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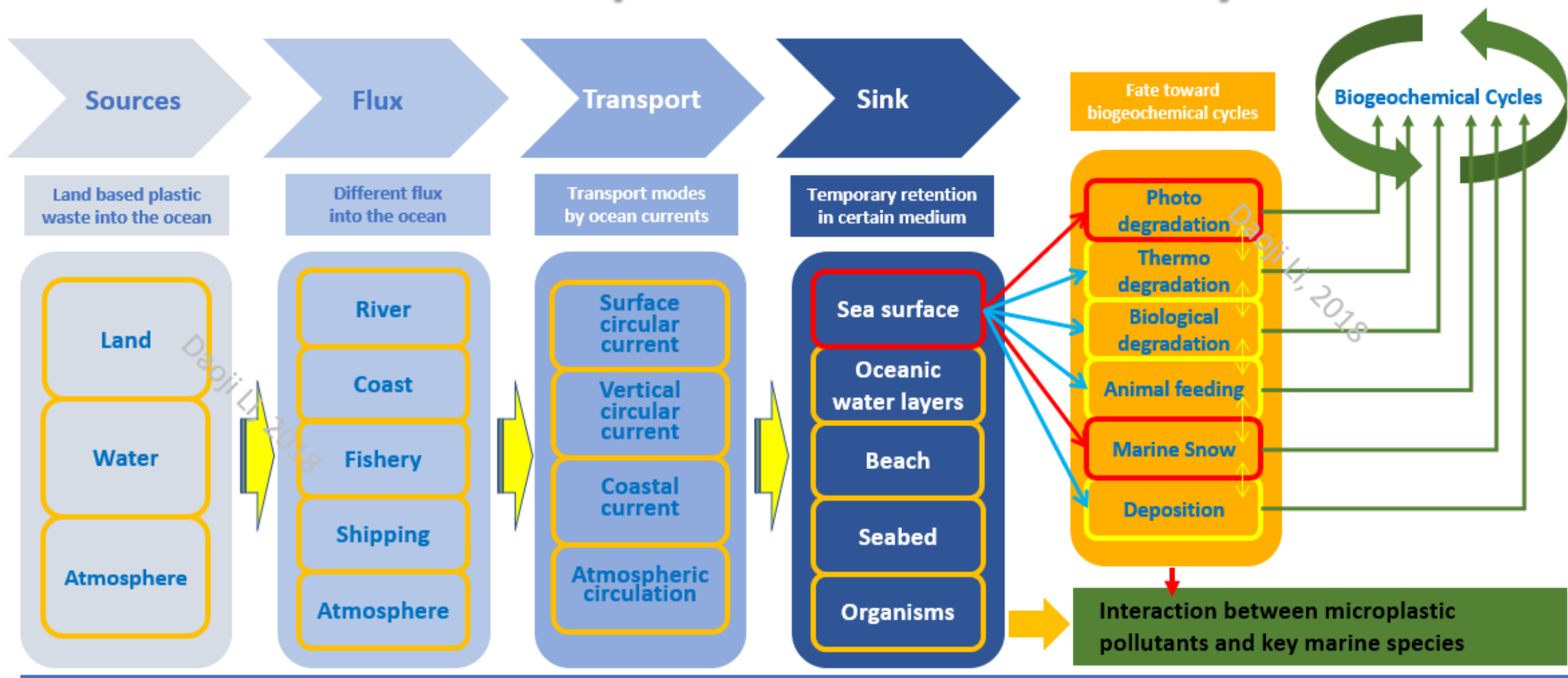
Beyond the Previous: Practices of Some New Monitoring Methodologies for Marine Plastics and Microplastics

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Marine Plastic and Microplastics: Source to fate dynamics



Effects on the Ocean Ecosystem and Ecological Risk Assessment

Policy and Countermeasures for Reducing Marine Plastic Waste

1. Sampling Methodology of Deep Sea Microplastics



Manta trawl

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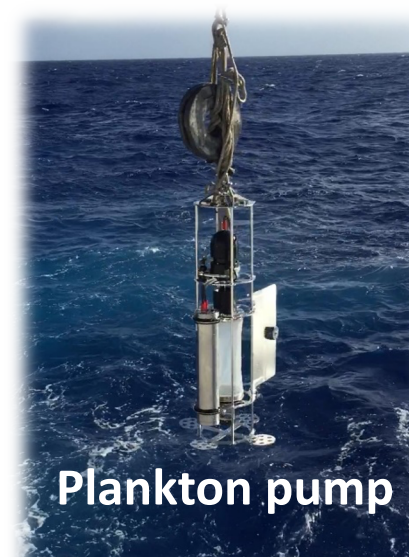


