VARDA (VArved sediments DAtabase) – providing and connecting proxy data from annually laminated lake sediments

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Abstract. Varved lake sediments provide long climatic records with high temporal resolution and low associated age uncertainty. Robust and detailed comparison of well-dated and annually laminated sediment records is crucial for reconstructing abrupt and regionally time-transgressive changes as well as validation of spatial and temporal trajectories of past climatic changes. The VARved sediments DAtabase (VARDA) presented here is the first data compilation for varve chronologies and associated palaeoclimatic proxy records. The current version 1.0 allows detailed comparison of published varve records from 95 lakes. VARDA is freely accessible and was created to assess outputs from climate models with high-resolution terrestrial palaeoclimatic proxies. VARDA additionally provides a technical environment that enables to explore the database of varved lake sediments using a connected data-model and can generate a state-of-the-art graphic representation of multi-site comparison. This allows to reassess existing chronologies and tephra events to synchronize and compare even distant varved lake records. Furthermore, the present version of VARDA permits to explore varve thickness data. In this paper, we report in detail on the data mining and compilation strategies for the identification of varved lakes and assimilation of high-resolution chronologies as well as the technical infrastructure of the database. Additional paleoclimate proxy data will be provided in forthcoming updates. The VARDA graph-database and user interface can be accessed online at https://varve.gfz-potsdam.de, all datasets of version 1.0 are available at http://doi.org/10.5880/GFZ.4.3.2019.003 (Ramisch et al., 2019).

1 Introduction

A major challenge in simulating climate change of the last glacial cycle is validating model outputs with palaeoclimatic data. Model-data comparisons on regional to global scale require the integration of palaeoclimatic data from single sites into multi-site networks (e.g. Franke et al., 2017). Annually laminated lake sediments provide reliable nodes for such networks because they offer palaeoclimatic information in high temporal resolution with low associated age uncertainty. Due to their annual to seasonal resolution, multi-site networks of varved lake sediments enable investigations of abrupt and regionally time-transgressive climate change on the continents (e.g. Lane et al., 2013; Rach et al., 2014) which is fundamental to understand climates of the last glacial cycle (Clement and Peterson, 2008) and to better assess spatial and temporal trajectories of future
climate changes. Networks of varved lake sediments also provide means to test differentiated proxy responses to climate change (e.g. Ott et al., 2017; Ramisch et al., 2018; Roberts et al., 2016), further enhancing the robustness of paleoclimatic reconstructions. However, despite their usefulness for the generation of highly resolved multi-site networks, a global synthesis of varve-related paleoclimatic data is still not available.

Various data providers have been developed which offer free access to palaeoclimatic and paleoenvironmental information including high resolution terrestrial archives. These include (1) large scale data repositories such as Pangaea (www.pangaea.de), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) World data service for Paleoclimatology archives (www.ncdc.noaa.gov) and Neotoma (www.neotomadb.org, Williams et al., 2018) and, (2) proxy or time-slice specific databases like the ACER (Sánchez Goñi et al., 2017), the European Pollen database (Fyfe et al., 2009), the SISAL database (Atsawawaranunt et al., 2018) or the PAGES2k Global 2,000 Year Multiproxy Database (Pages 2k consortium, 2017). However, the distribution of information in between data providers make a custom generation of multi-site networks from varved sediments inefficient and time consuming. Moreover, continuous geochronological development results in frequent updates of fundamental methods such as calibration curves (e.g. Reimer et al., 2004, 2009, 2013) and age-depth modelling algorithms (e.g. Bronk Ramsey et al., 2007; Blauuw and Christen, 2011). Incorporating such changes into existing varve-related datasets requires an interactive approach that is not offered by fixed data structures of standard relational database management systems. To overcome these limitations, we developed a new and state-of-the-art graph database especially, but not exclusively, for varved sediment records. We compiled all available and published varved sediment records and developed criteria how these data are integrated in this database.

2. Data and methods

2.1 Data mining

We assessed varve related publications aided by the literature database of the PAGES varve working group (http://www.pastglobalchanges.org/download/docs/working_groups/vwg/Varve%20publications.pdf) to identify lake archives exhibiting varved sediments and to compile suitable core related paleoclimatic proxy time series. A comprehensive set of lake sediment records was identified, for which proxy data from continuous or floating varve sequences were previously published. All data were collected as raw data from freely available online sources, either from online data repositories (Pangaea, NOAA, and Neotoma) or data archives within the supplementary materials section of online publications. For a permanent and definite assignment of the compiled data sets within the database to their respective original publication, the digital object identifier (DOI) of the publication or the data-provider (if available) was additionally collected and stored.

2.2 Data compilation

To ensure an unambiguous identification of a lake record corresponding to a given dataset, we collected and reviewed the required information of lake names and geographic coordinates from the published literature. Table 1 lists required and
additional information for lake records included in VARDA. To facilitate searches for lakes in an alphabetically ordered list, the string “Lake” was removed from the name if the string appeared in the beginning of the lake name (e.g. “Lake Ammersee” was changed to “Ammersee”). However, exceptions were made if the string “Lake” is an essential feature of the lake name (e.g. “Lake of the Clouds”) or if the reference is in non-english language (e.g. “Lac D'Annecy”). Lake locations were stored as WGS84 referenced geographical coordinates in decimal degree with 4 decimal places, which corresponds to a precision of ~ 10 m. This even allows a reliable location of small lakes with a surface area < 1 ha and especially useful for dense lake distributions common in large lake districts such as in Canada or Scandinavia. Since the required precision was not available in most publications, we re-assessed the published geographical location using ArcGIS and Google Earth.

