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## ABSTRACT

A 3.6-meter lake sediment core was recovered from Upper Hogarth Lake in the subalpine region of southwestern Alberta, Canada. The core provides proxy evidence for Holocene environmental variability over the last 12,000 years. The core was sub-sampled at millimeter resolution for  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values, yielding over 750 samples for analysis. Variation in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values record changes in the dominant seasonality of precipitation in the region as a result of changing temperatures and atmospheric circulation, while variability in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values record changes in basin ecology, humidity, and soil moisture.

Upper Hogarth Lake (50.793°N, -115.319°W) is located approximately 100km WSW of the city of Calgary, Alberta in the Kananaskis Range of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. It is situated in Quaternary glacial till overlying Devonian-Carboniferous carbonate bedrock at an elevation of 1,900masl. Upper Hogarth Lake is dimictic, with a surface area of 0.026 km<sup>2</sup> and a maximum depth of <8m. It is hydrologically open with groundwater exchange and seasonal outflow. It is recharged via groundwater, snowmelt and rainfall. Precipitation of calcite that accumulates as marl occurs as encrustations on the macroscopic green algae *Chara sp.*, with marl deposition beginning ~11,800 cal. yBP. The Upper Hogarth Lake age model was constructed using radiocarbon dating of eight terrestrial plant samples recovered from the core and by tephrochronology. Carbon-14 dates were calibrated to IntCal13 and plotted using the “Bacon” (v. 2.2) Bayesian Age-Depth Modelling package for “R” statistical software.

The core can be divided into 3 lithological zones: 1) basal diamict deposited following the retreat of the Cordilleran Ice Sheet; 2) inorganic mud, transitioning into organic gyttja deposited prior to 11,800 cal. yBP; and 3) cream-colored marl deposited from 11,800 cal. yBP to present.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values range from -4.1‰ to +3.2‰ VPDB, reflecting a basin ecosystem evolving toward modern conditions, as well as variability in local soil moisture and humidity.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values range from -18.8‰ to -13.0‰ VPDB recording Early Holocene warming with summer precipitation dominating the lake water recharge.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values suggest warm, arid Mid-Holocene summers with snowmelt being the primary source of lake recharge. Late Holocene  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values represent the onset of Neoglacial conditions with an increase in summer precipitation and humidity toward present.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BED-DIC	bedrock-sourced dissolved inorganic carbon
cal. yBP	calibrated years before physics (1950 C.E.)
cP	continental Polar
CPV	Circumpolar Vortex
DIC	dissolved organic carbon
GISP2	Greenland Ice Sheet Project Two
GRIP	Greenland Ice-core Project
HTM	Holocene Thermal Maximum (Hypsithermal)
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ka	kilo-annum (thousands of years ago)
LIA	Little Ice Age
MCA	Medieval Climate Anomaly
mP	maritime Pacific
mT	maritime Tropical
n.d.	“no date” (in a citation, typically a webpage)
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRC	NOAA Research Council
POC	particulate organic carbon
PPT	precipitation
RWP	Roman Warm Period
SEM	scanning electron microscope
SWE	snow-water equivalent
TPOC	terrestrial particulate organic carbon
UHL	Upper Hogarth Lake
VPDB	Vienna Pee Dee Belemnite
VSMOW	Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water
WC	weathered carbon

## CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

As the World's population continues to increase rapidly, the stress on Earth's fresh water resources is exacerbated. Understanding how freshwater ecosystems have responded to natural climate variations of the past is essential for predicting their response to future stresses caused by anthropogenically induced climate change and the increased demand for fresh water. To best understand climate variability, requires development of high-resolution climate proxy data sets from populated, mid-latitude regions of the world where global climate change may have a profound societal, environmental, and economical effects (Kirby et al., 2002).

### **1.1 Objectives and Motivation**

The timing and nature of vegetation responses to Late Glacial and Holocene climate change in the central Rocky Mountains are not resolved in detail. High-resolution paleoenvironmental reconstructions for the region are required for evaluation and validation of earth system models (Reasoner and Huber, 1999). This study endeavors to increase our understanding of the seasonal variability of mid-latitude, continental precipitation and how carbon isotope values of lacustrine calcite may be used as proxy evidence for variability in regional humidity and soil moisture. Reliable and steady moisture supply to continental interiors from the Earth's oceans is essential for terrestrial ecosystems and human society. The key issue in forecasting future water supplies from alpine areas in western North America is predicting future winter precipitation scenarios under forecasted Global Warming scenarios (Lapp et al., 2002). Identification of continental precipitation sources has received increased attention in recent years. Utilizing various numerical methods, precipitation sources have been characterized at regional to global scales (Van Der Ent and Savenije, 2013). As part of a 2010 study, the Bow River Basin Council found that the issues of greatest concern for the watershed are: protection of the headwaters, the impacts of climate change on glaciers, and managing the impact of increasing population on freshwater resources (Bow River Basin Council, 2010). Most large continental areas obtain moisture from just one or two sources with seasonal variation. Changes in atmospheric circulation induced by Global Warming will redirect atmospheric water vapor trajectories. Continental regions that receive moisture from only one or two source regions may be more significantly affected by changes in water cycle due to changing climate than regions that draw moisture from multiple sources (Gimeno et al., 2012).

Nearly 8% of Canada's surface area is occupied by lakes and wetlands, comprising a significant portion of the catchment land surface and representing a significant proportion of the World's fresh water. Lakes cause modifications to the quantity and quality of water as it flows through a catchment (Kendall and McDonnell, 1998). It is therefore imperative to understand how they respond to environmental change, if we are to better predict future water supplies. Lakes have always been subject to the influence of climate change, with natural climate variability in the past representing a primary reason that lakes are ephemeral features of the landscape (Vincent, 2009). Future changes in the amount, seasonality and quality of water supplies will be critical determinants of human activities. Increasing demand coupled with changes in both the volume and timing of runoff will create severe water supply problems that will require effective management and mitigation strategies (Barnett et al., 2004; Watson and Luckman, 2006).

The main challenge to identifying causes of Holocene climate variability has been the lack of high-resolution records that extend beyond meteorological and tree-ring chronologies (Asmerom et al., 2007). This study will show that the Holocene was not unremarkable with respect to climate variability. Studies of the GISP2 and GRIP ice cores often neglect to report any substantial variability in the Holocene record (Grootes et al., 1993). Climate determines many of the characteristics of lakes, their biota, catchment dynamics forced by temperature shifts, alteration of the chemical composition, and nutrient status of the water through increased evaporation rates during warm arid periods, or by dilution during wet intervals (Hickman and Reasoner, 1998). 20<sup>th</sup> century warming is likely to have been the largest of any century during the last 1000 years (Houghton et al., 2001).

## CHAPTER 2 THEORY AND METHODS

### 2.1 Theory

Lacustrine carbonates offer one of the most abundant geochemical archives of terrestrial paleoenvironmental data (Hren and Sheldon, 2012). Trace elemental and stable isotope chemistry of calcium carbonate archives information about past hydrology, meteorology, seasonality, temperature, ecosystem succession, and the carbon cycle ((Diefendorf et al., 2007; Epstein et al., 1953; Kirby et al., 2002; Leng and Marshall, 2004; McCrea, 1950; Stuiver, 1970; Talbot, 1990). Freshwater lakes may preserve high-resolution records dating back to their formation if accumulation of carbonate is continuous and undisturbed. To date, ocean sediment has been more commonly studied as a paleoclimate proxy because variability in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  values of freshwater lakes associated with climatic changes is much greater than variability in oceanic  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  values (Stuiver, 1970). Selection of an appropriate lake, and coring methodology, is critical for a successful study. Choosing a lake with a limited number of variables simplifies the interpretation of isotopic data from the carbonate. For a researcher to ascribe isotopic variation in the core to a particular forcing mechanism requires that all factors that may force the variation be considered. Ideally a lake with a known (or predictable) hydrologic history would provide for a simpler reconstruction of environmental history. Unchanging geomorphology is also ideal, as a lake or surrounding area that is frequently disturbed tectonically can influence variables such as sediment influx, sedimentation rate and the potential for the preservation of any primary sedimentary structures. Lakes with limited bioturbation are preferred because re-working of the sediment, likewise, erases primary sedimentary structures, decreasing the resolution of the data, and obfuscating the primary paleoenvironmental record. An understanding of the mechanism of calcium carbonate production in the lake is important for an appropriate interpretation of the isotope record.

In this study, a subalpine marl lake was selected for coring as they are sensitive recorders of past environmental variability (Hickman and Reasoner, 1998). Marl lakes are hard-water, often dimictic systems with calcium carbonate mud deposited as prograding benches underlying shallow water, within the photic zone. They are commonly found within kettle holes in glacial drift in regions of carbonate bedrock where accumulation of nearly pure (~90%) low-magnesium calcite may persist through the Holocene (Drummond et al., 1995; Murphy and Wilkinson,

1980). Most marl lakes are groundwater seepage lakes that lack significant fluvial inflow-outflow systems where groundwater percolation through surrounding carbonate rich gravels and soils enriches the groundwater in calcium and bicarbonate ions. During spring turnover, cold epilimnic waters warm and degas CO<sub>2</sub>. Degassing of aqueous CO<sub>2</sub> causes the water to become supersaturated with respect to calcite (Drummond et al., 1995; Murphy and Wilkinson, 1980). More importantly for our purposes, the bulk of the carbonate produced in Hogarth Lake forms as an extracellular precipitate on the stems of macrophyte green algae.

The lake selected for this research project is ideal in terms of its topographic isolation, its simple hydrology and its internal dynamics. The lake is a groundwater-fed kettle lake situated in Carboniferous bedrock in a valley of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Subalpine lakes are sensitive recorders of past environmental changes (Hickman and Reasoner, 1998). Abundant calcium (Ca<sup>2+</sup>) and bicarbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) ions are delivered in solution to the lake via groundwater infiltration through the surrounding carbonate rich soils and gravels. The mechanism of carbonate precipitation is also ideal for archiving paleoenvironmental variability. Seasonal precipitation of authigenic calcite occurs as bio-induced encrustations on the charophyte *Chara corallina*. This is the predominant source of calcium carbonate, with minor contributions from shells of gastropods, ostracods and molluscs. Evidence of the existence of these charophytes is observed in the UHL core as deep as 2.6m, corresponding to an extrapolated age of 11,800 cal. yBP. Charophytes are sensitive to ecological change and are useful paleolimnological markers (García, 1994). This species is important because of the way they perform photosynthesis in the littoral zone of the lake. Carbonate calcification accompanies the photosynthetic utilization of bicarbonate on a 1:1 ratio with photosynthesis (McConnaughey, 1991; McConnaughey et al., 1991; McConnaughey et al., 1994; Pełechaty et al., 2013). As *Chara* occur only in the littoral zone of the lake, the carbonate encrustations will reflect the isotopic value of the water above the hypolimnion. As calcite is precipitated extracellularly, the calcite encrustations on *Chara sp.* are known to precipitate in isotopic equilibrium with the surrounding waters (Drummond et al., 1995; Leng and Marshall, 2004; Mullins et al., 2011). Marl accumulation occurs via disarticulation and deposition of the calcified charophytes (Davis, 1900; Murphy and Wilkinson, 1980), with the encrustations accounting for up to 75% of charophyte dry weight (Pełechaty et al., 2013).

## 2.2 Stable Isotopes

The use of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values for paleoenvironmental reconstruction has a long history dating back to ideas proposed by Urey (1947). In 1964, Dansgaard published “Stable isotopes in precipitation”, establishing the foundation for future research on stable isotopes in natural waters along with Craig (1961), Gonfiantini (1978) and Rozanski et al. (1993). Subsequent to Urey’s landmark paper, advances were made with respect to understanding the fractionation between water and carbonates (Epstein et al., 1953; McCrea, 1950; Stuiver, 1970; Talbot, 1990). The IAEA defines isotopic fractionation as “the phenomenon that the isotopic composition of an element in a certain compound changes by the transition of the compound from one physical state or chemical composition to another” (International Atomic Energy Agency, 2013). The two main mass-dependant isotope fractionation effects are kinetic and equilibrium (thermodynamic) isotope effects. Isotopic equilibrium conditions exist where there is no net chemical reaction, but an exchange of isotopes between phases still occurs. Kinetic isotope effects are typically associated with fast, incomplete and/or unidirectional processes such as evaporation, diffusion and dissociation reactions. Kinetic fractionation effects consist of variations in strengths of bonds and reaction rates. The surface of any body of water will be subject to kinetic isotope effects during evaporation, in that  $^1\text{H}^1\text{H}^{16}\text{O}$  molecules transfer into the vapor phase more commonly than the  $^1\text{H}^2\text{H}^{16}\text{O}$  or  $^1\text{H}^1\text{H}^{18}\text{O}$ , resulting in an increase in the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  value of the remaining liquid water (Dansgaard, 1964). Biological isotopic fractionations, “vital effects”, are another example of a kinetic isotope effect. Many carbonate producing organisms (e.g. mollusks) impart vital effects upon the precipitated carbonate as a result of their biological processes, and the isolation of the carbonate precipitation from the external environment. Such biological influence is not expected to have a significant effect on the sediment analysed in this study, because the carbonate is precipitated extracellularly in the water column.

