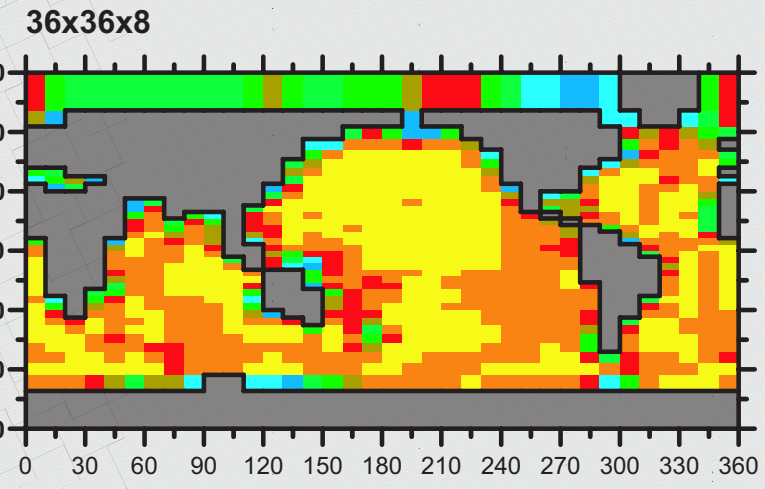
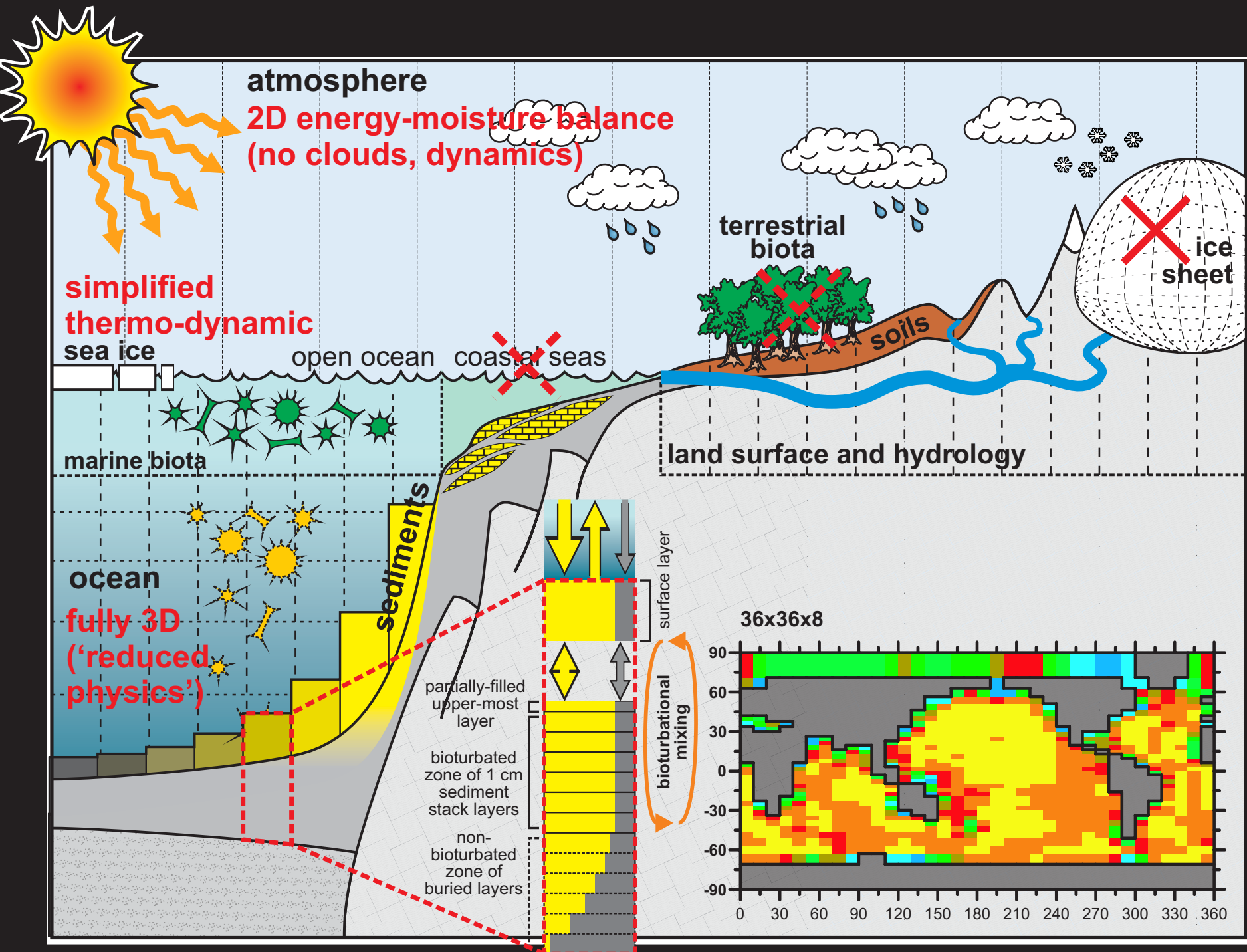
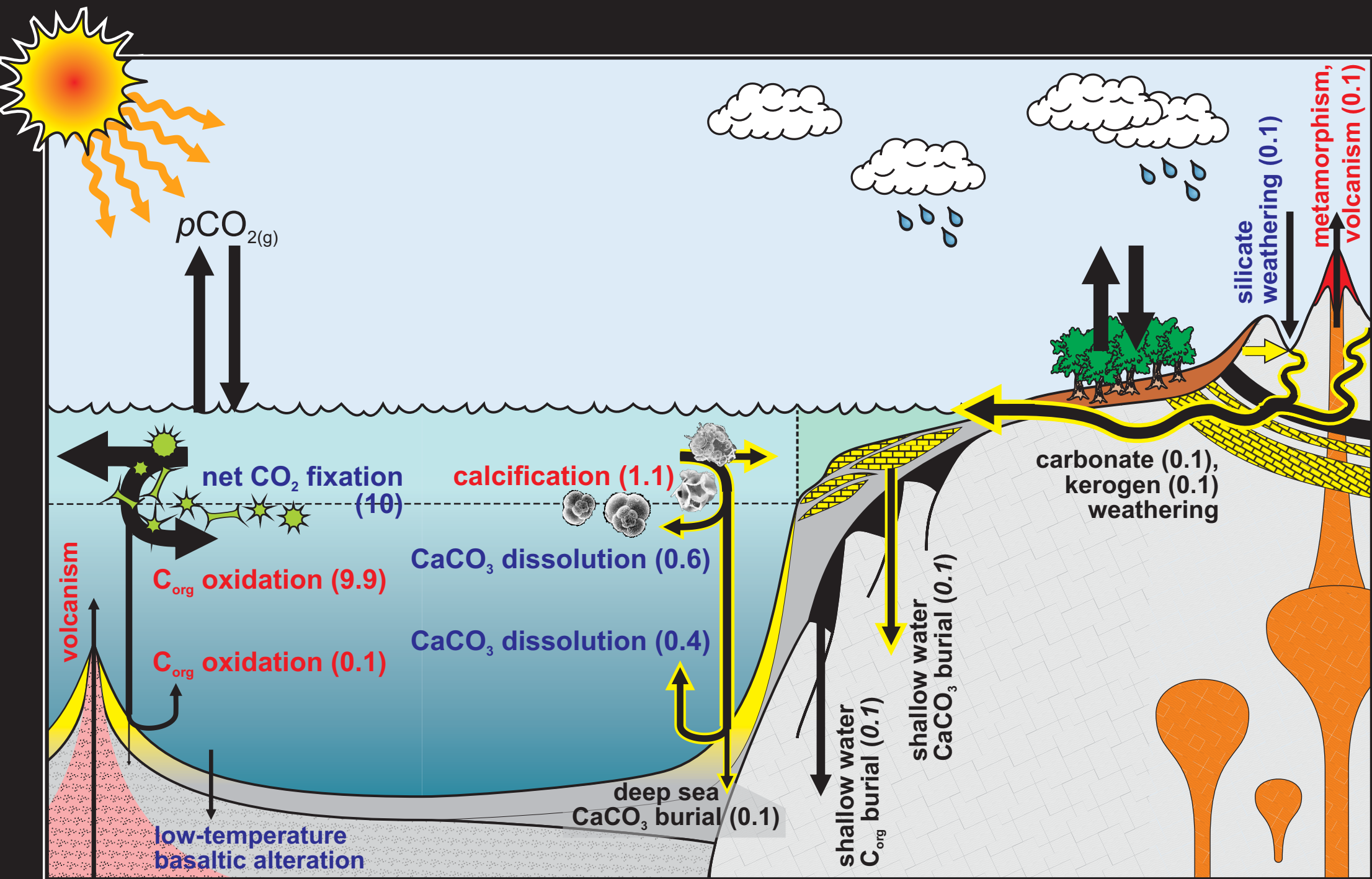
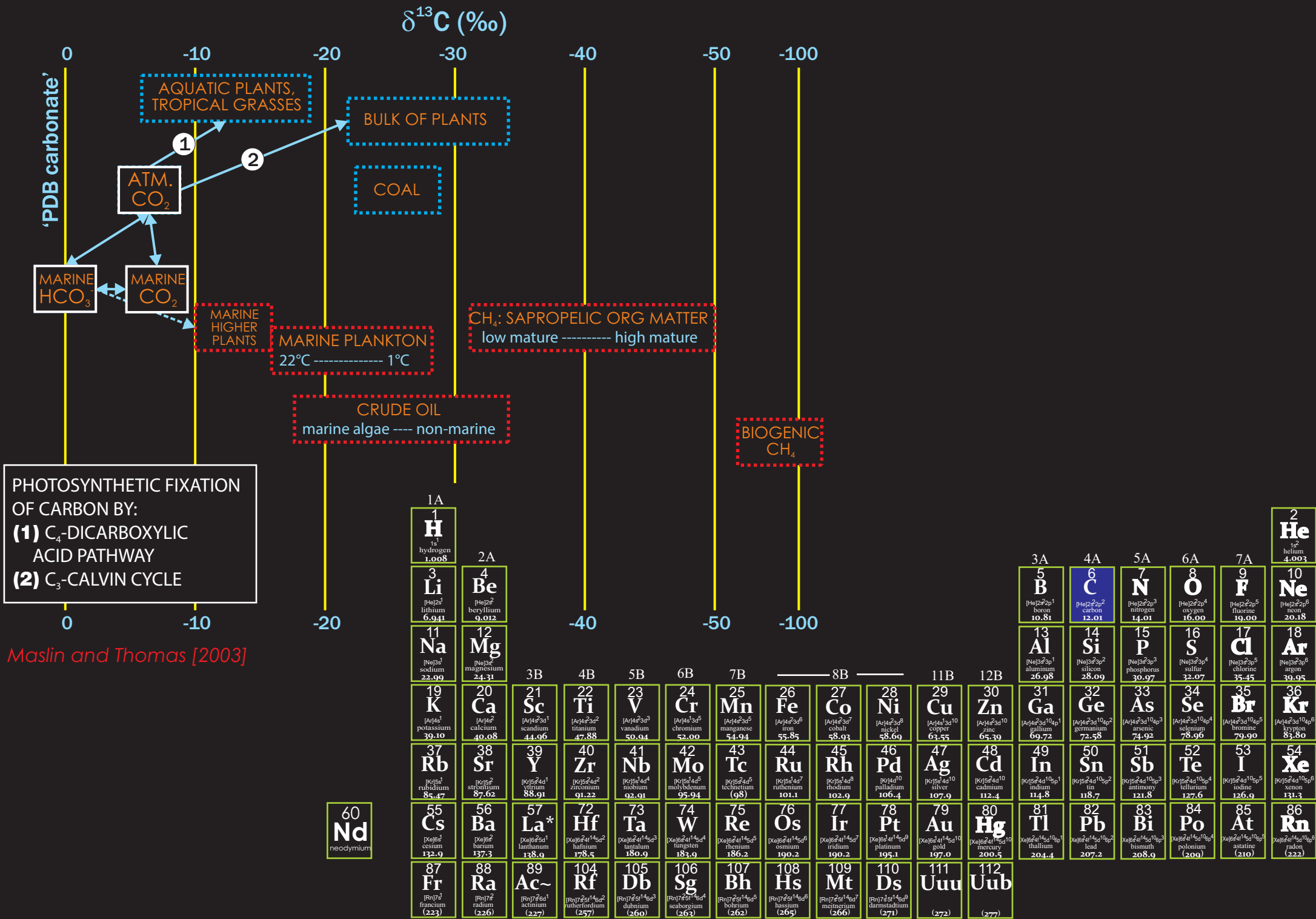


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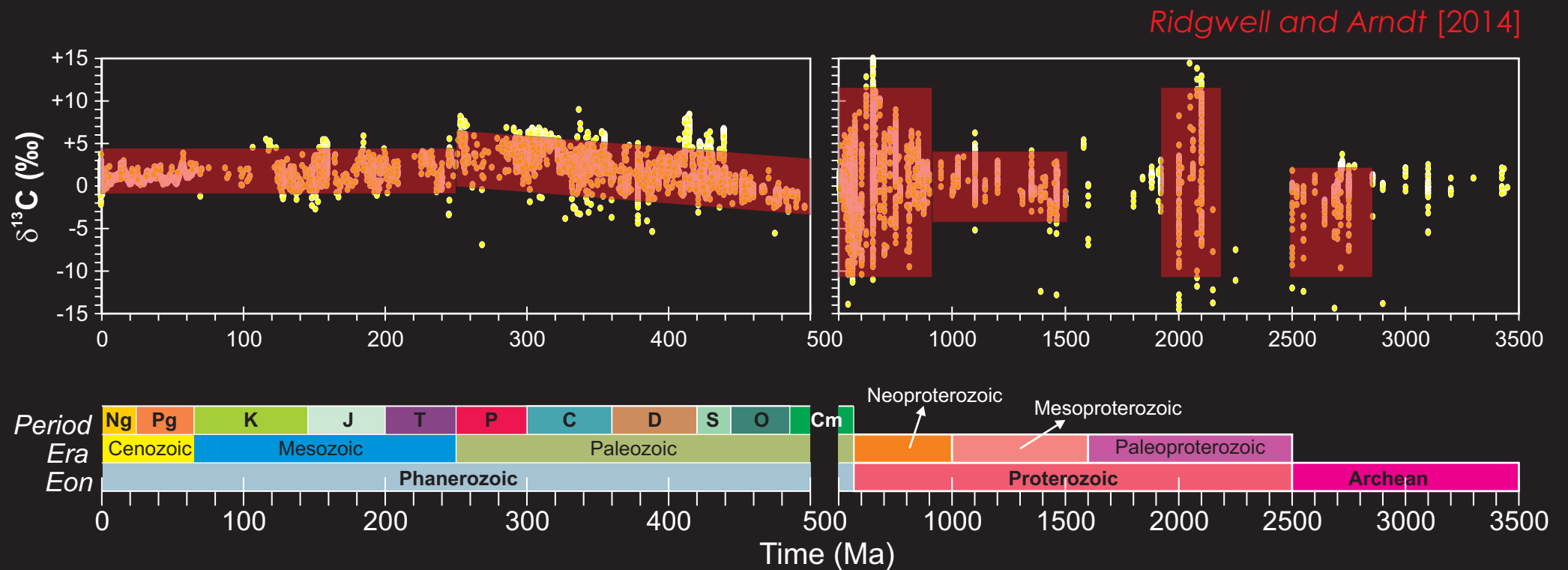




Carbon isotopes as a tracer of ... what?



