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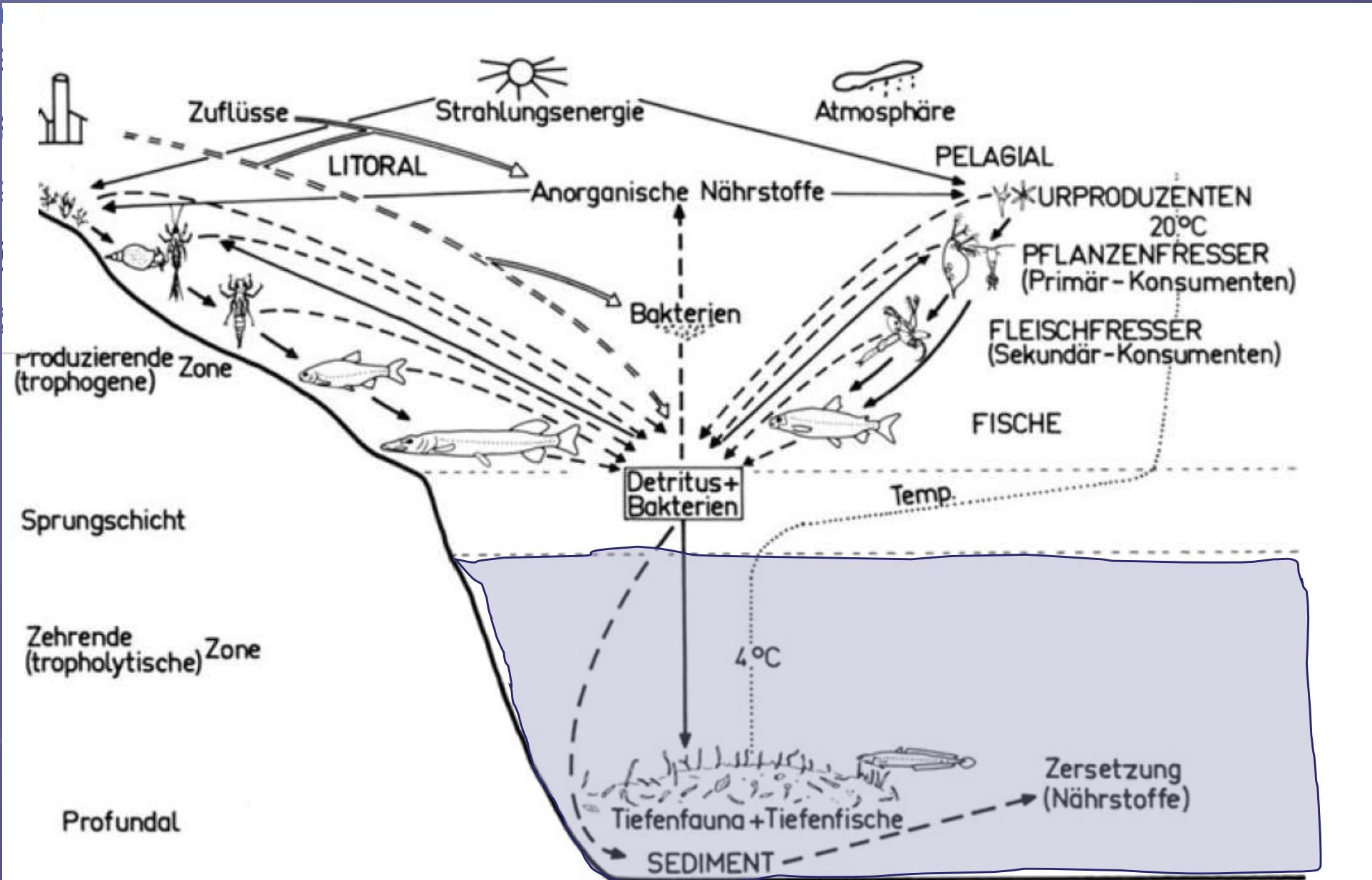
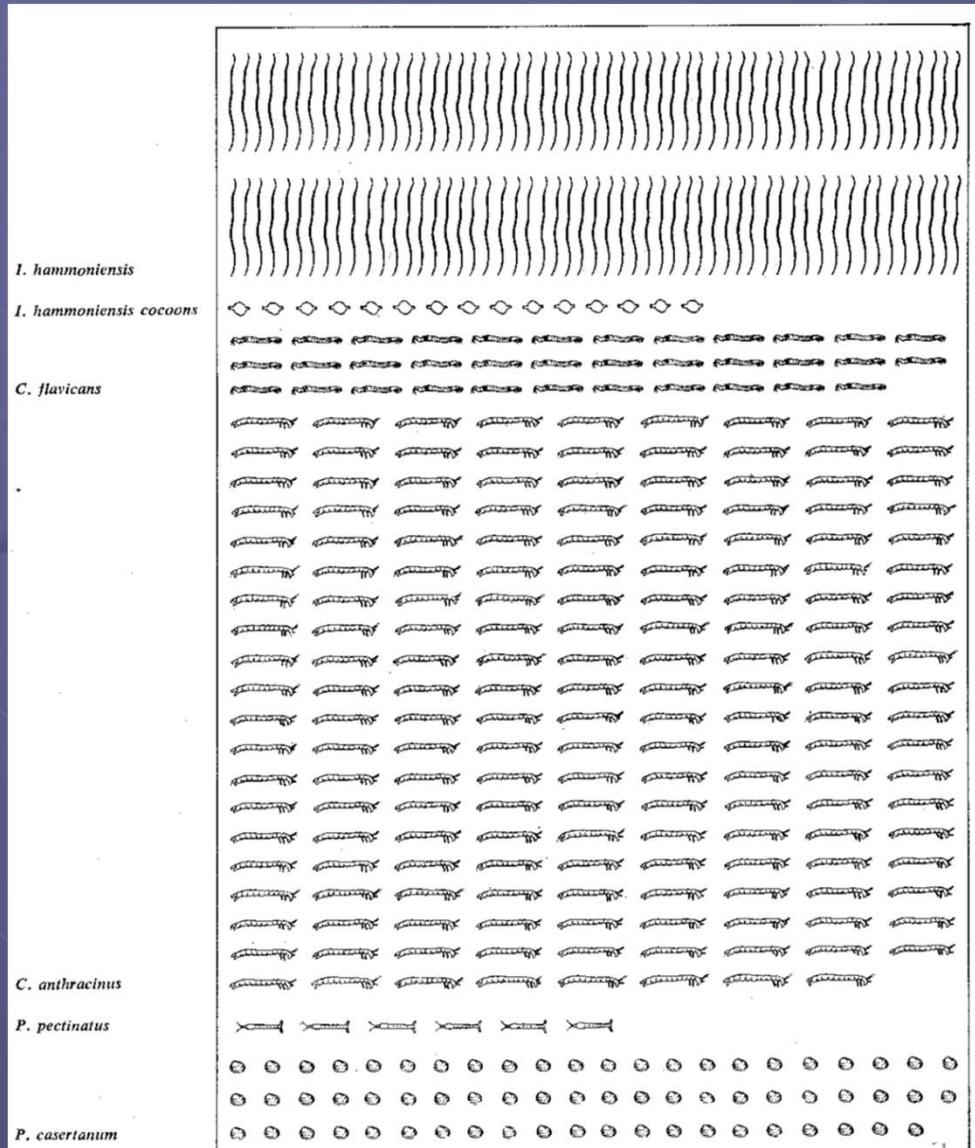


