

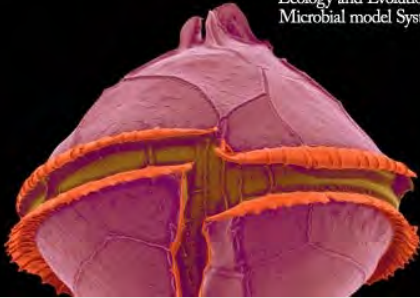
A microscopic image showing numerous thin, yellowish-brown filaments of cyanobacteria against a light blue background. One prominent filament is coiled into a circular shape in the center of the frame.

Cyanobacteria in future climate conditions:  
time to project diversity and function,  
not only biomass?

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What do CYANO-models need?

1- Response of HAB to future CC  
*(physiology, life cycle, adaptation???)*

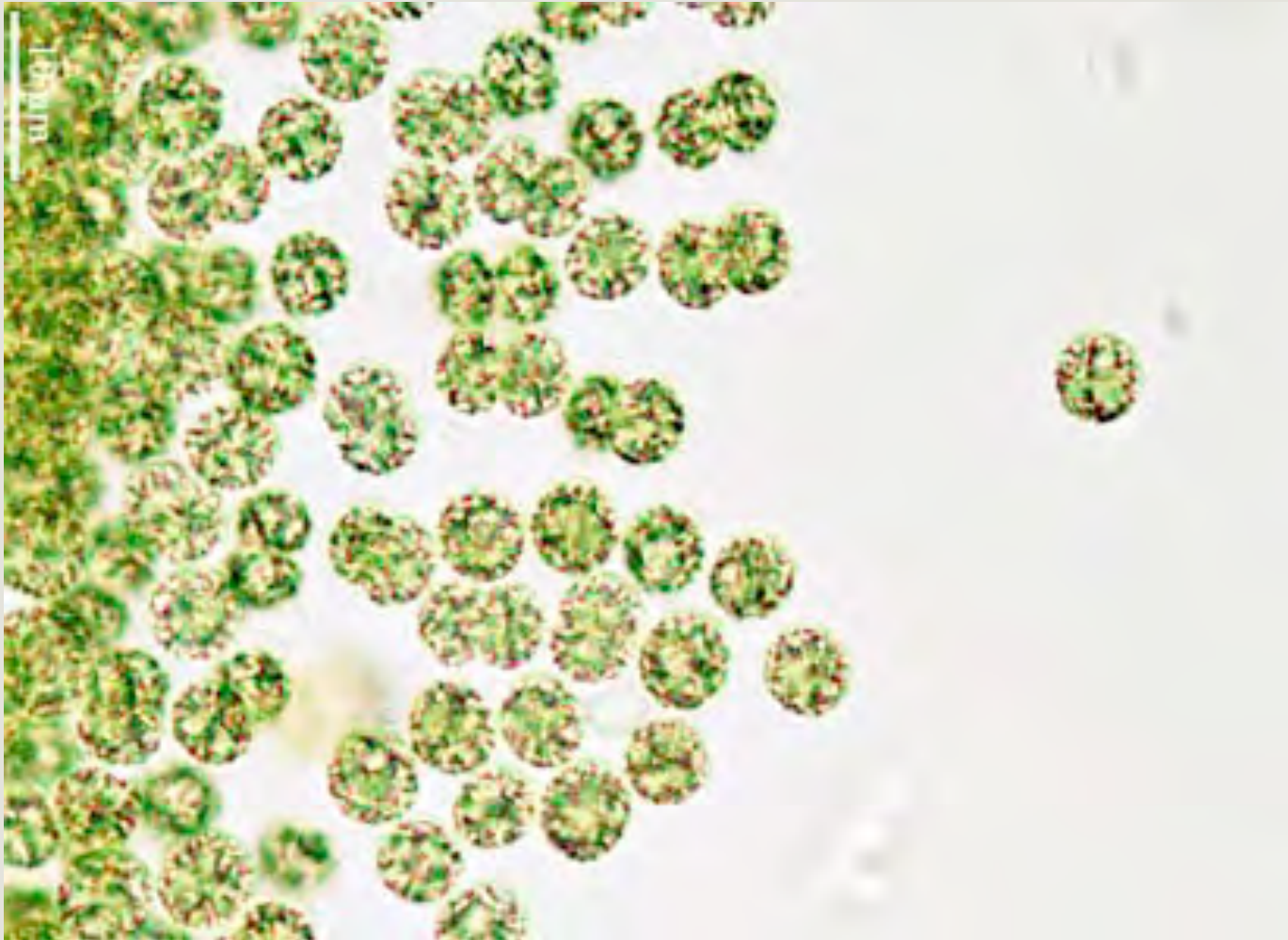
2- Temporal and spatial dynamics  
*(Who is there, how much, where and when?)*

3-Trophic interactions  
*(grazer-prey-competitor incl. heterotrophic bacteria)*

4-Biotic/chemical interactions  
*(bioactive compounds)*



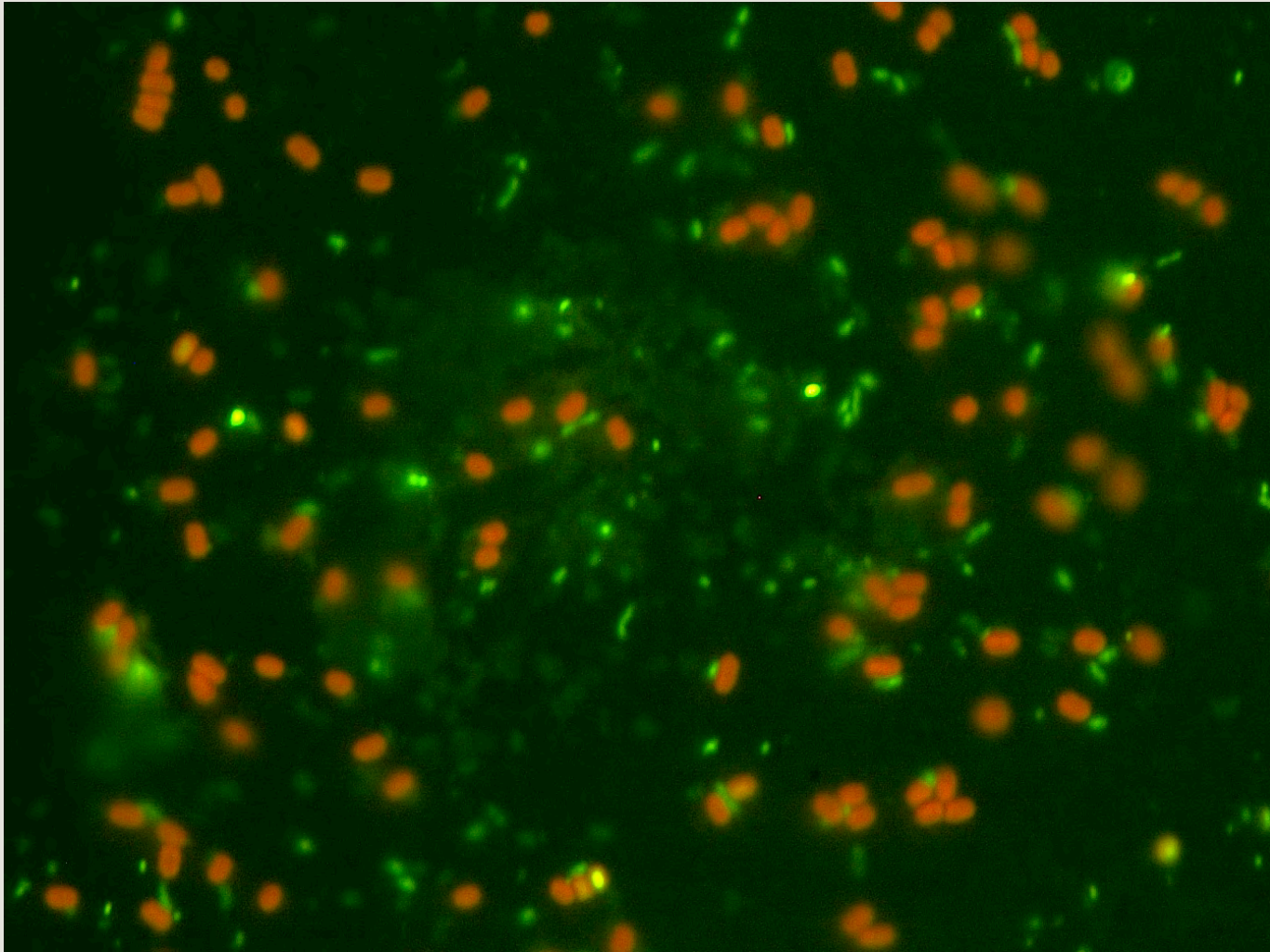
# Colonial cyanobacteria



# Filamentous cyanobacteria (N<sub>2</sub>-fixers)



# Picrocyanobacteria



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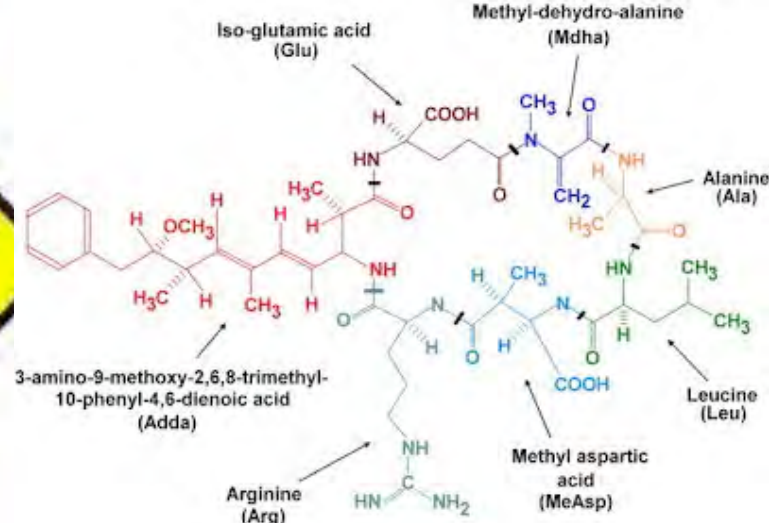


Baltic Sea



SW Pacific Ocean





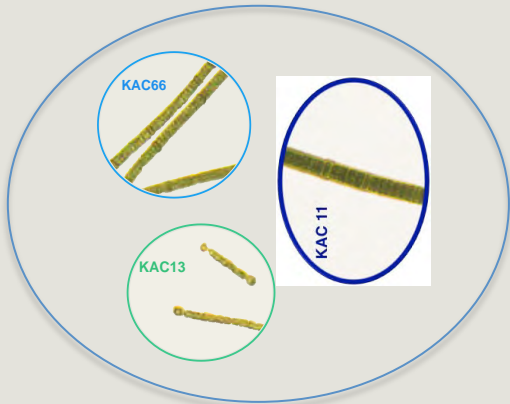
- Peptide Hepatotoxins (Microcystins and Nodularin)
- Neurotoxins
- Cylindrospermopsin
- $\beta$ -N-methylamino-L-alanine (BMAA)
- Lipopolysaccharide Endotoxins
  
- Other NR peptides (spumigins, aeruginosins, anabaenopeptids, unknown )



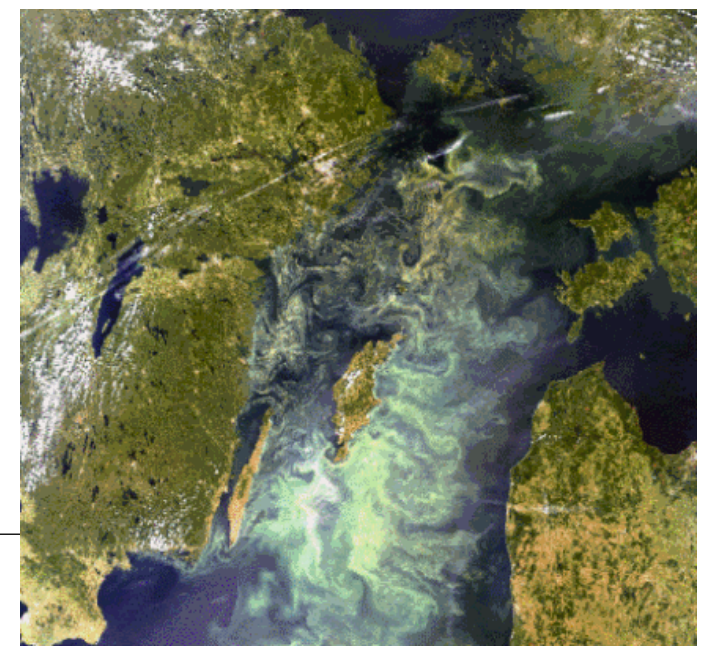
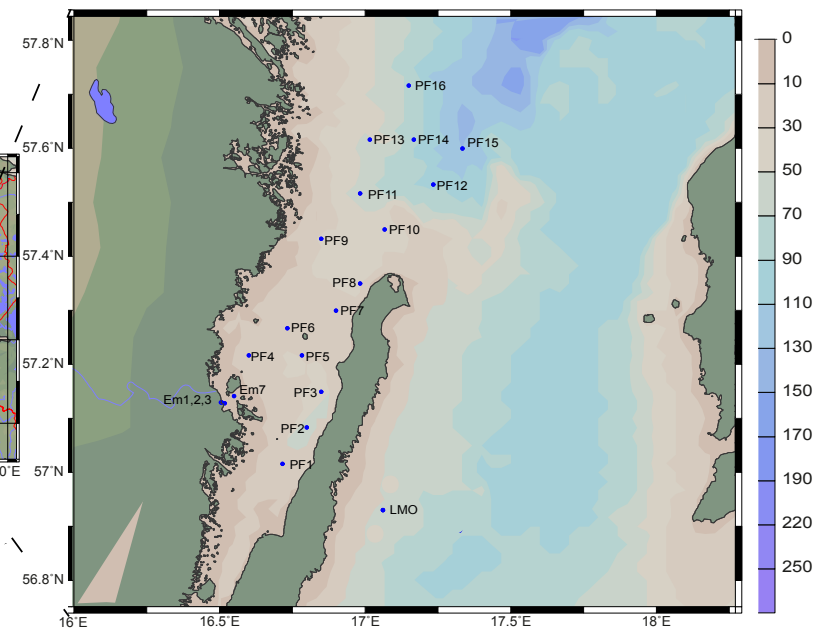
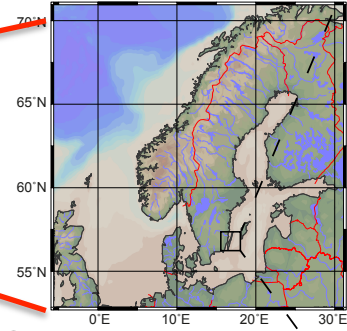


