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# Acquisition of capabilities for studying and monitoring acidification in coastal systems in Uruguay



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# Topics

- Ocean acidification in Uruguay
- Acquisition of the capabilities to measure the carbonate system
- Uruguayan coastal systems that are being monitored
- Preliminary results



# Ocean acidification in Uruguay

- 2021: Se conforma grupo de trabajo integrada por distintas instituciones (DINARA, SOHMA, UdelaR) en el marco de la participación de Uruguay en la red REMARCO
- Participación Curso Regional de capacitación y entrenamiento sobre medición del sistema de carbonatos para la evaluación del indicador de acidez media (ODS 14.3.1)



# Acquisition of the capabilities to measure the carbonate system

- 2021- actual: Referente componente acidificación en la red REMARCO
- 2022-2023: P2P program: TOF, GOA-ON (Mentee: Valentina Amaral (UdelaR, Mentor: Cesar Bernal, INVEMAR)
- 2023-2025: Proyecto FCE, ANII, greenhouse gases (PI: Dra. Valentina Amaral)

## Monitoring:

- Convenio de cooperación técnica entre el Ministerio de Ambiente-DINACEA y Udelar- CURE, OSE, IDR y el MGAP – DINARA para el monitoreo estacional de la calidad del agua de las lagunas costeras (PI: Dra. Lorena Rodríguez, UdelaR).
- Sistema de monitoreo oceanográfico en la costa atlántica uruguaya. El mismo incluye varias líneas de investigación desarrolladas por investigadores de la Universidad de la República (CURE y Facultad de Ciencias, PI: Dres. Ángel Segura y Gabriela Vélez)



# Acquisition of the capabilities to measure the carbonate system

**Total Alkalinity:** Titration in open cell with determination by Gran (GOA-ON, 2018) - (Dickson et al. 2007).

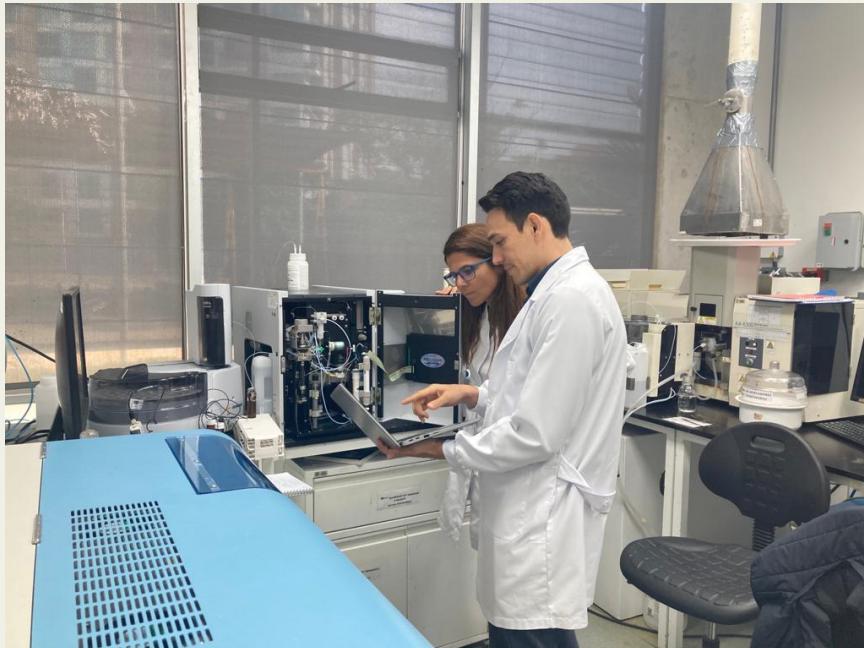


Tritinio plus Metrohm  
CRM Dickson  
Uncertainty < 5  $\mu\text{M}$   
REMARCO spreadsheet and modified protocol for Tritinio Plus



