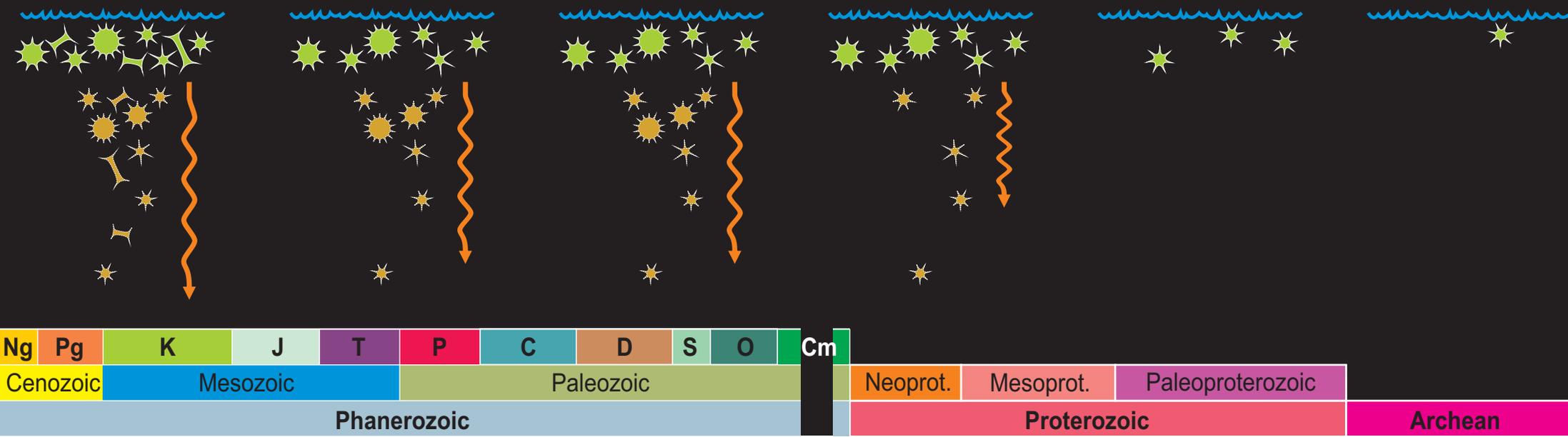


Evolution of The Biological Pump (alternative ocean carbon facts in a fake World)

Andy Ridgwell

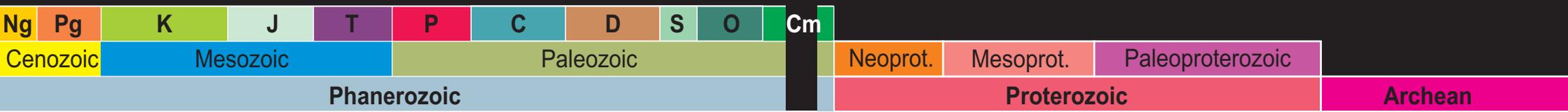
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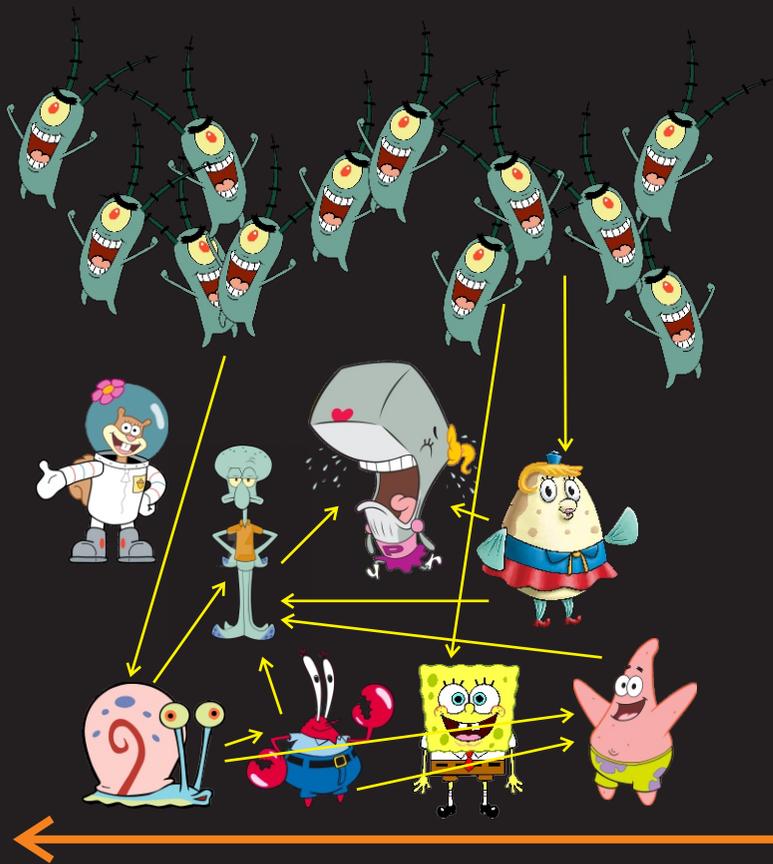
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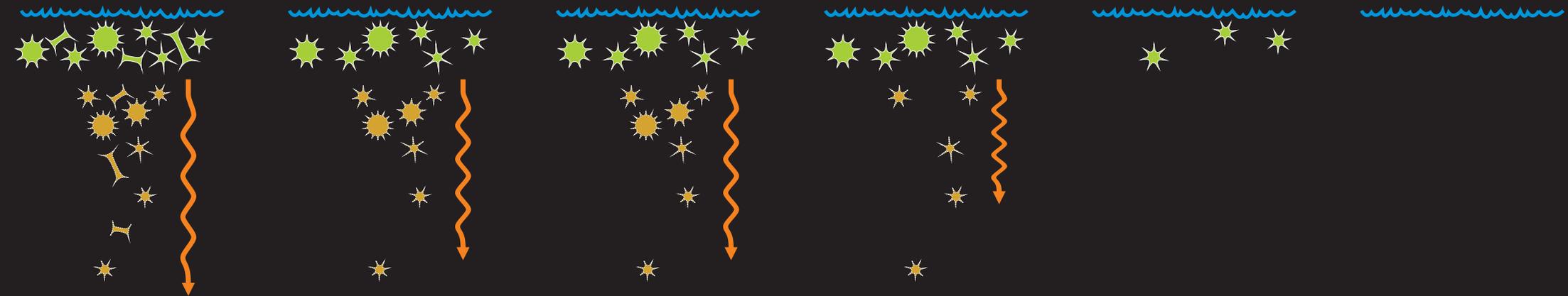
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Outline



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Ng	Pg	K	J	T	P	C	D	S	O	Cm
Cenozoic		Mesozoic			Paleozoic					
Phanerozoic										

Neoprot.	Mesoprot.	Paleoproterozoic	
Proterozoic			Archean

Twitter Outline



There has never been so much biological pumping!

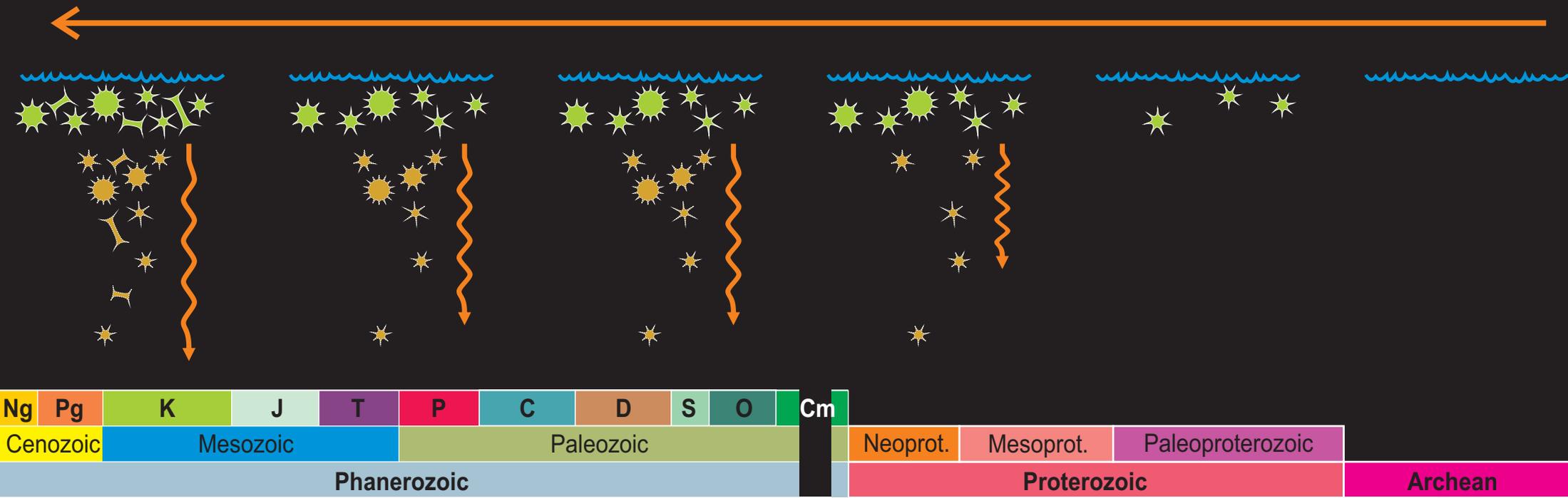
Most primary production EVER!

Many more trophic levels than during the Obama-ian geological Period!

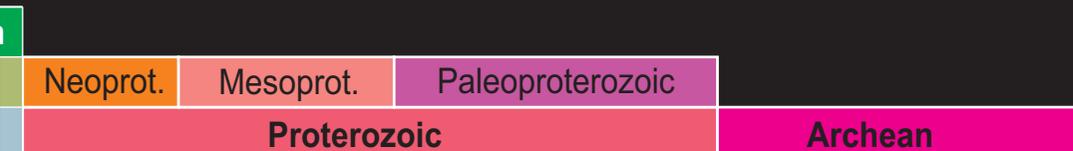
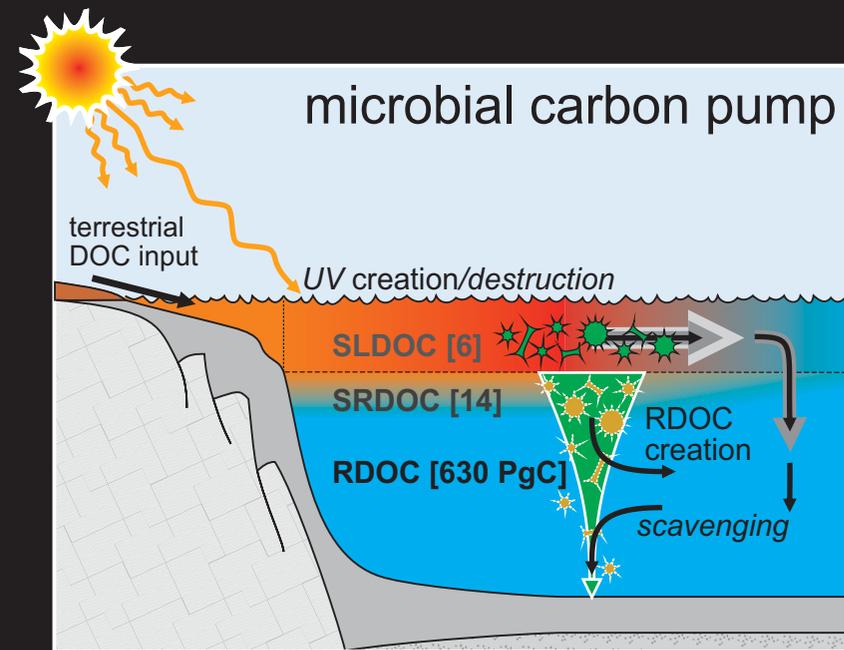
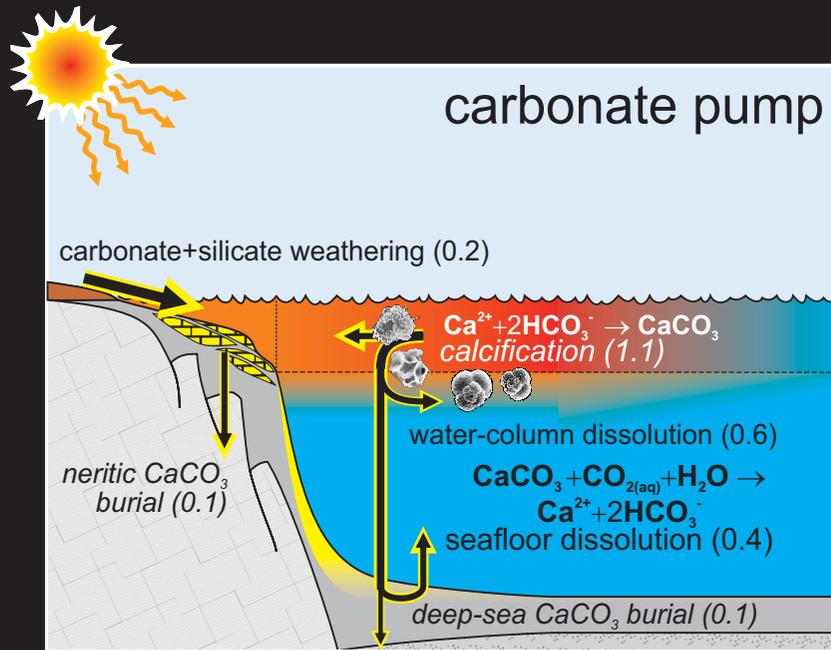
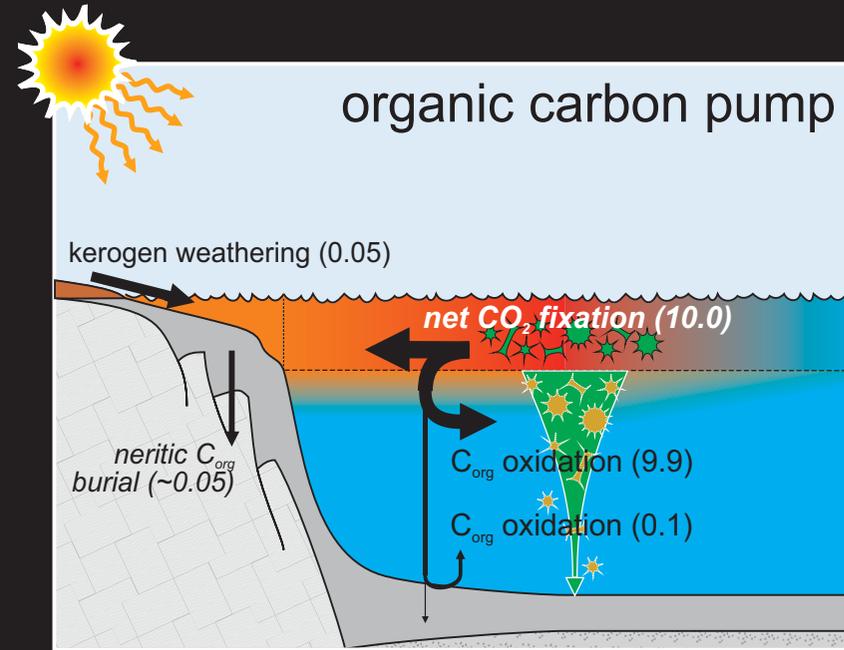
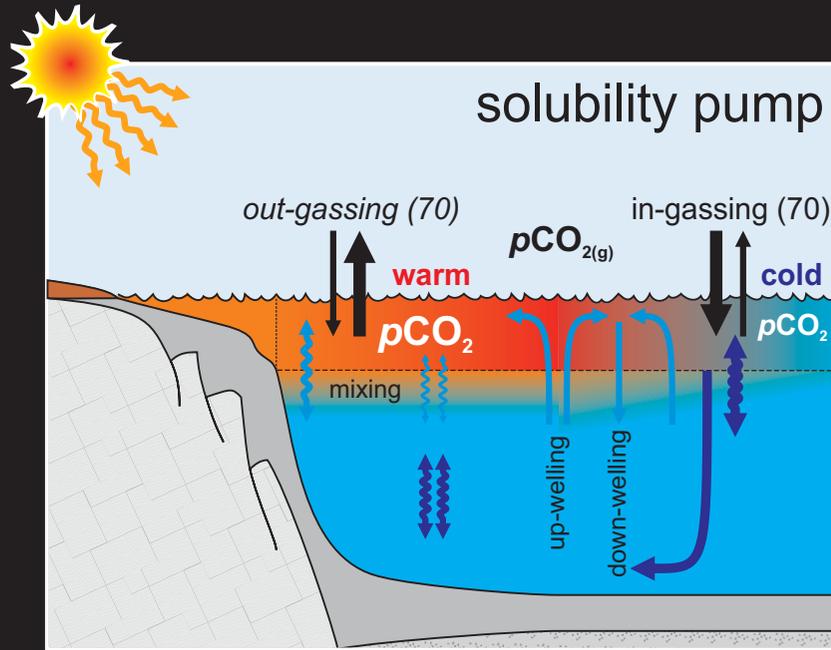
Hadean Dems left behind NO BIOLOGICAL CYCLING OF CARBON IN THE OCEAN! SAD!

NO COLLUSION between phytoplankton and zooplankton! Witch hunt!

Make the ocean biological pump great again!



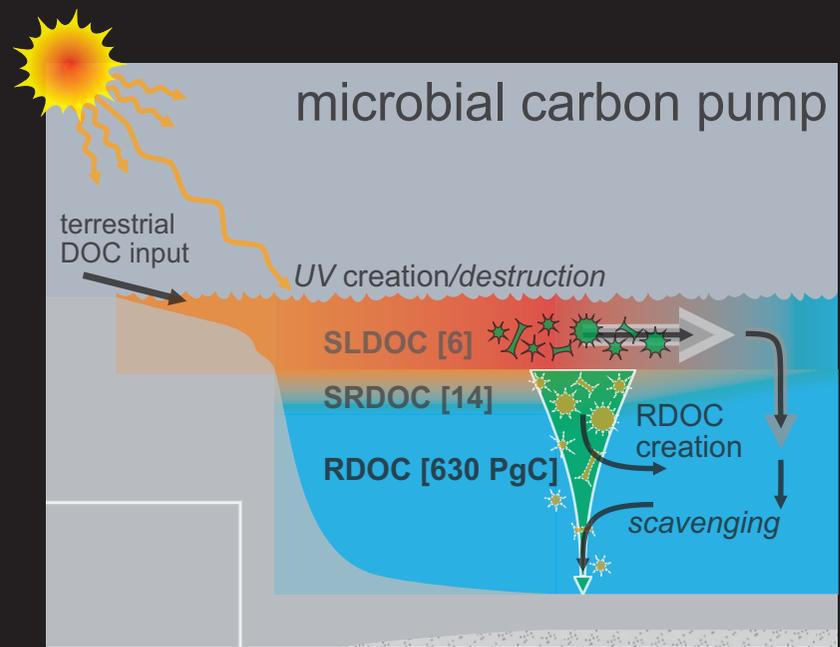
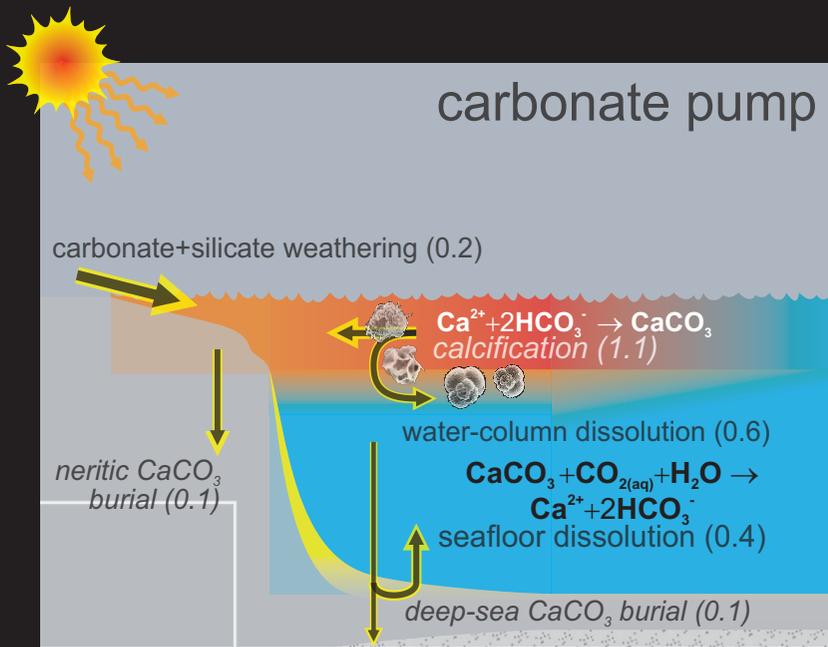
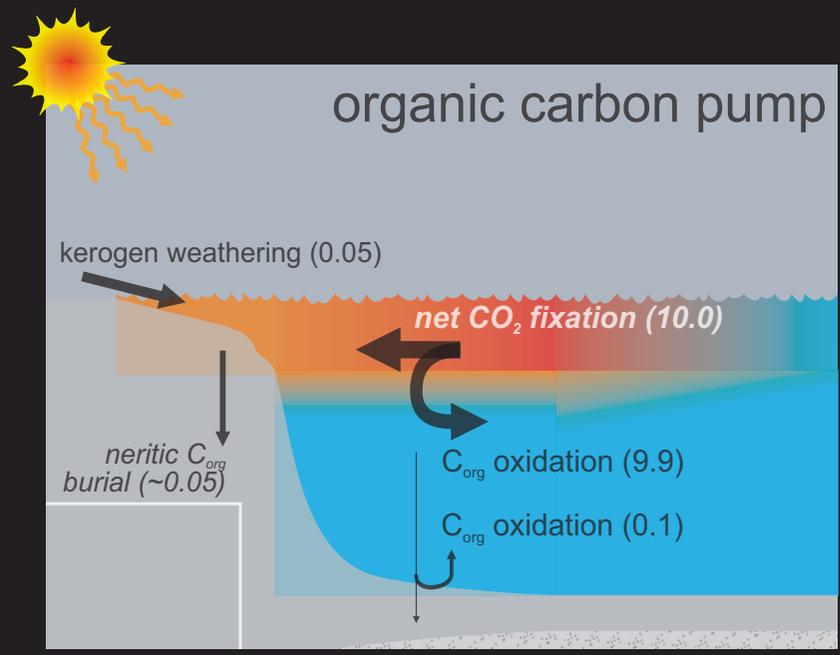
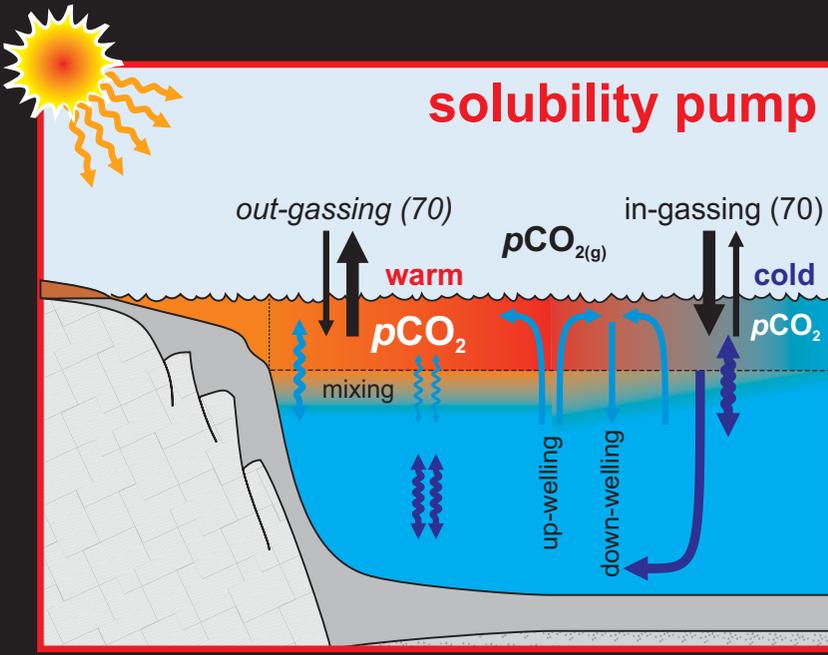
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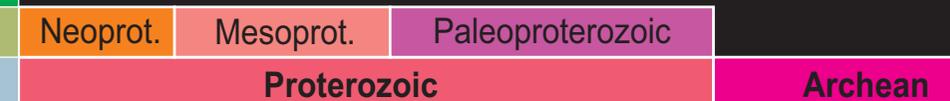
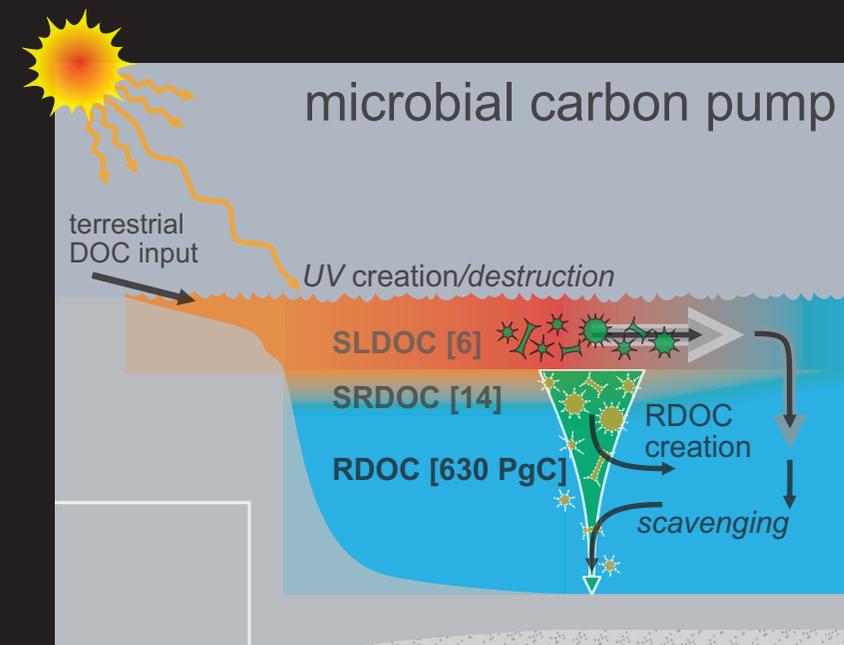
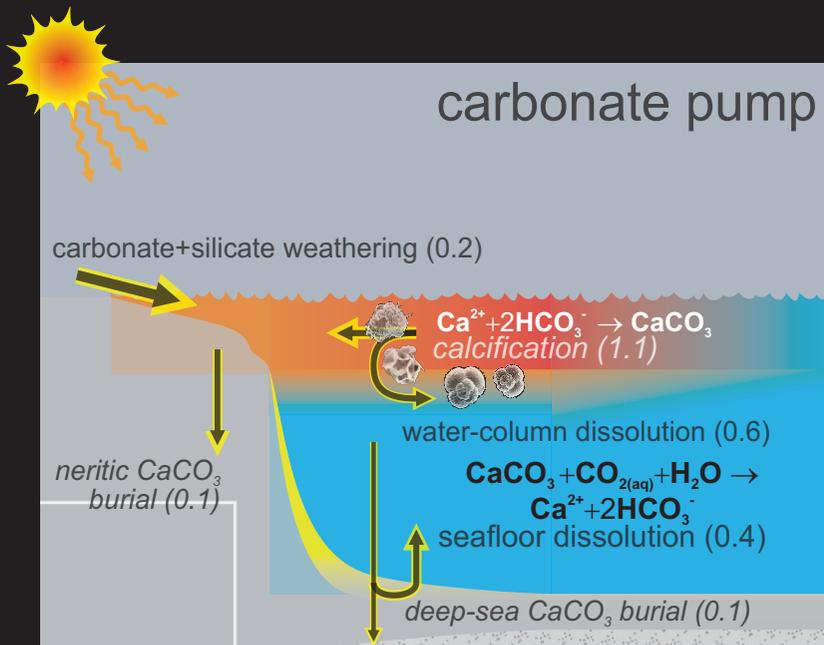
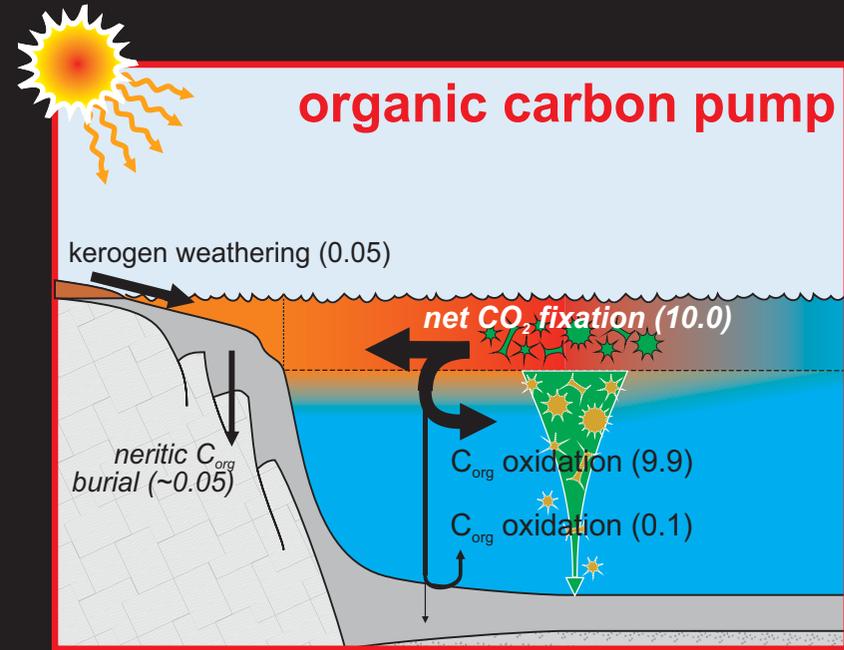
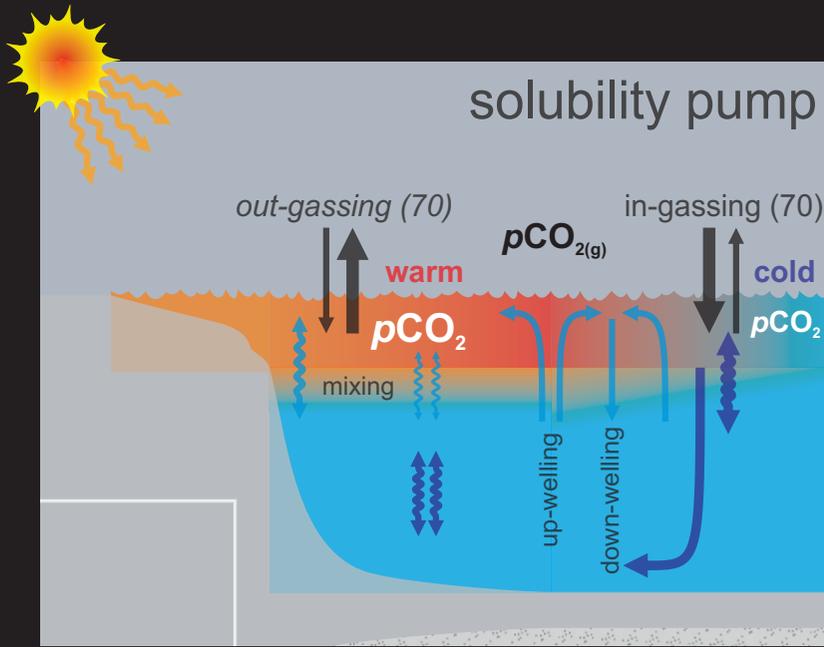
pump = f (ocean circulation, pole-to-equator SST, atm $p\text{CO}_2$, surface $f\text{CO}_2$)



