

Supplementary Information

Table S1: Overview of chemicals used in the different master mix for PCR for one reaction (25 µl total reaction volume) (A). Temperate and time protocols used for each PCR during library preparation. Underlined are the steps which are repeated (cycle number), see main text for details (B).

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(A)

	Boost PCR	Tail PCR	Index PCR
Go Taq G2 DNA Polymerase (5 µl/ml)	0.125 µl	0.125 µl	0.125 µl
Go Taq Colorless reaction buffer (5x)	5 µl	5 µl	5 µl
PCR nucleotide mix (10 mM)	0.5 µl	0.5 µl	0.5 µl
<u>primer 1</u>	0.75 µl	0.75 µl (0.1875 of each: nex0-nex3)	2.5 µl
<u>primer 2</u>	0.75 µl	0.75 µl (0.1875 of each: nex0-nex3)	2.5 µl
BSA	1.25 µl	none	none
H ₂ O (mol. grade)	14.625 µl	16.875 µl	12.375 µl
Template	2 µl	1 µl	2 µl

(B)

PCR	Temperature (°C) / Time (min:)		
	Boost	Tail	Index
Activation	95 / 05:00	95 / 02:00	95 / 02:00
Denaturation	98 / 00:20	95 / 00:20	95 / 00:20
Annealing	49 / 00:30	49 / 00:30	55 / 00:40
Polymerization	72 / 00:30	72 / 00:30	72 / 00:30
Denaturation	72 / 05:00	72 / 05:00	72 / 05:00
Cooling	4 / ∞	4 / ∞	4 / ∞

Table S2: ¹³C-C of specific sediment layers and phytoplankton samples from this study (A) and literature (B). For plankton samples, 'surface' indicates surface water samples that were obtained using plankton tows with different mesh sizes. Asterisks indicate samples that were not decarbonized.

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(A)

Lake	Station	Type	depth	size or feature	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$
Lucerne	shore	phytoplankton	surface	> 50 µm	-26.3*
Lucerne	shore	phytoplankton	surface	> 100 µm	-29.4*
Lucerne	shore	phytoplankton	surface	> 20 µm	-30.1
Lucerne	shore	phytoplankton	surface	> 20 µm	-19.5*
Lucerne	shore	phytoplankton	surface	> 20 µm	-31.2
Lucerne	shore	phytoplankton	surface	> 20 µm	-26.7*
Lucerne	shore	phytoplankton	surface	20-100 µm	-29.5*
Lucerne	shore	phytoplankton	surface	> 50 µm	-30.3
Lucerne	shore	phytoplankton	surface	> 50 µm	-21.1*
Baldegg	1	sediment	21 cm	layer	-35.4
Zurich	1	sediment	2-2.5 cm	algal bloom	-33.7
Greifen	1	sediment	13	layer	-34.1
Zurich	3	sediment	18.5 cm	sediment with plant material	-29.1
Zurich	3	sediment	18.5 cm	plant material (leaves, wood)	-29.2
Greifen	3	sediment	14-15 cm	layer	-35.7
Baldegg	1	sediment	21 cm	brighter layer	-35.6

(B)

Target	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ range (‰)	Environment	Reference
Phytoplankton	-34.4 to -5.9	sub-arctic lakes	Vuorio <i>et al.</i> (2006)
Phytoplankton	-36.6 to -28.7	Lake Memphremagog, Quebec	Lazerte (1983)
Algae	-35 to -15	small water bodies Australia	Boon and Bunn (1994)
Floating plants	-32 to -25		
Emergent macrophytes	-31 to -25		
Submerged macrophytes	-33 to -15		
Epiphytes	-32 to -20		
Freshwater seston	-35.2 to -23.9	Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta	Cloern <i>et al.</i> (2002)
sediment trap OM	-40 to -22	Lake Lugano	Bernasconi <i>et al.</i> (1997)
sediment trap POC	-39 to -27	Lake Greifen (yearly cycle)	Hollander <i>et al.</i> (1993)
POC	-60 to -20	Lake Lugano (yearly cycle)	Lehmann <i>et al.</i> (2004)

Table S3: Abundance of Oligochaetes and Chironomid Larvae per m² for each Lake station, indicated are averages of the three stations and the corresponding standard deviations (SD), please note for Lake Zurich averages and SD were calculated from station 2 and 3 only (*).

Lake	Oligochaetes (m ⁻²)	Chironomid Larvae (m ⁻²)	5
Lucerne			
Station 1	170	1019	
Station 2	57	340	
Station 3	0	566	
Average ($\pm SD$)	75 (± 86)	641 (± 346)	
Zurich			
Station 1	0	0	
Station 2	906	962	
Station 3	1302	736	
Average ($\pm SD$)*	1104 (± 280)	849 (± 160)	10
Zug			
Station 1	1132	57	
Station 2	1245	0	
Station 3	1641	57	
Average ($\pm SD$)	1340 (± 267)	38 (± 33)	
Greifen			
Station 1	3339	0	
Station 2	962	0	
Station 3	3736	0	15
Average ($\pm SD$)	2679 (± 1500)	-	
Baldegg			
Station 1	9282	57	
Station 2	4868	0	
Station 3	396	170	
Average ($\pm SD$)	4849 (± 4443)	75 (± 86)	

Table S4: (A): food sources and feeding modes as well as distributions of oligochaete worms, and (B): of chironomid larvae, where feeding modes are after Moog (2002).

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(A)

Taxa	Food source and feeding mode	Distribution	Reference
<i>Embocephalus velutinus</i>	<i>Naididae</i> : look for food at surface of sediment or other surfaces, most surface deposit feeders	oligo- und mesotrophic lakes, cold stenothermic species	Van Haaren and Soors (2013); (Martin et al. (2008); Brinkhurst (1982) Brinkhurst and Chua (1969)
<i>Limnodrilus hoffmeisteri</i>	all <i>Tubificidae</i> are thought to be subsurface deposit feeders that take in sediment: and mainly feed on bacteria (and algae) as main food source	in eu- to hypereutrophic lakes, very tolerant to oxygen deficiencies, omnipresent, wide ecological valence	
<i>Limnodrilus profundicola</i>			
<i>Potamothrix hammoniensis</i>		Mostly in bigger lakes, correlates with organic part in sediment originating from algae, omnipresent species with wide ecological valence	
<i>Potamothrix veydovskyi</i>		indicative for mid to high pollution, eutrophic conditions	
<i>Tubifex tubifex</i>		Widespread. Often dominant under eutrophic or highly oligotrophic conditions.	

(B)

