



# Harmful Algal Blooms & Ocean Climate Change



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# Shellfish danger



## Red tide kills children, alert

By JIMMY PEREZ  
Reporter  
At least three children have died in the last two days in Manila after eating shellfish contaminated with red tide...



WHO

# Killer algae found in waters off Tasmania

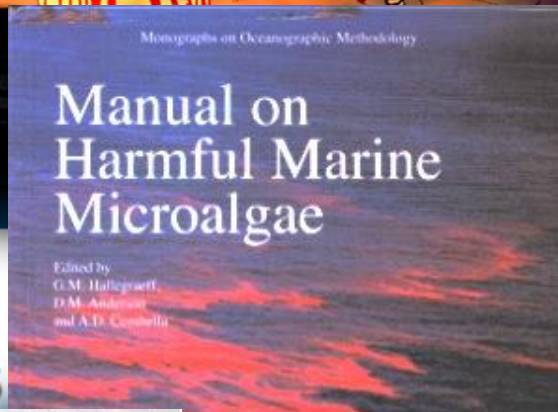


# Algal toxin hits crays



# HABS

## Harmful Algal Blooms



Monographs on Oceanographic Methodology

### Manual on Harmful Marine Microalgae

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# Tuna industry in shock

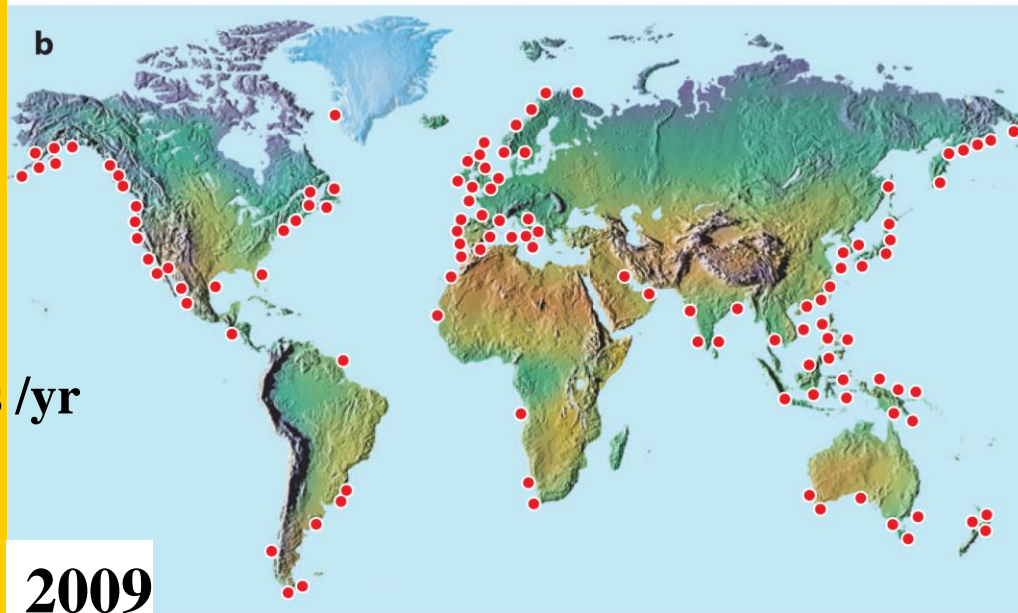
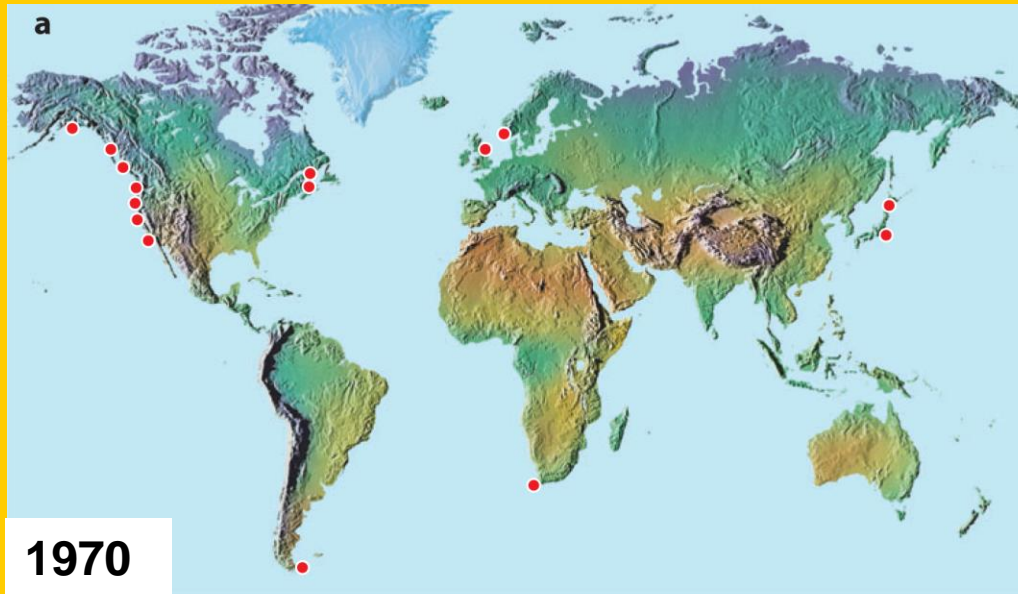
# BEACH HEALTH DANGER

# Increased Global Distribution Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning

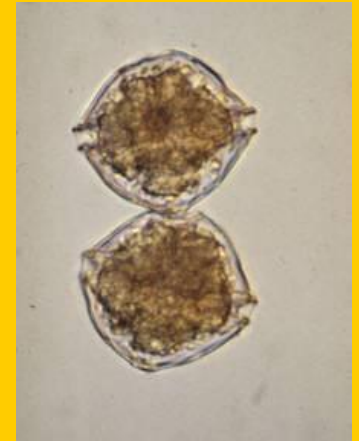
Captain Vancouver



Poison Cove 1793



2000 poisonings /yr  
(15% fatal)



# Increased Awareness of Shellfish Biotoxins

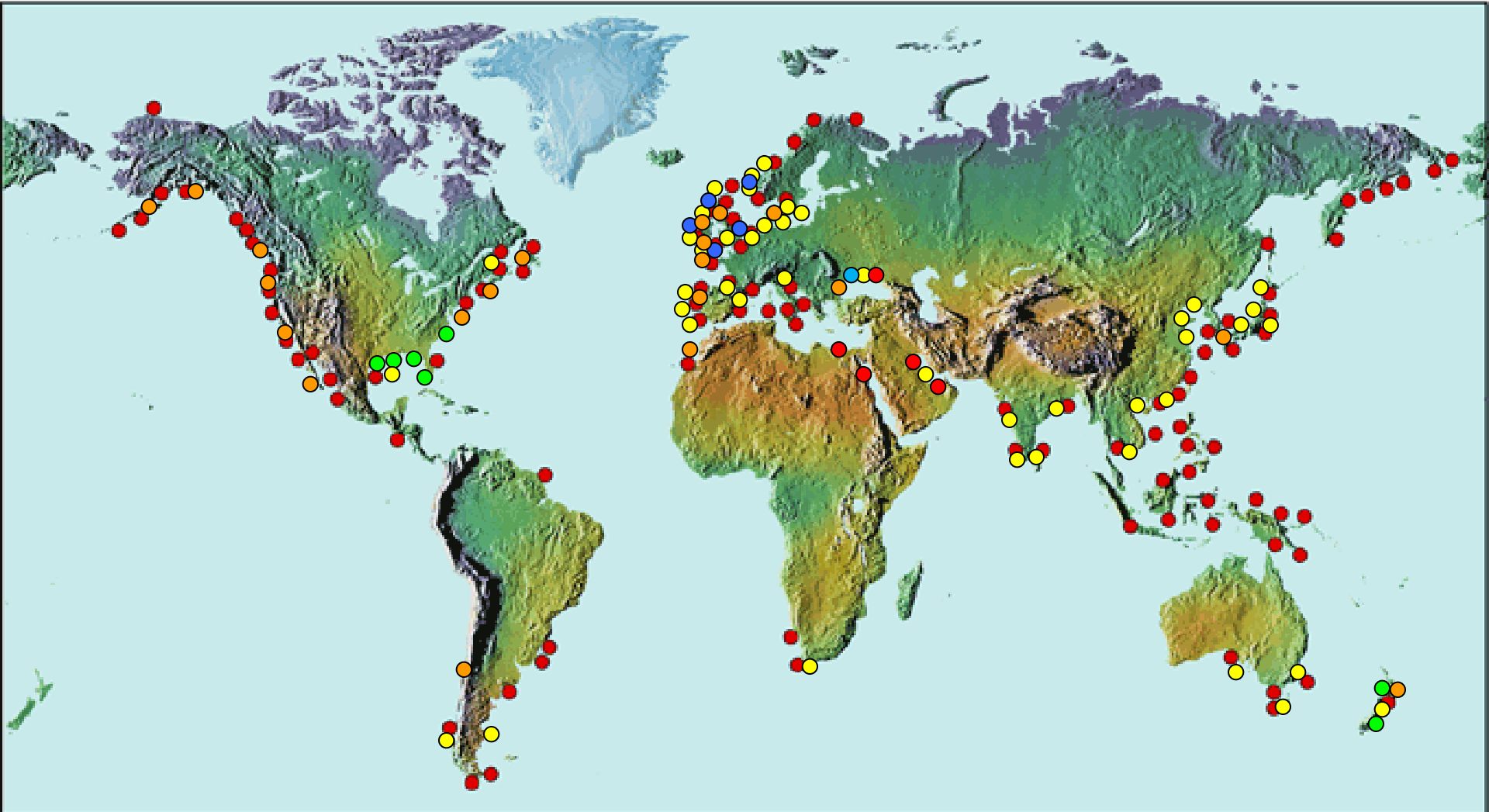
● ASP

● NSP

● AZP

● DSP

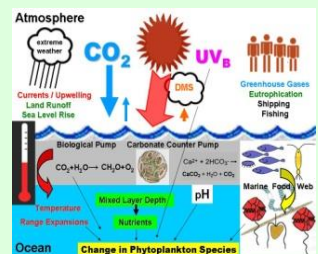
● PSP





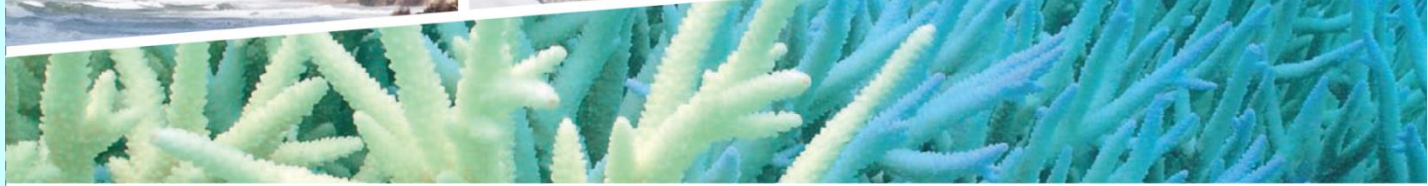
# Environmental and Human Societal Drivers of increase in Harmful Algal Blooms

1. Increased scientific **awareness** of toxic species.
2. Increased utilisation of coastal waters for **aquaculture**
3. Stimulation of plankton blooms by cultural **eutrophication**
4. Transport in ships' **ballast water** or associated with translocation of shellfish stocks
5. Stimulation by unusual **climate** conditions



