

# CO2 separation

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## Quantifying the drivers of ocean-atmosphere CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes

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## Assumption: steady state

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CO<sub>2</sub> flux driver:  
Heat flux  
Freshwater flux  
Organic matter sources and sinks  
Calcium carbonate sources and sinks  
Transport of disequilibrium component

negative CO<sub>2</sub> flux = outgassing!

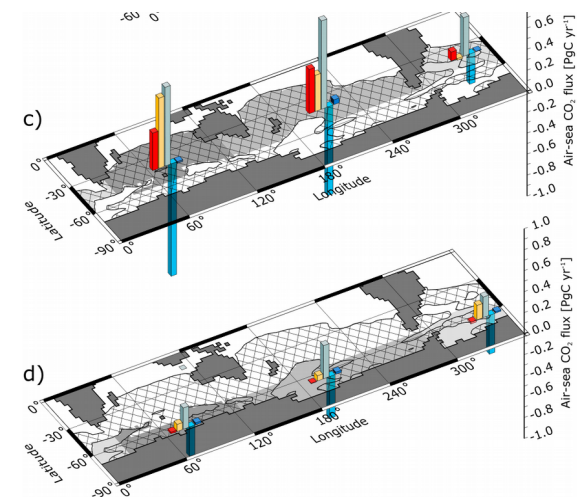
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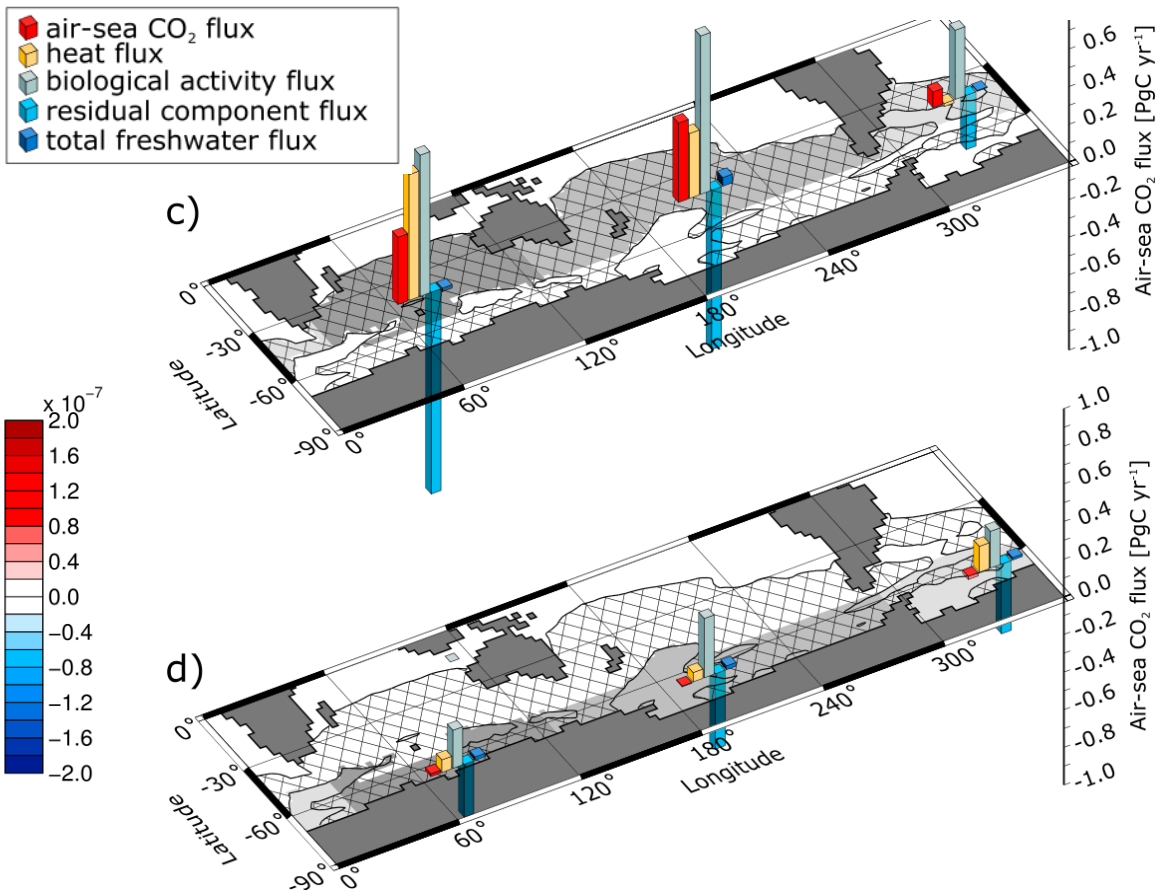
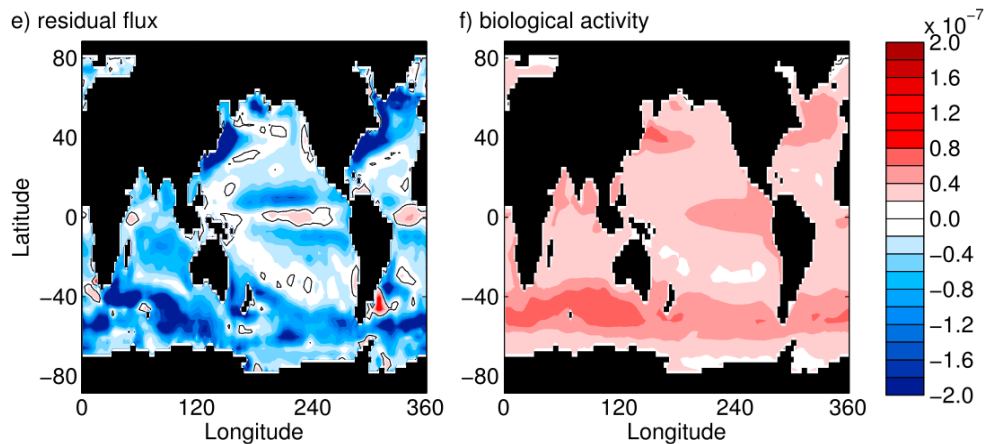
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# What can we learn from this?

