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## Preface

The following study focuses on key prokaryotic taxa that are associated with peatland bryophytes, their environmental drivers and their possible ecological functions.

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*In making theories, always keep a window open  
so that you can throw one out if necessary.*

Béla Lugosi



## Summary

Moss-microbe associations are often characterised by syntrophic interactions between the microorganisms and their hosts, but the structure of the microbial consortia and their role in peatland development remain unknown.

In order to study microbial communities of dominant peatland mosses, *Sphagnum* and brown mosses, and the respective environmental drivers, four study sites representing different successional stages of natural northern peatlands were chosen on a large geographical scale: two brown moss-dominated, circumneutral peatlands from the Arctic and two *Sphagnum*-dominated, acidic peat bogs from subarctic and temperate zones.

The family Acetobacteraceae represented the dominant bacterial taxon of *Sphagnum* mosses from various geographical origins and displayed an integral part of the moss core community. This core community was shared among all investigated bryophytes and consisted of few but highly abundant prokaryotes, of which many appear as endophytes of *Sphagnum* mosses. Moreover, brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses represent habitats for archaea which were not studied in association with peatland mosses so far. Euryarchaeota that are capable of methane production (methanogens) displayed the majority of the moss-associated archaeal communities. Moss-associated methanogenesis was detected for the first time, but it was mostly negligible under laboratory conditions. Contrarily, substantial moss-associated methane oxidation was measured on both, brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses, supporting that methanotrophic bacteria as part of the

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moss microbiome may contribute to the reduction of methane emissions from pristine and rewetted peatlands of the northern hemisphere.

Among the investigated abiotic and biotic environmental parameters, the peatland type and the host moss taxon were identified to have a major impact on the structure of moss-associated bacterial communities, contrarily to archaeal communities whose structures were similar among the investigated bryophytes. For the first time it was shown that different bog development stages harbour distinct bacterial communities, while at the same time a small core community is shared among all investigated bryophytes independent of geography and peatland type.

The present thesis displays the first large-scale, systematic assessment of bacterial and archaeal communities associated both with brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses. It suggests that some host-specific moss taxa have the potential to play a key role in host moss establishment and peatland development.

## Zusammenfassung

Während die Beziehungen zwischen Moosen und den mit ihnen assoziierten Mikroorganismen oft durch syntrophische Wechselwirkungen charakterisiert sind, ist die Struktur der Moos-assoziierten mikrobiellen Gemeinschaften sowie deren Rolle bei der Entstehung von Mooren weitgehend unbekannt.

Die vorliegende Arbeit befasst sich mit mikrobiellen Gemeinschaften, die mit Moosen nördlicher, naturnaher Moore assoziiert sind, sowie mit den Umweltfaktoren, die sie beeinflussen. Entlang eines groß angelegten geographischen Gradienten, der von der Hocharktis bis zur gemäßigten Klimazone reicht, wurden vier naturbelassene Moore als Probenstandorte ausgesucht, die stellvertretend für verschiedene Stadien der Moorentwicklung stehen: zwei Braunmoos-dominierte Niedermoore mit nahezu neutralem pH-Wert sowie zwei *Sphagnum*-dominierte Torfmoore mit saurem pH-Wert.

Die Ergebnisse der vorliegenden Arbeit machen deutlich, dass die zu den Bakterien zählenden Acetobacteraceae das vorherrschende mikrobielle Taxon der *Sphagnum*-Moore gleich welchen geographischen Ursprungs darstellen und insbesondere innerhalb des Wirtsmoosgewebes dominieren. Gleichzeitig gehörten die Acetobacteraceae zum wesentlichen Bestandteil der mikrobiellen Kerngemeinschaft aller untersuchten Moore, die sich aus einigen wenigen Arten, dafür zahlreich vorkommenden Prokaryoten zusammensetzt.



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Die vorliegende Arbeit zeigt zudem erstmals, dass sowohl Braunmoose als auch Torfmoose ein Habitat für Archaeen darstellen. Die Mehrheit der Moos-assoziierten Archaeen gehörte dabei zu den methanbildenden Gruppen, wenngleich die metabolischen Aktivitätsraten unter Laborbedingungen meistens kaum messbar waren. Im Gegensatz hierzu konnte die Bakterien-vermittelte Methanoxidation sowohl an Braunmoosen als auch an *Sphagnum*-Moosen gemessen werden. Dies zeigt eindrucksvoll, dass Moos-assoziierte Bakterien potenziell zur Minderung von Methanemissionen aus nördlichen, aber auch wiedervernässten Mooren beitragen können.

Ein weiteres wichtiges Resultat der vorliegenden Arbeit ist die Bedeutung des Moortyps (Niedermoor oder Torfmoor), aber auch der Wirtsmoosart selbst für die Struktur der Moos-assoziierten Bakteriengemeinschaften, während die archaeellen Gemeinschaftsstrukturen weder vom Moortyp noch von der Wirtsmoosart beeinflusst wurden und sich insgesamt deutlich ähnlicher waren als die der Bakterien.

Darüber hinaus konnte erstmalig gezeigt werden, dass sich die bakteriellen Gemeinschaften innerhalb der unterschiedlichen Moorsukzessionsstadien zwar ganz erheblich voneinander unterscheiden, ein kleiner Teil der Bakterien dennoch Kerngemeinschaften bilden, die mit allen untersuchten Moosarten assoziiert waren.

Bei der hier präsentierten Arbeit handelt es sich um die erste systematische Studie, die sich auf einer großen geographischen Skala mit den bakteriellen und archaeellen Gemeinschaften von Braunmoosen und Torfmoosen aus naturbelassenen nördlichen

Mooren befasst. Die vorliegenden Ergebnisse machen deutlich, dass die untersuchten Moose ein ganz spezifisches mikrobielles Konsortium beherbergen, welches mutmaßlich eine Schlüsselrolle bei der Etablierung der Wirtspflanzen am Anfang der Moorentwicklung spielt und darüber hinaus das Potential hat, die charakteristischen Eigenschaften von Mooren sowie deren weitere Entwicklung zu prägen.

## Abbreviations

°C	.....	<i>Degree Celsius</i>
µl	.....	<i>Microlitre</i>
µm	.....	<i>Micrometre</i>
µM	.....	<i>Micromole</i>
AAP	.....	<i>Aerobic Anoxygenic Phototrophs</i>
ACM	.....	<i>Amblystegiaceae Core Microbiome</i>
ASV	.....	<i>Amplicon Sequence Variants</i>
BChla	.....	<i>Bacteriochlorophyll a</i>
BP	.....	<i>Before Past</i>
C	.....	<i>Carbon</i>
CA	.....	<i>Correspondence Analysis</i>
ca.	.....	<i>Circa</i>
CCA	.....	<i>Canonical Correspondence Analysis</i>
CDOM	.....	<i>Coloured Dissolved Organic Matter</i>
CEC	.....	<i>Cation Exchange Capacity</i>
CNS	.....	<i>Carbon Nitrogen Sulphur</i>
CTAB	.....	<i>Cetrimonium Bromide</i>
DEPC	.....	<i>Diethylpyrocarbonate</i>
dm	.....	<i>Dry Mass</i>
DNA	.....	<i>Deoxyribonucleic Acid</i>
DOC	.....	<i>Dissolved Organic Carbon</i>
dw	.....	<i>Dry Weight</i>
e.g.	.....	<i>Exempli Gratia</i>
g	.....	<i>Gramm</i>
GLU	.....	<i>Gluudneset</i>
h	.....	<i>Hours</i>
HC	.....	<i>Holocellulose</i>
HEI	.....	<i>Heidbergmoor</i>
IAA	.....	<i>Indole-3-Acetic Acid</i>

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KIE	<i>Kiebitzmoor</i>
KL	<i>Klason-Lignin</i>
KLO	<i>Klockenbruch</i>
KNU	<i>Knudsenheia</i>
LLP	<i>Lignin-like Polymers</i>
m	<i>Metre</i>
min	<i>Minute</i>
ml	<i>Millilitre</i>
mm	<i>Millimetre</i>
MO	<i>Methane Oxidation</i>
MOB	<i>Methane Oxidising Bacteria</i>
MUE	<i>Mueritz National Park</i>
NEI	<i>Neiden</i>
ng	<i>Nanogramm</i>
nl	<i>Nanolitre</i>
nmol	<i>Nanomole</i>
OTU	<i>Operational Taxonomic Unit</i>
PC	<i>Polygonal Crack</i>
PCR	<i>Polymerase Chain Reaction</i>
pH	<i>Potentia Hydrogenii</i>
PP	<i>Polygonal Pond</i>
rRNA	<i>Ribosomal Ribonucleic Acid</i>
s	<i>Second</i>
s.str.	<i>Sensu Stricto ["in a narrower sense"]</i>
SA	<i>Samoylov</i>
SCM	<i>Sphagnum Core Microbiome</i>
SV	<i>Svalbard</i>
TC	<i>Total Carbon</i>
TCM	<i>Total Core Microbiome</i>
TN	<i>Total Nitrogen</i>
TW	<i>Twin Water</i>

## Abbreviations

U .....	<i>Units</i>
UV .....	<i>Ultraviolet</i>
W .....	<i>Watt</i>
VOC .....	<i>Volatile Organic Compound</i>

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Peatlands

Neutral, mineral-rich fens and acidic, nutrient-poor bogs display unique environments that form peat, therefore called 'peatlands' (Zoltai and Vitt 1995, Rydin and Jeglum 2006). Together with non-peat forming habitats like marshes and swamps, peatlands are classified as wetlands which display water-saturated habitats with poorly drained soils, hydrophytic vegetation and biological activities that are adapted to these challenging conditions (Tarnocai et al. 1988).

Peatlands represent up to 70% of global wetlands and preserve a wealth of information and chronological records in remains of plants and animals (Chapman et al. 2003). 'Koelbjerg Man' and 'Tollund Man', two well-preserved bog bodies buried for thousands of years, belong to the best-known archaeological finds worldwide and illustrate the extraordinary preservative character of peat bogs (Painter 1991, Hansen et al. 2017, Chapman et al. 2020).

Peatlands are one of the most important ecosystems in the world (Holden 2005) and represent important habitats for highly adapted species. About 80% of all peatlands constitute natural and pristine environments (Joosten 2012). These vulnerable, long-existing ecosystems with widely constant conditions for over 1000 years appear mainly in remote and agricultural non-usable regions (Opelt, Chobot, et al. 2007). Due to extreme environmental conditions, such as low temperature, high water saturation, recalcitrant organic matter and low availability of plant nutrients, dead organic matter ('peat')

accumulates (Freeman et al. 2001, Joosten and Clarke 2002, Holden 2005, MacDonald et al. 2006). Peatlands store approximately one third of the global soil carbon (C) and 10% of global freshwater resources (Holden 2005) and act as carbon sinks, therefore holding important ecosystem functions by regulating climate and water balance.

### **1.1.1. Peatland development and peat bog succession**

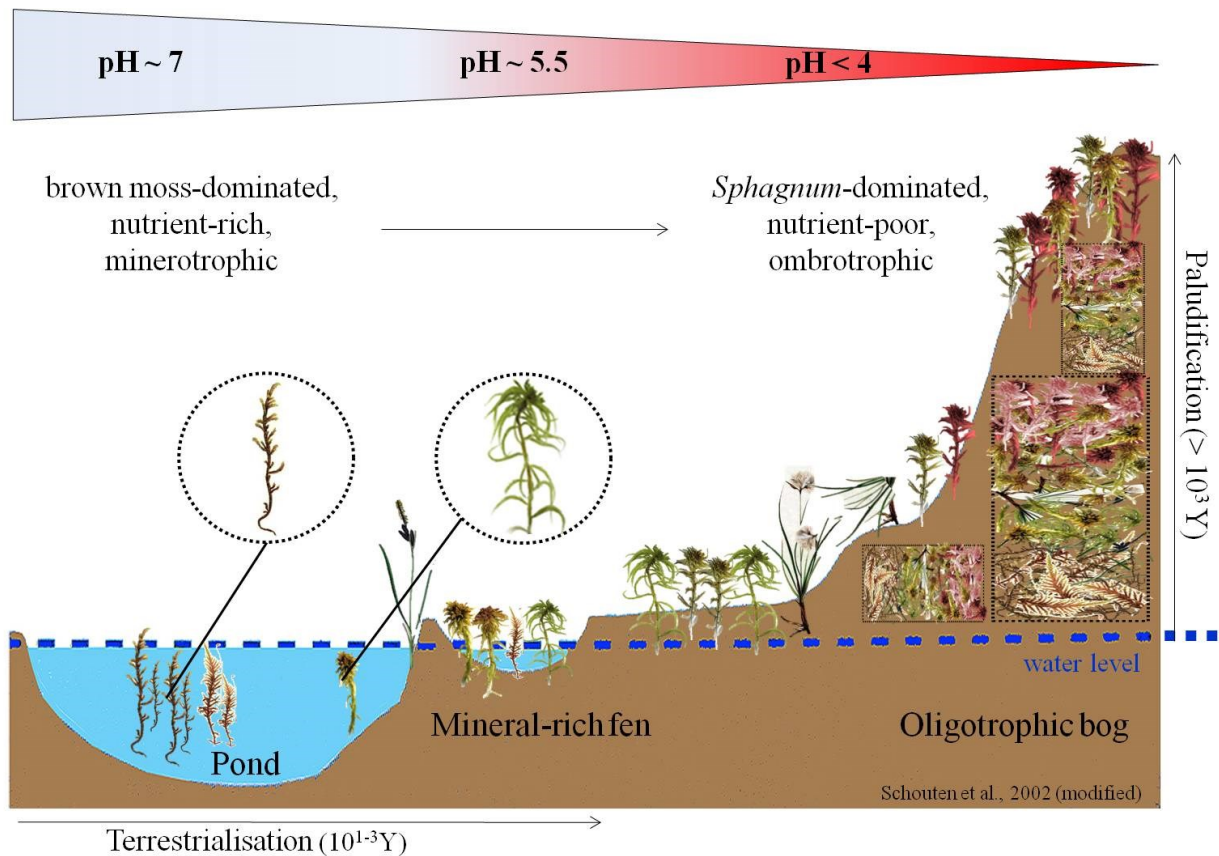
Boreal and subarctic peatlands started to develop as a result of increasing insolation and temperatures during the Holocene Hypsithermal, when the Fennoscandian Ice Sheet covered most of the present boreal peatlands in Norway, Sweden, Finland and parts of western Russia (Kuhry and Turunen 2006). In the Northeast of Germany, complex paludification processes on larger scales took place during the late Holocene (9200-5700 BP), resulting from sea-level rise (Kaiser et al. 2012), while peat accumulation in polygonal peatlands of Western Siberia began about 9814 BP (Pastukhov et al. 2021). It is assumed that many of these newly developed peatlands were initially wet minerotrophic fens (MacDonald et al. 2006). Based on hydrology and vegetation, peatlands are roughly divided into fens and bogs (Rydin and Jeglum 2006, Soudzilovskaia et al. 2010, Tuittila et al. 2013). Fens are typically situated in landscape depressions and receive mineral-rich water from the belowground (minerotrophic), and the main vegetation comprises a taxonomically heterogenous group of aquatic bryophytes, so-called 'brown mosses'. Bogs are characterised by an elevated surface, which is solely fed by precipitation water (ombrotrophic); they are typically inhabited by aquatic and terrestrial peat mosses of the genus *Sphagnum* (Zoltai and Vitt 1995).

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Fens and bogs represent peatland succession stages (Moore 1989, Kuhry et al. 1993, Fenton and Bergeron 2006, Soudzilovskaia et al. 2010), even though individual allogenic and autogenic factors characterise each mire succession (Klinger 1996, Hughes and Dumayne-Peaty 2002). Four processes can initiate peat bog development: primary peat formation, when peat develops directly on fresh, non-vegetated mineral soil; terrestrialisation, when shallow water bodies are infilled gradually by vegetation; paludification, when peat forms on drier, vegetated habitats over inorganic soil in the absence of water; and finally, peat formation of early Holocene lakes, which occurs mainly in glaciated areas (Wieder and Vitt 2006). In the boreal zone, terrestrialisation and subsequent paludification are the most common peat bog successional processes (Kuhry and Turunen 2006). The development starts with the establishment of sedges and brown mosses in shallow ponds, leading to a base-rich fen environment with circumneutral pH, which is strongly influenced by the chemistry of the surrounding mineral soil deposit. Over time, mesotrophic *Sphagnum* mosses invade and start to acidify the habitat, leading to the transition into a poor fen habitat with decreasing pH. Microbial degradation of organic material is additionally hindered by the decomposition-resistant litter of *Sphagnum* mosses and consecutively, peat accumulates. The subsequent raise of the surface leads to a loss of groundwater influence, resulting in the formation of an ombrotrophic (rain-fed), highly elevated bog with pH well below 4. Due to the oligotrophic and acidic conditions in the latter successional stages, *Sphagnum* mosses become ultimately dominant and outcompete brown mosses (Figure 1) (Gorham and Janssens 1992, Zoltai and Vitt 1995, Kuhry and Turunen 2006). While the upper bog layer,

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the acrotelm, consists of dense mats of living *Sphagnum* moss parts, the subjacent catotelm layer is characterised by already dead and compressed *Sphagnum* segments. Bulk density increases and dissolved oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) depletes towards the catotelm, and water velocity is so extremely low, that vertical transport of water and mineral nutrients into this layer is practically blocked (van Breemen 1995, Christen et al. 1995, Zaitseva 2009). The transition from a fen into a bog can take several thousands of years, and the bog development is accompanied by remarkable shifts in the moss vegetation and subsequent changes in pH, hydrology and nutrient regimes (Merilä et al. 2006, Oksanen 2006, Rozema et al. 2006, Tuittila et al. 2013, Gałka and Lamentowicz 2014, Putkinen et al. 2014). Furthermore, the bog development profoundly alters the ecosystem carbon budget, due to a doubling of net primary production and a fourfold decrease of the decomposition rate (Soudzilovskaia et al. 2010).



**Figure 1: Schematic peat bog succession.** The transition from brown moss-dominated, minerotrophic fens into *Sphagnum*-dominated, ombrotrophic bogs is accompanied by considerable shifts in vegetation and subsequent changes in pH, hydrology and nutrient levels. Mature bogs feature higher net primary production with simultaneously lower microbial decomposition rates compared to early successional stages. Taken from <http://www.ipcc.ie/a-to-z-peatlands/raised-bogs> (modified).

Peatlands exist globally where environmental conditions favour the accumulation of peat, especially in cold areas such as the boreal and subarctic regions, but also in wet regions, e.g. in oceanic areas and in the humid tropics (Gunnarsson 2005, Schumann and Joosten 2008). Although about 80% of the worldwide peatlands remained pristine, they are highly endangered in areas with high human population density and other anthropogenic impacts (Joosten 2012), which applies particularly for northern peatlands. In order to understand the complex mechanisms of peatland ecology and degradation processes, research on northern peatlands is therefore crucial.



### 1.1.2. Characteristic peatlands of the northern hemisphere

High Arctic ponds and bogs (Figure 2 a, b) are characterised by a low peat accumulation rate, since the short and cold arctic summer limits plant growth (Rozema et al. 2006). Swamps and wet tundra with moderately developed moss layers appear mainly in central fjord areas (Johansen et al. 2012). Typical bog formations in more dry areas of Svalbard are active layer mounds on moss-covered valley bottoms with ice-wedge polygon patterns, but also peat mounds similar to palsas (Åkerman and Boardman 1987). Fens and peat bogs on Svalbard display various microrelief structures and are typically inhabited by brown mosses and other members of the order Hypnales (leafy mosses) (Solheim et al. 1996, Tveit et al. 2015, Jaworski 2017); at the same time, the archipelago displays the northernmost dispersal border of *Sphagnum* species (Flatberg and Frisvoll 1984a, 1984b, Greilhuber et al. 2003).

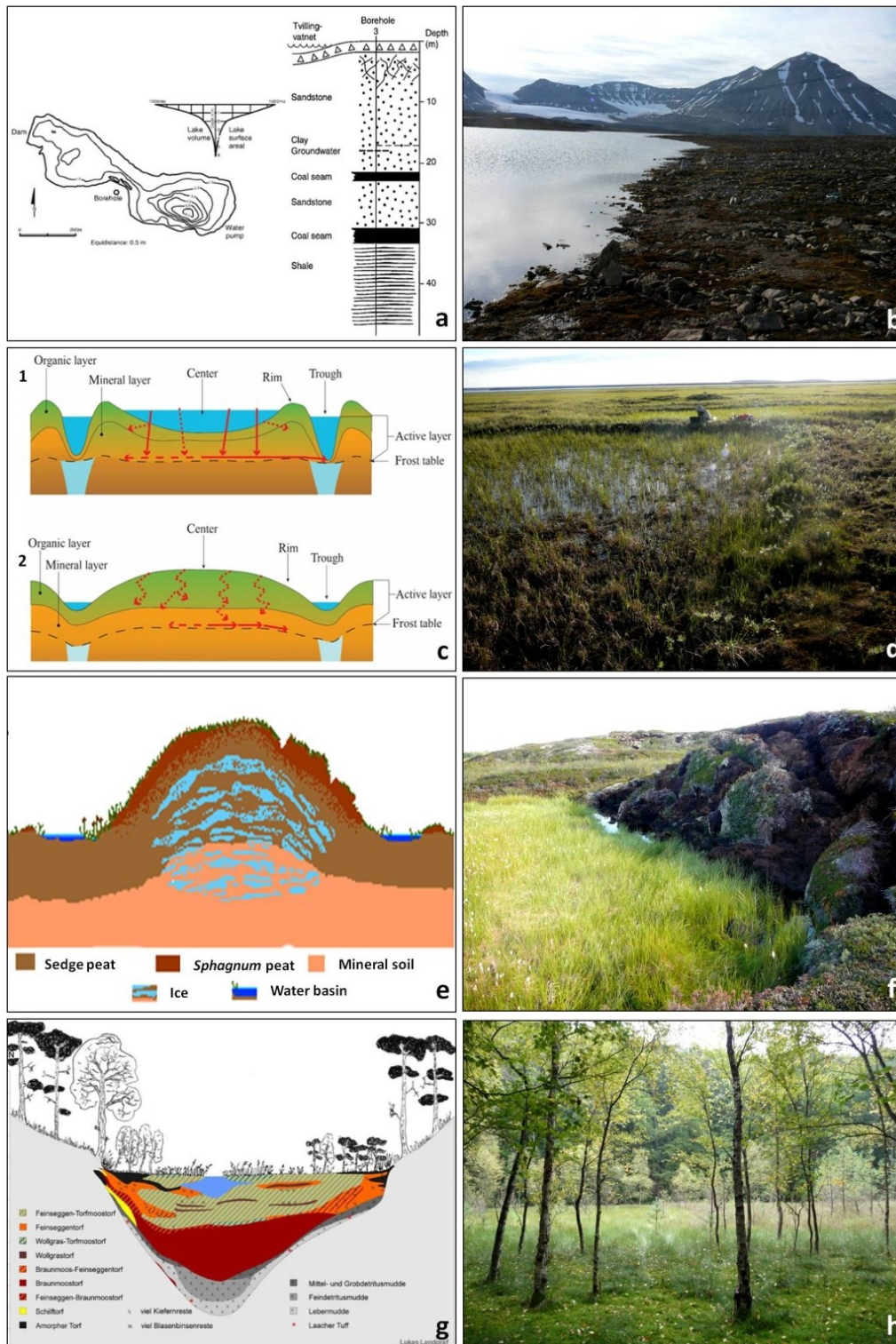
Polygonal tundra (Figure 2 c, d) appears in the Arctic where seasonally rapidly decreasing temperatures lead to crack formations in the shrinking permafrost. Ice wedges form subsequently, when, after trickling into these open cracks, the water freezes again; the adjacent soil material heads up in a polygon pattern of low ridges and encloses wet depressions (MacKay 2000, Minke et al. 2007). The peat in these depressions is not frozen, but permafrost may occur at greater depths in the mineral soil (Zoltai and Tarnocai 1975). The prevailing moss vegetation of Siberian polygonal tundra environments comprises members of Hypnales, e.g. brown mosses (Sommerkorn et al. 1999, Kutzbach et al. 2004, Liebner et al. 2011, Zibulski et al. 2016).

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Palsa peat bogs (Figure 2 e, f) are typical wetlands of the circumpolar zone, where permafrost is discontinuous or sporadic. Palsas are peat hummocks with a frozen core that rises above the mire surface, when frost penetrates the peat and frozen pore water expands. Palsa degradation occurs naturally when the frozen core reaches the till or silt layers of the mire, resulting in the collapse of the palsa and often a remaining open pond (Seppala 2006). In wet depressions and surrounding fen areas, various *Sphagnum* species are common (Oksanen 2005, Liebner and Svenning 2013, Kjellman et al. 2018, Hough et al. 2020), although brown moss-*Sphagnum*-communities appear at certain palsa development levels (Bhiry and Robert 2006, Oksanen 2006).

Kettle bogs (Figure 2 g, h) form in kettle hole-shaped basins that have developed by thawing of residual ice from retreating glaciers, or as a result of karst (Succow and Joosten 2012). Peat formation occurs either downwards from a floating mat under stable water level conditions or by peat forming upwards, as humus colloids seal off the basin, causing the water level to rise progressively ('kettle hole mire mechanism') (Gaudig et al. 2006). The stratigraphy of kettle bogs displays often basal brown moss peat layers, followed by layers of *Sphagnum* peat and mixed cyperaceous-*Sphagnum* peat (Vitt and Slack 1975, Andreas and Bryan 1990, Lamentowicz et al. 2008, Landgraf 2010).

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**Figure 2: Characteristic peatlands of the northern hemisphere.** a) Bathymetric map and geologic log of the High Arctic-pond Twin Water on Svalbard (b); c) schematic profiles of low-centred (1) and high-centred (2) polygons in the Arctic tundra; d) low-centred polygon on Samoylov Island, Siberia; e) schematic profile of a palsa frost mound; f) subarctic palsa peatland in Finnmark, Northern Norway; g) schematic profile of a kettle bog in the temperate zone; h) kettle bog in the Mueritz National Park, Northern Germany. Taken from a) Haldorsen, 2010 (modified), c) Wales, 2020, e) [www oulu.fi](http://www oulu.fi) (modified); g) L. Landgraf. Photos by A. Kiss, except h): S. Liebner

### 1.1.3. Anthropogenic threats of northern peatlands

Northern peatlands are extremely sensitive to environmental changes induced by anthropogenic activities. Direct damage by humans is the most apparent threat to peatlands (Dise 2009). The exploitation of northern peatlands, like commercial extraction and drainage for agricultural demand, forestry or horticulture, destructed and shrank many of these habitats (Chapman et al. 2003). Peat fuel production and utilisation from pristine fens lead to similar magnitudes of greenhouse impact as from fossil coal (Kirkinen et al. 2007). The drainage of peatlands induces a loss of water, along with a loss of balance between accumulation, decomposition and therefore stability of the peat. Moreover, drained wetlands have negative influences on catchment hydrology. They increase flooding downstream and reduce water storage capacities, and the increased aeration enhances microbial induced peat decomposition (Holden et al. 2004).

Less obvious, but potentially as detrimental as direct human damage, and therefore of major concern, are long-term environmental disturbances, such as climate change (Dise 2009). Northern ecosystems currently experience a matchless era of altered temperature and precipitation patterns, influencing plant community structure and photosynthesis rates in northern ecosystems (Myers-Smith and Hik 2018, Jassey and Signarbieux 2019). Lately, a climate reconstruction study validated the unusual character of the warming in recent decades (Neukom et al. 2019). Temperatures rise rapidly in the Arctic (Overland et al. 2019) and turn the carbon sinks into sources, enhancing microbial driven emissions of powerful greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) (Strack et al. 2008, Gorham 2014, Hopple et al. 2020). Further, peatlands are vulnerable, nutrient-

limited environments where nitrogen (N) deposition can have severe impacts on local ecosystems. Reactive nitrogen acts as a potent fertilizer (Kühnel et al. 2013) and affects carbon balances by increasing microbial decomposition rates and subsequent rise of carbon emissions from ombrotrophic bogs (Aerts et al. 1992, Bragazza et al. 2006). High loads of atmospheric nitrogen can cause severe growth reduction and mortality of *Sphagnum* mosses (Woodin et al. 1985), resulting in the alteration of the typical peatland bryophyte vegetation towards vascular plant-dominated habitats, e.g. cyperaceous marshes and wooded fens (Bergamini and Pauli 2001, Turunen et al. 2004, Thormann and Landgraf 2010). Today, pristine peatlands can be found mainly in the northern latitudes, while many others are disturbed. For example, no further peat accumulation has been observed in more than a half of Europe's peatlands, constituting them as degraded, while in Germany 99% of all peatlands are drained and therefore considered to be 'dead' (Joosten 2012). However, knowledge on the prerequisites of peatland recovery grows, since scientific research focussed lately also on the succession of peat-forming vegetation or the return of key microbial communities characteristic for peatlands (Emsens et al. 2020, Milner et al. 2020).

### **1.1.4. Peat bog restoration**

Human impacts like airborne nutrient pollution, eutrophication and drainage are major threats to pristine peatlands (Tsuji et al. 2010). Nutrient loading may alter the bog vegetation and cause irreversible loss of highly adapted bog species plants such as

*Sphagnum* mosses (Bobbink et al. 1998, Gunnarsson et al. 2000, Tsujino et al. 2010), while improved pond water quality may effectively restore hummocks (Tsujino et al. 2010).

In the past, nearly 530.000 km<sup>2</sup> of natural peatlands had been drained, mostly in Europe (Kitson and Bell 2020). Main peatland restoration strategies include the reintroduction of peat-forming species, e.g., *Sphagnum*, and rewetting, while latter is a controversially debated issue.

The elevated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from drained peatlands are caused by increased frequency of peat fires, enhanced microbial peat oxidation and the release and activation of extracellular hydrolase enzymes caused by phenol-oxidising organisms, a phenomenon known as *enzymatic latch theory* (Andersen et al. 2013, Kitson and Bell 2020). On the other hand, rewetted peatlands can enhance microbial driven methanogenesis, leading to elevated CH<sub>4</sub> emissions compared to pristine peatlands (Sachs et al. 2015, Günther et al. 2020). Consequently, peatland management has to decide on the emission of either CO<sub>2</sub> as a weak but persistent, or of CH<sub>4</sub> as a strong but short-living greenhouse gas, if considering radiative effects and atmospheric lifetimes of both gases (Günther et al. 2020). Peatland rewetting is cost-effective and simply feasible, but requires a strict water management to prevent permanently inundated areas and the subsequent formation of nutrient-rich, shallow lakes with unfavourable greenhouse gas balance (Sachs et al. 2015, Franz et al. 2016, Günther et al. 2020, Koebsch et al. 2020). Also, it has to be considered that bog vegetation and microbiota are already adapted to the dryer conditions and altered peat geochemistry after long-term drainages (Wen et al. 2018, Günther et al. 2020). Recently it was proposed that rewetted peatlands contribute to climate change



mitigation, despite CH<sub>4</sub> emissions, and should be preferred over postponement of peatland rewetting (Günther et al. 2020).

However, it is not clear if rewetting alone is sufficient to fully restore drained peatlands. The restoration depends to a large extent on the return of the pristine microbial communities and the ecosystem functions they perform (Emsens et al. 2020). Therefore, the re-establishment of microorganisms may give a hint on the success of peatland restoration.

### **1.2. Peatland bryophytes**

Bryophytes belong to the embryophyta and are the second largest group of green land plants. They comprise approximately about 15.000 species and are grouped into the three paraphyletic divisions Marchantiophyta (liverworts), Bryophyta (mosses) and Anthoceroophyta (hornworts) (Frahm 2007, Von Konrat et al. 2014). These ancient organisms display the earliest diverging lineages of extant land plants and offer unique windows into early plant evolution (Shaw et al. 2011). Recent studies suggest that the embryophyta evolved from already terrestrial charophycean green algae ancestors (Harholt et al. 2016, Wang et al. 2020), and it is assumed that land plants appeared 700 million years ago (Heckman et al. 2001). Fundamental land plant characters such as water-conducting tissue, stomata and fungal symbiotic associations evolved primarily in the bryophyte grade (Ligrone et al. 2012).

