

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 08/2015 **Ph.D.** Geosciences, MARUM, University of Bremen, Germany
Dissertation title: Biogeochemical significance and biomarker potential of novel glycerolipids and respiratory quinones in the marine environment.
(Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Hinrichs)
- 10/2011 **M.Sc.** Geosciences (with honors), University of Bremen, Germany
M.Sc. thesis in the Organic Geochemistry group at MARUM, University of Bremen
Thesis title: Improved chromatographic separation of archaeal GDGTs and its application to sediments from the Mediterranean and Black Seas.
(Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Hinrichs)
- 10/2009 **B.Sc.** Geosciences, University of Bremen, Germany
B.Sc. thesis in the Organic Geochemistry group at MARUM, University of Bremen
Thesis title: Lipid biomarker studies of sediment samples from multi-core GeoB 10709-4 from the Gulf of Taranto, Southern Italy.
(Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Hinrichs)

Professional experience

- Since 09/2021 **Associate Scientist**, Marine Biogeochemistry/Biological Oceanography, GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, Kiel, Germany. Advisor: Prof. Dr. Anja Engel
- 03/2019 – 08/2021 **Postdoctoral Scientist**, Marine Biogeochemistry/Biological Oceanography, GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, Kiel, Germany. Advisor: Prof. Dr. Anja Engel
- 03/2019 – 03/2020 **Guest Investigator**, Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Advisor: Dr. Benjamin A.S. Van Mooy
- 05/2017 – 03/2019 **Postdoctoral Investigator**, Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Advisor: Dr. Benjamin A.S. Van Mooy
- 11/2015 – 05/2017 **Postdoctoral Scholar**, Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution & Woods Hole Coastal and Marine Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, Woods Hole, USA. Advisors: Dr. Benjamin A.S. Van Mooy (WHOI), Dr. John W. Pohlman (USGS), Dr. Stefan M. Sievert (WHOI)
- 11/2011 – 05/2015 **Doctoral Researcher**, Organic Geochemistry, MARUM, University of Bremen, Germany. Advisor: Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Hinrichs
- 02/2007 – 09/2011 **Student Research Assistant**, Organic Geochemistry, MARUM, University of Bremen, Germany. Advisor: Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Hinrichs

Awards and fellowships

- 2022 Kiel Marine Science seed funding to study algal toxins in the Baltic Sea paleo-record (15,000 €)
- 2015 Joint Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution & U.S. Geological Survey Postdoctoral Scholar Award (\$99,000)

Research interests

As an organic geochemist, I work at the interface of biology, chemistry and geology. My overarching research interests revolve around solving problems in marine microbial biogeochemistry, microbial ecology, and the interaction of microbial communities with their geochemical environment. To this end, I investigate molecular-level responses of marine organisms to their changing environment, i.e. the information encoded in the molecular and isotopic composition of complex biomolecules. With my research, I aim to contribute to our understanding of how and why organisms leave their particular chemical signals and to provide new insights on the microbial processes that drive global biogeochemical cycles in the modern ocean and the geological past.

Professional activities

◆ **Expeditions:** (9) 06-07/2022 RV Maria S. Merian cruise MSM108, Long-Term Ecological Research in the Fram Strait. (8) 01-02/2022 RV Sonne cruise SO288, Conjoint Monitoring of the Ocean Bottom offshore Chile (COMBO) & Remineralisation of organic matter in the deep ocean of the Humboldt Current System off northern Chile (HOMER). (7) 11-12/2019 RV Meteor cruise M160, Eddy study to understand physical-chemical-biological coupling and the biological carbon pump as a function of eddy type off West Africa (MOSES Eddy Study II). (6) 07-08/2019 RV Meteor cruise M156, Eddy study to understand benthic-pelagic coupling and the biological carbon pump as a function of eddy type off West Africa (MOSES Eddy Study I). (5) 03-04/2018 RV Falkor cruise FK180310 "Eddy Exploration and Ecosystem Dynamics". (4) 06-07/2017 RV Kilo Moana cruise KM1709 "MESO-SCOPE (Microbial Ecology of the Surface Ocean – Simons Collaboration on Ocean Processes and Ecology)" (3) 04-05/2017 RV Atlantis cruise AT37/12 "Dark Life II – Expedition to study seafloor life at deep-sea vents. (2) 02/2011 RV Meteor cruise M84/1 "DARCSEAS I - Deep seafloor Archaea in the eastern Mediterranean, Marmara and Black seas: carbon cycle, life strategies, and role in sedimentary ecosystems". (1) 04/2010 Alaska North Slope - "Source characterization and temporal variation of methane seepage from thermokarst lakes on the Alaska North Slope in response to arctic climate change", invited by the U.S. Geological Survey.

