

Harmful Algal Blooms & Ocean Climate Change: Progress on tackling a Formidable Predictive Challenge

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Marine Climate Change in Australia

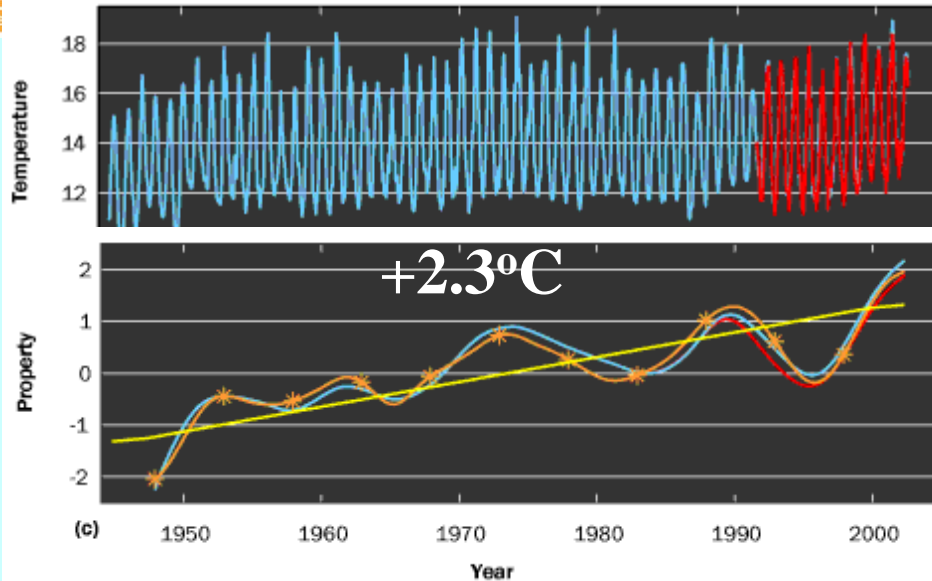
Impacts and Adaptation Responses **2009 REPORT CARD**



This report card summarises our current knowledge of marine climate change impacts for Australia, highlighting key knowledge gaps and adaptation responses.



WINNERS



LOSERS

EXTREME EVENTS

Increased Bush Fires



IPCC

INTERGOVERNMENTAL
PANEL ON
CLIMATE CHANGE



WMO



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WGII AR5

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Sydney Dust Storm

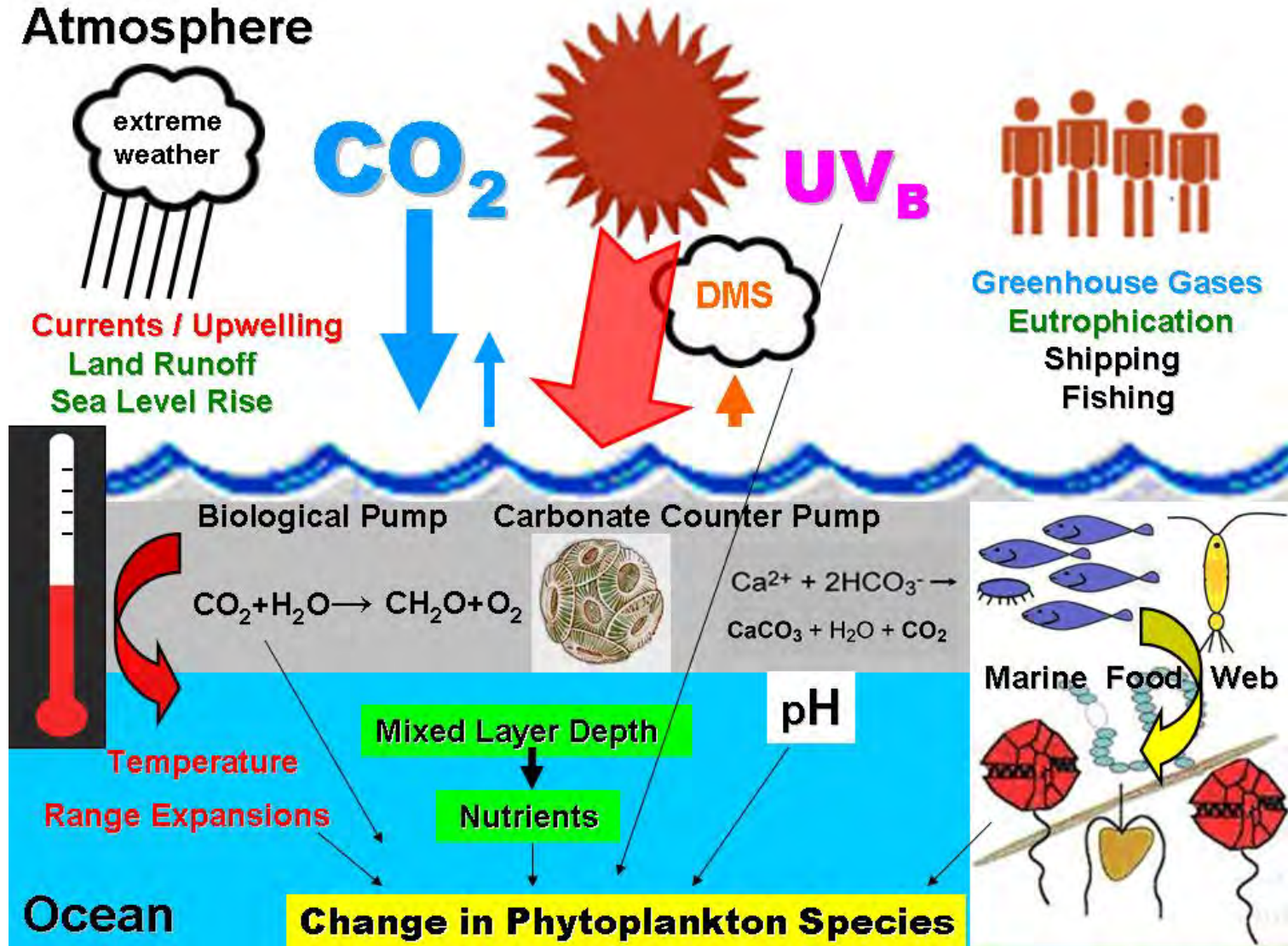


Brisbane 1:100 yr flood



California 1:100 yr drought

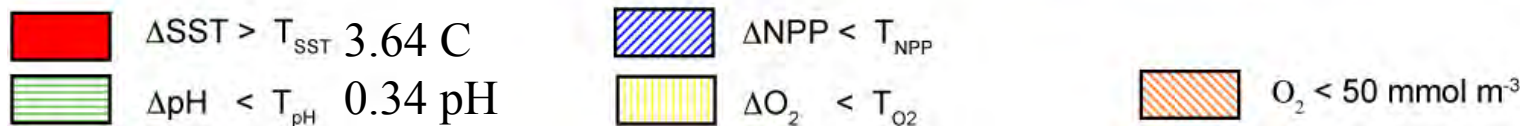
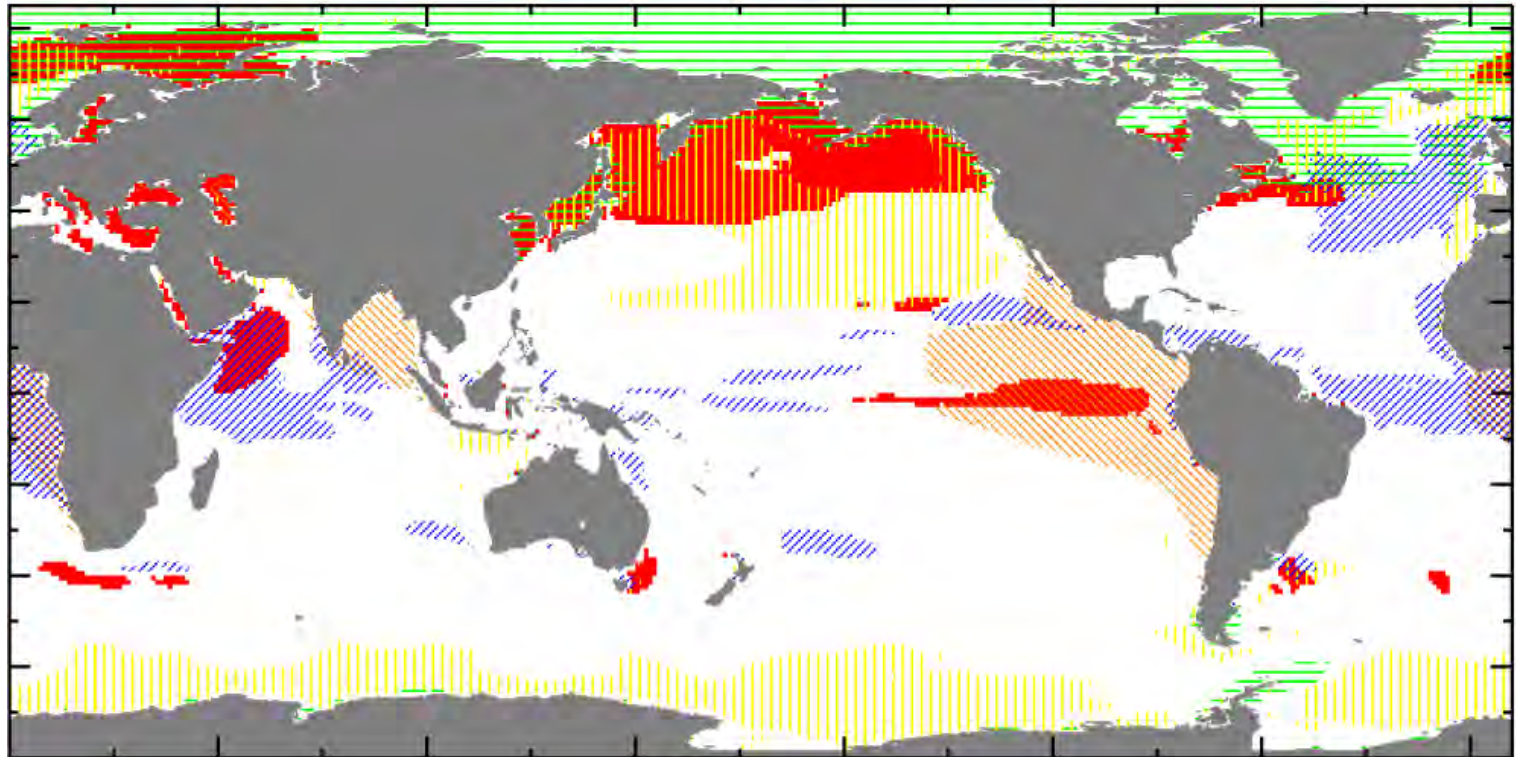
Climate Change is Multifactorial: Warming, Stratification, Light, Nutrients, Ocean Acidification, Grazing



