



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

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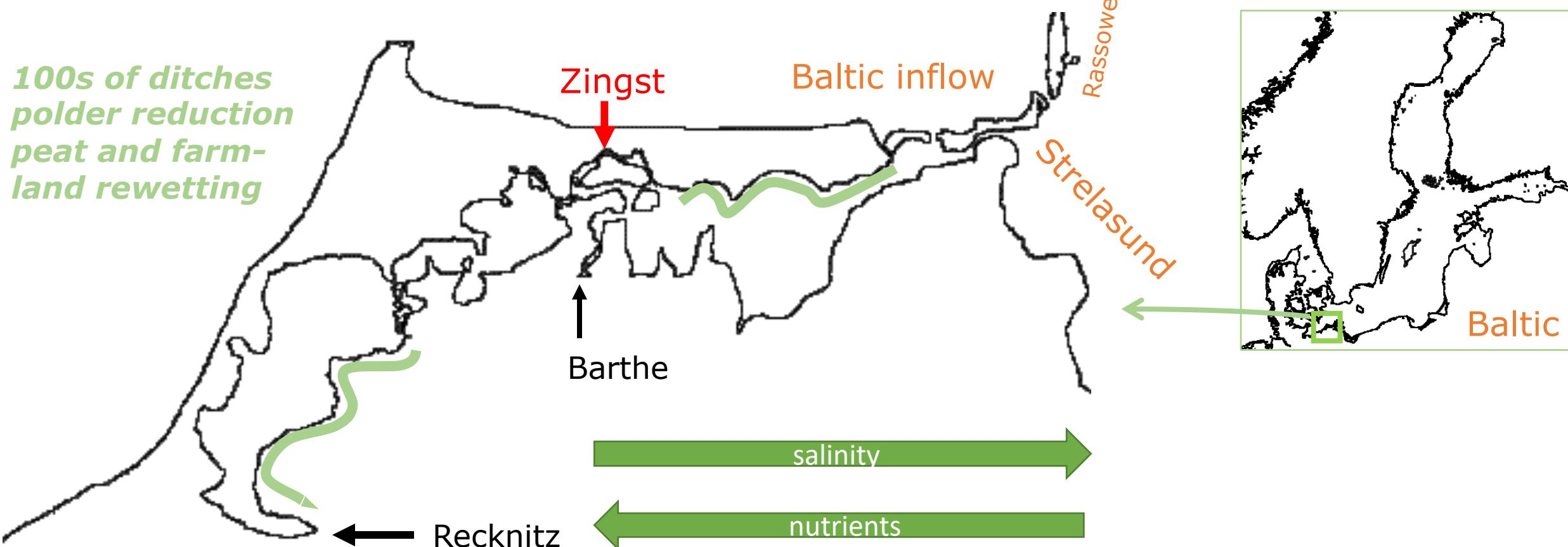
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Lagoon at the Southern Baltic

area	170 km ²	Average concentrations
Zingster Strom	3 km ²	POC 9.3 mg l ⁻¹ 775 µM
longest distance	60 km	TN 176 µM
Salinity	2-12 PSU	TP 2 µM
Secchi	10-150 cm	



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				

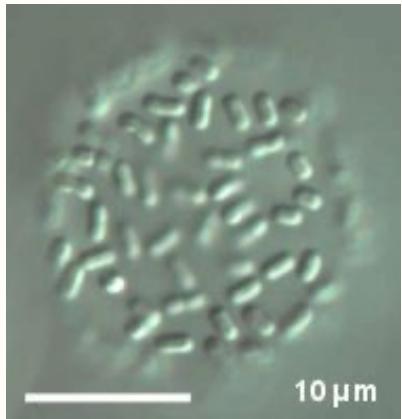
Different starting points and frequency at **Zingster Strom**

