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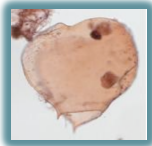
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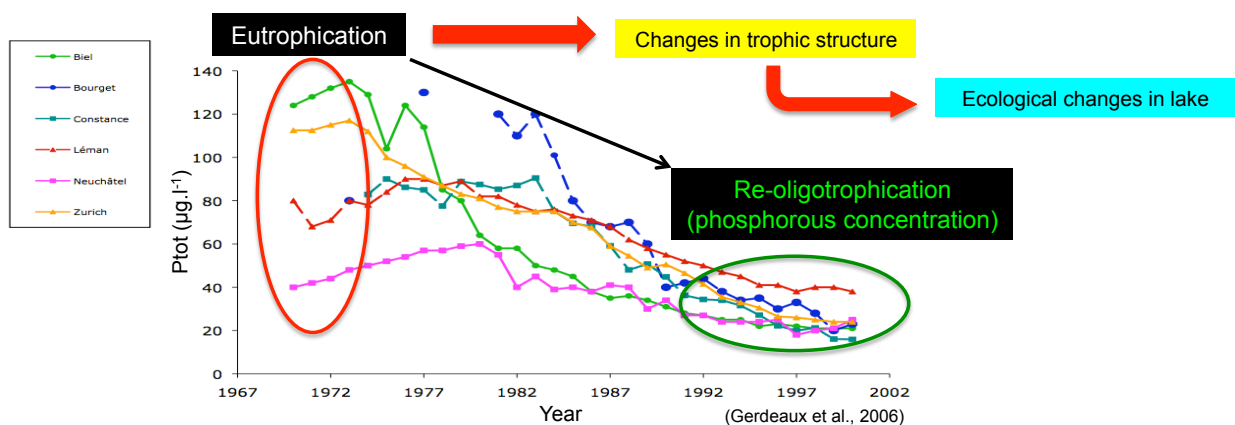
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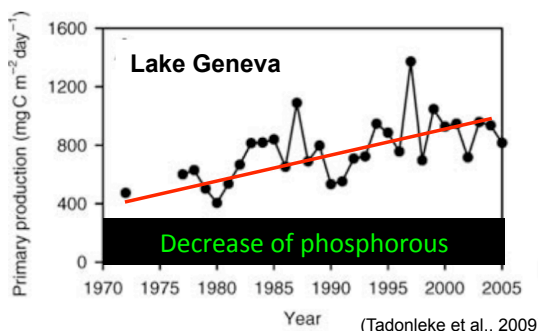
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Understanding community trajectories in a context of multiple perturbations



