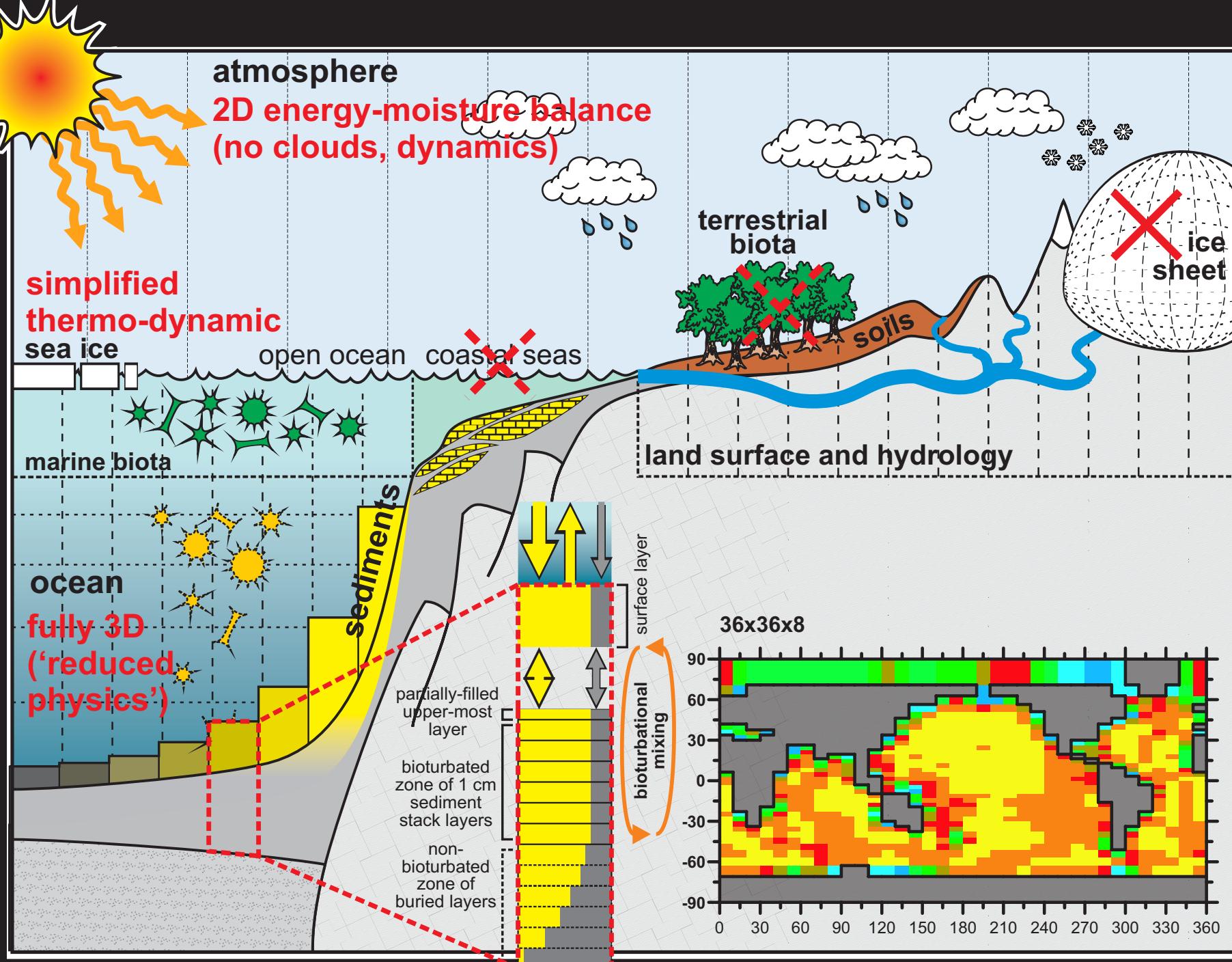
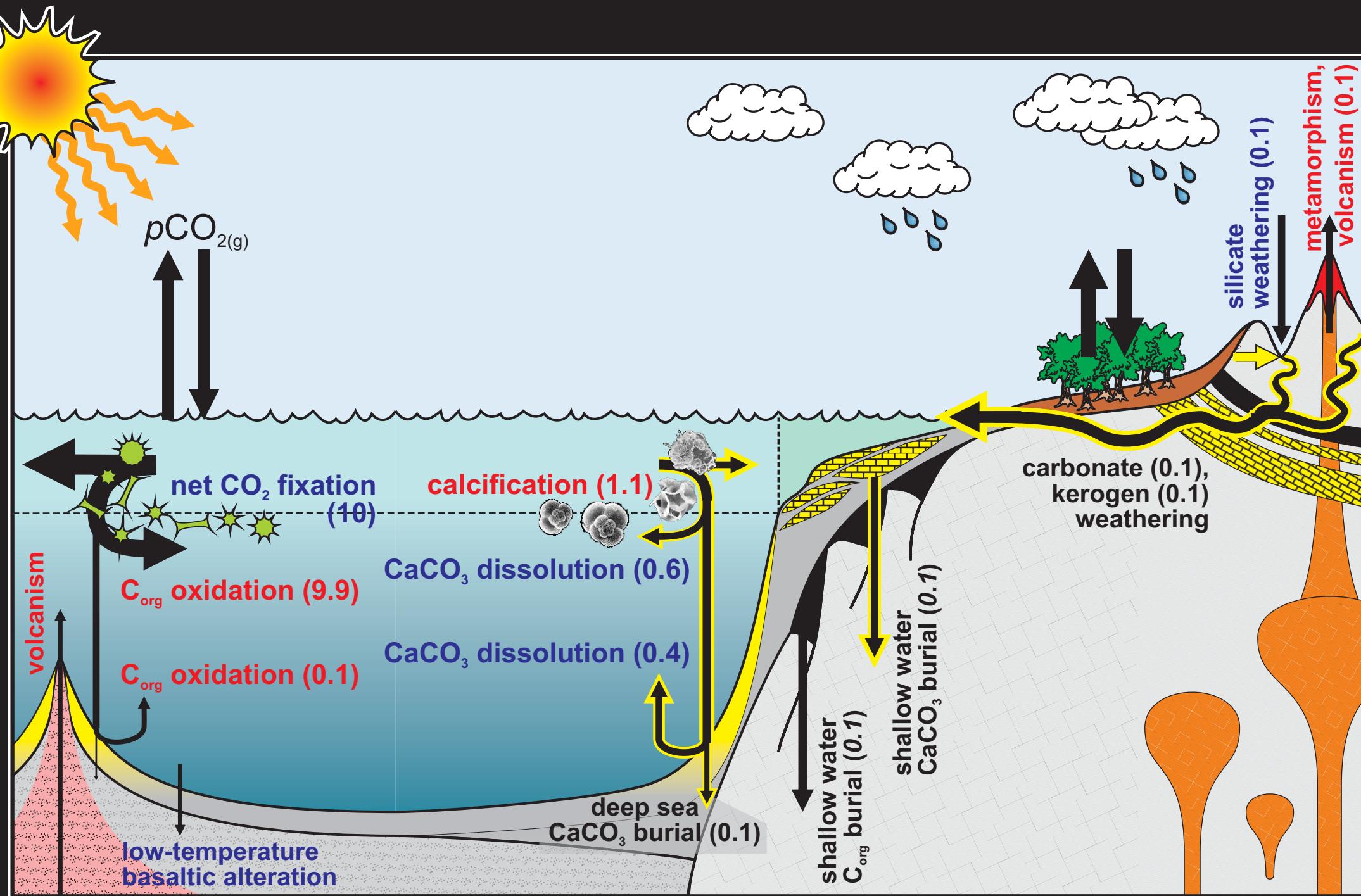


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Insights into the evolution of life and the Planet through carbon isotopes and numerical modelling techniques

(and a flimsy excuse to talk about the PETM)

Andy Ridgwell

Carbon isotopes as a tracer of ... what?



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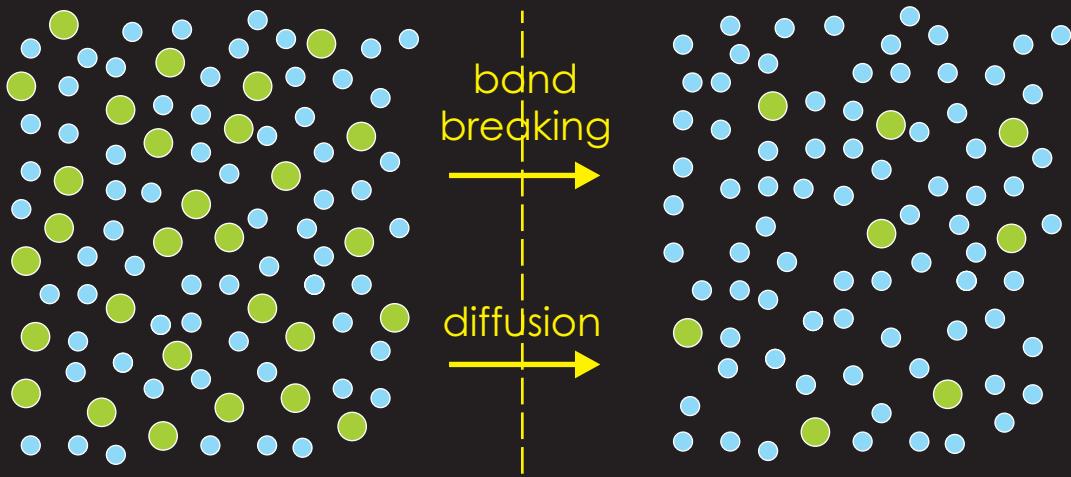
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$\Rightarrow \delta(\text{sample})$ is POSITIVE
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- 'lighter' isotope
 - 'heavier' isotope

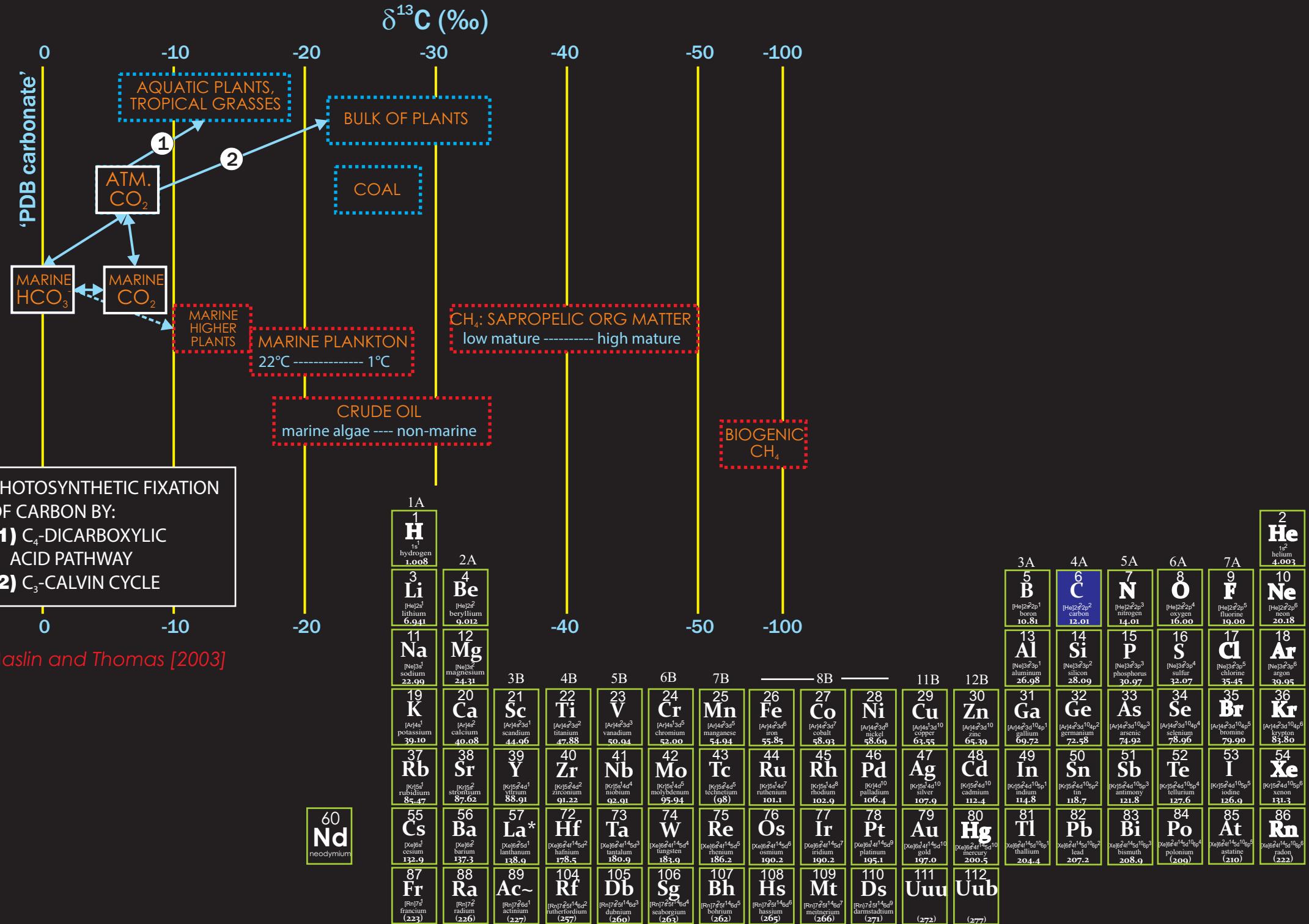
abundance ratio(sample): $R_{\text{sample}} = n_{\text{heavy}}/n_{\text{light}}$

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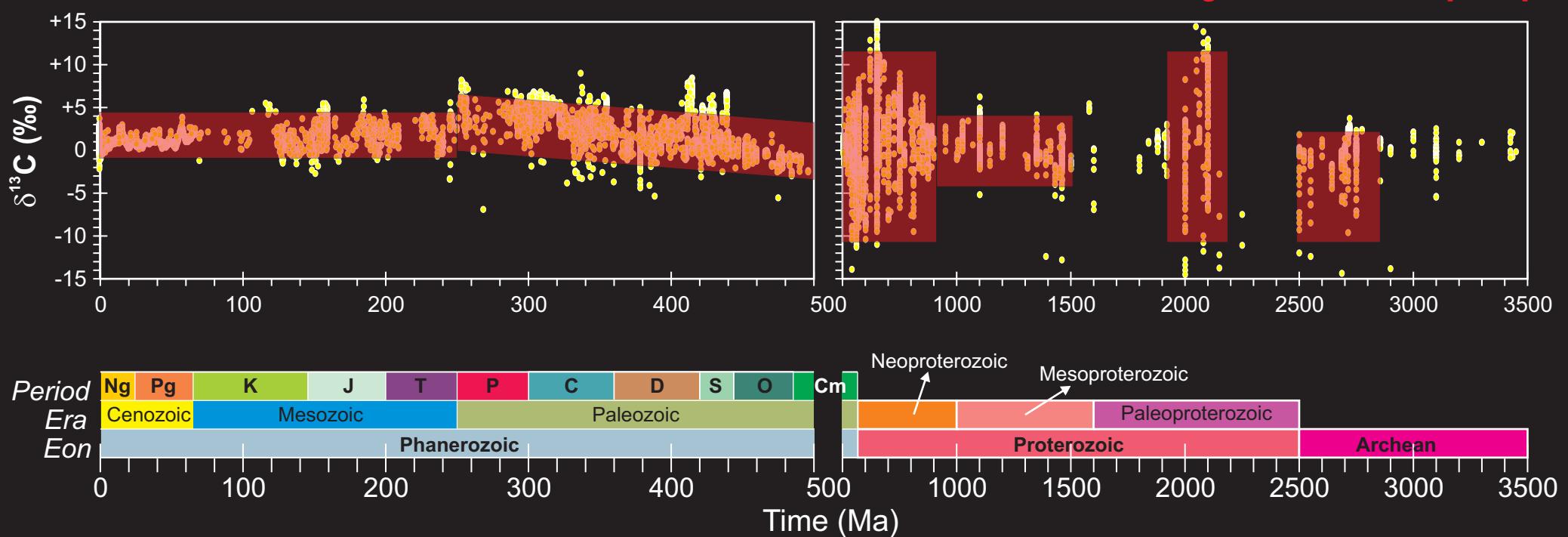
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Carbonate $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ variability through time



Ridgwell and Arndt [2014]