Taxa	Food sources and feeding mode	Distribution	Reference
<i>Sergentia coracina</i>	mainly detritus feeder (gathering collector) also filter feeding of sedimented fine particulate OM. Stretch out of tubes and feed from surrounding mud, mud dwellers.	mesotrophic systems	Pillot (2009)
<i>Paracladopelma laminatum</i>	mainly predators	Less Fe(II) tolerant < 0.2 mg Fe(II) /L, eutrophic lakes, rarely in oligotrophic lakes, tolerant of organic loading	Pillot (2009)
<i>Procladius sp.</i>	mainly predators, also detritus feeding of algae (gathering collector), prey are small crustaceans and later in life cycle chironomidae and oligochaetes.	in mineral and organic sediment, stagnant and slow flow water types, warm water chironomid and lower critical O ₂ concentration	Vallenduuk and Pillot (2007) Brodersen et al. (2004)
<i>Tanytarsus norvegicus</i>	mainly detritus feeders (gathering collector), also grazing (scrapers, raspers) and filter feeding of sedimented fine particulate OM, build tubes		
<i>Macropelopia fehlmanni</i>	mainly predacious, also detritus feeding, prey are mainly chironomidae, plecoptera, copeopoda, detritus		Vallenduuk and Pillot (2007)
<i>Chironomus riparius/piger gr.</i>	mainly filter feeder, also shredders and grazers of suspended FPOM, CPOM, fallen leaves, plant tissue, terrestrial and algal OM (Goedkoop et al. 2006), but believed to switch from mainly surface deposit-feeding to microbial gardening under hypoxic conditions (Stief et al. 2005)	4-7 generations a year, emerging from march to november, one generation 34.8 days at 15 °C, prefer organic muddy substrate with characteristic for polluted flowing water, heavy load of OM, warm water chironomid, lower critical O ₂ concentrations	Pillot (2009) Stief et al. (2005) Goedkoop et al. (2006) Brodersen et al. (2004)
<i>Ablabesmyia monilis</i>	mainly predators, also detritus feeding, actively attacking chironomidae, oligochaetes and partially cladocera but also dead prey (diatoms, detritus)	warm water chironomid, lower critical O ₂ concentrations	Vallenduuk and Pillot (2007)
<i>Tanytarsus sp.</i>	mainly detritus feeding, but also grazing and filter feeding of sedimented fine particulate OM, build tubes	oligo to mesotrophic lakes (Saether, 1980)	Chaloner and Wotton (1996) Brodersen et al. (2004)
<i>Micropsectra sp.</i>	mainly detritus feeding, but also grazing and filter feeding of sedimented fine particulate OM	cold water chironomid	Saether (1980)
<i>Stempellina bausei</i>	grazing and detritus feeding, of epilithic algal tissue, biofilm, partially POM (endo and epilithic algal tissue, partially living plant tissue)		
<i>Orthocladiinae gen. sp.</i>	mainly algae		Stevenson et al. (1996)
<i>Polypedilum nubeculosum</i>	mainly detritus feeding, but also grazing and filter feeding of sedimented fine particulate OM, Bacteria seem to be most important food (Moore, 1979)	2-3 generations adults emerge from the end of April to early October when temp in spring reaches 8°C, bottom dwellers, make long tubes, density correlated with oxygen contents, organic sediment	Pillot (2009) Moore (1979)
<i>Chironomus sp.</i>	mainly filter feeding, also shredders and grazers of suspended FPOM, CPOM, prey, build tubes		
<i>Chironomus commutatus</i>	mainly filter feeding, also shredders and grazers of suspended FPOM, CPOM, prey, build tubes	More common in stagnant water, can stand low O ₂ conditions	Pillot (2009)

Table S5: Depth distribution of oligochaete (A) and chironomid (B) species in each lake

A: Oligochaetes

Lake Baldegg	# of individuals per species					Total # of individuals
Depth (cm)	Tubificidae (+bristles)	Tubificidae (-bristles)	Tubifex Tubifex	Limnodrilus hoffmeisteri	Limnodrilus profundicula	
0-1		2		1		3
1-2		5				5
2-3						
3-4						
4-6	1	9		11	10	31
6-8	2	19	1	26	4	52
8-10						
10-12		15		11		26

Lake Greifen	# of individuals per species					Total # of individuals
Depth (cm)	Tubificidae (+bristles)	Tubificidae (-bristles)	Tubifex Tubifex	Limnodrilus hoffmeisteri	Potamothrix hammoniensis	
0-1						
1-2	6					6
2-3	10	1			4	15
3-4	5					5
4-6	8		1		4	13
6-8	10		2	1		13
8-10	3		2			5
10-12						

Lake Zug	# of individuals per species					Total # of individuals
Depth (cm)	Tubificidae (+bristles)	Tubificidae (-bristles)	Tubifex Tubifex	Limnodrilus hoffmeisteri	Potamothrix hammoniensis	
0-1						
1-2	4					4
2-3		3				3
3-4						
4-6	2	2	2	1	3	10
6-8						
8-10						
10-12	3	1	1			5
12-14	3		2			5
14-16						
16-18	2					2

Lake Zurich	# of individuals per species					Total # of individuals
Depth (cm)	Tubificidae (+bristles)	Tubificidae (-bristles)	Embocephalus velutinus	Limnodrilus hoffmeisteri	Potamothrix hammoniensis	
0-1						
1-2						
2-3	1					1
3-4	5				1	6
4-6	1		1	1	2	5
6-8	3	1			1	5
8-10						
10-12		1				1

Lake Lucerne	# of individuals per species	Total # of individuals
	Potamothrix vejdoyski	
0-1		
1-2		
2-3	1	1
3-4		
4-6		
6-8		
8-10		
10-12		

B: Larvae

Lake Baldegg	# of individuals per species			Total # of individuals
Depth (cm)	Micropsectra sp.	Chironomus riparius/piger gr.	Orthocladiinae gen. Sp.	
0-1				
1-2	1			1
2-3				
3-4		1		1
4-6				
6-8				
8-10				
10-12				
12-14				
14-16				
16-18			1	1

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Lake Zug	# of individuals per species		Total # of individuals
Depth (cm)	Sergentia coracina	Procladius sp.	
0-1			
1-2	1		1
2-3			
3-4		1	1

Lake Zurich	# of individuals per species *									Total # of individuals
Depth (cm)	S. coracina	P. sp.	T. norvegicus	C. riparius /piger gr.	T. sp.	M. sp.	P. nubeculosum	C. sp.	C. commutatus	
0-1	1					2				3
1-2					1	2				3
2-3	1		1	2		2	1			7
3-4										
4-6	1			1						2
6-8	1	1		2						4
8-10									2	2
10-12						1		1		2
12-14								1		1
14-16					2					2
16-18					1					1
18-20										
20-24					1	1				2

Lake Lucerne	# of individuals per species *										Total # of individuals
Depth (cm)	S. coracina	P. laminatum	T. norvegicus	C. riparius /piger gr.	T. sp.	M. sp.	A. monilis	P. sp.	M. fehlmanni	S. bausei	
0-1	1				3		1				5
1-2	1	1	2			5		3	2		14
2-3	1							1			2
3-4								2	1	1	4
4-6								5			5
6-8				1							1

*S. coracina = *Sergentia coracina*, P. laminatum= *Paracladopelma laminatum*, T. norvegicus = *Tanytarsus norvegicus*, T. sp. = *Tanytarsus* sp., M. sp. = *Micropsectra* sp., A. monilis = *Ablabesmyia monilis*, P. sp. = *Procladius* sp., M. fehlmanni = *Macropelopia fehlmanni*, S. bausei = *Stempellina bausei*, C. xxxx = *Chironomus xxxx*, P. nubeculosum = *Polypedilum nubeculosum*.

Table S6: Overview of ZOTUs that were enriched (>5% of total reads) or highly enriched (>50% of total reads) in whole macrofaunal specimen (w), macrofaunal guts (g), or macrofaunal bodies after gut removal (b). Oligochaetes are shown in (A), chironomid larvae in (B). Classifications were done to the genus- or family-level via phylogenetic trees with manually optimized alignments in the ARB software (Ludwig et al. (2004), Supplementary Fig. S8). Fractions indicate the number of w, b, or g analyzed per lake in which a ZOTU was enriched (second column from right) or highly enriched (right column). LB = Lake Baldegg, LG = Lake Greifen, LZug = Lake Zug, LZ = Lake Zurich, LL = Lake Lucerne.

