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Sediment Exchange

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8:40 AM	Q&A
8:55 AM	Modeling: Parker & Stefano
9:10 AM	Q&A
9:25 AM	Discussion
9:55 AM	Wrap-up

Navigating the Workshop

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Puget Sound Partnerships' Marine Water Quality Implementation Strategy



Research, Modeling, and Monitoring to Reduce Uncertainties

Nutrient Science Community in Puget Sound

PUGET SOUND INSTITUTE

- ALISH SEA MODELING CENTER UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTO
- Help address technical uncertainties and advance modeling tools to assist decision-making.
- Facilitate scientific workshops and regional collaboration
- Convene Model Evaluation Group
- Lead complementary model runs
- Expand access to models, outputs, tools, and scientific knowledge

Refine Research Actions

Targeted Technical Uncertainties

- Improve confidence in modeling of the Salish Sea and share findings
- Kickoff (7/26)
- Tools to Evaluate Water Quality (9/29)
- Biological integrity of key habitats and species (10/6)

Upcoming Workshops

- Sediment exchange (10/17)
- Phytoplankton and primary production (11/2)
- Change in interannual variability of rivers and ocean impact (week of 11/14)
- Improve watershed modeling to evaluate source reduction strategies to adaptively manage strategies (week of 12/12)

Improved Confidence in Actions

Driving Scientific Question

When and where does sediment have an important impact on nitrogen cycling and low dissolved oxygen impacts?



David Shull

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Pamatmat and Banse, 1969

OXYGEN CONSUMPTION BY THE SEABED. II. IN SITU MEASUREMENTS TO A DEPTH OF 180 m¹

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ABSTRACT

Oxygen consumption by the seabed in Puget Sound was measured in situ in bell jars pushed into the bottom while monitored by television. Eleven stations were visited irregularly between January and August 1967. Depths ranged from 11 to 180 m, and sediment varied from coarse sand to mud. Observed short-term rates were between 4 and 40 ml O₂ $m^{-2} hr^{-1}$ and were unrelated to depth (pressure), mean grain size, fine fraction of the sediment, organic matter or organic nitrogen in the upper 0.5 cm, or the biomass of macrofauna. Temperature accounted for only about 30% of the total variation in rates. We suggest that the seasonal changes of rates, and possibly the differences between stations, are caused primarily by changes of activity of small organisms as governed by the rate of supply of organic matter from the plankton. Estimates of annual rates of oxidation of organic matter on the seabed correspond to 17 and 25% of the phytoplankton production (¹⁴C uptake) near the stations in northern and southern Puget Sound, respectively.

Sheibley and Paulson (2014) review

Table 1. General site information for benthic chamber sites in Puget Sound, Washington.

[For detailed site metadata, see table A1]

Station/site identifier	Date sampled	Depth (meters)	Study details	Reference
Carkeek pelagic site (PS17)	June 8–9, 1982	175	Single site, measured once	Мштау (1982)
Carkeek pelagic site	Unknown	200	Single site, measured once	Grundmanis (1989)
Holmes Harbor	August 1993	50-70	Three sites, measured once	Brandes and Devol (1997)
Dabob Bay	January 1987–January 1988	110	Single site, measured 20 times during the year	Colbert and others, unpub. data (2010)
Budd Inlet	September 1996-September 1997	5–15	Four sites measured 17–19 times during the year	Aura Nova Consultants and others (1998)
Case Inlet	September-October 2007	5-25	Three depths measured 3 times	Roberts and others (2008)
Carr Inlet	September-October 2007	5-25	Three depths measured 3 times	Roberts and others (2008)
Eld Inlet	September-October 2007	5-25	Three depths measured 3 times	Roberts and others (2008)
Budd Inlet Quartermaster Harbor	September-October 2007 September 1-2, 2010	3–25 4–17	Three depths measured 3 times Five sites measured once	Roberts and others (2008) King County (2012)

Benthic solute fluxes in Puget Sound

- Large-scale survey (April and May 2018)
 - 40 stations (duplicate flux cores)
 - DO, DIC, pH (alkalinity), NH₄⁺, NO₂⁻+NO₃⁻, P, Si)
 - Environmental variables (T, S, grain size, OC...)
- Bellingham Bay survey (June 2017)
 - 25-station survey
 - Seasonal survey at one station
 - 15-years of water column nutrient work (with undergraduate students)
- Sources of uncertainty and next steps



