

Role of phosphorus in the seasonal deoxygenation of the East China Sea shelf

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		July 15-31			August 15-31		
		Zone 2	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 2	Zone 4	Zone 5
P. Production (mmol O ₂ m ⁻² d ⁻¹)	Average	166.9	120.6	57.8	152.3	99.5	57.5
	ΔPP	-19.7	-45.1	+15.7	-25.0	-3.1	+17.0
W. Respiration (mmol O ₂ m ⁻² d ⁻¹)	Average	31.9	54.8	39.3	42.0	54.0	44.9
	ΔWR	-0.2	-0.2	+5.2	-0.2	+4.9	+9.9
POM flux (mmol N m ⁻² d ⁻¹)	Average	8.8	8.6	3.0	8.8	5.7	3.2
	ΔFPOM	-1.4	-4.6	+0.6	-2.4	-1.9	+1.1
SOC (mmol O ₂ m ⁻² d ⁻¹)	Average	69.0	63.7	18.9	69.4	44.2	23.9
	ΔSOC	-10.1	-32.9	+3.1	-18.2	-13.5	+7.9

Table S2. Area integrated annual change in O2 sources and sinks.

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Total
PP (10^8 mol O ₂)	2.6	-545.9	-103.6	-197.1	683.5	126.4	-34.0
WR (10^8 mol O ₂)	3.0	-20.8	-8.9	188.2	329.4	67.2	558.0
SOC (10^8 mol O ₂)	-18.2	-270.7	-61.2	-552.6	202.3	-21.2	-721.6
denitrification (10^9 mol N)	-1.9	-28.2	-6.4	-57.7	21.1	-2.2	-75.3
Denitrification (%)	-1.9	-12.6	-5.2	-14.0	17.7	-0.9	-6.2

Table S3. Summary of time-integrated hypoxic area ($\times 10^3 \text{ km}^2 \text{ yr}$) in zone 2 for the baseline and nutrient reduction experiments.

		Time-integrated hypoxic area in zone 2 ($\times 10^3 \text{ km}^2 \text{ yr}$)					
		Baseline	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
N+P	2008	197	135	60	8	0	0
	2009	301	169	77	5	0	0
	2010	714	474	227	69	0	0
	2011	43	12	1	0	0	0
	2012	242	111	22	0	0	0
	2013	26	6	1	0	0	0
	$\Delta \bar{H}$ (%)	100	60	25	5	0	0
N-only	2008	197	160	122	65	1	0
	2009	301	214	148	74	0	0
	2010	714	576	399	136	0	0
	2011	43	16	4	0	0	0
	2012	242	150	68	6	0	0
	2013	26	10	3	1	0	0
	$\Delta \bar{H}$ (%)	100	74	49	19	0	0
P-only	2008	197	168	136	88	32	3
	2009	301	234	172	114	49	3
	2010	714	585	454	307	188	87
	2011	43	31	20	10	4	0
	2012	242	182	120	62	16	1
	2013	26	16	9	5	2	1
	$\Delta \bar{H}$ (%)	100	80	60	38	19	6

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		Time-integrated hypoxic area in zone 3 ($\times 10^3 \text{ km}^2 \text{ yr}$)					
		Baseline	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
N+P	2008	323	228	127	50	1	0
	2009	351	236	154	71	1	0
	2010	461	332	174	48	0	0
	2011	25	12	4	0	0	0
	2012	116	68	32	6	0	0
	2013	34	20	9	1	0	0
	$\Delta\bar{H}$ (%)	100	68	38	14	0	0
N-only	2008	323	256	160	64	0	0
	2009	351	270	185	87	0	0
	2010	461	363	228	67	0	0
	2011	25	13	4	0	0	0
	2012	116	75	39	10	0	0
	2013	34	23	13	4	0	0
	$\Delta\bar{H}$ (%)	100	76	48	18	0	0
P-only	2008	323	293	250	198	143	82
	2009	351	300	248	203	157	111
	2010	461	425	383	331	268	200
	2011	25	22	18	14	10	7
	2012	116	100	85	69	54	36
	2013	34	29	24	19	13	6
	$\Delta\bar{H}$ (%)	100	89	77	64	49	34

40 **Table S5.** Area-specific annual change in O₂ sources and sinks (mmol O₂ m⁻²).