# Acquisition of the capabilities to measure the carbonate system

## Dissolved inorganic carbon



Internship at INVEMAR,  
Colombia, Santa Marta

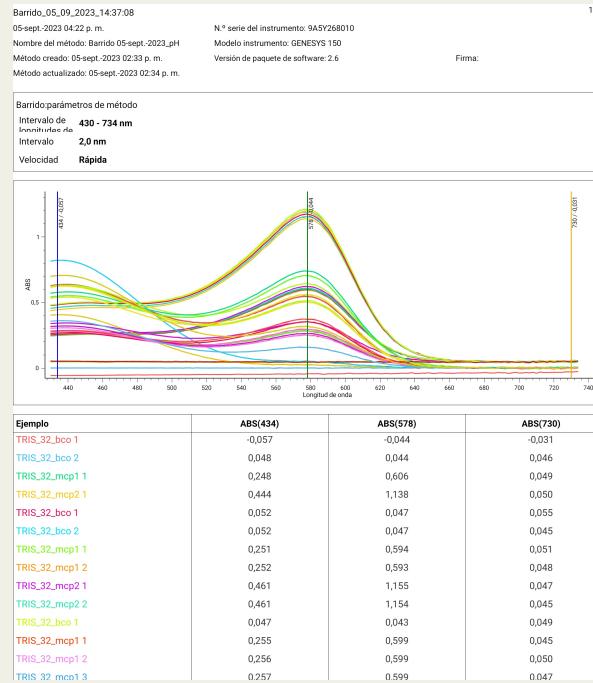
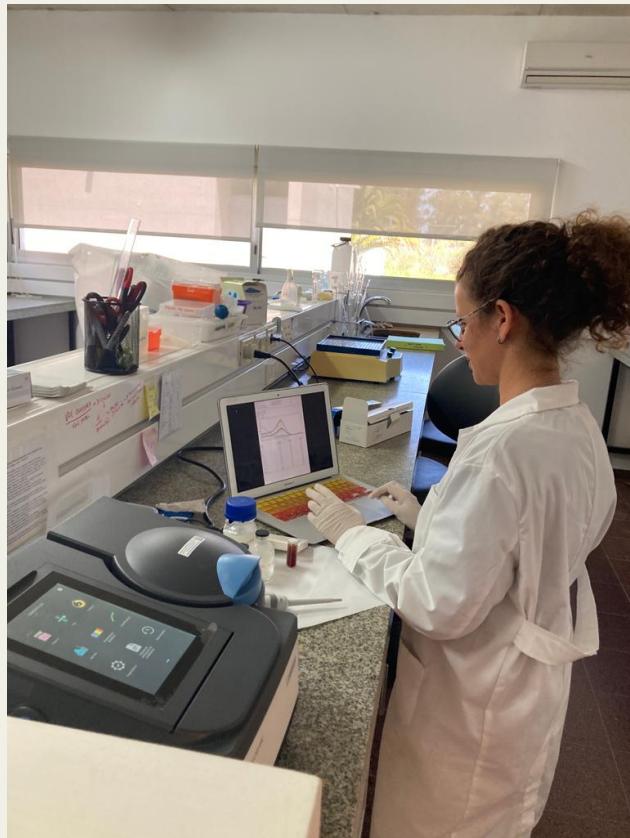


Marianda Company AIRICA system (Bernal, et al., 2021) <https://remarco.org/manual-ao/>

Adjustment CRM Dickson,  $u = 3.0 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$



