Dear Dr. Carlson,

Please find attached the revised version of our manuscript "VARDA (VARved sediments DAtabase) – providing and connecting proxy data from annually laminated lake sediments" (https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2020-55). We have addressed all of the reviewers comments and changed the manuscript accordingly. A detailed response and a marked-up file of the revised manuscript is enclosed below. Comments in the marked-up file refer to the specific suggestions of the reviewers. In addition to the manuscript, we improved the online version of the VARDA database (https://varve.gfz-potsdam.de) according to the reviewers suggestions. All datasets have been submitted to the GFZ Data service, where they are provided with an updated version history (http://doi.org/10.5880/GFZ.4.3.2019.003) for long-term archiving.

We would like to thank the reviewers for their thoughtful comments and constructive feedback. The comments enabled us to not only improve the current version of the manuscript, but also provide a basis for future developments of the VARDA database. Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in *Earth System Science Data*. We hope that the revised version meets the criteria for publication.

Kind regards,

Arne Ramisch
(on behalf of all authors)

Reply to Reviewer #1

We would like to thank Pierre Francus for the constructive feedback and ideas to improve VARDA in future versions. We copied all comments to the supplements of this reply, numbered them in order of appearance (RC1-1 to RC1-11 plus specific comments) and provide a detailed reply accordingly. We hope to have addressed all concerns and improved the manuscript according to the suggestions.

Arne Ramisch (on behalf of all authors)

General comments:

RC1 - 1. Years are expressed as “yr” in the database but as “a” in the tables of the paper. I do not want to enter into the debate of “yr” versus “a” (see for instance Christie-Blick 2012), but I much prefer “a” (for “annum”), and I think it would be a lot more pertinent for a database reporting dates and not durations. Nevertheless, I think that the paper and the database should use the same abbreviation.

Authors response: The reviewer is right in pointing out the discrepancy between labels of years in the manuscript and database.

Authors changes: We have changed the label to “a” in the database according to the reviewers’ suggestion. We additionally changed labels in the manuscript (line 231 and 235 in marked-up manuscript) to avoid confusion.

RC1 - 2. It is not clear how varve depths are reported. In table 7, a required information is the "Composite Depth" as well as the "Section depth". But what is the “depth” of each varve? This should be specified. There was a long discussion about that topic within the PAGES community (see Khider et al. 2019). In the case of varved records that are established from composite profiles, it is critical, in my view, to report the upper and the lower depths of each varve. This information is indeed needed when making the link between two sections that are used to build up a composite profile.

Authors response: In the previous version of the manuscript, varve depth in VARDA were reported as varve bottom depth. However, the reviewer is right in pointing out the ongoing debate and advantages of reporting upper and lower varve depths.

Authors changes: We adapted the upper and lower varve depth suggested by the reviewer as required information and updated all respective datasets as well table 7.

RC1 - 3. I also think that the distinction between “core section” and “sediment profile” should be clearer. I suggest to systematically write “sediment composite profile”.

Authors response: We agree with the reviewer, that there needs to be a clear distinction between the terms “sediment profile” and “core section”.

Authors changes: We have adopted the suggestion by changing “sediment profile” to “sediment composite profile” throughout the manuscript to avoid confusion. Additionally, we removed all mentions of ”core section” and changed ”sediment profile depth” to “composite depth”.

RC1 - 4. Finally, it would be nice having some information about how and how frequently the data included in the database will be updated. Moreover, I suggest authors to outline how VARDA will be maintained in the long term. Is there some commitment from GFZ about this, or another strategy exists?

Authors response: Currently, VARDA is securely funded through the PalMod project until 2022 and hopefully until 2025 if the third project phase will be implemented as well. Long-term maintenance is envisaged at GFZ and negotiations with the GFZ directory board about commitments are presently ongoing.

SUGGESTIONS FOR UPCOMING VERSIONS

RC1 - 5. Information about the quality of varve counts should be included in upcoming versions. It was already discussed in Ojala et al (2012) by the varve working Group of PAGES. Among others, the following informations were called for: the number of persons counting varves, the number of varve counts, the quality of varve preservation, the media on which the counting were performed (and its resolution), evidences that laminations are annual, ...

Authors response*:* We agree with the reviewer that the quality of varve counts is an essential information. As a first step the information on method of varve counting and evidence for annual nature of laminations will be provided as part of the meta information in the upcoming version. This will be followed by standardized meta-information as suggested by Ojala et al. (2012). In addition, we already collected varve quality data for those records for which these data are provided. However, as these data are largely subjective, we refrained from including quality assessments on a varve-by-varve base in the first version of the database. Presently, we are discussing an appropriate way of providing these data in the next update.

RC1 - 6. There is a nice table for radiocarbon information. Would it be possible to include a 210-Pb and 137-Cs table as well?

