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**Plants or bacteria? 130 years of mixed imprints in Lake Baldegg sediments (Switzerland), as revealed by compound-specific isotope analysis (CSIA) and biomarker analysis**

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**Table S1: Soil samples names, land-use and FA  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  [‰] results. stdev: standard deviation of triplicate measurements.**

Soil sample name	Land-use	C24:0 mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰]	Stdev.	C26:0 mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰]	Stdev.	C28:0 mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰]	Stdev.
Aa	Arable land	-34.24	0.28	-34.73	0.02	-35.85	0.38
Ab	Arable land	-32.83	0.10	-34.30	0.23	-35.33	0.29
Ac	Arable land	-32.25	0.37	-34.22	0.46	-35.37	0.49
Ad	Arable land	-31.50	0.21	-33.85	0.08	-35.23	0.12
Fa	Forest (mixed)	-32.59	0.19	-34.26	0.19	-35.32	0.09
Fb	Forest (mixed)	-34.00	0.41	-34.45	0.31	-34.10	0.49
Fc	Forest (mixed)	-32.58	0.14	-33.43	0.04	-34.42	0.17
Fd	Forest (mixed)	-32.51	0.08	-33.10	0.36	-33.89	0.50
Fe	Forest (mixed)	-33.10	0.10	-33.87	0.06	-34.63	0.11
Oa	Orchard	-32.84	0.41	-34.14	0.15	-35.05	0.29
Ob	Orchard	-33.24	0.18	-34.43	0.12	-35.01	0.09
Oc	Orchard	-33.21	0.47	-34.55	0.35	-35.29	0.15
Od	Orchard	-32.43	0.47	-33.29	0.26	-34.52	0.29
Oe	Orchard	-33.51	0.16	-34.83	0.15	-35.16	0.33
PGa	Permanent grassland	-35.00	0.31	-35.71	0.29	-37.10	0.18
PGb	Permanent grassland	-34.51	0.49	-35.56	0.48	-36.15	0.17
PGc	Permanent grassland	-34.11	0.41	-35.23	0.16	-36.32	0.25
TGa	Temporary grassland	-34.34	0.18	-35.58	0.12	-36.73	0.27
TGb	Temporary grassland	-33.74	0.14	-35.06	0.21	-36.64	0.15
TGc	Temporary grassland	-34.83	0.16	-35.68	0.30	-36.33	0.45
TGd	Temporary grassland	-33.23	0.26	-34.90	0.37	-36.30	0.31

**Table S2: Lake sediment core samples depth, age, and FA  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  [‰] results. stdev: standard deviation of triplicate measurements.**

Depth (mm)	Age CE	C24:0 mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰]	Stdev.	C26:0 mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰]	Stdev.	C28:0 mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰]	Stdev.
000-009	Post-1995	-36.27	0.38	-34.39	0.22	-34.75	0.08
018-027	Post-1995	-35.20	0.29	-34.20	0.29	-34.66	0.30
042-052	1989-1992	-33.90	0.49	-33.53	0.45	-34.83	0.39
061-077	1982-1985	-36.01	0.23	-34.65	0.50	-34.63	0.26
092-100	1976-1978	-37.74	0.50	-34.25	0.22	-34.36	0.38
111-128	1970-1972	-33.68	0.44	-33.69	0.32	-36.11	0.35
142-157	1964-1966	-33.34	0.34	-33.59	0.28	-37.81	0.12
164-173	1957-1960	-32.94	0.20	-33.76	0.28	-34.11	0.48
175-184	1956 (Turbidite)	-33.34	0.18	-33.14	0.42	-32.92	0.25
193-204	1950-1952	-36.71	0.50	-33.95	0.33	-34.34	0.16
211-225	1944-1946	-36.26	0.46	-33.96	0.29	-34.04	0.13
234-245	1938-1940	-37.83	0.50	-35.61	0.39	-35.86	0.14
259-270	1932-1934	-39.03	0.49	-36.05	0.44	-35.63	0.38
283-295	1926-1928	-38.94	0.45	-37.50	0.34	-35.91	0.13
305-315	1920-1922	-38.70	0.42	-35.64	0.14	-35.06	0.16
325-333	1914-1916	-40.10	0.48	-36.58	0.25	-36.34	0.42
345-353	1908-1910	-39.13	0.37	-37.76	0.23	-36.02	0.12
363-370	1902-1904	-36.05	0.28	-37.27	0.33	-35.83	0.47
381-389	1896-1898	-35.65	0.33	-35.77	0.16	-33.63	0.50
399-406	1890-1892	-35.16	0.40	-35.00	0.37	-33.55	0.28
415-418	1885-1886	-36.25	0.23	-35.85	0.39	-34.70	0.27
440-453	Pre-1885	-35.30	0.44	-35.23	0.19	-34.07	0.33

**Table S3: Orchard composition and age, defined from aerial pictures.**

<b>Orchard name</b>	<b>Type of tree</b>	<b>Plot used as orchard since...</b>
Oa	Pear trees	Less than 10 years
Ob	Vines	25 years
Oc	Apple trees	20 years
Od	Apple trees	20 years
Oe	Apple trees	40 years

