

1 The effect of a short oxygen exposure period on algal biomass degradation and  
2 methane release from eutrophic and oligotrophic lake sediments

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7 **Supplemental information**

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9 Table S1. Methane emission from the slurry experiments.

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**Total methane emission**

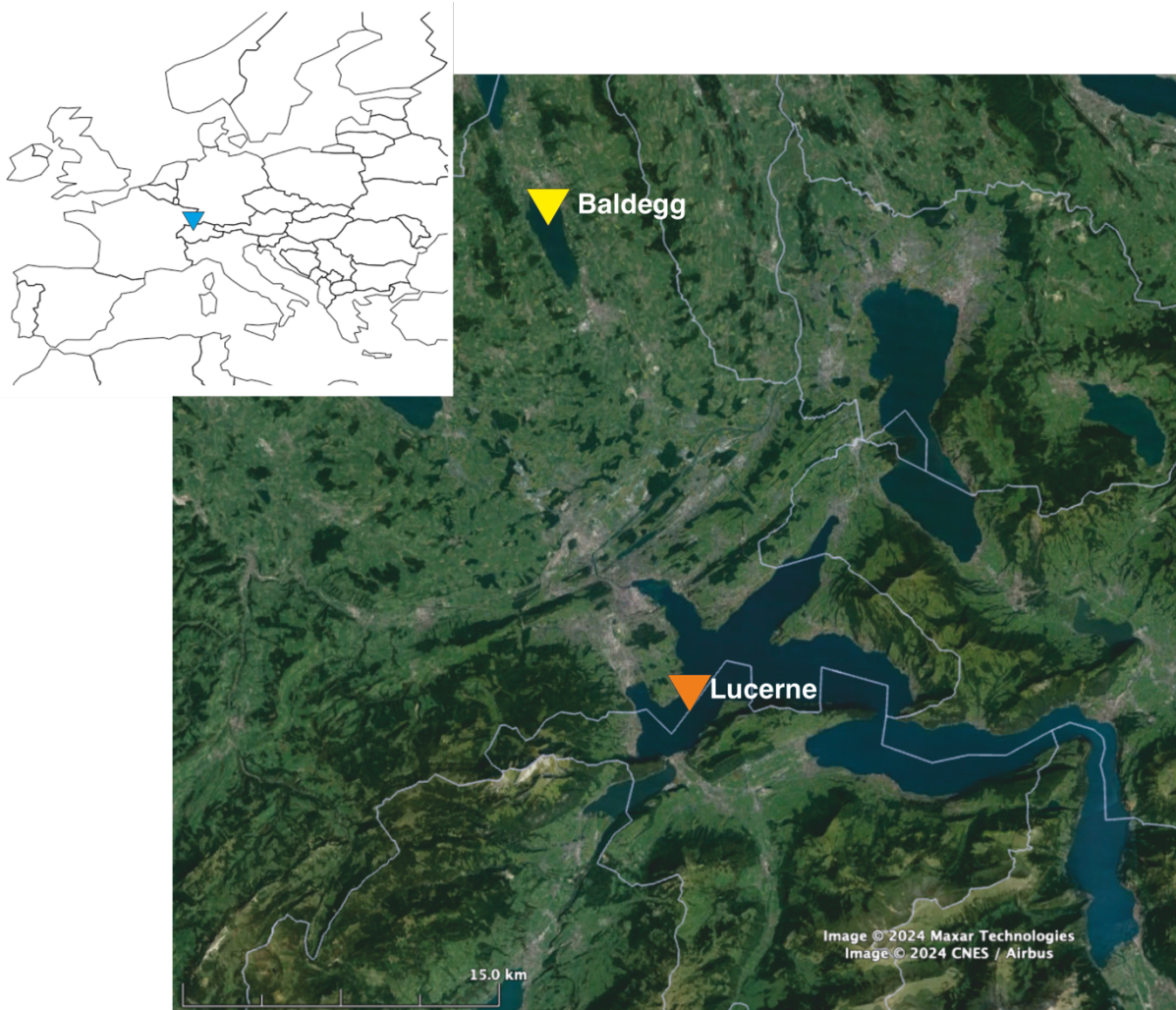
| <b>Oligotrophic sediments</b> |                                 |                    | <b>Eutrophic sediments</b>  |                                 |                    |
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|                               | [CH <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>a</sup> | Standard deviation |                             | [CH <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>b</sup> | Standard deviation |
| Permanently anoxic, algae     | 1893                            | 178                | Permanently anoxic, algae   | 4063                            | 68                 |
| 1 week oxic, algae            | 1497                            | 147                | 3 week oxic, algae          | 2576                            | 105                |
| 3 week oxic, algae            | 1186                            | 81                 |                             |                                 |                    |
| Permanently anoxic, control   | 211                             | 108                | Permanently anoxic, control | 2127                            | 293                |
| 1 week oxic, control          | 23                              | 25                 | 3 week oxic, control        | 1367                            | 162                |
| 3 week oxic, control          | 19                              | 7                  |                             |                                 |                    |