Authors response: We already collected 210-Pb and 137-Cs data for several sediment composite profiles and intend to add the information as meta information to a chronology. However, this step will require expert knowledge and a common standardization scheme and is therefore postponed for forthcoming updates.

RC1 - 7. Create an interface to allow potential contributors to submit new or updated records. Of course, there should be a control by a database manager, but this can help to expand this database.

Authors response: The interface to upload is under construction. We are developing a user management system to assign editorial rights to users which will enable them to update meta information and upload new records. This will be included in the next major update of the database and presented in forthcoming publication on VARDA.

RC1 - 8. It would be nice to have an entry for IGSN numbers (see http://www.geosamples.org/igsnabout)?

Authors response: We thank the reviewer for this advice and must admit that this is not yet on the priority list. However, we agree that this information would be nice to have and will include this in an upcoming version of VARDA.

RC1 - 9. Include marine varved records.

Authors response: We are currently working on an integration of marine records into the database in collaboration with our project partners from MARUM. Since this effort has just started, we don´t have a specific timeframe for this update, yet (see also comment 3 to Reviewer #2).

RC1 - 10. I'm not sure this is possible, but it would be nice including the lake Suigetsu record as another landmark record such as the NGRIP record.

Authors response: We are currently developing a data visualization tool for VARDA and will follow this suggestion and include the varved parts of the Suigetsu record as a lake landmark record.

RC1 - 11. Make the database codes available to allow researchers that are building new varve records to immediately and locally collect their data in a format that will be easily sent to VARDA once the publication is accepted and the data transferred to data repositories.

Authors response: A publication of the VARDA source code is in preparation. Furthermore, an import tool for users to directly upload data to VARDA is in development and will be included into the next major update (see also comment on RC1-7).

Authors changes: We have included this information into the *6. conclusion and future developments* section.

Specific comments:

RC1 - Line 1: This can be done on all time scales, and it is even more pertinent for the last 2ka.

Authors response and changes: We have removed the reference to the last glacial cycle to acknowledge climate simulation on all temporal scales.

RC1 - Line 26: What do you mean here? They are key sites?

Authors response and changes: We used the term node as defined in the framework of graph theory. We changed "node" to "data" to avoid potential confusion.

RC1 - Line 30: Not only

Authors response and changes: We changed the passage to "understand past climates, especially of the last glacial cycle"

RC1 - Line 31: contrasted?

Authors response and changes: We have changed the phrasing according to the reviewers suggestion.

RC1 - Line 65: change "Lac D'Annecy" to "Lac d'Annecy"

Authors response and changes: We changed the name of the lake (both, within the manuscript in line 65 / Table 8 and the database) according to the reviewers suggestion.

RC1 - Line 66-67: How this point is determined for a large lake? Is it similar to the coordinate of the location of the core?

Authors response and changes: The geographical location of the lake is independent of the core location, since a single lake can include a multitude of core locations. The lake location roughly refers to the lake center. We have included this information into the revised version of the manuscript.

RC1 - Line 73-74: It is not clear if it is the depth in the sediment or something else.

Authors response and changes: We changed this passage to clarify, that this relates to the total sediment composite profile length characterized by an upper and lower depth.

RC1 - Line 94: I think this would be more clear if this was called "sediment composite profile".

Authors response: See RC 1-3

RC1 - Line 116: I suggest that you assign predefined values to these strings to avoid confusion.

Authors response: We will incorporate this suggestion into the import tool we are currently developing and which will be included into the next major update.

RC1 - Line 119-120: Then this should not be a required information, but rather an additional

Authors response and changes: We agree with the reviewer and changed uncertainty estimates from required to additional in line 120 and table 5.

RC1 - Line 149: In table 7, a required information is the "Composite Depth" and there is also the "Section depth". But what is the depth of the varve? This should be specified. There was a long discussion about that within the PAGES community (sees Khider etal 2019 PaCTS 1.0: A Crowdsourced Reporting Standard for Paleoclimate Data. Paleoceanogr. Paleoclimatol., 34 (10) : 1570-1596.

Authors response: See RC1-2

RC1 - Line 184: What do you mean?

Authors response changes: We have removed this sentence in the revised version of the manuscript to avoid confusion.

RC1 – Tab. 8: I suggest repeating the header of Table 8 on each page and add some separators or shading to better distinguish between records.

Authors response and changes: We added a header to table 8 on each page and shaded every second row to improve readability.

Reply to Reviewer #2

We would like to thank the reviewer for the constructive feedback. We copied all comments below, numbered them in order of appearance (RC2-1 to RC1-5) and provided our authors response accordingly. We hope to have addressed all concern and improved the manuscript according to the reviewers suggestions.

