

**Supplementary material**

**Geochemical controls on aluminium concentrations in coastal waters**

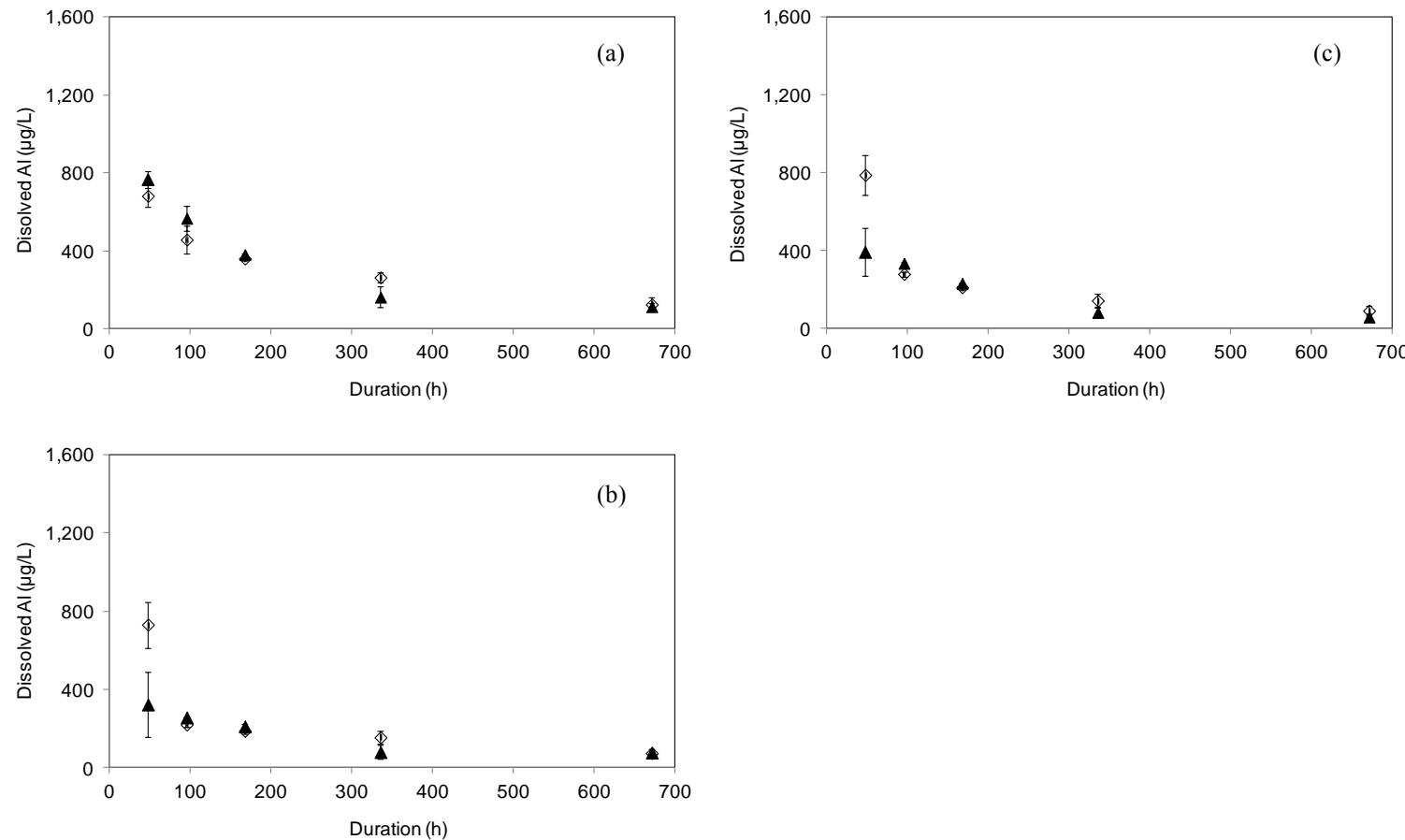
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