In this paleoclimate study, I am principally concerned with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values derived by analysis of lacustrine carbonate sediment.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  values are determined relative to international standards such as Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water (VSMOW), Vienna Standard Light Antarctic Precipitation (VSLAP) for  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ , and Vienna Peedee Belemnite (VPDB) for  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. Carbonate aliquots are converted to  $\text{CO}_2$  by reaction with 105% anhydrous phosphoric acid, then injected into the mass spectrometer

where the sample CO<sub>2</sub> is compared to a laboratory standard CO<sub>2</sub> that has been calibrated to the international standards and written in “delta” (δ) notation (Eqn. 1).

$$\delta^{18}O_{sample-standard} = \left[ \frac{\left(\frac{^{18}O}{^{16}O}\right)_{sample}}{\left(\frac{^{18}O}{^{16}O}\right)_{standard}} - 1 \right] * 1000\text{‰} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

### 2.3 δ<sup>18</sup>O<sub>CaCO<sub>3</sub></sub> and δ<sup>13</sup>C<sub>CaCO<sub>3</sub></sub> values of Upper Hogarth Lake Marl

A number of important characteristics of the mid-latitude, subalpine hydrologic system in this study include: 1) fresh waters generally exhibit lower δ<sup>18</sup>O values than sea water; 2) δ<sup>18</sup>O<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> values of precipitation decrease with decreasing temperature of condensation; 3) δ<sup>18</sup>O<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> values decrease with increasing altitude and latitude; and, 4) there is considerable seasonal variation in δ<sup>18</sup>O<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> values of precipitation at high altitudes (Dansgaard, 1964). Although, altitude and latitude influence δ<sup>18</sup>O<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> values of precipitation, neither have changed over the last 12,000 years. The dominant forcing mechanisms driving δ<sup>18</sup>O<sub>lake water</sub> values are the dominant seasonality of precipitation and changes in moisture source, because of shifting atmospheric circulation, conflated with the influence of changes in atmospheric temperatures. Seasonal variability in δ<sup>18</sup>O<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> values of precipitation forces a portion of the variability in lake waters, recorded by carbonate sediment (Stuiver, 1970). δ<sup>18</sup>O<sub>CaCO<sub>3</sub></sub> values in this study will be used to infer changes in atmospheric circulation, meteoric patterns and water (atmospheric) temperature. Kinetic fractionation related to evaporation is most significant in hot and/or arid environments as will be discussed in greater detail in the results section. δ<sup>13</sup>C<sub>CaCO<sub>3</sub></sub> values are used to characterize the local carbon cycle, relative humidity and soil moisture. Information about changes in relative humidity and soil moisture are inferred based on the δ<sup>13</sup>C values of local plant material contributed to soil that breaks down into CO<sub>2</sub>, particulate organic matter (POC), and dissolved organic matter (DOC) that enter the lake carbon budget. δ<sup>13</sup>C values of plant tissue reflect the photosynthetic pathway that are in turn be determined by temperature, soil moisture, and relative humidity.

## 2.4 Calcite Precipitation

UHL calcite is precipitated extracellularly on *Chara sp.* as a by-product of photosynthesis, thus it represents a “biologically-induced” calcite.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of biologically-induced calcite in lacustrine sequences have become a valuable tool for reconstructing high-resolution paleoenvironmental variability in continental areas, due to the rapid response of lake ecosystems to environmental perturbations (Teranes et al., 1999). As calcite is precipitated in equilibrium with the water column,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  will depend primarily on  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  values with some temperature overprinting (e.g. Leng and Marshall, 2004). With respect to temperature, carbonates have a long history of use as paleothermometers (Epstein et al., 1953; Kim and O’Neil, 1997; Leng and Marshall, 2004; McCrea, 1950; Stuiver, 1970; Urey, 1947). Kim & O’Neil (1997) refined the earlier equations of Urey, Epstein, Lowenstam and others (Eqn. 2). If the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  value of the water and associated calcite are known, the temperature at the time of precipitation can be calculated using the appropriate fractionation factor:  $\alpha_{\text{calcite-water}}$ . That fractionation factor  $\alpha$  is described by Kim & O’Neil as:

$$1000\ln\alpha_{\text{calcite-water}} = 18.03(10^3T^{-1}) - 32.42 \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

where T is the temperature in Kelvin (for temperatures < 25°C) (Kim and O’Neil, 1997). The fractionation factor,  $\alpha$ , represents the partitioning of isotopes of an element undergoing a phase change at equilibrium. The fractionation factor for calcite-water, where calcite is the product and water the reactant, is obtained from:

$$\alpha_{\text{calcite-water}} = \frac{1000 + \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{calcite}}}{1000 + \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{water}}} \quad (\text{Equation 3})$$

A significant challenge exists in constraining  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  before temperature can be calculated. This is accomplished in several ways, such as paired-species analyses (Smith and Patterson, 1994), use of an accretionary carbonate that has a specific shutdown temperature (Patterson et al. 1993; Dettman et al., 1999), clumped isotopologue chemistry (e.g. Eiler, 2007; Csank et al., 2011), thermal preference/tolerance of organisms (Patterson et al., 1993), and decrepitation of fluid inclusions (e.g. Affolter et al., 2014). Theoretical  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  values calculated using UHL

$\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values requires a variation in temperature far too large to be the dominant forcing mechanism. Thus, this record of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values is one dominated by variability in water (source and seasonality) with a thermal overprinting.

## 2.5 Methods

A 3.6m long lake sediment core was recovered via Vibracoring (Smith, 1998), in a 10.2cm aluminum pipe and transported to the University of Saskatchewan where it was longitudinally split, photographed, logged, and visually described. The age model was developed using  $^{14}\text{C}$  data from 8 samples of terrestrial plant matter recovered from the core (Fig. 2.1). Samples were radiocarbon dated by the Institute of Physics Radiocarbon Laboratory in Gliwice, Poland.  $^{14}\text{C}$  values were calibrated and plotted using the “Bacon” (v. 2.2) Bayesian Age-Depth Modelling package for “R” statistical software.  $^{14}\text{C}$  ages were calibrated using the IntCal13 Northern Hemisphere atmospheric radiocarbon calibration curve (Reimer et al., 2013). The age model infers an age of 7,600 cal. yBP for the Mazama tephra, in agreement with other studies (Egan et al., 2015; Zdanowicz et al., 1999). The Mazama tephra was identified using an SEM and a petrographic microscope, observed as thin bubble-wall glass shards (e.g. Reasoner and Healy, 1986; Zdanowicz et al., 1999). The oldest calibrated date obtained was 10,545 cal. yBP. A linear regression ( $R^2 = 0.9999$ ) was used to extrapolate dates (for similar lithology) earlier and later than the first and last  $^{14}\text{C}$  dates for a total record that dates back to 11,800 cal. yBP.

Due to a lack of terrigenous material suitable for  $^{14}\text{C}$  dating below a depth of 2.36m, dates older than 10,500 cal. yBP are extrapolated using the sedimentation rate determined from the carbon dates above, a reasonable assumption given little variation in sedimentation rate throughout the marl unit. Precise timing of deglaciation, and thus the origin of the lake, is difficult to estimate at the geographic location of Upper Hogarth Lake. The chronology of retreat of the east and south margins of the Cordilleran Ice Sheet remains poorly constrained due to the paucity of radiocarbon ages in that region and the complex interplay between alpine Rocky Mountain glaciers and lobes of the interior Cordilleran ice (Clague, 2017). The age model was used in combination with linear regression analysis ( $R^2 = 0.9973 - 1$ ) using Prism 7 for Windows GraphPad software to estimate rates of deposition (Fig. 2.2). One  $^{14}\text{C}$  value (in red, Fig. 2.1) is incongruent with other values by almost 1000 years for unknown reasons, but it was included for the sake of transparency.

Over 750 samples were retrieved at 1mm to 5mm intervals to generate the record of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values at the Saskatchewan Isotope Laboratory. Approximately 20-50 $\mu\text{g}$  of sediment was loaded into stainless steel cylinders and heated at 200°C in vacuo to remove organics and volatiles that may interfere with interpretation of the carbonate data. The samples were then placed into borosilicate glass vials to be auto-sampled by a Thermo Scientific™ Kiel IV carbonate device directly coupled to a Thermo Scientific™ MAT-253 dual-inlet stable isotope ratio mass spectrometer (SIRMS). Carbonate samples were reacted with 105% anhydrous phosphoric acid at 70°C for 420 seconds generating  $\text{CO}_2$  that is cryogenically scrubbed to remove water and other volatiles that may influence  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. Values are reported in per mille (‰) notation relative to the Vienna Peedee Belemnite (VPDB), the international standard NBS-19, and internal standards. Isotope ratios are corrected for acid fractionation and  $^{17}\text{O}$  contribution using the Craig correction (Craig, 1957). Precision is ~0.04‰ for  $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$  and ~0.08‰ for  $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$  ( $n=46$ ,  $1\sigma$ ).

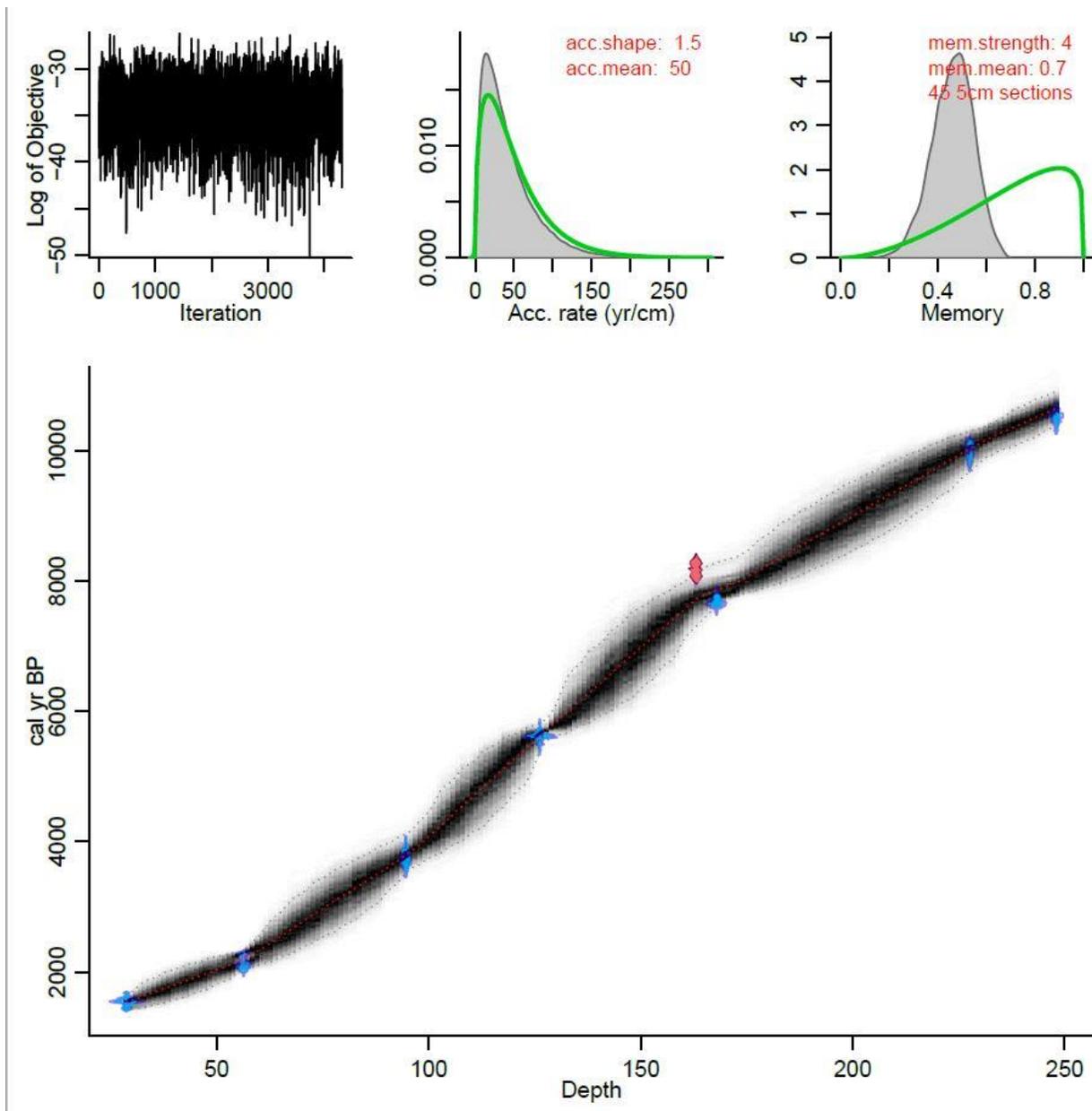


Figure 2.1. Age - Depth Model. Age in calibrated years before physics (1950 C.E.).  $^{14}\text{C}$ -Carbon ages of 8 terrestrial plant matter samples (blue and red diamonds) were determined by the Institute of Physics Radiocarbon Laboratory in Gliwice, Poland.  $^{14}\text{C}$ -Carbon ages were calibrated to the IntCal13 Northern Hemisphere atmospheric radiocarbon calibration curve (Reimer et al., 2013). Depth of lake sediment below water interface in centimeters. Image generated using Bacon” (v. 2.2) Bayesian Age-Depth Modelling package for “R” statistical software.