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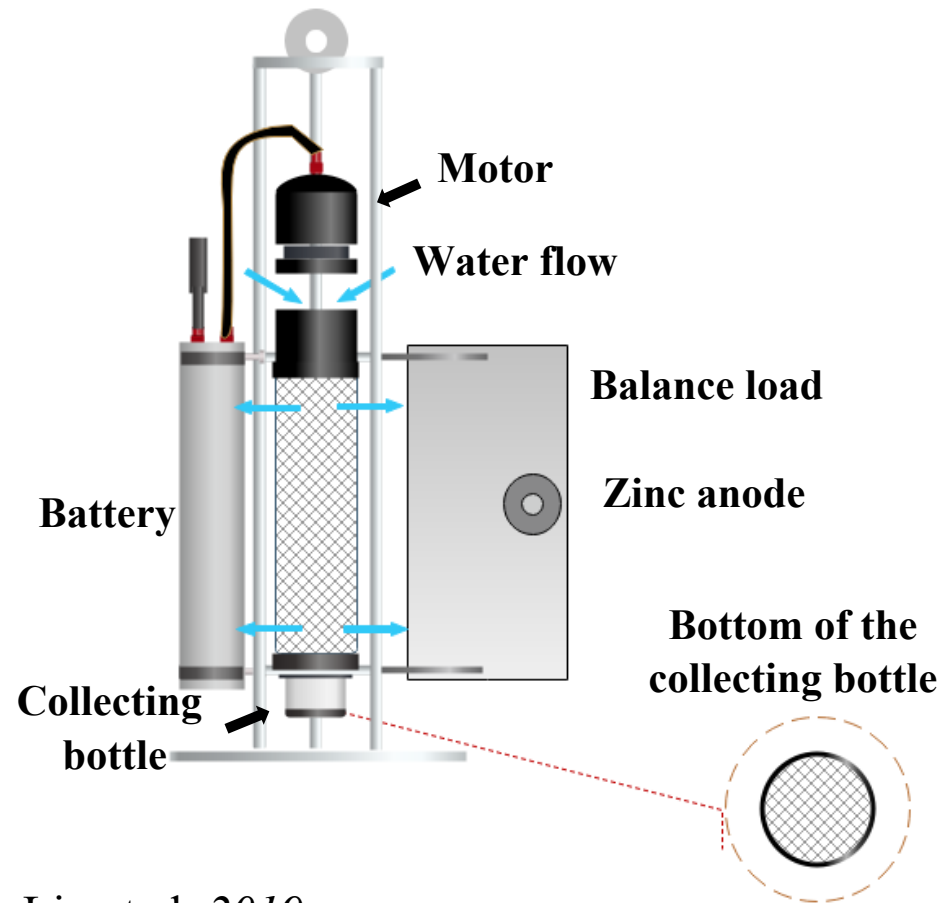
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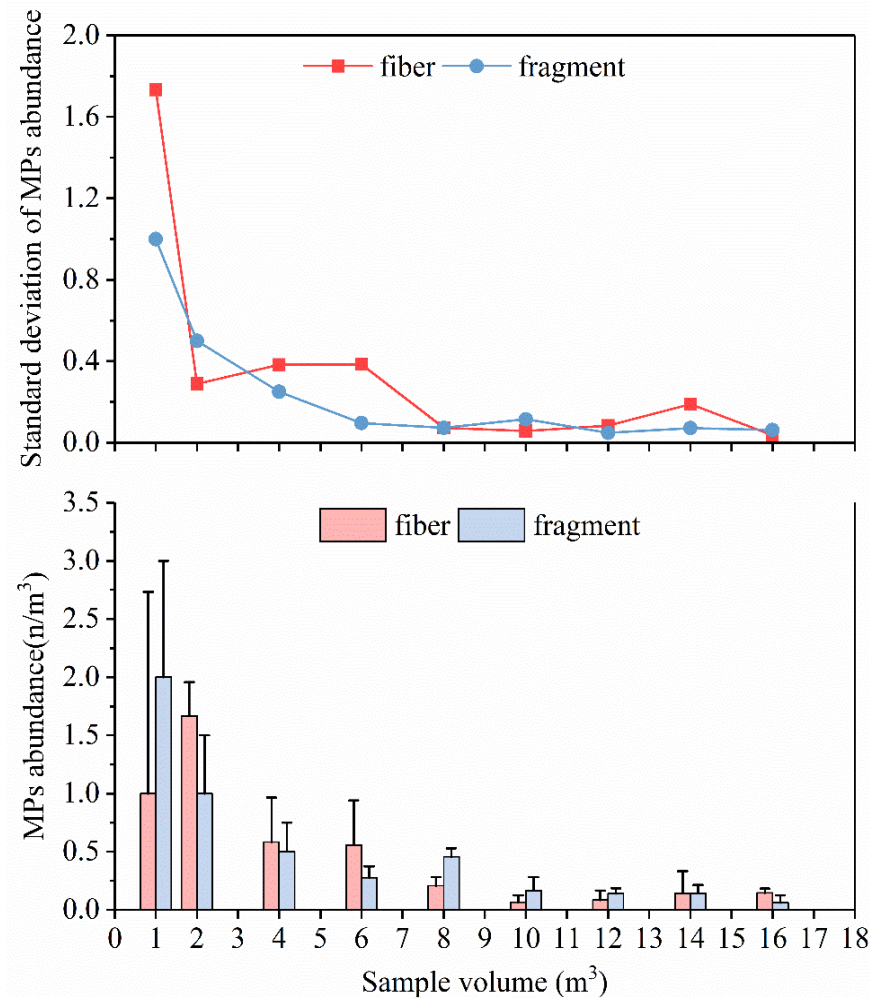
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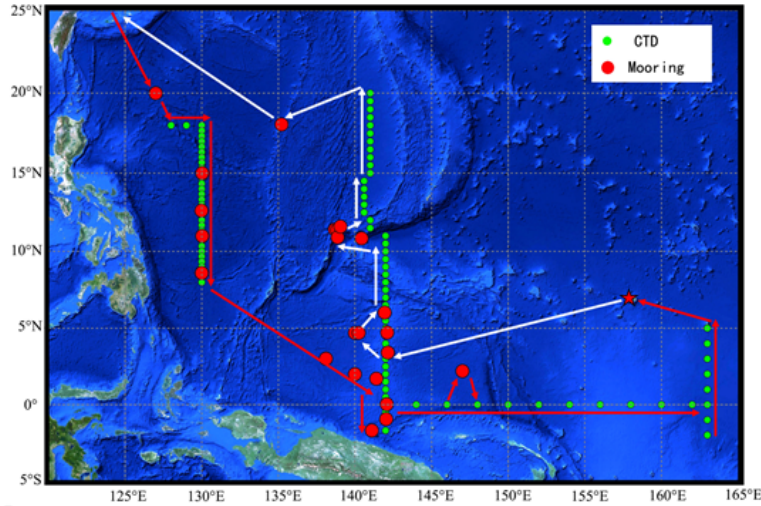
Liu et al ,2019



Comparison	CTD sample	Plankton pump
Advantage	Sample various layers for one deployment	Large volume sampling; easy deployment and retrieve
Disadvantage	Limited volume; difficult deployment and retrieve

Complete a Sampling Survey of Marine Plastic and MPS for the Fall 2019 Cruise in the Western Pacific

West Pacific Cruise Station Map in 2019



- The 1st course (red line content): set sail on October 3, 2019, and now the first course has ended on November 17th
- The 2nd course (white line content), the operation of the second segment will begin on November 19, 2019
Already called Qingdao on January 5
- 105days in total voyage



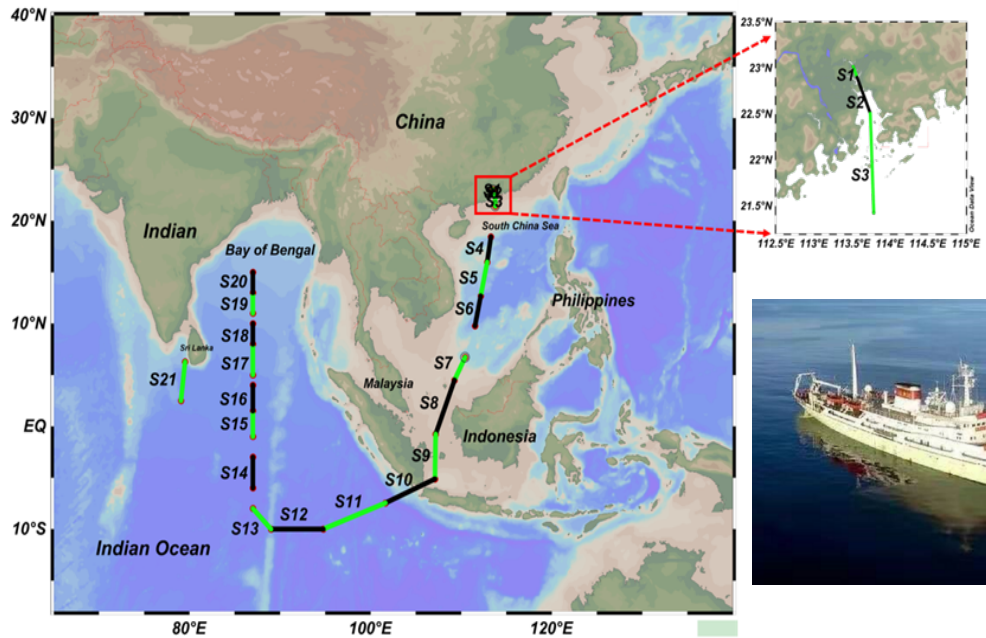
Full courses operation items

- CTD at all the depth of the water
- Manta trawl net
- sediments
- Atmospheric collector and homemade rainwater collector
- Plankton pump bulk water in situ filtration
- In-situ filtration of submersible pumps and underway water)

