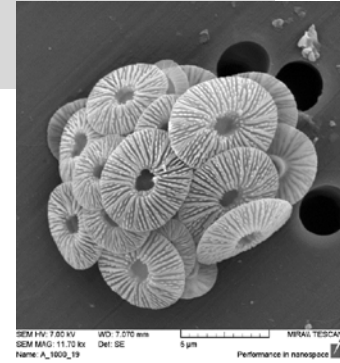
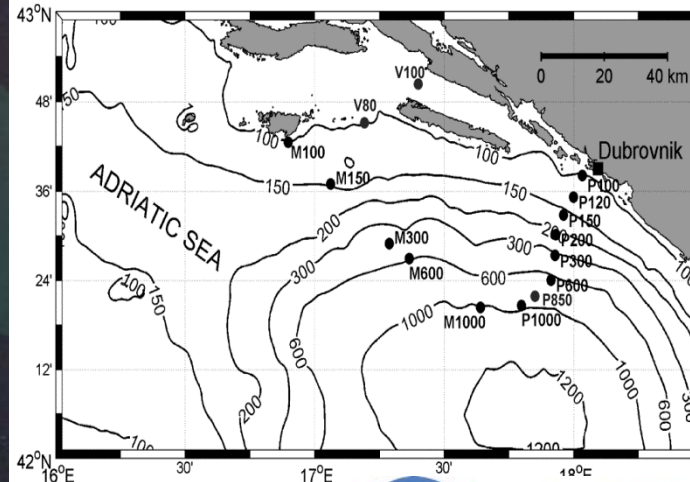
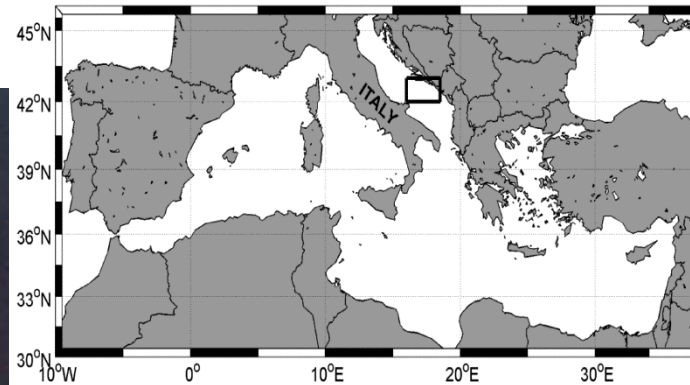
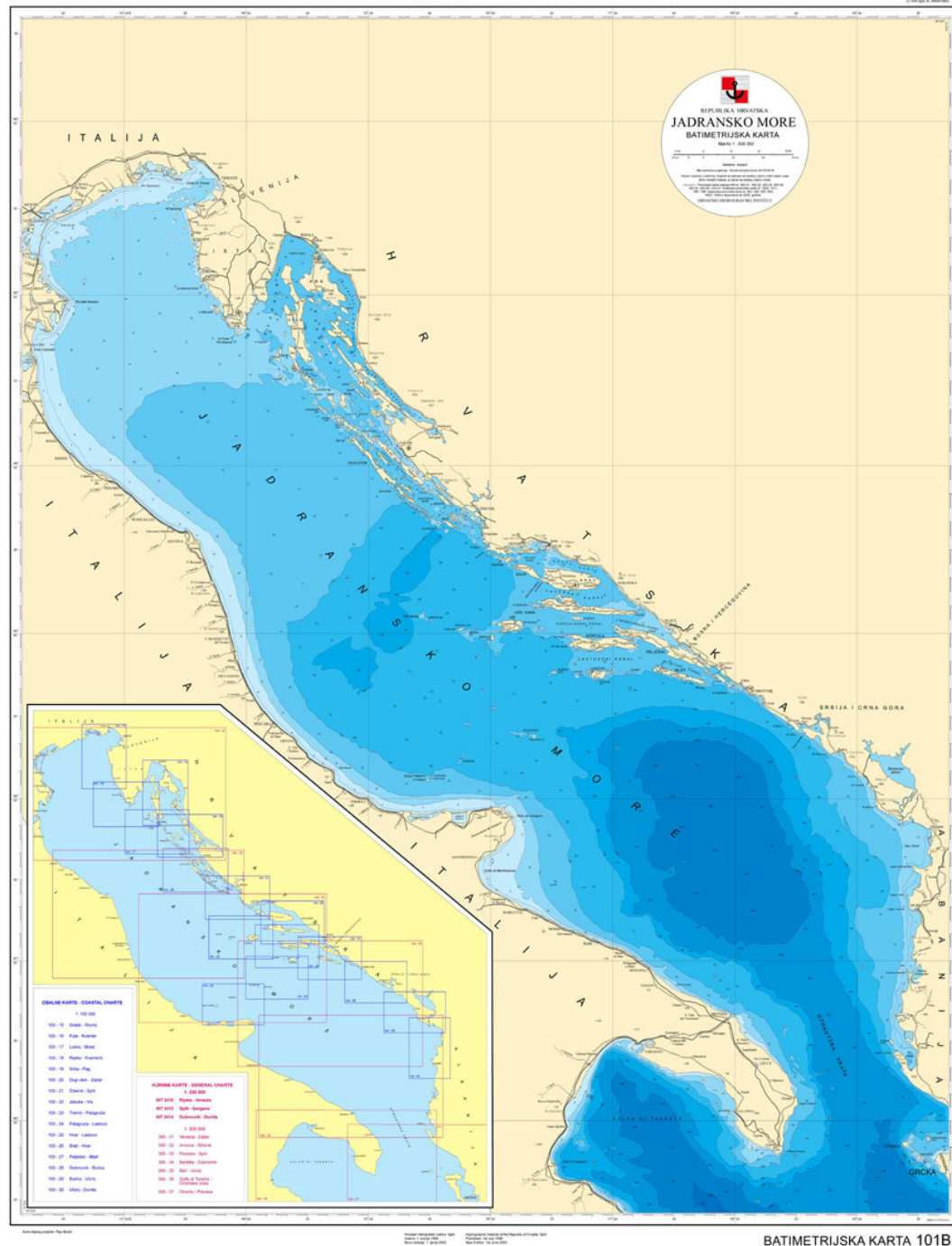


# BIOTA cruises in the Adriatic Sea

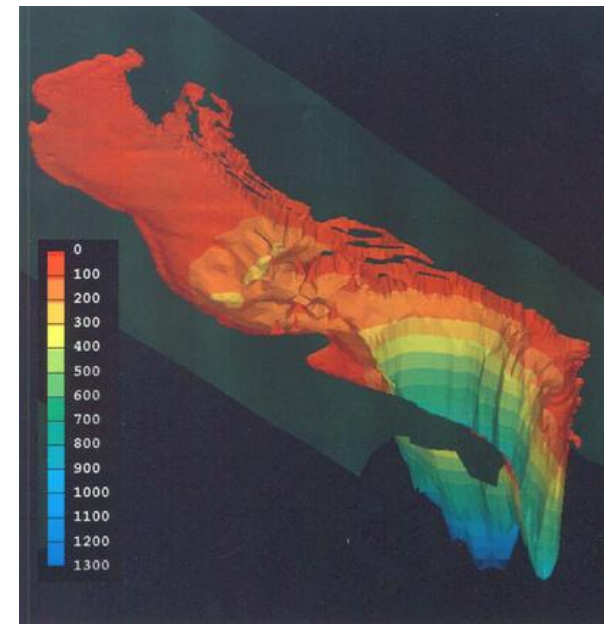
## Bio-tracing Adriatic Water Masses

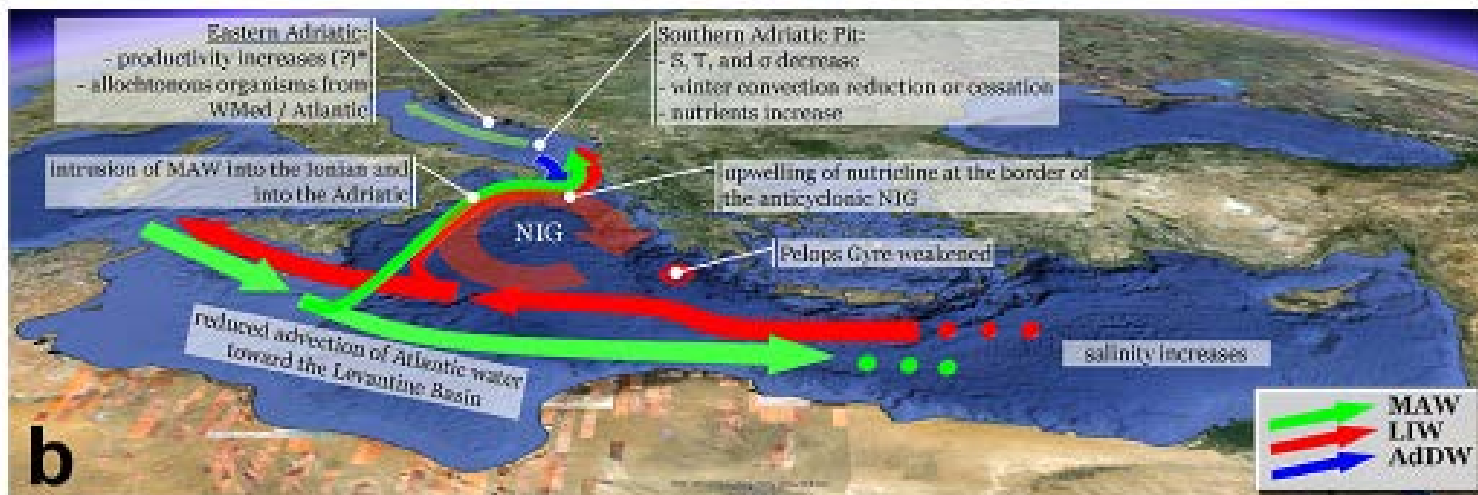
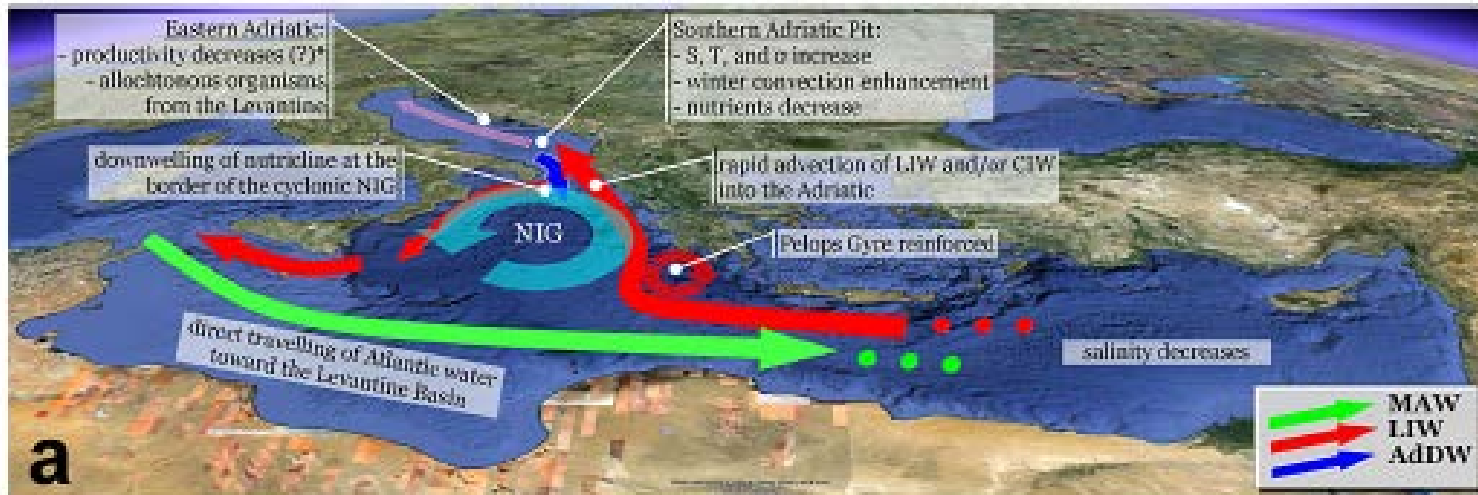




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- Surface area 138 600 km<sup>2</sup> i volume 35 000 km<sup>3</sup>
- **Northern Adriatic** (15 m Trst-Venecija)
- **Middle Adriatic, Jabuka pit** (270 m)
- **Southern Adriatic, Southern Adriatic pit** (1200 m)
- Otrant (780 m), water exchange with Ionian sea
- The most northern Mediterane





Civitarese, et al 2010, Biogeosciences

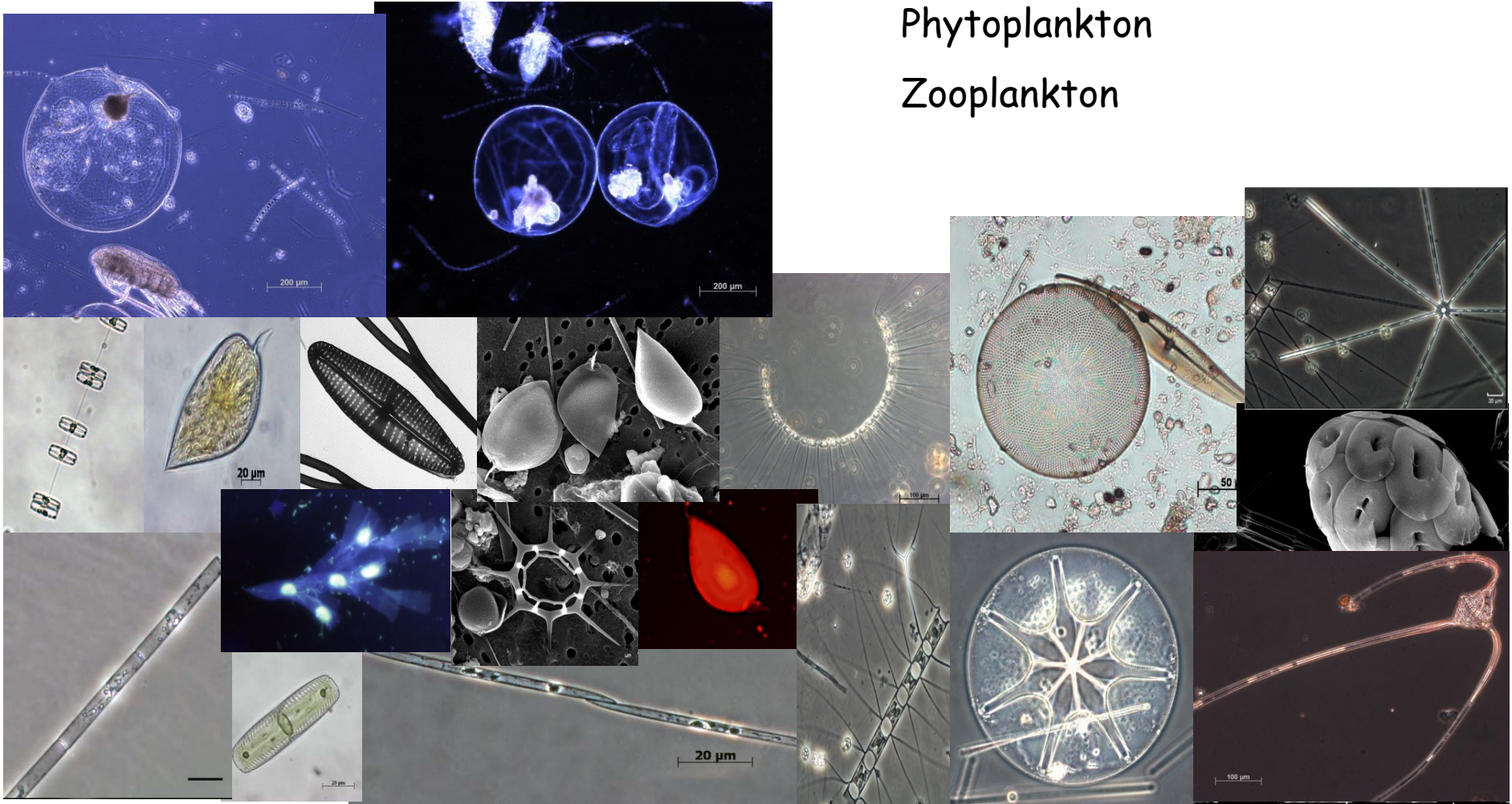
**Table 2.** Biological records and changes in NIG circulation.