Sediment profiles that were collected from primary literature sources (see Tab. 2) only require a unique identifier (e.g. MON for Lago Grande di Monticchio) within the VARDA database that links a profile to a corresponding lake (Tab.2). Additional information encompasses the geographical coordinates of coring location (fields: Latitude, Longitude), coring methods (e.g. piston corer), a coring date, water depths at the core location as well as an upper (field: depth start) and lower (field: depth end) depth of the sediment profile.

2.2.1 Lake and sediment profile meta information

The data compilation followed the basic strategy to collect proxy data associated with a published sediment profile and information about age-depth models and event layers. A sediment profile may either consist of a single core section or several overlapping core sections combined to a composite profile. Since data and meta information availability greatly varied in between different publications, we classified the available information into required and additional information. The category required encompasses all information that is necessary to a) associate a proxy value at a given depth in a sediment profile with a corresponding age and to b) uniquely identify a lake, sediment profile and original publication for a given dataset. The category additional encompasses all information that extends the data pool for more comprehensive analyses and therefore improves reproducibility, the ability to filter data by specific properties and, in addition, the quantification of methodological uncertainties. We converted all datasets to default units to provide standardized and thus intercomparable data formats. Tables 1 to 7 provide an overview of data categories and required and additional information properties including the default units.

2.2.2 Radiocarbon dates

Uncalibrated radiocarbon measurements were collected from the published literature and adapted to the $^{14}$C data reporting standards of Millard et al. (2014). This allows efficient reassessments of published chronologies by calibration, age-depth modelling, and age uncertainty estimation (see Table 3). However, reporting standards are not yet fully adapted in the paleoclimatic community, leading to variations in reported information and data gaps. The required information encompasses from left to right (i) the sampling depth (field: sediment profile depth); (ii) the uncalibrated age (field: Age uncalibrated); (iii) the associated measurement error (field: Error); (iv) the error type (e.g. 1 sigma); and (v) the dated material (e.g. wood remains).
The required sampling position refers to the depth within the sediment profile, whereas the sampling position within the individual core sections can be attributed as additional information. If available, we collected additional information on (i) the corresponding core section label (field core section); (ii) section depth (field: section depth); (iii) the lab code; (iv) δ13C data; (v) the measurement method (field: method) as e.g. AMS 14C; (vi) the organic carbon content of a sample (field: %C) and (vii) C/N ratios.

Table 3

2.2.3 Age-depth models and chronologies

Chronologies for varved lake sediments are commonly based on a combination of different dating methods (Brauer et al., 2014), such as varve counting, radiometric dating (e.g. 14C, 137Cs or 210Pb) and event age-equivalent dating (e.g. correlation to dated volcanic eruptions). Age-depth models provide the time frame for down-core sequences of sediment profiles and allow transformations of sediment proxy records into time series. Initially, most researchers constructed age-depth models by simple linear interpolation between individual chronological points. However, age-depth modelling algorithms such as the OxCal P-sequence (Bronk-Ramsey, 2007) or Bacon (Blaauw and Christen, 2011) have become more common and perform more complex statistical interpolations.

Table 4

VARDA version 1.0 includes published chronologies that are available in public data repositories. Table 4 and 5 provide an overview of the required and additional meta-information for storing chronologies in VARDA and the resulting chronological data-sheet respectively. The required information includes a label for the associated sediment profile as well as the corresponding data and publication DOI. Additional information will enable rapid reassessments of original chronologies.

Table 5

Additional information reports (i) on age uncertainty; (ii) presence, type and age of anchor points for floating chronologies (e.g. sediment surface for continuous varve chronologies, 14C dates or elsewhere dated tephra layer for floating chronologies); (iii) the applied dating methods (e.g. varve counting, radiometric dating or event layers); (iv) the interpolation method (e.g. linear interpolation or bayesian age-depth modelling such as OxCal P-sequence or Bacon); (v) the applied 14C calibration curve (e.g. IntCal09); and (vi) the resulting median resolution of the chronology.

Ideally, the chronological data sheet associates a given depth of a sediment profile to an age estimate and, if available, an uncertainty range expressed as minimum and maximum estimate (2 sigma as default). If depth information for a sediment profile was not provided, we either reconstructed an auxiliary sediment profile depth by cumulative sums of continuous varve thickness measurements (if available) or excluded the corresponding chronology from the present data compilation because such time series without corresponding core depth are not updatable. The default depth scale unit was set to mm to avoid...
excessive decimal places in depth reporting. The default age scale unit was set to years BP (1950 CE). The default age unit was restricted to annual precision and ages are reported in integer numbers (without usage of decimal places).

