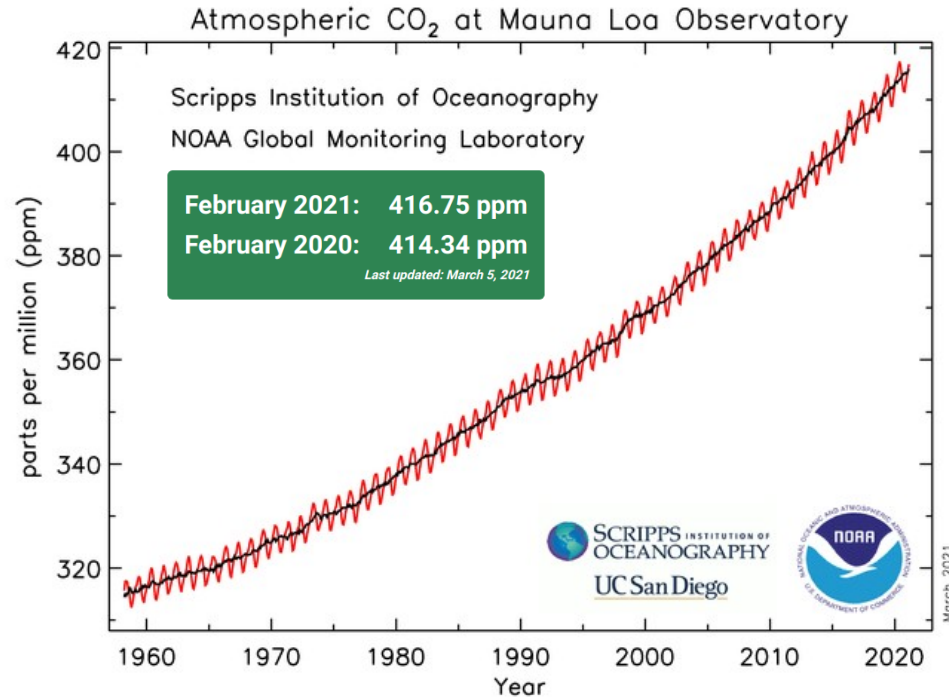
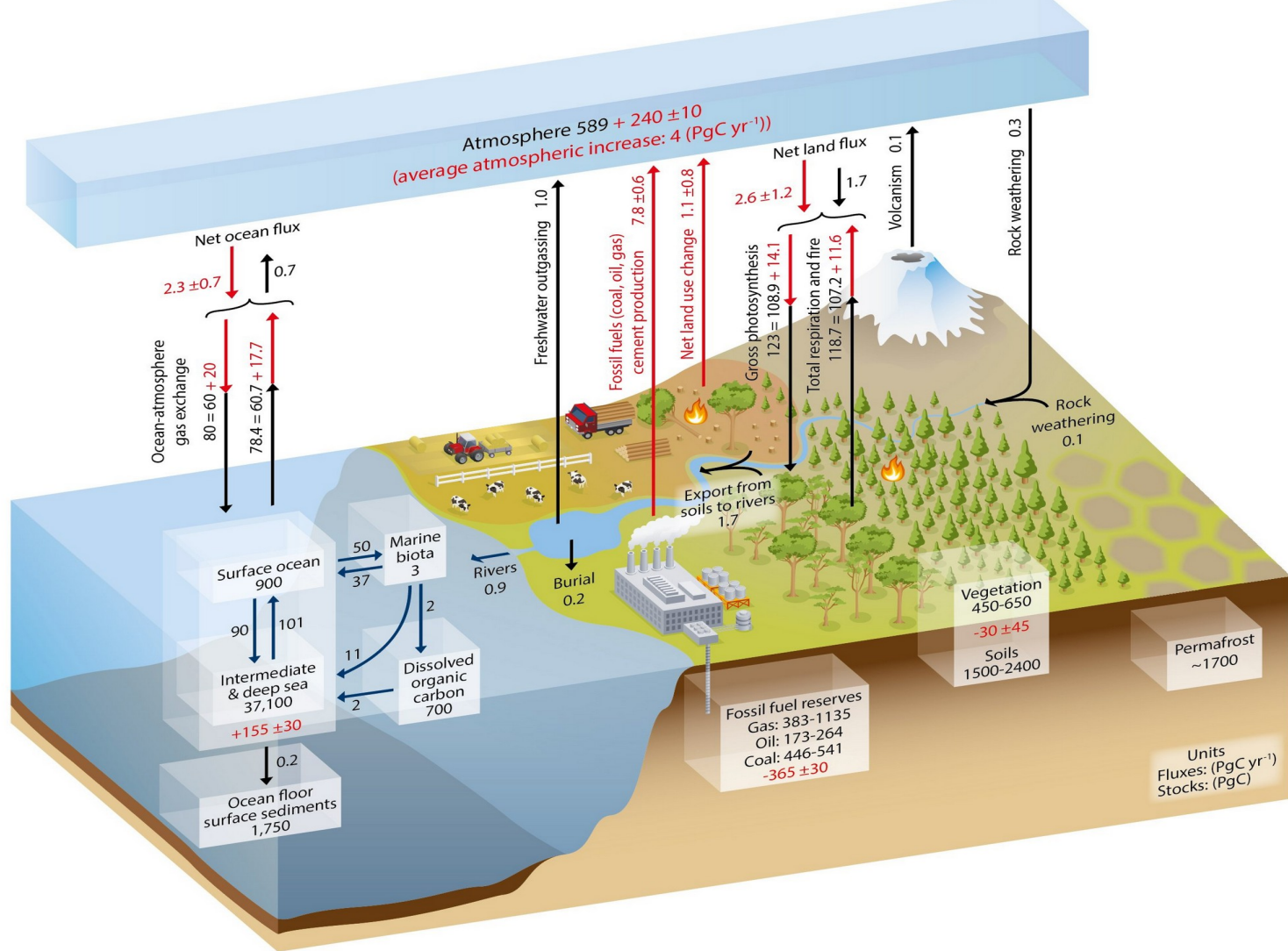
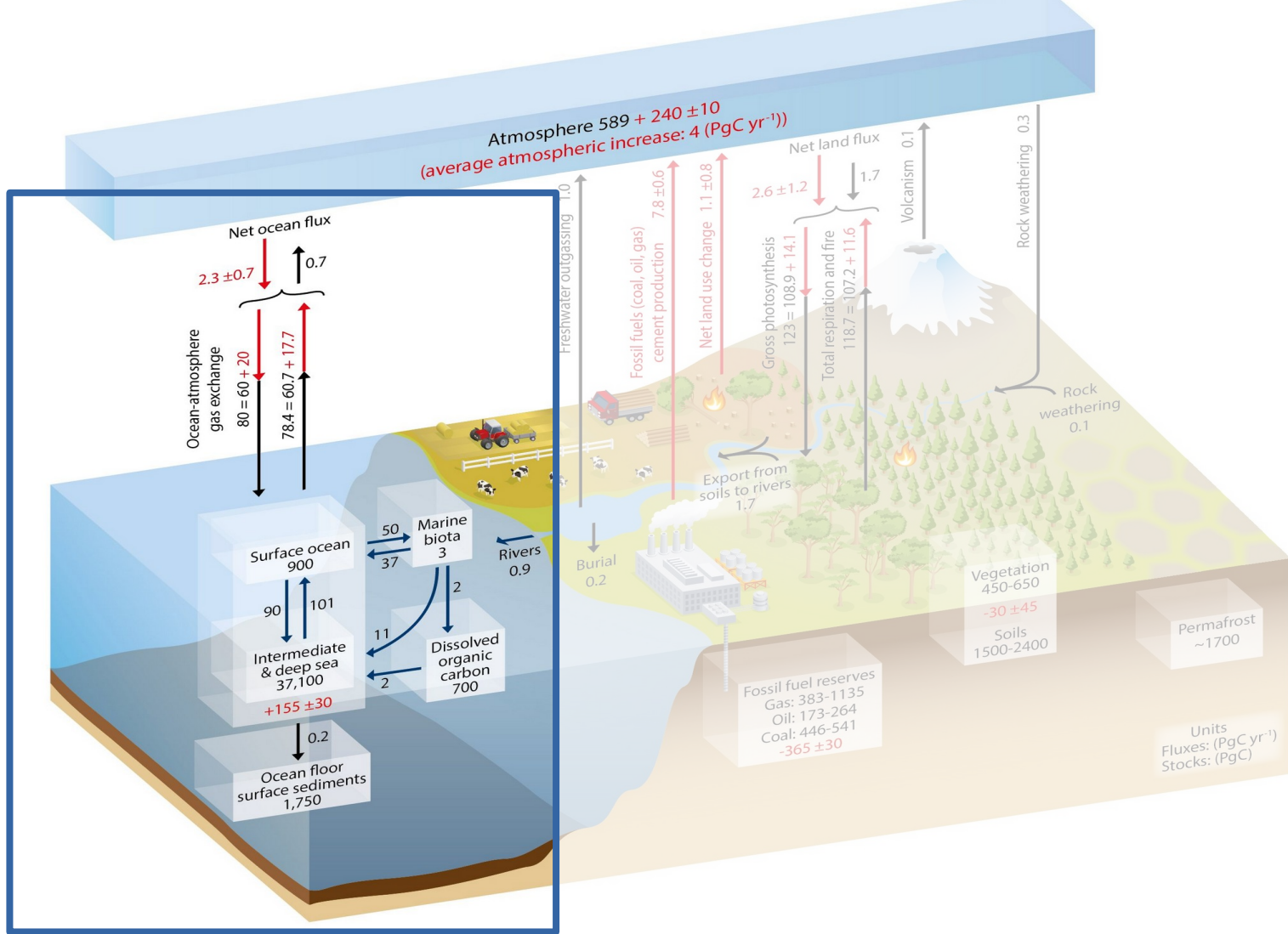


