

风生紊流导致微囊藻群体破碎和形态变化*

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摘要: 微囊藻群体大小和形态决定其垂向迁移能力, 从而影响着水华的形成. 为了探讨湖泊中风生紊流对微囊藻群体大小和形态的影响, 本研究于 2012 年 8 月 26 日至 9 月 7 日在太湖梅梁湾的围隔内进行了 12 d 的昼夜不间断的高频采样 (采样间隔每 2 小时一次). 研究期间, 水面微囊藻密度呈现 4 次周期性消涨, 藻密度变化范围为 $4 \times 10^4 \sim 2671 \times 10^4$ cells/mL. 而整个水柱中的藻密度变化范围仅为 $3 \times 10^4 \sim 18 \times 10^4$ cells/mL. 皮尔逊相关性分析表明微囊藻的原位生长速率与表面藻密度呈负相关而与风速呈正相关. 强风速使微囊藻在水柱中均匀分散, 增强了透光性, 促进了微囊藻的生长. 微囊藻群体粒径随着风速的增大逐渐减小, 反之亦然. 其中值粒径 (D_{50}) 变化范围为 $66.2 \sim 768.0$ μm . 在此期间微囊藻群体形态主要以鱼害微囊藻、不规则的惠氏微囊藻、球状的惠氏微囊藻和铜绿微囊藻群体形态为主, 其占比也呈现出波动状态. 皮尔逊相关分析结果显示微囊藻群体大小与风速呈负相关, 说明湖泊中风生紊流会影响微囊藻群体大小. 当紊流强度为 $2.33 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^3$ 时, 微囊藻群体会发生破碎现象, 该紊流强度相当于 5 m/s 的风在 30 m 深的水库或湖泊中所产生的紊流强度. 微囊藻群体被风生紊流破碎后最大粒径与该风速下紊流的最小涡旋尺度相近, 表明紊流的最小涡旋尺度决定了微囊藻所能形成群体的最终大小. 监测期间, 整水柱中不同群体形态的微囊藻占比发生了明显变化, 在监测初期以鱼害微囊藻群体形态为主, 随后不规则的惠氏微囊藻和铜绿微囊藻群体形态的比例不断增加, 最后鱼害微囊藻群体形态又占据主导地位. 球状的惠氏微囊藻群体形态在整个监测期中的比例随时间的增加而逐渐降低. 不同群体形态微囊藻之间比例的大幅变化无法用微囊藻生长演替来解释. 而皮尔逊相关分析结果显示鱼害微囊藻与惠氏微囊藻 (不规则的和球状的惠氏微囊藻之和) 群体形态之间存在负相关, 且惠氏微囊藻与铜绿微囊藻群体形态呈负相关. 但在今后研究中需进一步关注在微囊藻群体形态的动态变化过程中细胞大小、胶被、产毒特性和基因序列等特征, 从而验证不同种微囊藻群体是否存在形态转换这一猜想. 总而言之, 普通强度的风生紊流能够破碎微囊藻群体, 而气候变化导致的内陆湖泊周边风速下降会促使微囊藻形成更大的群体, 从而有利于水华的形成.

关键词: 微囊藻; 水华; 紊流; 群体粒径; 形态; 太湖

Wind induced turbulence caused colony disaggregation and morphological changes in the cyanobacterium *Microcystis**

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Abstract: Colony size and morphology influence the vertical migration capacity of *Microcystis* and therewith the occurrence of surface accumulations or blooms. To explore the influence of wind-induced turbulence on the colony size and morphology of *Microcystis* in field conditions, a high-frequency field investigation was conducted in an enclosure in Meiliang Bay, Lake Taihu, China, from 26 August to 7 September 2012. A Pearson's correlation analysis indicated that the *in situ* growth rate of *Microcystis* was negatively related to surface cell density and positively related to wind speed. Strong wind speed stimulated *Microcystis* growth by enhancing light transmission due to the homodispersion of *Microcystis* in the water column. The *Microcystis* colony size was negatively correlated with wind speed, suggesting that wind-induced turbulence could break up colonies in shallow lakes. The results indicated that *Microcystis* colonies could be broken up by a turbulence intensity of $2.33 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^3$, which corresponds to an average wind speed of 5.00 m/s in a reservoir with 30-m depth. Different *Microcystis* morphotypes were present and negative relationships were detected between the proportion of *Microcystis ichthyoblabe* and the proportion of *Microcystis wesenbergii* and between the proportion of *Microcystis aeruginosa* and the proportion of *Microcystis wesenbergii* out of all *Microcystis* throughout the water column, but more evidence is need to support the hypothesis that the morphology of *Microcystis* colonies changes over time. Altogether, the results suggest that declining wind speed, driven by climate change, will promote surface blooms of *Microcystis* due to the formation of larger colonies.

Keywords: *Microcystis*; water blooms; turbulence; colony size; morphology; Lake Taihu

The cyanobacterium *Microcystis* may form dense blooms throughout water systems around the world, which represents severe ecological and environmental issues^[1-3]. The vertical migration capacity of *Microcystis* is an important trait underlying surface accumulations^[4-5]. This migration ability depends on the density of the cyanobacteria-interplay between gas vesicles and carbohydrate ballast-, as well as the colony size and morphology, which are affected by turbulence^[6-7]. Therefore, insight is needed in the influence of turbulence on colony size and morphology of *Microcystis* to understand the effect of turbulence on cyanobacterial blooms and surface accumulations.

The effect of turbulence on the colony size of *Microcystis* has mainly been studied in the laboratory. Some scholars^[8-10] found that small-scale turbulence could increase the colony size of *Microcystis* in laboratory experiments. However, this was mainly because small-scale turbulence promoted the mixing of carbon dioxide and nutrients in the culture equipment, as well as the colonies, which brought them continuously in higher light that, consequently, improved *Microcystis* growth. Li et al.^[7] reported that artificial high turbulence could change the colony size and morphology of some *Microcystis* species. Nevertheless, their work indicated that the natural wind-induced turbulence could not disaggregate *Microcystis* colonies, whereas O'Brien et al.^[11] got the opposite result.

Only one study has explored the effect of wind-waves on the colony size of *Microcystis* in field conditions^[12]. These authors found that the mean size of *Microcystis* colonies in the water column increased from 32.8 to 69.4 μm within 48 h during the passage of Typhoon Soulik, when the average wind speed was 6.63 m/s^[12]. This result does not rule out the possibility that wind-waves changed the microenvironment so that the growth of *Microcystis* was promoted, thereby increasing the colony size. Therefore, it is necessary to conduct high-frequency systematic monitoring in the field to study the relationship between wind-waves or turbulence and the colony size of *Microcystis*.