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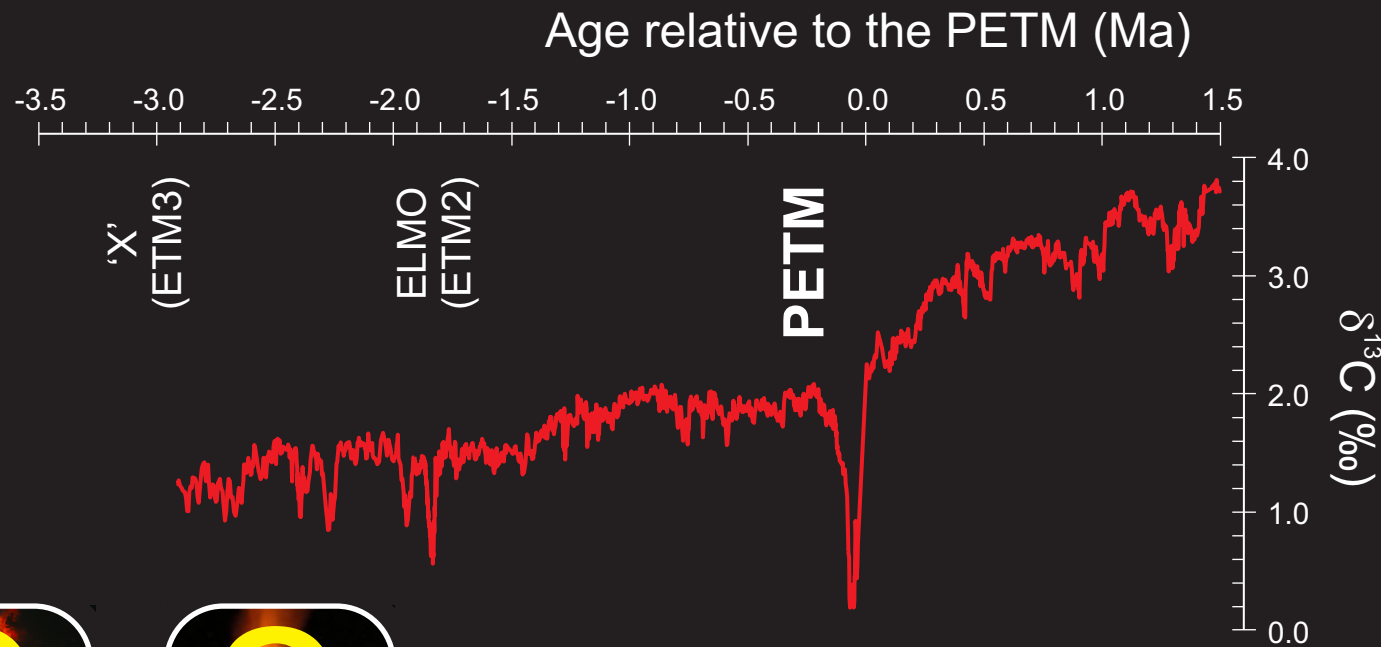
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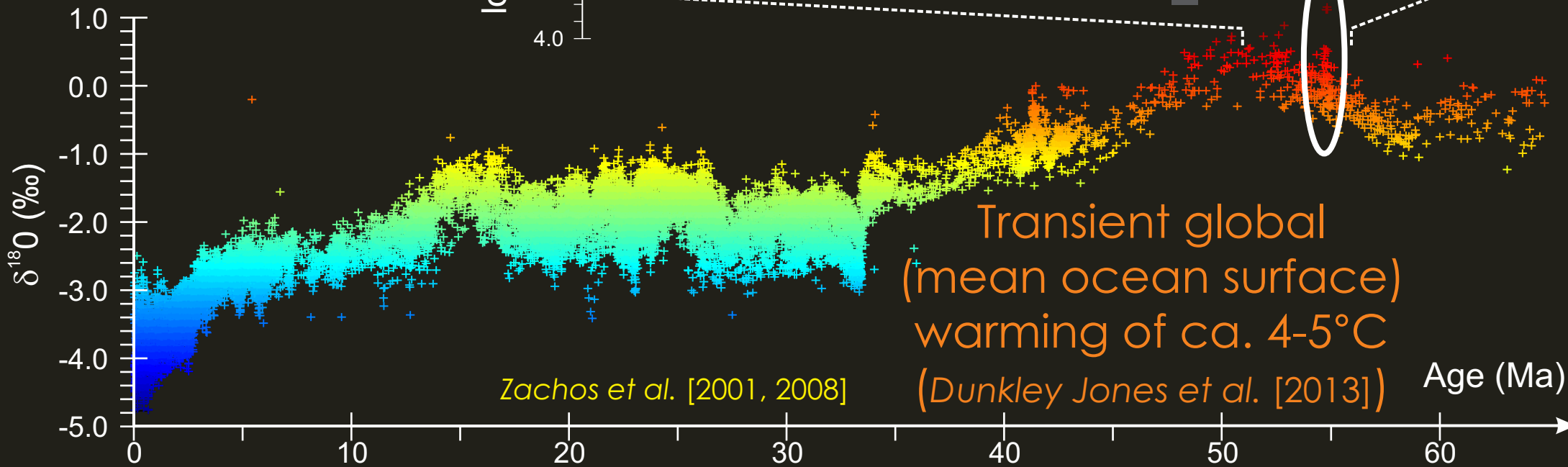
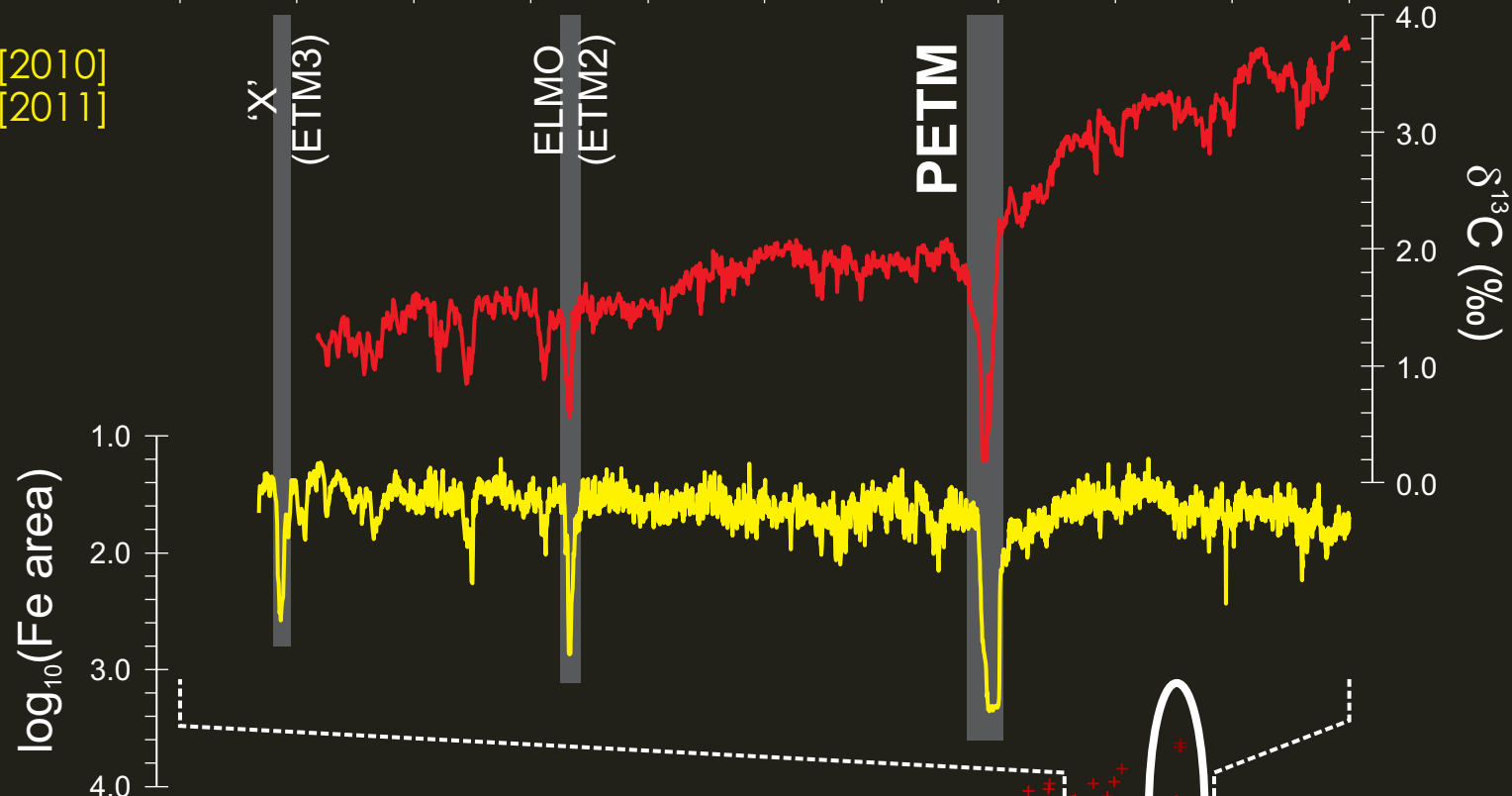


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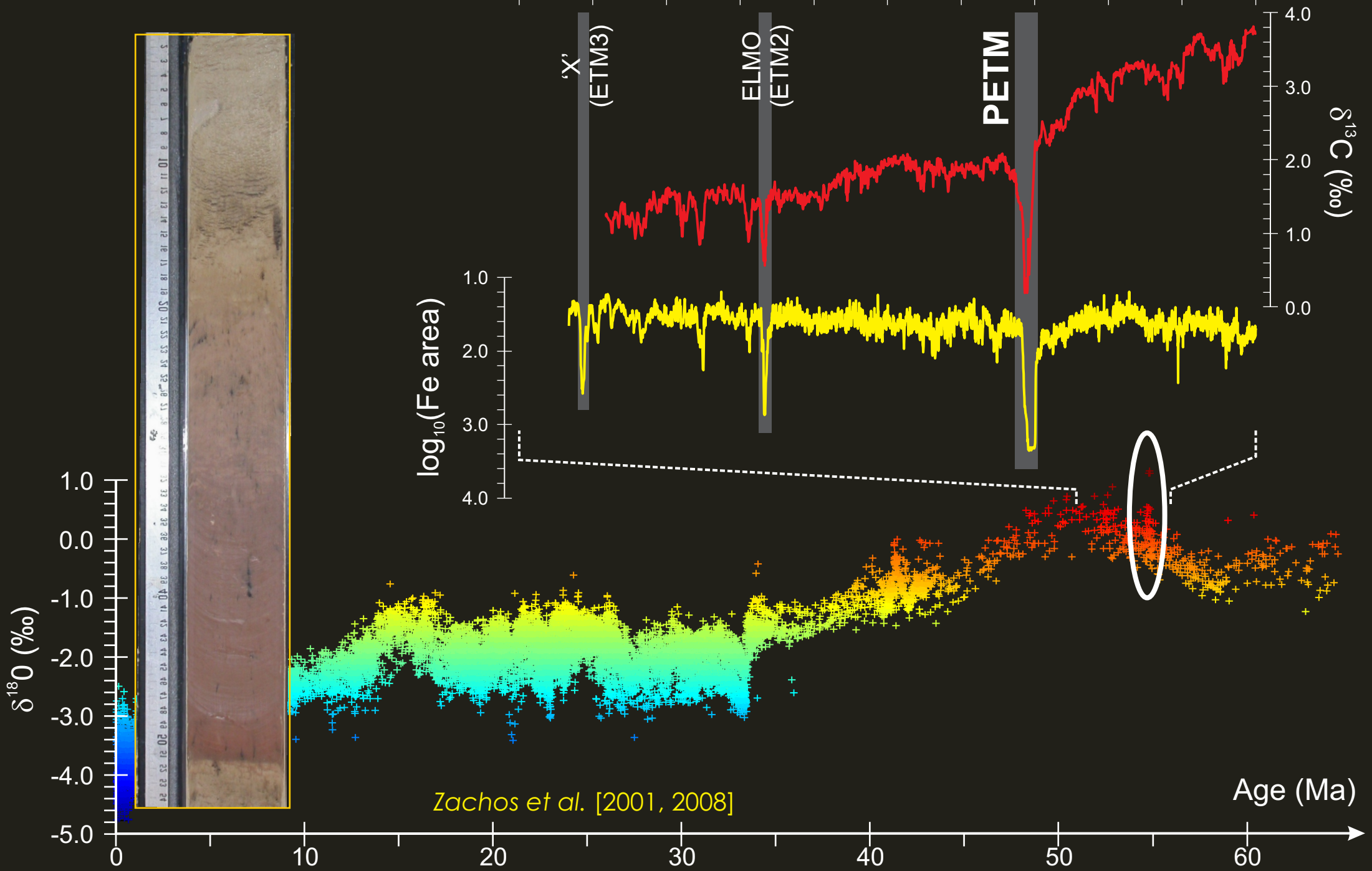
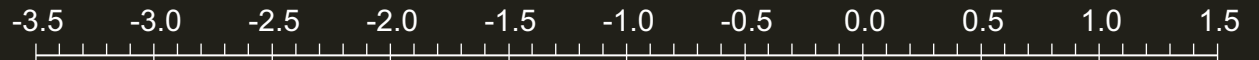
Transient global
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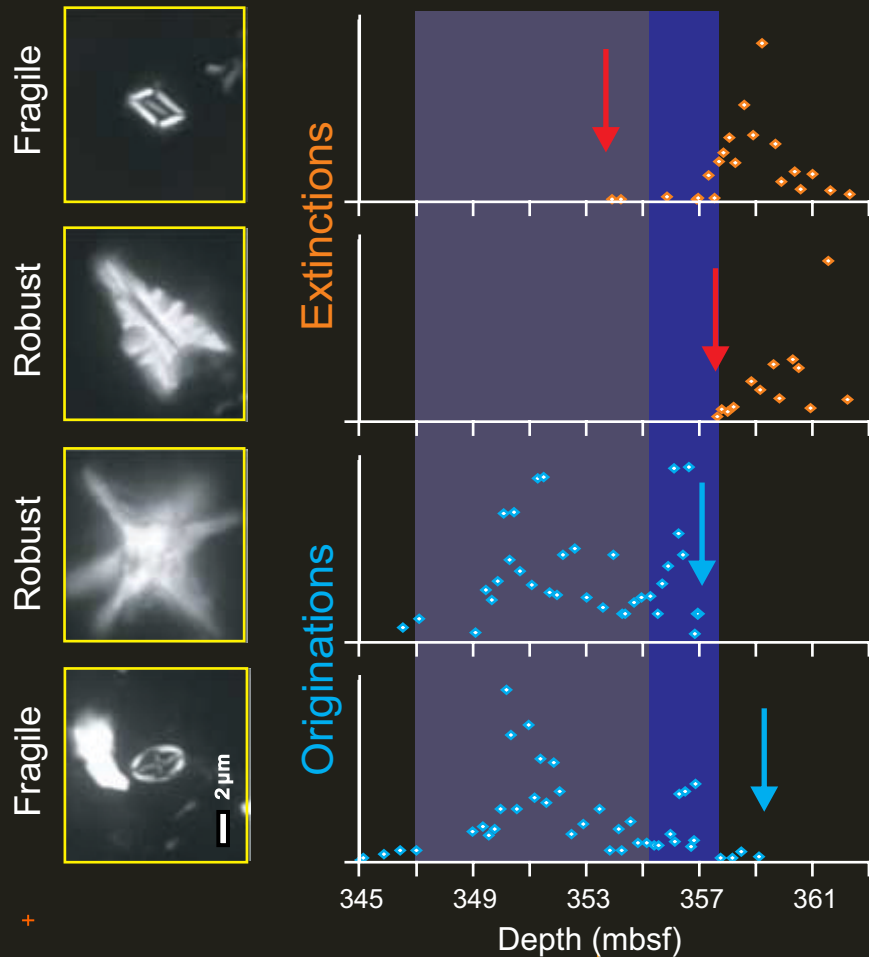
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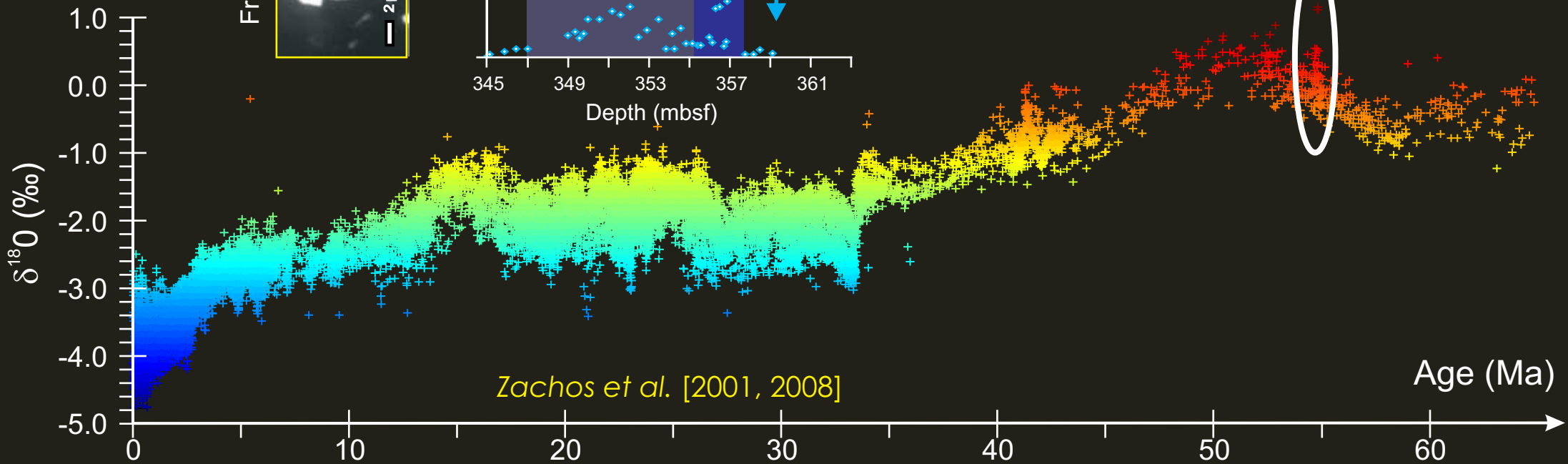
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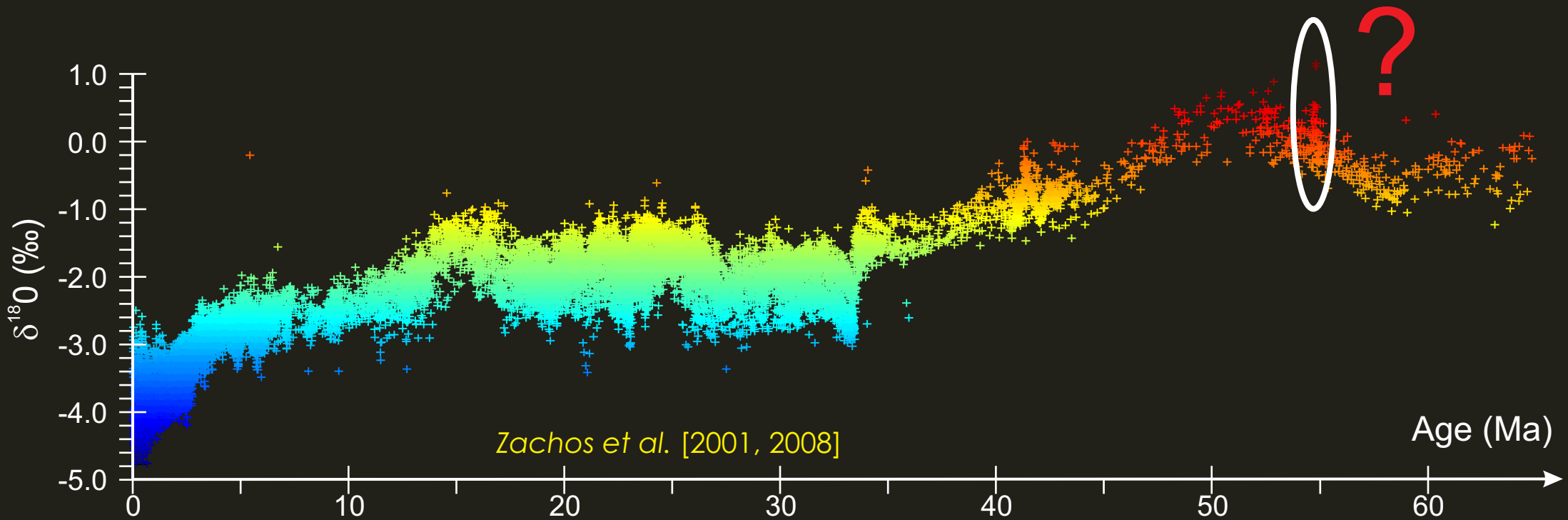


