How To Measure Chlorophyll A Cwc

The use of satelite remote sending to provide synoptic measurement of the ocean is becoming increasingly important in the fishing industry. The evolving capabilities of satelite sensors and data processing techniques provide a promising tool towards the development of fish forecasting and management techniques. Mapping phytoplankton distribution and growth are important in fisheries and physical oceanographic studies. The light absorbing pigments collectively known as chorophyll-a are commonly used by oceanographers as an index of phytoplankton concentration. The objectives of this study is to measure the concentration of chlophyll-a in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of East Coast Peninsular Malaysia, based on remodely sensed data. In order to achieved this objective it is essential to determine an empirical relation between the chlorophyll-a and the radiances values recorded by the sensor and to measure the concentration chlorophyll-a from remotely sensed data. This study used in-situ data of concentration chlorophyll-a to measure the concentration of chlorophyll-a from SeaWiFS data. Models to estimate the chlorophyll-a concentration were generated by computing based on empirical method using radiance ratio of SeaWiFS channels. The data from the sea truth campaigned of 24th August 200 until 29th August 2000 were applied to obtain the correlation between chlorophyl-a concentration (mg/m3) and the radiance values in chosen channel of SeaWiFS. The amount of concentration of chlorophyll-a was calculated based on blue, blue-green and green (442nm, 490 nm, and 555nm) reflectance ratios, this was done by selecting representive radiance values corresonding to in-situ data measurement. The study proved that the remote sensing technique is a very useful tool for studying chlorophyll-a distribution an a large water body area such as the EEZ. In this work, channel 2, channel 3 and channel 5 of SeaWiFS data have been found to be the most suitable channel to extract the chlorophyll-a concentration. Correlation analysis between remotely sensed data and chlorophyll-a in-situ data indicates the possibility of mapping chlorophyll-a concentration with some degrees of succes. The strong correlation of radiance ratio corresponding to above channel with in-situ data provides the basis for the development of equation and constant for the estimation of chlorophyll-a concerntration in South China Sea. The results show that the empirical model has significantly highest correlation to the in-situ data. SeaWiFS level 1 data gives correlation of r2=0.6882 and level 2 data gives correlation of r2=0.6677. The ratio betwwen channel 2, channel 3 and channel 5 shows good combination to extract chlorophyll-a from SeaWiFS data. SeaWiFS data, ratio derived using blue channel (443nm), blue0green channel (490) and green channel (555nm) was used to extract the chlorophyll-a concentration from SeaWiFSdata. the ratio of (R443 - R555 / R490) was used for implementing the empirical algorithm (linear regression) and Morel algorithm. For SeaBAM algorithm, the ratio of log10 (R443 / R555) was applied. The Morel and SeaBAM algorithms were modified to suit the tropical area. From this study, it can be concluded that remote sensing techniques with suitable extracting chlorophyll-a concentration algorithm offers a useful technique for estimating of chlorophyll-a concentration in study area.

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This 1989 book deals with the physical and chemical properties found in algae of different types (blue-green, red, golden-brown, yellow-green, brown and green). Methods used for extracting and purifying the pigments and their value in classifying the various types of algae are discussed in detail. This book contains detailed tables of the physical properties of the pigments (absorption and fluorescence-emission spectra and extinction coefficients), and brings together data on the distribution of algal pigments in relation to hypotheses of the evaluation of algae. It will be of value to anyone with an interest in phycology.

The authors studied an analytical method to estimate chlorophyll and particle concentration in turbid water using MSS data collected after a heavy rain. The authors introduced the Multi Scattering Model into the analytical method. It was found that the analytical method employing the Multi Scattering Model was more effective than the method using statistical analysis which uses the relation between sea truth data and remote sensing data for estimating chlorophyll pigment concentrations. The method employing the Multi Scattering Model requires a number of sea truth data, but this number is less than the number required for the method employing the statistical analysis. (Author).

