

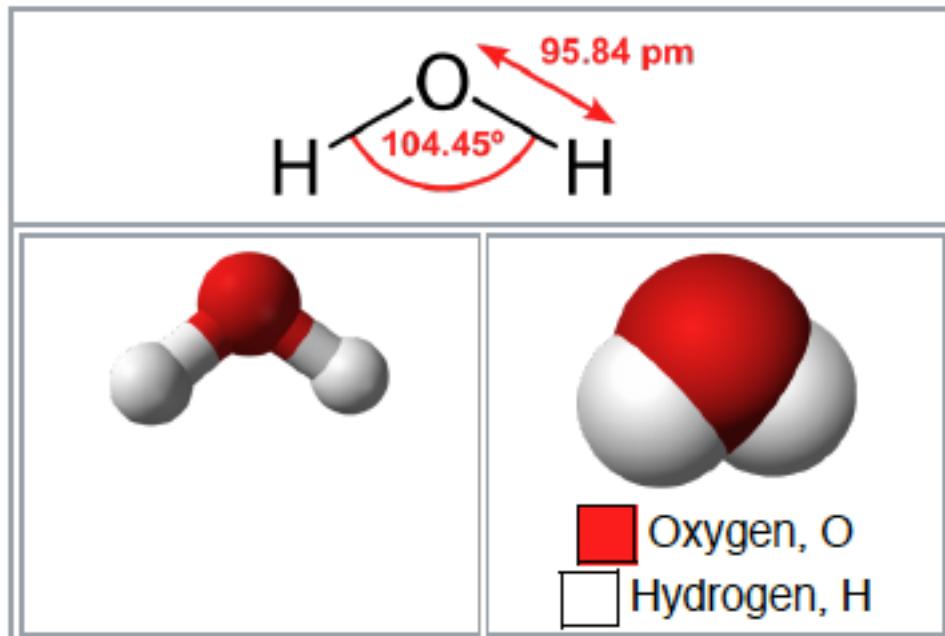
# Inland Waters

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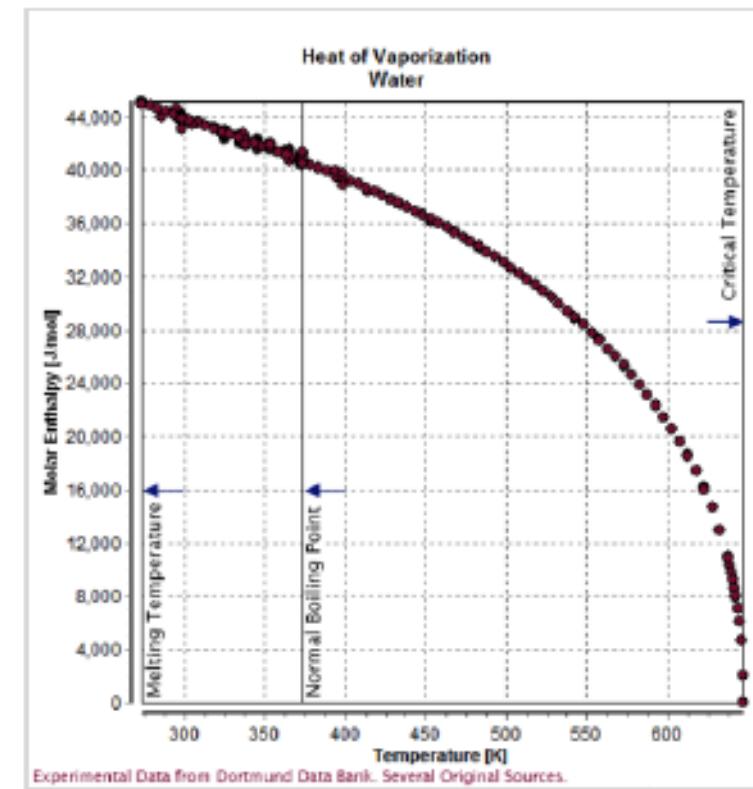
# Special Properties of Water

## Polar Molecule



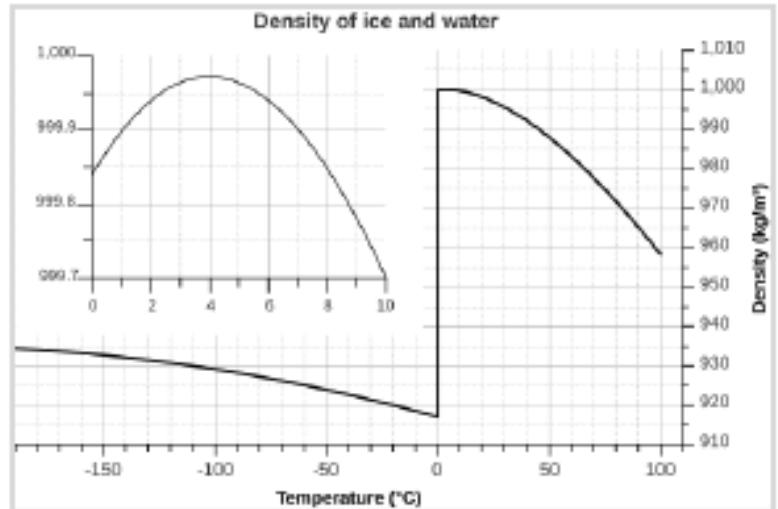
- Excellent Solvent
- Surface Tension
- Capillary Action

## Heat Capacity and Heats of Vaporization

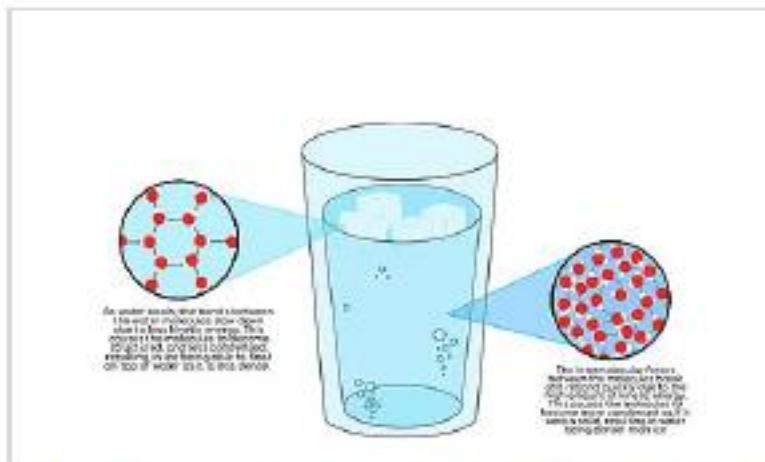


Heat of vaporization of water from melting to critical temperature

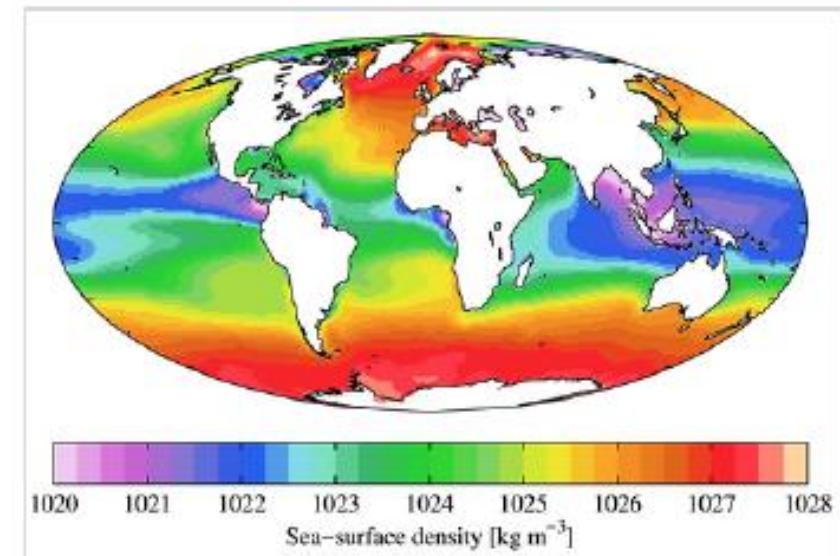
# Special Properties of Water



Density of ice and water as a function of temperature



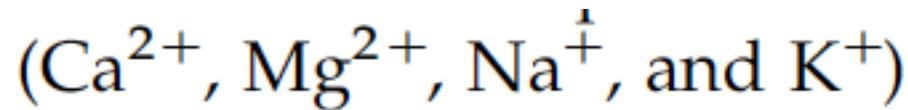
The difference in the molecular structures of water and ice.



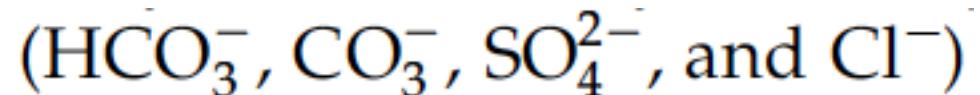
WOA surface density

# Ion Chemistry

Cations

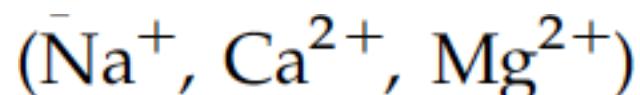


Anions

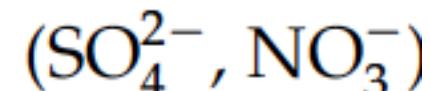


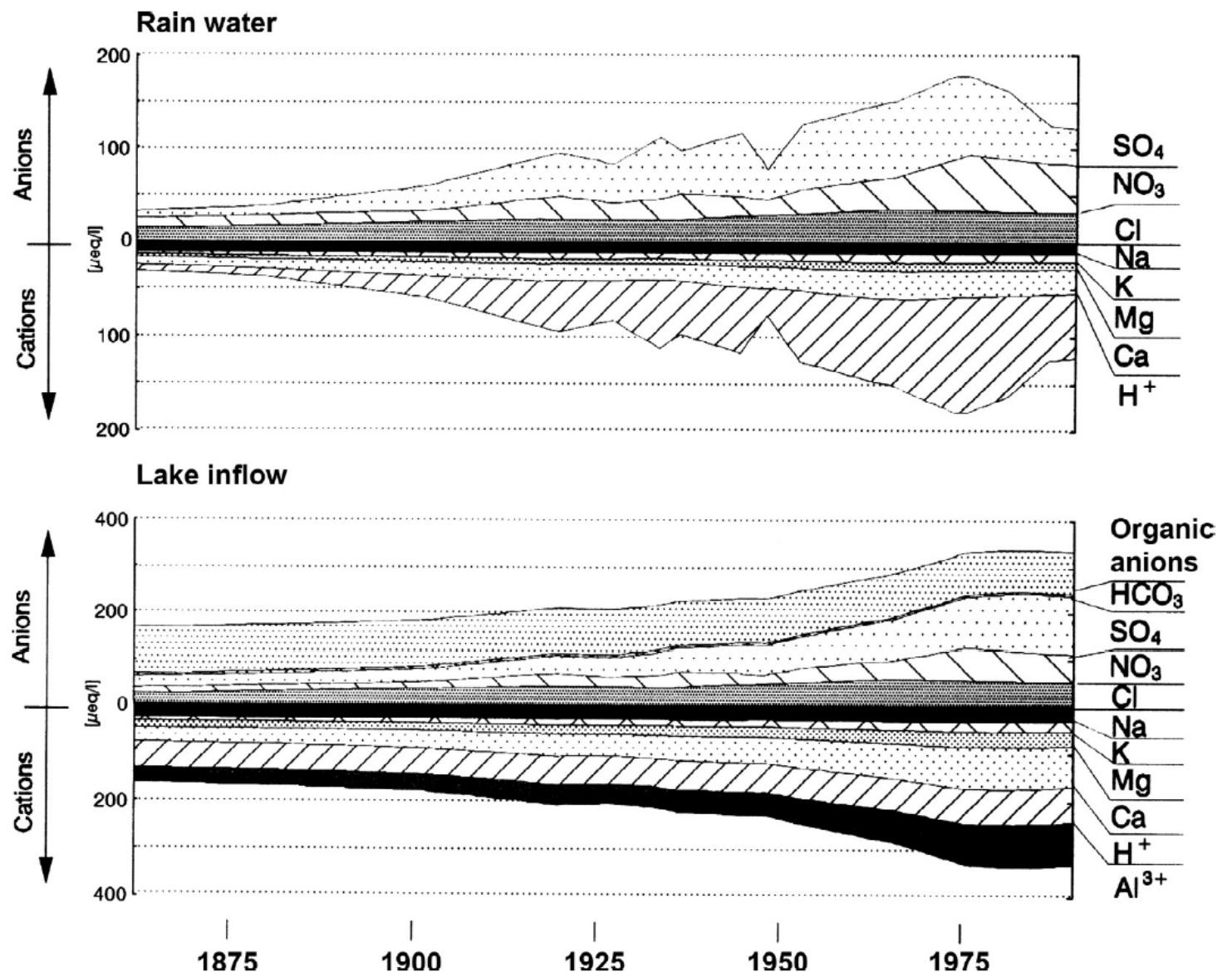
Atmospheric Deposition

Marine Salts



Acid ions

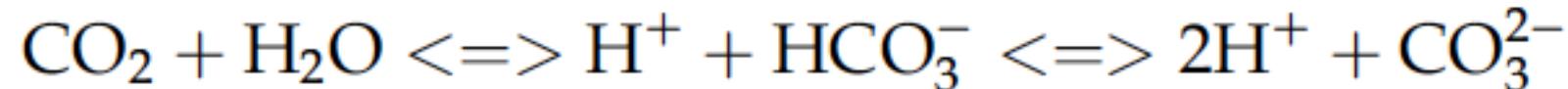




**FIGURE 8.6** A paleolimnological reconstruction of changes in the charge balance of rain and lake inflow over the period of the Industrial Revolution. Note that while rainwater became more acidic over the record (increasing contribution of  $\text{H}^+$  and the acid anions  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{NO}_3^-$  through time) the interflow waters have seen little change in pH ( $\text{H}^+$ ). Instead, large increases in the concentrations of sulfate and nitrate over time have been accompanied by increases in the base cations ( $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ) and in soluble  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ . Source: Hinderer et al. 1998.

# Gas Diffusion and Solubility

Dissolved Inorganic Carbon (DIC)



pH < 4.3

CO<sub>2</sub>

pH 4.3– 8.3

HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>

Acid Neutralizing Capacity (ANC) pH 4.3

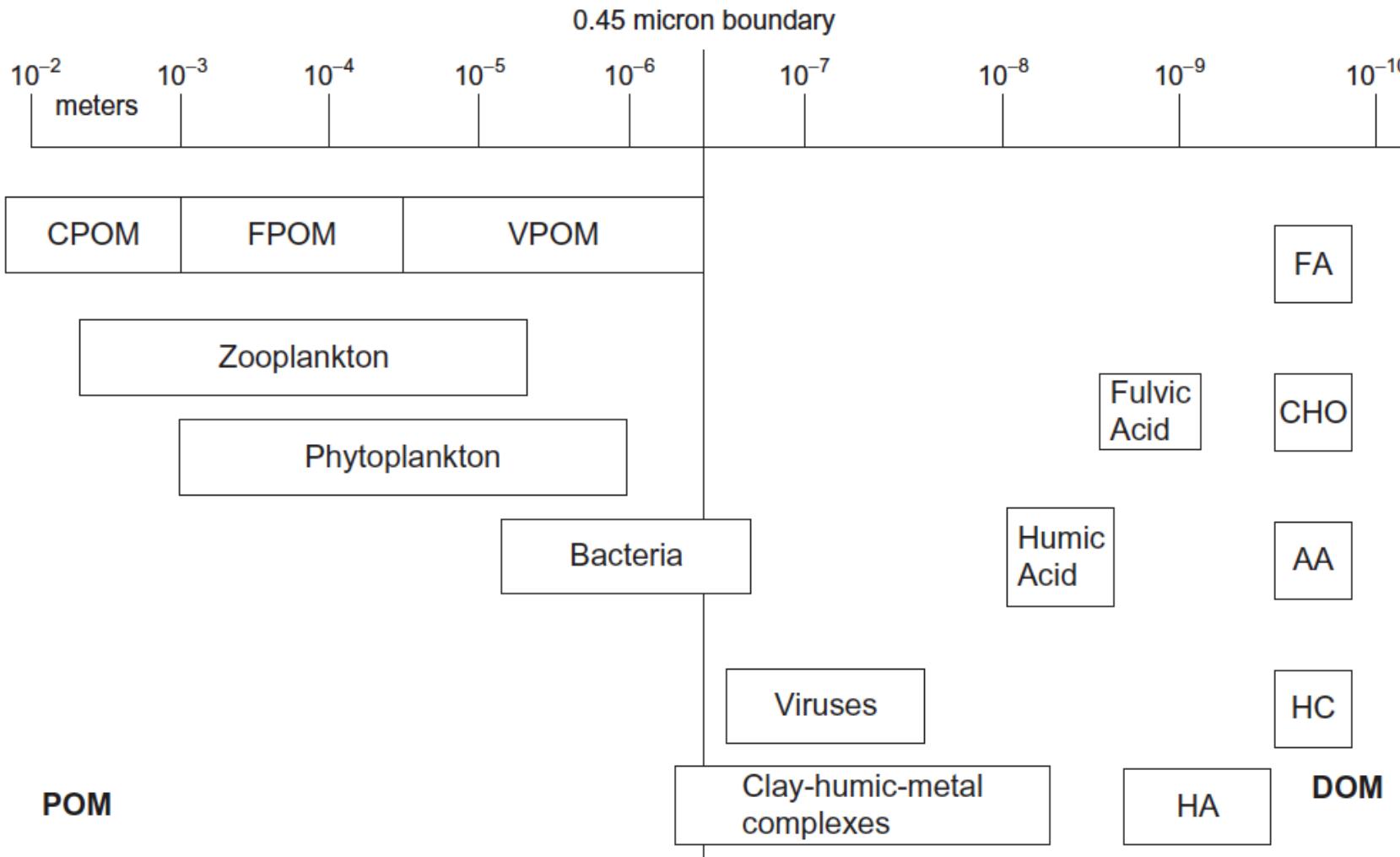
pH > 8.3

CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>

TABLE 8.1 Estimates of CO<sub>2</sub> Outgassing from Inland Waters

Zone-class	Area of inland waters (1000s km <sup>2</sup> )	pCO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	Gas exchange velocity (k <sub>600'</sub> cm hr <sup>-1</sup> )	Areal outgassing (g C m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Zonal outgassing (Pg C yr <sup>-1</sup> )
	min-max	median	median	median	median
<b>Tropical (0°–25°)</b>					
Lakes and reservoirs	1840–1840	1900	4.0	240	0.45
Rivers (>60–100 m wide)	146–146	3600	12.3	1600	0.23
Streams (>60–100 m wide)	60–60	4300	17.2	2720	0.16
Wetlands	3080–6170	2900	2.4	240	1.12
<b>Temperate (25°–50°)</b>					
Lakes and reservoirs	880–1050	900	4.0	80	0.08
Rivers (>60–100 m wide)	70–84	3200	6.0	720	0.05
Streams (<60–100 m wide)	29–34	3500	20.2	2630	0.08
Wetlands	880–3530	2500	2.4	210	0.47
<b>Boreal and Arctic (50°–90°)</b>					
Lakes and reservoirs	80–1650	1100	4.0	130	0.11
Rivers (>60–100 m wide)	7–131	1300	6.0	260	0.02
Streams (<60–100 m wide)	3–54	1300	13.1	560	0.02
Wetlands	280–5520	2000	2.4	170	0.49
<b>Global</b>					
<i>Global land area</i>					
Lakes and reservoirs	2800–4540	2.1–3.4%			0.64
Rivers (>60–100 m wide)	220–360	0.2–0.3%			0.30
Streams (<60–100 m wide)	90–150	0.1–0.1%			0.26
Wetlands	4240–15 220	3.2–11.4%			2.08
All inland waters	7350–20 260	5.5–15.2%			3.28

