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## High Resolution Multispectral estimation of Sea Surface Temperature and Salinity in Coastal Areas



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# Agenda

Motivation and background for project

Introduce the link between reflectance and in water properties

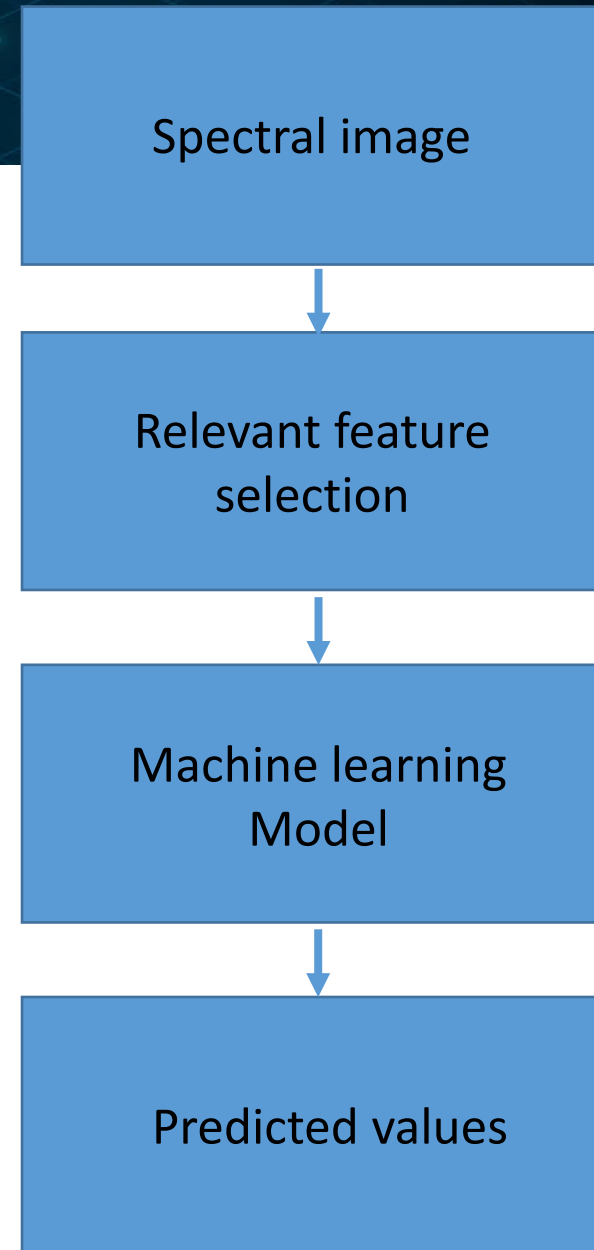
Ground radiometry and SST/SSS

Introduction to Machine learning models

Satellite application



Green Algal blooms over Baltic sea – July 2019 S2. Gotland Island.



# Coastal waters and sensing of Sea surface properties.

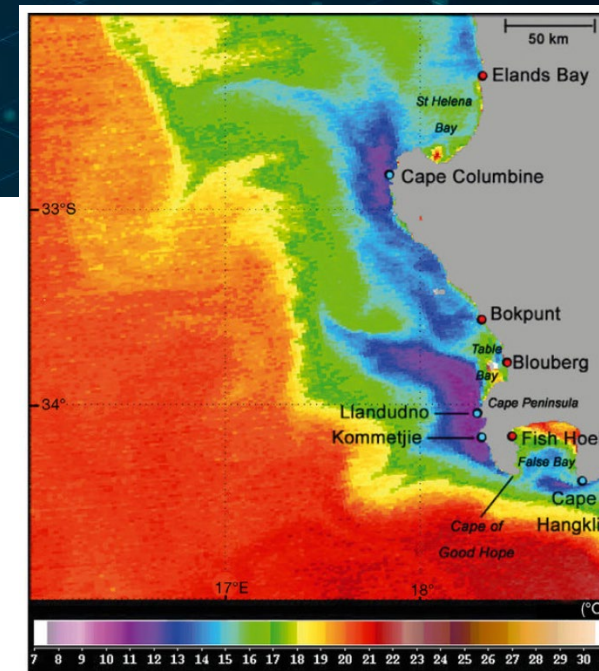
- Complex ecosystems –high biodiversity, fishing, coral reefs, mangroves.
- Rivers bring in ecological resources, upwelling, evaporation/precipitation, advection etc.

