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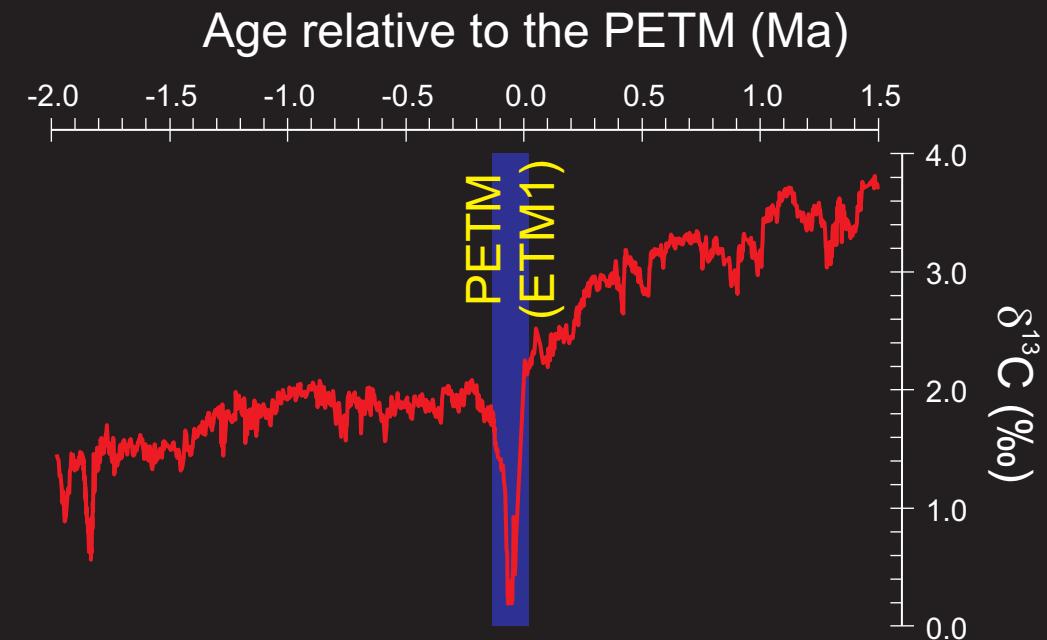
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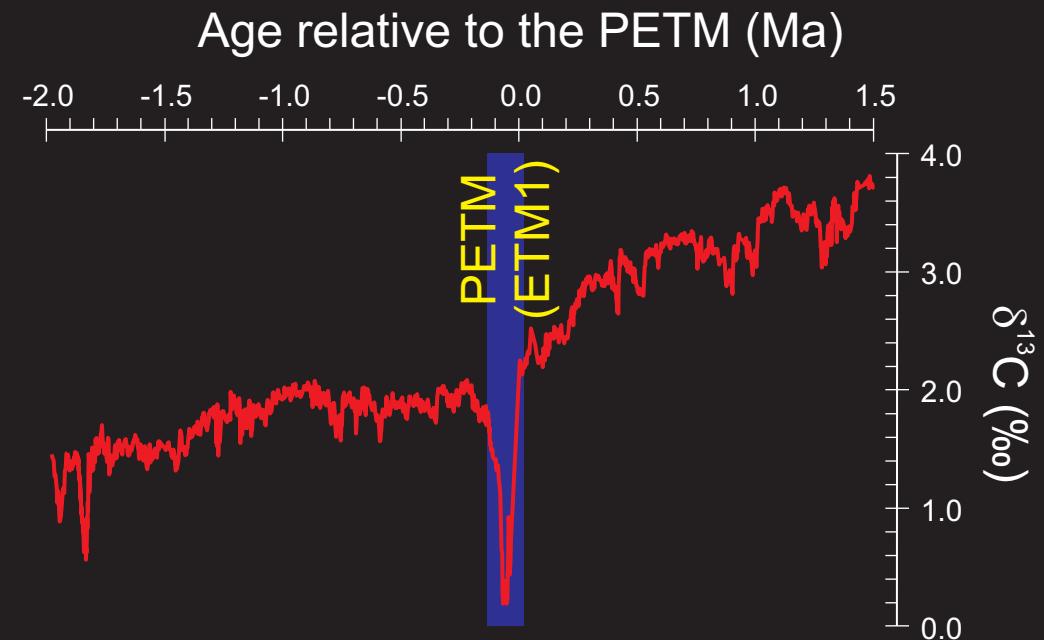
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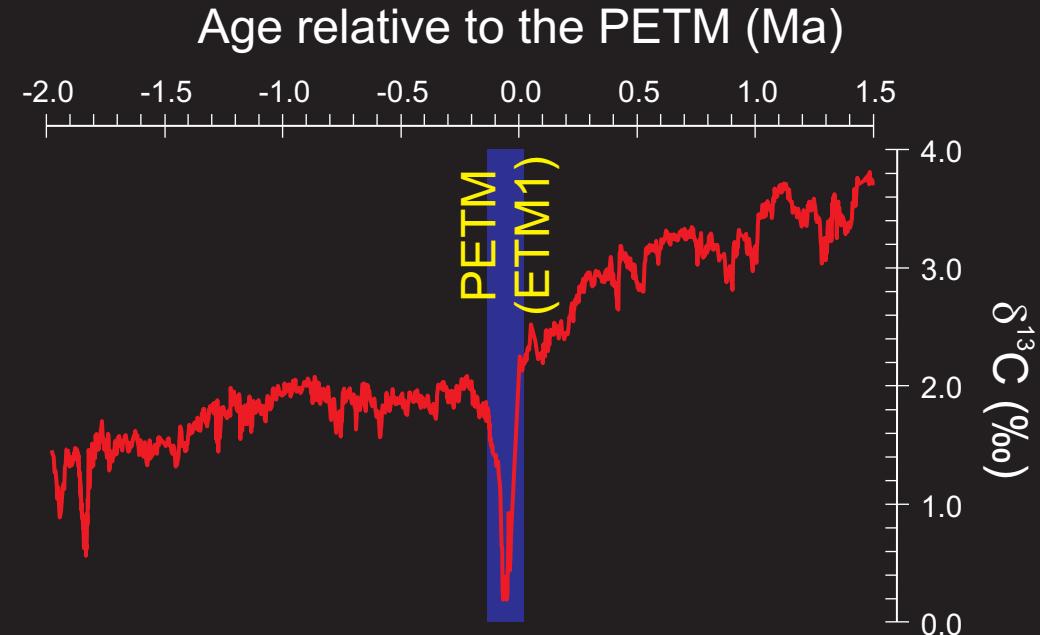
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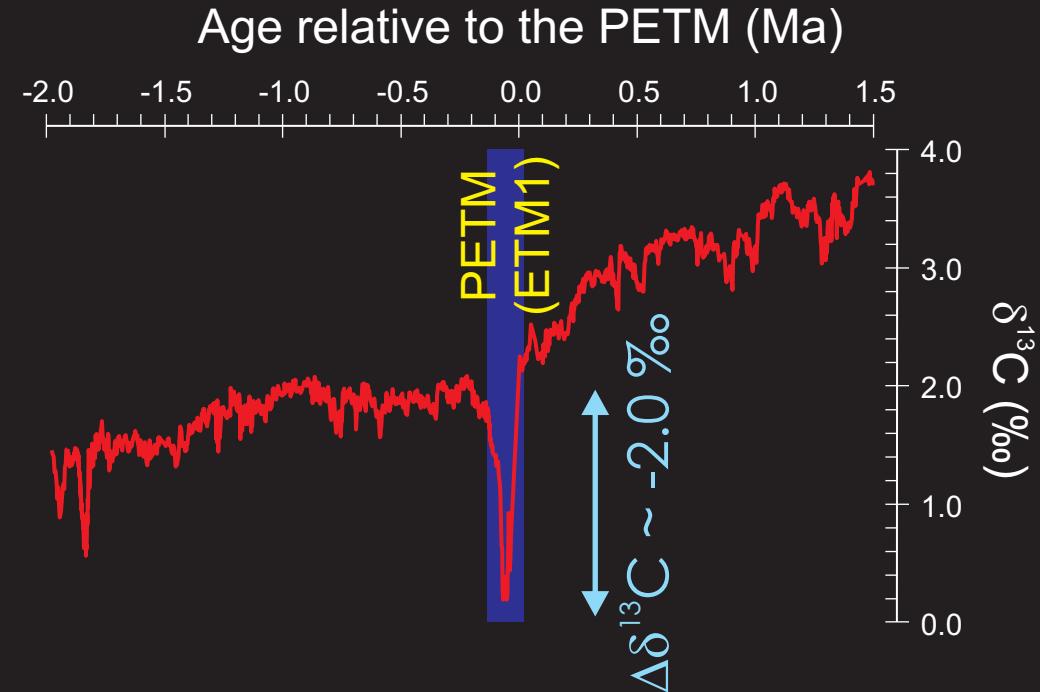
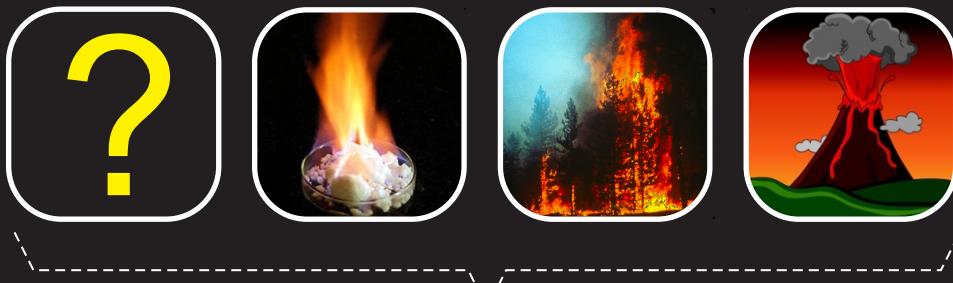
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How much carbon?
(=> infer climate,
ecosystem sensitivity etc.)



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By simple mass balance, the size of an isotopic excursion is:

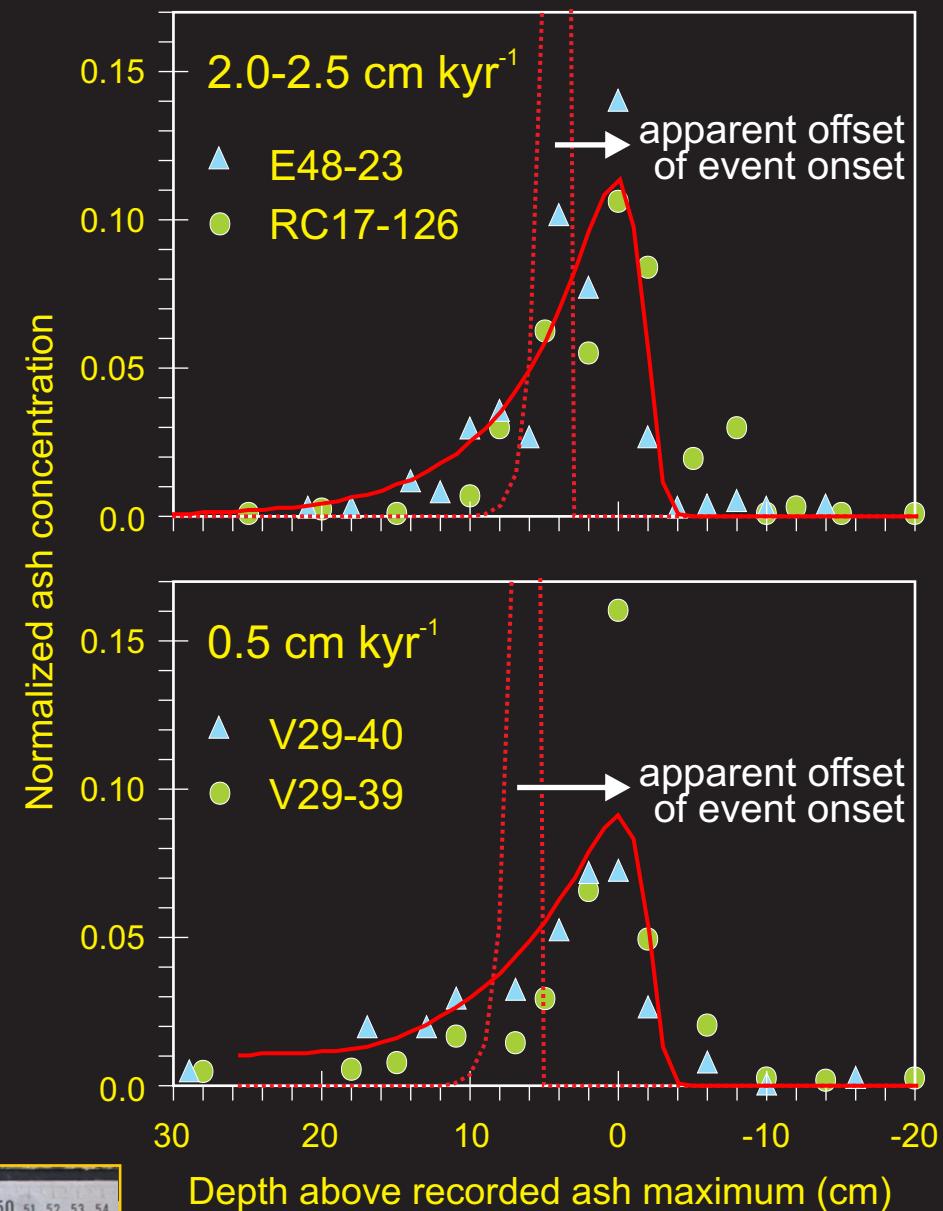
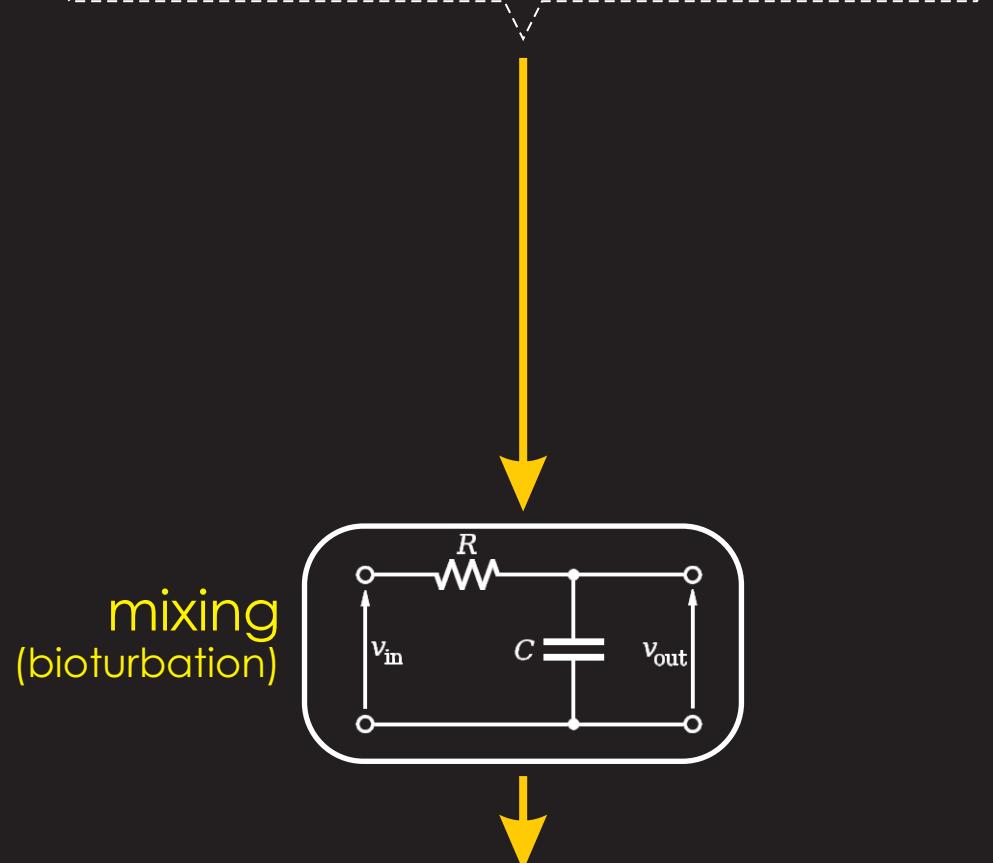
$$\Delta \delta^{13}\text{C} \sim \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{new}} \times \Delta M_{\text{new}} / (M_{\text{old}} + \Delta M_{\text{new}})$$