Ocean-Atmosphere Carbon Fluxes

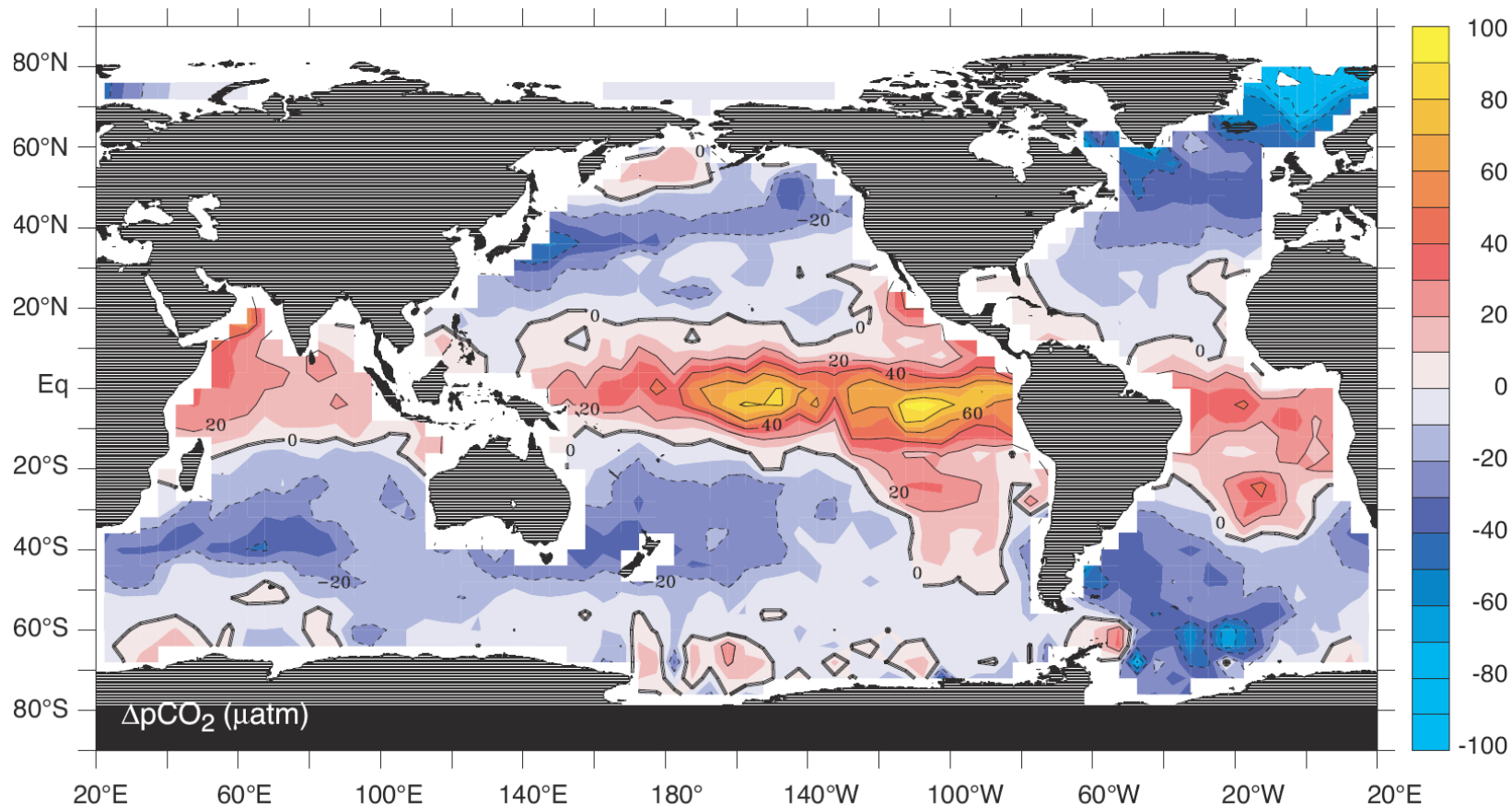






Ocean has absorbed $\sim 30\text{-}40\%$ of the CO_2 we've released.

Ocean-Atmosphere Carbon Fluxes



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Factors:

Physical

Ocean Circulation & Mixing

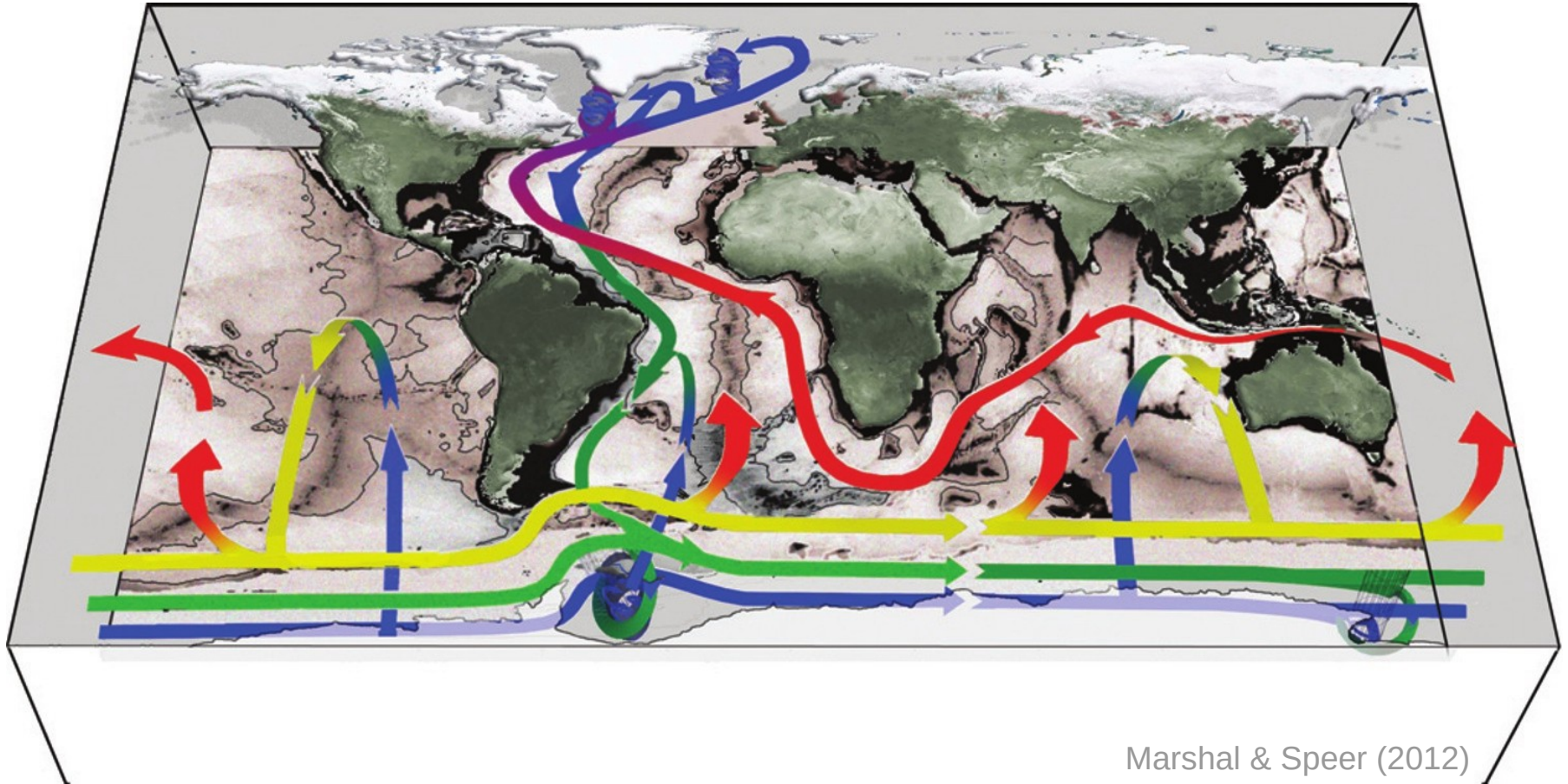
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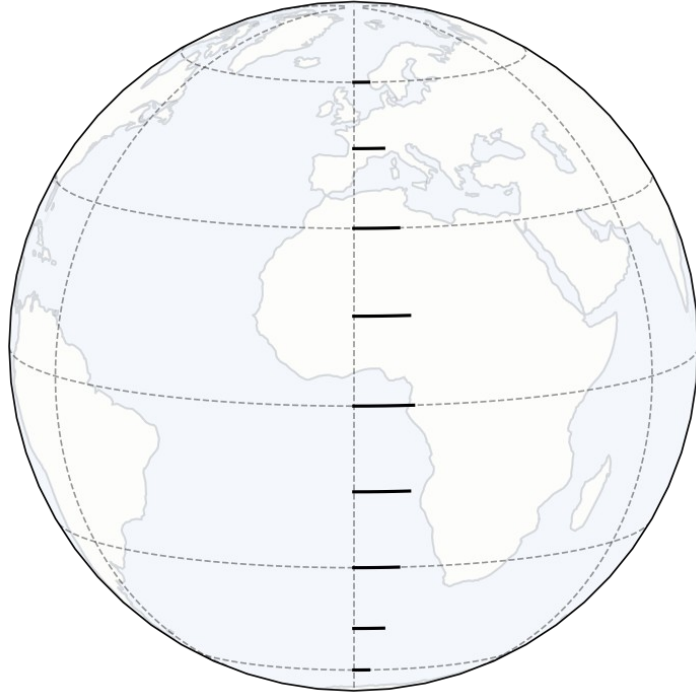
Biological

Carbon capture ('productivity') and export.