a. Concentration in headspace in  $\mu\text{M}$  after 28 weeks (constant since 14 weeks)

b. Concentration in headspace in  $\mu\text{M}$  after 24 weeks

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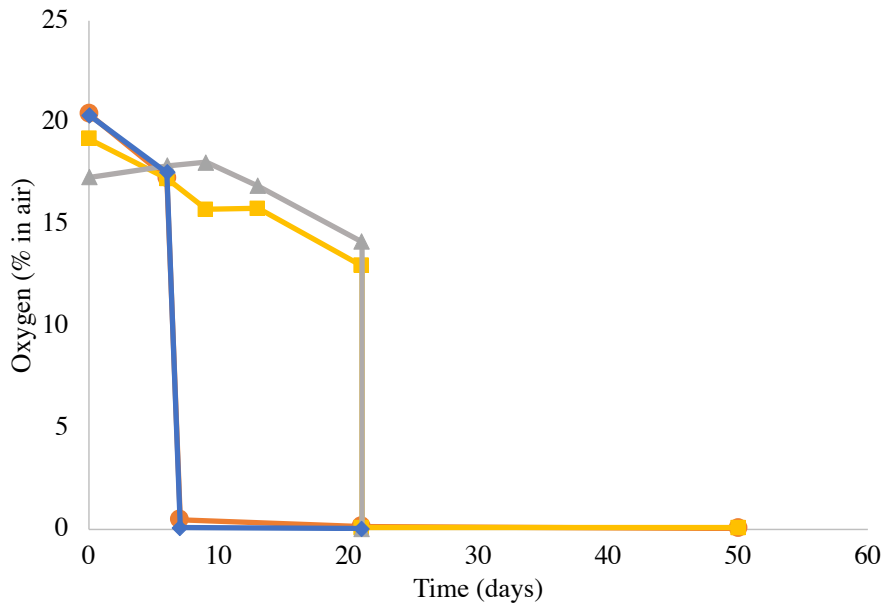
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14 Fig. S1. Map of the surroundings and location of the study sites: Oligotrophic Lake

15 Lucerne (orange) and eutrophic Lake Baldegg (yellow) in Switzerland, central

16 Europe (blue marker on overview map).

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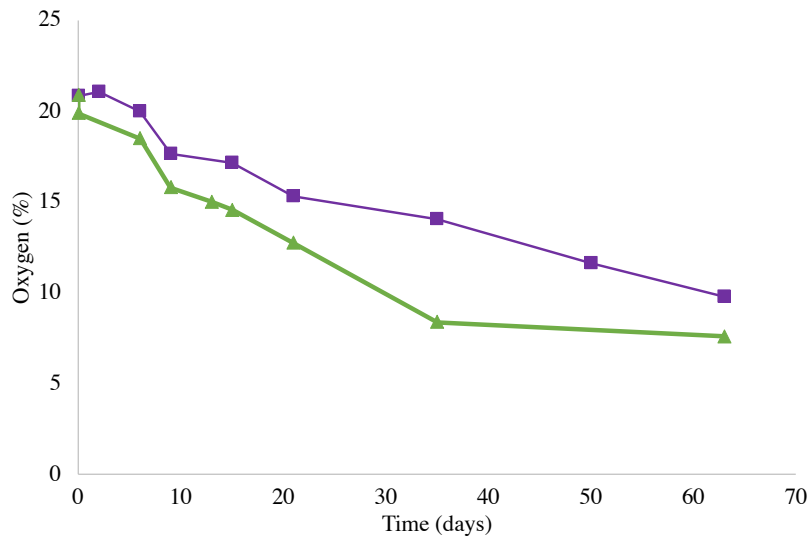
20 Fig. S2. Oxygen concentration (in % of ambient air) in the slurry experiments. Blue  
21 and orange: two replicate bottles of the 1-week oxygen exposure experiment. Yellow  
22 and grey: two replicates of the 3-week oxygen exposure experiment.