Arne Ramisch (on behalf of all authors)

RC2 - 1. Line. 9, Abstract: The term “long” as used here seems at best relative but perhaps also misleading. Roughly speaking this manuscript and the VARDA database cover the past 120k years, based entirely on freshwater sediments. The authors cite and apply a time-relevant segment of Greenland ice core data (NGRIP, e.g. Figure 4) but ice core data from e.g Antartica extend at least 800k years. Ocean sediment records, depending on parameter, location, sedimentation rates, etc, can extend easily 107 years. Perhaps ‘long’ by freshwater standards but not by paleoclimate standards. Authors need to clarify or adopt a different word/phrase.

Authors response: We agree that the term “long” record is unspecific for paleoclimatic studies, considering the multitude of age scales covered by different climatic archives.

Authors changes: We deleted “long” and instead highlight the “seasonal to annual resolution of varved records” (line 9) to avoid confusion and to emphasize the potential of varved lake sediments in paleoclimatic studies.

RC2 - 2. Line 61: First reference to Table 1 here. Unlike subsequent tables, which each merit a placeholder in subsequent text, I find no place designation for Table 1. Small error, authors will presumably fix at proof stage.

Authors response and changes: Added placeholder for table 1 in line 70

RC2 - 3. Line 223 - Confusion about dates and VARDA time coverage. From this sentence a reader might conclude that varved sediment records extend back at least 106 years: “maximal age range of 1,208,643 yrs (from 10,475 to 1,219,118 BP) for Lake Malawi (Ivory et al., 2018). “ But Figure 4 ends at roughly 120k years BP. Likewise for the time series tool on the database landing page. A search on Lake Malawi in that VARDA database shows only one entry, 14C data, with a temporal range of 1240 to 10740 yr BP. The citation for that record (L&O 1991) does not match Ivory PNAS 2018 above. I accept the database as a work in progress, but in this case the description implies information not (or not yet) available? As a reviewer and potential user, I lose confidence when confronted by these discrepancies.

Authors response and changes: The reviewer is right. Unfortunately, some chronologies were not visible in the frontend application of VARDA. We have corrected this mistake in the database. Since this error occurred on the frontend side of our application, all references to chronologies within the manuscript are based on the correct information from the datasets.

RC2 - 4. VARDA database landing page (which seems substantially out of date?) features PalMod. The PalMod project has stimulated a separate product - focussed on marine sediments for 130k years - recently published in ESSD (https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-12-1053-2020). Other than a single mention in Acknowledgements (line 707), this manuscript makes no mention of PalMod effort or products. No synergies? Compare event horizons or age-depth models? One validates or contradicts the other? Advantages of VARDA (resolution?) relative to PalMod? Potsdam GFZ group doesn't talk to Bremen MARUM group? This seems a curious omission. Again, fails to build confidence.

Authors response and changes: The reviewer is right that we did not sufficiently point out the connection within PalMod and other data products of this initiative which we now added in the revised version (references to the PalMod project (Latif et al.,2016) as well as to the marine synthesis (Jonkers et al., 2020). Of course, we are in intensive exchange and discussion with our project partners and especially the MARUM group. Following these discussions, we decided to publish the initial varved lake synthesis products separately due to fundamental differences in data format imposed by different climate archives. An integration of these different data products is a major goal of the second PalMod phase. However, we need to point out that this is not trivial and will require in depth discussion. We even need to discuss to which degree an integration is meaningful and applicable.

RC2 - 5. Database itself seems useful, somewhat intuitive, but also missing some guidance / functions. Search function did not work (in Google Chrome). Zoom and time-period functions on the time series graphs worked, sometimes in surprising ways. Need some guidance or display management tools? Malawi search (mentioned above) required scroll-down of an alphabetical list or prior knowledge of geographical location. Eventually, both access routes worked.

Authors response and changes: We added a search function for lake names according to the reviewers suggestion. We are currently integrating a visualization tool for proxy records, after which it will be possible to also integrate display management tools. Meanwhile, users experiencing technical difficulties can ask for technical support at varve@gfz-potsdam.de. We have added the contact information to the data availability section.

Additional changes

Additional change 1 (line 1): Corrected typo, changed "VArda" to "VARda".

Additional change 2 (line 128 in marked-up manuscript): Added information on age uncertainty range for varve chronologies.

VARDA (~~VArved~~ 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~~ seasonal to annual ~~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).

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1 Introduction

A major challenge in simulating climate change ~~of the last glacial cycle~~ is validating model outputs with paleoclimatic data. Model-data comparisons on regional to global scale require the integration of paleoclimatic data from single sites into multi-site networks (e.g. Franke et al., 2017). Annually laminated lake sediments provide reliable data~~nodes~~ for such networks because they offer paleoclimatic 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 past climates, especially of the last glacial cycle (Clement and Peterson, 2008) and to better assess spatial and temporal

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trajectories of future climate changes. Networks of varved lake sediments also provide means to test ~~differentiated~~ contrasted 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.