Fig. 1. Schema des Stoffhaushaltes in einem See

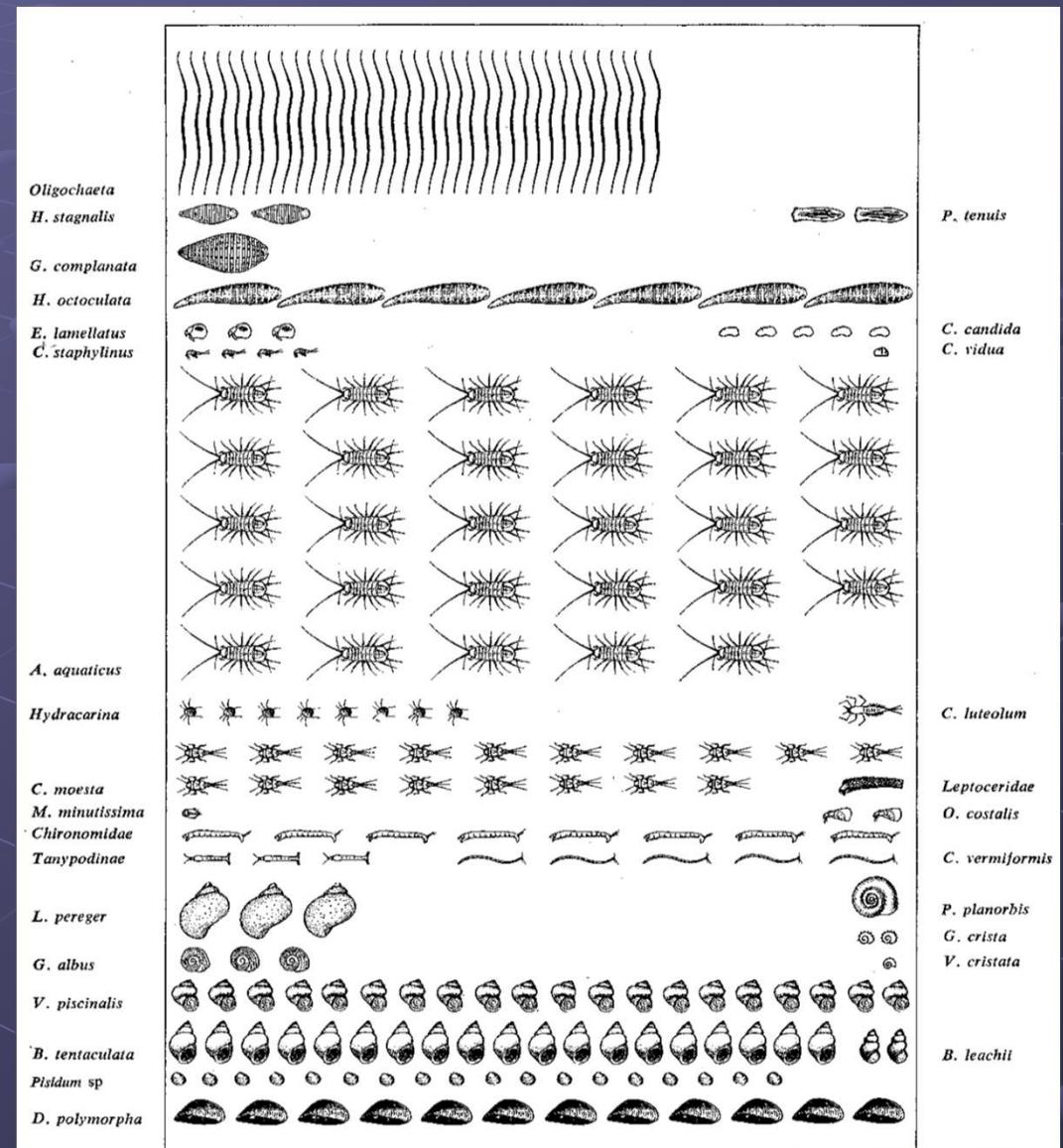
# Esromsee

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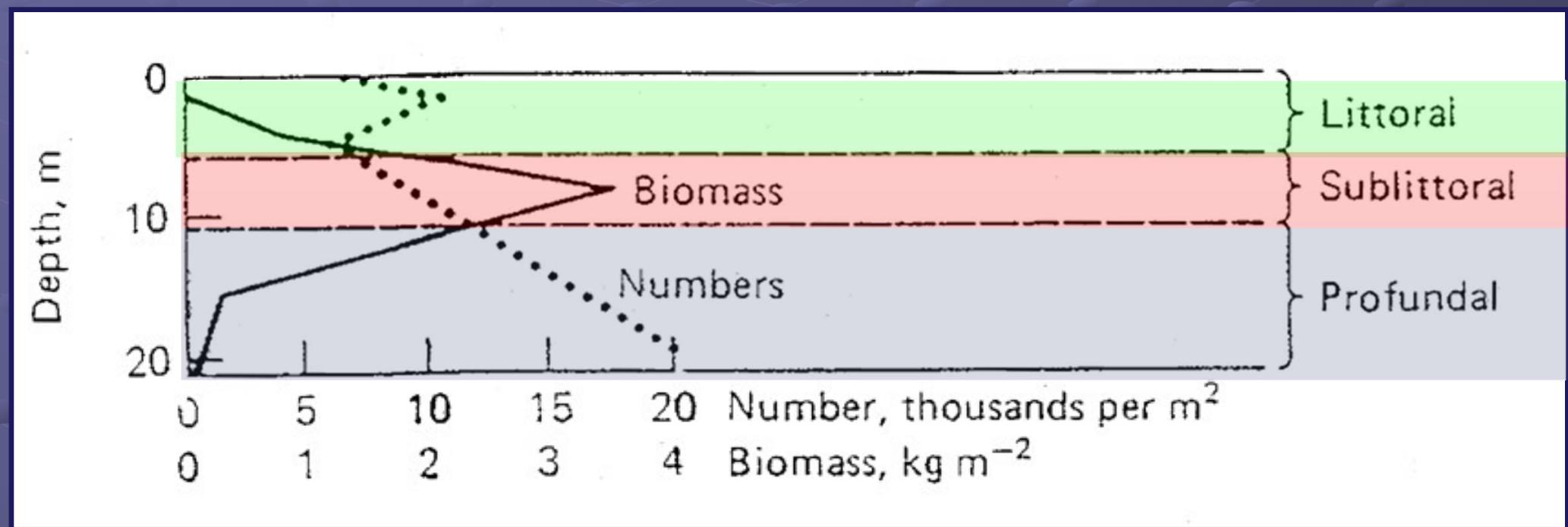
## profundal



## littoral



# Esromsee: biomass numbers



# Esromsee: feeding types

n=number/area, G= weight.

%	herbivores		filter feeders		detritivores		carnivores	
	n	G	n	G	n	G	n	G
littoral	30	40	26	46	32	7	13	7
sublittoral	0	0	63	99	30	1	7	1
profundal	0	0	20	16	70	72	10	12

# Ecological factors in profundal

less than 1% of surface light

tropholytic zone ->  
consumer (detritivores/carnivores)

- Sediment
  - a. allochthonous

organic

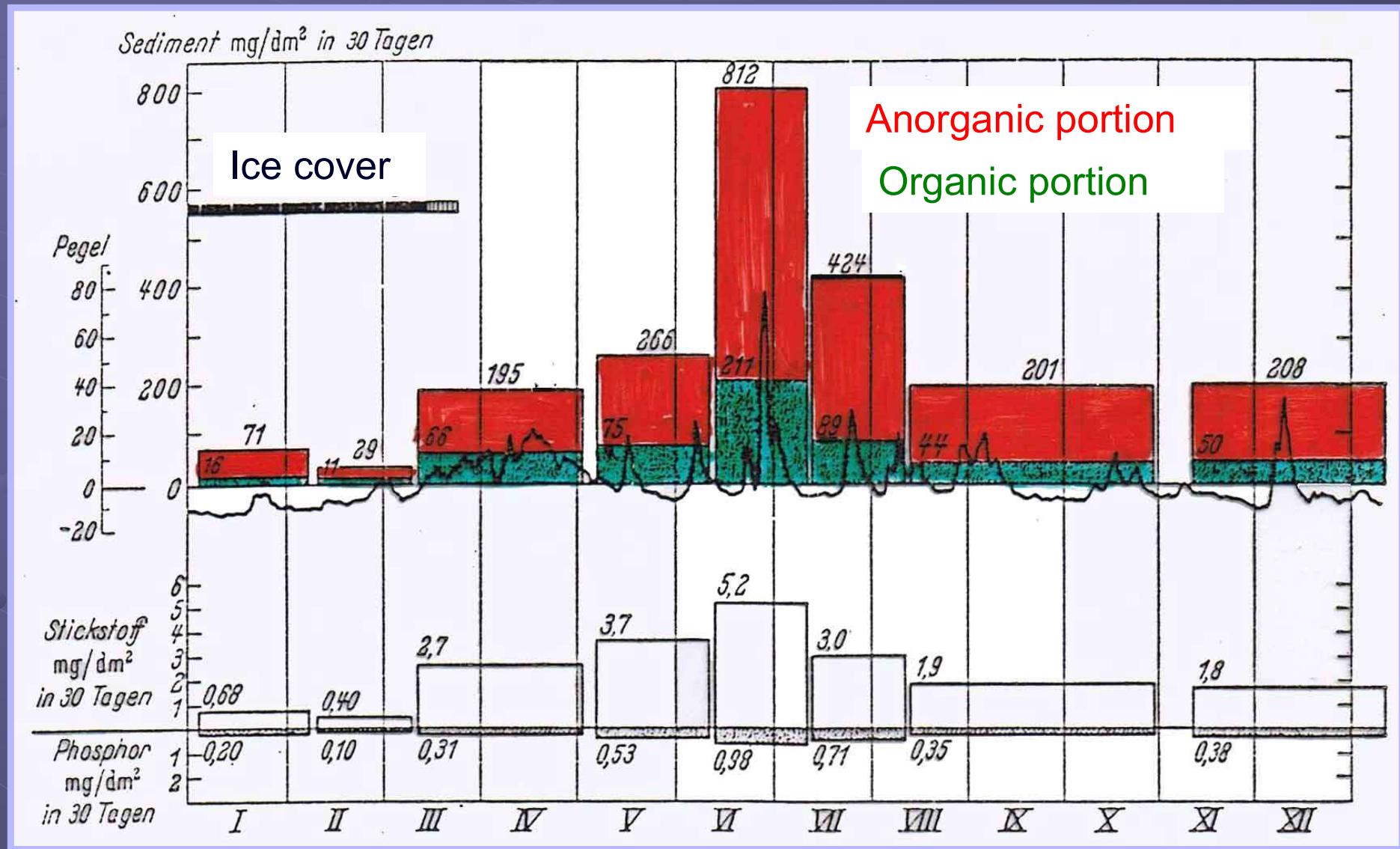
anorganic

autochthonous

organic

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# Seasonal sedimentation rate (mg/dm<sup>2</sup> in 30 days) and water level in Lunzer Untersee in 1934 according to BERGER.



