# Evolution of the Ocean's Biological Pump ... in silico

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#### Evolution of the Biological Pump





Ridgwell and Arndt [submitted]











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#### Early Earth: Low atmospheric $pO_2$





#### Exploring the evolution of the biological pump in silico

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! calculate carbonate alkalinity
loc ALK DIC = dum ALK &
& - loc H4BO4 - loc OH - loc HPO4 - 2.0*loc PO4 - loc H3SiO4 - loc NH3 - loc HS &
\& + loc H + loc HSO4 + loc HF + loc H3PO4
! estimate the partitioning between the aqueous carbonate species
loc zed = ( &
    (4.0*loc ALK DIC + dum DIC*dum carbconst(icc k) -
loc ALK DIC*dum carbconst(icc k))**2 + &
    4.0*(dum carbconst(icc k) - 4.0)*loc ALK DIC**2 &
               loc conc HCO3 = (dum DIC*dum carbconst(icc k) -
& )**0.5
loc zed)/(dum carbconst(icc k) - 4.0)
loc conc CO3 = \&
& (&
    loc ALK DIC*dum carbconst(icc k) - dum DIC*dum carbconst(icc k) - &
    4.0*loc ALK DIC + loc zed &
& ) &
\& / (2.0*(dum carbconst(icc k) - 4.0))
loc conc CO2 = dum DIC - loc ALK DIC + &
& (&
   loc ALK DIC*dum carbconst(icc k) - dum DIC*dum carbconst(icc k) - &
    4.0*loc ALK DIC + loc zed &
&
& ) &
\& / (2.0*(dum carbconst(icc k) - 4.0))
loc H1 = dum carbconst(icc k1)*loc conc CO2/loc conc HCO3
loc H2 = dum carbconst(icc k2)*loc conc HCO3/loc conc CO3
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www.seao2.info/misc\_harvard2014.html



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Simulation running. You can change what the map or graph display using the drop-down lists.







Ridgwell et al. [in prep]













increasing fractionation between  $pCO_2$  and  $[CO_2]$  with decreasing temperature towards to poles







Answer: A somewhat reduced biological pump ...



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... or, a strange and different biological pump, consistent with profound ecological change post impact?



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('stratified' || 'sluggish' || 'stagnant' )







![](_page_29_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_29_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_31_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_31_Figure_2.jpeg)

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \hline & Open \mbox{ ocean } \delta^{13}C_{_{DIC}} \mbox{ adjacent to } & Plan \\ modern \mbox{ Tanzania } & early \end{array}$ 

90 90 0 0 -90 -90 -260 -180 100 180 0  $\mathbf{0}$ Ocean depth (km) yellow == 2-2 observed  $\delta^{13}C_{DIC}$ yellow == 3-3for a miniferal  $\delta^{13}$ C  $\delta^{\mbox{\tiny 18}} O$  has been converted 4 into pale temperature and then to habitat depth using a coupled GCM 5 5 -1.0 0.0 2.0 3.0 -1.0 3.0 1.0 0.0 2.0 1.0 $\delta^{13}C_{_{DIC}}$  (‰)  $\delta^{^{13}}\overline{\mathsf{C}_{_{\mathsf{DIC}}}}$  (%)

Planktic foraminiferal  $\delta^{13}$ C from early Eocene Tanzania

Open ocean  $\delta^{^{13}}C_{_{\text{DIC}}}$  adjacent to modern Tanzania

90 -

0

-90

0

-260

![](_page_33_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_33_Figure_2.jpeg)

modern Tanzania early Eocene Tanzania 90 -90-0 0 -90 -90 -260 -180 100 180 0 0 Ocean depth (km) 2-2 3-3 blue == model  $\delta^{13}C_{DIC}$ 4 4 (Eocene config) 5-5 -1.0 0.0 2.0 3.0 -1.0 0.0 2.0 3.0 1.0 1.0  $\delta^{13} C_{\text{DIC}}$  (‰)  $\delta^{13}\overline{C}_{DIC}$  (‰)

Planktic foraminiferal  $\delta^{13}$ C from

Open ocean  $\delta^{13}C_{DIC}$  adjacent to

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![](_page_35_Picture_3.jpeg)

# Evolution of the Biological Pump:

Planktic carbonate production and 'ballasting'

Compilation of sediment trap observations: depths >= 2000 m (to exclude hydrodynamically distorted fluxes and relationships) and differentiated by basin: cyan == Atl, yellow == Ind, green == Pac, magenta == SO.

[Wlison et al., 2012; GBC 26, doi:10.1029/2012GB004398]

![](_page_36_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### **Evolution of the Biological Pump:** Planktic carbonate production and 'ballasting'

![](_page_37_Figure_1.jpeg)

Spatial distribution of carrying capacity (ballasting) coefficients calculated using geographically weighted regression analysis for CaCO<sub>3</sub>.

Wilson et al. [2012]