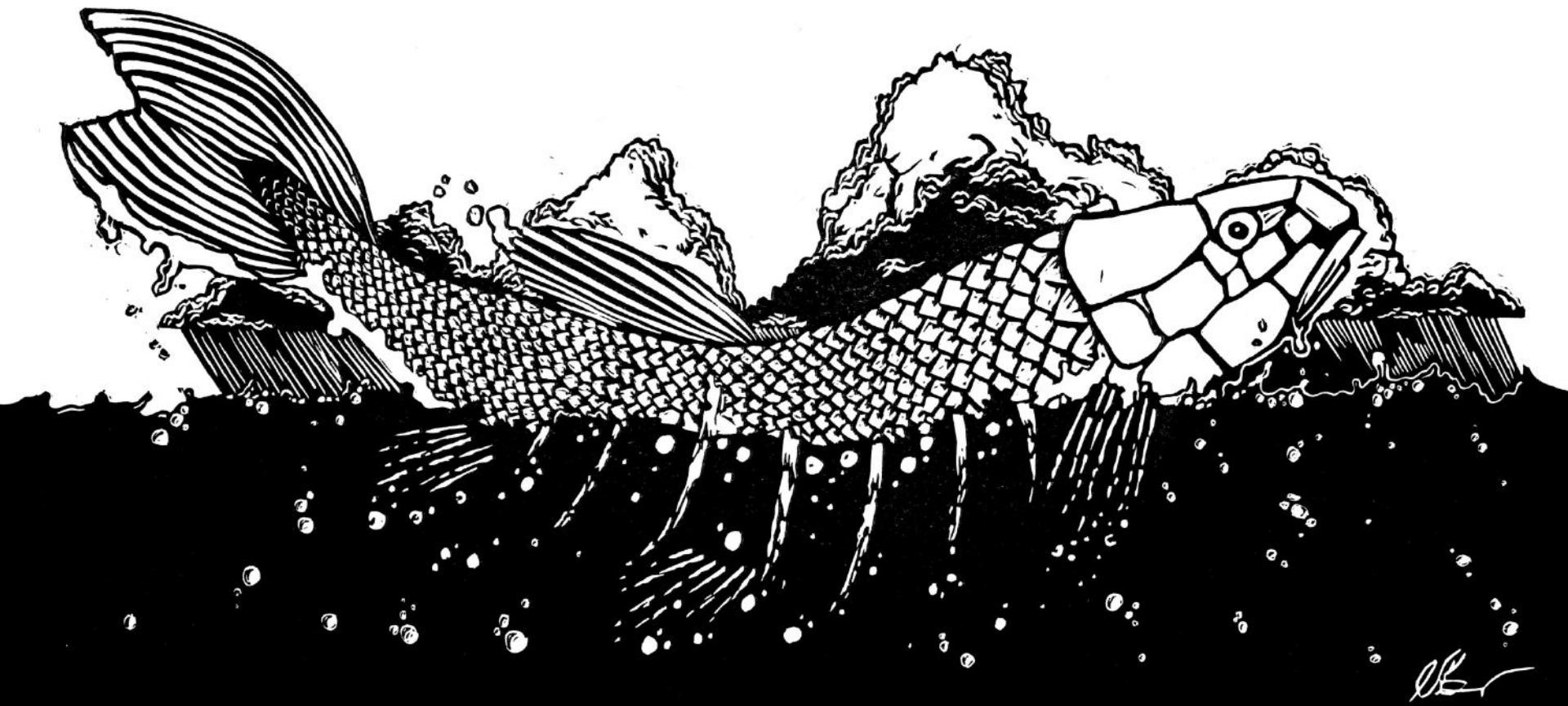




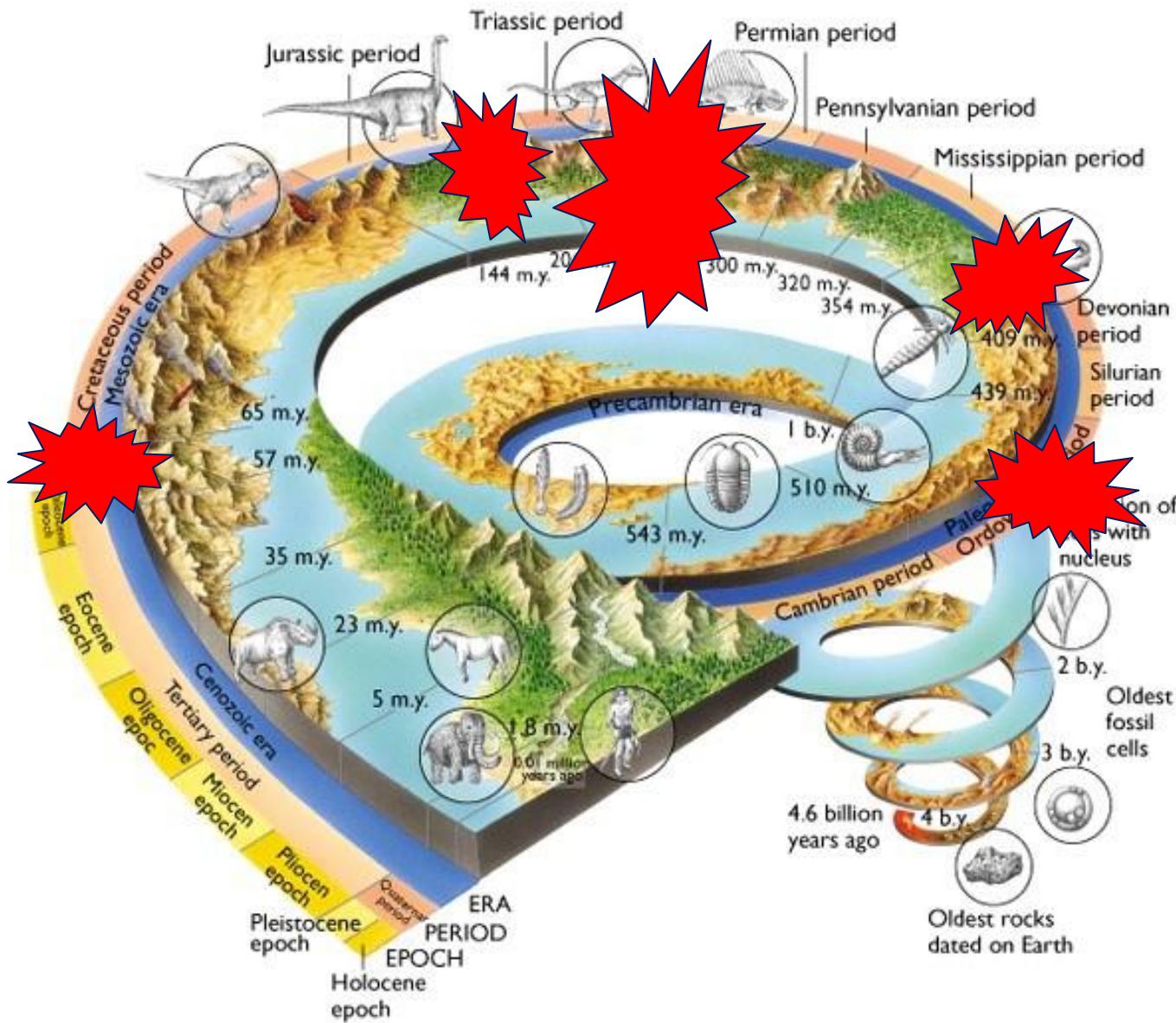
# Mass extinction, climate change, and ocean acidification