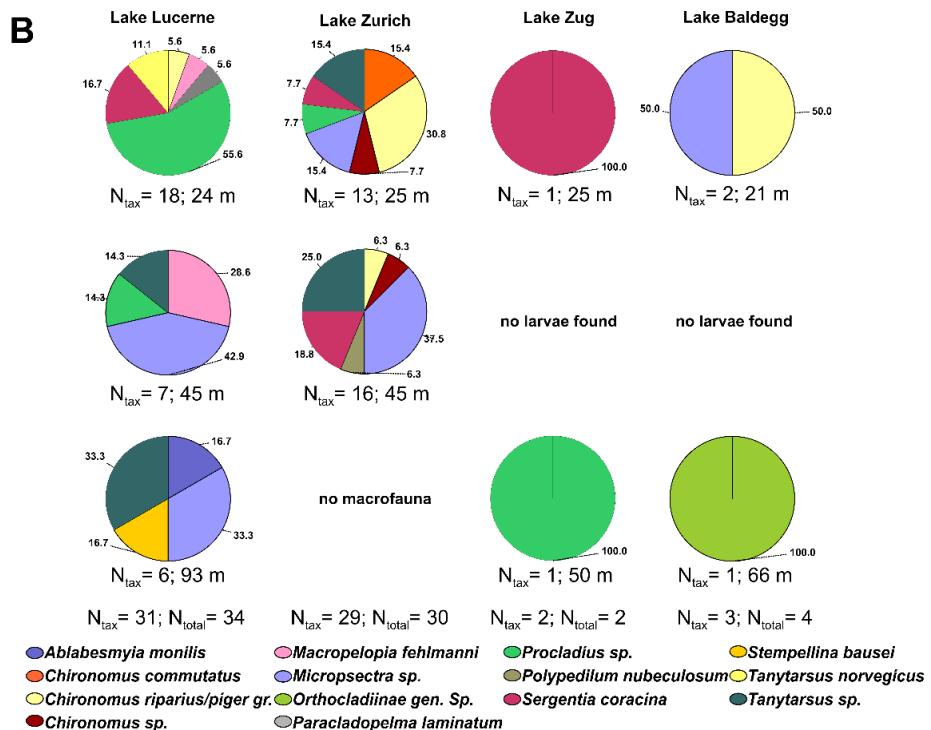
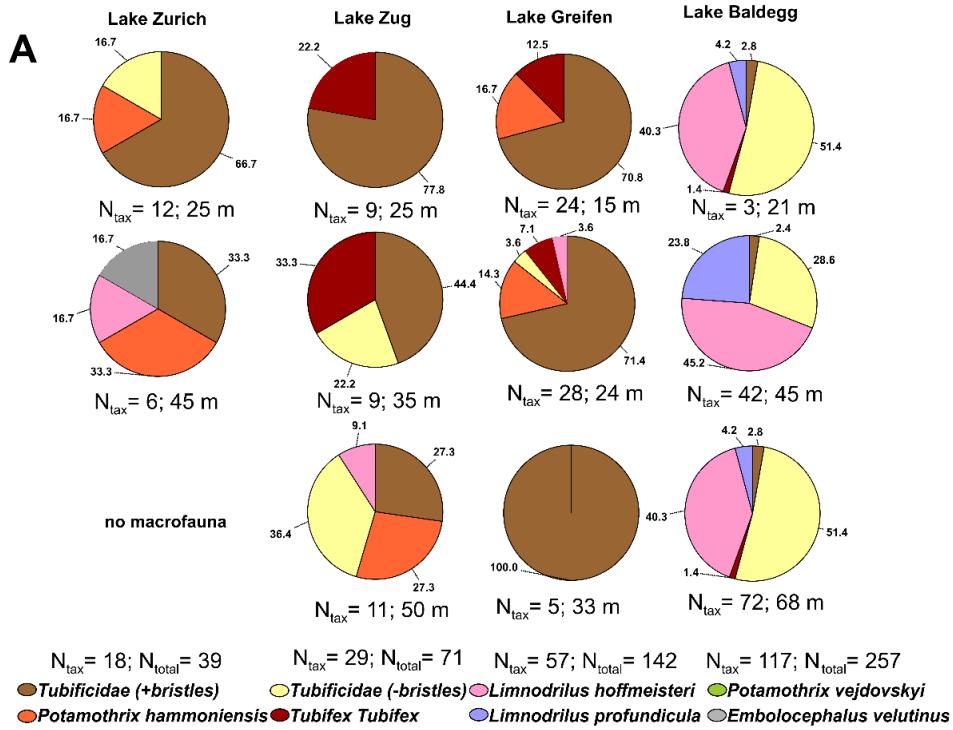
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(A)

ZOTU#	Classification	# of fauna, where ZOTU enriched, broken down according to w, b, and g (range of % fraction of total reads)	# of total fauna where ZOTU highly enriched	
Fusobacteria				
ZOTU389	<i>Fusobacterium</i> Cl. I	LB: 1/11 w (7%)	LB: 5/14; LG: 5/5; LZug: 4/9; LL: 1/1	
ZOTU1	<i>Fusobacterium</i> Cl. I	LB: 4/11 w (44-79%), 1/3 b (87%), 1/3 g (91%); LG: 4/5 w (64-77%); LZug: 4/7 w (75-97%)		
ZOTU7, 22	<i>Fusobacterium</i> Cl. I	LG: 1/1 b (62%), 1/1 g (86%)		
ZOTU5, 13	<i>Fusobacterium</i> Cl. I	LB: 4/11 w (5-24%); LG: 1/5 w (65%)		
Proteobacteria				
<i>β-Proteobacteria</i>				
ZOTU6	Uncl. Subcl. (<i>Rhodocyclales</i>)	LZ: 1/1 w (59%)	LZ: 1/1	
ZOTU8	<i>Deegea</i> (<i>Neisseriales</i>)	LB: 1/3 g (93%)	LB: 1/14	
<i>ε-Proteobacteria</i>				
ZOTU18	<i>Wolinella</i> (<i>Campylobacterales</i>)	LZug: 1/7 w (55%)	LZug: 2/9	
ZOTU9	Uncl. Cl.	LG: 1/5 w (31%); LZug: 1/2 b (5-69%)		
<i>α-Proteobacteria</i>				
ZOTU4	<i>Holosporaceae</i> (<i>Holosporales</i>)	LB: 1/11 w (93%); LZug: 2/7 w (7-60%)	LB: 1/14; LZug: 1/9	
Bacteroidetes				
ZOTU10	<i>Flavobacterium</i> (<i>Flavobacteriales</i>)	LB: 4/11 w (6-10%), 1/3 g (6%); LG: 3/5 w (10-17%); LZug: 1/7 w (8%)	-	
Parcubacteria				
ZOTU199	Uncl. Cl. I	LB: 2/11 w (7%); 1/3 b, 60%; 1/3 g, 5%	LB: 1/14	
TOTAL			LB: 8/14; LG: 5/5; LZug: 7/9; LZ: 1/1; LL: 1/1	

(B)