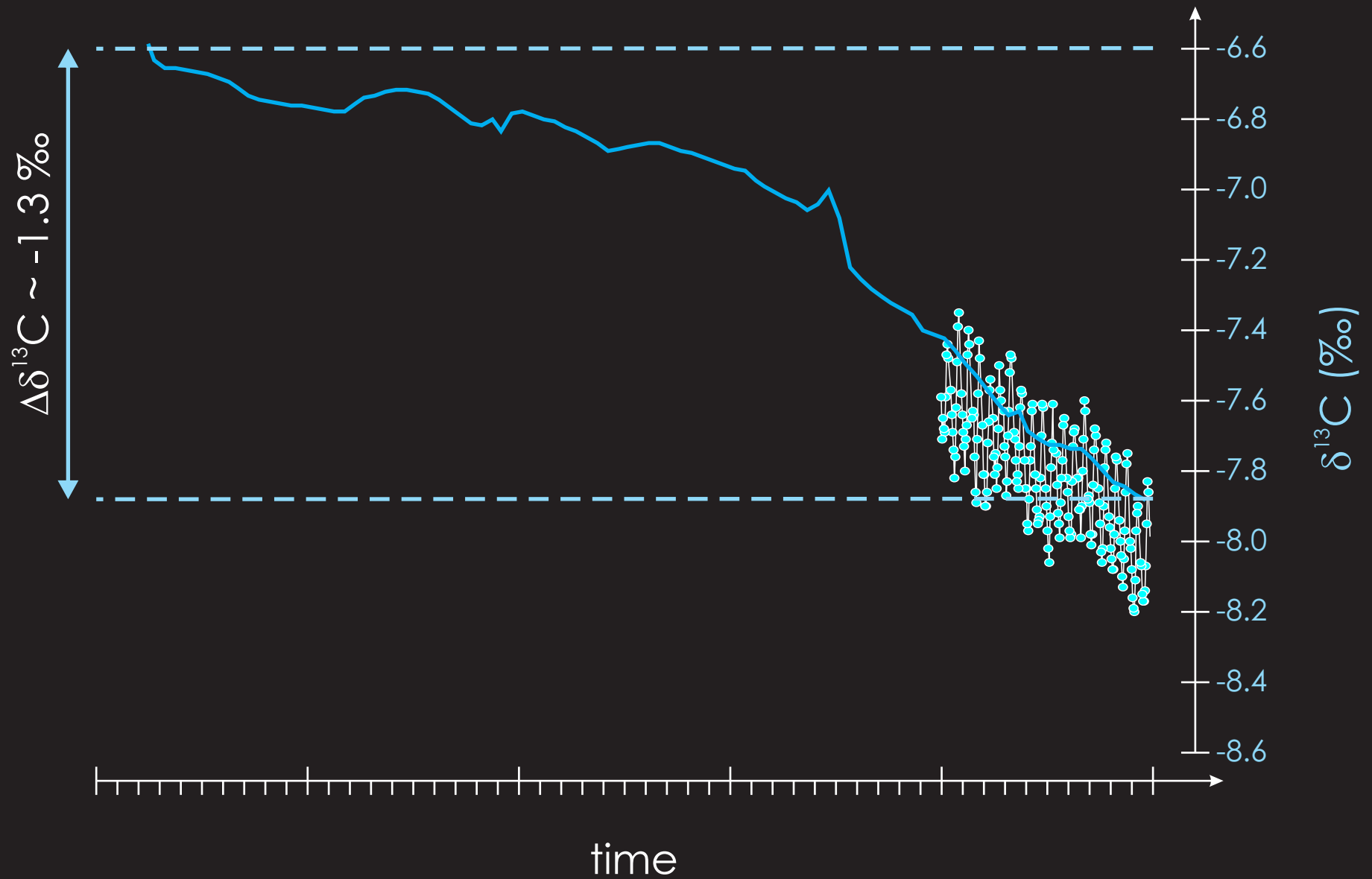
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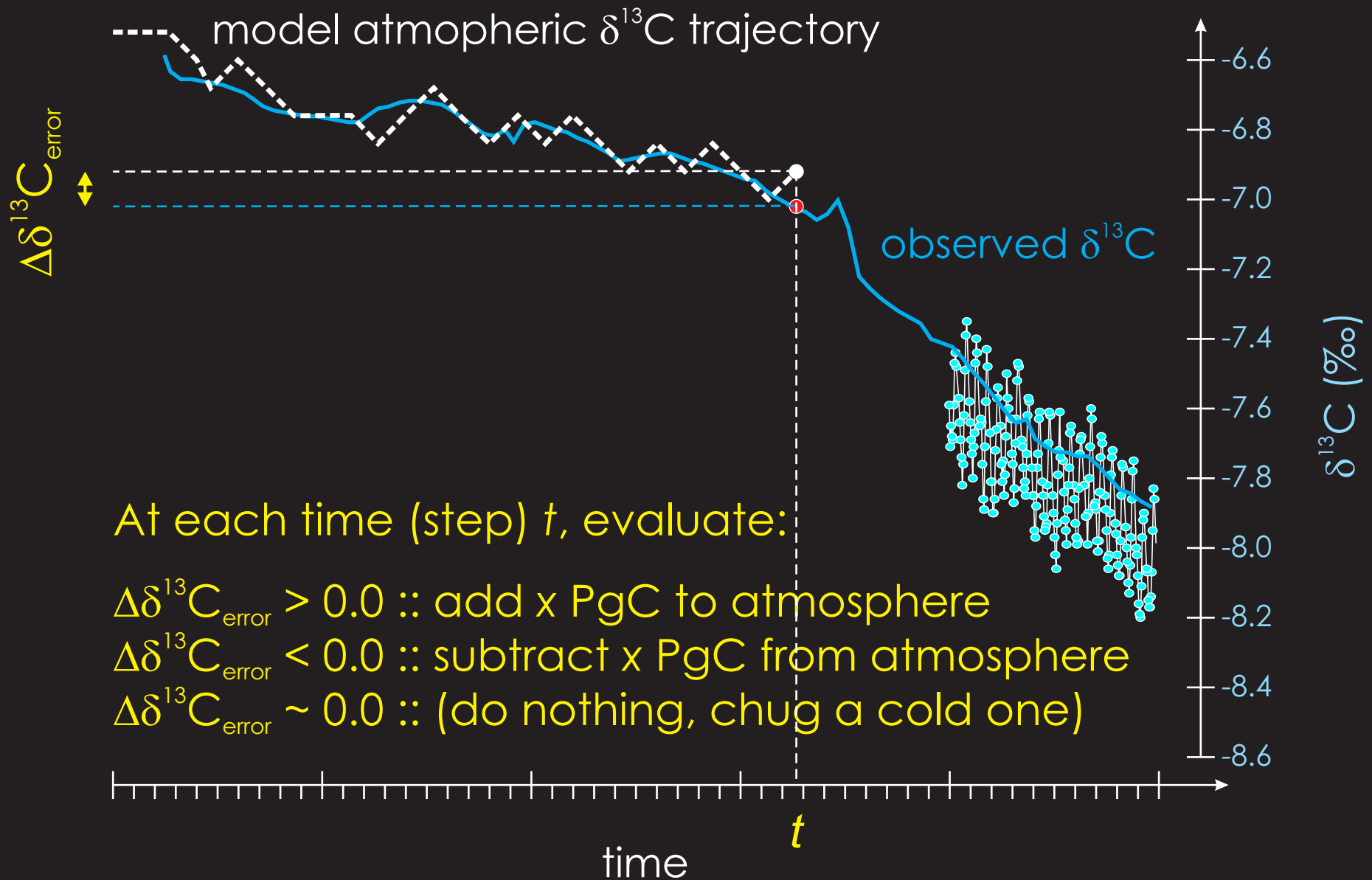


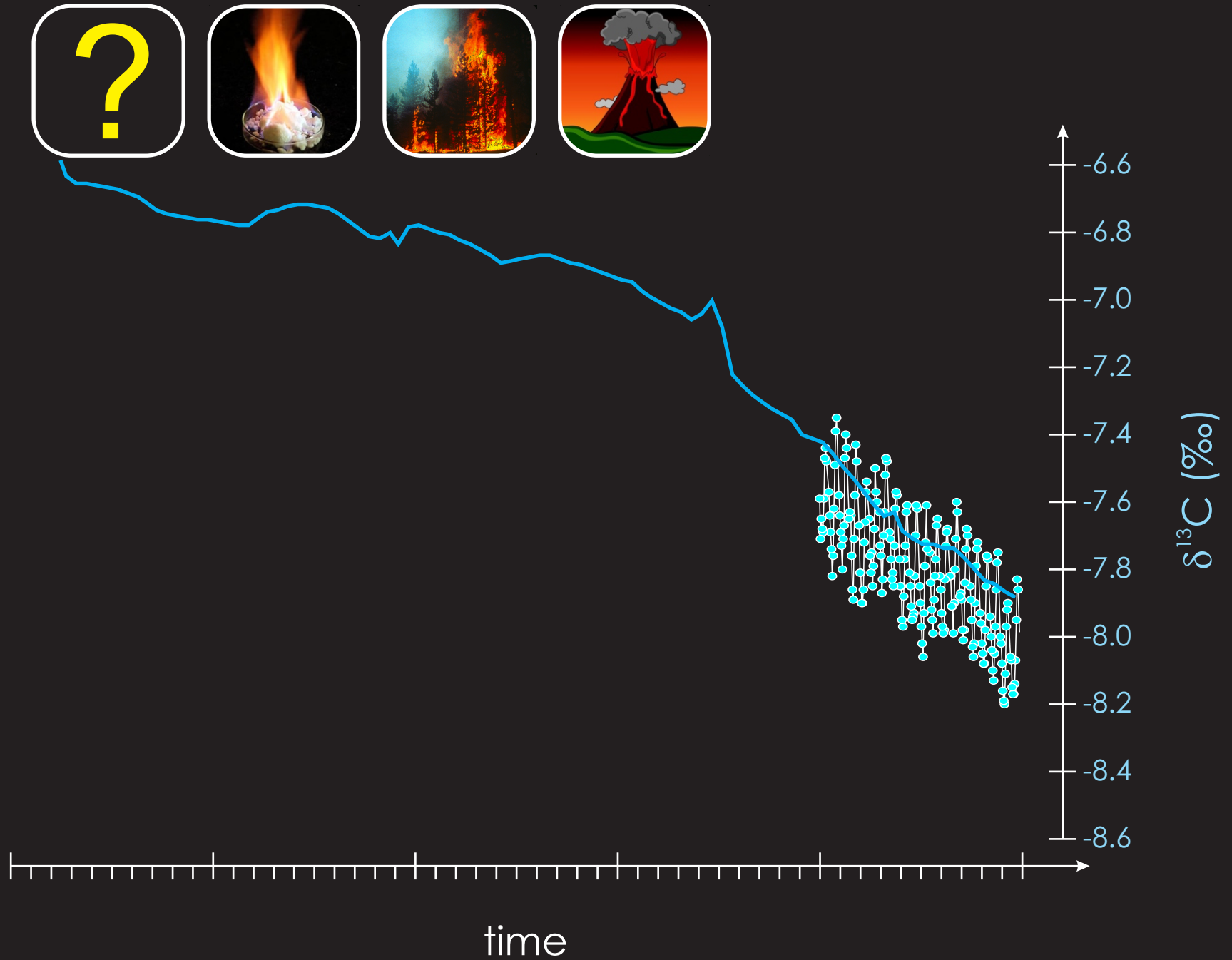
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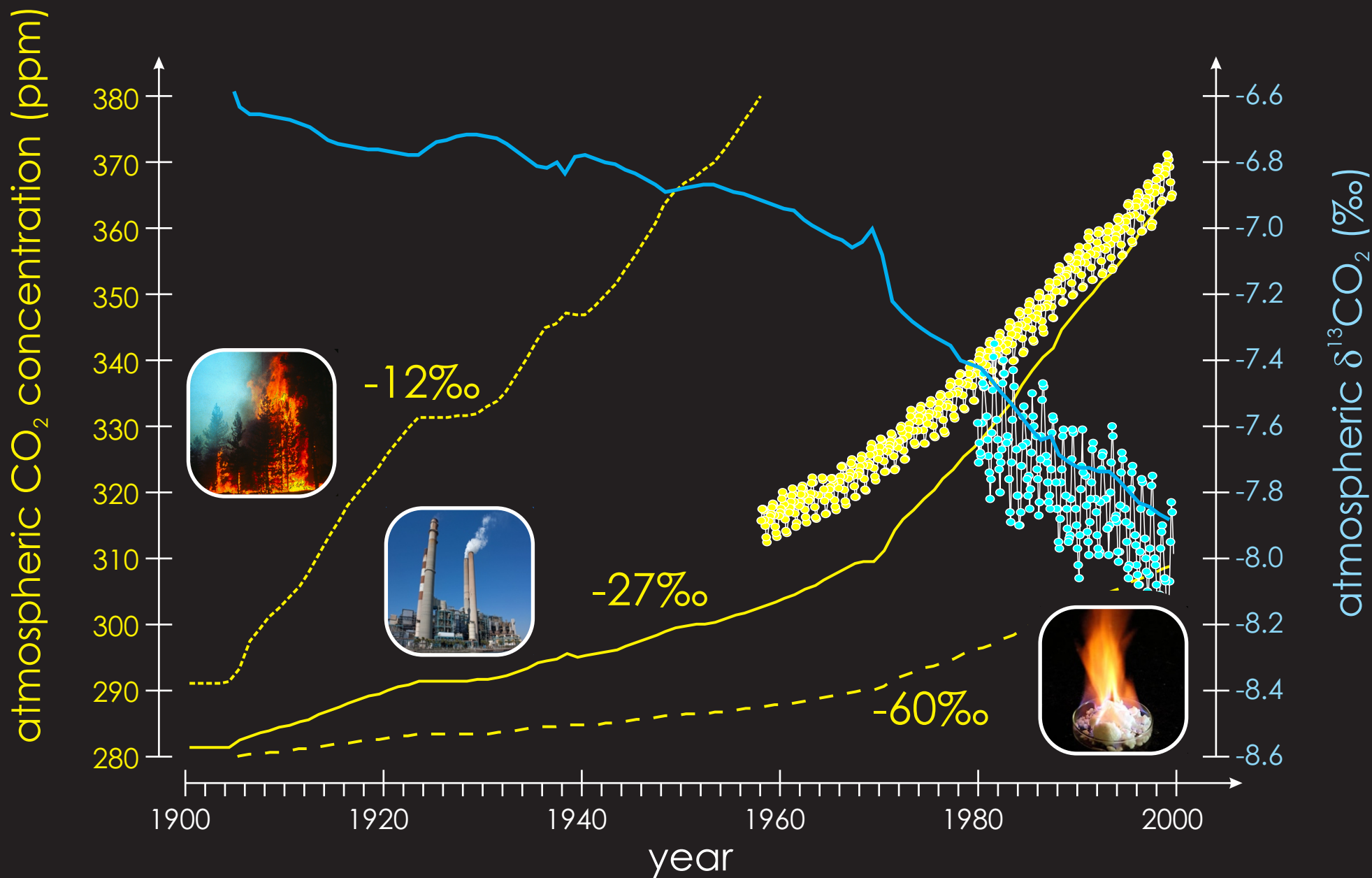
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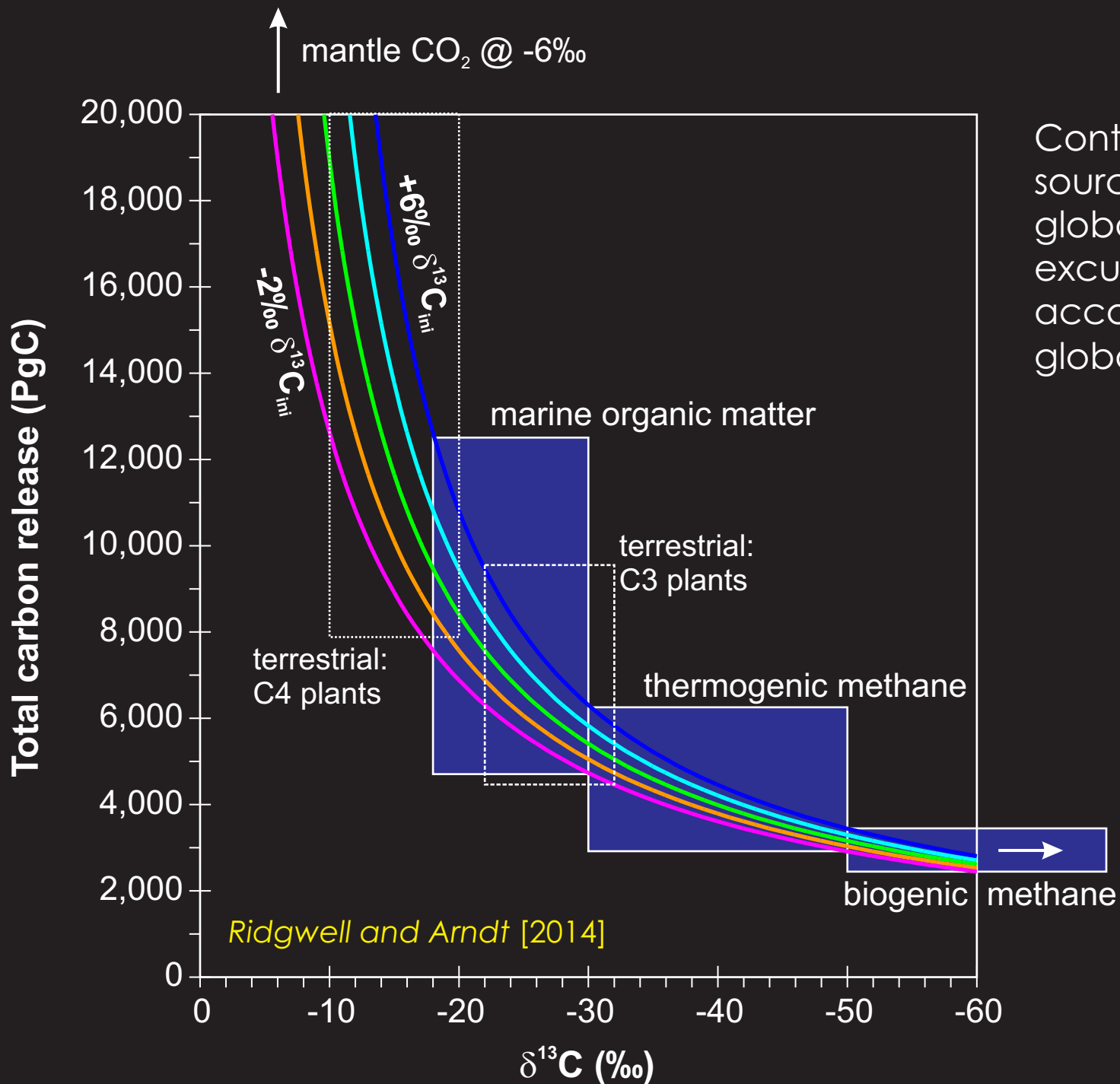