# Marine Climate Change in Australia

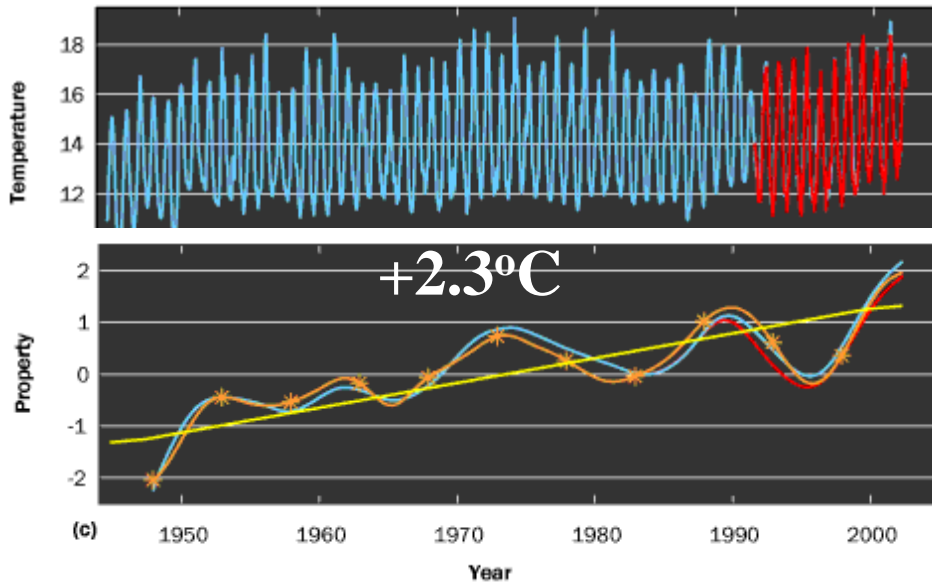
Impacts and Adaptation Responses **2009 REPORT CARD**



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



UNEP

## WGII AR5

## Ch 6 & 30

## Sydney Dust Storm



Brisbane 1:100 yr flood



California 1:100 yr drought

# Warm Blob in Pacific

## 2015 Shellfish Harvest and Fishery Closures with Maximum Domoic Acid Values

Date	Event
7-May	Quinalt tribe razor clam harvest closure (WA)
8-May	Commercial, tribal & recreational razor clam harvest closure (WA)
9-May	Razor clam harvest closure (northern OR)
14-May	State wide razor clam harvest closure (OR)
15-May	Shellfish harvest closure (BC Canada)
29-May	Anchovy viscera maximum 1671 ppm (CA)
1-Jun	Anchovy, sardine fishery closure (CA)
3-Jun	Dungeness crab maximum 65 ppm (WA)
5-Jun	Dungeness crab fishery closure (WA)
3-Jul	Anchovy, sardine, mussel, & clam closures expanded to southern CA
11-Sep	Dungeness crab maximum 140 ppm (northern CA)
27-Oct	Razor clam maximum 170 ppm (southern OR)
3-Nov	Dungeness crab & rock crab warning for recreational harvest (CA)
6-Nov	Commercial rock crab fishery closed (CA)
8-Nov	Dungeness crab maximum 70 ppm (southern OR)
11-Nov	Dungeness crab & rock crab recreational & commercial fishery closure (CA)
22-Nov	Dungeness crab maximum 270 ppm (northern CA)
23-Nov	Rock crab maximum 1000 ppm (southern CA)
23-Nov	Delayed opening of commercial Dungeness crab fishery (WA, OR, CA)
9-Feb-2016	CA seeks federal disaster declaration for commercial crab fishery

*Pseudonitzschia australis*  
domoic acid crab 50x limit

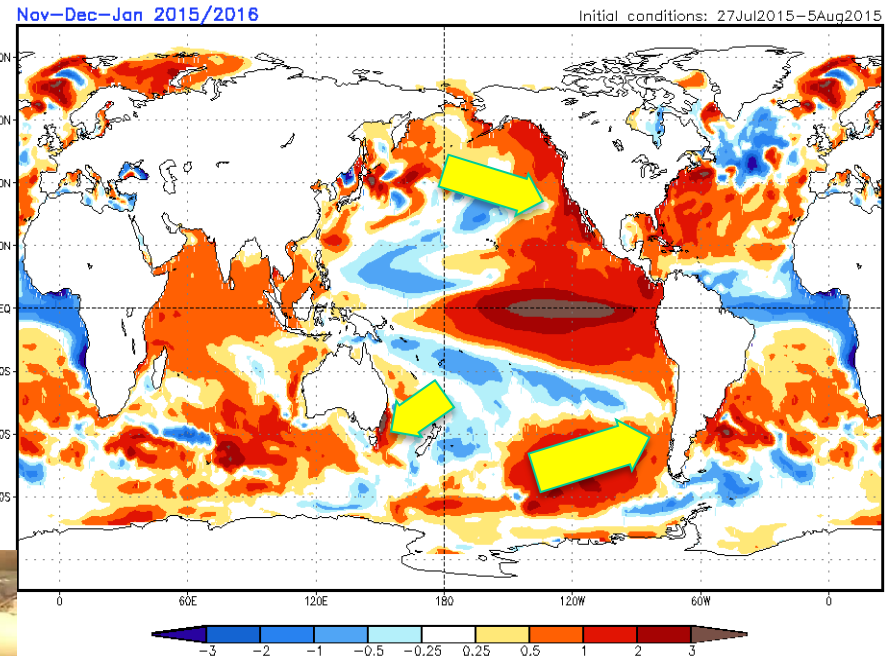


# El Nino 2016

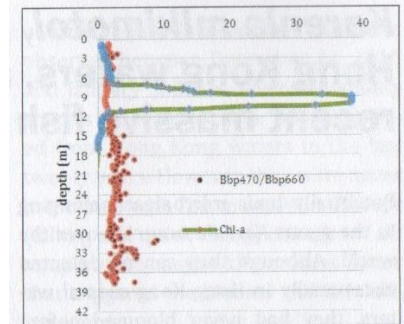
CFSv2 seasonal SST anomalies (K)