2.2.4 Isochronous event layers

Isochronous event layers provide precise tie points for the synchronization of proxy time series from regionally different locations and facilitate the construction of multi-site networks. Furthermore, the identification of layers corresponding to dated events such as e.g. volcanic eruptions or geomagnetic excursions provide additional information for the construction of robust chronologies. For the first version of VARDA, we collected information on reported tephra layers in the sediment profiles included in the database. Table 6 provides an overview of required and additional information of published tephra layers in VARDA. The required information (sediment profile depth, age, age error and dating method) are essential to assign a tephra layer to a given depth in a sediment profile and to store information on the age of the layer as it has been reported. Since standards for age reporting of tephra layers greatly vary in between different studies (e.g. uncalibrated vs. calibrated), information on the dating method and calibration are required for the field “Dating method/Calibration”. The required field “Dated in profile?” provides information if the age of the tephra layer originates from the corresponding sediment profile itself (field = true) or if the age was adapted from the literature (field = false). If the age was adapted from the literature, a DOI from the original publication is required. Further event layers such as geomagnetic excursions will be included in forthcoming versions of VARDA.

Table 6

2.2.5 Proxy data

The technical infrastructure of VARDA is intended to attribute a down-profile record of paleoclimatic proxy data to the corresponding chronology of the sediment profile. Therefore, the required information for proxy data sequences is the sample depth and a corresponding proxy measurement, while additional information further describes proxy specific measurement standards. We adapted the variable controlled vocabulary of the PaST thesaurus for proxy data (World Data Service for Paleoclimatology, https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/data-access/paleoclimatology-data/past-thesaurus, last access in September 2019). Therefore, all proxy records will be broadly categorized into biological, sedimentological and geochemical proxy data. In the present version of the database, we included varve thickness data that were found in public data repositories. Table 7 lists the required and additional information concerning varve thickness records. Further proxy data such as stable-isotope, pollen or XRF records will be included in forthcoming versions of VARDA.

Table 7
3. Database

3.1 Database design

VARDA is intended to offer a flexible generation of multi-site networks with complex data relations for storing and organizing the collected information. To store and organize datasets from varved lake archives, we use a graph database. Graph technology in computer science has evolved as part of the NoSQL movement (meaning “Not only SQL”) and is based on graph theory, a mathematical concept of expressing objects as interconnected entities, which dates back to the early works of Leonard Euler in the 18th century (Euler, 1741). In contrast to fixed data schemes required by relational database management systems (RDBMS), a graph explicitly models relations between data by representing entities as nodes (or vertices) described by properties and connected through edges as shown in Fig. 1 (also see property graph model). To categorize the nature of a particular entity, one or more labels can be added to the node. Edges can be distinguished by their type and may have properties just like nodes. The ability to add new labels, edges and properties to any entity at all times enables developers to quickly adapt the data model to changing scientific or technical requirements. Neo4j’s native query language Cypher is used to read and update the contents in the graph. It allows for an intuitive and flexible generation of queries that are short and readable even for complex patterns (many relationships, circular structures, variable-length paths).

Figure 1

The integration of paleoenvironmental datasets from varved lakes into a graph database resulted in a flexible data structure, which allows for connected paleoenvironmental datasets within a single lake as well as in between different lakes. Fig. 1 illustrates the VARDA property graph model schematically and visualizes connections between nodes. The VARDA data model associates each lake with one or more sediment profiles, which are connected to one or more datasets. Datasets, in turn, are connected to a publication, a category (chronology, tephra layer, radiocarbon date or varve thickness record in version 1.0) and various category specific attributes (as listed in Tab. 1 to 7) which further describe a dataset. All these connections provide the necessary meta information to the actual data points, which are included in a given data set. Data points from the category tephra layer can additionally connect to an event which is described in more than one lake, as for example the Laacher See tephra. The event node offers the possibility to connect datasets between different lakes for e.g. synchronization.

3.2 Application design

VARDA provides fast access to palaeoclimatic data from varved lakes, irrespective of a user’s technical background or operating system. Therefore, the user interface (UI) was designed to be intuitive and reactive with self-explanatory forms and components which immediately respond to the user’s actions. It is implemented as an online service, which can be accessed permanently using a web browser.

Overall the application consists of the web client, a server-side Neo4j graph database and an Application Programming Interface (API) for communication of the client with the database. All software libraries that are integrated into VARDA have licenses that are free and permissive. The client is built with Vue.js, a JavaScript UI framework which has raised attention in
the developer community since its launch in 2014 due to its versatility and runtime performance. It is also less opinionated and easier to learn than many similar frameworks. Some features of VARDA integrate other well-documented third-party libraries, such as D3.js for data visualization and OpenLayers for rendering maps (e.g. from OSM) among vector layers with spatial data. The client state (e.g. user data and entity cache) and any transactions with the database are being handled with Apollo GraphQL, a framework for API communication and state management. The client’s component-oriented architecture enables fast development of new features with little interference with existing modules. All lines of source code required by the client are being checked, minified and bundled using WebPack for use in the browser.

The web application offers a user interface with optional filters to explore and visualize multi-site networks on demand (see Fig. 2). A universal search field (1 in Fig. 2) can be used to select filters either by region or proxy category. An interactive diagram (2 in Fig. 2) can be used to select a temporal filter by scrolling with the mouse or resizing the light-blue coloured frame (3 in Fig. 2) underneath the main figure.

Figure 2
We add the iconic NGRIP oxygen-isotope (δ18O) record with the GICC05 chronology (Vinther et al., 2006; Rasmussen et al., 2006; Andersen et al., 2006; Svensson et al., 2005) as a temporal reference curve for the user. This curve is well-known in the paleoclimate community and thus allows an easy recognition of the time interval covered by a lake record of interest. In the present version it does not allow precise correlations between lake records with the NGRIP curve because chronological uncertainties for the latter are not shown for visual clarity. Orange circles (4 in Fig. 2) correspond to tephra layers that have been identified in sediments of at least two archives. Clicking a circle enables (or disables) the respective filter. The results will be updated immediately on the map (5 in Fig. 2) and in the result list (6 in Fig. 2) below whenever any filters have been changed. Direct selection of a lake on the map or in the result list guides users to the lake detail view with a list of corresponding core datasets. In version 1.0 all datasets of interest can be downloaded in CSV format.