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- Recent collaborators: Sam Kastner (WWU), Kal Delong, Riley Heath



Potential pathways for N & P - recycling efficiency



Processes that consume oxygen and release DIC and nutrients

- Aerobic respiration (consumption of organic matter)
- Oxidation of reduced byproducts of anaerobic respiration
- Sulfate reduction can account for ~50% of organic matter oxidation
- DIC and DO fluxes do not always correlate



Figure from Paraska 2016























Correlations with DIC in spring 2018



- Dotted lines: N:C ratio in bottom water organic matter, P:C Redfield ratio
- Nutrient fluxes do not correlate with organic matter mineralization rates
- DO vs DIC plot suggests sediments have an oxygen demand "memory"

Sources of variation in solute fluxes

- DO flux: Water depth and bottom water DO
- DO flux correlates with H⁺ flux
- DIC correlates with Si flux



Sediment contributions to water quality in spring

Average rates of dissolved oxygen consumption among basins

(Units: mmol $O_2 \text{ m}^{-3} \text{ d}^{-1}$)

Basin	Water Column	Benthos	% Removed by sediment
Main	?	0.13	7.5%?
Whidbey	1.7 (a)	0.19	10%
South Sound	2.2 (a)	0.5	18.4%
Hood Canal	0.92 (s)	0.22	19.4%

(a) From Apple (2019) report, April and May averages. (s) From Shull et al. July average

Sediment contributions to water quality in spring

	Percent DIN supply	Percent phosphorus
Basin	removed by denitrification*	stored in sediments**
Main	1.2%	94 ± 37%
Whidbey	2.8%	136 ± 46%
South Sound	2.7%	146 ± 37%
Hood Canal	10.9%	111 ± 43%

* DIN supply = Avg deep-water DIN/Avg basin residence time (from Babson et al. 2006)
 ** Comparison of DIC to P flux, assuming Redfield proportions of C and P

Sediment contributions to water quality in spring

	Denitrification	Nitrogen burial
Basin	mmol/m2/d	mmol/m2/d*
Main	0.76	3.0
Hood Canal	1.3	1.15

*Data from Brandenberger et al. (2008), (mass accumulation rate)(N/mass sediment). Two locations in the Main Basin and Hood Canal

Solute fluxes in an urban estuary

- Bellingham Bay a classic estuary
- Sources of nitrogen: Deep water, Nooksack R, Post Point WWTP
- 25 stations with duplicate flux cores
- Samples collected in June (after spring phytoplankton bloom)
- Seasonal study at one site

DIN Flux: More DIN released nearshore



Estimated rates of denitrification

- Rates are more spatially uniform
- Average rate: 2.9 mmol N m⁻² d⁻¹ assuming Redfield C:N ratio
- Median rate in Puget Sound 1.05 mmol N m⁻² d⁻¹



Oxygen flux low compared to DIC flux

- Dashed line: 1:1 ratio
- Suggests storage of sulfides and other reduced compounds (such as FeS)
- Expect seasonal storage and reoxidation of reduced compounds, particularly sulfides



Seasonal variation in DIC and DO fluxes

Seasonal variation in DO and DIC flux



Role of sediments in Bellingham Bay N cycle

Sources of DIN to Bellingham Bay, spring 2022 (ESCI 322)

Source	Input (mol N/d)	(% input)
Nooksack River	1.6x10 ⁵	3.8
Post Point WWTP	7.5x10 ⁴	1.8
Deep-water inflow	1.07x10 ⁶	94.4

Removal of DIN by denitrification (mol N/d)*% of total input1.46x10511.2%

*Denitrification rate multiplied by area of bottom sediments in study region

Gaps in understanding sediment fluxes

- Need seasonal measurements, particularly from deep basins
- Sediment cores show high variability among replicates
- Sulfate reduction and sulfide oxidation strongly influence DO uptake
- The reason for spatial variation in denitrification is not understood. (Not correlated with organic matter remineralization rate.)
- Burial of N may be significant but few estimates

Water column estimates of denitrification in Hood Canal = $K_e(dN/dz)$



Range of denitrification rates from core incubations in this region: 0.6 - 3.26 mmol m⁻² d⁻¹