# Spectrophotometric pH



evaluating effect of filtration

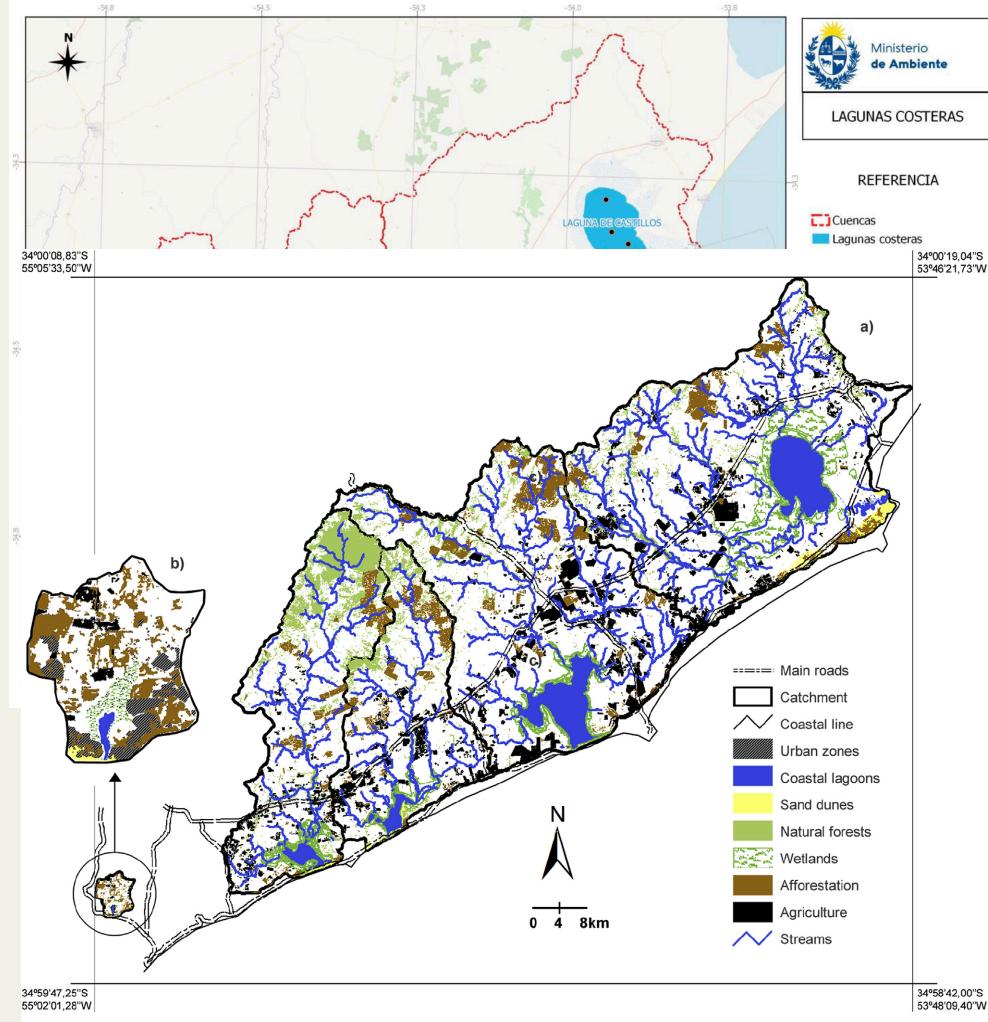
m- cresol (Sigma Aldrich), performed all the corrections (purity, etc)  
TRIS from Dickson lab  
Differences < 0.007  
 $\mu(\text{ph}) < 0.002$  (REMARCO spreadsheet)  
Spectrophotometer Genesys UV-Vis



