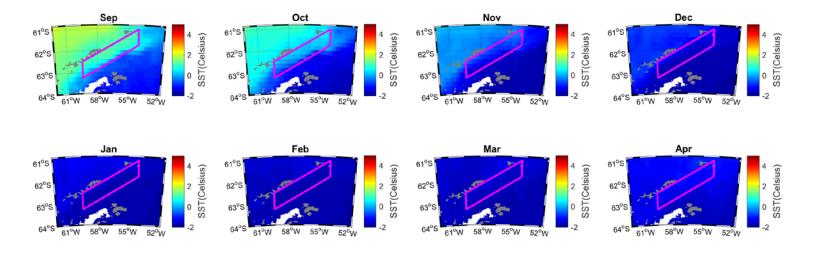
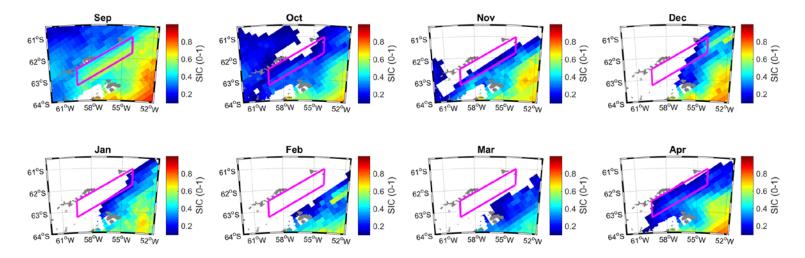


**Supplementary Fig. 2**. 2002 – 2014 mean monthly distribution of oceanic and atmospheric variables (SST, SIC, PAR, wind speed and cloud cover) in the Bransfield Strait (red square).

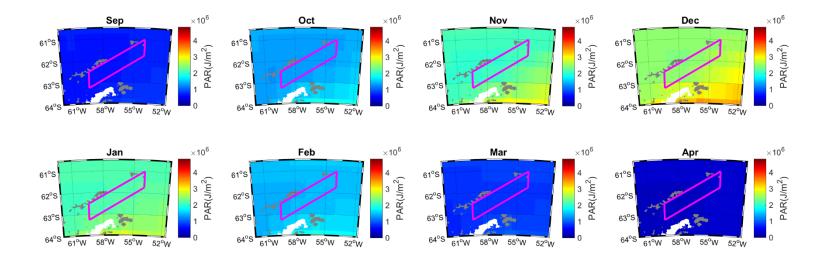
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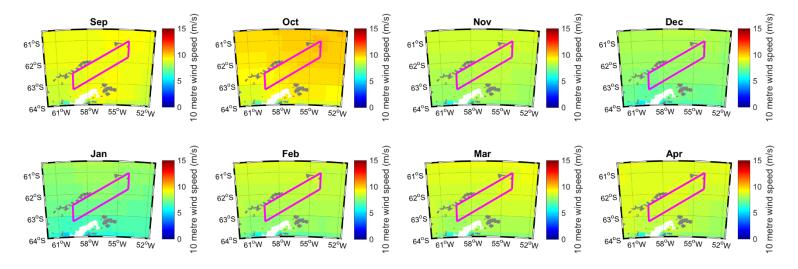
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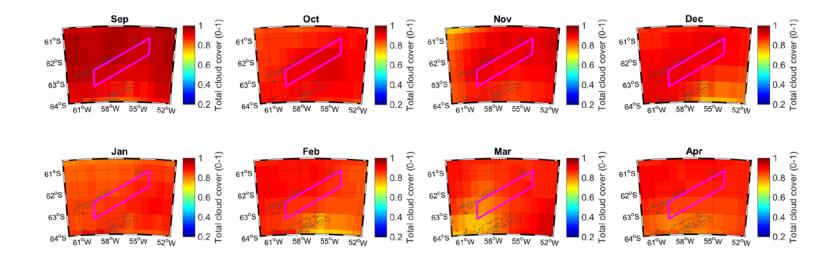
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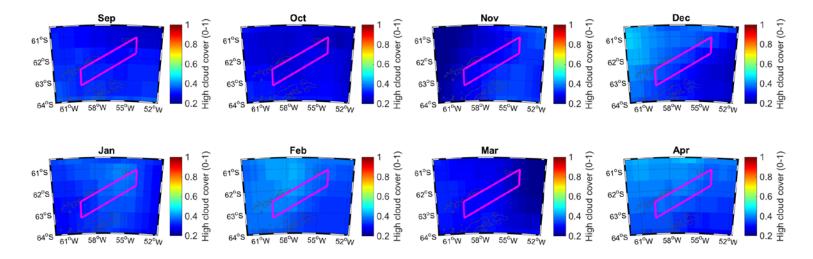
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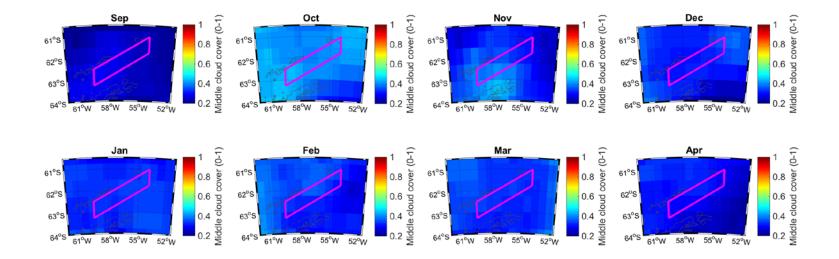
# (e) Mean total cloud cover



