



Abstract



Spatial and temporal variability of gas content in sediments of Lake Kinneret, North of Israel

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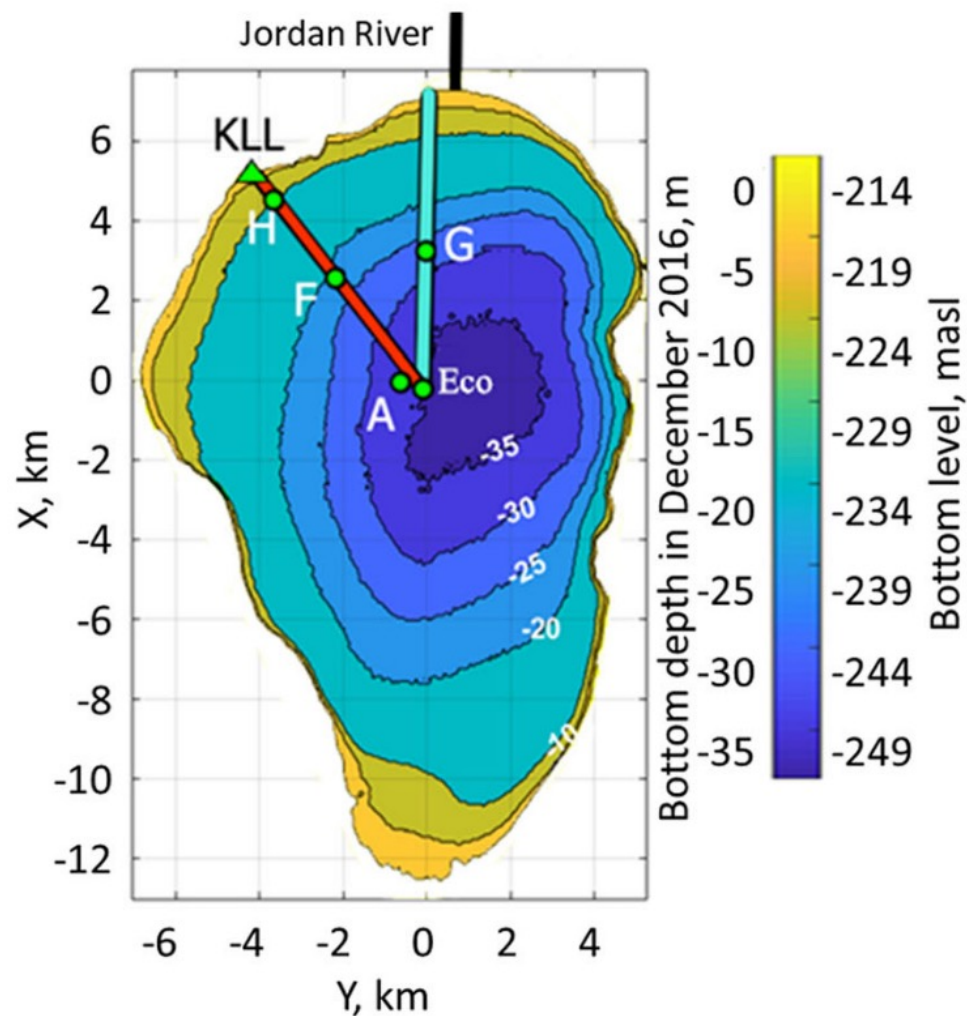
