

Paleolimnology of Blake Lake II

A photograph showing two researchers in a small boat on a lake. One researcher, wearing a red plaid shirt and khaki shorts, is holding a long, black sediment core vertically. The other researcher, wearing a tan uniform and rubber boots, is standing on the boat and reaching up to adjust the top of the core. The background shows a shoreline with houses and trees.

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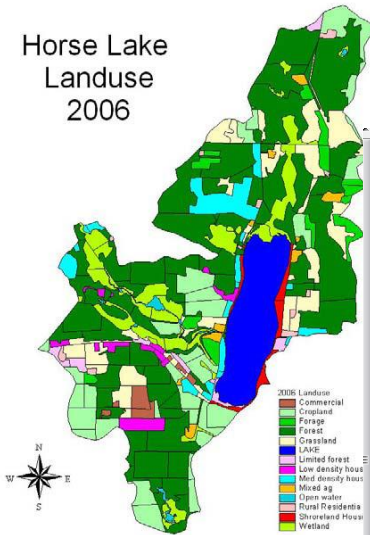
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Historical Land Use



Watershed Modeling

Horse Lake Landuse 2006



Date: 4/5/2006 Scenario: 4
 Lake Id: Lotus Lake
 Watershed Id: 2

Hydrologic and Morphometric Data
 Tributary Drainage Area: 2569.9 acre
 Total Unit Runoff: 8.00 in.
 Annual Runoff Volume: 1713.3 acre-ft
 Lake Surface Area <As>: 248.0 acre
 Lake Volume <V>: 1116.0 acre-ft
 Lake Mean Depth <Z>: 4.5 ft
 Precipitation - Evaporation: 3.3 in.
 Hydraulic Loading: 1781.5 acre-ft/year
 Areal Water Load <q>: 7.2 ft/year
 Lake Flushing Rate <p>: 1.60 1/year
 Water Residence Time: 0.63 year

Observed spring overturn total phosphorus (SPO): 109.0 mg/m³
 Observed growing season mean phosphorus (GSM): 131.0 mg/m³
 % NPS Change: 0%
 % PS Change: 0%

NON-POINT SOURCE DATA

Land Use	Acre (ac)	Loading (kg/ha-year)			Loading (kg/year)		
		Low	Most Likely	High	Low	Most Likely	High
Row Crop AG	480.5	0.50	1.00	3.00	52.4	97	194
Mixed AG	23.2	0.30	0.80	1.40	2.0	3	13
Pasture/Grass	297.6	0.10	0.30	0.50	9.7	12	36
HD Urban (1/8 Ac)	0.0	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.0	0	0
MD Urban (1/4 Ac)	58.1	0.30	0.50	0.80	3.2	7	12
Rural Res (>1 Ac)	403.1	0.05	0.10	0.25	4.4	8	16
Wetlands	248.3	0.10	0.10	0.10	2.7	10	10
Forest	954.2	0.05	0.09	0.18	9.4	19	35
Lake Surface	248.0	0.10	0.30	1.00	8.1	10	30

