.7  $\mu$  mol/cell.h, PO<sub>4</sub>-P turn-over time is 7-40 days
- Production by heterotrophic bacteria is 1.29  $\mu$  g C/L.h on average, decreasing from west to the bay mouth

Table 7  
Nutrient budgets ( $10^6 \text{ mol yr}^{-1}$ ) in Jiaozhou Bay

	$\text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{NH}_4^+$	$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$	$\text{SiO}_3^{2-}$	Data sources
<i>Atmospheric deposition (surface area = 390 km<sup>2</sup>)</i>					Result/ 7
Wet deposition	$7.33 \pm 4.91$	$14.3 \pm 5.9$	$0.29 \pm 0.23$	$1.67 \pm 0.38$	
Dry deposition	$6.16 \pm 4.0$	$12.4 \pm 10.6$	$0.04 \pm 0.03$	$0.014 \pm 0.011$	
Subtotal	$13.5 \pm 8.9$	$26.8 \pm 16.5$	$0.33 \pm 0.26$	$1.68 \pm 0.39$	
Stream discharge	$28.3 \pm 22.6$	$33.827.0$	$2.49 \pm 1.99$	$61.2 \pm 49.0$	Table 4
Wastewater	$6.77 \pm 2.03$	$314 \pm 94$	$2.57 \pm 0.77$	$13.8 \pm 4.1$	Result/6
Input	$48.6 \pm 33.5$	$375 \pm 138$	$5.39 \pm 3.02$	$76.7 \pm 53.5$	
Residual flow ( $=V_R \times [C]_R$ , $V_R = 712.5 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , $C_R = ([C]_2 + [C]_1)/2$ )	$-2.97 \pm 0.30$	$-2.88 \pm 0.29$	$-0.29 \pm 0.03$	$-5.49 \pm 0.55$	
Mixing volume ( $=V_X ([C]_2 - [C]_1)$ , $V_X = 32215 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ )	$-41.6 \pm 4.2$	$-199 \pm 20$	$2.90 \pm 0.29$	$161 \pm 16$	
Sink/source	$-4.03 \pm 0.27$	$-173 \pm 64$	$-8.00 \pm 4.48$	$-232 \pm 162$	
Sediment–water (the product of directly observed fluxes at station J2 and surface area)					
Benthic flux	$13.8 \pm 1.8$	$-5.84 \pm 0.99$	$-4.41 \pm 1.54$	$67.8 \pm 17.6$	Fig. 7





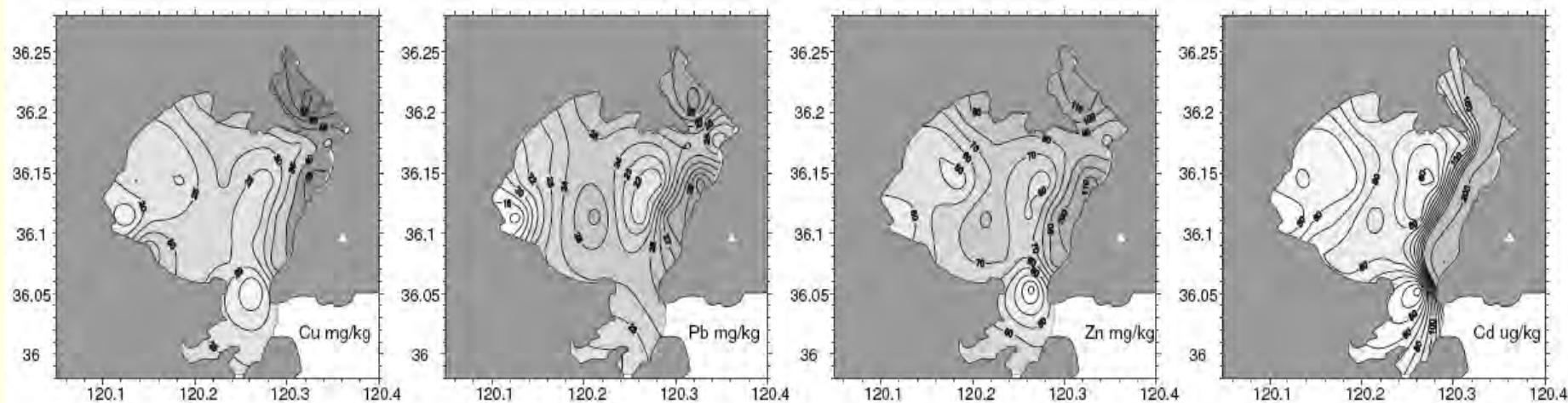
**Fig. 4.** Silicon budget ( $10^6 \text{ mol yr}^{-1}$ ) in Jiaozhou Bay. River input,  $F_R$ ; atmospheric deposition,  $F_A$ ; wastewater discharge,  $F_{WW}$ ; deposition of BSi in sediment,  $F_B$ ; BSi gross production,  $F_P$  (gross); silicic acid flux recycled in the water column,  $F_{D(\text{water})}$ ; silicic acid flux at the sediment-water interface,  $F_D$  (benthic); BSi flux that reaches the sediment-water interface,  $F_S$  (rain); total silicon (i.e., silicic acid plus BSi) exchange flux from the Yellow Sea,  $F_{EC}$ .