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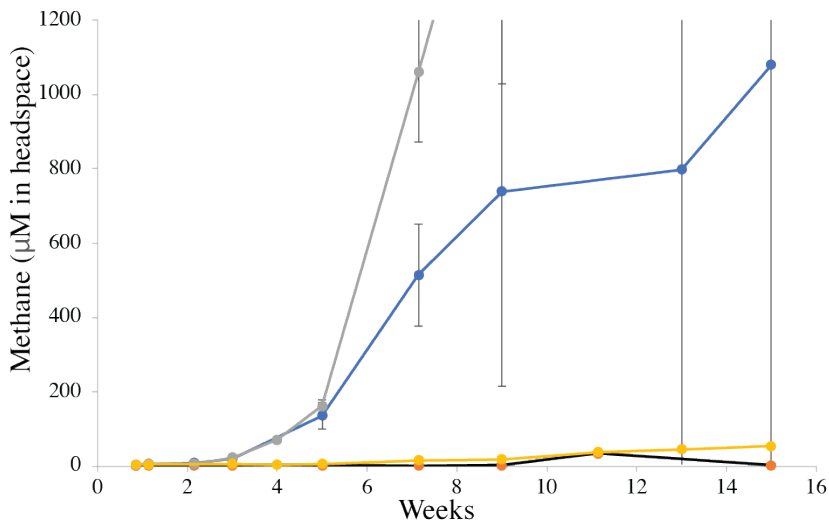
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29 Fig. S3. Oxygen concentration (in % of gas headspace) in the whole core oxic  
 30 experiments. Green: oxic algal biomass addition experiment, purple: oxic control  
 31 experiment.

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**Whole core experiment, oligotrophic**

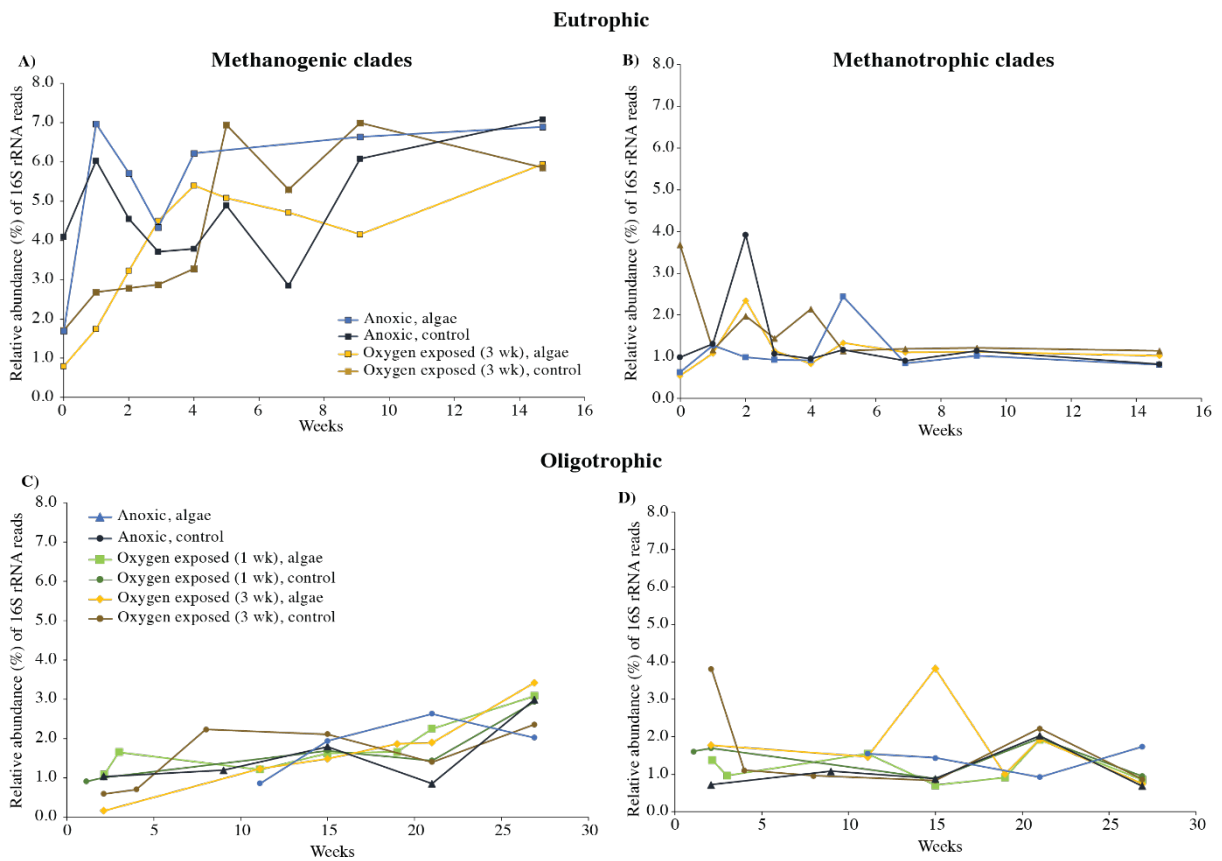
- Oxygen exposed, algae    —●— Anoxic, algae
- Oxygen exposed, control    —●— Anoxic, control



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34 Fig. S4. Cut-out image of Fig. 3, highlighting the lower part of the y-axis.