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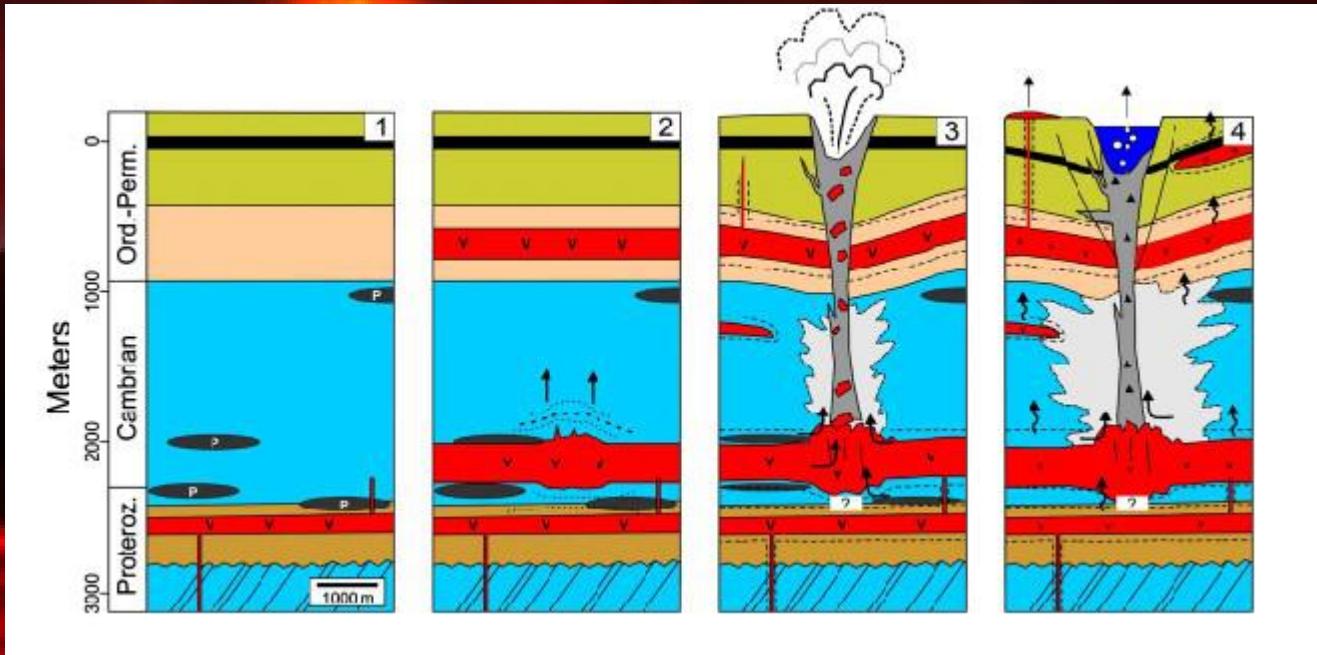
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# The end-Permian Mass Extinction: ~252 million years ago



# Siberian Traps: a Large Igneous Province



Magmatic  
&  
carbonate  
-derived  
CO<sub>2</sub>



# In the sea...before



Permian diorama at the University of Michigan's Museum of Natural History

# In the sea...after



# On land...before



Credit: Davide Bonadonna

# On land...after



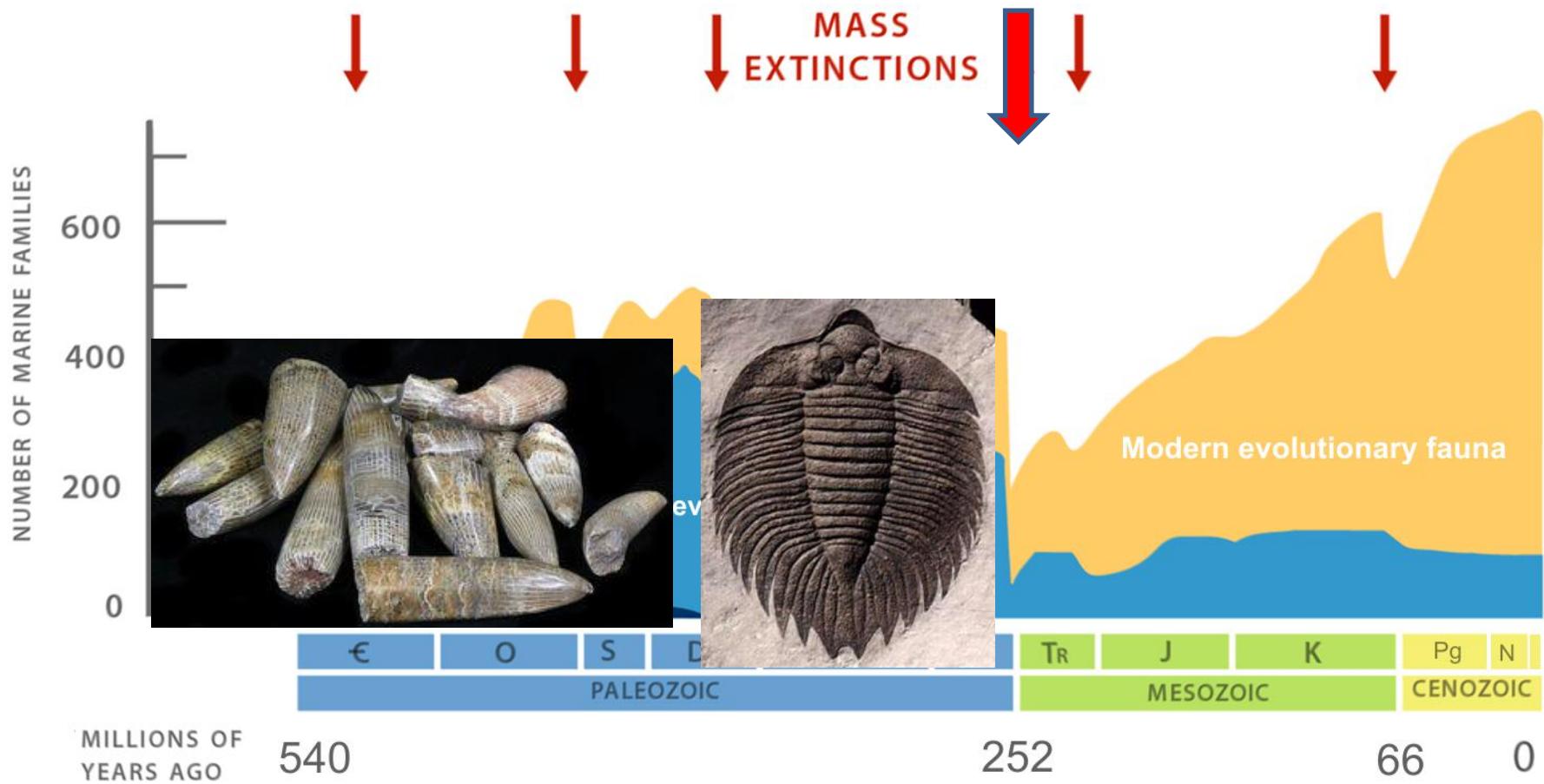
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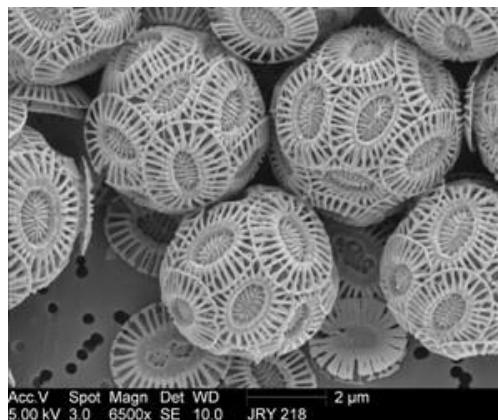
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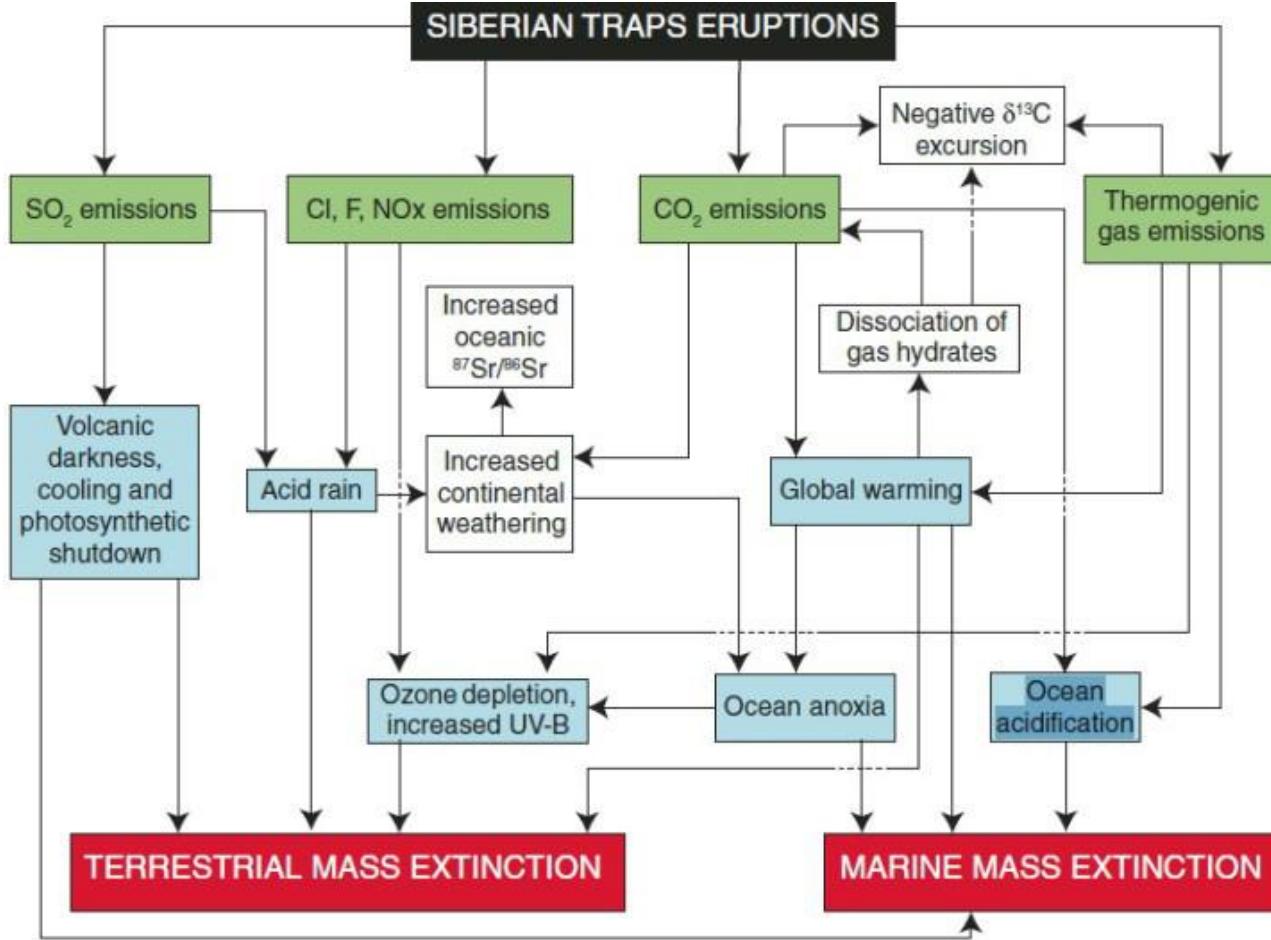
# Removed 'incumbents'