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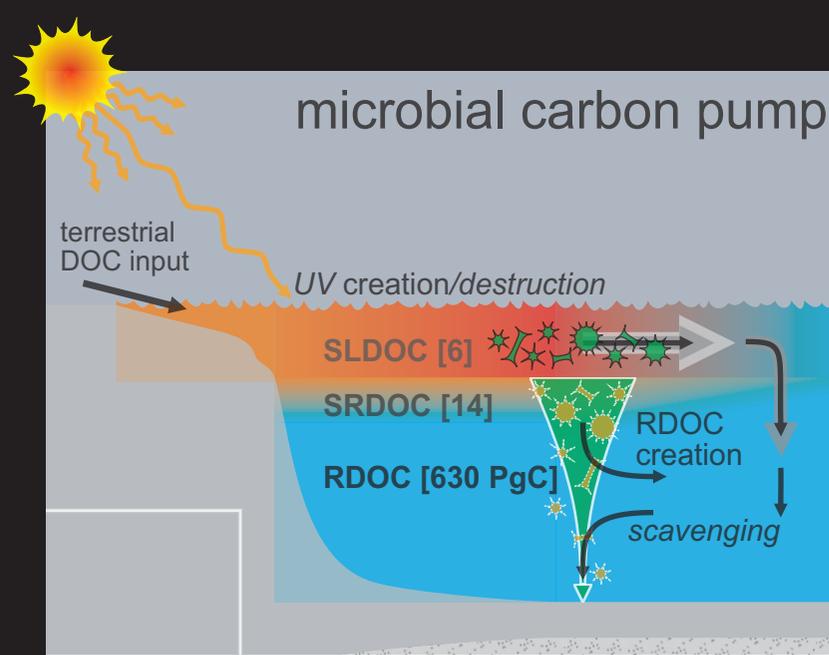
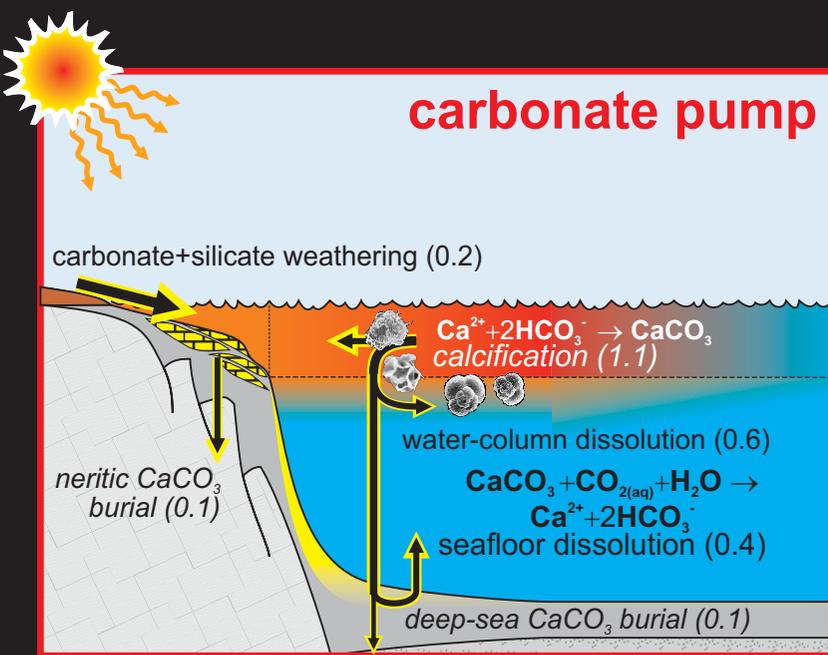
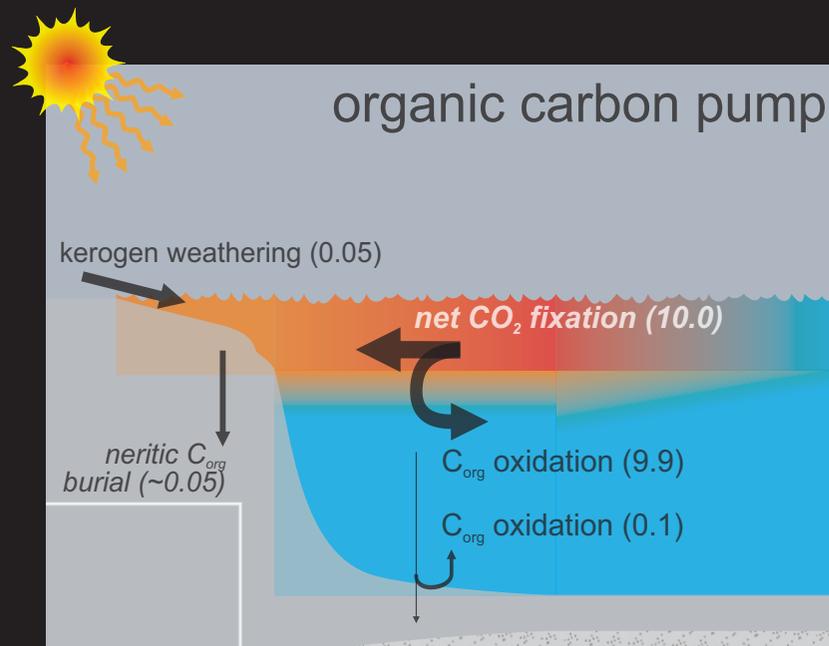
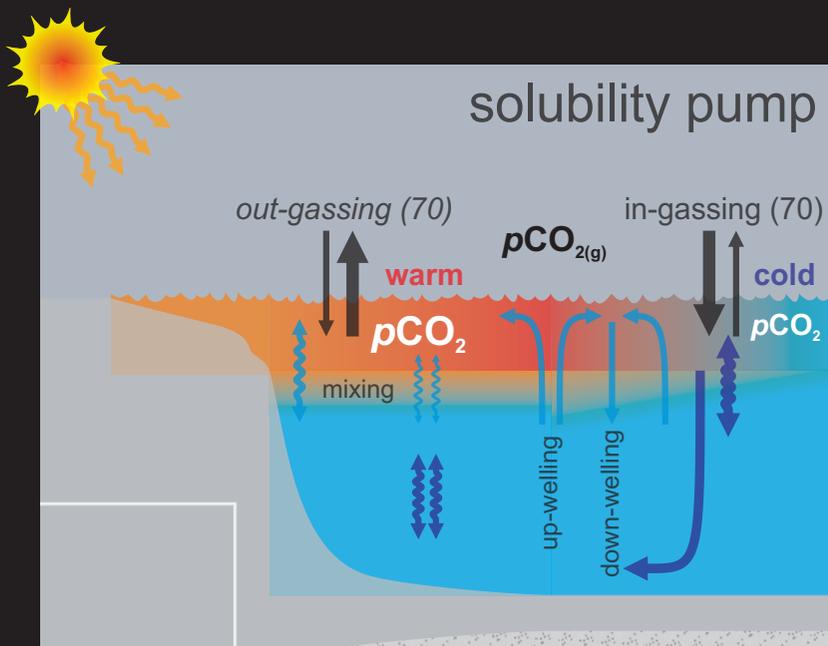
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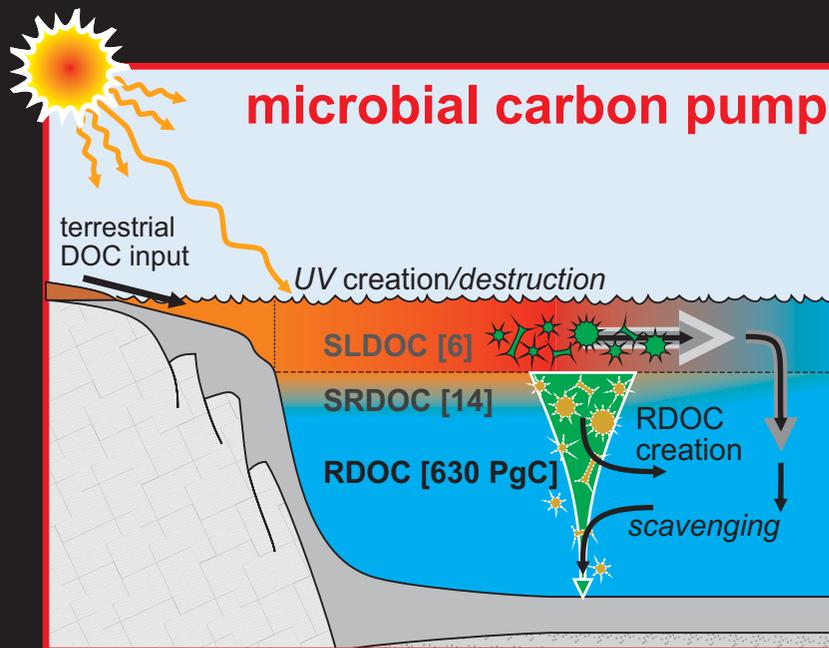
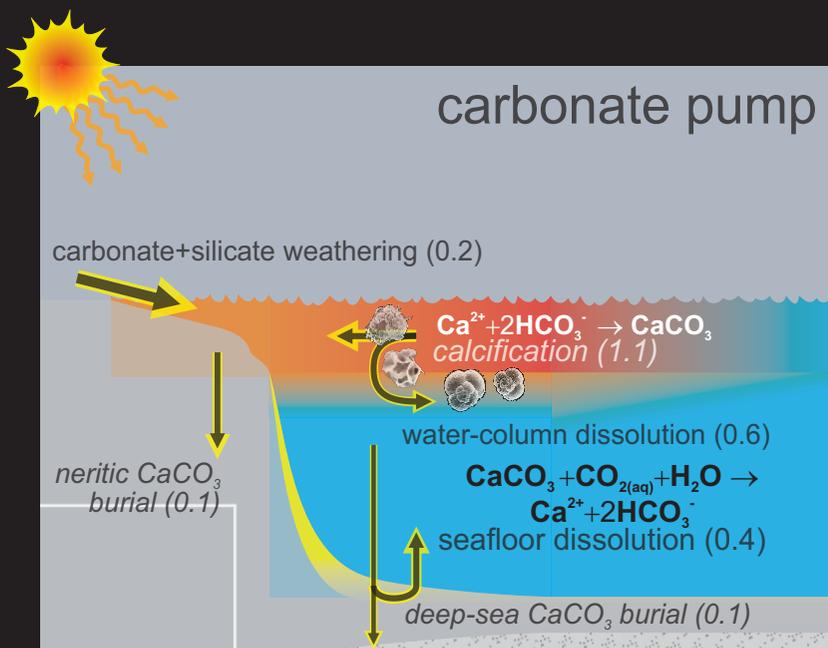
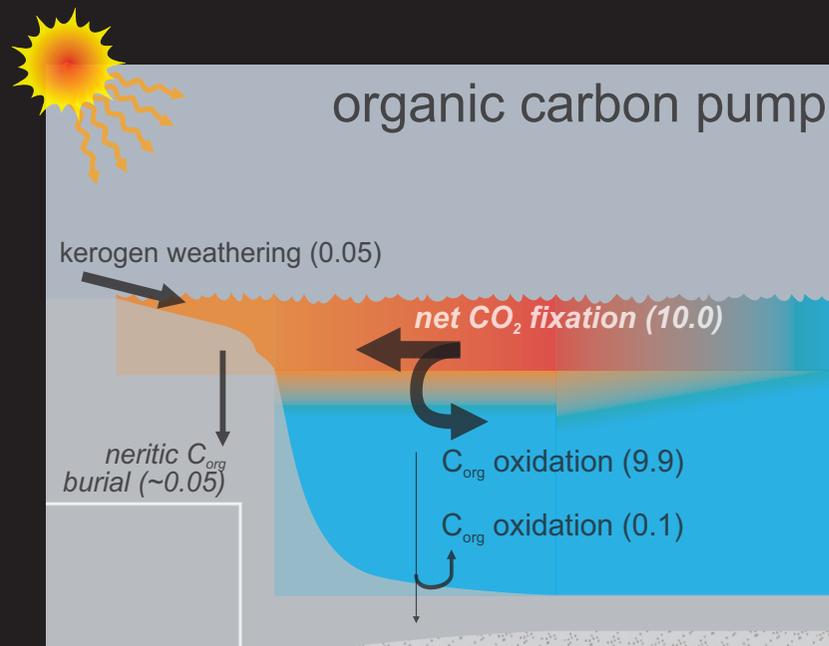
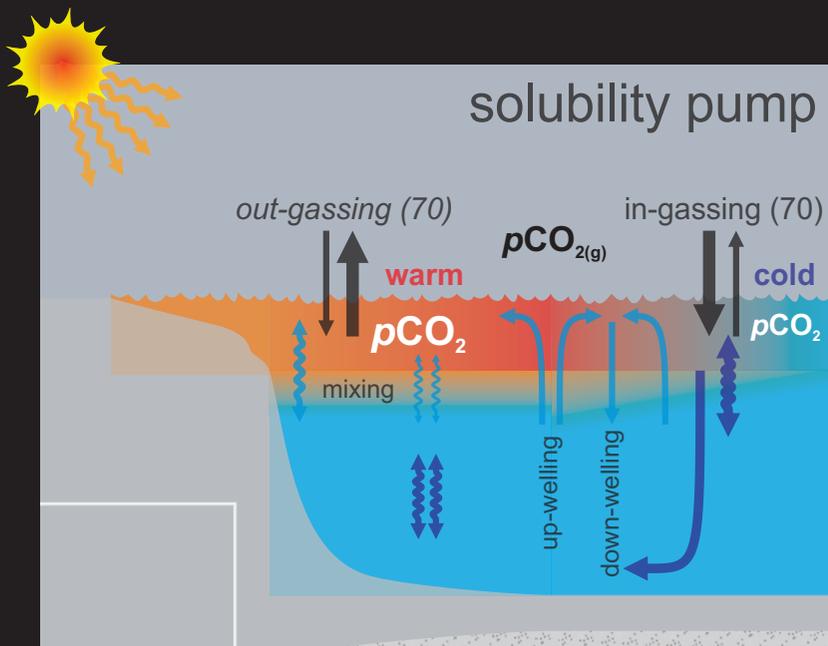
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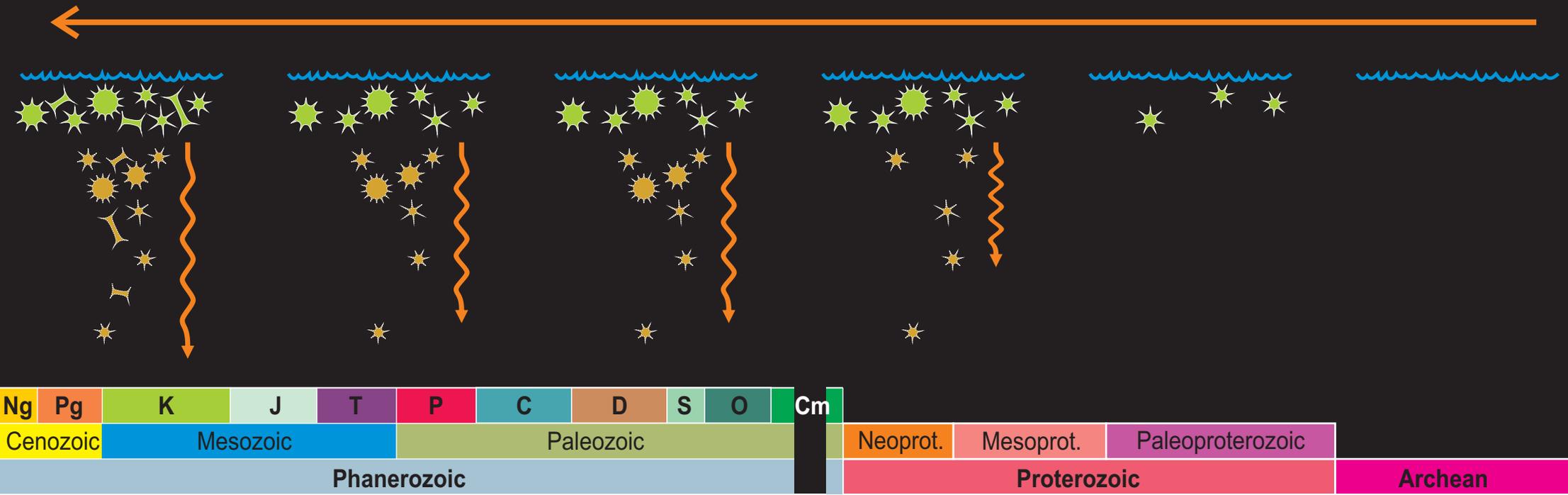


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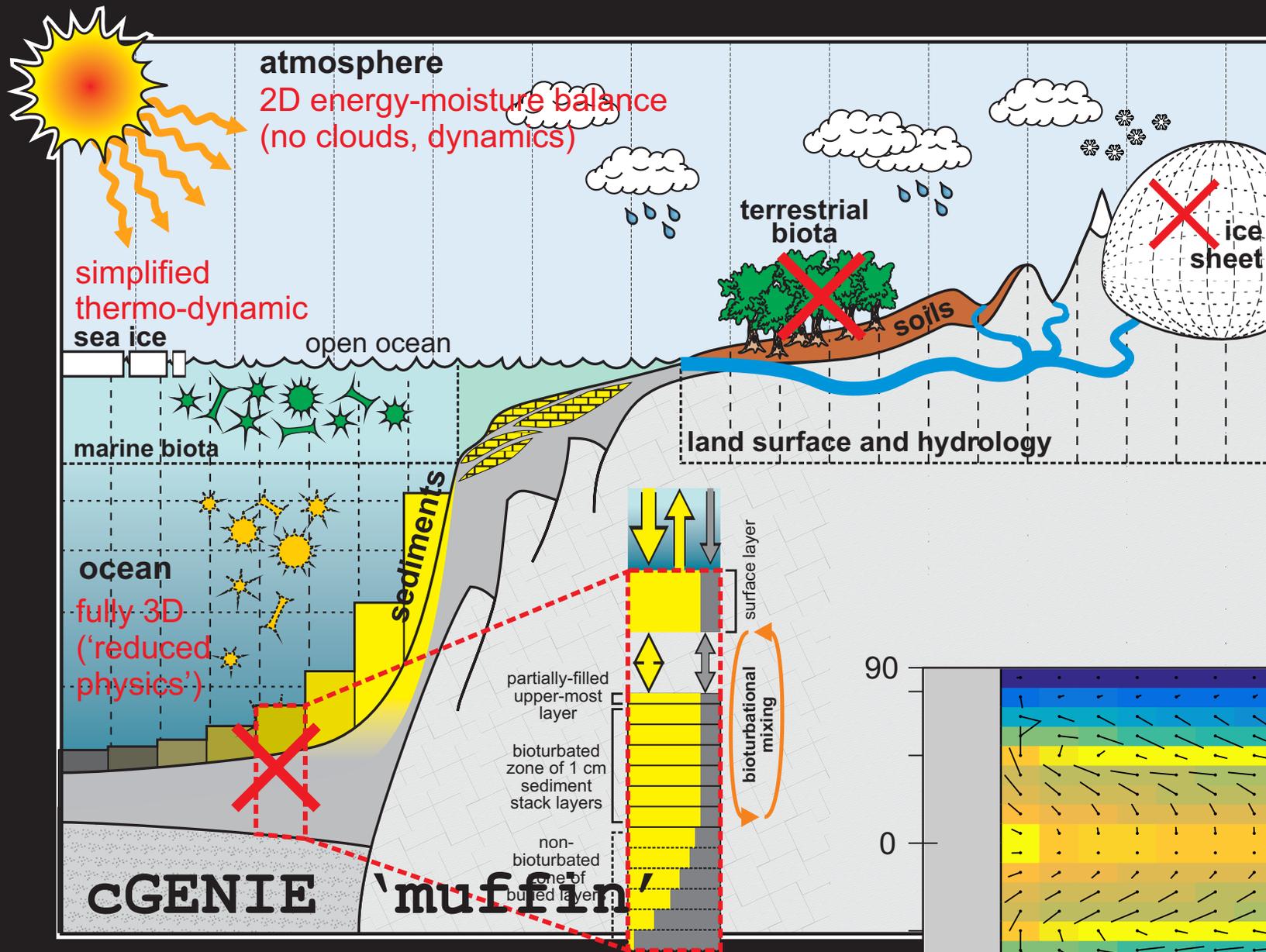


pump = f (circulation, biological pump),
 POM/DOM quality,
 redox???, ???





Numerical modelling – Approach



18x18 grid resolution
(20 degrees longitude).

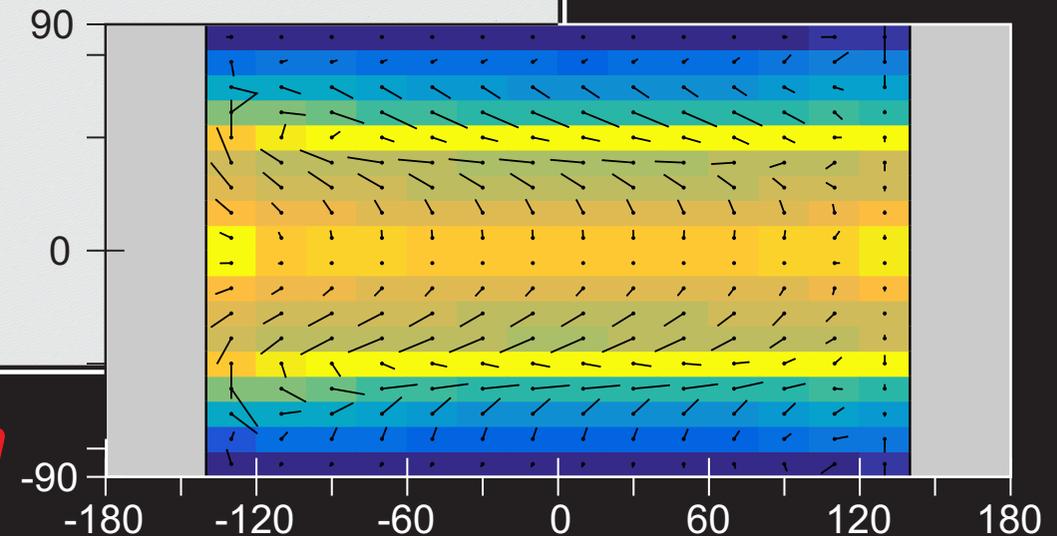
16 ocean levels.

Seasonally forced.

Reduced, ca.
Neoproterozoic
solar constant,
elevated $p\text{CO}_2$.

0 30
Ocean surface temperature

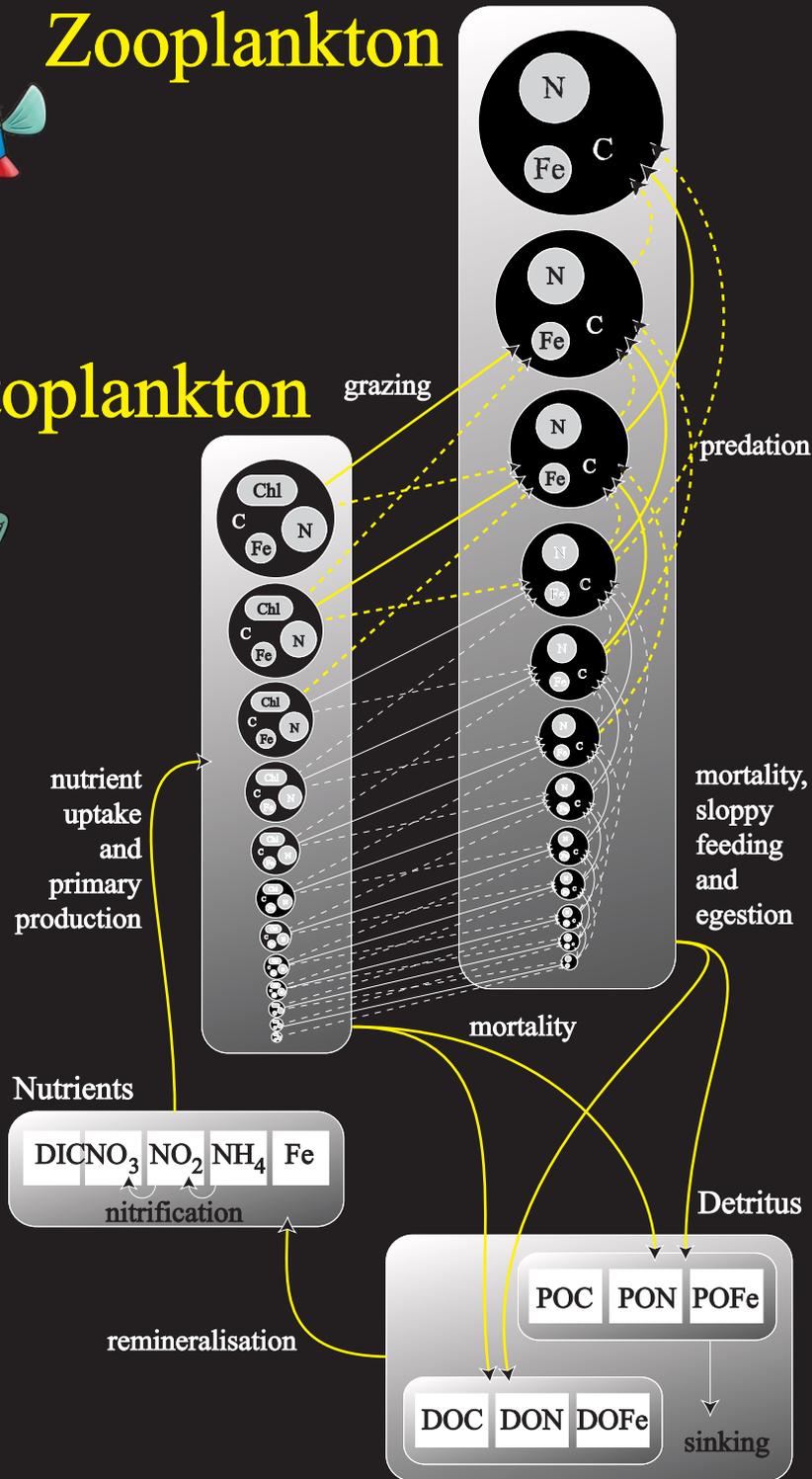
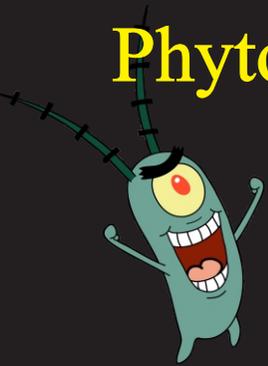
github.com/derpycode/cgenie.muffin





Zooplankton

Phytoplankton



‘ECOGEM’ size-structured plankton ecological model [Ward *et al.*, 2018 (GMD)].

Can define n phytoplankton and m zooplankton (and/or mixotrophs).

Traits scale with the master variable, cell size.

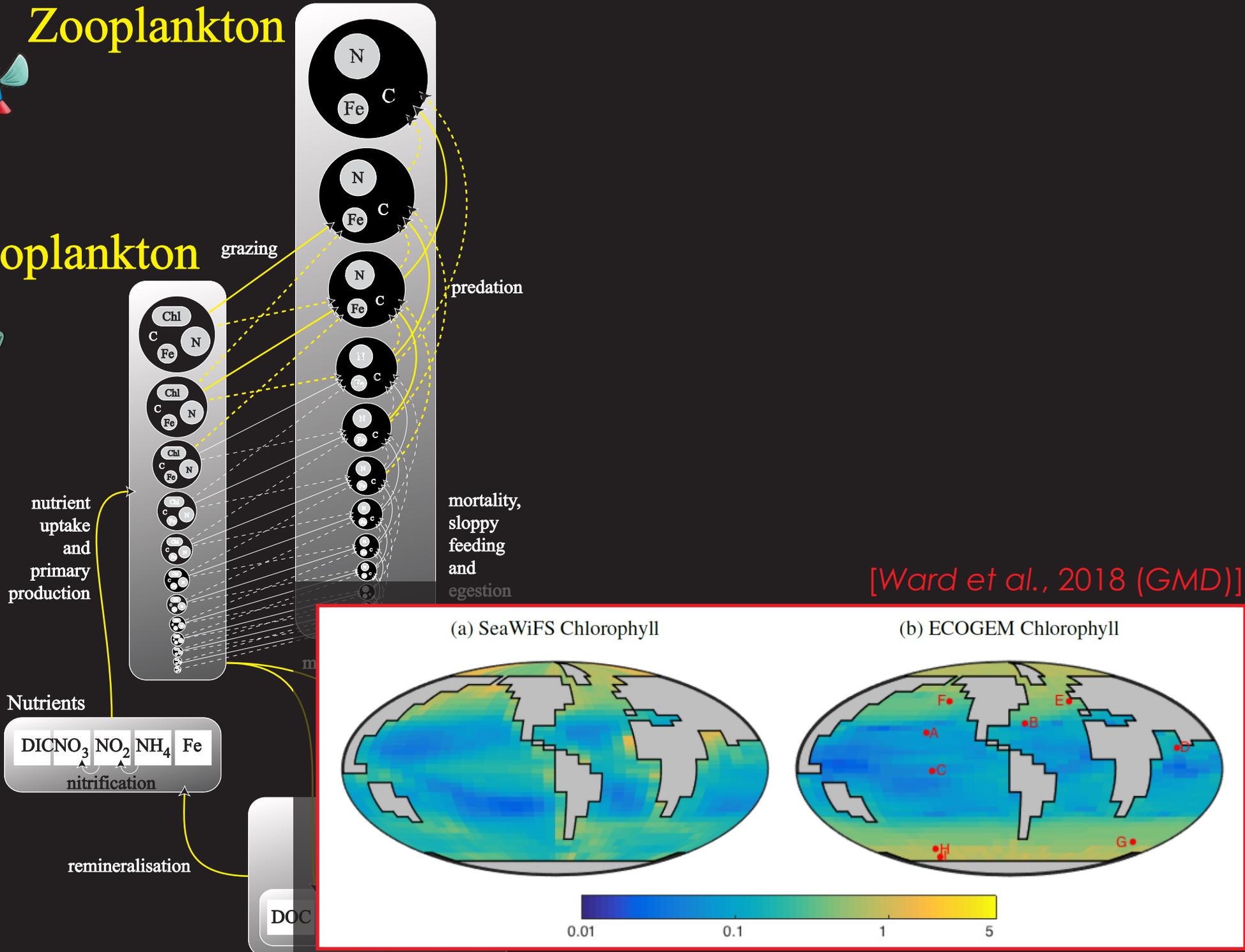
Each plankton has ‘quotas’ for C, N, P, Fe, so variable elemental stoichiometry possible (just C and P used here).

‘Standard’ functional type ecosystem model grazing formulation (with size preference).



