

# The Awesome Ocean

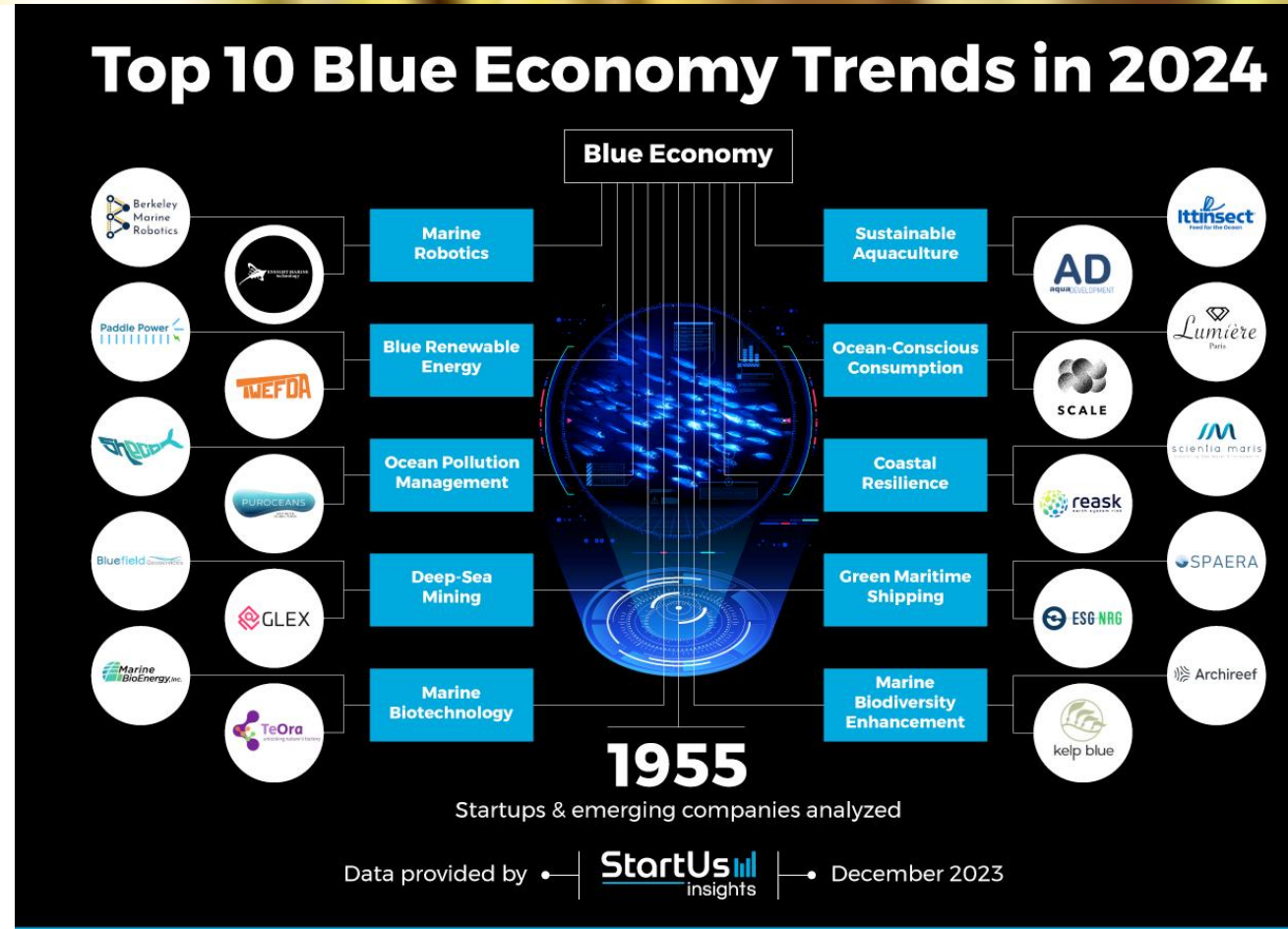
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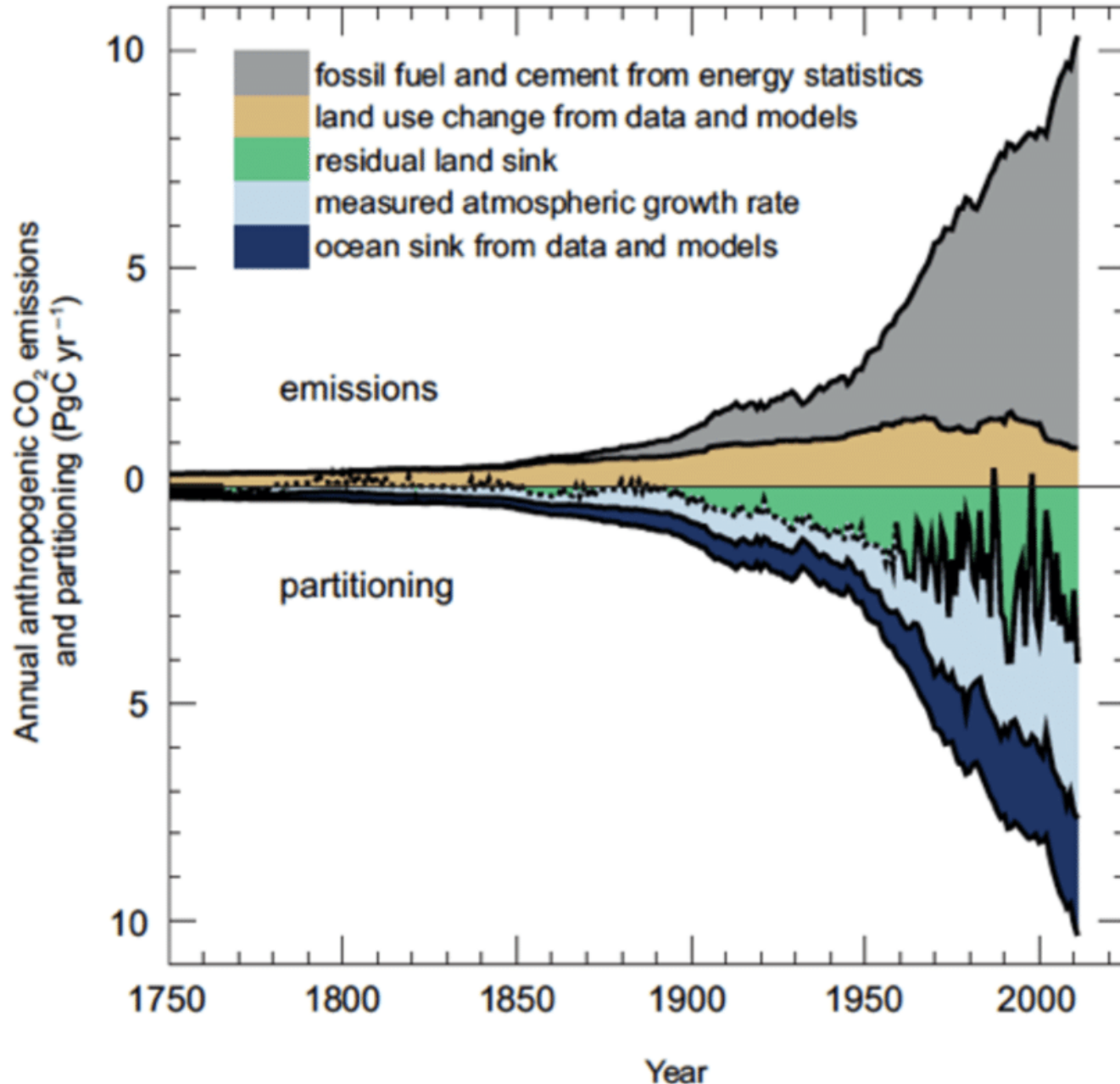


# The Awesome Ocean- liquid gold

- The worldwide ocean economy is valued at around **\$1.5 trillion per year**, equivalent to the seventh largest economy in the world.
- The worldwide ocean economy is set to double by 2030 to \$3 trillion.



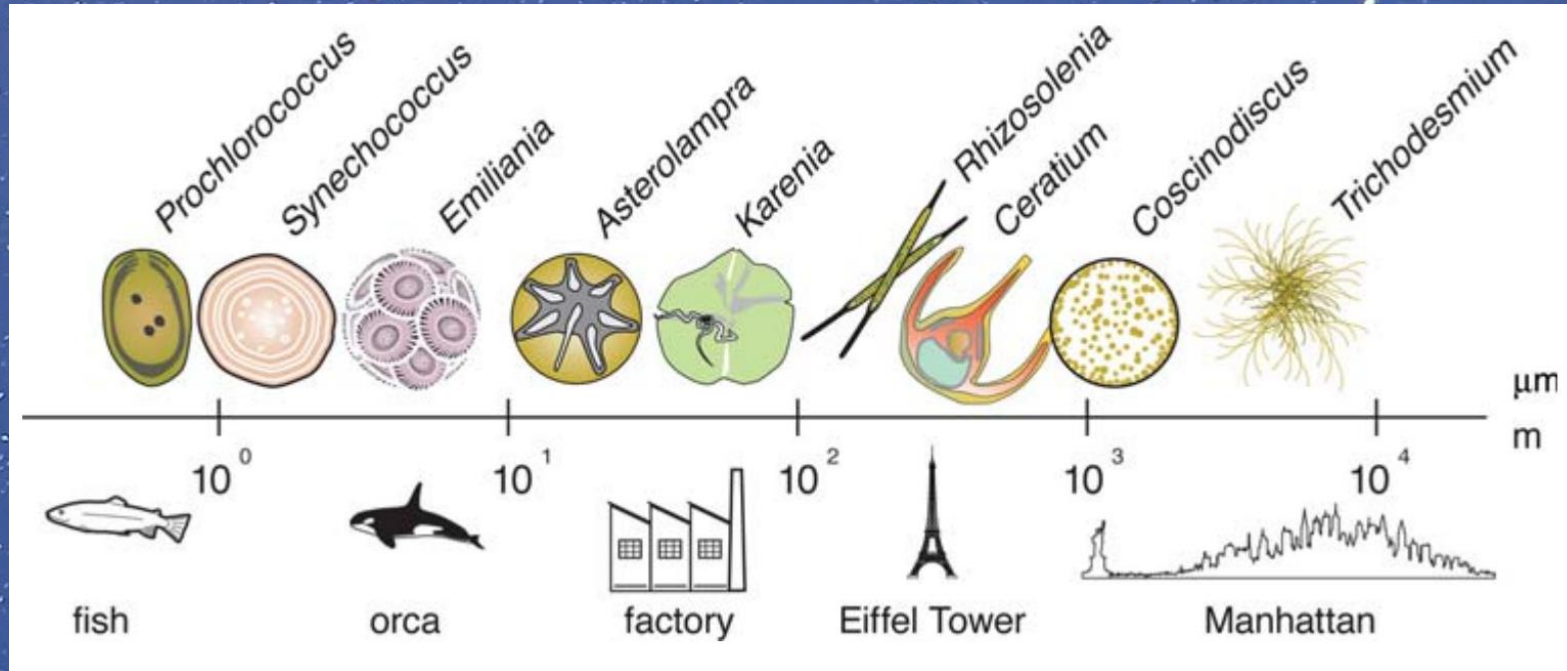
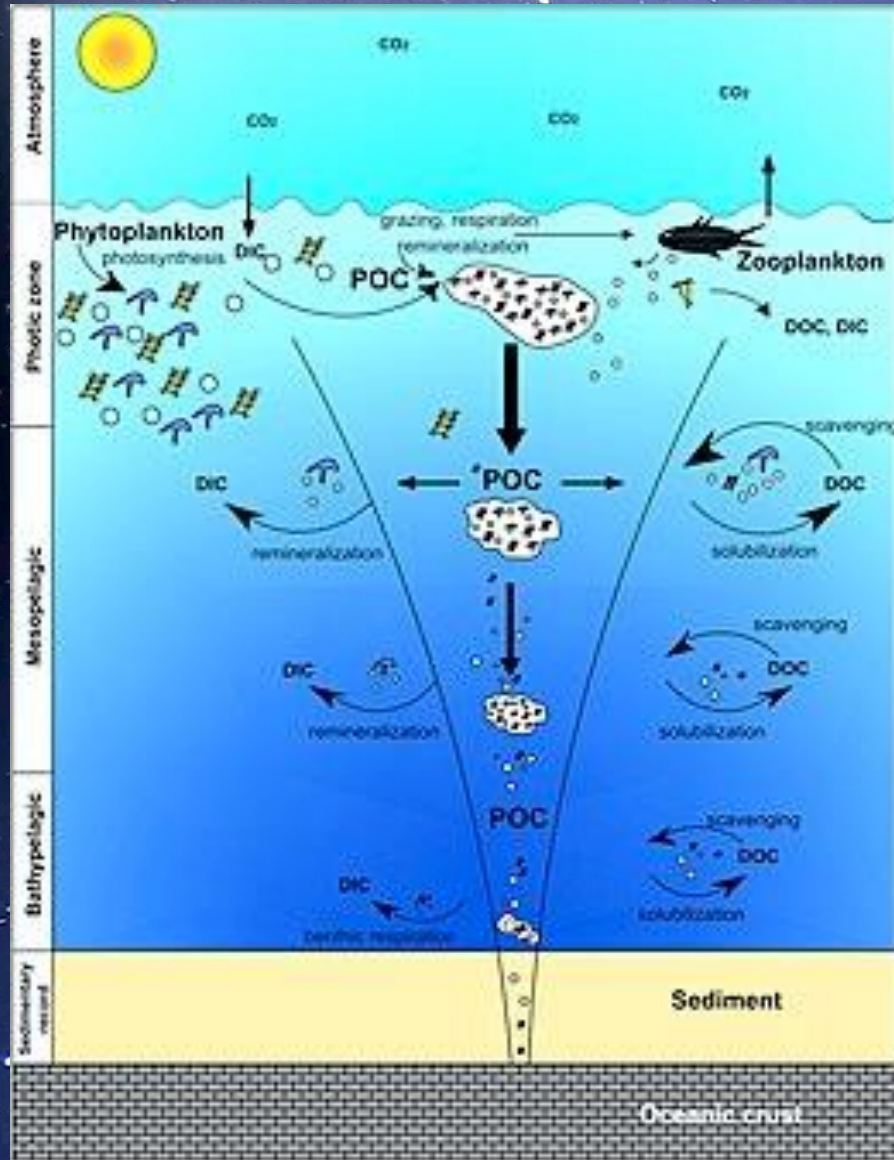
# The Oceans- Currently a huge carbon sponge



- The oceans take up emissions at a rate of about 2 GtC/yr so have absorbed 500 Gt from a total 1300 Gt emissions...**currently**
- 20kyrs ago, when mammoths roamed the planet the oceans stored an additional 900 GtC
- **All for free (in the context of C markets)**

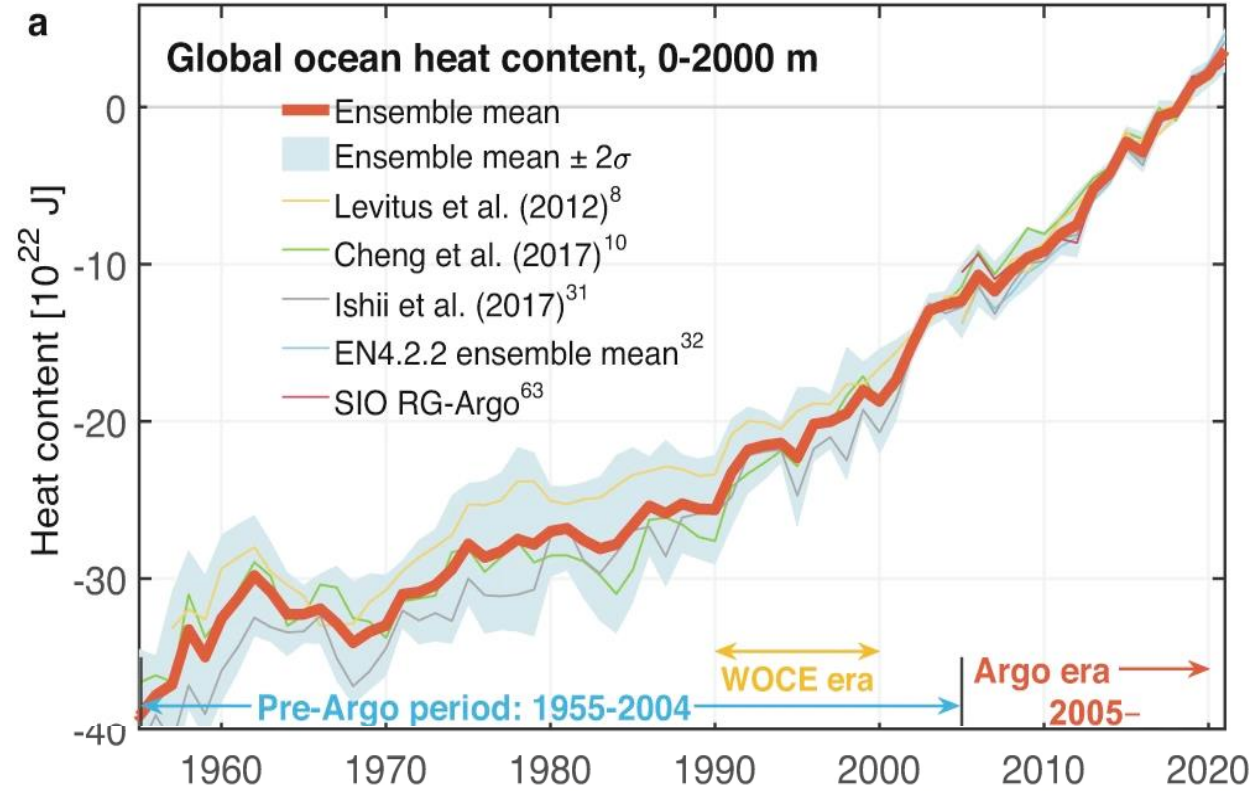
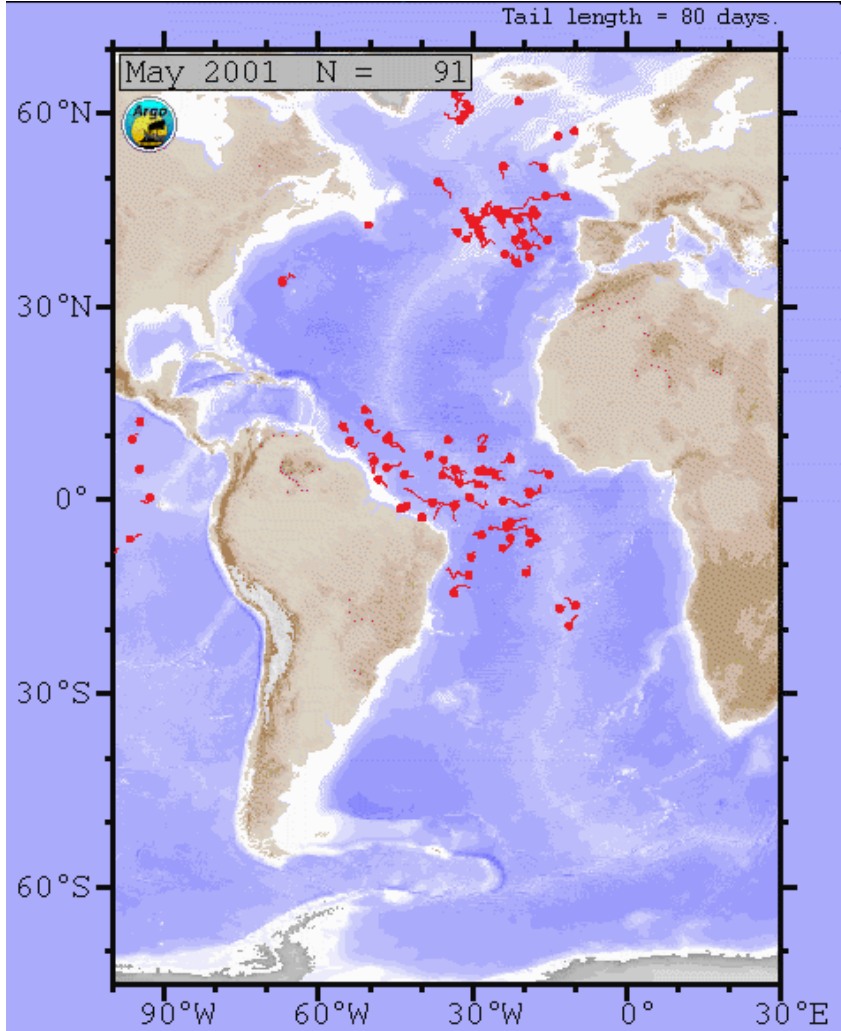
# The Power of the Plankton

- Base of ecosystem productivity and 50-80% of global biodiversity
- Plankton are sentinels of change
- 5-12 PgC/yr



Finkel, Z.V., Beardall, J., Flynn, K.J., Quigg, A., Rees, T.A.V. and Raven, J.A., 2010. Phytoplankton in a changing world: cell size and elemental stoichiometry. *Journal of plankton research*, 32(1), pp.119-137.

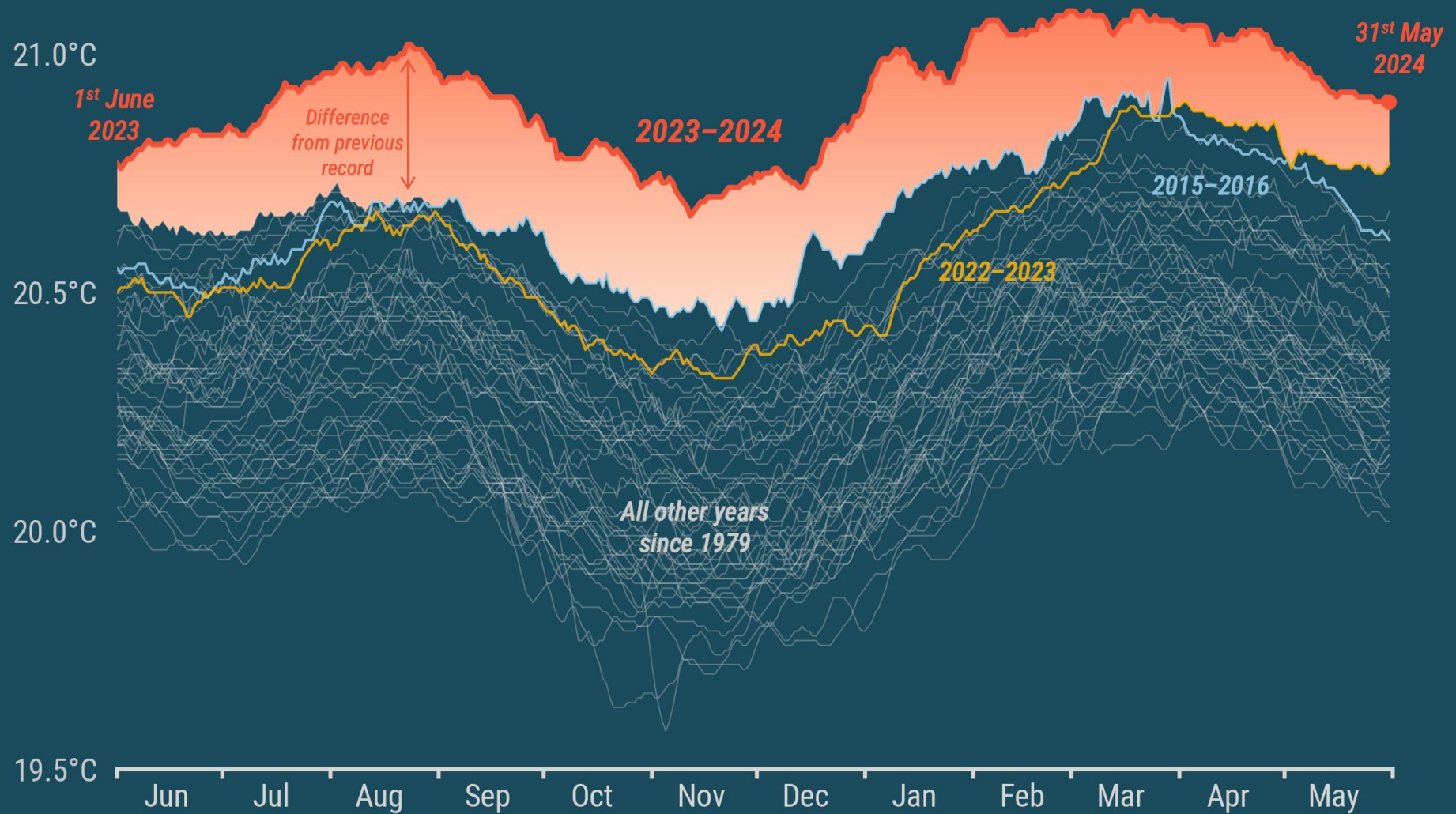
# The Oceans- a huge sponge of heat ~ 90% of our global warming



