

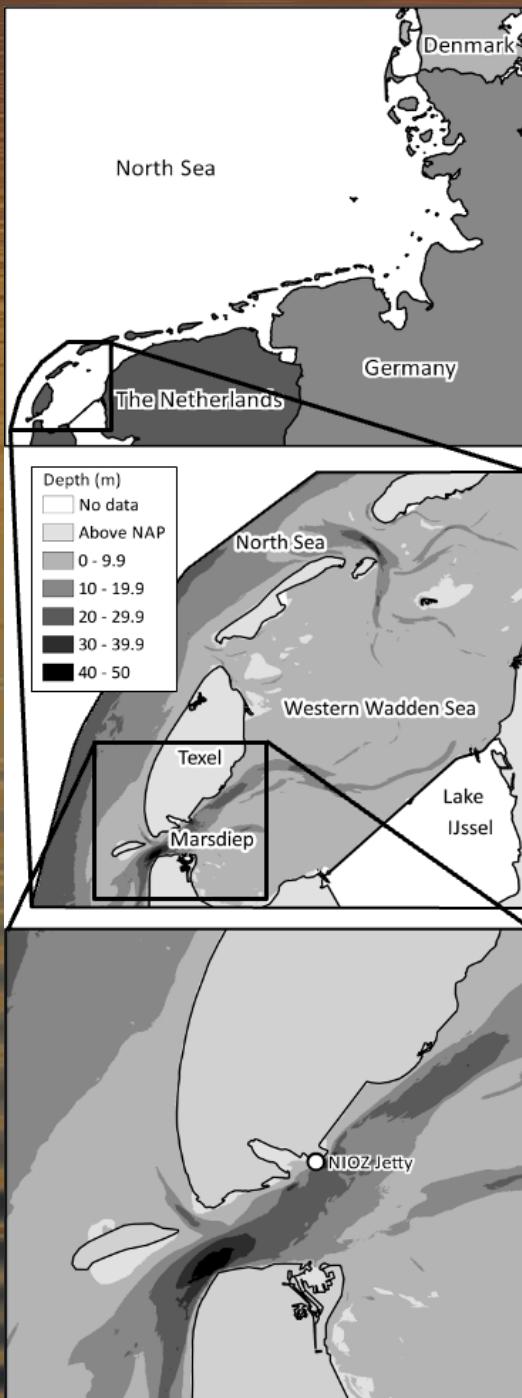
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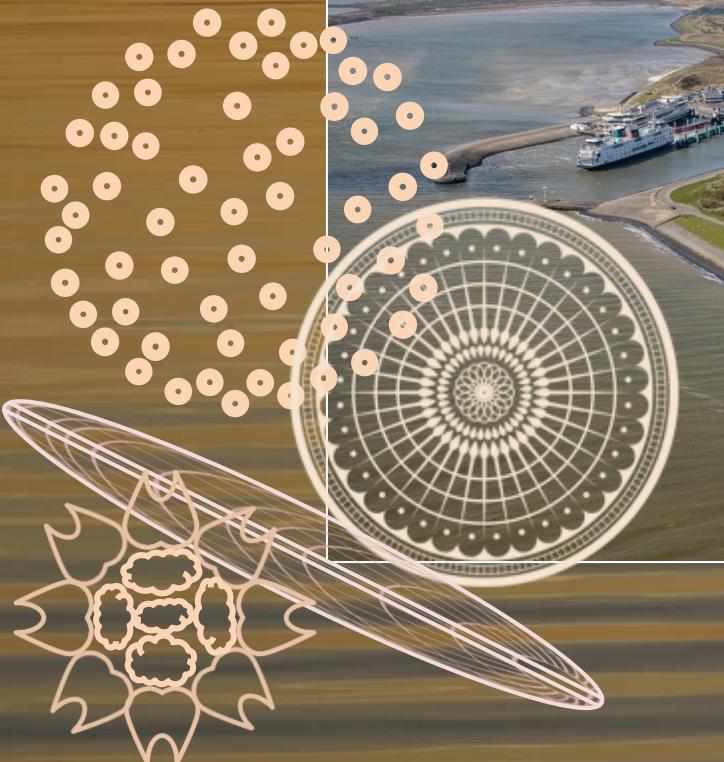
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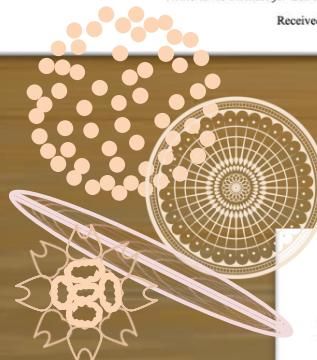
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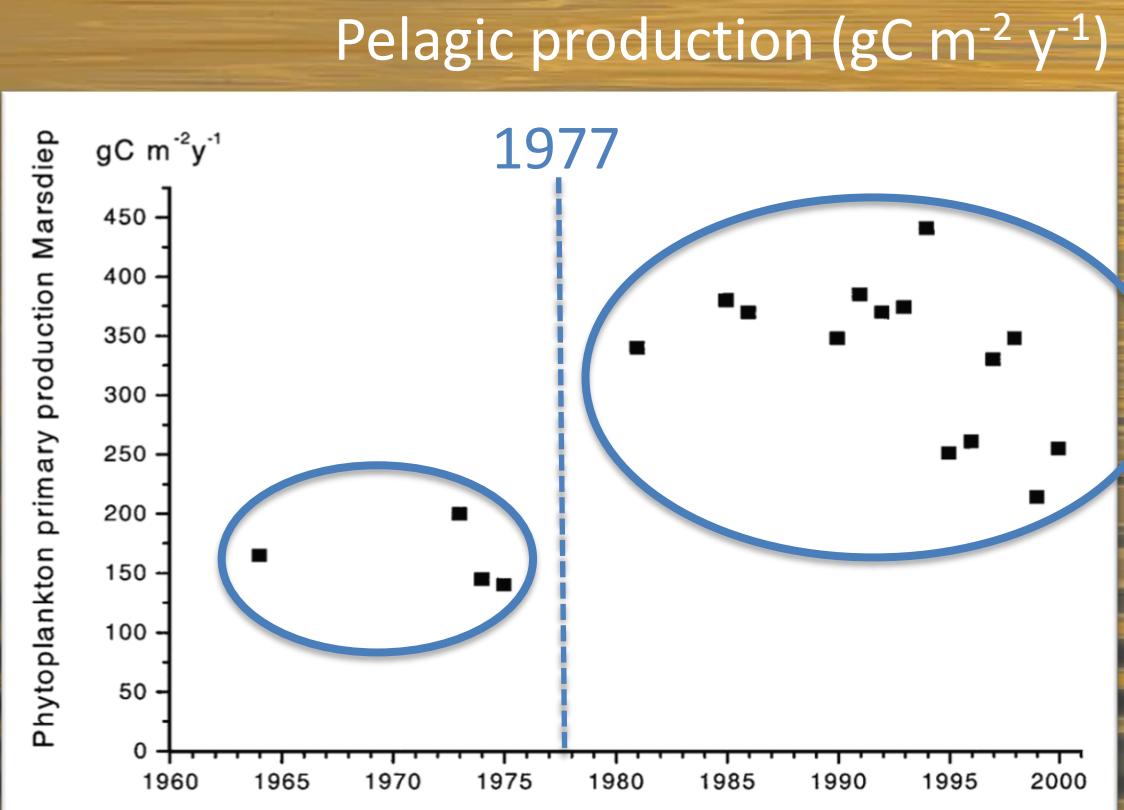
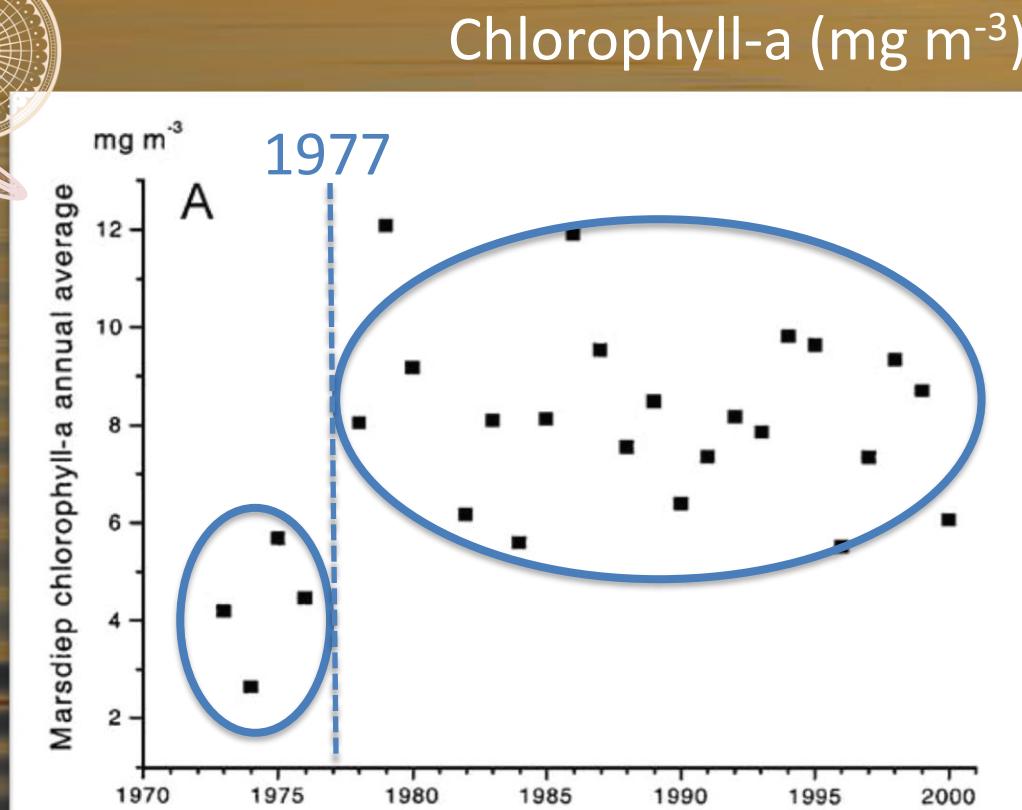