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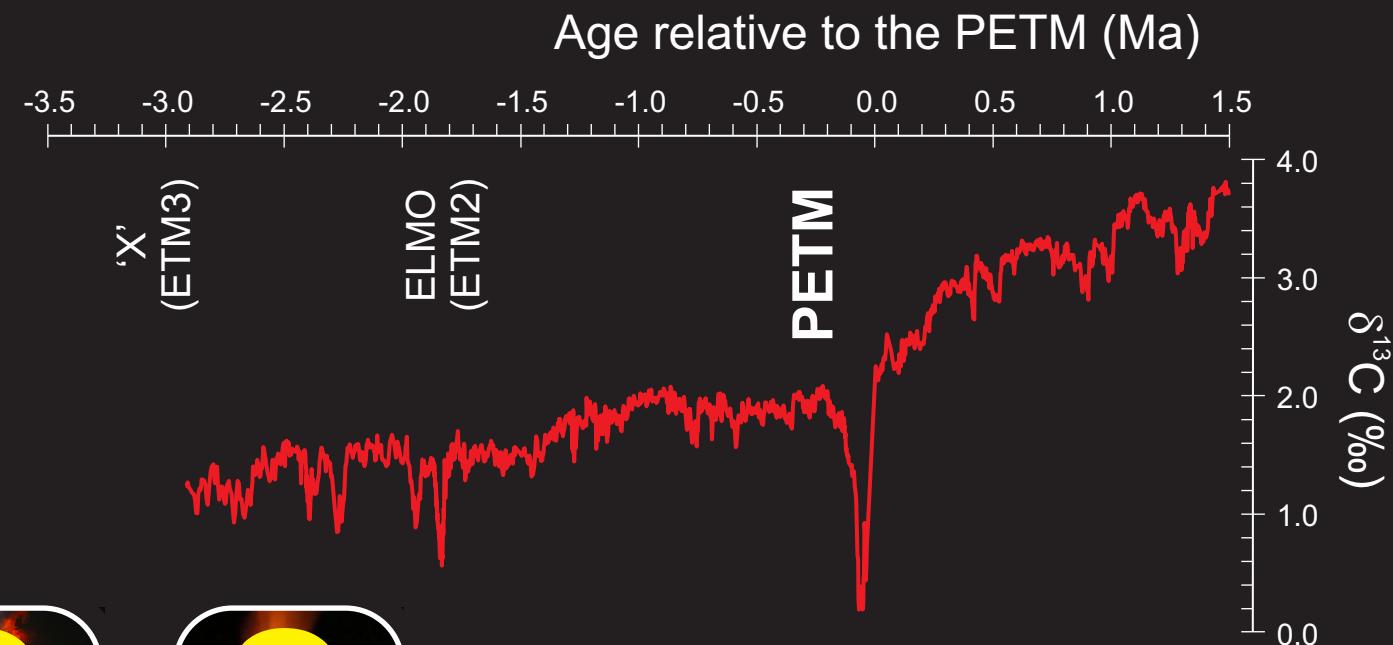
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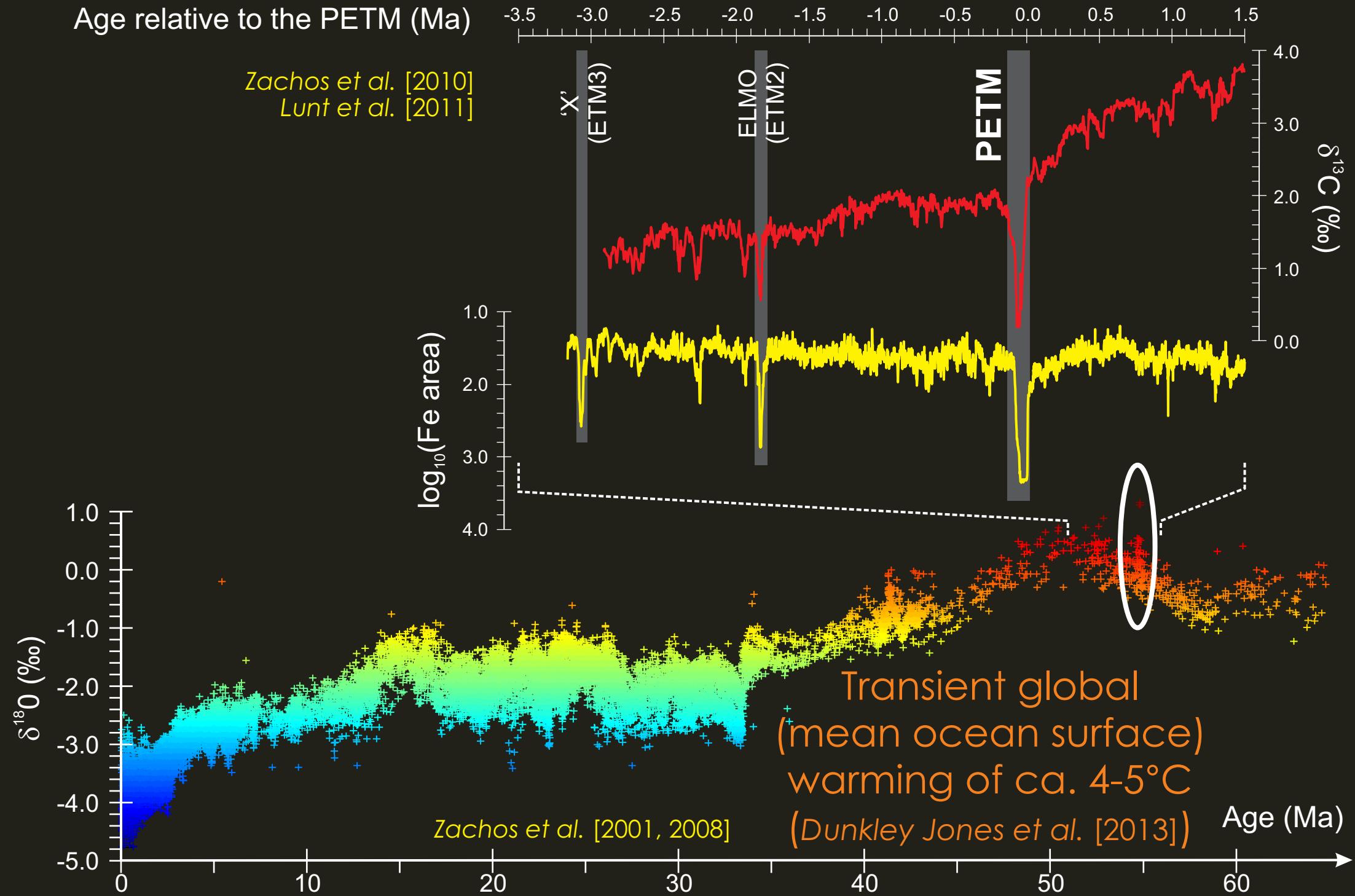
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Paleo-analogues – the PETM?



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Age relative to the PETM (Ma)

-3.5 -3.0 -2.5 -2.0 -1.5 -1.0 -0.5 0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)



$\log_{10}(\text{Fe area})$

1.0
2.0
3.0
4.0

Zachos et al. [2001, 2008]

$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)

-5.0
-4.0
-3.0
-2.0
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Age (Ma)

'X'
(ETM3)

ELMO
(ETM2)

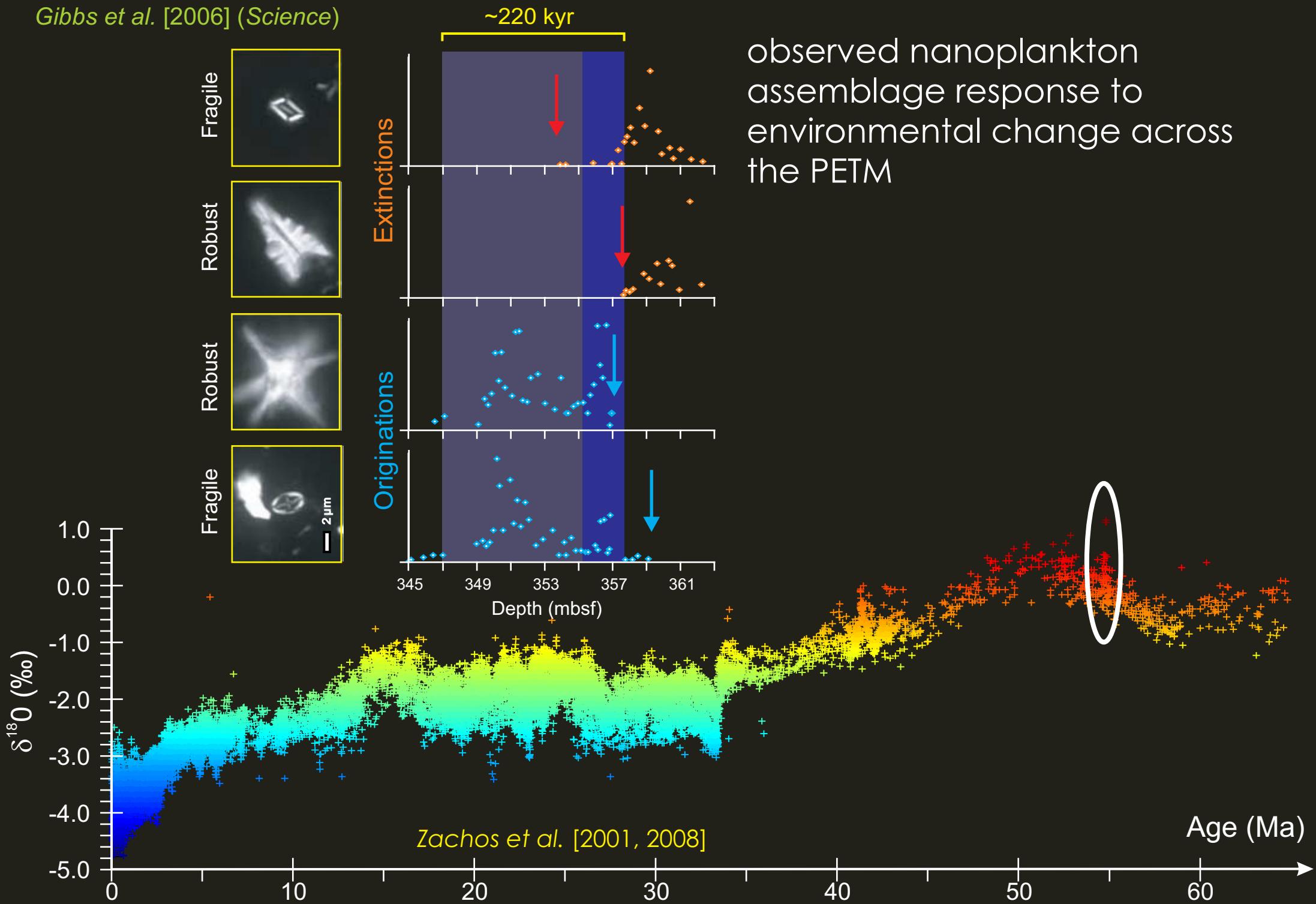
PETM

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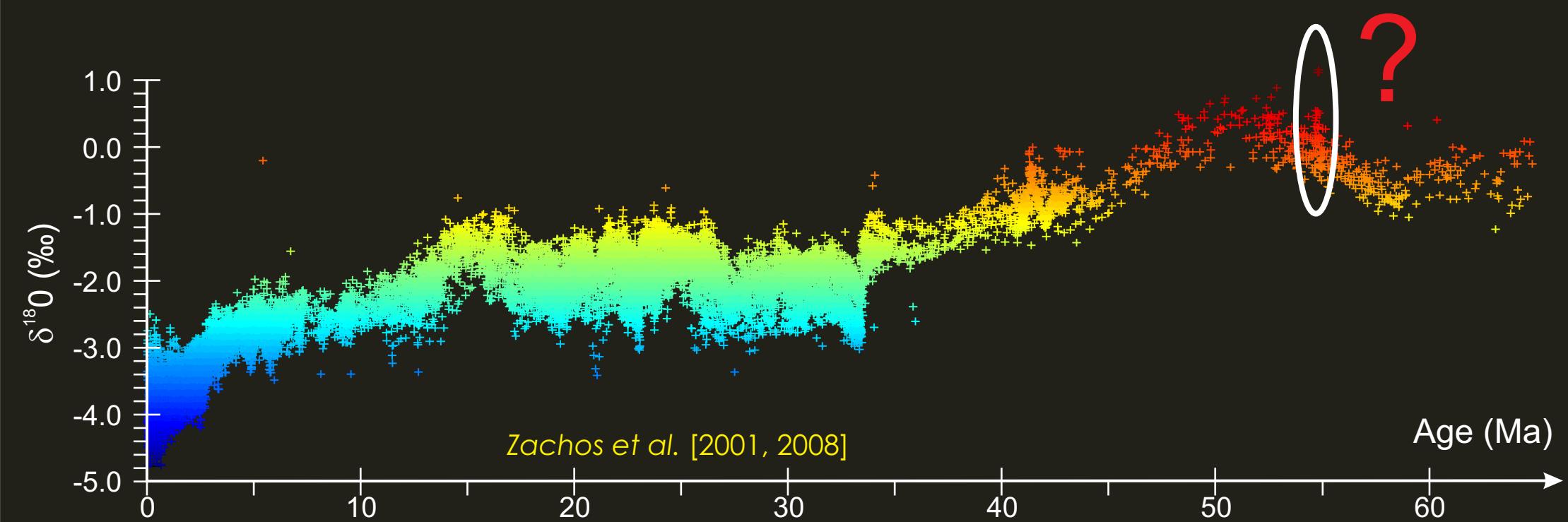


Gibbs et al. [2006] (*Science*)

