

# BFM Benthic

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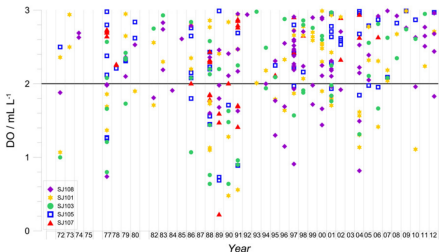
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**Biology** Filtration, irrigation, turbation, consolidation, production, oxygenation, etc ...

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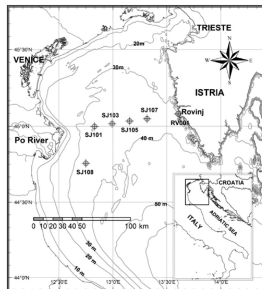


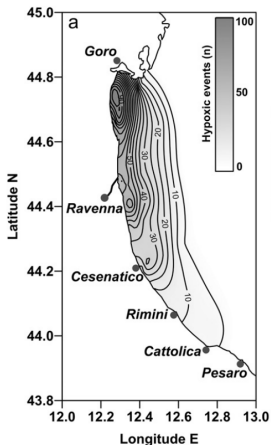
Fig. 1. The northern Adriatic Sea with sampling stations on the profile Rovinj-Po River delta.



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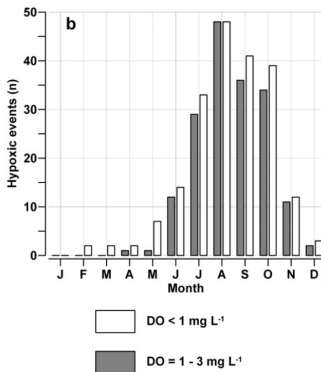


Fig. 2. Total number (n) of hypoxic events recorded in 1977–2008: (a) spatial distribution in the ERCZ, (b) monthly distribution of hypoxia and strong hypoxia.

# BFM benthic module

Previously in BFM, 4 levels of complexity :

0. No benthic-pelagic coupling
1. Simple return
2. Benthic Organisms + intermediate diagenetic model
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# 0. No benthic-pelagic coupling

≡ Bath Tub

- ▶ No sediment layer
- ▶ Sinking OM accumulates in the lower layer
- ▶ All mineralisation process are driven by pelagic formulations

→ Delocalisation of OM remineralization, and pelagic rates instead of benthic rates.

# 1. Simple Benthic return

## Benthic stocks for Organic Matter

- ▶ Sinking OM accumulates in the sediments
- ▶ Fixed mineralisation rates provide Oxygen and nutrient fluxes
- ▶ No burial (except from the standing equilibrium benthic stock when mineralisation = sedimentation)
- ▶ No benthic losses (e.g. denitrification, P sequestration) : All mineralised fluxes are sent back to the water column

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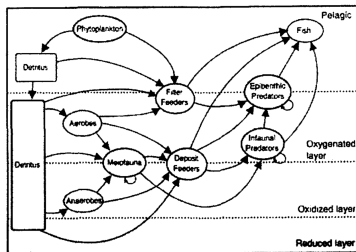
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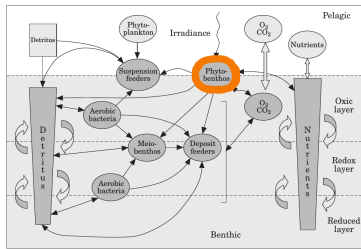
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- ▶ Later version of ERSEM (Blackford, 2002) includes Microphytobenthos (diatoms)



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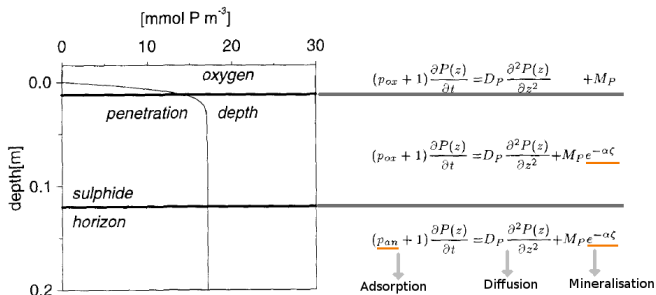


