



DTO-BioFlow
Integration of biodiversity monitoring
data into the Digital Twin Ocean



Changes of phyto- and zooplankton diversity and biomass in a eutrophic Baltic lagoon over decades

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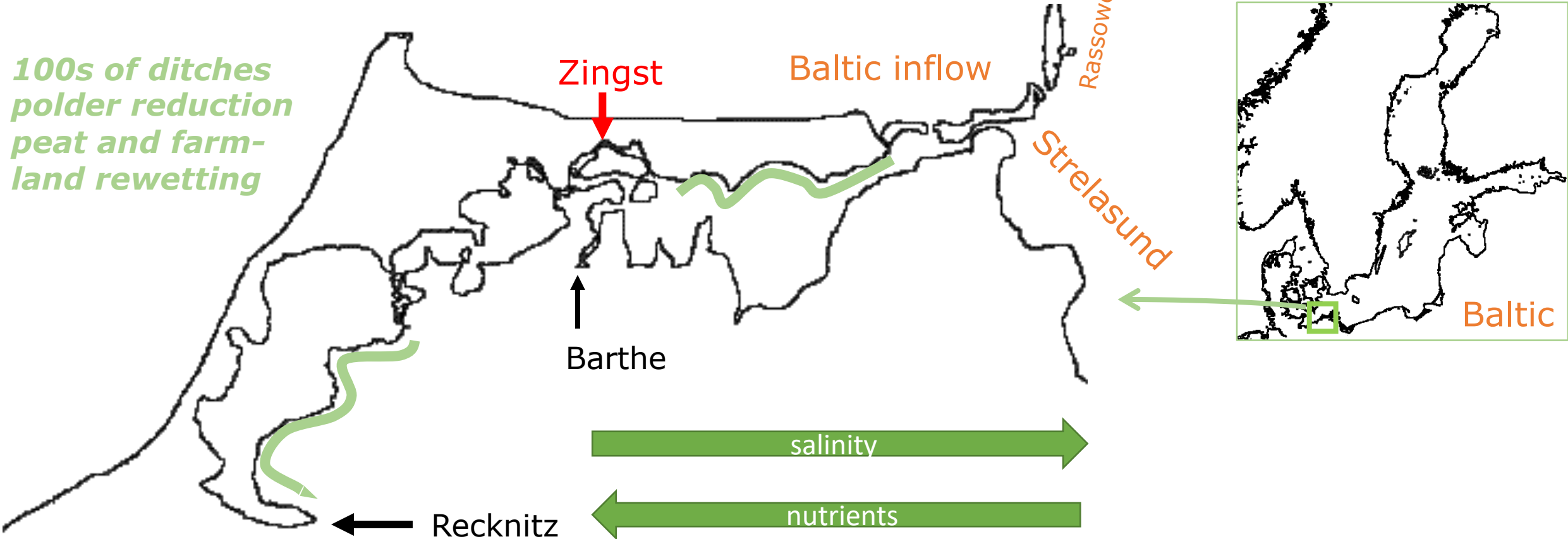
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Lagoon at the Southern Baltic

area	170 km ²
Zingster Strom	3 km ²
longest distance	60 km
Salinity	2-12 PSU
Secchi	10-150 cm

Average concentrations

POC	9.3 mg l ⁻¹	775 μM
TN		176 μM
TP		2 μM



Data set

Organism group	Start-End	Frequency	Coverage (area)	Level
Bacterioplankton	1990-	weekly-biweekly	1	only total abundance
Phytoplankton	1969-1990	monthly, not every year	6	genus and species (microscopy)
	2006-2007	monthly	7	
	1991-	weekly-biweekly	1	+isolates of green algae, cyanobacteria, genetic information
Zooplankton	1969-1990	monthly	1	genus and species, stages 6 total
	1991-	weekly-biweekly	1	

+meiobenthos, macrozoobenthos, fishes: raw data not available

Data set

Abiotic	Nutrients	Elements	Atmospheric deposition	Weather
water level	ammonium	DIC	pH	temperature
water temperature	nitrite	DOC	ammonium	precipitation
Secchi depth	nitrate	POC	nitrite	humidity
absorption (380nm)	phosphate	PN	nitrate	wind direction and velocity
scattering (720 nm)		TN	phosphate	air pressure
suspended matter		TP	TN	solar radiation
salinity			TP	photosynthetic active radiation
pH				
oxygen saturation				
plankton respiration				
attenuation				
chlorophyll a				