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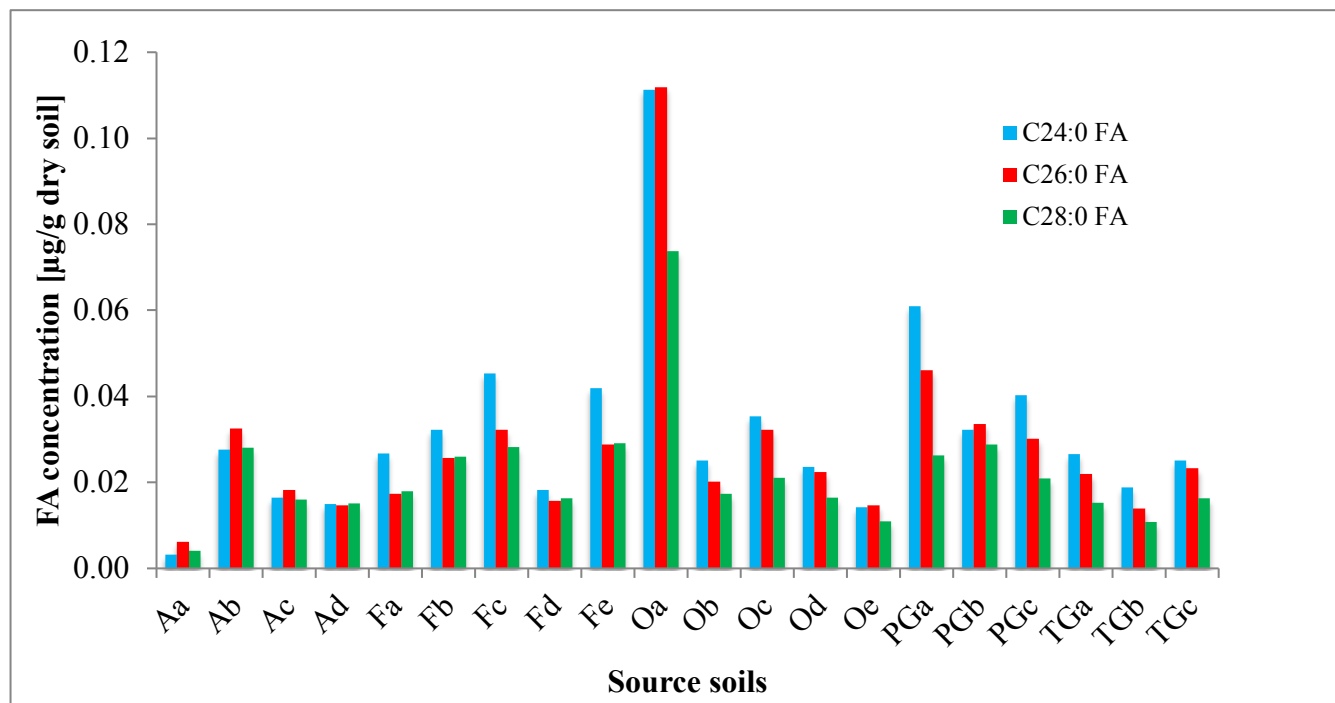
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**Table S4: “Suess effect” corrected (back to 1840, pre-industrial era) CSIA  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values, after Verburg (2007), for long-chain FAs of Lake Baldegg soil samples. CSIA results are mean values of at least triplicate analyses. T is the assumed turnover time of the FAs in the soil.**

