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In brief: I'm a biogeochemist studying the ocean carbon cycle through measurements of CO₂. Since 2020, I'm working as a PostDoc with Nicolas Gruber at ETH Zurich. We use global ship-based observations to document the accumulation of anthropogenic CO₂ and resulting acidification in the ocean interior. This work profits from my PhD experience, including the development of pH analytics, the interpretation of autonomous pCO₂ measurements from a voluntary observing ship and several months spent at sea. As a scientific coordinator of the project REgional Carbon Cycle Assessment and Processes (RECCAP2), I led an international team of 100 scientists in synthesizing the current knowledge on the ocean carbon sink through models and surface flux estimates.

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Education

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[Tracegas Biogeochemistry Group](#) (Prof. Gregor Rehder)
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[Benthic Ecology Group](#) (Prof. Martin Wahl)
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[Environmental Physics Group](#) (Prof. Nicolas Gruber)
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Fellowships and awards

02/2019	Briese Award , Germany
06/2019	PhD award (German Water Chemical Society)
11/2019	PhD award (Baltic Sea Research Foundation)
06/2017	Best poster award (Baltic Sea Science Congress)
05/2005	Best Abitur Award (Bertha-von-Suttner Gymnasium)
07/2014 – 06/2018	PhD scholarship (ideational) German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
02/2007 – 06/2012	Full student scholarship German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)

Supervision of bachelor/master students / Co-supervision of PhD students

07/2020 – present	2 master students, 2 interns, 2 term paper students Department of Environmental Systems Science (D-USYS) ETH Zurich Switzerland
06/2018 – 06/2020	Co-supervision of 2 PhD students Chemical Oceanography Department Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde (IOW) Germany

Teaching activities

Since 04/2022	Lecturer Global Biogeochemical Cycles and Climate (with Nicolas Gruber) ETH Zurich
04/2019 – 09/2019	Lecturer Analytical and Environmental Chemistry I (with Gregor Rehder) University of Rostock
10/2018 – 03/2019	Lecturer Analytical Chemistry IV: Environmental Chemistry (with Gregor Rehder) University of Rostock

Organization of scientific meetings/ committees

Since 2020	Scientific coordinator of RECCAP2-ocean , a bottom-up initiative of ~100 international researchers to establish the scientific basis for the Global Carbon Budget
Since 2023	Co-PI of the SCOR working group 4D-BGC (Coordinating the Development of Gridded Four-Dimensional Data Products from Biogeochemical-Argo Observations)
Since 2022	Convener of four sessions on the ocean carbon sink at EGU and Ocean Sciences Meeting

Reviewing activities

Since 2022	Swiss Polar Institute (Exploratory Grants and Technogrants evaluation)
Since 2016	Reviewer for Biogeosciences, ESSD, Limnology and Oceanography Methods, Marine Chemistry, Nature Communications, Ocean Science
2023	Guest editor for a special issue in Oceanography

Major ongoing collaborations

Since 2023 Peter Brown
Role of the Overturning Circulation in Carbon Accumulation (ROCCA)
National Oceanography Centre, Southampton, United Kingdom

Third party funding

04/2018 – 09/2018 [BloomSail](#), National Geographic Society, 5k€, Germany

Selected expeditions and field campaigns

02/2019 – 03/2019 Baltic Sea, Gulf of Bothnia. RV Aranda, wintertime under-ice biogeochemistry.

05/2018 – 09/2018 Baltic Sea, Eastern Gotland Sea. SV Tina V, self-contained sailing expedition BloomSail with crew of 3, vertically resolved pCO₂ measurements to quantify net community production by cyanobacteria.

05/2015 – 06/2015 Baltic Sea. VOS Finnmaid, 8-week measurement campaign to study the progression of the springbloom after nitrate depletion.

Selected Science Communication and Outreach

09/2019 TV | arte Xenius | Die Ostsee: SOS für das europäische Meer | 27min episode about BloomSail expedition.

04/2019 Podcast | Segelradio - Hinnerk Weiler | 45min interview about the BloomSail expedition. Science from a sailors perspective.

04/2019 Online | International Ocean Systems | Article summarizing our ambitions to extend pH measurements from oceans to brackish waters.

12/2018 Print | National Geographic | EIN MEER VON BLAUALGEN | Report about NGS-funded BloomSail expedition.

10/2018 TV | Nordmagazin - Interview Thilo Tautz | 6min studio interview about BloomSail expedition.

08/2018 TV | BR Gut zu Wissen | Todeszonen in der Ostsee: Blaualgen

12/2017 Radio | NDR-Info Logo | 5min Interview together with Dr. Bernd Schneider on the publication of our textbook on Baltic Sea Biogeochemistry.

01/2017 Print | Zeit Studienführer | Mein Beruf: Ich bin Meeresforscher | Portrait of a young marine scientist.

Method and infrastructure developments

2014 – 2018 Co-development of an automated spectrophotometric pH measurement system that is commercially available and used in the Baltic Sea for operational monitoring activities on a voluntary observing ship

Publication list (*work published without PhD supervisor)**Under review**

***Müller, J. D.**, Gruber, N., Schneuwly, A., Bakker, D., Gehlen, M., Gregor, L., Hauck, J., Landschützer, P., and McKinley, G.: Unexpected decline of the ocean carbon sink under record-high sea surface temperatures in 2023 [under review at Nature Climate Change], <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-5198321/v1>, 2024.

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