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6
PP	+10	-3010	-810	-330	+1310	+170
WR	+10	-110	-70	+310	+630	+90
SOC	-80	-1490	-480	-920	+390	-30

FIGURES

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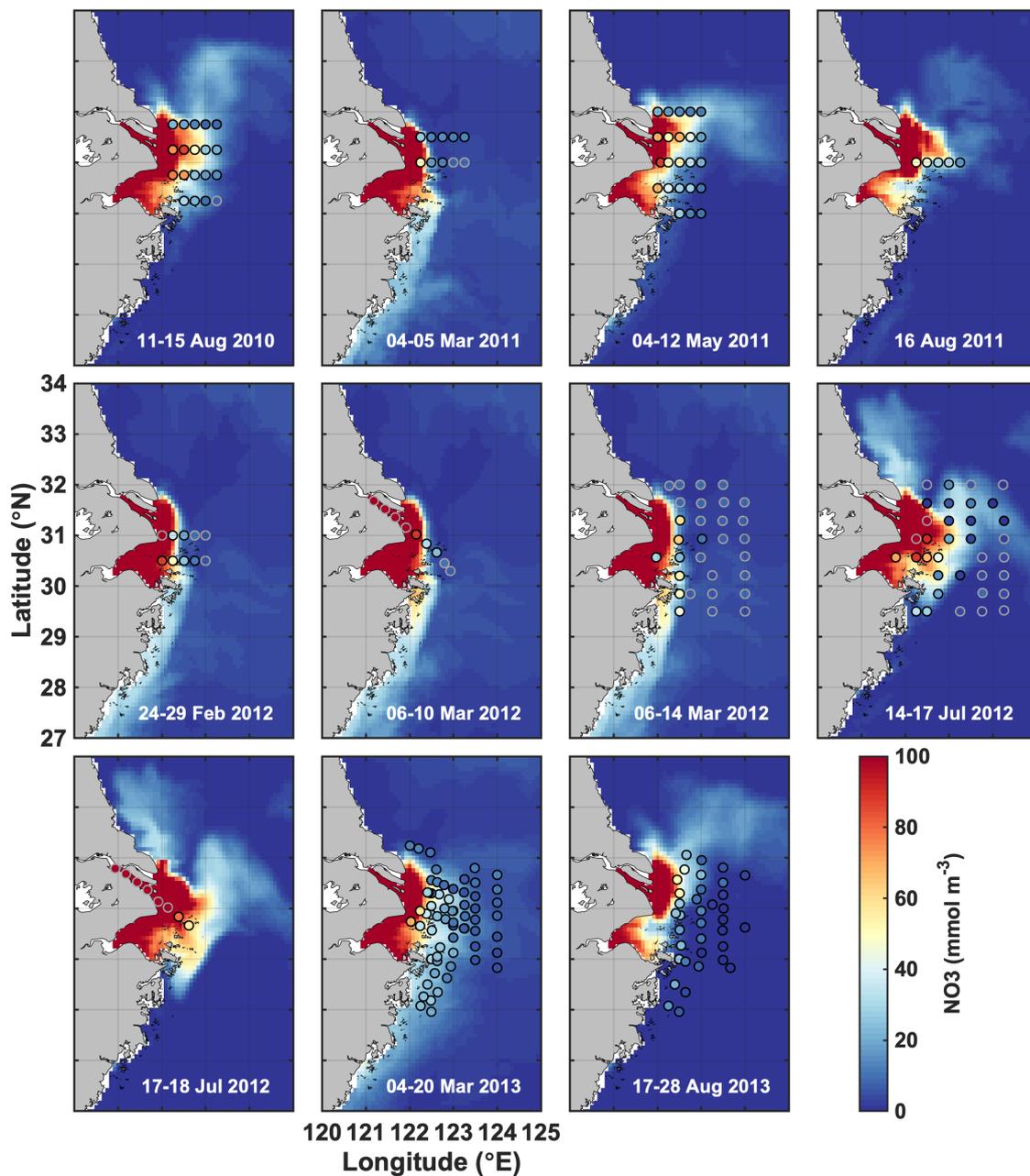
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