



An investigation: how limnology is crucial in reference with current scenario

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ABSTRACT

The cool climatic, stratifying lake and the single-channelled river reflect the current ecological concept in limnology. Nevertheless, the diversity of inland water habitats and the biological intricacy of several of them is considerably greater. The majority of Mediterranean limnosystems differ significantly from the current limnological perspective. The remarkable and fascinating contrasts across the Mediterranean and other temperate limnosystems will be discussed in this review. For instance, most of those are relatively tiny, have a considerably bigger coverage area than they really are, and have a prolonged vegetative period and a significant season in the water supply that happens beyond the warm months and therefore is frequently from groundwater supplies. In particular, we promote study on the often-underappreciated limnological phenomena in Mediterranean areas by highlighting under-researched areas. Moreover, water shortage among multiple users, resulting from populace growth infertile and tourist places, is restricting the capacity of several Mediterranean limnosystems to stay alive now and in the future, especially in light of the tougher climatic climate factors change is causing. As a result, a paradigm shift in Mediterranean limnology is required. This will allow us to more precisely anticipate and prevent the inevitable consequences of man-made transformation in these magnificent but generally neglected environments.

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INTRODUCTION

The examination of inland waterways is known as limnology. Despite the fact that this classification is generally recognized, limnologists sometimes anecdotal experience dispute key areas of focus, how patterns in such issues have evolved over period, and whether rivers and lakes are reflected similarly. It was claimed almost 30 years ago that limnological funding for research was shifting away from fundamental research and more towards practical and hydrology-focused water good research. Extra lately, in an expert-based assessment of the major limnological troubles as well as concepts, downing recommended that eutrophication, introduced species, hydrological changes, as well as global warming have been central motivating factors for limnological studies, and that there was a discrepancy between both the primary limnological frameworks being researched, including such carbon biogeochemistry or trophodynamics[1]. Surprisingly, the limnologists polled didn't really expect massive change in the main problems that wetlands would face over the next ten years. Still, they predicted that perhaps the primary limnological concepts inside which limnological difficulties are investigated would transition in addition to making inland waters pertinent on a global scale. Such anticipated fundamental shifts in limnology must be represented in significant patterns in the main study topics in an age of rapid globalization and unparalleled availability of data.

