



Supporting Information for

Improving the retrieval of carbon-based phytoplankton biomass from satellite ocean colour observations

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Figures S14 show the global mean and standard deviation b_{bp}^k maps.

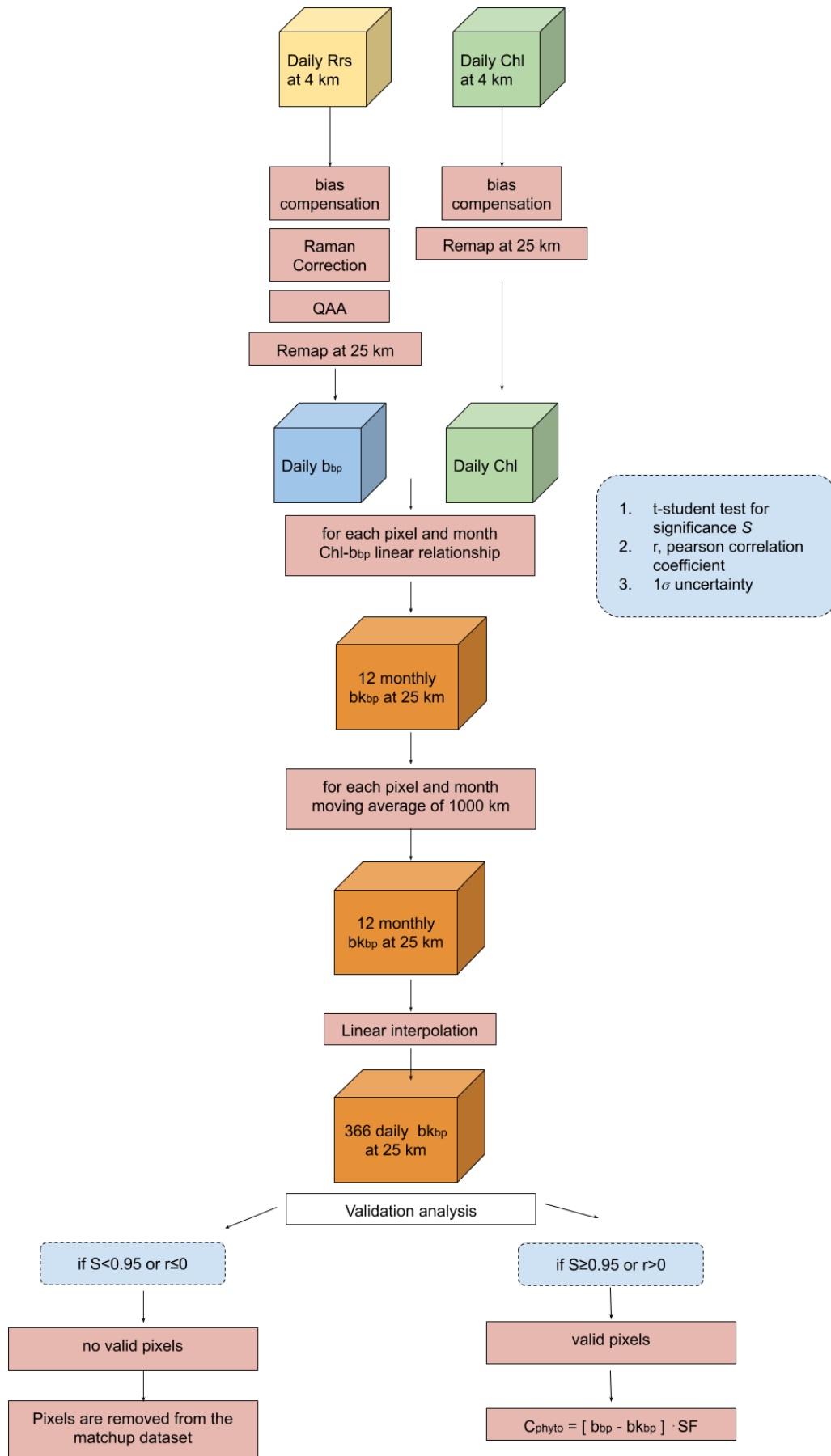


Figure S1. Scheme of the algorithm here developed. Note that b_{bp} is at 443nm.



Table S1. Statistics for each single approach using untransformed and $\log_{10}$ transformed data (N=396). δ is the bias; σ_{Δ} is the standard deviation of the difference and ∇ is the relative percentage bias. In bold the best values.

$\log_{10}$ transformed data						
	This Study	Bel18	Gra15	Beh05	Bre12	MV17
δ	-0.06	-0.02	0.33	0.26	0.13	0.37
σ_{Δ}	0.37	0.41	0.27	0.28	0.32	0.29
$\nabla(\%)$	0.17	5.13	44.60	36.19	21.94	48.29