where ΔM_{new} is the mass added, $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{new}}$ is its isotopic signature, and M_{old} is the original total mass of 'exchangeable' carbon. Or:

$$\Delta M_{\text{new}} \sim \Delta \delta^{13}\text{C} \times M_{\text{old}} / (\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{old}} + \Delta \delta^{13}\text{C} - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{new}})$$



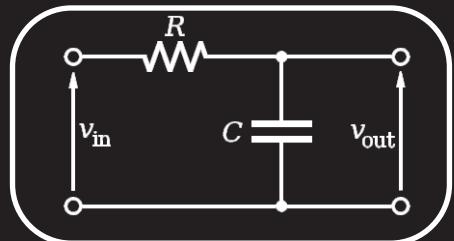
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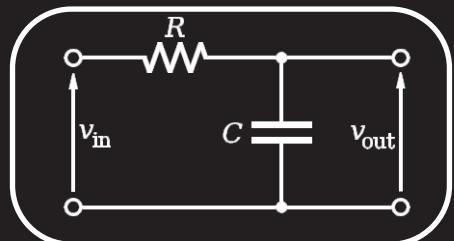
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dissolution
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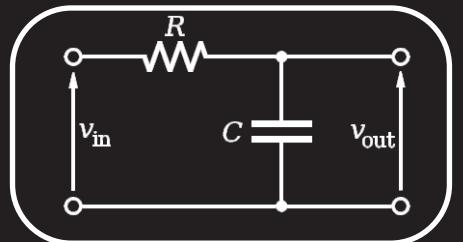
mixing
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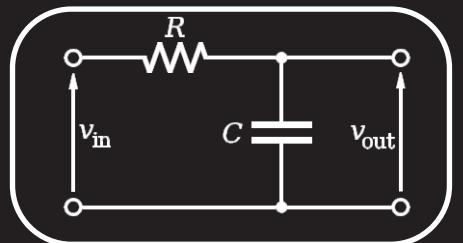
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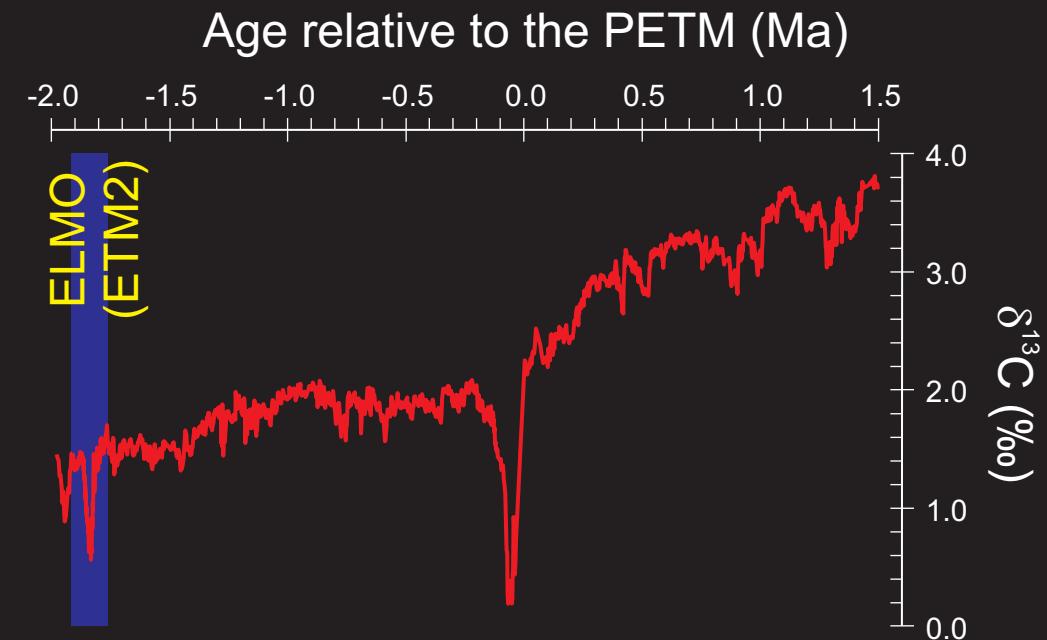
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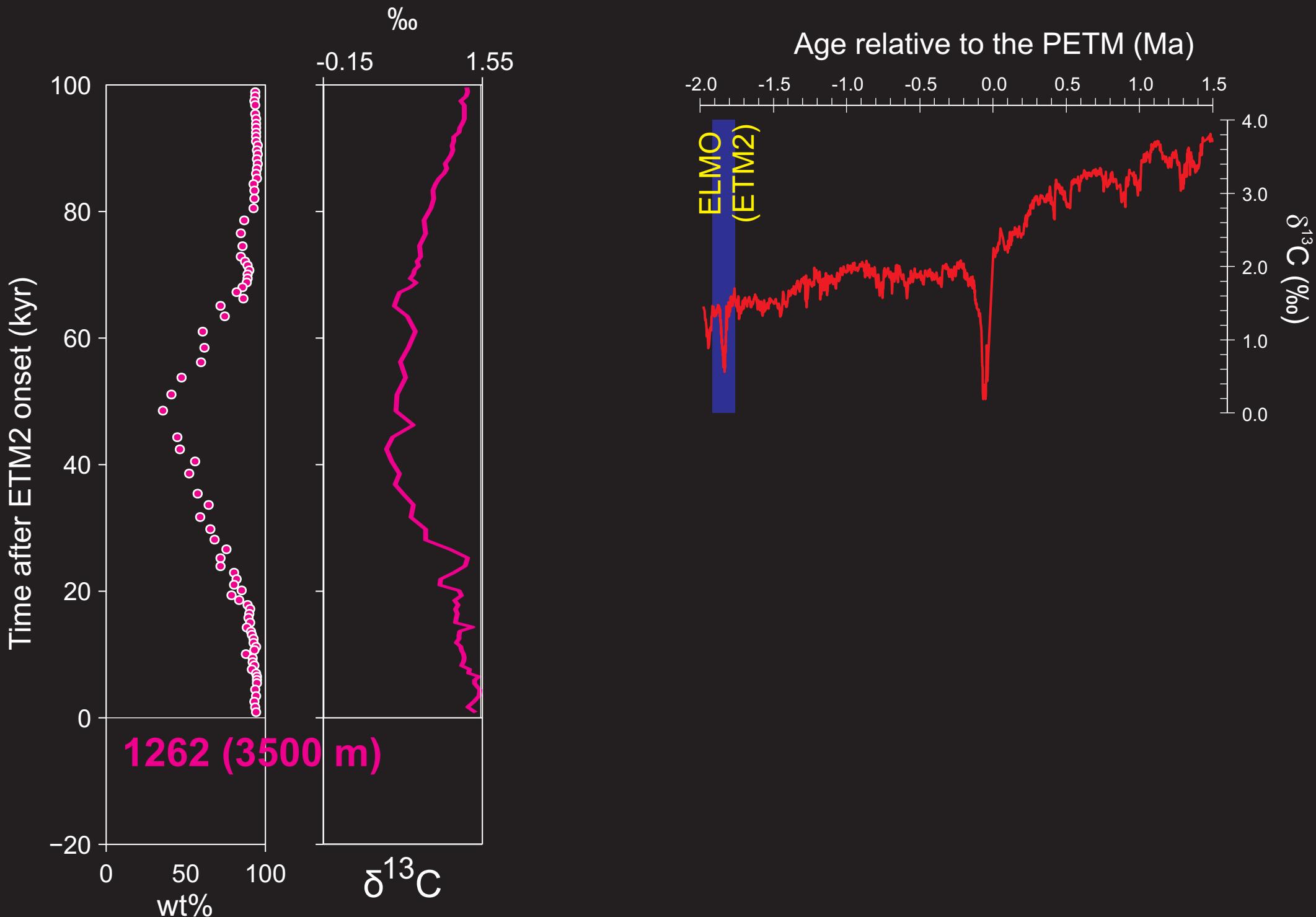
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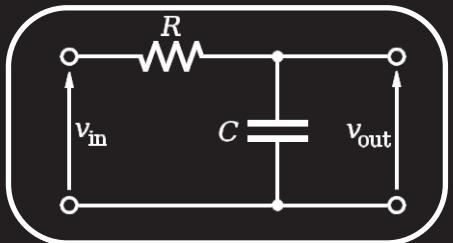


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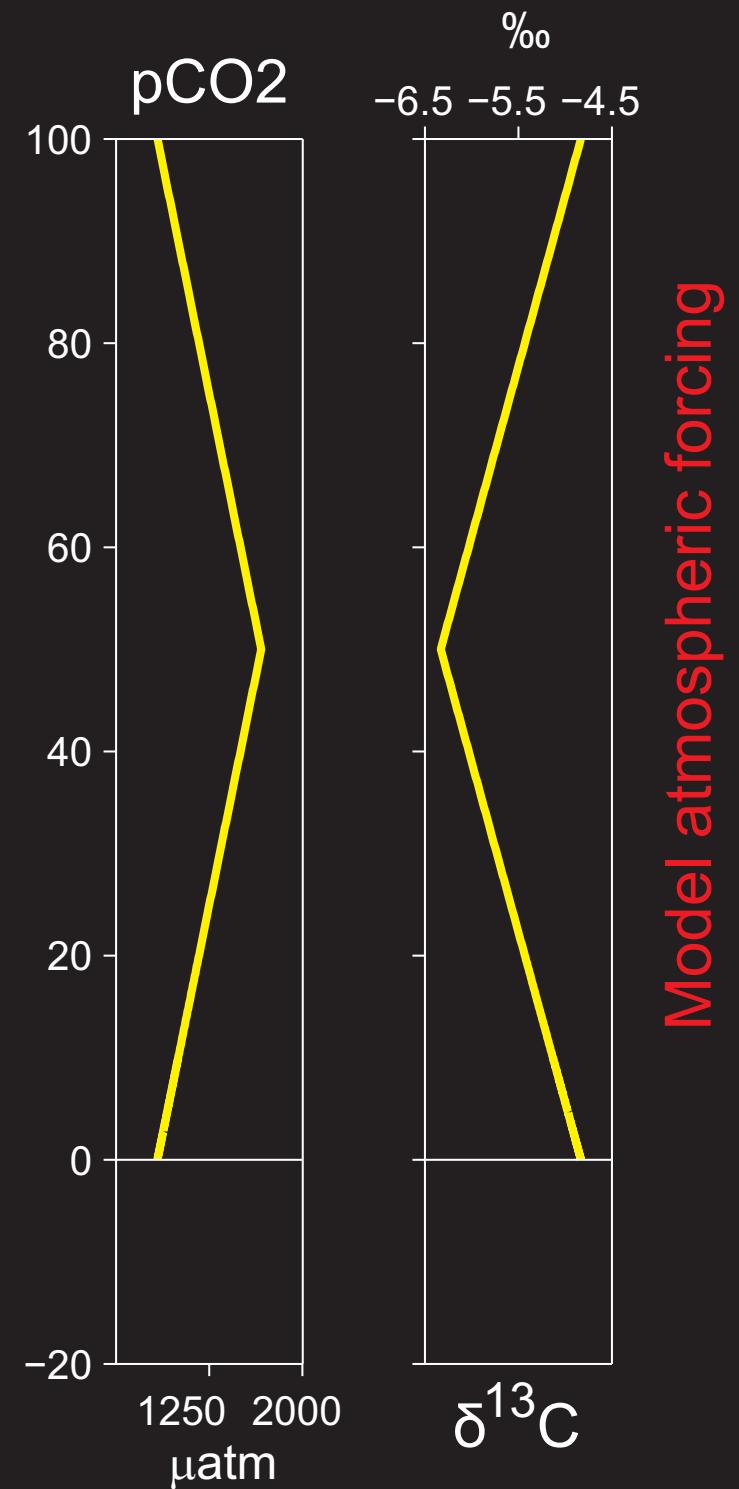