◆ **Memberships:** ASLO – Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography. EAOG – European Association of Organic Geochemists. ◆ **Teaching experience:** Since 2021 lecturer in the international master's program 'Biological Oceanography' at Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel and GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, Germany. Co-Supervision of graduate students since 2019. Supervision of student assistants in projects since 2011, co-supervision of B.Sc. students and support of lab courses in organic geochemistry (B.Sc. level) from 2011 to 2015. ◆ **Reviewer for:** National Science Foundation (NSF), German Science Foundation (DFG), Nature Communications, The ISME Journal - Nature, Environmental Microbiology, Limnology and Oceanography, Deep-Sea Research Part I: Oceanographic Research Papers, Frontiers in Microbiology, Organic Geochemistry, Paleoceanography and Paleoclimatology, Quaternary International, Bio-protocol. ◆ **Conference organization:** (1) Convener of session 10f "Honoring John Hayes: Molecular and Isotopic Biogeochemistry Across Time and Space" during Goldschmidt 2018, Boston, MA, USA. (2) Convener of session SS060 "Omics Ocean Observations to Reveal Microbial Ecosystem Dynamics and Resilience during 2023 Aquatic Sciences Meeting, Palma, Mallorca, Spain.

Skills

◆ **Laboratory, Analytical & Instrumental Experience:** Ship-based water column and sediment sampling for organic matter characterization (bulk analysis, lipids, amino acids, carbohydrates, marine gels) and microbial process rate analysis (primary and secondary production using radio isotopes). Solvent extraction for lipidomics analysis. Purification, isolation, derivatization and hydrolysis of organic molecules. Stable and radio isotope work for biogeochemistry and molecular biology. Organisms grown in culture: pelagic archaea (*Nitrosopumilus maritimus*), eukaryotic algae (e.g., *Isochrysis galbana*). Liquid chromatography interfaced with (high resolution) MSⁿ. Gas Chromatography interfaced with flame ionization detector (FID), MS, and isotope ratio MS detectors. Elemental analysis: Carbon, Nitrogen and Phosphorus. Devices used at sea (as lead scientist): CTD rosette, Marine Snow Catcher, free-drifting sediment traps, Underwater Vision Profiler. ◆ **Language skills:** German (native language), English (fluent in writing and speaking), French (intermediary level). ◆ **Computer literacy:** Microsoft Office, R, Matlab, Grapher, Surfer, CorelDraw, Xcalibur, Data Analysis, ChemStation, Bruker Compass Data Analysis.

Publication list

Under review, in revision or accepted

- [34] **Becker, K.W.**, Devresse, Q., Prieto Mollar, X., Hinrichs, K.-U., Engel, A. *Under review*. Mixed layer lipidomes suggest offshore transport of energy-rich and essential lipids by cyclonic eddies.
- [33] Becker, J.W. Pollak, S., Berta-Thompson, J.W., **Becker, K.W.**, Braakman, R., Dooley, K., Hackl, T., Coe, A., Arellano, A.A., LeGault, K.N., Berube, P.M., Biller, S.J., Cubillos-Ruiz, A., Van Mooy, B.A.S., Chisholm, S.W. *In revision*. Novel isolates expand the physiological diversity of *Prochlorococcus* and illuminate its macroevolution.