Different starting points and frequency at **Zingster Strom**

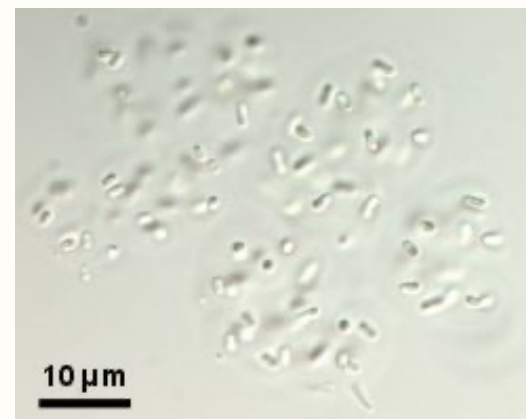
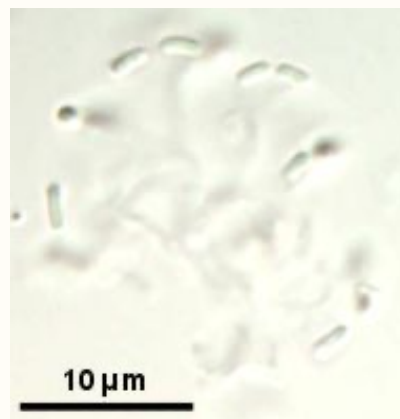
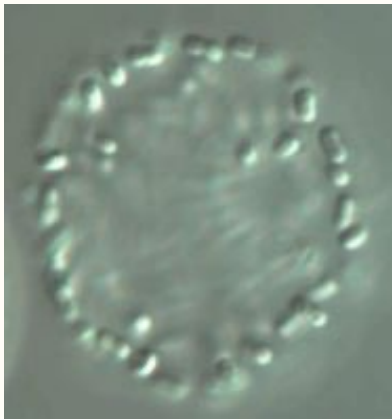
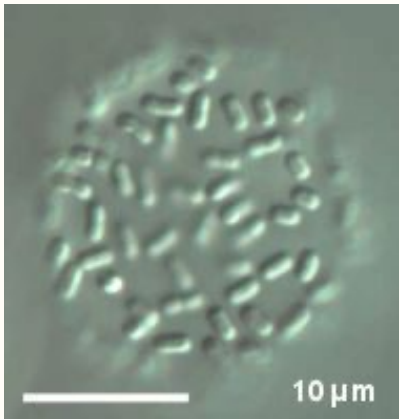
- 1969-1980: weekly to monthly
- since 1980: daily to weekly
- since 2000: online, at least every 10 min

Gradient with 6-9 stations

- always monthly

Synechococcales

mostly Cyanobium



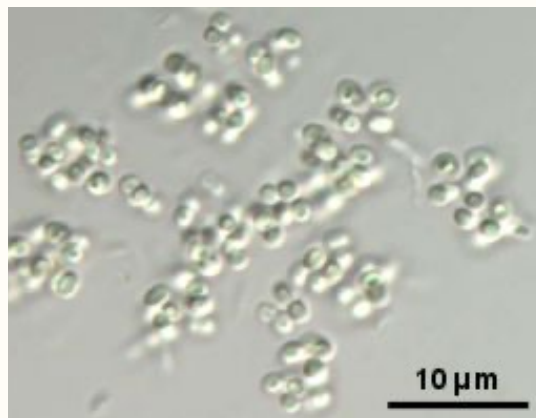
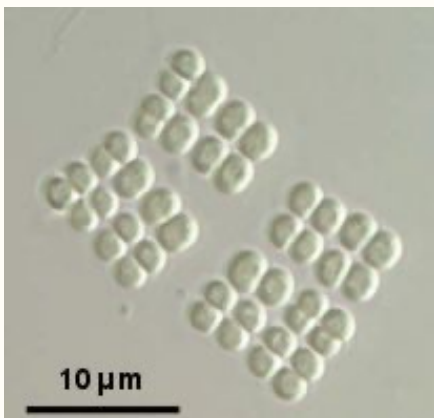
„Lemmermanniella pallida“

„Cyanonephron styloides“

„Aphanothece clathrata“

Chroococcales

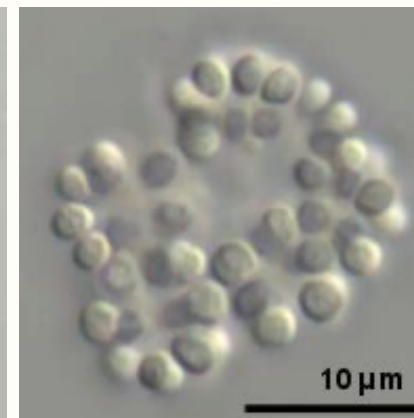
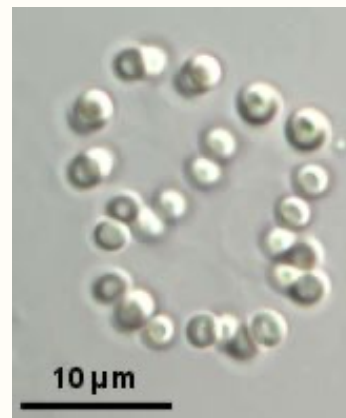
Merismopedioidae