## Argo Floats

# Daily sea surface temperature for 60°S-60°N

Data: ERA5 1979-2024 • Credit: C3S/ECMWF



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EUROPEAN UNION

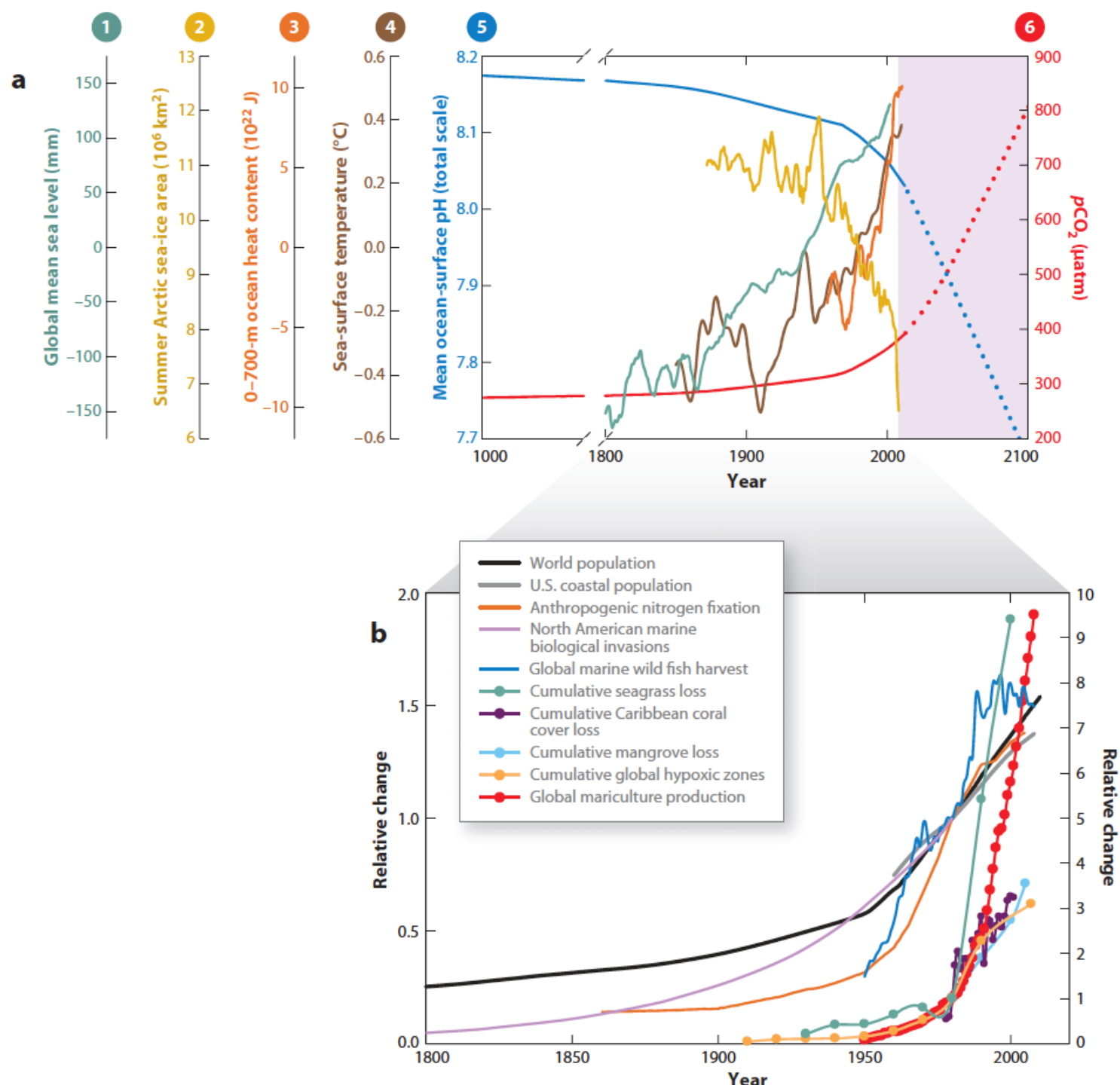


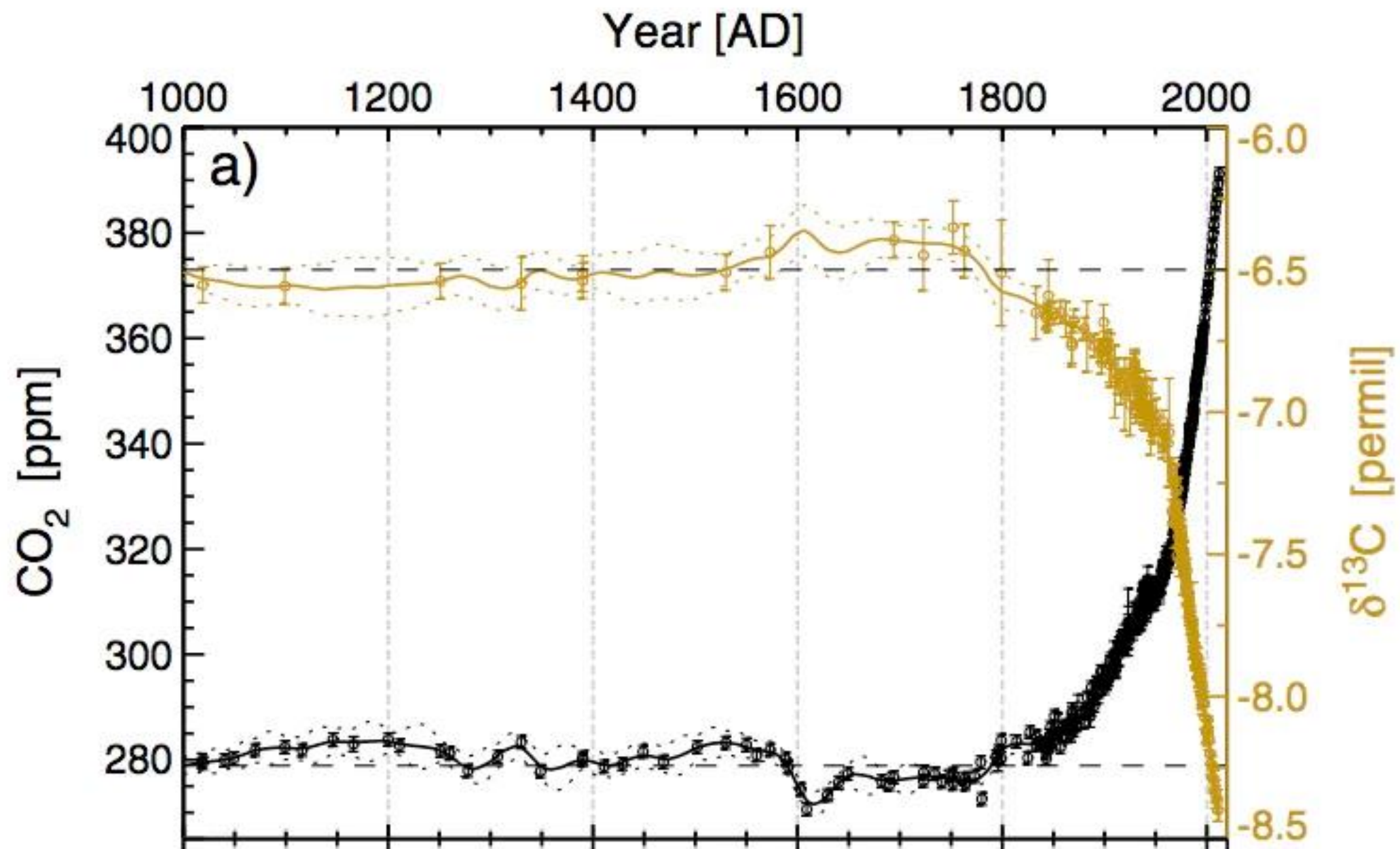
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# The altered Marine Environment

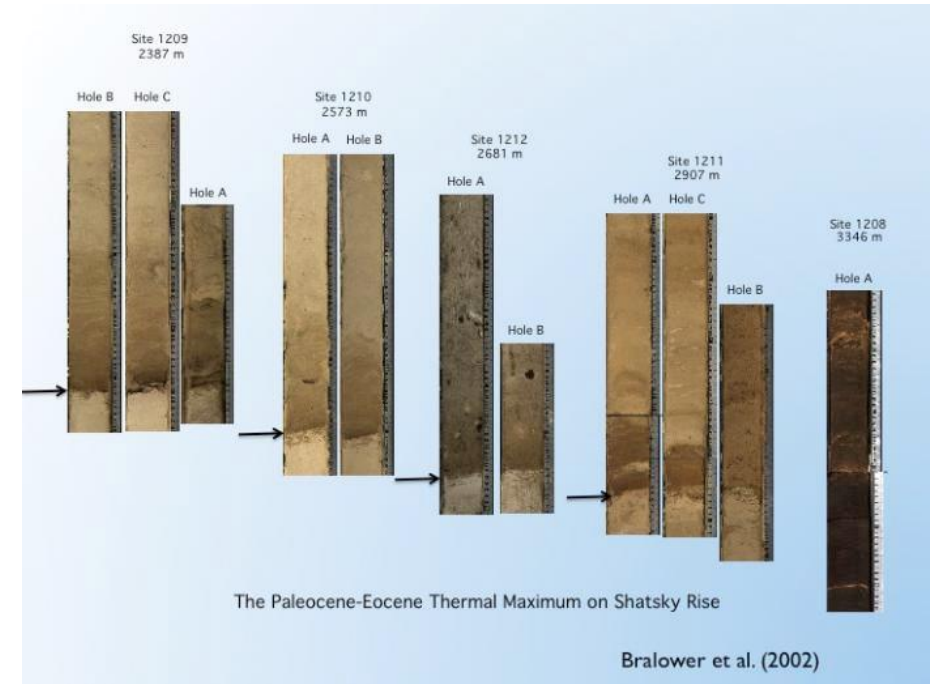
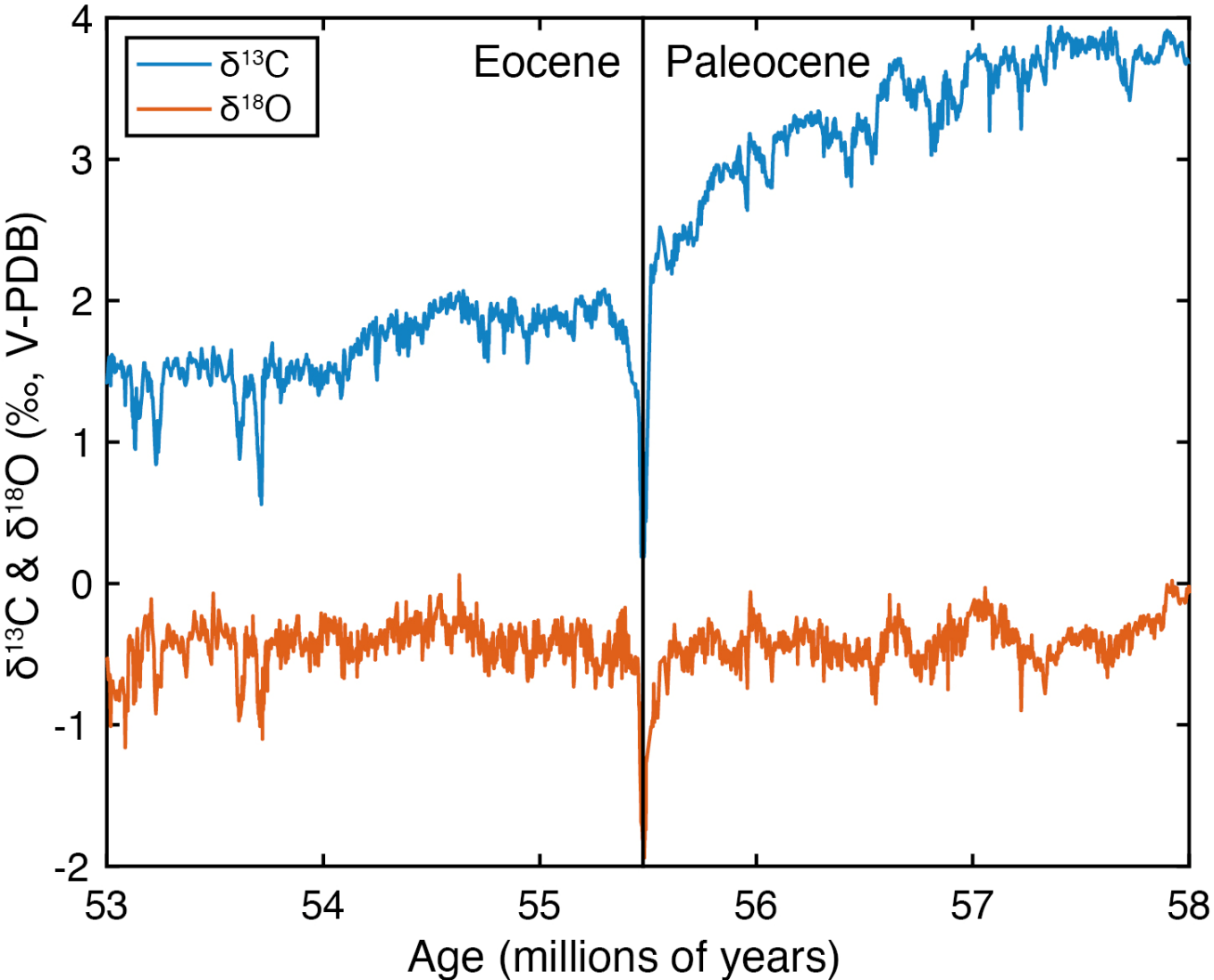
- Elevated CO<sub>2</sub> (fertilization)
- pH- acidification
- Nutrients-stratification
- Oxygen-deoxygenation
- Temperature (P:R) (bleaching)
- Pollutants (including N<sub>2</sub>, plastics)
- Seasonal Change (mistimings: light and temperature)



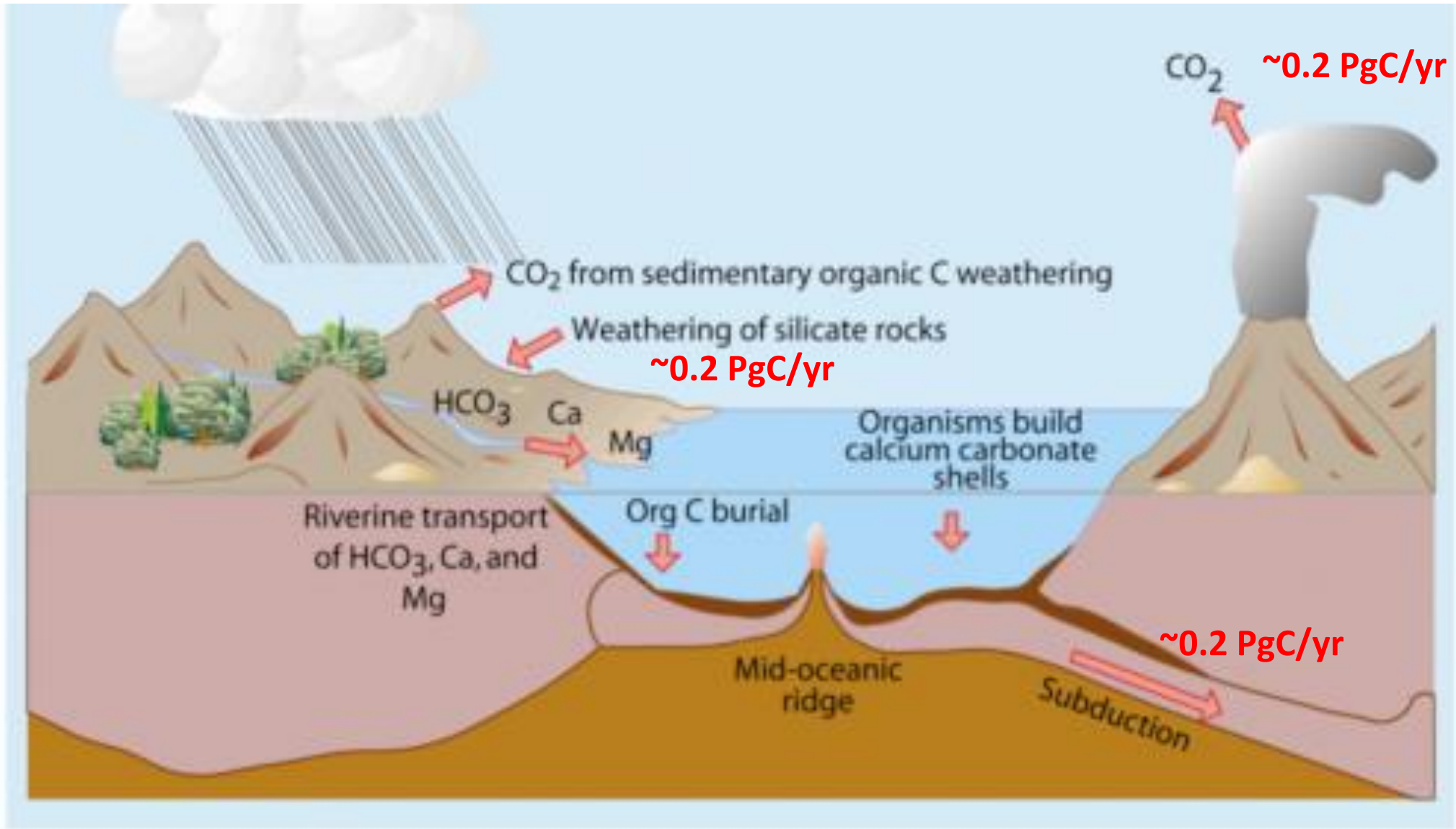




# PETM: 55800000yrs ago



- 3000 PgC over 5000 years (0.6 PgC/yr or 2.4 GtCO<sub>2</sub>/yr) emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>
- 5-8 °C rise of global temperature
- Dissolved CaCO<sub>3</sub> in ocean sediments (acidification),
- Ocean Deoxygenation
- Increased weathering, increased C<sub>org</sub> burial
- Timescale of recovery ~1-200000 years



Solar Luminosity relative to present values (S/S<sub>0</sub>)

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0.95  
0.9  
0.85  
0.8  
0.75  
0.7

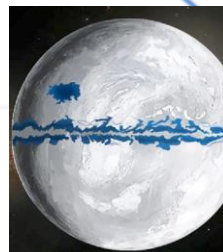
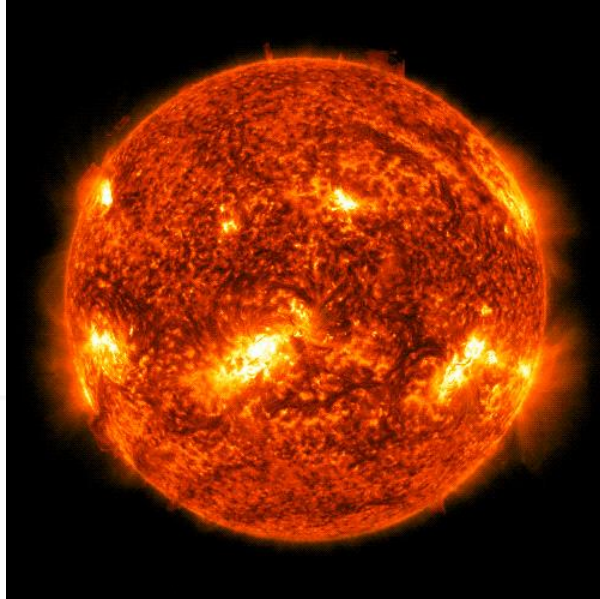
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Billions of Years before Present (Ga)

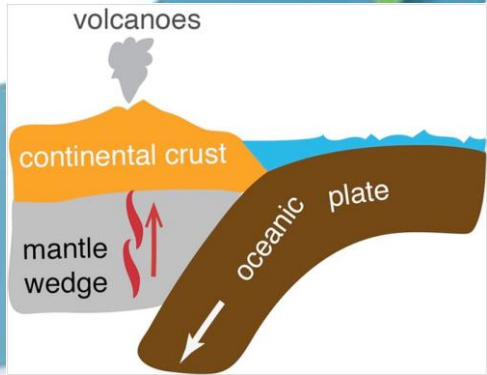
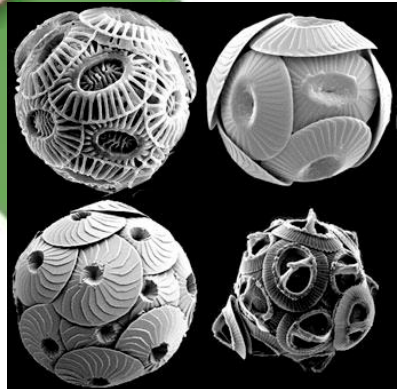
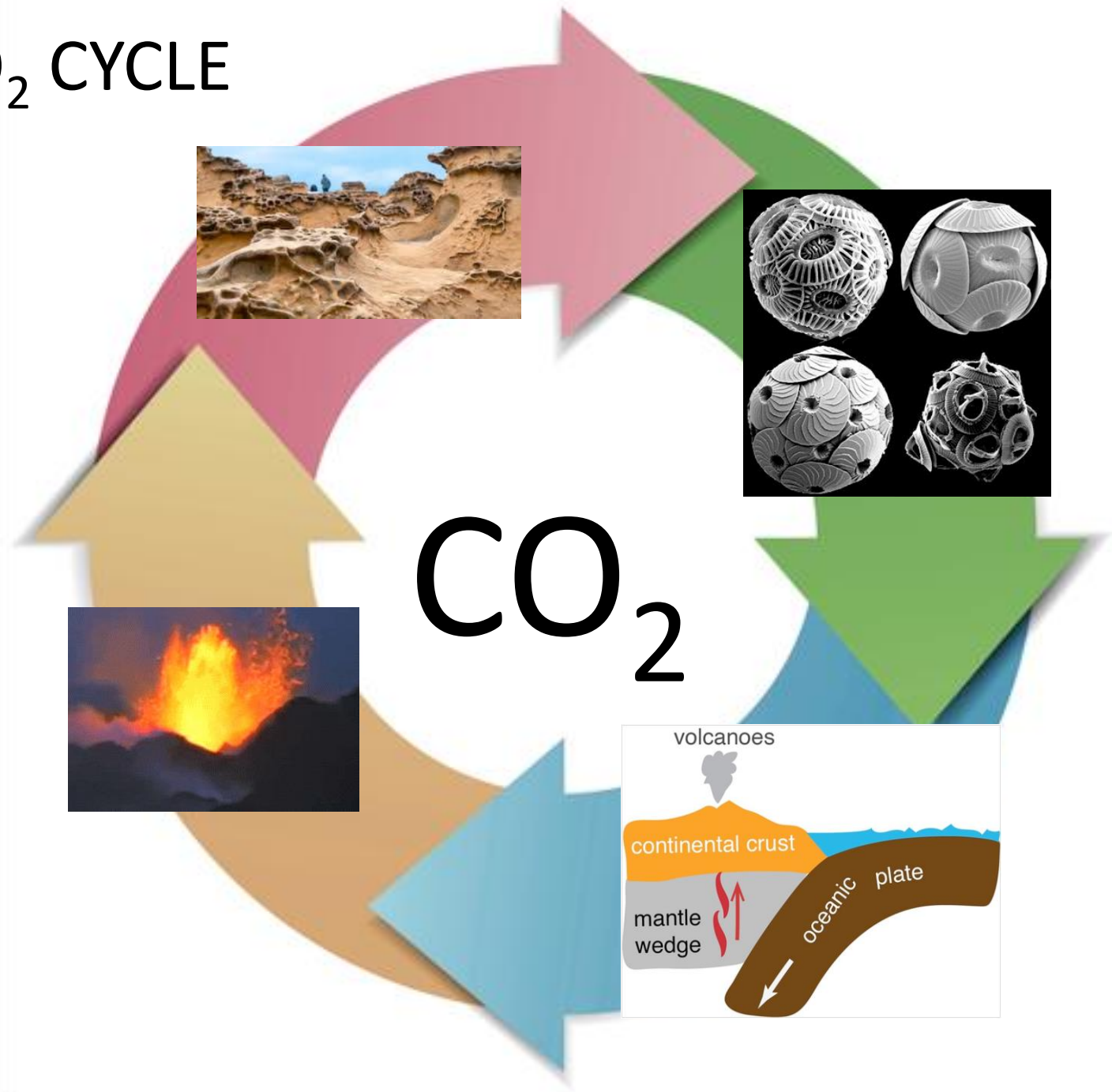


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1000  
100  
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CO<sub>2</sub> Concentration relative to Present Atmospheric Level (PAL)



# LONG TERM CO<sub>2</sub> CYCLE

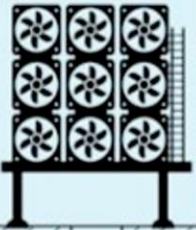




## CARBON DIOXIDE REMOVAL OPTIONS

DIRECT AIR CAPTURE (DAC)

CO<sub>2</sub>



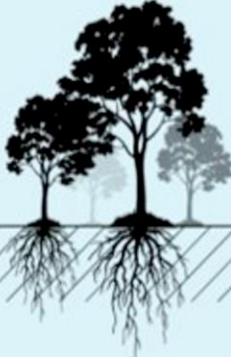
BIOENERGY WITH CARBON CAPTURE & STORAGE (BECCS)

CO<sub>2</sub>



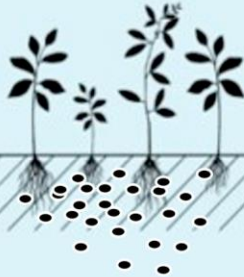
AFFORESTATION  
REFORESTATION

CO<sub>2</sub>



BIOCHAR  
SOIL CARBON

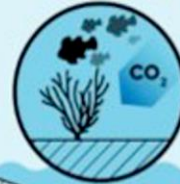
CO<sub>2</sub>



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WEATHERING

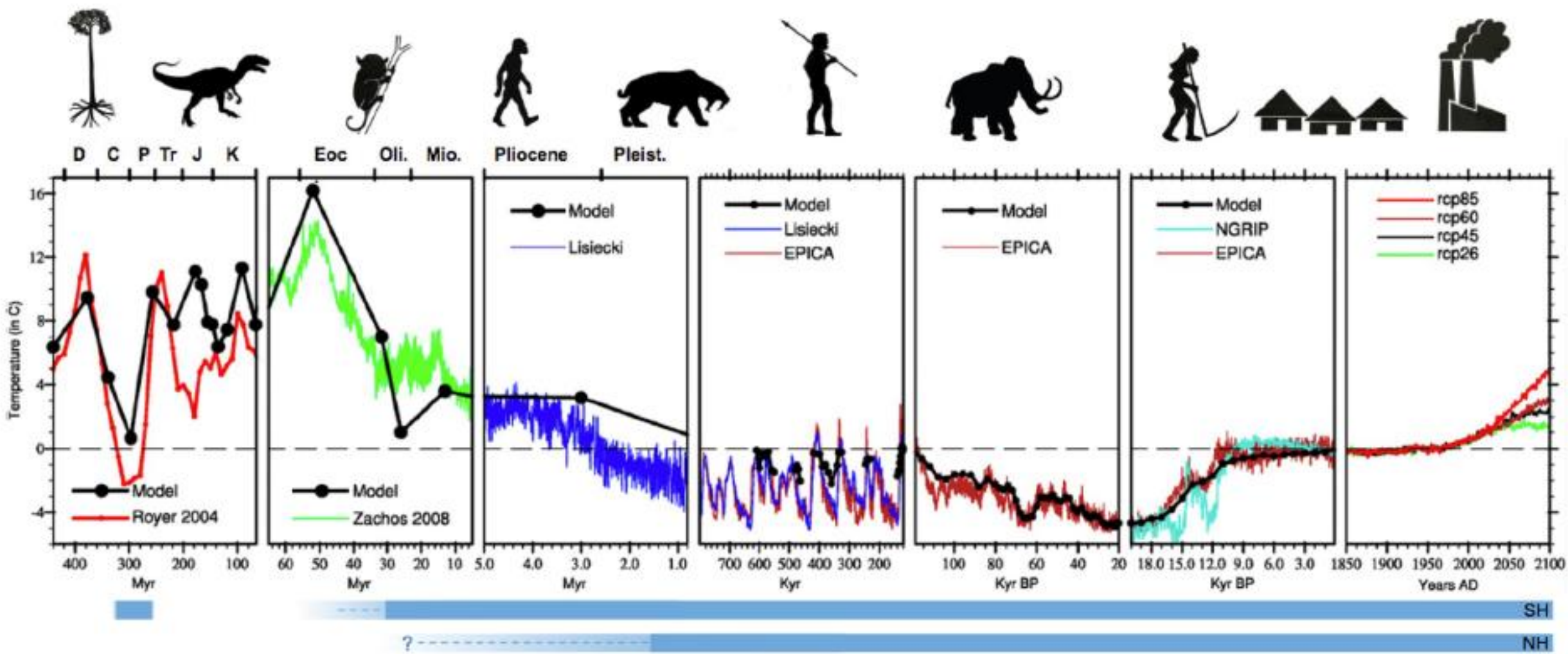


OCEAN  
FERTILISATION



CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE

- Do the kinetics work?
- Can the sequestered C be measured?
- What are the unintended benefits? And consequences?
- What is the carbon/resource footprint of the technique itself?
- Who/What drives the C market?