tal lagoons



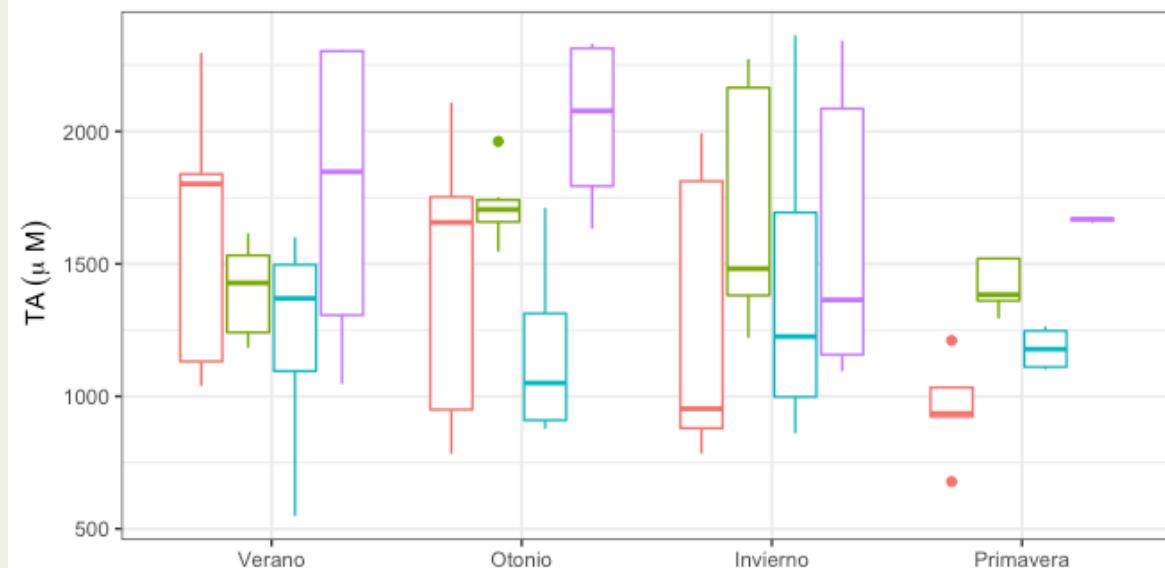
# Preliminary results: coastal lagoons



- Atlantic coast of Uruguay
- Periodically connect with the ocean
- Salinity gradients (~ 0-35)
- RAMSAR sites, a Biosphere Reserve and are high priority areas for biodiversity conservation in Uruguay.
- Ecosystem services
- Eutrophication is among the most important threats to these lagoons.
- initial phases mainly due to land use changes



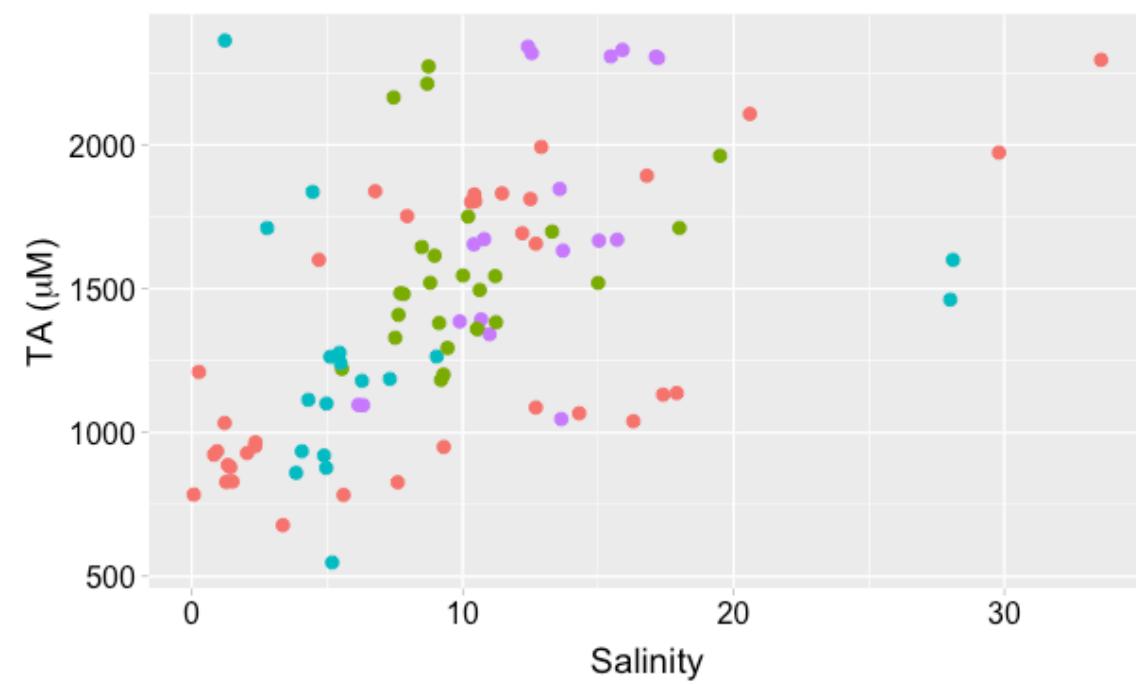
Total Alkalinity



Ranged from 548.5 to 2362.7  $\mu\text{M}$

Not seasonally differences ( $p > 0.05$ )