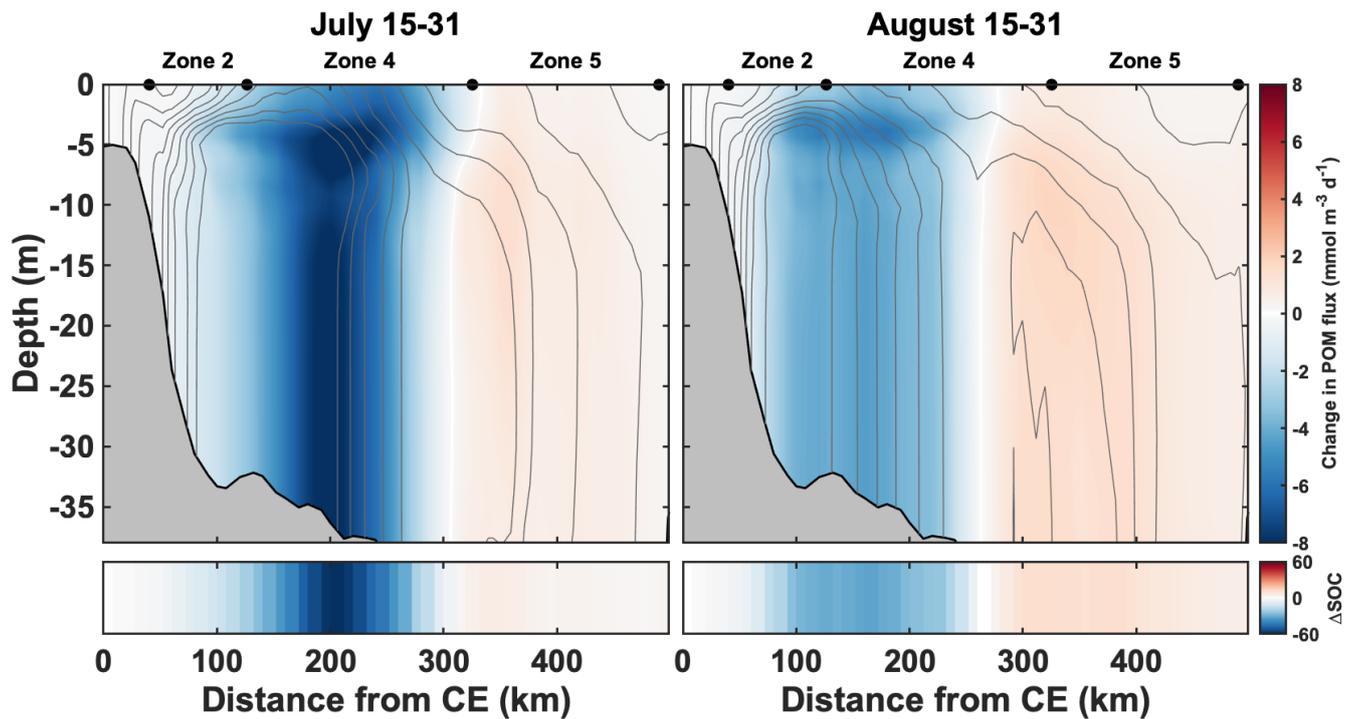
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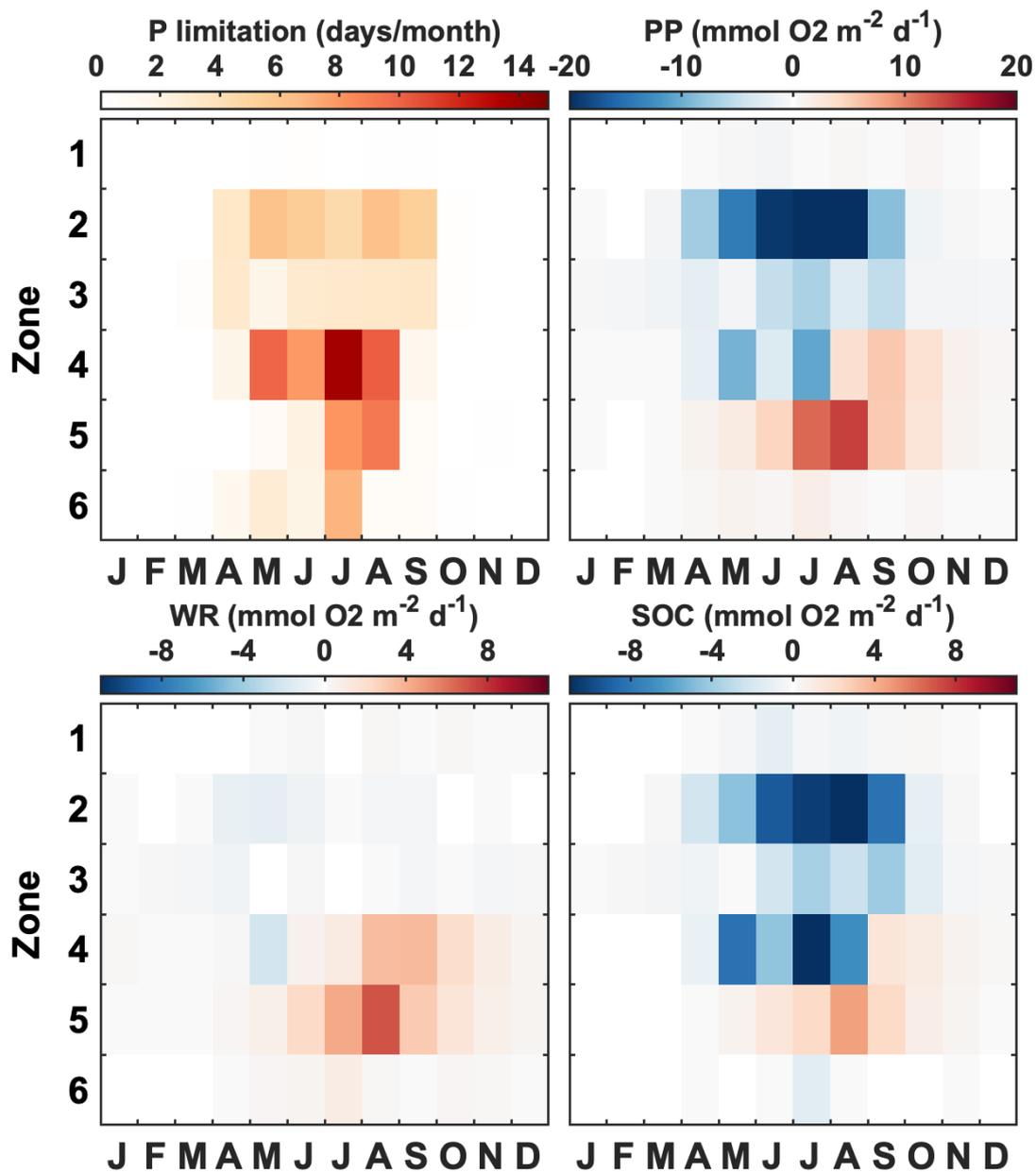
