

# *Supplementary Material*

## A Revised Underwater Image Formation Model

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### 1. Dependency of $\beta_c^B$ on Camera Response

In Sec. 3.2 of the main text, we presented the physically valid space of  $\beta_c^B$ , and identified its dependencies. Compared to  $\beta_c^D$  in [1] of main text, we noted that  $\beta_c^B$  was also sensitive to  $S_c(\lambda)$ , but only weakly. To clarify,  $\beta_c^B$  does vary with  $S_c$ , but it varies more with ambient light  $E$  (implicit in  $B^\infty$ ) which becomes increasingly monotonic with depth, making spectral dependence less important. To demonstrate this, we compiled the response of 74 cameras (Fig. 1a, black curves show light at the surface and 10m depth), and calculated the  $\beta_c^B$  locus (Fig. 1b&c). This dataset shows that despite the large variation across sensors, search space is reduced to the same part of the  $\beta_c^B$  domain. The source of camera response curves are given in Table 1.

### 2. Error Analysis: Current Vs. Revised Model

In the main text (Sec. 6 and Fig. 7), we used seven scenarios to analyze the errors stemming from the use of the current versus the revised underwater image formation models. Fig. 6a showed the ground truth values of  $\beta_c^B$  and  $\beta_c^D$  for these scenarios for Jerlov Type II, which represented absorption dominated water types (Types I-IB were almost identical). Here, in Fig. 2, we present what the values of these coefficients would have been for scattering-dominated water types.