- Fresh water: alkalinity flux and dilution flux cancel out
- Bio and residual are largest contributors, but depend on each other by definition



# Adaptation to my large ensemble runs

- Goal: identify drivers of CO<sub>2</sub> variability

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$\gamma_\theta$ : aoflnhwo: net heat flux over water  
 $\gamma_S$ : pem: water flux to ocean [m/s]  
 $\gamma_{A_T}$ : CO<sub>2</sub> flux driver: Heat flux  
 $\bar{C_T}$ : Freshwater flux

- (caex90+coex90)

biology

+ change in ensmean co2flux since 1870

climate change

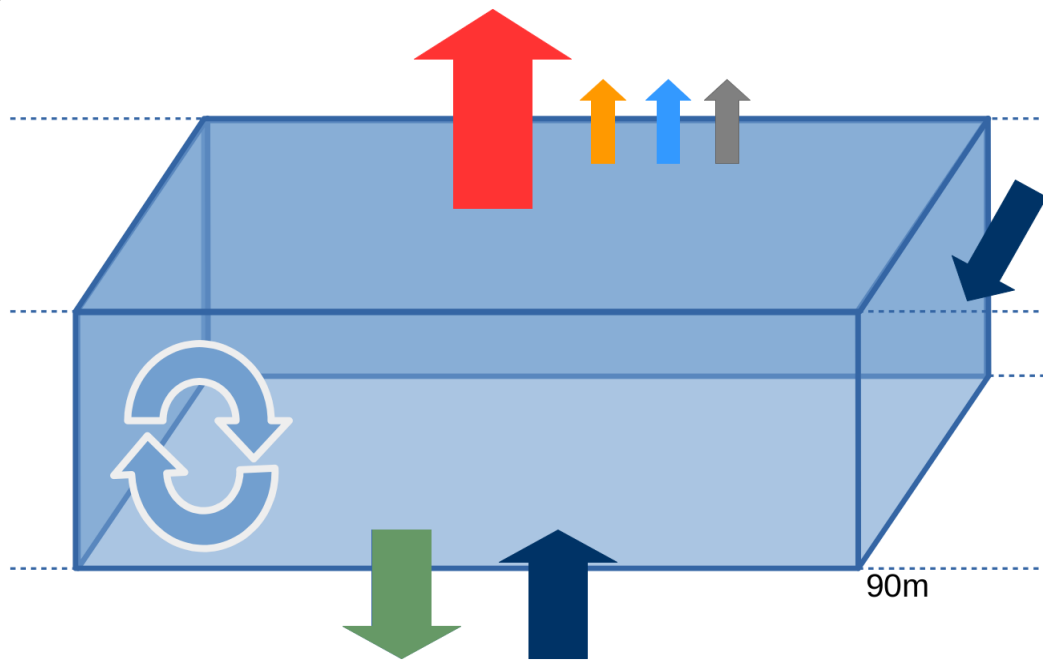
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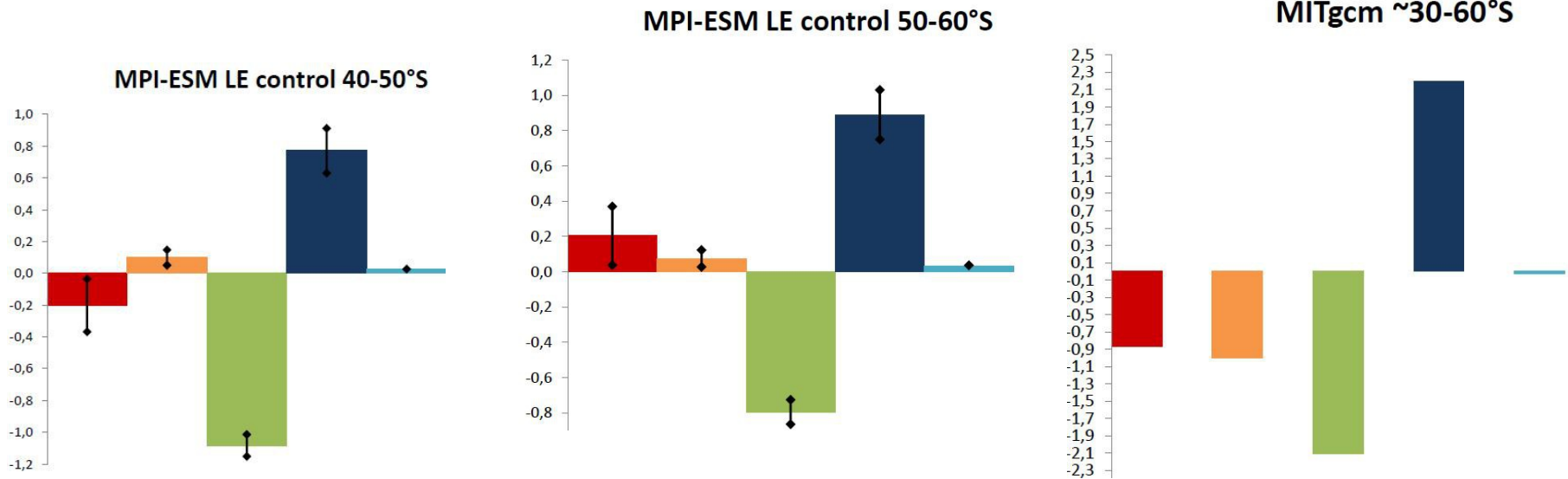
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# Comparing Lauderdale to pi-control