ZOTU#	Classification	# of fauna, where ZOTU <u>enriched</u> , broken down according to w, b, and g (range of % fraction of total reads)	# of total fauna where ZOTU <u>highly enriched</u>
Fusobacteria			
ZOTU1	<i>Fusobacterium</i> Cl. I	LZ (1/1 b) (8%)	LZ (3/7 >5%; 1/7 >50%)
ZOTU5, 13	<i>Fusobacterium</i> Cl. I	LZ (2/6 w) (6-57%)	
Proteobacteria			
<i>γ-Proteobacteria</i>			
ZOTU11	<i>Serratia</i> (<i>Enteromonadales</i>)	LL (1/6 b) (83%)	LL (5/10 >5%; 4/10 >50%)
ZOTU21, 3	<i>Aeromonas</i> (<i>Aeromonadales</i>)	LL (1/4 w, 79%; 2/6 b, 11-78%; 2/6 g, 98-99%)	
ZOTU26	Uncl. Cl. (<i>Pseudomonadales</i>)	LL (1/4 w) (40%)	
<i>β-Proteobacteria</i>			
ZOTU6	Uncl. Subcl. (<i>Rhodocyclales</i>)	LL (1/4 w) (56%)	LL (3/10 >5%; 2/10 >50%)
ZOTU12	Uncl. Subcl. (<i>Burkholderiales</i>)	LL (2/6 b) (22-56%)	
<i>α-Proteobacteria</i>			
ZOTU2	<i>Wolbachia</i> (<i>Rickettsiales</i>)	LZ (2/6 w), LL (1/4 w, 3/6 b) (42-71%)	LZ (2/7 >5%; 2/7 >50%); LL (5/10 >5%; 4/10 >50%)
Bacteroidetes			
ZOTU28	Uncl. Wastewater & Gut Group (<i>Bacteroidales</i>)	LZ (1/6 w) (72%)	LZ (1/7 >50%)
Firmicutes			
ZOTU19	“Insect Gut Cl.” (<i>Clostridiales</i>)	LL (1/4 w, 2/6 g) (19-31%)	LL (3/10 >5%; 0/10 >50%)
TOTAL			LB: 0/2; LZ: 3/7; LL: 9/10



5 Figure S1: Taxonomy results for selected individuals of the two main classes found (A: oligochaete worms, N_{tax}=222, N_{tot} = 513; B: chironomid larvae, N_{tax}=65, N_{tot}=70) for each lake and station individually. Numbers indicate the % abundance of taxonomically analyzed individuals. No chironomid larvae were found in Lake Greifen and at station 2 of Lake Baldegg (45 m) and Lake Zug (35 m). In Lake Lucerne only 4 oligochaetic worms were found of which 1 was taxonomically analyzed (Potamothrix vejdoyski). No Macrofauna was found at the deep station of Lake Zurich (137 m).

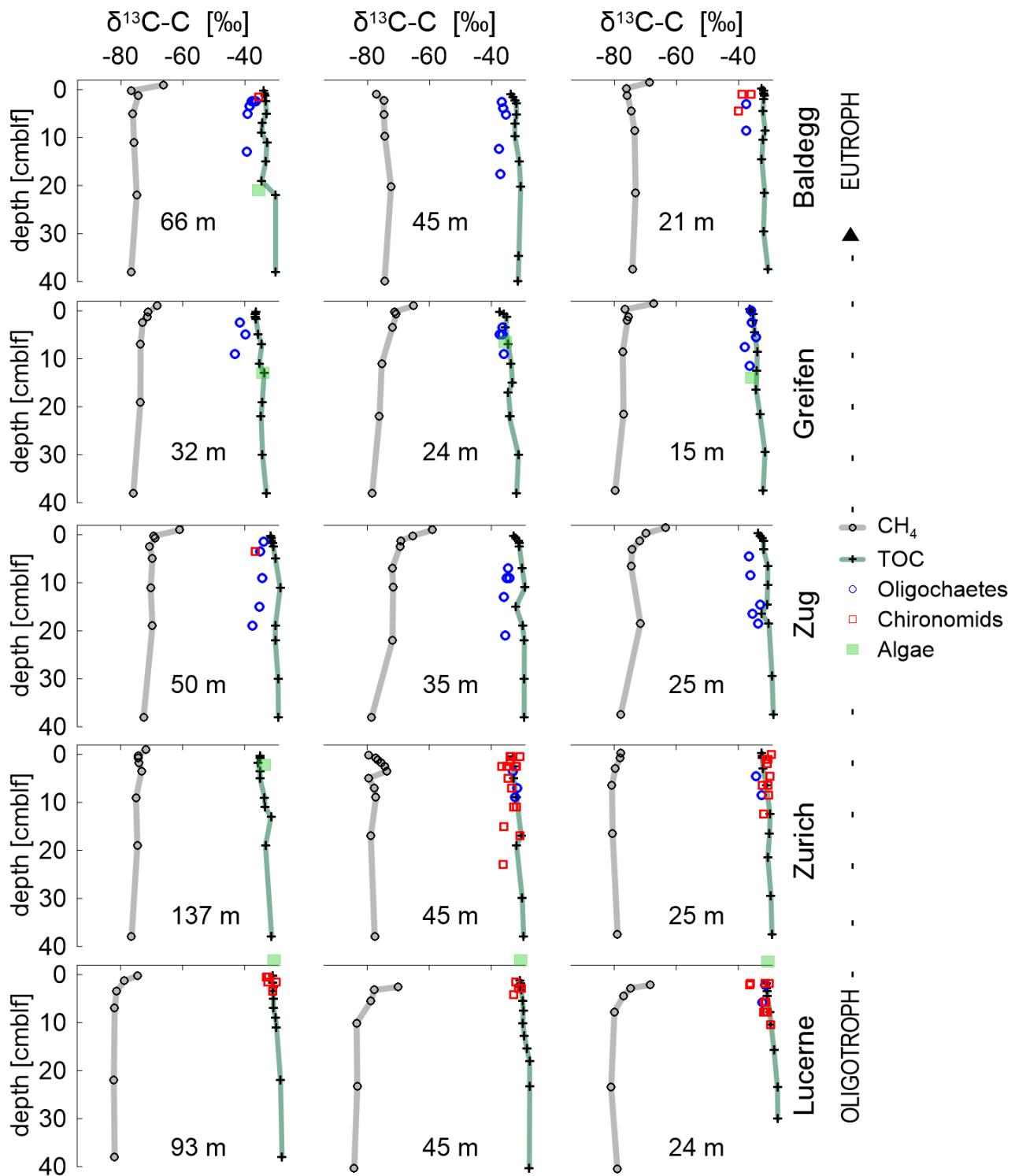


Figure S2: δ¹³C of TOC, methane, specific sediment layers (water column phytoplankton and algal bloom sediment layers), oligochaetes and chironomid larvae vs. sediment depth (cmblf).

