



## GlobalHAB symposium on automated in situ observations of plankton

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Session 1

# Using the Cytosense automated imaging flow cytometer for HAB observations

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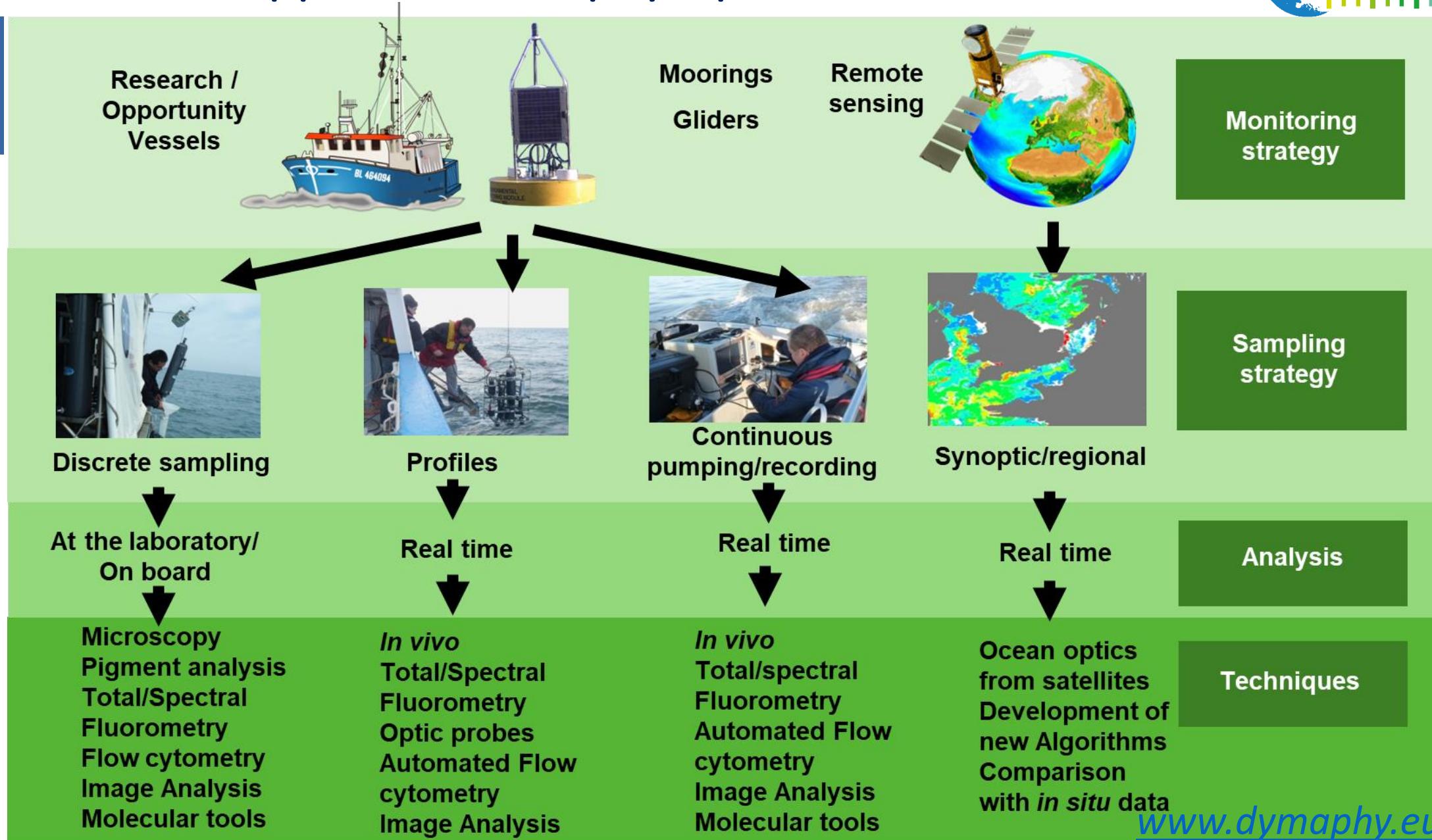
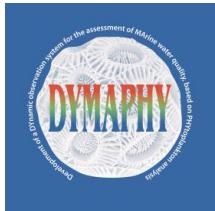


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# Approaches for phytoplankton observation



# Phytoplankton / HAB monitoring challenges

Changes in **phytoplankton abundance, biomass and composition** usually occur at **short-time and fine spatial scales** : need for **high resolution automated sensors** implemented in **autonomous platforms** (buoys, automated stations, research vessels, ships of opportunity)

## Critical gaps :

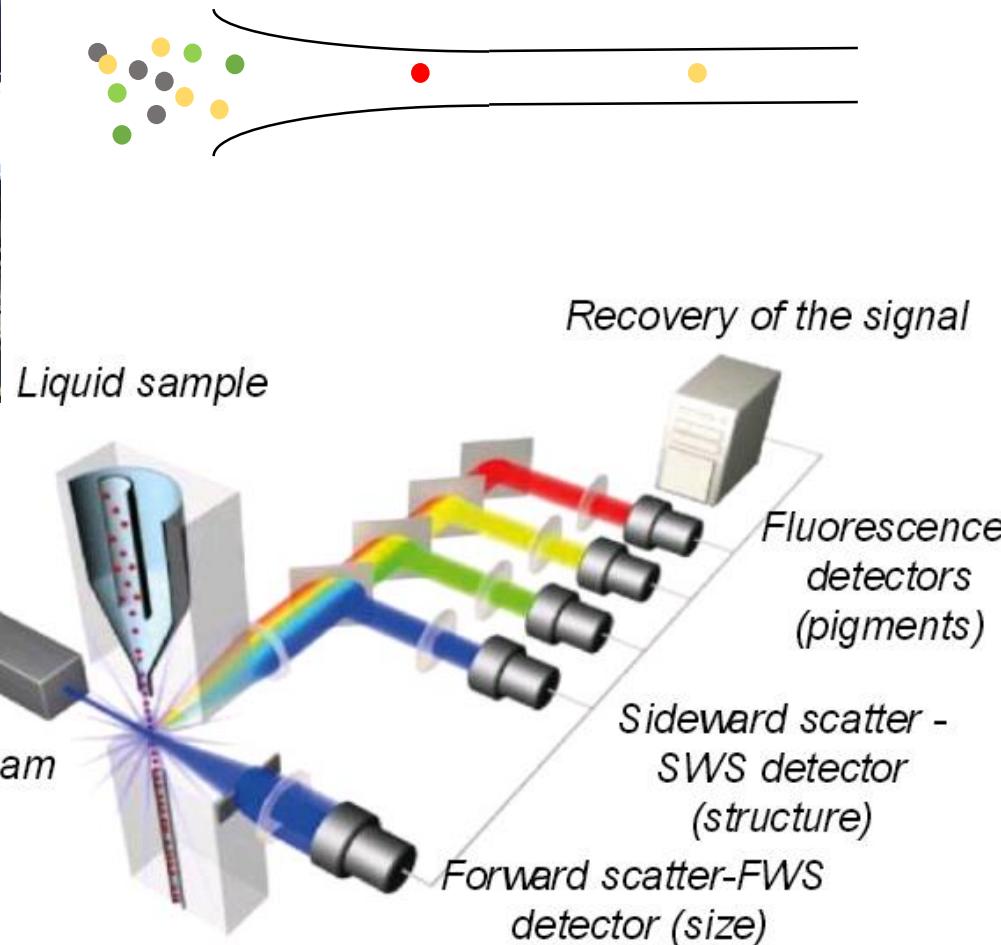
- lack of definition of the **most appropriate methodologies** and approaches (platforms)
- deficiencies in the **spatio-temporal distribution of observations**
- not adopting **FAIR principles in data distribution**, including using adequate QA/QC measures

## An **international network of experts is essential to work on** :

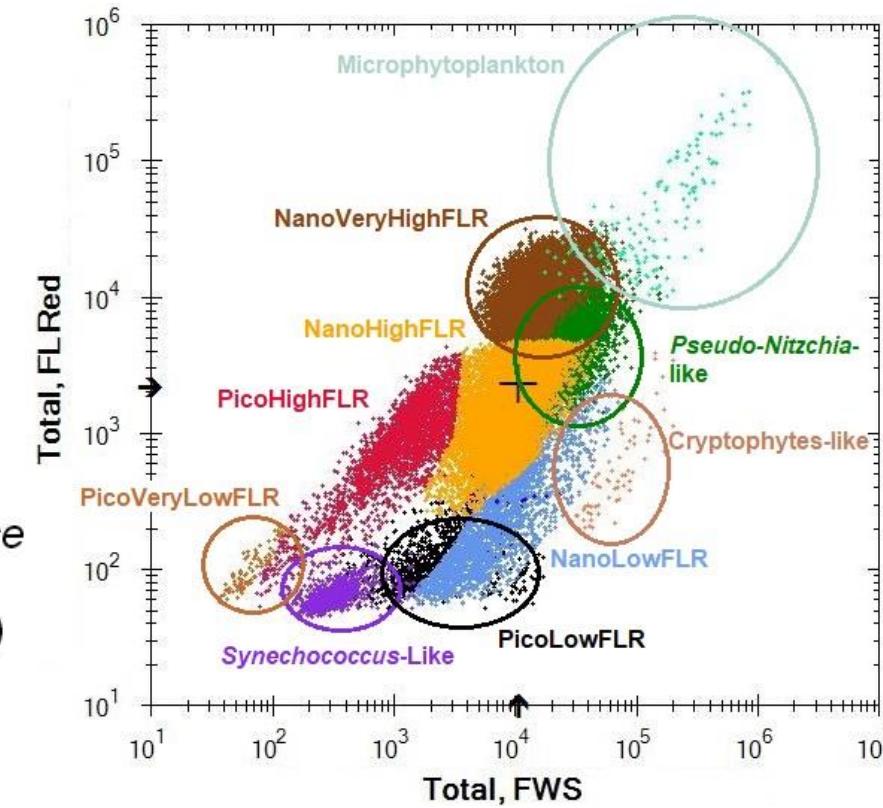
- best suitable **combination of *in vivo* automated sensors** for each marine system considered
- harmonizing operational practices for defining common **best practices**
- **defining common vocabulary** and data quality control, **data charts & flows**

*Investigation carried out in the frame of national and regional marine & coastal programmes in Europe, including past projects INTERREG IVA « 2 Seas » **DYMAPHY** (2010-2014), H2020 **JERICO-Next** (2015-2019) & CPER **MARCO** (2016-2021), Pan-European infrastructure for ocean & marine data management (**SeaDataNet**), as well as ongoing ones **JERICO S3** (Science, Service, Sustainability - 2020-2024), **JERICO DS**, for building an European Research Infrastructure for Joint Coastal Observatories (**JERICO RI**) and recently approved projects as **OBAMA Next** (H2020, 2023-2026), amongst others.*