Bryophytes are quiet inconspicuous, but surprisingly tough and literally spoken 'survivalists': they disperse over large distances - up to several hundreds of kilometres -

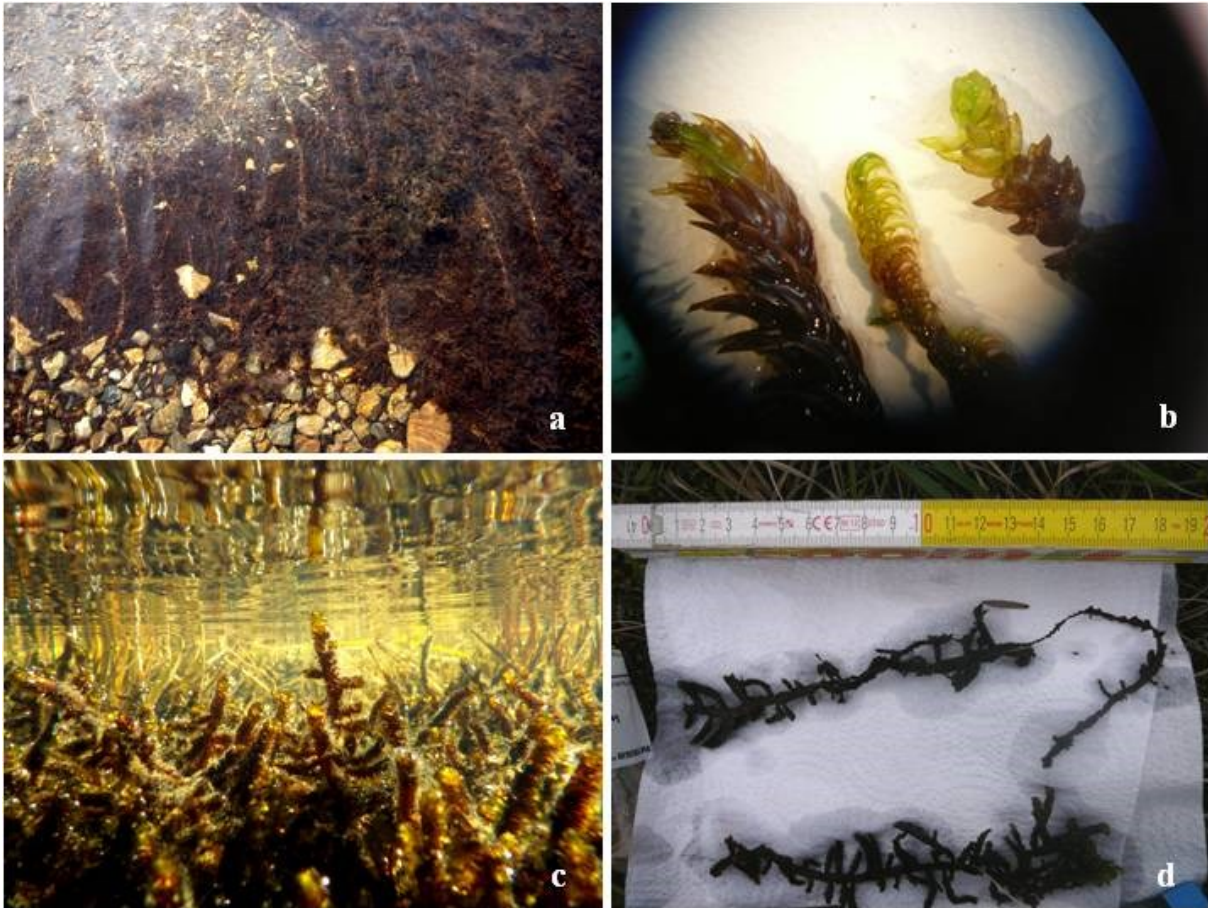


by anemochory of small spores or vegetative propagation organs (Frahm 2007). Due to their often narrow ecological niches, bryophytes occur in harsh habitats unfavourable for vascular plants, for example in cold biomes, where they contribute substantially to above-ground biomass, nitrogen input and soil chemistry control (Cornelissen et al. 2007). Mosses form 5500 years old banks of several metres depths on Antarctic maritime coasts (Bjorck 1991) and are able to regrow after 1400 years of glaciations (La Farge et al. 2013, Roads et al. 2014). They can further thrive in Antarctic lakes of well more than 80 metres depth (Wagner and Seppelt 2006) or grow unattached on bare ice or on ice pedestals as 'glacier mice' (Shacklette 1966, Heusser 1972, Belkina and Vilnet 2015). Thus, mosses are able to initiate plant succession even on Arctic glaciers (Dickson and Johnson 2014).

### 1.2.1. Brown mosses

In mire ecology, the term 'brown moss' includes calcium-tolerant, non-sphagnaceous mosses (Vicherová et al. 2017) which belong to the families Amblystegiaceae s.str. (including *Amblystegium*, *Campylium*, *Drepanocladus* and *Palustriella*) and Calliergonaceae (including *Calliergon*, *Scorpidium* and *Warnstorfia*) and comprise up to 170 species. Brown mosses were traditionally circumscribed by morphological features or habitat preferences (Hedenäs and Vanderpoorten 2007). Because of their ability to thrive under varying moisture conditions, brown mosses display a great phenotypic variability, and morphological characters are homoplastic (Vanderpoorten et al. 2002). Members of Amblystegiaceae and Calliergonaceae are probably the most important mosses in mineral-rich to calcareous wetlands within temperate to polar environments (Hedenäs

and Vanderpoorten 2007, Kooijman 2012). Aquatic brown moss communities growing under the water table ('submerged') are often the exclusive macrophytic vegetation in Arctic lakes which are able to cope with low surface irradiance and long ice coverage (Welsh and Kalff 1974, Sand-Jensen et al. 1999). In low-centred, water-filled polygons of the Siberian tundra, brown mosses form thick swinging mats (Liebner et al. 2011, Zibulski et al. 2016). Remains of humified brown mosses in subarctic palsa peatlands and temperate bogs illustrate their wide distribution and importance at initial bog succession stages (Arlen-Pouliot and Bhiry 2005, Gaudig et al. 2006, Cai and Yu 2011, Kjellman et al. 2018). In Central Europe, brown moss-dominated rich fens were widely distributed during the Postglacial but declined rapidly due to anthropogenic caused acidification and eutrophication (Kooijman 1992, 2012, Landgraf 2010, Thormann and Landgraf 2010).



**Figure 3: Submerged brown mosses form often thick mats under the water table.** Brown moss communities in an Arctic pond on Svalbard; b) a mix of different brown moss species from the same habitat under the microscope; c) submerged *Scorpidium scorpioides* growing in water-filled polygonal ponds in the Siberian tundra, reaching lengths of approximately 20 cm (d) and well above. Photos: A. Kiss, except c): C. Knoblauch

### 1.2.2. *Sphagnum* mosses

The family Sphagnaceae comprises the only genus *Sphagnum*, which includes nearly 300 species (Daniels and Eddy 1990, Mcqueen and Andrus 2007, Zaitseva 2009). They are almost worldwide distributed and dominate moss community structures especially in the boreal zone. Certain *Sphagnum* species have broad ecological preferences according to water level, pH, conductivity and altitude, thriving therefore in dry hummocks as well as in wet hollows (Zaitseva 2009, Wojtuń et al. 2013).

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*Sphagnum* mosses are ecosystem engineers that create and maintain boreal peatlands (Bengtsson et al. 2018). Owing to unique biochemistry, waterlogging and acidifying capacities, they reduce competition, impede decomposition and build up vast quantities of peat (Shaw et al. 2003, Bengtsson et al. 2018). *Sphagnum* species release a polysaccharide called 'Sphagnum', which displays in its acid form a powerful antimicrobial compound by lowering pH, inhibiting microbial mineralisation and decomposition more effectively than lignin-like polyphenols (Painter 1991, Stalheim et al. 2009, Hájek et al. 2011). Therefore, *Sphagnum* mosses were used for surgery and medical purposes as well as for transporting archaeological artifacts in the past (Zaitseva 2009, Drobnik and Stebel 2017).

Another unique feature of *Sphagnum* mosses is their ability to store enormous amounts of water, owing to dead and non-photosynthetic, hyaline cells ('hyalocytes'). The water-filled hyalocytes can retain multiple times their dry weight and are located in branch leaves or stems, accounting for up to 80% of the plant volume (van Breemen 1995, Rice 1995, Stalheim et al. 2009, Zaitseva 2009). In this way, hyalocytes can contribute to the acidification of the surrounding, as rainwater retention is linked with the separation of the bog surface from the groundwater, especially in combination with hardly decomposable *Sphagnum* litter (Vicherová et al. 2017).

*Sphagnum* mosses are known for their unusually high cation exchange capacity (CEC), which is accounted for the ability of peat mosses to acidify the surrounding environment by the exchange of tissue-bound protons for cations (Clymo 1963, Hájek and Adamec 2009, Raven and Edwards 2014). Yet, the role of the high CEC for *Sphagnum* and its



biology is still under debate. Besides suppression of vascular plant competitors and microbial decomposition, high CEC may also enhance the intracellular uptake of cations and thus extends the availability of minerals in nutrient-limited habitats (Hájek and Adamec 2009). However, it has been shown that fen brown mosses possess substantial CEC similar to that of *Sphagnum* mosses (Soudzilovskaia et al. 2010).



**Figure 4: Submerged and emerged *Sphagnum* species from a subarctic palsamire.** a) dense mats of *Sphagnum riparium* growing in a thermokarst pond besides a degrading palsamire; b) divergent morphology of aquatic *S. riparium* plantlets; c, d) terrestrial *S. lindbergii* form large cushions in lawns and hollows. Photos by A. Kiss, except b): S. Liebner

### **1.3. Moss microbiota**

Plants host diverse taxonomic microbial communities – the plant microbiota – which colonise accessible plant tissue. The plant microbiota comprises eukaryotic organisms, such as fungi, protists and nematodes, as well as prokaryotic bacteria and archaea, but also viruses (Stobbe and Roossinck 2014, Jung et al. 2020, Trivedi et al. 2020). Microbes can be pathogenic, commensal, symbiotic or transient (Alcaraz et al. 2018), and beneficial microbes confer fitness advantages like growth promotion, nutrient uptake and pathogen resistance to their host (Vandamme et al. 2007, Jung et al. 2020, Trivedi et al. 2020). The microbiota contains literally ‘the plant’s second genome’ and shapes the microbiome (entity of plant-associated microorganisms) by interacting with the host plant and the external environment (Berg et al. 2014, Alcaraz et al. 2018). Plant microbiomes represent highly specialised and co-evolved genetic pools and host a rich secondary metabolism (Müller et al. 2016).

#### **1.3.1. Moss-associated bacteria**

Knowledge on moss-associated bacteria, often referred to as ‘moss bacteriome’ (Marks et al. 2018, Bouchard et al. 2020, Renaudin et al. 2022), increased during the last decades and revealed fascinating insights into the interrelationship between hosts and their prokaryotic symbionts. Beneficial vitamin-producing, N<sub>2</sub> fixing (diazotrophic) and methane oxidising (methanotrophic) bacteria associated with streptophyte algae and bryophytes suggest that microbes fostered land colonisation by allowing early land plants to cope with nutrient poor soils (Knack et al. 2015). Phytohormone producing bacteria,

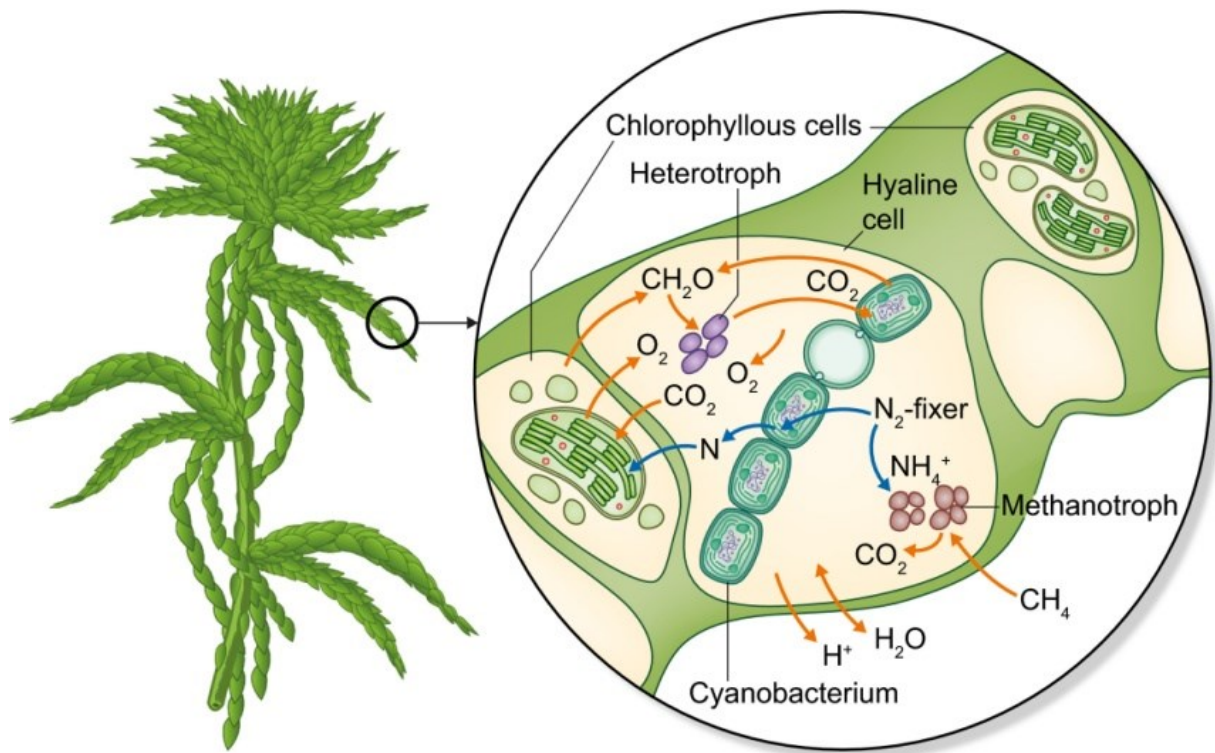
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which benefit from methanol emitted by bryophyte cells, stimulate in turn organ development in moss protonema, probably displaying a co-evolution of both symbiotic partners (Hornschuh et al. 2002, Kutschera 2007). Moss bacteriomes are important promoters of early succession in arid ecosystems and mediate stress resilience of pioneer moss vegetation exposed to high UV radiation (Graham et al. 2017, Cao et al. 2020). In polar regions, bacteria secrete ice-binding proteins on the surface of moss leaves (Raymond 2016) and contribute to the establishment and maintenance of important biochemical cycling in submerged 'moss pillars' from Antarctica (Nakai et al. 2012). Under nitrogen limitation, boreal feather mosses secrete chemo-attractants which guide cyanobacteria like *Nostoc* sp. towards them (Bay et al. 2013). It is further suggested that moss-associated diazotrophic bacteria display a major source of biologically fixed N<sub>2</sub> in nutrient-depleted boreal areas (Holland-Moritz et al. 2018). In Arctic ecosystems, brown mosses seem to be exceptionally well-adapted for harbouring epiphytic *Nostoc* communities (Solheim et al. 1996). A study on submerged *Scorpidium scorpioides* from Arctic polygonal tundra revealed even a mutualistic relationship between the moss host, which incorporates carbon deriving from microbial methane oxidation, and the associated methanotrophic bacteria which in turn benefit from the oxygen produced through photosynthesis. By this, methane emissions from these habitats may be reduced by at least 5% (Liebner et al. 2011). Brown moss-associated bacteria may contribute in different ways to habitat adaptation of their hosts (Wang et al. 2018), but studies on brown mosses and their associated microbiota remain sparse.

*Sphagnum* bacteriomes, on the contrary, attracted greater scientific interest. Although *Sphagnum* mosses create an inhospitable environment for most microbes, they simultaneously cultivate a diverse microbial community within their tissues, preferably in hyalocytes next to photosynthetic cells, where they provide expanded surface areas with regard to the inner cell walls and stable hydration to microorganisms (Granhall and Hofsten 1976, Raghoebarsing et al. 2005, Kostka et al. 2016). Bacterial community compositions vary vertically along the top, middle and bottom parts of *Sphagnum* mosses and underlying sediments, indicating diverse ecological functions of the microbiota (Xiang et al. 2013). However, the bacterial associates may contribute to the ecological dominance of *Sphagnum* and help the host to survive under changing environmental conditions (Kostka et al. 2016, Carrell et al. 2020). In *Sphagnum*-dominated bogs, where nitrogen is a growth-limiting factor, *Nostoc* spp. mediate N<sub>2</sub> fixation in and growths of *Sphagnum* mosses (Granhall and Hofsten 1976, Turetsky 2003, Berg et al. 2013). Diazotrophic microbial activity is highest in the green parts of mosses where photosynthesis takes place, indicating a light-dependency of bacterial mediated N<sub>2</sub> fixation (Basilier and Granhall 1978). Besides cyanobacteria, methanotrophic Alphaproteobacteria also possess *nifH* genes, but the extent of their contribution to N<sub>2</sub> input in nutrient depleted bogs remains controversial (Liebner and Svenning 2013, Larmola et al. 2014, Leppänen et al. 2014, Vile et al. 2014, Ho and Bodelier 2015). However, submerged *Sphagnum* mosses harbour symbiotic methanotrophic bacteria endophytically (living inside the cells), where they oxidise methane to carbon dioxide (Figure 5); in turn, the obtained carbon is subsequently fixed by the host (Basiliko et al.



2004, Raghoebarsing et al. 2005). Hence, they contribute significantly to the reduction of methane emissions from northern peatlands, especially in areas with high water levels (Kip et al. 2010, van Winden et al. 2010, Parmentier et al. 2011). Interestingly, methanotrophic bacteria can move through the water and initialise methanotrophic activity in former inactive *Sphagnum* plantlets from the same bog (Larmola et al. 2010, Putkinen et al. 2012).



**Figure 5: Schematic illustration showing beneficial microorganisms inside the hyaline cells of *Sphagnum*.** Functional microbial guilds such as methanotrophic (methane oxidising) and diazotrophic (nitrogen fixing) bacteria may act as a source of carbon and nitrogen to the host. In turn, the microorganisms benefit from the photosynthetically produced oxygen, which diffuses through the hyaline cell walls. Taken from Kostka, 2016.

### 1.3.2. Moss-associated archaea

Analogous to bacteriomes, archaeomes are the entirety of archaeal cells, including their genetic material in a particular environment (Moissl-Eichinger et al. 2018); consequently, moss-associated archaea can be referred to as 'moss archaeome'. Archaea are often considered 'extremophiles' thriving in inhospitable environments such as deep sea vents, submarine permafrost sediments, salt pans, mine drainages and permafrost-affected soils (Ganzert et al. 2007, Morozova and Wagner 2007, Barbier et al. 2012, Cabrera and Blamey 2018, Genderjahn et al. 2018, Winkel et al. 2018). Owing to their often lithoautotrophic and anaerobic lifestyle and an extraordinary resistance against desiccation, UV radiation and sub-zero temperatures, methane producing (methanogenic) archaea have even been studied as model organisms for possible life on Mars (Wagner et al. 2002, Schirmack et al. 2015, Serrano et al. 2019, Maus et al. 2020).

However, there is a growing scientific interest in archaea inhabiting more moderate environments, for example as associates of eukaryotic hosts (Wrede et al. 2012, Borrel et al. 2020). Archaea appear in the phyllospheres (total above-ground plant surface) and rhizospheres (total root surface) of many plants (Buée et al. 2009, Timonen and Bomberg 2009). As part of prokaryotic communities living inside plant tissues, archaea promote plant growth and are involved in nutrient cyclings of plant ecosystems (Timonen and Bomberg 2009, Jung et al. 2020, Sellappan et al. 2020). It has been recently demonstrated that plant archaeomes are highly diverse and distinct for different plant parts and host plant-specific (Trivedi et al. 2020). Moreover, archaea are vertically transmitted in native alpine plants as part of seed microbiomes (Wassermann et al. 2019).

We face, however, a gap of knowledge regarding archaea and their probable role as moss symbionts, which is astonishing concerning the numerous studies on methanogenic archaea and their metabolic activity in northern bog habitats (Krumholz et al. 1995, Kotsyurbenko et al. 2004, Galand et al. 2005, Metje and Frenzel 2005, Merilä et al. 2006, Cadillo-Quiroz et al. 2008, Bridgham et al. 2013, Tveit et al. 2014, Liebner et al. 2015, Martí et al. 2015, Reumer et al. 2018, Putkinen et al. 2018, Vigneron et al. 2019). To date, only one study has investigated the archaeome of different moss and *Sphagnum* species as part of an alpine bog vegetation (Taffner et al. 2018). The authors have stated that functional groups of moss-associated archaea are related to osmotic stress, purine metabolism and auxin biosynthesis and are thus beneficial for the hosts. It has already been mentioned previously that archaea are part of the bog core microbiota and display potential microbial keystone species with importance for their hosts and the whole bog ecosystem (Bragina et al. 2015).

### **1.3.3. Endophytic prokaryotic communities**

Endophytes are microorganisms residing within plant tissues – the endosphere - such as leaves, roots and stems (Trivedi et al. 2020). Noteworthy, each individual of the 300.000 plant species existing, is host to one or more endophytes (Strobel and Daisy 2003).

Diversity and network complexity of endophytic prokaryotes is low compared to epiphytic (living on the plant surface) or soil microbiomes (Tian et al. 2020). Bacteria inhabiting plant roots tend to be phylogenetically clustered, which points towards a greater influence of the host plant on endosphere microbiome assembly (Trivedi et al. 2020).

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Endophytic prokaryotes can supply a range of substances that provide protection and survival value to the host (Strobel et al. 2004). Plant processes are directly influenced by both the bacteria and archaea, but there is not enough knowledge on the mechanism on how endophytic prokaryotes contribute to host performance (Trivedi et al. 2020).

Endophytic prokaryotes enter the moss host through the cell pores. The water-filled hyalocytes of *Sphagnum* provide favourable conditions in terms of nutrients and pH, where versatile bacterial microcolonies are attached to the cell wall or thrive inside the internal spaces of the hyalocytes (Figure 5) (Granhall and Hofsten 1976, Bragina et al. 2012a). Endophytic bacteria can grow actively as clusters in stem hyalocytes and inhabit both, the emerged (growing above the water table, terrestrial) and the submerged *Sphagnum* parts (Raghoebarsing et al. 2005). It has been observed that isolated endophytic bacteria from different *Sphagnum* species are able to suppress the growth of phytopathogenic and toxigenic fungi and are thus potentially antagonistic (Shcherbakov et al. 2013), while symbiotic functional groups, such as methanotrophs and diazotrophs, contribute to the carbon and nitrogen budget of their host (Basilier and Granhall 1978, Raghoebarsing et al. 2005, Kip et al. 2011, Stępniewska et al. 2018, Tian et al. 2020). Owing to individual habitat preferences and the production of bioactive secondary metabolites, *Sphagnum* species display distinct endo- and epiphytic bacterial communities (Opelt et al. 2007b).

#### **1.4. Biotic and abiotic influences on moss-associated microorganisms**

The prevailing water regime is a key environmental factor that shapes the microbiomes of terrestrial and aquatic mosses (Leppänen et al. 2014, Wang et al. 2018), influencing for example the metabolic activity of the moss bacteriome (Raghoebarsing et al. 2005, Kip et al. 2010, van Winden et al. 2010). Contrarily, the role of pH remains ambiguous due to the interactions with other abiotic factors (Bragina et al. 2012b, 2012a, Jean et al. 2020, Rousk and Rousk 2020). It has further been shown that the community structure of moss bacteriomes alters with changing bog succession stages (Putkinen et al. 2014), but also with changes in temperature (Markham 2009, van Winden et al. 2012). Interestingly, also light seems to have an influence on metabolic activity of both, diazotrophic and methanotrophic moss associates (Basilier and Granhall 1978, Liebner et al. 2011, Larmola et al. 2014, Kox et al. 2020a).

Besides abiotic environmental factors, the surrounding vegetation may also have an impact on microbial communities (Borga 1994, Opelt et al. 2007a). However, the impact of the moss host on its prokaryotic assemblages and their metabolic activities remains ambiguous (Basilier and Granhall 1978, Basilier 1979, Opelt et al. 2007b, 2007a, Gavazov et al. 2010, Bragina et al. 2012a, Kox et al. 2020b), while some studies point even towards a peat bog-specific 'core microbiome', meaning microbial taxa that are common across the same plant species or plant microhabitats and potentially fulfil important functions for both, the host plants and the ecosystem (Bragina et al. 2015).

## 1.5. Objectives

Despite several studies on *Sphagnum*-associated bacterial communities and their environmental drivers, we face a knowledge gap regarding bacterial and archaeal communities associated with both, *Sphagnum* and brown moss taxa from different peatland types with diverging environmental conditions across a large geographical scale. No studies exist on the core microbiome of natural northern peatlands spanning from the High Arctic to the temperate zone, and its presumed role in the transition from minerotrophic fens to ombrotrophic peat bogs. Moreover, our understanding on the community structure of moss-associated methanotrophic bacteria and especially of methanogenic archaea and their potential metabolic activity within their host mosses remain sparse. Finally, moss-associated prokaryotes from adjacent pristine, disturbed and rewetted bogs not investigated so far so the effect of peatland degradation and restoration on structure and metabolic activity of moss-associated bacteria and archaea remains to be studied.

Therefore, the aims of this thesis were to

- I. Unravel the bacterial and archaeal communities (defined as 'microbiome') of both brown mosses and *Sphagnum* species from northern bogs with a focus on epiphytic and endophytic assemblages.
- II. Investigate the environmental drivers on moss-associated microbial assemblages across different peatland types on a large geographical scale.

- III. Examine the prokaryotic core community of brown mosses, *Sphagnum* mosses, adjacent higher peat bog plants and soil.
- IV. Estimate potential methane oxidation and methane production rates of moss-associated bacteria and archaea.
- V. Investigate the *Sphagnum*-associated microbial communities of adjacent intact, rewetted and degraded peat bogs on a local scale.

For this purpose, a comparative large-scale study was designed spanning four brown moss and *Sphagnum*-dominated peatlands in the Arctic, subarctic and temperate zones. Moss and reference samples were collected from altogether 26 sites and the associated microbial community structures were related to various local environmental parameters. Moreover, potential methane oxidation and methane production rates mediated by bacteria and archaea were determined for both, brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses. The following section gives an overview on the four peatlands and the corresponding sub-sites which were studied during the course of this thesis.

## 1.6. Study sites

### 1.6.1. High Arctic peatlands of Svalbard (SV)

Svalbard is an archipelago in the Arctic Ocean, and the research settlement Ny-Ålesund (78.9° N, 11.9° E) is located on the western coast of the main island Spitsbergen. The annual temperature of Ny-Ålesund was around - 4,5°C between 1993 – 2011 (Maturilli et al. 2013). Ny-Ålesund is located within an 'Arctic semi-desert' with an annual precipitation of up to 300 mm (Lakka 2013). The vegetation consists mainly of bryophytes (e.g. *Sanionia uncinata*, *Aulacomnium turgidum*) and vascular plants (e.g. *Saxifraga oppositifolia*, *Salix polaris*, *Dryas octopetala* and *Luzula confusa*) (Muraoka et al. 2002).

In the vicinity of Ny-Ålesund, three Arctic ponds were chosen as sub-sampling sites: Twin Water (Norwegian: Tvillingvatnet) (TW) has a surface of 3.50 ha and a maximum depth of 6.3 m. The pond is fed by inflowing ground water from the talus of the Zeppelinfjellet Mountain (Haldorsen et al. 2010). Gluudneset (GLU) is a sandy headland located about 150 m from the shore, on level ground about 3-4 m above sea level and influenced by Arctic tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) and Barnacle geese (*Branta leucopsis*) (Bengtson et al. 1974, Lakka 2013). Knudsenheia (KNU) is a small lake at a marine terrace, about 300 m from the shore (Bengtson et al. 2013), with surrounding dense waterlogged moss layer and influenced by grazing *Branta leucopsis* and Svalbard reindeers (*Rangifer tarandus plathyrynchus*) (Alves 2011).



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**Figure 6: Sampling sites of Svalbard.** a) Twin Water with submerged brown moss communities on its shore (b); c) Gluudneset with moss carpets above and below the water table (d); e) Knudsenheia with thick moss mats on stony ground (f). Photos by A. Kiss

### 1.6.2. Polygonal Tundra of Samoylov (SA)

Samoylov Island (72.4° N, 126.5°) is located in the Arctic Siberian Lena Delta and has an area of 1200 ha. It is characterised by a mean annual temperature of -14.7°C and a mean annual precipitation of 190 mm. The landscape is covered by ice wedge polygons with typical tundra vegetation consisting of dwarf shrub *Dryas punctata*, various *Carex* species and mosses such as *Hylocomium splendens*, *Timmia austriaca*, *Limprichtia revolvens* and *Meesia longiseta*. (Hubberten et al. 2003), but also brown mosses like *Scorpidium scorpioides*, *Drepanocladus cossonii* and *Warnstorfia exannulata* (Liebner et al. 2011). Samples were taken from various sites represented by three different polygon types: low-centred polygonal ponds with an open pond surface and a deep waterbody, low-centred polygonal ponds with sedge coverage and a shallow water body, and high-centred, dry polygons.



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**Figure 7: Sampling sites of Samoylov.** a) low-centred, deep polygonal pond with open water and submerged *Scorpidium scorpioides* growing completely under the water table (b); c) low-centred, shallow polygonal pond with *Carex aquatilis* and submerged *S. scorpioides* reaching the water table (d); e) dry low-centred polygon with various moss species and vascular plants (f). All depicted polygons are examples for sub-sampling sites. Photos by A. Kiss

### 1.6.3. Palsa Bogs of Neiden (NEI)

Neiden (69.7° N; 29.4° E) is located in the county of Troms of Finnmark, Northern Norway within the subarctic zone. The annual average temperature between 1965 and 2011 was -0.6°C and the annual mean precipitation was about 435 mm. (Liebner and Svenning 2013). The Bøttemyra mire is characterised by palsas which show a declining trend since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, most likely due to global warming (Hofgaard 2003, Johnsen 2012). The vegetation consists of *Ledum palustre*, *Empetrum sp.*, *Pleurozium sp.* and *Rubus chamaemorus* and various sedges such as *Eriophorum vaginatum* and *Carex spp.* Within the surrounding palsa peatland, three different successional palsa stages were selected as sub-sampling sites: currently degrading palsas with adjacent thermokarst ponds, inhabited by *Sphagnum riparium*, thermokarst ponds with *S. riparium* as remnants of collapsed palsas and hollows with *Sphagnum lindbergii*, representing old successional stages of previously collapsed palsas.





**Figure 8: Sampling sites of Neiden.** a) degrading palsa mound with an adjacent thermokarst pond and floating mats of aquatic *Sphagnum fallax* (b); c) thermokarst pond remaining from a lately collapsed palsa with a dense carpet of submerged *S. fallax* (d); e) hollow as remnant of previously collapsed palsa with terrestrial *S. lindbergii* (f). All depicted palsa successional stages represent examples for sub-sampling sites. Photos by A.Kiss

#### 1.6.4. Kettle Bog Peatlands of Mueritz National Park (MUE)

The Mueritz National Park (53.3° N, 13.2° E) is located in Northern Germany within the temperate zone. The mean annual temperature is 7.8°, the mean annual precipitation is 593 mm. Several kettle bogs are located within the near-natural beech forest (*Fagus sylvatica*) Serrahn (Von Oheimb et al. 2005), of which three bogs were chosen for sampling:

Kiebitzmoor (KIE), a disturbed and rewetted kettle bog with non-typical vegetation like *Drosera rotundifolia*, *Rhynchospora alba*, *Juncus effusus*, *Typha latifolia* and *Carex curta*, influenced by animals such as wild boar (*Sus scrofa*).

Heidbergmoor (HEI), a typical oligotrophic rewetted kettle bog with species-poor *Sphagnum fallax*-*Eriophorum vaginatum* vegetation.

Klockenbruch (KLO) represents a pristine and intact kettle bog with an oligotrophic centre, which is inhabited by *Sphagnum magellanicum* and *Ledum palustre*, and a surrounding mesotrophic, waterlogged margin with *Sphagnum fallax* (T. Timmermann, personal communication).





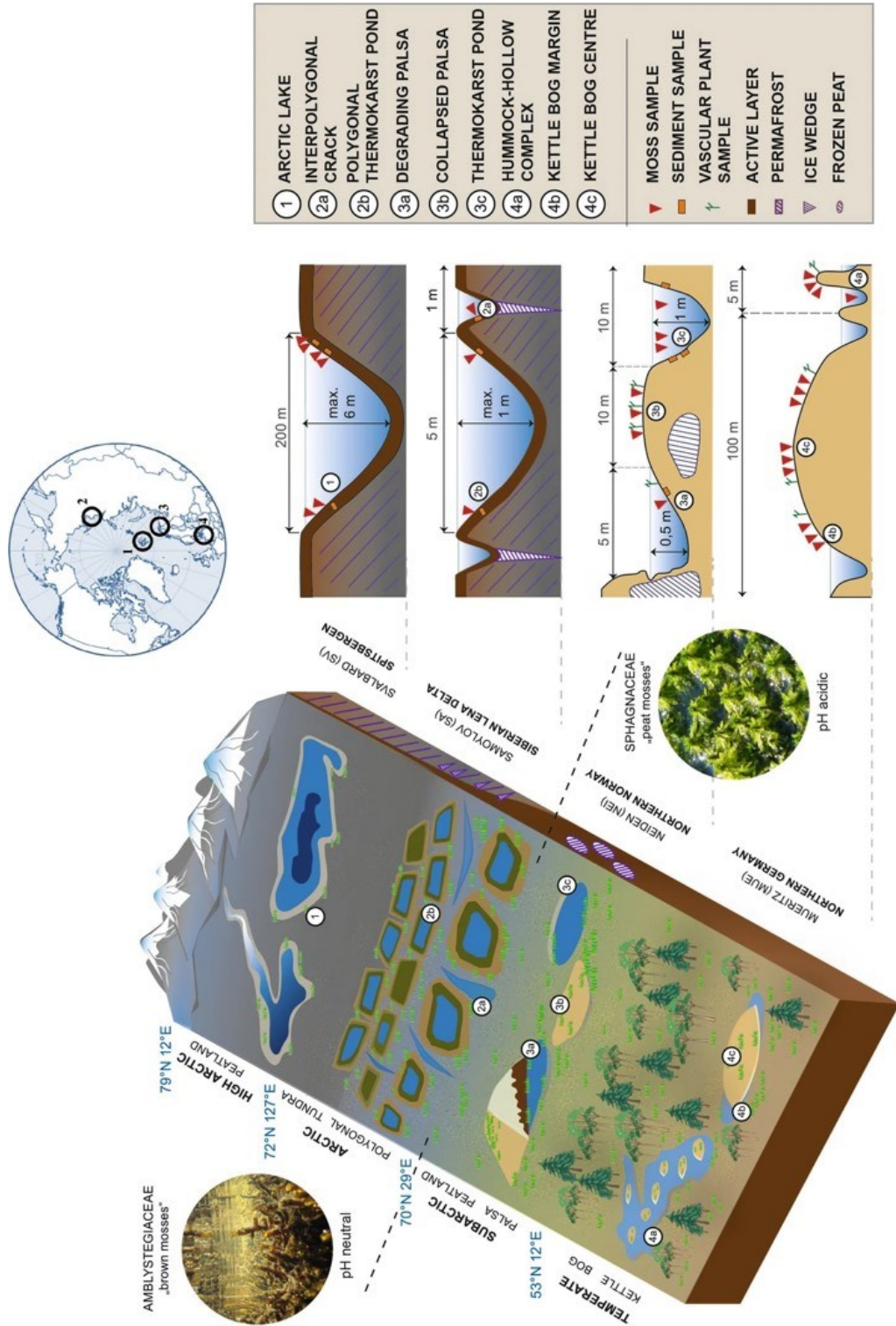
**Figure 9: Sampling sites of Mueritz National Park.** a) Heidbergmoor, a hummock-hollow-complex with emerged and submerged *Sphagnum fallax* (b); c) Klockenbruch, a kettle bog with *S. fallax* at its margin and *S. magellanicum* growing at the elevated centre (d); e) Kiebitzmoor, a kettle bog with *S. magellanicum* (f). Photos by S. Liebner

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### 2.1. Sampling scheme overview

Two main ecosystems (brown moss- and *Sphagnum*-dominated peatlands) were studied, represented by four sites, which are analogous to different stages in the transition from fens to incipient ombrotrophic bogs: 1) High-Arctic lakes with mixed brown moss communities on Svalbard (SV); 2) Arctic polygonal tundra ponds with densely growing brown mosses on Samoylov Island (SA); 3) subarctic *Sphagnum* *palsa* peatlands in Neiden (NEI), and 4) temperate *Sphagnum* kettle bogs in the Mueritz National Park (MUE). An overview about the study sites and a simplified sampling scheme is given in Figure 10, and a detailed overview of the samples and the corresponding sampling sites, biotic (plant species) variables, environmental variables and geographical coordinates is provided in Tables S1A and S1B.





