

# **Appendix**

## **Supplementary materials – 1**

### **Tables S1 – S2**

Article:

#### **Wide ecological niches ensure frequent harmful dinoflagellate blooms**

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**Supplementary Table S1.**  
**Dinoflagellate biovolume (BV, mm<sup>3</sup> L<sup>-1</sup>) classification (A) and representation (Number of datasets, n) of the most abundant species in the database (B).**

<b>A. Biovolume classification of dinoflagellates</b>		
BV class number	BV classes	BV class limits (mm <sup>3</sup> L <sup>-1</sup> )
1	rare	< 0.044
2	present	0.044 – < 0.12
3	abundant	0.12 – < 0.4
4	very abundant	0.4 – < 1.0
5	plentiful	1.0 – < 3.0
6	blooming	≥ 3.0

<b>B. Representation of species in the database</b>		
Number of datasets (n)	Species	Maximum BV class
448	<i>Prorocentrum cordatum</i>	4
354	<i>Ceratium tripos</i>	6
257	<i>Ceratium fusus</i>	6
246	<i>Dinophysis norvegica</i>	6
243	<i>Prorocentrum micans</i>	5
232	<i>Dinophysis acuminata</i>	5
229	<i>Kryptoperidinium triquetrum</i>	5
185	<i>Protoperidinium pellucidum</i>	5
126	<i>Amphidinium crassum</i>	5
116	<i>Protoperidinium bipes</i>	5
112	<i>Ceratium lineatum</i>	6
103	<i>Protoperidinium steinii</i>	5
98	<i>Protoperidinium brevipes</i>	5
94	<i>Proterythropsis vigilans</i>	5
93	<i>Gyrodinium spirale</i>	6
60	<i>Protoperidinium conicum</i>	6
52	<i>Ceratium furca</i>	6

## Supplementary Table S2.

**Results of the Principal Component Analysis showing contribution of 12 main environmental variables to preferable ecological conditions (niches) for major bloom-forming dinoflagellate species in the Baltic coastal waters. Maximum Eigenvectors are highlighted in bold font.**

### A. PCA results for a total of 14 species

**Total** (altogether 14 species)

Data worksheet

Name: Data22

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	5,12	42,7	42,7
2	1,77	14,7	57,4
3	1,57	13,1	70,5
4	0,868	7,2	77,7
5	0,733	6,1	83,9

Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	0,050	<b>-0,515</b>	0,080	0,385	<b>0,615</b>
Salinity	0,258	0,185	-0,431	-0,006	0,214
Secchi depth	0,273	0,253	-0,329	0,177	-0,169
Chl a	-0,289	-0,154	0,247	-0,384	0,230
PO4	-0,279	-0,273	<b>-0,455</b>	0,029	-0,204
Total P	-0,339	-0,269	-0,289	0,030	-0,035
Total N	<b>-0,413</b>	0,129	0,069	0,117	0,076
DIN	-0,355	0,371	0,086	0,304	0,057
NO2	-0,313	0,397	0,242	0,266	0,003
NO3	-0,150	0,334	-0,298	<b>-0,557</b>	0,518
NH4	-0,265	0,024	-0,429	0,329	0,126
SiO4	-0,305	-0,204	-0,064	-0,276	-0,398

## B. PCA results for individual species

### *Amphidinium crassum*

Data worksheet

Name: Data1

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

#### Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	6,18	51,5	51,5
2	2,06	17,2	68,7
3	1,21	10,1	78,8
4	0,989	8,2	87,0
5	0,606	5,0	92,1

#### Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	0,116	0,311	<b>-0,576</b>	-0,522	-0,172
Salinity	0,224	0,263	-0,325	0,449	<b>-0,497</b>
Secchi depth	0,294	0,058	-0,081	<b>0,532</b>	-0,160
Chl a	-0,303	-0,196	-0,433	-0,059	-0,119
PO4	-0,259	0,442	0,303	-0,022	-0,186
Total P	-0,330	0,352	0,003	-0,056	-0,109
Total N	-0,364	0,014	-0,176	0,084	0,152
DIN	<b>-0,365</b>	-0,167	-0,221	0,170	-0,013
NO2	-0,280	-0,439	-0,220	0,129	-0,138
NO3	-0,320	0,105	0,050	0,381	0,179
NH4	-0,261	<b>0,470</b>	-0,074	0,112	0,228
SiO4	-0,261	-0,140	0,375	-0,160	-0,715

### *Ceratium fusus*

Data worksheet

Name: Data3

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

#### Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	3,77	31,4	31,4
2	2,03	16,9	48,3
3	1,68	14,0	62,3
4	1,12	9,3	71,7
5	1,03	8,6	80,3

#### Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	0,244	-0,232	0,144	-0,282	-0,460
Salinity	-0,124	<b>0,443</b>	-0,084	<b>0,417</b>	0,028
Secchi depth	0,081	-0,202	<b>-0,608</b>	0,127	0,328
Chl a	-0,106	0,328	0,535	0,300	-0,092
PO4	-0,232	-0,414	0,254	-0,064	0,425
Total P	-0,304	-0,316	0,060	0,260	0,133
Total N	-0,388	-0,111	0,275	-0,387	0,073
DIN	<b>-0,429</b>	0,237	-0,236	-0,256	-0,100
NO2	-0,267	-0,173	-0,252	0,252	<b>-0,533</b>
NO3	-0,285	0,434	-0,153	-0,361	0,220
NH4	-0,386	-0,125	-0,154	-0,117	-0,352
SiO4	-0,353	-0,166	0,076	0,382	0,033

### *Ceratium lineatum*

Data worksheet

Name: Data5

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

#### Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	4,48	40,7	40,7
2	1,64	14,9	55,6
3	1,48	13,4	69,0
4	1,36	12,4	81,4
5	0,7	6,4	87,8

#### Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	0,275	0,196	<b>0,383</b>	0,213	-0,592
Salinity	-0,147	-0,192	-0,552	-0,118	<b>-0,700</b>
Secchi depth	-0,093	0,530	-0,485	0,054	0,062
Chl a	0,029	<b>-0,630</b>	0,044	-0,395	-0,006
Total P	-0,329	0,137	0,036	<b>-0,497</b>	-0,159
Total N	-0,352	-0,221	0,324	0,277	-0,079
DIN	<b>-0,451</b>	0,039	0,064	0,188	-0,029
NO2	-0,257	0,359	0,276	-0,477	0,053
NO3	-0,342	-0,142	-0,188	0,433	0,089
NH4	-0,393	0,092	0,279	0,073	-0,245
SiO4	-0,346	-0,144	-0,112	-0,041	0,230

### *Ceratium tripos*

Data worksheet

Name: Data6

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

#### Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	3,39	28,2	28,2
2	2,18	18,2	46,4
3	1,5	12,5	58,9
4	1,17	9,8	68,6
5	1,01	8,4	77,1

#### Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	-0,239	0,311	0,194	<b>-0,413</b>	0,029
Salinity	0,174	-0,423	0,004	0,339	-0,001
Secchi depth	-0,113	0,114	<b>-0,663</b>	0,302	-0,186
Chl a	0,163	-0,318	0,539	0,234	0,211
PO4	0,233	<b>0,464</b>	0,155	0,253	-0,255
Total P	0,295	0,277	-0,020	0,253	0,195
Total N	0,357	0,240	0,248	-0,258	-0,254
DIN	<b>0,465</b>	-0,188	-0,221	-0,282	-0,029
NO2	0,229	0,058	-0,235	-0,129	0,760
NO3	0,332	-0,355	-0,108	-0,176	<b>-0,414</b>
NH4	0,373	0,129	-0,164	-0,280	0,055
SiO4	0,292	0,279	0,061	0,411	0,003

**Dinophysis acuminata**

Data worksheet

Name: Data8

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	4,56	41,5	41,5
2	2,77	25,2	66,7
3	1,28	11,6	78,3
4	0,764	6,9	85,2
5	0,59	5,4	90,6

Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	-0,225	-0,295	-0,108	<b>-0,619</b>	-0,180
Salinity	0,328	0,214	-0,208	-0,071	-0,532
Secchi depth	0,312	-0,072	0,251	-0,397	<b>0,674</b>
Chl a	-0,396	-0,113	-0,282	0,163	0,005
Total P	-0,423	-0,063	-0,136	-0,114	0,106
Total N	<b>-0,444</b>	-0,002	-0,184	0,000	0,219
DIN	-0,105	<b>0,576</b>	-0,007	-0,039	0,120
NO2	-0,209	0,239	<b>0,688</b>	0,058	-0,157
NO3	-0,015	0,496	-0,328	0,192	0,318
NH4	-0,048	0,442	-0,126	-0,611	-0,131
SiO4	-0,393	0,122	0,391	-0,015	-0,119

**Dinophysis norvegica**

Data worksheet

Name: Data9

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	3,65	33,2	33,2
2	1,8	16,4	49,6
3	1,6	14,6	64,1
4	1,12	10,2	74,3
5	0,79	7,2	81,5

Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	-0,181	0,007	-0,387	-0,485	<b>0,626</b>
Salinity	0,248	0,303	-0,272	-0,223	-0,406
Secchi depth	-0,219	0,319	0,493	-0,257	-0,013
Chl a	0,243	-0,015	<b>-0,514</b>	0,455	-0,079
Total P	0,246	<b>0,477</b>	0,059	-0,094	-0,159
Total N	0,383	-0,389	0,020	-0,056	0,267
DIN	<b>0,460</b>	-0,173	0,254	-0,149	0,013
NO2	0,306	0,256	0,112	0,091	0,369
NO3	0,423	-0,064	0,341	0,093	0,156
NH4	0,186	-0,342	-0,132	<b>-0,607</b>	-0,376
SiO4	0,269	0,460	-0,235	-0,148	0,196

***Kryptoperidinium triquetrum***

Data worksheet

Name: Data10

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	6,95	58,0	58,0
2	1,88	15,7	73,6
3	1,25	10,4	84,0
4	0,85	7,1	91,1
5	0,389	3,2	94,3

Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	-0,117	<b>0,553</b>	-0,266	-0,379	0,137
Salinity	0,222	-0,428	-0,072	0,345	-0,202
Secchi depth	0,251	-0,372	-0,117	-0,004	<b>0,829</b>
Chl a	-0,199	0,319	0,361	<b>0,620</b>	0,174
PO4	-0,345	-0,164	-0,281	0,063	0,010
Total P	-0,346	-0,085	-0,306	0,145	-0,023
Total N	<b>-0,368</b>	-0,069	-0,145	0,117	0,005
DIN	-0,355	-0,207	-0,027	-0,176	0,068
NO2	-0,253	-0,086	<b>0,495</b>	-0,379	0,279
NO3	-0,215	-0,359	0,469	-0,217	-0,277
NH4	-0,337	-0,204	-0,304	-0,042	-0,013
SiO4	-0,333	0,108	0,168	0,301	0,252

***Prorocentrum micans***

Data worksheet

Name: Data12

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	3,53	29,4	29,4
2	2,74	22,9	52,3
3	1,46	12,2	64,4
4	1,19	9,9	74,3
5	0,817	6,8	81,1

Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	-0,194	0,400	-0,073	0,128	0,454
Salinity	0,382	-0,225	-0,003	-0,300	0,027
Secchi depth	0,381	-0,086	-0,391	-0,125	0,215
Chl a	-0,314	0,068	0,501	-0,271	-0,224
PO4	-0,212	0,000	<b>-0,626</b>	-0,297	-0,170
Total P	-0,294	0,030	0,133	-0,470	0,457
Total N	<b>-0,460</b>	-0,131	-0,070	-0,054	-0,026
DIN	-0,106	-0,577	0,058	0,060	0,088
NO2	-0,226	-0,134	-0,101	<b>0,656</b>	-0,109
NO3	0,013	<b>-0,531</b>	0,143	-0,117	-0,130
NH4	-0,213	-0,355	-0,105	0,131	<b>0,556</b>
SiO4	-0,349	-0,017	-0,362	-0,170	-0,335

***Prorocentrum cordatum***

Data worksheet

Name: Data14

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	3,93	32,8	32,8
2	2,26	18,8	51,6
3	1,32	11,0	62,6
4	1,1	9,2	71,8
5	0,937	7,8	79,6

Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	0,095	-0,157	0,088	<b>-0,720</b>	<b>-0,485</b>
Salinity	0,184	0,403	-0,184	0,172	-0,453
Secchi depth	0,289	<b>0,423</b>	-0,098	-0,054	0,072
Chl a	-0,260	-0,355	0,015	0,323	-0,283
PO4	-0,217	0,053	<b>-0,641</b>	-0,181	0,228
Total P	-0,251	-0,188	-0,342	-0,136	-0,444
Total N	<b>-0,456</b>	-0,008	0,013	0,029	0,018
DIN	-0,367	0,369	0,294	-0,165	-0,012
NO2	-0,322	0,297	0,475	-0,125	-0,059
NO3	-0,144	0,363	-0,144	0,392	-0,406
NH4	-0,282	0,306	-0,297	-0,284	0,212
SiO4	-0,386	-0,145	0,013	0,125	0,107

***Proterothropsis vigilans* (version 1)**

Data worksheet

Name: Data21

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	5,01	45,6	45,6
2	2,00	18,2	63,8
3	1,68	15,3	79,0
4	0,725	6,6	85,6
5	0,595	5,4	91,0

Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	0,197	0,302	0,225	<b>0,681</b>	<b>-0,573</b>
Salinity	-0,278	-0,038	0,288	-0,573	-0,568
Secchi depth	-0,048	<b>0,615</b>	-0,176	-0,152	0,154
Chl a	-0,015	-0,540	0,383	0,122	0,050
Total P	-0,247	0,345	0,439	-0,123	-0,055
Total N	-0,406	-0,130	-0,093	0,263	0,120
DIN	<b>-0,422</b>	-0,040	-0,203	0,148	-0,056
NO2	-0,388	-0,042	-0,089	0,081	-0,206
NO3	-0,390	-0,155	-0,272	0,142	-0,153
NH4	-0,374	0,265	0,025	0,121	0,227
SiO4	-0,188	0,055	<b>0,603</b>	0,148	0,429