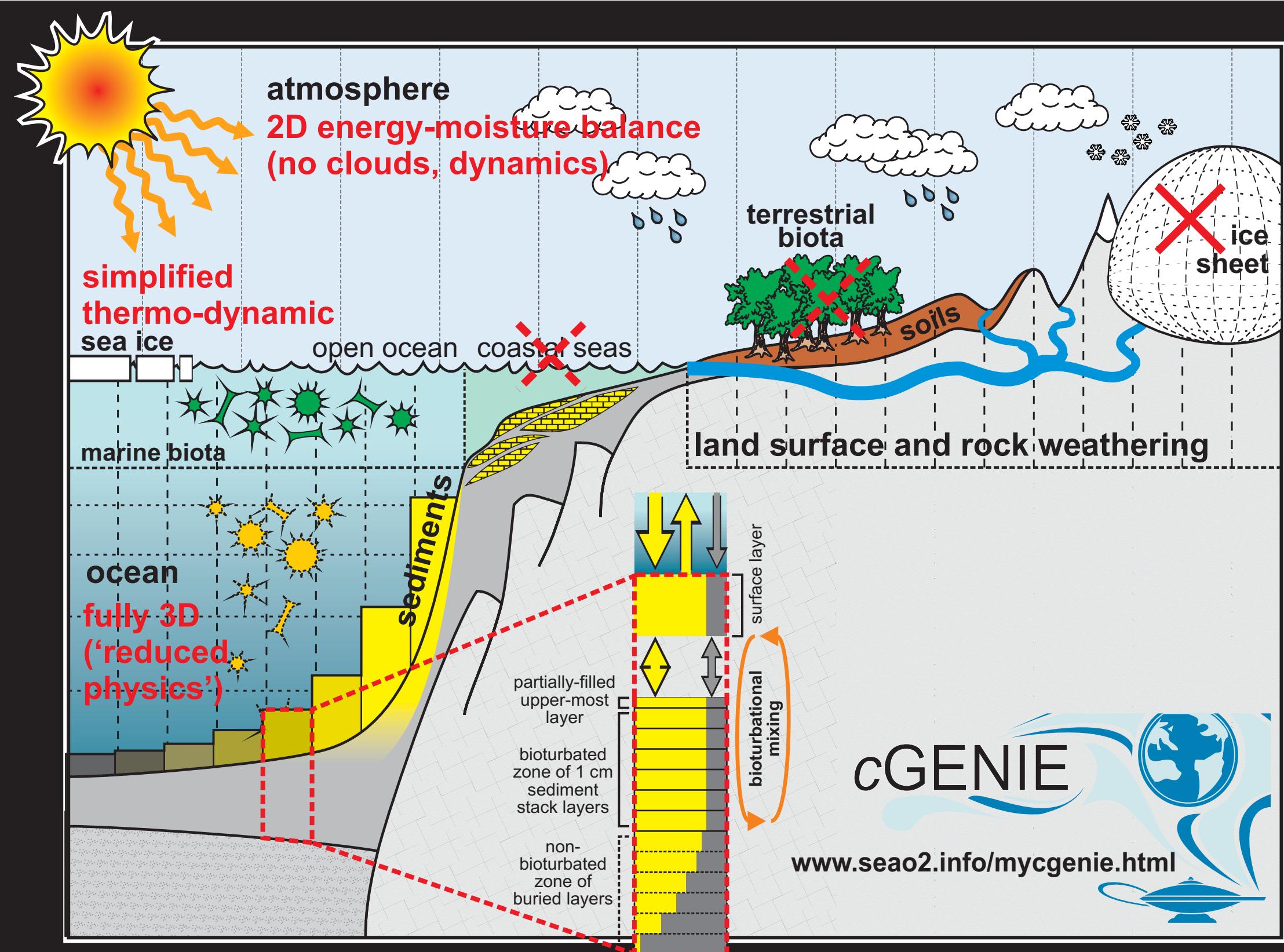
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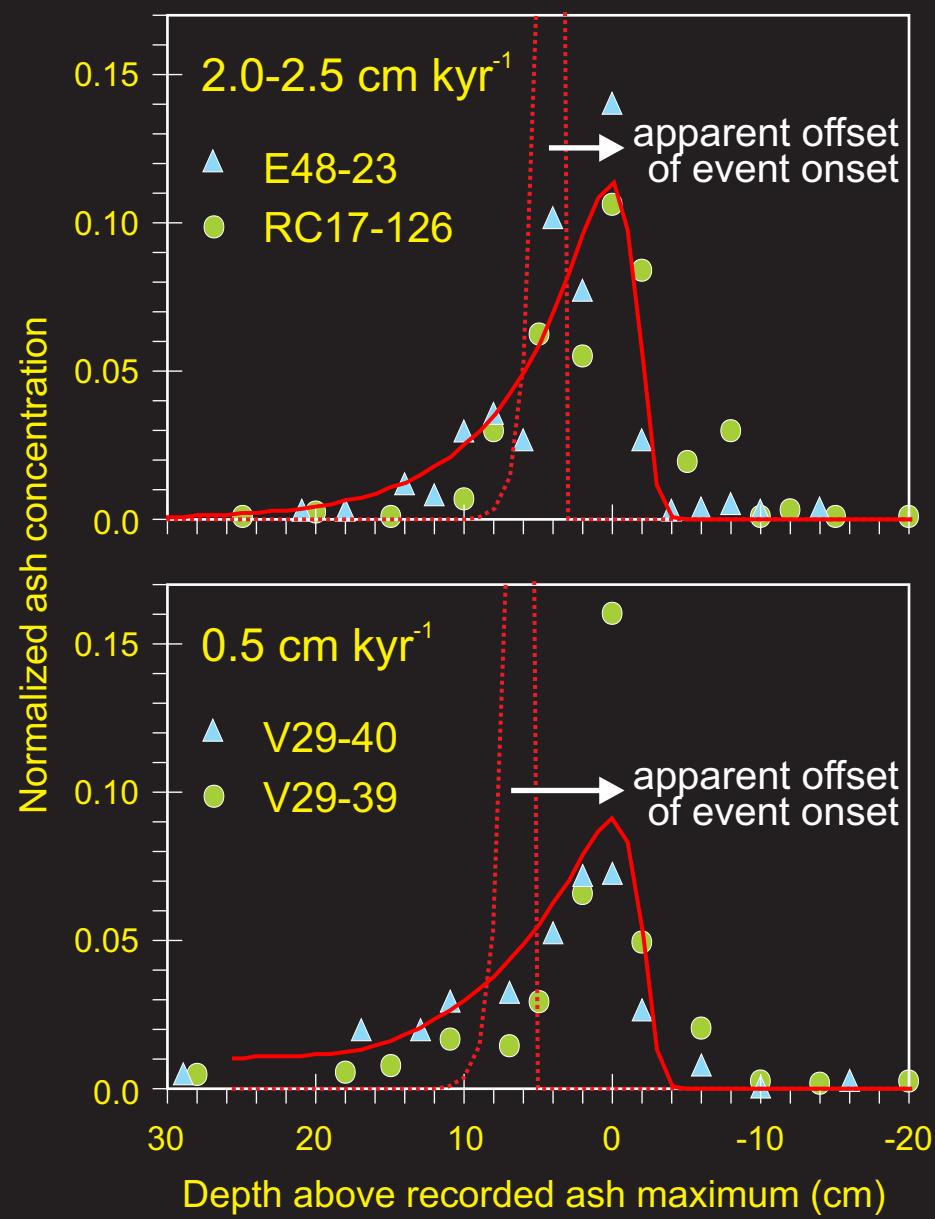
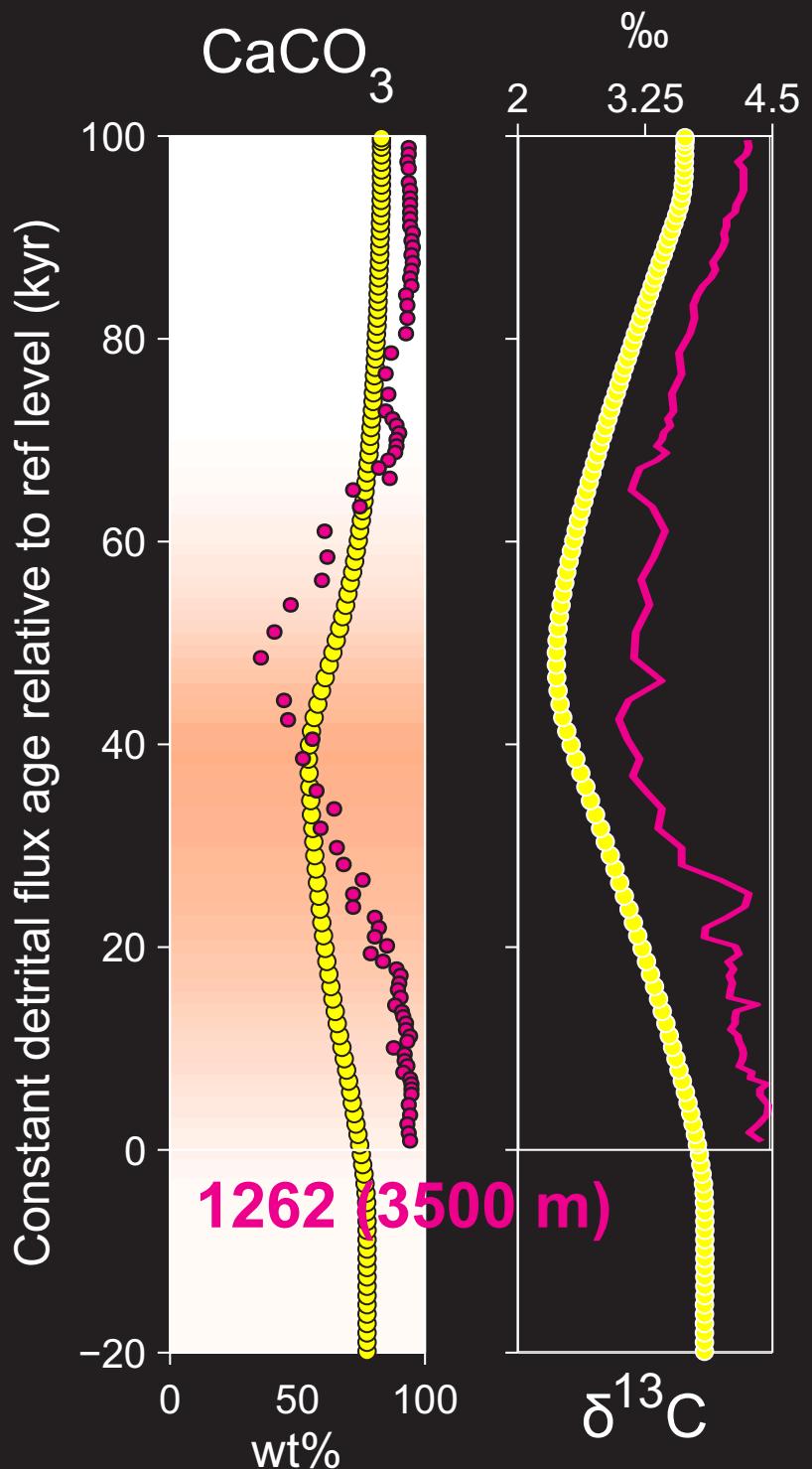


('traditional', forward-modelling approach)