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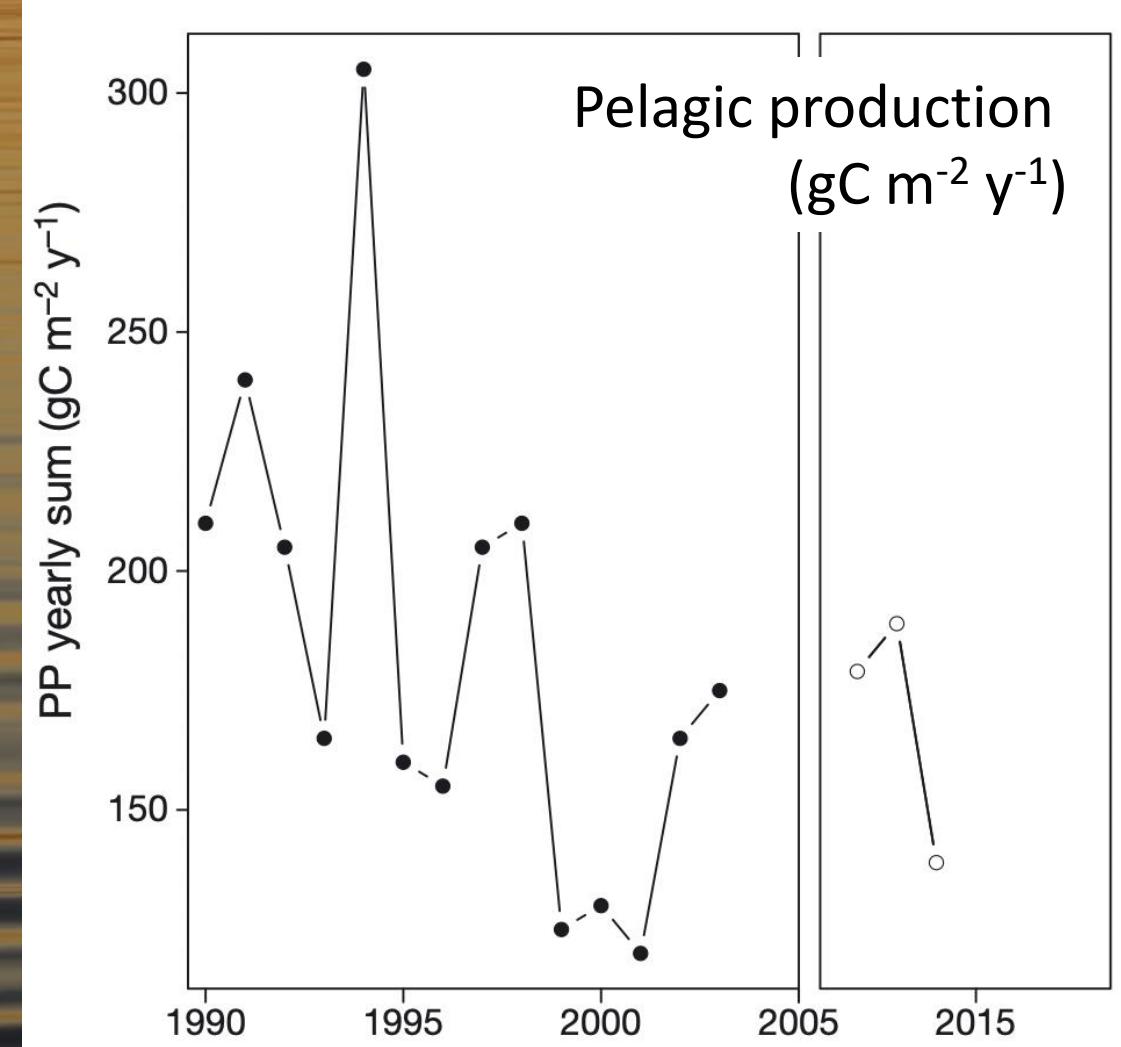
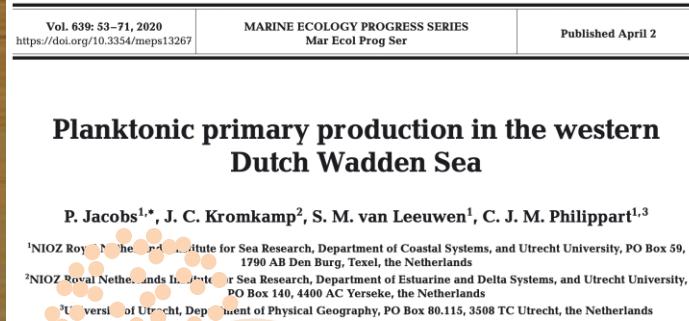
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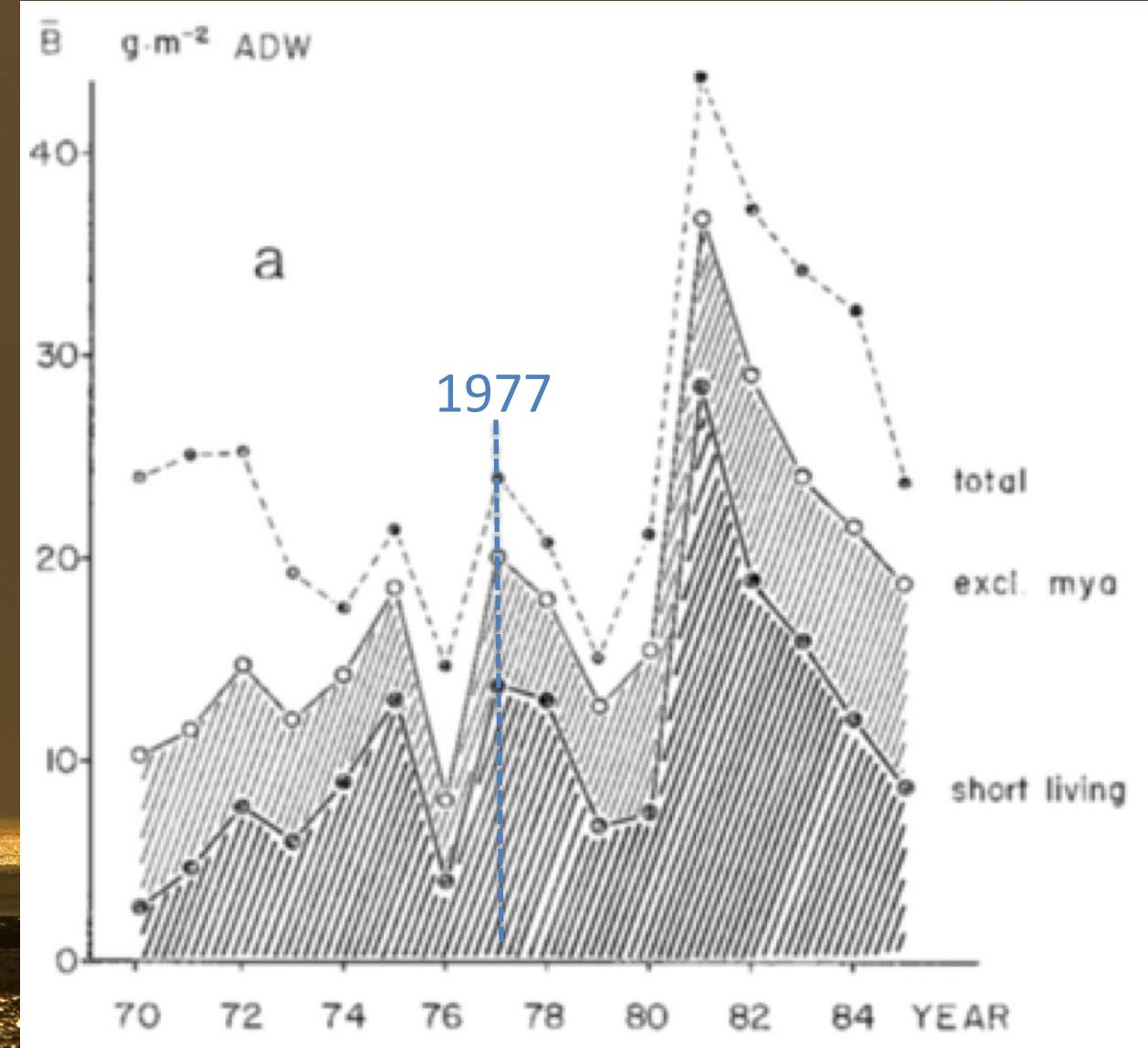
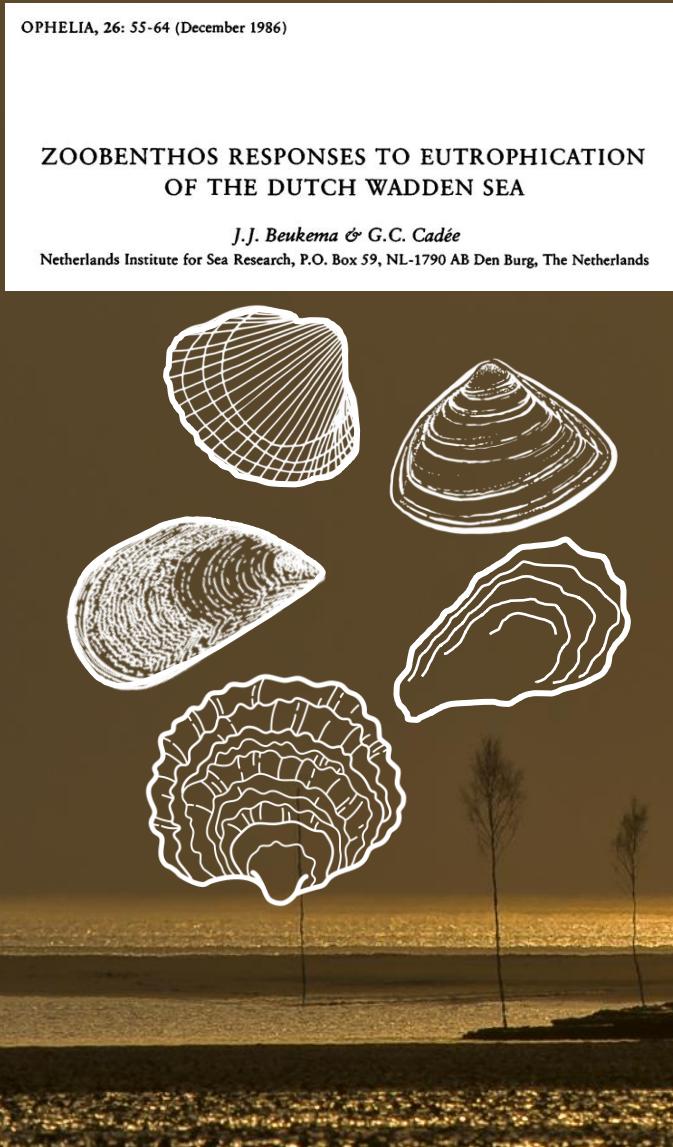
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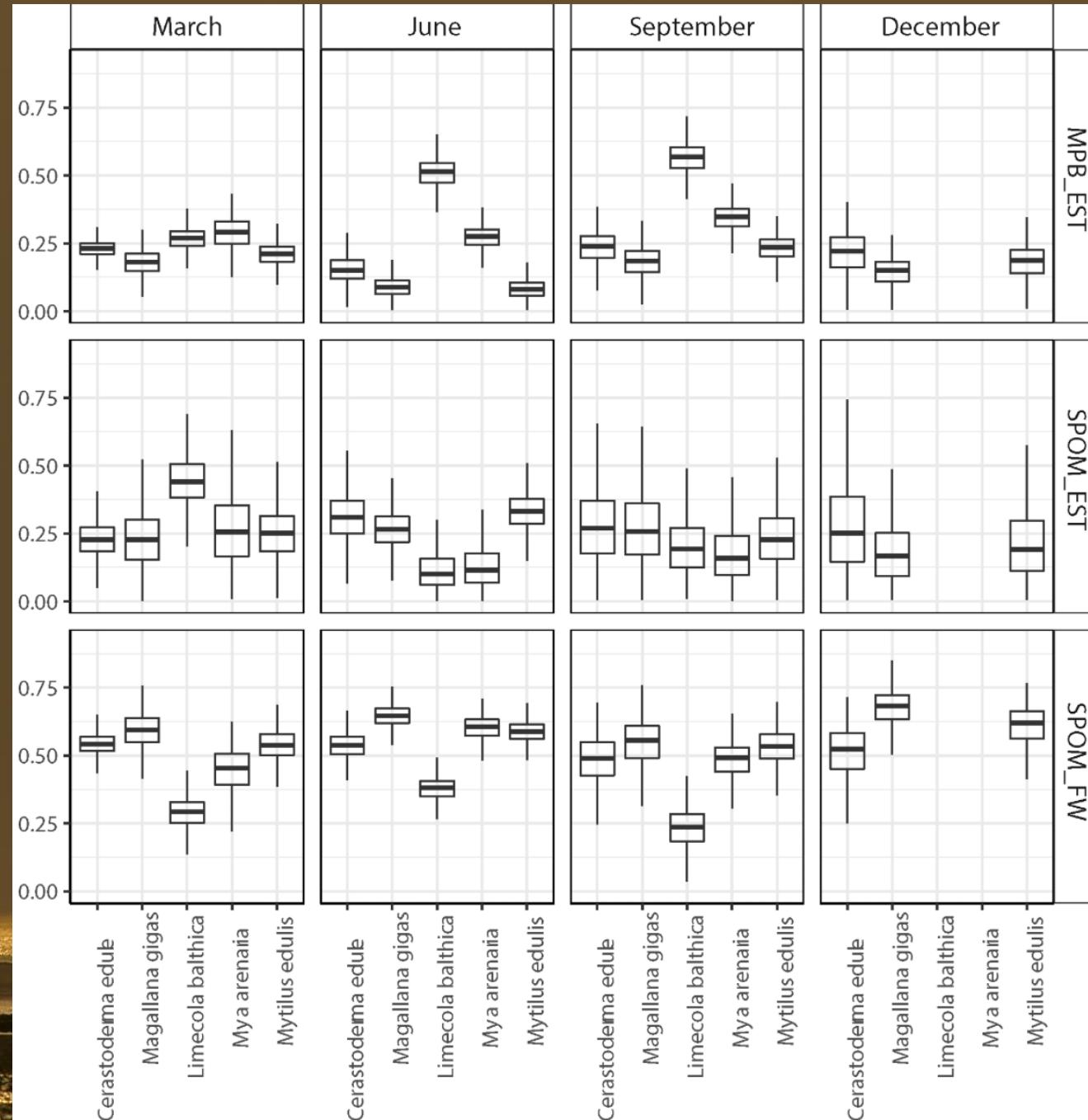
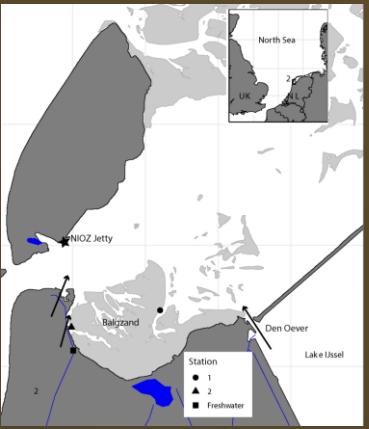