# Nodularin and other NR-peptides

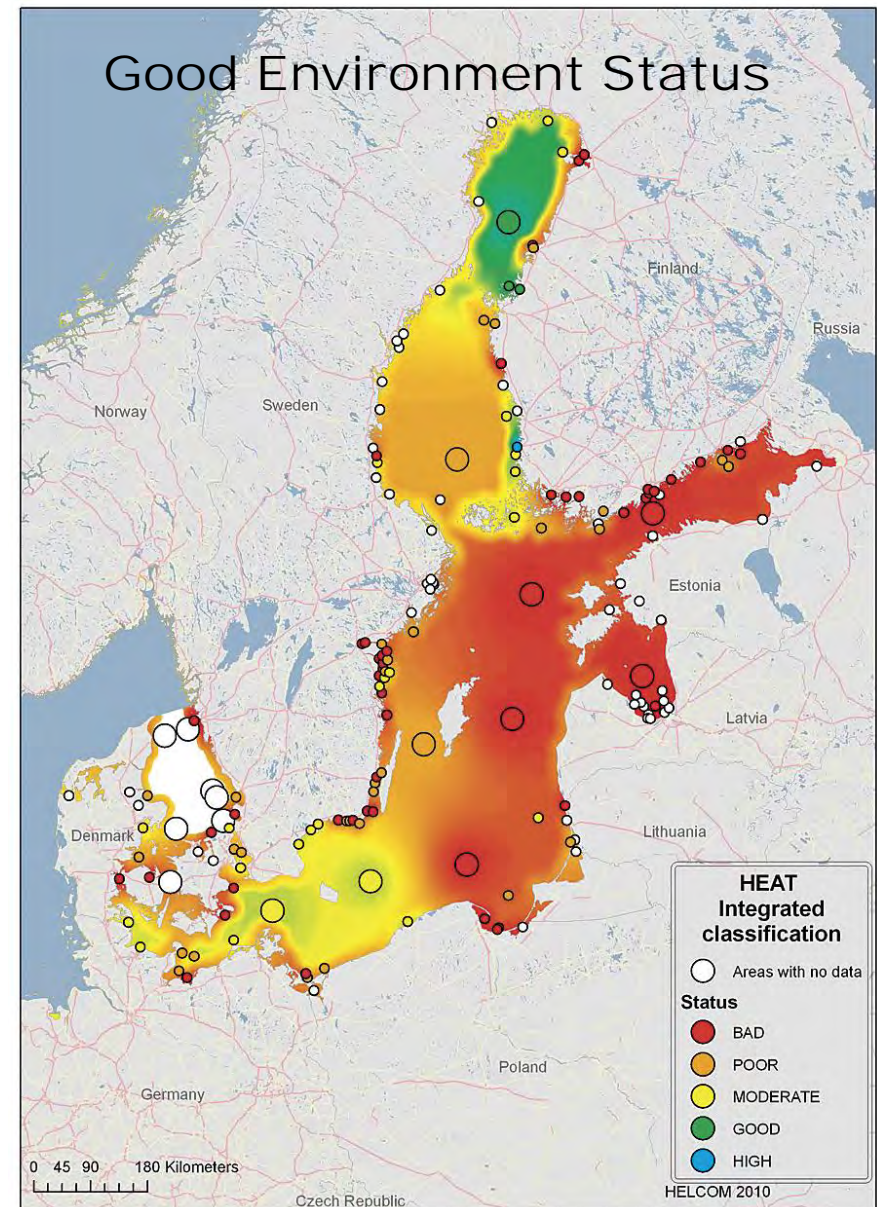
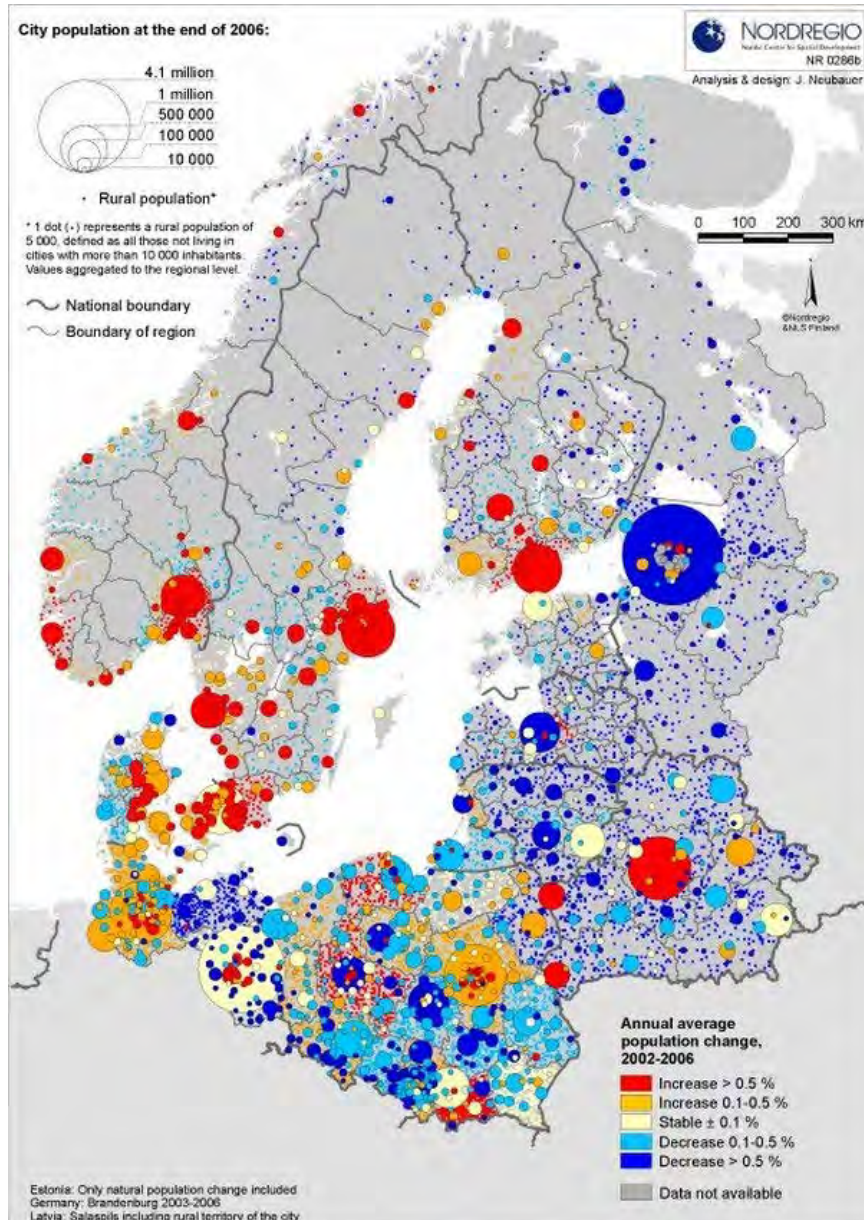
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<b>Spumigins</b>				
641	(Hpla+42)+Hty+Pro+Argol			•
639	(Hpla+42)+Hty+Pro+Argol			•
627	Hpla+Hty+MePro+Arg		•	
613	Hpla+Hty+MePro+Argol	•	•	
613	Hpla+Hty+Pro+Arg	•	•	•
611	Hpla+Hty+MePro+Argal	•	•	•
599	Hpla+Hty+Pro+Argol	•	•	•
597	Hpla+Hty+Pro+Argal	•	•	•
583	Hpla+Tyr+Pro+Argal		•	•
457	Hpla+Hty+Pro+OH		•	•
<b>Aeruginosins</b>				
603	?+Tyr+Choi+Arg		•	•
589	?+Tyr+Choi+Argol		•	•
587	?+Tyr+Choi+Agm		•	•
<b>Nodularins</b>				
825	Cyclo[MeAsp+Arg+Adda+Glu+Mdhb]	•	•	•
811	Cyclo[Asp+Arg+Adda+Glu+Mdhb]	•	•	•
<b>Anabaenopeptins (Nodulapeptins)</b>				
934	Phe+CO+[Lys+Val+Hty+MeHty+MetO]		•	
918	Phe+CO+[Lys+Val+Hph+MeHty+MetO]		•	
916	Phe+CO+[Lys+Val+Hty+MeHty+AcSer]		•	
902	Phe+CO+[Lys+Val+Hph+MeHty+Met]		•	
900	Phe+CO+[Lys+Val+Hph+MeHty+AcSer]		•	
884	Phe+CO+[Lys+Val+Hph+MeHph+AcSer]		•	
842	Phe+CO+[Lys+Ile+Hty+MeAla+Phe]			•
829	Unknown		•	
828	Phe+CO+[Lys+Val+Hty+MeAla+Phe]			•
808	Ile+CO+[Lys+Ile+Hty+MeAla+Phe]			•
<b>Unknown peptides</b>				
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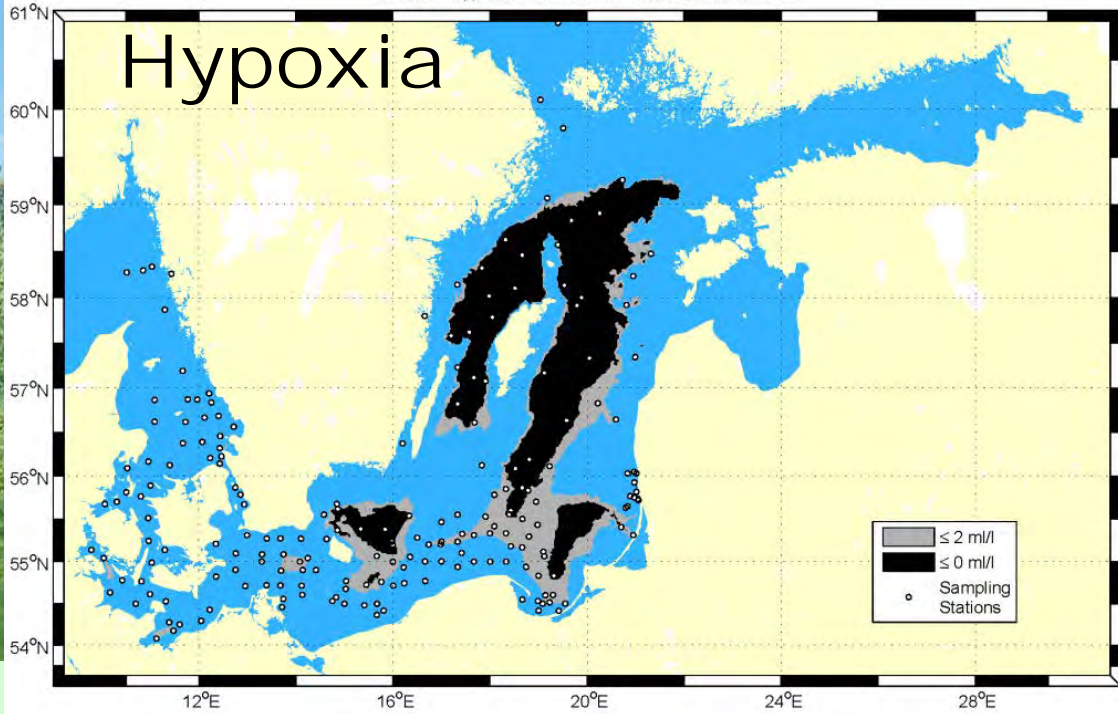


# The Baltic Sea

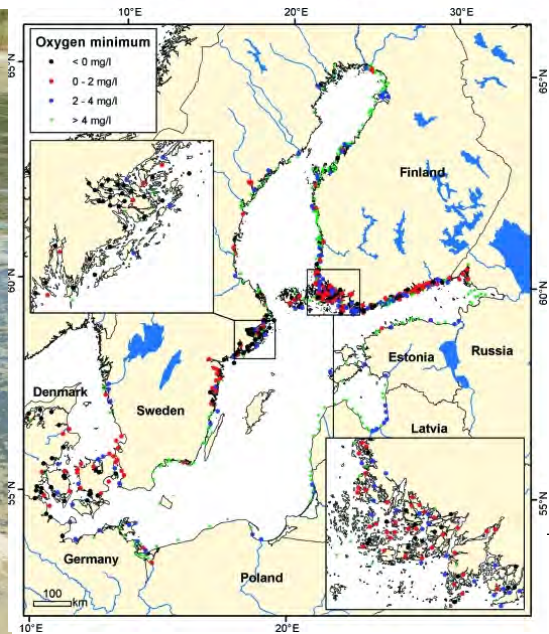


# Baltic Sea Region

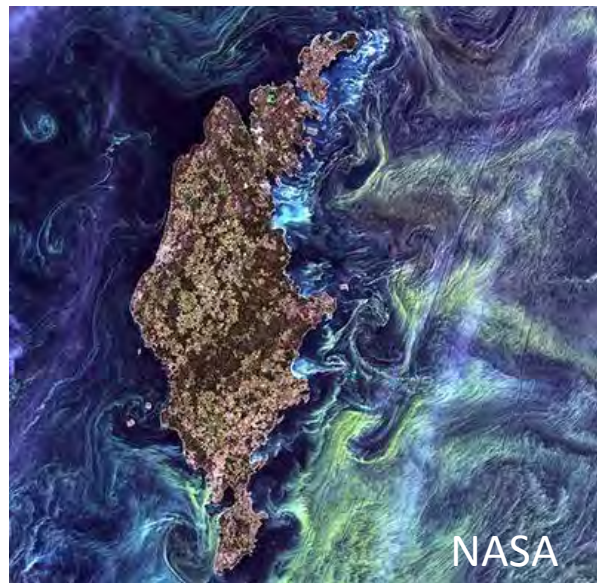
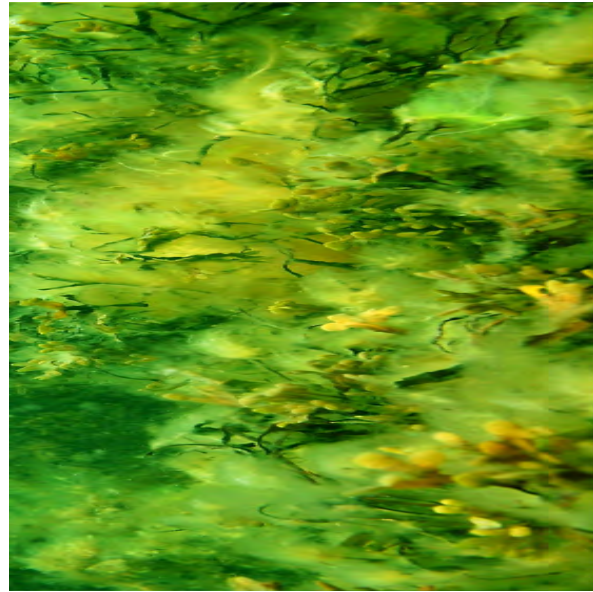




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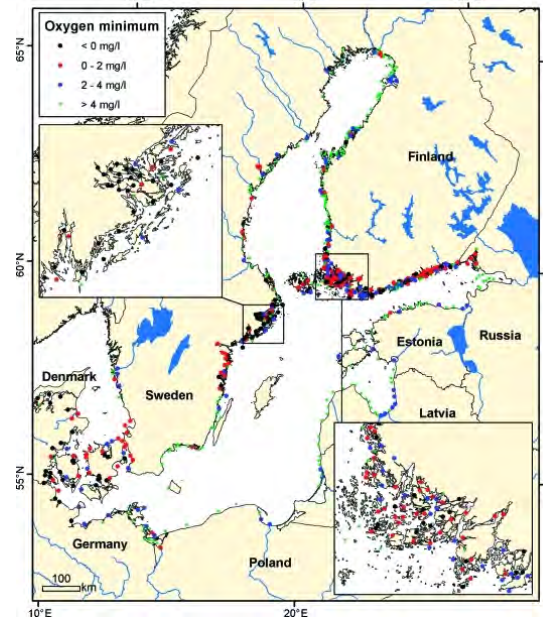
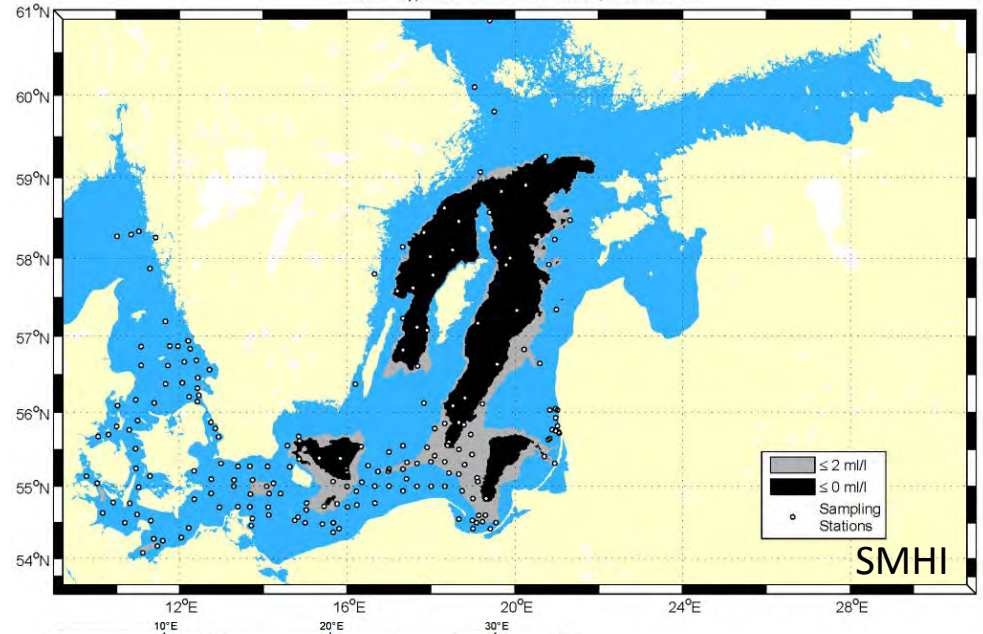


# Eutrophication



# Hypoxia

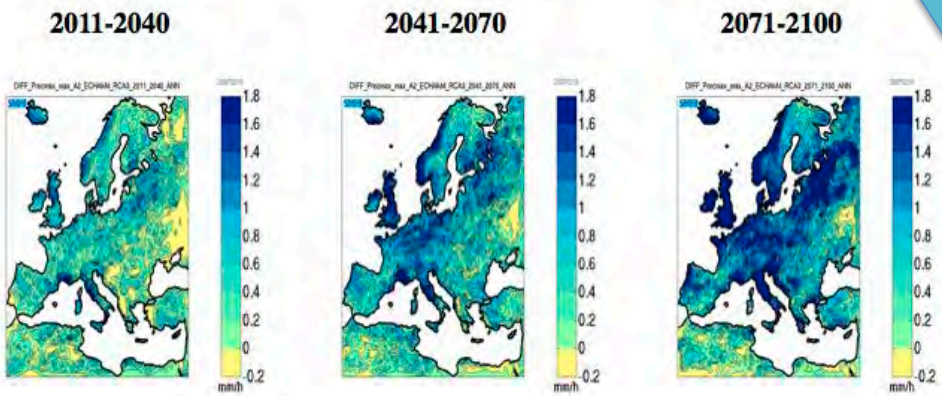
Extent of hypoxic & anoxic bottom water, Autumn 2011