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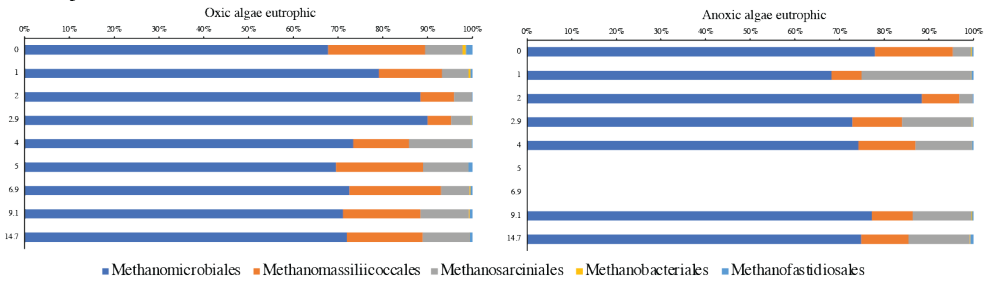
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38 Fig. S5. Relative abundance of OTUs assigned to known methanogenic (A; eutrophic, C;  
 39 oligotrophic) and methanotrophic (B; eutrophic, D; oligotrophic) clades, in the slurry  
 40 experiments. Note that the oxic experiments received additional sediments, of the 5 – 15 cm  
 41 depth interval, after the initiation of the anoxic conditions, after 1 or 3 weeks.

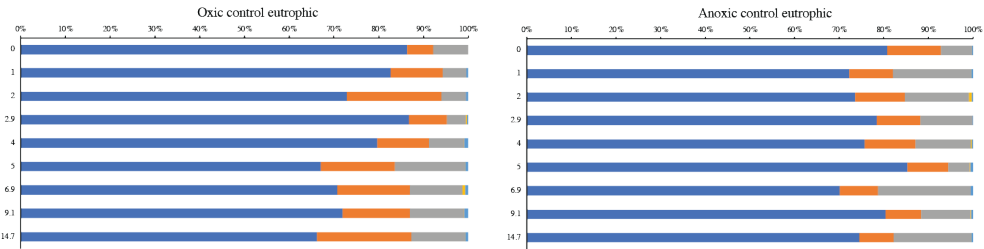
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### Eutrophic