# Ushered in the Modern world



# A runaway greenhouse?

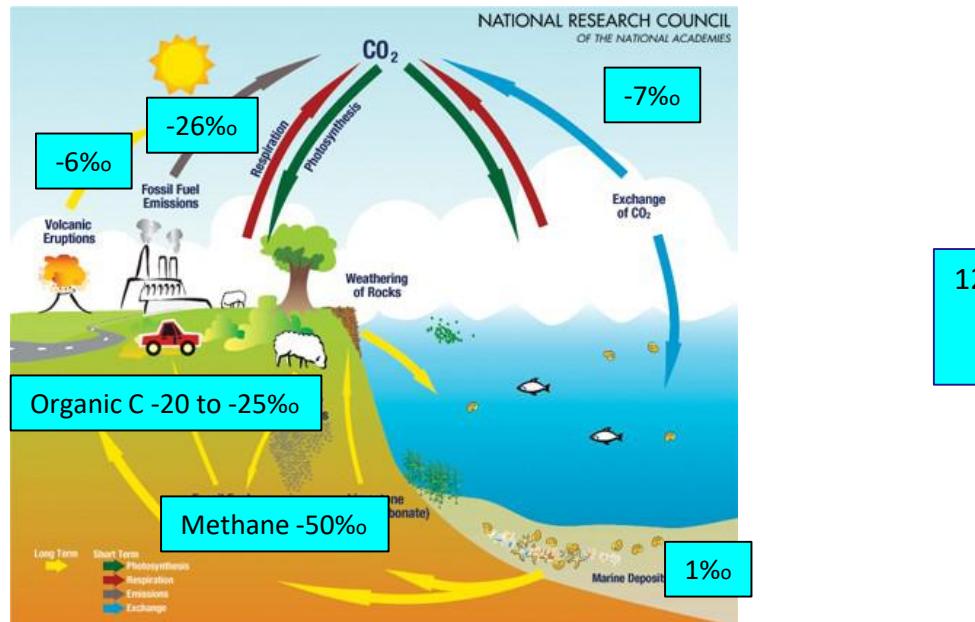


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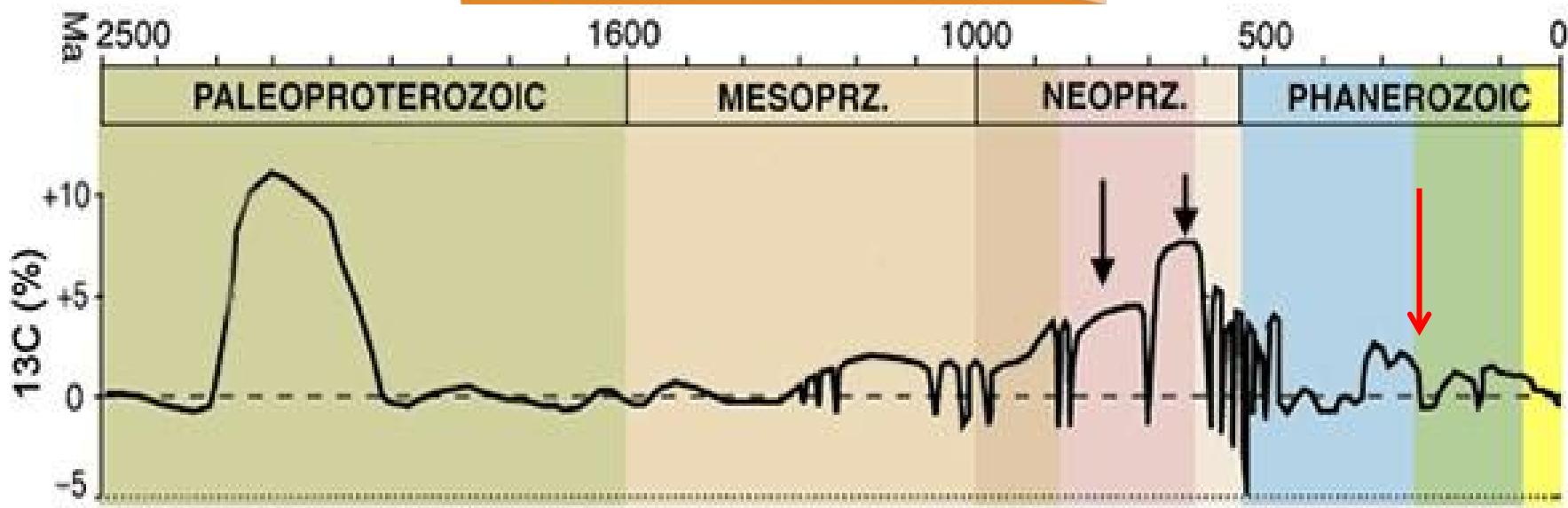


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# Changes in the Carbon cycle