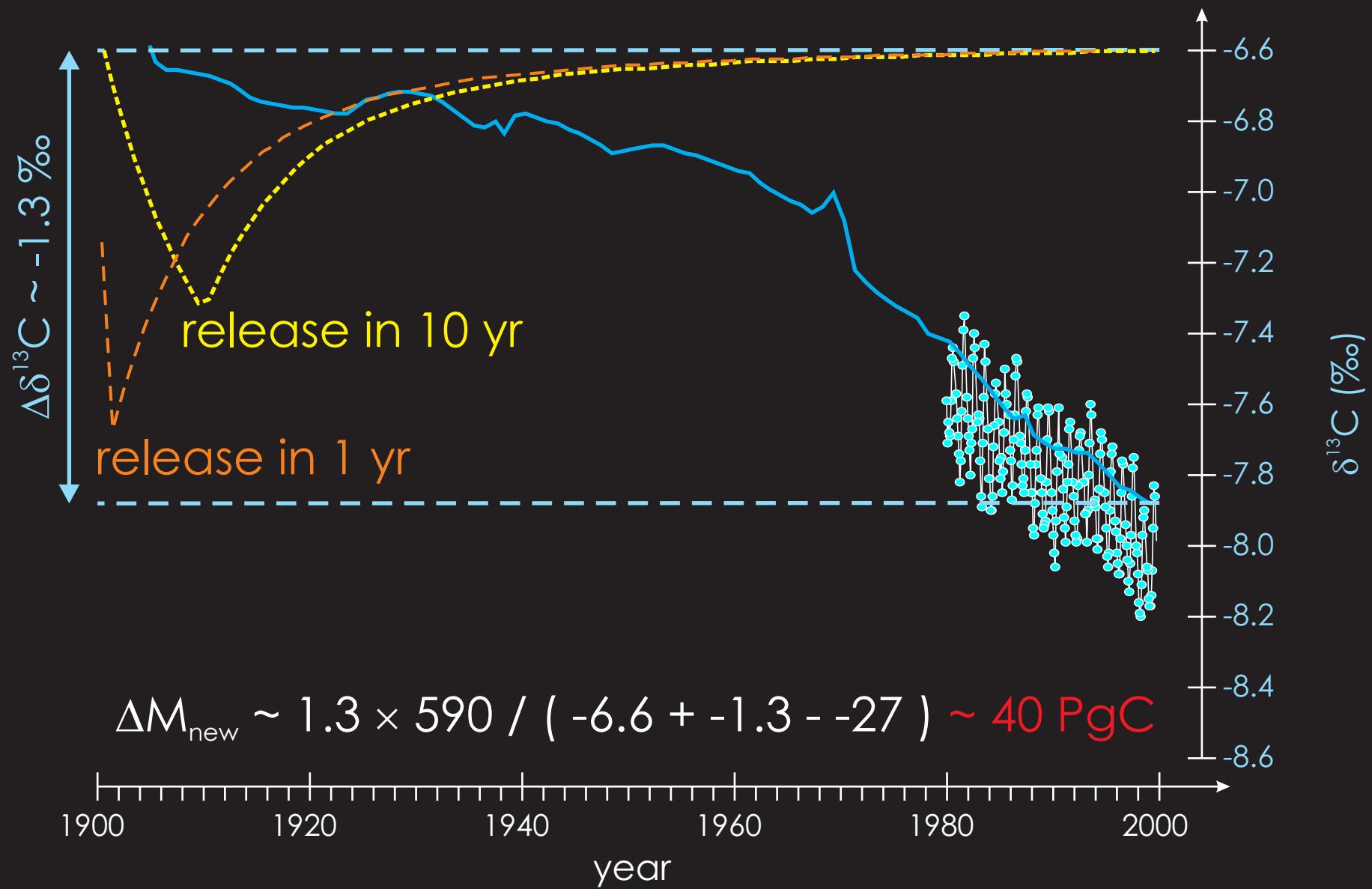




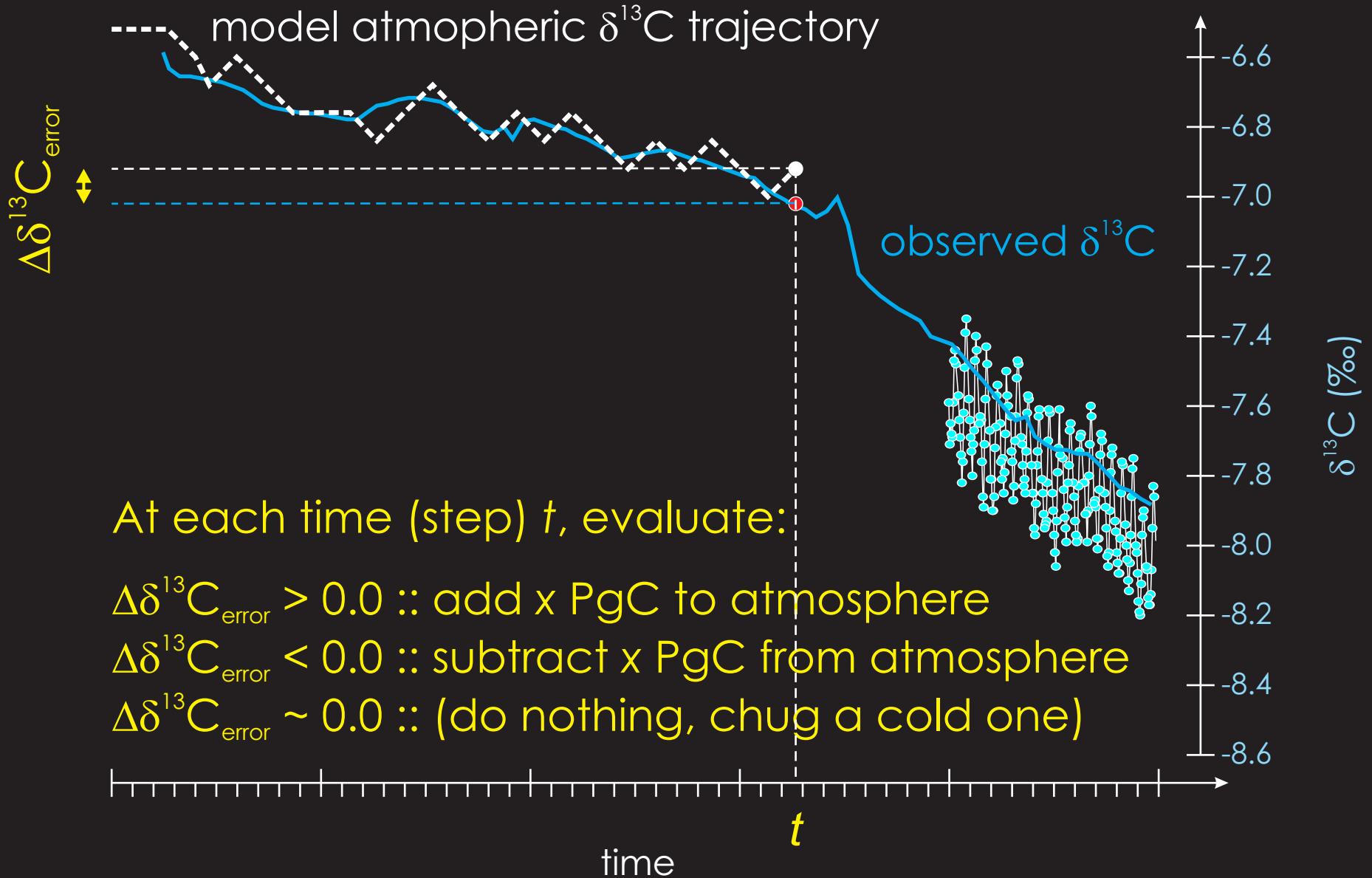
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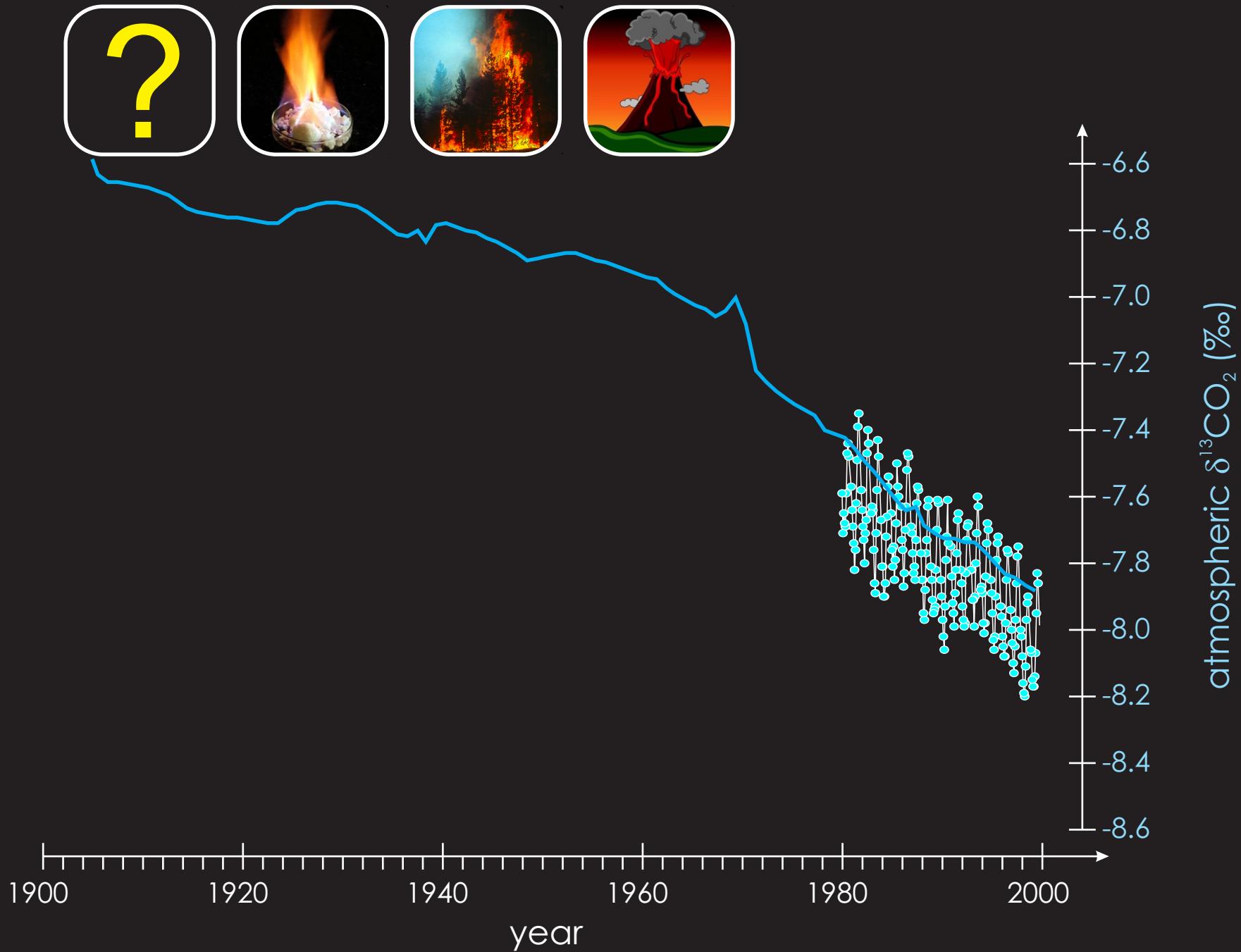
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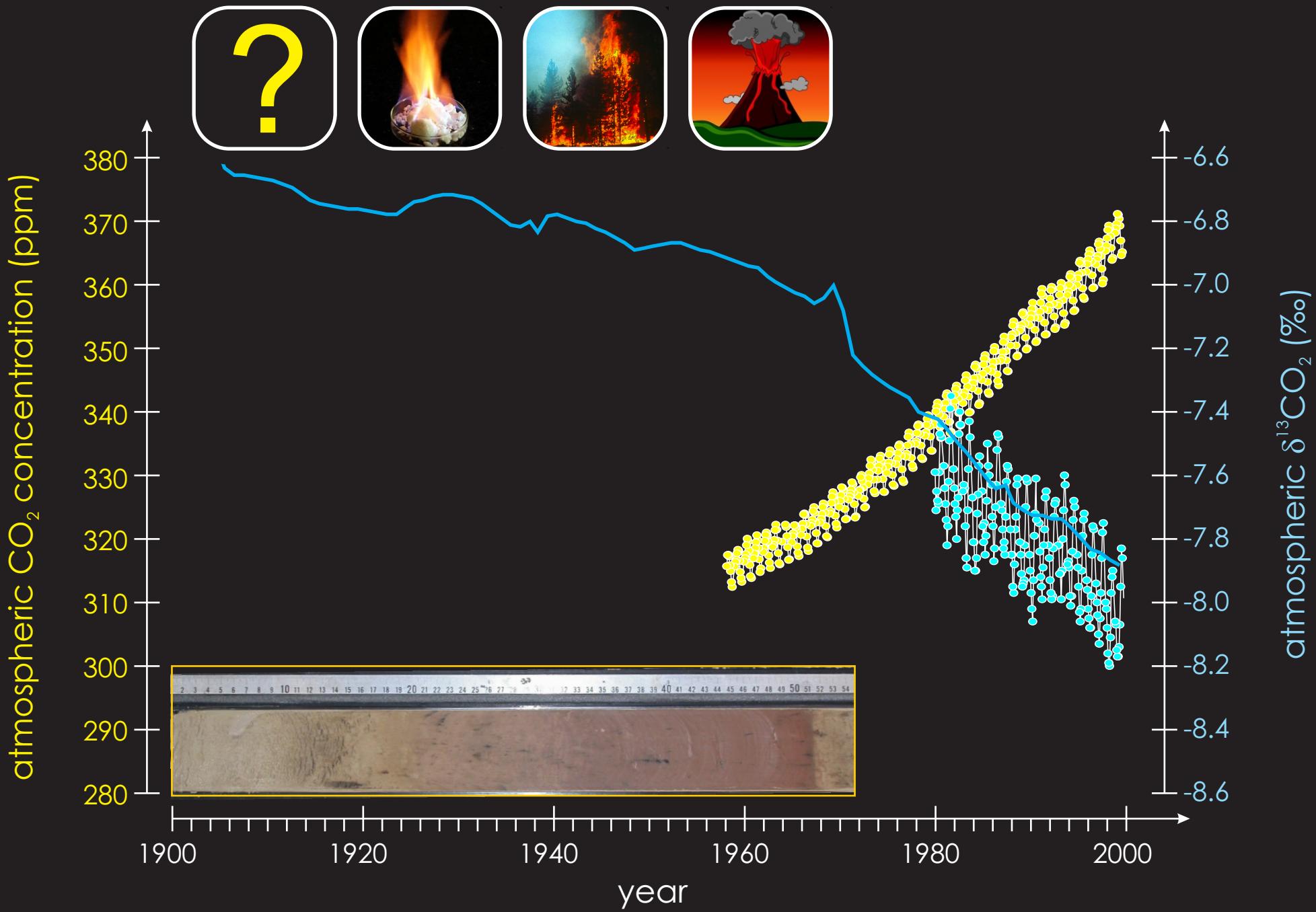
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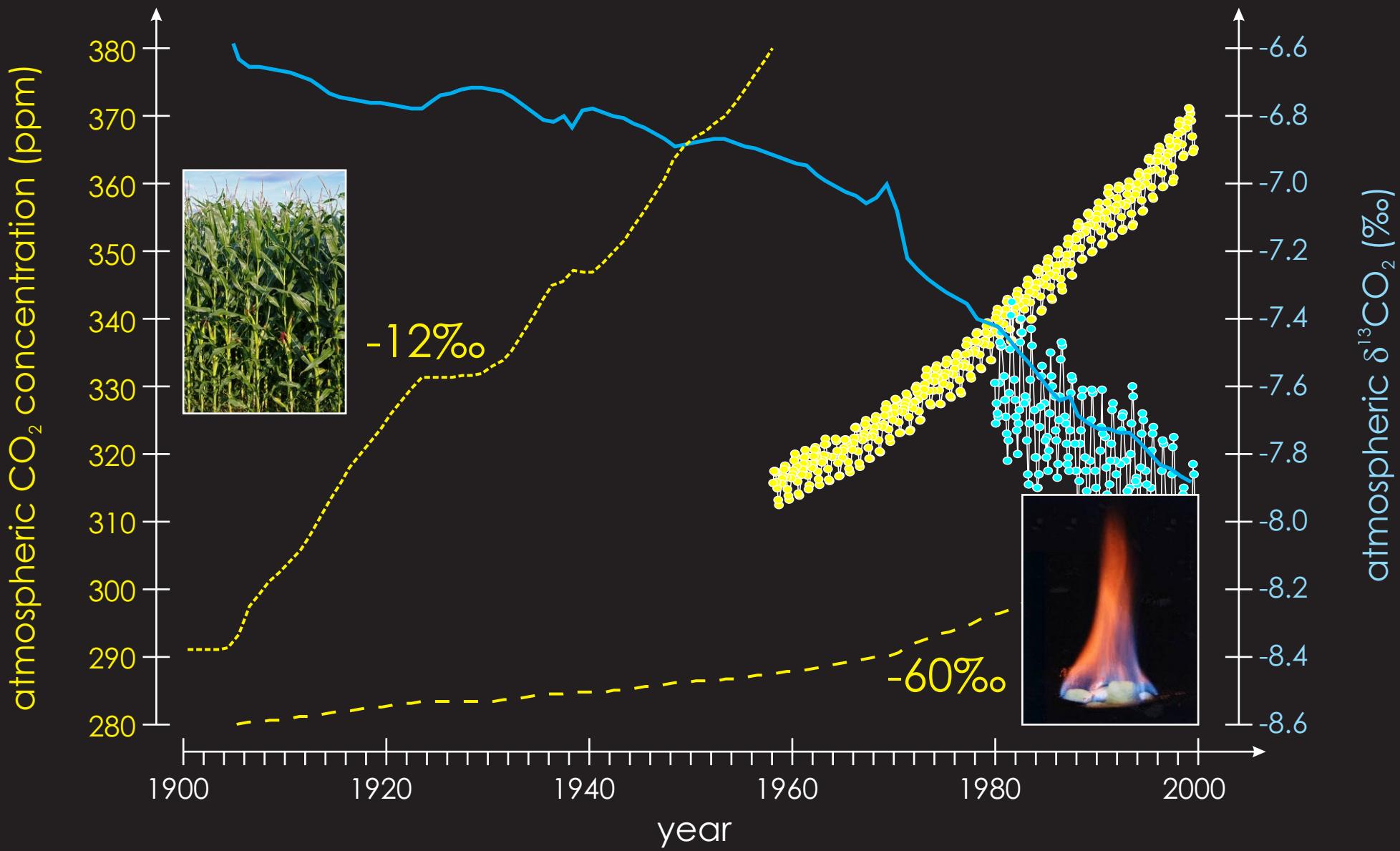
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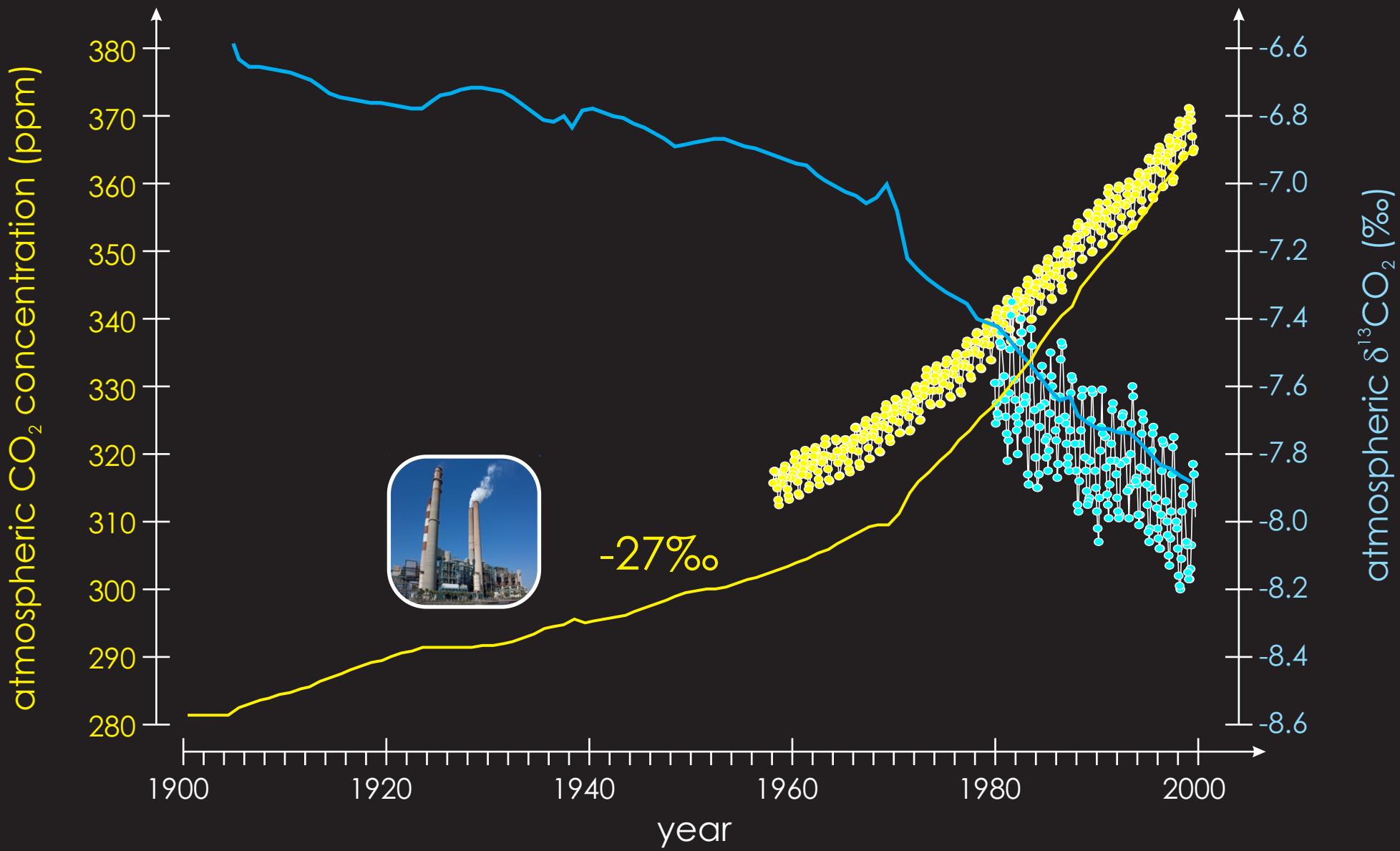
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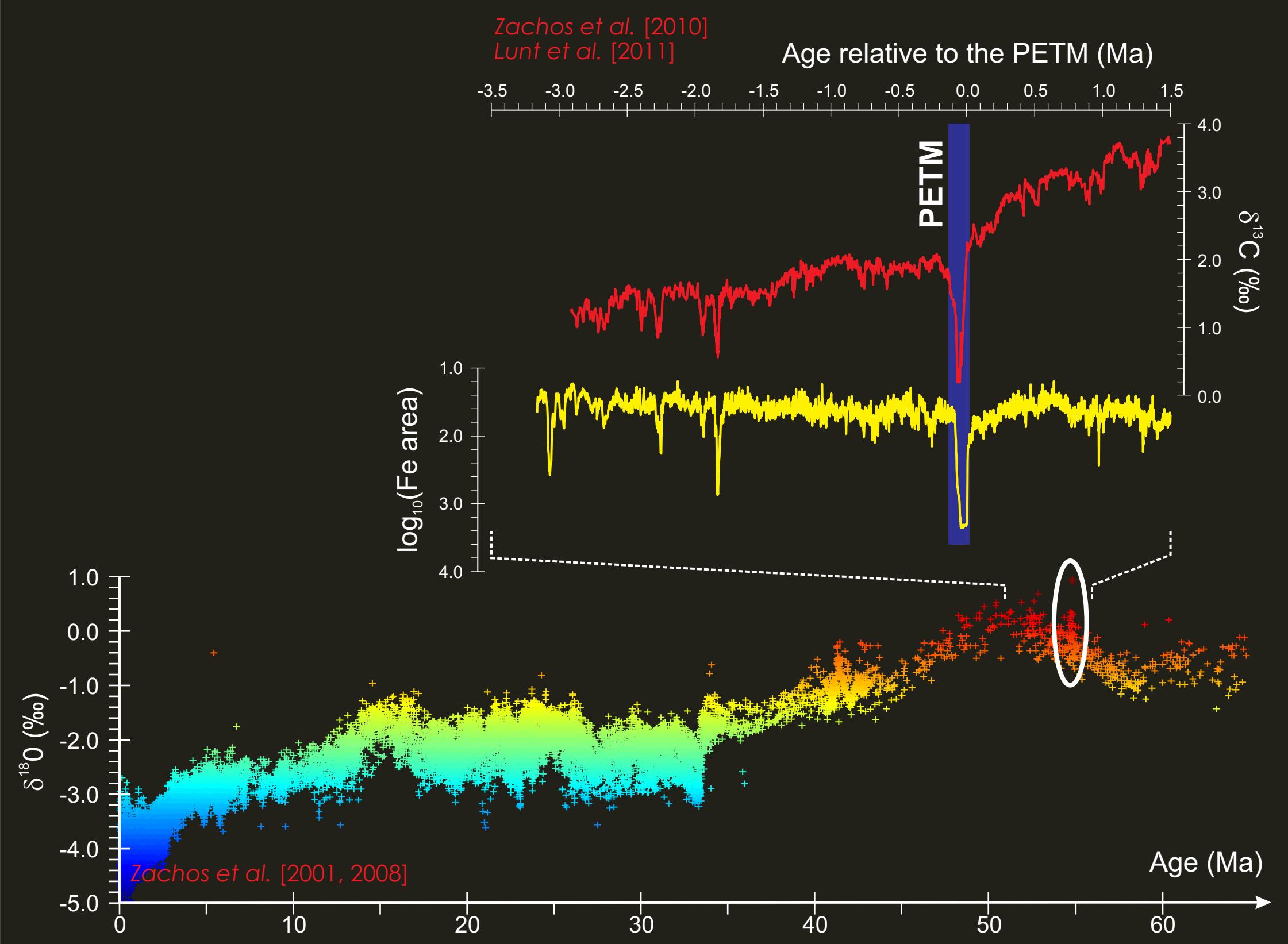