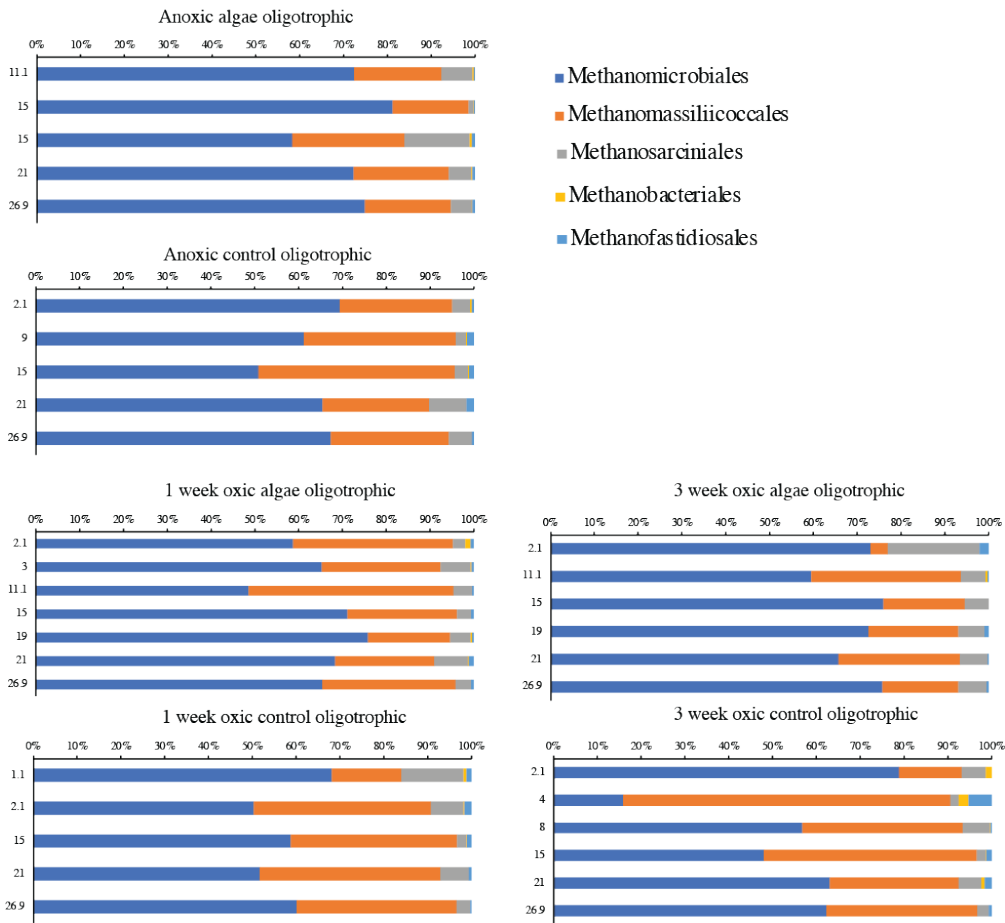


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### Oligotrophic



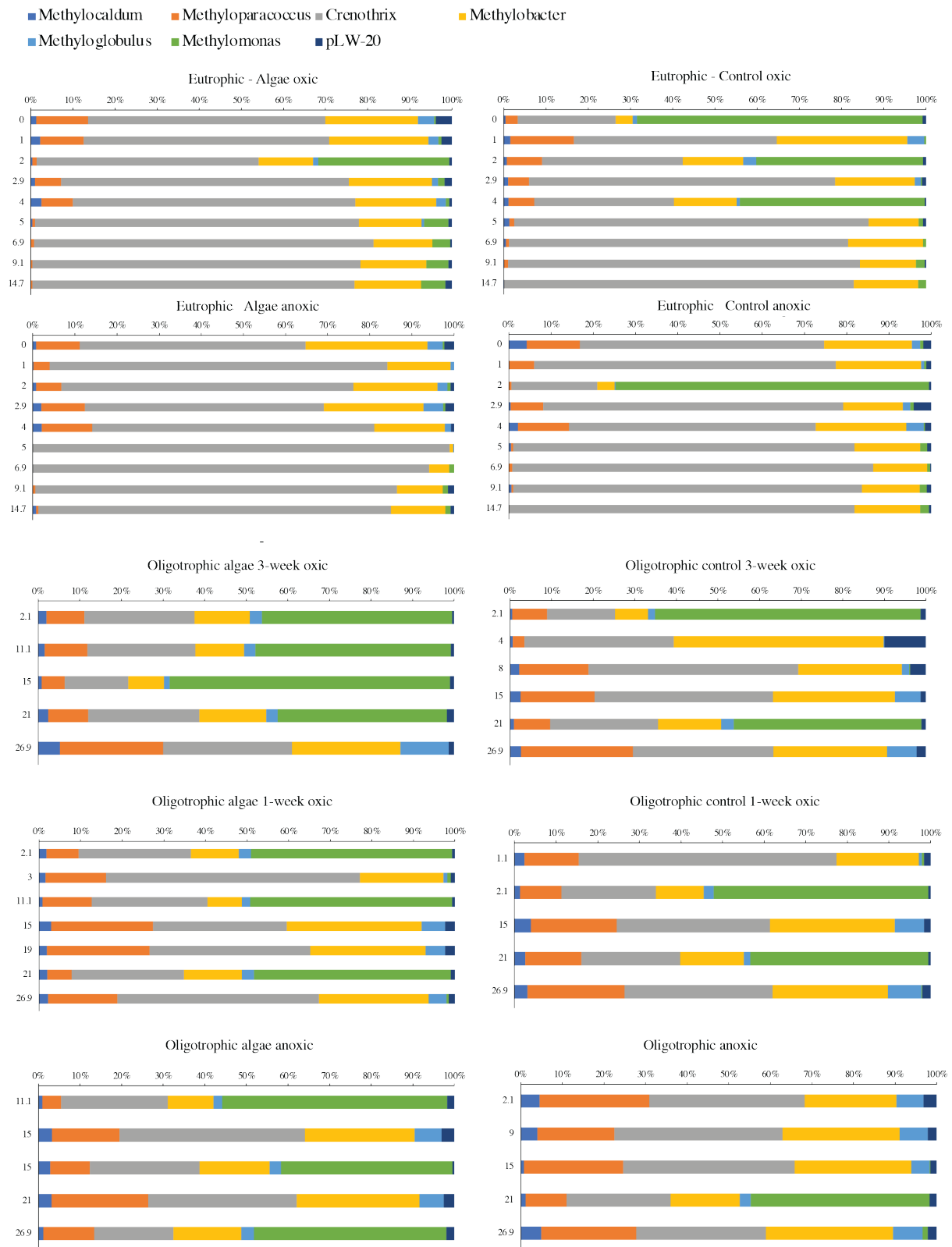
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48 Fig. S6. Distribution of OTUs assigned to methanogenic orders over the five most  
49 abundant orders for both the eutrophic and oligotrophic experiments. The y-axis  
50 shows the time in weeks since the start of the experiment.