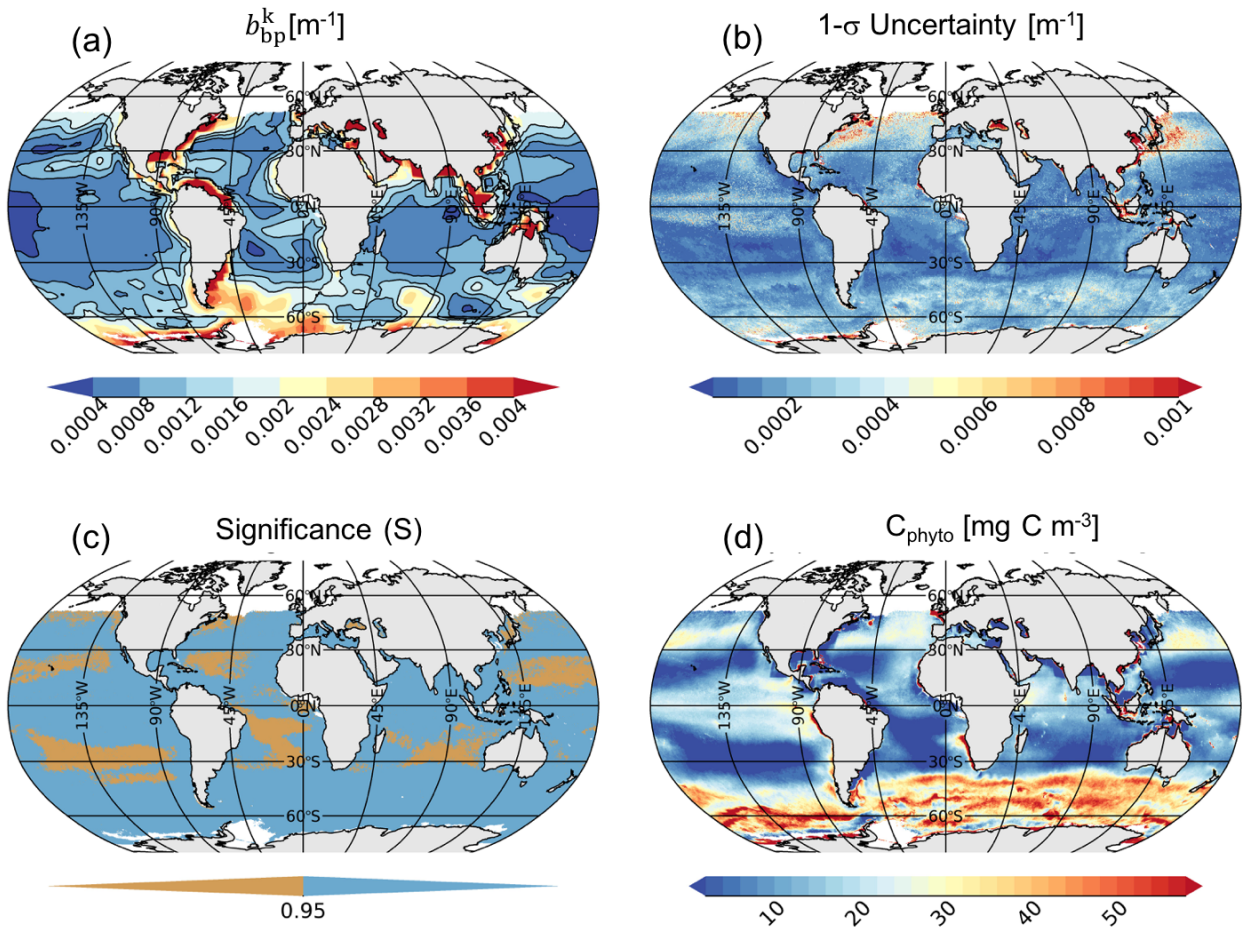


Figure S2. January global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), 1- σ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

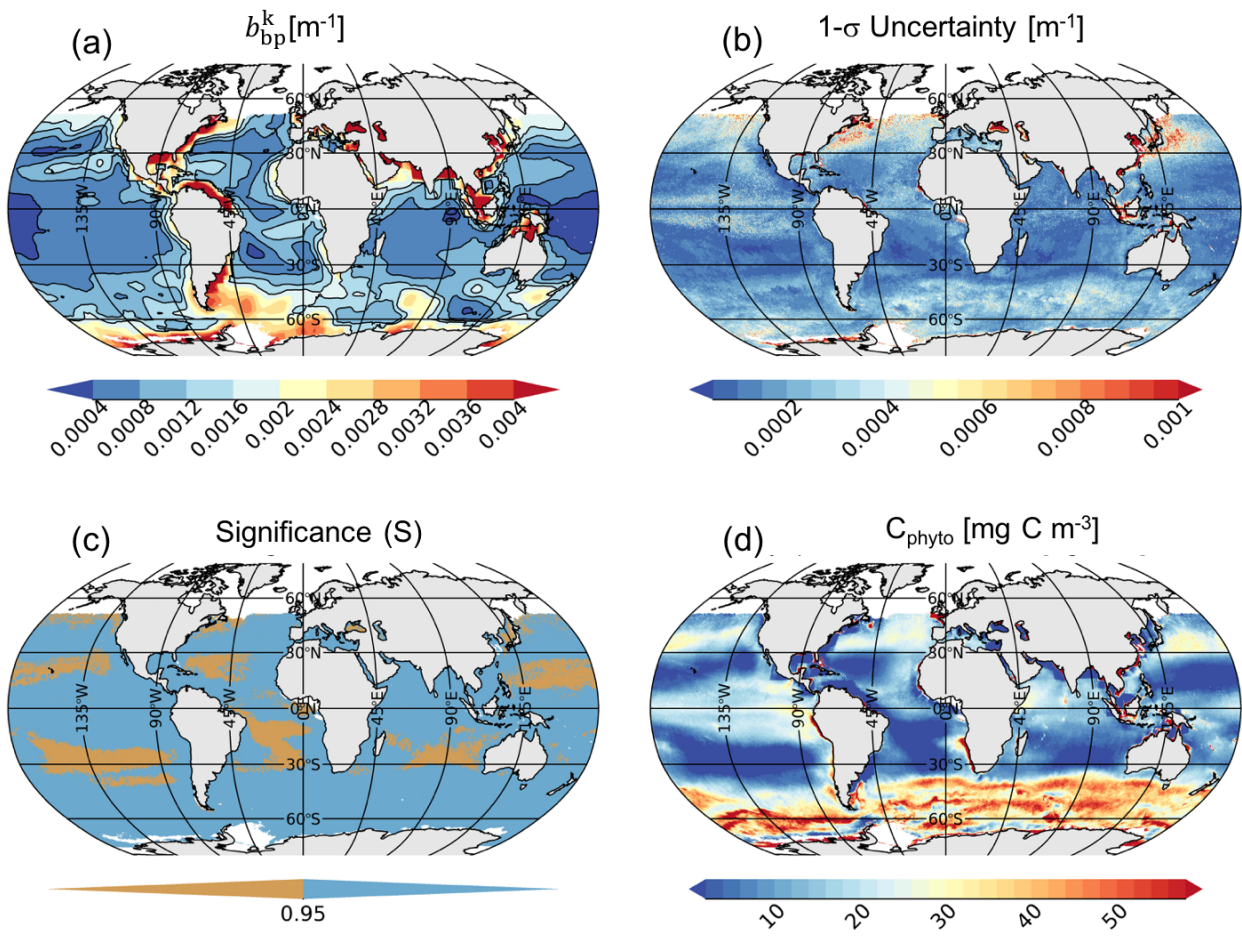


Figure S3. February global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), 1- σ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