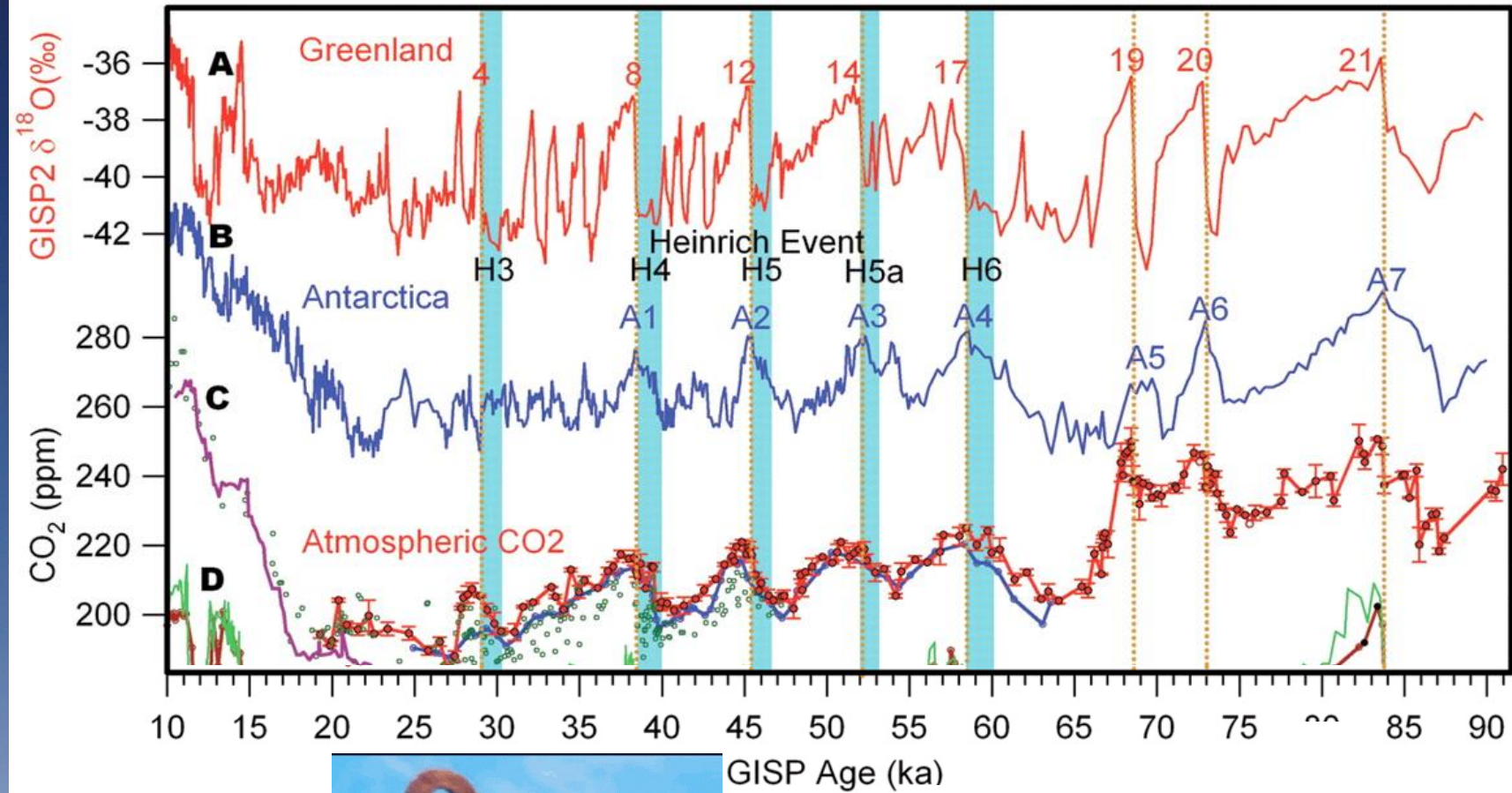
Early Stone Age/Lower  
Palaeolithic

Late Stone  
Age/Upper Pal.

Middle Stone Age/Middle  
Palaeolithic

Early Farming > Industrialisation

# Ocean Carbon and Tipping Points



Ahn and Brooks, 2008

# Daily Global 5km Satellite Coral Bleaching Heat Stress Alert Area

(Version 3.1, released August 1, 2018)



## Environment

# 'Literally off the charts': global coral reef heat stress monitor forced to add new alerts as temperatures rise

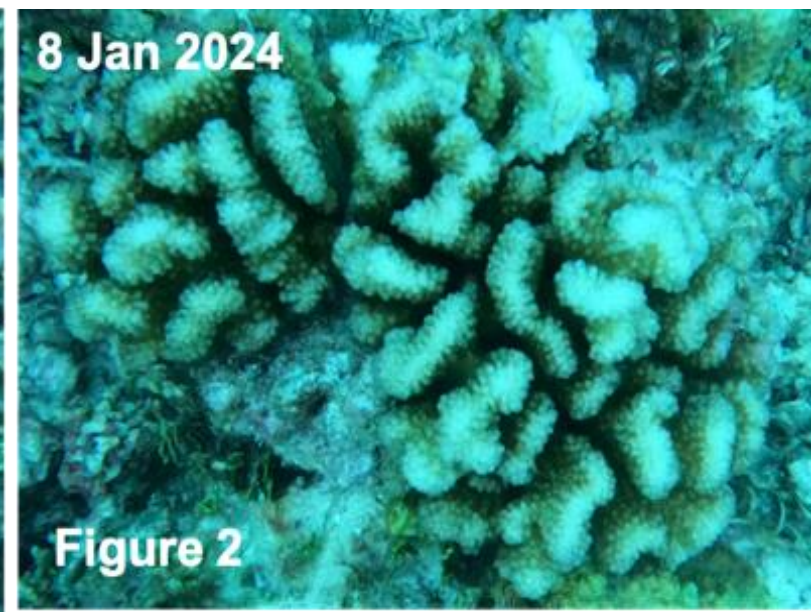
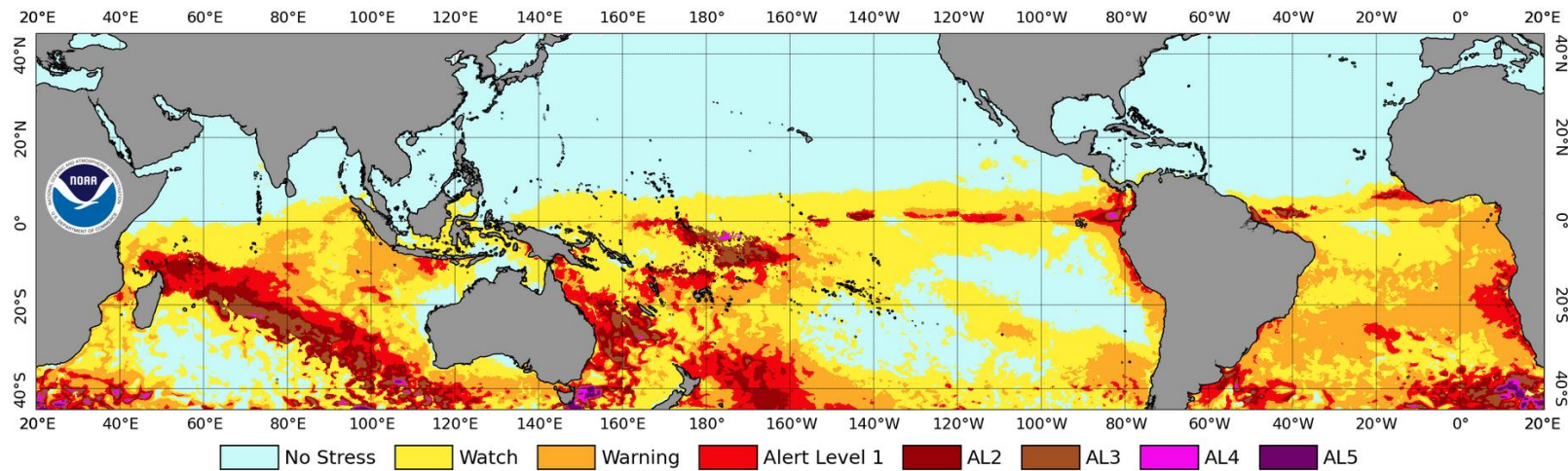
**Three new levels added by US Coral Reef  
Watch after 'extreme' unprecedented heat,  
with highest alert warning of 'near  
complete mortality'**

**Graham Readfearn**

🐦 @readfearn

Wed 31 Jan 2024 14.00 GMT

NOAA Coral Reef Watch Daily 5km Bleaching Alert Area 7-day Maximum (v3.1) 13 Feb 2024



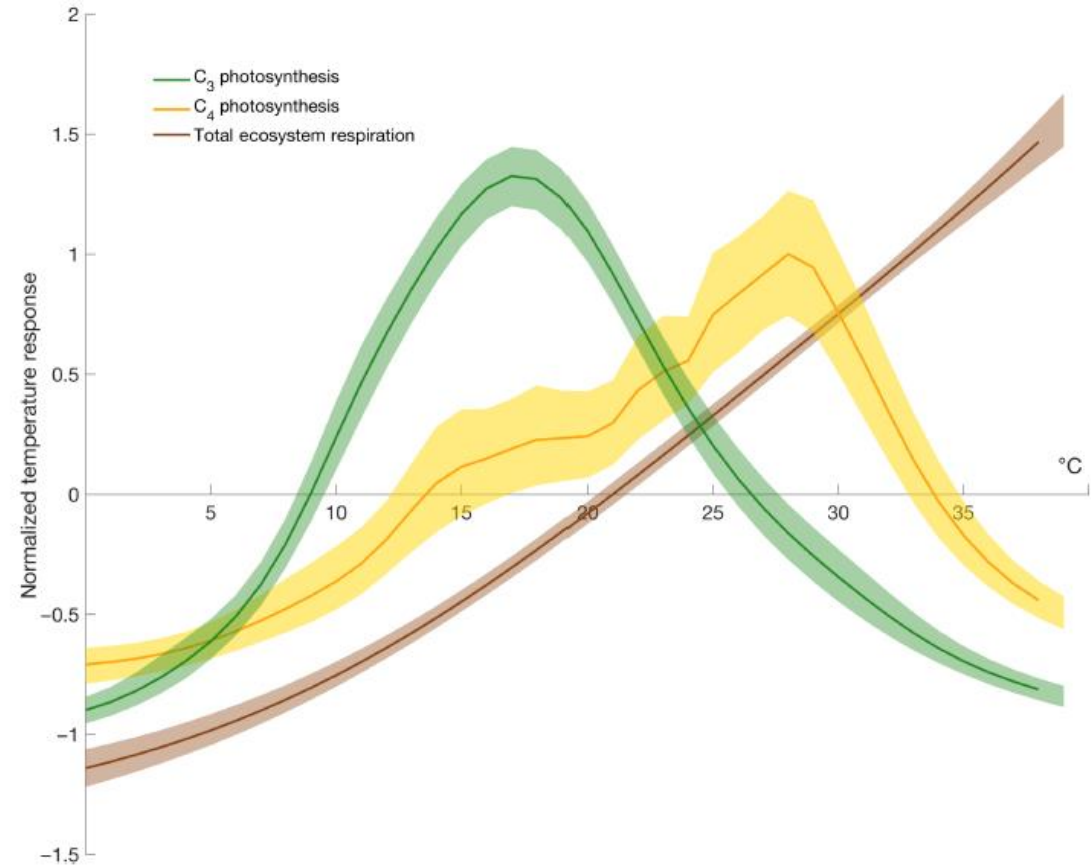
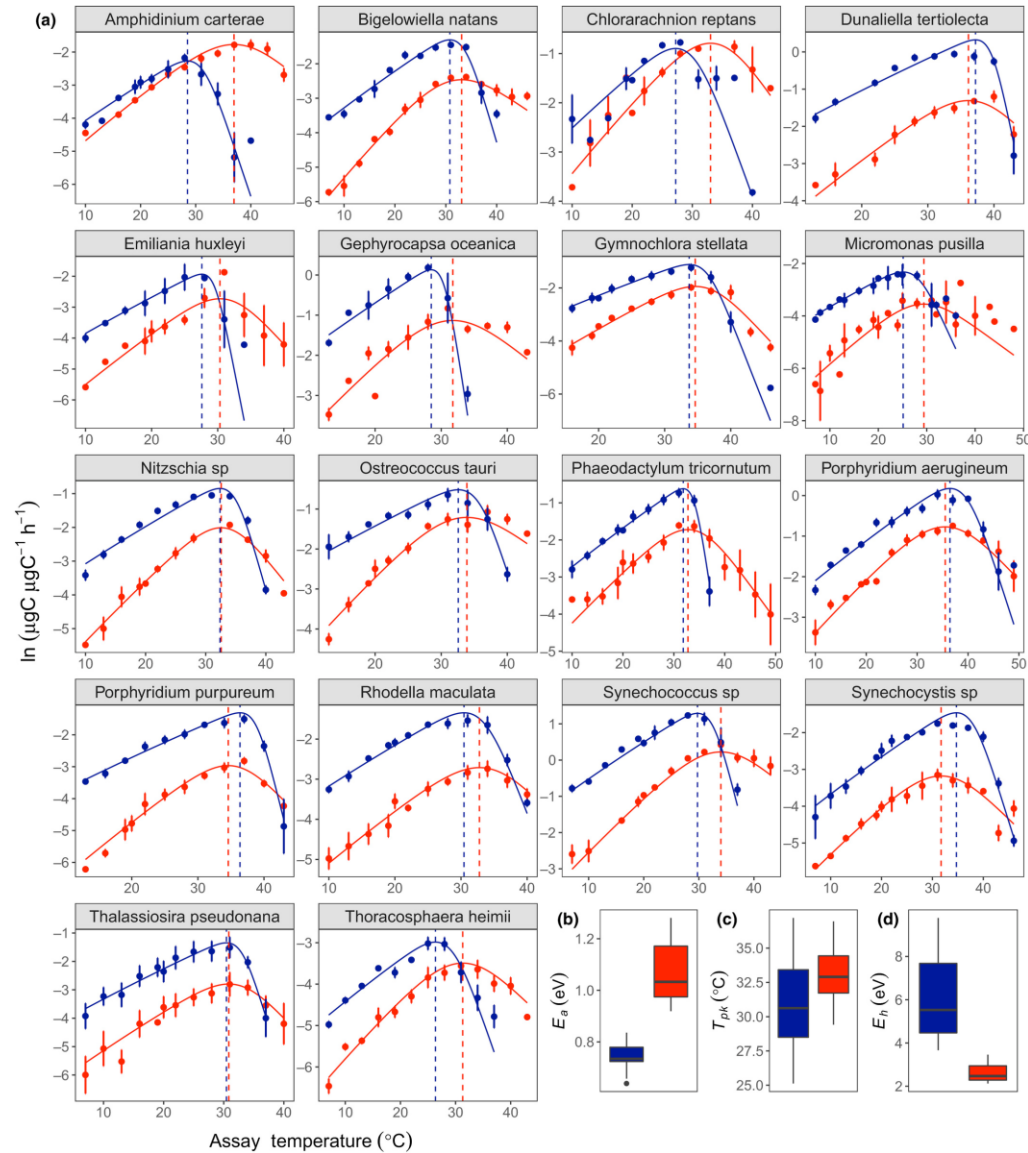


# T tipping points of Photosynthesis versus Respiration (and C sink)

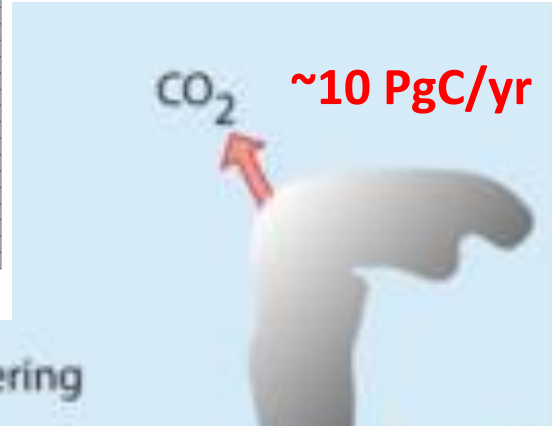
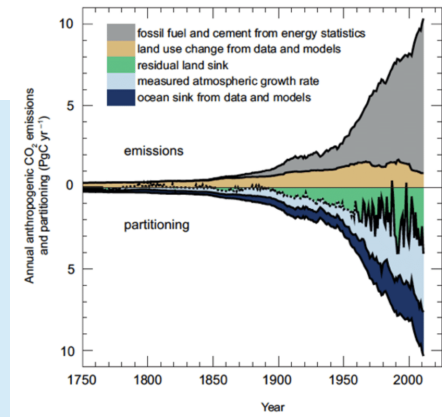
Barton et al., 2020

## How close are we to the temperature tipping point of the terrestrial biosphere?

Katharyn A. Duffy<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Christopher R. Schwalm<sup>2,3</sup>, Vickery L. Arcus<sup>4</sup>, George W. Koch<sup>2</sup>, Liyin L. Liang<sup>4,5</sup>, Louis A. Schipper<sup>4</sup>



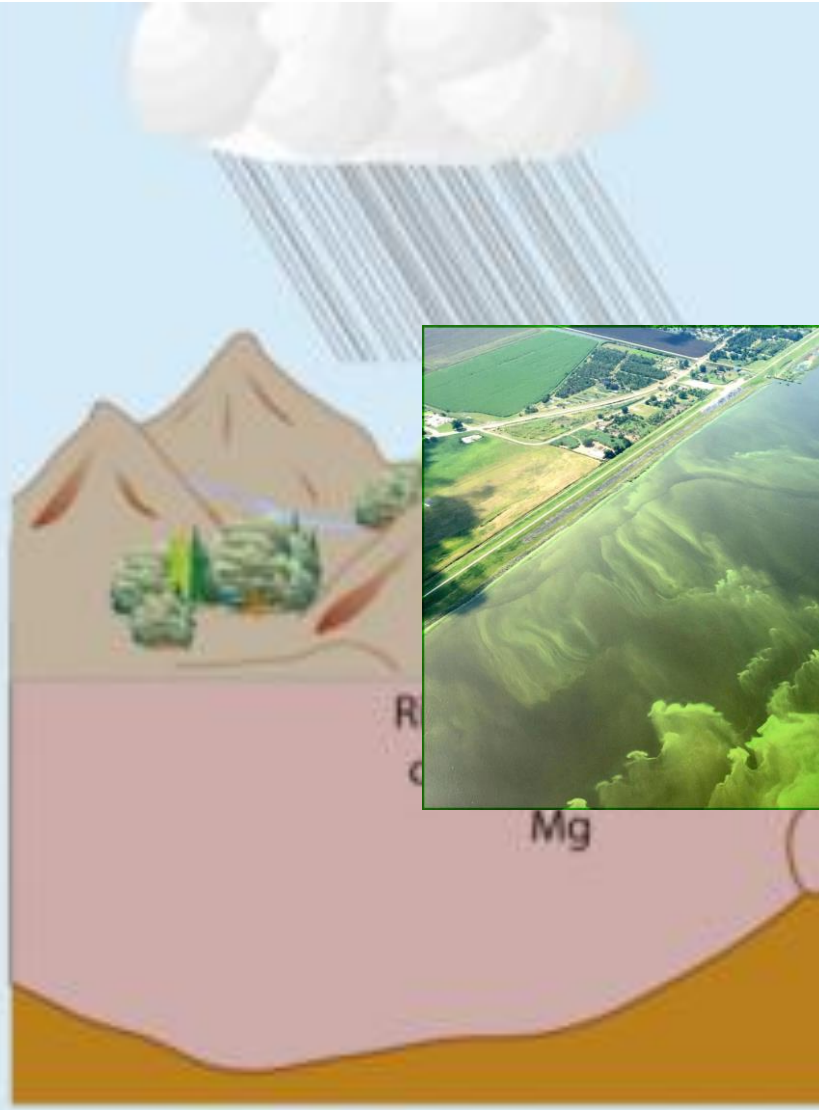
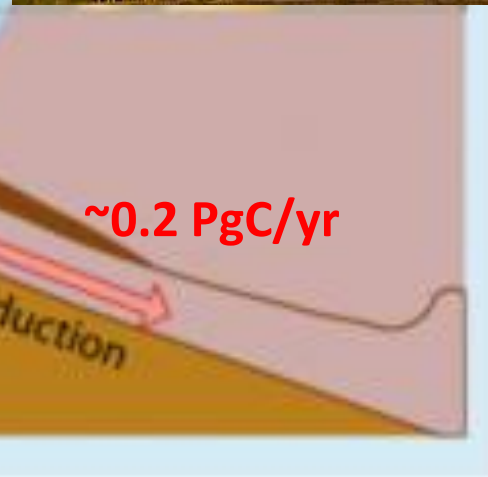
MAD: Move Adapt or Die



terrestrial organic C weathering  
 weathering of silicate rocks

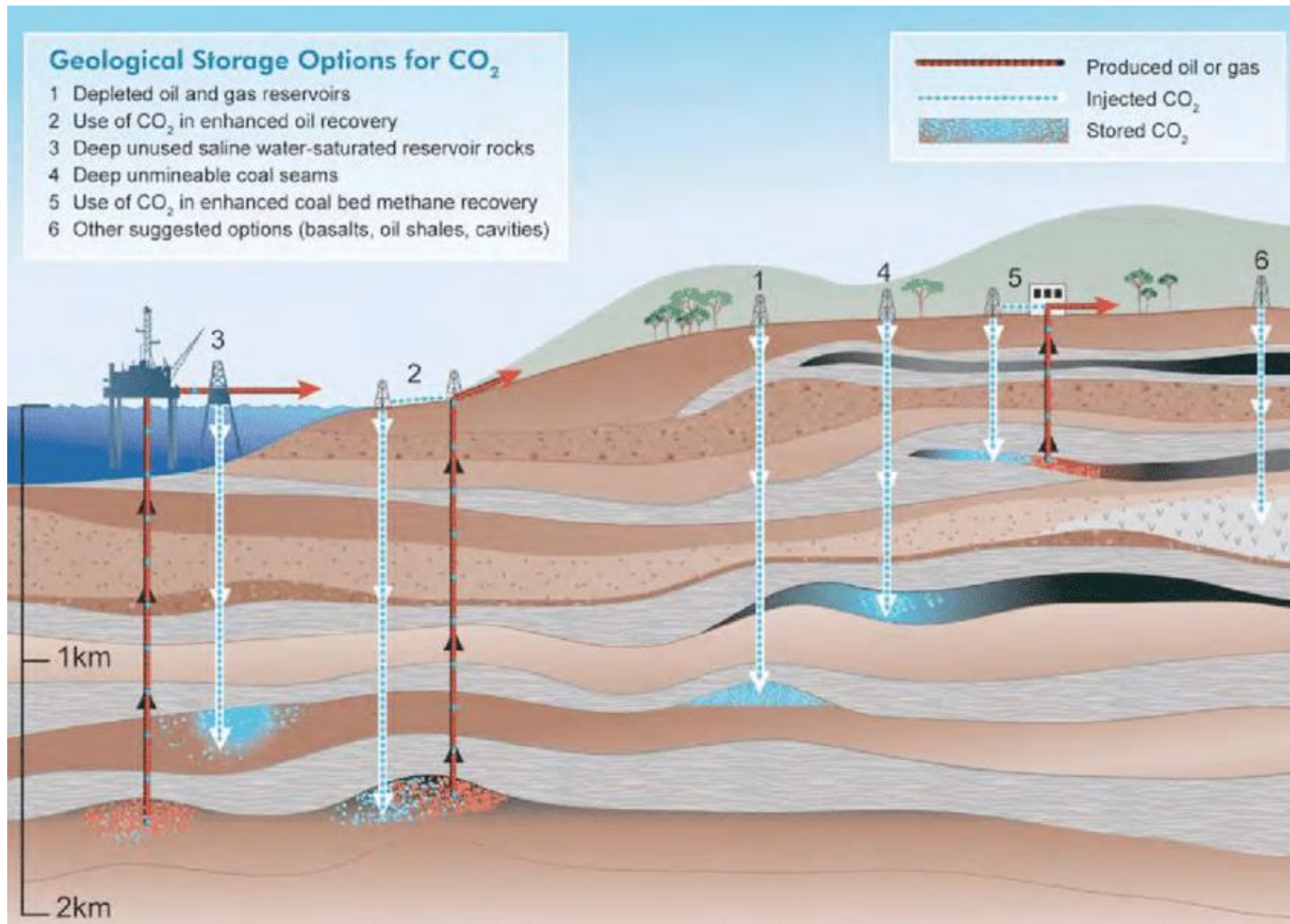
Organisms build calcium carbonate shells