**Figure 10: Schematic overview of the investigated sites and the collected sample types.** The geographical location of the sampling sites is depicted above. The different peatland types are illustrated on the left, the sampling scheme is depicted on the right. Subsampling sites are not emphasized. Illustration: Grit Schwalbe, GFZ (modified)

## 2.2. Sampling of pore water

At each site, pore water was retrieved from three depths when possible; slightly above, within and below the moss layer by extracting small samples of pore water with perforated brass tubing according to Liebner et al., 2015. At the hummock sites, pore water was extracted from the shallowest depth possible. Ten-ml plastic syringes equipped with three-way valves were connected to the brass tubes and used to carefully suck out the pore water. Pore water was transferred to gas-tight 20-ml glass serum vials pre-treated with 100 µl 1 M HCl and pre-flushed with N<sub>2</sub> avoiding air bubbles and stored at 4 °C.

## 2.3. Sampling of moss plantlets

During a field campaign between June and September 2013, mosses for DNA extraction were sampled. On SV, submerged brown mosses from three sub-sites were collected: *Bryum pseudotriquetrum* in Twin Water (TW), *Drepanocladus trichophyllus* and *Scorpidium turgescens* in Knudsenheia (KNU) and *Drepanocladus revolvens* and *S. turgescens* in Gluudneset (GLU), each in duplicates (sample type 1; all sample types are depicted in Figure 10). On SA, a mixture of submerged *Scorpidium scorpioides* and *Meesia triquetra* from an interpolygonal crack (PC; sample type 2a) and *S. scorpioides* from a polygonal pond (three replicate of plants subsumed to PP; sample type 2b) were collected. At both locations, SV and SA, sediment underneath the mosses was sampled as references. In NEI, different successional palsa stages were selected: thermokarst ponds with *Sphagnum riparium* adjacent to degrading palsas (one plant within each of the subsites NEI1, NEI2;

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sample type 3a), thermokarst ponds with *S. riparium* as remnants of collapsed palsas (one plant within each of the subsites NEI3, NEI4; sample type 3c) and hollows with *Sphagnum lindbergii*, representing old successional stages of previously collapsed palsas (one plant within each of the subsites NEI5, NEI6, NEI7; sample type 3b). From MUE, three subsites were chosen: Heidbergmoor, a hummock-hollow complex (sample type 4a) with emerged *Sphagnum fallax* (three replicate plants within the subsite called HEI2) and submerged *S. fallax* (one plant within the subsite called HEI1); Klockenbruch, a kettle bog with an oligotrophic, elevated centre (sample type 4c) with *Sphagnum magellanicum* (three replicate plants within KLO1) and a meso-oligotrophic, lower margin (sample type 4b) with *S. fallax* (three replicate plants within KLO2); Kiebitzmoor, a formerly drained and rewetted kettle bog (sample type 4c) with *S. magellanicum* (three replicate plants within KIE). In NEI we collected the sedges *Eriophorum* sp. and *Carex* sp. (NEI1, NEI5, NEI6, NEI7) and sediment underneath the mosses (NEI1, NEI2, NEI3, NEI4) as references, with duplicates for each site and reference type. In MUE, *Eriophorum vaginatum* (HEI2, KLO1 and KLO2) and *Carex* sp. (KIE) were collected as references with duplicates for each site and plant type. Peat or moss batches were sampled using gloves and sterile knives or spoons. Leaves, stem and upper root material of vascular plants were manually extracted from the peat body, washed with sterilised tap water for removal of organisms from the surrounding environment, cut and used as a bulk reference sample. Complete moss individuals were sampled and also washed with sterilised tap water prior to storage. All samples were stored at – 80 °C immediately after sampling until further processing except for the samples from SA which were continuously stored at – 20 °C.

Mosses for activity measurements were sampled during a field campaign in 2014. Sampling sites corresponded to those in 2013, except for S8 (SA), which represented a dry low-centred polygon with a mixture of emerged brown mosses, containing *Meesia* sp., *Warnstorfia* sp. and *Drepanocladus* sp. Mosses were taken with gloves and a sterile forceps, placed into Ziplock® plastic bags and stored at -20°C for transport and storage until activity measurements.

### **2.4. Analysis of pore water chemistry**

The pore water analysis included determinations of pH, temperature, CH<sub>4</sub>, DOC and O<sub>2</sub>. Values of pH were measured in the field using a multi parameter probe Multi 350i from WTW (Laboratory and Field Products, Nova Analytics). Air and peat temperatures were measured with a hand-held digital thermometer 2000T (Thermocouple Thermometer, Digitron Instrumentation Ltd, England) equipped with a 50 cm long probe. Pore water methane concentrations were measured in triplicates by gas chromatography shortly after pore water sampling as described elsewhere (Liebner et al. 2015). Briefly, the gas samples within the headspace were taken with a gas-tight syringe (Hamilton Bonaduz AG, Bonaduz, Switzerland), and analysed using a gas chromatograph (7890A GC system, Agilent Technologies, USA), equipped with an HP-PLOT capillary column (Ø 0.53 mm, 30 m in length) and a flame ionisation detector (FID) with helium as carrier gas (injector: 45°C; detector: 250°C), which was calibrated with standard gases prior to measurements. For the determination of DOC values, 20 ml glass vials (Agilent) were flushed with ultrapure water, baked at 550 °C for 2 h, closed with aluminium-sealed PTFE/butyl septa

and acidified with 3% HCl Suprapur (VWR). 15 ml of the pore water was filtered with 0.7  $\mu\text{m}$  GF/L filter (Whatman). The samples were sent to 'Potsdamer Wasser- und Umweltlabor GmbH' (PWU) for DOC analysis. Pore water  $\text{O}_2$  contents were measured in the field at different depths (above, within and below moss layer, where possible), using an optical oxygen meter (FireSting $\text{O}_2$ , PyroScience).

### 2.5. Cell wall analysis

#### 2.5.1. Cation exchange capacity (CEC)

Up to 45.0 mg of dry moss samples were sealed into labelled polyamide mesh bags. The bags were submerged in 2 l of 20 mM HCl to soak the moss up and to convert all carboxylic cation-exchange sites to undissociated form; free protons were then replaced by repeated thorough wash with distilled water. All the bags were then transferred to 2 l of 0.5 M ammonium acetate ( $\text{NH}_4\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2$ ) and after pH equilibration the ammonium acetate solution was renewed and adjusted to pH 7.0 using Ammonia Solution ( $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ ). The bags were repeatedly washed with large amount of distilled water to replace free  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and dried.

The bags were individually immersed to 50 ml of 20 mM HCl and shaken for 15 min to elute cell-wall bound  $\text{NH}_4^+$  ions. The eluate was sampled and  $\text{NH}_4^+$  analysed colorimetrically using Flow Injection Analysis (Foss Tecator AB, Sweden).

### 2.5.2. Holocellulose (HC)

Dry plant samples were ball-milled for 2 min at 30 Hz to fine dust (MM200, Retsch) and about 40.0 mg of the material was washed with 5 ml of 70% acetone in 15 ml Falcon® tubes and subsequently oven-dried in the tubes at 48 °C. Next, 8 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O, 75 µl of glacial acetic acid (CH<sub>3</sub>COOH) and 150 µl of 25% sodium chlorite (NaClO<sub>2</sub>) were added. The tubes were closed shaken and incubated for 1 h in a water bath at 75 °C, being shaken every 10 min. The additions of acetic acid and sodium chlorite and the incubation was repeated three times. Afterwards, samples were cooled and centrifuged at 4000 × g for 15 min, supernatant was discarded. 10 ml H<sub>2</sub>O was added, samples were vortexed and centrifuged at 3000 × g, supernatant was discarded. This wash step was repeated twice, followed by drying at 70 °C. The residuum is referred to as holocellulose (structural polysaccharides) and expressed in % of dry mass.

### 2.5.3. Lignin and Lignin-like polymers (LLP)

To remove phenolic extractives that can interfere with later spectrophotometric determination of acid-soluble Klason lignin (KL), up to 60.0 mg of milled plant material was shaken with 5 ml of 70% acetone ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO) in 15 ml Falcon® tubes for 1 h. The tubes were then centrifuged, supernatant discarded, and the pellets dried in the tubes at 48 °C. Next, 0.4 ml of 72% sulphuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) was added to the pellet, the tubes were vortexed and incubated for 1 h at 23 °C, followed by addition of 11.2 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O, vortexing and incubation at 100 °C for 2.5 h. The tubes were then centrifuged at 3000 × g for 15 min and the supernatant was sampled for dissolved lignin analysis and discarded. The

pellet (Klason lignin, acid-insoluble residuum) was washed three times with 10 ml of water, centrifuged, oven-dried at 70 °C and expressed in % of dry mass. Acid-soluble Klason lignin was measured spectrophotometrically at 205 nm (standard mass attenuation coefficient of 110 l g<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> was applied according to Hatfield and Fukushima 2005) and expressed in % of dry mass. Acid-soluble Klason lignin and Klason-lignin were summed to Total Klason lignin (representing lignin-like phenolics in mosses as they lack true lignin).

### **2.5.4. Bulk moss litter analysis**

Plant samples were dried and milled (Pulverisette, Fritsch). About 5.0 mg of sample was weighed in tin boats (Elementar). Total carbon (TC) and total nitrogen (TN) contents were determined as double measurements with a carbon, nitrogen and sulphur (CNS) analyser (Elementar Vario EL III). For determining C:N ratios (C/N), quotients of TC and TN were calculated.

### **2.6. Moss surface sterilisation and separation of putative epiphytic and endophytic microbial communities**

Between 2.2 and 5.3 g of the moss material pre-treated as described above was thawed and amended with extraction buffer containing ultrapure DEPC water (AppliChem), 0.85% Sodium chlorite (NaCl) (Merck), and 0.01% Tween20 (AppliChem) in a ratio 2:1 (weight percent), modified after (Ikeda et al. 2009). The mixture was shaken horizontally for 1 h at 4 °C prior to ultrasonication (Bandelin Sonoplus HD3100) with pulsation for 2 min (1 s off, 2 s on) at 0.45 W/ml (Morris et al. 1998). Extraction buffer containing the epiphytes was filtered through a 0.2 µm cellulose filter (Sartorius Stedium). The remaining moss was

surface-sterilised with 0.15% sodium hypochlorite (NaOCl) (Roth) for 1 min, and rinsed seven times with DEPC water according to a modified protocol by Bay et al., 2013. Filters and sterilised mosses were ground to powder under sterile conditions with liquid nitrogen, transferred to lysis tubes and stored at – 20 °C until DNA extraction. For each moss sample, one filter with wash-off (epiphytes) and two technical replicates of the surface-sterilised moss (putative endophytes) were used for DNA extraction and sequencing.

### **2.7. DNA extraction and sequencing**

For the extraction of genomic DNA, 0.4–0.8 g of each the surface treated mosses, the filters containing the wash-off, the untreated sedges and sediment samples were taken following the CTAB/phenol–chloroform-based method after (Griffiths et al. 2000). The concentrations of the DNA yields were quantified with a Nanophotometer P360 (Implen GmbH, München, Germany) and a Qubit 2.0 Fluorometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Darmstadt, Germany) according to the manufacturer's protocols. 16S rRNA genes of bacteria were amplified with the primer combination S-D-Bact-0341-a-S-17 and S-D-Bact-0785-a-A-21 (Herlemann et al. 2011), while the archaeal 16S rRNA genes were amplified with the primer combination S-D-Arch-0349-a-S-17 and S-D-Arch-0786-a-A-20 (Takai and Horikoshi 2000). All primers were labelled with various combinations of barcodes listed together with primer sequences in Table S1B. The PCR mix consisted of 1 × PCR buffer (Tris·Cl, KCl, (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 15 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>; pH 8.7) (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany), 0.5 μM of each primer (Biomers, Ulm, Germany), 0.2 mM of each desoxynucleoside



(Thermo Fisher Scientific, Darmstadt, Germany), and 0.025 U  $\mu\text{l}^{-1}$  hot start polymerase (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany). The thermocycler was preprogramed to 95 °C for 5 min (denaturation), followed by 40 cycles of 95 °C for 1 min (denaturation), 56 °C for 45 s (annealing) and 72 °C for 1 min and 30 s (elongation); the final elongation step was performed at 72 °C for 10 min. PCR products were purified with a Hi Yield Gel/PCR DNA fragment extraction kit (Süd-Laborbedarf, Gauting, Germany) following the manufacturer's protocol. The PCR products obtained from three individual runs per sample were combined. PCR products of different samples were pooled for sequencing in equimolar concentrations and compressed in a vacuum centrifuge Concentrator Plus (Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany) to a final volume of 10  $\mu\text{l}$  with a concentration of 200 ng/ $\mu\text{l}$ . The sequencing and library preparation was performed by the company GATC (Konstanz, Germany) on an Illumina MiSeq sequencer according to their standard protocols. The library was prepared with the MiSeq Reagent Kit V3 for 2 × 300 bp paired-end reads. To consider for the low-diversity amplicon sampling, 15% PhiX control v3 library was used.

### **2.8. Sequence analyses and bioinformatics**

Raw data was demultiplexed using CutAdapt (Martin 2011); e 0.1; –trim-n; no error in barcodes allowed. Paired-reads were merged using PEAR (Zhang et al. 2014) (Q25; p 10<sup>-4</sup>; v20), while sequence orientation was standardised using own scripts. All sequences of low quality were filtered and trimmed using Trimmomatic (Bolger et al. 2014) (LEADING:25; TRAILING:25; SLIDINGWINDOW:5:25; MINLEN:200). According to the

QIIME SOP (Caporaso et al. 2011), all chimeras were removed. Reads were finally clustered into Operational Taxonomic Units (OTUs) using QIIME' pick\_open\_reference.py script with a cutoff value of 97% (Caporaso et al. 2011). Representative sequences of the clusters were annotated with usearch using the curated Greengenes 13.8 taxonomy database (McDonald et al. 2012). OTUs with a small, sample-wise relative abundance ( $< 0.01\%$ ), OTUs assigned to chloroplasts and bacterial OTUs within archaeal samples and *vice versa* were filtered before further exploration.

### 2.9. Statistical analyses

In order to obtain the differences in microbial community composition between the sites, the inverse Simpson index was calculated and the number of OTUs as measures of the OTU diversity and richness, respectively, were counted. The bubble plot in Figure 15 was generated with the package 'ggplot2' (version 2.2.0) within the statistical software R (version 3.2.2) (R Core Team 2015). 16S rRNA gene datasets of either bacteria or archaea as correlation matrices of samples were generated using the R function 'cor', specifying the Spearman rank correlation coefficient. Based on the correlation matrices to generate dendrograms, hierarchical clustering of the samples was calculated using the method 'agnes' within the R package 'cluster', with default settings. All heatmaps were compiled using the R package 'heatmap3' (version 0.3.3). For bacteria, the inverse Simpson index diversity estimates were calculated using the R package 'asbio' (version 1.6-5). For environmental variables, pairwise t-tests were used and carried out using the R function 'pairwise.t.test'. For diversity indices, pairwise Mann–Whitney–Wilcoxon tests were used

and carried out using the R function 'pairwise.wilcox.test'. In order to quantify the explanatory power of biotic and environmental variables with respect to the microbial ecology of the peatlands, canonical correspondence analysis (CCA) was carried out (package: vegan (version 2.2.1)). Correspondence analysis (CA) was carried out as described before (Greenacre 2007) and plotted using 'ggplot2'. Due to lacking observations for between 23 and 45% of the samples, eight variables (cation exchange capacity, lignin-like polymers, holocellulose, total nitrogen, total carbon and C:N ratio, DOC, oxygen and water content) were removed from the initial full model. Variation in the microbial communities were constrained to the remaining variables; (1) sites (SV, SA, MUE and NEI), (2) subsite (e.g., KIE1), (3) plant species or reference sediment, (4) location above or below water table, (5) washed and surface-sterilised moss plant (putative endophytes) or wash-off (epiphytes) (6) pH, (7) methane concentration in pore water, and (8) temperature. In order to estimate and account for the spatial autocorrelation that the sites (1) and subsite (2) variables represent, partial CCA was introduced. Running the model without (1) and (2) showed that the constrained inertia was reduced from 72% of total inertia to 40%. Subsequent analysis of variance inflation factors revealed that no remaining variables were redundant. To be considered part of the core microbiota, an OTU had to be present in 80 out of 122 samples and in both system types (brown moss and *Sphagnum*), reflecting a restrictive 66% threshold. Using this threshold, core communities were calculated. moss system core communities (brown moss or *Sphagnum*) were calculated, while moss species communities were calculated with a more restrictive threshold of 75% (Bragina et al. 2015).

## 2.10. Potential methane production and oxidation assays

After preliminary tests, the following samples were chosen for both, CH<sub>4</sub> production and CH<sub>4</sub> oxidation tests: KNU (mix of submerged *Drepanocladus trichophyllus* and *Scorpidium turgescens*), GLU (mix of submerged *Drepanocladus revolvens* and *S. turgescens*), S0 (submerged *Scorpidium scorpioides*), S8 (mix of emerged *Meesia* sp., *Warnstorfia* sp. and *Drepanocladus* sp.), NEI 1 (submerged *Sphagnum riparium*), NEI 2 (emerged *Sphagnum lindbergii*), KLO mag (emerged *Sphagnum magellanicum*), KLO fall (emerged *Sphagnum fallax*), HEI fall (emerged *Sphagnum fallax*) and HEI fall sub (submerged *S. fallax*). All samples were subdivided into four different series: non-sterile moss ('epiphytes') with and without inhibitor (acetylene) and surface-sterilised moss ('endophytes') with and without inhibitor. Triplicates were prepared from every sample.

### 2.10.1. Surface sterilisation prior to activity tests

Owing to the large amount of moss material needed, the surface sterilisation protocol used prior to DNA extraction had to be modified: appr. 5.0 g fresh moss material were washed three times with 1000 ml sterile tap water (autoclaved at 120°C for 2h) and soaked in 0.15% NaOCl for 1 min. Then, mosses were rinsed with sterile tap water and placed into 120 ml serum vials, sealed with butyl rubber stoppers and a crimp, except for 1-2 plantlets that were used for sterility check. Therefore, they were pressed onto prepared agar plates, sealed with parafilm® (amcor) and incubated at room temperature for five days.

### 2.10.2. Methane production

Fresh moss material (5.0 g) was weighed into 120 ml serum vials, sealed with butyl rubber stoppers and a crimp. For CH<sub>4</sub> production, sample vials were flushed with N<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> (1,5 bar; 80:20 v/v). Subsequently, all vials were thoroughly vortexed and incubated at room temperature in the absence of light. Prior to measurements, the gas chromatograph (7890A GC system, Agilent Technologies, USA), equipped with an HP-PLOT capillary column (Ø 0.53 mm, 30 m in length) and a flame ionisation detector (FID) with helium as carrier gas (injector: 45°C; detector: 250°C), was calibrated with standard gases. Gas samples were taken with a gas-tight glass syringe. CH<sub>4</sub> production rates were calculated from the linear increase in CH<sub>4</sub> concentration.

### 2.10.3. Methane oxidation

Fresh moss material (5.0g) was weighed into 120 ml serum vials, sealed with butyl rubber stoppers and a crimp. Sample vials were flushed with synthetic air (20% O<sub>2</sub>, 80% N<sub>2</sub>) and supplied with 1,5% CH<sub>4</sub> within the headspace. Further, 60 nl acetylene (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>) per ml headspace was added to samples that were intended as negative controls (Wagner 2017). Subsequently, all vials were thoroughly vortexed and incubated at room temperature in the absence of light. Prior to measurements, the gas chromatograph (7890A GC system, Agilent Technologies, USA), equipped with an HP-PLOT capillary column (Ø 0.53 mm, 30 m in length) and a flame ionisation detector (FID) with helium as carrier gas (injector: 45°C; detector: 250°C), was calibrated with standard gases. Gas samples were taken with

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a gas-tight glass syringe. CH<sub>4</sub> oxidation rates were calculated from the linear decrease in CH<sub>4</sub> concentration within the headspace.

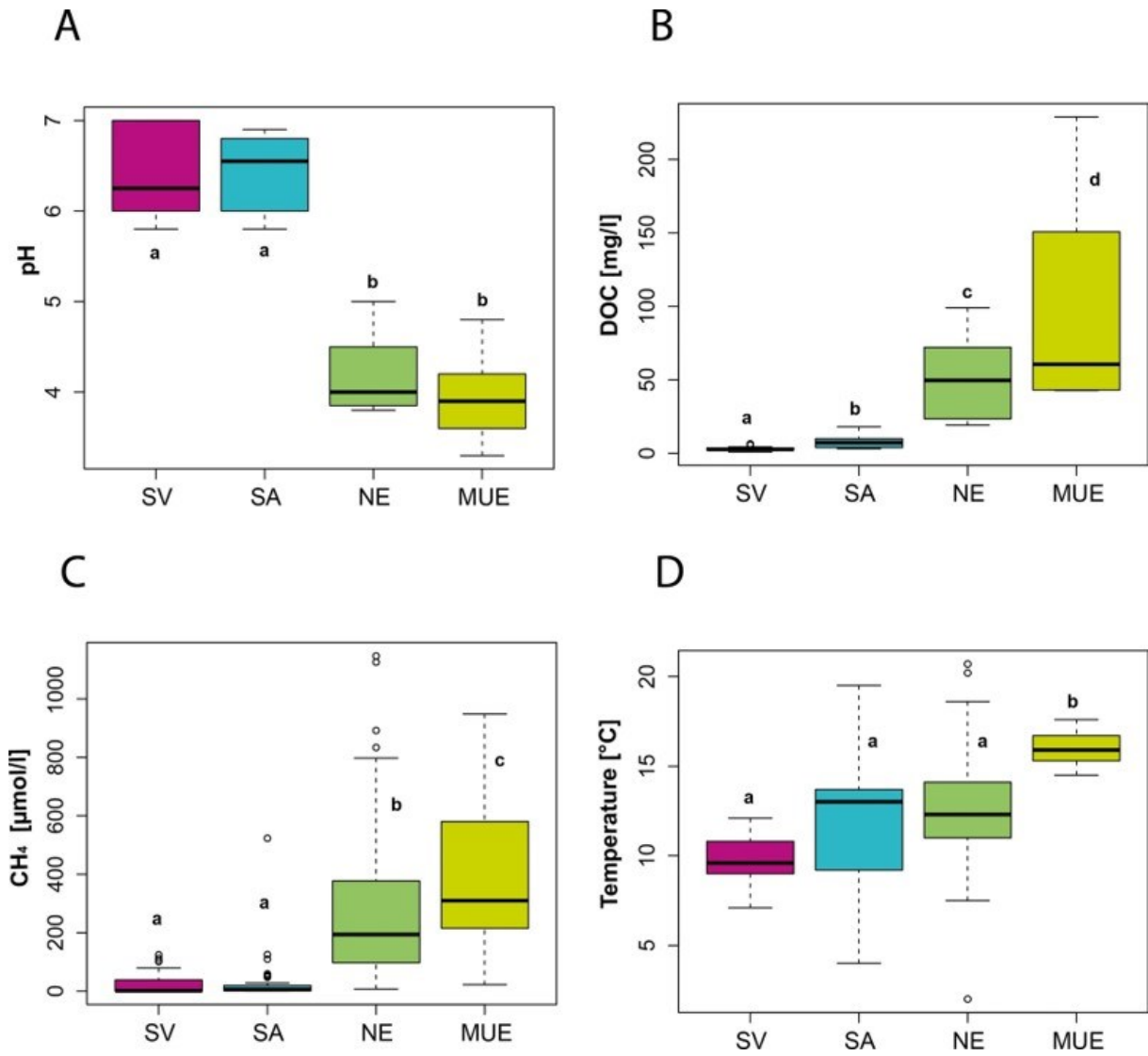


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#### 3.1. Peatland bulk and pore water characteristics

The sites Svalbard (SV) and Samoylov (SA) were inhabited by brown mosses and represented minerotrophic fens at the earliest stages of peat formation ('terrestrialisation'), with circumneutral pH values ranging from 5.8–7.0. The sites Neiden (NEI) and Mueritz (MUE) were dominated by the genus *Sphagnum* and represented later stages of peat formation, ('paludification') with acidic pH values ranging from 3.3–5.0, thus significantly lower than in SV and SA (Figure 11A). DOC values were significantly higher in *Sphagnum* compared to brown moss-dominated peatlands, with the highest concentrations observed in MUE (42.7–229 mg l<sup>-1</sup>) and lowest in SV (0.9–6.4 mg l<sup>-1</sup>) (Figure 11B). Methane concentrations were also significantly higher in the *Sphagnum* compared to the brown moss ecosystems, with the highest range of concentrations in MUE (21.8–948 µM) and the lowest in SV (0–124 µM) (Figure 11C). The average soil temperature at the time of sampling was highest in MUE (16.0 °C, range 14.5–17.6), followed by SA (13.0 °C, range 4.0–19.5), NEI (12.6 °C, range 2.0–20.7 °C) and SV (9.8 °C, range 7.1–12.1 °C) (Figure 11D).

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**Figure 11: Box plots showing the measurements of selected environmental variables.** (A) pH, (B) dissolved organic carbon (DOC), (C) methane and (D) temperature of all subsites in Svalbard (SV, magenta), Samoylov (SA, blue), Neiden (NEI, dark green) and Mueritz (MUE, light green). Pairwise t-tests suggest that samples with different letters show a significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) difference in the mean value between each other. Graphs: Sizhong Yang

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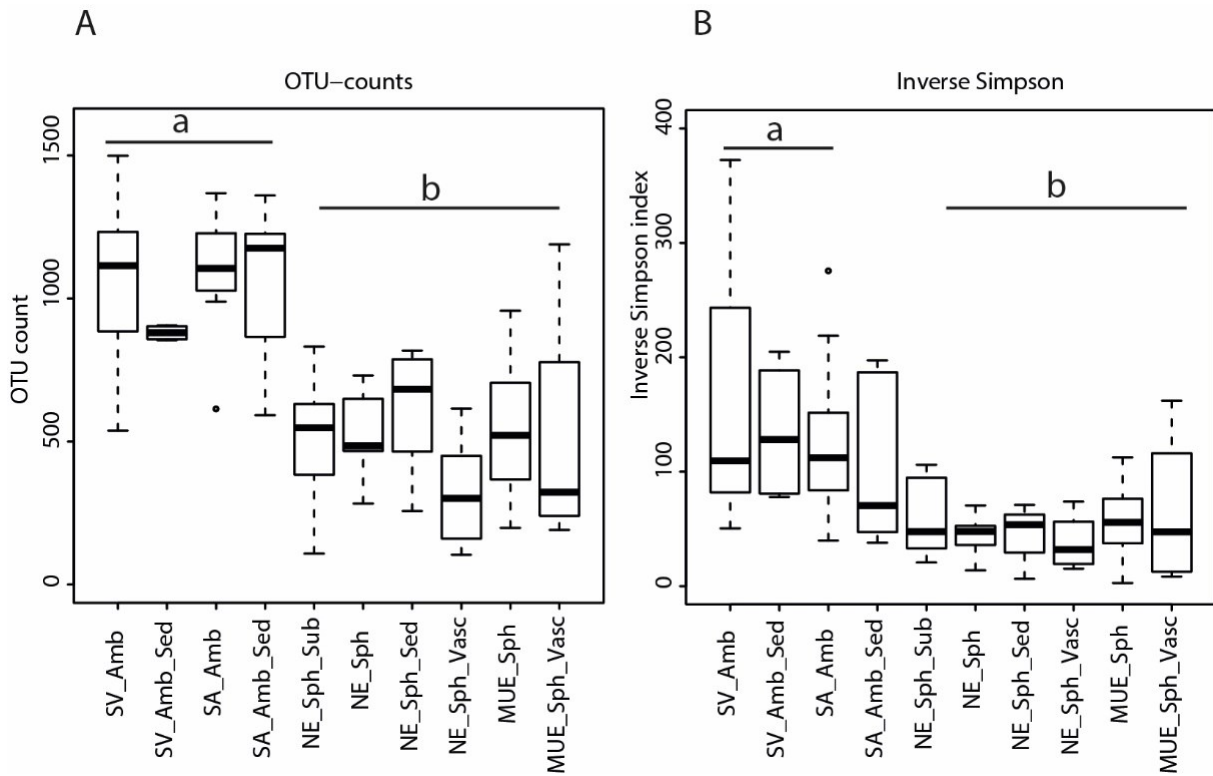
**Table 1: Cell wall and bulk moss litter analysis.** Cation exchange capacity (CEC), total Klason lignin (KL), holocellulose (HC), carbon (C), nitrogen (N), sulphur (S) and C:N ratios (C/N) of brown moss mix samples from Svalbard (SV) and Samoylov (SA) and *Sphagnum* samples from Neiden (NEI) and Mueritz (MUE); n.d. = no data.

Moss species	Site	CEC			total KL			HC			C			N			S			C/N
		[ $\mu\text{eq g}^{-1}$ ]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]	[% of dm]		
Amblystegiaceae																				
<i>Drepanocladus revolvens/ Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	SV	430,5	49,4	56,4	28,2	1,3														22,2
<i>Scorpidium turgescens/ Drepanocladus revolvens</i>	SV	668,2 ± 48,7	37,1 ± 0,7	32,9 ± 3,4	30,7 ± 11,0	1,1 ± 0,4														28,3
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides/ Meesia triquetra</i>	SA	565,9	42,7	35,2	64,1	1,2														52,8
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SA	589,3 ± 20,5	40,8 ± 0,8	40,7 ± 4,8	32,7 ± 1,3	0,9 ± 0,0														36,7
Sphagnaceae																				
<i>Sphagnum lindbergii</i>	NEI	664,5 ± 62,0	16,1 ± 4,6	51,4 ± 5,1	45,5 ± 0,4	0,5 ± 0,0														94,5
<i>Sphagnum riparium</i>	NEI	439,0 ± 37,4	12,7 ± 3,3	44,2 ± 0,7	44,0 ± 1,7	1,5 ± 0,6														30,3
<i>Sphagnum fallax</i> (emerged)	MUE	625,8 ± 73,4	22,4 ± 6,7	62,3 ± 2,8	46,3 ± 2,9	1,2 ± 0,2														39,3
<i>Sphagnum fallax</i> (submerged)	MUE	400,6	n.d.	n.d.	44,5	3,1														14,3
<i>Sphagnum magellanicum</i>	MUE	773,1 ± 31,0	21,7 ± 7,7	57,4 ± 5,2	45,6 ± 0,7	0,8 ± 0,1														55,3

### 3.2. Diversity and structure of natural peatland microbial communities

Between 2510 and 289.604 sequences (average of 78.933, median of 68.070 and standard deviation of 60.092) were obtained for the 122 bacterial data sets. For the 86 archaeal datasets, between 536 and 83.642 (average 12.626, median of 4892 and standard deviation of 17.424) sequences were obtained. Due to methodological issues (no PCR product obtained or failed sequencing), it was not possible to generate 16S rRNA gene amplicon libraries from 35 samples with bacterial primers and 71 samples with archaeal primers out of the 157 collected samples.

Compared to the *Sphagnum*-dominated NEI and MUE sites, there was a significantly higher bacterial diversity and OTU richness in the moss and reference samples from brown moss-dominated SV and SA sites (Figure 12).



**Figure 12: Box plots illustrating bacterial alpha-diversities of all sample types.** Panel A: Observed OTU; Panel B: Calculated Inverse Simpson Index; according to a pairwise Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon test (significance level set to 0.05), mean diversities of samples from brown moss-dominated sites (group a) are overall significantly different to *Sphagnum*-dominated sites (group b). Amb = Amblystegiaceae (brown mosses), Amb\_Sed = sediment references to brown mosses, Sph = *Sphagnum*, Sph\_Sed = sediment references to *Sphagnum*, Sph\_Vasc = vascular plant references to *Sphagnum*. Graphs: Alexander Tveit.

