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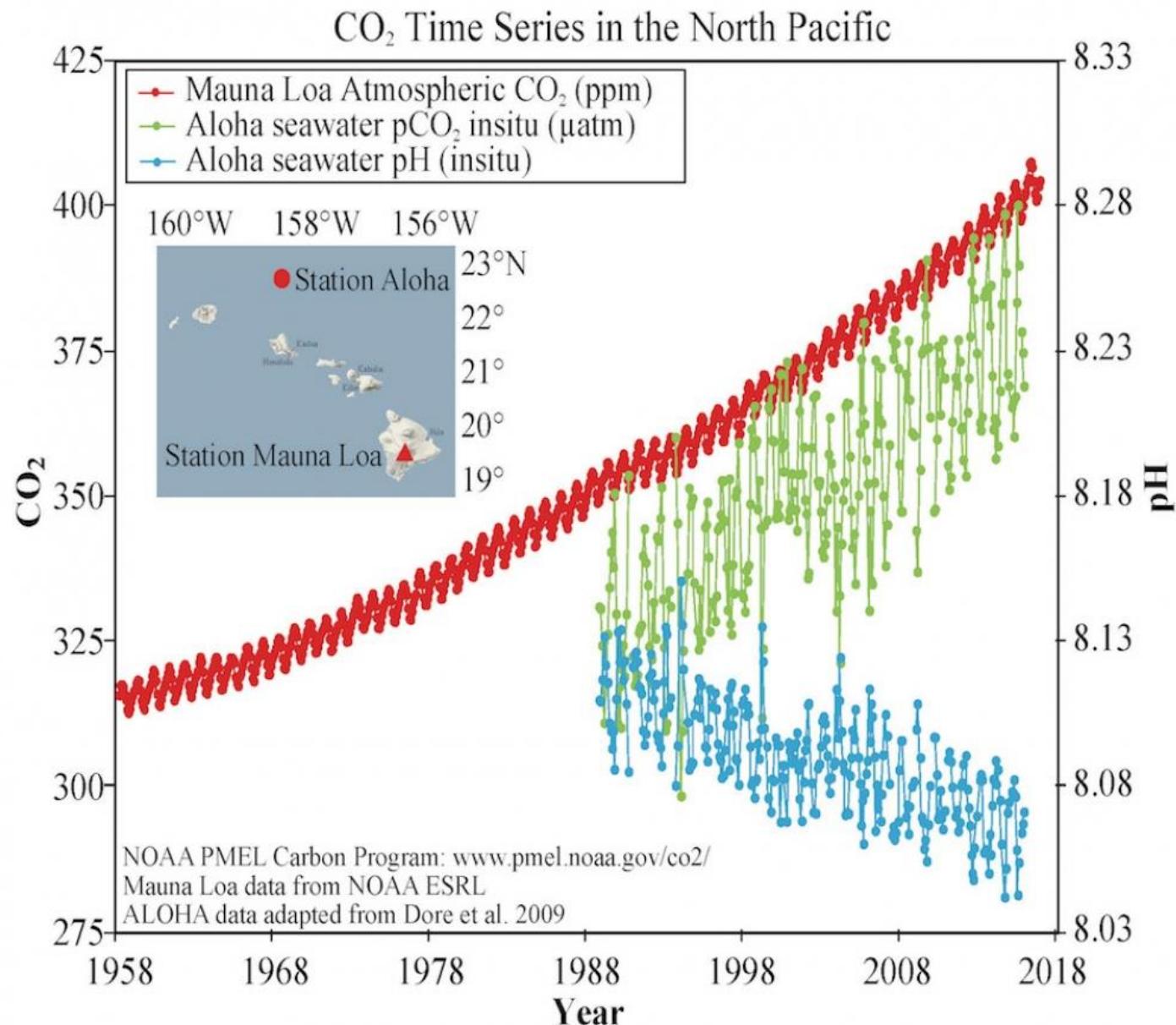
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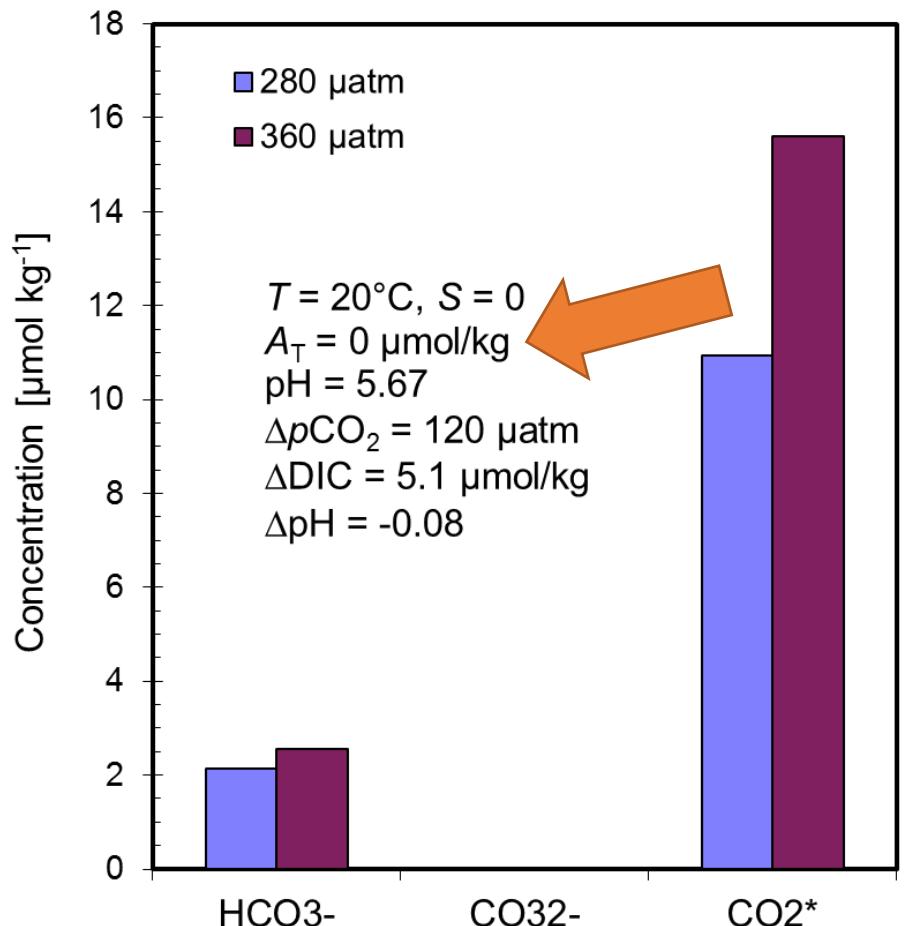
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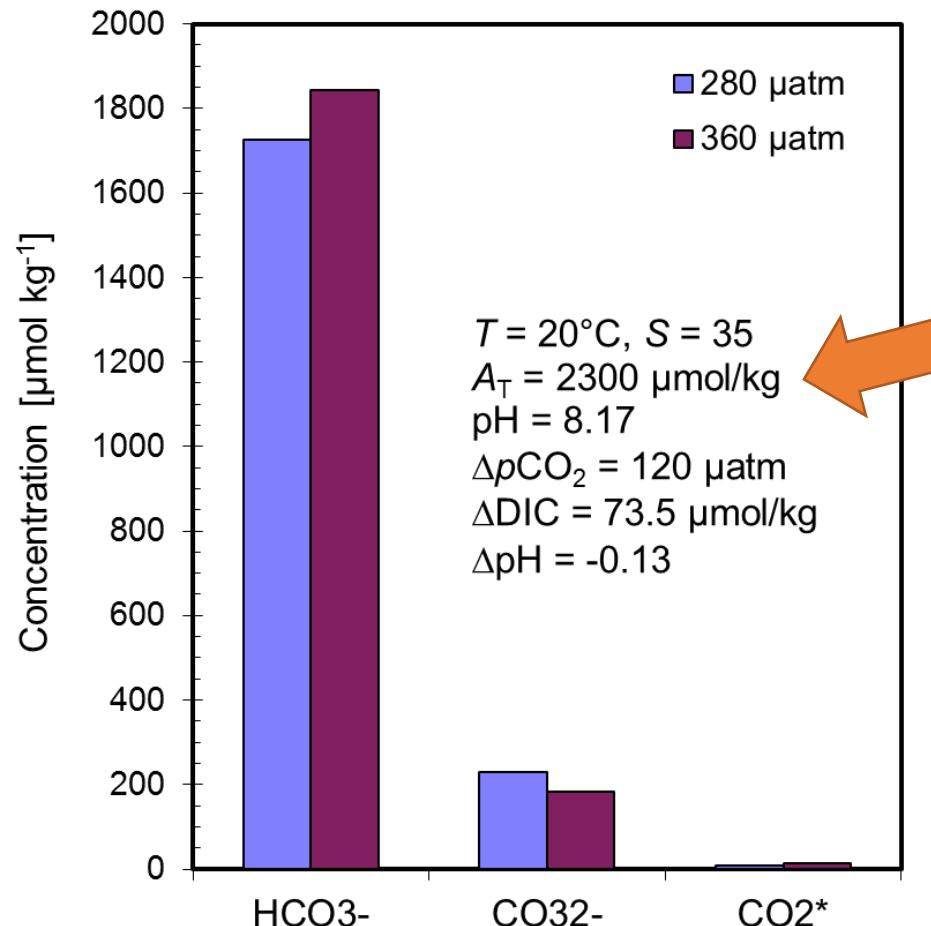
Recap: Changes in Seawater Chemistry due to Uptake of Anthropogenic CO₂



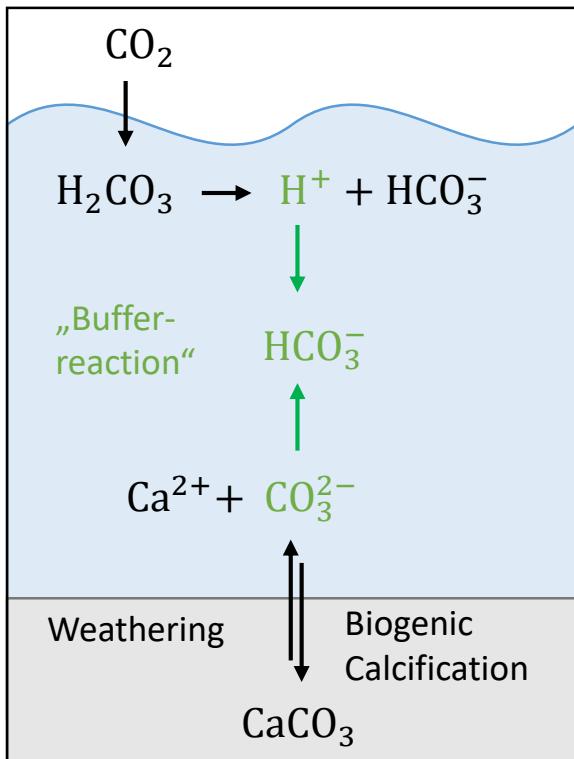
CO₂ system
freshwater



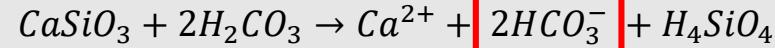
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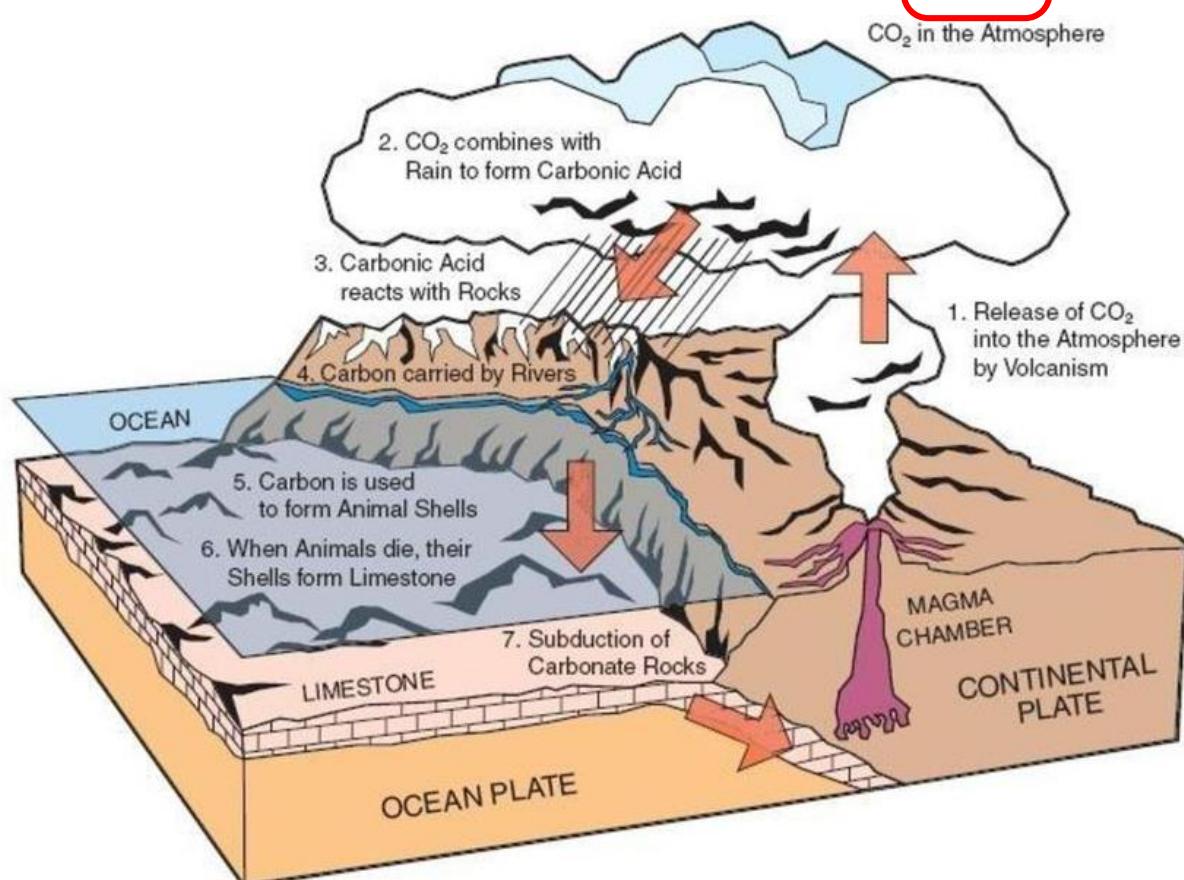
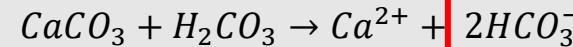
Recap: The Alkalinity Concept



Silicate weathering



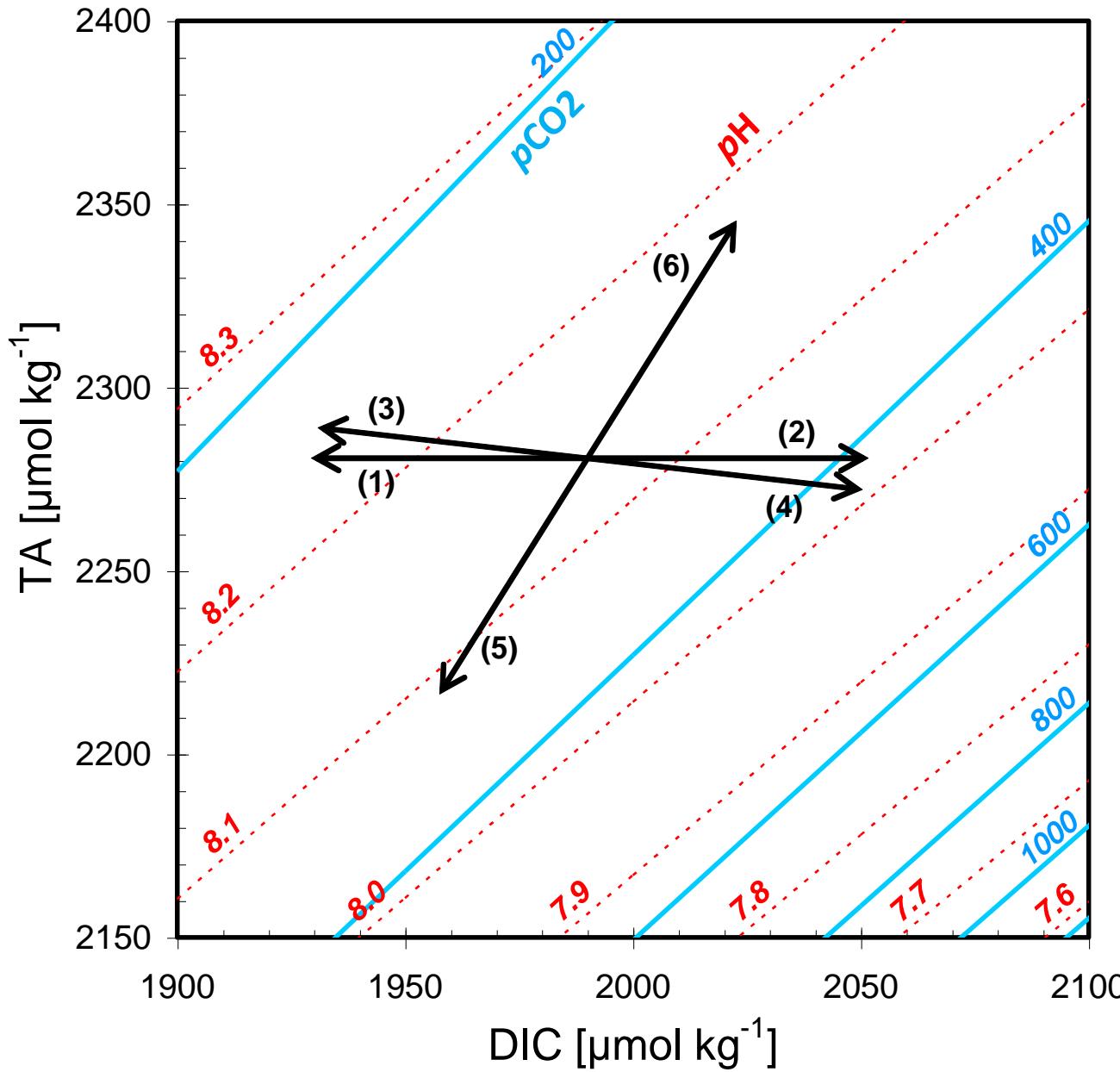
Limestone weathering



Alkalinity A_T

- Defined as the excess of proton acceptors over proton donors
- Carbonate Alkalinity:
$$A_T \approx [\text{HCO}_3^-] + 2[\text{CO}_3^{2-}] + [\text{OH}^-] - [\text{H}^+]$$
- Buffer reaction controls the CO₂-uptake capacity of seawater