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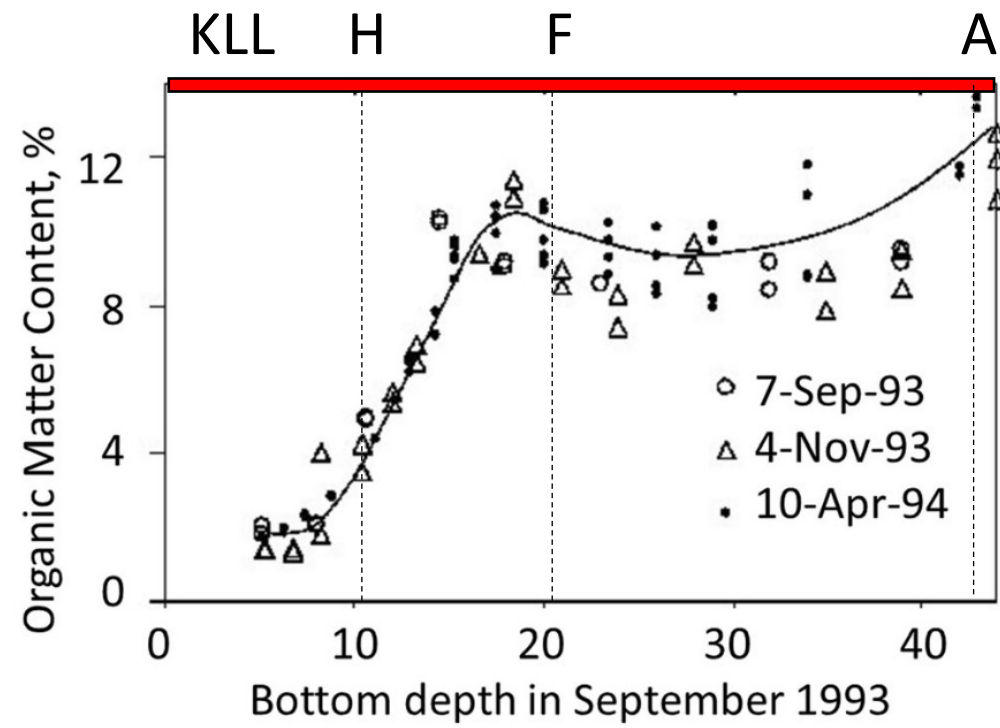
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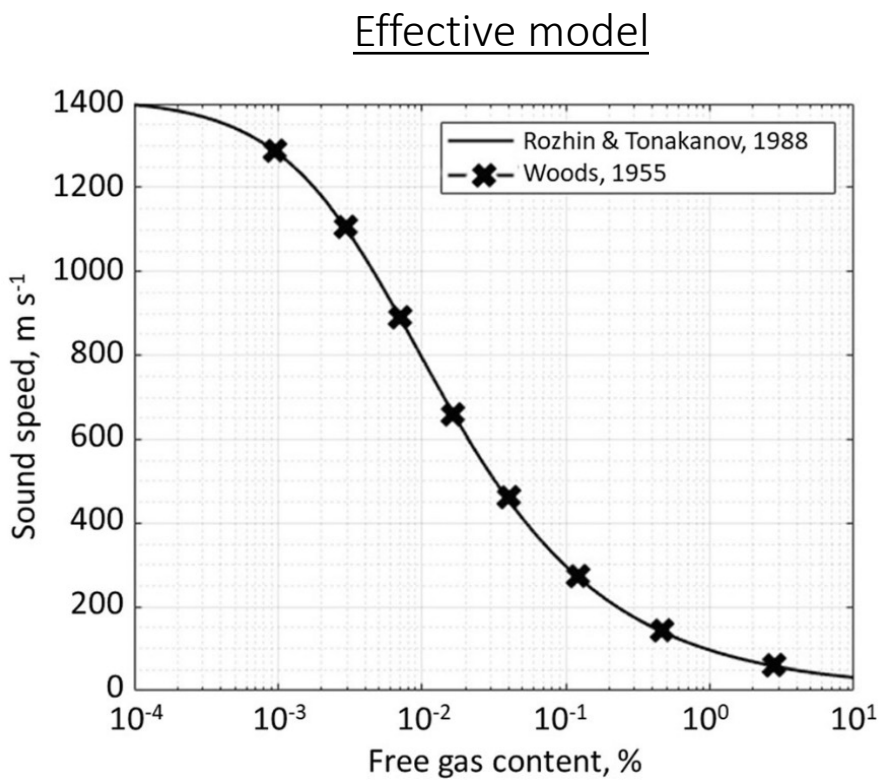
Bathymetry and study area