Unexpected trajectory of biological communities



Phosphorous is not the only driver

- + local scale: fisheries management
- + global scale: climatic change

➔ Towards a paleo-ecological approach

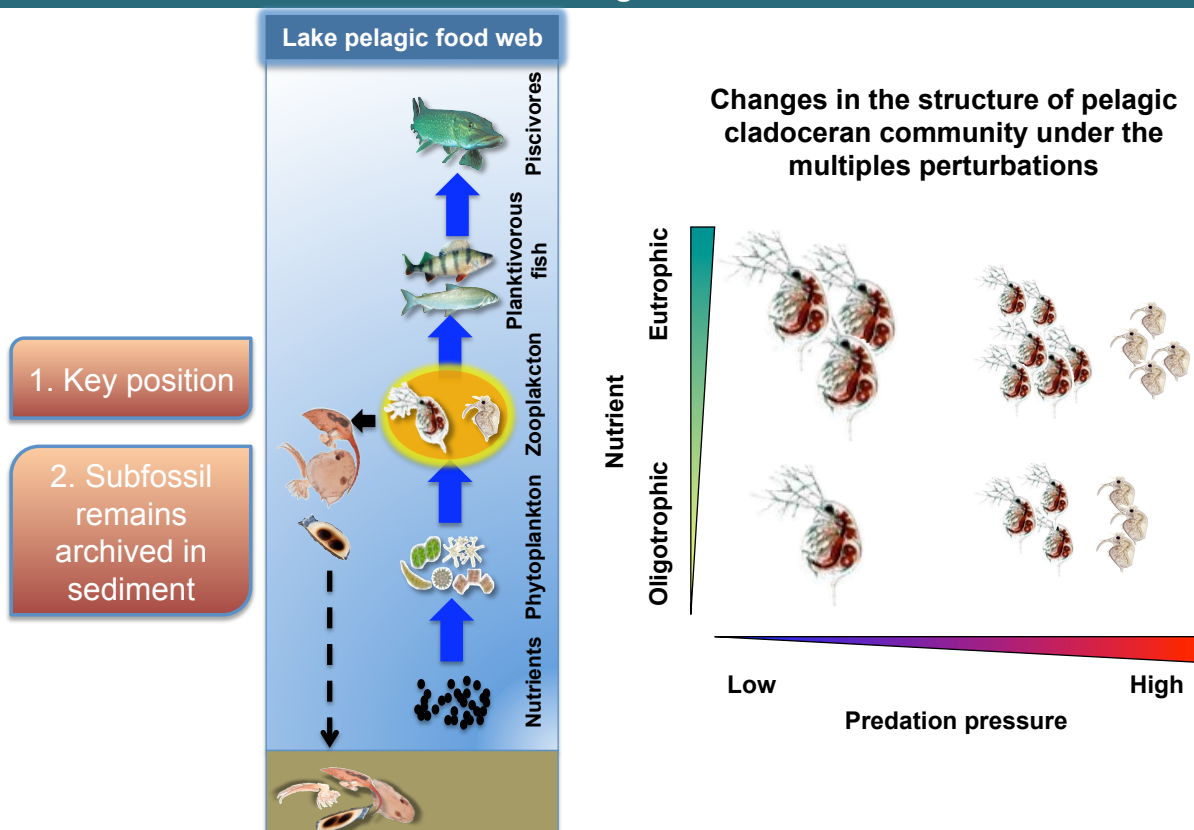
Objectives

What is the role of human-made changes (changes in nutrient level and fish communities in a context of climate change) on the trajectory of biological communities over the last 150 years in three French deep subalpine lakes?

