

Supplementary Figures

Figure S1: Comparison between microbial community beta diversity calculated with non-rarefied relative ASV abundances and rarefied abundances from 100 independent iterations of random subsampling without replacement to an equal number of 214 reads per sample. The top panel shows distributions of Mantel correlations between beta diversity calculated with non-rarefied relative abundances and rarefied abundances. The bottom panel shows linear regression curves from Gaussian generalized linear models of beta diversity calculated with non-rarefied relative abundances versus each of the 100 independently rarefied abundances. Mean values of intercepts (*̅b*) and slope $\overline{(m)}$ and corresponding standard errors in parentheses are averages across the 100 regression models. The red line with intercept $= 0$ and slope $= 1$ represents a theoretical perfect agreement between beta diversity calculated with non-rarefied relative abundances and rarefied abundances.

Figure S2: Violin plots showing distributions of partial R^2 , F statistics, p values, and residuals of 100 PERMANOVA tests for differences in taxonomic microbial community composition between site and year based on Bray-Curtis dissimilarity calculated with rarefied ASV abundances from 100 independent iterations of random subsampling without replacement to an equal number of 214 reads per sample. Solid black lines represent quartiles (Q1, median, Q3). The blue dashed lines indicate values obtained from the analysis with non-rarefied relative ASV abundances presented in the main text. Only samples from Jungfraujoch and Sonnblick were considered since samples from Zugspitze were not available for both years.

Figure S3: Violin plots showing distributions of partial R^2 , F statistics, p values, and residuals of 100 PERMANOVA tests for differences in phylogenetic microbial community composition between site and year based on abundance-weighted β-MPD calculated with rarefied ASV abundances from 100 independent iterations of random subsampling without replacement to an equal number of 214 reads per sample. Solid black lines represent quartiles (Q1, median, Q3). The blue dashed lines indicate values obtained from the analysis with non-rarefied relative ASV abundances presented in the main text. Only samples from Jungfraujoch and Sonnblick were considered since samples from Zugspitze were not available for both years.

Figure S4: Violin plots showing distributions of R^2 , F statistics, p values, and residuals of 100 PERMANOVA tests for differences in taxonomic microbial community composition between all three sites in 2016 based on Bray-Curtis dissimilarity calculated with rarefied ASV abundances from 100 independent iterations of random subsampling without replacement to an equal number of 214 reads per sample. Solid black lines represent quartiles (Q1, median, Q3). The blue dashed lines indicate values obtained from the analysis with non-rarefied relative ASV abundances presented in the main text.

Figure S5: Violin plots showing distributions of R^2 , F statistics, p values, and residuals of 100 PERMANOVA tests for differences in phylogenetic microbial community composition between all three sites in 2016 based on abundance-weighted β-MPD calculated with rarefied ASV abundances from 100 independent iterations of random subsampling without replacement to an equal number of 214 reads per sample. Solid black lines represent quartiles (Q1, median, Q3). The blue dashed lines indicate values obtained from the analysis with non-rarefied relative ASV abundances presented in the main text.

Figure S6: Correlations between numbers of prokaryotic cells and VLP per site and year. Fitted blue lines show trends from generalized additive model smoothing. Correlation coefficients were calculated as Spearman's rank correlations (*rho*).

Figure S7: Correlations between VLP-to-prokaryotic cell ratios and numbers of prokaryotic cells and VLP, respectively, per site and year. Fitted lines show trends from generalized additive model smoothing. Correlation coefficients were calculated as Spearman's rank correlations (*rho*).

Figure S8: Heatmap showing abundances of the 10 most abundant genera within Actinobacteria across snowpack profiles per site and year. The range of pooled layers used for DNA extraction is indicated in cm above the bottom of the snowpack.

Alphaproteobacteria

Height (cm)

Figure S9: Heatmap showing abundances of the 10 most abundant genera within Alphaproteobacteria across snowpack profiles per site and year. The range of pooled layers used for DNA extraction is indicated in cm above the bottom of the snowpack.

Figure S10: Heatmap showing abundances of the 10 most abundant genera within Bacilli across snowpack profiles per site and year. The range of pooled layers used for DNA extraction is indicated in cm above the bottom of the snowpack.

Figure S11: Heatmap showing abundances of the 10 most abundant genera within Bacteroidia across snowpack profiles per site and year. The range of pooled layers used for DNA extraction is indicated in cm above the bottom of the snowpack.

Figure S12: Heatmap showing abundances of the 10 most abundant genera within Cyanobacteriia across snowpack profiles per site and year. The range of pooled layers used for DNA extraction is indicated in cm above the bottom of the snowpack.

Gammaproteobacteria

Figure S13: Heatmap showing abundances of the 10 most abundant genera within Gammaproteobacteria across snowpack profiles per site and year. The range of pooled layers used for DNA extraction is indicated in cm above the bottom of the snowpack.