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- Biogenic calcium carbonate
- iron: formation of limonite and iron sulfide
- silicic acid

# Ecological factors in profundal

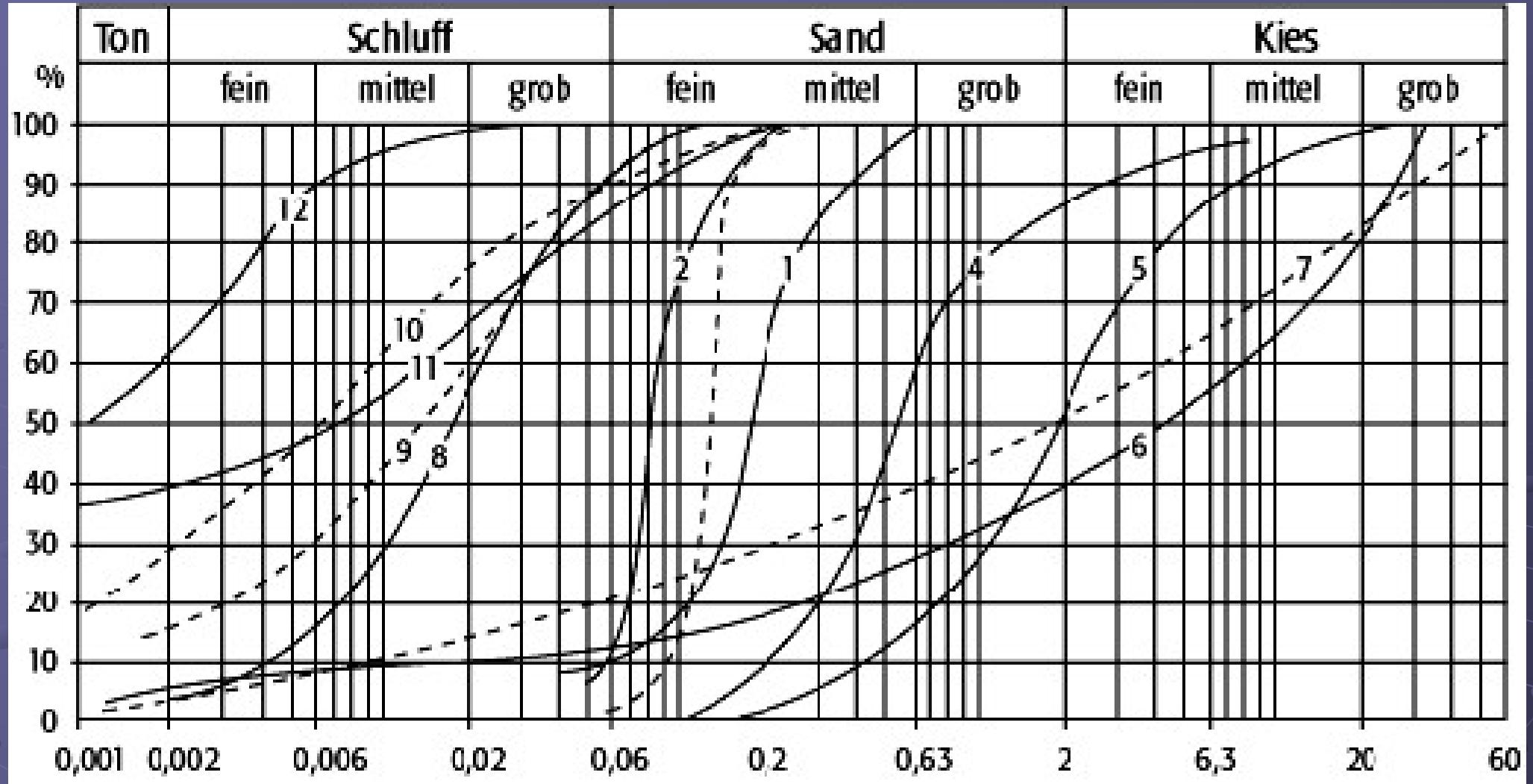
- less than 1% of surface light      **tropholytic zone**
- sediment
  - a. allochthonous
  - b. Grain size:

# Grain size (mm) according to Udden & Wentworth - scale, DIN 4022

[ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	$\Phi$	①	DIN 4022	[mm]
63.000	-6	Cobble	Steine	63
32.000	-5			20
16.000	-4	Gravel	Kies	6,3
8000	-3			2
4000	-2			0,63
2000	-1			0,2
1000	0	Sand	Sand	0,063
500	1			0,02
250	2			0,0063
125	3			0,002
63	4			
32	5	Silt	Schluff (Silt)	
16	6			
8	7			
4	8			
2	9	Clay	Ton	

① Udden & Wentworth mod. nach Doeglas

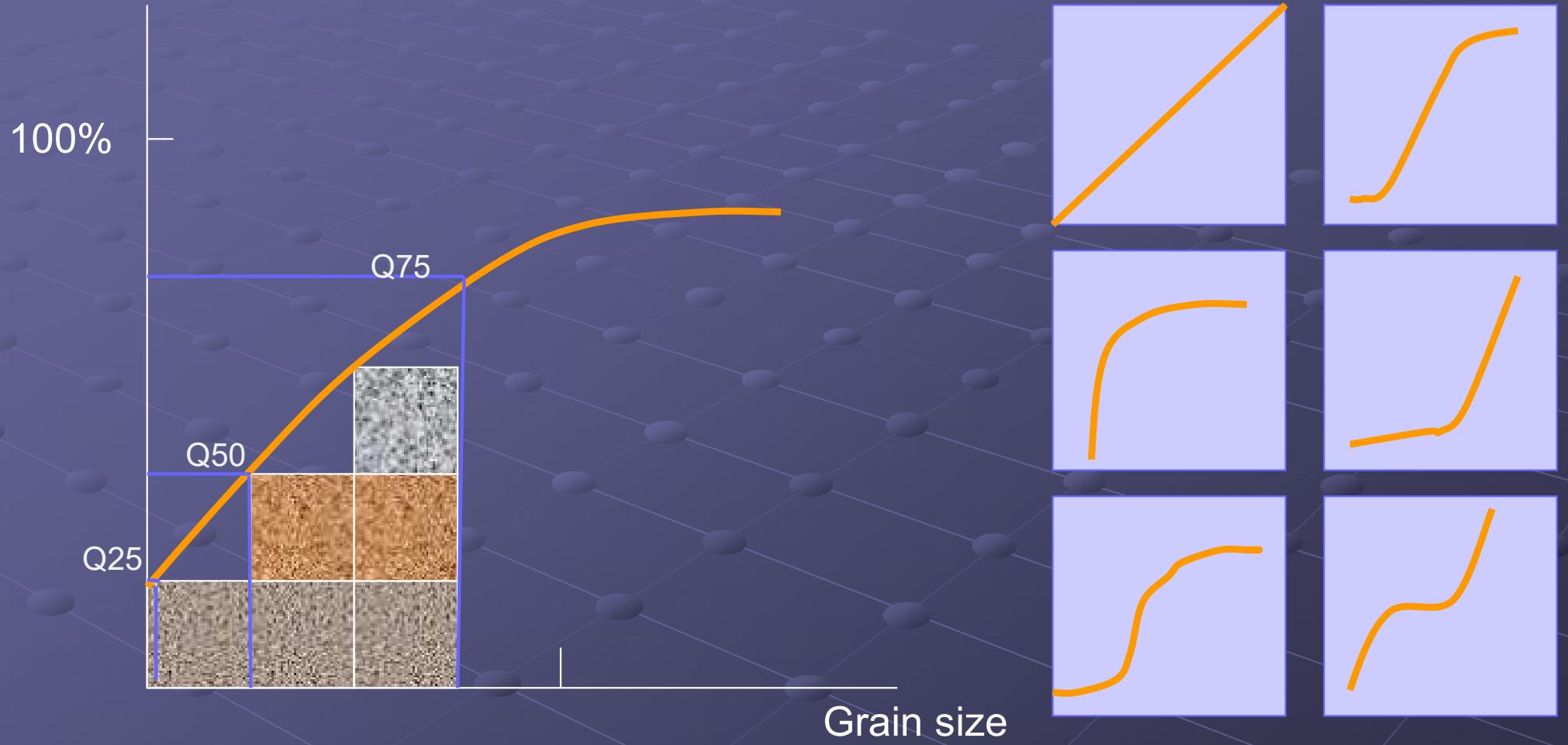
$\phi = \text{Phi-Grad} = -\log_2(d/d_0)$ ;  $d = \text{Durchmesser}, d_0 = 1 \text{ mm Einheitsdurchmesser}$