NWS/NCEP/CPC



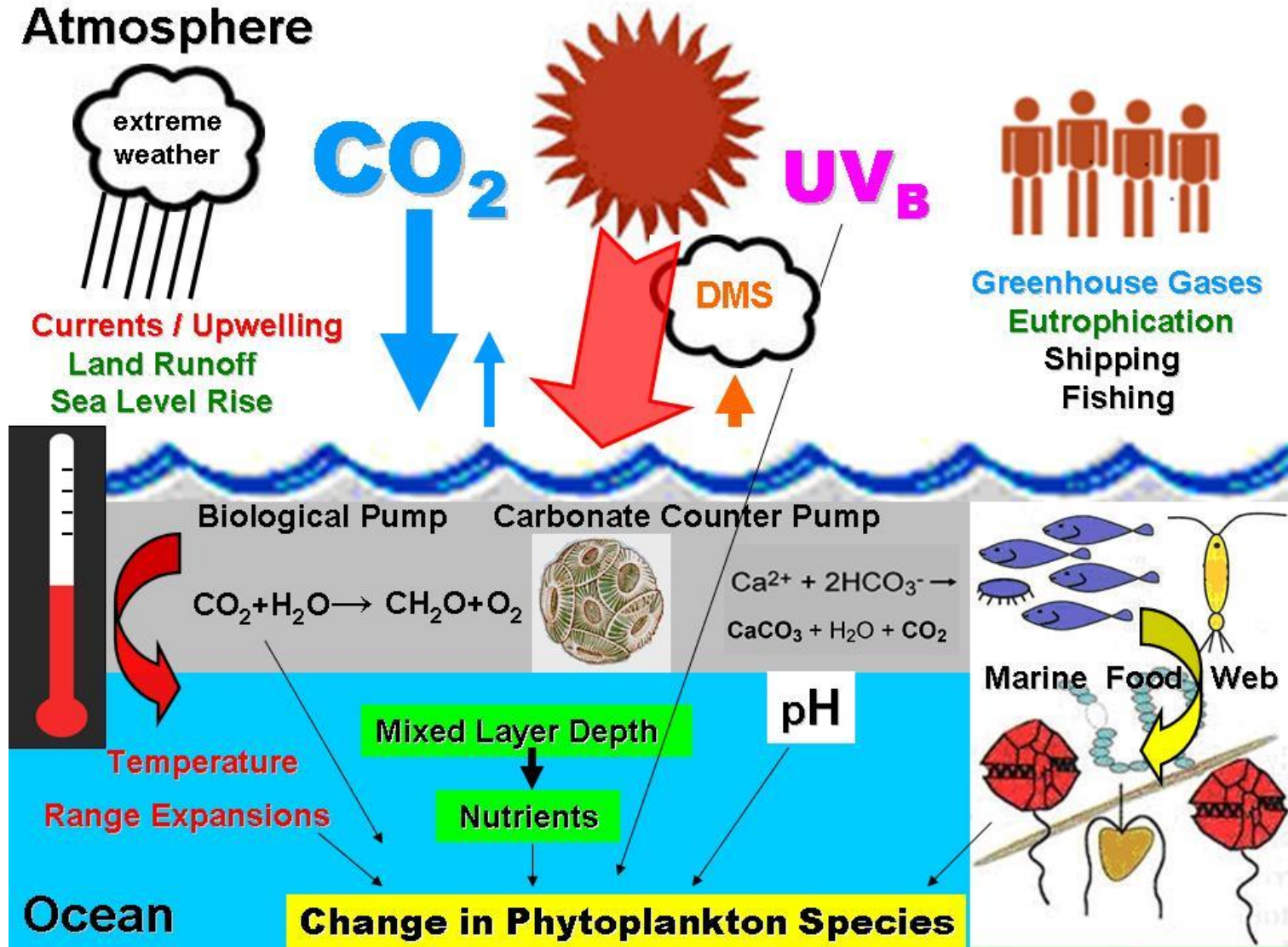
# Chile March 2016 \$800M



*Pseudochattonella/ Alexandrium catenella*



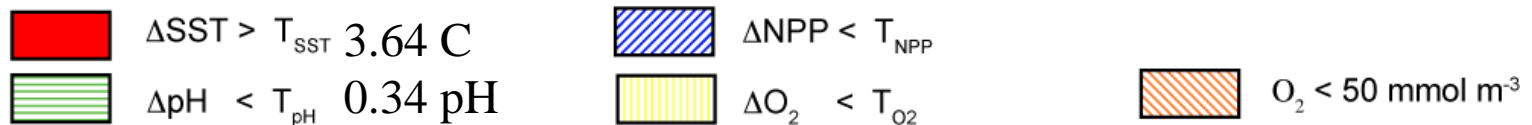
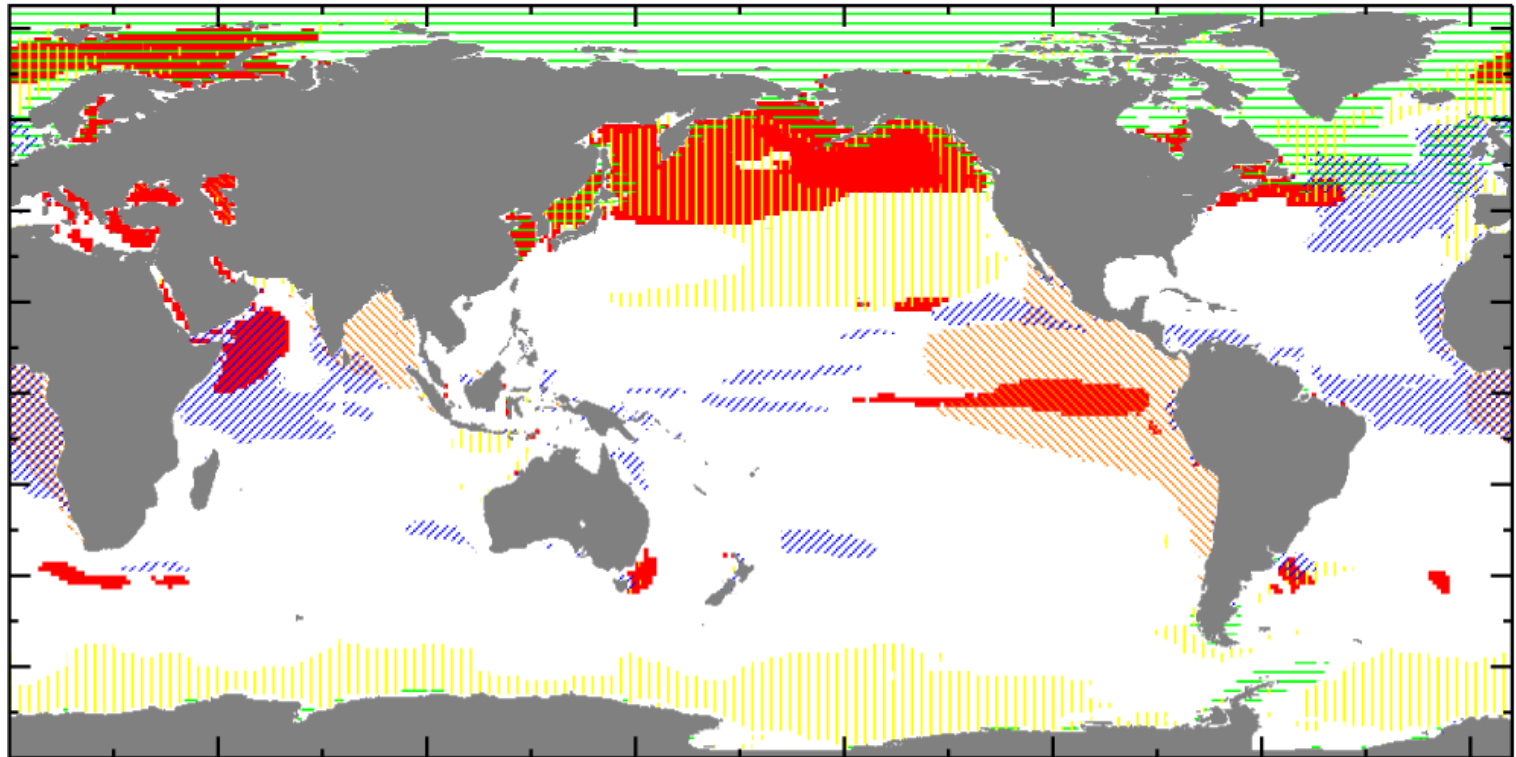
# Climate Change is Multifactorial: Warming, Stratification, Light, Nutrients, Ocean Acidification, Grazing



# Different ocean regions change at different rates

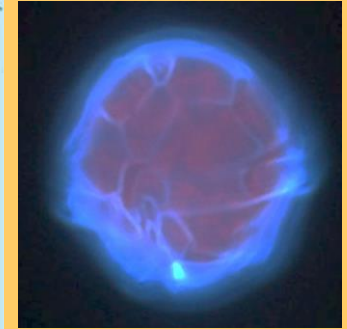
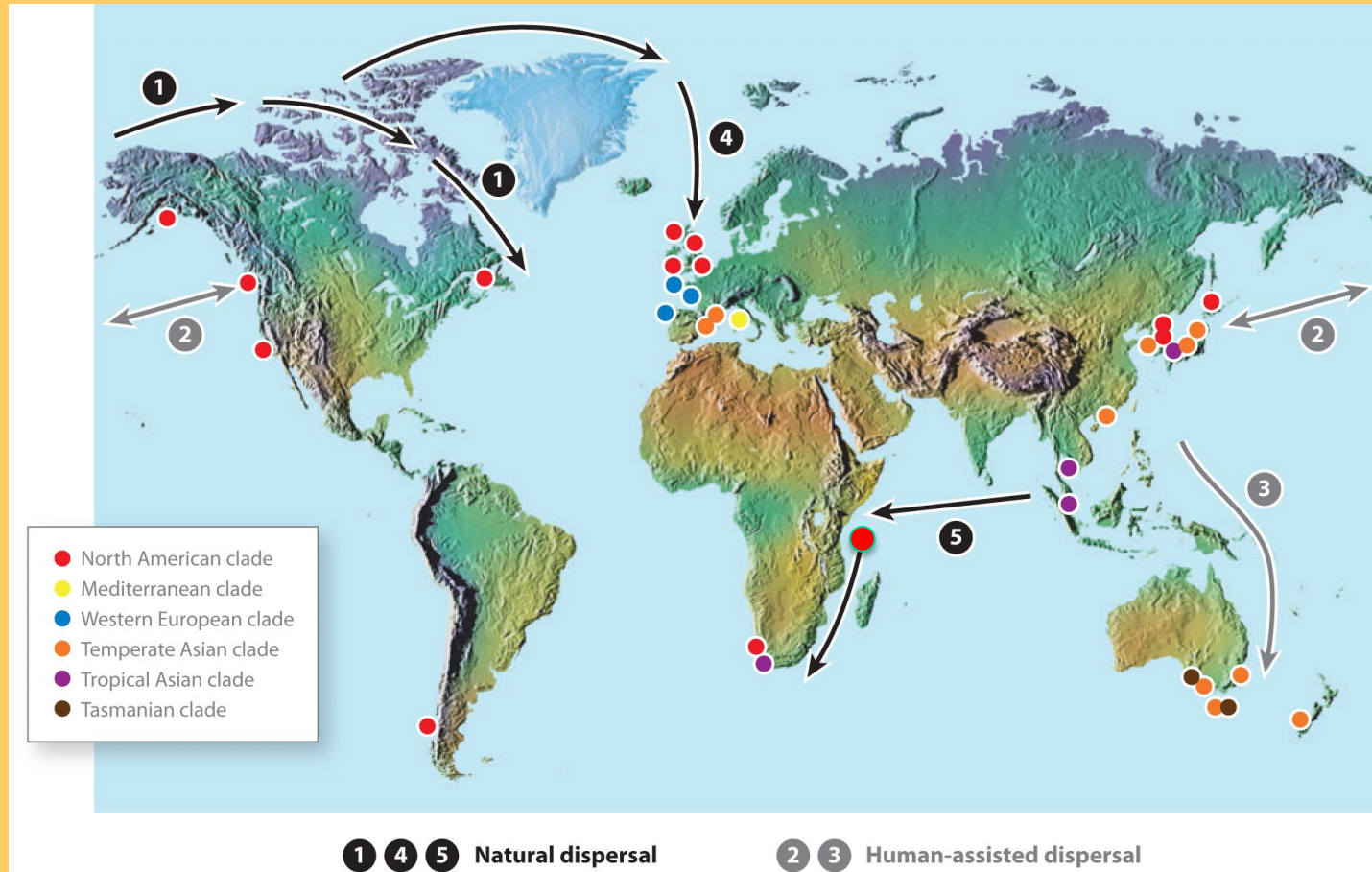
Boyd. *Nature Clim. Ch.* 5, 71–79 (2015); Bopp. *Biogeosc. Disc.*10, 6225–45 (2013)

RCP8.5 - 2090s, changed from 1990s



We need consensus on agreed observer hotspots for **pH**, **T**, **N**, **P**, **O<sub>2</sub>**

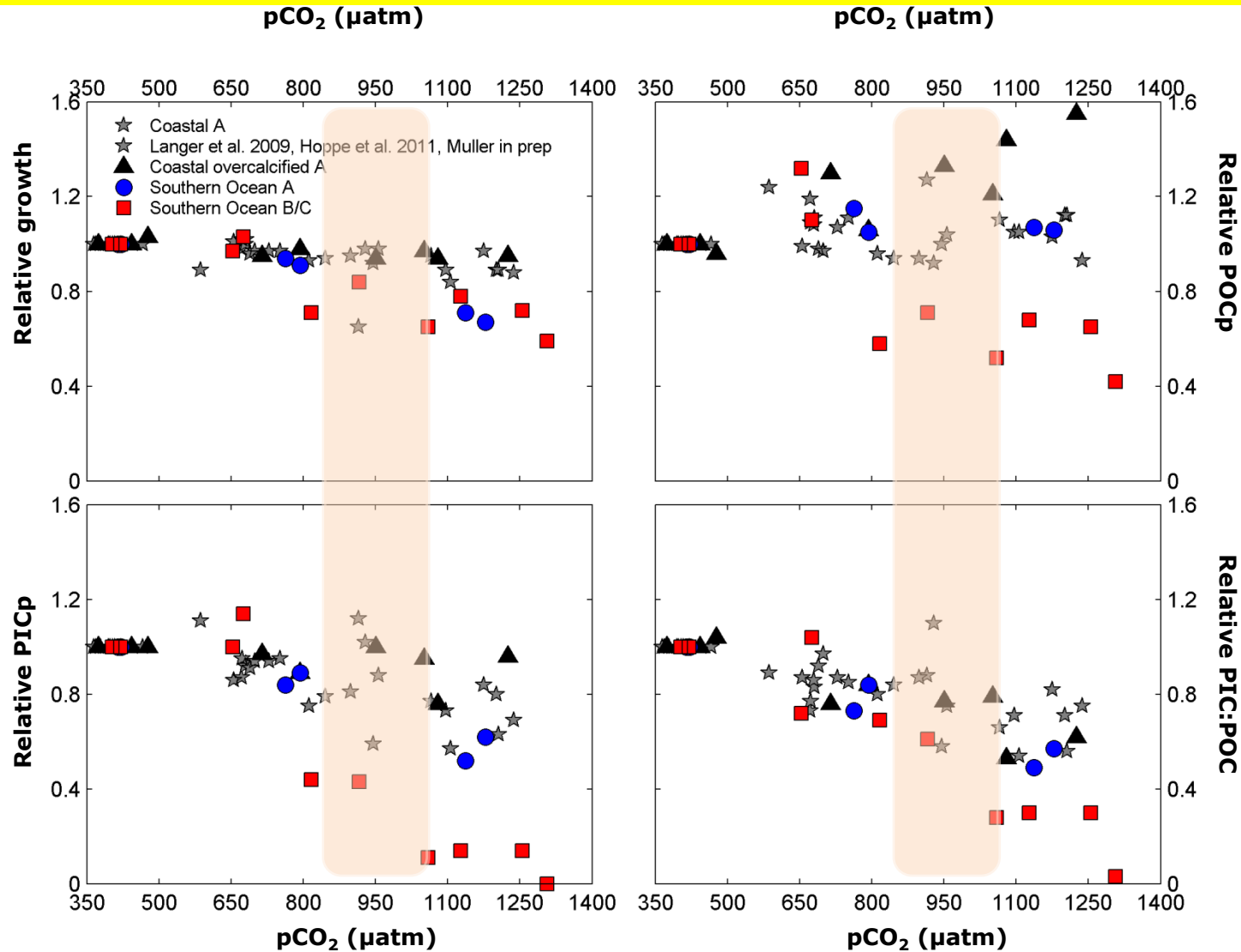
# A single culture strain is NOT representative of global population!