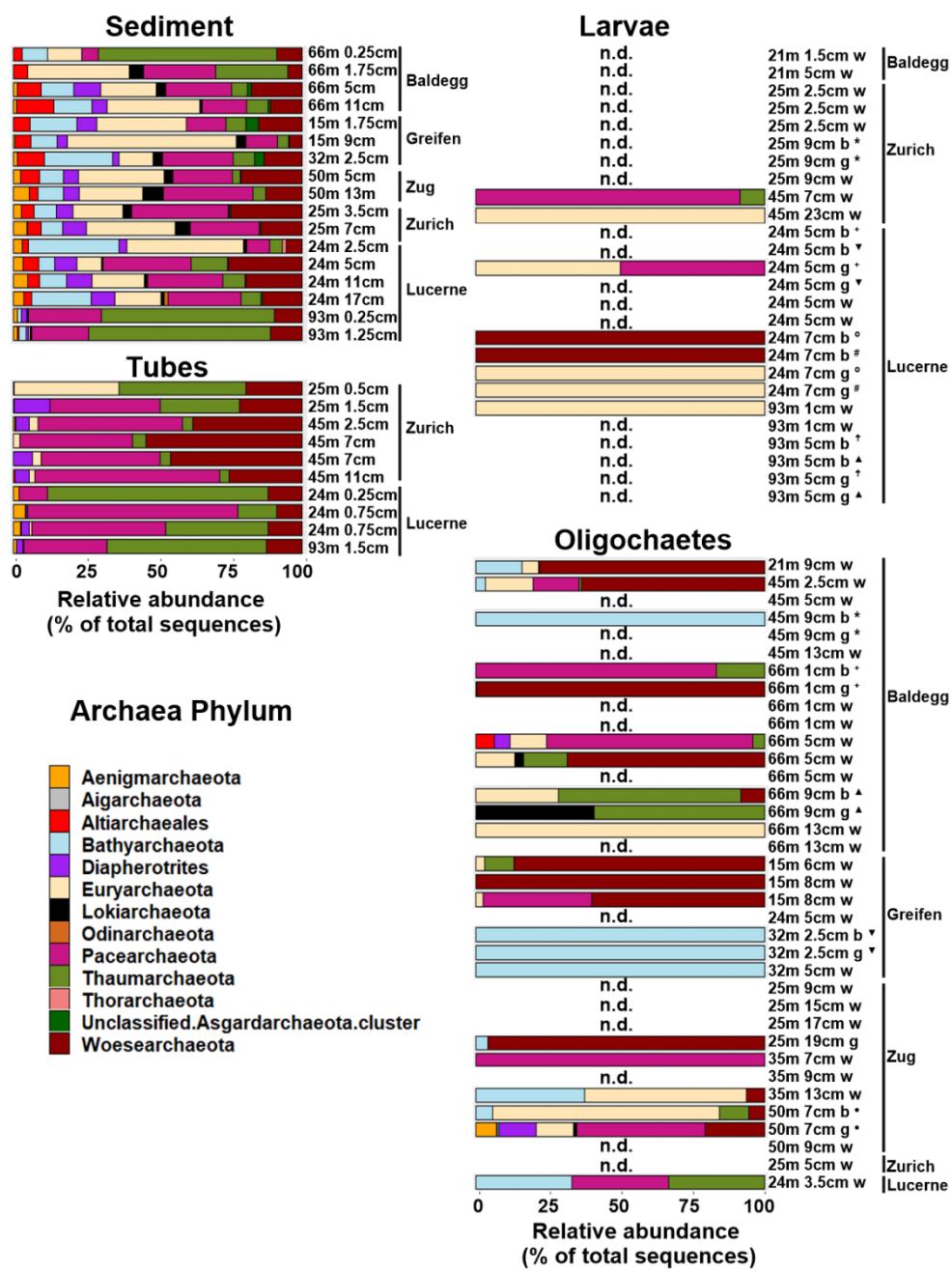
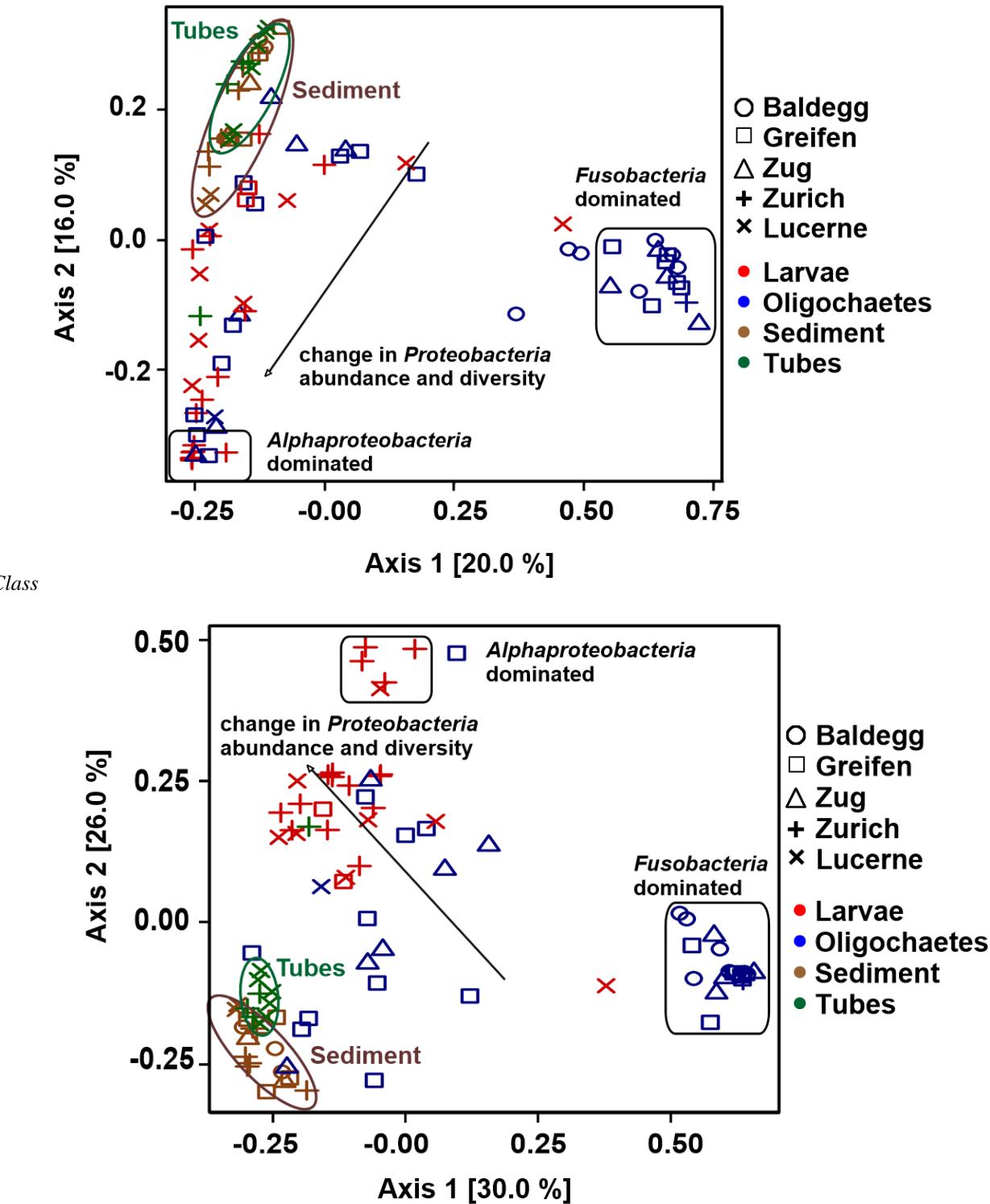
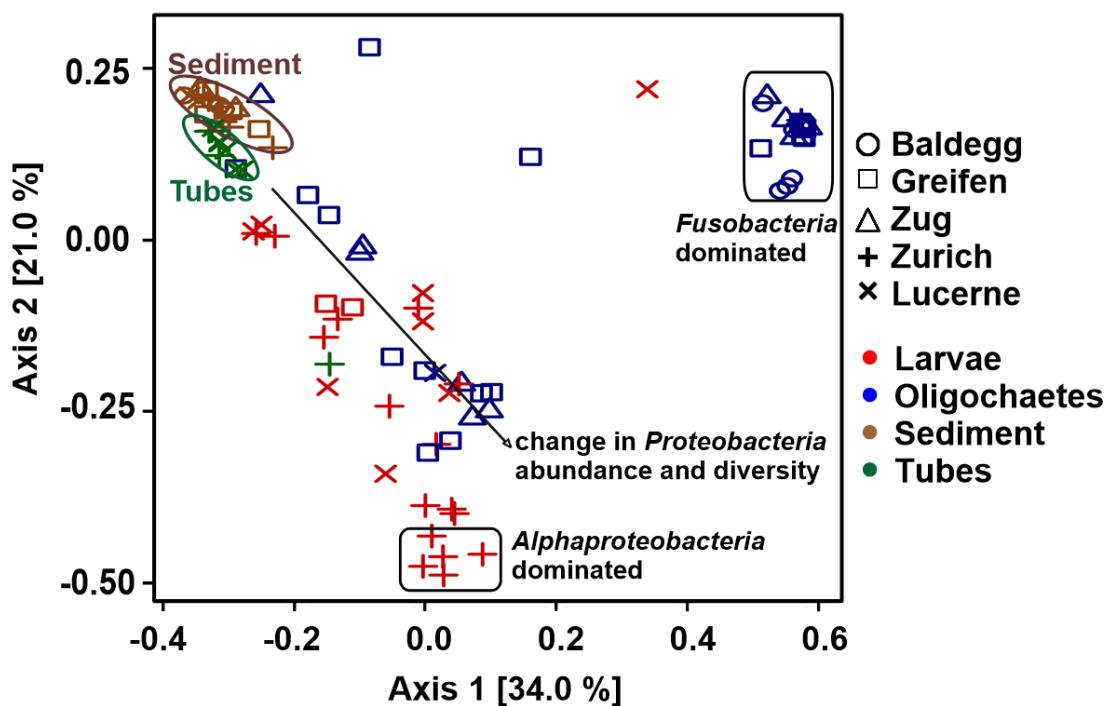