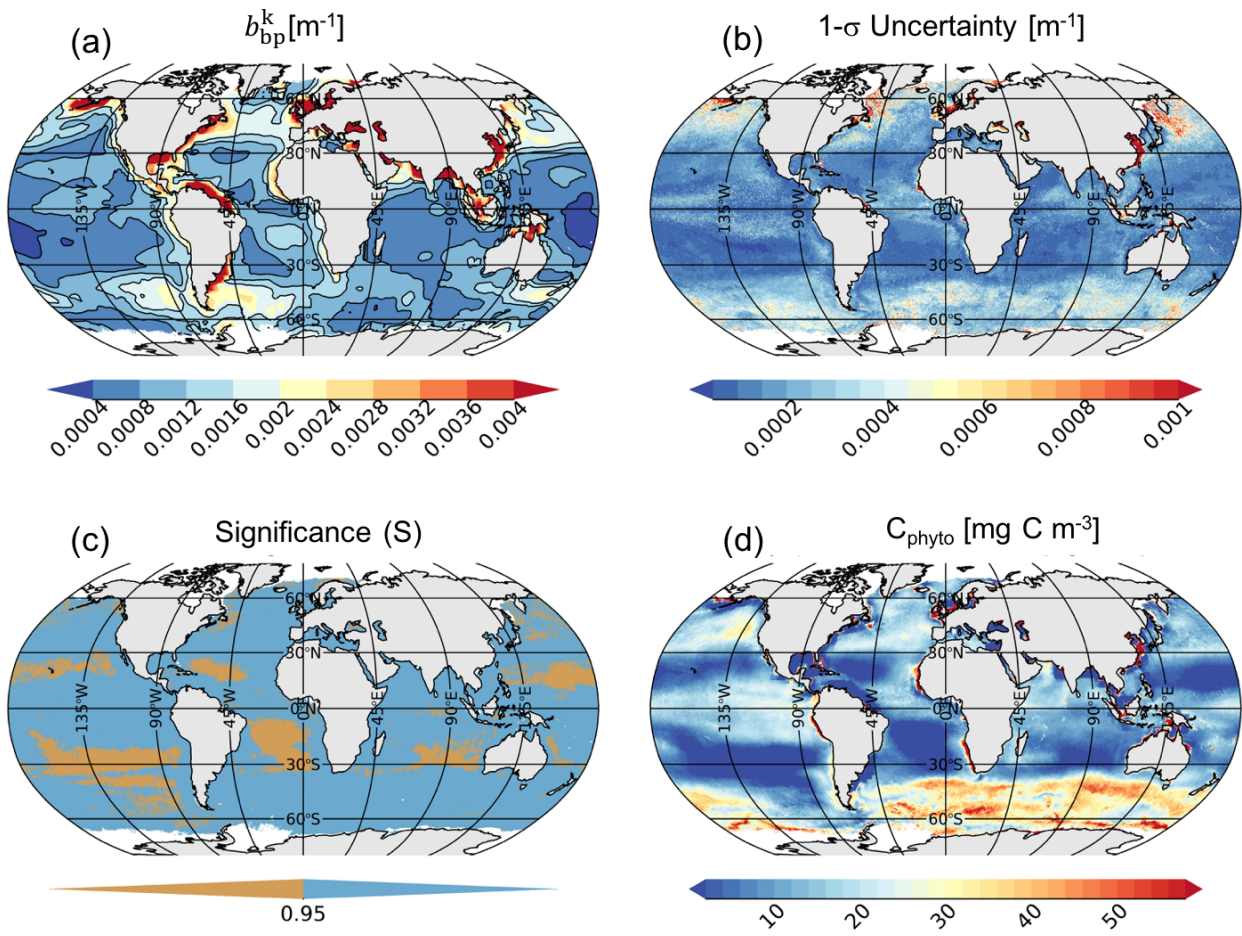


Figure S4. March global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), 1- σ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

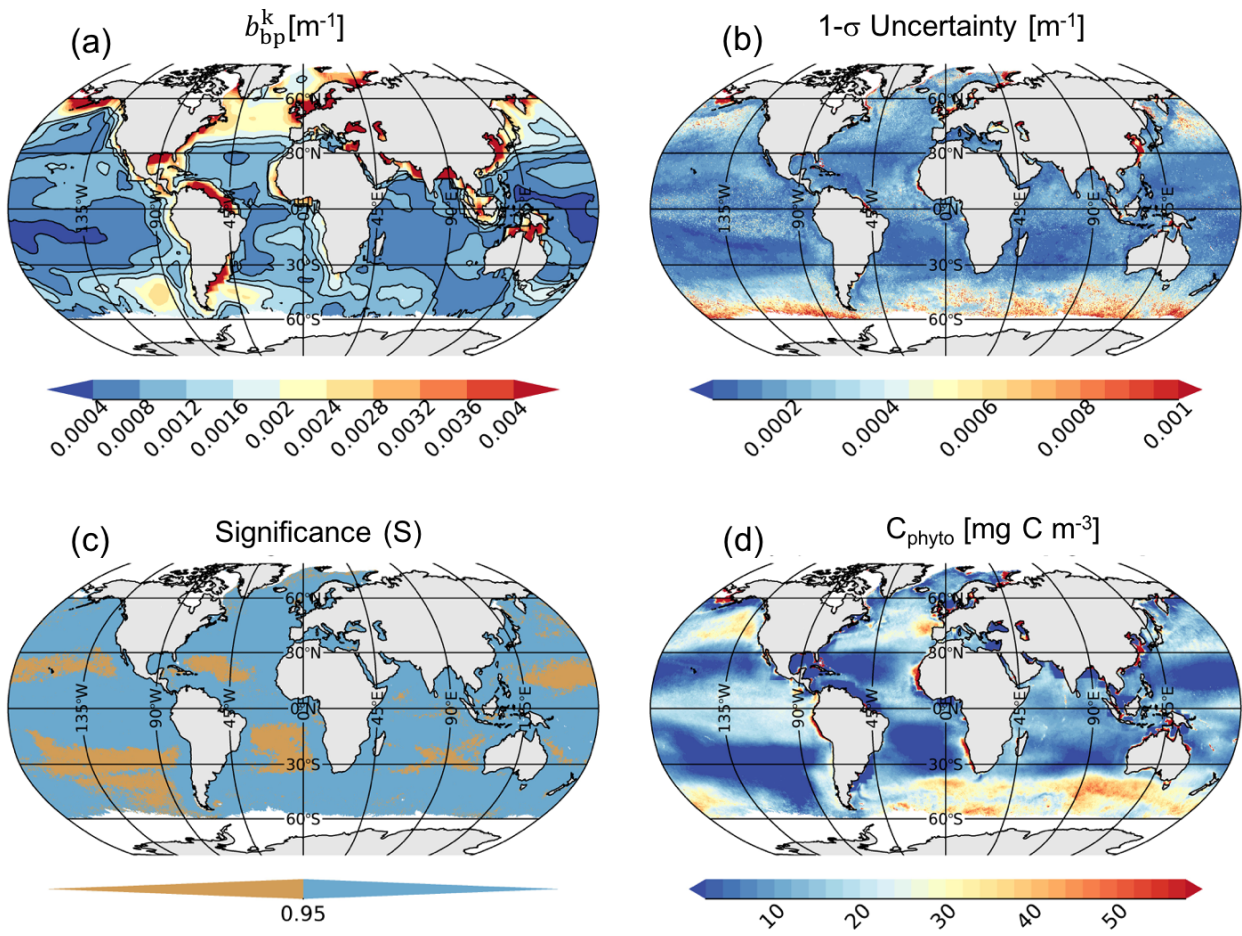


Figure S5. April global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), 1- σ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