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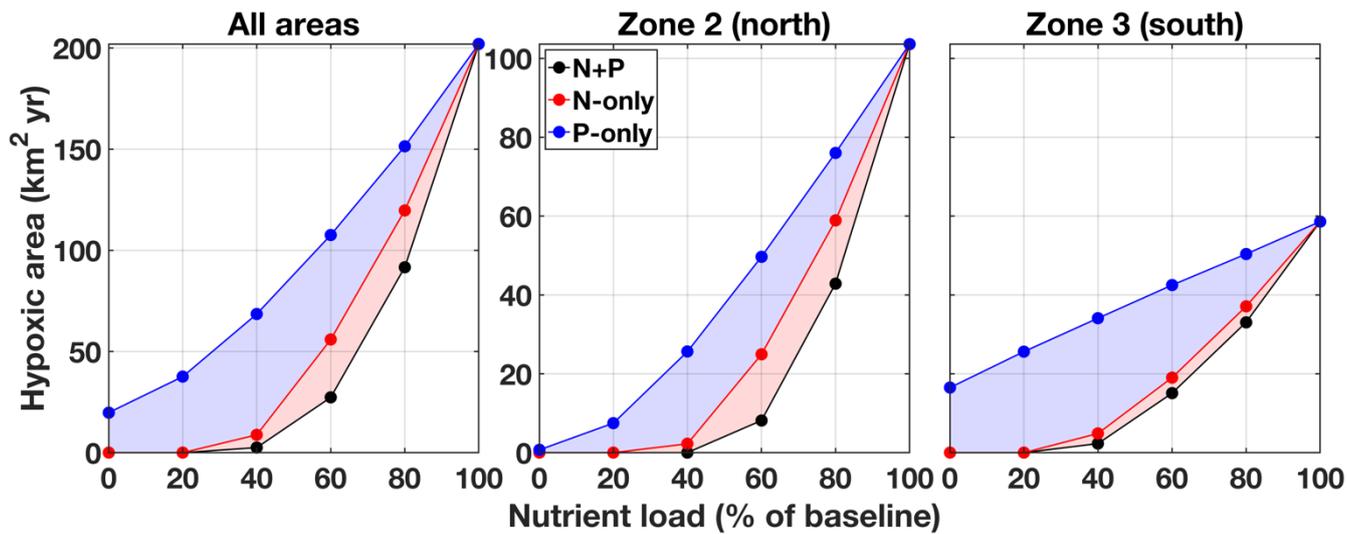
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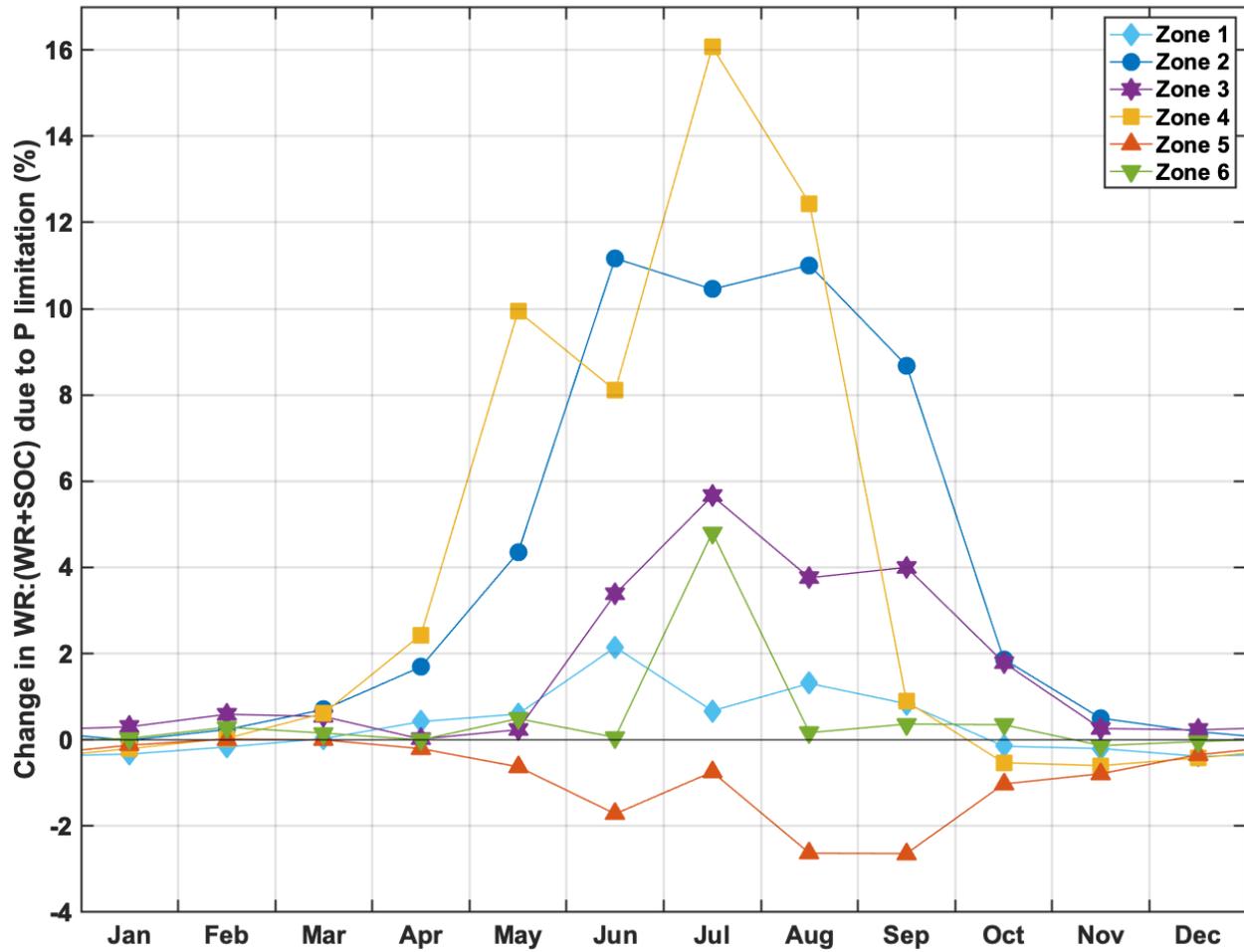