Highly variable between lagoons ( $p < 0.05$ )

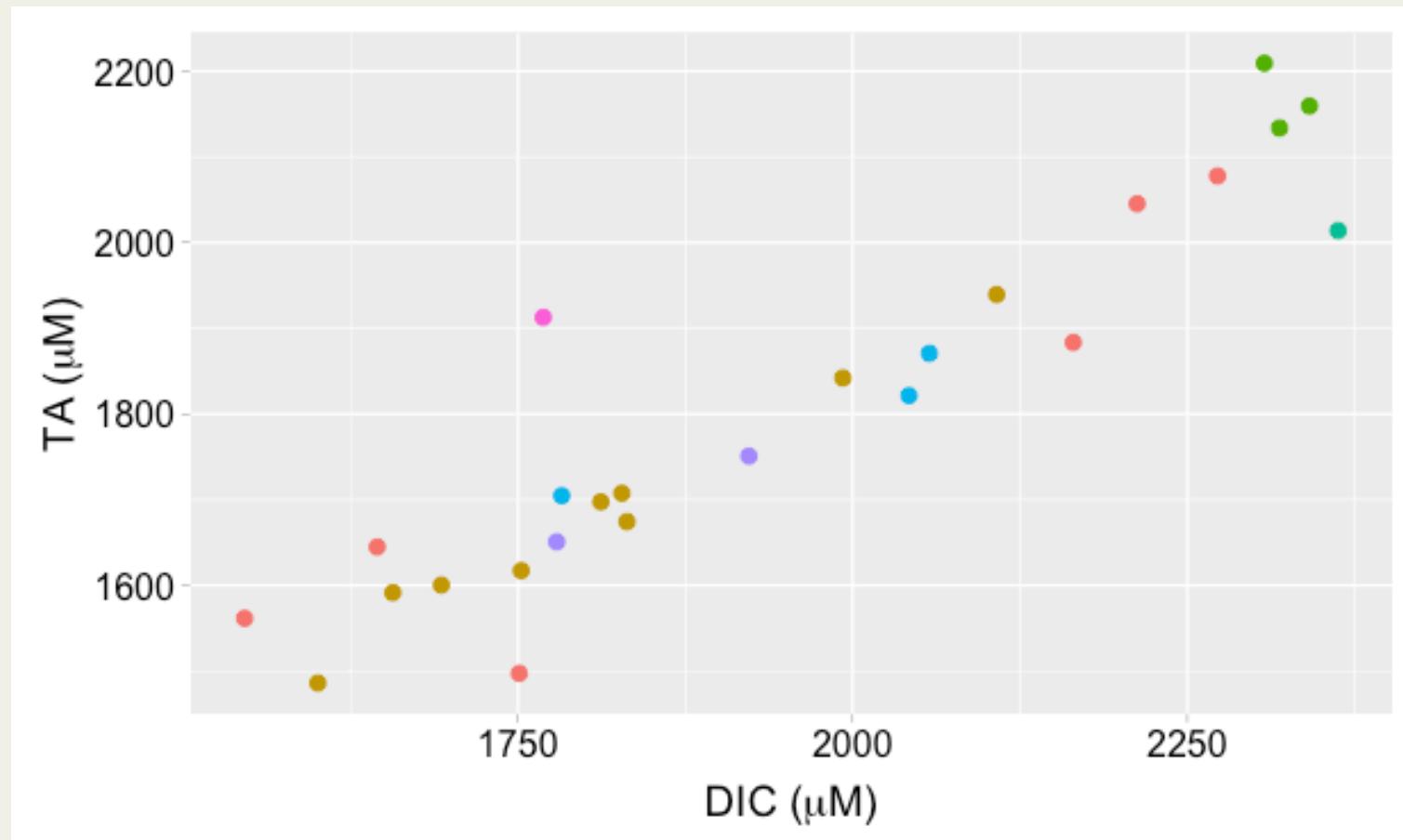


TA positive related with S ( $R^2 = 0.3$ ,  $p < 0.001$ )