4. Data inventory

We identified 186 lakes from the published literature, which are described to exhibit continuous or floating varve sequences in their sediments. We additionally included unvarved sediments from Lake Prespa (Europe), Lake Ohrid (Europe), Laguna Potrok Aike (South America) and Bear Lake (North America) to the compilation due to their long continuous chronologies and good age-control from independent dating techniques or the frequent occurrence of tephra layers. In total, 261 datasets for 95 of the identified lakes are available (September 2019) in public data repositories and were included in VARDA version 1.0. The datasets comprise of 70 individual chronologies from 43 lakes, 146 tephra layers from 36 lakes, 118 uncalibrated 14C records from 50 lakes and 55 varve thickness records from 23 lakes. Tab. 8 lists all identified lakes with name, geographical coordinates and available data sets including the corresponding literature reference.

Table 8
Fig. 3 presents the spatial coverage of lakes and associated datasets included in VARDA 1.0. The identified lakes are located on all continents except Antarctica, with ~56% located in Europe, ~26% in North America, ~8% in Asia, ~5% in Middle and South America, ~3% in Africa, and ~2% in Oceania. The spatial coverage shows a distinct spatial emphasis in lake distribution on the mid-latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere, especially the North Atlantic realm. In contrast, only 13 of the 190 lake archives are located on the Southern Hemisphere.

Figure 3

Fig. 4 presents the temporal distribution of datasets included in VARDA 1.0. The combined chronologies span the entire last glacial cycle with a minimum age range of 87 yrs (from -60 to 27 BP) for Lake Woseren (Czymzik et al., 2016) and a maximal age range of 1,208,643 yrs (from 10,475 to 1,219,118 BP) for Lake Malawi (Ivory et al., 2018). However, none of the chronologies entirely covers the last glacial cycle on its own, illustrating the need to generate multi-site networks to effectively cover long time periods for environmental reconstructions. For network synchronization purposes, 146 individual tephra layers reported for sediment profiles in 36 lakes were identified from the published literature. Thirty tephra layers are reported to occur in more than one lake and are therefore suitable for synchronization.

Figure 4

5. Data availability

All datasets are available online at http://doi.org/10.5880/GFZ.4.3.2019.003 (Ramisch et al., 2019) in JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format. The benefit of this data format is it’s accurate depiction of the VARDA data model, including the relationships in between data nodes. Additionally, all datasets are also available in CSV format. The VARDA graph-database and the user interface can be assessed online via the URL: https://varve.gfz-potsdam.de.

6. Conclusion and future developments

VARDA offers a user-friendly and time efficient way to explore the multitude of paleoenvironmental data from varved lake archives. Due to the integration of precise chronologies and isochrones from tephra event layers into a modern graph database, VARDA offers an easy way to construct regional to global networks of paleoenvironmental information. These multi-site networks can be used e.g. to explore and analyze leads and lags of regional climate change, large scale patterns in environmental variability or differentiated proxy responses within and between archives. Forthcoming updates of VARDA will include additional proxy data such as stable isotopes, pollen or geochemical proxies.
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Figure 1: VARDA property graph model. Coloured circles represent nodes, grey arrows represent edges between nodes. For explanation see text.
Figure 2: Screenshot of the user interface in version 1.0 available online at https://varve.gfz-potsdam.de. See text for explanation. © OpenStreetMap contributors 2019. Distributed under a Creative Commons BY-SA License.
Figure 3: Spatial distribution of identified lakes and collected datasets included in VARDA 1.0. Data availability is indicated by blue coloured dots.
Figure 4: Temporal distribution of datasets in VARDA 1.0. a) Age range of chronologies indicated by black bars where each bar indicates the coverage of an individual chronology. The NGRIP stable oxygen record (Andersen et al., 2004) with the GICC05 chronology (Vinther et al., 2006; Rasmussen et al., 2006; Andersen et al., 2006; Svensson et al., 2005) is shown as a temporal reference curve. b) Tephra layers associated with lakes included in VARDA. Dots indicate the number of lakes associated with a single tephra layer. c) Number of samples per kyr bin of uncalibrated 14C measurements. d) Number of samples per kyr bin of individual varve thickness measurements.
### Table 1: VARDA v01 data sheet for lake information
(Green field: required information, yellow field: additional information)

| Attribute          | Default Units                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Name               | String                                  |
| Latitude           | Decimal degrees (4 digits scale)         |
| Longitude          |                                        |
| Elevation          | m a.s.l.                                |
| Max depth          | m                                      |
| Surface area       | m²                                      |
| Catchment area     | m²                                      |

### Table 2: VARDA v01 data sheet for sediment profile information
(Green field: required information, yellow field: additional information)

| Attribute          | Default Units                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Label              | String                                  |
| Latitude           | Decimal degrees (4 digits scale)         |
| Longitude          |                                        |
| Coring method      |                                        |
| Drill date         | dd/mm/year                              |
| Water depth        | m                                       |
| depth start        | mm                                      |
| depth end          | mm                                      |