M. punctata

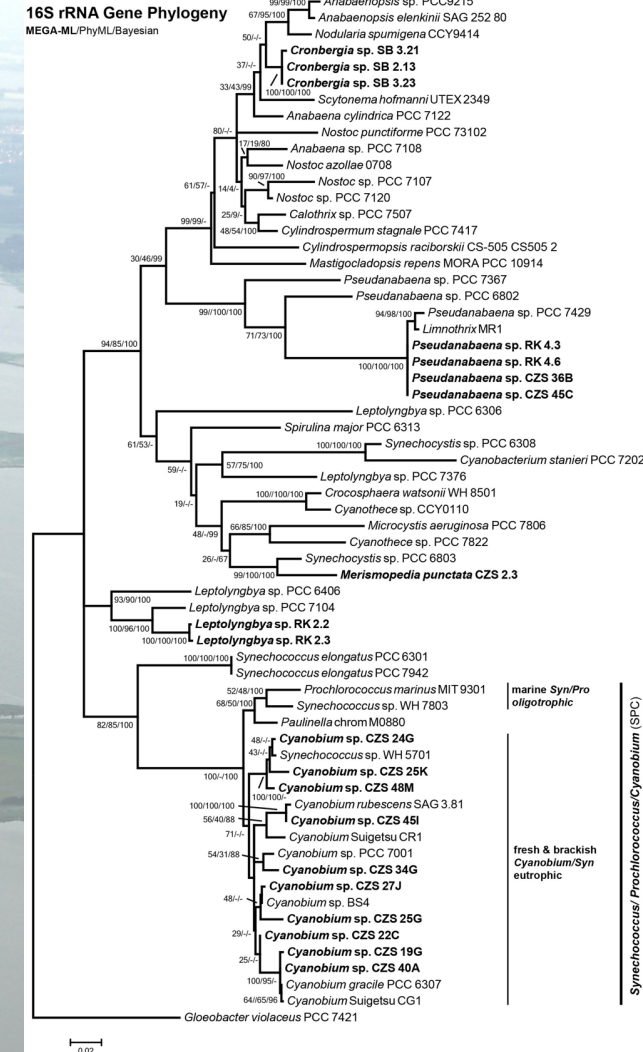
„Aphanocapsa spec.“

Gomphosphaerioidae

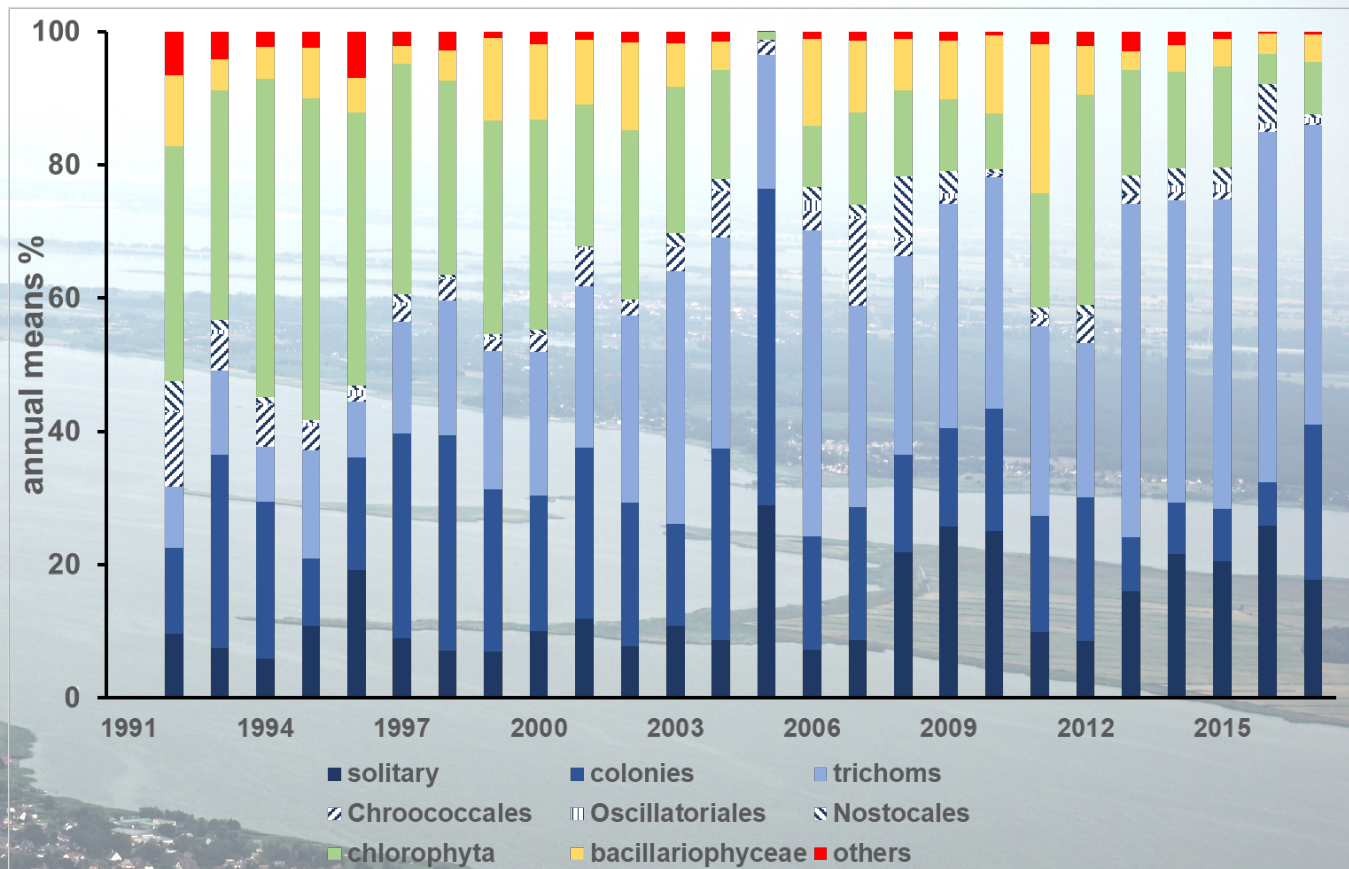
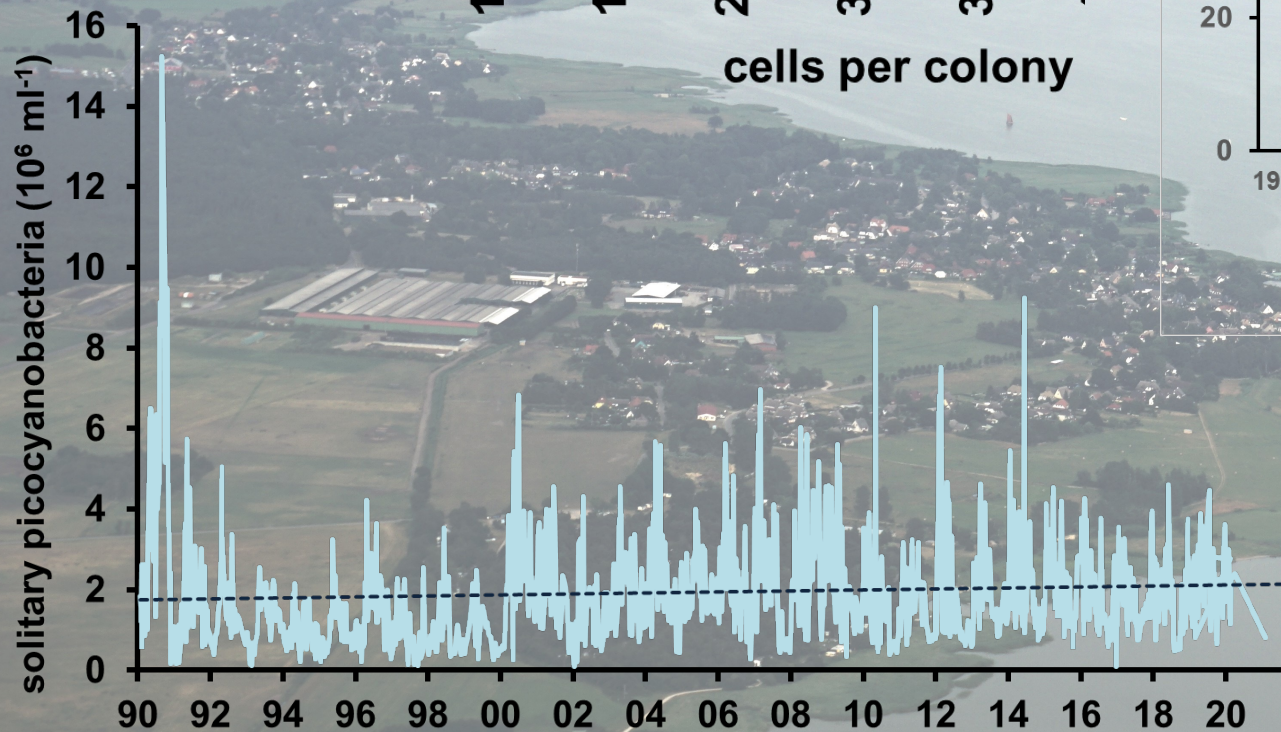
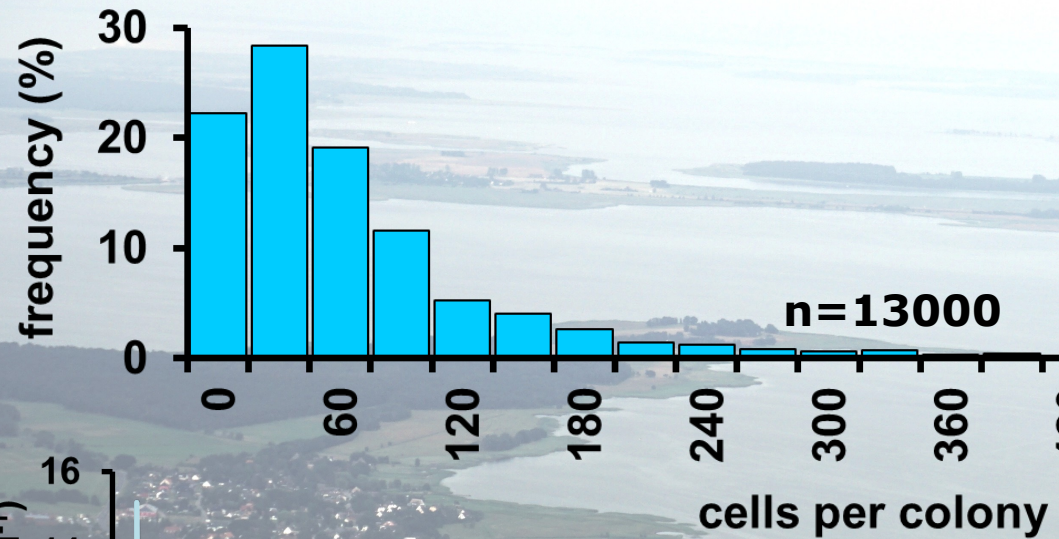


S. septentrionalis

W. compacta



Cyanobium group



species

61 cyano.
2 chryso.
257 diatoms
11 dino.
87 chloro.
9 eugleno.
0 crypto.

morphotypes

26 cyano.
5 chryso.
23 diatoms
16 dino.
36 chloro.
4 eugleno.
7 crypto.