Different ocean regions change at different rates

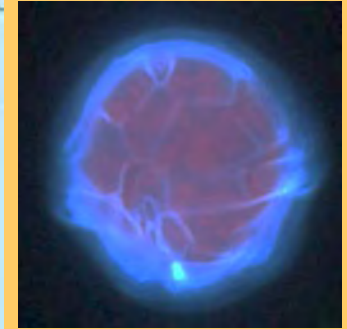
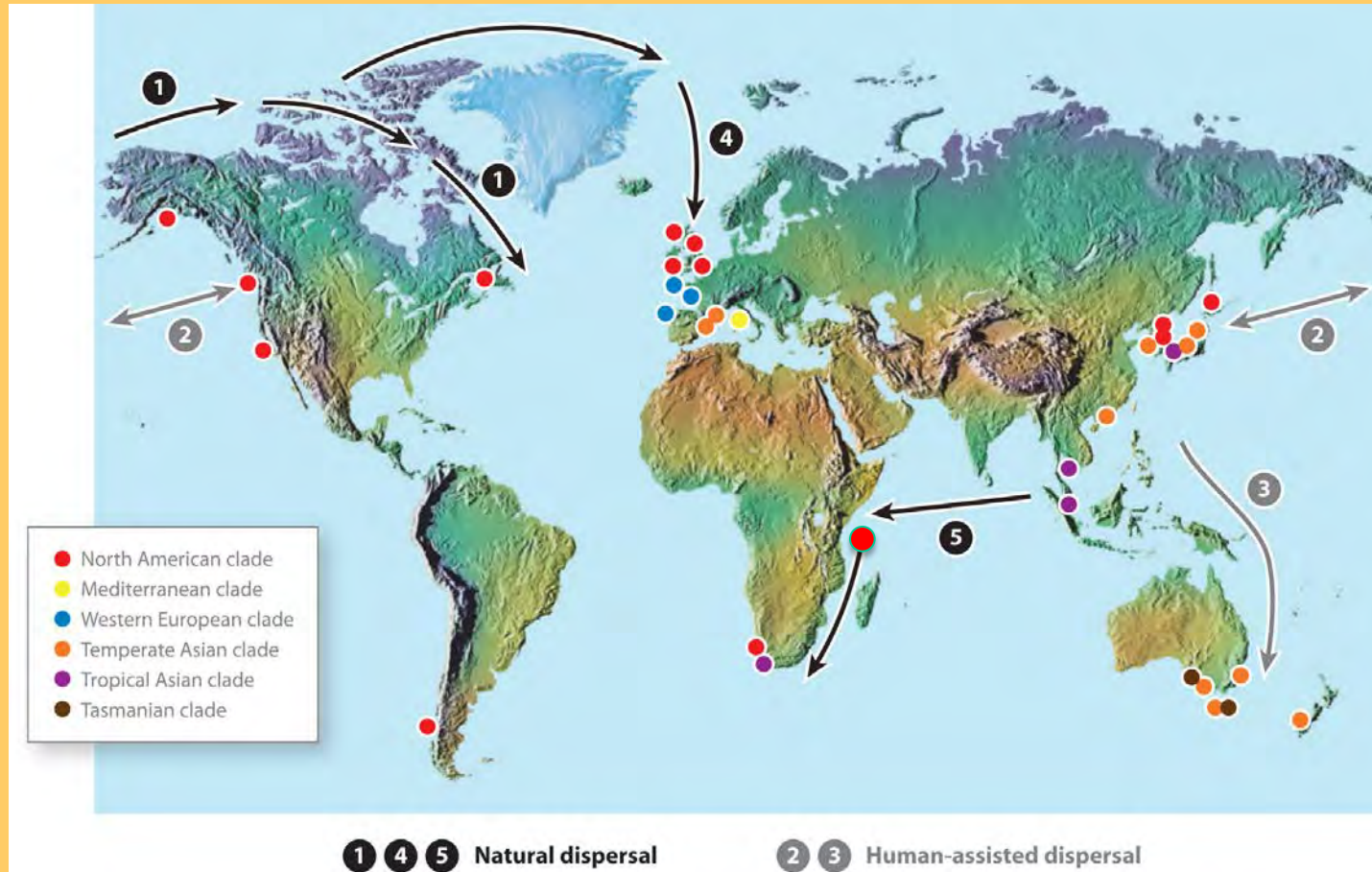
Boyd. *Nature Clim. Ch.* 5, 71–79 (2015); Bopp. *Biogeosc. Disc.*10, 6225-45 (2013)

RCP8.5 - 2090s, changed from 1990s



We need consensus on agreed observer hotspots for **pH**, **T**, **N**, **P**, **O₂**

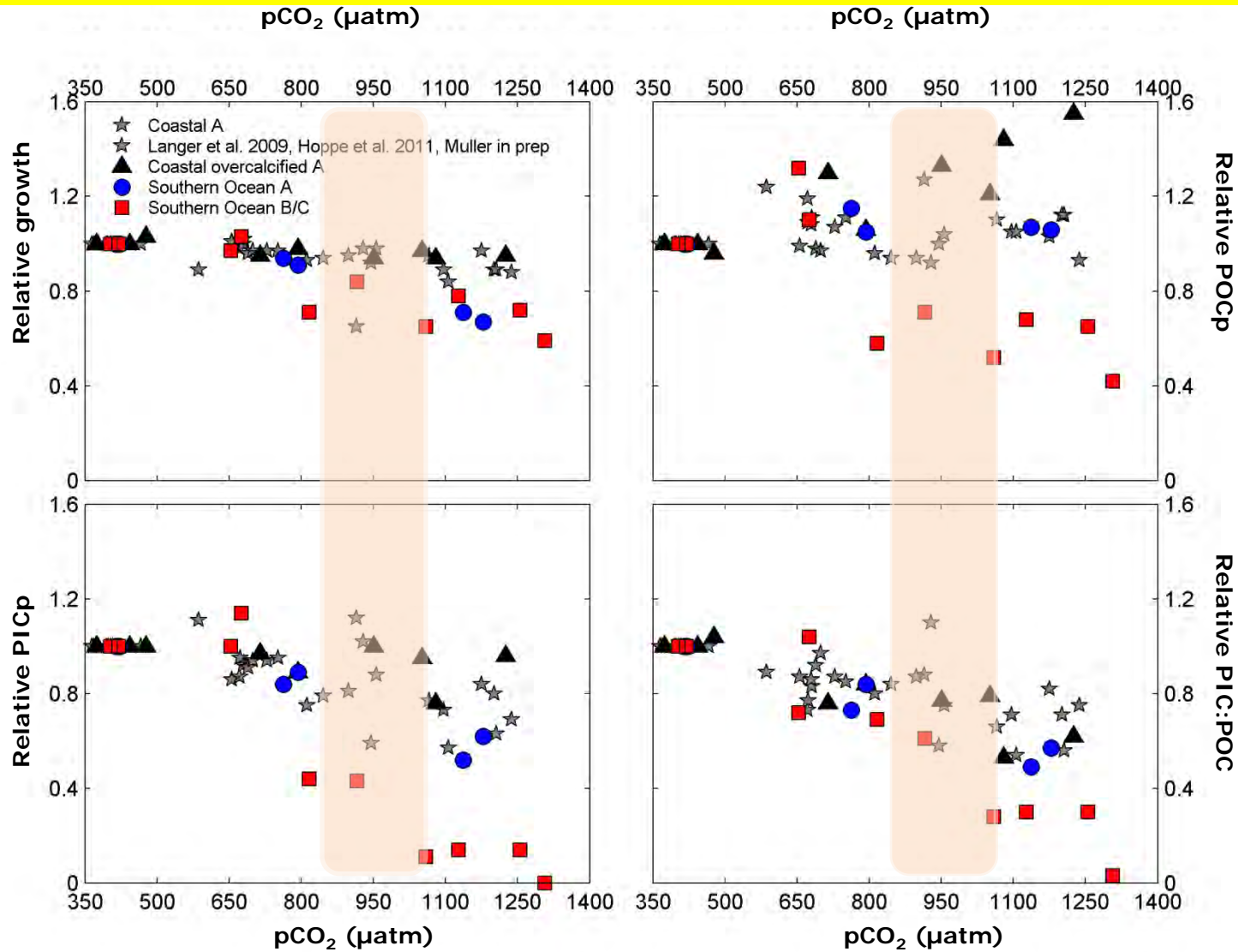
A single culture strain is NOT representative of global population!



