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# Mitigating Phytoplankton Phenology Mismatches in the Arctic Ocean Biogeochemical Reanalysis

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#### Mass concentration of chlorophyll a in sea water [mg/m<sup>3</sup>]

- Mole concentration of dissolved molecular oxygen in sea water [mmol/m<sup>3</sup>]
- Mole concentration of nitrate in sea water [mmol/m<sup>3</sup>]
- Mole concentration of phosphate in sea water [mmol/m<sup>3</sup>]
- Mole concentration of phytoplankton expressed as carbon in sea water [mmol/m<sup>3</sup>]
- Mole concentration of silicate in sea water [mmol/m<sup>3</sup>]
- Mole concentration of zooplankton expressed as carbon in sea water [mmol/m
- Net primary production of biomass expressed as carbon per unit volume in sea water [mg/m3/day]
- Sea floor depth below sea level [n] Volume attenuation coefficient of downwelling
- radiative flux in sea water [m<sup>-1</sup>]

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2010

2011

2012



DA system: Lag 1 EnKS with joint state and global parameter estimation 8 days analysis cycle OC CCI Chl-a and in situ nutrients DA No Physics DA





Late bloom onset

Luck of fall bloom



**CHL NRW 2007** 

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4 mg/m<sub>3</sub>]

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**BIORAN** validation mask 70°N 80°N 80°N 70°N 120°W KR 100°W BR LBB GL 80°W Deptn [m] 60°N NRW 11 60°W NR 50°N SPNA 20°W 40°W 0°

Phytoplankton Phenology mismatch

Too string peak spring bloom

between model and data in Norwegian Sea



Chl [log(mg/m3)]

Average annual profile











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## DA incidents on MLD - NO3 plane







Left panel:

PDF of Phytoplankton bloom on the MLD - NO3 plane based on 2019-2021 model free run.

Two cases of data assimilation incidents:

Case 1: Deep mixed layer depth (MLD) in early spring Case 2: Low nitrate (NO3) concentration after the spring bloom









Positive correlation between surface Chl-a and NO3 is amplified through assimilation cycles with PERSISTENT negative Chl-a bias in model Chl-a.

### Example from Case 1 incident:







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Stages of Chl – NO3 covariance formation in ensemble system

Stage A: Mixing (MLD depth) dominated covariance: Positive correlation Stage B: Primary production dominated covariance: Negative correlation Stage C: Transition between the two the stages





### DA Thresholds on MLD - NO3 plane





Introduction of DA analysis masks:

- Area 1: Deep mixed layer depth (MLD) in early spring
  - Threshold: MLD > 150m

Area 2: Low nitrate (NO3) concentration after the spring bloom

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Threshold: NO3 < 4 mmol/m3

Note: DA analysis masks apply only to state estimation. Area of DA analysis masks is defined





40°W

20°W

0°





40°W

20°W

0°





20°W

40°W

0°





Nitrate mask distribution is associated with low nitrate waters in pre-bloom period.



Nitrate [mmol/m3] 20190306 BACKGRND





grPs [1/day] 1

0.5



OBS std **OBS** mean

MDL std MDL mean

**CHL NRW 2007** 



Improvement of early spring bloom is on online parameter estimation.

Next version of ARC MFC BGC MY:

- Use new set of BGC parameters optimized against BGC Argo (Yumruktepe et al.).
- Weakly coupled DA with physics DA

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cycle [MM-DD]

Ecoregion dependent online GC parameter estimation



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FREE RUN

cycle [MM-DD]





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