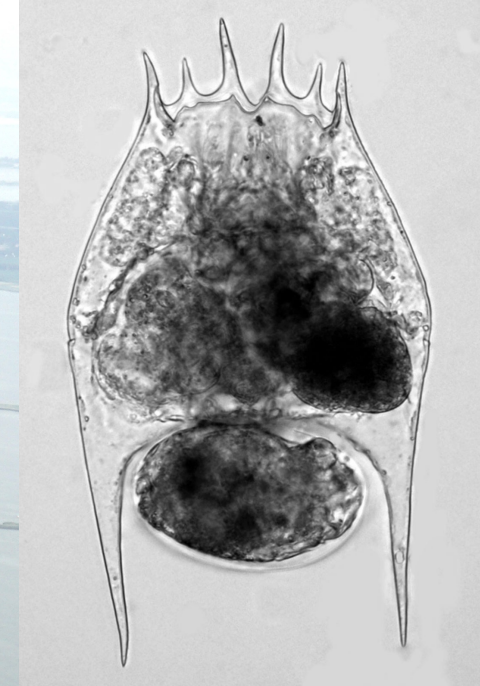
categories

183 total
30-40 per sample

*incl. colony sizes
and filament length*

Zooplankton

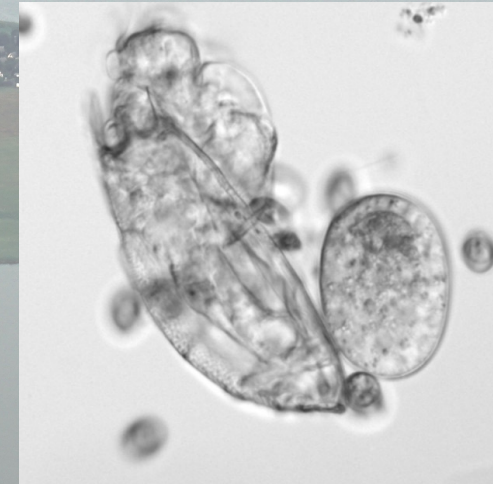
Eurytemora affinis copepodit



Brachionus quadridentatus



Syncheata spec.