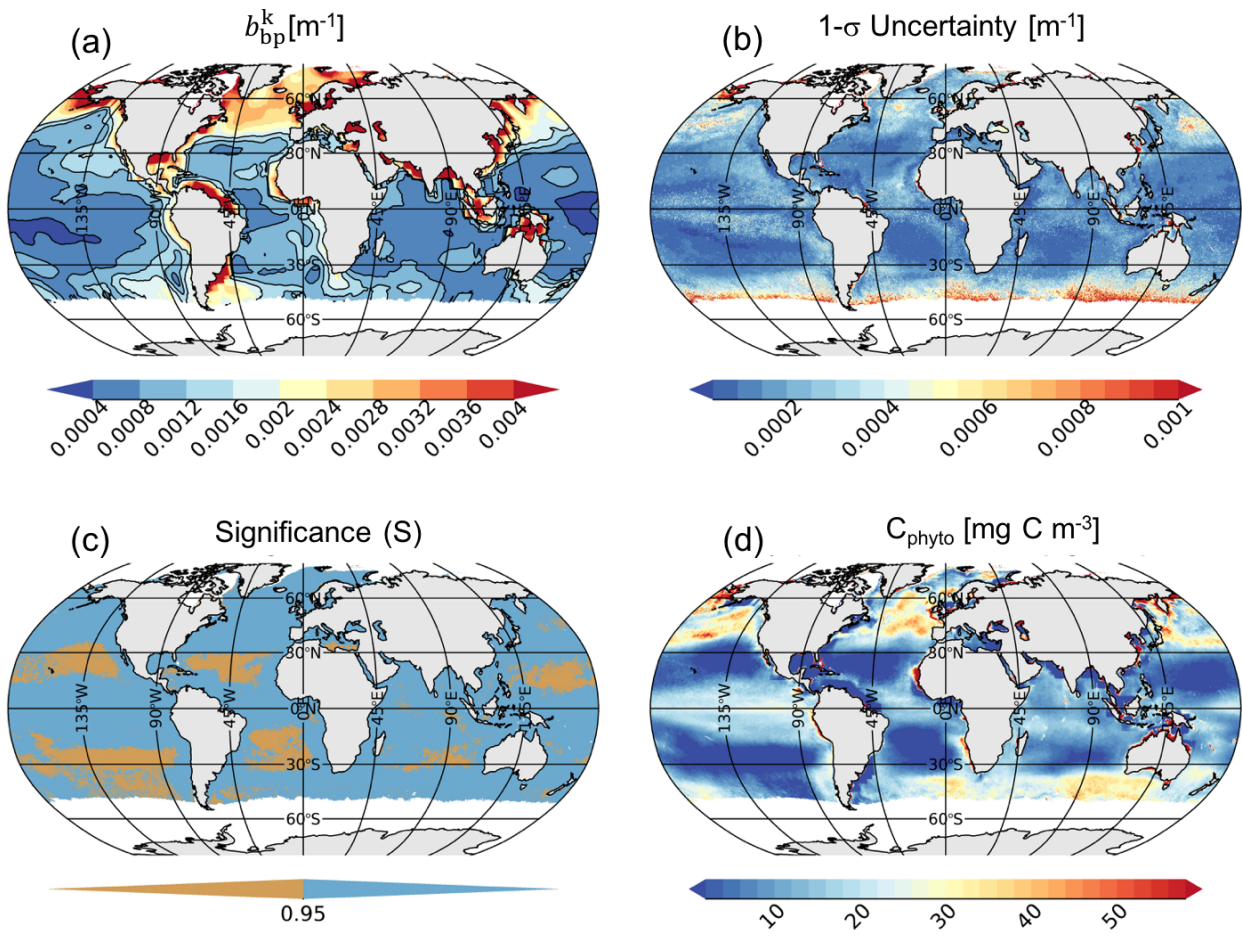


Figure S6. May global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), 1- σ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