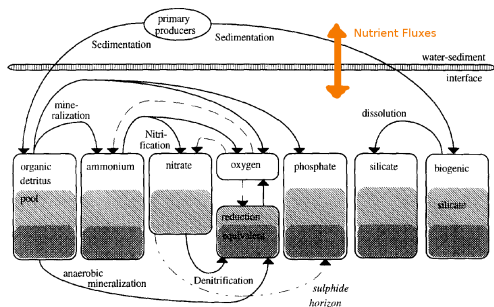
Figure: Example for phosphate dynamics.



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- ▶ Bioturbation and bioirrigation derive from benthic organisms
- ▶ Benthic losses and burial finally enabled

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- ▶ Oxygen consumption (miner., nitrif. and oxid. of reduction equivalents) determines oxygen penetration depth.
- ▶ Oxygen penetration modifies the nutrient dynamics.
- ▶ The sulphide horizon depth derives from the nitrate module and controls the adsorption properties of Phosphate

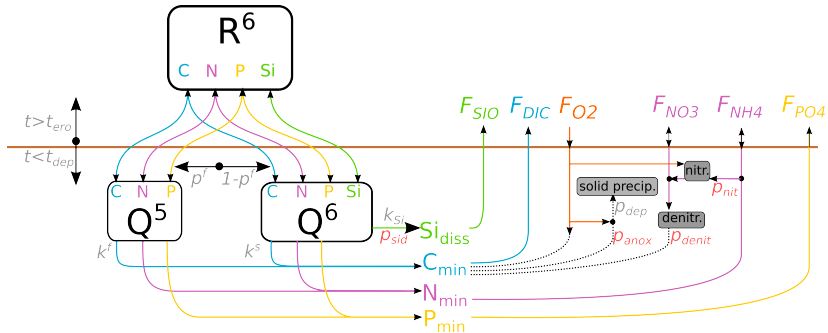
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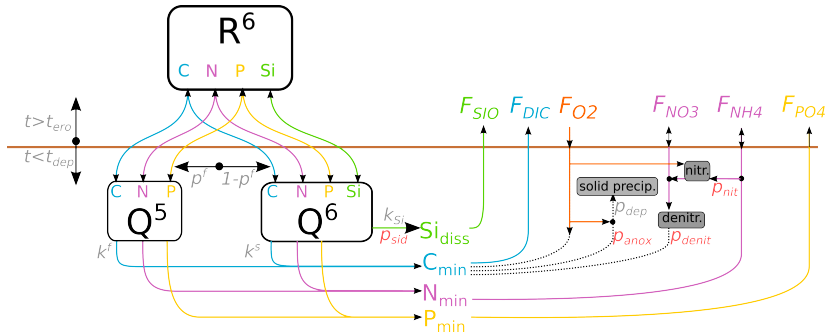
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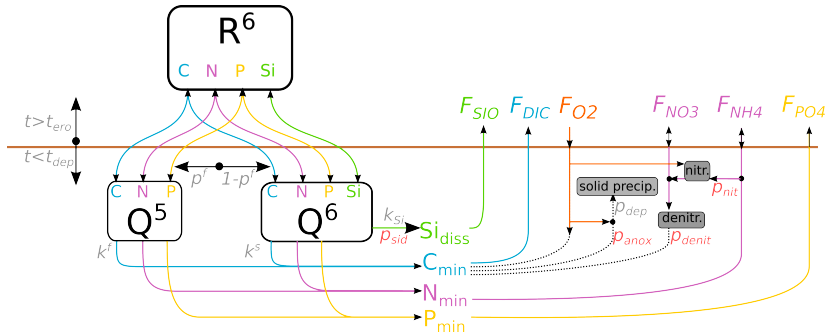
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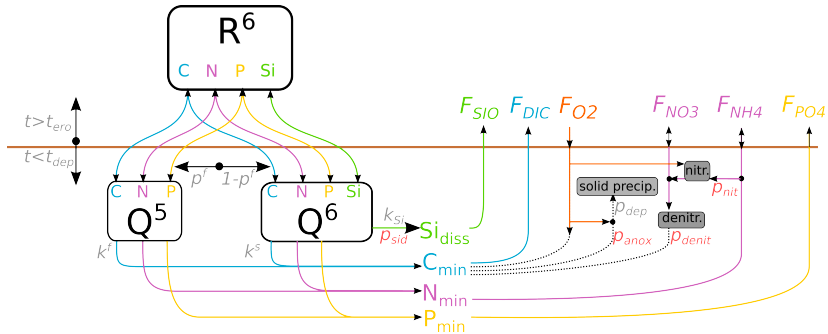