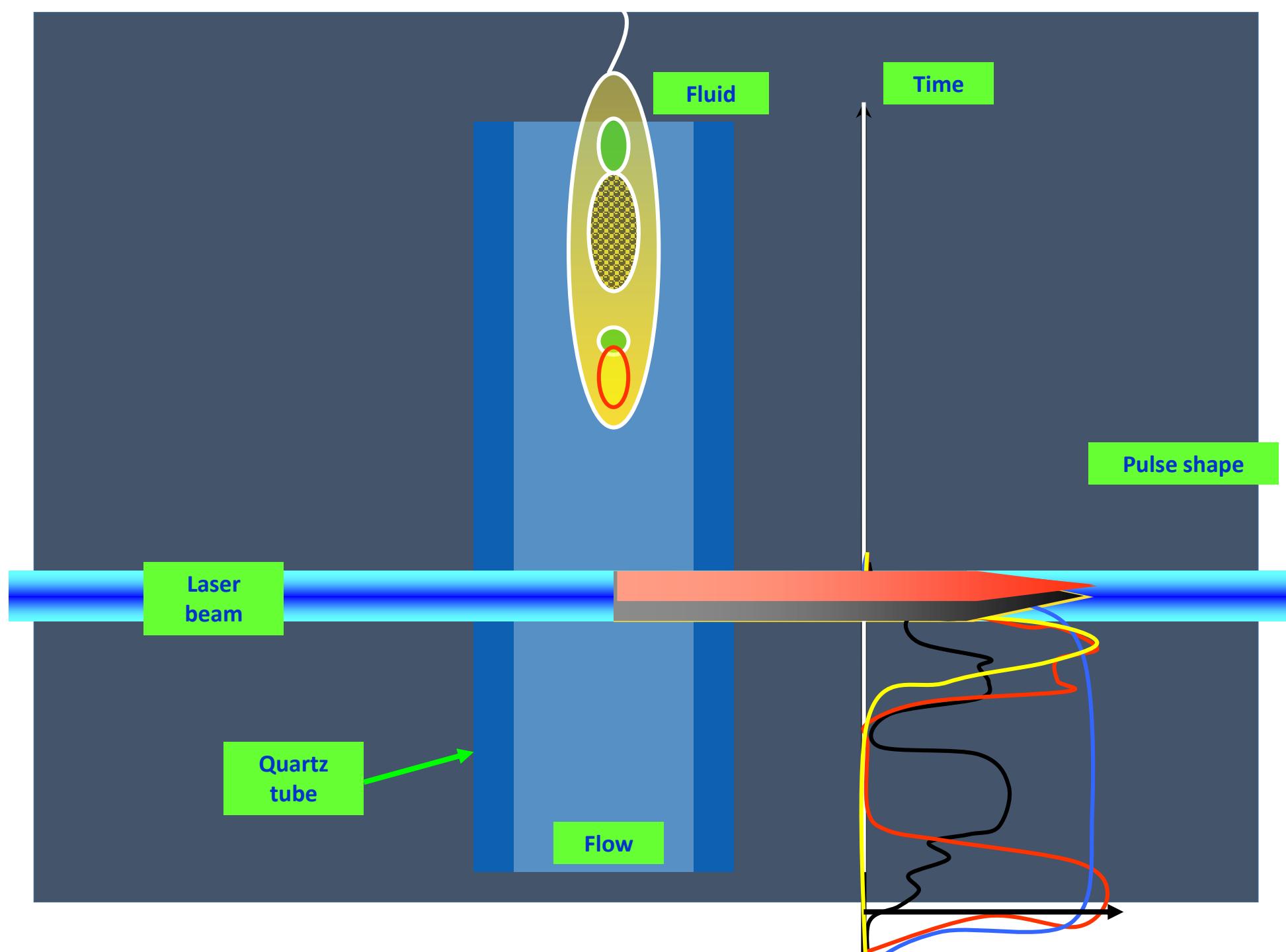
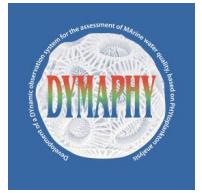
# Pulse shape-recording automated imaging flow cytometry CytoSense®/CytoSub® (Cytobuoy®)



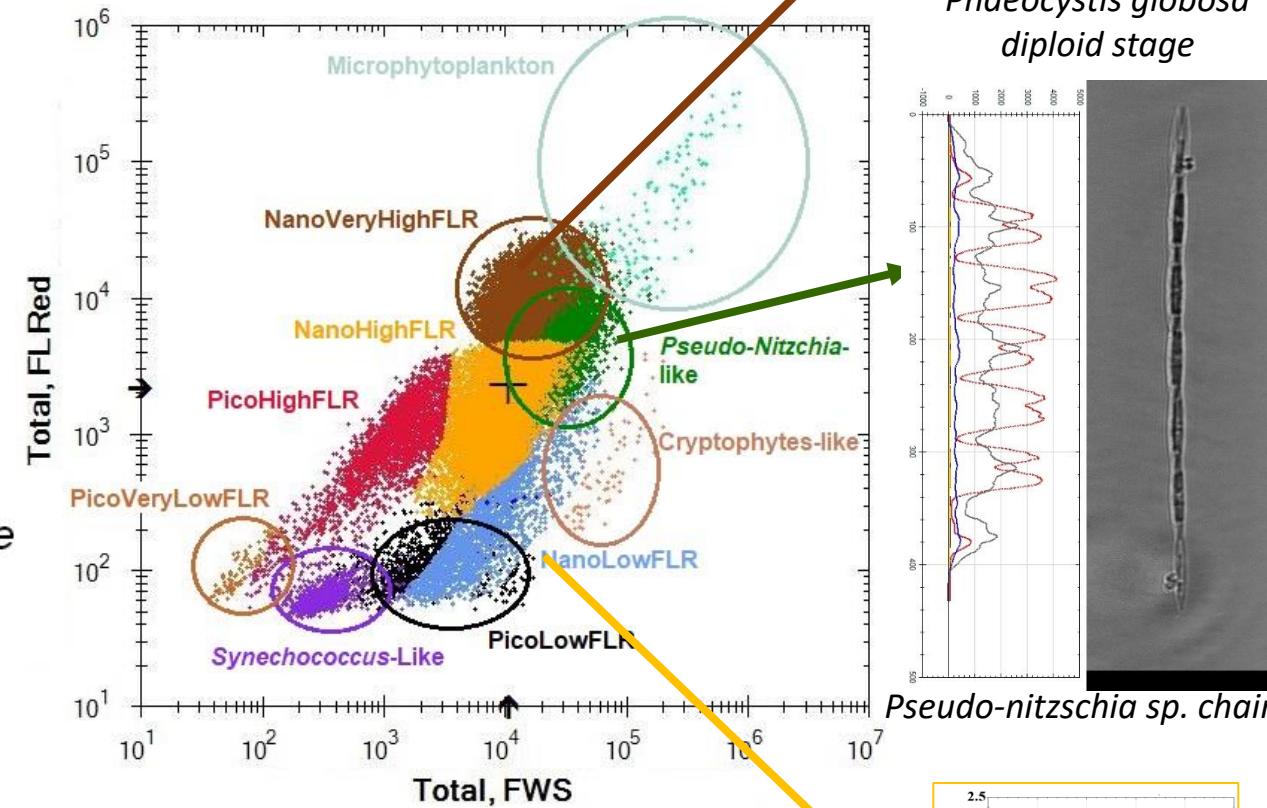
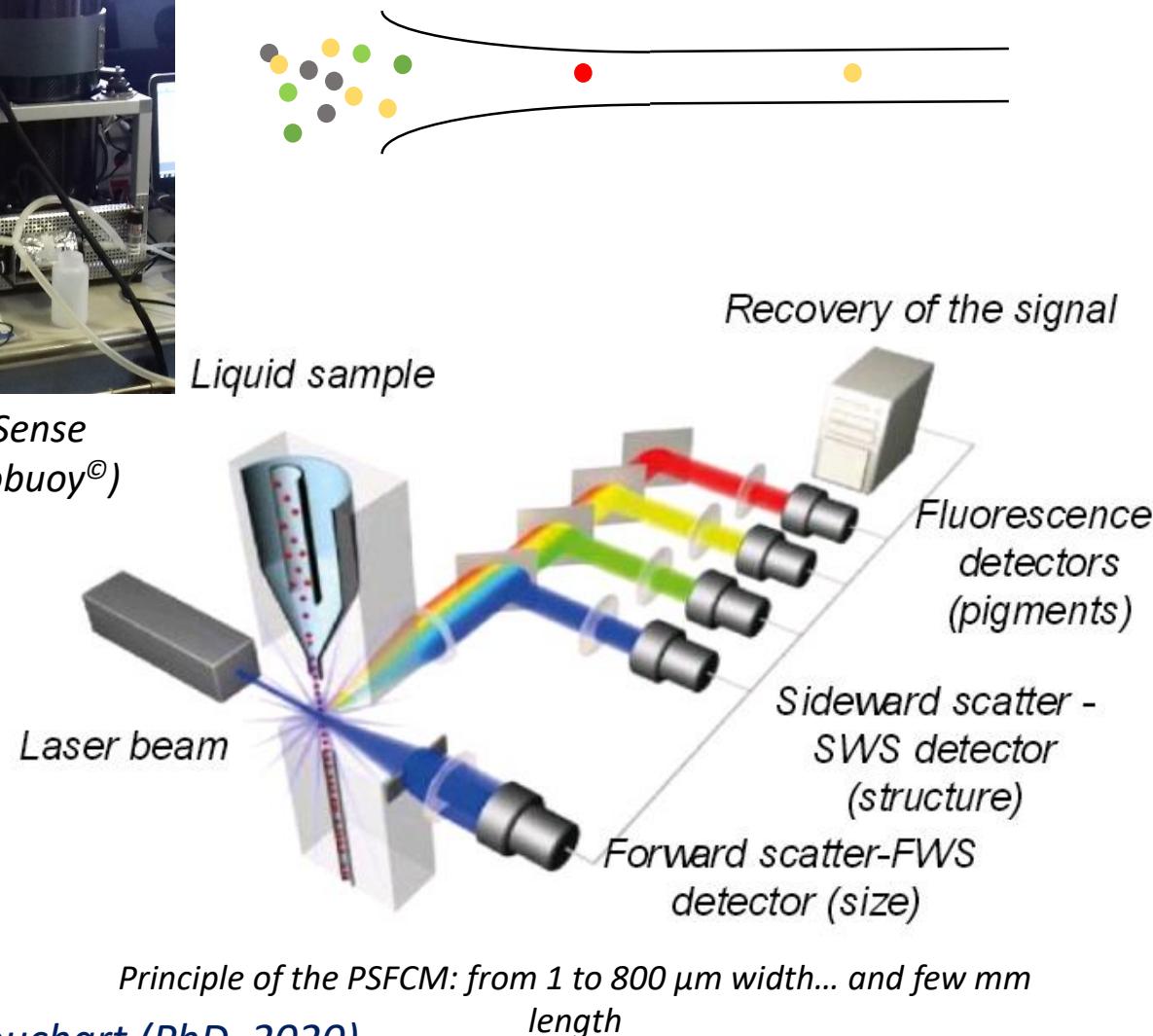
Principle of the PSFCM: from 1 to 800 µm width... and few mm



Example of Cytogramme from the PHYCO cruise (EEC, April 2017) with CytoClus 3 software by manual gating

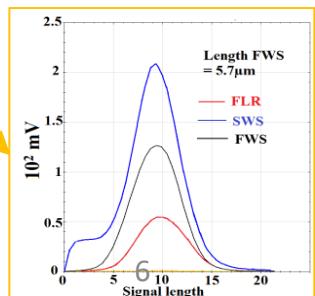
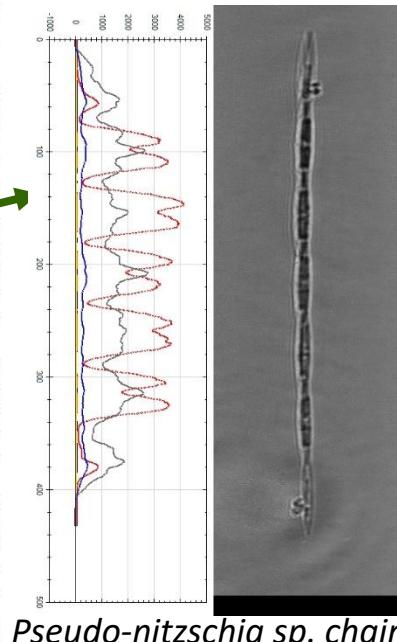
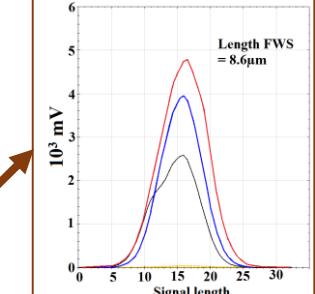


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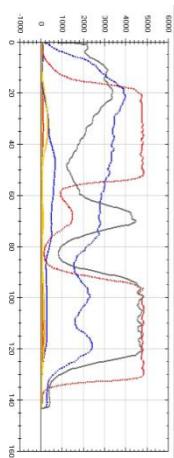
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Phaeocystis globosa  
haploid stage

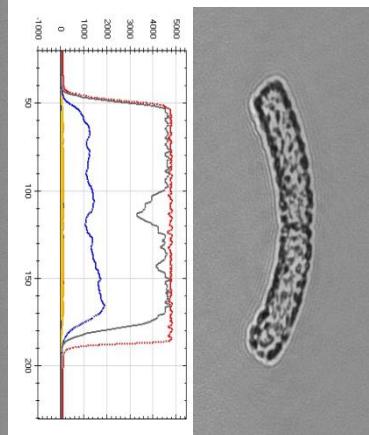


# Integration of the image acquisition system, for the improvement of the detection of phytoplankton species

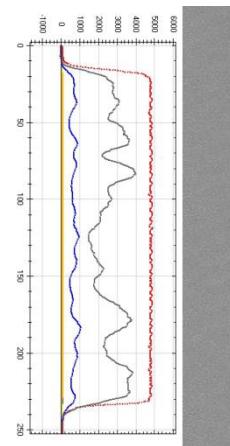
→ Library of cytometric scanned profiles and images : example of diatoms



