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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 The Phosphorus problem

A great introduction explaining the global challenge and myriad of threats to our health and that of a sustainable way of living. Introduce the Geological cylces of Life, from small to big, Carbon, Water, Nitrogen and of course phosphorus.

The evolution of humans on earth was followed by unprecedented changes in the Earths environment and disruption of the vital biogeochemical cycles underpinning the regenerative nature that characterized the climatologically stable Holocene epoch. As a species that can recognize the importance of live and it's essential building blocks, we bear the responsibility of a fair and sustainable distribution of the earths resources. Unfortunately, externalizing impacts in favor of short-term profit has become [@richardson2023]

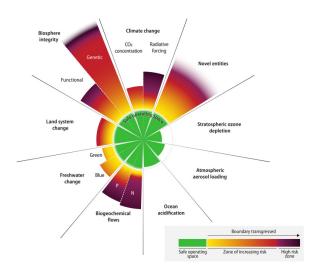


Figure 1.1: P boundries

1.2 Phosphorus cycling in freshwater sediments

Talk about all the different forms P enters the sediment, and the early diagenesis.

The retention of P in sediments occurs through its binding to the solid phase via biological and chemical precipitation [@boers1998; @oconnell2020; @parsons2017]. Burial P pools accumulate in sediment following years of nutrient enrichment. The speciation of sediment P is highly dependent on lake conditions and undergoes significant changes during early diagenesis, where remobilisation of labile forms of P occurs, whereas only the stable forms of solid-bound P are buried long-term (Boers et al., 1998; Emerson, 1976). Initially, the sedimentation of P incorporated into organic matter (OM) by primary producers is an important influx of P to lake sediments, especially in eutrophic lakes. However, the long-term burial of OM-bound P is constrained by remineralisation processes in the sediment (Boers et al., 1998). Secondly, P can adsorb to iron (Fe) hydroxides (Gunnars et al., 2002) and bind to OM to form organic Fe-P complexes (Fe(III)-OM-P) (Schwertmann and Murad, 1988). The precipitation of these ferric iron-bound P forms (Fe(III)-P) can be a major internal sink of P in lakes with naturally high Fe content (Hupfer and Lewandowski, 2008; Reitzel et al., 2005) or those artificially treated with Fe (Kleeberg et al., 2012; Münch et al., 2024). Under the reducing conditions induced by organic matter decomposition in the sediment, Fe(III) is reduced to Fe(II), leading to the release of bound P and preventing the long-term burial of Fe(III)-bound P. However, P can be sequestered long-term in the form of the Fe(II) mineral vivianite (Fe(II)3(PO4)2 · 8H2O) (Rothe et al., 2016), which has been identified as a major form of burial P in eutrophic, high-Fe, and nonsulphidic freshwater systems (Dijkstra et al., 2018; Kubeneck et al., 2021; O'Connell et al., 2015; Rothe, 2016).

1.3 Sulfur biogeochemistry

(Due to eutrophication, i.e. a primarily enhanced P supply, the P-binding capacity of a sediment will be exceeded leading to a higher P mobility and less or no vivianite formation. A higher productivity leads to a higher OM supply toward the sediment which has consequences for the formation of vivianite. First, there is a higher demand for oxidants leading to a deterioration of redox conditions and higher reduction rates of ferric Fe and SO24 (Holmer & Storkholm, 2001). Second, there is more S2–produced because OM is specifically enriched in S compared to Fe (Redfield ratio: C106N16P1S0.7Fe0.05, (Stumm & Morgan, 1981)). Sulphides are formed by both

desulphuration and dissimilatory sulphate reduction leading to a higher degree of sediment sulphidization. 6