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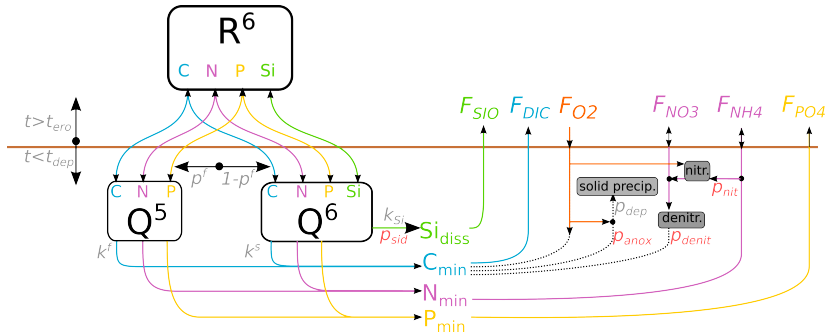
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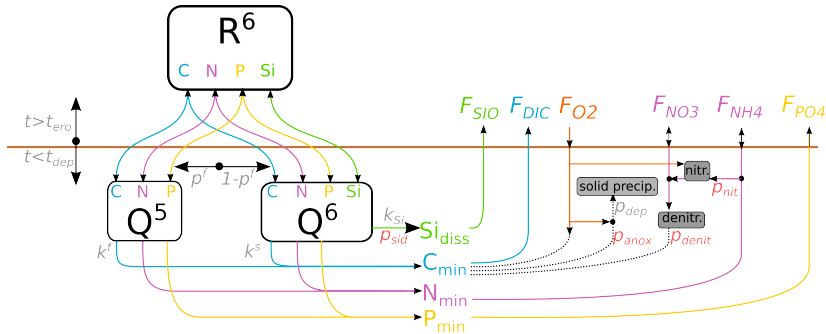
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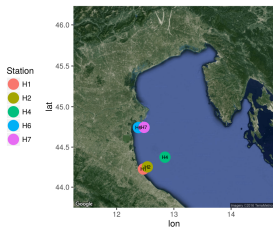
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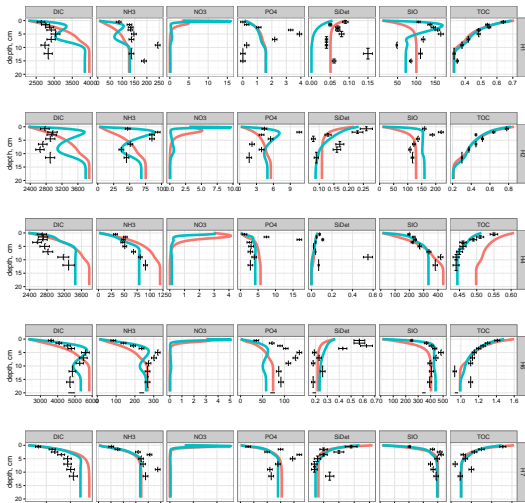
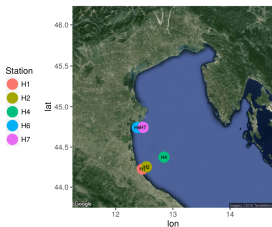