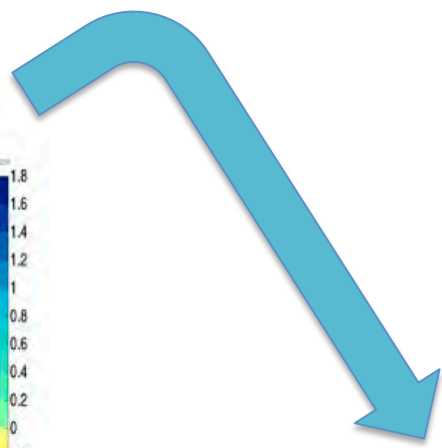
Conley et al. 2011

# Climate change

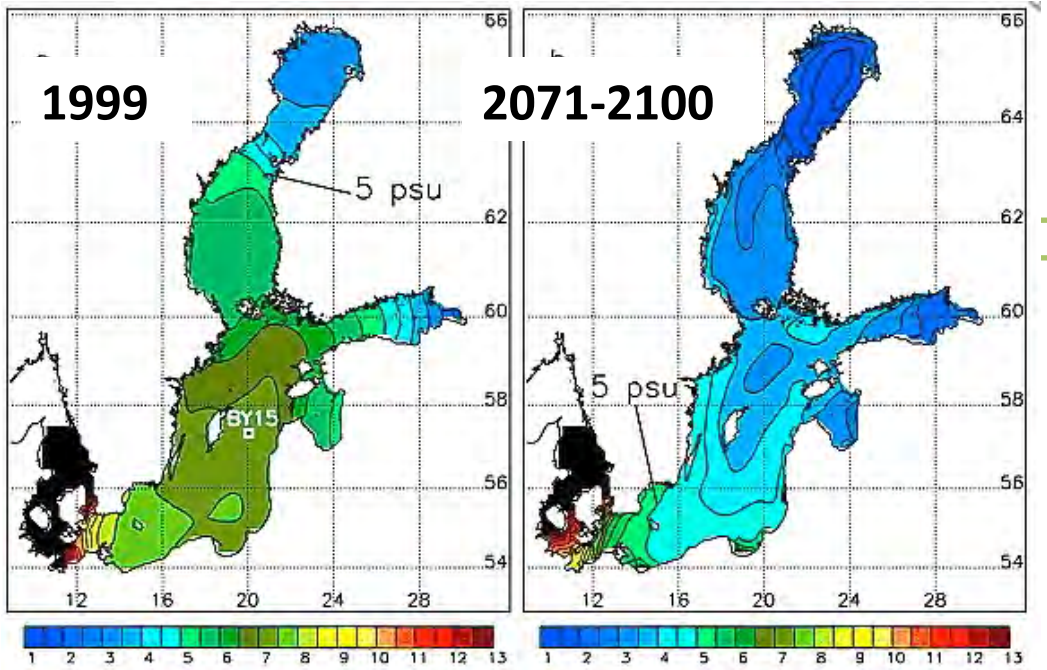
## Precipitations



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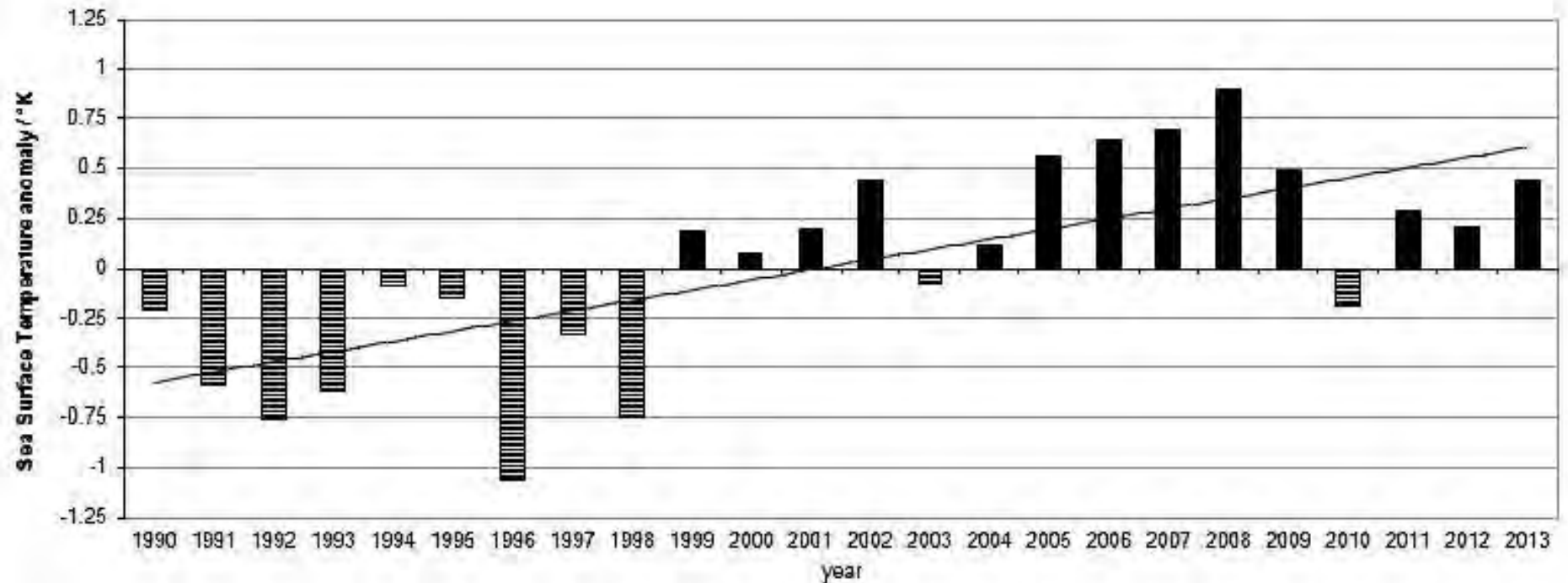


## Salinity



Meier et al. 2006

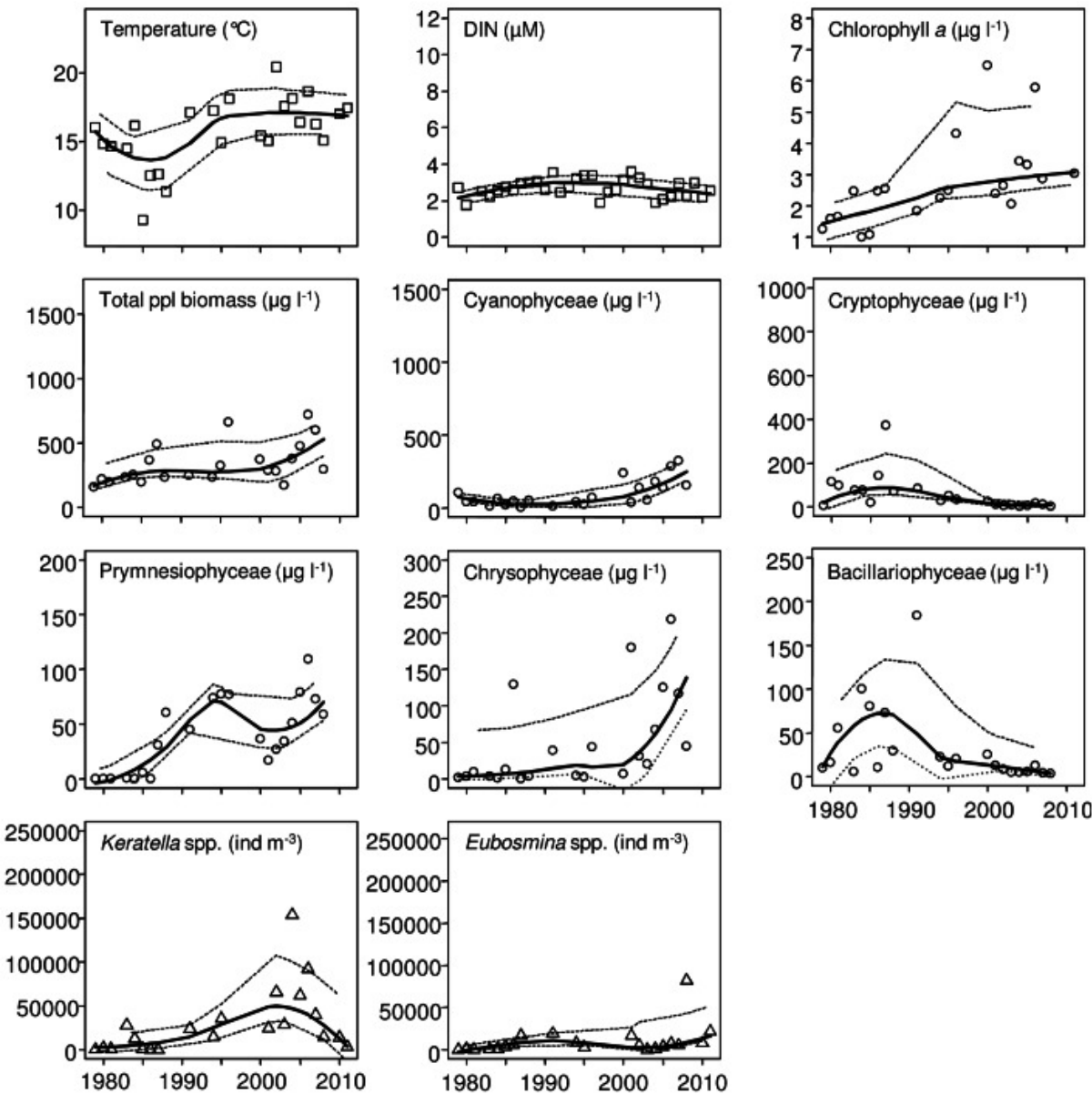
# The Baltic Sea is warming faster than other seas



**Figure 7.** Trend of SST- Anomalies of the annual averages of the Baltic referring to the long-term means 1990 – 2012.



## Åland Sea



Phytoplankton increased in the Åland Sea from 1979 to 2008

Significant trends ( $p < 0.05$ ) in environmental (squares) and zooplankton parameters (triangles) in the Åland Sea from 1979 to 2011, and in phytoplankton (circles) from 1979 to 2008.



# Chlorophyll a

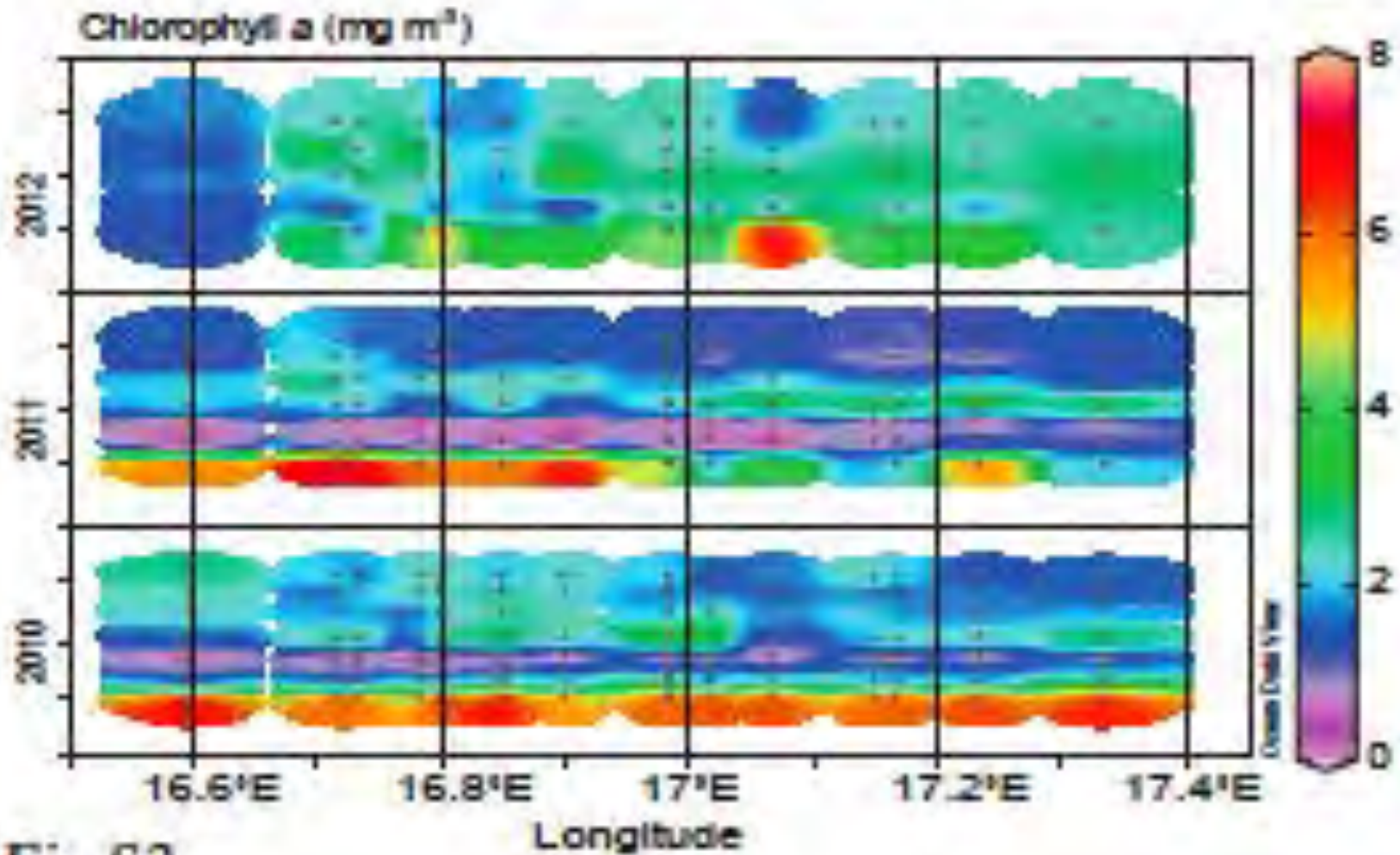
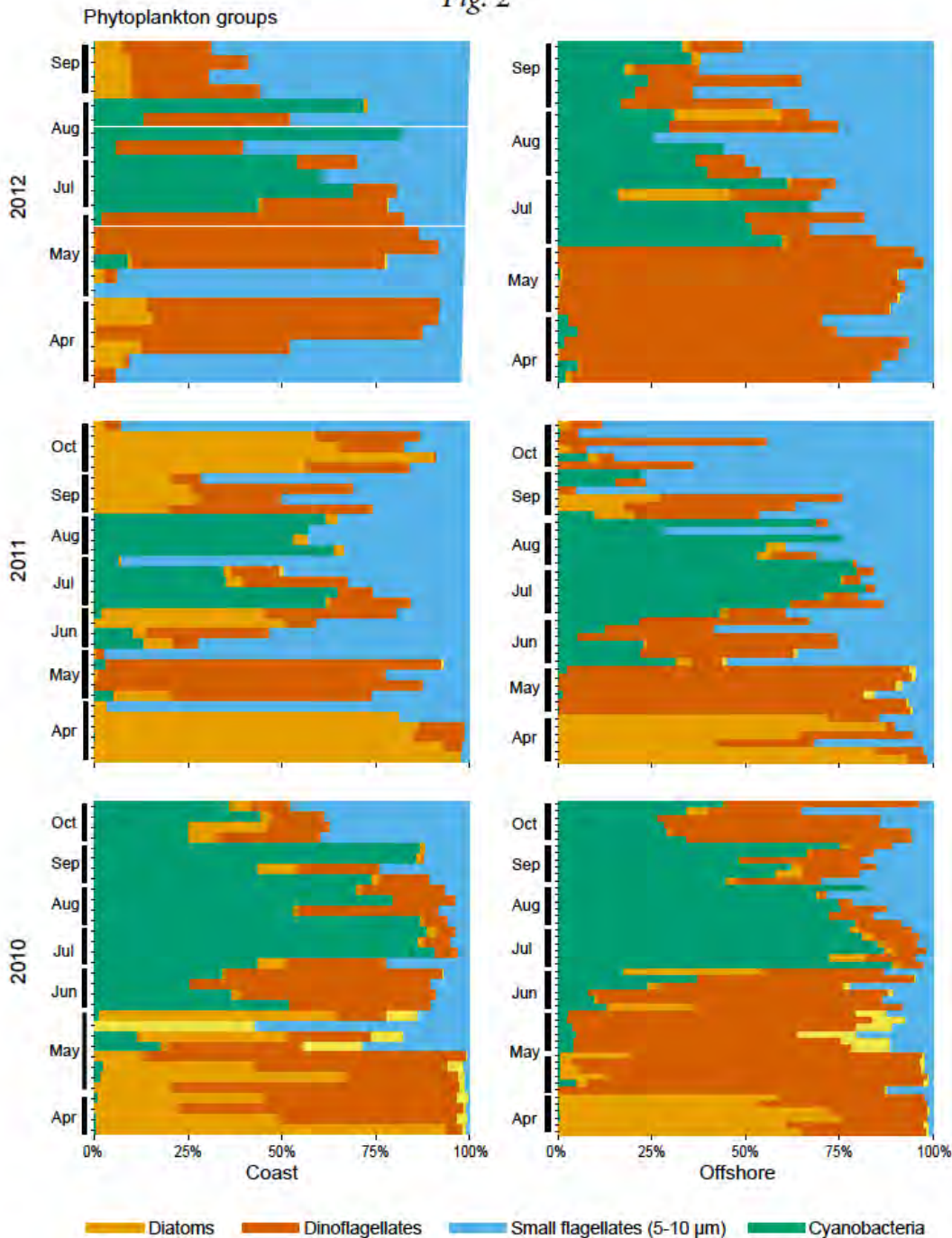


Fig S2

Fig. 2



# Phytoplankton

Mild winter favours  
dinoflagellates  
over diatoms in spring



# Blooms Like It Hot

Hans W. Paerl<sup>1</sup> and Jef Huisman<sup>2</sup> Science 2008

A link exists between global warming and the worldwide proliferation of harmful cyanobacterial blooms.