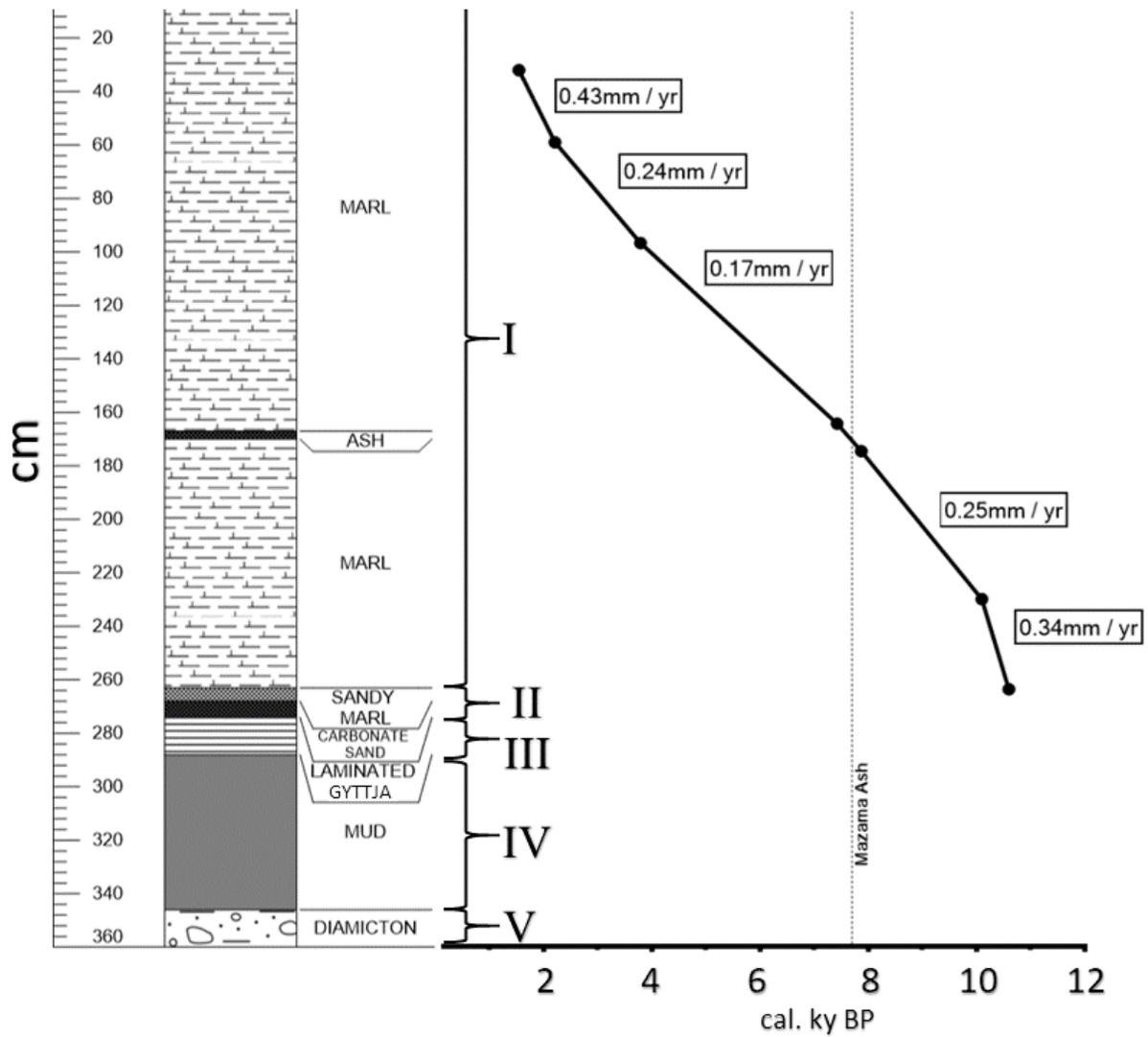


Figure 2.2. Core log and rates of deposition. Depth in centimeters below sediment-water interface. I: marl, II: sandy-marl transition, III: laminated gytja, IV: non-laminated mud, V: basal glacial diamicton.

## CHAPTER 3 STUDY AREA AND CORE DESCRIPTION

### 3.1 Study Area

#### 3.1.1 Geography and Geology

Upper Hogarth Lake (UHL) ( $50.793^{\circ}\text{N}$ ,  $-115.319^{\circ}\text{W}$ ) is a groundwater fed, freshwater kettle lake in southwestern Alberta, Canada – approximately 100km WSW of Calgary (Fig. 3.1). It is the southernmost of the three Hogarth Lakes, situated in a valley at approximately 1900mASL in the Kananaskis Range of the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

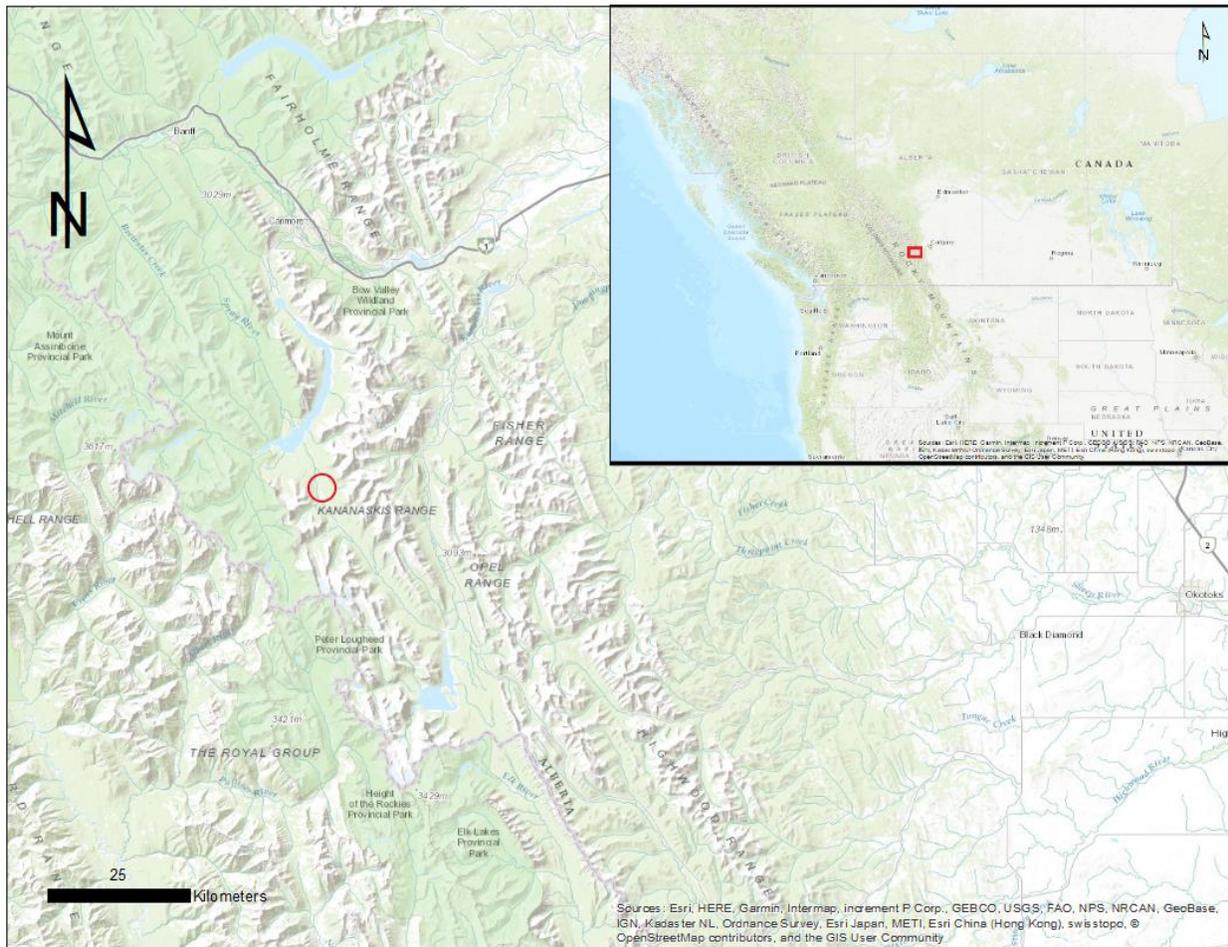


Figure 3.1. Study area (red circle) in the Kananaskis Range of the Alberta Rocky Mountains.

It is a protected area within Peter Lougheed Provincial Park. The region is characterized by Carboniferous bedrock covered in Quaternary glacial sediment.

### 3.1.2 Hydrology

UHL has a surface area of approximately 0.026km<sup>2</sup> and a maximum depth of < 8 m. It is hydrologically open, recharged via groundwater infiltration (snowmelt and rainfall) and precipitation, with spring/summer outflow. The Hogarth Lakes are situated in glacial till, classified as an alluvial fan aquifer (Toop and de la Cruz, 2002).

Bicarbonate and calcium ions from local carbonate rich soil and gravel are subsequently transported in solution to the lake. In this subalpine environment, rapid flow-through shallow groundwater paths are dominant, with variability in the contribution of groundwater dependent upon seasonality, rainfall and snowmelt amounts (Hood et al., 2006). Outflow occurs by seepage and spring/summer overflow north to Middle Hogarth Lake and the Lower Hogarth Lake marshland. The Hogarth Lakes are situated in the headwater region of the Bow River Basin watershed. Therefore, its location is ideal for evaluating the water isotope record before evaporative effects increase the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  values. Based on area, depth and recharge mechanisms (e.g. Lischeid et al., 2018), UHL residence time is estimated to be about one year, allowing for a rapid response to climate variables recorded as high-resolution variability in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. Topographic characteristics of the area around the lake induces high rates of groundwater outflow and short residence times (e.g. Shapley et al., 2009). The lake is dimictic with wind and thermal driven mixing of surface and bottom water occurring twice per year.

### 3.1.3 Modern Meteorology and Climate

The Hogarth Lakes region is considered subalpine, with cool summers and snowy spring and autumn seasons with abundant winter snowfall (Downing and Pettapiece, 2006; Reasoner and Huber, 1999). The lake is often ice covered until mid-June, icing over again in November. From 1981 to 2017 average daily temperatures for the region ranged from  $-11^{\circ}\text{C}$  in December to  $13^{\circ}\text{C}$  in July, with typical minimum and maximum values of  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $19^{\circ}\text{C}$  respectively (Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and Environment and Parks, n.d.).

Annual precipitation is currently dominated (between 50 and 80%) by snow (Bow River Basin Council, 2010; Toop and de la Cruz, 2002), with the snow water equivalent (SWE) of the cumulative snowpack reaching peak amounts in May (Pomeroy et al., 2016). The alpine and subalpine regions receive more winter precipitation than any other region of Alberta with common amounts of 650-750 mm (SWE) (Toop and de la Cruz, 2002). Snowfall and freezing temperatures are possible year-round but are least likely in July (Toop and de la Cruz, 2002). Summer precipitation is heaviest in July (400-550 mm) (Toop and de la Cruz, 2002). Present day low altitude winds are from the south with an annual average wind speed of 7km/h at 10m above ground (Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and Environment and Parks, n.d.). At present, cold winters and cool summers limit evaporation (Toop and de la Cruz, 2002).

The region is influenced by one, or a combination of 3 dominant air masses (Fig. 3.2): 1) Continental Polar (cP); 2) Pacific Maritime (mP); and, 3) Maritime Tropical (mT), (Peng et al. 2010). Seasonal variability and position of the North Polar Jet Stream determine the dominant air mass, both seasonally and secularly. During winter, the cold and dry Continental Polar air mass dominates most of Alberta, interrupted occasionally by “Chinook” winds. A Chinook wind is a parcel of warm and dry, often fast moving, air that descends the lee side of the Rocky Mountains through lower elevation areas, originating as moist air over the Pacific Ocean but drying due to orographic rain-out events. As the air descends it warms adiabatically, further decreasing relative humidity. Precipitation in the Hogarth Lakes region is sourced from a combination of the Pacific Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and convective summer precipitation sourced from evapotranspiration over the Great Plains (Moran et al., 2007; Peng et al., 2004).

An oceanic area is considered a significant source of continental moisture when, on average, more than 20% of the total evaporation, and at least 250mm/yr of evaporation ends up as continental precipitation (Van Der Ent and Savenije, 2013). Moist air may be delivered to the

west coast of North America from the tropical Pacific by “atmospheric rivers” (Kamae et al., 2017). A Pacific atmospheric river (water vapor) known as the “Pineapple Express”, can drive warm moist equatorial Pacific air inland, likely traveling northeast through the Columbia River Gorge (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and (NRC), 1985), and northward via the Rocky Mountain Trench between the Cascades and Rocky Mountain ranges into southern Alberta. It is transported via the westerly winds and the propagating wave movement of the jet stream. Moist summer air sourced from evapotranspiration (moisture recycling) over the American Great Plains and the heavily forested Rocky Mountains of the USA can be delivered into southern Alberta via an easterly upslope flow caused by cyclonic atmospheric circulation over the western United States (Milrad et al., 2015; Moran et al., 2007; Thériault et al., 2018). Moist air may also travel northward from the Gulf of Mexico across the Great Plains (Scott, 2013). During periods of enhanced meridional atmospheric flow, high pressure air masses can push far into northern Canada bringing increased temperatures to areas as far north as Yukon and Northwest Territories. When warm and moist air from the Gulf of Mexico is transported north, precipitation occurs as the air is forced upward over the Rocky Mountains, cooling adiabatically to saturation. This process can be enhanced when a counter-clockwise rotating low-pressure system centered over the Pacific Northwest United States pulls the moist Gulf air into Alberta (Scott, 2013; Thériault et al., 2018). Such an event occurred in June of 2013, where an air mass carrying moisture from the Gulf of Mexico delivered increased precipitation to the region causing catastrophic flooding along the Bow River and in Calgary. Temperature and precipitation variability in the Canadian Rocky Mountains are forced by changes in the position of the Circumpolar Vortex and atmospheric circulation, e.g., zonal atmospheric winds bringing winter precipitation but blocking summer easterly and southerly upslope moisture.