Organic matter content (OMC)

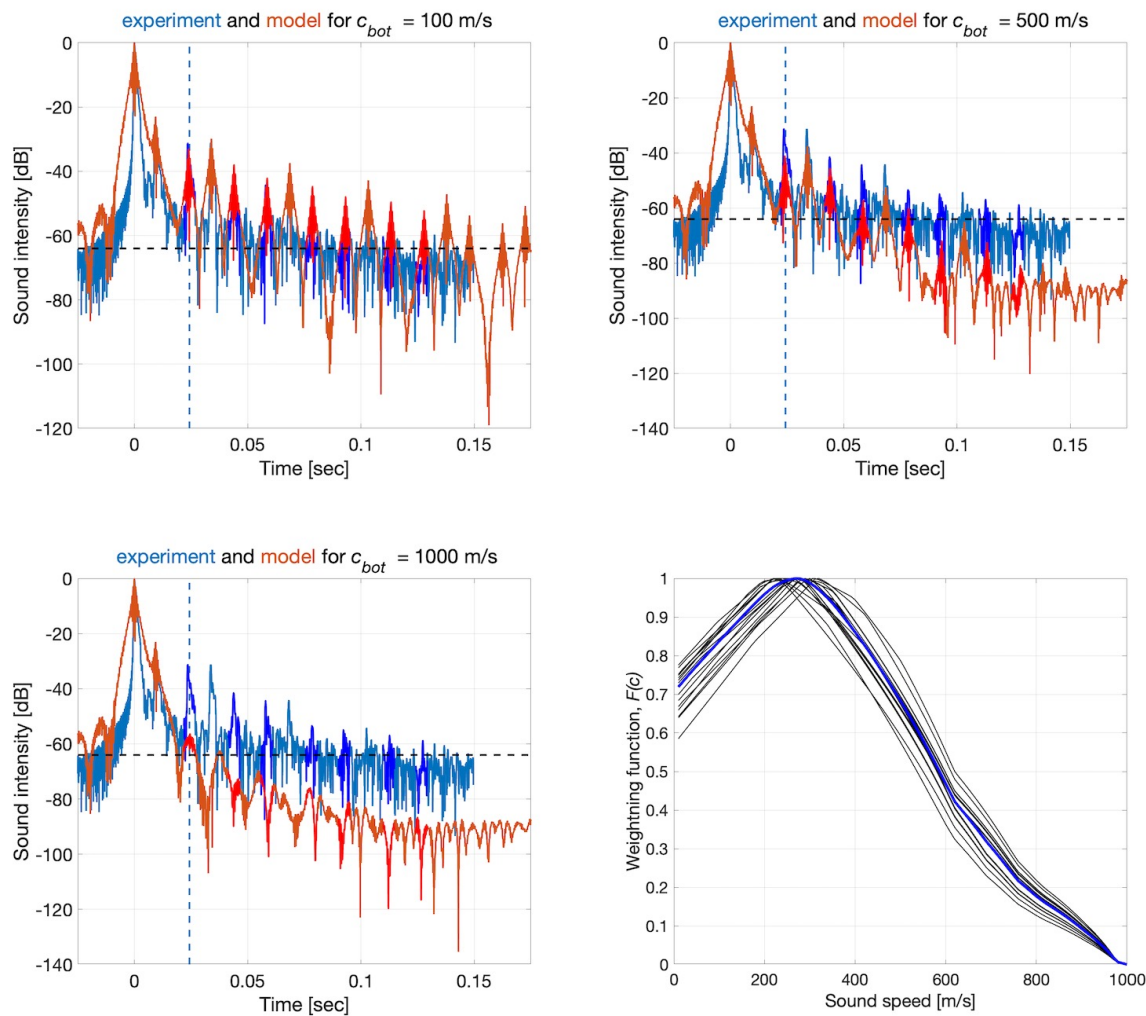


Characteristics of OMC in the bottom sediment along the North-West offshore transect.



