

Time of day matters: Diurnal changes of CO₂ fluxes across European streams



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- Financially supported by national limnological societies from Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Spain/Portugal, Switzerland and United Kingdom

"Encourage young freshwater researchers across **Europe** to create synergistic interactions that lead to new knowledge, promote **networking** among young European Limnologists and offer experience in generating research ideas, acquiring funding, planning and carrying out a collaborative international scientific project."

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Europe

Assessing CO₂ Fluxes from **Euro**pean **Run**ning Waters <u>https://freshproject-eurorun.jimdo.com/eurorun/project-eurorun/</u>

Scientific project

Networking

Scientific background



- Inland waters can emit carbon that was fixed on land
- Better understanding of fluxes and their mechanisms/dynamics needed



- 3 Pg C yr⁻¹ is emitted as CO₂ from global inland waters
- up to 70% of the global CO₂ flux is assigned to running waters

EuroRun project





Figure 7. Seasonal and day-night differences in CO₂ evasion flux from Oberer Seebach stream water to the atmosphere. Shown are the medians and quartiles (box) and the whiskers indicating the minima and maxima accounted for outliers with more than $1.5 \times$ of the interquartile variation.

Peter et al. 2014 J Geophys Res Biogeosci

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Diurnal patterns



Seasonal patterns



Networking



Workshop for teaching construction of the chamber, the handling and the data analysis



The teams



Workshop – September 2016



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Field survey



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- CO₂ fluxes with floating chamber
- pCO₂ in the water with equilibration method (if possible)
- Physico-chemical parameters with multiprobe



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Overview CO₂ fluxes – all teams/all seasons











Differences

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• 9 of 65 increases in CO₂ fluxes change from uptake to emission (14%)

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- Majority of streams shows higher fluxes in the night
 - Mostly driven by increased pCO₂ in the night
 - Some streams turn from a sink to a source of CO₂







Time of day matters





(IPCC 2013)

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