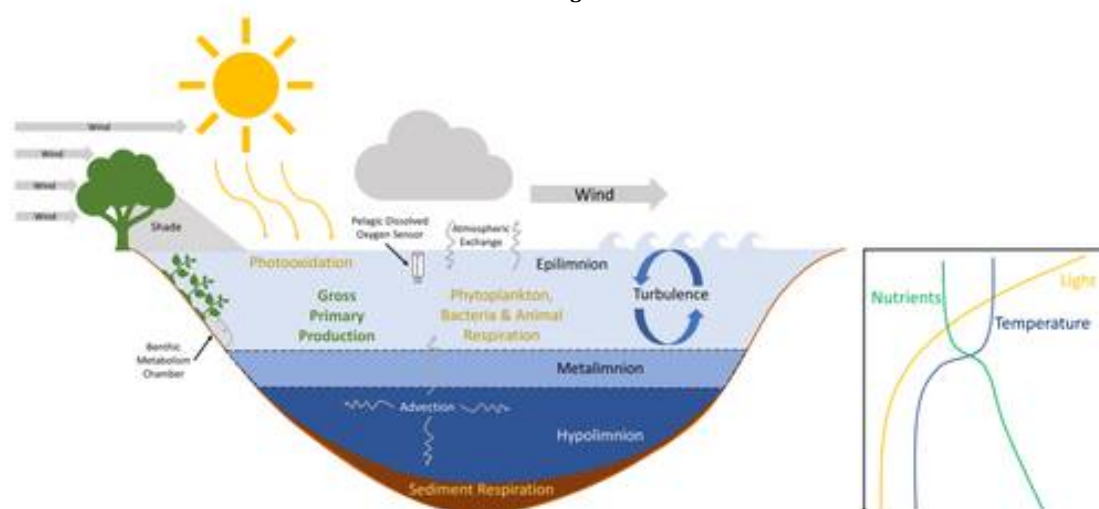


Figure 1. Limnology

A movement in perspectives is likely to result in a change in the methods and sizes of study employed by scientists and the frameworks they use to inspire and perform their research. There are grounds for believing that limnology, like other fields of study in the wider field of ecology, has progressed quickly in response to arising environmental factors at numerous temporal and spatial magnitudes[2], the establishment of innovative, collaborative structures as well as explanatory tools to allow researchers to start generating as well as perceive progressively complex data sets, as well as new flora and fauna. Prior studies on these topics have been useful, but it has mostly focused on the temporal patterns of single or mixtures of terms in the scientific papers. For instance, Lewis (2005) examined hundreds of papers written in Limnology and Oceanography between 1960 and 2004 and discovered patterns in the subjects researched by limnologists. The most notable patterns were a decrease in phyto and zooplankton research, which coincided with just an expansion in “alternative” categories of species, and a gradual but continuous drop in the proportional presence of lake investigations compared to other technologies. Quite recent times, Downing (2014) predicted that global and regional studies would increase over time, including a greater emphasis on the economic assessment of water sources, and motifs like worldwide and climate change usually appears to conquer a greater percentage of limnological research from 1990 to 2020, and they did. The latest multivariate regression of patterns in empirical evidence decided research topics in the wider field of ecology supports these allows for limnology, showing that study at macroscales as well as on caused by human activity motifs has growing community than traditional theory and research, and no such analysis was conducted in limnology. document.

LIFE SUPPORTING PROPERTIES OF WATER

Pressure

Water is a substantial material. At 4 degrees Celsius, pure water weighs 62.4 pounds per cubic foot. This is due to the thickness of the material. The mass of a cubic foot of natural water varies due to variations in density caused by temperature, compression, compounds in solution, as well as substances in dispersion.

Density

Density relationships in water are responsible for some of the fascinating limnological occurrences. For instance, in the case of lake water, when the surface water cools, the lake will stratify[3]. As depth increases, the concentration rises to 1000 kg m³, and the deep temperature of the water rises to 3.98°C. Assume that the convection continues until all of the water has attained a temperature of 3.98°C.

Variations Due to Pressure

At a pressure of approximately atmospheric, water has a density of unity (1.0); at a pressure of 10 earth's atmosphere, the density is approximately 1.0005; at 20 environments. For example, the density is about 1.001; and at 30 earth's atmospheres, the density is about 1.0015.

Variations due to Temperature

The behavior of several, if not all, inland waterways is quite similar to those of pure water. Water has the unusual property of reaching its greatest density before it freezes and at 4°C. Surprisingly, when it cools down to the freezing temperature, it actually gets less thick (lighter).

Changes due to Dissolved Substances

Molecules in solution may be found in all water sources. The quantities of these chemicals vary greatly, but in general, clean water has a lower overall quantity than seawater. The water's density is typically enhanced through such materials, with the degree of change varying based on the number of soluble elements and their relative density[4]. This has a particularly strong effect on salt lakes, where the density may surpass the seas. Dilution decreases the density, whereas evaporation improves density by concentrating dispersed particles.

Changes Due to Substances in Suspension

In their natural state, all waterways include some suspended particle material. In various waterways and even at different periods, the quality and amount of these chemicals vary considerably. Silt and some other materials are heavier than water, so they add to its weight; others have a relative density comparable to water's, so they don't add much to it. Materials in solution may generate density currents and other events.

Mobility (Viscosity)

Water is one of the most mobile liquids on the planet. It does, however, have internal strife (viscosity). The viscosity of this substance changes with temperature. At normal summer temperatures, water is far more mobile than it is right before it freezes. Wind movement is responsible for most of the mixing and churning of water in nature. The reaction of water to a fixed-velocity wind varies depending on the temperature of the water. Whenever the water is close to freezing, the wind has to work much harder to achieve a specific outcome than when the water is near summer temperatures[5]. The viscosity of the fluid does not vary much as a result of pressure.

Buoyancy

Buoyancy is a direct result of density and is affected by the same variables. According to Archimedes' law, a body in water is lifted up by a force produced of the water displaced. The buoyant force is proportional to the density of the water; the denser the water, the faster a drifting item will travel in the water. Vessels were moving from freshwater resources to seawater rise slightly, and the same boat carrying the same cargo will ride higher in the winter than those in the summertime. Underwater bodies of all kinds are, of fact, susceptible to the very same forces and buoyant force fluctuations.