Nutrient overenrichment of waters by lakes to stratify earlier in spring and destratify



## LETTERS

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### Algal blooms: Noteworthy nitrogen

NUTRIENT OVER-ENRICHMENT in lakes drives water-quality deterioration. The August 2014 water supply shutdown from Lake Erie to over 500,000 residents in Toledo, Ohio (1), highlights this problem, which has been historically addressed by controlling phosphorus (P) inputs. Management and research are based on the premise that P is the limiting factor in freshwater productivity and harmful algal bloom (HAB) formation (2, 3). However, reducing P is no longer adequate for many lakes. Recent studies indicate algal proliferation in response to combined nitrogen (N) and P additions, or in some cases, the addition of only N (4–8). This shift in the freshwater nutrient management para-

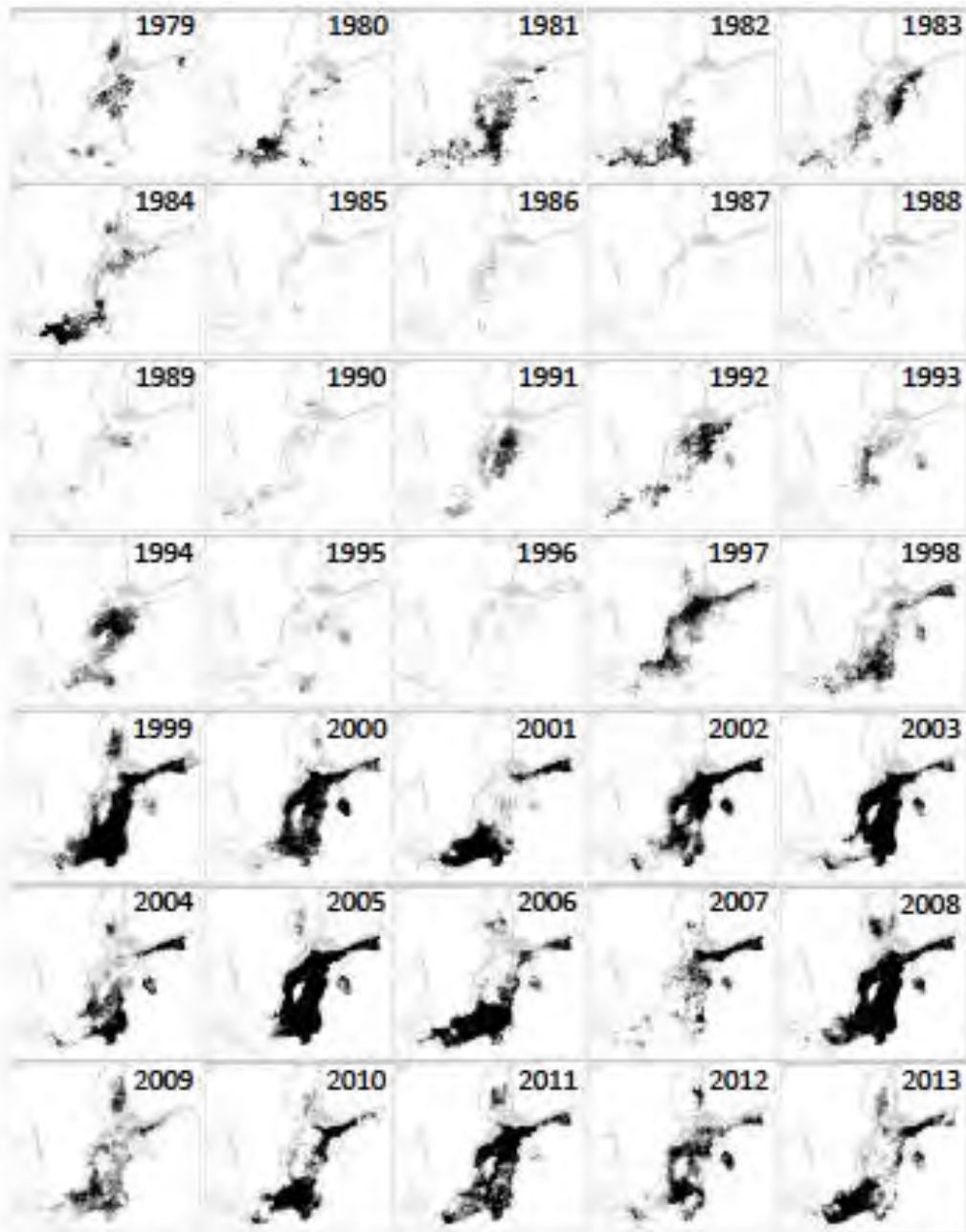
Warmer climates boost cyanobacterial dominance in shallow lakes  
Kosten et al. 2012 DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2486.2011.02488.x  
Global Change Biology

### Algal blooms: Proactive strategy

CYANOBACTERIAL HARMFUL algal blooms (CHABs) are increasing in severity on a worldwide basis. Combining nutrient-source control with post-bloom control is currently considered the best strategy for dealing with CHABs (1). However, huge

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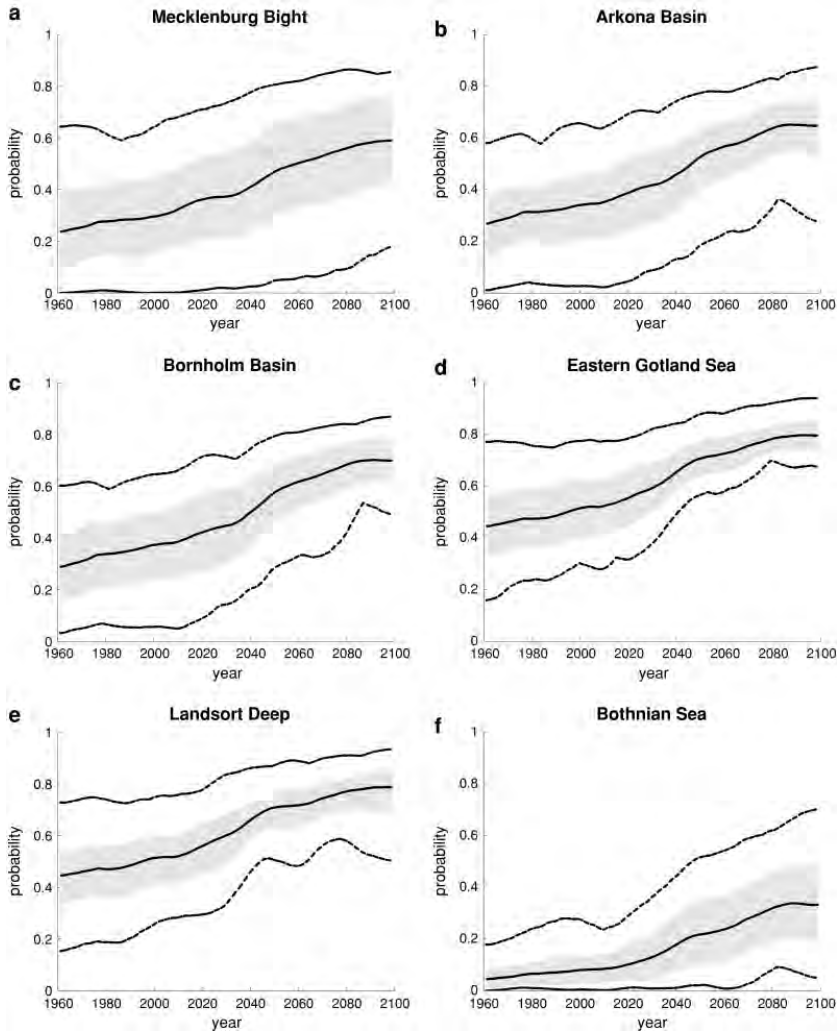
Proactive CHAB control requires appropriate technical expertise aimed at inhibiting algal growth during the spring season, when cyanobacteria is vulnerable to foraging species. This would involve developing new tools to trace pre-bloom algal distribution so that proactive treatments only need to be implemented within algae concentrated areas and in a cost-effective manner. Continuous monitoring and assessment of water bodies would maximize treatment efficacy.



*Nodularia spumigena*  
surface accumulation

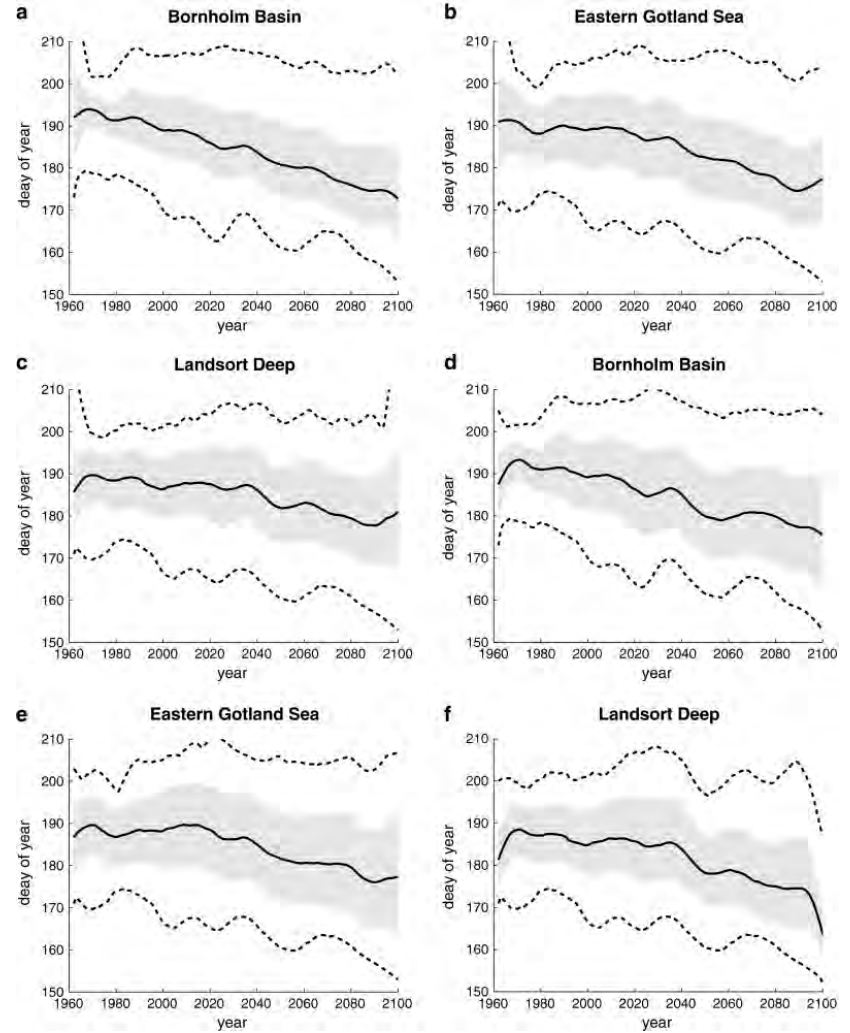
Figure 1A. Maps of the mean July–August FCA in the Baltic Sea, 1979–2013. Gray-scale from light to dark corresponds to increasing FCA.

# Probability that SST will exceed 18°C in summer



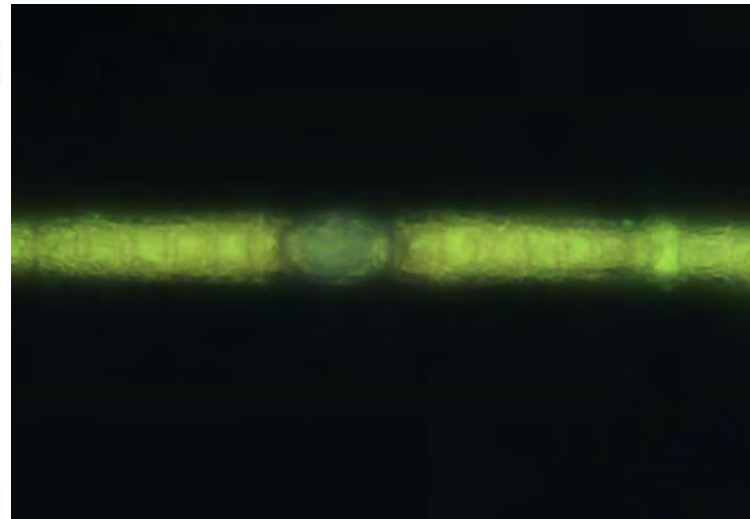
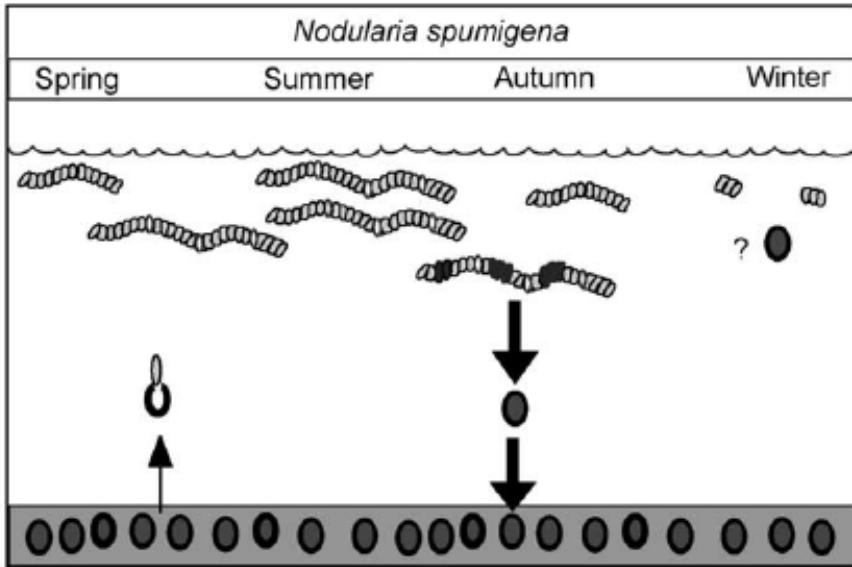
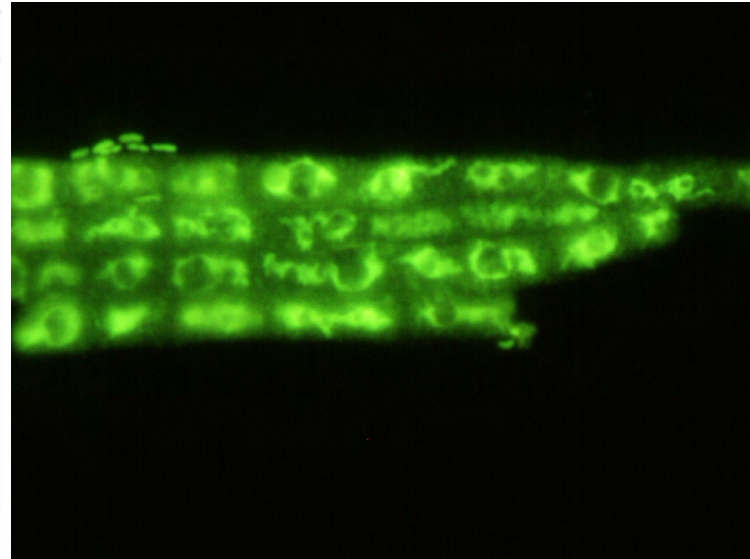
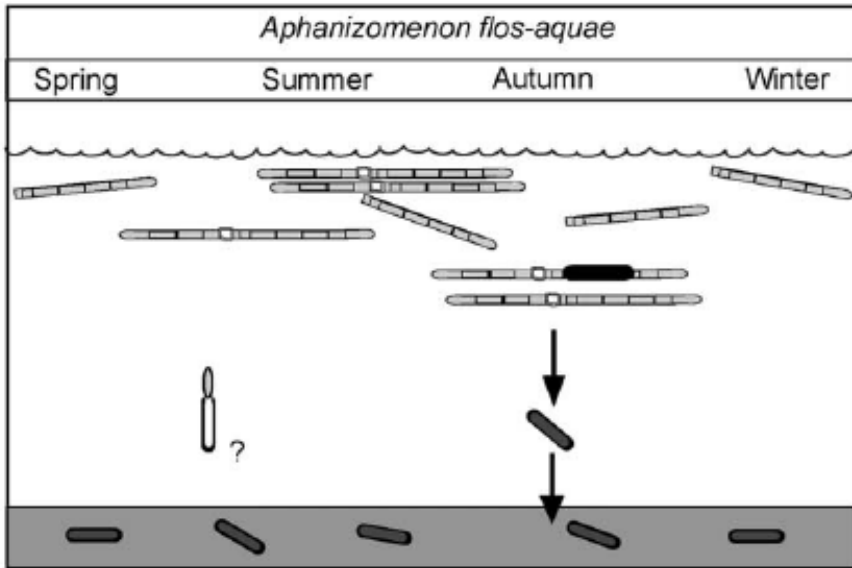
+ 20-30%