- 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

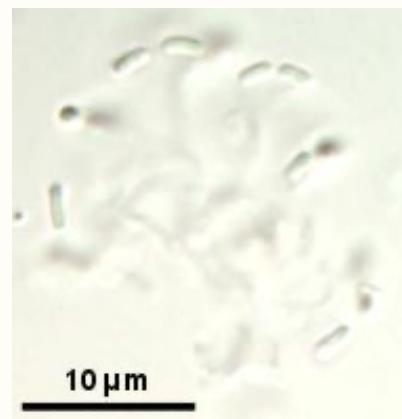
Synechococcales



„Lemmermanniella pallida“

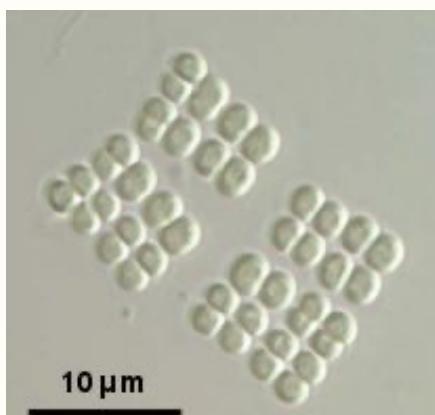


„Cyanonephron styloides“ „Aphanotece clathrata“

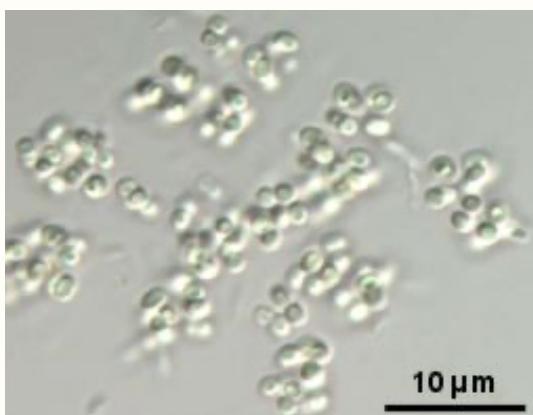