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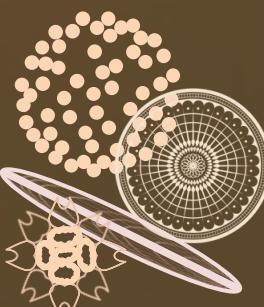
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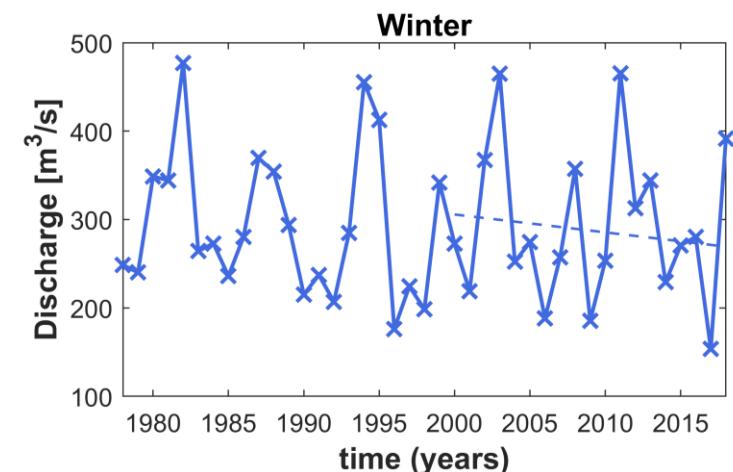
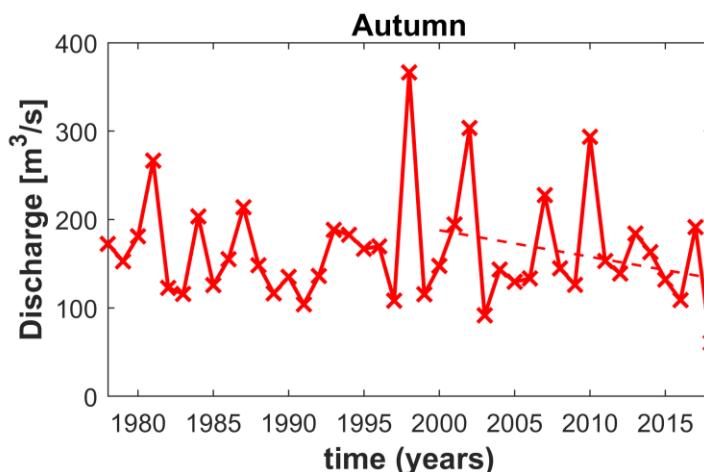
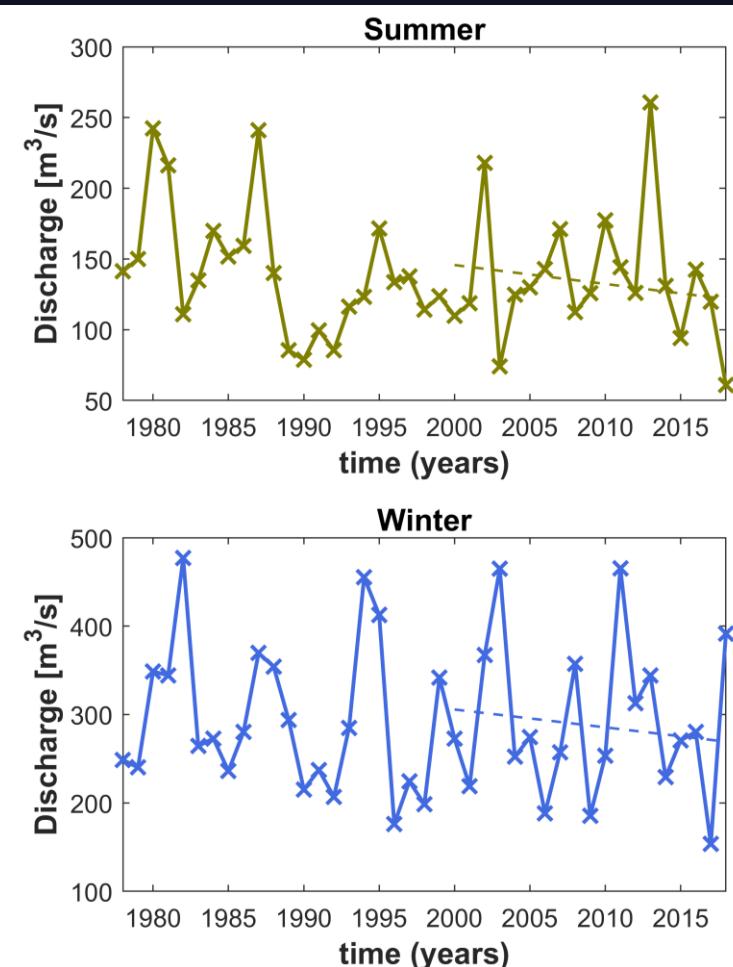
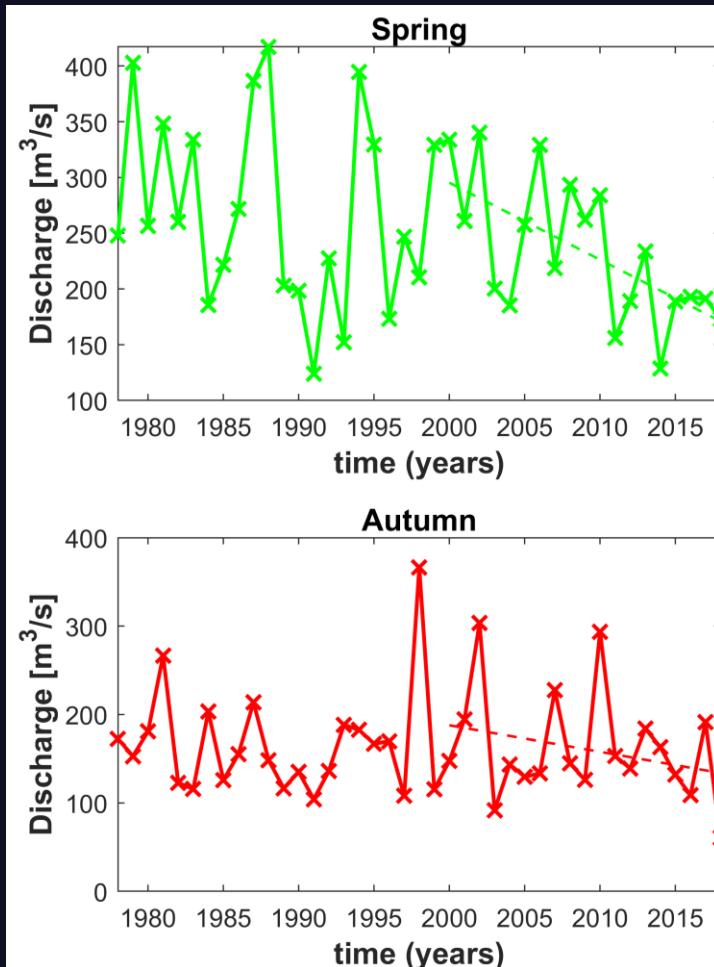
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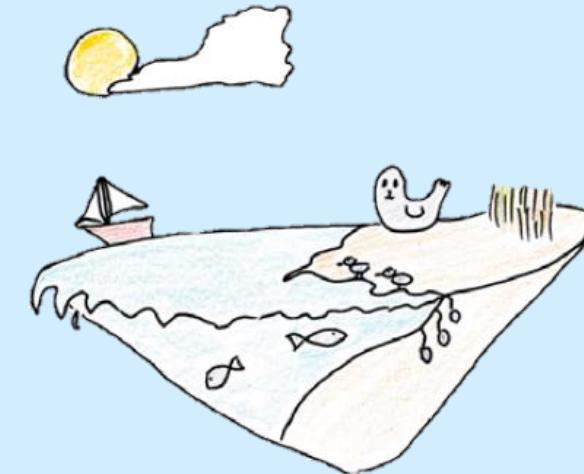