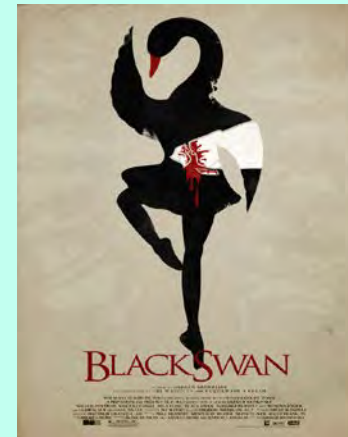
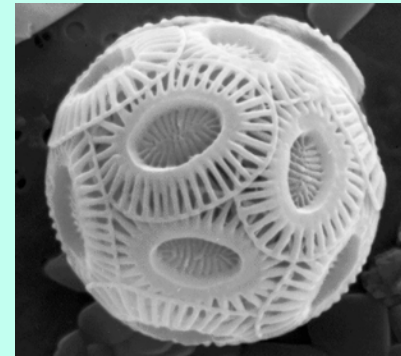
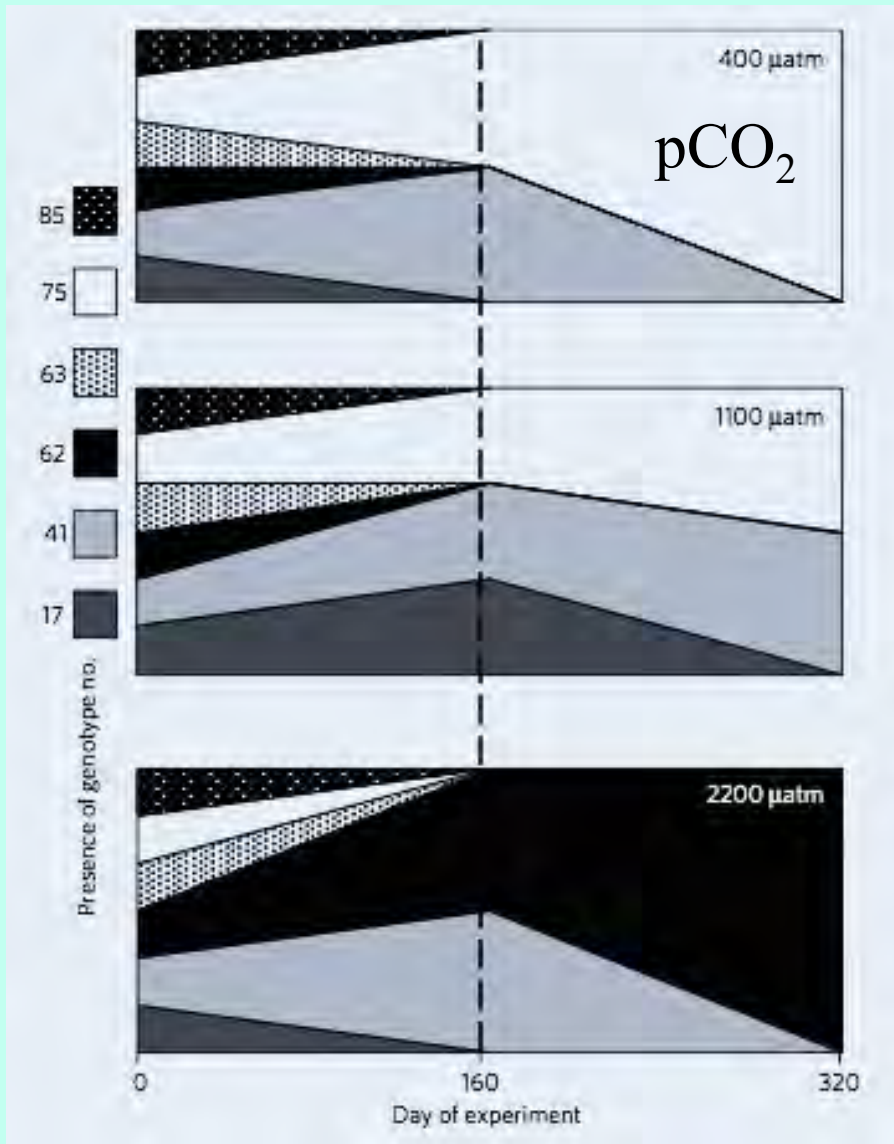
Alexandrium tamarense-species complex

We need to work on agreed keystone species & well-defined strains

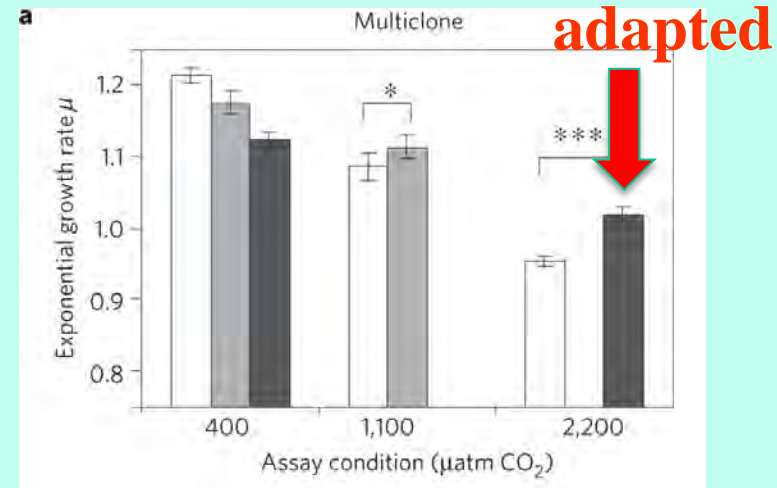
Differing responses of 3 Southern Ocean *Emiliana huxleyi* ecotypes to ocean acidification



Multiclonal culture (6 genotypes)



Genetic shifts in multiclonal cultures over 500 generations
Lohbeck, Riebesell, Reusch. 2012

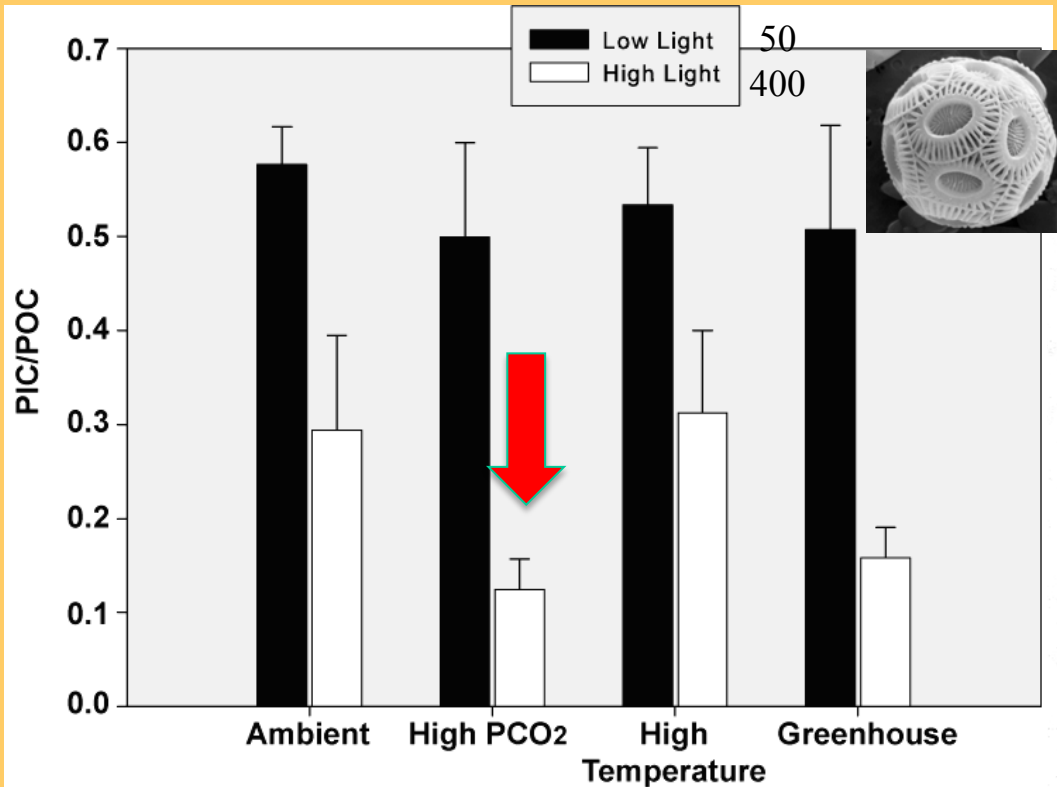


Microorganisms with short generation times may be able to respond to environmental alterations through **adaptive evolution**