Chroococcales

Merismopedioidae



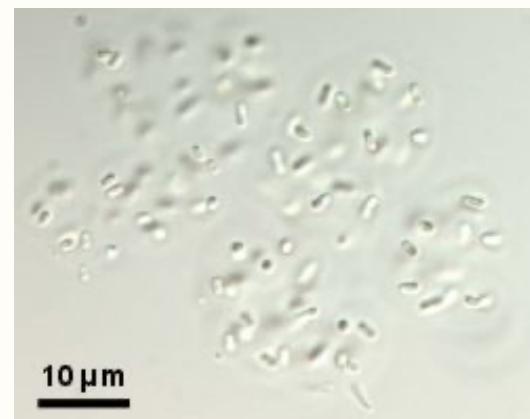
M. punctata



„*Aphanocapsa* spec.“

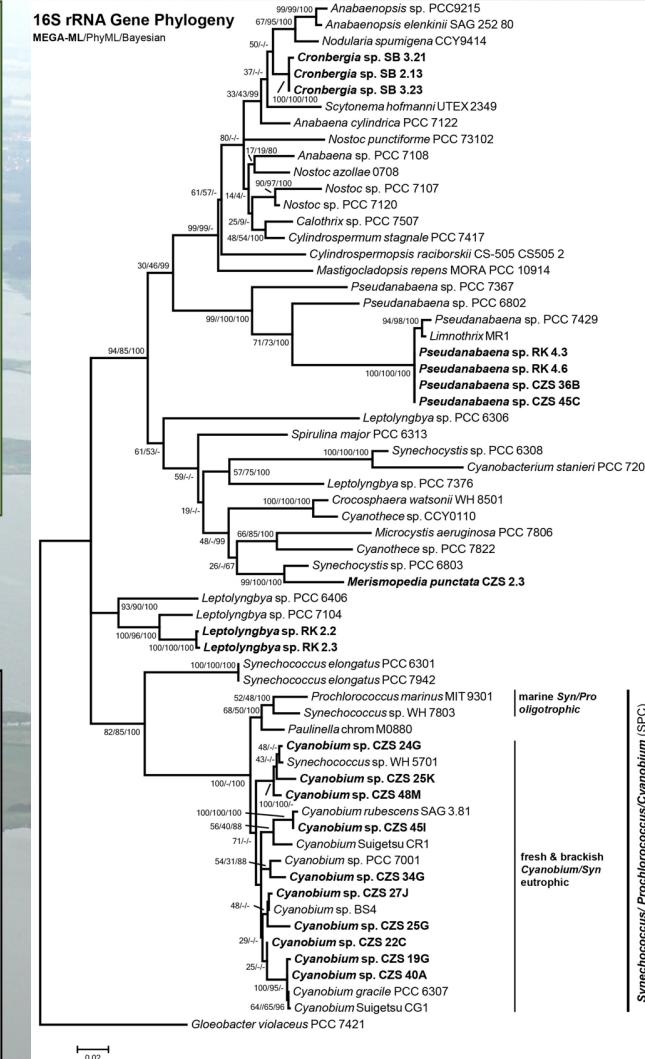


S. septentrionalis



W. compacta

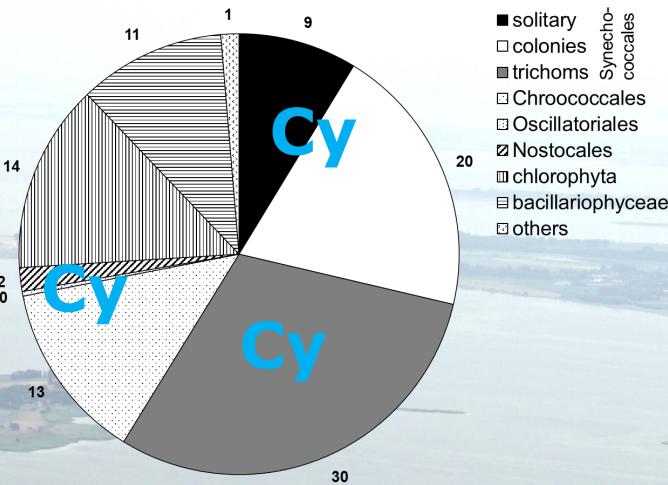
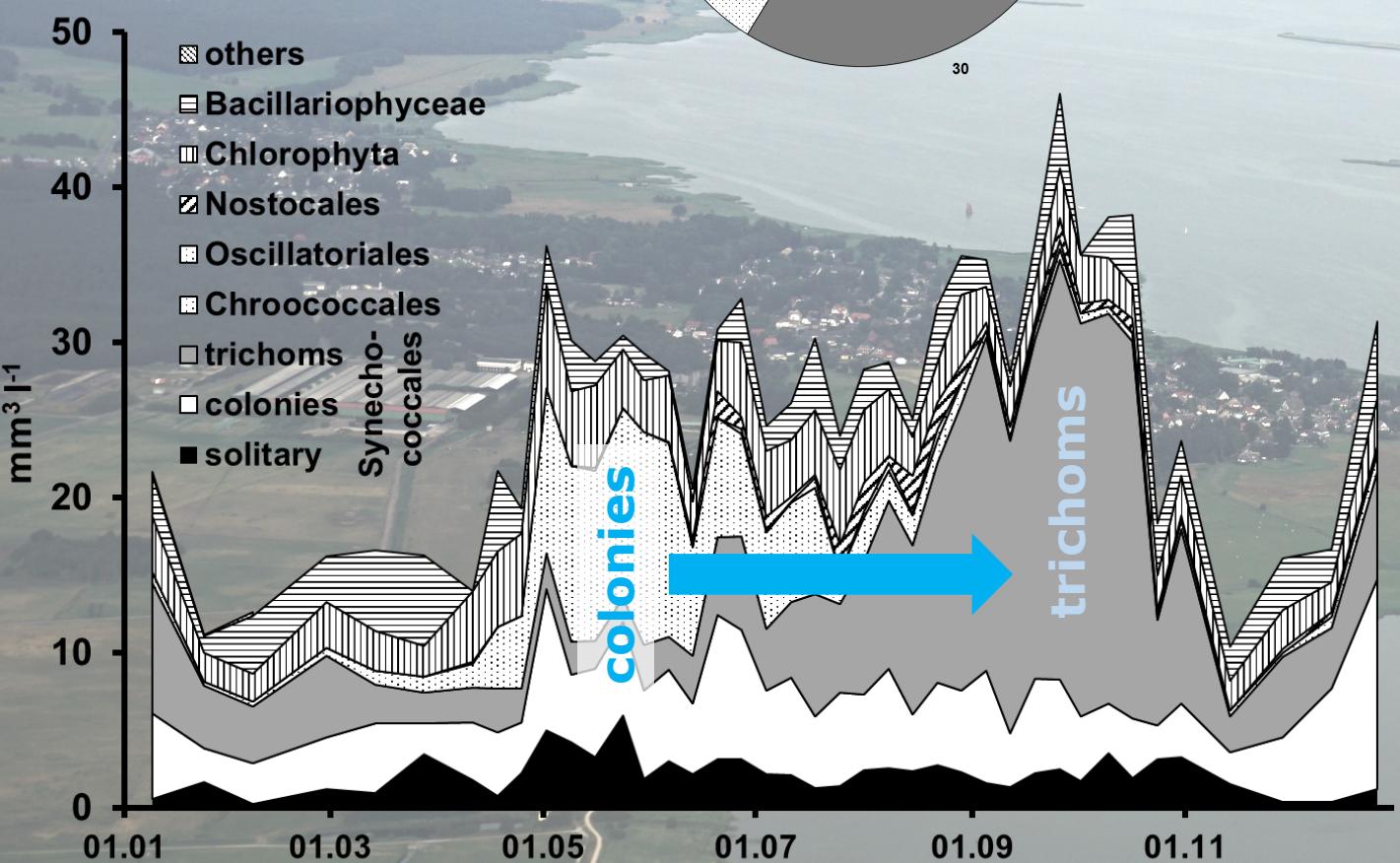
mostly Cyanobium