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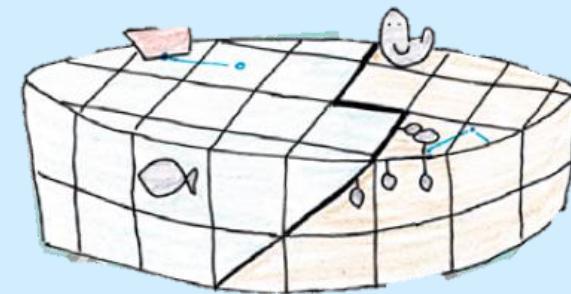


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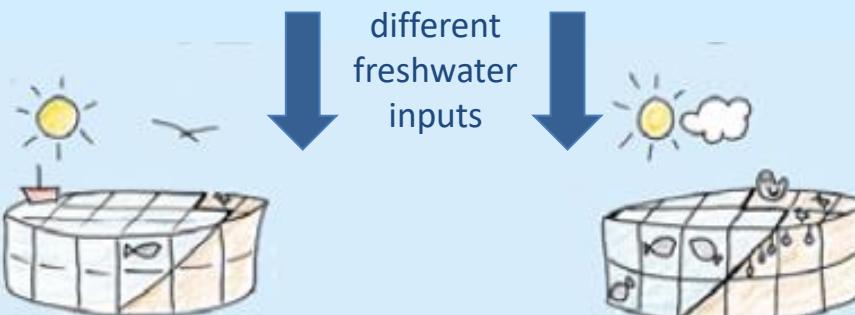
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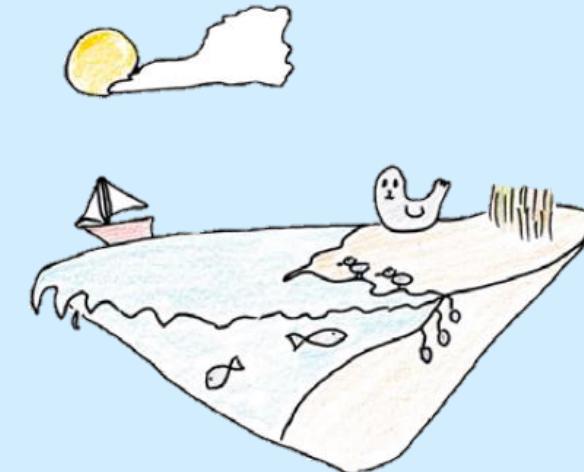
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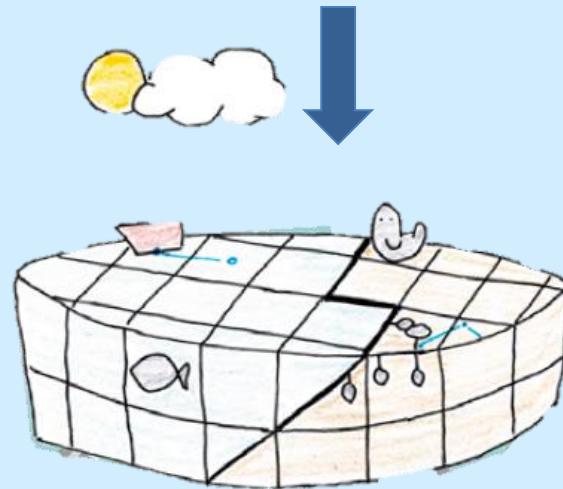
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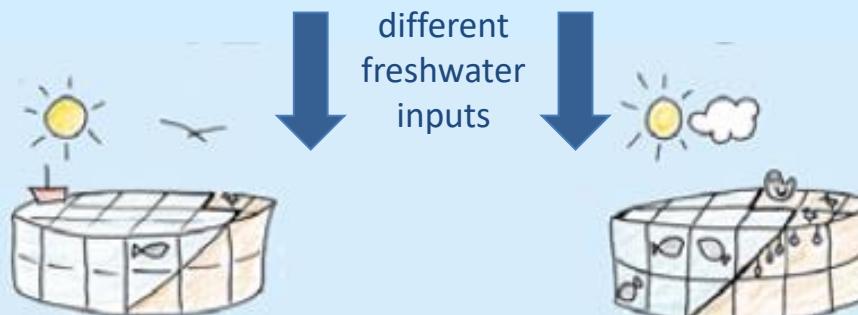