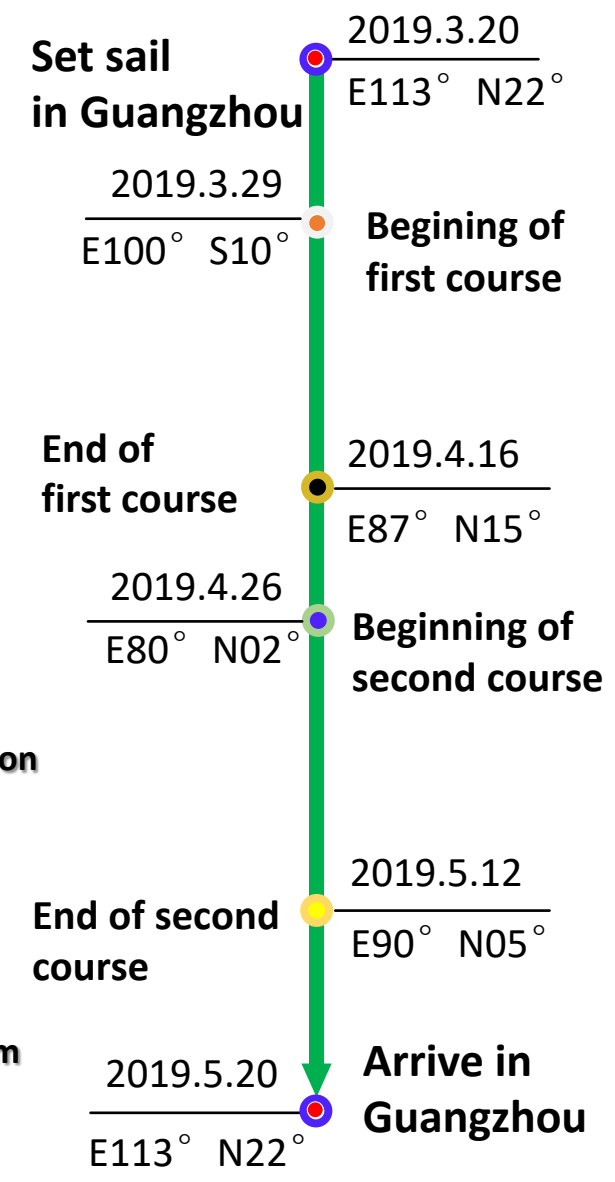
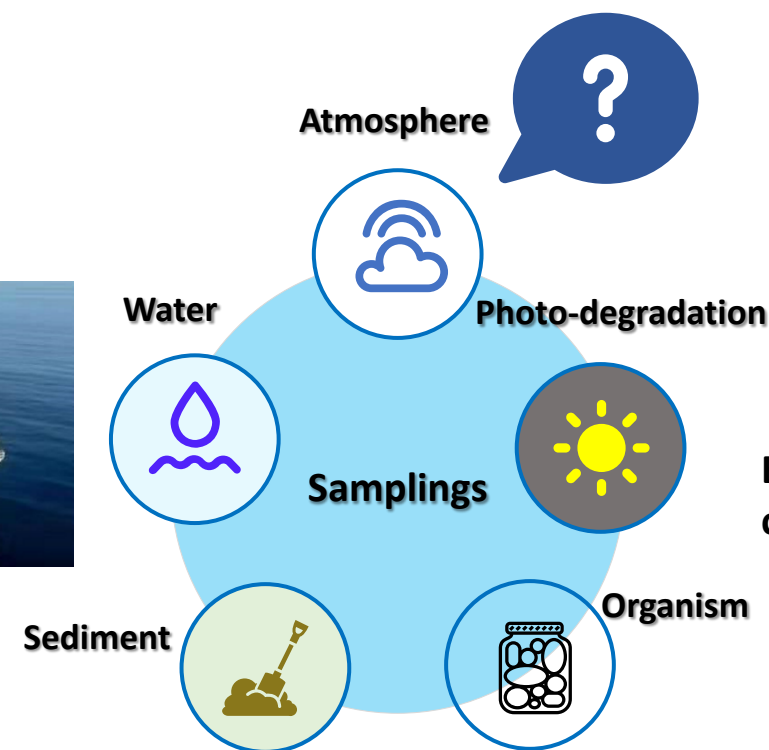
The 2019 Cruise in the South China Sea and Indian Ocean for the Source, Transportation and Fate of Microplastics

2019 NSFC Eastern Indian Ocean Shared Voyage. R/V "SHIYAN 3" set sail in Guangzhou on March 20. It lasted 2 months. After the first course, it stopped at Sri Lanka and then continued to the second course. The voyage was about 11750 nautical miles. 103 stations, got 500 samples.

Scientific question: the sources, pathways and fates of microplastics in the South China Sea and Indian Ocean



Schematic diagram of the atmospheric sampling in South China Sea and the Indian Ocean



2. Monitoring Method of Plastic Waste from Rivers into the Sea

River Microplastic Flux Model

Flux formula considering runoff and rainfall factors only:

$$Load_{ES} = \sum_{i=1}^4 (Ci \times Discharge_i \times 3 / 10^3)$$

where $Load_{CE}$ (tons/year) is the annual plastic flux into the ocean, and i represents the four seasons (spring, summer, fall and winter). Ci is the mean monthly microplastics concentration (/m³) for each season, and $Discharge_i$ is the mean monthly discharge (m³/month) for each season in each river basin. $Mass_{micro}$ refers to the average weight of each microplastics.