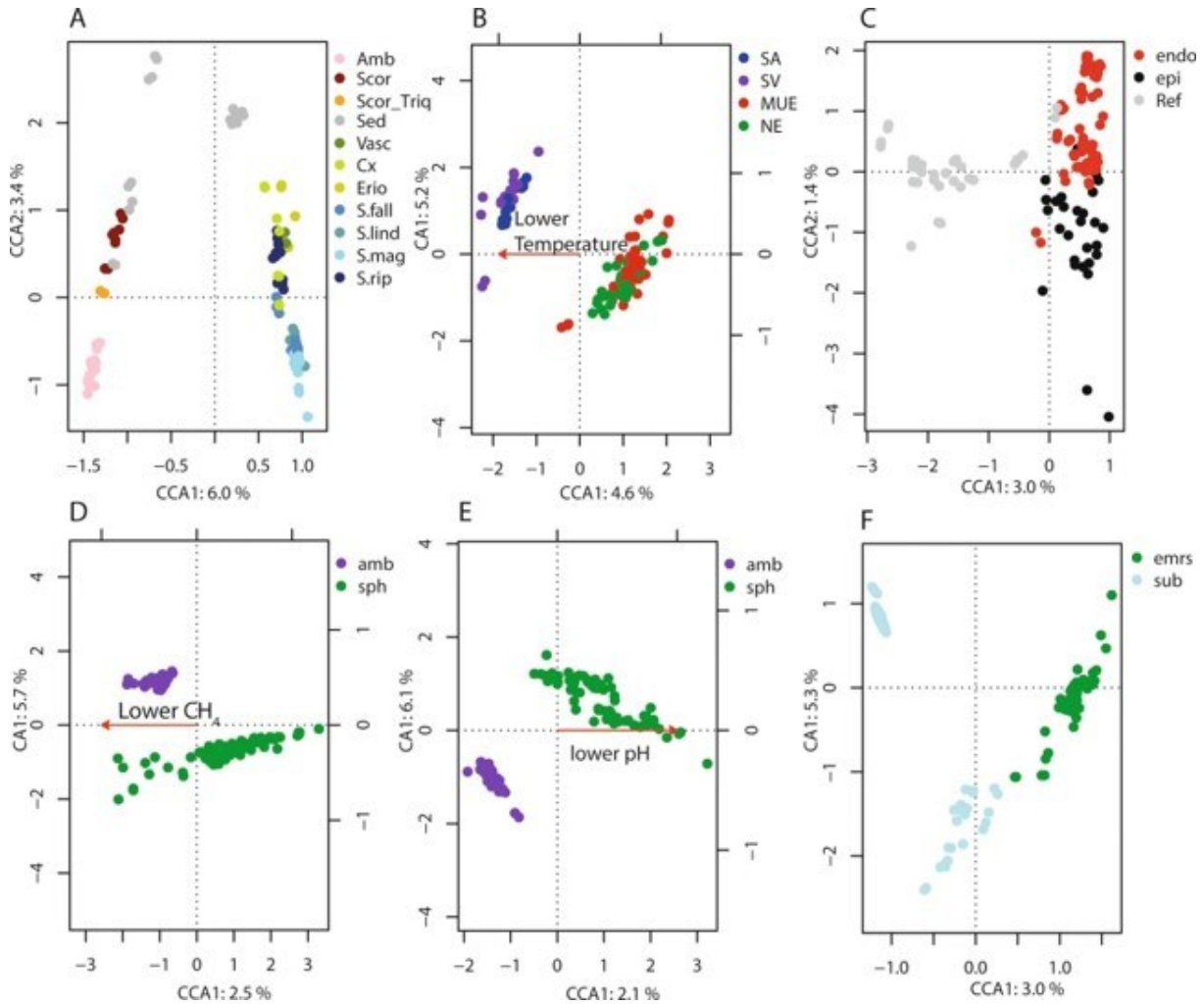
The microbial communities in the brown moss-dominated sites displayed the same level of diversity, independent of the geographical location. Contrarily, the archaeal diversity was similar between the brown moss and *Sphagnum* peatlands with overall little differences between mosses, sediments and vascular plants (Figure S2), except for the sediment samples of brown moss peatland origin, which displayed slightly higher archaeal richness than the other sites within these ecosystems.

### 3.3. Environmental drivers of moss-associated microbial communities

In order to identify the association between moss taxa, abiotic environmental variables and the bacterial moss microbiota, a canonical correspondence analysis (CCA) was performed. Using variance partitioning, the contribution of the variables to the explanation of total inertia was quantified in the following order from most to least important: (1) plant species and reference sediment: 19.7% (p. value < 0.001), (2) temperature: 4.8% (p. value < 0.001), (3) putative endophytes or epiphytes: 4.6% (p. value < 0.001), (4) methane concentration in pore water: 4.1% (p. value < 0.001), (5) pH: 3.3% (p. value < 0.001) (6) location above or below water table: 3.2% (p. value < 0.001). By repeating the procedure with Hellinger transformed data to control for large effects of low abundant OTUs, the same patterns could be observed at highly similar total and constrained inertia, suggesting a minor impact of rare OTUs on CCA ordination. The initial model included sites and subsites in addition to the six above mentioned variables, which accounted for 32% of the differences between the microbial communities (see materials and methods). By removing site effects due to the correlation with plant species, the influence of latter may be substantially underestimated. However, the removed fraction of the inertia contained in the site variables were considered as 'environment', meaning a mix of abiotic and biotic variables that cannot be studied in isolation with the present dataset. Owing to the complexity of the dataset, it was not possible to visualise the major gradients by a single CCA plot. With regard to this, the constraints of the final model above were plotted separately (Figure 13).



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**Figure 13: Canonical correspondence analysis of moss-associated bacterial OTUs.** In case of categorical variables with more than two factors, the axes represent the first and second CCA dimension (A, C), whereas in case of two factors or continuous variables (B, D, E, F) the first CA dimension is showed on the Y-axis, while the CCA dimension is showed on the X-axis. (A): Restricted by plant species and reference sediment; Amb: Brown moss mix; Cx: Carex; Erio: Eriophorum; S.fall: *Sphagnum fallax*; S.lind: *Sphagnum lindbergii*; S.mag: *Sphagnum magellanicum*; S.rip: *Sphagnum riparium*; Scor: *Scorpidium scorpioides*; Scor\_Triq: Mix of *Scorpidium scorpioides* and *Meesia triquetra*; Sed: Sediment; Vasc: Mix of vascular plants. (B) Restricted by location above or below the water table; emrs: Above the water table; sub: Below the water table. (C) Restricted by putative endophytic: endo; putative epiphytic: epi; reference sample: Ref. (D) Restricted by pH samples coloured by System; amb: Brown mosses; sph: *Sphagnum*. (E) Restricted by temperature, samples coloured by sampling sites; MUE: Mueritz; NEI: Neiden; SA: Samoylov; SV: Svalbard. (F) Restricted by CH<sub>4</sub> concentration in pore water, samples coloured by peatland type; amb: Brown moss-dominated; sph: *Sphagnum*-dominated.

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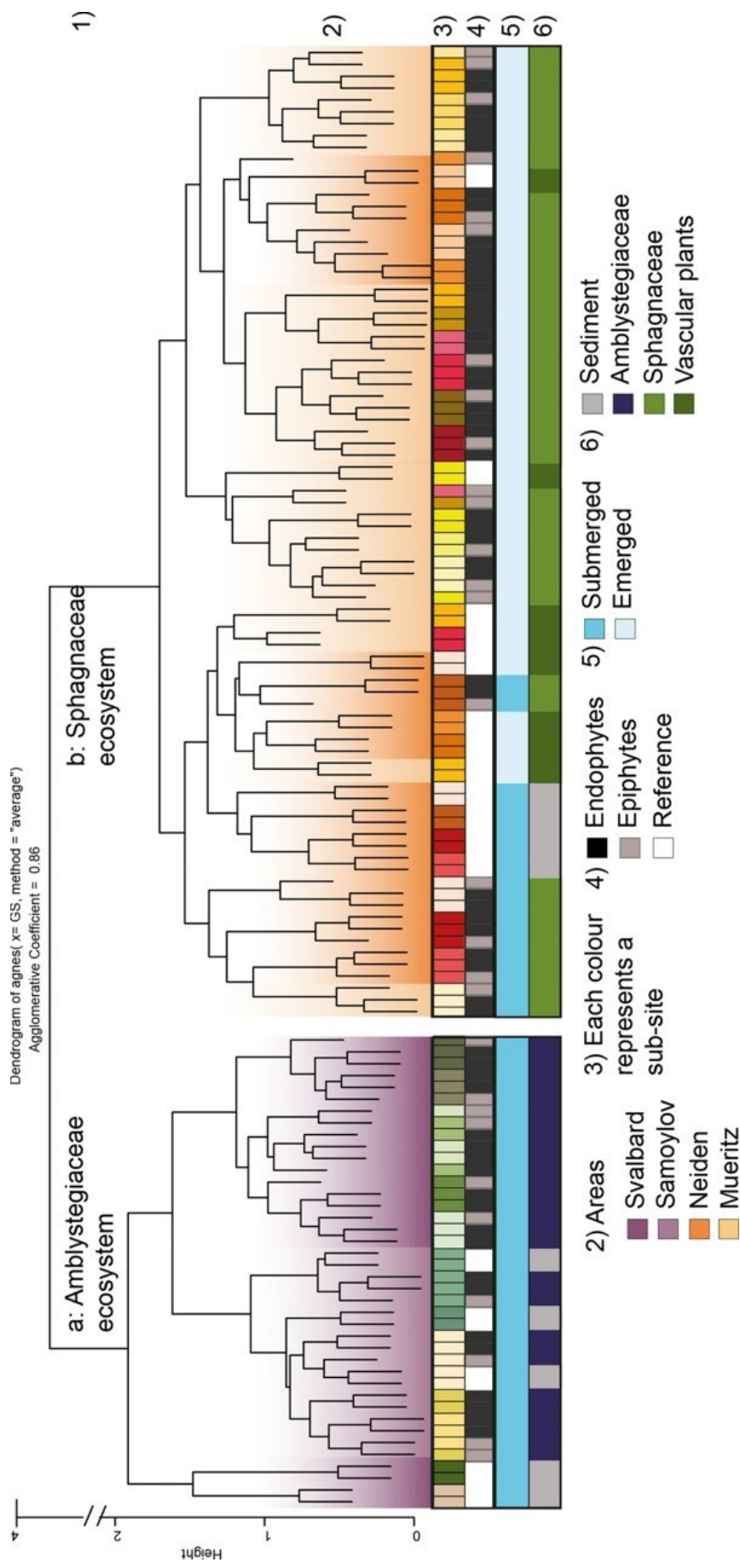
The plots show that the bacterial communities correlate substantially with the moss or vascular plant species (Figure 13A), further by submerged or emerged conditions (Figure 13F).

Since both submerged *S. fallax* and *S. riparium* samples clustered together (Figure 13A), the water table had apparently a stronger impact on the microbiota than the host moss species. There were also clear differences between endophytic and epiphytic communities (Figure 13C). Furthermore, considerable differences between the bacterial communities from brown moss- and *Sphagnum*-dominated peatlands were visible (Figure 13B, E), in line with the differences in pH and temperature, whereas the effects of altered CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations on the bacterial communities were similar in brown moss and *Sphagnum* ecosystems (Figure 13D). The CCA explained virtually 40% of the variance in the dataset. Owing to the removal of area and subsite variables which were not considered explanatory variables, the explained variance was small.

A Spearman correlation based dendrogram of the OTU profiles was constructed in order to allow an evaluation of the habitat and site-dependent structure of the microbial communities, along with some of the categorical variables. The analysis revealed a very high level of cumulative clustering in the dataset (0.86), particularly considering the large size of the dataset. The resulting dendrogram verified some previously observed patterns, for example the differences associated with dominating moss vegetation (brown moss vs. *Sphagnum*) and hydrology (Figure 14). However, it also revealed additional data structures. Starting from the top of Figure 14, the dendrogram reveals that the bacterial

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communities split by (1) the ecosystem and the corresponding dominating moss type (brown moss, resp. *Sphagnum* mosses). (2) Apart from few exceptions, the bacterial communities within the two peat bog types split by areas. (3) In almost all cases, the bacterial communities originating from the same subsites clustered together. (4) Within each subsite, the epiphytic communities and the endophytic communities clustered separately from each other, whereas the endophytic and epiphytic libraries from the same plant clustered consistently together. (5) The bacterial communities associated with the submerged mosses from NEI and MUE clustered together. (6) Within the *Sphagnum*-dominated sites, the majority of the vascular plant communities clustered together with the sediment and submerged moss communities.



**Figure 14: Dendrogram illustrating the clustering of bacterial communities (OTU at 97% sequence similarity) in relation to abiotic and biotic characteristics of the sites.** Each top of the dendrogram corresponds to the community profile of a moss, vascular plant or sediment sample. All possible pairwise spearman correlation factors were calculated from the community profiles. The resulting distance matrix was used to cluster the samples applying the agnes hierarchical clustering algorithm. Numbers refer to different levels of clustering. The first level of clustering, (1), illustrates the clustering of the samples according to brown moss- or *Sphagnum*-dominated peatland ecosystems. The second level of clustering, (2), illustrates that the majority of samples from the same sites cluster together, although exceptions related to hydrology and reference samples occur. The third level (3) of clustering illustrates that bacterial communities from the same subsite almost exclusively cluster together. The fourth level (4) illustrates that the putative endophytes cluster almost always with the putative epiphytes from the same moss plantlet. Level (5) illustrates a clear microbial community separation by the hydrology of the site. Level (6) illustrates some clustering of communities according to being associated with a vascular plant, sediment or moss. Graphs: Alexander Tveit.

### 3.4. Microbial taxa associated with brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses

In order to identify which bacterial and archaeal groups accounted for the majority of microbial community variation, the microbial communities were studied at the family level.

#### 3.4.1. Moss-associated bacteria

Within the brown moss-associated bacteria, an evenly high abundance of the following families could be observed: Acidimicrobiales\_C111, Pseudoanabaenaceae, Hyphomicrobiaceae, Sphingomonadaceae and Comamonadaceae (Figure 15). Contrarily, only the two bacterial families Acetobacteraceae and Acidobacteriaceae dominated the *Sphagnum* moss microbiota. Sphingomonadaceae was the only family present at similar relative abundances in both, the brown moss and the *Sphagnum* systems. In order to identify the reasons of these large differences, a more detailed investigation of the OTU composition of Acetobacteraceae was conducted (Figure S3).

The relative abundance of Acetobacteraceae was higher in *Sphagnum* than in the brown moss ecosystems, while the majority of the Acetobacteraceae OTUs were present only in *Sphagnum*. However, some OTUs were only present in brown mosses, but only a few OTUs were present in both the brown moss and *Sphagnum* peatlands. The same pattern was observed for other major bacterial taxa such as Acidobacteria (Figure S4), Acidimicrobiales (Figure S5), and Cyanobacteria (Figure S6). These results suggest that distinct bacterial communities of *Sphagnum*- and Amblystegiaceae-dominated peatlands

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exist, while only individual OTUs occurred in both peatland types. Among the of methane oxidising bacterial (MOB) community, *Methylocystis* was most abundant (Figure S7). *Methylocystis* occurred in almost all sites, contrarily to most bacterial taxa, but its relative abundance varied and correlated positively with the amount of methane in the pore water. The MOB community contained further members within the genus *Methylomonas*, although primarily in *Sphagnum* sites and preferentially under submerged conditions. Moreover, *Methyloferula*-associated OTUs as part of the MOB community were also detected, but at low relative abundances and besides, only restricted to emerged *Sphagnum* sites. The fasta files of methanotrophic OTUs in Figure S7 is provided as additional supplement (S\_methanotrophs\_fasta). The complete OTU table for bacteria is online available as supplementary information (Supplementary i: OTU tables).



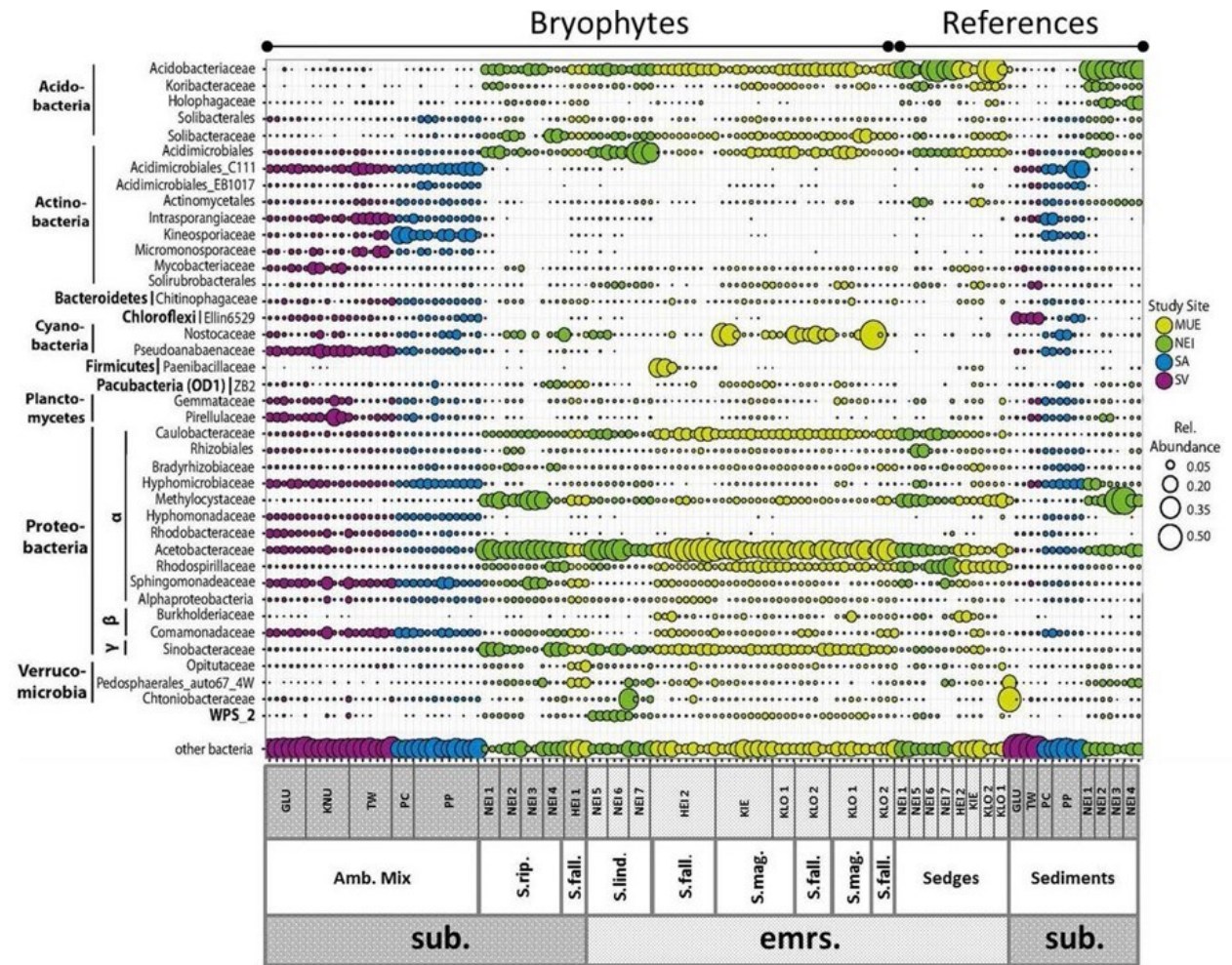


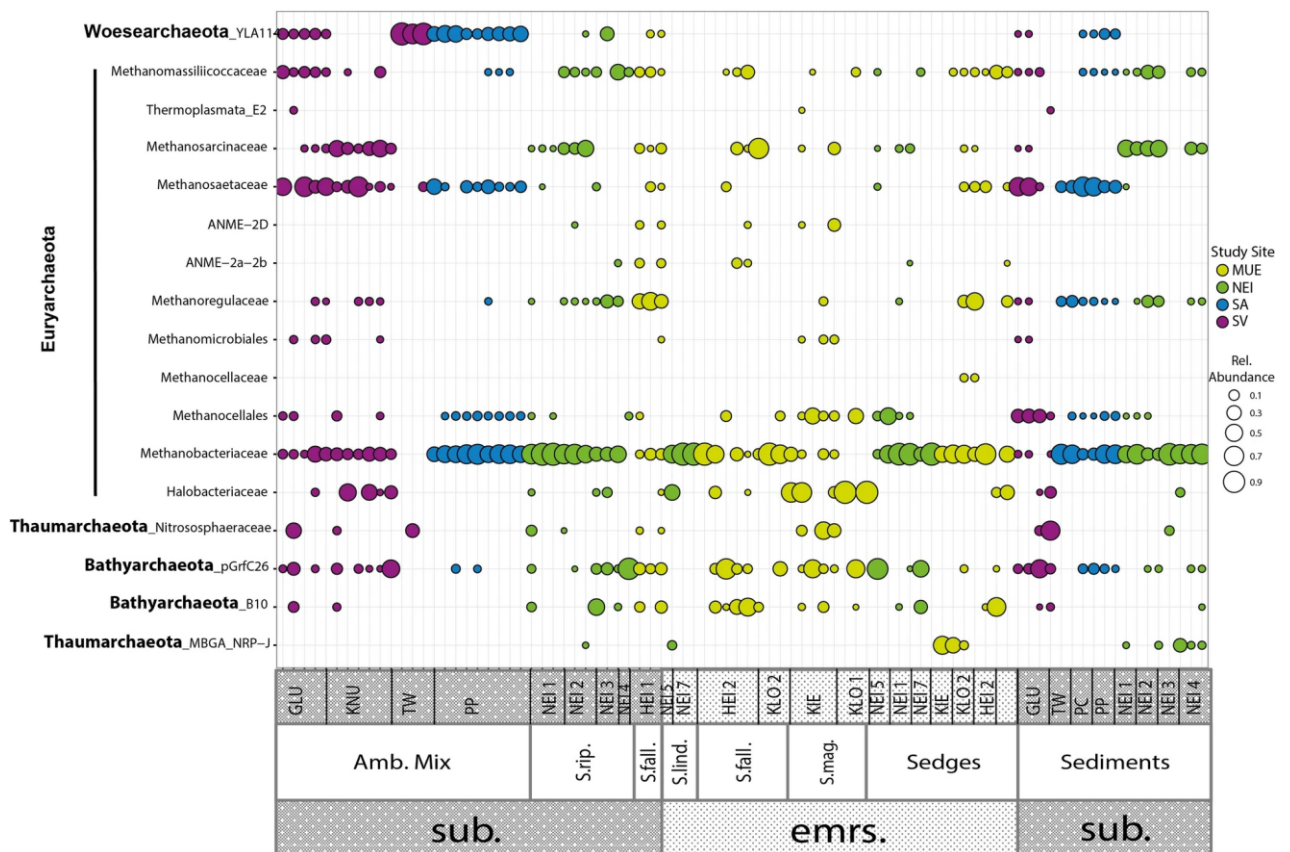
Figure 15: Bubble plot displaying the relative abundances of bacterial families ( $\geq 0.5\%$  of the total bacterial sequences within the 16S rRNA gene libraries). The sizes of the circles correspond to the relative abundances of the depicted families. MUE: Mueritz, Northern Germany (yellow); NEI: Neiden, Northern Norway (green); SA: Samoylov, Russia (blue); SV: Svalbard, Norway (violet). The samples are sorted by ecosystem types and latitude from left to right. sub. = submerged. emrs. = emerged/above the water table. Amb. Mix. = a mix of brown mosses (*Amblystegiaceae*). *S. rip.* = *Sphagnum riparium*. *S. fall.* = *Sphagnum fallax*. *S. mag.* = *Sphagnum magellanicum*. *S. lind.* = *Sphagnum lindbergii*. Graph: Alexander Tveit.

### 3.4.2. Moss-associated archaea

Unlike the bacterial communities, the archaeal communities did not reveal any hierarchical clustering patterns related to sample origin (Figure S8). The archaeal community was dominated by OTUs within the phylum Euryarchaeota, majorly OTUs representing methanogenic archaea (Figure 16). The most abundant OTU belonged to the hydrogenotrophic methanogenic family Methanobacteriaceae, which was present in

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almost all the samples of both, brown moss and *Sphagnum* ecosystems (Figure S9). Methanomassiliicoccaceae, Methanocellales, and Methanosarcinaceae were also widespread, while Methanosaetaceae occurred mainly in the brown moss dominated sites. Besides Euryarchaeota, the phylum Bathyarchaeota was abundant throughout most of the sites, while Woesearchaeota mainly occurred in the brown moss sites. The complete OTU table for archaea is online available as supplementary information (Supplementary i: OTU tables).



**Figure 16: Bubble plot displaying the relative abundances of archaeal families ( $\geq 0.5\%$  of the total archaeal sequences in the 16S rRNA gene libraries).** The sizes of the circles correspond to the relative abundances of the families. MUE: Mueritz, Northern Germany (yellow); NEI: Neiden, Northern Norway (green); SA: Samoylov, Russia (blue); SV: Svalbard, Norway (violet). The samples are sorted by ecosystem types and latitude from left to right. sub. = submerged. emrs. = emerged/above the water table. Amb. Mix. = a mix of brown mosses (Amblystegiaceae). *S. rip.* = *Sphagnum riparium*. *S. fall.* = *Sphagnum fallax*. *S. mag* = *Sphagnum magellanicum*. *S. lind.* = *Sphagnum lindbergii*. Graph: Alexander Tveit.

### 3.4.3. Bacterial and archaeal core communities

49 out of 13,799 bacterial OTUs (0.4%) were observed in both *Sphagnum* and brown moss ecosystems and designated as the 'core microbiome'. The majority of these OTUs was affiliated to Acetobacteraceae and Acidobacteriaceae, thus reflecting the dominating bacterial families of the *Sphagnum* microbiota. The core microbiome, consisting of these 49 OTUs (52 if only considering mosses) made up 1 – 9% of the total OTU abundance in the brown moss ecosystems and 12 – 65% in the *Sphagnum* ecosystems; interestingly, the OTUs present in both systems are among the most abundant OTUs in *Sphagnum* sites (Table S2A). It was further addressed whether the size of all moss core microbiomes was similar to the individual bacterial core microbiome of brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses, respectively. By applying the same threshold as for the total core microbiome (TCM), the core microbiome of brown mosses (Amblystegiaceae) (ACM) comprised 348 OTUs, while the *Sphagnum* core microbiome (SCM) comprised 142 OTUs (Table S2A). Out of these, 20 OTUs were shared between TCM and ACM, and 46 were shared between TCM and SCM. The calculation of the moss species communities of the brown mosses from Svalbard, the brown mosses of Samoylov (only *Scorpidium scorpioides*), *Sphagnum riparium*, *S. fallax*, *S. lindbergii* and *S. magellanicum* showed that the individual core microbiomes were in a similar size range as for the broader core microbiomes at 295, 548, 126, 132, 252 and 154 OTUs, respectively (Table S2B). By calculation of the intersects of these core microbiomes it turned out that the *Sphagnum* mosses share a larger proportion of their core microbiomes with each other than with the Amblystegiaceae (Table S2C). Interestingly, *Scorpidium* mosses shared more OTUs with the *Sphagnum*

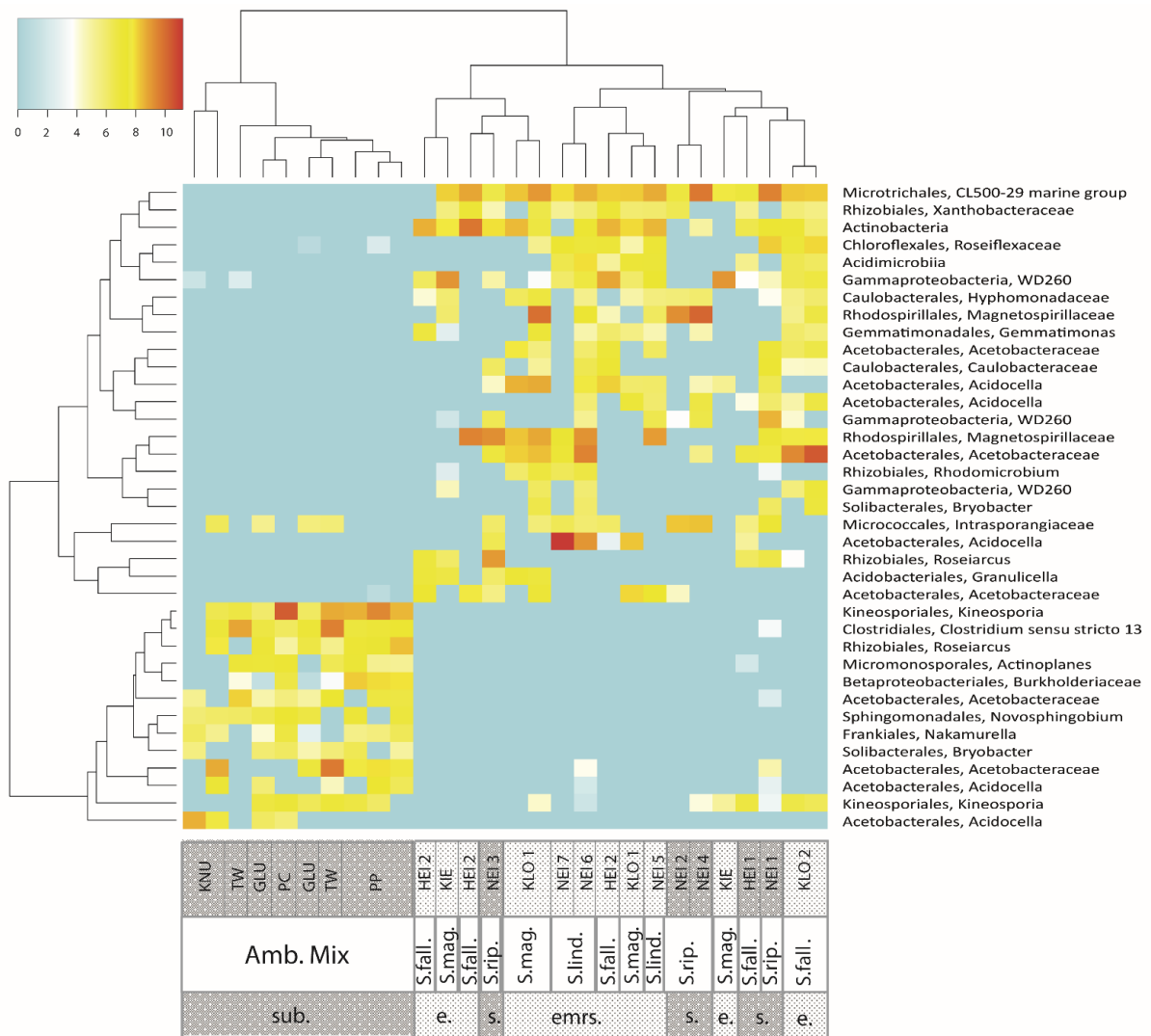
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species than other brown moss species from Svalbard. Brown mosses from Svalbard and Samoylov shared the highest number of OTUs, thus reflecting the larger overall number of OTUs associated to these mosses and their larger core microbiomes. These few OTUs - compared to the total number of OTUs identified - accounted for a large proportion of the relative abundance in the microbial communities, which was consistent for all core microbiomes calculated.

In order to identify the dominant endophytic communities of brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses, the most abundant OTUs of significantly higher abundance in endophytic than epiphytic communities were plotted. This showed that almost none of the most abundant putative endophytes associated with brown mosses was shared with *Sphagnum* (Figure 2.8). For the putative endophytic communities, the taxonomic assignment and list of fasta files are provided as supplementary material (S\_endophytes\_taxonomy; S\_endophytes\_fasta). While the brown moss endophytes belonged to Actinobacteria, Proteobacteria, Chloroflexi, Firmicutes and Gemmatimonadetes, the endophytes associated with *Sphagnum* belonged to several families within the Proteobacteria, e.g., the Acetobacteraceae. Interestingly, of the 24 most abundant *Sphagnum* endophyte OTUs, 19 were observed in the total core microbiome, which displayed primarily epiphytes of brown mosses.