## *Alexandrium tamarense*-species complex

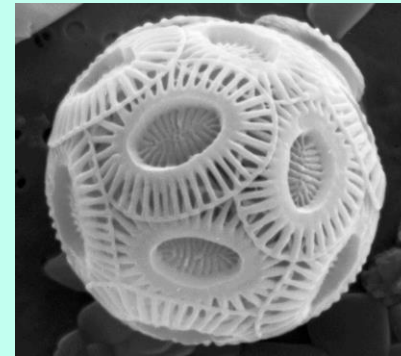
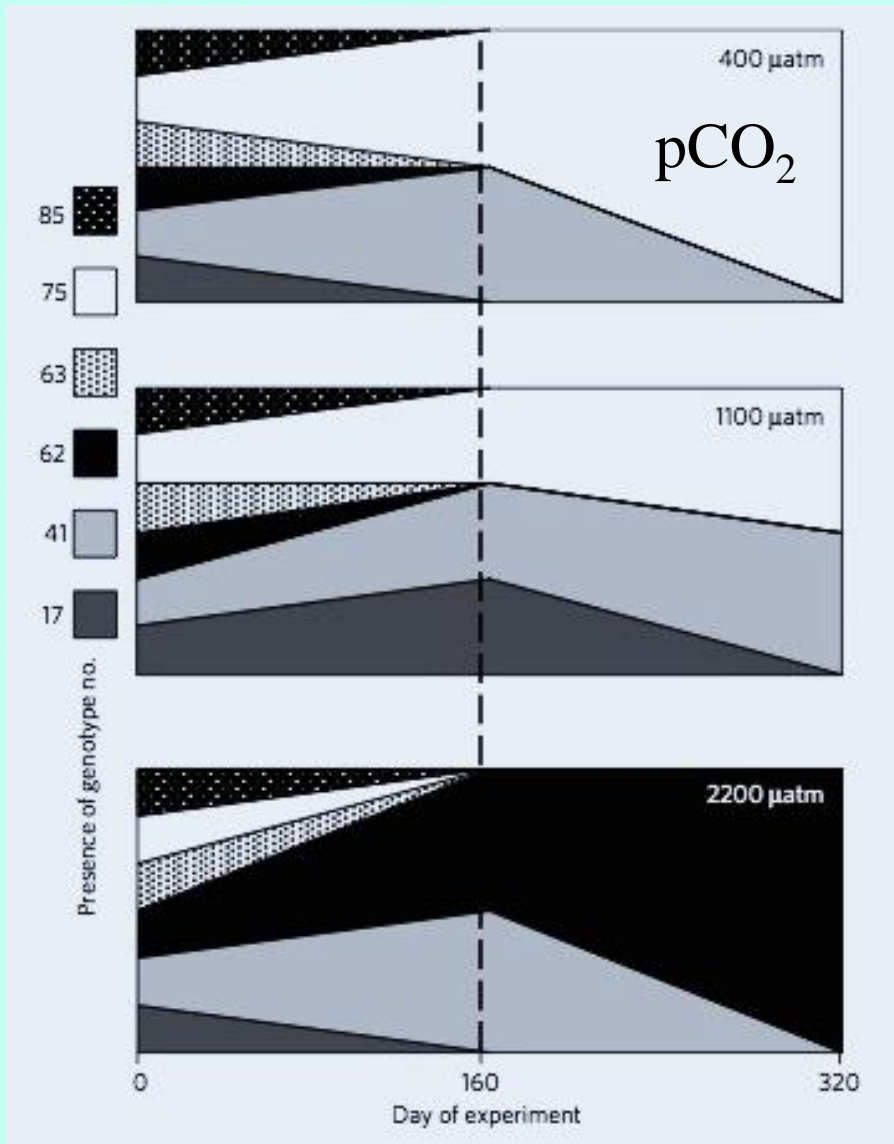
**We need to work on agreed keystone species & well-defined strains**

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

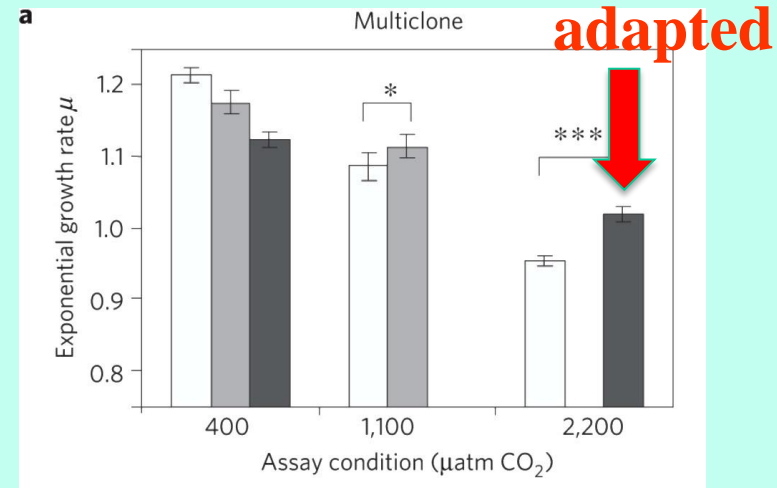


Müller, Trull & Hallegraeff, MEPS 531, 81-90 (2015).

# Multiclonal culture (6 genotypes)



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



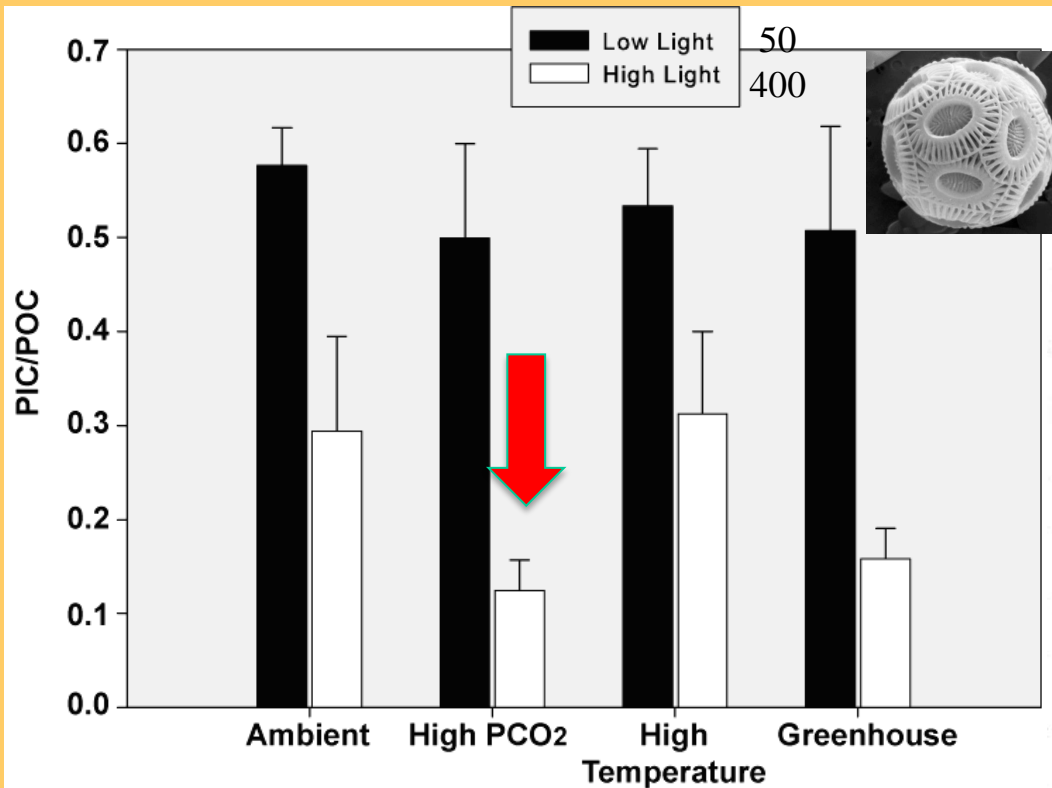
Microorganisms with short generation times may be able to respond to environmental alterations through **adaptive evolution**

# FACTOR INTERACTIONS *Emiliana huxleyi* x pCO<sub>2</sub>

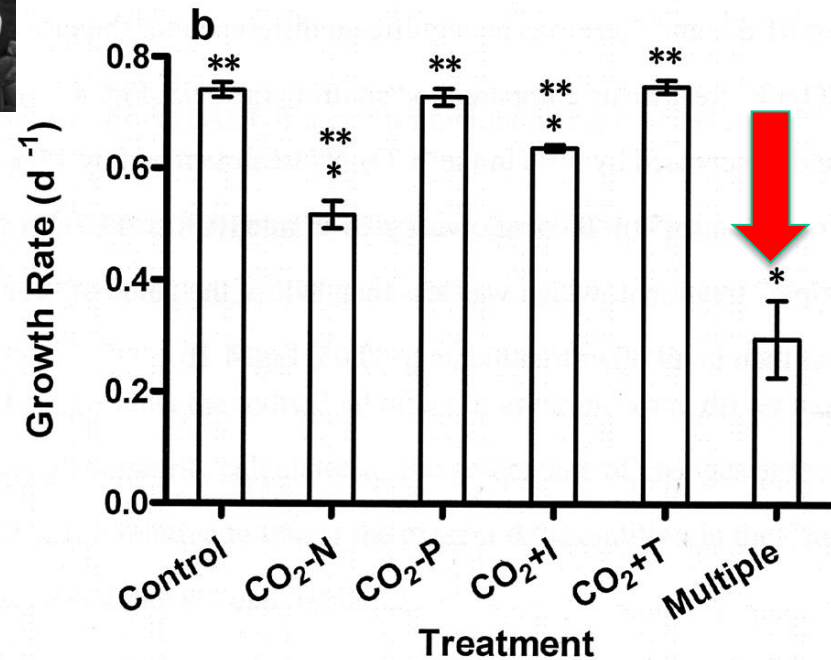


## CO<sub>2</sub> ; Temp x light interaction

Lowest growth when changing  
**Multiple Drivers** (N-,P-, I+,T+,CO<sub>2</sub>+)