Peer-reviewed

- [32] Devresse, Q., **Becker, K.W.**, Engel, A. (2024). Distribution of polysaccharidic and proteinaceous gel-like particles in three cyclonic eddies in the Eastern Tropical North Atlantic. *Frontiers in Marine Science* 11, 1357646. doi: [10.3389/fmars.2024.1357646](https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2024.1357646)
- [31] Zhu, Q., Elvert, M., Meador, T.B., Schröder, J.M., Doeana, K.D., **Becker, K.W.**, Elling, F.J., Lipp, J.S., Heuer, V.B., Zabel, M., Hinrichs, K.-U. Comprehensive molecular-isotopic characterization of archaeal lipids in the Black Sea water column and underlying sediments. *Geobiology* 22 (2), e12589. doi: [10.1111/gbi.12589](https://doi.org/10.1111/gbi.12589)
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- [29] Stief, P., Schaubberger, C., **Becker, K.W.**, Elvert, M., Balmonte, J.P., Franco-Cisterna, B., Middelboe, M., Glud, R.N. (2023). Hydrostatic pressure induces transformations in the organic matter and microbial community composition of marine snow particles. *Communications Earth & Environment* 4(1), 1-14. doi: [10.1038/s43247-023-01045-4](https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-023-01045-4)
- [28] Devresse, Q., **Becker, K.W.**, Dilmahamod, A.F., Ortega-Retuerta, E., Engel, A. (2023). Dissolved organic matter fluorescence as a tracer of upwelling and microbial activities in two cyclonic eddies in the Eastern Tropical North Atlantic. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, e2023JC019821. doi: [10.1029/2023JC019821](https://doi.org/10.1029/2023JC019821)
- [27] Galgani, L., Hepach, H., **Becker, K.W.**, Engel, A. (2023). Sediment Traps: A Renowned Tool in Oceanography Applied to New Marine Pollutants. *Oceanography* 36 (Suppl. 1), Art. Nr. 16-0. doi: [10.5670/oceanog.2023.s1.16](https://doi.org/10.5670/oceanog.2023.s1.16)

- [26] Devresse, Q., **Becker, K.W.**, Bendinger, A., Hahn, J., Engel, A. (2022). Eddy-enhanced primary production sustains heterotrophic microbial activities in the Eastern Tropical North Atlantic. *Biogeosciences* 19(22), 5199–5219. doi: [10.5194/bg-19-5199-2022](https://doi.org/10.5194/bg-19-5199-2022)
- [25] Holm, H.C., Fredricks, H.F., Bent, S.M., Lowenstein, D.P., Ossolinski, J.E., **Becker, K.W.**, Johnson, W.M., Schrage, K. and Van Mooy, B.A.S. (2022). Global ocean lipidomes show a universal relationship between temperature and lipid unsaturation. *Science* 376(6600), 1487-1491. doi: [10.1126/science.abn7455](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abn7455)
- [24] von Jackowski, A., **Becker, K.W.**, Zäncker, B., Wietz, M., Bienhold, C., Näthig, E.-M., Engel, A. (2022). Contrasting microbial communities and substrate regimes in the eastern Fram Strait between summer and fall. *Environmental Microbiology* 24(9), 4124–4136. doi: [10.1111/1462-2920.16036](https://doi.org/10.1111/1462-2920.16036)
- [23] Biller, S.J., Lundeen, R.A., Hmelo, L.R., **Becker, K.W.**, Arellano, A.A., Dooley, K., Heal, K.R., Carlson, L.T., Van Mooy, B.A.S., Ingalls, A.E., Chisholm, S.W. (2022). *Prochlorococcus* extracellular vesicles: Molecular composition and adsorption to diverse microbes. *Environmental Microbiology* 24(1), 420–435. doi: [10.1111/1462-2920.15834](https://doi.org/10.1111/1462-2920.15834)
- [22] Muratore, D., Boysen, A.K., Harke, M.J., **Becker, K.W.**, Casey, J.R., Coesel, S.N., Mende, D.R., Wilson, S.T., Aylward, F.O., Eppley, J.M., Vislova, A., Peng, S., Rodriguez-Gonzalez, R.A., Beckett, S.J., Armbrust, E.V., DeLong, E.F., Karl, D.M., White, A.E., Zehr, J.P., Van Mooy, B.A.S., Dyhrman, S.T., Ingalls, A.E. and Weitz, J.S. (2022). Community-scale synchronization and temporal partitioning of gene expression, metabolism, and lipid biosynthesis in oligotrophic ocean surface waters. *Nature Ecology and Evolution* 6(2), 218–229. doi: [10.1038/s41559-021-01606-w](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41559-021-01606-w)
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- [20] Zhu, Q.-Z., Elvert, M., Meador, T.B., Becker, K.W., Heuer, V.B., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2021). Stable carbon isotopic compositions of archaeal lipids constrain terrestrial, planktonic, and benthic sources in marine sediments. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 307, 319-337. doi: [10.1016/j.gca.2021.04.037](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2021.04.037)
- [19] **Becker, K.W.**, Harke, M.J., Mende, D.R., Muratore, D., Weitz, J.S., DeLong, E.F., Dyhrman, S.T., Van Mooy, B.A.S. (2021). Combined pigment and metatranscriptomic analysis reveals highly synchronized diel patterns of phenotypic light response across domains in the open oligotrophic ocean. *The ISME Journal*. Doi: [10.1038/s41396-020-00793-x](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41396-020-00793-x)
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- [17] Coffinet, S., Meador, T.B., Mühlhena, L., **Becker, K.W.**, Schröder, J., Zhu, Q.-Z., Lipp, J.S., Heuer, V.B., Crump, M.P., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2019). Structural elucidation and environmental distributions of butanetriol and pentanetriol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers (BDGTs and PDGTs). *Biogeosciences Discussion* 17(2), 317-330. doi: [10.5194/bg-17-317-2020](https://doi.org/10.5194/bg-17-317-2020)
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Citable cruise reports