Date	Organism (type)	NIG circulation	Remarks
1982	<i>Schedophilus medusophagus</i> (fish)	?	Present in the WMed. Reported in the central Adriatic (Onofri, 1986).
end of 1980's	Copepod community (mesozooplankton)	reversal from cyclonic to anticyclonic	Changes of the entire copepod community in the Gulf of Trieste (Conversi et al., 2009)
1993	<i>Desmopterus papilio</i> (gastropode)	anticyclonic	Common in the Atlantic and found in the open South Adriatic, off Dubrovnik (Batistić et al., 2004)
1993	<i>Pelagobia longicirrata</i> (polychete)	anticyclonic	Common in the tropical Atlantic and found in the open South Adriatic (Batistić et al., 2004)
1995	<i>Muggiaea atlantica</i> (hydrozoan)	anticyclonic	Typical of the WMed. It was reported for the first time in 1995 in the coastal southeastern (Ganulin and Krsinic, 2000), and central Adriatic (Batistić, 2007), then invaded the North Adriatic (Kršinić and Njire, 2001)
end of 1990's	Total copepod, in particular <i>Paracalanus parvus</i> (mesozooplankton)	reversal from anticyclonic to cyclonic	Changes in the abundance of some species (Conversi et al., 2009)
2002	<i>Siganus rivulatus</i> (fish)	cyclonic	Lessepsian migrator, recorded in the South Adriatic (Dulčić and Pallaoro, 2004)
2006	<i>Fistularia commersonni</i> (fish)	cyclonic	Lessepsian migrator, caught off the coastal waters in South Adriatic (Dulčić et al., 2007)
2006	<i>Thysanoteuthis rhombus</i> (cephalopode)	cyclonic	Considered a "slow swimmer" (Martić et al., 2008), it was introduced in the North Adriatic probably from the Levantine basin
2007	<i>Therapon theraps</i> (fish)	cyclonic	Lessepsian migrator. Captured off Piran, Slovenia (Lipej et al., 2008)

# Plankton

Plankton - organisms dispersed in the water column, passively driven by water currents

Phytoplankton  
Zooplankton





- 71% oceans
- 66% open ocean

- ASSUMPTION (by R. Andersen, modified by S. Bosak)

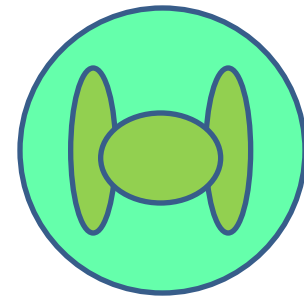
~  $10^6$  cells per 1L

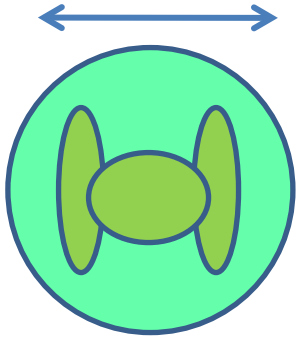
Photosynthetic layer = 100 m

Ocean surface area =  $3.6 \times 10^8$  km<sup>2</sup>

THEN...

There is  **$10^{25}$**  cells in ocean!!!!





**$10^{25}$**  cells

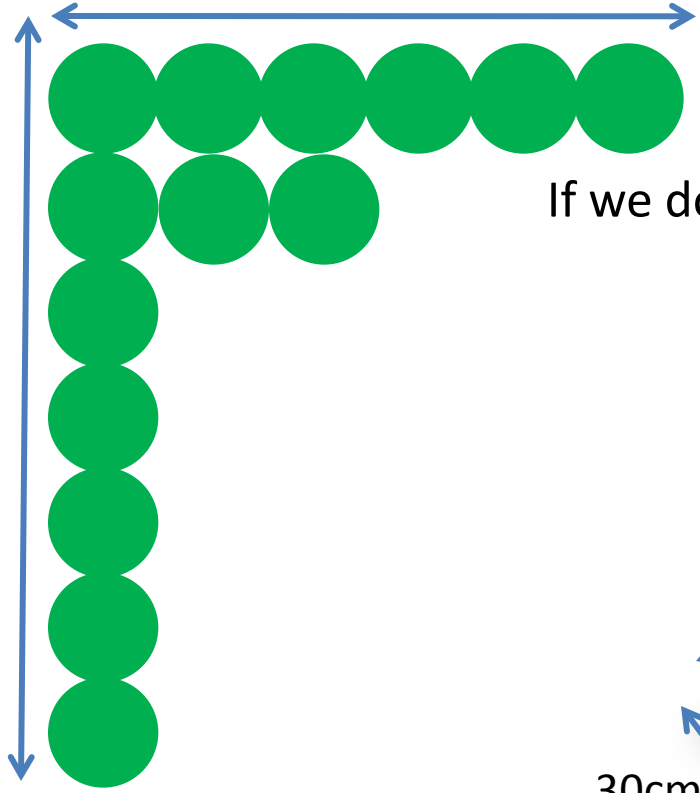
Average diameter 2  $\mu\text{m}$

- THEN...

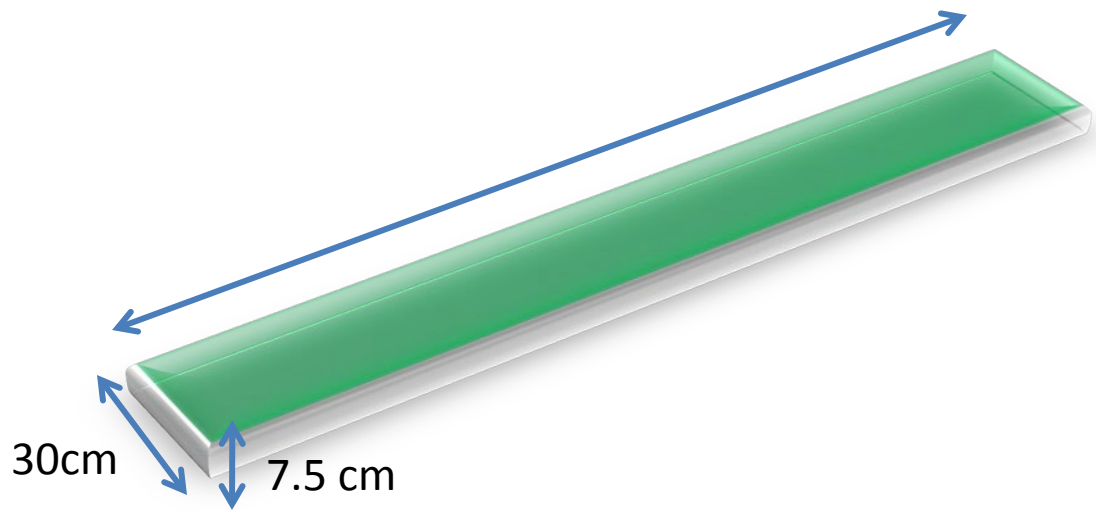


If we would have all the cells in a line, the length would be from the earth to the moon and back  **$10$  milliard times !!!!**

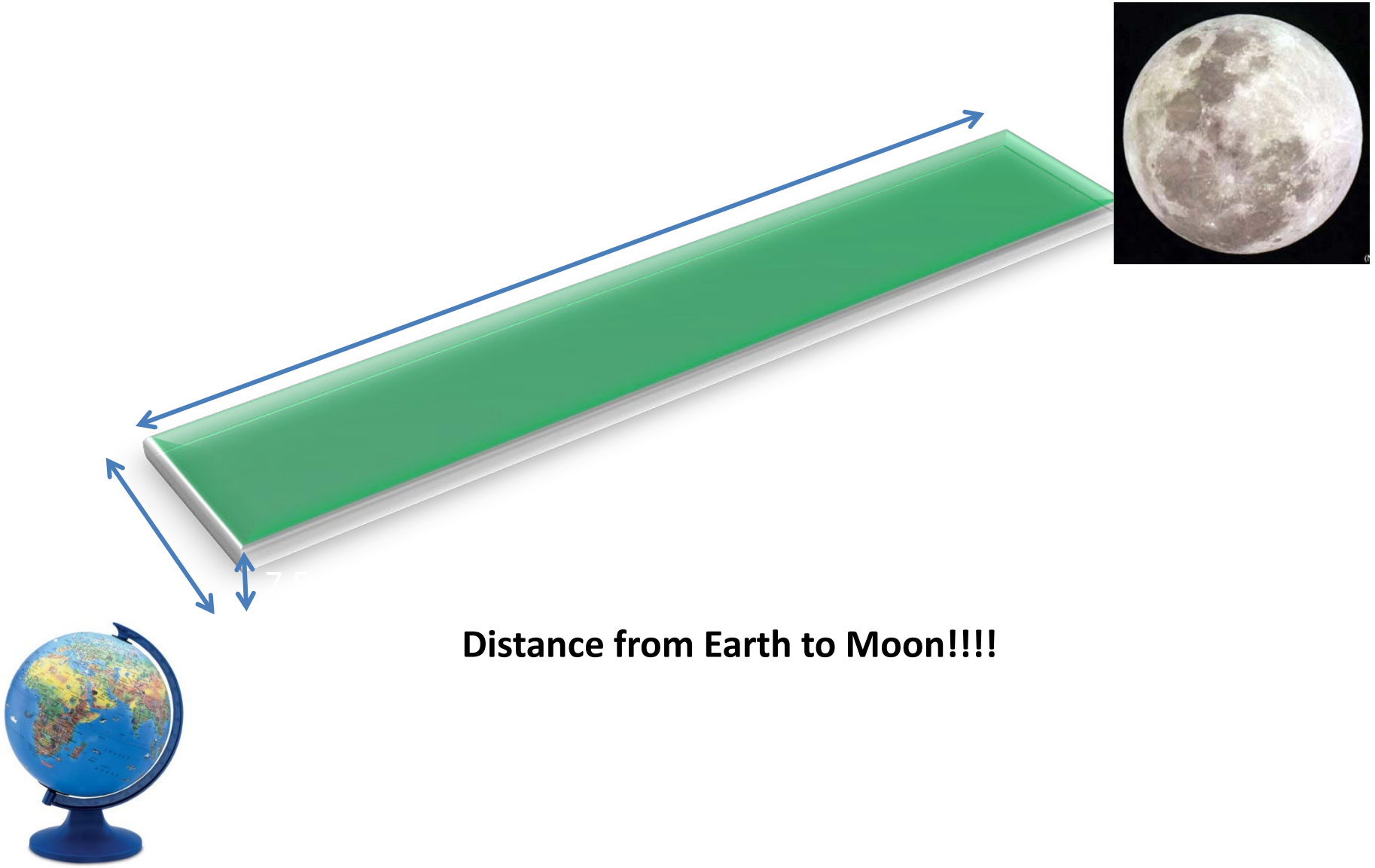




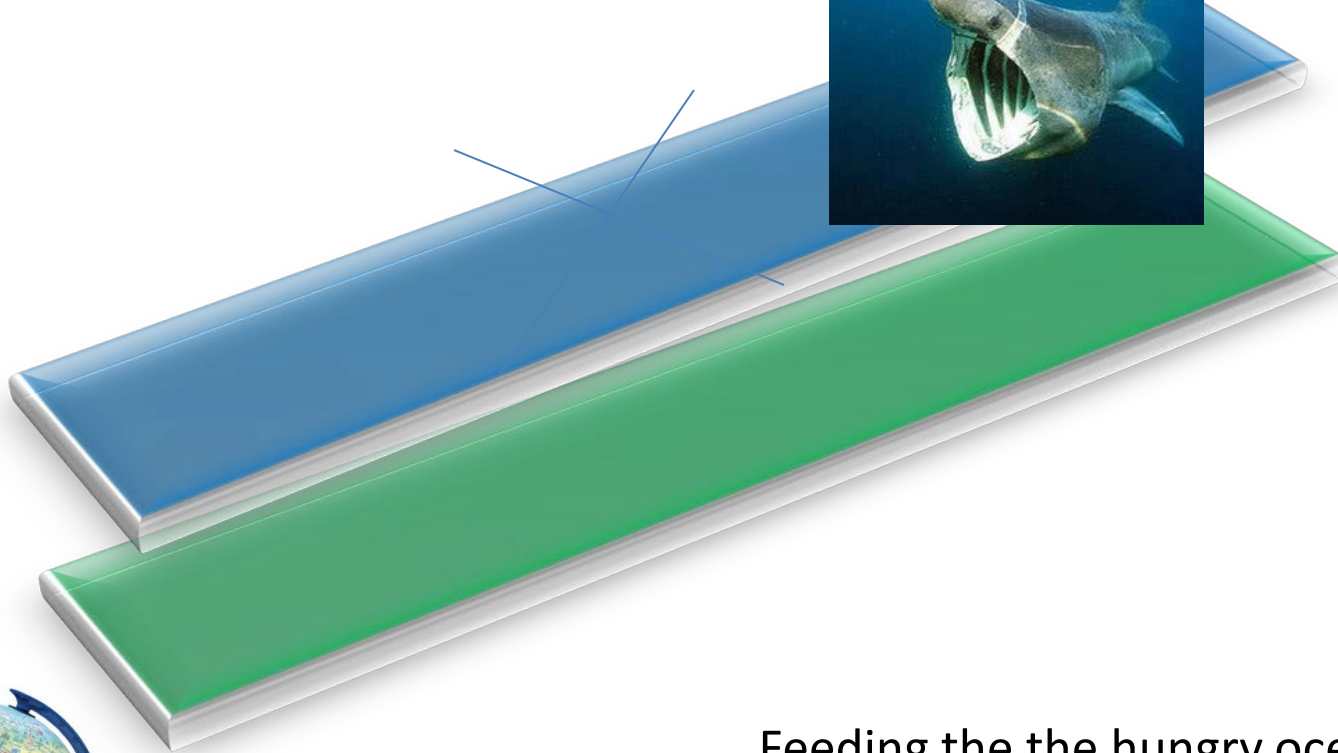
If we do it in 2D...



**7.5 cm x 30 cm x 400 000 km!!!!**



1 board gets eaten every day!!! Eaten by predators – ciliates, zooplankton, fish, whales...

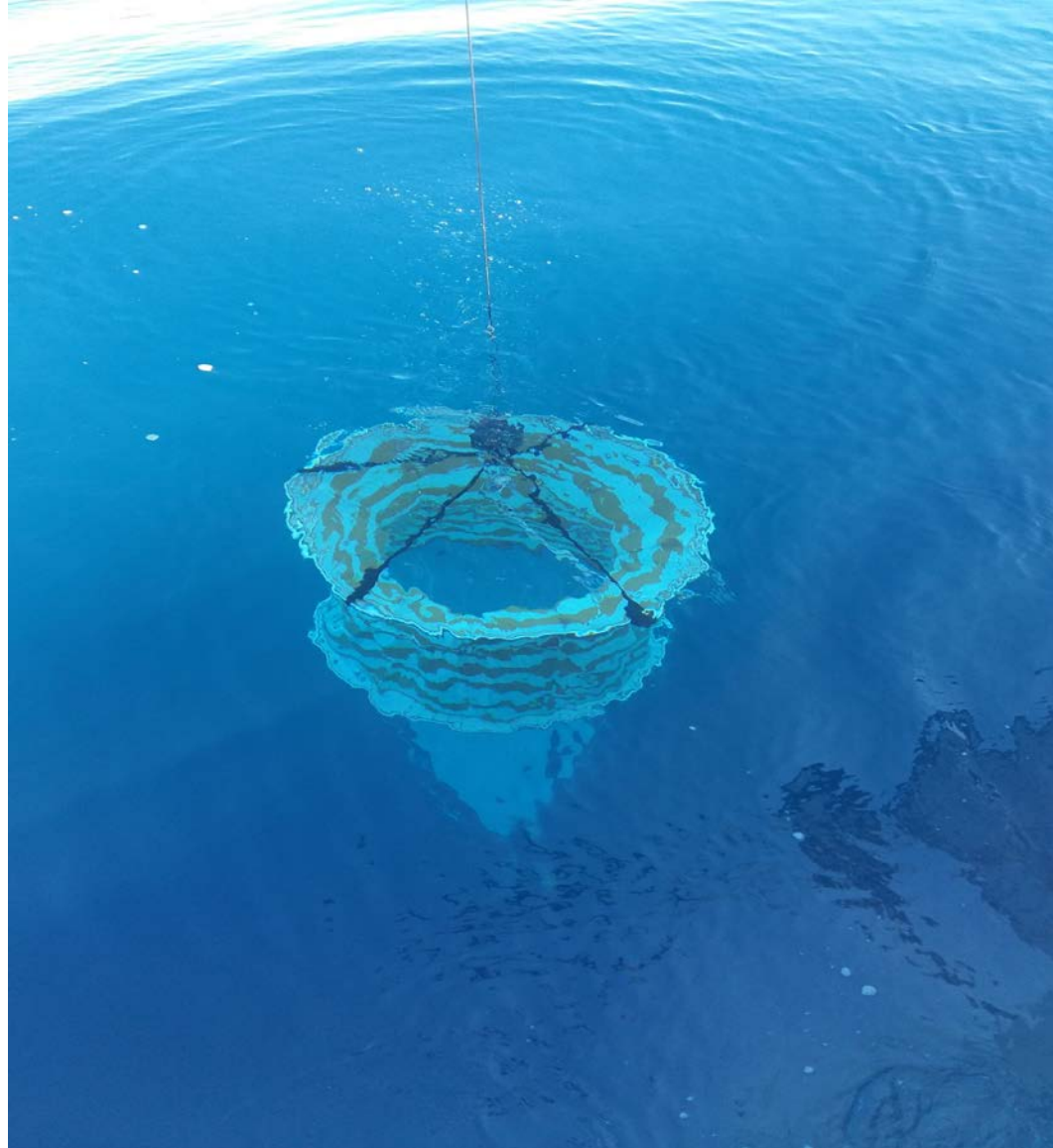


Feeding the the hungry ocean!!