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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. The database was developed within the German climate modelling initiative PalMod (Latif et al., 2016), to validate the output of comprehensive Earth system models with reliable proxy data from terrestrial and marine (Jonkers et al., 2020) archives. We compiled all available and published varved sediment records and developed criteria how these data are integrated in this database.

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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~~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. All lake locations refer to the approximate lake centre and are independent from coring locations.

Table 1

Sediment composite 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 the total length of the sediment composite profile with an upper (field: depth start) and lower (field: depth end) depth~~ of the sediment profile~~.

2.2.1 Lake and sediment composite profile meta information

The data compilation followed the basic strategy to collect proxy data associated with a published sediment composite profile and information about age-depth models and event layers. A sediment composite profile may either consist of a single core section or several overlapping core sections combined to a composite profile. The depth scale within a sediment composite profile is referred to as composite depth. 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 composite profile with a corresponding age and to b) uniquely identify a lake, sediment composite 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.

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Table 2

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~~composite 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 composite 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 ^{14}C; (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. ^{14}C, ^{137}Cs or ^{210}Pb) 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 composite 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 composite 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, ^{14}C 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.

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linear interpolation or bayesian age-depth modelling such as OxCal P-sequence or Bacon); (v) the applied ^{14}C 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 composite profile to an age estimate and, if available, an uncertainty range expressed as minimum and maximum estimate as *additional* information (2 sigma as default). If an uncertainty range was not provided, the range was recalculated using the estimated counting error (if available in the corresponding publication). If depth information for a sediment composite profile was not provided, we either reconstructed an auxiliary ~~sediment profile~~composite 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 composite 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~~composite depth, age, age error and dating method) are essential to assign a tephra layer to a given depth in a sediment composite 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 composite 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 composite profile. Therefore, the required information for proxy data sequences is the ~~sample~~ composite 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

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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 composite 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.

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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

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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 ^{14}C 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~~ years (from -60 to 27 BP) for Lake Woserin (Czymzik et al., 2016) and a maximal age range of 1,208,643 ~~yrs~~ years (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 composite 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

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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, ~~.~~ support for VARDA is provided under varve@gfz-potsdam.de.

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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. The ~~here presented~~ first version of VARDA presented here includes all technological requirements and tools for ~~forms a basis for integrating~~ future upgrades and ~~further~~developments. Presently, we are working on the integration of ~~Forthcoming updates will include~~ (1) an advanced visualization tool ~~for varved sediment records~~, (2) a user-friendly import application and, (3)~~as well as~~ additional proxy data such as stable isotopes and~~, pollen or~~ geochemical data, as priority goals for the next update~~proxies~~. Additionally, the source code of the database application will be made available for the public in a separate contribution. ~~-~~In general, VARDA is intended to be community-based effort and we welcome and encourage the participation of varve specialists and the broader paleoenvironmental community for the further development and application of this tool.~~Forthcoming updates of VARDA will include additional proxy data such as stable isotopes, pollen or geochemical proxies.~~