POINT SOURCE DATA

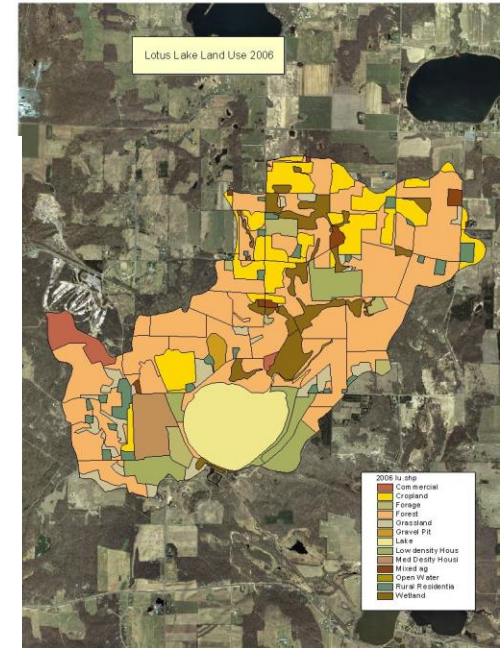
Point Sources	Water Load (m ³ /year)	Low (kg/year)	Most Likely (kg/year)	High (kg/year)	Loading %
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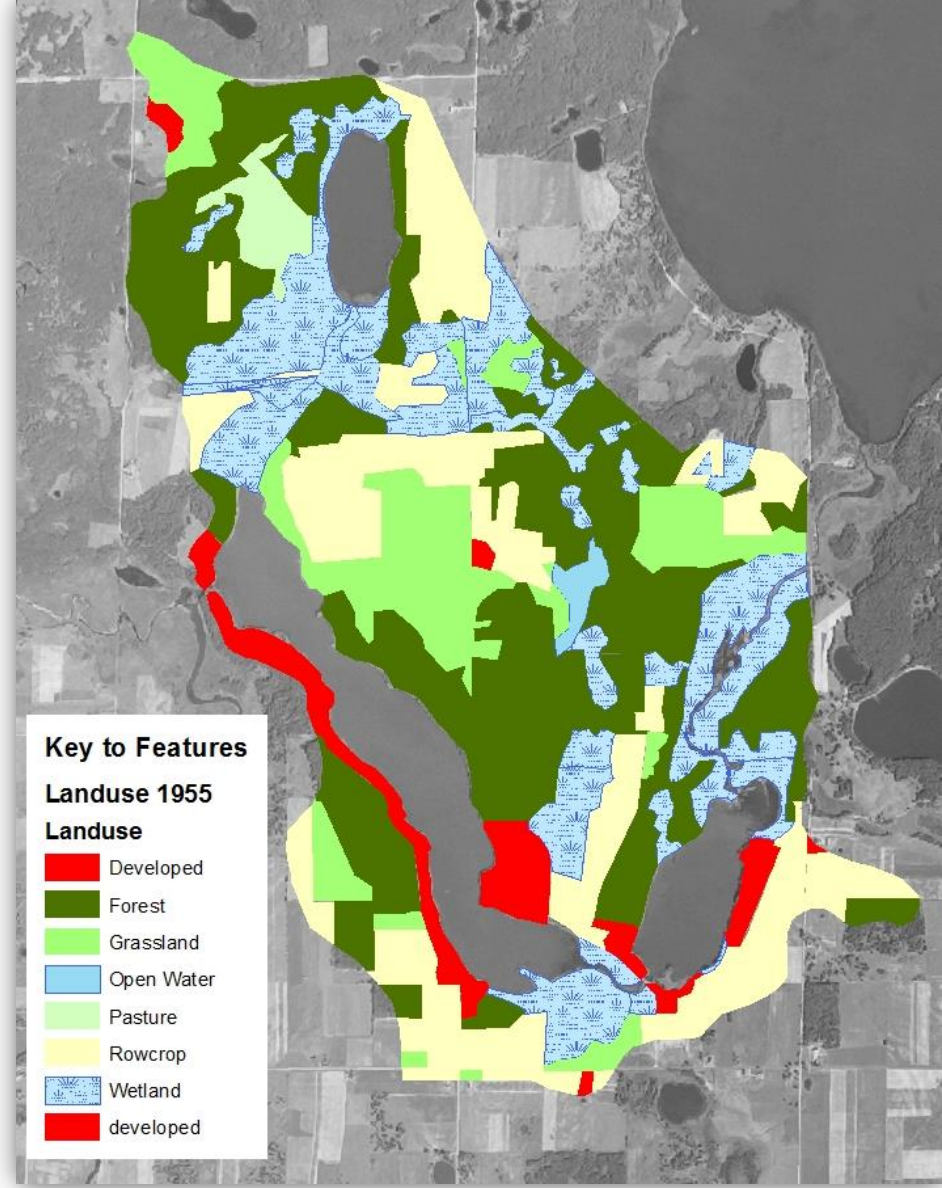
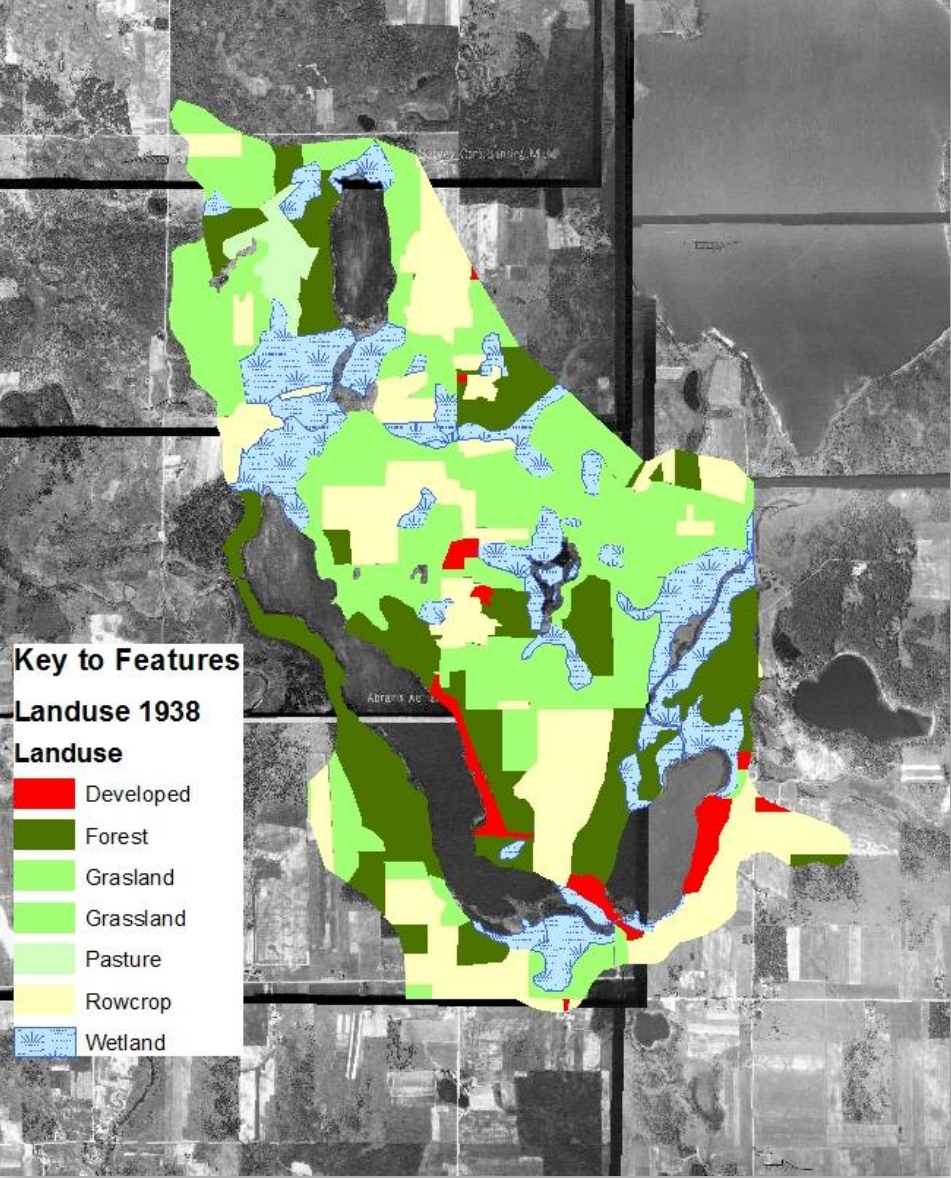
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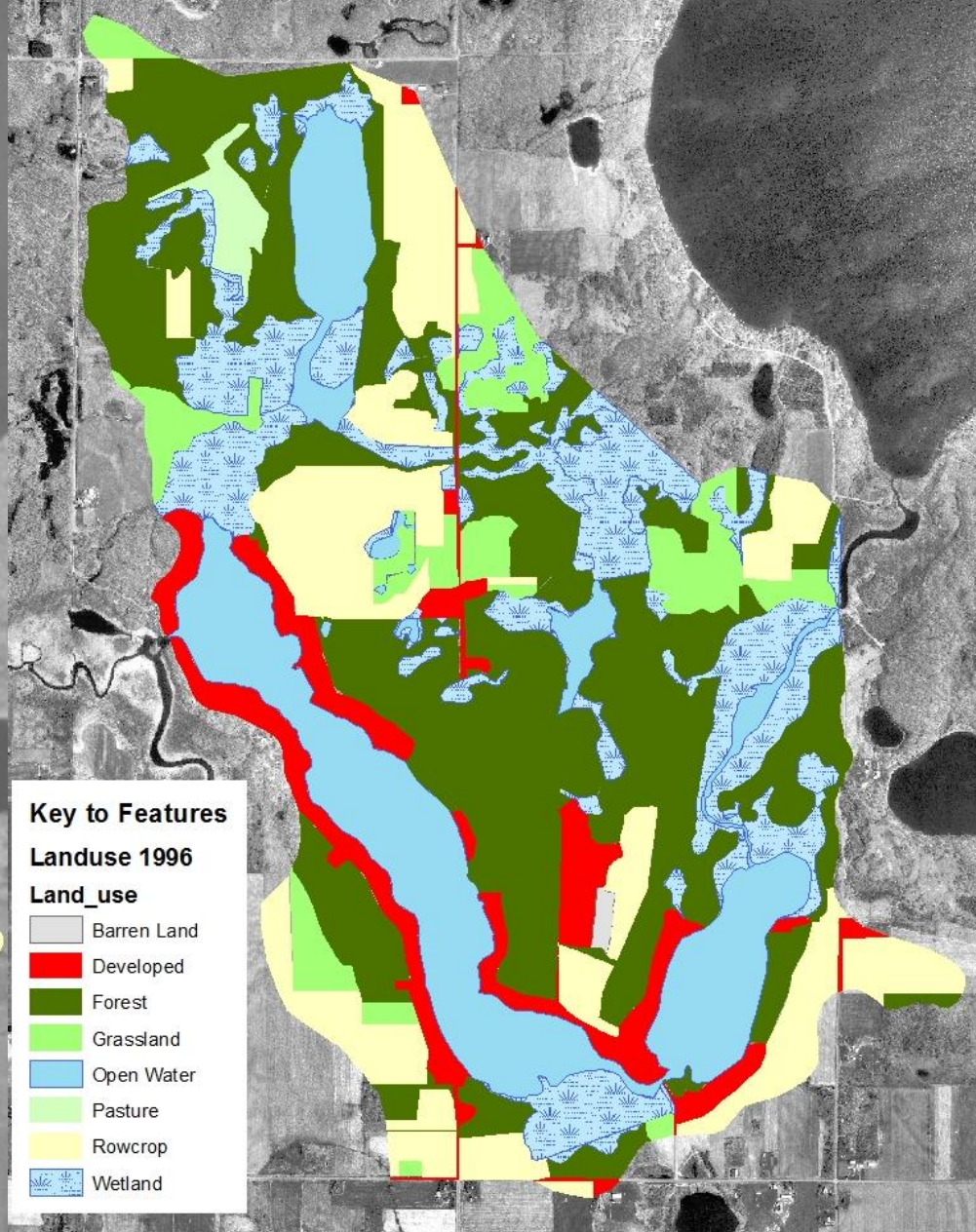
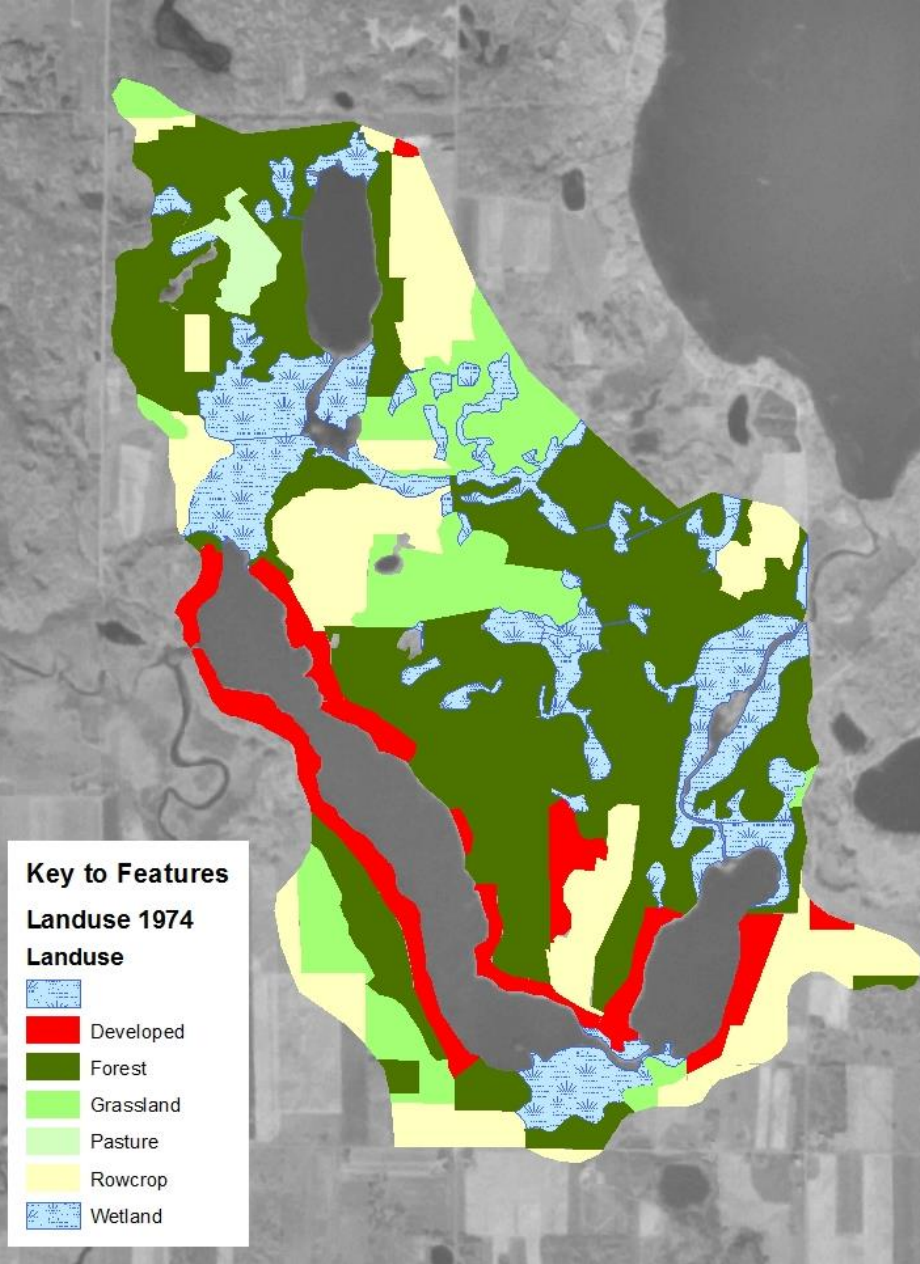
Description	Low	Most Likely	High	Loading %
Septic Tank Output (kg/capita-year)	0.30	0.50	0.80	
# capita-years	172.8			
% Phosphorus Retained by Soil	98.0	90.0	80.0	
Septic Tank Loading (kg/year)	1.04	8.64	27.65	2.3