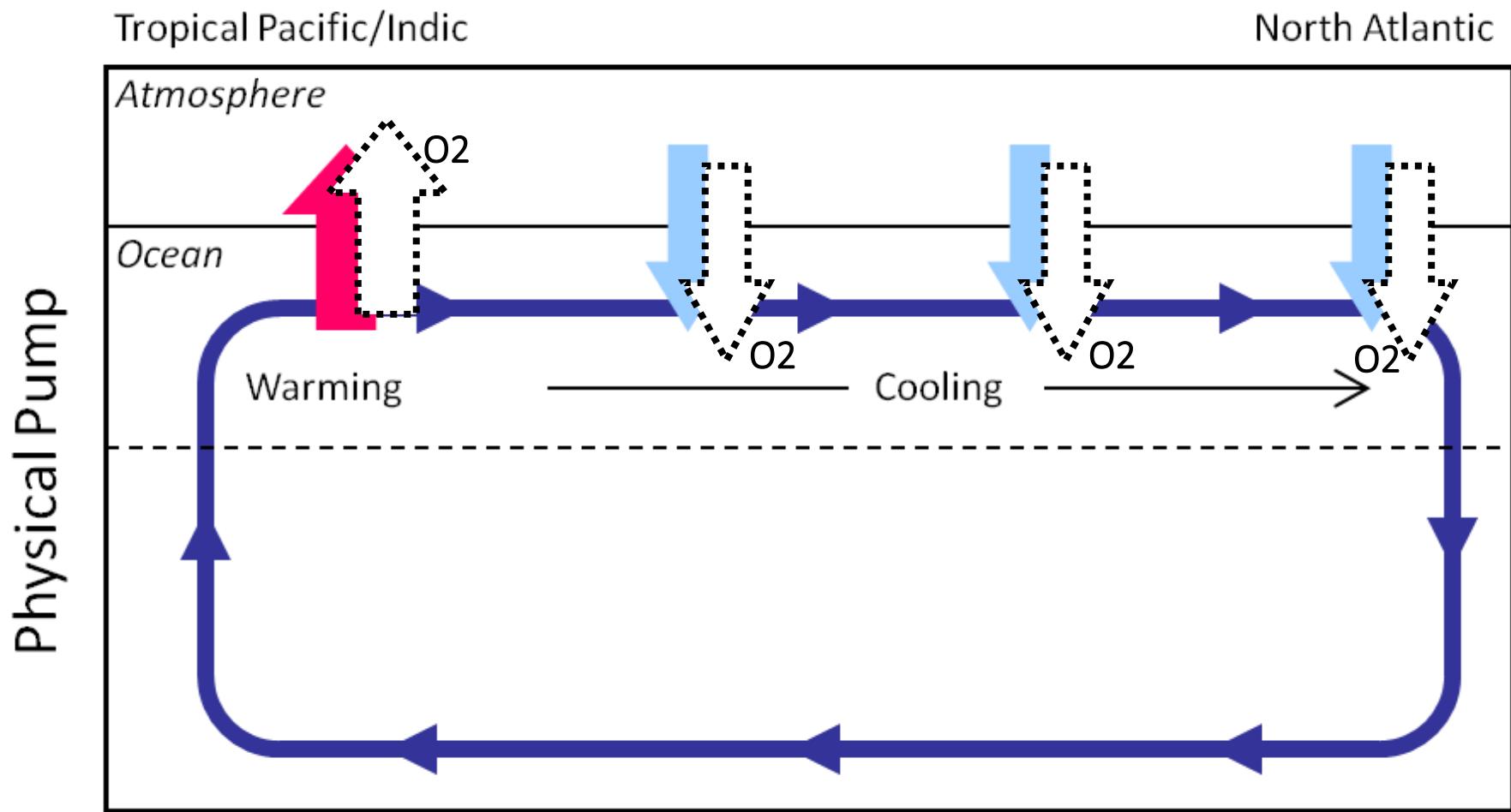
Recap: Biogeochemical processes in the parameter space of the marine CO₂ system



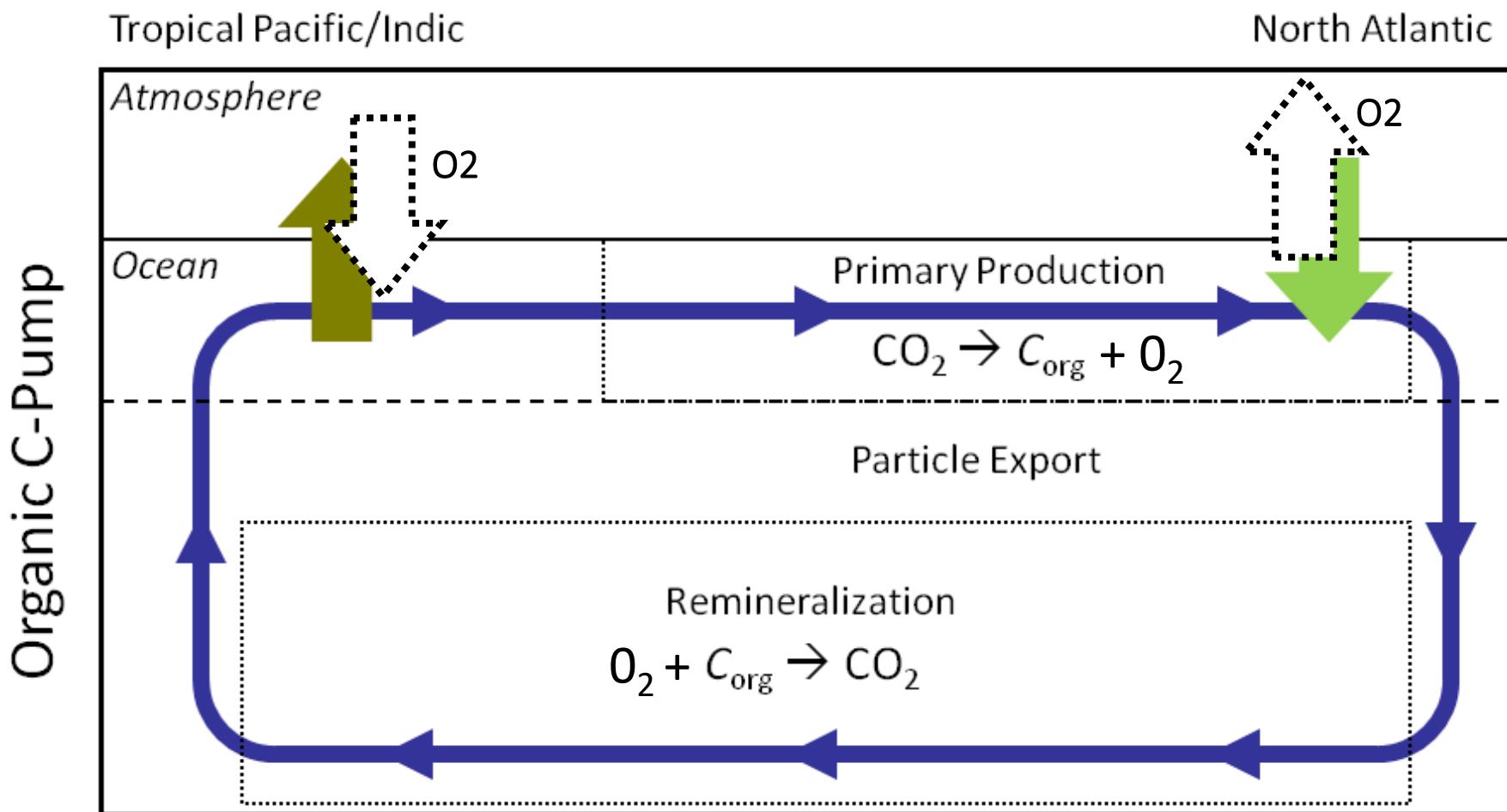
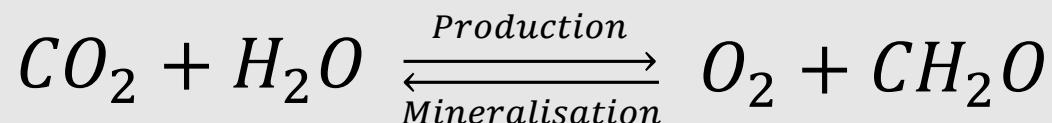
- (1) CO₂ release to atmosphere
- (2) CO₂ uptake from atmosphere
- (3) Primary production
- (4) Respiration
- (5) Calcification
- (6) Carbonate dissolution

Physical Carbon Pump (aka: Solubility Pump)

- Decrease in SST favors O₂ solubility and increases density
- Downwelling in the North Atlantic (e.g. Labrador Sea) ventilates ocean interior

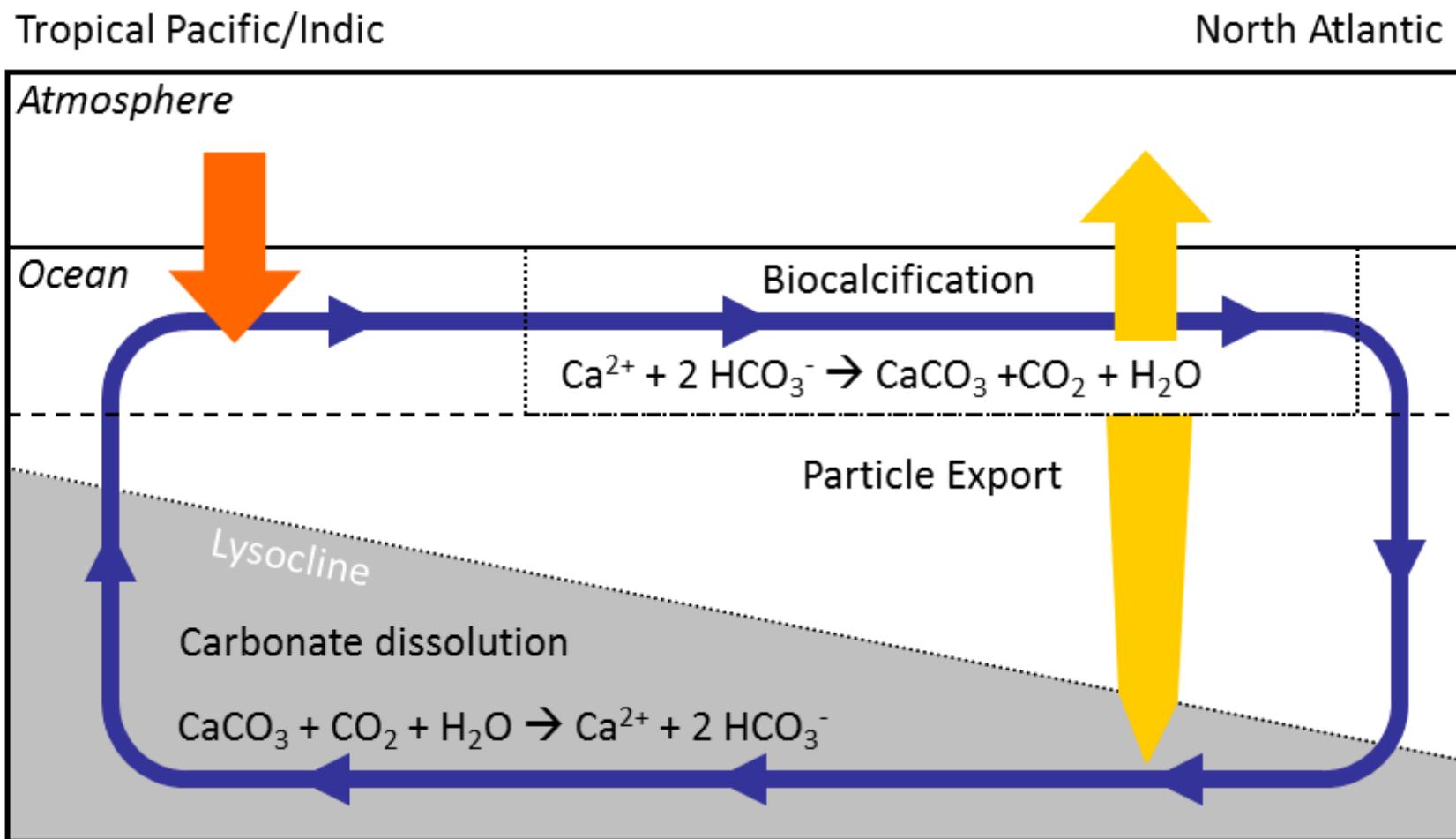


Organic Carbon Pump (aka: Soft Tissue Pump)



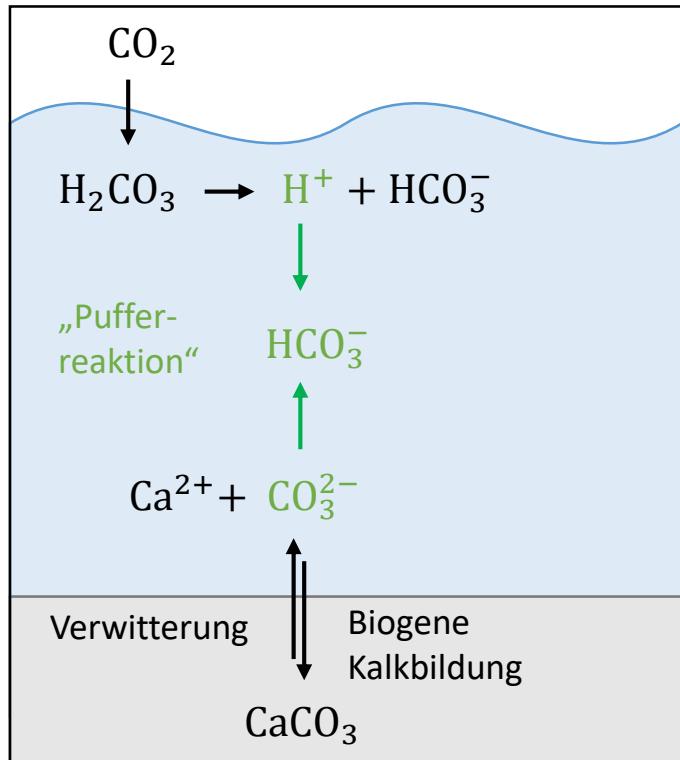
Inorganic Carbon Pump (aka: Hard Tissue Pump)

Inorganic C-Pump





Globale Veränderungen des marinens CO₂-Systems: Beispiel Nordatlantik¹



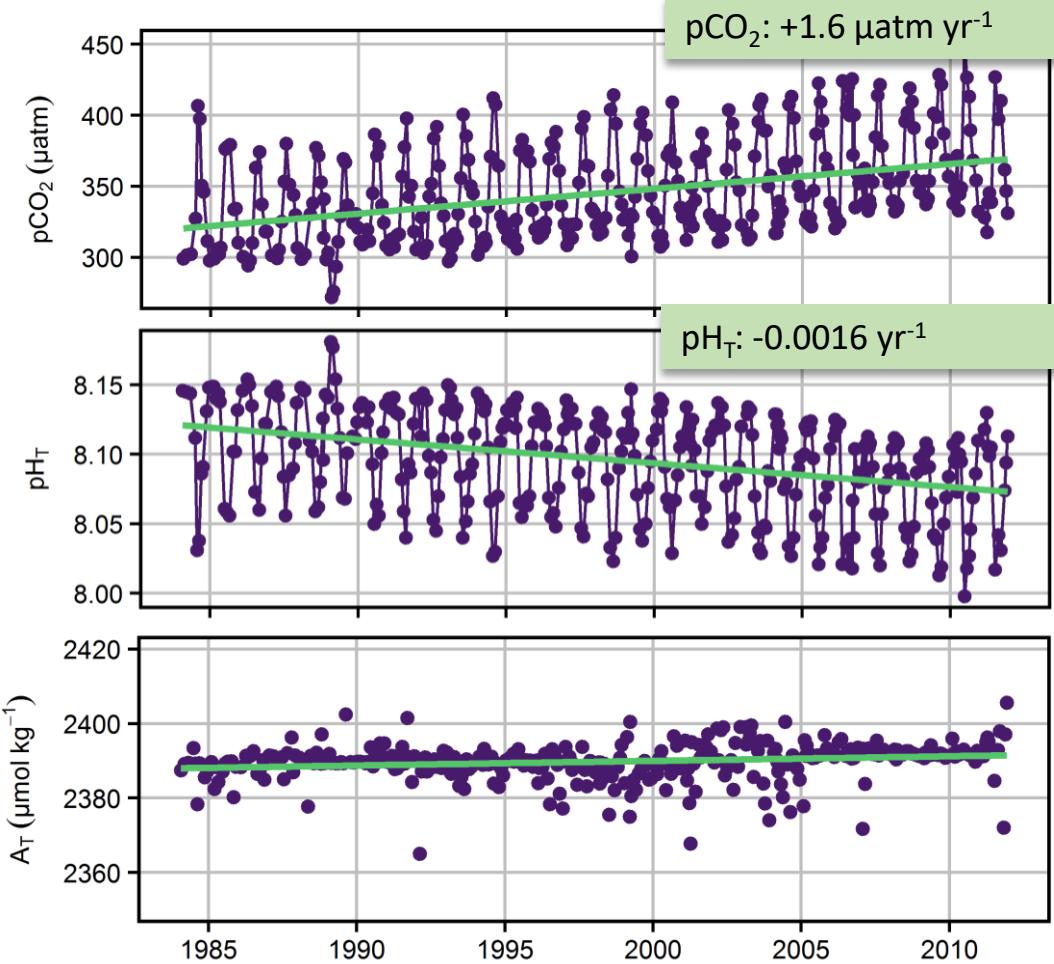
Alkalinität A_T

Überschuss an Protonenakzeptoren

$$A_T \approx [\text{HCO}_3^-] + 2[\text{CO}_3^{2-}] + [\text{OH}^-] - [\text{H}^+]$$