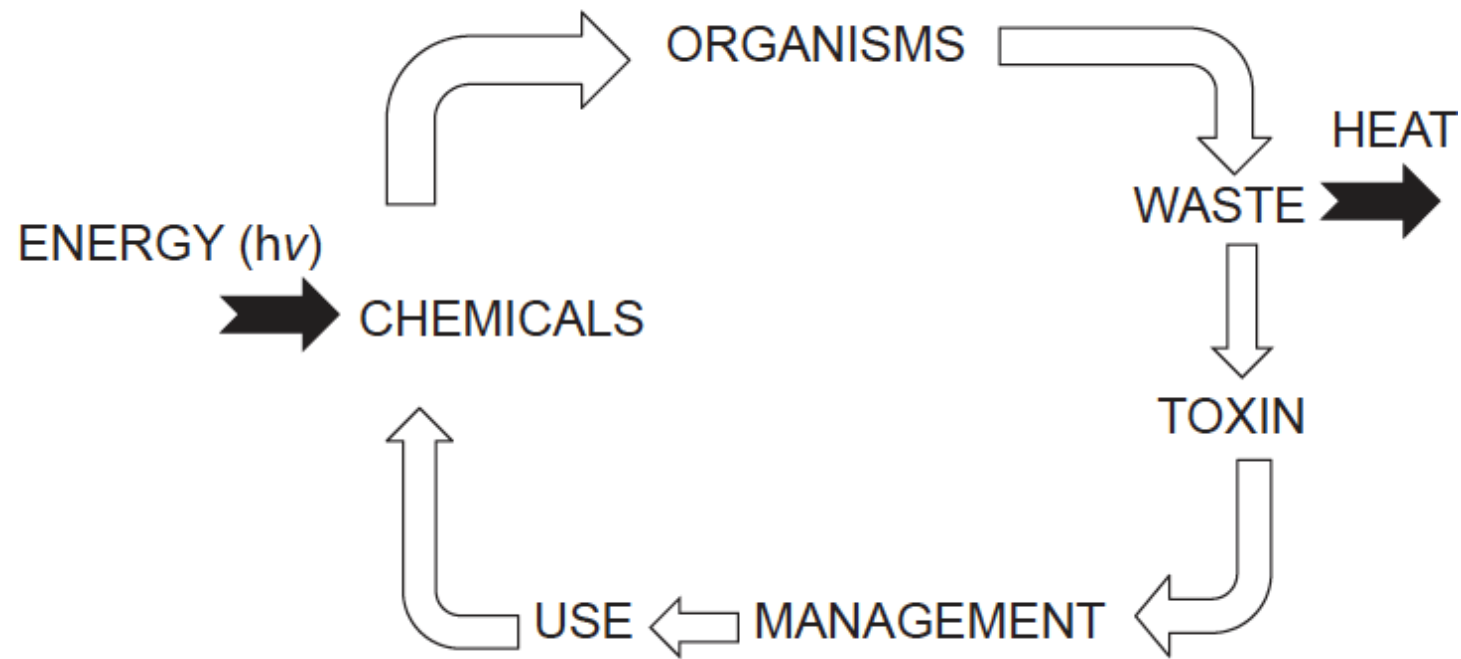
C burial



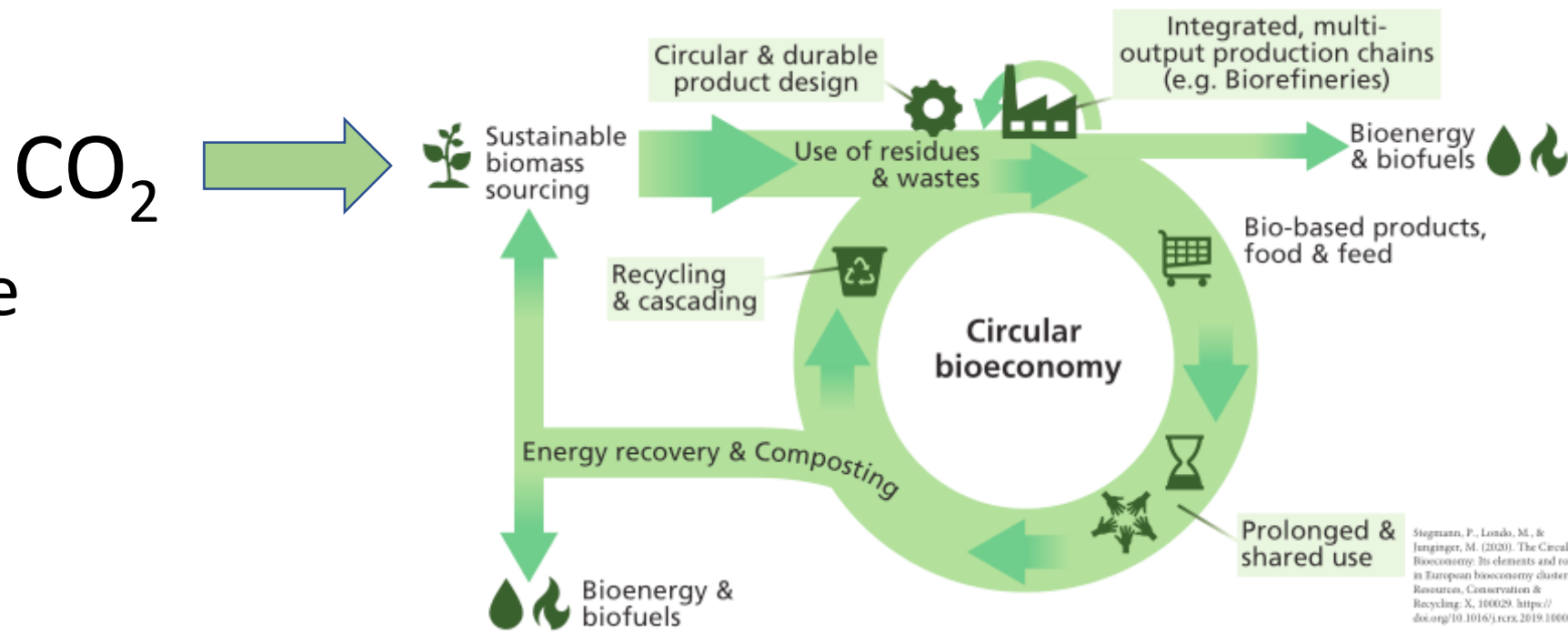


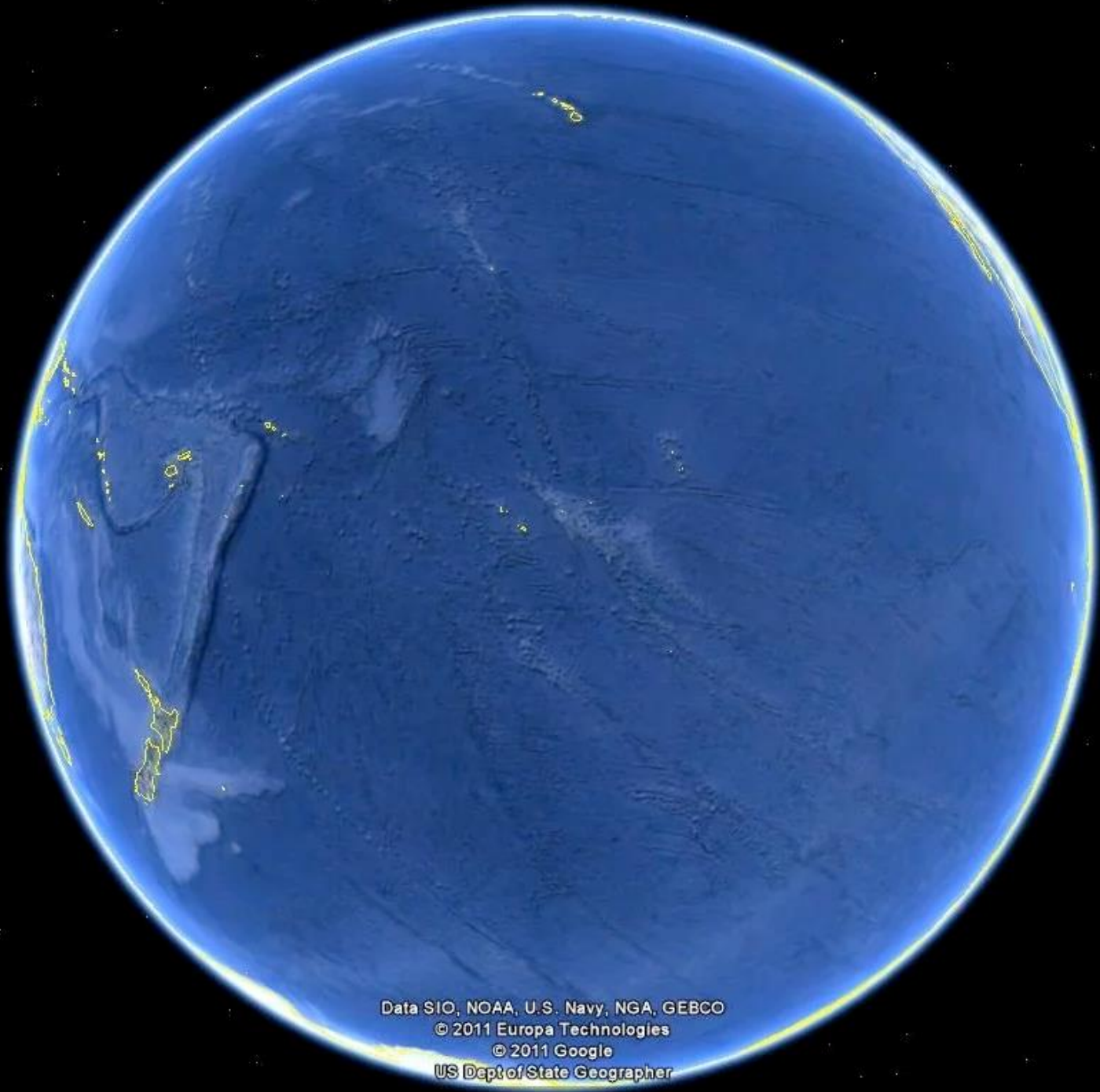
# Bung the CO<sub>2</sub> back where it came from.....





.....and circularize the economy....



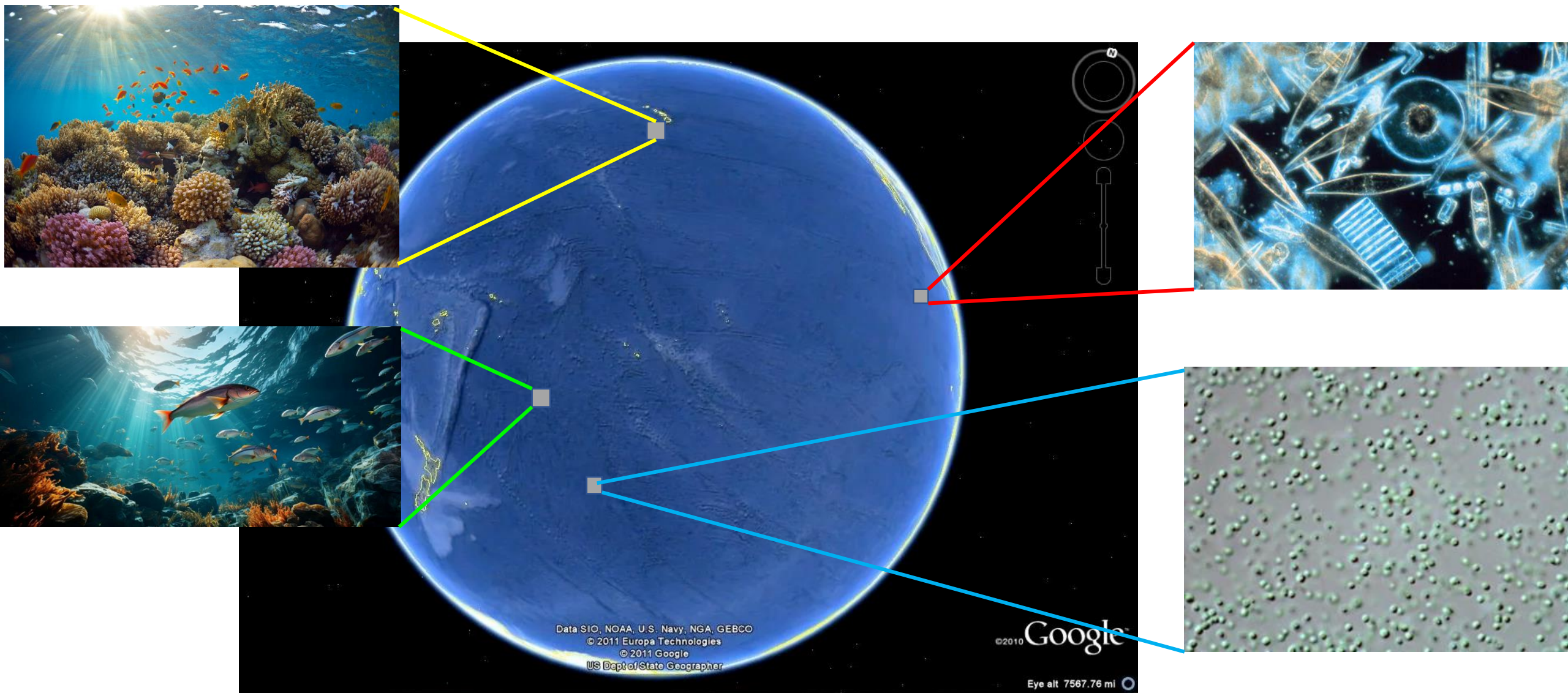


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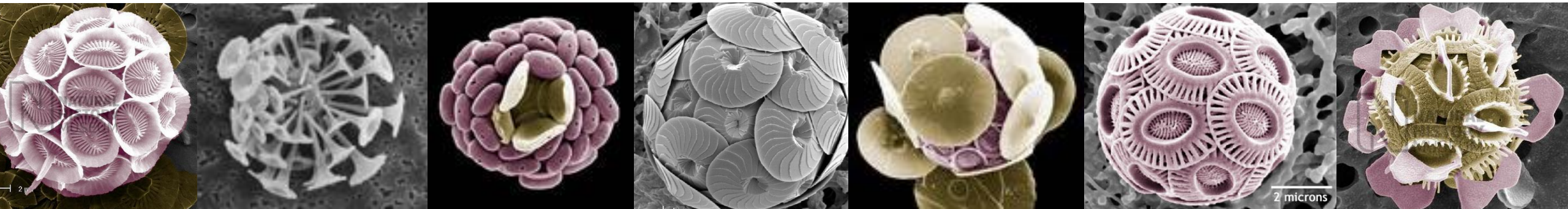
# Google Ocean (real time who is living in each pixel)



Other search engines are available....

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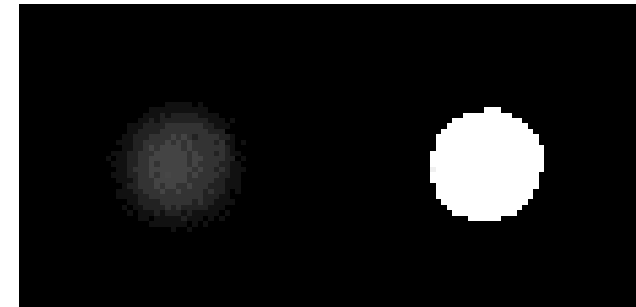
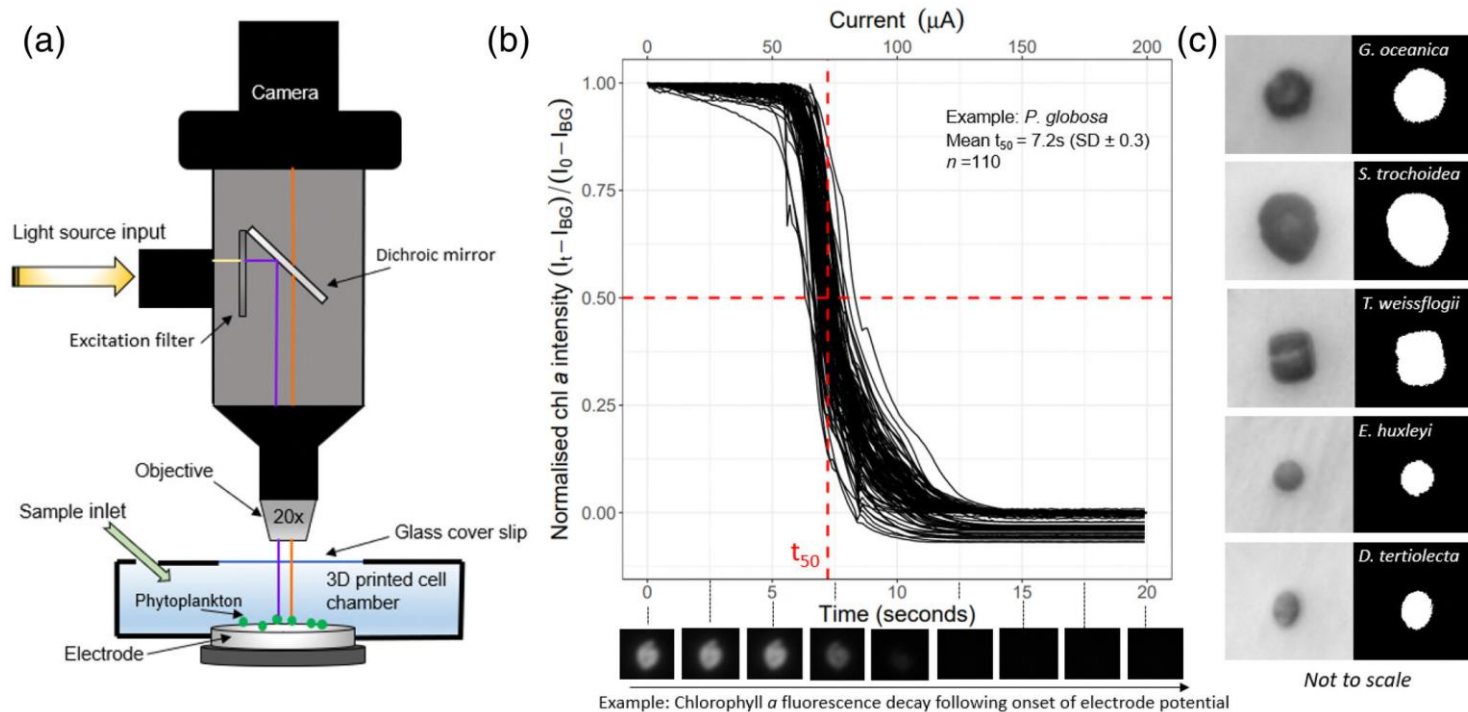
- To introduce the world to the ocean
- Driver to map the diversity of the ocean comprehensively
- Invaluable data for plankton as monitors of climate and tipping points- the sentinels of the ocean
- Invaluable data for fisheries and macrofaunal conservation
- Baseline and disturbance data for all marine use
- Carbon/Biodiversity credits





# A plankton sensor (low cost/low power)

- We monitor the chlorophyll *a* fluorescence signal of living phytoplankton cells, and measure the decay of this signal in response to electrochemically driven oxidative stress



Applying a potential to seawater sample does two things:

- $\text{H}^+$  ions generated, creating acidic conditions = dissolution of  $\text{CaCO}_3$
- Oxygen radicals (or reactive oxygen species) are created (e.g. hydroxyl radicals,  $\text{OH}$ ) = oxidative destruction of Chlorophyll *a*

Taken from Barton *et al.*, 2023, *Limnology and Oceanography: Methods*

# Liquid Gold

How do we protect the valuable sea....

A huge sponge of our carbon and heat -all done for free

The poor ocean accumulates waste- it sits right in the mix

We must circularise flows; slow inputs- there is no quick fix

No doubt there is gold in them thar seas,

Marine robots, green transport, renewable energies

New food, new life, awesome blue opportunities

But each of these uses splashes a disruptive bomb

Across the network of life and marine carbon

And these must be real time charted, valued and controlled

Before we can turn the blue one gold

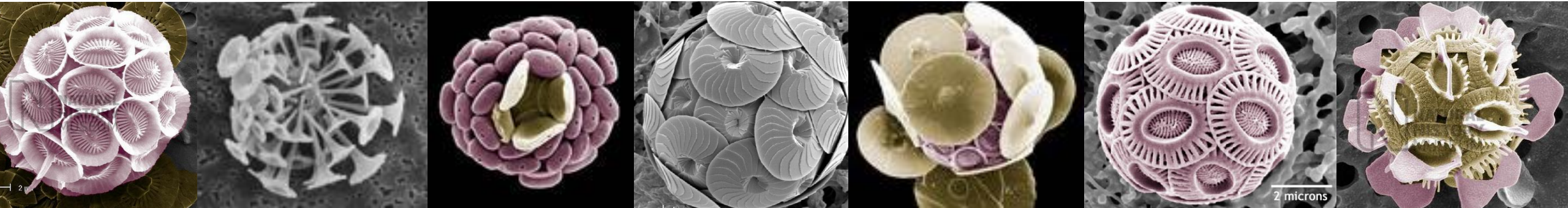
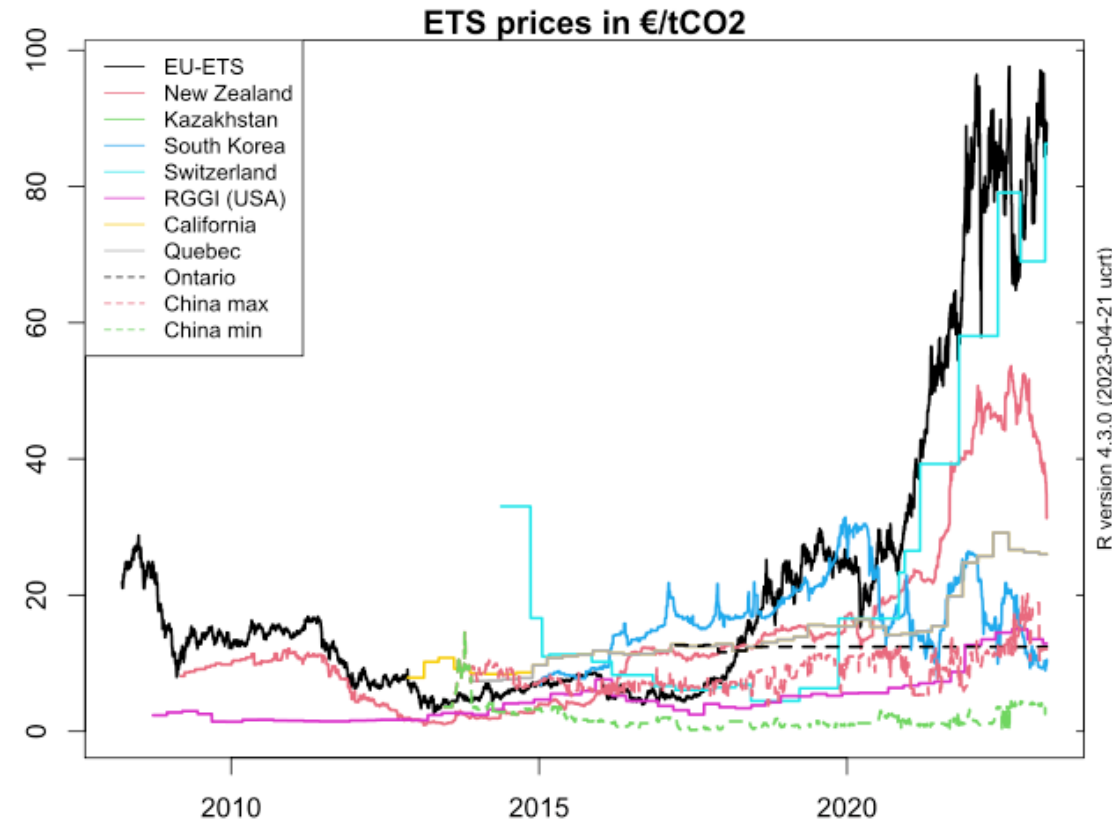






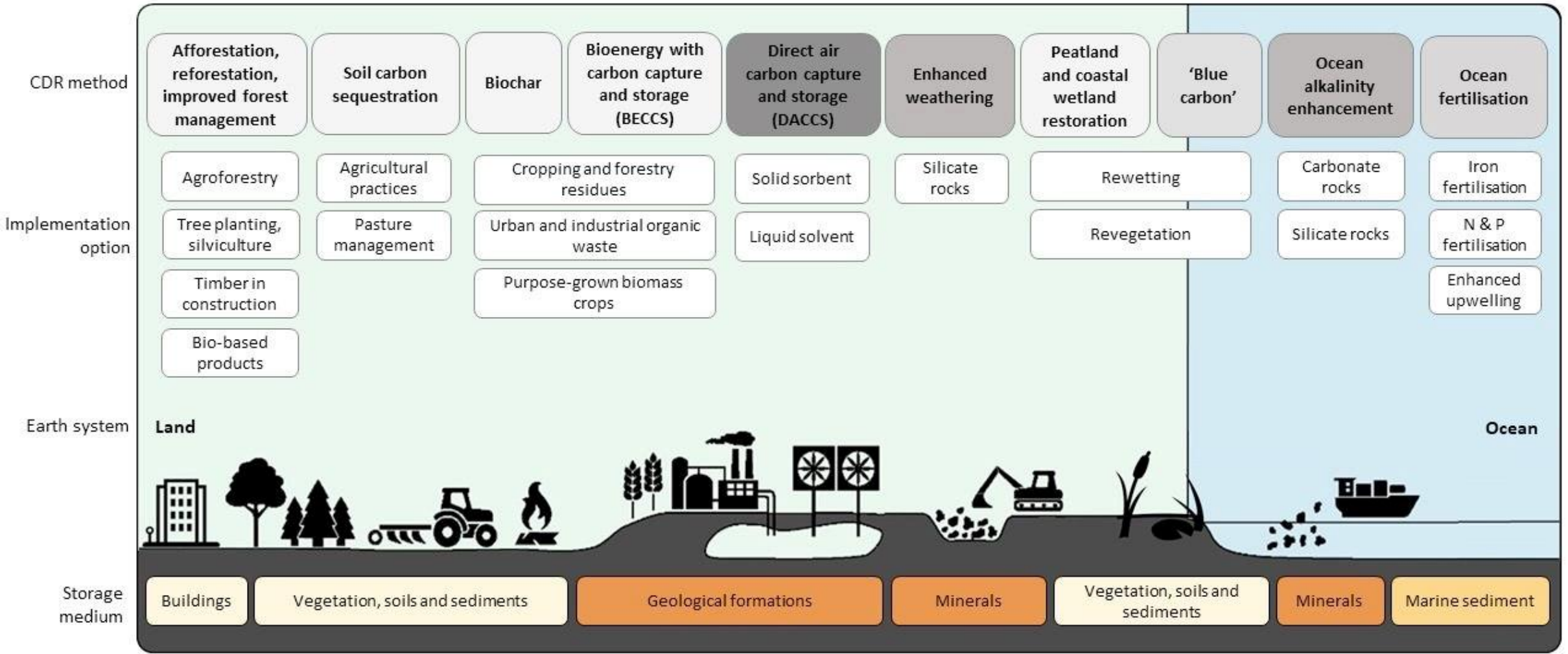
# The value of plankton to the UK

- The UK has stewardship of around 7 665 586 km<sup>2</sup> of neighbouring sea bed including *OTCD*
- UK's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) the fifth largest in the world
- 2% of the world's ocean surface (Pro rata component of the Bio Pump admittedly imperfect: 100-240 MtC/yr (£7.4-17.8 billion))
- Biotech resources of the plankton are currently underexplored



Removal process: Land-based biological   Ocean-based biological   Geochemical   Chemical

Timescale of storage: Decades to centuries   Centuries to millennia   Ten thousand years or longer

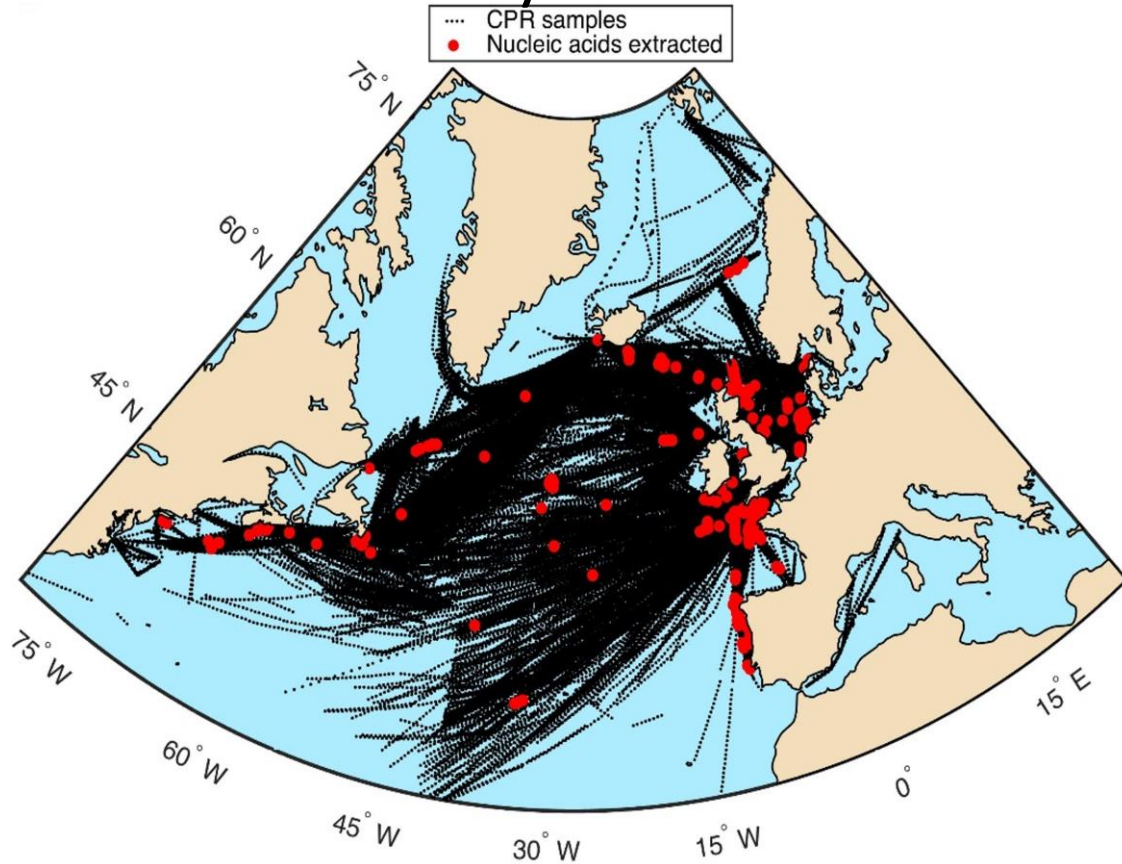


What should we do? With all our CO<sub>2</sub>?  
Bung it in the ground or p'rhaps the deep blue?