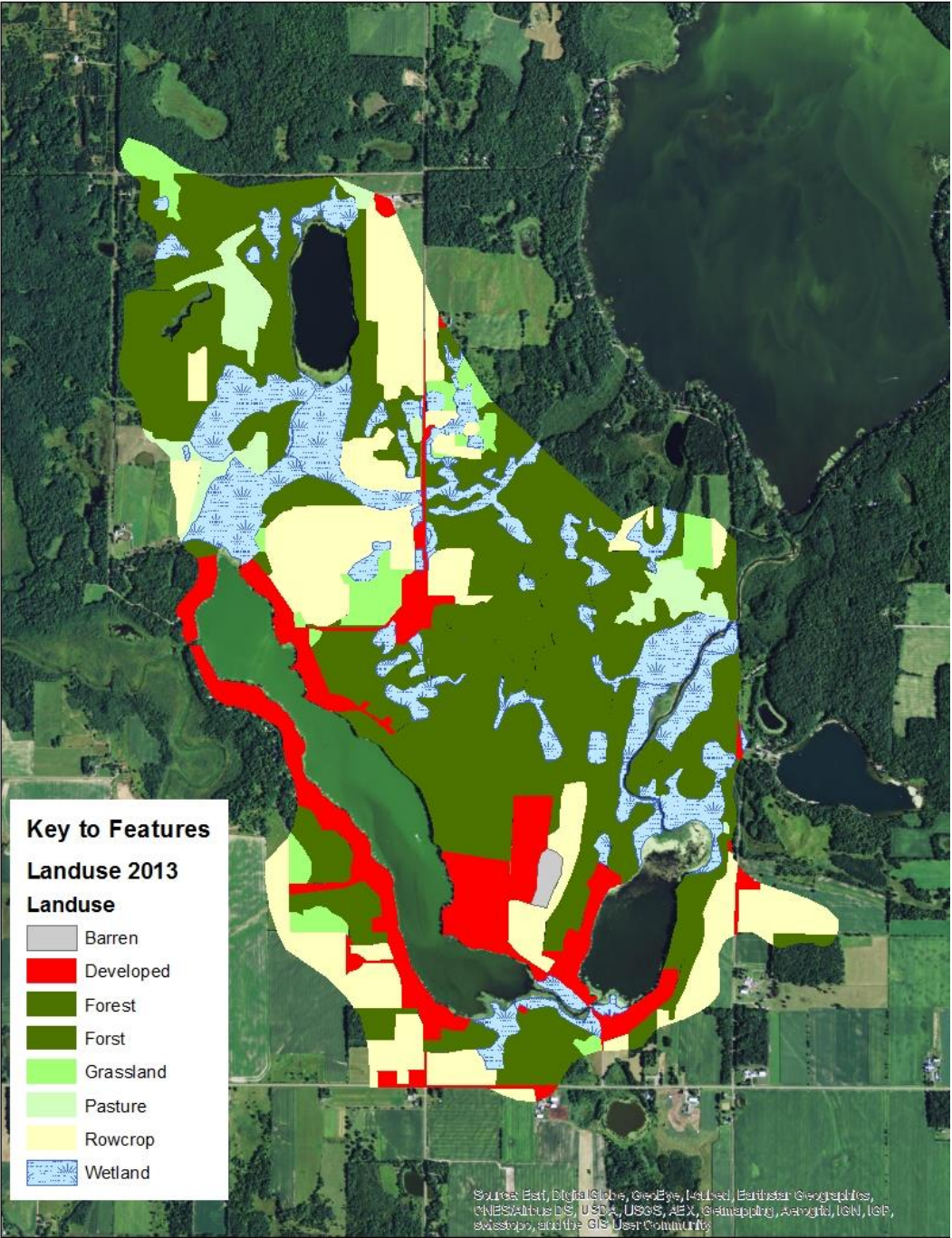
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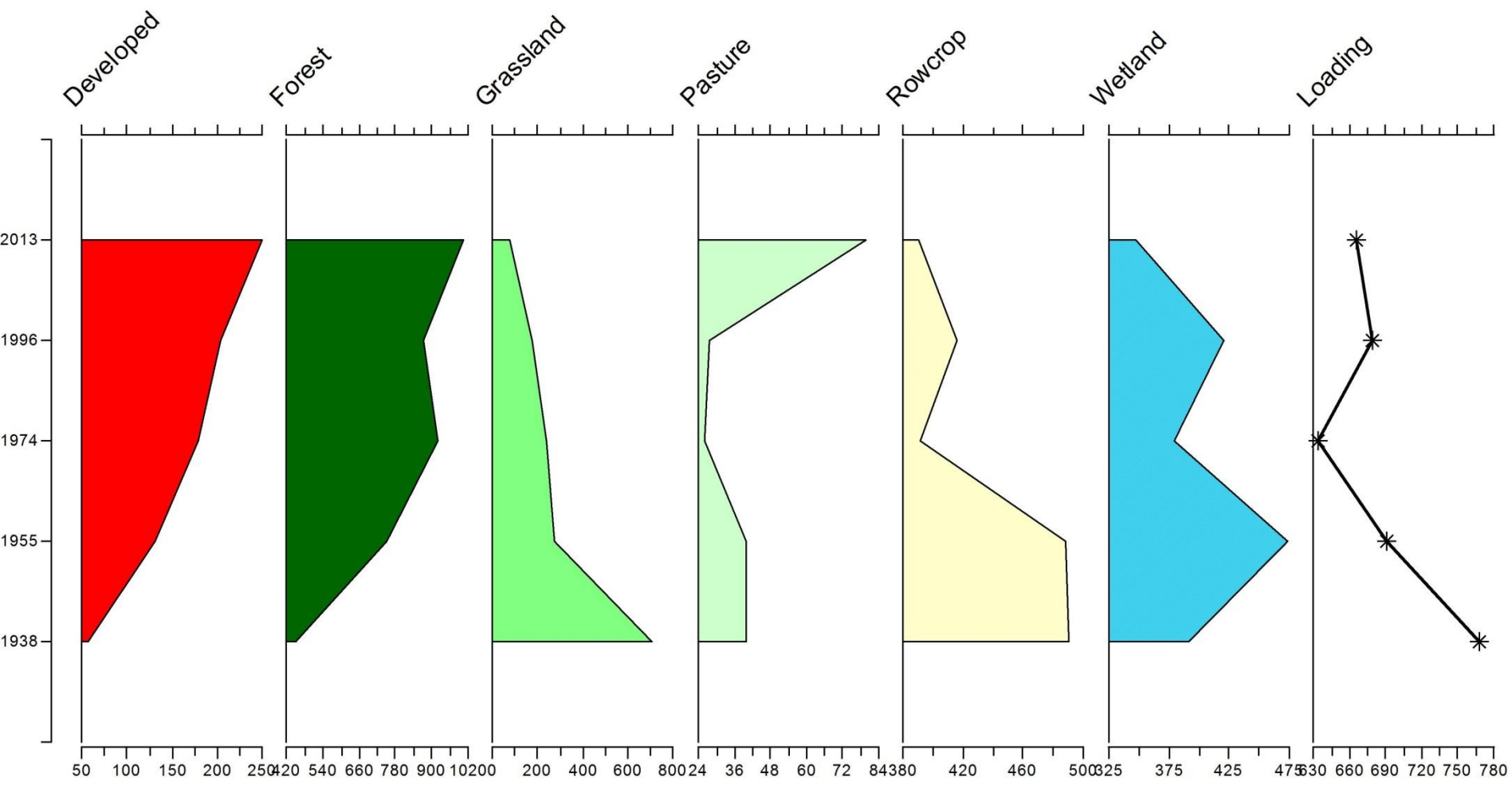
Description	Low	Most Likely	High	Loading %
Total Loading (lb)	397.9	817.5	2111.8	100.0
Total Loading (kg)	180.5	371.0	957.9	100.0
Areal Loading (kg/ac-year)	1.60	3.30	8.52	
Areal Loading (lb/m ² -year)	179.82	369.63	954.43	
Total PS Loading (lb)	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total PS Loading (kg)	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total NPS Loading (lb)	373.5	732.4	1829.5	97.7
Total NPS Loading (kg)	169.4	332.2	829.9	97.7