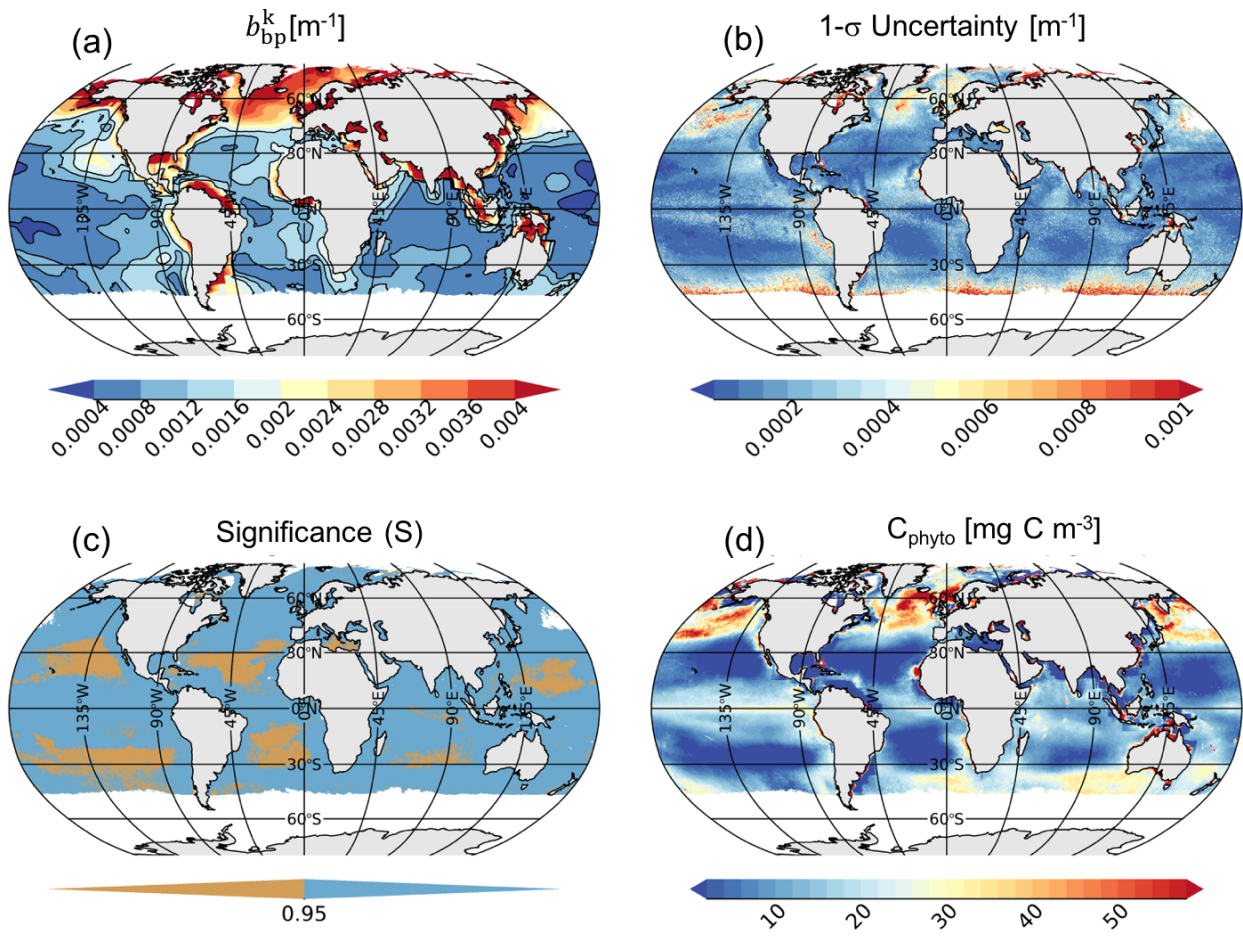


Figure S7. June global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), 1- σ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

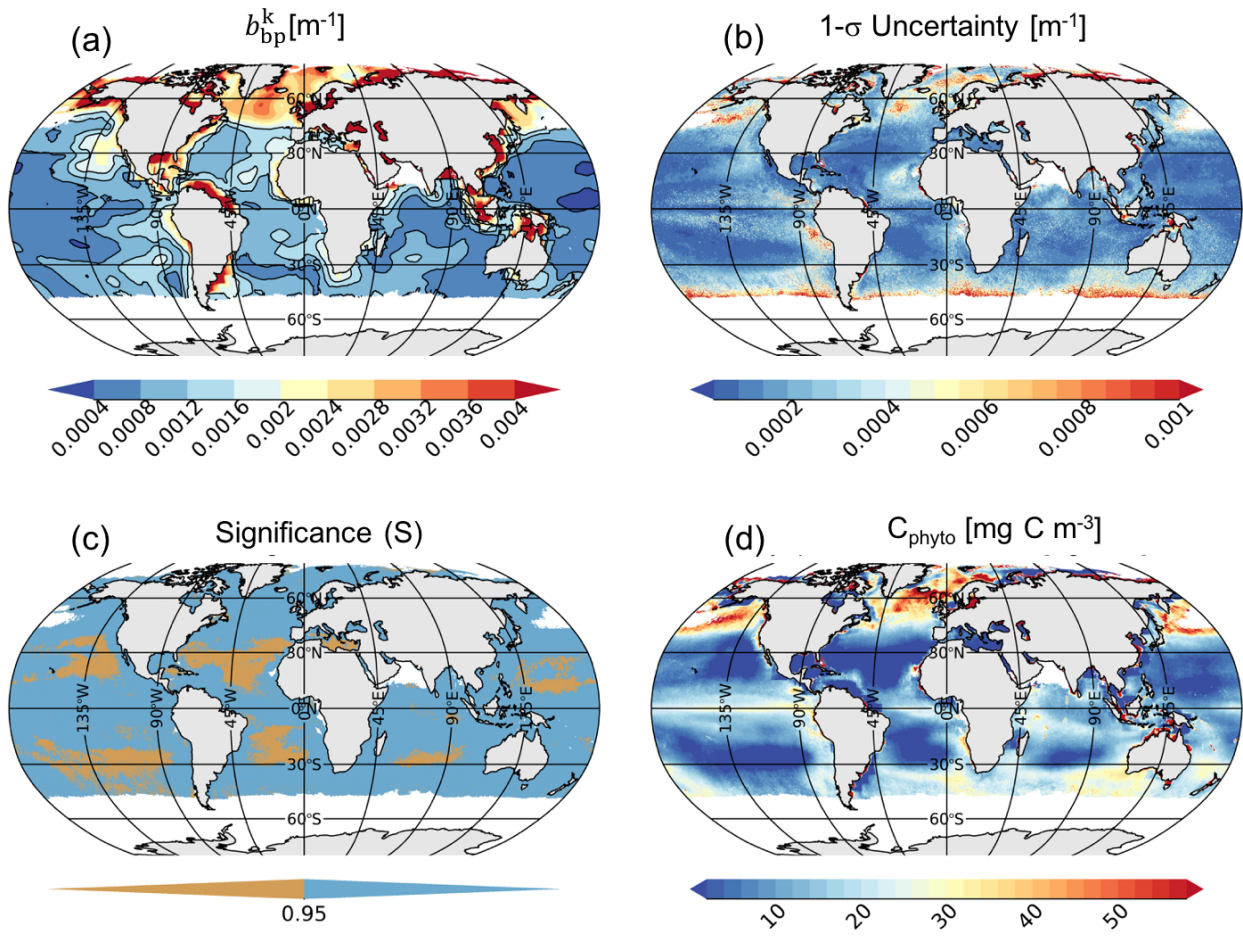


Figure S8. July mean global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), 1- σ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