#### Laguna

- Castillos
- Rocha
- Garzon
- Jose Ignacio

DIC also showed highly variables values and was positive related with TA ( $R^2 = 0.85$ ,  $p < 0.001$ )



\*DIC from two cruises: May and August 2023. Measured at INVEMAR

# Preliminary results: coastal zone

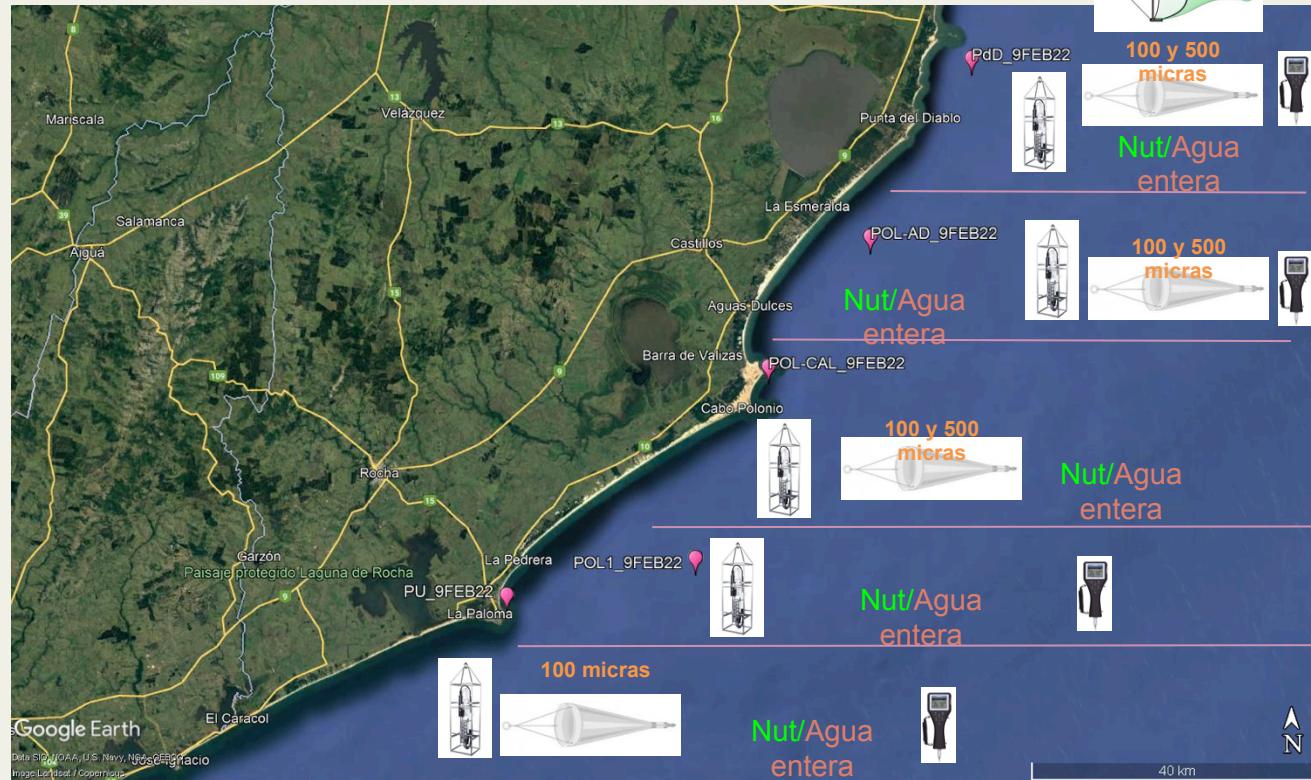


Monitoreo multidisciplinario del ecosistema costero-marino Atlántico  
(Responsables Dres Ángel Segura y Gabriela Vélez)