FACTOR INTERACTIONS *Emiliana huxleyi* x pCO₂

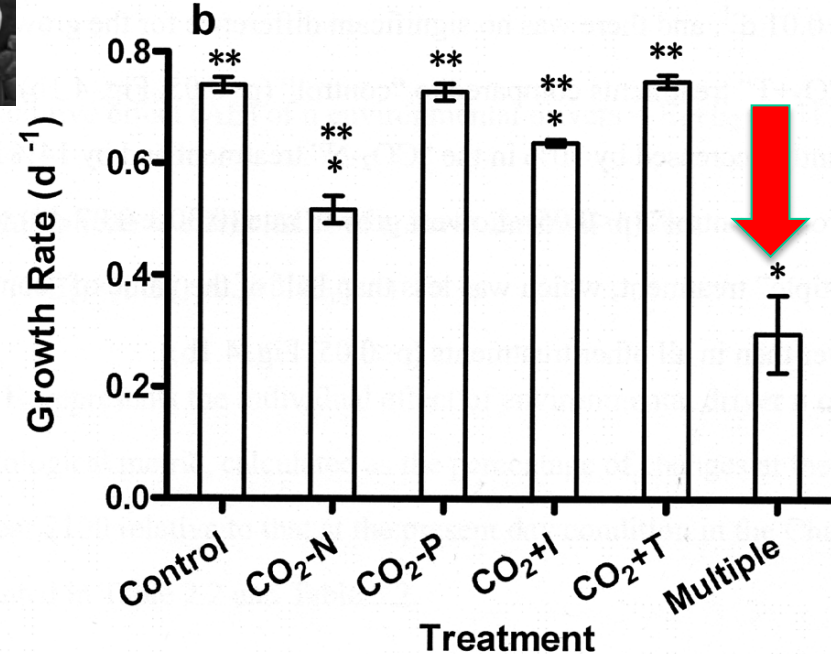


CO₂ ; Temp x light interaction



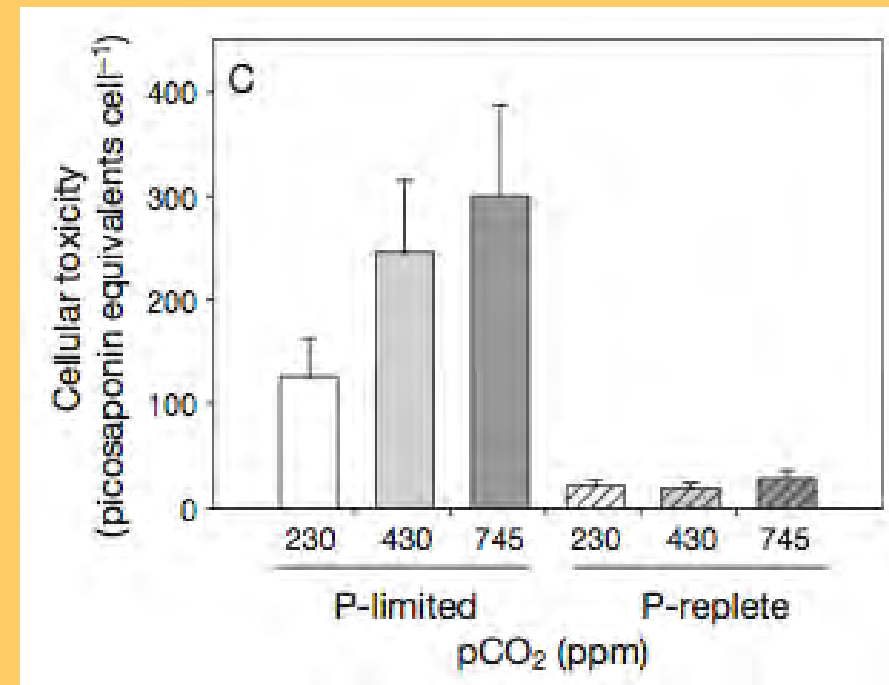
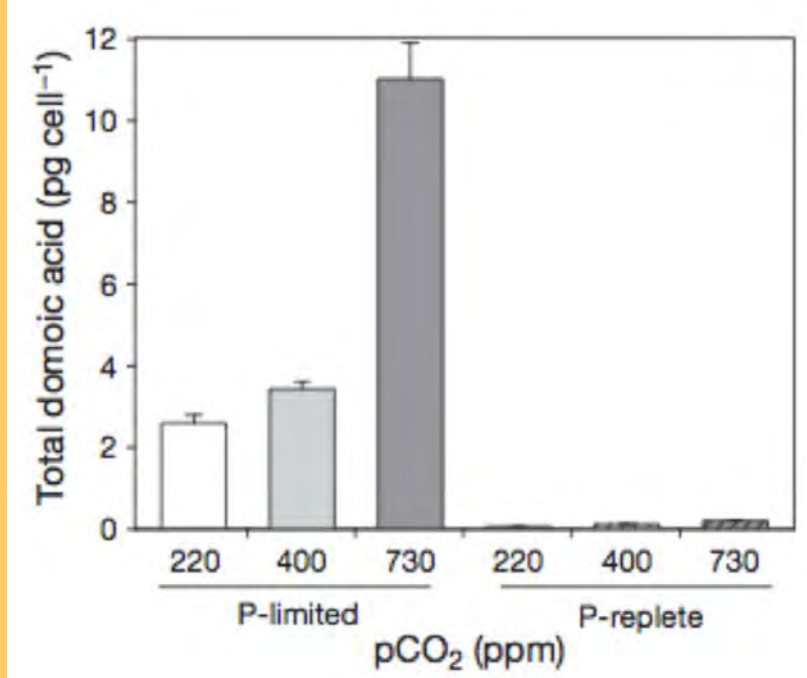
20C;375ppm 20;750 24; 375 24; 750

Lowest growth when changing
Multiple Drivers (N-,P-, I+,T+,CO₂+)

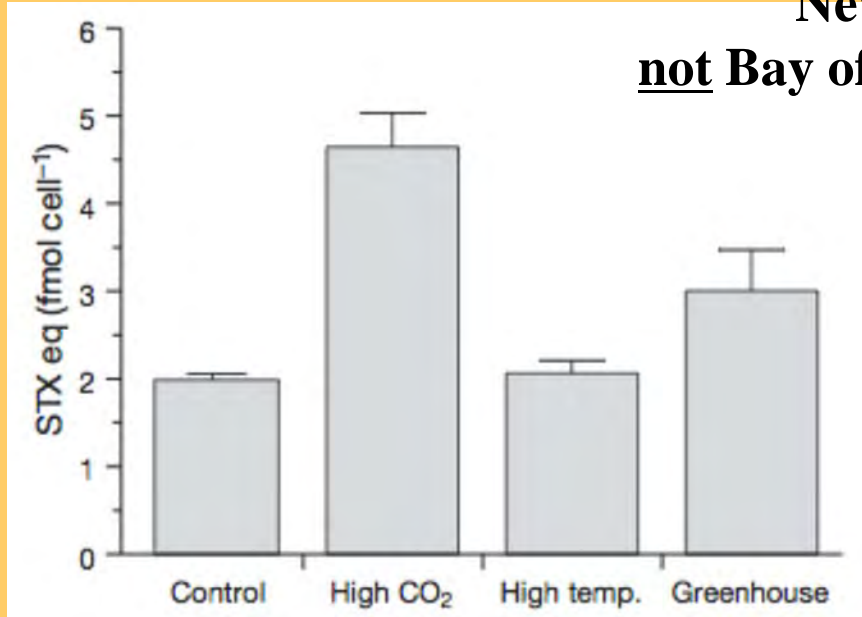


Feng 2015 Unpubl. PhD thesis

Ocean Acidification + P limitation can alter Toxicity



Alexandrium : more PST California strain
 New York strain
not Bay of Fundy strain



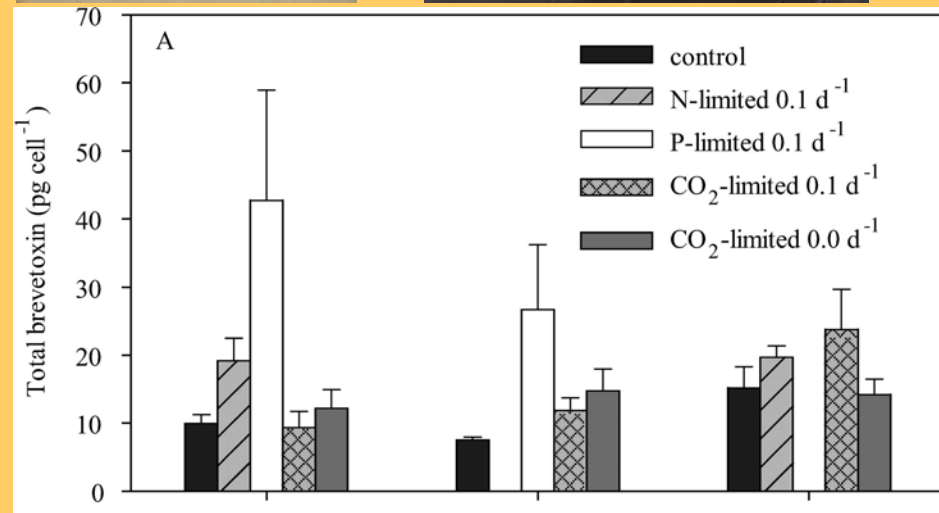
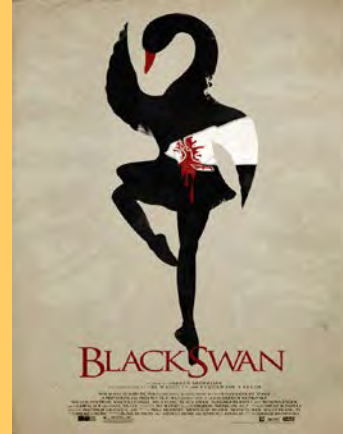
800 ppm; 15C