Eight international laboratories specializing in the determination of marine pigment concentrations using high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) were intercompared using in situ samples and a variety of laboratory standards. The field samples were collected primarily from eutrophic waters, although mesotrophic waters were also sampled to create a dynamic range in chlorophyll concentration spanning approximately two orders of magnitude (0.3 25.8 mg m-3). The intercomparisons were used to establish the following: a) the uncertainties in quantitating individual pigments and higher-order variables (sums, ratios, and indices); b) an evaluation of spectrophotometric versus HPLC uncertainties in the determination of total chlorophyll a; and c) the reduction in uncertainties as a result of applying quality assurance (QA) procedures associated with extraction, separation, injection, degradation, detection, calibration, and reporting (particularly limits of detection and quantitation). In addition, the remote sensing requirements for the in situ determination of total chlorophyll a were investigated to determine whether or not the average uncertainty for this measurement is being satisfied. The culmination of the activity was a validation of the round-robin methodology plus the development of the requirements for validating an individual HPLC method. The validation process includes the measurements required to initially demonstrate a pigment is validated, and the measurements that must be made during sample analysis to confirm a method remains validated. The so-called performance-based metrics developed here describe a set of thresholds for a variety of easily-measured parameters with a corresponding set of performance categories. The aggregate set of performance parameters and categories establish a) the overall performance capability of the method, and b) whether or not the capability is consistent with the required accuracy objectives. Goddard Space Flight Center

In the 1984 SBIR Call for Proposals, NASA solicited new methods to measure primary production and chlorophyll in the ocean. Biospherical Instruments Inc. responded to this call with a

proposal first to study a variety of approaches to this problem. A second phase of research was then funded to pursue instrumentation to measure the sunlight stimulated naturally occurring fluorescence of chlorophyll in marine phytoplankton. The monitoring of global productivity, global fisheries resources, application of above surface-to-underwater optical communications systems, submarine detection applications, correlation, and calibration of remote sensing systems are but some of the reasons for developing inexpensive sensors to measure chlorophyll and productivity. Normally, productivity measurements are manpower and cost intensive and, with the exception of a very few expensive multiship research experiments, provide no contemporaneous data. We feel that the patented, simple sensors that we have designed will provide a cost effective method for large scale, synoptic, optical measurements in the ocean. This document is the final project report for a NASA sponsored SBIR Phase 2 effort to develop new methods for the measurements of primary production in the ocean. This project has been successfully completed, a U.S. patent was issued covering the methodology and sensors, and the first production run of instrumentation developed under this contract has sold out and been delivered. Booth, C. R. and Keifer, D. A. Unspecified Center CHLOROPHYLLS; FLUORESCENCE; PHYTOPLANKTON; REMOTE SENSING; COST EFFECTIVENESS; FISHERIES; OCEANS; PHOTOSYNTHESIS...

Phytoplankton are a diverse group of organisms of fundamental importance in aquatic ecosystems. Exposure to high levels of photosynthetically active and ultraviolet radiation (PAR and UVR) is unavoidable for most phytoplankton and can result in photoinhibition, an irradiance-dependent loss of photosynthetic capacity that leads to decreased growth and productivity. Chlorophyll a (Chl a) fluorescence can provide fast and efficient measurements of the abundance, composition and photosynthetic ability of phytoplankton, with the maximum quantum yield of photochemistry (Fv:Fm) providing quantification of photoinhibition and other stresses. Multi-wavelength fluorometry targeting photosynthetic accessory pigments characteristic of major phytoplankton groups has potential to provide estimates of group-specific abundance and photosynthetic performance. A multi-wavelength Pulse Amplitude Modulated fluorometer (Phyto-PAM) was used in this thesis to measure the sensitivity of Fv:Fm of phytoplankton pigment groups in natural assemblages to photoinhibition by PAR and UVR, while simultaneously assessing the group-discrimination abilities of the instrument when applied to complex assemblages. Analogous experiments were used to evaluate the PAR and UVR responses of thirteen laboratory cultures, comparing sunlight sensitivity within and among pigment groups, and with the examined natural communities. The effects of taxon and light exposure on multi-wavelength fluorescence excitation spectra (FES) and associated uncertainty in pigment-group estimates were tested, and Phyto-PAM discrimination abilities were further challenged using different FES settings, relative pigment-group contribution and light exposures. Estimates of pigment group abundance in natural communities (Hamilton Harbour) were similar to independent measurements by microscopic analysis, but the instrument could usually estimate Fv:Fm only for the dominant group. Light treatments including the UVR wavebands caused the highest levels of photoinhibition. Relative pigment group sensitivity was consistent between laboratory cultures and field data, with cyanobacteria the most sensitive, chlorophytes the least, and chromophytes intermediate but variable. The results suggested that the sunlight tolerance allowing some cyanobacteria to form surface blooms is not due to innate resistance of Photosystem II (PSII) to photoinhibition, but supported observations of resistance to sunlight stress in chlorophytes. In laboratory populations (cultures), variation of FES among taxa within pigment groups was greater than the variation induced by experimental irradiance exposures, especially for variable fluorescence spectra, and posed the larger challenge to correct measurements of group composition and photosynthetic ability. Group-specific fluorescence estimates were within 10% of true values on average using a variety of FES settings. However, up to 20% of fluorescence was mis-attributed in some cases, and Fv:Fm was estimated for a group not present up to 30% of the time on average. In simple mixtures of two or three uni-algal cultures, group-specific abundance estimates were within 10% of true values 61 to 74% of the time. Fv:Fm estimates were often within 10% of true values for the dominant taxon, but errors increased for taxa at low levels of relative abundance. Group-specific estimates of abundance by Phyto-PAM proved robust, but the scope for errors in quantifying composition and assigning Fv:Fm in some cases was large and highlighted the value of replicate measurements and the continued need for independent verification.