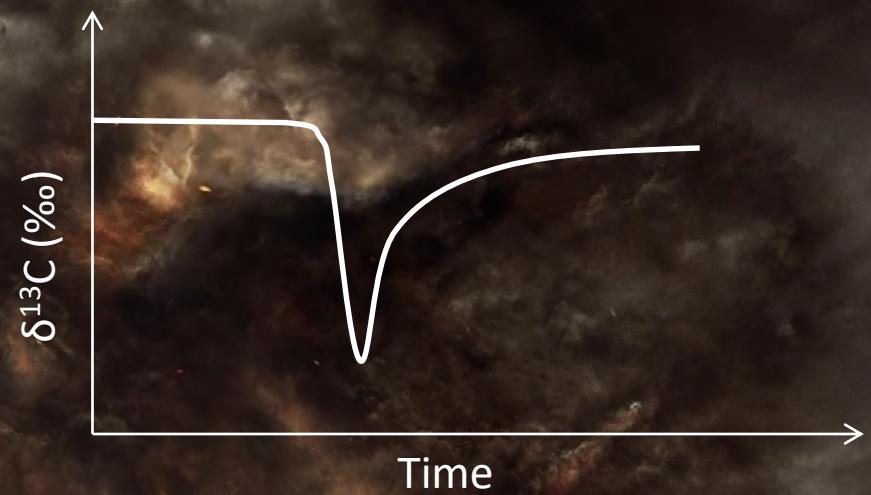


$^{12}\text{C}$  vs  $^{13}\text{C}$   
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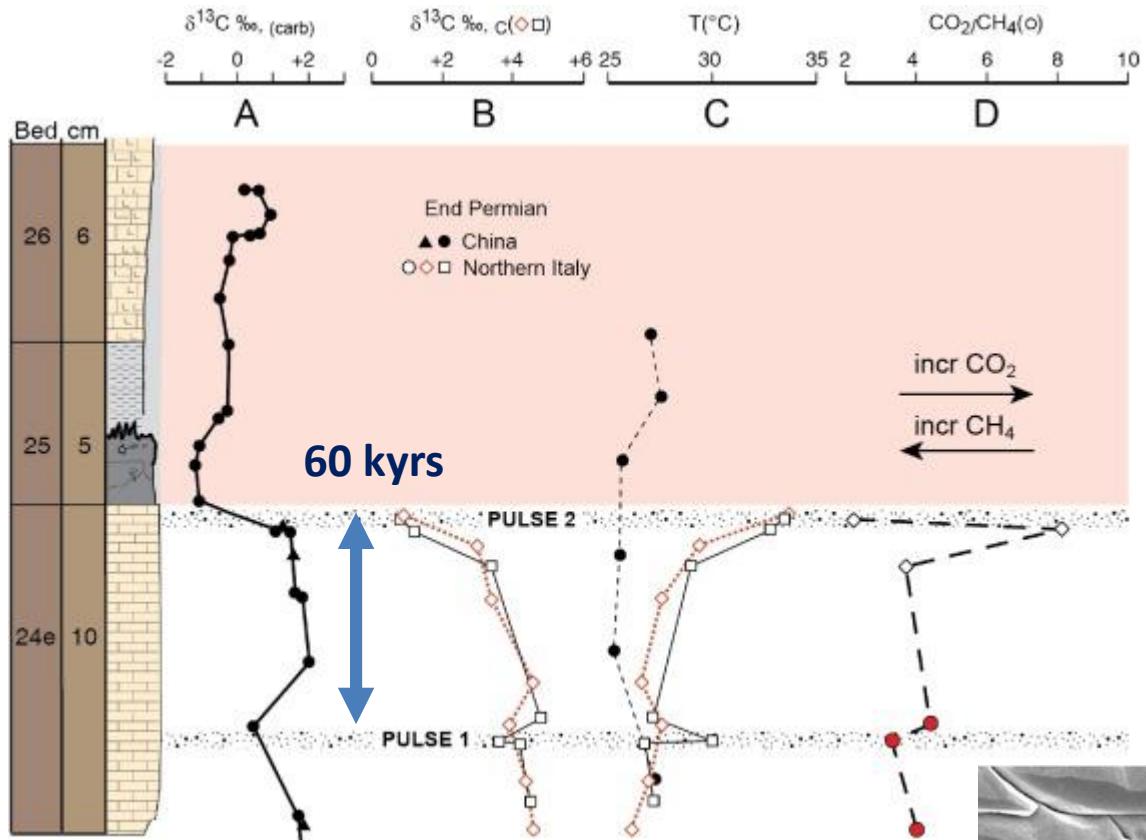


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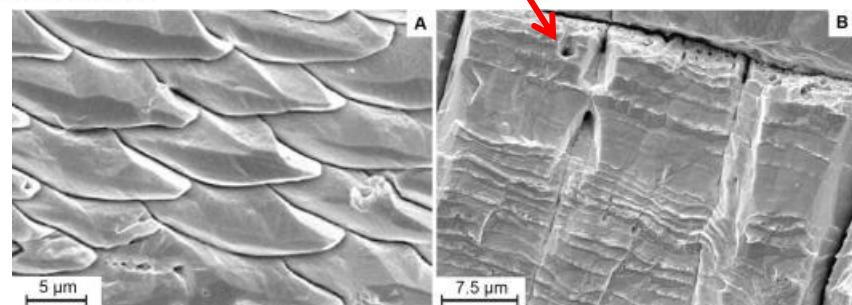
**Carbon Isotope Excursions (CIEs)**



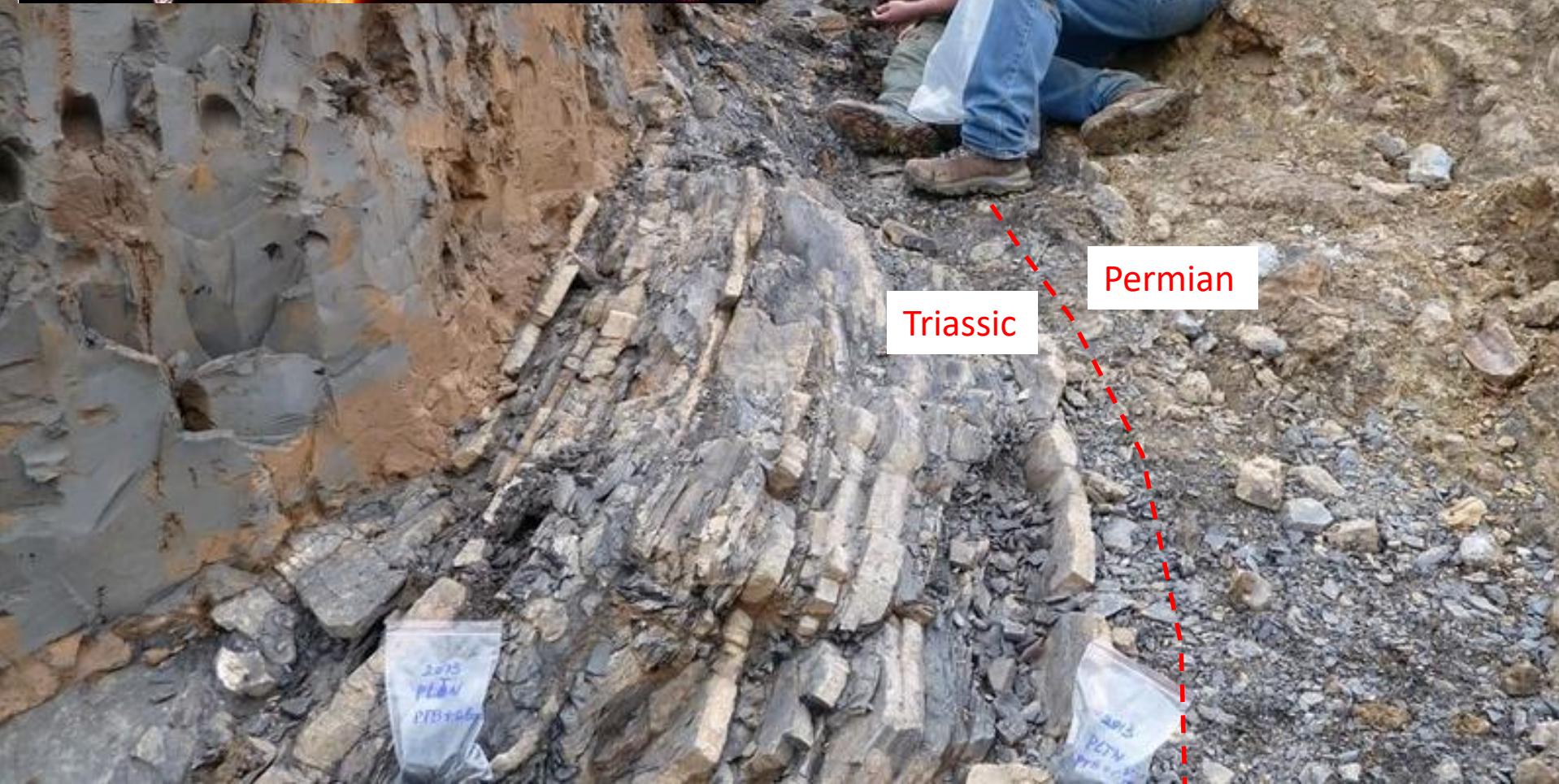
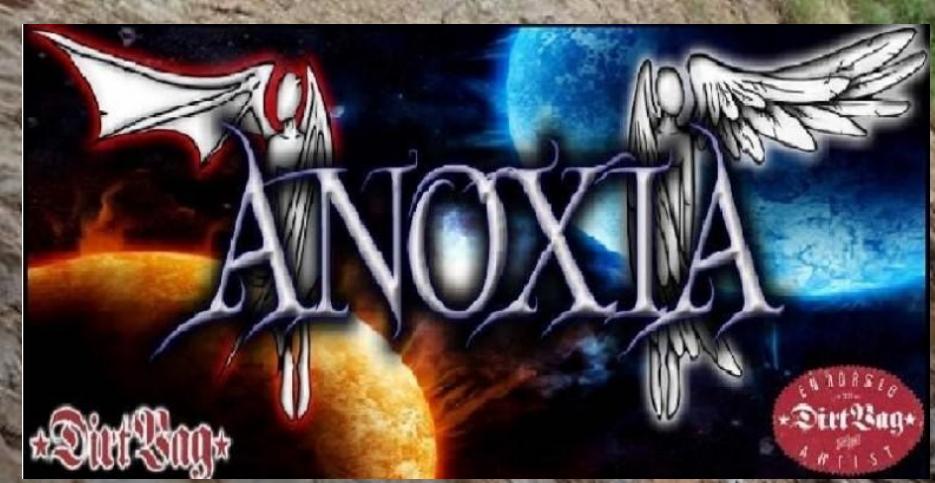
# Rapid global warming: CO<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>4</sub>