Take-home messages

- Sediments contribute nearly 20% of oxygen demand in some basins of Puget Sound
- Sediments have an oxygen demand "memory" that decouples DO consumption from organic matter mineralization
- Sulfate reduction and sulfide oxidation play important roles
- Denitrification and burial remove a significant fraction of N in Hood Canal due its long residence time. Denitrification also important in shallow bays such as Bellingham Bay
- Seasonal data are needed to better quantify the role of sediment-water exchange on nitrogen and dissolved oxygen
- Burial rates of N may be significant (≈ rates of denitrification)

Questions

Benthic Fluxes in the LiveOcean Model

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LiveOcean Benthic Fluxes

- NPZD-O Model is described in Siedlecki at al. (2015)
- Organic particles (N units) sink at 8 and 80 m/day
- For flux "F" of organic particles that get to the sea floor:
- Generally, we use "instantaneous remineralization" of F back to $\rm NH_4$ and DO is lost at at rate of (108/16)F
- There is also a steady drawdown of bottom NO $_3$ of 1.2 mmol N m-2 day-2 (if F can support it)
- If instead bottom water has very low DO, we assume denitrification, and bottom NO_3 is lost at a rate F
- All based on observations on the WA shelf in Fuchsman et al. (2015)

In general water column remineralization is greater than benthic





Likely differences between the shelf and the Salish Sea

- Less wave resuspension of bottom sediment
- Estimate 20% (or less) burial of organic matter
- And...

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Topics to Cover

- Sediment module in Salish Sea Model
- Validation with observed data
- Existing Salish Sea Model analysis and sensitivity
- Proposed modeling analysis

Salish Sea Model: Sediment Diagenesis Module

- Coupled with FVCOM-ICM biogeochemical process
- Based on Di Toro et al. (2001)
 & applied in WASP (Martin and Wool, 2013)
 - **For Additional Information**

Khangaonkar et al. (2018)

- <u>Ahmed et al. (2019) +</u> <u>appendices</u>
- Pelletier et al. (2017a)
- <u>Bianucci et al. (2018)</u>



Biogeochemical Process Configuration

Salish Sea Model: Sediment Diagenesis Module

Processes

- 2 layer aerobic & anaerobic
- Deposition of particulate organic matter
- Diagenesis/decomposition
- Solute form exchange (e.g., DO), and burial

Model Considerations

- Uniform parameters (<u>Khangaonkar, 2018</u>), similar to Chesapeake Bay
- Uniform layer depth:
 - First Layer: 0.1 cm
 - Second Layer: 10 cm
- Resuspension is not explicit



Sediment Diageneses Module

Sensitivity Analysis

Parameter (summarized in <u>Ap.E1 Ahmed et al. 2019</u>)	Used Khangaonkar et al. 2018	Comparison for Sensitivity
Settling Rates		
Labile (WSLAB) and refractory (WSREF)	5 m/day	10 m/day
For Diatoms (WS1)	0.4 m/d	0.6 m/d
For Dinoflagellates (WS2)	0.2 m/d	0.3 m/d
Nitrification Half-saturation concentration of ammonium ion required for nitrification (KHNNT)	0.5 g/N/m3	1 g/N/m3
Mineralization Minimum heterotrophic respiration rate (KLDC)	0.025 d	0.05 d
Parameter (earlier: <u>Bianucci, et al., 2018</u>)	Used:	Comparison for Sensitivity
Freshwater at ambient seawater concentration	Including FW in FVCOM and ICM (baseline)	Including FW only FVCOM only
High DIC at the Ocean Boundary	Baseline	DIC at SJF Ocean Boundary 2% from baseline (+40mmol m-3)
High DIC in freshwater	Baseline	High DIC in FW 12%

Maintained because no significant improvement

Validation: Pelletier et al. (2017)