Measurements of variable chlorophyll fluorescence have revolutionised global research of photosynthetic bacteria, algae and plants and in turn assessment of the status of aquatic ecosystems, a success that has partly been facilitated by the widespread commercialisation of a suite of chlorophyll fluorometers designed for almost every application in lakes, rivers and oceans. Numerous publications have been produced as researchers and assessors have simultaneously sought to optimise protocols and practices for key organisms or water bodies; however, such parallel efforts have led to difficulties in reconciling processes and patterns across the aquatic sciences. This book follows on from the first international conference on “chlorophyll fluorescence in the aquatic sciences” (AQUAFLUO 2007): to bridge the gaps between the concept, measurement and application of chlorophyll fluorescence through the synthesis and integration of current knowledge from leading researchers and assessors as well as instrument manufacturers.

Chlorophyll a Fluorescence: A Signature of Photosynthesis highlights chlorophyll (Chl) a fluorescence as a convenient, non-invasive, highly sensitive, rapid and quantitative probe of oxygenic photosynthesis. Thirty-one chapters, authored by 58 international experts, provide a solid foundation of the basic theory, as well as of the application of the rich information contained in the Chl a fluorescence signal as it relates to photosynthesis and plant productivity. Although the primary photochemical reactions of photosynthesis are highly efficient, a small fraction of absorbed photons escapes as Chl fluorescence, and this fraction varies with metabolic state, providing a basis for monitoring quantitatively various processes of photosynthesis. The book explains the mechanisms with which plants defend themselves against environmental stresses (excessive light, extreme temperatures, drought, hyper-osmolarity, heavy metals and UV). It also includes discussion on fluorescence imaging of leaves and cells and the remote sensing of Chl fluorescence from terrestrial, airborne, and satellite bases. The book is intended for use by graduate students, beginning researchers and advanced undergraduates in the areas of integrative plant biology, cellular and molecular biology, plant biology, biochemistry, biophysics, plant physiology, global ecology and agriculture.

This guidebook, now thoroughly updated and revised in its second edition, gives comprehensive advice on the designing and setting up of monitoring programmes for the purpose of providing valid data for water quality assessments in all types of freshwater bodies. It is clearly and concisely written in order to provide the essential information for a