3.6 Conclusions The former can be quite significant in overall sedimentary hydrogen sulphide production, e.g. 5.1 - 53 % (Dunnette et al., 1985). Moreover, eutrophication is often accompanied by considerable inputs of SO24 leading to its higher availability and high rates of its consumption (Holmer & Storkholm, 2001; Zak et al., 2006). Third, the OM itself can react with Fe forming a metal organic complex (Lalonde et al., 2012). The higher the sedimentary S:Fe ratio, the less reactive Fe seems to be available reducing the potential of vivianite to form (Fig. 3.5) because more Fe is bound in sulphidic form. Thus, under eutrophic conditions there is a negative feedback evolving through the enhanced supply of OM lowering the sedimentary P retention capacity due to less vivianite. Aquatic systems naturally high in reactive Fe may compensate better for a eutrophication induced decrease in P retention than systems low in Fe. This implies, that an artificial supply of Fe to systems with a high level in OM, P and SO24 can be used as a successful measure of lake restoration leading to increased P retention through vivianite formation (Kleeberg et al., 2013; Rothe et al., 2014). To ensure a lasting effect on P burial, Fe has to be supplied in surplus compensating for the losses through FeSx formation (Kleeberg et al., 2013) and the reaction with OM (Lalonde et al., 2012). At which magnitude vivianite finally forms in different types of sediments depends on multiple factors and remains to be further investigated. The formation of the mineral is also controlled by the availability of OM rich in P, the concomittant liberation of Fe2+ and PO34 into the pore voids of the sediment, the activity of microorganisms and resorption of PO34 onto the surface of remaining iron(oxyhydr)oxides.) Rothe 2015

1.4 Vivianite stability

Start at the beginning, vivianite characteristics. Next, the formation requirments and kinetics [@paskin2024] Then, the stability under oxygen conditions And then the part about the sulfidation

$$Fe_3(PO_4)_2 \bullet H_2O(s) + 2H^+ \rightleftharpoons 3Fe^{2+} + 2HPO_4^{2-} + 8H_2O$$
 (1.1)

$$Fe^{2+} + xHS^{-} \rightleftharpoons FeS_x(s) + xH^{+}$$
 (1.2)

1.5 Research objectives and outline

Chapter 2

R Markdown Basics

Here is a brief introduction into using R Markdown. Markdown is a simple formatting syntax for authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. R Markdown provides the flexibility of Markdown with the implementation of \mathbf{R} input and output. For more details on using R Markdown see https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com.

Be careful with your spacing in *Markdown* documents. While whitespace largely is ignored, it does at times give *Markdown* signals as to how to proceed. As a habit, try to keep everything left aligned whenever possible, especially as you type a new paragraph. In other words, there is no need to indent basic text in the Rmd document (in fact, it might cause your text to do funny things if you do).

2.1 Lists

It's easy to create a list. It can be unordered like

- Item 1
- Item 2

or it can be ordered like

- 1. Item 1
- 2. Item 2

Notice that I intentionally mislabeled Item 2 as number 4. *Markdown* automatically figures this out! You can put any numbers in the list and it will create the list. Check it out below.

To create a sublist, just indent the values a bit (at least four spaces or a tab). (Here's one case where indentation is key!)

- 1. Item 1
- 2. Item 2
- 3. Item 3
 - Item 3a
 - Item 3b

2.2 Line breaks

Make sure to add white space between lines if you'd like to start a new paragraph. Look at what happens below in the outputted document if you don't:

Here is the first sentence. Here is another sentence. Here is the last sentence to end the paragraph. This should be a new paragraph.

Now for the correct way:

Here is the first sentence. Here is another sentence. Here is the last sentence to end the paragraph.

This should be a new paragraph.

2.3 R chunks

When you click the **Knit** button above a document will be generated that includes both content as well as the output of any embedded **R** code chunks within the document. You can embed an **R** code chunk like this (cars is a built-in **R** dataset):

2.4 Inline code

If you'd like to put the results of your analysis directly into your discussion, add inline code like this:

he cos of 2π is 1.

Another example would be the direct calculation of the standard deviation:

he standard deviation of speed in cars is 5.2876444.