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PhD Thesis:

- Becker, K.W., 2015. Biogeochemical significance and biomarker potential of novel glycerolipids and respiratory quinones in the marine environment. University of Bremen, Bremen, Germany. URI: <https://media.suub.uni-bremen.de/handle/elib/915>

Invited talks

- 2023 Helmholtz Marine and Polar Life annual symposium, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research
- 2020 Ecological Chemistry Seminar, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research
- 2020 Organic Geochemistry seminar, Center for Marine Environmental Sciences
- 2019 Organic Geochemistry seminar, Center for Marine Environmental Sciences
- 2018 Marine Biogeochemistry seminar, GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel
- 2017 BPE/LDEO Seminar Series, Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory
- 2014 BioGeoChemistry Seminar, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Conference and workshop contributions

Becker, K.W., Böhme, W., Pontiller, P., Hepach, H., Quack, B., Engel, A. (2023). Variations in microbial community and organic matter composition along a coastal upwelling to open ocean continuum in the subtropical North Atlantic. **Poster**. Aquatic Sciences Meeting, Palma, Mallorca, Spain, June 2023.

von Jackowski, A., **Becker, K.W.**, Zäncker, B., Wietz, M., Bienhold, C., Näthig, E.-M., Engel, A. (2022). Variations of microbial communities and biopolymers across the eastern Fram Strait during summer and fall. **Poster**. ISME18, 18th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology, Lausanne, Switzerland, August 2022.

Becker, K.W., Devresse, Q., Prieto, X., Hinrichs, K.-U., Engel, A. (2021). Molecular characterization of particulate and dissolved organic matter in and around a cyclonic eddy formed in the upwelling system off West Africa. **Oral (virtual)**. Aquatic Sciences Meeting, June 2021. Online only due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Devresse, Q., **Becker, K.W.**, Engel, A. (2021). Optical properties of dissolved organic matter indicate production and remineralization within a cyclonic eddy formed in an Eastern Boundary Upwelling System. **Oral (virtual)**. Aquatic Sciences Meeting, June 2021. Online only due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Devresse, Q., **Becker, K.W.**, Engel, A. (2021). Organic matter transport by cyclonic eddies formed in eastern boundary upwelling system supports heterotrophy in the open oligotrophic ocean. **Oral (virtual)**. EGU General Assembly Conference, April 2021. Online only due to COVID-19 pandemic.

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