### Table 3: VARDA v01 data sheet for 14C information
(Green field: required information, yellow field: additional information)

| Attribute          | Default Units                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Core section       | String                                  |
| Lab code           | String                                  |
| Section depth      | mm                                      |
| Sediment profile depth | mm                              |
| Age uncalibrated   | a B.P.                                  |
| Error              | ± a                                     |

### Table 3 - continued

| Attribute          | Default Units                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Error type         | 1 sigma [%]                             |
| Dated material     | String                                  |
| δ13C               | %                                       |
| Method             | String                                  |
| %C                 | %                                      |
| C/N ratio          | dimensionless                           |

### Table 4: VARDA v01 data sheet for chronological meta-information
(Green field: required information, yellow field: additional information)

| Attribute          | Default Units                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sediment profile   | String                                  |
| Data DOI           | String                                  |
| Publication DOI    | String                                  |
| Has uncertainty?   | Boolean                                 |
| Uncertainty type   | String                                  |
| Anchored?          | Boolean                                 |
Table 4 – continued

| Attribute: | Anchorpoint type | Anchorpoint age | Dating method | Interpolation method | 14C Calibration Curve | Median Resolution |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Default Units: | String | a BP | String | String | String | a |

Table 5: VARDA v01 chronology data sheet (Green field: *required* information, yellow field: *additional* information)

| Attribute: | Core section | depth | Age | Age min | Age max |
|------------|--------------|-------|-----|---------|---------|
| Default Units: | String | mm | a BP | a BP | a BP |

Table 6: VARDA v01 data sheet for tephra layers (Green field: required information, yellow field: *additional* information)

| Attribute: | Core section | Lab code | Section depth | Sediment profile depth | Age | Error | Dating method / Calibration |
|------------|--------------|----------|---------------|------------------------|-----|-------|-----------------------------|
| Default Units: | String | String | mm | mm | a BP | ± a | String |

Table 6 - continued

| Attribute: | Correlated to event | Source locality | Major element data available | Trace element data available | Dated in profile? | Age transfer reference* |
|------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Default Units: | String | String | Boolean | Boolean | Boolean | DOI |

Table 7: VARDA v01 data sheet for varve thickness (Green field: required information, yellow field: additional information)

| Attribute: | Sediment profile | Core section | Varve number | Section depth | Composite depth | Age | Varve Thickness |
|------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----|----------------|
| Default Unit: | String | String | integer | mm | mm | a BP | mm |
Tab. 8 Identified lakes, updated geographic coordinates and datasets included in VARDA 1.0. Letters indicate data availability in data repositories. Table also includes varved lake sites without publicly available data (without letters and references).

