

# ISEO: Improving the lake status from Eutrophy towards Oligotrophy

Work-package 3: Quantification of internal phosphorus fluxes



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## **Determination of pools and fluxes of phosphorus**

Distribution of P in the water

Fluxes from and to sediment

P pools in the sediment

## **Impact of physical conditions on the internal P cycle**

Oxygen depletion (anoxic mobilisation)

Trap effect of monimolimnion

Seiches and P mobility

## **Consequences for the lake management**

# Methods

Sampling campaigns

2016: April, October

2017: April, July, October

2018: April, October

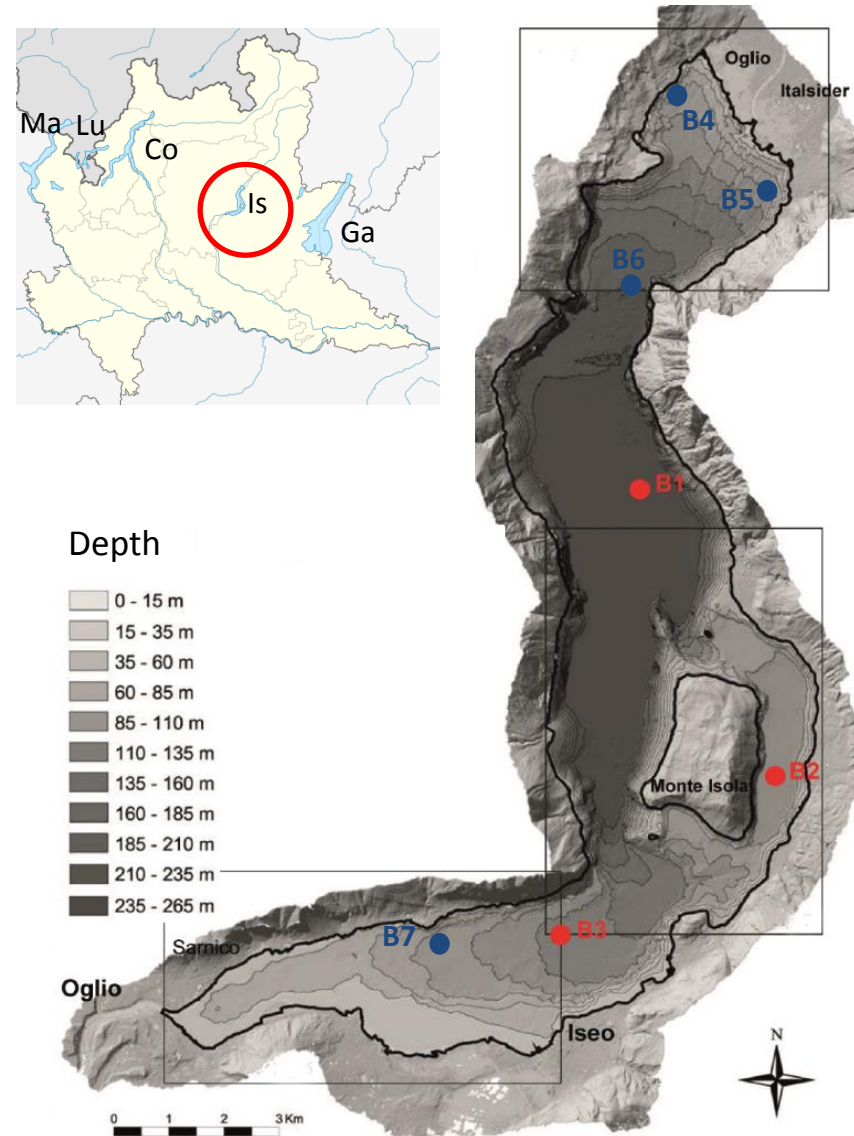
Three main sampling points

B1, B2 and B3

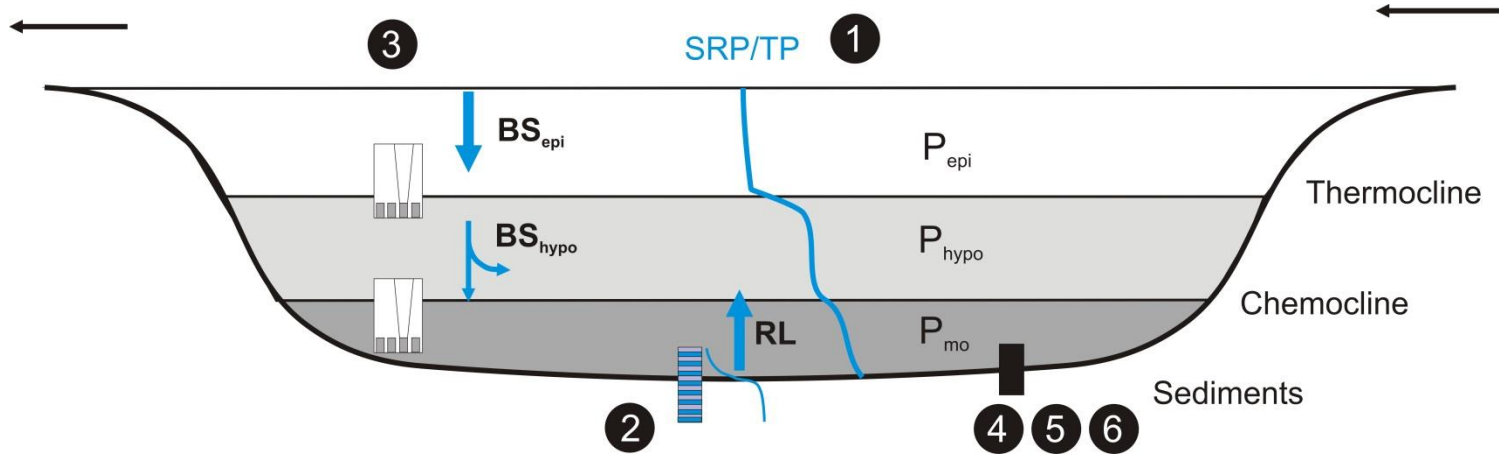
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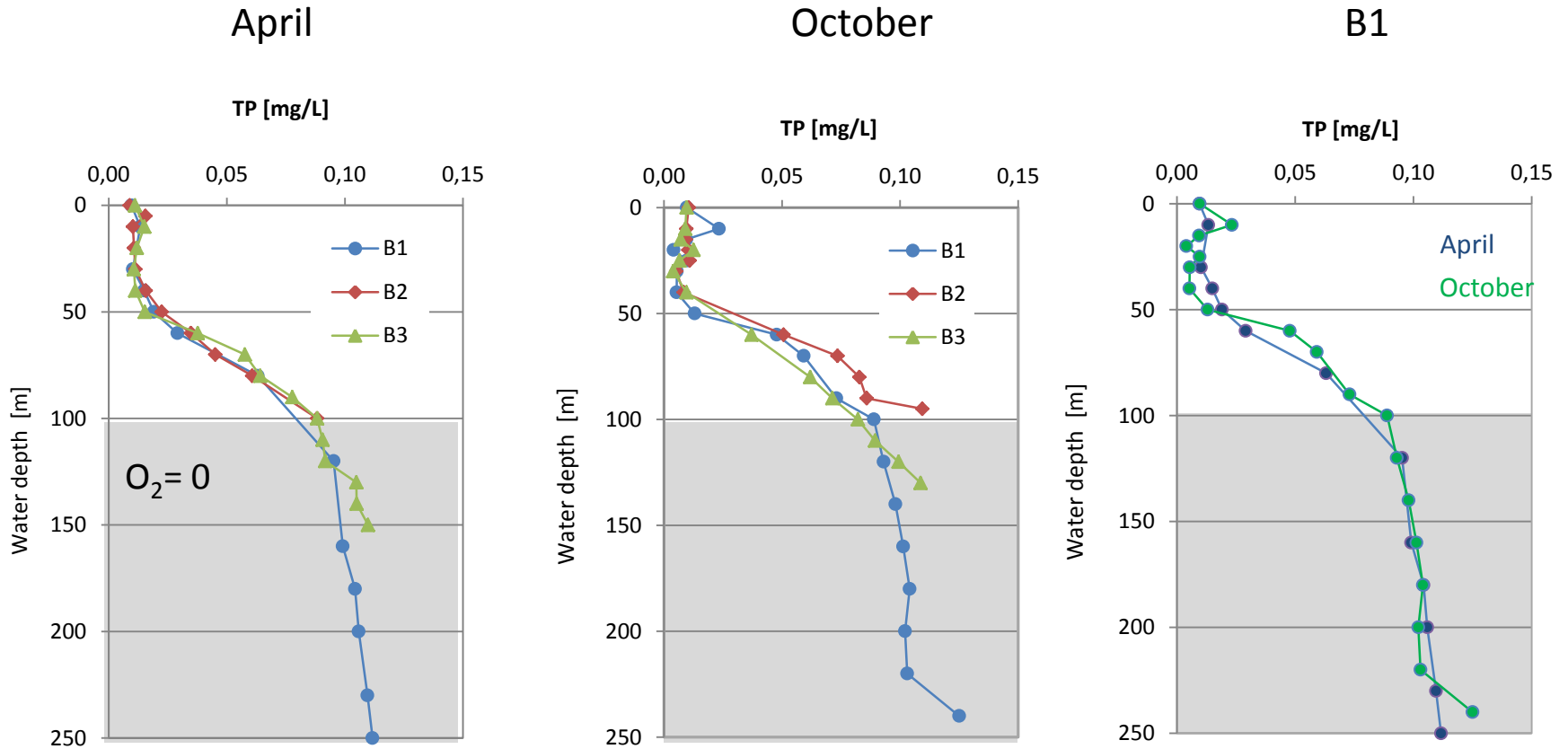
N-S transect

B4, B5, B6 and B7



# Methods

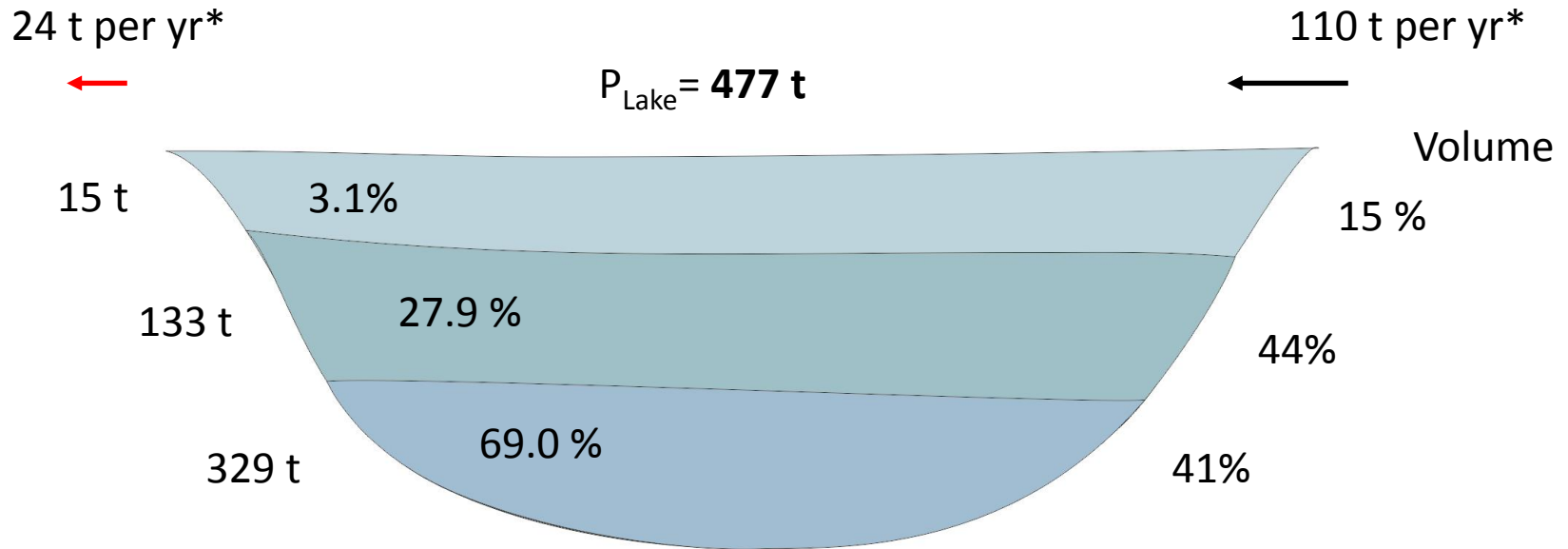




**No significant changes between April and October 2016 at between positions**

Epi	0-20 m	13 $\mu\text{gP/L}$	TP <sub>Lake</sub> (average) 60.5 $\mu\text{gP/L}$
Hypo	20-100 m	38 $\mu\text{gP/L}$	
Monimo:	100-252 m	102 $\mu\text{gP/L}$	