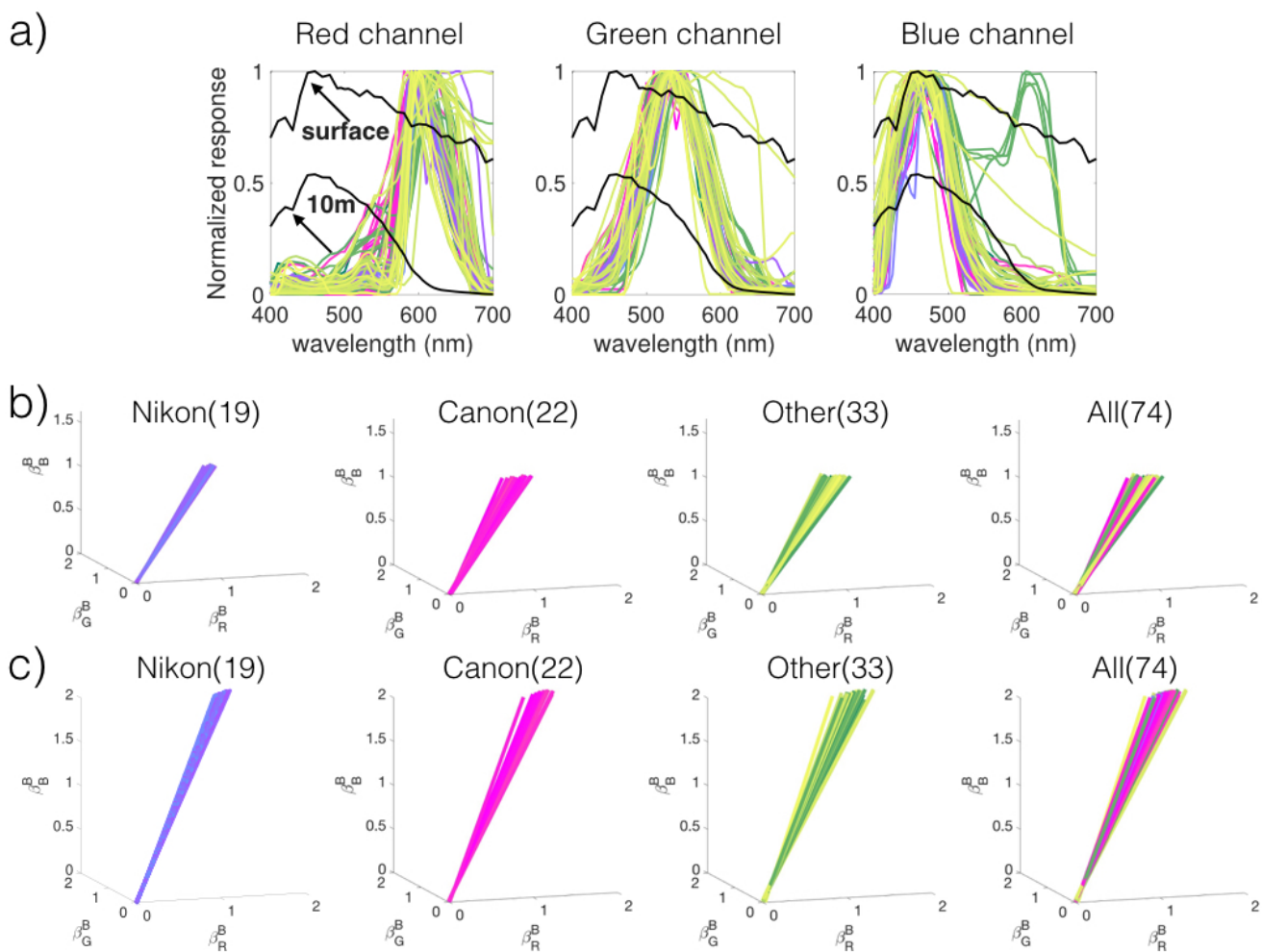


Figure 1. Extension of Fig. 4e in main text using the normalized response of 74 cameras **a)** Nikon (purple), Canon (pink), Other (green: Arriflex, Casio, Fuji, Hasselblad, Kodak, Leica, Manta, Nokia, Olympus, Panasonic, Pentax, Phase One, Point Gray, Sony, Sigma). Black curves show light at surface (D65) and attenuated at 10m for water type II (borderline between absorption and scattering dominated). The locus of  $\beta_c^B$  at 10m shows little variation for both **b)** absorption and **c)** scattering-dominated water types.

#	Make	Model	Source
1	Arriflex	D-21	[21]
2	Canon	1D Mk III	[16]
3	Canon	1Ds Mk II	[6]
4	Canon	5D	[14, 12]
5	Canon	5D Mk II	[16, 25]
6	Canon	10D	[17, 15]
7	Canon	20D	[16]
8	Canon	40D	[16, 21, 13]
9	Canon	50D	[16]
10	Canon	60D	[16]
11	Canon	300D	[16]
12	Canon	400D	[17, 23, 18]
13	Canon	500D	[16]
14	Canon	600D	[16]
15	Canon	A2200	[9]
16	Casio	EXF1	[14]
17	Fuji	S5Pro	[21]
18	Hasselblad	H2	[16]
19	Hasselblad	H3D	[21]
20	iPhone	5	[20]
21	Kodak	DCS200	[24]
22	Kodak	DCS420	[17, 24, 15]
23	Kodak	DCS460	[17]
24	Leica	M8	[21]
25	Manta	G032C	[3]
26	Nikon	D3	[16, 10]
27	Nikon	D3X	[16]
28	Nikon	D40	[16]
29	Nikon	D50	[16]
30	Nikon	D70	[17, 15]
31	Nikon	D80	[16]
32	Nikon	D90	[16]
33	Nikon	D100	[25]
34	Nikon	D200	[16, 21]
35	Nikon	D300s	[16]
36	Nikon	D700	[16, 21]
37	Nikon	D800	[22]
38	Nikon	D5000	[2]
39	Nikon	D5100	[16, 11]
40	Nikon	D7000	[23]
41	Nokia	1520	[8]
42	Nokia	N900	[16]
43	Olympus	EPL1s	[14]
44	Olympus	EPL2	[16]
45	Panasonic	DMCLX3	[21]
46	Panasonic	DMCLX5	[9]
47	Pentax	K5	[16]
48	Pentax	Q	[16]
49	Phase One	unspecified	[16]
50	Point Grey	Dragonfly express	[19]
51	Point Grey	Grasshopper 14S5C	[16]
52	Point Grey	Grasshopper 50S5C	[16]
53	Point Grey	Ladybug2	[17]
54	Red	Dragon	[4]
55	Sigma	Dp quattro	[5]
56	Sigma	SD Merill	[11]
57	Sony	DXC 930	[7]
58	Sony	Hypercam IMX178	[1]
59	Sony	NEX5N	[16]
60	Sony	NEX7	[9]

Table I. Cameras in our compiled dataset of spectral responses.