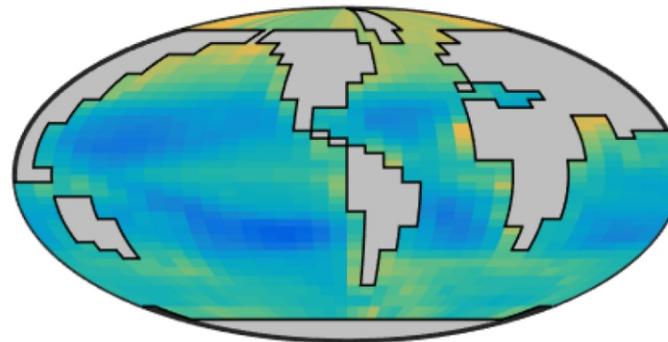
Zooplankton

Phytoplankton

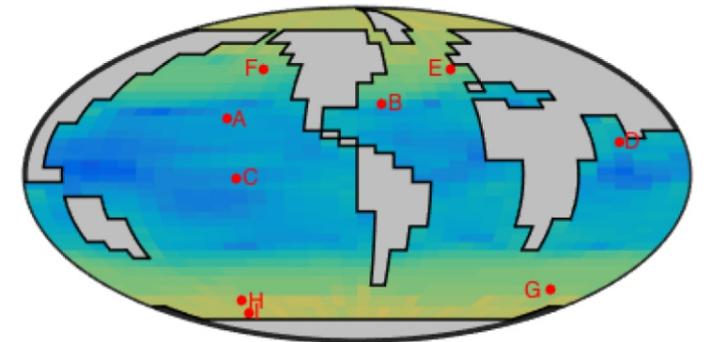


[Ward et al., 2018 (GMD)]

(a) SeaWiFS Chlorophyll



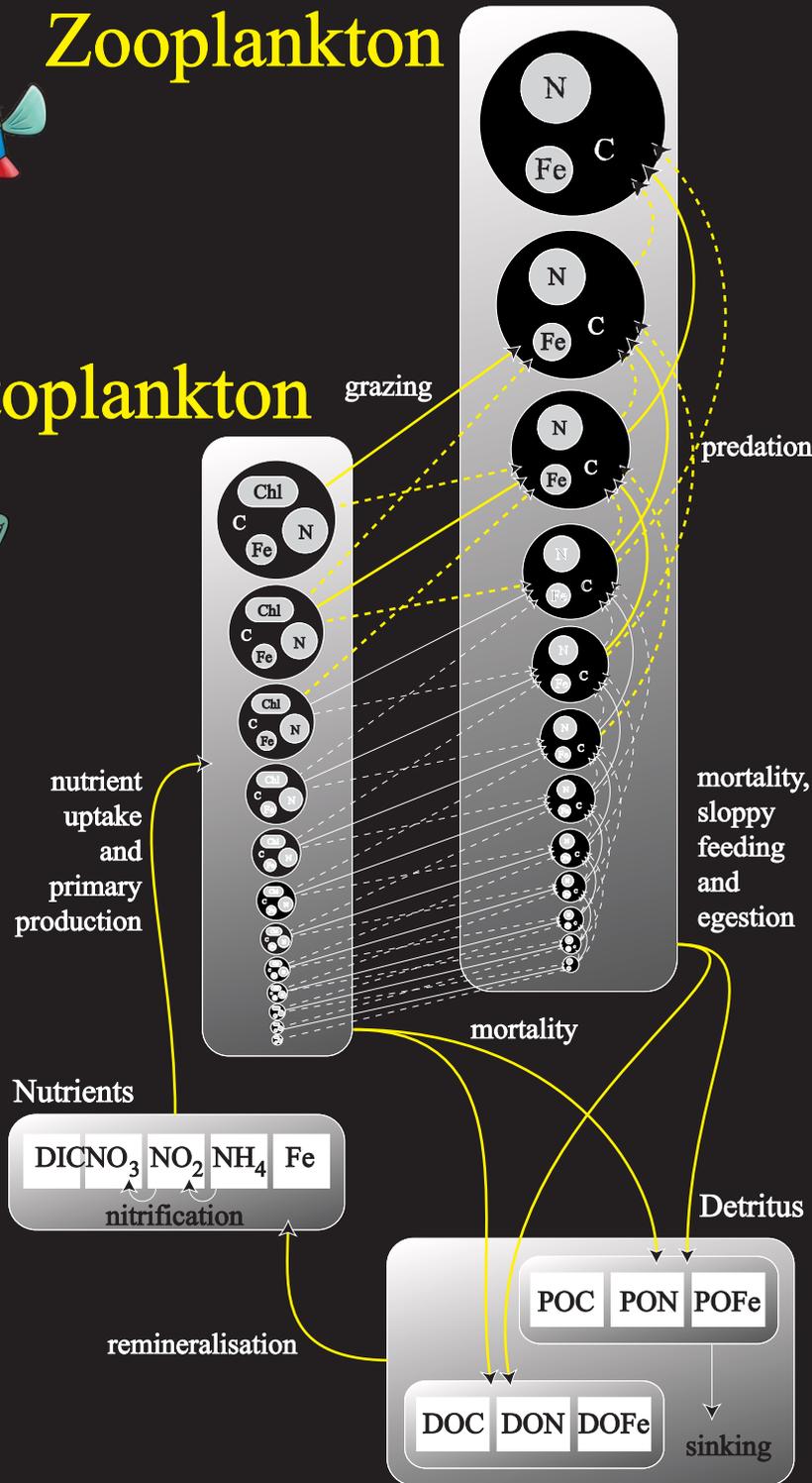
(b) ECOGEM Chlorophyll





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Here:

0-8 phytoplankton size possible classes
0-8 zooplankton size possible classes

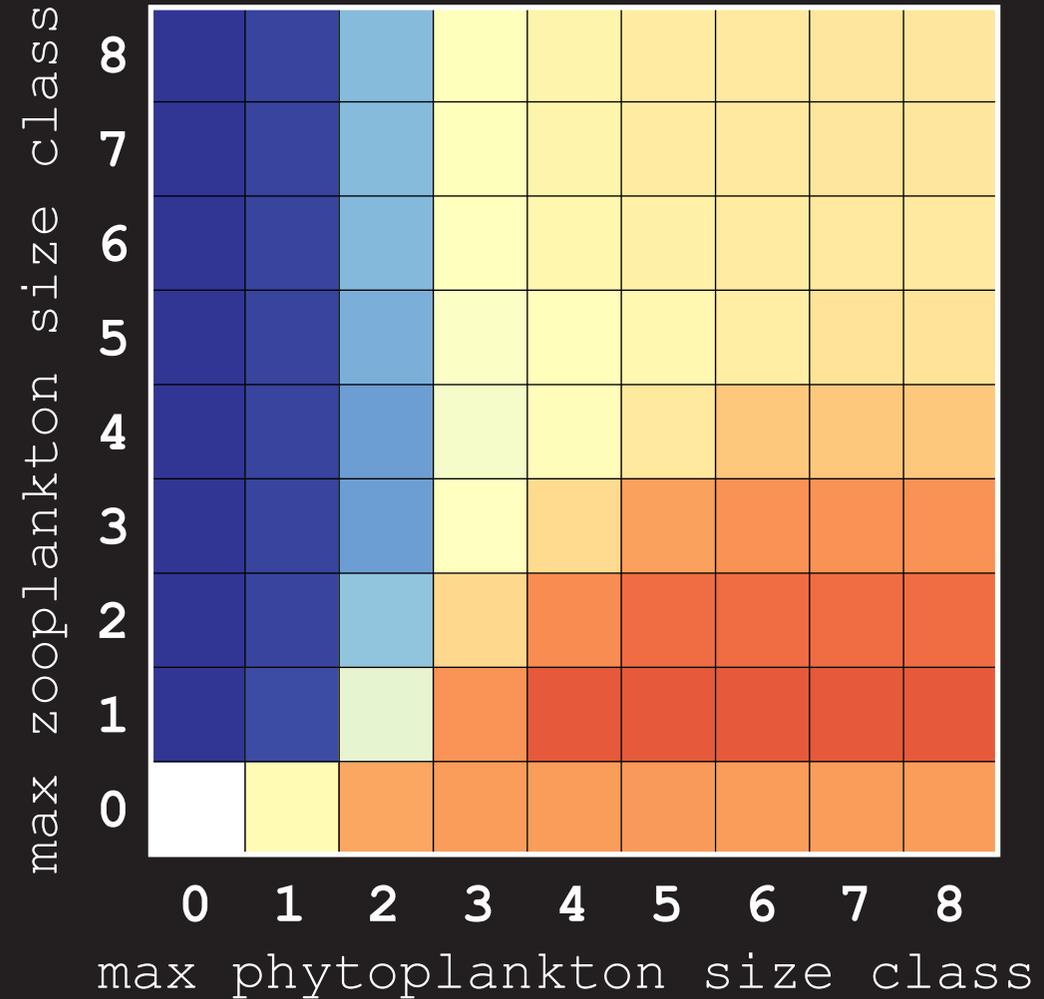
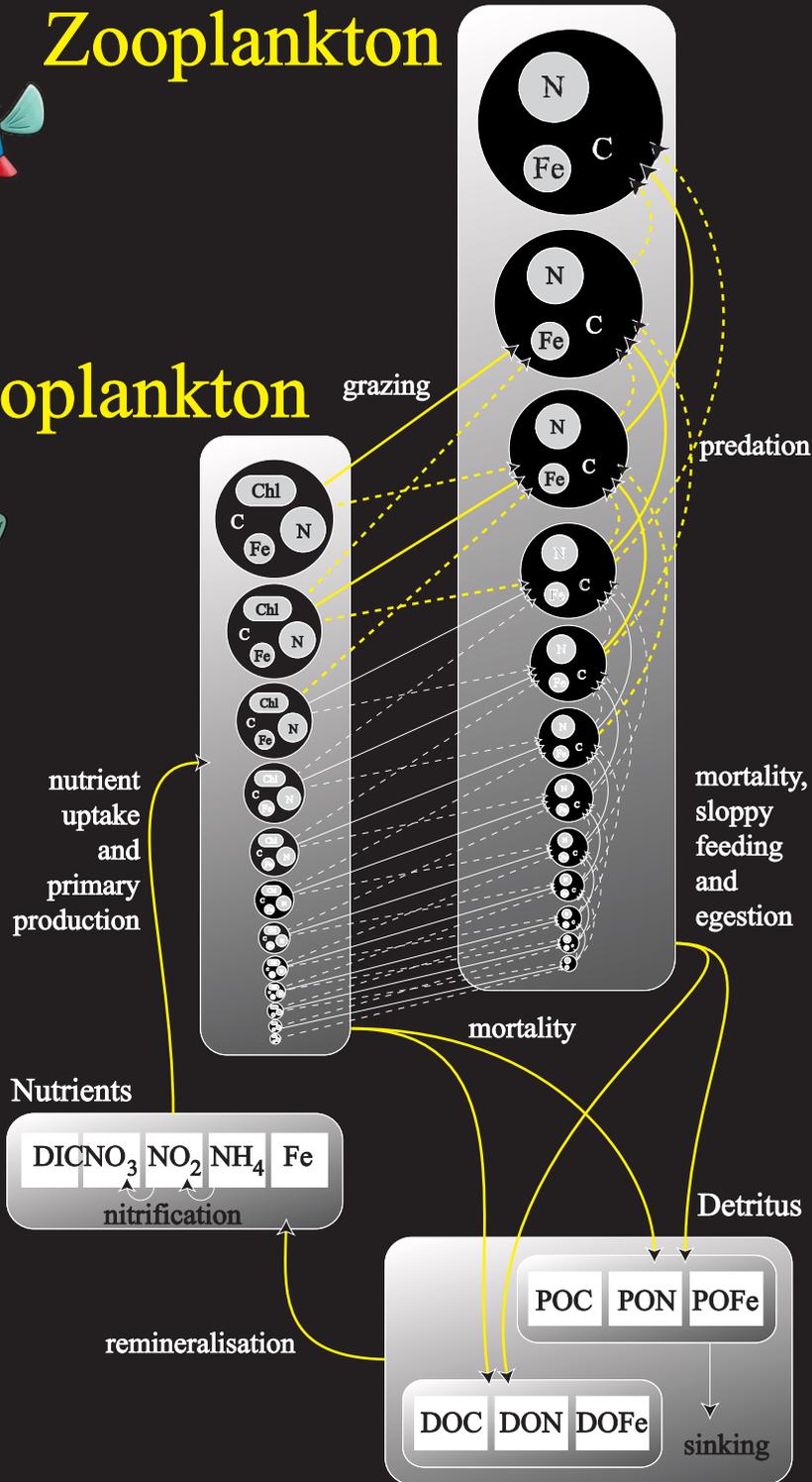
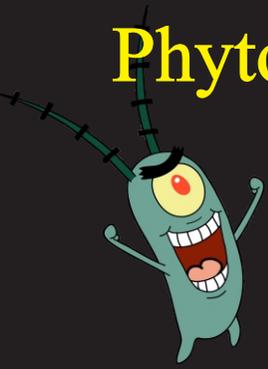
i.e. making no *a priori* assumptions about any particular ecosystem structure corresponding to any particular past geological interval.

(Already 16 plankton maximum \times 3 cellular ‘quotas’ == 48 ocean tracers, hence low resolution ocean model advantage.)



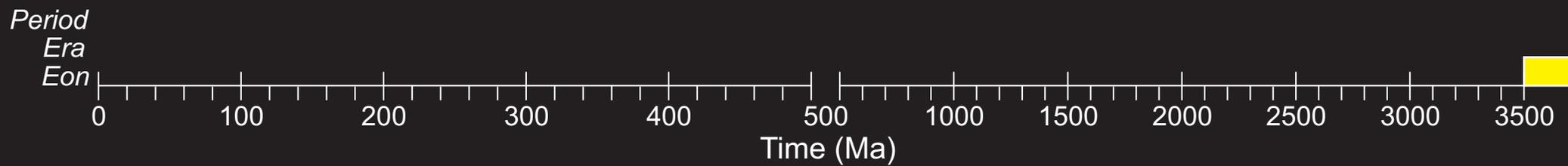
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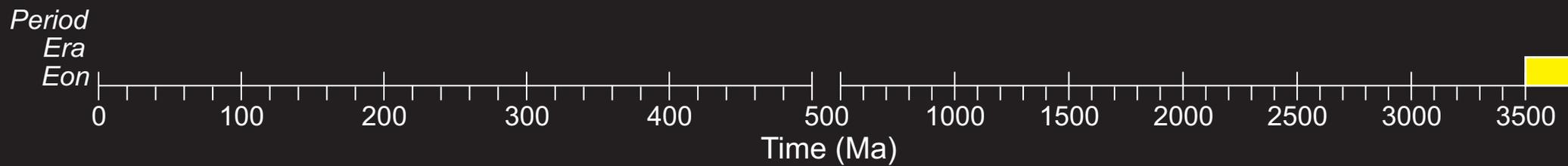
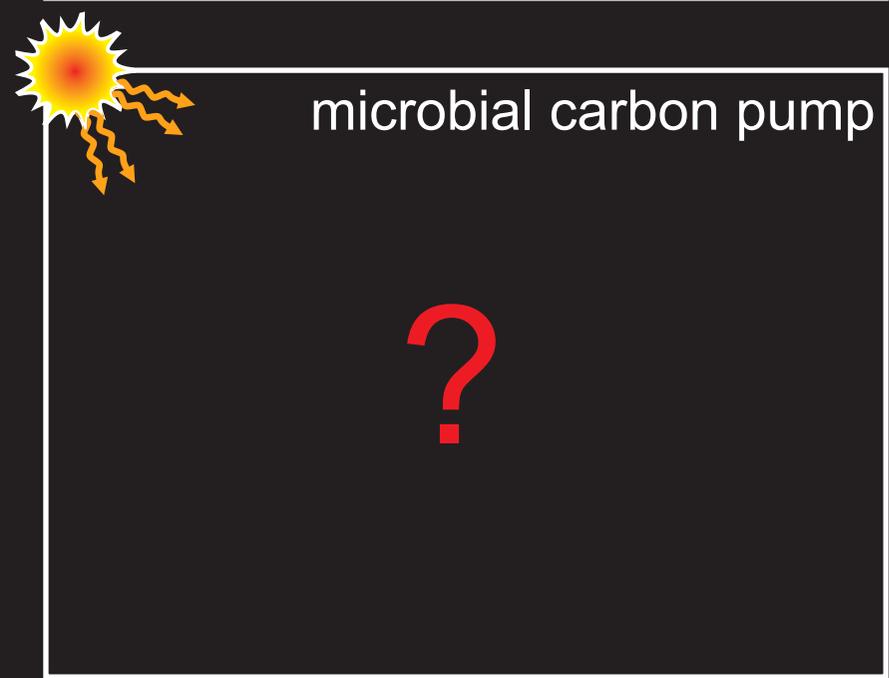
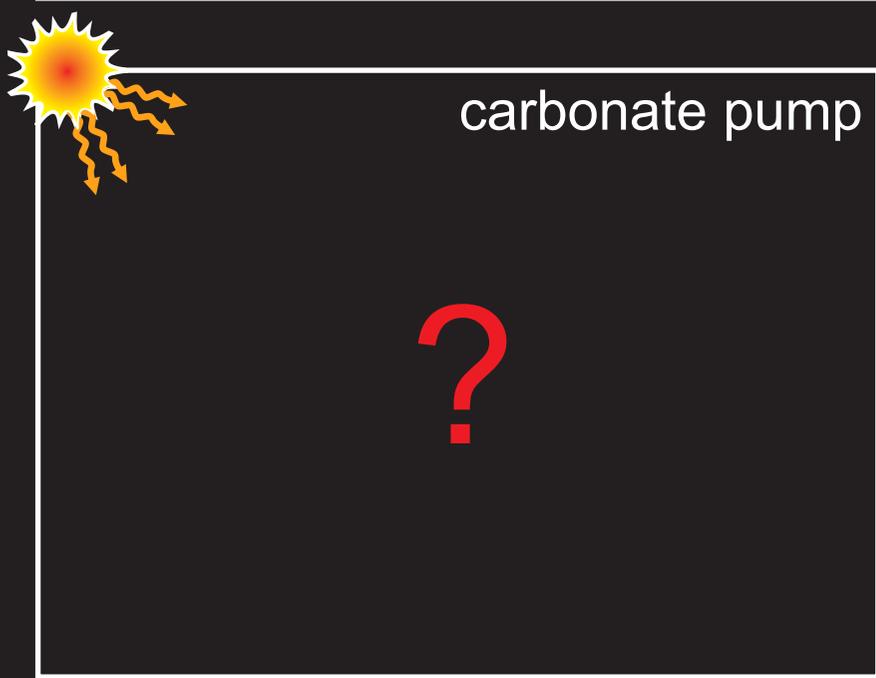
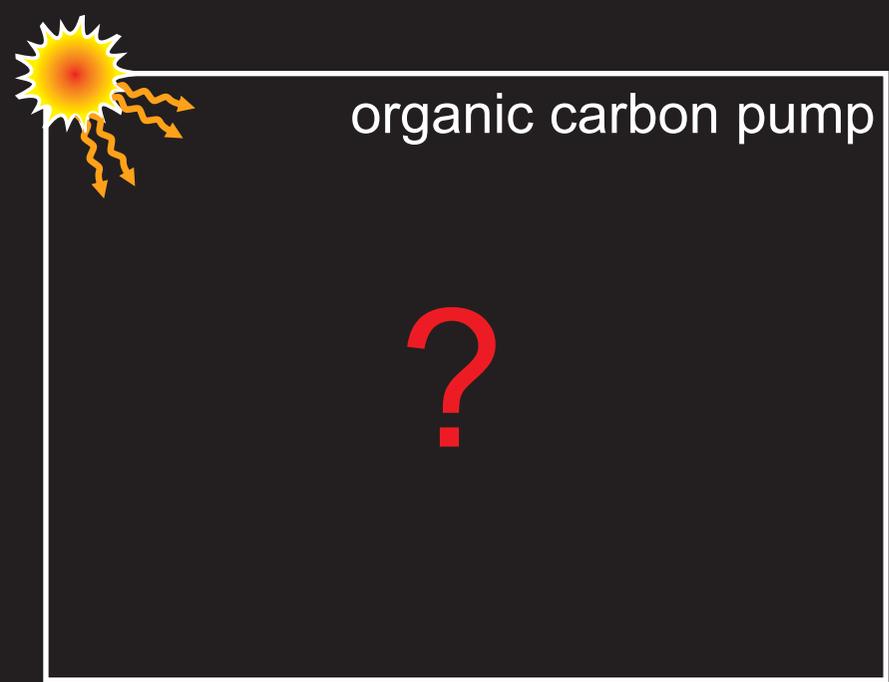
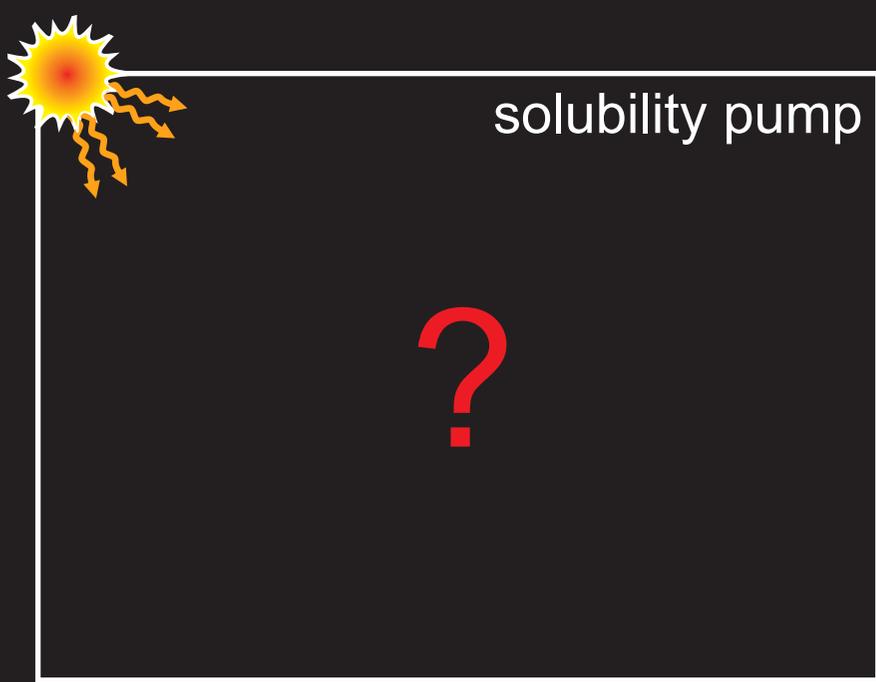
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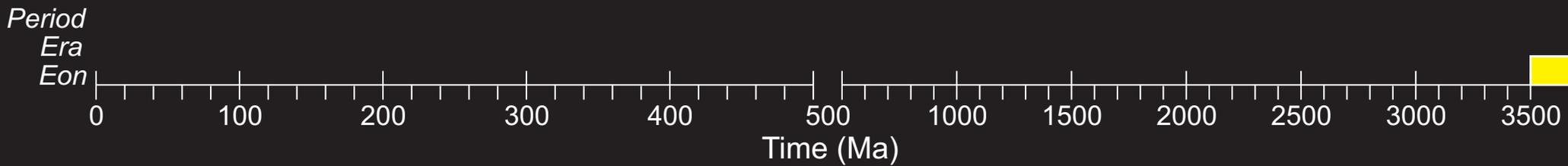
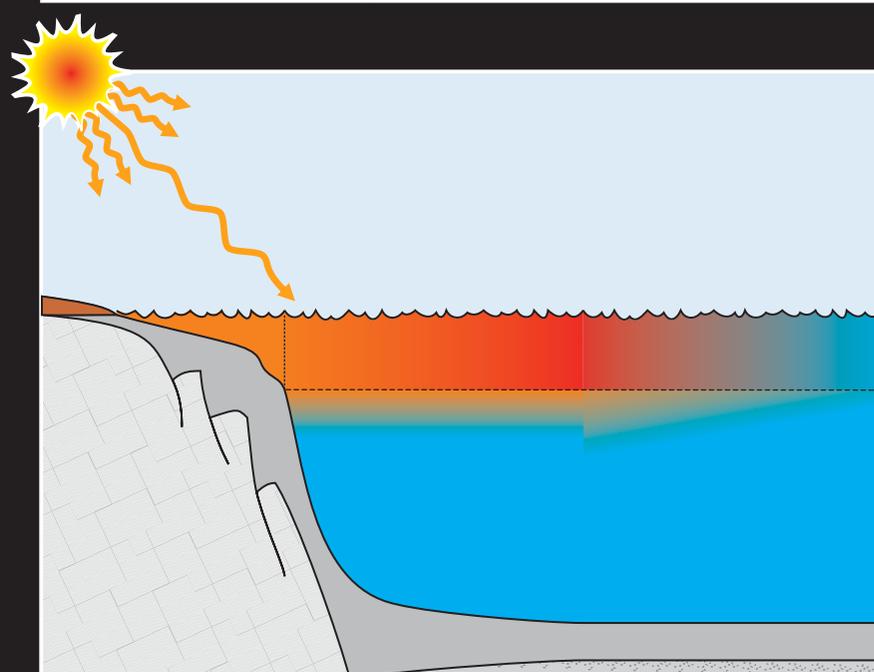
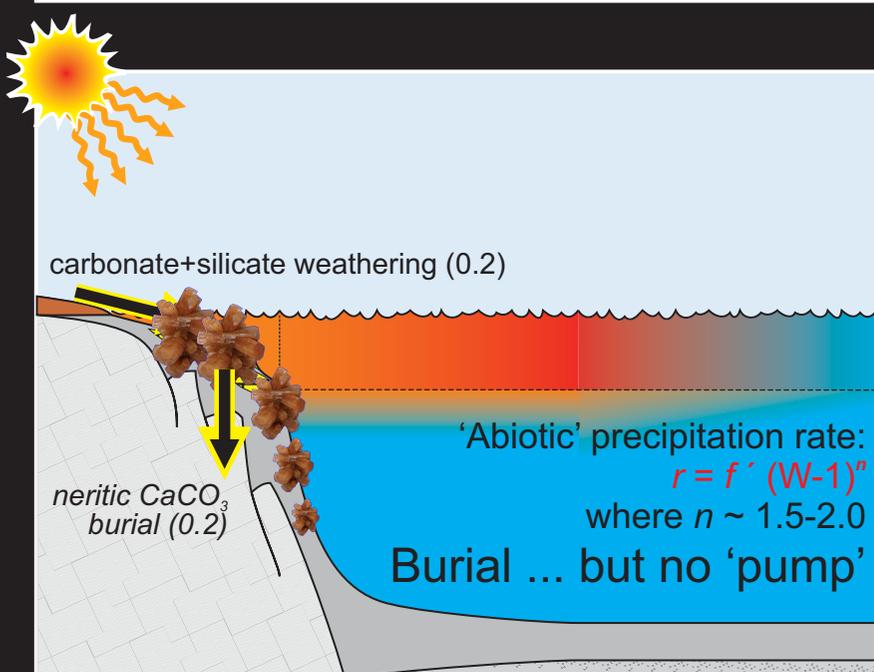
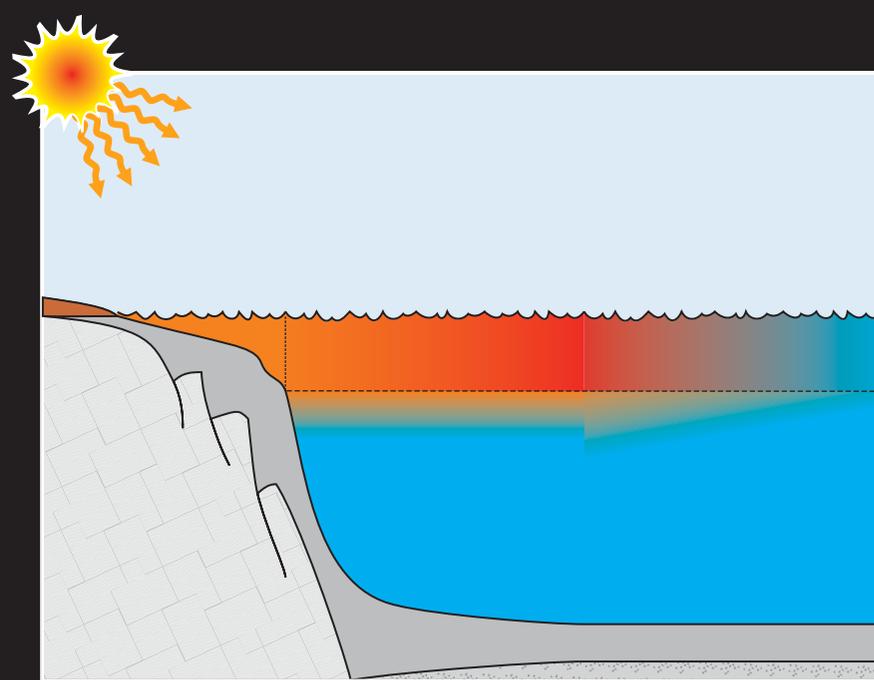
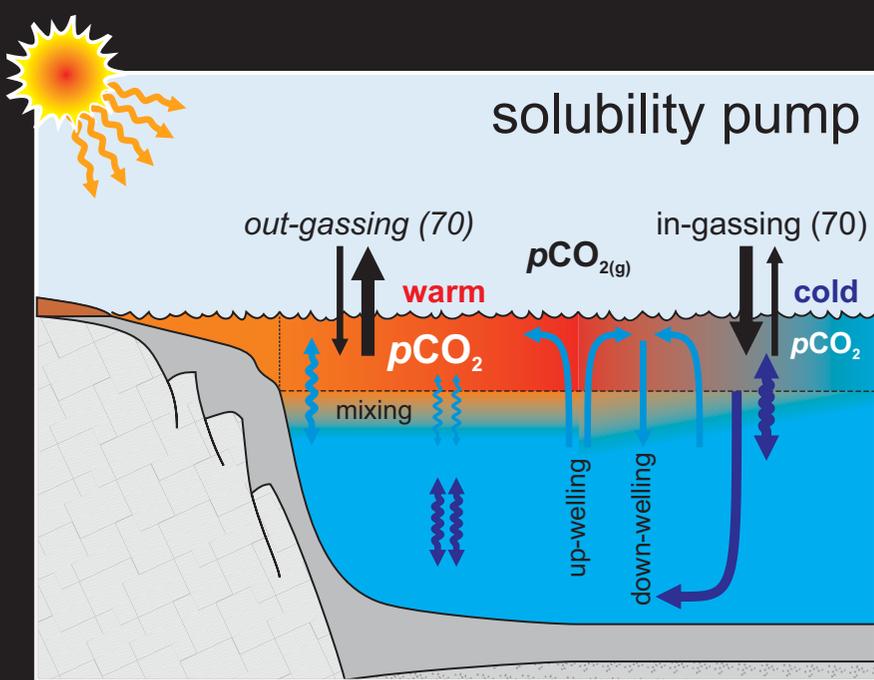


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- 5 == ...

Origins ...







Origins ...



Evolutionary innovations
& plankton assemblage

Cyanobacteria

origin of photosystems I and II

Period
Era
Eon

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Time (Ma)

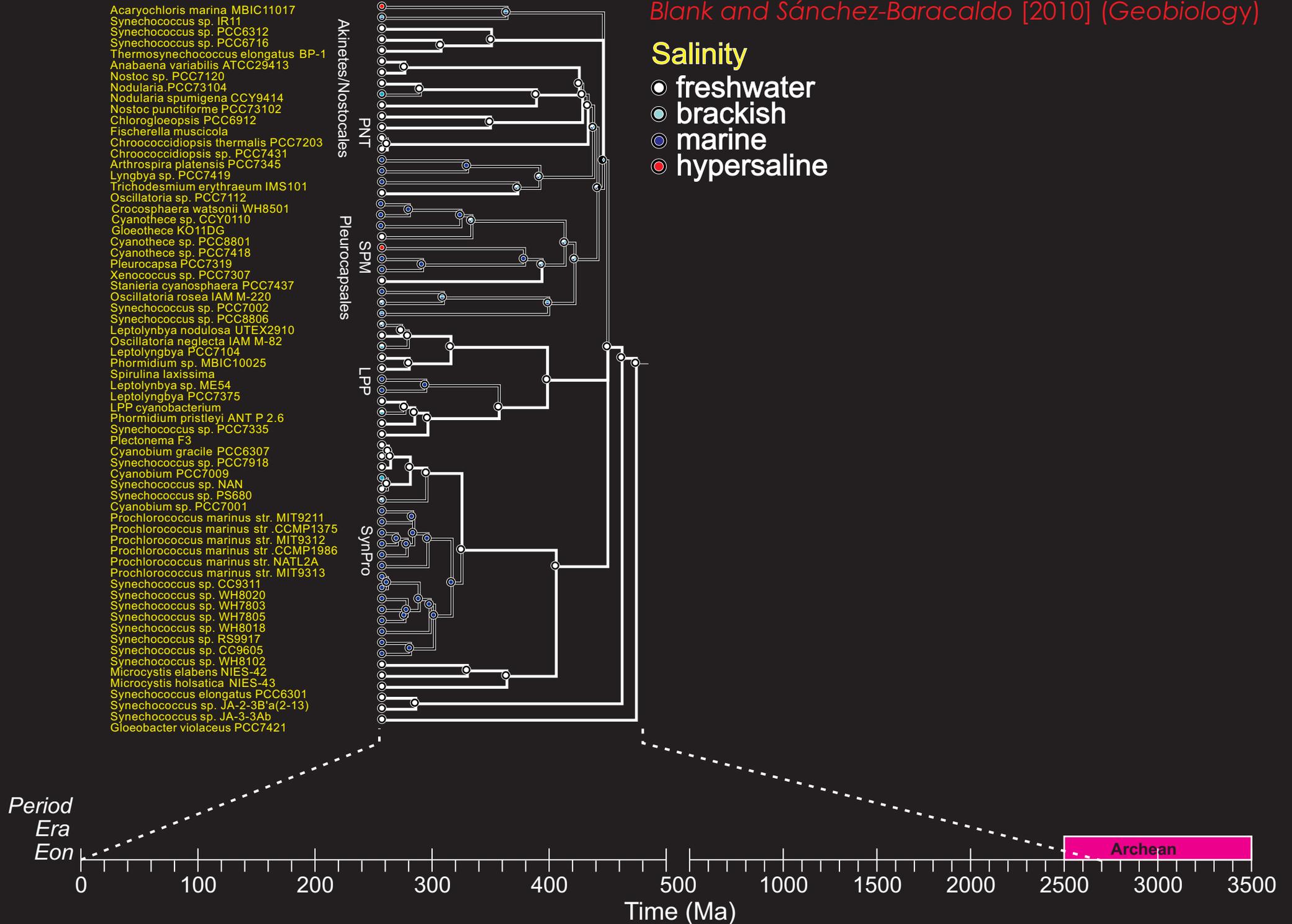
Archean



Origins ...