Annual cycle 2007

Sample results

>75%
Cyanobacteria,
most not toxic,
not N-fixing

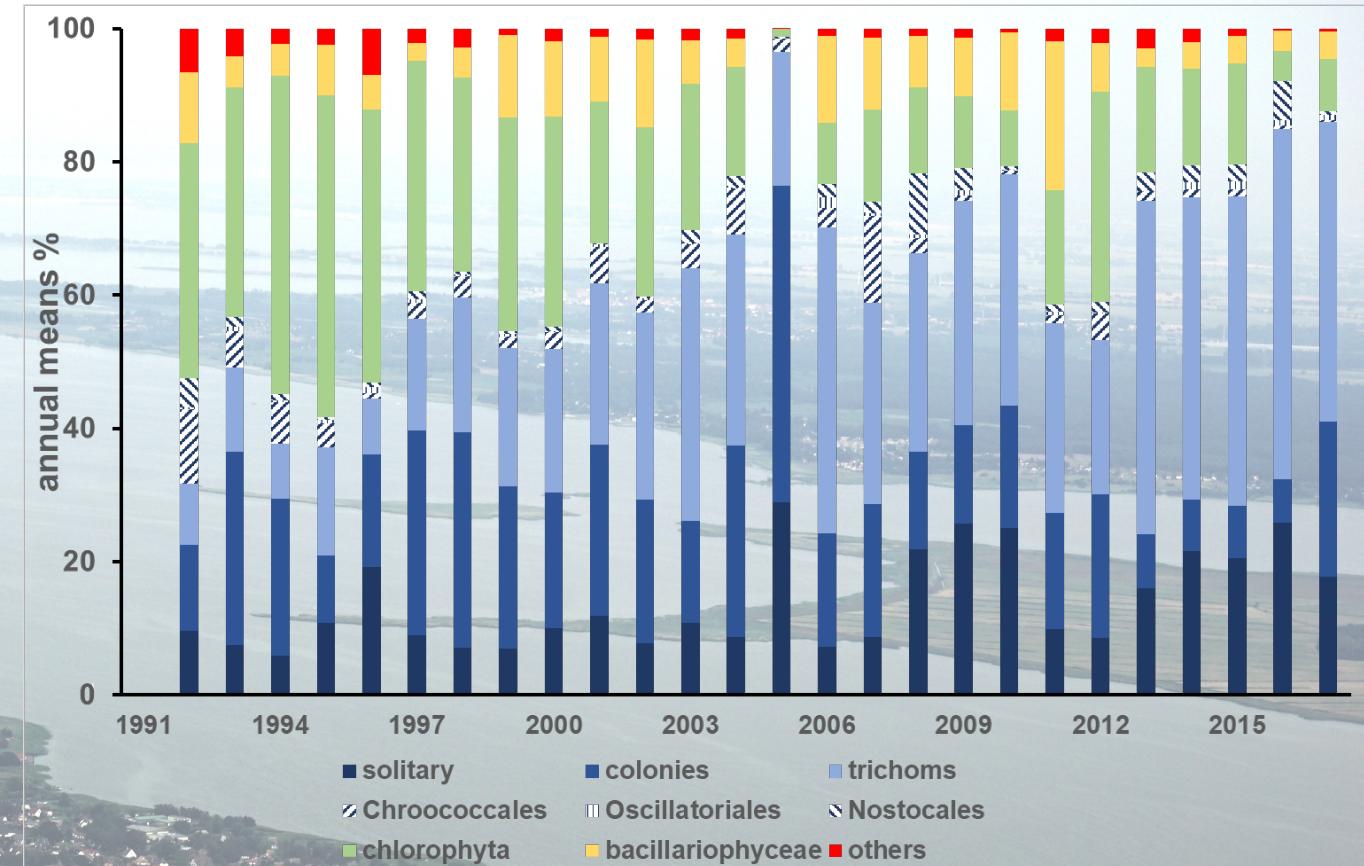
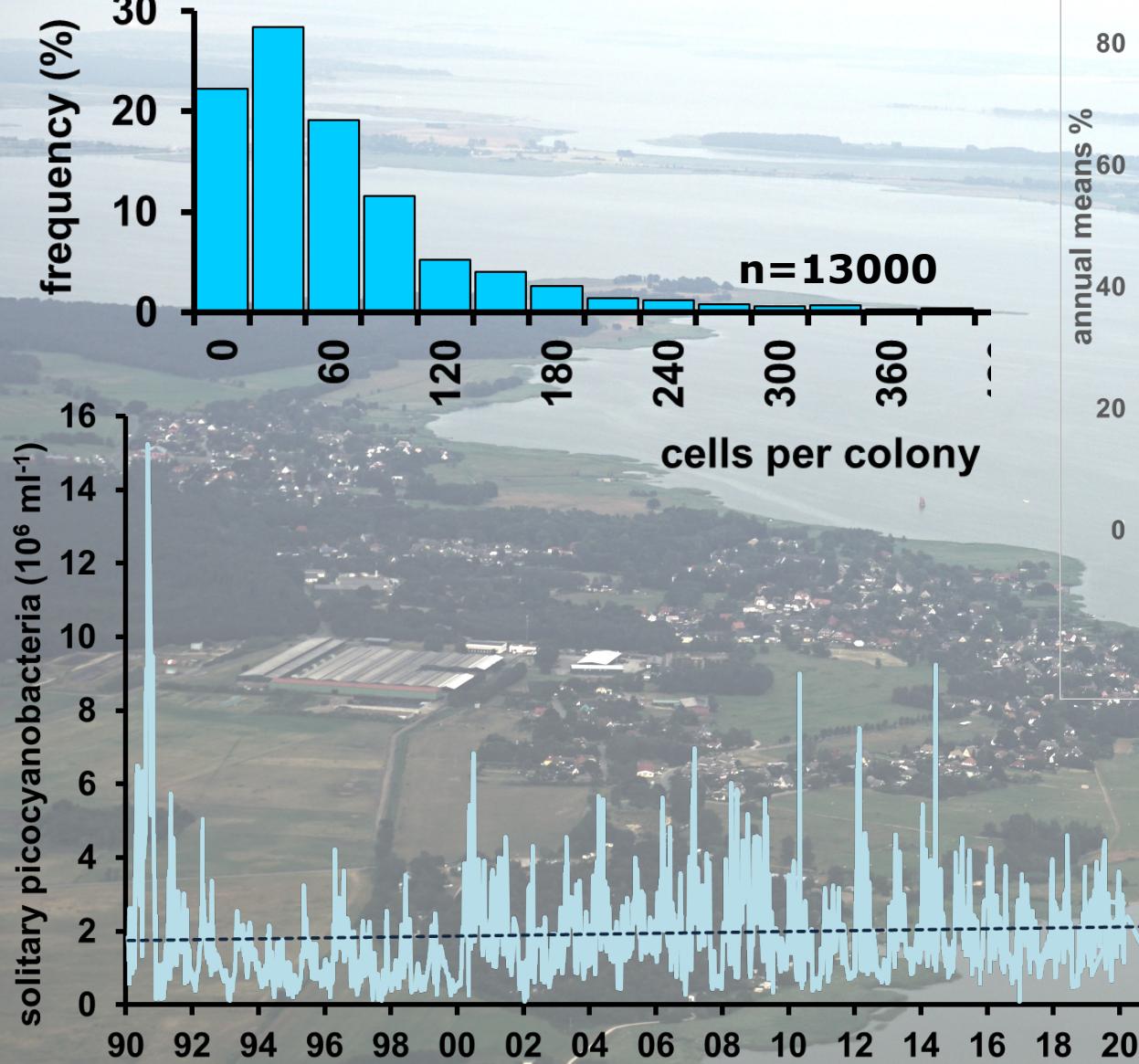