NCL plots: normal view or ncview live



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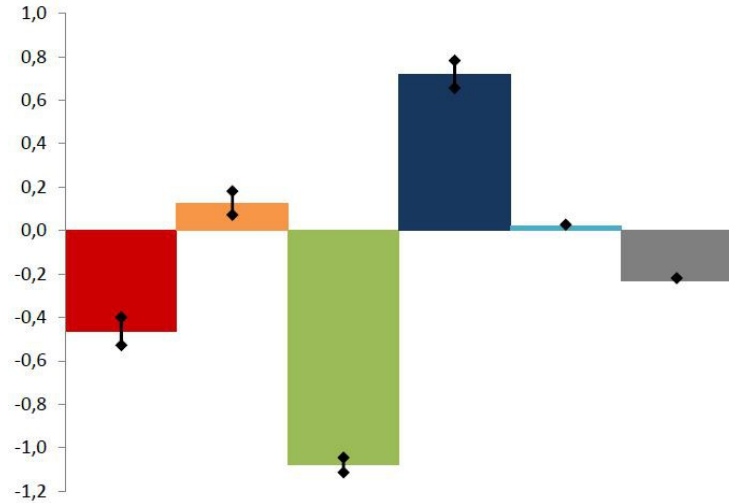


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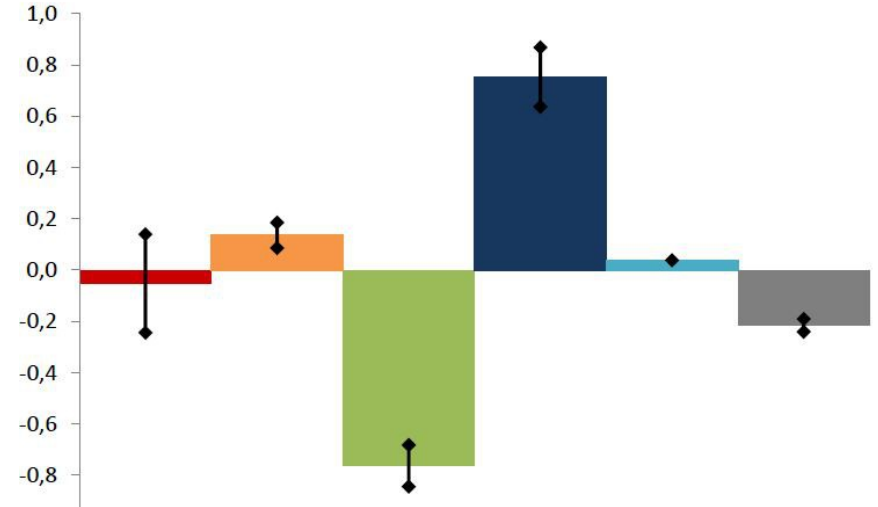
# My results 1980-2004

