Seasonality of microbial genetic functions in the Arctic Ocean revealed by autonomous sampling





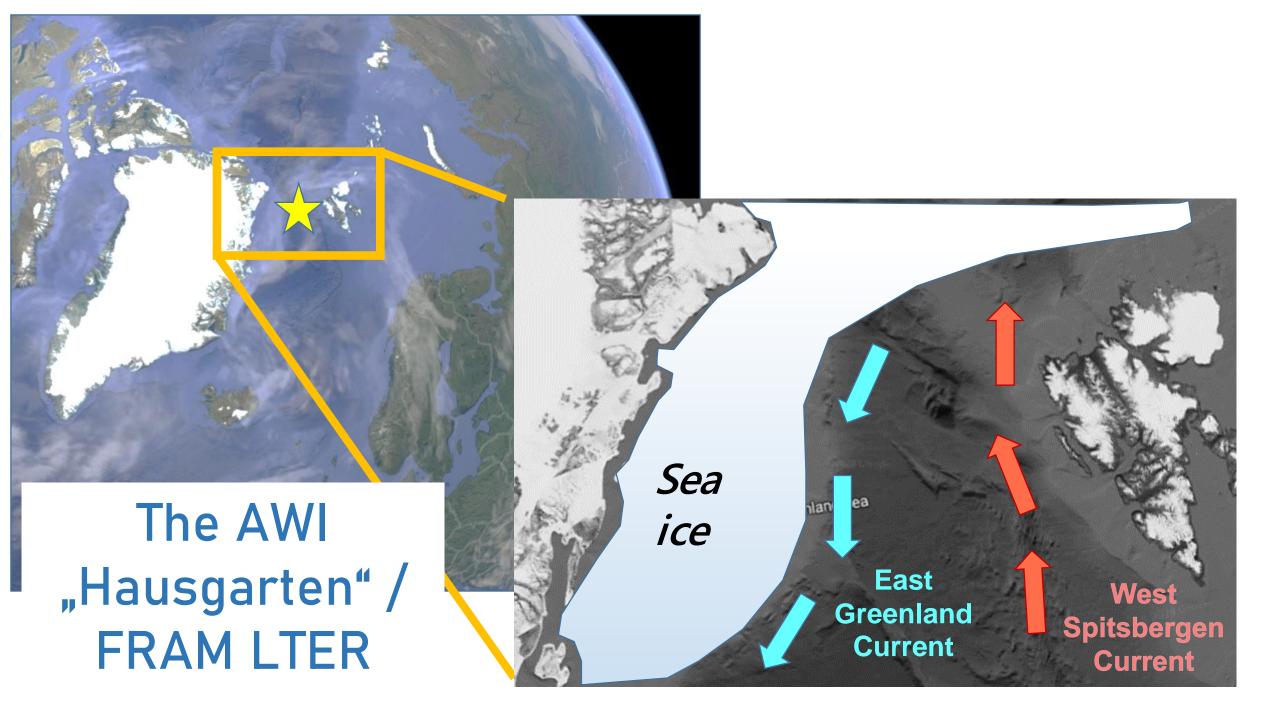


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The Arctic is changing meereisportal.de seaiceportal.de 925 mb Temperature anomaly 2019-10 **Reference Period** 1971:2000 ALFRED WEGENER INSTITUT Data source: NOAA/ESRI Long-term observations essential