The different *Microcystis* colonies have been interpreted as being different species^[13]. There are obvious seasonal successions of *M. ichthyoblabe*, *M. wesenbergii*, and *M. aeruginosa* in most eutrophic lakes^[14-16]. Recently, Xiao et al.^[13] proposed a conceptual model of the morphological transition of a *Microcystis* colony, pointing out phenotypic plasticity rather than species replacement to explain various *Microcystis* morphotypes. Subsequently, Li et al.^[7] confirmed in an indoor experiment that turbulence could change the colony morphology of *Microcystis*. All of these results suggest that *Microcystis* with different morphologies belong to the same species and that morphology is constantly changing. However, it is important to conduct field research to obtain evidence for the transition of colony morphology. According to the morphology change model proposed by Xiao et al.^[13], turbulence could potentially drive *M. ichthyoblabe* to *M. wesenbergii*-like colonies and to *M. aeruginosa*-like colonies. Hence, reduced biomass in *M. ichthyoblabe* would be accompanied by increased biomass of *M. wesenbergii*, and likewise, reduced biomass in *M. wesenbergii* would be accompanied by increased biomass of *M. aeruginosa*. Thus, the proportion of *M. ichthyo-*

blabe should be negatively related to the proportion of *M. wessenbergii* and the proportion of *M. wessenbergii* biomass should be negatively related to the proportion of *M. aeruginosa*. To verify the above hypothesis, it is necessary to conduct high-frequency measurements of the biomass of different morphologies of *Microcystis* in lakes.

To this end, it is necessary to analyze colony size and morphological changes in *Microcystis* under different wind-induced turbulence conditions through high-frequency measurements *in situ*. Hence, the aims of this study were: (1) to clarify the influence of wind-induced turbulence on colony size of *Microcystis* in the field; (2) to intensively investigate morphology and morphological changes in *Microcystis* colonies; (3) to provide a systematic data set that can be used in subsequent numerical simulations of *Microcystis* bloom formation. Therefore, an enclosure was set up in Lake Taihu and the biomass, colony size and morphology of *Microcystis* at different depths in the enclosure were sampled at 2-h intervals to clarify the effect of turbulence on these parameters and the occurrence of *Microcystis* blooms.

1 Materials and Methods

1.1 Site description

Our investigation was conducted in a 4.00 m × 4.00 m enclosure, which was established approximately 150 m away from the eastern shoreline of Meiliang Bay, Lake Taihu (31°25'N, 120°13'E; Fig.1). The enclosure was made of a flexible geotextile underwater with floating rubber tubing above the surface of the water column, and was open to the atmosphere and to the bottom sediment. The mean water depth in the enclosure during the investigation was approximately 2.00 m and there was no exchange of phytoplankton between the inside and outside of the enclosure.

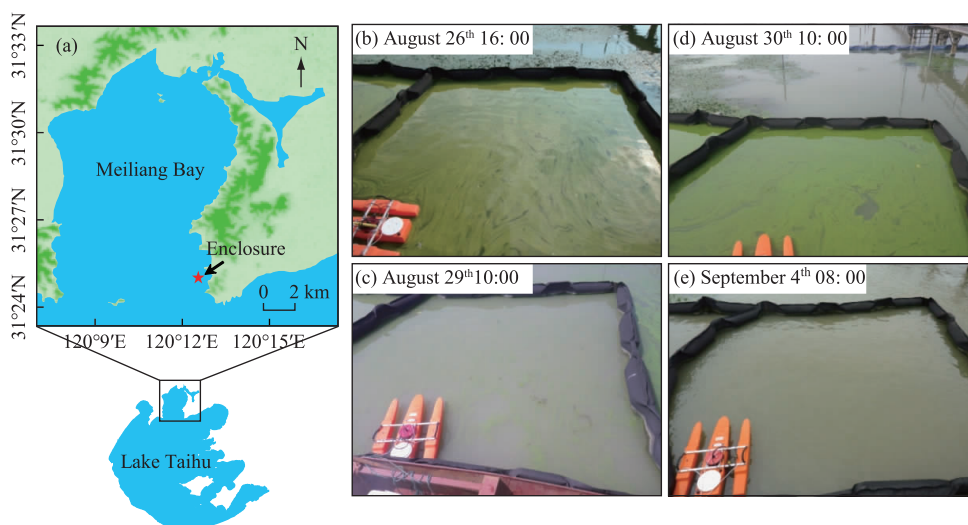


图 1 太湖梅梁湾处围隔的位置及研究期间围隔内水华生消过程
Fig.1 Location of enclosure in Meiliang Bay, Lake Taihu, and appearance and disappearance of bloom event in enclosure during study period

1.2 Field sampling

Sampling was performed every 2 h from 14:00 on August 26 to 12:00 on September 7 in 2012. At each sampling, water samples (50 mL) were collected at varying depths through a slender plastic pipe (diameter 0.004 m) linked to a syringe. Water samples were taken from the surface (0 m) and at 0.10 m, 0.25 m, 0.40 m, 0.80 m, 1.20 m, 1.60 m, and 2.00 m depth. Formalin (2% (v/v)) was immediately added to the samples before measure-

ments of *Microcystis* cell density, colony size, and morphology. Meanwhile, equal volumes of water samples were collected at the surface and middle layers of the water column, mixed, and then added into a 500-mL plastic bottle for subsequent nutrient concentration analysis.

1.3 Measurements of environmental factors

Air temperature, light intensity, and wind speed were measured in the field using an electronic thermometer (Mettler SG7, Toledo, OH, USA), a digital lux meter (ZDS-10, Shanghai Xuelian Instruments, China), and a wind recorder (TPJ-30, Zhejiang TOP Instrument Co., Ltd., China), respectively. The wind-driven current in the enclosure was measured using a ship-mounted Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP; FlowQuest 2000, San Diego, USA) with its beams downward. The ADCP configuration was set to 0.13 m in bin cells (standard deviation of 0.001 m/s). The 3-dimensional current velocities and directions at different water layers were monitored synchronously every second. However, due to the unreceived reflection of 0.27 m near the ADCP^[17-18], the 3-dimensional currents in the 0–0.27 m blind zone were unable to be measured in this study.

The root mean square (RMS) velocity (m/s) was used to define the characteristic speed of the turbulence in each water layer, and was calculated as follows:

$$RMS = \sqrt{\mu_{RMS_x}^2 + \mu_{RMS_y}^2 + \mu_{RMS_z}^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\mu_{RMS_x} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum \mu_x^2 - (\sum \mu_x)^2 / n}{n - 1}} \quad (2)$$

where μ_{RMS_x} is the fluctuation of the current for Cartesian vector x (which is similarly calculated for the y and z vectors) and n is the number of samples per measurement. The RMS velocities are expressed as averages in different water layers. The turbulent dissipation rate (ε in m^2/s^3) in each water layer, which describes the turbulence intensity, was calculated from the RMS velocity (m/s)^[19] as follows:

$$\varepsilon = A \frac{RMS^3}{h} \quad (3)$$

where A is a dimensional constant of order 1^[20] and h is the water depth (m) describing the size of the largest vortices.

The turbidity and pH of water samples were measured using a turbidity instrument (WGZ-1, Shanghai Shanke Instrument Factory, Shanghai, China) and a compact pH meter (pH Testr30, Eutech Instruments, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Shanghai, China), respectively. Total nitrogen (TN) and total phosphorus (TP) were measured by spectrophotometry after digestion with alkaline potassium persulfate^[21]. Another portion of water samples was filtered through a 0.45- μm pore size membrane and then used to determine total dissolved nitrogen (TDN), total dissolved phosphorus (TDP), nitrate (NO_3^- -N), and ammonium (NH_3 -N). The analytical methods for TDN and TDP were similar to those for TN and TP, and NO_3^- -N and NH_3 -N were determined according to the standard methods described by Jin and Tu^[22].