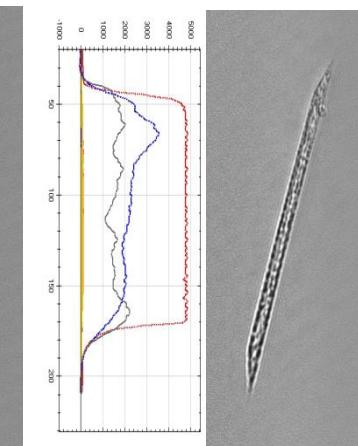
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brightwellii*



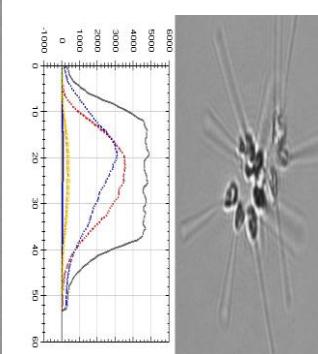
*Guinardia  
striata*



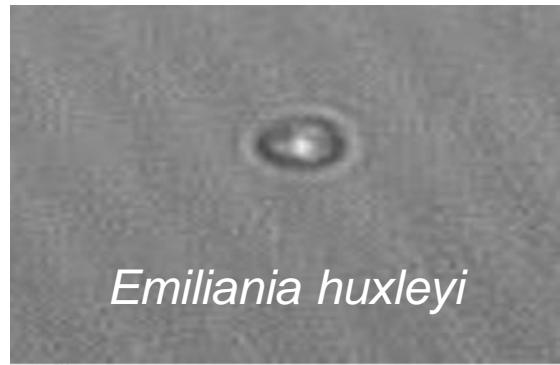
*Guinardia  
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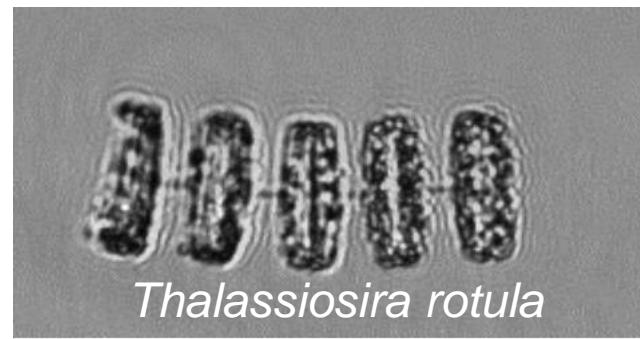
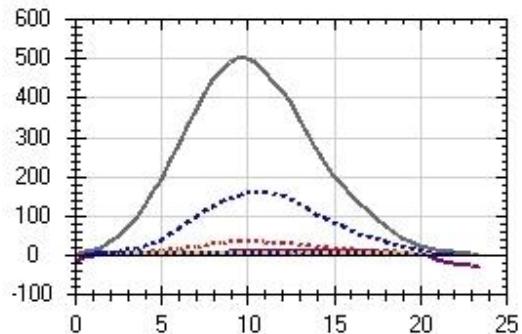
*Rhizosolenia imbricata* var.  
*shrubsolei*



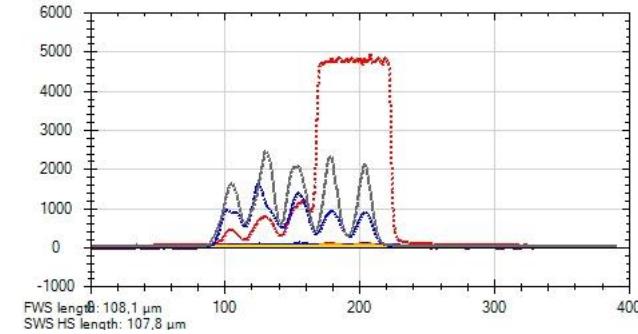
*Asterionellopsis  
glacialis*



*Emiliania huxleyi*

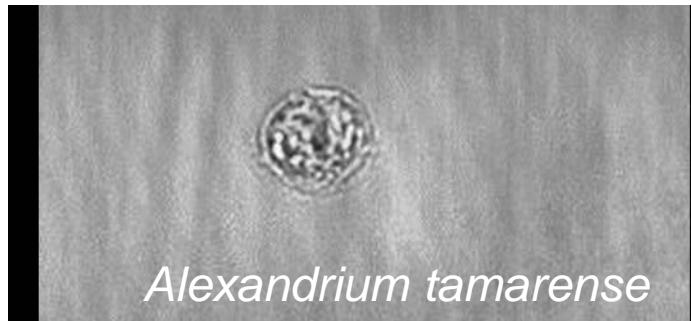


*Thalassiosira rotula*

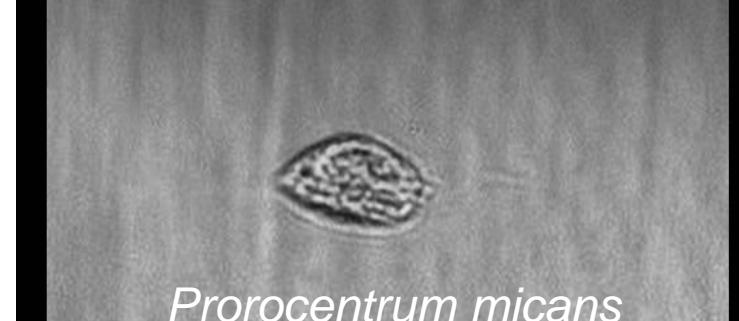
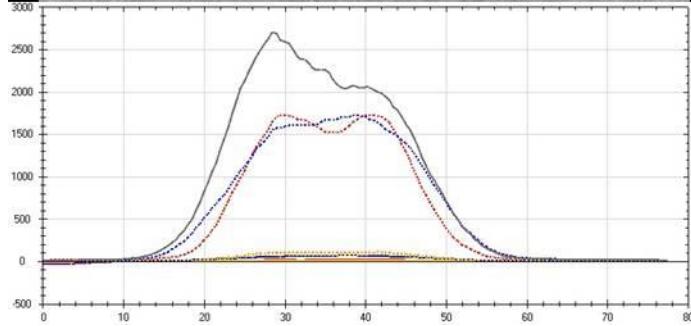


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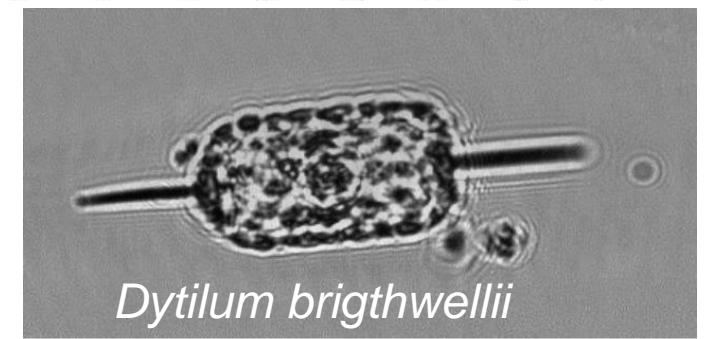
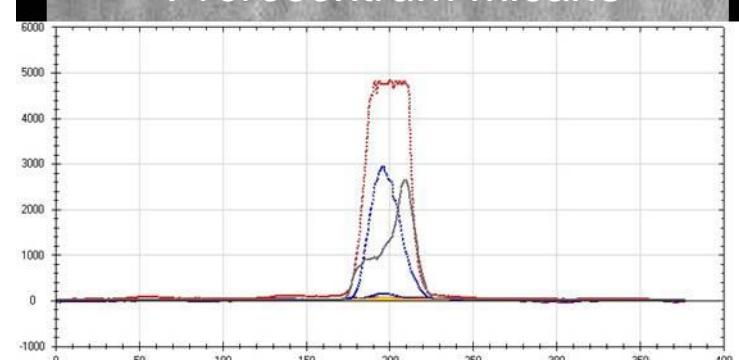
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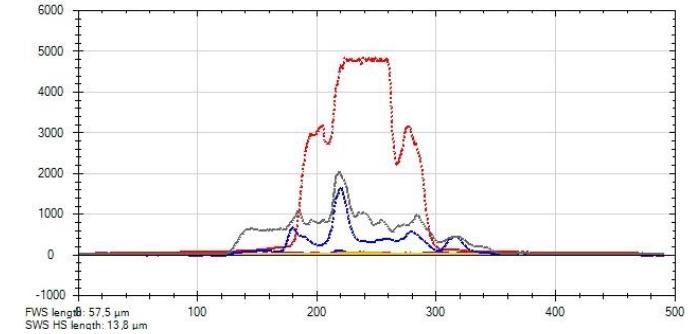
*Alexandrium tamarense*