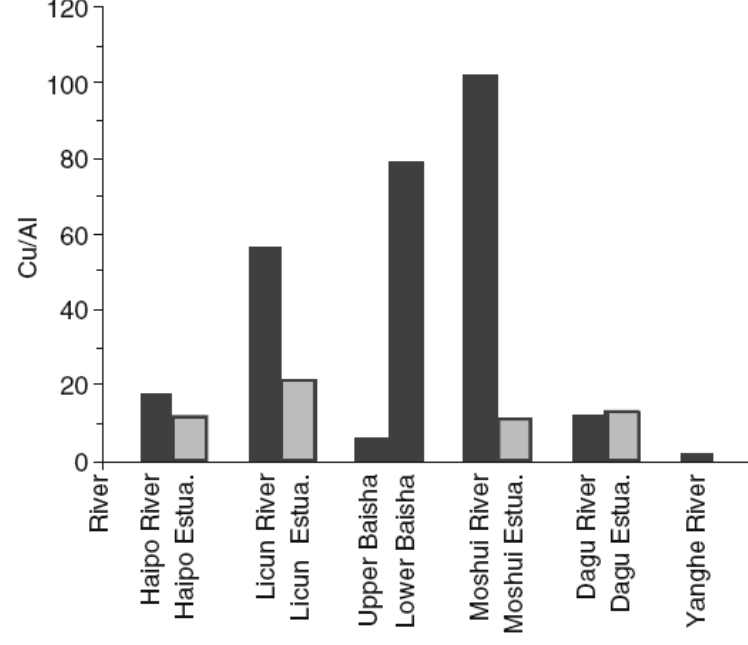
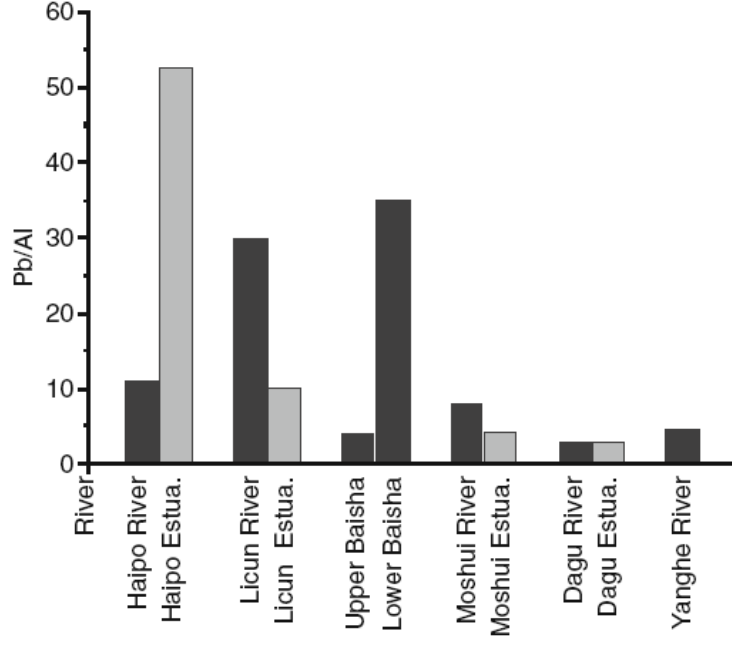
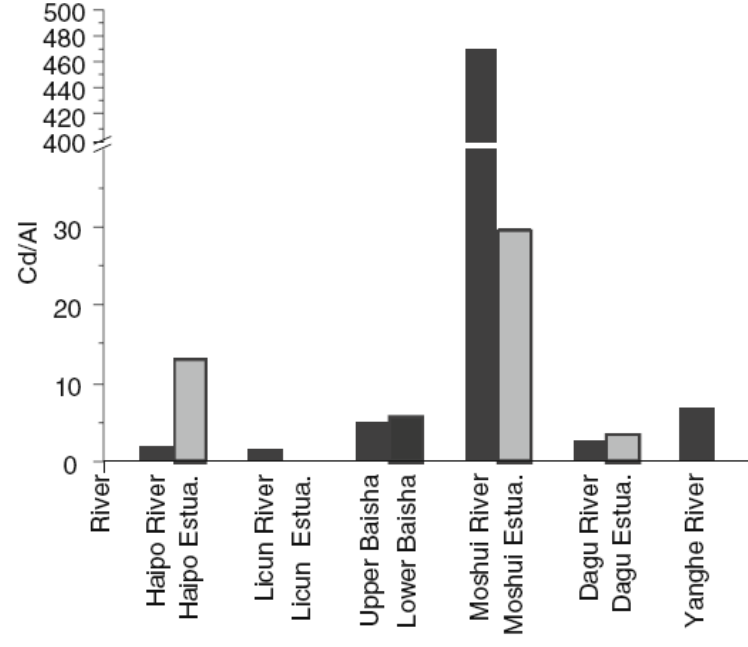
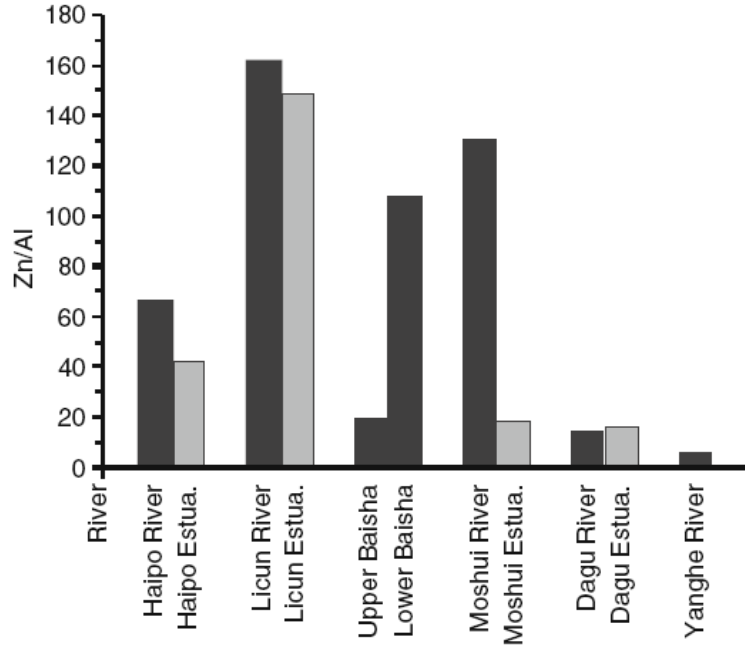
**Table 2** Element concentration of river sediment