Compare annual predictions from 2006 to a specific time

						Model predictions (gO2/m^2/d)		Observed data (go)				
				Stations	Node	Year	Mean	Min	Max	Year (Month)	Mean	Min	Max
6				BUDD05	8615	2006	1.60	0.93	2.00	2007 (Sep-Oct)	0.44	0.08	0.99
5	OD: 0.73 RN	VISE		BUDD15	8374	2006	1.54	0.95	1.89	2007 (Sep-Oct)	0.82	0.63	1.13
	$(0) \alpha / m \wedge 2 / c$	4 <i>)</i>		BUDD25	8372	2006	1.43	0.91	1.75	2007 (Sep-Oct)	0.62	0.50	0.70
	(028/11/2/	u)		CARR05	8016	2006	1.01	0.73	1.33	2007 (Sep-Oct)	0.51	0.33	0.79
				CARR15	7950	2006	1.05	0.82	1.37	2007 (Sep-Oct)	0.69	0.64	0.77
				CARR25	7846	2006	1.26	1.06	1.45	2007 (Sep-Oct)	0.25	0.21	0.27
				CASE05	8858	2006	0.88	0.59	1.07	2007 (Sep-Oct)	0.33	-0.03	0.69
				CASE15	8756	2006	1.08	0.73	1.29	2007 (Sep-Oct)	0.53	0.39	0.62
C	ompare same	location		CASE25	8656	2006	1.28	0.84	1.54	2007 (Sep-Oct)	0.70	0.49	1.03
				ELD05	8741	2006	1.34	0.66	1.89	2007 (Sep-Oct)	1.49	1.23	1.71
		_	\prec	ELD15	8579	2006	1.48	0.78	2.01	2007 (Sep-Oct)	0.94	0.89	1.02
				ELD25	8397	2006	1.60	1.00	1.99	2007 (Sep-Oct)	0.74	0.22	1.08
	ncludes embay	yments		QMH_A	6817	2006	1.30	0.94	1.69	2010 (Sep)	1.72	1.72	1.72
	vith Low Mode			QMH_B	6783	2006	1.19	0.89	1.44	2010 (Sep)	0.72	0.72	0.72
V				QMH_C	6684	2006	1.16	0.97	1.29	2010 (Sep)	0.64	0.64	0.64
-				QMH_D	6645	2006	1.14	0.99	1.25	2010 (Sep)	0.95	0.95	0.95
				QMH_E	6574	2006	1.20	1.05	1.27	2010 (Sep)	0.16	0.16	0.16
	Model	Observed		BD-2	8374	2006	1.03	0.36	1.96	1996-7 (Sep-Sep)	0.57	0.26	0.92
			9	LOON-1	8492	2006	1.03	0.41	1.87	1996-7 (Sep-Sep)	0.59	0.36	1.01
	1.23	0.63		BA-1	8615	2006	1.24	0.54	2.24	1996-7 (Sep-Sep)	0.57	0.32	0.87
				BI-5	8775	2006	2.37	1.26	4.41	1996-7 (Sep-Sep)	0.58	0.17	1.14
	0.32 – 4.41	-0.03 – 1.72		DABOB	5380	2006	0.61	0.32	0.97	1981-2 (Jan-Jan)	0.17	0.07	0.36
	0 70*			HOLMES	4786	2006	0.95	0.94	0.97	1993 (Aug)	0.14	0.12	0.16
	0./3*			CARKEEK	42/6	2006	0.64	0.52	0.74	1982 (Jun)	0.1/	0.17	0.17

*similar to 0.64 RMSE from Brady et al. (2013)

Mean

Range

RMSE

Primarily flux chambers

Further validation: +Merritt 2017

- Little change in annual model years Sound-wide (0.4g/m2/d peak)
- -13.66 to 42.62% difference at Bellingham (seasonal) specifically



Figure I2. Comparison of predicted and observed SOD at multiple locations but different times.

Annual modeled vs specific time periods, sound-wide



Sediment core incubation Bellingham Bay

Model grid cell identifiers	6562	6666	6665
June 2017 Observations			
Mean	0.71	0.88	1.25
Standard deviation	0.21	0.07	0.28
Coefficient of variation	29.97%	8.28%	22.02%
June-2006 Predictions			
Mean	1.01	1.15	1.21
Standard deviation	0.04	0.05	0.05
Percent difference of means compared to			
observations	42.62%	31.29%	-3.66%
June-2008 Predictions			
Mean	0.94	1.06	1.12
Standard deviation	0.05	0.07	0.07
Percent difference of means compared to			
observations	32.84%	21.41%	-10.74%
June-2014 Predictions			
Mean	0.88	1.05	1.08
Standard deviation	0.05	0.07	0.07
Percent difference of means compared to			
observations	24.19%	19.62%	-13.66%
	App	endix I, Ah	med et al. (2