Surface Film

Water behaves as though enclosed in a very thin, flexible surface membrane when subjected to air. The surface film is a popular name for this barrier, which is thought to be a reflection of imbalanced molecular activity[6]. And although their particular gravity is many times higher than those of the surrounding water, items that do not moist can be maintained above this layer.

Temperature

In a water habitat, temperatures are among the most significant variables. In reality, no other single element is likely to have as many deep impacts and implications. As a result, it becomes essential to go into more depth here. Water's intrinsic thermal characteristics will be addressed first.

Specific Heat

Except for hydrogen fuel and lithium at extreme temps, water has the highest heat capacity of all materials. Because of its high heat capacity, it is utilised as a benchmark for measuring the specific temperatures of other materials. To raise its temperature by 1°C, a lake must absorb massive amounts of heat, which reasons why lake water warms slowly in the spring and autumn.

$$Q = mc\Delta T$$

Where Q= heat energy

m= mass

c = specific heat capacity

ΔT = change in Temperature

Latent Heat of Fusion

While both are at 0°C, it takes approximately 80 units of warmth to turn 1 gram of ice into a liquid. The heat required in this process is known as latent heat of fusion, and it is eighty times higher than the heat capacity[7]. Water has higher specific heat than all of the other materials except two.

Combined Effect of Specific Heat and Latent Heat of Fusion

Because enormous amounts of heat are exchanged with the air in lakes and other natural waterways, temperature changes are gradual. For instance, in northern Michigan, when winter arrives early, the bigger inland lakes may still not freeze over until December or early January. The ice may not fully vanish until April.

Evaporation

At all ambient temperatures, water, even snow, and ice, evaporates. Whenever water evaporates, the heat needed to convert it to vapor must originate from some place. It might originate from a high-temperature

source, like the sun, or it could be taken from the water by things anywhere around it, decreasing their temperature[8]. In ecology, heat is removed through the vaporisation of water on an almost constant basis, and it is an essential component of the water-air heat cycle.

Thermal Conductivity

Water has an extremely poor thermal conductivity. The entire thermal complexity would be drastically changed if a lake's water was solely warmed by convection from the bottom. Unnaturally warming water by conductivity alone might change man's entire economic system. When contrasted to some other variables, conduction has a negligible effect on heat transfer and dispersion. The sun's heat is transferred and transmitted to some degree in a lake. Still, the really efficient heat dispersion is owing to wind activity in churning the water and convection currents to a much lesser extent.

Status of water accessibility for farming in India

As of July 7, 2016, rainfall in the United States during the 2016 storm season was estimated to be 1% over average. In any event, owing to a lack of rainfall in the country, which has resulted in dry spell circumstances for the last two years, the country's water supply is lower than usual[9]. In this context, we illustrate a few trends in terms of water availability for farming throughout the country.

THE PRESENT STATUS OF LIMNOLOGY

The Challenges Committee found that limnology has a high degree of cognitive energy and suitable attention on theoretical and social issues. Nitrogen cycling and aquatic scheme reactions to nitrogen richness, microbial procedures in inland water bodies, source as well as handling of organic material in rivers and streams. Impacts of ultraviolet light on freshwater ecosystems, aquatic procedures, and principles that guide the framework of aquatic communities are just a few of the recent research frontiers. Dissemination of limnological work is increasing in volume and becoming more rigorous, while scientific organisations are expanding in size and participation[10]. Despite multiple important outcomes provided by today's limnology, the Challenges Committee found a number of areas in which the self control needs to be changed, including educational programs, ecosystem points of view, sub-disciplinary stability, communication with some other fields of study, implementation connections, and research support. The development of Ph. D.s for academic jobs is now the focus of limnologist training. While some graduates work for government entities or in the business sector, most top schools strongly emphasize producing people who will have tenure-track posts at colleges and universities. This conventional focus may be outdated since it seems to disregard the growing need for limnological information beyond institutions. A shift in this emphasis may need a significant reorientation of limnological training. Within limnology, a high level of specialisation in a certain sub-discipline or topic is not always associated with the development of people who will undertake duties outside of academics. Limnological schooling might have to be wider and more united, maybe via some kind of licensing or disciplinary norm that guarantees a reasonable degree of breadth and consistency across advanced degree holders. Limnology is based on ecological science. Nevertheless, limnology has grown more specialised during the past several years and divided into sub-disciplines that concentrate on particular ecological systems. These studies are critical to limnology's paradigm, but their usefulness is severely limited without systems development. Limnologists must discover a resolution to this problem[11]. Since limnology includes a mix of physical, biological, eological, and chemical issues, particular fields of research must progress at a fast enough rate to enable progress in other domains. Limnology has acquired a severe element mismatch. In North America, physical limnology is currently undeveloped, whereas chemical limnology is underestimated. Despite the critical significance of photosynthesis and breakdown, zoological research has typically outnumbered botanical or microbiological ones. Such inequities endanger a science that derives much of its power from integration.