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	Körper Länge	Breite	Höhe	Zellvolumen (nm) 10^6 l^{-1} = 10^3 ml^{-1}	Zellen o. Fäden 10^6 l^{-1} Zellen	Kolonien o. Fäden μm	Zellen/Kolonie o. Fädenanlage $\text{mm}^3 \text{l}^{-1}$	Biovolumen mg l^{-1}	Biomasse mg C l^{-1}					
Aphanothec Komplex	S	0,787	98	3252,15	51,62	63	2,56	2,66	0,299	x	16 2 I	12 0,25	0,52675 0,002	
Merismopedia punctata	K 2	4	1	0,37	0,09	4	0,00	0,00	0,000	x	16 2 I	17 1	0,09296 0,011	
Merismopedia warmingian	K 1,5	4	1	0,37	0,09	4	0,00	0,00	0,000	x	16 2 I	17 1	0,09296 0,011	
Microcystis v. Komplex	K 2	3	78,22	1,58	49,5	0,33	0,34	0,038	x	16 2 I	12 0,25	0,52675 0,002		
Snowella spp.	K	8,082	2	30,55	1,05	29	0,25	0,26	0,029	x	16 2 I	12 0,25	0,52675 0,002	
Synechococcus spp.	S	0,856	1420,08			1,22	1,26	1,142						
Chroococcales				4781,74	54,44	4,35	4,52	0,509						
Limnothrix planonica	Z 2	4	2	0,77	0,19	13	0,01	0,01	0,001	x	16 2 I	17 1	0,09296 0,011	
Planktolyngbya contorta	Z 2	1226	129	494,23	29,12	59	3,06	3,18	0,358	x	16 2 I	14 0,5	0,22575 0,004	
Oscillatoriales				495,00	29,31		3,06	3,19	0,359					
Cyanobakterien				5276,75	83,75	7,41	7,71	0,867						
Desmodesmus opoliensis		400	4	1	0,01	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,000	x	10 2 I 1	1 17	1 0,00196 0,510	
Monoraphidium Autosoren		100	4	1	0,37		4	0,04	0,004	x	16 2 I	17 1	1 0,09296 0,011	
Monoraphidium contortum		100	26		2,42		0,24	0,25	0,028	x	16 2 I	17 1	1 0,09296 0,011	
Monoraphidium minimum		50	20		1,86		0,09	0,10	0,011	x	16 2 I	17 1	1 0,09296 0,011	
Oocysts spec.	R 8 6	2	1	0,19	0,09	2	0,03	0,03	0,003	x	16 2 I	17 1	1 0,09296 0,011	
Pediastrum boryanum		500	48	2	0,09	0,00	24	0,05	0,05	0,006	x	10 2 I 1	1 17	1 0,00196 0,510
Scenedesmus ecoris		250	12	6	1,12	0,56	2	0,28	0,29	0,033	x	16 2 I	17 1	1 0,09296 0,011
Tetraedron minimum		150	10		0,93		0,14	0,15	0,016	x	16 2 I	17 1	1 0,09296 0,011	
Chlorophyten				6,98	0,66	0,87	0,90	0,102						
Planctonema lauterbornii		100	2	1	0,19	0,09	2	0,02	0,02	0,002	x	16 2 I	17 1	1 0,09296 0,011
Ulvophyceen				0,19	0,09	0,02	0,02	0,002						
Diatoma elongatum	Q 15 6 6	1	1	0,09	0,09	1,0	0,05	0,05	0,007	x	16 2 I	1 17	1 0,09296 0,011	
Diatoma vulgare	Q 12 8 8	4	3	0,37	0,28	1,3	0,29	0,30	0,039	x	16 2 I	1 17	1 0,09296 0,011	
Diatoma vulgare	Q 8 8 8	11	11	1,02	1,02	1,0	0,52	0,54	0,072	x	16 2 I	1 17	1 0,09296 0,011	
Navicula spec.	Q 12 5 3	1		0,09		0,02	0,02	0,002	x	16 2 I	1 17	1 0,09296 0,011		
Scletonema costatum	Z 12 4	4	2	0,01	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,000	x	10 2 I 1	1 1	1 0,00196 0,510	
Stephanodiscus hantzschii	Z 4 6	23		2,14		0,24	0,25	0,033	x	16 2 I	1 17	1 0,09296 0,011		
Stephanodiscus hantzschii	Z 6 8	10		0,93		0,28	0,29	0,038	x	16 2 I	1 17	1 0,09296 0,011		
Stephanodiscus hantzschii	Z 6 10	5		0,46		0,22	0,23	0,030	x	16 2 I	1 17	1 0,09296 0,011		
Stephanodiscus hantzschii	Z 15 20	2		0,00		0,02	0,02	0,003	x	10 2 I 1	1 1	1 0,00196 0,510		
Diatomeen				5,12	1,40	1,64	1,70	0,225						
Plagioselmis acuta	R 8 4	3		0,28		0,02	0,02	0,002	x	16 2 I	1 17	1 0,09296 0,011		
Cryptophyceen				0,28		0,02	0,02	0,002						
Gymnodinium spec.	K 25	1		0,00		0,02	0,02	0,002	x	10 2 I 1	1 1	1 0,00196 0,510		
Dinophyceen				0,00		0,02	0,02	0,0019						
Gesamt				5289,32	85,90	9,97	10,37	1,200						

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Cyanobium group



species

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

morphotypes

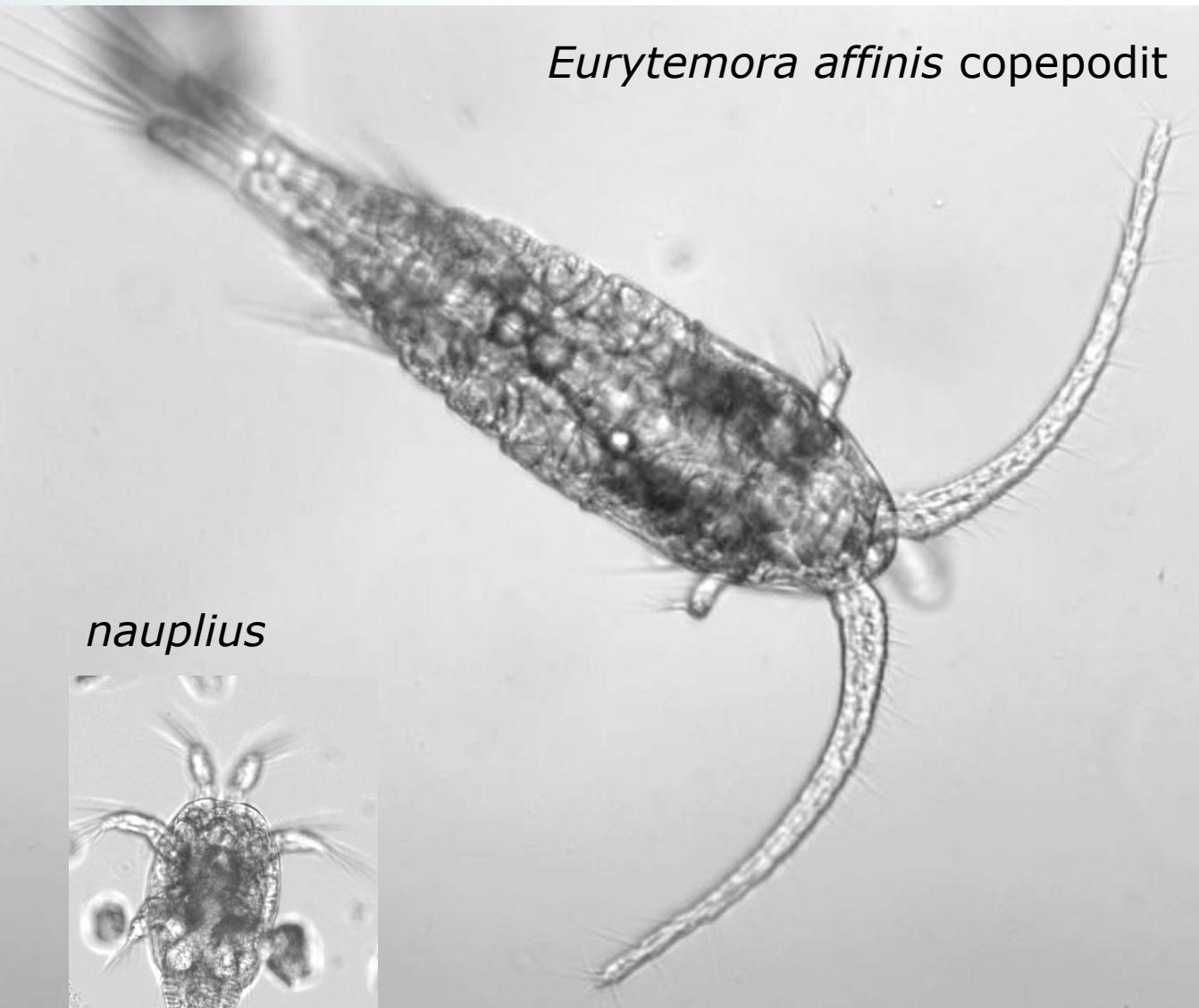
26 cyano.
5 chryso.
23 diatoms
16 dino.
36 chloro.
4 eugleno.
7 crypto.

