

Are benthic nutrient fluxes from intertidal mudflats driven by surface sediment characteristics?

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Supplementary Information

Figure S1. Sediment sampling with one PVC core (id = 9 cm, h = 5 cm) for analysis of physico-chemical (A), and another one (id = 6 cm, h = 20 cm) in the upper 10 cm sediment layer for benthic flux measurements (B).

Figure S2. Relationships of ratios N:P fluxes with PO_4 fluxes ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$) (A) and NH_4^+ fluxes ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$) (B) (logarithmic scale). The blue straight line represents the linear regression between the two variables. Correlations were significant with a confidence level $< 0.1\%$. R-square (r^2) of linear regressions were 0.29 with PO_4 fluxes (A) and 0.37 with NH_4^+ fluxes (B).

Figure S3. PO_4 fluxes ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$) versus chlorophyll *a* content ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$) (A), phaeopigment content ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$) (B), C:N ratio ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) (C), **TN:Org-P** ratio ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) (D), TOC content (E), mud content (%) (F), porosity (%) (G), Org-P content (%) (H), and Fe-P content (I). Molar C:N and **TN:Org-P** ratios were calculated from TOC, TN and Org-P content.

Figure S4. NH_4^+ fluxes ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$) versus chlorophyll *a* content ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$) (A), phaeopigment content ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$) (B), C:N ratio ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) (C), **TN:Org-P** ratio ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) (D), TOC content (E), mud content (%) (F), porosity (%) (G), TN content (%) (H). Molar C:N and **TN:Org-P** ratios were calculated from TOC, TN and Org-P content

Table S1. Data compilation of phosphate (PO_4) and ammonium (NH_4^+) fluxes ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$), mud content (%), porosity (%), chlorophyll *a* content ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$), phaeopigment content ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$), total nitrogen content (%), total organic carbon content (%), C:N ratio ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$), total phosphorus content (%), organic phosphorus content (%), iron-bound phosphorus content (%), and **TN:Org-P** ratio ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) measured on 45 sites on the Brittany coast from sediment samples collected during April-June 2019. Molar C:N and **TN:Org-P** ratios were calculated from total organic content, total nitrogen and organic phosphorus content.

Table S2. R-square (r^2) and Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) computed from k-fold cross validation (k= 10) from models built by linear regression. MLR (Multiple Linear Regression) was used to build

the best model to predict PO₄ flux by combining parameters from the stepwise selection procedure. AIC corresponds to the Akaike information criterion to compare the models.

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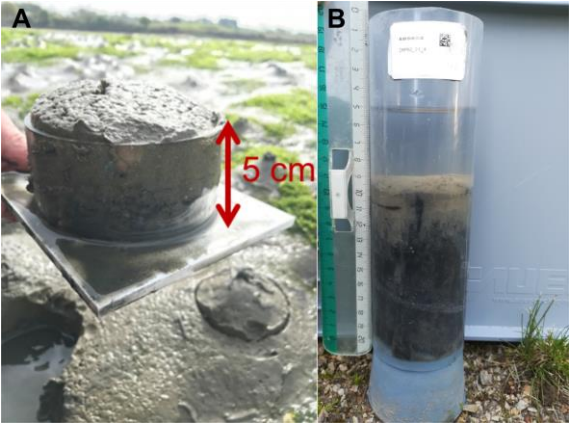


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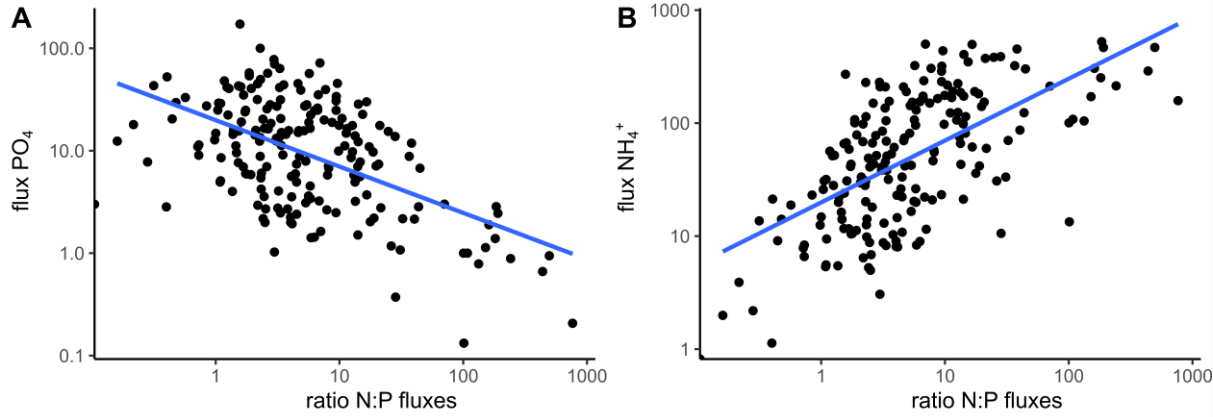