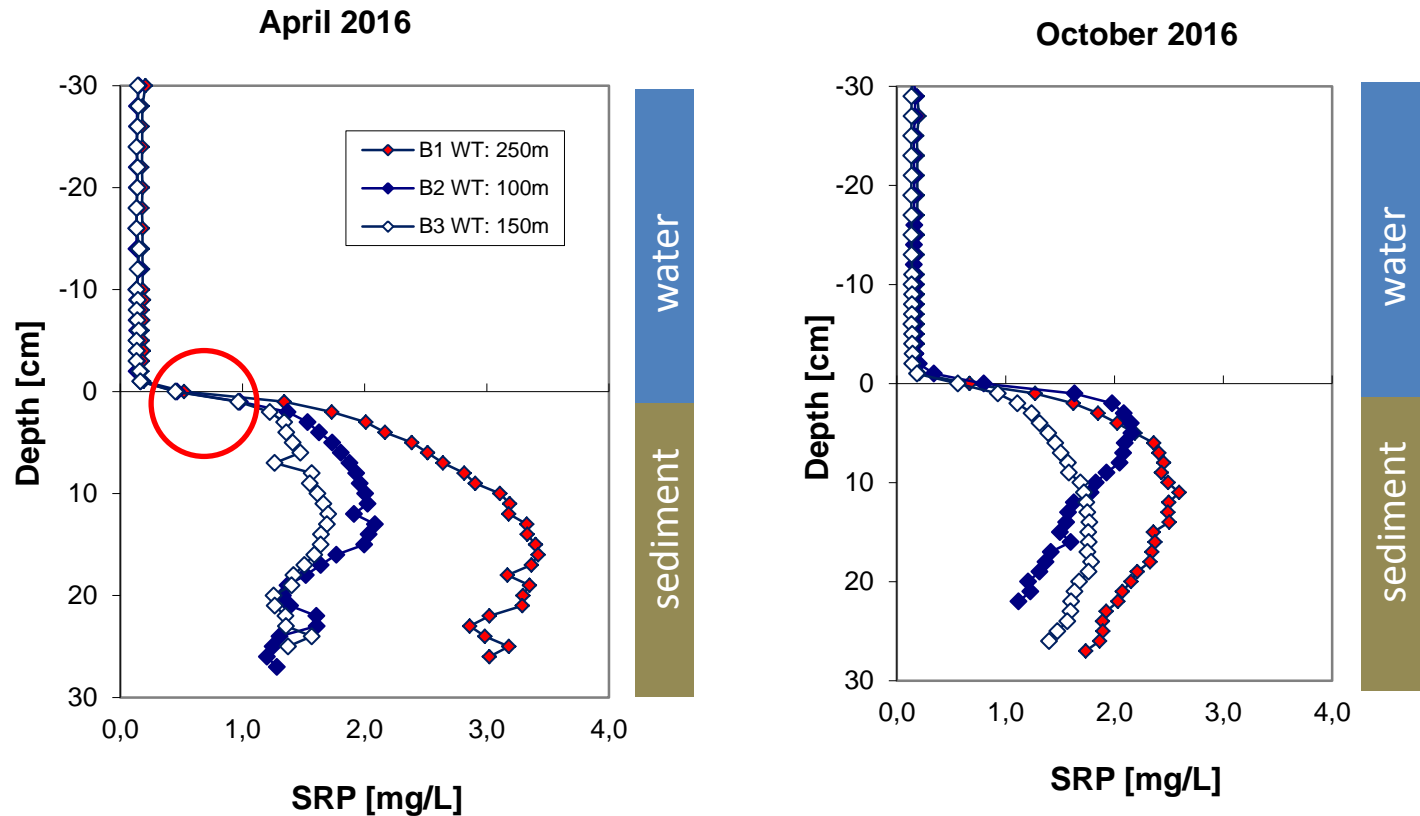
2016



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- Less P in the euphotic zone
- Monimolimnion is acting as an (efficient) P trap
- Balance point of view: **P export is decreased** due to meromixis