Soil samples	land use	C24:0 FA	Correction for Suess effect (1840)			C26:0 FA	Correction for Suess effect (1840)			C28:0 FA	Correction for Suess effect (1840)		
		$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰]	T = 100y	T = 30y	T = 10y	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰]	T = 100y	T = 30y	T = 10y	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰]	T = 100y	T = 30y	T = 10y
A1a	arable land	-34.24	-33.58	-32.92	-32.41	-34.73	-34.08	-33.42	-32.91	-35.85	-35.19	-34.54	-34.02
A2a	arable land	-32.83	-32.17	-31.52	-31.00	-34.30	-33.64	-32.98	-32.47	-35.33	-34.68	-34.02	-33.51
A3a	arable land	-32.25	-31.59	-30.93	-30.42	-34.22	-33.56	-32.91	-32.39	-35.37	-34.72	-34.06	-33.55
A4a	arable land	-31.50	-30.85	-30.19	-29.68	-33.85	-33.19	-32.54	-32.02	-35.23	-34.57	-33.92	-33.40
F1a	forest	-32.59	-31.94	-31.28	-30.77	-34.26	-33.61	-32.95	-32.44	-35.32	-34.66	-34.01	-33.49
F2a	forest	-34.00	-33.34	-32.68	-32.17	-34.45	-33.80	-33.14	-32.63	-34.10	-33.44	-32.78	-32.27
F3a	forest	-32.58	-31.92	-31.27	-30.75	-33.43	-32.77	-32.11	-31.60	-34.42	-33.77	-33.11	-32.60
F5a	forest	-32.51	-31.86	-31.20	-30.69	-33.10	-32.45	-31.79	-31.28	-33.89	-33.23	-32.58	-32.06
F8a	forest	-33.10	-32.45	-31.79	-31.28	-33.87	-33.22	-32.56	-32.05	-34.63	-33.98	-33.32	-32.81
O2a	orchards	-32.84	-32.18	-31.52	-31.01	-34.14	-33.48	-32.83	-32.31	-35.05	-34.39	-33.74	-33.22
O3a	orchards	-33.24	-32.59	-31.93	-31.42	-34.43	-33.78	-33.12	-32.61	-35.01	-34.36	-33.70	-33.19
O4a	orchards	-33.21	-32.56	-31.90	-31.39	-34.55	-33.89	-33.24	-32.72	-35.29	-34.64	-33.98	-33.47
O4'a	orchards	-32.43	-31.78	-31.12	-30.61	-33.29	-32.64	-31.98	-31.47	-34.52	-33.86	-33.20	-32.69
O5a	orchards	-33.51	-32.86	-32.20	-31.69	-34.83	-34.18	-33.52	-33.01	-35.16	-34.51	-33.85	-33.34
PG1a	perm. grassl.	-35.00	-34.35	-33.69	-33.18	-35.71	-35.06	-34.40	-33.89	-37.10	-36.45	-35.79	-35.28
PG3a	perm. grassl.	-34.51	-33.85	-33.20	-32.68	-35.56	-34.91	-34.25	-33.74	-36.15	-35.49	-34.83	-34.32
PG2a (Ar2)	perm. grassl.	-34.11	-33.46	-32.80	-32.29	-35.23	-34.58	-33.92	-33.41	-36.32	-35.67	-35.01	-34.50
TG2a	temp grassl.	-34.34	-33.69	-33.03	-32.52	-35.58	-34.92	-34.26	-33.75	-36.73	-36.08	-35.42	-34.91
TG3a	temp grassl.	-33.74	-33.09	-32.43	-31.92	-35.06	-34.41	-33.75	-33.24	-36.64	-35.98	-35.33	-34.81
TG4a	temp grassl.	-34.83	-34.18	-33.52	-33.01	-35.68	-35.03	-34.37	-33.86	-36.33	-35.68	-35.02	-34.51
TG5a	temp grassl.	-33.23	-32.58	-31.92	-31.41	-34.90	-34.25	-33.59	-33.08	-36.30	-35.65	-34.99	-34.48

**Table S5: “Suess effect” corrected (back to 1840, pre-industrial era) CSIA  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values, after Verburg (2007), for long-chain FAs of Lake Baldegg lake sediment samples. CSIA results are mean values of at least triplicate analyses. T is the assumed turnover time of the FAs in the soil.**

Lake sediments	Sediment	C24:0 FA	Correction for Suess effect (1840)			C26:0 FA	Correction for Suess effect (1840)			C28:0 FA	Correction for Suess effect (1840)		
			Depth (mm)	age CE	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰]		T = 100y	T = 30y	T = 10y		$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰]	T = 100y	T = 30y
000-009	2010	-36.27	-35.70	-35.11	-34.65	-34.39	-33.81	-33.22	-32.76	-34.75	-34.17	-33.58	-33.12
018-027	2000	-35.20	-34.75	-34.28	-33.91	-34.20	-33.75	-33.28	-32.91	-34.66	-34.21	-33.74	-33.38
042-052	1990	-33.90	-33.55	-33.18	-32.89	-33.53	-33.17	-32.81	-32.52	-34.83	-34.48	-34.12	-33.83
061-077	1983	-36.01	-35.72	-35.41	-35.16	-34.65	-34.36	-34.05	-33.80	-34.63	-34.34	-34.04	-33.79
092-100	1977	-37.74	-37.49	-37.23	-37.02	-34.25	-34.00	-33.74	-33.53	-34.36	-34.11	-33.84	-33.63
111-128	1971	-33.68	-33.46	-33.24	-33.05	-33.69	-33.48	-33.25	-33.07	-36.11	-35.90	-35.67	-35.49
142-157	1965	-33.34	-33.15	-32.96	-32.80	-33.59	-33.41	-33.21	-33.06	-37.81	-37.63	-37.44	-37.28
164-173	1958	-32.94	-32.78	-32.62	-32.49	-33.76	-33.61	-33.45	-33.32	-34.11	-33.96	-33.80	-33.67
175-184	1956	-33.34	-33.20	-33.05	-32.92	-33.14	-32.99	-32.84	-32.72	-32.92	-32.78	-32.63	-32.50
193-204	1951	-36.71	-36.59	-36.45	-36.34	-33.95	-33.82	-33.69	-33.58	-34.34	-34.21	-34.08	-33.97
211-225	1945	-36.26	-36.15	-36.04	-35.94	-33.96	-33.86	-33.74	-33.65	-34.04	-33.94	-33.82	-33.73
234-245	1939	-37.83	-37.74	-37.64	-37.56	-35.61	-35.52	-35.42	-35.34	-35.86	-35.77	-35.67	-35.59
259-270	1933	-39.03	-38.95	-38.87	-38.80	-36.05	-35.98	-35.89	-35.82	-35.63	-35.55	-35.47	-35.40
283-295	1927	-38.94	-38.88	-38.80	-38.75	-37.50	-37.44	-37.36	-37.30	-35.91	-35.85	-35.77	-35.71
305-315	1921	-38.70	-38.65	-38.59	-38.53	-35.64	-35.59	-35.53	-35.48	-35.06	-35.00	-34.94	-34.89
325-333	1915	-40.10	-40.06	-40.00	-39.96	-36.58	-36.53	-36.48	-36.43	-36.34	-36.29	-36.24	-36.19
345-353	1909	-39.13	-39.09	-39.04	-39.00	-37.76	-37.72	-37.67	-37.63	-36.02	-35.98	-35.93	-35.89
363-370	1903	-36.05	-36.02	-35.97	-35.94	-37.27	-37.24	-37.19	-37.16	-35.83	-35.80	-35.76	-35.72
381-389	1899	-35.65	-35.62	-35.58	-35.55	-35.77	-35.75	-35.71	-35.68	-33.63	-33.61	-33.57	-33.54
399-406	1891	-35.16	-35.14	-35.11	-35.08	-35.00	-34.98	-34.95	-34.92	-33.55	-33.53	-33.50	-33.47
415-418	1885	-36.25	-36.24	-36.21	-36.19	-35.85	-35.83	-35.81	-35.78	-34.70	-34.69	-34.66	-34.64
440-453	1880	-35.30	-35.28	-35.26	-35.24	-35.23	-35.22	-35.20	-35.18	-34.07	-34.06	-34.04	-34.01