# Day of 1<sup>st</sup> occurrence of Cyano bloom

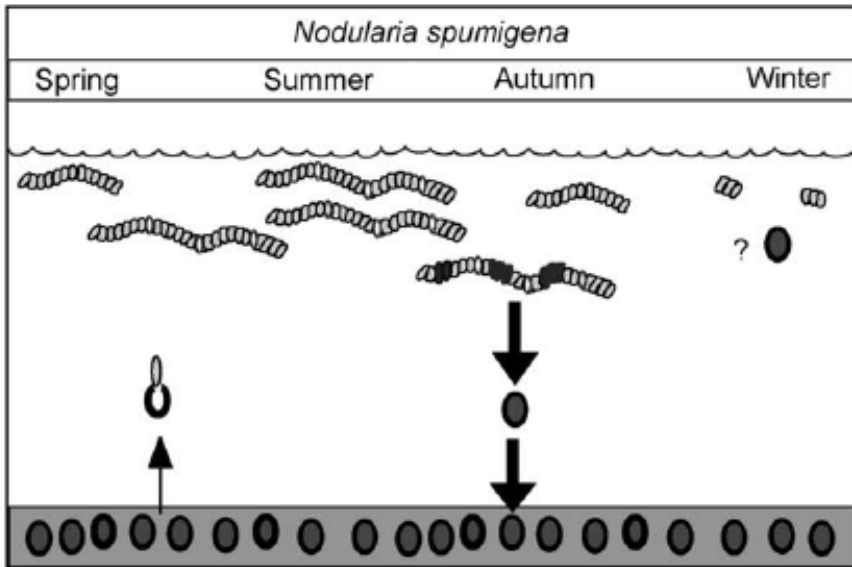
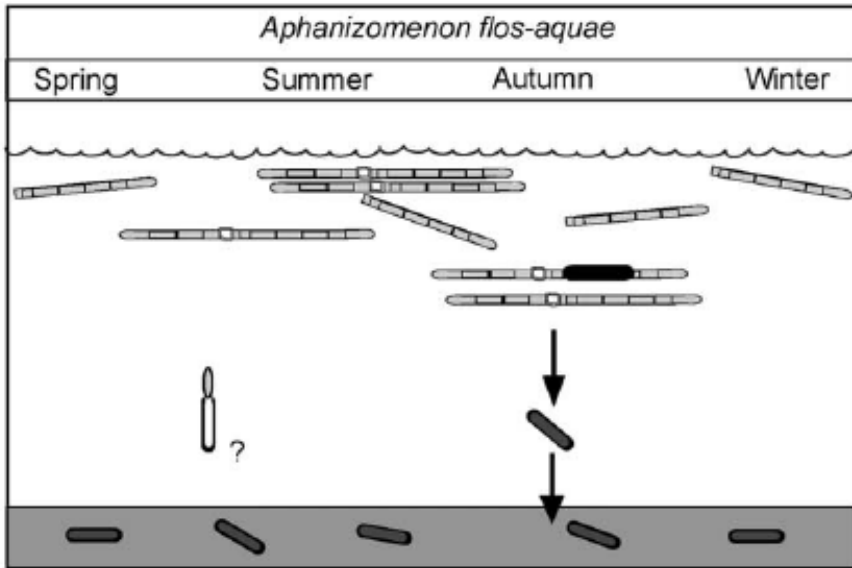


+ 10-15 days

# Life cycle strategies in cyanobacteria



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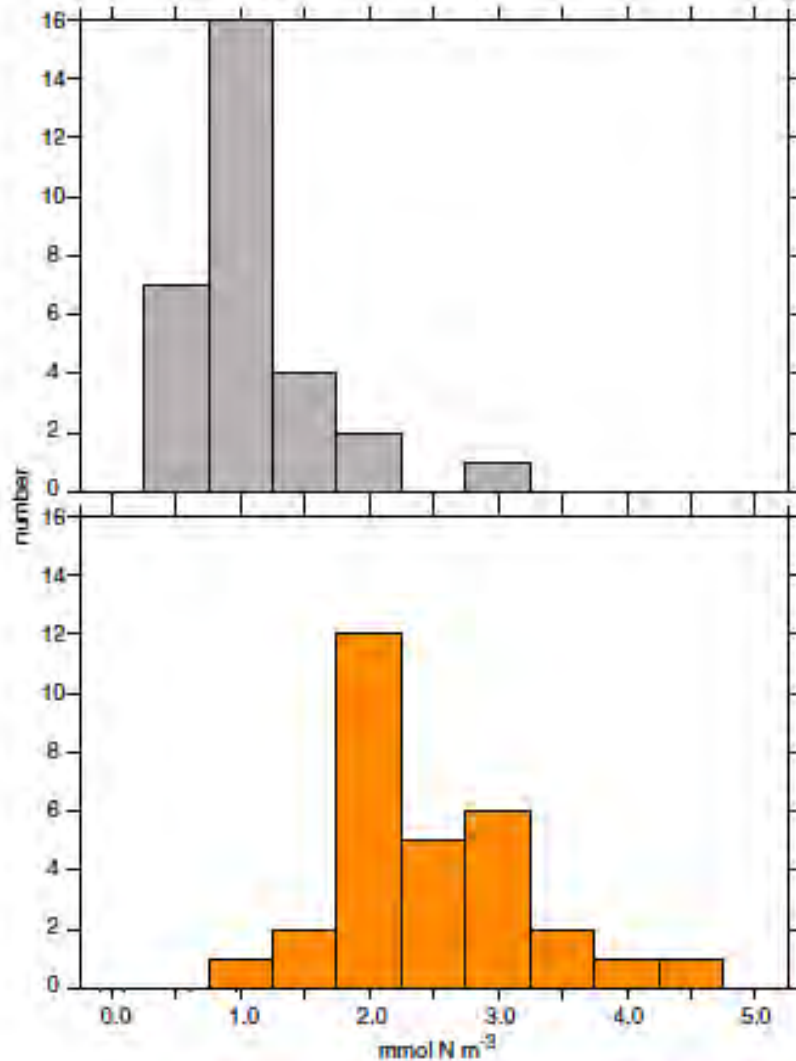
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Better temporal variability

Hense and Burchard 2010

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# Increase in cyanobacteria in the future

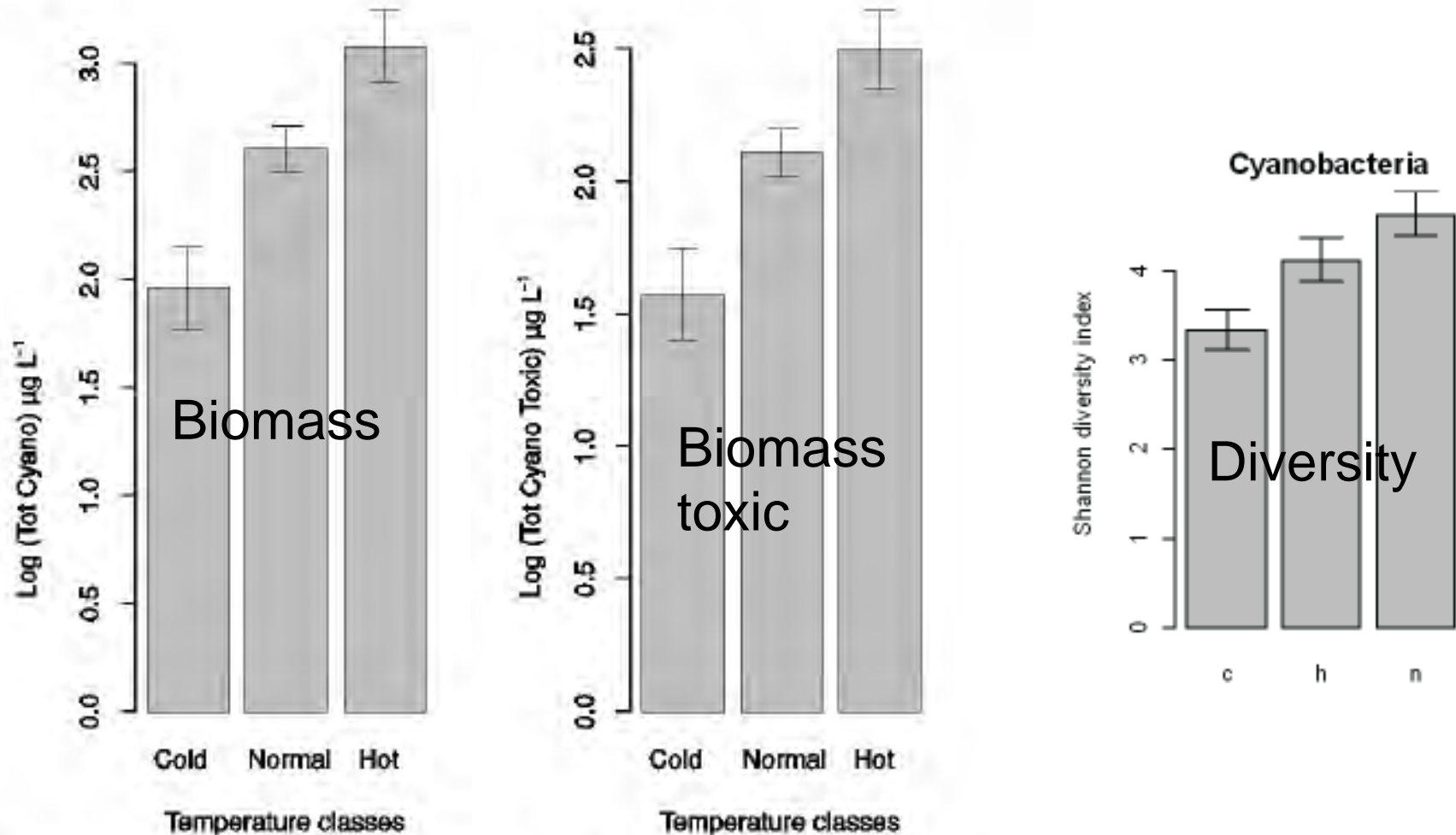


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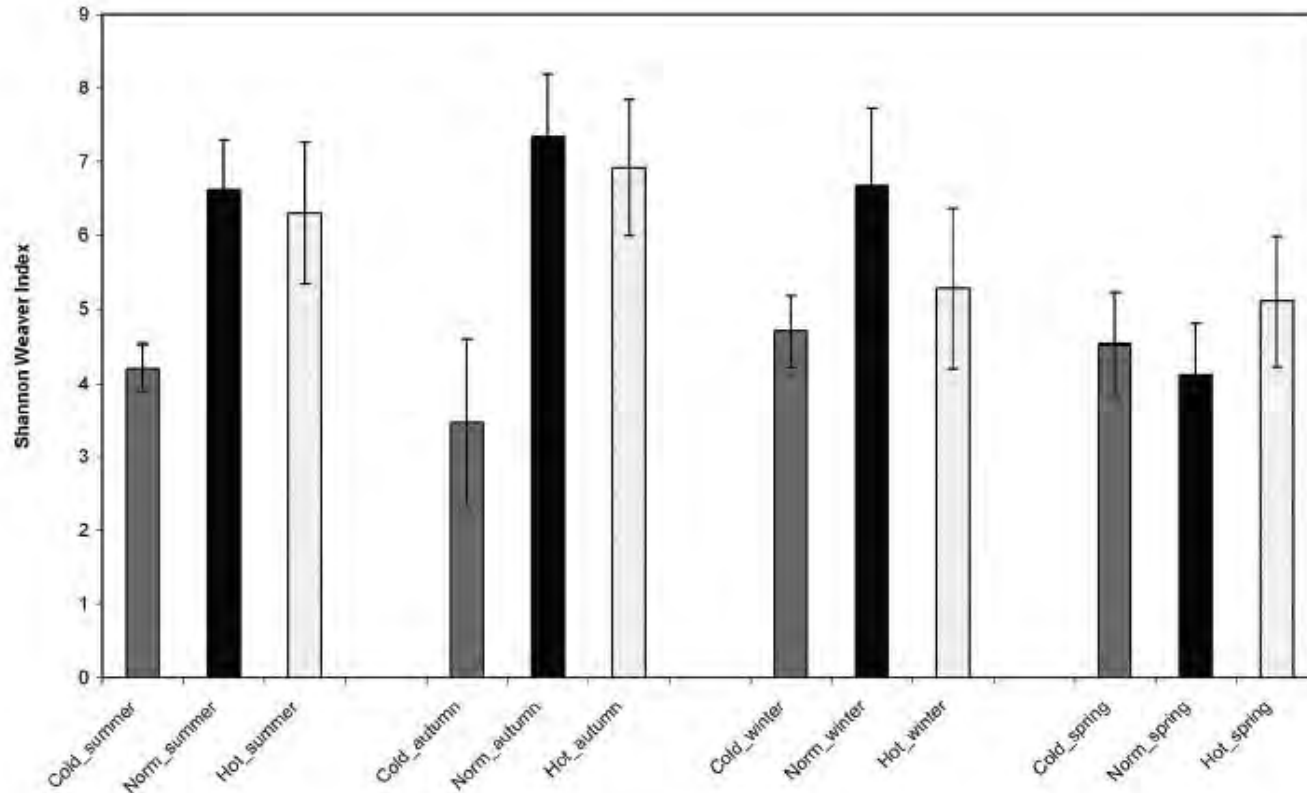
# Climate extremes impacts on cyanobacteria



**Fig. 2.** Mean and standard error for each ET-Class derived from A) the log-transformed total cyanobacteria biomass [Log (TotCyano)] and B) the log-transformed total toxic cyanobacteria biomass [Log (TotCyanoToxic)].