(Zhao et al., 2019)

River Microplastic Residual Flux Model

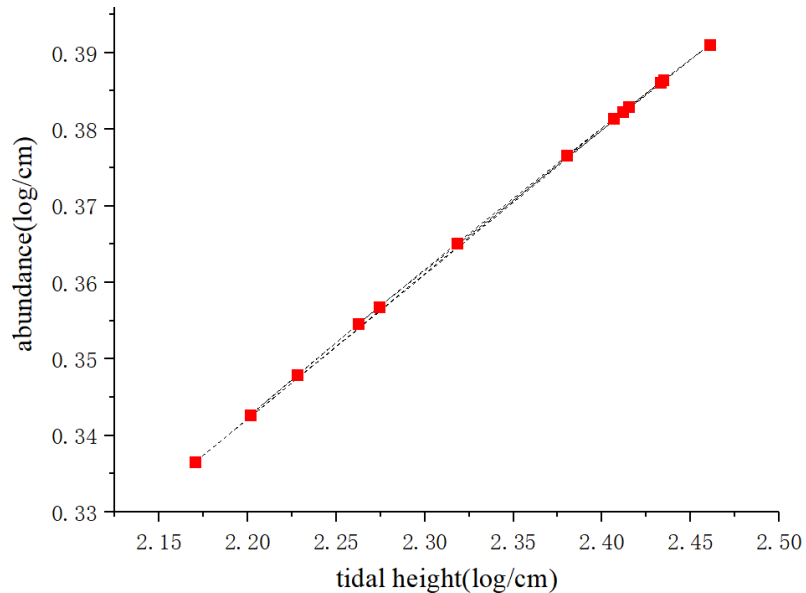
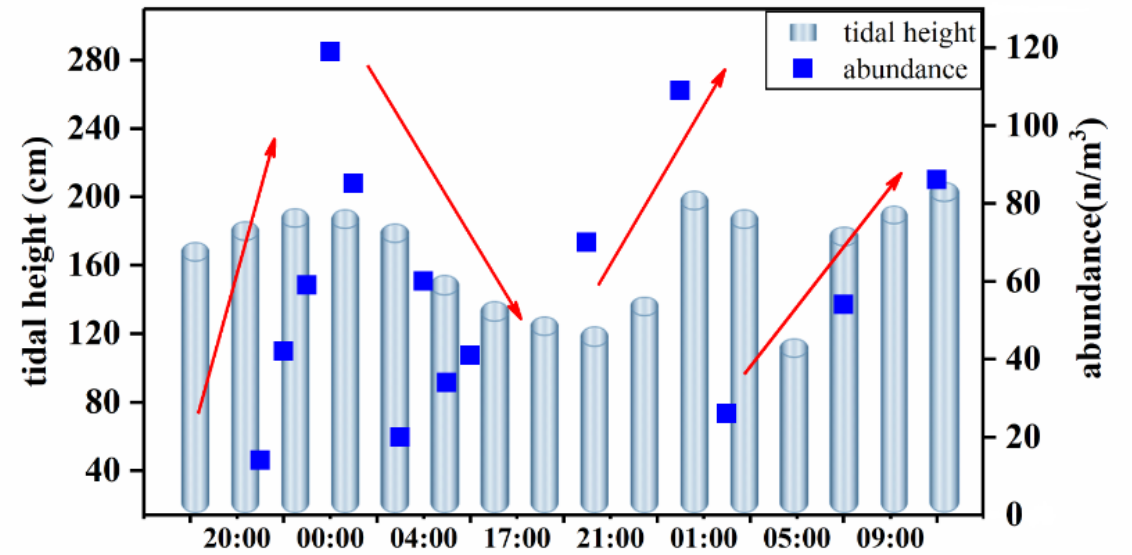
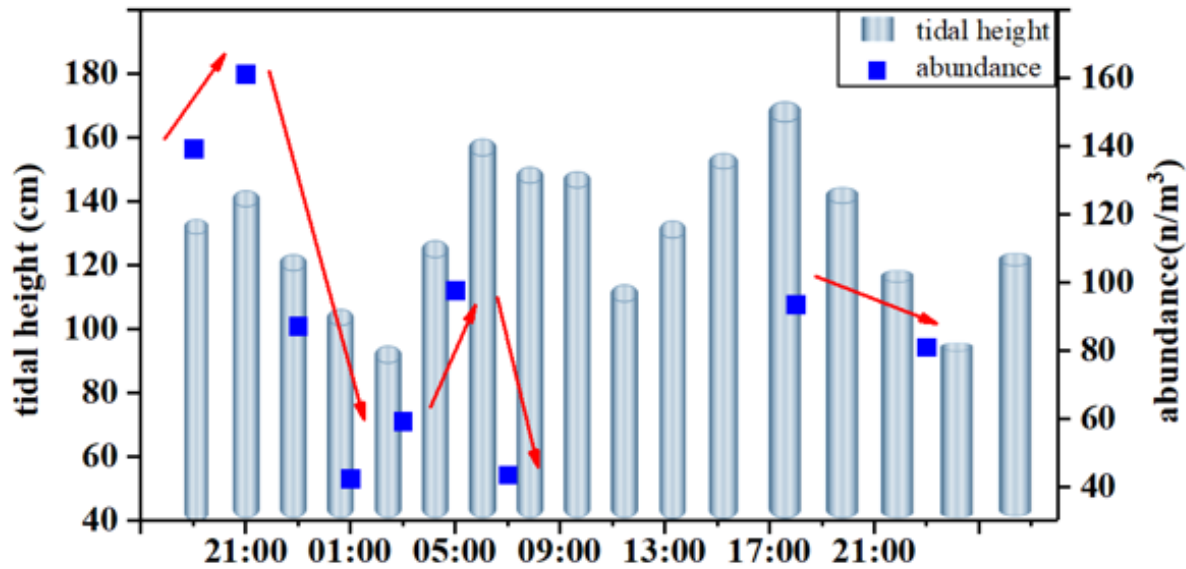
Tidal effects the estuary—

Directly influences the river flux estimation

The residual flux of microplastics passing through a unit volume every day can be obtained as follows:

$$\overline{MPS}_{Res.flux} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\delta \times \int MPS_i v_i dv_i)$$

In this formula, $\overline{MPS}_{Res.flux} (nm^{-3}s^{-1})$ represents the residual flux of microplastics, $MPS_i (nm^{-3})$ means the concentration of microplastics at that moment, $v_i (m^{-3}s^{-1})$ represents the velocity of flow at that moment, $n(n)$ represents the number of sampling times within 26 hours. $\delta (g)$ represents the average weight of each microplastic.