Ocean Circulation

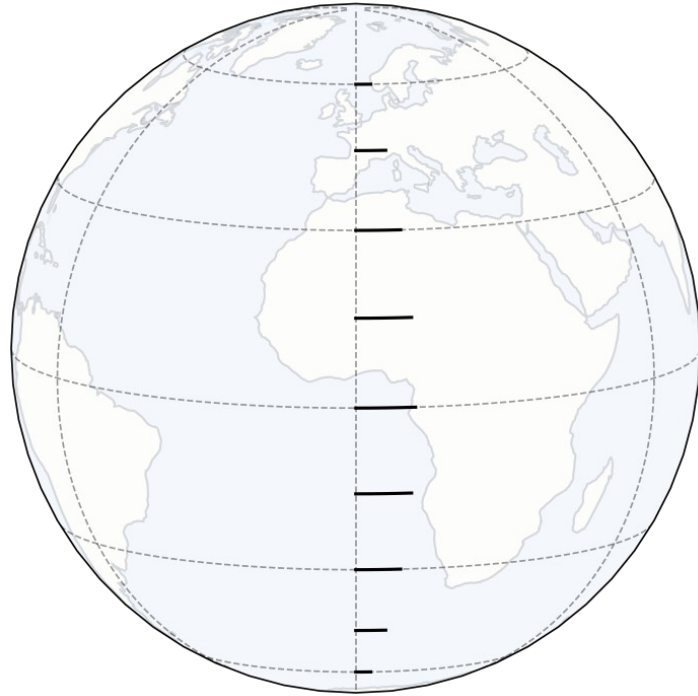


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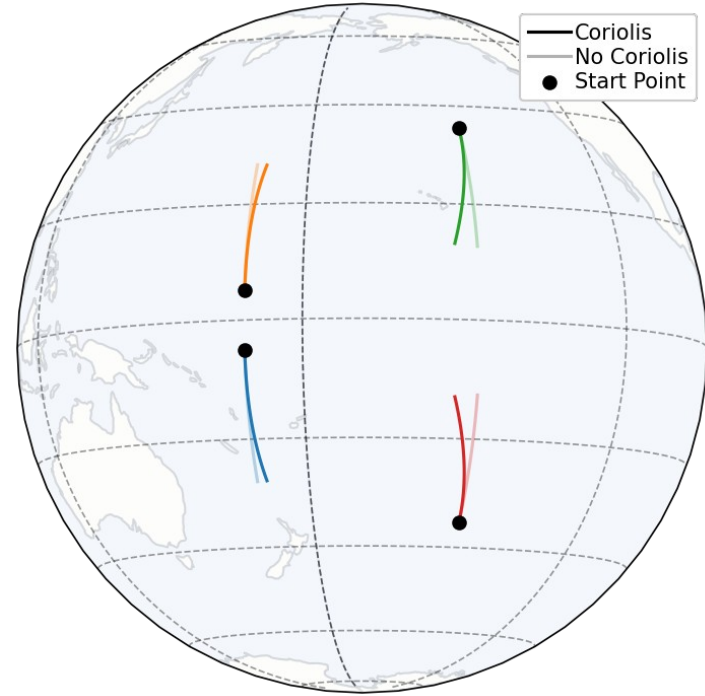


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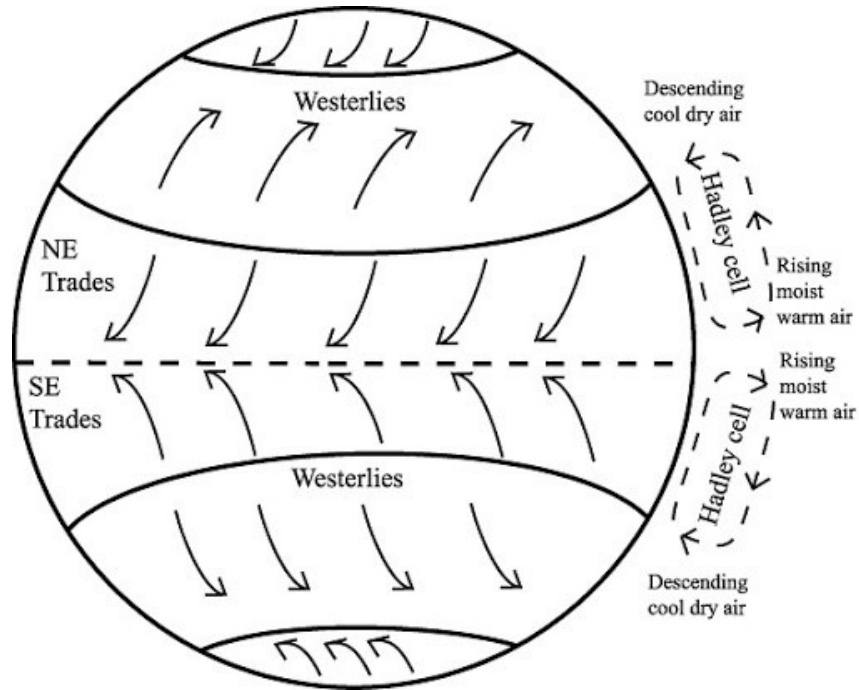


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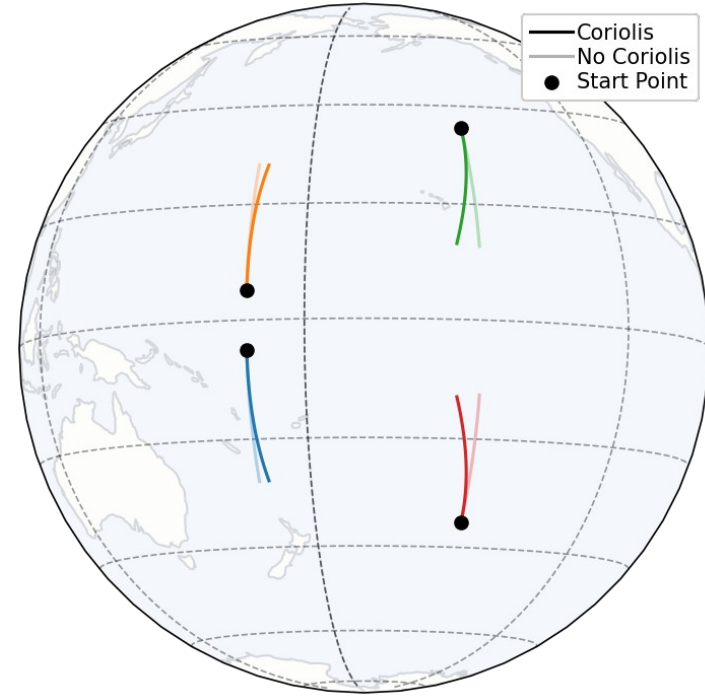


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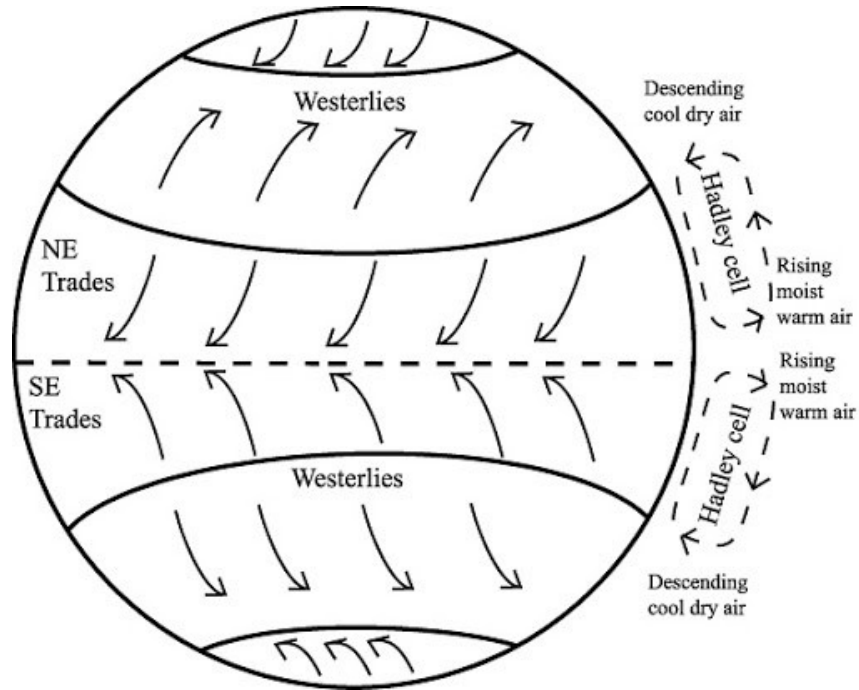