Arithmetische Skala der Korngrößeneinteilung als  
logarithmische Transformation der Udden-Wentworth-Skala:

$$\Phi = -\log_2 D$$

# Cumulative graphs as characteristics for sediment grain size composition



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  - c. Organic components:

autochthonous

**Dy:** humus colloids (little decomposed plant remains) + Ca (-> dystrophic lakes)

**Gyttja:** anorganic and organic components, in oligotrophic and eutrophic lakes

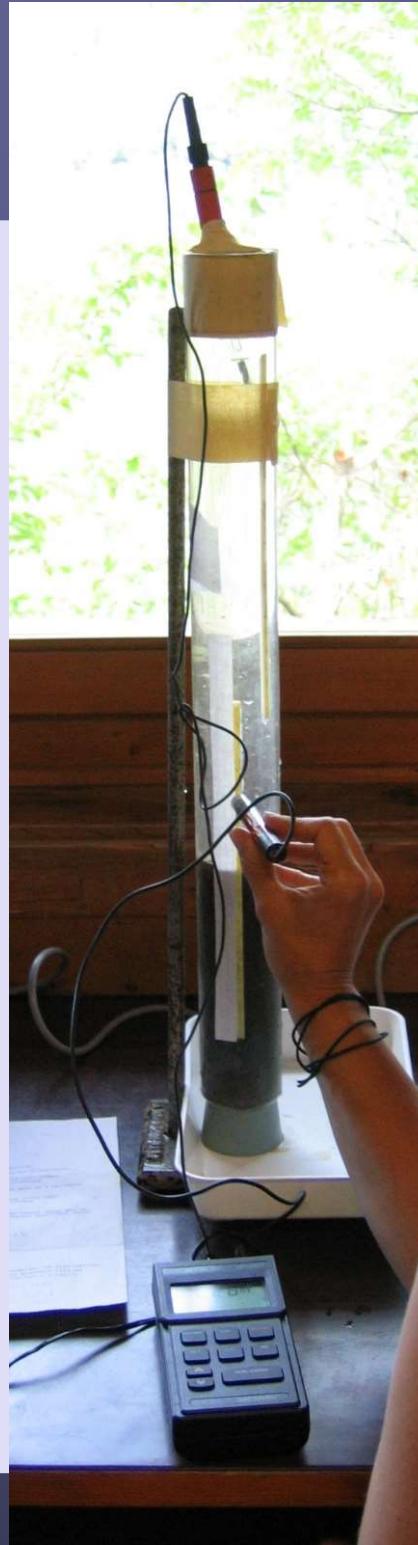
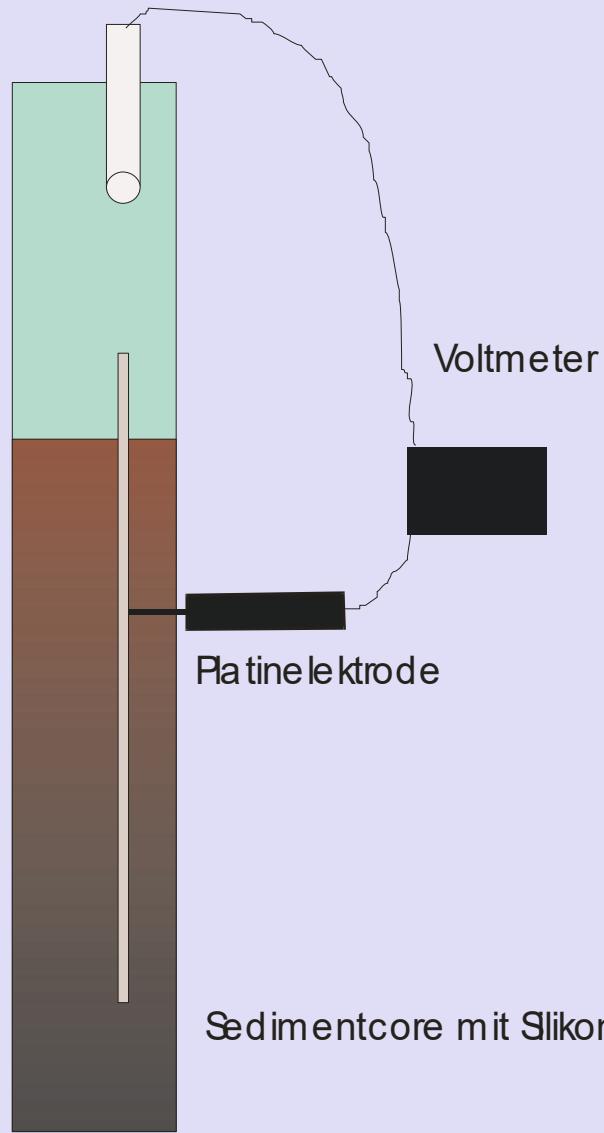
**Sapropel:** anaerobic sludge, contains iron, sulfide