*Prorocentrum micans*

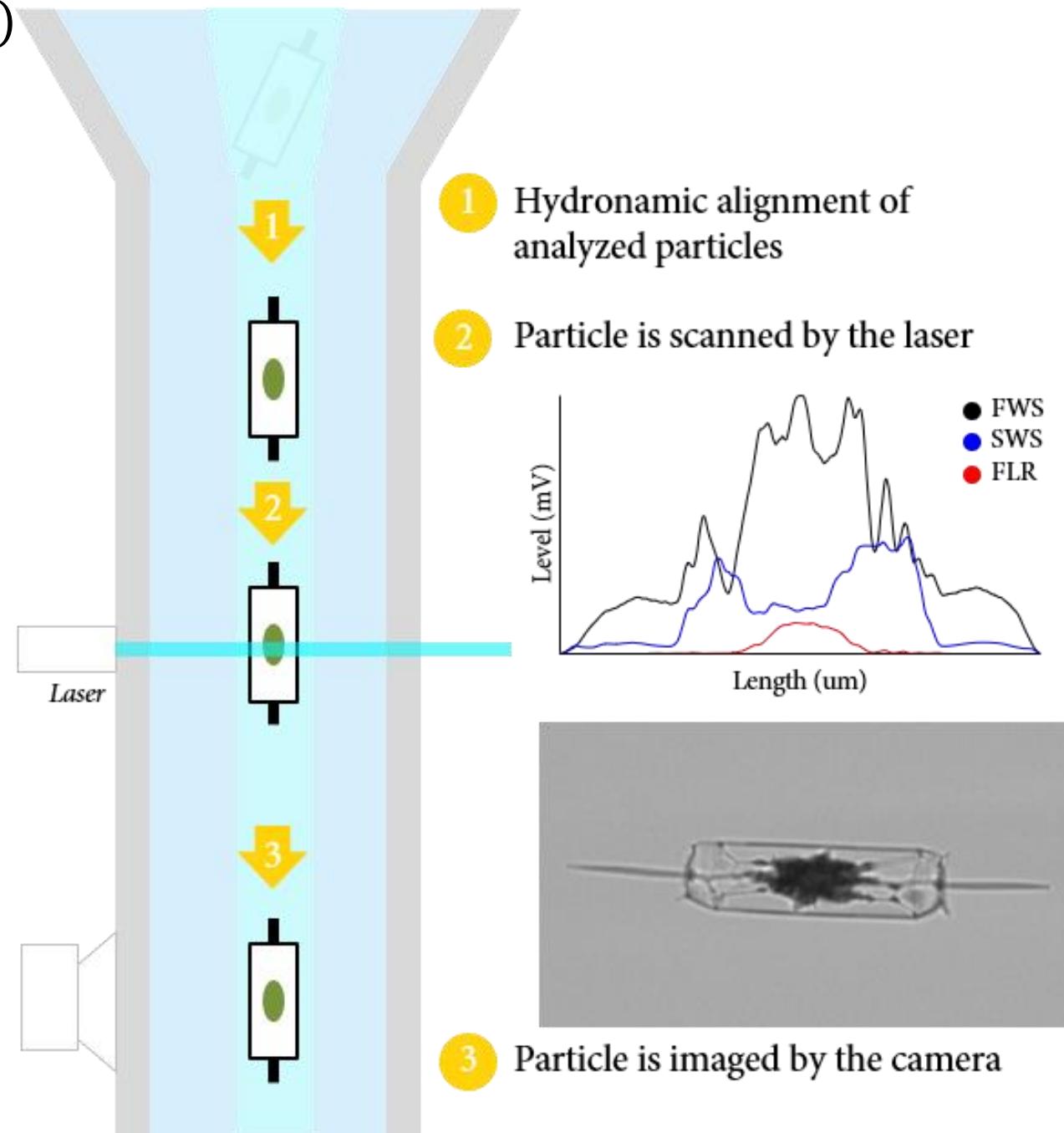


*Ditylum brightwellii*



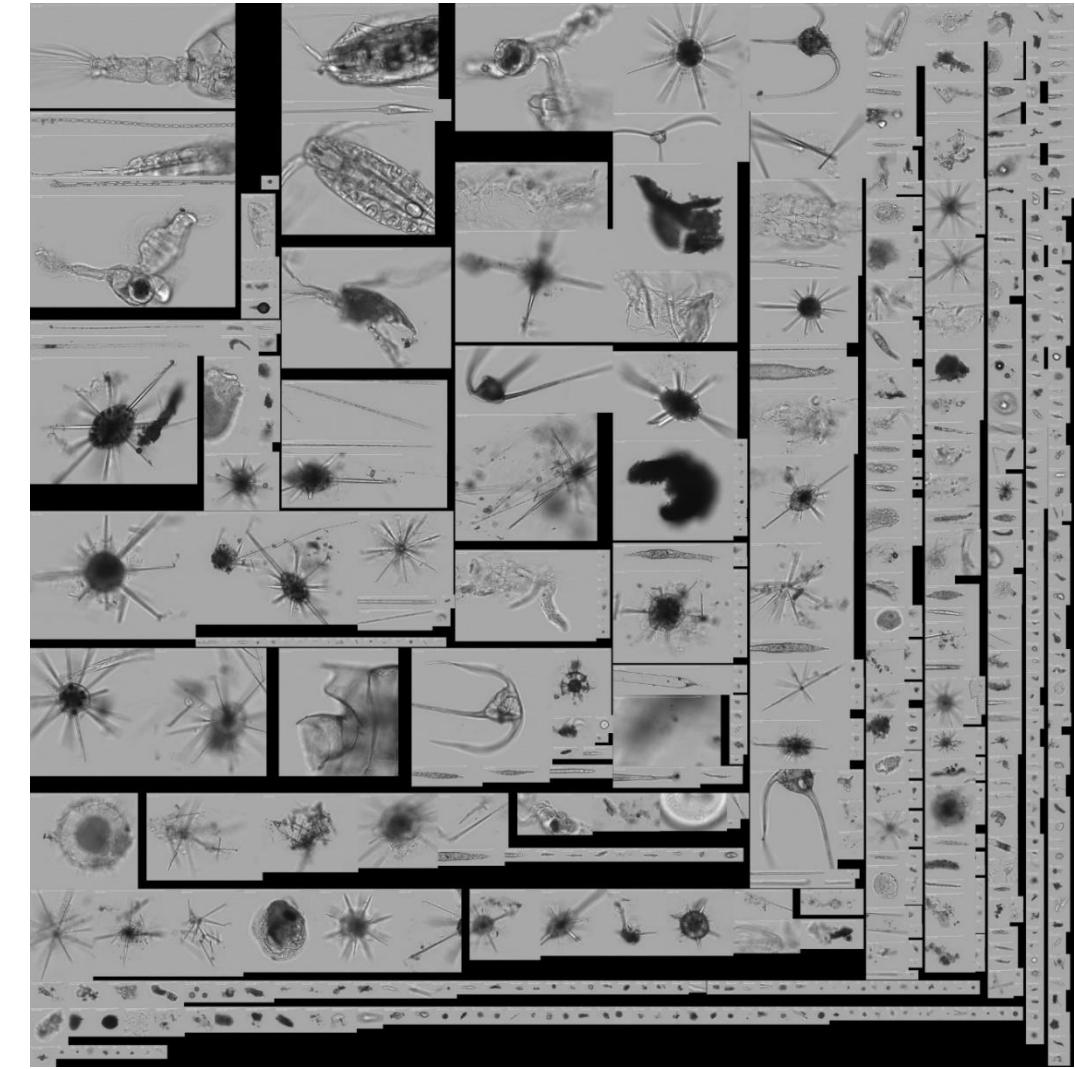
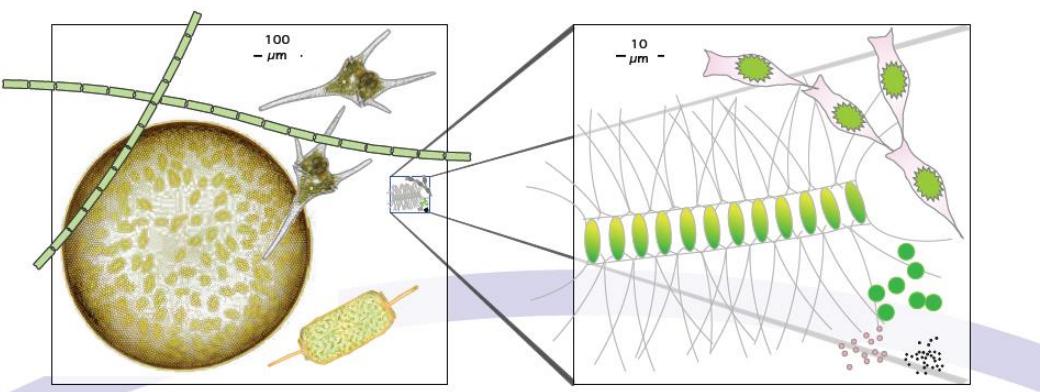
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SWS HS length: 13.8  $\mu\text{m}$



## Imaging In Flow (IIF)

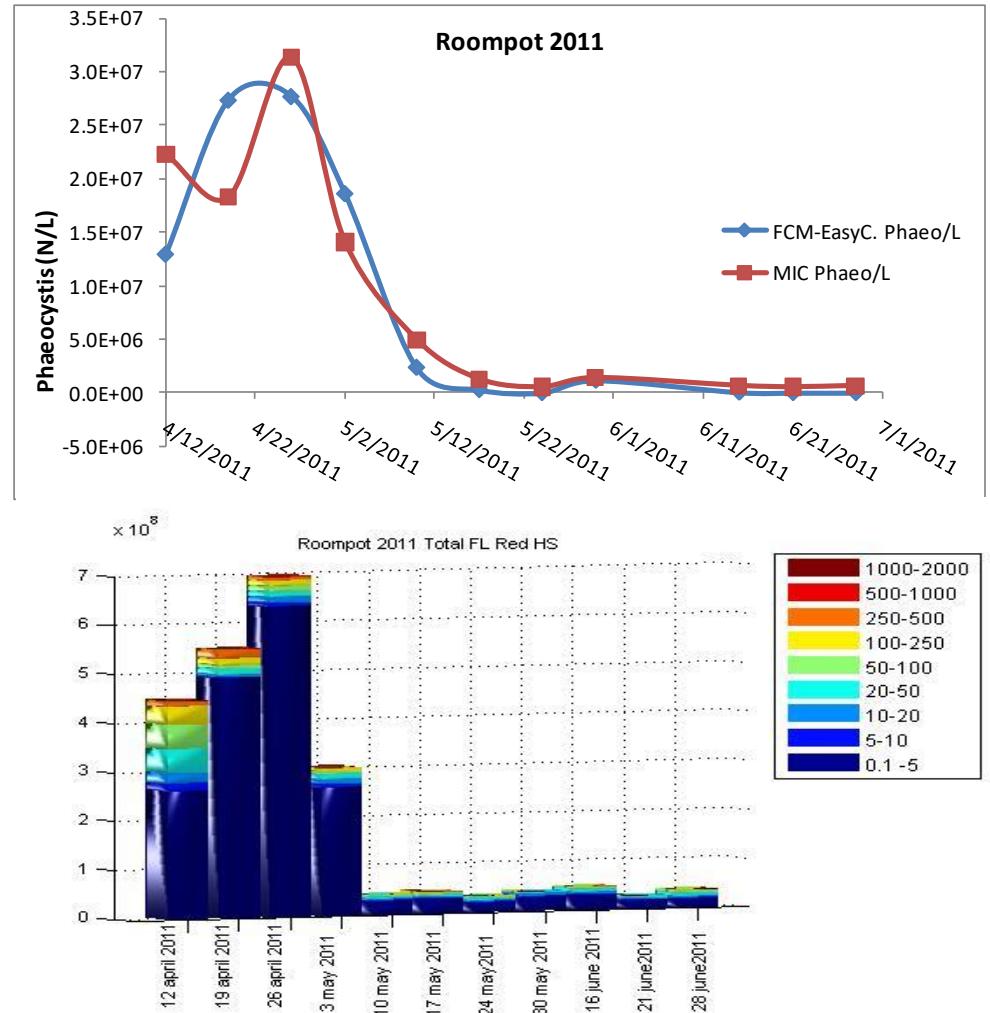
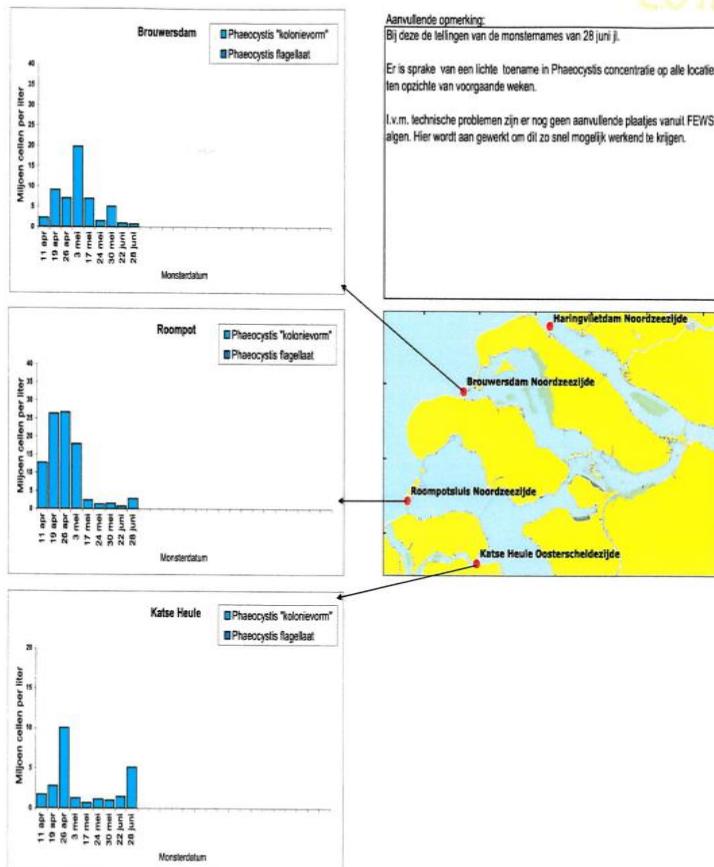
- High quality images at 16x magnification with a very big flow cell
- The CytoSense image resolution is  $<1\mu\text{m}$ , with 'only' 16x magnification for the whole particle size range
- This 16x imaging system is mounted on a fixed flow cell of  $1000 \times 1200 \mu\text{m}$  cross section and has very large field of view
- Optical resolution is ca.  $0.8 \mu\text{m}$  as confirmed by photographing small beads doublets.



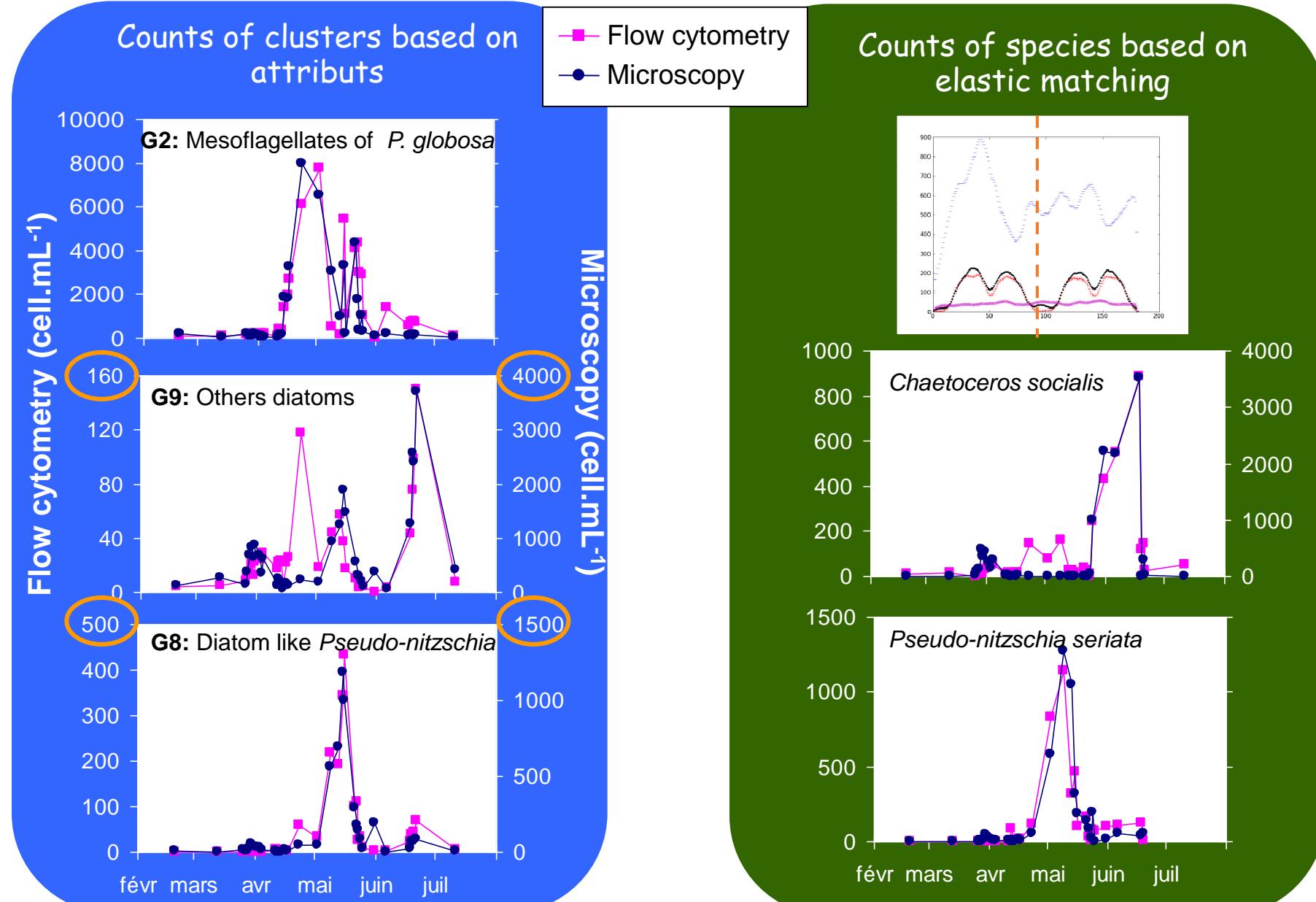
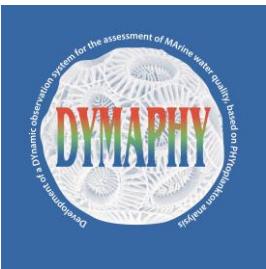
# Case study in estuarine waters monitoring : Monisnel (NL)