One last neat feature is the use of the ifelse conditional statement which can be used to output text depending on the result of an R calculation:

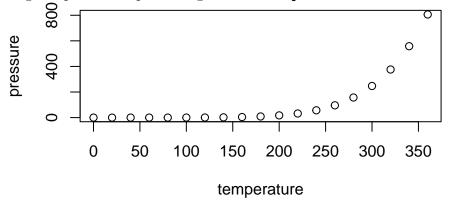
he standard deviation is less than 6.

Note the use of > here, which signifies a quotation environment that will be indented.

As you see with \$2 \pi\$ above, mathematics can be added by surrounding the mathematical text with dollar signs. More examples of this are in Section 2.8 if you uncomment the code in Section 2.9.

2.5 Including plots

You can also embed plots. For example, here is a way to use the base **R** graphics package to produce a plot using the built-in **pressure** dataset:



Note that the echo=FALSE parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot. There are plenty of other ways to add chunk options (like fig.height and fig.width in the chunk above). More information is available at https://yihui.org/knitr/options/.

Another useful chunk option is the setting of cache=TRUE as you see here. If document rendering becomes time consuming due to long computations or plots that are expensive to generate you can use knitr caching to improve performance. Later in this file, you'll see a way to reference plots created in **R** or external figures.

2.6 Loading and exploring data

Included in this template is a file called flights.csv. This file includes a subset of the larger dataset of information about all flights that departed from Seattle and Portland in 2014. More information about this dataset and its R package is available at https://github.com/ismayc/pnwflights14. This subset includes only Portland flights and only rows that were complete with no missing values. Merges were also done with the airports and airlines data sets in the pnwflights14 package to get more descriptive airport and airline names.

We can load in this data set using the following commands:

```
# flights.csv is in the data directory
flights_path <- here::here("Thesis","data", "flights.csv")
# string columns will be read in as strings and not factors now
flights <- read.csv(flights_path, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)</pre>
```

The data is now stored in the data frame called **flights** in **R**. To get a better feel for the variables included in this dataset we can use a variety of functions. Here we can see the dimensions (rows by columns) and also the names of the columns.

```
dim(flights)
```

[1] 12649 16

```
names(flights)
```

```
[1] "month"
                     "day"
                                      "dep time"
                                                      "dep delay"
                                                                       "arr time"
 [6] "arr delay"
                     "carrier"
                                      "tailnum"
                                                      "flight"
                                                                       "dest"
[11] "air_time"
                     "distance"
                                      "hour"
                                                      "minute"
                                                                       "carrier_name"
[16] "dest name"
```

Another good idea is to take a look at the dataset in table form. With this dataset having more than 20,000 rows, we won't explicitly show the results of the command here. I recommend you enter the command into the Console **after** you have run the \mathbf{R} chunks above to load the data into \mathbf{R} .

```
View(flights)
```

While not required, it is highly recommended you use the dplyr package to manipulate and summarize your data set as needed. It uses a syntax that is easy to understand using chaining operations. Below I've created a few examples of using dplyr to get information about the Portland flights in 2014. You will also see the use of the ggplot2 package, which produces beautiful, high-quality academic visuals.

We begin by checking to ensure that needed packages are installed and then we load them into our current working environment:

```
# List of packages required for this analysis
pkg <- c("dplyr", "ggplot2", "knitr", "bookdown")
# Check if packages are not installed and assign the
# names of the packages not installed to the variable new.pkg
new.pkg <- pkg[!(pkg %in% installed.packages())]
# If there are any packages in the list that aren't installed,
# install them
if (length(new.pkg)) {
   install.packages(new.pkg, repos = "https://cran.rstudio.com")
}
# Load packages
library(thesisdown)
library(gplot2)
library(knitr)</pre>
```

The example we show here does the following:

- Selects only the carrier_name and arr_delay from the flights dataset and then assigns this subset to a new variable called flights2.
- Using flights2, we determine the largest arrival delay for each of the carriers.

```
flights2 <- flights %>%
  select(carrier_name, arr_delay)
max_delays <- flights2 %>%
  group_by(carrier_name) %>%
  summarize(max_arr_delay = max(arr_delay, na.rm = TRUE))
```