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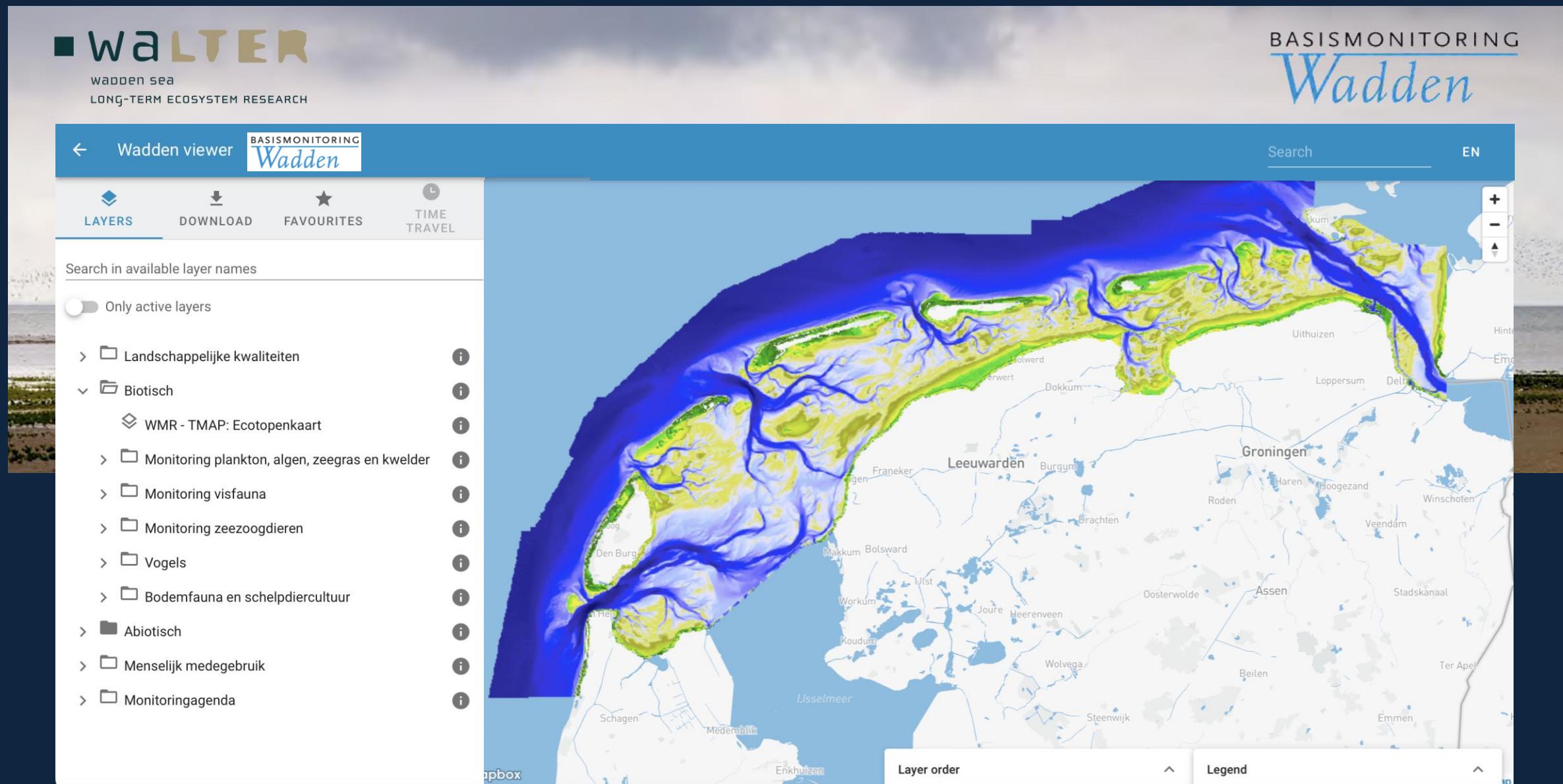
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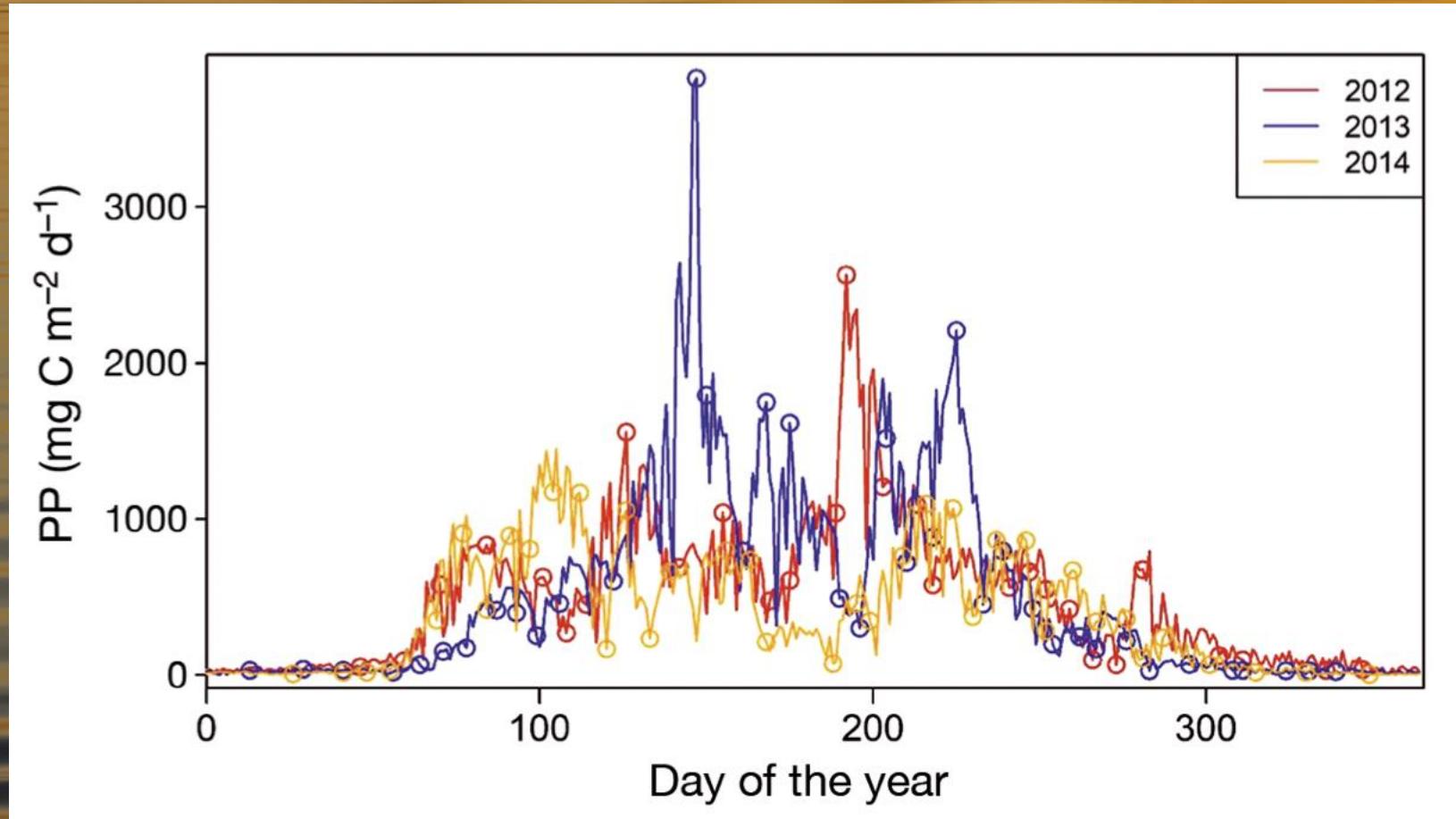
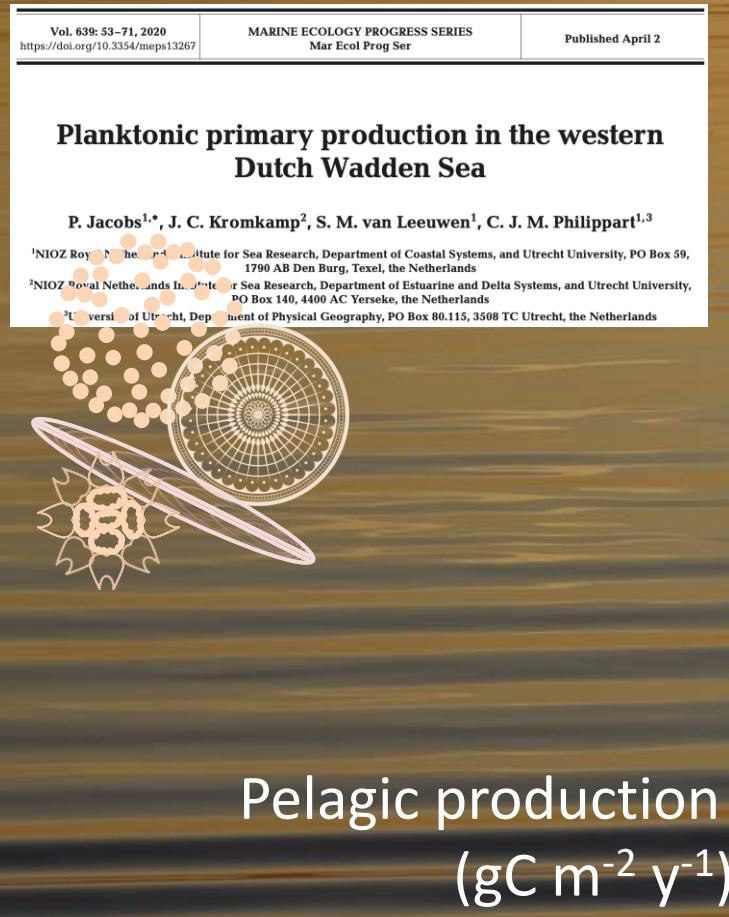
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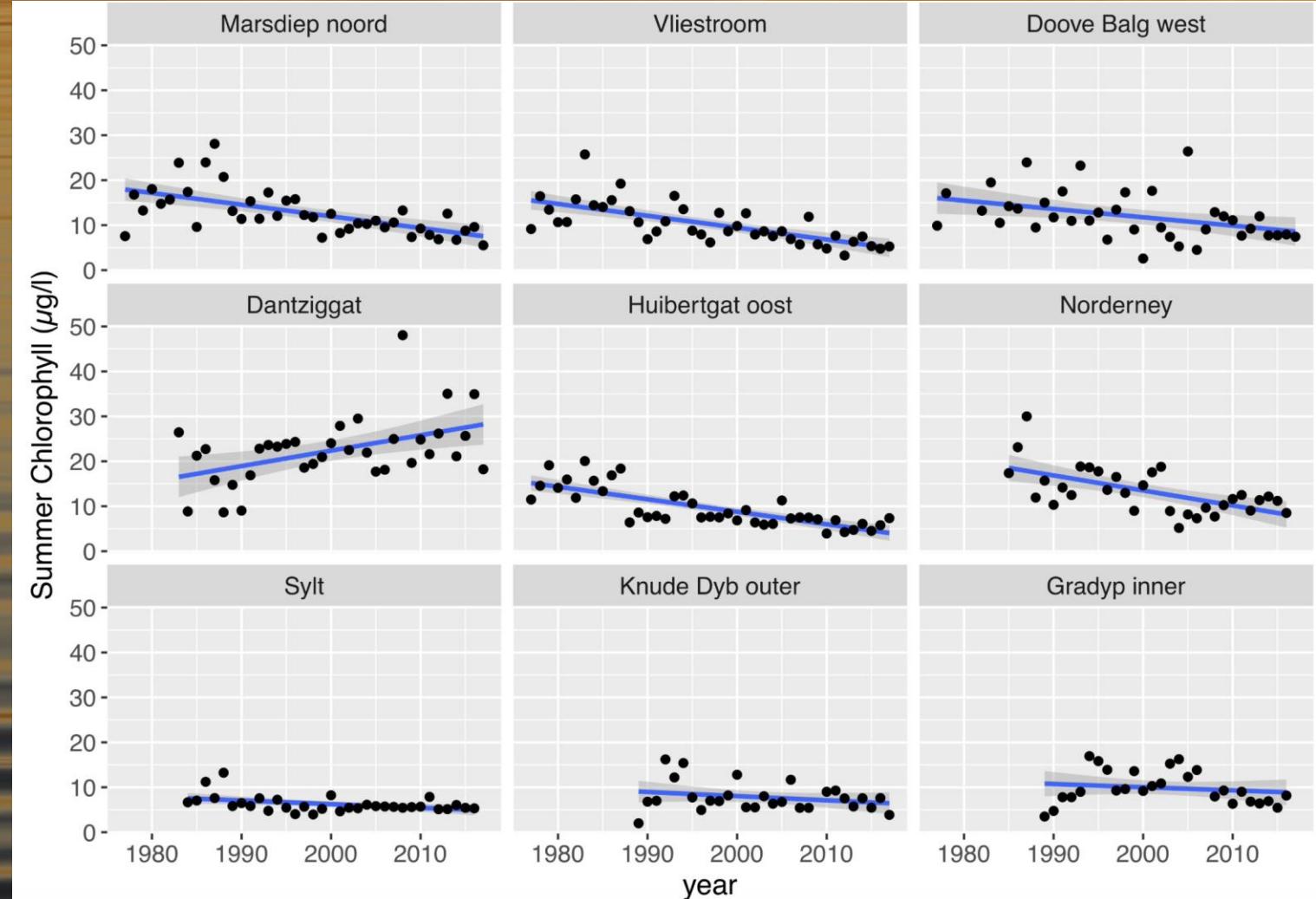
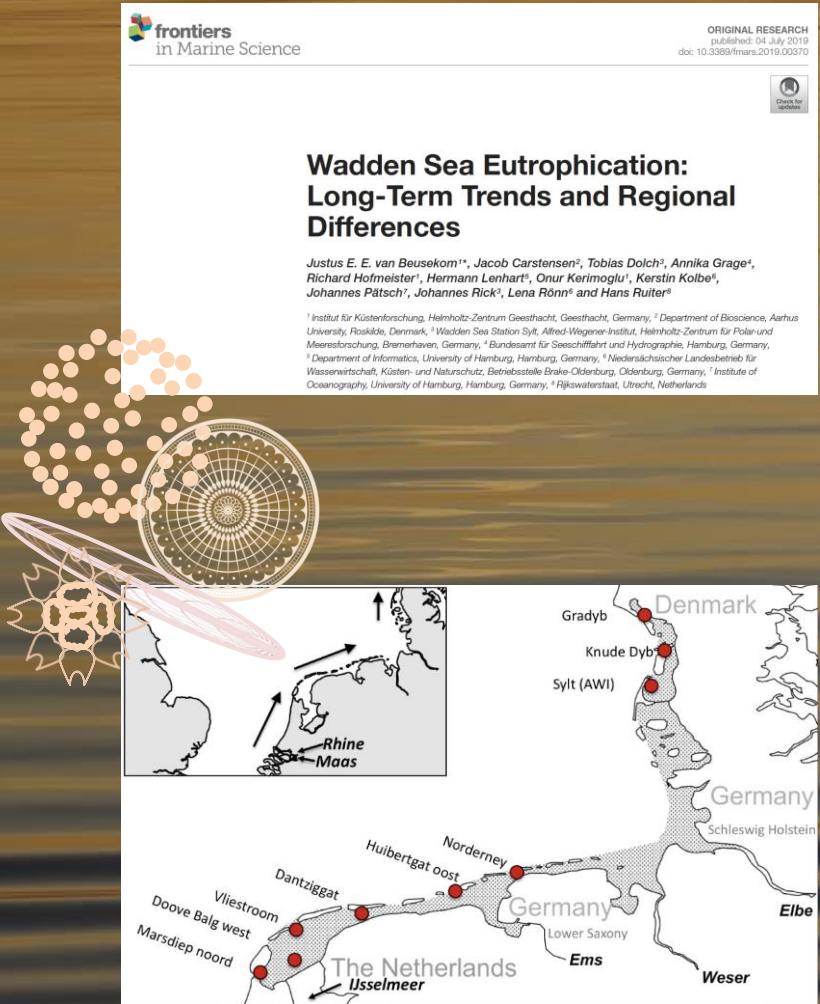
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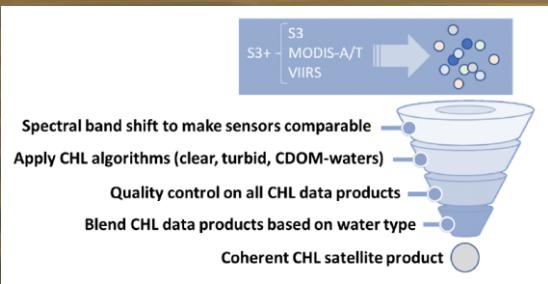