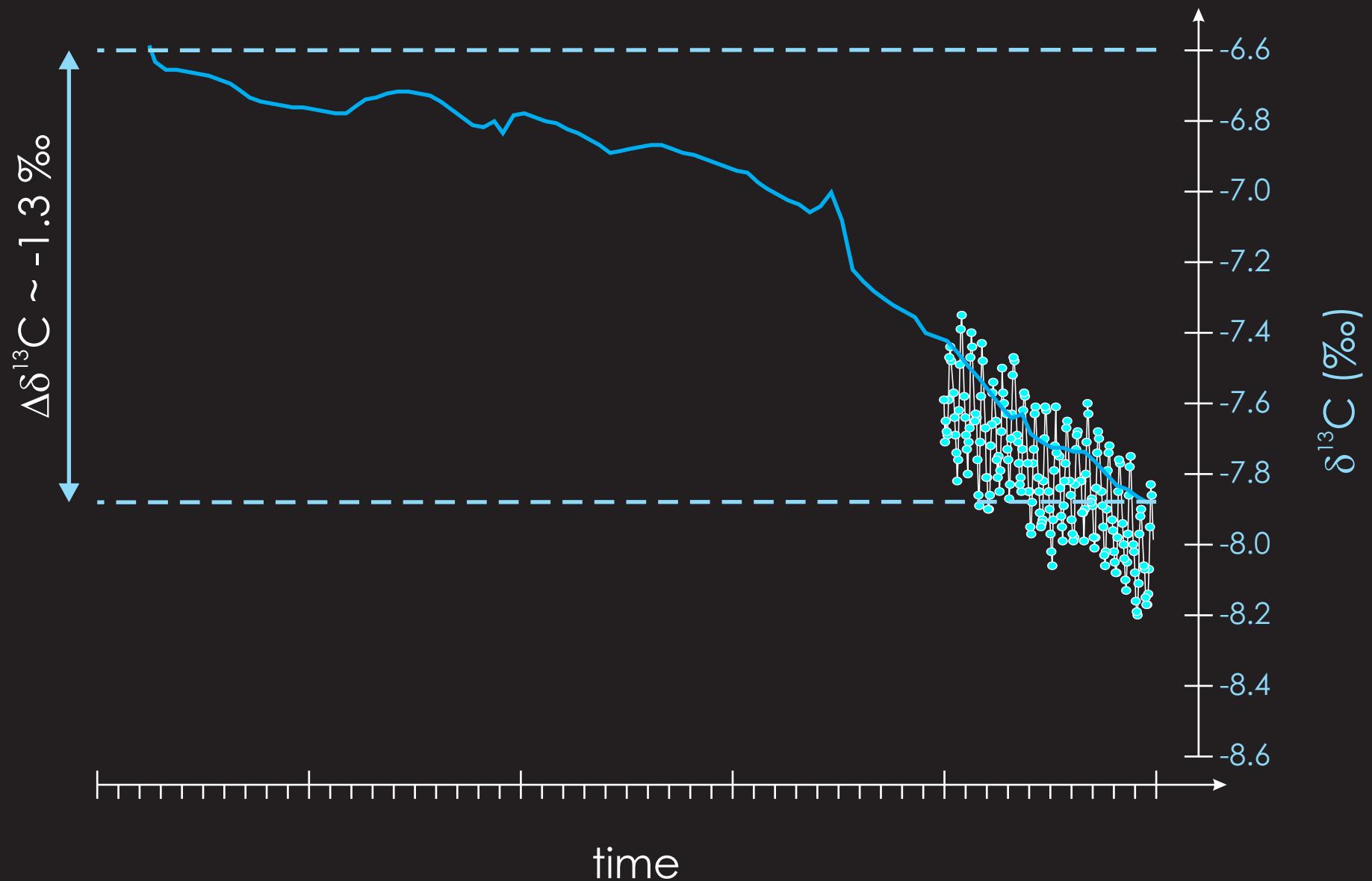


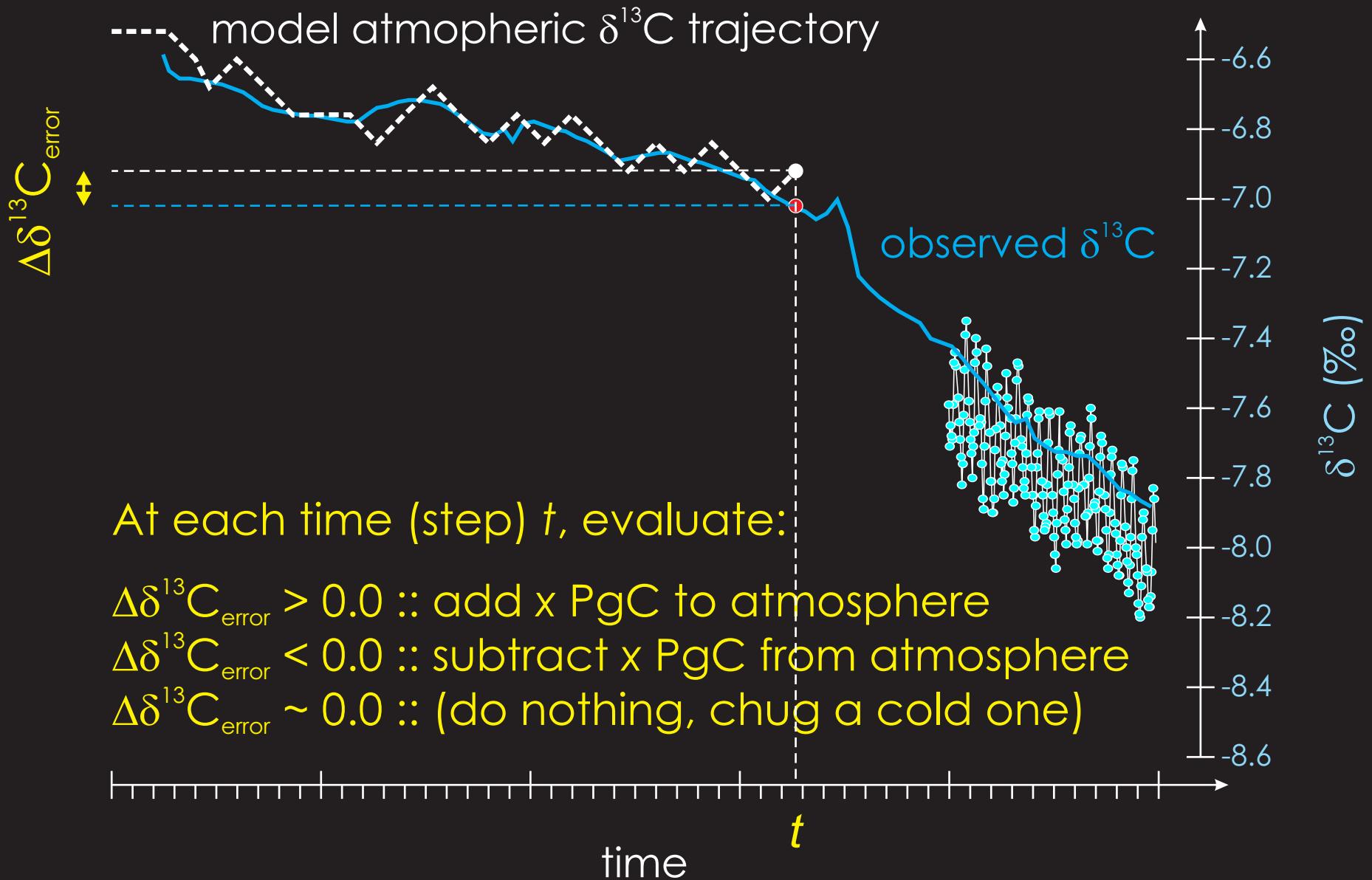
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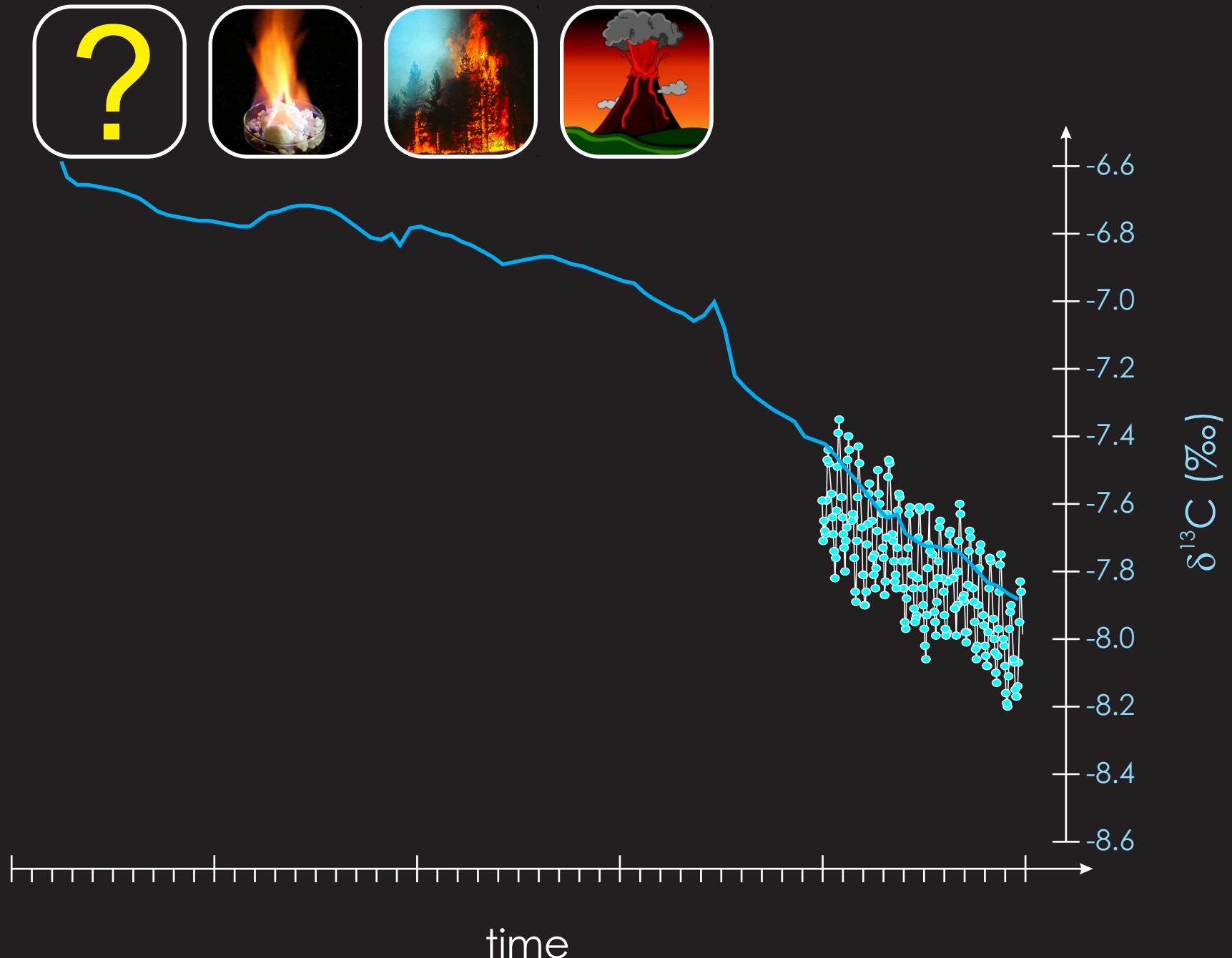


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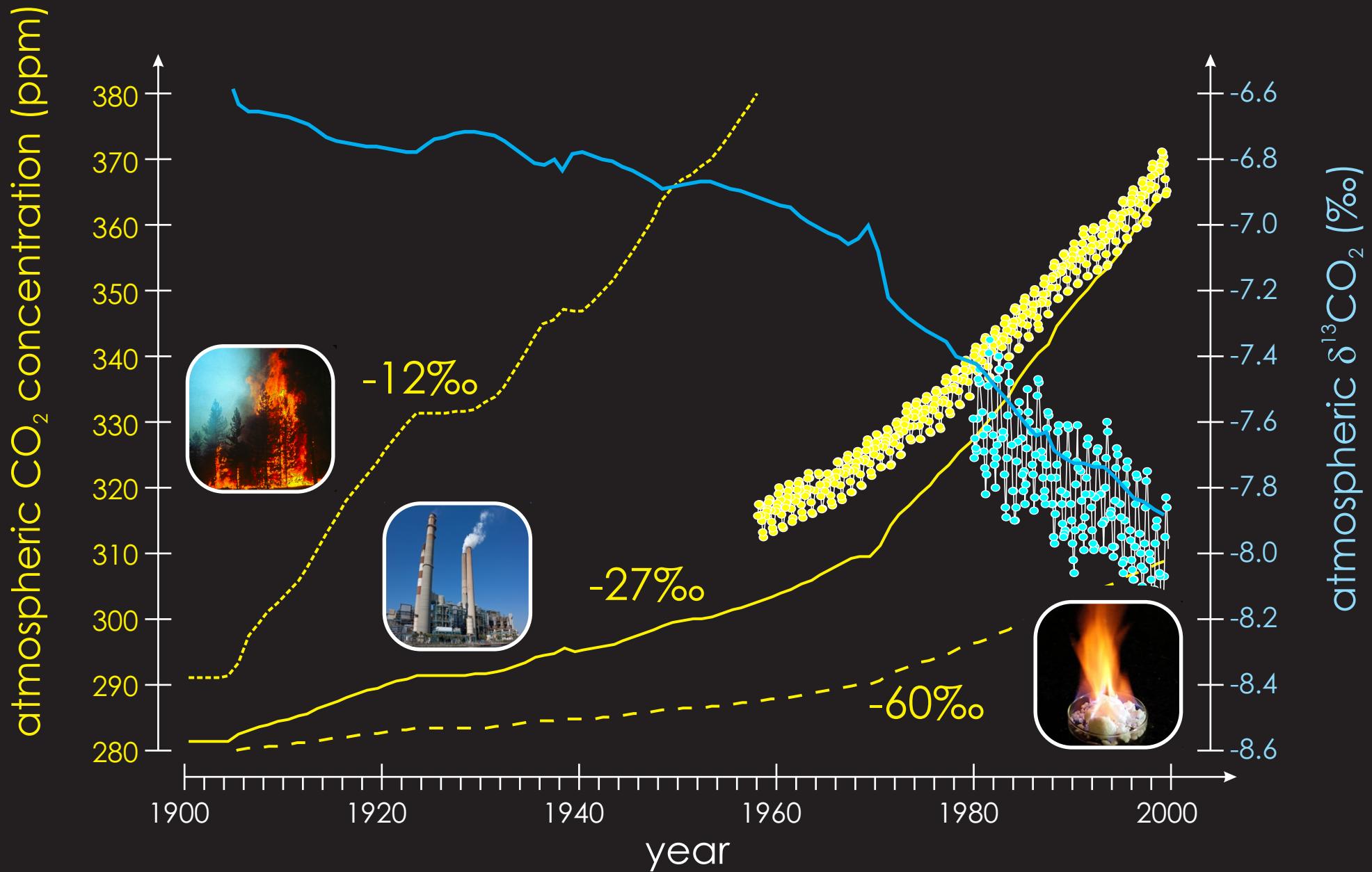