Blank and Sánchez-Baracaldo [2010] (Geobiology)



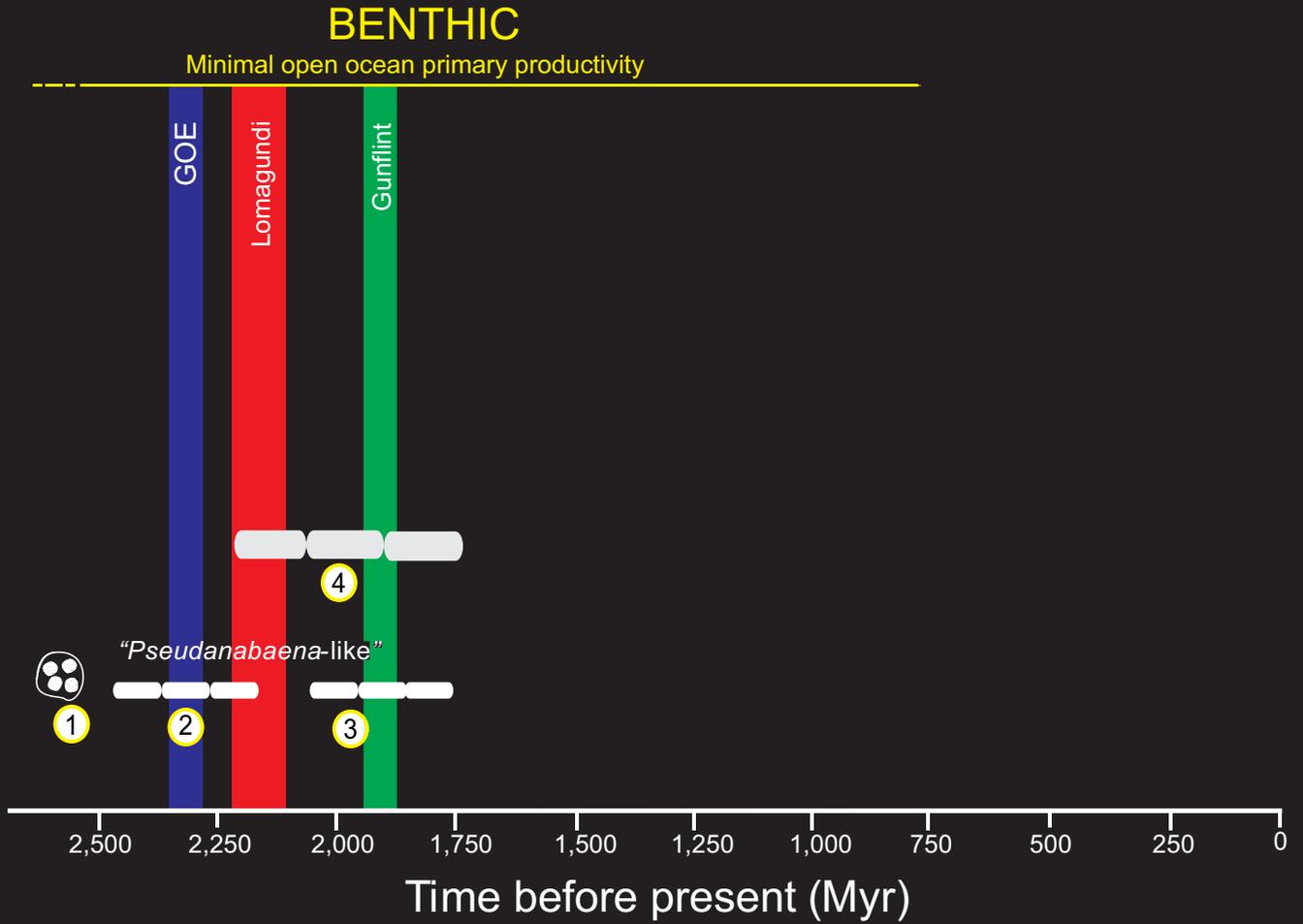


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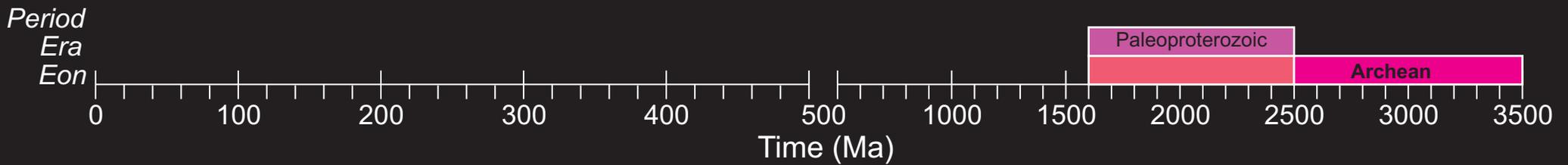
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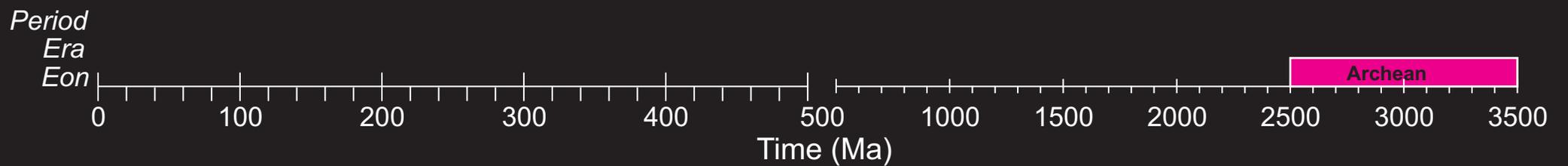
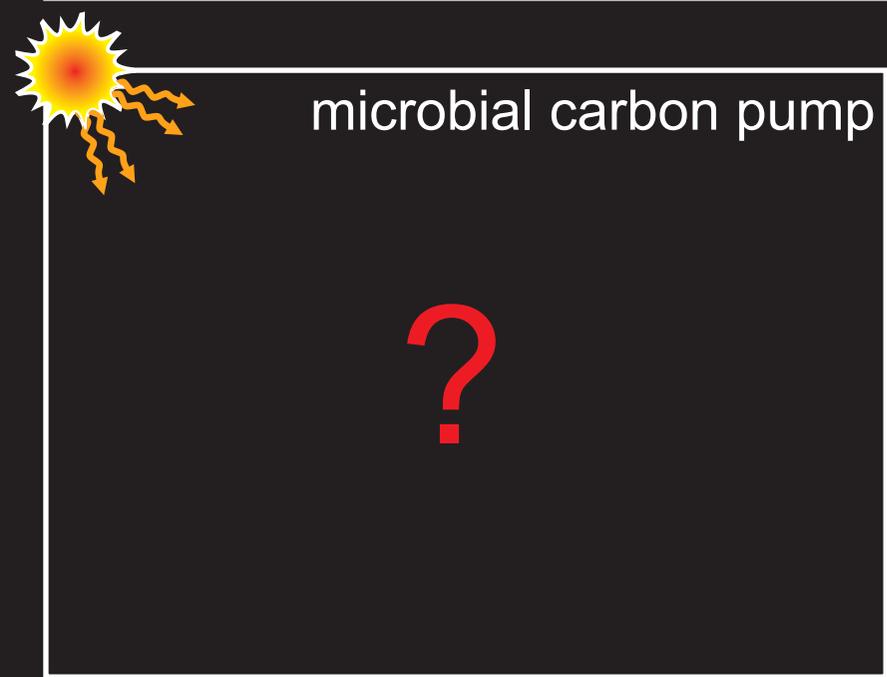
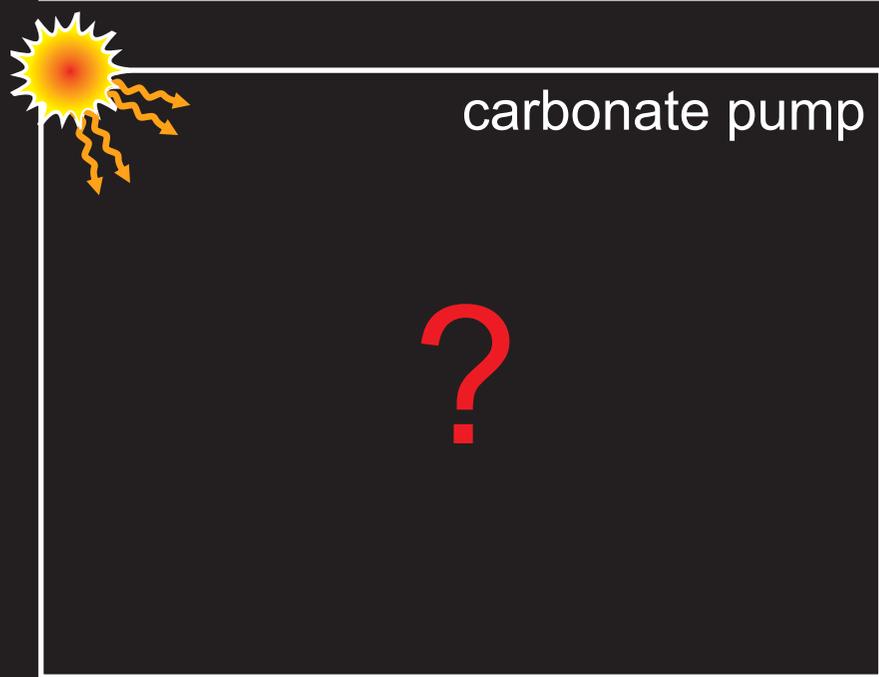
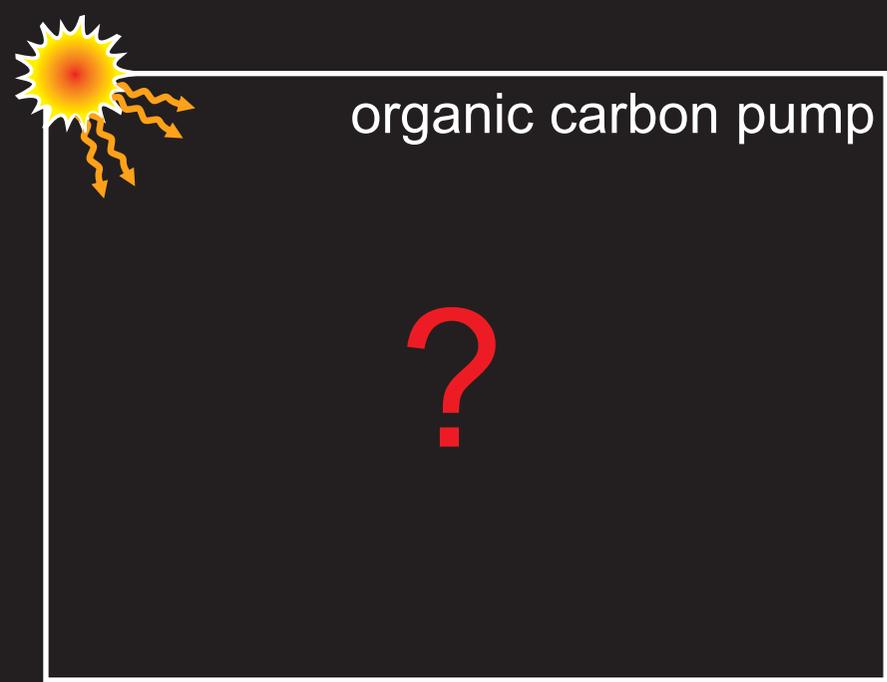
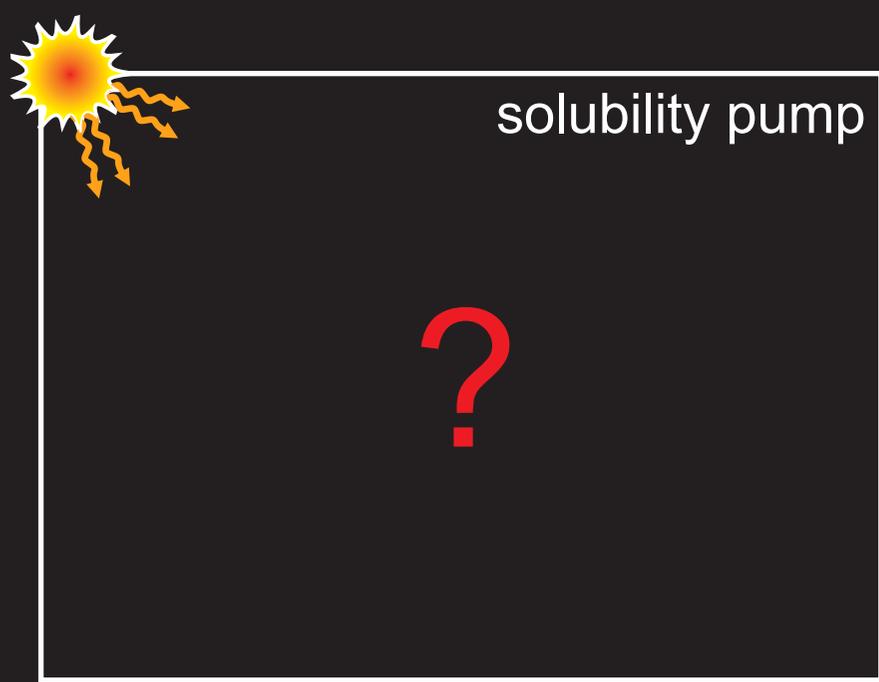
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> 3 μm

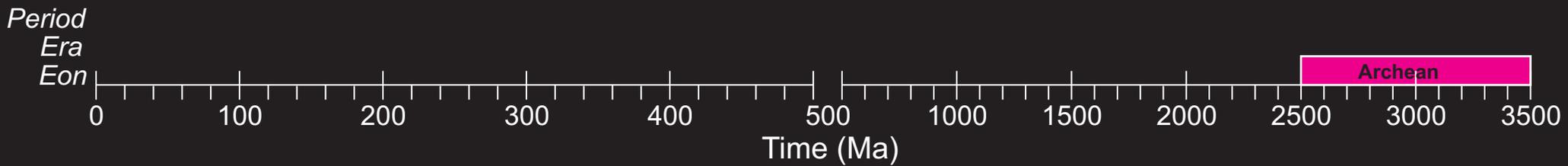
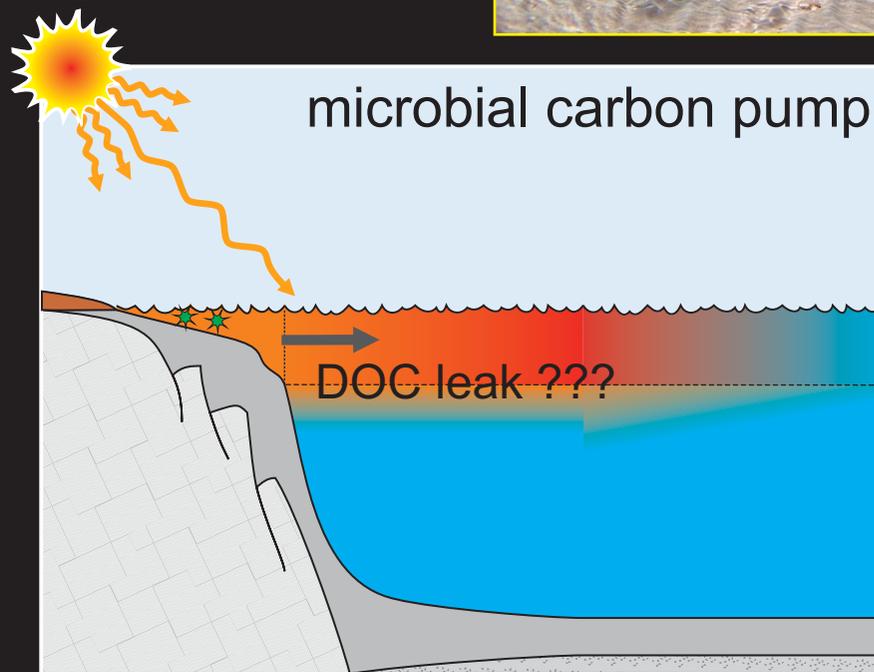
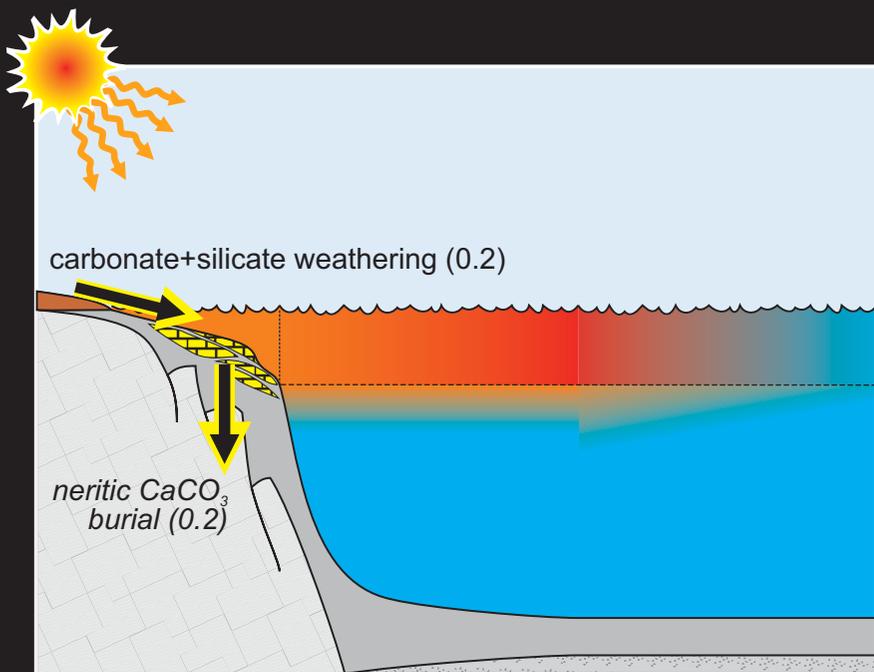
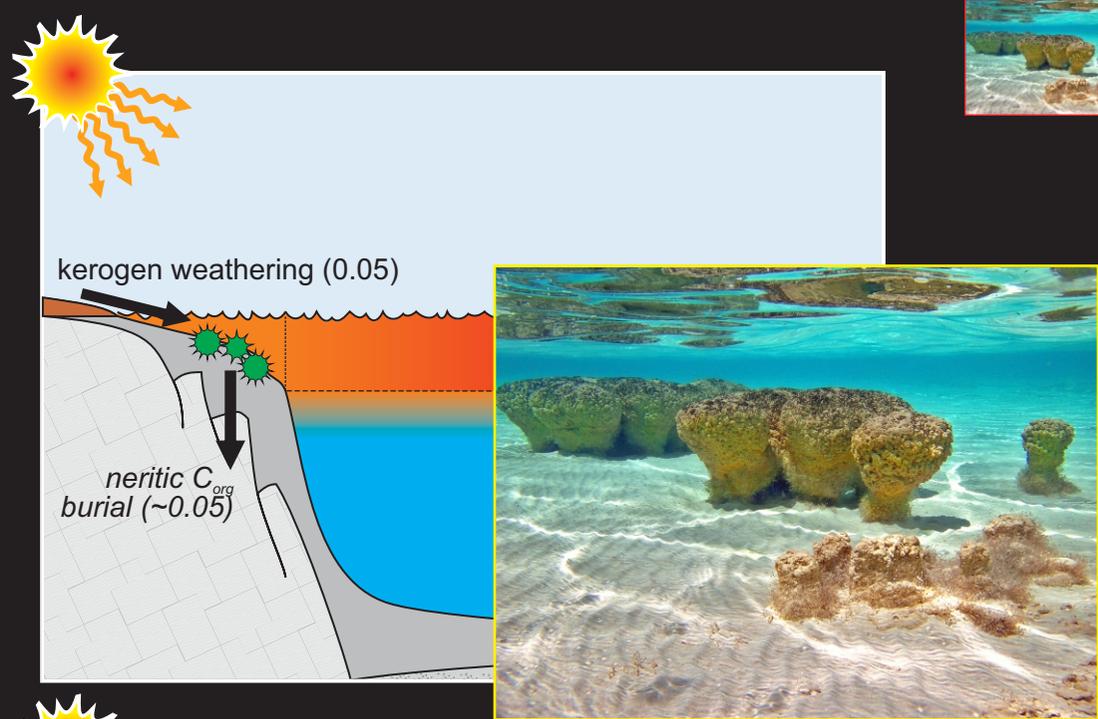
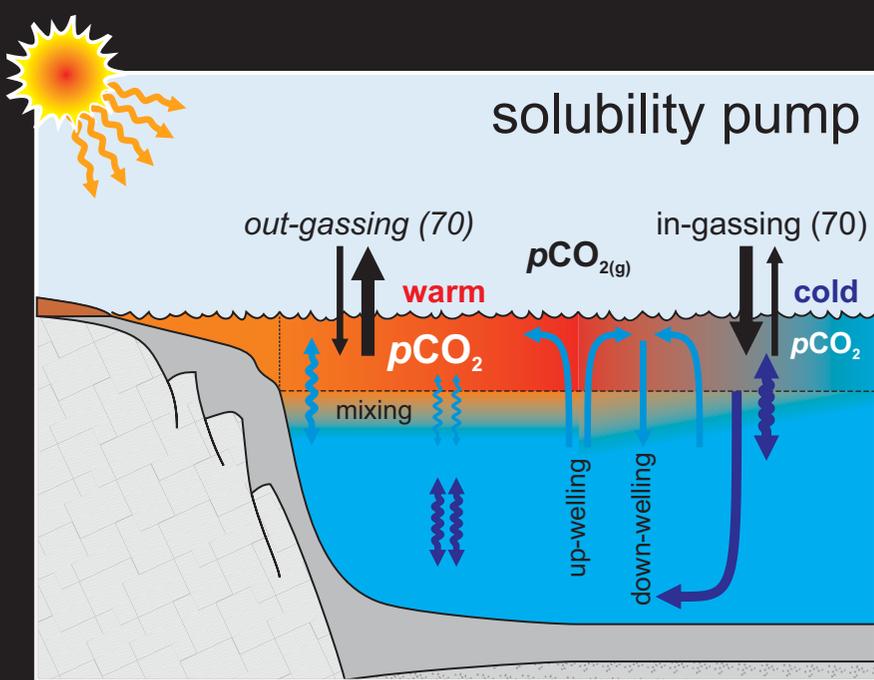
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& Basal Lineages
< 2.5 μm

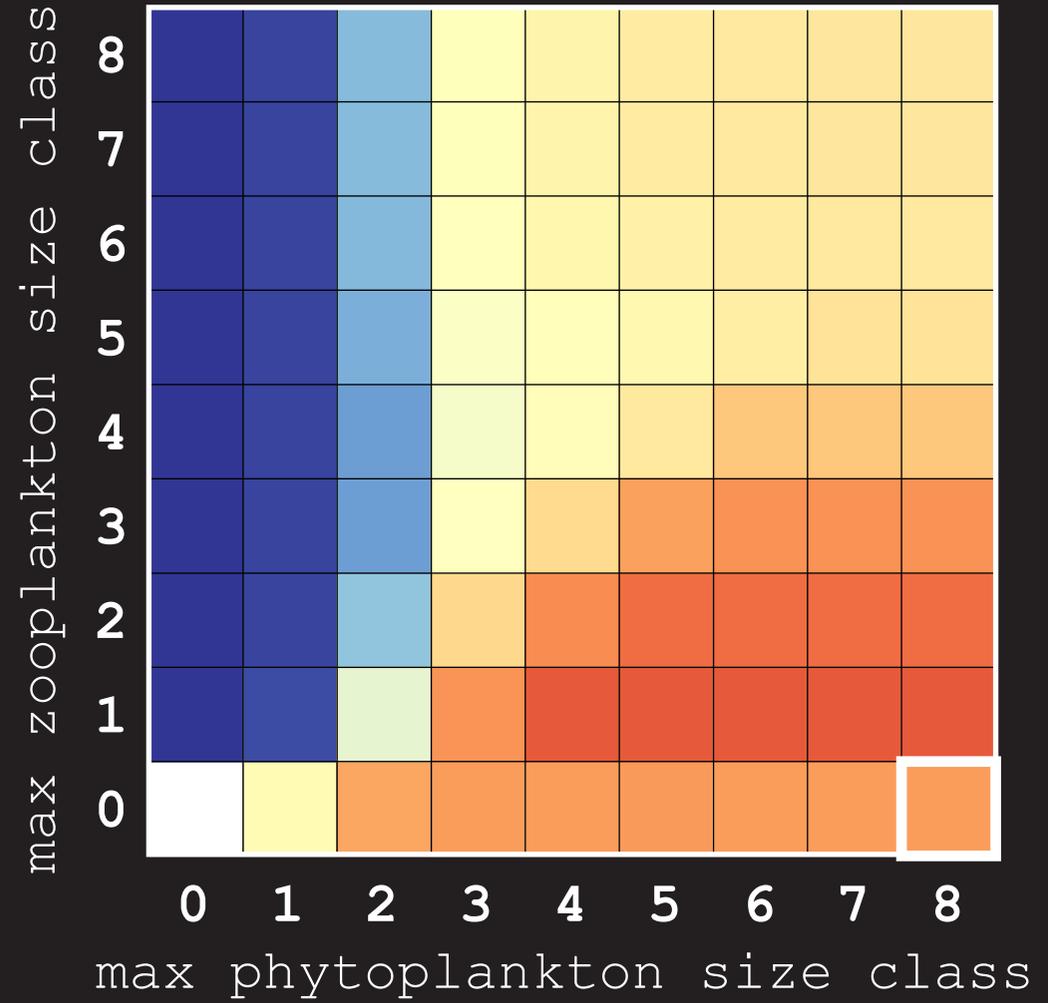
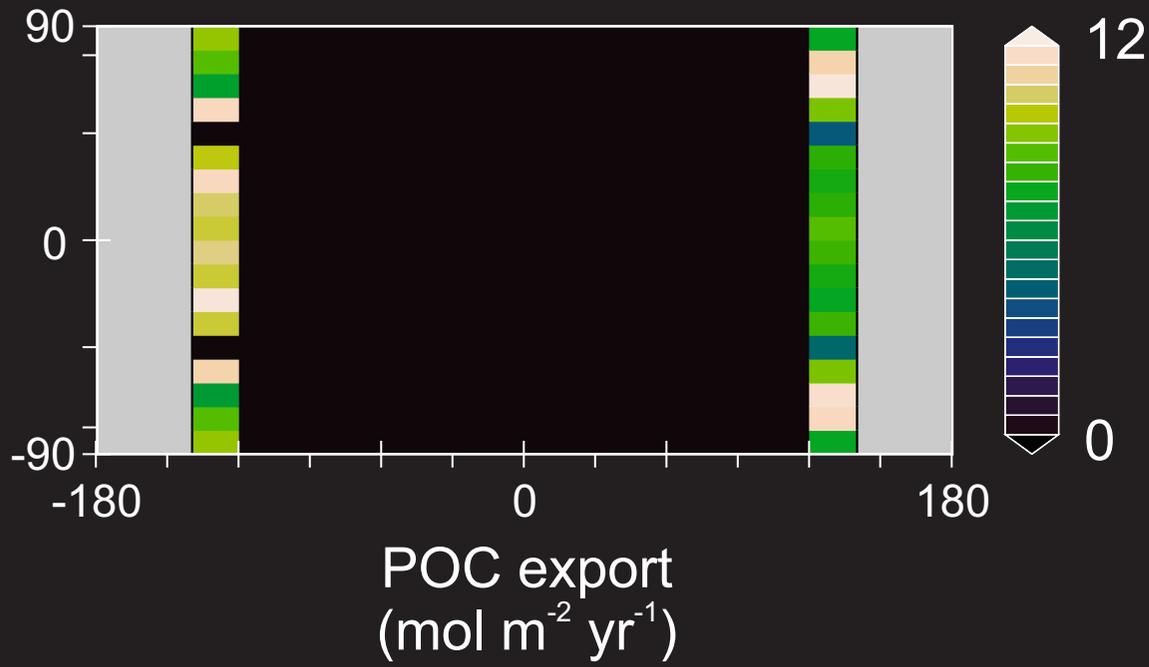


Cyanobacteria (benthic) [Sánchez-Baracaldo, 2015]









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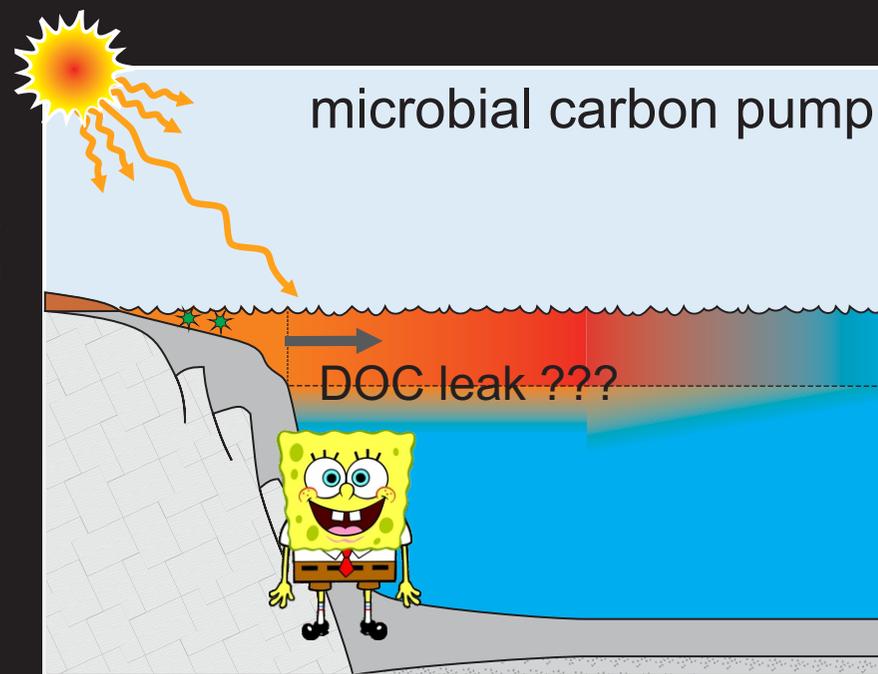
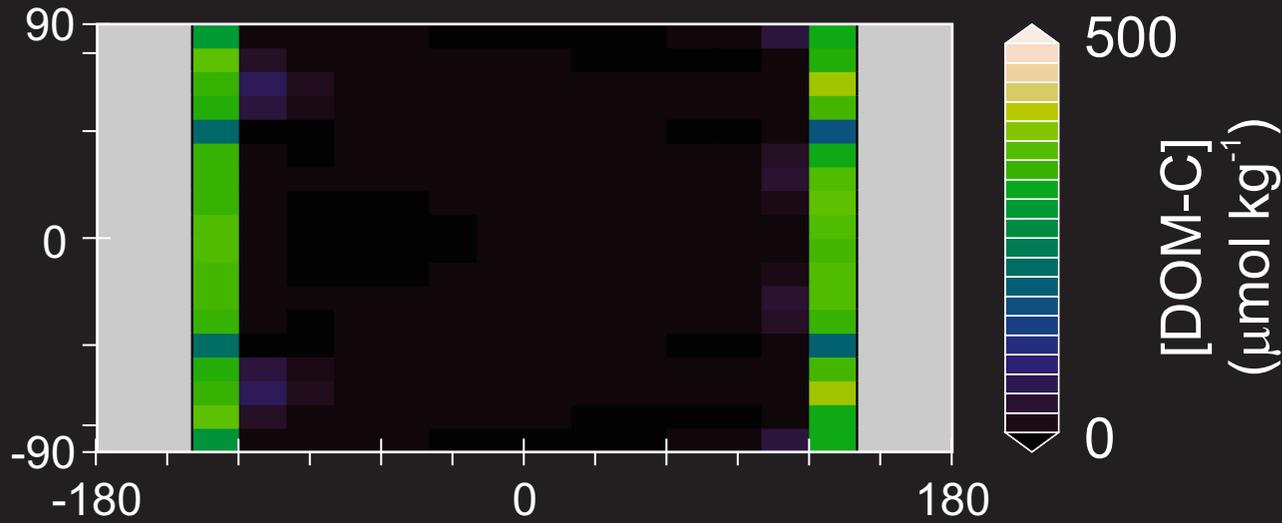
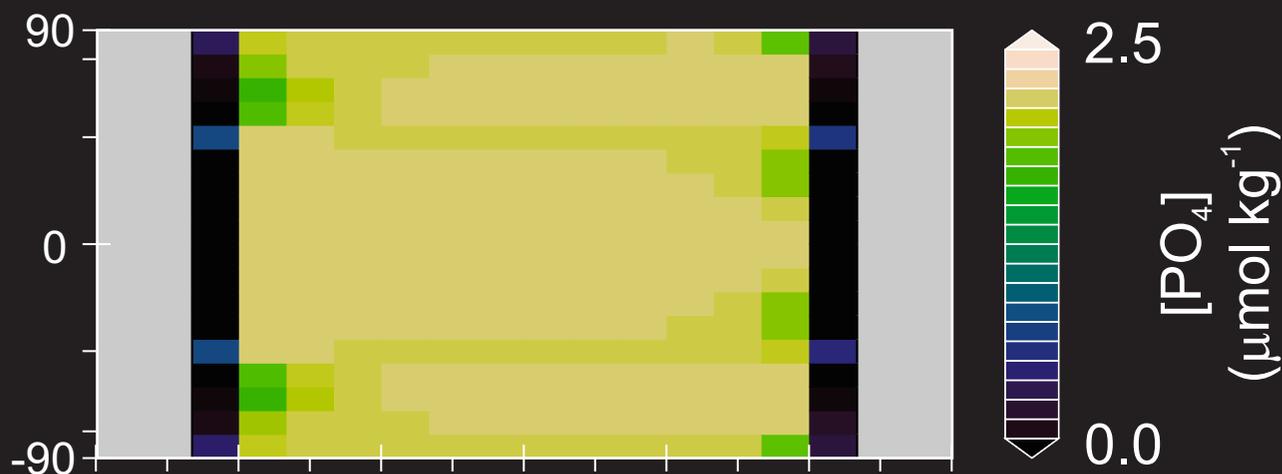
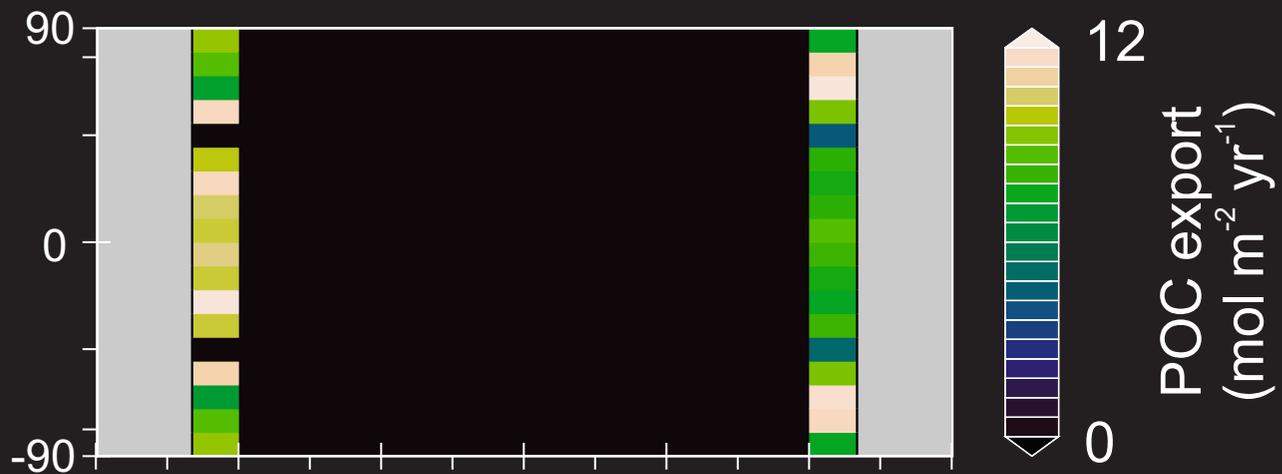
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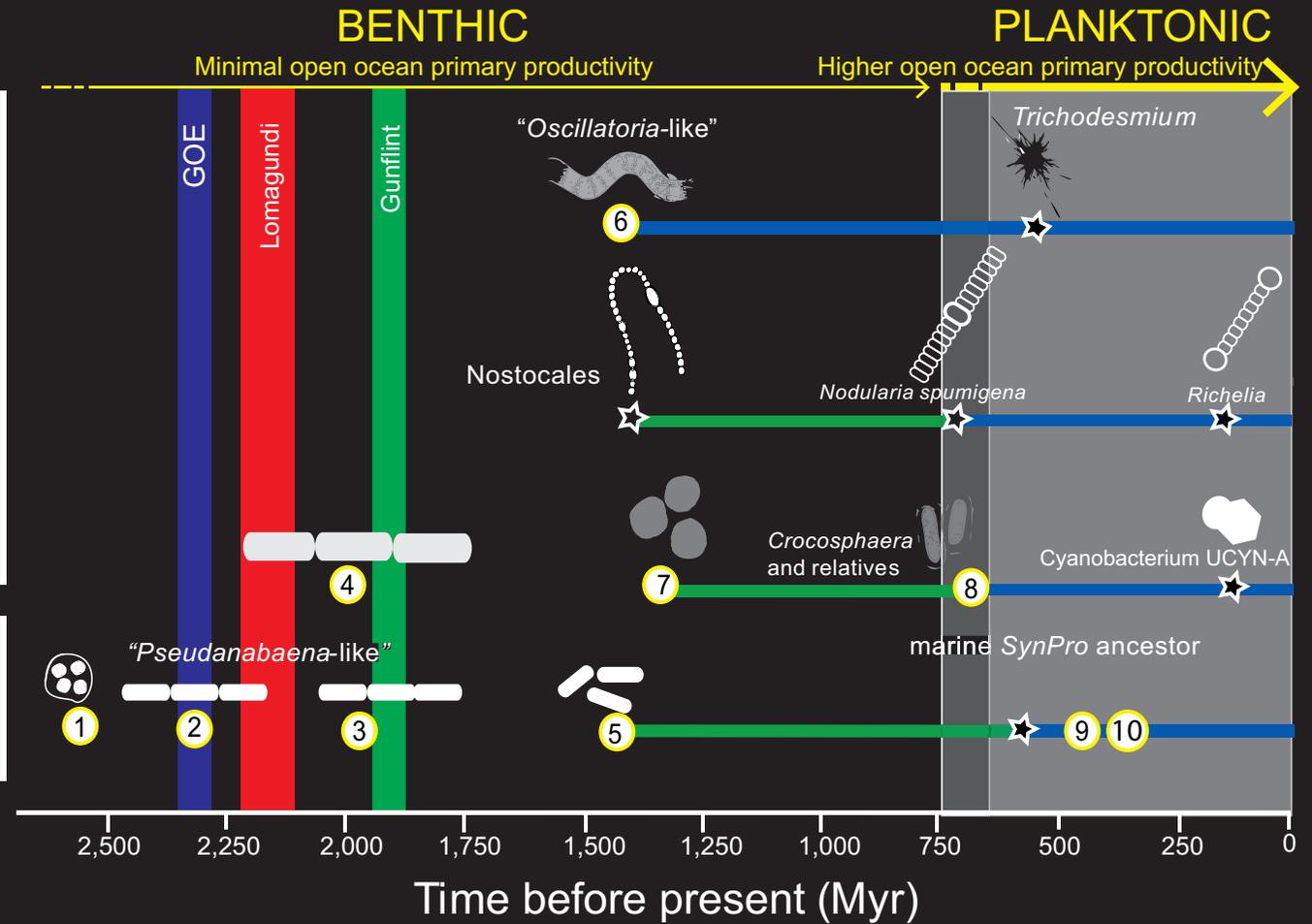
The Force awakens ... ???