In situ data- buoys, moorings, cruise ships. Provide sparse spatial data.

Satellite	Sensor	Spatial resolution	Revisit time
SMOS	Microwave – SSS	40 km	3 day
MODIS	Imaging Spectroradiometer	4km - SST	1-2 day
Sentinel 2	Ocean colour MSI	10 – 60m	5 days
Sentinel 3	Ocean colour OLCI	300m	<2 days

## Ocean Colour/ optical remote sensing

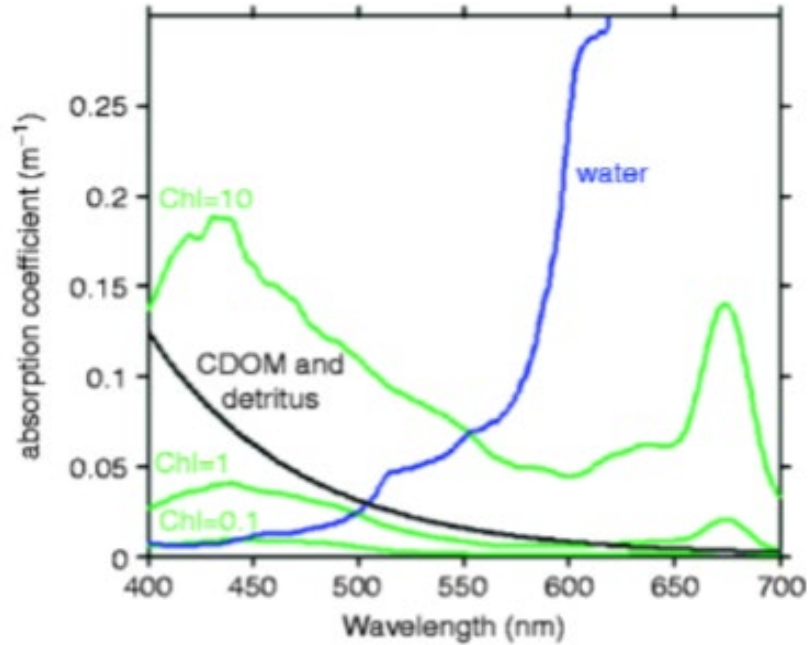
- Assume empirical relationships, regional coefficients
- SSS Needs SST input



MODIS SST satellite image. Cape Columbine – SA.



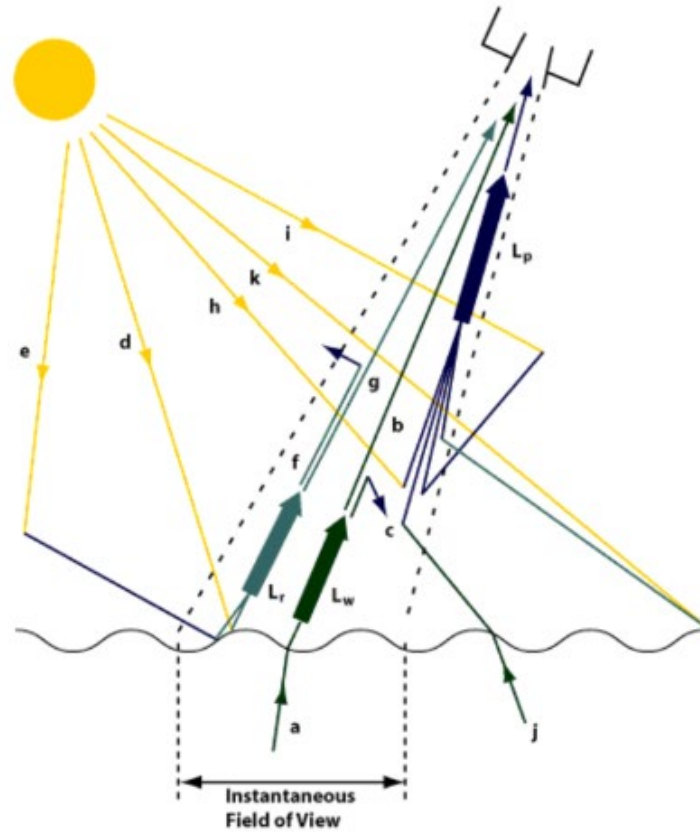
Sentinel 2 MSI June 2019. Seville - Guadalquivir river.