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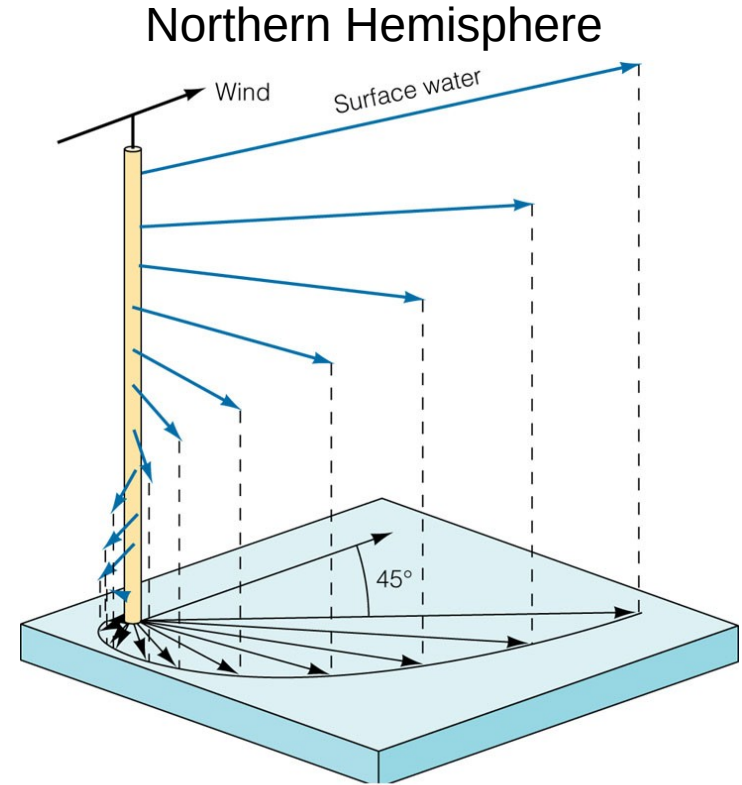


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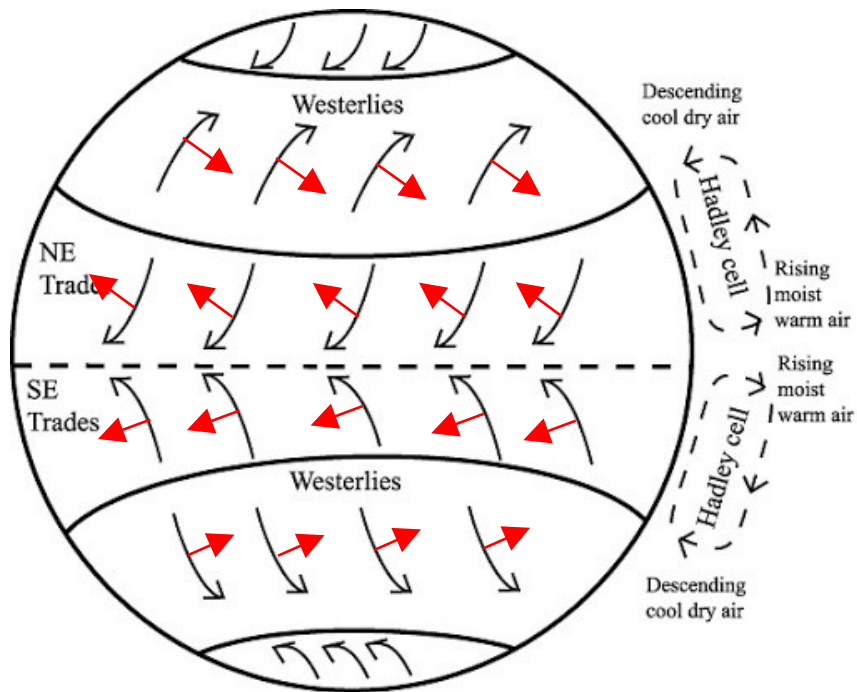


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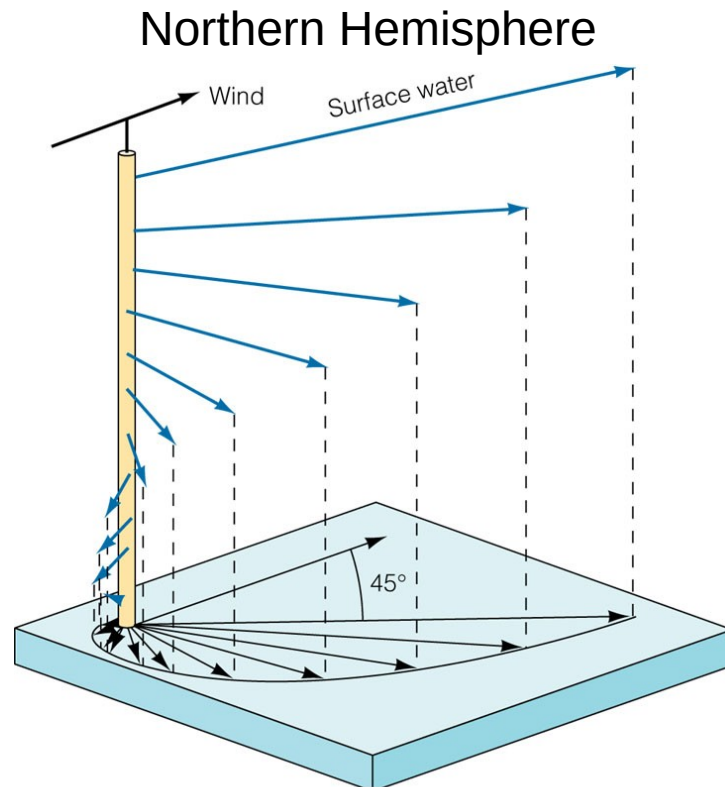
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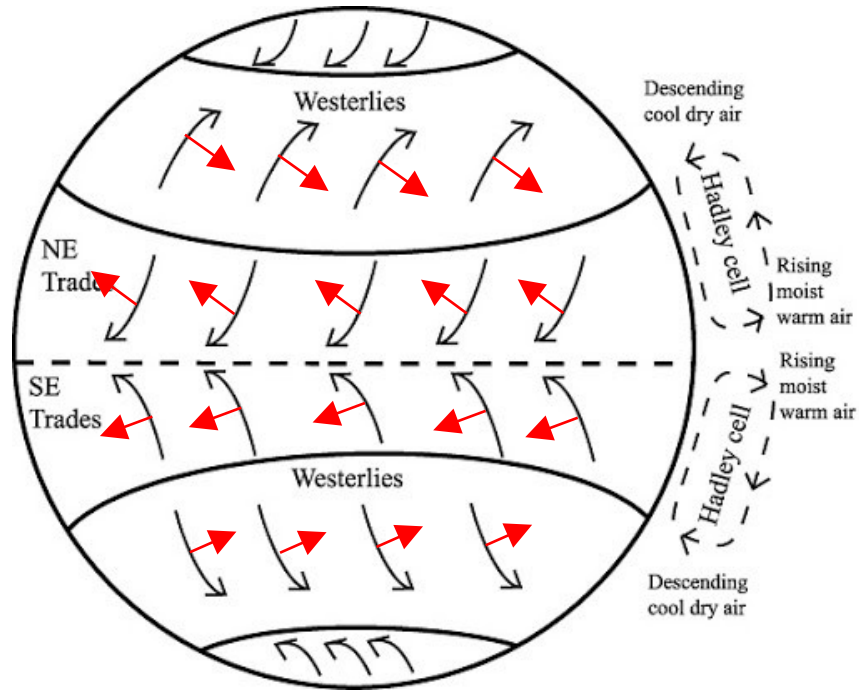
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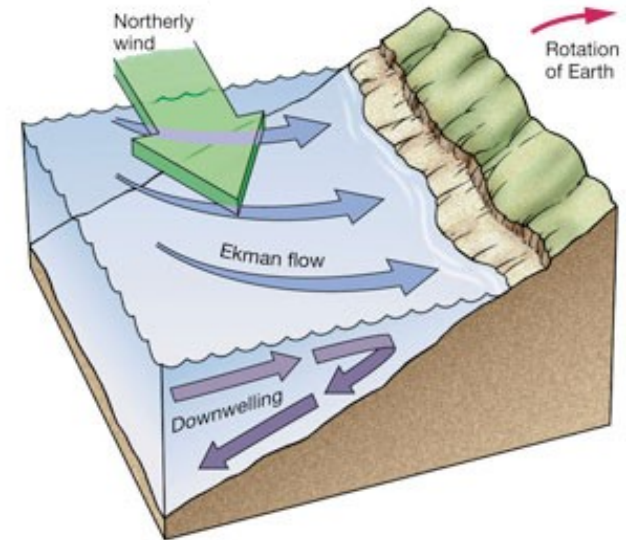
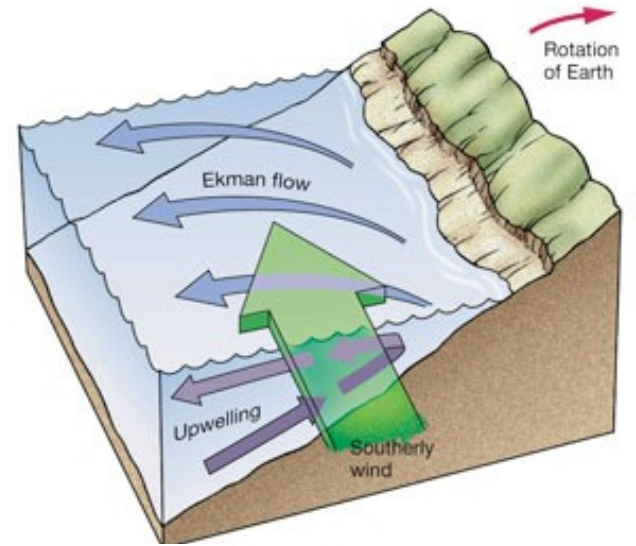
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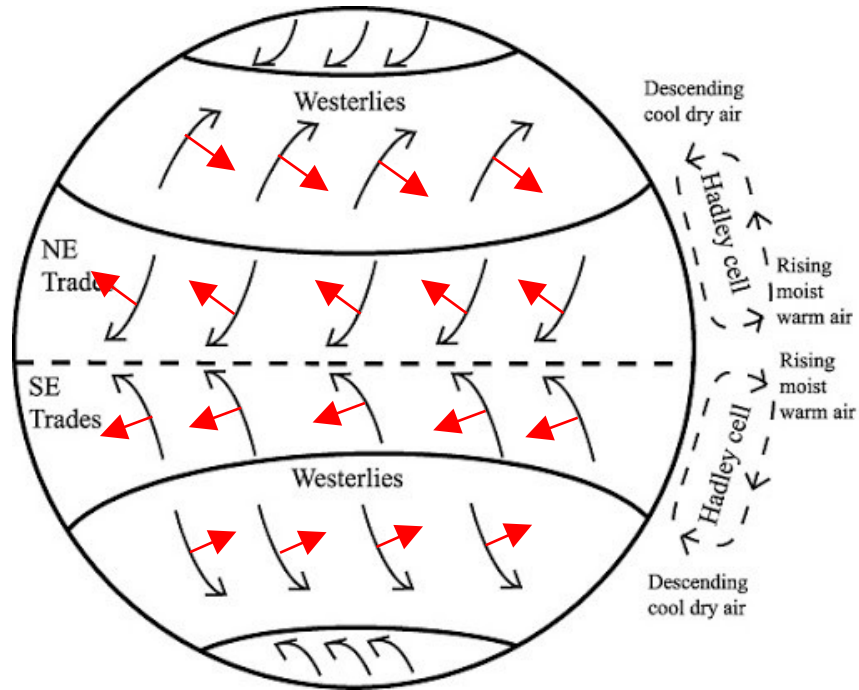