MPI-ESM LE 1980-2004 40-50°S



40-50°S	positive carbon sink trend		negative carbon sink trend		MPI-ESM LE
	PgC/8yrs	% contribution	PgC/8yrs	% contribution	PgC/yr
CO <sub>2</sub> flux	-0.15	100	-0.03	100	-0.46±0.06
heat flux	-0.04	25	0.12	-366	0.13±0.06
fresh water	0.01	-4	-0.01	27	0.02±0.00
biology	0.03	-19	-0.07	197	1.09±0.03
climate change	-0.03	17	-0.01	16	-0.23±0.01
circulation	-0.12	83	-0.08	225	0.72±0.06

MPI-ESM LE 1980-2004 50-60°S



50-60°S	positive carbon sink trend		negative carbon sink trend		MPI-ESM LE
	PgC/8yrs	% contribution	PgC/8yrs	% contribution	PgC/yr
CO <sub>2</sub> flux	-0.43	100	0.58	100	-0.05±0.19
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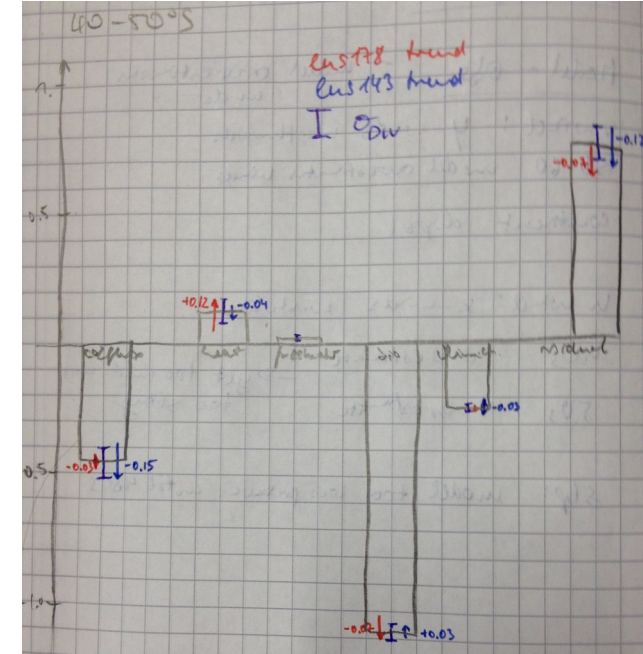
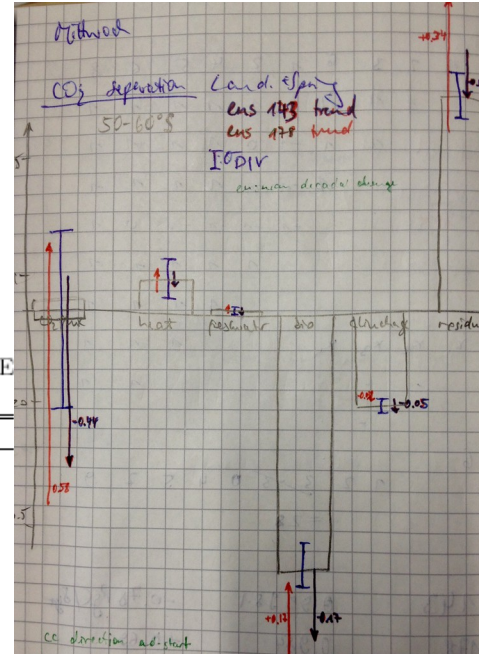
# Limitations

- × Thermal pump via heat flux and not SST
- × Cooling SST trends (m178) can have negative trend in CO2 flux contribution due to heat flux, but should be positive (thermal)
- × I tried  $\text{bio} = \text{fddtdic} - \text{co2flux}$ , but too high values

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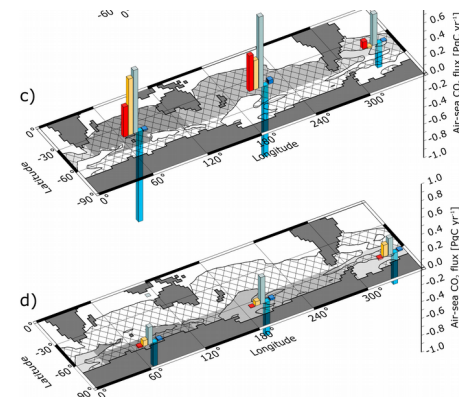
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