$$a(\lambda)_{Total} = a(\lambda)_w + a(\lambda)_{chl} + a(\lambda)_{CDOM}$$

$$b(\lambda)_{Total} = b(\lambda)_w + b(\lambda)_{chl} + b(\lambda)_{CDOM}$$

Coloured Dissolved Organic Matter (CDOM)  
 Chlorophyll (Chl)  
 Further water constituents: suspended particulate matter (SPM), total suspended matter (TSM) etc.

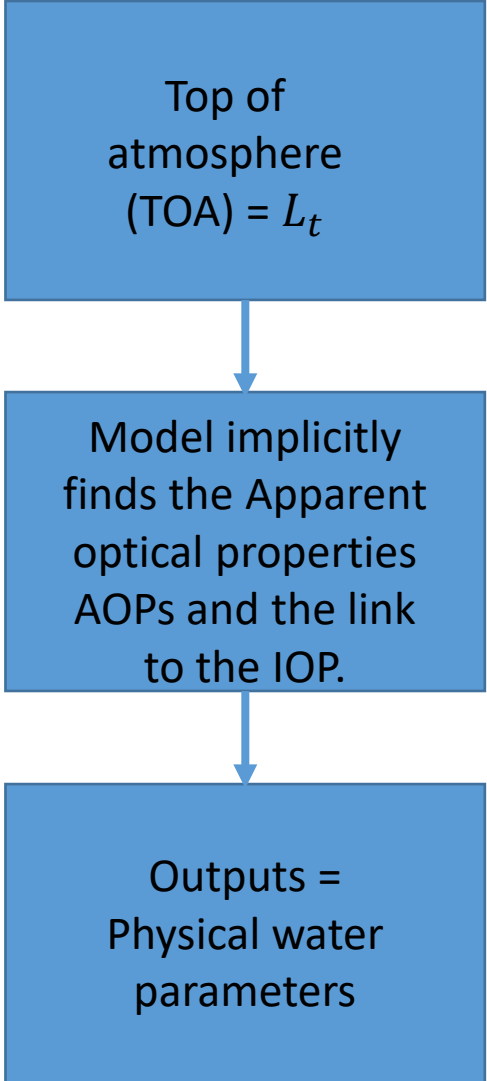


$$L_t(\lambda) = L_r(\lambda) + L_a(\lambda) + t(\lambda)L_w(\lambda)$$

$L_w$  = Water leaving reflectance

$L_r$  = Rayleigh scattering.  $L_a$  = Aerosol effects

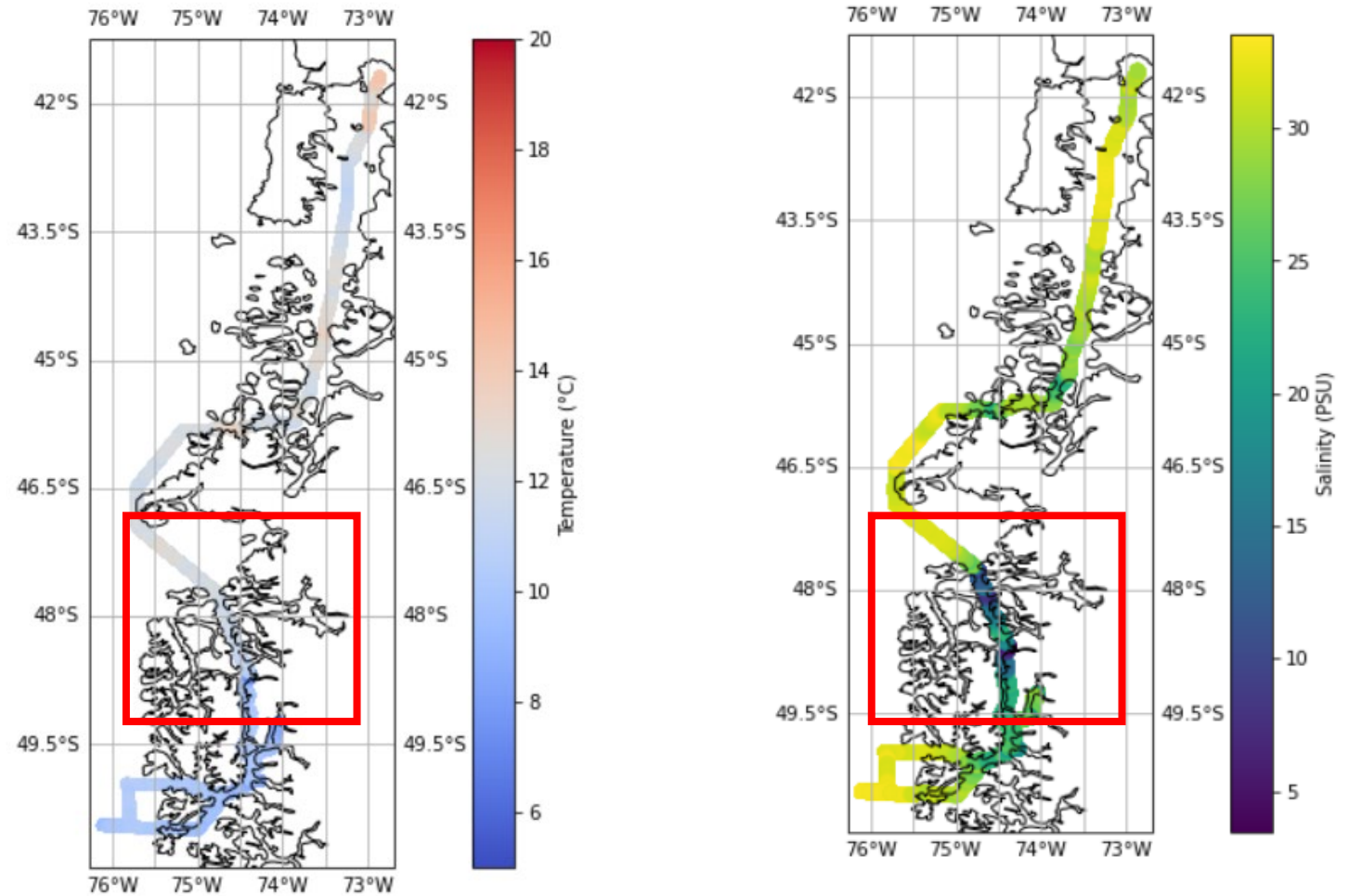
$t(\lambda)$  = Transmission effects from atmosphere.



