

On behalf of all authors, I would like to thank the associate editor for his feedback, and the three referees for their detailed reviews with relevant and constructive comments to improve the quality of the manuscript. Following are specific responses to the AE's comments to the author as well as to each of the referees' comments.

The referees' comments are in black and the author's original responses are in red; updated responses pertaining to revisions made for the updated submission are in blue.

Associate Editor Decision: Reconsider after major revisions (01 May 2021) by [Ji-Hyung Park](#)

Comments to the Author:

Dear Authors

I thank you for providing detailed responses to the comments and suggestions offered by three reviewers.

I agree with the three reviewers who recognized the value and novelty of your methane data obtained using a combination of various approaches. However, the reviewers also raised several critical issues including those about manuscript brevity and clarity. While your responses well addressed the reviewer comments, I envisage that the manuscript would require a substantial revision to address all raised issues and suggestions. Therefore, I have to recommend 'reconsider after major revisions' and might need to ask the reviewers to reevaluate the revised manuscript.

Thank you for acknowledging the value of our study, and for the opportunity to have the manuscript reconsidered for publication following revisions.

Regarding your response to the first reviewer's comment on the large number of figures ("Moving five figures (current Figures 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12) from the main manuscript to the supplement"), I would suggest that you consider reducing the number of the existing supplementary figures, because you would have too many figures in the supplement. You can at least combine Figs. S10 and S11 into a multi-plot figure. Please also consider preparing a cover page for the supplement to show the title and author information as well as the contents.

In this revised version, we also updated the supplementary information following this feedback. The SI now has 11 figures and a cover page.

If you want to focus the revised discussion around the spring burst, it would be very helpful to provide more supporting information about seasonal differences in nutrients and carbon components as commented by the third reviewer. In case you did not measure the relevant components except Chl a, please provide at least some secondary information from the literature.

We have added more information on seasonal and spatial differences in nutrients and carbon that show elevated levels of NH₄, TP, SRP, and POC near the inflow during the spring burst (Table 3), as well as incorporating findings from the recent literature in the discussion.

I would like to ask you to submit your revised manuscript together your responses as instructed in the author guidelines.

The author's response in case of "minor" or "major" revisions must be submitted as one separate *.pdf file (indicating page and line numbers), structured in a clear and easy-to-follow sequence: (1) comments from referees/public, (2) author's response, and (3) author's changes in manuscript. Regarding author's changes, a marked-up manuscript version (track changes in Word, latexdiff in LaTeX) converted into *.pdf and combined with the author's response should be provided.

Sincerely,

Ji-Hyung Park
Associate Editor, Biogeosciences

On behalf of all authors, I would like to thank the three referees for their detailed reviews with relevant and constructive comments to improve the quality of the manuscript. Following are specific responses to each of the referees' comments.

Response to referee comment #1

General comments: The study provides a valuable dataset given its high spatial and temporal resolution and a variety of sampling methods, which is rare in the current literature on methane dynamics in inland waters. Therefore, the study has a good potential to offer original insights on the subject, with a unique perspective on spatial and temporal patterns and methodological biases. Data collection, curation, and interpretation are generally appropriate (although I have a limited expertise in the EC technique). However, the structure of manuscript, the presentation of the results, and the discussion around them can be vastly improved. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the authors for producing this manuscript, and I am confident it will be suitable for publication after some modifications following external feedback. Thank you for acknowledging the value of our measured dataset, and for your detailed review and comments that will help us to improve the quality of the manuscript.

Goal definition: To help the reader follow the logical structure of the study, it would be helpful to define the aims of the research in a more specific manner. The gap that the authors are filling with their research is not clearly stated in the introduction. For instance, at page 2 line 25-26: "many questions about reservoir emission behaviour remain" is very vague. While the authors state that they "investigate biophysical drivers of CH₄", they should be more clear about how their study differs from multiple other studies investigating CH₄ aquatic drivers, and how their unique dataset enables them to tackle more specific still unanswered questions on the subject. For instance, are the drivers similar at different temporal scales? How different method capture or miss those drivers and what are their biases/uncertainty when upscaling?

We appreciate this helpful feedback which was echoed in the other reviewer's comments. We agree that the manuscript can be improved by better defining the study aims and focusing on key findings that contribute new information to the body of knowledge on aquatic CH₄ emissions.