1.4 Analysis of cell density, colony size and morphospecies of *Microcystis*

To estimate the cell density in each *Microcystis* sample, a 10-mL centrifuge tube containing 5 mL sample was shaken in a water bath oscillator (100°C, 180 r/min) for approximately 5 min to disperse the colonies completely into single cells^[23]. Next, cells were counted at least three times in a blood cell counting chamber under an optical microscope (Olympus CX31; Olympus Corp., Japan) at $\times 400$ magnification. The average value of three results was used as the cell density until the difference between three calculated results was less than 10%.

Each *Microcystis* sample was shaken well and then photos were taken using a digital camera (Olympus C-5050) coupled to an optical microscope (Olympus CX31). The photomicrographs were analyzed using UTHSCSA ImageTool v3.00 software^[24]. The *Microcystis* colonies were classified into five morphologies: *M. ichthyoblabe*, *M. aeruginosa*, spherical *M. wesenbergii*, irregular *M. wesenbergii*, and others, according to the taxonomic methods of

Yu et al.^[25] and Li et al.^[7]. Each individual colony was assumed to be spherical to calculate the biovolume, because it is difficult to accurately measure and calculate the diameter of *Microcystis* colonies, especially those with irregular morphologies. The diameter (D) of *Microcystis* colonies was calculated as follows^[26]:

$$D = \sqrt{L \cdot W} \quad (4)$$

where, L is the longest axis and W is the shortest axis (aligned perpendicular to the longest axis) of *Microcystis* colonies. More than 200 colonies per sample were measured to determine the biovolume percentage of various morphospecies for each size group of each morphospecies. The median colony diameter (D_{50}) value was used to estimate the average colony size in all measured samples, which indicated that 50% of the colonies were smaller than this size^[27-28].

1.5 Data analysis

In the current study, the time interval was 24 hours (from noon-12:00 hours- on the first day until noon the next day) and was defined as a complete day. Thus, the sampling period was divided into August 26th, August 27th ... September 6th.

The following formula was used to calculate the average cell density of *Microcystis* (C_{ave}) in the water column:

$$C_{ave} = \frac{\sum_i^n C_i \cdot h_i}{h} \quad (5)$$

where, C_i is the cell density of *Microcystis* at the depth i , and h_i is the height of the water column at depth i ($h_1 = 0.010$ m; $h_2 = 0.165$ m; $h_3 = 0.150$ m; $h_4 = 0.275$ m; $h_5 = h_6 = h_7 = 0.400$ m; $h_8 = 0.200$ m), and h is the water depth (2.00 m).

There was a certain deviation in each measurement of cell density of *Microcystis*. If only two C_{ave} were used to calculate the *in situ* growth rate, there will be a large systematic error. Hence, a least square linear regression of the natural logarithm of C_{ave} vs. time was performed for each complete day, and the slopes of the regression lines represented the *in situ* growth rates of *Microcystis*^[29].

The average colony size of *Microcystis* ($D_{50_{ave}}$) in the water column was calculated as follows:

$$D_{50_{ave}} = \frac{\sum_i^n D_{50_i} \cdot C_i \cdot h_i}{C_{ave} \cdot h} \quad (6)$$

where, D_{50_i} is the average colony size of *Microcystis* at depth i .

The proportion of each morphospecies (*M. ichthyoblabe*, *M. aeruginosa*, spherical *M. wesenbergii*, irregular *M. wesenbergii* and others) out of all the *Microcystis* throughout water column ($P_{morphospecies}$) was calculated as follows:

$$P_{morphospecies} = \frac{\sum_i^n P_i \cdot C_i \cdot h_i}{C_{ave} \cdot h} \quad (7)$$

where, P_i is the proportion of each morphospecies out of all *Microcystis* at depth i .

Correlation analyses between the *in situ* growth rate of *Microcystis* and environmental factors were performed using SPSS 19.0 software (IBM, Armonk, NY, USA). The relationships among the proportions of each morphospecies out of all *Microcystis* throughout the water column were analyzed via the interval maxima regression (IMR) method^[30]. The proportions of two morphospecies were defined as the independent variable and the dependent variable, respectively. First, the independent variables along with the dependent variables were arranged in ascending order. Each independent variable was divided into equal increments, resulting in 18–32 intervals. Next, the maximum dependent variables of every interval were obtained and then fitted linearly with each independent variable. Then, to test the correlation between the fitted data and the original data, a bivariate Pearson's correlation analysis was conducted using SPSS 19.0 software. The relationships between average colony size throughout the water column

and wind speed and turbulence dissipation rate were determined by the IMR method. For all analyses, a P value of <0.05 was considered to indicate statistical significance.

The minimum-scale of turbulence is determined by the Kolmogorov scale (L_K : μm):

$$L_K = \sqrt{\nu/\gamma} \quad (8)$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\varepsilon/\nu} \quad (9)$$

where, ν is kinematic viscosity ($0.901 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ at 25°C), γ is shear rate (s^{-1}), ε is turbulent dissipation rate (m^2/s^3), which is calculated as follows^[31]:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{5.82 \times 10^{-6} w^3}{h} \quad (10)$$

where, w is wind speed (m/s), and h is water depth ($h=2.00 \text{ m}$ in this study).

2 Results

2.1 Meteorological factors and nutrient concentrations

The air temperature showed a distinct diurnal trend of increasing in the morning and decreasing in the afternoon (Fig.2a). The range of maximum daily air temperature was $24.9\text{--}39.1^\circ\text{C}$, and the average air temperature during the whole study period was 26.9°C . Light intensity showed a similar diurnal trend as air temperature, and the maximum daily light intensity ranged from 178 to $1023 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{photons}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s})$.

The average wind speed was 4.87 m/s from 12:00 on August 27th to 12:00 on August 28th, with a peak wind speed of 6.55 m/s (Fig.2b). Wind speed above 3.00 m/s could also be observed on September 1st and 4th. The