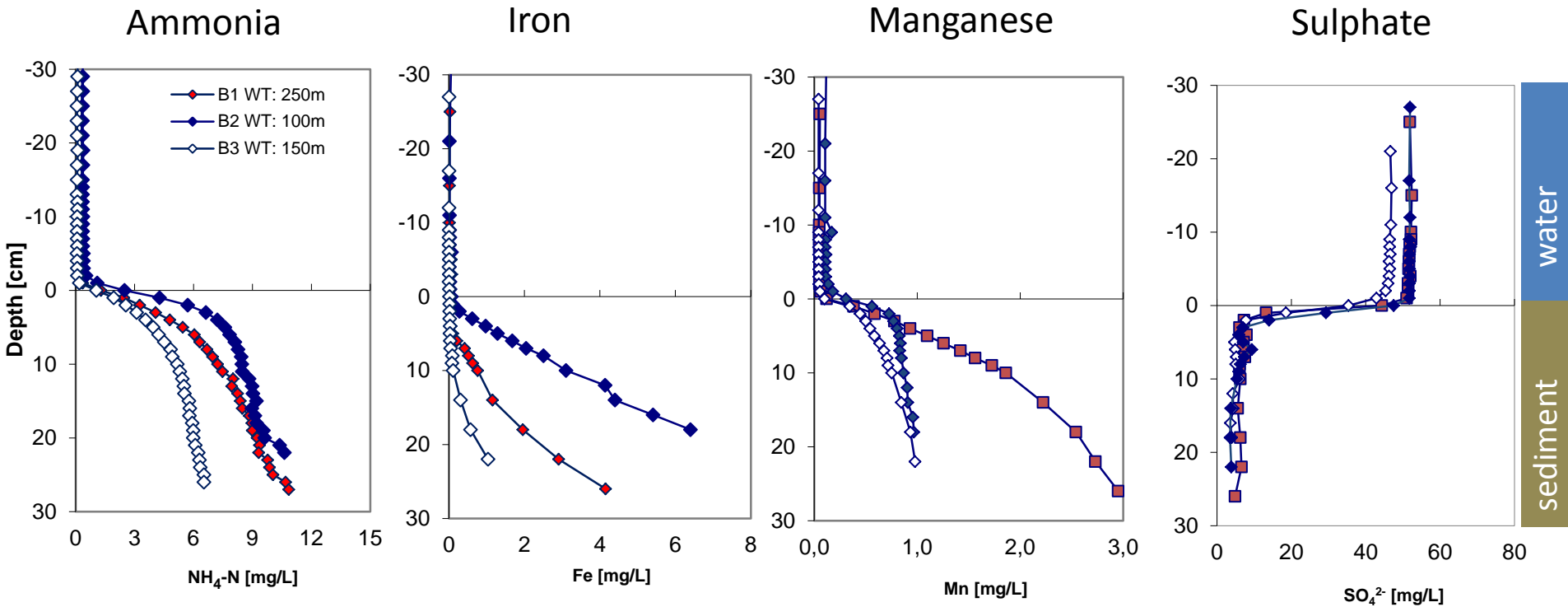
April and October 2016



„Diffusive“ phosphorus release rates ranged between 1.26 and 3.02 mg P m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>



Profiles in the sediment water interface, October 2016



Despite the long time of meromixis we could observe steep gradients between sediment and water: No significant accumulation near the sediment water interface.



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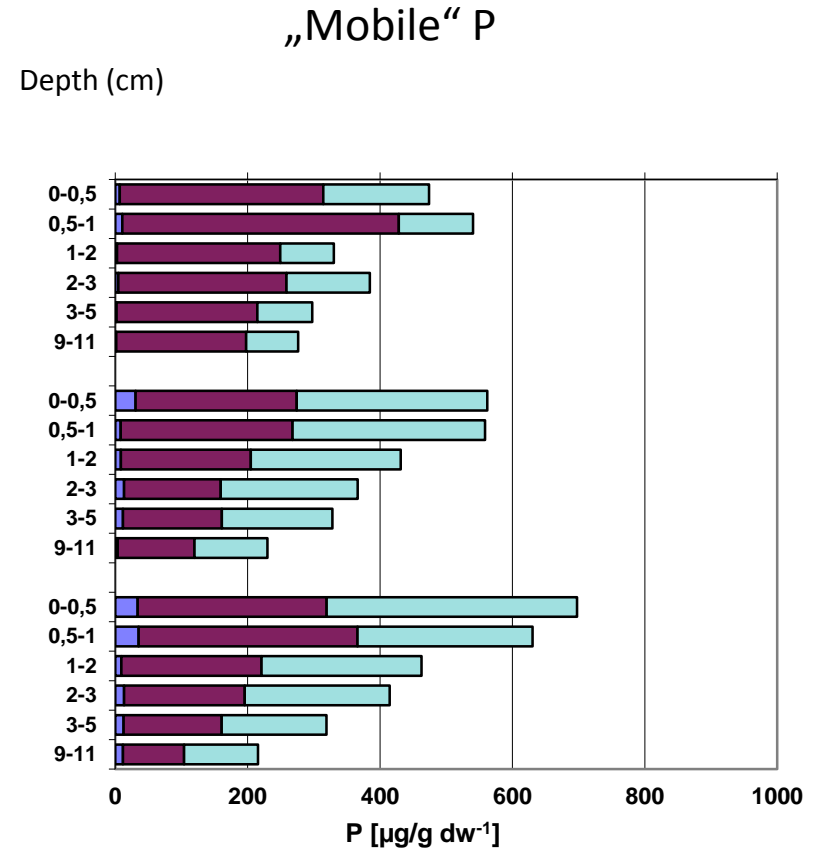
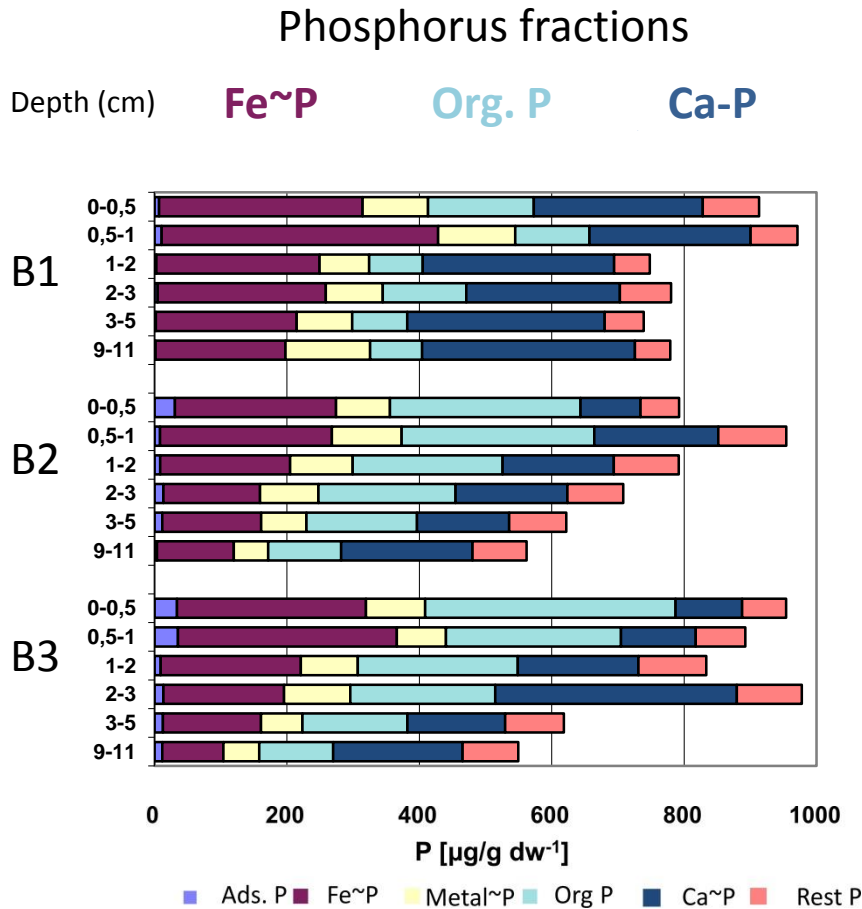
20 m