Je höher A_T, desto:

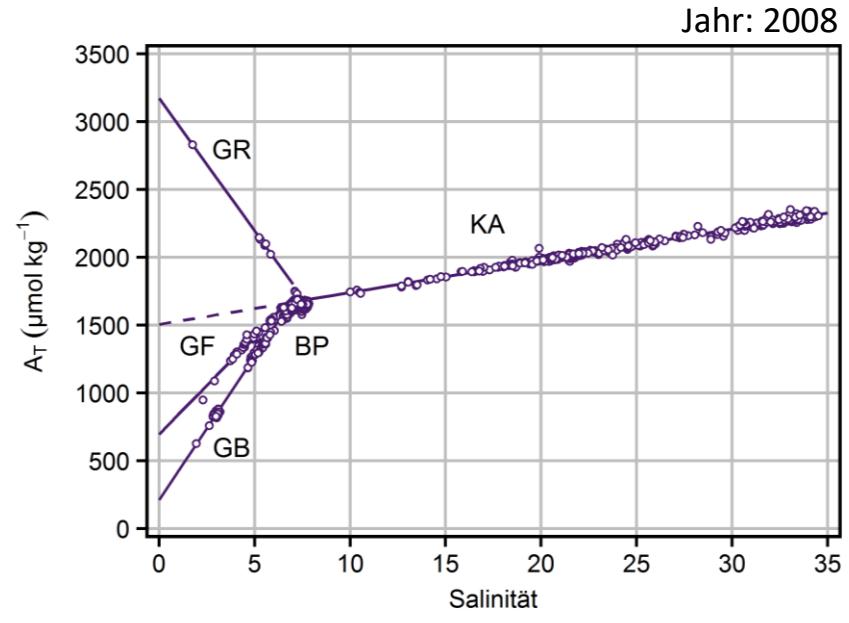
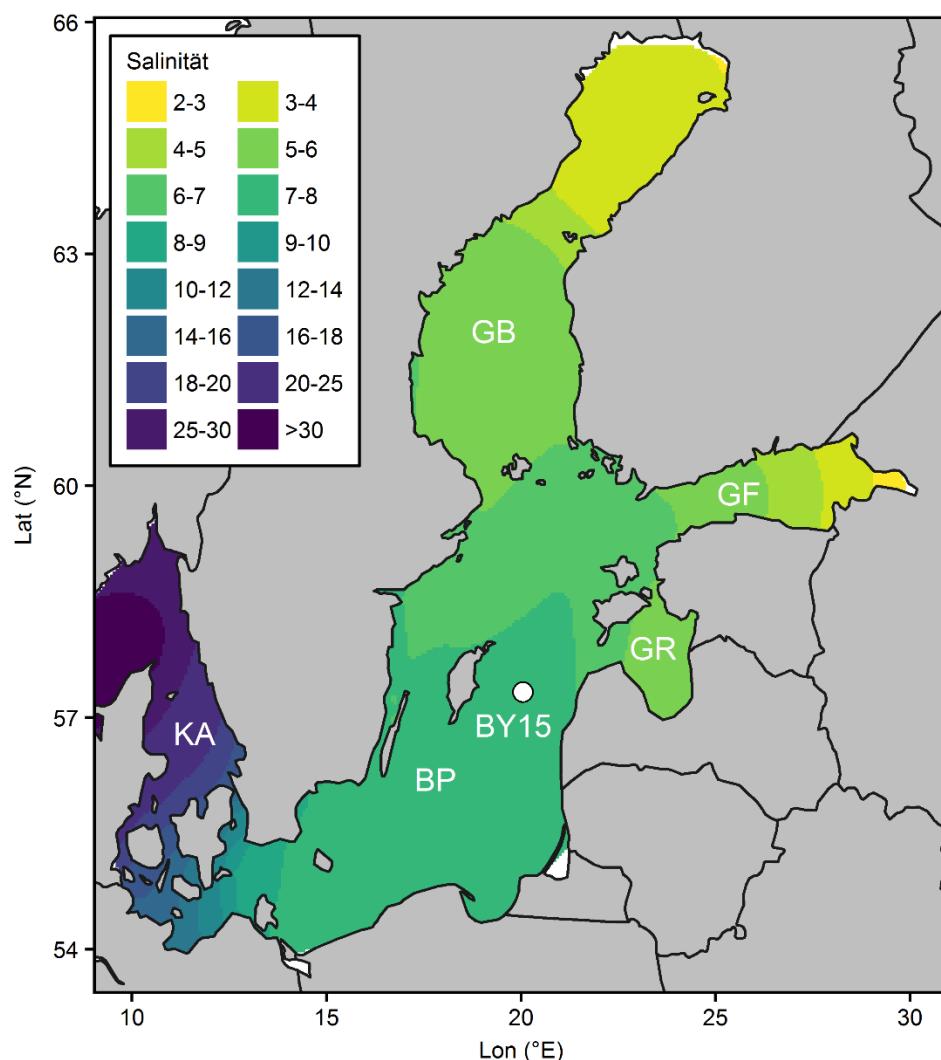
- geringer $|\Delta\text{pH}/\Delta\text{pCO}_2|$
- geringer $|\Delta\Omega/\Delta\text{pCO}_2|$



Voraussetzung für strikte Korrelation zwischen pCO_2 und pH : Gleichbleibende Alkalinität!

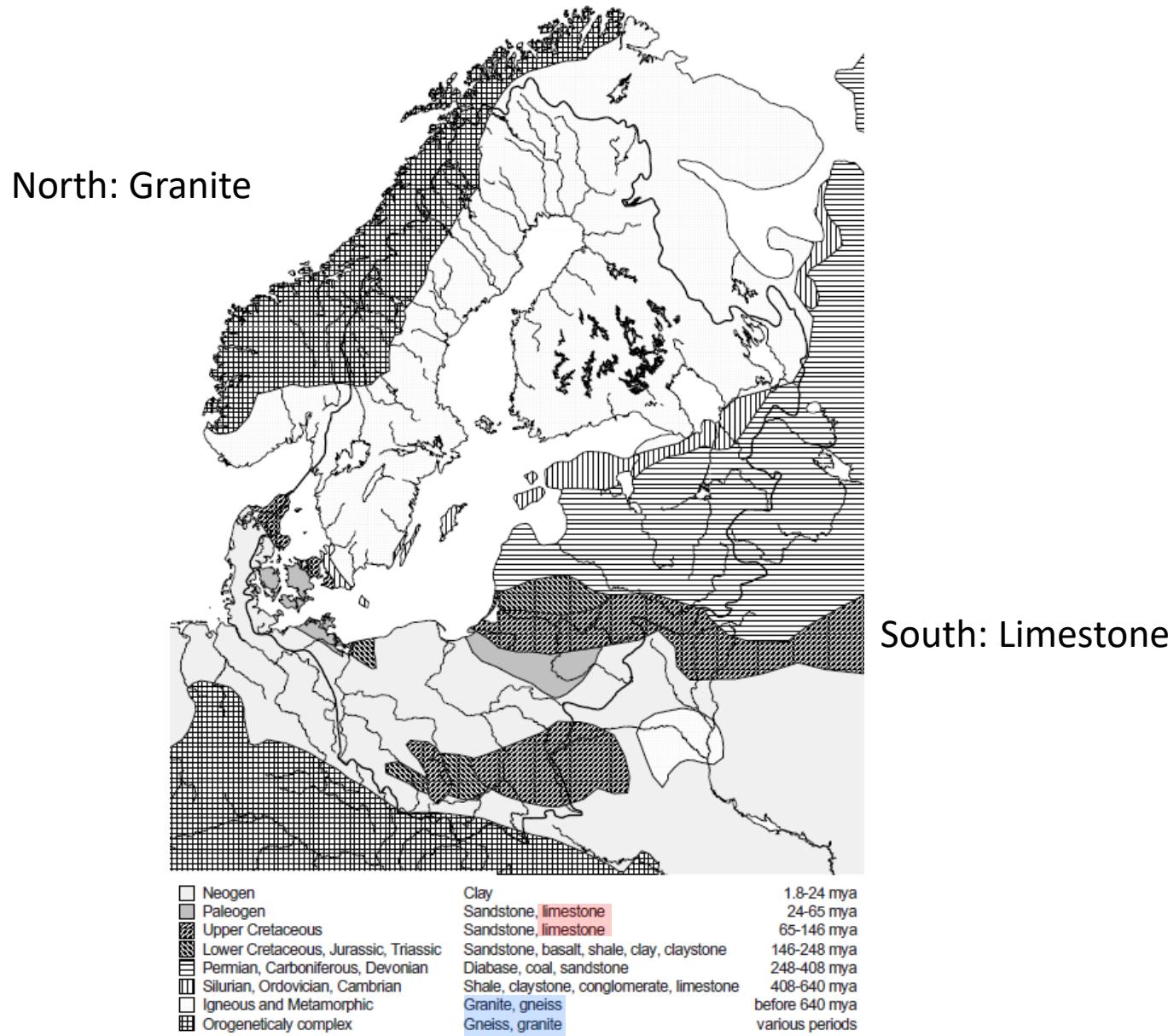
Gibt es auf Zeitskalen der Ozeanversauerung A_T-Änderungen in der Ostsee?

Besonderheiten der Ostsee: Hydrographie und CO₂-System

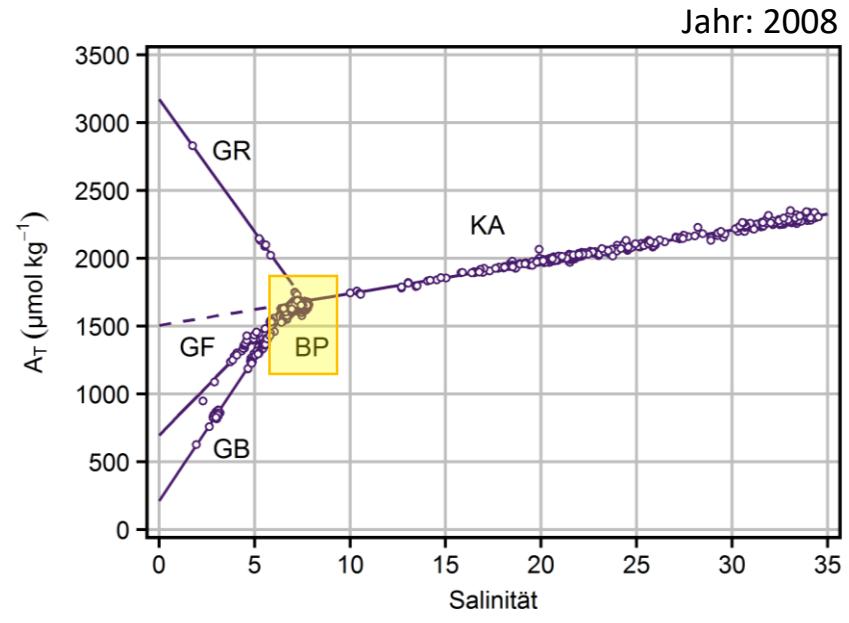
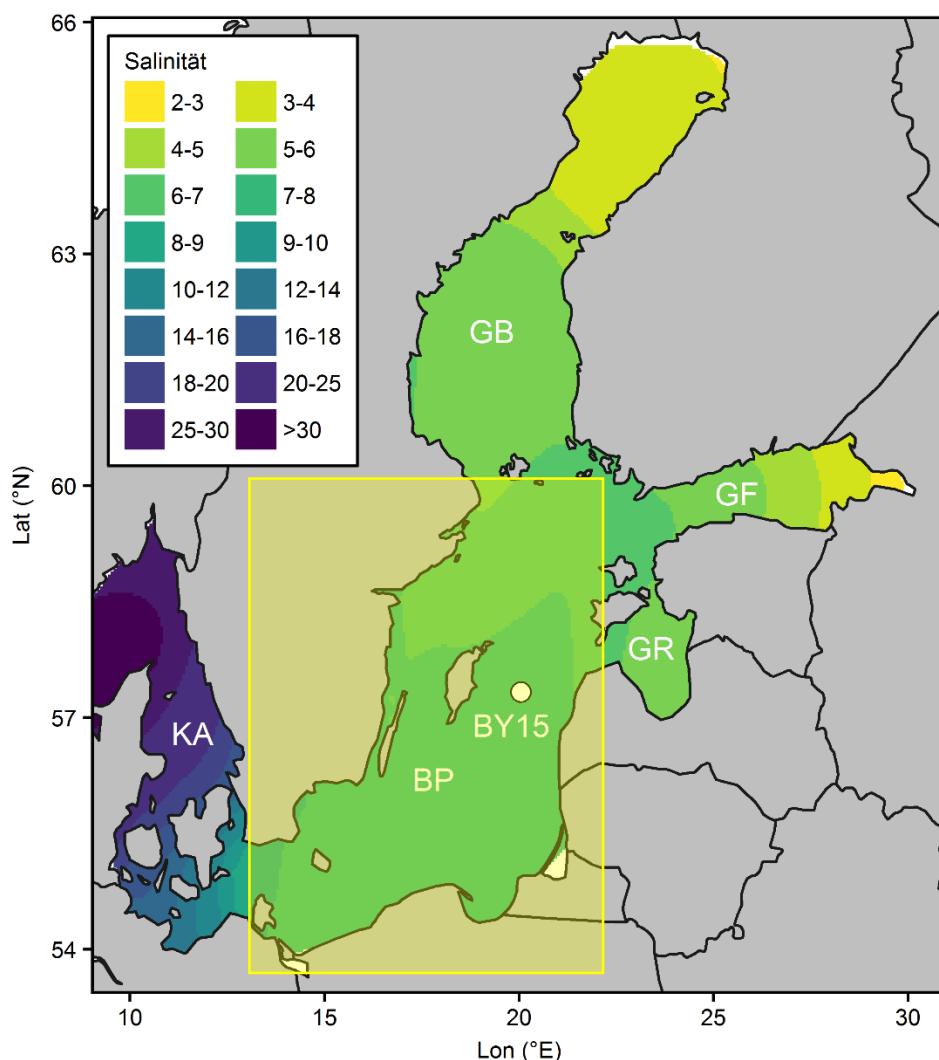


- Salinität und Alkalinität zeigen konservatives Mischungsverhalten
- Flusseinträge bestimmen A_T -S-Beziehung
- Wasserresidenzzeit
 - Ostsee ca. 30 Jahre¹
 - Ozean ca. 10^4 Jahre²

Exkurs: Geology of the Baltic Sea drainage basin



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Kompilierter Alkalinitäts-Datensatz³⁻⁵

- Zeitraum: 1906 - 2015
- 31436 Messungen
- Oberflächenwasser <20 m

¹Helcom (1993); ²Sarmiento und Gruber (2006); ³Hjalmarsson et al. (2008); ⁴SHARK data base (2015); ⁵M. Pertilla (pers. comm.)