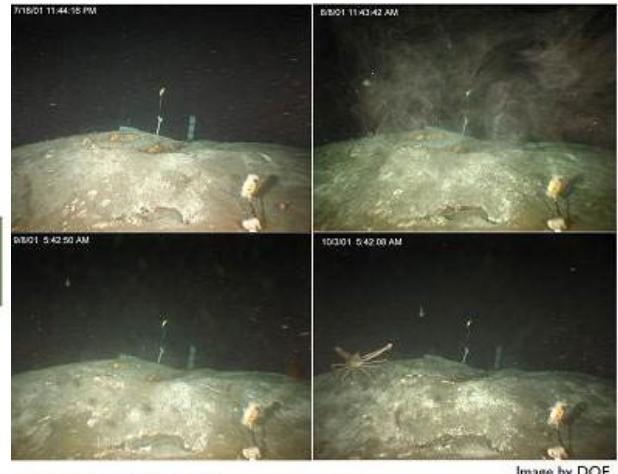
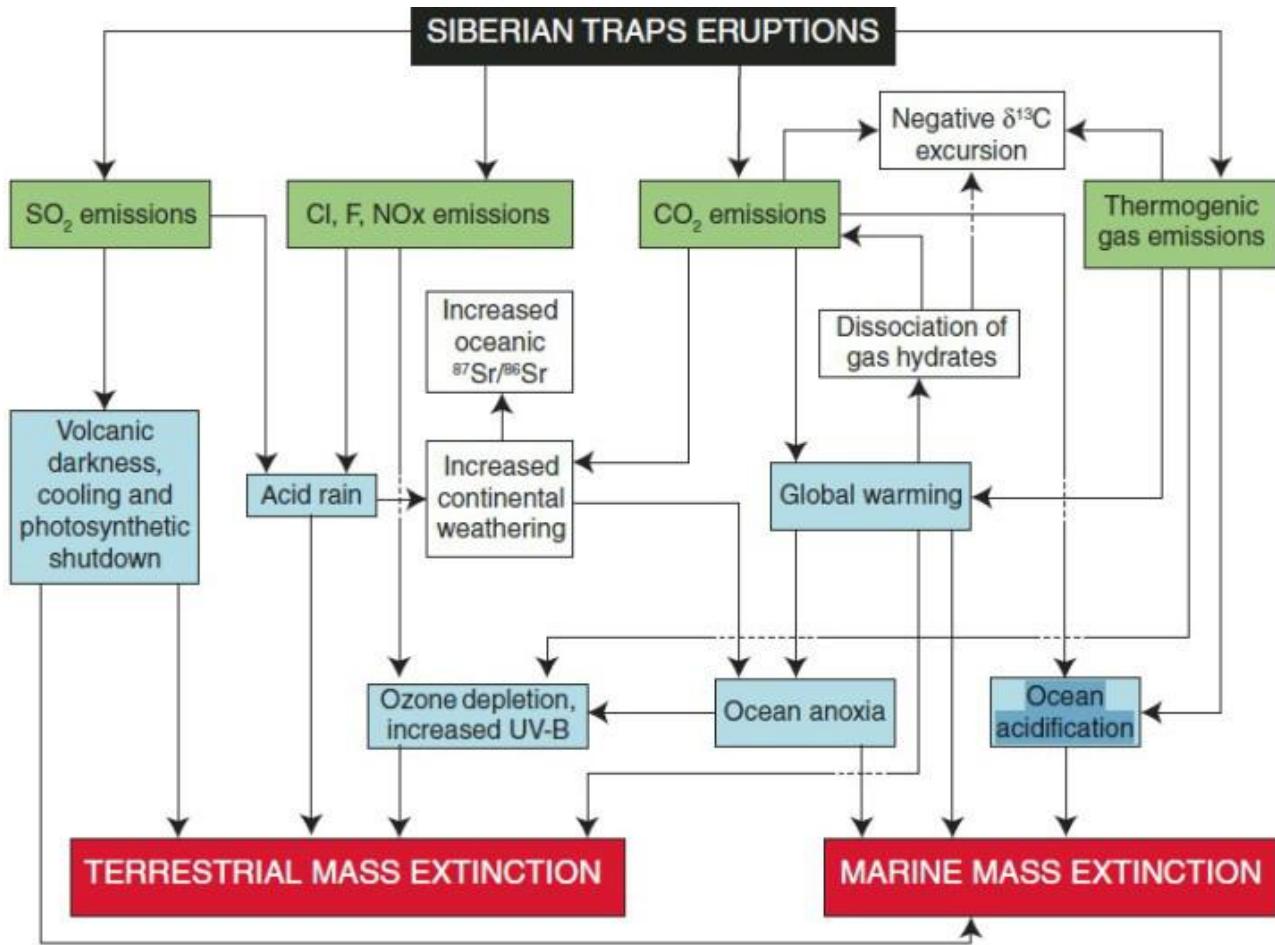
Seawater & Gas inclusions



Brand et al., 2016



# Ocean Acidification?



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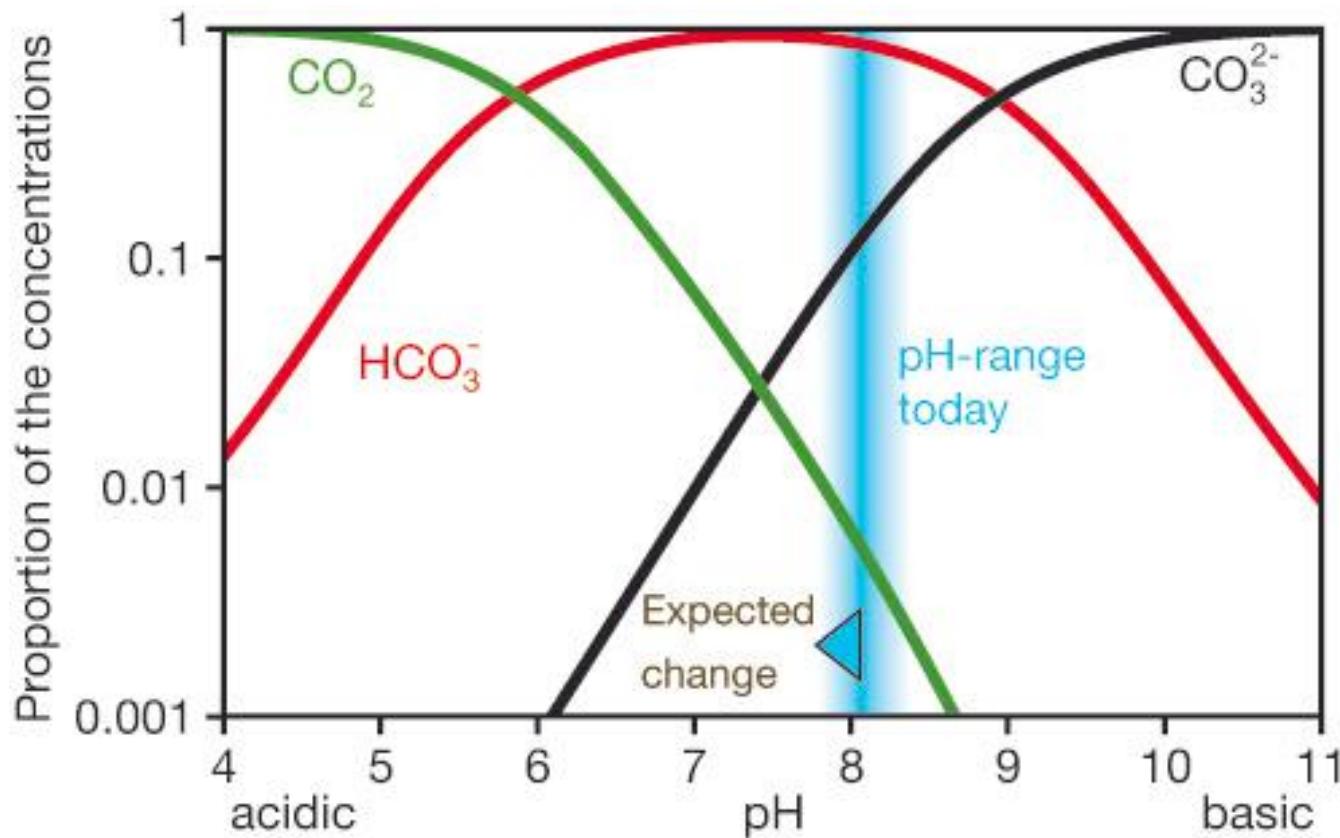


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# Ocean Acidification: the basics and why it's bad



# Carbon in the oceans



$p\text{CO}_2$  on geological timescales – rate, not absolute amount – is critical

# Bad news.....



Direct effects:

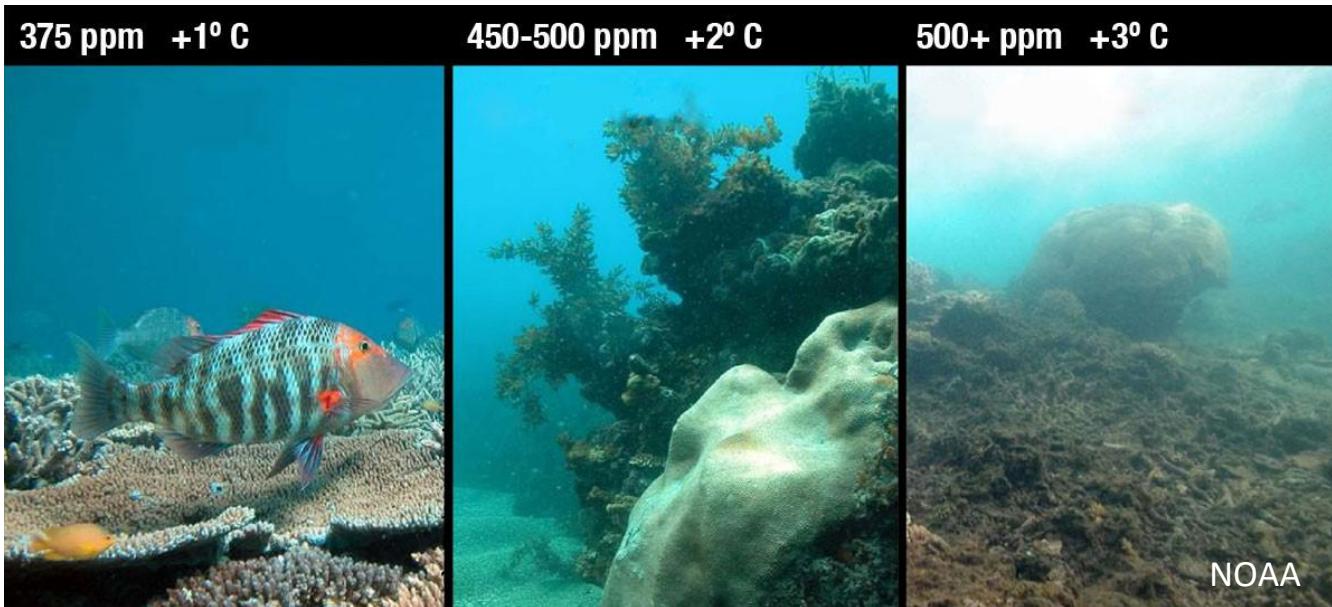
- ✓ Shell dissolution
- ✓ Hypercapnia and mortality
- ✓ Chronic metabolic suppression
- ✓ Sense disruption
- ✓ Reproductive disruption

Plus synergistic pressures:

- ✓ High temperature
- ✓ Ecosystem collapse



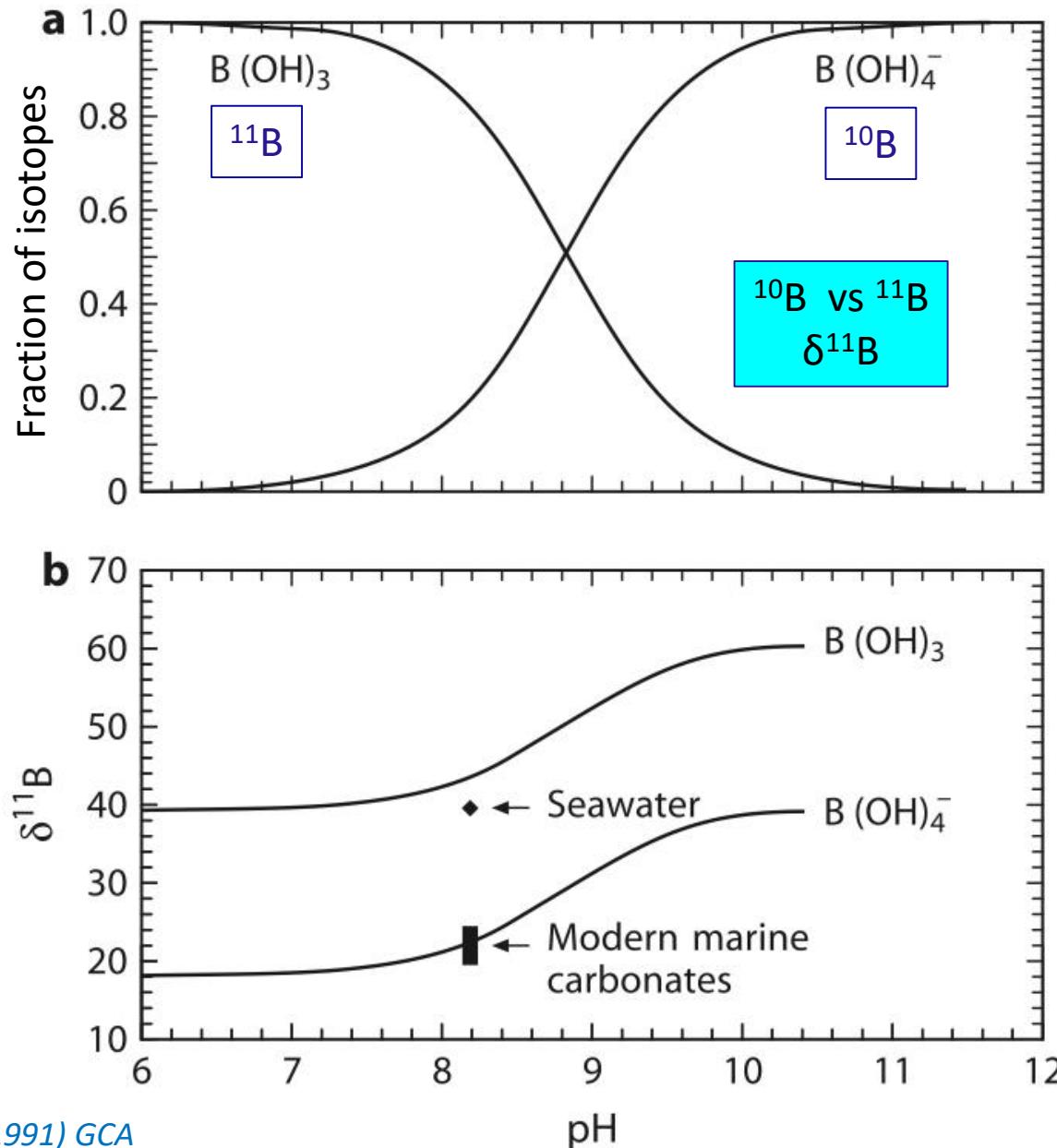
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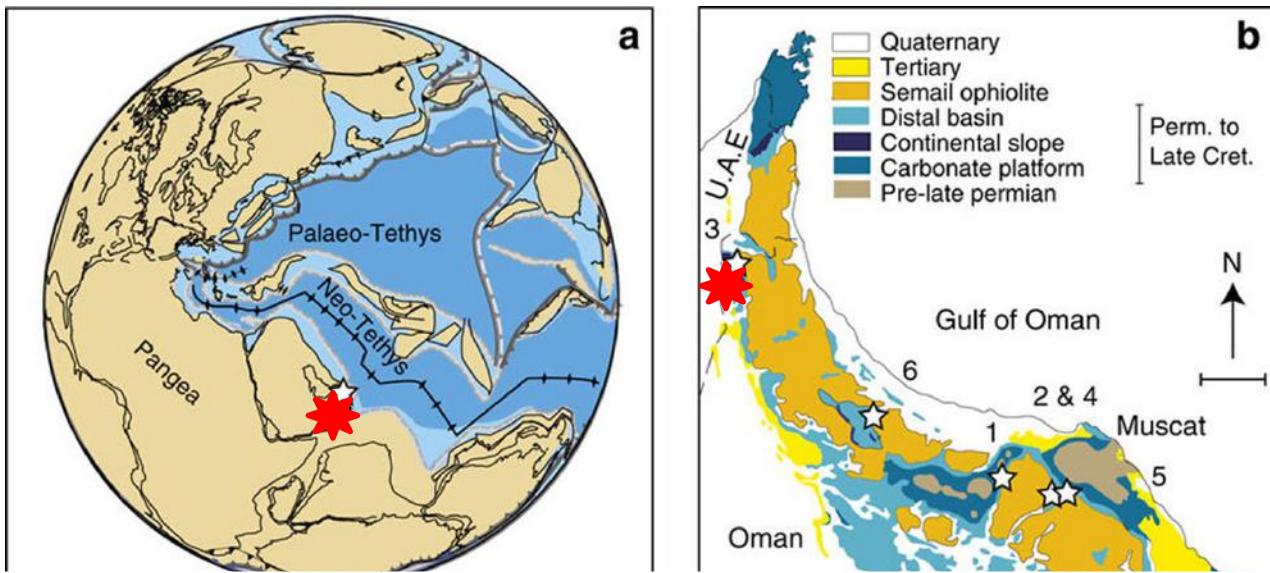
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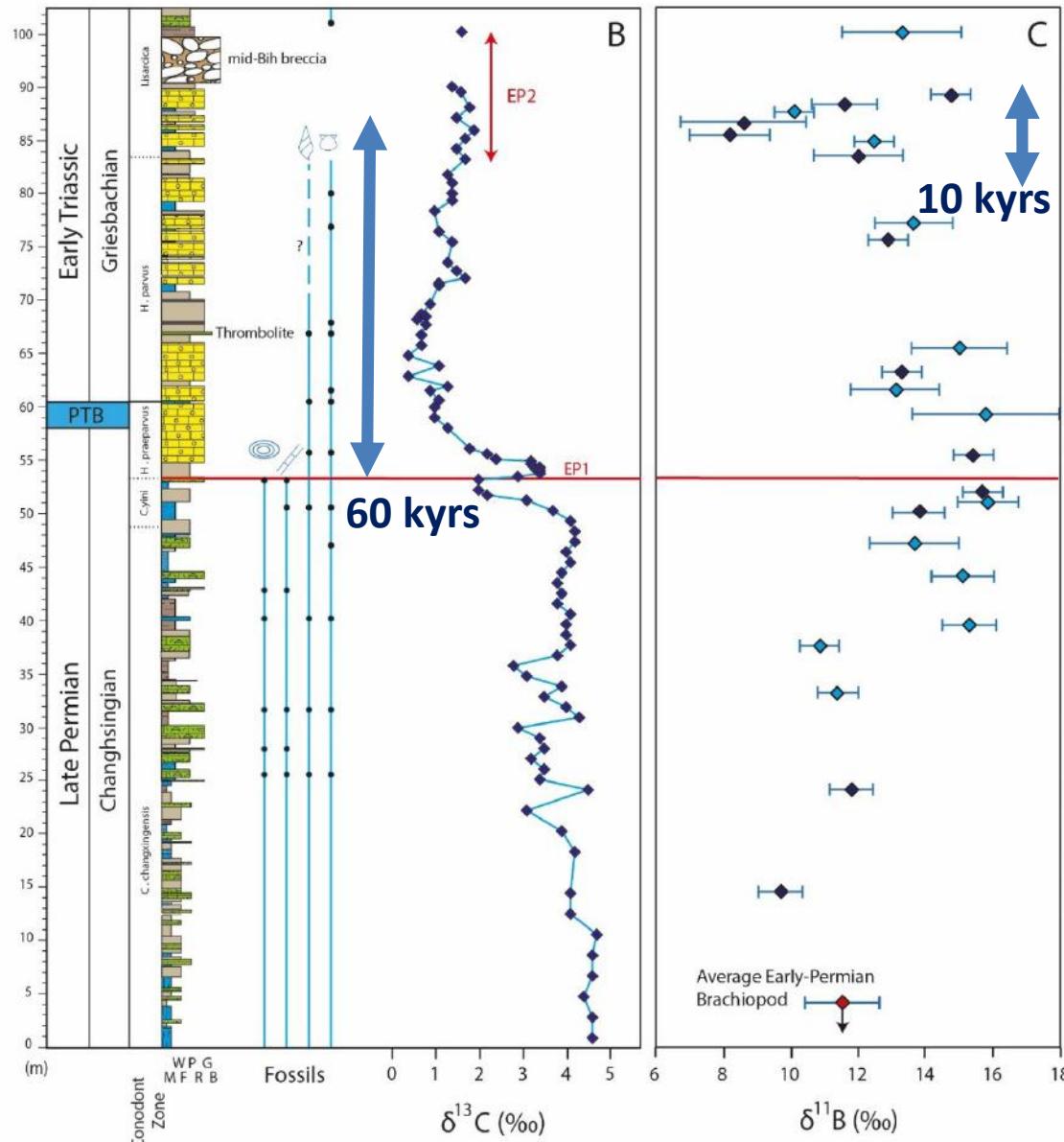
# A more direct proxy for pH – Boron isotopes