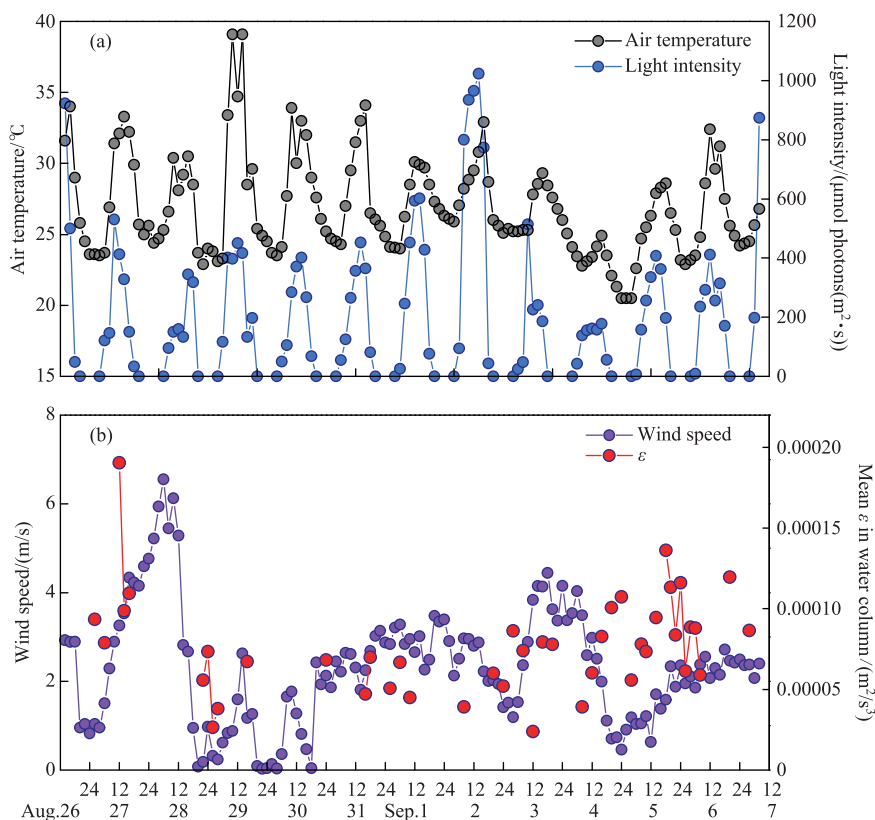


图 2 研究期间气象因子的昼夜变化

Fig.2 Diel changes in meteorological factors during study period

mean turbulence dissipation rate (ε) ranged from 2×10^{-5} to $19 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^3$ and showed the same trend as the wind speed.

The concentrations of TN, $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$, and TP decreased during the survey period (Fig.3). There were no obvious trends in the changes in TDN and pH, which ranged from 0.51 to 0.86 mg/L and from 7.0 to 8.6, respectively. Turbidity increased significantly on August 27th and 28th, accompanied by an increase in $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ and TDP. The average concentrations of $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ and TDP declined on August 29th and remained at about 1.015 mg/L and 0.008 mg/L for the following period, respectively (Fig.3).

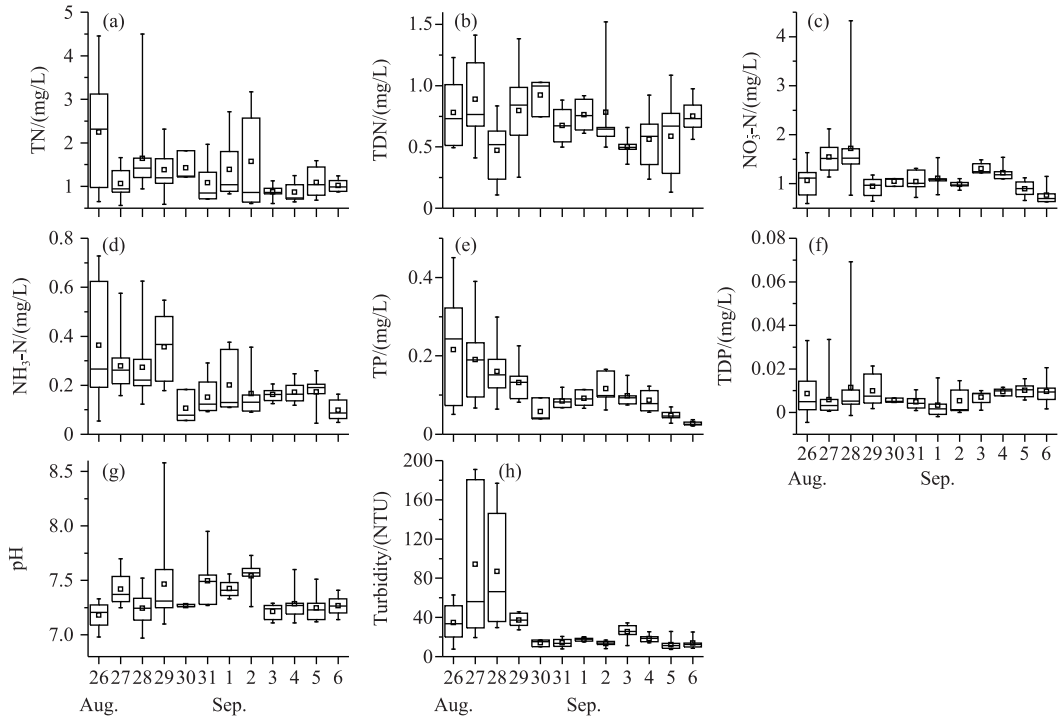


图 3 研究期间营养盐的变化规律

Fig.3 Temporal variations in nutrient factors during study period

2.2 Cell density, colony size and morphology of *Microcystis*

Microcystis was the dominant species, accounting for >99% of all phytoplankton during the study. The surface cell density of *Microcystis* fluctuated widely during the study period (Fig.4a). *Microcystis* mainly accumulated in the water surface with a high cell density above 1×10^7 cells/mL on August 26th and 30th and September 3rd. When wind speed was higher than 3.00 m/s on August 28th and September 1st and 4th, the surface cell density decreased to $< 2 \times 10^5$ cells/mL. The average cell density in the whole water column varied from 3×10^4 to 18×10^4 cells/mL during the study (Fig.4a).

The median colony diameter (D_{50}) of *Microcystis* at the water surface decreased dramatically under strong wind on August 27th (Fig.4b). After August 28th, the D_{50} of *Microcystis* at the surface first increased and then declined. The average D_{50} of *Microcystis* through the whole water column was slightly lower than that at the water surface with range of 66.2–768.0 μm . The trend in the variation in D_{50} in the whole water column also decreased under strong wind on August 27th (Fig.4b). When wind got down, the D_{50} in the whole water column increased and then declined.

The proportion of each morphospecies out of all *Microcystis* at the water surface and in the water column varied

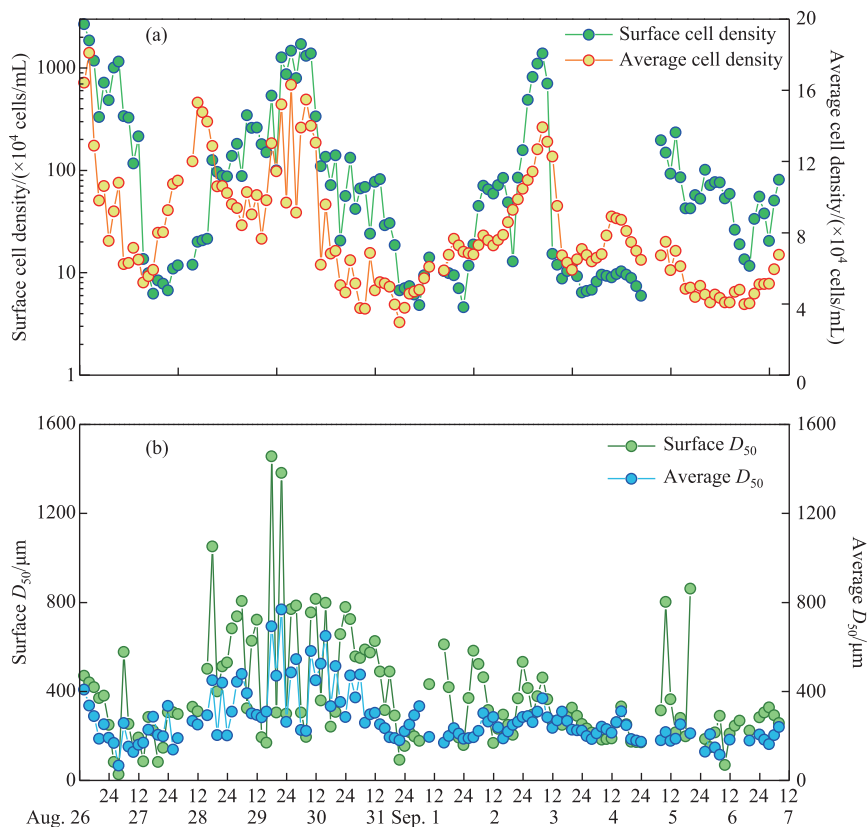


图4 研究期间微囊藻细胞密度(a)及群体粒径(b)的昼夜变化

Fig.4 Diel changes in cell density (a) and colony size (b) of *Microcystis* during study period