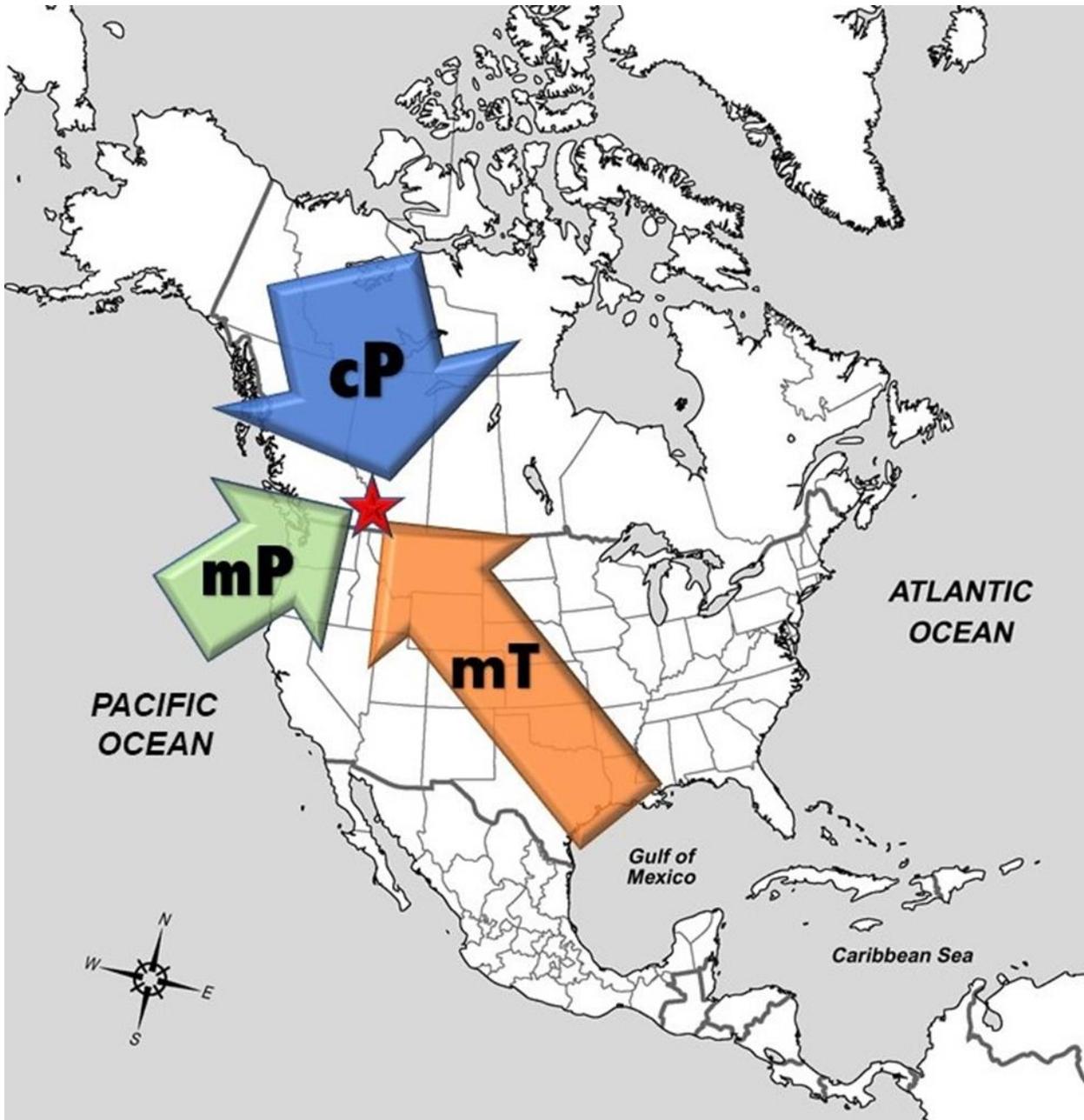


Figure 3.2. Dominant air masses over UHL (red star). Continental Polar (cP), Maritime Pacific (mP), Maritime Tropical (mT), after Peng et al., 2004.

### 3.1.4 Vegetation

The Hogarth Lakes lie in the Cordilleran Ecoclimatic Province (Downing and Pettapiece, 2006), presently characterized by cool summers with a growing season between late June and September. The area is dominated today by coniferous forest; blue spruce (*Picea engelmannii*), subalpine fir (*Abies lasiocarpa*), subalpine larch interspersed with herb-rich meadows, and fire-successional lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*) stands (Beaudoin and King, 1994; Downing and Pettapiece, 2006). Vegetation on the lower slopes is dominated by shrub willows (*Salix sp.*) and other shrubs including dwarf birch (*Betula glandulosa*) (Beaudoin and King, 1994). Wetland areas such as the area north of Upper Hogarth Lake are populated by sedges (*Cyperaceae*) (Beaudoin and King, 1994). The geographic location of UHL is such that vegetative species will be comprised predominantly of woody plants utilizing the C<sub>3</sub> photosynthetic pathway.

## 3.2 Core Description and Depositional History

The 3.6m Upper Hogarth Lake core can be subdivided into 5 general lithological zones (Fig. 2.2). Beginning at the base of the core with zone V are gravel and sands interpreted to represent the basal diamict, composed of glacially eroded carbonate bedrock. This is supported by similar  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  ( $\approx -8.5\text{‰VPDB}$ ) and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values ( $\approx 0.5\text{‰VPDB}$ ) to local sands and gravels at the study site ( $n = 9$ ). Above that, in zone IV (3.47-2.88m) lies grey and beige inorganic mud with no discernable sedimentary structures or textures. This mud represents inorganic sediment deposited in the basin, in association with the expansion of alpine glaciers and the Crowfoot Advance (Younger Dryas Chron) (Reasoner and Huber, 1999). The beginning of zone III is marked by a distinct thin (2mm) black laminae at 2.88m. Zone III consists of dark grey-green and brown beds of gyttja, interpreted as an evolving lake bottom, and increasing biologic activity in the surrounding terrestrial ecosystem (e.g. Borzenkova et al., 2015). Zones III, IV, and V are characteristic of other similar lakes in the region (Beierle et al., 2003; Leonard and Reasoner, 1999; Reasoner and Huber, 1999). Zone II is interpreted as a transitional section where marl deposition began, indicated by the first signs of calcified charophyte stems (e.g., Borzenkova et al. 2015; Diefendorf et al. 2007; Hammarlund et al. 1997), and fine-grained calcite, are observed amongst a brown resinous sediment at 2.67m. This brown sediment is coincident with a 6‰ increase in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values, indicative of an evolving carbon cycle. As the

lake water became clearer, charophyte algae colonized the littoral zone of the lake. In a similar lake, it was found that an increase in light availability occurs simultaneously with the development of dense beds of *Chara* vegetation (Blindow et al., 2002). In clear, oligotrophic lakes, charophytes may colonize lake bottoms to depth of 30m or more (Wehr and Sheath, 2015). The core transitions to Zone I (marl) at 2.67m, persisting to the top of the core, interrupted only by the Mazama ash (~7,600 cal. yBP; Egan et al., 2015; Zdanowicz et al., 1999) at 1.68m. Zone I consists of cream-colored, homogeneous marl sourced from calcite encrustations on charophyte algae.

## CHAPTER 4 CARBON ISOTOPE RECORD OF UPPER HOGARTH LAKE MARL

### 4.1 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ Values of Marl

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$  profiles of lake sediment have become a critical tool for paleoenvironmental reconstructions because lake carbon budgets are sensitive to climate (Diefendorf et al., 2007).  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of UHL marl are interpreted to represent variation in soil moisture, regional humidity, carbon budget, and landscape evolution of the lake catchment area throughout the Holocene. UHL is an open carbonate system, described as “Case 2” and “Case 3” by Garrels and Christ (1965). Case 2 describes natural lake water in contact with the atmosphere, where the pH of the system is controlled by carbonate equilibria. Case 3 incorporates groundwater with respect to dissolved bicarbonate ( $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ), carbonate ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ) and aqueous carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2(\text{aq})$ ). It is assumed that the current pH of the lake (~8.1) was maintained throughout the duration of calcite precipitation over the last 11,800 cal. yBP, and that  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  has therefore always been the dominant carbon species in this well-buffered carbonate system.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values will be forced by changes to the carbon balance of the lake. Diefendorf et al. (2007) generated a model applicable to hard water lakes in limestone regions (Fig. 4.1). They illustrate how  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values generated by carbonate lakes are influenced by multiple carbon sources that contribute to the lake’s carbon budget (Diefendorf et al., 2007). Generally, there are 4 dominant components making up lacustrine carbonate sediment: 1) inorganically precipitated carbonate; 2) photosynthetically-induced carbonate (bio-induced); 3) biogenic carbonate (debris from calcareous plants and animals; and, 4) allochthonous material derived from carbonate rocks in the lake’s basin (Hren and Sheldon, 2012; Platt and Wright, 2009). The majority of the calcite in the UHL core is bio-induced calcite precipitated on the surface of the green algae *Chara corallina*.

#### 4.1.1 Upper Hogarth Lake Carbon Cycle

Carbon inputs to UHL are similar those proposed by Diefendorf et al. (2007). The lake is an open system in exchange of  $\text{CO}_2$  with the atmosphere during the ice-free period of each year. There are 3 significant sources of exogenous carbon: oxidized particulate organic carbon (POC), terrestrial particulate organic carbon (TPOC) and weathered carbon (WC) sourced from surrounding bedrock and the oxidation of organic matter (Diefendorf et al., 2007).  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values of

dissolved inorganic carbon ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}}$ ) of carbonate lakes are primarily controlled by changes in the inorganic and organic carbon flux into the lake, primary productivity, organic matter (OM) burial, heterotrophic respiration, TPOC, calcite burial and dissolution, and  $\text{CO}_2$  equilibration with the atmosphere (Diefendorf et al., 2007). The effects of calcite dissolution can be ignored

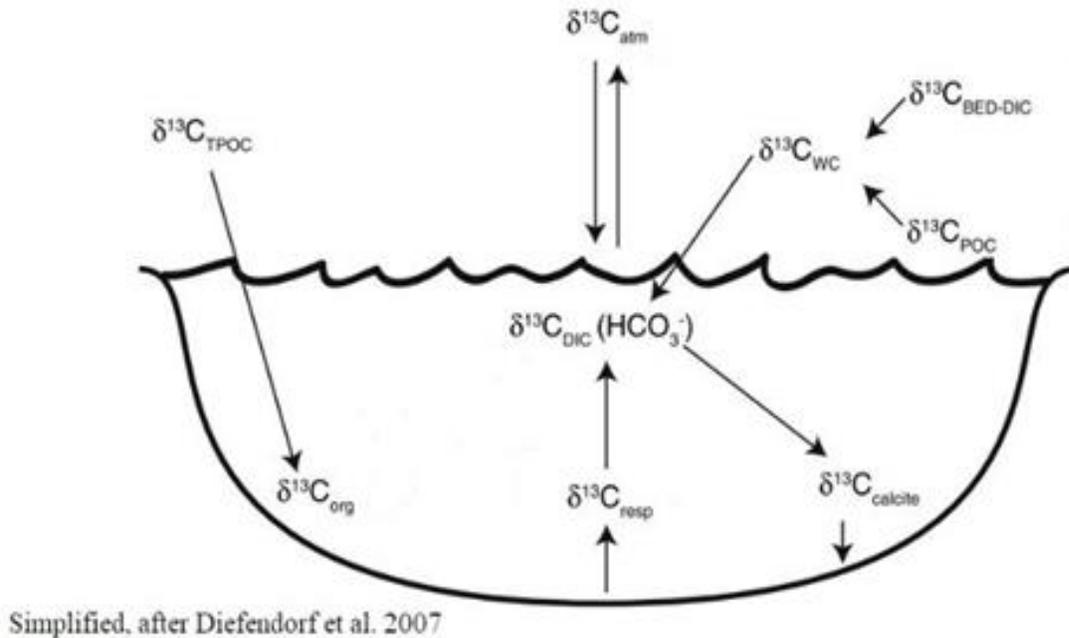


Figure 4.1. Carbon flux for a hardwater lake. TPOC: terrestrial particulate organic carbon; ORG: organic; RESP: respired; ATM: atmosphere; WC: weathered carbon; BED-DIC: dissolved inorganic carbon from bedrock; POC: particulate organic carbon, after Diefendorf et al., 2007.

because UHL was likely always saturated with respect to calcite. TPOC plays a minimal role as it is oxidized and therefore does not significantly influence  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}}$  values. As UHL is (at present) an oligotrophic lake, heterotrophic respiration is not addressed in this study. Lake water  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}}$  is influenced by the input of 2 primary external sources: terrestrial DIC, and oxidized POC (Diefendorf et al., 2007). The terrestrial-sourced DIC for UHL is introduced via rainfall, groundwater and snowmelt. Weathered inorganic carbon (WC) in the UHL water column is regulated by contributions from two isotopically distinct sources: 1) local limestone bedrock (BED-DIC) ( $\delta^{13}\text{C} = \sim 0.5\text{‰}$ ), and 2)  $\text{CO}_2$  sourced from the oxidation of POC and/or DIC. Because the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  value of the surrounding limestone bedrock remained constant through the Holocene, changes in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  must be forced by the other mechanisms. POC is derived from soil, terrestrial organic matter (plants), and decaying lake vegetation.