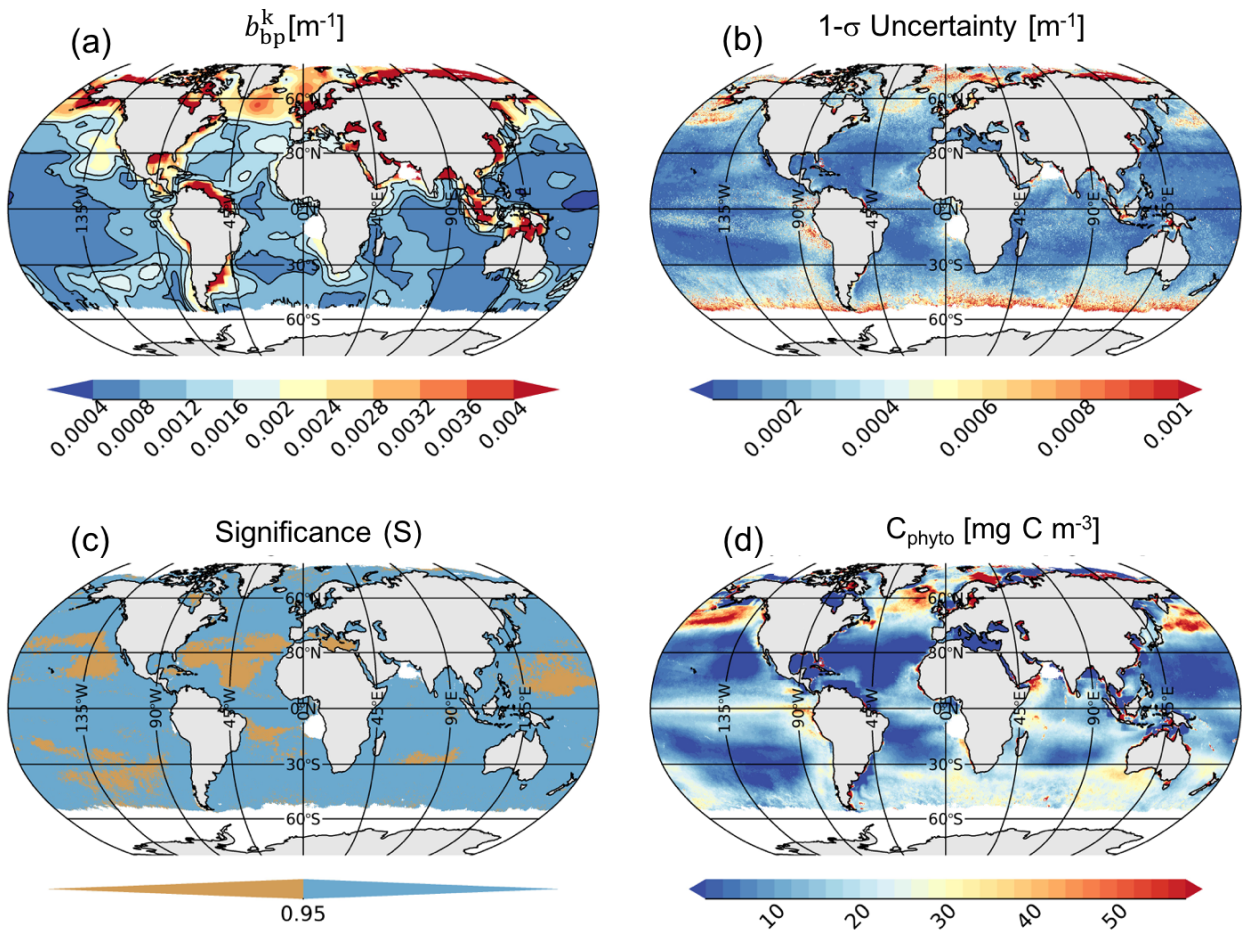


Figure S9. August global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), 1- σ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

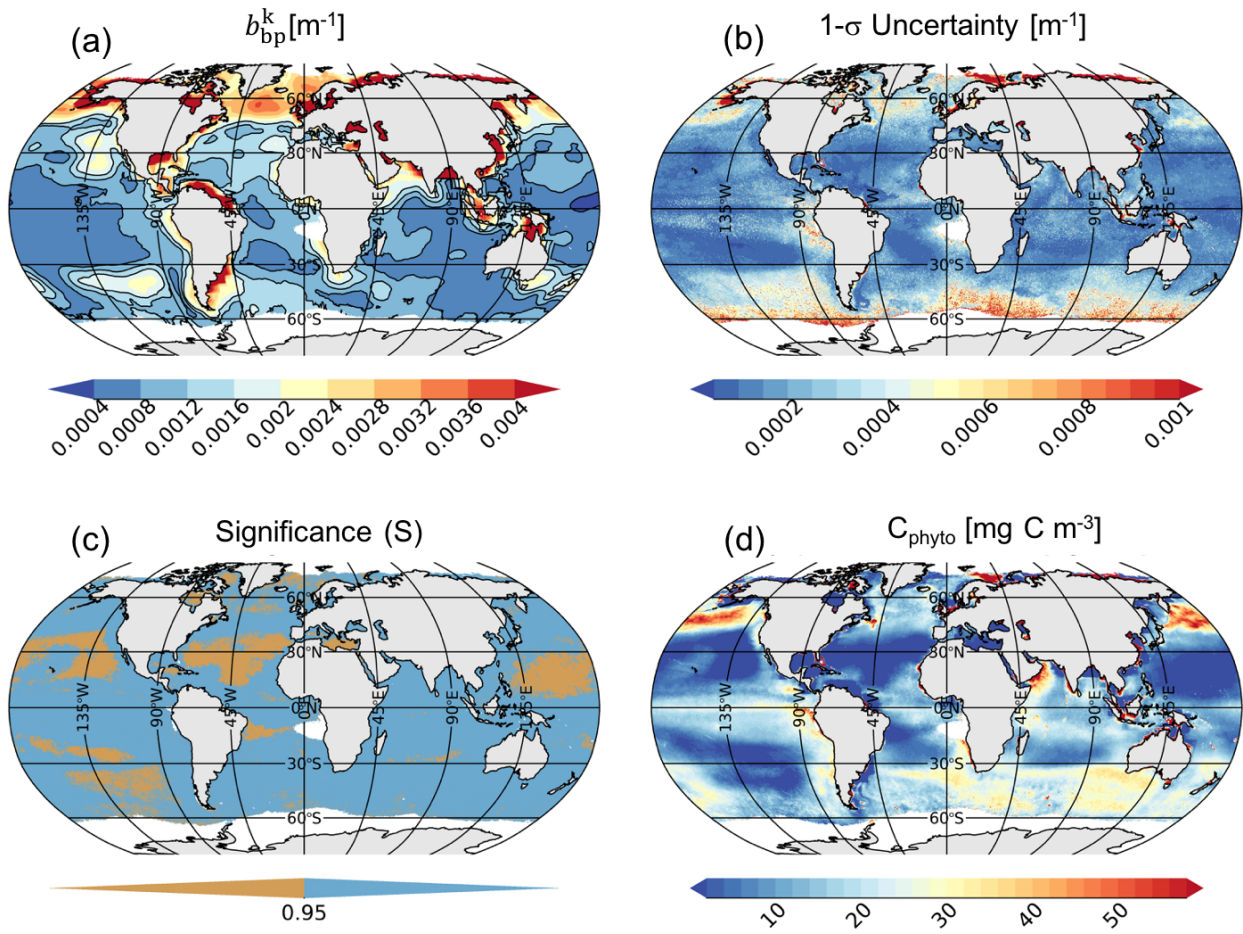


Figure S10. September global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), 1- σ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