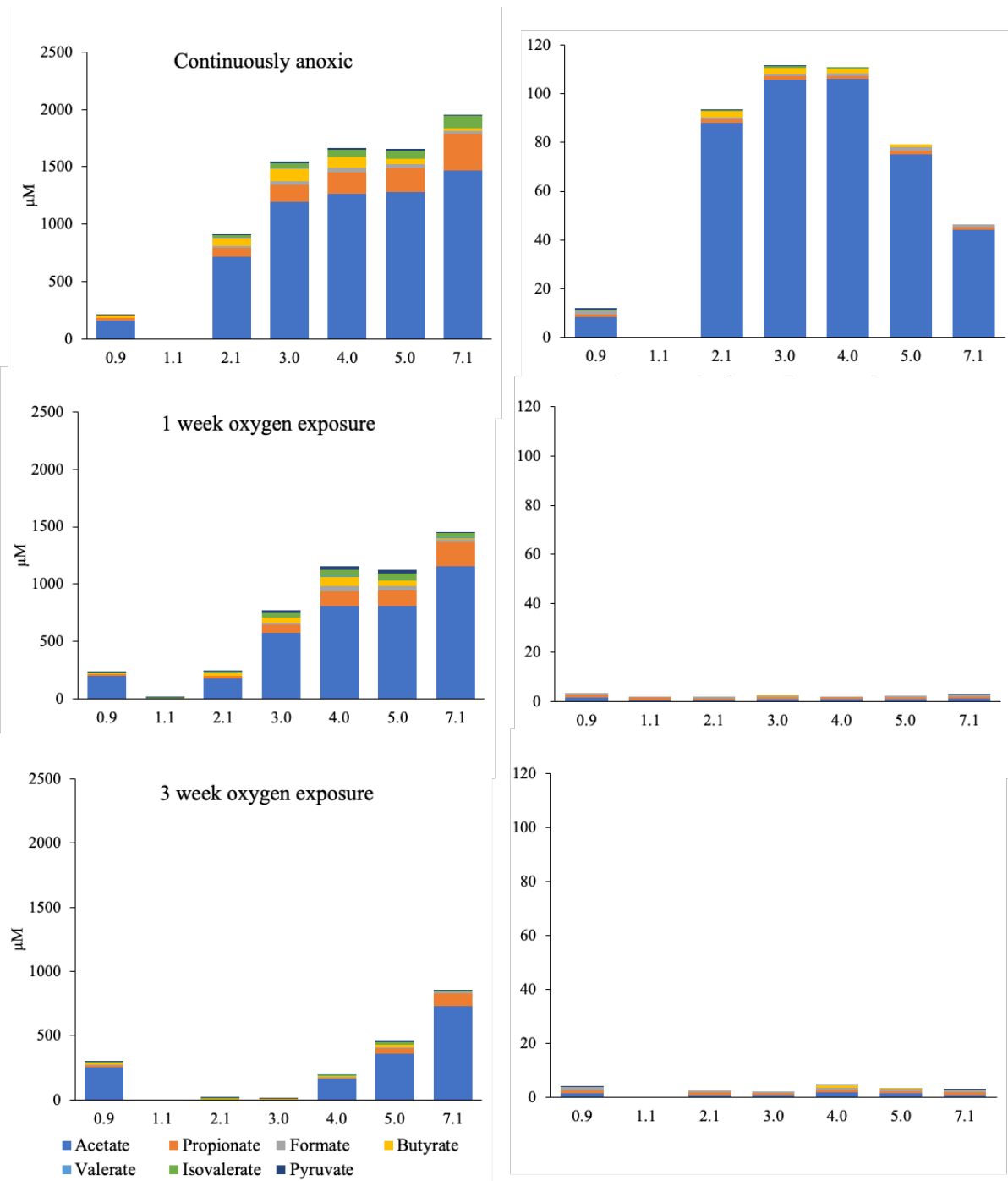
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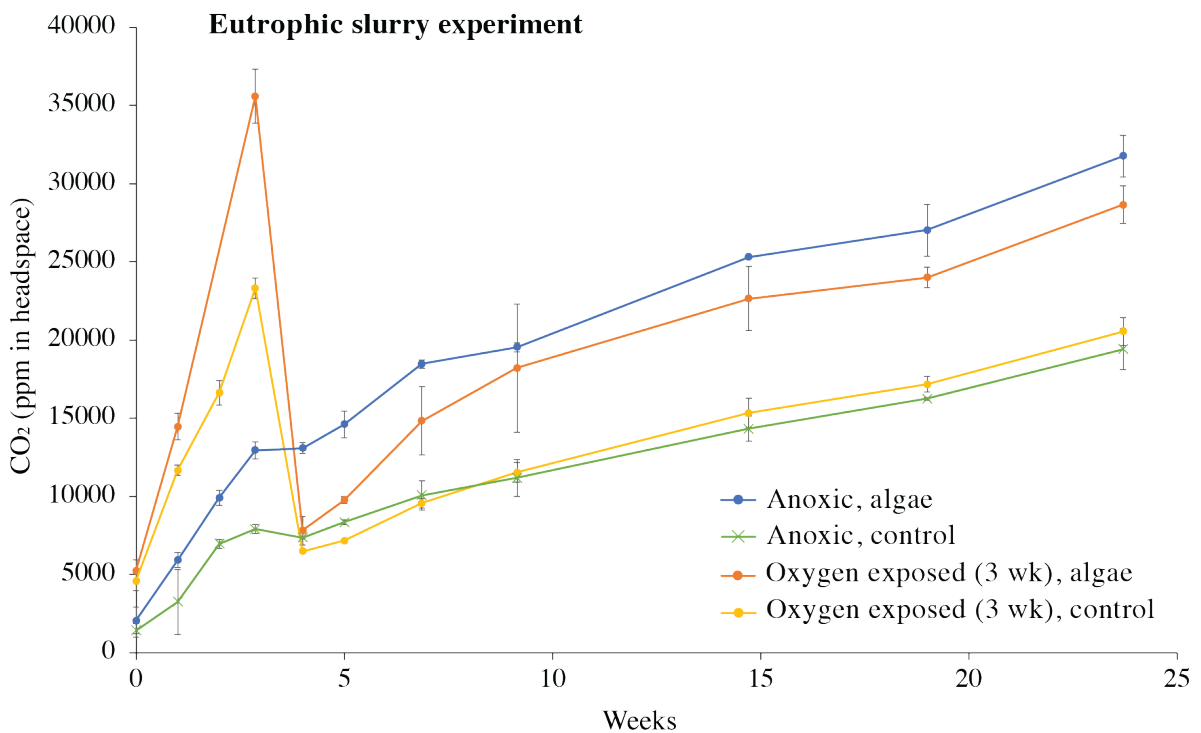
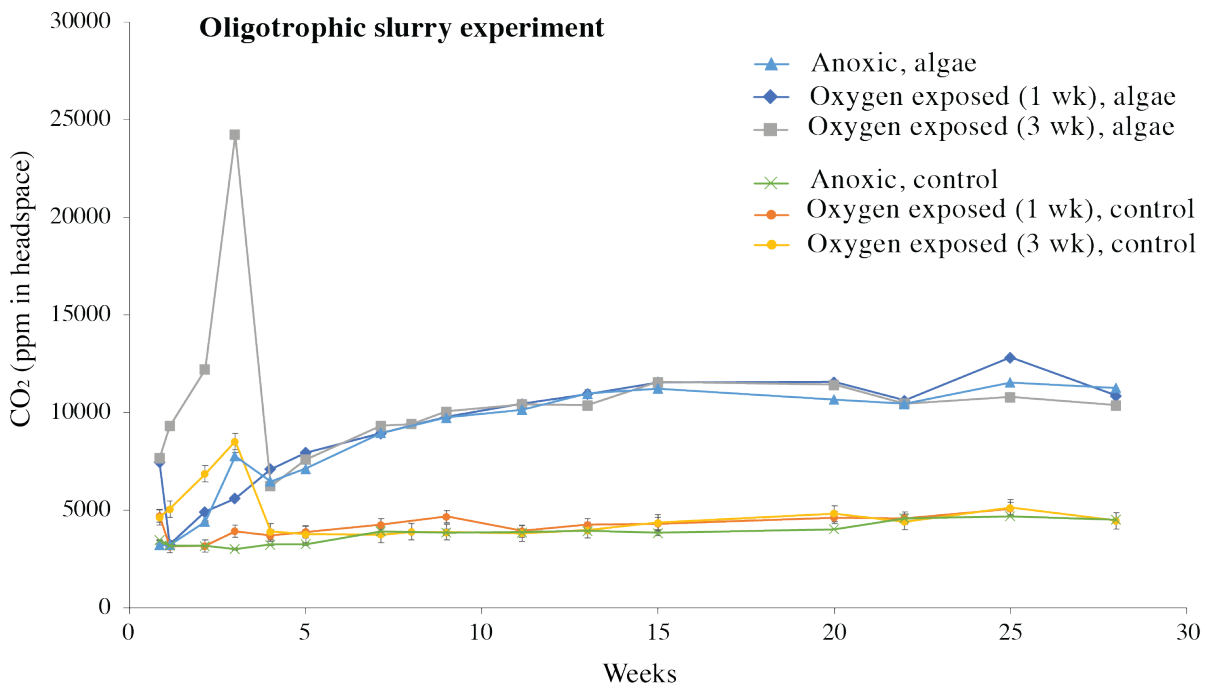
53 Fig. S7. Distribution of OTUs assigned to methanotrophic orders over the most  
 54 abundant orders for both the eutrophic and oligotrophic experiments. The y-axis  
 55 shows the time in weeks since the start of the experiment.