1. What is the trajectory of biological communities?

2. What is the contribution of both 'bottom-up', 'top-down' and climatic changes in structuring of biological communities?

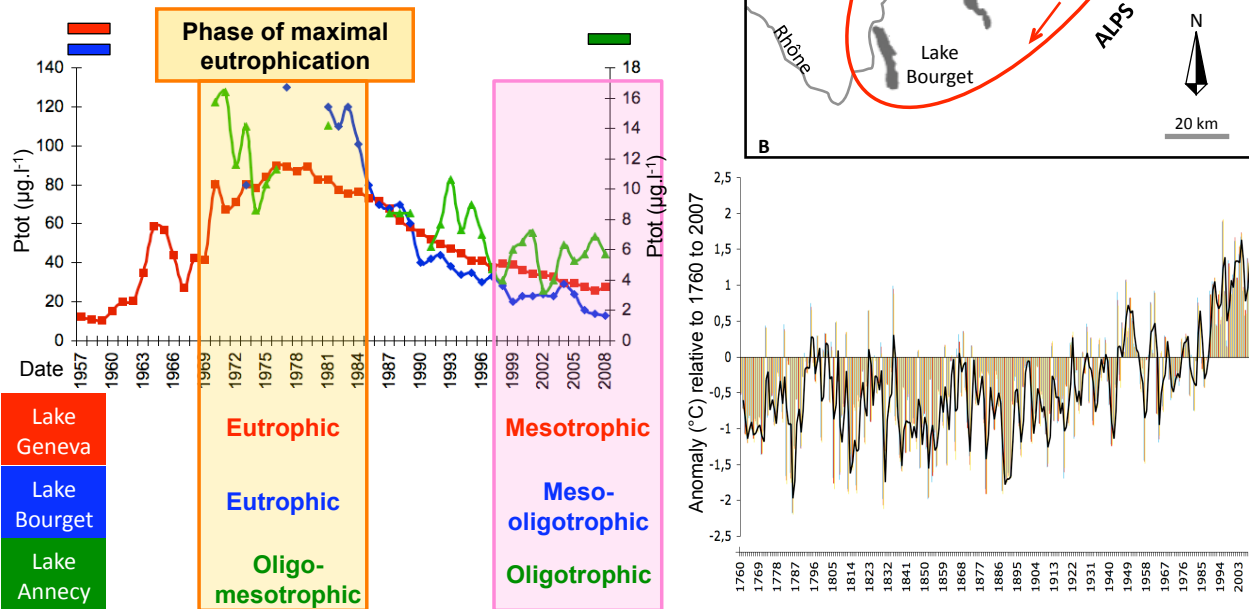
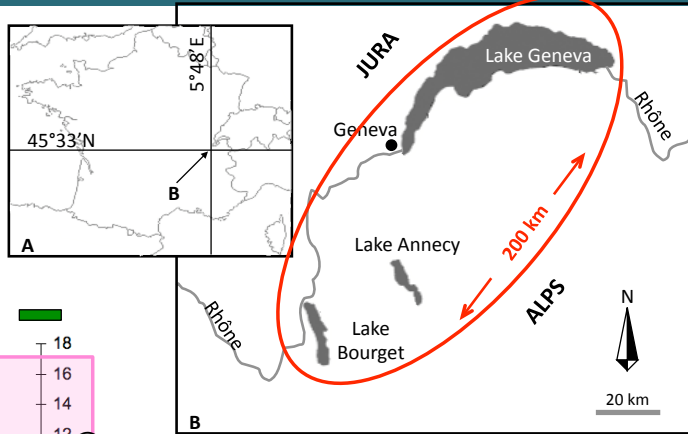
Cladoceran and their subfossil remains as an integrator of pelagic food web over the long term