90 m

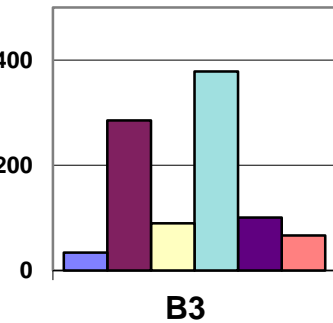
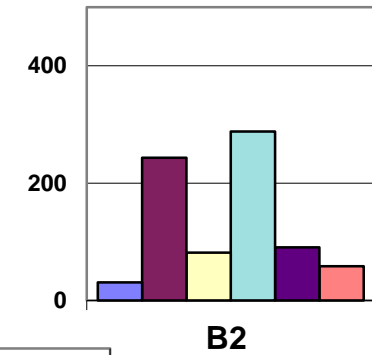
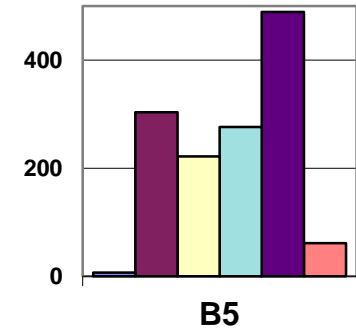
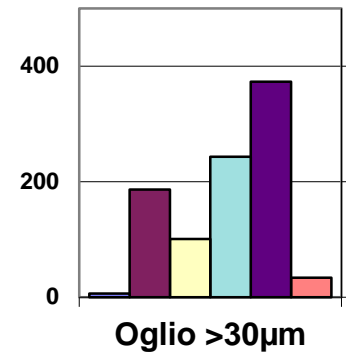
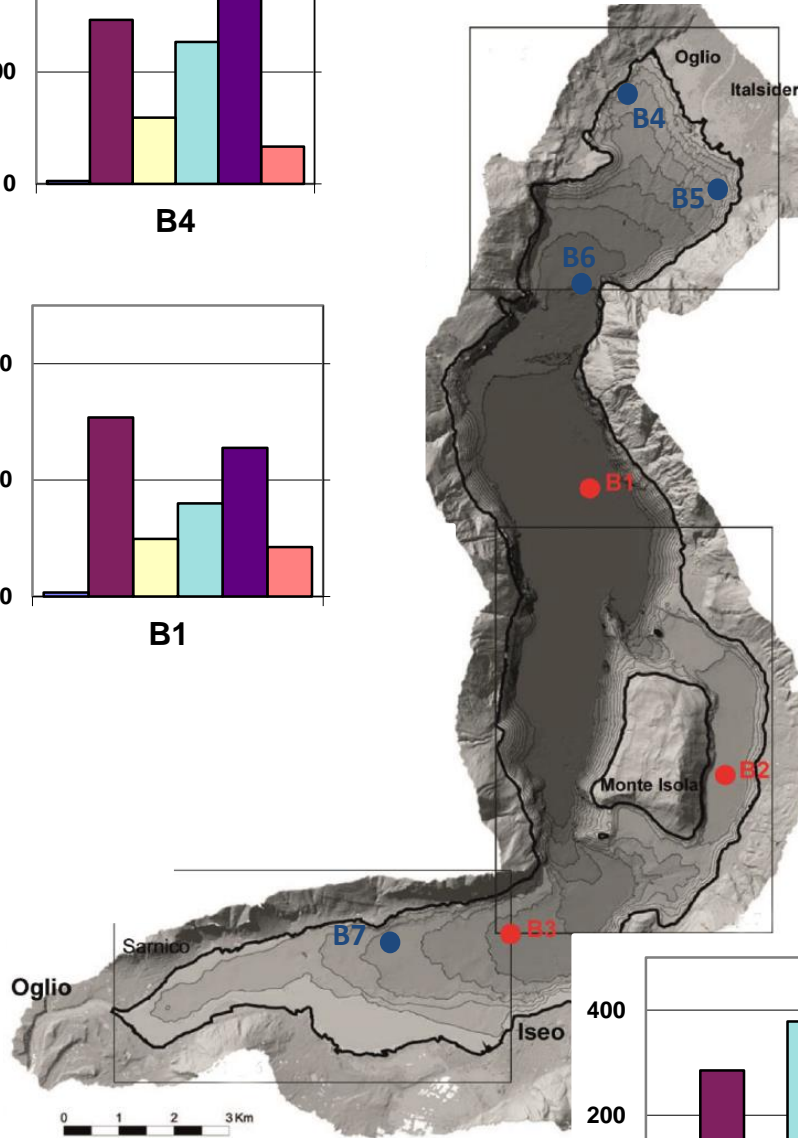
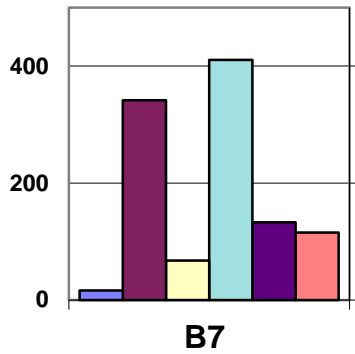
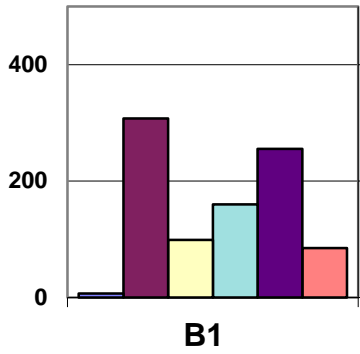
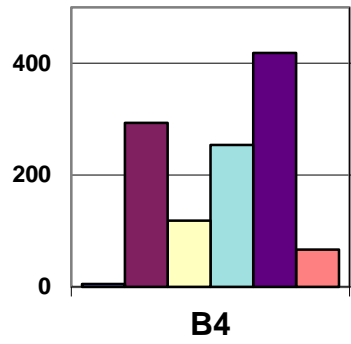
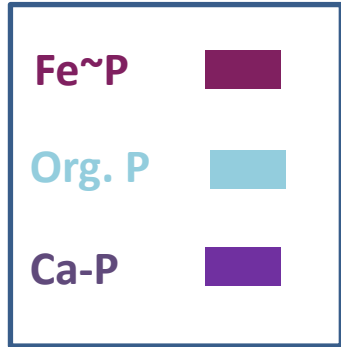
Trap material in 20 m and 90 m water depth