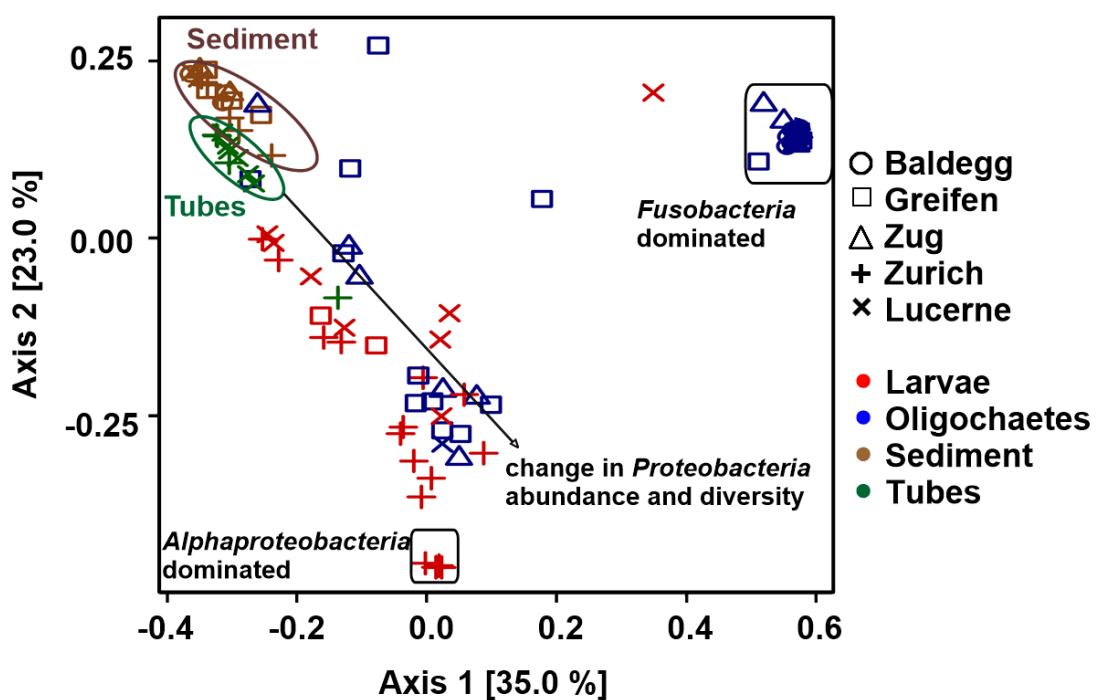
Figure S3: relative abundance of archaeal sequences (phylum level) for sediment, tubes, chironomid larvae and oligochaete samples.



Family



Genus



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Figure S4: PCoA analysis of the relative abundance of Bacteria on the phylum, class, family and genus level. Distances are calculated using Bray Curtis distances.

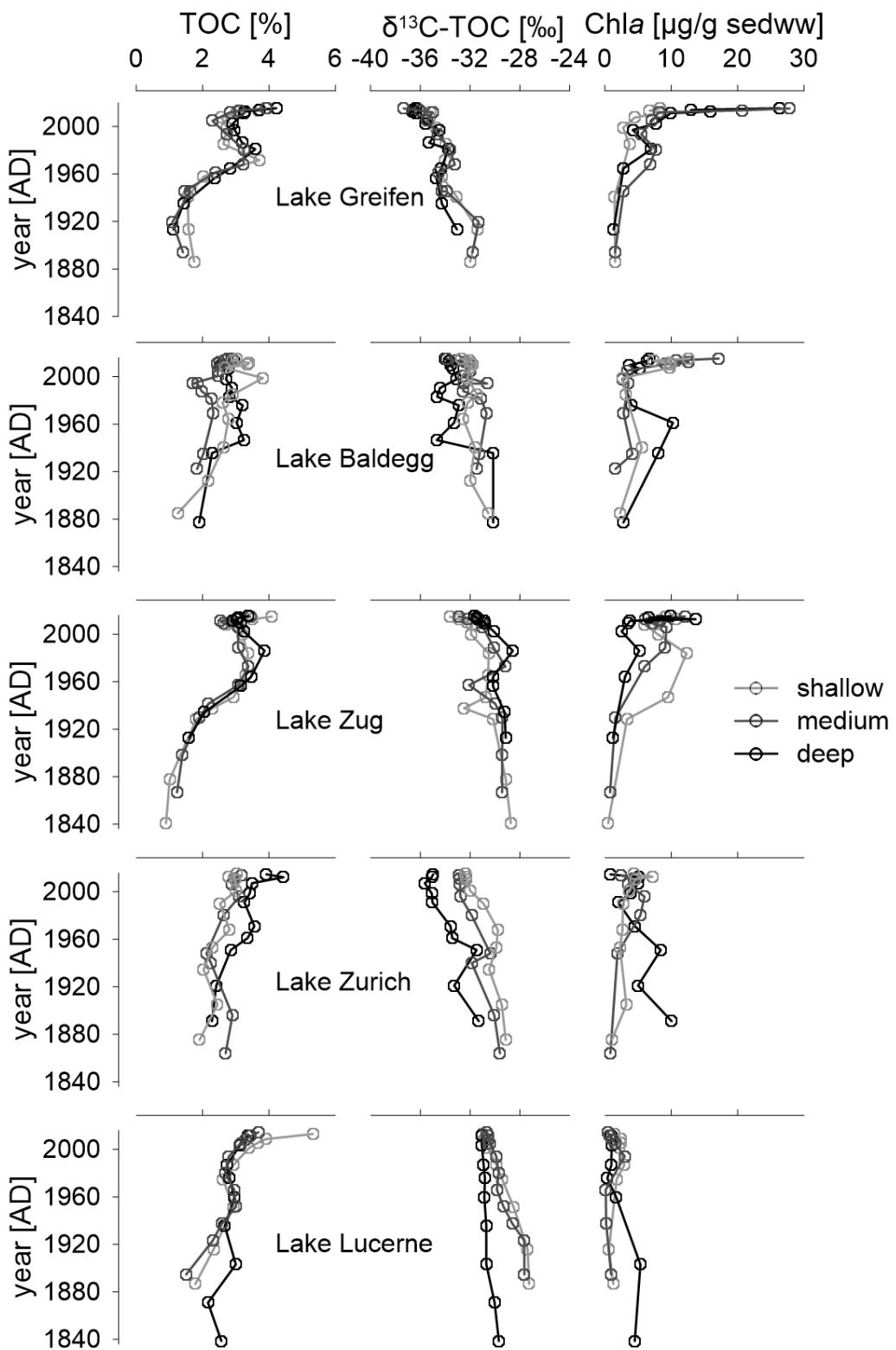


Figure S5: Total organic carbon (TOC) in [%], stable carbon isotopes of TOC ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ -TOC) in [‰] and Chla concentrations [$\mu\text{g/g}$ sedww] for each lake vs sediment age [AD]. Three stations per lake are plotted in one subplot. Light grey, open triangles = shallowest station, dark grey, closed circles = medium station, black, open circles = bottom station.