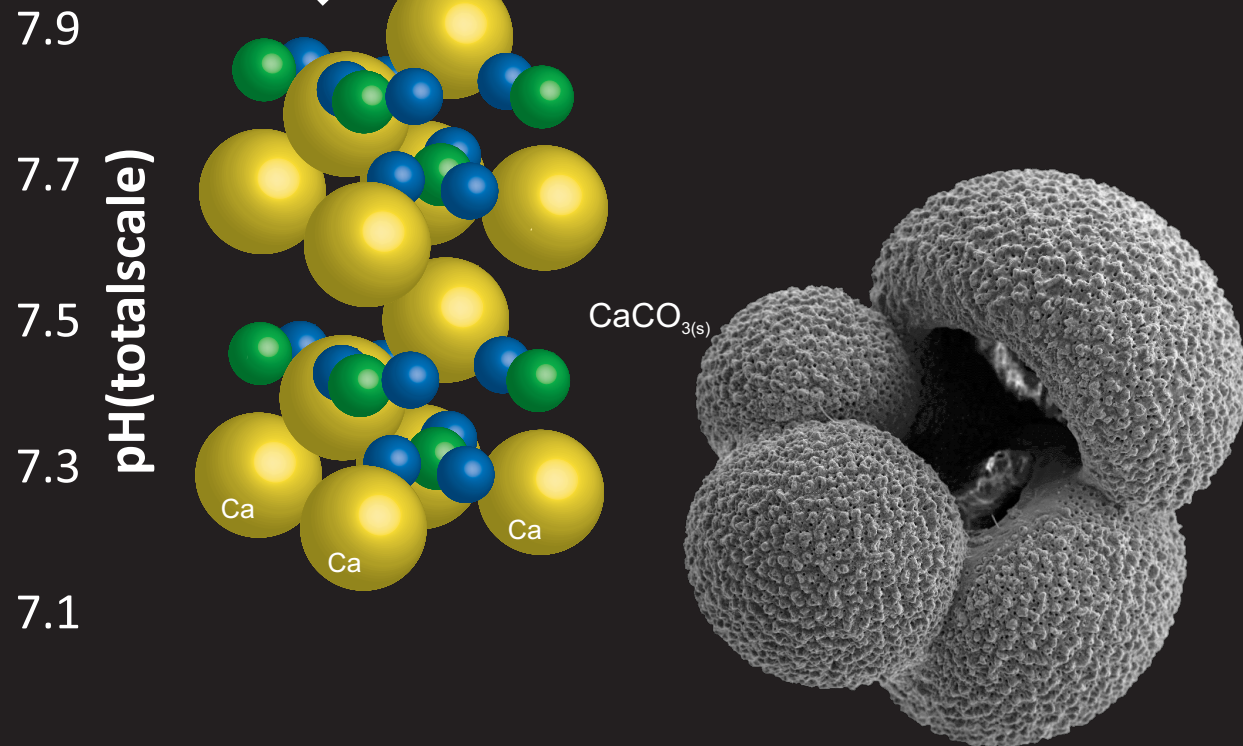
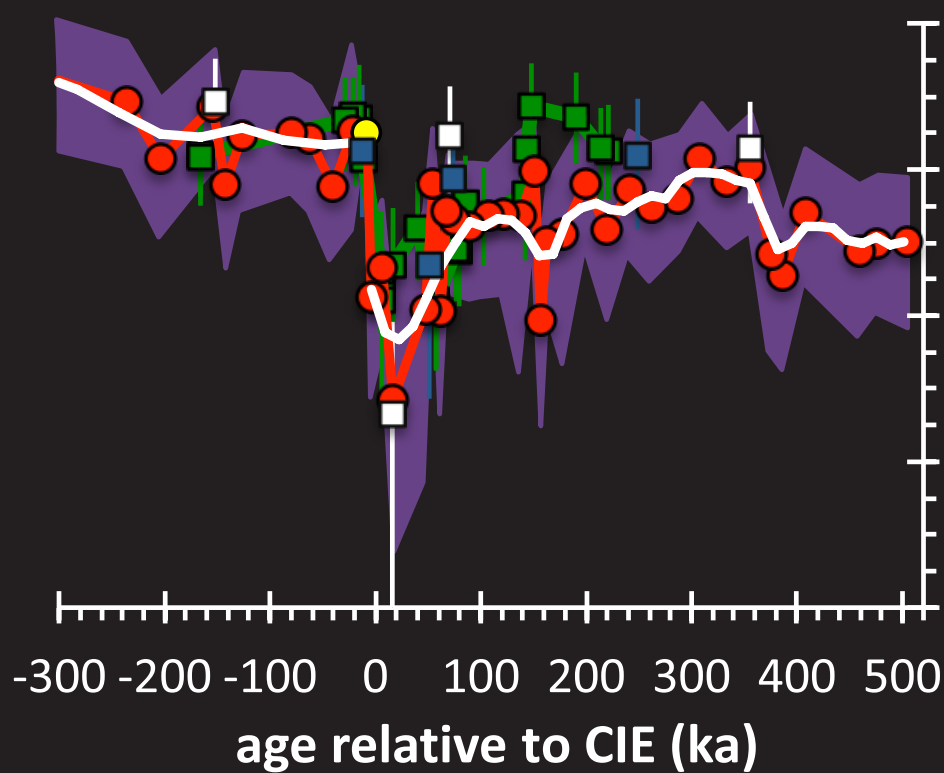
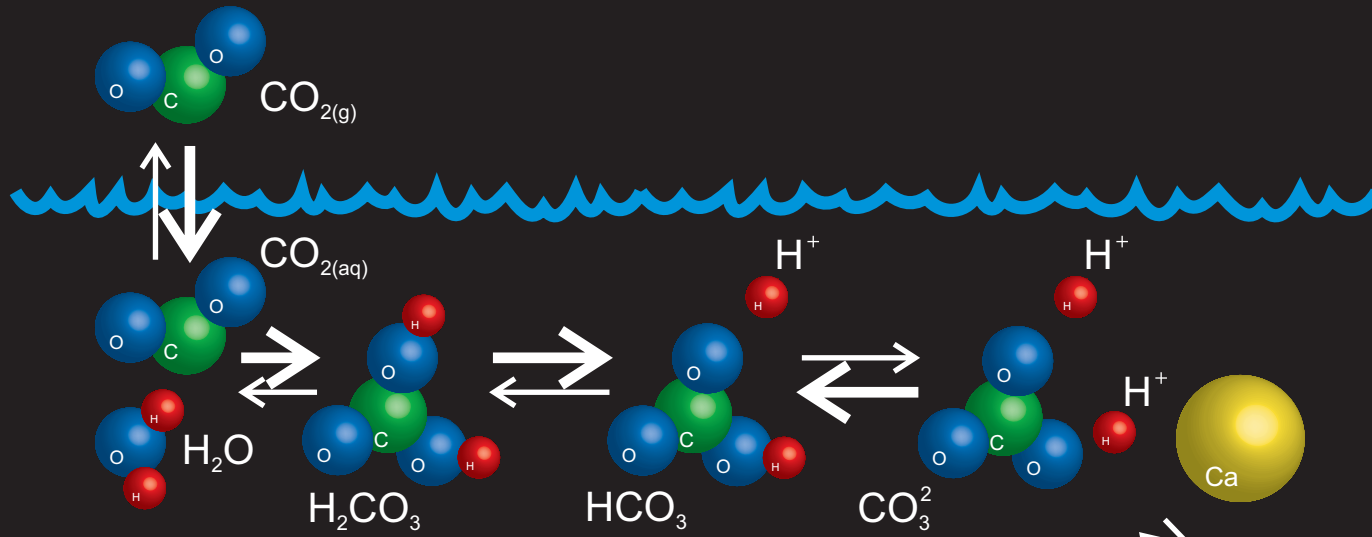




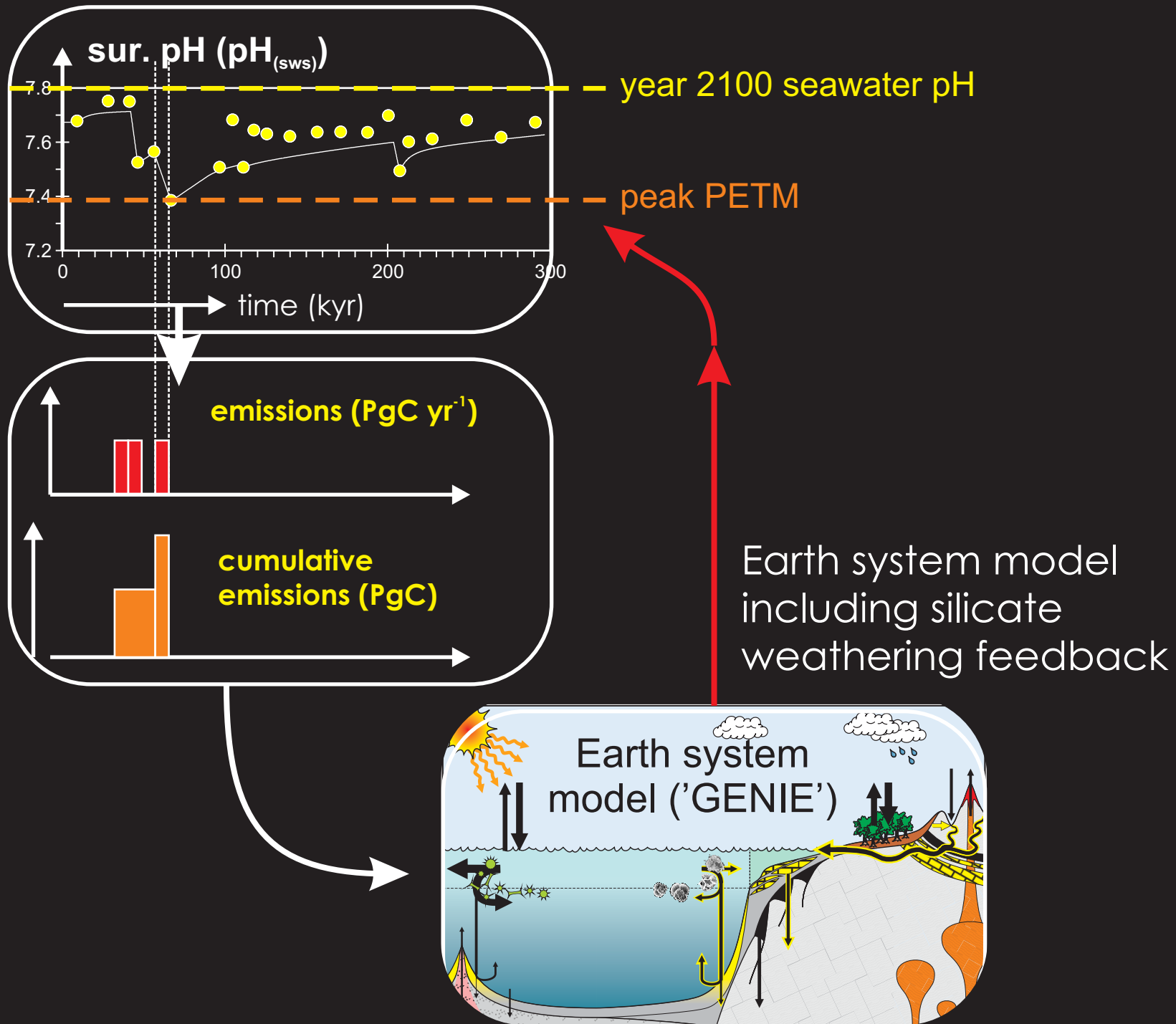


Contours of carbon release vs. source isotopic signature for a global -4‰ carbon isotopic excursion. Contours differ according to the initial mean global $\delta^{13}\text{C}$.