Keratella cf. *tecta*

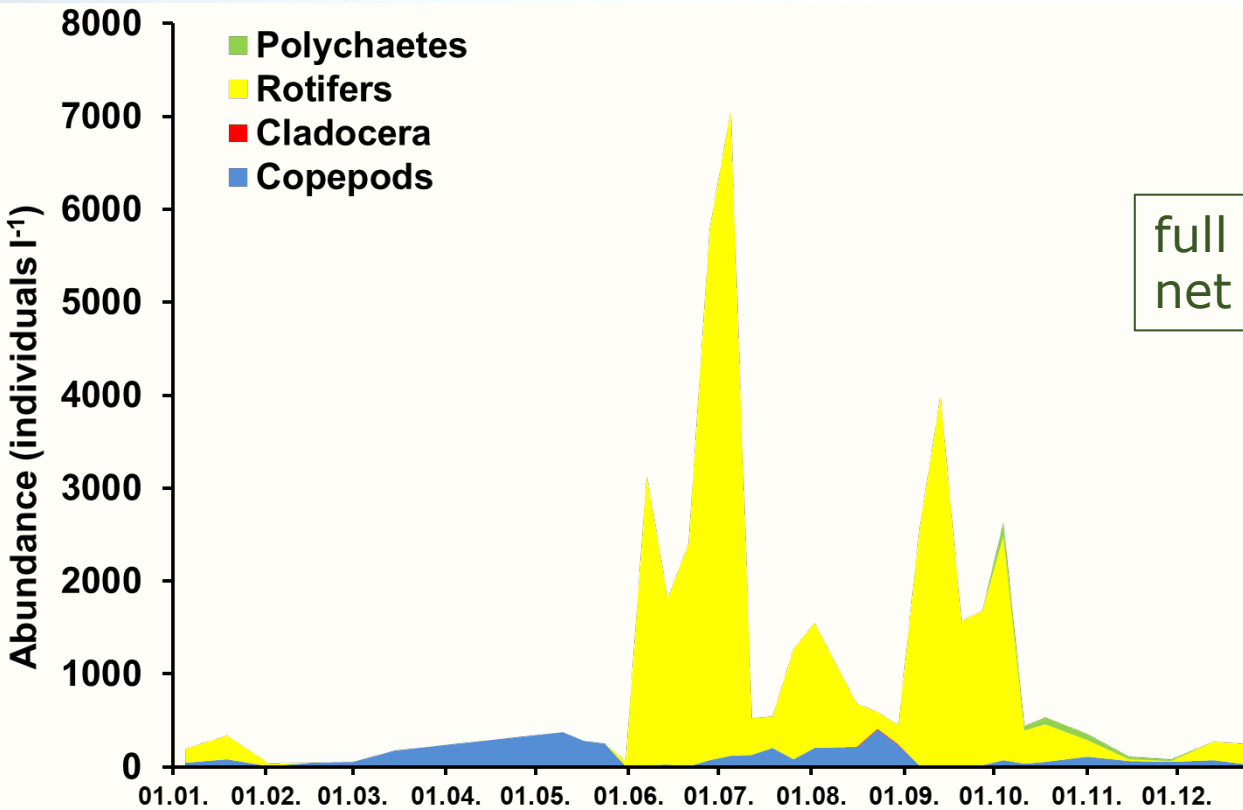
nauplius



Calanoid copepods

Annual cycle 2016

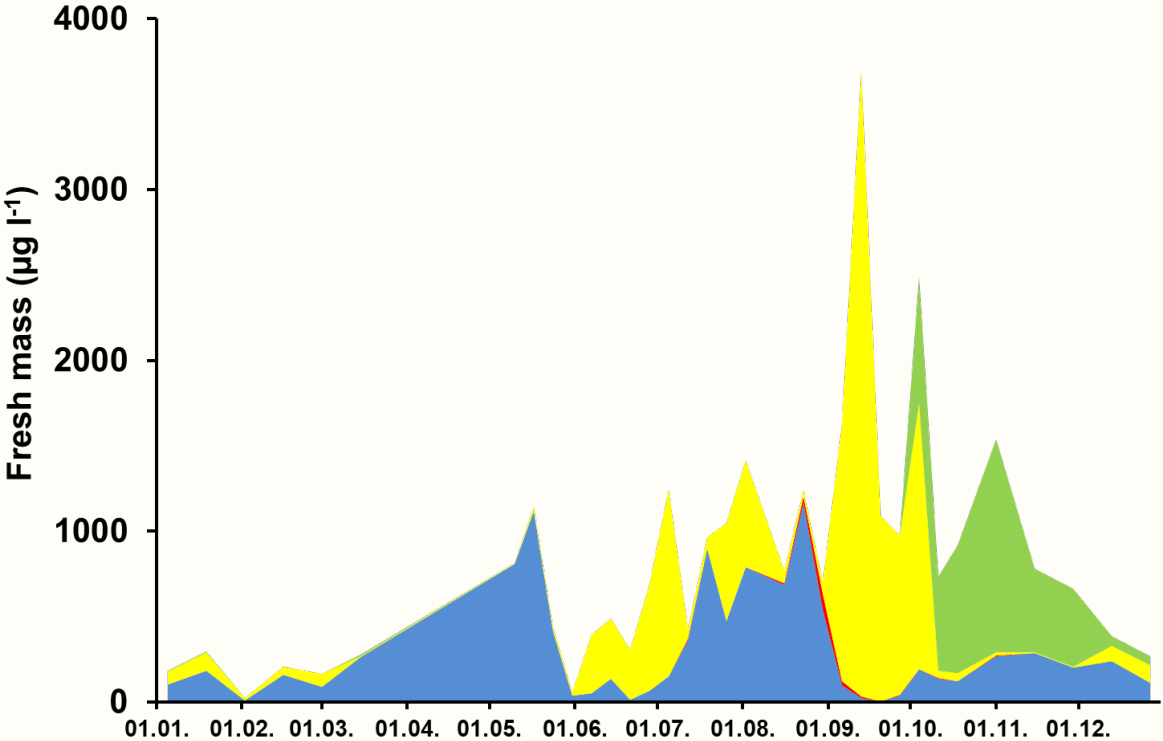
Sample results



30 species / morphotypes
6 stages copepods