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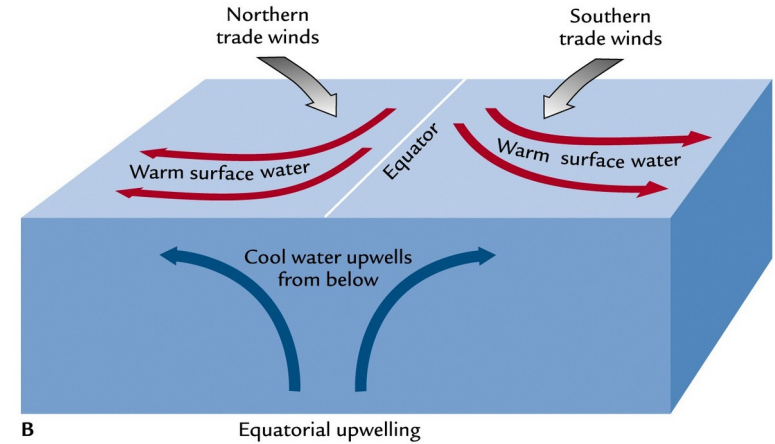


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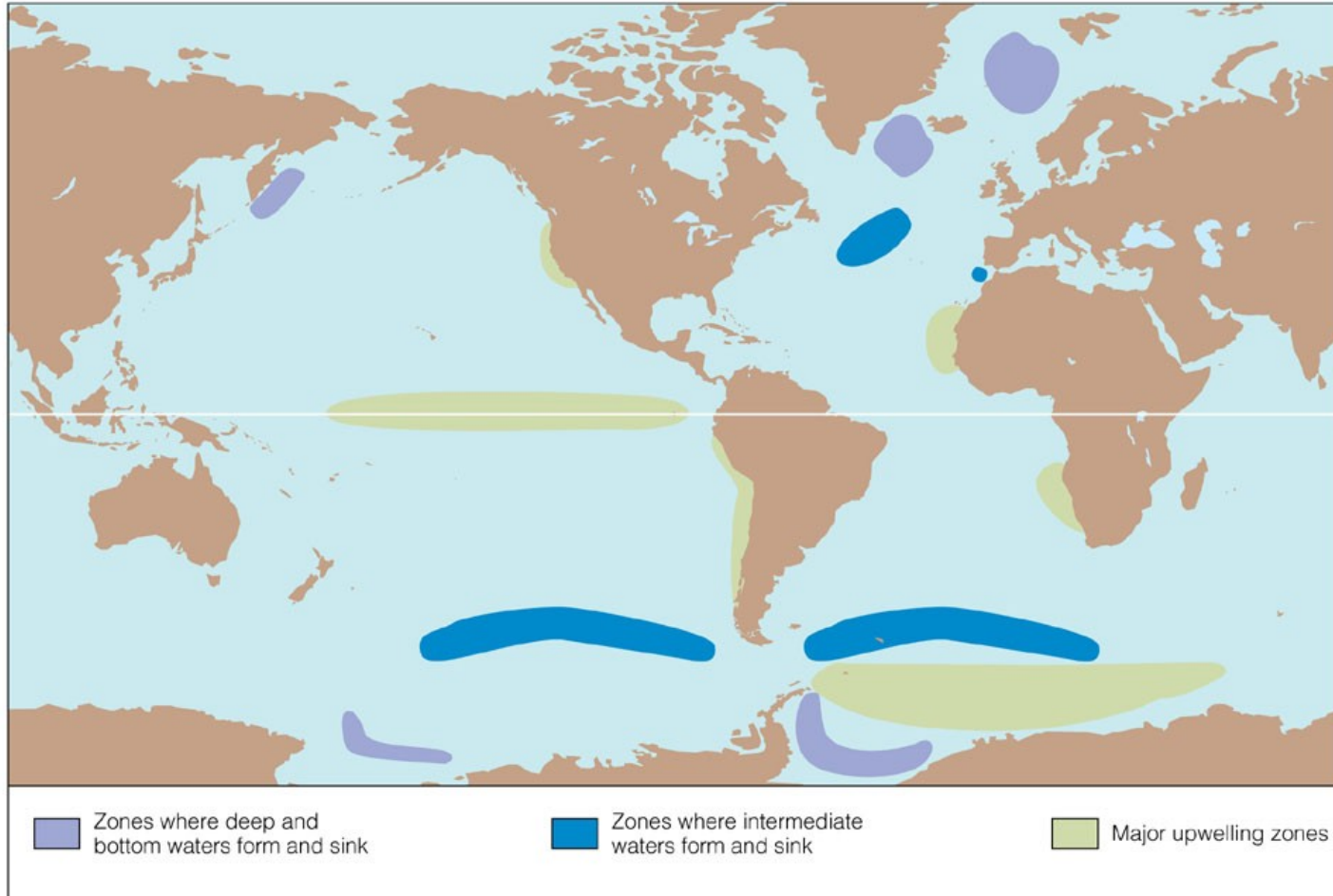


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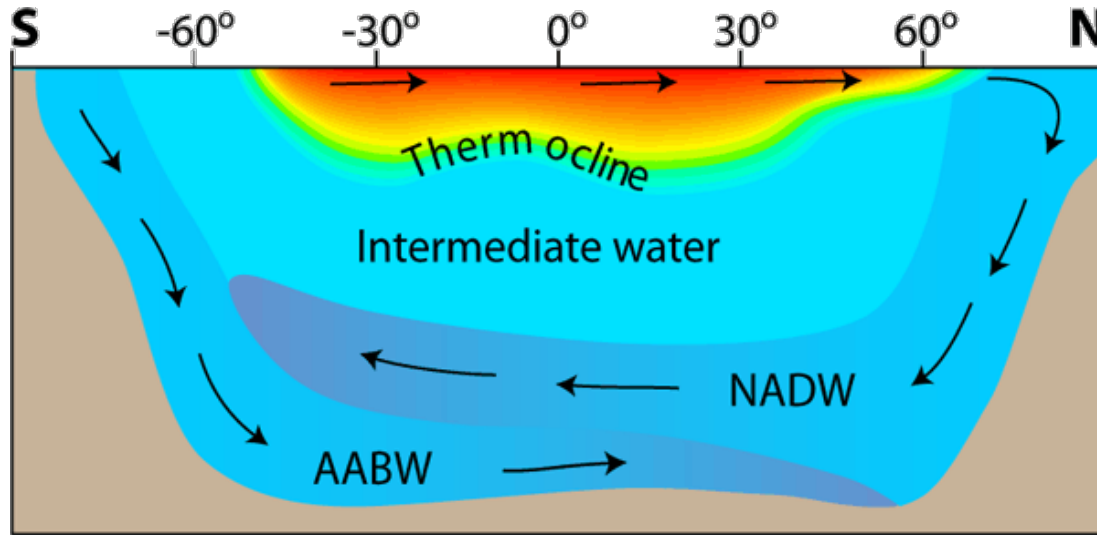
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Ocean Circulation: Up and Down