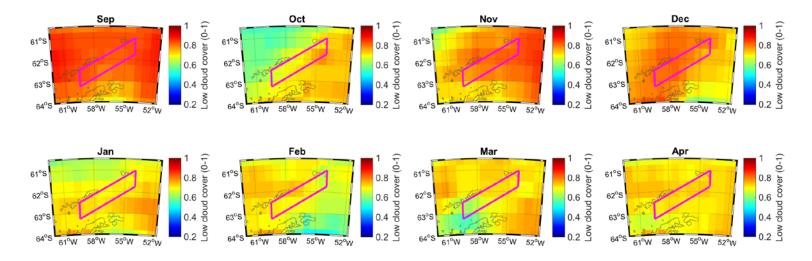
### (f) Mean High cloud cover



### (g) Mean middle cloud cover

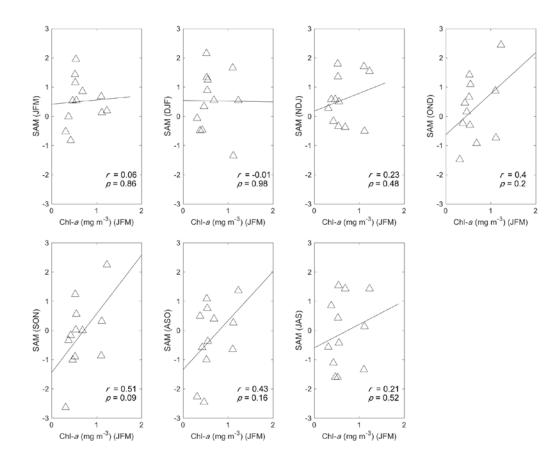


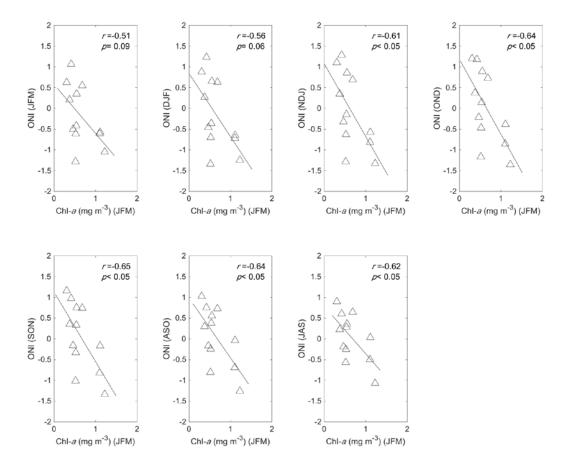
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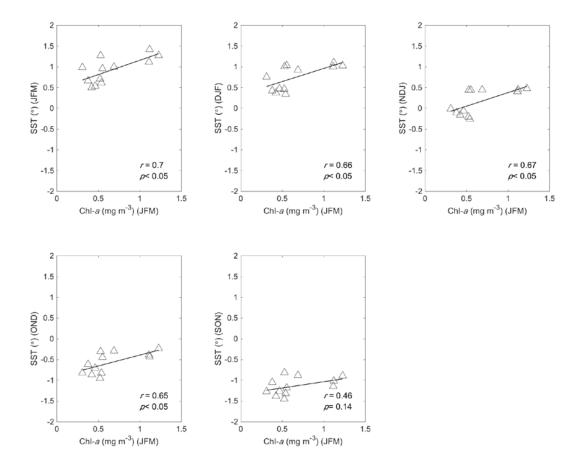
**Supplementary Fig. 3**. Relationships between JFM mean Chl-a and 0-6 months (for SAM and ONI) or 0-4 months (for SIC, SST, PAR, wind speed, and cloud cover) lagged environment variables in Bransfield Strait.