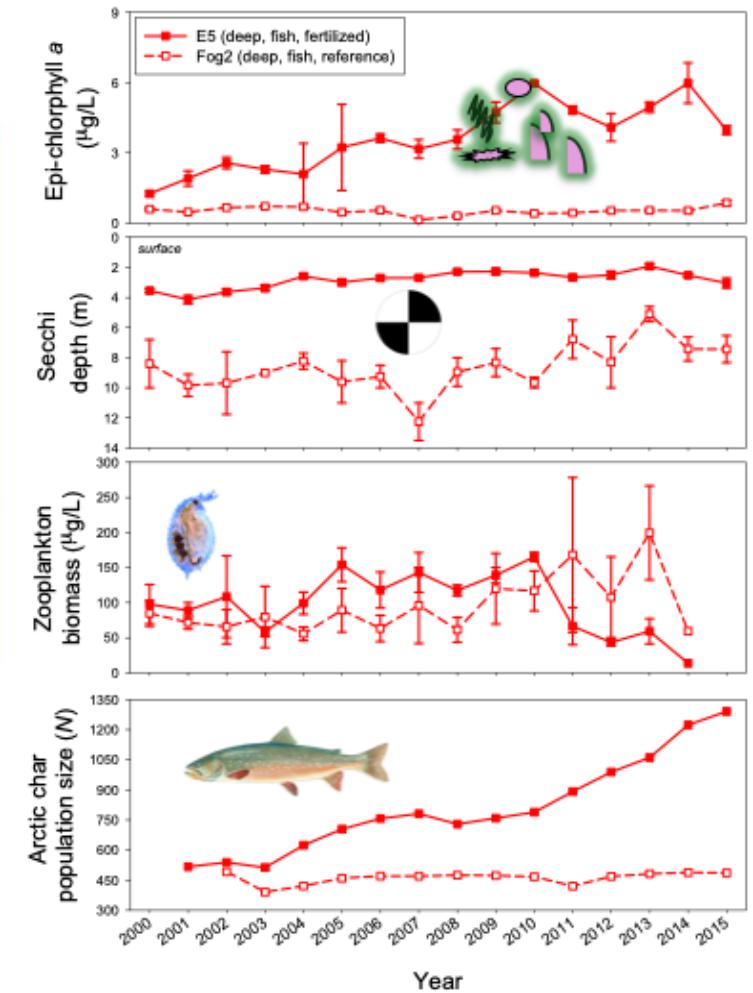
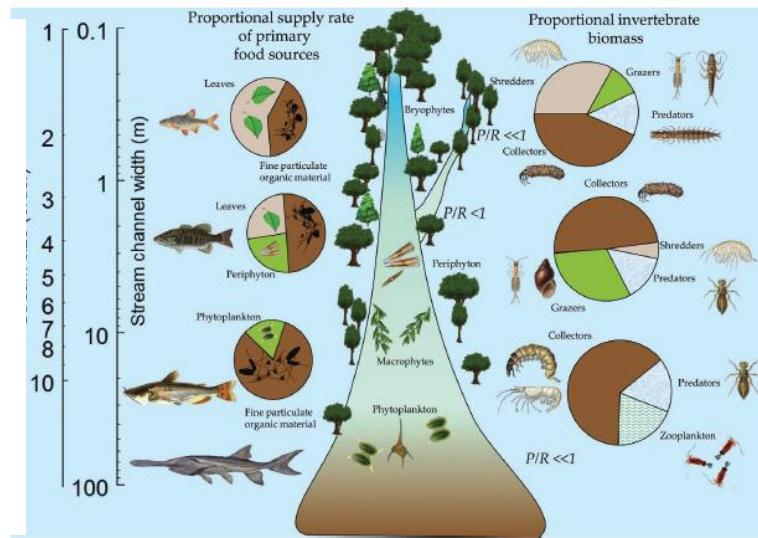
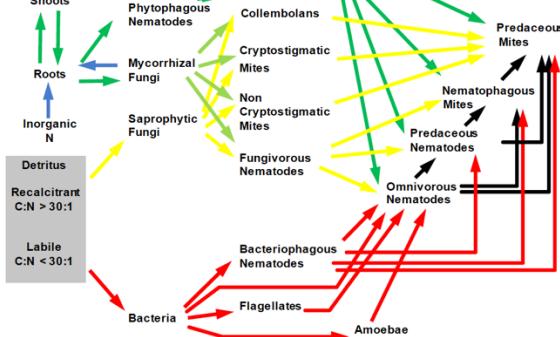
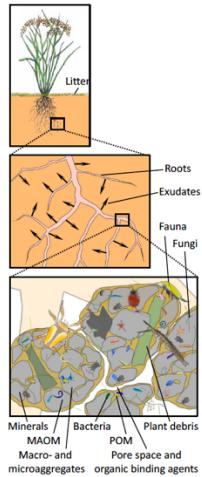
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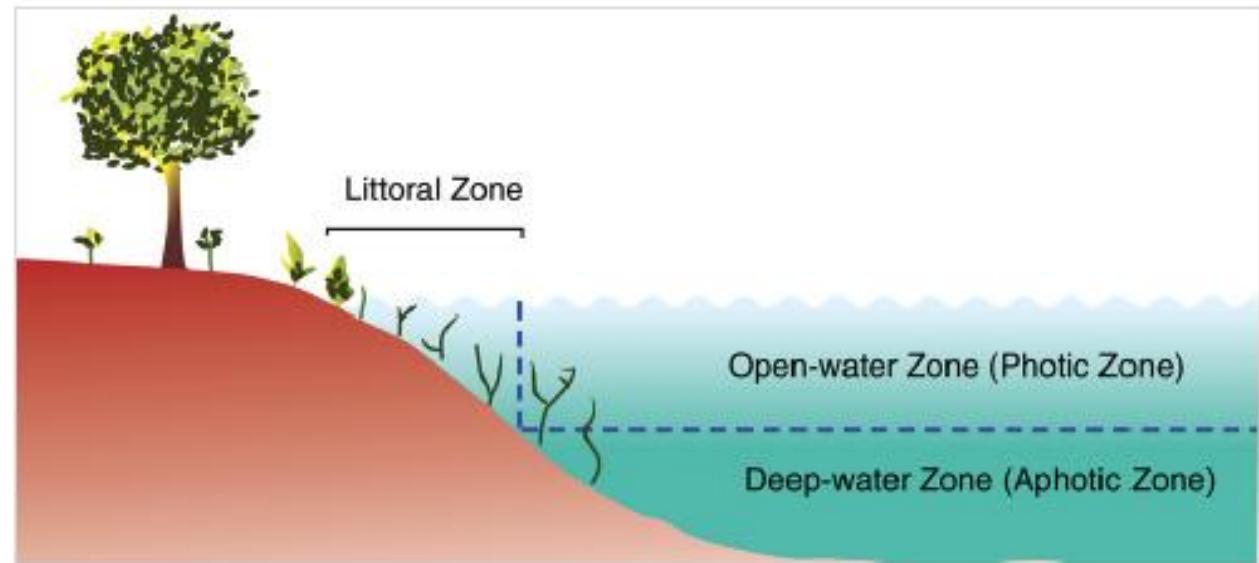
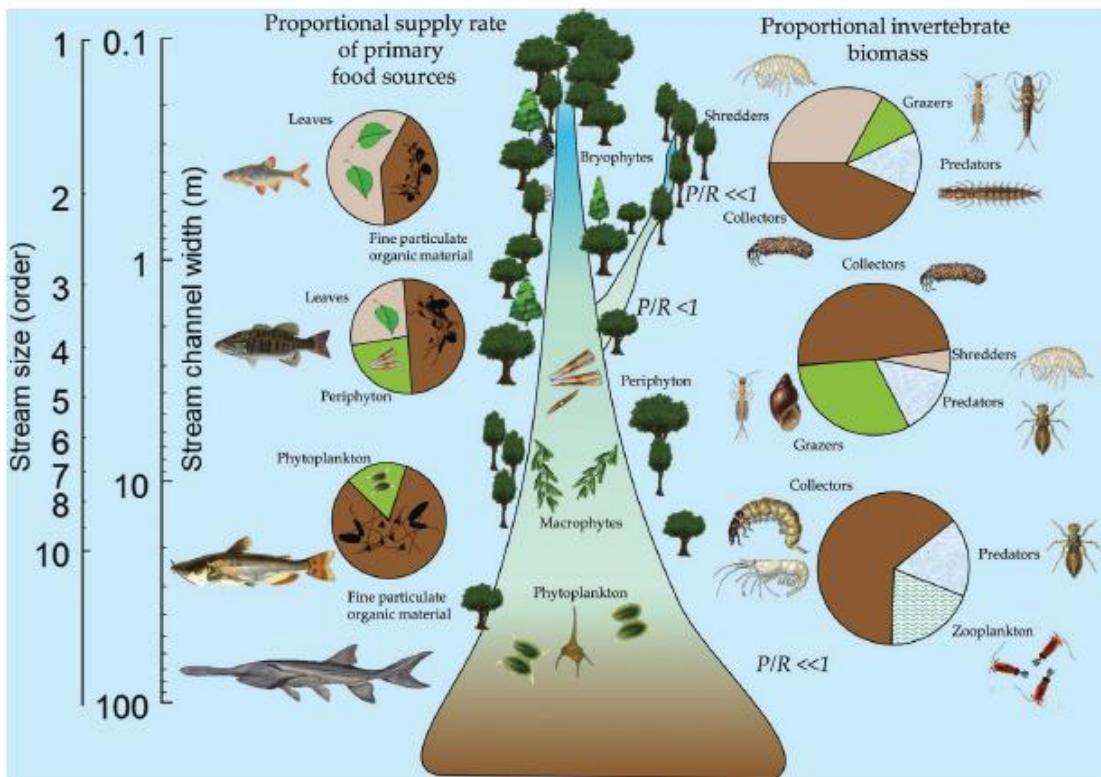
AA = amino acids; CHO = carbohydrates; CPOM = coarse particulate organic matter;  
 FA = fatty acids; FPOM = fine particulate organic matter; HA = hydrophilic acids;  
 HC = hydrocarbons; VPOM = very fine particulate organic matter

**FIGURE 8.7** Size range of particulate and dissolved organic matter and carbon compounds in natural waters. The distinction between dissolved and particulate organic carbon is operationally defined, with investigators typically considering organic molecules that pass through a 0.45-mm filter dissolved. *Source: Reproduced from Hope et al. 1994.*

# Food Webs

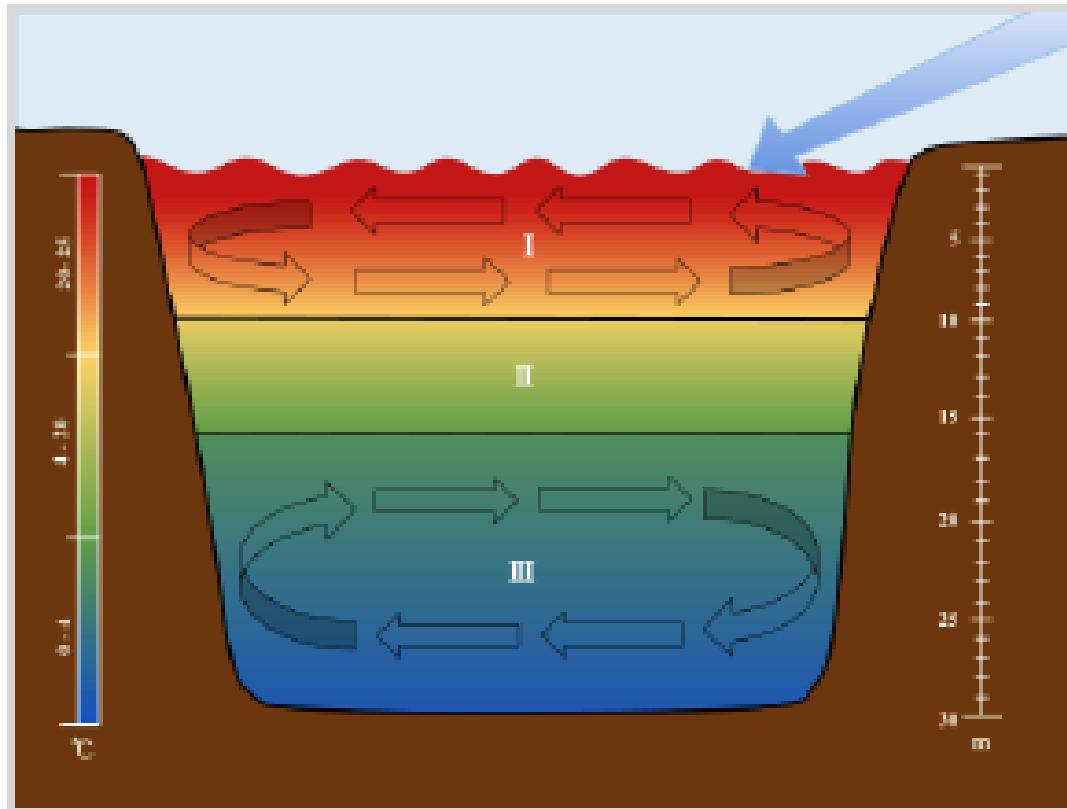


# Lakes



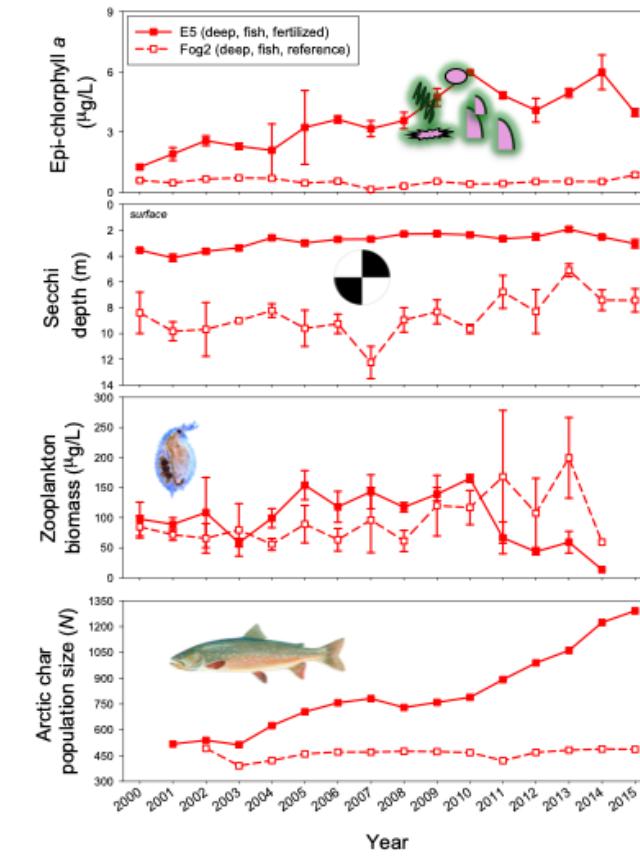
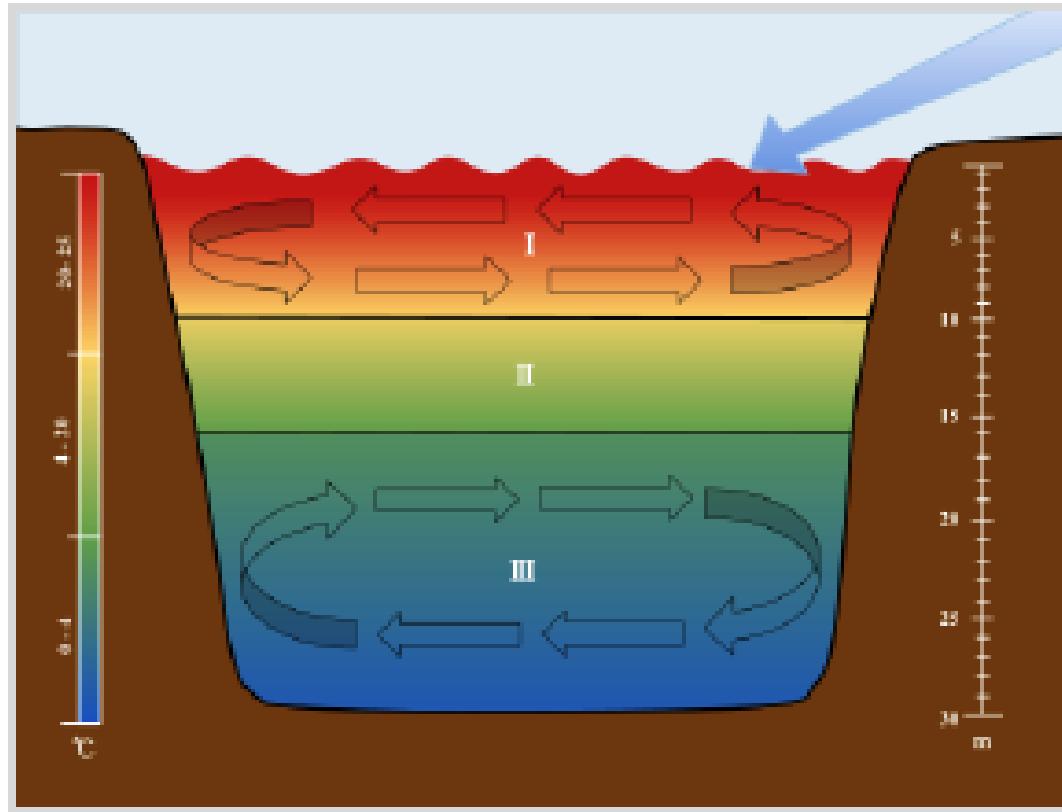
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# Stratification

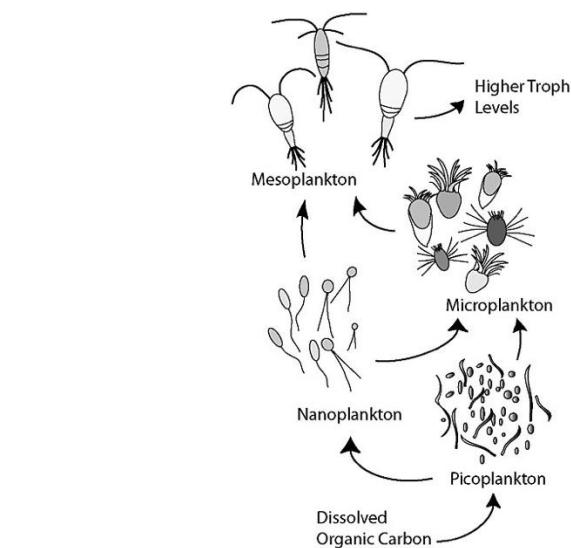
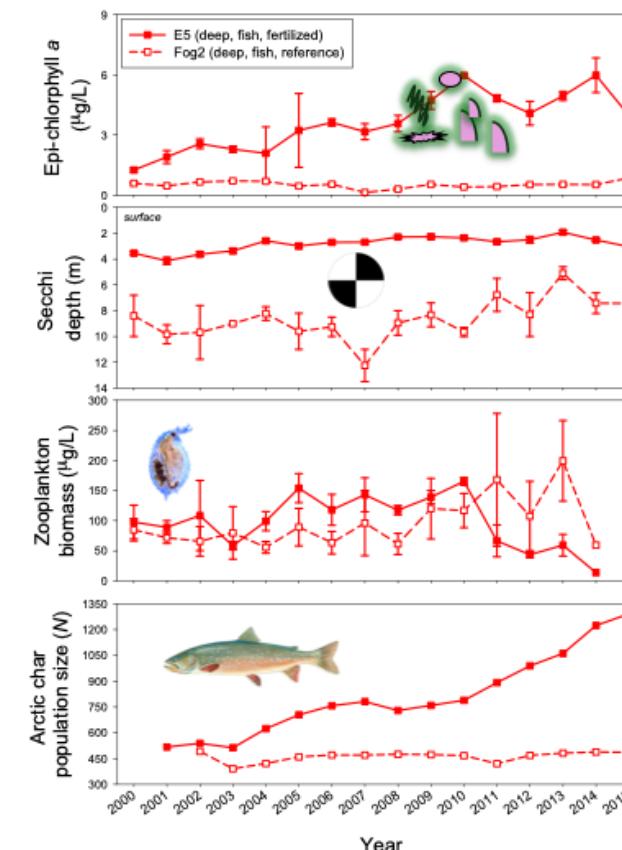
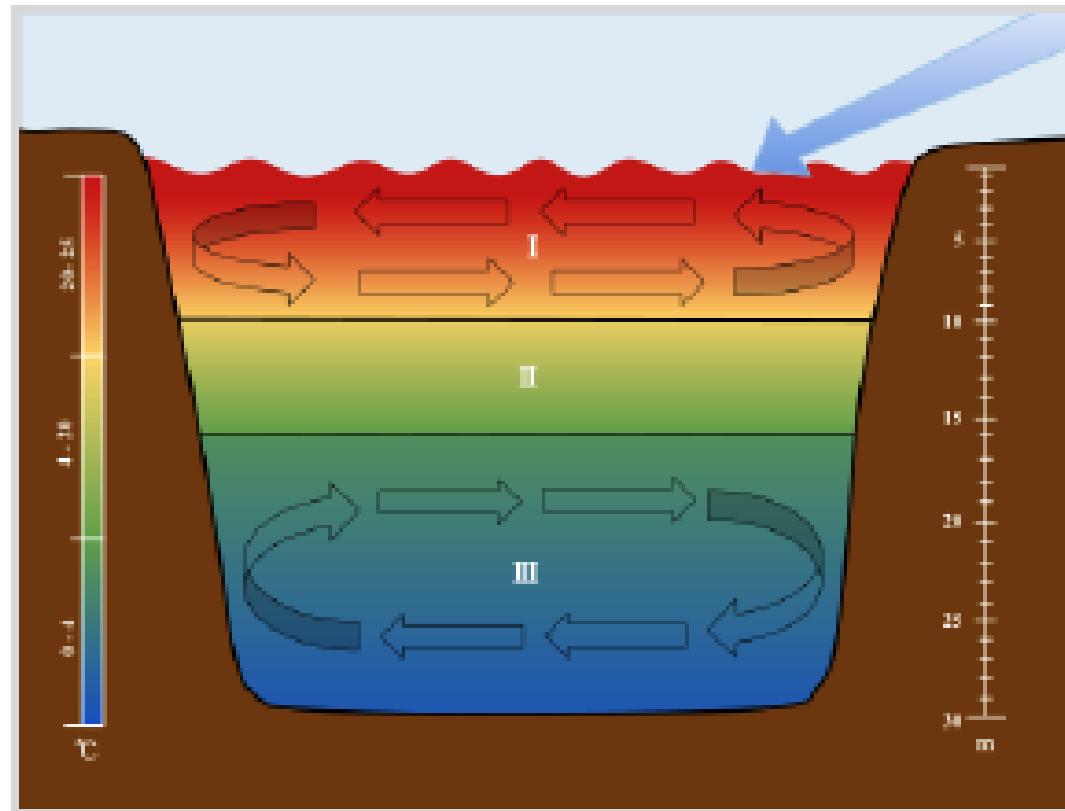