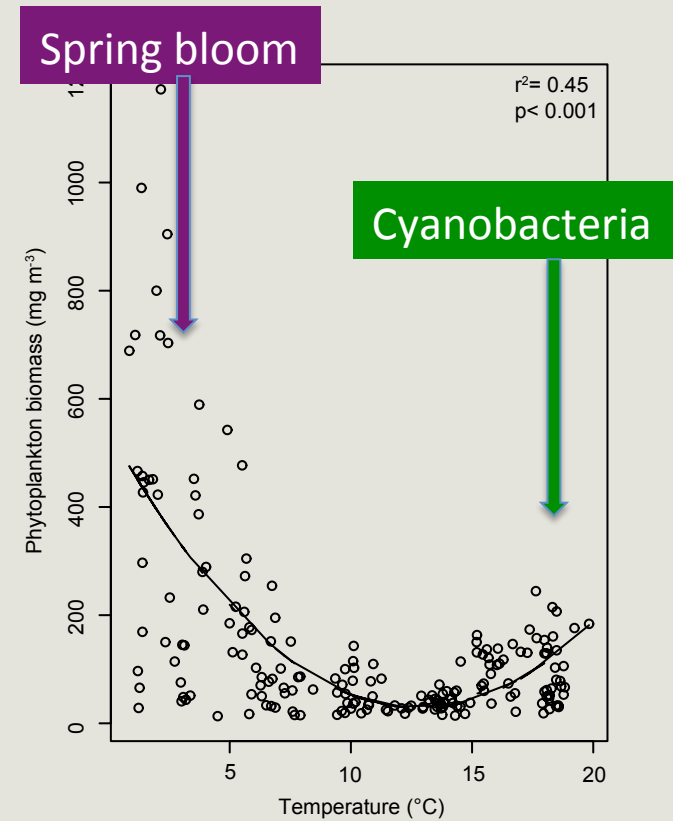
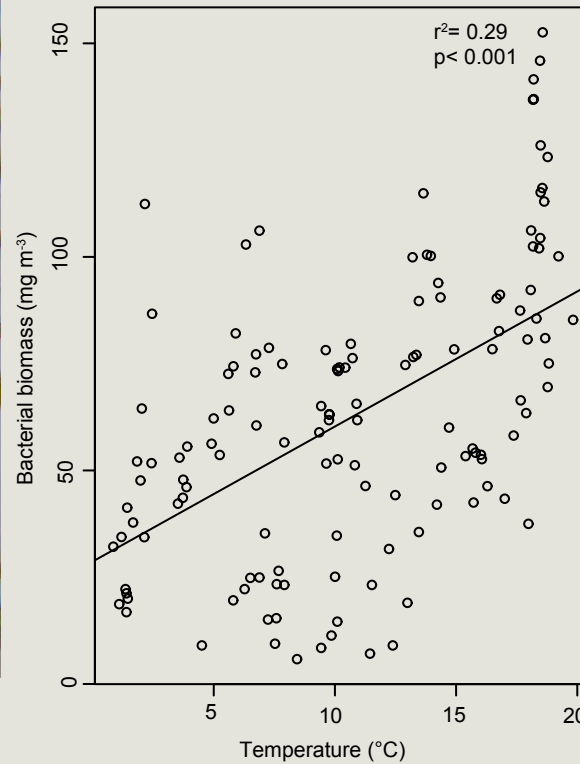
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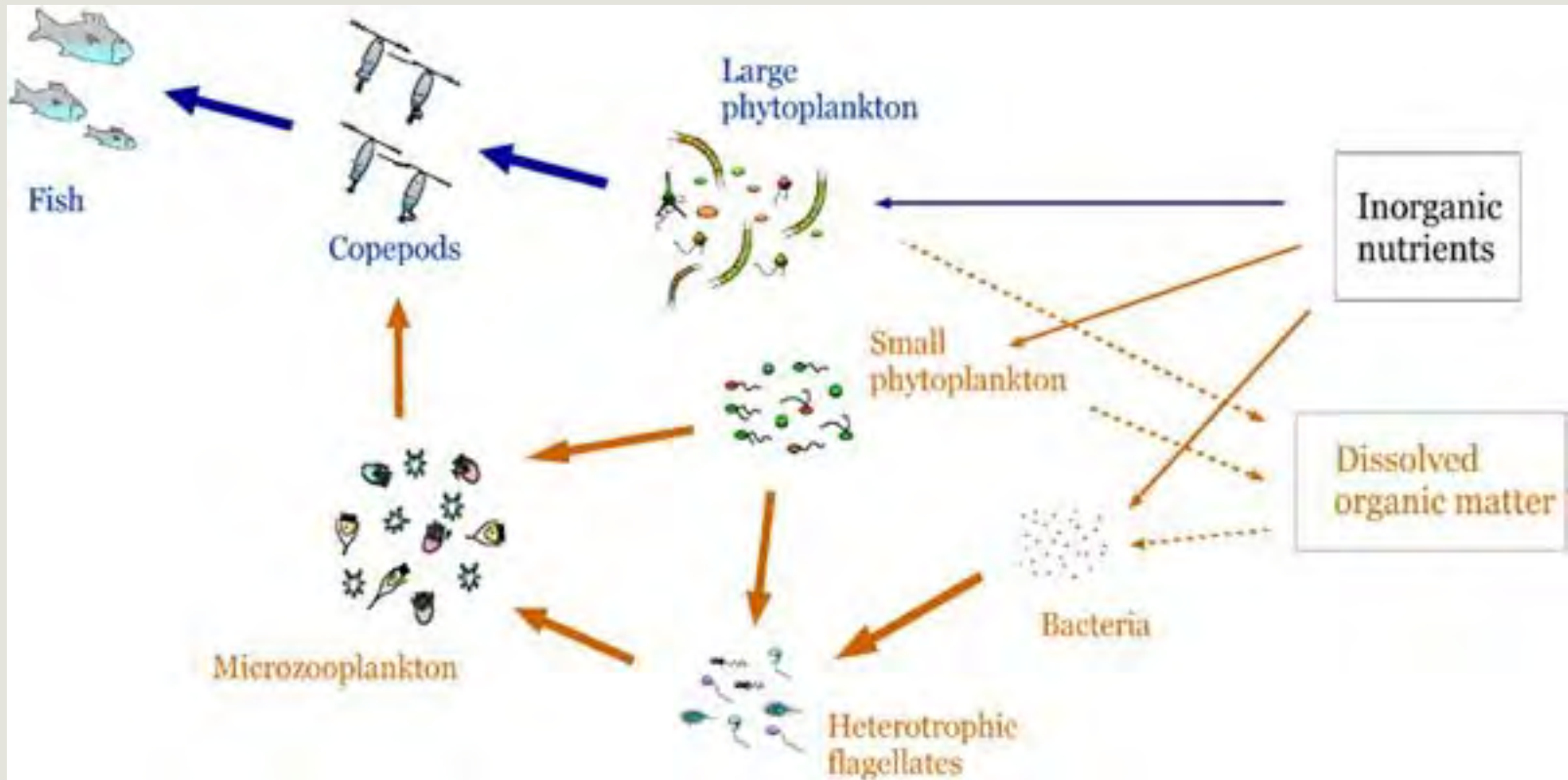
**Fig. 6.** Yearly and seasonal averages of the cyanobacteria diversity derived from monthly values represented by the different ET-Classes. The bars represent the standard deviations.



A standard view is that increased temperature (+4 C) in the photic zone will boost summer phytoplankton (cyanos) blooms in the Baltic proper



# Main trophic pathways in planktonic food webs



CSIC webpage)



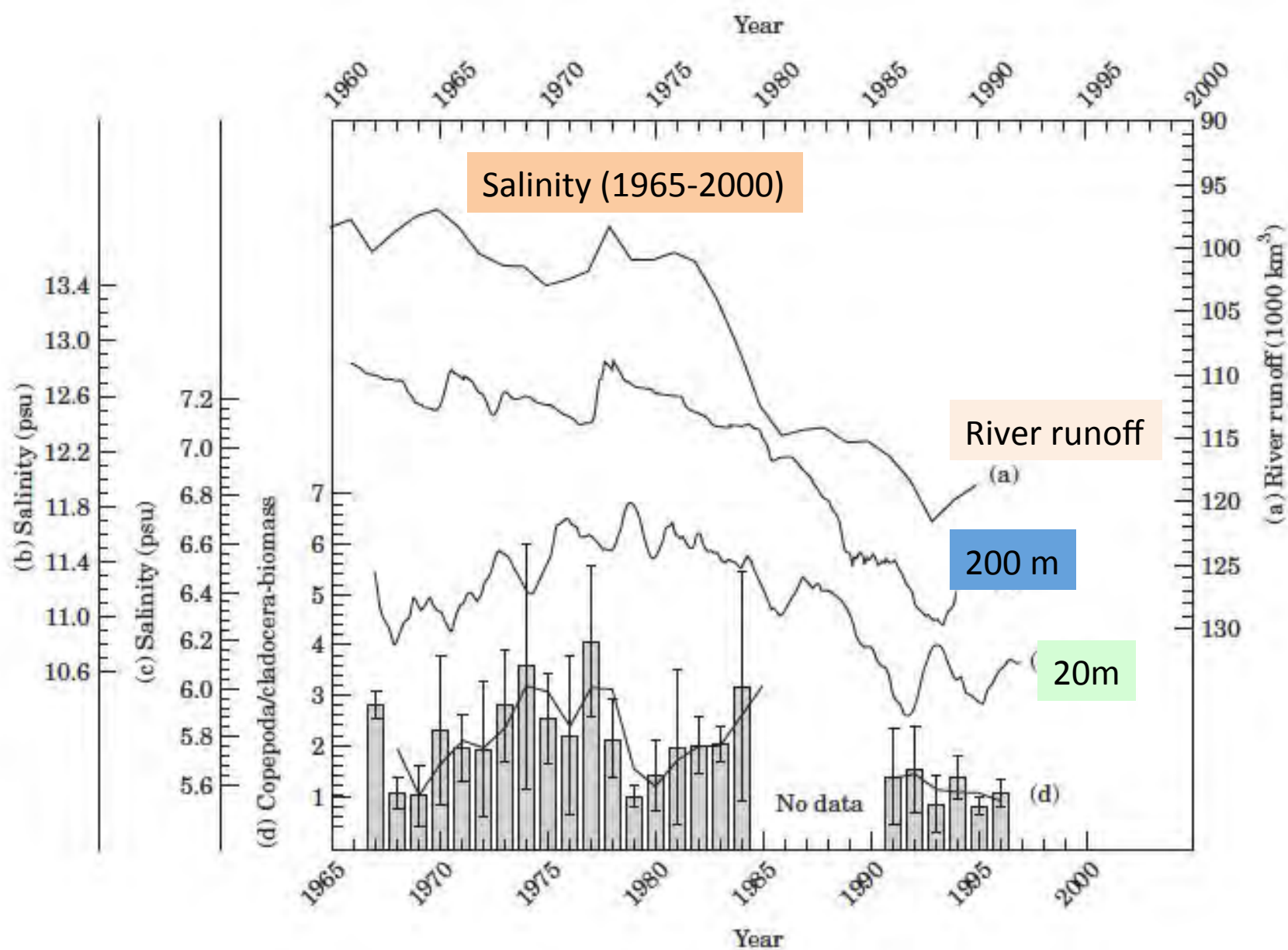
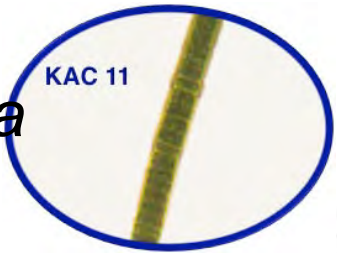


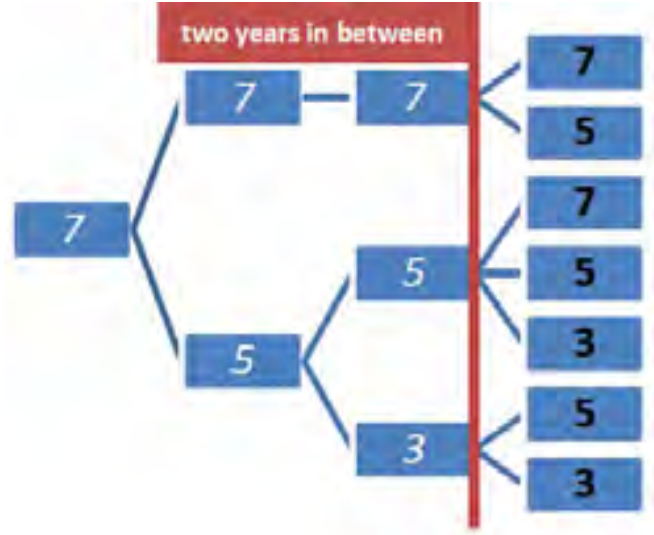
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# Facing salinity changes: Adaptation?

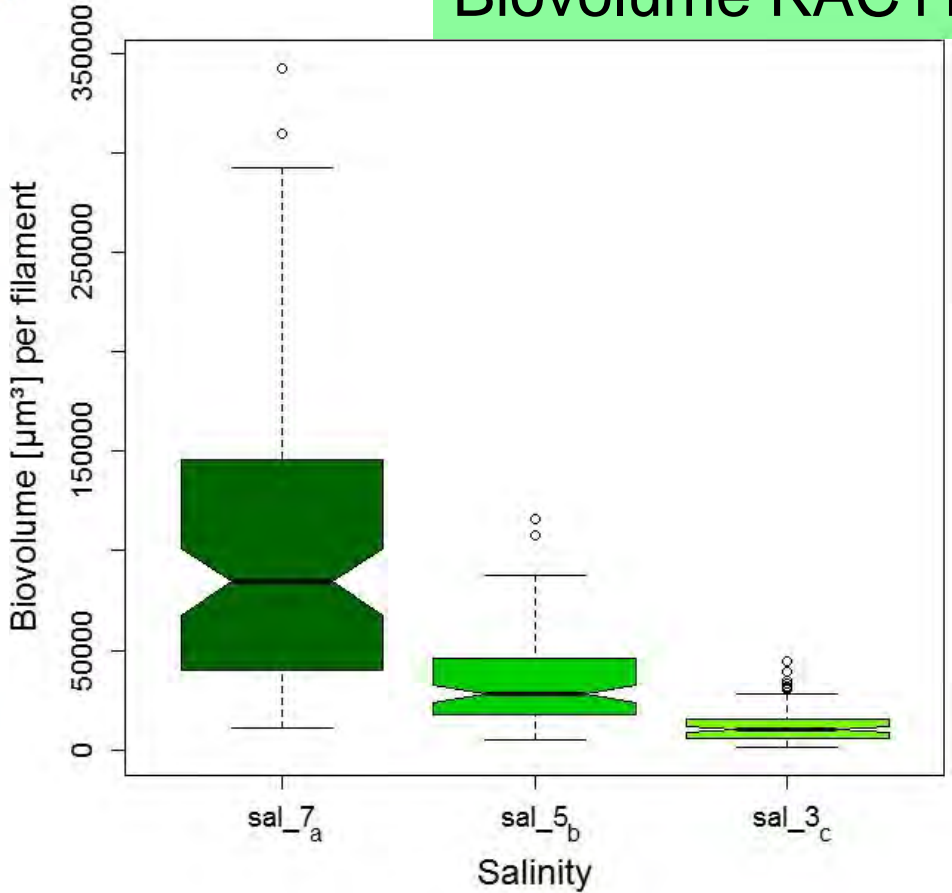
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Salinity



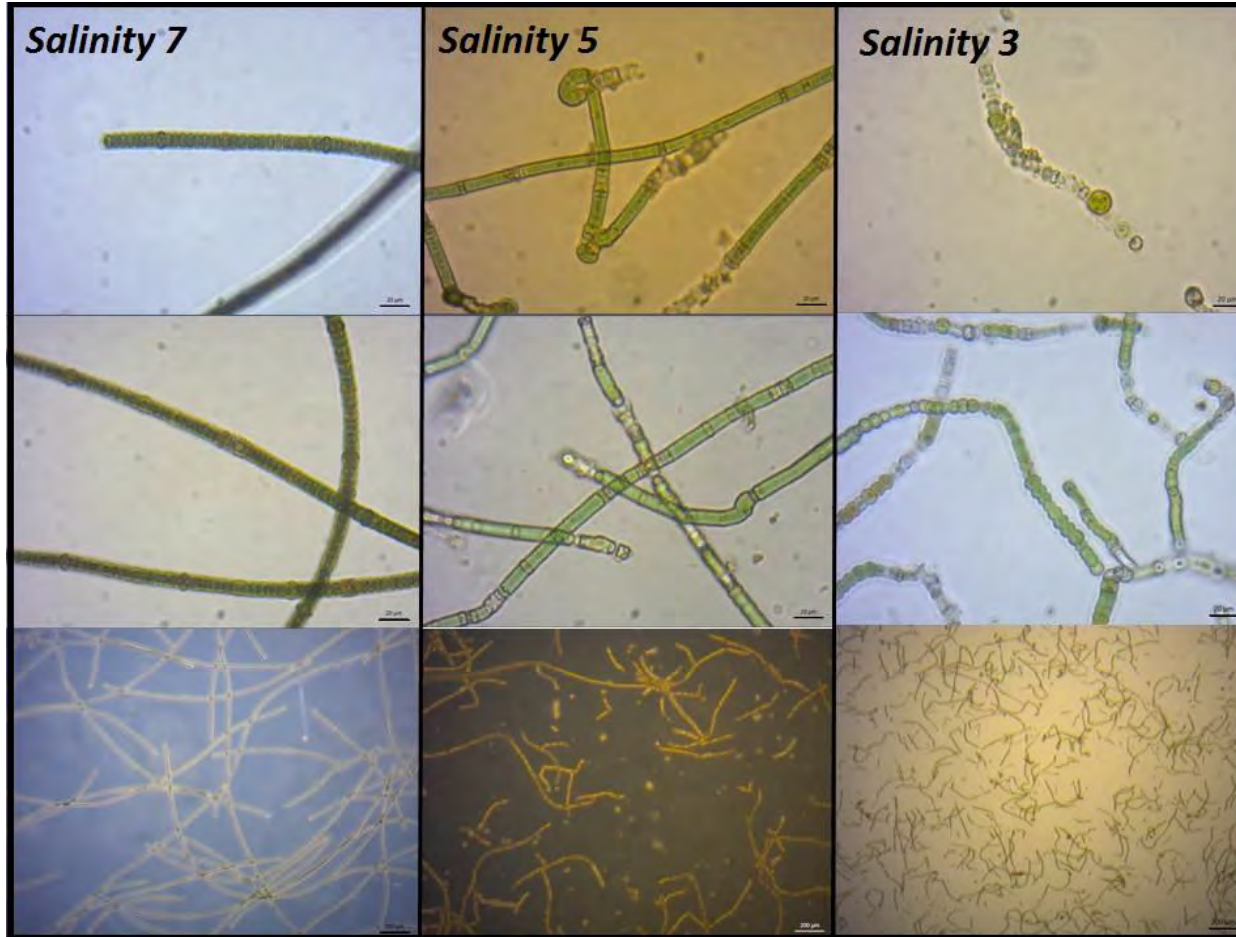
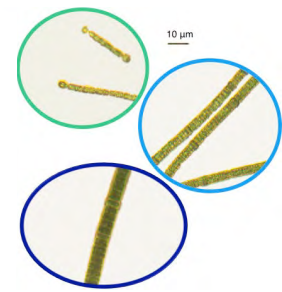
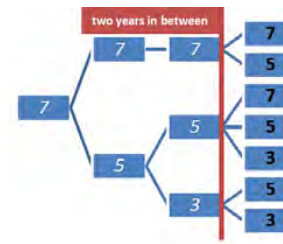
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# Shock, Adaptation, Recovery?