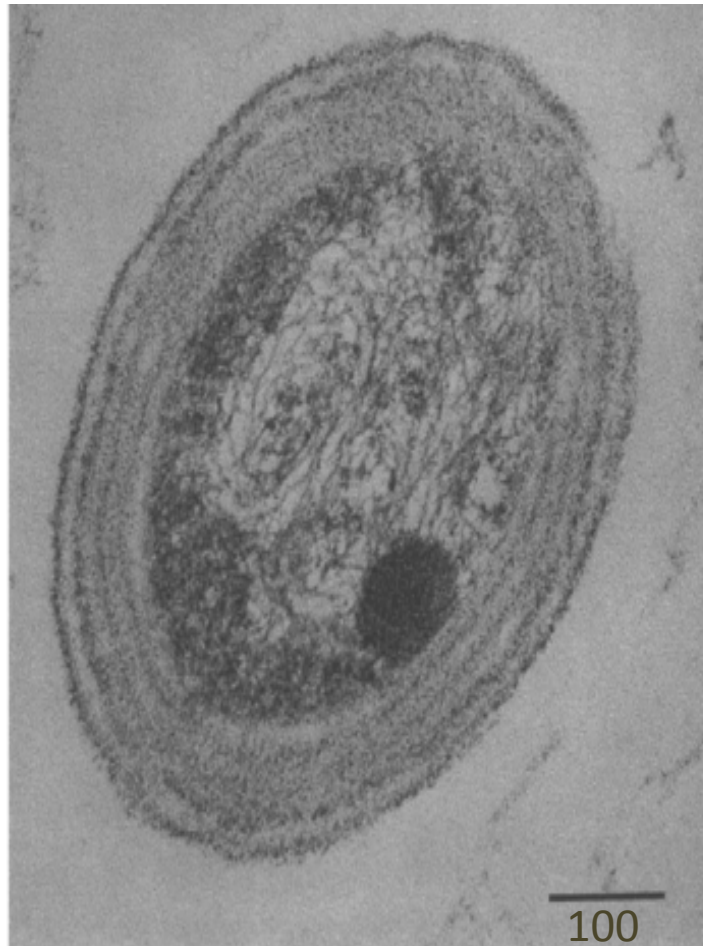
Marine ecosystems much more sensitive from terrestrial

Picoplankton - oligotrophy

# Cyanobacteria - *Prochlorococcus* & *Synechococcus* i picoeukariotes



Sallie W. Chisholm  
(Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology, USA)



[cell size: 0.5 – 0.7  $\mu$ m]      nm

Electron micrograph of a thin section  
of *P. marinus* (strain CCMP-1375;  
Chilsom et al., 1992).

**Kingdom:** Bacteria  
**Phylum:** Cyanobacteria  
**Order:** Synechococcales  
**Family:** Synechococcaceae  
**Genus:** *Prochlorococcus*  
**Species:** *Prochlorococcus marinus*

Chilsom et al., 1992

Gr. pref. **Pro**  
= before  
(primitive)

Gr. adj  
**chloros** =  
green

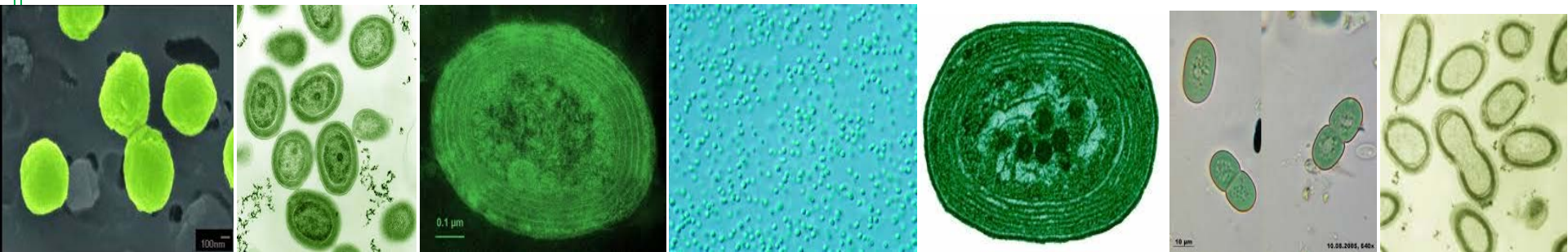
Gr. noun  
**coccus** =  
berry



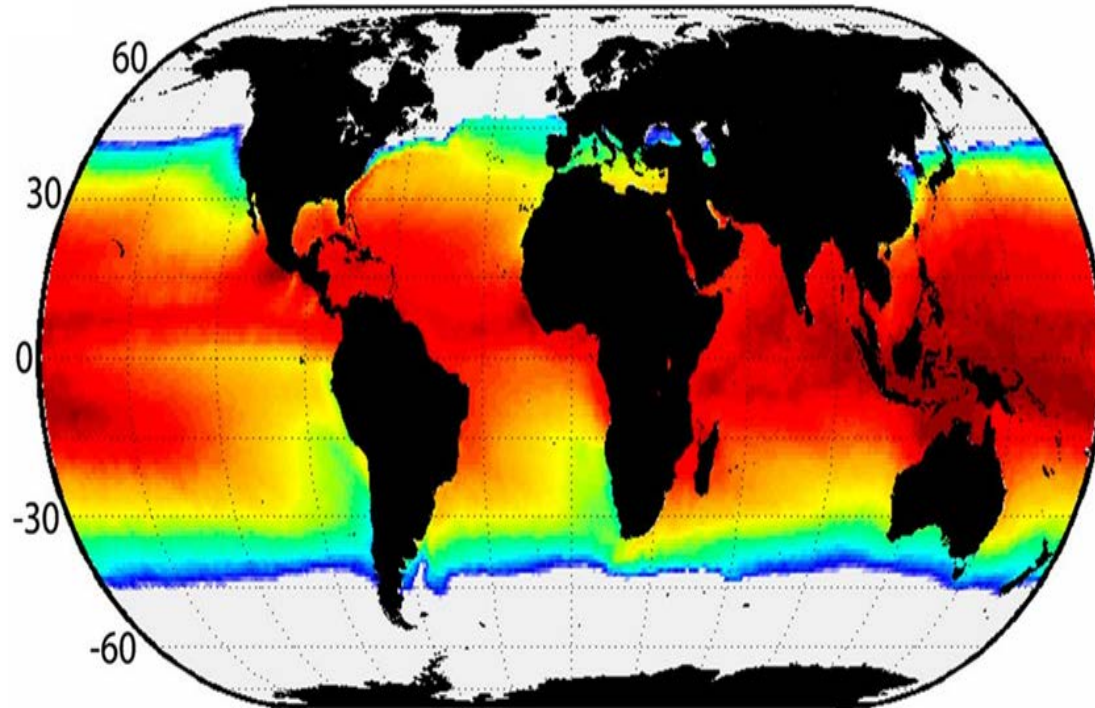
“Little  
greens”

# “Mighty” *Prochlorococcus*

- ✓ Seawater microbial picoplanktonic organism discovered 25 years ago
- ✓ **Present in trillions:** annual mean global abundance of *Prochlorococcus* in the world oceans reaches  $2.9 \pm 0.1 \times 10^{27}$  cells (oligotrophic environment)
- ✓ Accounts for **20% of total oxygen production on Earth** → “lungs” of the ocean
- ✓ **DOMINANT** and **TINIEST** photosynthetic organism on Earth



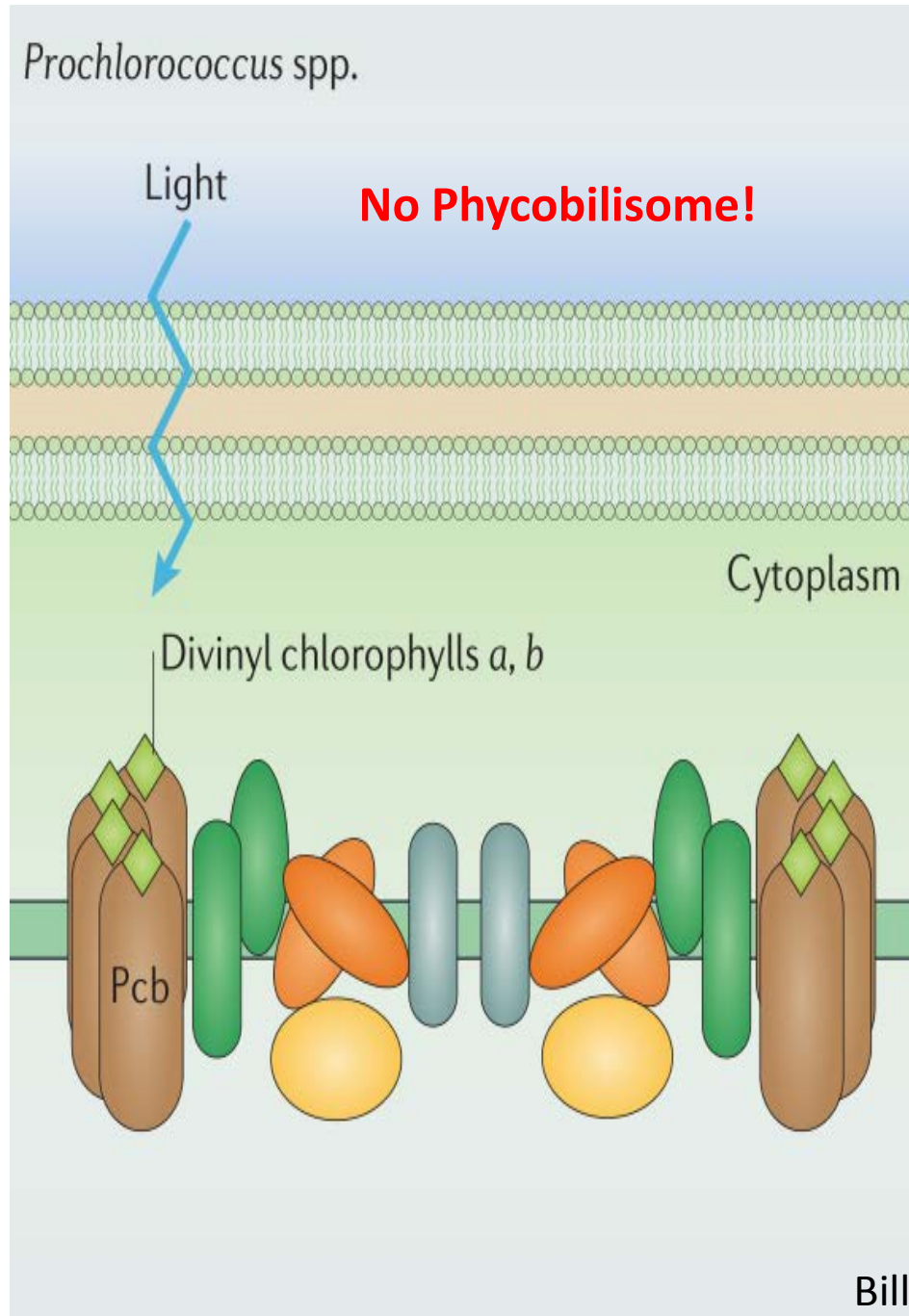
## Global distribution of *Prochlorococcus*



Abundance  
[cells mL<sup>-1</sup>]

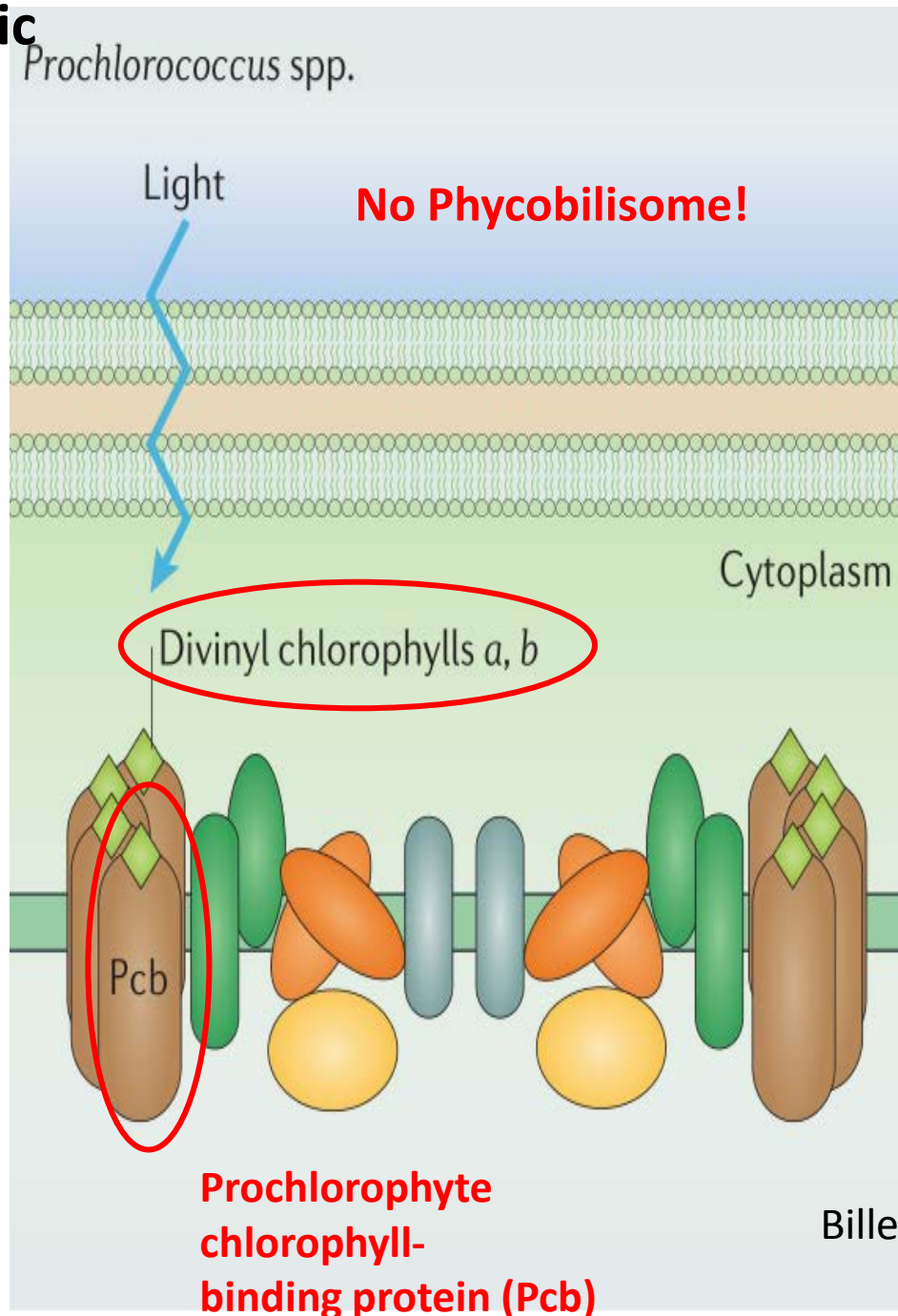
- ✓ between 40°N and 40°S → warmer oligotrophic oceans
- ✓ from the surface up to depth of 200 m