High-resolution, automated microbial time-series

Amplicon and metagenome sequencing Context with nutrients & oceanography



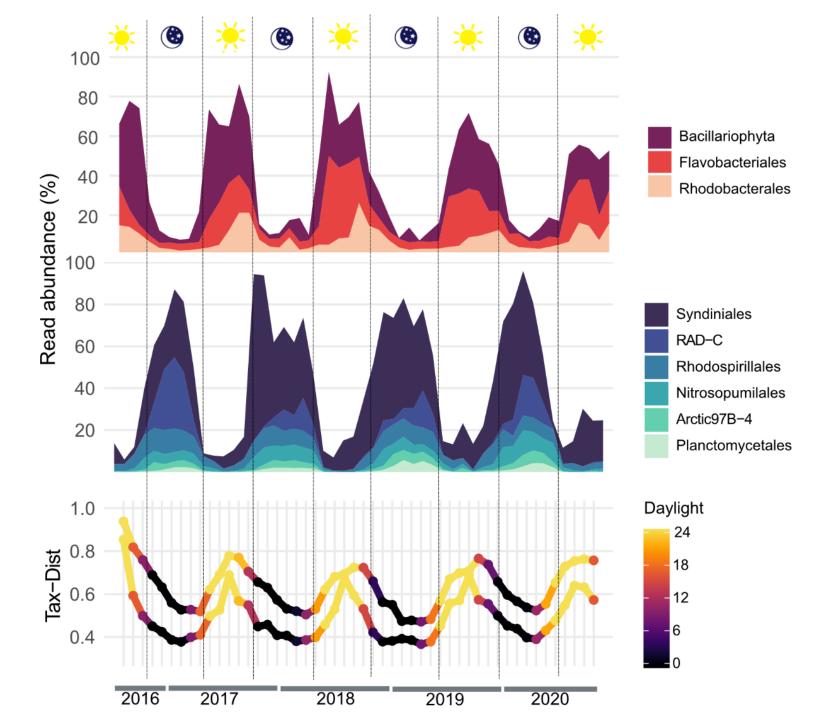
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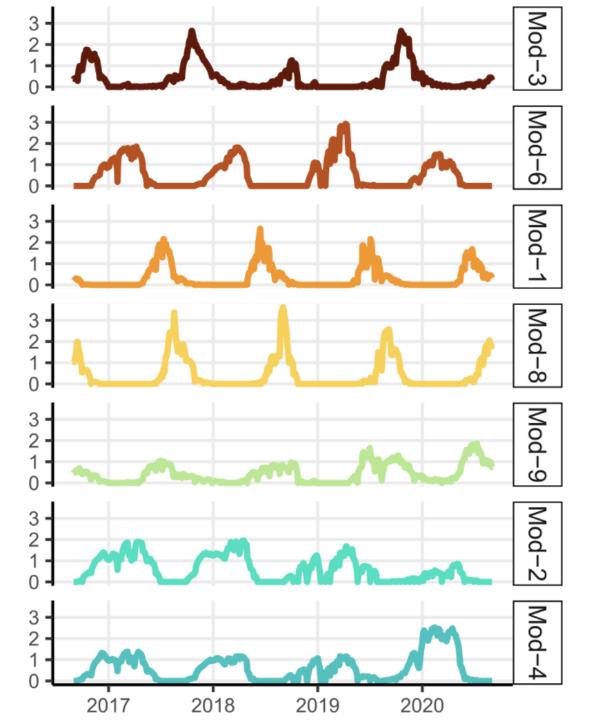
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Recurrent microbial oscillations