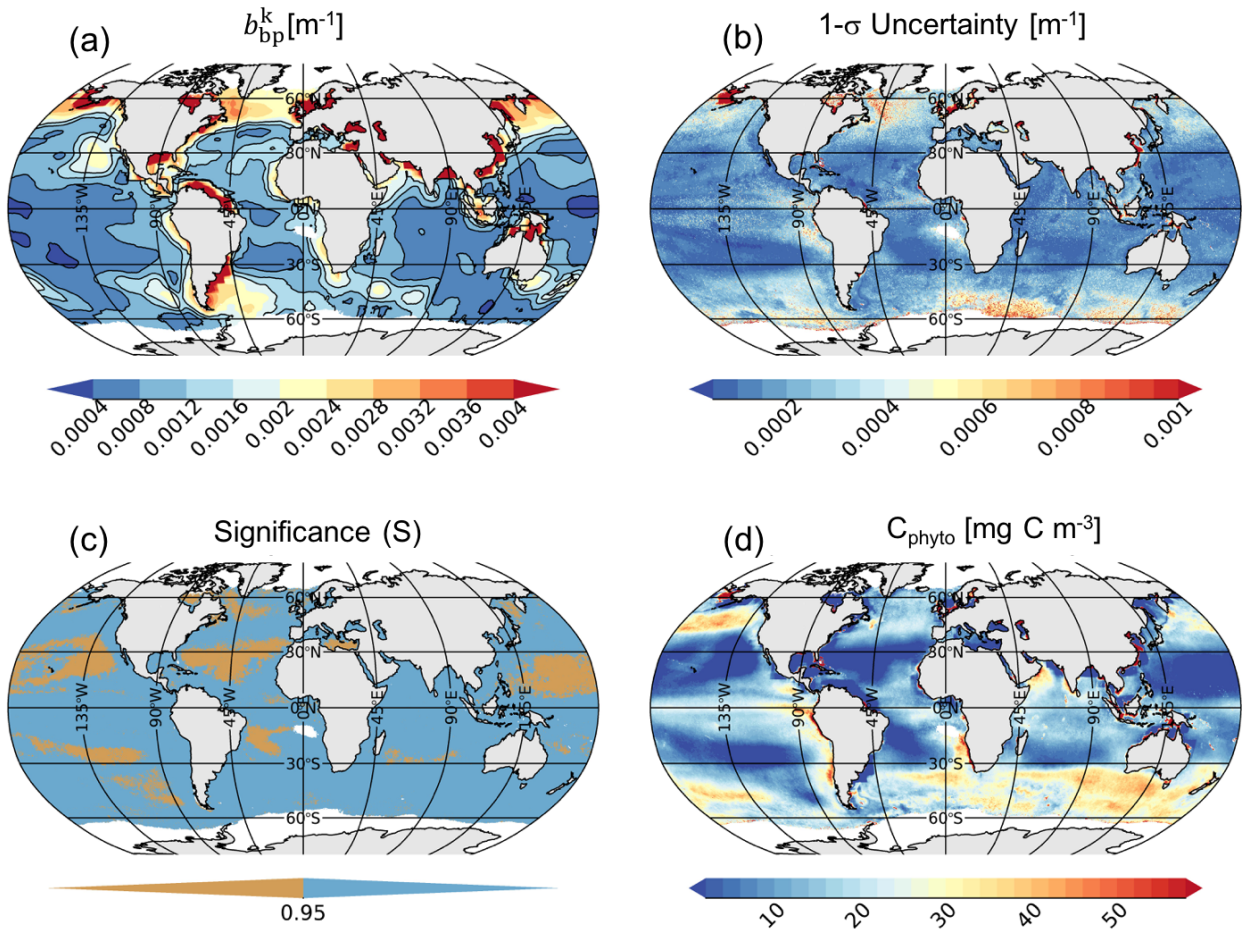


Figure S11. October global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), 1- σ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

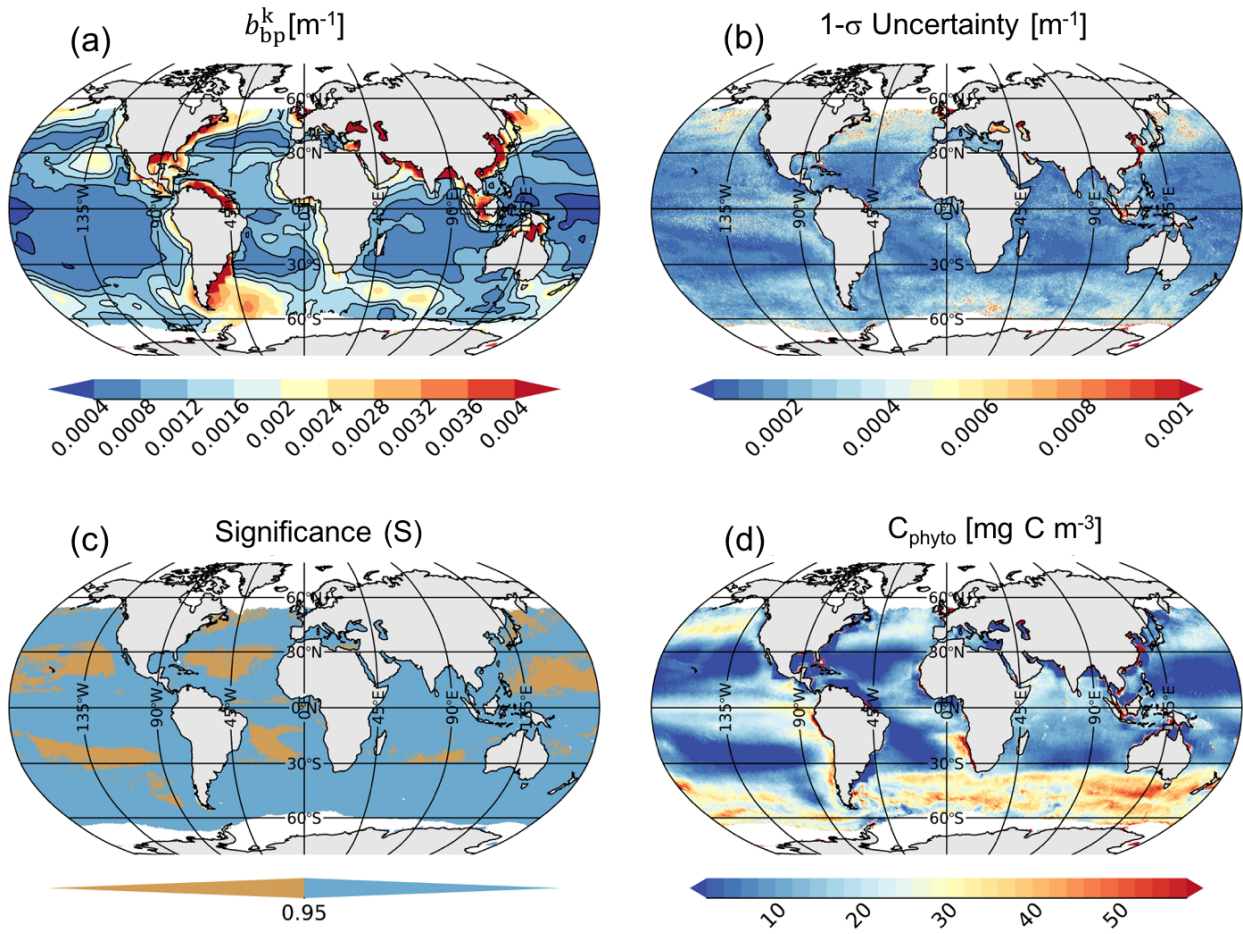


Figure S12. November global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), 1- σ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