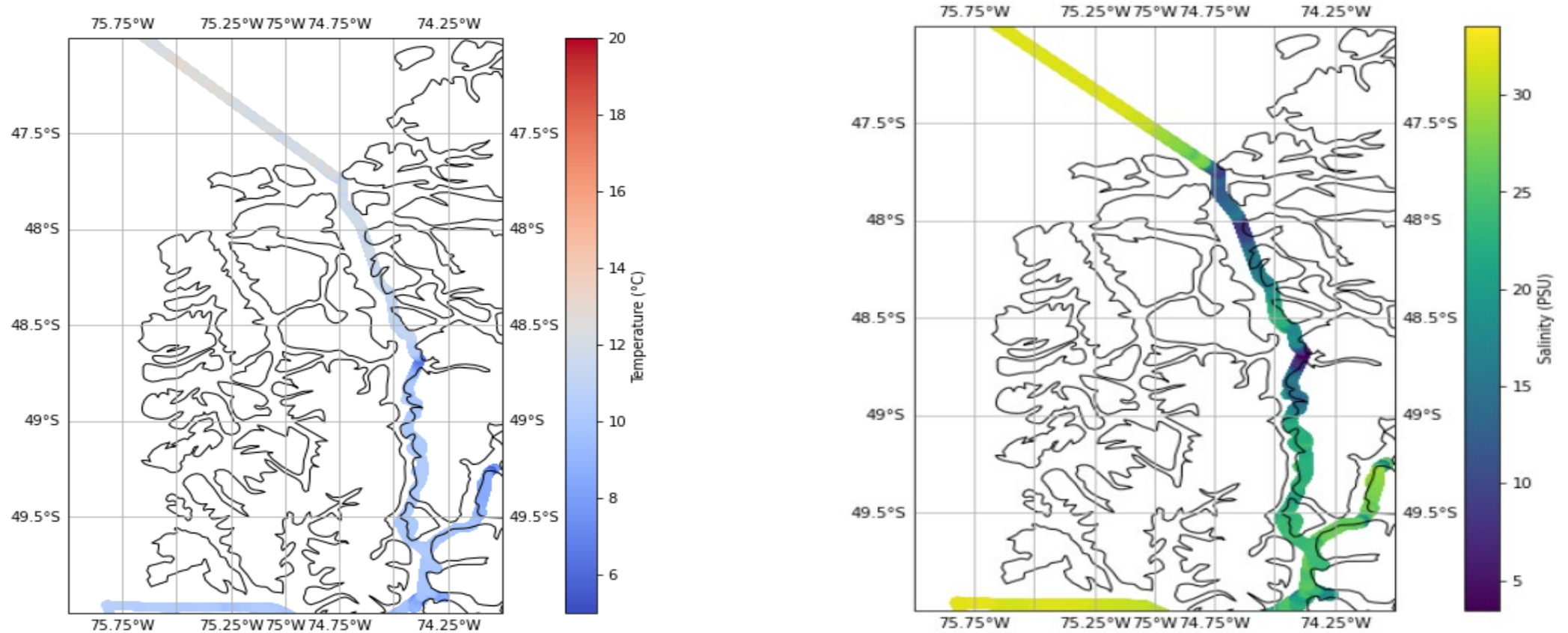
Collected in-water Temperature and Salinity via a thermosalinograph. Also simultaneously measured ground water leaving radiance with hyperspectral radiometers. 350-900nm in 1nm spectral bands.

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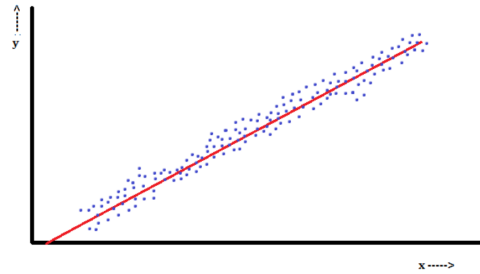
Temperature and Salinity profiles measured by the research vessel.



Region of interest (75W, 48S). Influx of cooler fresh glacial water is seen by lower temperature in the region 5-8°C vs 14-16°C and salinity values 15PSU below the surrounding waters.