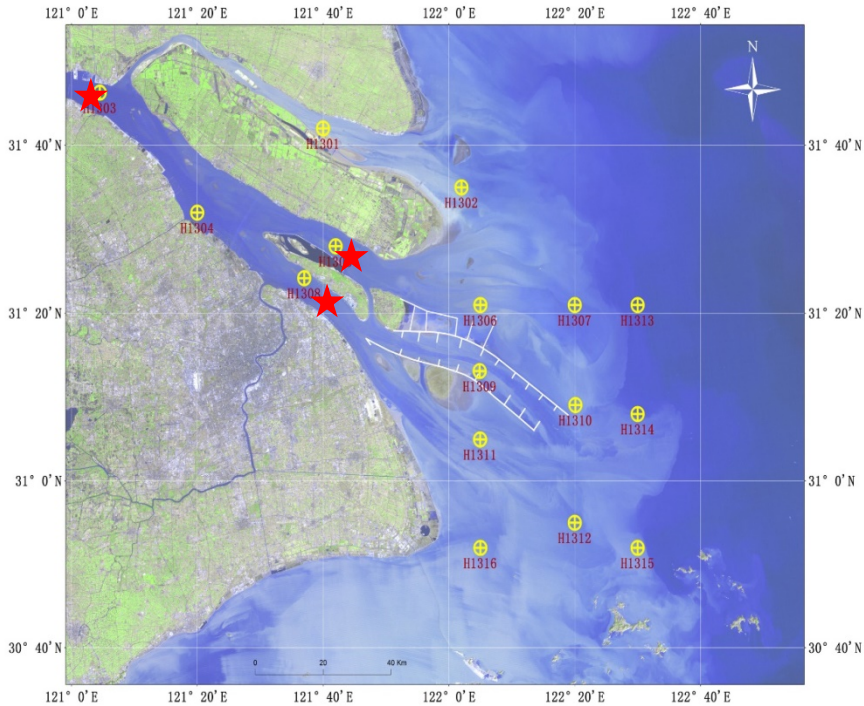


- Sampling based a full tidal cycle
- There is an obvious linear relationship between the ebb and flow of the tide and the abundance of microplastics, which has been verified by Pearson Correlation Coefficient.
- Tidal factors will greatly influence the estimates

Because the magnitude difference of the data is large, the data is processed by log10 for correlation analysis

Summer investigation on the flux of plastics and microplastics into the sea in the Yangtze River Estuary in 2019

Synchronization monitor, full tidal cycle, multi-methods, full water depth, multi-hydraulic parameters

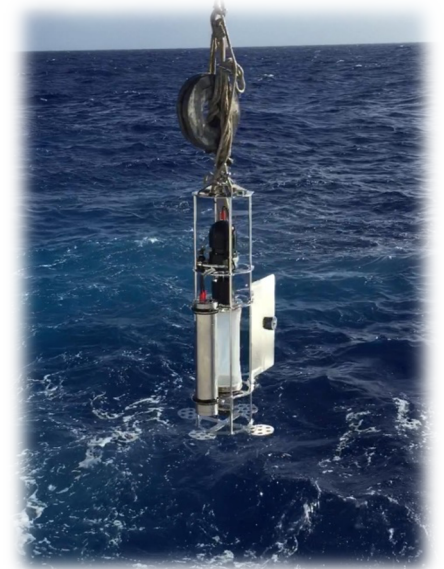


Full tidal cycle during flood season



Plastics input flux:

- **In-situ filtration device:** three stations (inner, entrance and outer water mass) at the 0‰ salinity position; three layers (surface, middle and bottom water) of every stations were collected, and 8 m³ water was in-filtrated per sample.
- **Manta trawl:** surface trawling was conducted at every station over 30 min.
- **Macroplastics flux monitoring:** 2 m × 3 m open mouth, 4 m length, 5 mm mesh size
- **Bulk samples:** Niskin bottles were used for surface, middle and bottom water
- **Other hydraulic parameters:** ADCP, surface flow meter, OBS, CTD, etc.



Monitor and estimate plastic debris input into the ocean through estuarine system

Summer Investigation on the flux of plastics into the sea in the coastal estuaries of China in 2019

Sampling Campaign in 11 main estuarian system of China :

Sampling date: August 15, 2019 to September 9, 2019 ,

Sampling location: Pearl River Estuary, JiulongJiang, Minjiang, Jiaojiang, Oujiang, Qiantangjiang, Liaohe, Haihe, Yellow River, Jiaozhou Bay, Guanhe

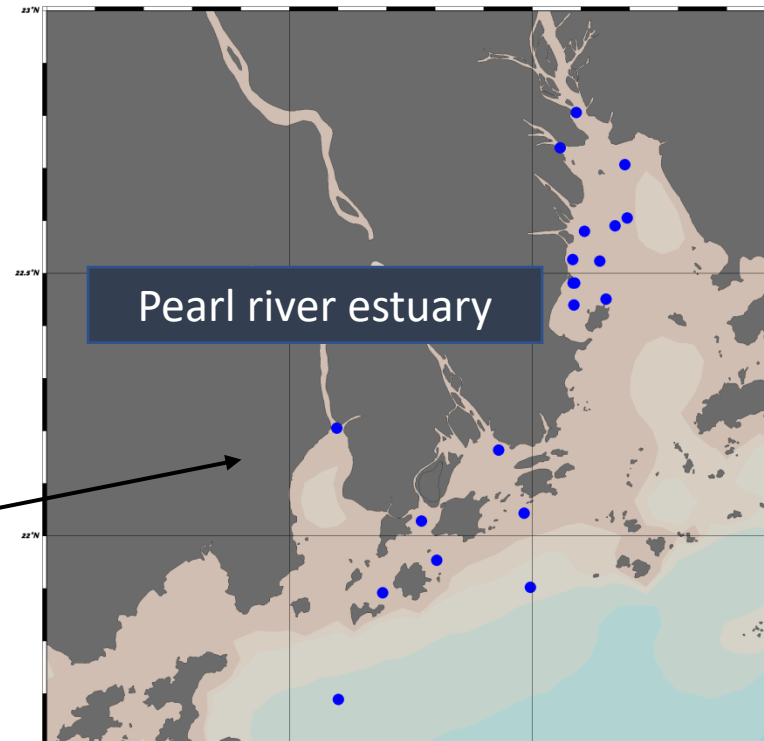
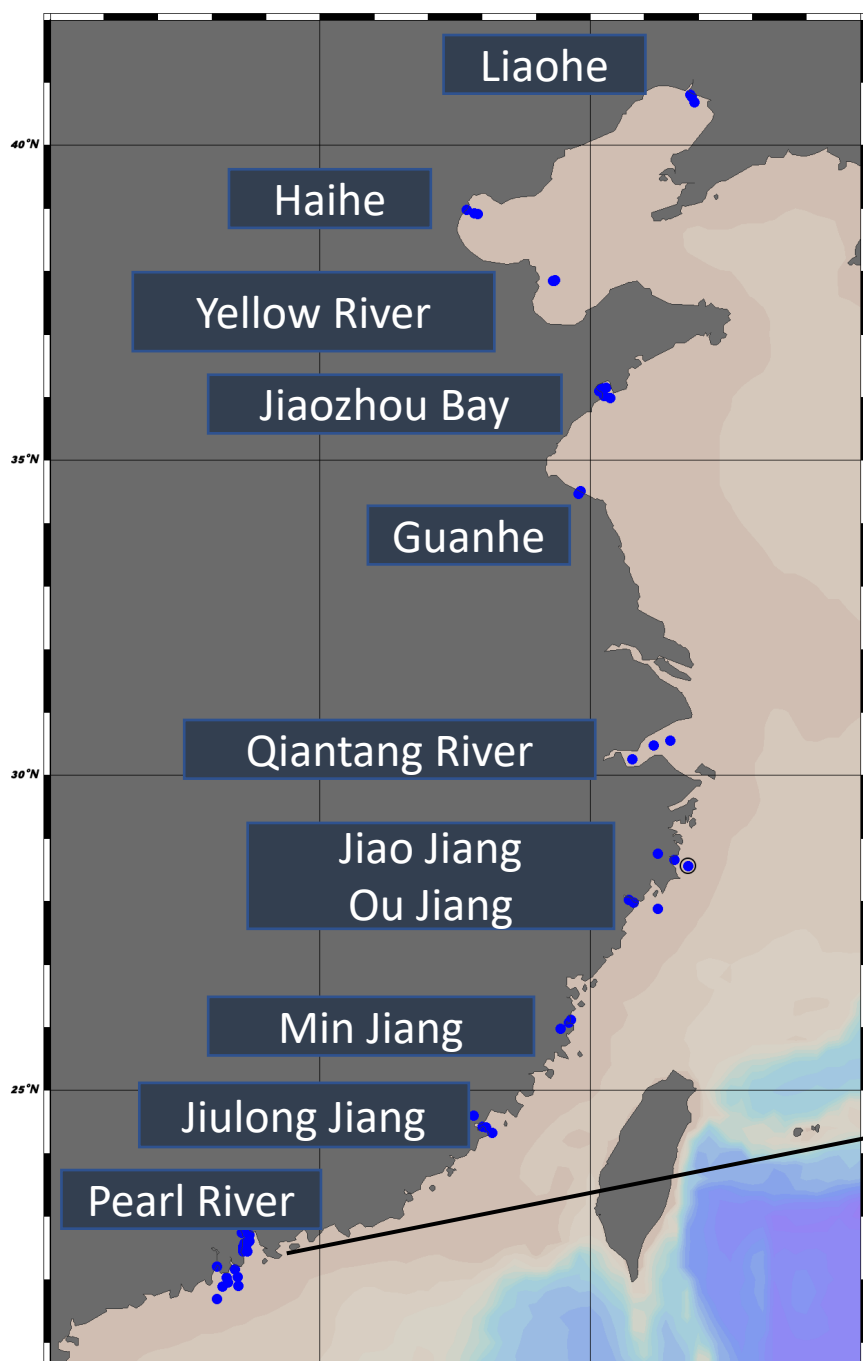
Runoff flux of MPs :