5 Fig.S1: FAs concentration for C24:0, C26:0 and C28:0 in source soils.

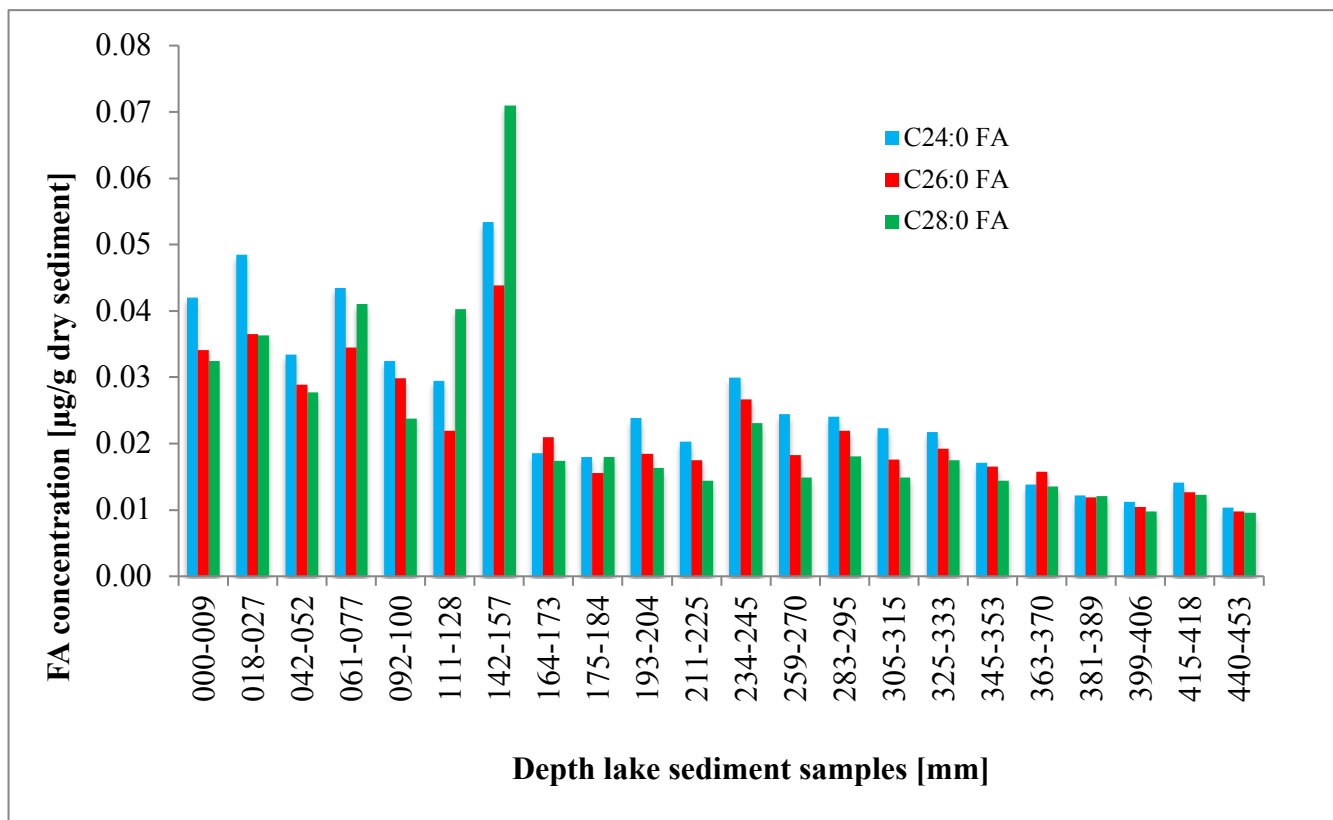


Fig. S2: Lake sediment FAs concentrations for C24:0, C26:0 and C28:0. No obvious enrichment of C24:0 and C26:0 compared to C28:0 and compared to soil FAs concentrations.