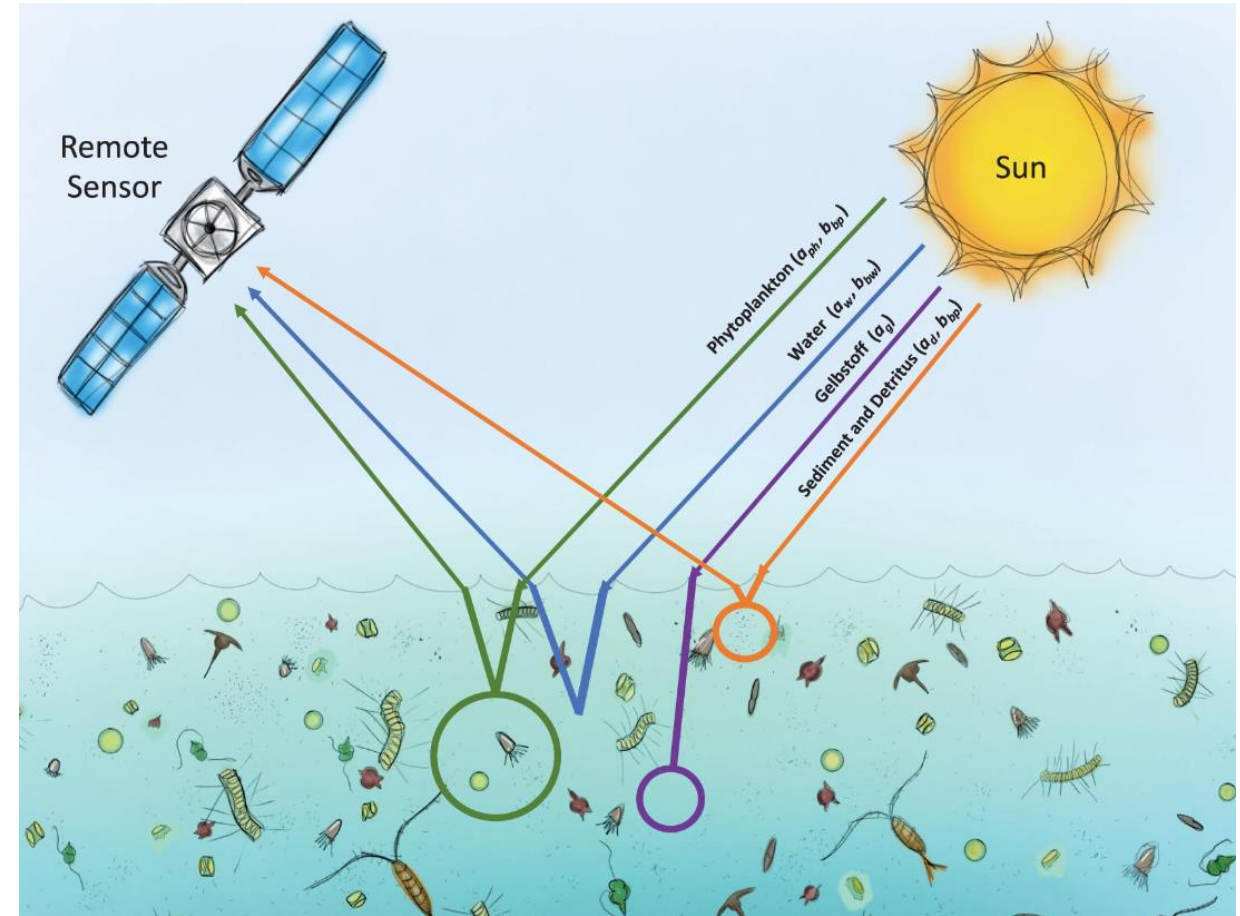
Well

The evolution of algae tells us a thing or two  
These biosolar panels split water to make toxic O<sub>2</sub>  
But life made a cycle - with invention and time  
It used oxygen to fly, hunt, mineralize, and climb  
Just how many things life can do  
By finding both the cycle and value  
In all of our waste, CO<sub>2</sub> and ...poo

## The CPR Survey - since 1931



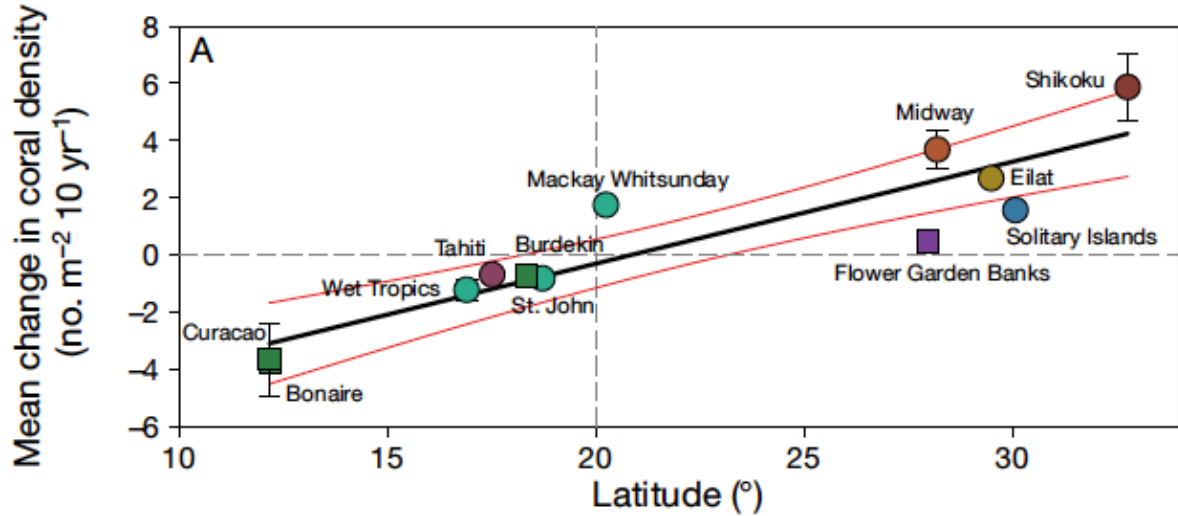
## Satellites Since 1978



- Need integration of different methods (and new technologies) to capture biodiversity of the communities, to quantify abundance of different phytoplankton species/functional groups and their impact on flux of carbon



# Coral bleaching...but some hope...

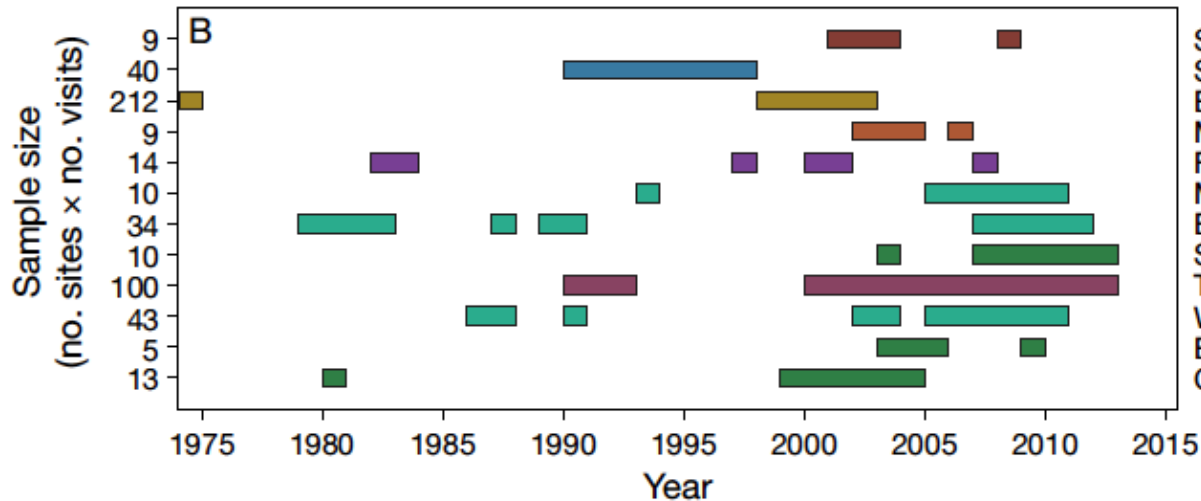


FEATURE ARTICLE



## Global biogeography of coral recruitment: tropical decline and subtropical increase

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Tropicalisation of the subtropics...

# Carbon versus biodiversity?





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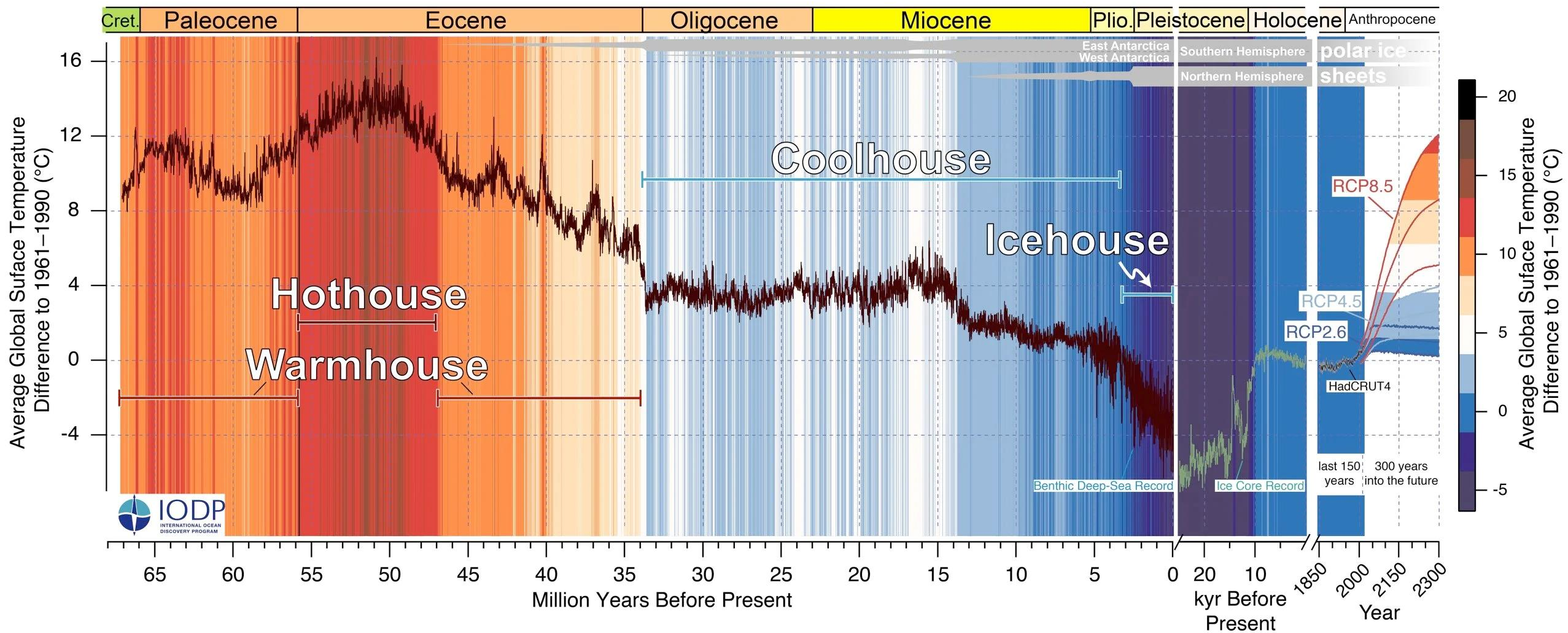
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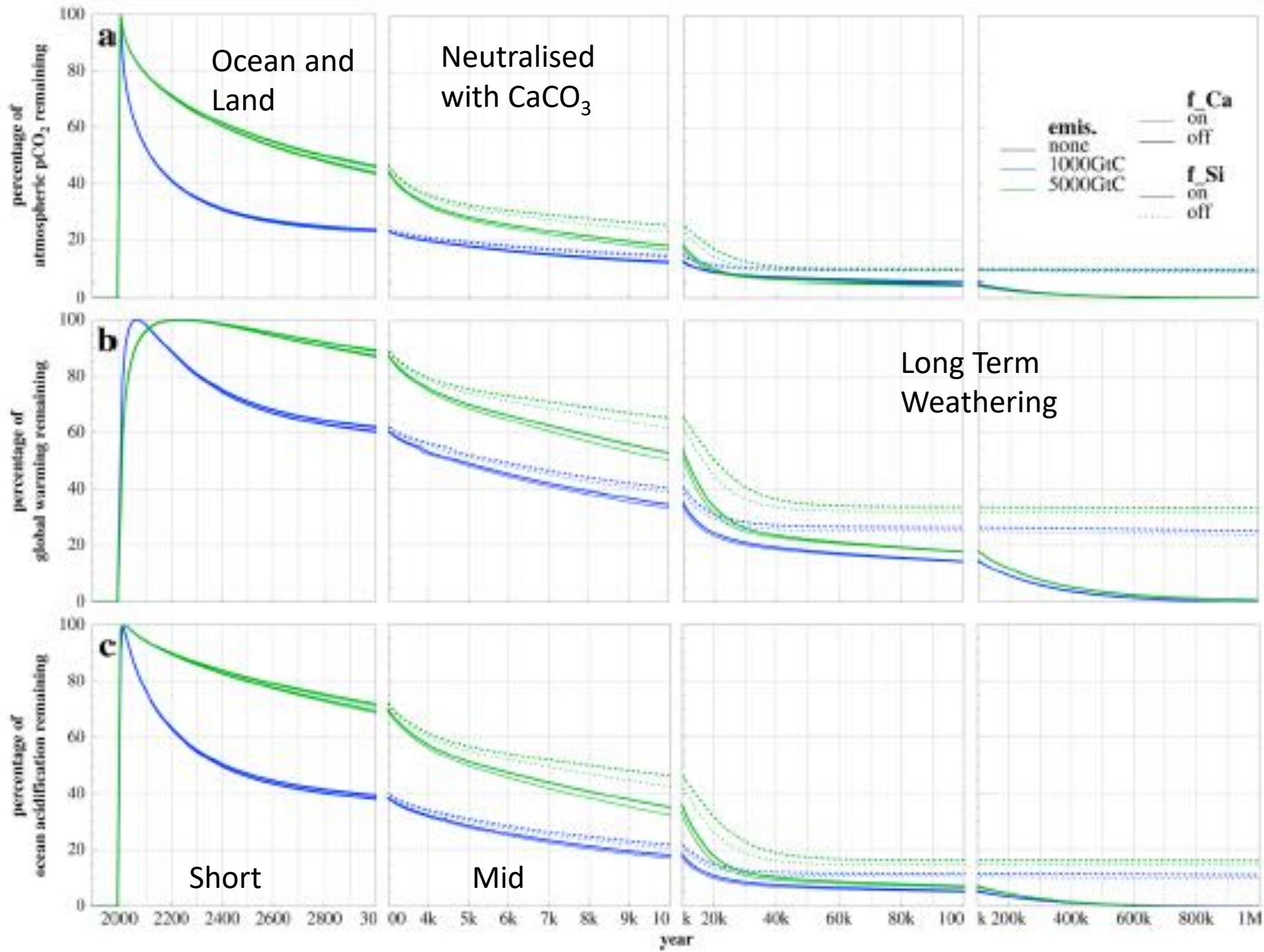
OPEN

Offshore wind farms are projected to impact primary production and bottom water deoxygenation in the North Sea

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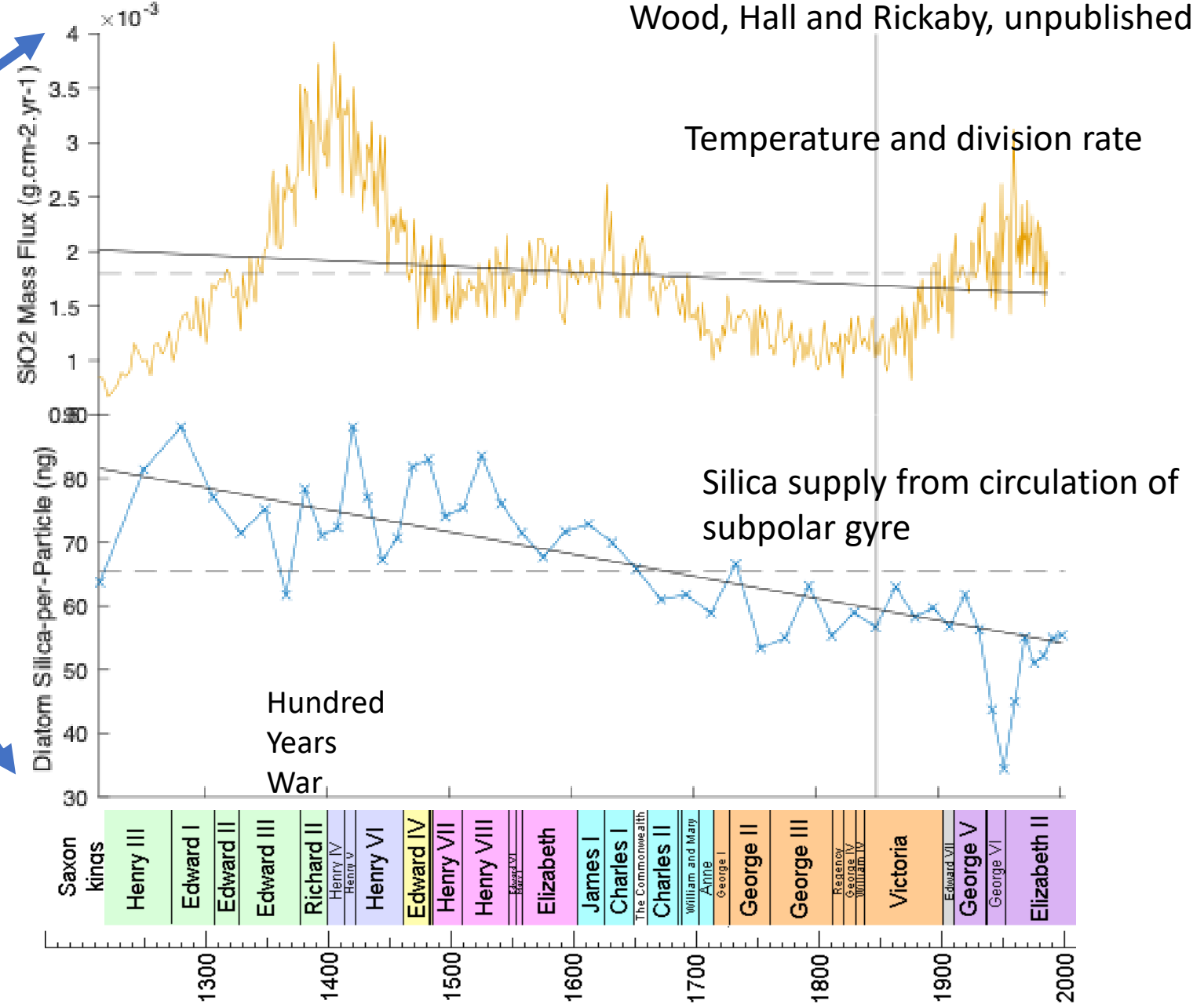
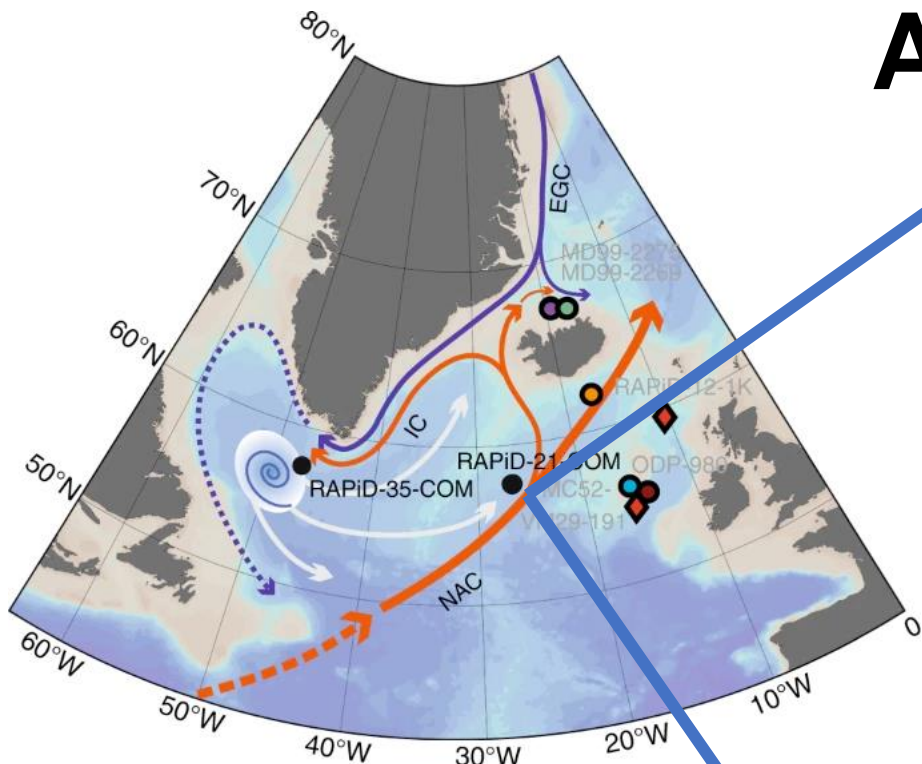
**Clean Energy +  
Carbon Pump +  
Benthic Biodiversity -**





# A Variable Biological Pump

Wood, Hall and Rickaby, unpublished



# Move, Adapt or Die (MAD)

- iv) More than half of cool temperature European tree genera did not survive glacial cycles starting end Pliocene
- v) An adaptive mutation of hemoglobin enabled mammoths to tolerate v low Ts at high latitude
- vi) More than 70% megafauna in the Americas and Australia and 40% in Eurasia underwent extinction (5-10 ka) but climate or human?
- vii) Plants in N. America migrated northwards between 450 and 2200 km in <10kyrs under a warming of 5°C

- i) PETM extinctions benthic forams and poleward range shifts in dinos, mammals, reptiles, plants and high community turnover
- ii) >4°C cooler EO boundary, extinction many European terrestrial mammals and globally marine invertebrates
- iii) Late Mio cooling, thermophilous plants shifted southwards and finally went extinct