Paleolimnology

Using sediment cores



Core Dating

Element	Source	Analysis location
210Pb	From natural radium minerals	SCWRS
137Cs	Atmospheric tests of nuclear bombs	SCWRS
14C	Cosmic rays hitting earth's atmosphere	Arizona

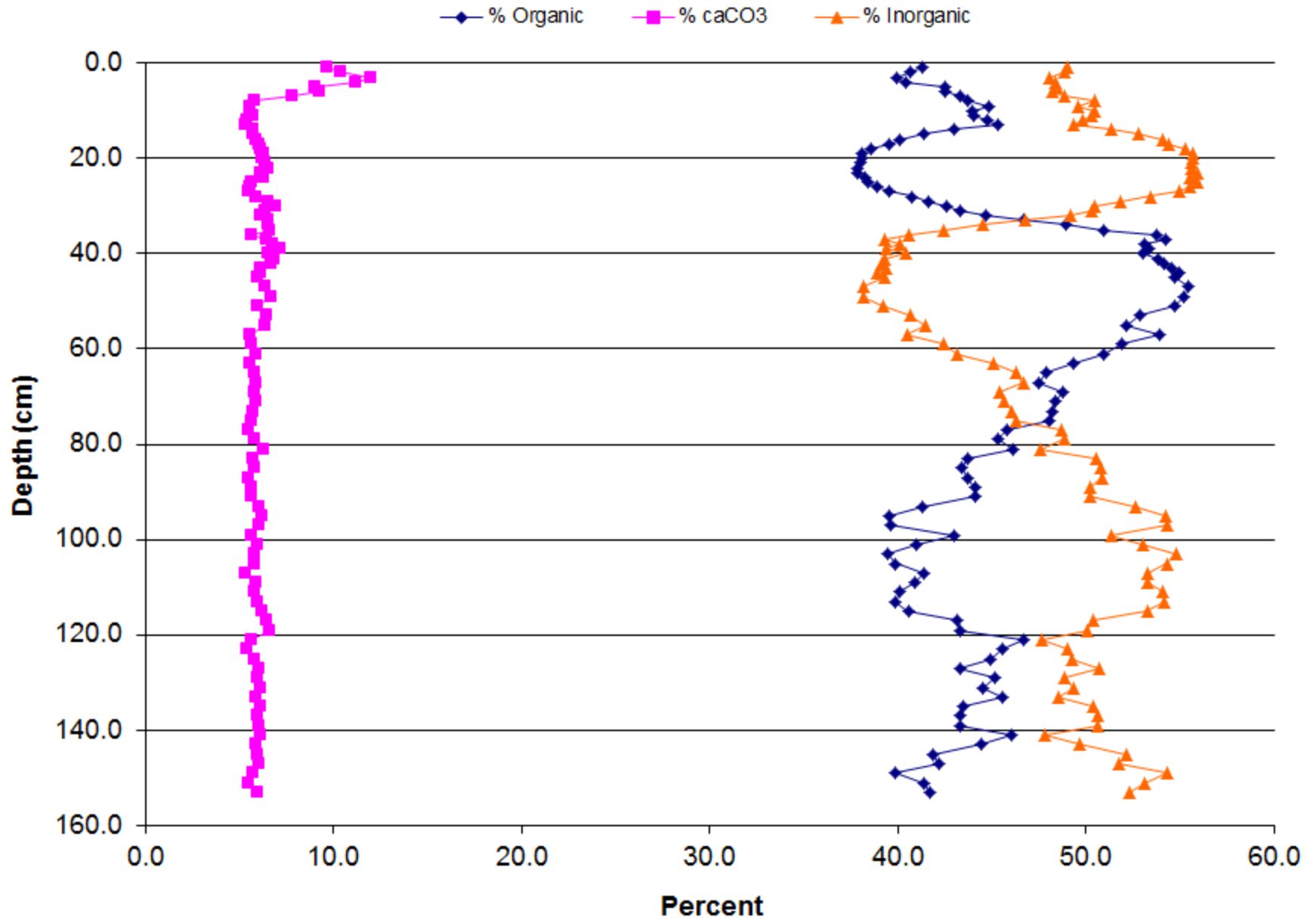
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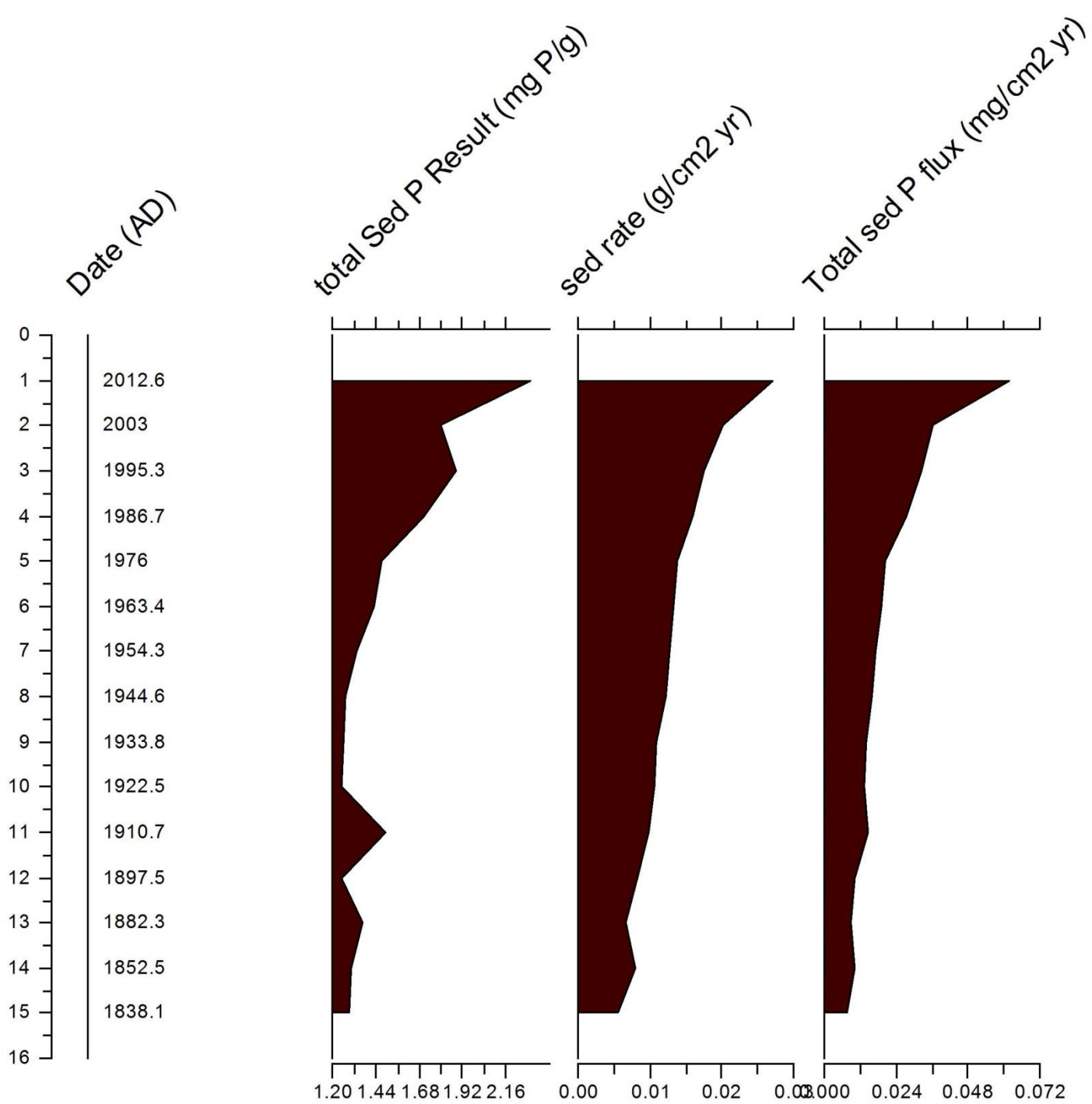
- biogeochemical
- biological, algae, chironomidae
- sediment character
- etc.