# Photosynthetic apparatus:





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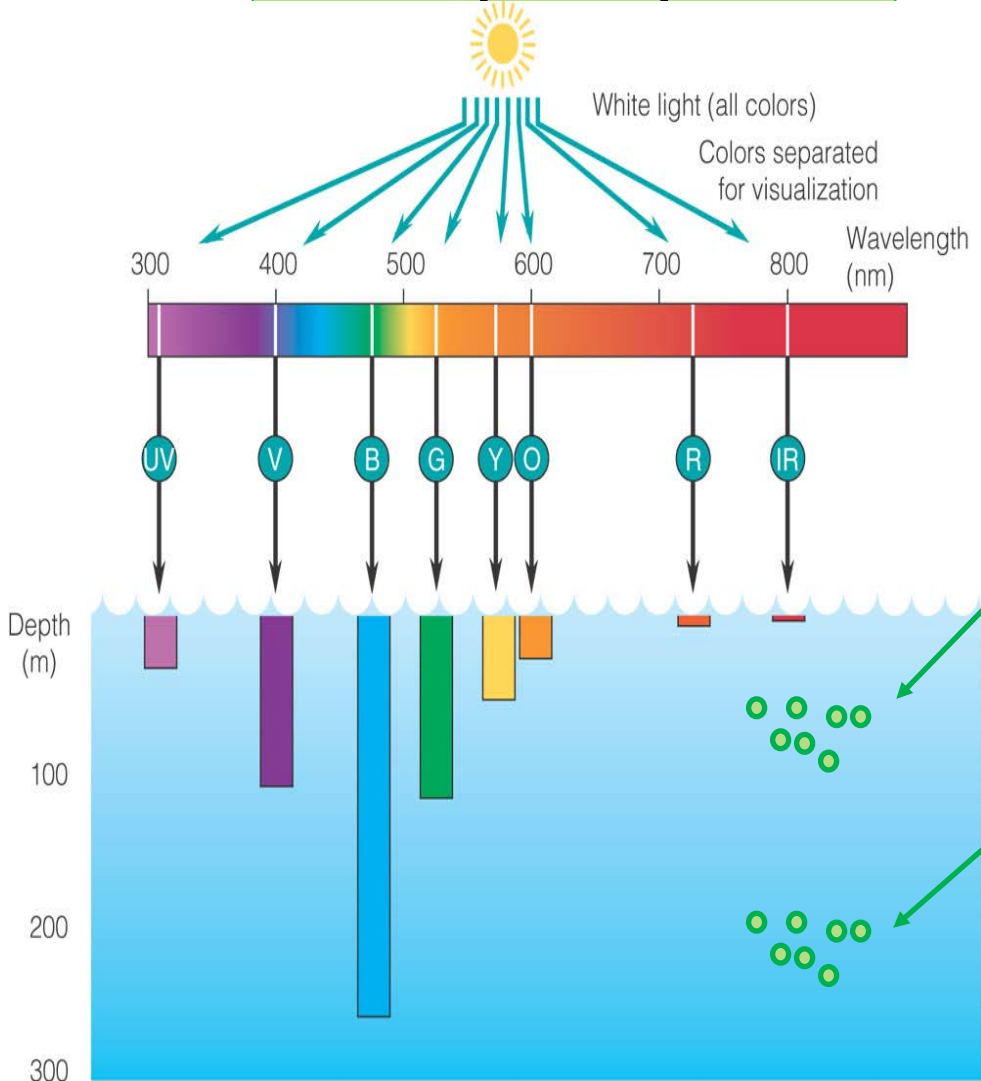


# Pigments:

divinyl chlorophyll *a*  
(Chl a2)

**divinyl chlorophyll *b***  
**(Chl b2)**

→ ratio Chl b2/a2



## *Prochlorococcus*

### Ecotypes:

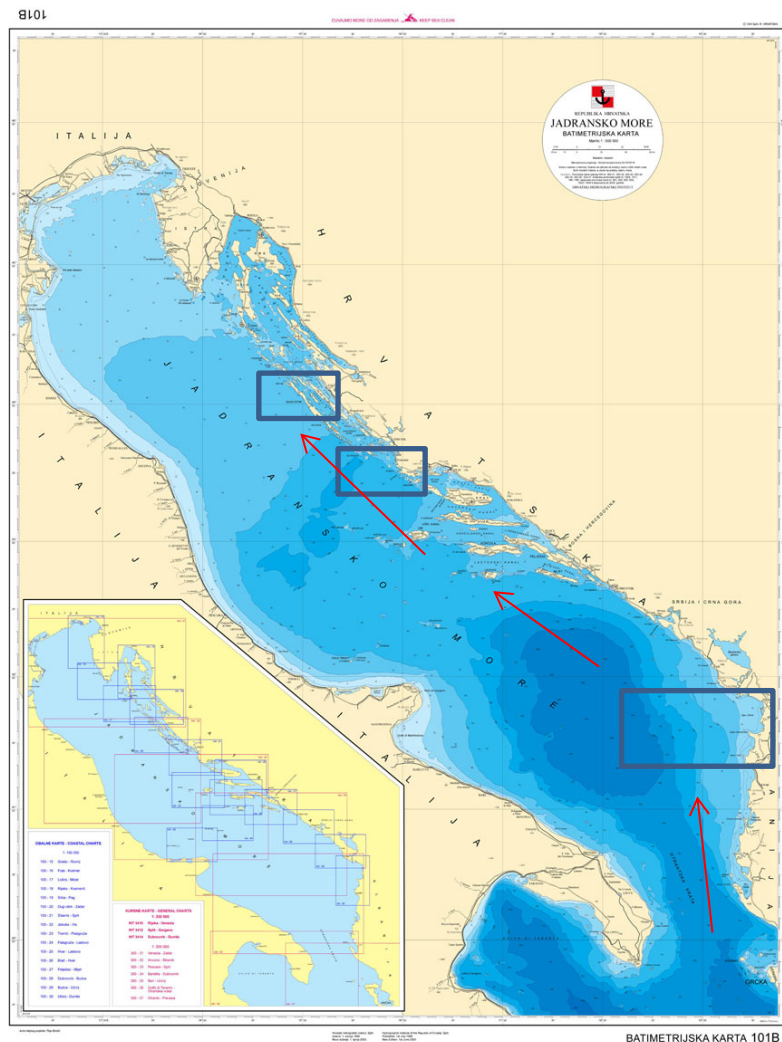
**HL** = "high light" [25 – 100 m depth]  
→ low Chl b2/a2

**LL** = "low light" [80 – 200 m depth]  
→ high Chl b2/a2

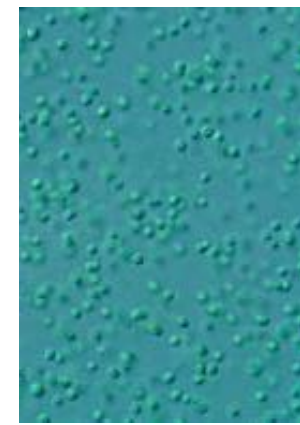
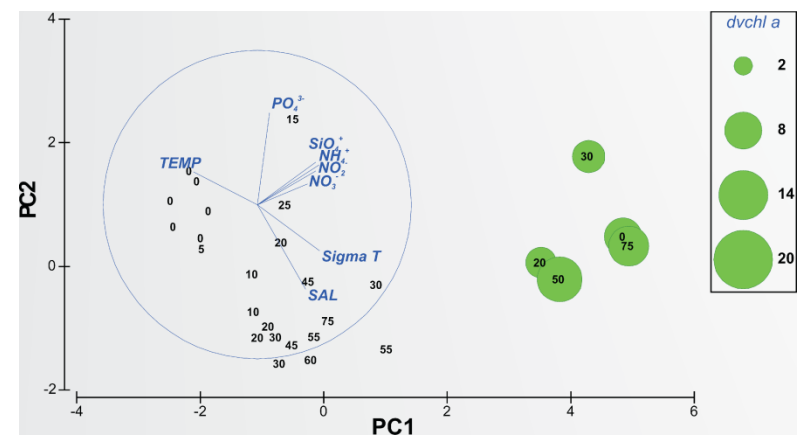
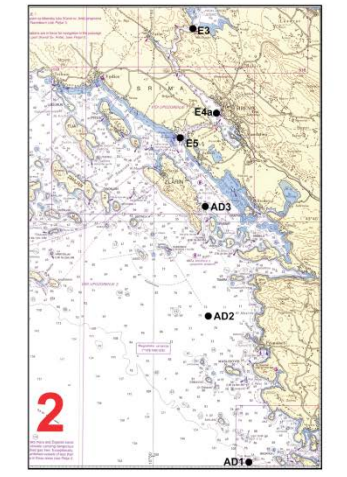
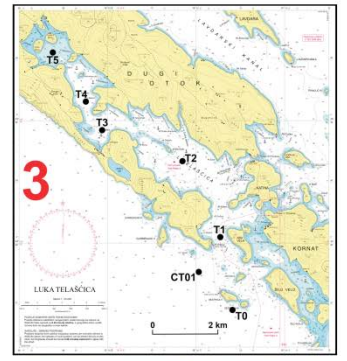
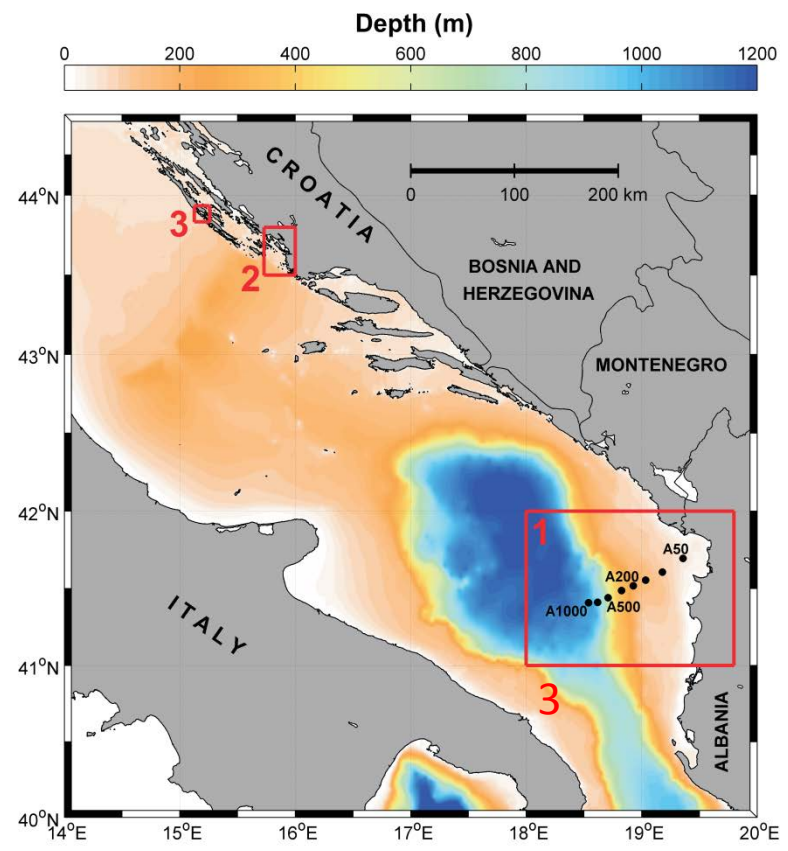
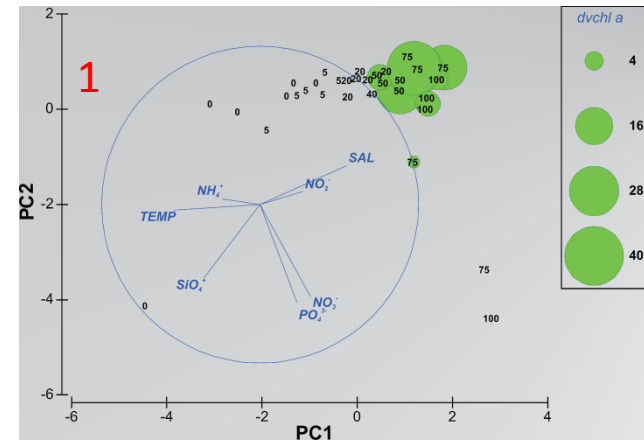
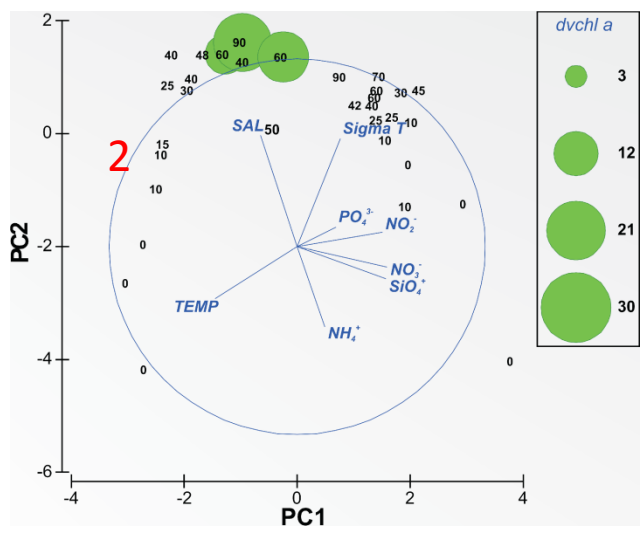
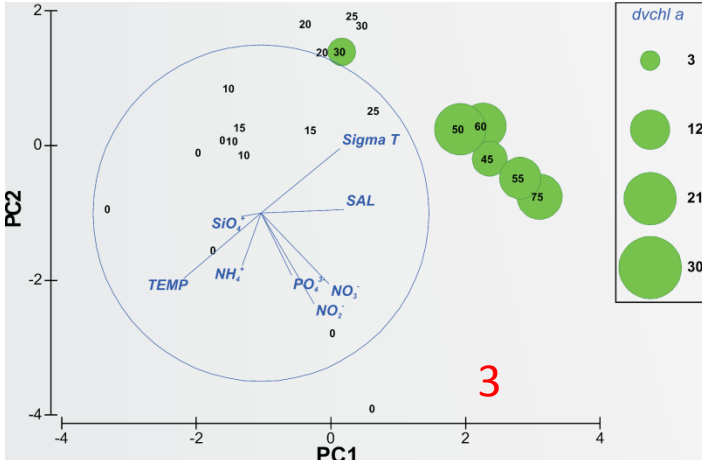
light requirements, nitrogen and phosphorus utilization, copper, and virus sensitivity

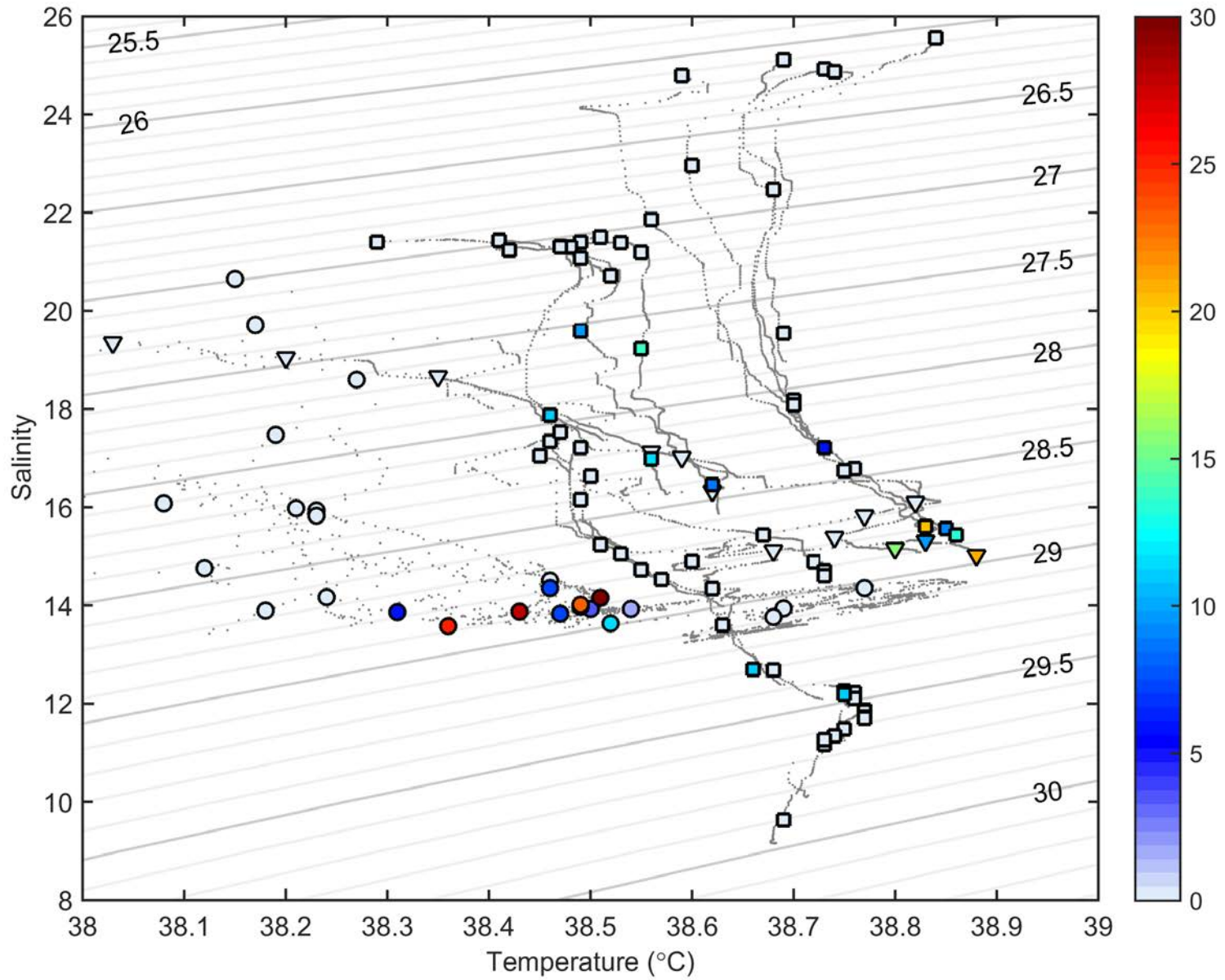
# Biomarker pigment divinyl chlorophyll $\alpha$ as a tracer of water masses?