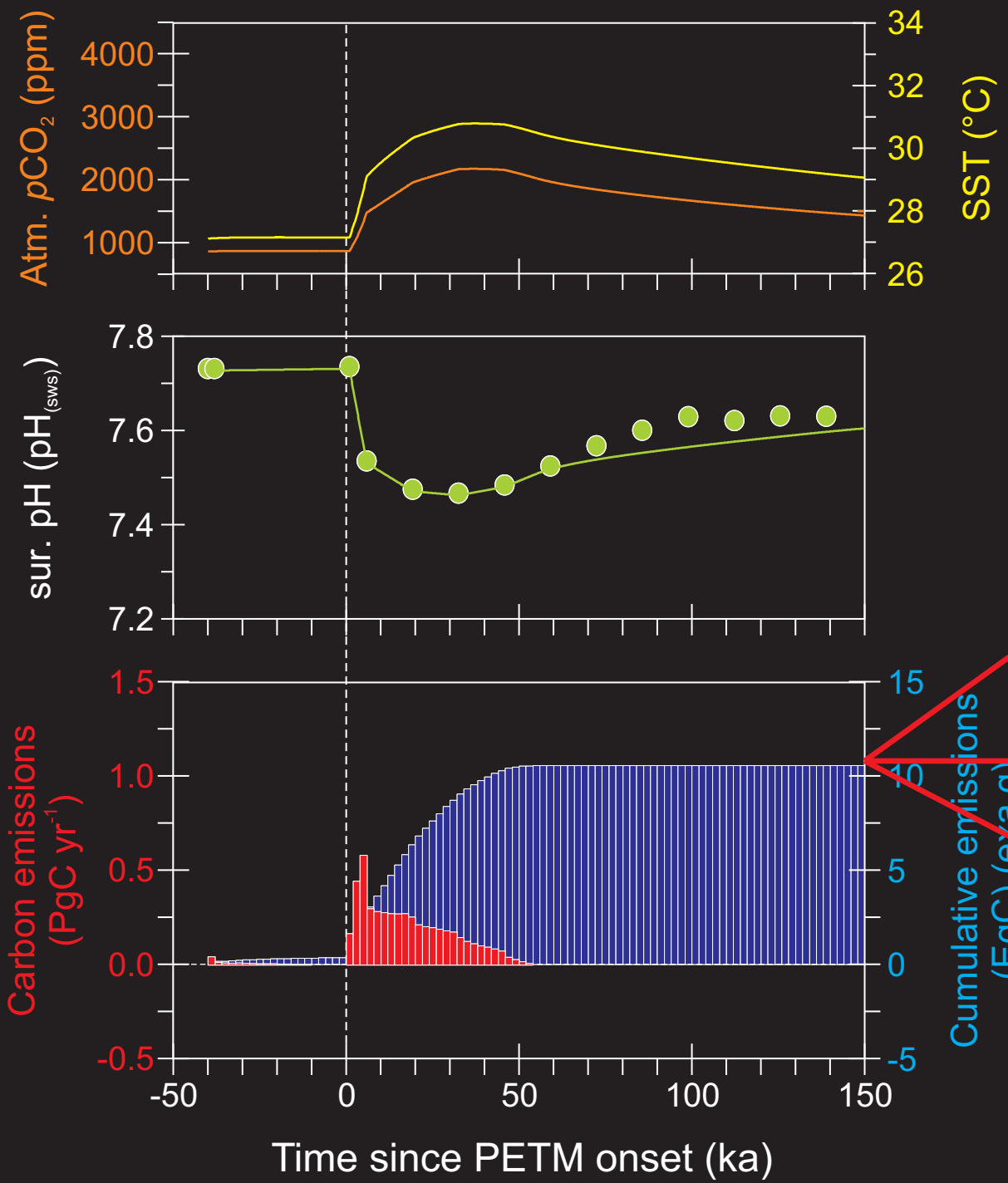
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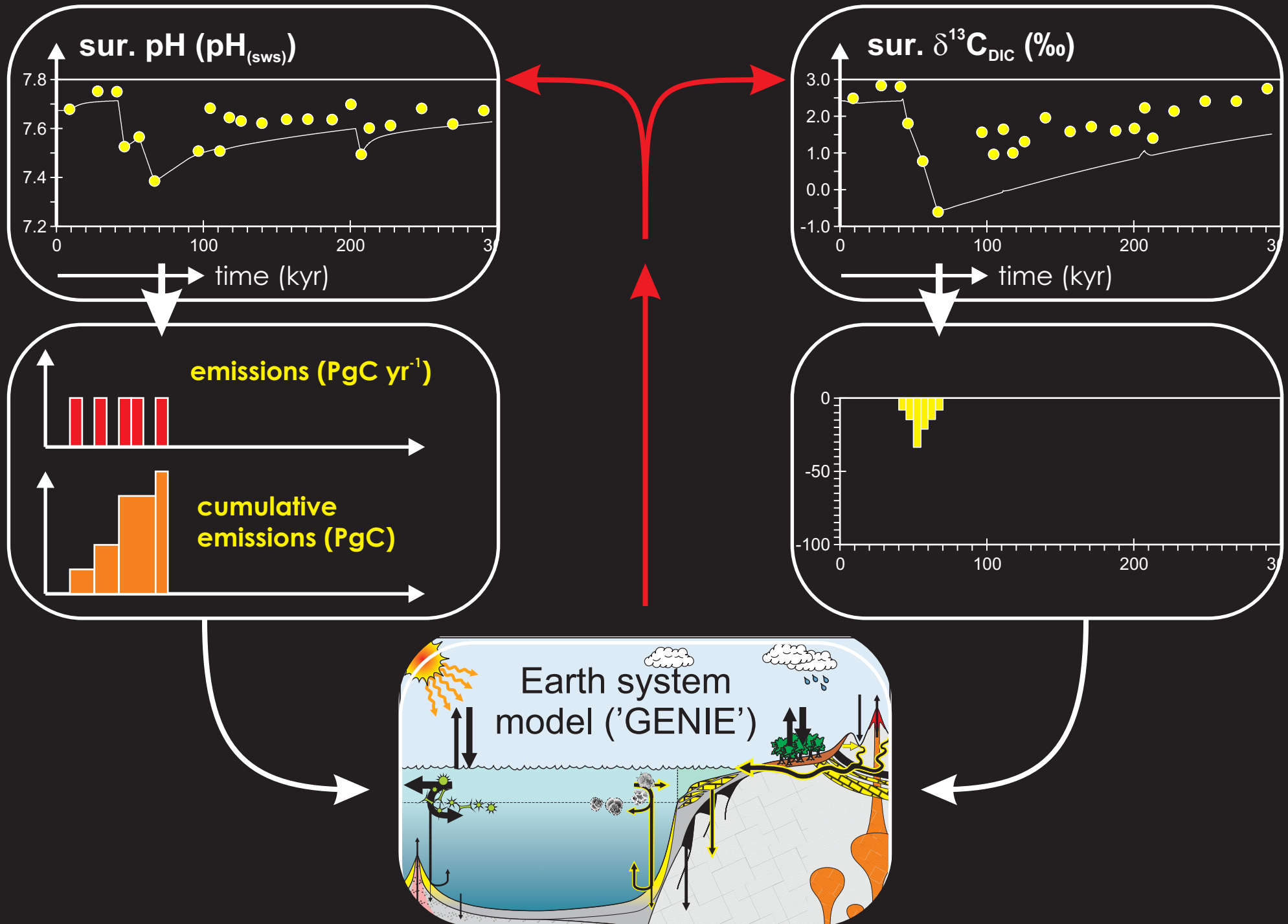
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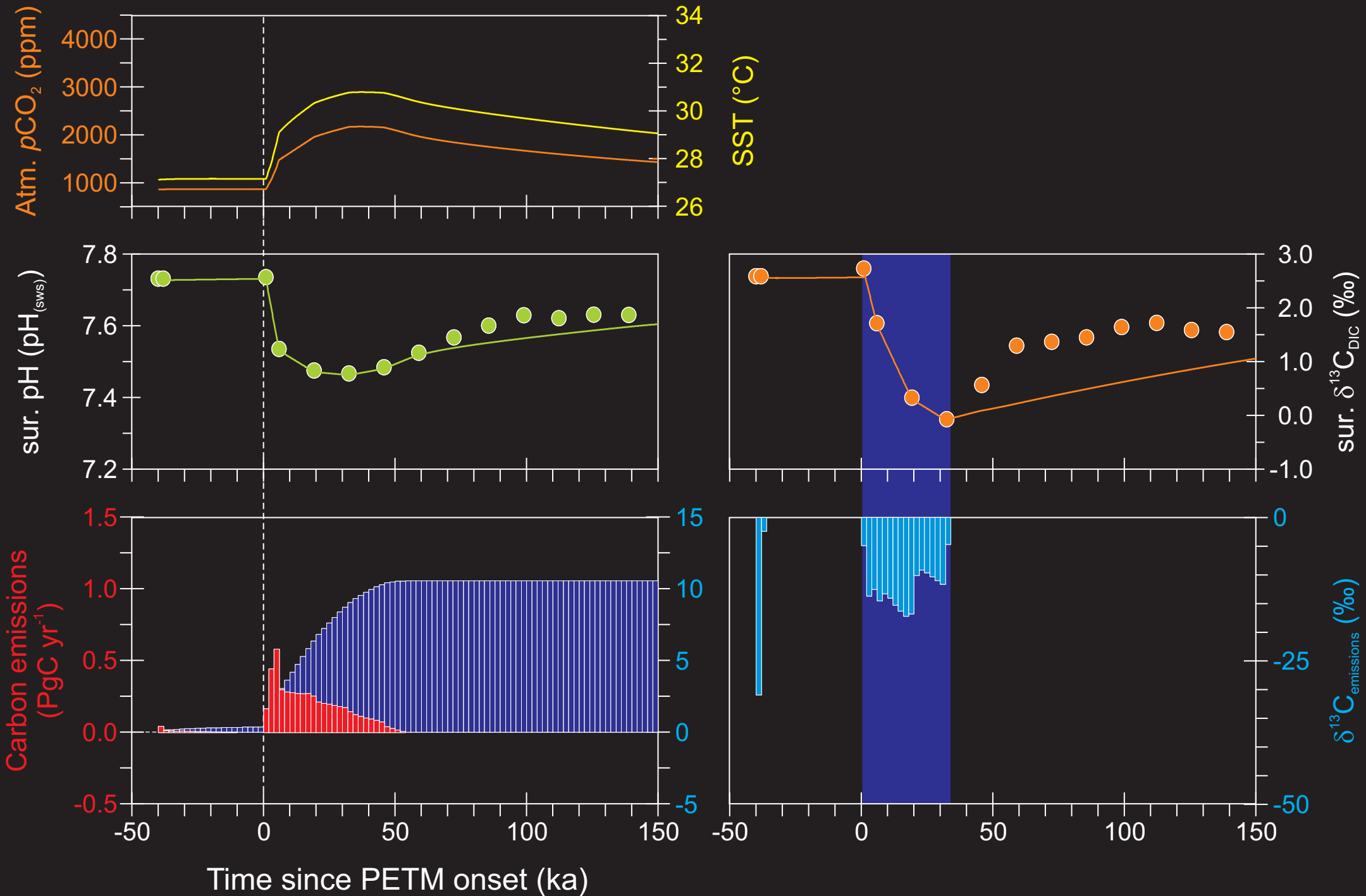
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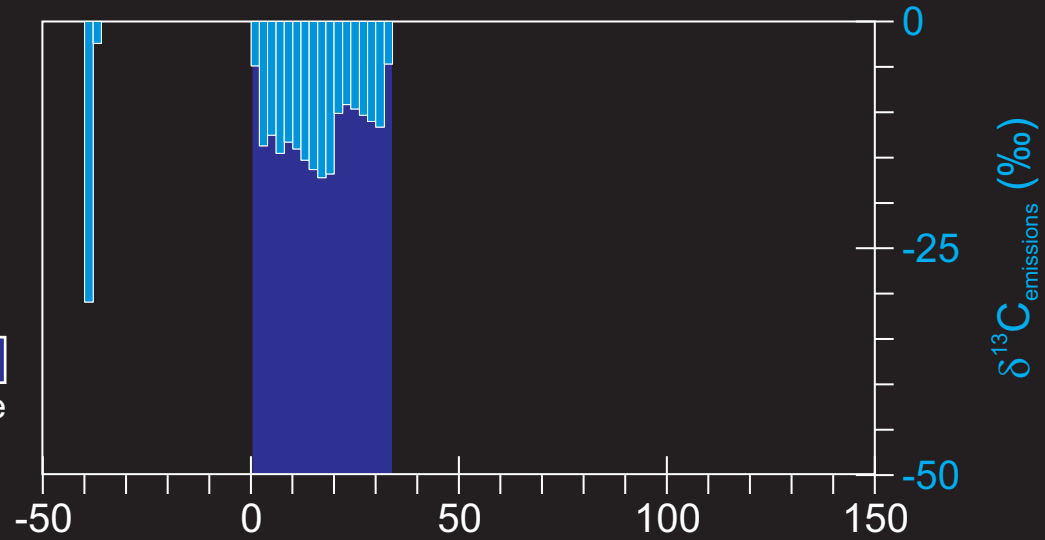
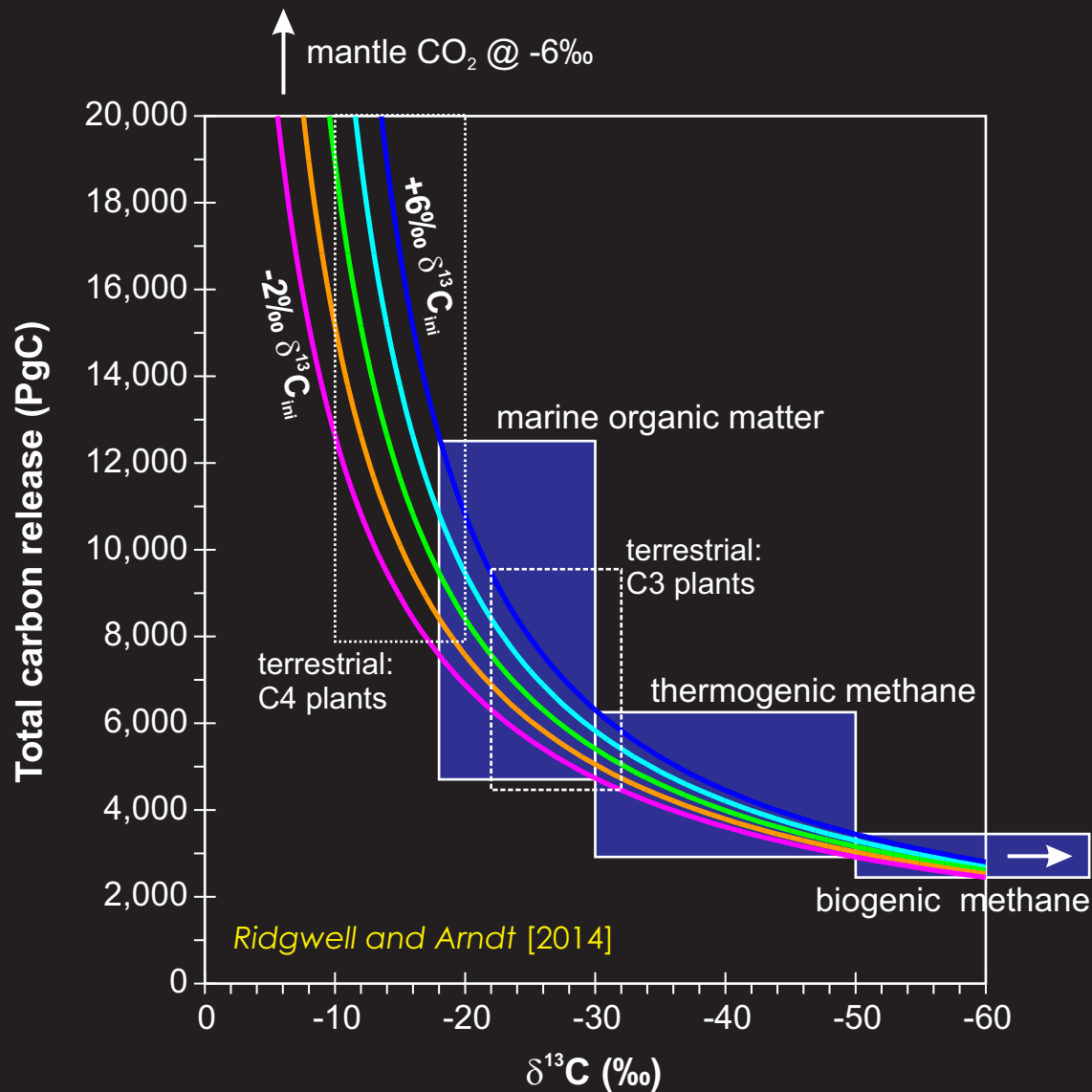
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One can write (*Kump and Arthur [1999], Chem. Geol.*):