Limnology lacks connections to several of the fields whose experts would be most suited to collaborate with limnologists. Several environmentalists have evolved into seeing limnology as unrelated to their research. For instance, hydrology and limnology may be deteriorating at the moment. On the other hand, the link to oceanographic seems to be robust, but a minority of oceanographers have voiced worry about limnology's strength waning. In the U. S., limnology is not well linked to technologies. Even when a function for limnology is apparent, evaluations of freshwater environments are often performed without the involvement of limnologists. This is paradoxical, considering how much emphasis add tremendous value has placed on issues of anthropogenic sources[12]. Poor connections may be a holdover from past cultural perspectives that valued resource extraction and exploitation above ecosystem function sustainability and multifunctional management. The traditional mindset is shifting, as shown by the recent adoption of ecosystem management by government agencies. Limnology is well-suited to this shift in viewpoint, but it must assert itself to fully participate. Most fields, including limnology, may merit increased research funding. Nevertheless, the Challenges Committee found that funding for limnology

research is minimal compared to the public demand for information about inland waterways. Postdoctoral training programs have been scarce, but structural reforms at the US Environmental Agency may assist to alter that. With the exception of limnology of the Great Lakes, there are no defined training grants or government programs expressly intended to improve limnology, and equipment, which is extremely expensive for research of system components, is frequently lacking in institutions. In many ways, university research programmes have lagged behind government research labs, causing national research efforts and graduate student education to suffer.

FACTORS INFLUENCING LIMNOLOGY

In the U. S., government funding is an essential component of any scientific effort. At the same moment, analysing government assistance may be deceptive since it represents both the cause and the impact: although assistance fosters research, specific areas of science must convince the federal support network of the value of further funding. The environment for limnology research & design funding. The federal government spends roughly \$3.9 billion on ecological Research and innovation, with about \$1 billion dedicated to oceans, \$1 billion to inland waterways, as well as the rest to other areas. Nevertheless, since government criteria of research and innovation are extremely broad, the numerical statistics should be taken with caution. Provides a split of the billion dollars spent on inland water research. Much more of material is concerned with hydrology and toxicity, with just a passing reference to limnology. The US EPA is responsible for the majority of the inland water research funding, although just 6% of it, or \$25 million, is dedicated to water good research[13]. The remaining funds are used for research on hazardous waste, drinking water, pesticides, multimodal issues, toxic chemicals, or the superfund, and therefore are not limnological; some good water study is also non-limnological. The National Science Foundation does not explicitly help research inland waterways; it is discreetly embedded in the Department of Environmental Biology as well as other departments and impossible to separate.

The government funding makes it difficult to assess funding for limnological research, although a calculate may be made. One foundation for such approximation comes from a current compilation of limnologically relevant projects funded by the National Science Foundation. In FY1991NSF funded 195 projects with a limnological element, as per Firth and Wingard (1993). Considering that limnology accounts for about one-third of the overall focus of these applications, and that each grant is worth \$60,000, NSF's overall value in limnology would be around \$3 million each year. According to their program summaries, a number of many other organizations, like the US Geological Survey, fund basic limnological study to the tune of maybe twice as much as in the NSF. This would amount to a total of \$9 million each year[14,15]. If the proportion used to fundamental research is about equivalent to the national average, country's total funding for limnology is projected to be around 45 million dollars. This approximation matches the headcount as well as average research expenses of limnologists rather well. The overall number of limnologists in the United States is estimated to be about 8,000, resulting in annual study expenditures of between \$50 and \$100 million, with 10 to 20 million dollars going to fundamental research.