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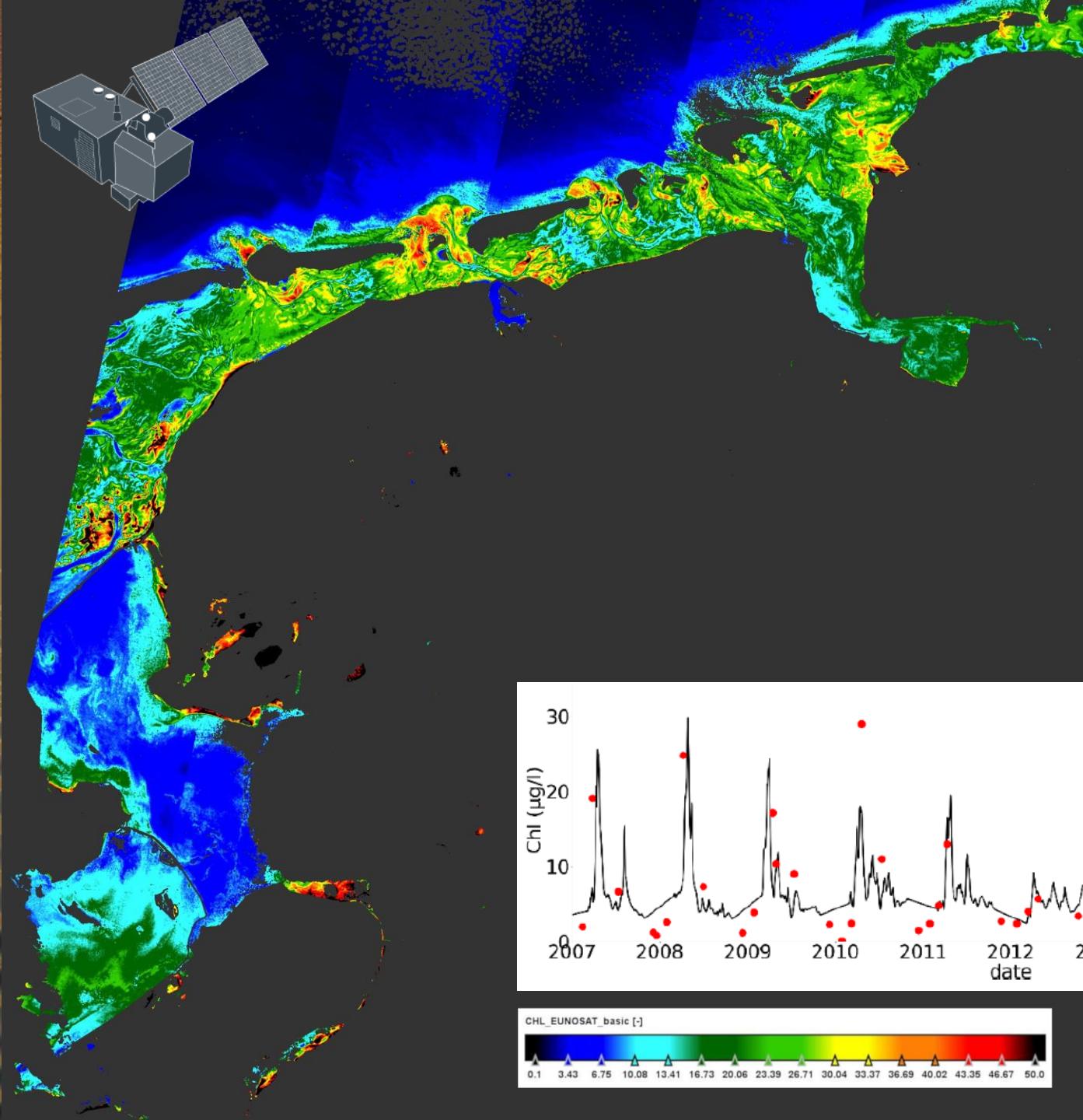


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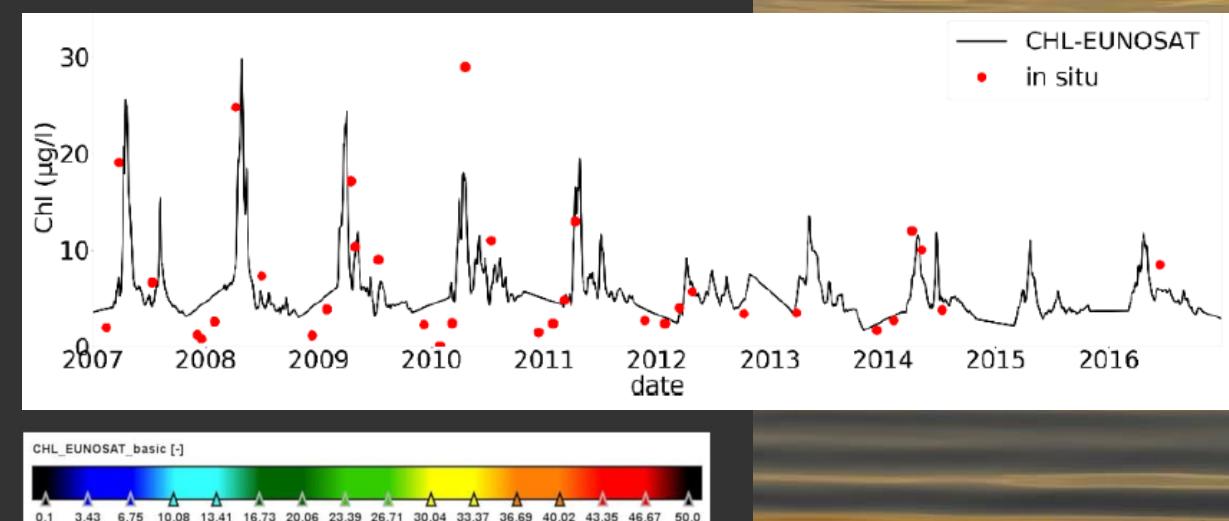