Satellite images of chlorophyll concentration in the surface waters of the Gulf of Mexico suggest a high degree of heterogeneity in the phytoplankton biomass. The causes of this variability and

the amount of variability in the phytoplankton community structure are not well understood. The physical and chemical conditions of a specific environment can influence phytoplankton community structure by selecting for those phytoplankton species able to survive within that environment. Varying salinity and temperature characteristics give water masses distinct surface water density signatures. This study examined the relationship between phytoplankton biomass, community structure, and different water mass properties by measuring chlorophyll a and algal group concentration across frontal zones. Continuous salinity and temperature measurements were used to calculate continuous density along transects during four cruises on the R/V Gyre between summer 2002 and spring 2004. Frontal zones were identified as areas of sharp density change where [sigma]t changed by 1.5 points over a distance of 1 km. Density fronts that coincided with visible temperature fronts (satellite AVHRR images) were selected for biomass and community structure analysis. Discrete water samples were analyzed using fluorometric analysis (total chlorophyll a concentration) and HPLC analysis (photosynthetic pigments). Community composition for discrete samples was determined using CHEMTAX and these values were used to interpolate community composition. Phytoplankton biomass and community structure were examined at a total of 21 density fronts. Unlike previous studies of frontal zones, phytoplankton biomass (measured as chl a concentration) was not significantly higher within frontal zones than in adjacent waters at any of the 21 fronts. Community composition (measured as algal group abundance and diversity) was significantly different between the front and at least one adjacent water mass at front 2 during summer 2002, at front 6 during summer 2003, at front 3 during fall 2003, and at front 3 during spring 2004. Both biomass and community composition were significantly different between fronts at all front pairs during summer 2002. The results of this study suggest that density fronts are not biologically important features in the northern Gulf of Mexico. Lack of high phytoplankton biomass at fronts in the Gulf of Mexico could indicate that unique physical, chemical, or biological processes are occurring.

Focusing on fundamental principles, Hydro-Environmental Analysis: Freshwater Environments presents in-depth information about freshwater environments and how they are influenced by regulation. It provides a holistic approach, exploring the factors that impact water quality and quantity, and the regulations, policy and management methods that are necessary to maintain this vital resource. It offers a historical viewpoint as well as an overview and foundation of the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics affecting the management of freshwater environments. The book concentrates on broad and general concepts, providing an interdisciplinary foundation. The author covers the methods of measurement and classification; chemical, physical, and biological characteristics; indicators of ecological health; and management and restoration. He also considers common indicators of environmental health; characteristics and operations of regulatory control structures; applicable laws and regulations; and restoration methods. The text delves into rivers and streams in the first half and lakes and reservoirs in the second half. Each section centers on the characteristics of those systems and methods of classification, and then moves on to discuss the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of each. In the section on lakes and reservoirs, it examines the characteristics and operations of regulatory structures, and presents the methods commonly used to assess the environmental health or integrity of these water bodies. It also introduces considerations for restoration, and presents two unique aquatic environments: wetlands and reservoir tailwaters. Written from an engineering perspective, the book is an ideal introduction to the aquatic and limnological sciences for students of environmental science, as well as students of environmental engineering. It also serves as a reference for engineers and scientists involved in the management, regulation, or restoration of freshwater environments.

The sensor group of the 1988 EGM 4001 class, working on NASA's Controlled Ecological Life Support Systems (CELSS) project, investigated many different plant health indicators and the technologies used to test them. The project selected by the group was to measure chlorophyll levels using absorption spectroscopy. The spectrometer measures the amount of chlorophyll in a leaf by measuring the intensity of light of a specific wavelength that is passed through a leaf. The three wavelengths of light being used corresponded to the near-IR absorption peaks of chlorophyll a, chlorophyll b, and chlorophyll-free structures. Experimentation showed that the sensor is indeed measuring levels of chlorophyll a and b and their changes before the human eye can see any changes. The detector clamp causes little damage to the leaf and will give fairly accurate readings on similar locations on a leaf, freeing the clamp from having to remain on the same spot of a leaf for all measurements. External light affects the readings only slightly so that measurements may be taken in light or dark environments. Future designs and experimentation will concentrate on reducing the size of the sensor and adapting it to a wider range of plants. Bledsoe, Jim and Manukian, Ara and Pearce, Michael and Weiss, Lee Unspecified Center...