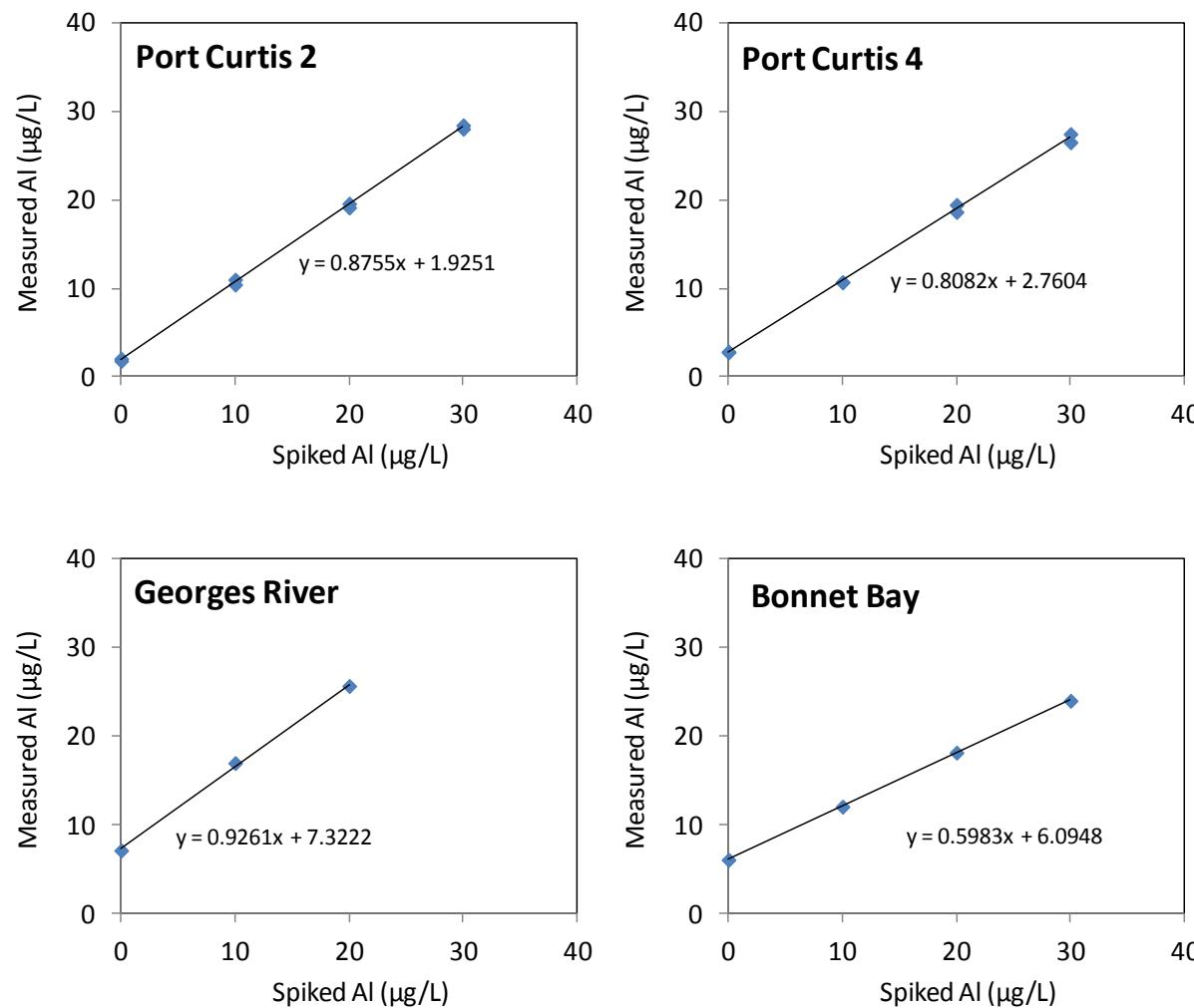
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**Table S1. Operationally defined size ranges used in the present study**