- I. Epilimnion
- II. Metalimnion (*aka* Thermocline)
- III. Hypolimnion

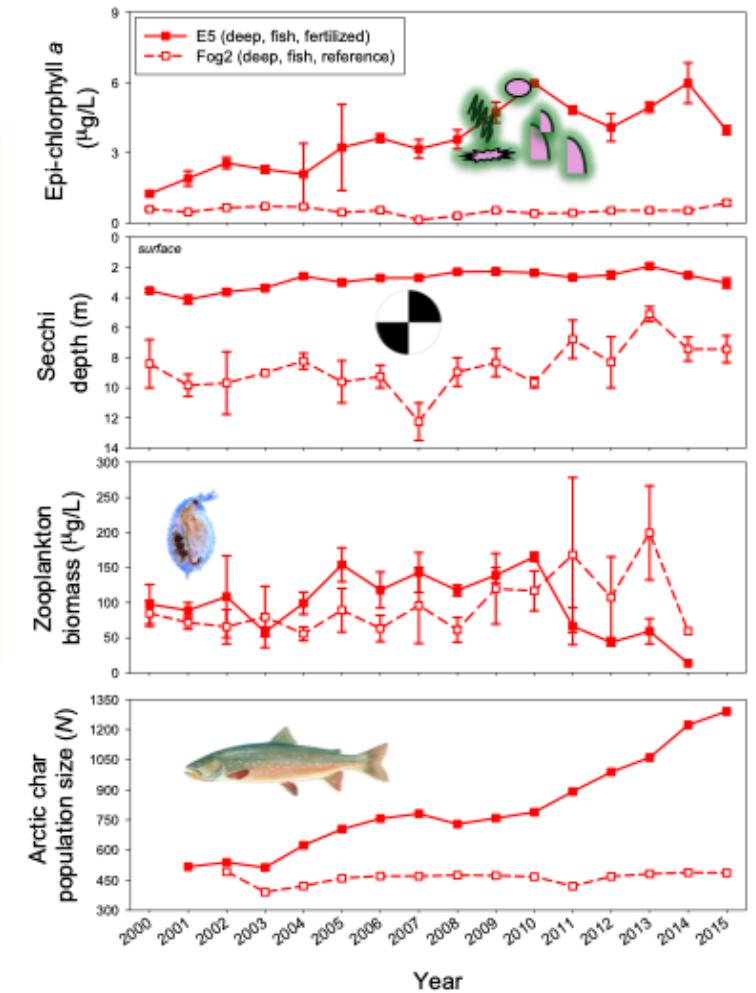
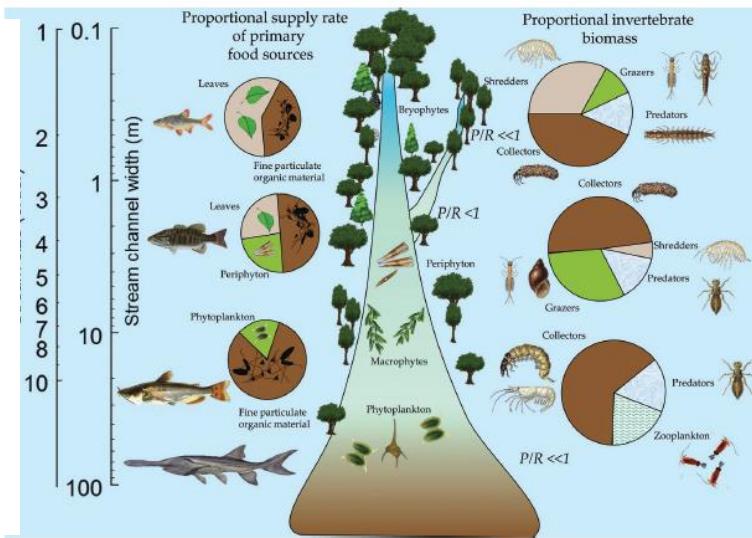
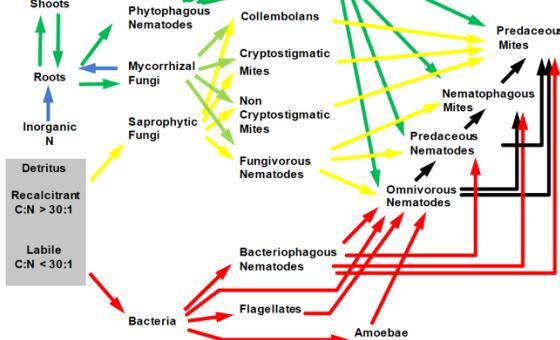
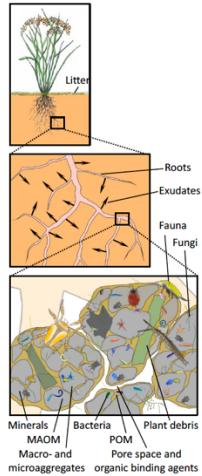
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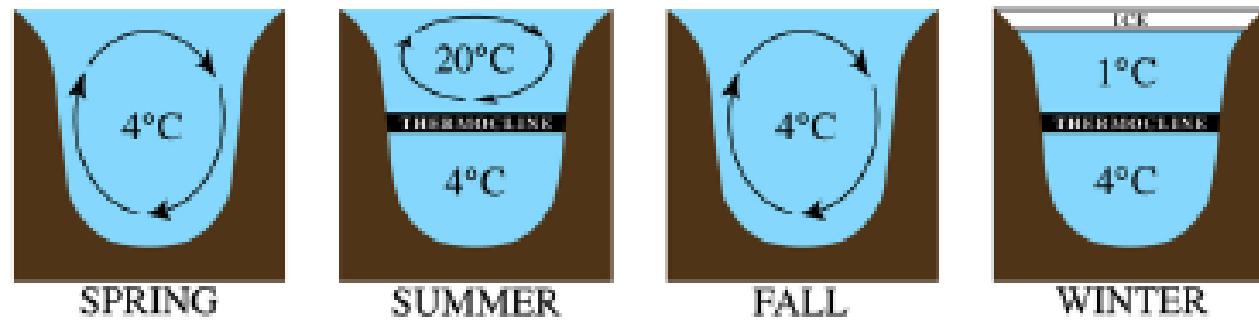
# Stratification



# Food Webs



# Lake Turnover



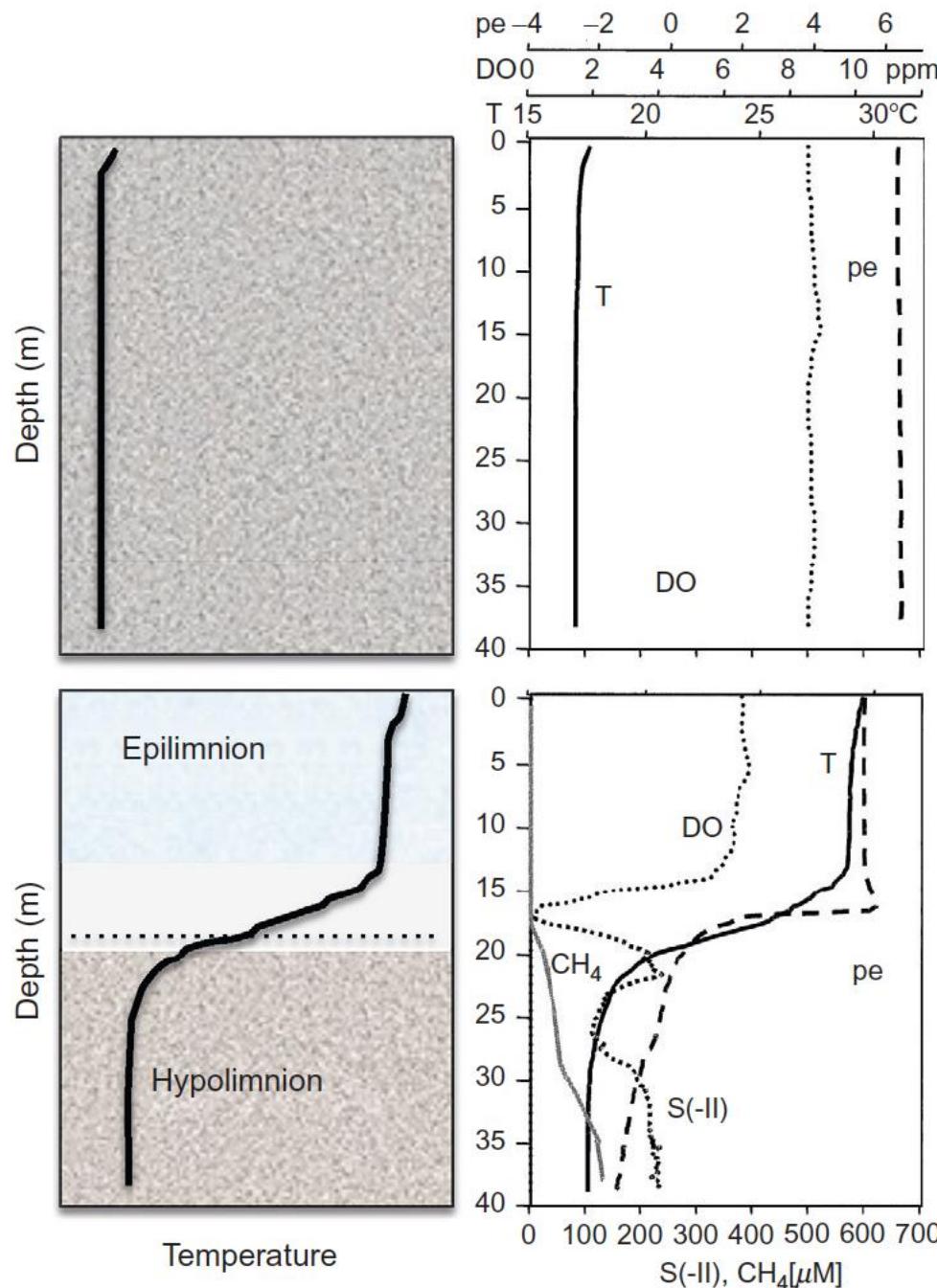
- Dimictic Lakes
- Polymictic Lakes
- Meromictic Lakes

O<sub>2</sub>

Dissolved Nutrients

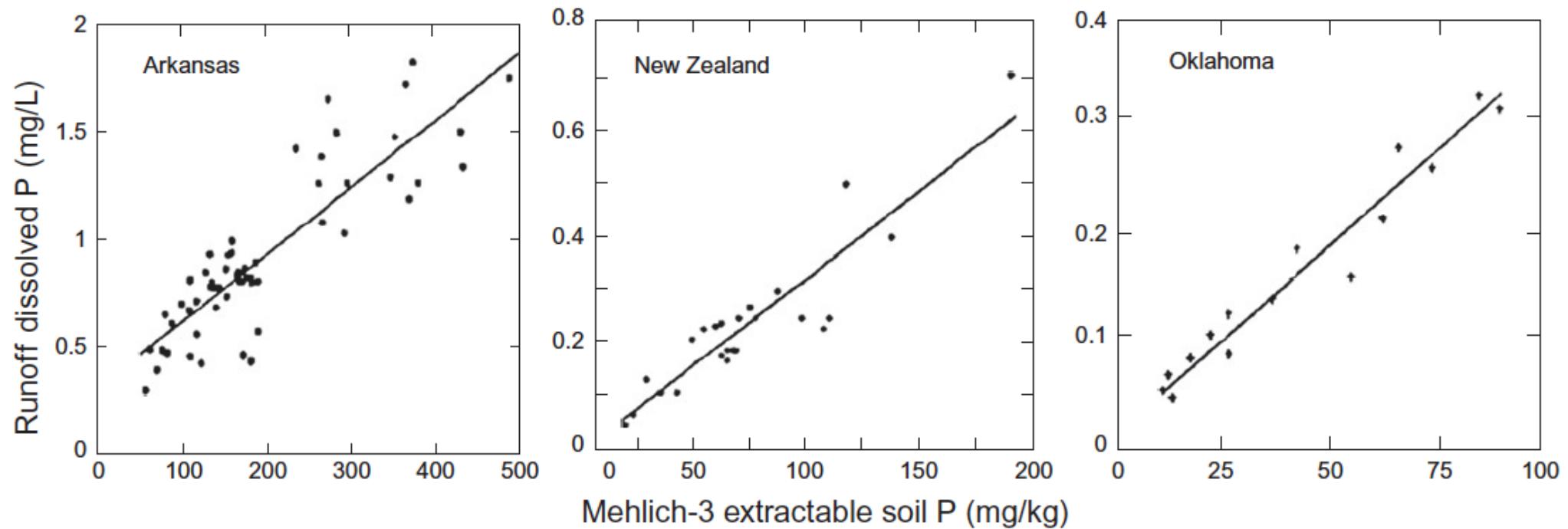
## Anthropogenic Influences

- Nutrient loads
- Pollution (particulates, Salts, Etc...)
- Temperature (Climate Change)

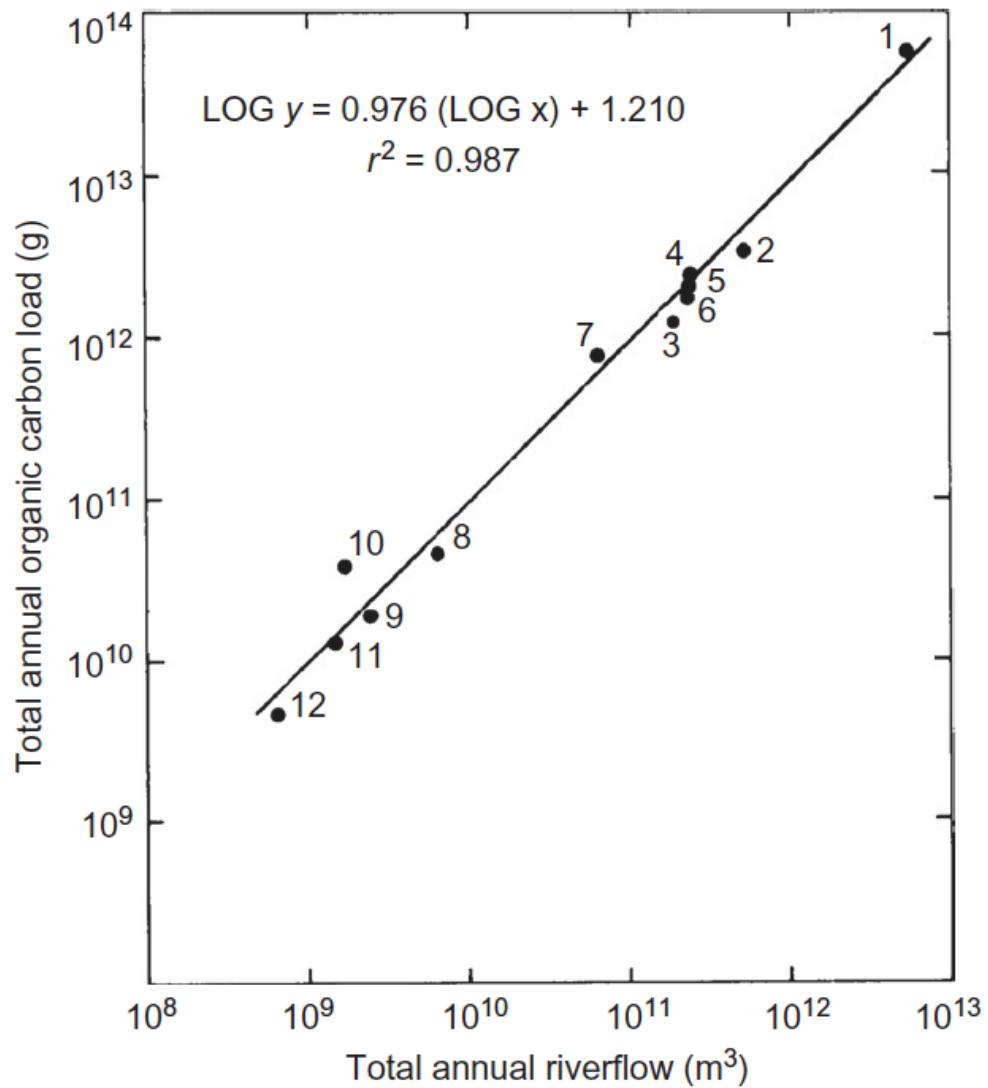


**FIGURE 8.10** In the upper panels are shown a hypothetical and an actual lake temperature profile during winter (data from January). The lower panels show profiles during the period of summer stratification (data from July). The *dashed line* in the lower left panel indicates the lake thermocline. Depth profiles for temperature (T), dissolved oxygen (DO), redox potential (pe), total sulfide (S-II) and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) measured in the water column of Lake Kinneret in the Afro-Syrian rift valley during 1999. *Source:* From Eckert and Conrad 2007. Used with permission of Springer.

## Anthropogenic Influences



**FIGURE 8.4** The nutrient content of surface waters reflect nutrient loading to their catchments. In A–C, the extractable soil phosphorus in agricultural watersheds is a good predictor of the concentrations of dissolved P in receiving streams. *Source: Sharpley et al. 1996. Used with permission of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.*



**FIGURE 8.8** Total annual load of organic carbon shown as a logarithmic function of total annual riverflow for major rivers of the world. *Source: From Schlesinger and Melack 1981 with a revision of the data for the St. Lawrence derived from Pocklington and Tan (1987). Used with permission of the Ecological Society of America.*

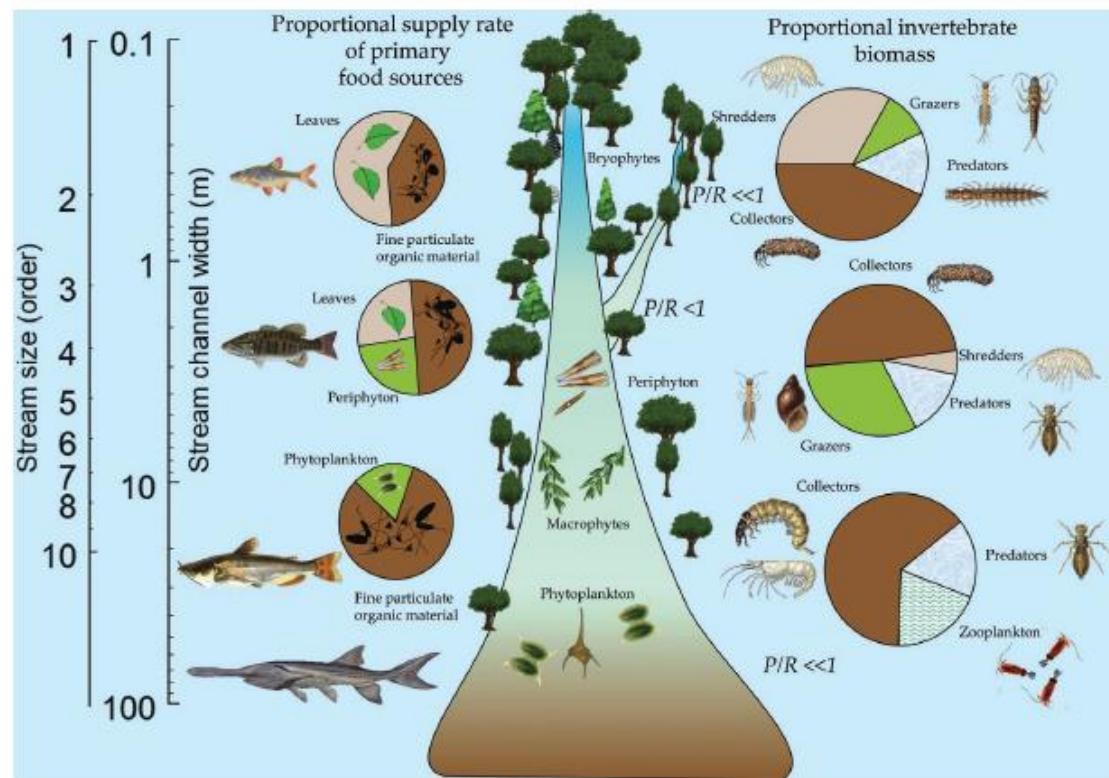
## Reflection 9

The main takeaway for me this week was understanding the similarities and differences in nutrient recycling between aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. Dr. Moore emphasized that the key distinction lies in where and when these processes occur spatially and temporally. In aquatic systems, such as lakes, stratification separates zones of production and decomposition. Without seasonal turnover, the deeper layers would become anaerobic, which would negatively affect productivity within the lake. In contrast, terrestrial ecosystems function as more closed systems, where most nutrients fueling biological processes originate within the system itself.