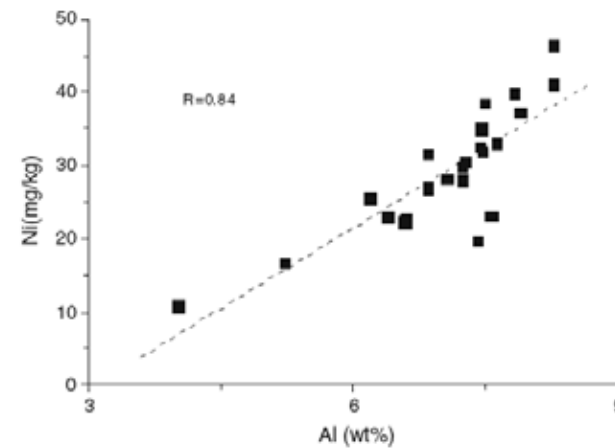
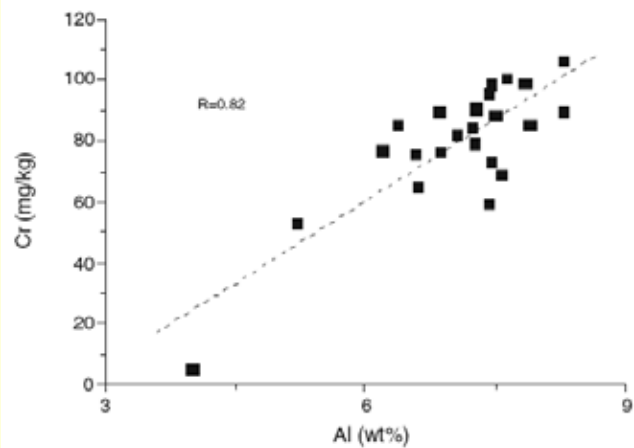
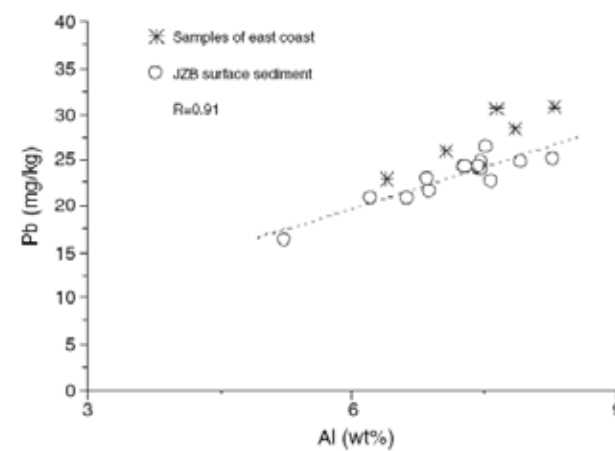
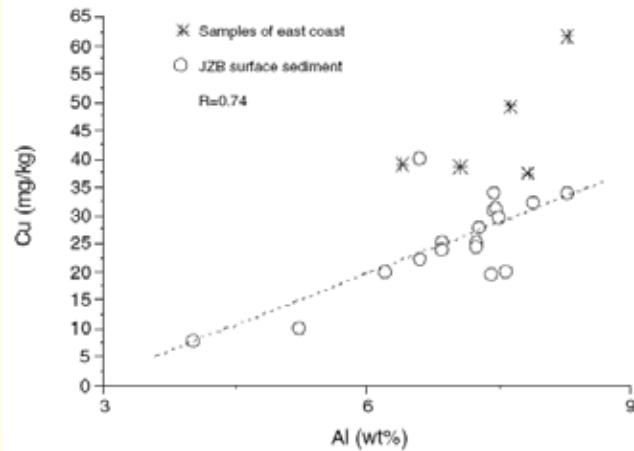
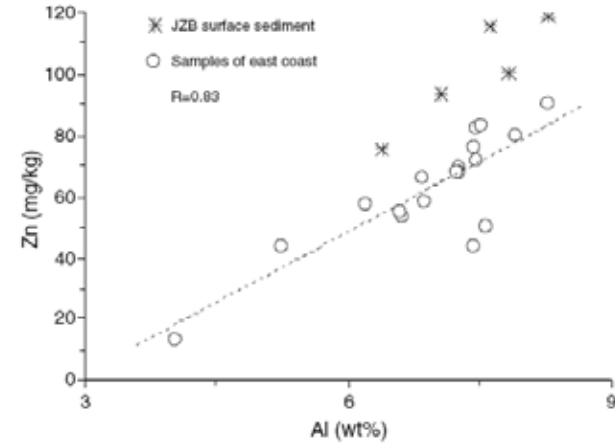
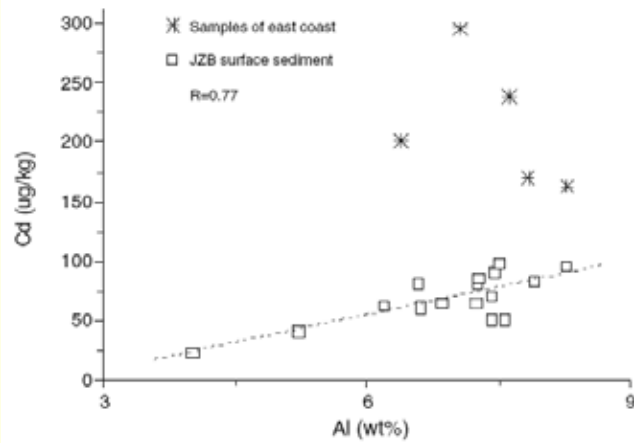
Rivers	0–2 $\mu\text{m}$	2–63 $\mu\text{m}$	>63 $\mu\text{m}$	Na	Mg	Ca	K	Al	Fe	Sr	Mn	Cr	Cu	Ni	Ti	V	Zn	Cd	Pb
Haipo	16.34	80.53	3.15	2.1	0.6	2.0	2.7	6.4	2.8	244.2	347.5	78.8	111.3	35.7	2729	41.2	425.9	0.125	71.8
Haipo Estua.	0.78	8.03	91.16	2.3	0.4	1.3	3.2	3.7	2.3	152.0	298.9	46.5	42.1	11.8	1794	29.9	156.4	0.486	195.0
Licun	18.81	76.31	4.89	1.0	0.8	5.7	1.3	4.2	2.3	305.6	905.4	86.1	234.9	35.5	2363	41.2	672.5	0.069	125.0
Licun Estua.	26.84	73.14	0	2.2	2.3	11.5	1.7	6.5	3.9	877.9	843.4	113.9	135.1	44.4	3882	68.9	956.9	–	65.8
Upper Baisha	3.80	13.01	83.26	1.0	0.8	2.2	1.7	9.3	3.5	155.5	2277.5	80.3	55.6	30.4	2693	95.3	175.0	0.450	35.2
Lower Baisha	17.66	80.81	1.55	1.5	1.2	3.5	1.7	5.8	3.7	219.2	1467.3	104.7	457.8	45.8	3765	82.8	627.0	0.324	203.3
Moshui	3.62	17.93	78.45	1.7	0.9	2.8	2.0	5.9	3.1	275.8	687.7	118.5	603.7	125.8	3335	58.8	767.7	27.614	46.9
Moshui Estua.	4.74	31.17	64.08	1.7	0.5	0.9	2.2	5.5	2.2	229.2	457.0	86.5	61.9	33.7	4418	54.5	100.7	1.626	23.8
Dagu	16.61	80.09	3.32	1.5	1.4	0.8	2.4	9.0	4.9	169.3	992.2	124.3	108.2	69.9	4875	104.3	126.8	0.252	26.6
Dagu Estua.	12.82	74.30	12.88	1.8	1.0	0.9	2.3	7.5	3.3	203.0	917.7	90.1	96.2	38.5	4048	69.4	120.6	0.263	22.2
Yanghe	0.14	4.16	95.70	1.6	0.2	0.9	2.4	4.5	1.8	155.8	386.7	29.8	7.2	8.3	2630	32.3	28.7	0.308	20.3
JZB sediment	12.59	60.78	26.63	2.2	1.0	1.1	2.5	7.1	3.1	203.8	854.6	79.3	29.7	29.2	3726	75.2	71.2	0.101	24.2
Preindustrial				2.1	1.4	0.9	2.6	8.3	4.4	157.1	863.5	87.7	25.8	43.2	4630	110.7	84.8	0.059	26.2

Units for Na, Mg, Ca, K, Al, and Fe are wt.%; units for Sr, Mn, Cr, Cu, Ni, Ti, V, Zn, Cd, Pb are mg/kg; Units for grain size composition are volume percent