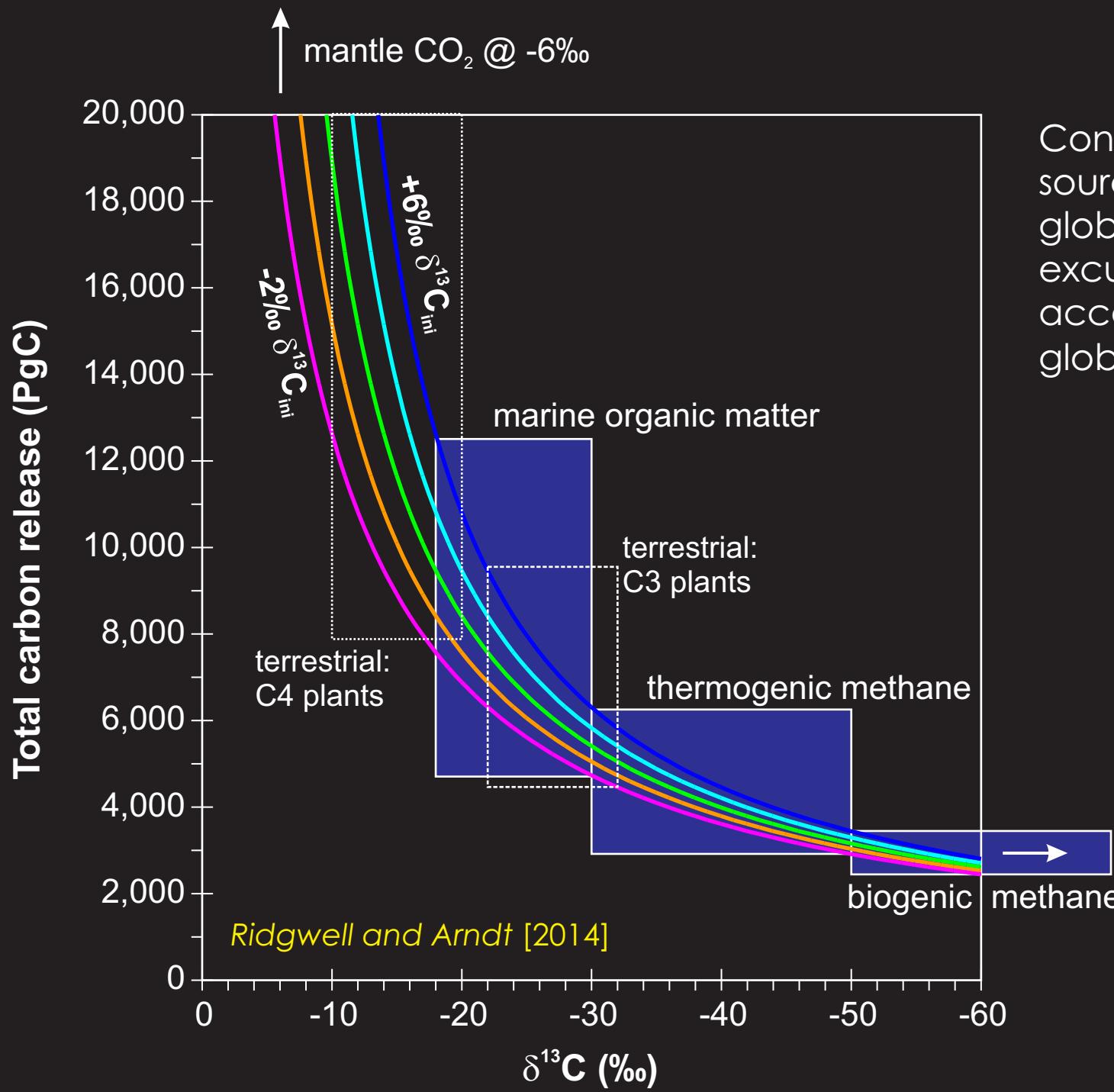
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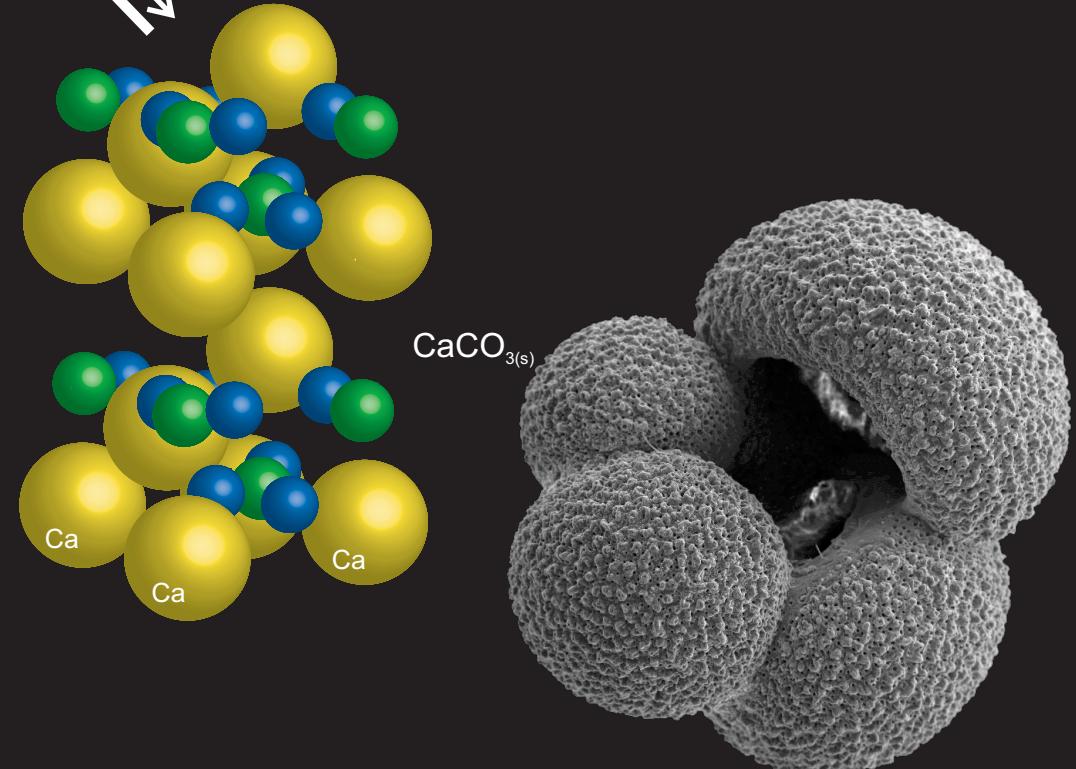
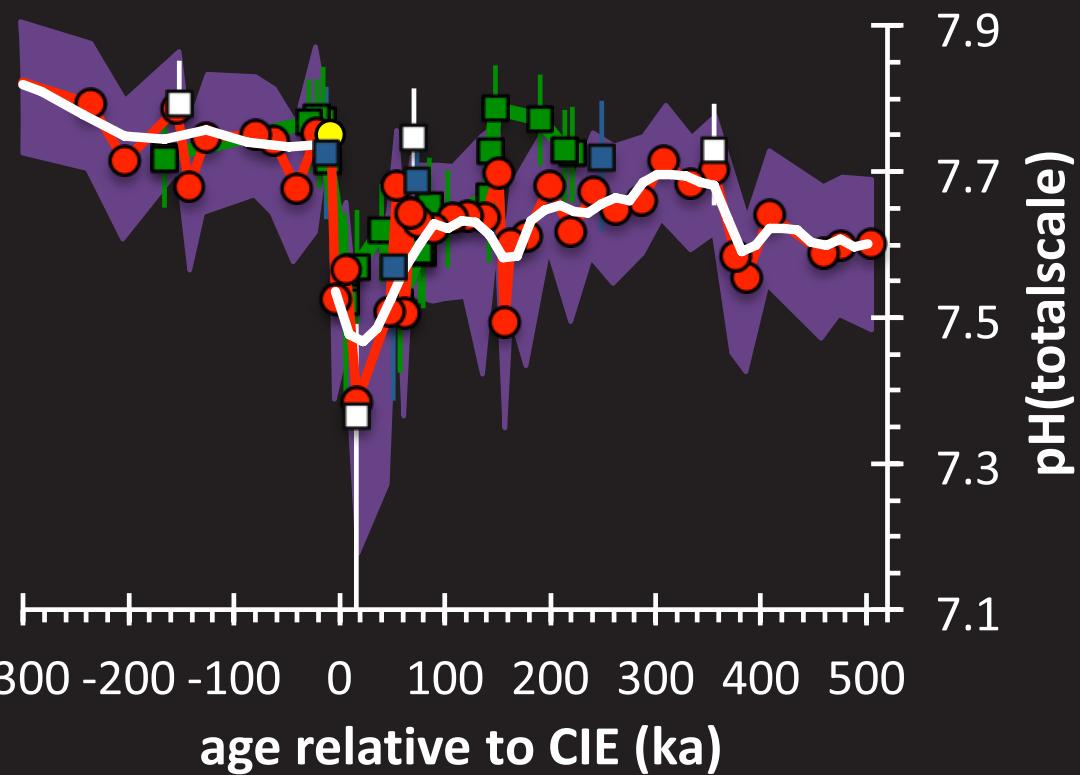
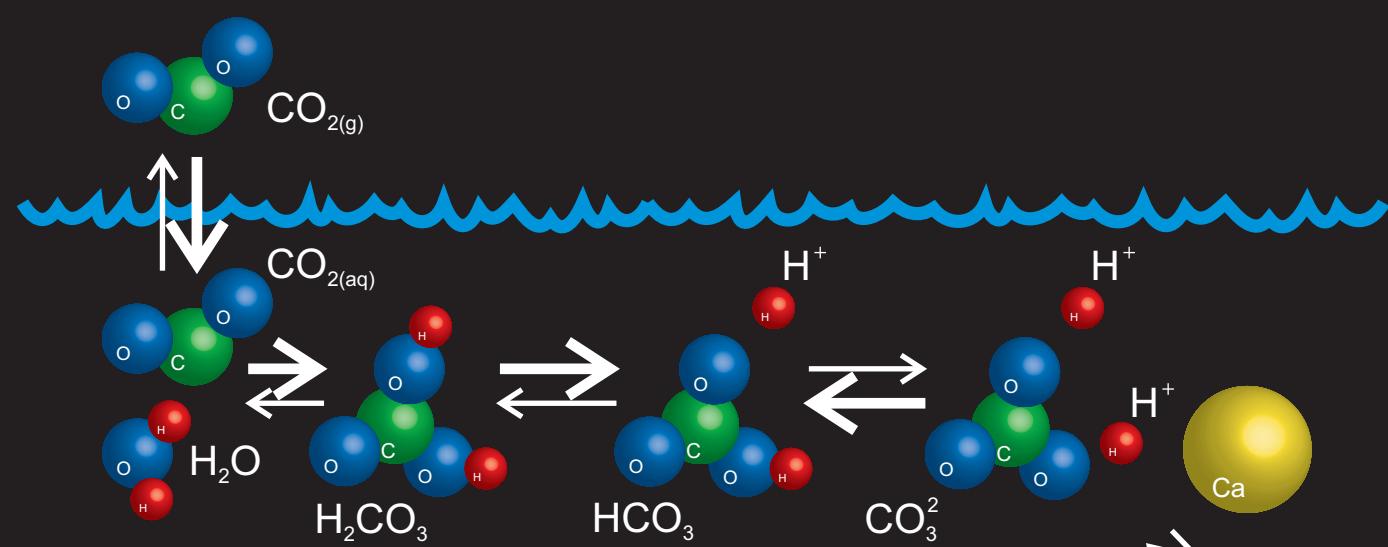


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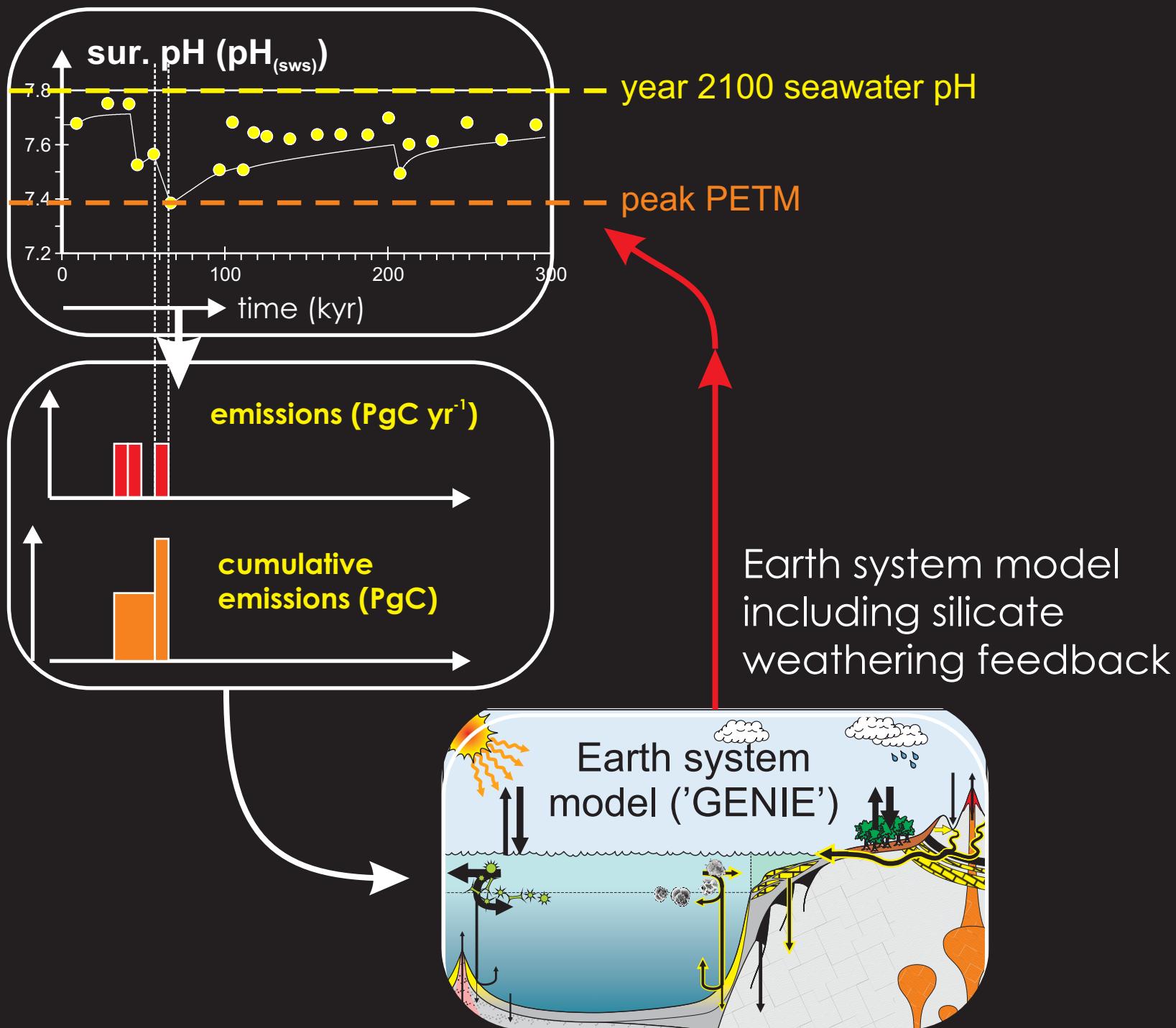


Contours of carbon release vs. source isotopic signature for a global $-4\text{\textperthousand}$ carbon isotopic excursion. Contours differ according to the initial mean global $\delta^{13}\text{C}$.