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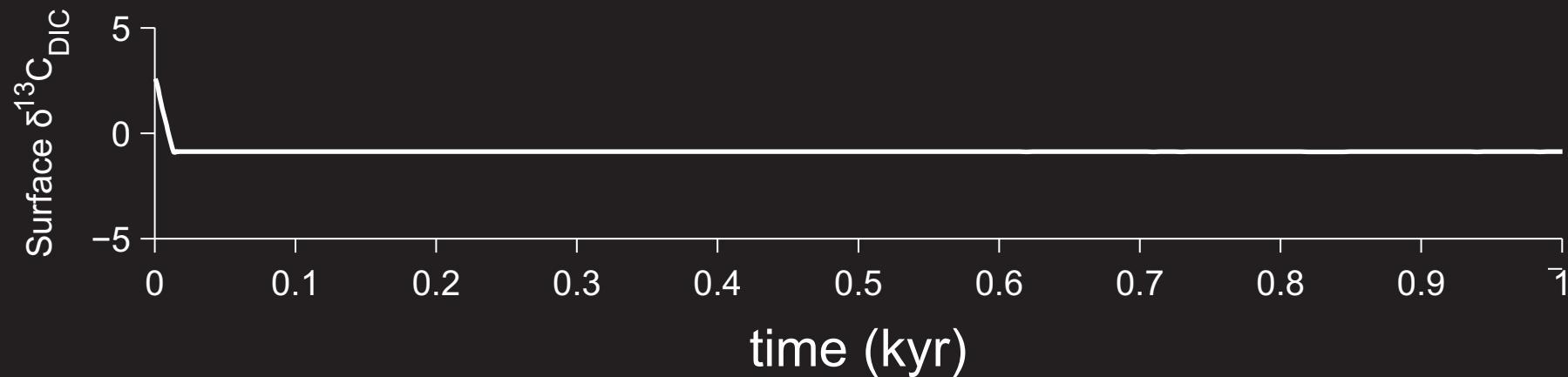
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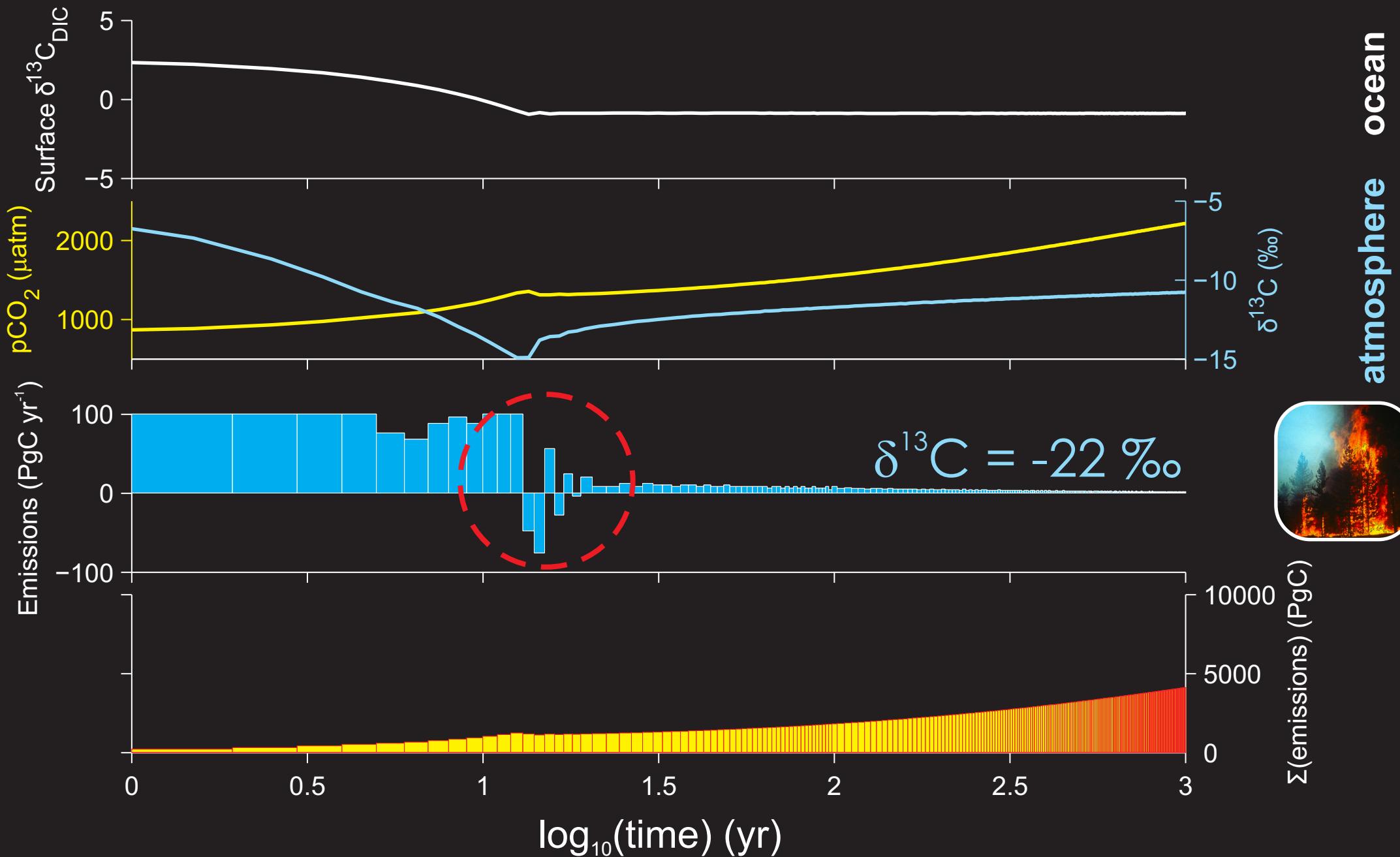
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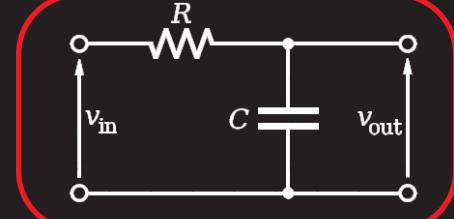
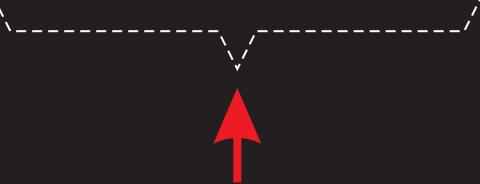