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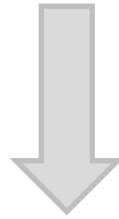


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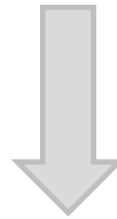




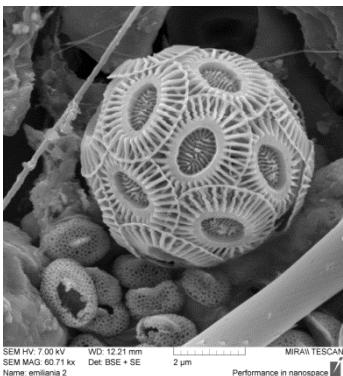
Global distribution of specific phytoplankton species is a response to the ecological parameters (eg. temperature, available light, nutrients, etc)



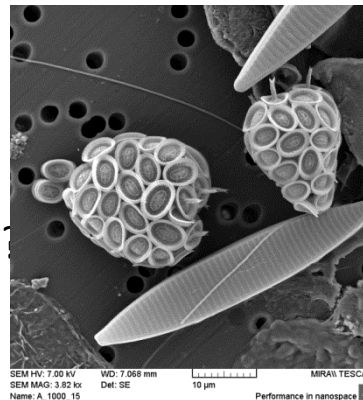
Water masses are characterized by specific values of temperature and salinity



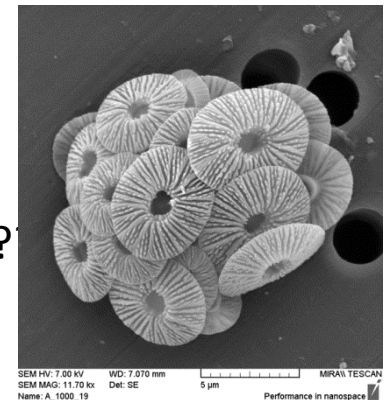
## BIOINDICATORS



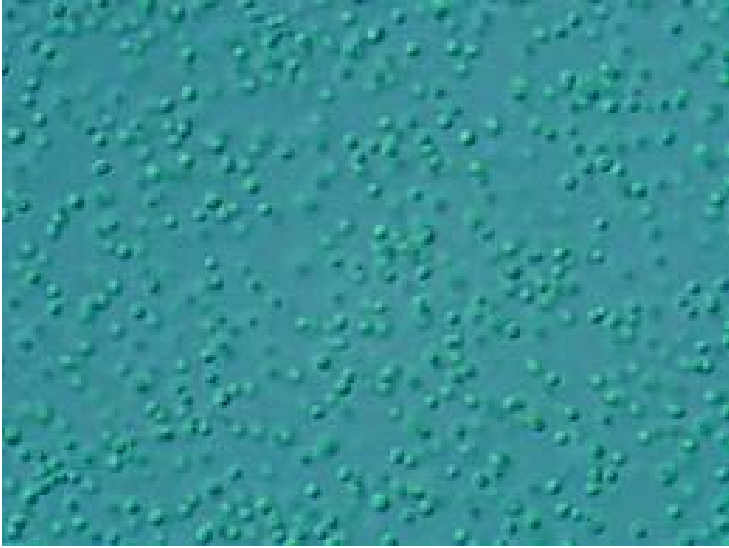
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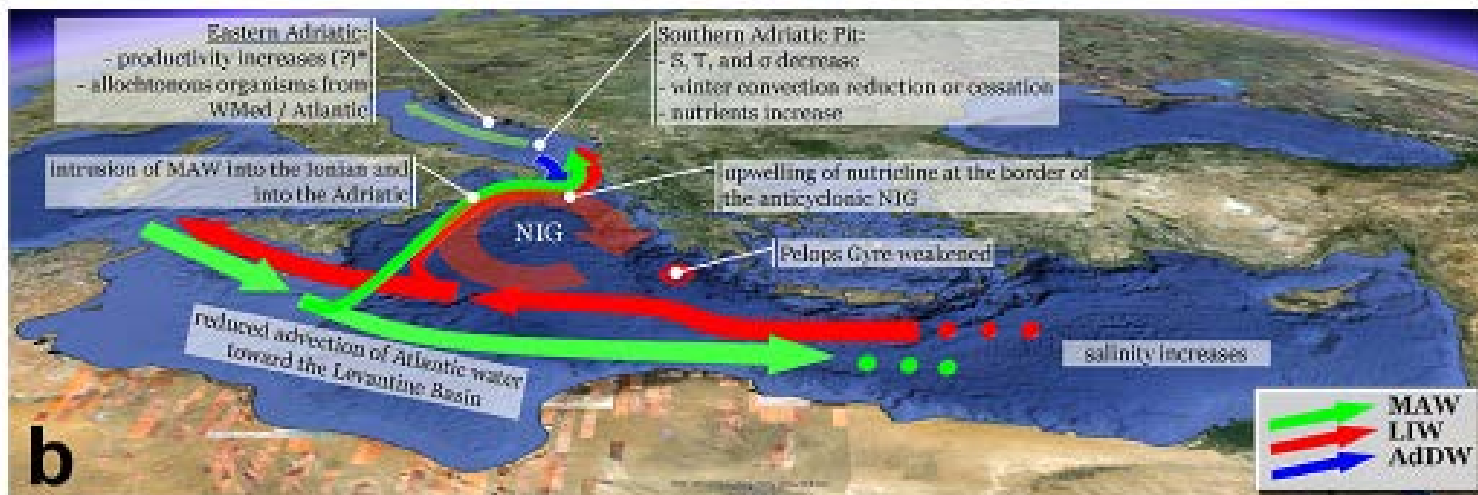
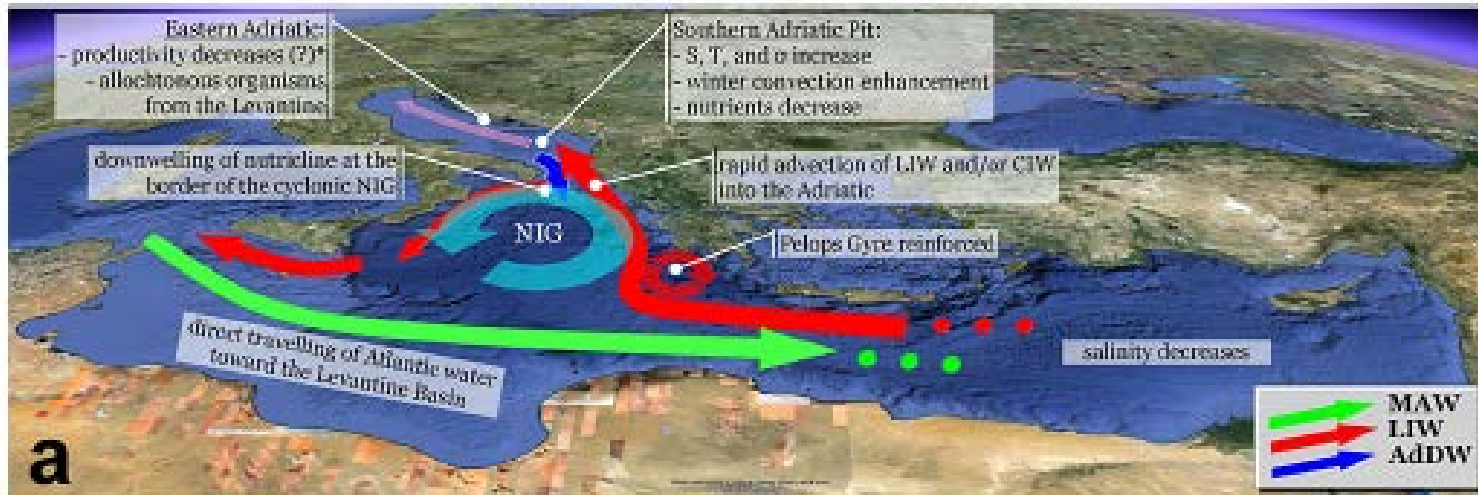
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## Prokaryote *Prochlorococcus*



Coccolithophore : *Emiliana huxleyi* / *Gephyrocapsa oceanica*



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# Mediterranean Sea



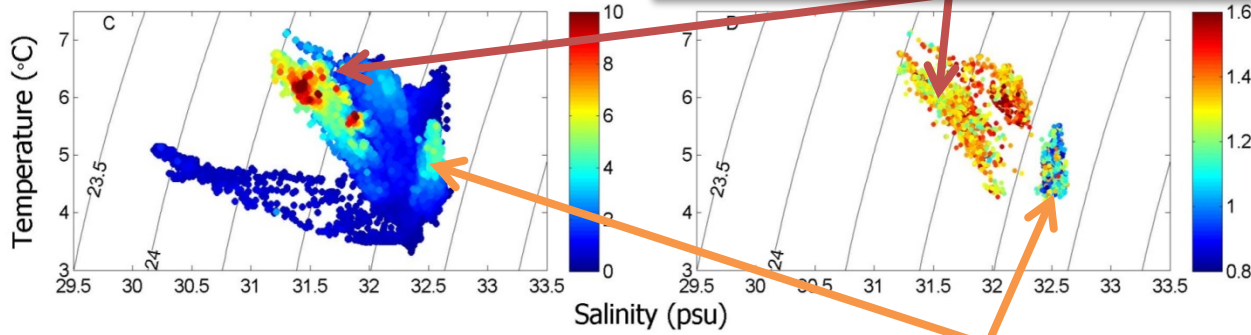
- ✓ Recent studies: detection of tropical or subtropical species → influence of global warming! (Coll et al., 2010; Lejeusne et al., 2009; Mella-Flores, 2012)
- ✓ **Southern Adriatic** = hot spot for climate change investigations