Study sites

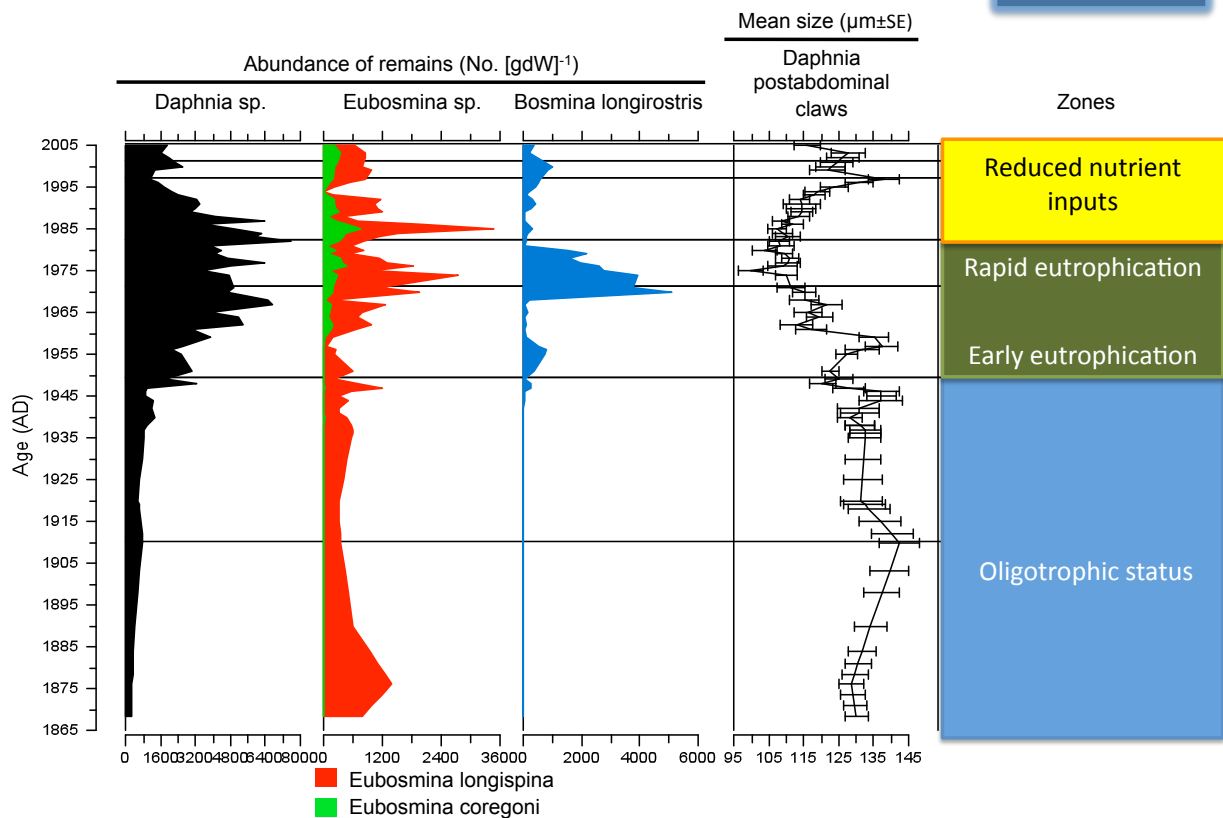
Characteristics of lakes:

- Same eco-climatic context
- Fish community similar
- Eutrophication → different intensity between the lakes

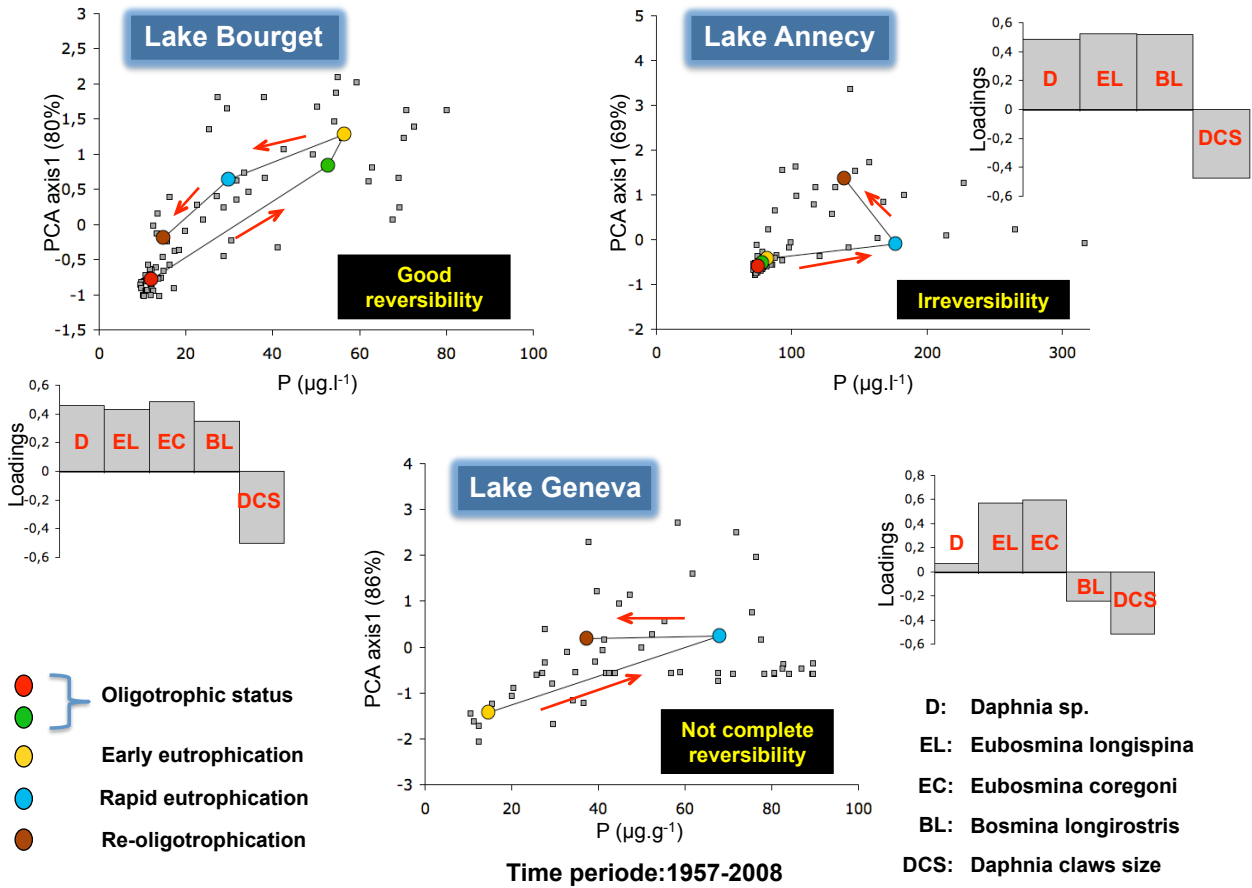


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Lake Bourget



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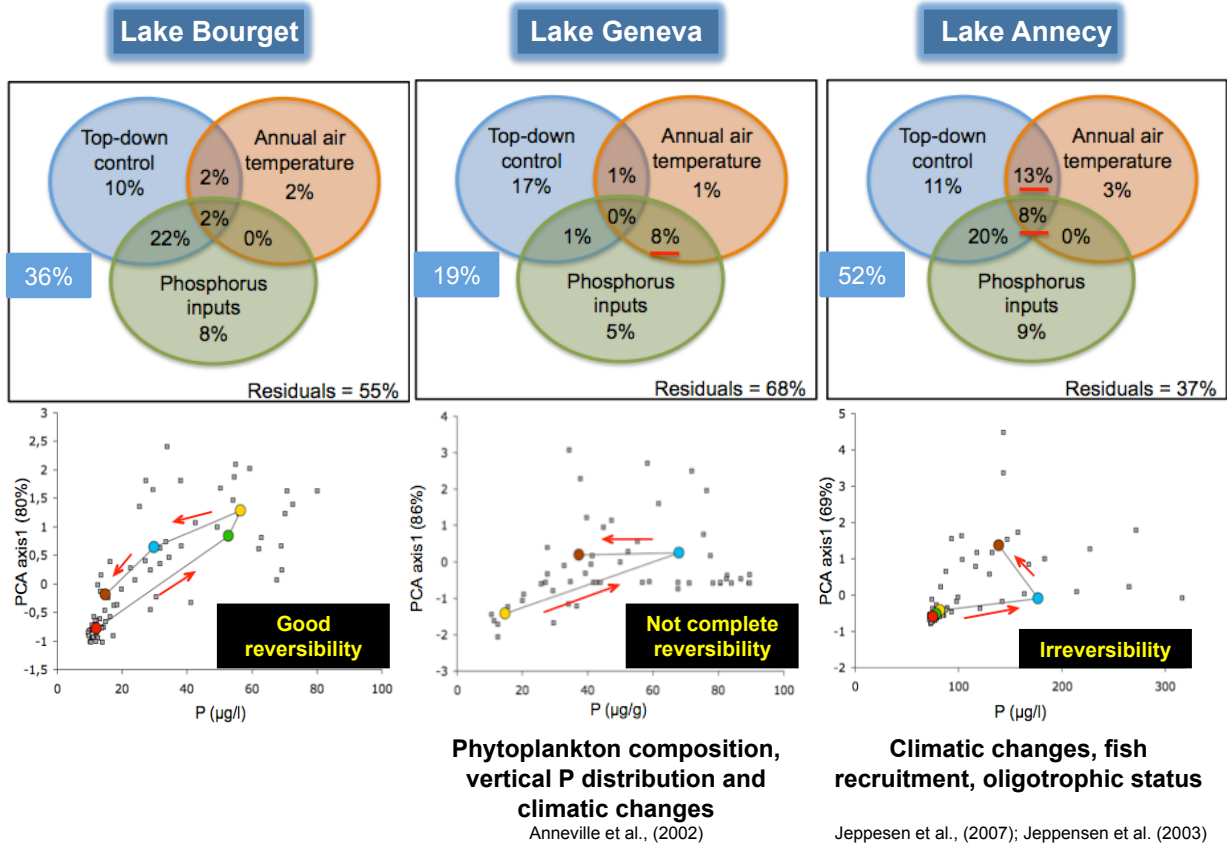
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Quantifying the relative effects of external forcing variables (VPA):