#### 4.1.2 Plants

Plant carbon exhibits lower  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values than atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$ , because plant tissues discriminate against  $^{13}\text{C}$  during photosynthesis of sugars (Bowling et al., 2008). This is due in part to the difference in diffusion rates of  $^{12}\text{CO}_2$  and  $^{13}\text{CO}_2$  into leaves during photosynthesis. Plants preferentially sequester  $^{12}\text{CO}_2$  for photosynthesis. Modern atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  has a  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  value between -8.5‰ VPDB (e.g., Patterson, 2017) and -8.0‰ VPDB (Bowling et al., 2008), about 1‰ lower than pre-industrial values.  $\text{C}_3$  plants exhibit  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values that can vary between -24‰ and -34‰ VPDB, while plants utilizing the  $\text{C}_4$  photosynthetic pathway generally exhibit  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values between -9‰ and -15‰ VPDB. Based on pollen studies (Luckman and Kearney, 1986; Macdonald, 1989; Mathewes and Heusser, 1980; Reasoner and Huber, 1999; Vance, 1986) and due to UHL's geographic location and elevation, it is assumed that  $\text{C}_3$  woody plants were dominant for the duration of the Holocene while acknowledging the possibility of the propagation of  $\text{C}_4$  grasses during warmer and drier times of higher tree lines. Vegetation-sourced organic matter as POC, is an important source of carbon to the lake carbon budget. Kinetic fractionation of  $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$  in an open system results in the residual organic matter in the soil exhibiting higher  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values (Wynn, 2007).  $\text{C}_3$  plant dominated ecosystems may exhibit significant variability in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values of DIC, DOC, and POC supplied to soils (Bowling et al., 2008). It is this variation, along with the plant's response to soil moisture availability that will force UHL  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. Terrestrial  $\text{C}_3$  plants systematically react to moisture availability by physically controlling  $\text{CO}_2$  diffusion through their stomates. Leaf intercellular air is saturated with water vapor, resulting in higher water vapor pressure inside the leaf than the comparatively dry extracellular air.  $\text{C}_3$  plants (and plants in general) discriminate against  $^{13}\text{C}$  because breaking  $^{13}\text{CO}_2$  bonds is energetically costlier for the plant. Plants will leave their stomates open more frequently, allowing for increased diffusion of  $^{12}\text{C}$  into the intracellular space. During periods of low humidity, stomates are open less frequently to conserve moisture by limiting transpiration. During limited 'open-stomate' periods, the plant is unable to preferentially sequester sufficient  $^{12}\text{CO}_2$  and must utilize more  $^{13}\text{CO}_2$ . Thus, photosynthetic fractionation generates a  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  value in the plant's tissue that is transmitted to the organic matter (POC) of the leaf and twig litter before entering the lake carbon cycle. At present, Upper Hogarth Lake lies in a coniferous forest amongst limestone bedrock and- carbonate rich soil and gravel. The record will illustrate the transition from barren glacial till, to herbs and shrubs, to its current forested state. Therefore,

carbon isotope variability is forced by changes in local productivity, vegetative succession within the lake catchment and changes in humidity and soil moisture.

## **4.2 Results and Interpretation**

This study presents a record of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values of carbon archived by lacustrine calcite that dates back approximately 12,000 years. Over 750 data from the 3.6m core provide proxy evidence for an evolving subalpine basin; from a newly formed, muddy lake to a clear water marl lake.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values (presented here as  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$ ) range from -4.1‰ to +3.2‰ VPDB (Fig. 4.2), demonstrating significant variability through the Holocene. These data represent the vegetative history of the region, changes to the lake carbon budget, and variation in humidity and soil moisture. The  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record is, in part, reflective of the transition of a newly formed kettle lake surrounded by glacially scoured Carboniferous limestone to its current state of productive marl lake surrounded by coniferous forest.

As described in the “Methods” section; the changes in lithology and constraints of the age model restricts the ability to accurately ascribe any time-precise environmental forcing of data beyond 11,800 cal. yBP. However, based on the sediment and on the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values, as described in the core description section of this paper; this gyttja represents an evolving lake bottom with increased organic input.

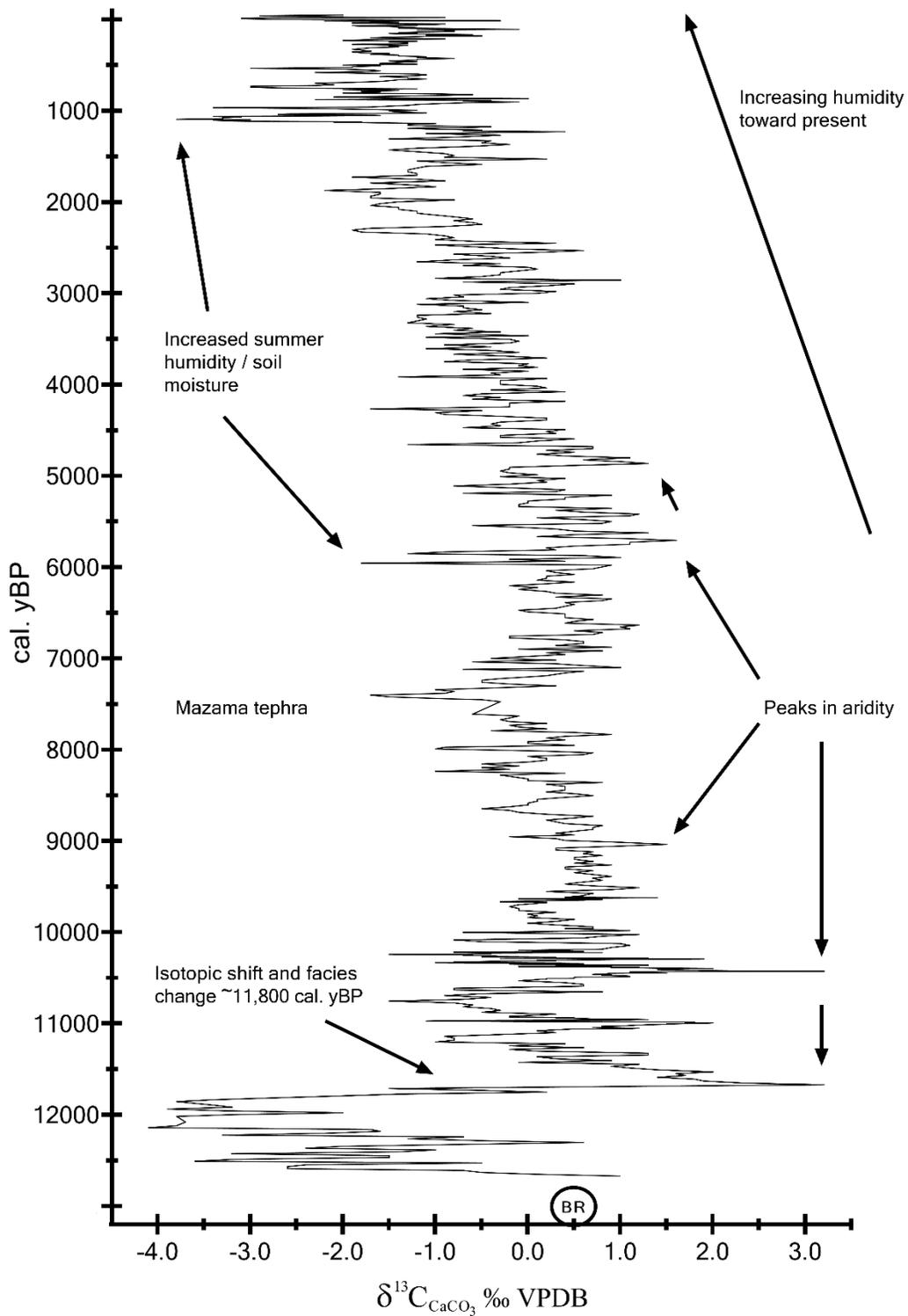


Figure 4.2.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of Upper Hogarth Lake marl. Lower values indicate increased humidity and soil moisture while higher values indicate increased aridity. "BR" indicates value of surrounding bedrock ( $\delta^{13}\text{C} = 0.5\text{‰ VPDB}$ ).

#### 4.2.1 Termination of the Pleistocene

Beginning at the base of the 3.6m core,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of the basal diamict display values of  $\sim 0.2\text{‰}$  VPDB, consistent with the average value of the surrounding bedrock ( $0.5\text{‰}$  VPDB,  $n=9$ ) (Fig. 4.2). The values of the overlying mud exhibit a range in values.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values for the end-Pleistocene sediment are interpreted to represent inorganic sediment associated with clastic input and the expansion of alpine glaciers (Crowfoot Advance/Younger Dryas event) (e.g. Reasoner and Huber, 1999).  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values remain at  $\sim 0.2\text{‰}$  VPDB, consistent with local bedrock as the dominant source of carbon, with little contribution of terrestrial vegetation, a hypothesis supported by low pollen counts in other studies (Macdonald, 1989; Reasoner and Huber, 1999).  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values increase upward within the mud section (Zone IV, Fig. 2.2). As the core becomes more laminar beginning with a distinct black lamina (A in Fig. 4.4) at 2.88m ( $>12,000$  cal. yBP), the sediment exhibits low ( $-2.5\text{‰}$ )  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. From post-glaciation to  $\sim 11,700$  cal. yBP, the recently deglaciated terrain was sparsely vegetated (Macdonald, 1989; Reasoner and Huber, 1999). At a nearby lake, a thin, discontinuous shrub-herb vegetative cover dominated by *Artemesia*, *Salix*, and *Juniperus* was inferred by palynology for the Pleistocene-Holocene transition (Macdonald, 1981; Reasoner and Huber, 1999). This study supports those findings, as several pollen sacs with morphological characteristics consistent with *Juniperus* were recovered from the sediment at a depth of 2.70m or  $>12,000$  cal. yBP.

#### 4.2.2 Early Holocene

The Early Holocene ( $\sim 11,500 - 9,500$  cal. yBP) was a period of higher-than-present treelines and warmer-than-present summer temperatures (Luckman and Kearney, 1986; Mathewes and Heusser, 1980; Reasoner and Huber, 1999), coinciding with peak summer insolation (Berger and Loutre, 1991; Berger, 1979; Pendleton et al., 2017). For the UHL record, the sudden onset of the Holocene is marked by an abrupt change in lithology (B in Fig. 4.4) and a large excursion in the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record (Fig. 4.2). This occurs at a depth of 2.63m correlating to a calibrated age of  $\sim 11,800$  cal. yBP. A  $7\text{‰}$  increase in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  occurs from 11,900 – 11,700 cal. yBP. This may have been caused by a change in the carbon flux with a shift to lower POC contribution to the lake, or by desiccation of the surrounding soil. Organic carbon recovered from marl lakes exhibits  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values  $\sim 15\text{--}20\text{‰}$  lower than DIC (Drummond et al., 1995). Anoxic bottom waters

are often accompanied by increased organic carbon burial that would result in lower  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. The isotopic shift is accompanied by a change from gyttja to cream-colored marl that may be explained by changing lake morphology (marl bench progradation). Borzenkova et al. (2015) observed a similar facies shift  $\sim 11,600$  cal. yBP in their record from a similar lake in Poland. They explained it as a shift from clastic-detrital dominant deposition to autochthonous biochemical (bio-induced) calcite as a result of climate amelioration. Marl bench progradation means that the depositional surface became shallower and likely more oxygenated, such that organic carbon would be increasingly oxidized, increasing the influence of DIC over POC in the carbon budget. A regional increase in aridity may have forced this change. A decrease in soil moisture would have resulted in proliferation of drought-tolerant pioneer species. At a nearby lake, Reasoner et al. (1999) found that around 11,700 cal. yBP there were significant changes in the paleobotanical record concomitant with the abrupt onset of organic sedimentation, interpreted as the establishment of an open *Pinus* – dominated forest (Reasoner and Huber, 1999). They observed a sharp increase in arboreal pollen and a shift from clastic to organic sedimentation around 11,700 cal. yBP at their study site, representing the stabilization of the landscape and increase in forest vegetation in the area (Reasoner and Huber, 1999). This rapid expansion of forest vegetation is ubiquitous in the Canadian Rocky Mountains and adjacent foothills during the Early Holocene (Macdonald, 1989; Reasoner and Huber, 1999; Reasoner and Jodry, 2000; Vance, 1986). Charophyte calcite can confidently be associated with cream-colored marl deposition commencing at 2.63m (11,800 cal. yBP) based on calcified *Chara sp.* stems found