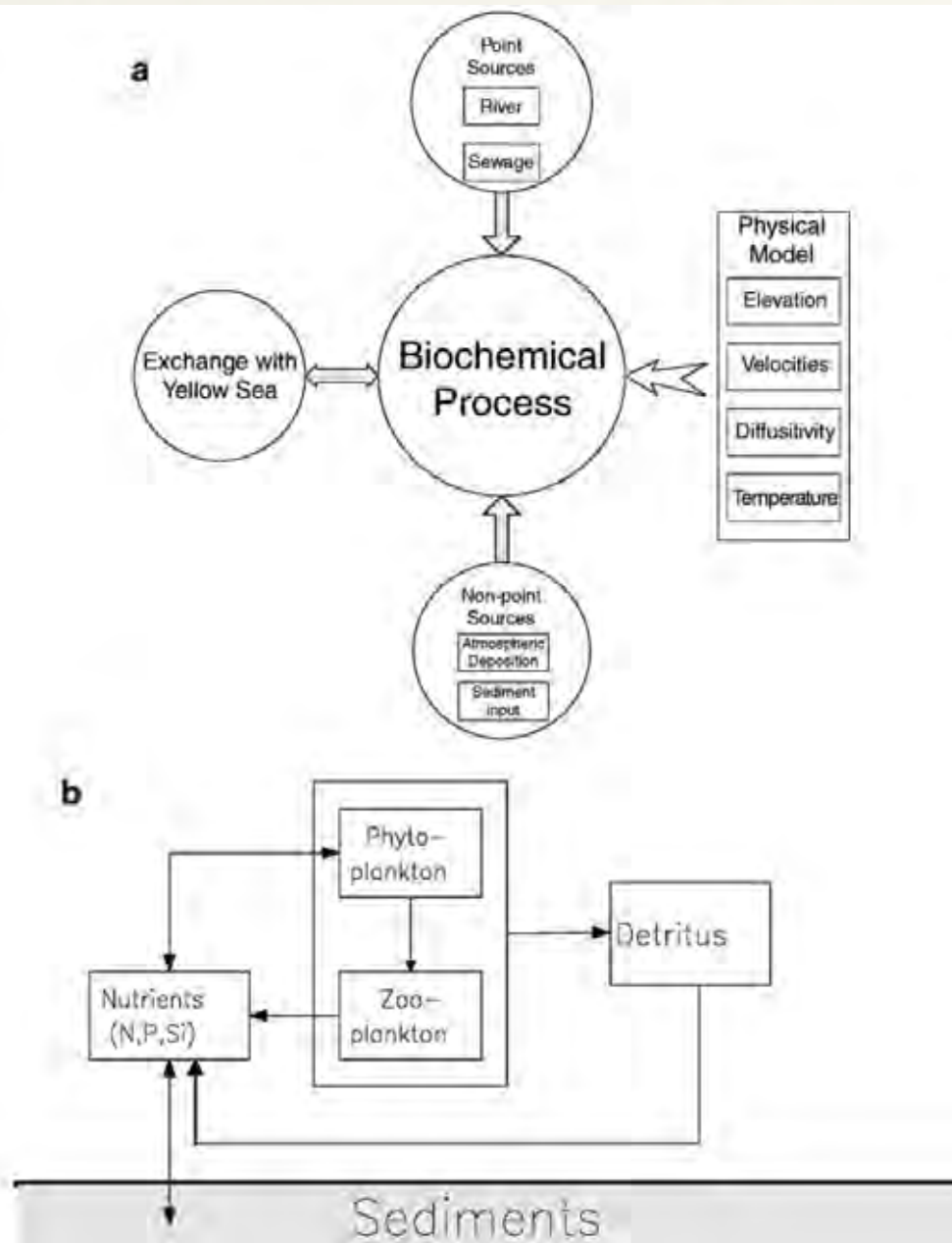
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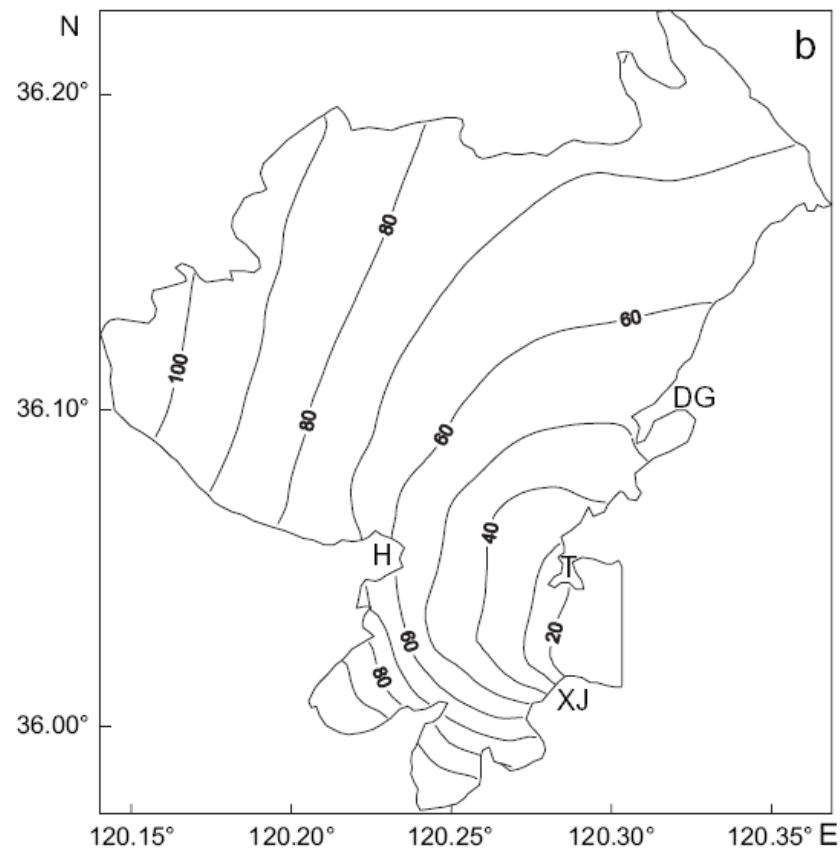
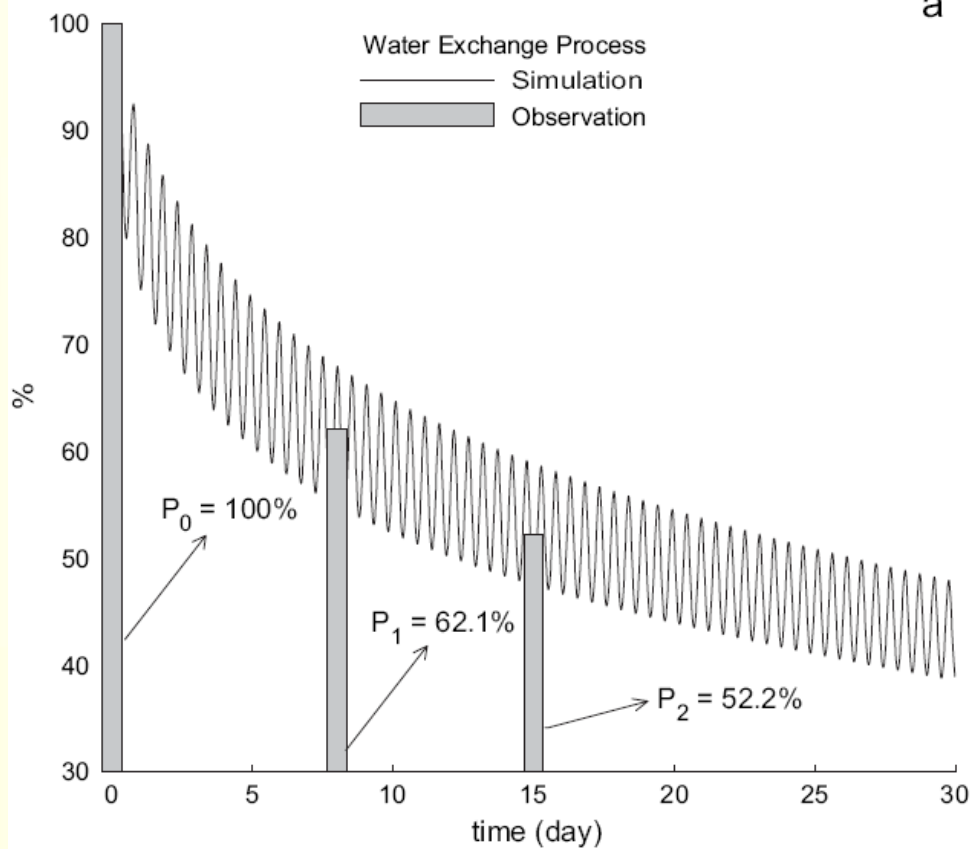