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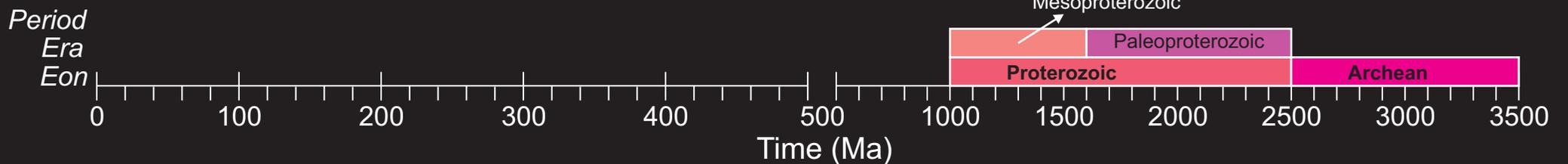
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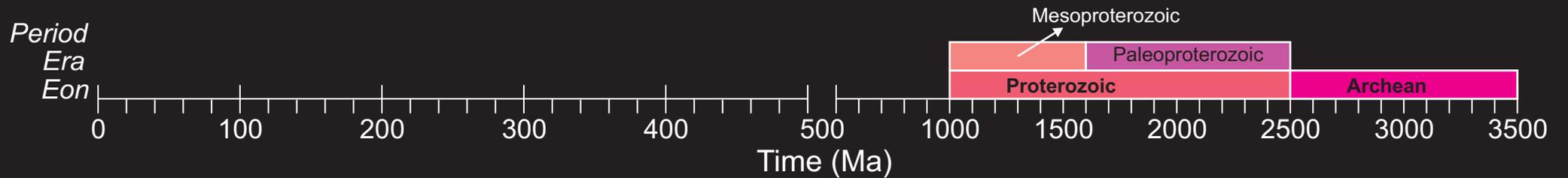
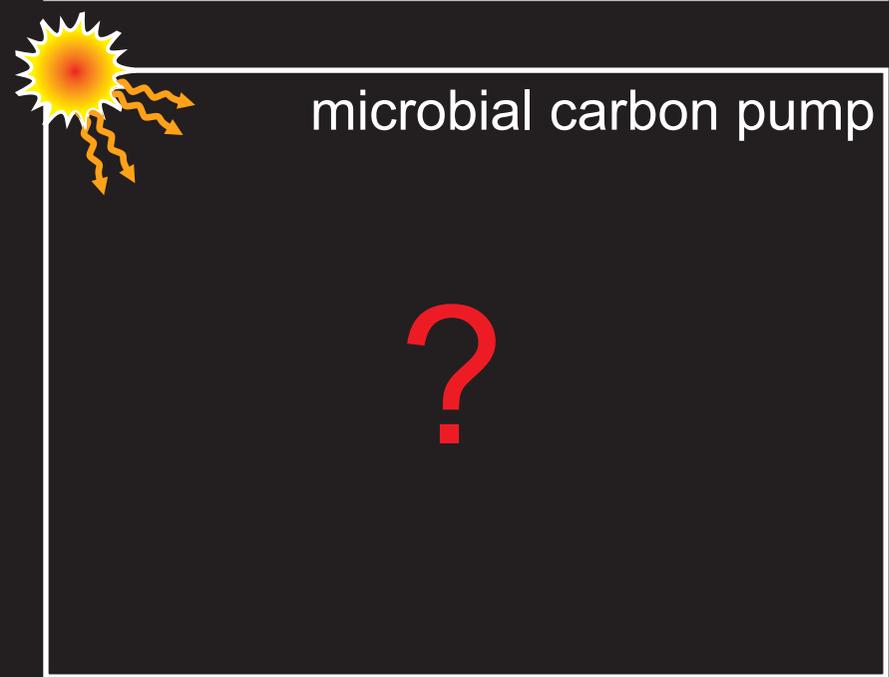
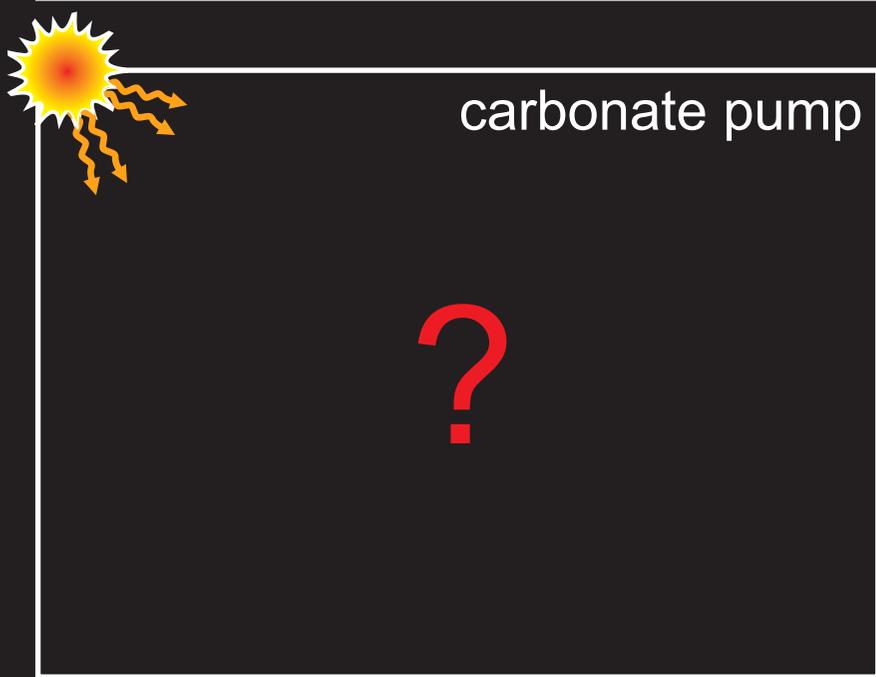
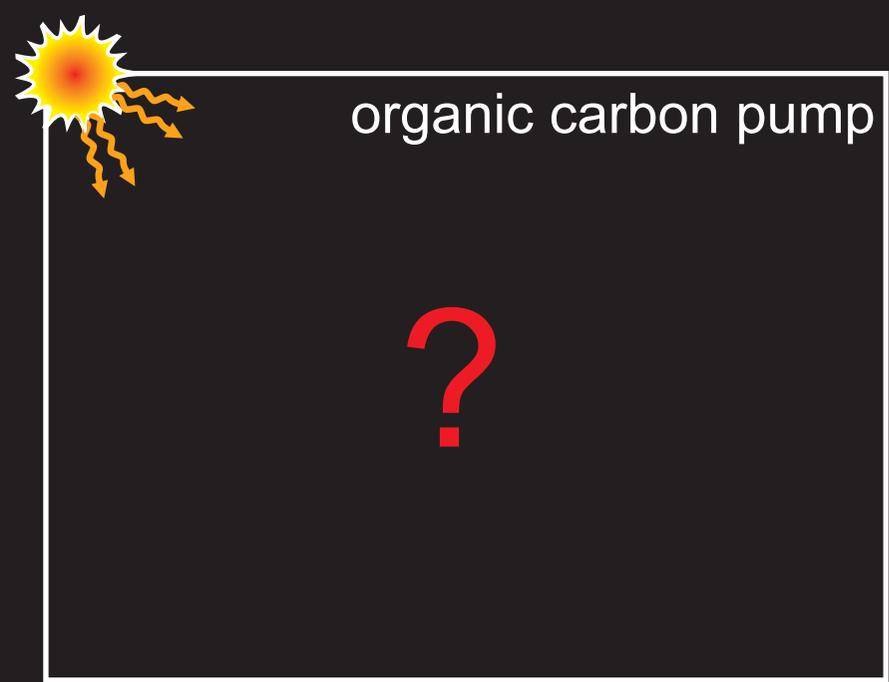
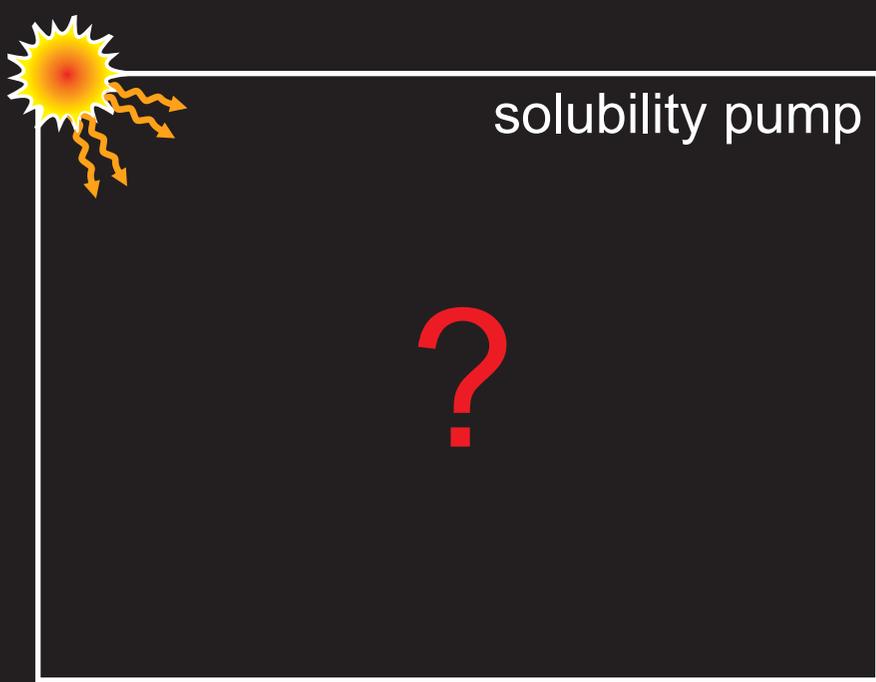


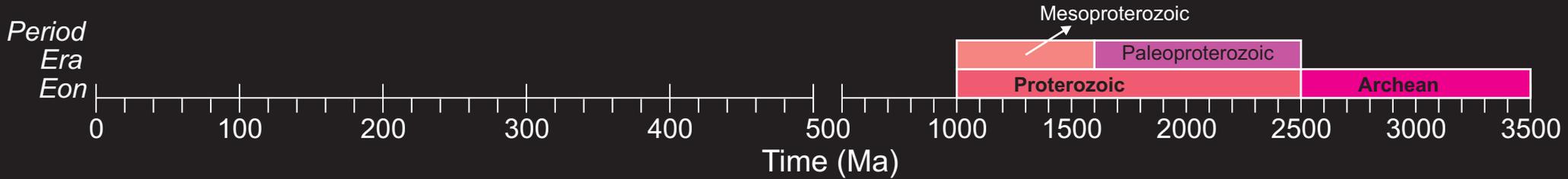
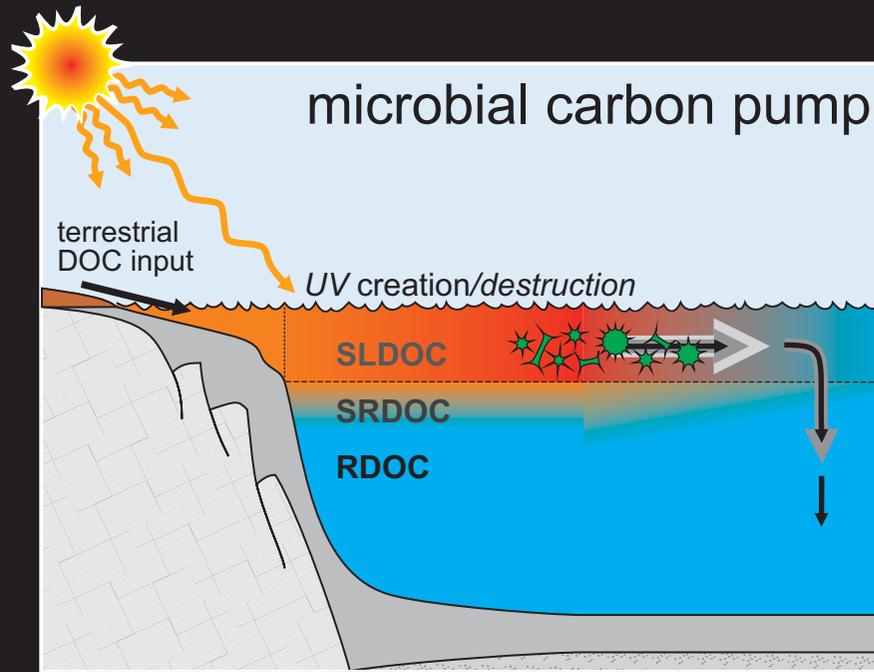
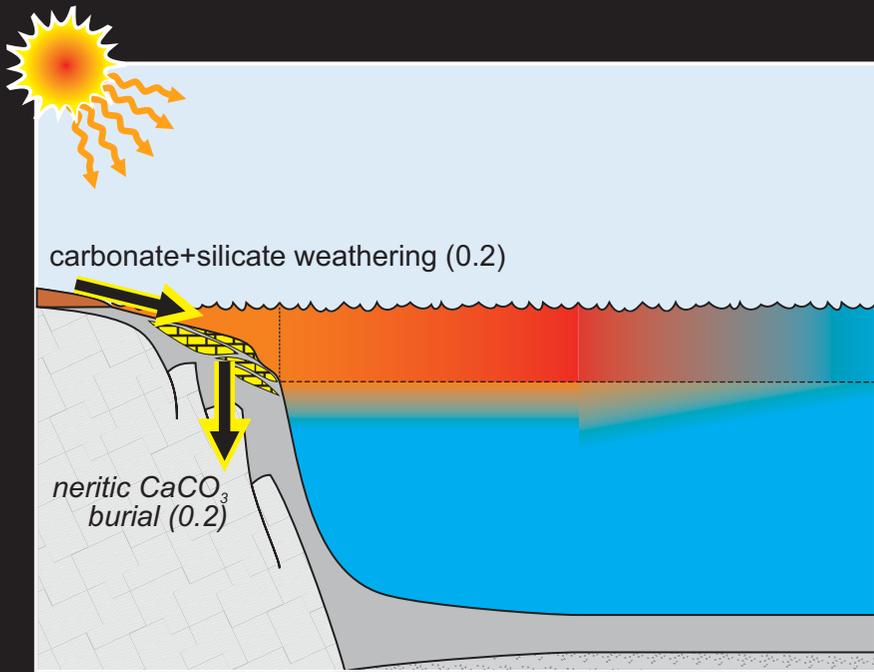
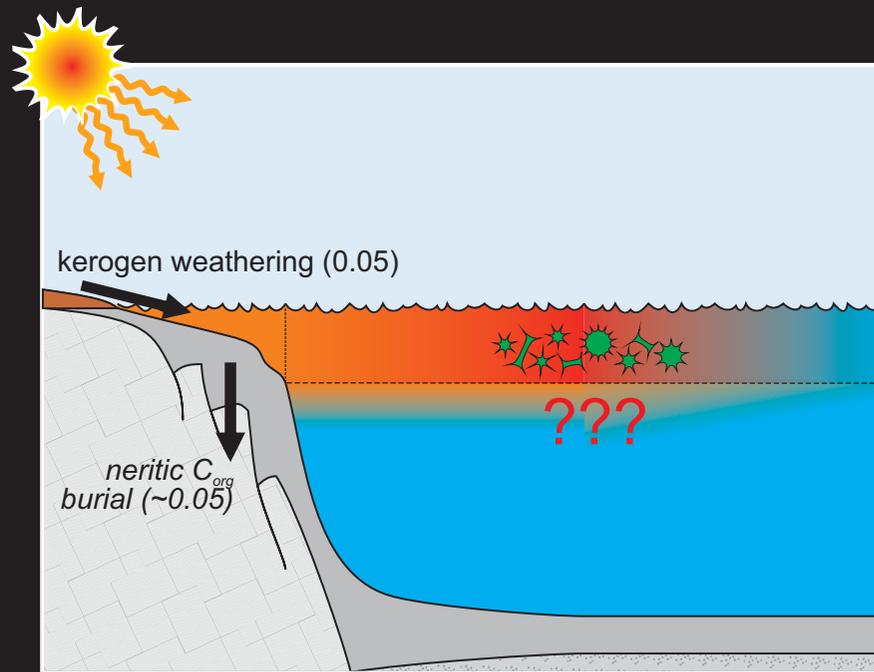
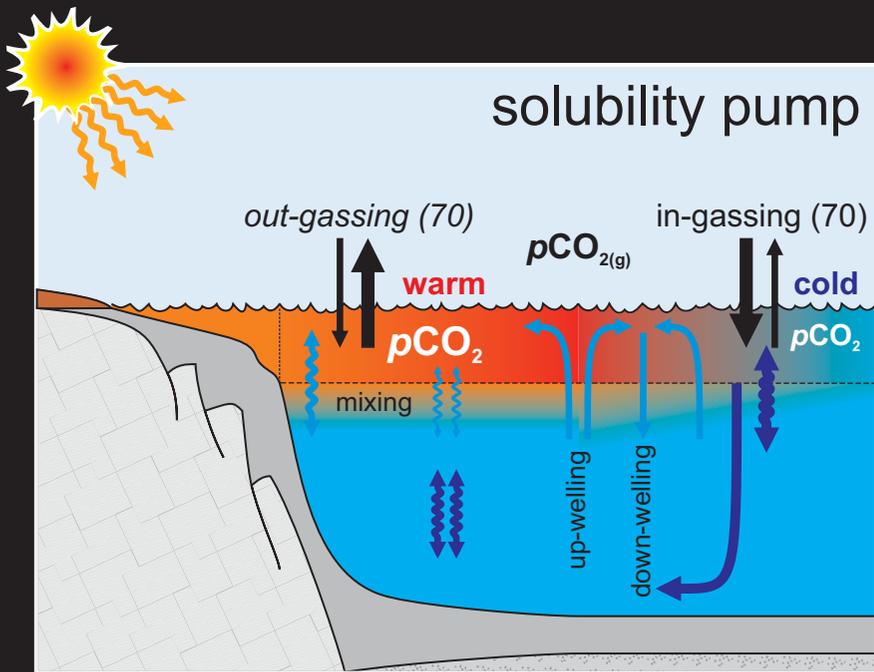
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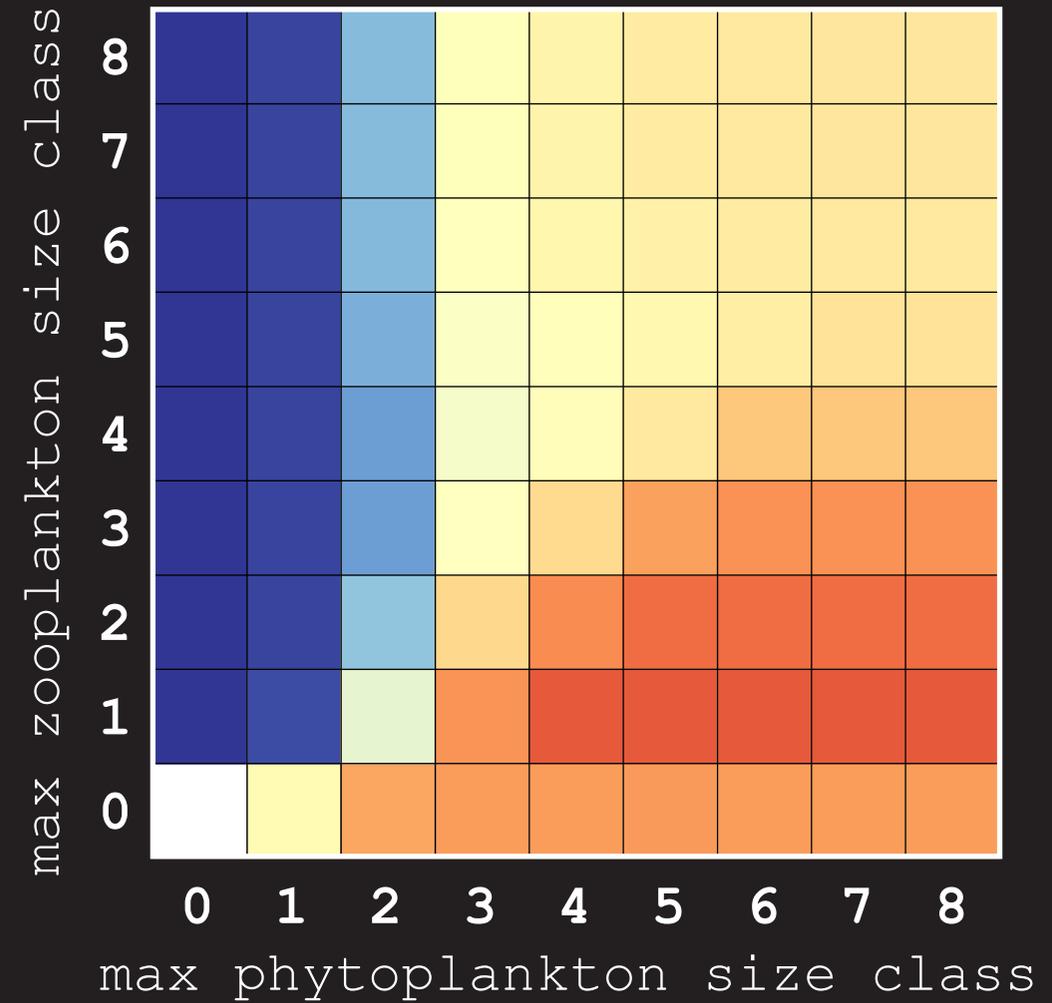
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The Force awakens ... ???