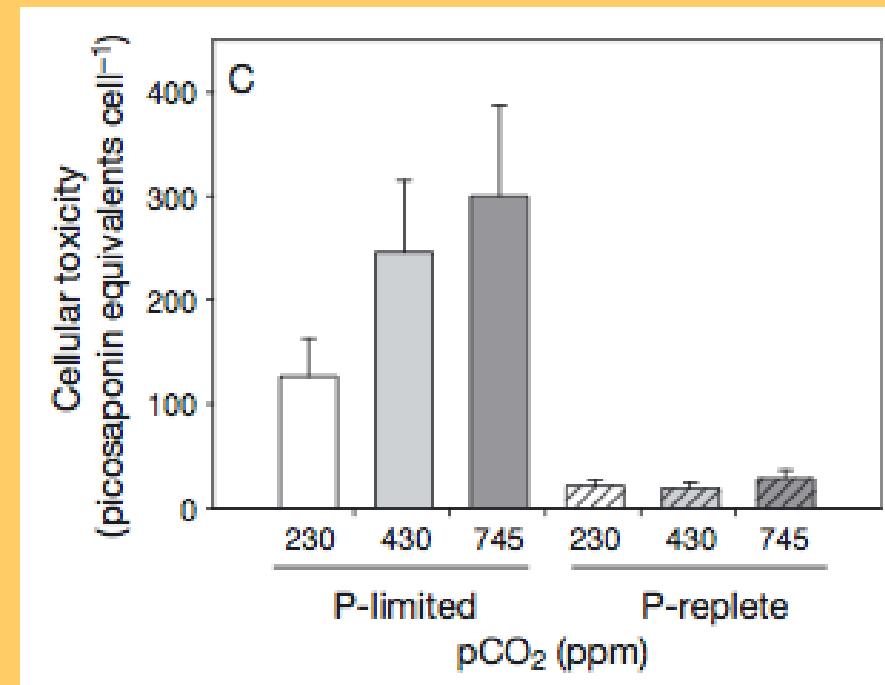
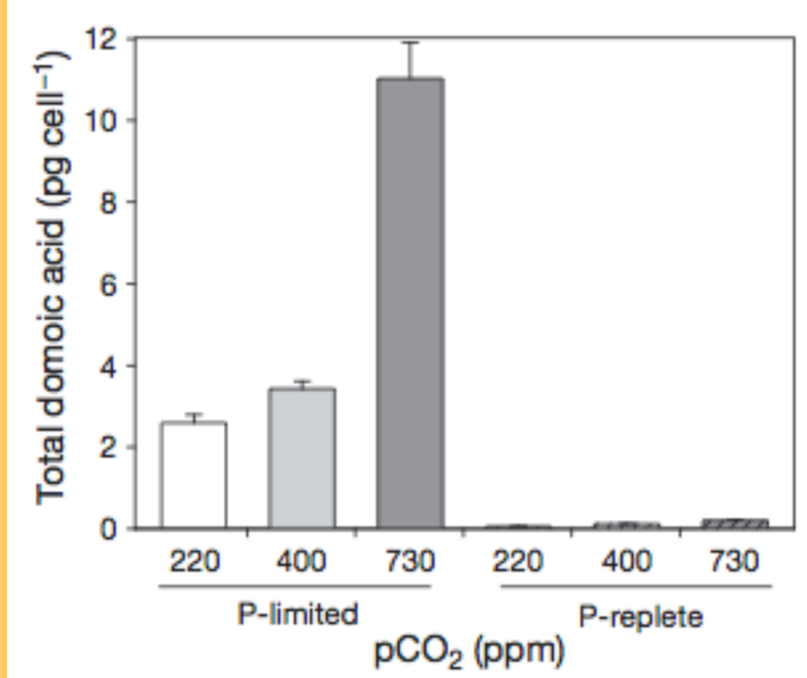
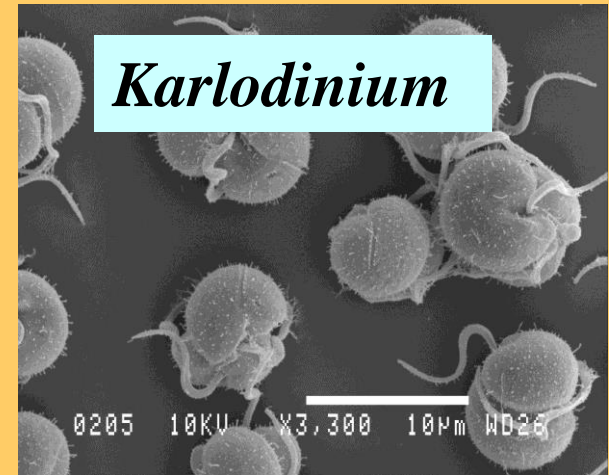
20C;375ppm    20;750    24; 375    24; 750



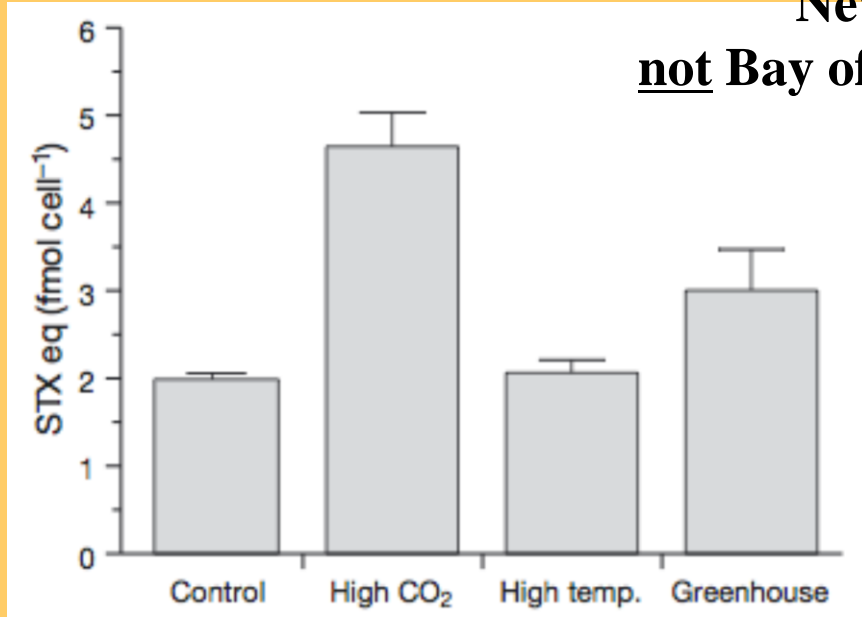
Feng 2017 Limnol.Oceanogr. 62: 519-540

Feng et al. 2008. Eur. J. Phycol. 43:87-98.

# Ocean Acidification + P limitation can alter Toxicity



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



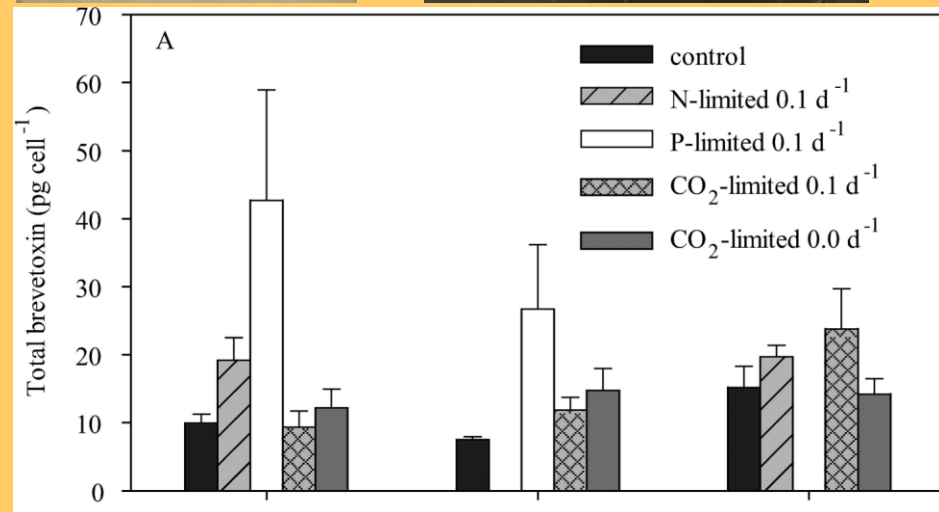
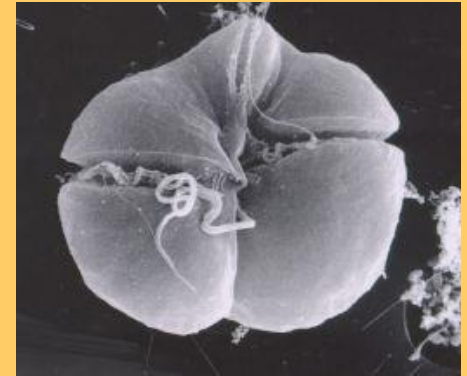
800 ppm; 15C