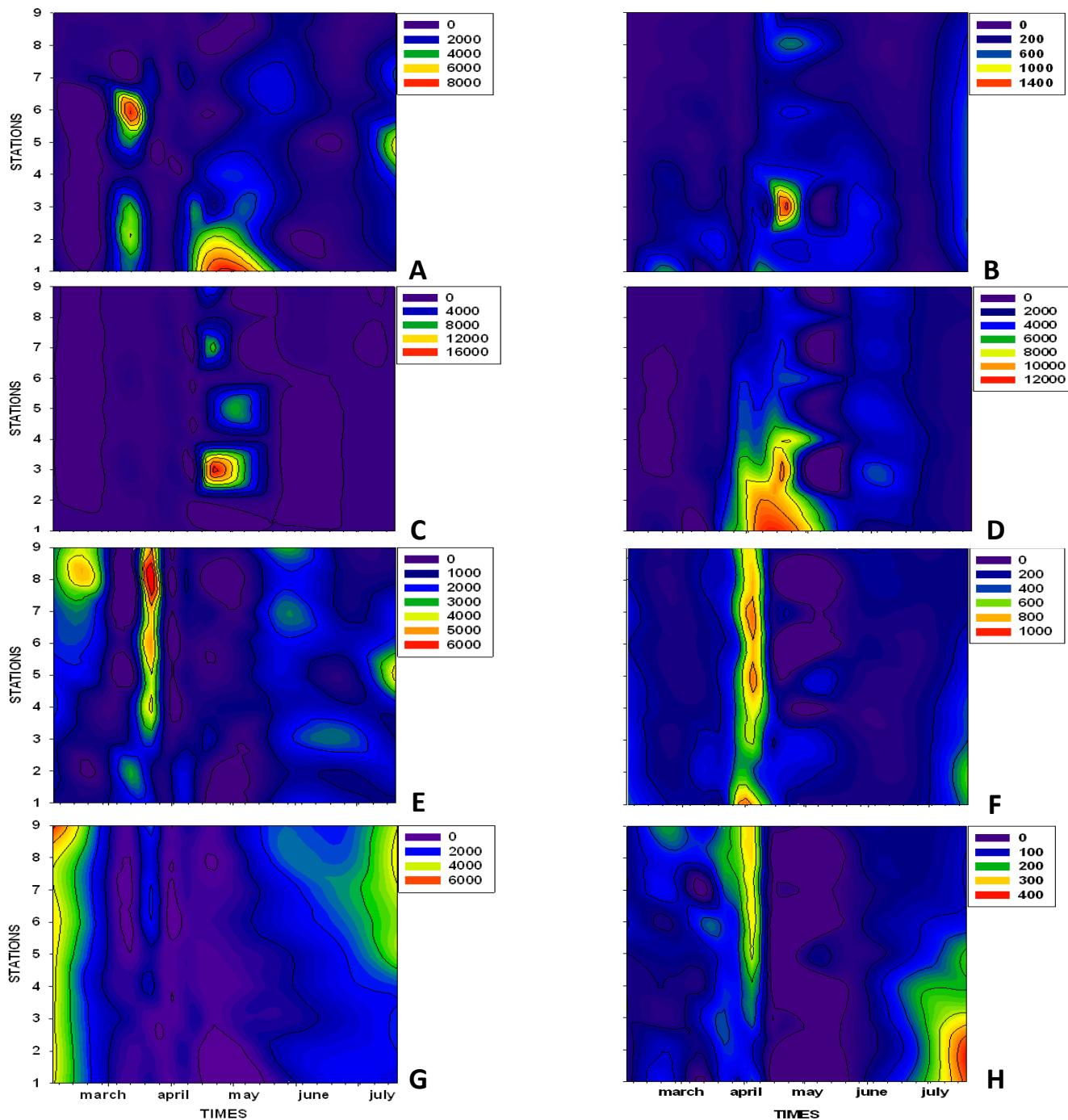
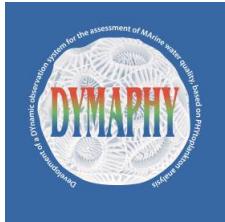
## Flowcytometry for routine long term monitoring: Daily practice

- Standard operation procedure
- Long term stability control
- Shewart charts
- Suitable software for objective data analysis



# PSFM flow cytometry vs microscopy : manual and automated methods



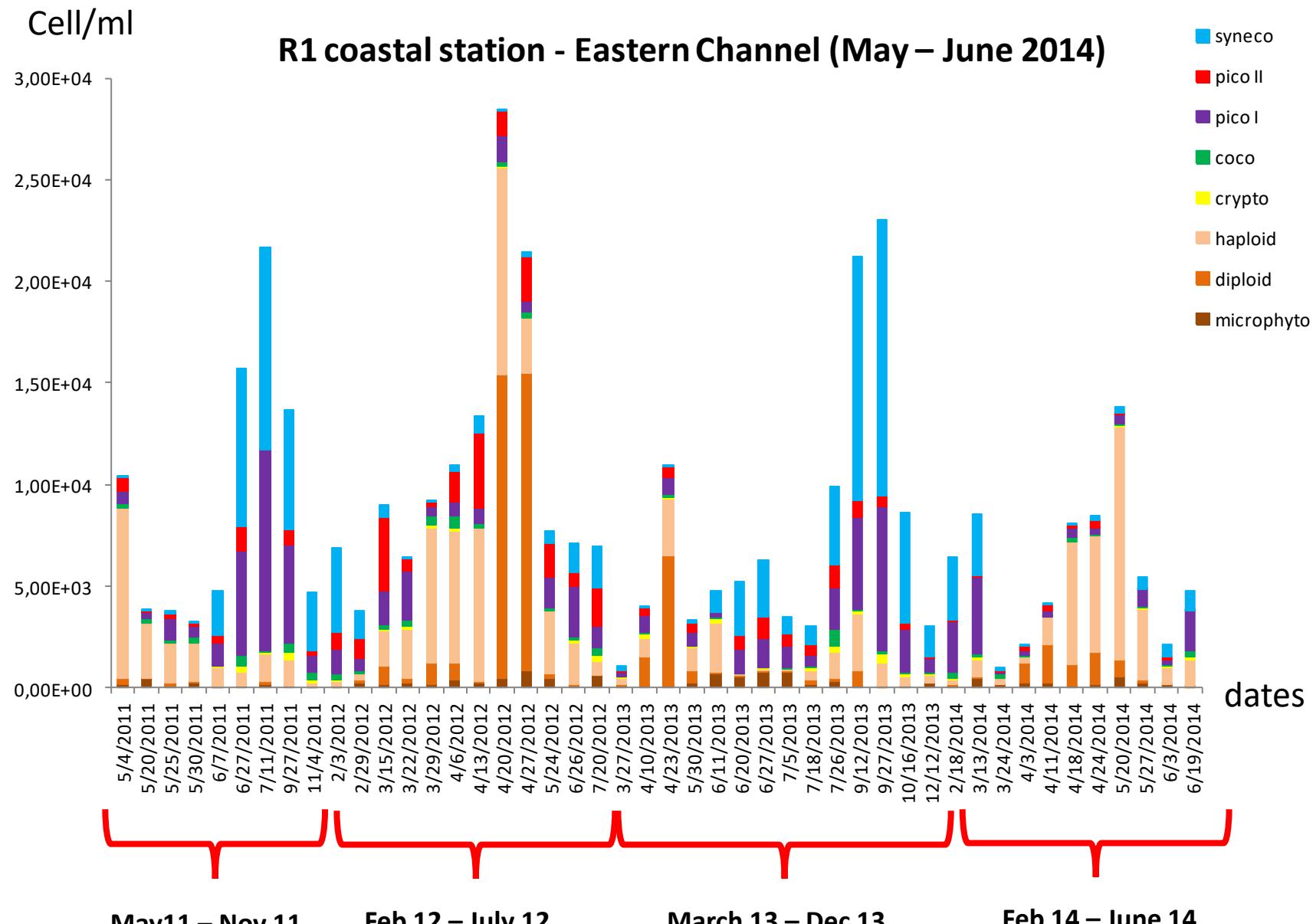


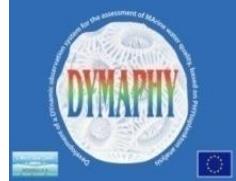
**Spatio-temporal  
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(cell ml<sup>-1</sup>) of**

*Bonato et al. JSR 2016*

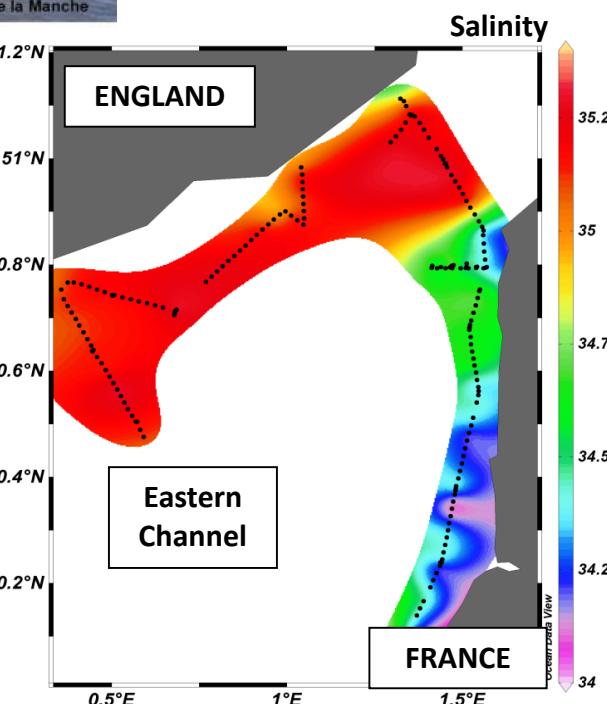
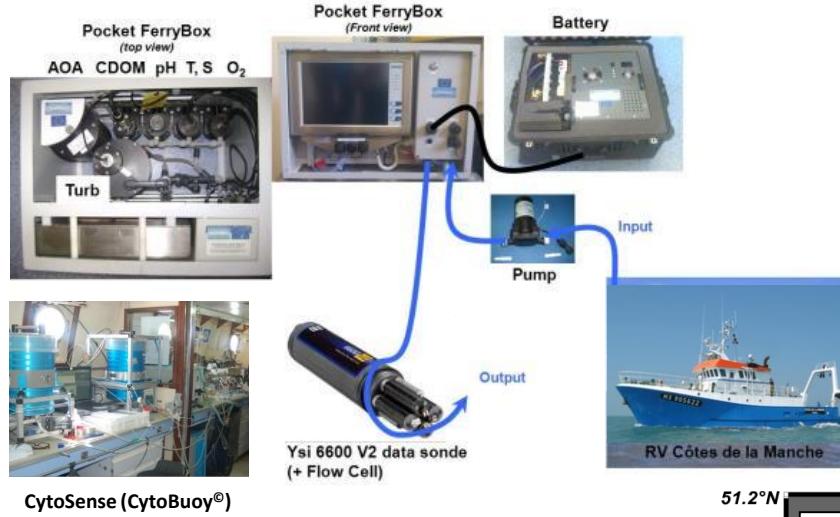
*S. Bonato (Ph.D. 2011-2015)*