0 == no plankton

1 == 0.6 μm

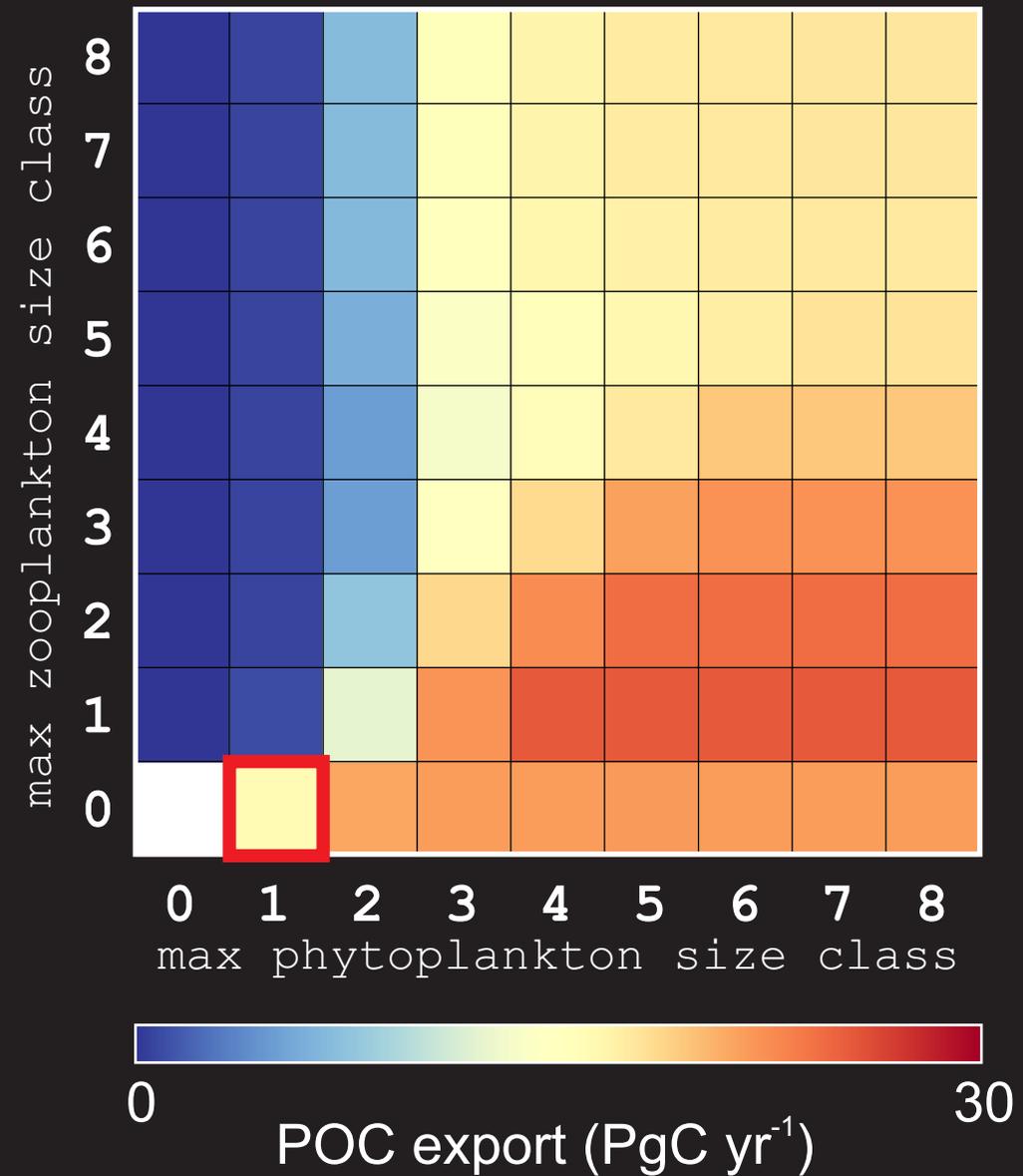
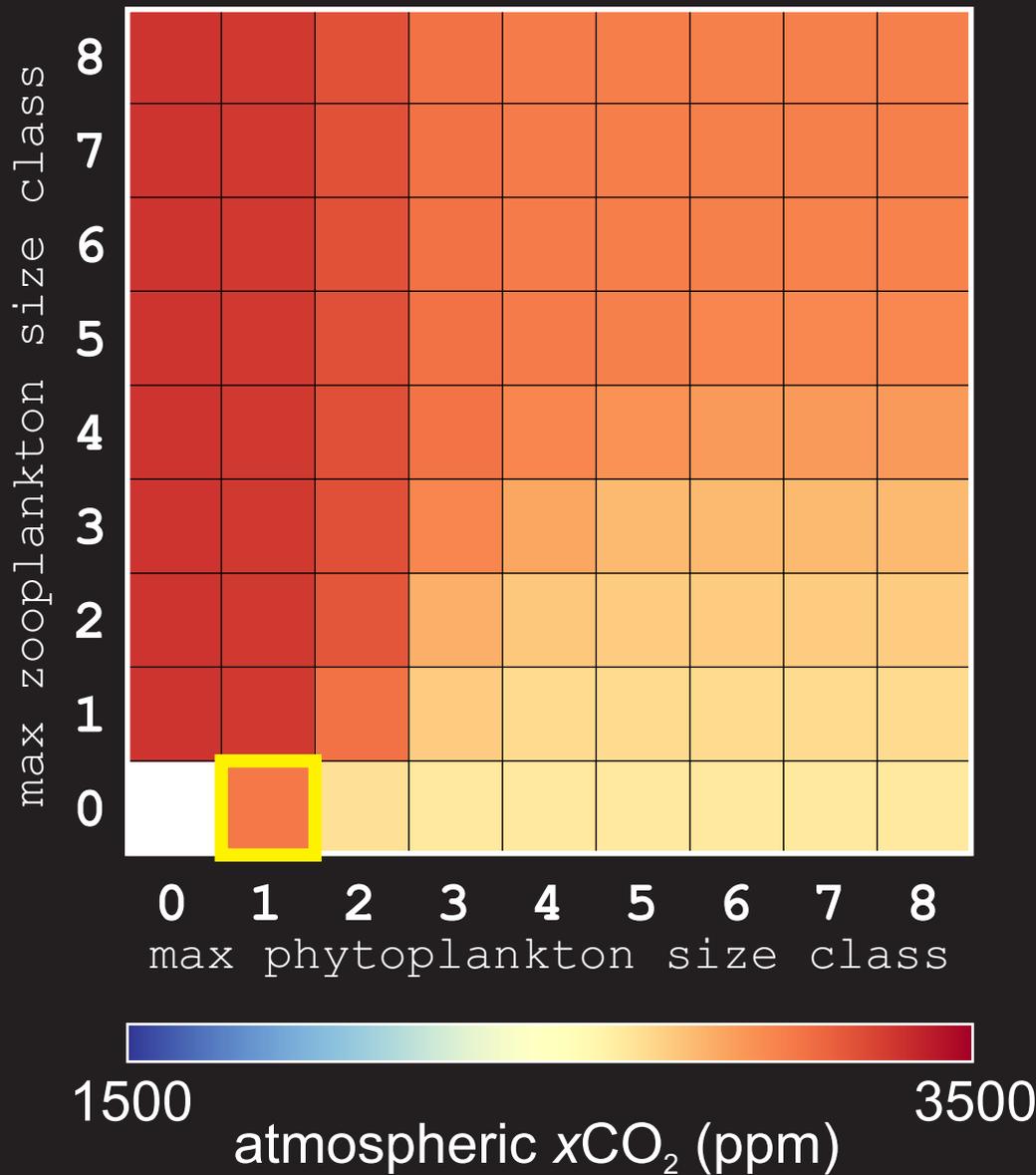
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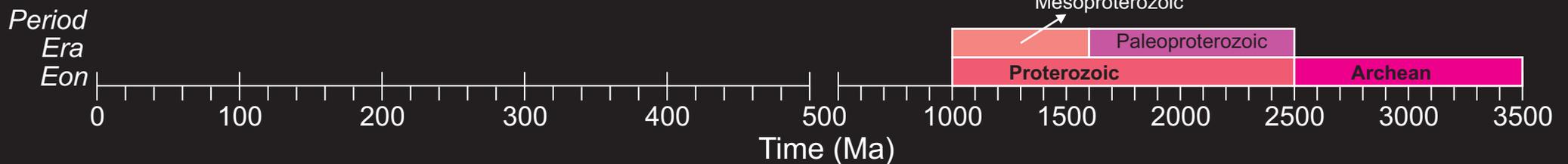
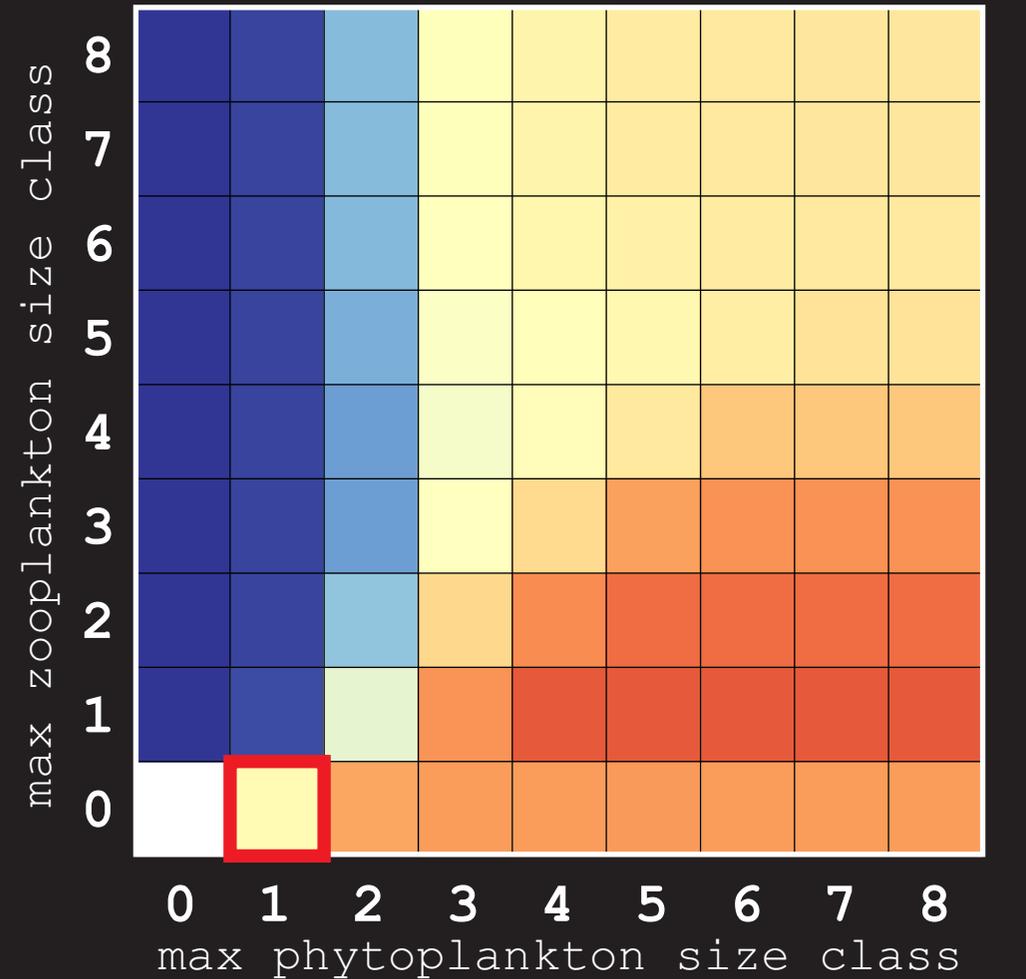
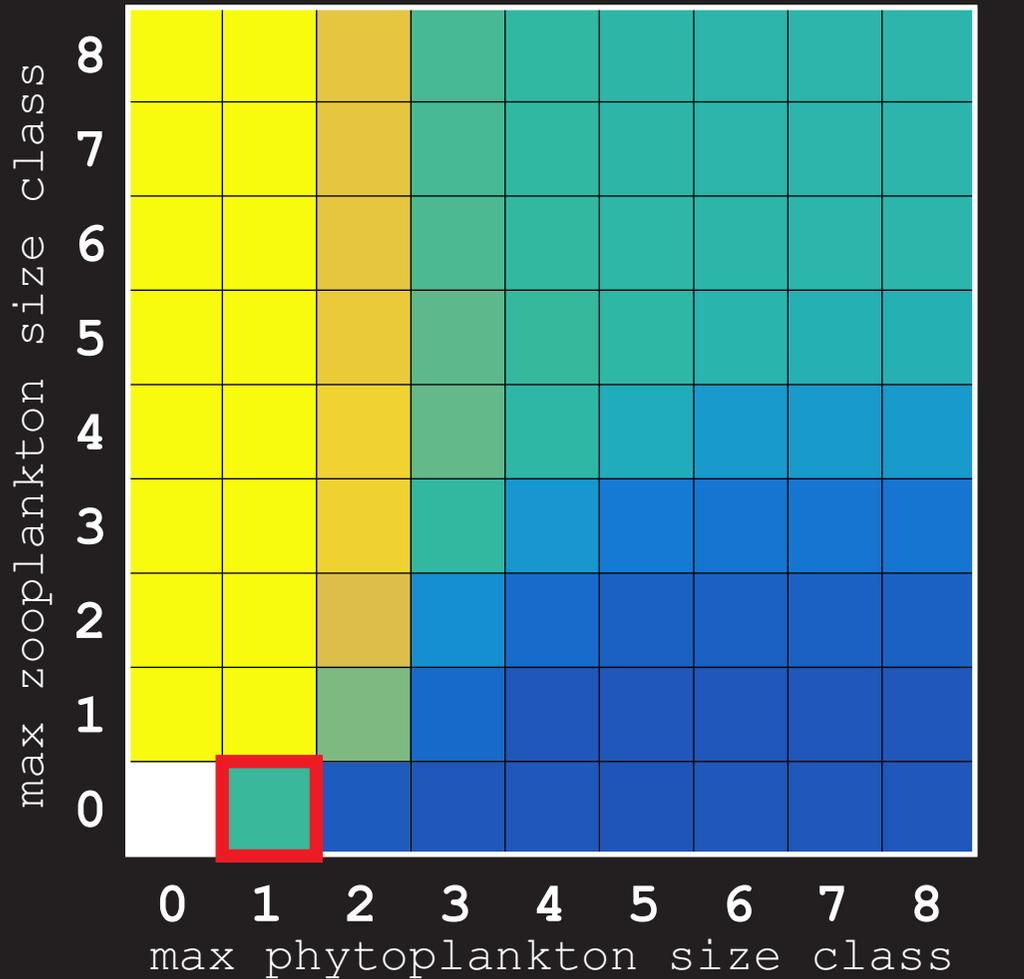
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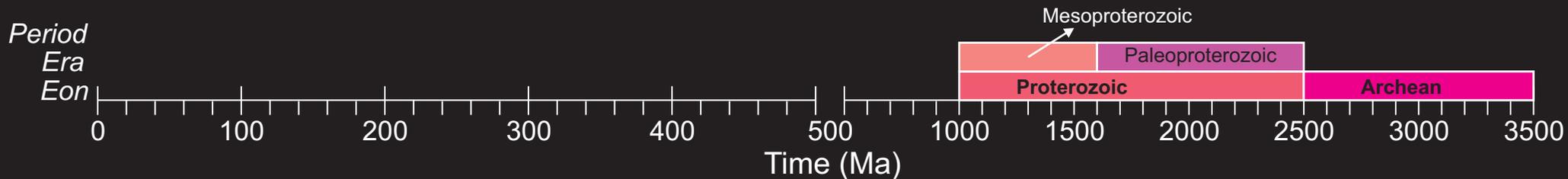
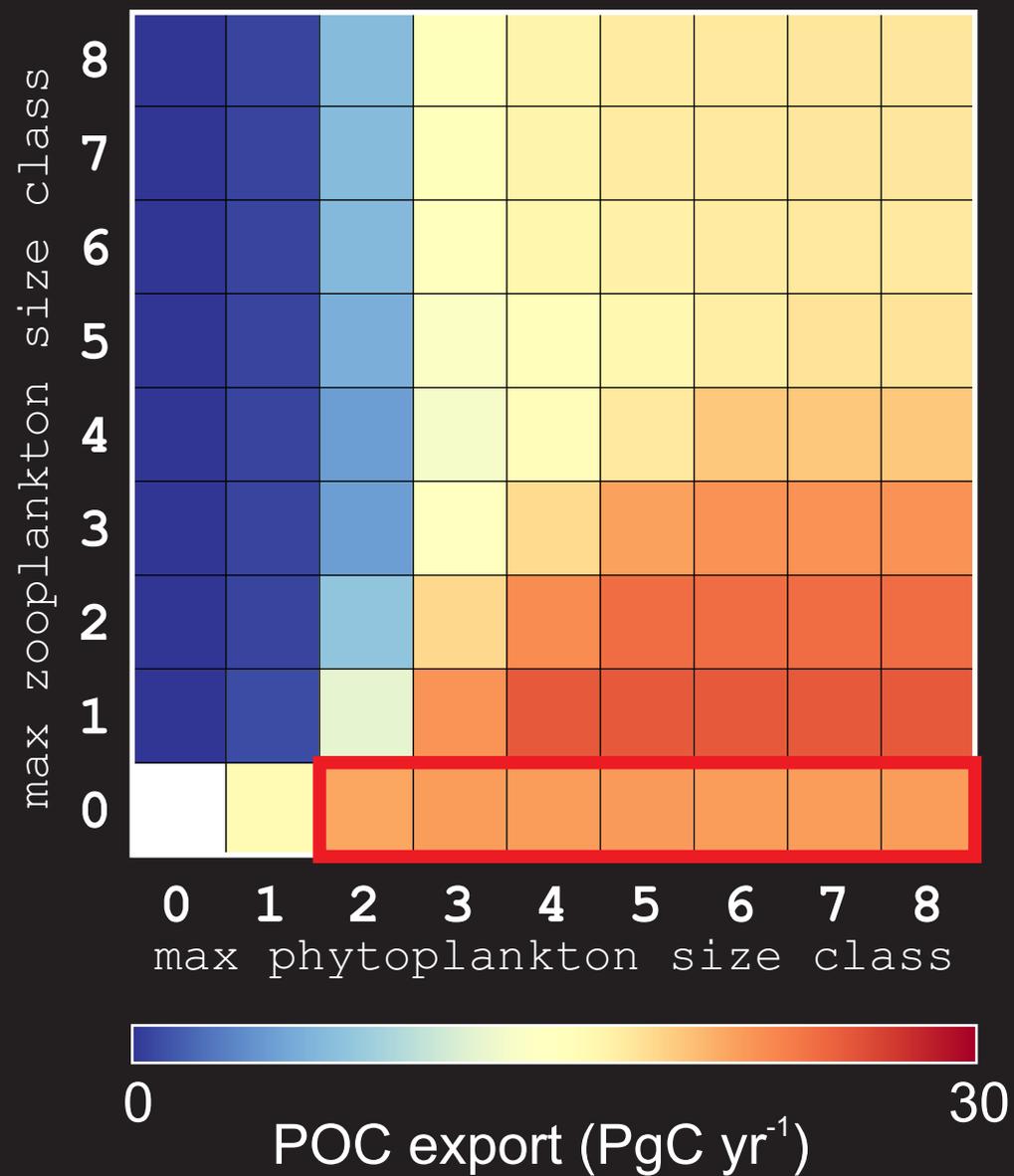
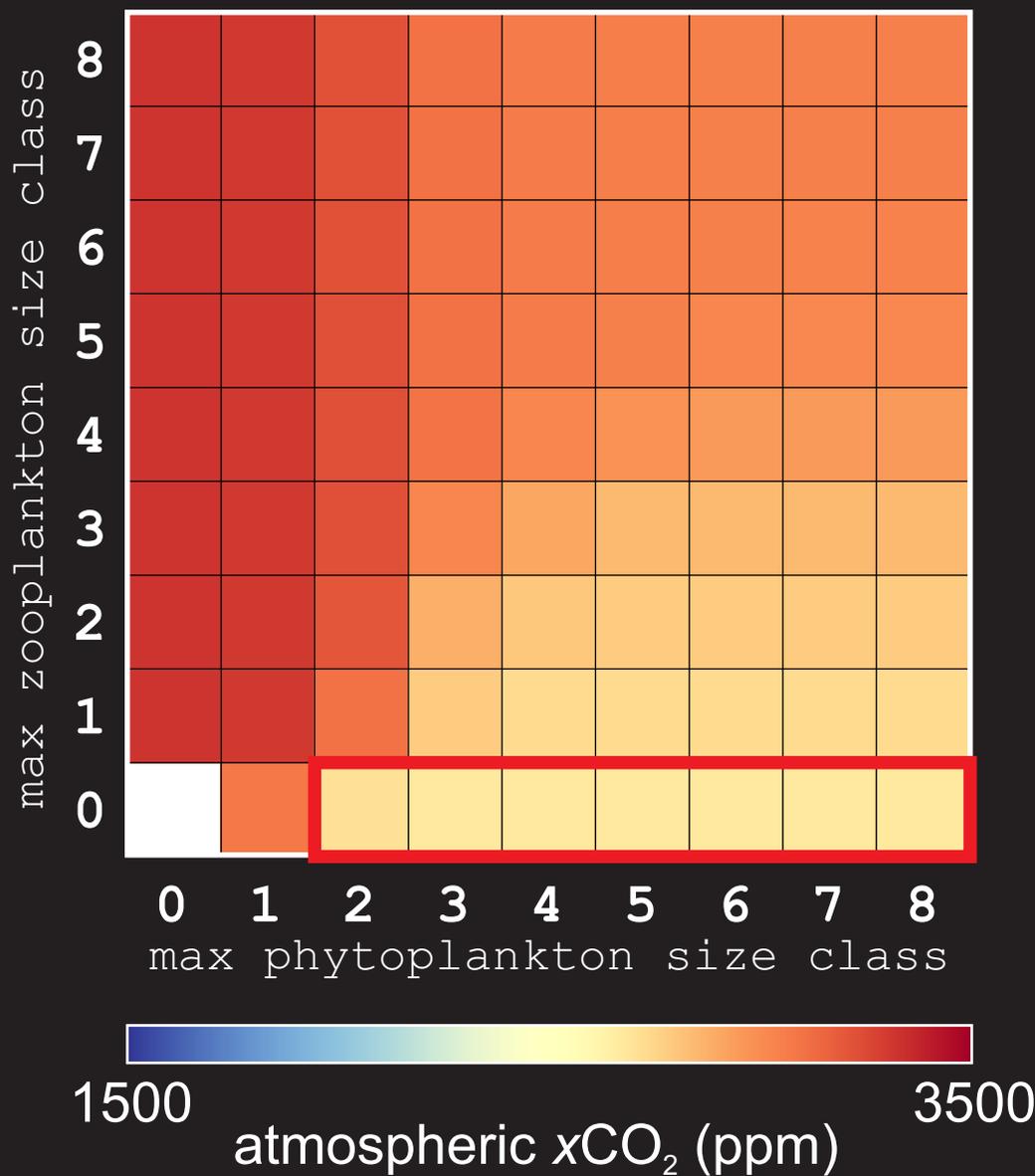
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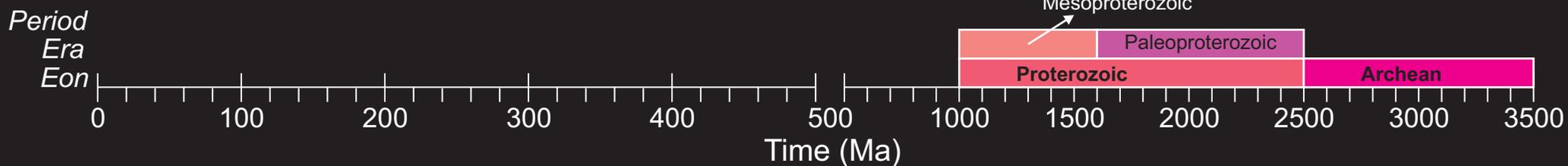
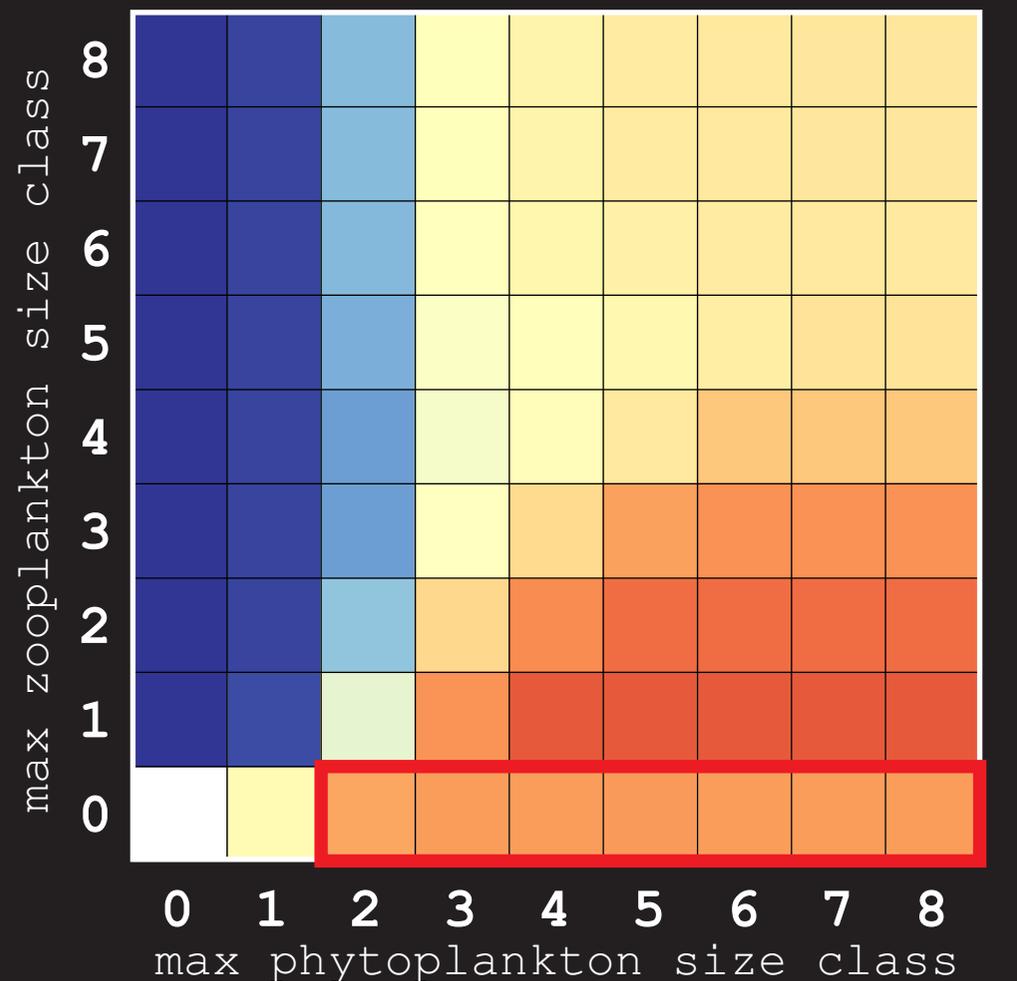
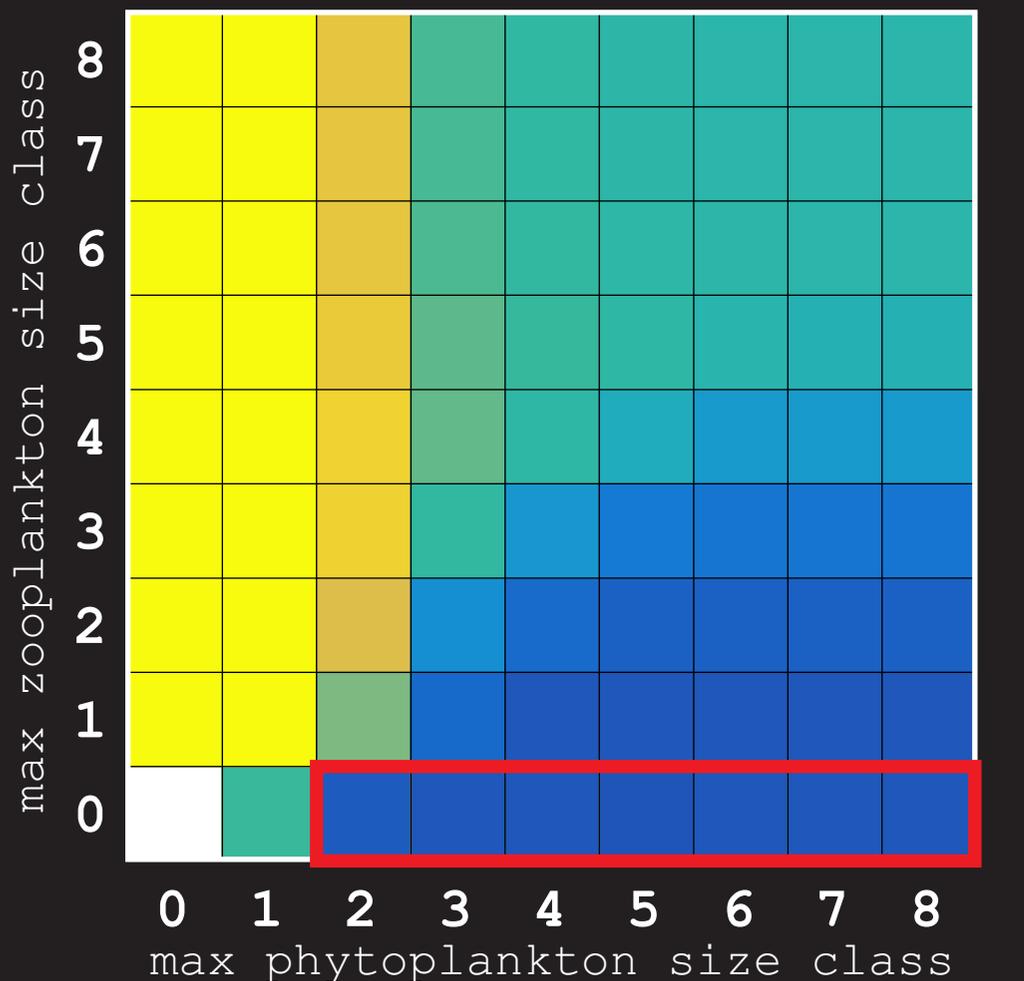
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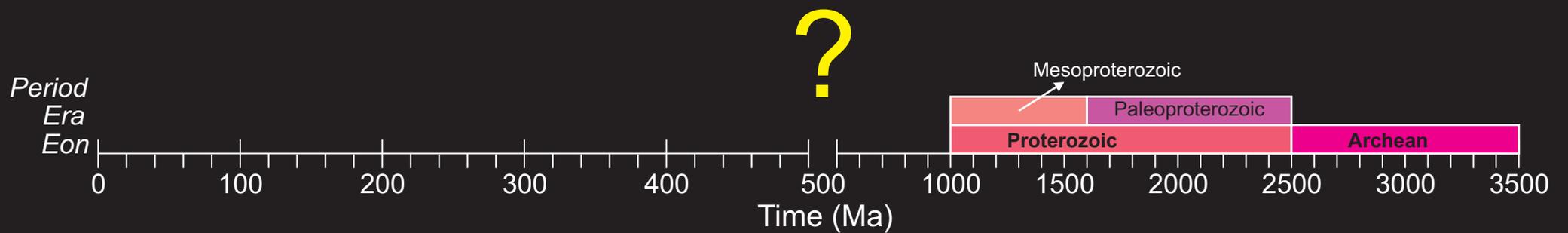
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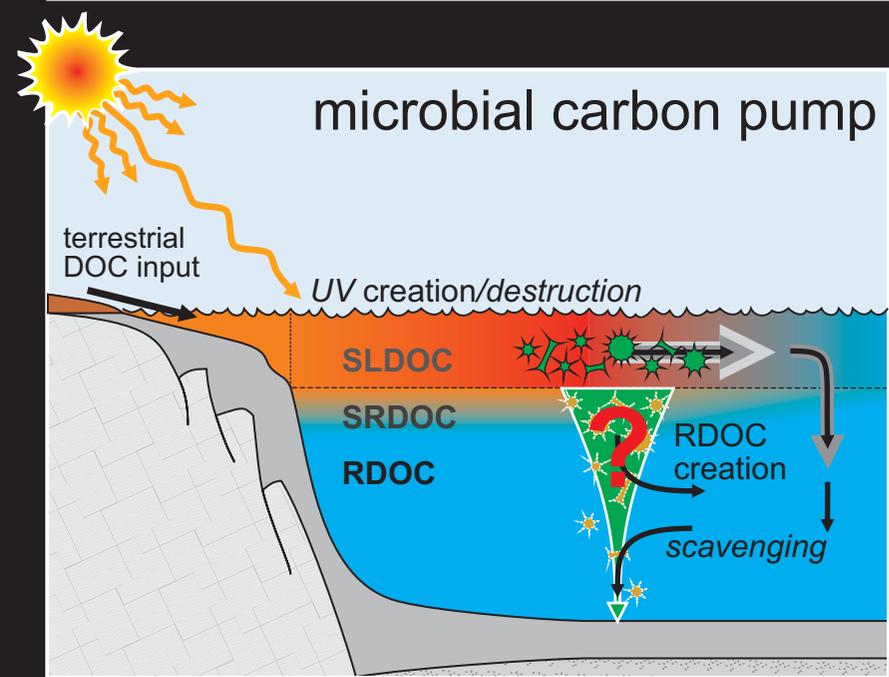
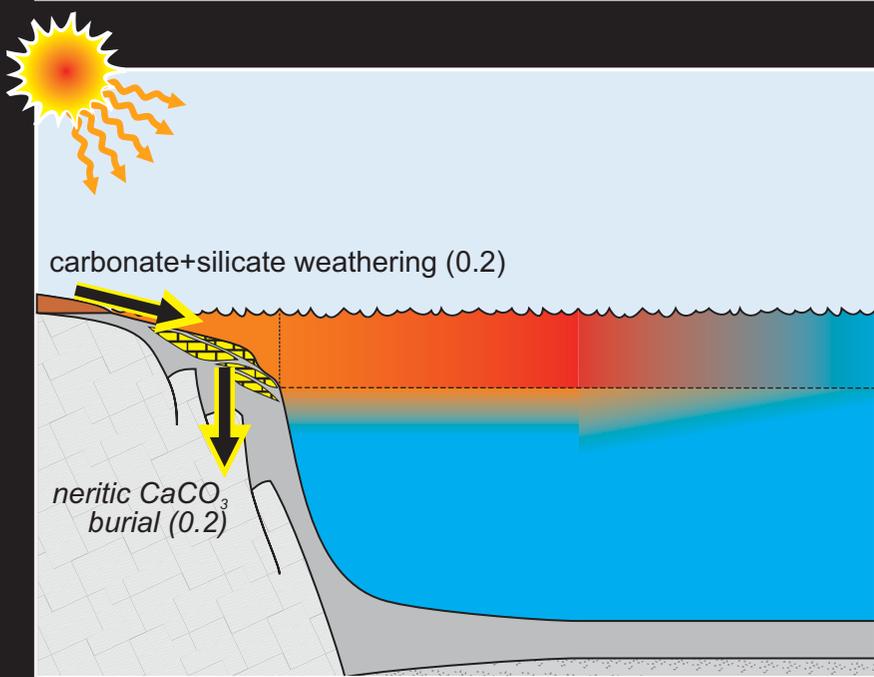
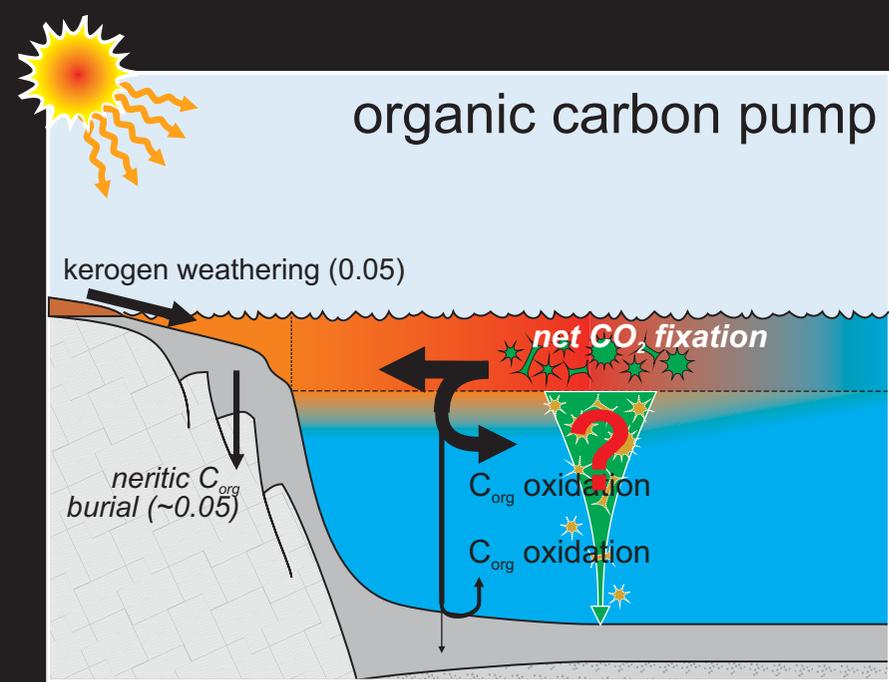
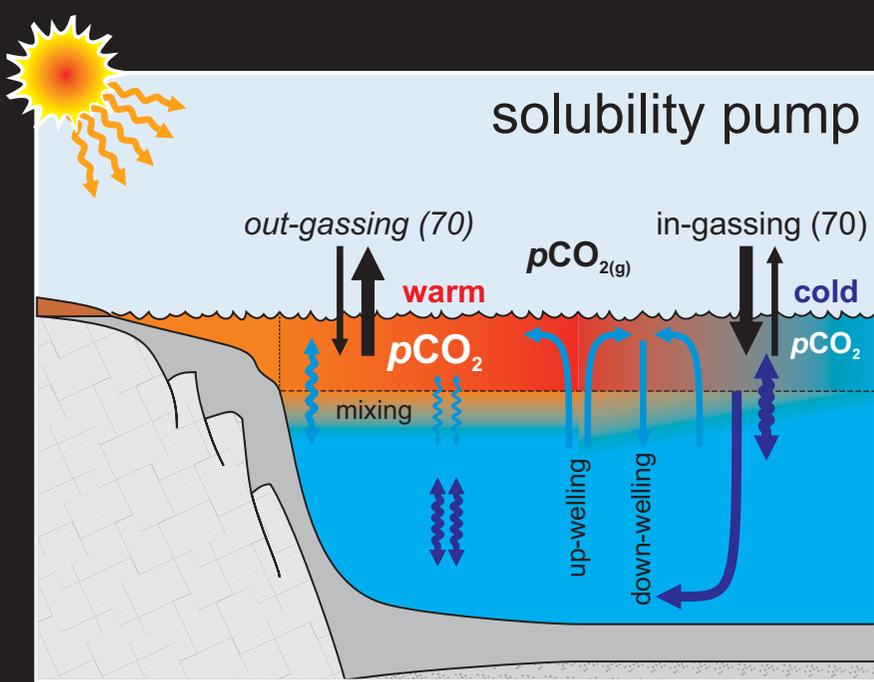


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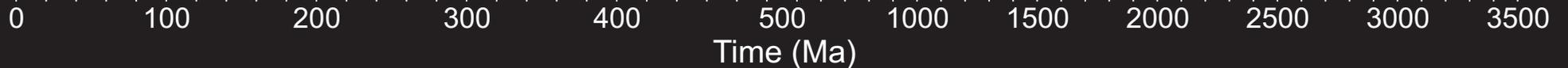