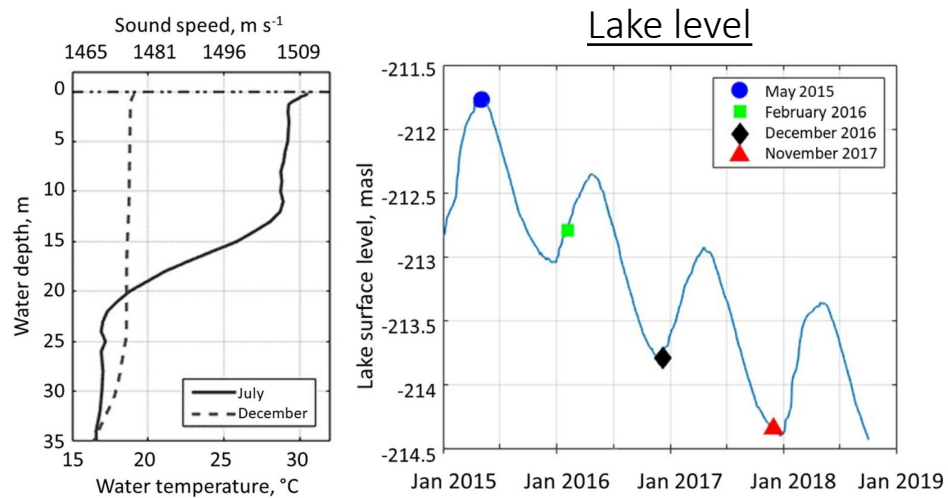
Sound speed in sediment vs. free gas content calculated for sediment properties of Lake Kinneret

Geoacoustic inversion process

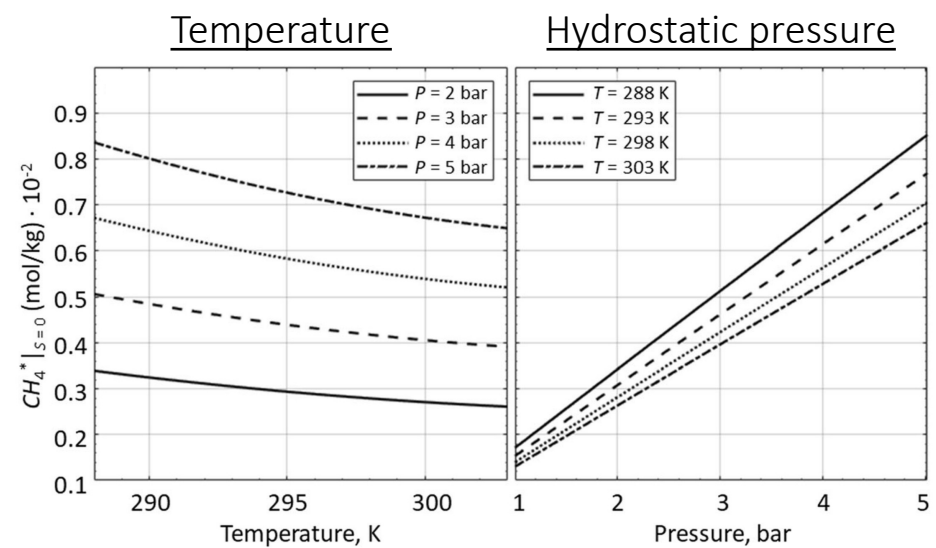


Experimental and modeled pulse responses, and the final weighting function. Here the estimated $c = 285 \pm 20$ m/s, $\Theta = 0.11 \pm 0.02$ %.