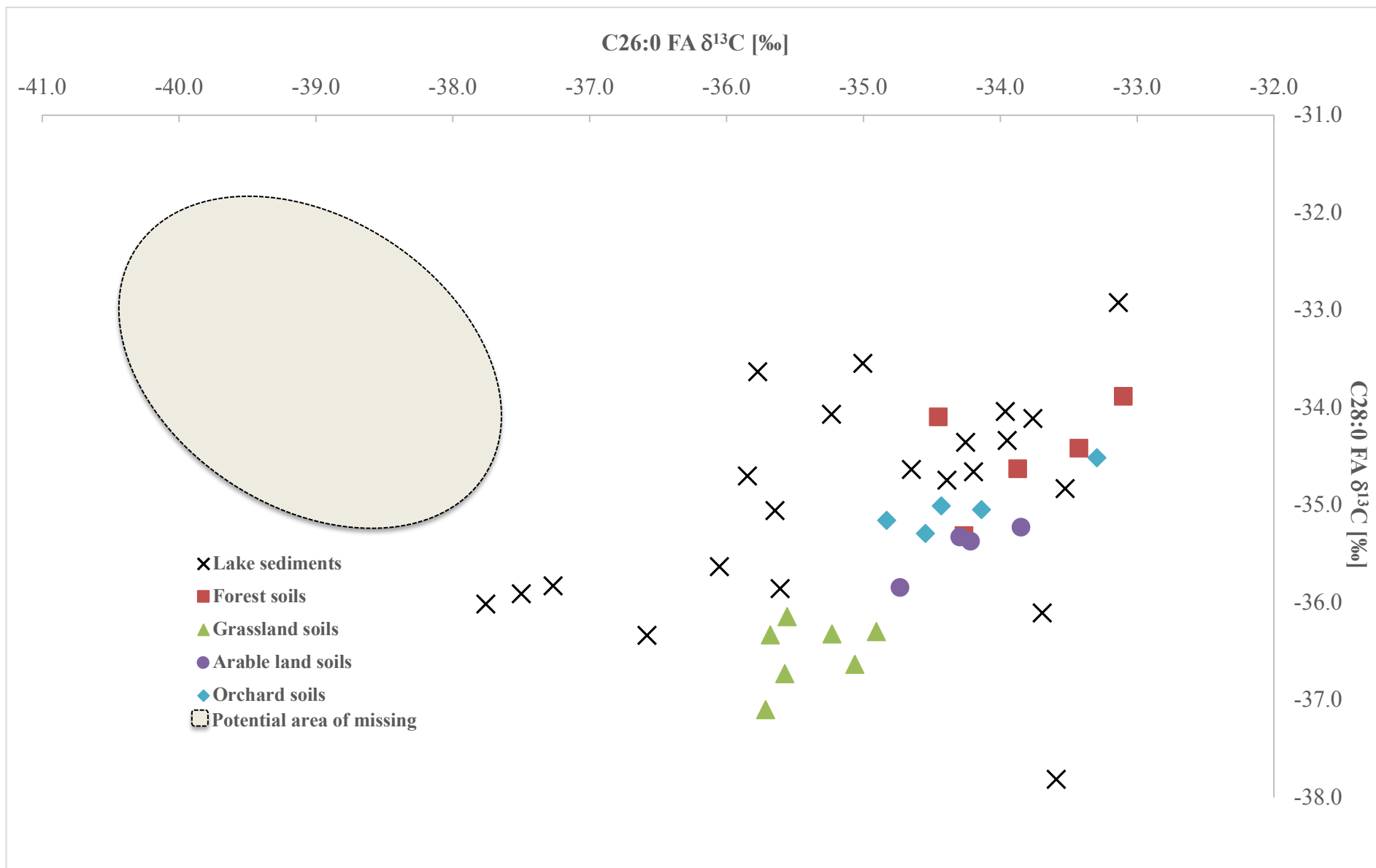


Fig. S3: The grey area,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of C26:0 and C28:0 FA, marks possible margins of the “missing source”.