Tatters et al. 2013

Hattenrath-Lehmann 2014



*Karenia brevis*



P deficiency strongest driver **BTX**

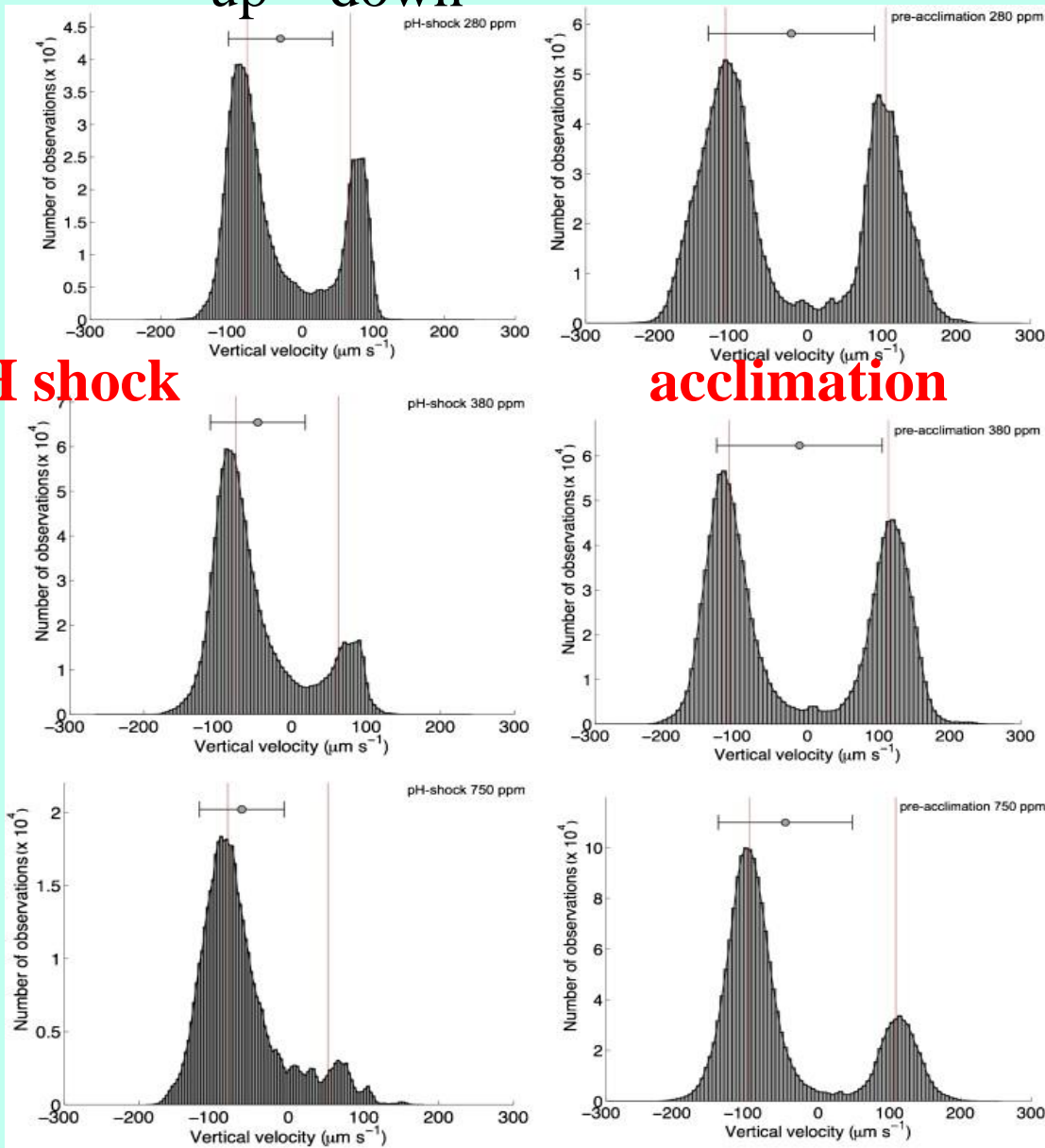
Hardison 2014



up down

pH shock

acclimation

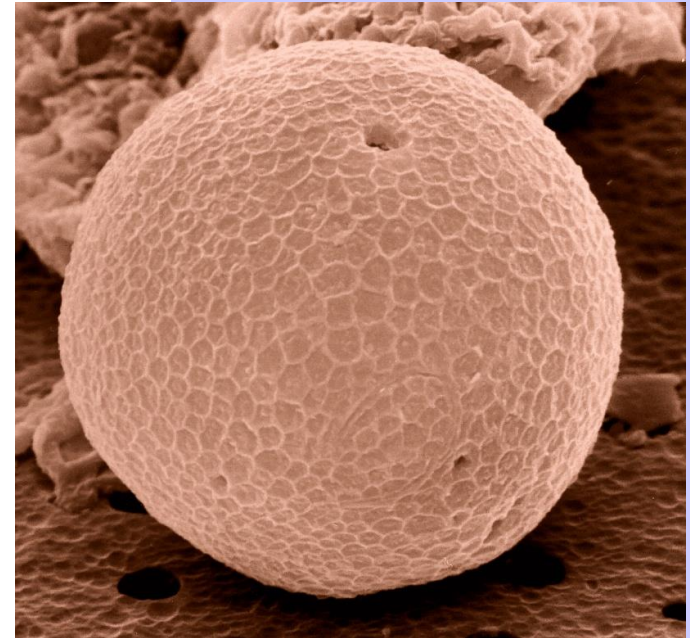
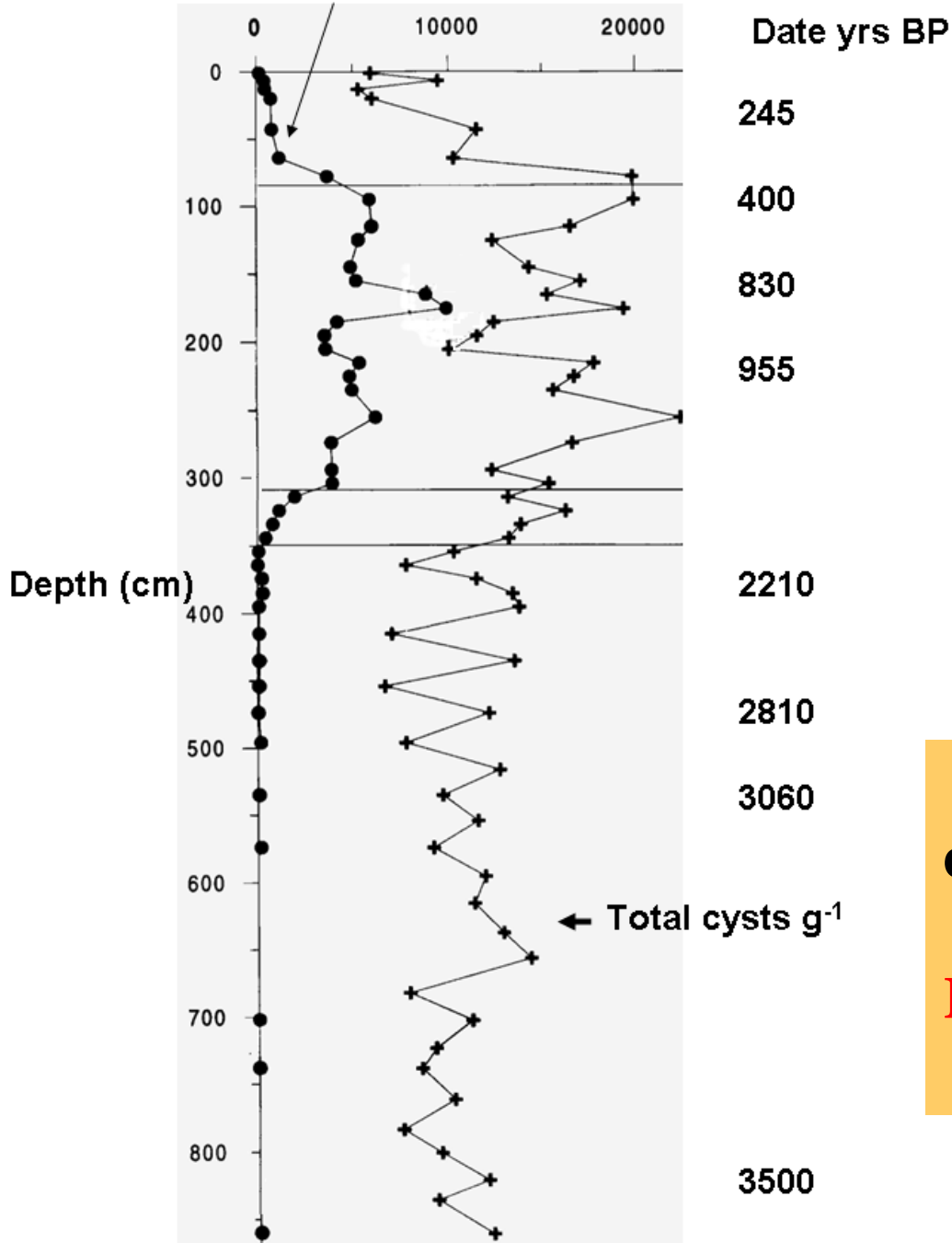


pH alters swimming behaviour of *Heterosigma* .

Kim et al. HARALG 2013

# *Gymnodinium nolleri* cysts. g<sup>-1</sup> sediment

# Kattegat



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

**Resurrection Biology**

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



(a) Warm-temperate pseudo-oceanic species

Temperate pseudo-oceanic species

(b) Cold mixed-water species

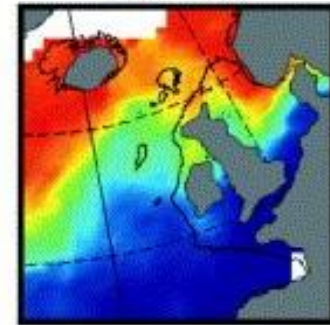
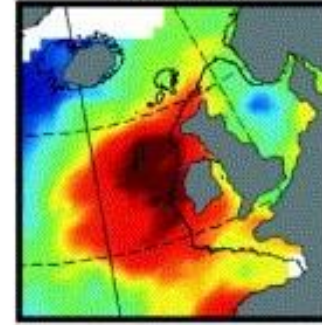
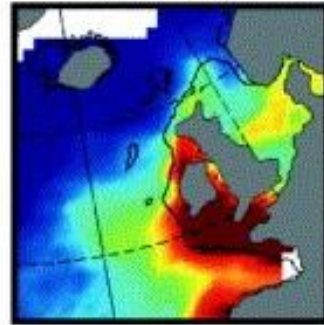
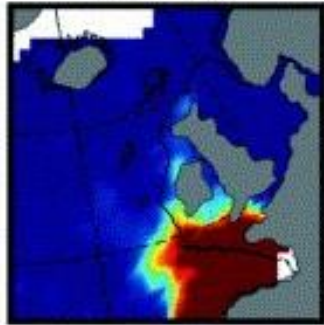
Subarctic species

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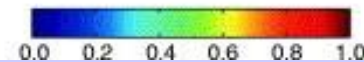
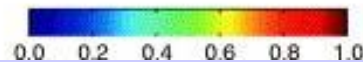
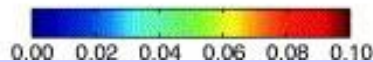
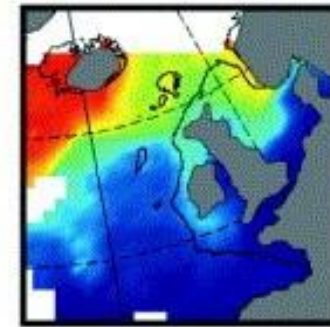
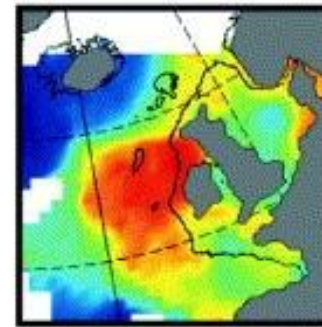
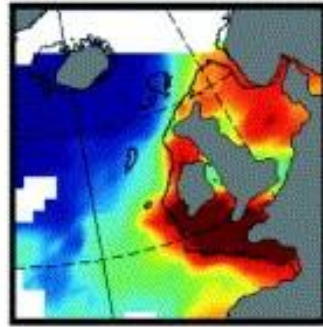
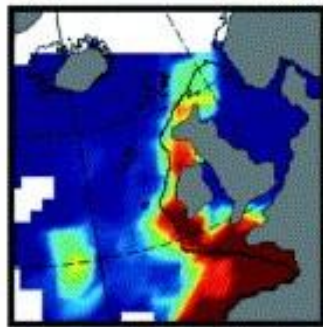