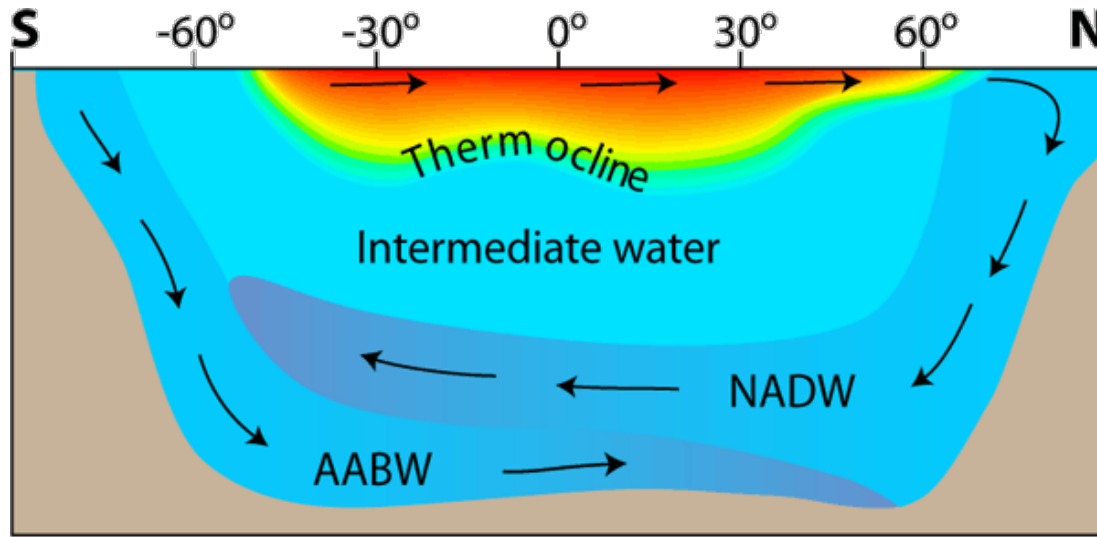


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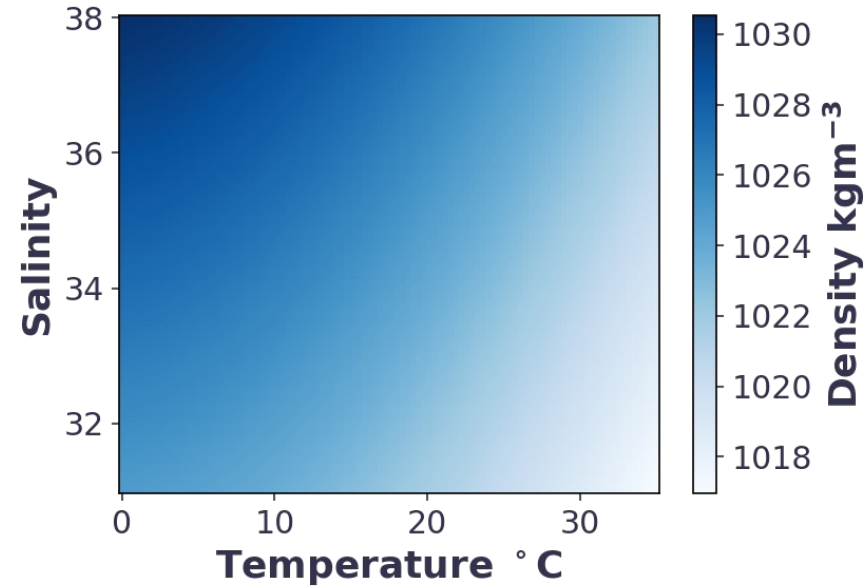


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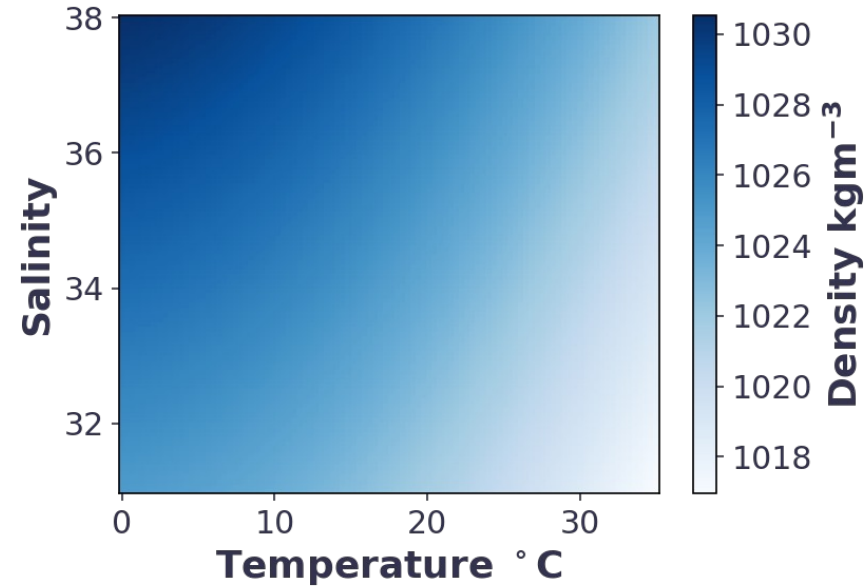
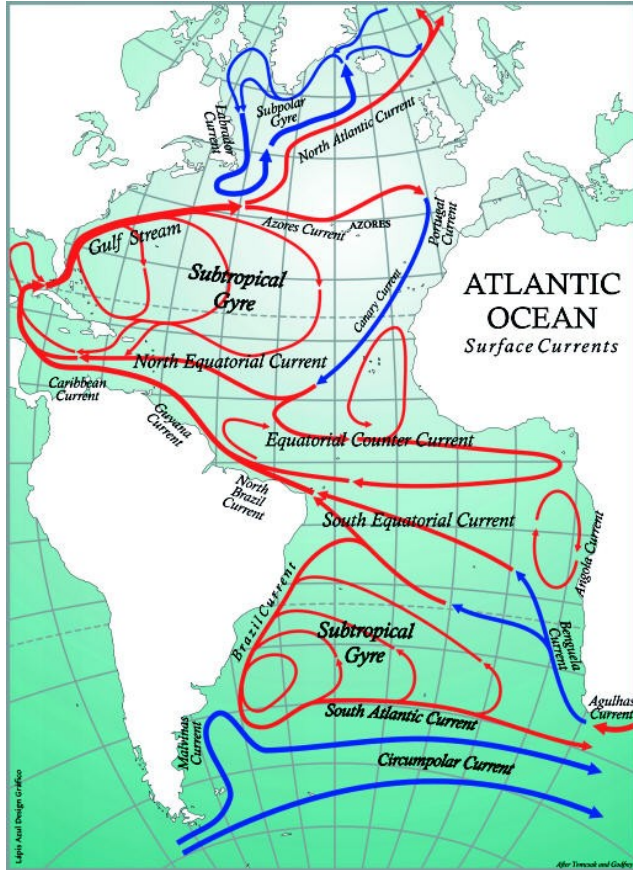
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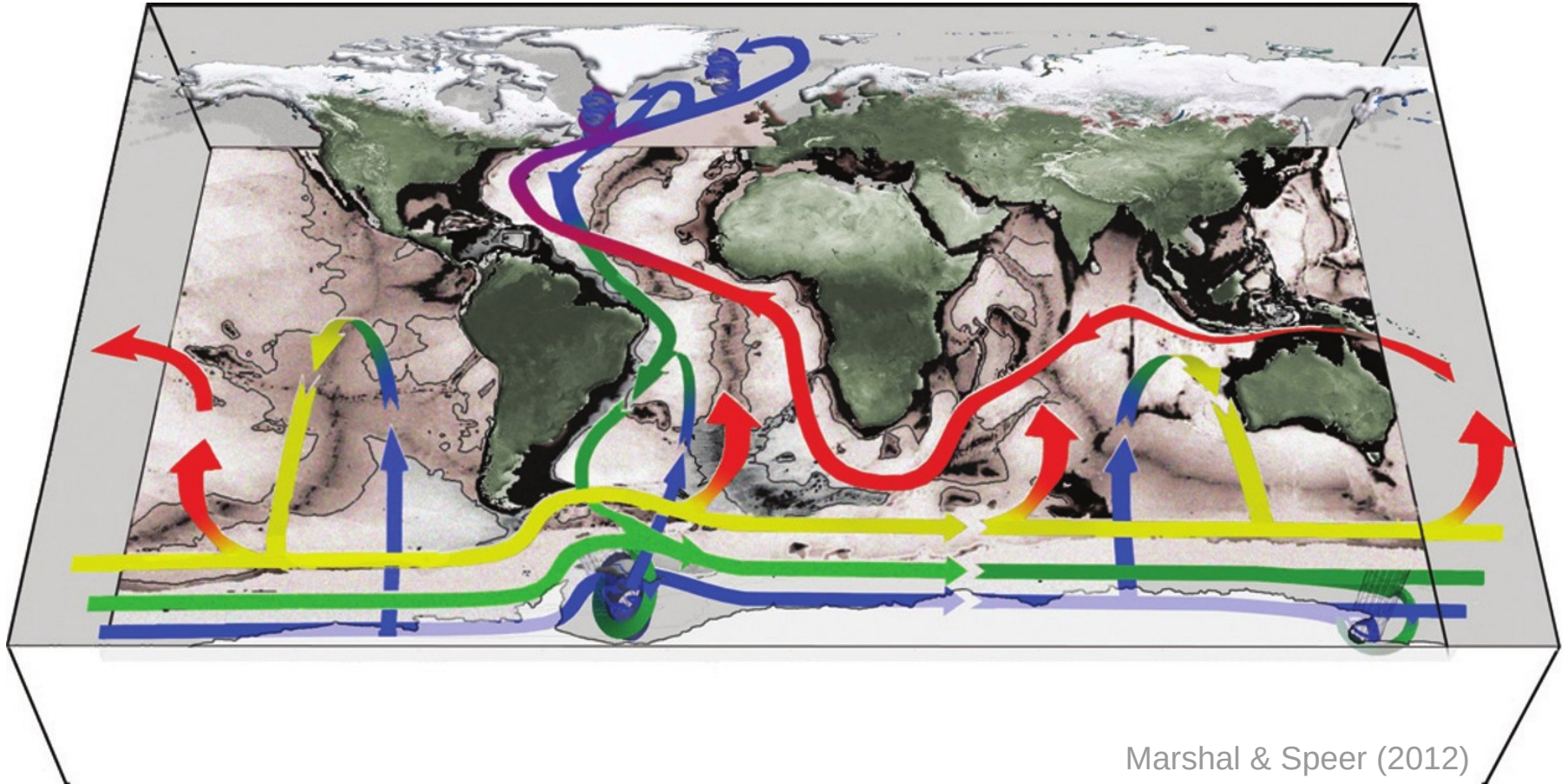