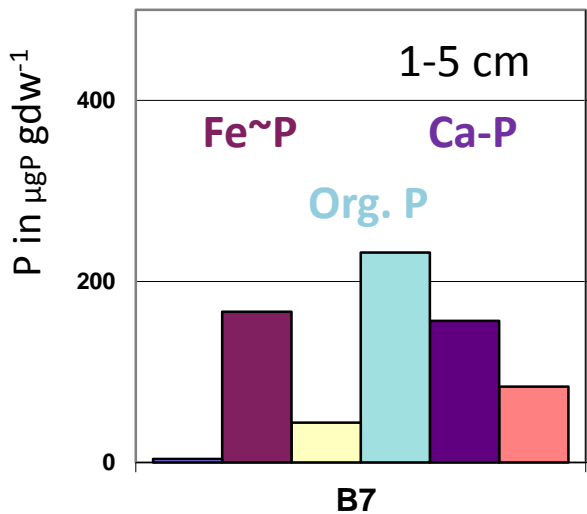
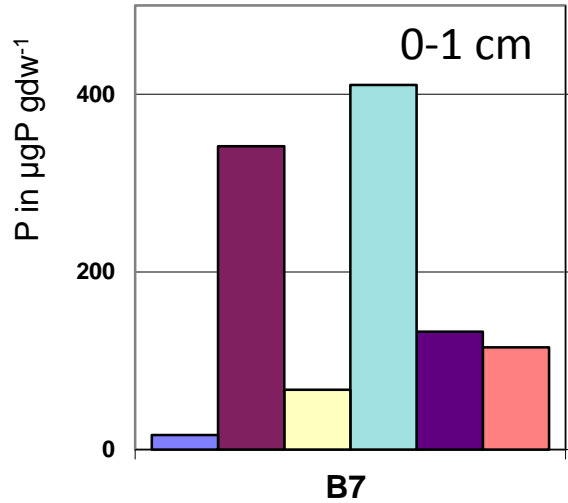
# Determination of potentially mobile P pool



The total P is low in comparison to other lakes. The mobile P varied between 873 and 1200 mg P m<sup>-2</sup>.



P forms at the sediment surface (0-1 cm)  
in µg P g<sup>-1</sup> dw



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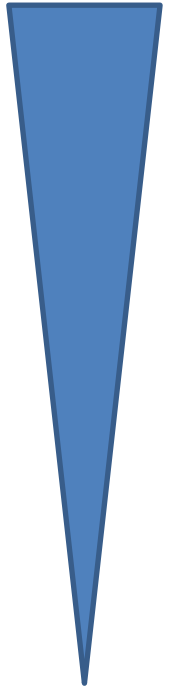
1.95

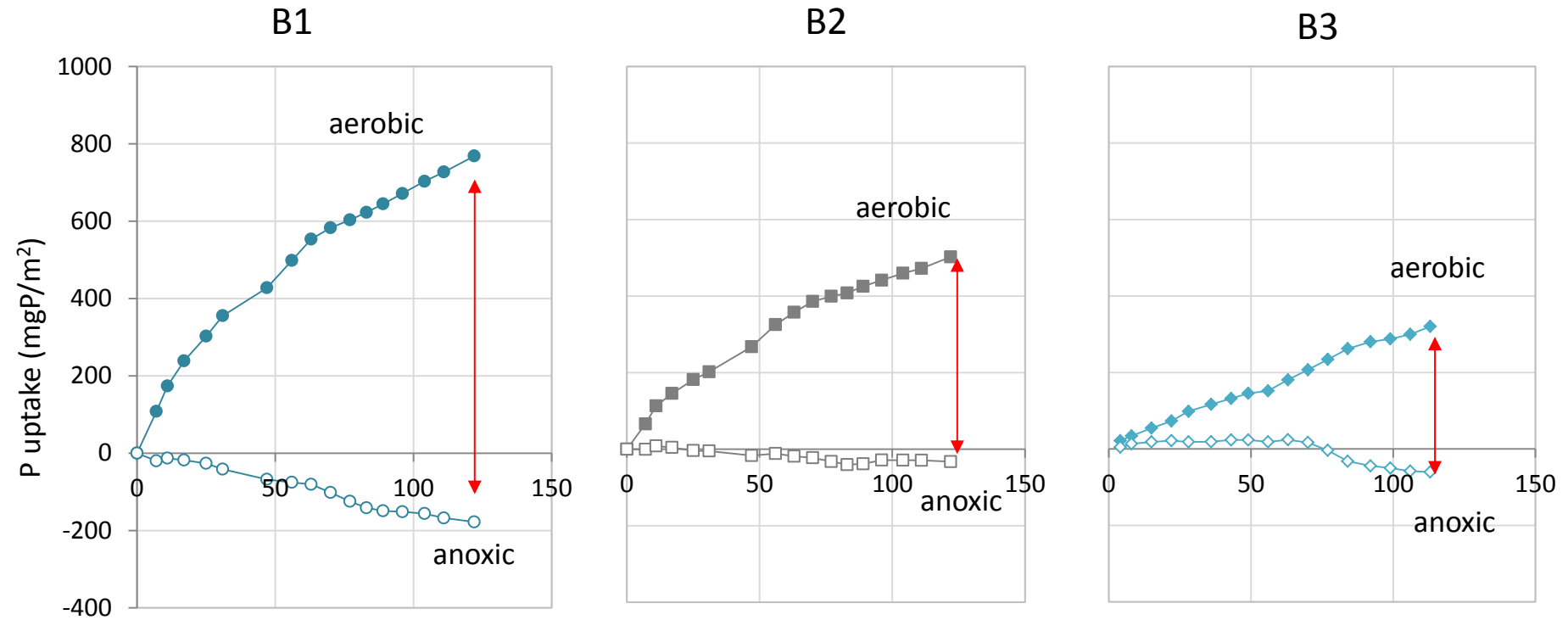
Sediment Surface (0-1 cm)