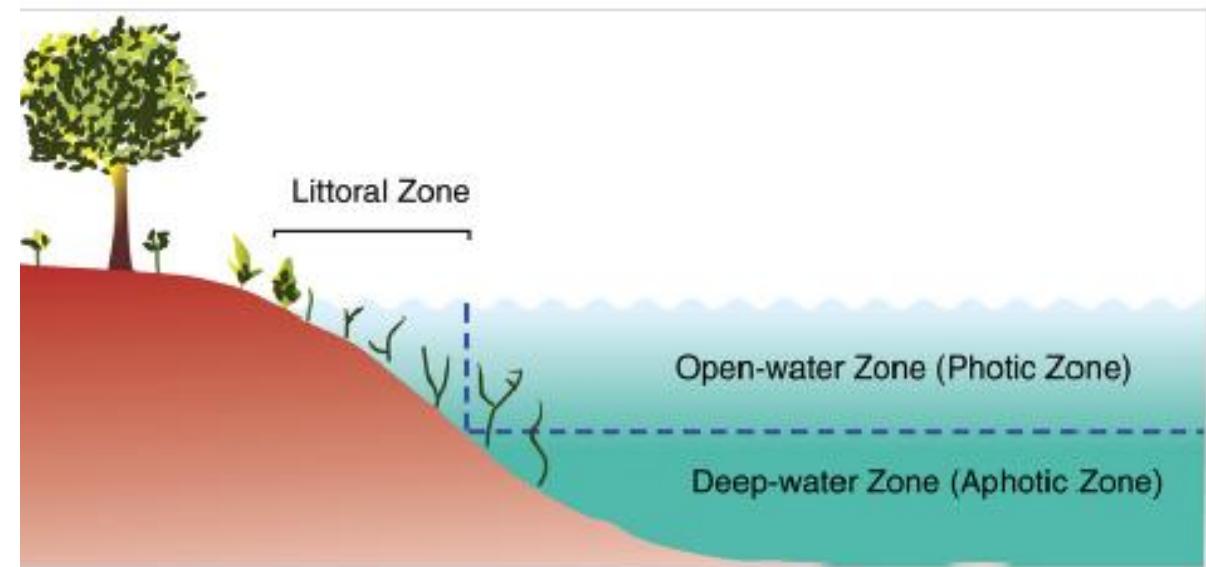
An interesting thing I learned this week was how looking at terrestrial versus aquatic ecosystems from different scales can sort of make them appear more similar or more different in terms of structure and function. When we started talking about lake and stream ecosystems, I felt like I was able to make a lot of connections from some of the limnology case studies I read in my previous ecosystem ecology class with Ed Hall. The dynamics of aquatic ecosystems- especially in Colorado- have become a lot more interesting to me in the past couple of years in ESS, and I've decided to pursue a career in water resources (for now) because of that!

I think the most interesting thing we learned this week was about the different layers of lakes. I still don't quite understand everything surrounding the Littoral Zone, Photic Zone, and the Aphotic Zone, but I think it's really interesting to know there are so many different aspects of ecosystems that I didn't know before. Over this next week, I'm going to go more in-depth to understand it better, as it seems important to understand how it applies to the overall mechanics of lake systems.

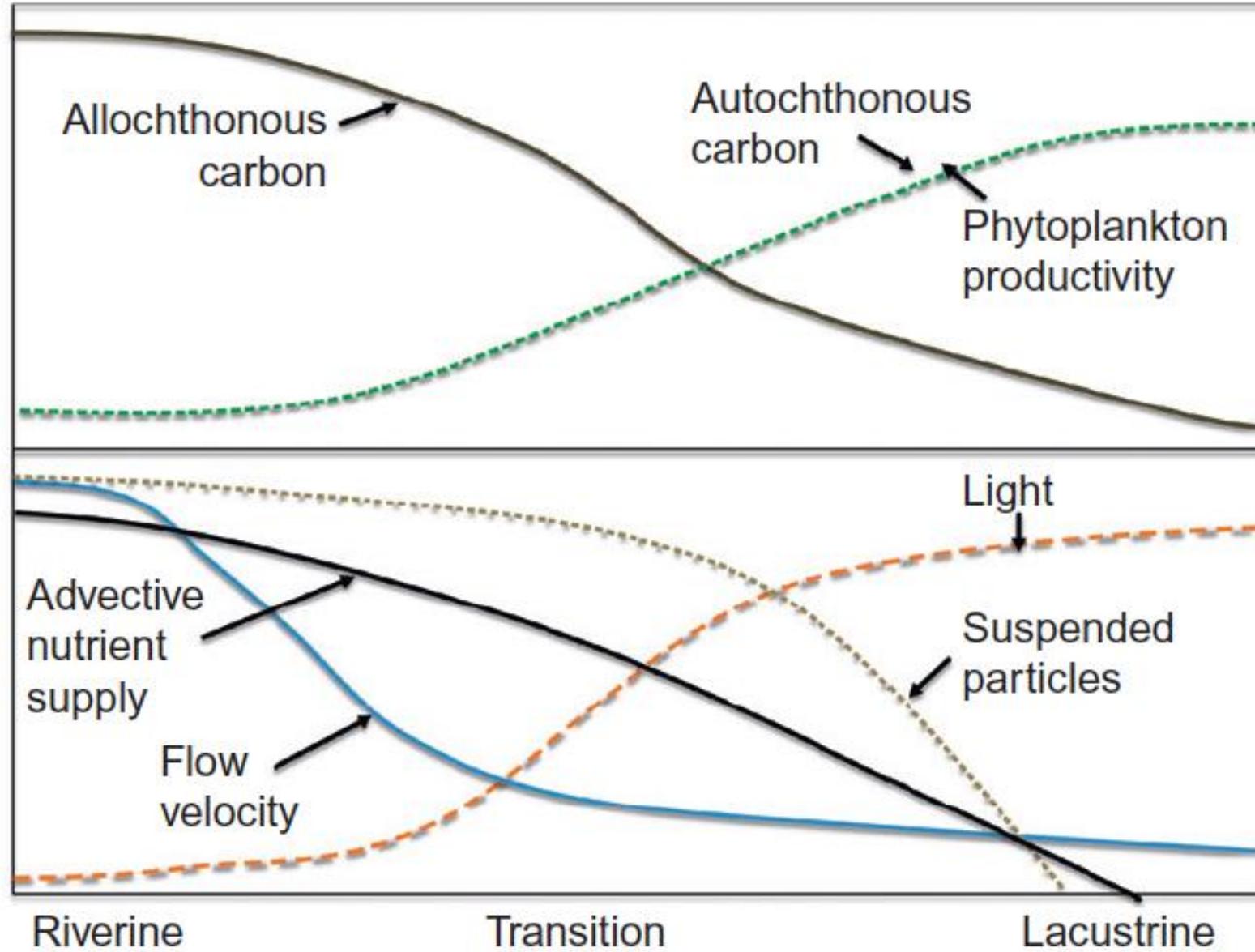
# Streams



# Lakes



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**FIGURE 8.19** Commonly observed shifts in flow, light, nutrients, and sources of organic matter in the transition between rivers and lakes.

# Trophic Status of Lakes

TABLE 8.2 Lake Classification by Trophic Status

Trophic type	Mean primary productivity (mg C m <sup>-2</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )	Phytoplankton biomass (mg C m <sup>-3</sup> )	Chlorophyll a (mg m <sup>-3</sup> )	Light extinction coefficient ( $\eta\text{m}^{-1}$ )	Total Organic Carbon (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	Total P ( $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ )	Total N ( $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ )
Ultra-oligotrophic	<50	<50	0.01–0.05	0.03–0.08		<1–5	<1–250
Oligotrophic	50–300	20–100	0.3–3	0.05–1	<1–3		
Oligomesotrophic						5–10	250–600
Mesotrophic	250–1000	100–300	2–15	0.1–2.0	<1–5		
Mesoeutrophic						10–30	500–1100
Eutrophic	>1000	>300	10–500	0.5–4.0	5–30		
Hypereutrophic						30–>5000	500–>15,000
Dystrophic	<50–500	<50–200	0.1–10	1.0–4.0	3–30	<1–10	<1–500

Source: Modified from Wetzel 2001 (Table 15.13, p. 389).

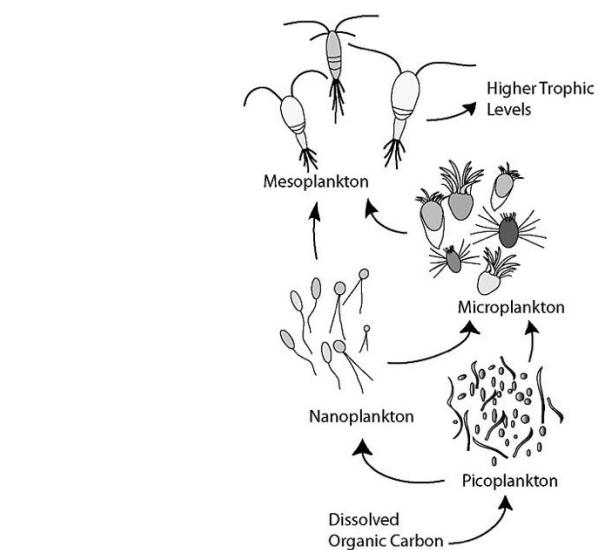
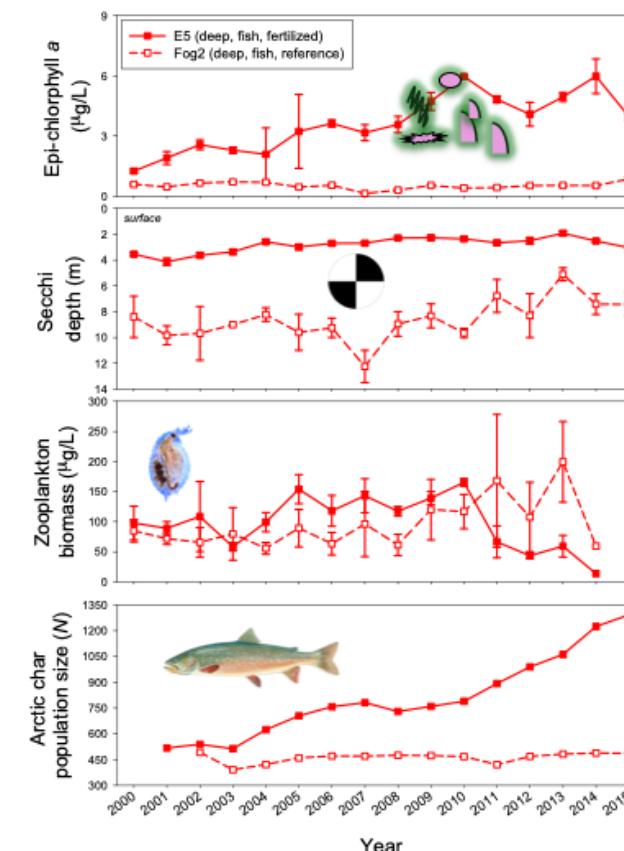
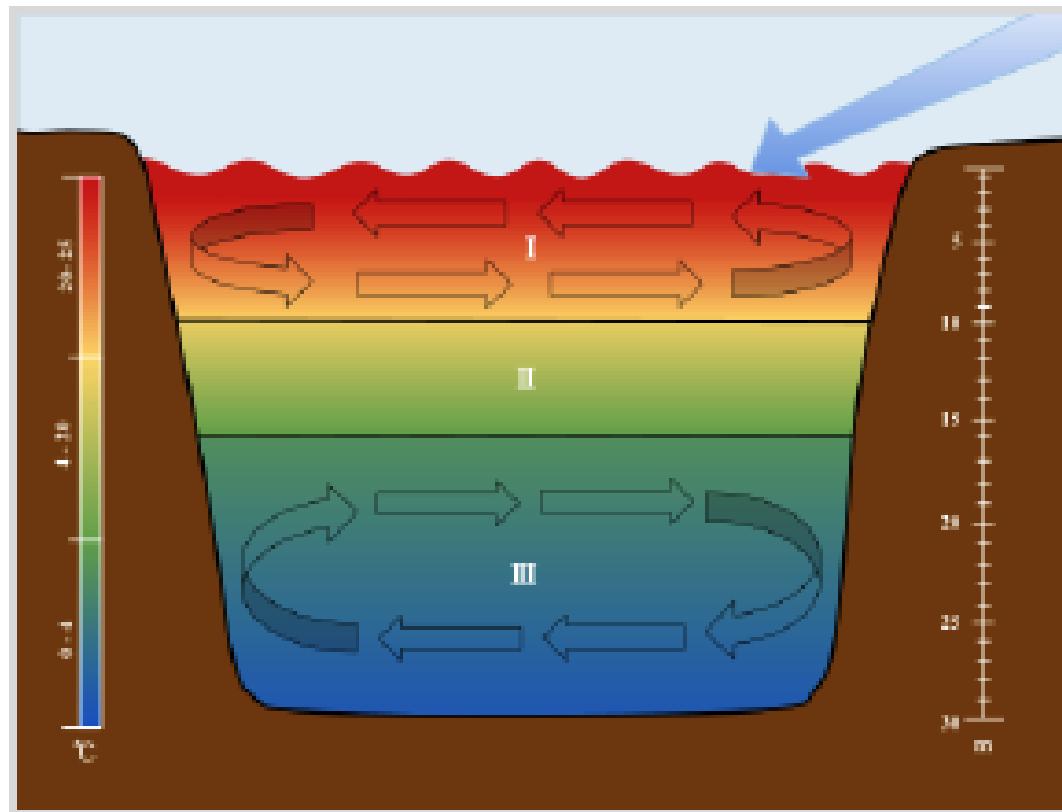
$$NPP = ([O_2]_{t2} - [O_2]_{t1})_{\text{LIGHT}} \quad (8.6)$$

$$GPP = ([O_2]_{t2} - [O_2]_{t1})_{\text{LIGHT}} - ([O_2]_{t2} - [O_2]_{t1})_{\text{DARK}}. \quad (8.7)$$

$$\Delta \text{Storage} = [\text{Inputs}] - [\text{Outputs}] \quad (8.4)$$

$$\Delta S = [P_W + P_B + A_I] - [R_W + R_B + B + H_O], \quad (8.5)$$

where  $\Delta S$ =change in C storage within the lake,  $P_W$ =water column photosynthesis,  $P_B$ =benthic photosynthesis,  $A_I$ =allochthonous input of organic carbon,  $R_W$ =water column respiration,  $R_B$ =benthic respiration,  $B$ =permanent burial in sediments, and  $H_O$  = hydrologic loss of organic carbon from outflows.

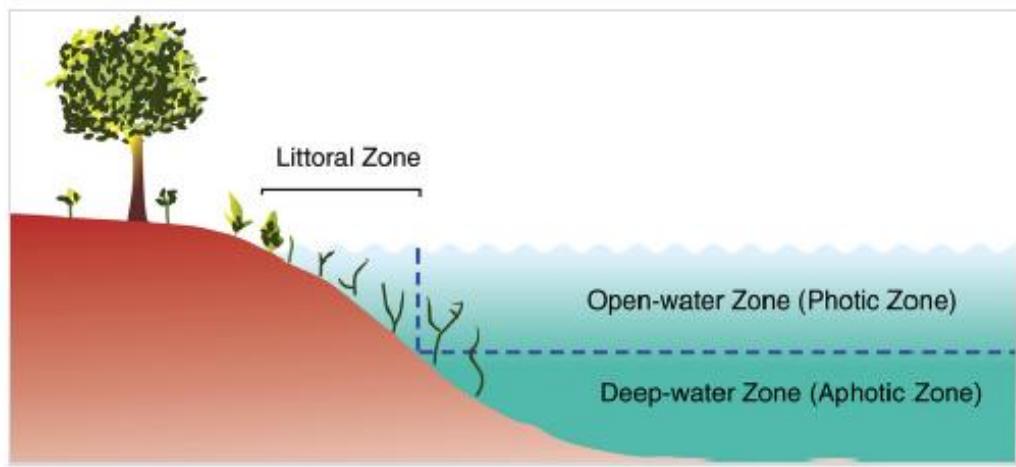


# Carbon Cycling in Lakes

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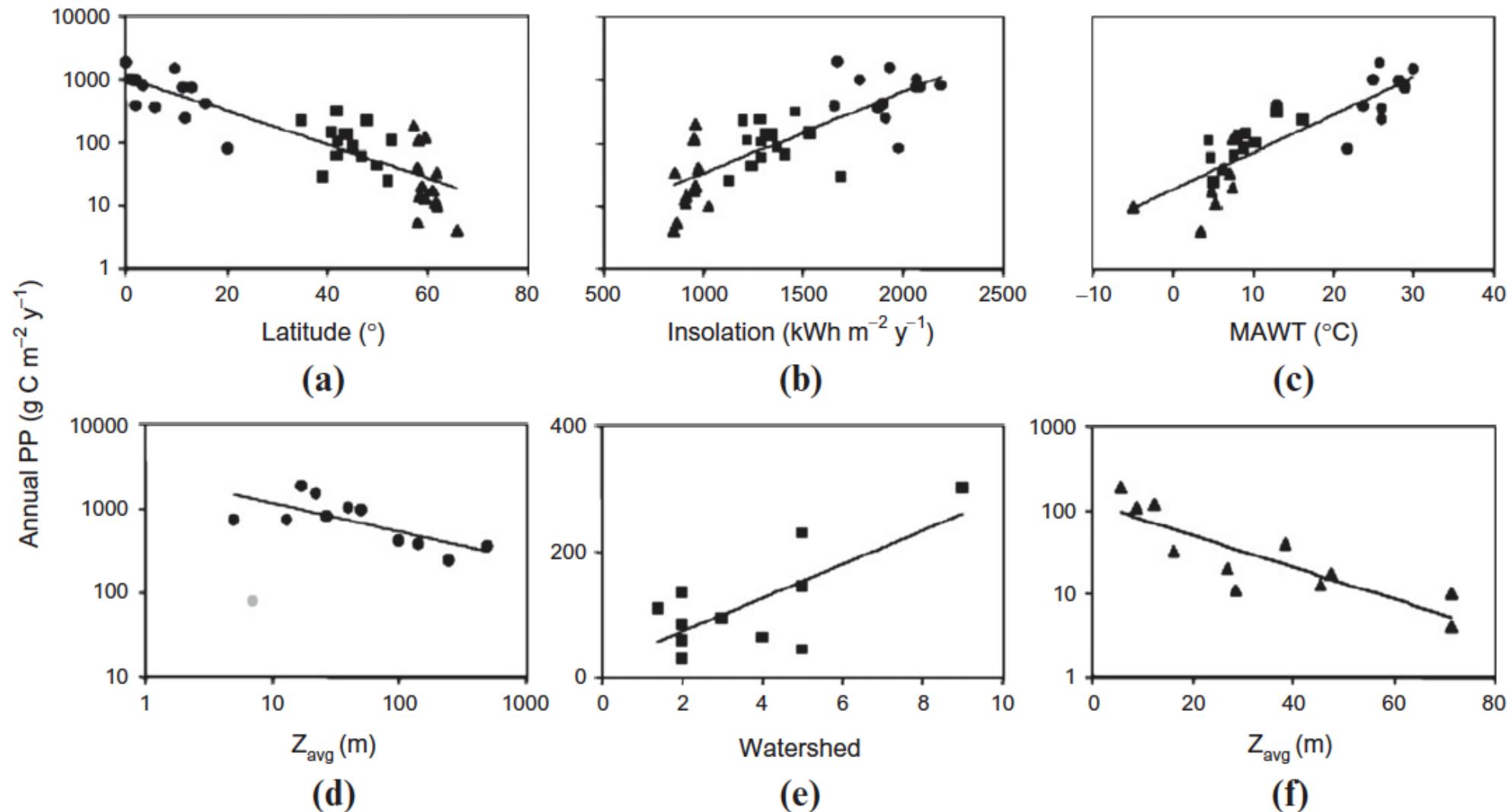