over time (Fig.5). Spherical *M. wessenbergii* and irregular *M. wessenbergii* were initially dominant in the surface layer, but the proportions of *M. aeruginosa* and *M. ichthyoblabe* increased over time. The trends in the variations of the proportions of *Microcystis* morphospecies throughout water column can be summarized as follows: the dominant species was *M. ichthyoblabe* in the early stage of the study, followed by an increase in the proportions of irregular *M. wessenbergii* and *M. aeruginosa*, and finally, dominance of *M. ichthyoblabe*. The proportion of spherical *M. wessenbergii* in the water column gradually decreased during the study.

2.3 Relationships between *Microcystis* growth and environmental factors

The *in situ* growth rates of *Microcystis* obtained by linear fitting are shown in Fig.6. Except for the growth rate fitting results on August 31st, September 1st, and September 3rd, the other linear fitting results were significant. The *in situ* growth rate of *Microcystis* ranged from -1.074 to 1.134 day^{-1} .

Tab.1 summarizes the results of Pearson's correlation analyses between *in situ* growth rates of *Microcystis* and environmental factors based on the daily mean data collected during the field survey. The *in situ* growth rate of *Microcystis* was significantly positively correlated with wind speed ($P < 0.01$) and pH ($P < 0.05$) and significantly negatively correlated with the surface cell density of *Microcystis* ($P < 0.05$). Wind speed was significantly negatively correlated with TDP ($P < 0.05$). Turbidity was significantly positively correlated with $\text{NO}_3^- \text{-N}$ ($P < 0.01$), $\text{NH}_3 \text{-N}$ ($P < 0.05$), and TP ($P < 0.01$).

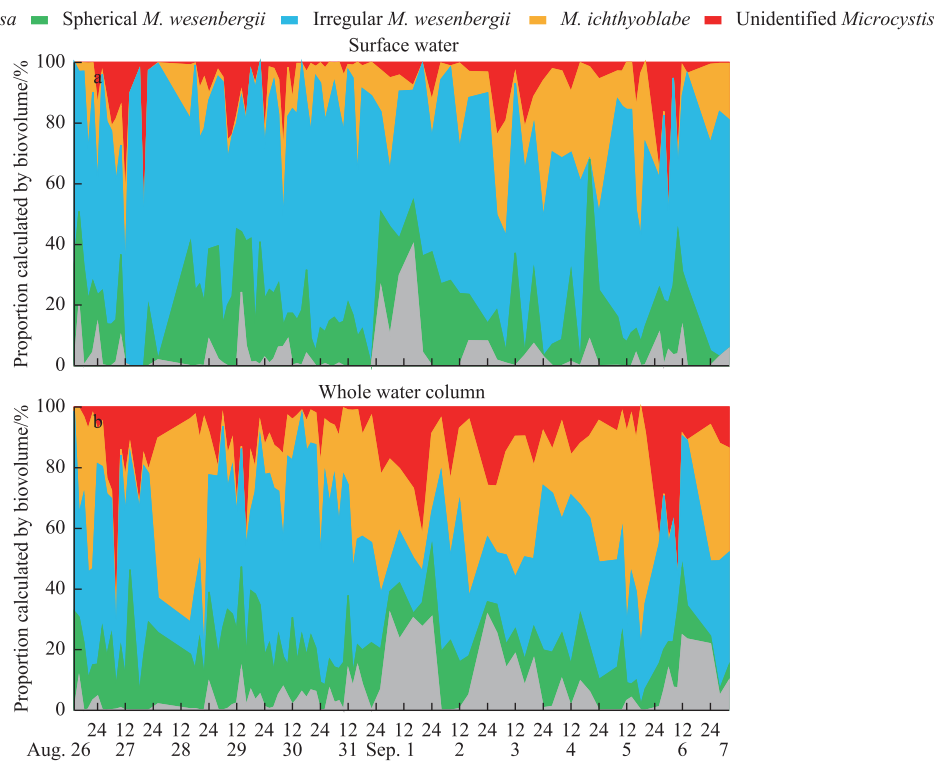


图 5 研究期间表层及整水柱不同形态微囊藻所占比例的昼夜变化

Fig.5 Diel changes in proportion of each morphospecies out of all *Microcystis* in surface and water column during study period

表 1 研究期间微囊藻原位生长率与环境因子和表层藻密度的皮尔逊相关系数

Tab.1 Pearson's correlation coefficients of *Microcystis* *in situ* growth rates vs. environmental factors and *Microcystis* cell density during study period

	AT	L	W	C_{sur}	C_{ave}	TN	TDN	NO_3^- -N	NH_3 -N	TP	TDP	pH	T	μ
AT	1													
L	0.40	1												
W	0.12	-0.13	1											
C_{sur}	0.29	0.15	-0.44	1										
C_{ave}	0.30	-0.01	-0.26	0.71 **	1									
TN	0.56	0.51	-0.34	0.72 **	0.55	1								
TDN	0.49	0.14	0.25	0.27	0.09	0.28	1							
NO_3^- -N	0.18	-0.13	-0.06	-0.18	0.39	0.16	-0.46	1						
NH_3 -N	0.36	0.02	-0.13	0.75 **	0.79 **	0.58 *	0.09	0.30	1					
TP	0.34	-0.02	0.15	0.55	0.75 **	0.61 *	0.12	0.47	0.86 **	1				
TDP	-0.22	-0.23	-0.59 *	0.32	0.27	0.14	-0.49	0.30	0.37	0.11	1			
pH	0.26	0.23	0.16	0.07	0.22	-0.11	0.39	-0.21	0.01	0.02	-0.64 *	1		
T	0.35	-0.28	0.26	0.03	0.53	0.17	-0.03	0.79 **	0.58 *	0.71 **	-0.03	-0.05	1	
μ	0.05	-0.18	0.78 **	-0.65 *	-0.20	-0.63	0.25	-0.05	-0.24	-0.10	-0.56	0.64 *	0.29	1

AT, air temperature; L, light intensity; W, wind speed; C_{sur} , surface cell density of *Microcystis*; C_{ave} , average cell density of *Microcystis* through water column; T, turbidity. * Significant at 0.05 level (two-tailed). ** Significant at 0.01 level (two-tailed).