Alkalinitätstrends in der zentralen Ostsee

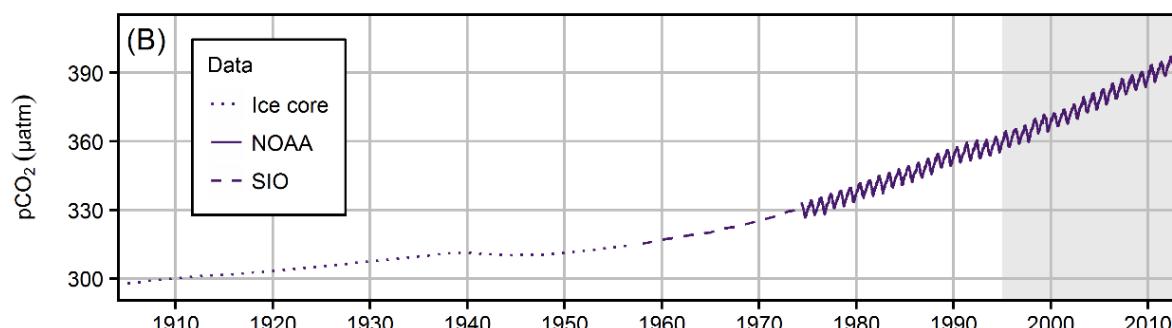
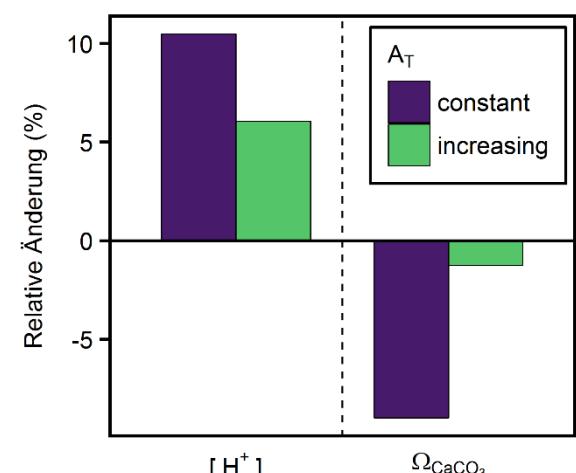
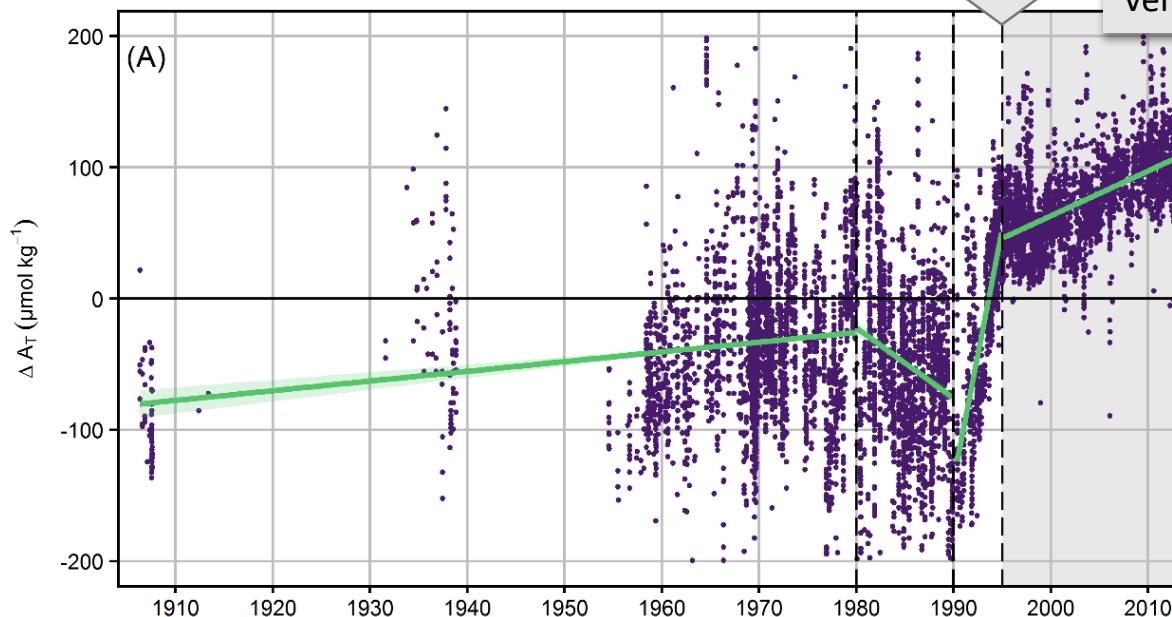
Einführung von Referenzmaterialien!

1995 - 2014

Rate: $+3.4 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

Relative Änderung: +5%

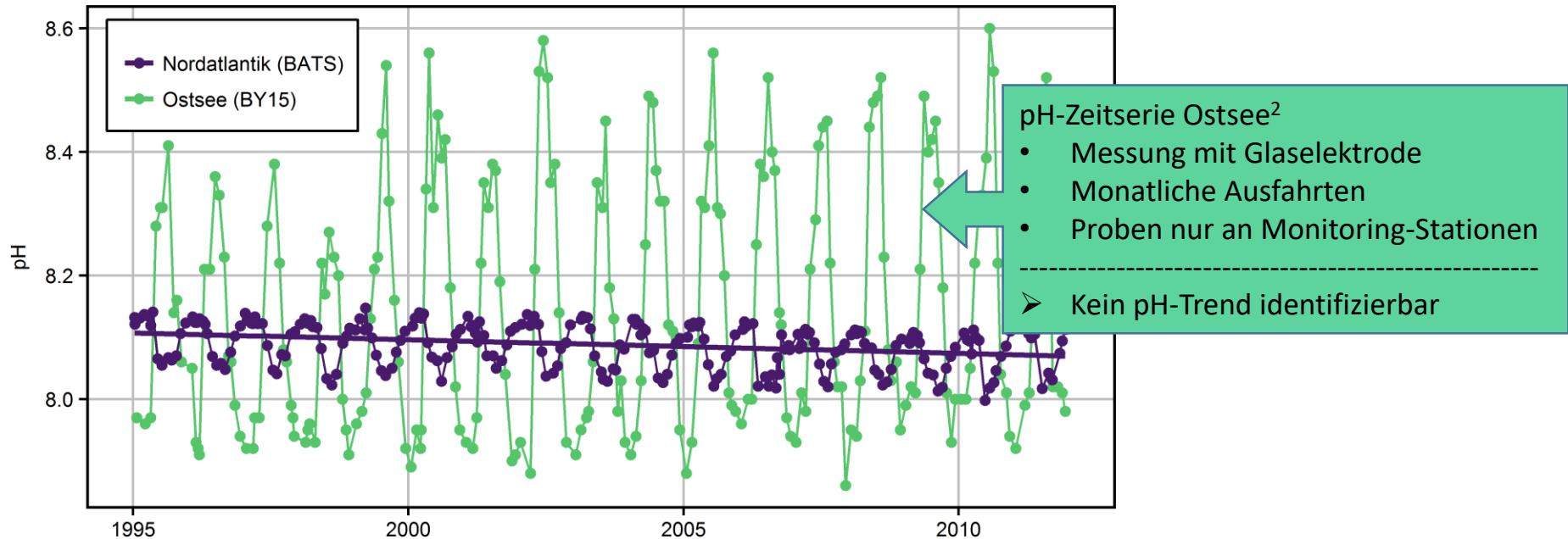
Vergl. Nordatlantik: +0.1%



A_T -Anstieg wirkte
Ozeanversauerung durch
 CO_2 -Aufnahme entgegen!

pH Variabilität: Vergleich Ostsee (BY15) und Nordatlantik (BATS)

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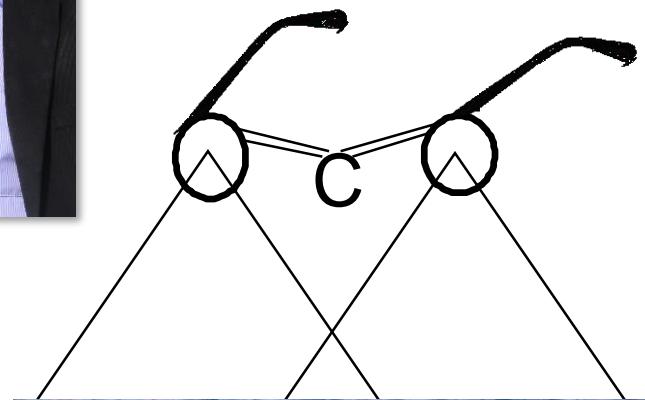
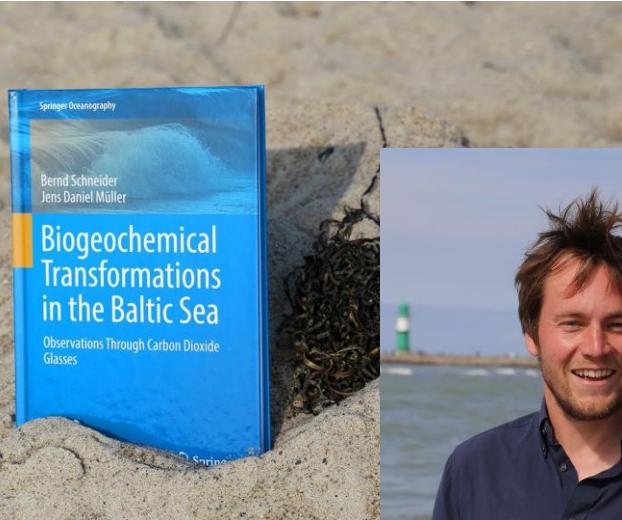


Fazit Ostsee

- Alkalinitätsanstieg pufferete Ozeanversauerung, Prognose unmöglich
- Starke pH-Schwankungen überlagern möglichen Langzeit-Trend
- Bisher keine adäquate pH-Messtechnik

➤ Zeitlich und räumlich hochauflöste, genaue pH-Messungen erforderlich

Biogeochemical transformations in the Baltic Sea: Observations through carbon dioxide glasses



Tracking biogeochemical transformations – Why CO₂ ?

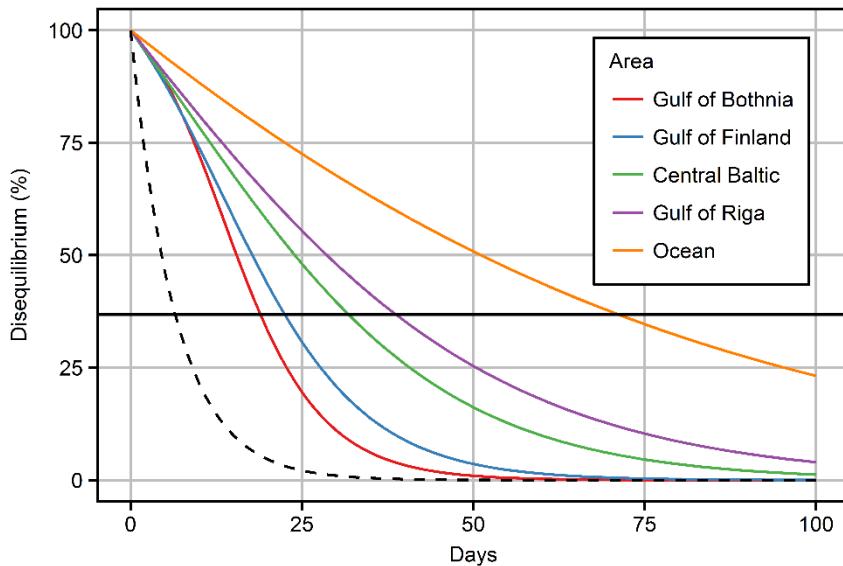
Nutrients

- Small amounts
- Deviations from Redfield



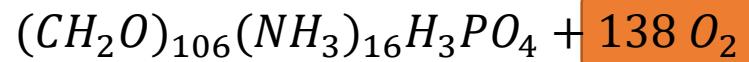
Carbon dioxide

- Retarded equilibration
- Inevitably involved in production/mineralization



Mineralization

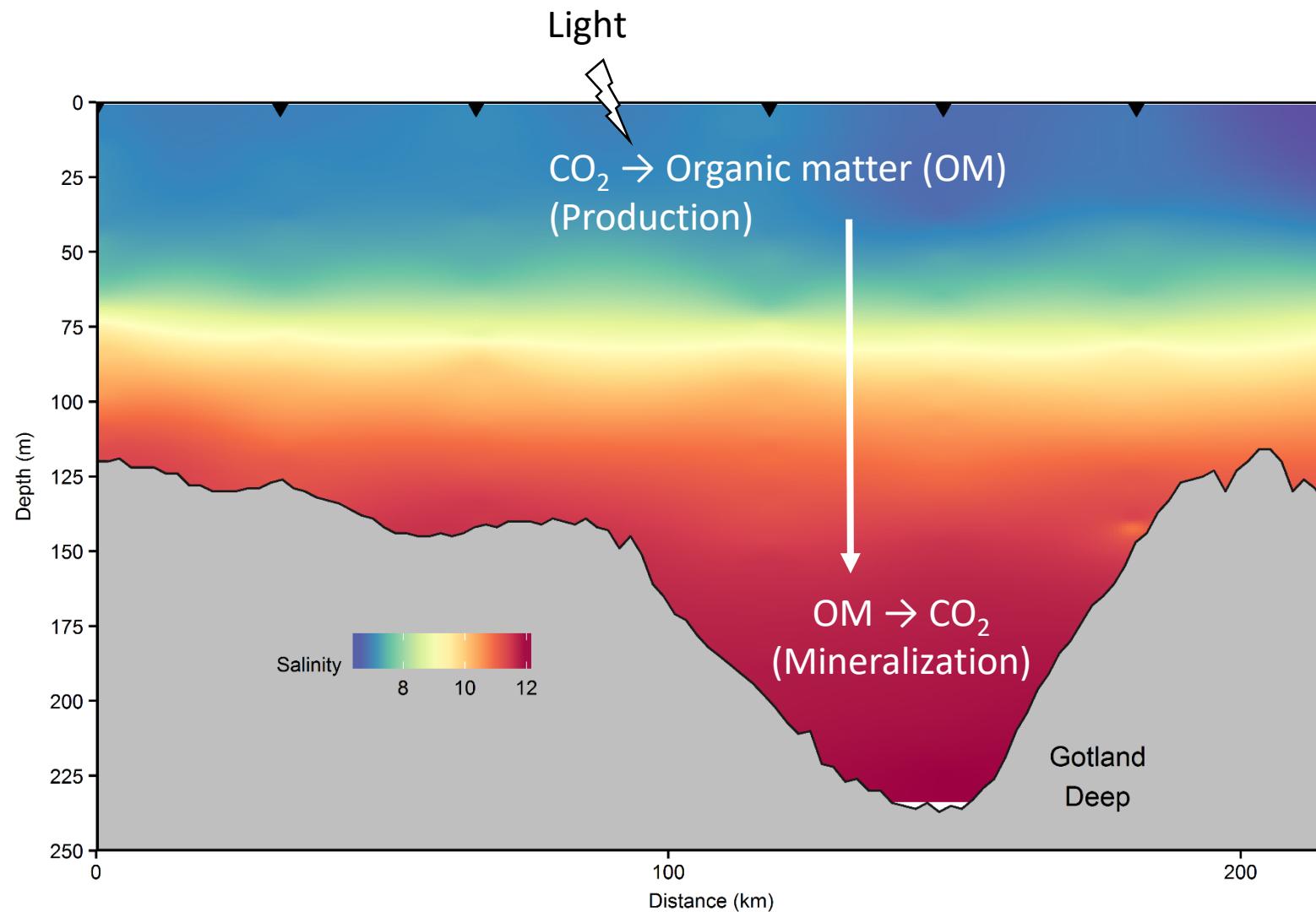
Organic matter production



Oxygen

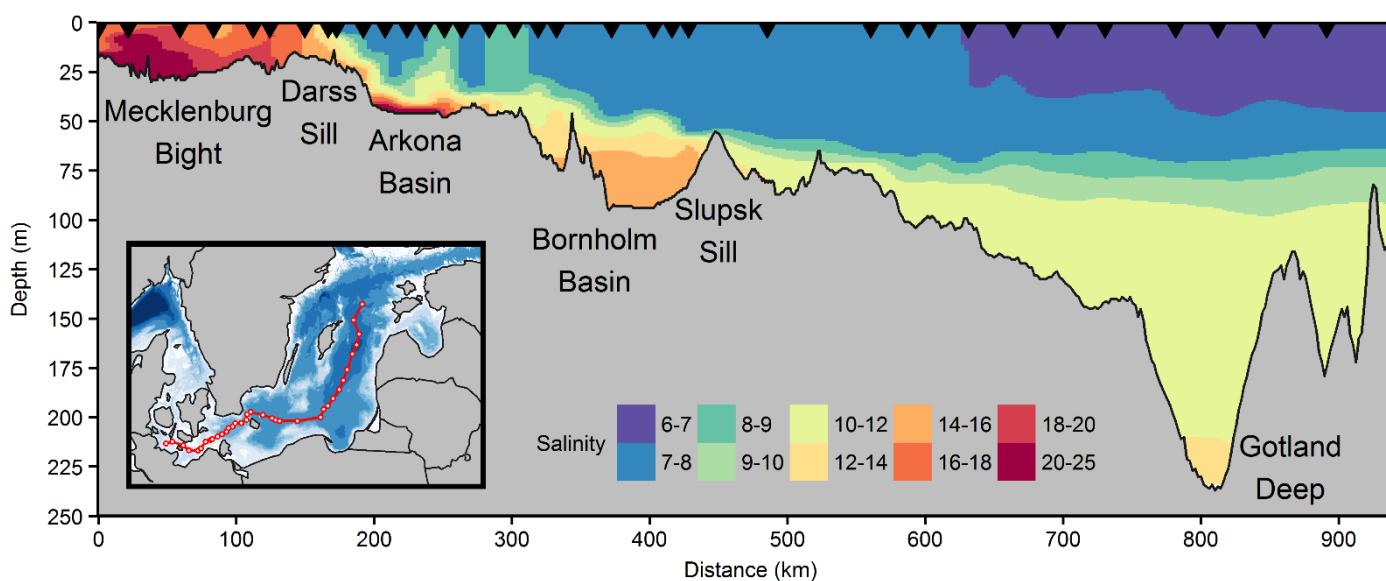
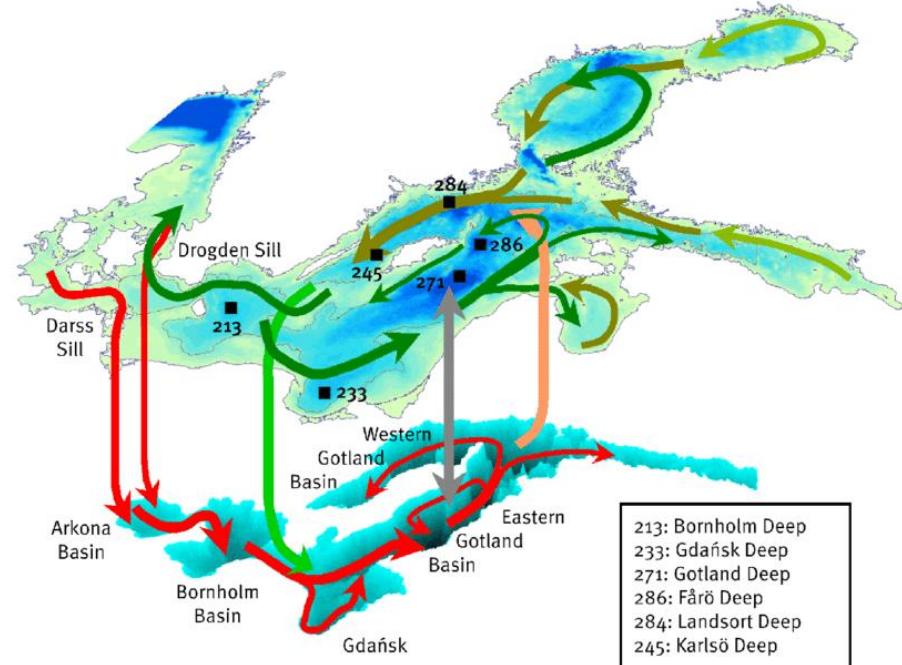
- Alternative e⁻-acceptors
- Fast equilibration

Tracking biogeochemical transformations - What to detect?