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58 Fig. S8. Volatile fatty acid (VFA) concentrations in the oligotrophic incubations under  
 59 different oxygen regimes, with algal biomass (left) and control (right) conditions.

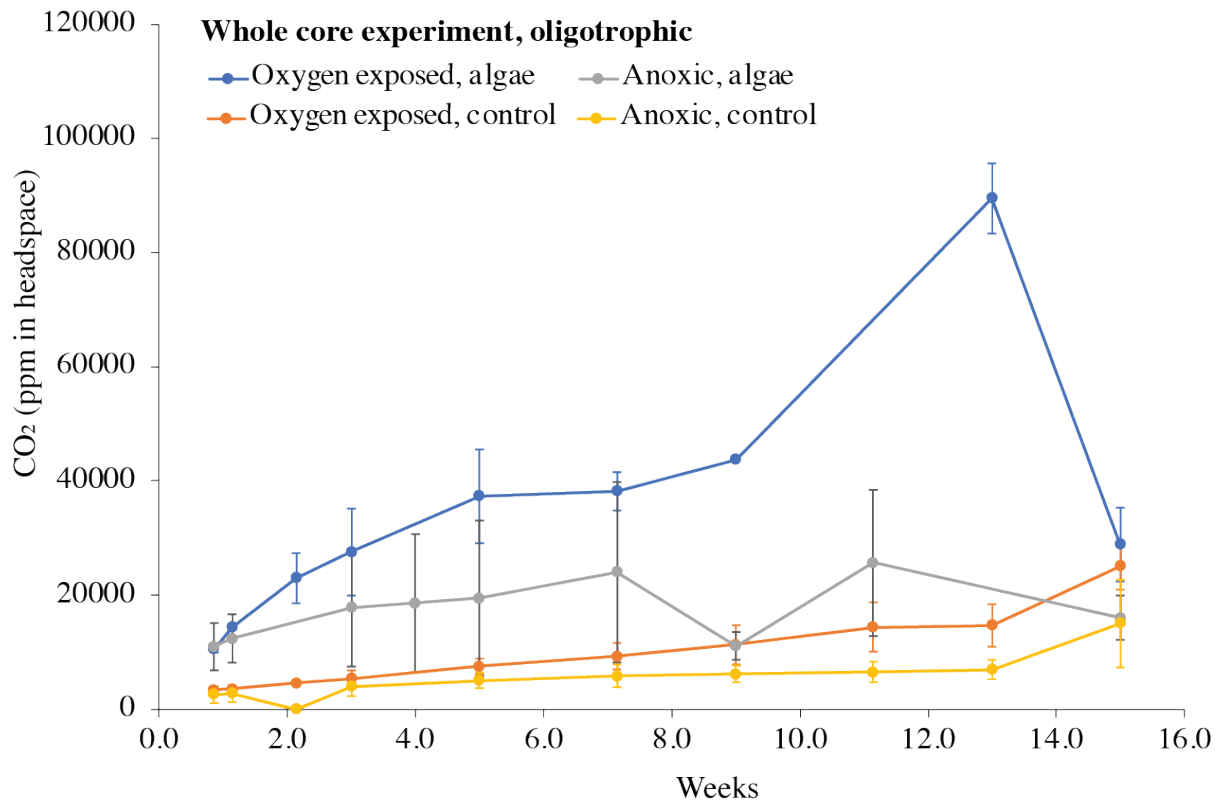
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63 Fig. S9. CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in the headspace of the slurry experiments. The sudden64 drop is caused by the flushing of the headspace with N<sub>2</sub> at the oxic-anoxic switch

65 after 3 weeks.



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68 Fig. S10. CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in the headspace of the whole core experiments.

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