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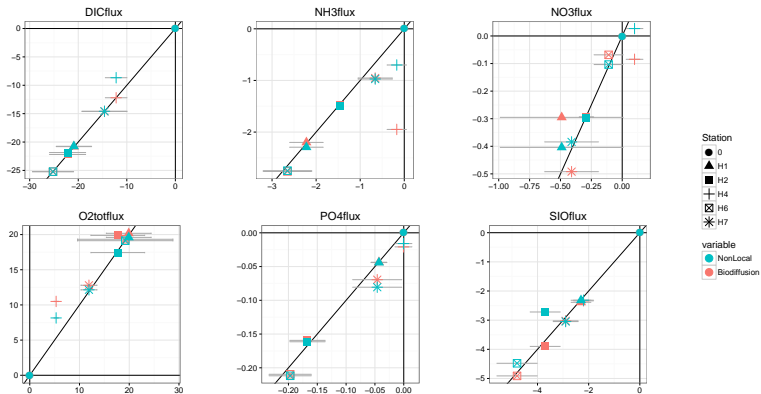
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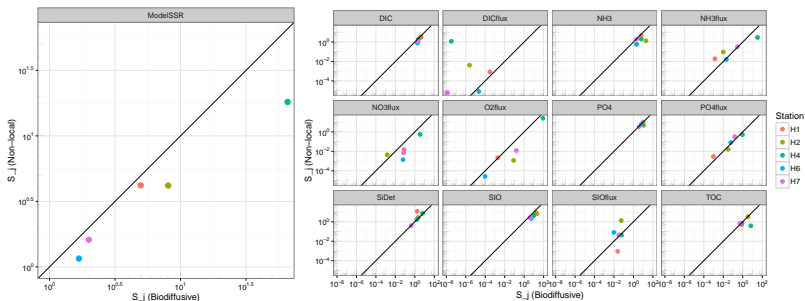
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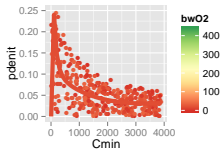
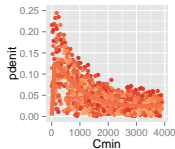
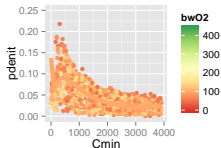
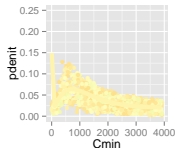
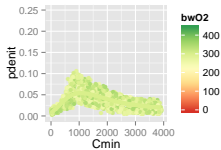
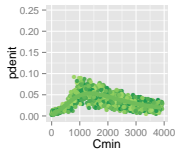
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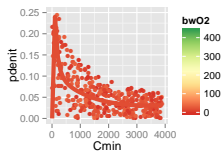
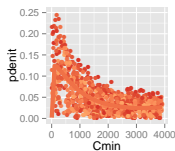
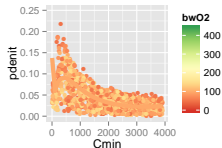
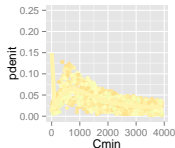
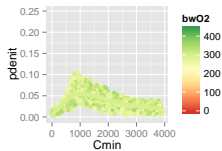
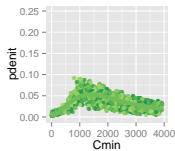
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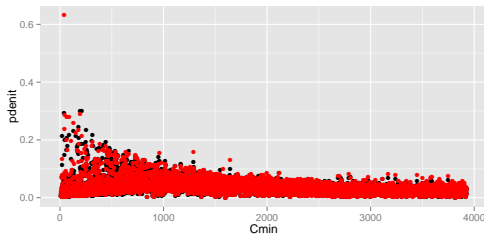
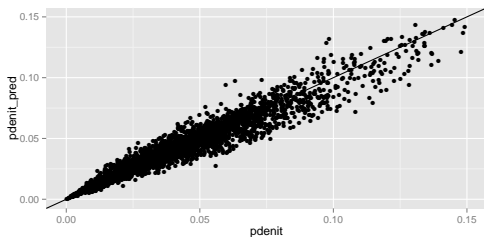
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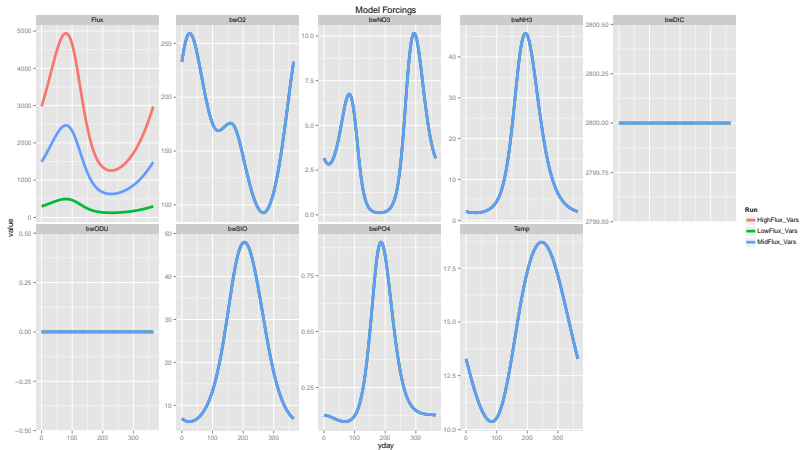