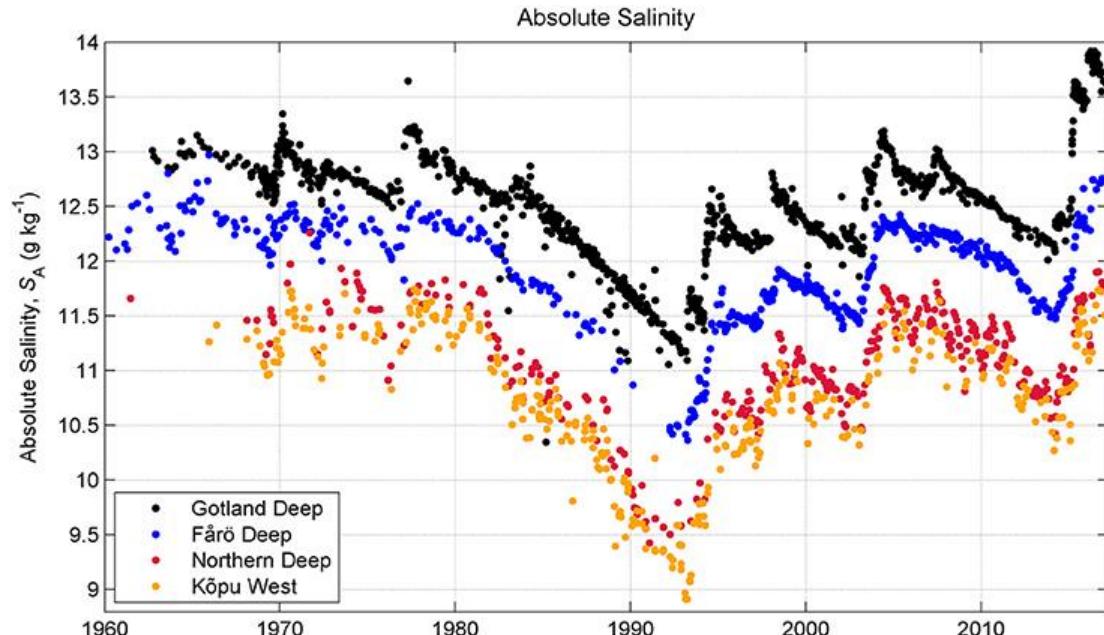
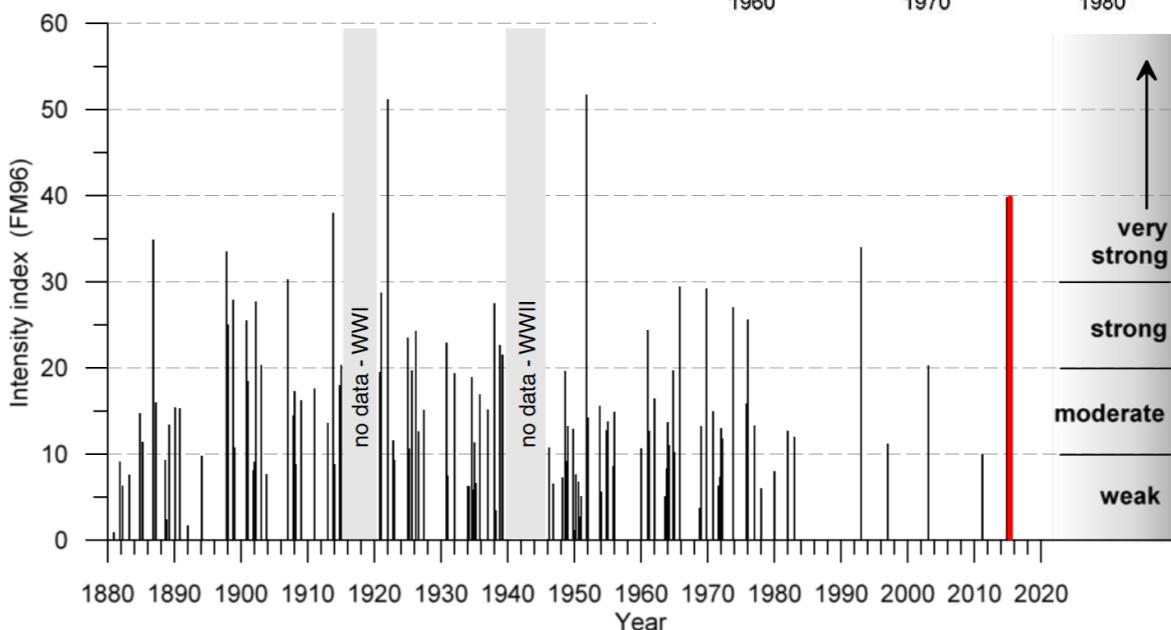
Baltic Sea: Estuarine circulation

- Salty and dense water from the North Sea fills the deep basins of the Baltic Sea
- A surplus of less saline surface water from river discharge flows out of the Baltic Sea



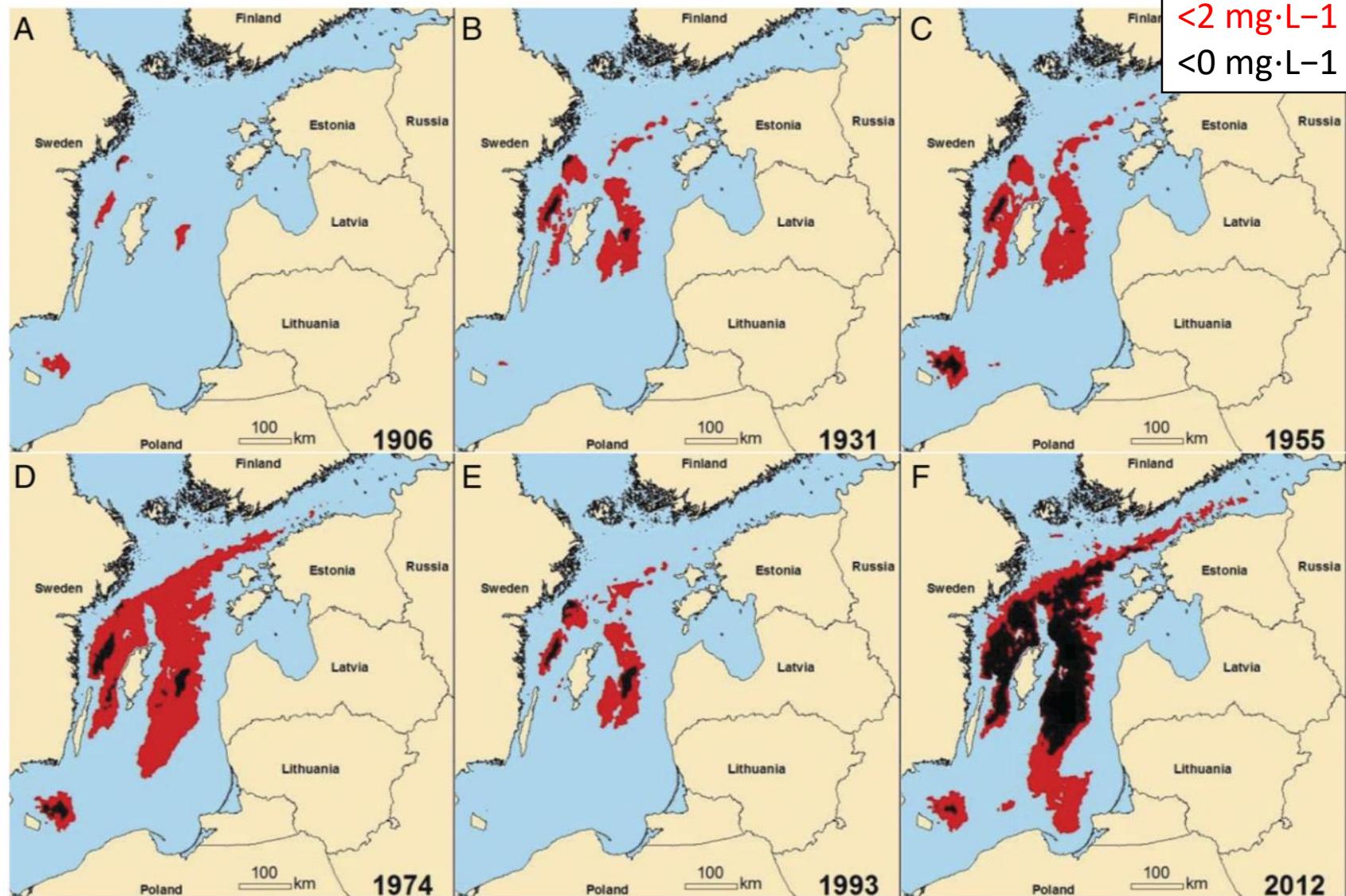
Major Baltic Inflow (MBI) events

- Saltwater inflows happen in large inflow events

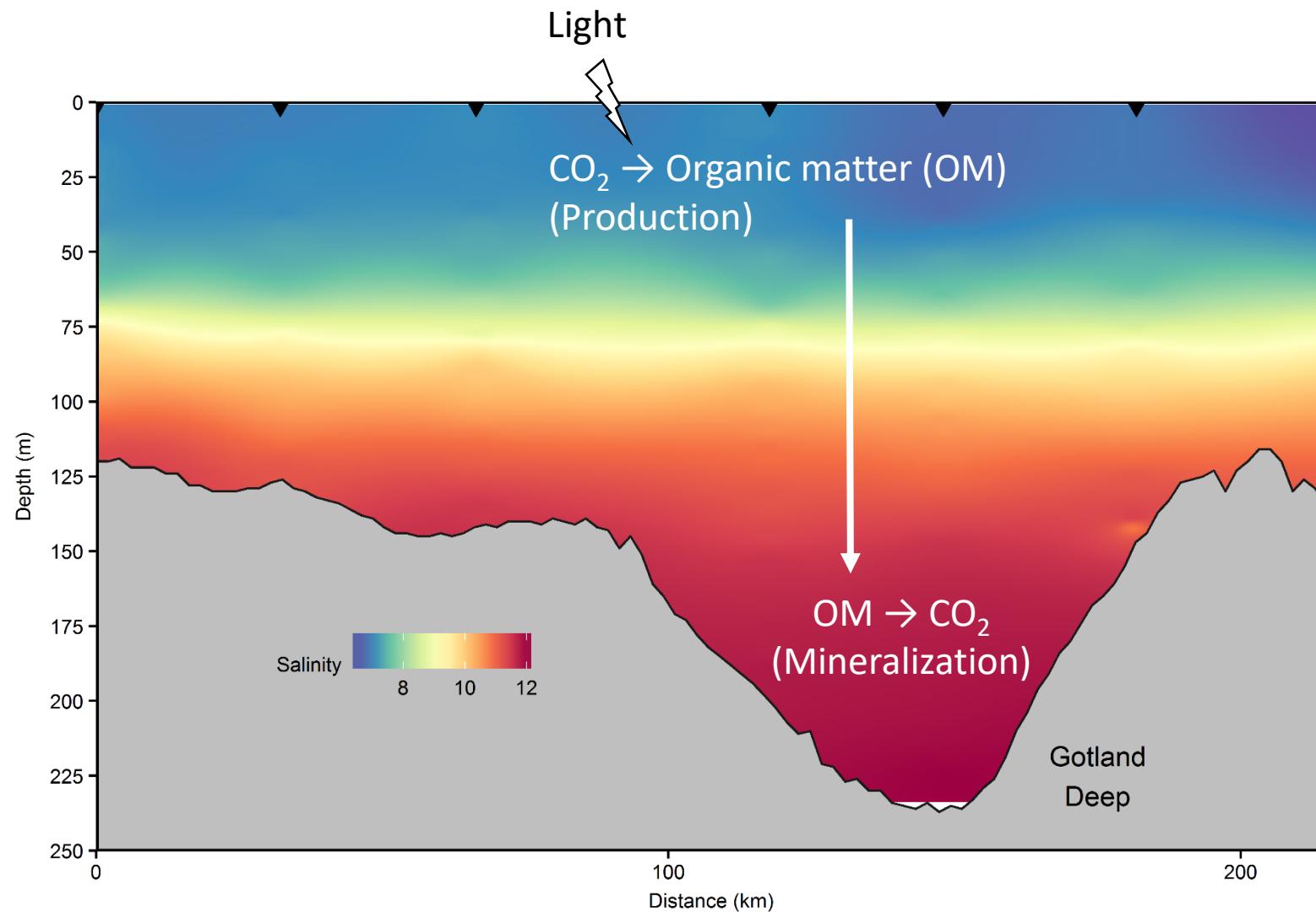


Increasing hypoxic and anoxic areas (dead zones)

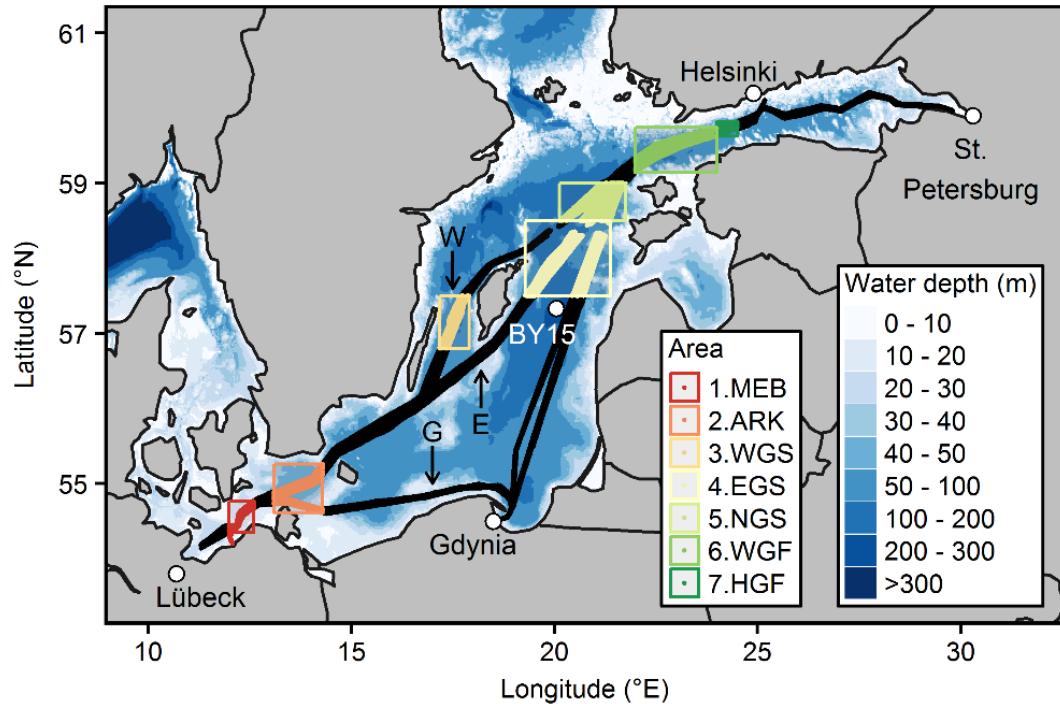
Bottom oxygen



Tracking biogeochemical transformations - What to detect?