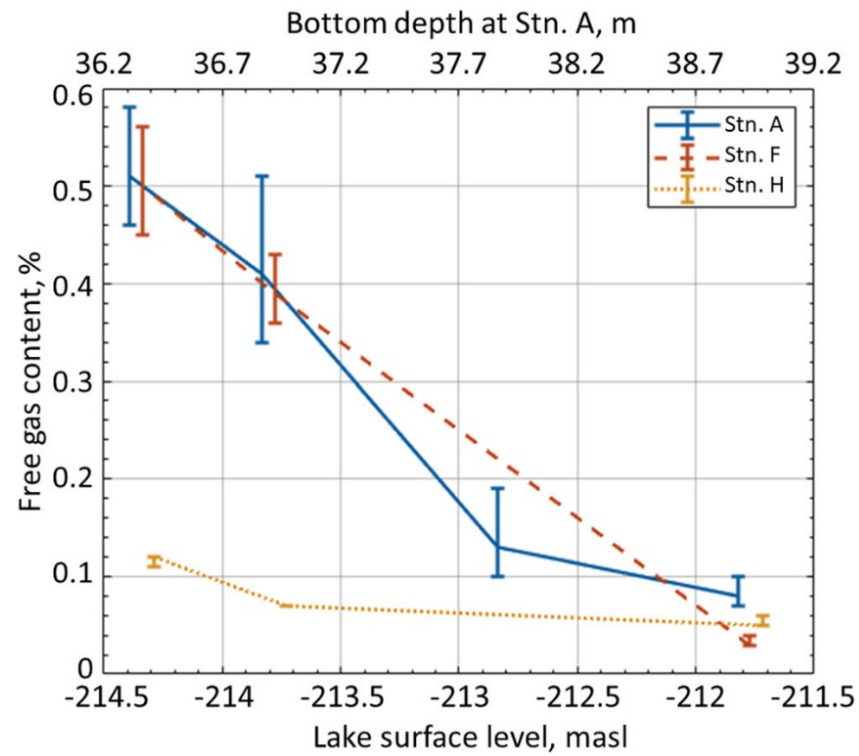
Uzhansky et al., 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00367-019-00629-4>
Katsnelson et al., 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1002/lom3.10178>



Solubility controls:

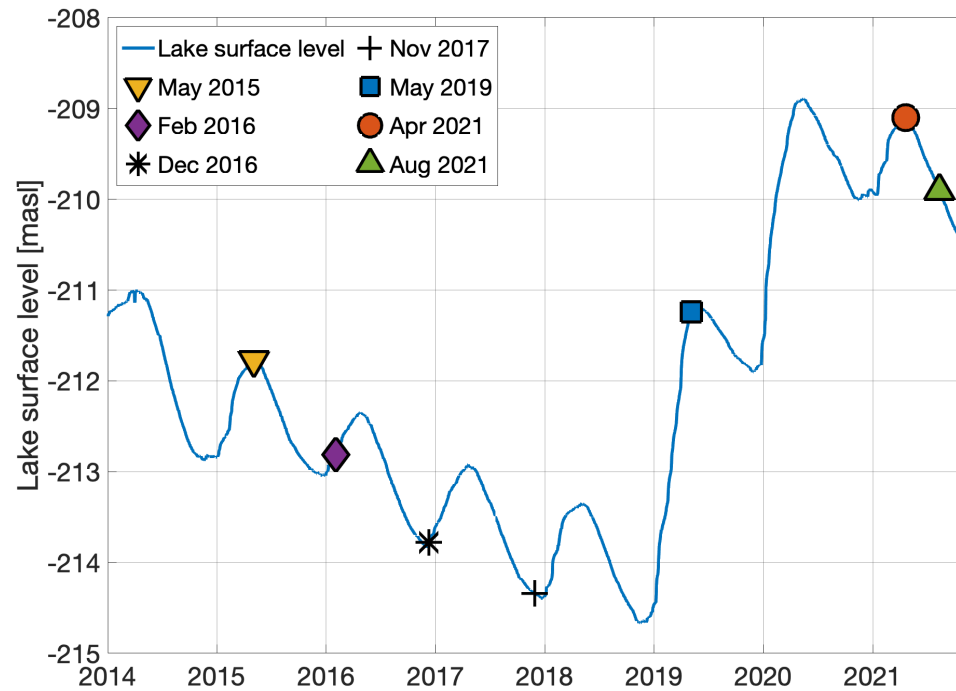


Results of estimations: northwestern transect

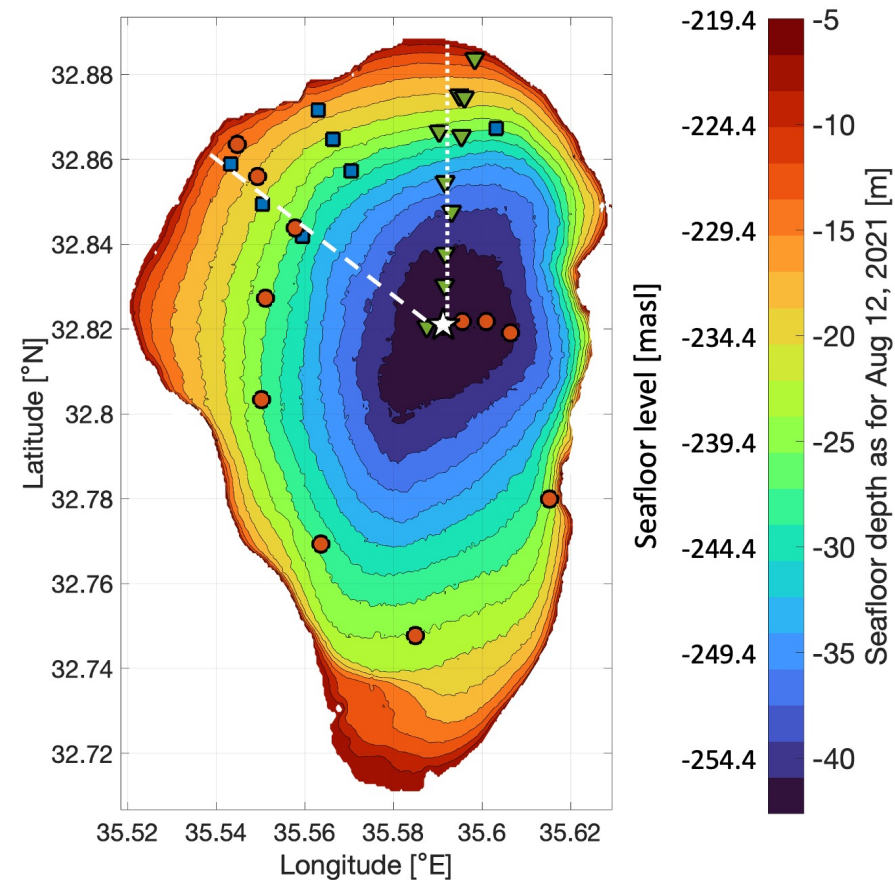


Estimated free gas content vs. lake level and corresponding bottom depth at Stn. A. Vertical error bars represent 95% confidence interval.