| Lake Name       | Lat     | Long     | Chronology | Tephra Layer | $^{14}$C | Varve Thick. | References                                      |
|-----------------|---------|----------|------------|--------------|---------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| A               | 83,0004 | -75,4247 |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Ahvenainen      | 60,8263 | 28,1254  |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Albano          | 41,7461 | 12,6695  |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Alimmainen      | 61,7442 | 24,4016  |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Savijärvi       |         |          |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Ammersee        | 47,9983 | 11,1218  | A          | B            |         |             | A: Grafenstein, 1999; B: Czymzik et al., 2013 |
| Angulinao       | 41,3500 | 114,3833 |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Anterne         | 45,9910 | 6,7983   | A          |              |         |             | A: Giguet-Covex et al., 2011                    |
| Arendsee        | 52,8900 | 11,4759  |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Arreo           | 42,7784 | -2,9911  |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Aspevatnet      | 69,7503 | 19,9608  | A          |              |         |             | A: Bakke et al., 2005                           |
| Avigliana       | 45,0564 | 7,3870   |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Ayr Lake        | 70,4590 | -70,0860 | A          |              |         |             | A: Thomas et al., 2012;                         |
| Baldegersee     | 47,1979 | 8,2614   |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Barrine         | -17,2504| 145,6356 | A          |              |         |             | A: Head et al., 1994                            |
| Bear Lake       | 75,4838 | -85,1900 |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Bear Lake (USA) | 41,9950 | -111,3382| A          |              |         |             | A: Colman et al., 2009                          |
| Belau           | 54,1006 | 10,2524  | A          | B            | B       |             | A: Garbe-Schönberg et al., 1998; B: Dörrler et al., 2012; |
| Berrington Pool | 52,6605 | -2,7042  |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Big Round Lake  | 69,8648 | -68,8548 | A          |              |         |             | A: Thomas and Briner, 2008;                      |
| Big Watab Lake  | 45,5526 | -94,4524 |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Bled            | 46,3616 | 14,0953  | A          |              |         |             | A: Lane et al., 2011                            |
| Blue Lake       | 68,0870 | -150,4652| A          | A            | A       |             | A: Bird et al., 2008;                           |
| Bosumtwi        | 6,5014  | -1,4113  |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Bourget         | 45,7262 | 5,8673   |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Bow Lake        | 51,6644 | -116,4486| A          |              |         |             | A: Leonard and Reasoner, 1999                   |
| Bramant         | 45,1999 | 6,1759   | A          |              |         |             | A: Guyard et al., 2007                          |
| Brownie Lake    | 44,9676 | -93,3243 |            |              |         |             |                                                 |
| Location     | Coordinates | Age Range | Notes                                                                 |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Butrint      | 39,7803     | 20,0313   | A: Morellón et al., 2016                                              |
| C2           | 82,8276     | -77,9860  | A: Lamoureux and Bradley, 1996; B: Verschuren et al., 2009; C: Wolff et al., 2011 |
| Challa       | -3,3168     | 37,7040   | A: Lamoureux and Bradley, 1996; B: Blaauw et al., 2011; C: Wolff et al., 2011 |
| Cheakamus    | 50,0080     | -122,9179 |                                                                       |
| Constance    | 47,6017     | 9,4218    |                                                                       |
| Crawford Lake| 43,4684     | -79,9488  | A: Yu and Eicher, 1998                                               |
| Crevice      | 45,0006     | -110,5784 | A: Whitlock et al., 2012                                             |
| Czechowskie  | 53,8740     | 18,2370   | A: Dietze et al., 2019; B: Wulf et al., 2016; C: Wulf et al., 2013   |
| Dead Sea     | 31,5352     | 35,4909   | A: Moore et al., 2001; B: Moore et al., 2001; A: Courtney Mustaphi and Gajewski, 2013 |
| Deep Lake    | 47,6830     | -95,3993  | A: Hu et al., 1997; B: Hu et al., 1999                               |
| Diss Mere    | 52,3754     | 1,1075    |                                                                       |
| Donard       | 66,6625     | -61,7875  | A: Moore et al., 2001; B: Moore et al., 2001; A: Courtney Mustaphi and Gajewski, 2013 |
| DV09         | 75,5744     | -89,3094  |                                                                       |
| East Lake    | 74,8882     | -109,5342 | A: Cuven et al., 2011                                               |
| Eklutna      | 61,4053     | -149,0259 | A: Fortin et al., 2019                                              |
| Elk Lake     | 47,1891     | -95,2179  | A: Smith et al., 1997; B: Dean and Megard, 1993                     |
| Ellesmere Mere| 52,9088    | -2,8843   |                                                                       |
| Erlongwan    | 42,3026     | 126,3806  |                                                                       |
| Foy Lake     | 48,1662     | -114,3599 | A: Stone and Fritz, 2006; B: Shuman et al., 2009                    |
| Frängsjön    | 64,0228     | 19,7376   |                                                                       |
| Frias        | -41,0617    | -71,7990  | A: Ariztegui et al., 2007                                           |
| Frickenhäuser See | 50,4029 | 10,2373   |                                                                       |
| Fukami       | 35,3256     | 137,8195  |                                                                       |
| Furskogstjärnet | 59,3802  | 12,0801   | A: Zillén et al., 2002                                             |
| Geneva       | 46,4392     | 6,5164    |                                                                       |
| Glacier Lake | 40,0230     | -105,5027 |                                                                       |
| Gosciaz      | 52,5829     | 19,3398   |                                                                       |
| Gölcük       | 31,6270     | 40,6547   | A: Sullivan, 1988                                                   |
| Location               | Coordinates               | Notes                                                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Greifen                | 47.3500                   | 8.6794                                                              |
| Grimselsee             | 46.5680                   | 8.3092                                                              |
| Gropviken              | 58.3376                   | 16.6678                                                             |
| Gyltigesjön            | 56.7567                   | 13.1754                                                             |
| Hämelsee               | 52.7596                   | 9.3107                                                              |
| Hancza                 | 54.2647                   | 22.8126                                                             |
| Hännisenlampi          | 62.0750                   | 30.2096                                                             |
| Hector Lake            | 51.5881                   | -116.3643                                                           |
| Hell's Kitchen Lake    | 46.1868                   | -89.7025                                                           |
| Holzmaar               | 50.1193                   | 6.8787                                                              |
| Hoya La Alberca        | 20.3889                   | -101.2009                                                           |
| Hoya Rincón de Parangueo | 20.4311              | -101.2495                                                          |
| Huron                  | 44.6418                   | -82.3580                                                            |
| Hvítárvatn             | 64.6101                   | -19.8401                                                            |
| Iceberg Lake           | 60.7880                   | -142.9589                                                           |
| Järlasjön              | 59.3020                   | 18.1515                                                             |
| Jødesjøen              | 62.8337                   | 17.7728                                                             |
| Jyväsjärvi             | 62.2385                   | 25.7771                                                             |
| Kälksjön               | 60.1531                   | 13.0559                                                             |
| Kallio Kourujärvi       | 62.5600                   | 27.0030                                                             |
| Kalliojärvi            | 63.2261                   | 25.3678                                                             |
| Kassjön                | 63.9254                   | 20.0100                                                             |
| Kissalammi             | 61.2556                   | 24.3549                                                             |
| Koltjärnen             | 62.9526                   | 18.3043                                                             |
| Kongressvatnet         | 78.0212                   | 13.9605                                                             |
| Kortejärvi             | 63.6236                   | 28.9341                                                             |
| Kortujärvi             | 62.3373                   | 25.6903                                                             |
| Lac Brulé              | 45.7192                   | -75.4422                                                            |
| Lac D’Annecy           | 45.8578                   | 6.1717                                                              |
| Lac Pavin              | 45.4955                   | 2.8877                                                              |