1. In-situ filtration device: three stations (inner, entrance and outer water mass) at the 0‰ salinity position; three layers (surface, middle and bottom water) of every stations were collected, and 8 m³ water was in-filtrated per sample.

2. Manta trawl: surface trawling was conducted at every station for least 30 min.

3. Bulk sampling: bulk samples were also collected

- 1. Jiaomen
- 2. Humen
- 3. Hengmen
- 4. Hongqimen
- 5. Modaomen
- 6. Jitimen
- 7. Yamen
- 8. Hutiaomen



3. Modelling River Plastic Flux of the Global Rivers

The microplastic concentration in Pearl River was in the low middle level among 22 rivers global

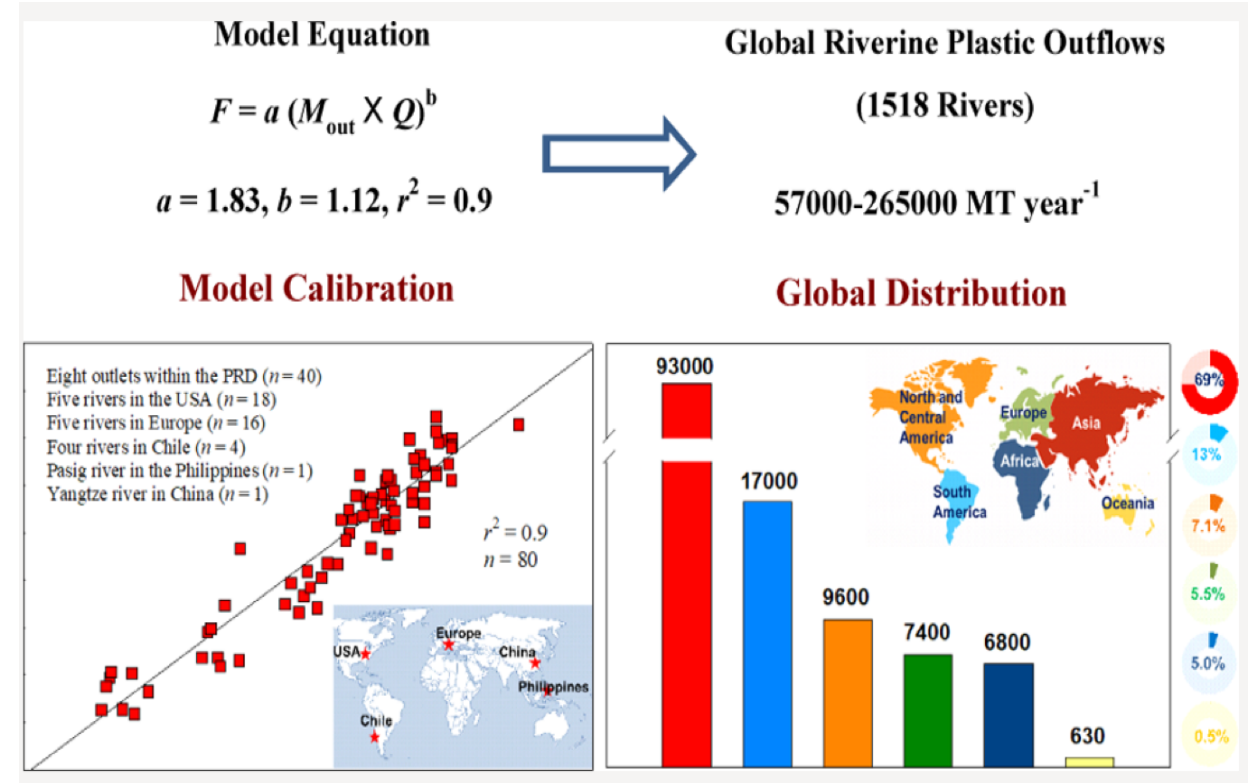


(Mai, et al.,2019,EST)

The annual transport volume of microplastics in the Pearl River is 3.9×10^{10} and weigh for 66 tons

Factors influencing the conveying volume of microplastics:

- Human activity - Microplastic concentrations were higher in outlets adjacent to large cities such as Guangzhou, than in other entrances to forests and farmland.
- Tributary runoff - The runoff of three heavily polluted tributaries accounted for 25%, 20% and 14% respectively.
- Natural climate –The microplastic conveying volume is the highest in summer and the lowest in winter.