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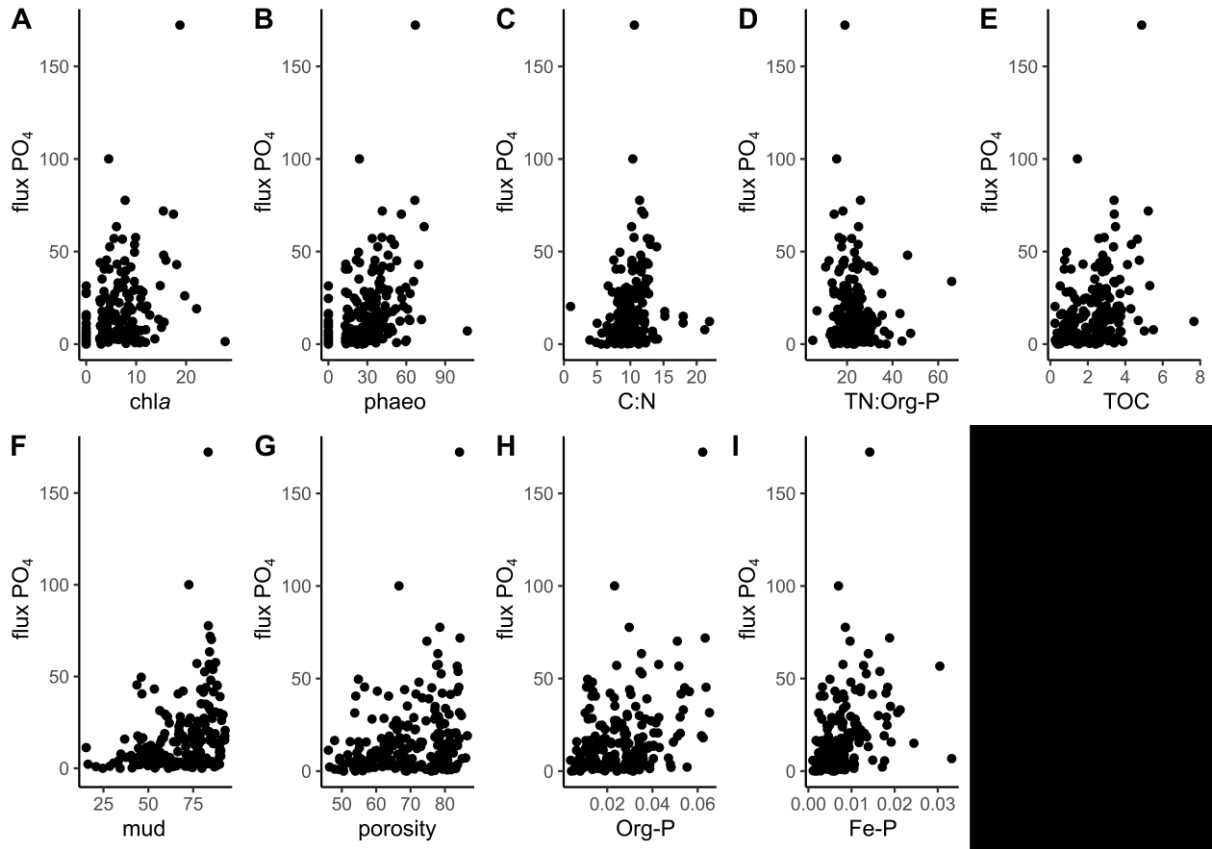
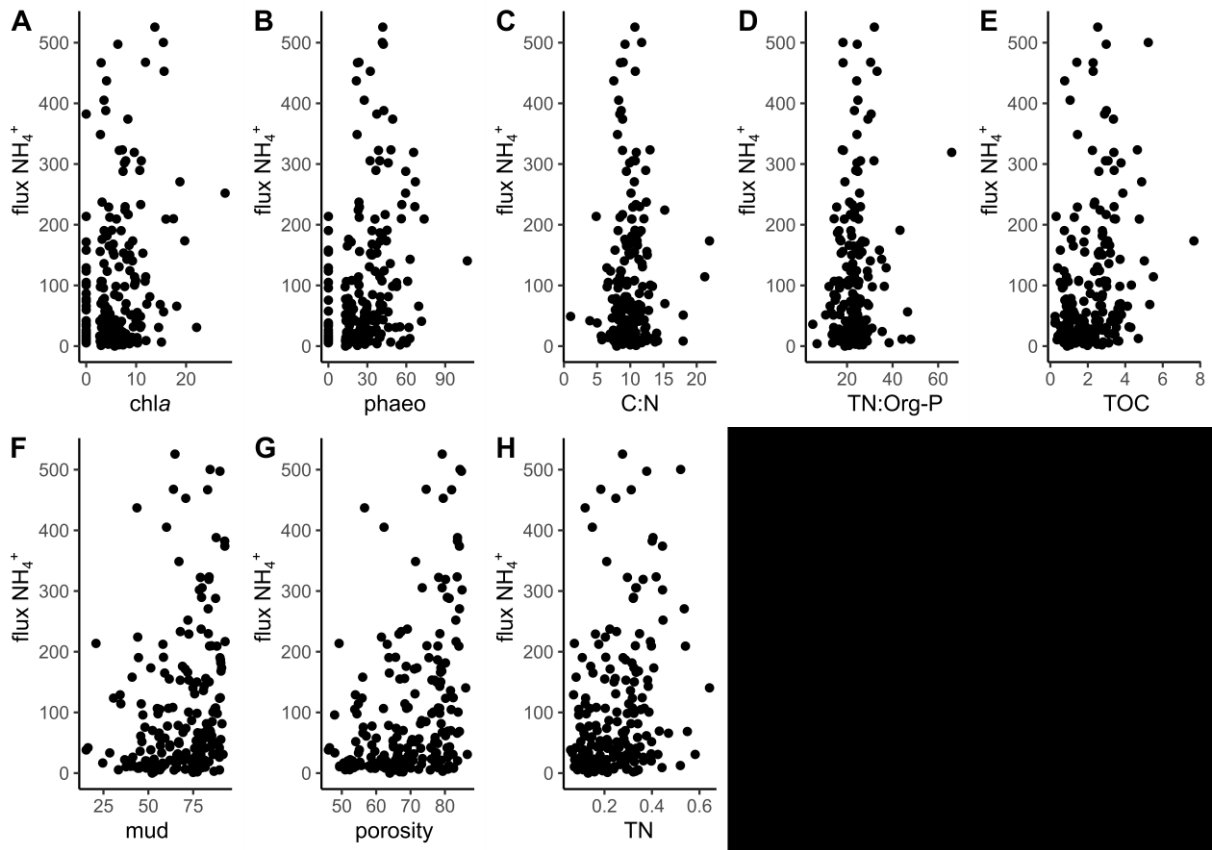