20 animals measured per sample

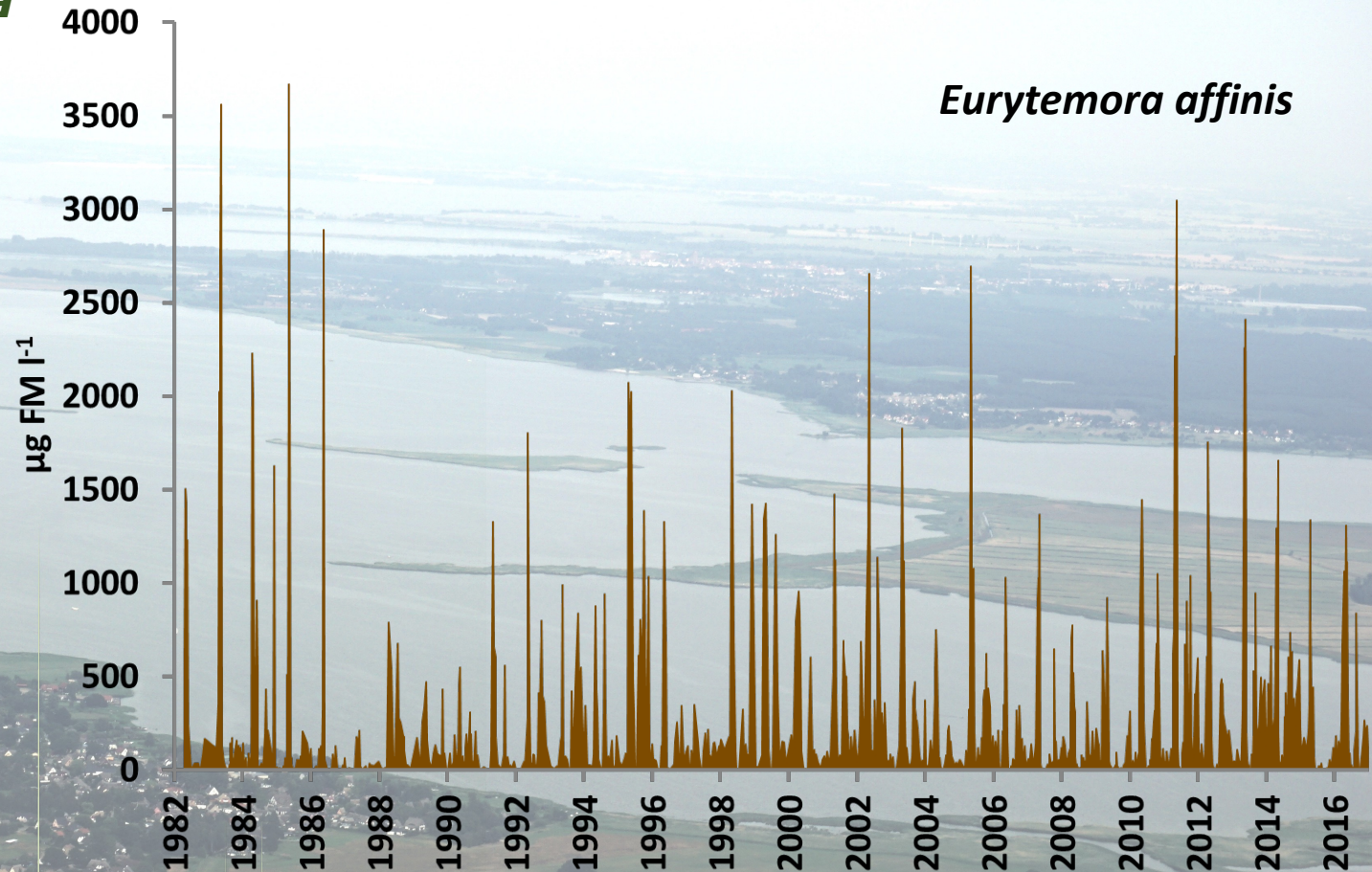
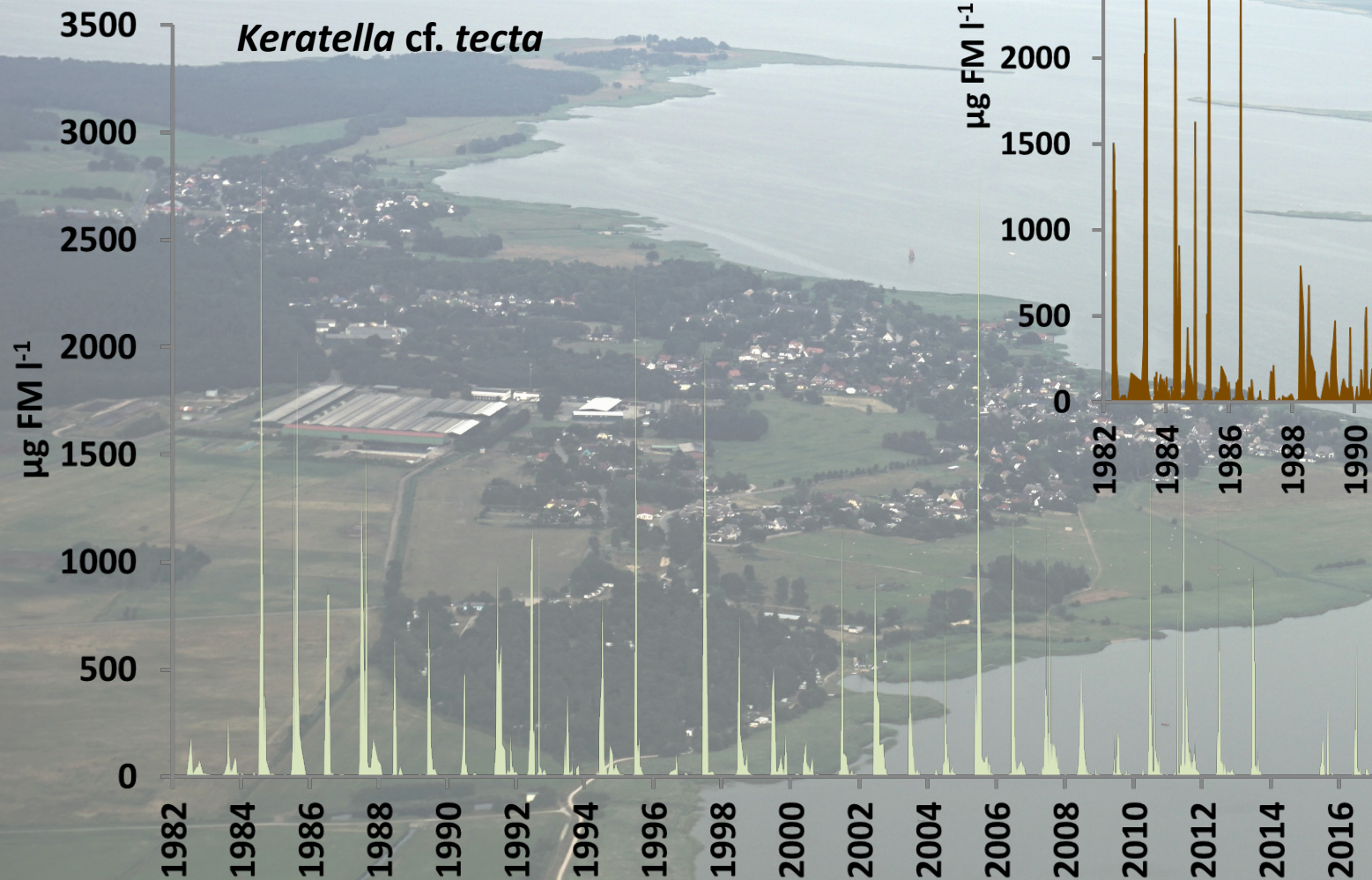
full sample: 1 l for rotifers and juvenile stages
net sample: 5 l for copepods, cladocera, other larvae