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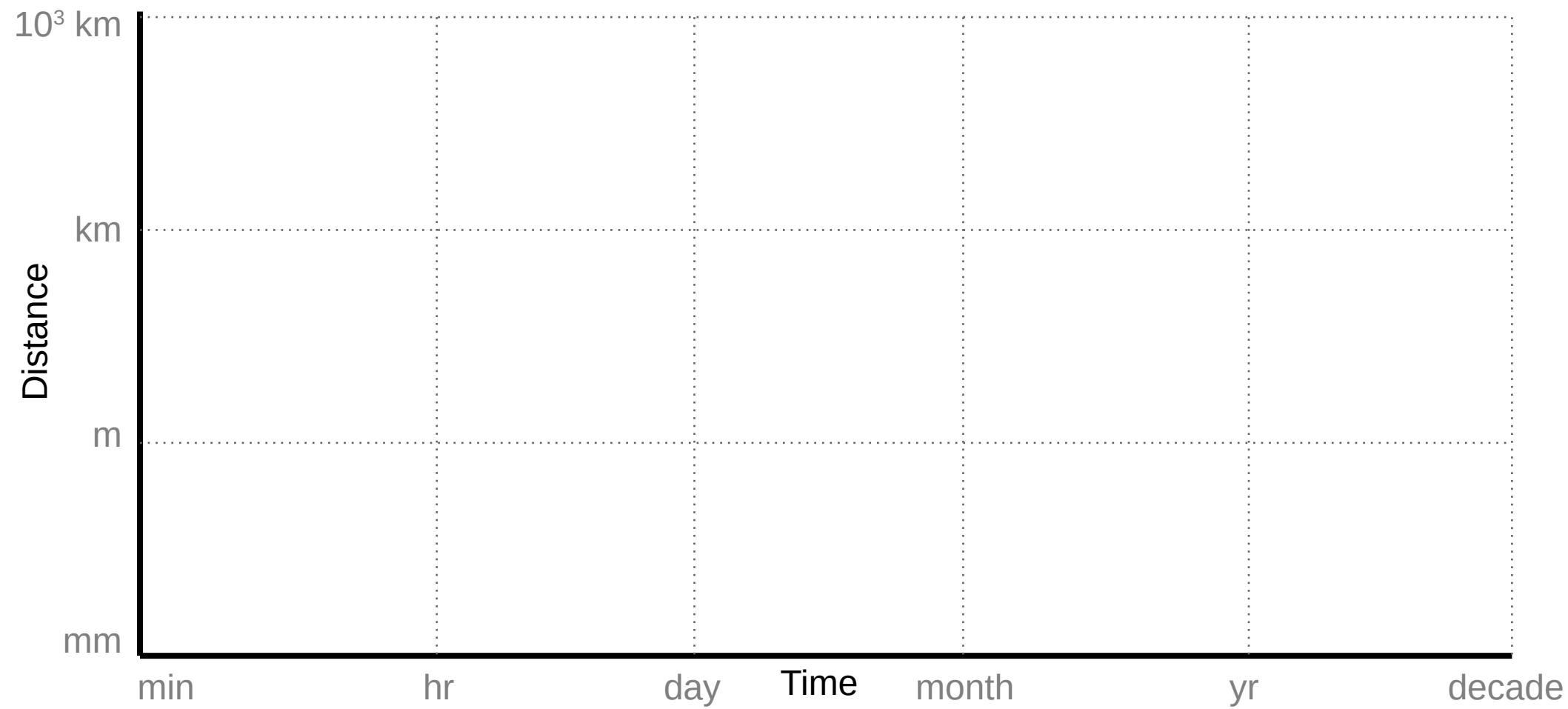


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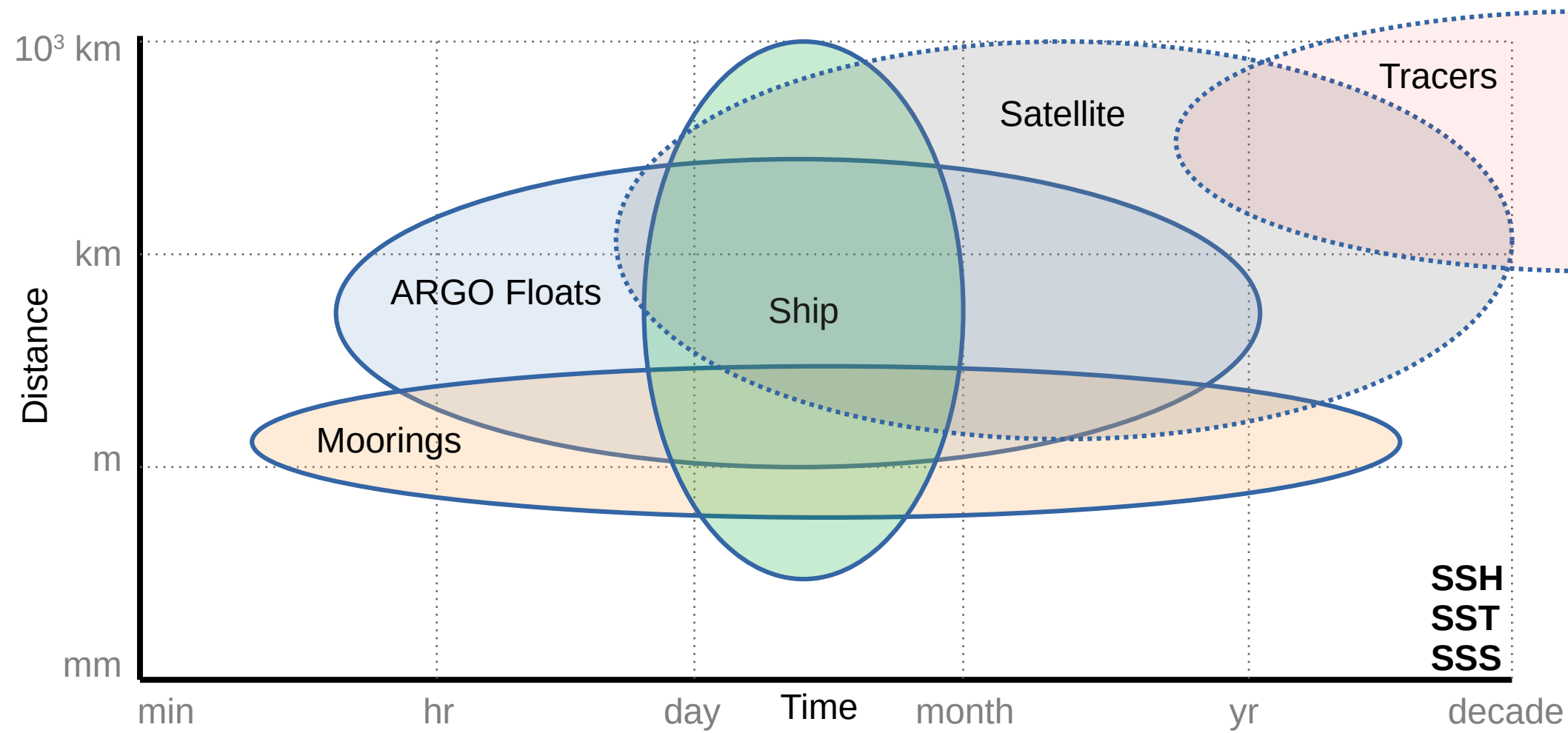
Transport driven by wind and density flows. Turnover time ~1-3000 years.