Lake level fluctuations in Lake Kinneret in 2014 – 2021

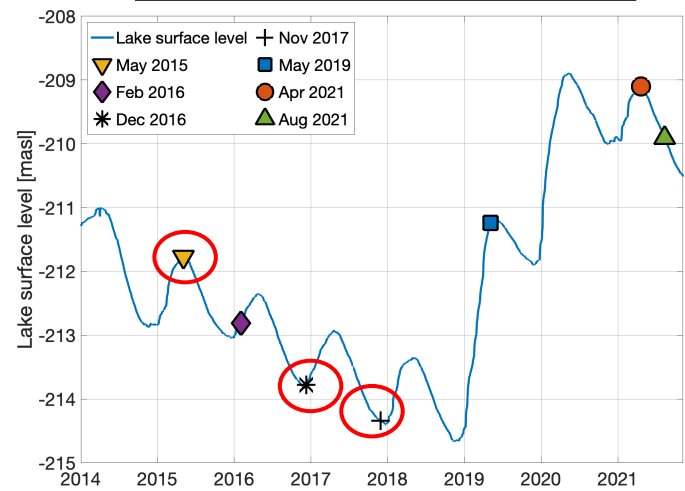


Points of measurements

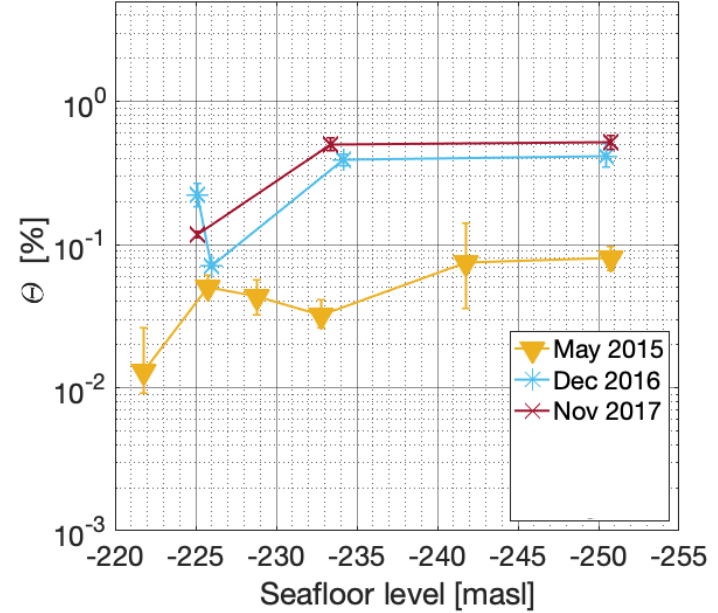


Bathymetric map of Lake Kinneret with points of acoustical measurements carried out on **May 6, 2019**, **Apr 22, 2021**, and **Aug 12, 2021**.