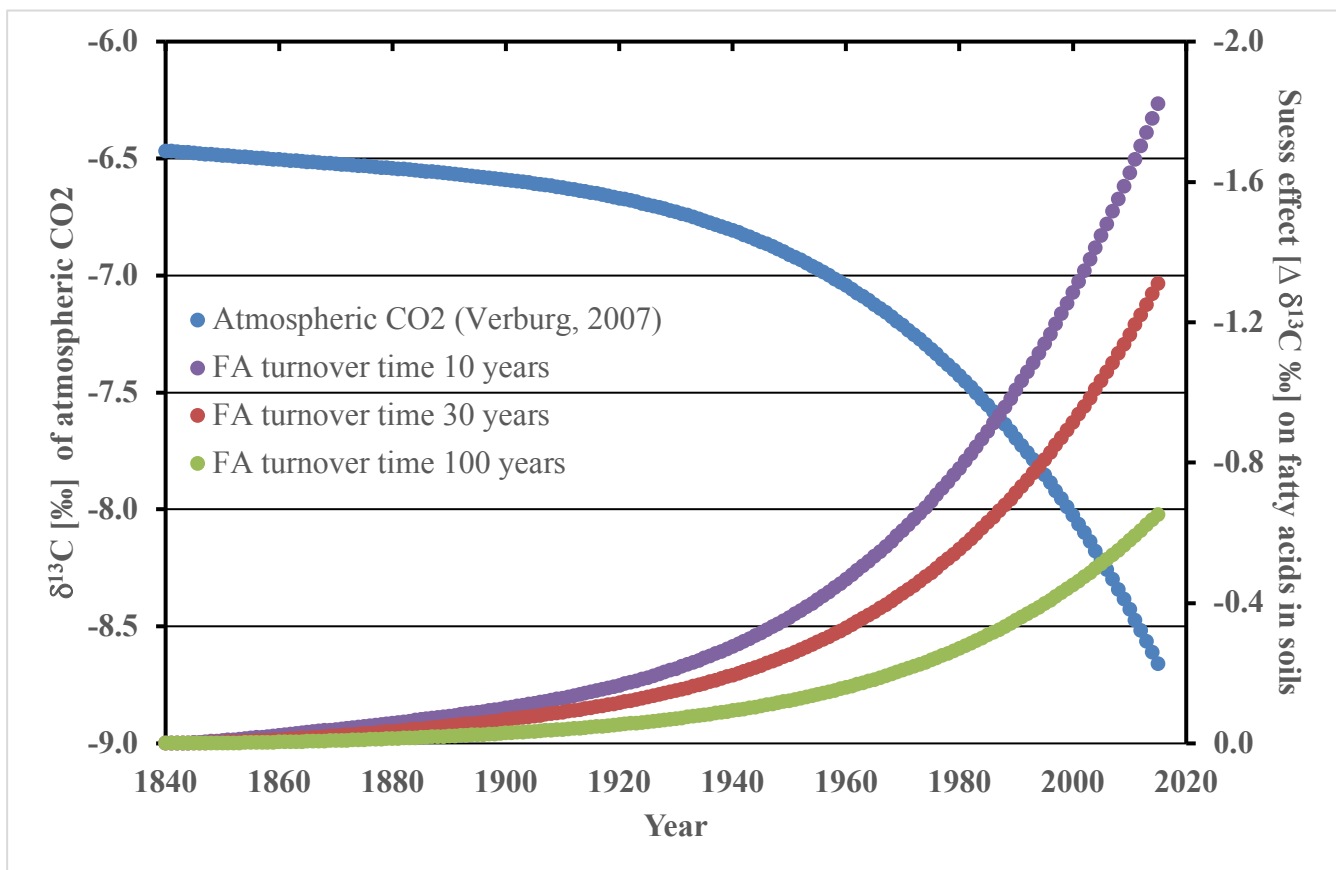


Fig. S4: Actual effect of the atmospheric “Suess effect” (Verburg, 2007) on the FAs in soils, assuming three different turnover times, 10, 30 and 100 years (Equation 1).