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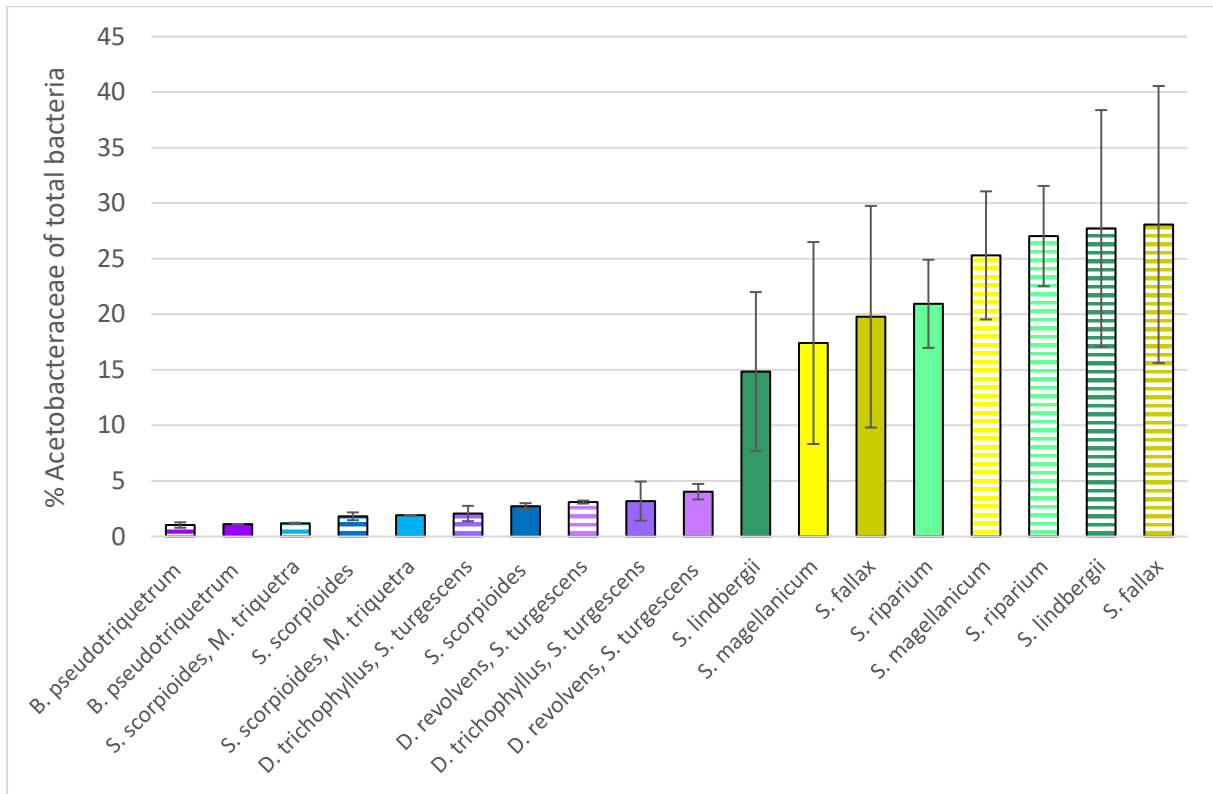
**Figure 17: Heatmap displaying the most abundant OTUs present at significantly higher abundance in putative endophytic than epiphytic libraries of the same sample.** The heatmap shows that endophytic bacterial communities associated with brown mosses (Amb. mix) from Svalbard and Samoylov form a distinct cluster apart from putative endophytic communities of *Sphagnum* mosses from Neiden and Mueritz. sub. = submerged. emrs. = emerged/above the water table. Amb. Mix. = a mix of Amblystegiaceae. *S. rip.* = *Sphagnum riparium*. *S. fall.* = *Sphagnum fallax*. *S. mag* = *Sphagnum magellanicum*. *S. Lind.* = *Sphagnum lindbergii*. Bacterial communities of brown moss samples from Twin Water (TW), Gluudneset (GLU) and Knudsenheia (KNU) in Svalbard and from polygonal crack (PC) and polygonal pond (PP) in Samoylov. Bacterial communities of *Sphagnum* samples from Klockenbruch (KLO), Kiebitzmoor (KIE), Heidbergmoor (HEI) in Mueritz, and Neiden (NEI) in Northern Norway. Chi-square contingency table tests were applied, where the p-values were calculated for Monte Carlo simulations with 5,000 replicates. The significance threshold was set at 0.001. Of the OTUs present at significantly higher abundance in the putative endophytic than epiphytic libraries, only OTUs at a higher than 0.5% relative abundance (average of the two endophytic libraries of each sample) in four or more samples were plotted in the heat map. The colour intensity corresponds to the binary logarithm of the average relative abundance of the OTU in the two endophytic libraries multiplied by 100,000. Pearson correlation was used as the basis for the hierarchical clustering of samples and OTUs in the heatmap. Graph: Alexander Tveit

### 3.4.4. Acetobacteraceae as dominant taxon of the bacterial core community

Members of the family Acetobacteraceae made up 4.7 % of the total amount of bacterial OTUs identified (650 vs. 13799) (bacterial OTU table in Supplementary), while their average percentage increased considerably from brown mosses (2.2 +/- 1.1%) towards *Sphagnum* mosses (24.6 +/- 9.8%).

Within the investigated brown mosses, *Bryum pseudotriquetrum* from Twin Water (SV) displayed the lowest percentage of Acetobacteraceae within the total putative endophytic bacteriome (1.03 +/- 0.24 %), while the highest percentage (4.03 +/- 0.70 %) was found epiphytically associated with the brown moss mix containing *Drepanocladus revolvens* and *Scorpidium turgescens* from Gluudneset (TW). The percentage of Acetobacteraceae within the *Sphagnum* bacteriome increased considerably. With 14.84 +/- 7.16%, *Sphagnum lindbergii* mosses originating from hollows in the Palsa peatland (NEI) displayed the lowest portion of Acetobacteraceae within the epiphytic bacteriomes, while the highest percentage (28.08 +/- 12.47%) was found within the endophytic bacteriomes of *Sphagnum fallax* mosses from HEI and KLO (MUE). Notably, the portion of Acetobacteraceae within the *Sphagnum* bacteriomes was constantly higher in the endophytic than in the epiphytic communities (Figure 18).

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**Figure 18: Bar chart displaying the increase of the relative abundance of Acetobacteraceae within total moss bacteriomes of brown mosses towards *Sphagnum* mosses.** The colours indicate the sampling site of the moss plantlets: purple = Svalbard (SV); blue = Samoylov (SA); green = Neiden (NEI); yellow = Mueritz National Park (MUE). Ruled bars display putative endophytic Acetobacteraceae, filled bars depict putative epiphytic Acetobacteraceae. From left to right: *B. pseudotriquetrum* = *Bryum pseudotriquetrum* from Twin Water (SV); *S. scorpioides, M. triquetra* = *Scorpidium scorpioides* and *Meesia triquetra* from PC (SA); *S. scorpioides* = *Scorpidium scorpioides* from PP (SA); *D. trichophyllum, S. turgescens* = *Drepanocladus trichophyllum* and *Scorpidium turgescens* from KNU (SV); *D. revolvens, S. turgescens* = *Drepanocladus revolvens* and *Scorpidium turgescens* from GLU (SV); *S. lindbergii* = *Sphagnum lindbergii* from NEI 5-7 (NEI); *S. magellanicum* = *Sphagnum magellanicum* from KIE and KLO (MUE); *S. fallax* = *Sphagnum fallax* from HEI and KLO (MUE); *S. riparium* = *Sphagnum riparium* from NEI 1-4 (NEI).

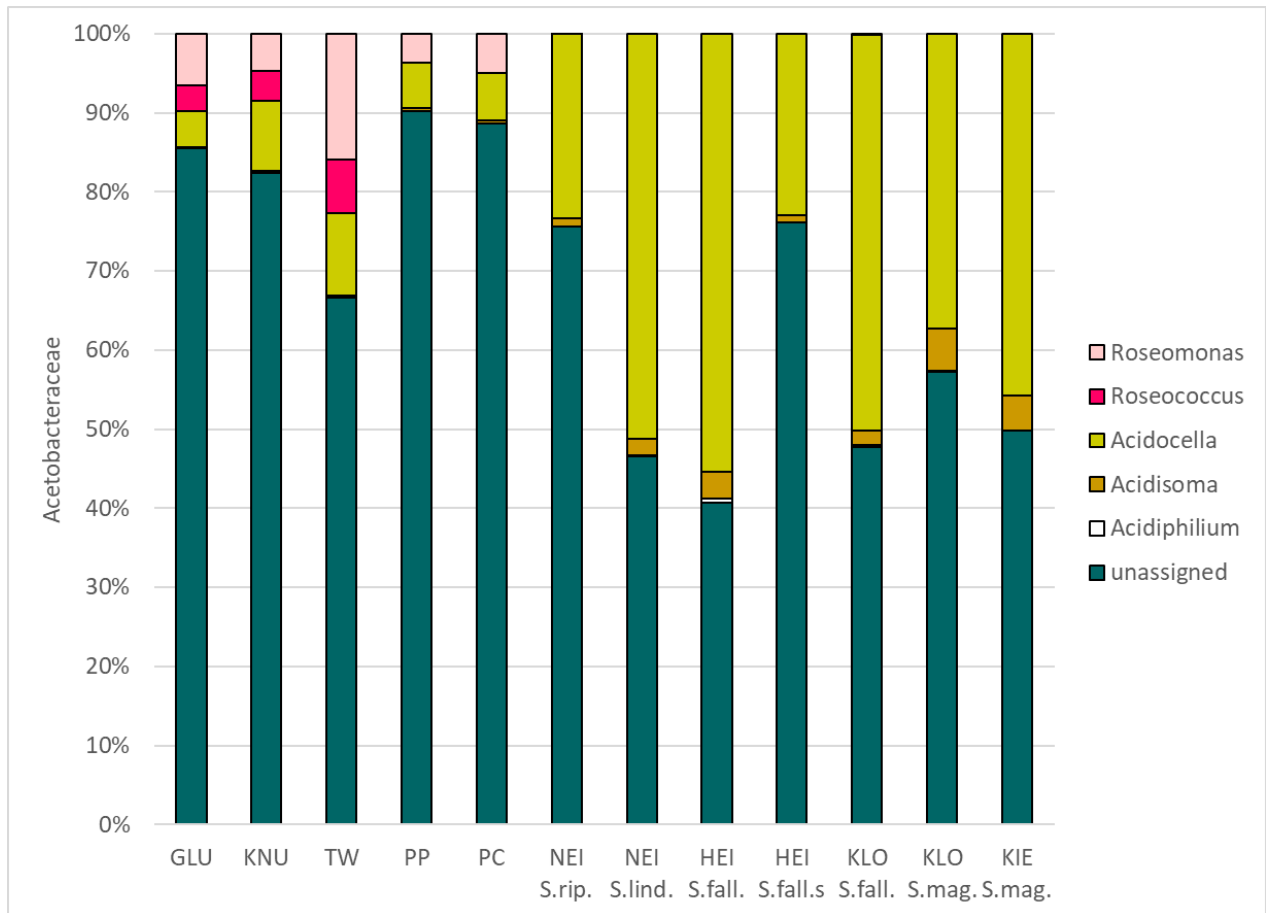
When only focussing on the moss samples of a single subsite, *Sphagnum fallax* from Heidbergmoor harboured with 46.1% even the highest relative portion of Acetobacteraceae within the endophytic bacterial community (bacterial OTU table in Supplementary).



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The moss-associated Acetobacteraceae remained in large parts unidentified (Figure 19) *Scorpidium scorpioides* mosses from Siberian polygonal ponds harboured the largest group of unidentified Acetobacteraceae ( $90,2 \pm 0,8\%$ ), whereas *Sphagnum fallax* mosses from Heidbergmoor exhibited the smallest group of unassigned Acetobacteraceae at genus level ( $40,8 \pm 1\%$ ). The genus *Acidocella* was mostly pronounced in association with *Sphagnum fallax* mosses from Heidbergmoor ( $55,4 \pm 1,2\%$ ) and less pronounced in association with brown mosses from Gluudneset ( $4,6 \pm 6,4\%$ ). Acetobacteraceae of the genus *Roseomonas* ( $15,9 \pm 5\%$ ) and *Roseococcus* ( $6,8 \pm 2,5\%$ ) were mainly associated with brown mosses from Twin Water, while both genera were negligible in association with *Sphagnum* mosses. The genus *Acidisoma* was mostly pronounced in association with *Sphagnum magellanicum* from Klockenbruch ( $5,4 \pm 2,1\%$ ) and less pronounced when associated with brown mosses from Gluudneset ( $0,1 \pm 0,2\%$ ). Acetobacteraceae of the genus *Acidiphilium* were mainly associated with *Sphagnum fallax* from Heidbergmoor ( $0,5 \pm 0,3\%$ ), but negligible all other samples.

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**Figure 19: Relative abundance of identified genera within the family Acetobacteraceae.** The majority of OTUs remained unassigned at genus level (blue). While the genus *Acidocella* (yellow) was mostly pronounced in *Sphagnum* mosses, *Roseomonas* and *Roseococcus* appeared solely in association with brown mosses. GLU = brown mosses from Gluudneset; KNU = brown mosses from Knudsenheia; TW = brown mosses from Twin Water; PP = *Scorpidium scorpioides* from Siberian polygonal ponds; PC = *Scorpidium scorpioides* and *Meesia triquetra* from a Siberian polygonal crack; NEI *S. rip.* = *Sphagnum riparium* from Neiden; NEI *S. lind.* = *Sphagnum lindbergii* from Neiden; HEI *S. fall.* = *Sphagnum fallax* from Heidbergmoor; HEI *S. fall.s* = submerged *Sphagnum fallax* from Heidbergmoor; KLO *S. fall.* = *Sphagnum fallax* from Klockenbruch; KLO *S. mag.* = *Sphagnum magellanicum* from Klockenbruch; KIE *S. mag.* = *Sphagnum magellanicum* from Kiebitzmoor.

### 3.5. *Sphagnum* bacteriomes of disturbed, rewetted and pristine temperate kettle bog

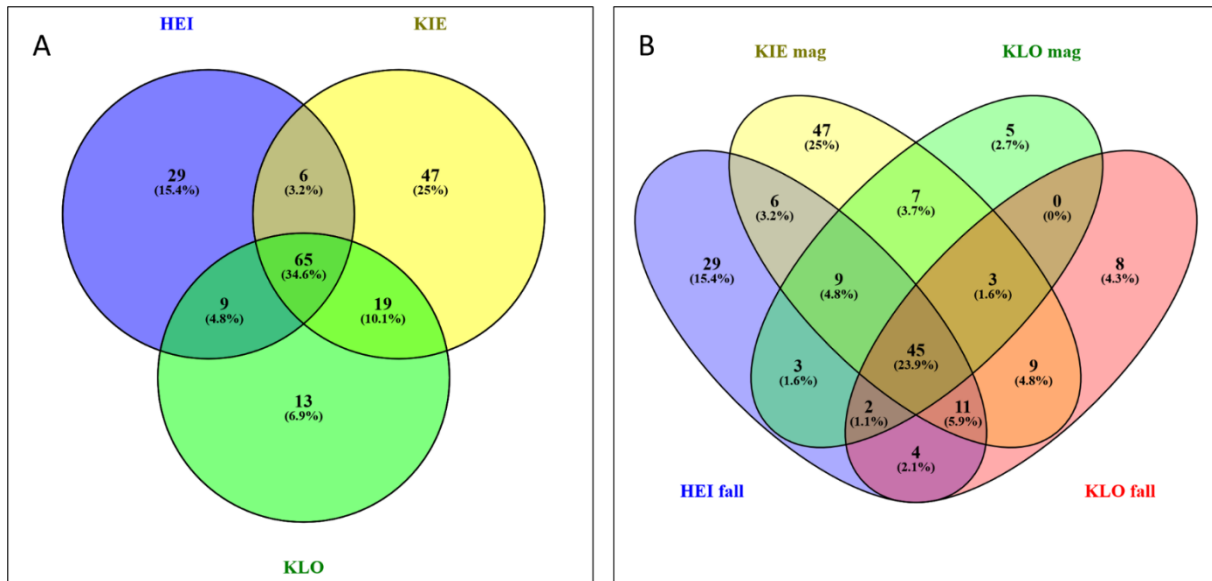
Overall, 212 OTUs were associated with mosses and reference vascular plants from MUE (Venn diagram in Supplementary), while 188 OTUs were only associated with *Sphagnum* mosses (Figure 20). Of these, 65 OTUs (34.6%) displayed the core community shared

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between all *Sphagnum* species from all investigated sites (Figure 20A), including Acetobacteraceae, Methylocystaceae, Nostocaceae and Caulobacteraceae. If considering *S. fallax* and *S. magellanicum* from KLO separately, the core community comprised still 45 common OTUs (Figure 20B).

Altogether 47 OTUs (25%) were solely associated with *S. magellanicum* from KIE, including taxa such as *Streptococcus*, *Ruminococcus*, *Haemophilus* and *Prevotella*. A total of 29 OTUs (15.4%) prevailed only in association with *S. fallax* from HEI, among them taxa such as Methylococcaceae, Methylobacteriaceae, *Geothrix*, *Kaistia*, *Paenibacillus* and *Rhodanobacter*. Among the 13 OTUs (6.9%) that were only associated with *Sphagnum* mosses from KLO were genera like *Agrobacterium*, *Nocardia*, *Accumulibacter* and *Methylobacterium*. Notably, no OTU was shared exclusively between *S. magellanicum* growing in the centre and *S. fallax* growing at the margin of KLO (Figure 20B).

The bacterial diversity was highest in association with mosses, resp. mosses and vascular plants from KIE (Shannon indices: 3.617, resp. 3.74), and lowest in KLO (Shannon indices: 3.072, resp. 3.239), while the relative amount of moss-associated OTUs was appr. 28% higher in KIE compared to HEI and KLO (Table S3).



**Figure 20: Venn diagrams showing the *Sphagnum* bacteriomes from all subsites within the Mueritz sampling site.** Bacterial OTUs (relative amount and corresponding percentage) associated with *Sphagnum* mosses from Heidbergmoor (HEI), Kiebitzmoor (KIE) and Klockenbruch (KLO) (A); Bacterial OTUs associated with *S. fallax* from Heidbergmoor (HEI fall) and Klockenbruch (KLO fall) and *S. magellanicum* from Kiebitzmoor (KIE mag) and Klockenbruch (KLO mag) (B). Created at: <https://bioinfo.cnbc.csic.es/tools/venny/index.html> (Oliveros, J.C. (2007-2015) Venny. An interactive tool for comparing lists with Venn's diagrams).

### 3.6. Potential moss-associated methane production and methane oxidation rates

In general, potential methane oxidation rates exceeded methane production by approx. two orders of magnitude. Moss-associated methanogenesis was slightly more pronounced in submerged mosses, while moss-associated methanotrophy was highest in submerged *Sphagnum*, up to eight times higher compared to all other samples.

#### 3.6.1. Moss-associated methane production

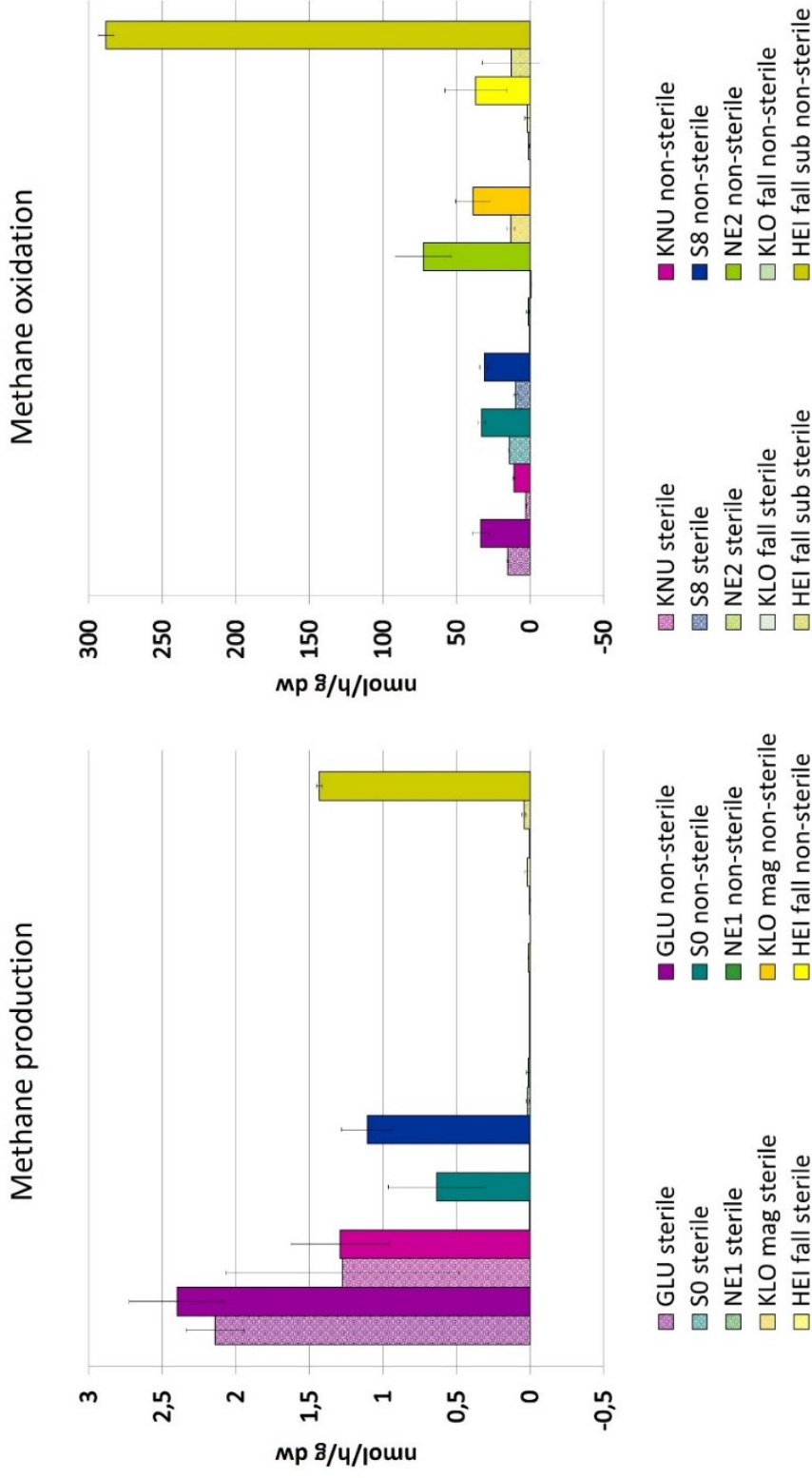
Potential methane production rates for non-sterile ('epiphytic') brown mosses ranged between 2.40 +/- 0.32 nmol CH<sub>4</sub> h<sup>-1</sup> g dw<sup>-1</sup> and 0.63 +/- 0.33 nmol CH<sub>4</sub> h<sup>-1</sup> g dw<sup>-1</sup> (GLU

non-sterile, resp. S0 non-sterile). Potential methane production rates for sterile (putative endophytic brown mosses ranged between  $2.14 \pm 0.2 - 0 \text{ nmol CH}_4 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ g dw}^{-1}$  (GLU sterile, resp. S0, S8). The potential methane production rates for putative epiphytic and endophytic *Sphagnum* mosses were negligible or could not be measured, except for the putative epiphytic methanogenic communities associated with the submerged *Sphagnum fallax* ( $1.43 \pm 0.2 \text{ nmol CH}_4 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ g dw}^{-1}$ ).

### 3.6.2. Moss-associated methane oxidation

Potential methane oxidation (MO) rates for non-sterile ('epiphytic') brown mosses ranged between  $33.61 \pm 5.68 \text{ nmol CH}_4 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ g dw}^{-1}$  and  $10.95 \pm 0.91 \text{ nmol CH}_4 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ g dw}^{-1}$  (S0 non-sterile, resp. S8 non-sterile). Potential methane oxidation rate for sterile ('endophytic') brown mosses ranged between  $15.15 \pm 0.43$  and  $2.68 \pm 0.43 \text{ nmol CH}_4 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ g dw}^{-1}$  (S0 sterile, resp. S8 sterile). Potential methane oxidation rates for putative epiphytic *Sphagnum* mosses were with  $288.12 \pm 5.51 \text{ nmol CH}_4 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ g dw}^{-1}$  highest for *S. fallax* submerged, and ranged between  $72.55 \pm 19.12$  and  $0.9 \pm 0.08 \text{ nmol CH}_4 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ g dw}^{-1}$  for other *Sphagnum* species (NEI 2 non-sterile, resp. KLO fall. non-sterile).

Potential methane oxidation rates for putative endophytic methane oxidisers associated with *Sphagnum* were with  $12.97 \pm 2.70 \text{ nmol CH}_4 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ g dw}^{-1}$  highest in *Sphagnum magellanicum* from Klockenbruch, and lowest in NEI 1 sterile ( $0.48 \pm 0.19 \text{ nmol CH}_4 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ g dw}^{-1}$ ); methanotrophic activity was not measurable in two samples, NEI 2 sterile and KLO fall sterile (Table S4).



**Figure 21: Moss-associated potential methane production (A) and methane oxidation rates (B).** The colours indicate the sampling sites. Pale bars display putative endophytic moss-associates ('sterile'), while the rich-coloured bars display the putative epiphytic moss-associates ('non-sterile'). GLU = submerged *Drepanocladus revolvens* and *S. turgescens* from Gluudneset; KNU = submerged *Drepanocladus trichophyllus* and *Scorpidium turgescens* from Knudsenheia; S0 = submerged *Scorpidium scorpioides* from a low-centred polygon on Samoylov; S8 = mix of emerged *Meesia sp.*, *Warnstorfia sp.* and *Drepanocladus sp.* from a high-centred polygon on Samoylov; NE 1 = submerged *Sphagnum riparium* from Neiden; NE 2 = emerged *Sphagnum lindbergii* from Neiden; KLO mag = emerged *Sphagnum magellanicum* from Klockenbruch; KLO fall = emerged *Sphagnum fallax* from Klockenbruch; HEI fall = emerged *Sphagnum fallax* from Heidbergmoor; HEI fall sub = submerged *Sphagnum fallax* from Heidbergmoor.

## 4. Discussion

### 4.1. Environmental influences on moss-associated bacterial communities

The results of the present work allowed to rank the influences of certain environmental variables on the microbial community on both, large and small geographical scales. Corresponding to the hierarchical clustering in the bacterial dendrogram, the peatland type (brown moss- or *Sphagnum*-dominated peatlands) had the major impact on bacterial community structure, which corresponds to other studies reporting on characteristic microbial communities that evolved in contrasting peatland ecosystems with different vegetation, water chemistry and hydrology (Andersen et al. 2013, Potter et al. 2017). Interestingly, testate amoebae communities seemed also to differ when associated with either brown mosses or *Sphagnum* mosses (Jassey et al. 2014). Moreover, species richness and diversity were significantly higher in circumneutral brown moss-dominated peatlands compared to acidic *Sphagnum* bogs, which was also reported for soil bacteria from neutral and acidic environments (Fierer and Jackson 2006, Zhalnina et al. 2014). Most bacteria are unable to survive under acidic conditions that prevail in *Sphagnum* peat bogs, owing to a lack of substantial mechanisms to regulate their intracellular pH close to neutral when exposed to low extracellular pH (Slonczewski et al. 2009). At the same time, acidophilic bacteria inhabiting *Sphagnum* peat bogs function optimally at pH 5, but can even survive at higher pH values (Oren 2018), for example in sub-neutral brown moss-dominated peatlands. This could explain the association of core community members such as *Acetobacteraceae* and *Acidobacteriaceae* with both, brown



mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses. However, pH values are often mutually dependent from other abiotic factors such as plant-derived tannins and tannin-like compounds (Rousk and Rousk 2020) and leaf litter (Jean et al. 2020), wherefore the role of pH remains ambiguous.

The host moss taxon had a greater influence on the bacterial moss-associates compared to other controlling variables such as pH, hydrology or temperature, which confirms previous findings on distinct bacterial communities of several *Sphagnum* species. It has been stated that *S. magellanicum* and *S. fallax*, two peat moss species with different ecological functions, harbour a suite of highly specific bacteria, independently from the geographic location (Opelt et al. 2007a, 2007b, Bragina et al. 2012a). One possible explanation for high degrees of host specificity even over great distances was given by Bragina and colleagues who reported on haploid sporophytes of *S. fallax* that contained a versatile endophytic bacterial consortia, which was obviously passed vertically to the diploid gametophyte (Bragina et al. 2012a, 2013). Moreover, individual secondary metabolites produced by particular hosts may further influence the assembly of host-specific microbiota (Opelt et al. 2007b, Bragina et al. 2012a). Interestingly, the moss-microbiome composition permits a high predictability of moss species identity, as revealed by a study on bacterial communities being well-correlated with the phylogenetic distances of many boreal and tundra bryophytes (Holland-Moritz *et al.*, unpublished).

The present results extend the knowledge on host moss taxa and their particular bacterial community to other *Sphagnum* species such as *S. riparium* and *S. lindbergii*, but also to brown mosses such as *Scorpidium scorpioides* or *Meesia triquetra*. Furthermore, the

present work supports previous findings on distinct sediment and plant microbiomes from the same habitat (Bulgarelli et al. 2012, 2013).

The present results are congruent with Carrell *et al.*, who state a negative correlation between temperature and moss-associated bacterial diversity (Carrell et al. 2017), although temperature had obviously only a minor influence on the moss microbiome (explaining 4.8% of inertia in the partial CCA), despite originating from different climatic zones. One reason could be the relatively similar temperature ranges at the time of sampling during the growing season, compared to the mean annual temperatures of the sites. Besides, other studies reported also on a poor influence of temperature on bacterial assemblages on short and long time-scales (Radujkovic 2016, Oliverio et al. 2018).

The prevailing water regime seemed to be a key environmental factor shaping the microbiomes of aquatic *Sphagnum* and brown mosses and terrestrial *Sphagnum* species, which was in some cases more important than the influence of the host plant. For example, emerged and submerged *S. fallax* growing in the same subsite within the temperate hummock hollow-complex were associated with different microbial communities, while the microbiota of the latter was more similar to submerged *S. riparium* from the subarctic palsa bog. The hydrology of the habitats has been shown previously to affect the microbiomes of *Sphagnum* (Mitchell et al. 2003, Raghoebarsing et al. 2005, Leppänen et al. 2014) and other mosses (Wang et al. 2018), but also to influence the morphology and physiology of the host mosses (Fiala and Winkler 1969, Rice 1995, Rice and Schuepp 1995). Thus, it can be concluded that hydrology affects the moss microbiota both directly and indirectly.

The prevalence of the methanotrophic genus *Methylocystis* in wetlands as reported by several studies (Kip et al. 2011, Putkinen et al. 2012, Knief 2015) was also confirmed within this study. *Methylocystis* was present throughout all sites, and its abundance correlated with pore water methane concentrations (Figure S7), corresponding to related studies (Larmola et al. 2010, Osudar et al. 2016). Based on the assumption that variations in *Methylocystis* communities are rather based on contingent historical events than on evolutionary acquired fitness (Lüke 2010, Lüke et al. 2014), it is suggested that *Methylocystis* is able to adapt to the environmental changes associated with peatland succession, including pH, and rather driven by substrate availability.

Besides *Methylocystis*, other methanotrophic genera such as *Methylomonas* and *Methyloferula* were substantially abundant in the *Sphagnum*-dominated sites, but virtually absent in brown moss-dominated sites. Together with other studies on methanotrophs such as *Methylocystis*, *Methylocella* and *Methylocapsa* in acidic peatlands (Dedysh et al. 1998, 2002, Dedysh 2009, Vorobev et al. 2011) or *Methylobacter* in pH-neutral peatlands (Tveit et al. 2013, 2014), this work underpins the omnipresence of some methanotrophic bacteria across all investigated peatland types and successional stages, presumably mainly driven by the prevailing methane regime, while others are restricted to circumneutral, resp. acidic peatlands.

#### **4.2. Moss-associated archaeal communities and their environmental drivers**

The results of the present thesis reveal that archaea, particularly methanogenic Euryarchaeota, are commonly found in bryophytes across High Arctic to temperate

peatlands, which has not been reported before. Interestingly, the investigated moss-associated archaea were found to be less influenced by biotic and abiotic parameters, when compared to moss-associated bacteria, but exhibited relatively homogenous communities within their hosts' bryosphere.

Along with various bacteria, methanogenic archaea were found within the hyaline cells of two *Sphagnum* species from an ombrotrophic northern bog, assuming that they gain H<sub>2</sub> for methanogenesis from the adjacent diazotrophic microorganisms. The authors hypothesised that the produced methane is further transferred to CO<sub>2</sub> by methanotrophic moss symbionts (Granhall and Hofsten 1976). It was already stated that methanotrophic archaea in plant spheres are mainly driven by substrate availability and the presence of bacterial competitors (Karlsson et al. 2012, Ma et al. 2013, Taffner et al. 2018, Alori et al. 2020). Recently, a study on the archaeal communities associated with *Sphagnum* mosses and other alpine bog plants has been conducted, in which, so far unclassified archaea were identified that form an ecosystem-specific core archaeome common to all bog plants (Taffner et al. 2018). While archaea associated with *Sphagnum* mosses were already reported (Taffner et al. 2018), brown moss-associated archaeal communities were never investigated so far.

The results of the present thesis reveal new and striking insights into the archaeomes of both, brown mosses and *Sphagnum* species from circumneutral lakes to acidic kettle bogs. Compared to the moss bacteriomes, the moss-associated archaeal communities seemed less influenced by the investigated biotic and abiotic parameters. No distinct

archaeal community patterns could be estimated for the peatland type, brown mosses or *Sphagnum* mosses.

The archaeomes of brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses were mainly represented by methanogenic Euryarchaeota, but also by Bathyarchaeota and Woesearchaeota. It is known that salinity has an impact on methanogenic archaea on a global scale, while pH and temperature display major controls in non-saline soils and lake environments (Wen et al. 2017). Methanogens are further influenced by ground water level and vegetation dynamics at different temporal and spatial scales (Wen et al. 2017), while methanogenic communities are more diverse in shallower lakes (Milferstedt et al. 2010). The present results support the hypothesis that Woesearchaeota occur as possible syntrophic partners of methanogens in similar habitats (Liu et al. 2018). Bathyarchaeota is a phylum of global generalists that thrive in anoxic sediments (Zhou et al. 2018), and its presence within the bryosphere corresponds to its former observations in peatlands (Xiang et al. 2017, Emsens et al. 2020), where they presumably degrade aromatic compounds such as cellulose and lignin (Yu et al. 2018). Despite the ostensible ubiquitous distribution of the archaeal communities in association with peatland mosses, there was some site-dependent clustering. For example, the genus *Methanosaeta* was only found in association with brown mosses and associated sediments which is in accordance with the biogeography of Methanosaetaceae being most abundant in pH neutral environments (Wen et al. 2017). Contrarily, *Methanobacterium* as the most abundant methanogen was present in all sites and samples, which underpins former reports on the prevalence of the order

Methanobacteriales in northern peat bogs in general (Metje and Frenzel 2005, Rooney-Varga et al. 2007, Tveit et al. 2015) and in circumneutral and acidic soils (Wen et al. 2017). Interestingly, it has been reported that the archaeomes of *S. magellanicum*, which displayed the lowest diversity compared to archaeal communities of other bog plants such as *Eriophorum vaginatum*, were mainly involved in auxin biosynthesis, response to oxidative stress as well as CO<sub>2</sub> fixation and DNA repair (Taffner et al. 2018). Taken together with our results, this may lead to the assumption that moss archaeomes display comparably homogenous communities with plant-promoting features, thriving more or less uninfluenced from environmental parameters within their hosts bryosphere.

### **4.3. Distinct patterns of endophytic bacteria**

Within this study, distinct patterns of putative endophytic bacteria for both *Sphagnum* and brown mosses could be identified. The comparison of endophytic bacterial communities of brown mosses and *Sphagnum* species likely reflects a direct influence of the moss taxa on the microbiota. It has been shown before that bryophytes release species-specific chemo-attractants which guide beneficial bacterial endophytes towards them (Bay et al. 2013), while *Sphagnum* mosses select for beneficial bacteria through secondary metabolites (Opelt et al. 2007b).