# Seasonal and short inter-annual variability : cell abundance



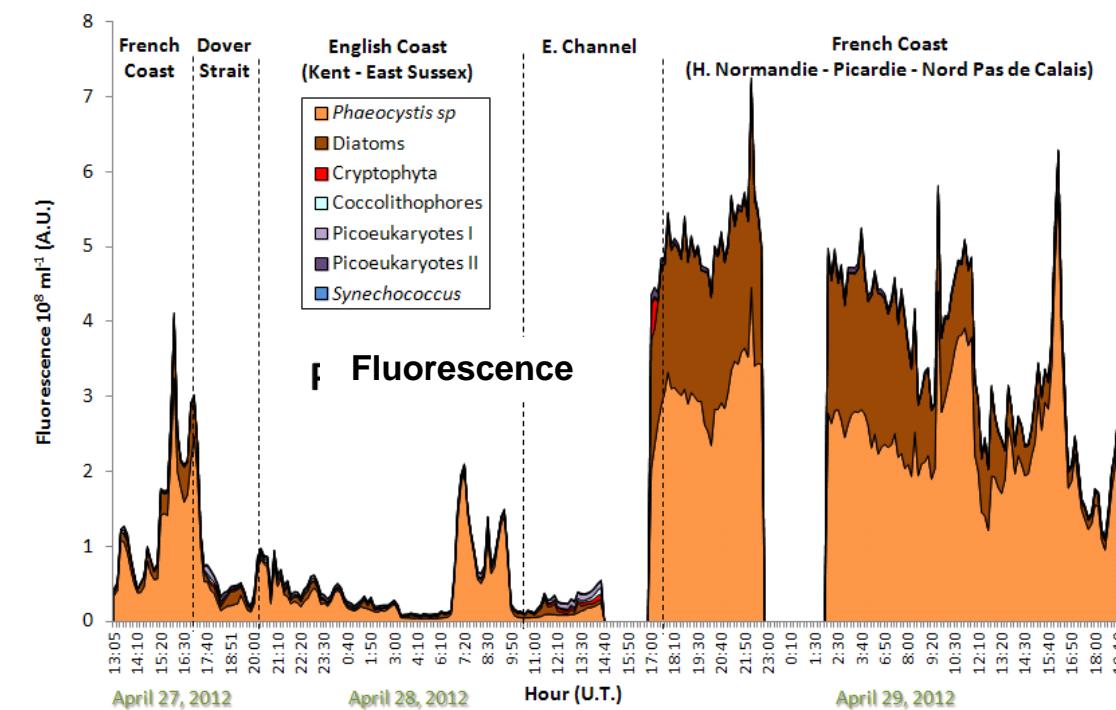
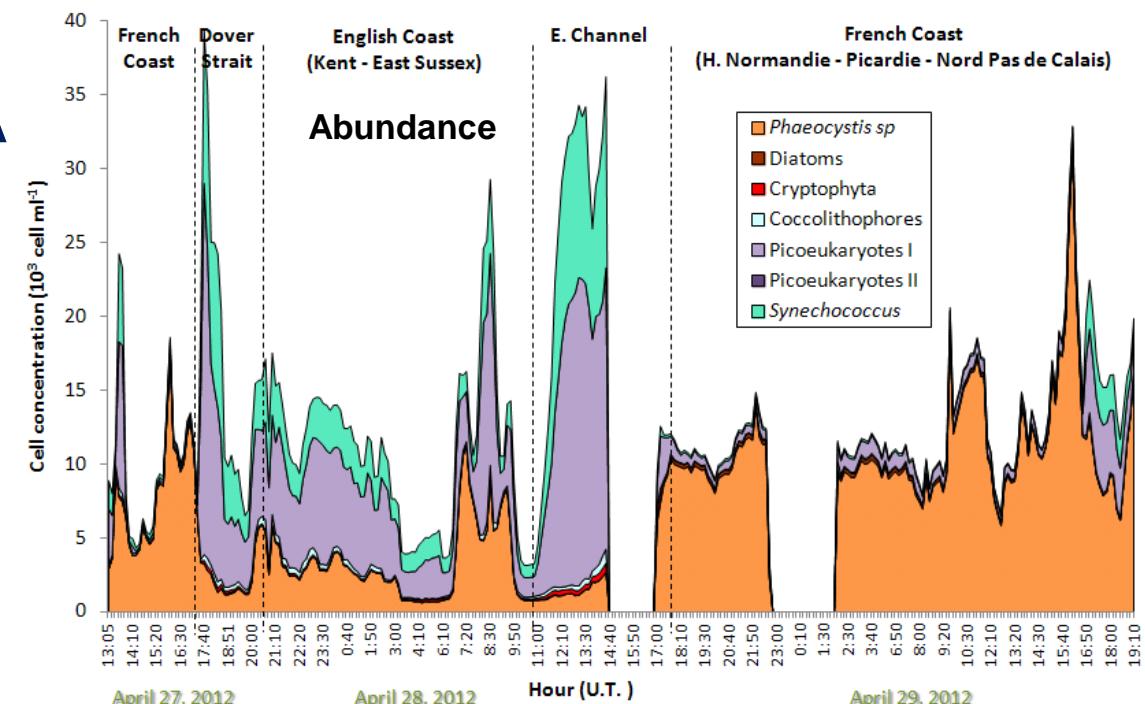


# Continuous recording of phytoplankton in eastern Channel coastal waters DYPHYMA Cruise (Spring 2012)

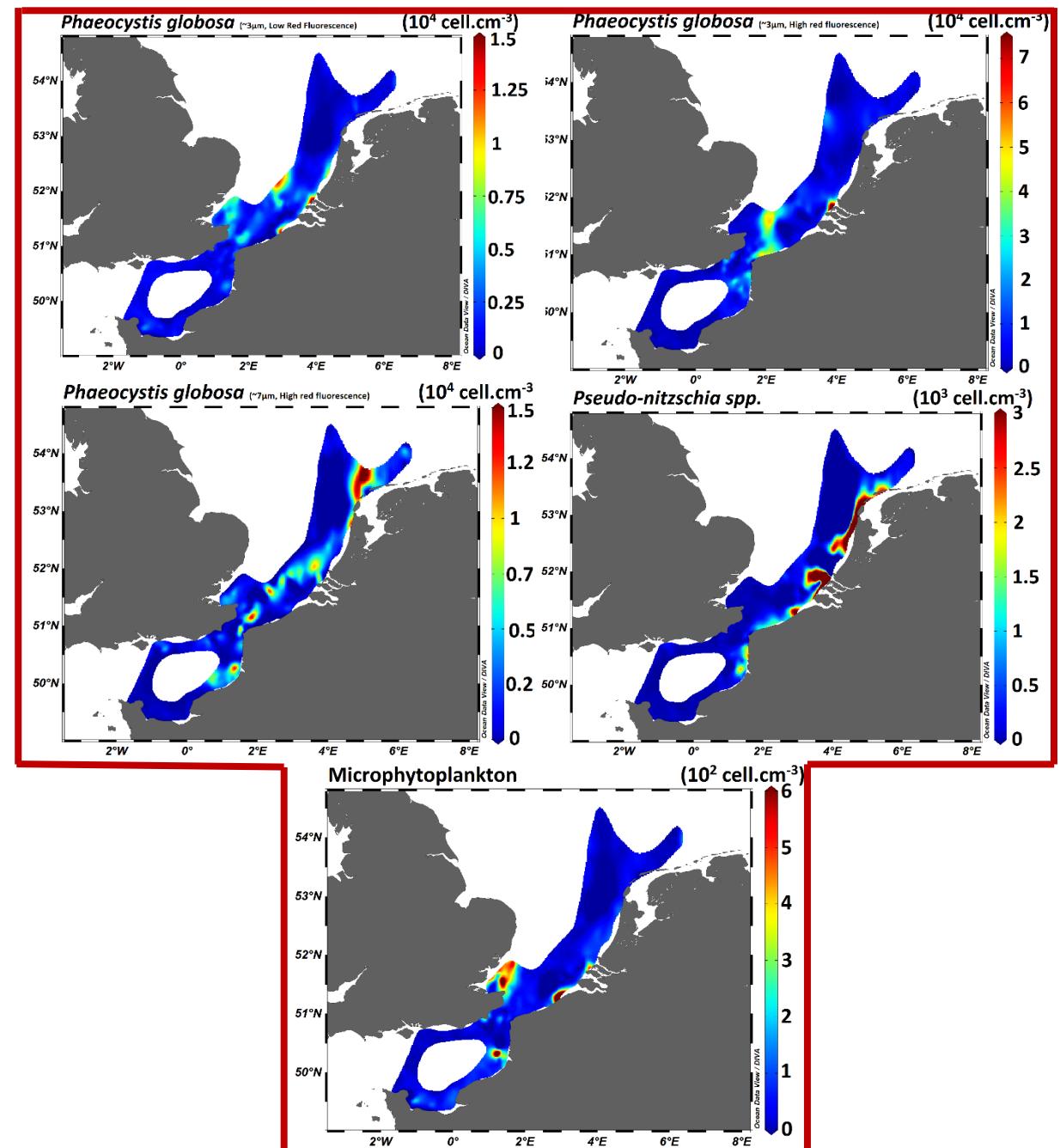
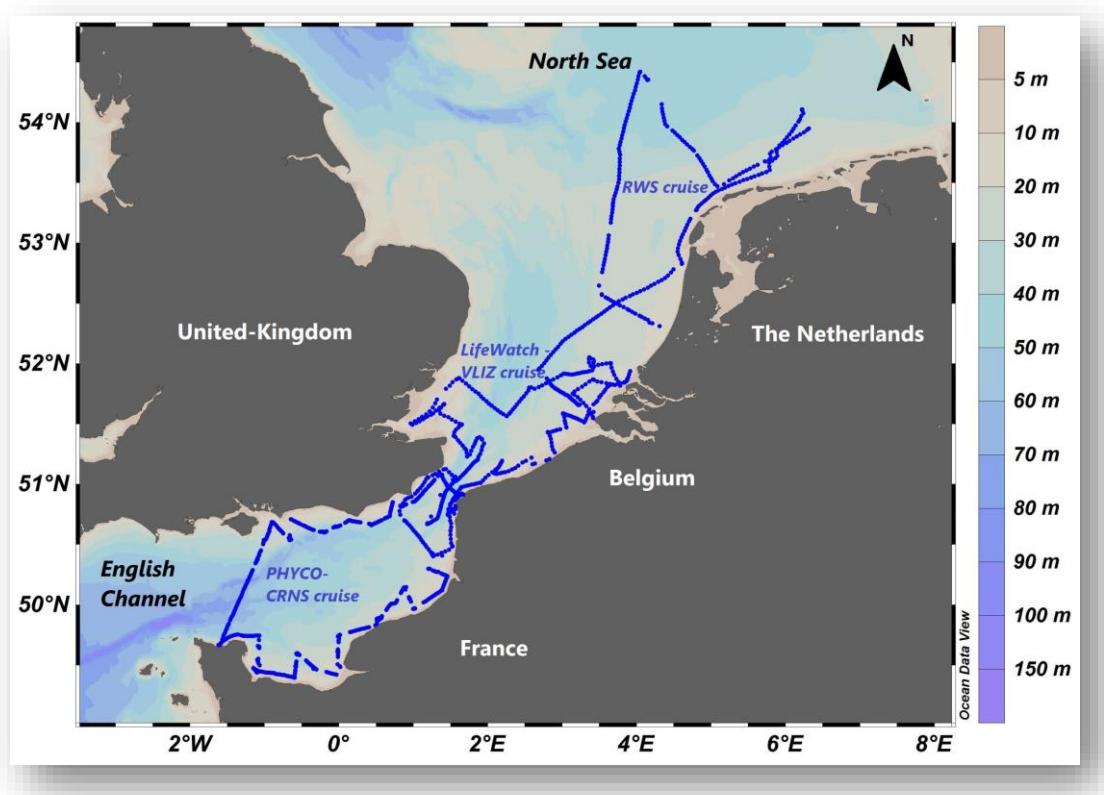