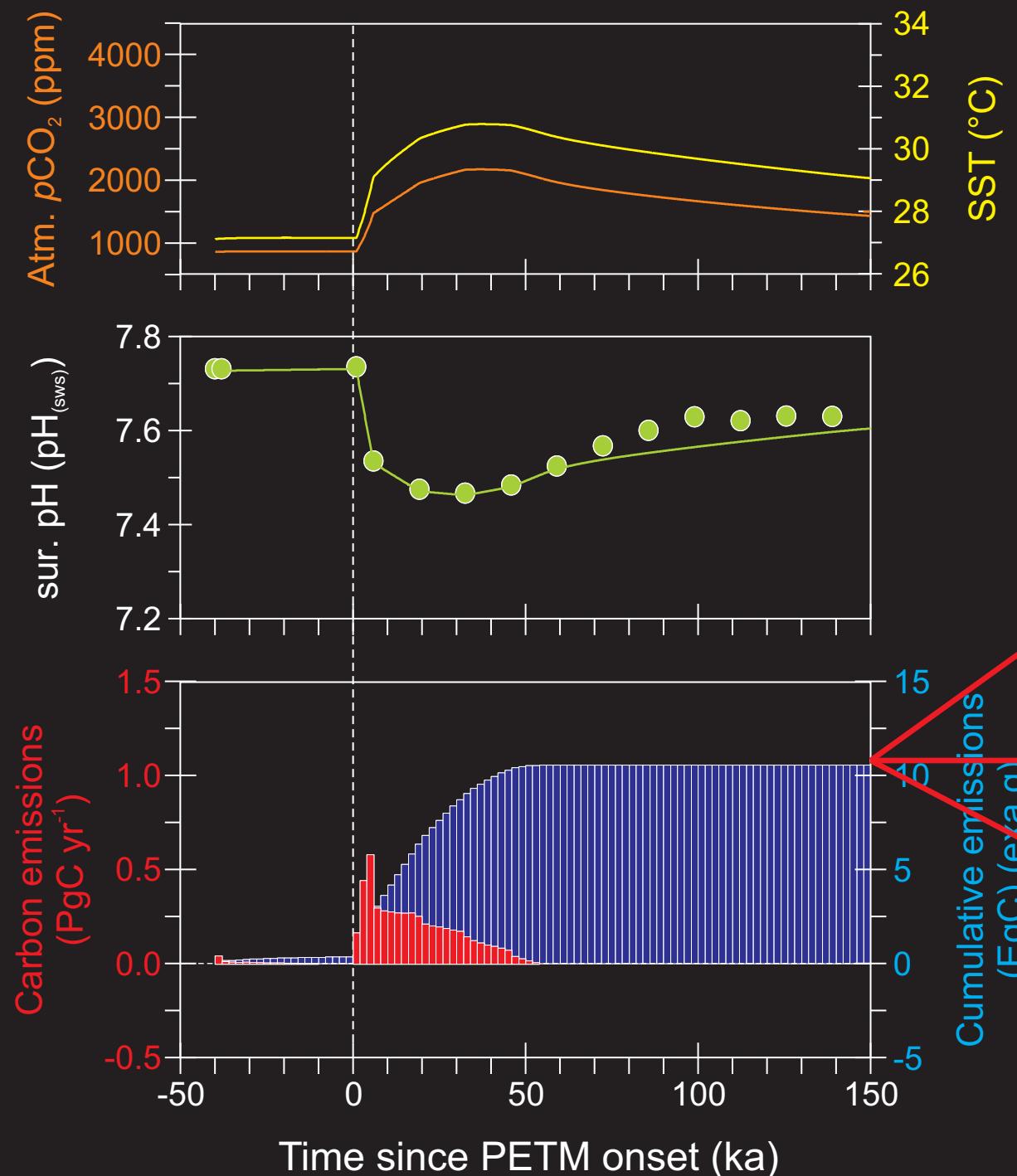
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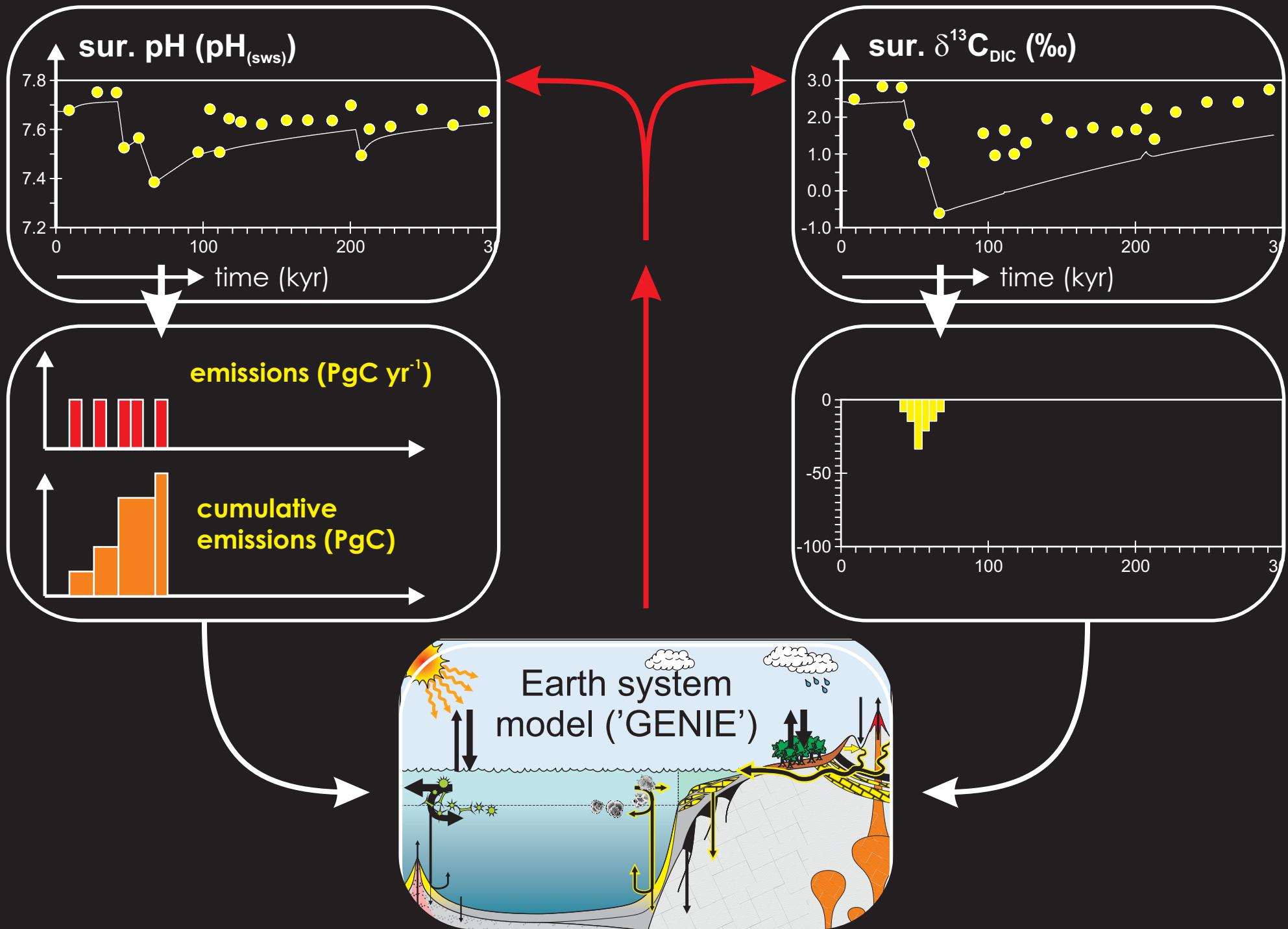
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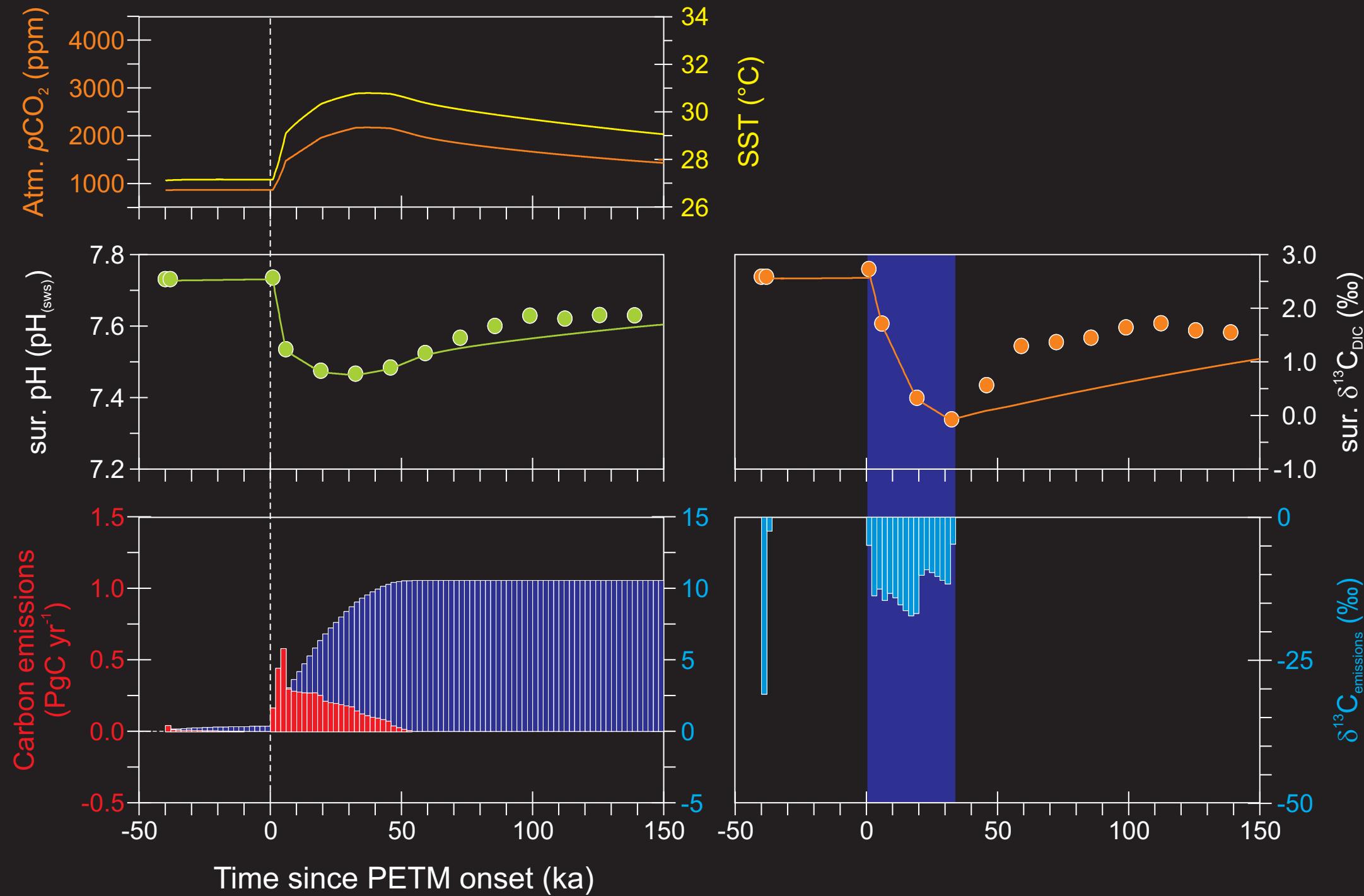
Cumulative emissions
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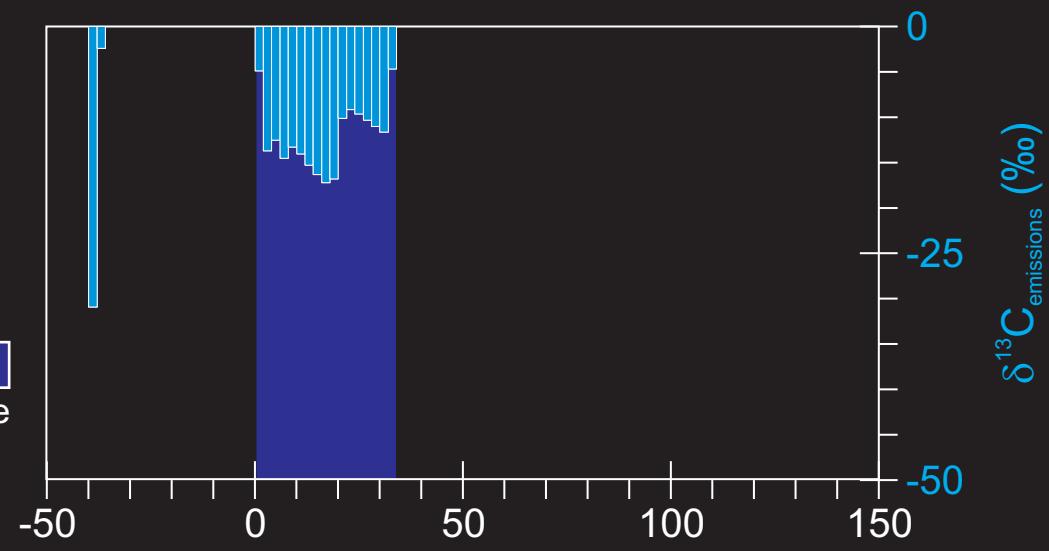
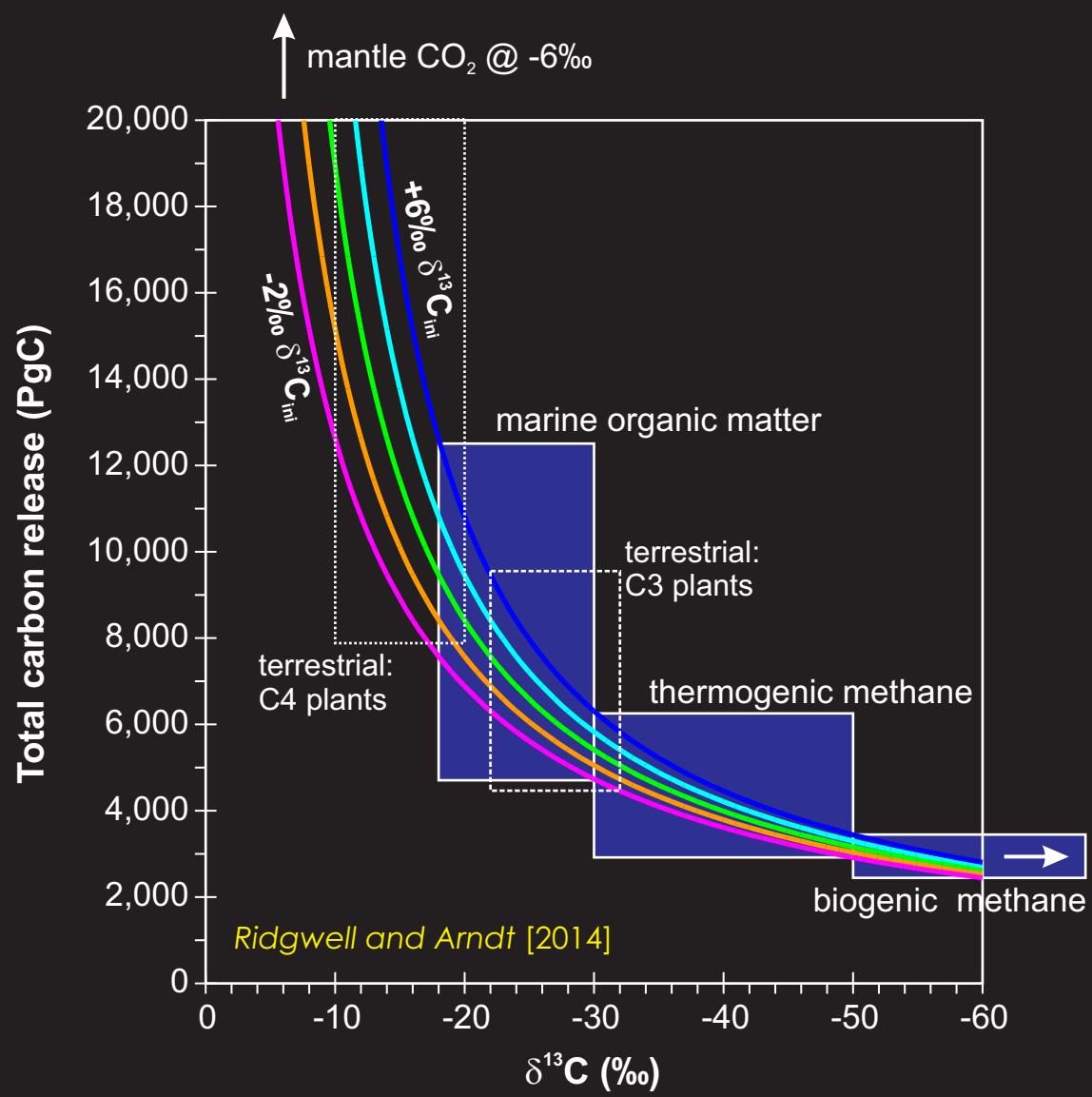
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One can write (*Kump and Arthur [1999], Chem. Geol.*):

$$F_{\text{Corg}} / (F_{\text{Corg}} + F_{\text{CaCO}_3}) = \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \text{C burial ratio}$$

$$(\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{obs}} - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{input}}) / (\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CaCO}_3} - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{Corg}})$$

observed (recorded) carbonate $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ -5.0 25.0



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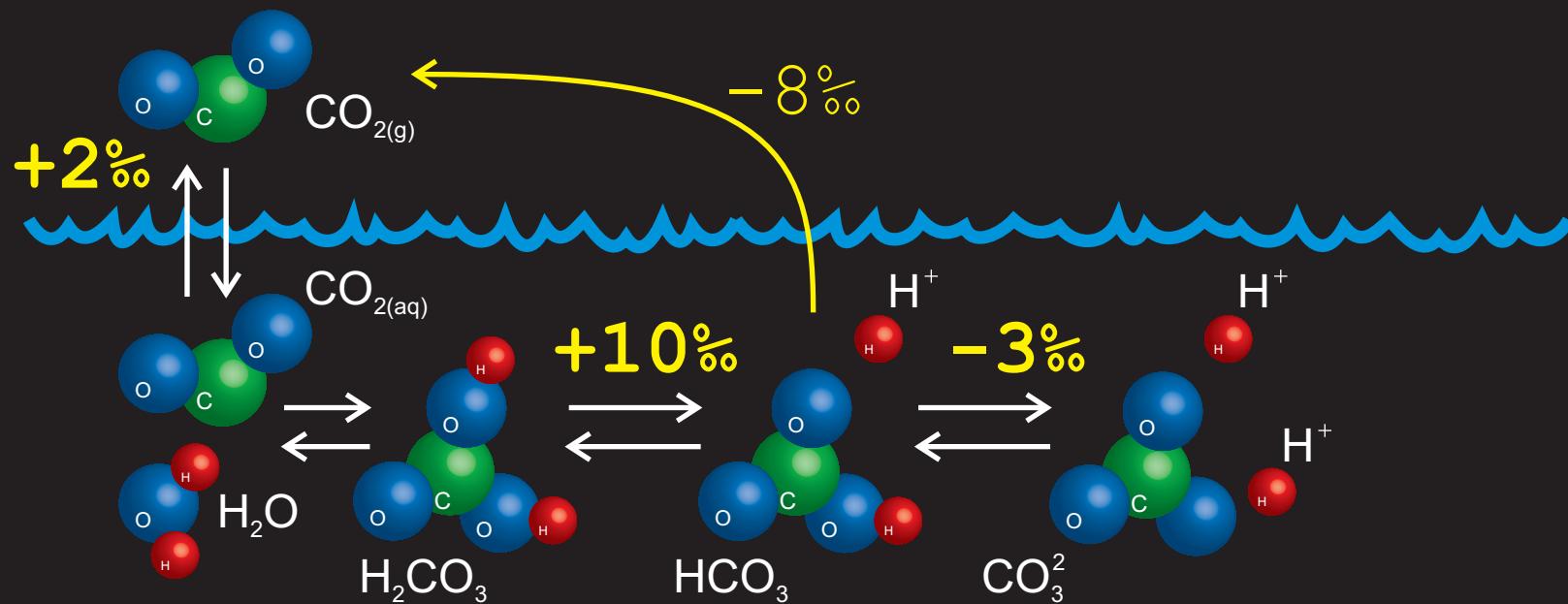


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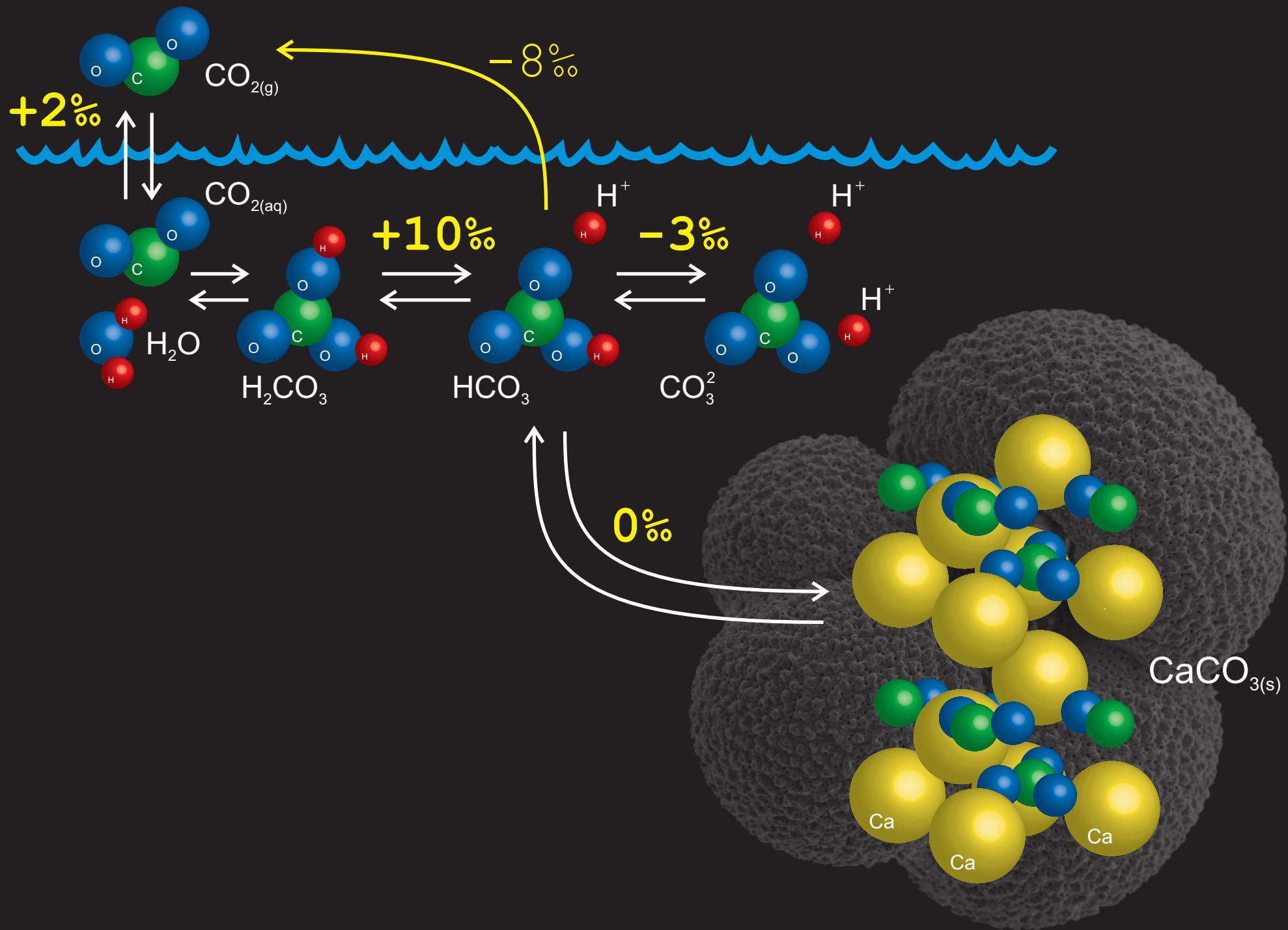
pH-driven re-partitioning of the where the isotopic composition
of the mean surficial reservoir is held
(and what carbonate samples)