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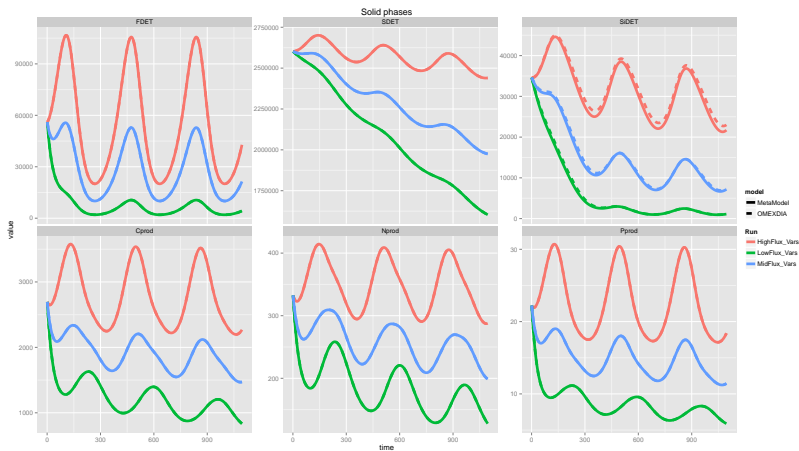
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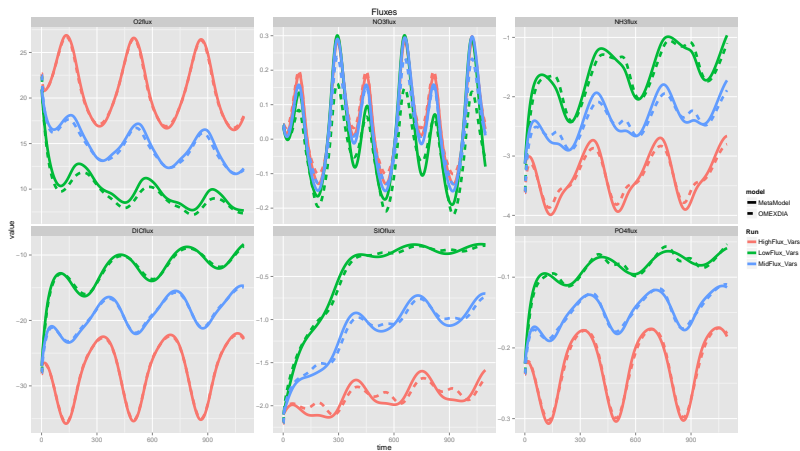
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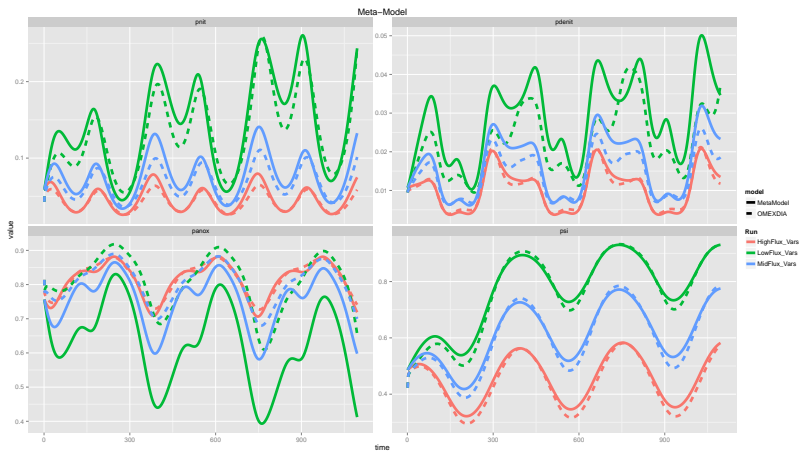
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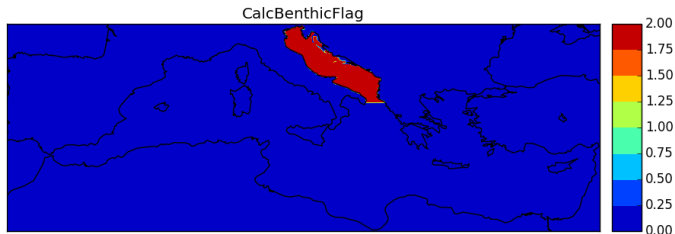
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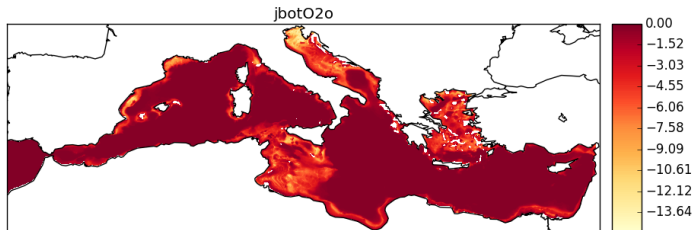