**LIW** = Levantine Intermediate Water

**NAdDW** = North Adriatic Dense Water

**AdDW** = Adriatic Dense Water

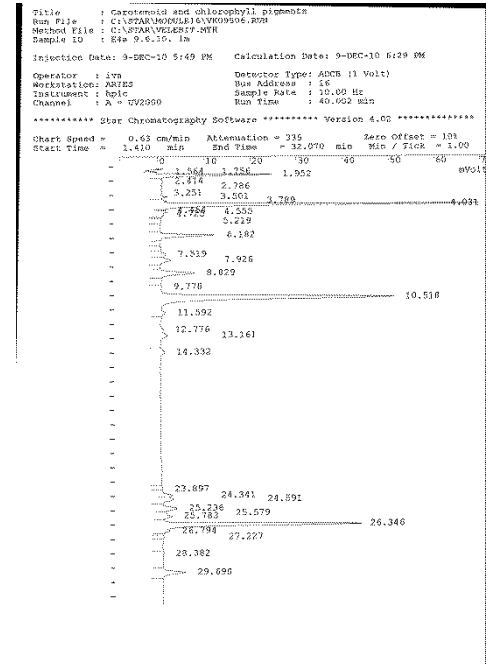
# 1. Bio-optics



Phytoplankton population 1  
Higher backscattering

Phytoplankton population 2  
Lower backscattering

# 4. Biomarkers HPLC

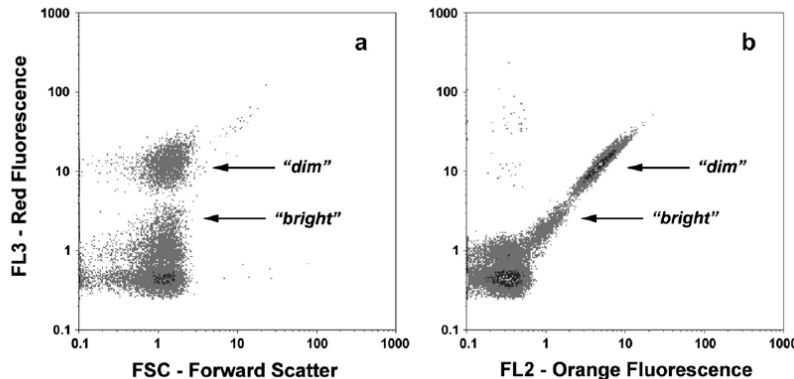


# 3. Zooplankton LM



# 2. Phytoplankton

- a) LM, SEM
- b) Flow cytometry
- a) Molecular identification





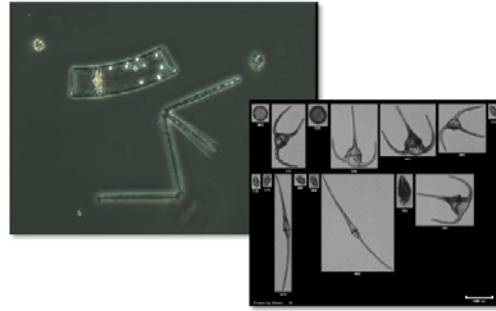
# Measuring phytoplankton



- Molecular tools
  - 18s and 16s rRNA

## Imagery

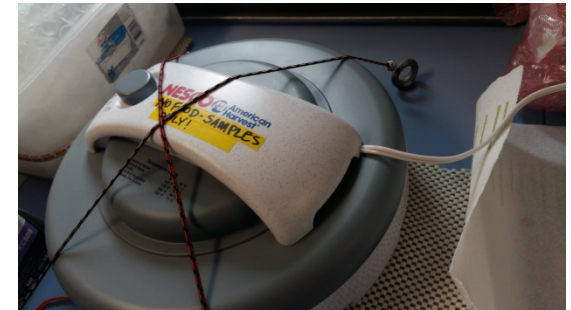
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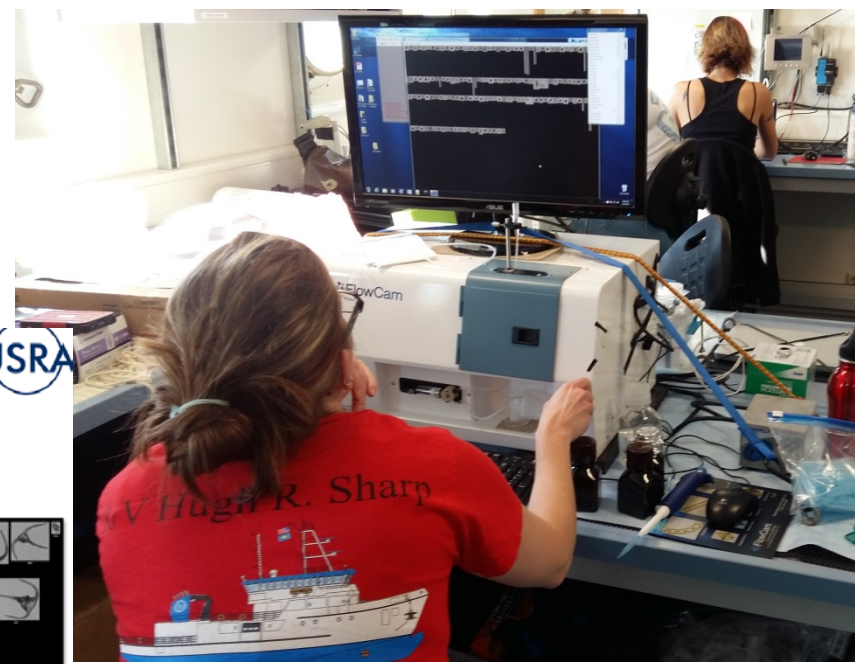
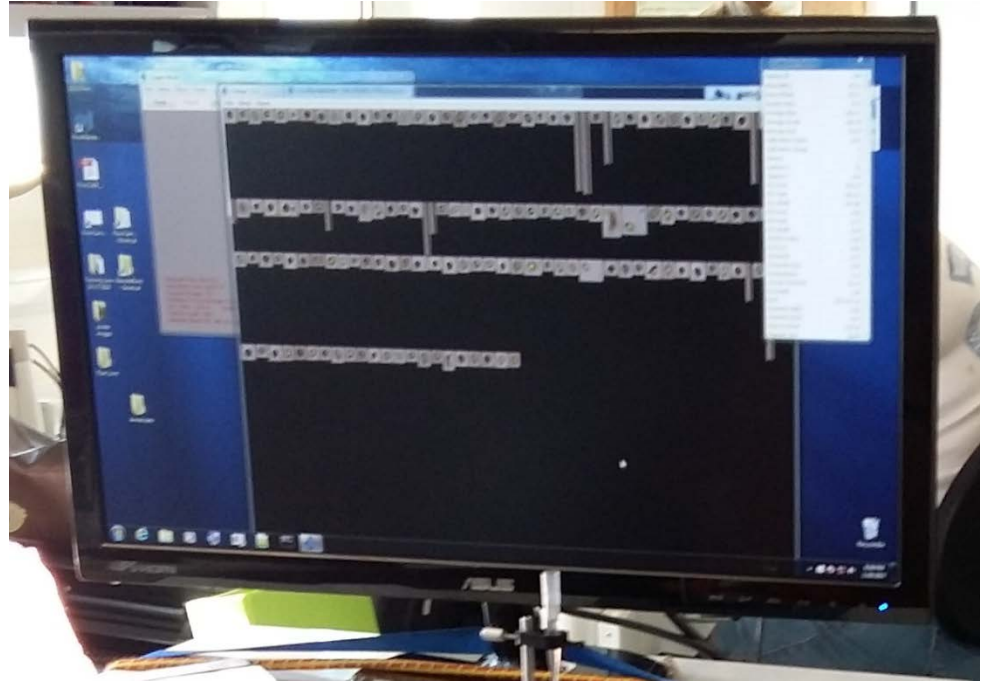
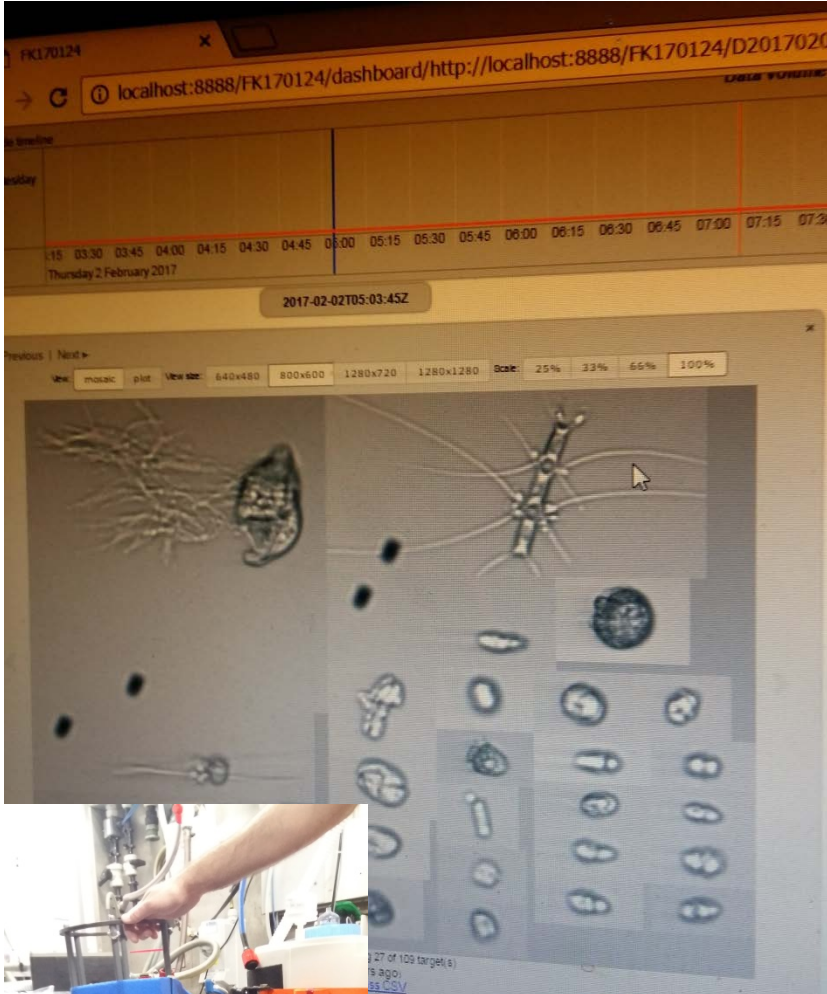


## Optical in-line measurements



- Interaction of light and particles /phytoplankton
  - Absorption
  - scattering
- Continuous system (wetlab)

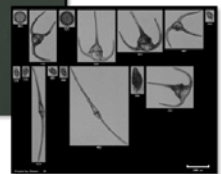
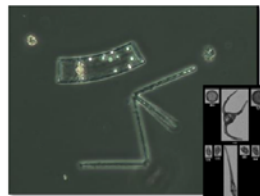




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# Diatoms

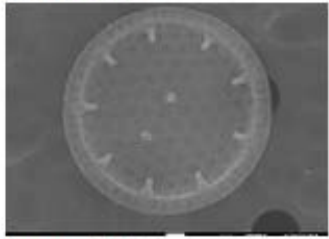


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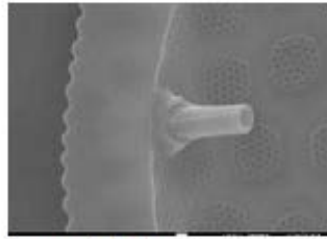


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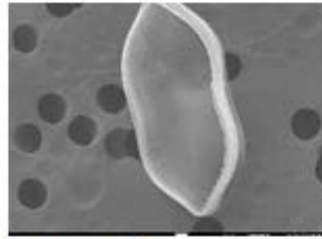


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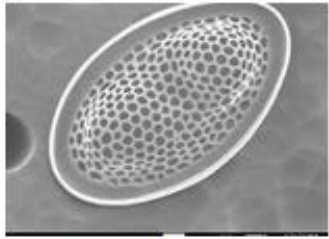
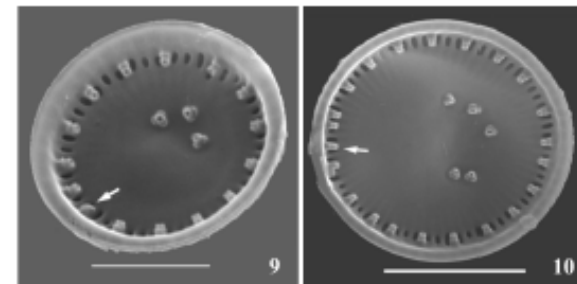


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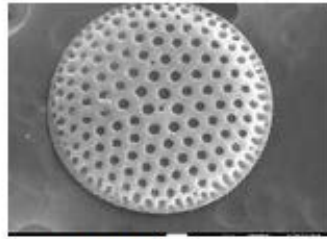


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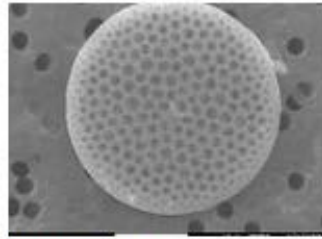


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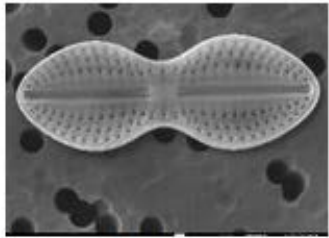
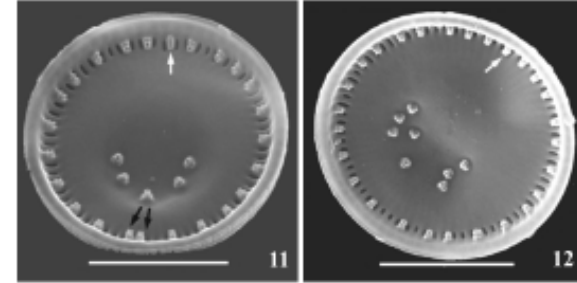


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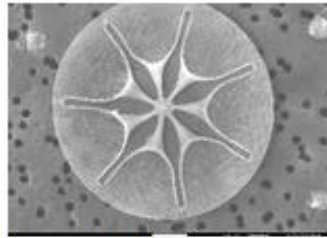


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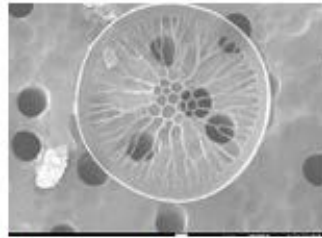
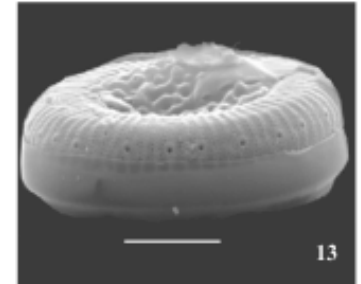
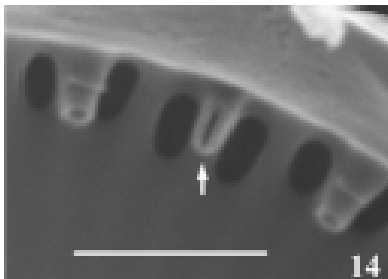


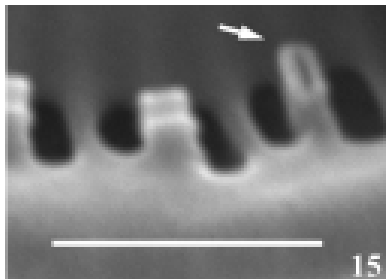
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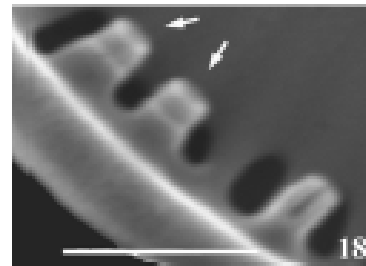
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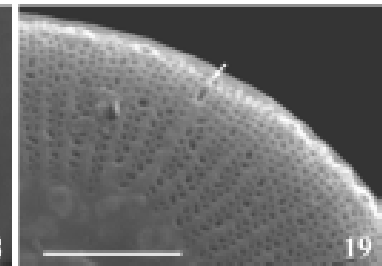
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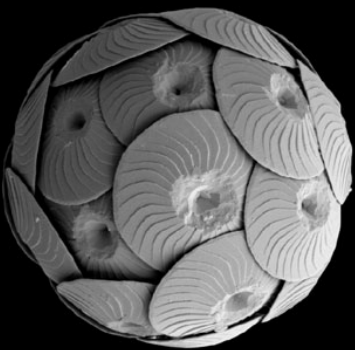
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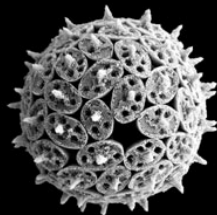
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*Calcidiscus leptoporus*



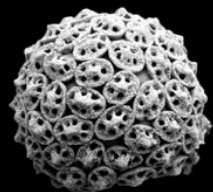
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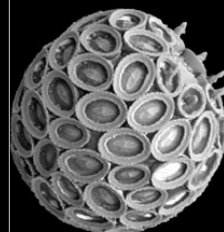
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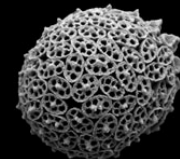


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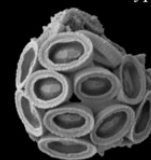
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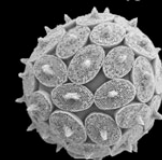
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HOL *wettsteini* type



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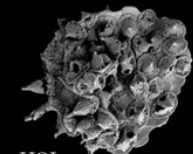
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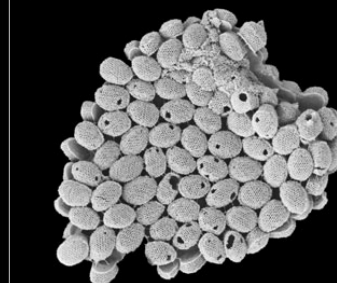
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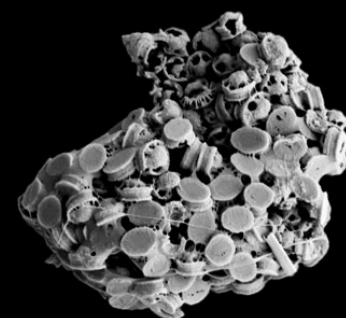


HOL *oblonga* type

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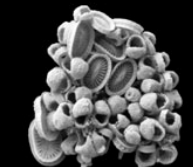


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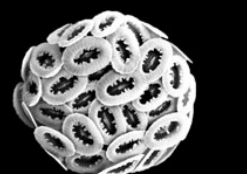
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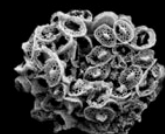
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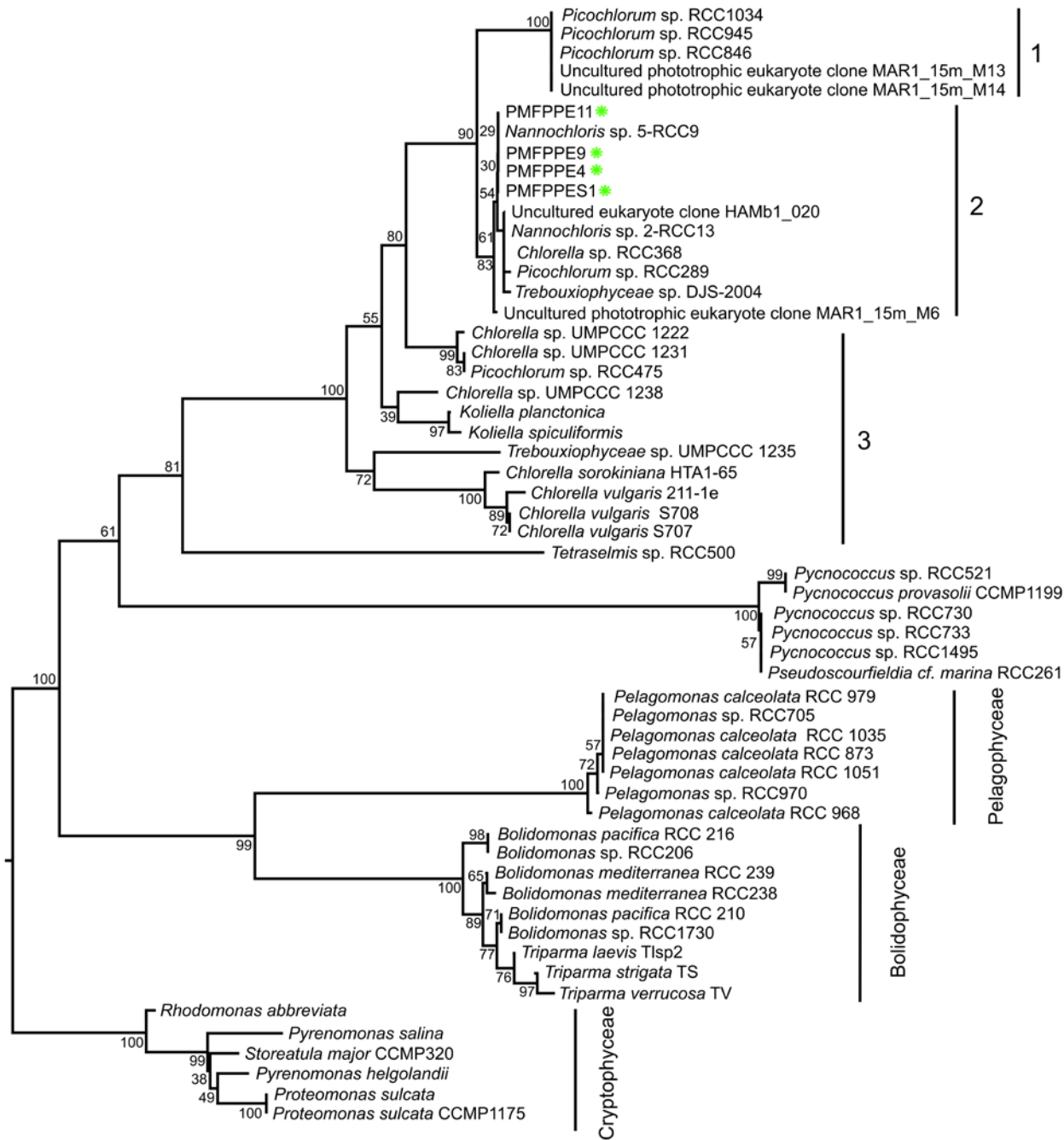
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HOL