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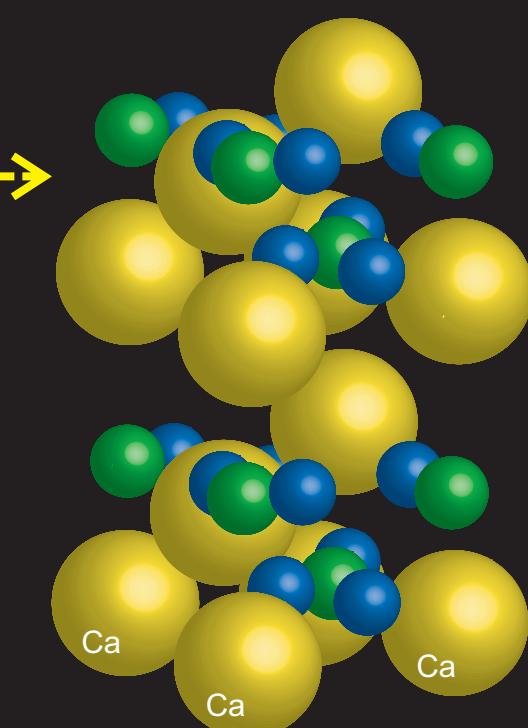
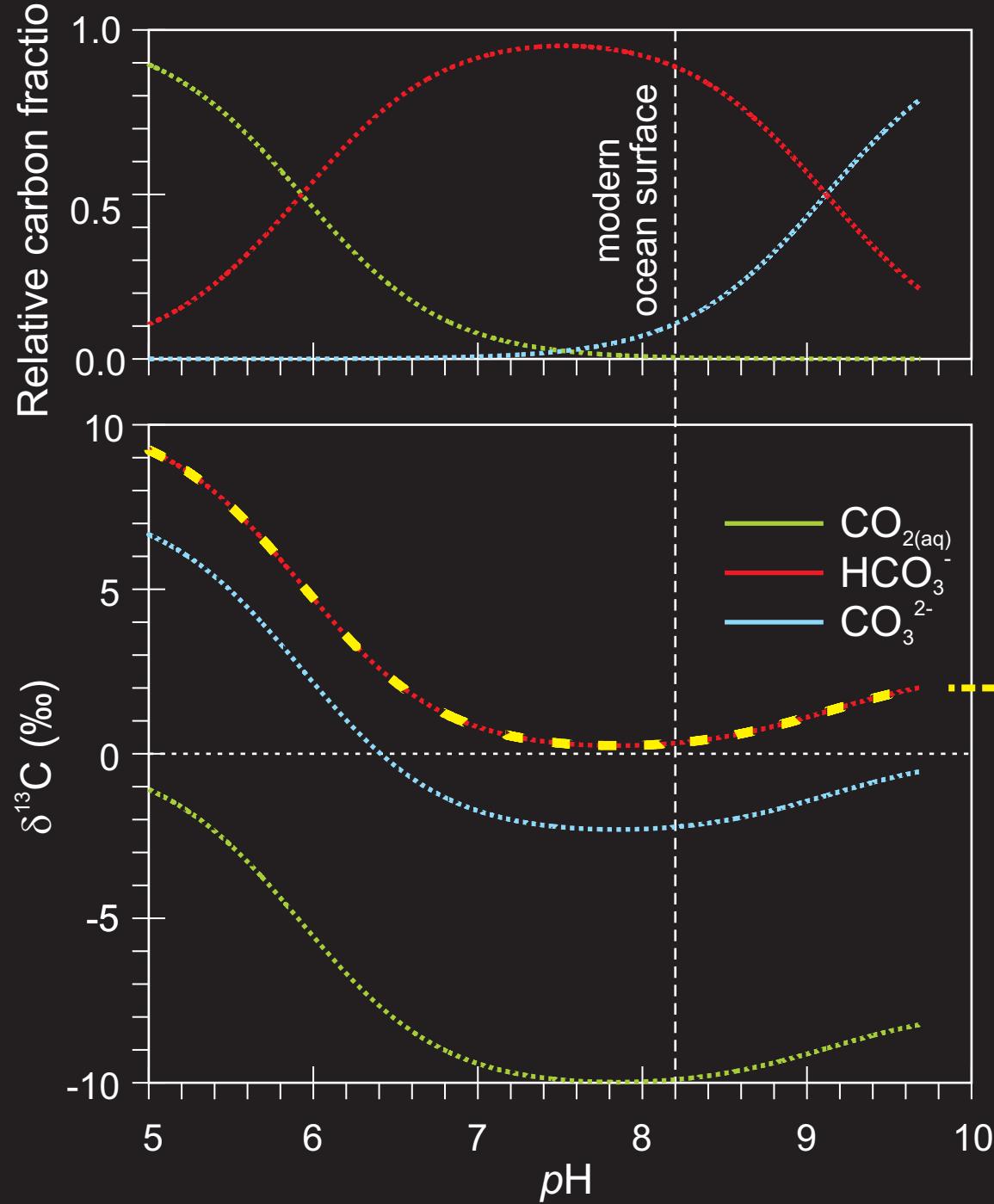
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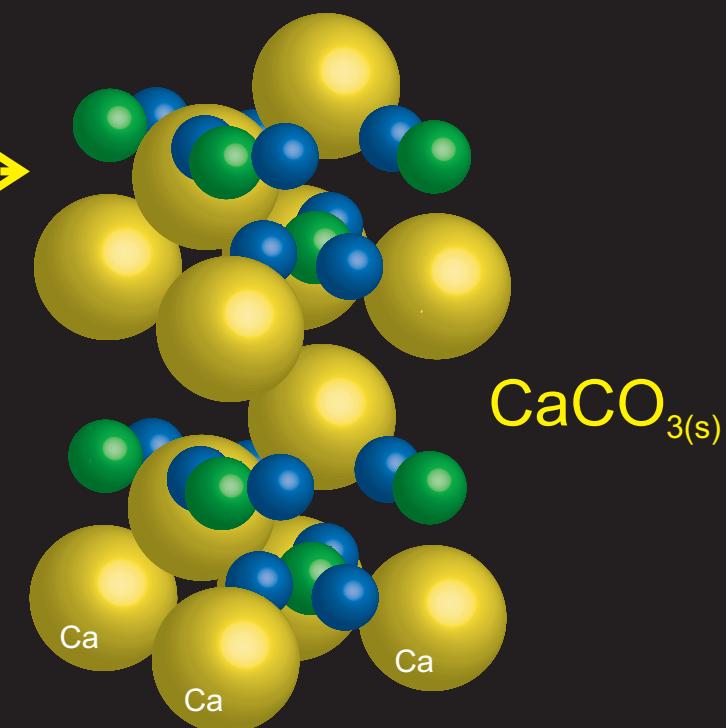
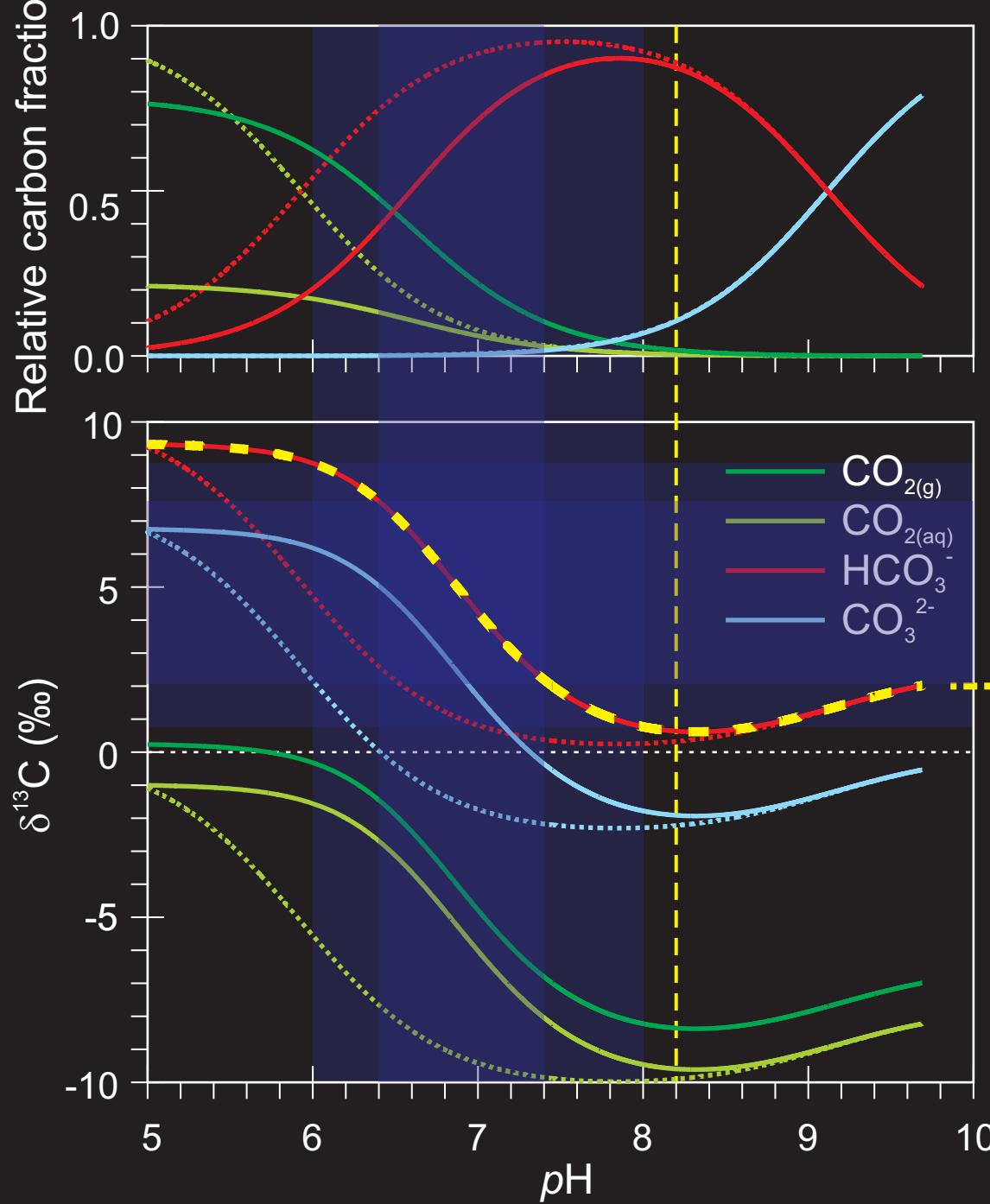


Aqueous (only) system behavior (of carbon partitioning between reservoirs)





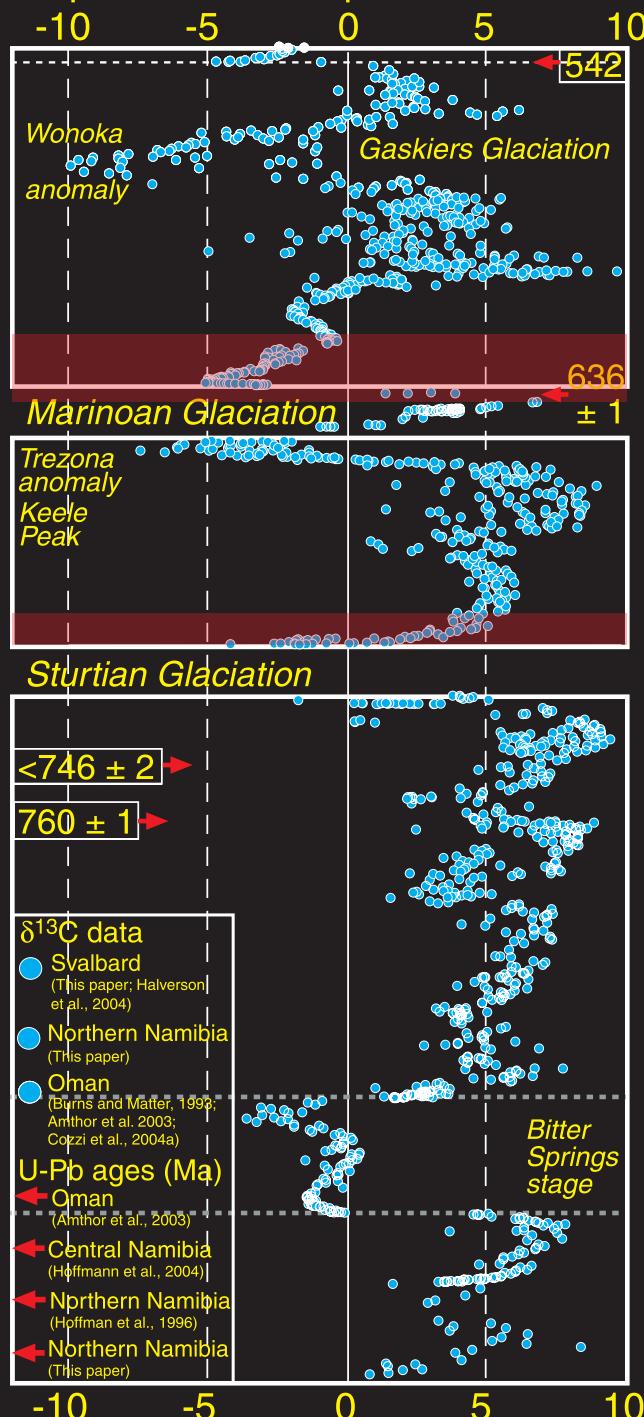
Including partitioning of carbon to atmosphere