Planned changes to improve the goal definition include:

1. Changing the manuscript title to highlight the study findings: "Short-term emissions account for most of a two-fold inter-annual difference in methane emissions in a small eutrophic reservoir: insights from two years of monitoring with eddy covariance and spatial surveys"
We have changed the title in the revised submission to "A spring burst of emissions account

for most of the inter-annual and intra-lake difference in methane emissions in a small eutrophic reservoir: insights from two years of eddy covariance monitoring”

2. Defining the aims of the study more clearly in the abstract and introduction. We are re-focusing the manuscript around the questions:
 1. What can we tell about the relevant importance of hot-spots vs. hot-moments to sampling bias by comparing results from different methods?
 2. How important is interannual variability in one lake (in this case, the spring burst), and what causes it?

In the manuscript revision, we thought more about what we measured in terms of F_{CH_4} across the reservoir. Because we didn't see the spring burst at the deep site, we have re-focused around the following questions about combined spatiotemporal variability:

1. How important can interannual and intra-lake variability be in a single reservoir, and what causes it?
2. What does this tell us about how limited monitoring resources can best be used to constrain reservoir methane emissions?

Main message: The manuscript provides a lot of scattered new information, however, the main conclusions are diluted and not clearly highlighted in the manuscript. Defining the study aim will help on that matter, but the authors also need to choose a few key results and conclusions and structure the manuscript to focus on them. The fact that the manuscript contains 3 tables and 12 figures (+10 supplemental figures) clearly reflects this issue!! Authors should select a few central figures and tables, and move the ones presenting secondary information to the supplemental document, but overall, the number of figures should be drastically reduced (main and supplementary). Accordingly, the structure of the discussion, the abstract, and the conclusion should be adapted to put the focus on the main findings.

Results presentation and discussion: The structure of the discussion is confusing. For instance, the first section named “Biophysical drivers” also outlines spatial and temporal trends, and the CH₄ drivers is also discussed in subsequent sections. Following previous comments, authors should find a more logical structure for discussing results. In general, the literature context for discussing the results can be improved, as the authors make little comparison with results from previous similar studies. Presentation of the results, especially in figures, should be streamlined as there is a lot of repetition.

The revised manuscript will focus on the results the three referees highlighted and the authors agree are the most important. These include the observed spring burst of F_{CH_4} , the role of sediment T, precipitation, and chl_a in driving the spring burst, and the difference between methods in capturing drivers and in upscaling.

In the revision, in addition to the topics listed above we also pay more attention to the intra-lake variability between shallow and deep portions of the lake, and the potential role of multiple methane production pathways.

Planned changes to the results and discussion include:

3. Expanding the results section describing the warm-season and annual budgets to compare budgets from different methods
We added a column of cumulative annual emissions to Table 3 for all methods including the new hybrid upscaled estimate.
4. Clarification of how and why we use FCH₄ results from the different monitoring methods to interpret different FCH₄ phenomenon
We added clarification around when we were using the EC flux results and when we were using the hybrid results
5. Deemphasizing and reducing the discussion of FCH₄ diurnal patterns and intra-reservoir spatial patterns
We have deemphasized the discussion around diurnal patterns and distilled the discussion around intra-reservoir patterns to relate more directly to the recent literature.
6. Moving five figures (current Figures 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12) from the main manuscript to the supplement
The original submission had 12 Figures and 3 Tables, the new submission has 8 Figures and 4 Tables. We moved original figures 4, 6, 7, and 12 to the supplement. We kept Figure 5 and updated it to better illustrate the hybrid upscaling approach we used.
7. Restructuring the discussion to directly address upscaling implications based on the study results. Instead of breaking the discussion into sections that still overlap (4.1: Biophysical drivers, 4.2: Temporal patterns, 4.3: Comparison with other systems and methods), we plan to structure the discussion to answer our guiding questions:
 1. Comparison with other systems and methods
 2. Implications for upscalingThe revised discussion follows this structure, with the upscaling section further broken down by Spring Burst and Additional intra-lake variability

Specific Comments:

- Line numbering should be continuous, not restarting on each new page. Thank you for pointing this out; we will use continuous line numbering in our revised manuscript. Continuous line numbering has been applied.
- Page 2 line 17: “in space in time” replace by and OK Changed
- Page 9 line 3: “elevated are positively” replace by and OK Changed
- Page 9 line 11-12: “The period...smaller median” this sentence could be simplified as follows: ...if 1) the difference between daytime vs nighttime FCH₄ median was >50 %. OK Changed
- Section 3.1, the title of this section could be replaced by “Temporal patterns in FCH₄” since it does not only focus on seasonal trends. We agree and will make this change in the revision. This section has been changed to “3.2: Temporal patterns in F_{CH4}”
- Page 9 line lines 22-26: the two sentences are repetitive and can be combined into one. OK These sentences reporting the warm-season mean airT, sedT, and LE have been removed.
- Page 10 line 2 “in contrast...” and line 11-13 “This difference...”, page 11 line 2-3 “Much of this behaviour...” statements like these belong in the discussion section. This is helpful for

guiding the process of streamlining the results and discussion in the revision.

These statements have been moved to the discussion or removed.

- Page 10 line 20-25: Was there any investigation done concerning the CH₄ drivers on a day to day scale? It seems like an important component if looking at drivers at different temporal scales. We did not directly investigate FCH₄ drivers on a day-to-day scale. This scale is inherently part of the ANN gap filling model. We emphasized seasonal, interannual, and diurnal time scales because of the potential impact of biased upscaled estimates. We would expect day-to-day variability to be more stochastic.
- The first paragraph of section 3.3 belongs to the method section. The second paragraph of this section could be moved to section 3.1 as it relates to the temporal measurements and drivers of CH₄. Also, main drivers of CH₄ derived from the ANN analysis should be mentioned in this result section rather than just referring to the figure. We agree and will make these changes as part of streamlining the results and discussion in the revision. We moved the first paragraph of the original section 3.3 “EC gap filling and uncertainty”, to the end of methods section 2.2: Eddy covariance flux measurements. We moved the second paragraph to Results section 3.1: “Temporal patterns in F_{CH₄}”.
- Section 3.4 should be restructured to present the overall budgets from different methods and comparing them before discussing the differences between years which was already discussed in section 3.1. We plan to rearrange the results section to present the overall budgets first, and expand this section to compare budgets from different methods. We separated out section 3.2: Cumulative F_{CH₄}. In this section, we compare budgets from different methods, including the new hybrid upscaling method.
- The first paragraph of section 4.1 mostly contains information that belong in the method and results sections. We agree and will make this change in the revision. The information that was in this paragraph has been moved.
- Page 13 line 11-12 “Our analysis...” authors should be careful with this statement as they have not performed an analysis that specifically support that statement. The cited figures are only visual aids but do not include any statistical testing of this hypothesis. We will rephrase this to clarify that while supported by observations, the connection from precipitation to algal biomass to FCH₄ is not unequivocal. We removed the phrase “our analysis” and reworked this section to explore possible mechanistic connections and how they are supported by the observations.
- Section 4.2.1: here the authors should include a wider range of literature studies linking CH₄ to Chl_a at global spatial scales, in several temporal studies, and discussing its known link to pelagic oxic methane production. This section discussing drivers of the 2018 spring burst will undergo substantial revision. We will add discussion related to the following recent studies demonstrating links between chl_a and FCH₄: Zhang et al., 2021; Bartosiewicz et al., 2021; McClure et al., 2020. Will also add discussion the potential importance of pelagic oxic methane production, citing Hartmann et al 2020. We added discussion related to these citations.
- Section 4.2.2: When talking about diurnal CH₄ drivers, authors mention that nondiurnal factors may contribute to the variability in CH₄. While these other factors may influence CH₄ on different temporal scales, by definition, they do not affect its diurnal variability. Thus, I do not see the point in mentioning them when talking about diurnal variability, and

the authors should hypothesize another explanation for this. We would argue that this analysis is an important contribution toward understanding the role of diurnal patterns in emissions in lentic systems, and whether FCH₄ magnitudes tend to be higher or lower during the day. Thus, the lack of diurnal pattern and potential reasons behind that is just as important a result as observations of strong diurnal patterns. We plan to condense the discussion of FCH₄ diurnal patterns. We plan to touch on these findings in brief as part of the implications of our findings on upscaling.

We have substantially reduced the discussion of diurnal patterns, removing the Diurnal patterns subsection and integrating the key points (e.g. diurnal patterns near the spring burst and how that relates to the emission pathway) into the other sections. Mention of other non-diurnal factors dampening the diurnal variability has been removed.

- Authors do not discuss the limitations and potential biases of the EC method compared to other techniques, and do not discuss the reasons behind a more elevated flux when using this method. This should be addressed. We plan to address these items in more depth by expanding the comparison of methods in the results.