A useful function in the knitr package for making nice tables in *R Markdown* is called kable. It is much easier to use than manually entering values into a table by copying and pasting values into Excel or LaTeX. This again goes to show how nice reproducible documents can be! (Note the use of results="asis", which will produce the table instead of the code to create the table.) The caption.short argument is used to include a shorter title to appear in the List of Tables.

```
kable(max_delays,
  col.names = c("Airline", "Max Arrival Delay"),
  caption = "Maximum Delays by Airline",
  caption.short = "Max Delays by Airline",
  longtable = TRUE,
  booktabs = TRUE
)
```

Table 2.1: Maximum Delays by Airline

Airline	Max Arrival Delay
Alaska Airlines Inc.	338
American Airlines Inc.	1539
Delta Air Lines Inc.	371
Frontier Airlines Inc.	166
Hawaiian Airlines Inc.	116

JetBlue Airways	256
SkyWest Airlines Inc.	321
Southwest Airlines Co.	315
US Airways Inc.	347
United Air Lines Inc.	319
Virgin America	366

The last two options make the table a little easier-to-read.

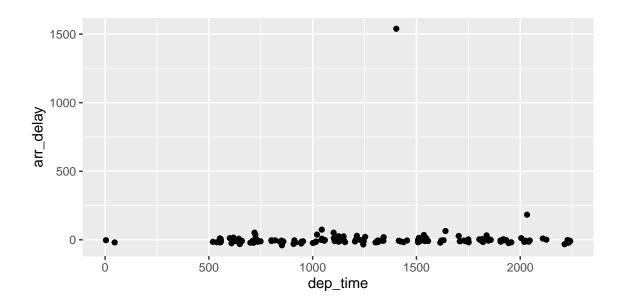
We can further look into the properties of the largest value here for American Airlines Inc. To do so, we can isolate the row corresponding to the arrival delay of 1539 minutes for American in our original flights dataset.

```
flights %>%
filter(
    arr_delay == 1539,
    carrier_name == "American Airlines Inc."
) %>%
select(-c(
    month, day, carrier, dest_name, hour,
    minute, carrier_name, arr_delay
))
```

```
dep_time dep_delay arr_time tailnum flight dest air_time distance
1  1403  1553  1934  N595AA  1568  DFW  182  1616
```

We see that the flight occurred on March 3rd and departed a little after 2 PM on its way to Dallas/Fort Worth. Lastly, we show how we can visualize the arrival delay of all departing flights from Portland on March 3rd against time of departure.

```
flights %>%
  filter(month == 3, day == 3) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = dep_time, y = arr_delay)) +
  geom_point()
```



2.7 Additional resources

- Markdown Cheatsheet https://github.com/adam-p/markdown-here/wiki/ Markdown-Cheatsheet
- R Markdown
 - Reference Guide https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/ 2015/03/rmarkdown-reference.pdf
 - Cheatsheet https://github.com/rstudio/cheatsheets/raw/master/ rmarkdown-2.0.pdf
- RStudio IDE
 - Cheatsheet https://github.com/rstudio/cheatsheets/raw/master/ rstudio-ide.pdf
 - Official website https://rstudio.com/products/rstudio/
- Introduction to dplyr https://cran.rstudio.com/web/packages/dplyr/ vignettes/dplyr.html
- ggplot2
 - Documentation https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/
 - Cheatsheet https://github.com/rstudio/cheatsheets/raw/master/data-visualization-2.1.pdf

2.8 Mathematics and Science

2.9 Math

TEX is the best way to typeset mathematics. Donald Knuth designed TEX when he got frustrated at how long it was taking the typesetters to finish his book, which contained a lot of mathematics. One nice feature of *R Markdown* is its ability to read LaTeX code directly.

If you are doing a thesis that will involve lots of math, you will want to read the following section which has been commented out. If you're not going to use math, skip over or delete this next commented section.