Tatters et al. 2013

Hattenrath-Lehmann 2014



Karenia brevis



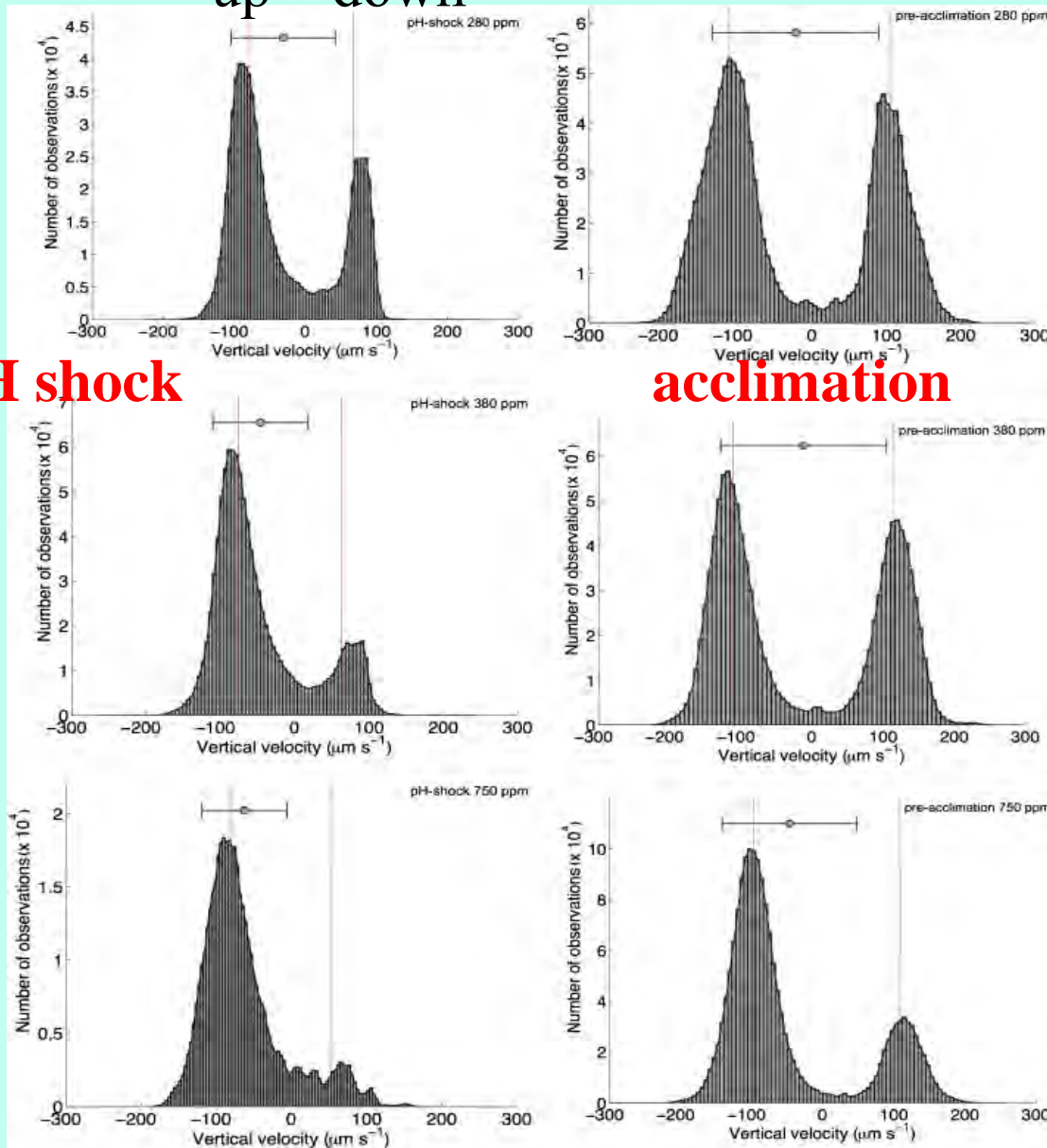
P deficiency strongest driver **BTX**

Hardison 2014

up down

pH shock

acclimation

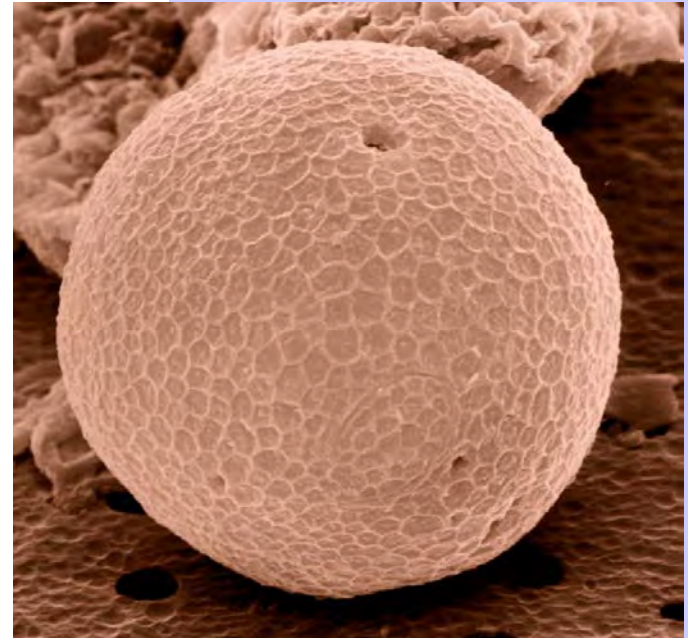
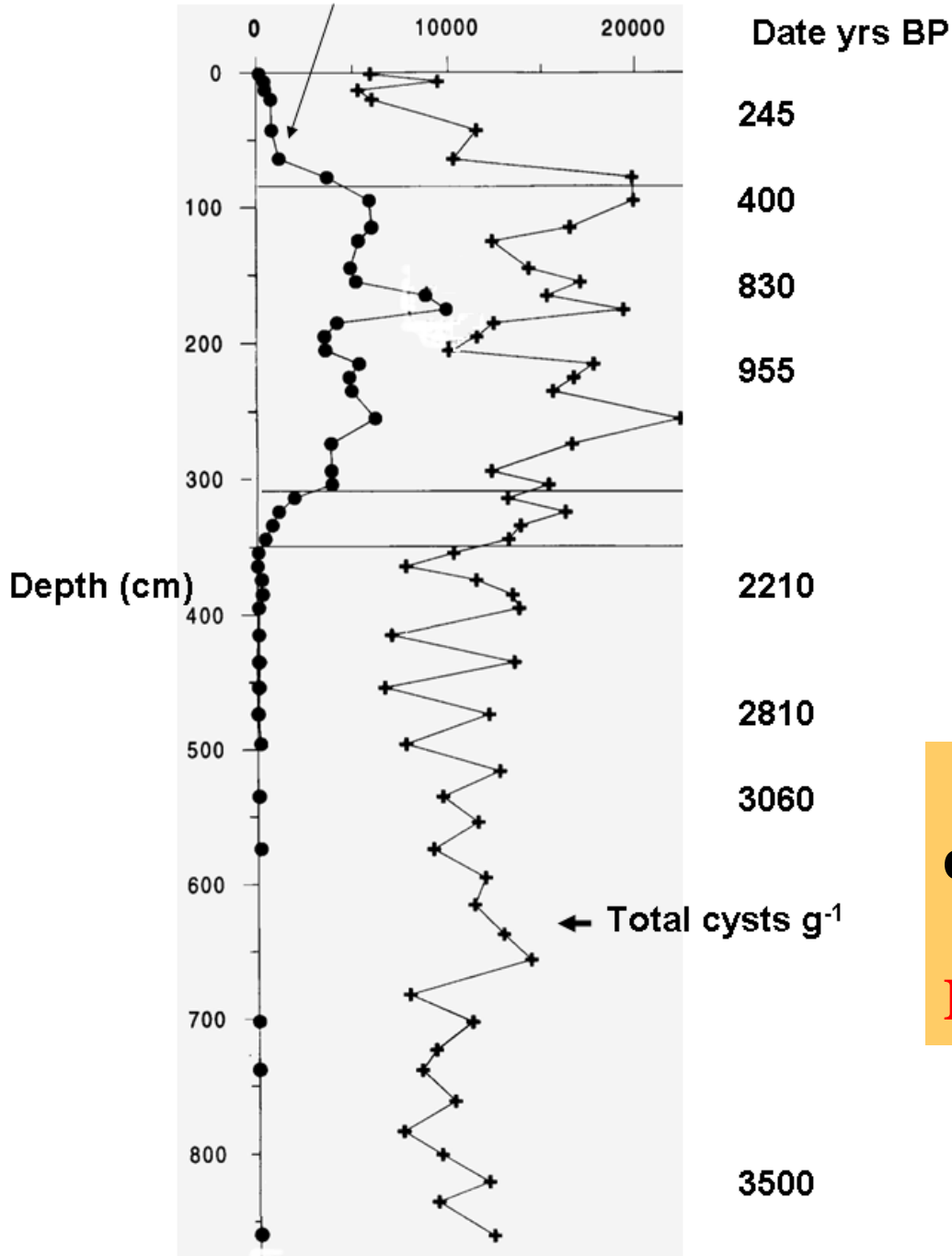


pH alters swimming behaviour of *Heterosigma*.