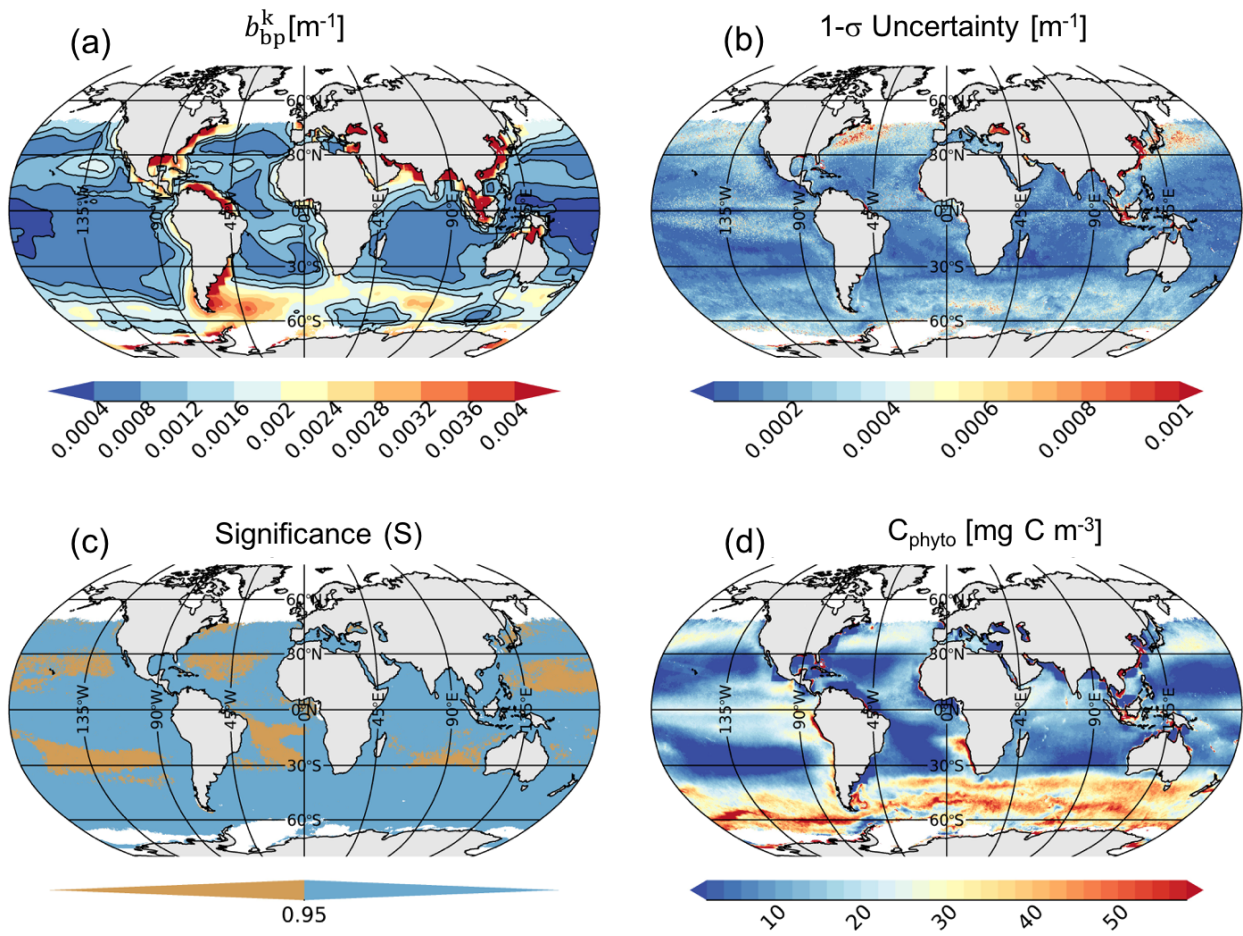


Figure 13. December global mean climatological of b_{bp}^k (a), $1-\sigma$ uncertainty (b), significance S (c) and C_{phyto} (d).

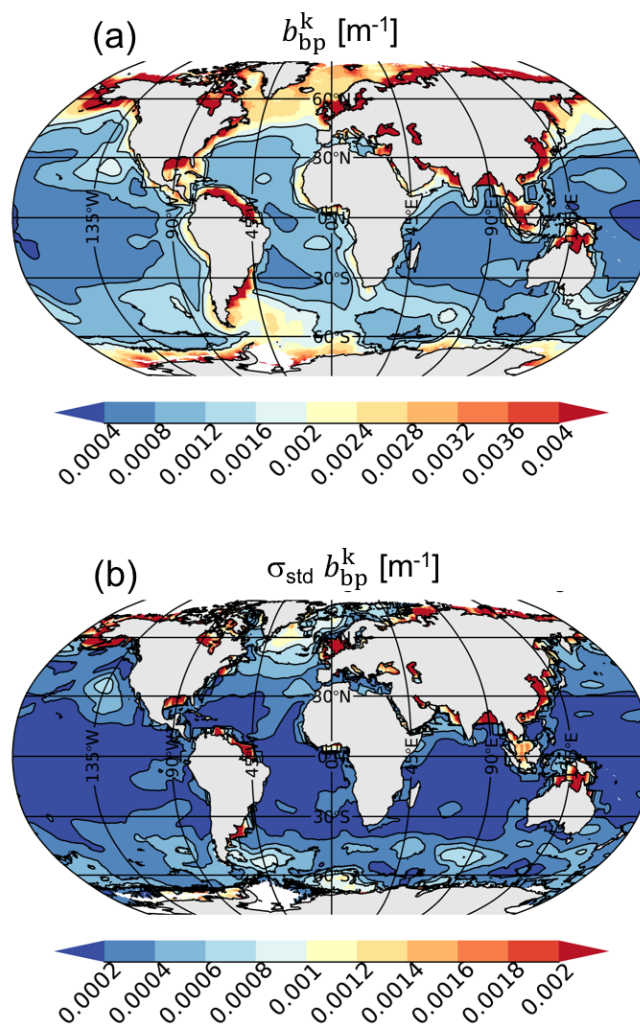


Figure 14. global mean (a) and standard deviation (b) of b_{bp}^k . Note that at high latitudes, the number of satellite observations used for the mean and standard deviation computations are lower than those used at low or mid-latitudes due to the winter darkness.