Observation of the Baltic Sea CO₂-system since 2003



Monitoring BY15

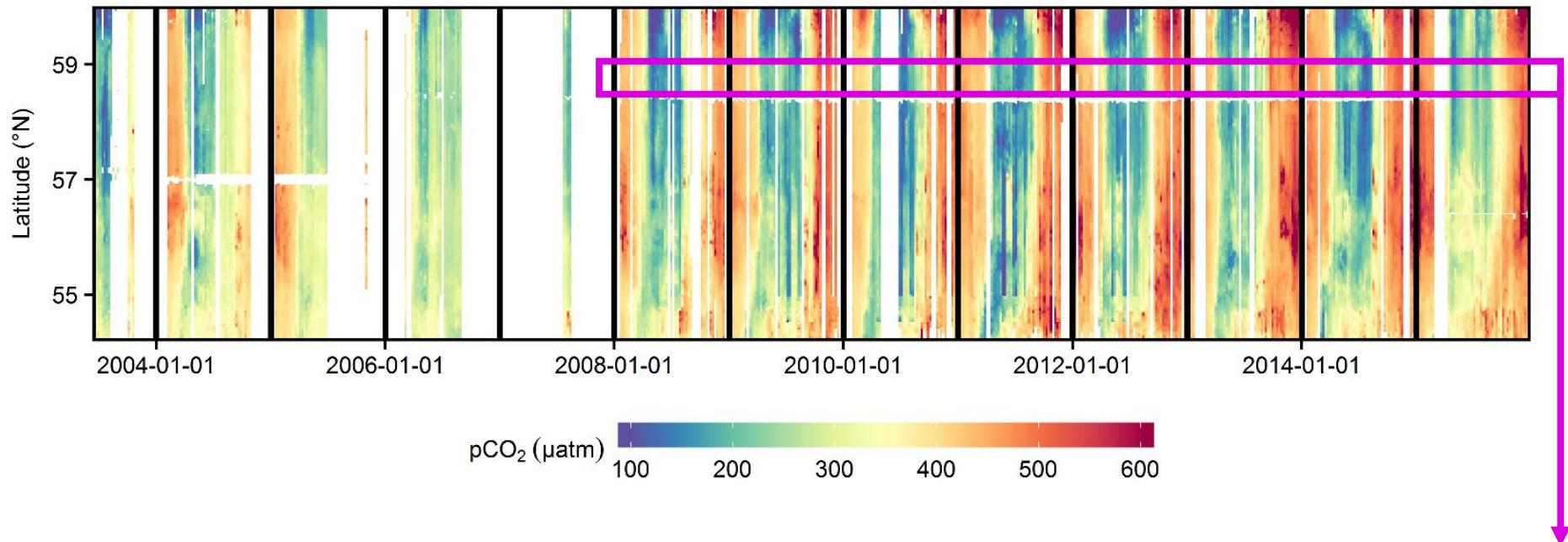
- Discrete C_T measurements
- 100 – 233m in steps of 25m
- Total: 58 profiles
- Mineralization studies



VOS Finnmaid

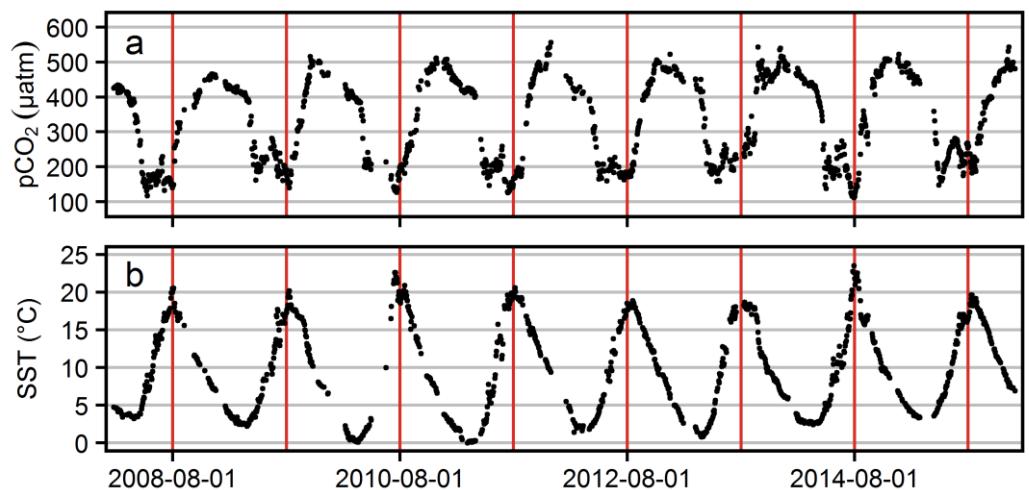
- Automated pCO₂ measurements
 - Up to 5 transects / week
 - Total: 1600 transects
 - Mainly eastern route (E)
 - Production studies

Surface water pCO₂ patterns



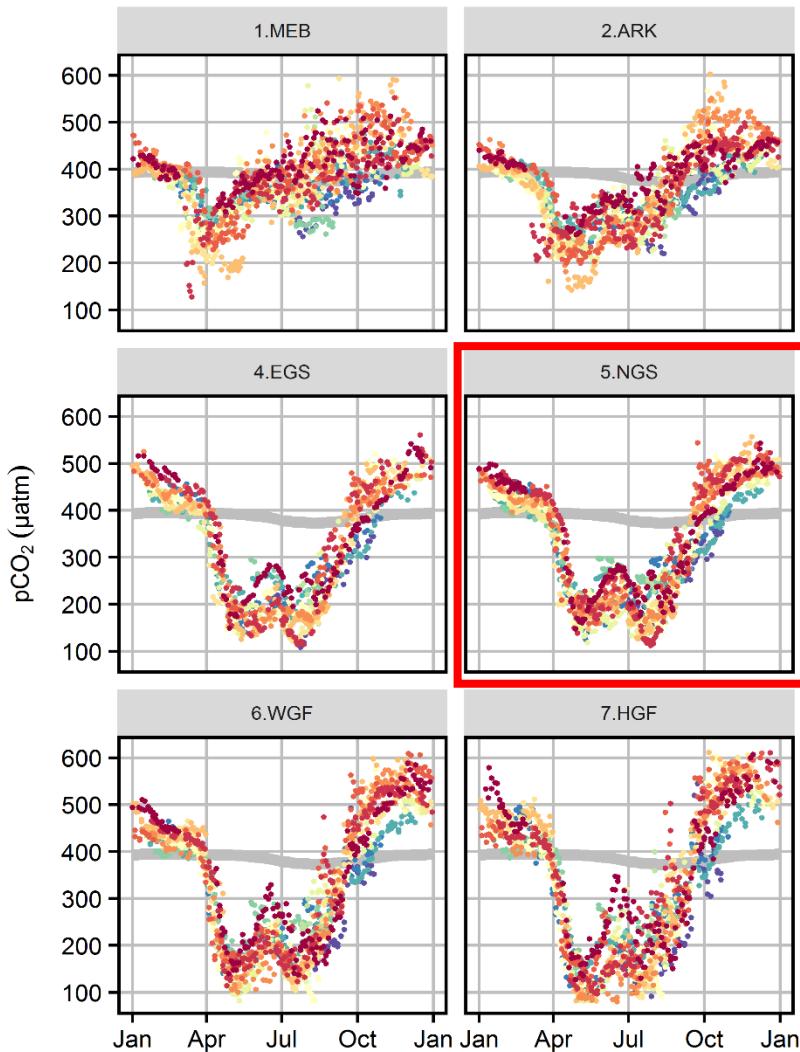
Characteristics

- Strong pCO₂ amplitude:
 - S->N gradient
- Anti-correlation with temperature:
 - Biological control

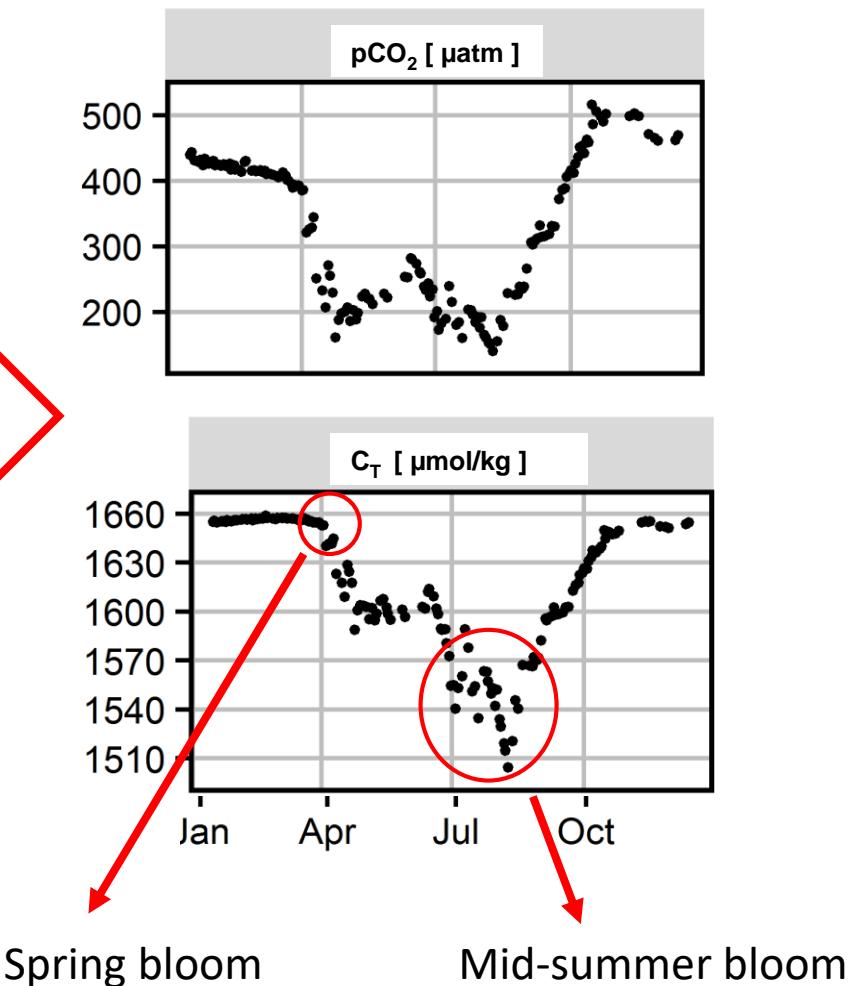


Walk through the seasons: bimodal pCO₂ pattern

The seasonality of pCO₂, 2003 – 2014.



The fine structure of the CO₂ partial pressure (pCO₂) and total CO₂ (C_T) seasonality in the northern Gotland Sea (2009)



Spring bloom net community production, integrated over depth, iNCP [mmol-C/m²]

Not available for mid-summer bloom!

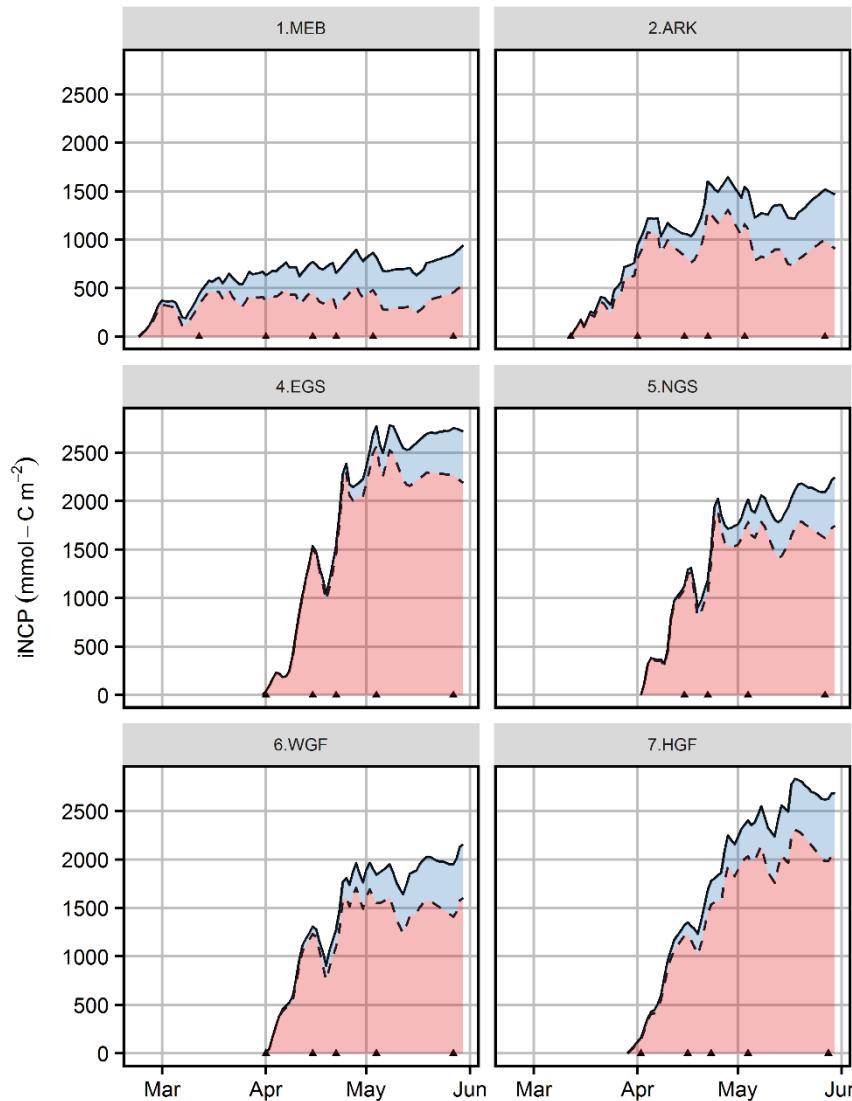
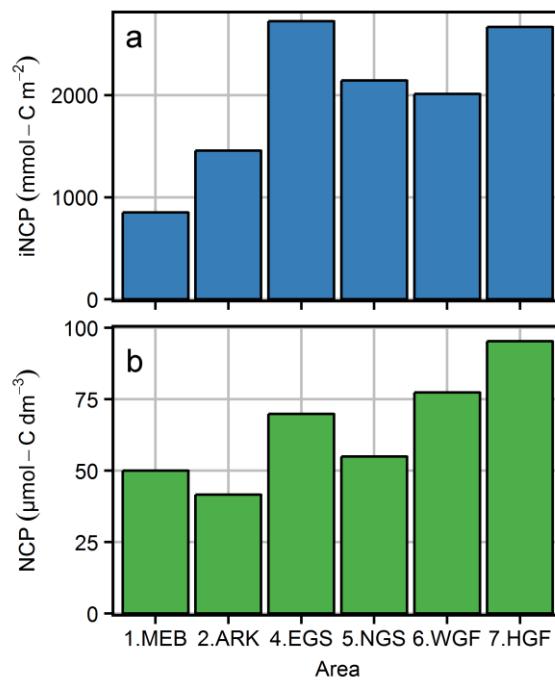
$$iNCP = (\Delta C_T \cdot z_{eff} + F_{AS} \cdot \Delta t) \cdot 0.8$$

F_{AS} – CO₂ exchange with the atmosphere;

Z_{eff} – effective penetration depth;

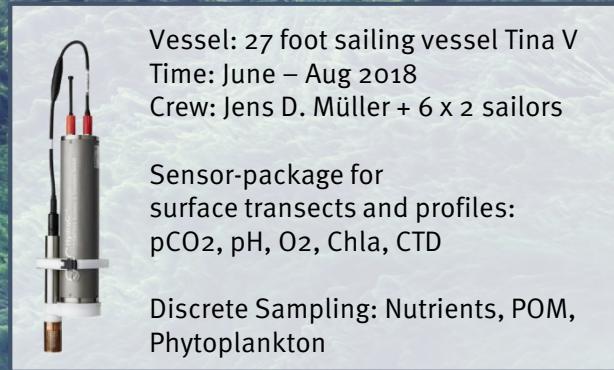
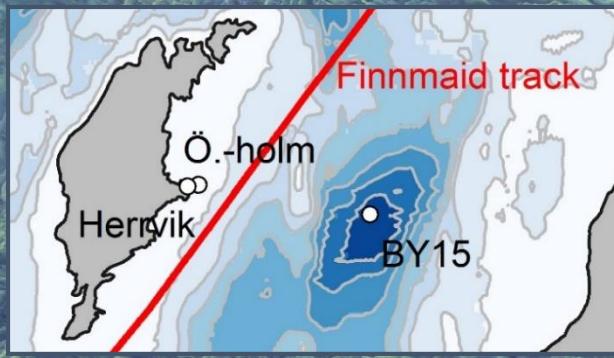
Δt considered time intervall;

All sub-transects:



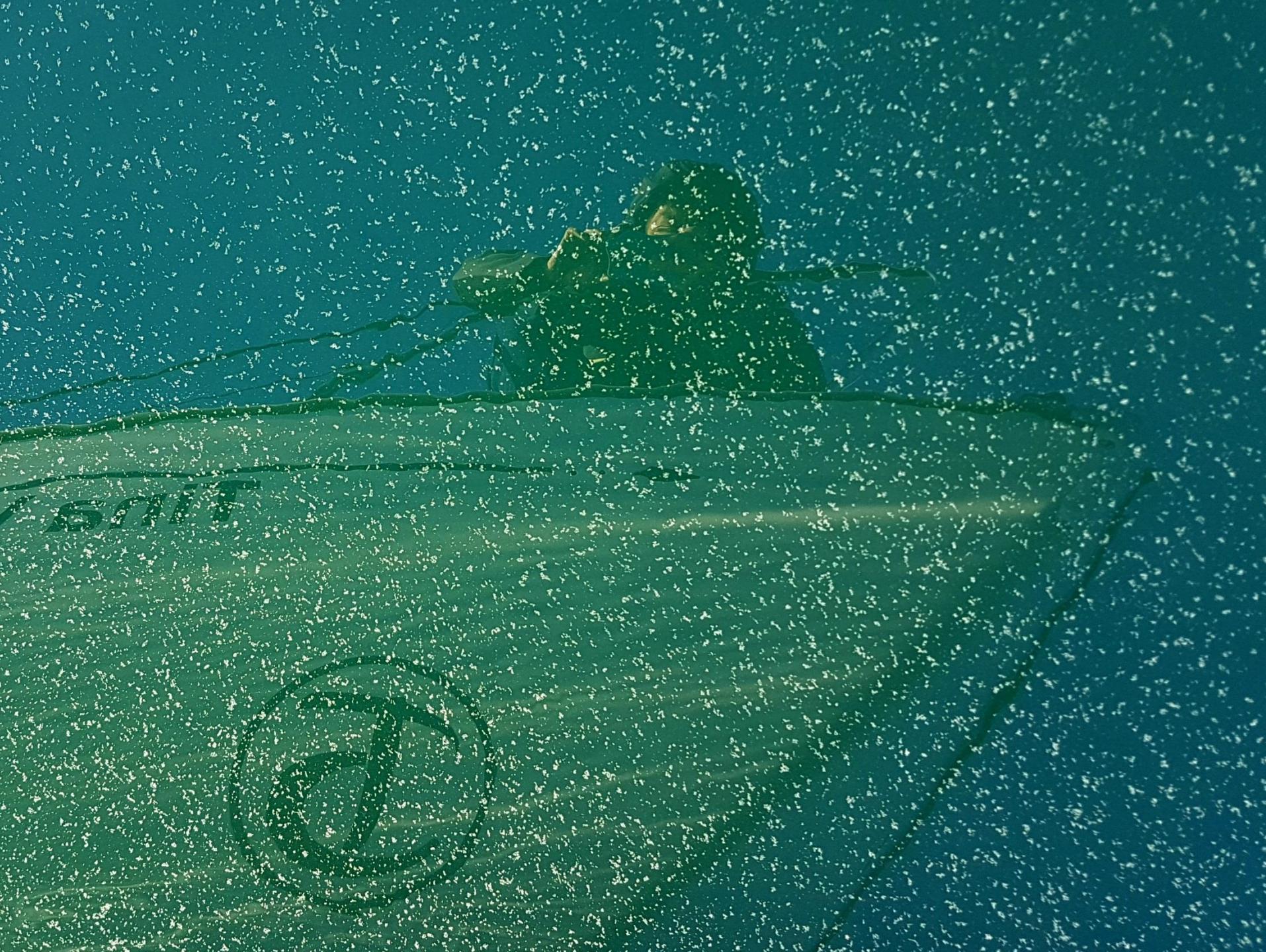
⑤ #BloomSail

Chasing Cyanobacteria Blooms
in the Baltic Sea with SV Tina V





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Niedlich







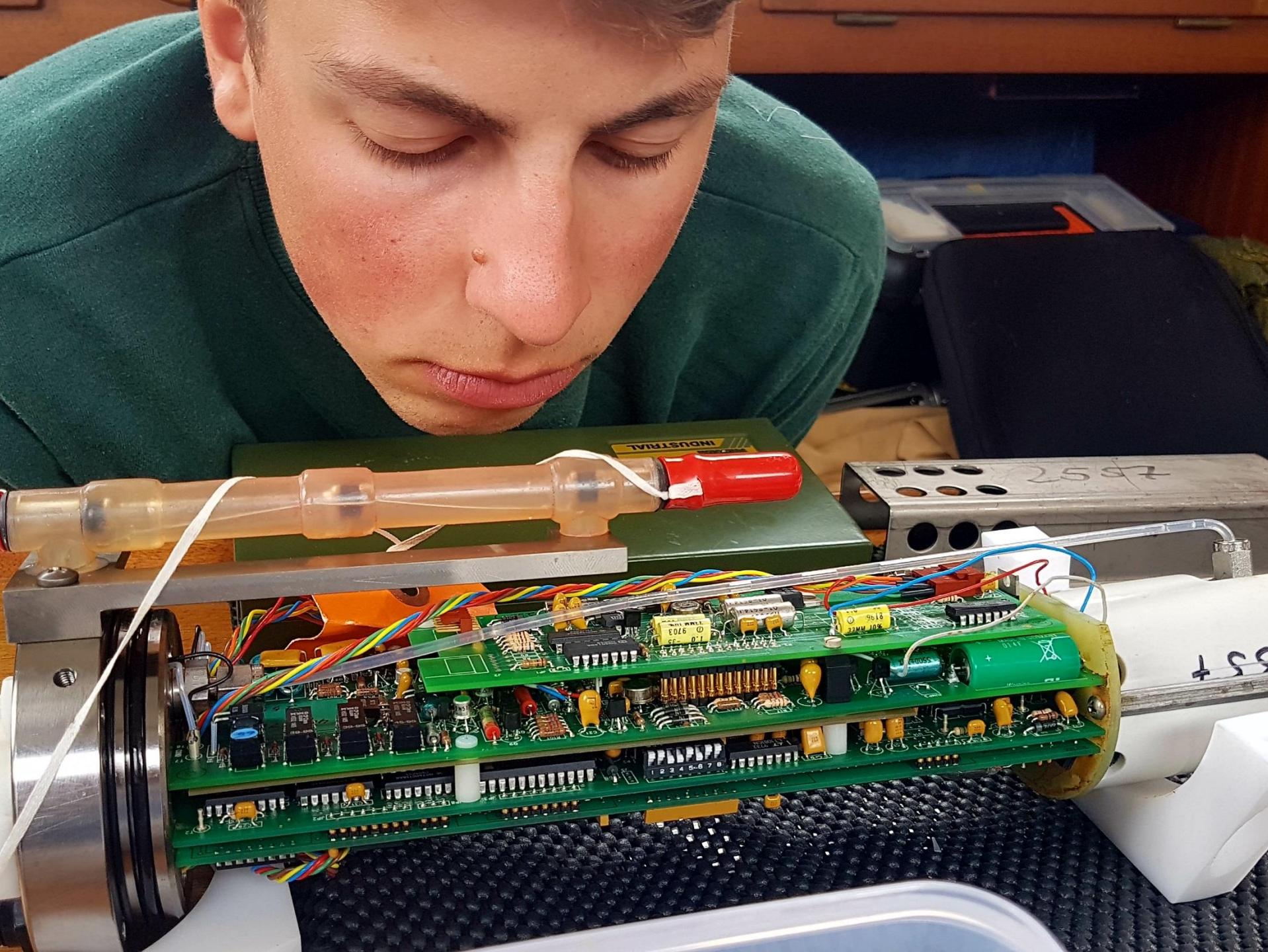










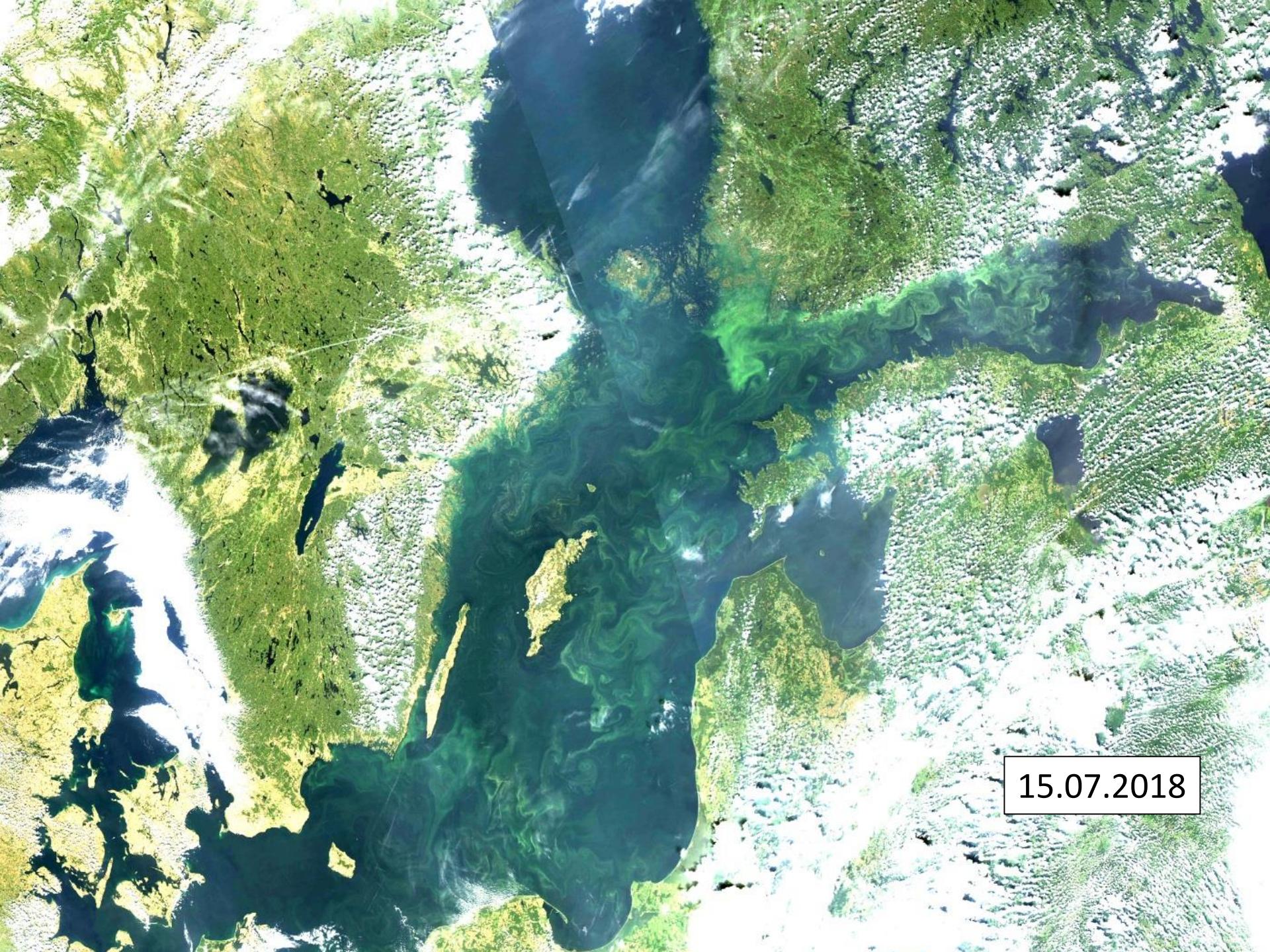




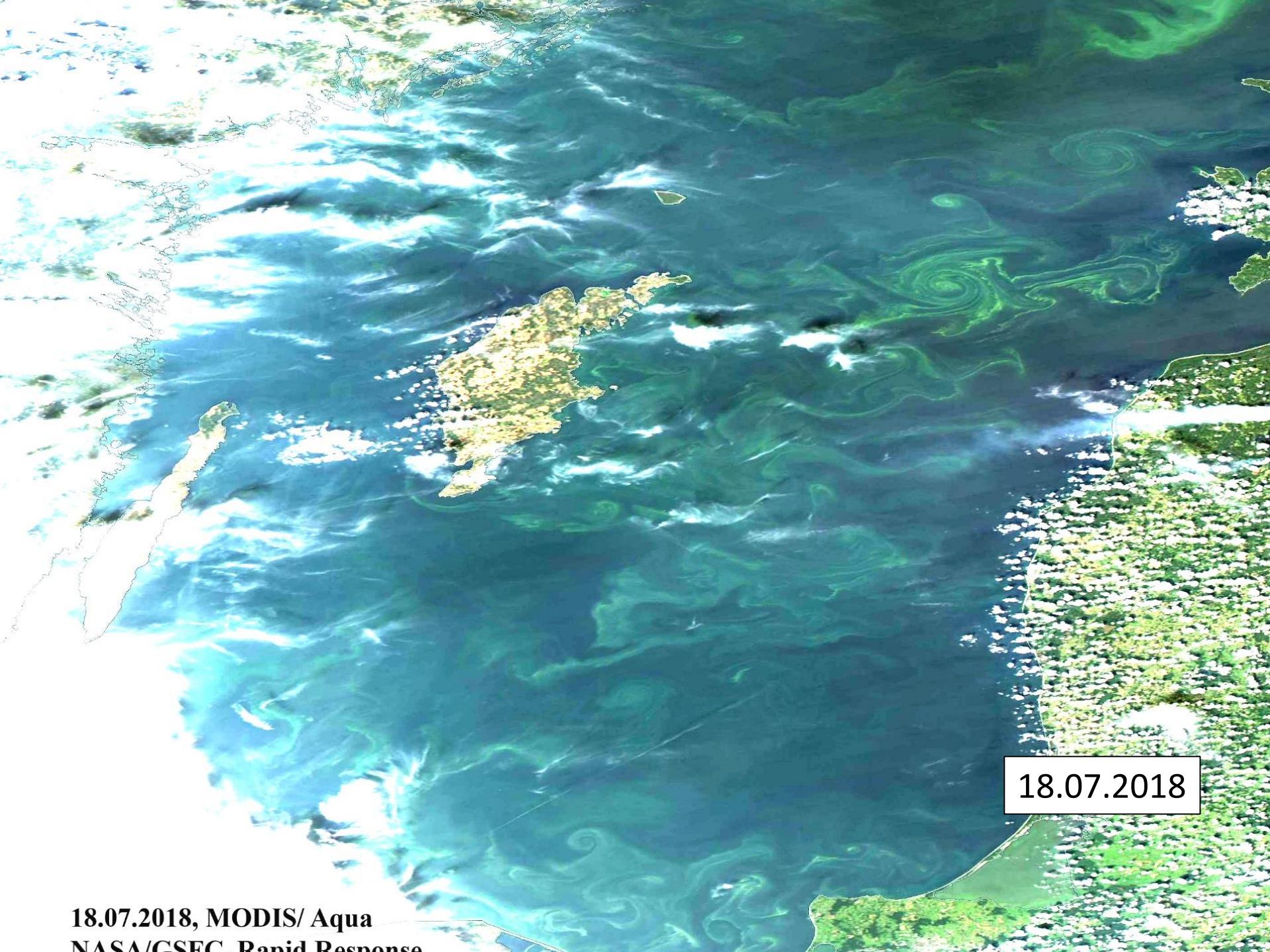




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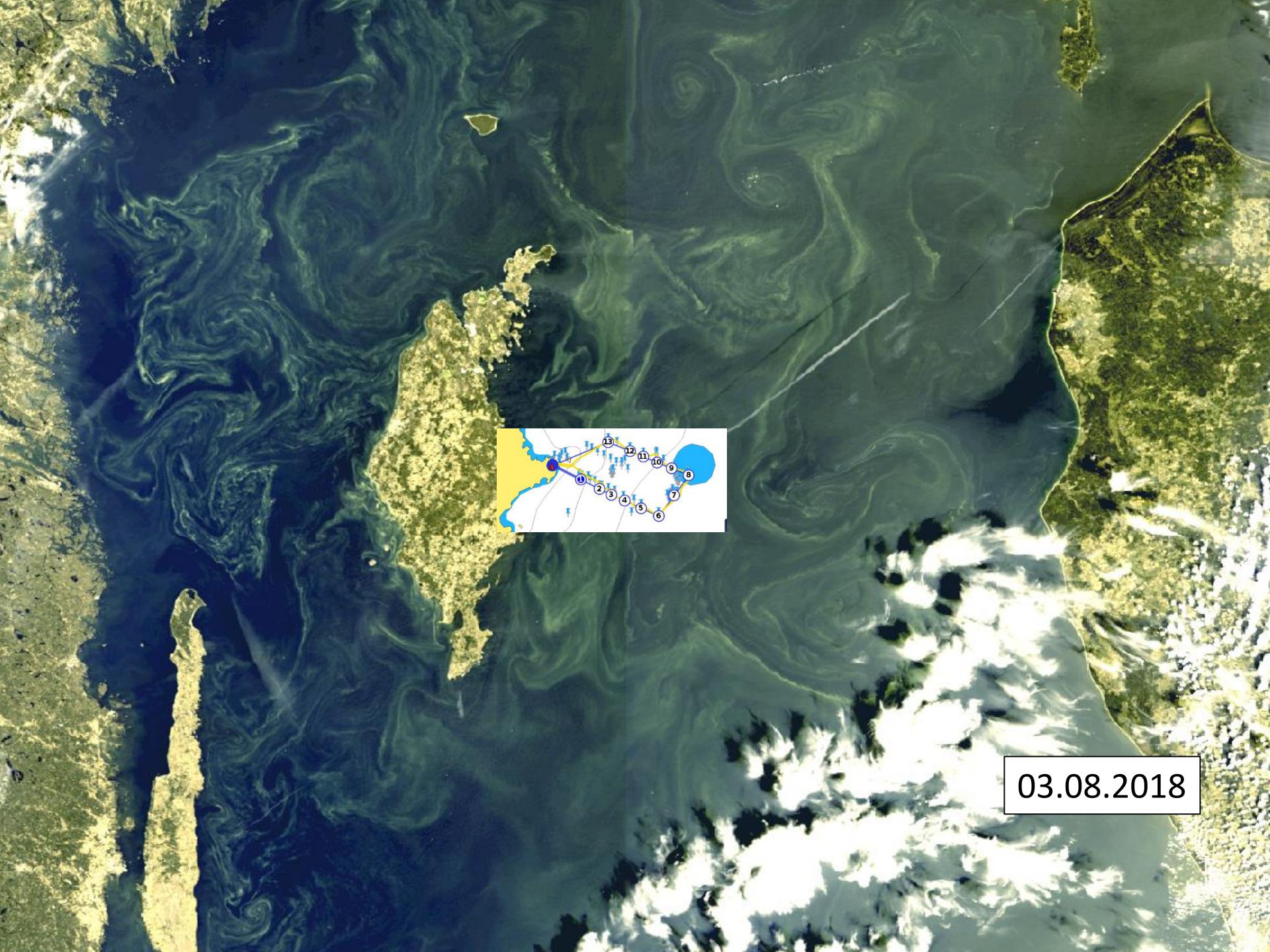