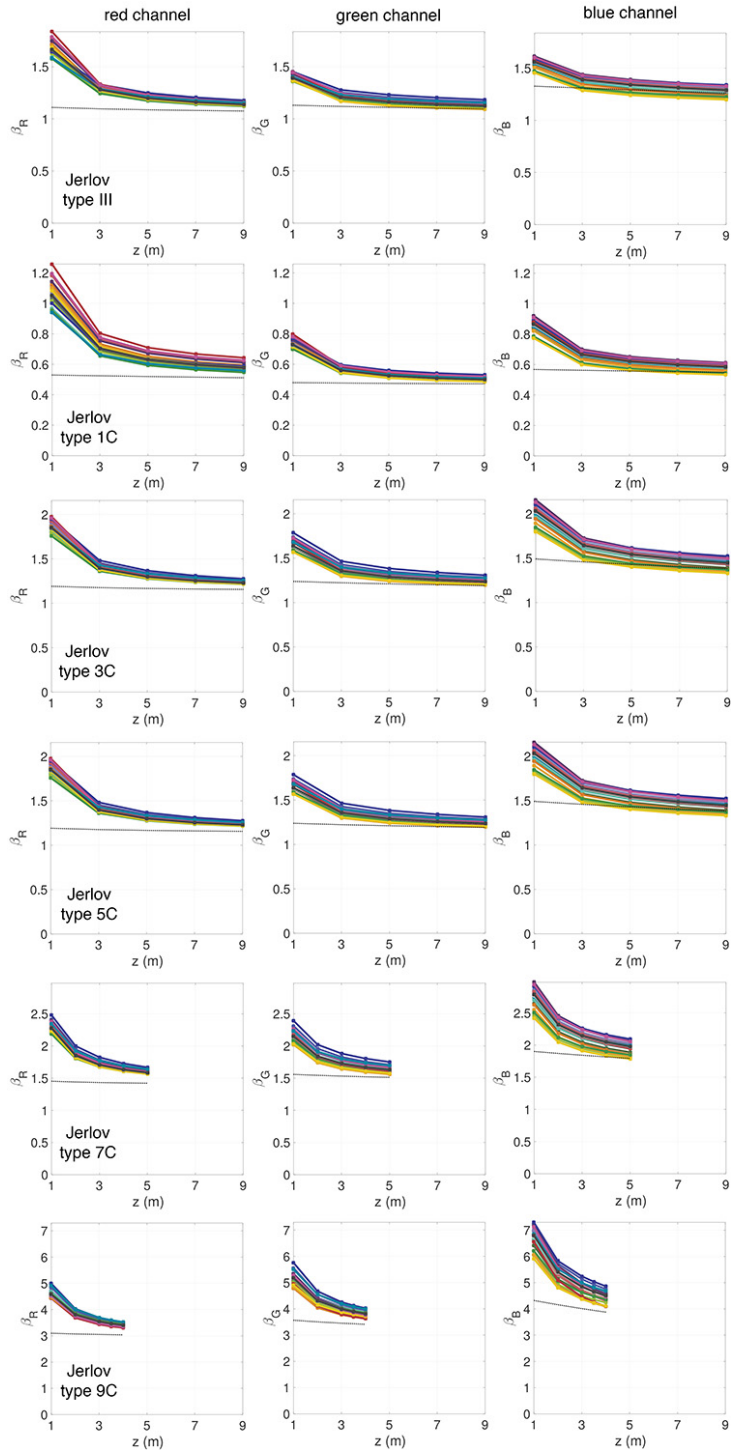


Figure 2. Values of  $\beta_c^D$  and  $\beta_c^B$  for scattering dominated water types (rows), shown for each color channel (columns). Note that for very turbid water types (7&9C) veiling light distance is already reached at 4-5m.

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