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- redox potential  $E_7$

# Measuring the redox potential

Kalom elektrode

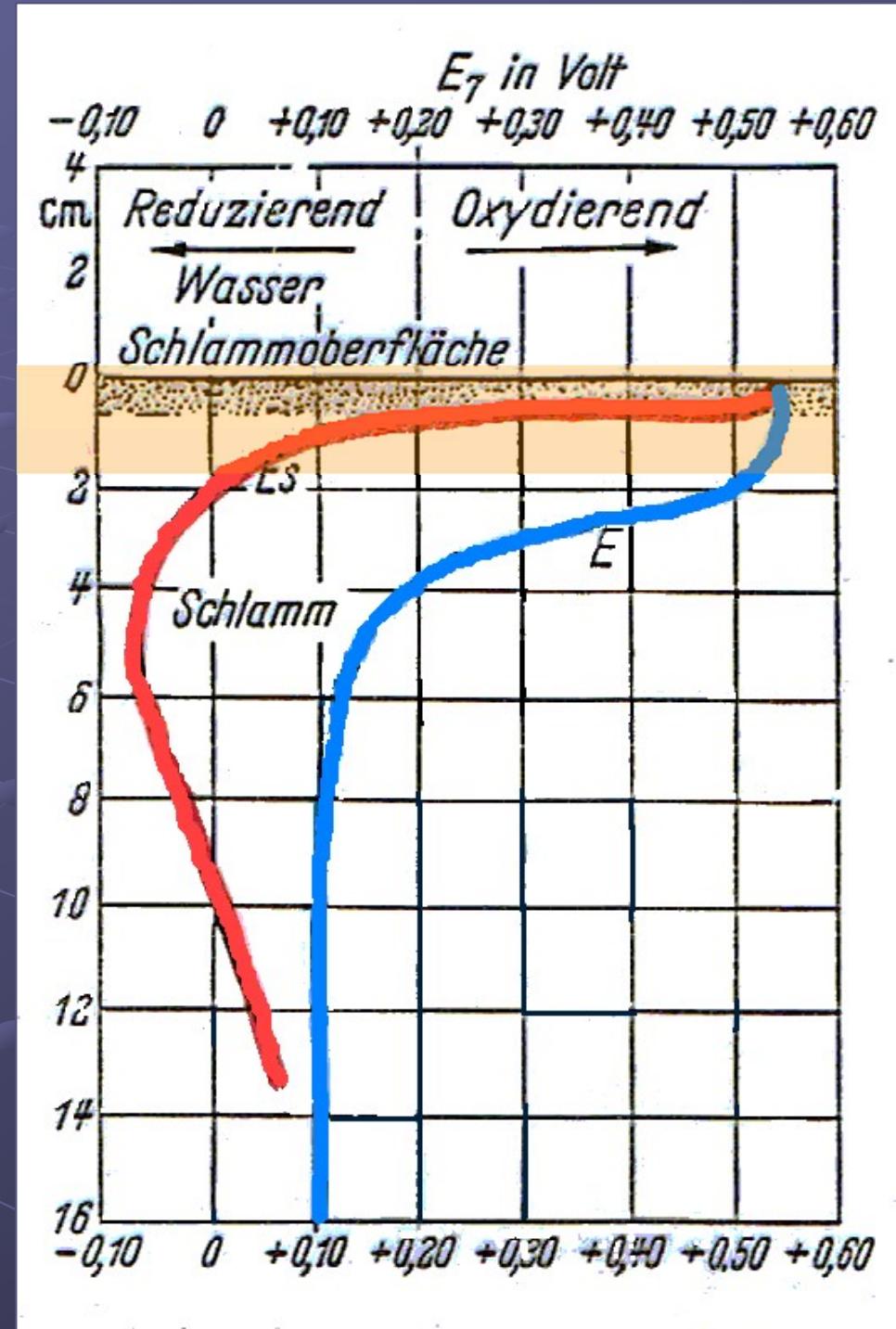


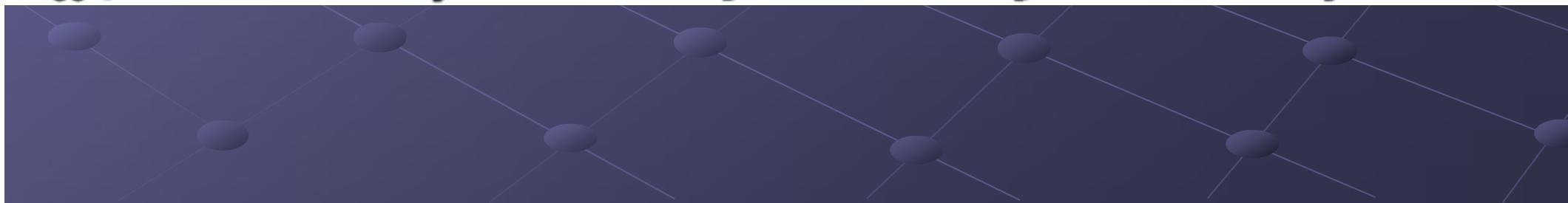
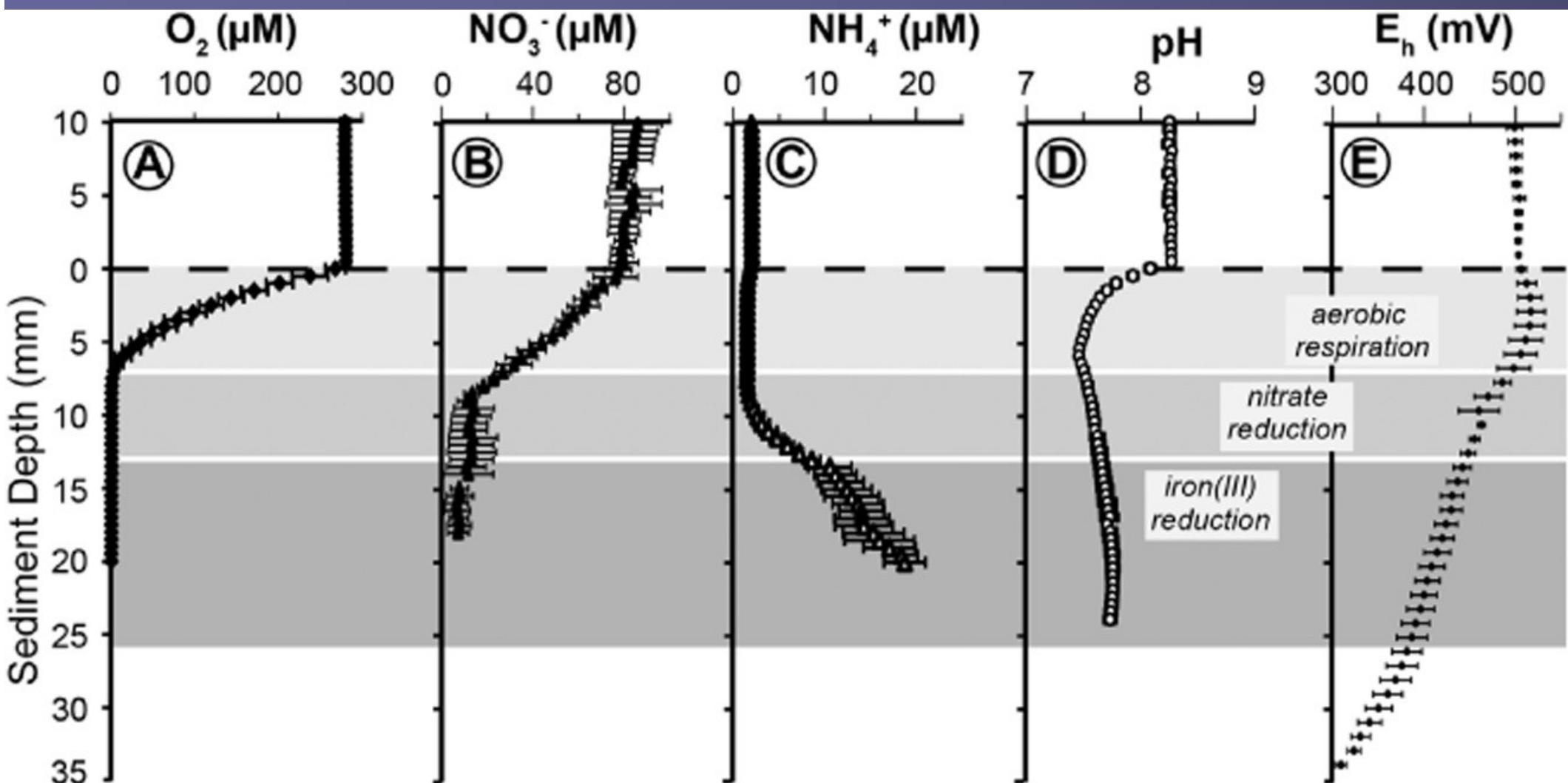
The higher the redox potential the higher the O<sub>2</sub>-concentration

Redox pairs	E7 (Volt)	corresponding O <sub>2</sub> (mgl <sup>-1</sup> ) concentration
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> to NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.45 - 0.40	4.0
NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> to NH <sub>3</sub>	0.40 - 0.35	0.4
Fe <sup>+++</sup> to Fe <sup>++</sup>	0.30 - 0.20	0.1
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> to S <sup>--</sup>	0.10 - 0.06	0.0

Winter stratification of the redox potential in the sediment of two North English lakes: oligotrophic (Ennerdale Water), eutrophic (Esthwaite Water)