## Morphotypes KAC11



Akinetes



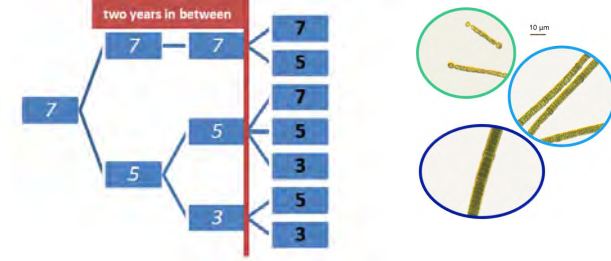
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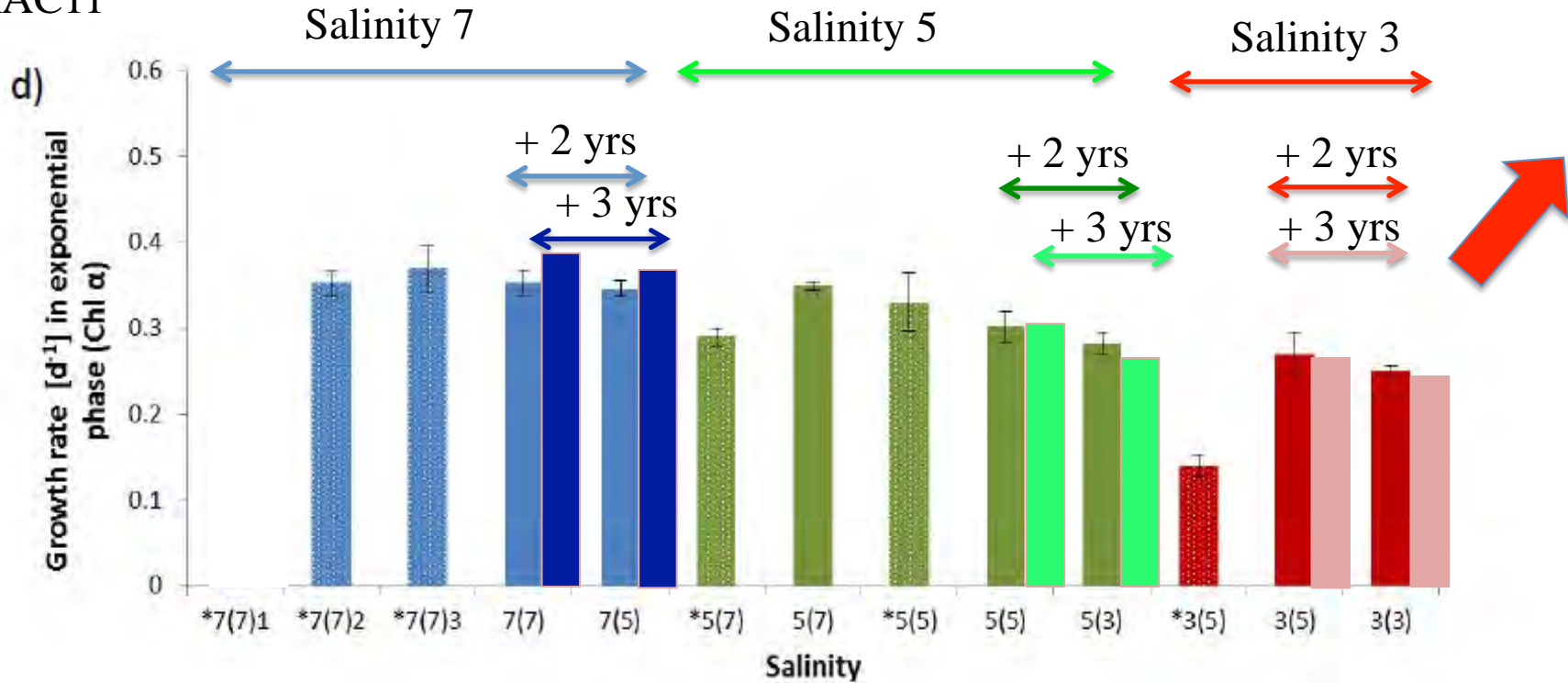
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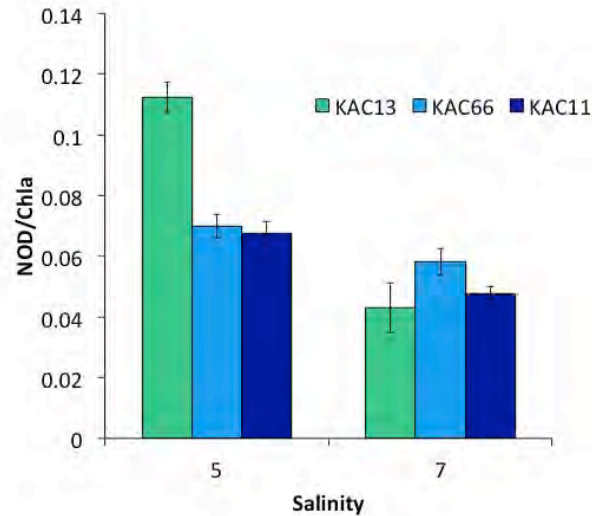
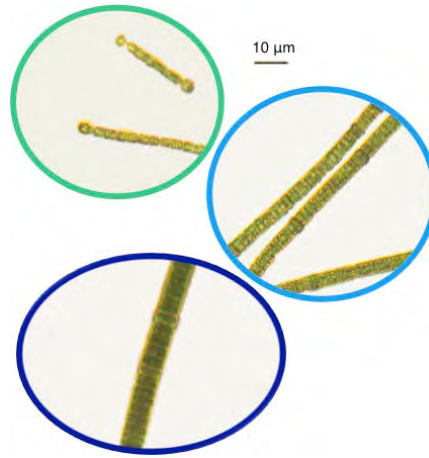
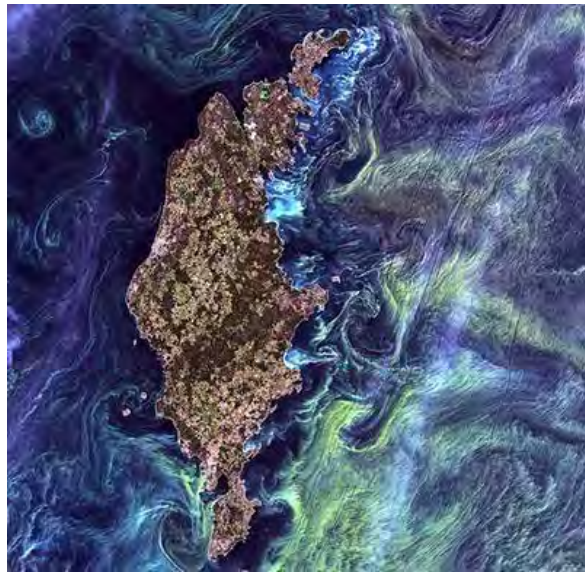


## Towards reduced salinity

- Natural selection and rapid adaptation drive cyanobacterial dynamics.
- Reduced growth, biovolume and buoyancy
- Shorter filaments => increased grazing pressure
- No impact on toxin content (nodularin)
- Restricted peptide profile => high tolerance to lower salinity and a strong competitive ability against co-occurrent strains

Lower salinity could favour *N. spumigena* genotypes that will alter food web efficiency in response to temperature and eutrophication

# Toxicity and shift in salinity in the Baltic Sea?



Bertos Fortis et al. 2013

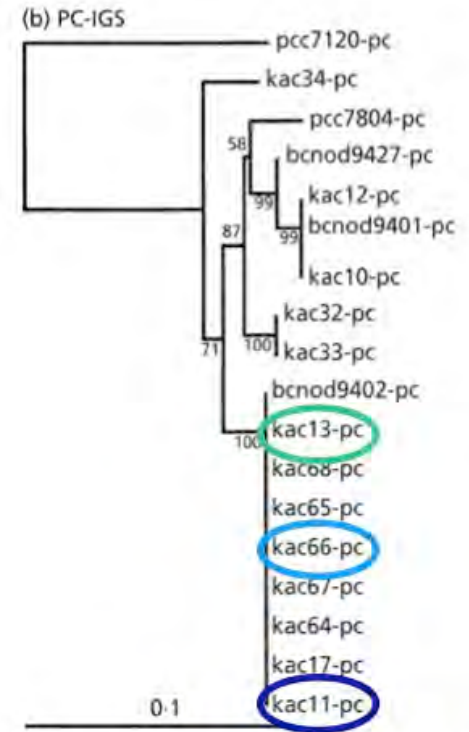
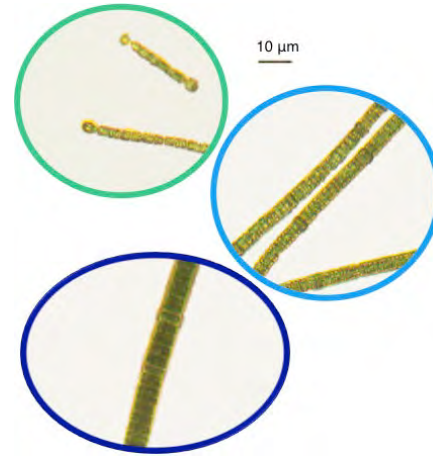
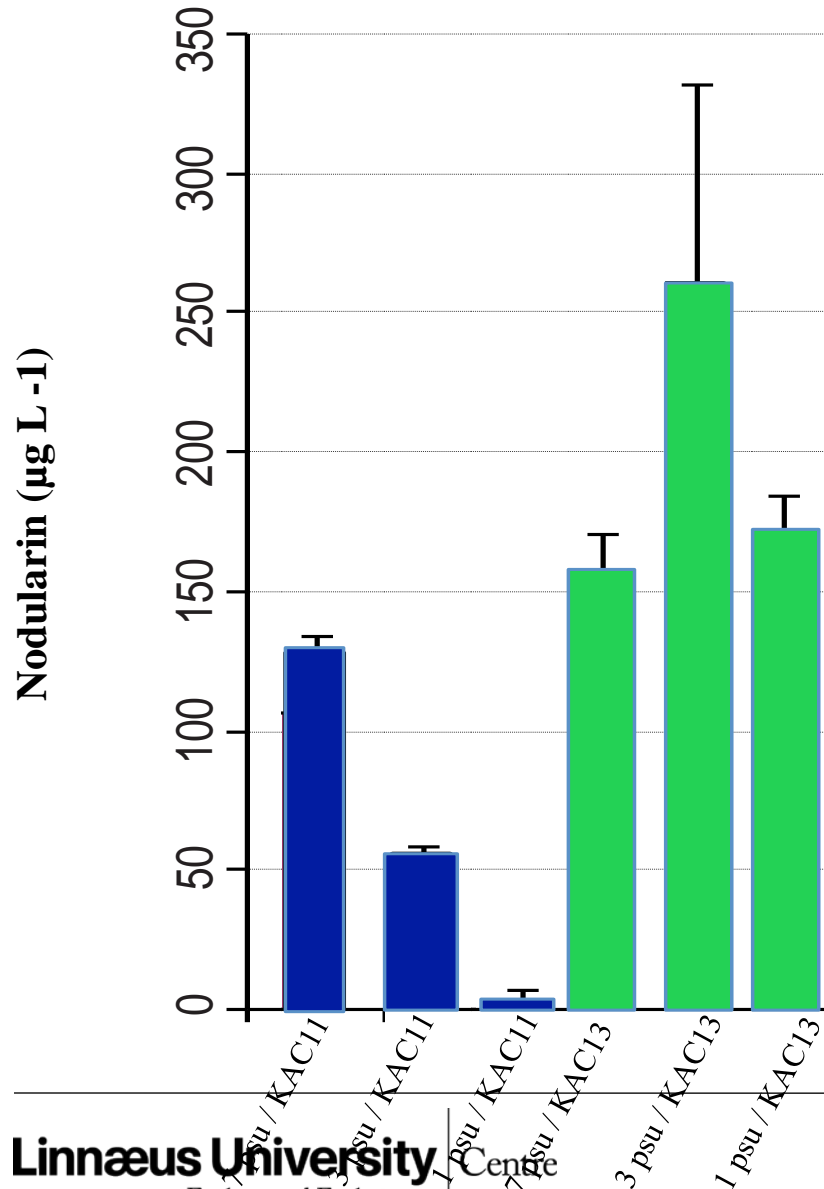


Figure 1 in Janson and Granéli 2002



# Some do better than others...



Nodularin  
Competitive advantage  
Or extreme cost?



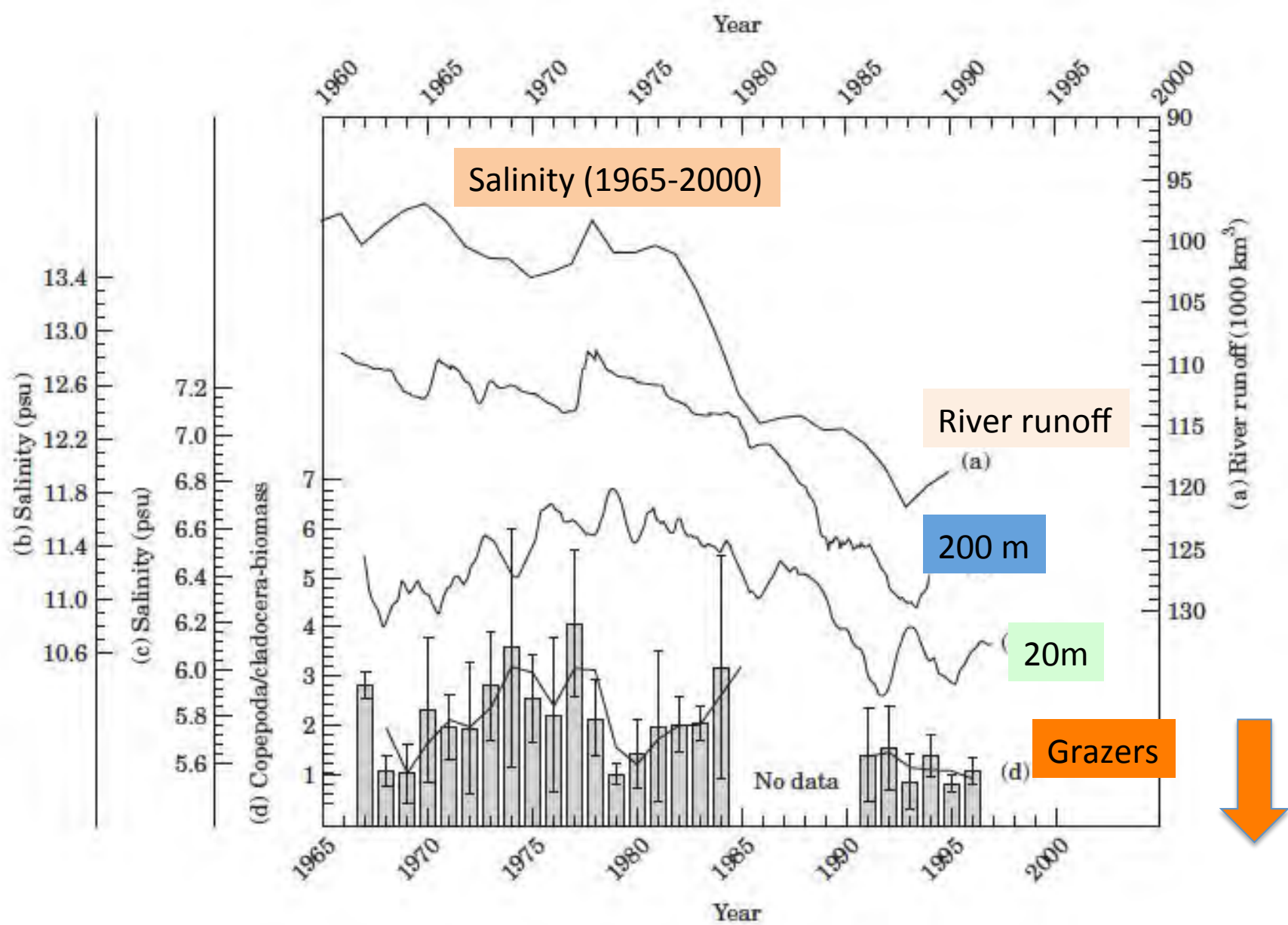
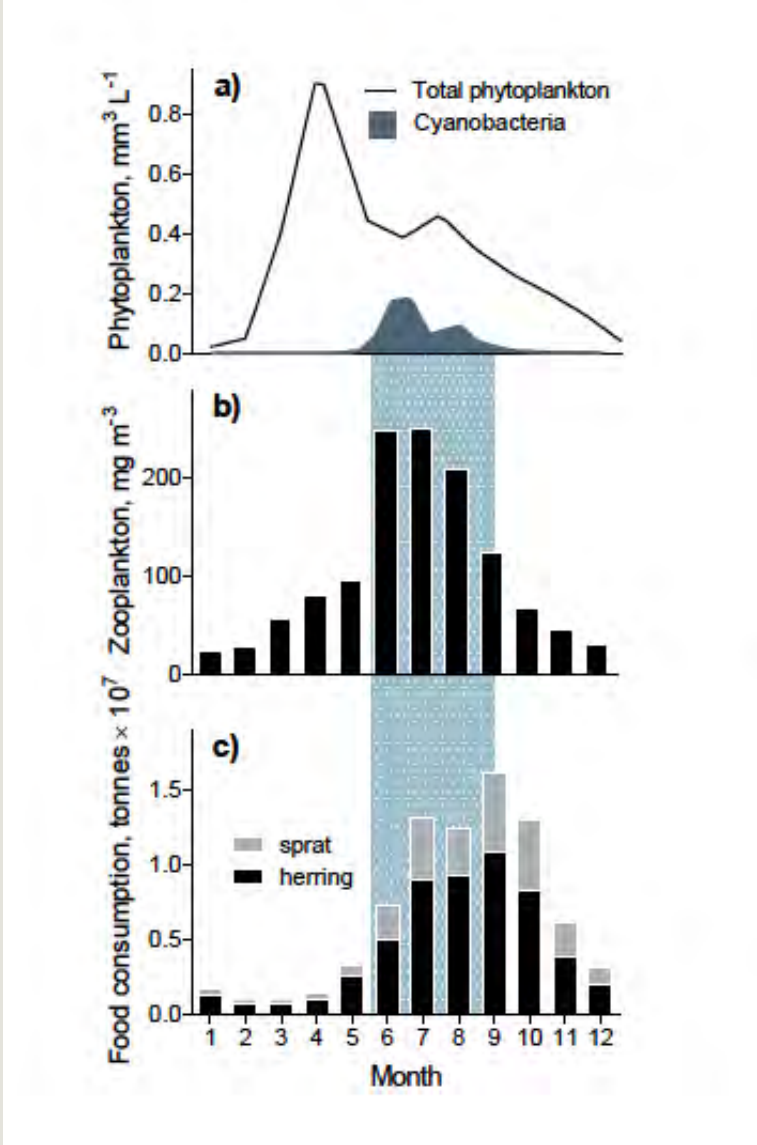