Core interpretation

- record of ecological change
- timing and magnitude
- quantitative reconstruction of feeding groups

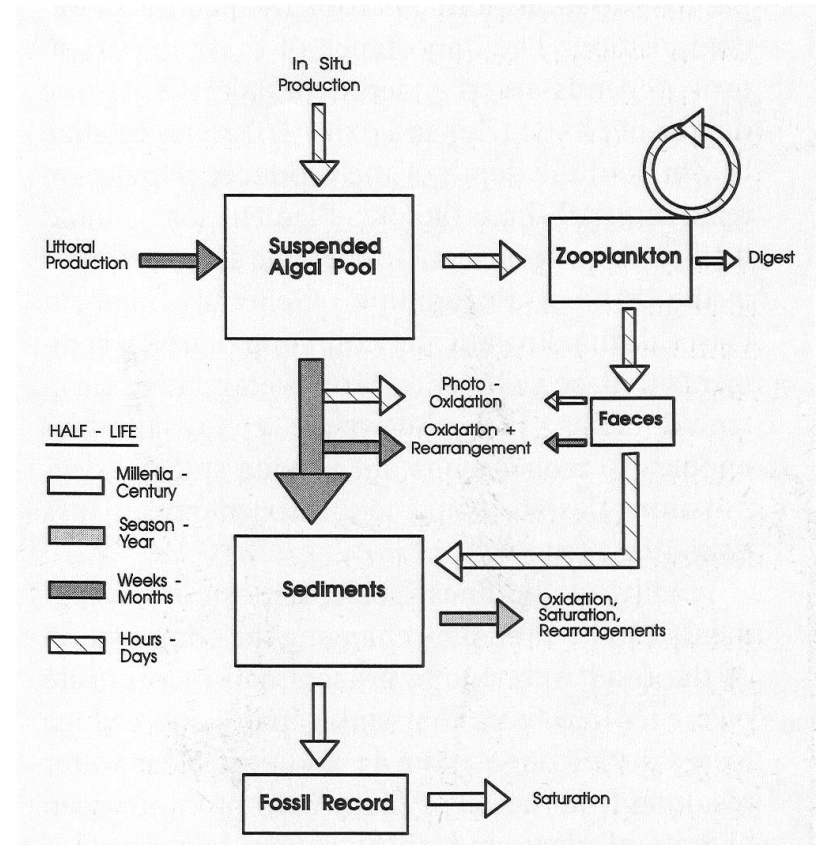
Blake Lake Core 1A LOI

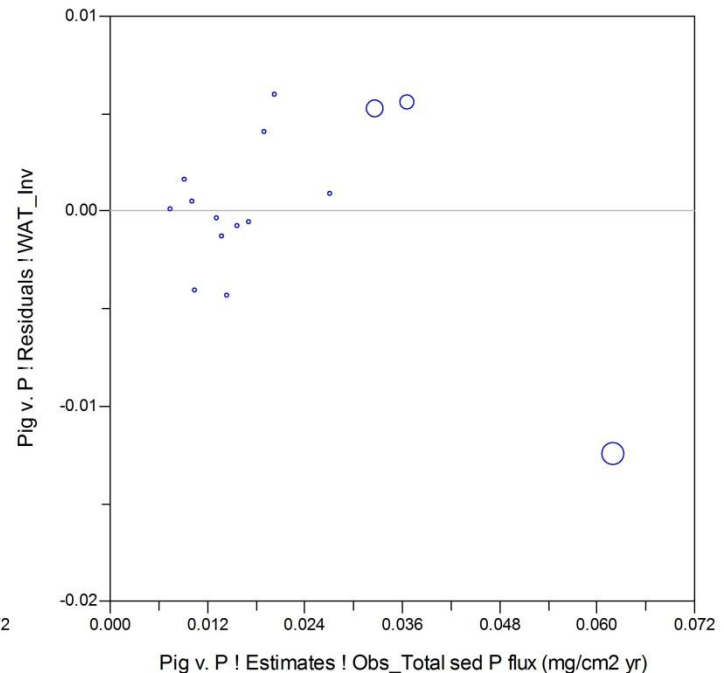
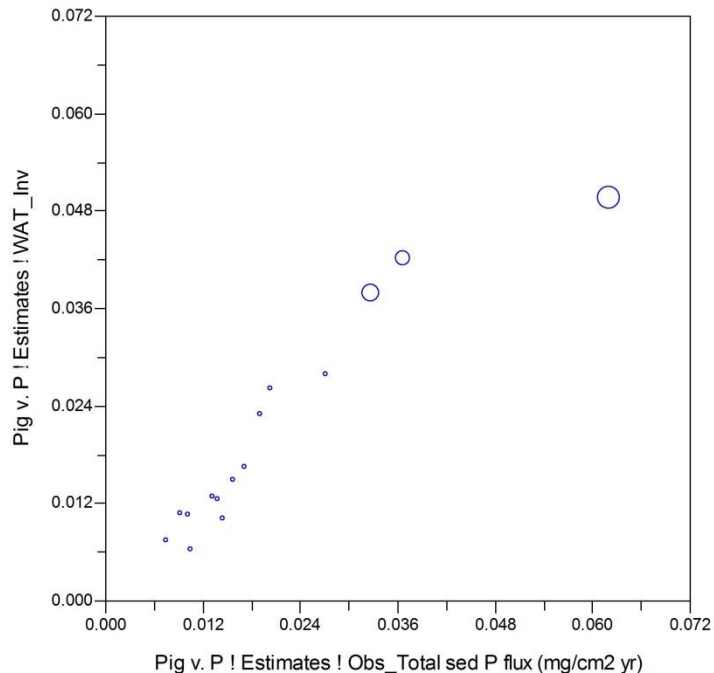
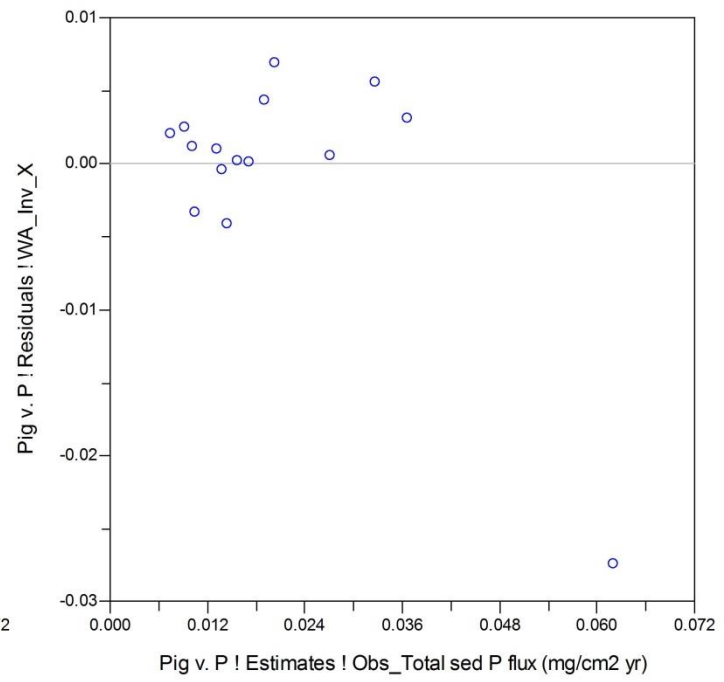
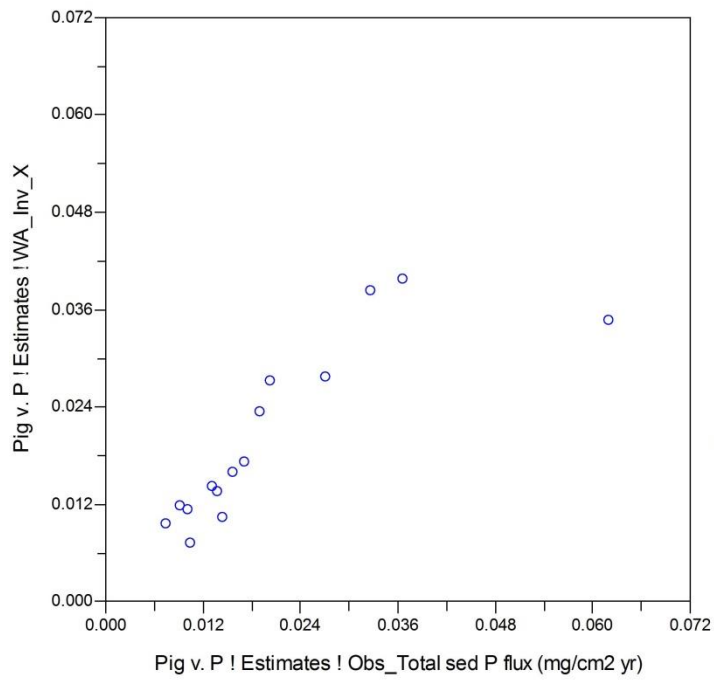




Pigment sedimentation

- Pigments are an important record of non-siliceous algae
- Pigment losses are well studied
- Zooplankton can increase transfer rate