In the frame of this study, the cell wall compositions of certain investigated moss species were analysed. Similar cell wall-bound components such as polysaccharides and lignin-like polymers (Table 1) indicate a minor effect of the cell wall composition on the structure of the moss microbiota. Pectin-like polymers represent a small fraction of cell wall

polysaccharides and provide the bryophytes with substantial cation exchange capacity (CEC) (Stalheim et al. 2009, Hájek et al. 2011), which is accounted for the extraordinary acidifying capacity of *Sphagnum* mosses (Clymo 1963, Gagnon and Glime 1992). However, the present results reveal similar CEC values in both moss groups, which is in line with previous findings (Soudzilovskaia et al. 2010), assuming that the cation exchange does not reduce and control pH in brown moss-dominated fens due to the substantial neutralisation capacity of the mineral-rich groundwater. Microbial activity in acidic peat bogs is further inhibited by pectin-like polymers which are bound to the *Sphagnum* cell walls and are released to the environment as so-called sphagnum (Stalheim et al. 2009, Hájek et al. 2011). Apart from the selection of beneficial microorganisms, *Sphagnum* mosses protect themselves against pathogens by the release of antimicrobial substances or via close association with antagonistic and antifungal bacteria (Rudolph and Samland 1985, Basile et al. 1999, Stalheim et al. 2009, Hájek et al. 2011).

The present work suggests the existence of a distinct putative endophytic microbiome that differs from the epiphytic communities. It is known that bacterial endophytes can be host plant-specific and promote the growth and health of their hosts (Sturz et al. 2000, Berg et al. 2014). Several OTUs that here represented putative endophytes of brown mosses or *Sphagnum* were previously reported as host plant-specific, e.g., Kineosporiaceae, Hyphomicrobiaceae, Intrasporangiaceae and Acidimicrobiales (Reiter and Sessitsch 2006, Selbmann et al. 2010, Qin et al. 2012, Yu et al. 2015), and some of these might be transferred from one generation to another, similarly to *Sphagnum* endophytes (Bragina et al. 2012a, Putkinen et al. 2012, Bay et al. 2013). Thus, the



inheritance and selection of potentially beneficial endophytes on the one hand, and the active prevention of colonisation by pathogens on the other hand, may provide an explanation for distinct endophytic communities of both brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses.

#### **4.4. The core microbiota and their possible role for peatland succession**

The total core microbiome of brown moss and *Sphagnum*-dominated ecosystems was small compared to the total amount of OTUs identified (49 vs. 13799). However, the *Sphagnum* core microbiome in our study (142 OTUs) was comparable in size to the alpine *Sphagnum* bog core microbiome (260 OTUs) reported elsewhere (Bragina et al. 2015). Interestingly, these few OTUs were highly abundant within the core community, thus representing presumably important members of the moss microbiota. On the other site, the large number of low abundant OTUs outside of the core microbiomes identified in this study might represent local assemblies of microorganisms from the adjacent surroundings. Notably, the largest part of the total core microbiome appeared epiphytically on brown mosses, but were dominant endophytes in *Sphagnum*. This finding is consistent across large distances, many subsites, moss species and environmental conditions, which leads to the assumption that *Sphagnum* recruited parts of the brown moss-microbiota during its establishment. Parts of this recruited microbiota might have adapted to the specific conditions provided by the *Sphagnum* host and became dominant endophytes and part of the core microbiome, which might have been vertically transferred to the next generation as shown previously (Bragina et al. 2012a). This way,

over time, a *Sphagnum* core microbiome might have established that originated at least in part from brown mosses. An alternative explanation could be that the *Sphagnum* mosses recruited their microorganisms independently from peatland succession processes. If so, the presence of dominant endophytes of *Sphagnum* and epiphytes of brown mosses is a coincidence and these bacteria dominate both systems, able to survive in both types of environments. However, considering that brown mosses and *Sphagnum* co-exist during certain stages of peatland succession, which frequently occurred through history (Kuhry et al. 1993, Rydin et al. 2006, Schumann and Joosten 2008), parts of the shared microbiome might have been transferred during times of co-existence. However, the existence of an abundant core microbiome throughout brown moss- and *Sphagnum*-dominated peatlands and its role during peat bog succession needs to be addressed in further studies.

#### **4.5. The potential role of Acetobacteraceae for *Sphagnum* host mosses and bog ecosystems**

The results of this thesis suggest that a versatile group of Acetobacteraceae is not only part of the peat core microbiome, but associated with both moss types and especially abundant in association with *Sphagnum* species. The submerged brown mosses hosted the genera *Roseomonas*, *Roseococcus* and *Acidocella*, while all investigated *Sphagnum* species harboured mainly *Acidocella* species. A common feature of members within the family Acetobacteraceae is the production of acetic acid (Komagata et al. 2014, Boiștean et al. 2020), and some genera are even able to oxidise acetic acid further to CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O (Sievers and Swings 2015). While reports on Acetobacteraceae associated with brown

mosses remain sparse (Tang et al. 2016), their presence and dominance within the microbiota of *Sphagnum* from northern and sub-alpine peat bogs has been frequently reported (Opelt and Berg 2004, Bragina et al. 2012a, 2012b, 2015, Xiang et al. 2013, Tsitko et al. 2014, Holland-Moritz et al. 2018, Tian et al. 2020), which is also supported by the present work. However, the underlying reasons for the dominance of Acetobacteraceae in acidic peat bogs have not been explained yet.

The genus *Roseomonas* was at first primarily linked to human infections (Rihs et al. 1993), but later isolates were also obtained from freshwater habitats like wetlands (Baik et al. 2012, Lee et al. 2015), ponds (Furuhata et al. 2008), lake sediments, agriculture drainage water (Jiang et al. 2006), drinking water (Gallego et al. 2006) and estuarine habitats (Venkata Ramana et al. 2010). *Roseomonas* species were further detected in cyanobacterial blooms from Swedish, Chinese and Australian lakes (Eiler and Bertilsson 2004, Jiang et al. 2006, Pope 2007, Zhang et al. 2021) and in Arctic tundra soils (Kim et al. 2016). More recently, a strain was also isolated from the phyllospheres of the olive plant *Elaeocarpus hygrophilus* (Damtab et al. 2016).

Members of the genus *Roseococcus* were isolated from sediments of a Siberian soda lake (Boldareva et al. 2009) and represented moreover a highly abundant key prokaryote in a hyper-alkaline, oligotrophic and radioactive fuel storage pond (Ruiz-Lopez et al. 2020). Besides, *Roseococcus* spp. were among the dominant bacteria associated with microalgae from a Chinese artificial lake (Zhang et al. 2021) and part of a bacterial consortia from freshwater environments that colonised preferably microplastic substrates (Miao et al.

2019). Among the identified Acetobacteraceae, only *Roseomonas* and *Roseococcus* represent bacteriochlorophyll *a* (BChl*a*) - containing genera. Moreover, these two genera were solely associated with brown mosses from Svalbard and Samoylov, but virtually absent in *Sphagnum* mosses from Neiden and Mueritz. These findings indicate that potentially photosynthetic Acetobacteraceae are frequently associated with brown mosses from circumneutral peatlands, but do not appear within the microbiome of *Sphagnum* mosses from acidic peat bogs. *Roseomonas* and *Roseococcus* are able to perform anoxygenic (non-evolving O<sub>2</sub>) photosynthesis in the presence of oxygen (Yurkov and Beatty 1998, Koblížek 2015), contrarily to the purple non-sulphur bacteria, which require anaerobic conditions (Rathgeber et al. 2004, Yurkov and Elizabeth Hughes 2017). Therefore, these bacteria are referred to as aerobic anoxygenic phototrophic (AAP) bacteria (Komagata et al. 2014, Pankratov et al. 2020, Salama et al. 2020). AAPs such as *Roseomonas* and *Roseobacter* are unable to fix CO<sub>2</sub> (Yurkov and Elizabeth Hughes 2017) and depend therefore on organic compounds as alternative C source, for example dissolved organic matter (DOC) that derive from the litter, leachates and exudates of primary producers (Atamna-Ismaeel et al. 2012, Stiefel et al. 2013, Szabó-Tugyi et al. 2019, Piwosz et al. 2020). Due to relatively low BChl*a* contents and the inability of AAPs to grow photoautotrophically (Yurkov et al. 1993, Koblížek 2015), light seems to provide primarily an additional driving force for incorporating complex organic molecules such as DOC and other coloured dissolved organic matter (CDOM), which leads to a competitive advantage over exclusively heterotrophic microbes (Fauteux et al. 2015, Koblížek 2015, Szabó-Tugyi et al. 2019). Therefore, AAPs can thrive in extreme habitats such as acidic, humic-rich peat

bog lakes (Lew et al. 2015), nutrient-depleted, polar environments (George et al. 2020) and oligotrophic glacial lakes, where they represent up to 12% of the total bacterial community (Mašín et al. 2012). In line with this, the brown moss-associated *Roseomonas* and *Roseococcus* in the oligotrophic lakes and ponds of Svalbard, resp. Samoylov may benefit from DOC that is released by the hosts, probably as part of the biofilm on the surface of the moss hosts. Other studies have already reported on *Roseomonas* and *Roseococcus* as common inhabitants of aquatic biofilms (Furuhata et al. 2013, Wagner et al. 2015, Miao et al. 2019) and moreover, as initiators of biofilm formation (Furuhata et al. 2008). To the best of our knowledge, no plant-promoting effect was yet reported neither for *Roseomonas*, nor for *Roseococcus*, contrarily to other plant-associated Acetobacteraceae which are able to fix N<sub>2</sub> (Pedraza 2008, Saravanan et al. 2008, Reis and Teixeira 2015) or produce the growth promoting phytohormone indole-3-acetic acid (IAA) (Kielak et al. 2016, Zhang et al. 2021).

Besides *Roseomonas* and *Roseococcus*, *Acidocella* displayed another distinct genus in association with brown mosses, and its relative abundance increased remarkably when associated with *Sphagnum* mosses (Figure S3). *Acidocella* occurred further as putative endophyte in both, brown mosses and *Sphagnum* and was moreover part of the core community (Figure 17) of all mosses. The name '*Acidocella*' can be translated as 'acid-requiring cell' (Hiraishi 2015) and indicates the need for acid and therefore the preference for acidic habitats. *Acidocella* species inhabit strongly acidic, mineral environments with high loads of heavy metals and aromatic compounds, such as certain shallow lakes

(Servín-Garcidueñas et al. 2013), acidic coal mine drainages (Wichlacz et al. 1986) and freshwater lakes (Okamoto et al. 2017). Members of this genus grow in the range of pH 3.0 – 6.0 and utilise simple sugars such as fructose and glucose, as well as simple alcohols such as ethanol (Hiraishi 2015, Okamoto et al. 2017). Like other acidophilic heterotrophic bacteria, the growth of *Acidocella* is inhibited by high concentrations of organic acids; nonetheless, some *Acidocella* strains have the remarkable capability to grow at low amounts of acetate, lactate and succinate, which they oxidise to CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> (Jones et al. 2013, Hiraishi 2015). In this way, *Acidocella* may potentially provide additional CO<sub>2</sub> for their *Sphagnum* hosts, which points towards a mutualistic relationship between both and probably explains the frequent findings of the genus *Acidocella* within the *Sphagnum* bryosphere (Opelt and Berg 2004, Lindo and Gonzalez 2010, Bragina et al. 2012b, 2012a, Graham et al. 2017, Dobrovolskaya et al. 2020). Interestingly, *Acidocella* seems to play a major role as plant-promoting symbiont of *Nepenthes* spp. (carnivorous pitcher plants), where it thrives within the plant's digestive fluid, making up 30% of the total bacteriome (Kanokratana et al. 2016). Here, *Acidocella* produce bioactive compounds and by this contributes to pathogen suppression and the maintenance of a suitable digestive bacterial community (Chan et al. 2020). Analogous to that, *Acidocella* account for 26% of the total endophytic bacterial community of *S. fallax* (data not shown) and may support the self-defence of *Sphagnum* by the release of antimicrobial compounds that prevent the host of microbial and fungal attack, as the host moss does by means of cell wall-bound polysaccharides (Stalheim et al. 2009, Hájek et al. 2011), phenolic compounds (Børsheim et al. 2001) and secondary metabolites (Opelt et al. 2007b). Moreover, the

production and release of acetic acid by *Acidocella* and other members of the Acetobacteraceae is a powerful strategy to eliminate microorganisms, as acetic acid diffuses through the cell membrane, acidifies the cytoplasm and finally disrupts the proton gradient of prokaryotic competitors (Vidra and Németh 2018). Acidity is accounted as one of the main control strategies of plants that prevent microbial decomposition (Lewis and Ausubel 2006) and has a profound influence on the composition of the *Sphagnum*-associated microflora (Stalheim et al. 2009). As an ecosystem engineer, *Sphagnum* mosses create, inhabit and maintain at the same time an environment inhospitable for competing plants and degradative prokaryotes (van Breemen 1995, Johnson et al. 2015, Bengtsson et al. 2018). *Acidocella* (and other Acetobacteraceae) seem not only to be extremely well adapted to these harsh conditions, but also seem to contribute to these low pH values and antimicrobial properties of *Sphagnum* peat bogs. This could raise the question if *Sphagnum* mosses would establish and expand in such a successful manner without the associated *Acidocella*. The low pH of acidic peat bogs may also result from acetic acid (and other organic acids) produced by moss-associated Acetobacteraceae in the acrotelm, by fermentative acetogenic bacteria within the catotelm, but also from photochemical formation of acetic acid when UV light degrades bog water DOC (Bertilsson and Tranvik 1998, Brinkmann et al. 2003). As assumed earlier, mainly indirect effects such as peat accumulation and subsequent blocking of alkaline soil water lead to the transition from neutral fens to acidic bogs, since CEC values are similar among brown mosses and *Sphagna* (Soudzilovskaia et al. 2010), which is also confirmed by the data of this work. Similarly, the increasing percentage of moss-associated



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Acetobacteraceae during fen-bog-transition may facilitate the establishment and expansion of *Sphagnum* mosses by enhancing peat bog acidification. *Acidocella* is part of the core microbiome and appears even as putative brown moss-endophyte in early bog succession stages, assuming a key role for both the host mosses as well as the bog ecosystems. *Acidocella* and related AAB may be encountered as 'hub taxa' which have strong effects on host microbiota and the microbial communities of the habitat (Agler et al. 2016), or may even display 'keystone microbes' that influence whole-community dynamics (Herren and McMahon 2018). Thus, *Acidocella* and other Acetobacteraceae seem not only to be highly adapted to the extreme acidic and antibiotic microenvironment created by *Sphagnum*, they rather may contribute to the prevailing harsh conditions and facilitate with this probably the establishment of their host during the early stages of bog development, while supporting host growth and expansion by beneficial effects such as additional CO<sub>2</sub> supply and the suppression of moss pathogens. In turn, Acetobacteraceae such as *Acidocella* may benefit from organic compounds deriving from the host mosses, for example DOC released with *Sphagnum* leachate which is highly labile and therefore easily consumable (Wickland et al. 2007). In addition, *Sphagnum* mosses release ethanol and other volatile organic compounds (VOC) (Vicherová et al. 2020) which could serve as C source for *Acidocella* and related Acetobacteraceae.

#### 4.6. Moss-associated microbial communities of the methane cycle and their potential metabolic activity

The present work for the first time investigates both, brown moss- and *Sphagnum* - associated prokaryotes of the methane cycle and their potential methane production, respectively methane oxidation rates. The results demonstrate that mosses of both, circumneutral and acidic peatlands, are colonised by a versatile methanogenic community composed by the hydrogenotrophic *Methanobacteria*, *Methanoregula*, *Methanomassiliicoccaceae* and *Methanocellales*, as well as the hydrogenotrophic/acetoclastic *Methanosarcina* and the acetoclastic *Methanosaeta*. However, potential methane production rates could only be measured on submerged *S. fallax* and brown mosses, and those rates were low.

The presence of anaerobic methanogenic archaea within the bryosphere is surprising, since they are exposed to photosynthesis-deriving oxygen which is released across the entire moss surface, and even to atmospheric oxygen when associated with emerged *Sphagnum* mosses. Nevertheless, methanogenic archaea were shown to occur in the oxygenated spheres of diverse other primary producers such as algal mats, fluid-filled pitchers and rice rhizospheres (Chakraborty et al. 2000, Erkel et al. 2006, Cadillo-Quiroz et al. 2010, Krieger and Kourtev 2012, Moissl-Eichinger et al. 2018). This indicates a certain degree of aerotolerance as a prerequisite for the survival in microaerated plant habitats (Angel et al. 2012) that probably evolved around the Great Oxygenation Event (Lyu and Lu 2018) and is realised by enzyme-based mechanisms to combat oxidative stress (Erkel et al. 2006, Horne and Lessner 2013).

The discrepancy between the presence of methanogens on all investigated mosses but observed methanogenesis on brown mosses and submerged *S. fallax* only could be explained with methanogens that colonise the mosses from surrounding peat and water, analogous to methanotrophic bacteria (Putkinen et al. 2012), but switch to a metabolically inactive, dormant stage when exposed to atmospheric oxygen, e.g. when the water table drops. Under anoxic conditions and appropriate nutrient supply, methanogenesis may be reactivated, similarly to rewetted peatlands (Emsens et al. 2020, Urbanová and Bárta 2020). While brown mosses and submerged *S. fallax* provided optimal conditions and were therefore already 'inoculated' by metabolically active methanogens from the corresponding sites, the *in situ*-methanogenesis of all other investigated sites was presumably hampered by other factors, for example constantly aerobic conditions provided by emerged moss hosts, or - in the case of submerged *S. riparium* - lower temperatures and DOC availability compared to the submerged *S. fallax*. These methanogens may require a longer lag period before starting methanogenesis. If so, incubation time during activity tests should be prolonged. It has to be mentioned that acetate was not added during the activity measurements, thus excluding potential acetoclastic methanogenesis. While some authors state that hydrogenotrophic methanogenesis prevails in peatlands (Kotsyurbenko et al. 1996, Blodau et al. 2008, St. James et al. 2021), others report on a higher ratio of acetoclastic methanogenesis (Kotsyurbenko et al. 2004, Negandhi et al. 2013). However, the mode of methanogenesis depends also on the pH level (Metje 2006) and on the quality of organic carbon (Hornibrook et al. 1997, Penning and Conrad 2007, Negandhi et al. 2013).

The results of this thesis show for the first time that methanogenic archaea can colonise peatland bryophytes and may be metabolically active under certain conditions. Nevertheless, potential methane production rates remain low compared to sediment and peat samples from the same sites (Kiss 2012, Tveit et al. 2013, Knoblauch et al. 2015, Rey-Sanchez et al. 2019), indicating a minor role of mosses-associated methanogenesis for overall methane production and release from northern peatlands.

Contrarily to moss-associated methanogenesis, potential methanotrophic activity could be measured on almost all investigated mosses, comparable to other studies with partly similar rates (Raghoebarsing et al. 2005, Liebner et al. 2011, K pfer 2015, Putkinen et al. 2018).

Brown mosses displayed similar potential methane oxidation rates as emerged *Sphagnum* species although brown mosses lack hyaline cells that are typical features of *Sphagnum* mosses and display a suitable spatial niche for methanotrophic bacteria (Basiliko et al. 2004). Together with lower DOC values and mean annual temperatures, which indicate a lower habitat productivity, these factors may hamper moss-associated methanotrophy in Arctic circumneutral peatlands.

Potential methane oxidation rates were most pronounced in submerged *S. fallax*, which is in line with previous reports (Raghoebarsing et al. 2005, Kip et al. 2010, Parmentier et al. 2011, Larmola et al. 2014). A mutualistic relationship characterises the association between methanotrophic bacteria and submerged *Sphagnum* and brown mosses, where the methanotroph benefits from the oxygen produced by photosynthesis, and the moss

host from the additional CO<sub>2</sub> supplied through methane oxidation (Raghoebarsing et al. 2005, Kip et al. 2010, Larmola et al. 2010, Liebner et al. 2011). Owing to the low distances between methane that is produced in anoxic peat layers and the ambient aerobic bryosphere, floating moss mats within waterlogged peatlands display appropriate locations for methane oxidising bacteria, where significant methane oxidation occur (Basiliko et al. 2004, Blodau et al. 2008). Under such conditions, methane emissions can be reduced by 50 - 99% (Parmentier et al. 2011, Knoblauch et al. 2015, Kox et al. 2021).

Compared to other investigated sites with dense mats of *Sphagnum* spp., the hummock-hollow-complex with emerged and submerged *S. fallax* was characterised by a small-scale heterogeneity, where bryophytes and plants with different habitat preferences coexisted in spatial proximity. Such diverse surface patterns and microforms develop by complex feedback mechanisms and feature increased nutrient availability and greater gross primary production (Harris et al. 2020), which may explain higher methane and DOC concentrations, but also a more versatile methanotrophic community compared to the thermokarst pond. Thus, small-scale heterogeneity and the resulting enhanced productivity may lead, together with higher mean annual temperatures, to remarkable moss-associated methane oxidation in heterogeneous bogs.

Surprisingly, potential methane oxidation rates of submerged *S. riparium* from a thermokarst pond were considerably lower compared to emerged *S. lindbergii* from an adjacent collapsed palsas (Liebner and Svenning 2013), despite higher *in-situ* methane emission rates from the thermokarst pond (Liebner et al. 2015).

*Methylocystis* (type II methanotrophs) and *Methylomonas* (type I methanotrophs) were the prevailing methanotrophic genera within our study. They have been frequently reported as moss associates in acidic bogs (Kip et al. 2011, Liebner and Svenning 2013, Kox et al. 2021) or as inhabitants of brown moss-dominated ponds (Liebner et al. 2011, Osudar et al. 2016). *Methylocystis* is a facultative methane oxidiser that can utilise acetate in the absence of methane, and was previously described as predominant, but metabolically less active methanotroph in a palsa peat bog (Liebner and Svenning 2013). *Methylomonas* is directly involved in methane oxidation at the peat bog surface as a key bacteria (Esson et al. 2016) and belongs also to the endophytic methanotrophic community of various vascular plants of acidic peat bogs (Stępniewska and Kuźniar 2014).

#### **4.7. Diversity and structure of *Sphagnum* bacteriomes from pristine, disturbed and rewetted kettle bogs**

The close proximity of pristine (KLO), disturbed (KIE) and rewetted (HEI) peat bogs within the Mueritz National Park provides a unique opportunity to compare the bacteriomes of the respective *Sphagnum* species on a geographically small but environmentally heterogeneous scale. The aim was to assess whether and to what extent these bacterial moss communities differ from each other. The bacteriomes of *Sphagnum* mosses from pristine and disturbed bogs varied widely. In pristine sites, the bacteriomes were comparably homogenous, with a few but highly abundant bacterial taxa associated with *Sphagnum*. Contrarily, the *Sphagnum* bacteriomes from disturbed sites were more diverse.

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Within the Mueritz subsites, 65 OTUs (34.6%) displayed the *Sphagnum*-associated core community. These OTUs were also found to be part of the core microbiota of all investigated peatlands in the study. This core community included several functional groups such as methanotrophs (Methylocystaceae) and diazotrophs (Nostocaceae, *Azospirillum*), as well as potential plant promoters (Sinobacteraceae, Caulobacteraceae). Additionally, members of the Acetobacteraceae, Acidocella and Acidobacteriaceae were also an integral part the core community. These taxa occur even in disturbed (KIE) and rewetted (HEI) sites, indicating a resilient and persistent *Sphagnum* bacteriome.

Among the 47 OTUs (25%) exclusively found in KIE (*S. magellanicum*) were potential intestinal taxa of wild game, e.g. *Streptococcus* (Verkühlen 2005, del Rey et al. 2014), *Ruminococcus* (Peruzy et al. 2019, Wilson et al. 2019), *Haemophilus* (Aguirre et al. 1999, Cuesta Gerveno et al. 2013) and *Prevotella* (Fogarty and Voytek 2005, Li et al. 2015). This underpins the description of KIE as a non-typical, disturbed habitat with unusual vegetation (*Drosera rotundifolia*, *Rhynchospora alba*, *Juncus effusus*, *Typha latifolia*, *Carex curta*) growing on scarified ground, presumably caused by grazing and wallowing deer and wild boar. Additionally, a bank of sand that was supposedly inserted into KIE ca. 100 years ago influences most likely the oscillating behaviour of the bog and leads to frequent overflow and subsequent nutrient enrichment within the bog centre (T. Timmermann, personal communication). The nutrient content of peat bogs depends particularly on the nature of the supplied water, and eutrophication and the subsequent development of



eutrophic vegetation forms in bogs with high flow-through and intensive water exchange (Landgraf and Notni 2004).

The mesotrophic to eutrophic character of KIE may also result from the rise of the water table and the subsequent extinction of surrounding tree and shrub layers within the past years. Although this biomass is excluded from humification when the water level is high, organic compounds accumulate continuously due to water-logged conditions at those sites, analogous to growing peat bogs. The resulting interrupted nitrification process leads to an accumulation of nitrogen in the peat. Similarly, the carbon cycle is interrupted (Kopp et al. 1982, *Müritz-National Park. National Parkplan und Bestandsanalyse* 2003).

The higher pH compared to HEI and KLO may also point towards an eutrophicated *Sphagnum* bog. These factors, together with a slightly higher pH compared to the other subsites, may be responsible for the higher bacterial diversity and the unusual bacterial composition within KIE. An experimental eutrophication of a *Sphagnum* peatland revealed a modification in the taxonomic composition and functioning of microbial communities and a substantial increase in the bacterial abundance (Mieczan et al. 2015), confirming the present results.

HEI harboured 29 (15.4%) site-specific OTUs and represented a rewetted and stagnating, non-oscillating *Sphagnum* peat bog with oligotrophic to mesotrophic conditions. A species-poor hummock-hollow-complex consisting of *S. fallax* and *Eriophorum vaginatum* established after the extinction of the tree layer (*Betula pubescens*), with submerged *Sphagnum fallax* growing in the water-filled bog margin (T. Timmermann, personal communication). HEI harboured the highest relative amount of obligate and

facultative methane oxidisers such as Methylococcaceae (e.g., *Methylomonas*) and Methylobacteriaceae, respectively, most likely due to the sufficient methane supply in the waterlogged sites. The presence of bacteria characteristic for aquatic habitats, e.g. *Geothrix* (Coates et al. 1999, Küsel et al. 2008), *Flavobacterium* (Lew et al. 2018) and *Kaistia* (Weon et al. 2008, Jin et al. 2012) underpins further the strong influence of the hydrology onto the hosts and their microbiomes in HEI. Moreover, numerous plant-associated and potentially host-promoting bacteria genera shaped the HEI-specific community, for example *Paenibacillus* (Selbmann et al. 2010, Hui et al. 2013, Alcaraz et al. 2018), *Flavobacterium* (Kolton et al. 2016), *Pandoraea* (Sickel et al. 2016, Obermeier et al. 2019), *Bosea* (Safronova et al. 2015, Ma et al. 2017), *Kaistia* (Sickel et al. 2016) and *Rhodanobacter* (De Clercq et al. 2006, Sickel et al. 2016).

Among the 13 OTUs (6.9%) that were solely found in KLO were numerous plant growth-promoting taxa such as *Agrobacterium* (Yu et al. 2015, Zhang et al. 2021), *Nocardia* (Schellenberger et al. 2010, Trujillo et al. 2015), *Accumulibacter* (Santana et al. 2016, Graham et al. 2017) and *Methylobacterium* (Sickel et al. 2016, Graham et al. 2017), while latter was frequently reported as moss symbiont (Hornschuh et al. 2002, Kutschera 2007, Schauer and Kutschera 2011, Tani et al. 2012). This may underpin the important role of these bacterial taxa for the establishment, resilience and persistence of their *Sphagnum* hosts which inhabit extreme narrow ecological niches in ombrotrophic peat bogs.

According to T. Timmermann (personal communication), KLO represents an ideal model of a pristine and apparently intact, oscillating kettle bog which underwent obviously much less disturbance events compared to KIE and HEI. The small number of OTUs that appear

exclusively in KLO could represent a mature, homogenous microbial community that may have developed and established over a long time period, analogous to vegetation climax communities (Whittaker and Levin 1977, Fierer et al. 2010). Interestingly, *S. magellanicum* growing in the oligotrophic centre and *S. fallax* growing in the mesotrophic margin of KLO did not share any common, site-specific OTUs, despite the relative spatial proximity to each other, while *S. magellanicum* from KIE and KLO shared 7 OTUs and *S. fallax* from KLO and HEI shared 4 OTUs. Considering the similar pore water chemistry and environmental data of both KLO subsites (S1A), the host species and its habitat preference may influence the moss microbiota. *Sphagnum* mosses simultaneously create and inhabit extreme habitats. Interestingly, different *Sphagnum* genera evolved with variable niche evolution rates (Johnson et al. 2015). While hummock-preferring species are able to exist withing more aquatic environments, hollow-preferring *Sphagnum* species cannot cope with the more stressful hummock environment (Rydin et al. 2006, Johnson et al. 2015). As a characteristic inhabitant of ombrotrophic bogs, *S. magellanicum* occurs within a narrower trophic range with very low pH (< 4.1) and ion concentrations (conductivity), while *S. fallax* growing in lawns has a broad ecological amplitude with higher pH values and ion contents (Wojtuń et al. 2013). Moreover, *S. magellanicum* and *S. fallax* belong to different sections (*Sphagnum*, resp. *Cuspidata*) with distinct metabolites and litter quality (Bengtsson et al. 2018), which might further affect the associated microbiota.

The present results suggest that disturbed, eutrophicated *Sphagnum* peat bogs display a greater bacterial diversity and different bacterial community composition compared to rewetted and pristine bogs, while low-diversity *Sphagnum* microbiomes may reflect a

mature bog and a late successional stage. Intact poor fens and naturally developed ombrotrophic bogs may remain stable for decades regarding their pH and *Sphagnum* coverage, while other bryophyte species and vascular plants decrease (Gunnarsson et al. 2000). Such constant conditions over a long time period promote the establishment of a species-poor, highly specific microbial community that is associated with *Sphagnum* mosses and promotes at the same time growths and resilience of its host. Peat bog disturbance such as nutrient deposition and draining alters in particular the *Sphagnum* vegetation and bog chemistry, with subsequent shifts in the *Sphagnum* microbiome. The disturbance intensity is a crucial factor that leads to changes in bacterial community composition and functional performance, while recovery rates and response of the bacteriomes depend on functional type and character of disturbance (Berga et al. 2012). The eutrophication of *Sphagnum* peat bogs alters microbial processes and parameters, and increasing habitat fertility might modify the taxonomic composition and functioning of microbial communities (Mieczan et al. 2015), as can be observed for KIE. The considerably higher amount of OTUs of *S. magellanicum* from KIE (137 OTUs) compared to *S. magellanicum* growing in KLO (74 OTUs) may be regarded as a further indication of bog eutrophication, analogous to the substantial increase of bacterial abundances in eutrophicated *Sphagnum* bogs (Mieczan et al. 2015). Besides eutrophication, rewetting after drought can cause substantial shifts in peatland microbiomes (Kitson and Bell 2020, Unger et al. 2021) while microbial communities may considerably recover upon rewetting and subsequent re-vegetation of *Sphagnum*, probably along with a concomitant recovery of biogeochemical peatland functioning (Elliott et al. 2015, Emsens et al. 2020). Compared

to the *S. magellanicum* bacteriomes from KIE and KLO, the numbers of *S. fallax*-associated OTUs from the rewetted HEI (109 OTUs) and the pristine KLO margin (80 OTUs) differed less. The occurrence of various HEI-specific (potential) methanotrophic moss associates may indicate a gradual recovery state of HEI after rewetting. It has been reported that methanotrophic bacteria re-establish slowly after rewetting, while the methanogenic archaea recover rapidly, resulting in prolonged increased methane emissions following rewetting (Wen et al. 2018). Moreover, the hummock-hollow-complex of HEI provides a pronounced habitat heterogeneity on a relatively small spatial scale, where emerged and submerged *S. fallax* grow side by side. This is also reflected in a versatile *Sphagnum*-associated bacteriome with characteristic aquatic and terrestrial taxa. At long sight, the lacking oscillation capacity and stagnating waterbody with changing water level might favour the establishment of aquatic *Sphagnum*-specific microbiomes with presumably higher diversity compared to the *S. fallax* microbiome of KLO with more stable conditions.

## 5. Conclusion

This work presents novel and comprehensive insights into the microbial communities associated with peatland bryophytes on a large geographical scale, framed by a systematic analysis of the environmental factors that shape the community structure of these moss microbiomes. Moreover, the results of this thesis indicate key prokaryotic taxa and their potential role for host mosses and peat ecosystems.

Based on the scientific questions raised at the beginning of this thesis, the following key insights can be summarised:

1. Both, *Sphagnum* and brown mosses harbor specific endophytic bacteria. The epiphytic and endophytic bacterial communities of the individual plantlets differ clearly from each other.
2. A core microbiome exists across bryophytes from natural northern peatlands spanning the High Arctic, subarctic and the temperate zone. This core community is small, but made up of many bacterial taxa that are epiphytes of brown mosses and highly abundant endophytes of *Sphagnum* mosses.
3. Brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses display an appropriate habitat for archaea and harbor few, but abundant archaeal species, among which most taxa belong to the functional group of methanogenic archaea. Thus, also in peatlands methanogenic archaea are not restricted to anoxic microhabitats such as deep soil layers. Contrarily to the moss-associated bacteria, the archaeal community structure of brown mosses

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and *Sphagnum* mosses is similar. Additionally, no clear differences between epiphytic and endophytic moss archaeomes were observed.