# Hyperspectral regression

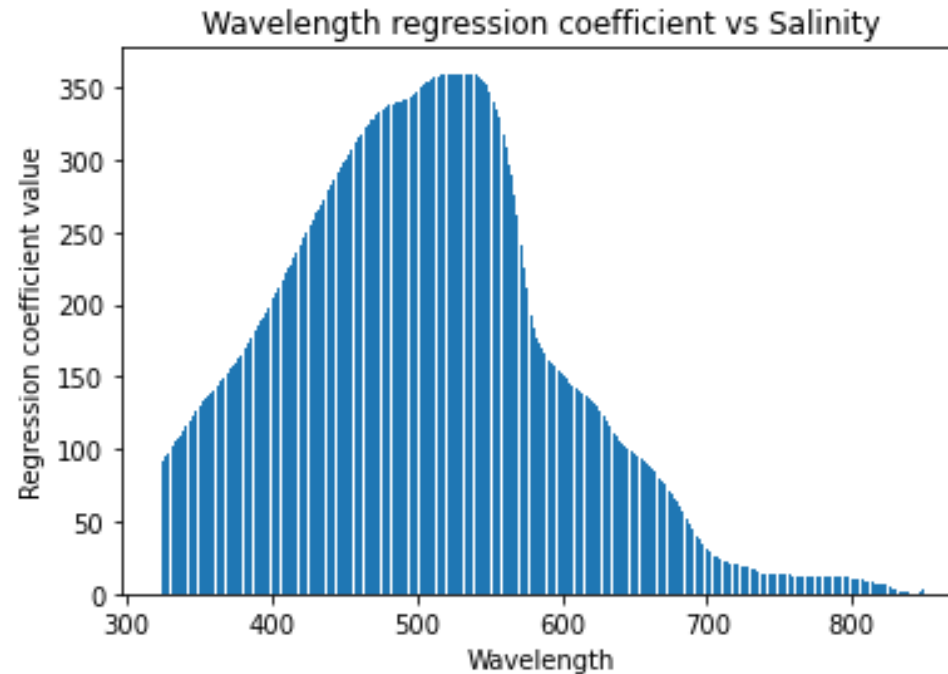
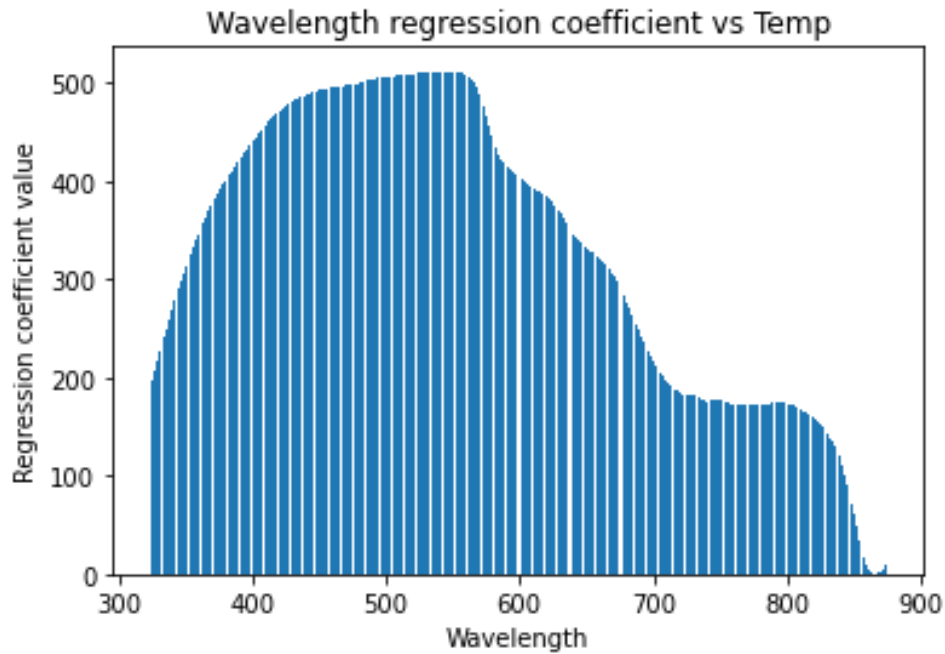
Regression modelling –  
hyperspectral  
reflectance to  
temperature/salinity



Dependent variable (DV)      Independent variables (IVs)

$$y = b_0 + b_1 * x_1 + b_2 * x_2 + \dots + b_n * x_n$$

Constant      Coefficients



Simple linear regression coefficients of the reflectance bands.

**Table 1.** Temperature regression results.

Regression	RMSE Train (°C)	RMSE Test (°C)	K fold (k=5) Mean RMSE (°C)
Linear Regression	$8.40 \cdot 10^{-10}$	1.131	1.312
<b>Ridge</b>	<b>0.469</b>	<b>0.667</b>	<b>0.492</b>
SVM Regression	0.417	0.624	0.489
Decision Tree regression	$5.76 \cdot 10^{-15}$	1.111	0.613
Polynomial regression*	$3.12 \cdot 10^{-11}$	1.652	2.740
Power 2, (15094 inputs)			

**Table 2.** Salinity Regression results.

Regression	RMSE Train (PSU)	RMSE Test (PSU)	K fold (k=5) Mean RMSE (PSU)
Linear Regression	$5.2 \cdot 10^{-9}$	3.708	3.845
SVM Regression	1.840	1.915	1.808
<b>Decision Tree regression</b>	<b>1.957</b>	<b>1.900</b>	<b>0.899</b>
Polynomial regression*	$7.8 \cdot 10^{-12}$	1.569	1.627
Power 2, (15094 inputs)			



# Feature Selection vs Principle component analysis vs Emulated Sentinel 2.

Principle Component analysis: PCA, reduces dimensionality by shifting the data into a new orthovector based sample space.