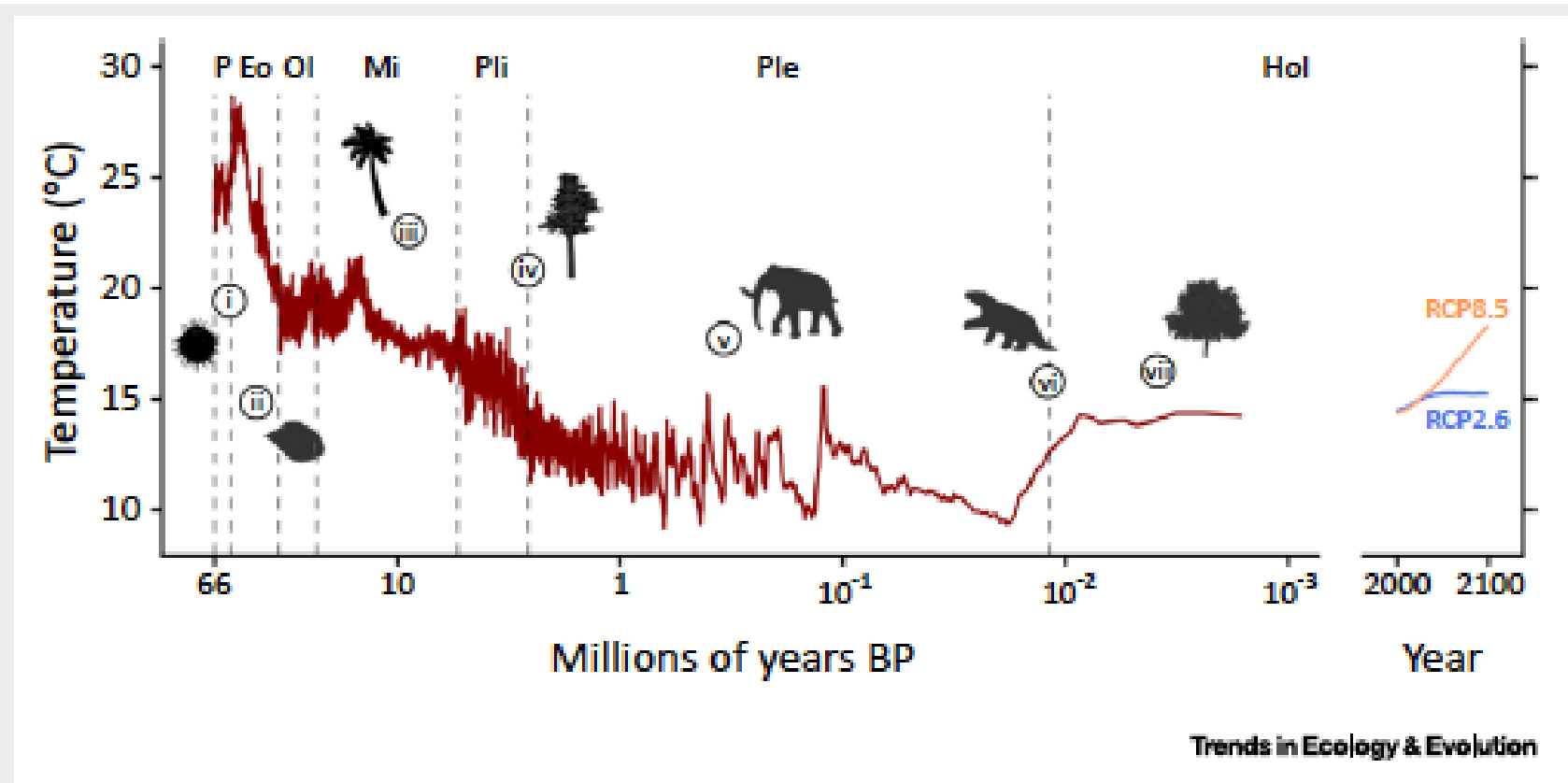
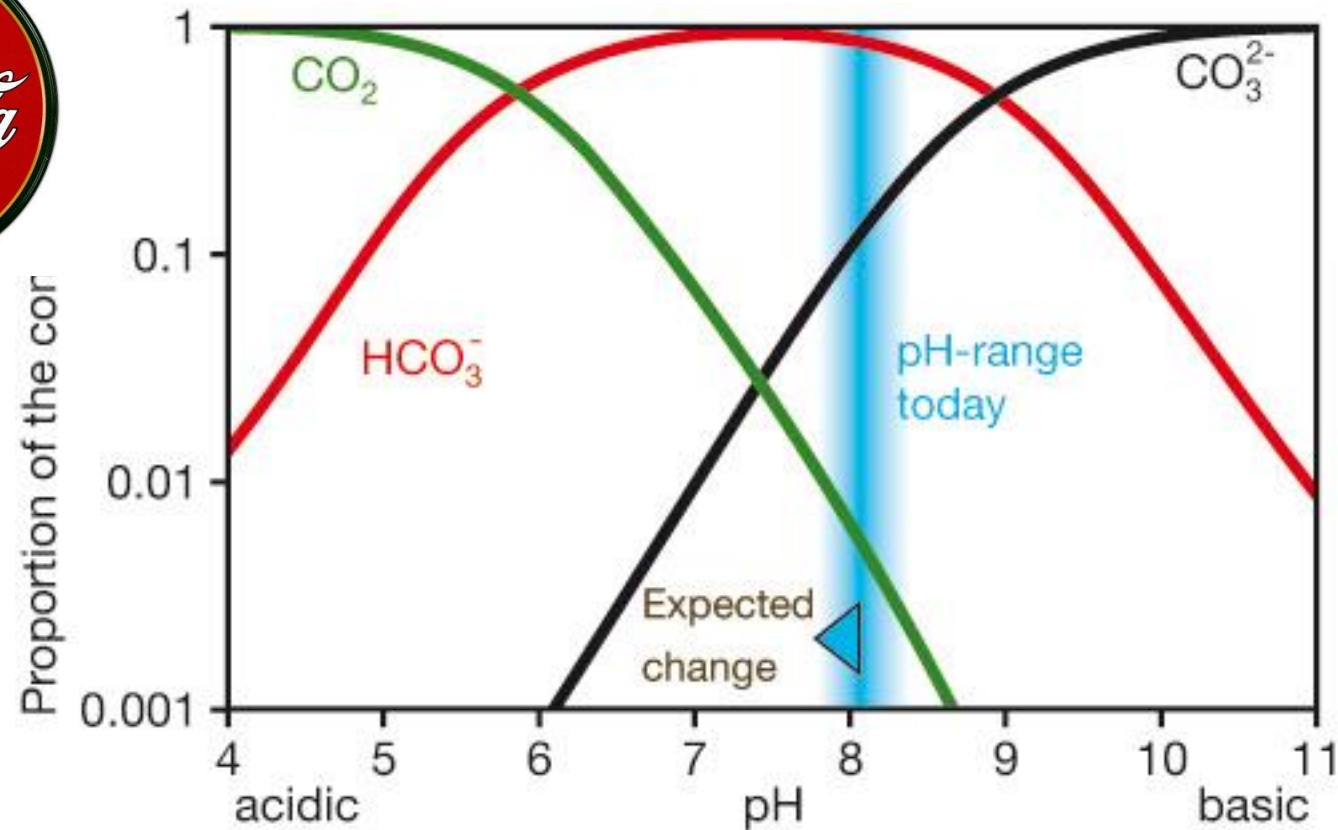


Figure 1. Future Climate Forcing will Surpass those of the Previous Several Million Years [2]. Abbreviations: Eo, Eocene, Hol, Holocene; Mi, Miocene, OI, Oligocene, P, Palaeocene, Pli, Pliocene, Ple, Pleistocene.



$\text{CO}_2$  used for  
photosynthesis

$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  used for calcification  
( $\text{CaCO}_3$ )

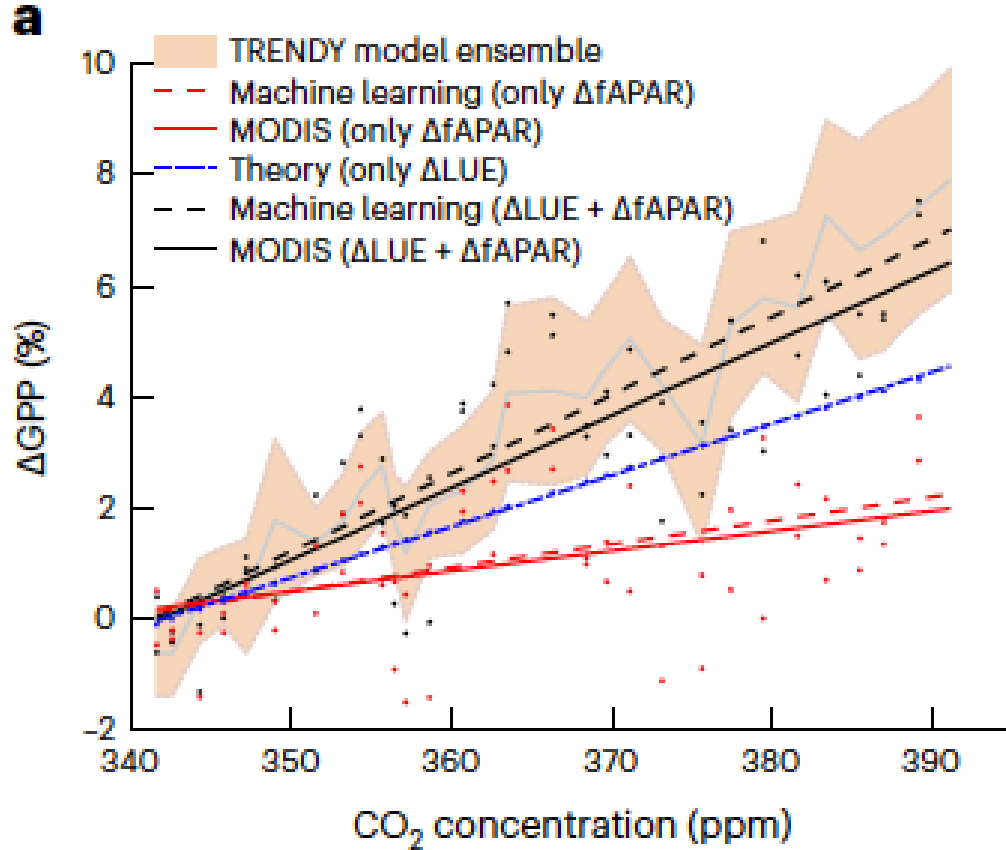
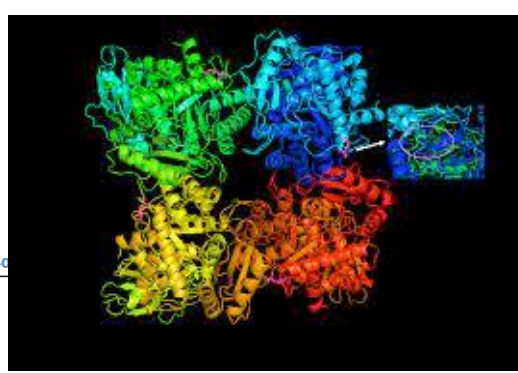
# CO<sub>2</sub> Fertilisation

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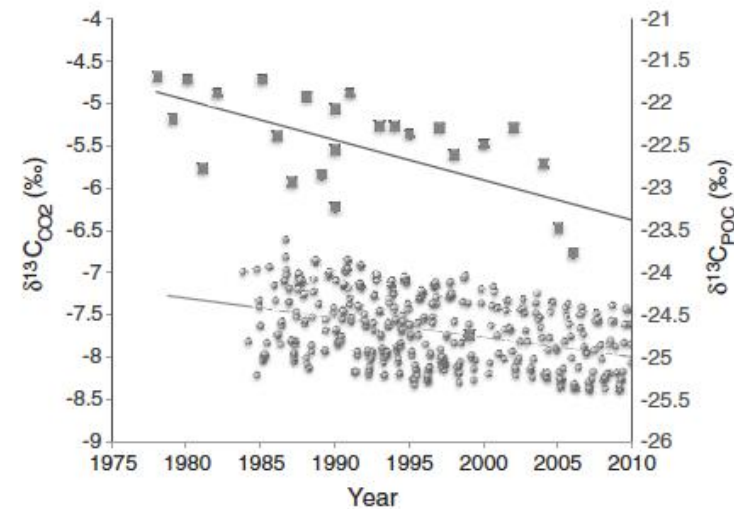
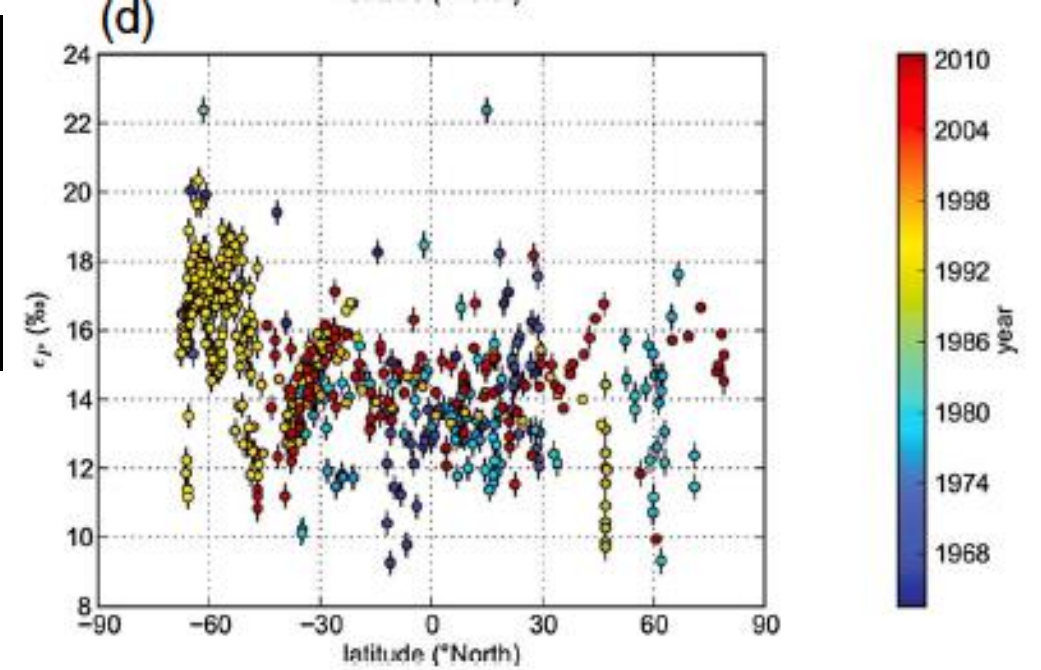
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## A constraint on historic growth in global photosynthesis due to rising CO<sub>2</sub>



Land



Marine

## Evidence for changes in carbon isotopic fractionation by phytoplankton between 1960 and 2010

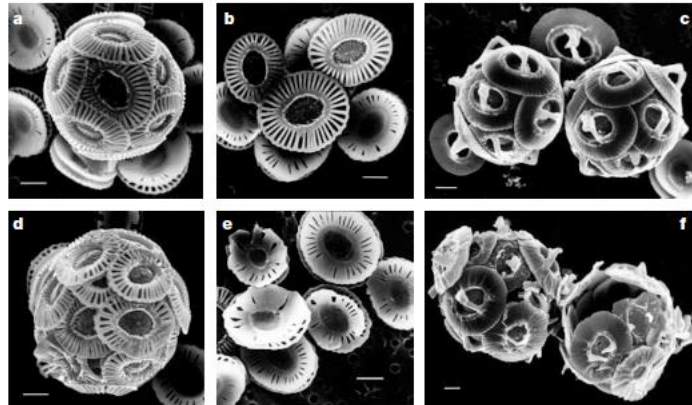
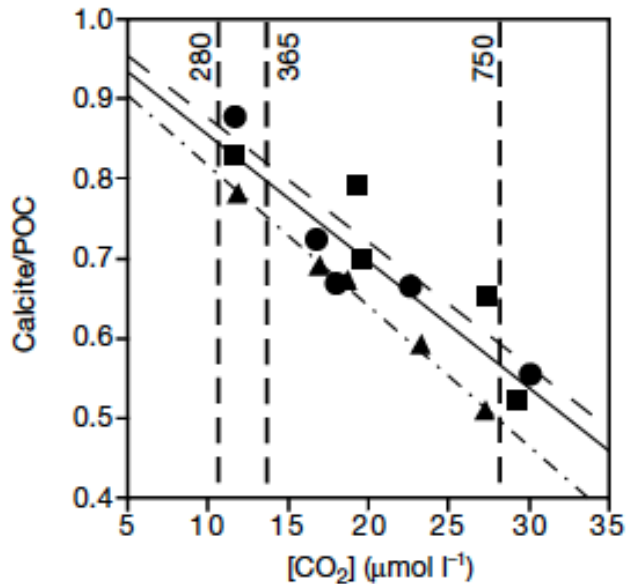
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# Ocean Acidification

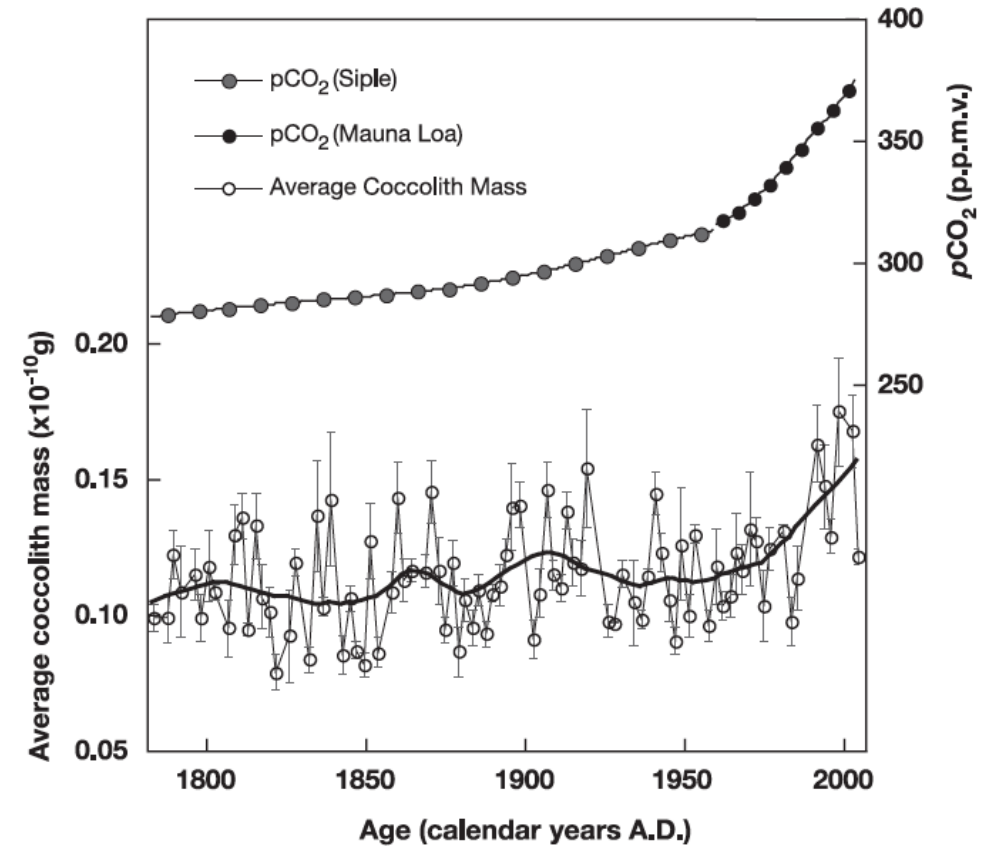
## Reduced calcification of marine plankton in response to increased atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>

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Lower calcification.....?

Or higher.....?

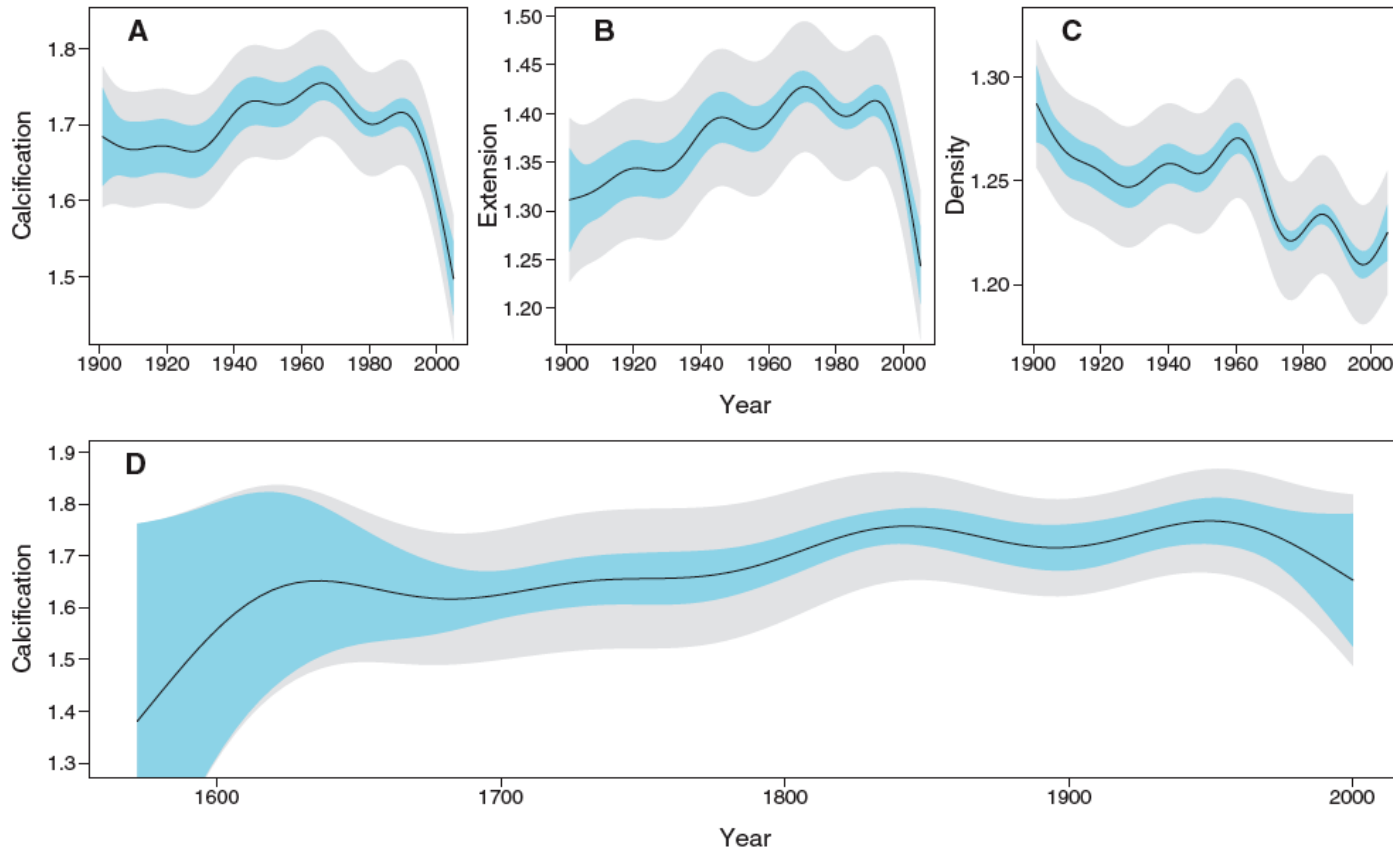
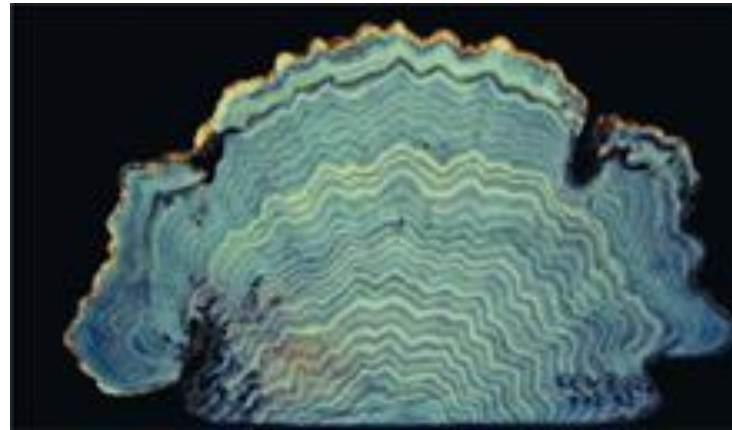


## Phytoplankton Calcification in a High-CO<sub>2</sub> World

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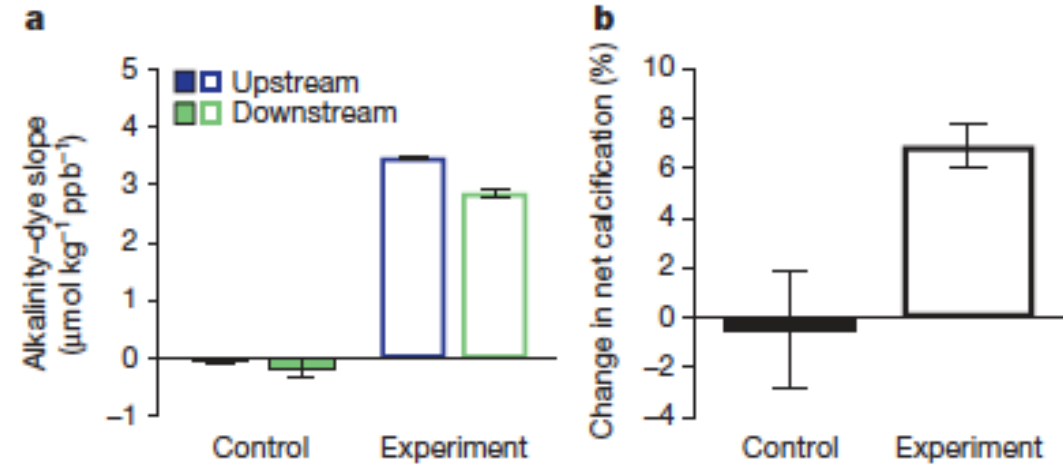
# Declining Coral Calcification on the Great Barrier Reef

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# Reversal of ocean acidification enhances net coral reef calcification

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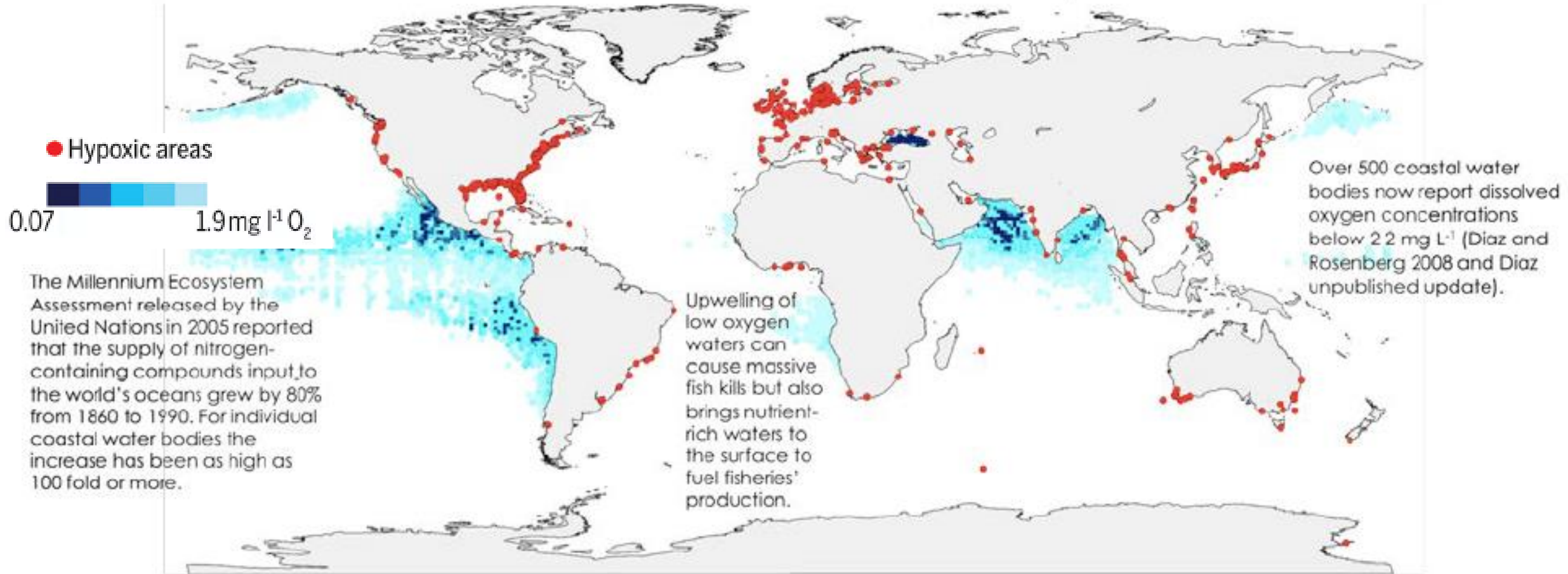


Certainly impacts on coral reef calcification

# Ocean Deoxygenation

During the past 50 years, the area of low oxygen water in the open ocean has increased by 4.5 million km<sup>2</sup>.<sup>1</sup> The world's oceans are now losing approximately 1 gigaton of oxygen each year (Keeling and Garcia 2002).