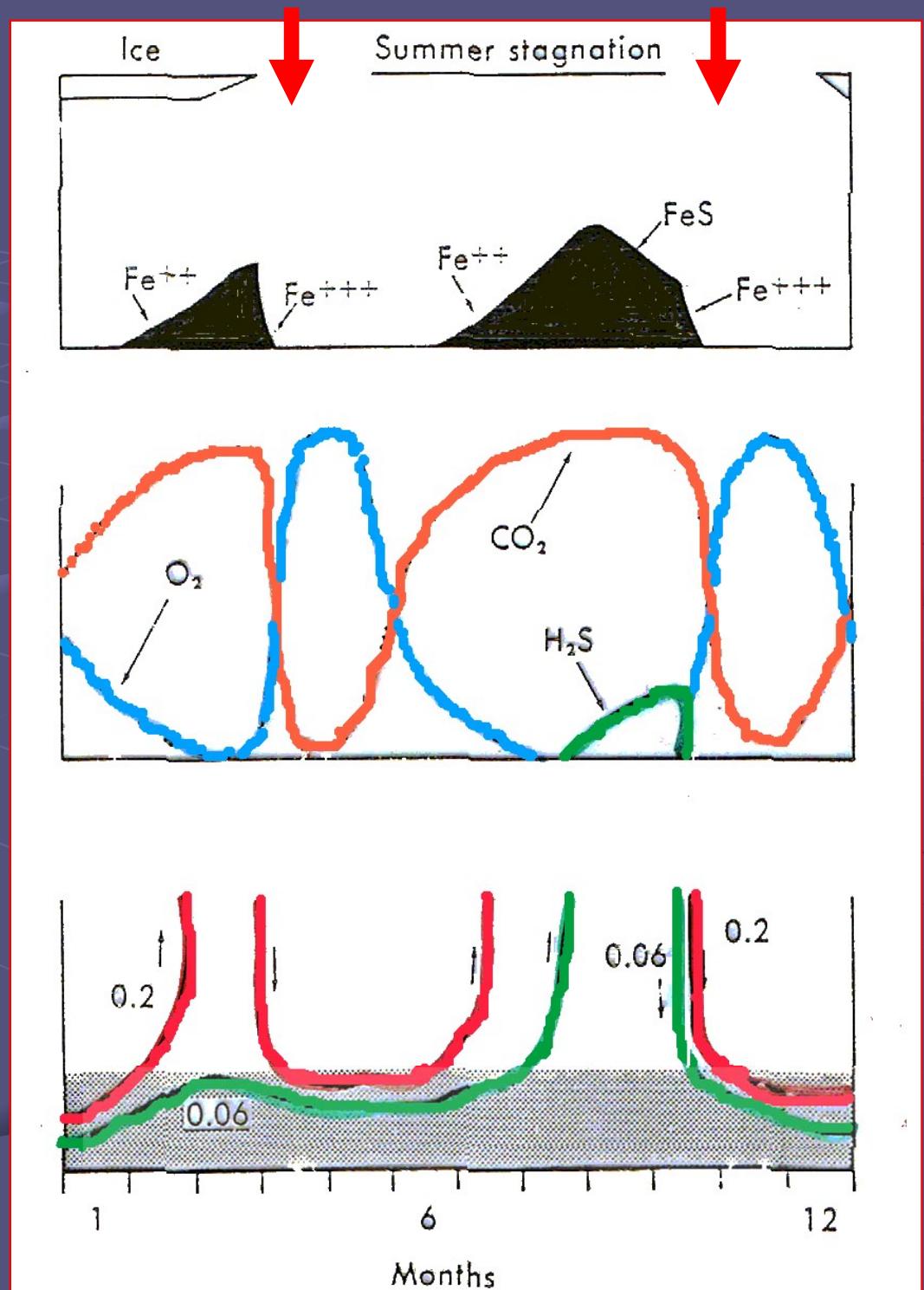
*Discontinuity layer*





# Dimictic eutrophic lake

Spring circulation      Autumn circulation



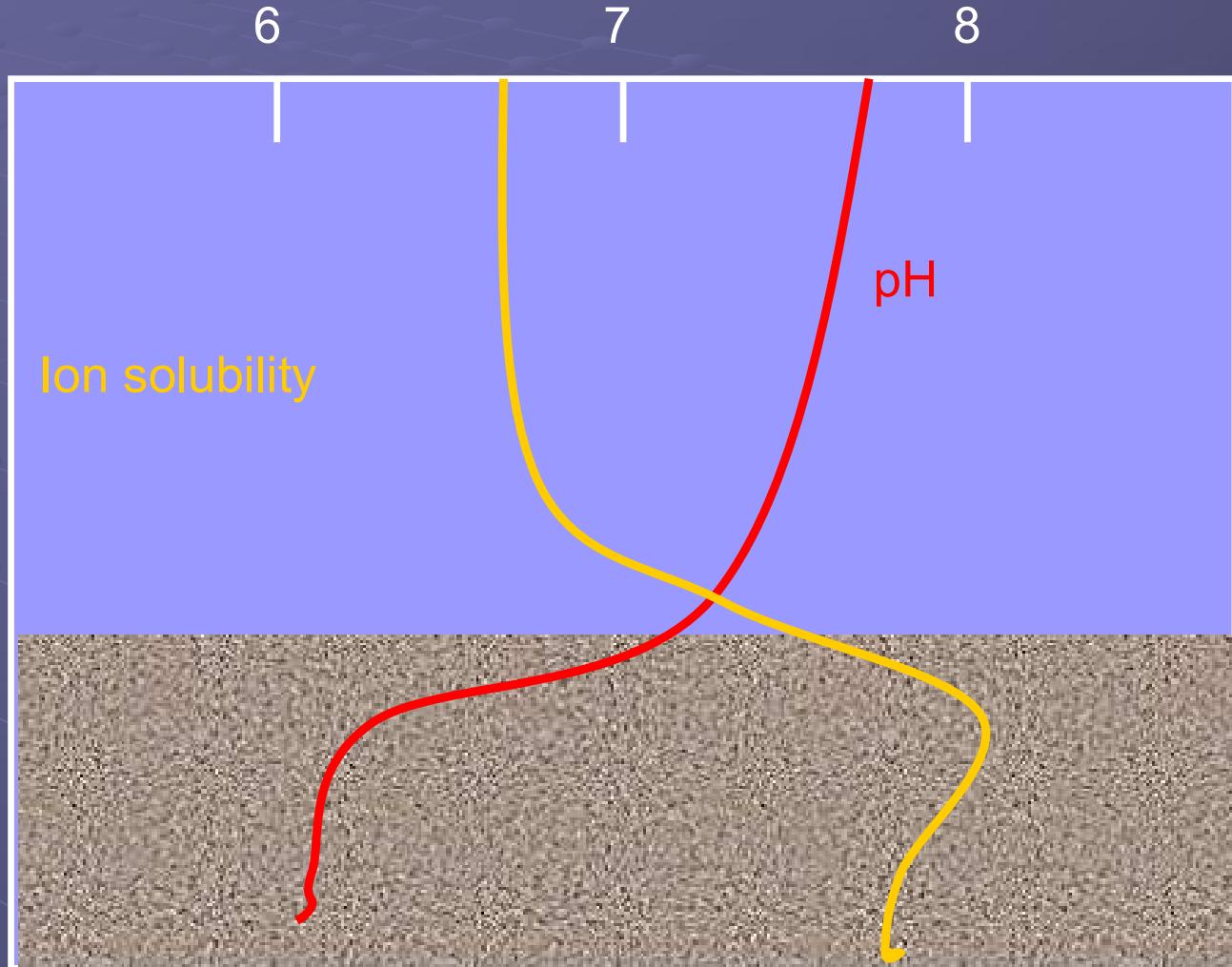
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- pH, ion solubility

tropholytic zone

autochthonous

# pH, ion solubility (phosphate, nitrate, nitrite)



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- oxygen contents

**Adaptation to hypoxic conditions:** hemoglobin in Chironomidae

**Anoxibiosis** – switch to anaerobic respiration

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- redox potential  $E_7$
- pH, dissolvability of ions
- oxygen contents
- low temperatures

tropholytic zone

autochthonous

cold stenotherm forms

eurytherm forms

glacial relicts: *Cytherissa lacustris*  
*Limnocythere st. Patricii*

# FAUNA

## Size classification

**Macrofauna** > 600µm: Oligochaeta, Chironomidae, Sphaeriidae, Turbellaria

**Meiofauna** 60-600µm: Ostracoda, Harpacticidae



**Microfauna** < 60µm: protozoa, bacteria, fungi

# FAUNA

## Lifestyle classification

**epibenthic**

Heliozoa

Hydrozoa

Turbellaria

Gastropoda

Ostracoda

Harpacticidae

Bryozoa

Megaloptera

**endobenthic**

Turbellaria

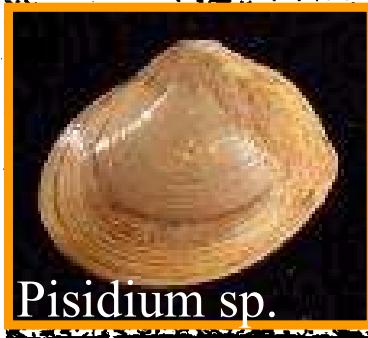
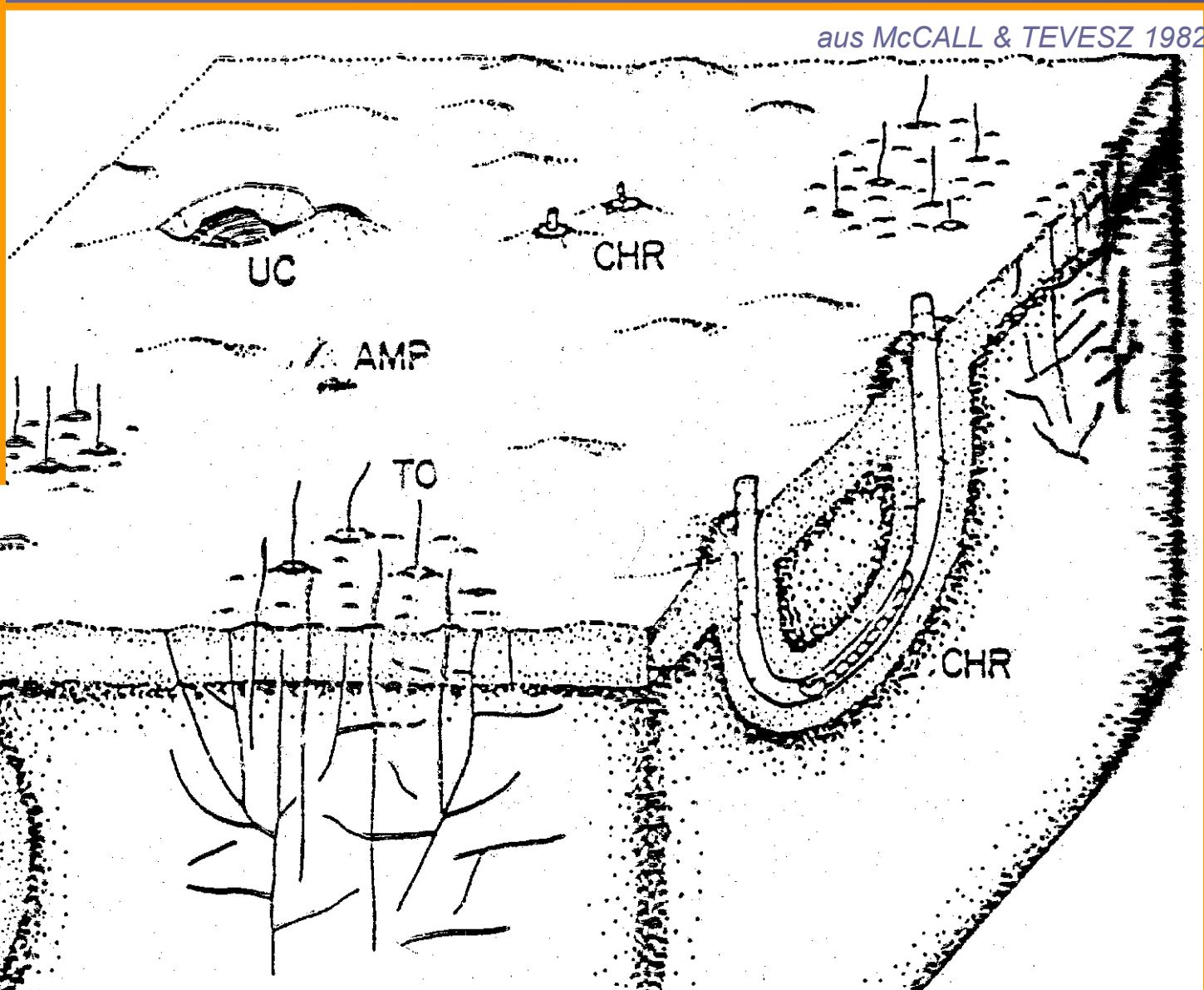
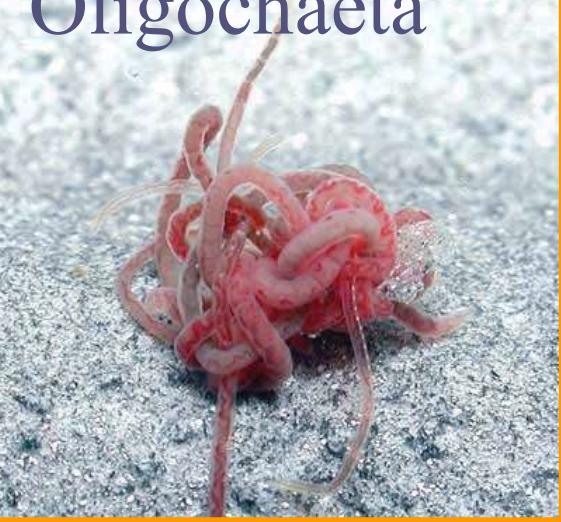
Nematoda