1.06

Sediment below surface (1-5 cm)

0.83

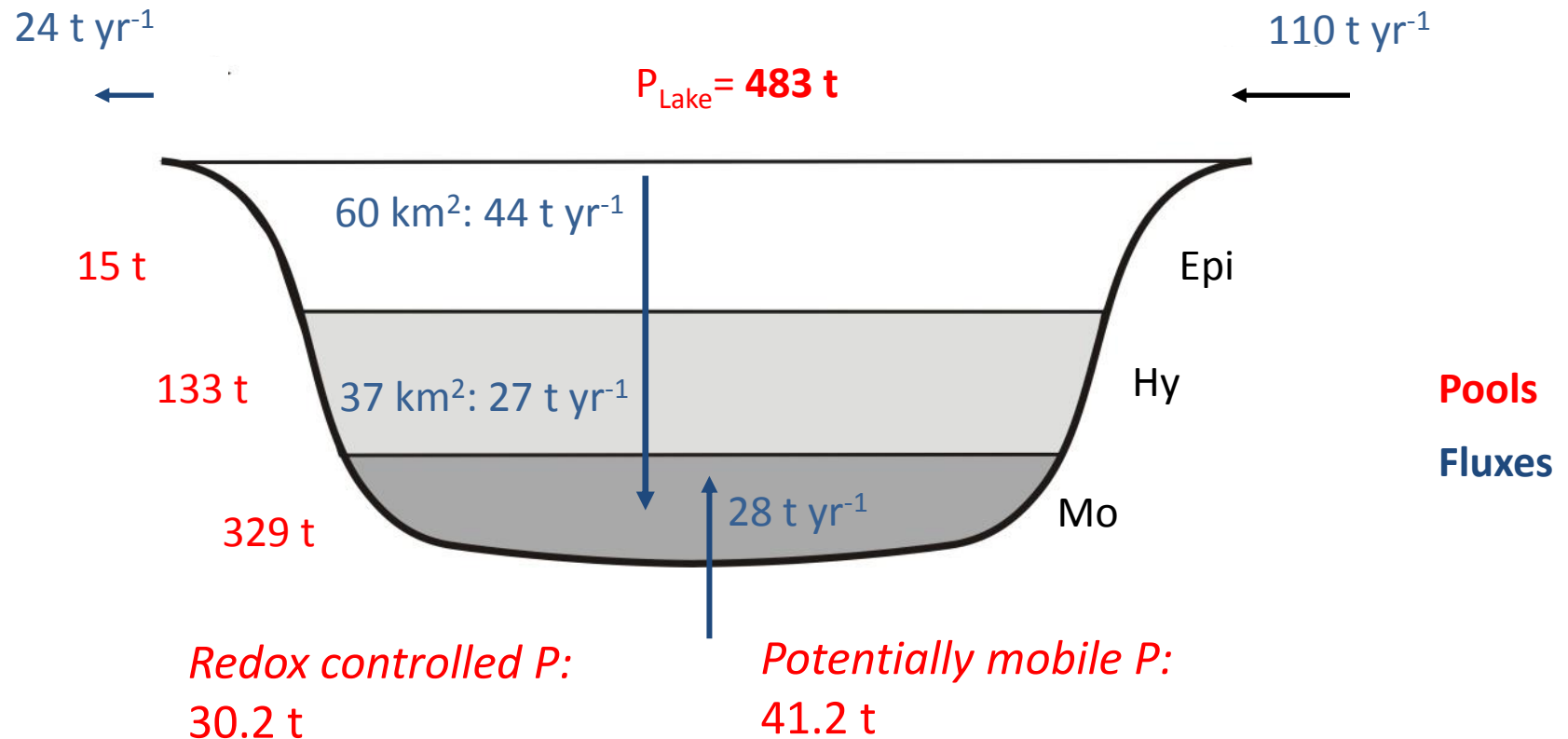




Additional capacity of P binding under oxic conditions

The higher the reductive potential the higher the impact of re-oxidation.

# Phosphorus balance



P net release by a simple mass balance approach (long term):  
20 t per year P accumulation since 2005



# Phosphorus balance

1. Eutrophication potential of mobile P in sediment is low compared to  $P_{\text{lake}}$  and  $P_{\text{import}}$ .
2. P is accumulated in the monimolimnion (less P in the euphotic zone)
3. Anoxic conditions are of low importance for the whole P balance

Combining process studies and field measurements with modelling approaches

*Lau, M. , Valerio, G., Pilotti, M., Hupfer, M.: Meromictic waters store phosphorus better than sediments (MS draft).*

# Work in progress: Coupling of hydrophysical conditions with P fluxes

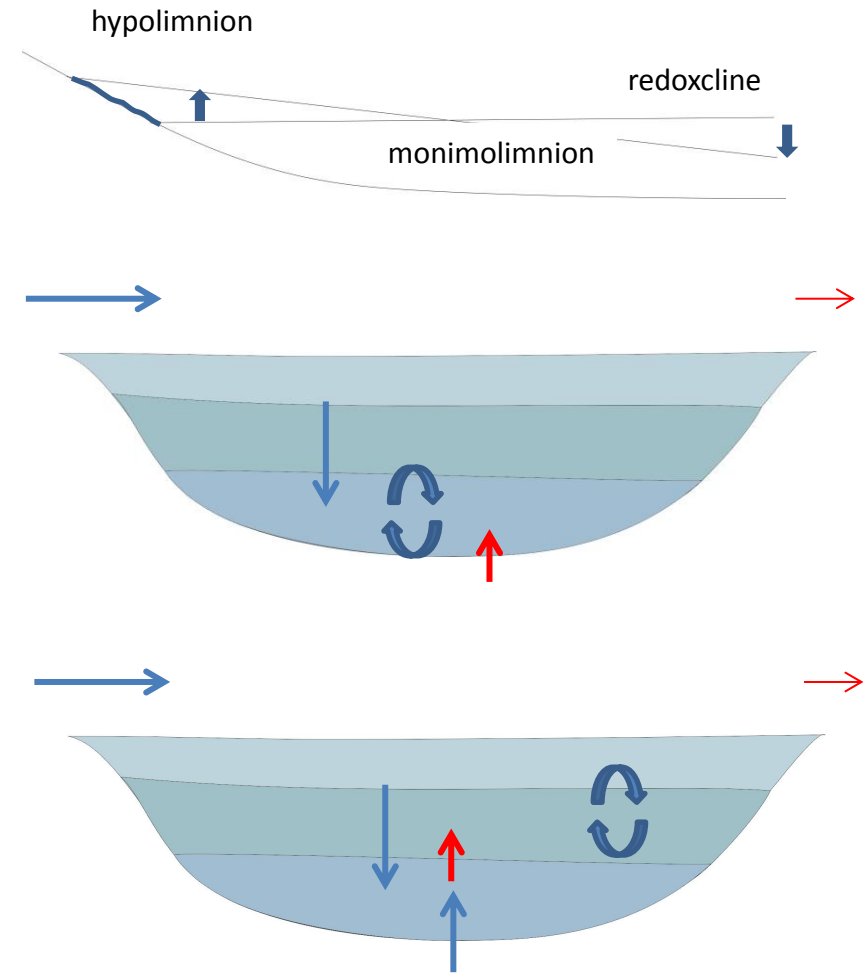
Movements of the redoxcline („seiches“).