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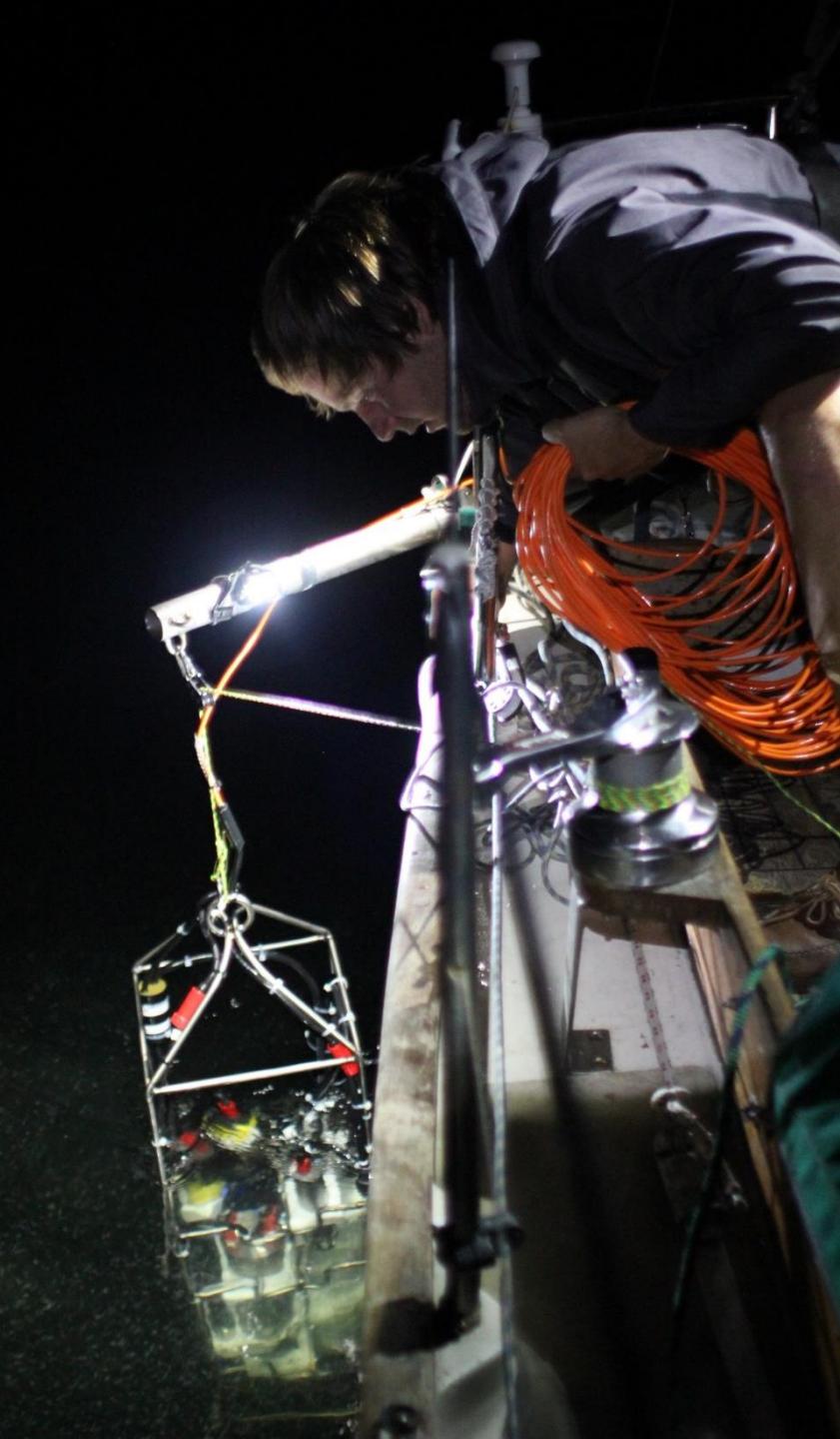
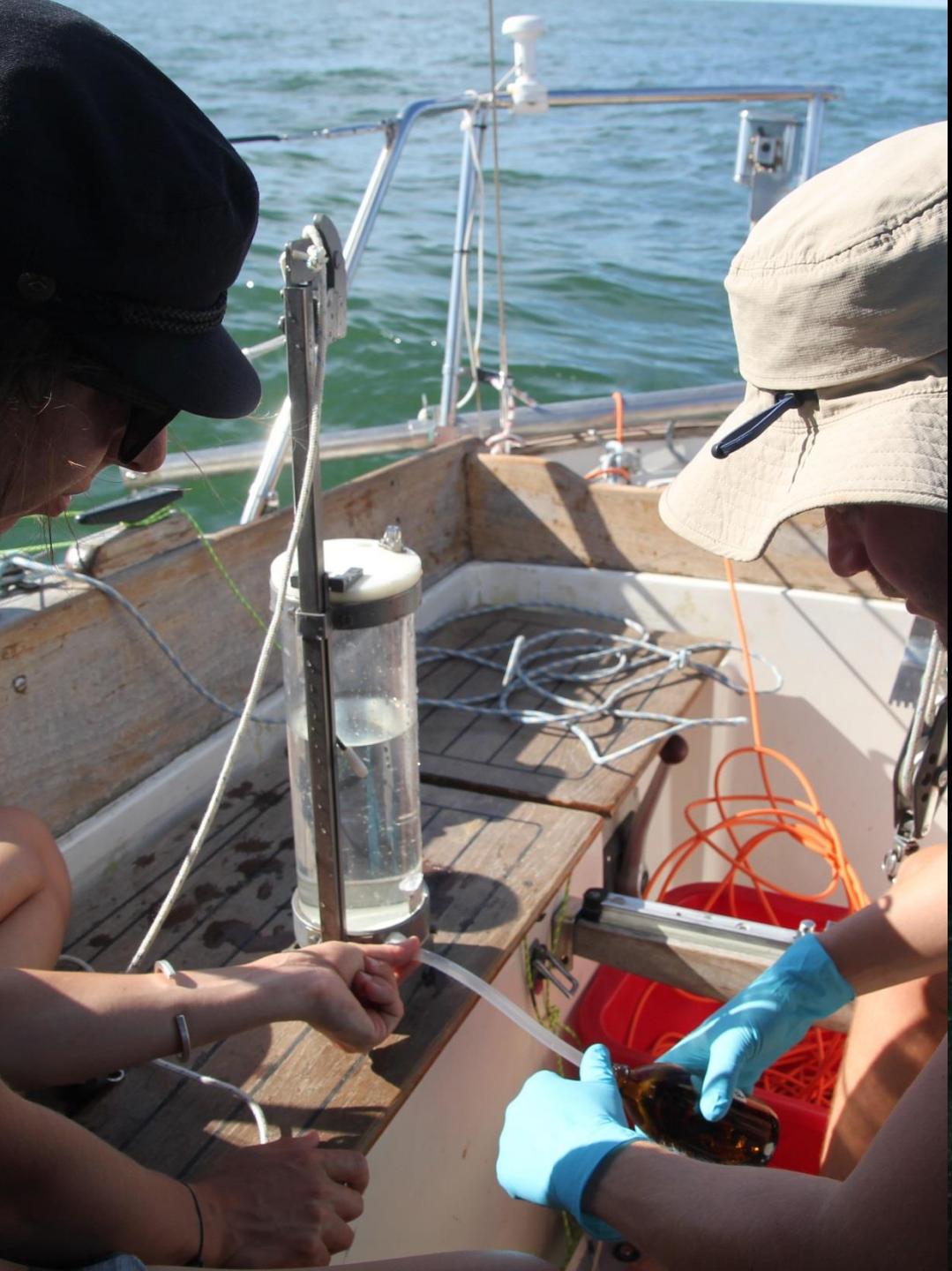






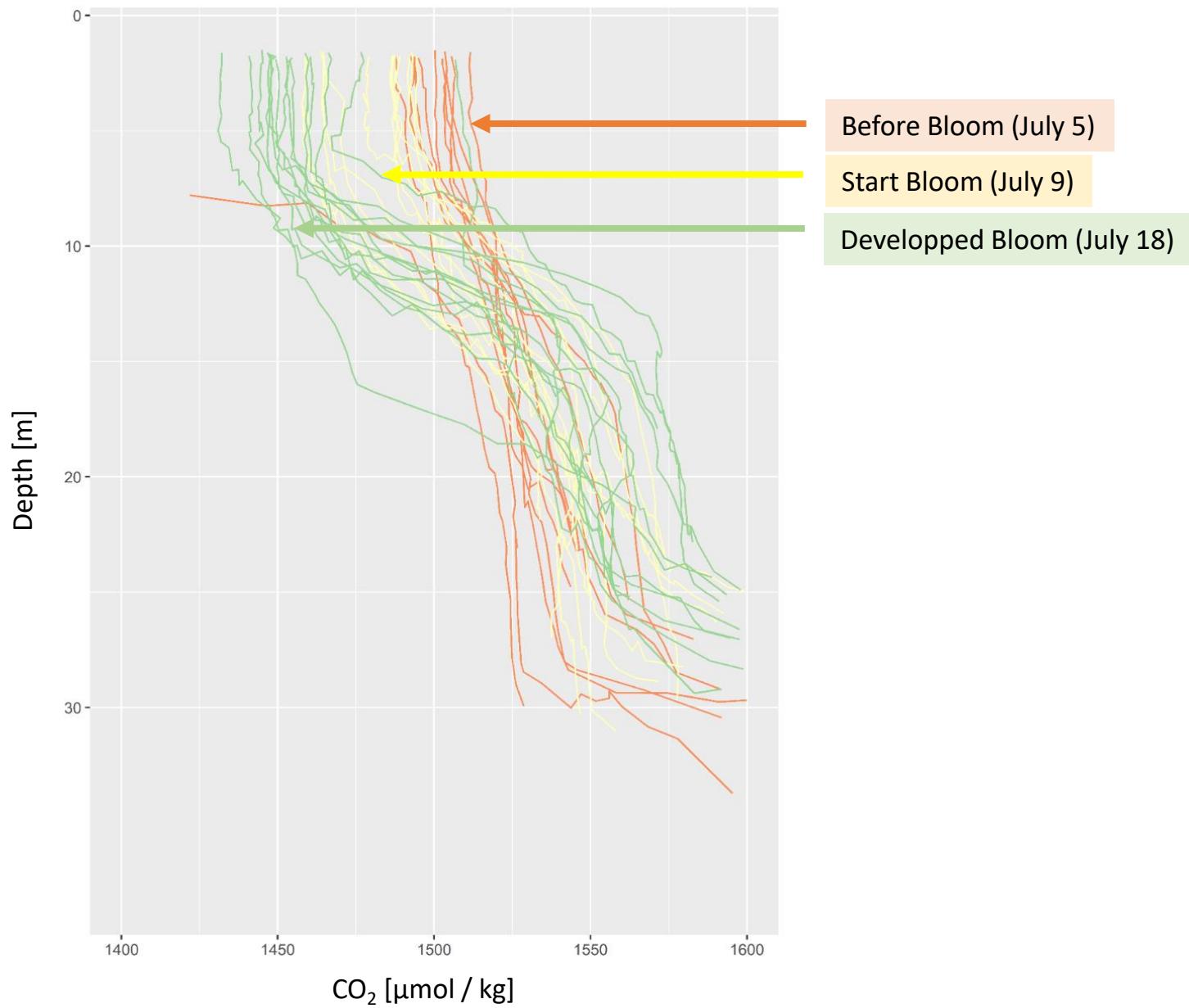
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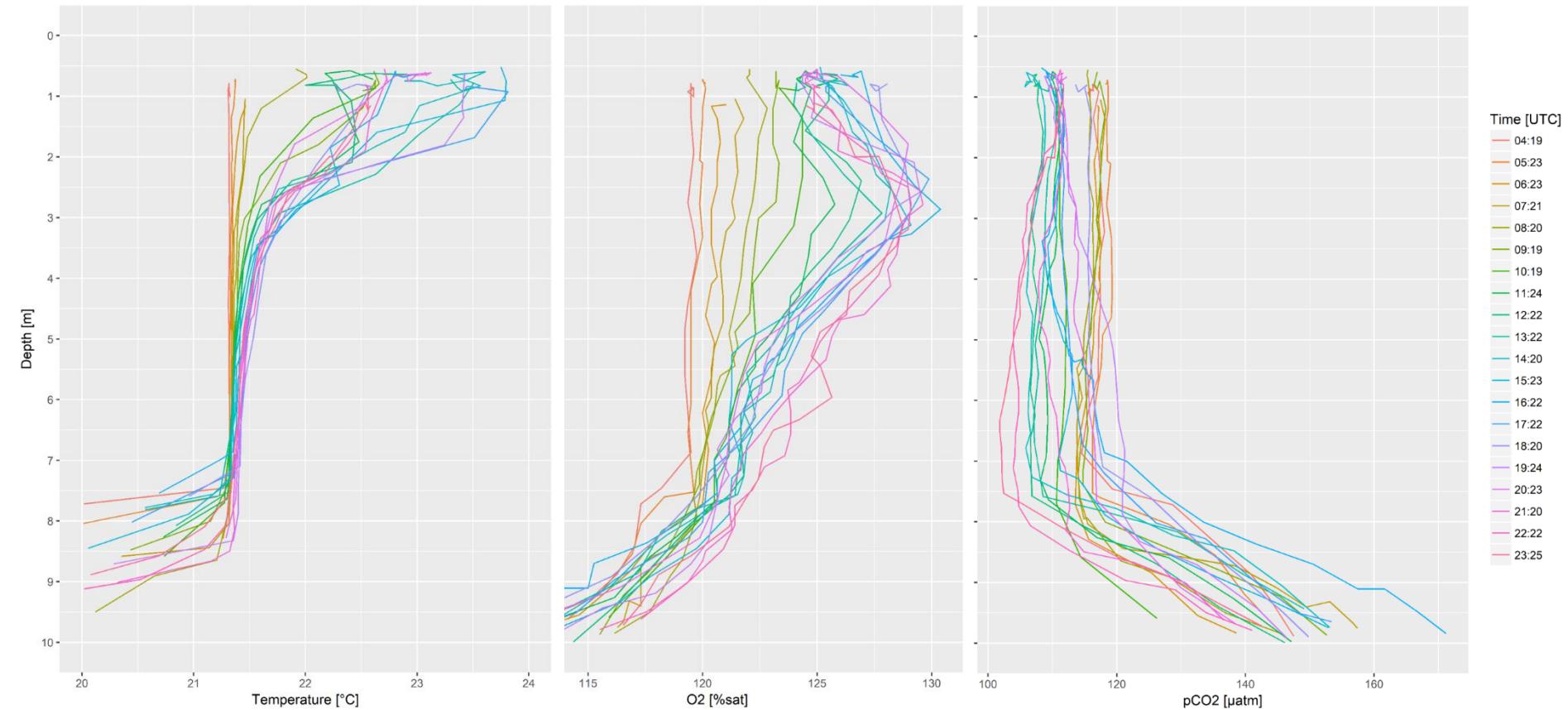
Vertical CO₂ distribution during Cyanobacteria bloom

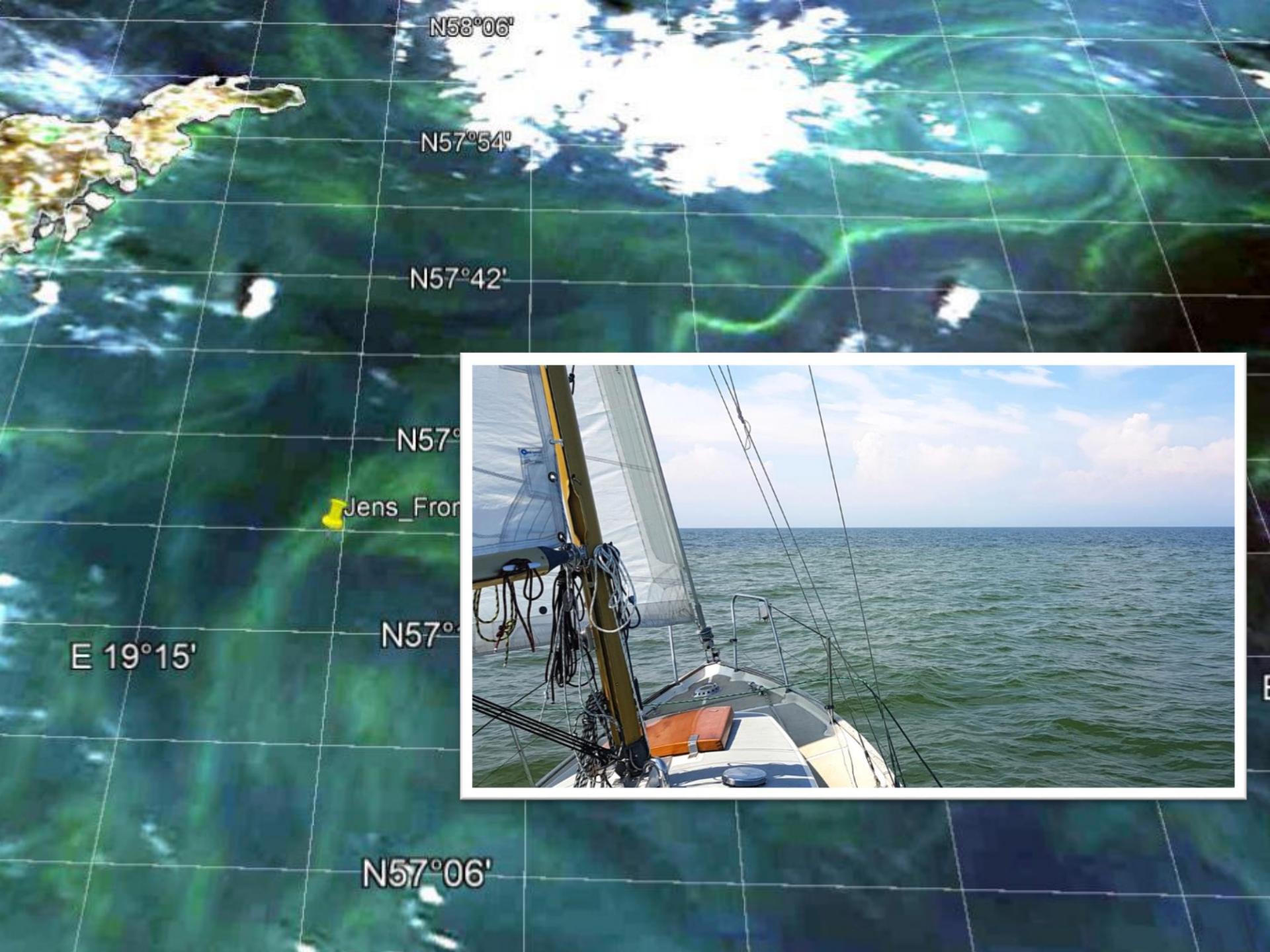




24h experiment

Diurnal productivity cycle







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