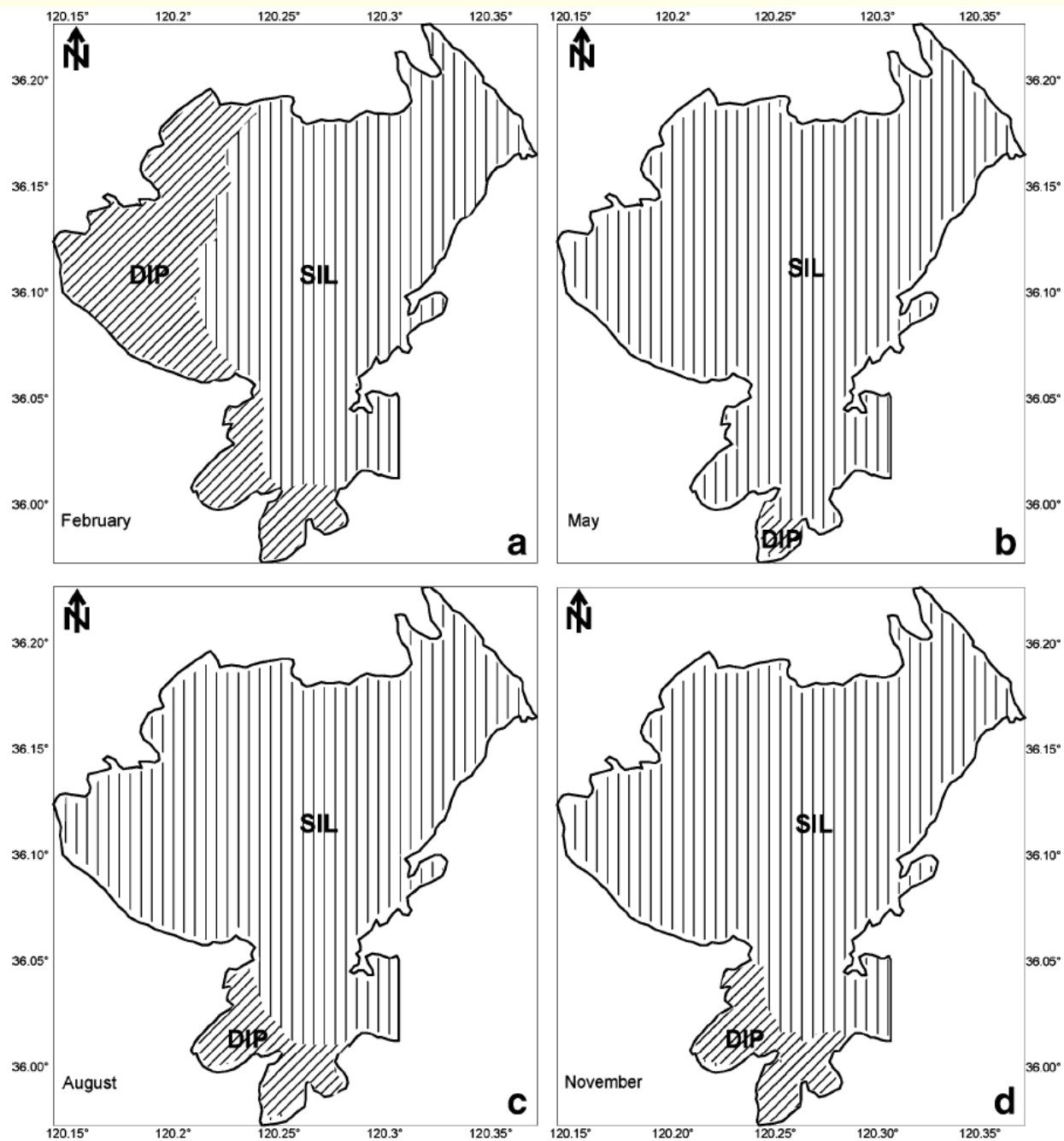


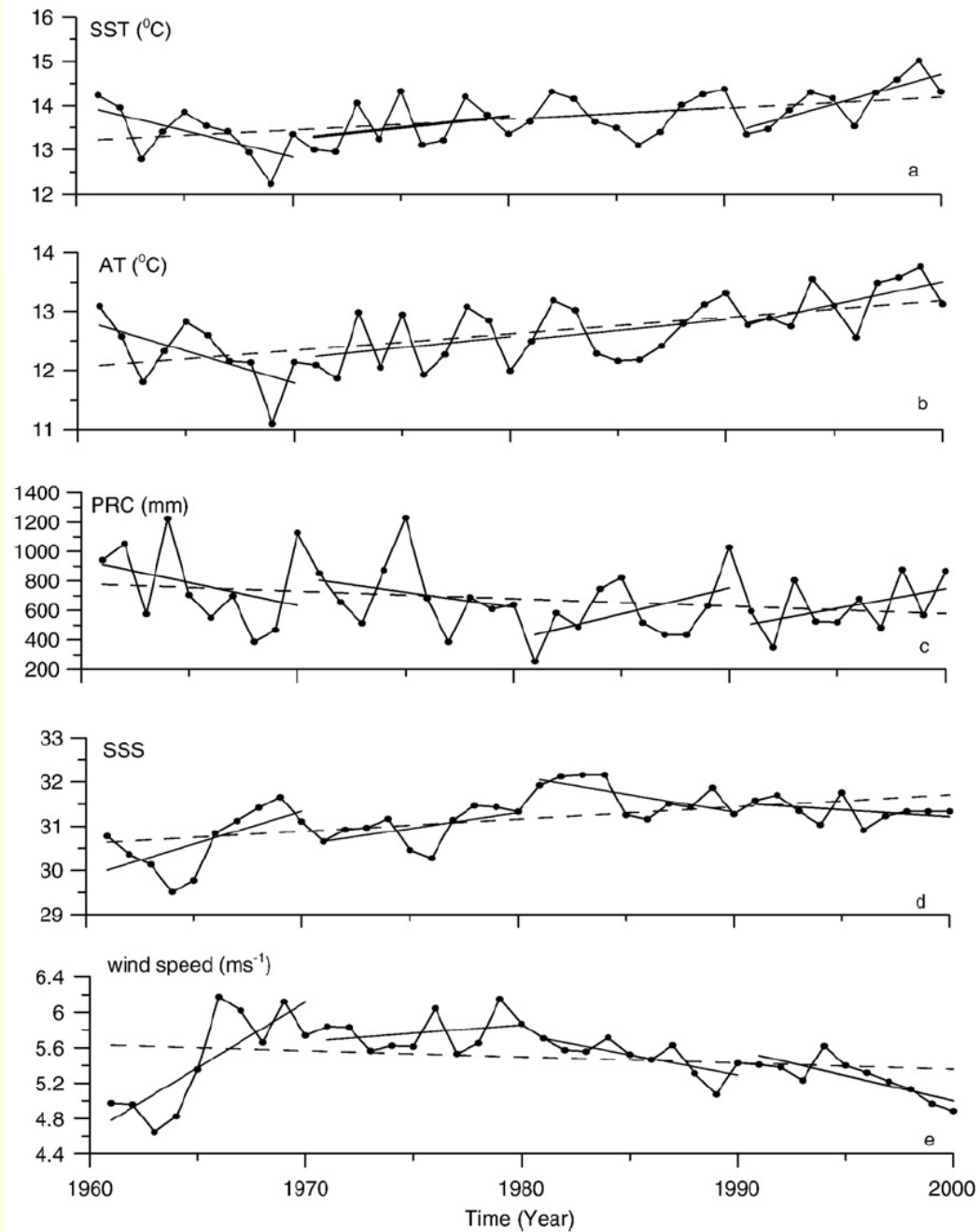
**Fig. 2** Structures of the 3-dimensional physical-biological model used in this study. The physical model output (e.g., current field) drives the transport process of biological tracers, and the nutrients exchange occurring at multiple interfaces (e.g., JZB-YS, JZB-rivers, and water-atmosphere) are considered (a). The key biochemical processes such as photosynthesis, plankton metabolism, and detritus mineralization, are coupled and illustrated by arrows (b)