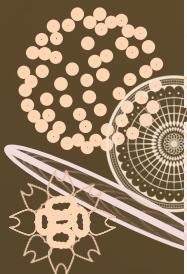
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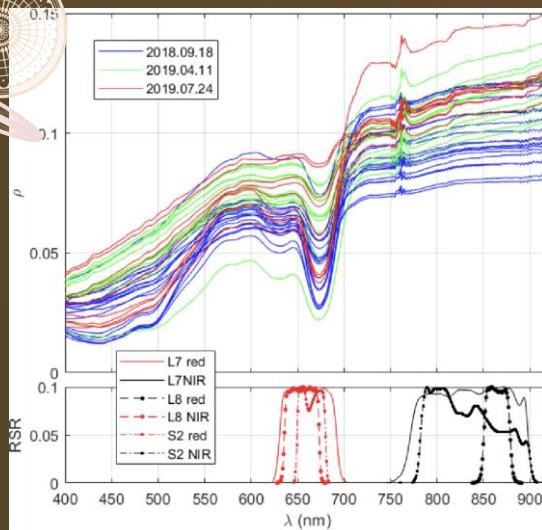
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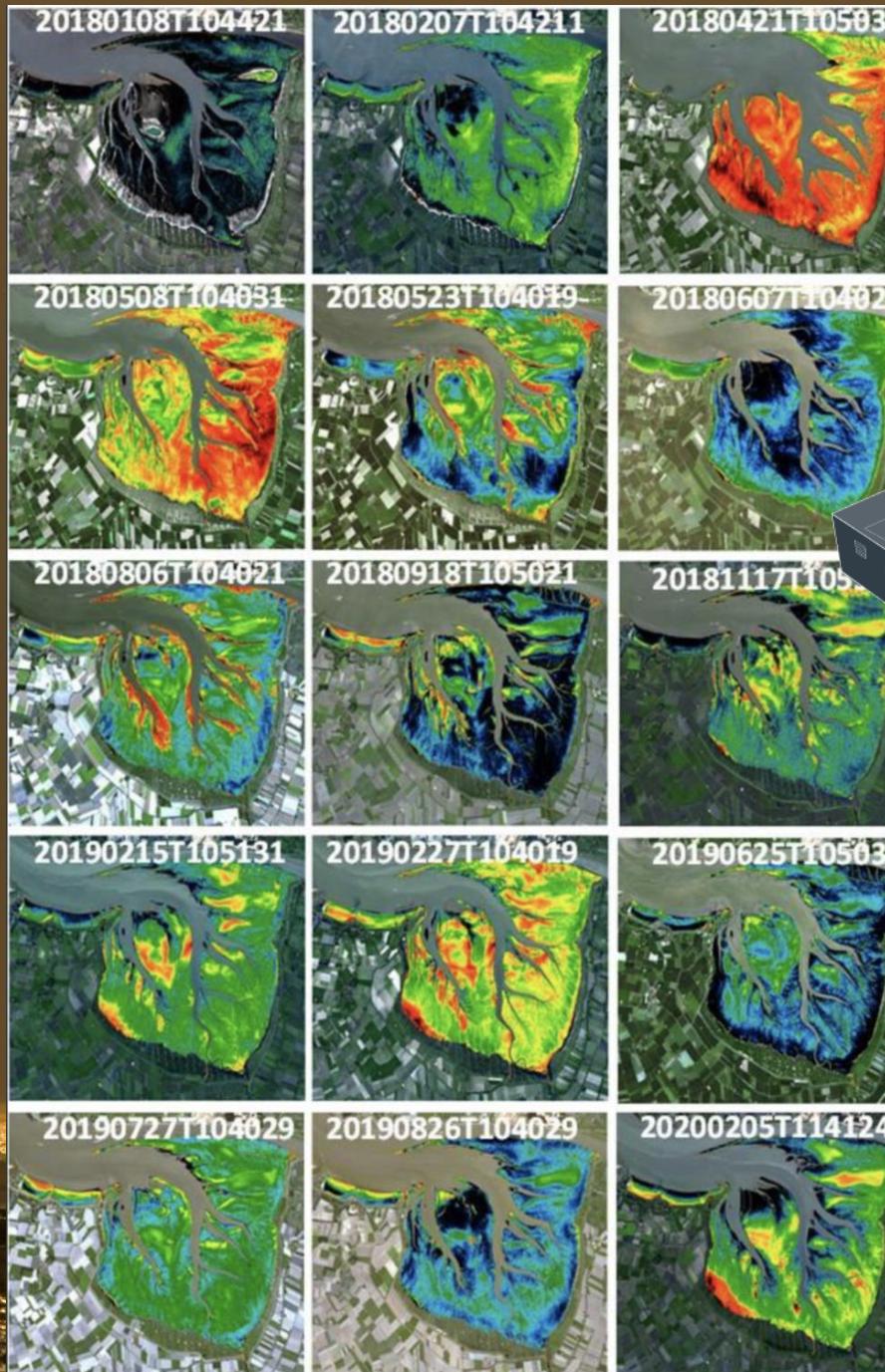


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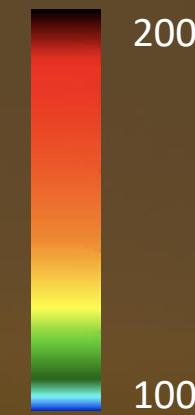
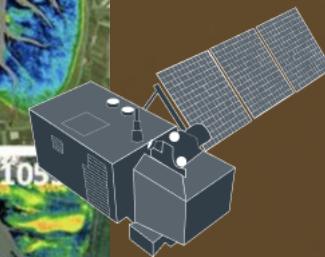


information from  
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hyperspectral sensors  
(3 campaigns)



# Microphytobenthos

sum of chlorophyll-a  
& phaeophytin  
( $\text{mg m}^{-2}$ )



Enhancing the predictive performance of remote sensing for ecological variables of tidal flats using encoded features from a deep learning model