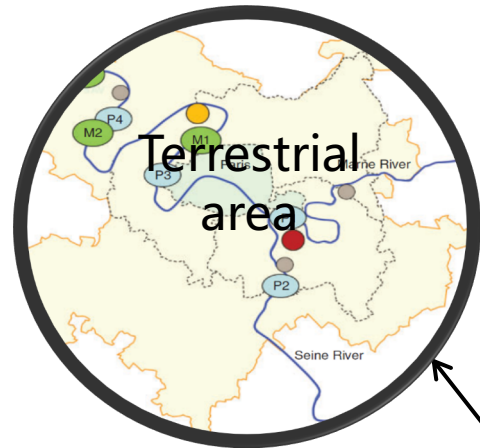


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The global plastic outflows from 1518 main rivers were in the range of 57,000–265,000 (median:134,000) tons 2018

Based on the Human Development Index(HDI) and field data in the Pearl river, the global plastic outflows were estimated.

4. Collection of microplastics in the atmosphere over the sea surface for Microplastics transport to the ocean through the atmosphere



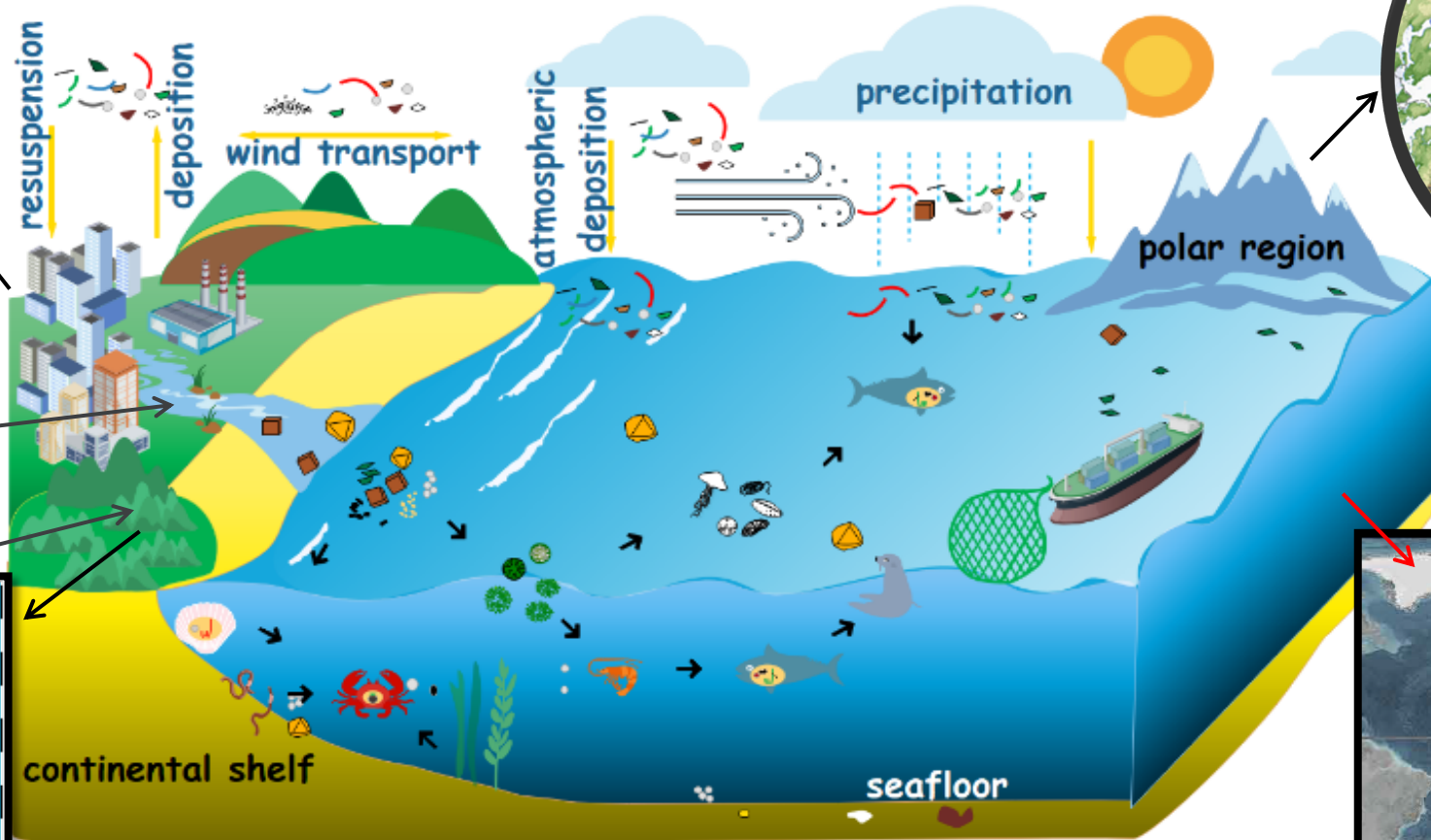
Dris et al., 2015

Riverine input

Coastal discharge

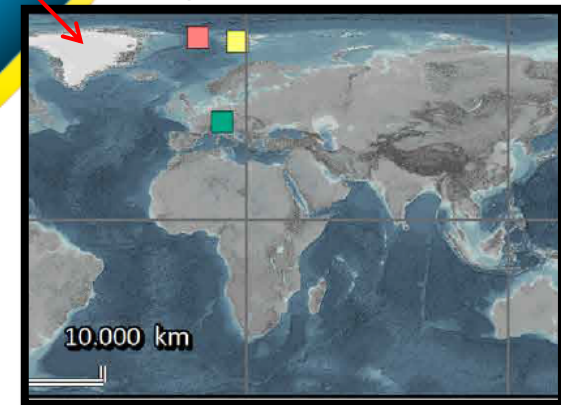


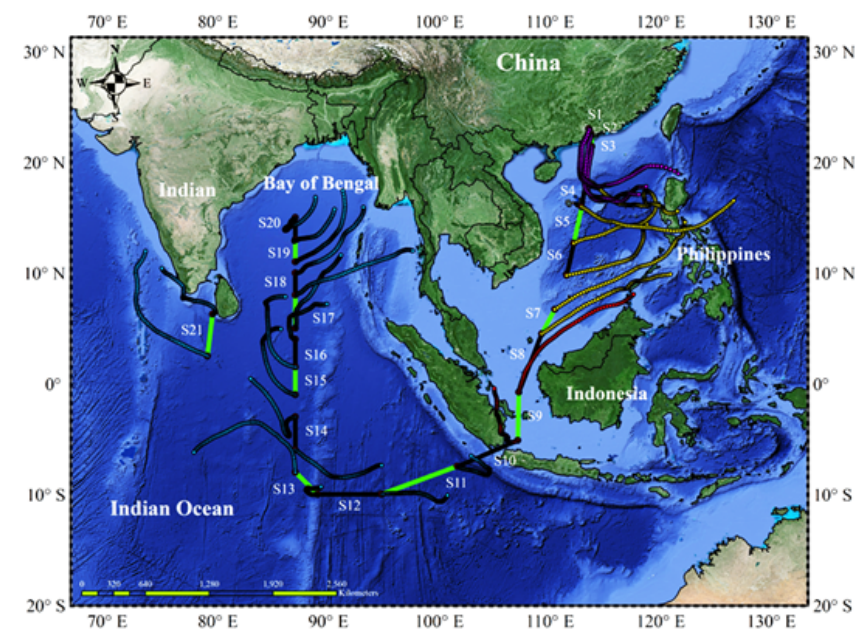
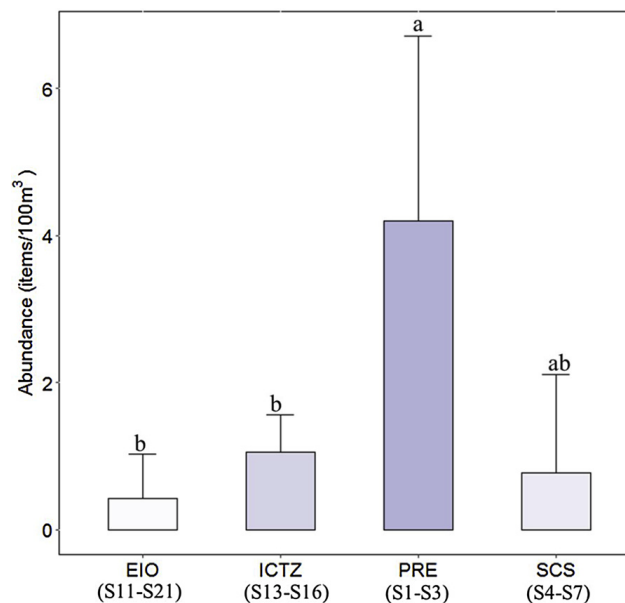
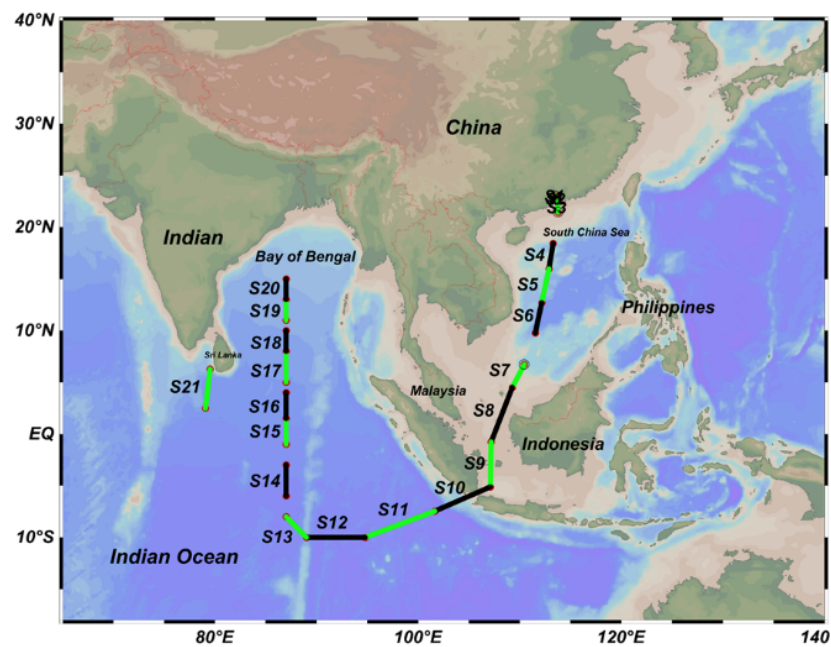
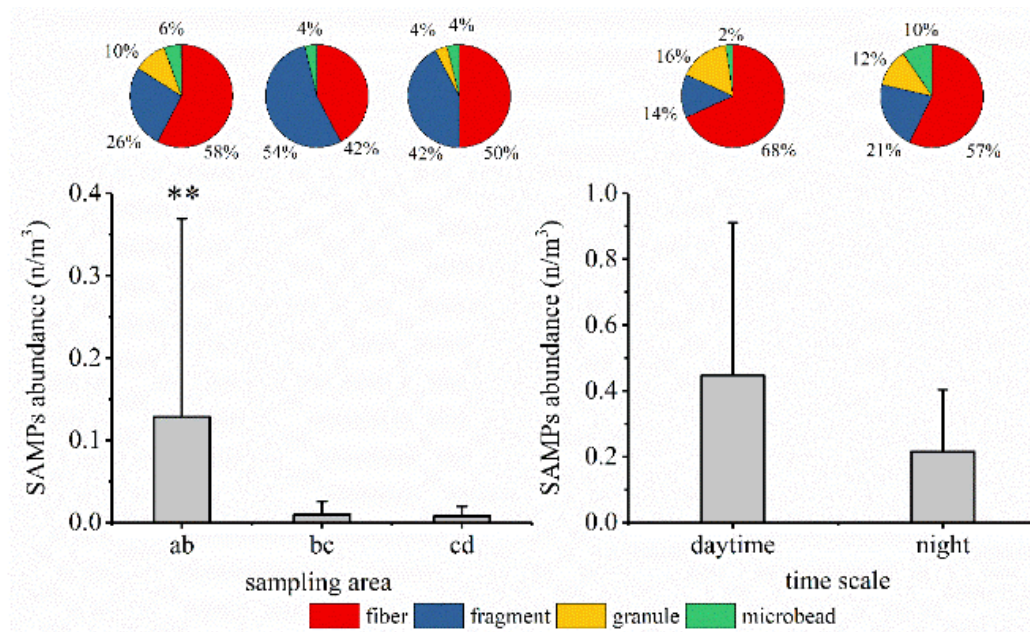
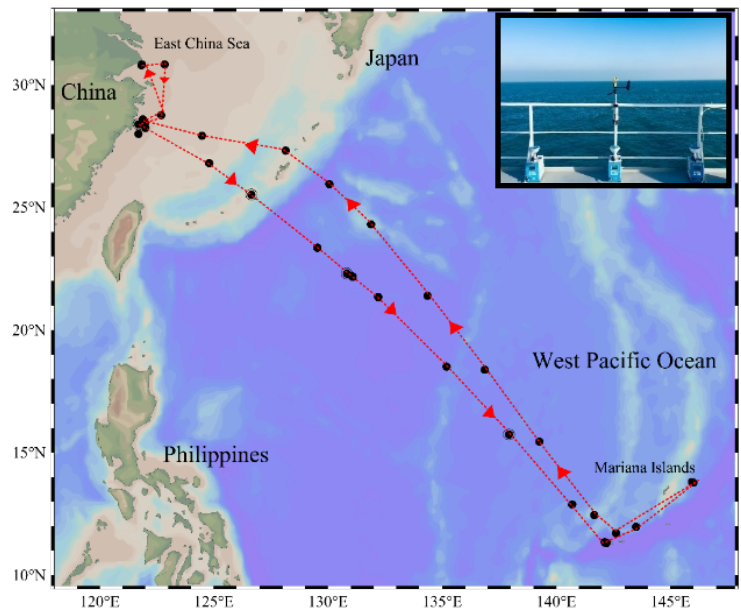
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Bergmann et al., 2019







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