Sphaeriidae (*Pisidium spp.*)

Oligochaeta

Chironomidae

# Oligochaeta



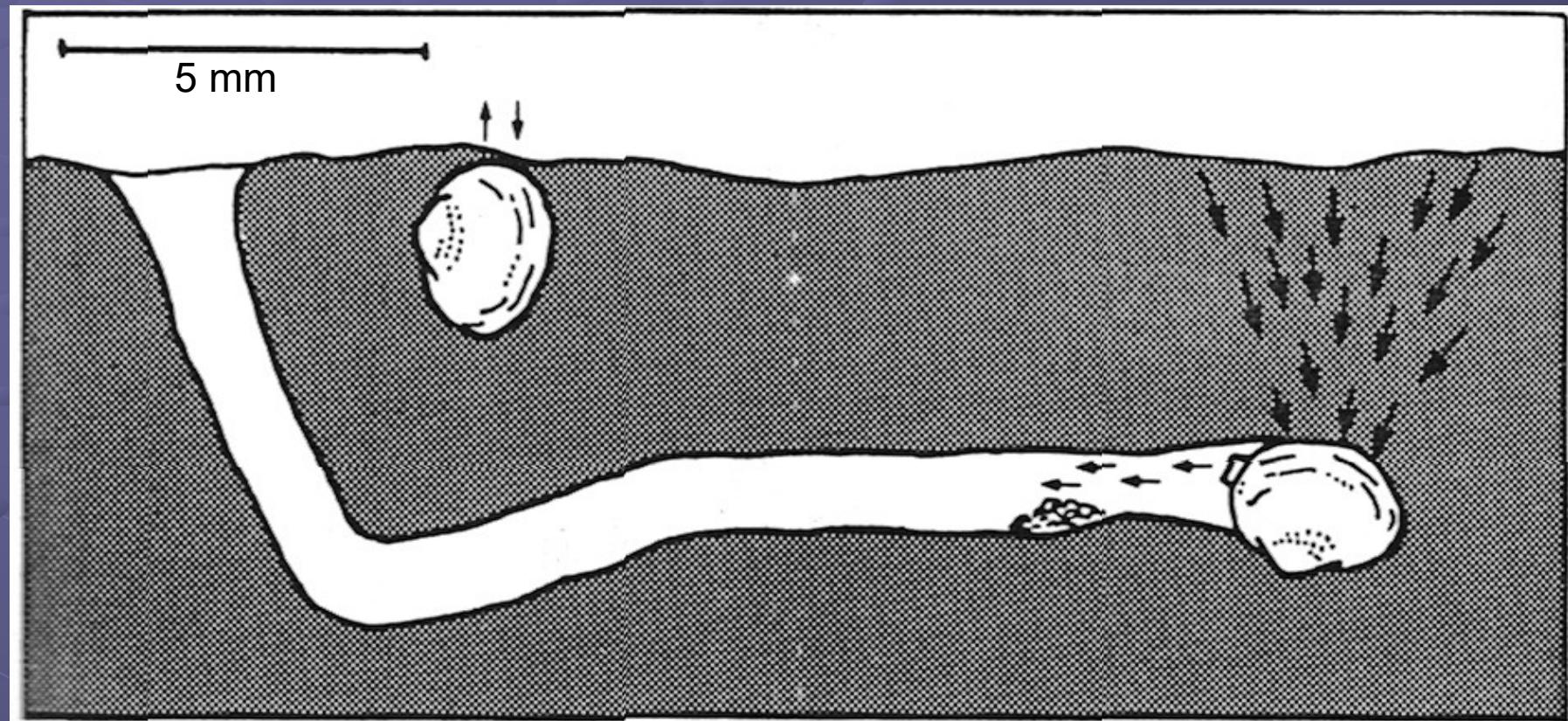
Pisidium sp.