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# Seasonal development in the Northern Baltic Sea

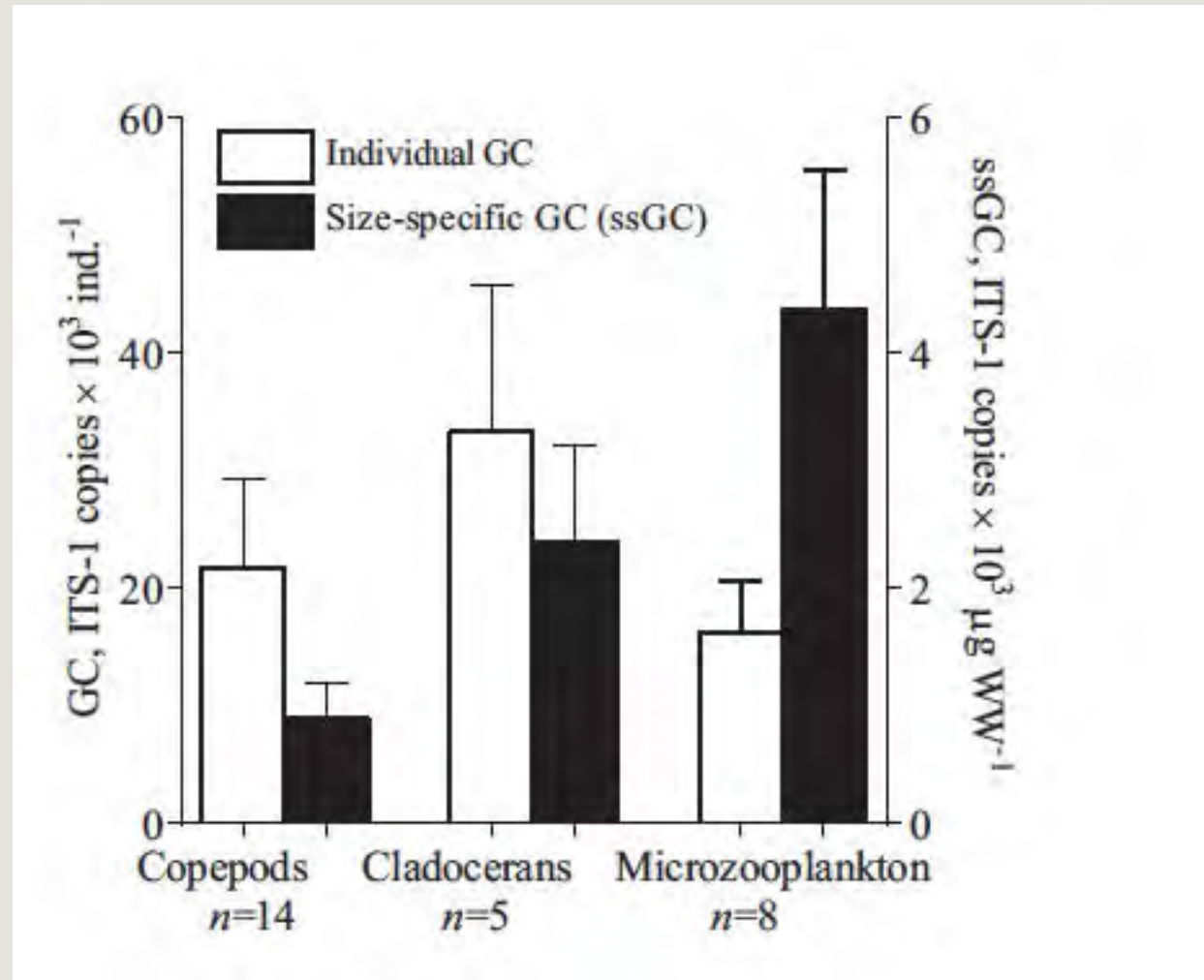


Phytoplankton  
Cyanobacteria  
(1992-2011)

Zooplankton  
(1992-2011)

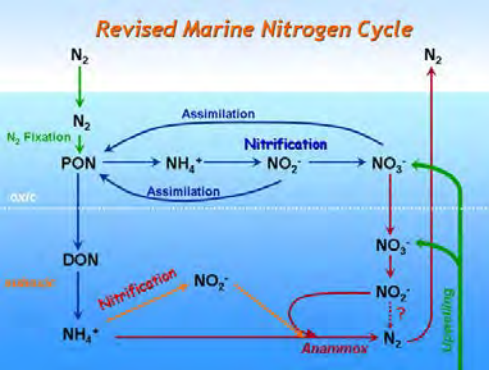
Food consumption  
Planktivorous fish  
(Arrhenius & Hansson 1993)

# Occurrence of *Synechococcus* in Zooplankton

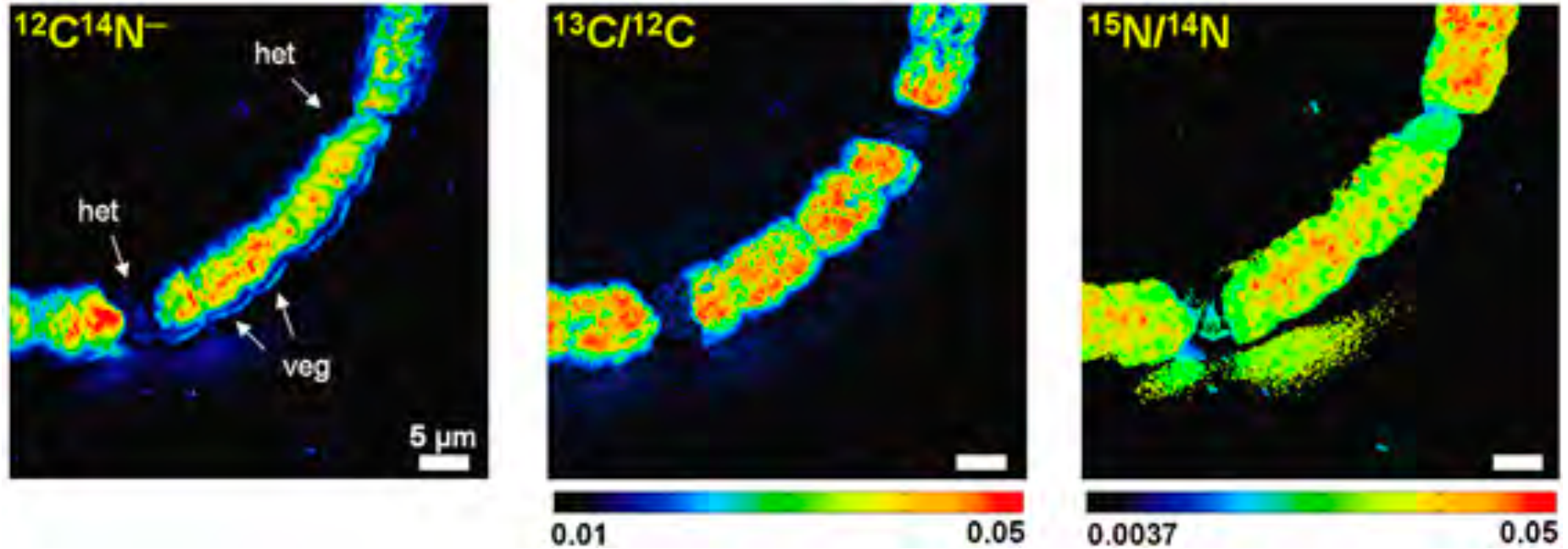


Field-collected zooplankton  
GC: Gut Content  
ssGC: size specific Gut Content





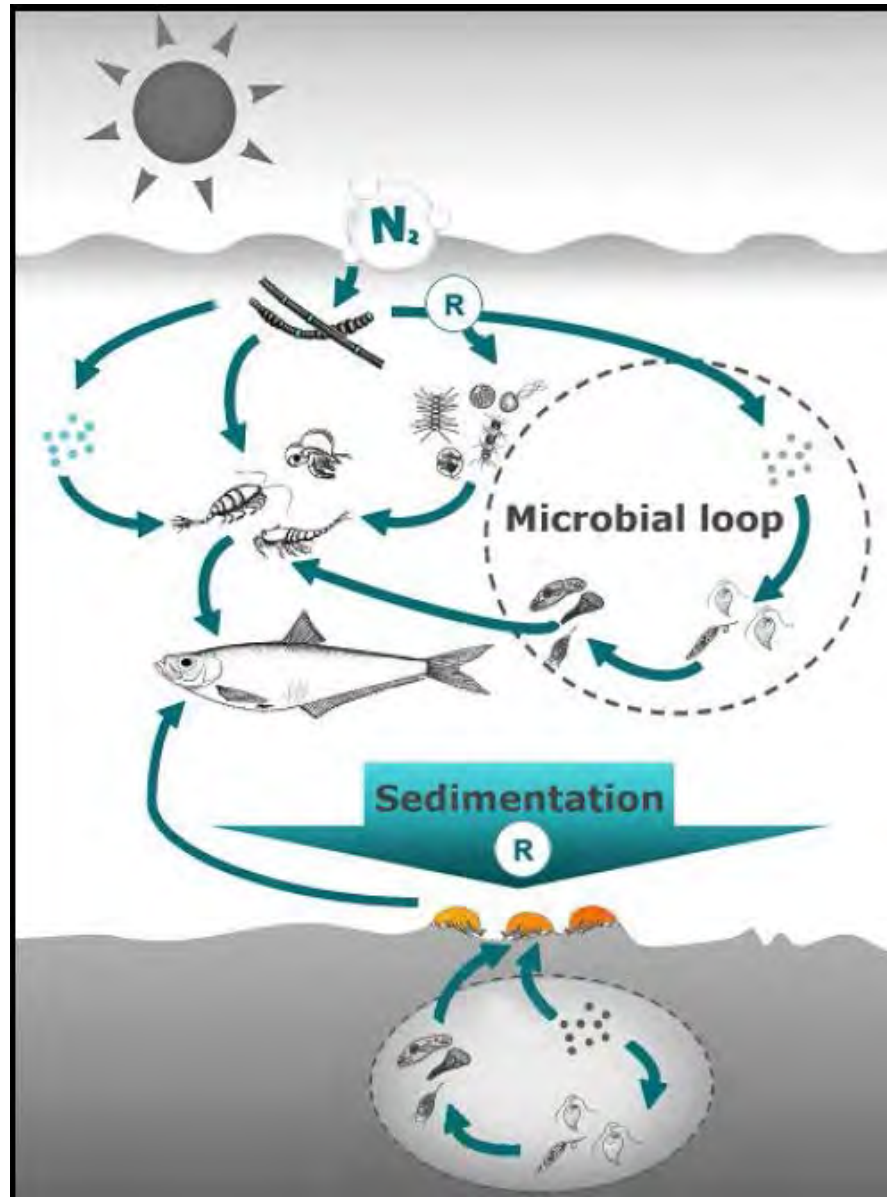
# N<sub>2</sub>-fixation in live cells



Distribution of <sup>12</sup>C<sup>14</sup>N<sup>-</sup>, <sup>13</sup>C/<sup>12</sup>C and <sup>15</sup>N/<sup>14</sup>N in single *Nodularia* cells as measured by nanoSIMS after 6 h incubations with <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>15</sup>N<sub>2</sub>.

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# Value of N:P ratios for predicting cyanobacterial blooms

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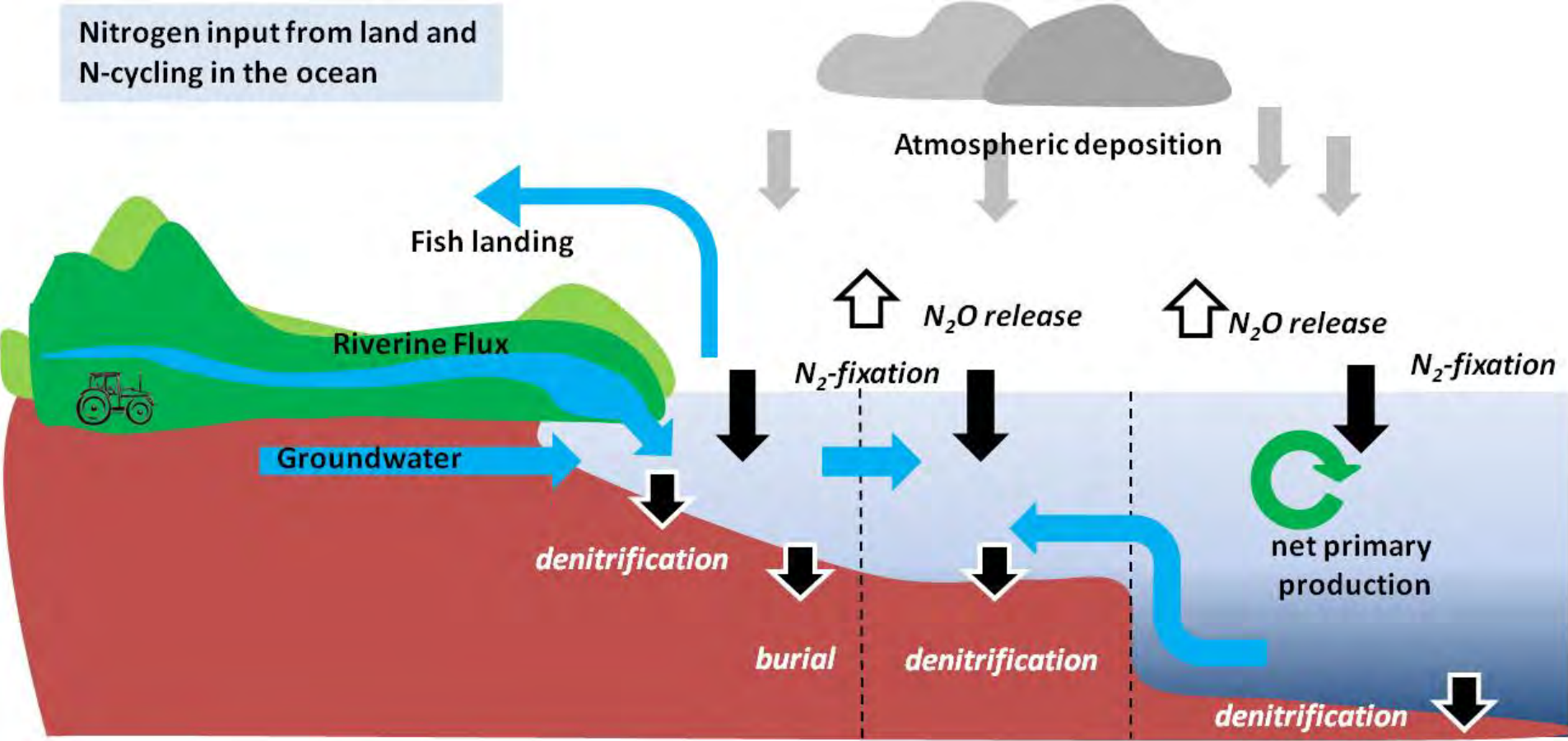
## Controlling Eutrophication: Nitrogen and Phosphorus

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Improvements in the water quality of many freshwater and most coastal marine ecosystems requires reductions in both nitrogen and phosphorus inputs.



Nitrogen input from land and N-cycling in the ocean



- How much N is fixed by cyanobacteria?
- Role of environmental factors?
- Transfer to higher trophic level?
- Can the losses of combined nitrogen by denitrification counteract eutrophication?