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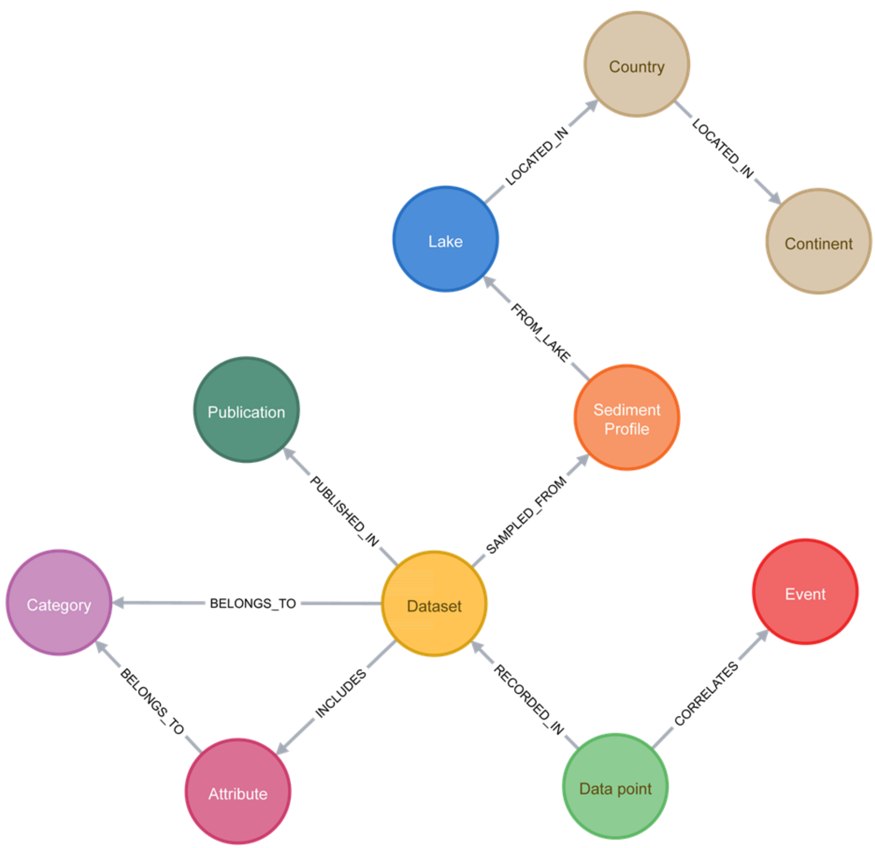
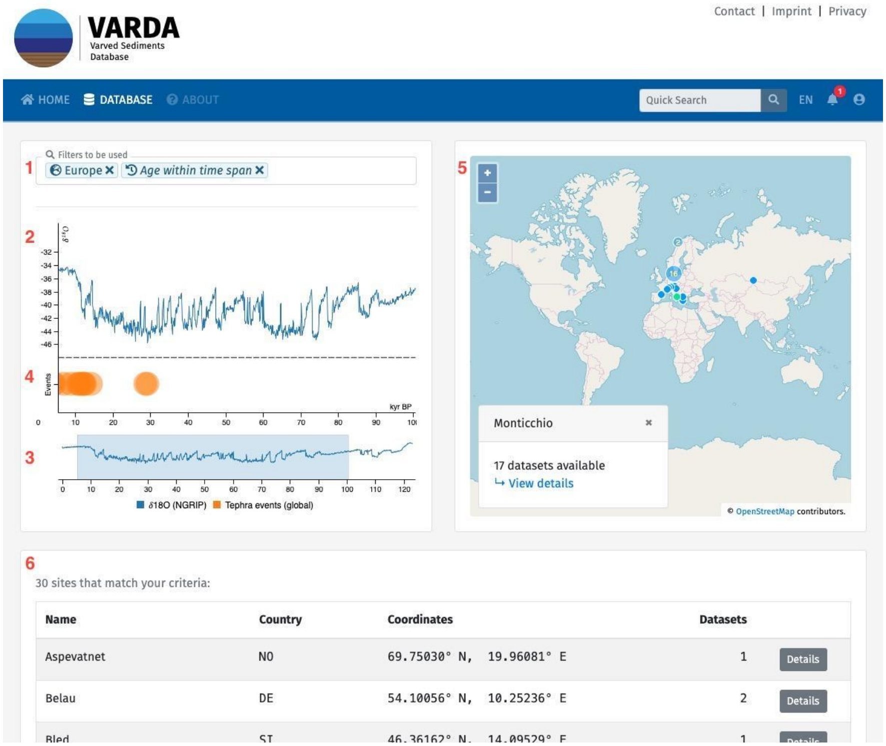


Figure 1: VARDA property graph model. Coloured circles represent nodes, grey arrows represent edges between nodes. For explanation see text.



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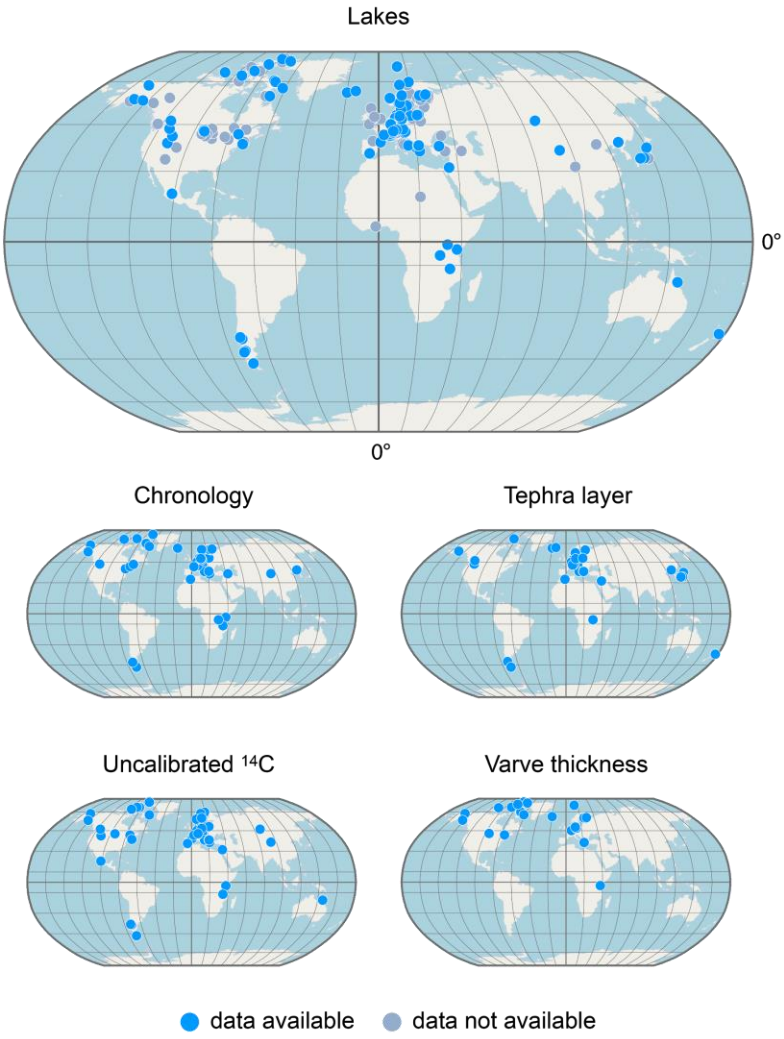