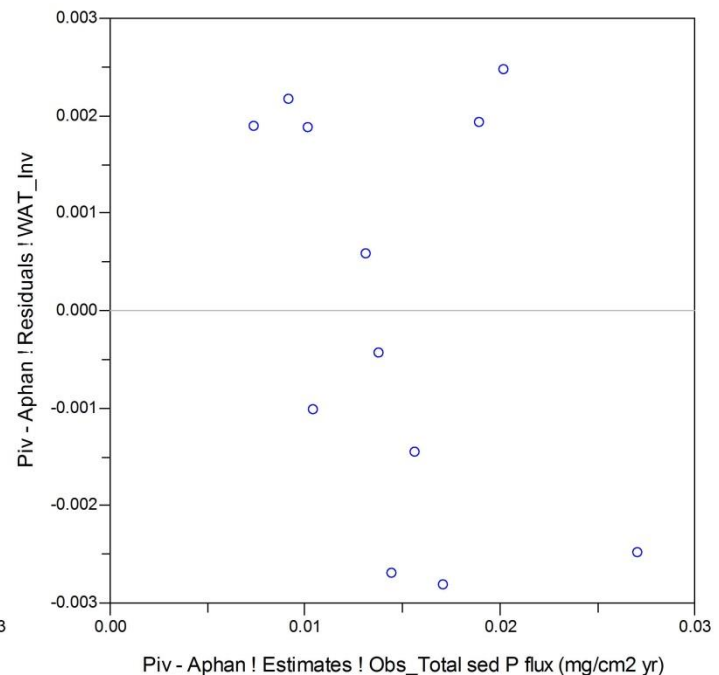
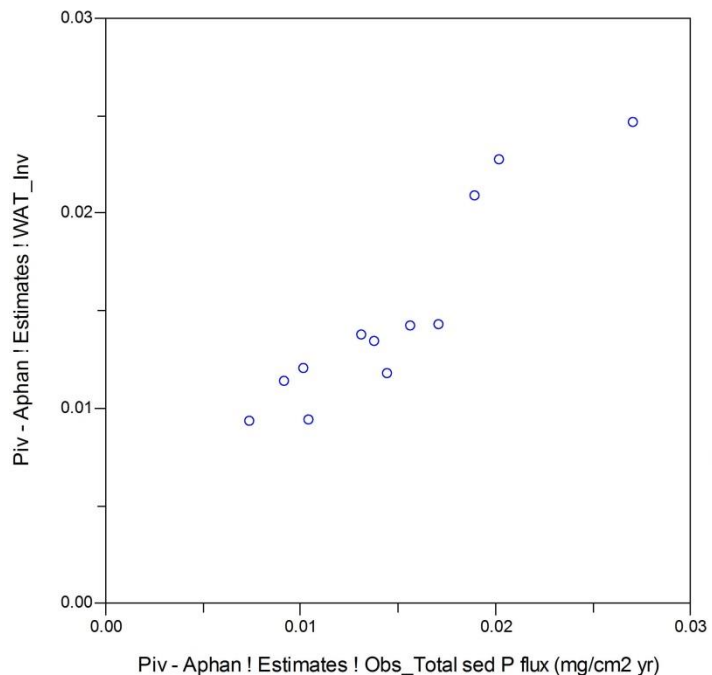
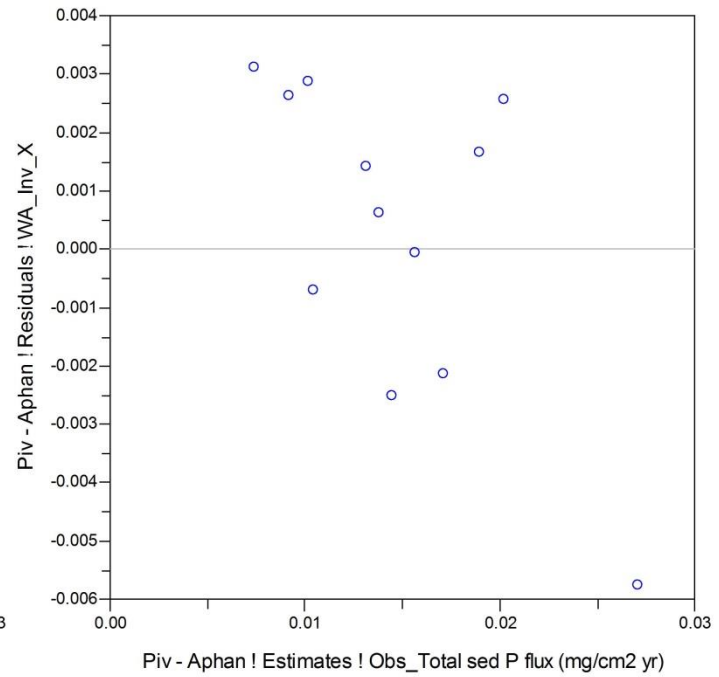
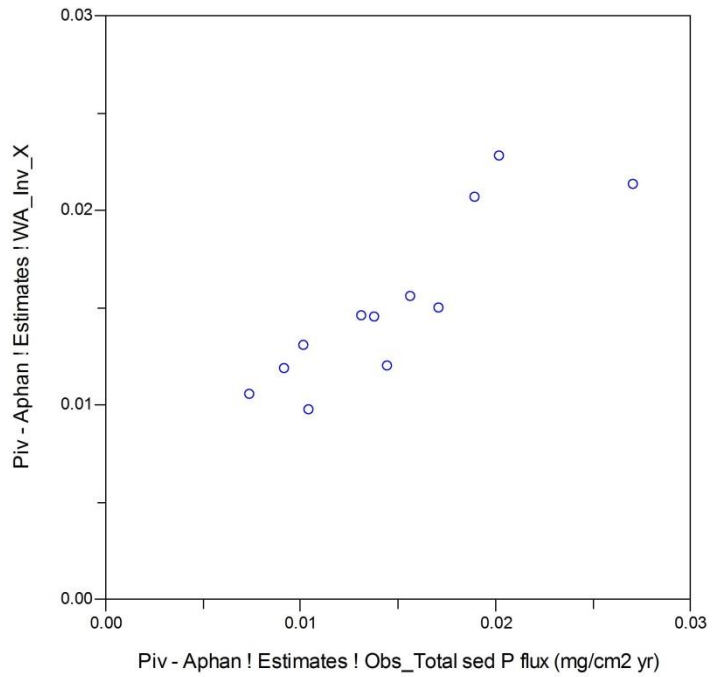
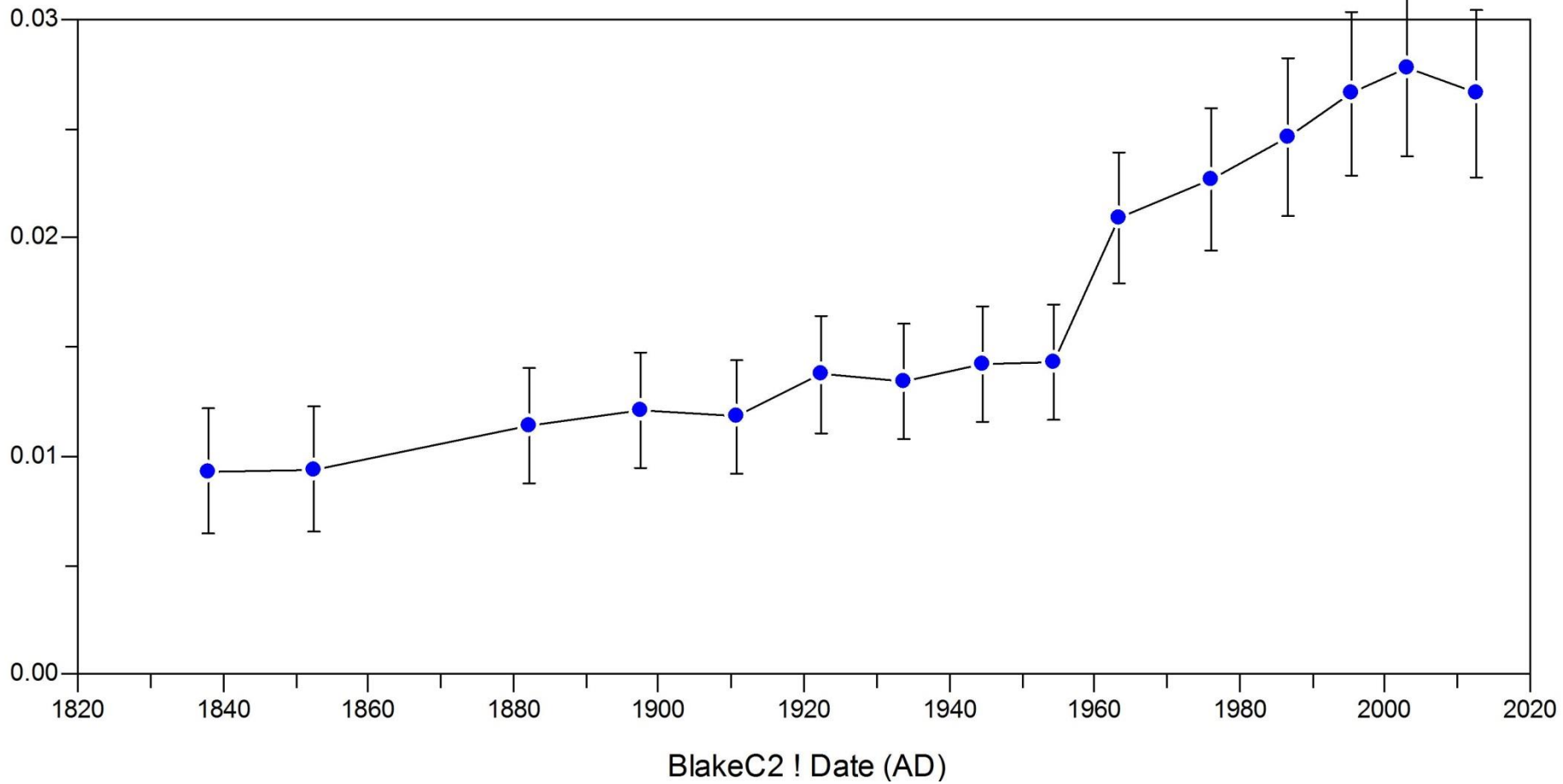
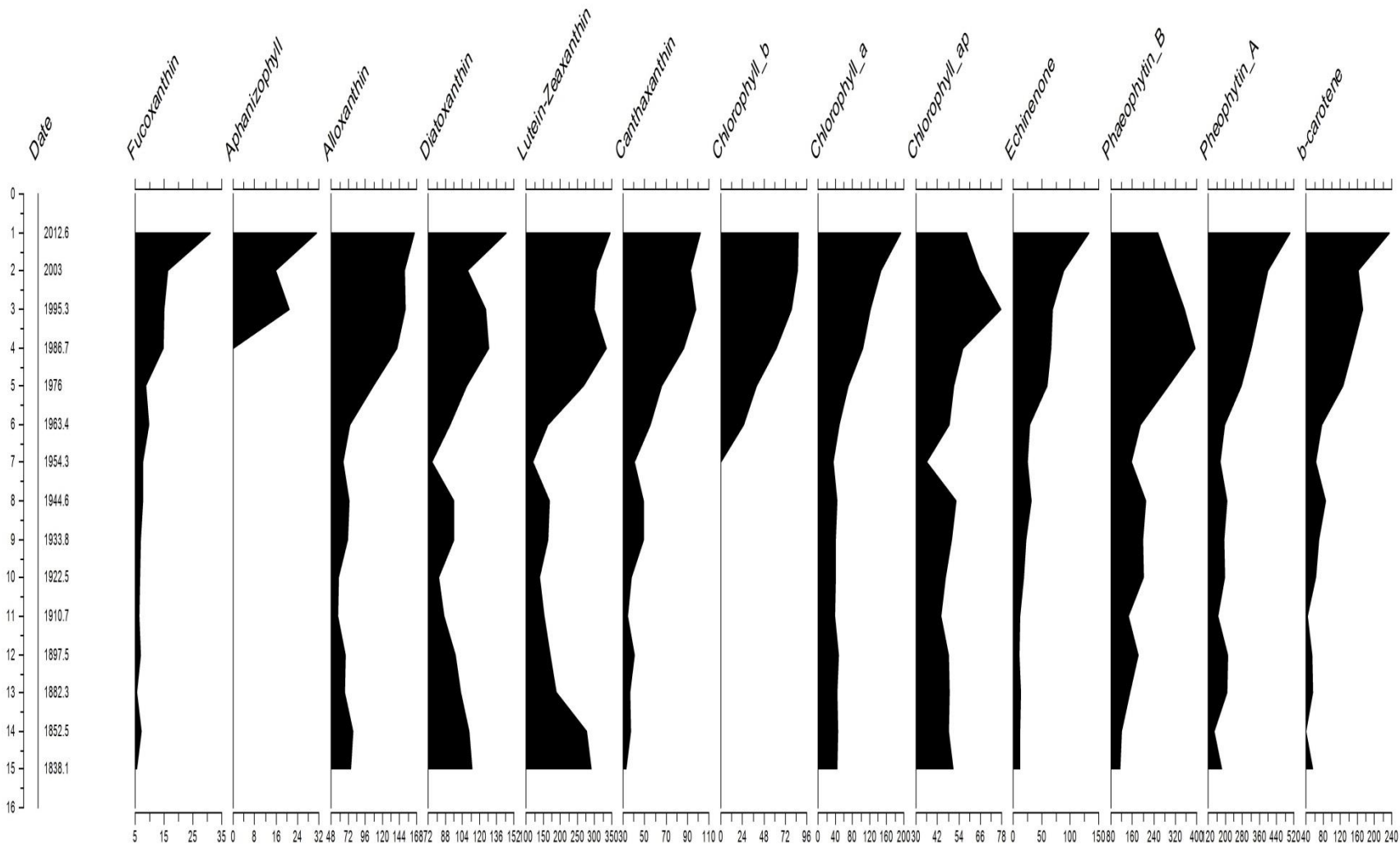