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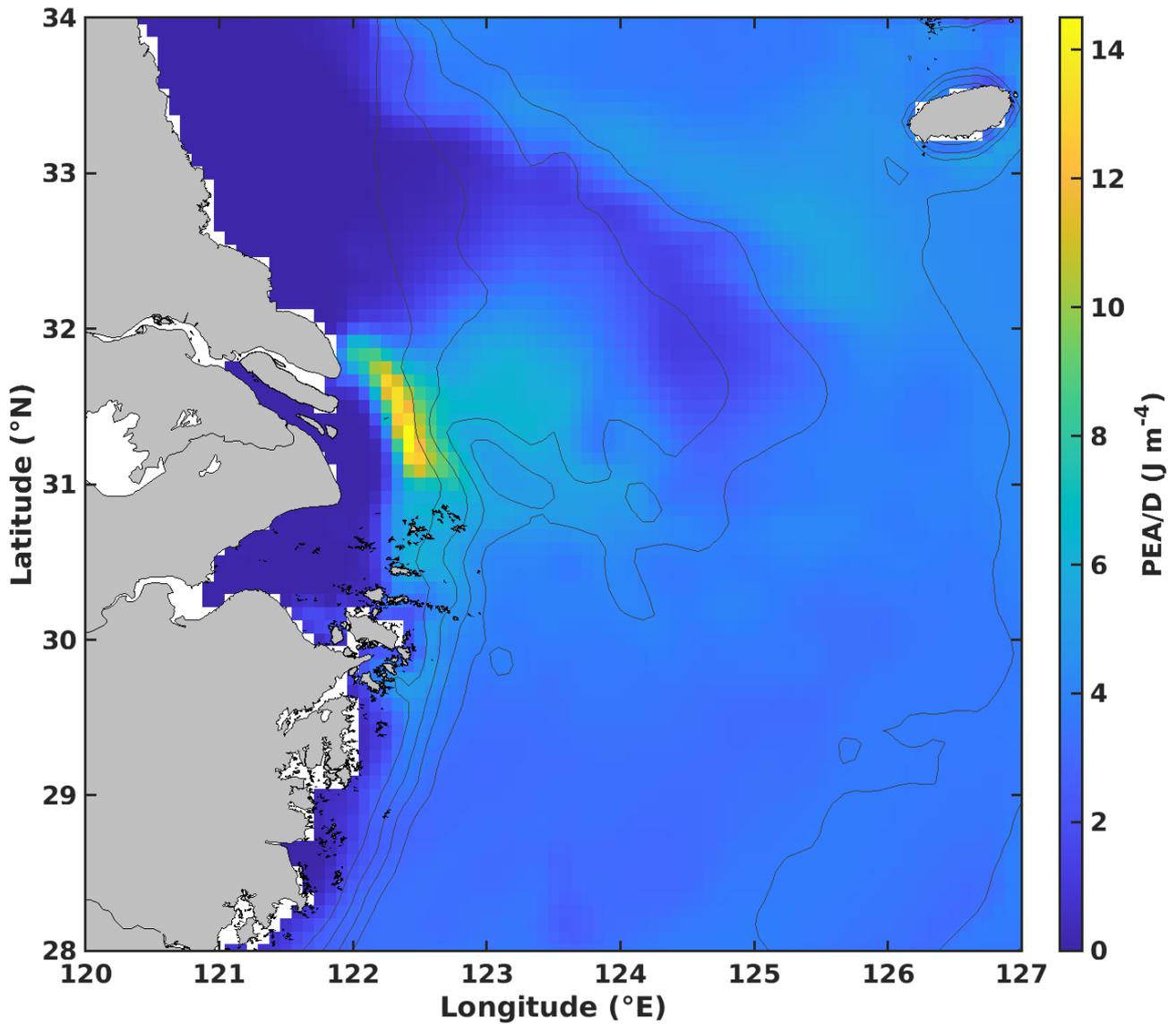


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