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






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

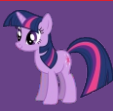
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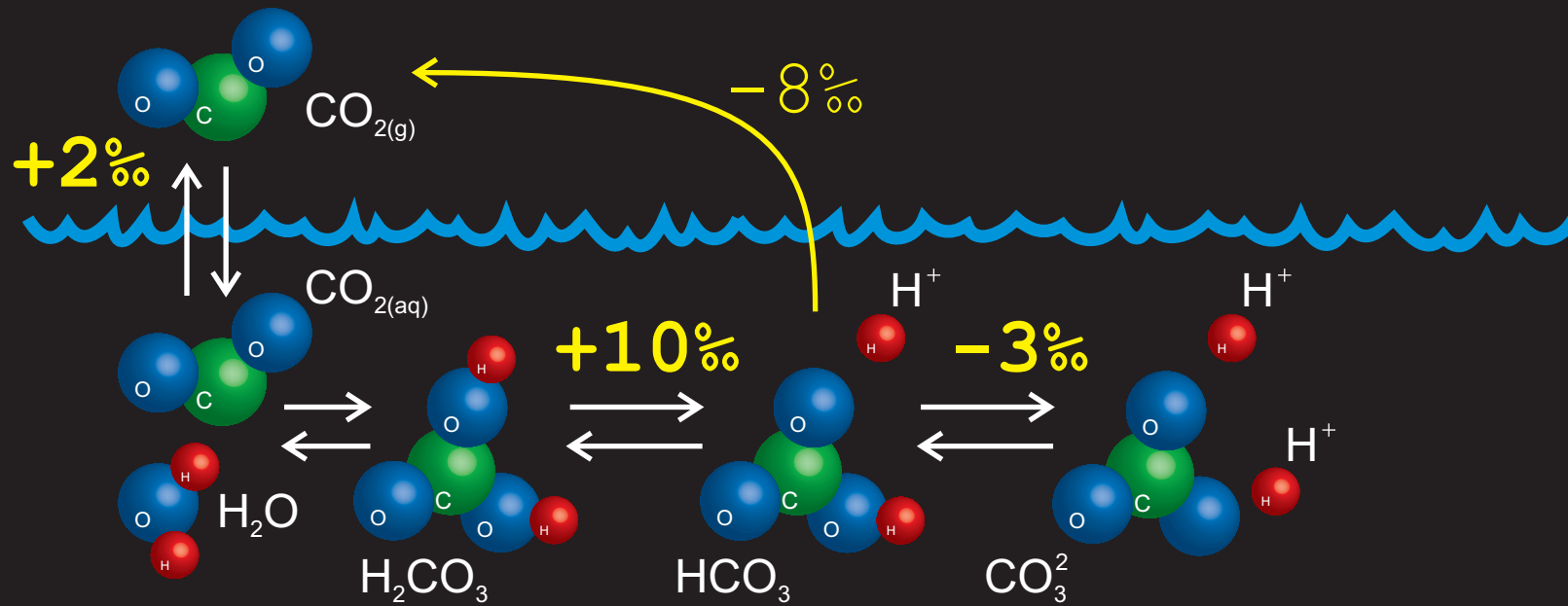
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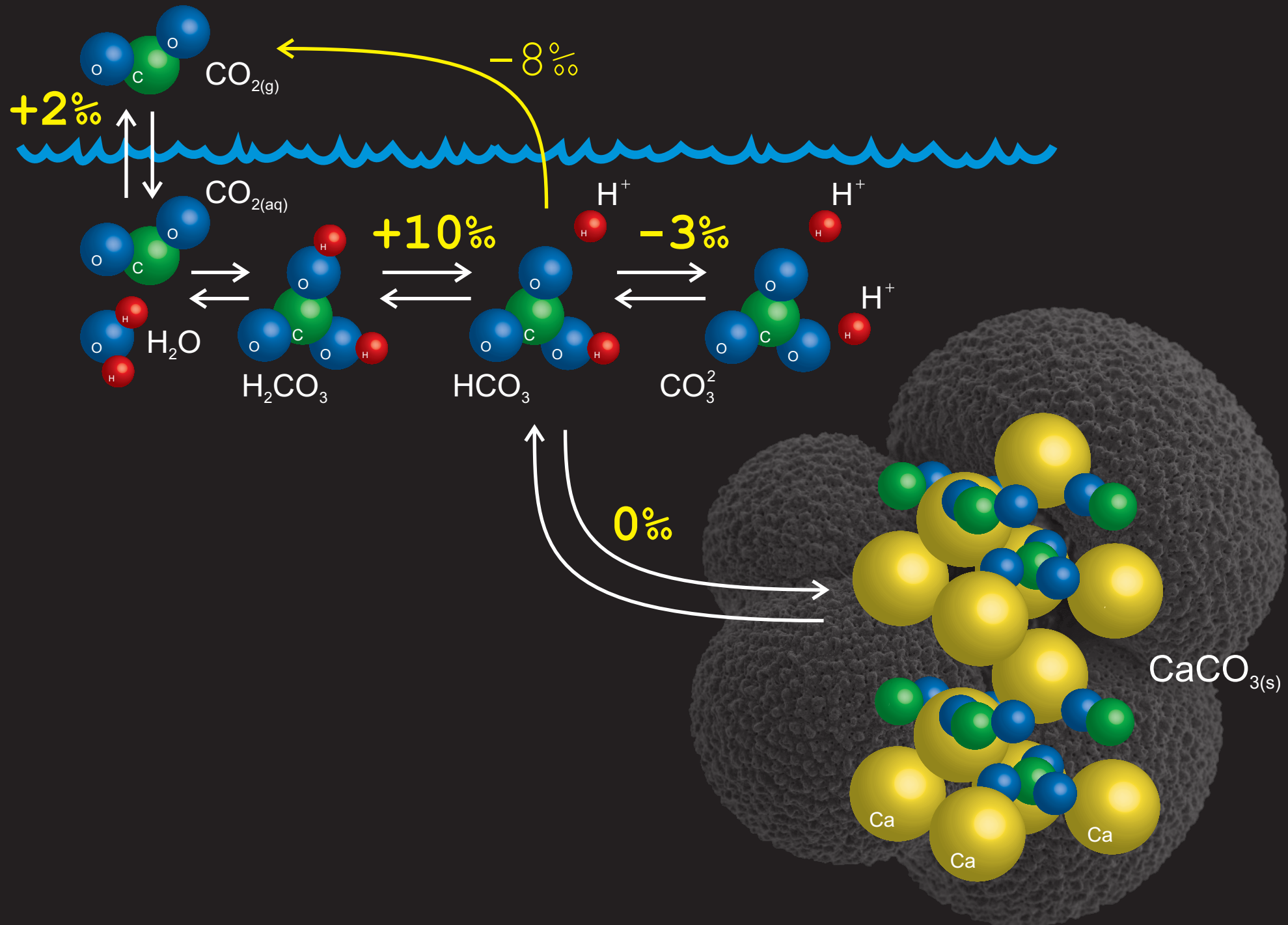
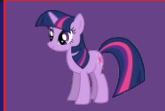
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A new paleo Pokémon appears – The pH control on carbonate $\delta^{13}\text{C}$



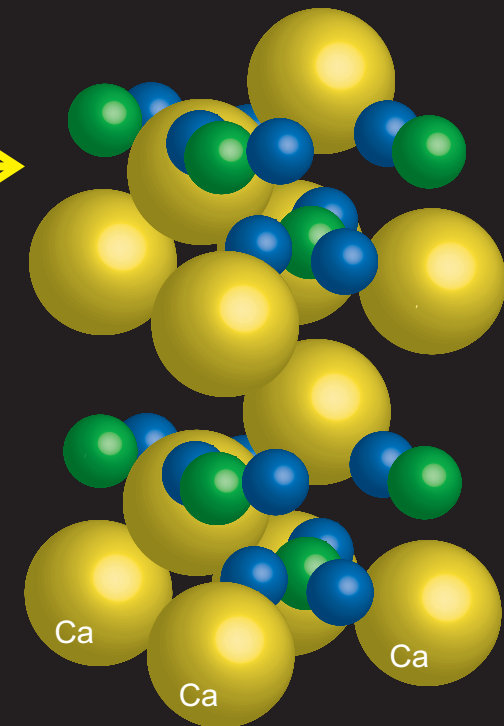
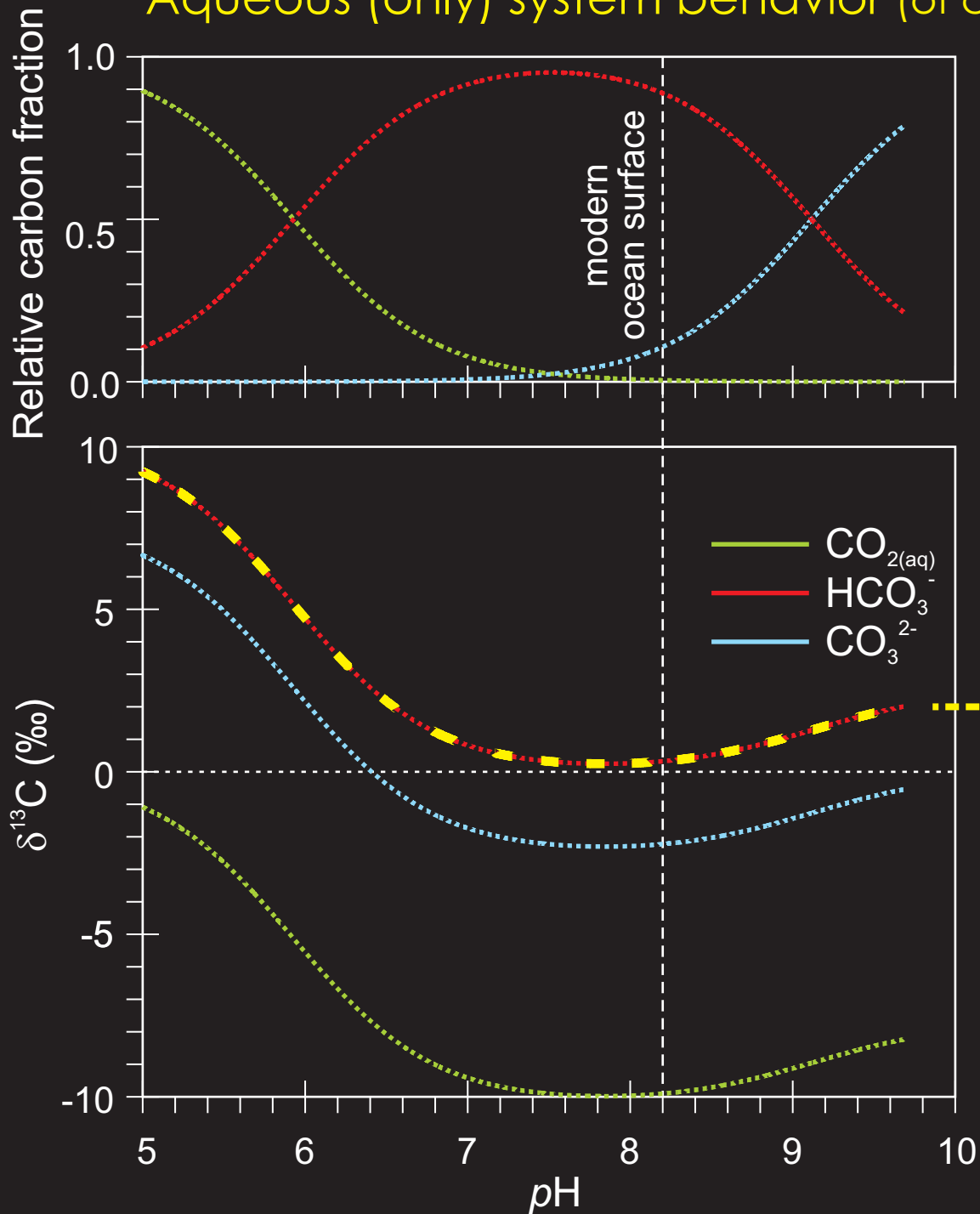
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Adapted from: *Barker and Ridgwell [2012]*

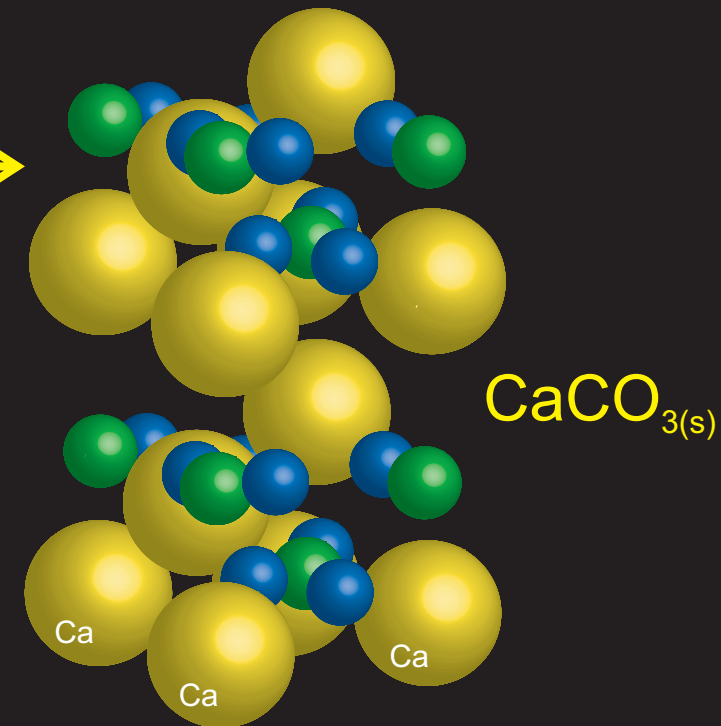
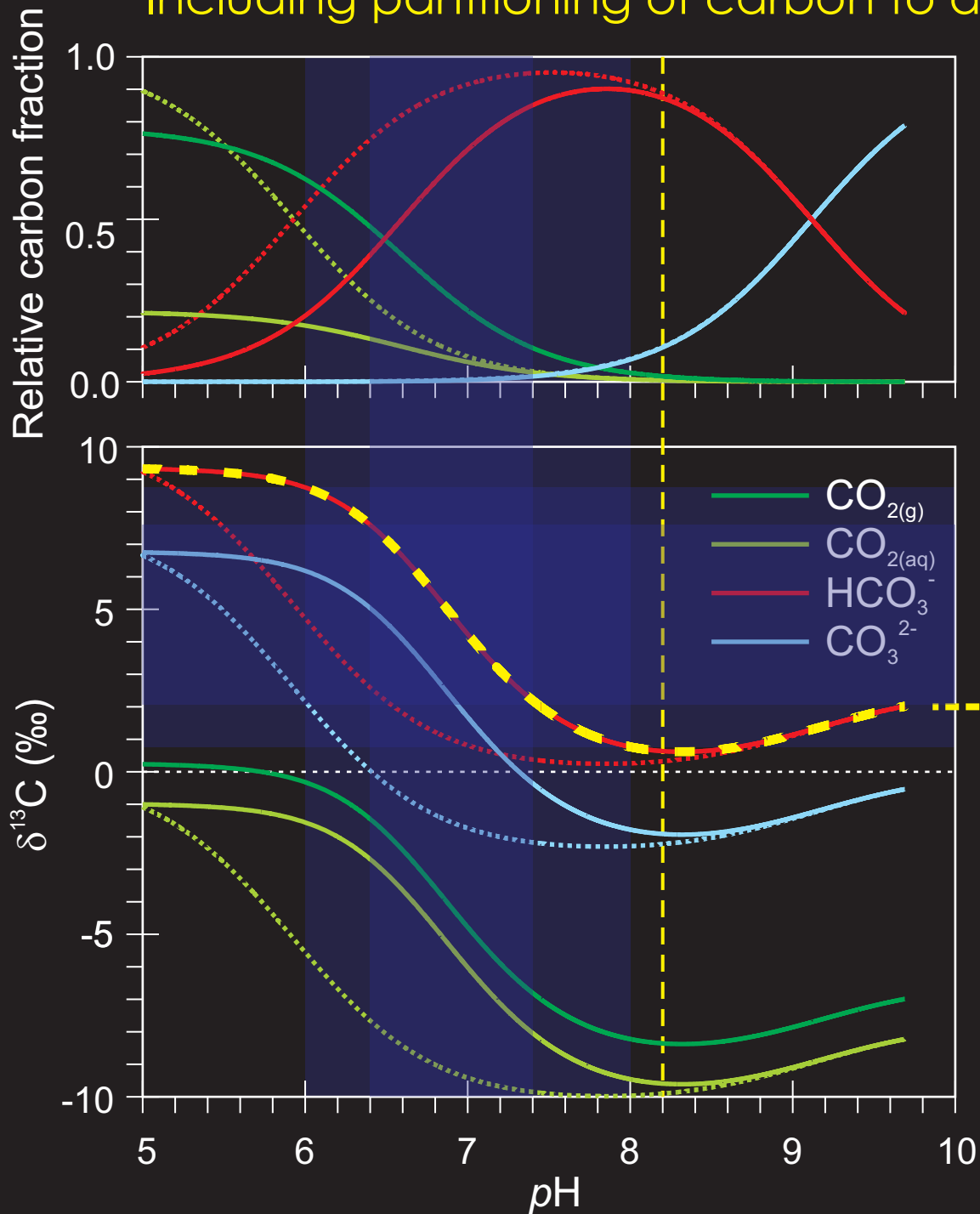


Aqueous (only) system behavior (of carbon partitioning between reservoirs)