We have expanded the comparison of methods, most notably by combining the EC measurements with the deep AFT and spatial survey results to obtain a hybrid best estimate of lake-scale emissions.

Response to referee comment #2

General Comments: I agree with reviewer #1 on the high potential of this well conducted study on CH₄ emissions from a temperate eutrophic reservoir which includes 2 years of continuous monitoring of total CH₄ emissions by eddy covariance (EC) and gap-filling with ANN and ebullition with automated bubble traps at shallow and deep sites and six extensive field surveys during which diffusion (floating chambers) and ebullition (manual bubble traps) were measured at more than 10 sites. The interpretation on the spatial and temporal variability of CH₄ emissions can be done on the basis of meteorology (Rainfall, temp, atmospheric pressure), energy balance (H, LE), hydrodynamics (Brunt-vaisala Freq, temp profiles), hydrology (water inputs, water levels) and biogeochemistry (O₂, Chloa). Thank you for acknowledging the quality of this study, and for your detailed and constructive comments.

Major comments: My first major comment is about the result section which does not depict the whole dataset. Indeed, only CH₄ fluxes are described but not correctly (see below). Information on meteorology and hydrology would be very welcomed. Description of the energy balance, thermal stratification and its spatial variability, vertical biogeochemical stratification (O₂, CH₄...) and their spatial variability and chlorophyll a data and its spatial variability are required.

This comment speaks to the tension between focus and thoroughness in a manuscript. We provide key information on meteorology and hydrology in results section 3.1, which are depicted in Figure 3 (temperature, LE and H, precip, stream inflow, water level, the Brunt-Vaisala frequency, and water temperature profile). Information on vertical stratification of pCH₄ is provided in the supplement (Figure S4). Estimating the energy balance over open water

is challenging because of the high degree of uncertainty in the storage term. In contrast to terrestrial systems, the energy balance would have limited utility in diagnosing the quality of the EC measurements in our study. Similarly, while there are some limited data we could add about the spatial variability in dissolved nutrients and chlorophyll a, it would need to directly contribute to the main findings of the manuscript.

The revised manuscript now includes more information on the spatial variability in chl a and water chemistry.

For CH₄ emissions, I would recommend to separately describe ebullition (funnels, bubble traps), diffusion (floating chambers) and total emissions from EC. **We plan to expand the results section describing the warm-season and annual budgets to compare budgets from different methods.**

We have expanded the results to include cumulative annual emission estimates from each method. We added a column of cumulative annual emissions to Table 3 for all methods including the new hybrid upscaled estimate.

As a matter of fact, I wonder whether the gap-filling is not already a kind of interpretation as the gap-filling is based on the covariation of the fluxes with other variables when EC data are available. Therefore, it has to be decided by the authors to keep it in the result section or move it to the discussion. Independently of where the gap-filled fluxes are described (results or interpretation), it would be very informative for the reader to have information on the validated fluxes (“real data”) and on the EC fluxes after gap filling for comparison. **It is true that the gap-filled EC flux dataset is dependent on driver variables. For this reason, we only use the directly measured/non gap-filled EC data in the diurnal analysis, and the ecoQ10 and 2DKS analysis relating FCH₄ to sediment T. We realize this is not clearly explained in the manuscript and will clarify this point in the revision. For interpreting overall patterns in FCH₄, and CH₄ budgets, it is better to use the gap-filled dataset, as it mitigates any bias due to data coverage.** We added this sentence to the beginning of Section 2.9: Statistical and Quantitative Analysis: For these analyses, we used the non-gap-filled measurement time series.

The second major comment is related to the absence of information regarding the calculation of total emissions from the reservoir. A critical discussion on the comparison of the different type of measurements is required in order to determine the adequate methodology to combine them for a robust estimation of total emissions. We currently ignore whether the emission factor given in the manuscript is an average of all measurements, whether it is only based on EC... Did the author take into account the bathymetry for the extrapolation of ebullition from the reservoir since ebullition at deep sites is lower than at shallow sites? **We agree with this comment and plan to address this in the revision by expanding the results section that describes the budget from different methods and adding a discussion of our assumptions in estimating total reservoir emissions.**

During the manuscript revision, we realized we could integrate the results from the spatially-extensive surveys with the results from the continuous measurements. We added a description of how we did this to the methods section under upscaling.