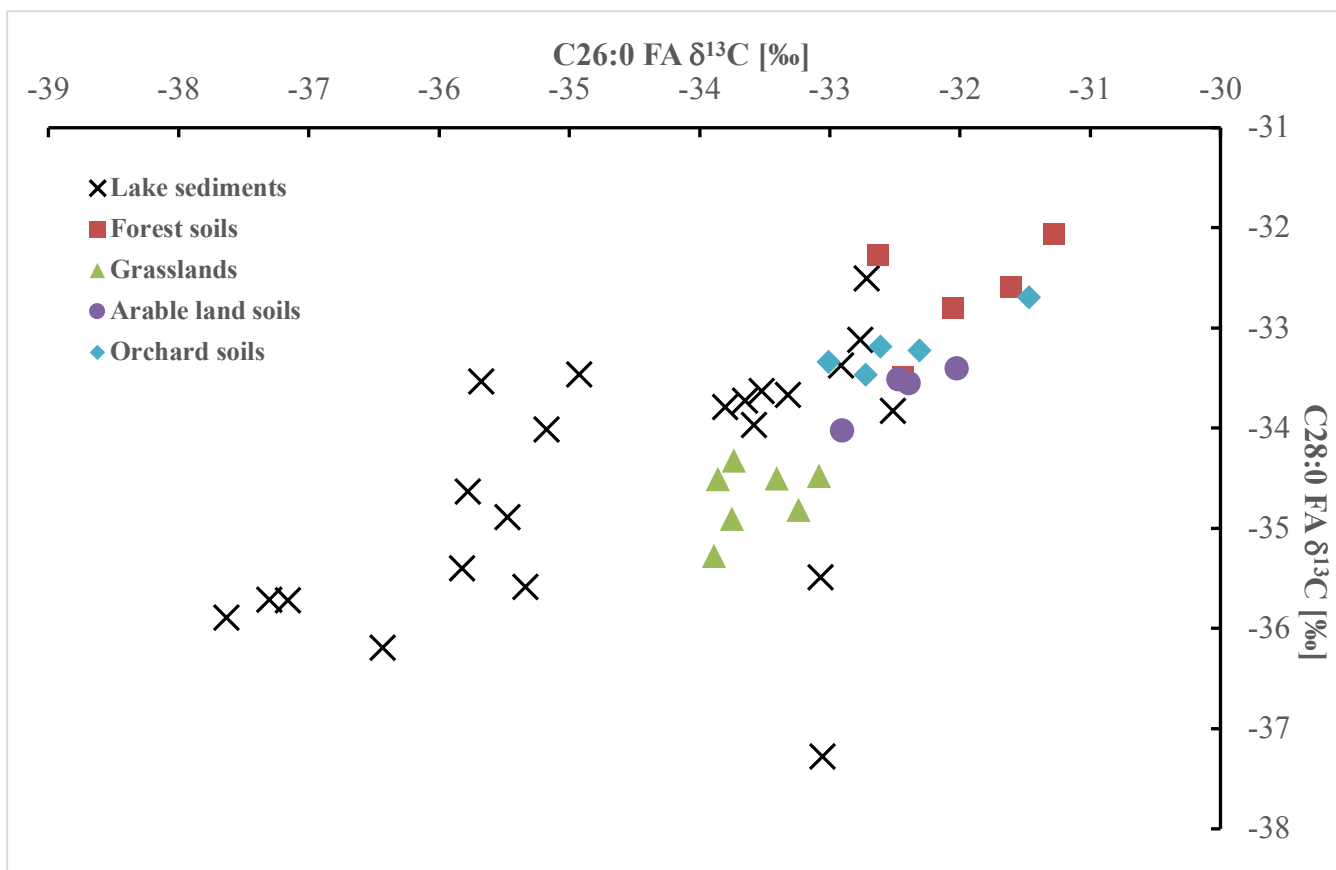


Fig. S5: “Suess effect” corrected sediments and soils (back to 1840) for 10y turnover time of FAs in soils, after Verburg (2007).