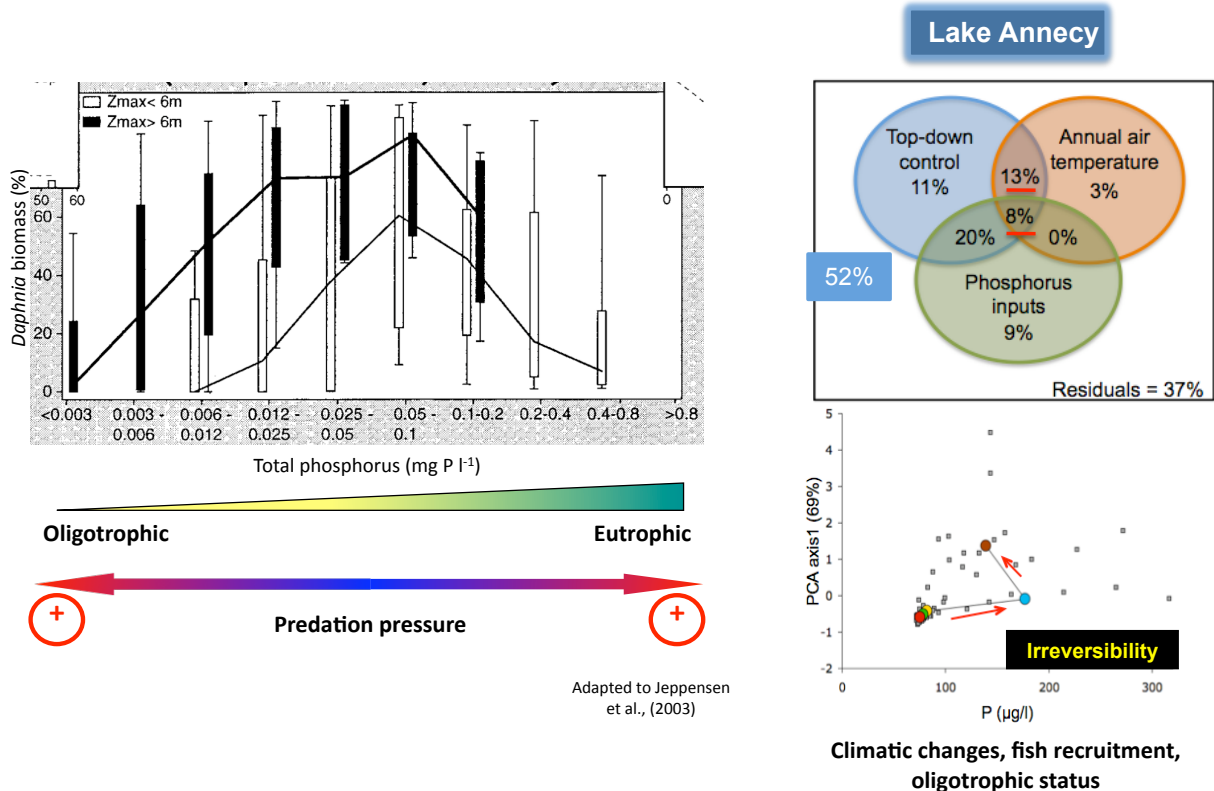
	Lake Annecy	Lake Bourget	Lake Geneva
'Top-down'	Daphnia claw size	Daphnia claw size	Daphnia claw size
'Bottom-up'	Phosphorous (Core)	Diatom-phosphorous transfer function (Wunsam & Schmidt, 1995)	Phosphorous (Water column) (1957-2008)
Climate	1. Annual air temperature (HISTALP)		
	2. River discharge	no major effects	no changes in precipitations (meteorological data)
	3. River inputs	no major effects	no changes in river OM inputs (pyrolyse rock-eval)

Size-selective predation hypothesis (Brook & Dodson, 1965)

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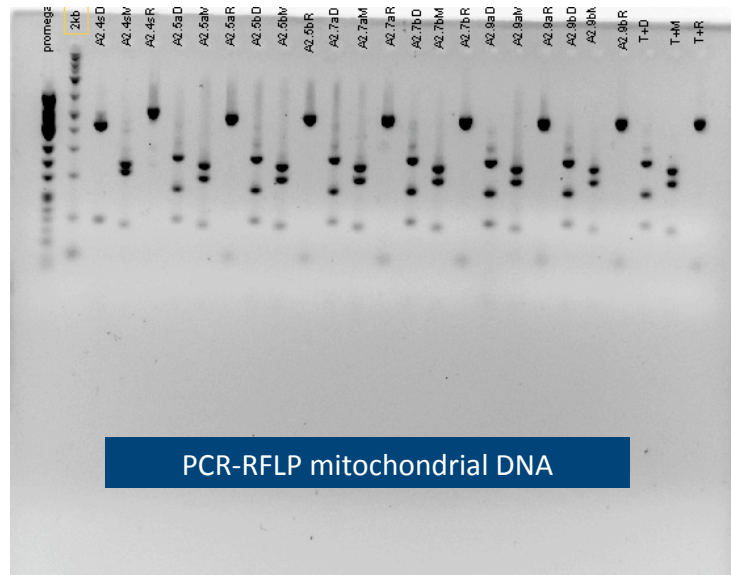
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Conclusion & perspectives

The trajectory of cladoceran community was driven by a site-specific combination of local and global interacting perturbations.

Are changes in genetic architecture of cladoceran communities contribute to the irreversibility of their trajectories?



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Nutrient inputs