In the United States, private investment in research & development accounts for just 2.7 percent of GDP, a figure generally regarded as inadequate. Suppose societal rationale for limnological study is based on pollution management. In that scenario, "the EPA's estimate of \$50 billion per year multiplied by a 2.7 percent designation for inland water research equals \$1.5 billion per year, with limnology playing a significant role". Although the overall investment is not as low as anticipated, the limnological element appears to be far too little. It is becoming more essential than disciplines identified in federal agency budgets to retain an adequate proportion of research funding[16,17]. Limnology is not included in the budgets of any government agency in the U.S. Limnology is covered under various titles within NSF, most notably ecology. Even if limnology is supported in theory under other categories, it may be essential that it obtain government financial acknowledgment. Basic scientific disciplines with a strong foundation often have two or more authorised sources of government funding. "Oceanography has benefitted from the availability of significant funding from both the NSF and the ONR", as Jumars (1990) points out. The National Research Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) together fund several areas of animal science. Although there are some possibilities via other organisations, NSF funding for fundamental research in limnology is largely reliant. The growth of competitive grant programs by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggests a potential solution to this issue.

Several of the current limnological changes may be due to a lack of support. Without structured options in other organizations, the NSF funding system puts the majority of researchers underway to innovate programs that really are short-term, highly specialised, and have a low likelihood of continuance. Limnologists, on the other hand, have been hesitant to propose large-scale, long-term initiatives that are closely connected to national research goals[18,19]. They have contributed to a few long-term initiatives,

such as the National "Science Foundation's Long-Term Ecological Research Program," but, unlike oceanographers and meteorologists, they have not established their own programmes. Scientific groups have the potential to help advance and improve limnology. "The American Society of Limnology and Oceanography," the largest of several North American communities reflecting limnological preferences, has devoted itself almost entirely to the dissemination of advances in limnology and oceanography science, with little attention paid to practical issues such as education, research support, and discipline welfare[20,21]. Although the social integration of limnology and oceanography in ASLO is intellectually beneficial, limnologists' ability to consolidate their interests through ASLO may have been hindered. Furthermore, ASLO has not met, and may not even try to meet, the professional requirements of certain key disciplines of limnology. Several limnologists have pledged their allegiance to other organisations such as the "North American Benthological Society, the North American Lake Management Society, the Ecological Society of America Aquatic Section, and the Society for Wetland Science". As a result, limnology's perspective is fragmented, especially when compared to other sciences like geology, biology, and botany.

CONCLUSION

Due to increasingly severe and numerous drought episodes, climate changes may be amplifying eutrophication including salinization in dryland aquatic communities. The emergence of problem animals, the decrease of the intricacy of food chain, and the degradation of ecological tolerance are only a few of the effects related to unexpected and severe drought episodes.

INLD plans to use scientometric and metanalysis methods to find trends in previously available datasets to extend forecasting analytics development. INLD also plans to examine the effects of global warming to determine essential water level decrease limitations that do not degrade biodiversity or natural ecosystems[22,23]. The creation of efforts to combat eutrophication, for instance, may aid in mitigating the impacts of environmental shift. To facilitate the advancement of environmental psychology that infer future pathways of freshwater ecosystems as a feature of rainfall cutbacks and rapidly deteriorating droughts, INLD is considering conducting concurrent standardised mesocosm experimentations attempting to manipulate water level, biodiversity, nutrients, as well as salt content in distinct semi-arid regions zones around the world. This method could be useful for determining how crucial an increase in precipitation will affect quality of the water as well as the structure and composition of fresh - water communities in drylands, as well as generating an understanding of the primary methods governing those processes and developing strategies for mitigating the anticipated bad impacts.

Patch isolation due to habitat drying is expected to occur under climate scenarios, boosting the susceptibility of rare and endangered species and resulting in biodiversity loss[24,25]. The vulnerability of endemic species may be exacerbated by the arrival of alien species and eutrophication, resulting in habitat homogeneity. Drought-related segmentation in rivers and wetlands must be addressed via strategies that increase essential ecological services while also reducing dispersion.

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