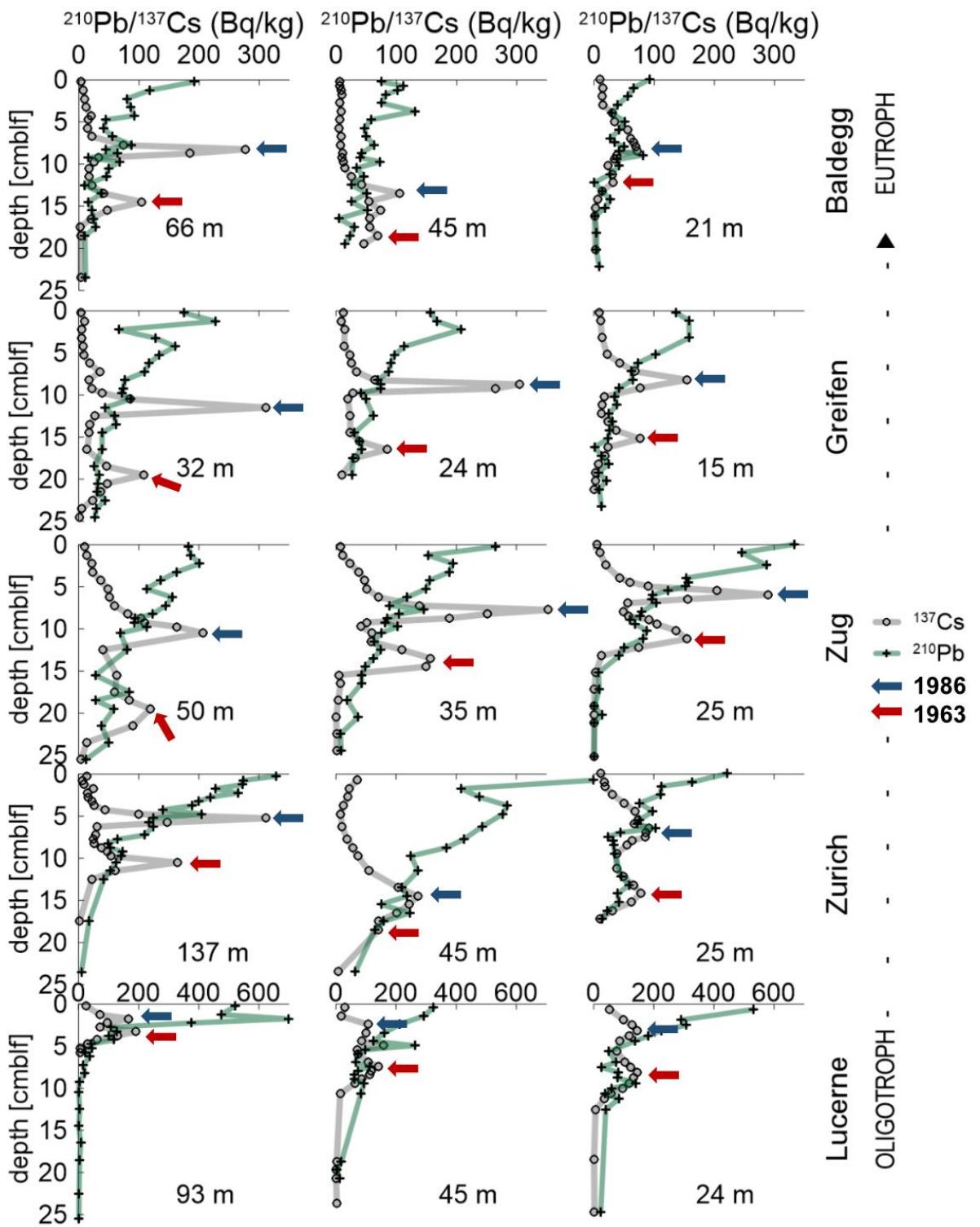
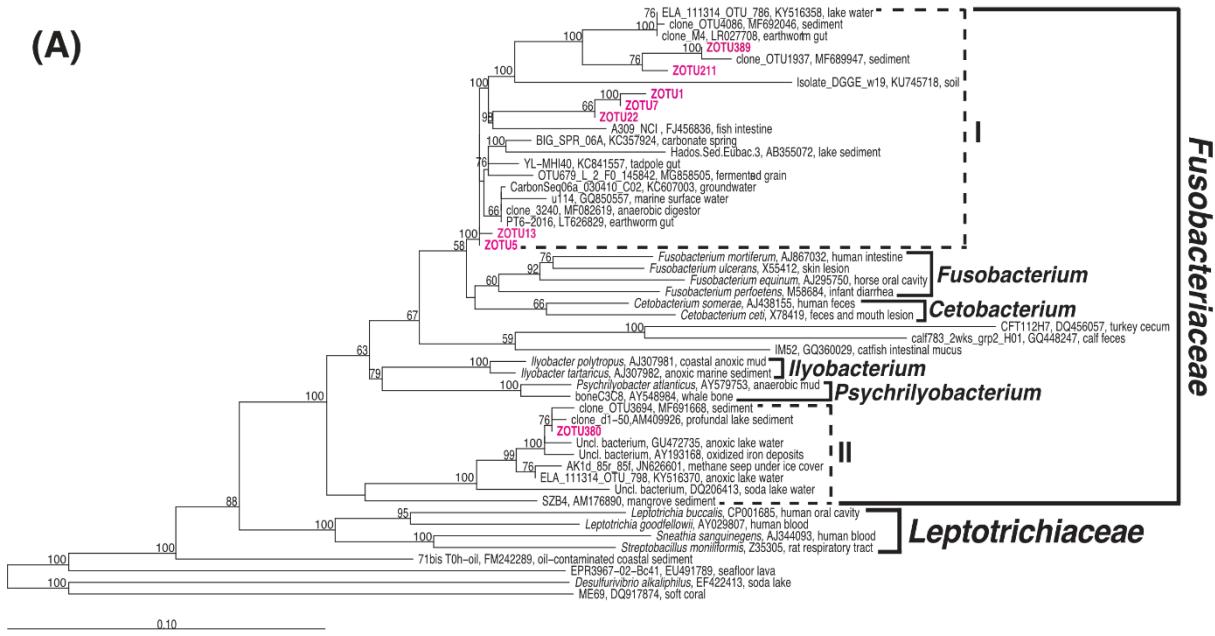
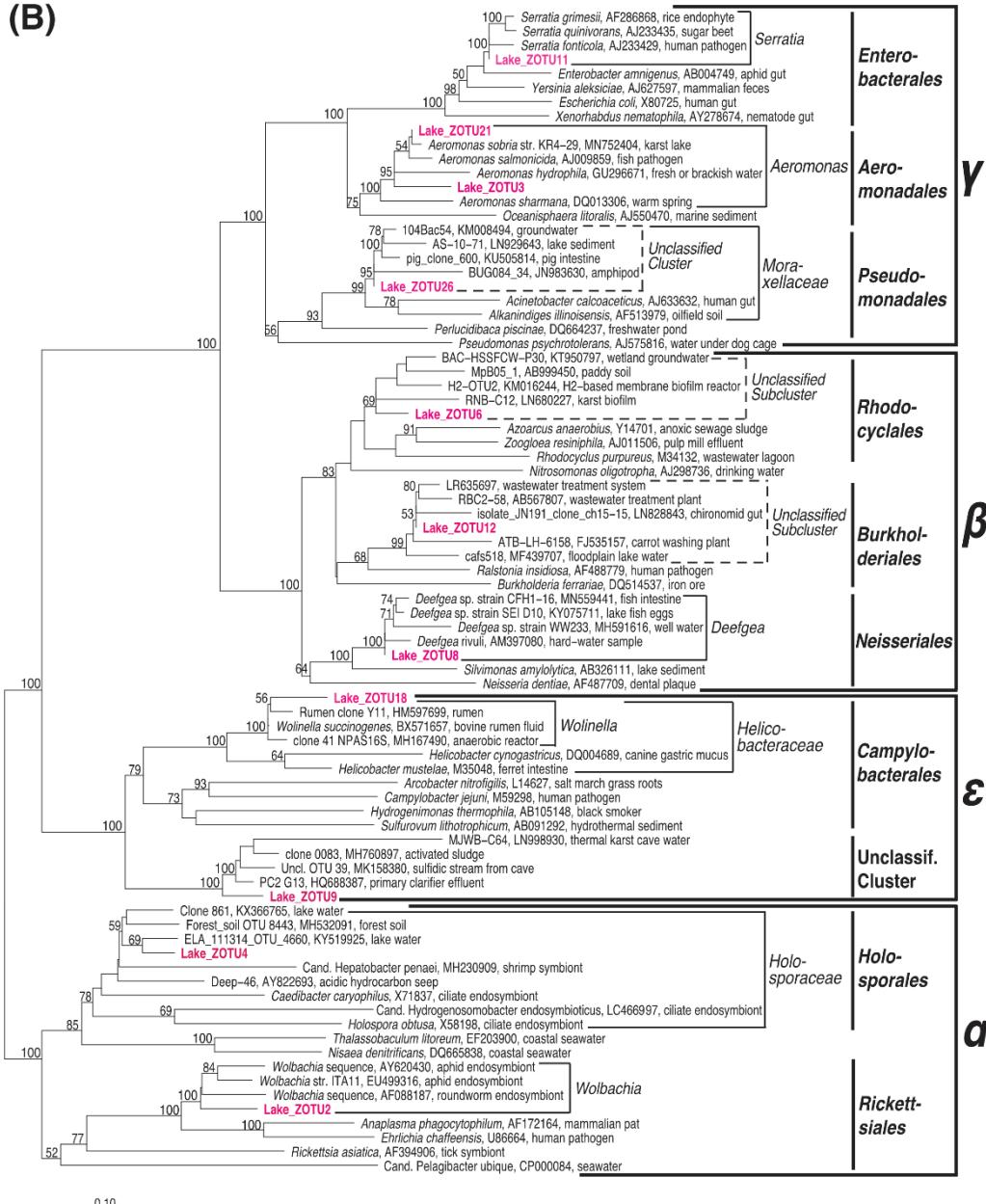