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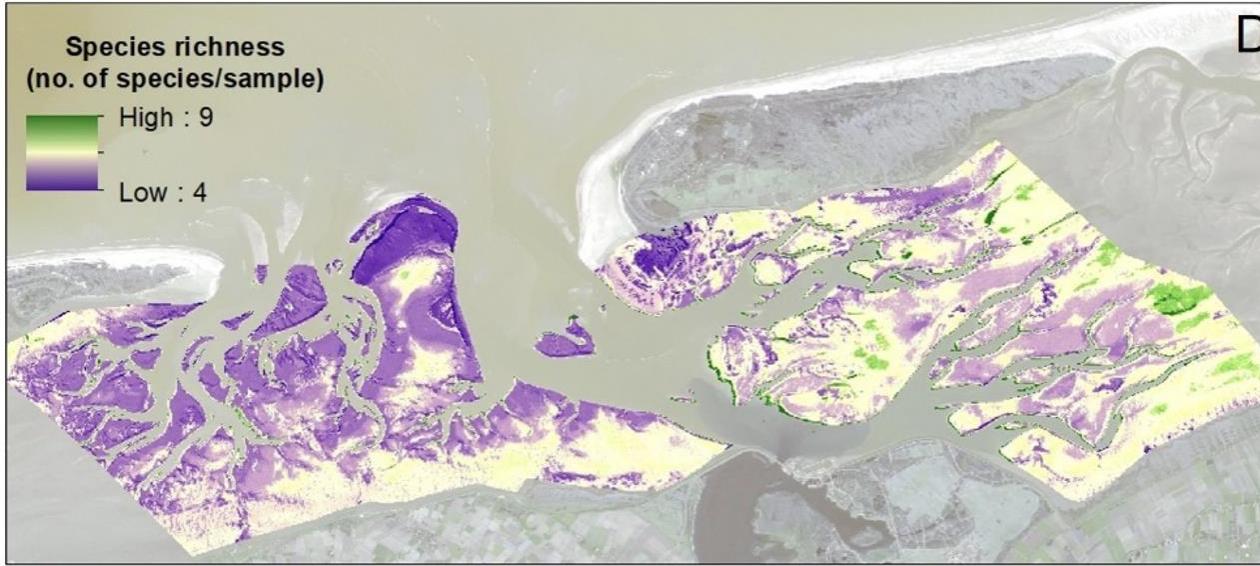
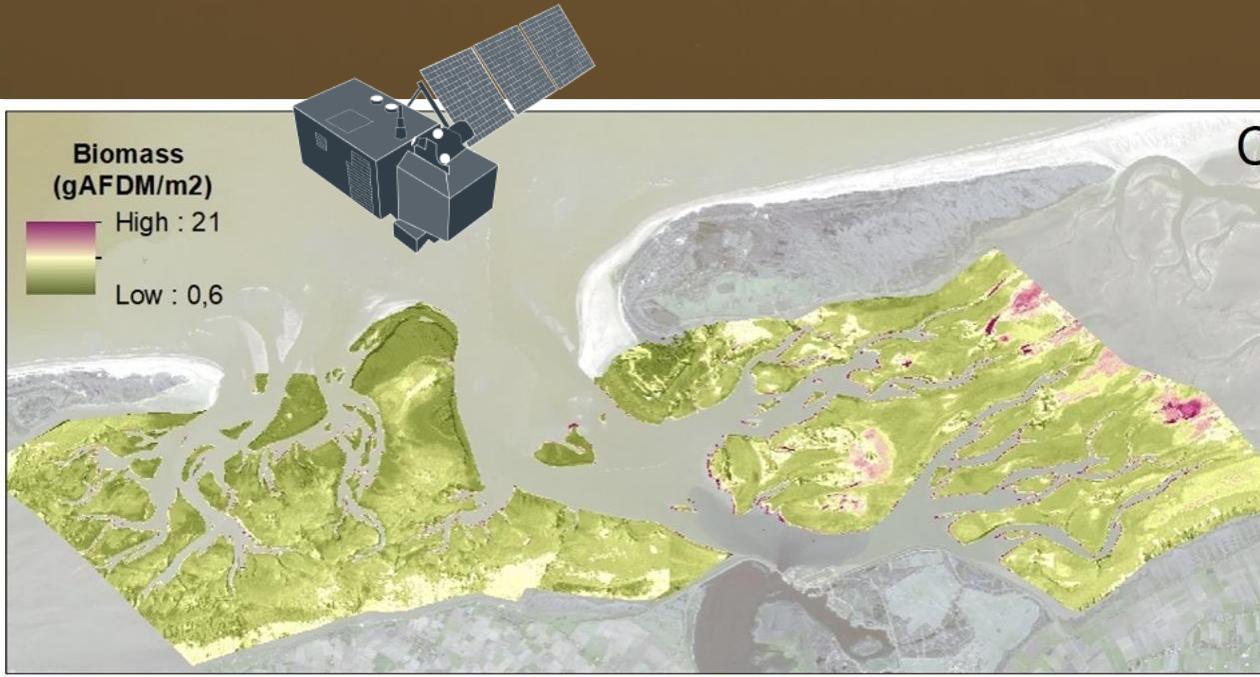
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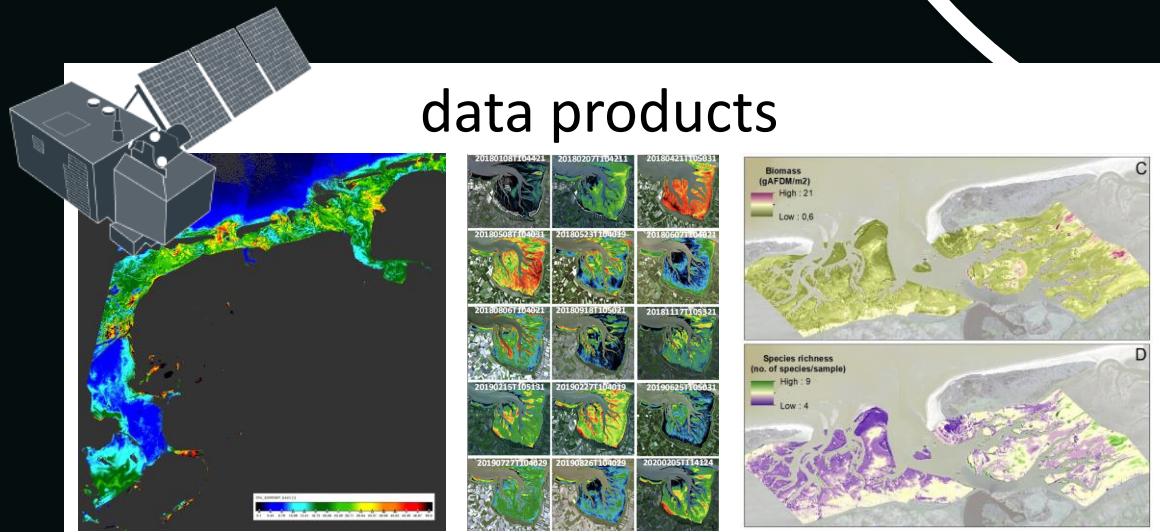
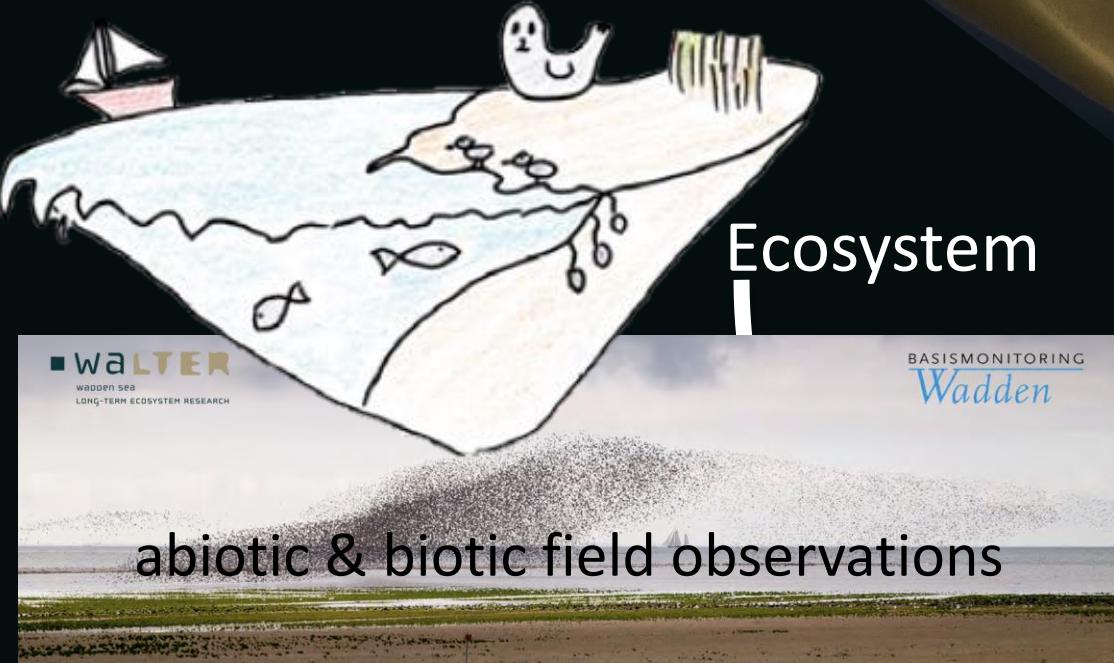
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Species richness (#species sample<sup>-1</sup>)



# Outlook

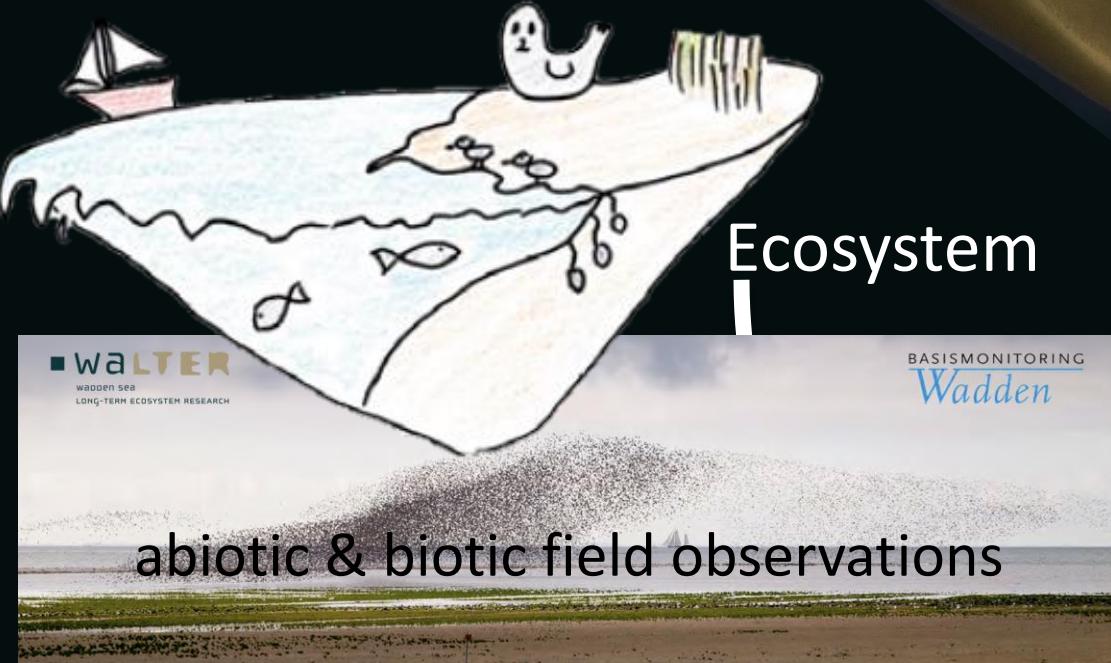


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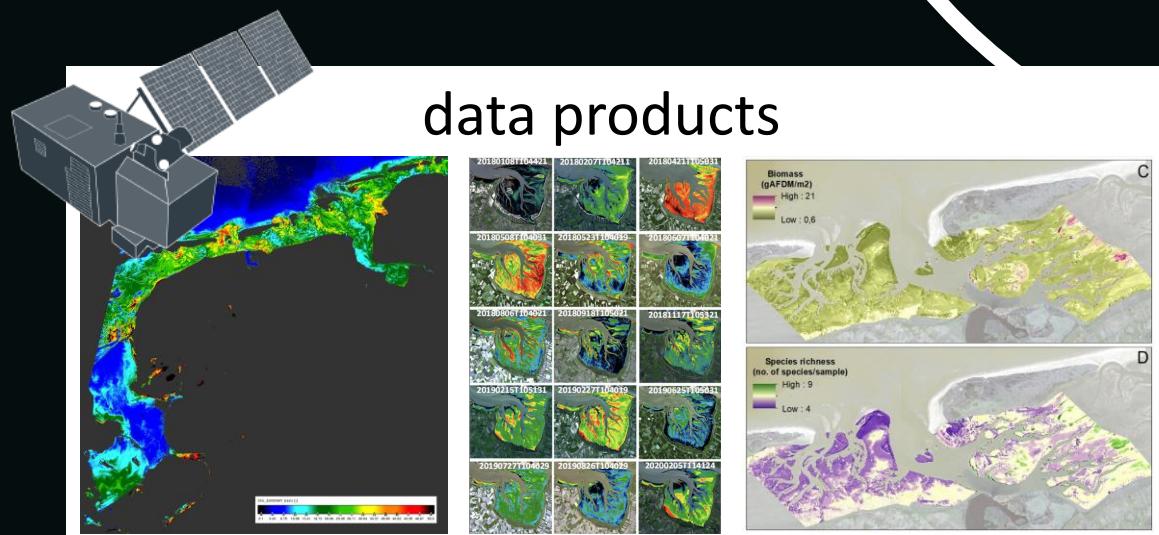


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Thank you!