5µm

5µm



Trebouxiophyceae

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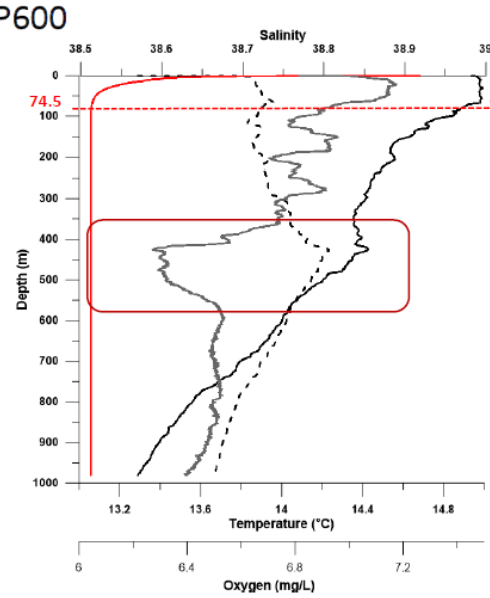
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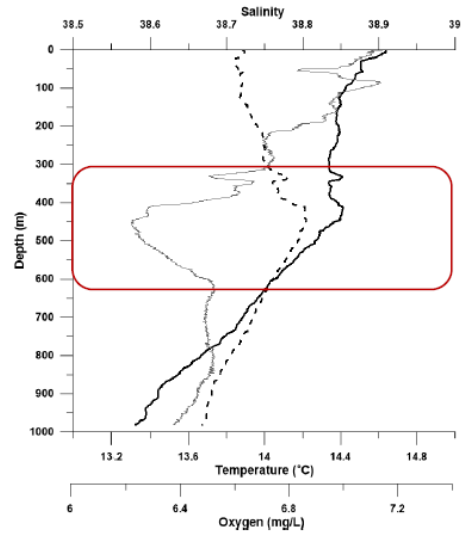
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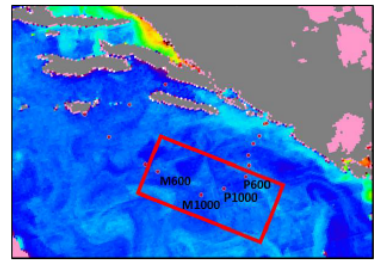


1% of photosynthetically active radiation (PAR)

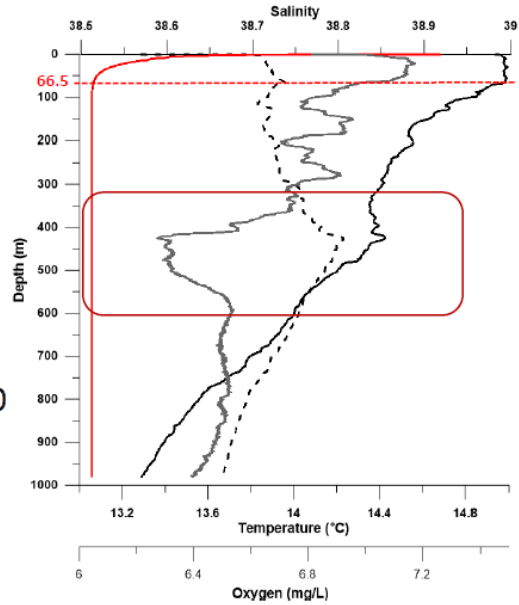
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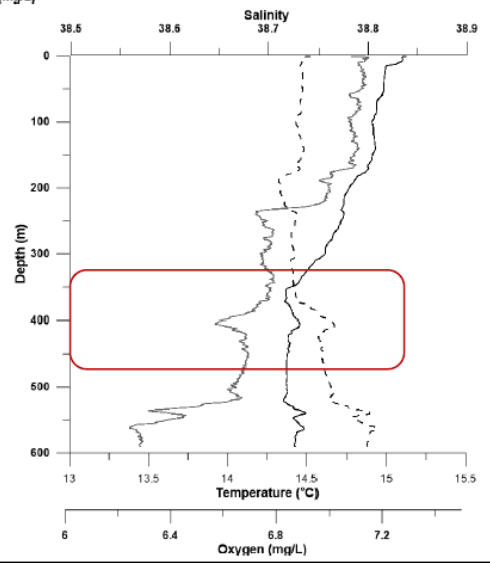
Temperature – Salinity – Oxygen Profiles
   
 Levantine Intermediate Water (LIW)



P1000



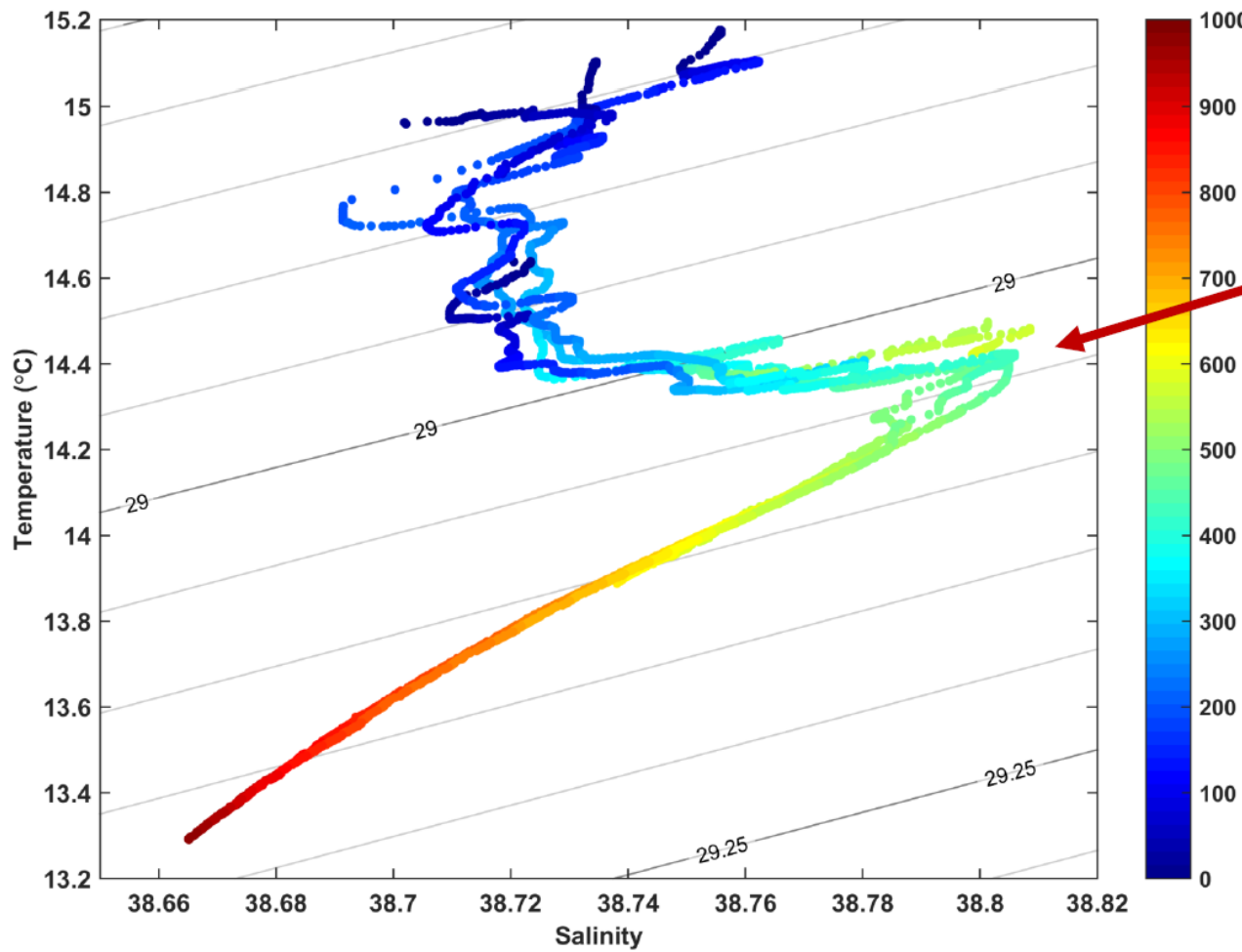
M600



- Temperature (°C)
- - - Salinity
- Oxygen (mg/L)

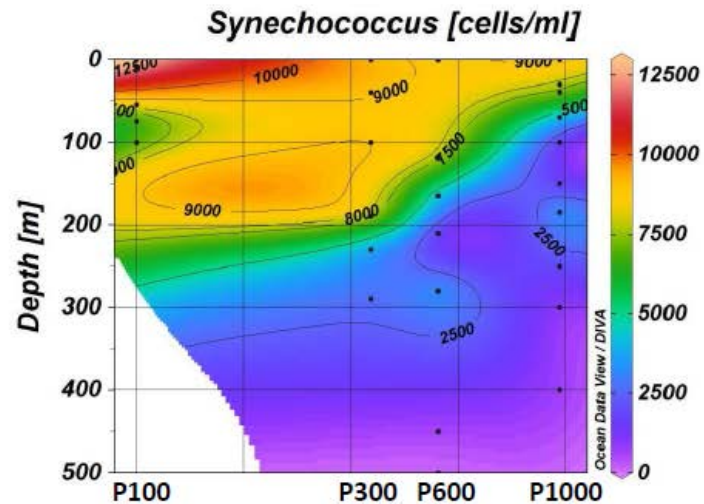
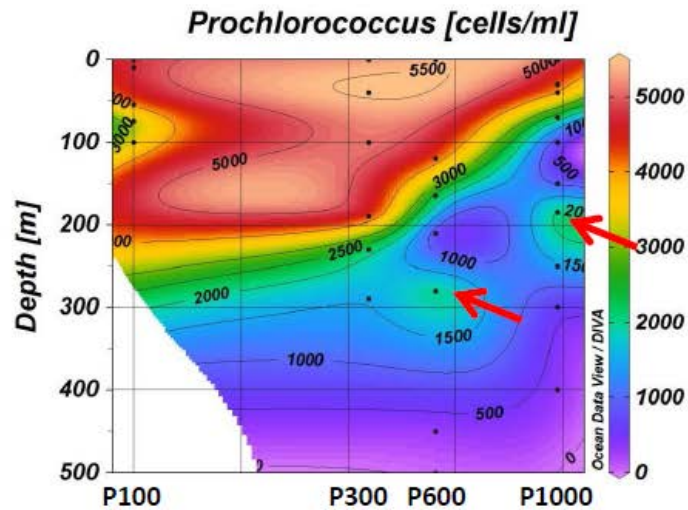
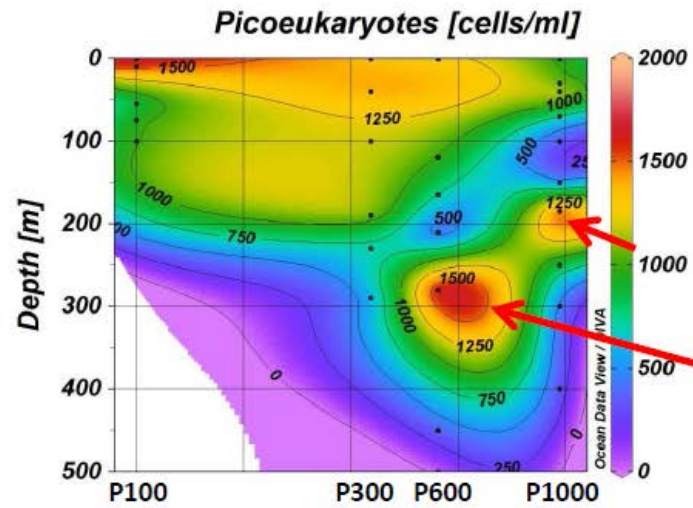
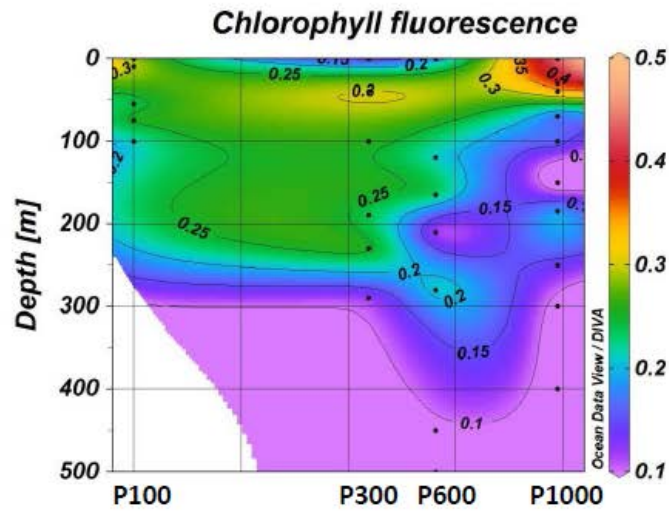


P600, P1000, M600 & M1000

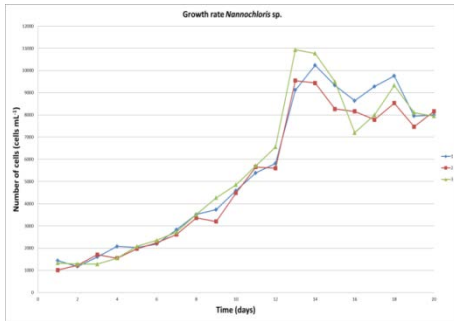
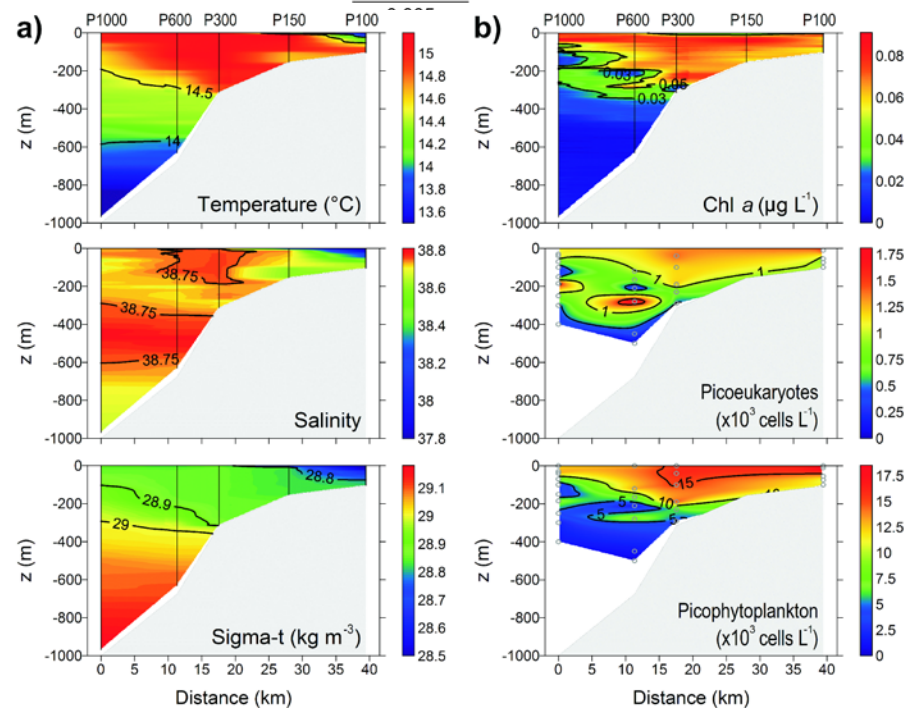
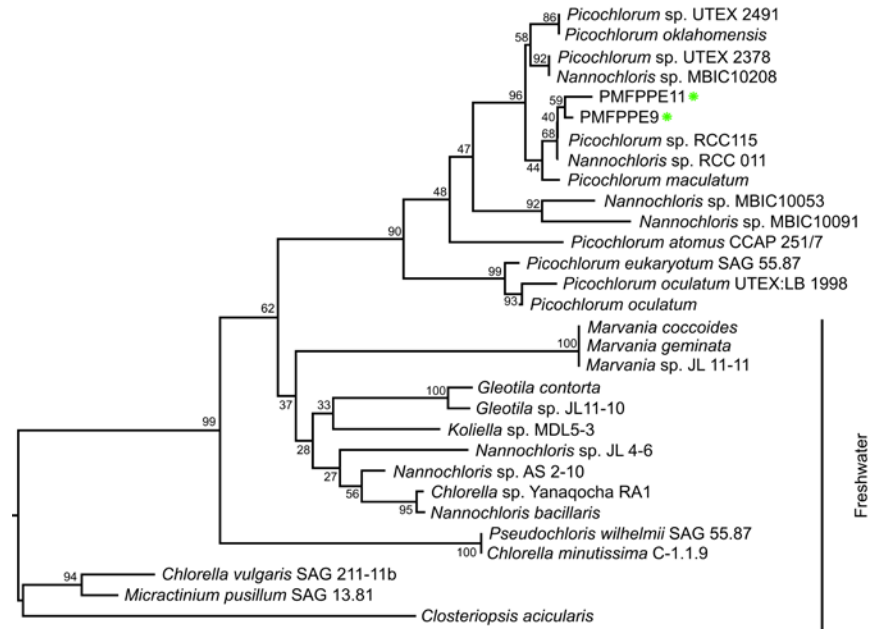
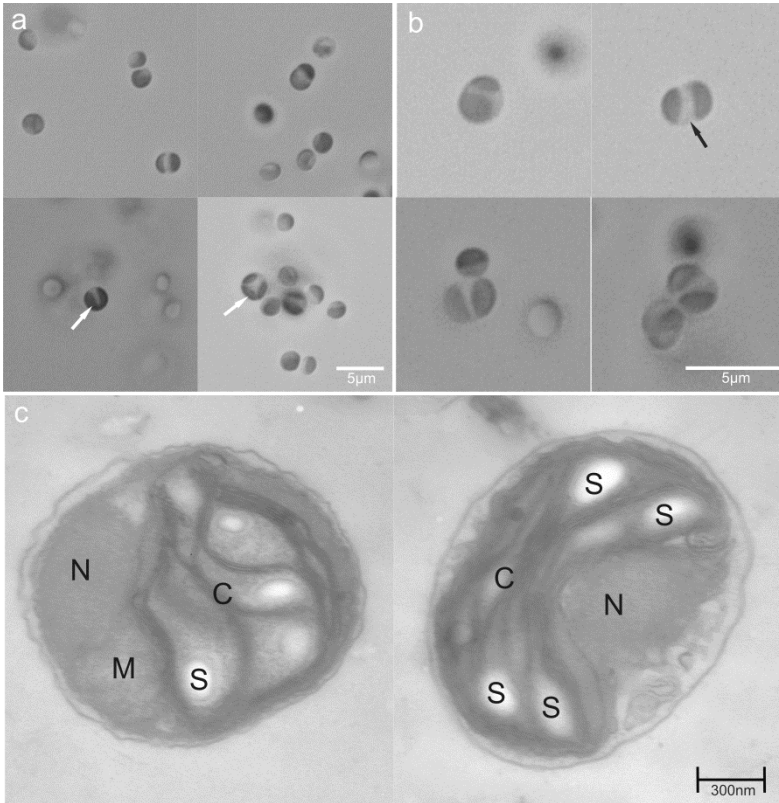