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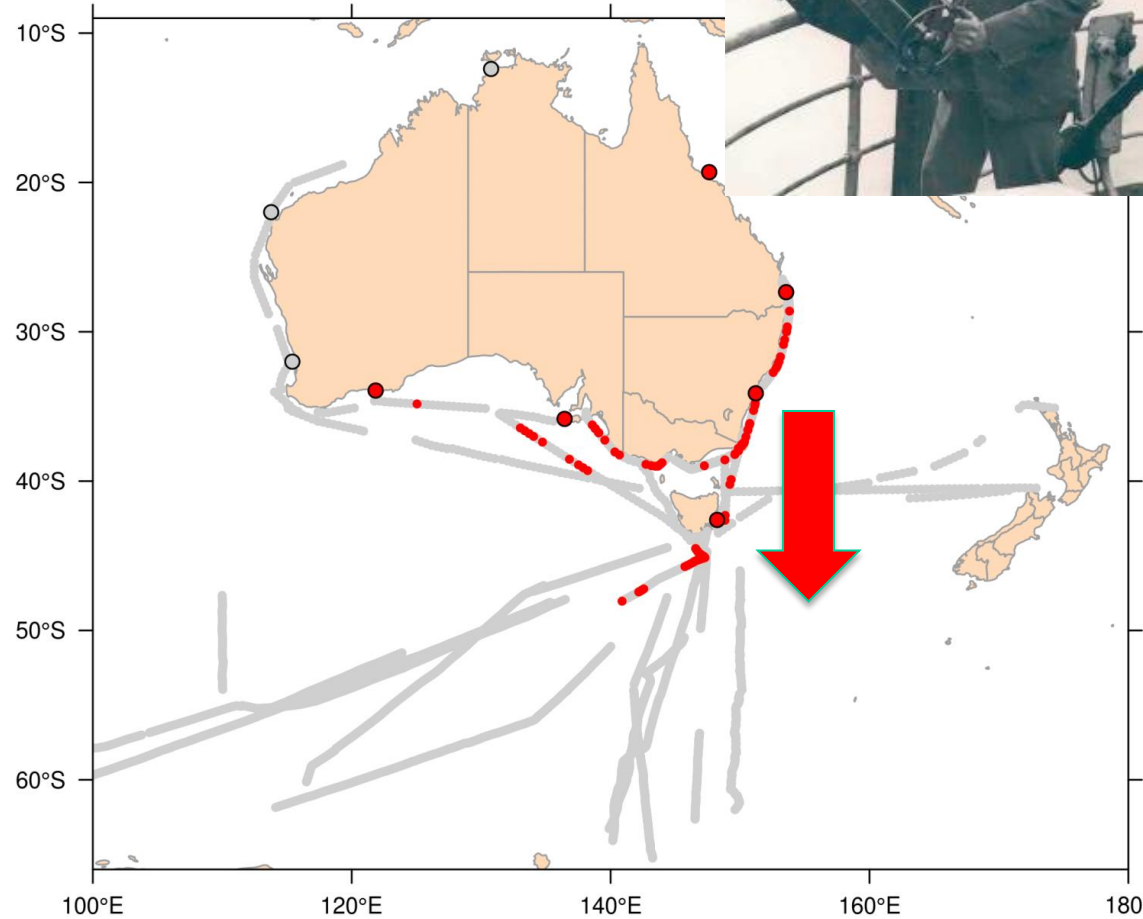
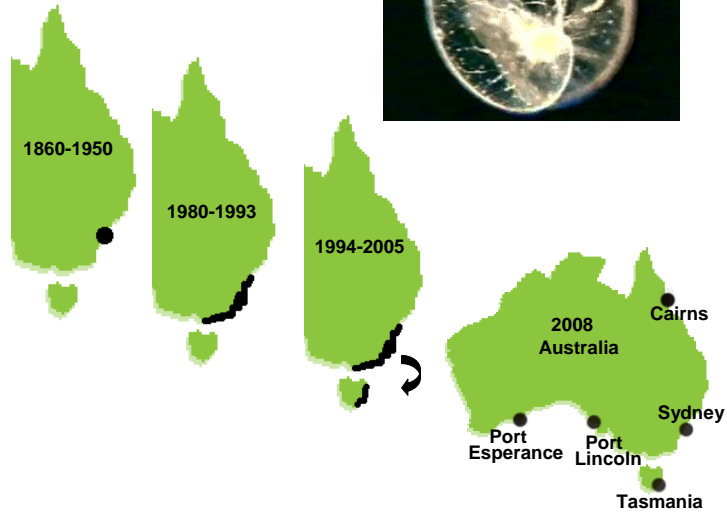
1982–1999



## 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

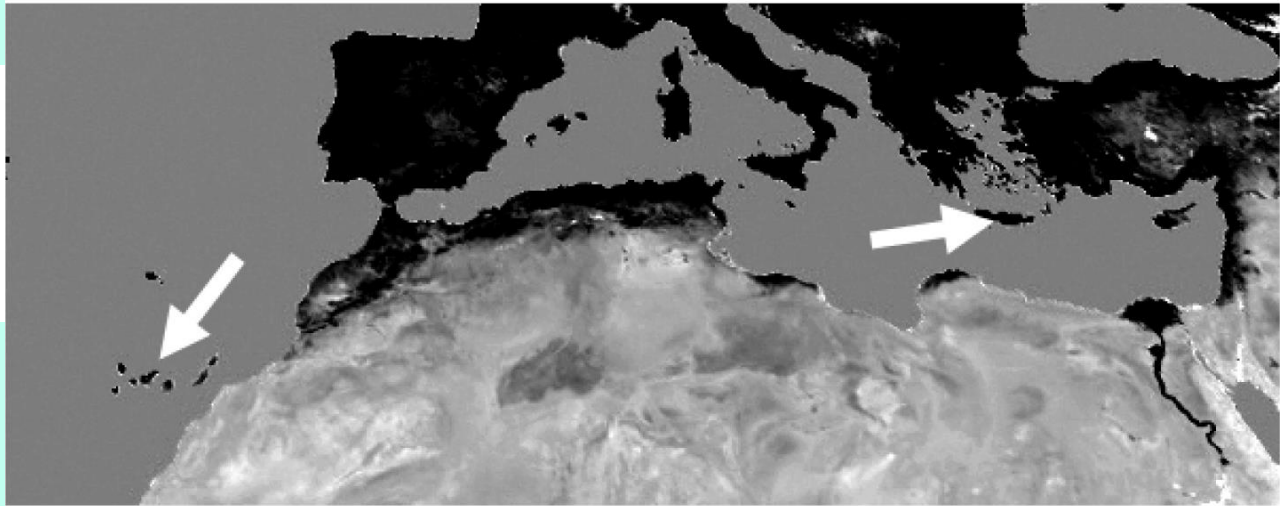
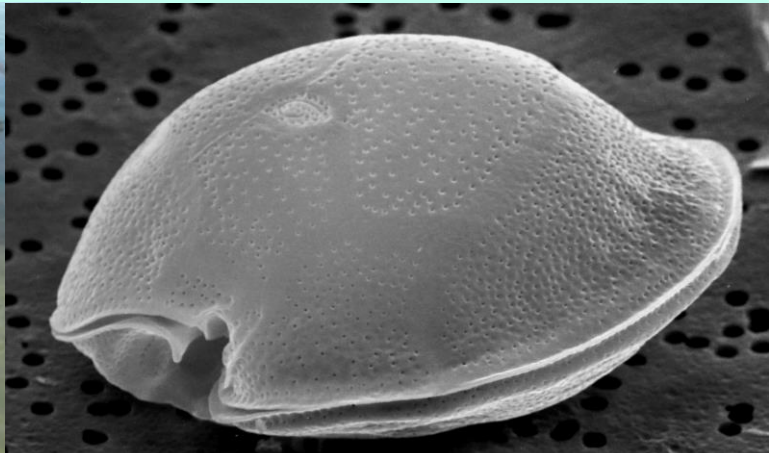


Fig. 1. Map indicating (arrows) the locations of *Gambierdiscus* sp. records (Canary Islands, Spain and Crete, Greece).



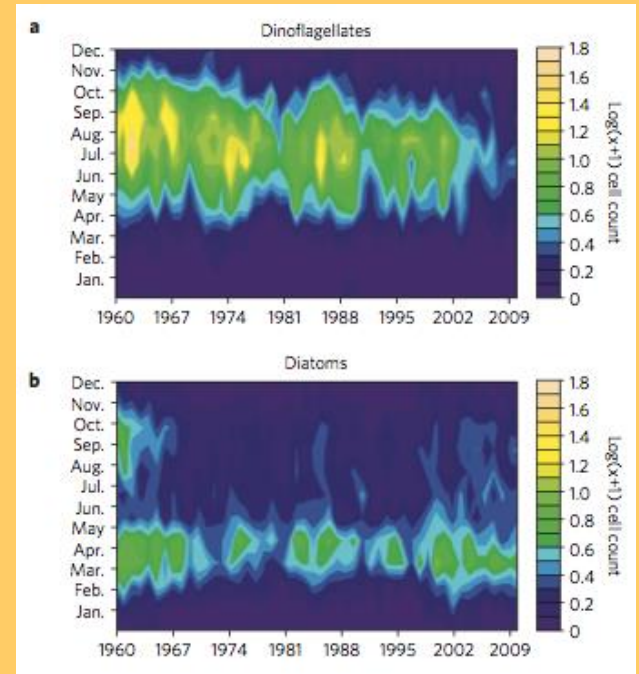
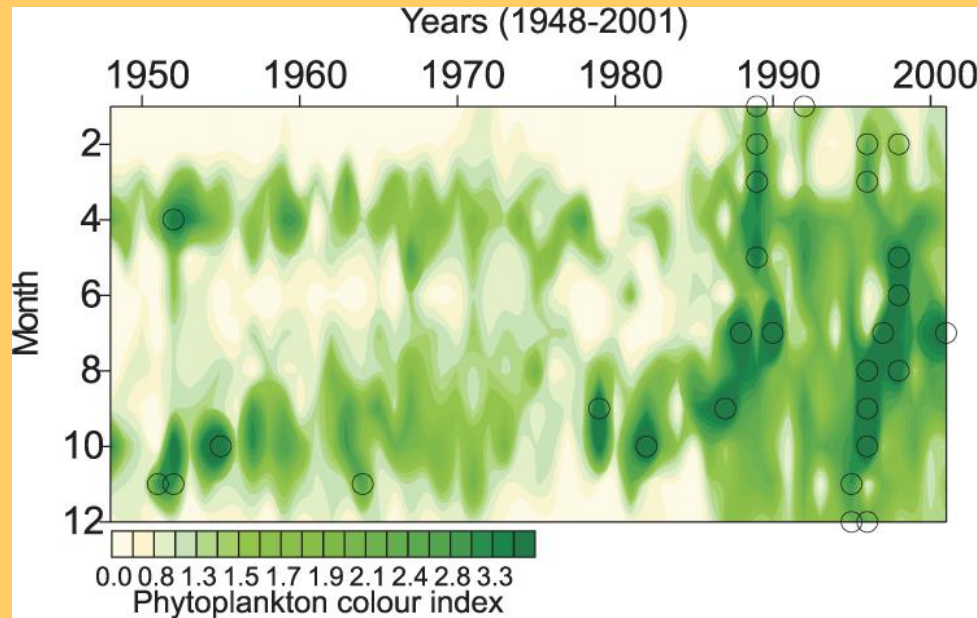
Australia

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

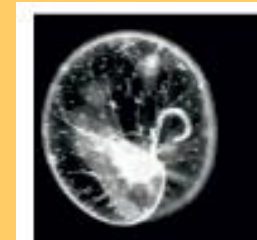
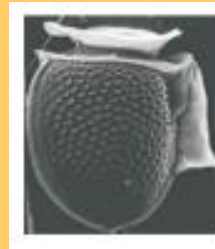


new coastal fisheries unexpectedly at risk

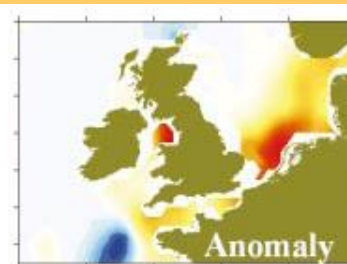
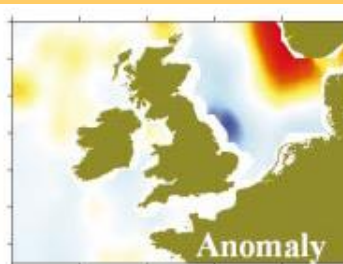
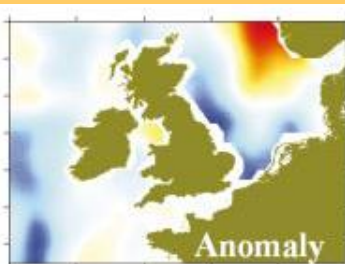
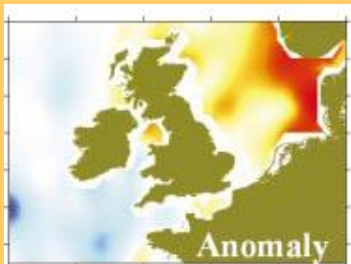
# Earlier spring /autumn phytoplankton blooms in North Sea