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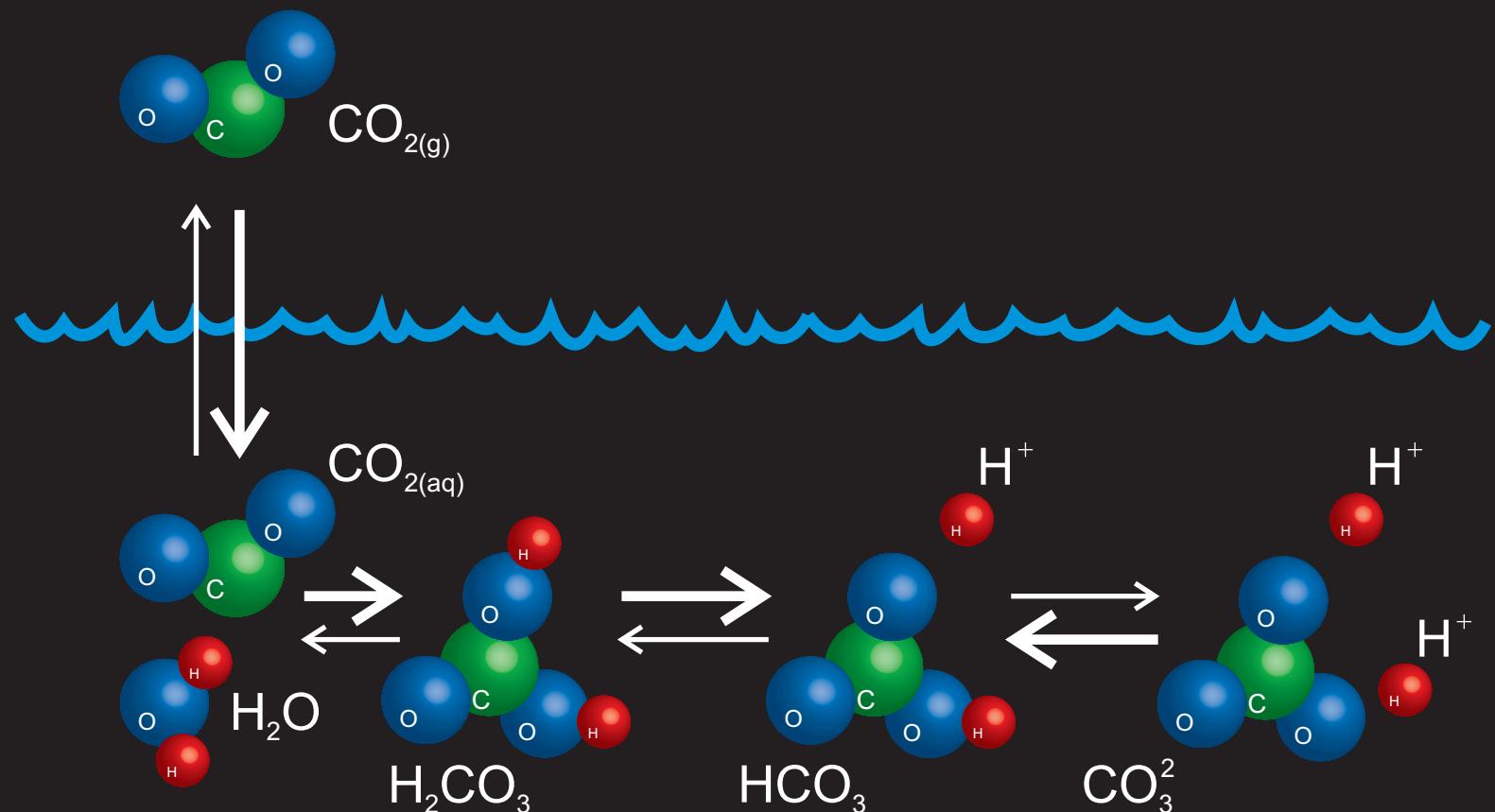


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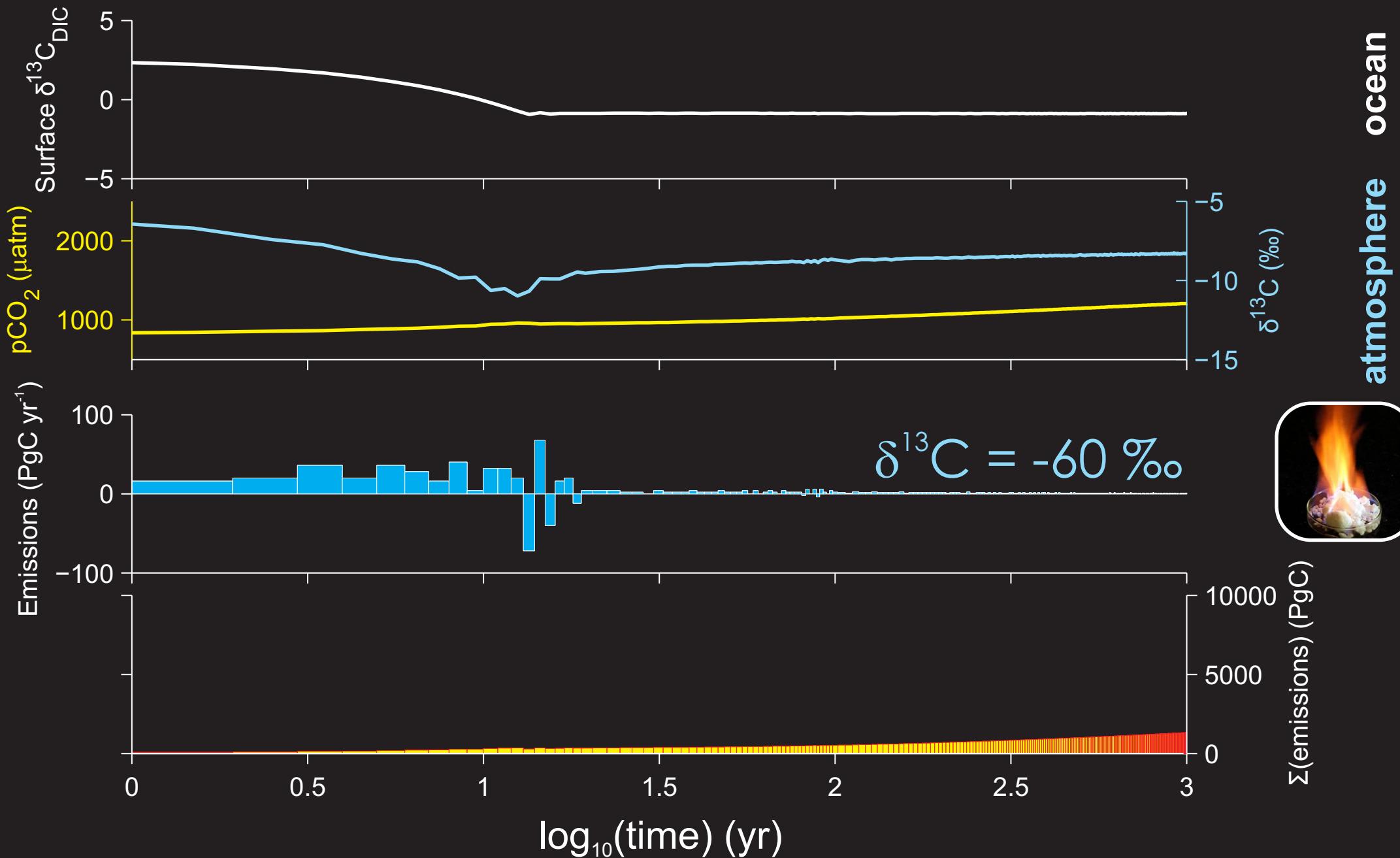
A red arrow points upwards from the circuit diagram towards the ocean surface diagram.

surface ocean
 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ record



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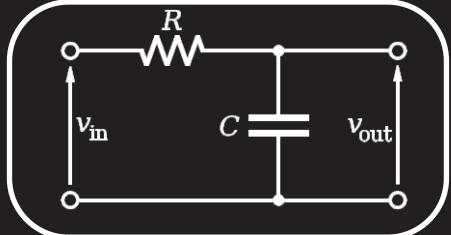
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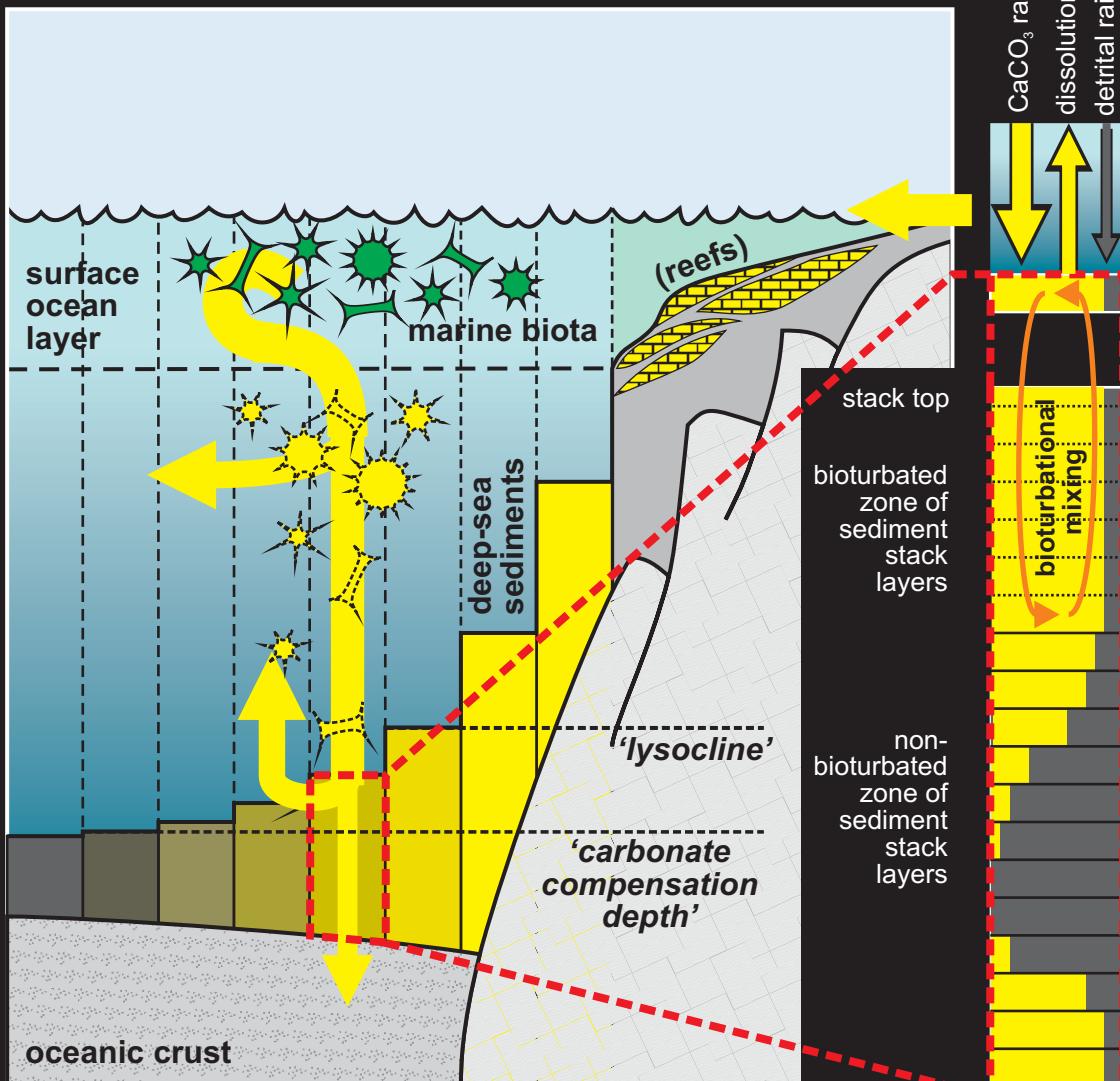
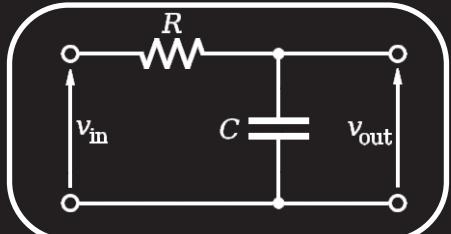
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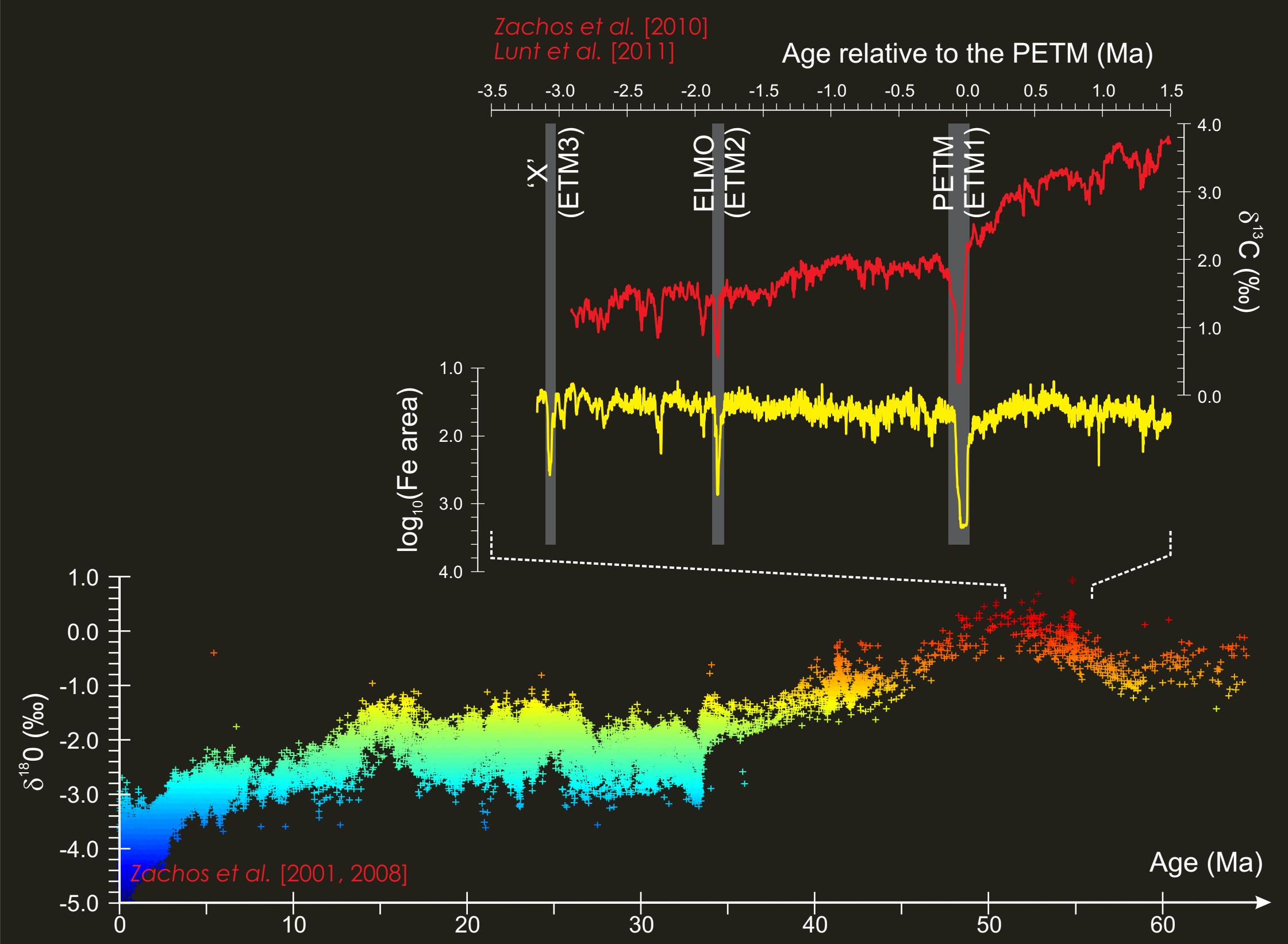