Numerical modelling – Results



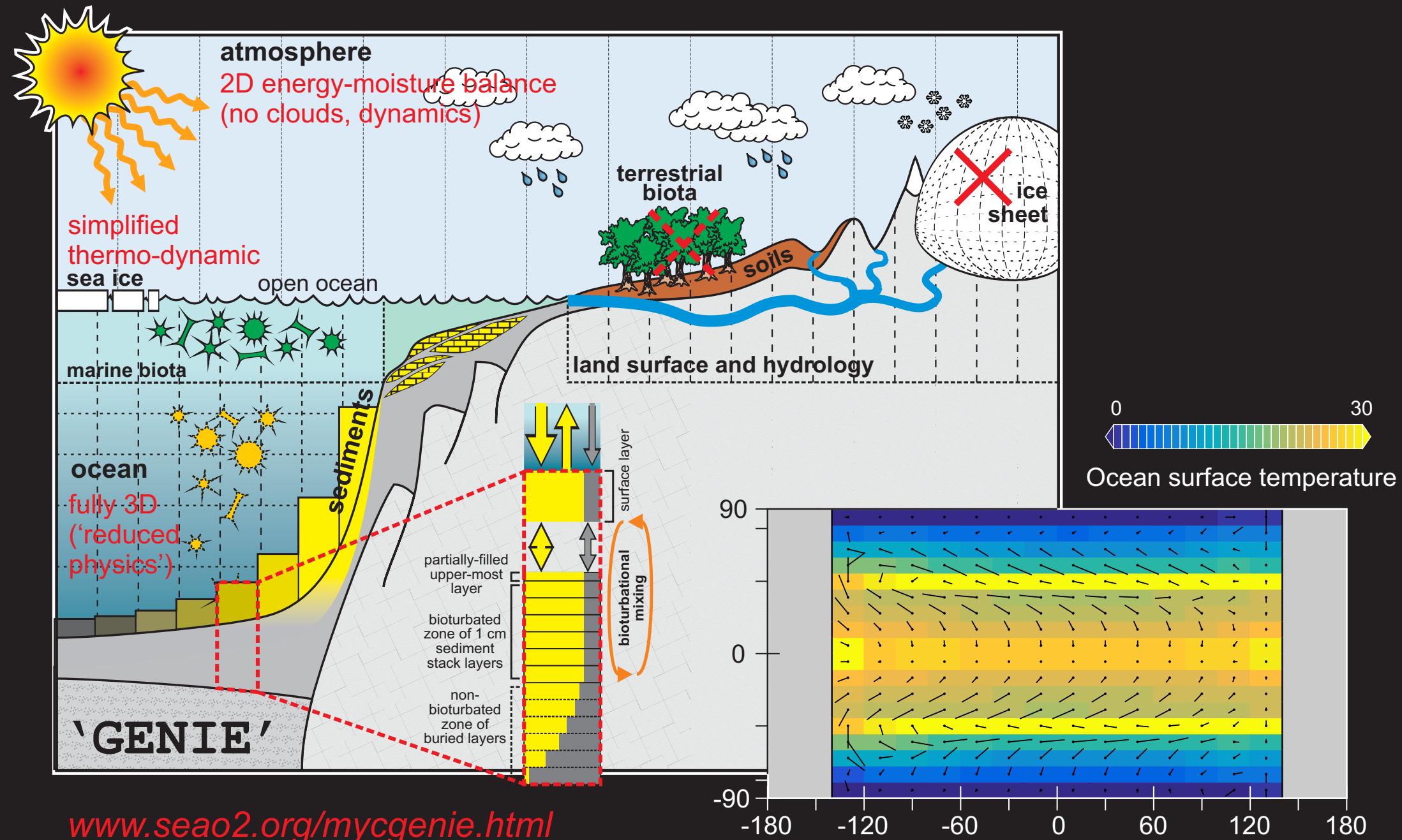
Neoproterozoic composite $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ record



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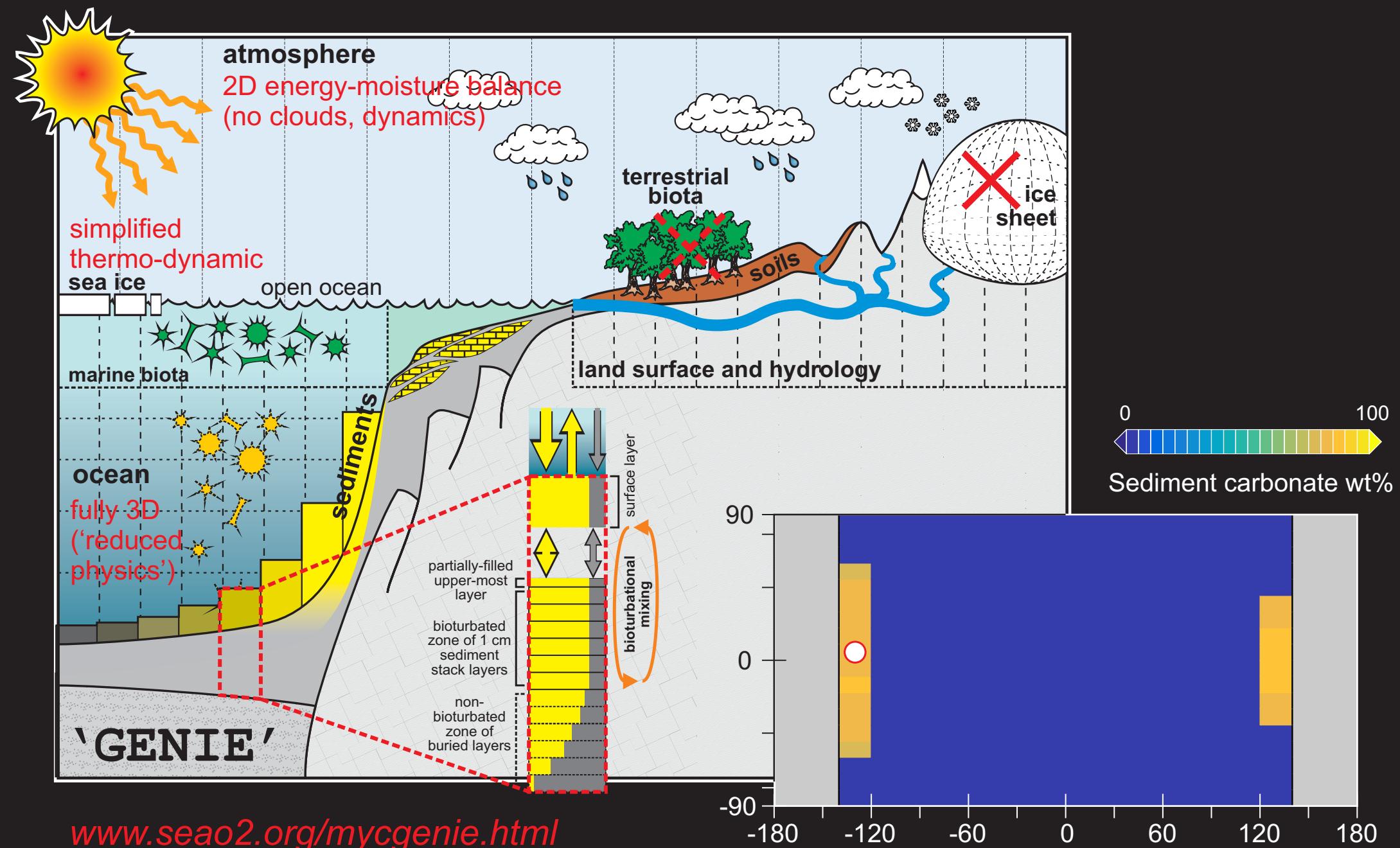


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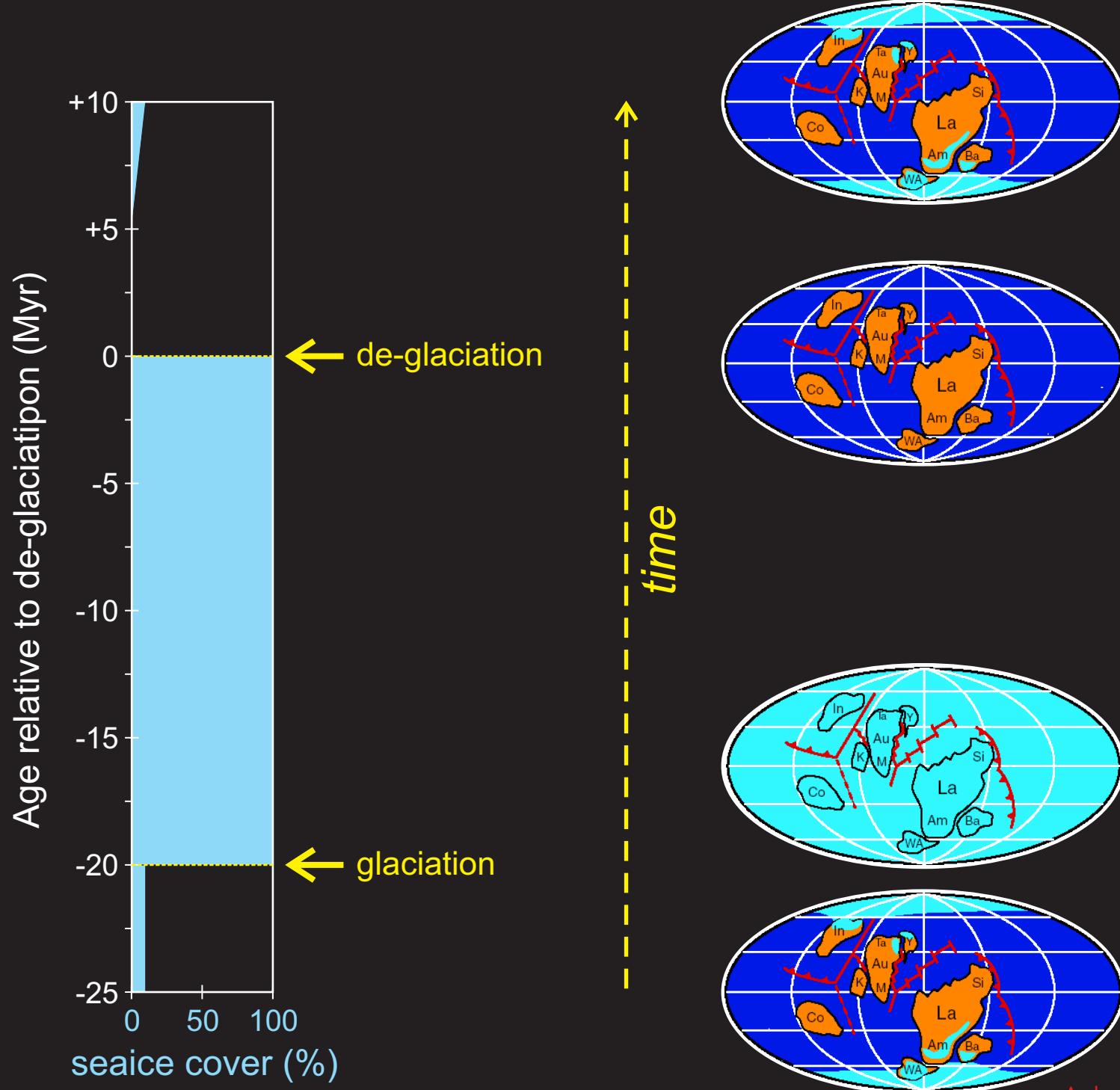