Short term redox changes

Turbulence in the monimolimnion  
Gradients at the sediment surface

Monimolimnion as a trap for phosphorus

Transport across the chemocline



# Outlook: Evaluation sediment profiles

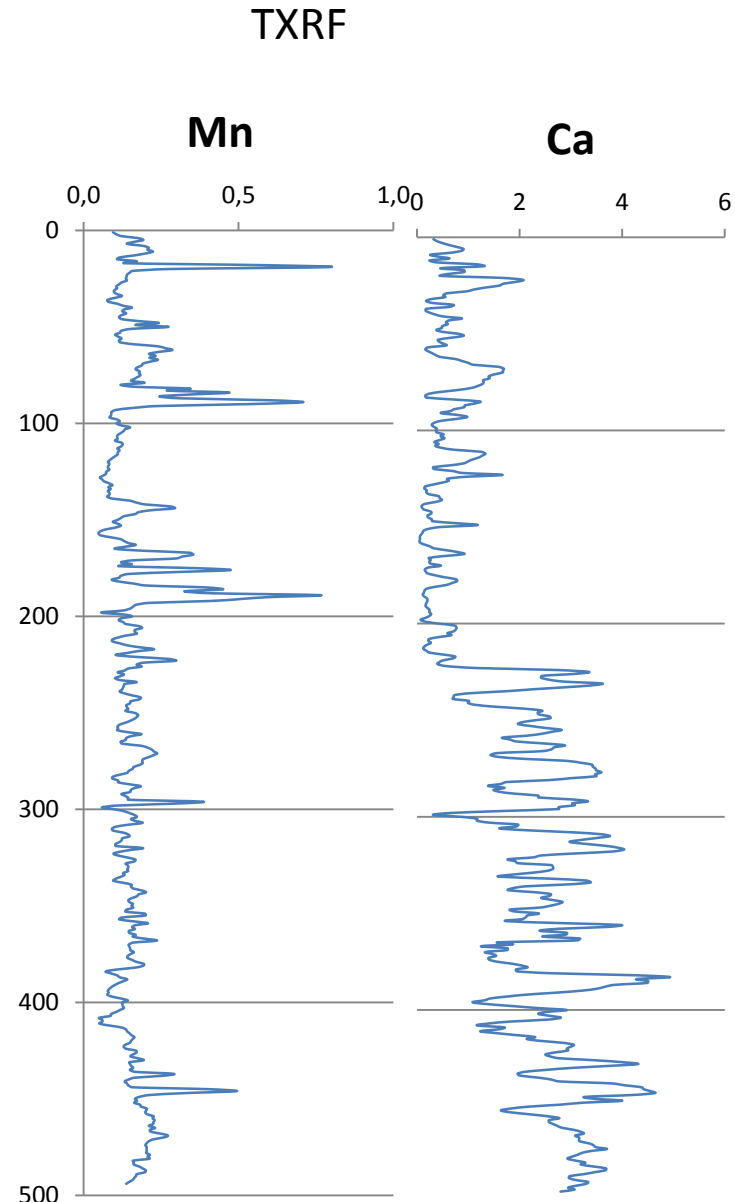
Event stratigraphy  
(e.g. Ca precipitation)

Estimation of P retention

Proxies for oxygen situation

Pattern of elemental  
composition

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B1

## Tracing bottom water oxygenation with sedimentary Mn/Fe ratios in Lake Zurich, Switzerland



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### ABSTRACT

Redox dynamics of manganese (Mn) were studied in the sediment of Lake Zurich using precise sediment core age models, monthly long-term oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) monitoring data of the water column (1936–2010) and high-resolution XRF core scanning. The age models were based on bi-annual lamination and calcite precipitation cycles. If present, Mn exhibits distinct maxima, which coincide with the annual maximum deep-water O<sub>2</sub> concentrations in spring according to the monitoring data. In contrast, the iron (Fe) signal is mainly the result of calcite dilution, as indicated by a strong negative correlation between Fe and calcium (Ca) XRF data. The Mn/Fe ratio in the core from the maximum lake depth (ZH10–15, 137 m) revealed a moderate correlation with O<sub>2</sub> measurements in the lake bottom water confirming the successful application of the Mn/Fe ratio to semi-quantitatively reconstruct bottom water oxygenation in the lake. Mostly low ratios were observed between 1895 and the mid-1960s as a result of eutrophication. However, geochemical focusing and sedimentological factors can reduce the applicability of the Mn/Fe ratio in reconstructing O<sub>2</sub> concentrations in the bottom water of lakes.

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# Status WP 1

	Sampling	Analysis	Evaluation
P forms (fractionation)	●	●	● ●
Pore water	●	●	● ●
Surface sediments transects	●	●	● ●
Multi-Traps	●	●	● ●
Sediment stratigraphy (long cores, 60 cm)	●	●	●
Lab core experiments	●	● ●	● ●
P profiles in water	● ●	● ●	● ●
Particles	●	●	●

● Completed

● In progress

● To do





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