Nauplien 1-3	0,43	Nauplien 4-6	1,47	Copepoditen 1-3	4,4	Copepoditen 4-6	8,5	Males	13,07	Females	14,67	Eggs	0,1	Animals	Biomass
µg FM l ⁻¹		µg FM l ⁻¹		µg FM l ⁻¹		µg FM l ⁻¹		µg FM l ⁻¹	µg FM l ⁻¹	11 µg FM l ⁻¹		µg FM l ⁻¹		µg FM l ⁻¹	µg FM l ⁻¹
22	9,46	12	17,64	5	22		0		0		0			45,0	103,998
48	20,64	17	24,99	10	44	19	161,5	4	52,28	5	73,35			82,2	181,962
1	0,43	2	2,94	6	26,4	11	93,5	2	26,14	2	29,34			4,0	10,23



26.07.2016	1		0	1,8	7,92	1,4	11,9		0		0
02.08.2016	1		0	2,6	11,44	5,2	44,2	1,6	20,912	0,4	5,868
09.08.2016	1		0	5,2	22,88	6,8	57,8	1,6	20,912	1,4	20,538
16.08.2016	1		0	7	30,8	7,6	64,6	2,4	31,368	3,2	46,944
23.08.2016	1		0	18,2	80,08	31,2	265,2	7,8	101,946	14,0	205,38
30.08.2016	1		0	4	17,6	18,2	154,7	7,8	101,946	5,4	79,218
06.09.2016	1		0	0,8	3,52	2,6	22,1	1,6	20,912	2,6	38,142
13.09.2016	1	0,6	0,258		0		0		0		0
20.09.2016	1		0		0		0		0		0
27.09.2016	1		0		0		0		0		0
04.10.2016	1		0		0		0		0		0
11.10.2016	1		0	0,2	0,88		0		0	0,6	8,802
18.10.2016	1		0	2,8	12,32	1,6	13,6	1,2	15,684	0,8	11,736
01.11.2016	1		0	9	39,6	7	59,5	1,4	18,298	1,4	20,538
15.11.2016	1		0	7,6	33,44	13,2	112,2	3,6	47,052	3,4	49,878
29.11.2016	1		0	7,4	32,56	7,2	61,2	2,6	33,982	2,8	41,076
13.12.2016	1		0	3,88	17,072	8	68	3,6	47,052	5,0	73,35
27.12.2016	1		0	0,6	2,64	3,8	32,3	3,4	44,438	2,0	29,34

Dominating Eurytemora and Keratella



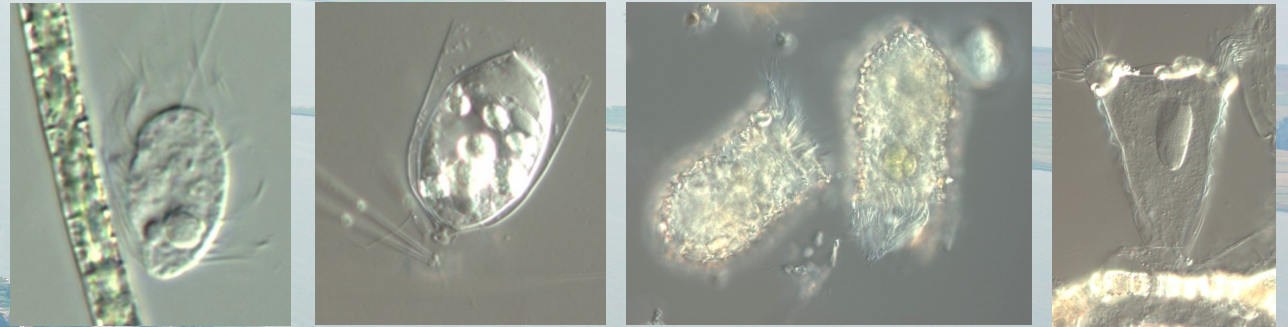
total biomass
ca. 10% compared to
phytoplankton

Dominant cyanobacteria Synechococcales

- low grazing loss
- adaptation to low and changing light conditions
- cause poor underwater light climate (ca. 40% euphotic zone)
- high competition strength for nutrients
- stable community for > 3 decades

Dominant rotifers and poor crustacean diversity

- low grazing pressure on phytoplankton
- dominance of different rotifers
- more cyclopoid copepods since 2018
- rare cladocera



Open questions

- When and why did this dominance established?
- When and how can the cyanobacterial dominance be terminated?
- Why zooplankton groups have a clear seasonality unlike their food?
- Why is the grazing pressure so low (<15% of standing stock)?
- How can phytoplankton persist in winter?
- Importance of planktonic heterotrophic protists?