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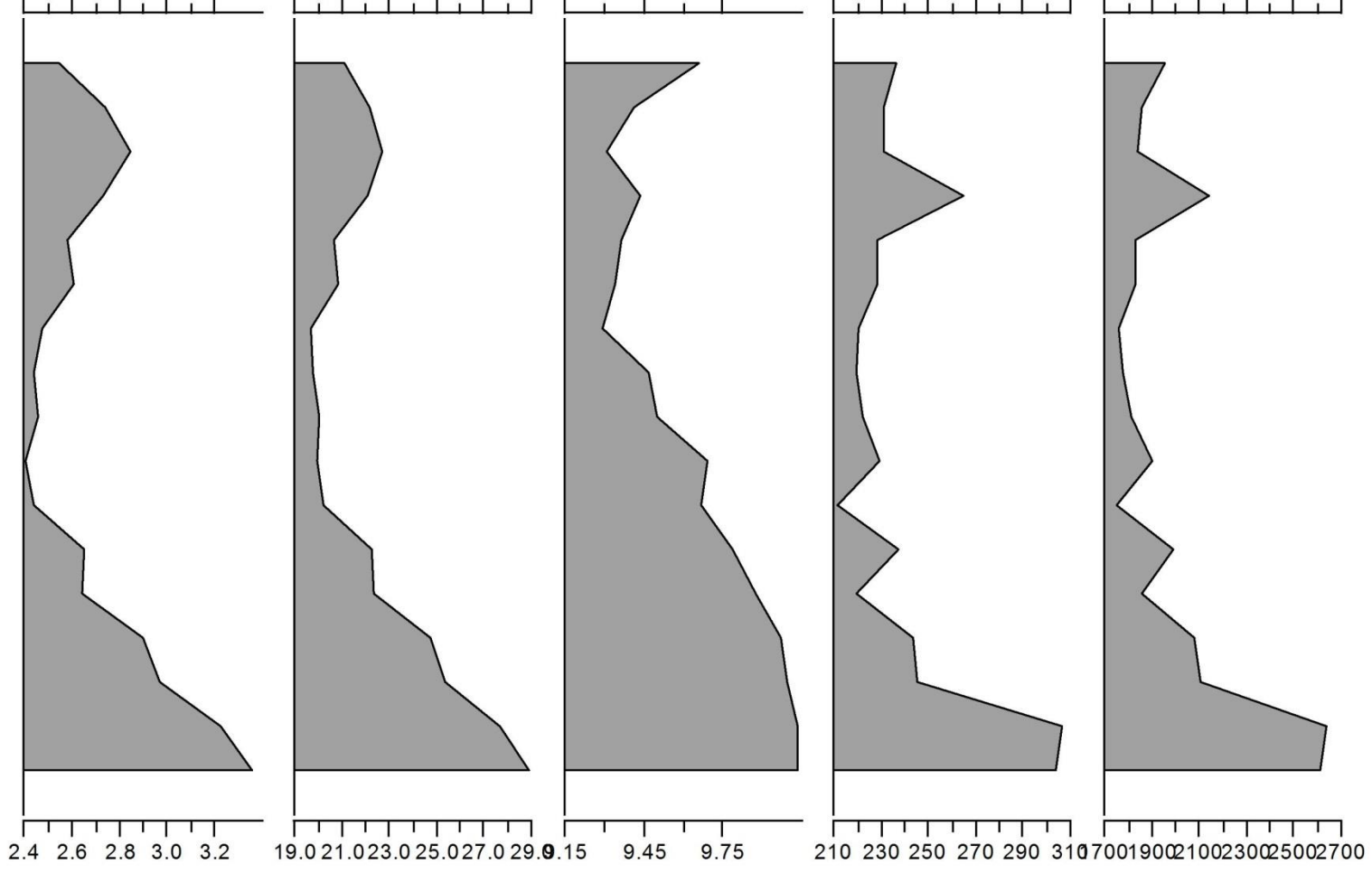
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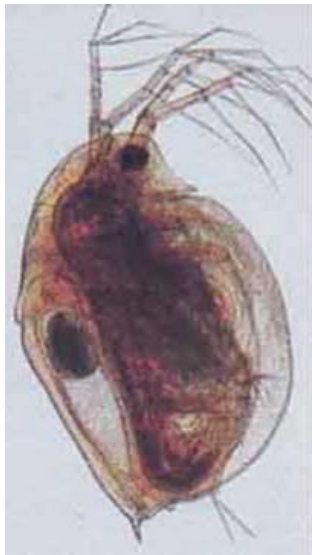
Blake Lake 1852