Figure S6: Profile of $^{210}\text{Pb}_{\text{unsupported}}$ and ^{137}Cs in Bq/kg, along sediment depth in centimetre below lake floor (cmlbf) for each station. Blue arrow indicates the ^{137}Cs peak due to the Chernobyl accident in 1986 and the red arrow indicates bomb testing in 1963. Please note different x-axes for Lake Lucerne.



(B)



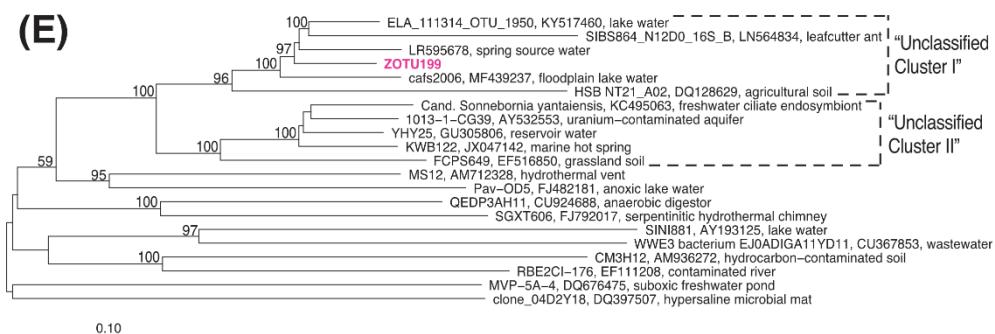
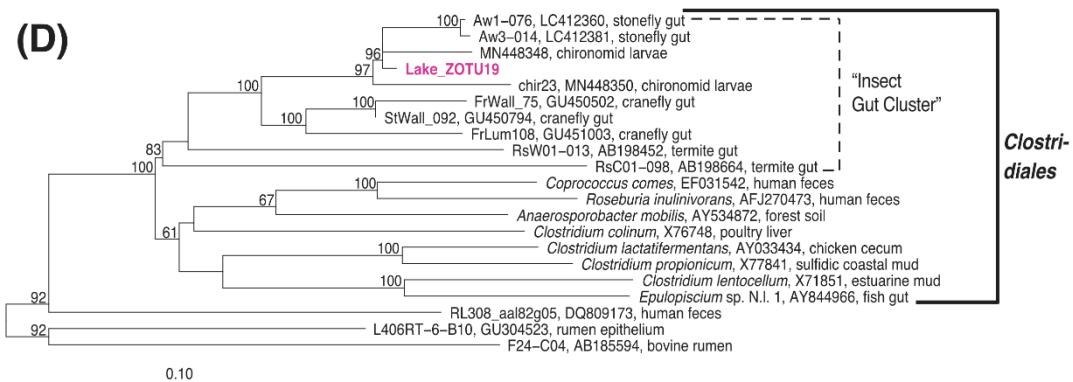
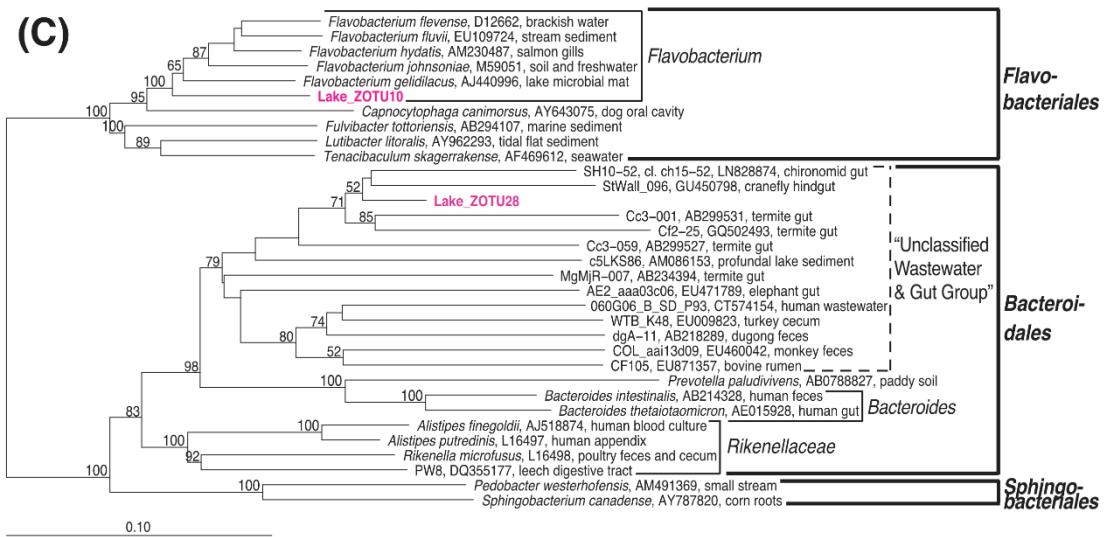


Figure S7: Phylogenetic assignment for sequences of Fusobacteria (A), Proteobacteria (B), Bacteroidetes (C), Firmicutes (D) and Parcubacteria (E) performed in ARB (please see SI Table S6 below).

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