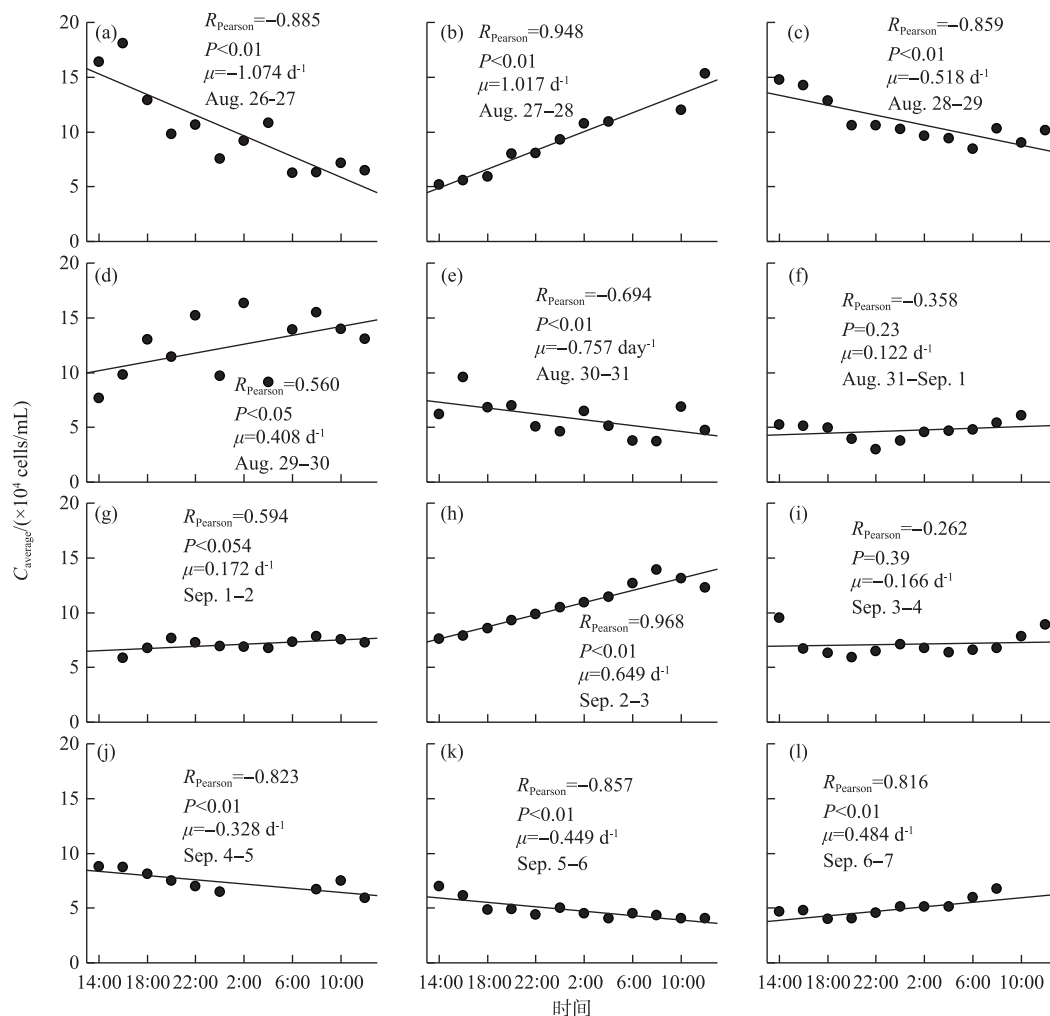


图 6 研究期间微囊藻原位生长率的变化规律

Fig.6 Temporal variations of *in situ* growth rates of *Microcystis* during study period

2.4 Changes in colonial morphology of *Microcystis*

Fig.7 shows the correlations among the proportions of each morphospecies throughout the water column. The proportion of *M. ichthyoblabe* out of all *Microcystis* throughout the water column was negatively ($P < 0.001$) correlated with that of *M. wesenbergii*. The proportion of *M. aeruginosa* was negatively ($P < 0.001$) correlated with that of spherical *M. wesenbergii*, irregular *M. wesenbergii*, and the sum of those two morphospecies. There were significant negative correlations between the average D_{50} and wind speed and mean ε in the water column (Fig.8).

3 Discussion

The short-term dynamics of *Microcystis* biomass in an enclosure ecosystem in a shallow lake was investigated in this study, with the *in situ* growth rate of *Microcystis* analyzed by curve-fitting method. The horizontal migration of *Microcystis* was avoided because of the enclosure ecosystem. The *Microcystis* biomass was not affected by fish or zooplankton because fish were excluded from the enclosure and the *Microcystis* colonies in the enclosure ecosystem were too large ($D_{50} > 200 \mu\text{m}$ (Fig.4b)) to be predated on by zooplankton^[32]. Nevertheless, the cell density of *Micro-*

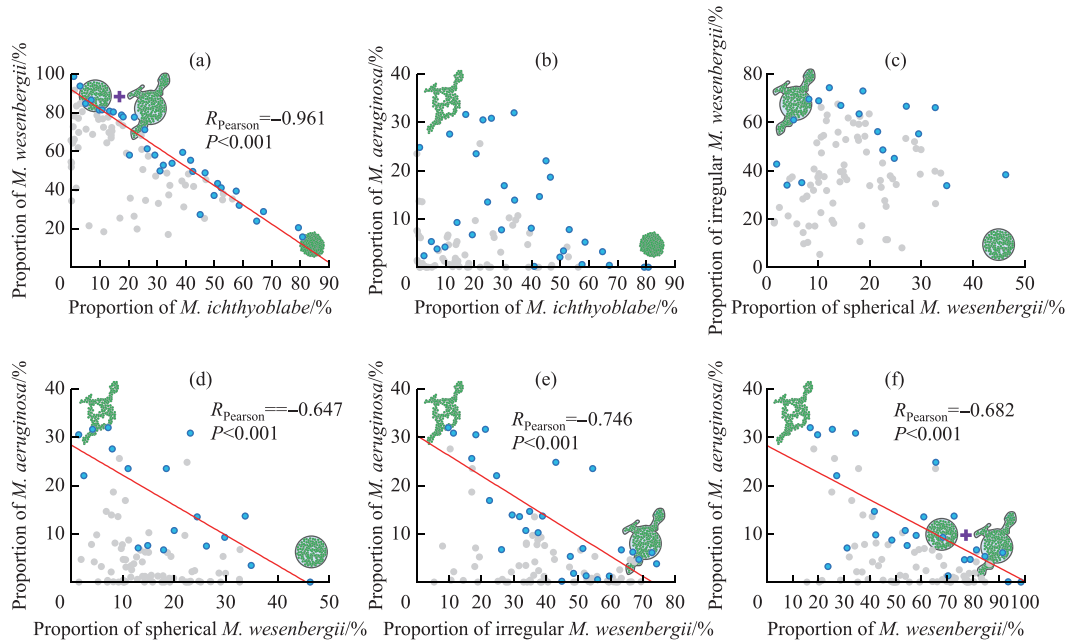


图 7 不同形态微囊藻所占比例之间的关系 (蓝色点代表最大值, 灰色点代表除最大值之外其余的值)