Feature selection – using the regression coefficient matrix to find the most relevant spectral bands.

Emulated Sentinel 2; averaging the hyperspectral bands to approximate the S2 multispectral bands.

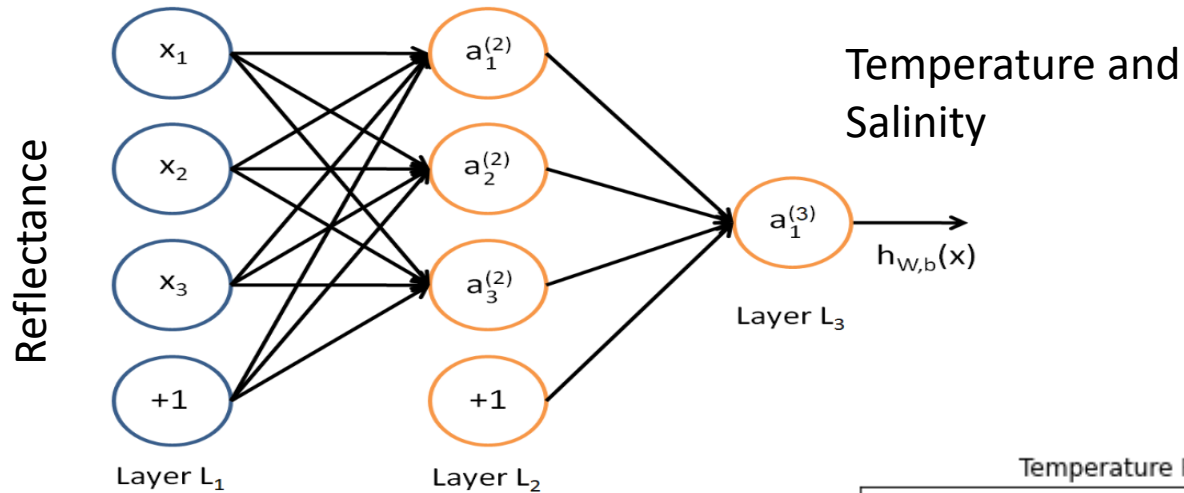
**Table 3.** Temperature: - Ridge regression.

Name	Number inputs	Input band coverage	Test RMSE (°C)
PCA 99.9% variance	5	n/a	0.638
PCA 99.5%	3	n/a	0.673
Variance Thresholding (0.0001)	104	489nm-592nm	0.668
Top Regression coefficient	10	572-581nm	0.768 (tree = 0.643)
10nm averaged Regression coefficient over all frequencies.	10	409-899nm	0.624
S2 Multispectral averaged	13	443- 865nm (not possible SWIR)	0.891

**Table 4.** Salinity – Tested with decision tree regression.

Name	Number inputs	Input band coverage	Test RMSE (PSU)
PCA 99.9% variance	5	n/a	0.830
PCA 90%	2	n/a	1.443
Variance Thresholding	104	489nm-592nm	1.127
Top 10 Regression coefficient	10	554-563nm	0.920
10 nm averaged Regression overall over all frequencies.	10	409-899nm	1.044
S2 Multispectral averaged	13	443- 865nm (not possible SWIR)	1.244