# Ocean Acidification?



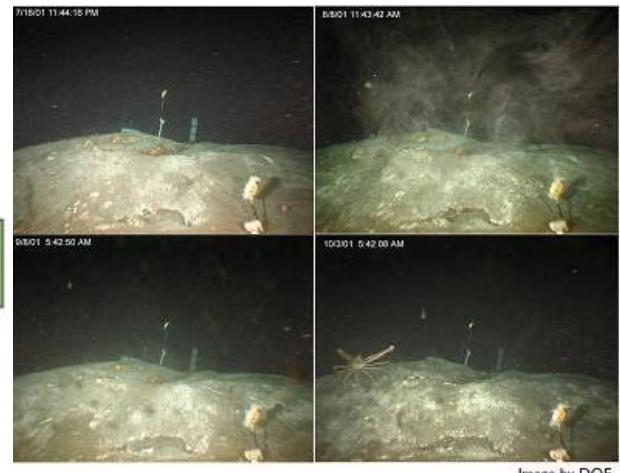
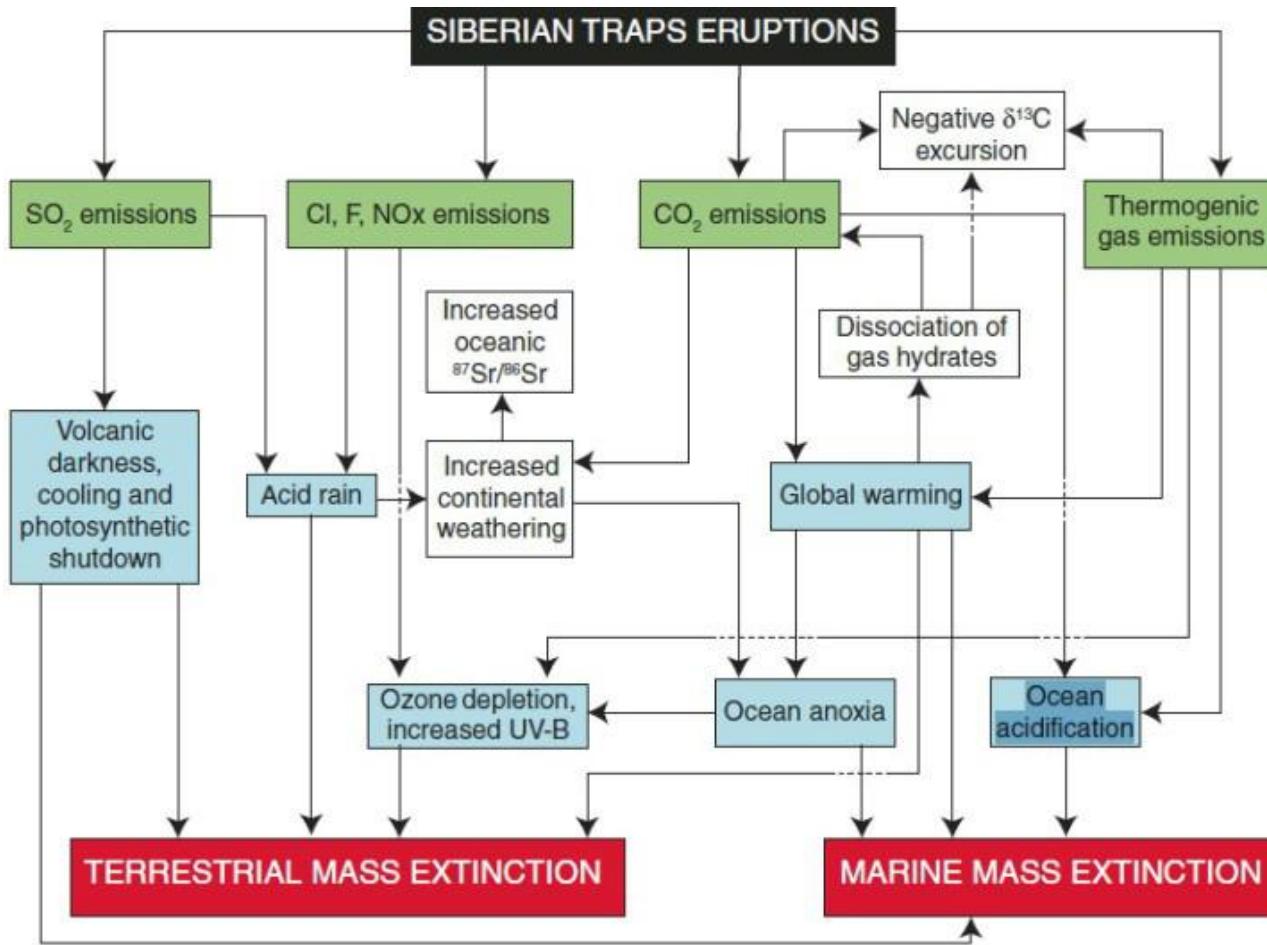
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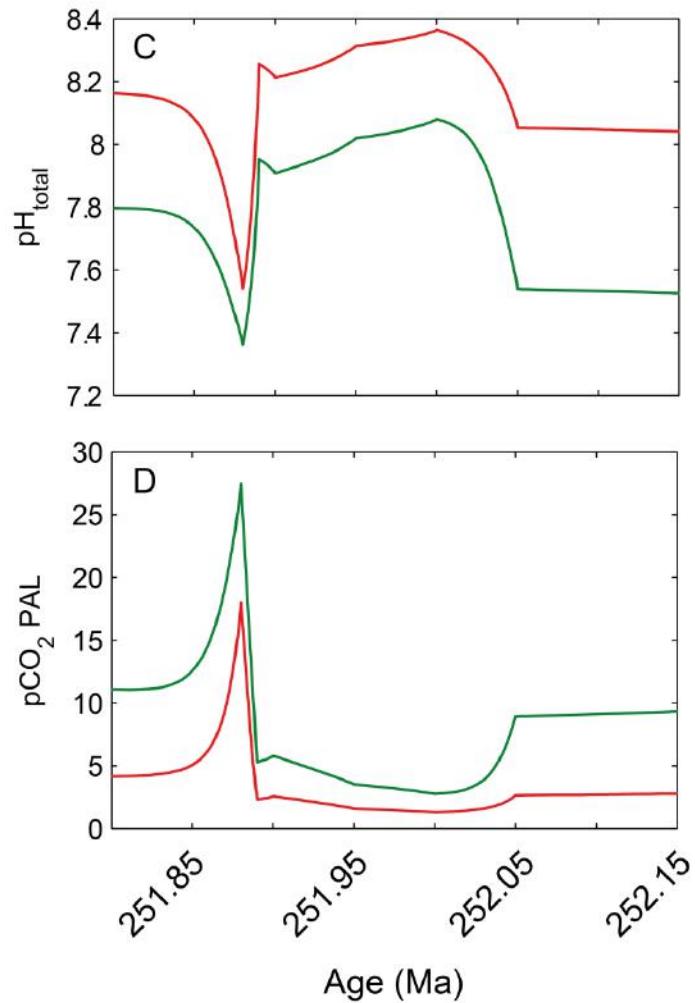
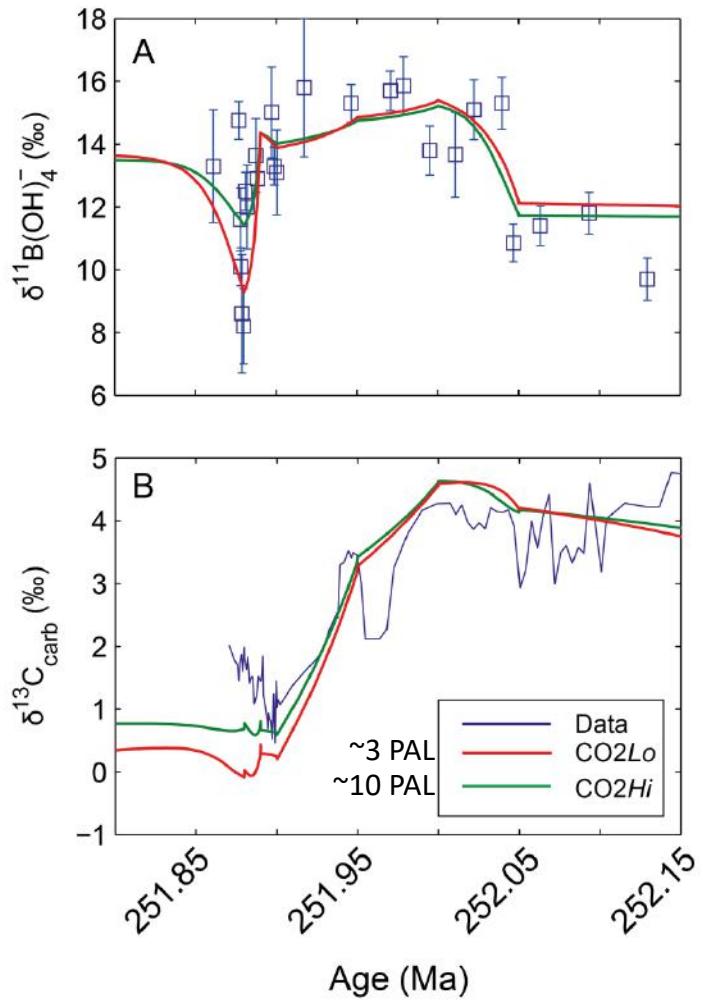
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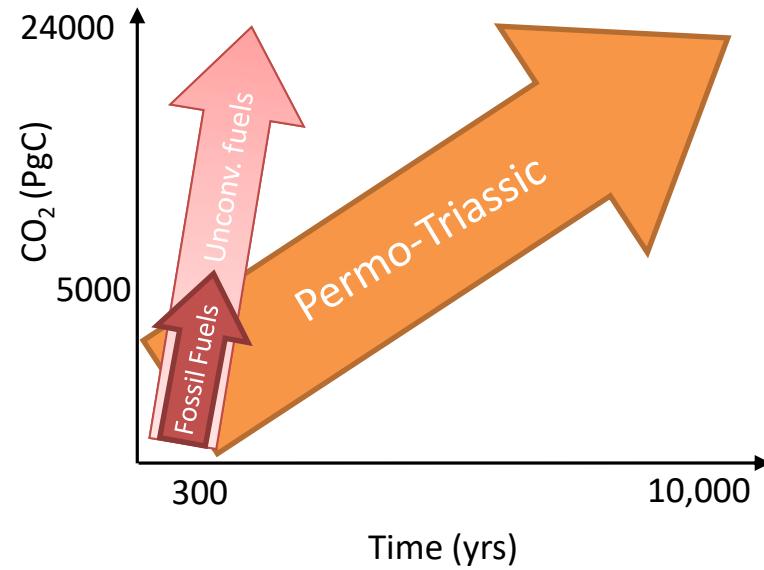