The Baltic Sea has the largest coastal water hypoxic zone. In 2011 the area of water with dissolved oxygen concentrations <2 mg L<sup>-1</sup> was nearly 80,000 km<sup>2</sup>. (Carstensen et al. 2014).



The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment released by the United Nations in 2005 reported that the supply of nitrogen-containing compounds input to the world's oceans grew by 80% from 1860 to 1990. For individual coastal water bodies the increase has been as high as 100 fold or more.

Upwelling of low oxygen waters can cause massive fish kills but also brings nutrient-rich waters to the surface to fuel fisheries' production.

Over 500 coastal water bodies now report dissolved oxygen concentrations below 2.2 mg L<sup>-1</sup> (Diaz and Rosenberg 2008 and Diaz unpublished update).

Deoxygenation alters the goods and services delivered by marine ecosystems to humans. Services reduced can include food production through and aquaculture, climate regulation, nutrient cycling and resilience

## Declining oxygen in the global ocean and coastal waters

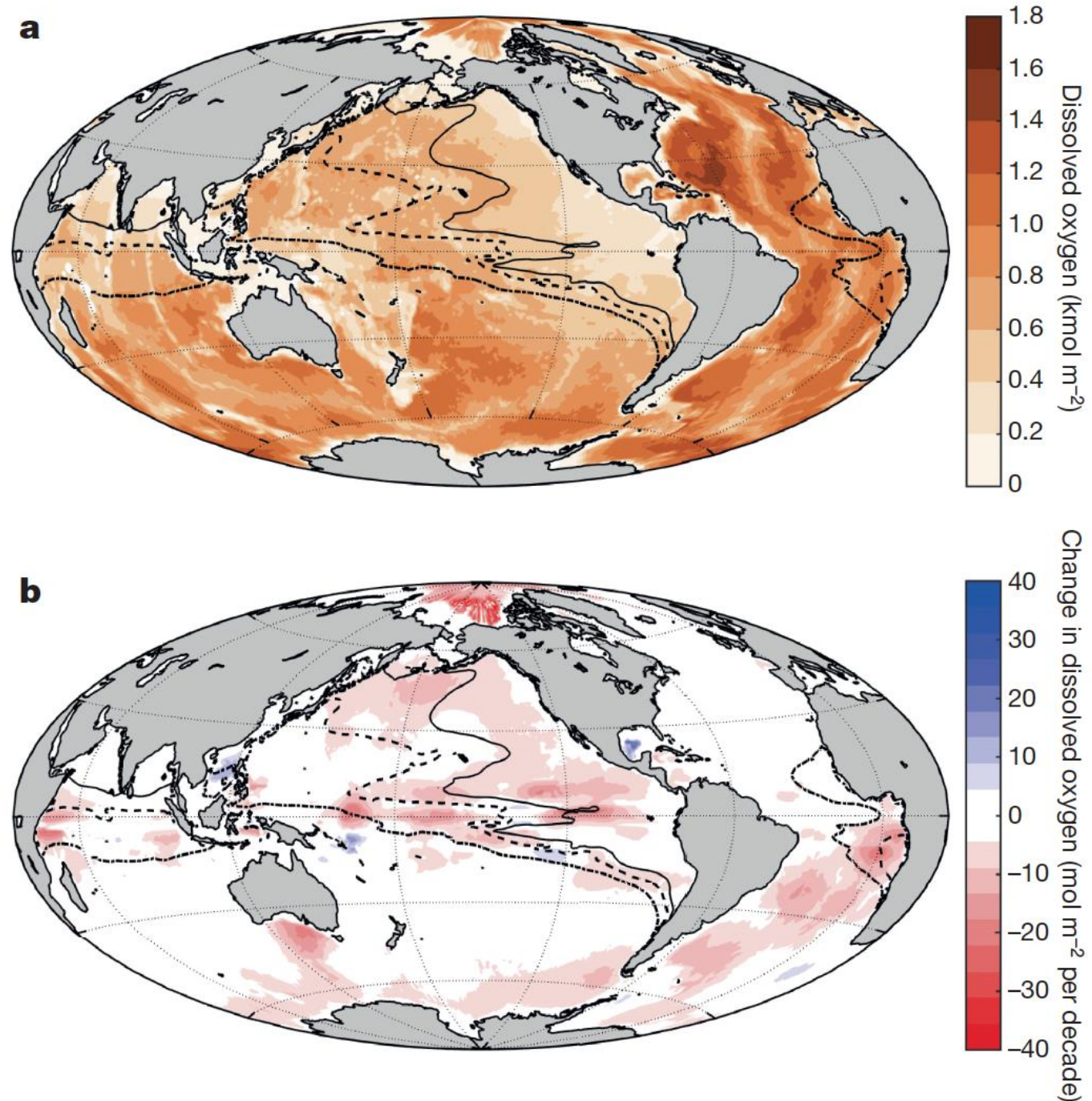
<sup>1</sup>The estimate is for 200 m – a slightly shallower depth than shown on this map.

# Observable trends

**Table 1 | Oxygen content and change per basin**

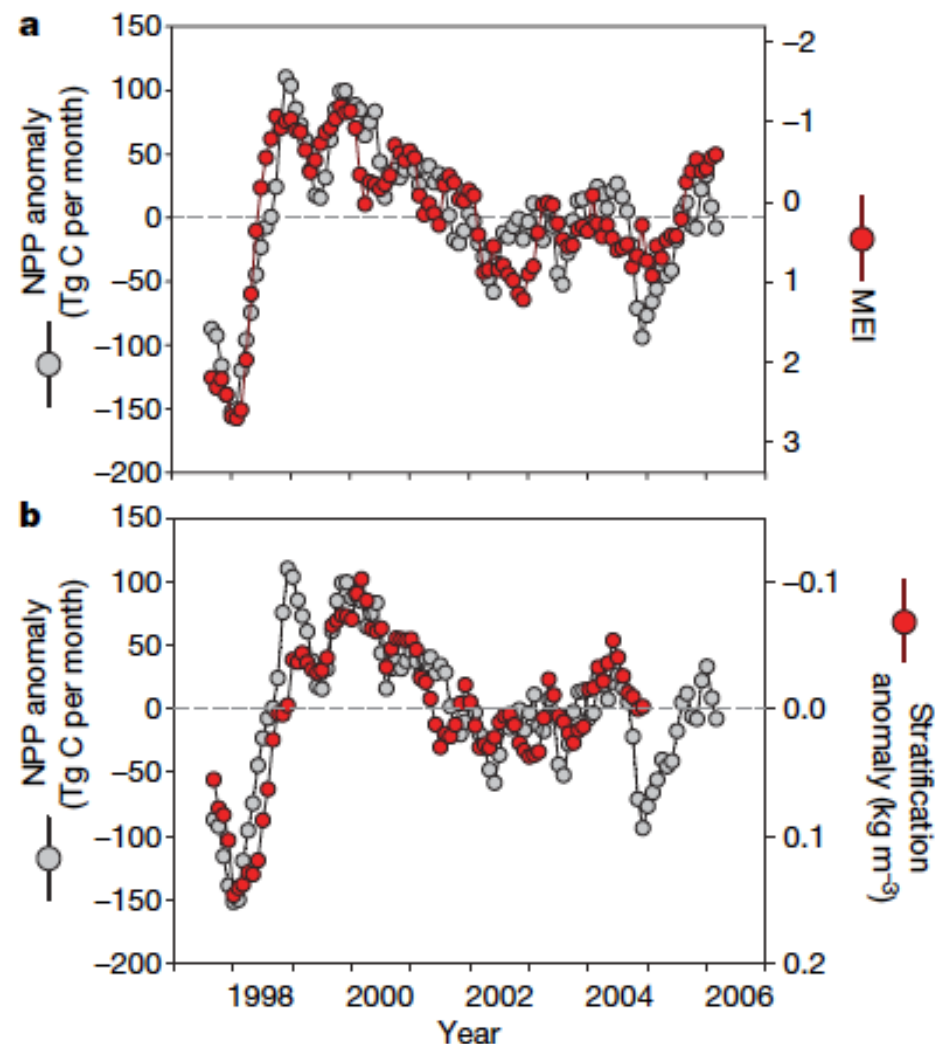
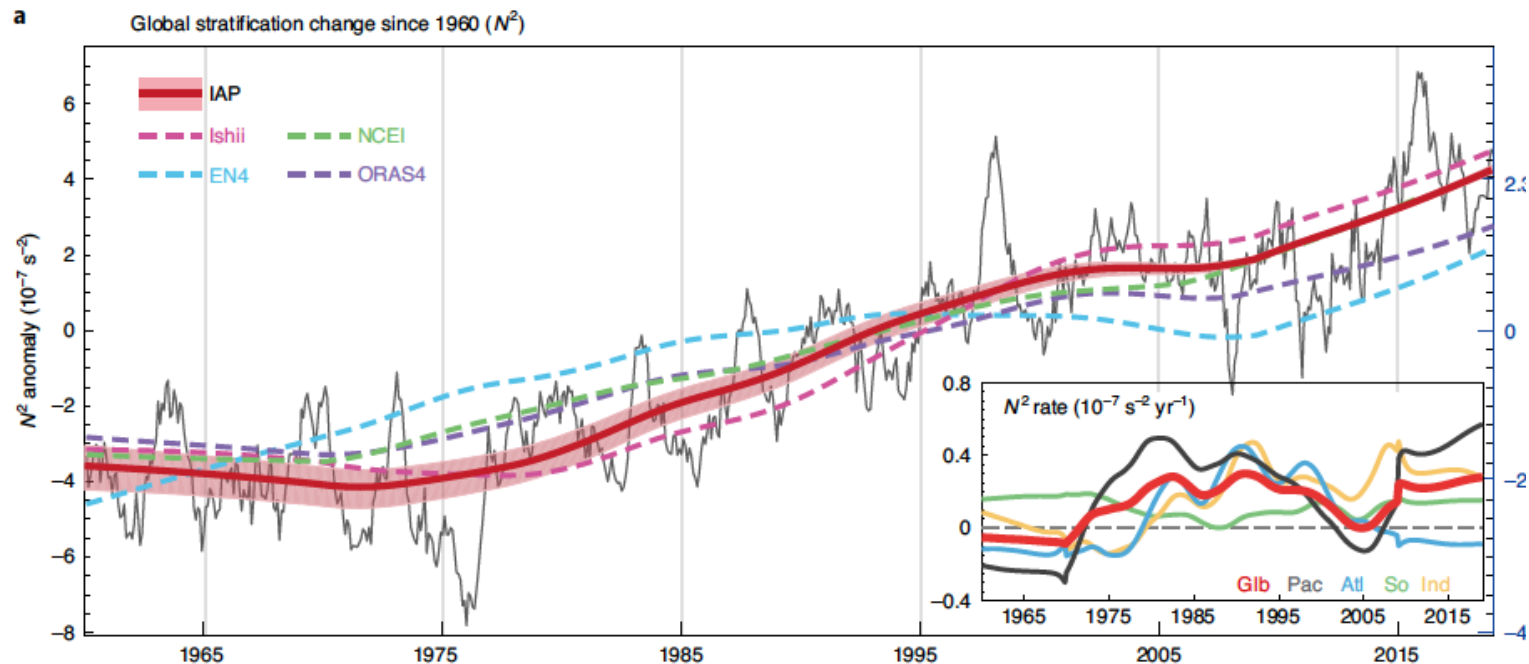
Basin	Oxygen content (Pmol)	Oxygen change (Tmol per decade)	Change as percentage of global change	Volume as percentage of global ocean volume
Arctic Ocean	4.7±0.2	-73±30	7.6±3.1	1.2
North Atlantic	26.9±0.1	-9±19	0.9±1.9	8.5
Equatorial Atlantic	15.9±0.0	-72±20	7.5±2.1	5.7
South Atlantic	22.4±0.1	-119±27	12.4±2.8	7.8
North Pacific	24.5±0.1	-173±40	18.0±4.2	16.3
Equatorial Pacific	25.5±0.4	-210±125	21.9±13.0	16.3
South Pacific	33.1±0.1	-71±37	7.4±3.9	14.3
Equatorial Indian Ocean	10.7±0.1	-55±49	5.7±5.1	6.6
South Indian Ocean	26.1±0.1	-27±34	2.8±3.5	10.2
Southern Ocean	37.6±0.1	-152±47	15.8±4.9	13.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>227.4±1.1</b>	<b>-961±429</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Trends that are more significant than two standard errors are marked in light grey. See Extended Data Table 1 for an extended version of this table.



# Increasing ocean stratification over the past half-century

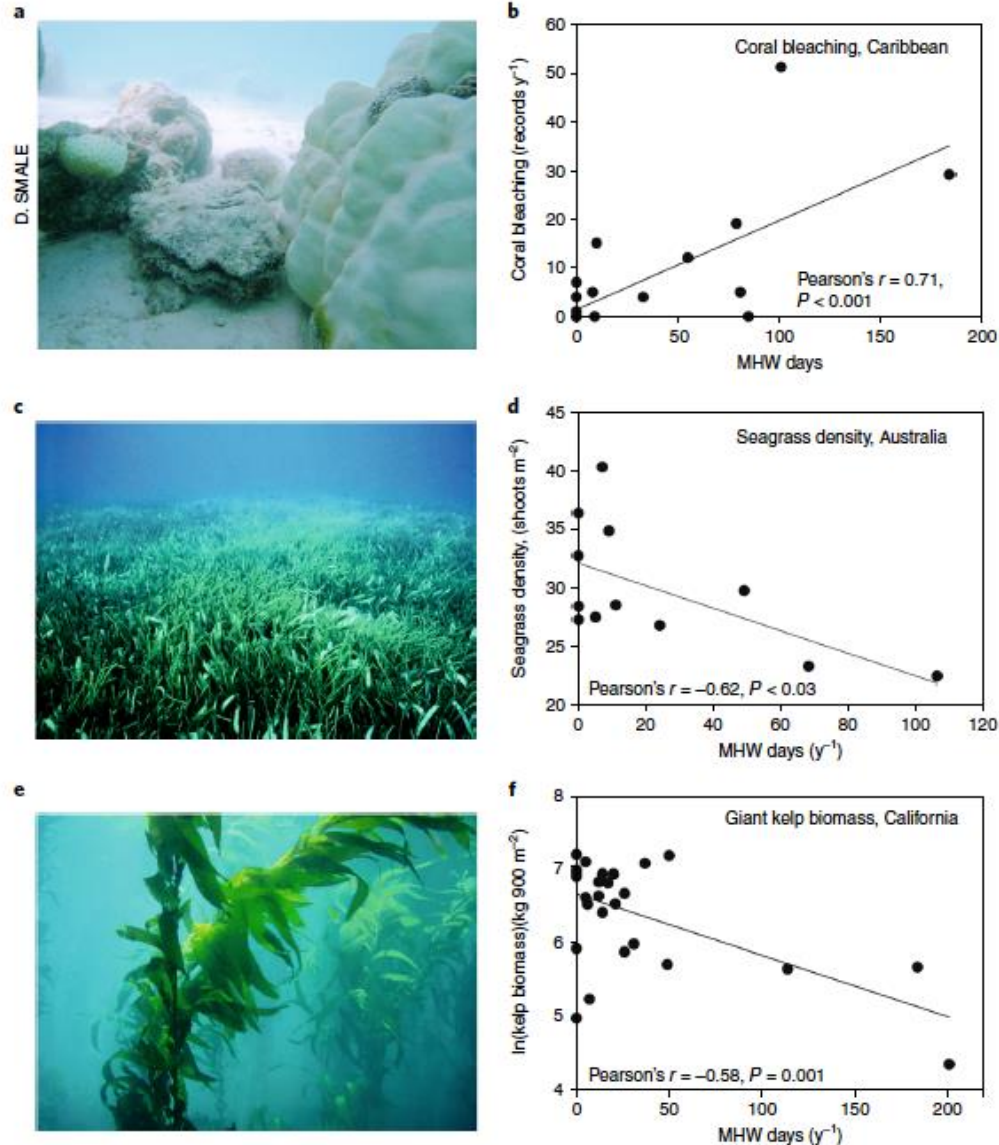
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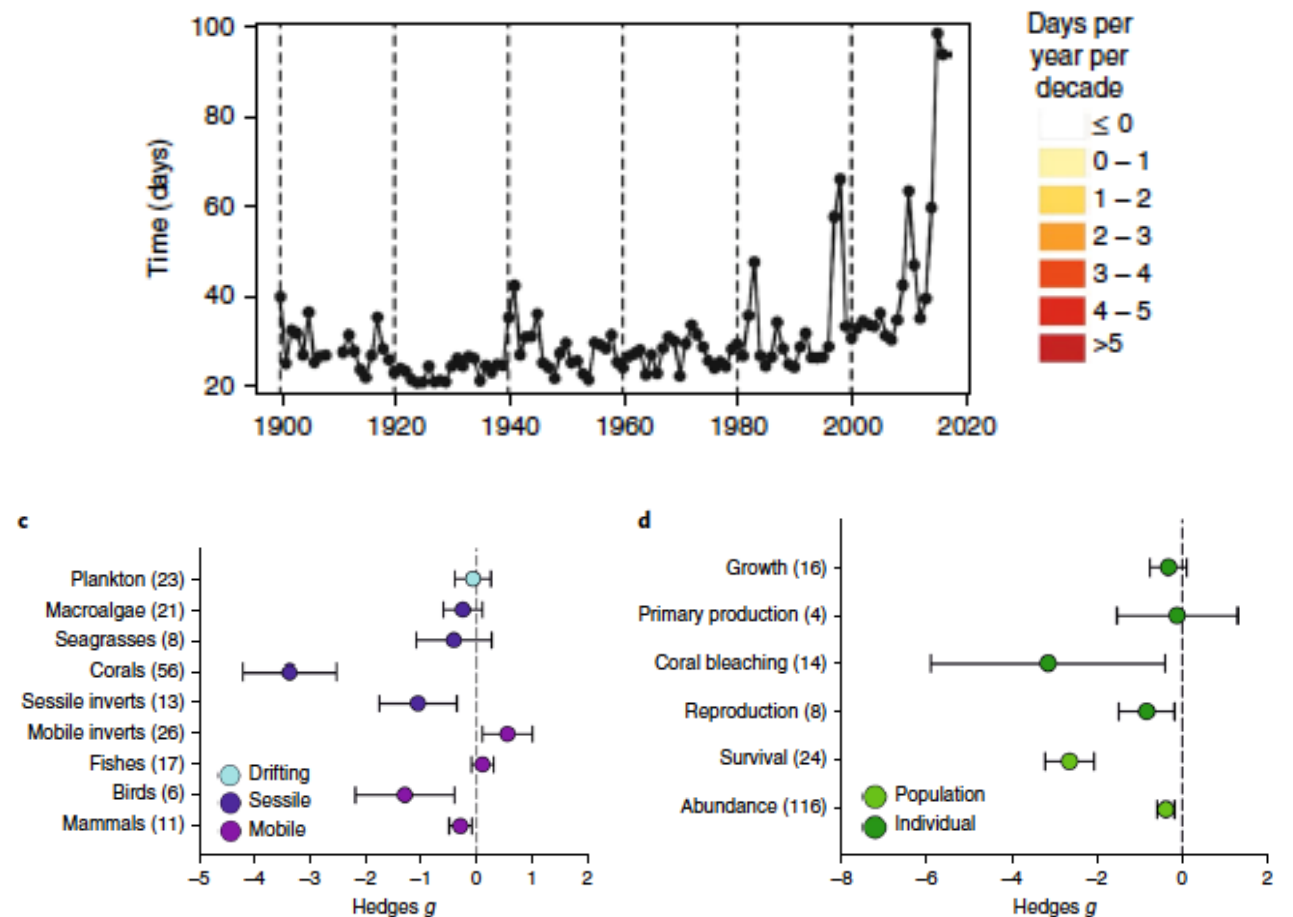
## Climate-driven trends in contemporary ocean productivity

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## Marine Heatwaves



## Marine heatwaves threaten global biodiversity and the provision of ecosystem services



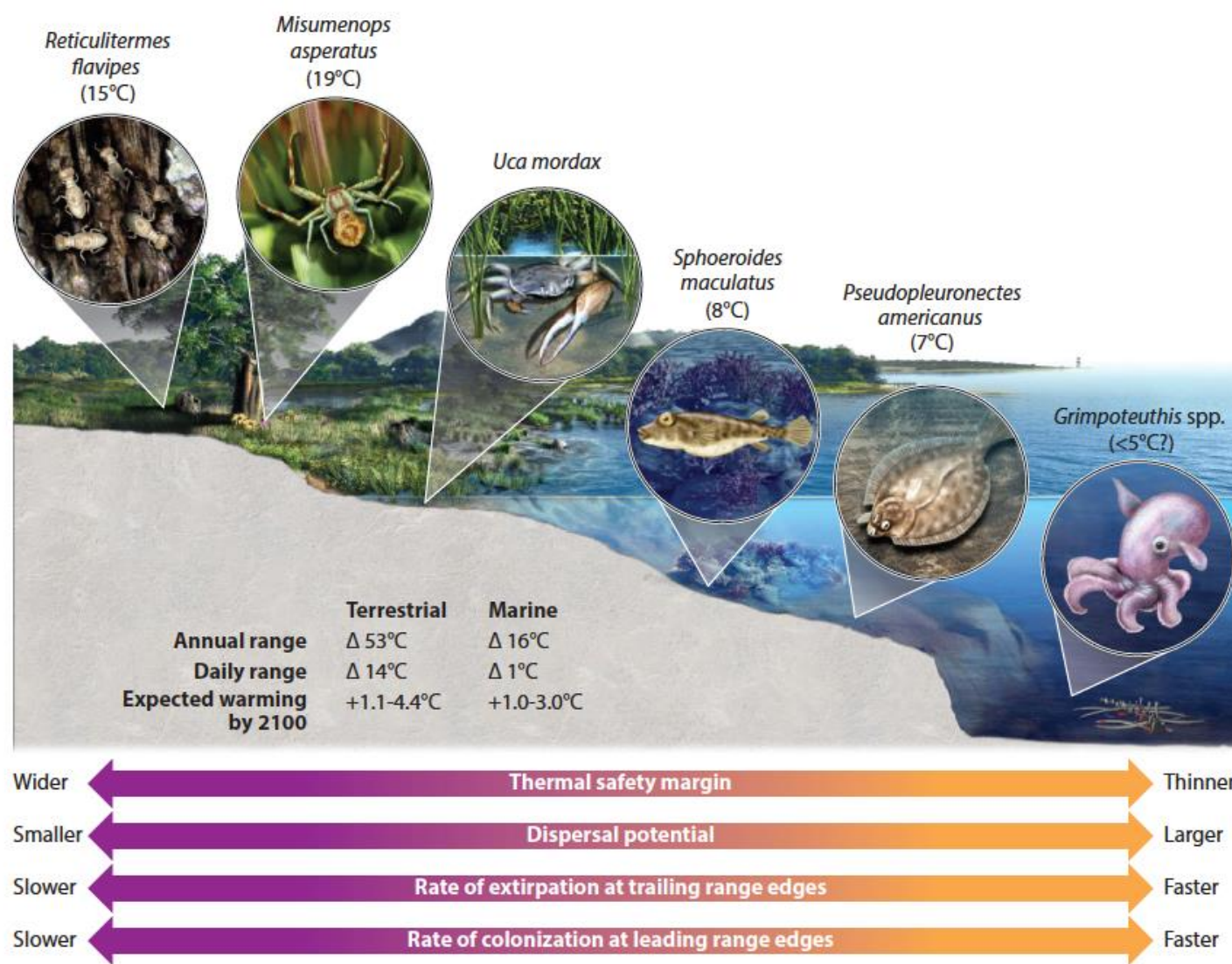


Figure 6

comparative view of climate change vulnerability from terrestrial to marine ecosystems. Representative species are shown with their thermal safety margins. The thermal safety margin is a relative (not absolute) proxy for the amount of warming an organism can tolerate. Lower annual and daily temperature variation in the ocean has left many marine species less evolutionarily conditioned to cope with climate warming, which is reflected in narrower safety margins. These vulnerabilities are exacerbated by reduced access to thermal refuges in the ocean. The numbers at the bottom show the average annual and daily range of temperatures from local monitoring stations, as well as the expected warming by 2100. The examples here are drawn from the east coast of North America, including weather stations and oceanographic buoys in South Carolina. Illustration by N.R. Fuller of Sayo-Art LLC.