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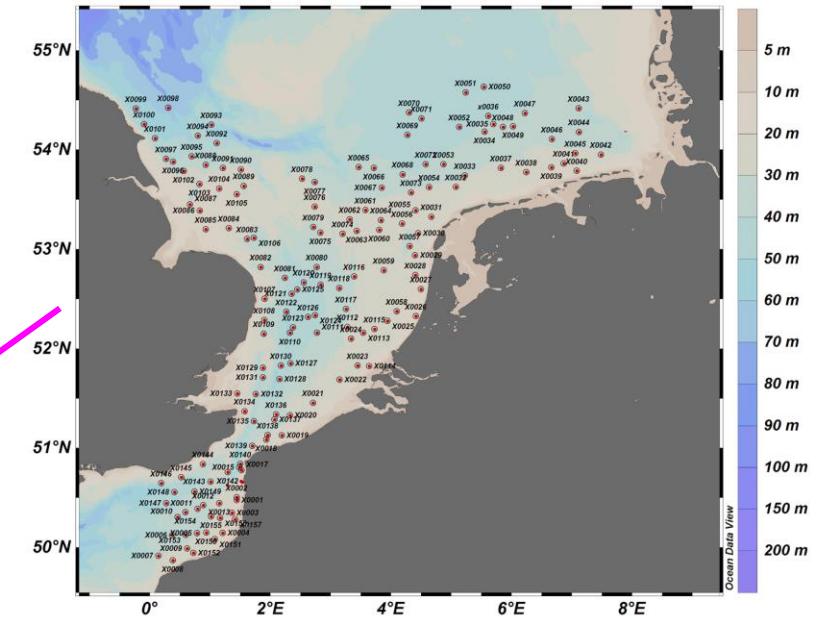
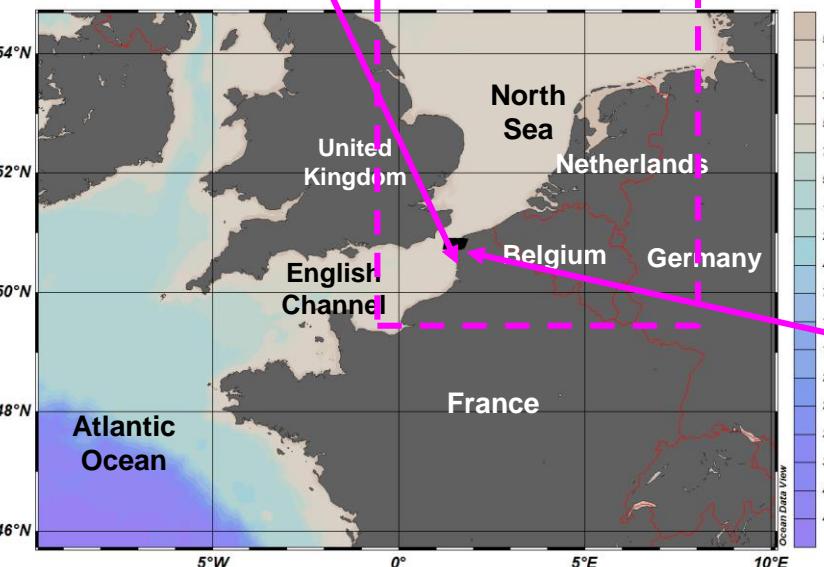
# Tracking *Phaeocystis globosa* life stages, *Pseudo-nitzschia* spp. and big microphytoplankton in spring from EEC to SNS (PHYCO - CNRS, JERICO/LifeWatch - VLIZ and Monisnel-RWS cruises April-May 2017)



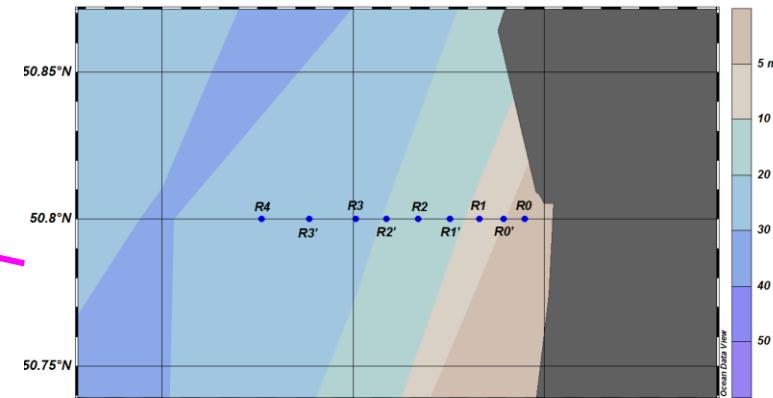
# Automated monitoring of phytoplankton abundance, biomass and diversity - Channel and North Sea Pilot Super Site (2019-2021)



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Bruaut, Elise Caillard,  
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IBTS Fisheries cruise January 2020



DYPHYRAD transect by the Strait of Dover

# Phytoplankton Monitoring by High Performance Flow Cytometry: A Successful Approach?

Thomas P. A. Rutten,\* Ben Sandee, and Angelo R. T. Hofman

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Article

## Spatiotemporal Variation in Phytoplankton and Physiochemical Factors during *Phaeocystis globosa* Red-Tide Blooms in the Northern Beibu Gulf of China

Ming-Ben Xu <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>, Rong-Can Zhang <sup>5</sup>, Fa-Jun Jiang <sup>5</sup>, Hui-Zhu Pan <sup>5</sup>, Jie Li <sup>5</sup>, Ke-Fu Yu <sup>1,2,3,\*</sup> and Jun-Xiang Lai <sup>5,\*</sup>

Monitoring of a Potential Harmful Algal Species in the Berre Lagoon by Automated *In Situ* Flow Cytometry

Mathilde Dugenne, Méliotus Thyssen,  
Nicole Garcia, Nicolas Mayot, Guillaume Bernard,  
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Front. Mar. Sci. 9:791329. doi: 10.3389/fmars.2022.791329

## Novel Methodologies for Providing *In Situ* Data to HAB Early Warning Systems in the European Atlantic Area: The PRIMROSE Experience

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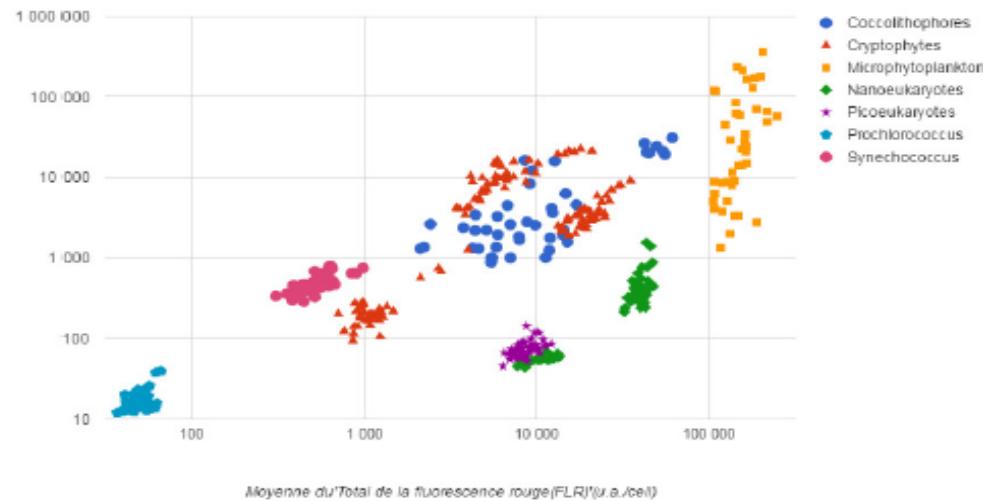
## Comparing flow cytometry and microscopy in the quantification of vital aquatic organisms in ballast water

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# Work on FCM common vocabulary SeaDataNet project (S. Lahbib, M. Thyssen) CNRS/MOI and JERICO S3

P01 (BODC Parameter Usage Vocabulary)				
conceptid	preflabel	modified	altlabel	definition
PYPKAFB1	Abundance of Bacteria (ITIS: 202421; WoRMS 6) [Subgroup: group PSB1_6 autotrophic] per unit volume of the water body by flow cytometry	4/17/2015 15:50:07	Bact_PSB1_a	Number of particles resolved as photosynthetic bacteria cells from the uncharacterised cluster PSB1 in a unit volume of any body of fresh or salt water determined by flow cytometry analysis of unstained samples.
PYPKAFB2	Abundance of Bacteria (ITIS: 202421; WoRMS 6) [Subgroup: group PSB2_6 autotrophic] per unit volume of the water body by flow cytometry	4/17/2015 15:50:07	Bact_PSB2_a	Number of particles resolved as photosynthetic bacteria cells from the uncharacterised cluster PSB2 in a unit volume of any body of fresh or salt water determined by flow cytometry analysis of unstained samples.
P18318A9	Abundance of Bacteria (ITIS: 202421; WoRMS 6) [Subgroup: heterotrophic; high nucleic acid content] per unit volume of the water body by flow cytometry	4/17/2015 15:50:07	Abund_BE006	Number of particles resolved as heterotrophic bacteria cells from the high nucleic acid content cluster (HNA) in a unit volume of any body of fresh or salt water determined by flow cytometry analysis of samples stained with a nucleic acid-specific fluorescent dye, and subtraction of cyanobacteria cell count if present.
C004B6A6	Abundance of Bacteria (ITIS: 202421; WoRMS 6) [Subgroup: heterotrophic; low nucleic acid cell content] per unit volume of the water body by flow cytometry	4/17/2015 15:50:07	Abund_BE006	Number of particles resolved as heterotrophic bacteria cells from the low nucleic acid content cluster (LNA) in a unit volume of any body of fresh or salt water determined by flow cytometry analysis of samples stained with a nucleic acid-specific fluorescent dye, and subtraction of cyanobacteria cell count if present.
HBCCAFIX	Abundance of Bacteria (ITIS: 202421; WoRMS 6) [Subgroup: heterotrophic] per unit volume of the water body by flow cytometry and subtraction of Synechococcus+Prochlorococcus from total bacteria	4/17/2015 15:50:07	HetBactCellN	Number of particles resolved as heterotrophic bacteria cells in a unit volume of any body of fresh or salt water determined by flow cytometry analysis of samples stained with a nucleic acid-specific fluorescent dye, and subtraction of cyanobacteria cell count if present.
PYPKAFTX	Abundance of prokaryotic cells per unit volume of the water body by flow cytometry	4/22/2010 17:47:51	ProkCellNo	Unavailable

existing FCM BODC codes



## Definition of functional types

Definition of functional types and common vocabulary (Thyssen et al., 2022)