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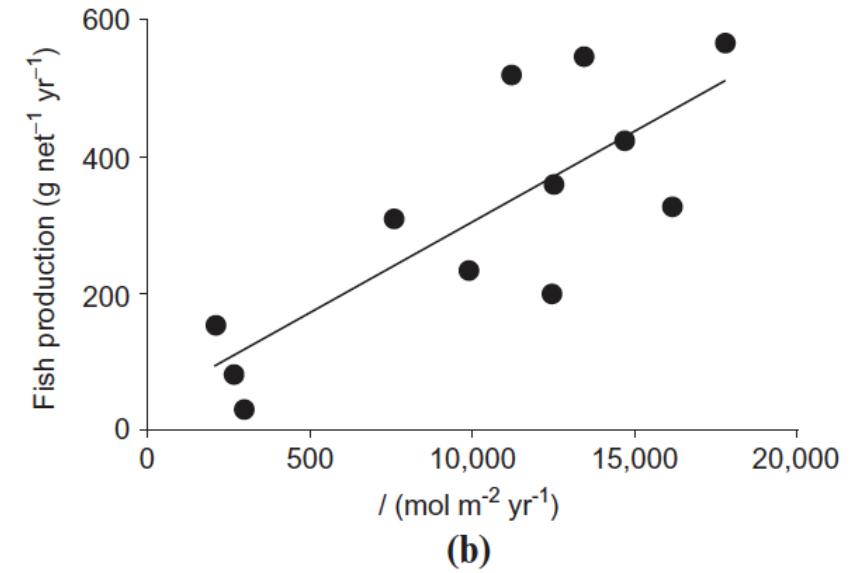
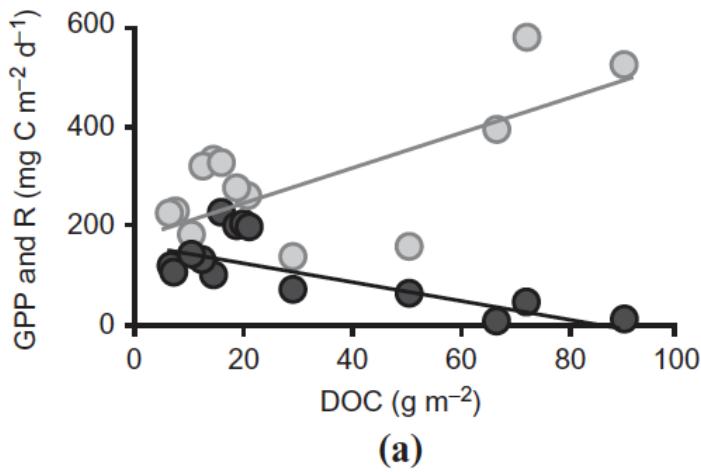
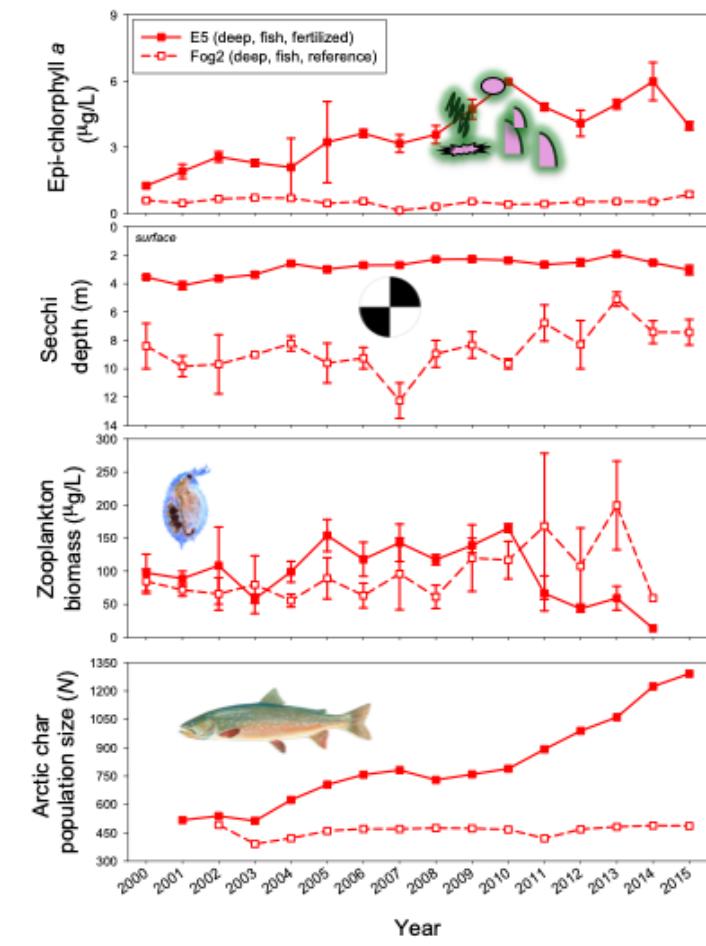
**TABLE 8.3** Organic Matter Budgets for Lawrence Lake in Michigan and Mirror Lake in New Hampshire

	Inputs	$\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$	Inputs	$\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$	Inputs
Net primary production (NPP)	191.4		88%	87.5	83%
POC					
Phytoplankton	43.3		20%	78.5	74%
Epiphytic algae	37.9		18%	2.2	2%
Epipelagic algae	2		1%	—	—
Macrophytes	87.9		41%	2.8	3%
Bacterial $\text{CO}_2$ fixation	—		—	4	4%
DOC released by macrophytes					
Littoral	5.5		3%	—	—
Pelagic	14.7		7%	—	—
Imports					
POC	25.1		12%	17.93	17%
DOC	4.1		2%	6.63	6%
Total available organic inputs	216.5			105.43	
Outputs	$\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$	Outputs	$\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$	Inputs	
Respiration	159.7		74%	87.53	83%
Benthic	117.5		55%	43.13	41%
Water column	42.2		20%	44.4	42%
C Storage in Sediments	16.8		8%	7.6	7%
Exports					
POC	38.6		18%	10.2	10%
DOC	2.8		1%	1.05	1%
Total removal of carbon	35.8		17%	9.15	9%
	215.1			105.33	

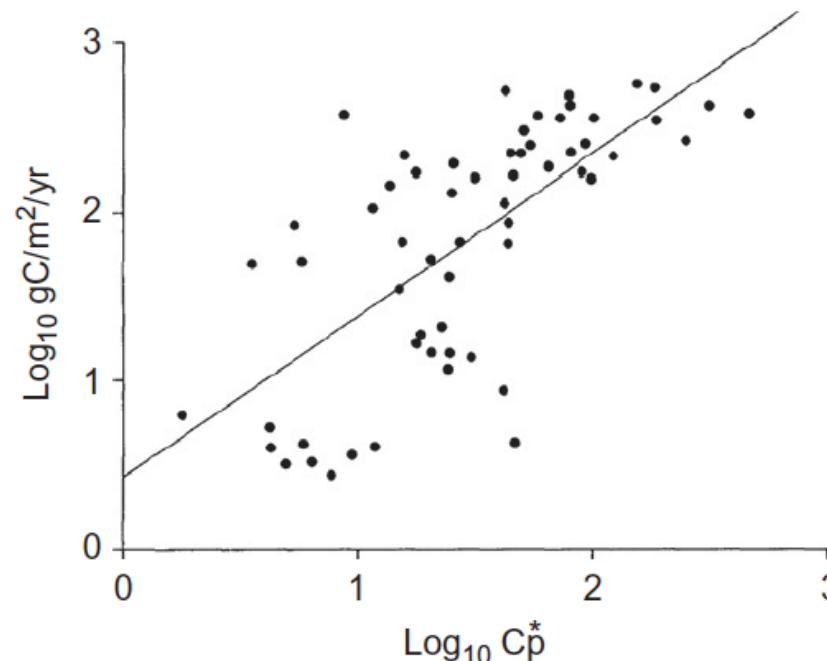
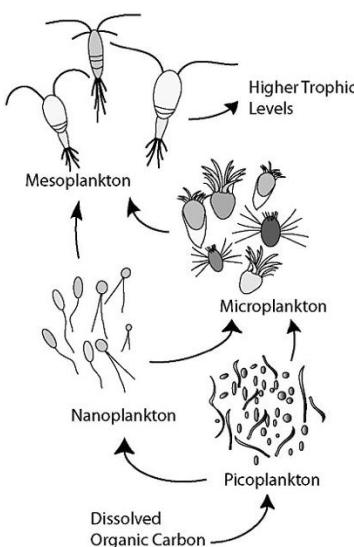
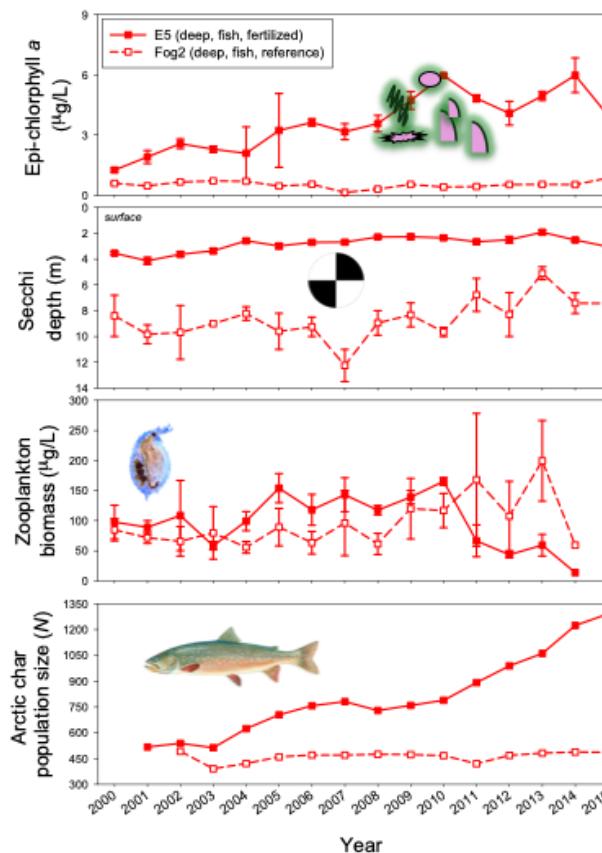
Sources: Rich and Wetzel 1978; Jordan and Likens 1975.



**FIGURE 8.12** Global-scale relationships between annual primary production and the environmental variables: (a) latitude, (b) incident solar radiation, (c) mean annual water temperature, (d) depth, (e) watershed to lake area ratio, and (f) average lake depth (z). *Source: From Alin and Johnson 2007. Used with permission of the American Geophysical Union.*

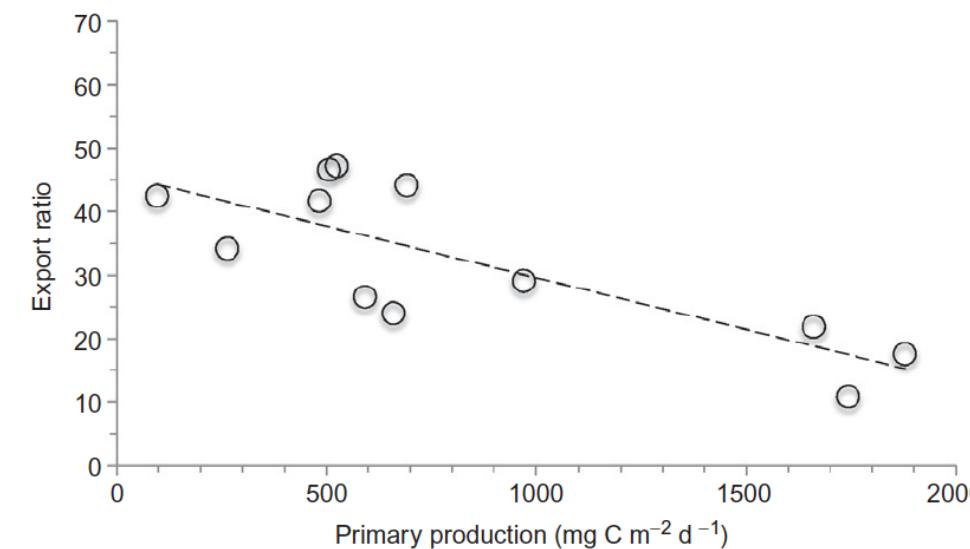


**FIGURE 8.15** Light limitation of primary and secondary production in Swedish lakes. (a) Whole-lake gross primary production (GPP, dark gray circles) and respiration (R, light gray circles) for 15 lakes in northern Sweden. (b) Fish production as a function of the annual light climate ( $I$ , representing the mean PAR in the whole-lake volume during the ice-free period) for 12 lakes in northern Sweden ( $r_2=0.63$ ,  $p=0.002$ ). Sources: (a) From Ask et al. 2012, used with permission of American Geophysical Union; (b) from Karlsson et al. 2009, used with permission of Nature Publishing Group.



## Phosphorus Cycle in Lakes

**FIGURE 8.13** The relationship between net primary production and the phosphorus concentration of lakes of the world is fit by the line  $\log [P] = 0.83 \log \text{NPP} + 0.56$  ( $r=0.69$ ). Schindler excluded lakes with N:P ratios in inputs of  $<5:1$  from this analysis. Source: Adapted with permission from Schindler (1978).



**FIGURE 8.17** The percentage of planktonic productivity that sinks to the hypolimnion in lakes as a function of their net primary production. Source: Modified from Baines and Pace 1994. Used with permission of NRC Research Press.

N and P in Lakes

Sucrose + N + P

→ Blue-green Algae

Sucrose + N

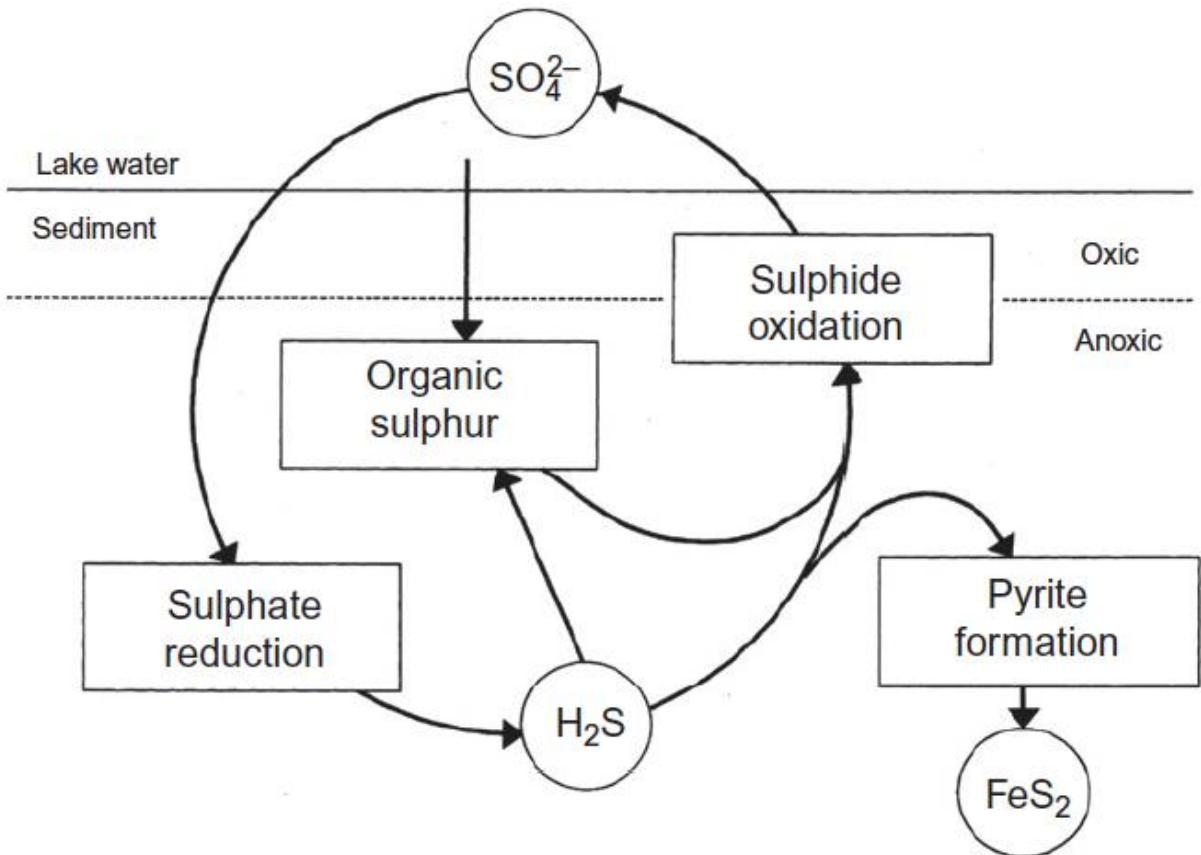
→ Phytoplankton



**FIGURE 1.5** An ecosystem-level experiment in which a lake was divided and one half (distant) fertilized with phosphorus, while the basin in the foreground acted as a control. The phosphorus-fertilized basin shows a bloom of nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria. *Source: From Schindler (1974); [www.sciencemag.org/content/184/4139/897.short](http://www.sciencemag.org/content/184/4139/897.short).* Used with permission.

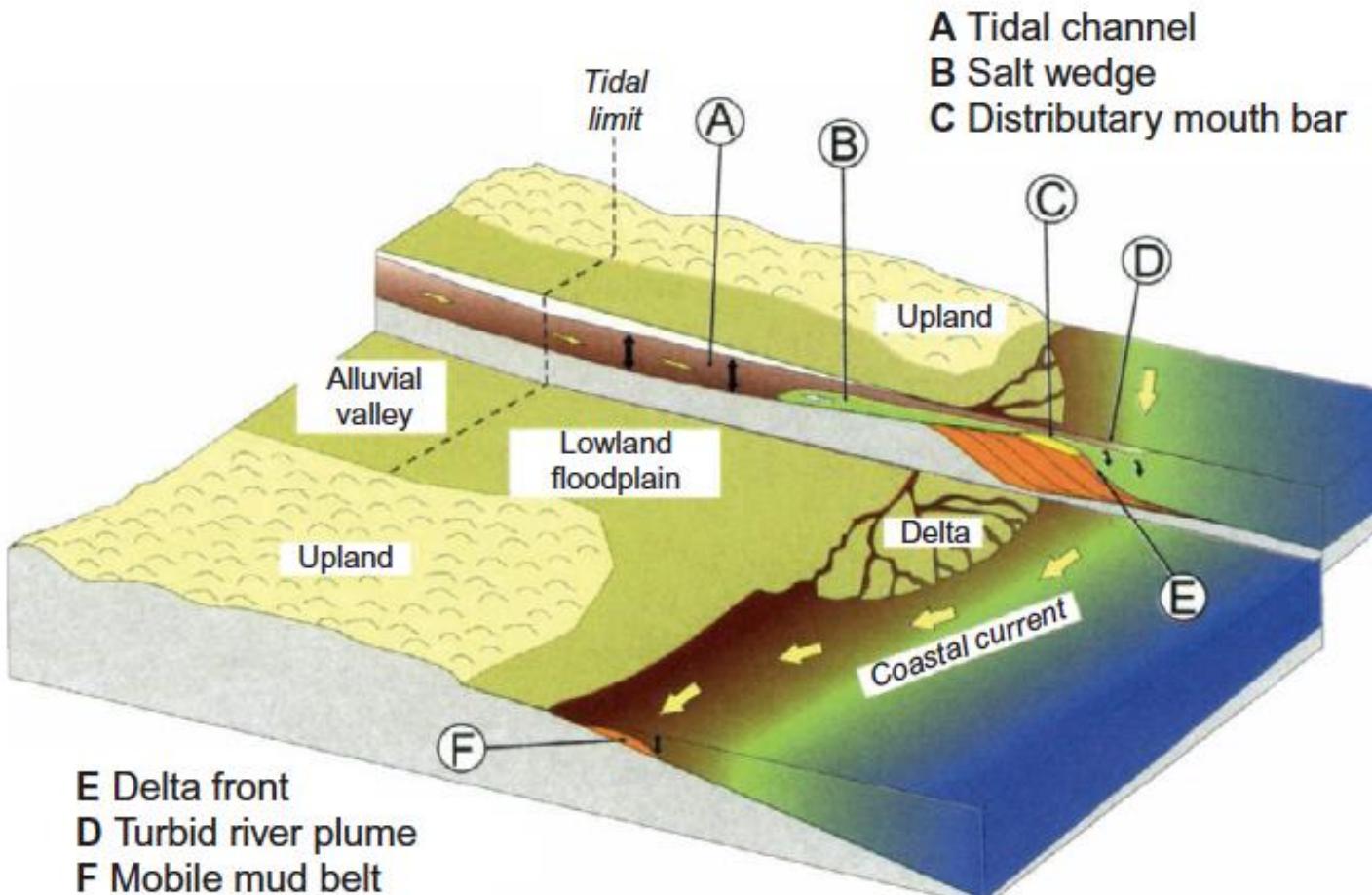
# Sulfur Cycling in Lakes

	H <sub>2</sub> O/O <sub>2</sub>	C	N	S
H <sub>2</sub> O/O <sub>2</sub>	X	Photosynthesis CO <sub>2</sub> → C H <sub>2</sub> O → O <sub>2</sub>		
C	Respiration C → CO <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> → H <sub>2</sub> O	X	Denitrification C → CO <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> → N <sub>2</sub>	Sulfate- Reduction C → CO <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> → H <sub>2</sub> S
N	Heterotrophic Nitration NH <sub>4</sub> → NO <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> → H <sub>2</sub> O	Chemoautotrophy (Nitration) NH <sub>4</sub> → NO <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> → C	Anammox NH <sub>4</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> → N <sub>2</sub> + 2H <sub>2</sub> O	?
S	Sulfur Oxidation S → SO <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> → H <sub>2</sub> O	Chemoautotrophy (Sulfur-based Photosynthesis) S → SO <sub>4</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> → C	Autotrophic Denitrification S → SO <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> → N <sub>2</sub> /NH <sub>4</sub>	X