4. The impact of the investigated environmental parameters on the moss microbiomes can be ranked, beginning from the host moss species as the main driver, followed by the pH regime and the water level. The prevailing temperature has only a minor impact on the community structure of moss microbiomes.
5. Within peatland ecosystems, microbial methane production is not restricted to waterlogged, anoxic soil and peat layers. It is also associated with both, brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses from the Arctic, subarctic and the temperate zone. However, methane production rates associated with mosses are very low. In comparison, potential moss-associated methane oxidation rates are significantly higher. Moreover, brown mosses display similar potential methane oxidation rates as emerged *Sphagnum* species, while submerged *Sphagnum* mosses from a rewetted peat bog site show the highest potential activity rates.
6. The structure of *Sphagnum*-associated bacterial communities from pristine, rewetted and degraded peat bogs differs from each other, while the *Sphagnum*-bacteriome diversity decreases from degraded towards pristine peat bog sites.
7. *Sphagnum* mosses from degraded sites harbour the most versatile bacterial communities with uncommon bacterial taxa such as *Ruminococcus* and *Haemophilus*, whereas members of the Acetobacteraceae, mainly represented by the genus



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*Acidocella*, prevail within the ombrotrophic sites. The *Sphagnum*-associated bacterial community from the rewetted sites differ according to the prevailing water level.

8. Members of the bacterial family Acetobacteraceae are an integral part of the core microbiome and omnipresent in the bryosphere of all investigated mosses, with *Acidocella* as a remarkably abundant genus possibly holding a key role in fen-bog-transition processes. However, a large part within the moss-associated Acetobacteraceae remained unassigned at the genus level.

## 6. Critical remarks and outlook

### 6.1. Critical remarks

The results of this thesis contribute to a better comprehension of the taxonomy of *Sphagnum*- and brown moss-associated prokaryotes from northern peatlands and helps to better understand the complex relationships between the moss hosts and their microbial assemblages. The nature of moss-microbe-interactions and the underlying mechanisms depend on a range of physiological, biochemical and ecological processes that cannot be explained by the identity of the moss-associated prokaryotes. Although this thesis can, therefore, not disentangle the mechanisms of moss-microbe interaction, it provides valuable information to formulate testable hypothesis on those interactions.

The presented taxonomic results are based on Operational Taxonomic Units (OTUs), while recent publications use the Amplicon Sequence Variants (ASV) approach (Jeske and Gallert 2022, Kolton et al. 2022, Camargo et al. 2023). The use of OTUs in microbial ecology has been a common practice for many years, and also at the time of data collection in the frame of this thesis. Compared to OTUs, ASV offer more precise identification and quantification of microbial taxa by analysing individual sequences without clustering them into OTUs, thus avoiding a loss of information during processing steps such as quality filtering (Callahan et al. 2017).

Furthermore, OTUs are analysis-specific and generated internally, hence the achieved results are not directly comparable with other studies. Each comparison has to be rather

made indirectly via cross-referencing with different databases, assumed that both OTUs, i.e., both 97% sequence similarity threshold centroids, accurately represent the organism present in the respective sample (Jeske and Gallert 2022). However, the interpretation of microbial community structure depends also on several other factors, including the choice of sample sequencing, appropriate filtering strategies and the use of taxonomic level for data clustering (Joos et al. 2020).

In order to gain robust and comparable results in the field of environmental microbiology, it is furthermore crucial to adapt established methods to the respective sample material, especially at the initial analysis such as DNA extraction and subsequent amplification. Therefore, comparisons between different environmental studies should be made with caution, as the differences observed can base on different DNA extraction approaches or on the choice of the primers. The fact that certain taxa could not be detected within the samples by the chosen methods does not necessarily imply that those species are absent in the respective habitat. For instance, DNA extraction and subsequent analysis of plant-associated microorganisms can be hampered by plant-deriving phenolic compounds (Hills and Van Staden 2002). One should therefore be aware that the applied methods do never cover the entire diversity of microorganisms contained in a sample. In addition to the influence of the underlying extraction method, the revealed moss-associated microbial assemblages and their metabolic activity are also influenced by various factors such as the sampling time, e.g., the growing season. Hence, the outcomes of this thesis can only display a current snapshot of the plant microbiomes and does not illustrate

dynamics in community structures and metabolic activity rates. Most of the here investigated microbial taxa are well adapted to the prevailing low temperatures within their habitat, with temperature optima lower than those of microorganisms from warmer climates, but at the same time, these microbiota exhibit higher temperature optima when in culture (Carson 2018). Therefore, one should be aware that the assessed methane oxidation and methane production rates display only artificial potential activity rates that do not reflect microbial metabolic activities under natural conditions.

## 6.2. Outlook

In this study the microbiomes of brown mosses and *Sphagnum* mosses from four different pristine northern bogs have been investigated to assess the community structure of the bacterial and archaeal associates. Based on the examination of the prokaryotic core community of northern peat bogs, future work should focus on the question whether this core microbiome is a result of transfers of epiphytic bacteria from brown mosses to *Sphagnum* during natural peatland succession from fens to bogs. For this purpose, experimental set-ups with axenic moss cultures are conceivable, as described already elsewhere (Sastad et al. 1998, Hohe and Reski 2005).

In that regard, further studies should investigate the role of endophytic taxa to gain more insights on the nature of moss host-microbe-interactions, with a special focus on Acetobacteraceae. This could be accomplished by the use of metagenomic and metatranscriptomic techniques which provide a complete description of the genomic

composition and diversity of the moss-associated Acetobacteraceae, possibly complemented by a 'multiomics' approach which combines metagenomic, metatranscriptomic, metaproteomic and metabolomic data. Such techniques have already been utilised in multiple studies to investigate soil microbiomes and to unravel the molecular changes that occur at the community level due to environmental disturbances (Gamalero et al. 2022).

Based on this work, cultivation and subsequent analysis of yet unknown *Acidocella* species and other Acetobacteraceae associated with peatland mosses is suggested. Connected to this, functional and molecular characterisation of previously isolated *Acidocella* should be conducted, i.e. the investigation of *in vitro* plant growth promoting traits such as IAA production or phosphate solubilisation (Kalam et al. 2020). This could lead to a better understanding of the beneficial role of *Acidocella* for their *Sphagnum* hosts and enhance current nature conservation measures such as paludiculture, which have the capacity to significantly reduce carbon dioxide emissions (Tanneberger et al. 2021).

Moreover, several studies demonstrated the biodegradation capabilities of *Acidocella* strains towards toxic industrial pollutants (Okibe et al. 2016, Eze 2021, Eze et al. 2021). This suggests that *Acidocella* could play a significant role in the bioremediation of former coal mining sites, which is of particular interest regarding the current energy transformation and subsequent phase-out of fossil fuels in Germany. Therefore, it is suggested to investigate the bioremediation potential of *Sphagnum*-associated *Acidocella* by

conducting tolerance tests against various toxic contaminants present in wastewater from abandoned coal mining sites.

In order to assess the microbial core community of peatlands on a global scale, it is further recommended to examine also peat bogs of the Southern hemisphere, for instance within the Antarctic zone, where both brown mosses and *Sphagnum* species thrive (Whinam and Copson 2006, Hedenäs 2012, Oloo et al. 2016).

In the course of this thesis, a new technique was successfully established to estimate the moss-associated methane oxidation and methane production of both, the epiphytic and the endophytic communities. The experimental set-up should be further developed, for instance by applying varying temperature regimes or controlled light exposure to take photosynthetic activities of the host mosses in account.

Finally, the studied system of moss-microbe associations in pristine, northern peatlands are currently facing substantial environmental pressure caused by rising surface temperatures. The impact of these changing conditions on the studied associations remains unknown, but alterations in vegetation patterns, temperature and precipitation may profoundly alter the composition and function of moss-microbe communities.

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## i. OTU tables

The complete OTU tables for bacteria and archaea are online available:  
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## ii. Data availability

Demultiplexed read sequence data has been deposited at NCBI/Genbank database under the BioProject PRJNA356121 with accession numbers SRR6442387- SRR6442509 for bacteria and SRR6442615-SRR6442637 for archaea.

## iii. Table S1A: Environmental variables and meta-data of all samples.

KL=Klason lignin which is the fraction of lignin that is insoluble in acids (given in % of dry mass); sol-KL=acid-soluble Klason lignin (given in % of dry mass); HC=content of holocellulose (given in % of dry mass); CEC= cation exchange capacity (given in  $\mu\text{eq/g}$ ); oxygen in  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ;  $\text{CH}_4$  concentration in  $\mu\text{M}$ ; DOC in  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ; C and N in % dry weight; water content in %.

Sample ID	Name	StudySite	SubSite	Taxon	Taxon-2	Hydrol	Type	System	pH	$\text{CH}_4$	DOC	Oxygen	Temp	CEC	KL	sol-KL	HC	N	C	C:N	Water cont
1	GLU1 endo	SV	GLU 1	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	7,00	7,04	4,40	8,57	8,93	668,20	35,10	2,00	32,90	1,09	30,75	27,92	51,10
2	GLU1 endo	SV	GLU 1	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	7,00	7,04	4,40	8,57	8,93	668,20	35,10	2,00	32,90	1,09	30,75	27,92	51,10
3	TW2 endo	SV	TW 2	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	5,90	0,84	1,08	6,62	11,00	430,50	48,00	1,40	56,40	1,27	28,22	22,20	51,70
4	TW2 endo	SV	TW 2	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	5,90	0,84	1,08	6,62	11,00	430,50	48,00	1,40	56,40	1,27	28,22	22,20	51,70

Supplementary

78,80	78,80	93,80	93,80	51,10	51,10	79,10	79,10	93,60	93,60	93,70	93,70
60,11	60,11	34,38	34,38	27,92	27,92	95,26	95,26	18,16	18,16	24,61	24,61
45,88	45,88	44,46	44,46	30,75	30,75	45,03	45,03	41,80	41,80	43,28	43,28
0,76	0,76	1,29	1,29	1,09	1,09	0,47	0,47	2,30	2,30	1,76	1,76
46,00	46,00	48,30	48,30	32,90	32,90	49,10	49,10	51,30	51,30	NA	NA
5,10	5,10	4,20	4,20	2,00	2,00	7,60	7,60	3,60	3,60	NA	NA
4,80	4,80	10,30	10,30	35,10	35,10	7,60	7,60	14,70	14,70	NA	NA
461,90	461,90	468,90	468,90	668,20	668,20	729,40	729,40	386,30	386,30	359,10	359,10
12,16	12,16	9,59	9,59	8,93	8,93	13,82	13,82	12,58	12,58	13,73	13,73
3,85	3,85	7,23	7,23	8,57	8,57	NA	NA	2,24	2,24	NA	NA
59,98	59,98	31,45	31,45	4,40	4,40	NA	NA	18,10	18,10	NA	NA
151,60	151,60	95,06	95,06	7,04	7,04	198,32	198,32	136,30	136,30	454,62	454,62
3,75	3,75	4,03	4,03	7,00	7,00	3,92	3,92	4,95	4,95	4,35	4,35
sph	sph	sph	sph	amb	amb	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph
endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo
sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	emrs	emrs	sub	sub	sub	sub
S.rip	S.rip	S.rip	S.rip	Amb	Amb	S.lind	S.lind	S.rip	S.rip	S.rip	S.rip
Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Amb	Amb	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph
1	1	6	6	GLU 2	GLU 2	2-2	2-2	4-2	4-2	4	4
NE	NE	NE	NE	SV	SV	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
NEI1 endo	NEI1 endo	NEI3 endo	NEI3 endo	GLU2 endo	GLU2 endo	NEI6 endo	NEI6 endo	NEI4 endo	NEI4 endo	NEI2 endo	NEI2 endo
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

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79,10	79,10	92,00	92,00	90,80	90,80	92,20	92,20	92,00	92,00	90,80	90,80
93,78	93,78	54,74	54,74	47,30	47,30	35,00	35,00	56,64	56,64	47,30	47,30
45,90	45,90	45,47	45,47	46,93	46,93	45,60	45,60	45,79	45,79	46,93	46,93
0,49	0,49	0,83	0,83	1,02	1,02	1,30	1,30	0,82	0,82	1,02	1,02
52,40	52,40	51,20	51,20	58,00	58,00	59,70	59,70	58,50	58,50	58,00	58,00
6,80	6,80	4,90	4,90	5,30	5,30	4,50	4,50	4,20	4,20	5,30	5,30
16,40	16,40	14,70	14,70	19,50	19,50	18,90	18,90	28,30	28,30	19,50	19,50
580,90	580,90	763,20	763,20	677,30	677,30	574,30	574,30	783,10	783,10	677,30	677,30
12,45	12,45	16,50	16,50	16,16	16,16	15,84	15,84	NA	NA	16,16	16,16
4,32	4,32	1,64	1,64	1,64	1,64	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,64	1,64
83,98	83,98	45,30	45,30	42,15	42,15	227,50	227,50	NA	NA	42,15	42,15
296,92	296,92	359,64	359,64	461,79	461,79	277,34	277,34	482,09	482,09	461,79	461,79
4,63	4,63	4,15	4,15	3,60	3,60	3,75	3,75	4,53	4,53	3,60	3,60
sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph
endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo
emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs
S.lind	S.lind	S.fall	S.fall	S.mag	S.mag	S.fall	S.fall	S.mag	S.mag	S.fall	S.fall
Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph
2	2	KLO-m 5	KLO-m 5	KLO-o 3	KLO-o 3	HEI 2	HEI 2	KIE 1	KIE 1	KLO-m 4	KLO-m 4
NE	NE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE
NEI5 endo	NEI5 endo	KLO2 endo	KLO2 endo	KLO1 endo	KLO1 endo	HEI2 endo	HEI2 endo	KIE1 endo	KIE1 endo	KLO2 endo	KLO2
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

Supplementary

79,10	79,10	92,00	92,00	92,00	92,00	90,80	90,80	92,00	51,70	51,70	92,00
85,87	85,87	54,74	54,74	54,74	54,74	47,30	47,30	56,64	22,20	22,20	56,64
85,95	85,95	45,47	45,47	45,47	45,47	46,93	46,93	45,79	28,22	28,22	45,79
1,00	1,00	0,83	0,83	0,83	0,83	1,02	1,02	0,82	1,27	1,27	0,82
60,00	60,00	51,20	51,20	51,20	51,20	58,00	58,00	58,50	56,40	56,40	58,50
6,50	6,50	4,90	4,90	4,90	4,90	5,30	5,30	4,20	1,40	1,40	4,20
6,20	6,20	14,70	14,70	14,70	14,70	19,50	19,50	28,30	48,00	48,00	28,30
683,30	683,30	763,20	763,20	763,20	763,20	677,30	677,30	783,10	430,50	430,50	783,10
11,48	11,48	16,50	16,50	16,50	16,50	16,16	16,16	NA	11,00	11,00	NA
NA	NA	1,64	1,64	1,64	1,64	1,64	1,64	NA	6,62	6,62	NA
NA	NA	45,30	45,30	45,30	45,30	42,15	42,15	NA	1,08	1,08	NA
365,89	365,89	359,64	359,64	359,64	359,64	461,79	461,79	482,09	0,84	0,84	482,09
3,80	3,80	4,15	4,15	4,15	4,15	3,60	3,60	4,53	5,90	5,90	4,53
sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	amb	amb	sph
endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo
emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	sub	sub	emrs
S.lind	S.lind	S.mag	S.mag	S.mag	S.mag	S.fall	S.fall	S.mag	Amb	Amb	S.mag
Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Amb	Amb	Sph
2-3	2-3	KLO-o 1	KLO-o 1	KLO-o 2	KLO-o 2	KLO-m 6	KLO-m 6	KIE 2	TW 1	TW 1	KIE 3
NE	NE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	SV	SV	MUE
NEI7 endo	NEI7 endo	KLO1 endo	KLO1 endo	KLO1 endo	KLO1 endo	KLO2 endo	KLO2 endo	KIE2 endo	TW1 endo	TW1 endo	KIE3 endo
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	41	45	46	47

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92,00	57,10	57,10	57,10	57,10	57,10	57,10	57,10	57,10	57,10	92,20	92,20	92,20	92,20	97,20
56,64	39,93	39,93	39,93	39,93	39,93	52,76	52,76	52,76	52,76	35,00	35,00	35,00	35,00	32,00
45,79	33,99	33,99	33,99	33,99	33,99	64,12	64,12	64,12	64,12	45,60	45,60	45,60	45,60	48,90
0,82	0,85	0,85	0,85	0,85	0,85	1,22	1,22	1,22	1,22	1,30	1,30	1,30	1,30	1,50
58,50	42,20	42,20	42,20	42,20	42,20	37,30	37,30	37,30	37,30	59,70	59,70	59,70	59,70	NA
4,20	1,60	1,60	1,60	1,60	1,60	1,70	1,70	1,70	1,70	4,50	4,50	4,50	4,50	NA
28,30	14,00	14,00	14,00	14,00	14,00	27,50	27,50	27,50	27,50	18,90	18,90	18,90	18,90	NA
783,10	610,00	610,00	610,00	610,00	610,00	566,00	566,00	566,00	566,00	574,30	574,30	574,30	574,30	401,00
NA	12,65	12,65	12,65	12,65	12,65	NA	NA	NA	NA	15,84	15,84	15,84	15,84	14,93
NA	5,45	5,45	5,45	5,45	5,45	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,85
NA	4,00	4,00	4,00	4,00	4,00	NA	NA	NA	NA	227,50	227,50	227,50	227,50	72,90
482,09	27,47	27,47	27,47	27,47	27,47	7,03	7,03	7,03	7,03	277,34	277,34	277,34	277,34	354,18
4,53	6,58	6,58	6,58	6,58	6,58	6,45	6,45	6,45	6,45	3,75	3,75	3,75	3,75	4,26
sph	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph
endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo	endo
emrs	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	sub
S.mag	Scor	Scor	Scor	Scor	Scor	Amb	Amb	Amb	Amb	S.fall	S.fall	S.fall	S.fall	S.fall
Sph	Amb	Amb	Amb	Amb	Amb	Amb	Amb	Amb	Amb	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph
KIE 3	SuScor a	SuScor a	SuScor a	SuScor b	SuScor b	S9	S9	S9	S9	HEI 1	HEI 1	HEI 3	HEI 3	HEI 4
MUE	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE
KIEE3 endo	PP1 endo	PP1 endo	PP1 endo	PP1 endo	PP1 endo	PC endo	PC endo	PC endo	PC endo	HEI2 endo	HEI2 endo	HEI2 endo	HEI2 endo	HEI1 endo
48	49	50	51	52	53	54	54	55	56	57	58	58	59	



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97,20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
32,00	37,90	37,90	43,80	43,80	64,54	64,54	83,75	83,75	33,73	33,73	33,73	33,50									
48,90	50,60	50,60	47,13	47,13	49,90	49,90	47,70	47,70	31,46	31,46	31,46	48,80									
1,50	1,34	1,34	1,08	1,08	0,78	0,78	0,57	0,57	0,93	0,93	0,93	1,50									
NA	58,90	58,90	46,90	46,90	58,70	58,70	61,10	61,10	40,50	40,50	40,50	53,10									
NA	2,50	2,50	1,40	1,40	1,80	1,80	1,60	1,60	1,30	1,30	1,30	2,00									
NA	39,30	39,30	26,40	26,40	45,10	45,10	37,60	37,60	48,20	48,20	48,20	43,10									
401,00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	569,00	569,00	569,00	NA									
14,93	16,16	16,16	11,48	11,48	NA	NA	13,82	13,82	12,65	12,65	12,65	15,84									
2,85	1,64	1,64	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,45	5,45	5,45	NA									
72,90	42,15	42,15	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4,00	4,00	4,00	227,50									
354,18	461,79	461,79	365,89	365,89	482,09	482,09	198,32	198,32	27,47	27,47	27,47	277,34									
4,26	3,60	3,60	3,80	3,80	4,53	4,53	3,92	3,92	6,58	6,58	6,58	3,75									
sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	amb	amb	amb	sph									
endo	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	endo	endo	endo	Ref									
sub	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	sub	sub	sub	emrs									
S:fall	Cx	Cx	Vasc	Vasc	Cx	Cx	Cx	Cx	Scor	Scor	Scor	Erio									
Sph	Vasc	Vasc	Vasc	Vasc	Vasc	Vasc	Vasc	Vasc	Amb	Amb	Amb	Vasc									
HEI 4	KLO-m 6	KLO-m 6	2-3	2-3	KIE 1	KIE 1	2-2	2-2	SuCar	SuCar	SuCar	HEI 1									
MUE	MUE	MUE	NE	NE	MUE	MUE	NE	NE	SA	SA	SA	MUE									
HEI1 endo	KLO2 Vasc	KLO2 Vasc	NEI7 Vasc	NEI7 Vasc	KIE Vasc	KIE Vasc	NEI6 Vasc	NEI6 Vasc	PP2 endo	PP2 endo	PP2 endo	HEI2 Vasc									
<b>60</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>77</b>										

Supplementary

NA	57,10	92,00	92,00	90,80	90,80	92,00	90,80	92,00	78,80	79,10	79,10	85,87	93,70
33,50	33,73	54,74	54,74	47,30	47,30	54,74	47,30	54,74	60,11	93,78	95,26	85,87	24,61
48,80	31,46	45,47	45,47	46,93	46,93	45,47	45,88	45,90	45,88	45,90	45,03	85,95	43,28
1,50	0,93	0,83	0,83	1,02	1,02	0,83	0,76	0,49	0,76	0,49	0,47	1,00	1,76
53,10	40,50	51,20	51,20	58,00	58,00	51,20	46,00	52,40	46,00	52,40	49,10	60,00	NA
2,00	1,30	4,90	4,90	5,30	5,30	4,90	5,10	6,80	5,10	6,80	7,60	6,50	NA
43,10	48,20	14,70	14,70	19,50	19,50	14,70	4,80	16,40	4,80	16,40	7,60	6,20	NA
NA	569,00	763,20	763,20	677,30	677,30	763,20	461,90	580,90	461,90	580,90	729,40	683,30	359,10
15,84	12,65	16,50	16,50	16,16	16,16	16,50	12,16	12,45	12,16	12,45	13,82	11,48	13,73
NA	5,45	1,64	1,64	1,64	1,64	1,64	3,85	4,32	3,85	4,32	NA	NA	NA
227,50	4,00	45,30	45,30	42,15	42,15	45,30	59,98	83,98	59,98	83,98	NA	NA	NA
277,34	27,47	359,64	359,64	461,79	461,79	359,64	151,60	296,92	151,60	296,92	198,32	365,89	454,62
3,75	6,58	4,15	4,15	3,60	3,60	4,15	3,75	4,63	3,75	4,63	3,92	3,80	4,35
sph	amb	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph
Ref	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi
emrs	sub	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	sub	emrs	sub	emrs	emrs	emrs	sub
Erio	Scor	S.mag	S.mag	S.fall	S.fall	S.fall	S.rip	S.lind	S.rip	S.lind	S.lind	S.rip	S.rip
Vasc	Amb	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph
HEI 1	SuCar	KLO-o 1	KLO-o 2	KLO-m 3	KLO-m 4	KLO-m 5	1	2	1	2	2-2	2-3	4
MUE	SA	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
HEI2 Vasc	PP2 epi	KLO1 epi	KLO1 epi	KLO2 epi	KLO2 epi	KLO2 epi	NEI1 epi	NEI5 epi	NEI1 epi	NEI5 epi	NEI6 epi	NEI7 epi	NEI2 epi
<b>78</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>103</b>

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93,60	93,80	51,10	51,10	92,20	92,20	92,20	97,20	92,00	92,00	92,00	51,70
18,16	34,38	27,92	27,92	35,00	35,00	35,00	32,00	56,64	56,64	56,64	22,20
41,80	44,46	30,75	30,75	45,60	45,60	45,60	48,90	45,79	45,79	45,79	28,22
2,30	1,29	1,09	1,09	1,30	1,30	1,30	1,50	0,82	0,82	0,82	1,27
51,30	48,30	32,90	32,90	59,70	59,70	59,70	NA	58,50	58,50	58,50	56,40
3,60	4,20	2,00	2,00	4,50	4,50	4,50	NA	4,20	4,20	4,20	1,40
14,70	10,30	35,10	35,10	18,90	18,90	18,90	NA	28,30	28,30	28,30	48,00
386,30	468,90	668,20	668,20	574,30	574,30	574,30	401,00	783,10	783,10	783,10	430,50
12,58	9,59	8,93	8,93	15,84	15,84	15,84	14,93	NA	NA	NA	11,00
2,24	7,23	8,57	8,57	NA	NA	NA	2,85	NA	NA	NA	6,62
18,10	31,45	4,40	4,40	227,50	227,50	227,50	72,90	NA	NA	NA	1,08
136,30	95,06	7,04	7,04	277,34	277,34	277,34	354,18	482,09	482,09	482,09	0,84
4,95	4,03	7,00	7,00	3,75	3,75	3,75	4,26	4,53	4,53	4,53	5,90
sph	sph	amb	amb	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	sph	amb
epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi	epi
sub	sub	sub	sub	emrs	emrs	emrs	sub	emrs	emrs	emrs	sub
S.rip	S.rip	Amb	Amb	S.fall	S.fall	S.fall	S.fall	S.mag	S.mag	S.mag	Amb
Sph	Sph	Amb	Amb	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Sph	Amb
4-2	6	GLU 1	GLU 2	HEI 1	HEI 2	HEI 3	HEI 4	KIE 1	KIE 2	KIE 3	TW 2
NE	NE	SV	SV	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	MUE	SV
NEI4 epi	NEI3 epi	GLU1 epi	GLU2 epi	HEI2 epi	HEI2 epi	HEI2 epi	HEI1 epi	KIE epi	KIE2 epi	KIE3 epi	TW2 epi
105	106	107	109	111	112	114	116	118	119	121	123

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51,70	57,10	57,10	57,10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	52,30	52,30
22,20	52,76	39,93	39,93	NA	NA	NA	NA	68,31	68,31	NA	NA
28,22	64,12	33,99	33,99	NA	NA	NA	NA	50,47	50,47	NA	NA
1,27	1,22	0,85	0,85	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,03	1,03	NA	NA
56,40	37,30	42,20	42,20	NA	NA	NA	NA	54,20	54,20	NA	NA
1,40	1,70	1,60	1,60	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,00	2,00	NA	NA
48,00	27,50	14,00	14,00	NA	NA	NA	NA	38,60	38,60	NA	NA
430,50	566,00	610,00	610,00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
11,00	NA	12,65	12,65	7,20	7,20	10,70	10,70	16,50	16,50	12,05	12,05
6,62	NA	5,45	5,45	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,64	1,64	7,63	7,63
1,08	NA	4,00	4,00	NA	NA	NA	NA	45,30	45,30	2,55	2,55
0,84	7,03	27,47	27,47	91,53	91,53	NA	NA	359,64	359,64	2,76	2,76
5,90	6,45	6,58	6,58	7,00	7,00	5,90	5,90	4,15	4,15	6,25	6,25
amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	sph	sph	amb	amb
epi	epi	epi	epi	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	endo	endo
sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	emrs	emrs	sub	sub
Amb	Amb	Scor	Scor	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Erio	Erio	Amb	Amb
Amb	Amb	Amb	Amb	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Vasc	Vasc	Amb	Amb
TW 1	S9	SuScor a	SuScor b	GLU	GLU	TW	TW	KLO-o 2	KLO-o 2	KNU 1	KNU 1
SV	SA	SA	SA	SV	SV	SV	SV	MUE	MUE	SV	SV
TW1 epi	PC epi	PP1 epi	PP1 epi	GLU Sed	GLU Sed	TW Sed	TW Sed	KLO1 Vasc	KLO1 Vasc	KNU1	KNU1
<b>124</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>135</b>

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52,30	52,30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
12,05	12,05	7,05	7,05	7,05	7,05	7,05	7,05	7,05	7,05	12,16	12,16	12,45	12,45	NA	NA	NA
7,63	7,63	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3,85	3,85	4,32	4,32	NA	NA	NA
2,55	2,55	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	59,98	59,98	83,98	83,98	NA	NA	NA
2,76	2,76	9,42	9,42	9,42	9,42	9,42	9,42	9,42	9,42	151,60	151,60	296,92	296,92	522,87	522,87	522,87
6,25	6,25	6,58	6,58	6,58	6,58	6,58	6,58	6,58	6,58	3,75	3,75	4,63	4,63	6,45	6,45	6,45
amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	amb	sph	sph	sph	sph	amb	amb	amb
endo	endo	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	sub	emrs	emrs	emrs	emrs	sub	sub	sub
Amb	Amb	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Erio	Erio	Cx	Cx	Sed	Sed	Sed
Amb	Amb	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Sed	Vasc	Vasc	Vasc	Vasc	Sed	Sed	Sed
KNU 2	KNU 2	SuScor	SuScor	SuScor	SuCar	SuCar	SuCar	SuCar	SuCar	1	1	2	2	S9	S9	S9
SV	SV	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	NE	NE	NE	NE	SA	SA	SA
KNU2	KNU2	PP1 Sed	PP2 Sed	PP2 Sed	PP2 Sed	PP2 Sed	PP2 Sed	PP2 Sed	PP2 Sed	NEI1 Vasc	NEI1 Vasc	NEI5 Cx	NEI5 Cx	PC Sed	PC Sed	PC Sed
136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147					



## iv. Supplementary Table S1B: Coordinates and primer sequences of individual samples

Sample ID	Name	StudySite	Subsite	Taxon	Taxon-2	Hydro	Type	System	Coordinates	Sequence BACTERIA Primer F	Sequence BACTERIA Primer R	Sequence ARCHAEA Primer F	Sequence ARCHAEA Primer R
1	GLU1 endo	SV	GLU 1	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	N78° 32' 48.948" E12° 2' 51.576"	ACACGT	CAGTCA	ACACGT gYg	CGATAT
										CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
2	GLU1 endo	SV	GLU 1	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	N78° 32' 48.948" E12° 2' 51.576"	ACACGT	CATGAC	ACACGT gYg	CGCGCG
										CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
3	TW2 endo	SV	TW 2	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	N78° 33' 0.18" E11° 31' 39.144"	ACGTAC	CATGAC	ACGTAC gYg	CGCGCG
										CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
4	TW2 endo	SV	TW 2	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	N78° 33' 0.18" E11° 31' 39.144"	ACGTAC	GACTAG	ACGTAC gYg	CGTATA
										CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
5	NE11 endo	NE	1	Sph	S.rip	sub	endo	sph	N69° 24' 36" E29° 6' 36"	ACTGCA	GACTAG	ACTGCA gYg	CGTATA
										CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
6	NE11 endo	NE	1	Sph	S.rip	sub	endo	sph	N69° 24' 36" E29° 6' 36"	ACTGCA	GAGATC	ATATCG gYg	TATACG
										CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT



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<b>7</b>	NEI3 endo	NE	6	Sph	S.rip	sub	endo	sph	N69° 24' 38.988" E2° 54' 43.106"	AGCTGA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GATCGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TAGCAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>8</b>	NEI3 endo	NE	6	Sph	S.rip	sub	endo	sph	N69° 24' 38.988" E2° 54' 43.106"	AGCTGA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTACAC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TATACG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>9</b>	GLU2 endo	SV	GLU 2	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	N78° 32' 48.948" E12° 2' 51.576"	ACACGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GAGATC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ACACGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TACGTA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>10</b>	GLU2 endo	SV	GLU 2	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	N78° 32' 48.948" E12° 2' 51.576"	ACACGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GATCGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ACACGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TAGCAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>11</b>	NEI6 endo	NE	2-2	Sph	S.lind	emrs	endo	sph	N69° 24' 40.752" E2° 17' 28.239"	AGAGTC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GATCGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGAGTC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TAGCAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>12</b>	NEI6 endo	NE	2-2	Sph	S.lind	emrs	endo	sph	N69° 24' 40.752" E2° 17' 28.239"	AGAGTC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTACAC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGAGTC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TATACG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>13</b>	NEI4 endo	NE	4-2	Sph	S.rip	sub	endo	sph	N69° 24' 38.34" E29° 7' 15.6"	ACACGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTGTGT GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGAGTC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGTATA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>14</b>	NEI4 endo	NE	4-2	Sph	S.rip	sub	endo	sph	N69° 24' 38.34" E29° 7' 15.6"	ACACGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCAGAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGAGTC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TACGTA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT

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<b>15</b>	NEI2 endo	NE	4	Sph	S.rip	sub	endo	sph	N69° 24' 36" E29° 7' 12"	ACACGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CAGTCA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ACTGCA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGCATG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>16</b>	NEI2 endo	NE	4	Sph	S.rip	sub	endo	sph	N69° 24' 36" E29° 7' 12"	ACACGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CATGAC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ACTGCA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGACGT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>17</b>	NEI5 endo	NE	2	Sph	S.lind	emrs	endo	sph	N69° 24' 36" E29° 6' 36"	ACTGCA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCGAGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ACTGCA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGTGAC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>18</b>	NEI5 endo	NE	2	Sph	S.lind	emrs	endo	sph	N69° 24' 36" E29° 6' 36"	AGAGTC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CAGTCA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGAGTC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGATAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>19</b>	KLO2 endo	MUE	KLO-m 5	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 21.816" E13° 7' 8.904"	CACAGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GAGATC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CACAGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TACGTA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>20</b>	KLO2 endo	MUE	KLO-m 5	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 21.816" E13° 7' 8.904"	CACAGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GATCGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CACAGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TAGCAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>21</b>	KLO1 endo	MUE	KLO-o 3	Sph	S.mag	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 21.888" E13° 7' 10.524"	ATGCTA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTGTGT GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATGCTA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGCATG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>22</b>	KLO1 endo	MUE	KLO-o 3	Sph	S.mag	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 21.888" E13° 7' 10.524"	ATGCTA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCAGAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATGCTA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGACGT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT

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<b>23</b>	HEI2 endo	MUE	HEI 2	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 8.46" E13° 8' 45.924"	ACGTAC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCAGAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TACGTA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>24</b>	HEI2 endo	MUE	HEI 2	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 8.46" E13° 8' 45.924"	ACGTAC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCGAGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TAGCAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>25</b>	KIE1 endo	MUE	KIE 1	Sph	S.mag	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 13' 11.316" E13° 7' 1.992"	ATATCG CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCAGAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATATCG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGACGT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>26</b>	KIE1 endo	MUE	KIE 1	Sph	S.mag	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 13' 11.316" E13° 7' 1.992"	ATATCG CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCGAGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATATCG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGTGAC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>27</b>	KLO2 endo	MUE	KLO-m 4	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 21.888" E13° 7' 10.524"	CACAGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CAGTCA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CACAGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGATAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>28</b>	KLO2 endo	MUE	KLO-m 4	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 21.888" E13° 7' 10.524"	CACAGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CATGAC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CACAGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGCGCG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>31</b>	NEI7 endo	NE	2-3	Sph	S.lind	emrs	endo	sph	N69° 24' 40.968" E29° 7' 1.812"	AGAGTC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCGAGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGAGTC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGTGAC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>32</b>	NEI7 endo	NE	2-3	Sph	S.lind	emrs	endo	sph	N69° 24' 40.968" E29° 7' 1.812"	AGCTGA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CAGTCA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGATAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT

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<b>33</b>	KLO1 endo	MUE	KLO-o 1	Sph	S.mag	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 22.896" E13° 7' 10.92"	ATCGAT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCGAGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATCGAT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGTGAC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>34</b>	KLO1 endo	MUE	KLO-o 1	Sph	S.mag	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 22.896" E13° 7' 10.92"	ATGCTA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CAGTCA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATGCTA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGATAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>35</b>	KLO1 endo	MUE	KLO-o 2	Sph	S.mag	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 22.392" E13° 7' 10.2"	ATGCTA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GACTAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATGCTA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGTATA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>36</b>	KLO1 endo	MUE	KLO-o 2	Sph	S.mag	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 22.392" E13° 7' 10.2"	ATGCTA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GAGATC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATGCTA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TACGTA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>37</b>	KLO2 endo	MUE	KLO-m 6	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 22.716" E13° 7' 9.516"	CACAGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTCACA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CACAGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TCTCTC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>38</b>	KLO2 endo	MUE	KLO-m 6	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 22.716" E13° 7' 9.516"	CACAGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTGTGT GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CACAGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGCATG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>41</b>	KIE2 endo	MUE	KIE 2	Sph	S.mag	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 13' 11.82" E13° 7' 1.956"	ATCGAT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GAGATC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATCGAT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TACGTA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>45</b>	TW1 endo	SV	TW 1	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	N78° 33' 0.18" E11° 31' 39.144"	ACACGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCAGAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ACACGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGACGT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT

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<b>46</b>	TW1 endo	SV	TW 1	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	N78° 33' 0.18" E11° 31' 39.144"	ACACGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCGAGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ACACGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGTGAC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>47</b>	KIE3 endo	MUE	KIE 3	Sph	S.mag	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 13' 11.604" E13° 7' 1.884"	ATCGAT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTCACA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATCGAT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TCTCTC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>48</b>	KIE3 endo	MUE	KIE 3	Sph	S.mag	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 13' 11.604" E13° 7' 1.884"	ATCGAT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTGTGT GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATCGAT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGCATG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>49</b>	PP1 endo	SA	SuScor a	Amb	Scor	sub	endo	amb	N72° 22' 11.82" E12° 38' 53.722"	AGTCAG CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CAGTCA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGTCAG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGATAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>50</b>	PP1 endo	SA	SuScor a	Amb	Scor	sub	endo	amb	N72° 22' 11.82" E12° 38' 53.722"	AGTCAG CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CATGAC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGTCAG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGCGCG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>51</b>	PP1 endo	SA	SuScor b	Amb	Scor	sub	endo	amb	N72° 22' 11.82" E12° 38' 53.722"	AGTCAG CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GAGATC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGTCAG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TACGTA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>52</b>	PP1 endo	SA	SuScor b	Amb	Scor	sub	endo	amb	N72° 22' 11.82" E12° 38' 53.722"	AGTCAG CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GATCGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGTCAG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TAGCAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>53</b>	PC endo	SA	S9	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	N72° 22' 16.104" E12° 38' 56.4"	ATATCG CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GAGATC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATATCG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TACGTA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT

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<b>54</b>	PC endo	SA	S9	Amb	Amb	sub	endo	amb	N72° 22' 16.104" E12° 38' 56.4"	ATATCG CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GATCGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATATCG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TAGCAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>55</b>	HEI2 endo	MUE	HEI 1	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 8.568" E13° 8' 45.996"	ACGTAC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GACTAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGAGTC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGACGT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>56</b>	HEI2 endo	MUE	HEI 1	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 8.568" E13° 8' 45.996"	ACGTAC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GATCGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGAGTC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGTGAC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>57</b>	HEI2 endo	MUE	HEI 3	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 8.136" E13° 8' 47.004"	ACTGCA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CATGAC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGTCAG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGTATA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>58</b>	HEI2 endo	MUE	HEI 3	Sph	S.fall	emrs	endo	sph	N53° 12' 8.136" E13° 8' 47.004"	ACTGCA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GACTAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGCATG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>59</b>	HEI1 endo	MUE	HEI 4	Sph	S.fall	sub	endo	sph	N53° 12' 7.128" E13° 8' 46.32"	ACTGCA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GATCGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGTGAC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>60</b>	HEI1 endo	MUE	HEI 4	Sph	S.fall	sub	endo	sph	N53° 12' 7.128" E13° 8' 46.32"	ACTGCA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTACAC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGTCAG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGATAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>67</b>	KLO2 Vasc	MUE	KLO-m 6	Vasc	Cx	emrs	Ref	sph	N53° 12' 22.716" E13° 7' 9.516"	CACAGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCAGAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CACAGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGACGT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT

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<b>68</b>	KLO2 Vasc	MUE	KLO-m	Vasc	Cx	emrs	Ref	sph	N53° 12' 22.716" E13° 7' 9.516"	CACAGT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCGAGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	CACAGT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGTGAC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>69</b>	NEI7 Vasc	NE	2-3	Vasc	Vasc	emrs	Ref	sph	N69° 24' 40.968" E29° 7' 1.812"	AGCTGA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GACTAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGTGAC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>70</b>	NEI7 Vasc	NE	2-3	Vasc	Vasc	emrs	Ref	sph	N69° 24' 40.968" E29° 7' 1.812"	AGCTGA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GAGATC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TACGTA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>71</b>	KIE Vasc	MUE	KIE 1	Vasc	Cx	emrs	Ref	sph	N53° 13' 11.316" E13° 7' 1.992"	ATCGAT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CAGTCA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATCGAT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGATAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>72</b>	KIE Vasc	MUE	KIE 1	Vasc	Cx	emrs	Ref	sph	N53° 13' 11.316" E13° 7' 1.992"	ATCGAT CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CATGAC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATCGAT gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGCGCG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>73</b>	NEI6 Vasc	NE	2-2	Vasc	Cx	emrs	Ref	sph	N69° 24' 40.752" E2° 17' 28.239"	AGAGTC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTGTGT GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGAGTC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGCATG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>74</b>	NEI6 Vasc	NE	2-2	Vasc	Cx	emrs	Ref	sph	N69° 24' 40.752" E2° 17' 28.239"	AGAGTC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCAGAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGAGTC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGACGT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>75</b>	PP2 endo	SA	SuCar	Amb	Scor	sub	endo	amb	N72° 22' 11.82" E12° 38' 53.722"	AGTCAG CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCAGAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGTCAG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGACGT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT

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<b>76</b>	PP2 endo	SA	SuCar	Amb	Scor	sub	endo	amb	N72° 22' 11.82" E12° 38' 53.722"	AGTCAG CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	TCGAGA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGTCAG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGTGAC GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>77</b>	HEI2 Vasc	MUE	HEI 1	Vasc	Erio	emrs	Ref	sph	N53° 12' 8.568" E13° 8' 45.996"	ACGTAC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTCACA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGCGCG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>78</b>	HEI2 Vasc	MUE	HEI 1	Vasc	Erio	emrs	Ref	sph	N53° 12' 8.568" E13° 8' 45.996"	ACGTAC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTGTGT GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGTATA GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
<b>86</b>	PP2 epi	SA	SuCar	Amb	Scor	sub	epi	amb	N72° 22' 11.82" E12° 38' 53.722"	ATATCG CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CAGTCA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ATATCG gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGATAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
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<b>111</b>	HEI2 epi	MUE	HEI 1	Sph	S.fall	emrs	epi	sph	N53° 12' 8.568" E13° 8' 45.996"	ACGTAC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTACAC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGCTGA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	CGATAT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
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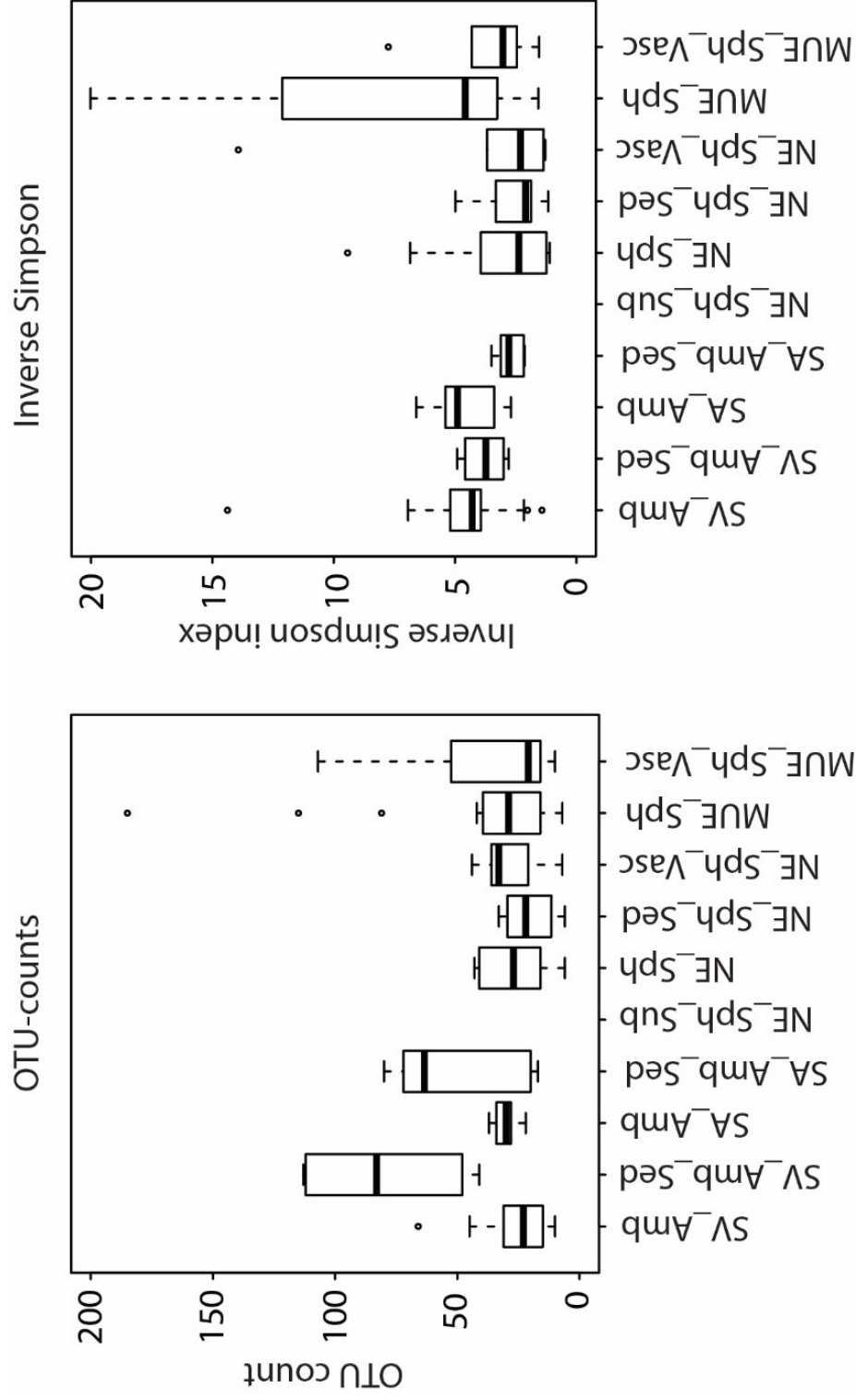
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<b>148</b>	NEI1 Sed	NE	1	Sed	Sed	sub	Ref	sph	N69° 24' 36" E29° 6' 36"	ACTGCA CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	GTGTGT GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ACTGCA gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGCATG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
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<b>152</b>	NEI4 Sed	NE	4-2	Sed	Sed	sub	Ref	sph	N69° 24' 38.34" E29° 7' 15.6"	ACGTAC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	CAGTCA GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	AGAGTC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TATACG GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
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<b>156</b>	KNU1 epi	SV	KNU 1	Amb	Amb	sub	epi	amb	N78° 32' 48.948" E12° 2' 51.576"	ACGTAC CCTACGGGN GGCWGCAG	ACGTAC GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	TCAGAG GACTACHVGG GTATCTAATCC	ACGTAC gYg CAS CAg KCg MgA AW	TGACGT GGACTACVSGG GTATCTAAT
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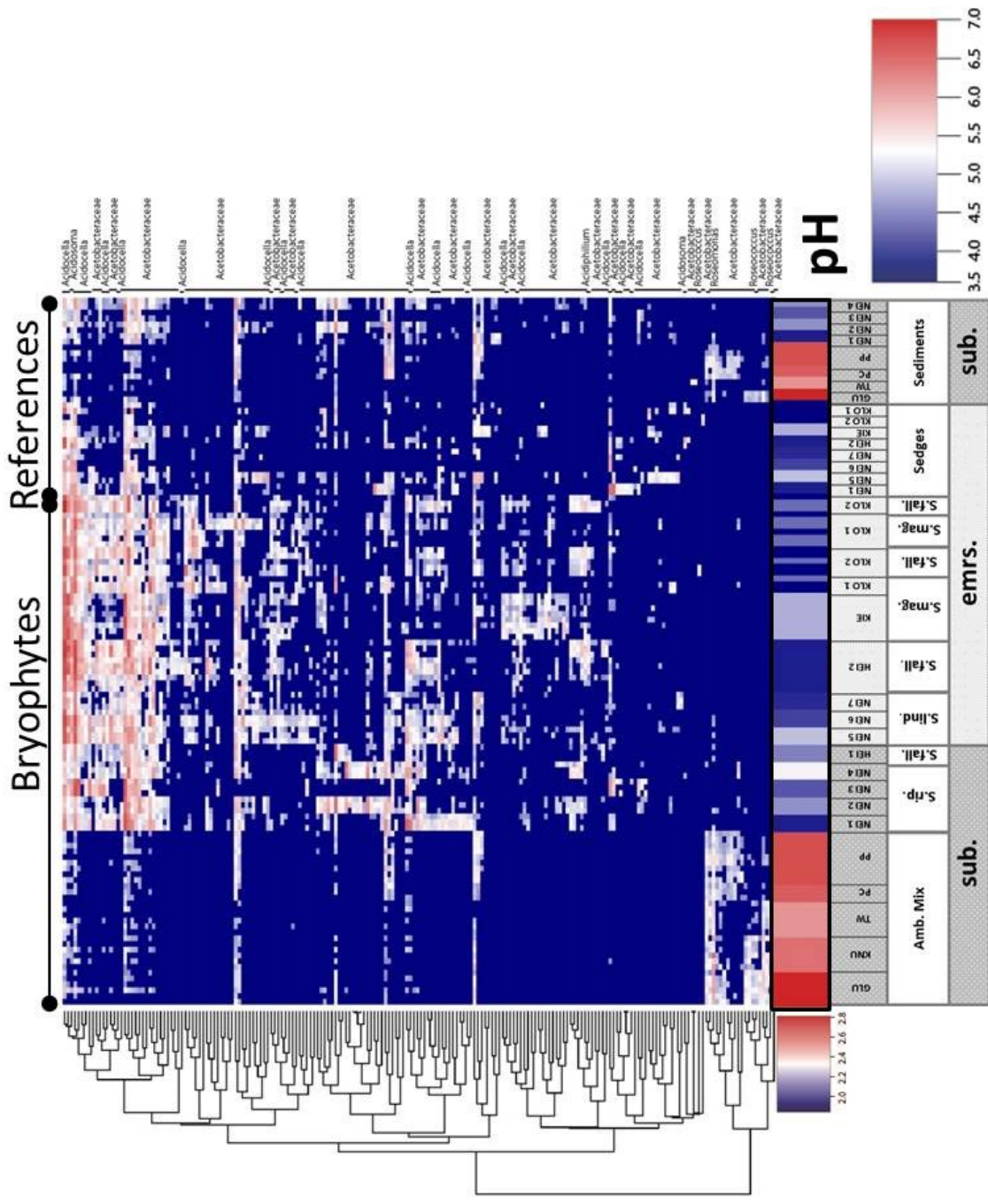
v. Figure S2: Archaeal alpha-diversities.

Box plots illustrating archaeal alpha-diversities for Amblystegiaceae (Amb), sediment references to Amblystegiaceae (Amb\_Sed), *Sphagnum* (Sph), sediment references to *Sphagnum* (Sph\_Sed) and vascular plant references to *Sphagnum* (Sph\_Vasc). A: Observed OTU; B: Calculated Inverse Simpson Index. Graph: Alexander T. Tveit





vi. Figure S3: Heatmap overview of OTUs within Acetobacteraceae.

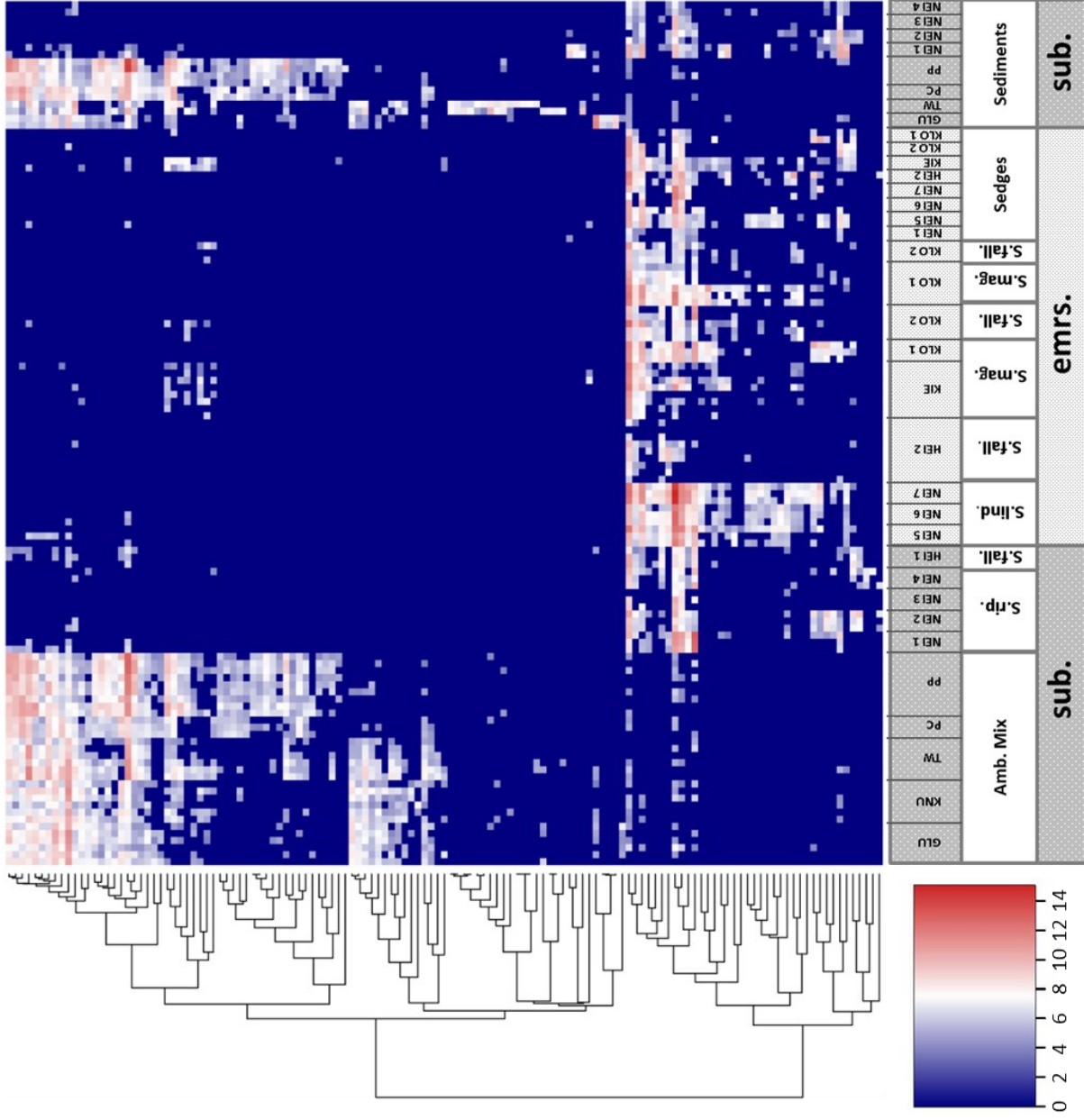


For each heatmap: The color intensity of the main heatmap (at the top left of both heatmaps) corresponds to the binary logarithm of the relative abundance of the OTU multiplied by 100,000. Pearson correlation was used as the basis for the hierarchical clustering of OTUs in the heatmap. The color intensity of the pH heatmap corresponds to the pH. The samples are sorted by ecosystem types and latitude from left to right. sub. = submerged. emrs. = emerged/above the water table. Amb. Mix. = a mix of *Amblystegiaceae*. S. rip. = *Sphagnum riparium*. S. fall. = *Sphagnum fallax*. S. mag = *Sphagnum magellanicum*. S. lind. = *Sphagnum lindbergii*.



viii. Figure S5: Heatmap overview of OTUs within Acidimicrobiales.

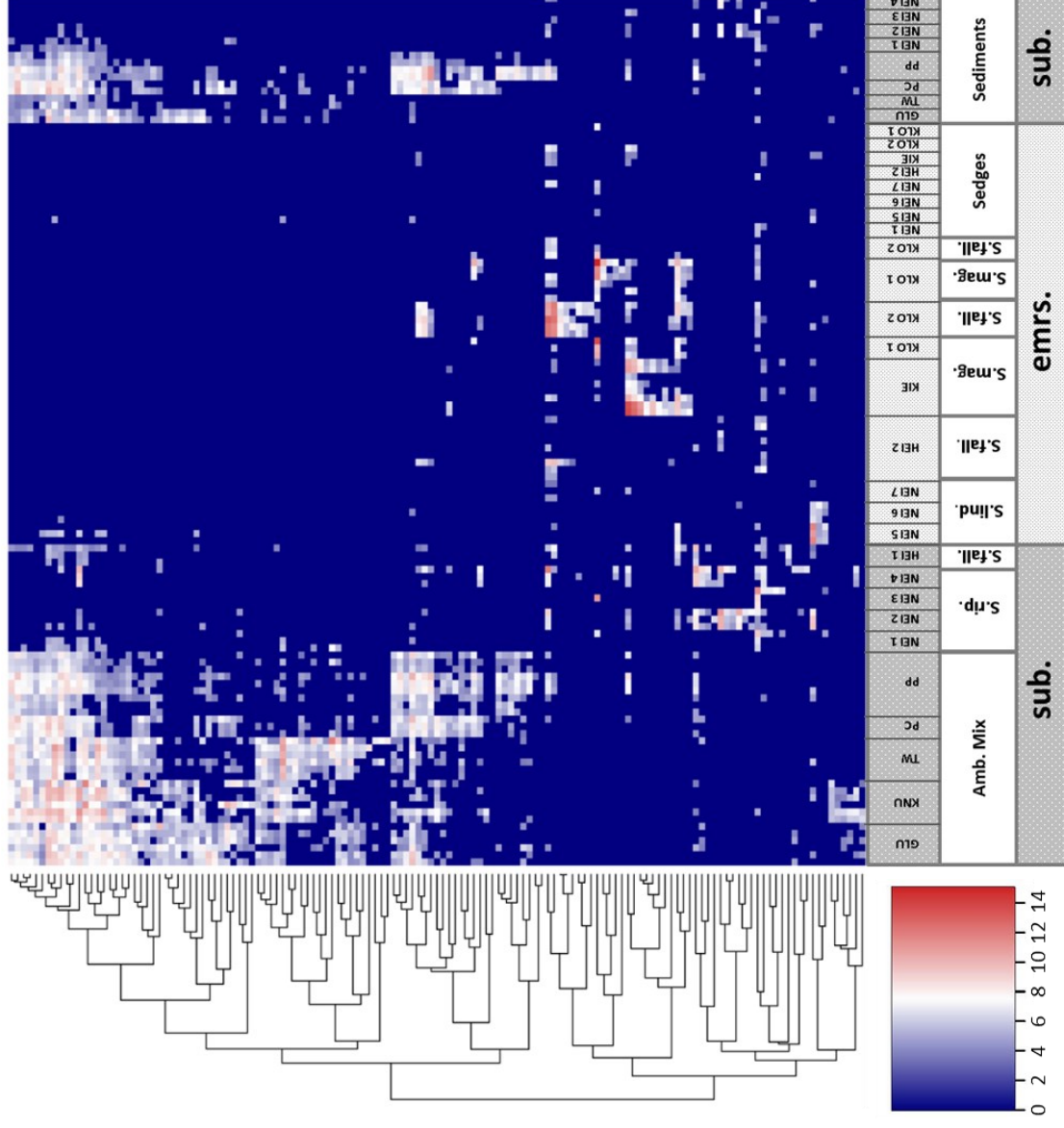
The color intensity of the main heatmap corresponds to the binary logarithm of the average relative abundance of the OTU multiplied by 100,000. Pearson correlation was used as the basis for the hierarchical clustering of OTUs in the heat map. The samples are sorted by ecosystem types and latitude from left to right: sub. = submergед. emrs. = emerged/above the water table. Amb. Mix. = a mix of *Amblystegiaceae*. S. rip. = *Sphagnum riparium*. S. fall. = *Sphagnum fallax*. S. mag = *Sphagnum magellanicum*. S. lind. = *Sphagnum lindbergii*.





ix. **Figure S6: Heatmap overview of OTUs within Cyanobacteria.**

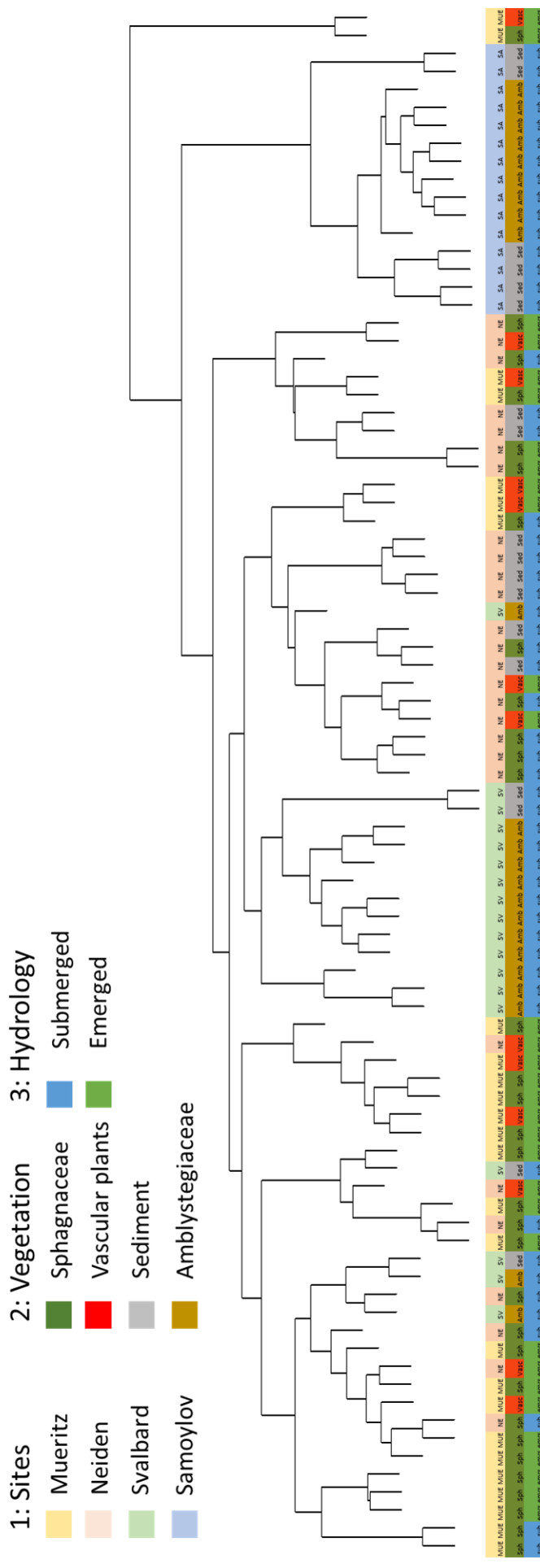
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xi. **Figure S8: Dendrogram showing the clustering of archaeal communities (OTU at 97% sequence similarity) in relation to the characteristics of their respective environments.**

Each node of the dendrogram corresponds to the community profile of a moss, vascular plant or sediment sample. All possible pairwise Pearson correlation factors were calculated from the community profiles and the resulting distance matrix used to cluster the samples applying the agnes hierarchical clustering algorithm.





## xiii. Supplementary Table S2:

Core microbiomes of Amblystegiaceae and Sphagnum ecosystems (A), different moss types within these (B) and intersects between the moss core microbiomes (C). Letters A-F in (C) refers to letters A-F in (B) column one.

S2 A	OTU total	OTU core	Number of Amplicon libraries	Threshold for core microbiome calculation	Contribution to relative abundance	
					1	2
Total ecosystem	13799	49	122	66 %	1 - 65%	
Total moss	10930	52	88	66 %	2 - 60%	
<i>Sphagnum</i> ecosystem	7197	119	82	66 %	16 - 83%	
<i>Sphagnum</i> moss	5669	142	58	66 %	22 - 84%	
Amblystegiaceae ecosystem	7612	322	40	66 %	20 - 77%	
Amblystegiaceae moss	6057	348	30	66 %	44 - 78%	

S2 B	Site	OTU total	OTU core	Number of Amplicon libraries	Threshold for core microbiome calculation	Contribution to relative abundance	
						1	2
A - Mosses svalbard	SV	4681	295	18	75 %	44 - 76%	
B - Scorpidium	SA	3022	548	12	75 %	66 - 83%	
C - Sphagnum riparium	NE	1905	126	12	75 %	36 - 88%	
D - Sphagnum fallax	MUE	2689	132	20	75 %	34 - 84%	
E - Sphagnum lindbergii	NE	1560	252	9	75 %	60 - 90%	
F - Sphagnum magellanicum	MUE	2888	154	17	75 %	25 - 75%	



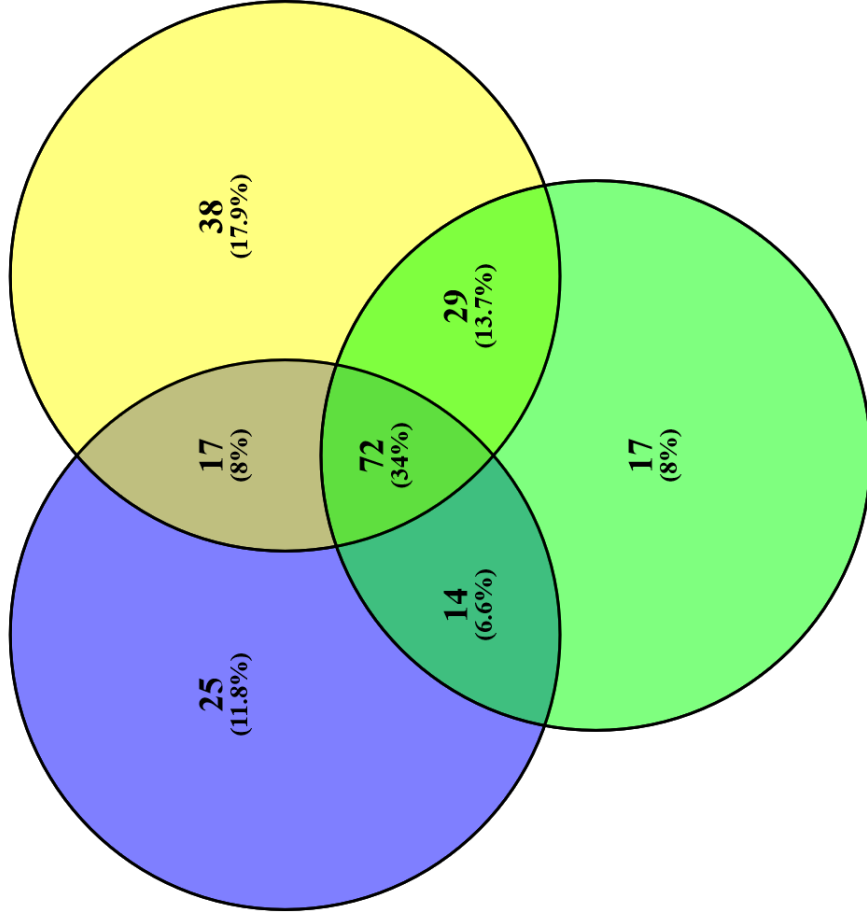
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S2 C	A	B	C	D	E	F
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B	195					
C	11	20				
D	10	19	84			
E	12	25	89	100		
F	12	20	81	94	113	

xiv. Supplementary Table S3: Diversity indexes for all MUE sites.

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**HEI** **KIE**



**KLO**

xv. Venn diagram showing the bacteriomes of Sphagnum and reference sedges from all subsites within the Mueritz sampling site.

Heidbergmoor (HEI), Kiebitzmoor (KIE) and Klockenbruch (KLO) Created at: <https://bioinfogp.cnb.csic.es/tools/venny/index.html> (Oliveros, J.C. (2007-2015) Venny. An interactive tool for comparing lists with Venn's diagrams).

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