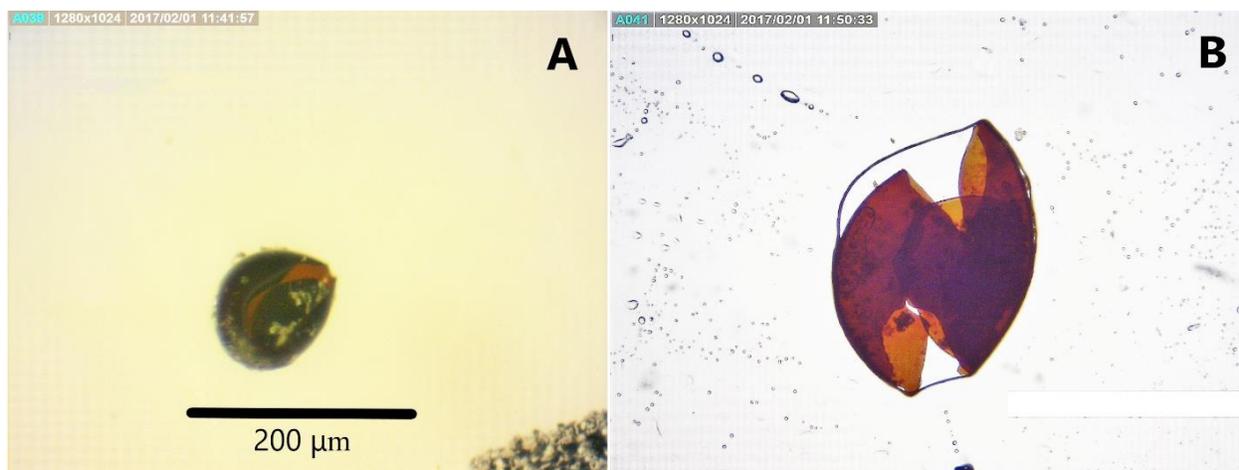


Figure 4.3. A and B: Suspected *Juniperus sp.* pollen sac recovered from Upper Hogarth Lake core at  $\sim 2.7\text{m}$  ( $\sim 12,000$  cal. yBP).



*Figure 4.4. Upper Hogarth Lake core (2.56m-3.05m) illustrating changes in lithology. A: initial appearance of laminar features (>12,000 cal. yBP). B: onset of Holocene Epoch (11,700 cal. yBP).*

in the brown muds immediately below (zone 1, Fig. 2.2 and B in Fig. 4.4). Following the brown sediment transition, cream colored marl deposition begins and persists for the remainder of the core. Cream-colored marl associated with the period between 11,800 and 10,200 cal. yBP does not appear as uniformly colored as the overlying younger marl. It has more darker laminae distributed within, along with some darker colored lenticular spotting (Fig. 4.5). A possible explanation for this could be that bacteria and algae colonized the basin in the littoral zone, as microbial mats and oncolites. These microbialites now appear as darker marl lamina and lenses amongst the cream-colored marl.



*Figure 4.5. Microbialites (dark lenses amid cream-colored marl) in Upper Hogarth Lake Core (2.39m-2.63m). Way-up is to the left.*

#### 4.2.3 Isotopic Covariance

Between 11,500 and 10,400 cal. yBP there is significant ( $R^2 = 0.42$ ) covariance (Fig. 4.6) in the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. Drummond et al. (1995) documented that isotopic covariance in a hydrologically open temperate region marl lake is indicative of a shift in climate. There are significant positive (negative) excursions in the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  records at 11,000 (10,700) and 10,400 (10,200) cal. yBP.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}}$  values of lake water are strongly dependent upon the duration and magnitude of summer thermal and redox stratification (Drummond et al., 1995). A generally warmer climate with a longer summer growing season means that UHL would remain thermally stratified for more of the year. This would also mean that summer rain, with higher  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  values, was a larger contributor to the lake water budget, observed as higher  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. Longer growing seasons and warmer summers increase evaporation, which would also force higher  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  values. A longer growing season allows for more photosynthetic modification (plants using relatively more  $^{12}\text{CO}_2$ ) of the carbon in the lake (Drummond et al., 1995), also forcing higher  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. Longer, warmer and drier

summers may have resulted in an increase in the proportion of C<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>3</sub> plants in the lake watershed. Increased contribution of C<sub>4</sub> plant organic carbon to the carbon pool of the basin would also force higher  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values.

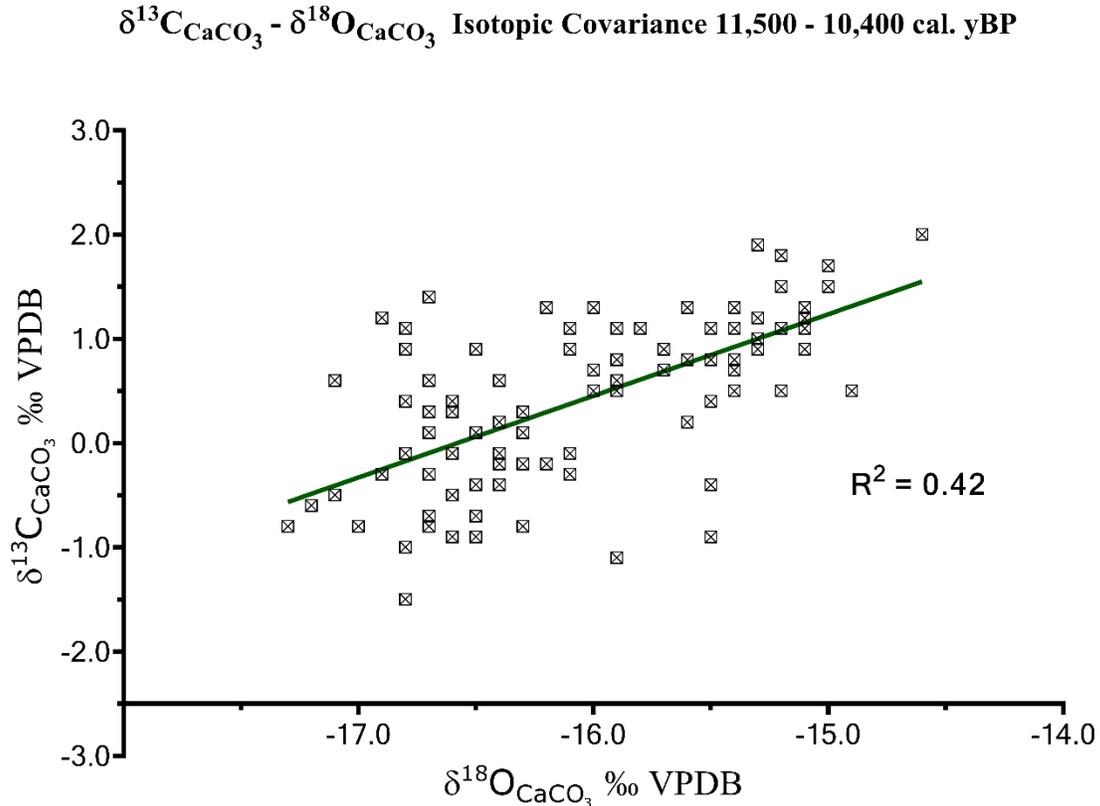


Figure 4.6. Isotopic covariance of UHL marl for 11,500 – 10,400 cal. yBP.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  vs.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values ( $n=95$ ). This covariation is likely related to a longer growing season with an increase in the summer/winter precipitation ratio.

Covariant negative excursions may be explained by a transition to a cooler, wetter climate with higher proportions of snowfall. More colder months means longer periods of winter stratification and a buildup of respired CO<sub>2</sub> from organic carbon in the sediment, resulting in a carbon pool with lower  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values and lower  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values (Drummond et al., 1995). Following ~10,200 cal. yBP a decrease in variability is observed in the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record, along with a decoupling from the variability of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$ . This may be attributed to the rise in sea-level and flooding of Beringia (described in the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  section), along with a shift in atmospheric circulation to more closely resemble the modern.

#### 4.2.4 Early to Mid-Holocene

From ~9,500 – 4,500 cal. yBP there was an increase in regional aridity. Low humidity results in decreased discrimination against  $^{13}\text{CO}_2$  and higher  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{TPOC}}$  values entering the lake carbon pool. Reasoner and Huber (1999) found an increase in macroscopic charcoal after 10,200 cal. yBP with peak values between 7,600 and 6,400 cal. yBP. When combined with their pollen record, it is indicative of drier climatic conditions conducive to more frequent fires. Increases in the abundance of *Pinus* relative to *Picea* and *Abies* during the Mid-Holocene also suggests an increased fire frequency and a warmer, drier climate (Macdonald, 1981). Following deposition of the Mazama tephra ~7,600 cal. yBP,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values peak during the Mid-Holocene from ~7,000 – 4,500 cal. yBP, marking the driest period of the UHL record. Aridity likely peaked around 6,700 and 4,800 cal. yBP (Fig. 4.2), suggested by positive excursions in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. In the southwestern Yukon during the Mid-Holocene, a similar carbonate lake recorded water levels 5-6m below modern (Anderson et al., 2005). Paleoecological and diatom studies in subalpine Alberta suggest the Mid-Holocene was a period of increased temperatures, higher alpine tree lines, and spreading of grasslands into the valleys and foothills (Heinrichs et al., 2001; Hickman and Reasoner, 1998; Macdonald, 1989).

#### 4.2.5 Neoglacial – Present

In the Northern Hemisphere, the Neoglacial marked a transition from warm and dry to cool and wet. The “general consensus” is that this transition occurred between 5,700 and 3,200 cal. yBP (Reasoner and Huber, 1999). The onset of wetter conditions can be observed as a steady decrease in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values beginning ~4,500 cal. yBP. A similar carbonate lake in Yukon saw water levels rise from Mid-Holocene levels to levels greater than the present between 4,000 and 2,000 cal. yBP (Anderson et al., 2005). The steady decrease in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  is interrupted by a 600-year period of higher values centered around 3,100 – 2,500 cal. yBP. This period is coincident with reported glacier expansion in the Yukon from 3300 – 2400 cal. yBP (Denton and Karlen, 1973). A period of anomalously lower  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values is observed 2,400 – 1,600 cal. yBP, suggesting increased humidity and soil moisture. When combined with a relative peak in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$ , it suggests an increase in summer precipitation. This period is concurrent with the Roman Warm Period (RWP) recorded in Europe (Bianchi and McCave, 1999). Values then fluctuate significantly for the next 1500 years indicating a period of moisture variability where

values first increase by 2‰ then decrease by over 3.5‰ at ~1000 cal. yBP.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values remain low from 1100 - 960 cal. yBP, suggesting increased humidity, coeval with the Medieval Climate Anomaly (MCA) (Mann et al., 2009). From 960 – 800 cal. yBP there is a positive 3‰ excursion of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and 1‰ positive excursion in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values, suggesting a time of increased aridity. This arid period is coeval with the reported collapse of Mayan civilization ~850 C.E. (Alley, 2004). Values then fluctuate markedly until present, indicative of century-scale variability in soil moisture/relative humidity coeval with the onset of the Little Ice Age (LIA) (e.g., Kreutz et al., 1997; Reyes et al., 2006) and the subsequent Modern Warm Period. The increase in the most recent  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values may be ascribed to increased summer humidity and soil moisture as the result of increased melting of the alpine snowpack. This increase in melting is the result of warming atmospheric temperatures in Western Canada since 1950 CE (DeBeer et al., 2016; Thériault et al., 2018).

## 5.1 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ Values of Upper Hogarth Lake Marl

$\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of calcium carbonate marl are reflective of three variables: 1) water temperature at the time of precipitation; 2)  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$ ; and, 3) mechanism of precipitation. The mechanism of precipitation for the bulk of UHL marl is bio-induced, extracellular precipitation of calcite on the surface of macroscopic algae (*Chara sp.*). This is assumed to have been the dominant process for the entirety of the UHL Holocene record. Calcite precipitates as a by-product of photosynthesis by *Chara sp.* (McConnaughey et al., 1994, 1991), thus, the values recorded will reflect the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  and water temperature during the charophyte growing season. The temperature of the lake water is representative of atmospheric temperature that in turn varies in response to the position of the northern Polar Front Jet Stream, oceanic heat transport, sea surface temperatures, insolation, surface albedo, and other variability in atmospheric circulation.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  values will vary according to the hydrology of the basin and the value of the recharge water (precipitation and ground water).

### 5.1.1 Hydrology

In larger lakes, long residence times more substantially moderate the influence of a climatic perturbation relative to a smaller lake (Steinman and Abbott, 2013). The isotopic response to climatic forcing is greater in smaller lakes than volumetrically larger lakes with longer residence times. UHL is a small, hydrologically open basin with a short residence time due to spring/summer outflow to Middle Hogarth Lake and exchange with the underlying alluvial fan aquifer. The small basin size and shorter residence time are favorable for high-resolution isotope studies.

