

MEASUREMENTS OF BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY

What is needed to do this from floats and gliders?

1. Primary productivity (PP)

*Phytoplankton net: light (z , λ), biomass (z , λ), biomass-specific pp coefficients, for models (where measures of biomass could be chlorophyll, optical backscattering, beam c , diffuse attenuation coefficient)

*Community net: dusk – dawn biomass

2. Net O₂ production (Net Community Production)

*Improved Accuracy of O₂ sensor (for determining air-sea gradient)

Performance characterization of sensor and drift

*Limitation--Gas transfer velocity as $f(\text{wind})$, uncertainty of $\pm 30\%$

*Water-following floats may improve error of gas transfer

*Problem of bubbles – in situ measurements of gas tension & N₂ can correct

3. Production and export of particles (POC & PIC) & DOM (including remineralization and solubilization)

- *Particle inventory measurements: POC from beam c, optical backscattering and other optical sensors (LOPC, Bishop sensors)

- *Flux measurements – optical sediment traps, deep optical spikes; multiple depths; how quantitative?

- * Respiration rate measurements: ΔO_2 , CO_2 , NO_3 changes with time (issues of uncoupled advection of surface and subsurface water masses)

- * Limitation: Sensors for pH and DIC not presently ready

- * Limitation: no in situ method for DOC

- * Limitation: Role of diurnal vertical migrators – diel signal of midwater zooplankton/fish respiration

4. Short-term (less than a year) changes in Stoichiometry

C:O₂:N:P:Chl

*Measurements of C or NO₃ change in euphotic zone and below

*Chlorophyll for changes in phytoplankton physiology

5. Issue of smart sampling, so can adjust sampling in response to changes (must have Iridium for two way communication)