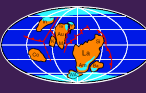




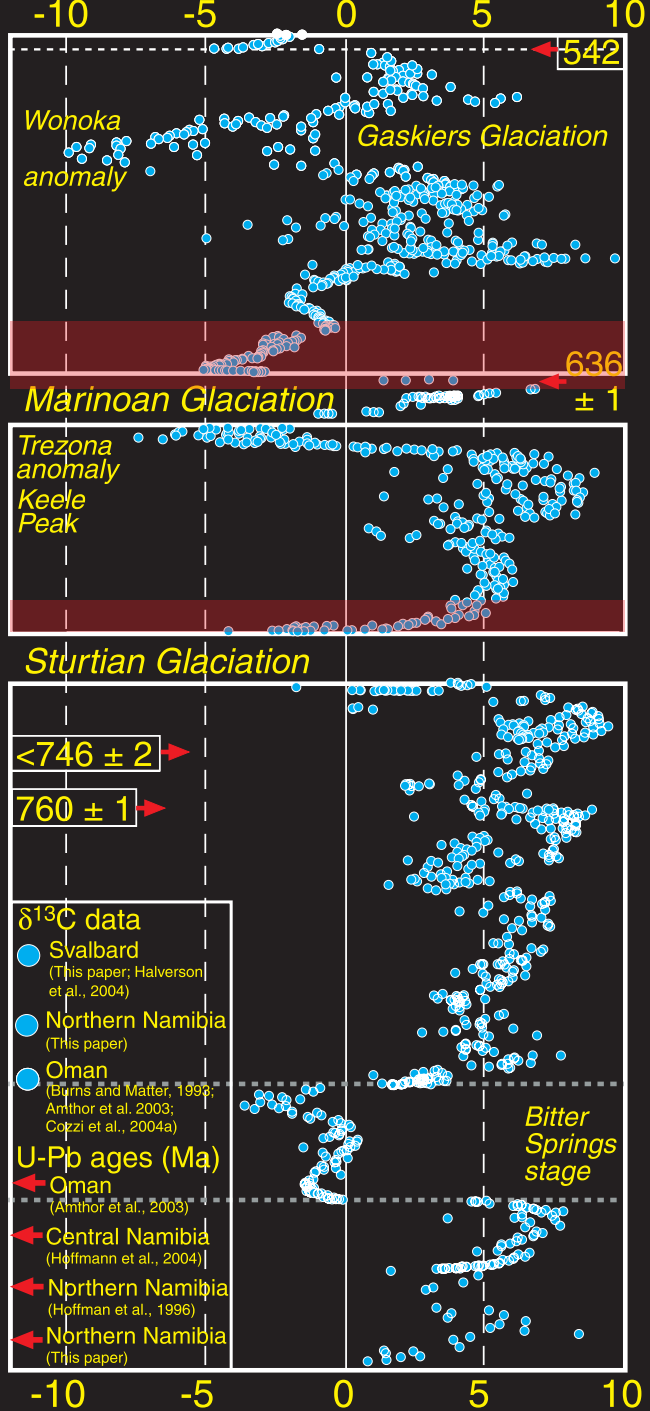
Including partitioning of carbon to atmosphere



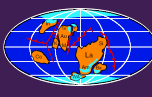
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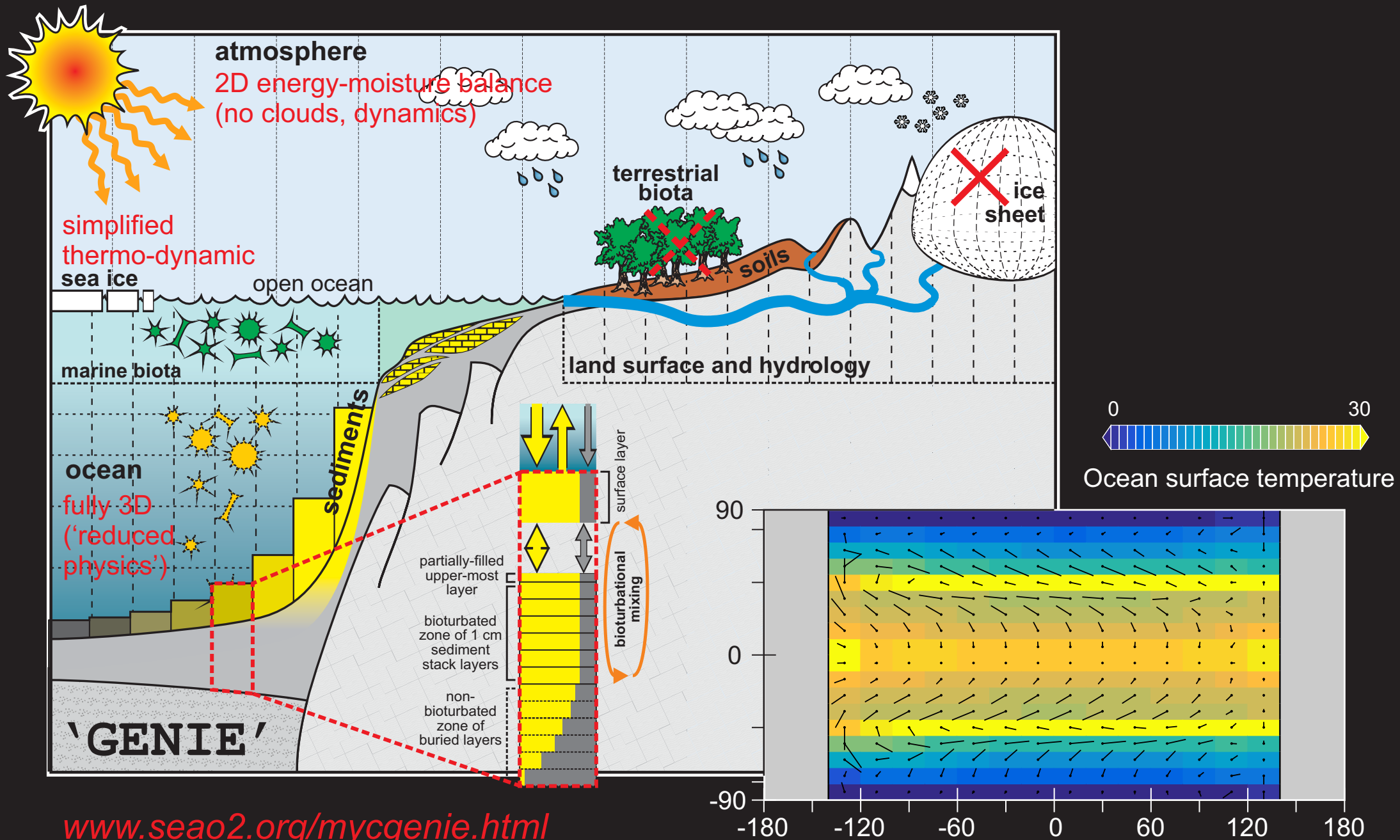
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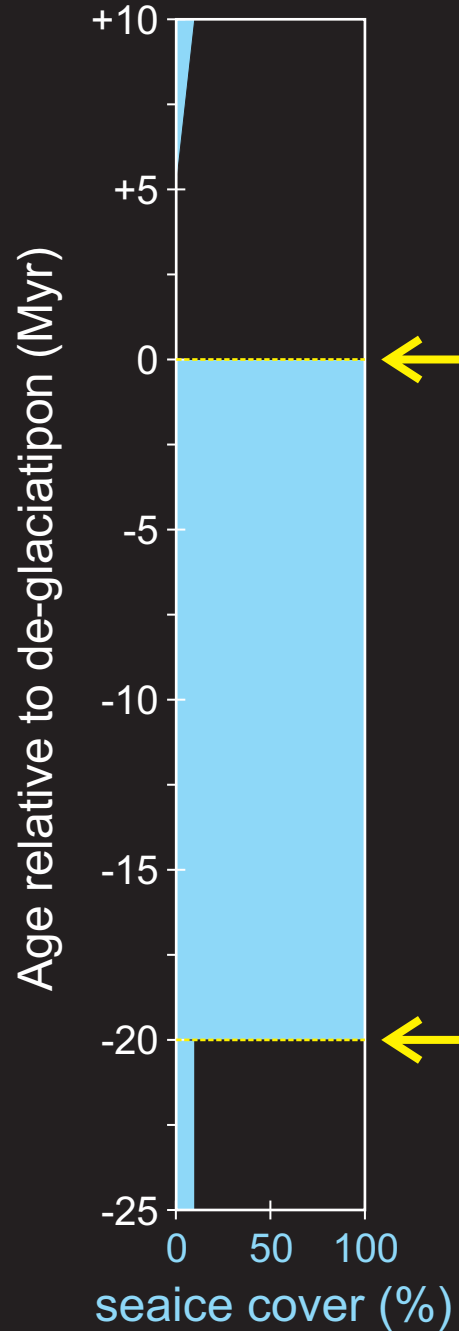
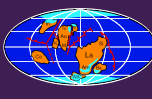
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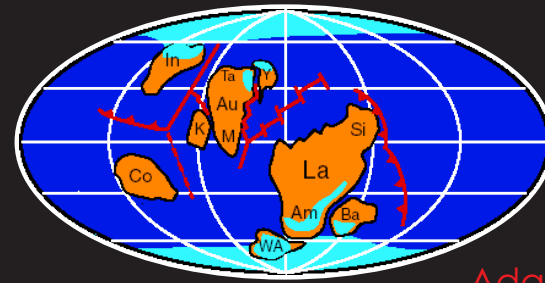
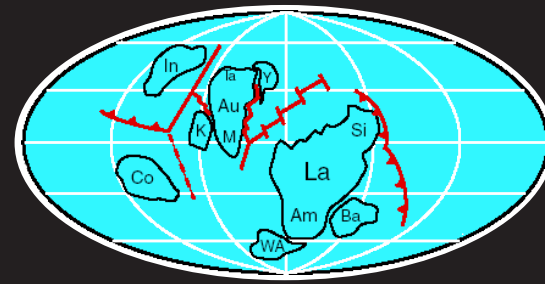
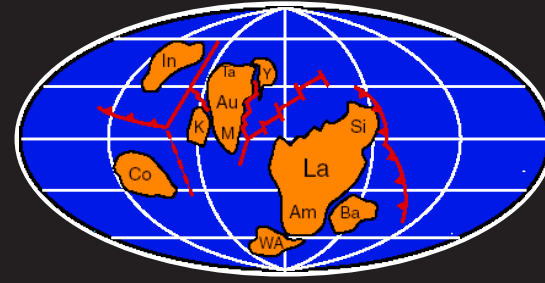
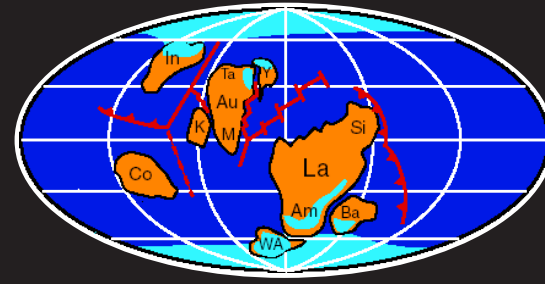
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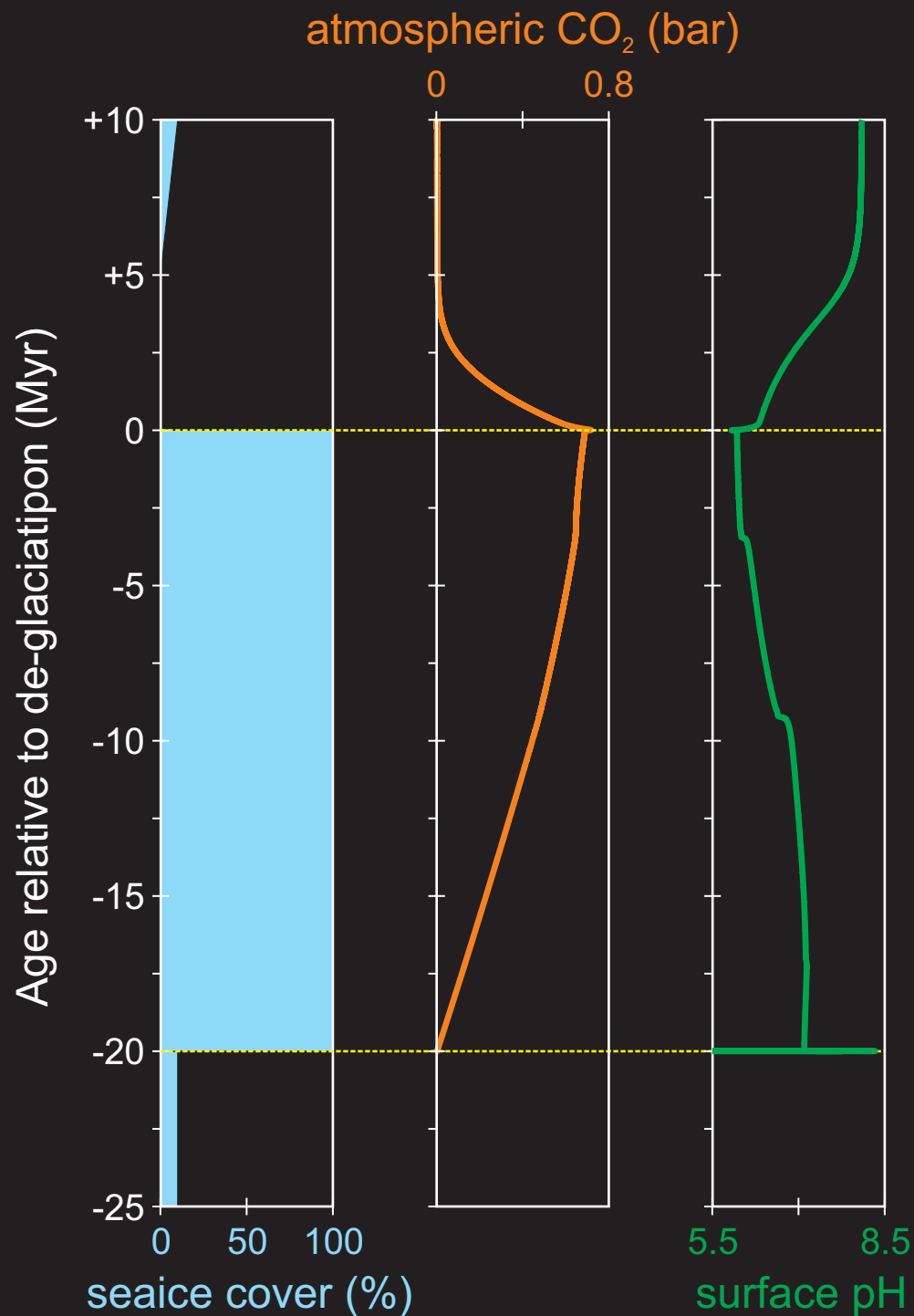