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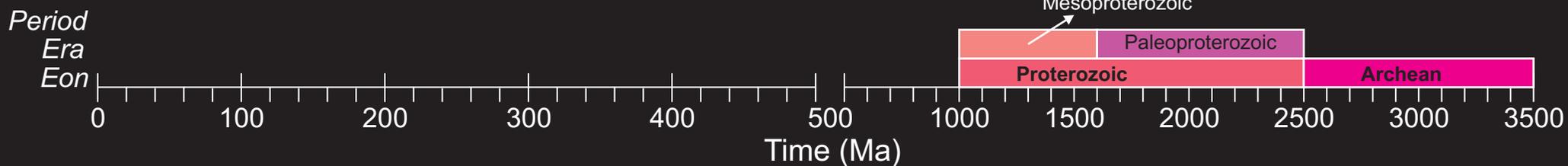
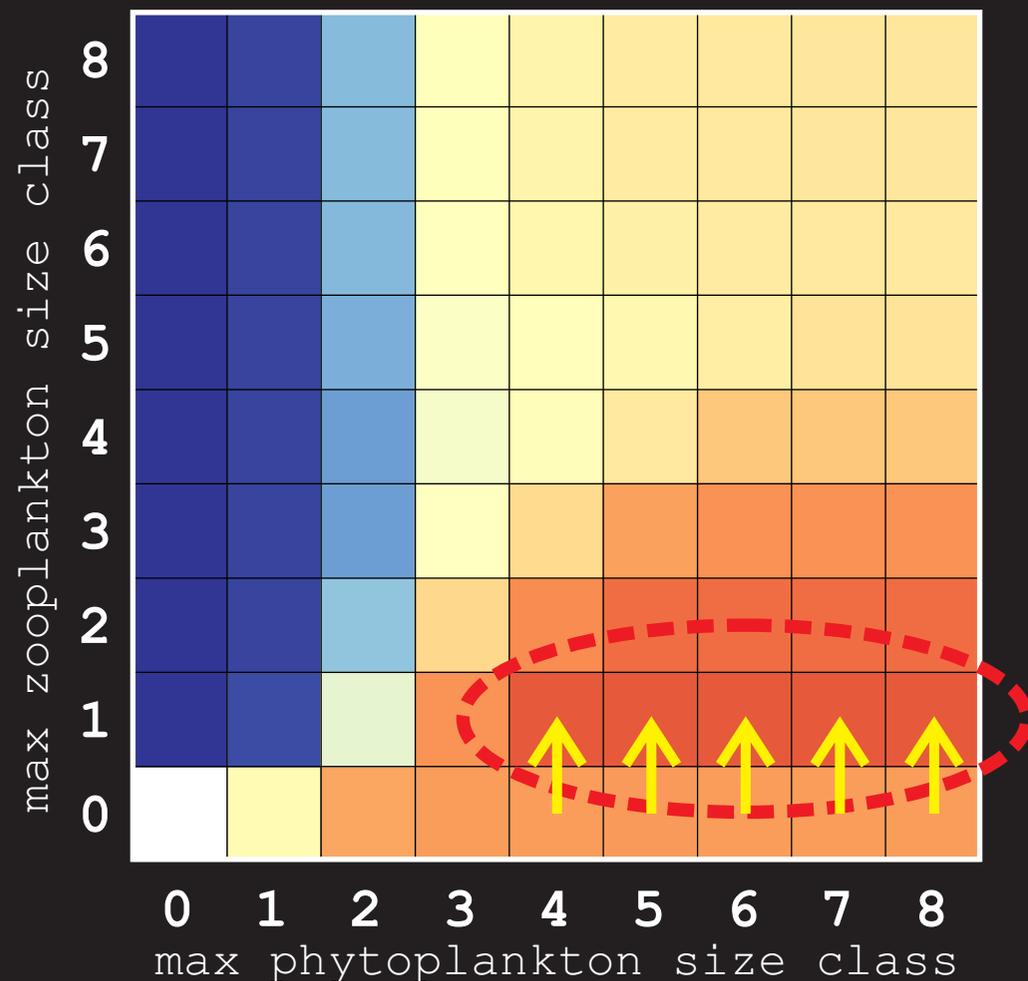
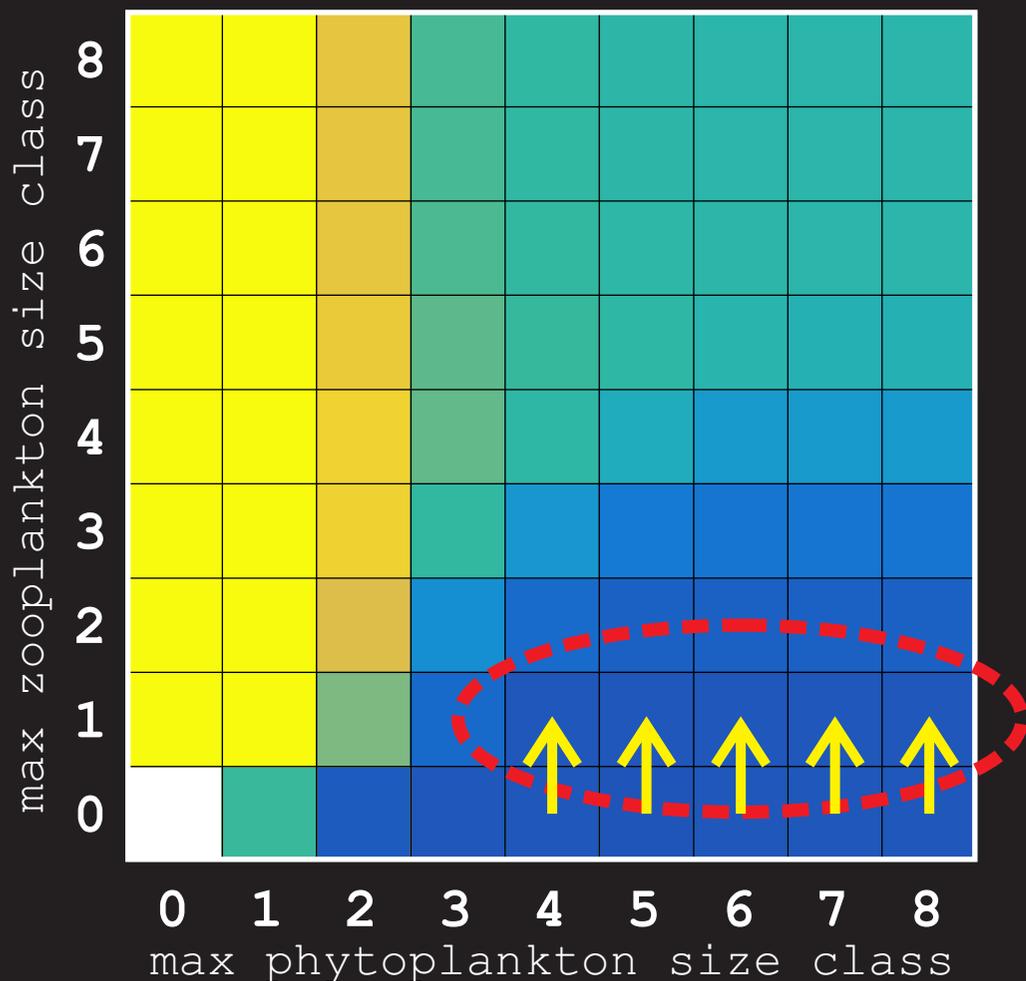




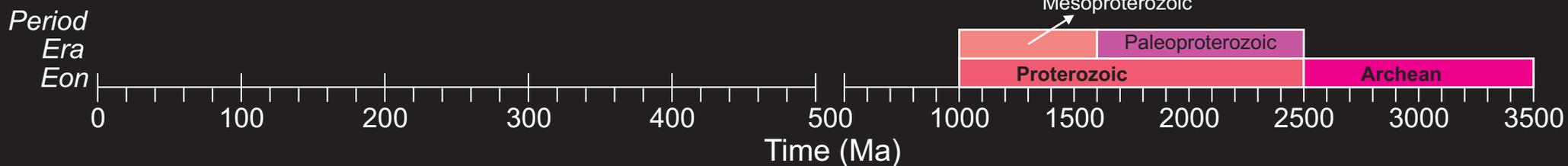
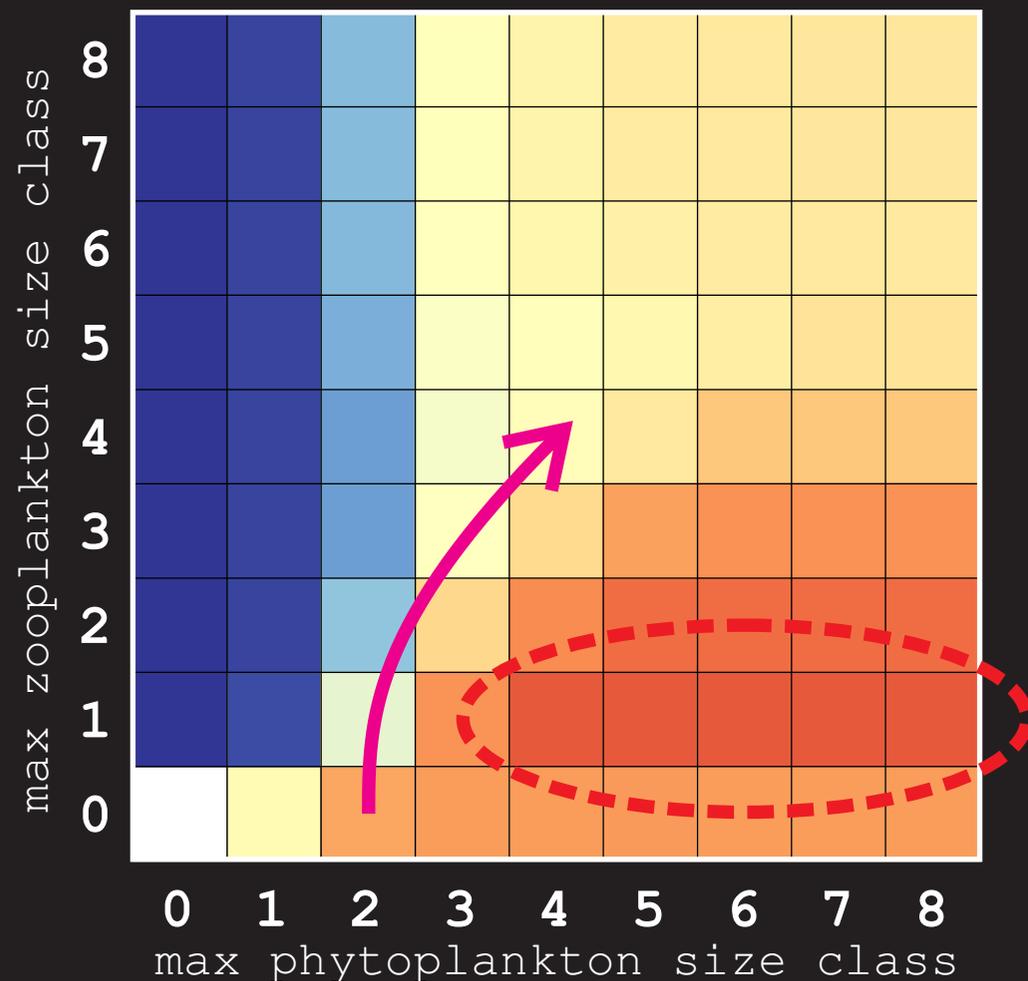
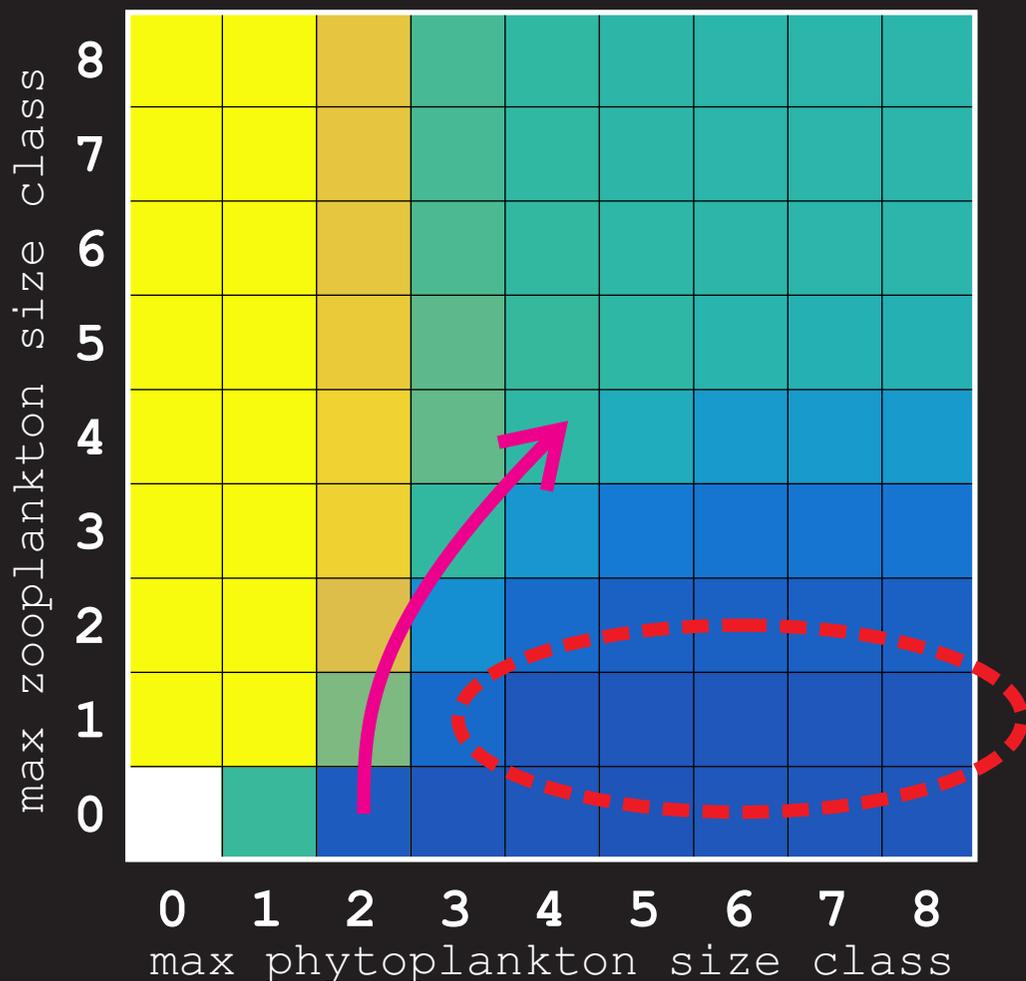
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The Force awakens – animals (larger grazers)



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Animals! (metzoans)

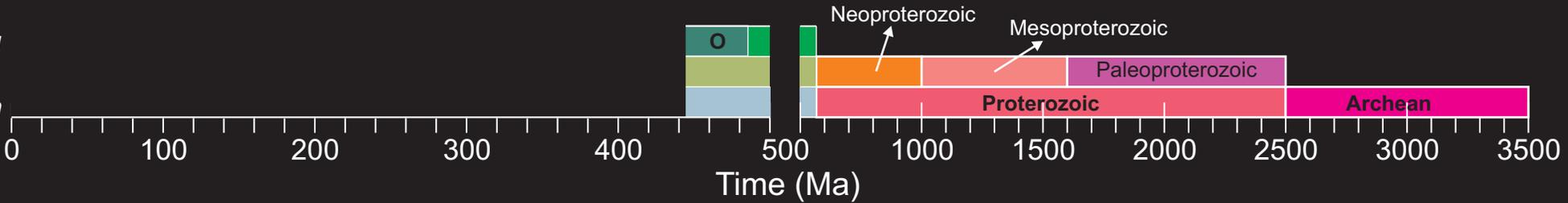
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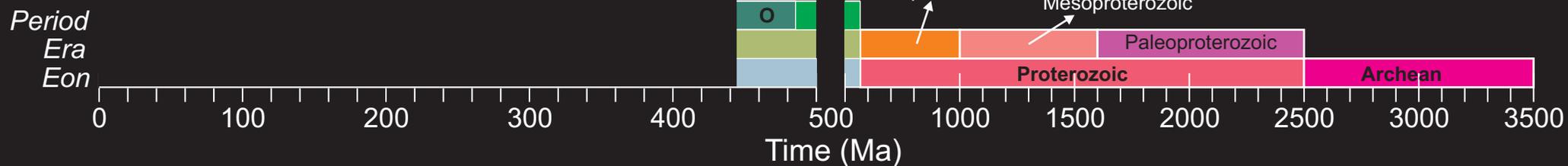
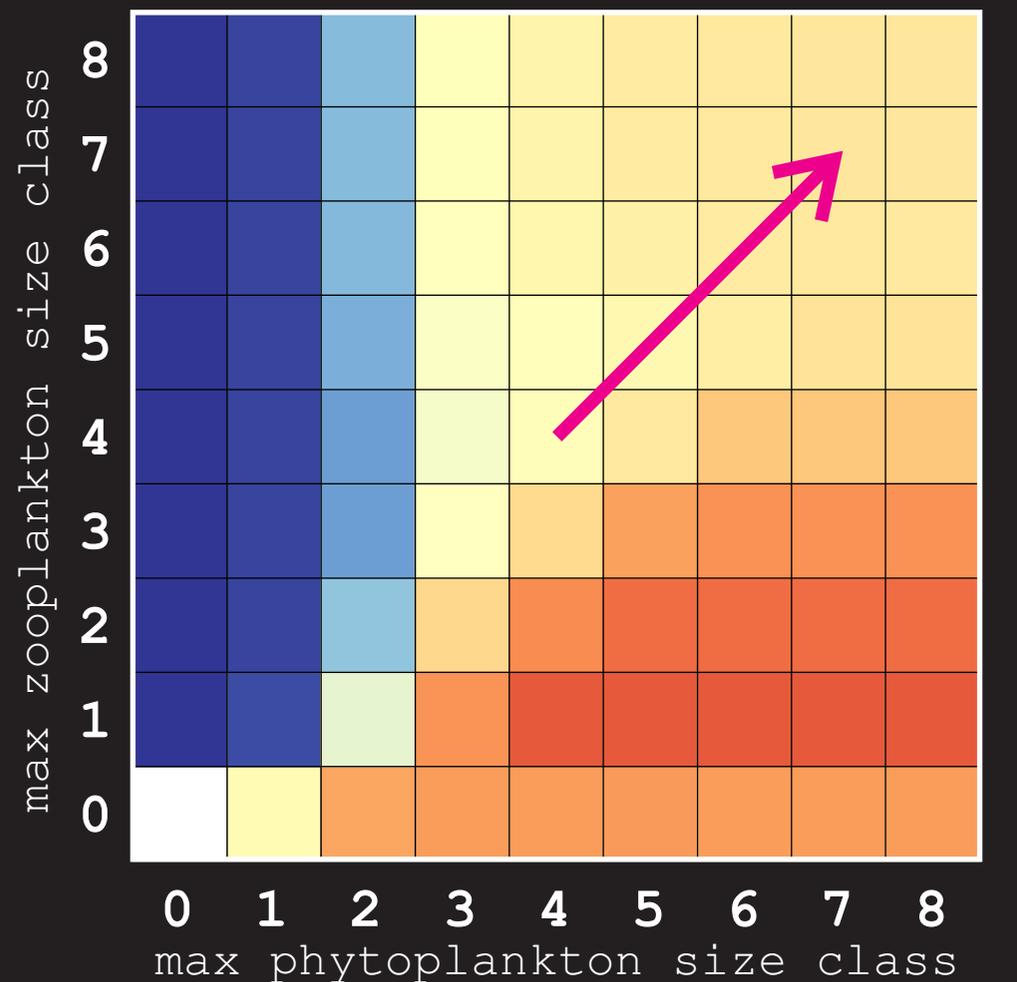
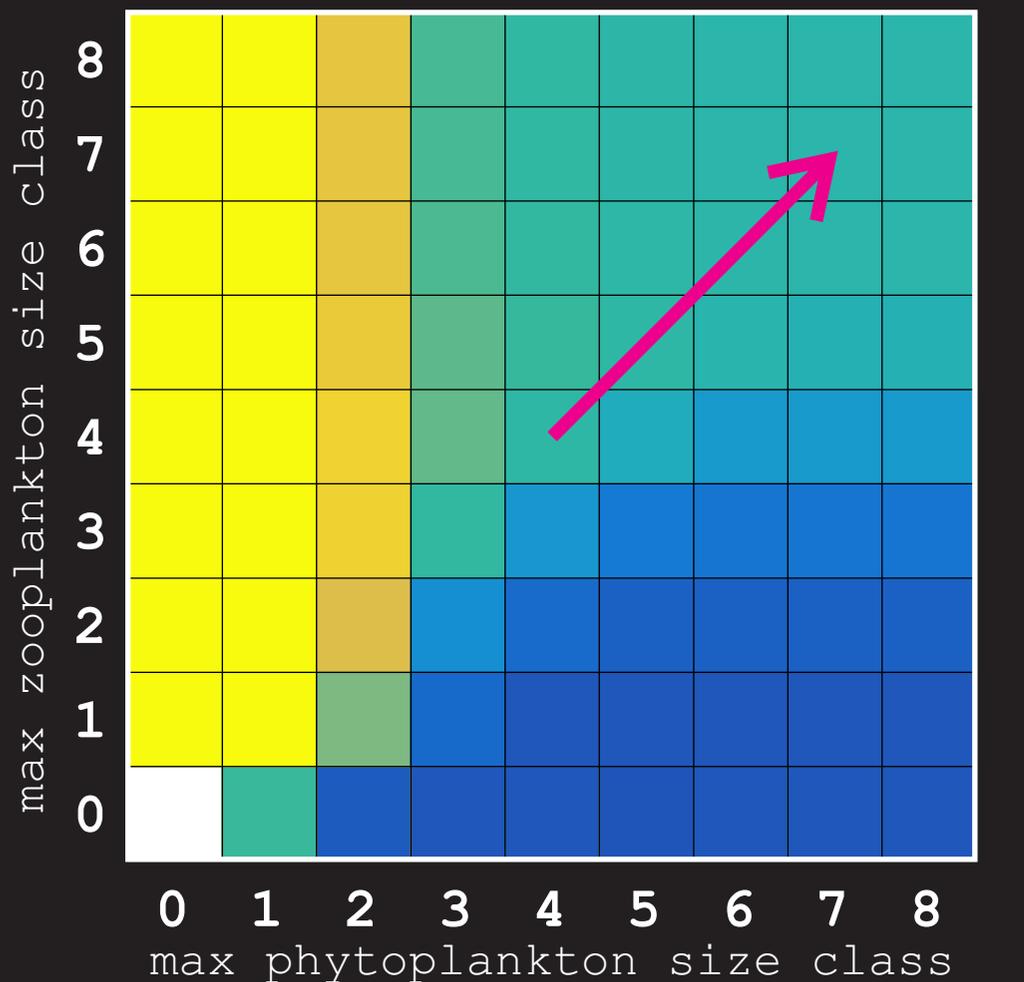
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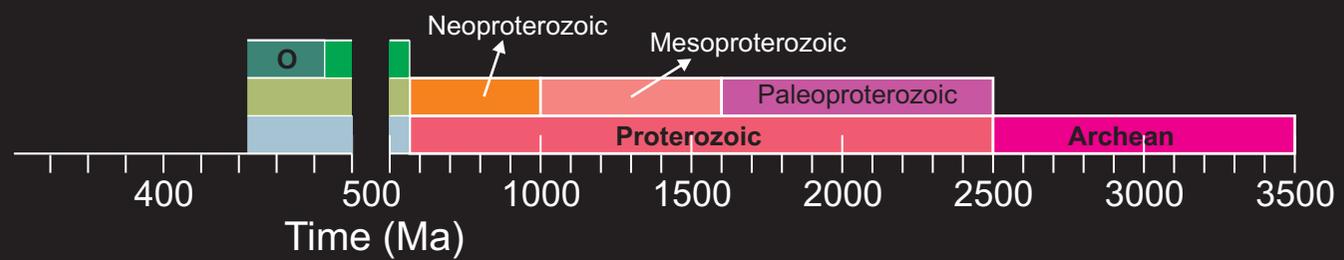
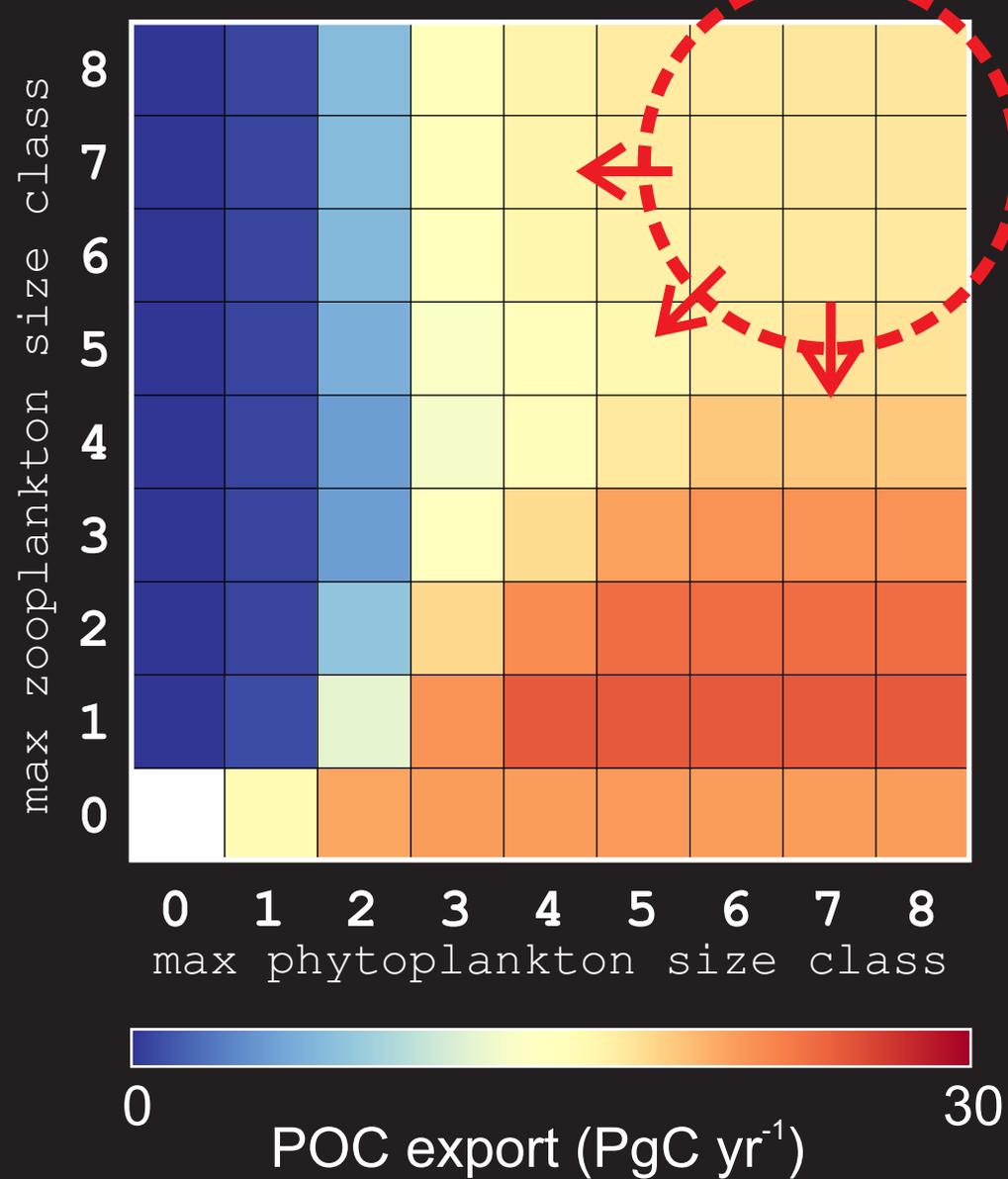
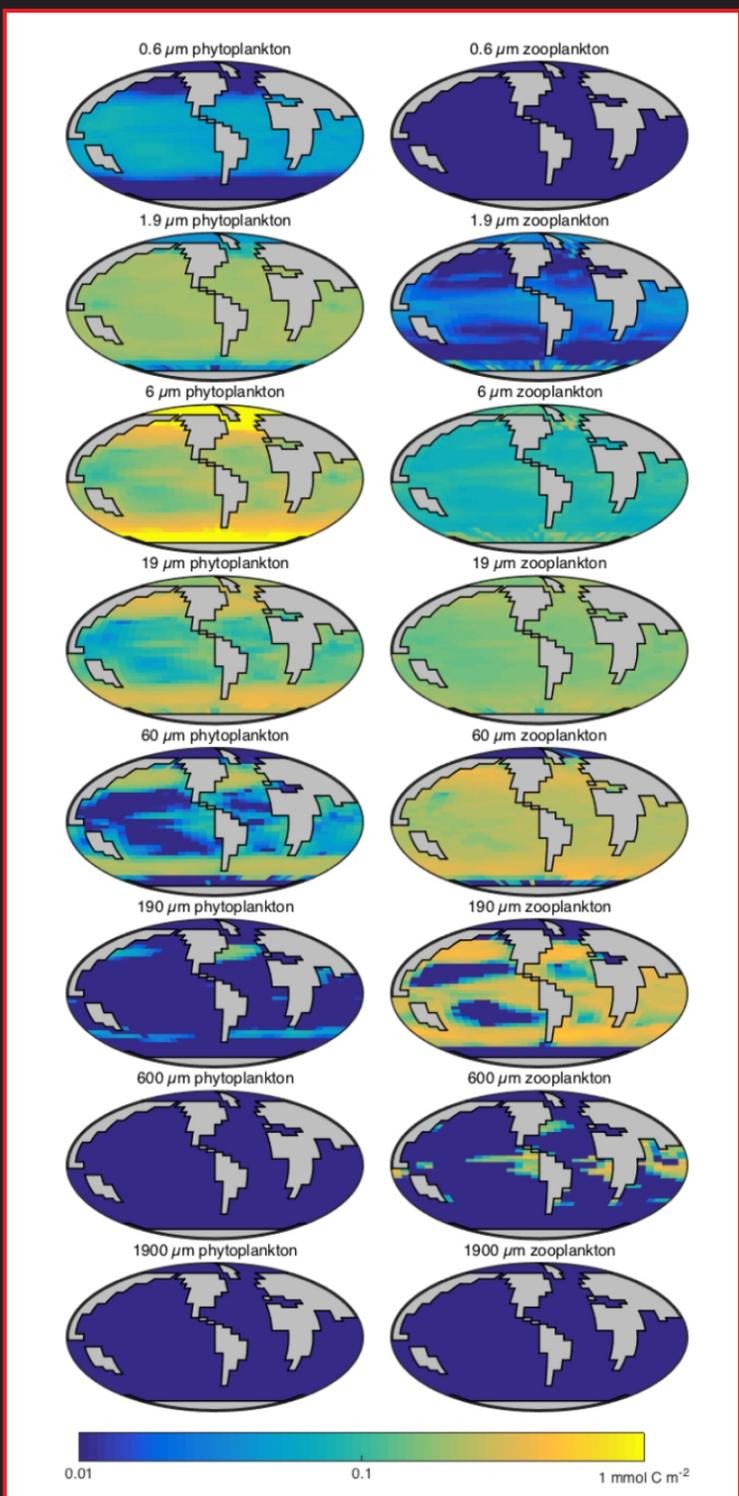
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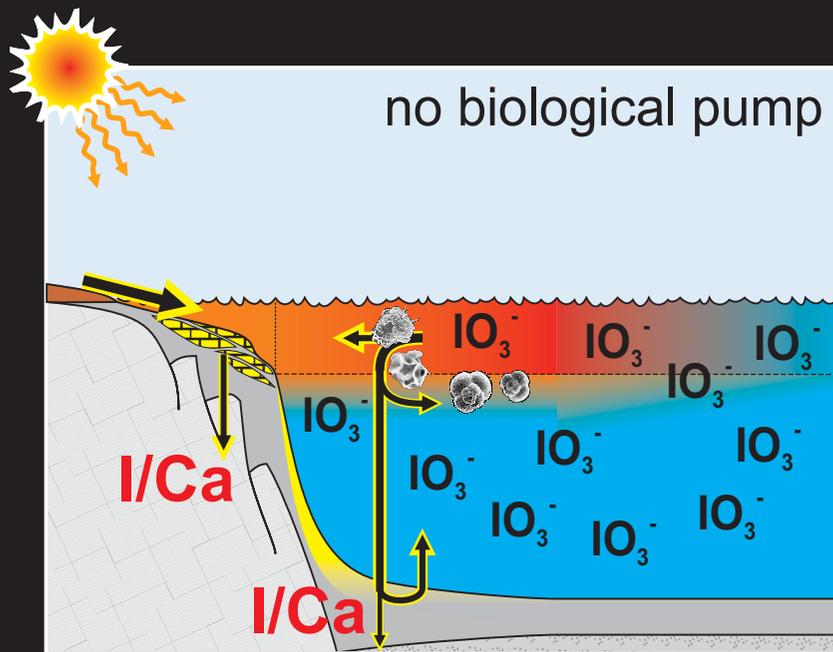
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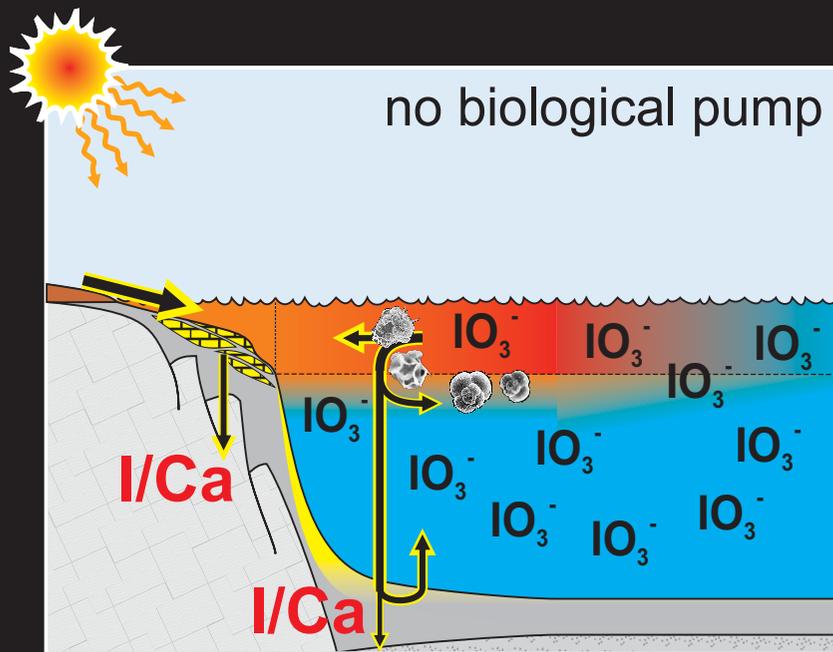
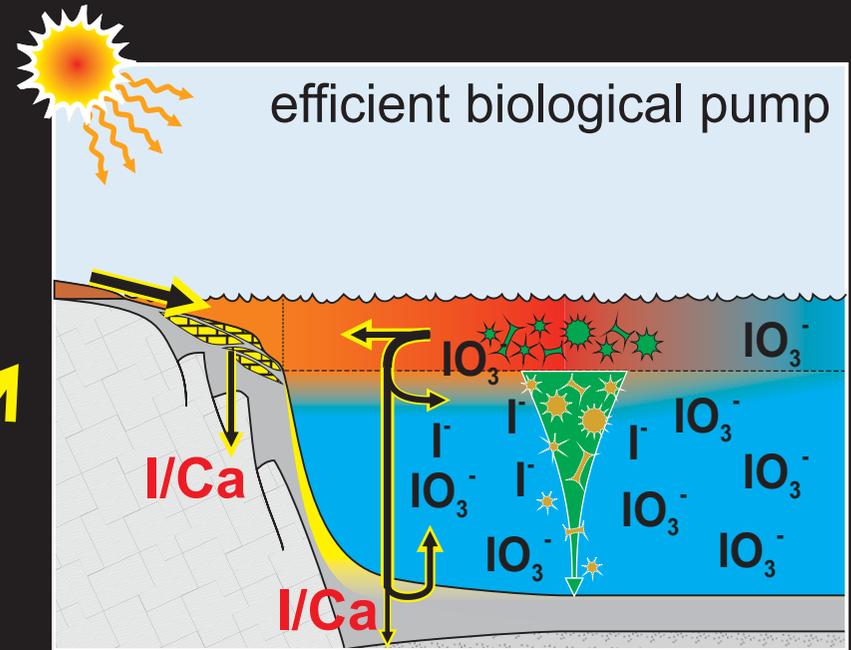