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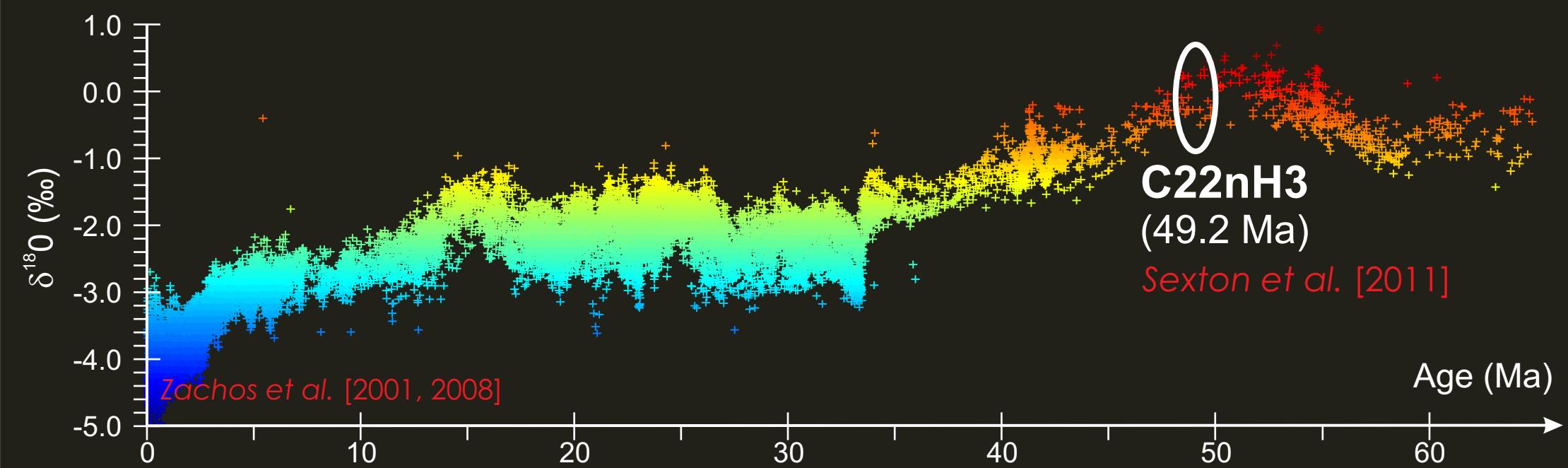


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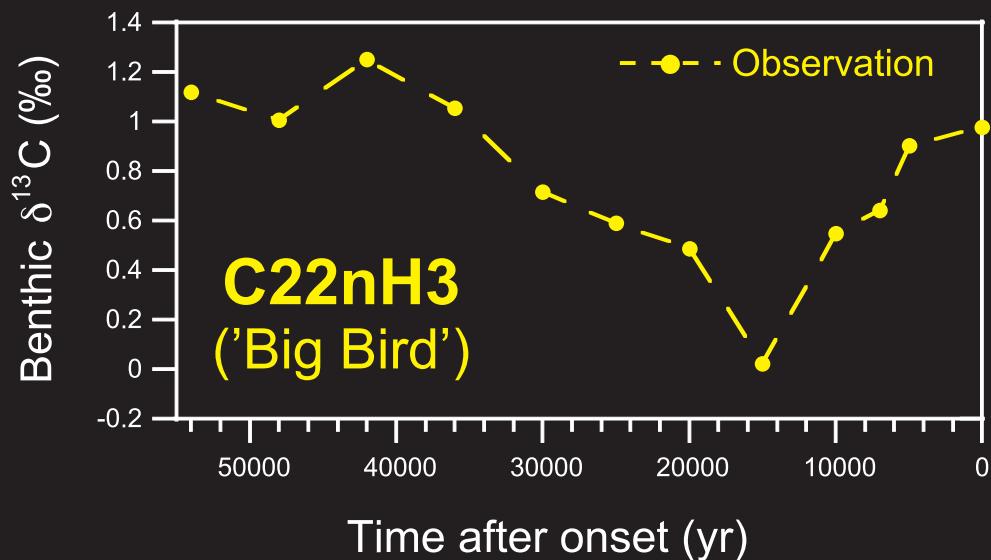




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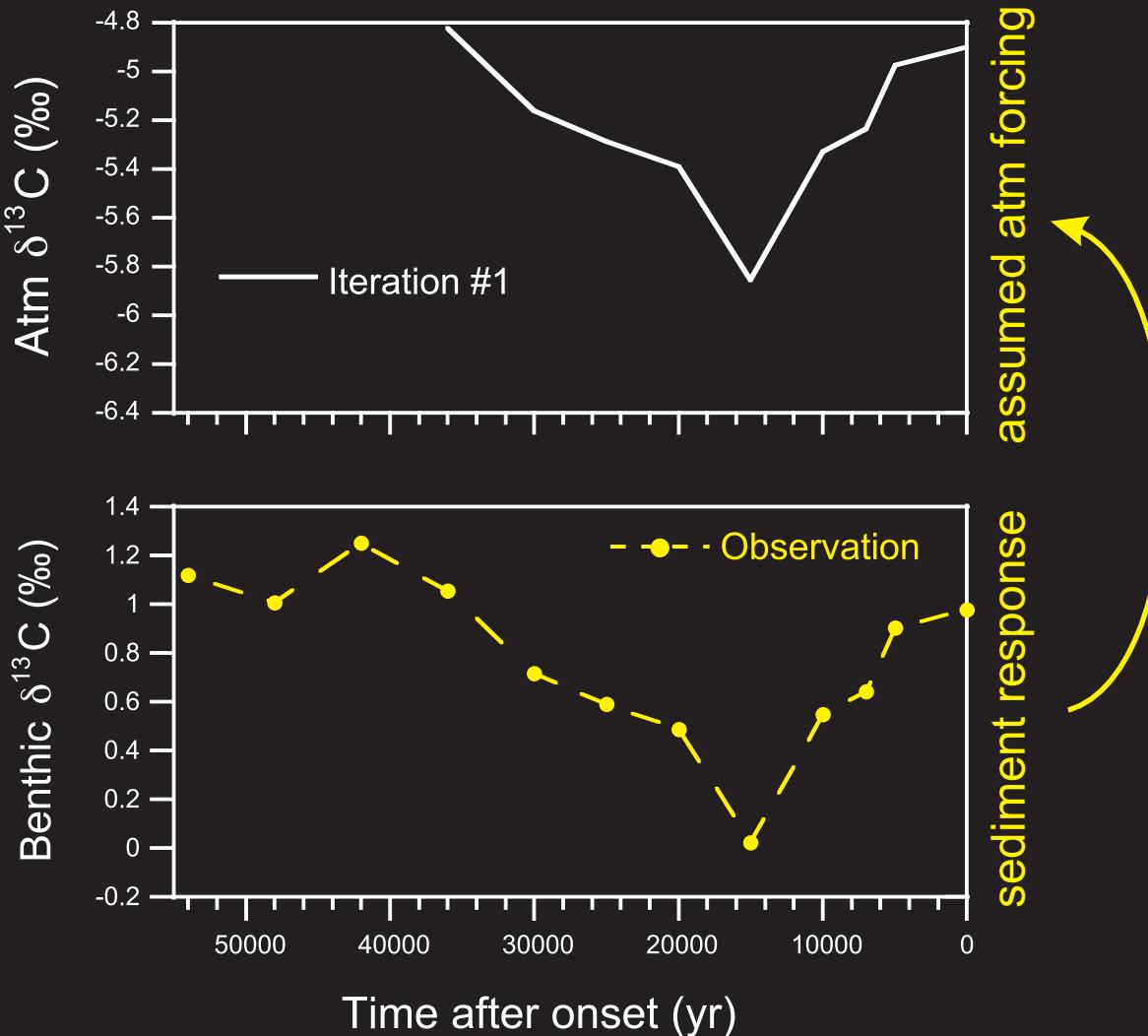


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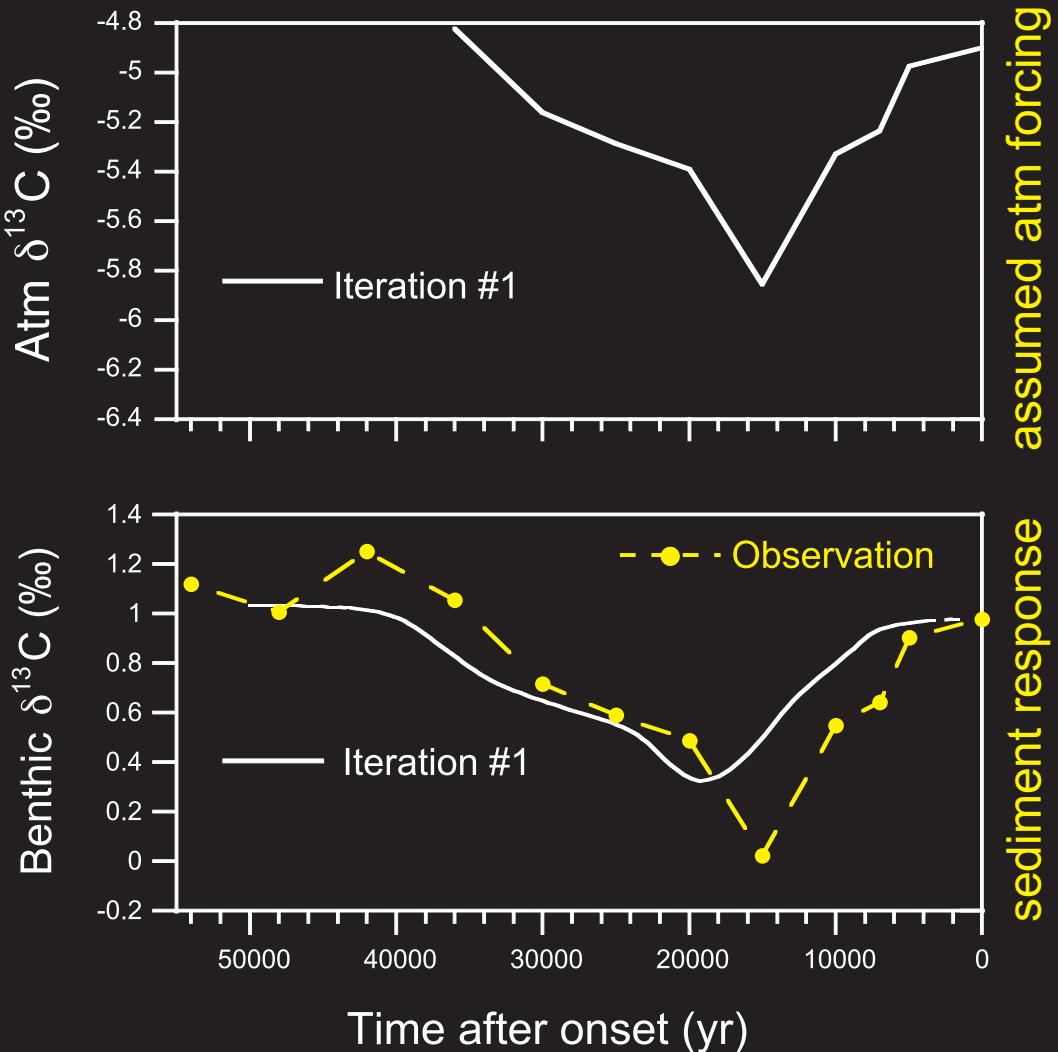
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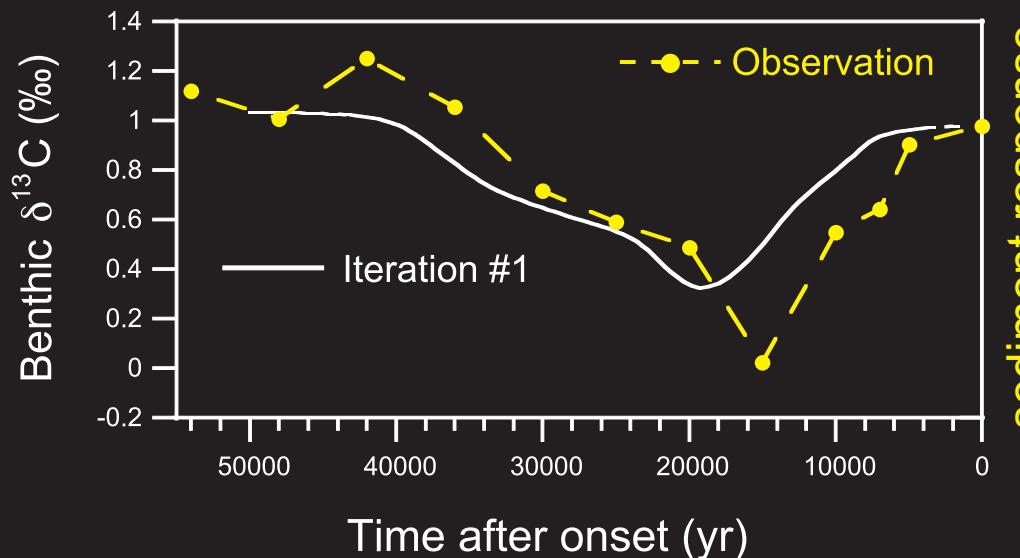
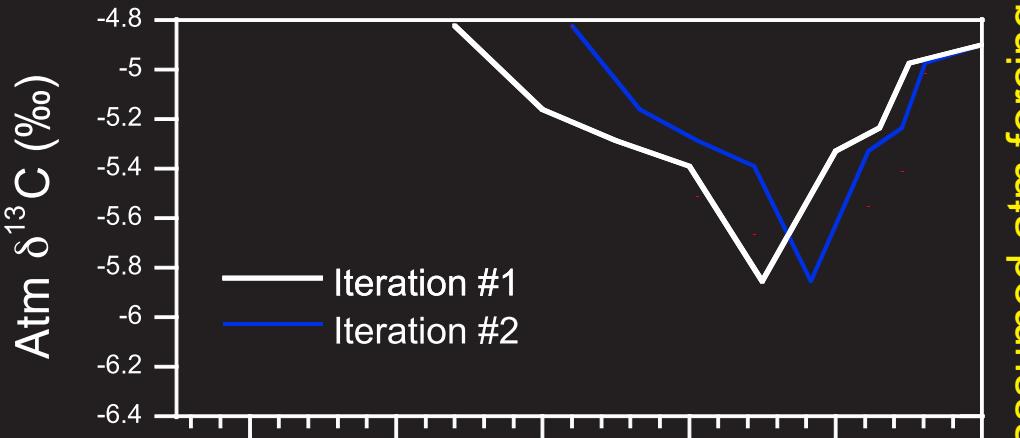
Initial guess:
observed $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ record
==
the atmospheric forcing