**FIGURE 8.18** A simplified lake sediment sulfur cycle. Source: From Holmer and Storkholm 2001.

# Estuaries



**FIGURE 8.31** Generic diagram of a river estuary. The estuary boundaries are defined as the upper limit of the tidal influence within the river inflow to the coastal boundary of freshwater influence. *Source: From Bianchi and Allison 2009. Used with permission of the National Academy of Sciences.*

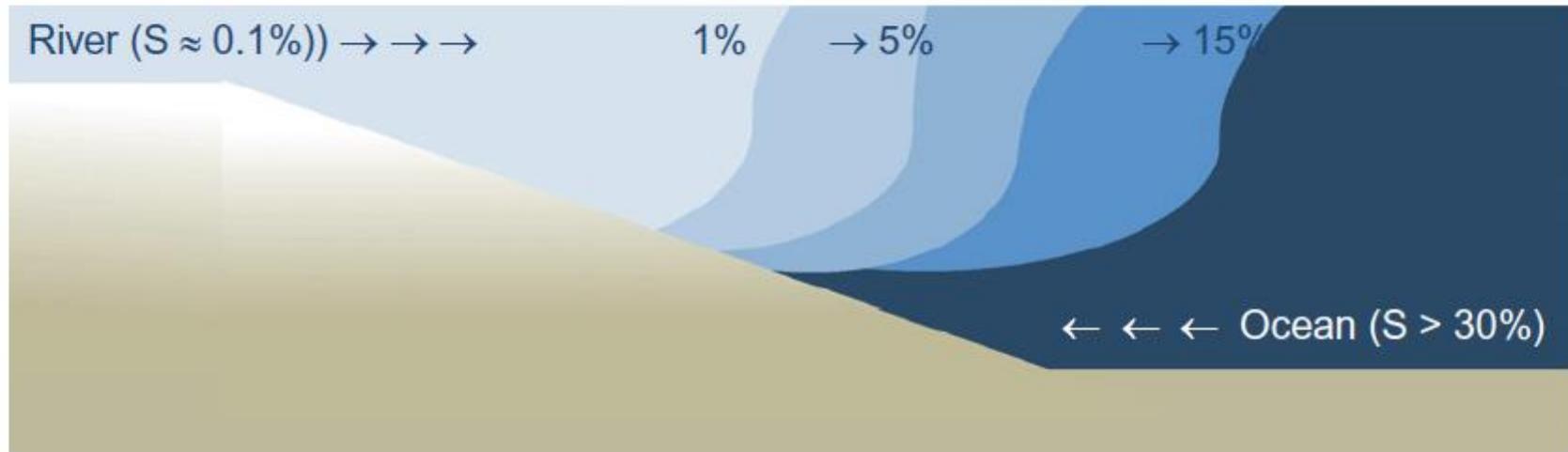
**TABLE 8.7** A Compilation of Literature Estimates of GPP, R, and NEP for Streams, Rivers, and Estuaries from Whole-Ecosystem Metabolism Estimates

Ecosystem	GPP (g Cm <sup>-2</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )	R (g Cm <sup>-2</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )	NEP (g Cm <sup>-2</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )	Global R (Pg Cy <sup>-1</sup> )	Global net heterotrophy (Pg Cy <sup>-1</sup> )
Streams (n = 62)	0.73±0.14 (0.02–5.62)	1.93±0.19 (0.29–8.16)	−1.20±0.15 (−5.86–2.51)	0.19	0.12
River (n = 37)	0.91±0.10 (0.06–2.28)	1.53±0.15 (0.20–3.54)	−0.66±0.11 (−2.06–1.60)	0.16	0.07
Estuaries (n = 31)	3.14±0.41 (0.72–10.4)	3.51±0.32 (0.83–7.58)	−0.39±0.21 (−2.98–2.86)	1.20	0.13

Note: Given is the mean standard error and the minimum and maximum in brackets. Ecosystems with the same superscript are not statistically different.

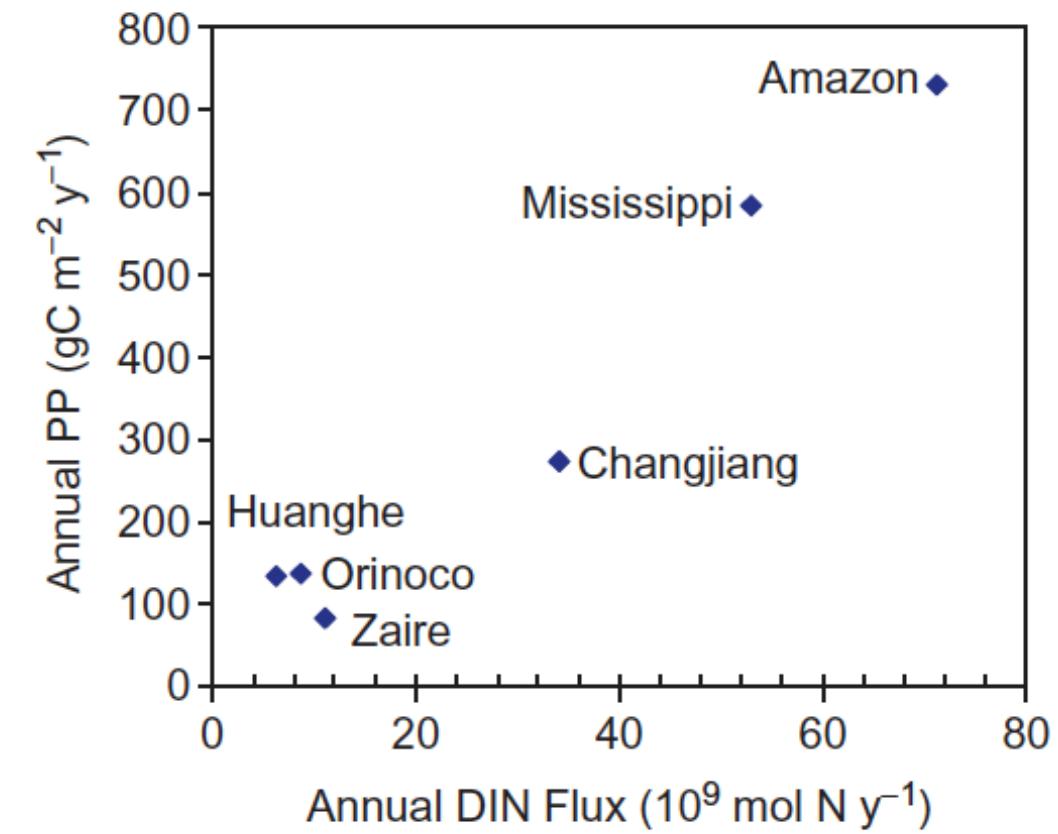
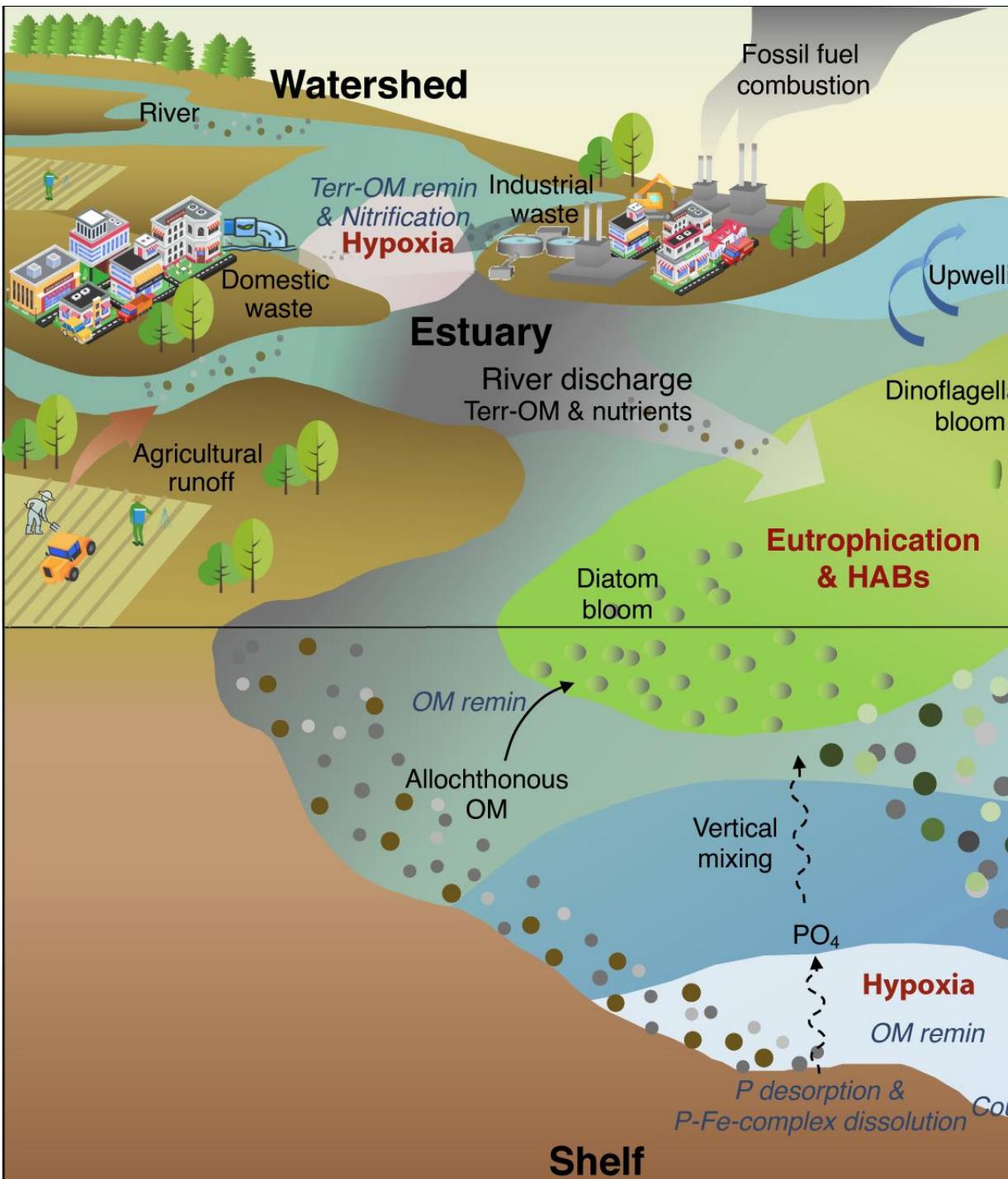
*Source:* Adapted from Battin *et al.* 2009.

# Estuarine Water Budgets and Mixing

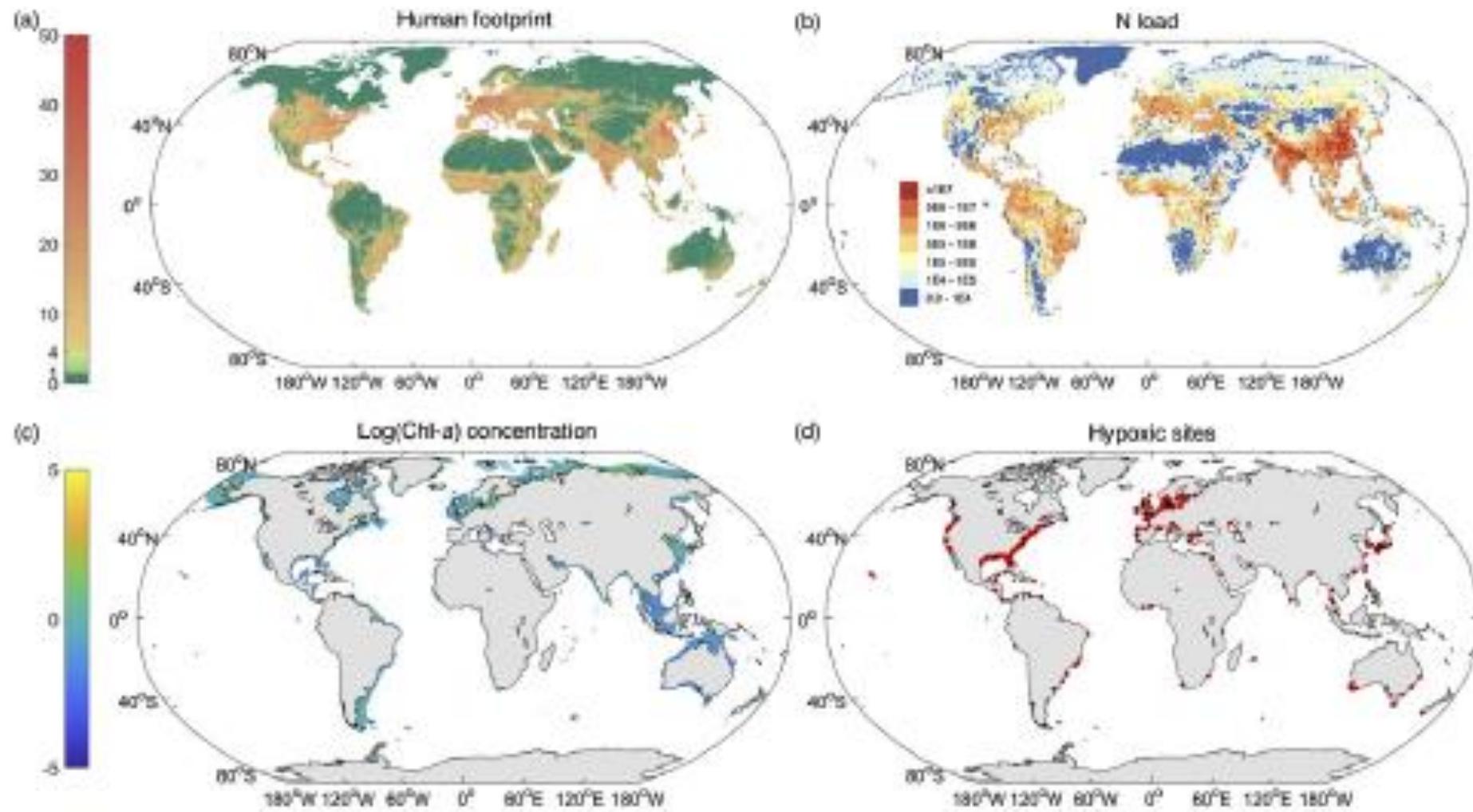


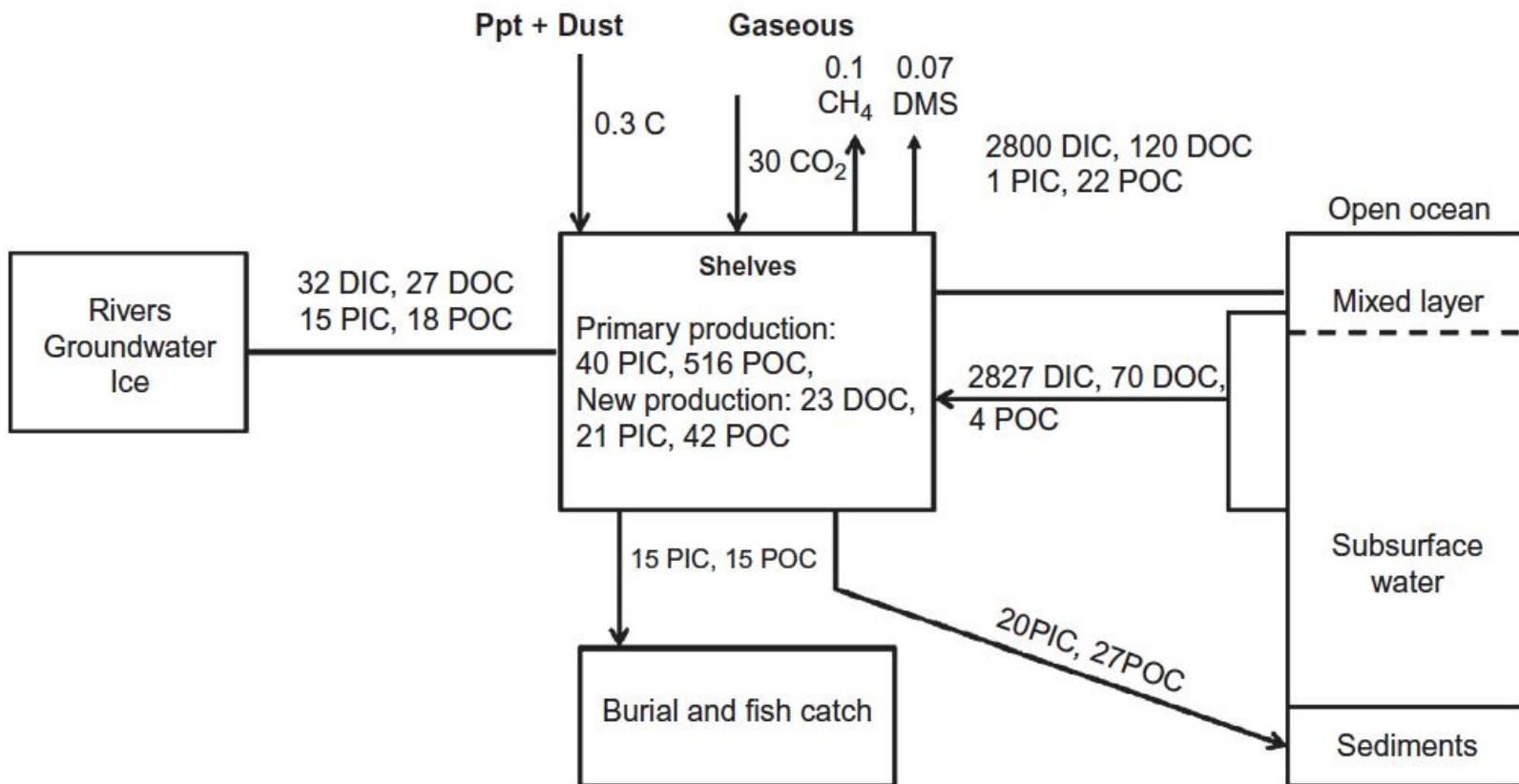
**FIGURE 8.32** A diagram of a generic salinity gradient within a coastal estuary. River waters interacting with ocean waters lead to a gradient from fresh to full-strength ocean waters. The greater density of saltwater often leads to a salt wedge underlying a plume of less saline surface waters.

- Precipitation of dissolved humic compounds
- Cations in seawater replace H<sup>+</sup> on exchange sites of humic materials
- Materials flocculate and sink into estuarine sediments
- Flocculation of dissolved sediments and Plant debris



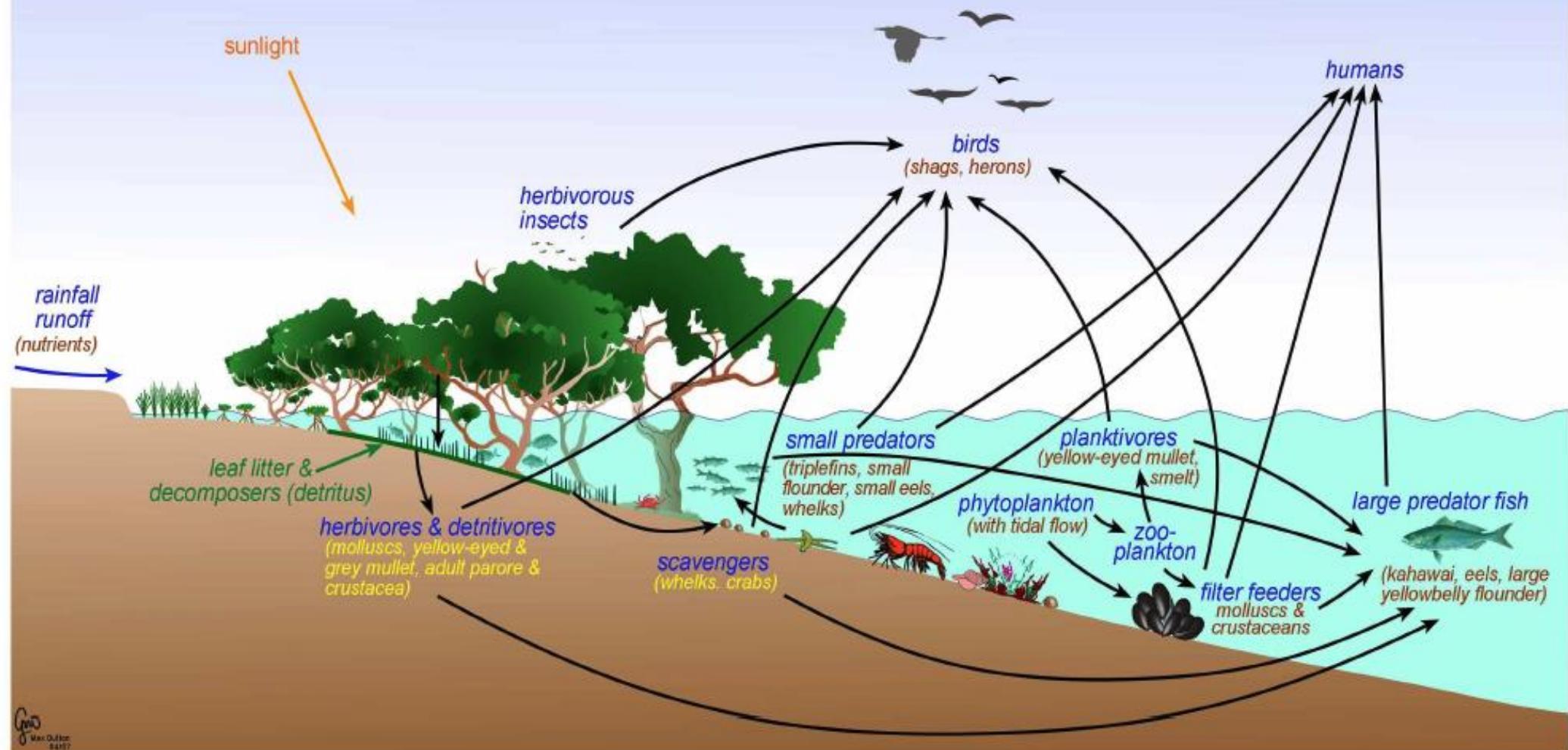
**FIGURE 8.34** Relationship between primary production in coastal shelf waters impacted by major rivers and riverine DIN flux. Source: Adapted from Dagg et al. 2004.