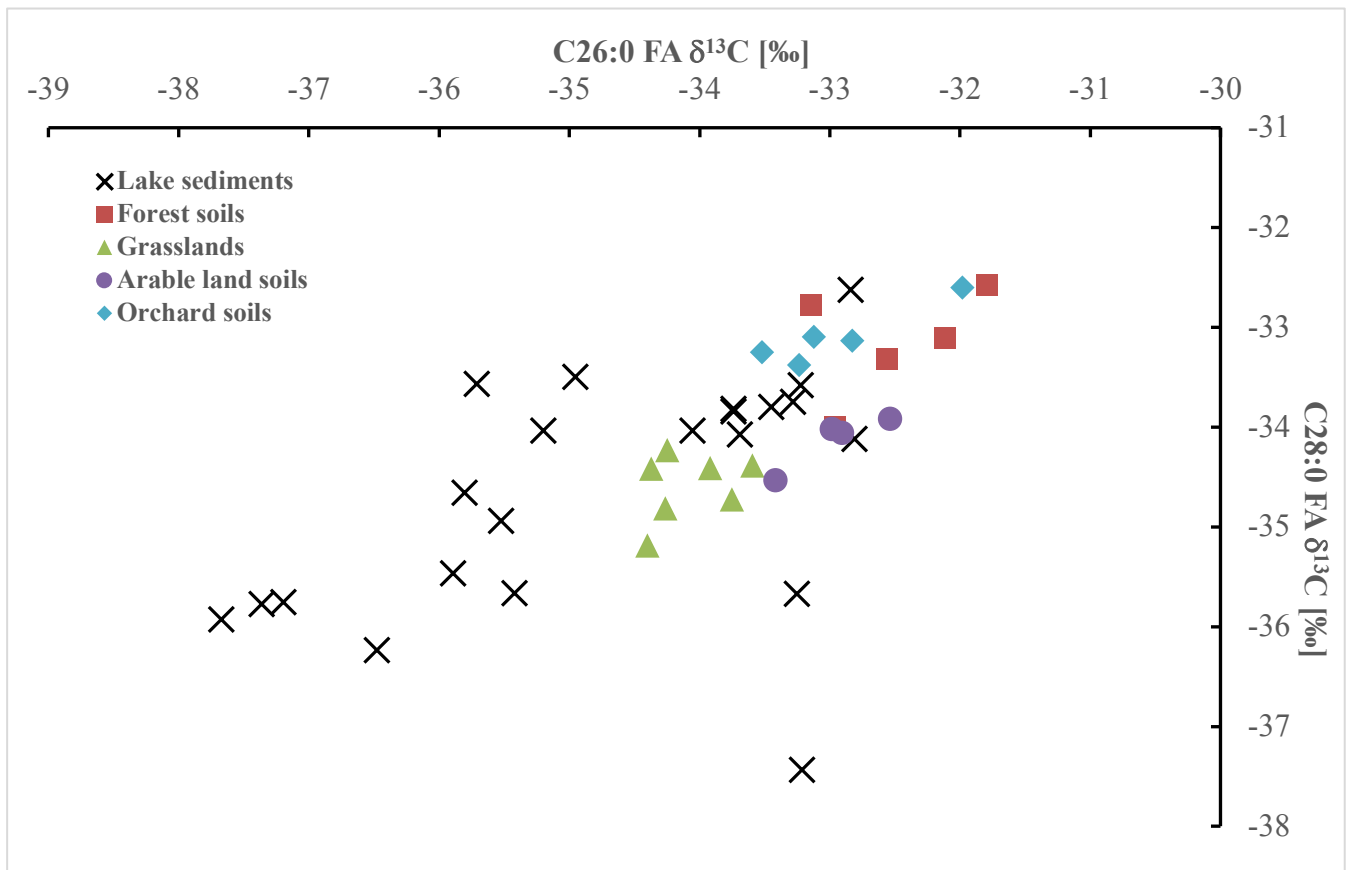


Fig. S6: “Suess effect” corrected sediments and soils (back to 1840) for 30y turnover time of FAs in soils, after Verburg (2007).

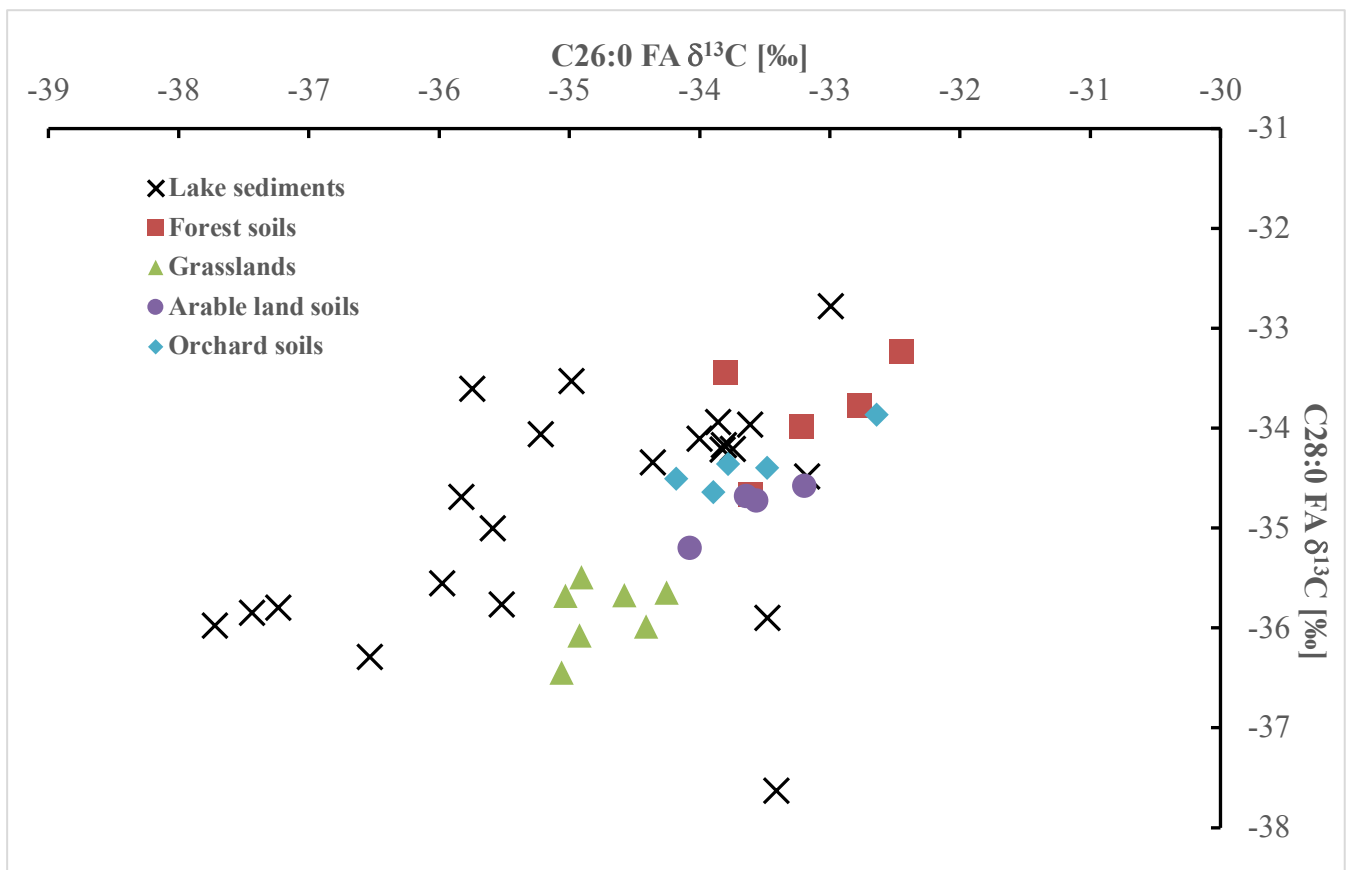


Fig. S7: “Suess effect” corrected sediments and soils (back to 1840) for 100y turnover time of FAs in soils, after Verburg (2007).