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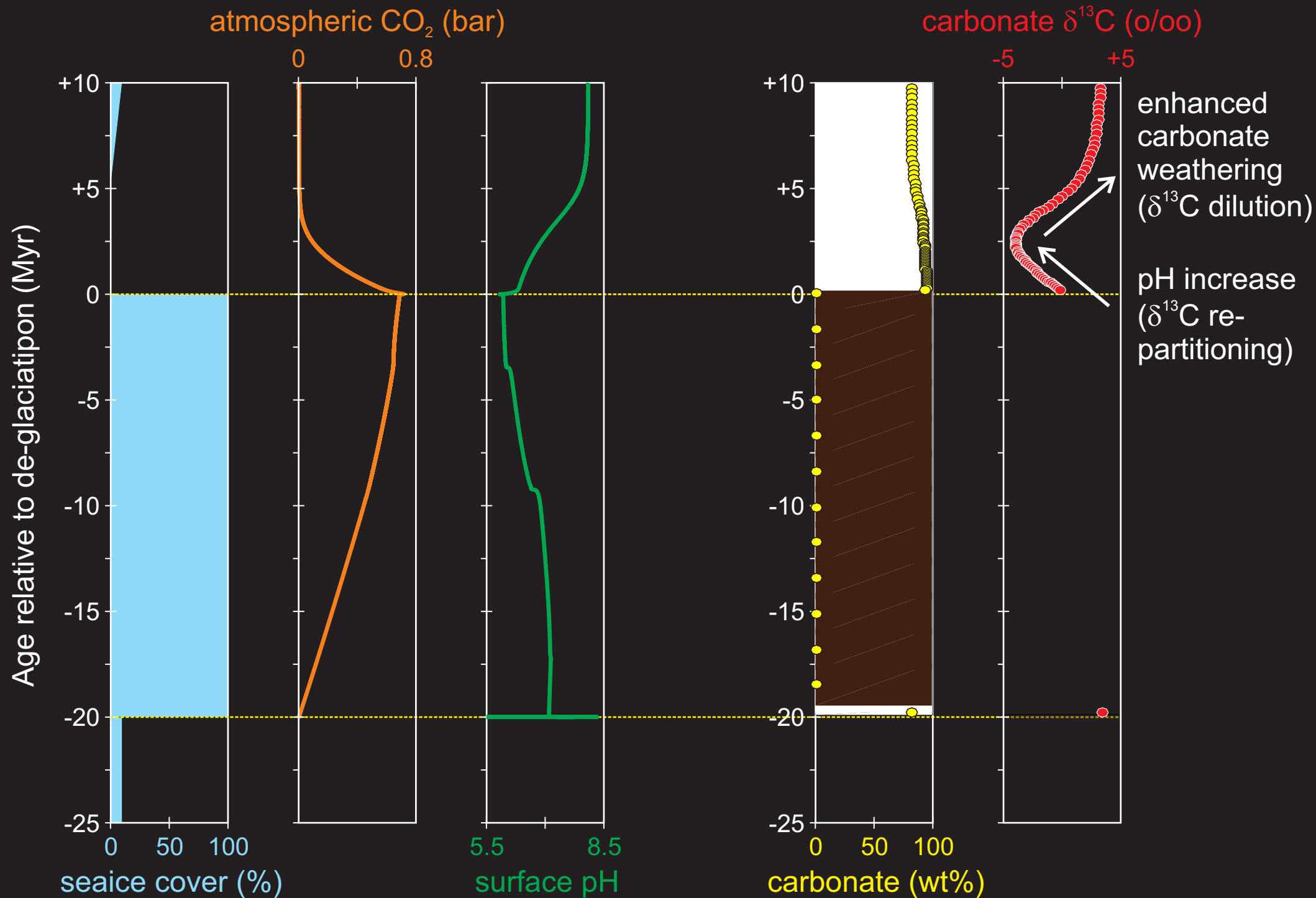
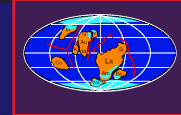
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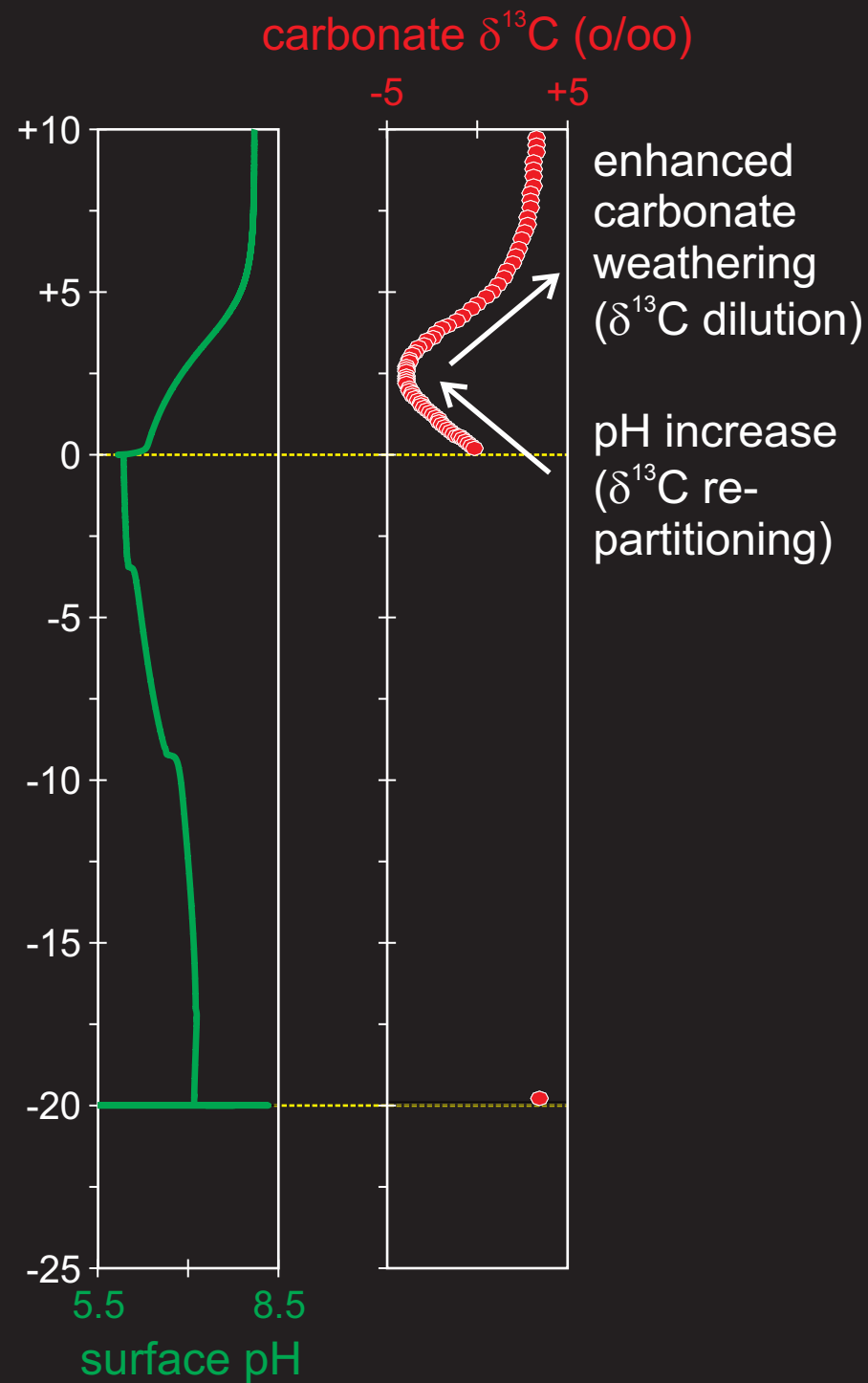
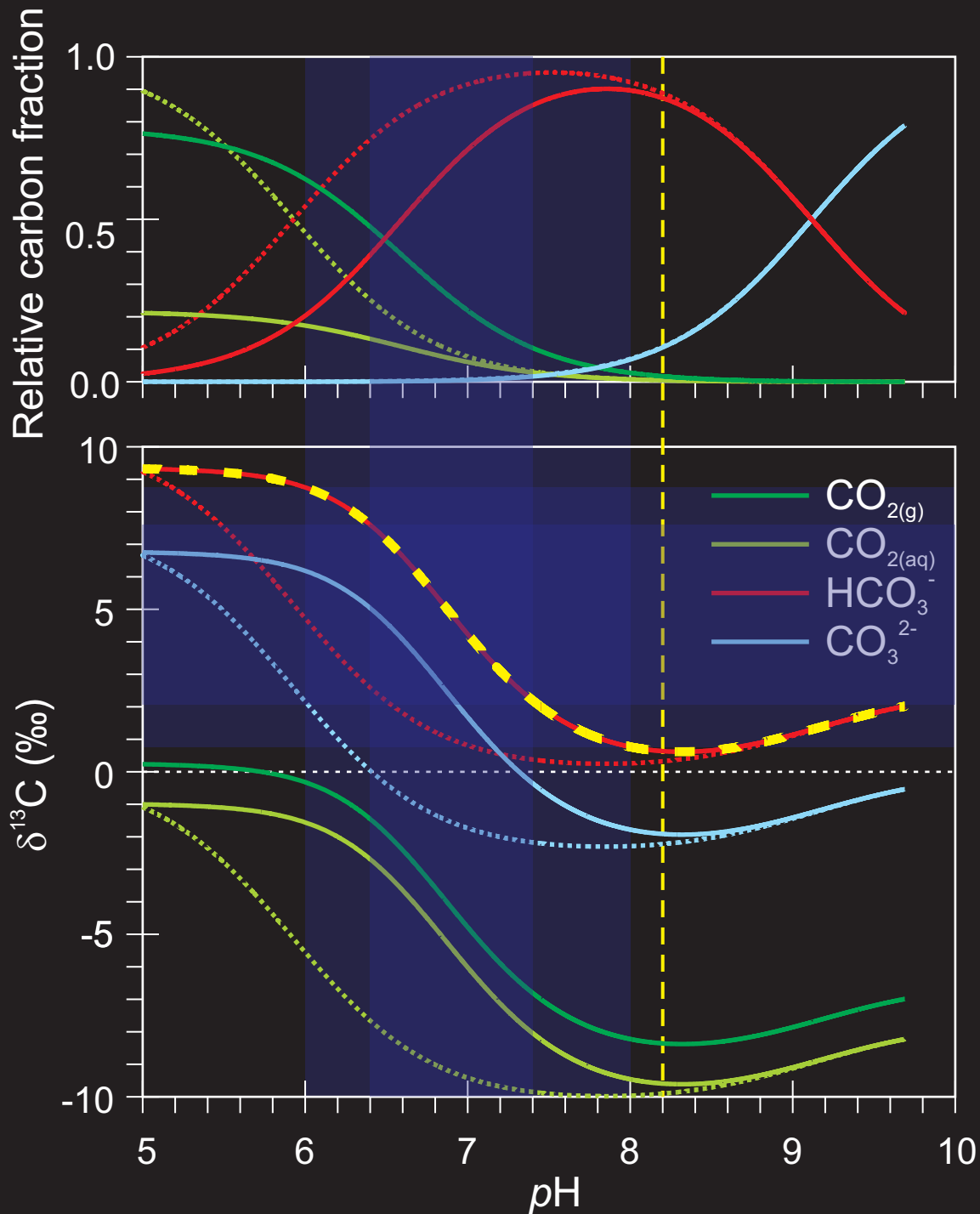
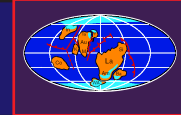




Enhanced weathering
⇒ CO₂ draw-down
and pH increase

Continued CO₂ out-gassing
but ... minimal weathering
⇒ CO₂ buildup @ -6 o/oo
and ocean pH decline

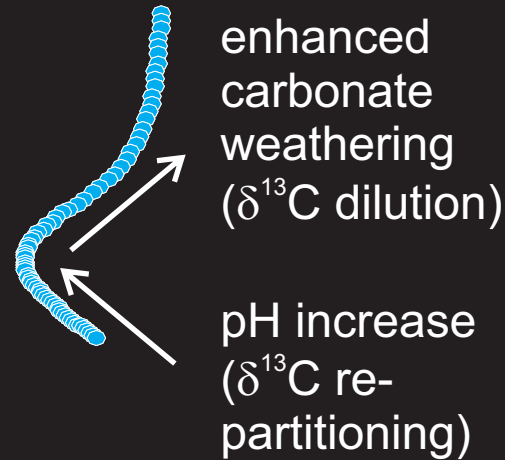
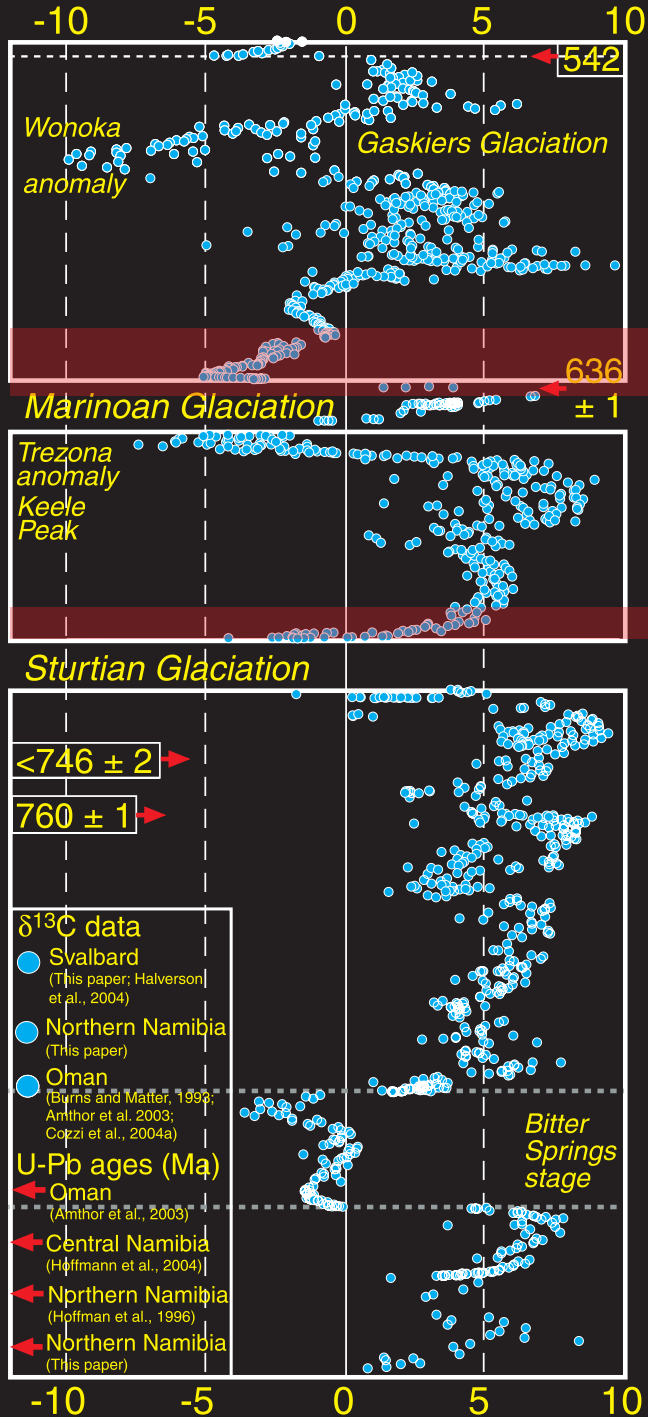




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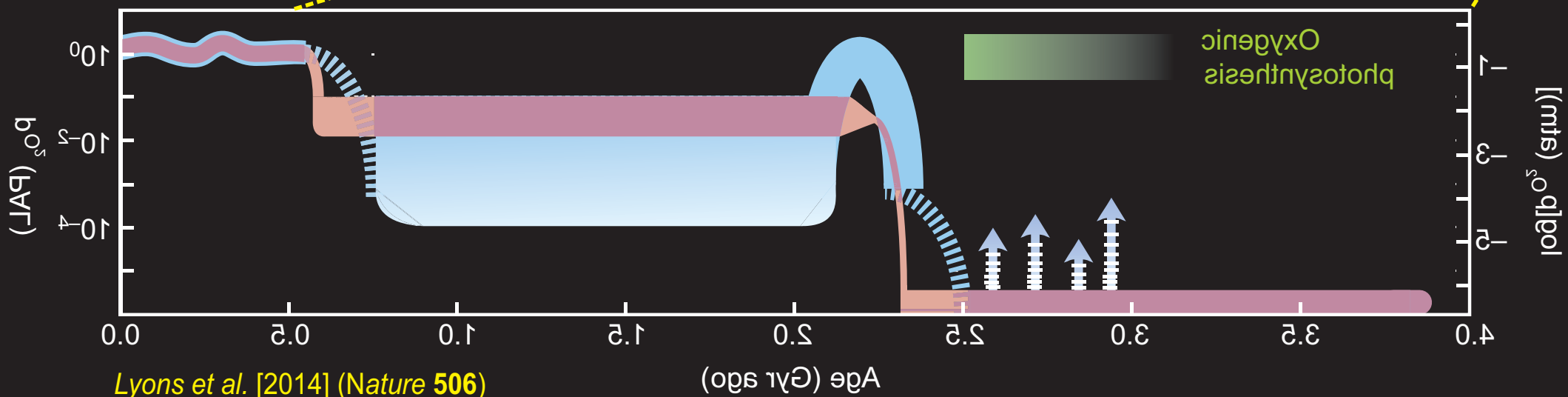
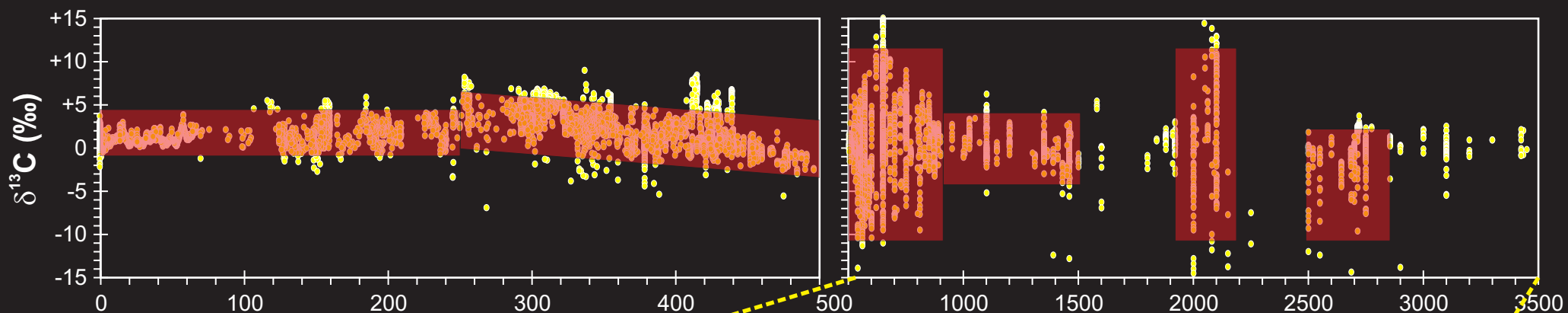
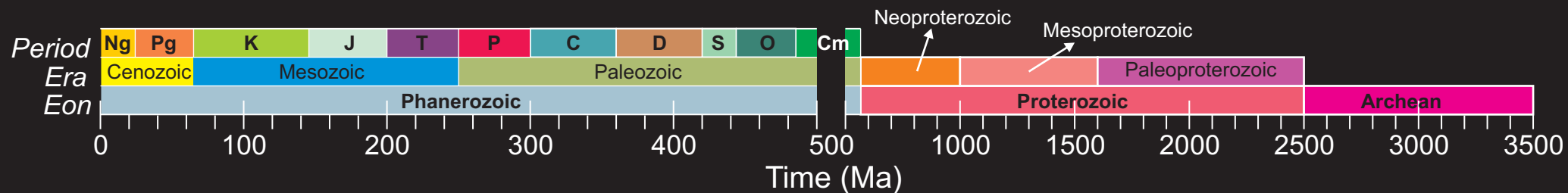
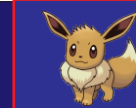
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(model simulation on a very different x/y scale)

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