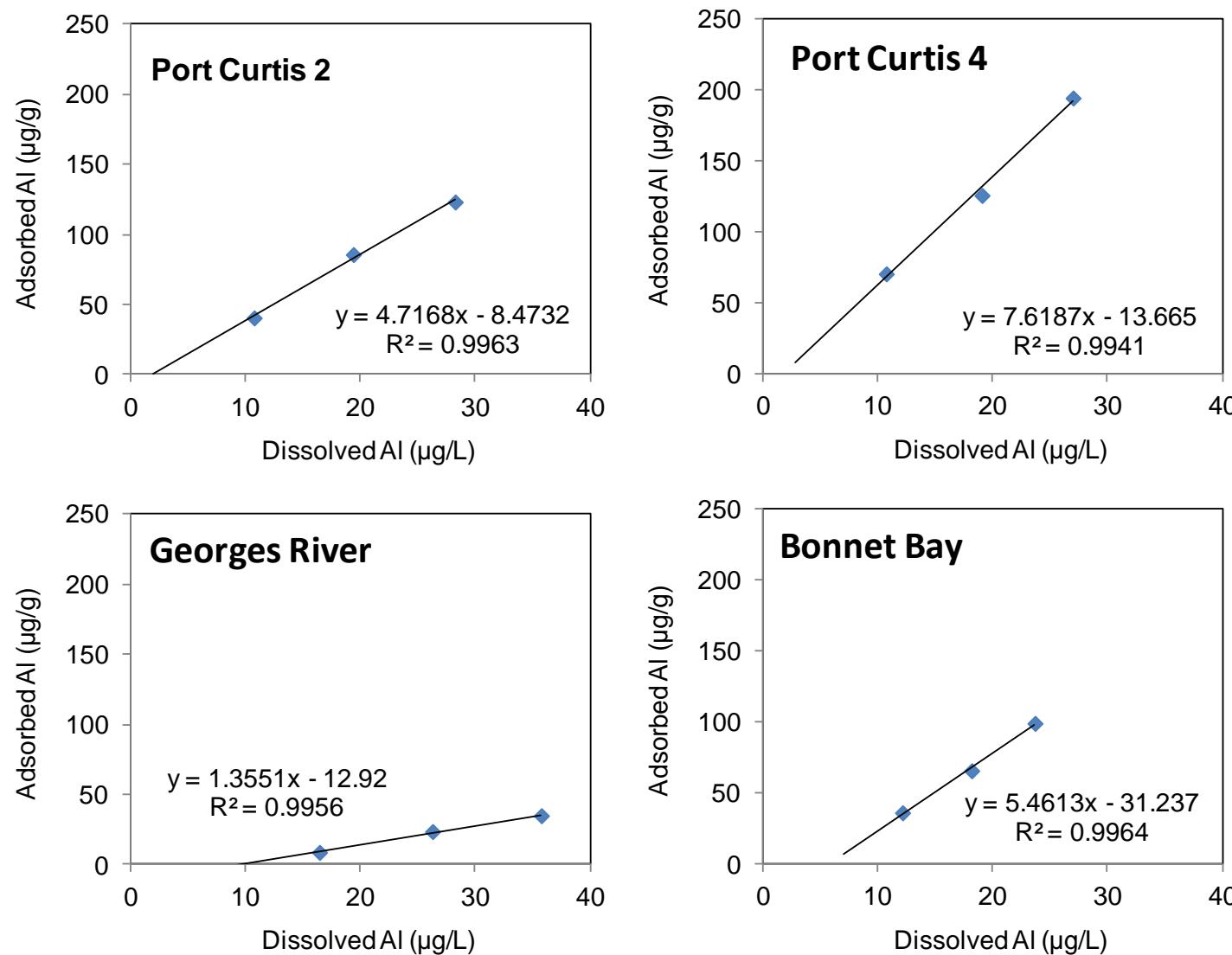
Size range	Operationally defined size fraction
<0.001 µm	Dissolved aluminium (free ions and low molecular weight complexes)
>0.025 to <0.45 µm	Colloidal aluminium complexes
>0.45 µm	Particulate aluminium complexes



**Fig. S1.** The effect of time on the solubility of aluminium in filtered seawater (solid triangles) and seawater containing 30  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$  of suspended particulates (open diamonds) spiked with (a) 1000, (b) 5000 and (c) 10 000  $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  total aluminium. Error bars represent the standard deviation of three replicates.



**Fig. S2.** The spiked and measured total dissolved ( $<0.45 \mu\text{m}$ ) aluminium concentrations measured for adsorption isotherm tests of suspended particulates from each site. Spike controls that were prepared in filtered ( $<0.45 \mu\text{m}$ ) seawater, mixed and allowed to stand for 24 h, showed that spiked concentrations were within 5 % of nominal values, indicating spikes were accurate and that there was negligible adsorption in the absence of suspended particulates.



**Fig. S3.** Adsorption isotherms for the unfiltered waters from each site.