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Step #1
Invert 'guesstimated'
atmospheric $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ record and
calculate sediment expression

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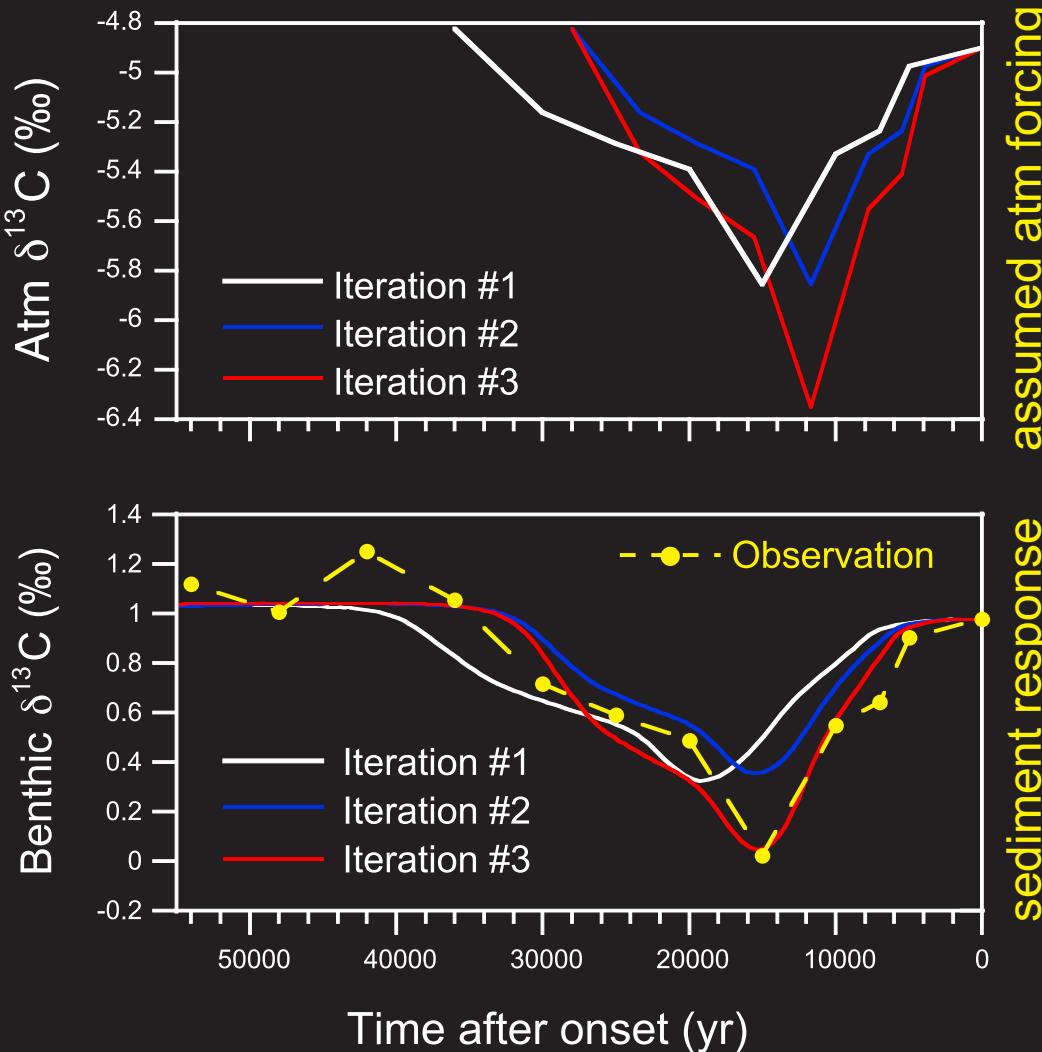


assumed atm forcing

sediment response

Adjust atmospheric record:
Correct for distortion in time

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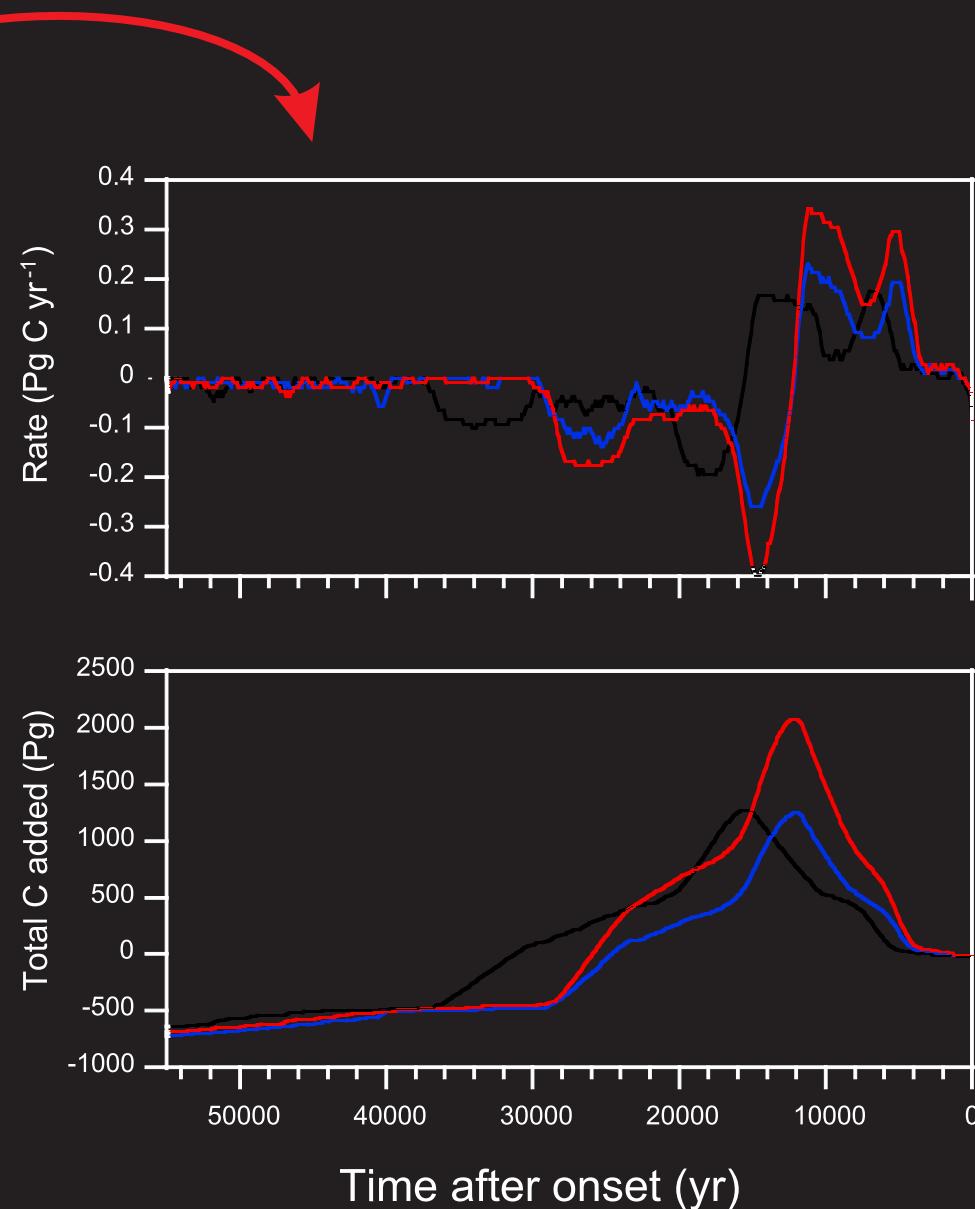
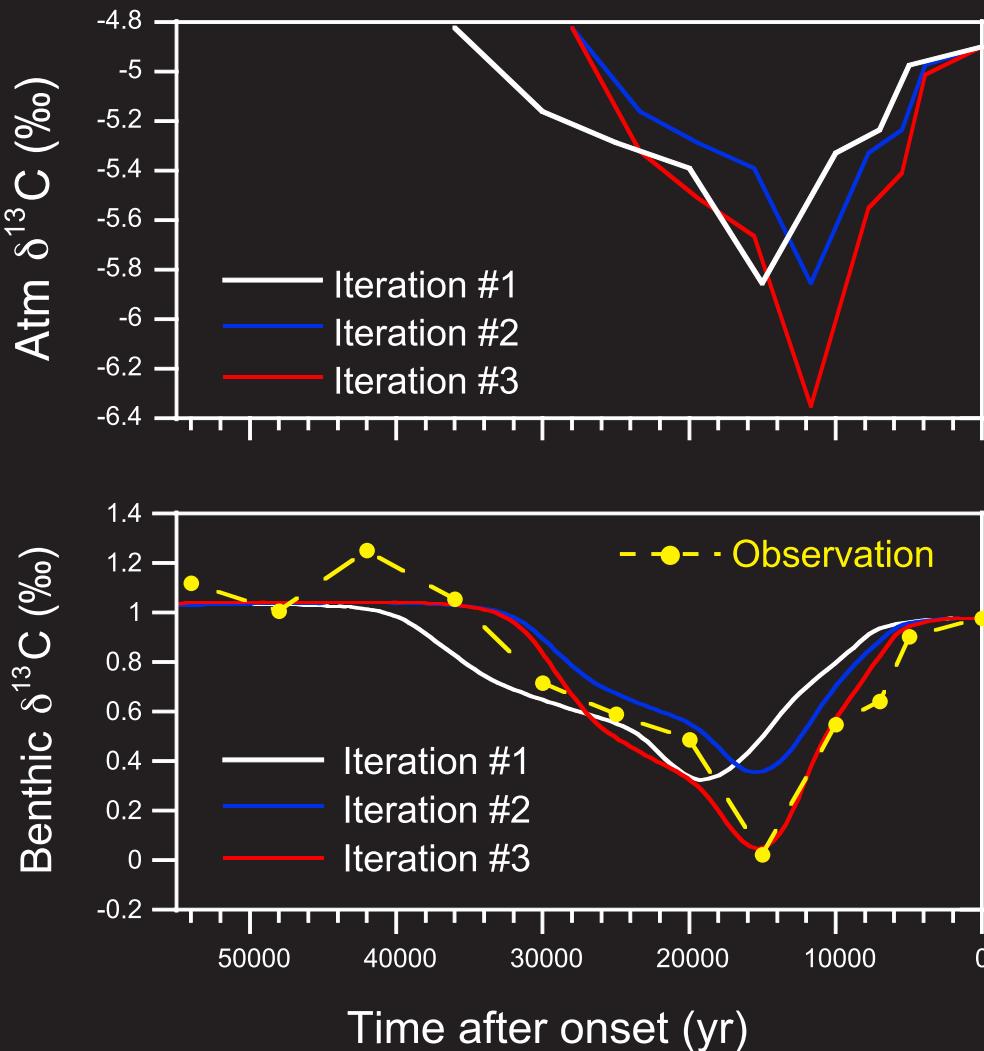


Step #2:
Invert adjusted
atmospheric $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ record;
then adjust forcing magnitude;

Step #3:
Invert the now twice-adjusted
atmospheric $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ record

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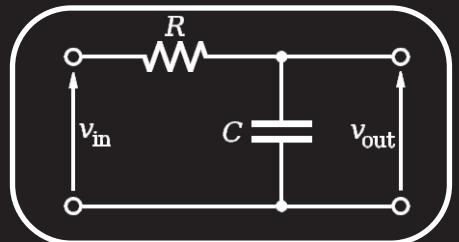
Recover rates of CO_2 emissions



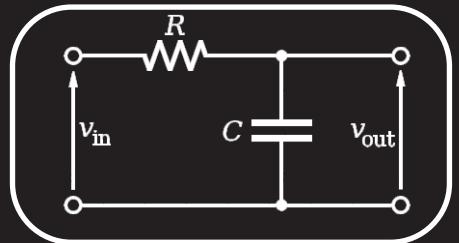
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('Big Bird')



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