#### (a) Chl-a vs. SAM (0 – 6 months lag)

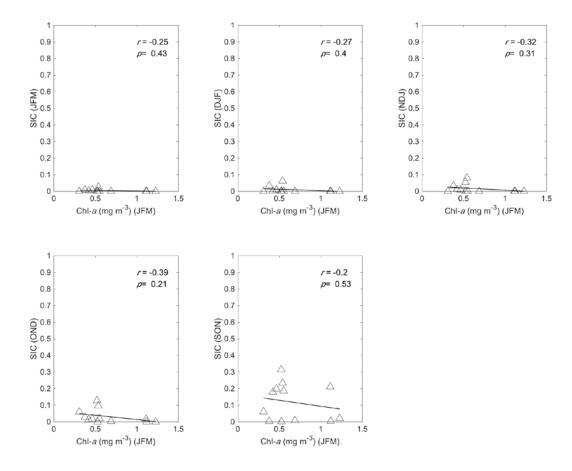


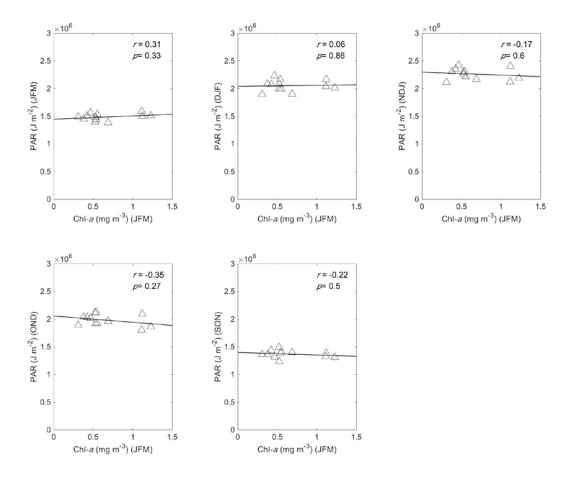


## (c) Chl-a vs. SST (0 – 4 months lag)

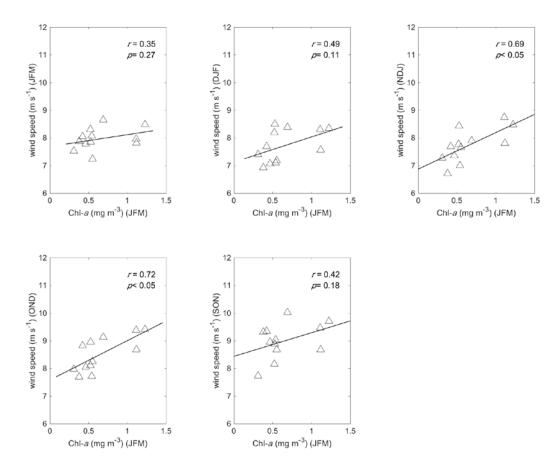


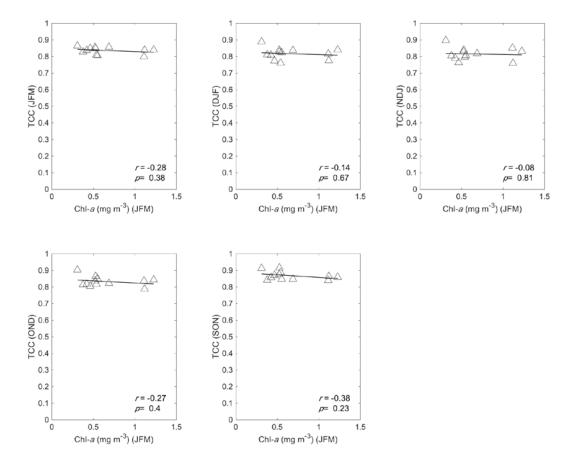
## (d) Chl-a vs. SIC (0 – 4 months lag)