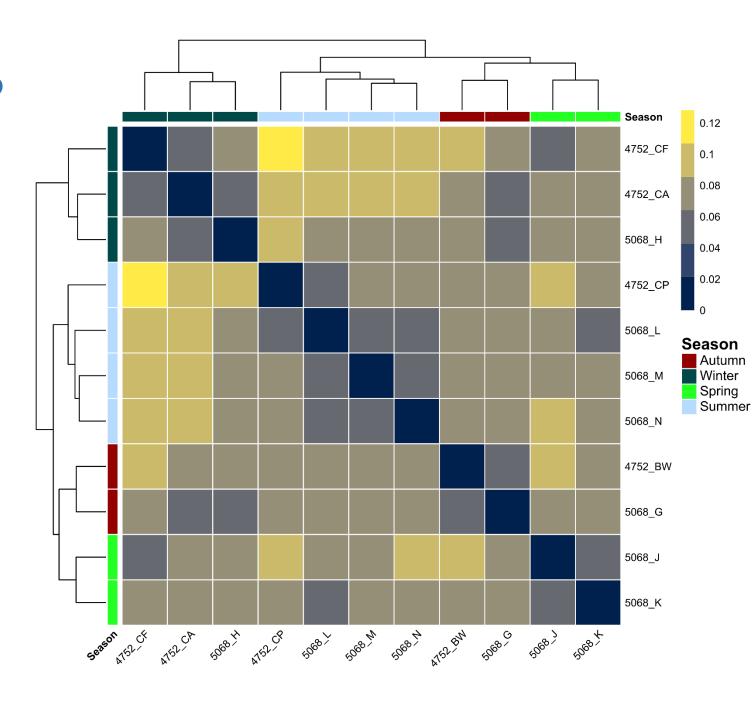
Timely controlled microbial modules

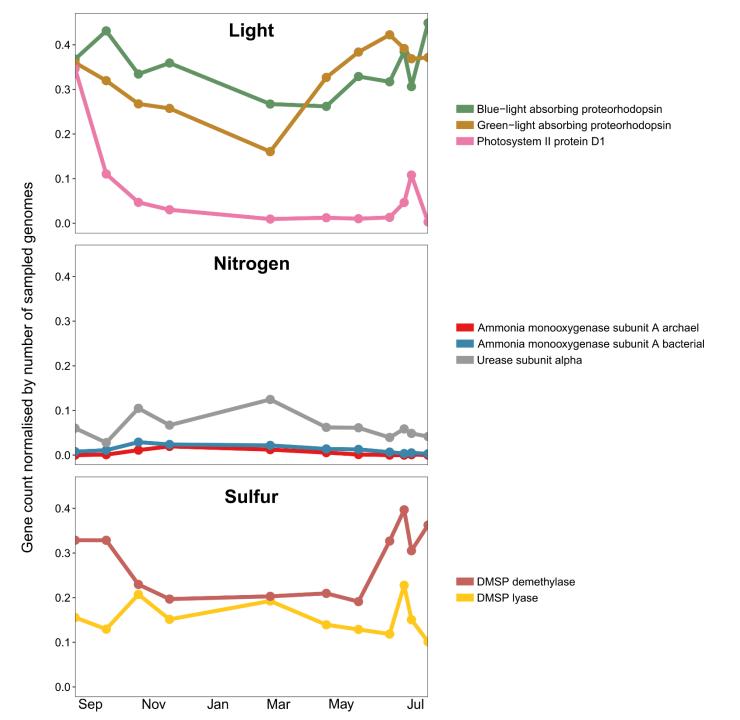


Taxonomic = functional seasonality?

Eleven PacBio HiFi metagenomes

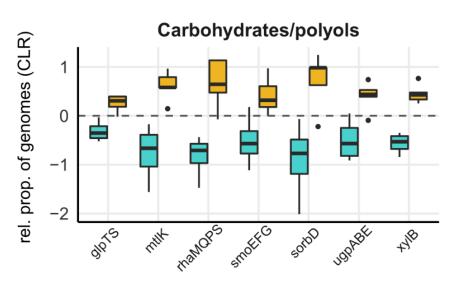
Some of the first long-read contigs from the Arctic (5 kB average)

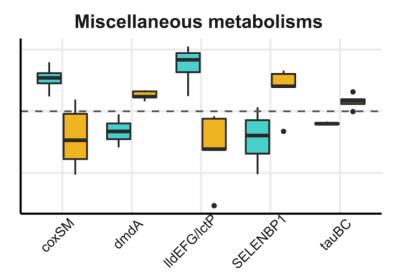


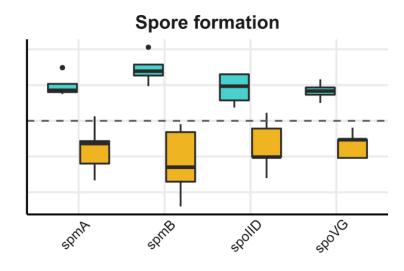


Temporal dynamics in key metabolic pathways

East Greenland Current: functional variability corresponds to ice cover







Perspectives

- Towards a system-level understanding of (temporal) ecosystem structuring
- Functional capacities in context of the Biological Carbon Pump
- Define community indicators for specific times and conditions
- Baseline for modelling the future Arctic Ocean microbiome





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