### 5.1.2 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of UHL Precipitation and Lake Water

$\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  is reflective of the annual weighted average  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  value of local precipitation ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{PPT}}$ ). Peng et al. (2004) conducted a 10-year (1992-2001) study of amount-weighted average isotope values of precipitation at Calgary, Alberta. They found the annual average value for the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  of Calgary precipitation to be  $-17.9\text{‰}$  VSMOW. The annual weighted average value for  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{PPT}}$  will vary based on the dominant seasonality of the precipitation (i.e. winter vs. summer), with snow exhibiting lower values ( $\sim -26\text{‰}$  VSMOW; Moran et al., 2007; Peng et al., 2004) and summer exhibiting higher values ( $\sim -16\text{‰}$  VSMOW; Peng et al., 2004). The value of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{PPT}}$

varies with atmospheric temperature seasonality) by 0.6‰/°C globally (e.g. Dansgaard, 1964; Rozanski et al., 1992). The relationship for nearby Calgary, Alberta was determined to be 0.44‰/°C (Peng et al., 2004). At present, the Hogarth Lakes region receives more snow (SWE) than rain annually (Bow River Basin Council, 2010; Government of Alberta, n.d.). Changes in the dominant phase of meteoric water (snow vs. rain) for the UHL region will be recorded in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of UHL marl.

### 5.1.3 Lake Water (Atmospheric) Temperature

The temperature of UHL water will reflect atmospheric temperature with some attenuation due to the thermal inertia of water. The principal control on Alberta temperature is the dominant air mass (Chapter 1). A dominant Continental Polar (cP) air mass will force lower temperatures, while a dominant Maritime Pacific (mP) or Maritime Tropical (mT) air mass would result in higher temperatures. The dominant air mass is dependent on the position of the northern Polar Front Jet Stream. The position of the Polar Front Jet Stream depends on the season and a combination of complex atmospheric and meteorological variables, such as Pacific sea surface temperatures, and the position of semi-permanent high- and low-pressure features like the Pacific High and Aleutian Low. Prolonged expansion of the Circumpolar Vortex (CPV) towards lower latitudes results in colder polar air remaining over the UHL region for longer periods.

If the UHL record is interpreted as reflecting only Holocene temperature variation (i.e.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  remained constant), it requires a variation in mean annual temperature of ~20 °C over the last ~12,000 years. This is unlikely because such temperature variability is not observed in any other North American Holocene paleoclimate records. Following the end of the Younger Dryas (~11,500 cal. yBP), Holocene temperatures in North America are reported to have varied by 1-4 °C (Renssen et al., 2012; Viau et al., 2006).  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values fluctuate significantly at decadal-scale through the Holocene, indicating that temperature is not the primary driver of variation. While temperature may have an overprinting effect on the record, changes in atmospheric circulation and the dominant seasonality of precipitation, and subsequently,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  will be the primary drivers of UHL  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  variability.

### 5.1.4 Seasonality of Precipitation

The Hogarth Lakes are part of the Upper Bow River sub-basin. A study in 2010 estimated that 80% of the sub-basin's water is sourced from snowmelt (Bow River Basin Council, 2010).

In environments where snowfall accounts for the majority of the annual precipitation budget, snowmelt is likely to have the strongest influence on isotope values retained in proxy archives (Anderson et al., 2016). During periods of increased snowfall relative to summer rain  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values should be forced lower. During periods of increased summer rain relative to winter snow,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values should increase. Snow in the UHL region is most often sourced from the Pacific Ocean (Moran et al., 2007; Van Der Ent and Savenije, 2013) as the result of zonal atmospheric flow over mid-latitude North America. Summer rain may originate from more southerly sources like the Gulf of Mexico or evapotranspiration over the Great Plains (Milrad et al., 2015; Moran et al., 2007) due to the more meridional atmospheric flow pattern common in the summer season. The dominance of snow vs. rain as lake water recharge will be reflected in the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of UHL marl.

## 5.2 Results and Interpretation

$\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values provide a proxy record for variation in the dominant form of precipitation for UHL through the Holocene with water temperature overprinting. Values vary significantly (Fig. 5.1) over the Holocene, from -18.8‰ VPDB in the Mid-Holocene to -14.6‰ VPDB in the Early Holocene.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of UHL marl will have changed as the result of variation in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  values and summer water temperature. Changes in the duration or magnitude of seasonal climate patterns can have a profound effect on the average  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  value of precipitation, and consequently, lake water (Drummond et al., 1995).

### 5.2.1 Pleistocene – Holocene Transition

The Pleistocene – Holocene transition is characterized by significant changes in North American atmospheric circulation and climate. The Laurentide and Cordilleran ice sheets were retreating to the north, followed by the mean position of the Circumpolar Vortex. The sediment corresponding to the period (>11,800 cal. yBP) consists of sand, mud, and gravel (Chapter 1).  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of the basal diamict of -8.6‰ VPDB (not shown) are consistent with average values of local bedrock outcrops (-8.5‰ VPDB,  $n=8$ ; *BR in Fig. 5.1*). The >12,000 cal. yBP mud (zone IV, Fig. 2.2) has a  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  value of ~-9.4‰ VPDB, indicating that a dominant source of carbonate was local bedrock. The onset of the Holocene (~11,500 cal. yBP) follows the commencement of cream-colored marl deposition dated at 11,800 cal. yBP by the age model.

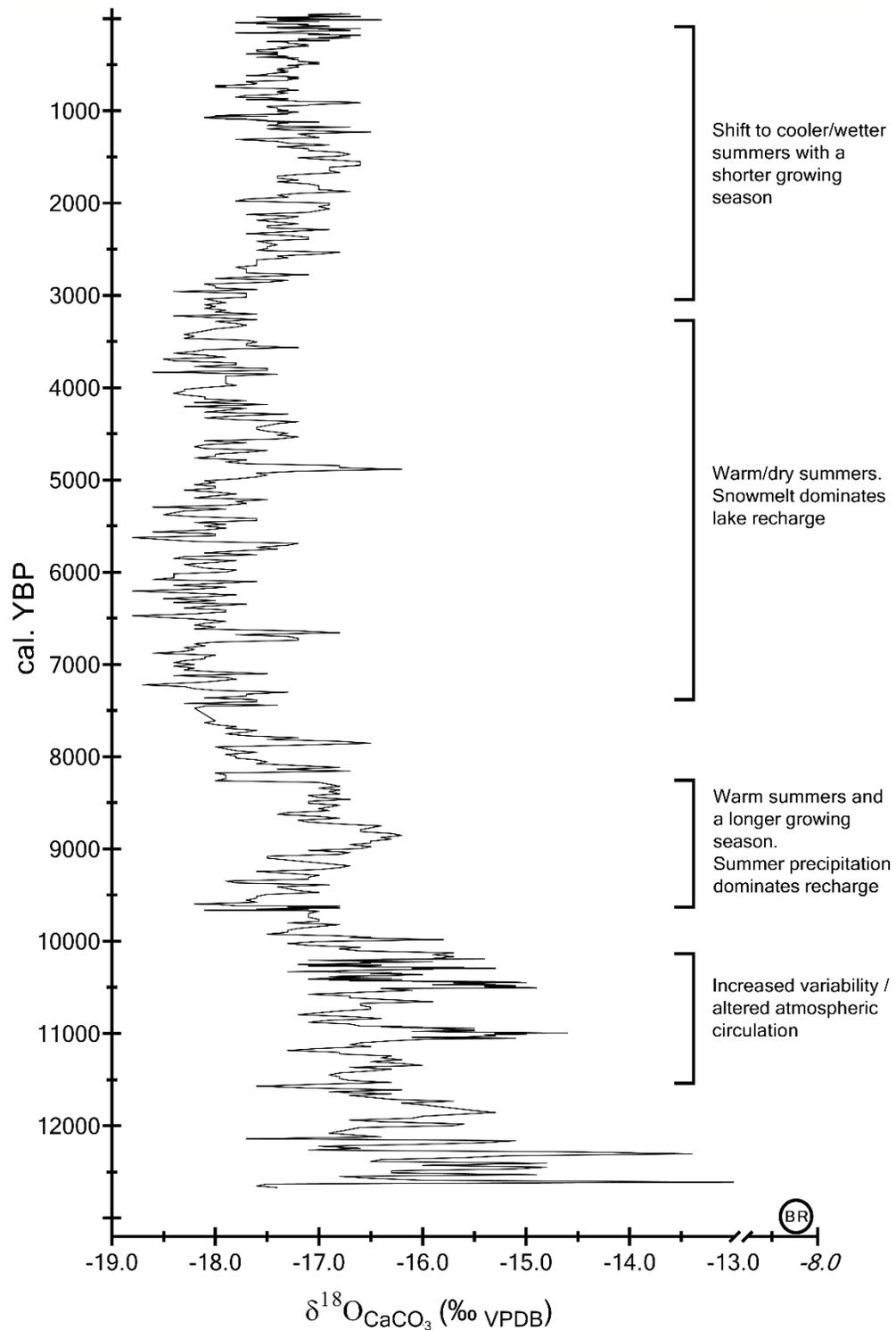


Figure 5.1.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of Upper Hogarth Lake marl. Increased variability in the Early Holocene (11,500-7,500 cal. yBP), warm and dry Mid-Holocene (7,500-3,000 cal. yBP), and cool and wet Neoglacial (3,000 cal. yBP – Modern). “BR” indicates value of local bedrock ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = -8.6\text{‰ VPDB}$ )

### 5.2.2 Early Holocene

$\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values from the Early Holocene (11,500 – 10,000 cal. yBP) are generally higher with greater variability than the Mid and Late Holocene. Temperatures were likely warmer, due to peak summer insolation (Berger and Loutre, 1991). The  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record suggests summers that alternated between wet and dry and winters were likely shorter with less snow, indicated by the generally higher  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. This may have been a time of unstable precipitation patterns in the region, associated with an atmospheric circulation pattern that has not been observed in modern times. I believe the cause of this circulation pattern is related to a subaerially exposed Beringia (Bering Strait).

Atmospheric circulation and Northern Hemisphere climate is closely linked to sea surface temperatures and Atlantic Ocean heat transport (Hu et al., 2012; Wanner et al., 2011). When the Bering Land Bridge was subaerially exposed, the Bering Strait was closed, sea water was not exchanged between the warmer Pacific and the colder Arctic Ocean and North Atlantic Ocean. During the Early Holocene, proglacial Lake Agassiz was discharging large amounts of freshwater into the North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. This freshwater is believed to have disrupted/decreased thermohaline circulation and heat transport by the Atlantic Ocean (Fisher et al., 2002b; Hu et al., 2010; Teller et al., 2002). Freshwater anomalies in the North Atlantic during glacial periods resulted in large-amplitude climate oscillations (De Boer and Nof, 2004). It has been proposed that the Bering Strait acts as an “exhaust valve” for the North Atlantic (via the Arctic Ocean) to more rapidly equalize these freshwater anomalies (De Boer and Nof, 2004; Hu et al., 2010). With the Bering Strait closed prior to ~10,400 cal. yBP (De Boer and Nof, 2004), the UHL  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record displays larger amplitude variability, relative to the period following the flooding of Beringia. Increased (~3.0‰) variability in the UHL  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record prior to 10,200 cal. yBP suggests more extreme climatic variation and/or atmospheric circulation changes not observed in the Mid or Late Holocene.

Following the flooding of Beringia ~10,400 cal. yBP, the large-amplitude variation in the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record decreased, and atmospheric circulation likely assumed patterns more similar to the present day. It has been suggested that warmer temperatures may have caused the complete ablation of the nearby Robertson Glacier shortly after the onset of the Holocene epoch (Beierle et al., 2003). Peat and pollen studies from central Beringia suggest conditions were warmer than present ~9,700 cal. yBP (Kaufman et al., 2004; Vartanyan, 1997).

From 9,500 – 9,000 cal. yBP,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values increase, suggesting summer rain was becoming a more significant source of water recharge for UHL. As alpine glaciers were ablated, and the continental ice margin retreated, meltwater and clastic influx to the basin reached a minimum. Complete ablation of local alpine glaciers has been suggested for this period (Beierle and Smith, 1998; Beierle, 1997; Beierle et al., 2003; Leonard and Reasoner, 1999; Reasoner and Hickman, 1989). Peak  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values ~9,000 cal. yBP suggests a predominantly summer moisture source for UHL with higher  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{PPT}}$  values. Some studies suggest an earlier onset of the Holocene Thermal Maximum in western Canada, relative to eastern Canada (Clague et al., 1992; Kaufman et al., 2004; Luckman and Kearney, 1986; Mathewes and Heusser, 1980; Reasoner and Huber, 1999; Renssen et al., 2012, 2009). The Holocene Thermal Maximum (HTM) was a relatively warm climatic phase between 11,000 and 5,000 years ago, depending on the proxy record (Renssen et al., 2012). It is most clearly recorded in the mid to high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere (Renssen et al., 2009).

$\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values decrease from 9,000 cal. yBP to their lowest around 7,250 cal. yBP. This decrease suggests a shift from summer rain to snow as the dominant source of lake water. This may have been the result of a shift in atmospheric circulation, whereby zonal atmospheric circulation patterns were more frequent than meridional, limiting any easterly or southerly sources of summer rain. Warmer temperatures, reported by other proxies, may have resulted in the complete melting of all annual snowfall in the region every summer (Kaufman et al., 2004; Leonard and Reasoner, 1999; Luckman and Kearney, 1986; Reasoner and Huber, 1999). The increased amount of snowmelt would also force the lower  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values observed during the beginning of the Mid-Holocene. A decrease in summer precipitation is supported by higher  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of UHL marl, indicative of arid summer conditions. A large negative excursion in the UHL  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record may be related to the commonly recorded 8.2 ka climate event (Alley et al., 1997) associated with a final outburst of 163,000 km<sup>3</sup> of freshwater from Lake Agassiz (Alley et al., 1997; Teller et al., 2002).