**Bioturbation of  
lake sediment**



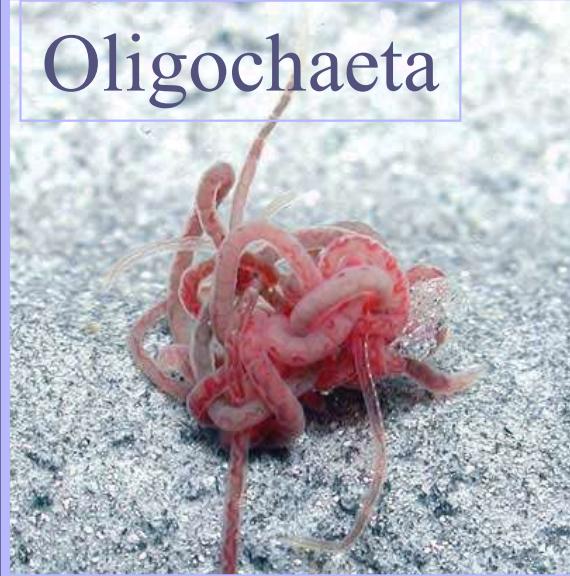
Chironomidae

## Life position of *Pisidium* (right) and *Sphaerium* (left)

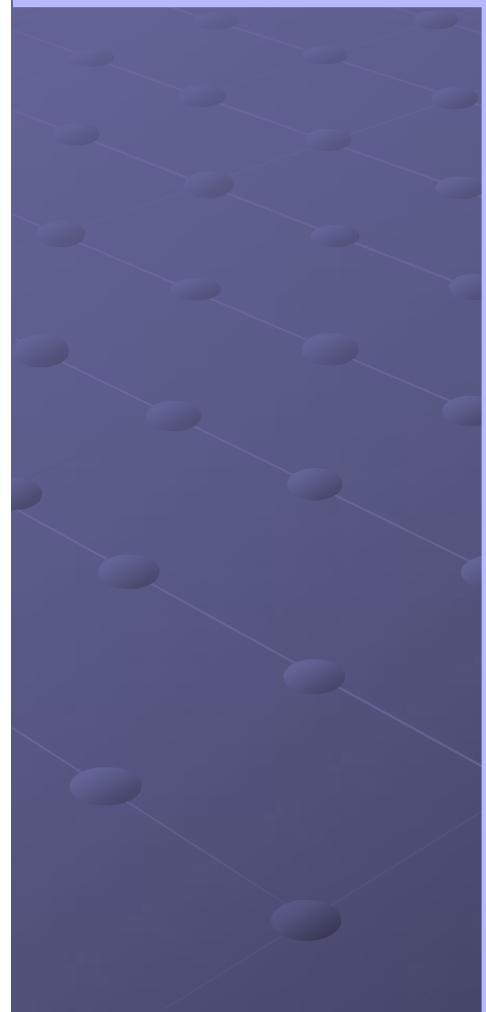


from McCALL & TEVESZ 1982,  
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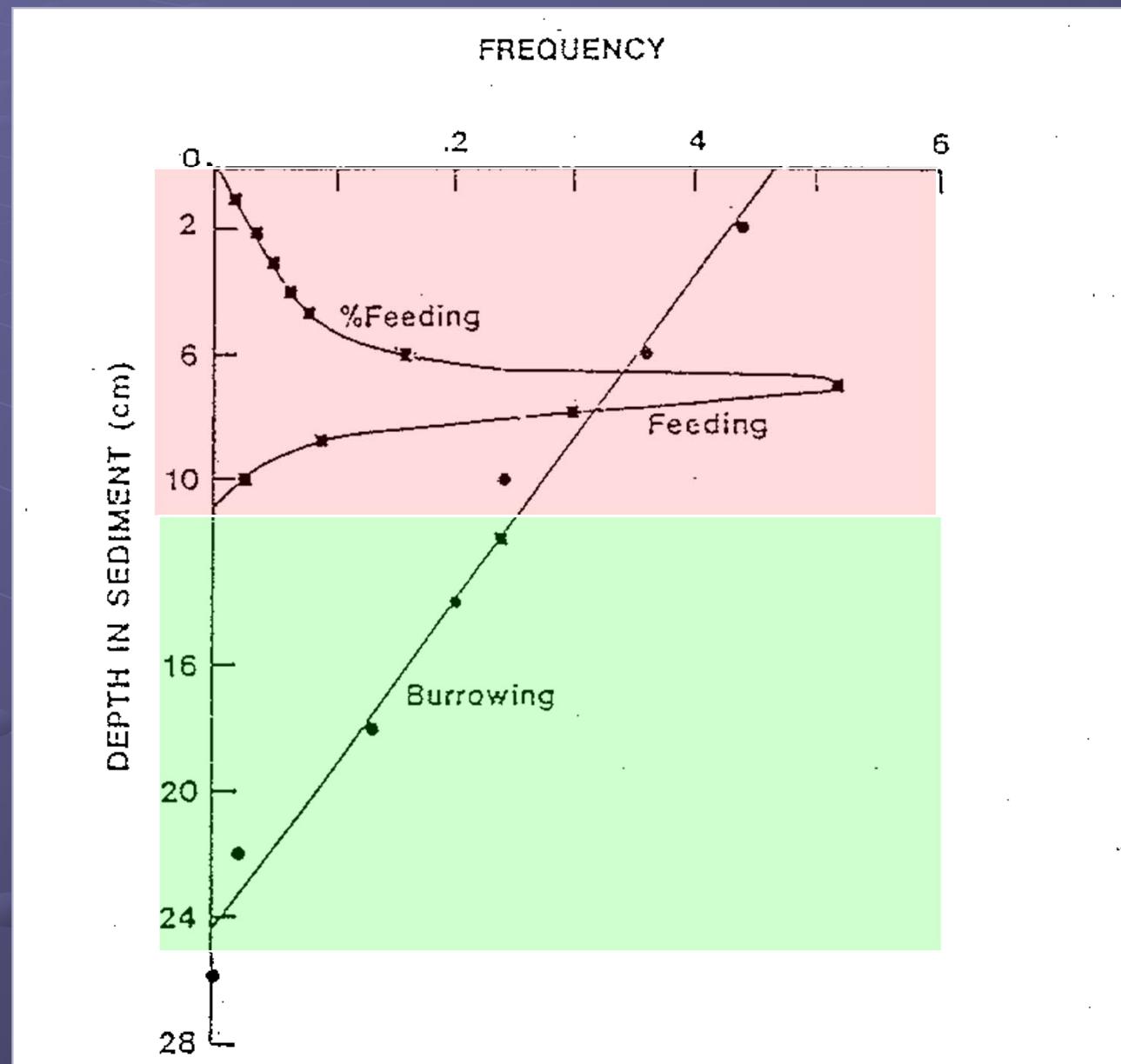
# Oligochaeta



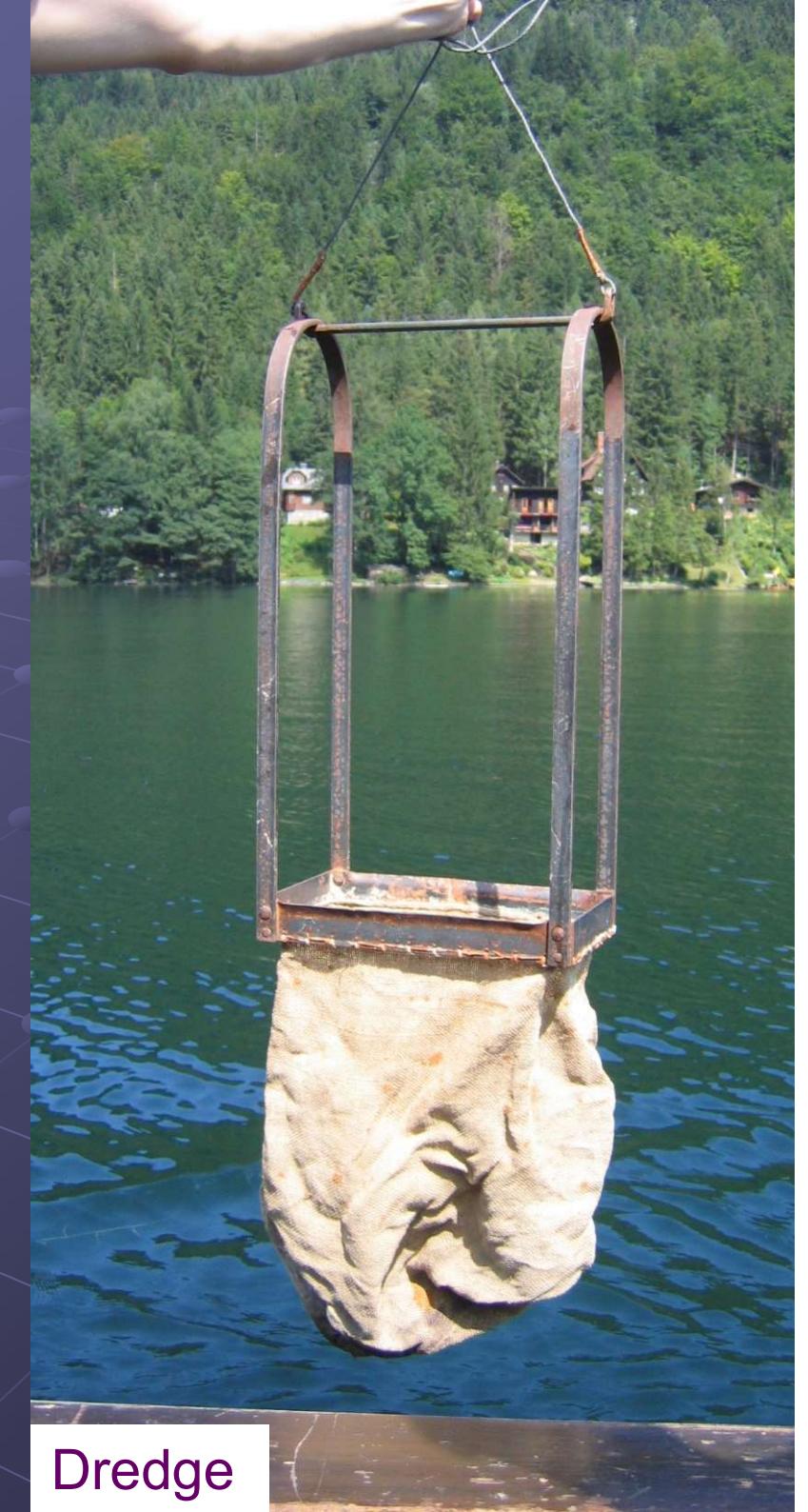
hatching Oligochaeta-cocoon



# Depth distribution of tubificid worms in a laboratory experiment



# Qualitative sampling methods



Dredge

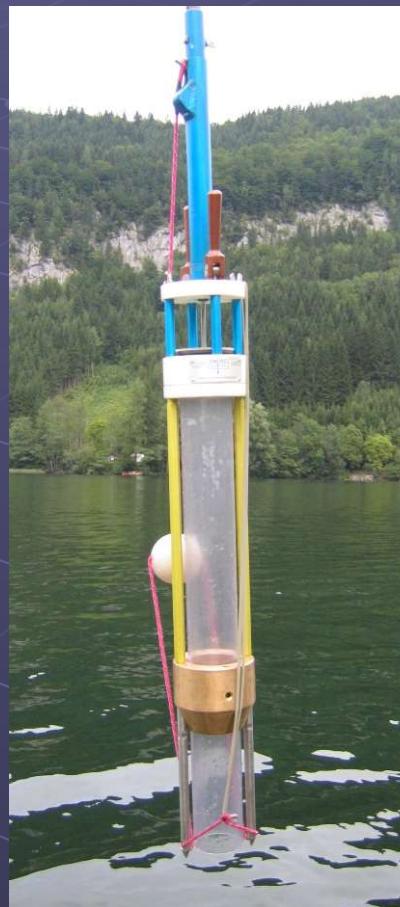
# Quantitative sampling methods



Ekman-Grab



Petersen Grab



Kajak-Brinkhurst Corer  
improved by Niederreiter



## Depth distribution of organisms in a core: cutting the sample



# Depth distribution of organisms in a core: measuring the redox potential