Fig.7 Relationships among proportion of each morphospecies out of all *Microcystis* throughout water column (Blue dots indicate maximum values; grey dots depict all data except for maximum values)

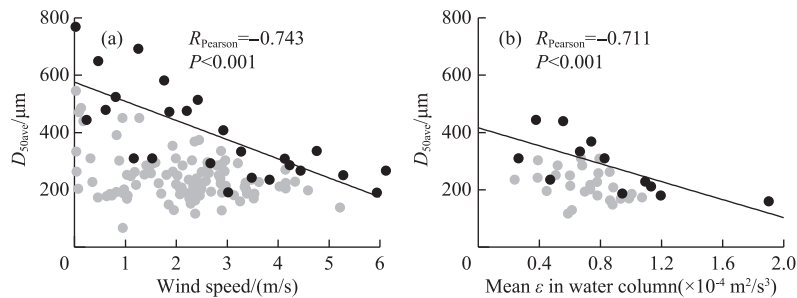


图 8 整水柱微囊藻群体平均粒径与风速 (a) 和平均紊流耗散 (b) 之间的关系 (深灰色点代表最大值, 灰色点代表除最大值之外其余的值)

Fig.8 Relationships between average colony size of *Microcystis* throughout water column and (a) wind speeds and (b) mean turbulence dissipation rate (Blue dots indicate maximum values; grey dots depict all data except for maximum values)

cystis in the 1-cm surface water layer was hundreds of times higher than the average cell density in the rest of the water column. Therefore, an accurate assessment of the thickness of *Microcystis* aggregation on the water surface is an important factor affecting the analytical results, but is almost impossible to achieve. In the current study, surface thicknesses of 0.5 cm, 0.4 cm, 0.3 cm and 0.2 cm were used in calculations. We found that there was no significant difference in the average cell density of *Microcystis* in the whole water column calculated with the surface thickness of 1 cm (t test, $P > 0.05$, Attached Tab. I). Therefore, the *in situ* growth rate calculated with the surface thickness of 1 cm was deemed reliable.

The majority of the calculated *in situ* growth rates in the current study were within the range of 0.069 and 0.642 day⁻¹ (Fig.6), similar to the results measured by the FDC method in other studies^[33-34]. The *in situ* growth rate of *Microcystis* determined by Cao et al.^[35] using specially designed chambers in Lake Taihu was far lower than that determined in our study. This is because they conducted their experiment in spring, when the temperature was much lower than that in the current study (conducted in August). The *in situ* growth rate of *Microcystis* measured by the FDC method by Wu and Kong^[36] was between 0.2 and 0.3 day⁻¹ in August. However, if the FDC was substituted into formula 1 proposed by Tsujimura^[33], the calculated *in situ* growth rate could reach 0.6 day⁻¹, a value similar to those obtained in this study. Similarly, Wilson et al.^[37] reported that the growth rate of individual *Microcystis* colonies ranged from 0.2 to 0.4 day⁻¹. Li et al.^[38] found that the maximum *in situ* growth rate of *Microcystis* in Lake Taihu measured by the RNA/TOC method was 0.6 day⁻¹. Although Stolte and Garcés^[39] noted that most cyanobacteria have an *in situ* growth rate of >0.5 day⁻¹, and many show growth rates of >1.0 day⁻¹ in the laboratory, the *in situ* growth rate of *Microcystis* in a shallow lake would be <0.6 day⁻¹ most of the time. However, some of the *in situ* growth rates calculated in the present study were between -0.3 and -0.5 day⁻¹ (Fig.6), indicating that there was a considerable decline in the *Microcystis* even in midsummer. Further studies on the mechanism of *Microcystis* decline are expected to provide a new ideas for the control of *Microcystis* blooms.

Our results show that the *in situ* growth rate of *Microcystis* was positively related to wind speed, indicating that increasing turbulence promoted *Microcystis* growth in the field (Tab.1). It is generally believed that wind-induced turbulence causes the release of nutrient from sediment, thereby stimulating *Microcystis* growth^[40-42]. Turbidity was significantly positively correlated with NO₃⁻-N, NH₃-N, and TP (Tab.1). However, the TDP concentration in the current study was negatively correlated with wind speed, suggesting that the release of phosphorus from sediment was limited in the enclosure ecosystem. In addition, we detected no significant relationship between TDP and turbidity (Tab.1). Tang et al.^[43] found that sediment resuspension significantly contributed to the release of particulate phosphorus, but had less of an effect on dissolved phosphorus. This phenomenon was consistent with the nutrient status of phosphorus limitation in Lake Taihu^[44-45].

In this current study, the dissolved phosphorus in the water column may have been absorbed by the rapidly growing *Microcystis*, whose growth was promoted by increasing turbulence. Xie et al.^[46] reported a similar result where the TDP concentration in a shallow lake (Lake Donghu, China) decreased due to *Microcystis* growth. The large number of *Microcystis* accumulated on the water surface will be under a state of nutrient stress^[47-48] and photoinhibition^[49-50], which are not conducive to its growth. Sufficient turbulence can cause *Microcystis* to become evenly distributed in the water column, rather than aggregated at the surface^[51-52]. The homodispersion of *Microcystis* colonies in the water column is conducive to light transmission and nutrient uptake, both of which stimulate *Microcystis* growth^[53-54]. The existence of this pathway was verified by the negative relationship between the *in situ* growth rate and the surface cell density of *Microcystis* detected in the current study (Tab.1). The nitrogen concentration was relatively high in our study, and was not significantly related to the growth rate of *Microcystis*.

This study showed a significant negative relationship between *Microcystis* colony size and wind speed during the 12 days of continuous monitoring, indicating that wind-induced turbulence in shallow lakes could break up *Microcystis* colonies. A similar negative correlation has been demonstrated in the indoor oscillating grids test carried out with *Microcystis* colonies by O'Brien et al.^[11]. Zhang et al.^[55] also found the length of *Dolichospermum flos-aquae* filaments decreased noticeably with the increasing turbulence energy dissipation rates in chemostats with self-designed mixing propellers. The turbulence dissipation rate in the current study ranged from 2×10^{-5} to 19×10^{-5} m²/s³, indicating that turbulence at the above intensities could break up *Microcystis* colonies under natural conditions. According to the relationship between turbulence intensity and wind speed as well as water depth given by MacKenzie and Leggett^[31], a turbulence intensity of 2.33×10^{-5} m²/s³ is equivalent to that produced by an average wind speed of 5.00 m/s in a 30-m depth reservoir. Li et al.^[7] showed that the minimum turbulence intensity required to break a

Microcystis colony was $0.020 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^3$ in a laboratory experiment using submerged impellers. The minimum turbulence intensity in the field would be much lower than that in a laboratory because the laboratory experimental time (30 min) was too short to observe disaggregation of *Microcystis* at lower turbulence intensities. Therefore, the disaggregation of *Microcystis* colonies by wind-induced turbulence will occur continuously under natural conditions.