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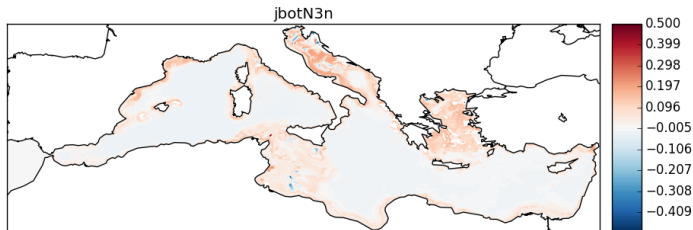
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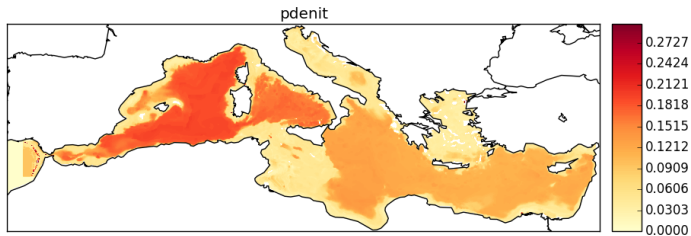
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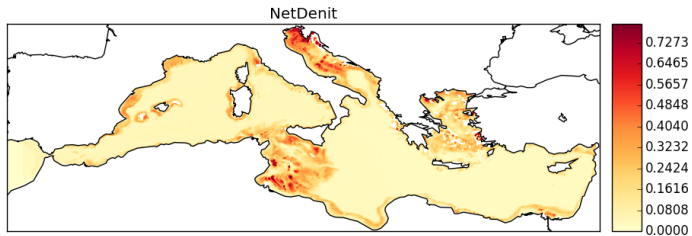
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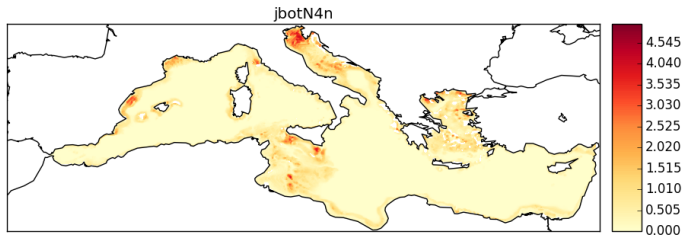
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