Kim et al. HARALG 2013

Gymnodinium nolleri cysts. g⁻¹ sediment

Kattegat



**We can learn from the
dinoflagellate cyst record**

Improve via palaeogenetics?

We need long-term (>30 yrs) Plankton Records



(a) Warm-temperate pseudo-oceanic species

Temperate pseudo-oceanic species

(b) Cold mixed-water species

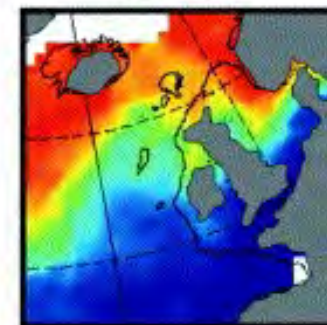
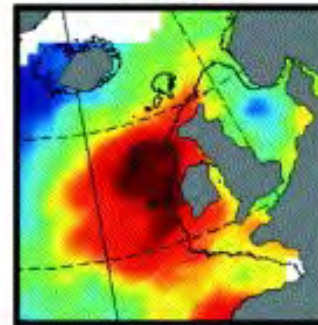
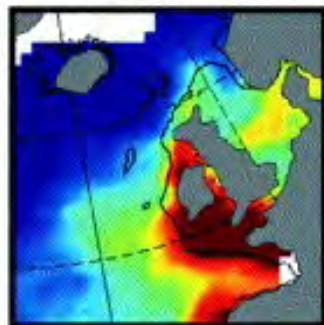
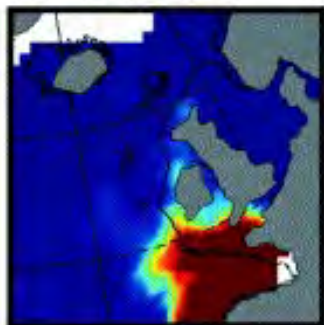
Subarctic species

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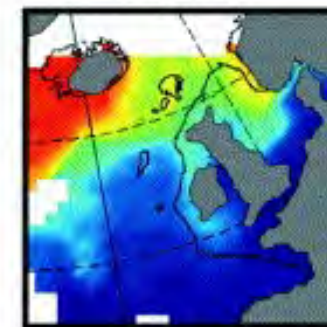
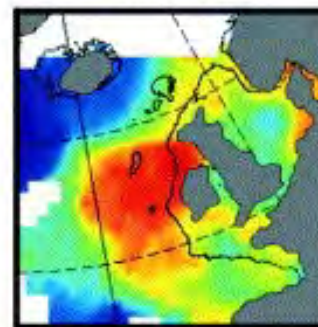
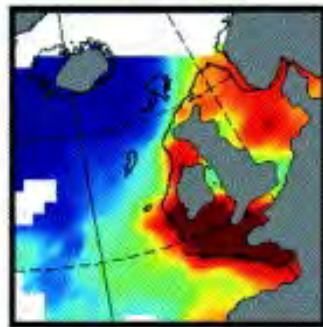
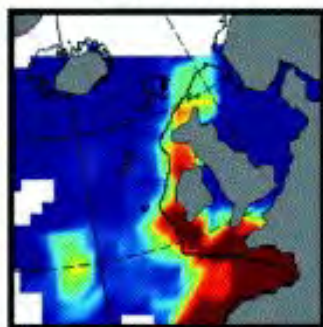


1982–1999

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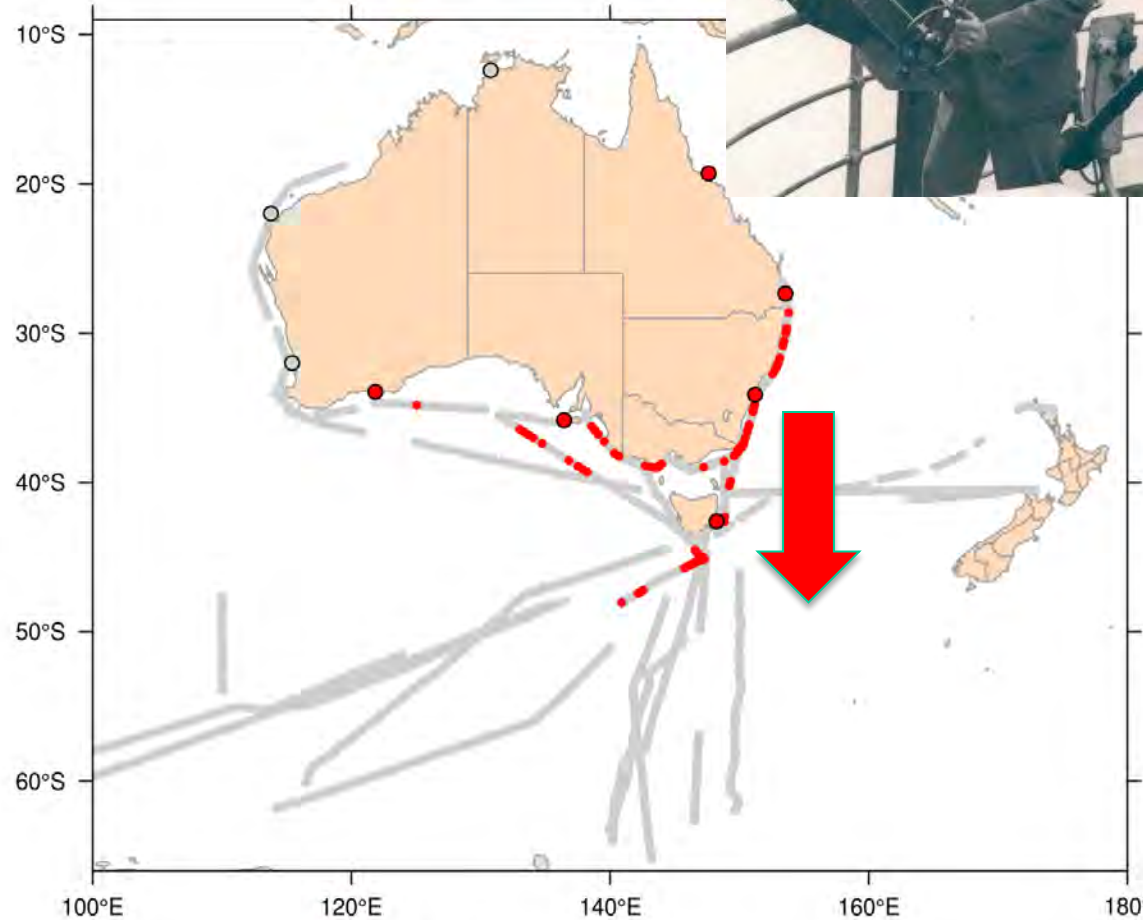
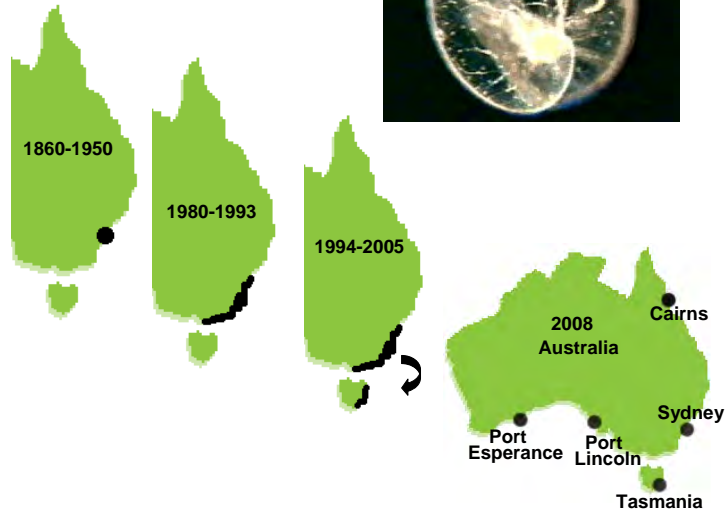
1982–1999



North Atlantic Zooplankton (CPR)

Pole-ward shift warm-water species; Cold-water species contract

Range Expansion Red-tide Dinoflagellate *Noctiluca*



- IMOS NRS mooring *Noctiluca* present
- IMOS NRS mooring *Noctiluca* absent
- IMOS AusCPR/SOCPR sample *Noctiluca* present
- IMOS AusCPR/SOCPR sample *Noctiluca* absent



Grazing impact?