categories

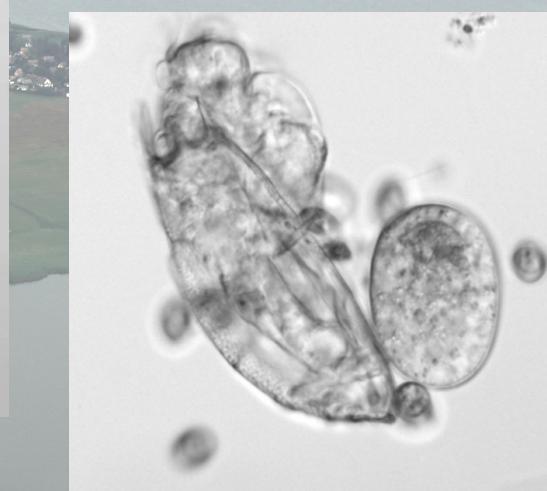
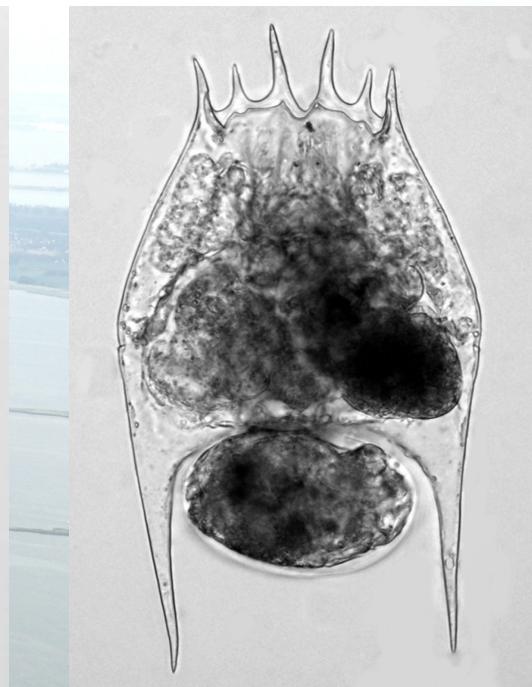
183 total
30-40 per sample