**FIGURE 8.33** Mass balance of carbon in continental shelves (flows are in  $10^{12}$  mol C yr $^{-1}$ ). Source: From Chen-Tung and Borges 2009.

# Mangrove Food Web



Sediments  
Larvae  
Adults  
Phytoplankton



Sediments  
Detritus  
Nutrients  
Larvae

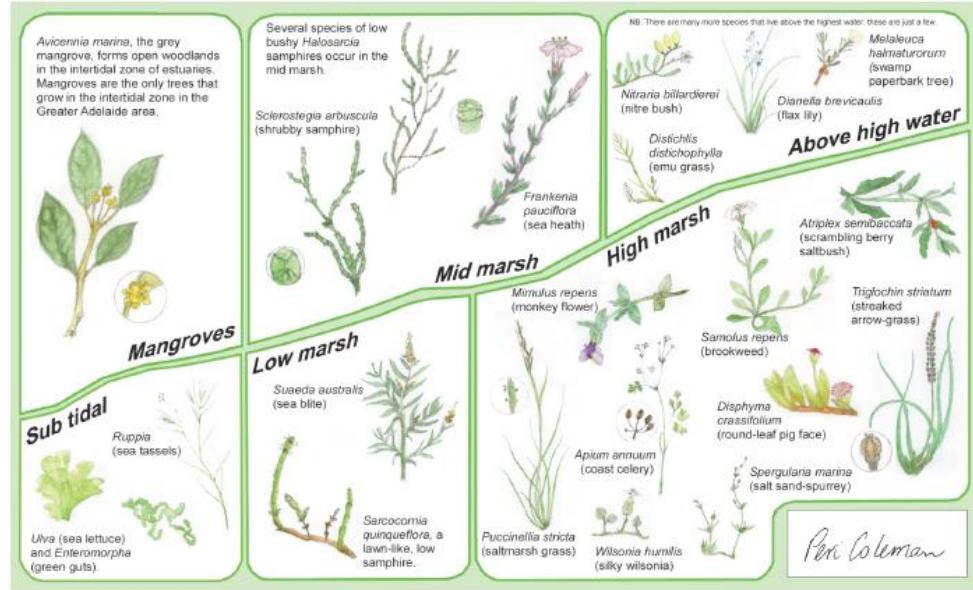


Figure 6. Salt marsh vegetation zonation.

Table 2. Average soil physical and chemical observations

	Low marsh	Mid marsh	High marsh
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## Salt Marsh Food Webs

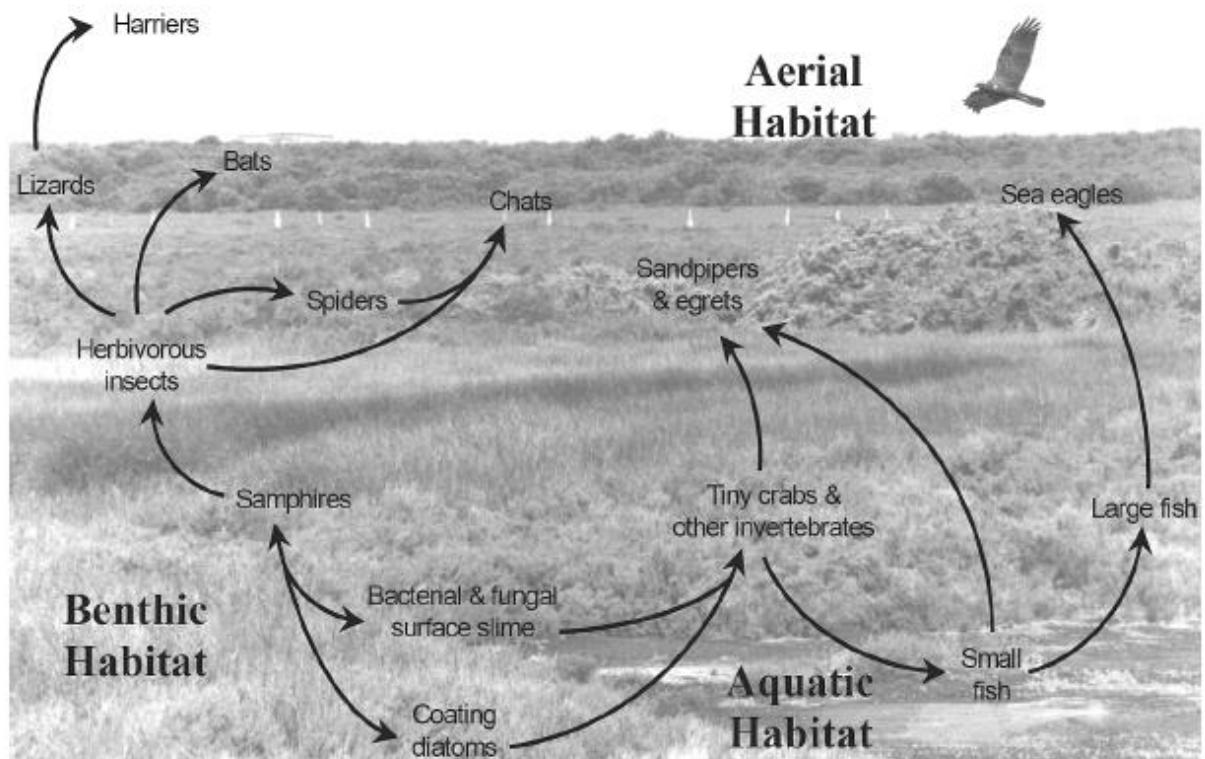


Figure 7. Salt marsh foodwebs.

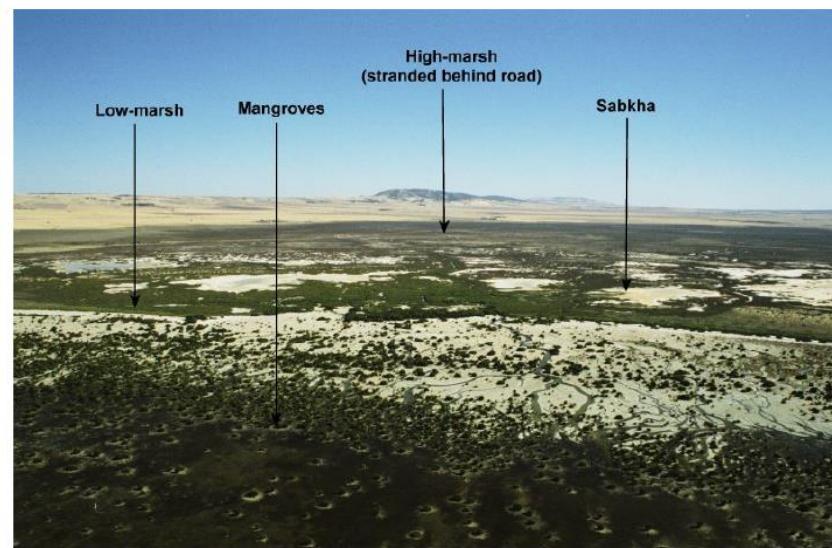
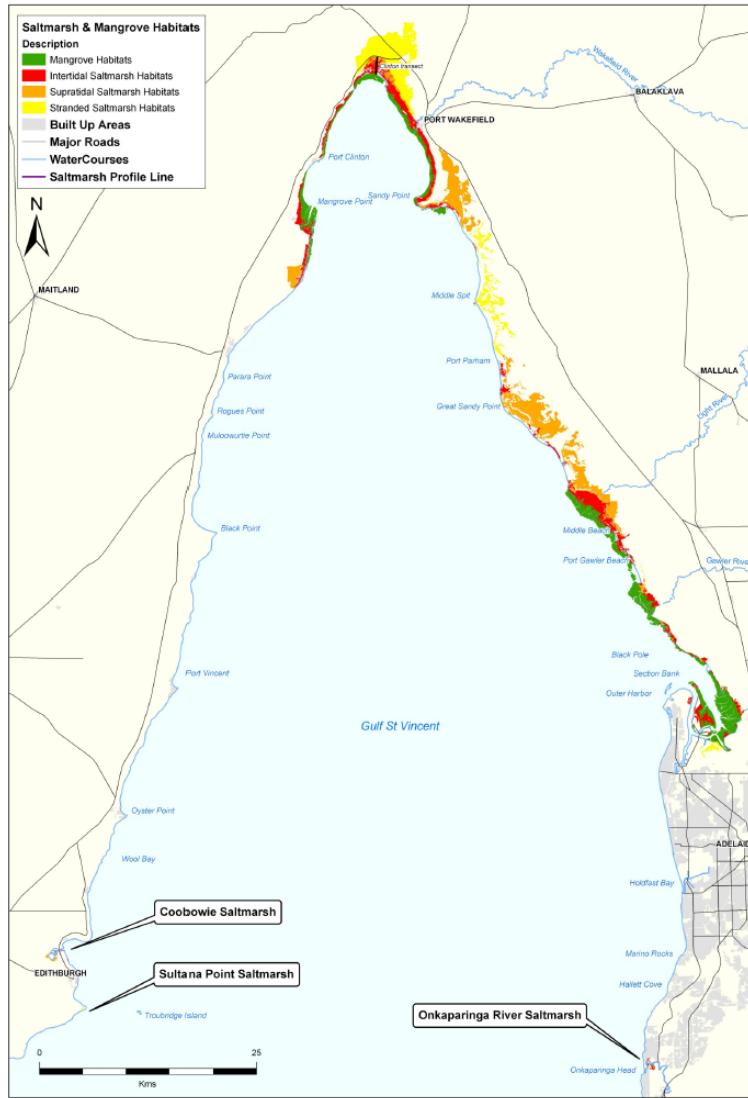


Figure 1. Salt marsh habitats at the head of Gulf St Vincent.

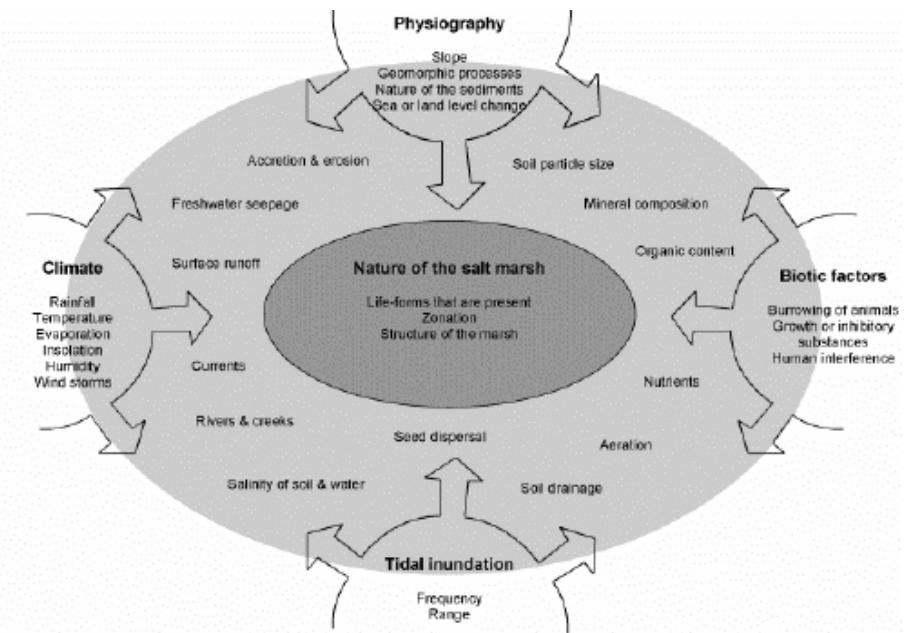
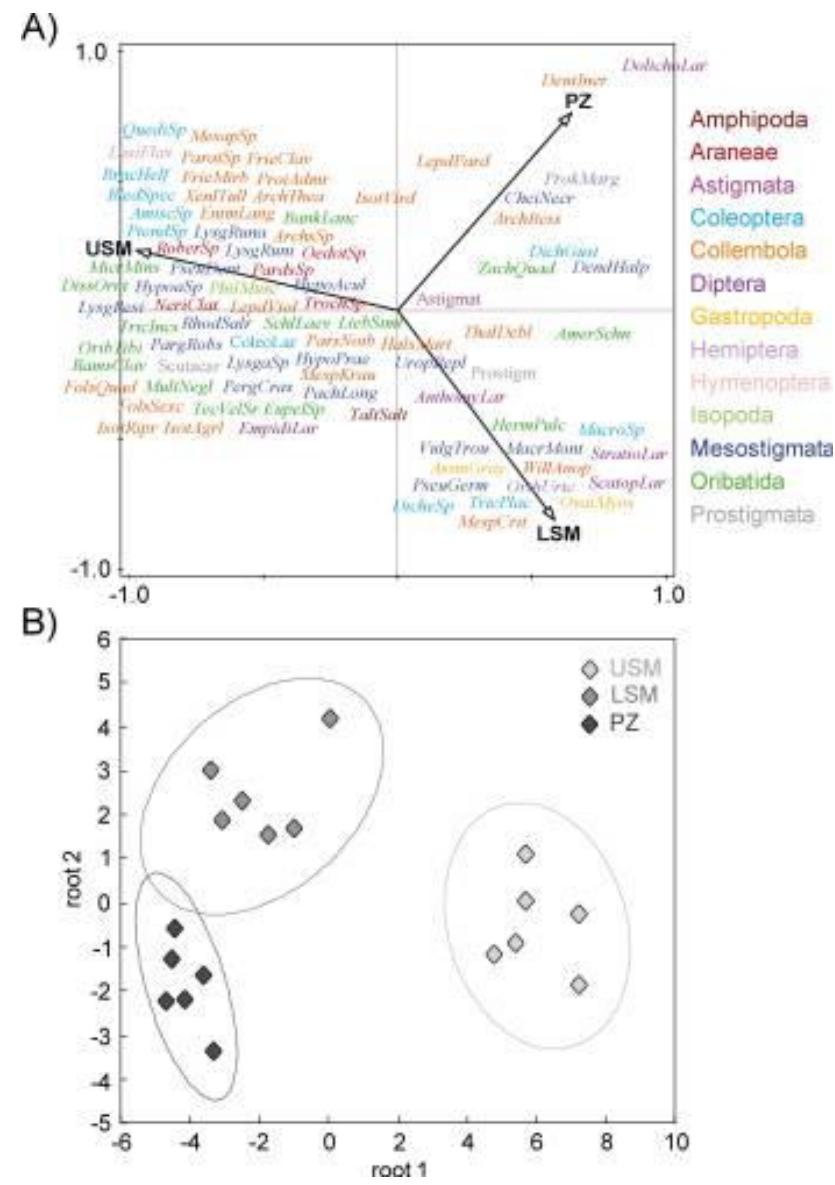
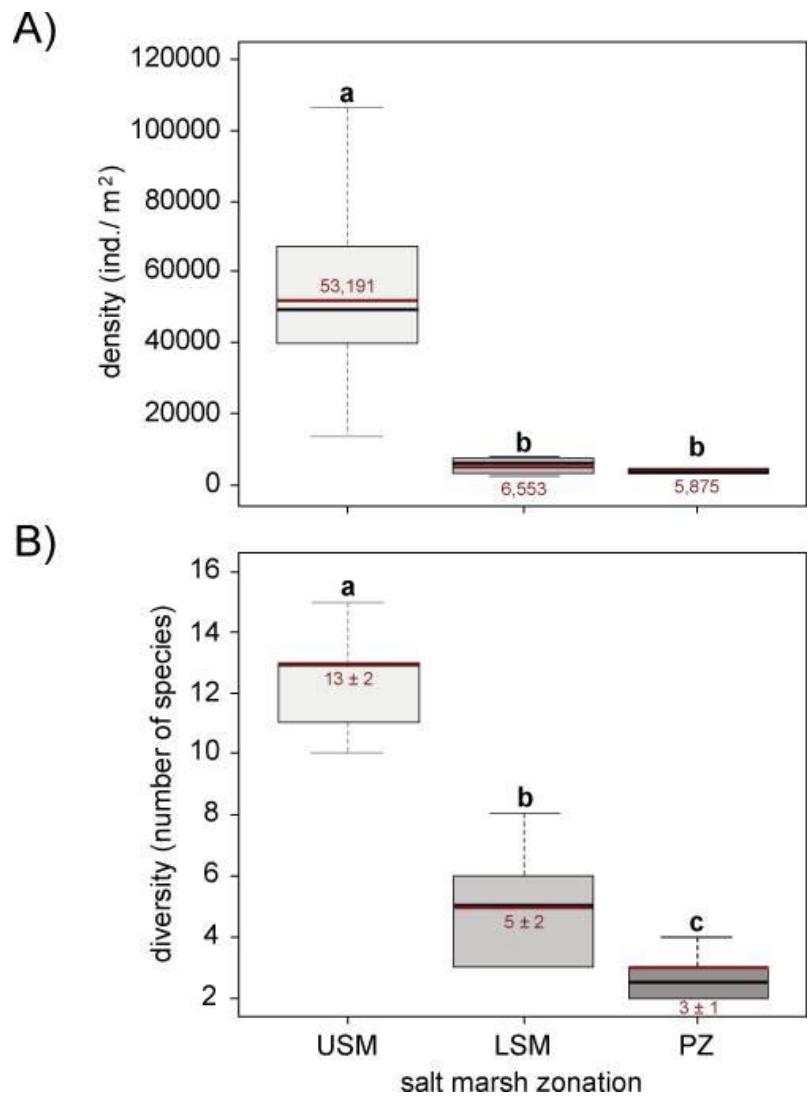
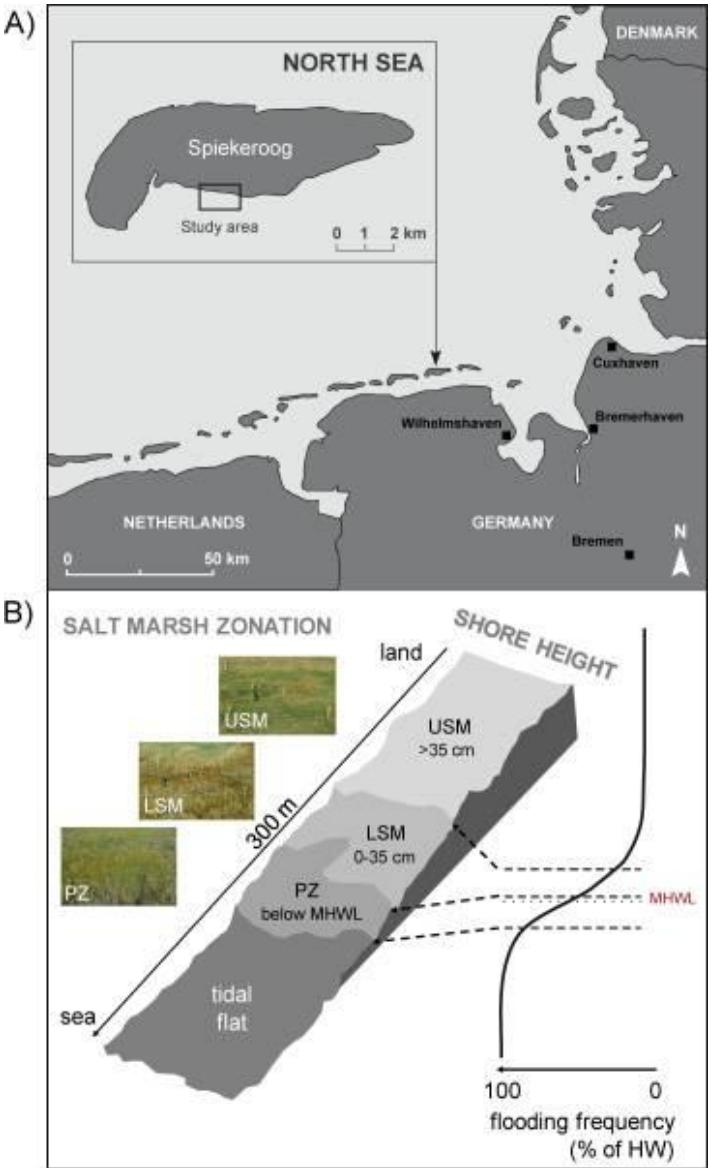
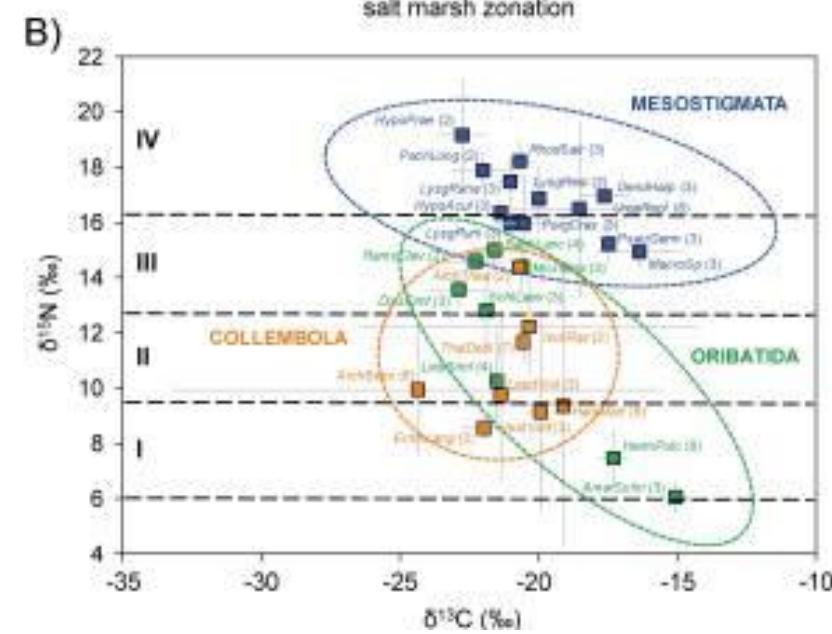
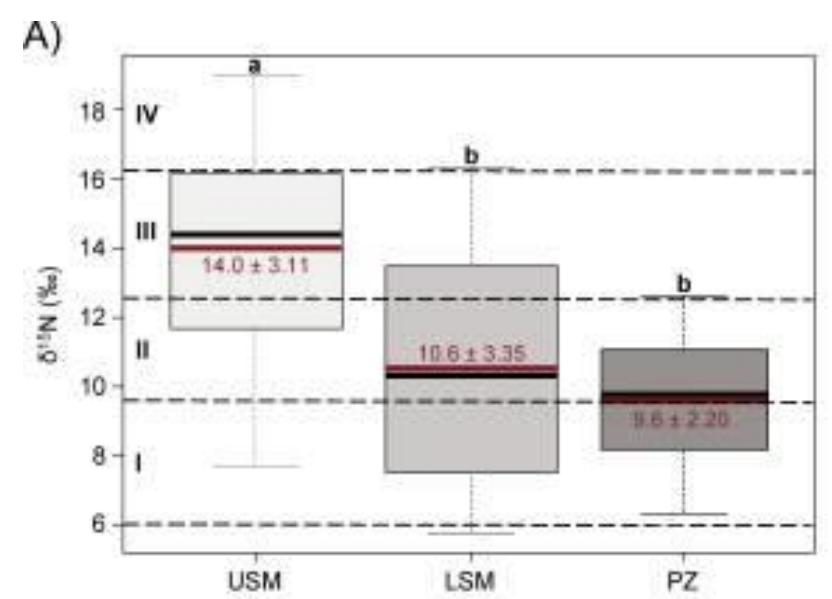
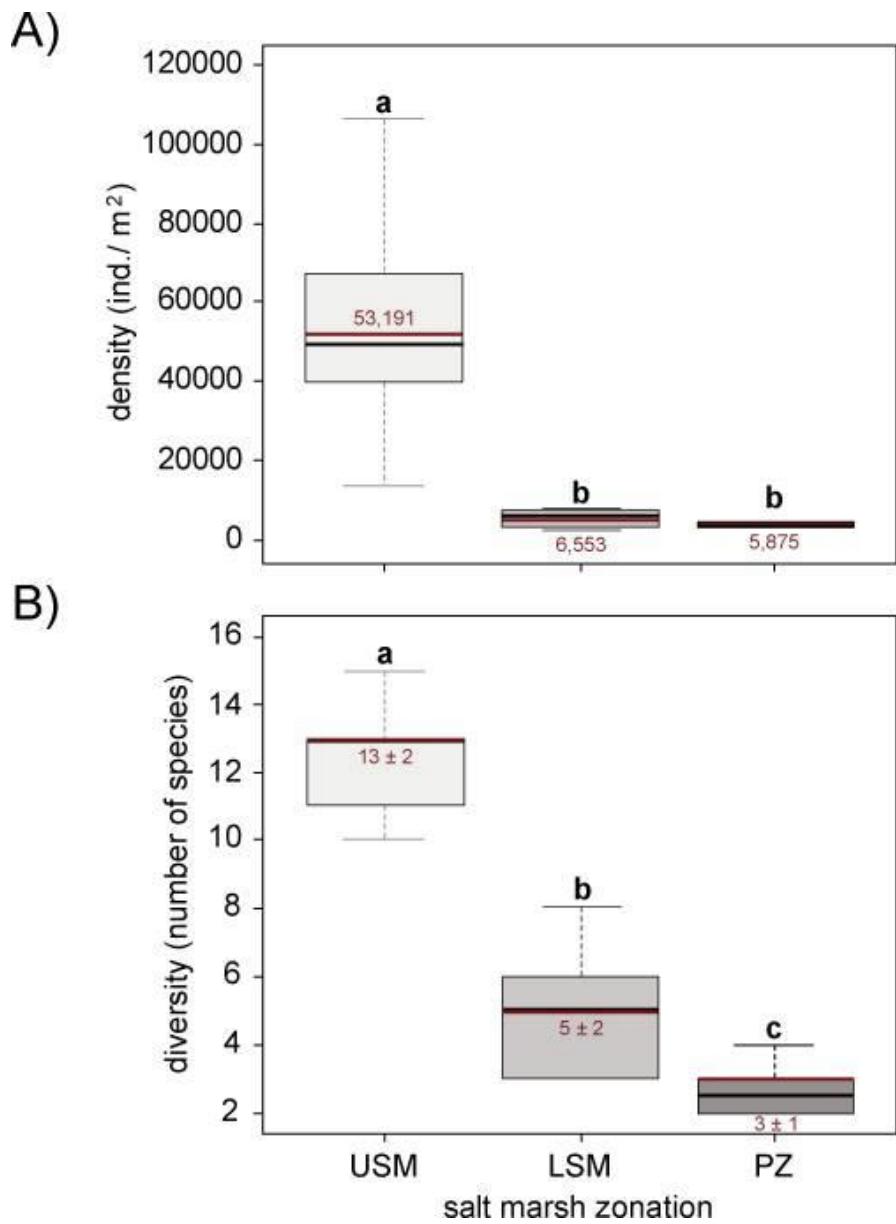
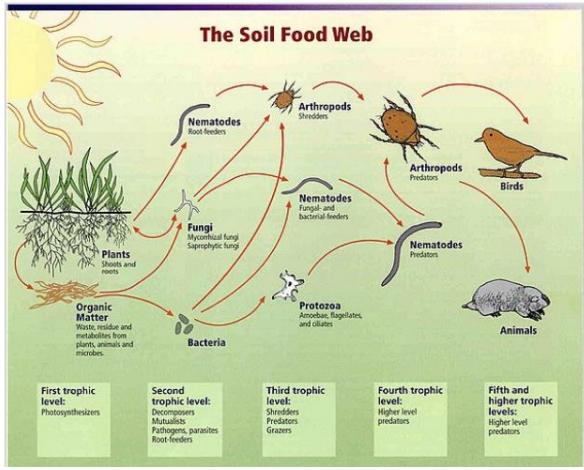