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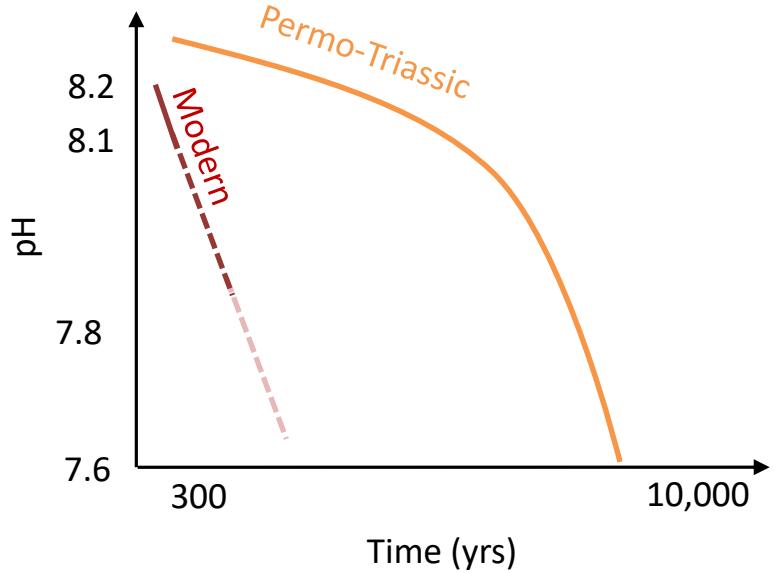


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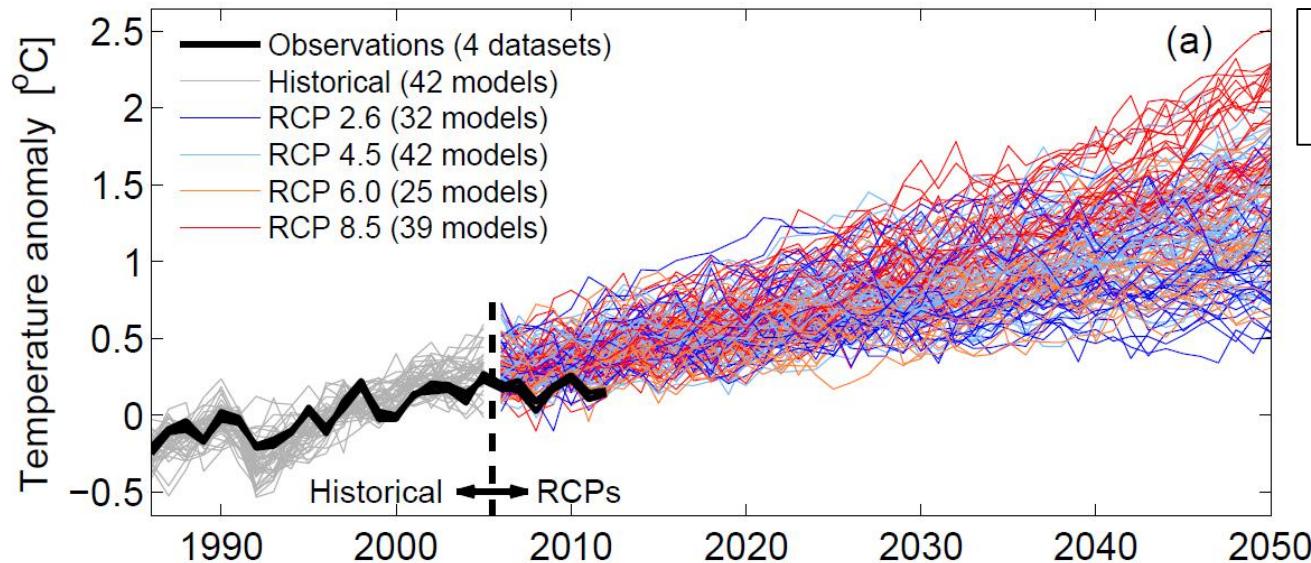


Vs.



# Future analogue or “Doom-mongering”?

Global mean temperature near-term projections relative to 1986–2005



RCP = Representative  
Concentration Pathway;  
radiation forcings  $\text{W/m}^2$