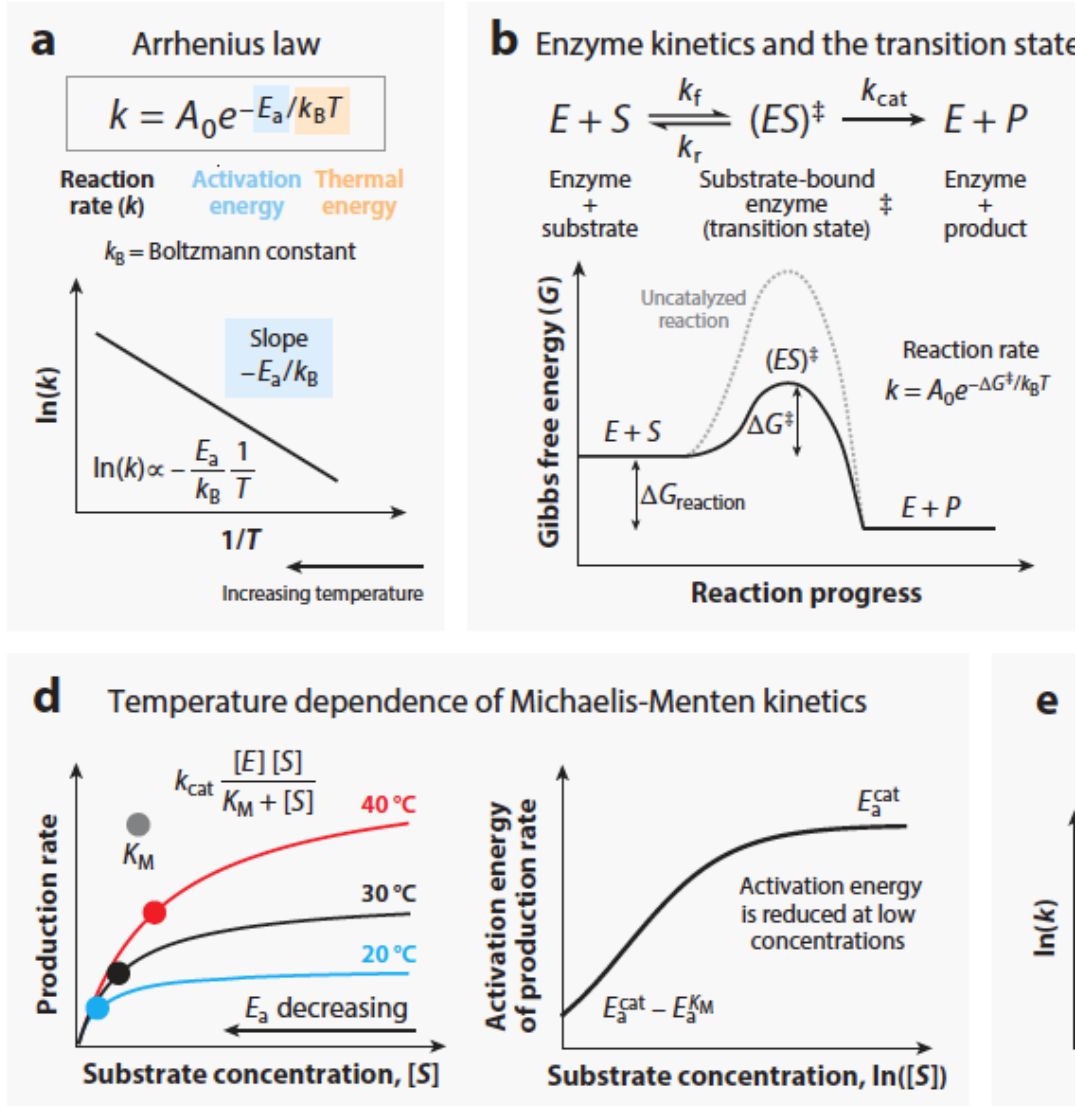
# Temperature effects at the level of the enzyme/cell

Enzymes reduce the Activation energy of a reaction for biological temperatures and so enhance the rate

Temperature speeds up the rate of the reaction and provides more thermal energy

But enzymes have thermal limits: the rate is catalyzed to an optima until the enzyme loses structure/denatures

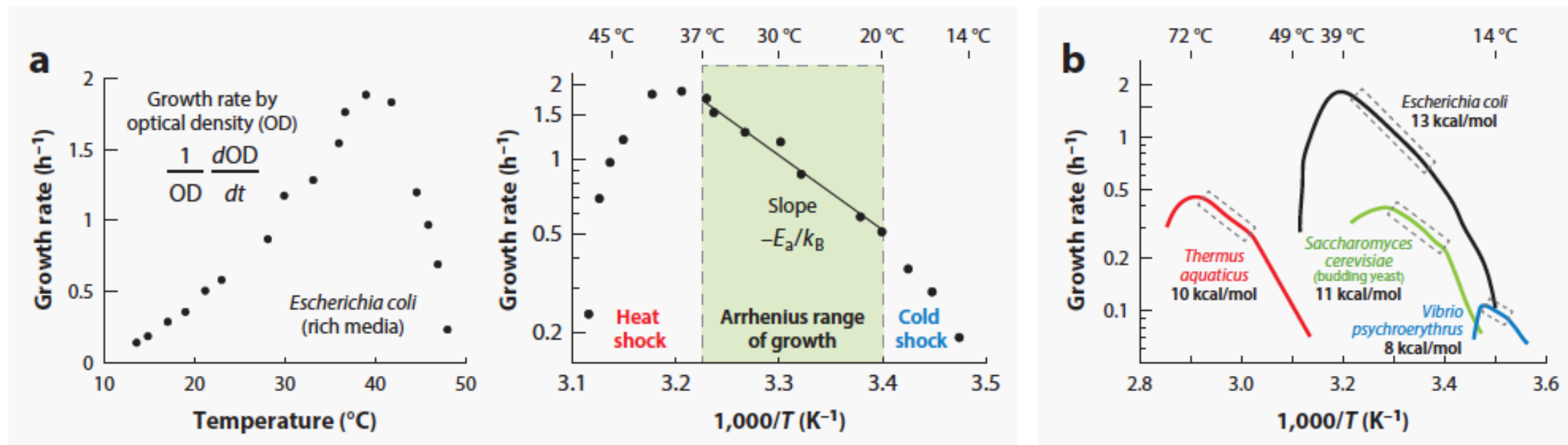
Membrane fluidity is also strongly T-dependent





# The Effects of Temperature on Cellular Physiology

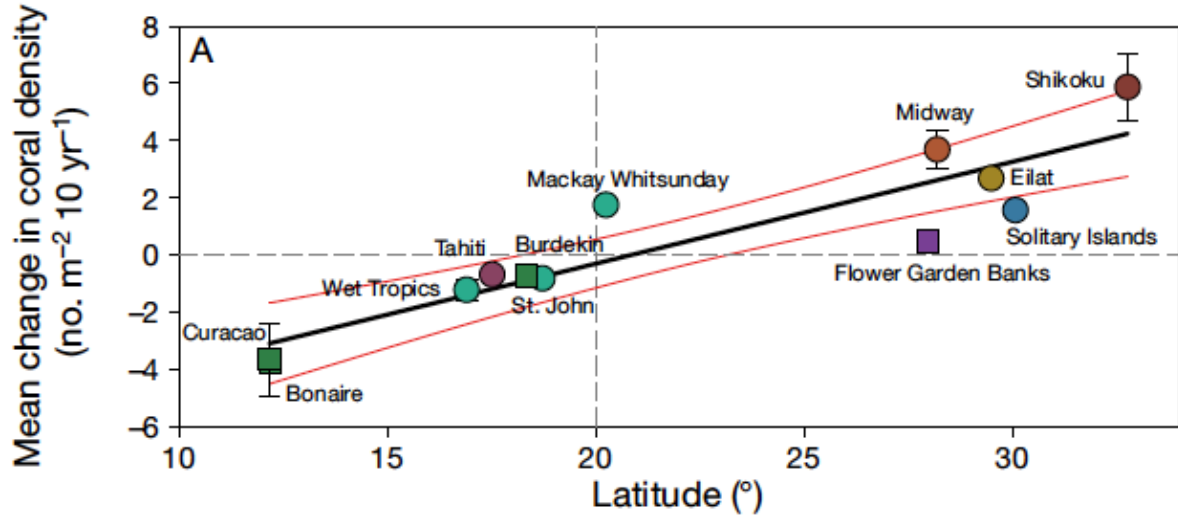
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**Figure 2**

Cellular growth rates obey species-specific Arrhenius laws. (a) Growth rates of *Escherichia coli* in rich medium were measured at various temperatures (left). An Arrhenius plot [ $\log(\text{growth rate})$  versus  $1/T$ ] reveals a range of temperatures (20–37 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) over which the data are approximately linear, a so-called Arrhenius range (right). Temperatures above and below the Arrhenius range produce a heat- and cold-shock response, respectively. Data from Reference 54. (b) Bacterial and eukaryotic species possess Arrhenius ranges (dotted boxes)

# Coral bleaching...but some hope...

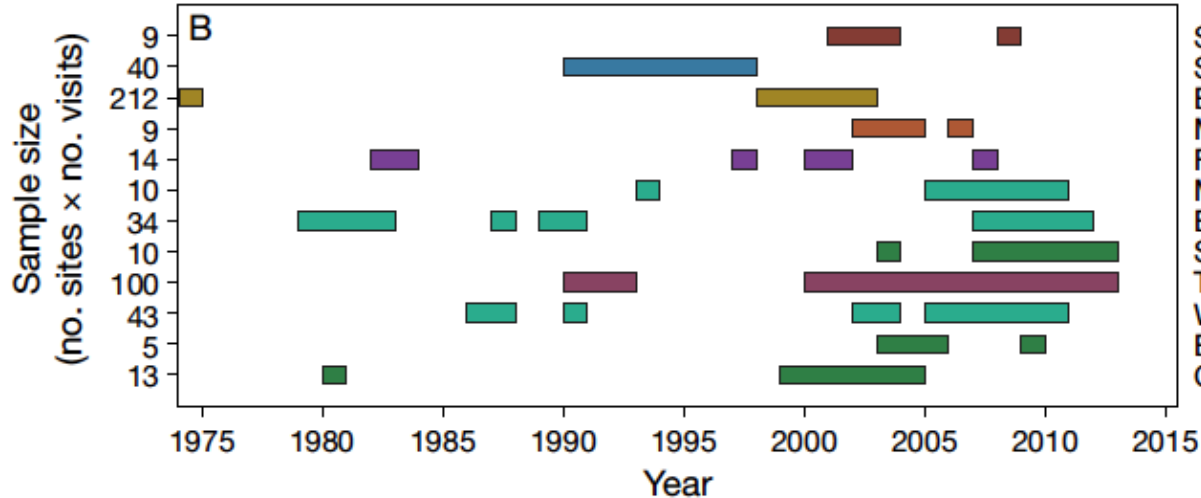


FEATURE ARTICLE



## Global biogeography of coral recruitment: tropical decline and subtropical increase

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 Solitary Islands, Australia  
 Eilat, Israel  
 Midway, Hawaii USA  
 Flower Garden Banks, Texas USA  
 Mackay Whitsunday, Australia  
 Burdekin, Australia  
 St. John, US Virgin Islands  
 Tahiti, French Polynesia  
 Wet Tropics, Australia  
 Bonaire  
 Curacao

Tropicalisation of the subtropics...

# Climate Change at the level of the organism/ecosystem

- Latitudinal Migration
- Ecosystem Restructure
- Phenological mismatch

# Organism Impacts realized through Niches

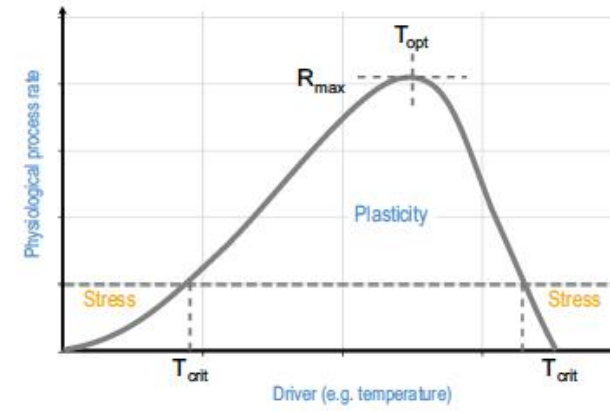
The response curve for one driver can depend on other drivers (e.g. T and pH)

Impacts of multiple drivers can be additive, synergistic, or antagonistic i.e cumulative effect is equal to, larger than or smaller than the sum of the individual effects

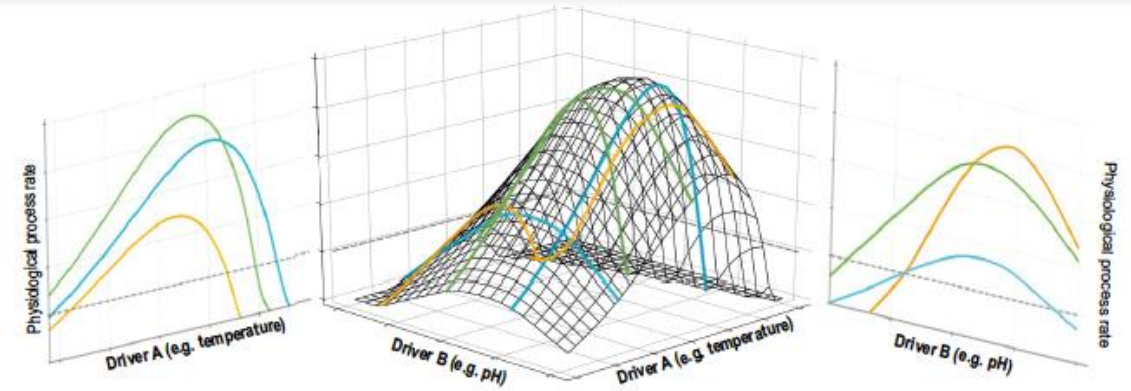
But modelling latitudinal range based on niche alone neglects biotic interactions, evolutionary change and dispersal ability

## Organismal responses to single and multiple drivers

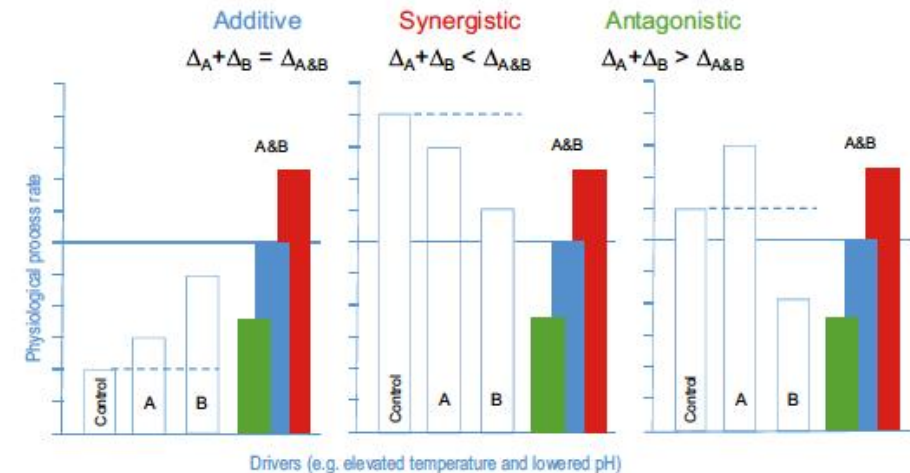
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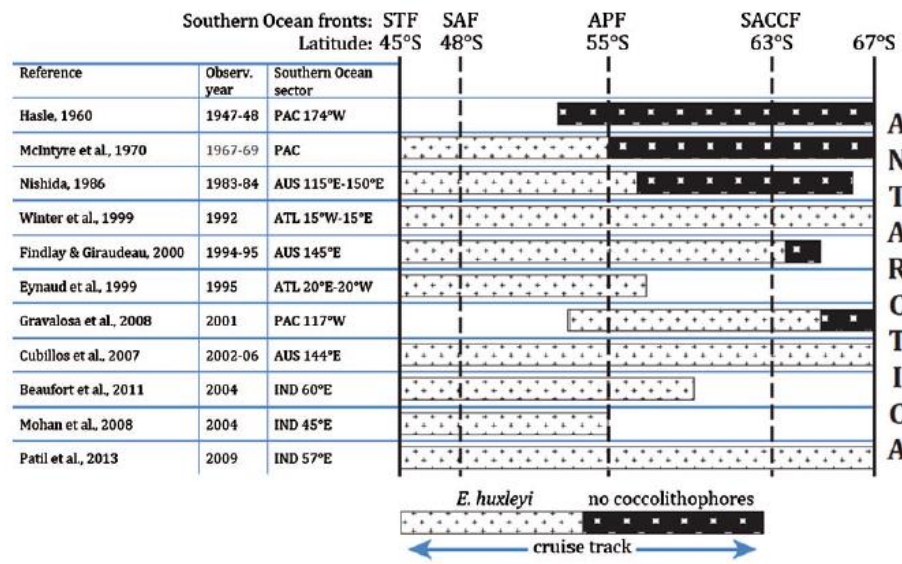


(c)



# Latitudinal Shifts

- Help species maintain their niche
- But unless other dependent/ant species move concurrently leads to changes in ecosystem structure
- Can run out of thermal room (either poleward, with depth or with altitude)



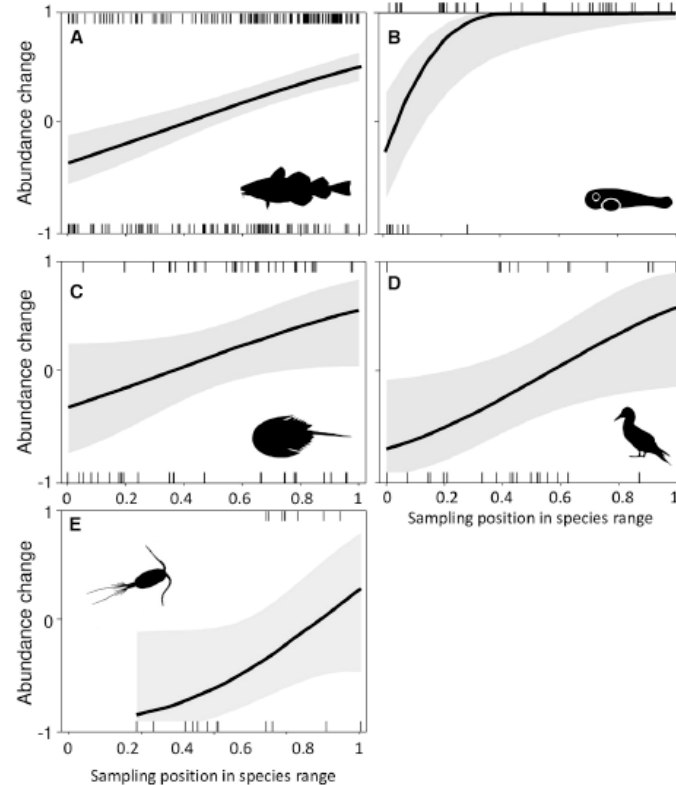
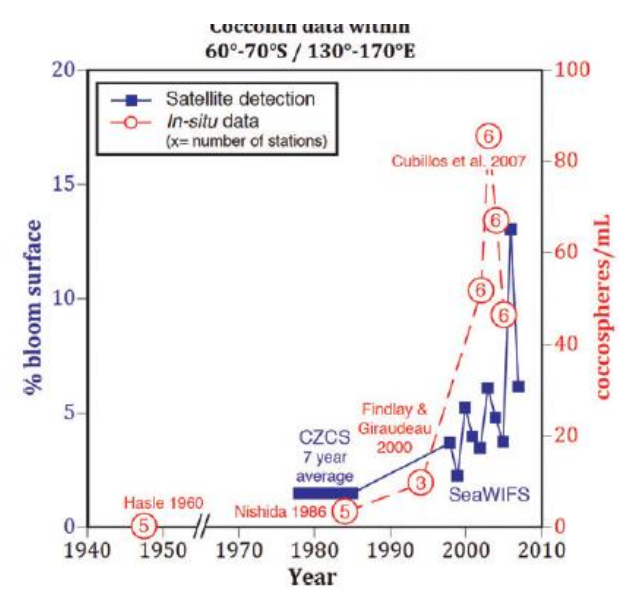
## Poleward expansion of the coccolithophore *Emiliana huxleyi*

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### Current Biology

#### Climate Change Drives Poleward Increases and Equatorward Declines in Marine Species

range of species. Our results show that abundance increases have been most prominent where sampling has taken place at the poleward side of species ranges, and abundance declines have been most prominent where sampling has taken place at the equatorward side of species ranges. These data pro-



# Phenology mismatch

## Climate change: Seasonal shifts causing 'chaos' for UK nature

27 December 2023



Climate



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Changing seasons are affecting the reproductive cycle of animals like red deer

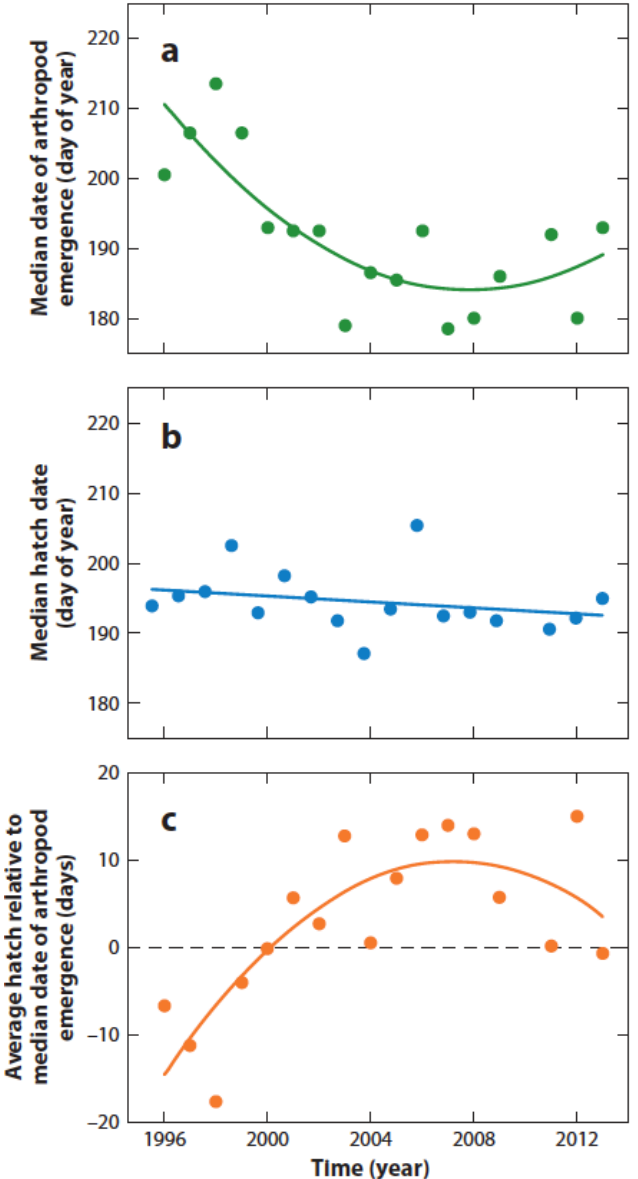
Warm temperatures have prompted some shrubs to come into bloom early, making them susceptible to sudden cold snaps - affecting pollinators, and the birds that feed on their seeds (and Ros' pear tree).

The UK's most iconic tree, the oak, could be particularly hard hit ....Cold snaps are getting shorter- often doesn't leave enough time to kill off diseases.

-the oak processionary moth, which has been steadily migrating northwards, whose caterpillars infest oak trees, thrive in these shorter cold spells making the oaks more vulnerable to attack from other parasites,...

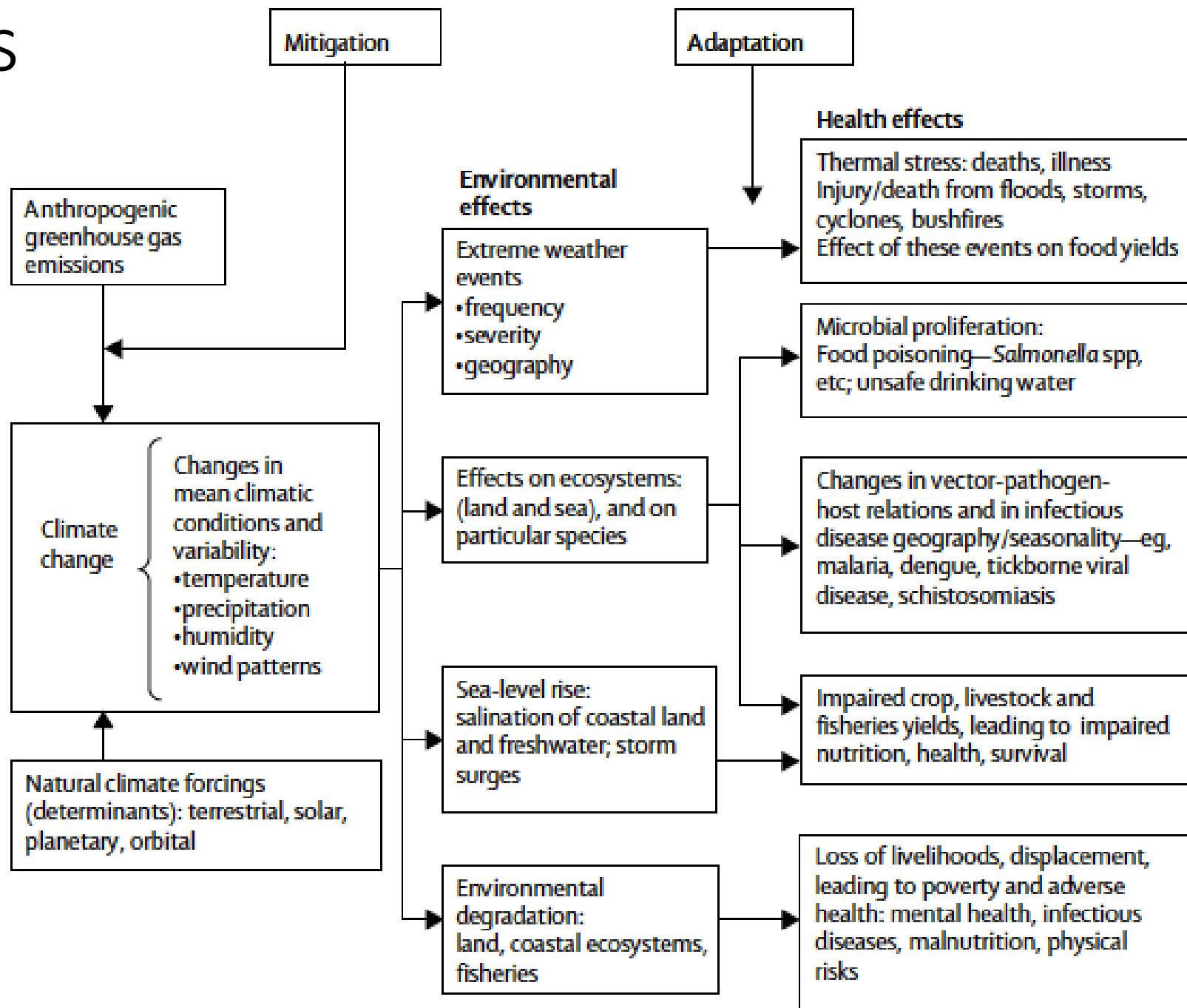
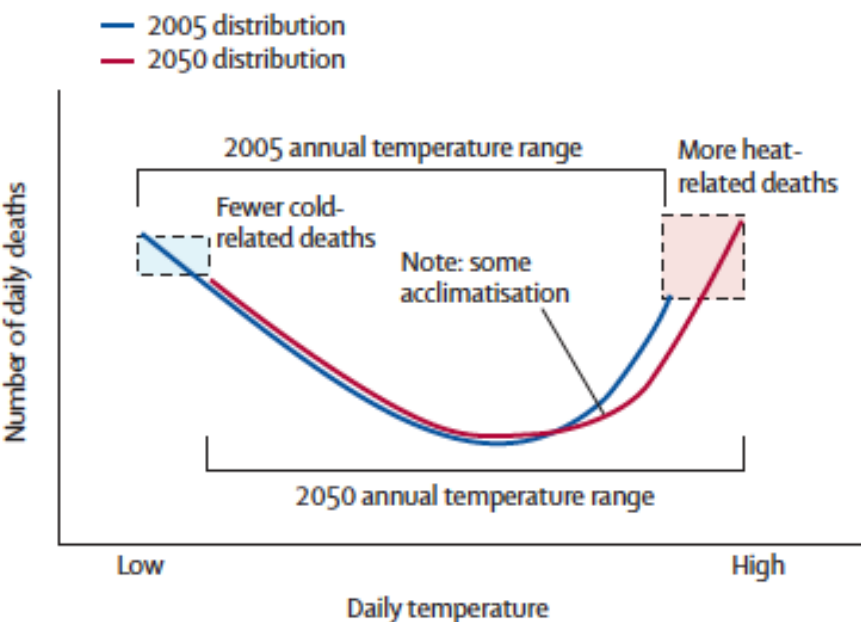
Warmer winters also impact heathlands allowing the heather beetle to kill off huge areas of heather. Animals which hibernate, like dormice, are especially threatened. They emerge from their winter sleep earlier and can quickly use up their vital remaining stores of energy.

## Greenland Duckling hatching and insect mismatch



# Impact on Humans

- Disease
- Fire
- Sealevel rise (displacement)
- Food/Agriculture
- Heat Stress



# Human Interventions: Unintended Consequences