***Protoperidinium bipes***

Data worksheet

Name: Data16

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	5,00	45,4	45,4
2	2,25	20,4	65,9
3	1,35	12,3	78,1
4	1,09	9,9	88,1
5	0,428	3,9	92,0

Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	0,112	0,206	-0,073	<b>-0,822</b>	-0,441
Salinity	-0,311	-0,323	0,201	-0,135	0,260
Secchi depth	0,087	0,554	0,367	0,051	0,146
Chl a	-0,139	<b>-0,601</b>	0,041	-0,084	-0,137
Total P	-0,349	-0,138	0,347	-0,190	0,072
Total N	-0,379	0,002	-0,392	-0,021	-0,158
DIN	<b>-0,404</b>	0,208	-0,228	-0,006	0,027
NO2	-0,323	0,199	0,199	0,378	-0,365
NO3	-0,384	0,146	-0,175	0,140	-0,371
NH4	-0,320	0,236	-0,277	-0,248	<b>0,627</b>
SiO4	-0,284	0,082	<b>0,587</b>	-0,189	-0,054

***Protoperidinium brevipes***

Data worksheet

Name: Data18

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	3,79	34,4	34,4
2	2,52	22,9	57,4
3	1,28	11,7	69,0
4	1,19	10,8	79,9
5	0,814	7,4	87,3

Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	0,248	-0,193	0,215	-0,142	<b>-0,823</b>
Salinity	-0,086	-0,474	0,361	0,176	0,040
Secchi depth	0,260	0,215	<b>0,578</b>	0,187	0,192
Chl a	-0,154	-0,443	-0,471	0,047	-0,113
Total P	0,076	-0,486	0,040	-0,004	0,365
Total N	-0,472	-0,062	0,000	-0,198	-0,138
DIN	<b>-0,488</b>	0,057	0,184	-0,083	0,064
NO2	-0,348	0,011	0,286	0,428	-0,298
NO3	-0,481	0,076	0,089	0,155	0,057
NH4	-0,116	-0,045	0,309	<b>-0,810</b>	0,078
SiO4	0,093	<b>-0,494</b>	0,217	0,052	0,129

***Protoperidinium pellucidum***

Data worksheet

Name: Data19

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	7,05	58,7	58,7
2	2,01	16,8	75,5
3	1,3	10,9	86,4
4	0,759	6,3	92,7
5	0,491	4,1	96,8

Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	-0,062	0,111	<b>-0,671</b>	<b>0,654</b>	0,213
Salinity	0,084	<b>-0,553</b>	-0,029	0,353	<b>-0,678</b>
Secchi depth	0,161	0,477	0,330	0,182	-0,430
Chl a	-0,142	-0,479	-0,312	-0,462	-0,058
PO4	-0,369	0,109	-0,006	-0,083	-0,053
Total P	-0,353	0,043	-0,013	0,075	-0,317
Total N	<b>-0,372</b>	-0,009	0,072	0,024	0,097
DIN	-0,360	-0,068	0,205	0,151	0,075
NO2	-0,371	0,097	0,013	-0,069	-0,050
NO3	-0,064	-0,432	0,540	0,387	0,409
NH4	-0,368	0,071	0,041	0,096	-0,078
SiO4	-0,371	0,080	-0,034	-0,026	-0,112

***Protoperidinium steinii***

Data worksheet

Name: Data20

Data type: Other

Sample selection: All

Variable selection: All

Eigenvalues

PC	Eigenvalues	%Variation	Cum.%Variation
1	4,7	42,7	42,7
2	2,24	20,3	63,1
3	1,09	9,9	72,9
4	1,04	9,5	82,4
5	0,579	5,3	87,7

Eigenvectors

(Coefficients in the linear combinations of variables making up PC's)

Variable	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
T water	0,052	-0,366	<b>-0,661</b>	-0,286	0,306
Salinity	-0,235	-0,382	0,105	-0,456	0,129
Secchi depth	0,058	0,499	0,239	<b>-0,468</b>	0,166
Chl a	-0,040	<b>-0,522</b>	0,337	0,323	0,130
Total P	-0,306	-0,149	0,522	-0,167	0,374
Total N	-0,389	0,003	-0,221	0,393	0,202
DIN	<b>-0,437</b>	0,168	-0,065	0,093	0,036
NO2	-0,352	0,185	-0,157	-0,076	-0,155
NO3	-0,401	0,185	0,000	0,253	-0,018
NH4	-0,375	0,075	-0,168	-0,255	0,159
SiO4	-0,276	-0,275	0,052	-0,249	<b>-0,783</b>

### Supplementary Table S3.

The list of most common dinoflagellate species with the widest ecological niches in the Baltic coastal waters. The width of temperature (T), salinity (S), total nitrogen (TN) and total phosphorus (TP) niches of each species is ranked from 1 to 5 based on the data given in **Table 2**.

Species are ranked (№) according to the number (n) of the widest niches that they occupy in the study region. The top-5 species with the highest number of the widest individual niches are highlighted in bold.

№	Dinoflagellates	Species niche-width rank (1–5)				Number of widest niches, n (%)
		T niche	S niche	TN niche	TP niche	
<b>1</b>	<b><i>Dinophysis acuminata</i></b>	2	2	5	3	<b>4 (100)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b><i>Prorocentrum cordatum</i></b>	1		4	2	<b>3 (75)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b><i>Amphidinium crassum</i></b>		3	1	1	<b>3 (75)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b><i>Ceratium tripos</i></b>	5		3	5	<b>3 (75)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b><i>Prorocentrum micans</i></b>		1		4	<b>2 (50)</b>
6	<i>Proterothropsis vigilans</i>	3				1 (25)
7	<i>Dinophysis norvegica</i>	4				1 (25)
8	<i>Protoperidinium brevipes</i>		4			1 (25)
9	<i>Ceratium lineatum</i>		5			1 (25)
10	<i>Ceratium furca</i>			2		1 (25)

## **Supplementary materials – 2**

### **Figures S1 – S3**

Article:

#### **Wide ecological niches ensure frequent harmful dinoflagellate blooms**

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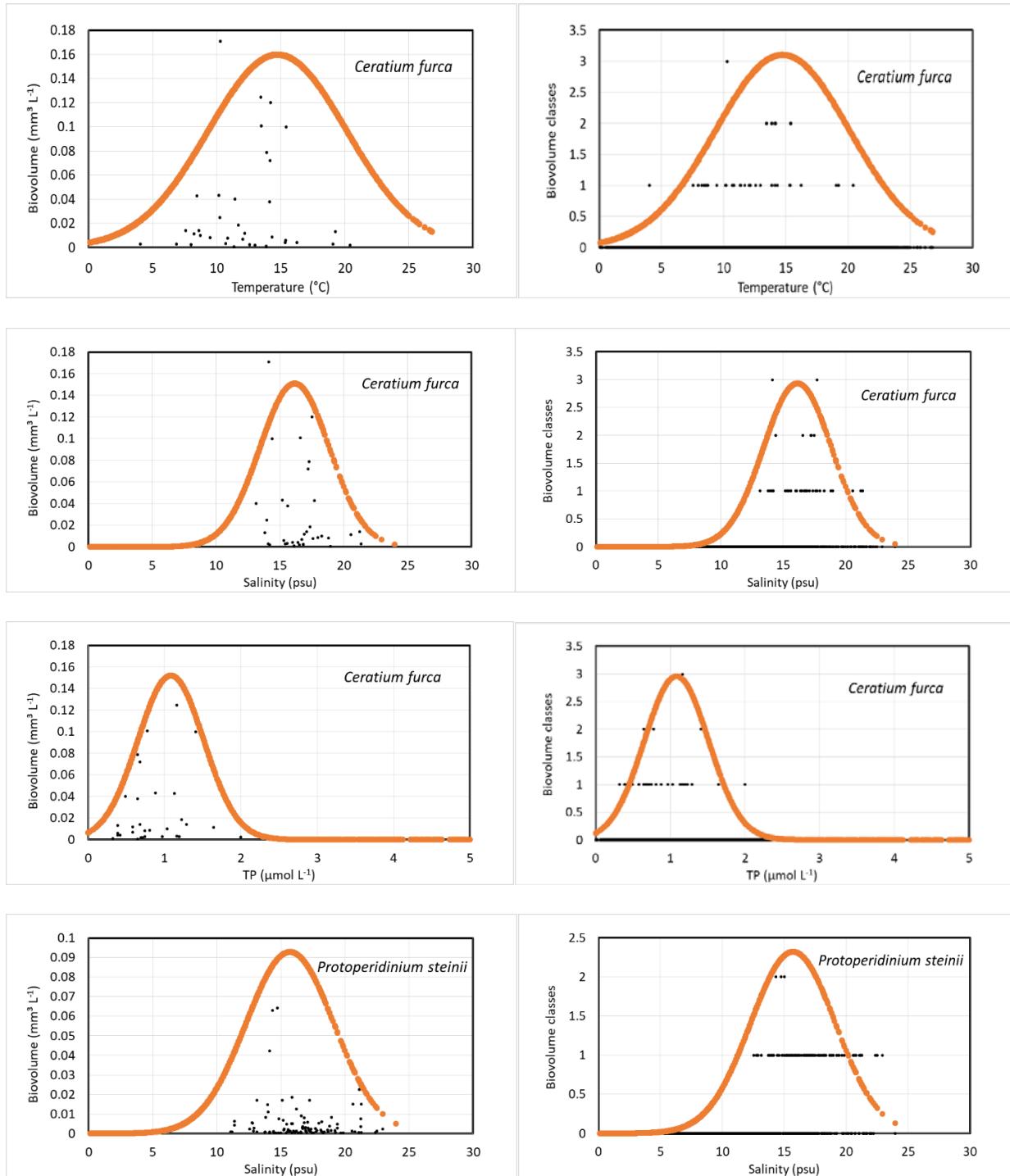
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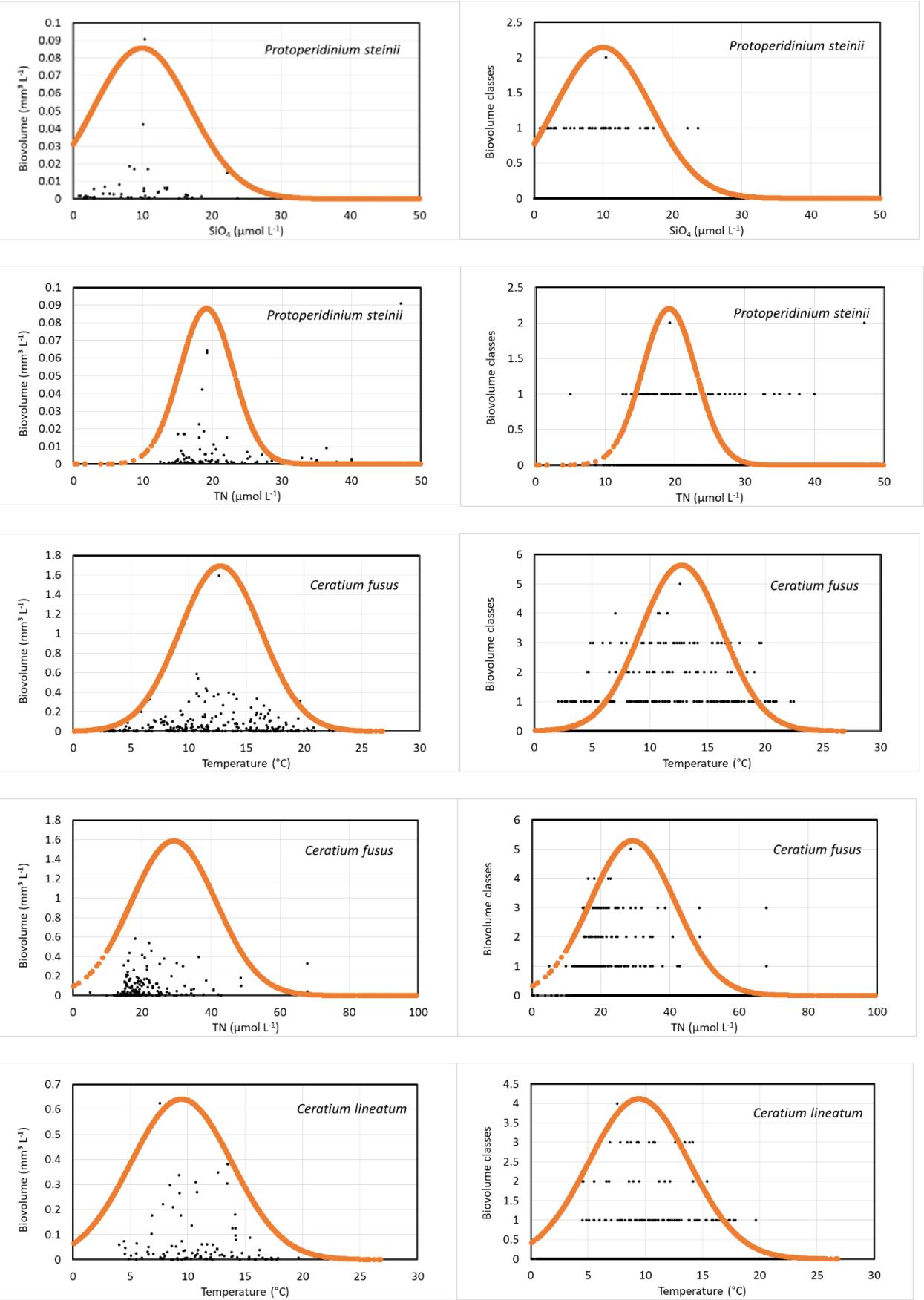
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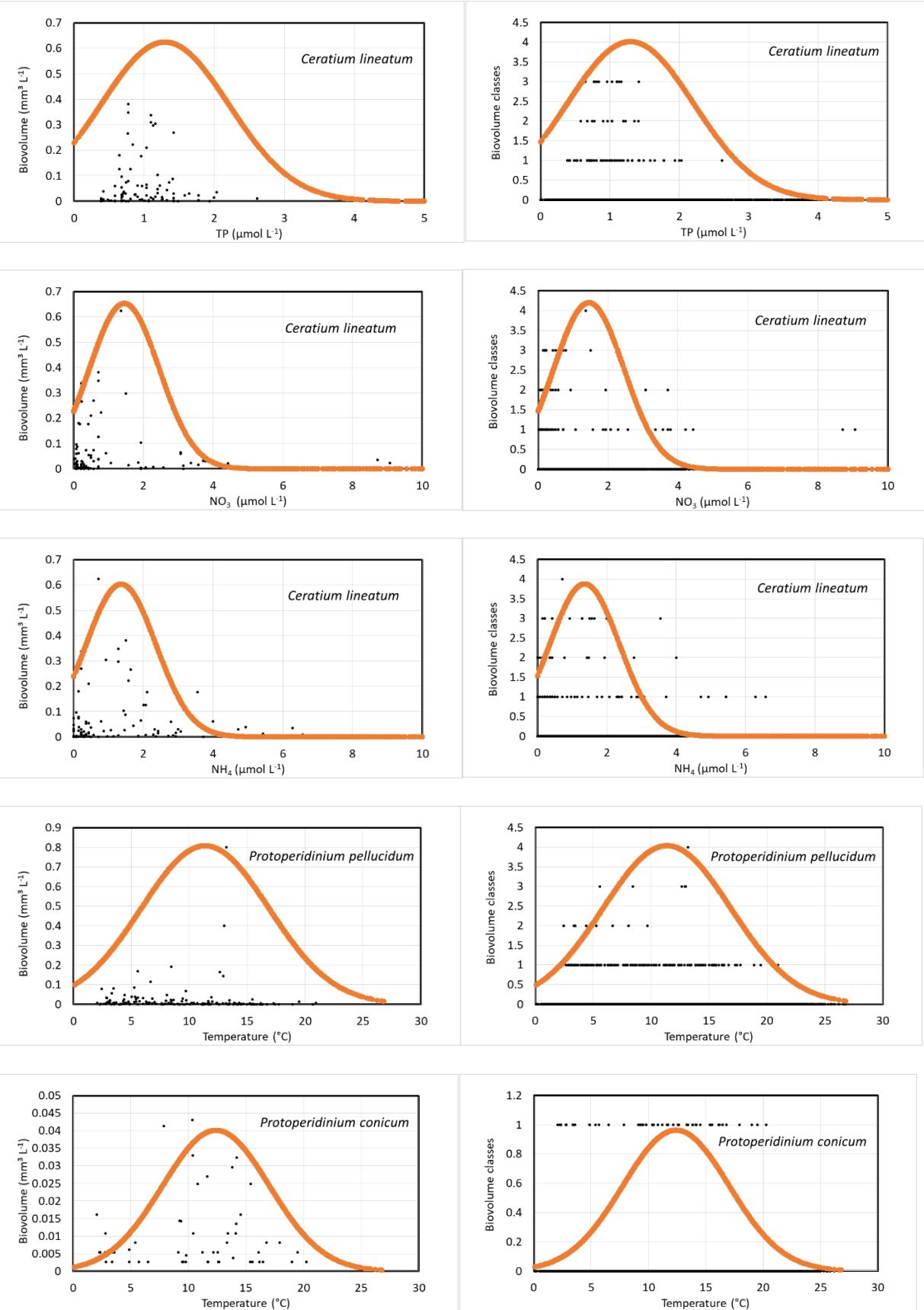