# Shifts in selected HAB species in North Atlantic

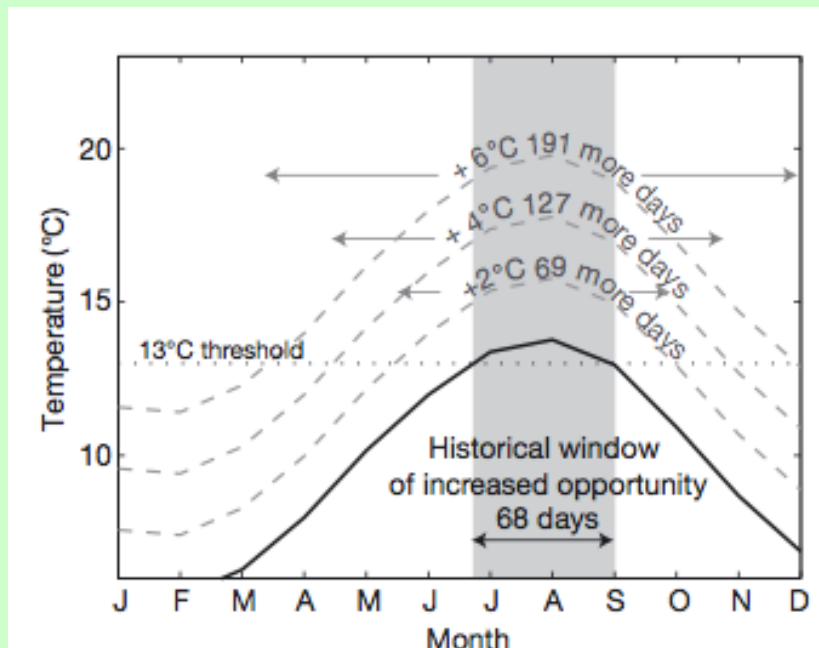


**1960-1989**  
**VS**  
**1990-2002**



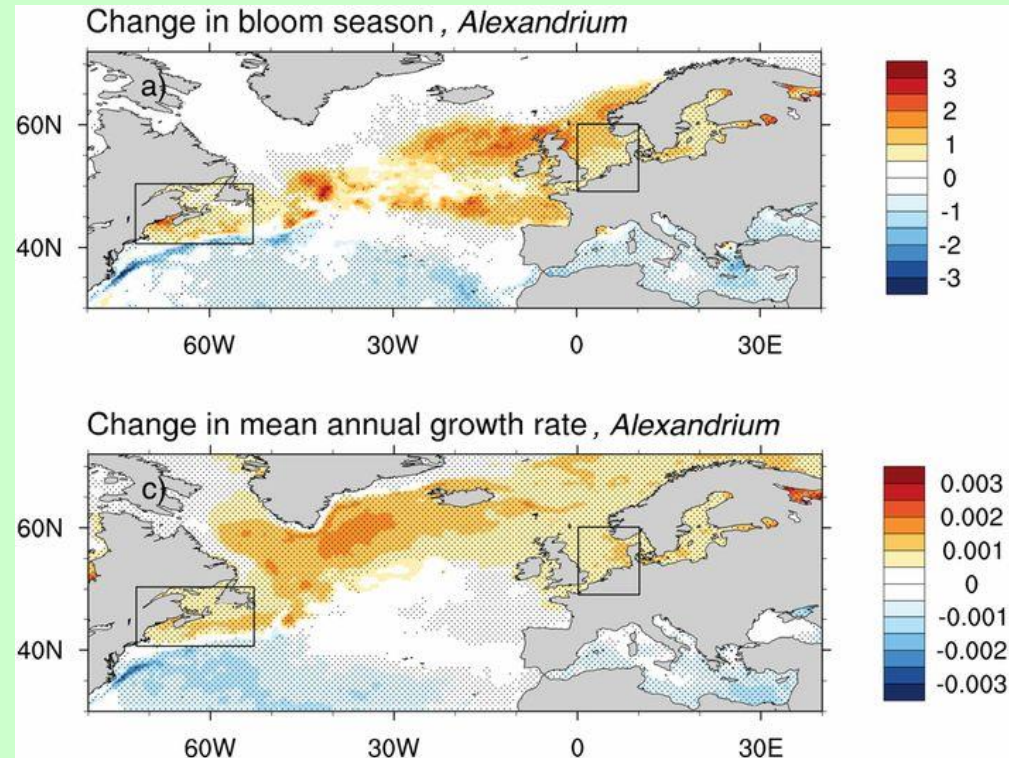


## Modeled changes in North Atlantic 1982-2016



Moore et al. 2010

**Wider Bloom Window**



Gobler et al. PNAS 2017

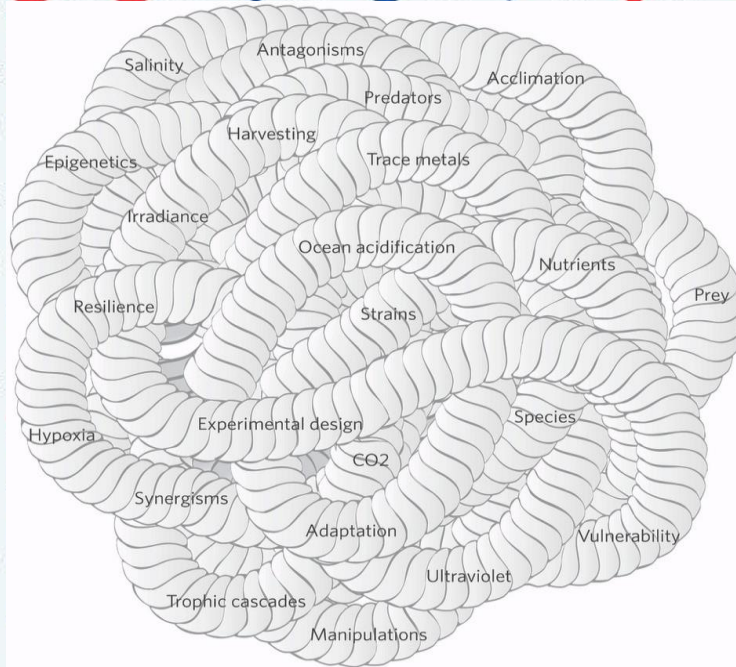
# We can expect

- **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 <sub>2</sub> -system			
	Temp. (°C)	Salinity (psu)	Ice fraction	Log <sub>10</sub> MLD (cm)	PAR (W m <sup>-2</sup> )	Windstress (dyn cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Pot. density (kg m <sup>-3</sup> )	Log <sub>10</sub> SiO <sub>3</sub> (mmol m <sup>-3</sup> )	Log <sub>10</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (mmol m <sup>-3</sup> )	Log <sub>10</sub> Fe (mmol m <sup>-3</sup> )	Log <sub>10</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> (mmol m <sup>-3</sup> )	Alkalinity (meq m <sup>-3</sup> )	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (μmol kg <sup>-1</sup> )	pH	pCO <sub>2</sub> (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	
NIO	↑ 2.70	↓ -0.19	↓ 0.00	↑ 0.00							↓ -0.19	↓ -7.8	↓ -96.6	↓ -0.3	↑ 483	
SAO	↑ 2.38	↑ 0.08	↓ 0.00	↓ -0.01							↓ -0.27	↓ -6.9	↓ -93.3	↓ -0.3	↑ 482	
NSAO	↑ 2.37	↑ 0.55	↓ 0.00	↑ 0.00							↓ -0.19	↓ -5.18	↓ -96.0	↓ -0.3	↑ 494	
NAO	↑ 1.94	↓ -0.19	↓ -0.04	↓ -0.08	↑ 1.49	↓ -0.06	↓ -0.57	↓ -0.16	↓ -0.20	↑ 0.05	↓ -0.16	↓ -12.0	↓ -81.9	↓ -0.4	↑ 495	
AO	↑ 1.51	↓ -0.30	↓ -0.19	↓ -0.03	↑ 3.67	↑ 0.18	↓ -0.35	↓ -0.08	↓ -0.01	↑ 0.01	↓ -0.01	↓ -16.3	↓ -48.8	↓ -0.3	↑ 440	



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



**Multiple Stressors/ Feedbacks**

# 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
- Learn from unusual Climate Events (eg. El Niño)
- **Better collaborate & partition this formidable task!**



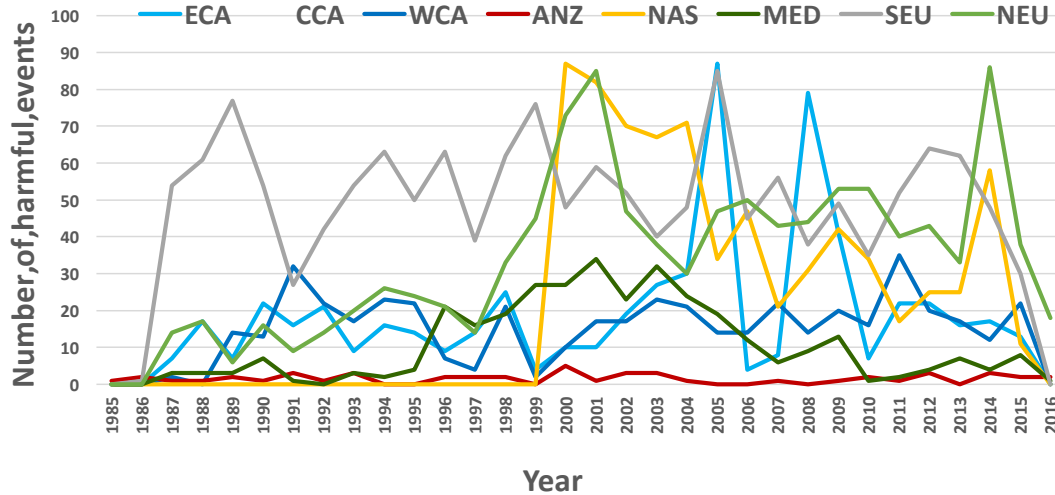
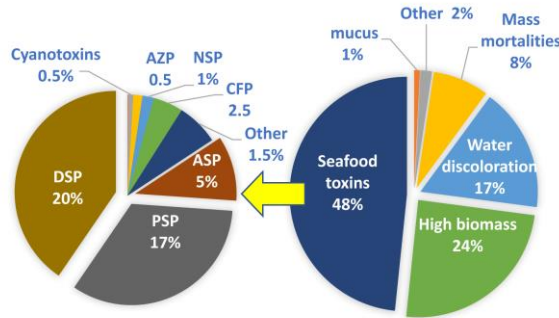
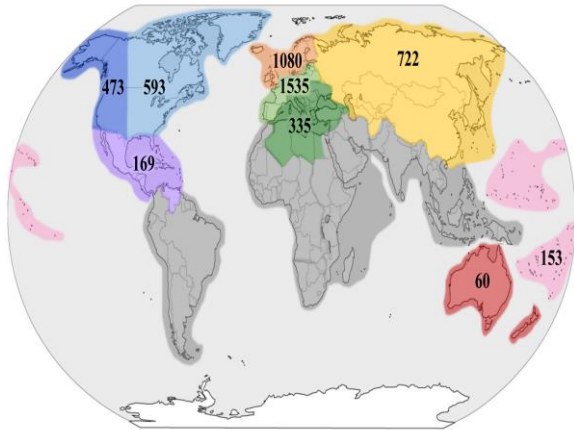
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