## Simple neural network structure

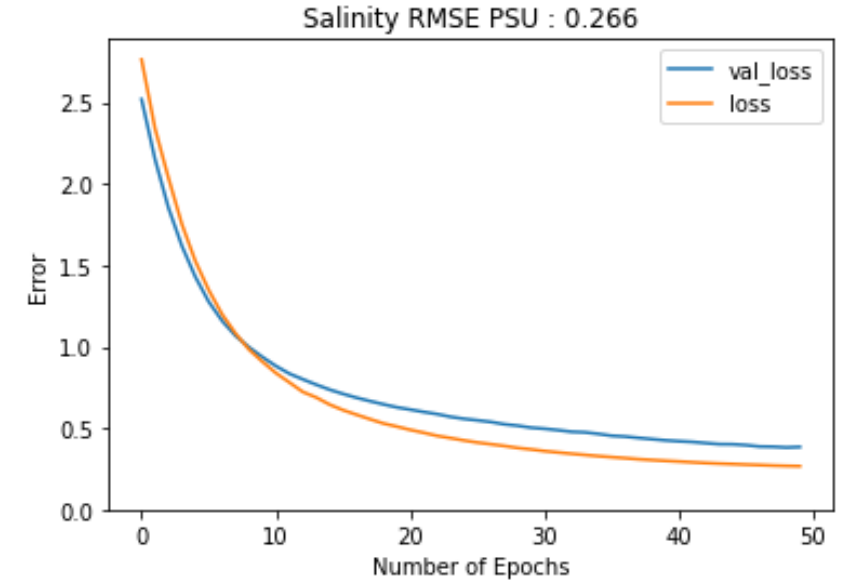
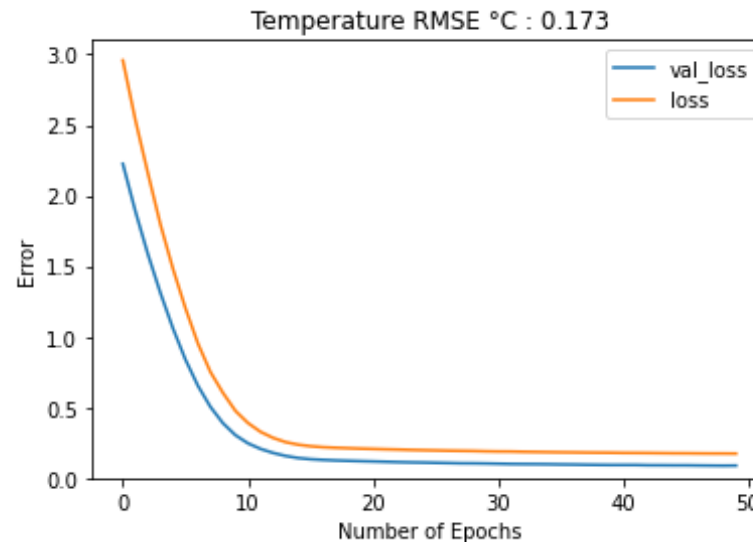


## Coefficient weights

A neural network was trained on the final Sentinel 2 averaged inputs.

4 hidden layers with ReLu activation.

Both Salinity and Temperature estimated independently.



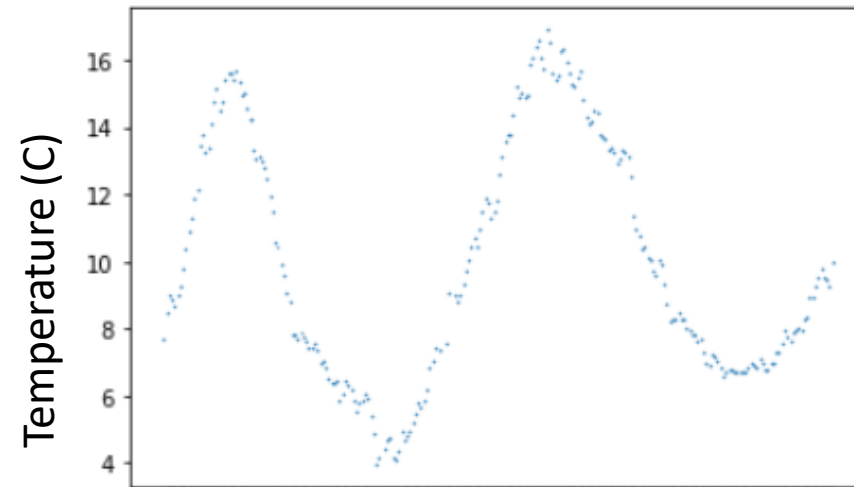
Neural network loss (Root Mean Squared Error) for salinity and temperature vs number of training epochs.

# Current work: UK SmartBuoy

- 4 UK smart buoys at locations at Dowsing bay, Thames and Liverpool and West Gab.
- Matched with Sentinel 2 data, within a 3x3 pixel window and within 1 hour of pass by time.
- Test model structure with the Satellite inputs.
- Testing to see if model trained on one river performs well on similar morphology and seasonal variation in model performance.

## Future work:

Applicability of the Patagonia and the UK smart buoy algorithms to further Case studies in the Gulf of Mexico and Copernicus Marine global buoy network.



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Thank you for listening. Questions?

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