*incl. colony sizes
and filament lenght*

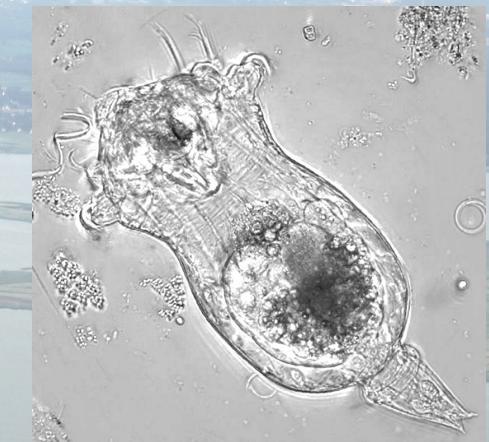
Zooplankton



Calanoid copepods



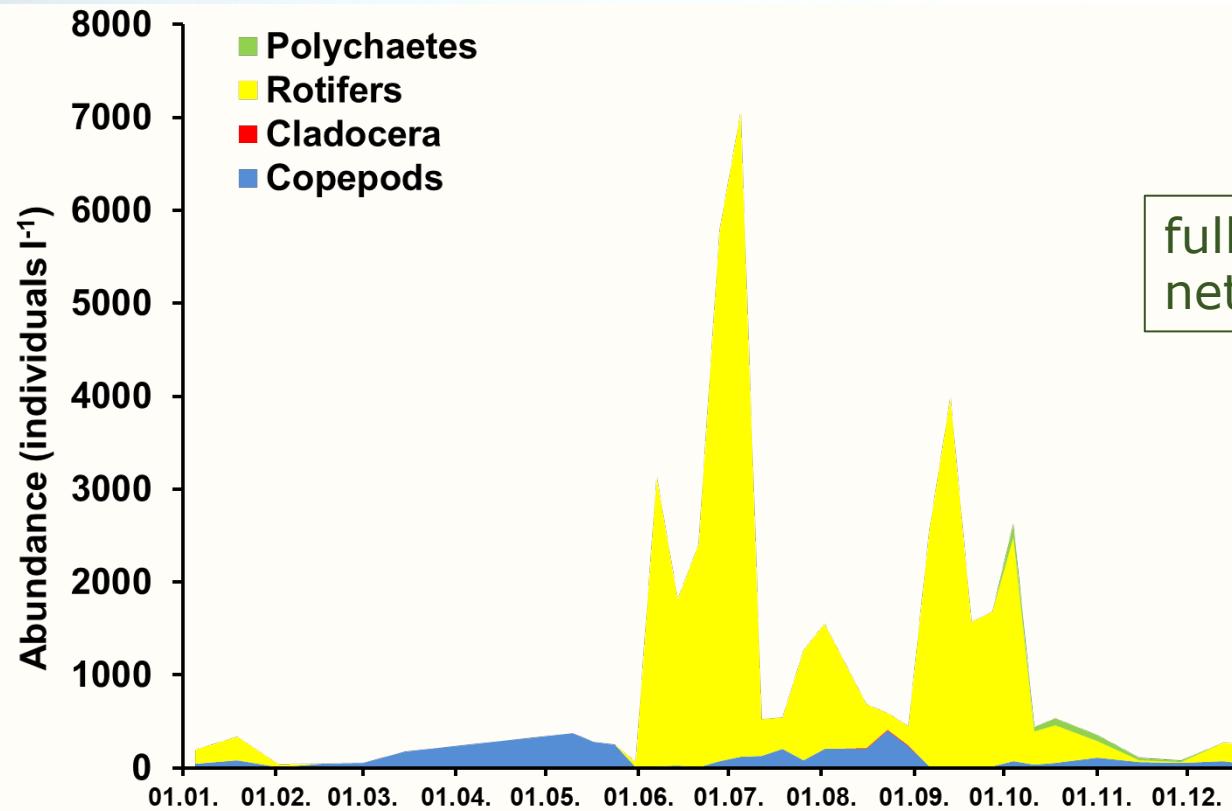
Keratella cf. *tecta*



Feike

Annual cycle 2016

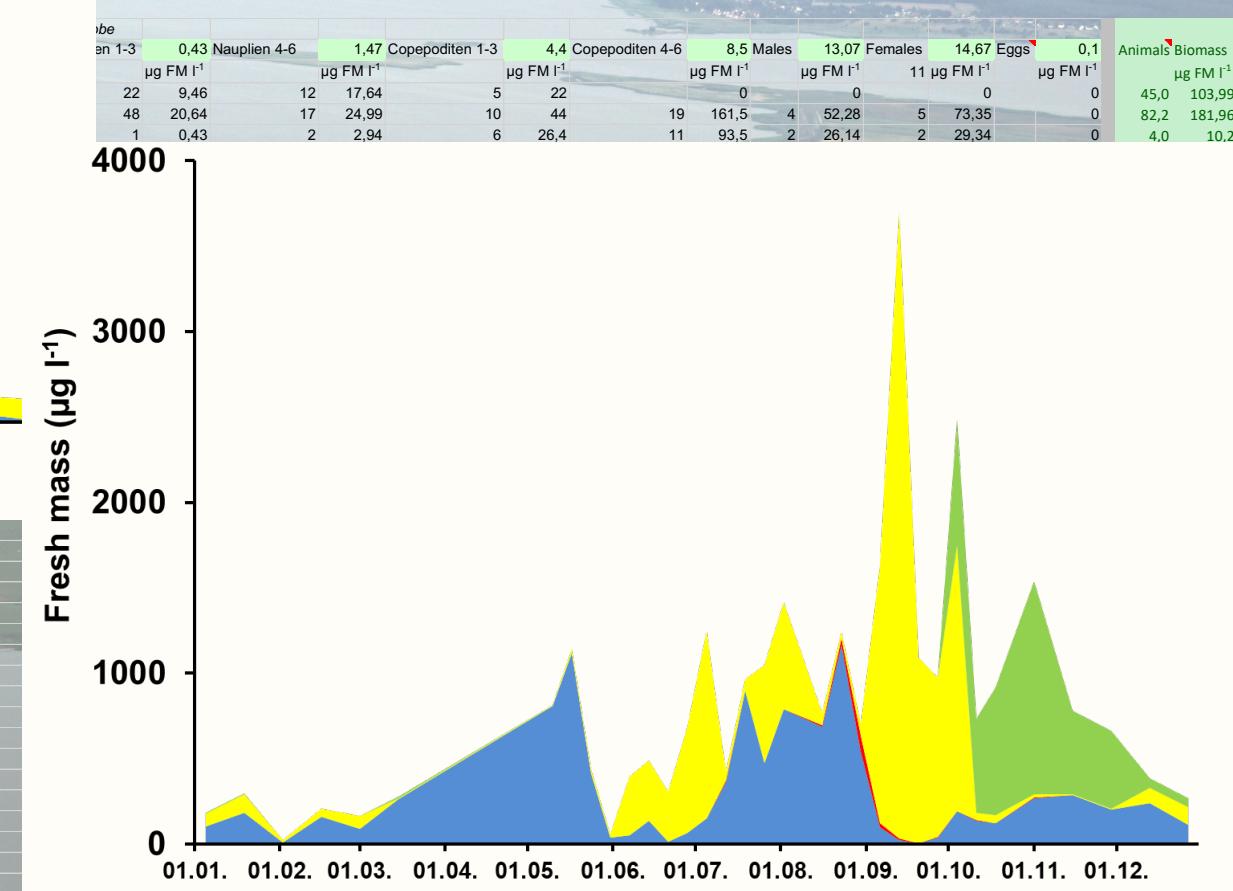
Sample results



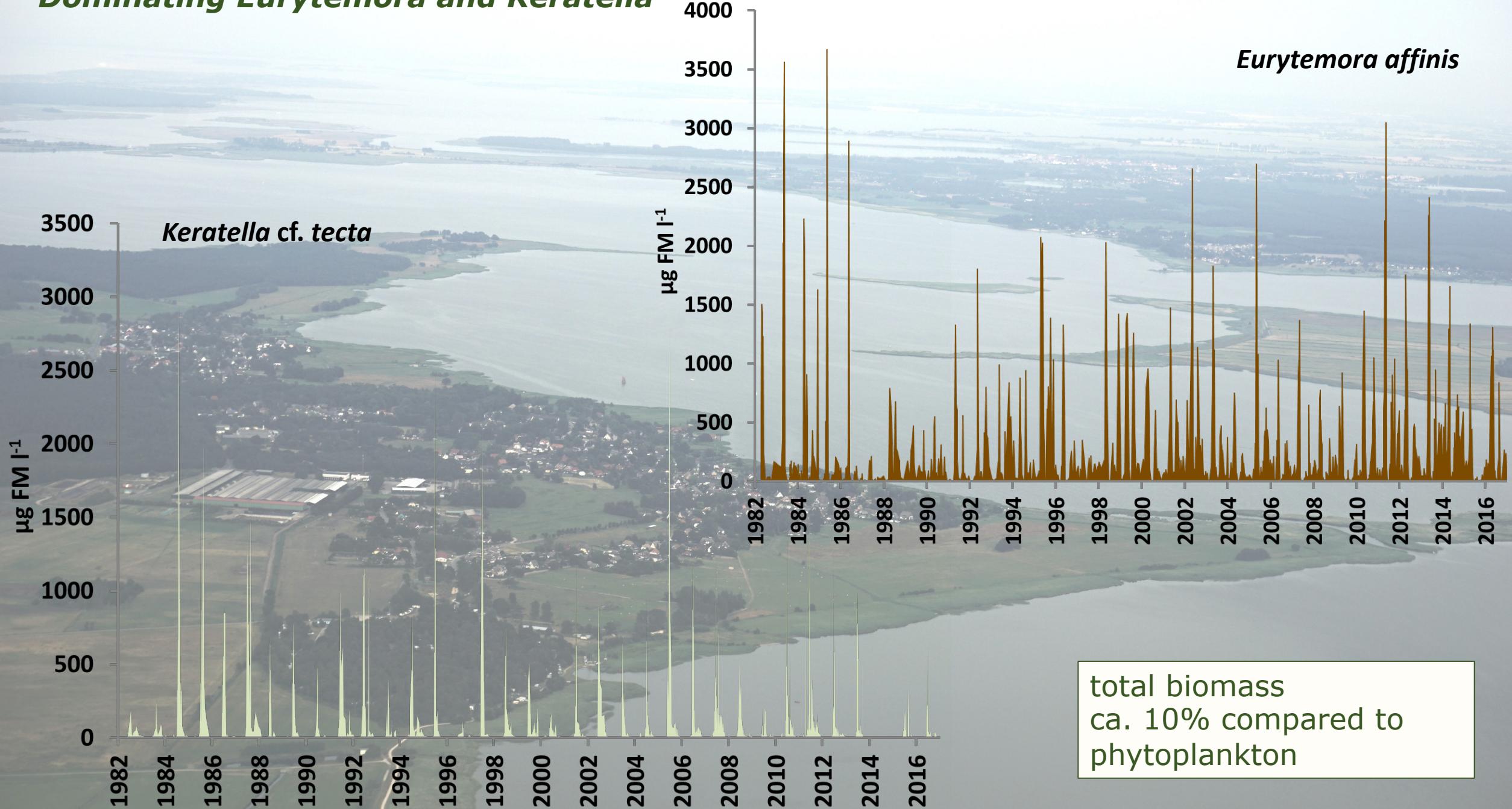
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02.08.2016	1	0	2,6	11,44	5,2	44,2	1,6	20,912	0,4 5,868
09.08.2016	1	0	5,2	22,88	6,8	57,8	1,6	20,912	1,4 20,538
16.08.2016	1	0	7	30,8	7,6	64,6	2,4	31,368	3,2 46,944
23.08.2016	1	0	18,2	80,08	31,2	265,2	7,8	101,946	14,0 205,38