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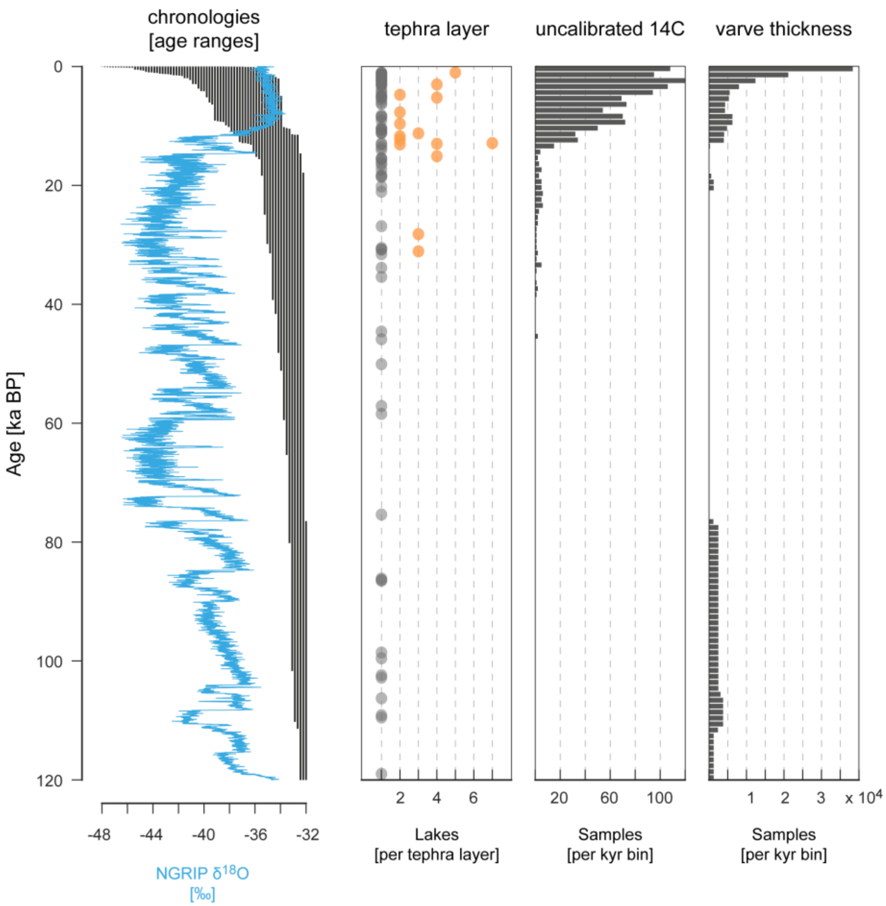

Figure 4: Temporal distribution of datasets in VARDA 1.0. a) Age range of chronologies indicated by black bars where each bar indicates the coverage of an individual chronology. The NGRIP stable oxygen record (Andersen et al., 2004) with the GICC05 chronology (Vinther et al., 2006; Rasmussen et al., 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:	Name	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation	Max depth	Surface area	Catchment area
Default Units:	String	Decimal degrees (4 digits scale)		m a.s.l.	m	m^2	m^2

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

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Attribute:	Label	Latitude	Longitude	Coring method	Drill date	Water depth	depth start	depth end
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Table 3: VARDA v01 data sheet for 14C information (Green field: *required* information, yellow field: *additional* information)

Attribute:	~~Core section~~Sediment composite profile	Lab code	Section depth	~~Sediment profile depth~~Composite depth	Age uncalibrated	Error
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Table 4: VARDA v01 data sheet for chronological meta-information (Green field: *required* information, yellow field: *additional* information)

Attribute:	Sediment ~~_~~composite profile	Data DOI	Publication DOI	Has uncertainty?	Uncertainty type	Anchored?
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Table 5: VARDA v01 chronology data sheet (Green field: *required* information, yellow field: additional information)