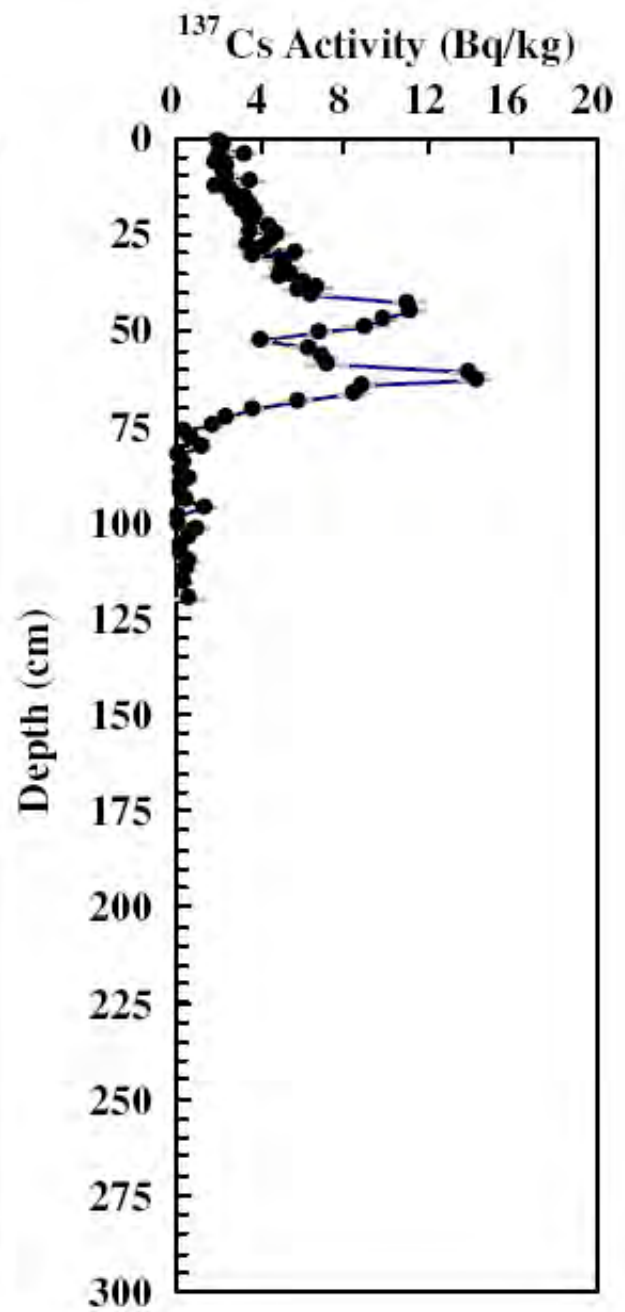
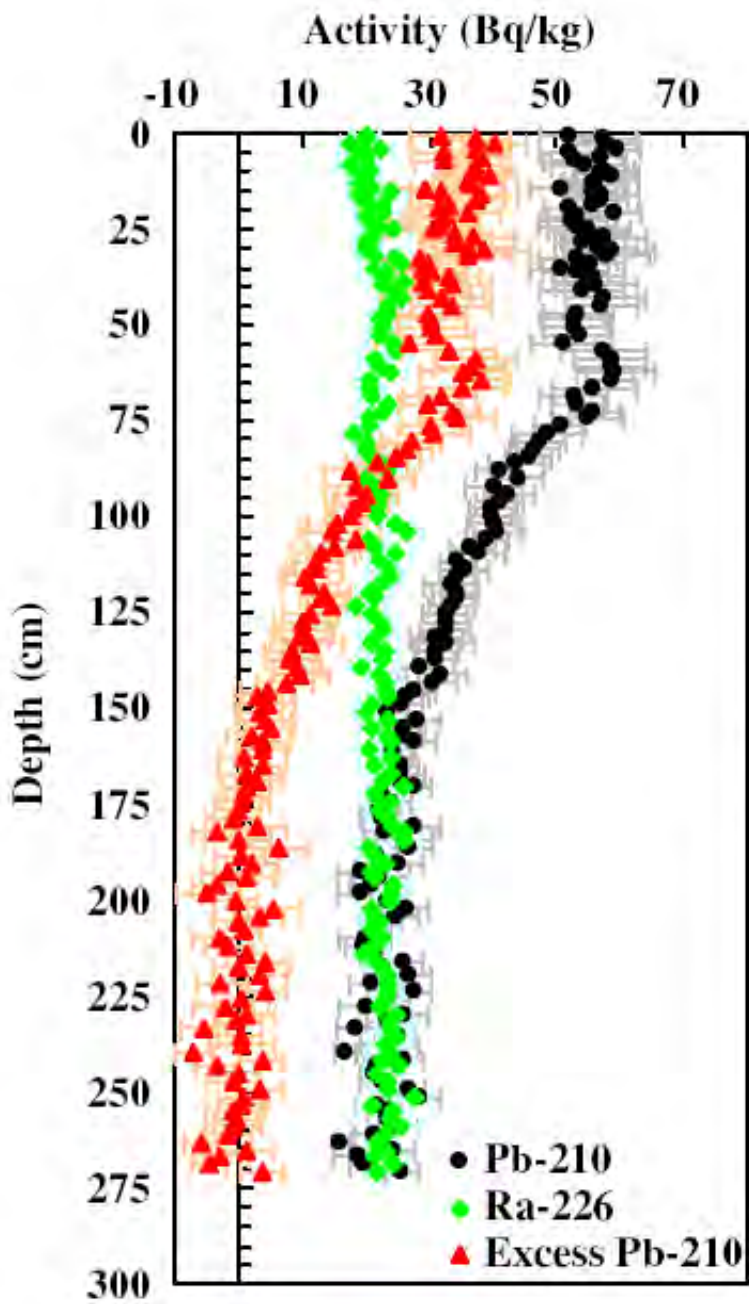


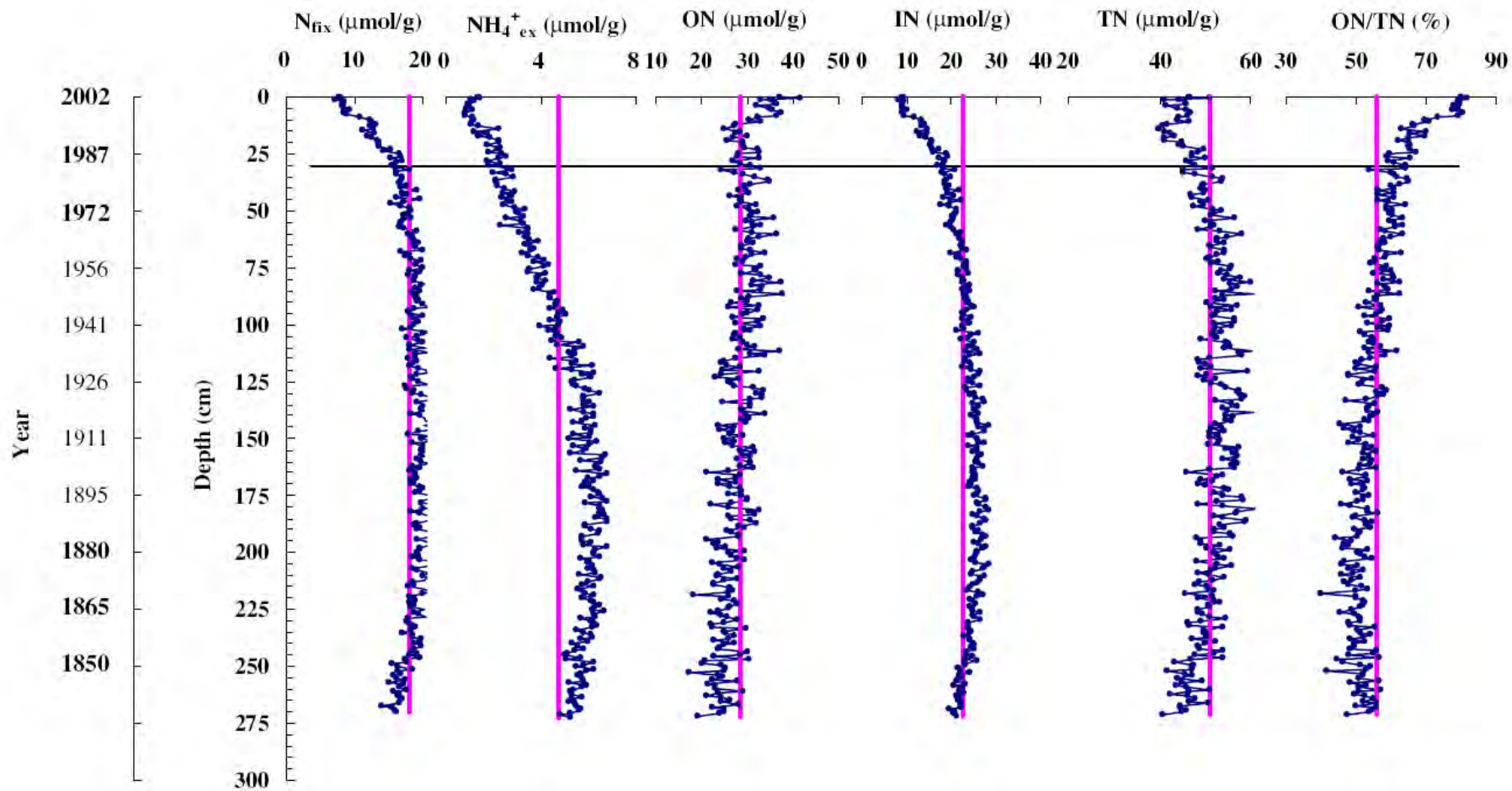
**Fig. 6** Limiting elements for phytoplankton growth in surface layer in February (a), May (b), August (c), and November (d). The symbols of 'DIP' and 'SIL' mean that the phytoplankton growth is limited by DIP and SIL, respectively. It indicates that DIN is not a limiting element for phytoplankton