30.08.2016	1	0	4	17,6	18,2	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	0	0
20.09.2016	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27.09.2016	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
04.10.2016	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.10.2016	1	0	0,2	0,88	0	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

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

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



Dominating *Eurytemora* and *Keratella*

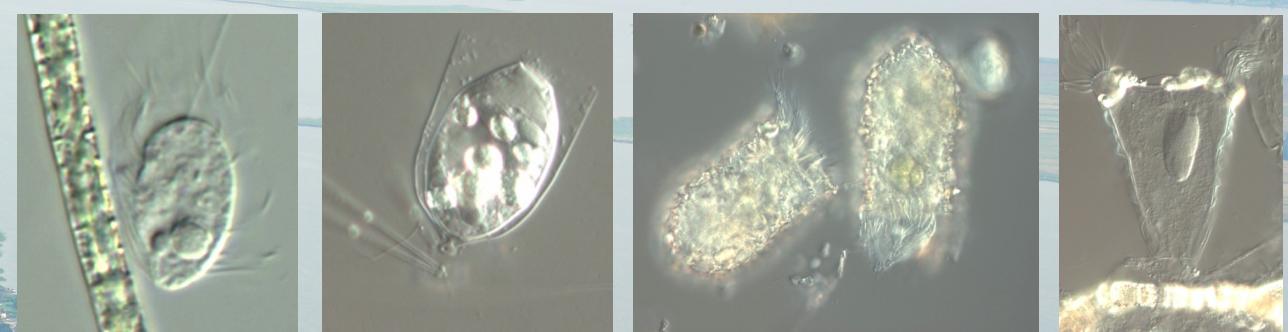


Dominant cyanobacteria Synechococcales

- 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?