2.10 Chemistry 101: Symbols

Chemical formulas will look best if they are not italicized. Get around math mode's automatic italicizing in LaTeX by using the argument $\mathbf{mathrm\{formula\ here\}}$, with your formula inside the curly brackets. (Notice the use of the backticks here which enclose text that acts as code.)

So, $Fe_2^{2+}Cr_2O_4$ is written $\mathrm{mathrm}\{Fe_2^{2+}Cr_2O_4\}$ \$.

Exponent or Superscript: O⁻

Subscript: CH₄

To stack numbers or letters as in Fe_2^{2+} , the subscript is defined first, and then the superscript is defined.

Bullet: CuCl • 7H₂O

Delta: Δ

Reaction Arrows: \longrightarrow or $\xrightarrow{solution}$

Resonance Arrows: \leftrightarrow

2.10.1 Typesetting reactions

You may wish to put your reaction in an equation environment, which means that LaTeX will place the reaction where it fits and will number the equations for you.

$$C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 \longrightarrow 6CO_2 + 6H_2O \tag{2.1}$$

We can reference this combustion of glucose reaction via Equation (2.1).

2.10.2 Other examples of reactions

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{NH_4Cl_{(s)}} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{NH_{3(g)}} + \mathrm{HCl_{(g)}} \\ \mathrm{MeCH_2Br} + \mathrm{Mg} \xrightarrow[below]{above} \mathrm{MeCH_2} \bullet \mathrm{Mg} \bullet \mathrm{Br} \end{array}$$

2.11 Physics

Many of the symbols you will need can be found on the math page https://web.reed.edu/cis/help/latex/math.html and the Comprehensive LaTeX Symbol Guide (https://mirror.utexas.edu/ctan/info/symbols/comprehensive/symbols-letter.pdf).

2.12 Biology

You will probably find the resources at https://www.lecb.ncifcrf.gov/~toms/latex.html helpful, particularly the links to bsts for various journals. You may also be interested in TeXShade for nucleotide typesetting (https://homepages.unituebingen.de/beitz/txe.html). Be sure to read the proceeding chapter on graphics and tables.

Chapter 3

Graphics, References, and Labels

3.1 Figures

If your thesis has a lot of figures, R Markdown might behave better for you than that other word processor. One perk is that it will automatically number the figures accordingly in each chapter. You'll also be able to create a label for each figure, add a caption, and then reference the figure in a way similar to what we saw with tables earlier. If you label your figures, you can move the figures around and R Markdown will automatically adjust the numbering for you. No need for you to remember! So that you don't have to get too far into LaTeX to do this, a couple R functions have been created for you to assist. You'll see their use below.

In the **R** chunk below, we will load in a picture stored as reed.jpg in our main directory. We then give it the caption of "Reed logo", the label of "reedlogo", and specify that this is a figure. Make note of the different **R** chunk options that are given in the R Markdown file (not shown in the knitted document).

Here is a reference to the Reed logo: Figure ??. Note the use of the fig: code here. By naming the **R** chunk that contains the figure, we can then reference that figure later as done in the first sentence here. We can also specify the caption for the figure via the R chunk option fig.cap.

Below we will investigate how to save the output of an R plot and label it in a way similar to that done above. Recall the flights dataset from Chapter 2. (Note that we've shown a different way to reference a section or chapter here.) We will next explore a bar graph with the mean flight departure delays by airline from Portland for 2014.

Next, we will explore the use of the out.extra chunk option, which can be used to shrink or expand an image loaded from a file by specifying "scale= ". Here we use the mathematical graph stored in the "subdivision.pdf" file.

More Figure Stuff

Lastly, we will explore how to rotate and enlarge figures using the out.extra chunk option. (Currently this only works in the PDF version of the book.)

3.2 Footnotes and Endnotes

You might want to footnote something. ¹ The footnote will be in a smaller font and placed appropriately. Endnotes work in much the same way. More information can be found about both on the CUS site or feel free to reach out to data@reed.edu.