A: Macleod et al., 2014
A: Mellström et al., 2013;
B: Snowball et al., 2013
A: Lauterbach et al., 2010
A: Leonard and Reasoner, 1999;
A: Zolitschka et al., 2000;
B: Prasad and Baier, 2014;
A: Park et al., 2010
A: Larsen et al., 2011;
B: Larsen et al., 2013
A: Loso, 2008;
B: Diedrich and Loso, 2012;
A: Saarni et al., 2015a;
B: Kalliokoski et al., 2018;
A: Saarni et al., 2015b
A: Lafontaine-Boyer and Gajewski, 2014;
A: Brauer and Casanova, 2001
| Location         | Latitude   | Longitude  | Ref. 1          | Ref. 2          | Ref. 3          | Ref. 4          |
|------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Etoliko          | 38.4732    | 21.3248    | B               | A               | A               | A: Koutsodendris et al., 2017; B: Haensssler et al., 2013; |
| Lago Buenos Aires| 46.4900    | -72.0129   | A               |                |                 | A: Bendle et al., 2017 |
| Laguna Potrok Aike| -51.9608  | -70.3794   | A               | B               | B               | A: Kliem et al., 2013; B: Haberzettl et al., 2007; |
| Lake of the Clouds| 48.1426    | -91.1122   |                |                 |                 |                 |
| Lampellonjärvi   | 61.0737    | 25.0605    |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Längsee          | 46.7894    | 14.4242    | A               |                 |                 | A: Schmidt et al., 2002 |
| Laukunlampi      | 62.6682    | 29.1564    |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Lavijärvi        | 61.6333    | 30.5000    |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Lehmilampi       | 63.6283    | 29.1022    | A               | A               |                 | A: Haltiahovi et al., 2007; |
| Lillooet         | 50.2425    | -122.4973  |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Lind             | 45.7504    | -92.4354   |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Linné            | 78.0463    | 13.8028    | A               |                 |                 | A: Werner, A., et al. 2009 |
| Loch Ness        | 57.3000    | -4.4500    |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Loe Pool         | 50.0730    | -5.2909    |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Lögurinn         | 65.2507    | -14.4649   | A               |                 |                 | A: Stribberger et al., 2010 |
| Lower Murray Lake| 81.3328    | -69.5510   | A               |                 | A               | A: Cook et al., 2008; |
| Lower Mystic Lake| 42.4261    | -71.1474   |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Lugano           | 45.9203    | 8.9053     |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Malawi           | -11.5486   | 34.5376    | A; B            | C               |                 |                 |
| Mascardi         | -41.3157   | -71.5757   | A               |                 |                 | A: Hajdas et al., 2003 |
| McCarrons        | 44.9981    | -93.1131   |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Meerfelder Maar  | 50.1010    | 6.7570     | A               | B; C            | D               | A: B; E; F; A: Martin-Puertas et al., 2012; B: Engels et al., 2015; C: Lane et al., 2015; D: Brauer et al., 2000; E: Brauer et al., 2008; F: Litt et al., 2009; |
| Mina             | 45.8878    | -95.4788   |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Mirror Lake      | 62.0305    | -128.2840  |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Mondsee          | 47.8157    | 13.3819    | A               | B               |                 | A: Lauterbach et al., 2011; B: Swierczynski et al., 2013 |
| Location         | Latitude  | Longitude | Correlation Coefficient | References                      |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Montcortés       | 42.3306   | 0.9951 A  |                          | A: Corella et al., 2010         |
| Monticchio       | 40.9313   | 15.6050 A; B C; D; E; F; G; H |                      | A: Martin-Puertas et al., 2014; B: Allen et al., 1999; C: Huntley et al., 1999; D: Wulf et al., 2012; E: Wulf et al., 2004; F: Hajdas et al., 1997; G: Watts, 1996; H: Zolitschka, 1996 |
| Motterutjärnet   | 59.6394   | 12.6675 A |                          | A: Zillén et al., 2002          |
| Murray Lakes     | 81.3555   | -69.5436  |                          |                                 |
| Nar Göli (Lake)  | 38.3403   | 34.4560 A |                          |                                 |
| Nautajärvi       | 61.8052   | 24.6782 A |                          |                                 |
| Nedre Heimredalsvatnet | 68.2990   | 13.6547 A |                          | A: Balascio et al., 2011        |
| Nedrefloen       | 61.9306   | 6.8664 A  |                          | A: Vasskog et al., 2012         |
| Nicolay Lake     | 77.7670   | -94.6529  |                          |                                 |
| Nikkilänlampi    | 63.1745   | 30.9479 A |                          |                                 |
| Ni no Megata     | 39.9524   | 139.7284 A |                         | A: Yamada et al., 2010          |
| Nylandssjön      | 62.9458   | 18.2826 A |                          |                                 |
| Oeschinen        | 46.4984   | 7.7274 A  |                          | A: Amann et al., 2015;          |
| Ogac             | 62.8432   | -67.3401 A |                         |                                 |
| Ohrid            | 41.0371   | 20.7181 A; B C; D E; F F |                     | A: Vogel et al., 2010a; B: Wagner et al., 2008; C: Francke et al., 2016; D: Wagner et al., 2010; E: Leicher et al., 2016; F: Vogel et al., 2010b; |
| Ojibway          | 48.4739   | -79.2801 A |                          |                                 |
| Pääjärvi         | 61.0625   | 25.1307 A |                          |                                 |
| Pavin            | 45.4957   | 2.8879 A  |                          | A: Stebich et al., 2005; B: Chassiot et al., 2016 |