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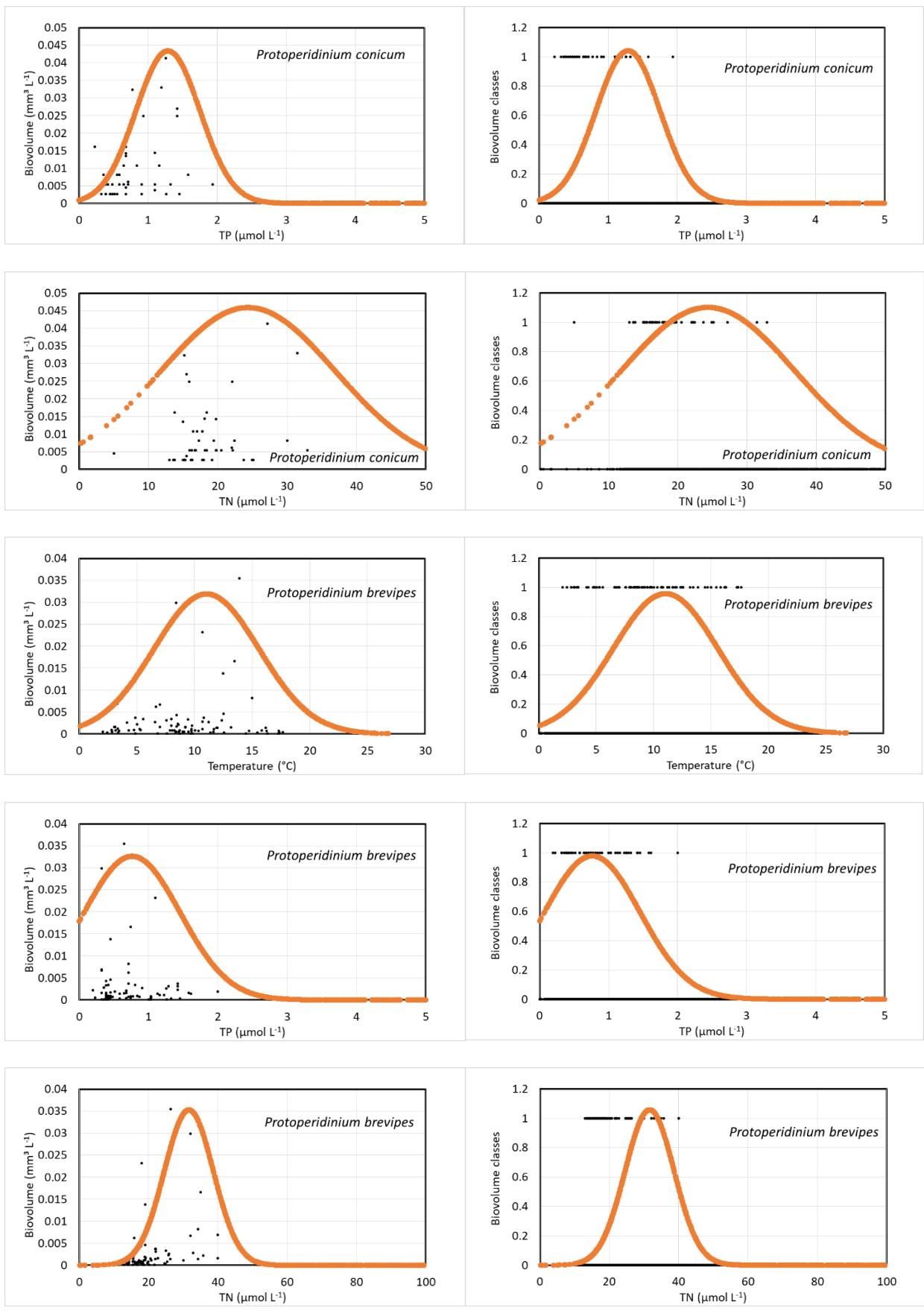
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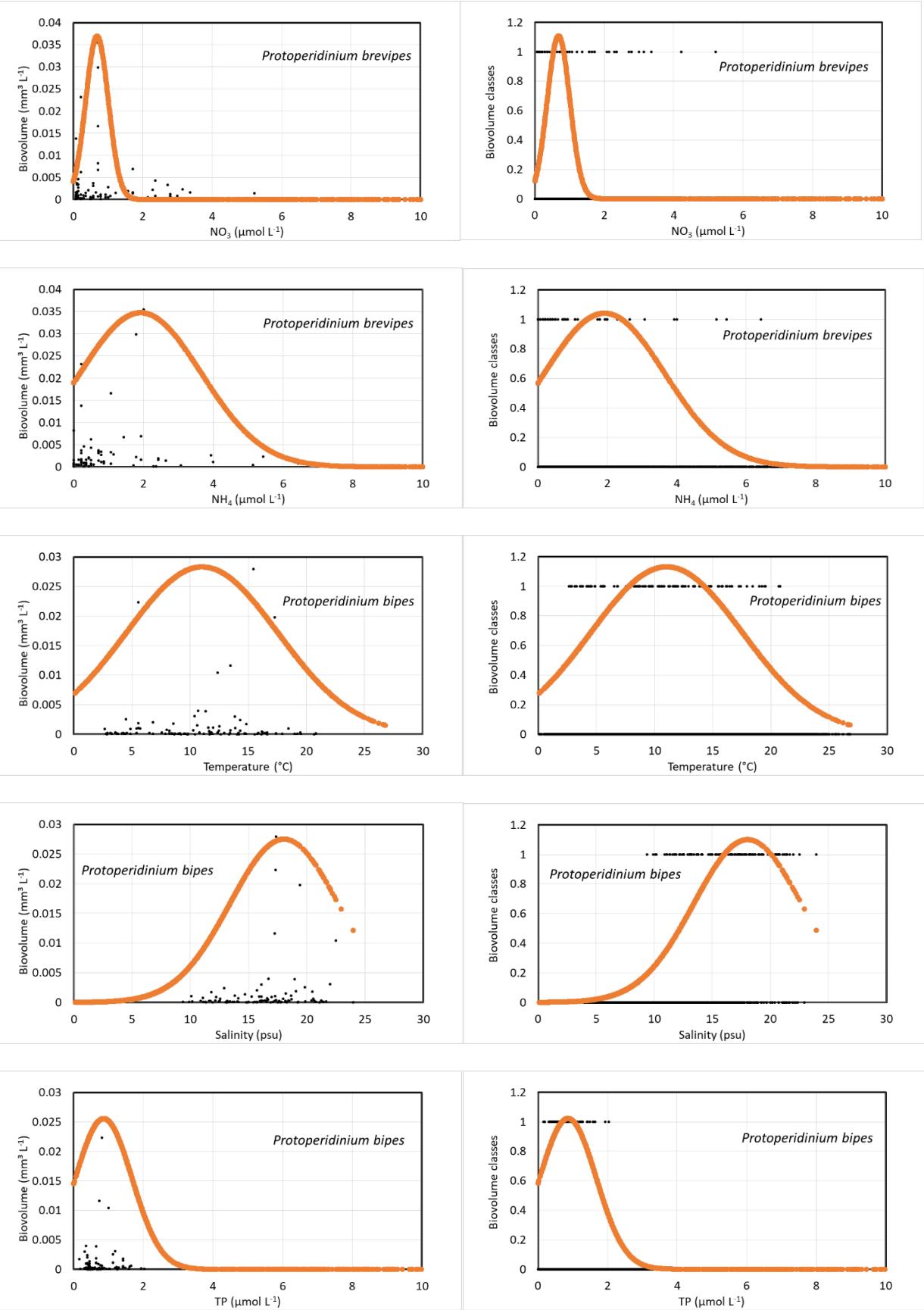
The Gaussian-model approach: conformity of the original field data on the species' biovolume (upper panels) and biovolume-class distribution (lower panels) of the selected bloom-forming dinoflagellate species to the Gaussian distribution model (curve) in the gradients of environmental parameters (T water, salinity, total P, total N,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  and  $\text{SiO}_4^{4-}$ ).