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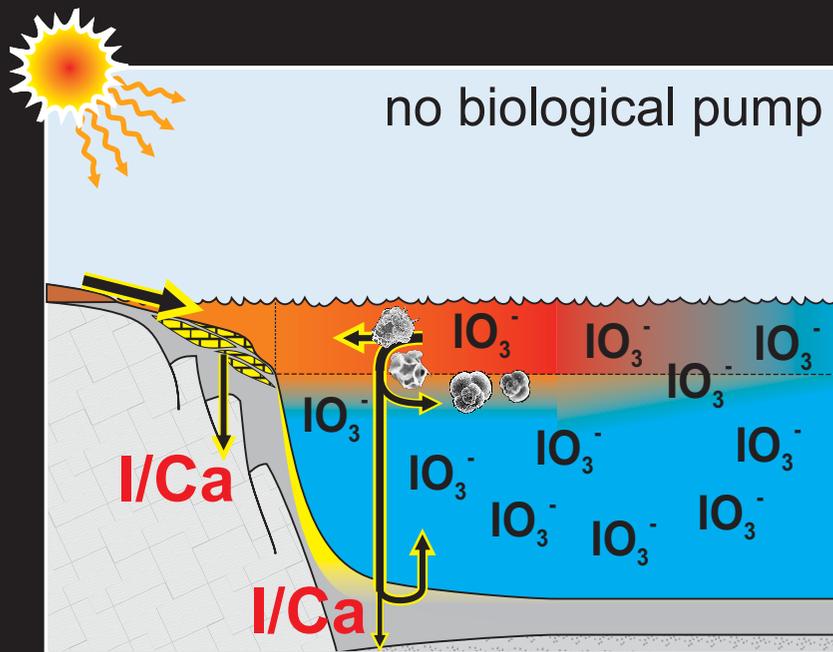
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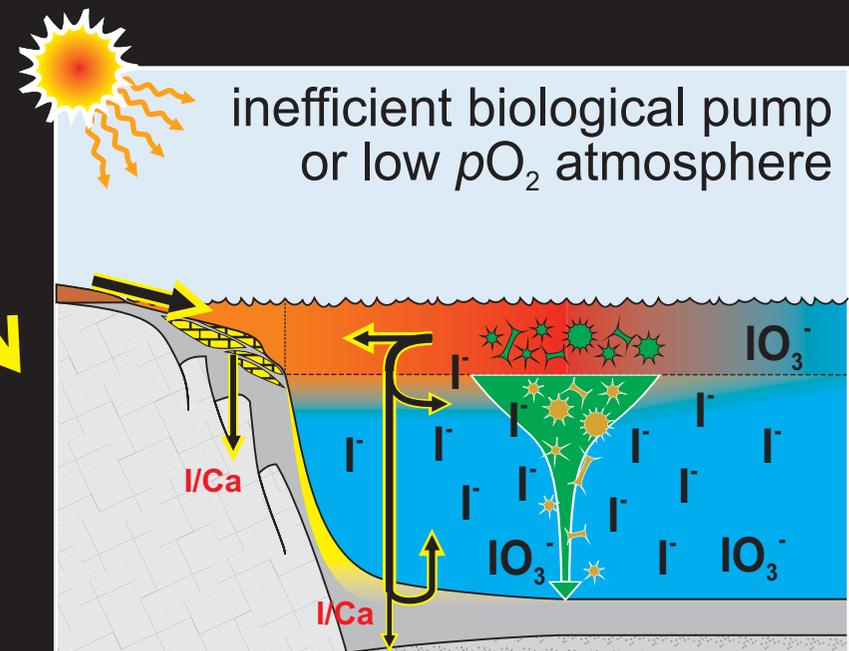


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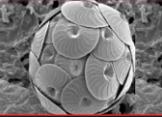
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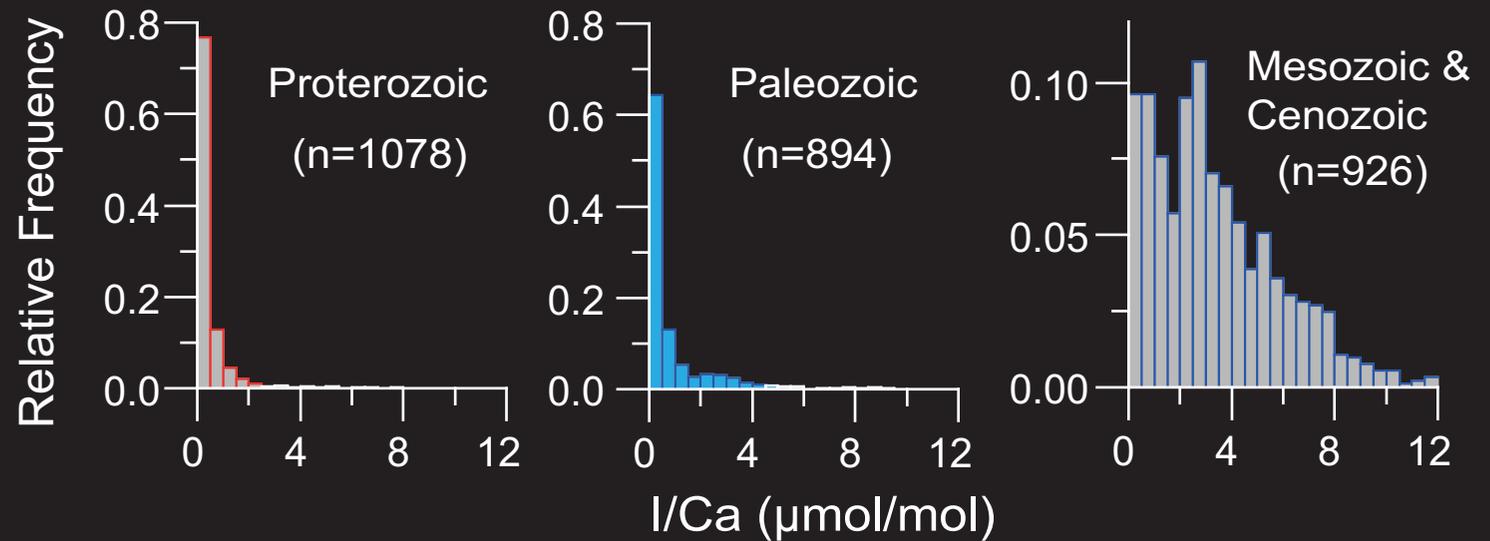
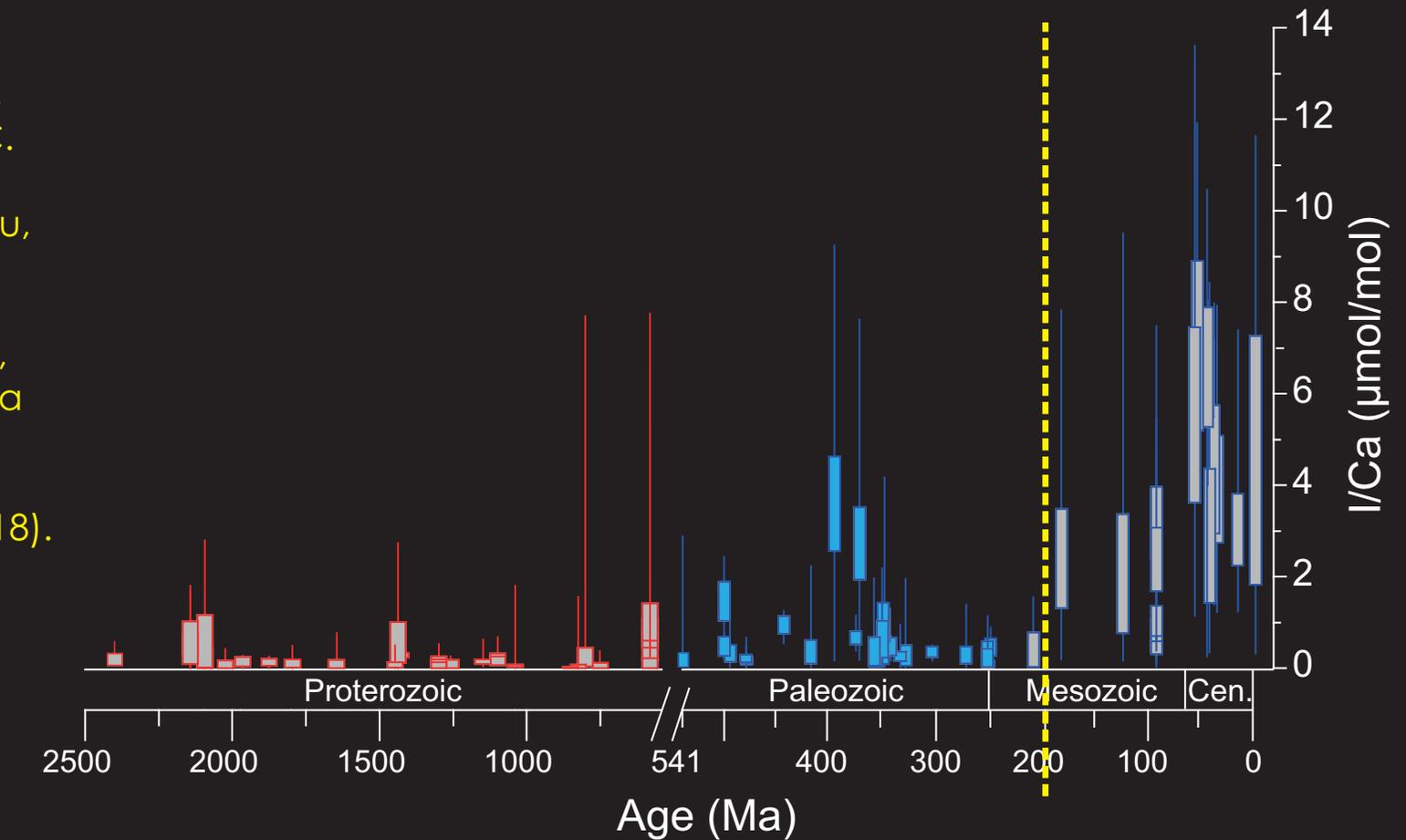
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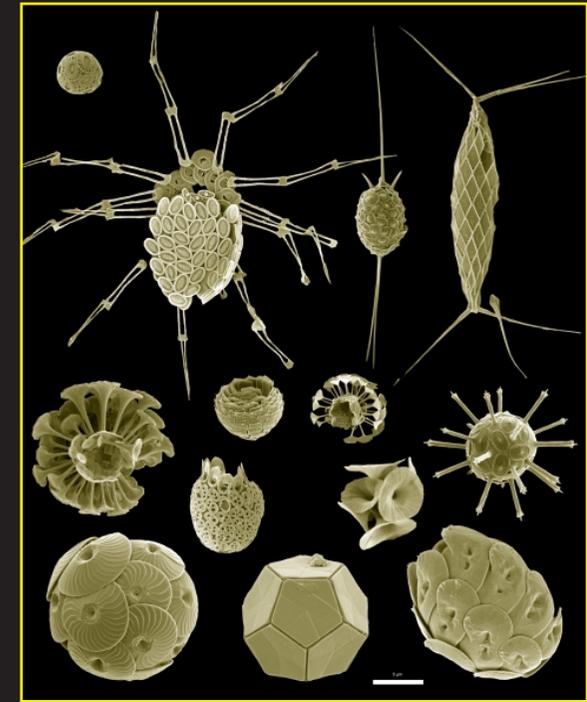
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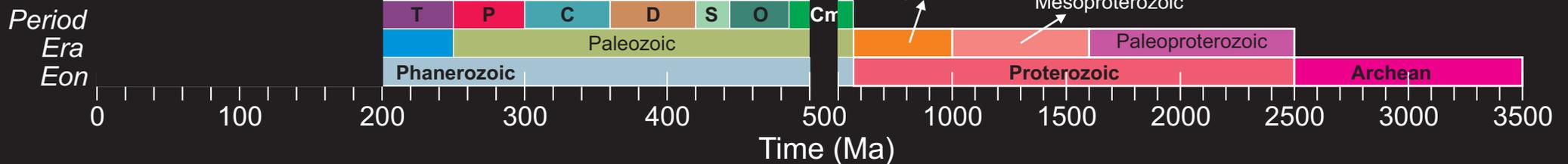
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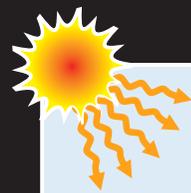
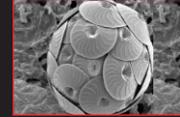
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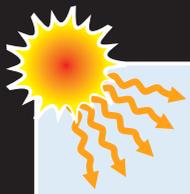
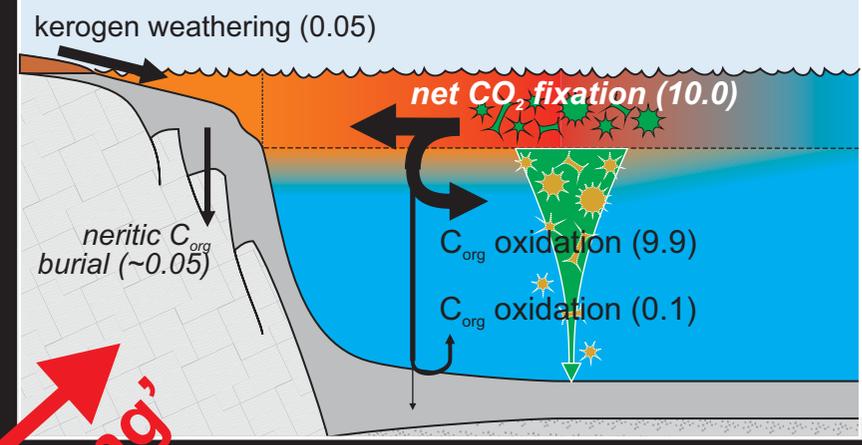
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Major changes in plankton assemblage

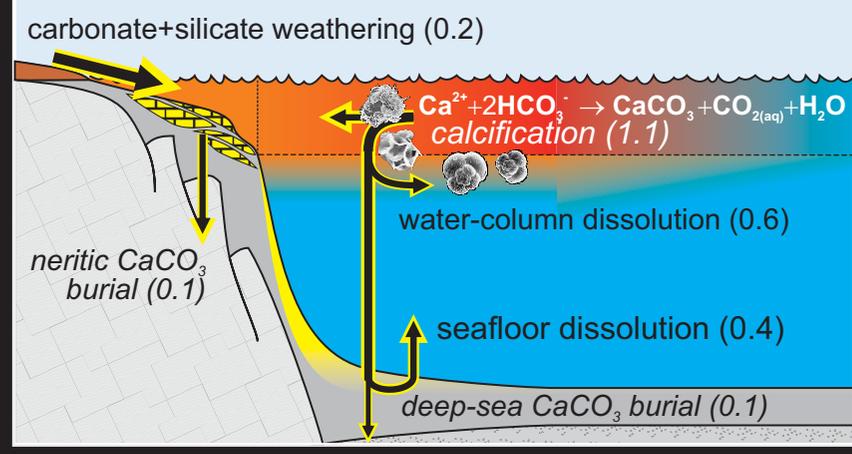




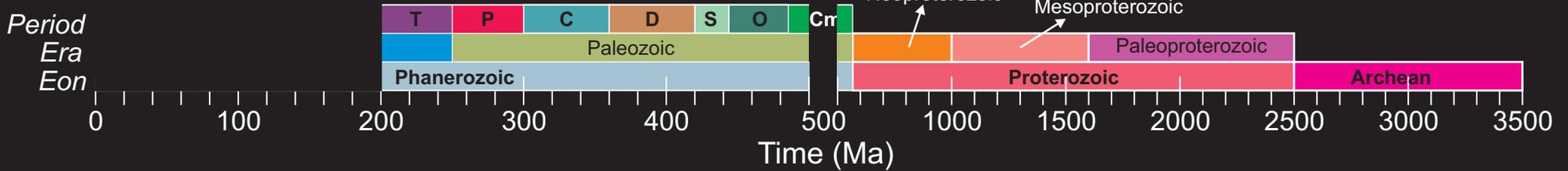
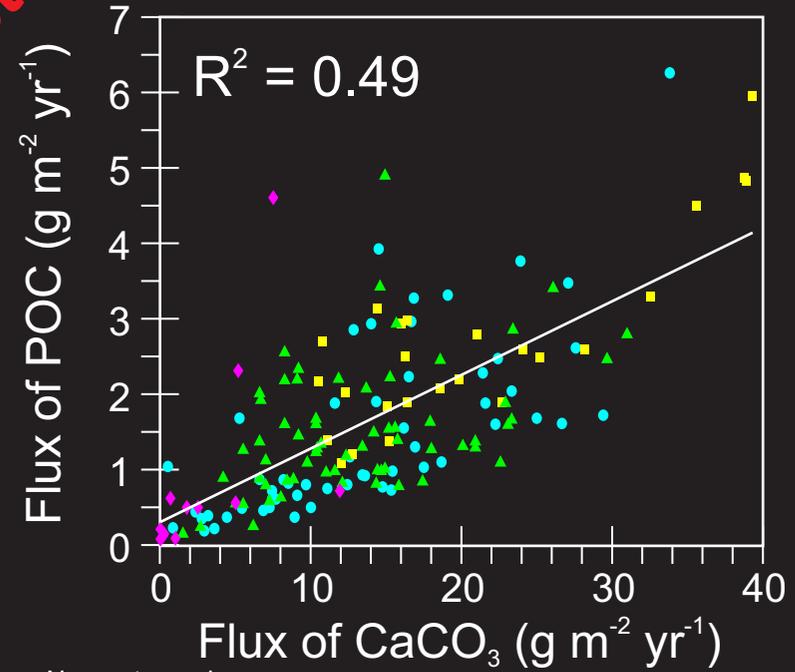
organic carbon pump



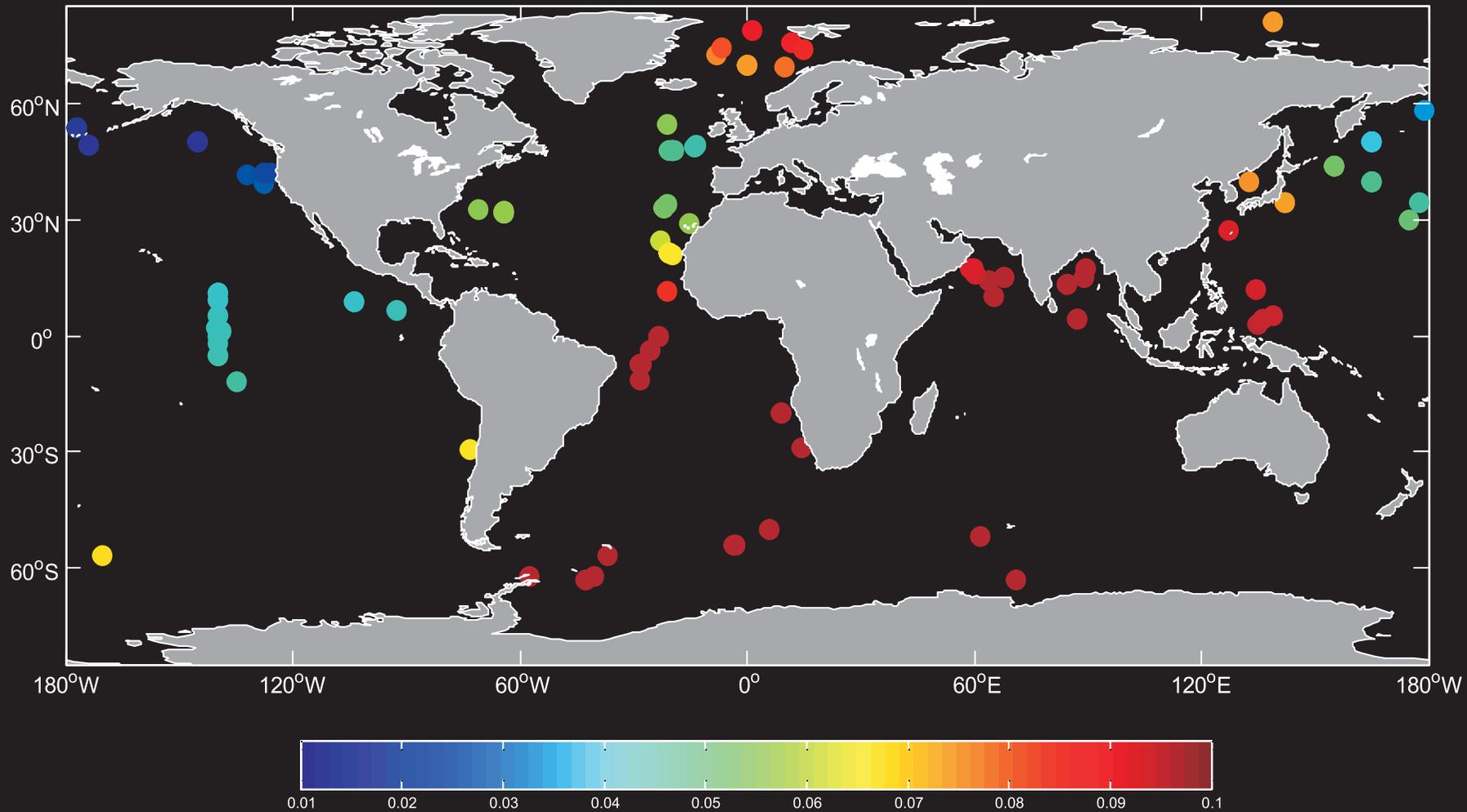
carbonate pump



'ballasting'

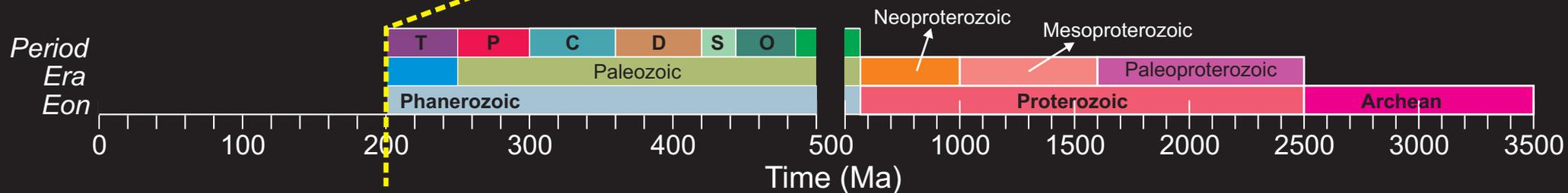
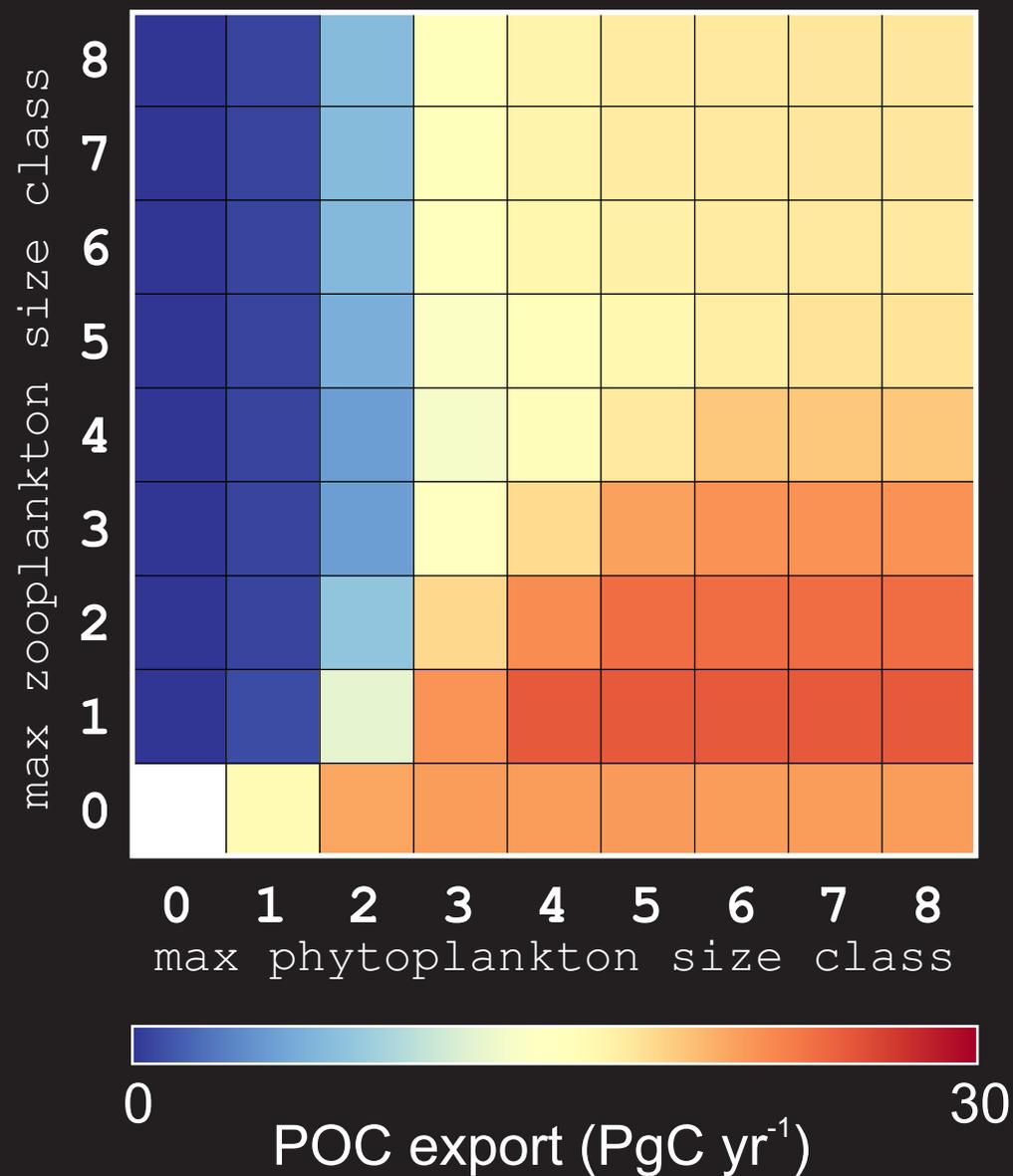
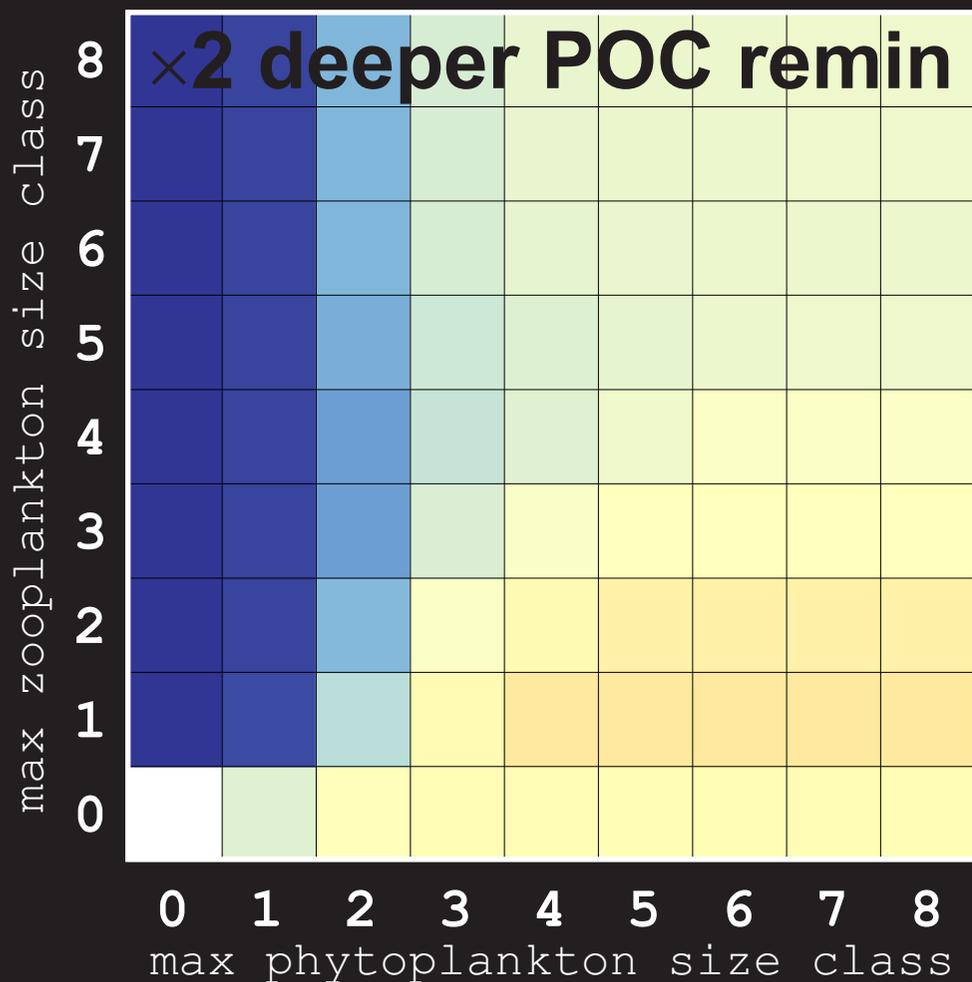
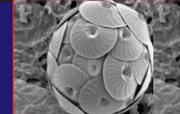


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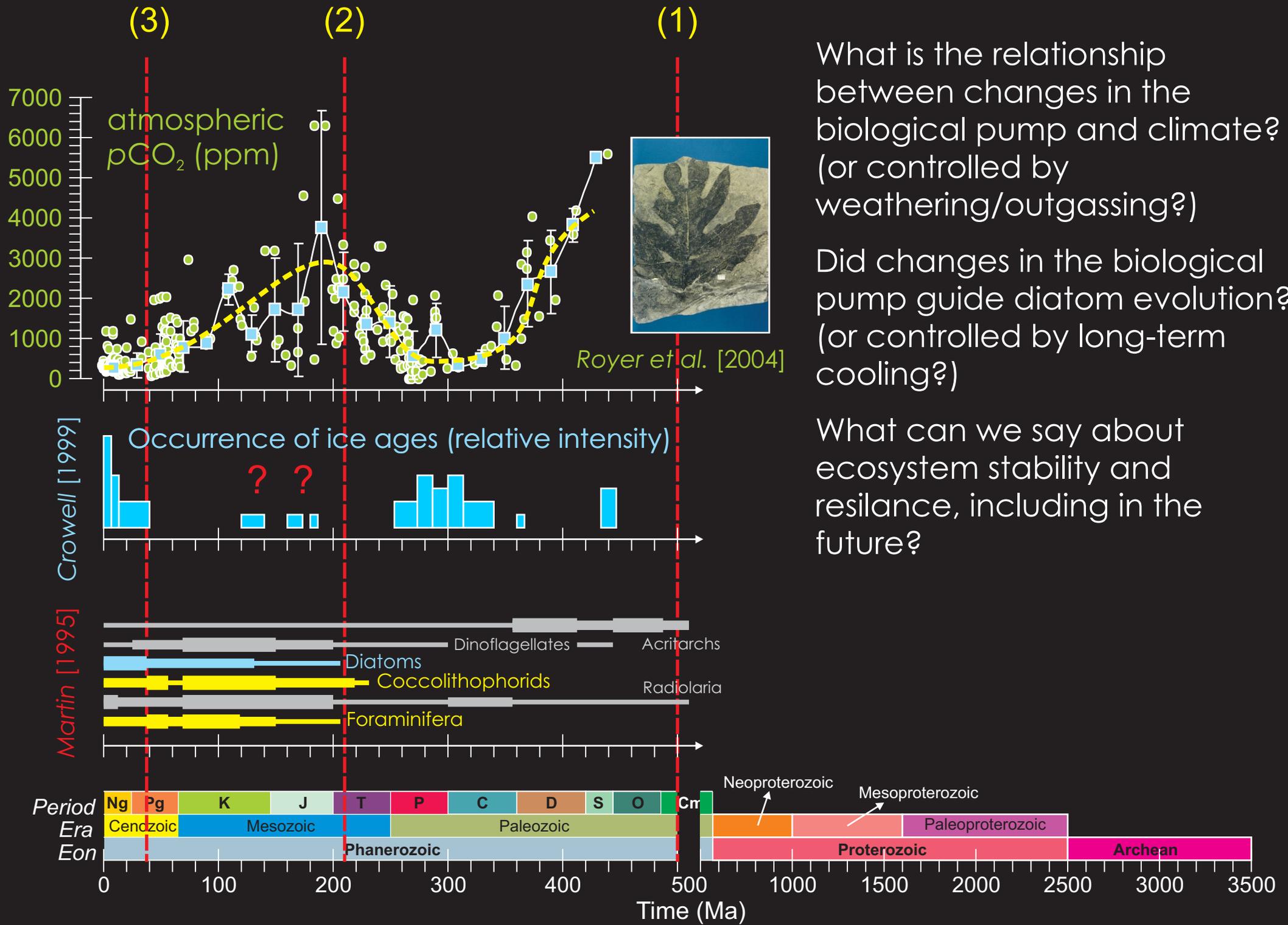
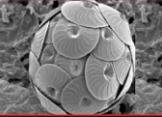


Spatial distribution of carrying capacity (ballasting) coefficients
calculated using geographically weighted regression
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The Force awakens!?



Conclusions/perspectives



What is the relationship between changes in the biological pump and climate? (or controlled by weathering/outgassing?)

Did changes in the biological pump guide diatom evolution? (or controlled by long-term cooling?)

What can we say about ecosystem stability and resilience, including in the future?

Conclusions/perspectives



Are there, and are there important; feedbacks and interactions between plankton evolution and ecosystem complexity, and the marine environment (esp. nutrient and oxygen cycles)? ('co-evolution of life and the Planet')

How to we reconstruct/constrain the ancient state of the biological pump? (new proxies?)

Evolutionary innovations & plankton assemblage