Figure S4.



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flux PO₄	r² (±SD)	RMSE (±SD)	AIC
<i>Chl_a</i>	0,17 (±0,18)	18,25 (±6,97)	1734,93
phaeo			
C:N	0,09 (±0,12)	18,80 (±7,20)	1751,86
TN:Org-P	0,05 (±0,07)	19,17 (±6,70)	1756,77
TOC	0,16 (±0,15)	18,20 (±6,52)	1732,68
mud	0,15 (±0,11)	17,68 (±8,61)	1746,19
porosity	0,11 (±0,09)	18,24 (±7,87)	1741,06
Org-P	0,21 (±0,19)	18,09 (±6,59)	1729,27
Fe-P	0,24 (±0,17)	17,89 (±7,31)	1729,05
MLR (phaeo + Fe-P + porosity + Org-P)	0,24 (±0,20)	17,40 (±7,19)	1717,79

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flux NH₄⁺	r² (±SD)	RMSE (±SD)	AIC
<i>chl_a</i>	0,13 (±0,16)	110,28 (±25,98)	2436,25
phaeo	0,14 (±0,13)	109,54 (±24,92)	2433,61
C:N	0,03 (±0,04)	114,66 (±23,85)	2451,21
TN:Org-P	0,04 (±0,07)	112,27 (±28,17)	2446,56
TOC	0,15 (±0,14)	110,63 (±23,85)	2436,71
mud	0,07 (±0,09)	112,58 (±19,13)	2441,90
porosity	0,15 (±0,12)	107,40 (±23,62)	2426,30
TN	0,16 (±0,14)	109,17 (±24,03)	2431,25
MLR (porosity + TN:Org-P + chl_a + C/N)	0,18 (±0,15)	107,37 (±24,04)	2421,35

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