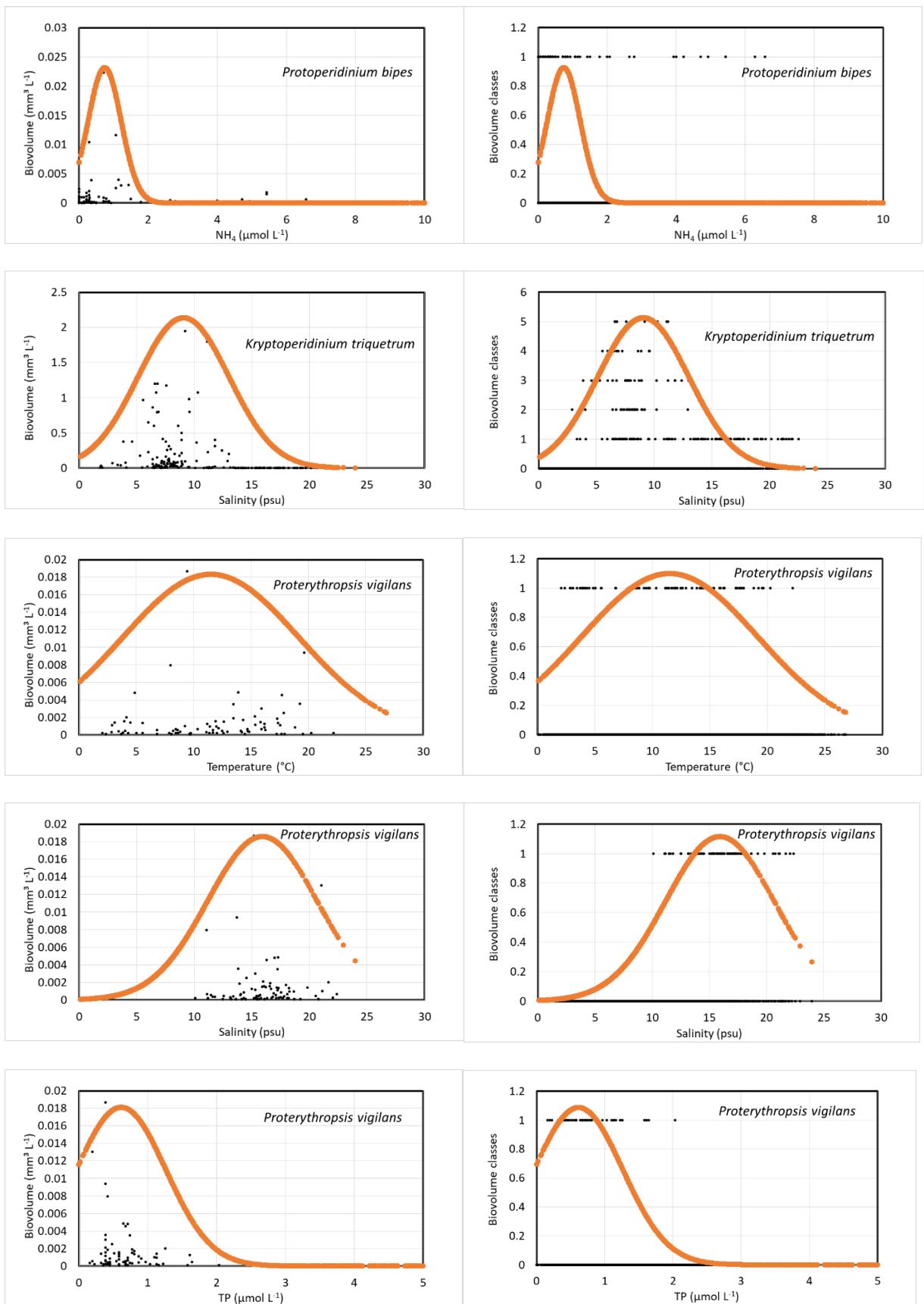


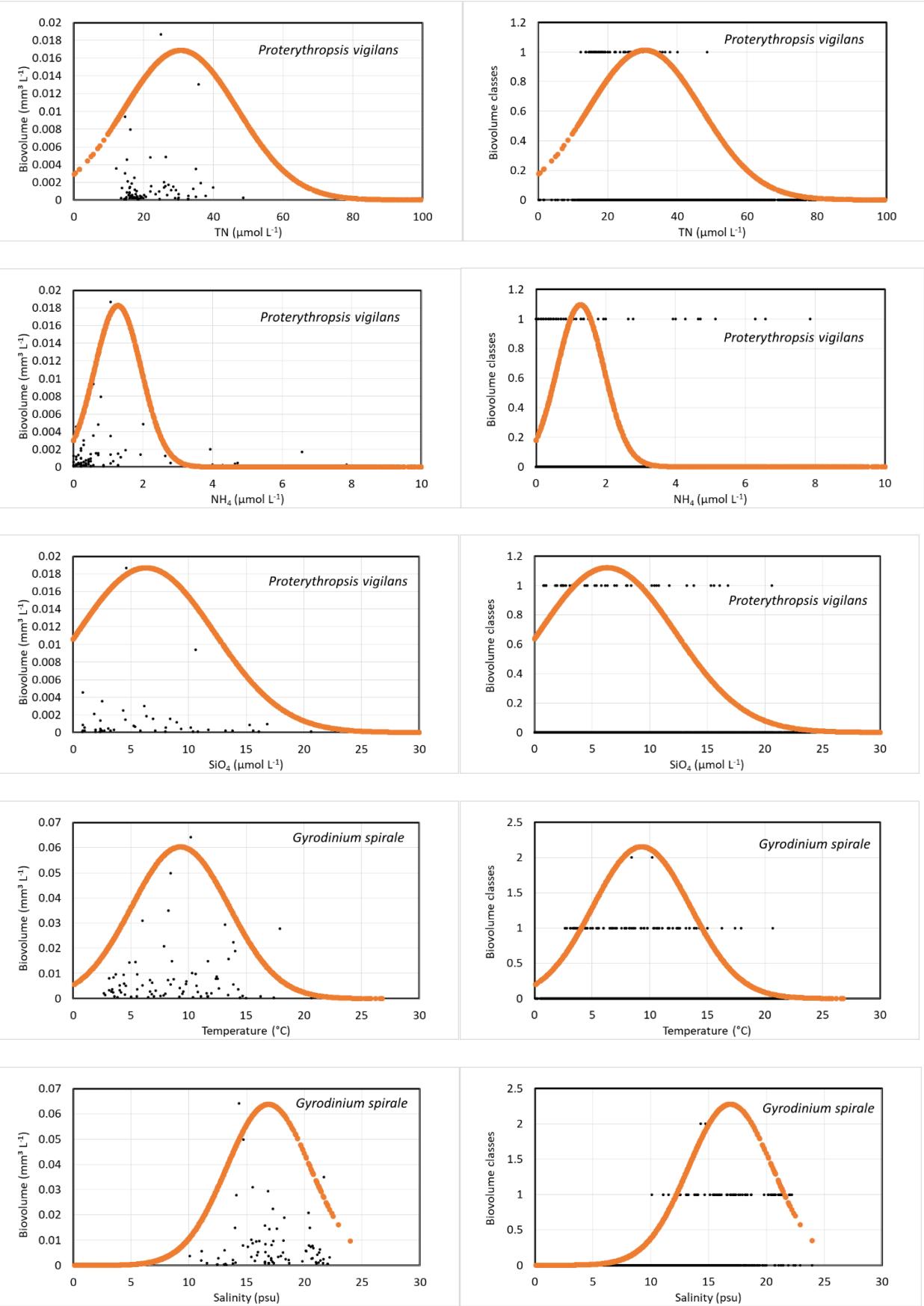


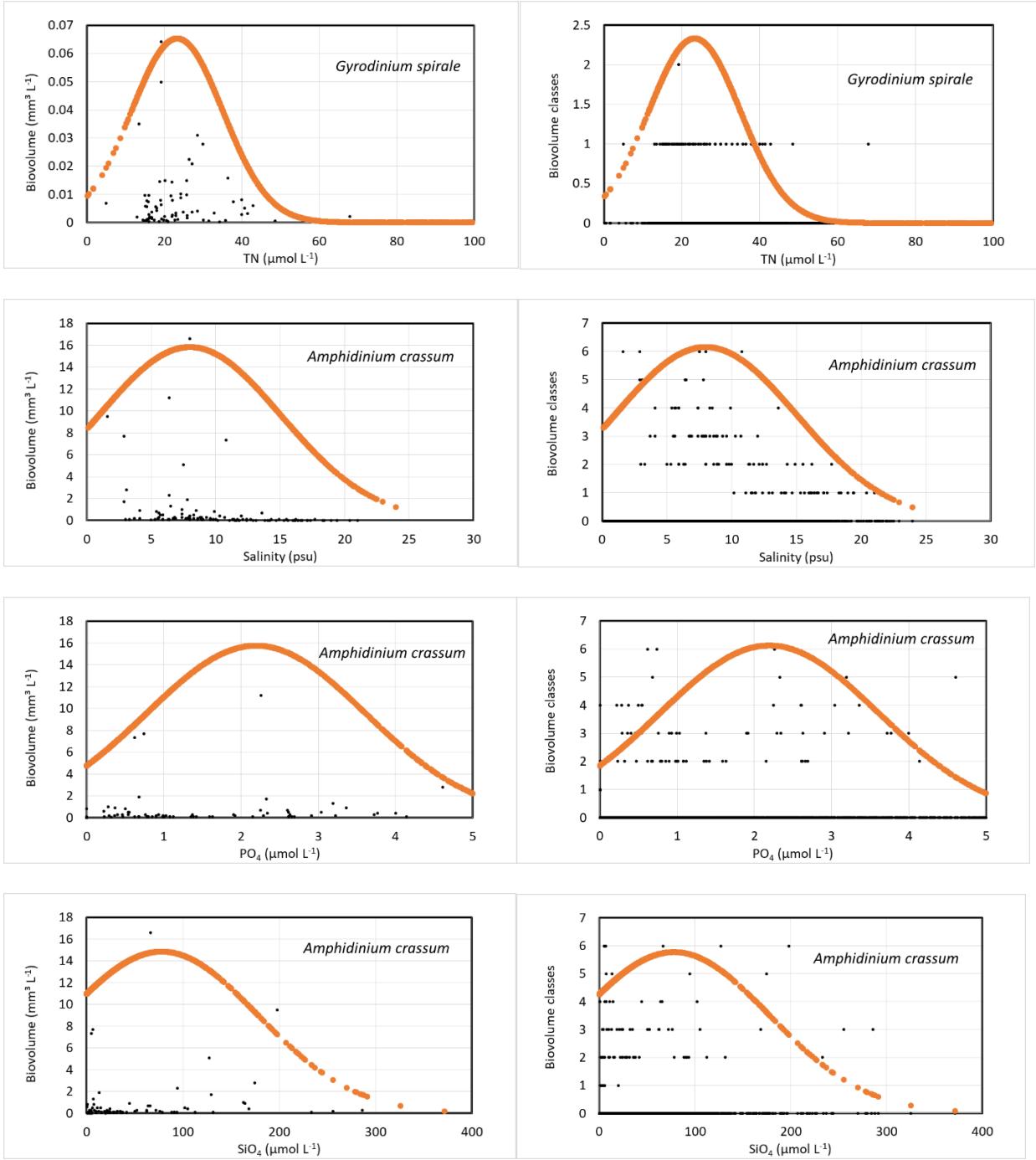






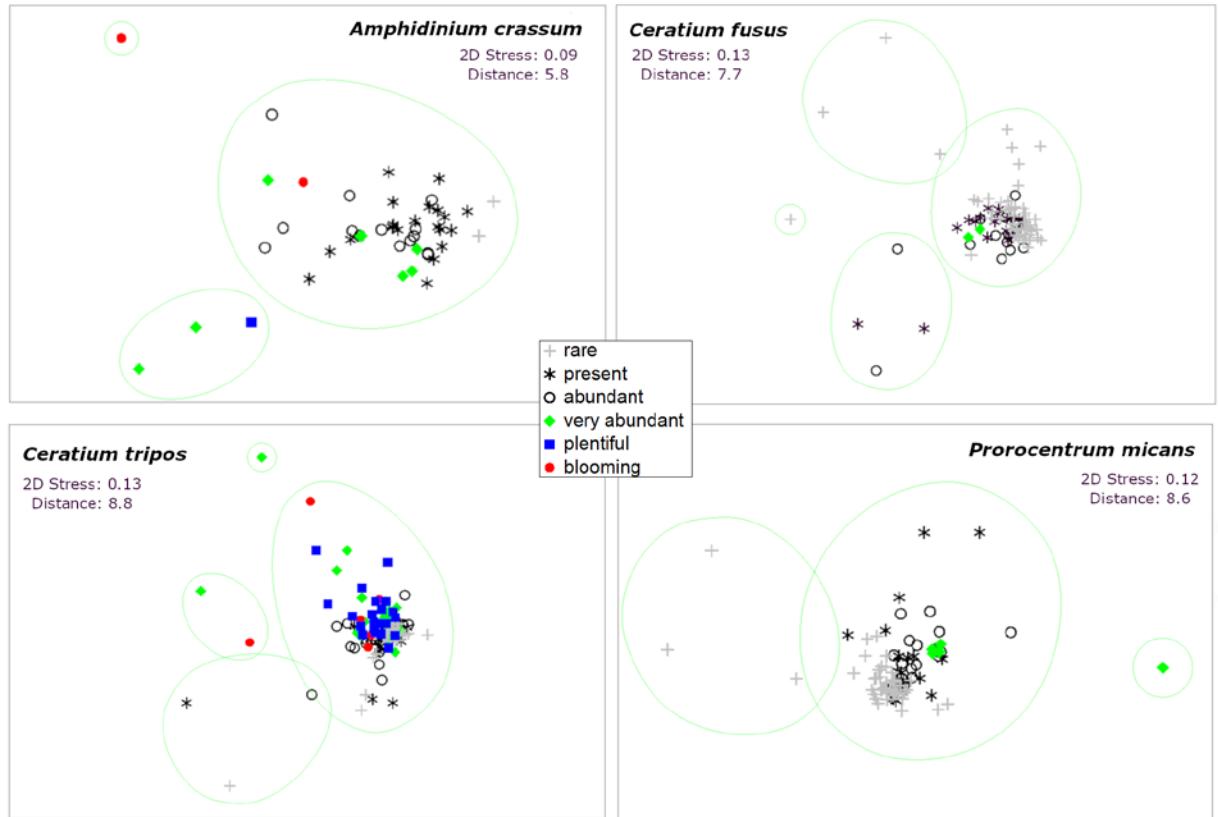






### Supplementary Figure S2.

The MDS plots showing the clustering of the obtained results at different Euclidian distances for the dinoflagellates *Amphidinium crassum*, *Ceratium fusus*, *Ceratium tripos* and *Prorocentrum micans*.



### Supplementary Figure S3.

Correlations between occurrence of the bloom-forming dinoflagellates at different concentrations and the sizes of their ecological niches in the Baltic Sea.

**A:** Dependence of the overall frequency of occurrence (Occurrence,  $n_{tot}$ ) of dinoflagellates on the salinity (S) niche width. **B:** Dependence of the frequency of occurrence of the dinoflagellate species within their individual niche limits and the total phosphorus (TP) niche width. **C:** Correlation between TN/TP ratio and the TP-niche width for all dinoflagellate species studied here.