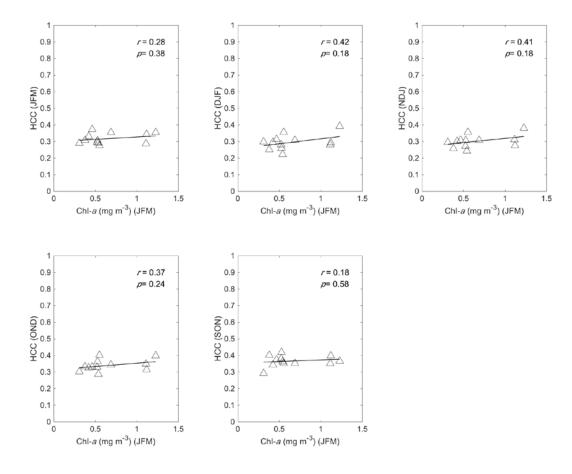


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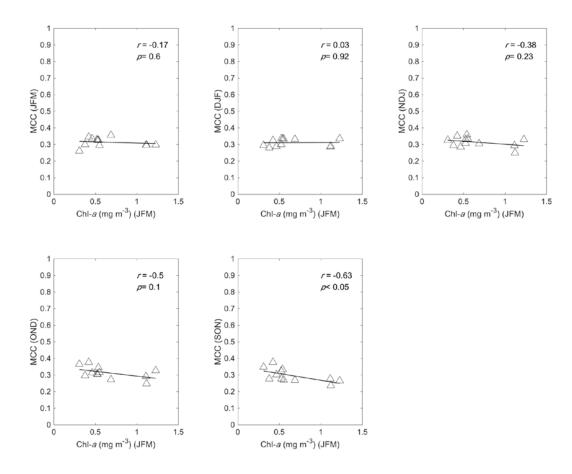




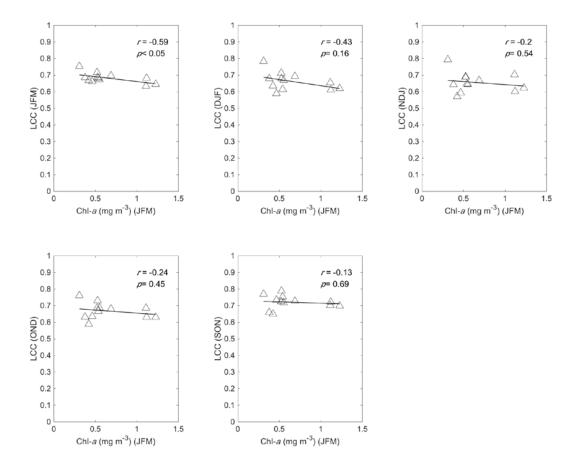
(h) Chl-a vs. High cloud cover (HCC) (0 – 4 months lag)

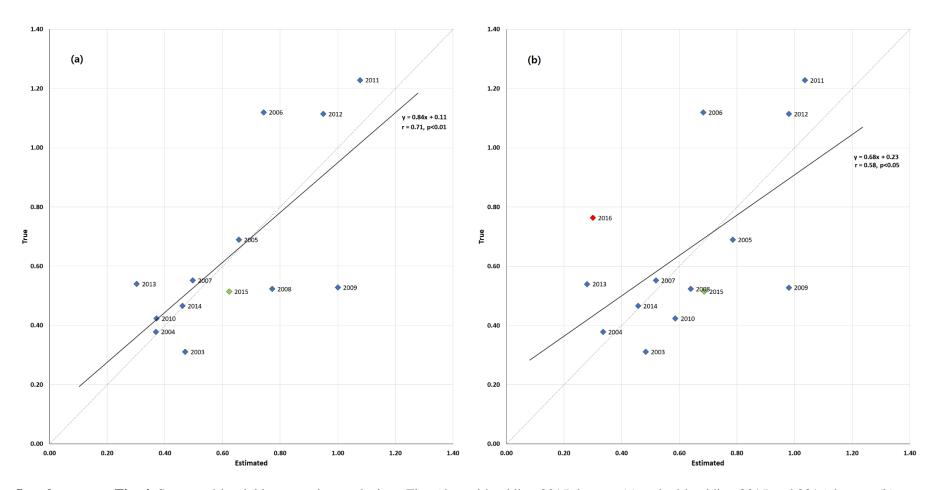


(i) Chl-a vs. Middle cloud cover (MCC) (0 – 4 months lag)



(j) Chl-a vs. Low cloud cover (LCC) (0 – 4 months lag)





Supplementary Fig. 4. Same multivariable regression analysis as Fig. 6 but with adding 2015 data set (a) and with adding 2015 and 2016 data set (b).