The concentration of chlorophyll in natural bodies of water is commonly determined as a means to rapidly estimate the phytoplankton biomass. The literature gives numerous warnings, however, as to the problems involved with accurately determining chlorophyll concentrations. The author's work at Crater Lake, Oregon enticed him to explore critically the spectrometric methods for determining chlorophyll. Four spectrometric methods for the determination of chlorophyll have been investigated. These are the spectrophotometric method, the 'in vitro' fluorometric method, the 'in vivo' fluorometric method and the 'in situ' fluorometric method using fiber optic cables (remote fiber fluorometry). The spectrophotometric trichromatic and monochromatic methods depend on absorption measurements made with a spectrophotometer. The spectral bandpass of the spectrophotometer is a critical variable in the determination of chlorophyll. A spectral bandpass of 2.0 nm has been suggested and shown to be adequate to measure the concentrations of chlorophyll-a. The chlorophyll concentration determined is 15% and 36% too low with spectral bandpasses of 10 and 20 nm, respectively. Increasing the spectrophotometric cell pathlength from 1.0 to 5.0 cm improves the detection limit of the method by a factor of 5. With a 1-cm pathlength cell, the detection limit for chlorophyll-a is 34 [mu]g/L in an extract or 0.34 [mu]g/L in lake water with a concentration factor of 100. Of the fluorometric methods studied, the 'in vitro' uncorrected fluorometric method was shown to be the most precise and to provide the lowest detection limit (4 ng/L in an extract and 0.04 ng/L chlorophyll-a in lake water with a concentration factor of 100). The detection limits for the 'in vivo' and the enhanced 'in vivo' method (using DCMU) fluorometric methods are 5 and 3 ng/L, respectively. The effect of several variables in the sample preparation method for the spectrophotometric and 'in vitro' fluorometric methods were studied with samples of Cronemiller Lake water. No difference in filter retention efficiency at the 95% confidence level was observed when the Millipore HA membrane, S & S glass and Whatman Glass GF/F filters were compared with a solution of titanium dioxide or a natural phytoplankton sample. Following 65 days of storage at 0° C or 238 days of storage at 9° C, the chlorophyll concentration determined did not significantly change from that determined at the beginning of the study. The use of MgCO3 did not change this condition. The 'in vivo' fluorometric technique, applied to water samples from Crater Lake, Oregon, was shown

to be influenced by sample temperature and irradiance history. The addition of the herbicide DCMU to a sample has been reported to decrease the dependency of the fluorescence signal on temperature and irradiance history of the sample. This was shown not to be the case. A 10° C decrease of sample temperature resulted in an average 1.8% increase in sample fluorescence. Exposure of a set of samples to solar radiation decreased the fluorescence signal for chlorophyll in the samples. A period of great change in fluorescence signal was followed by an extended period of slower change. After 50 minutes of sample irradiation, the average fluorescence signal decreased over 50% relative to the original signal. A remote fiber fluorometer was constructed to investigate its use for the 'in situ' fluorometric determination of chlorophyll. Transmission characteristics of the fiber showed that light attenuation increased as the wavelength decreased. With a jig that held the excitation and emission fibers at varying distances and angles, it was found that maximum fluorescence signals were recorded as the fiber ends were moved as close as possible to each other and at an angle of about 10°. The 'in situ' detection limit for chlorophyll-a was determined to be 0.64 [mu]g/L using 1-m excitation and emission fibers.

This new edition provides an update on the considerable amount of evidence on tree-crop interactions which has accumulated during the last two decades, especially on the more complex multi-strata agroforestry systems, which are typical of the humid tropics. In addition three new chapters have been added to describe the new advances in the relationship between climate change adaptation, rural development and how trees and agroforestry will contribute to a likely reduction in vulnerability to climate change in developing countries

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Water quality monitoring is a fundamental tool in the management of freshwater resources, and this book covers the entire monitoring process providing detailed guidance for implementing a monitoring network with step-by-step descriptions of field and laboratory methods.

A Critical Comparison of Methods for the Determination of Phytoplankton Chlorophyll

Photosynthesis is one of the most important reactions on Earth. It is a scientific field that is the topic of many research groups. This book is aimed at providing the fundamental aspects of photosynthesis, and the results collected from different research groups. There are three sections in this book: light and photosynthesis, the path of carbon in photosynthesis, and special topics in photosynthesis. In each section important topics in the subject are discussed and (or) reviewed by experts in each book chapter.