Earth system model – carbon cycle (sedimentary) configuration

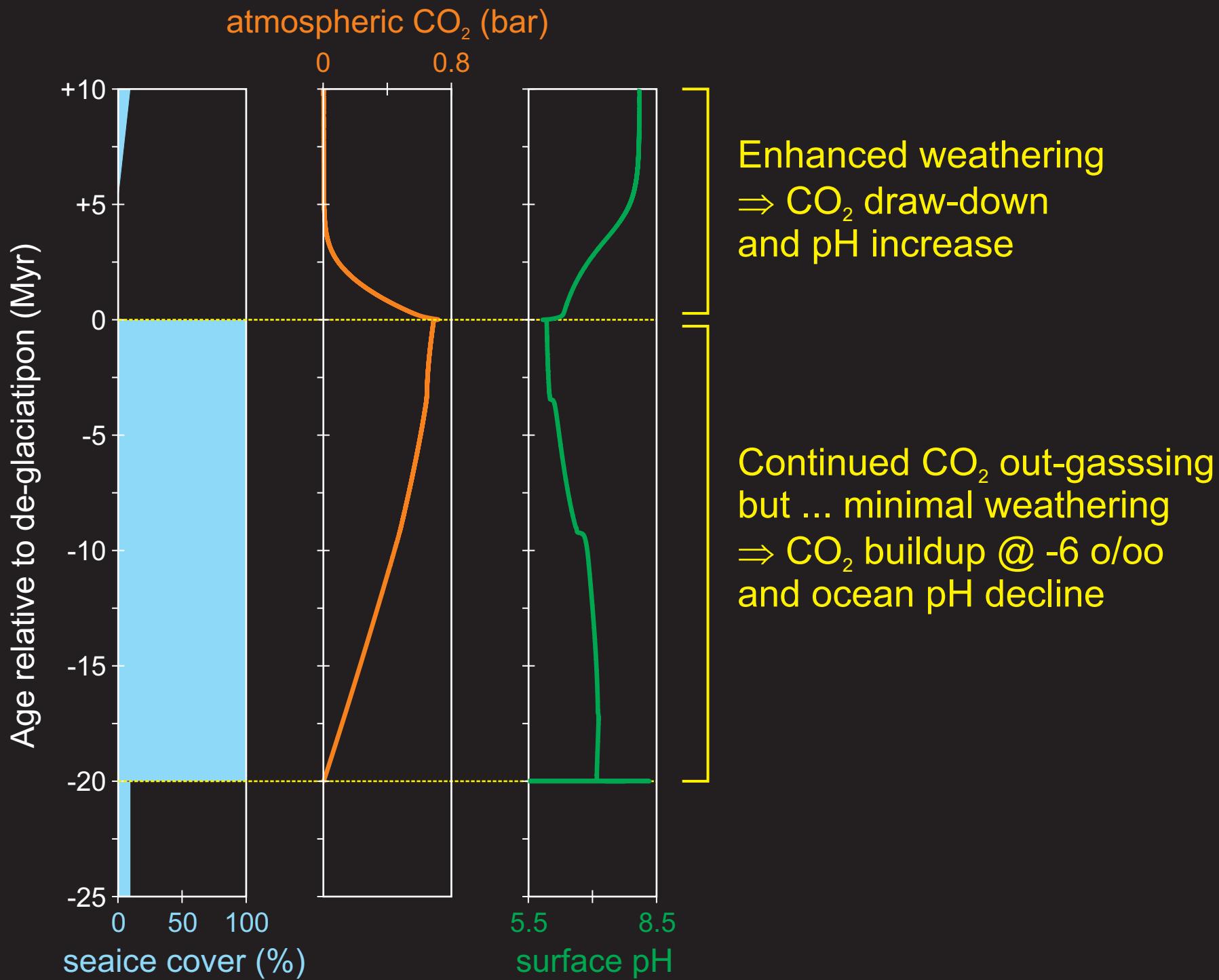


Numerical modelling – Approach

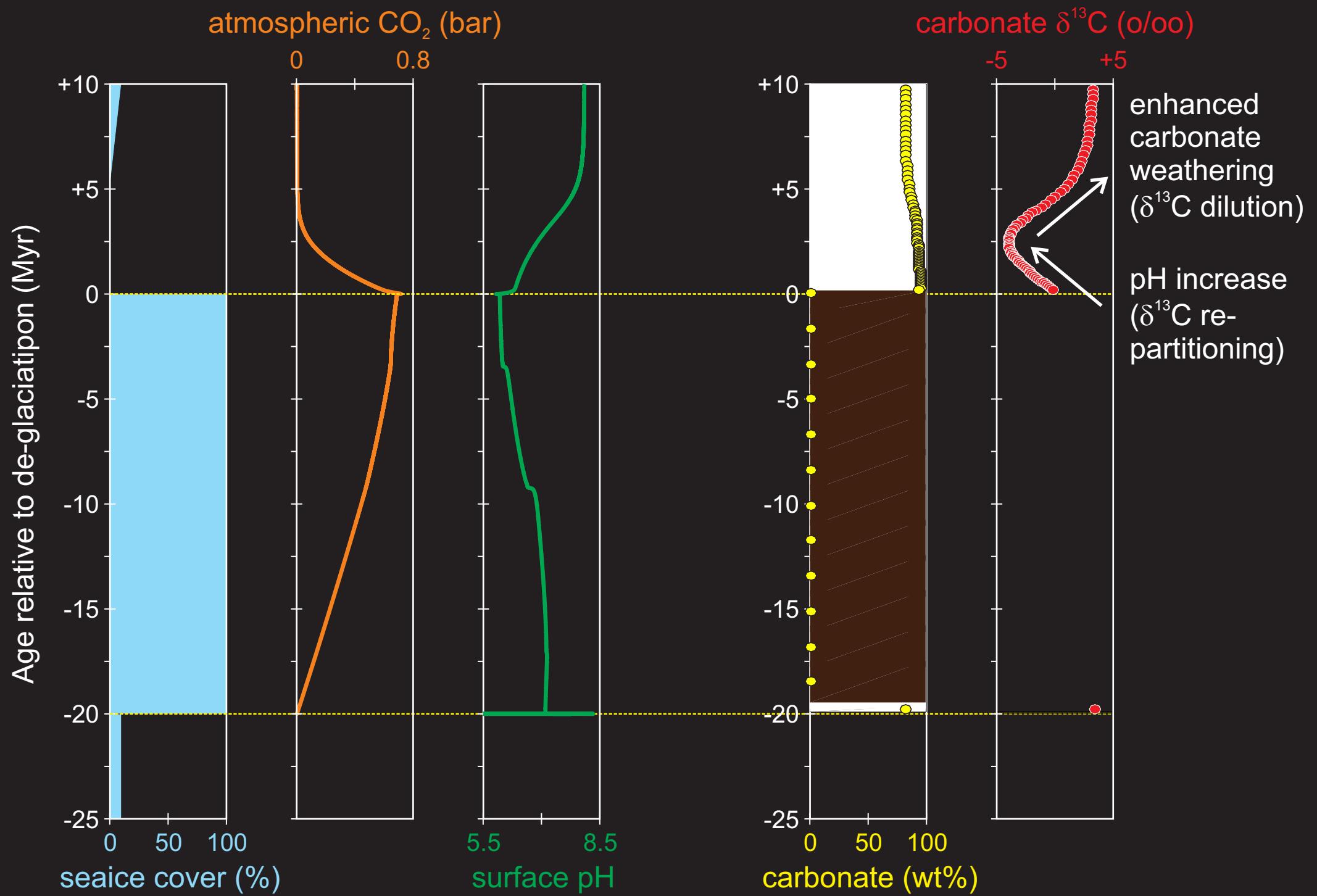


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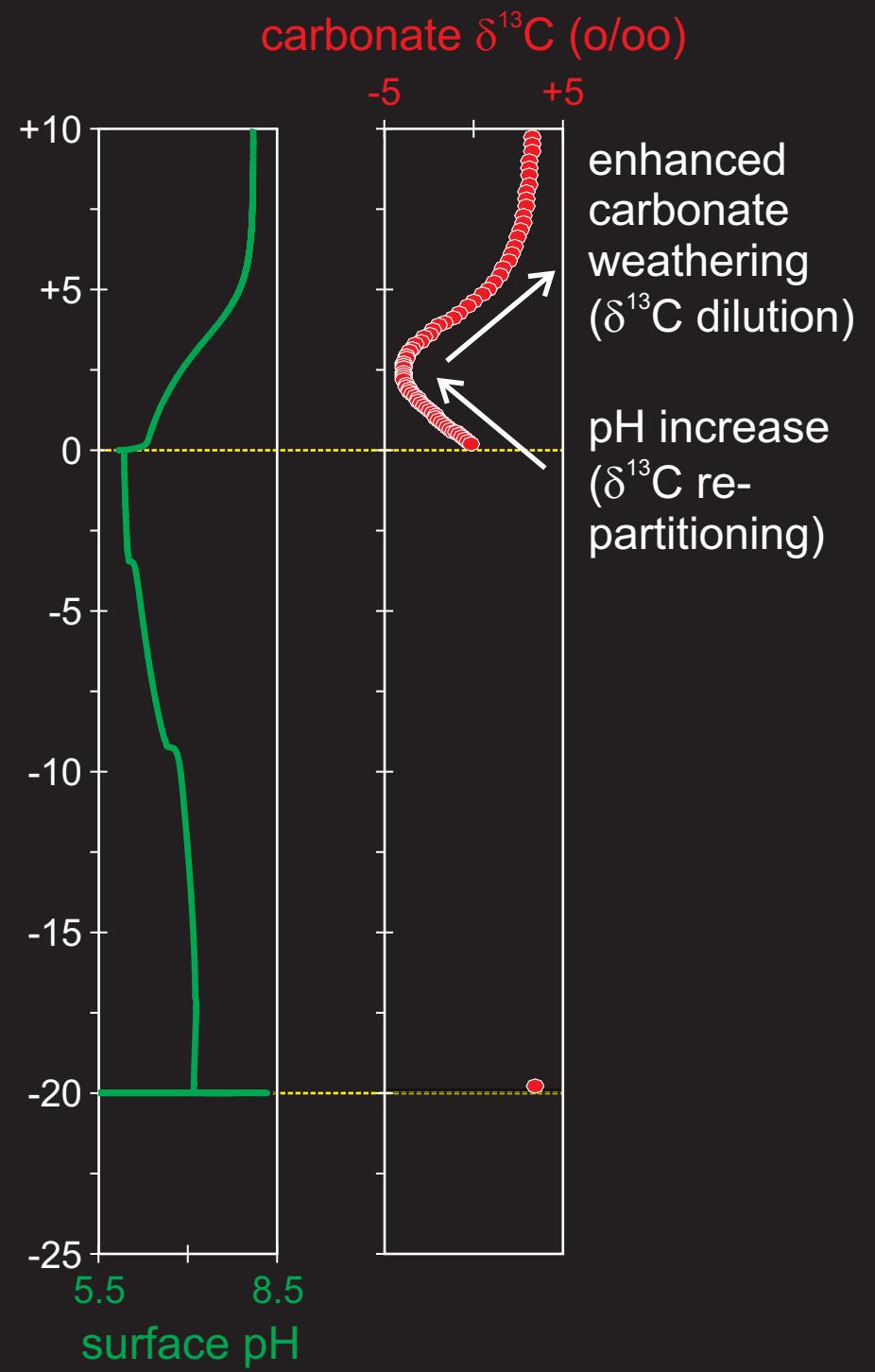
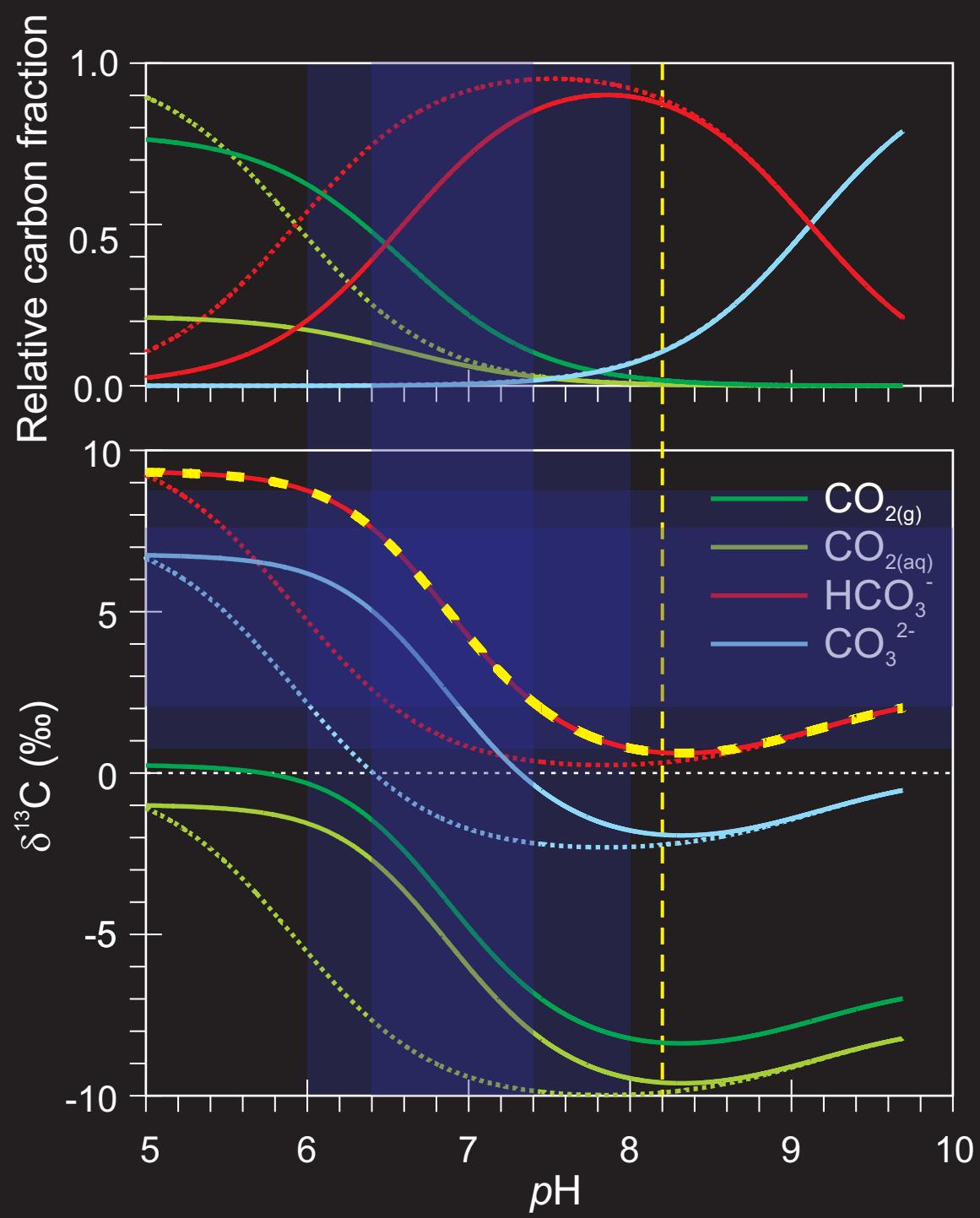
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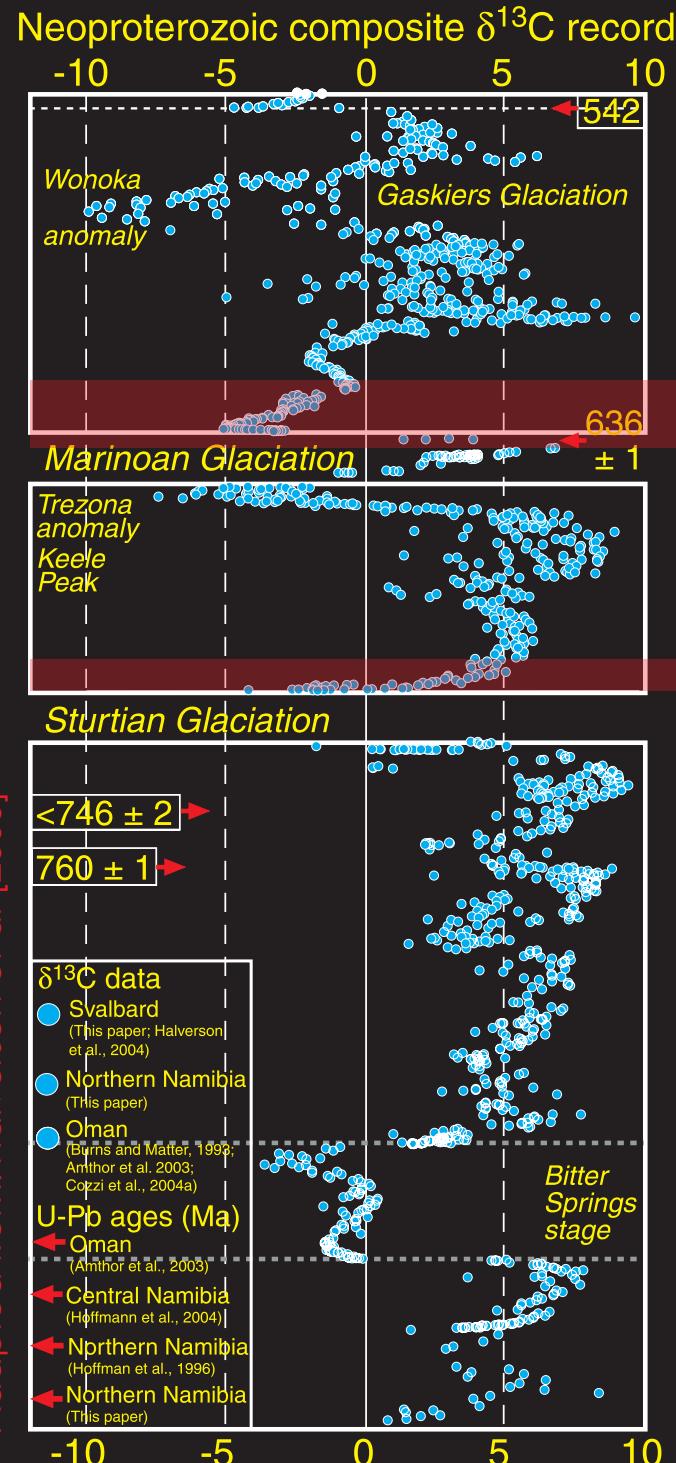
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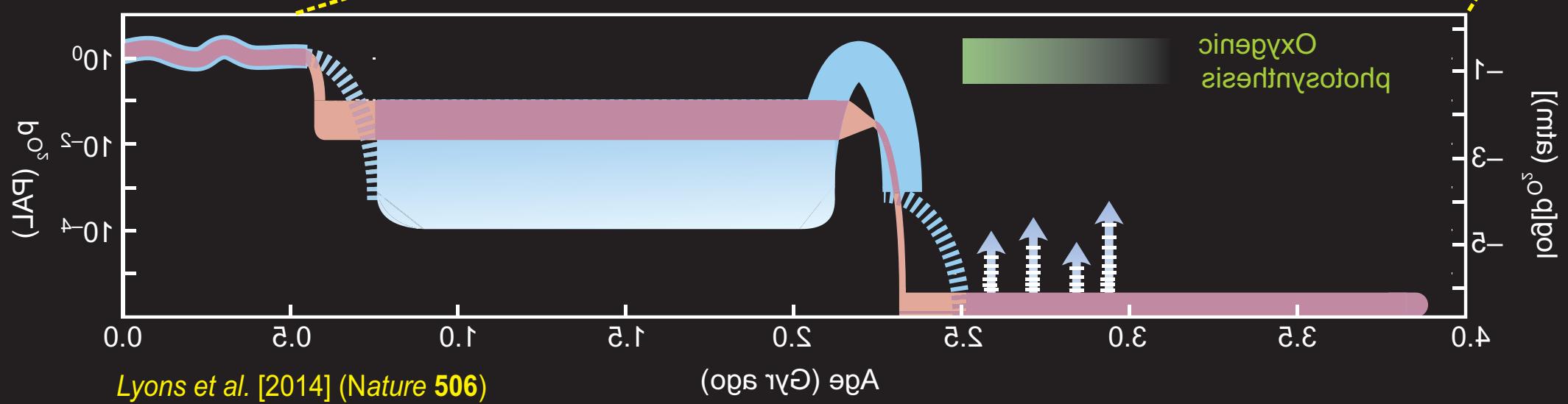
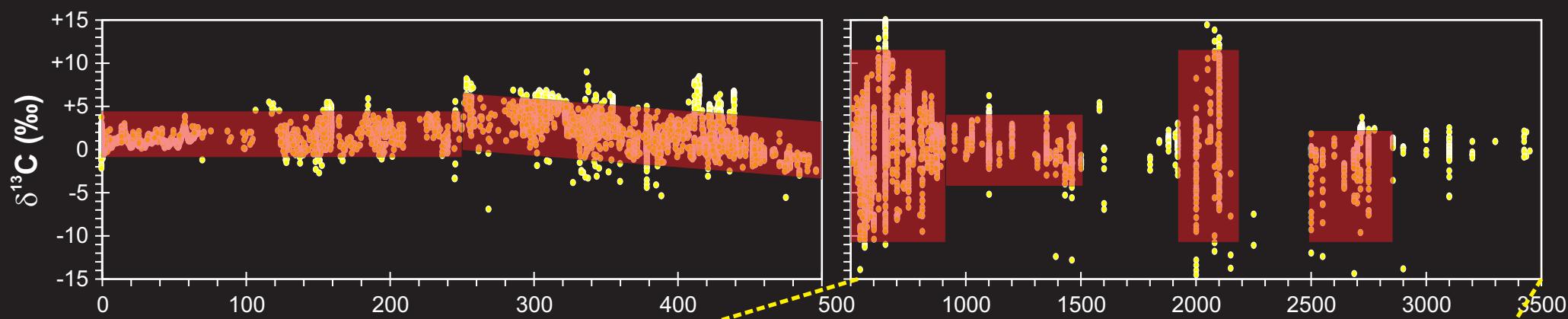
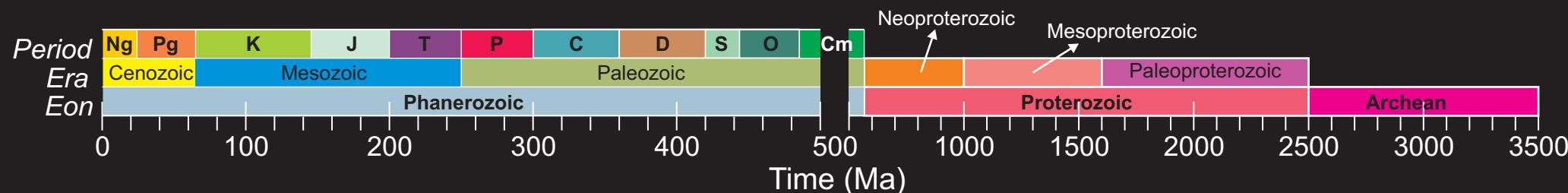
enhanced
carbonate
weathering
($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ dilution)

pH increase
($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ re-
partitioning)

(model simulation on a very differently x/y scale)

Adapted from: Halverson et al. [2005]

Deep-time inferences (aka 'speculation')



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