Minor comments

- Throughout the manuscript: Does “Static pressure” depict atmospheric pressure or the sum of atmospheric and hydrostatic pressure? **The sum of atmospheric and hydrostatic pressure. We will specify this where we introduce static pressure as a driver of the ANN in the methods. We added this phrase to the methods: “where static pressure is the sum of overlying atmospheric and hydrostatic pressure”**
- Did the author explore the role of hydrostatic pressure (water level and their variations) on CH₄ emissions? **Yes, as noted above, hydrostatic pressure was included as a component of static pressure.**
- Did the authors attempt to decipher diffusive fluxes and ebullition from the EC dataset (at least when they have concomitant surface concentrations and or chamber measurements with EC measurements)? **We used the results from the inverted funnel and chamber measurements to characterize the relative importance of these two main emission pathways (Figure 7) and found that ebullition typically accounted for > 75% of total emissions. Deciphering between the two pathways in the EC dataset based on these measurements has limited value given the high level of spatial variability. There are a few studies that use wavelet analysis to partition CH₄ fluxes into diffusive and ebullitive is an emerging technique (see Iwata et al., 2018; Taoka et al., 2020), but it is outside the scope of this study to apply their novel method.**
- As the manuscript require substantial rewriting/reorganization in order to properly present the dataset and better focus on key results in the discussion no detail comments are provided. **Thank you for serving as a referee. We hope you will provide comments on the revised manuscript.**

Response to referee comment #3:

General Comments

This paper deals with methane emissions in a small temperate eutrophic lake. Emissions were assessed from a variety of measurement techniques (floating chambers, submerged funnels and eddy covariance) together with some environmental parameters (sediment temperature, atmospheric pressure, heat fluxes, met data...) and a neural network (ANN) approach. The paper discusses the links between CH₄ fluxes and the biophysical parameters, as well as it provides an analysis of the temporal and spatial variability of those emissions. The subject is of great interest since methane emissions from reservoirs are still poorly studied and constrained at the global scale. There are very few eddy covariance-based studies with long series (2 years) as presented here. As stated before by reviewers #1 and 2, There is no doubt that the data base gathered here is worth publication in the Biogeosciences journal. Some rearrangements would be welcome before publication. **Thank you for acknowledging the value of our study, and for your helpful comments.**

One of the most striking results presented here is the difference between 2017 and 2018 seasonality and cumulated emissions. Unfortunately, though well argued, there are no direct measurements of nutrients and carbon (TOC, DOC, POC, quality of OM) to support these assumptions. **We must disagree with this comment. We used direct measurements of the chl a concentration (e.g., Figure 11 and discussion in Section 4.2.1), which is a strong indicator for algal biomass and a widely used proxy for reservoir productivity. We do plan to revise the discussion around the spring burst away from speculating about the potential role of autochthonous C vs. allochthonous C.**

We have added information on dissolved nutrient and carbon levels near the inlet and near the dam to this revision as Table 3.

Discussion on the diurnal patterns is also a bit disappointing since the results are not unequivocal. **As stated above in response to RC1, our finding of dynamic diurnal patterns is an important contribution toward understanding the role of diurnal patterns in emissions in lentic systems, and whether FCH₄ magnitudes tend to be higher or lower during the day. Thus, the lack of diurnal pattern and potential reasons behind that is just as important a result as observations of strong diurnal patterns. We plan to condense the discussion of FCH₄ diurnal patterns. We plan to touch on these findings in brief as part of the implications of our findings on upscaling.**

We have substantially reduced the discussion of diurnal patterns, removing the Diurnal patterns subsection and integrating the key points (e.g. diurnal patterns near the spring burst and how that relates to the emission pathway) into the other sections. Mention of other non-diurnal factors dampening the diurnal variability has been removed.

Authors should focus the paper on the main findings which can be supported by the data provided in the paper, and subsequently, present figures might be a little bit too numerous in that perspective of a more focused paper. **This is a recurring theme in the RCs, and as stated above we plan to focus the paper in the revision and move five figures (current Figures 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12) to the supplement.**

The original submission had 12 Figures and 3 Tables, the new submission has 8 Figures and 4 Tables. We moved original figures 4, 6, 7, and 12 to the supplement. We kept Figure 5 and updated it to better illustrate the hybrid upscaling approach we used.