### 5.2.3 Mid-Holocene

UHL water recharge during the he Mid-Holocene was dominated by snow melt, as indicated by the lowest  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of the record. The dominance of snow melt was accompanied by arid summers with decreased meridional summer moisture transport, a theory

supported by higher  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values (increased aridity) of UHL marl. Palynological studies in SW Alberta and SE British Columbia suggest increased forest fire frequency and severity during the Mid-Holocene (Heinrichs et al., 2001; Macdonald, 1987). Paleoecological and diatom studies in subalpine Alberta suggest the Mid-Holocene was a period of higher alpine tree lines and increased grassland in the valleys and foothills (Heinrichs et al., 2001; Hickman and Reasoner, 1998; Macdonald, 1989). Positive excursions at 6,600 and 4,800 cal. yBP likely represent decadal scale periods of increased evaporation of lake water, supported by coeval positive excursions in the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  (decrease in humidity) record.

#### 5.2.4 Neoglacial – Present

The transition from a warm and dry Mid-Holocene to the cool and wet Neoglacial occurred sometime between 5,700 and 3,200 cal. yBP. An increase in summer humidity begins as early as 4,600 cal. yBP at UHL, indicated by the commencement of decreasing  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values. A remarkable shift in the trend of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values doesn't occur until around 3,000 cal. yBP, where low Mid-Holocene values gradually become more positive and peak (relative to Late Holocene values) around 1,500 cal. yBP. The increase in summer humidity (decrease in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values) may be attributed to increased meridional transport of summer moisture, while warmer temperatures continued to melt the aggregated winter snowfall every summer – keeping  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values lower. It wasn't until 3,000 cal. yBP that temperatures cooled, allowing the expansion of glaciers and the persistence of year-round alpine snow, which shifted the water balance of the lake to less snowmelt and more summer rain, thereby increasing  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  and subsequently,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  variability from 1,500 cal. yBP to present remained less than  $\sim 1.5\%$ , with positive and negative excursions occurring at the centennial and sub-centennial scale, indicating short-lived changes to the water balance of the lake. An increase in variability in the most recent  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values is indicative of rapid changes in the source water to the lake. This may be explained by periods of increased summer storms paired with periods of increased melting of the alpine snowpack due to warming Western Canadian atmospheric temperatures (DeBeer et al., 2016; Thériault et al., 2018).

## CHAPTER 6 CONCLUSIONS

### 6.1 Conclusions

Over 750 samples were recovered from the 3.6-meter long lake Upper Hogarth Lake sediment core.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of the lacustrine marl provide a 12,000-year record of environmental variability in a subalpine Rocky Mountain valley.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of UHL marl represent changes in Holocene humidity and soil moisture as reflected in the TPOC contributed to the UHL carbon budget from plant tissue.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of UHL marl represent the dominant seasonality of precipitation in the region with overprinting by temperature and aridity.

The UHL  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record illustrates the transition of a newly formed subalpine lake surrounded by barren limestone and glacial till to a productive lake surrounded by coniferous forest. The Pleistocene-Holocene transition is marked by a large shift in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values as surrounding soils dried, humidity decreased, and the dominant source of carbonate shifted to bio-induced calcite (marl). The Early Holocene (11,700 – 9,500 cal. yBP) is characterized by large centennial-scale variability in the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record, indicative of impactful variation in regional humidity. Large positive excursions suggest increases in aridity in the region while lower values signify more humid conditions. The Mid-Holocene (9,500 – 4,500 cal. yBP.) was a period of warm and arid summers, suggested by predominantly high  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values, with negative excursions at 7,500 cal. yBP (following Mazama tephra deposition) and 5,900 cal. yBP. (unknown cause). The 5,900 cal. yBP negative excursion may have been a 100-200-year period of increased summer moisture. The onset of more humid summers begins ~4,500 cal. yBP, indicated by decreasing  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values, interrupted by an 800-year dry period from 3,200 – 2,400 cal. yBP.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values then continue to decrease from 2,400 cal. yBP to present, in agreement with Neoglacial cooling and increasing humidity.

$\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of UHL marl provide proxy evidence of Holocene precipitation variability with respect to lake water recharge.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values suggest warm summers with longer growing seasons and increased rain during the Early Holocene. Higher  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values indicate higher  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{lake water}}$  values, produced from increased rainfall relative to snow. Rain dominated lake recharge persists until ~7,700 cal. yBP, when summers remained warm, but

humidity decreased (higher  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$ ). The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values from 7,700 to 3,000 cal. yBP suggest an increase in snowmelt relative to summer rain as the dominant source of lake water. The lower  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of the Mid-Holocene suggest the likely melting of all, or nearly all, of the annual snowmelt for that period. Positive excursions in the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record at ~6,650 and ~4,880 cal. yBP are likely the result of periods of increased aridity and evaporative fractionation of oxygen isotopes of lake water. This theory is supported by coeval positive excursion in the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  record, indicative of increased aridity. Beginning ~3,000 cal. yBP,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values increase steadily until 1,500 cal. yBP, indicative of increasing summer precipitation contribution to lake water. Values then decrease again until ~800 cal. yBP, again indicating an increase in snowmelt contribution-possibly due to warming temperatures coincident with Medieval Warming. Decadal variability persists from 800 cal. yBP to present with a mean  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  value of -17.2‰ VPDB, consistent with modern marl values obtained in July 2006 of -17.2‰ ( $n=3$ ), indicating that a similar water balance has persisted for the last ~850 years.

The Upper Hogarth Lake record provides evidence that marl lakes with short residence times and rapid, continuous sedimentation, can yield a high-resolution paleoenvironmental record. To better ascribe environmental conditions to stable isotope variability, it would be advantageous to compare and contrast these data with data generated from other studies in a given study area, (i.e. dendrochronology, palynology, and speleothem isotope analysis). It is critical that we fill-in continental gaps in paleoenvironmental records if we are to better understand regional climate variability and the cause of such paleoenvironmental change. An exponentially growing human population will place ever greater strain on Earth's water resources. We must understand how our freshwater lakes and headwaters have responded to climatic variability in the past in order to predict how human behavior will affect them in the future.

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APPENDIX:  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$  values of Upper Hogarth Lake Marl

Depth (mm)	Age (cal. yBP)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$	$\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3}$
1	-55	-16.8	-2.0
2	-51	-16.7	-2.0
3	-46	-17.1	-2.6
4	-42	-17.0	-2.9
5	-37	-17.0	-2.3
6	-33	-17.1	-2.0
7	-28	-16.8	-2.2
8	-24	-16.6	-0.9
9	-19	-17.6	-2.9
10	-15	-17.5	-3.1
11	-10	-17.1	-3.1
12	-6	-17.1	-2.9
13	-1	-16.9	-2.8
14	3	-17.4	-2.0
15	8	-16.6	-0.9
16	12	-16.4	-0.3
17	17	-17.4	-2.2
18	21	-17.2	-1.5
19	26	-17.3	-1.7
20	30	-17.0	-1.4
21	35	-17.5	-1.9
22	39	-17.6	-1.9
23	44	-17.8	-1.5
24	48	-17.5	-0.9
25	53	-17.6	-1.0
26	57	-17.2	-1.3
27	62	-17.1	-1.2
28	66	-17.2	-1.9
29	71	-17.1	-1.8
30	75	-17.0	-1.5
31	80	-16.9	-1.4
32	84	-16.9	-1.3
33	89	-17.3	-1.2
34	93	-17.5	-1.4
35	98	-17.3	-0.9
36	102	-17.4	-0.7

37	107	-16.6	-0.1
38	111	-16.8	-0.9
39	116	-17.0	-1.2
40	120	-16.8	-0.8
41	125	-16.9	-0.9
42	129	-16.7	-0.8
43	134	-17.1	-0.9
44	138	-17.2	-1.2
45	143	-17.4	-1.4
46	147	-17.4	-1.2
47	152	-17.8	-1.5
48	156	-17.3	-1.4
49	161	-17.1	-0.9
50	165	-16.9	-0.6
51	170	-17.1	-1.1
52	174	-16.9	-1.1
53	179	-16.6	-0.5
54	183	-16.8	-1.1
55	188	-16.8	-1.2
56	192	-16.7	-1.5
58	201	-17.0	-1.7
60	210	-16.7	-0.9
62	219	-17.2	-1.7
64	228	-17.2	-2.0
66	237	-16.9	-1.2
68	246	-17.5	-1.5
70	255	-17.3	-1.3
72	264	-17.3	-1.3
74	273	-17.2	-1.9
76	282	-17.1	-1.3
78	291	-17.2	-1.5
80	300	-17.1	-1.4
82	309	-17.4	-1.7
84	318	-17.3	-1.8
86	327	-17.4	-1.9
88	336	-17.6	-1.8
90	345	-17.6	-1.7
92	354	-17.6	-1.9
94	363	-17.4	-1.8

96	372	-17.4	-1.5
98	381	-17.7	-1.7
100	390	-17.4	-1.4
102	399	-17.4	-1.4
104	408	-17.3	-1.1
106	417	-17.6	-1.2
108	426	-17.2	-0.8
110	435	-17.3	-1.2
112	444	-17.2	-1.2
114	453	-17.2	-1.5
116	462	-17.2	-1.2
118	471	-17.0	-1.4
120	480	-17.1	-1.6
122	489	-17.0	-1.2
124	498	-17.2	-2.0
126	507	-17.3	-1.6
128	516	-17.2	-1.9
130	525	-17.2	-1.9
132	534	-17.3	-3.0
134	543	-17.4	-2.0
136	552	-17.4	-1.7
138	561	-17.3	-1.6
140	570	-17.4	-1.8
142	579	-17.3	-2.3
144	588	-17.4	-1.8
146	597	-17.5	-1.2
148	606	-17.5	-1.1
150	615	-17.7	-1.2
152	624	-17.3	-1.6
154	633	-17.2	-1.3
156	642	-17.3	-1.3
158	651	-17.2	-1.1
160	660	-17.3	-1.4
162	669	-17.3	-1.5
164	678	-17.7	-1.6
166	687	-17.7	-1.9
168	696	-17.6	-2.3
170	705	-17.6	-2.2
172	714	-17.7	-2.1

174	723	-18.0	-2.3
176	732	-17.9	-3.0
178	741	-18.0	-3.0
180	750	-17.7	-2.7
182	759	-17.3	-1.2
184	768	-17.3	-2.0
186	777	-17.2	-1.4
188	786	-17.4	-1.8
190	795	-17.4	-1.6
192	804	-17.3	-2.0
194	813	-17.4	-1.0
196	822	-17.4	-0.6
198	831	-17.7	-0.9
200	840		
202	849	-17.8	-2.1
204	858	-17.5	-1.4
206	867	-17.3	0.0
208	876	-17.7	-2.3
210	885	-17.3	-0.4
212	894	-17.2	-0.7
214	903	-16.7	-0.1
216	912	-16.6	-0.7
218	921	-16.8	-1.0
220	930	-17.1	-1.2
222	939	-17.1	-1.3
224	948	-17.5	-1.5
226	957	-17.5	-1.7
228	966	-17.4	-3.4
230	975	-17.4	-2.2
232	984	-17.4	-1.8
234	993	-17.3	-1.2
236	1002	-17.4	-1.5
238	1011	-17.2	-1.4
240	1021	-17.3	-1.1
242	1030	-17.4	-1.8
243	1034	-17.3	-2.6
244	1039	-17.7	-2.7
246	1048	-18.0	-1.7
247	1052	-17.8	-1.6

248	1057	-17.5	-2.5
249	1061	-18.0	-3.4
250	1066	-18.1	-3.1
251	1070		
252	1075	-18.1	-3.3
254	1084	-17.7	-3.3
255	1088	-17.9	-3.6
256	1093	-17.7	-3.8
257	1097	-17.5	-3.0
258	1102	-17.6	-3.4
259	1106	-17.5	-3.3
260	1111	-17.5	-3.3
261	1115	-17.1	-3.0
262	1120	-17.0	-1.8
263	1124	-17.4	-2.1
264	1129	-17.3	-1.8
266	1138	-17.4	-1.0
268	1147	-17.4	-1.3
270	1156	-17.5	-1.3
272	1165	-17.3	-1.1
274	1174	-16.7	-0.4
276	1183	-17.3	-0.6
278	1192	-17.5	-1.3
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282	1210	-17.1	-0.5
284	1219	-16.9	-0.7
286	1228	-16.5	0.4
291	1248	-17.2	-1.1
295	1268	-17.1	-0.3
299	1288	-17.0	-0.8
304	1308	-17.8	-1.5
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313	1348	-17.3	-0.5
317	1368	-16.9	-0.2
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331	1428	-17.1	-1.5
335	1448	-16.8	-1.2
339	1468	-16.7	-0.9

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535	2349	-17.3	-1.1
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