The process of colony formation by cell-adhesion is faster than that by cell-division^[56]. Although the extracellular polysaccharides on the surface of *Microcystis* colonies and cells are negatively charged^[57-58], Chen and Lüring^[59] showed that Ca^{2+} , an important divalent electrolyte cation in the water, will counteract the electrostatic repulsion to promote the formation of large *Microcystis* colonies by cell adhesion. Moreover, Qin et al.^[8] observed that the colony size of *Microcystis* increased from 32.8 to 69.4 μm under the action of wind-waves, suggesting that strong turbulence could increase the chance of collisions between *Microcystis* colonies and cells. However, our field results did not show that strong turbulence promoted the adhesion of *Microcystis* cells or colonies to form larger colonies (Fig.8). This may be affected by the minimum-scale of turbulence. As shown in Fig.9, the maximum of $D_{50_{\text{ave}}}$ was limited by the L_K under different wind speeds. The opposite results between Qin et al.^[12] and our study was because the colony size of *Microcystis* was smaller than L_K during their monitoring period. During August 28th to 29th and September 4th to 5th when the wind speed was less than 1.00 m/s, *Microcystis* colonies aggregated at the water surface (Fig.4a), resulting in significantly increased $D_{50_{\text{ave}}}$ (Fig.4b). Other studies also found that individual colony size in the surface scums can be up to 2000 μm , but the D_{50} is usually less than 800 μm ^[4,9,26]. Therefore, low turbulence would promote *Microcystis* adhesion to form large colonies, but the colony sizes does not exceed the minimum-scale of turbulence.

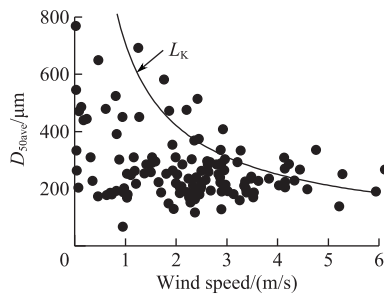


图 9 整水柱微囊藻群体平均粒径与柯尔莫哥洛夫尺度之间的关系

Fig.9 Relationships between average colony size of *Microcystis* throughout water column and Kolmogorov scale (L_K)

No significant correlation was detected between the proportions of spherical *M. wesenbergii* and irregular *M. wesenbergii* (Fig.7c), although Li et al.^[7] have shown that spherical *M. wesenbergii* can change into irregular *M. wesenbergii* under the effect of turbulence. The lack of correlation may be caused by *M. ichthyoblabe* colonies continuously changing into spherical *M. wesenbergii* colonies, thus interfering with the relationship between spherical *M. wesenbergii* and irregular *M. wesenbergii*. However, both the proportions of spherical *M. wesenbergii* and irregular *M. wesenbergii* were negatively correlated with that of *M. aeruginosa* (Fig.7d, e), indicating that whether *M. wesenbergii* was deformed or not, their colonies were continuously dissolved and turned into *M. aeruginosa*. The relationships found in the current study between the various *Microcystis* colony morphotypes (Fig.7) support the morphology change model proposed by Xiao et al.^[13] that the morphology of *Microcystis* colonies changes over time. Other researchers^[60-62], however, have shown that there are some differences in cell size, mucilage sheath, toxin production, and gene sequences in different morphotypes of *Microcystis* colonies. In the future studies, it is necessary to measure the above characterization in the dynamic change of *Microcystis* morphotypes for verifying the hypothesis.

Recent studies have forecasted that global climate change will reduce average wind speeds on land^[63-65], resul-

ting in lower turbulence intensity in lakes. The results of this study imply that the colony size of *Microcystis* in lakes will increase with lower wind speeds, and the probability of surface accumulation will increase. Another prediction from global climate change is an increase in extreme weather events, such as tropical typhoons with high rainfall and winds, which may not only transport nutrients into lakes, but will also stir up sediments^[66-68]. In our study, no relation between water column nutrient concentrations and wind speed was found, but at higher winds, such as during typhoons, dissolved inorganic nutrients at the sediment-water interface increased with wind^[66]. Consequently, cyanobacterial biomass increased in the next month after tropical cyclones passed^[66]. Hence, the availability of nutrients and a more favorable volume-to-surface ratio of smaller colonies due to colony breakage under high winds will promote biomass build-up, while during subsequent stable weather conditions likely larger sized *Microcystis* colonies will accumulate at the water surface.

The aggregation of *Microcystis* at the water surface is not conducive to light penetration. Thus, other phytoplankton may receive even less light^[13, 65]. Janatian et al.^[69] indicated that a decrease in wind speed will shift phytoplankton groups from *r*-selected coccal and colonial green algae and cyanobacteria to *K*-selected shade-adapted thin filamentous cyanobacteria in the large and shallow Lake Vörtsjärvi. Therefore, decreasing wind speed will likely reduce phytoplankton biodiversity in eutrophic lakes, and buoyant cyanobacteria such as *Microcystis* will become more dominant.

4 Conclusions

Strong turbulence in field conditions promoted *Microcystis* growth due to homodispersion of *Microcystis* colonies and release of nutrient from sediment. *Microcystis* colonies can be disaggregated by strong wind-induced turbulence in the field. The negative relationships between *M. ichthyoblabe* and *M. wesenbergii* and between *M. wesenbergii* and *M. aeruginosa* in the proportion of morphospecies out of all *Microcystis* were found in this study, but more evidence is need to support the hypothesis that the morphology of *Microcystis* colonies changes over time. On the basis of our results, we conclude that a climatically modulated decline in wind speed will promote the surface accumulation of *Microcystis* due to larger colony formation.

5 Appendix

The Attached Table I is seen in the electronic version (DOI: 10.18307/2021.0205).

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Supporting Information

The differences in average cell density of *Microcystis* in water column calculated by the surface thickness of 1.0 cm, 0.5 cm, 0.4 cm, 0.3 cm and 0.2 cm were analyzed by one-way ANOVA using a Tukey post hoc test. The statistical analysis were performed using SPSS 19.0.

Attached Tab. I The differences in average cell density of *Microcystis* in water column calculated by the surface thickness of 1 cm, 0.5 cm, 0.4 cm, 0.3 cm and 0.2 cm

	(I) Variable 1	(J) Variable 2	Mean difference (I-J)	Standard deviation	Significance
Tukey HSD	1.0 cm	0.5 cm	0.54027	0.32881	0.470
		0.4 cm	0.64833	0.32881	0.281
		0.3 cm	0.75638	0.32881	0.146
		0.2 cm	0.86443	0.32881	0.066
	0.5 cm	1.0 cm	-0.54027	0.32881	0.470
		0.4 cm	0.10805	0.32881	0.997
		0.3 cm	0.21611	0.32881	0.965
		0.2 cm	0.32416	0.32881	0.862
	0.4 cm	1.0 cm	-0.64833	0.32881	0.281
		0.5 cm	-0.10805	0.32881	0.997
		0.3 cm	0.10805	0.32881	0.997
		0.2 cm	0.21611	0.32881	0.965
	0.3 cm	1.0 cm	-0.75638	0.32881	0.146
		0.5 cm	-0.21611	0.32881	0.965
		0.4 cm	-0.10805	0.32881	0.997
		0.2 cm	0.10805	0.32881	0.997
	0.2 cm	1.0 cm	-0.86443	0.32881	0.066
		0.5 cm	-0.032416	0.32881	0.862
		0.4 cm	-0.21611	0.32881	0.965
		0.3 cm	-0.10805	0.32881	0.997

* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level, ** Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level.