The end of the abstract is mentioning "...there is a trade-off in intensive measurement of one water body versus short-term and/or spatially limited measurements in many water bodies", and also "The insights from multi-year, continuous, spatially extensive studies like this one can be used to inform both the study design and emission upscaling from spatially or temporally limited results". These statements are indeed interesting and I wish the paper would give clearer insights and develop more on this matter in the discussion and conclusion. **We appreciate that you highlighted this section of the abstract. As stated above, we plan to directly address the difference between methods and the implications for upscaling in the revision.**

The revised version of the manuscript focuses more on these aspects in the discussion and conclusion. The discussion has been rearranged into two sections: 1) comparison with other

systems and methods and 2) implications for upscaling. The conclusions state recommendations for future studies aiming to characterize CH₄ emissions from reservoirs.

Rearrangements suggested by Rev 1 and 2 would improve the paper a lot since results and discussion are all mixed together at the moment. I am particularly sensitive to the place devoted to ANN gap-filling and on the way it impacts final emission numbers.

Minor comments:

- Page 4, line13: How was used time-lapse camera in this study? **The time lapse camera was used to identify periods of ice-cover. We will add this information to this section of the methods. Added.**
- Page 4, line 27: there were no u* filtering at EC-S1? If so, you should argue why **We did not use u* filtering at EC-S1 due to insufficient temporal coverage to determine the u* threshold. We will clarify this in the revision.**
This sentence was added to the methods: **We did not use u_{star} filtering at EC-S1 because the temporal coverage was insufficient to determine a u_{star} threshold.**
- Page 5, line 33: more details are needed on the way Akaike information criterion (AIC) was used to determine fitting rate of change in the chambers. **See below**
- Page 6, line 10-11: vertical profile were done manually, detail procedure(how long for each level) **See below**
- Page 6, line 30: give more details about:” a probability design that has been shown to reduce uncertainty relative...” **See below**

These three comments highlight the tension in finding a balance between including adequate details in the methods and streamlining the manuscript. We can expand these sections somewhat (for example, clarifying the connection between the spatially balanced probabilistic survey and the survey sites located near the swimming beach), but we do provide the relevant references to publications with more details on these methods.

- Page 9, line 26: you should give the information that “both quantitative analyses of the relationship between FCH₄ and SedT yielded statistically significant results” before implying a link between those two parameters in lines 22-24 **Ok**
We removed information on mean sedT from the results, but included the information on the statistical significance of the ecoQ10 and 2DKS analysis before they are discussed in section 4.2.2
- Page 11, line 3: I understand that the sandy substrate mention here was brought for recreation use (beach). Is there any point to measure fluxes at the very specific place? **Yes, the probabilistic GRTS design is a hybrid between a random and gridded design. Their inclusion in the survey sites reflects our effort to characterize reservoir-wide emissions.**

- Page 11, lines 23-24: comment on absolute and relative importance of each factor **The variable importance factors are ranked in terms of their % importance. I'm not clear on the distinction between relative and absolute importance in this context.**
- Page 11, lines 28, 29 and 30: table 3 instead of table 2 **OK. The table and figure numbers have been updated.**
- Page 13, line 4-5: any assessment of the mentioned transfer? **The transfer in question is the transfer of heat to the deeper sediment and nutrient transfer to the deeper site, in their impact on the phase shift in FCH4 and sedT at the shallow and deep sites. The heat transfer is well documented by direct measurements. The nutrient transfer is more speculative and the reference to this will be removed. Removed.**
- Page 13, line 21: any nutrients data to support the suggestion mentioned here? **As mentioned above, the chl_a measurements are a strong indicator of algal biomass. Nutrient data has been added, and this discussion has been reworked.**
- Page 13, line 26-27: any measurement of residence time and output/input of C to support this? **This section of the discussion on the role of autoOC and alloOC will be reduced in the revision. The statement about lake metabolism has been removed.**
- Page 14, line 2: is this consistent with kinetic found by Grasset et al, 2018? **This section of the discussion on the role of autoOC and alloOC will be reduced in the revision. This speculative statement about accumulating algal biomass has been removed.**
- Page 14, line 28: pattern and patterning instead of pater and patterning **OK Removed.**
- Page 15, line 32: detail input parameter of the model used **OK. Added to the methods in the revision.**
- Page 15, line 33: Del Sontro et al 2018 ref missing or is this Del Sontro et al 2016? **2018, will add the reference in the revision. Added.**

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