3.3 Bibliographies

Of course you will need to cite things, and you will probably accumulate an armful of sources. There are a variety of tools available for creating a bibliography database (stored with the .bib extension). In addition to BibTeX suggested below, you may want to consider using the free and easy-to-use tool called Zotero. The Reed librarians have created Zotero documentation at https://libguides.reed.edu/citation/zotero. In addition, a tutorial is available from Middlebury College at https://sites.middlebury.edu/zoteromiddlebury/.

R Markdown uses pandoc (https://pandoc.org/) to build its bibliographies. One nice caveat of this is that you won't have to do a second compile to load in references as standard LaTeX requires. To cite references in your thesis (after creating your bibliography database), place the reference name inside square brackets and precede it by the "at" symbol. For example, here's a reference to a book about worrying: [@Molina1994]. This Molina1994 entry appears in a file called thesis.bib in the bib folder. This bibliography database file was created by a program called BibTeX. You can call this file something else if you like (look at the YAML header in the main .Rmd file) and, by default, is to placed in the bib folder.

For more information about BibTeX and bibliographies, see our CUS site (https://web.reed.edu/cis/help/latex/index.html)². There are three pages on this topic: bibtex (which talks about using BibTeX, at https://web.reed.edu/cis/

¹footnote text

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help/latex/bibtex.html), bibtexstyles (about how to find and use the bibliography style that best suits your needs, at https://web.reed.edu/cis/help/latex/bibtexstyles.html) and bibman (which covers how to make and maintain a bibliography by hand, without BibTeX, at https://web.reed.edu/cis/help/latex/bibman.html). The last page will not be useful unless you have only a few sources.

If you look at the YAML header at the top of the main .Rmd file you can see that we can specify the style of the bibliography by referencing the appropriate csl file. You can download a variety of different style files at https://www.zotero.org/styles. Make sure to download the file into the csl folder.

Tips for Bibliographies

- Like with thesis formatting, the sooner you start compiling your bibliography for something as large as thesis, the better. Typing in source after source is mind-numbing enough; do you really want to do it for hours on end in late April? Think of it as procrastination.
- The cite key (a citation's label) needs to be unique from the other entries.
- When you have more than one author or editor, you need to separate each author's name by the word "and" e.g. Author = {Noble, Sam and Youngberg, Jessica},.
- Bibliographies made using BibTeX (whether manually or using a manager) accept LaTeX markup, so you can italicize and add symbols as necessary.
- To force capitalization in an article title or where all lowercase is generally used, bracket the capital letter in curly braces.
- You can add a Reed Thesis citation³ option. The best way to do this is to use the phdthesis type of citation, and use the optional "type" field to enter "Reed thesis" or "Undergraduate thesis."

3.4 Anything else?

If you'd like to see examples of other things in this template, please contact the Data @ Reed team (email data@reed.edu) with your suggestions. We love to see people using R Markdown for their theses, and are happy to help.

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Chapter 4

Paper 3

If we don't want Conclusion to have a chapter number next to it, we can add the {-} attribute.

More info

And here's some other random info: the first paragraph after a chapter title or section head *shouldn't be* indented, because indents are to tell the reader that you're starting a new paragraph. Since that's obvious after a chapter or section title, proper typesetting doesn't add an indent there.

Chapter 5

Synthesis

This thesis provides novel insights into the formation, composition, and stability of vivianite in intertidal sediments. This chapter will begin with a summary of the key findings and their potential implications for the role of vivianite in phosphorus (P) cycling in coastal sediments. The discussion will then extend to how the presented findings may apply to various environmental systems and be relevant to other research fields. An examination will follow, discussing how the developed methodology for insitu studies in this thesis widens our geochemical toolbox and opens various avenues to study in-situ Fe mineral transformation processes. Additionally, this chapter suggests possible directions for future research. ## Summary and discussion Vivianite formation mechanisms

Methodological significance ## Conclusions and outlook Future research directions Relevance to other research fields

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