• Mediterranean and Eastern Atlantic

Is *Gambierdiscus* expanding to new areas

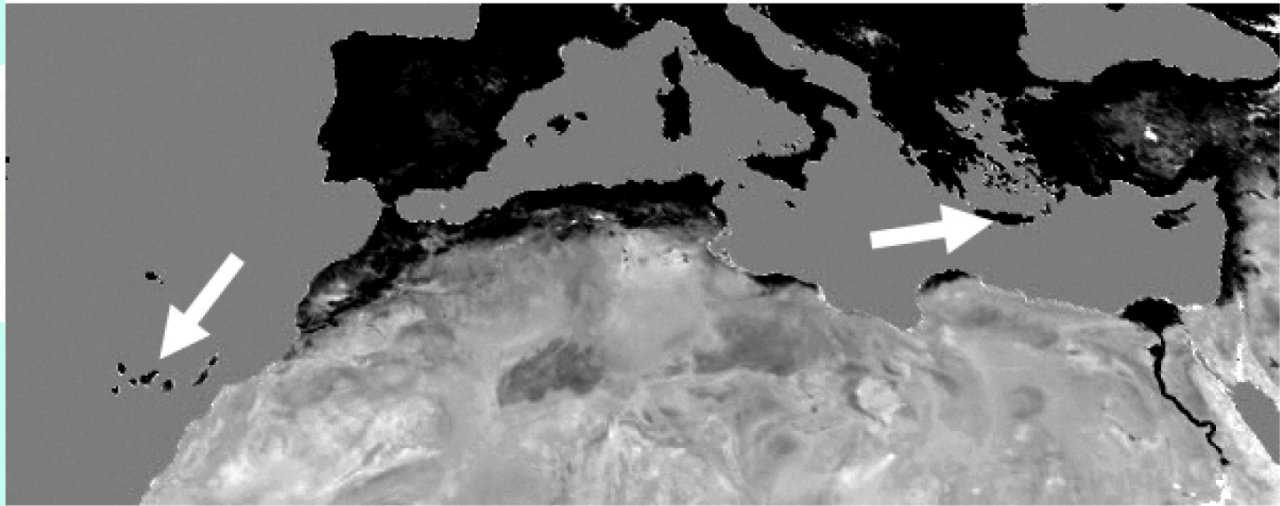
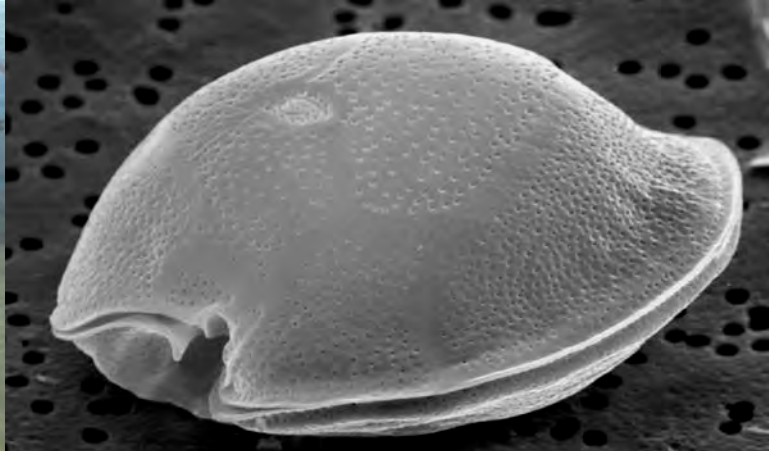


Fig. 1. Map indicating (arrows) the locations of *Gambierdiscus* sp. records (Canary Islands, Spain and Crete, Greece).



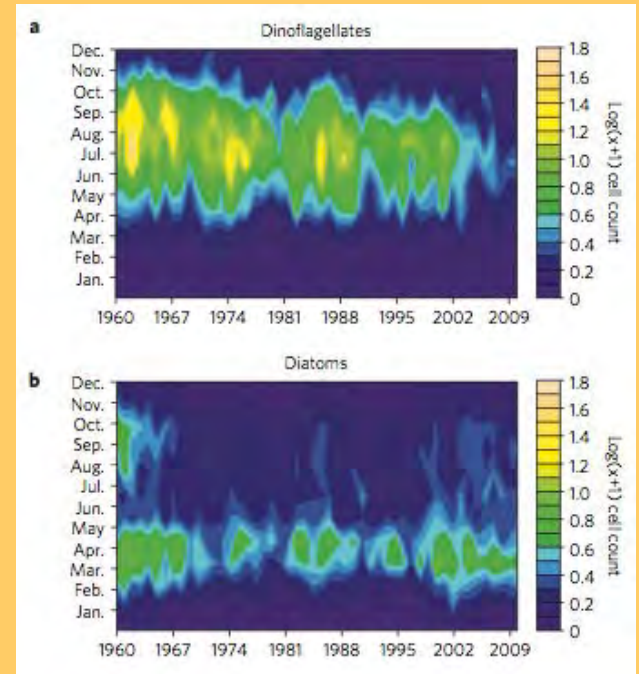
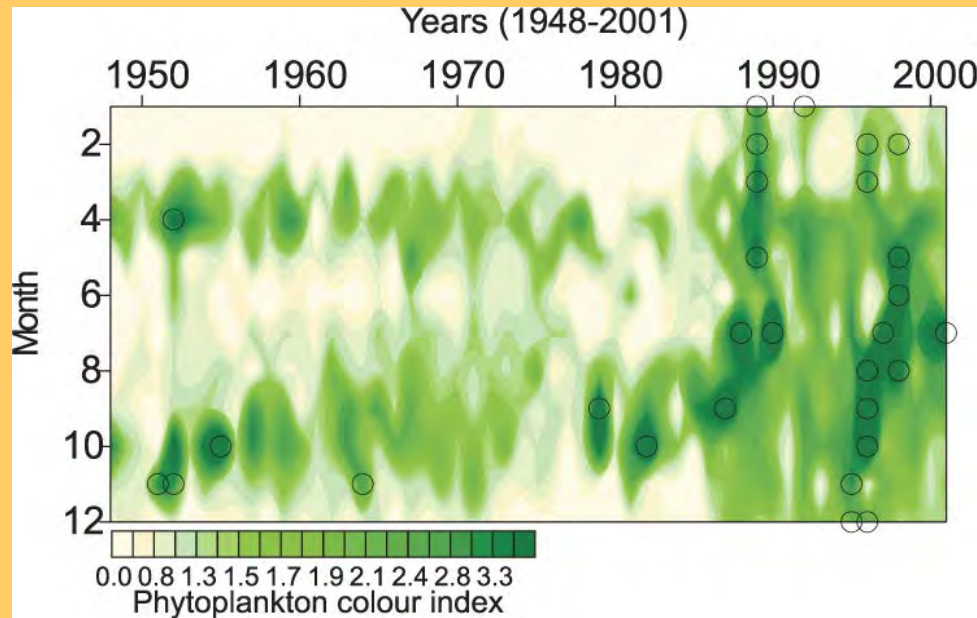
Australia

**Merimbula,
Apr/May
2006-2013**

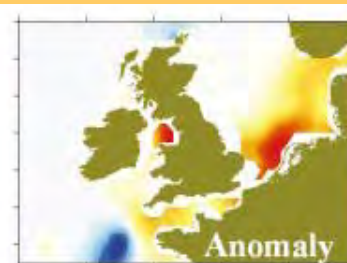
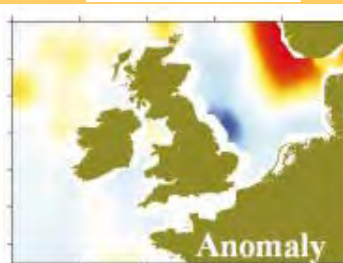
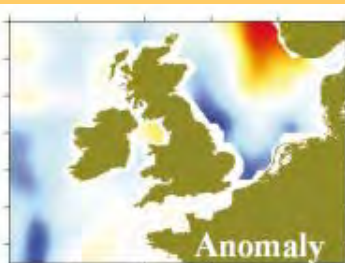
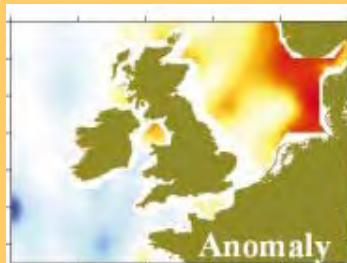
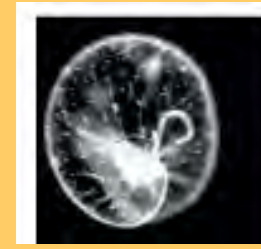
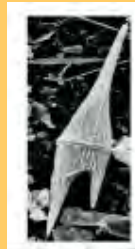