Proposed Modeling Analysis

- Further validation of the sediment module using measured data
 Expanded data set for model development and validation across models
- 2. Examination of modeled sediment flux responses to changing nutrient loading
- 3. Analysis of Salish Sea Model sediment exchange model spin up and stability

1. Further validation of the sediment module using available measured data

Extends previous validation to consider

- 1. Expanded regional validation dataset
 - Compare monthly averages of DO and N to <u>USGS (2014)</u> and <u>Pelletier et al. (2017)</u> data
- 2. Seasonal variations in N fluxes
 - Compare monthly averages at Dabob, Budd and Bellingham in 2014 to <u>USGS (2014)</u> and Merritt (2017) data
- 3. Springtime comparison to consolidated data on DO, N, C, P and Silicate
 - Compare 40 sites including shallow embayments in April and May, 2018 to <u>Rigby (2019)</u> data





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2. Examination of sediment flux response to changing nutrient loading

Does the model behave as expected with varying loadings across different seasons and depths?

Calculate existing, reference, and the difference between the two for 2014

- Compare fluxes of Nitrate, Ammonium, and Sediment
 Oxygen Demand respectively to:
 - Bottom water nitrate
 - Indicators of phytoplankton in overlying waters (Net Primary Production)
 - Circulation and physical forcing (temperature and salinity)



3. Analysis of Salish Sea Model sediment exchange spin up and stability



Preliminary results: measured to modeled comparison

Pelletier et al. (2017a) prior Sediment flux comparison –annual modelled to measured time period:

	Modelle (Pelleti aı	d predictio er et al. 20 nnual mea	ons 2006 017a) — In	Observed data (Sheibley and Paulson, 2014) – specific time period				Compared annual to specific time period means at each site		
	Mean	Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max	n	RMSE		
SOD (O2) O2g/m^2/d	1.230	0.320	4.410	0.630	-0.030	1.720	23	0.73		
Ammonium (JNH4) Ng/m^2/d*	0.060	0.000	0.180	0.056	-0.004	0.189	25	0.038		
Nitrate+Nitrite (JNO3)	-0.015	-0.025	0.008	-0.009	-0.081	0.021	24	0.014		
Ng/m^2/d*										

Current comparison: similar results for annual modelled to measured time period:

	Modelle (Currer	d predictio it study) – mean	ons 2014 annual	Observed data (Rigby, 2019)* - April/early May			
	Mean	Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max	
SOD (O2) g/m^2/d	0.821	0.134	3.709	0.426	0.167	1.227	
Ammonium (JNH4) g/m^2/d	0.040	0.002	0.233	0.003	-0.006	0.017	
Nitrate+Nitrite(JNO3) g/m^2/d	-0.011	-0.022	0.007	-0.006	-0.027	0.0001	

*Measured data from April and early May 2018

SOD originally presented as -02 in Rigby (2019) presented here as +SOD



Range of modeled O2 flux g/m2/d outputs at all locations over the year 2014, matching Rigby (2019)



1. Further validation of the sediment module using available measured data



Bellingham

Rigby (2019) -20 core site USGS comp. 25 flux sites

Masked

Modeled fluxes at inlets over the year 2014, matching Rigby (2019) sites





Questions

Discussion

- Are we satisfied with our state of knowledge on sediment exchange in terminal embayments?
 - If not, what additional modeling and monitoring would you propose to improve our understanding?
- In addition to Ahmed et al. (2019) and prior papers what further validation and sensitivity analysis would you like to see?
- How would you further improve confidence in the application of the models in terms of sediment exchange?

When and where does sediment have an important impact on nitrogen cycling and low dissolved oxygen impacts?

Wrap up

- We'll share the presentation materials, recording, and a summary of the discussion
- Subscribe for updates at <u>http://eepurl.com/h5nxsr</u>
- Share any people, programs, or studies we should connect with
- Continue the discussion
 - Email Stefano Mazzilli (<u>mazzilli@uw.edu</u>) and Marielle Larson (<u>marlars@uw.edu</u>)
 - Join the upcoming workshops to dig in further

Upcoming Workshops

Phytoplankton and primary production (11/2)

Change in interannual variability of rivers and ocean impact (week of 11/14)

Improve watershed modeling to evaluate source reduction strategies to adaptively manage strategies (week of 12/12)