Blake Lake 2012

Altered biological structure and the reconstruction of fish

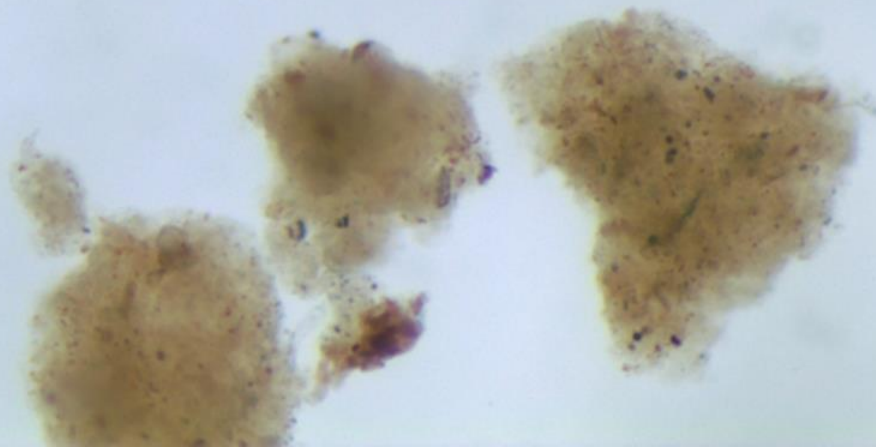
- How do we get to fish from the sediment record?
 - **directly: fish scales**
 - **indirectly - through zooplankton assemblage structure**
 - **Pigments – grazing indicators**

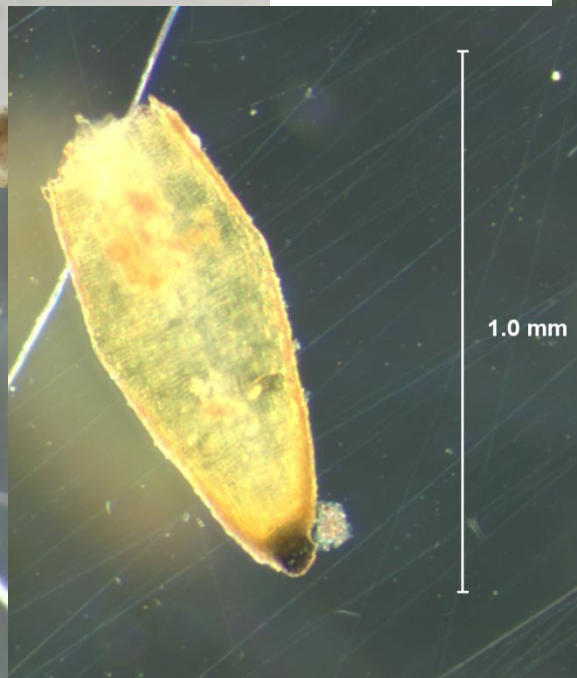
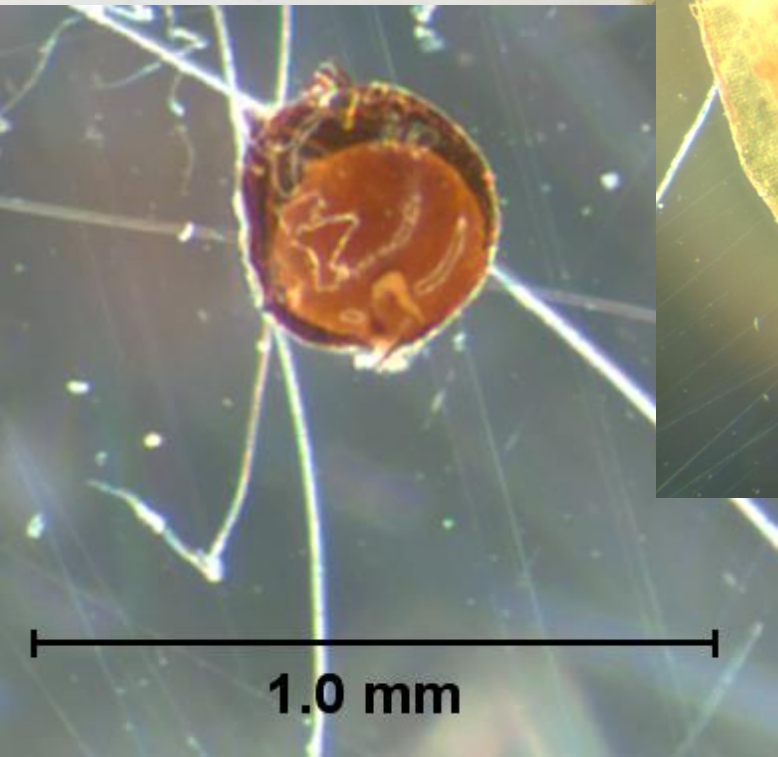
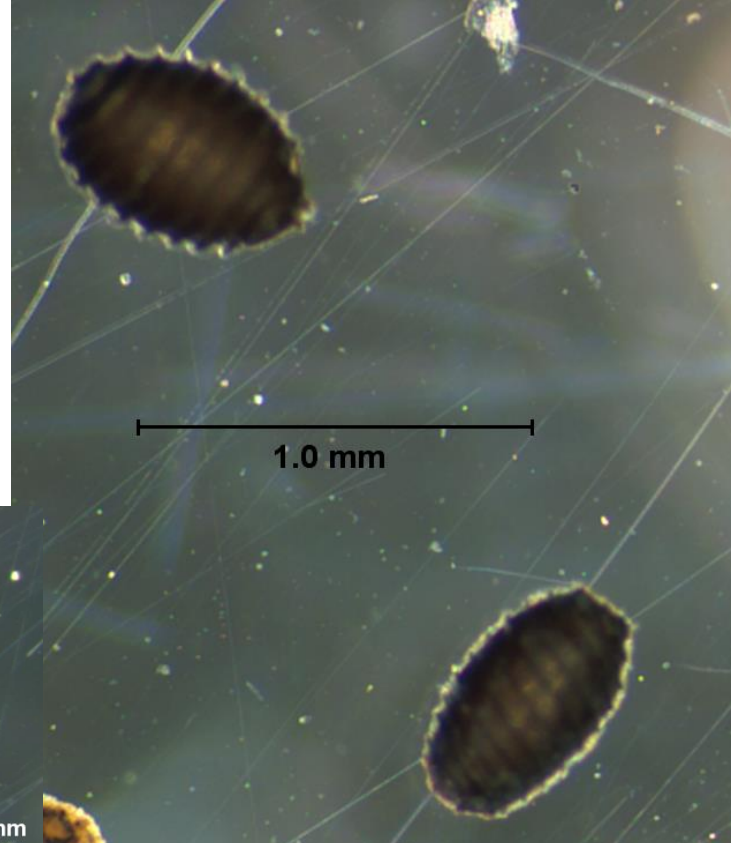
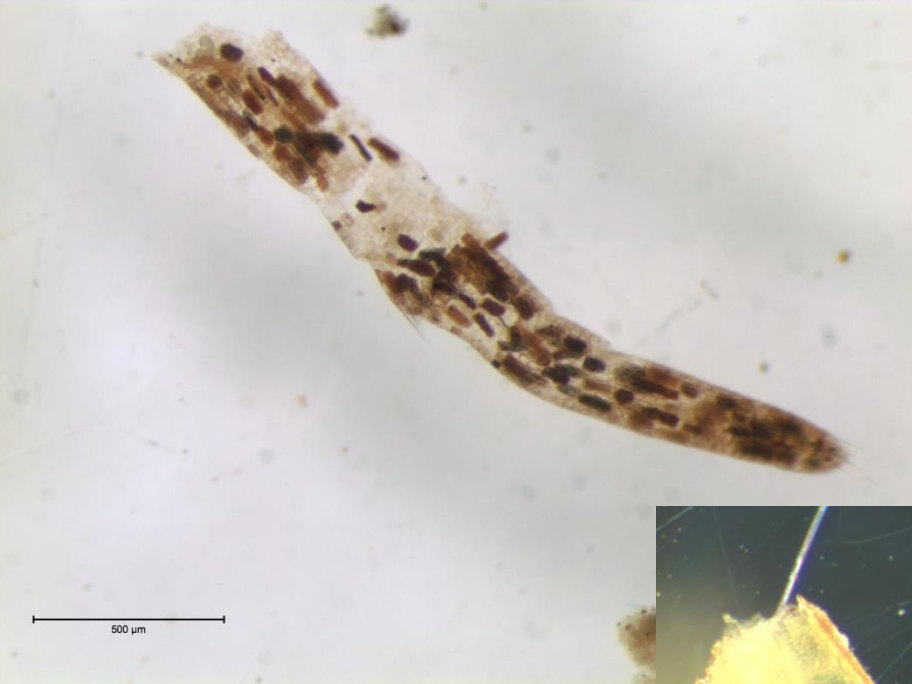


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Questions?



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