new coastal fisheries unexpectedly at risk

Earlier spring /autumn phytoplankton blooms in North Sea

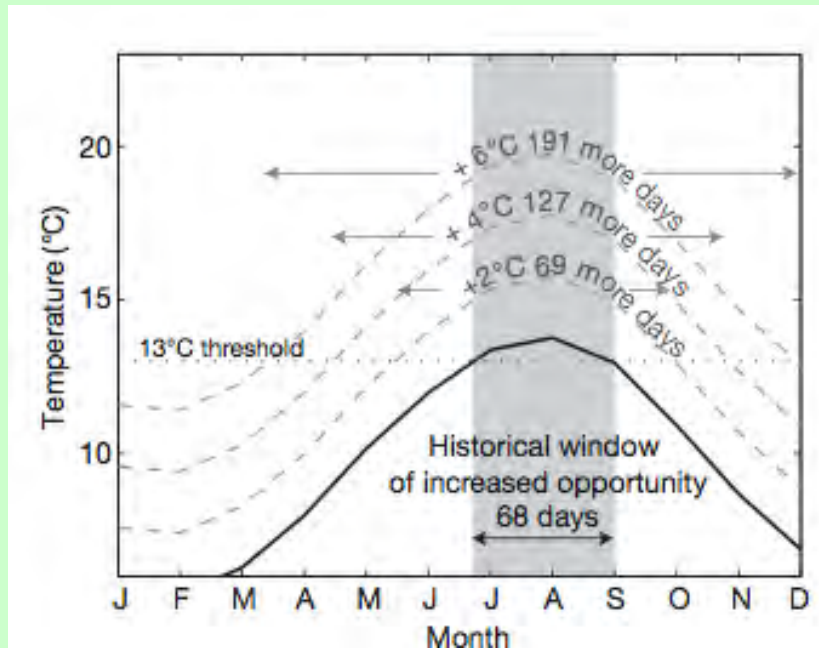


Shifts in selected HAB species in North Atlantic



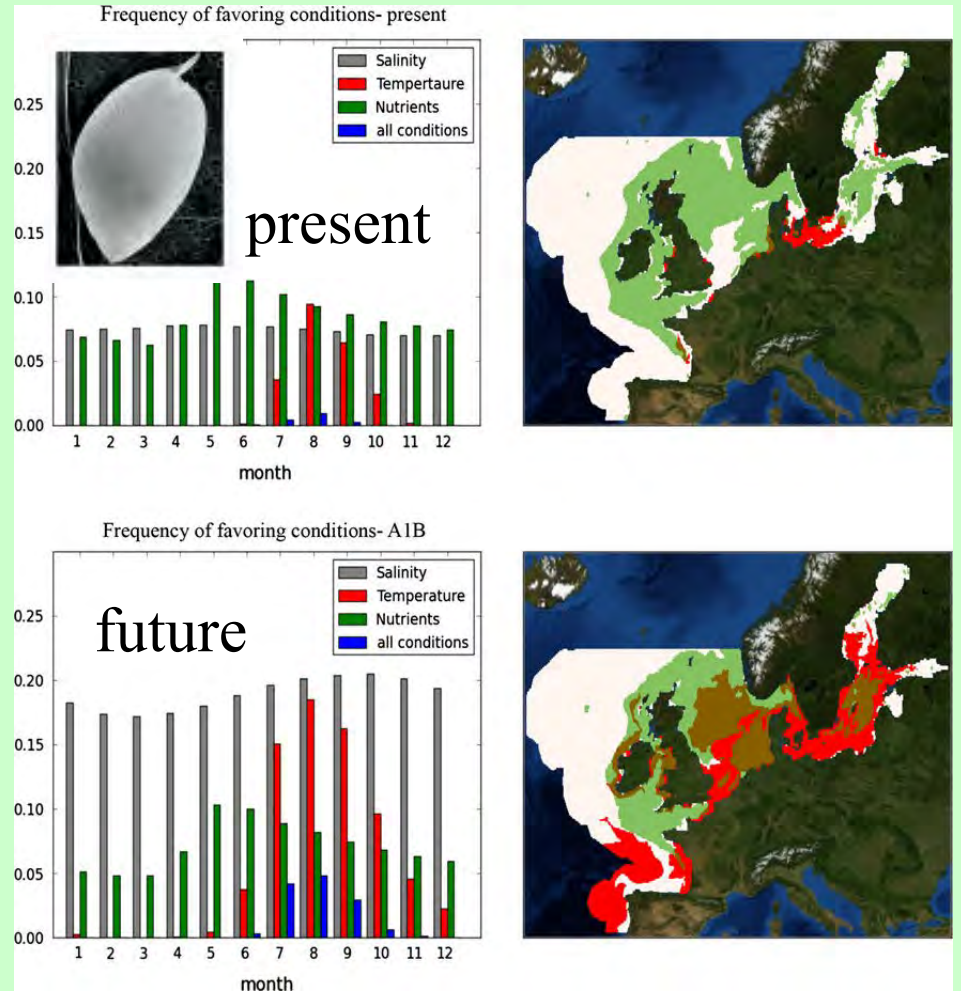
1960-1989
VS
1990-2002

Prorocentrum, Europe



Moore et al. 2010

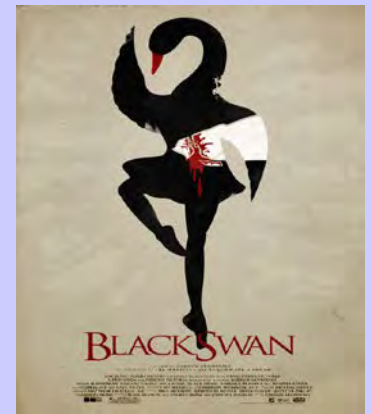
Wider Bloom Window



Glibert et al. Global Change Biology 2014

We can expect

- **Range expansion of warm-water at expense of cold-water species**
 - **Changes in abundance & seasonal window of growth**
 - **Knock-on effects for marine foodwebs when individual zooplankton/fish are differentially impacted (match/mismatch)**
 - **Ocean acidification combined with nutrient limitation or temperature changes may increase toxicity of HABs**
 - **Increased vigilance for unexpected species invasions & food web alterations**



	Physical variables							Biogeochemical variables					CO ₂ -system			
	Temp. (°C)	Salinity (psu)	Ice fraction	Log ₁₀ MLD (cm)	PAR (W m ⁻²)	Windstress (dyn cm ⁻²)	Pot. density (kg m ⁻³)	Log ₁₀ SiO ₃ (mmol m ⁻³)	Log ₁₀ PO ₄ (mmol m ⁻³)	Log ₁₀ Fe (mmol m ⁻³)	Log ₁₀ NO ₃ (mmol m ⁻³)	Alkalinity (meq m ⁻³)	CO ₃ ²⁻ (μmol kg ⁻¹)	pH	pCO ₂ (ppmv)	
Global mean	↑ 2.50	↓ -0.10	↓ -0.03	↓ -0.02	↑ 0.43	↓ 0.00	↓ -0.73	↓ -0.13	↓ -0.31	↑ 0.07	↓ -0.25	↓ -6.52	↓ -82.5	↓ -0.33	↑ 486	
SSO	↑ 1.51	↓ -0.30	↓ -0.19	↓ -0.03	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓ -0.01	↓ -2.7	↓ -51.3	↓ -0.3	↑ 440	
NSO	↑ 2.96	↑ 0.02	↓ 0.00	↓ -0.03							↓ -0.18	↓ -4.1	↓ -73.8	↓ -0.3	↑ 493	
SSPO	↑ 2.41	↓ -0.02	↓ 0.00	↓ -0.01							↓ -0.44	↓ -6.8	↓ -96.2	↓ -0.3	↑ 488	
WEPO	↑ 2.53	↓ -0.48	↓ 0.00	↓ -0.03							↓ -0.65	↓ -9.1	↓ -98.7	↓ -0.3	↑ 482	
EEPO	↑ 2.80	↓ -0.16	↓ 0.00	↓ -0.04							↓ -0.36	↓ -7.2	↓ -73.1	↓ -0.3	↑ 447	
NSPO	↑ 2.44	↓ -0.17	↓ 0.00	↓ 0.00							↓ -0.46	↓ -7.8	↓ -96.6	↓ -0.3	↑ 493	
NPO	↑ 3.22	↓ -0.45	↓ 0.00	↓ -0.03							↓ -0.11	↓ -7.3	↓ -66.2	↓ -0.3	↑ 491	
SIO	↑ 2.62	↓ -0.20	↓ 0.00	↑ 0.01							↓ -0.25	↓ -4.7	↓ -96.1	↓ -0.3	↑ 494	
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SAO	↑ 2.38	↑ 0.08	↓ 0.00	↓ -0.01							↓ -0.27	↓ -6.9	↓ -93.3	↓ -0.3	↑ 482	
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Red arrows denote an increase, and blue arrows denote a decrease in an ocean property. The arrows are scaled according to the regional deviation from the global mean; larger arrows indicate a stronger regional anomaly relative to the global mean anomaly, and smaller arrows a weaker regional anomaly. Together, these regional deviations, across ocean properties, drive distinctive patterns in multi-stressors. The acronyms for the regions are defined in Fig. 2 and Supplementary Fig. 1.

Regional anomalies



Major Departure from current HAB approaches

LAB

- Study multiple strains
- Best practices experimental techniques (adaptation)
 - Multifactorial experiments should be norm
- Hypotheses why OA etc impact on cellular toxicity
- Global extrapolations via mathematical modelling



FIELD



- High quality long-term time series (CPR, micropaleontology)
 - Recommended hot spot observer sites
- Study HABs as part of total phytoplankton
- **We need to better collaborate & partition this formidable task!**