3 stations monthly /8 stations seasonally



# Preliminary results: coastal zone



TA and DIC\*, 2022  
and 2023\*  
7 cruises

Photo, map: Gabriela Vélez

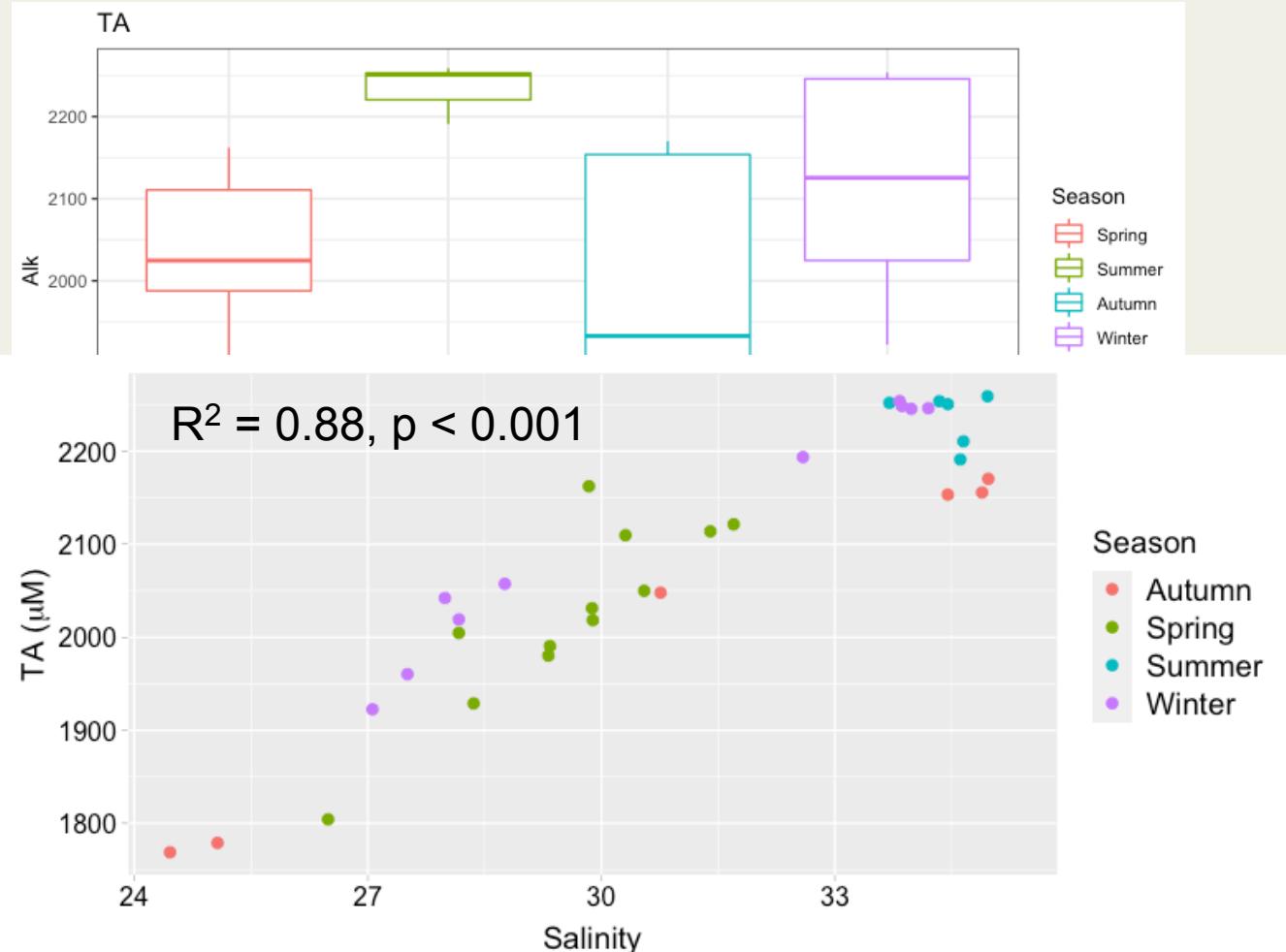


# Preliminary results: coastal zone



Salinity 21- 35, pH 7.90- 8.99 (CTD)

TA ranged 1768.8 and 2258.8, seasonal variability ( $p < 0.05$ )





# First report of SDG 14.3.1 from Uruguayan coastal systems

SDG 14.3.1 data portal

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# Ocean acidification at schools



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