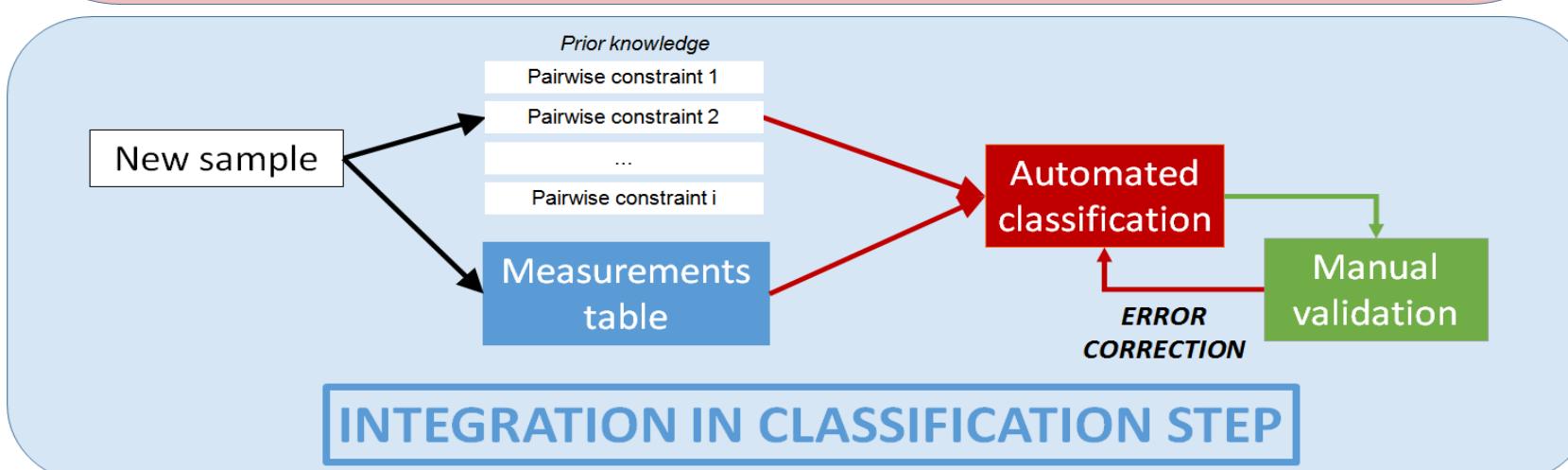
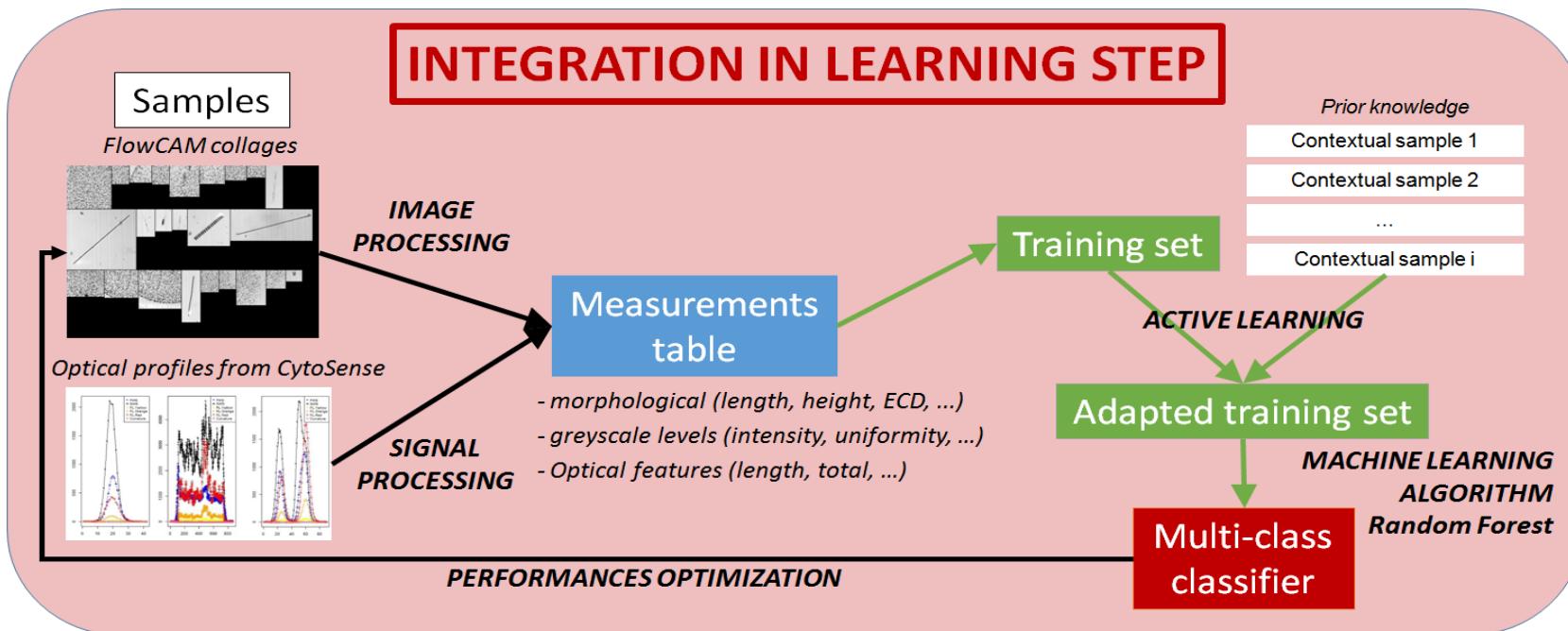
Picoeukaryotes

Nanophytoplankton

Microphytoplankton



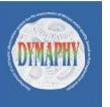
# Towards automated analysis of phytoplankton images/optical profiles



# DYMAPHY deliverables Action 1

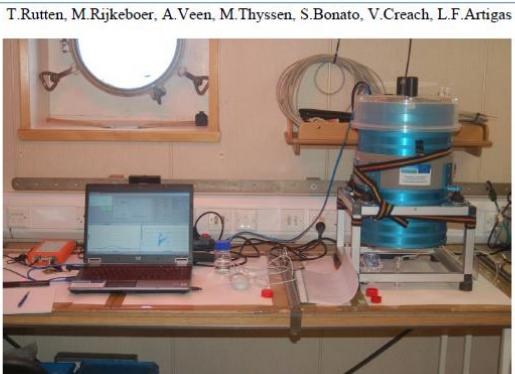
+ PhD Thesis (K. Owen, S. Bonato...) +

publications : Bonato *et al.*, 2015; Thyssen *et al.*, 2015, Bonato *et al.*, 2016, ....

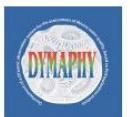


INTERREG IVA 2 Mers Seas Zeeën Crossborder Cooperation Programme 2007-2013

**DYMAPHY**  
Operational Common Protocol for  
Pulse-shape recording Flow Cytometry



Part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)



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Recommendations for the validation of  
custom built flow cytometers:

#### *Guidance for operators*

Thomas Rutten, Machteld Rijkeboer, Arnold Veen



# JERICO NEXT deliverables D3.1 & D3.2

+ PhD Thesis (A. Louchart) + publications (Aardema *et al.*, 2019; Marrec *et al.*, 2018; Louchart *et al.*, 2020a, b)....



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Joint European Research Infrastructure network for Coastal Observatory –  
Novel European eXpertise for coastal observaTories - JERICO-NEXT

Deliverable title	Novel methods for automated <i>in situ</i> observations of phytoplankton diversity
Work Package Title	WP 3
Deliverable number	D3.1
Description	Synthesis report after developments dedicated to the observation of the phytoplankton diversity
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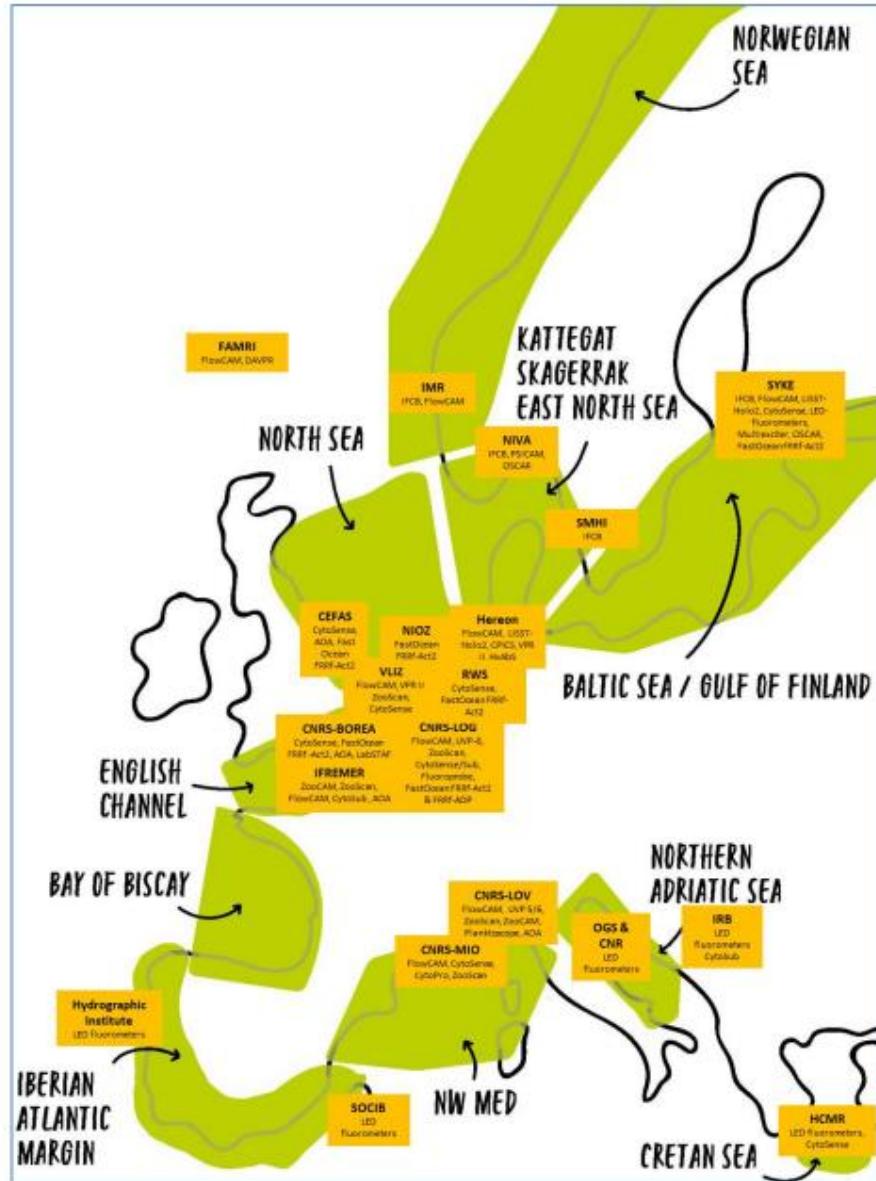


Figure 18 – Map of the localisation of sensors potentially or effectively deployed by JERICO S3 participants in the different Integrated Research Sites (IRS) and Pilot Super Sites (PSS) of European Coastal systems (based on JS3 partner's information and JS3 MS25; Artigas et al., 2021).

# Best practices, Integration, validation, archives and long-term accessibility of biological (plankton) data

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We are pleased to present our questionnaire on in vivo fluorometry (single wavelength or multispectral) for phytoplankton biomass and pigmentary groups analysis.

This questionnaire (not longer than 15 minutes to fill) aims to collect the different practices followed by users and to help us define common best practice guidelines for in vivo fluorometry.

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The results will be presented and discussed during a virtual workshop by mid-June. All participants will be invited to join.

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A questionnaire (not longer than 15 minutes to fill) aims to collect the different practices followed by the users and to define the best practices for in vivo automated (including online) flow cytometry. The results will be presented and discussed during a virtual workshop early next year. Participants will be invited to join through existing networks.

The questionnaire is available to [complete online](#).

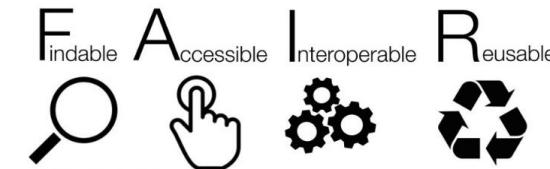
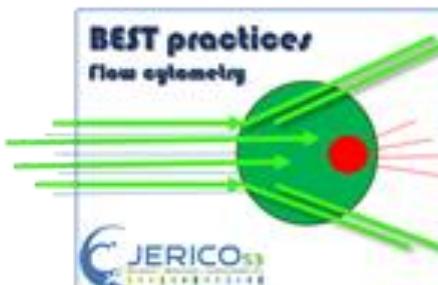
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## Multispectral Fluorometry

## Automated Imaging

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- Automated PSR FCM brings optical characterization of cells and colonies beyond taxonomic resolution (functional diversity, Fontana et al., 2014; Fragoso et al., 2019; Louchart, 2020; Epinoux, 2021)
- Continuous high frequency eulerian monitoring in lagoons (i.e. the Berre lagoon, Duguenne et al. 2014, G. Grégori M.I.O.; Venice lagoon, Epinoux, 2021), coastal buoys (as in the rade de Villefranche-EoL buoy, Thyssen et al., 2014; rade of Brest, Ruiz-Villareal et al., 2022; the Bay of Naples, Epinoux 2021, MAREL fixed station in the rade de Boulogne, Robache, 2021, 2022). To be coupled with nutrients & *in vivo* fluorescence automated *in situ* analysis.
- On board continuous measurements for high spatial resolution (R.V. scientific cruises, Bonato et al., 2015, 2016; Thyssen et al. 2015; ships/cruises of opportunity, Thyssen et al., 2009; Louchart et al., 2020).
- Definition of common vocabulary and operational and data base best practices (Thyssen et al., 2022).
- Integration of optical features, optical pulse shapes and/or images automated classification (including new CNN approaches; Fuchs et al., 2022; Wacquet et al., 2020). Coupling with other high throughput imaging instruments FlowCAM, Imaging Flow Cytobot.
- Physiological assessment (Thyssen et al., 2008; Duguenne et al. 2014) and coupling with physiological photosynthetic assessment (variable fluorescence PAM, FRRf) and pCO<sub>2</sub> (Marrec et al., 2018)
- Coupling with *in situ* DNA extraction (ESP, Moore et al., 2021) in autonomous stations and/or coupled with an AUV (Yamahara et al., 2019); species-specific probes (Brosnahan et al., 2014) for tracking HABs species

*Thank you very much  
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