Figure S14: Estimates of phylogenetic microbial community alpha diversity inferred from Hill numbers per site and year.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1: Description of the snow layers according to Fierz et al. (2009), snow water equivalent (SWE), and snow density for Zugspitze, Germany, on May 13th 2015. Snow heights are given from 0 cm at the bottom (profile base) to maximum profile height at the snowpack surface. SWE and snow densities were measured directly in the field by determination of the snow mass of a defined volume of snow using a snow cylinder.

Table S2: Description of the snow layers according to Fierz et al. (2009), snow water equivalent (SWE), and snow density for Sonnblick, Austria, on July 2nd 2015. Snow heights are given from 0 cm at the bottom (profile base) to maximum profile height at the snowpack surface. SWE and snow densities were measured directly in the field by determination of the snow mass of a defined volume of snow using a snow cylinder (table continues on the next page).

Table S2: Continued.

Table S3: Description of the snow layers according to Fierz et al. (2009), snow water equivalent (SWE), and snow density for Jungfraujoch, Switzerland, on June $25th 2015$. Snow heights are given from 0 cm at the bottom (profile base) to maximum profile height at the snowpack surface. SWE and snow densities were measured directly in the field by determination of the snow mass of a defined volume of snow using a snow cylinder (table continues on the next page).

Table S4: Description of the snow layers according to Fierz et al. (2009), snow water equivalent (SWE), and snow density for Zugspitze, Germany, on May 3rd 2016. Snow heights are given from 0 cm at the bottom (profile base) to maximum profile height at the snowpack surface. SWE and snow densities were measured directly in the field by determination of the snow mass of a defined volume of snow using a snow cylinder.

Table S5: Description of the snow layers according to Fierz et al. (2009), snow water equivalent (SWE), and snow density for Sonnblick, Austria, on June 8th 2016. Snow heights are given from 0 cm at the bottom (profile base) to maximum profile height at the snowpack surface. SWE and snow densities were measured directly in the field by determination of the snow mass of a defined volume of snow using a snow cylinder (table continues on the next page).

Table S5: Continued.

Table S6: Description of the snow layers according to Fierz et al. (2009), snow water equivalent (SWE), and snow density for Jungfraujoch, Switzerland, on June 1st 2016. Snow heights are given from 0 cm at the bottom (profile base) to maximum profile height at the snowpack surface. SWE and snow densities were measured directly in the field by determination of the snow mass of a defined volume of snow using a snow cylinder (table continues on the next page).

Table S6: Continued.

	Jungfraujoch ^a			Sonnblick^c			Zugspitze ^d		
	$δ2H$ (‰)	δ ¹⁸ O (% ₀)	Precip. $(mm)^b$	$δ2H$ (‰)	$\delta^{18}O$ (%o)	Precip. (mm)	$δ2H$ (‰)	$\delta^{18}O$ (%o)	Precip. (mm)
Sep 2014	-79.4	-11.6	79	-77.6	-11.7	98			
Oct 2014	-77.9	-11.8	132	-86.7	-12.5	76	-69.1	-11.0	159
Nov 2014	-149.9	-20.0	169	-128.8	-17.5	163	-125.0	-16.9	64
Dec 2014	-144.9	-19.7	172	-108.3	-15.1	71	-168.0	-22.0	206
Jan 2015	-144.2	-19.4	281	-86.8	-12.3	149	-121.7	-16.5	249
Feb 2015	-159.8	-21.5	147	-106.6	-14.9	76	-121.1	-16.9	92
Mar 2015	-129.9	-17.6	280	-97.8	-13.5	144	-87.5	-12.3	238
Apr 2015	-128.9	-17.5	213	-74.8	-11.2	188	-91.5	-12.6	198
May 2015	-104.4	-14.1	198	-68.1	-10.1	179	-118.4	-15.9	41
Jun 2015	-79.8	-11.5	131	-58.2	-8.98	191			

Table S7: Isotope ratios in precipitation and precipitation amounts (Precip.) per location (table continues on the next page).

^a Data from M. Leuenberger (personal communication, February 9th 2016), High Altitude Research Station Jungfraujoch.

^b Data from M. Leuenberger (personal communication, February 9th 2016), closest weather station at Grimsel.

^c Data from Feuerkogel being closest to Sonnblick (Environment Agency Austria, 2016).

d Data corrected from Hürkamp et al. (2019).

References

- Environment Agency Austria (2016). Österreichisches Messnetz für Isotope im Niederschlag und in Oberflächengewässern (ANIP). Available at: <https://www.umweltbundesamt.at/wasser/informationen/isotope/isotopenmessnetz-anip> [Accessed May 12, 2016].
- Fierz, C., Armstrong, R. L., Durand, Y., Etchevers, P., Greene, E., McClung, D. M., et al. (2009). The International Classification for Seasonal Snow on the Ground. *Technical Documents in Hydrology N°83, IACS Contribution N°1, UNESCO-IHP, Paris*.
- Hürkamp, K., Zentner, N., Reckerth, A., Weishaupt, S., Wetzel, K.-F., Tschiersch, J., et al. (2019). Spatial and temporal variability of snow isotopic composition on Mt. Zugspitze, Bavarian alps, Germany. *J. Hydrol. Hydromech.* 67, 49–58. doi:10.2478/johh-2018-0019.