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

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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	Chrono-logy	Tephra Layer	^{14}C	Varve Thick.	References
A	83,0004	-75,4247					
Ahvenainen	60,8263	28,1254					
Albano	41,7461	12,6695					
Alimmainen Savijärvi	61,7442	24,4016					
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	45,0654	7,3870					
Ayr Lake	70,4590	-70,0860	A			A	A: Thomas et al., 2012;
Baldeggersee	47,1979	8,2614					
Barrine	-17,2504	145,6356			A		A: Head et al., 1994
Bear Lake (Canada)	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: Dörfler et al., 2012;
Berrington Pool	52,6605	-2,7042					
Big Round Lake	69,8648	-68,8548	A			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					

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Lake Name	Lat	Long	Chrono-logy	Tephra Layer	^{14}C	Varve Thick.	References
Butrint	39,7803	20,0313			A		A: Morellón et al., 2016
C2	82,8276	-77,9860			A	A	A: Lamoureux and Bradley, 1996; B:
Challa	-3,3168	37,7040	A		B	C	A: Verschuren et al., 2009; 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				A: Yu and Eicher, 1998
Crevice	45,0006	-110,5784			A		A: Whitlock et al., 2012
Czechowskie	53,8740	18,2370	A	B; C			A: Dietze et al., 2019; B: Wulf et al., 2016; C: Wulf et al., 2013
Dead Sea	31,5352	35,4909	A; B		A		A: Migowski et al., 2004; B: Neugebauer et al., 2015;
Deep Lake	47,6830	-95,3993			A	B	A: Hu et al., 1997; B: Hu et al., 1999
Diss Mere	52,3754	1,1075					
Donard	66,6625	-61,7875	A		B	B	A: Moore et al., 2001; B: Moore et al., 2001;
DV09	75,5744	-89,3094	A		A	A	A: Courtney Mustaphi and Gajewski, 2013;
East Lake	74,8882	-109,5342	A			A	A: Cuven et al., 2011;
Eklutna	61,4053	-149,0259	A	A	A	A	A: Fortin et al., 2019
Elk Lake	47,1891	-95,2179			A	B	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	B			A: Stone and Fritz, 2006; B: Shuman et al., 2009
Frängsjön	64,0228	19,7376					
Frías	-41,0617	-71,7990			A		A: Ariztegui et al., 2007
Frickenhäuser See	50,4029	10,2373					
Fukami	35,3256	137,8195					
Furskogstjärnet	59,3802	12,0801		A			A: Zillén et al., 2002
Geneva	46,4392	6,5164					
Glacier Lake	40,0230	-105,5027					
Gosciaz	52,5829	19,3398					

Lake Name	Lat	Long	Chrono-logy	Tephra Layer	^{14}C	Varve Thick.	References
Gölcük	31,6270	40,6547		A			A: Sullivan, 1988
Green Lake	43,8110	-89,0002					
Greifen	47,3500	8,6794					
Grimselsee	46,5680	8,3092					
Gropviken	58,3376	16,6678		A			A: Macleod et al., 2014
Gyltigesjön	56,7567	13,1754			A; B		A: Mellström et al., 2013; B: Snowball et al., 2013
Hämelsee	52,7596	9,3107		x			
Hancza	54,2647	22,8126	A		A		A: Lauterbach et al., 2010
Hännisenlampi	62,0750	30,2096					
Hector Lake	51,5881	-116,3643		A	A		A: Leonard and Reasoner, 1999;
Hell's Kitchen Lake	46,1868	-89,7025					
Holzmaar	50,1193	6,8787	A	B	B		A: Zolitschka et al., 2000; B: Prasad and Baier, 2014;
Hoya La Alberca	20,3889	-101,2009					
Hoya Rincón de Parangueo	20,4311	-101,2495			A		A: Park et al., 2010
Huron	44,6418	-82,3580					
Hvítárvatn	64,6101	-19,8401	A	A		A; B	A: Larsen et al., 2011; B: Larsen et al., 2013
Iceberg Lake	60,7880	-142,9589	A		B	A; B	A: Loso, 2008; B: Diedrich and Loso, 2012;
Järlasjön	59,3020	18,1515					
Judesjön	62,8337	17,7728					
Jyväsjärvi	62,2385	25,7771					
Kälksjön	60,1531	13,0559					
Kallio Kourujärvi	62,5600	27,0030	A	B		A	A: Saarni et al., 2015a; B: Kalliokoski et al., 2018;
Kalliojärvi	63,2261	25,3678	A			A	A: Saarni et al., 2015b
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					
Korttajärvi	62,3373	25,6903					
Lac Brulé	45,7192	-75,4422	A		A	A	A: Lafontaine-Boyer and Gajewski, 2014;

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Lac ~~D'Annecy~~d'Annecy	45,8578	6,1717			A		A: Brauer and Casanova, 2001
Lac Pavin	45,4955	2,8877					
Etoliko	38,4732	21,3248	A		B	A	A: Koutsodendris et al., 2017; B: Haenssler 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: Striberger 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		A: Sánchez Goñi et al., 2017; B: Ivory et al., 2016; C: Pilskaln and Johnson, 1991
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:

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							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
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
Mötterutstjärnet	59,6394	12,6675		A			A: Zillén et al., 2002
Murray Lakes	81,3555	-69,5436					
Nar Gölü (Lake)	38,3403	34,4560					
Nautajärvi	61,8052	24,6782					
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					
Ni no Megata	39,9524	139,7284		A			A: Yamada et al., 2010
Nylandssjön	62,9458	18,2826					
Oeschinen	46,4984	7,7274	A		A		A: Amann et al., 2015;
Ogac	62,8432	-67,3401					
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					
Pääjärvi	61,0625	25,1307					
Pavin	45,4957	2,8879	A		B		A: Stebich et al., 2005; B: Chassiot et al., 2016
Perespilno	51,4269	23,5695					

Pettaquamscutt	41,5030	-71,4506			A		A: Hubeny et al., 2008
Pitkälampi	62,2543	30,4679					
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Plomo	-47,0047	-72,9122	A				A: Elbert et al., 2015
Pohjajärvi	62,8157	28,0332					
Polvijärvi	63,1614	28,9700					
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					
Rehwiese	52,4280	13,1996	A	A		A	A: Neugebauer et al., 2012;
Rostherne Mere	53,3543	-2,3862					
Rõuge Suurjärv	57,7282	26,9223					
RS29	73,1400	-95,2780			A		A: Paull et al., 2017
Rudetjärn	62,3662	16,9975					
Sacrower See	52,4432	13,0991		A	A		A: Enters et al., 2009;
Saky	45,1224	33,5612					
San Pueto	41,2856	13,4080					
Sanagak Lake	70,2095	-93,6355					
Sarsjön	64,0387	19,6008					
Sawtooth	79,3494	-83,9235				A	A: Francus et al., 2002
Schleinsee	47,6122	9,6348		A			A: Clark et al., 1989
Seebergsee	46,5773	7,4433					
Sihailongwan	42,2865	126,6019	A	A			A: Mingram et al., 2018;
Silvaplana	46,4487	9,7923					
Skilak Lake	60,4107	-150,3386					
Soppensee	47,0901	8,0803		A	B		A: Hajdas and Michczyński, 2010; B: Gierga et al., 2016
Sotkulampi	61,4964	29,0894					
Starnberger See	47,9000	11,3167					
Steel Lake	46,9730	-94,6834			A		A: Tlan et al., 2005
Storsjön	63,2149	14,3146	A		A		A: Labuhn et al., 2018;
Sugan Lake	38,8667	93,9000	A		B		A: Zhang et al., 2009; B: Zhou et al., 2009
Suigetsu	35,5833	135,8833		A			A: Smith et al., 2013
Suminko	54,1841	17,7970					
Summit Lake	59,6737	-135,0958					
Superior	47,7508	-72,2719	A				A: O'Beirne et al., 2017

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Szurpily	54,2291	22,8978					
Taka-Killo	61,0584	24,9477					
Tanganyika	-5,8363	29,5976	A; B; C; D	E			A: Sánchez Goñi et al., 2017; B: Tierney et al., 2010; C: Tierney et al., 2008; D: Tierney and Russell, 2007; E: Williamson et al., 1991
Tekapo	35,0301	-108,9329					
Teletskoye	51,5914	87,6672			A		A: Rudaya et al., 2016
Tiefer See	53,5946	12,5281	A	B			A: Dräger et al., 2016; B: Wulf et al., 2016
Tõugjärv	57,7386	26,9051					
Tougou-ike	35,4775	133,8925		A			A: Kato et al., 2003
Trübsee	46,7942	8,3899					
Tuborg	80,9500	-75,7667					
Tutira	-39,2238	176,8923		A			A: Eden and Page, 1998
Upper Soper Lake	62,9150	-69,8784					
Valkiajärvi	61,9048	23,8812					
Van	38,6040	42,8763	A				A: Pickarski et al., 2015
Vesijärvi	61,1368	25,4732					
Victoria	33,19833	-1,2317	A; B; C	D			A: Stager et al., 2005; B: Stager et al., 2002; C: Berke et al., 2012; D: Lane et al., 2018
Vuolep Njakajaure	68,3419	18,7808					
Waikopiro	-39,2351	176,8944					
Woserin	53,6684	12,0263	A			A	A: Czymzik et al., 2016;
Xiaolongwan	42,2999	126,3594					
Xinluhai	31,8485	99,1129					
Yoa	19,0576	20,5069					
Żabińskie	54,1318	21,9836		A			A: Żarczyński et al., 2018
Zoñar	37,4833	-4,6897			A		A: Martín-Puertas et al., 2008
Zürichsee	47,2513	8,6672					