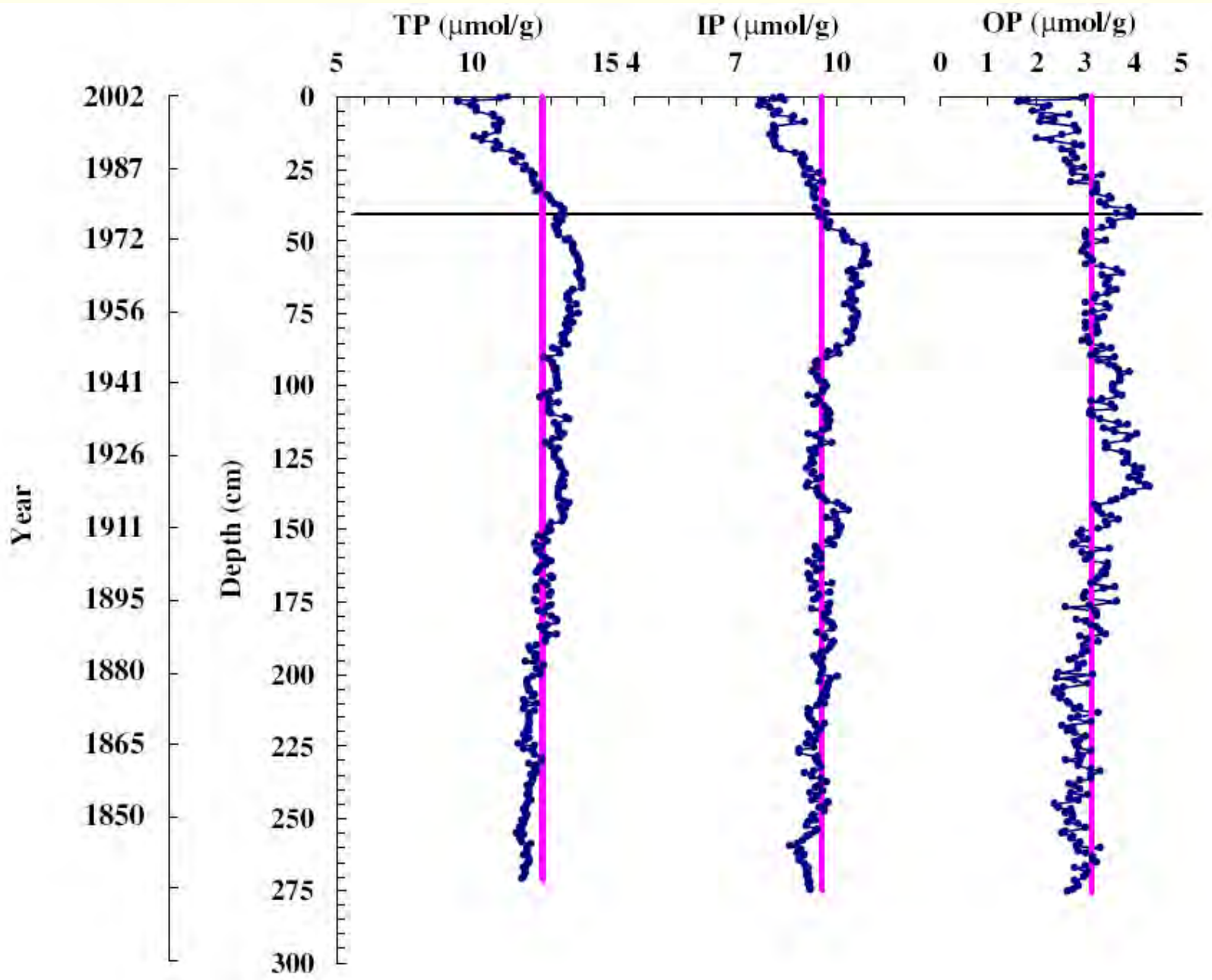


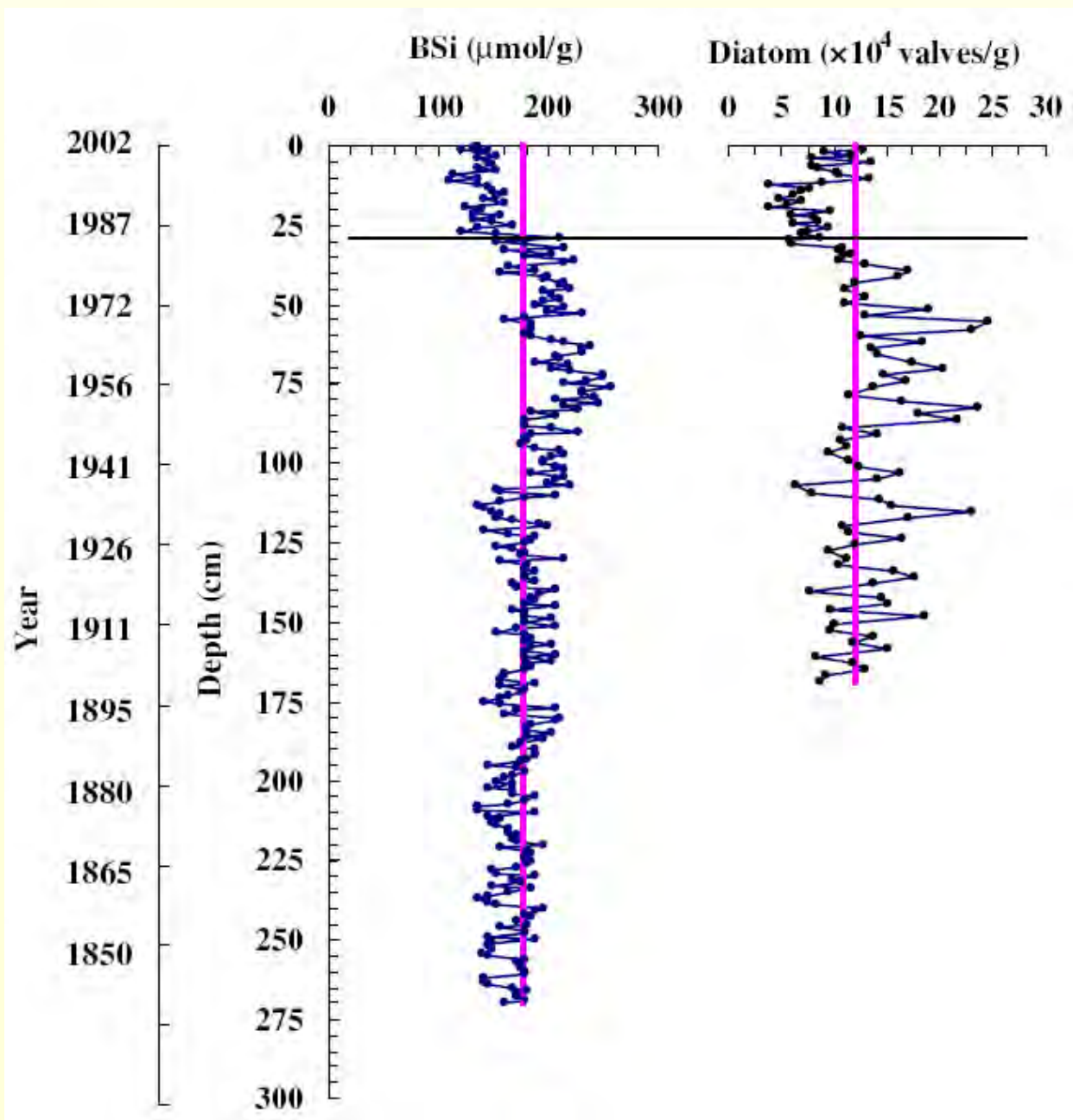


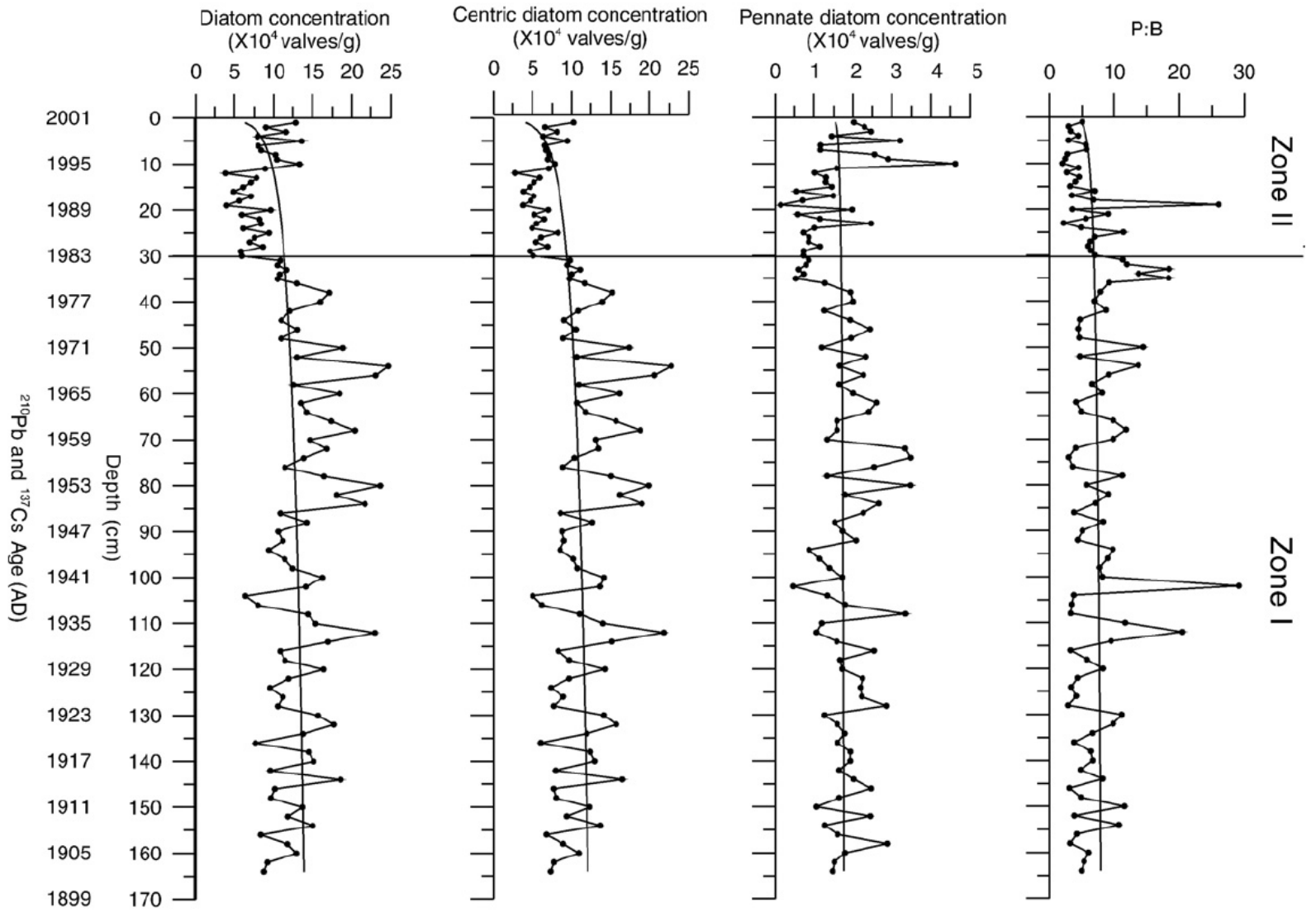


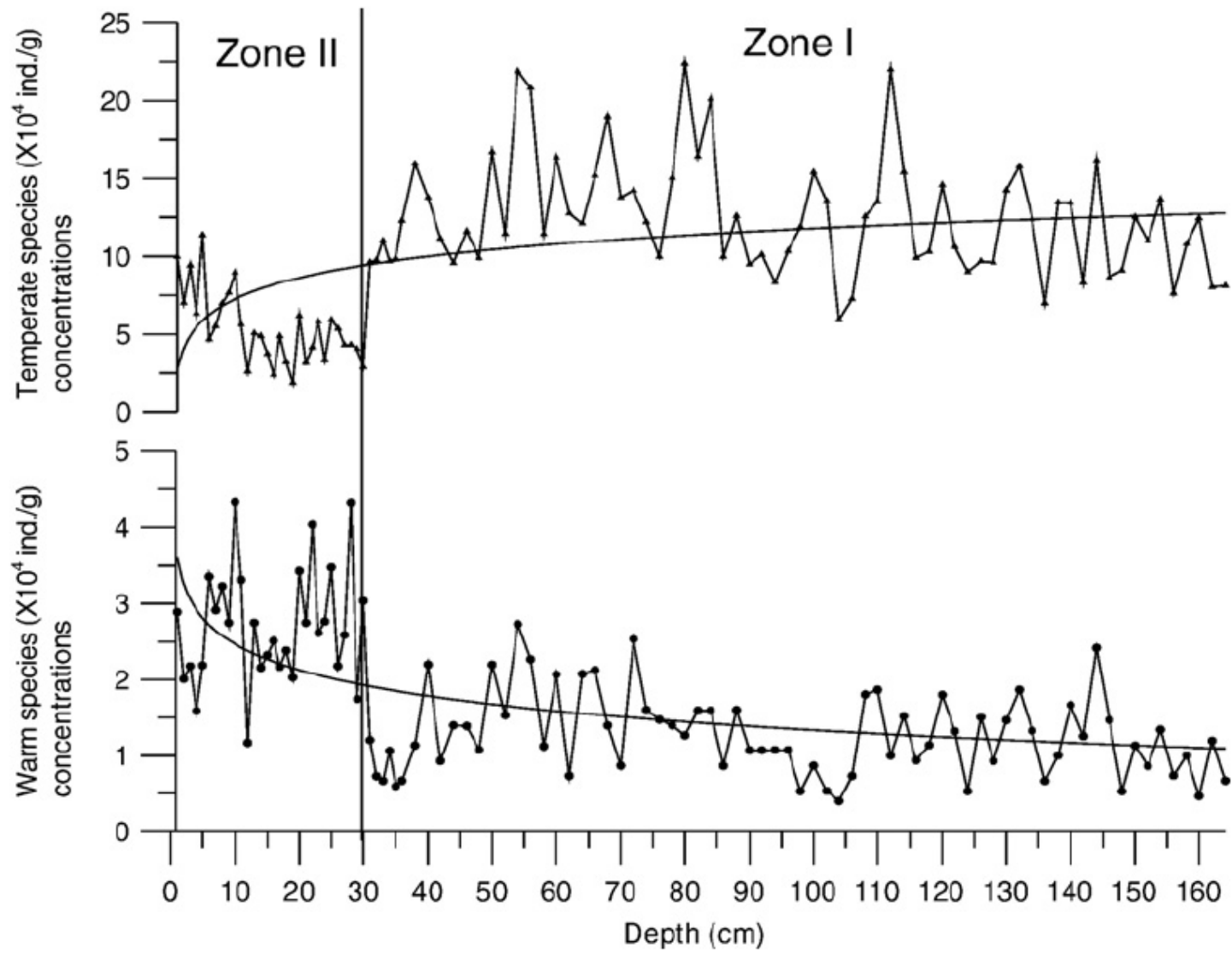












# Conclusions and Way Forward

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- \* Change in land use and urbanization have induced a considerable variation of nutrients in the marine recipient, like Jiaozhou Bay with change in budgets and skewed specie ratio
- \* Compared to other coastal environments of China, concentration of nutrients in the Jiaozhou Bay are not at the top, hydrographic processes play an important role in regulating the nutrient regimes in the system, e.g. comparable tour-over time with flushing time
- \* Over last 50-100 years, the food-web structure at low trophic level (e.g. phytoplankton) has been modified following the nature of climate change and human being activities in combination

# Information for Management

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- \* Hydrography
- \* Nutrient loading
- \* Water quality
- \* Recreation
- \* Industry vs tourism