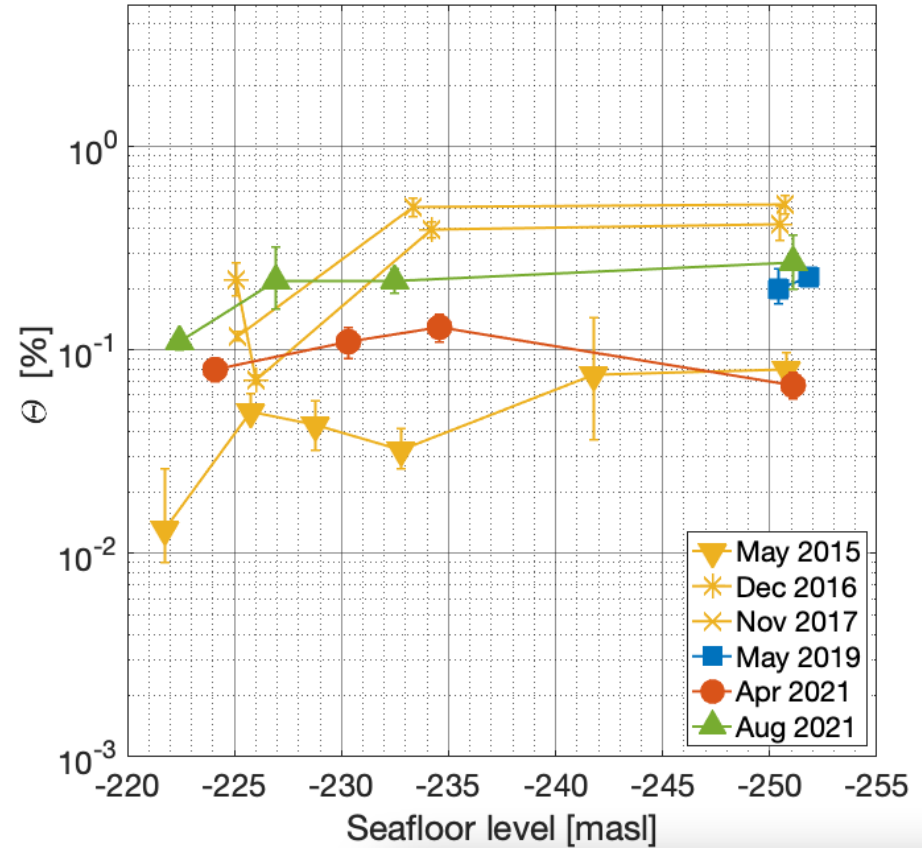
Multiannual changes in lake level



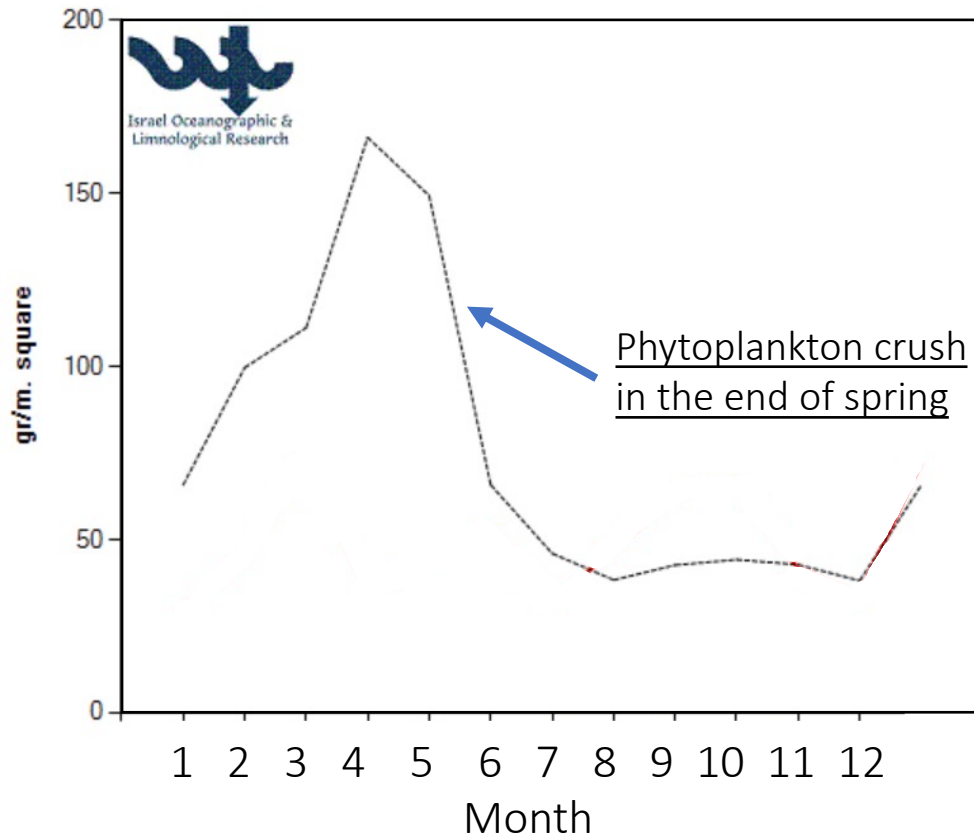
Old: Gas content at the northwestern transect



New: Gas content at the northwestern transect



Total phytoplankton in the water. Multi-annual averages.



Hypothesis 1

Significant increase of organic matter content in the bottom after plankton crash.

Hypothesis 2

Shallower water — ebullition due to strong surface waves.

Strong wind (Mediterranean Sea Breeze) up to 20 m/s creates storms with high surface waves.

Outlook: identification of controls on gas content (OMC, lake level, surface waves, etc.), and statistical analysis.