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Figure 4. Environmental factors that influence salt marshes (after Lear & Turner 1977).





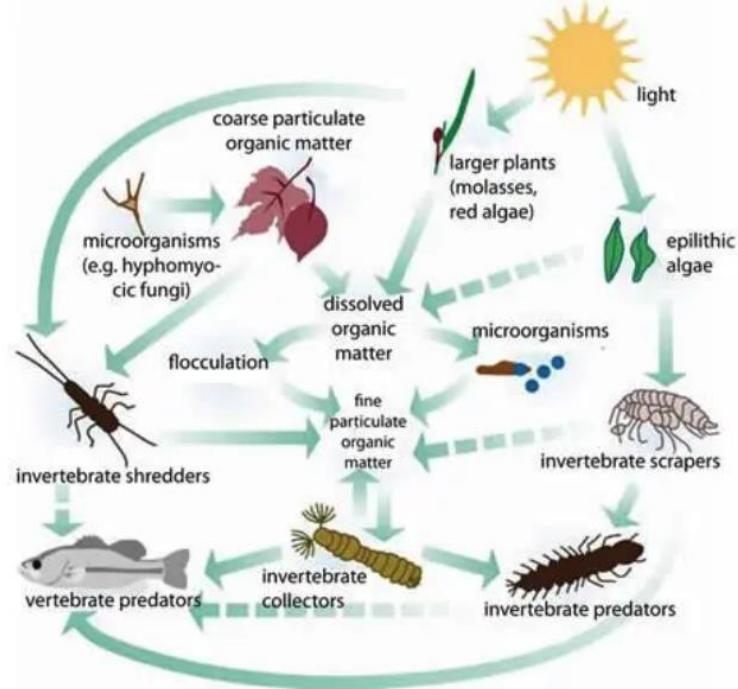
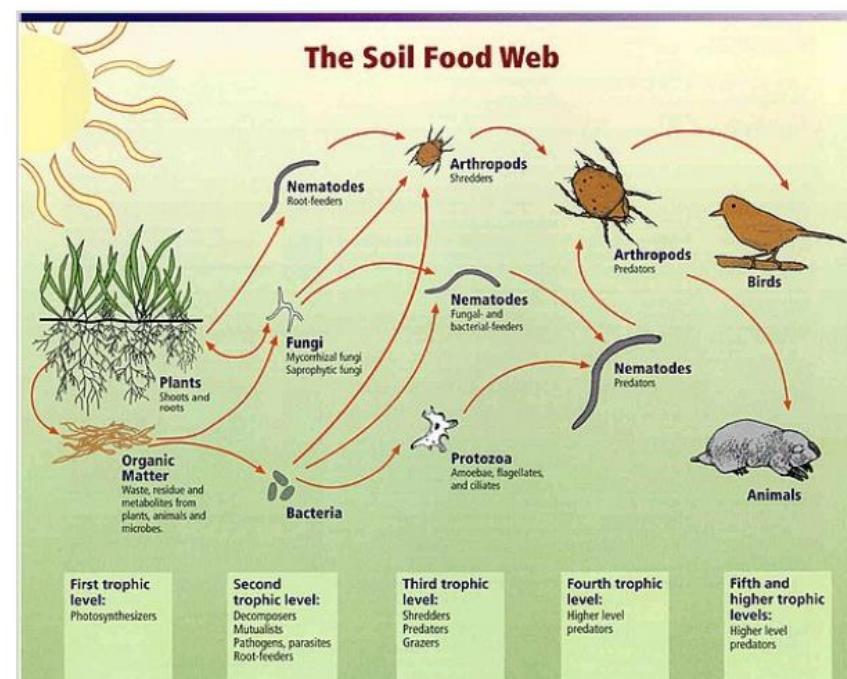
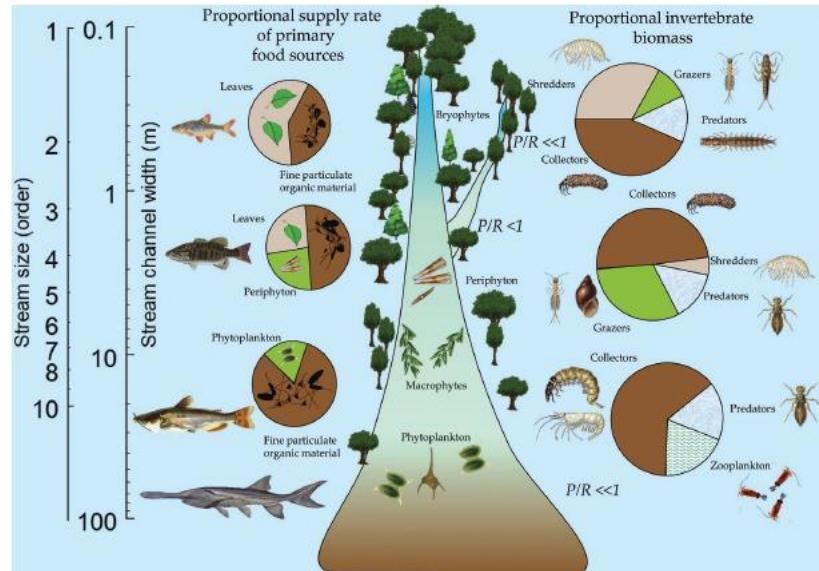
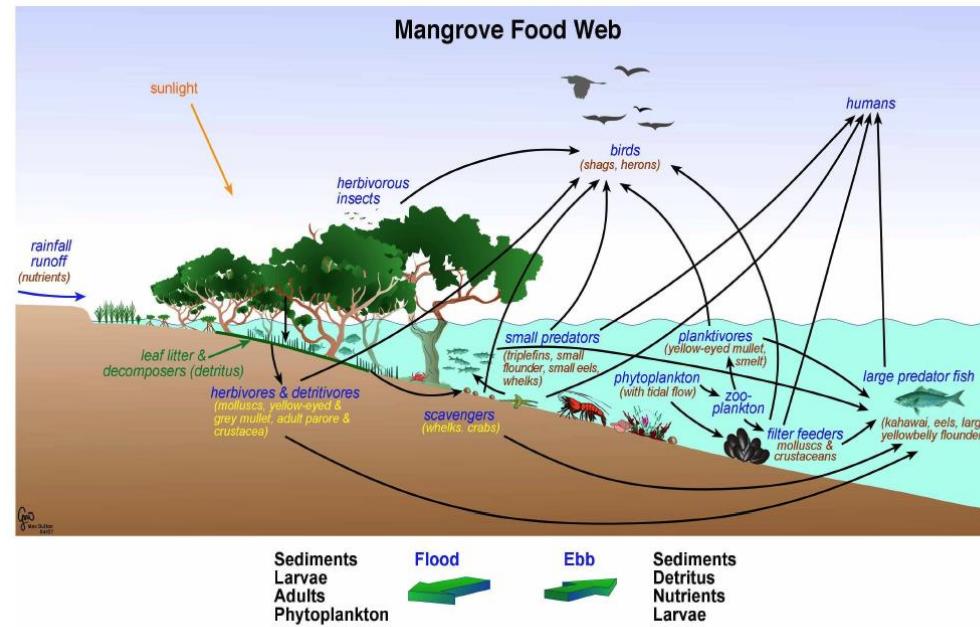


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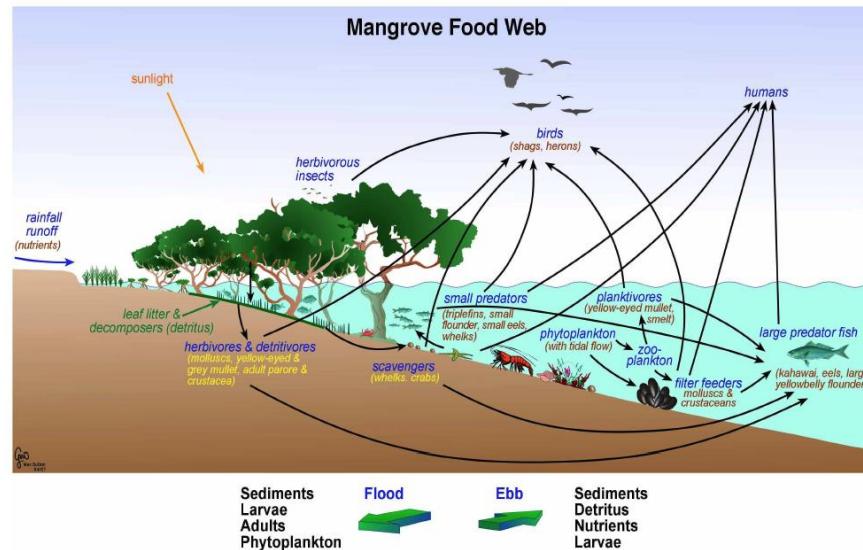
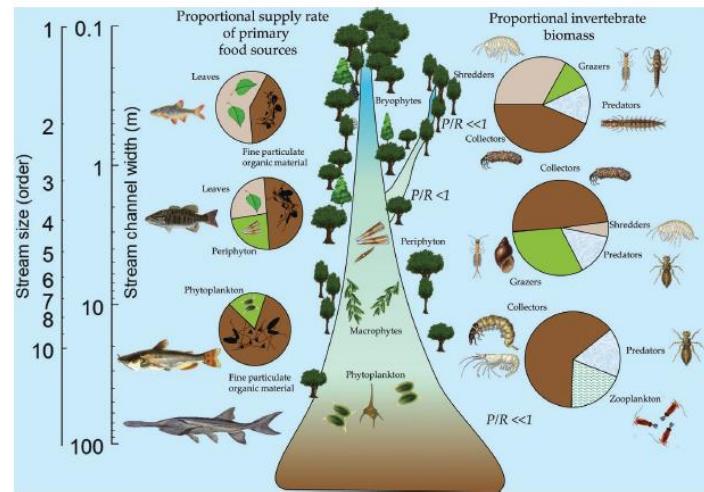
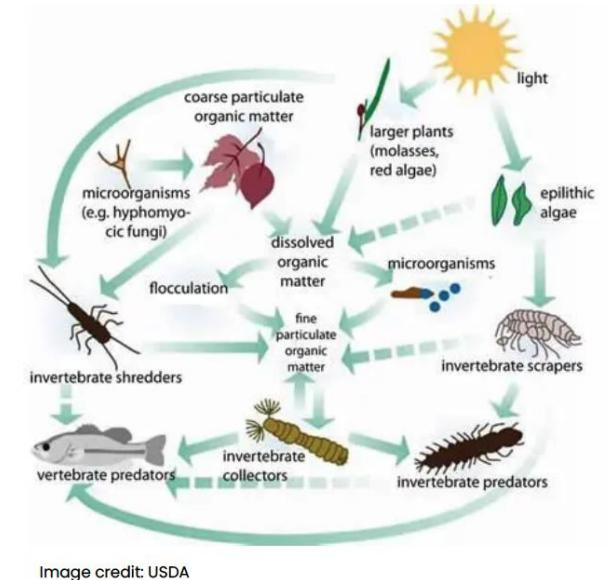
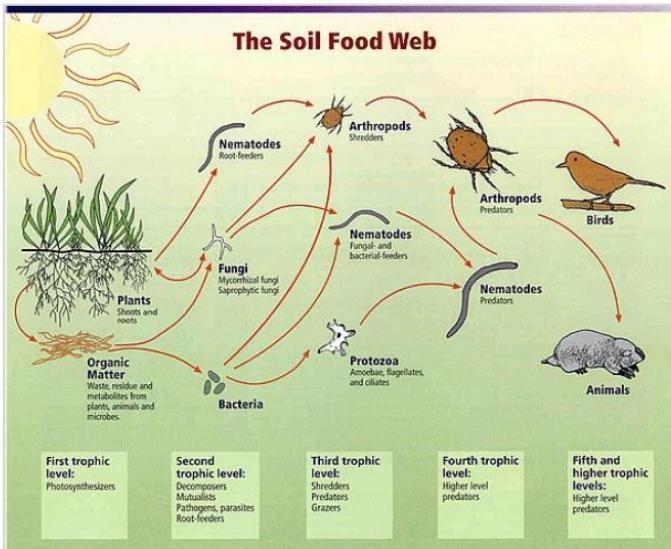
Plot

C vs S

C vs Resources

FCL mean and Max

	$H_2O/O_2$	C	N	S
$H_2O/O_2$	X	Photosynthesis $CO_2 \rightarrow C$ $H_2O \rightarrow O_2$		
C	Respiration $C \rightarrow CO_2$ $O_2 \rightarrow H_2O$	X	Denitrification $C \rightarrow CO_2$ $NO_3 \rightarrow N_2$	Sulfate-Reduction $C \rightarrow CO_2$ $SO_4 \rightarrow H_2S$
N	Heterotrophic Nitrification $NH_4 \rightarrow NO_3$ $O_2 \rightarrow H_2O$	Chemoautotrophy (Nitrification) $NH_4 \rightarrow NO_3$ $CO_2 \rightarrow C$	Anammox $NH_4 + NO_2 \rightarrow N_2 + 2H_2O$	?
S	Sulfur Oxidation $S \rightarrow SO_4$ $O_2 \rightarrow H_2O$	Chemoautotrophy (Sulfur-based Photosynthesis) $S \rightarrow SO_4$ $CO_2 \rightarrow C$	Autotrophic Denitrification $S \rightarrow SO_4$ $NO_3 \rightarrow N_2/NH_4$	X



Where do these reactions occur?

Conditions?

Program: \_\_\_\_\_(name)\_\_\_\_\_

### Logic Model

Situation:

Inputs	Outputs		Outcomes -- Impact		
	Activities	Participation	Short	Medium	Long

**Assumptions**

**External Factors**