| Perespiño        | 51.4269   | 23.5695 A |                          |                                 |
| Pettaquamscutt   | 41.5030   | -71.4506 A |                         | A: Hubeney et al., 2008         |
| Ptkälampi        | 62.2543   | 30.4679 A |                          |                                 |
| Plomo            | -47.0047  | -72.9122 A |                         | A: Elbert et al., 2015          |
| Pohjajärvi       | 62.8157   | 28.0332 A |                          |                                 |
| Polvijärvi       | 63.1614   | 28.9700 A |                          |                                 |
| Prespa           | 40.8967   | 21.0050 A; B A |                     | A: Wagner et al., 2012; B: Wagner et al., 2010; |
| Puyehue          | -40.6667  | -72.4667 A |                          | A: Bertrand et al., 2008        |
| Pyhäjärvi        | 60.7167   | 26.0000 A |                          |                                 |
| Location       | Latitude | Longitude | Reference                                      |
|---------------|----------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|
| Rehwiese      | 52.4280  | 13.1996   | A: Neugebauer et al., 2012;                     |
| Rostherne Mere| 53.3543  | -2.3862   |                                                |
| Rõge Suurjärv | 53.7282  | 26.9223   |                                                |
| RS29          | 73.1400  | -95.2780  | A: Paul et al., 2017                          |
| Rudetjärn     | 62.3662  | 16.9975   |                                                |
| Sacrower See  | 52.4432  | 13.0991   | A: Enters et al., 2009;                        |
| Saky          | 45.1224  | 33.5612   | A: Clark et al., 1989                         |
| San Puerto     | 41.2856  | 13.4080   | A: Mingram et al., 2018;                       |
| Sanagak Lake  | 70.2095  | -93.6355  | A: Frank et al., 2002                         |
| Sarsjön        | 64.0387  | 19.6008   |                                                |
| Sawtooth      | 79.3494  | -83.9235  | A: Francus et al., 2002;                       |
| Schleinsee    | 47.6122  | 9.6348    | A: Clark et al., 1989                         |
| Seebergsee    | 46.5773  | 7.4433    |                                                |
| Sihailongwan  | 42.2865  | 126.6019  | A: Mingram et al., 2018;                       |
| Silvapiana    | 46.4487  | 9.7923    |                                                |
| Skilak Lake   | 60.4107  | -150.3386 | A: Hajdas and Michczyński, 2010; B: Gierga et al., 2016 |
| Soppensee     | 47.0901  | 8.0803    | A: Hajdas and Michczyński, 2010; B: Gierga et al., 2016 |
| Sotkulampi    | 61.4964  | 29.0894   |                                                |
| Stamberger See| 47.9000  | 11.3167   |                                                |
| Steel Lake    | 46.9730  | -94.6834  | A: Tlan et al., 2005                          |
| Storsjön      | 63.2149  | 14.3146   | A: Labuhn et al., 2018;                        |
| Suan Lake     | 38.8667  | 93.9000   | A: Zhang et al., 2009; B: Zhou et al., 2009   |
| Suigetsu      | 35.5833  | 135.8833  | A: Smith et al., 2013                         |
| Suminko       | 54.1841  | 17.7970   |                                                |
| Summit Lake   | 59.6737  | -135.0958 |                                                |
| Superior      | 47.7508  | -72.2719  | A: O’Beirne et al., 2017                      |
| Szurpily      | 54.2291  | 22.8978   |                                                |
| Taka-Killo    | 61.0584  | 24.9477   |                                                |
| Tanganyika    | -5.8363  | 29.5976   | A: B; C; D; E                                 |
| Tekapo        | 35.0301  | -108.9329 |                                                |
| Teletskoye    | 51.5914  | 87.6672   | A: Rudaya et al., 2016                         |
| Location       | Longitude | Latitude | Reference                                      |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Tiefer See    | 53,5946   | 12,5281  | A: Dräger et al., 2016; B: Wulf et al., 2016 |
| Tõugjärv      | 57,7386   | 26,9051  |                                               |
| Tougou-ike    | 35,4775   | 133,8925 | A: Kato et al., 2003                         |
| Trüibsee      | 46,7942   | 8,3899   |                                               |
| Tuborg        | 80,9500   | -75,7667 |                                               |
| Tutira        | -39,2238  | 176,8923 | A: Eden and Page, 1998                       |
| Upper Soper Lake | 62,9150    | -69,8784 |                                               |
| Valkiajärvi   | 61,9048   | 23,8812  |                                               |
| Van           | 38,6040   | 42,8763  | A: Pickarski et al., 2015                    |
| Vesijärvi     | 61,1368   | 25,4732  |                                               |
| Victoria      | 33,19833  | -1,2317  | A; B; C D                                   |
| Vuolep        | 68,3419   | 18,7808  |                                               |
| Njakajaure    | -39,2351  | 176,8944 |                                               |
| Waikopiro     |           |          |                                               |
| Woserin       | 53,6684   | 12,0263  | A                                               |
| Xiaolongwan   | 42,2999   | 126,3594 |                                               |
| Xinluhai      | 31,8485   | 99,1129  |                                               |
| Yoa           | 19,0576   | 20,5069  |                                               |
| Zabińskie     | 54,1318   | 21,9836  | A                                               |
| Zohar         | 37,4833   | -4,6897  |                                               |
| Zürichsee     | 47,2513   | 8,6672   |                                               |