400 – 600 m  
Levantine  
Intermediate  
Water (LIW)

# 1. Picoeukaryotes

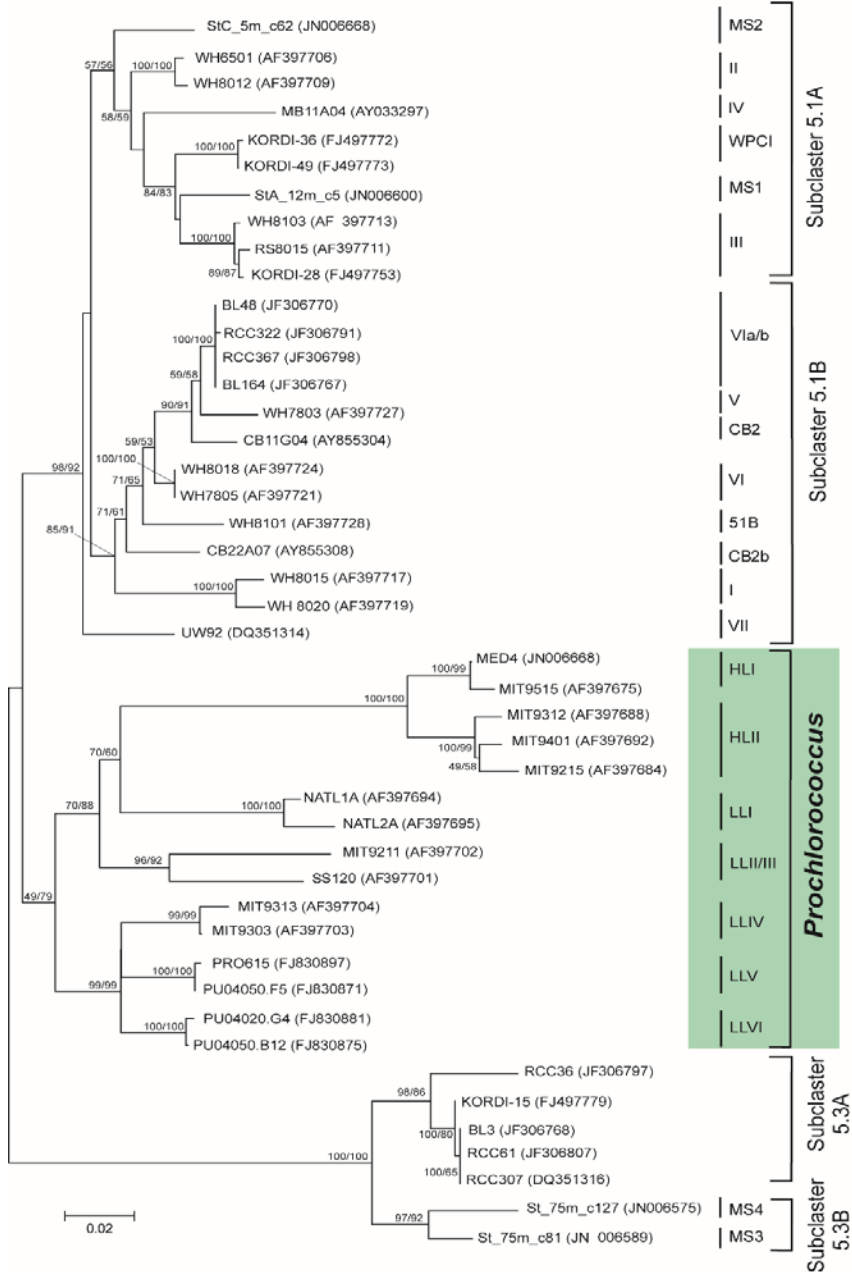


# Picochlorum sp



Mejdandžić & Ljubešić, in preparation

## 2. cyanobacteria (*Synechococcus*, *Prochlorococcus*)



	P150A			P600			M300	
	20m	80m	140m	120m	210m	280m	70m	180m
Subclaster 5.1A			1		2			
Subclaster 5.1B		1		19	4	17	6	
Prochlorococcus	22	12	12	7	3	8	18	22
Subclaster 5.3A								
Subclaster 5.3B								
	0	9	4	1	1	0	5	1
	3	1	5		5	1	2	3
	1	1						1
	2		4	1	1		2	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>

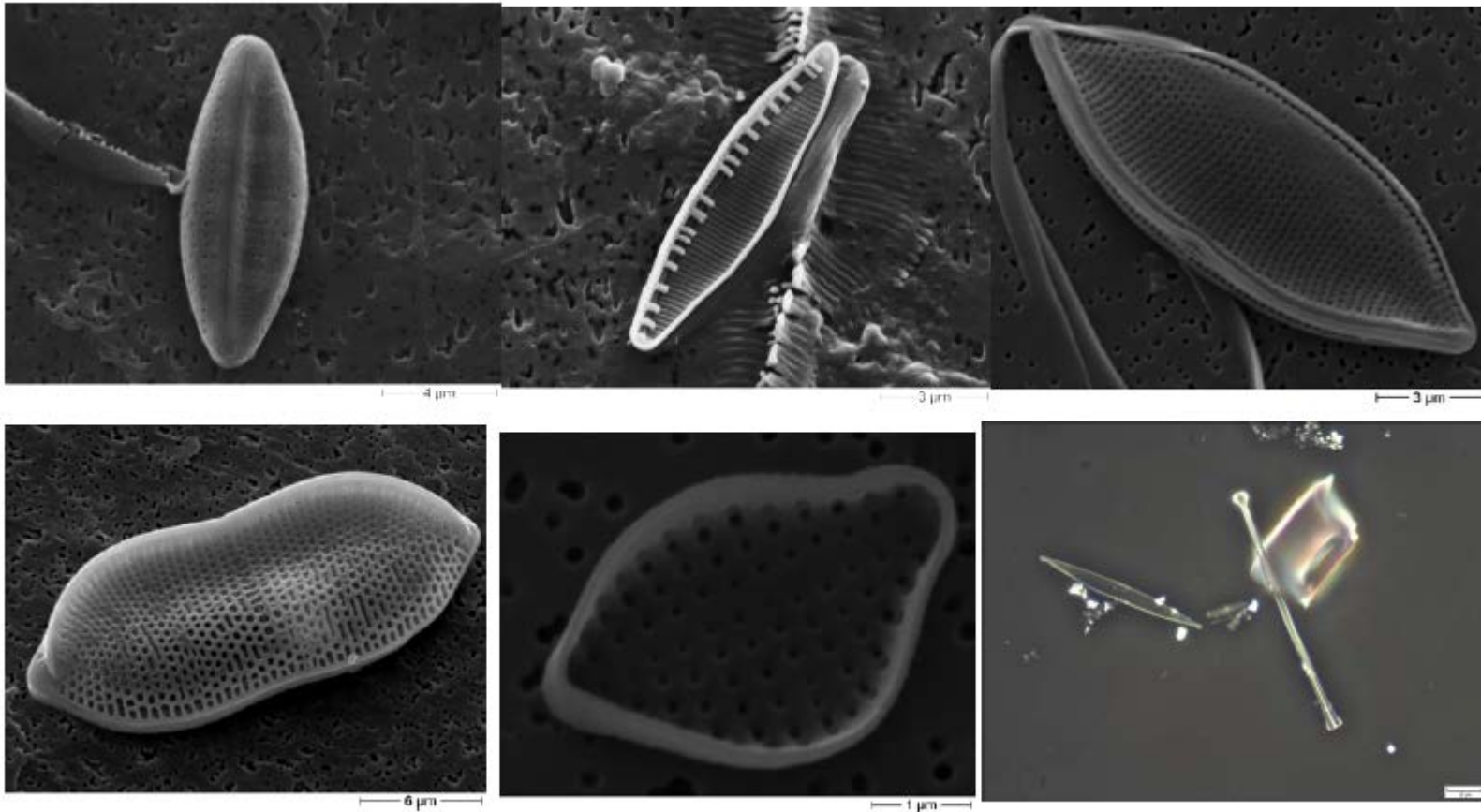
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### 3. Penate diatoms



*Nitzschia sicula* (Viličić et al. 1994)

Batistić et al 2012



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*Entomoneis tenera* sp. nov., a new marine planktonic diatom (Entomoneidaceae, Bacillariophyta) from the Adriatic Sea

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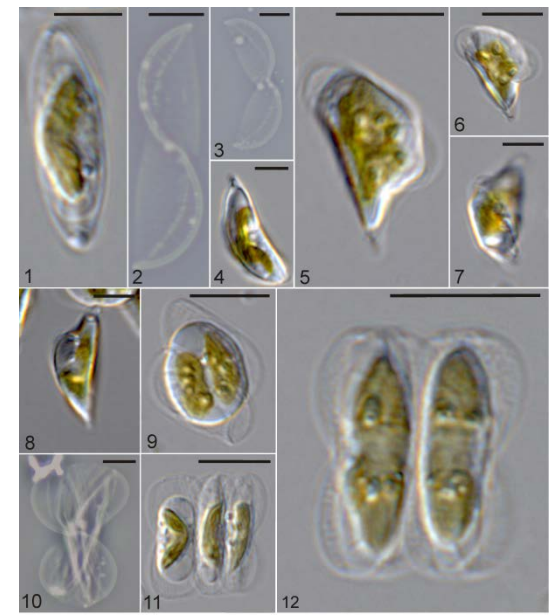
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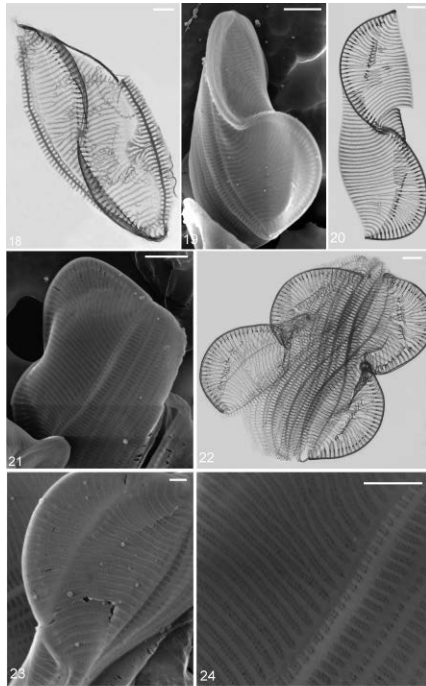
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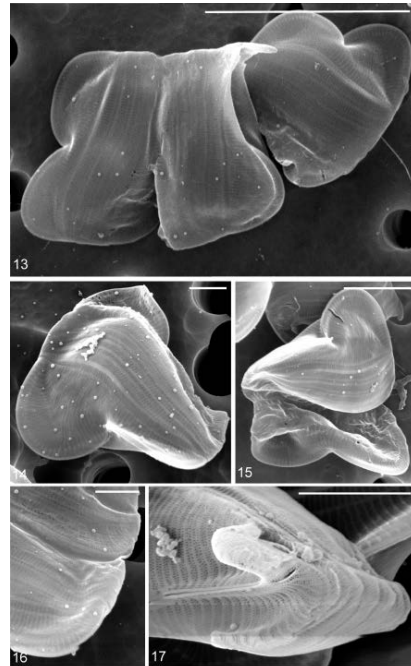
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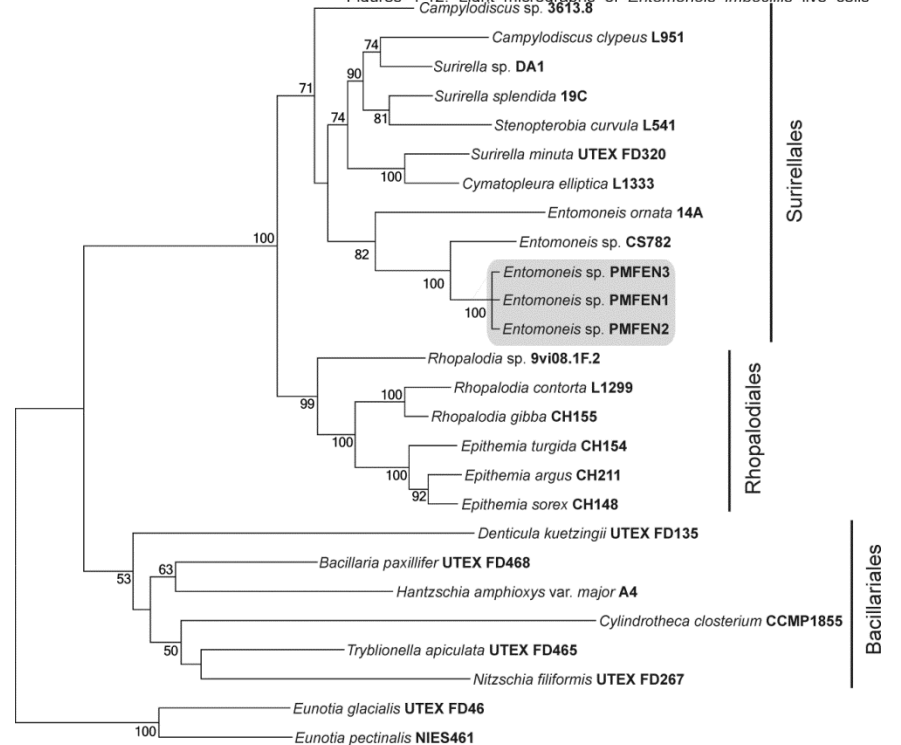
Figures 1-12. Light micrographs of *Entomoneis imbecillis* live cells



Figures 18-24. SEM and TEM micrographs of *Entomoneis imbecillis*. Scale bars: 5µm - 21; 1µm - 18, 20, 22, 23, 24; 2µm - 14, 16, 17, 19



Figures 13-17. SEM micrographs of *Entomoneis imbecillis*. Scale bars: 10µm - 13; 5µm - 15; 2µm - 14, 16, 17



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