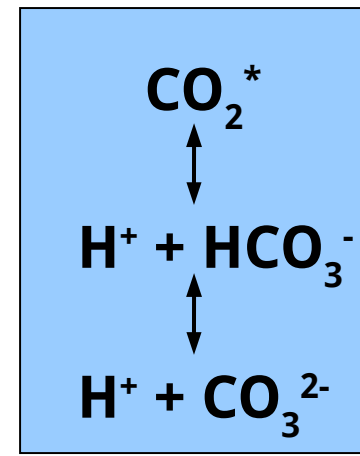
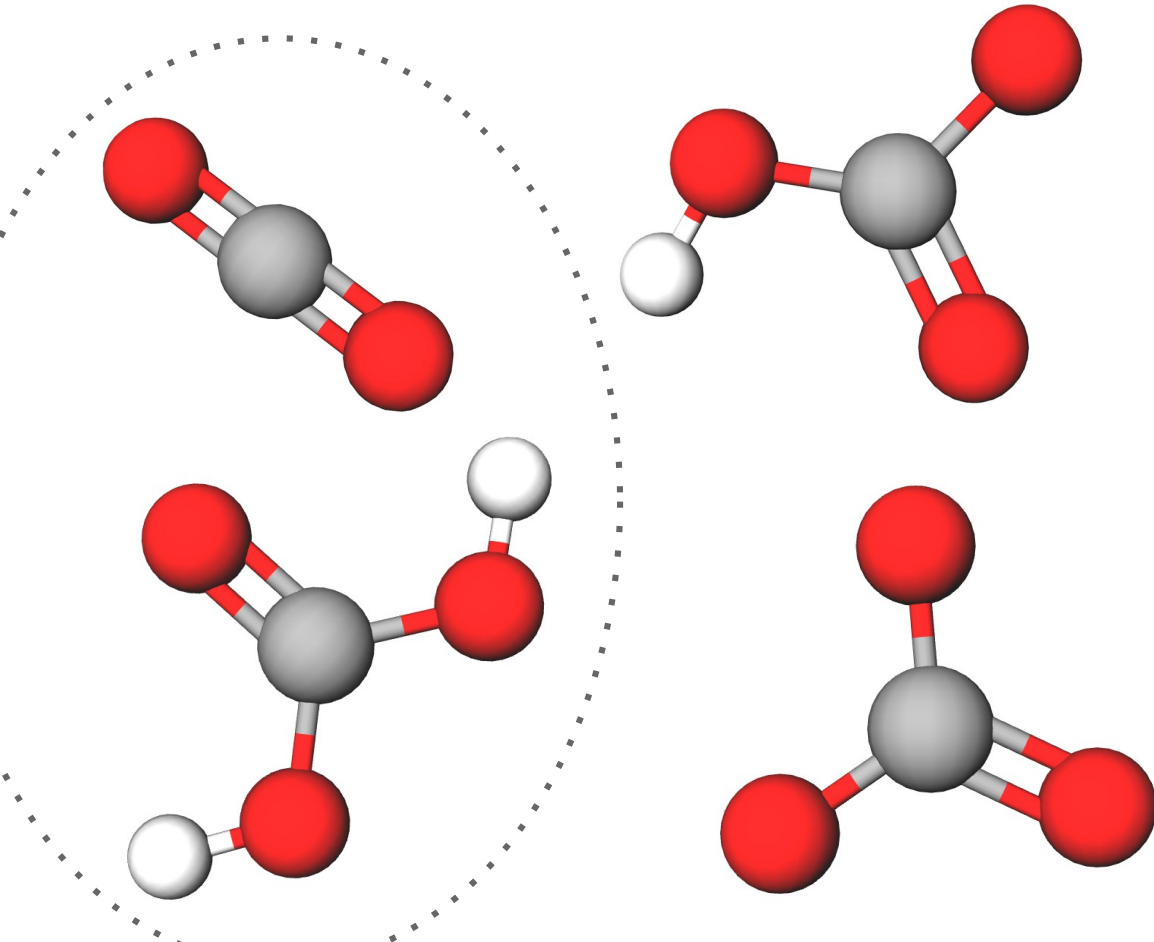
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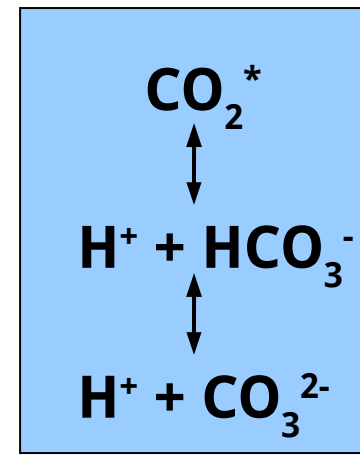
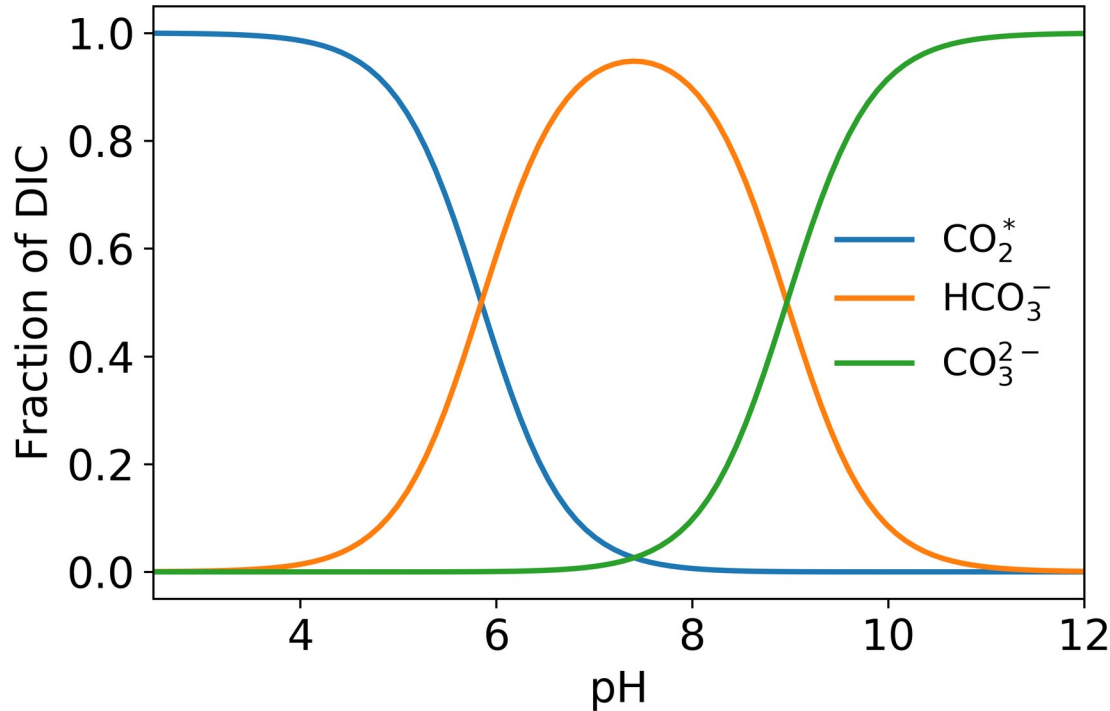
Carbon in Seawater



Dissolved Inorganic Carbon

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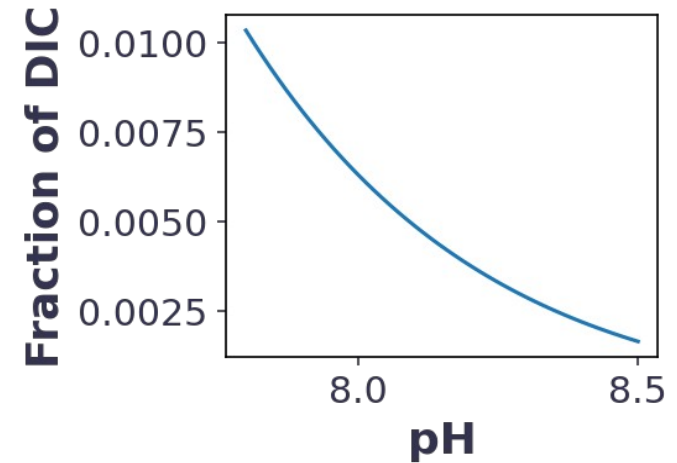
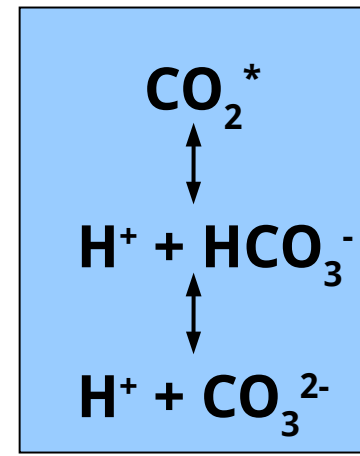
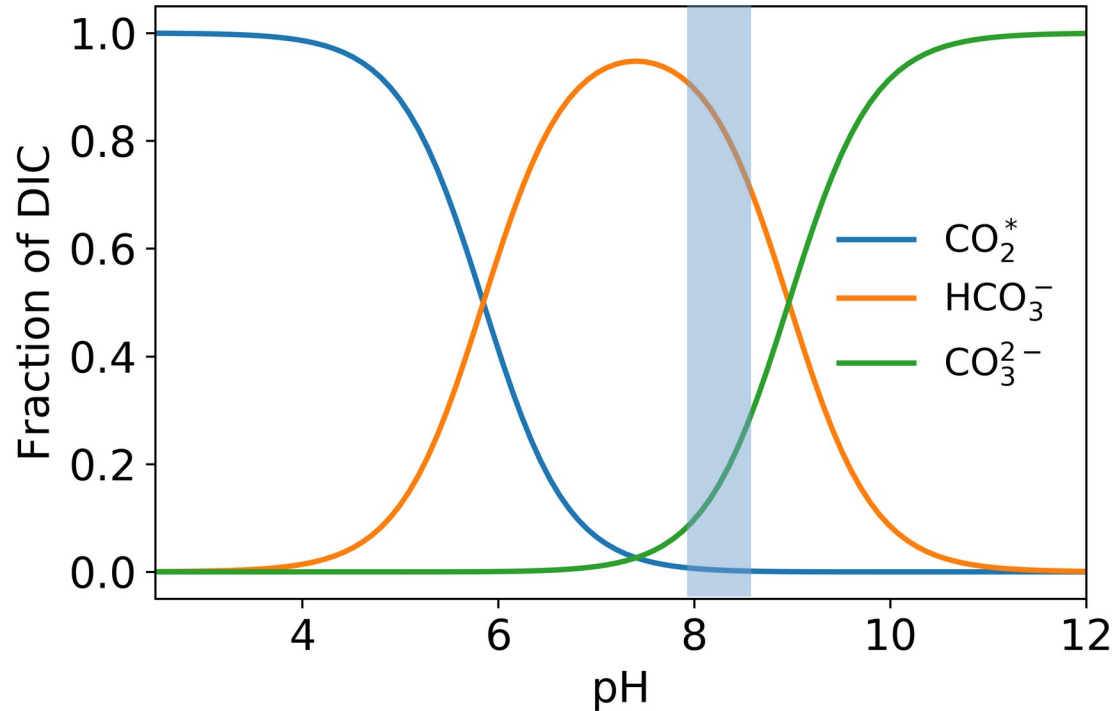


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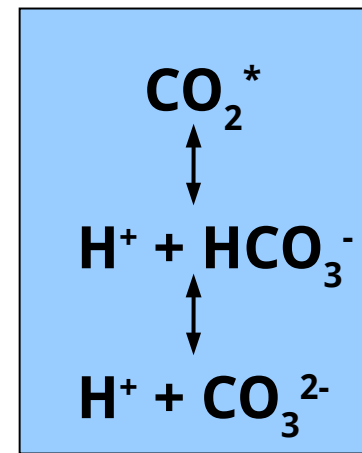
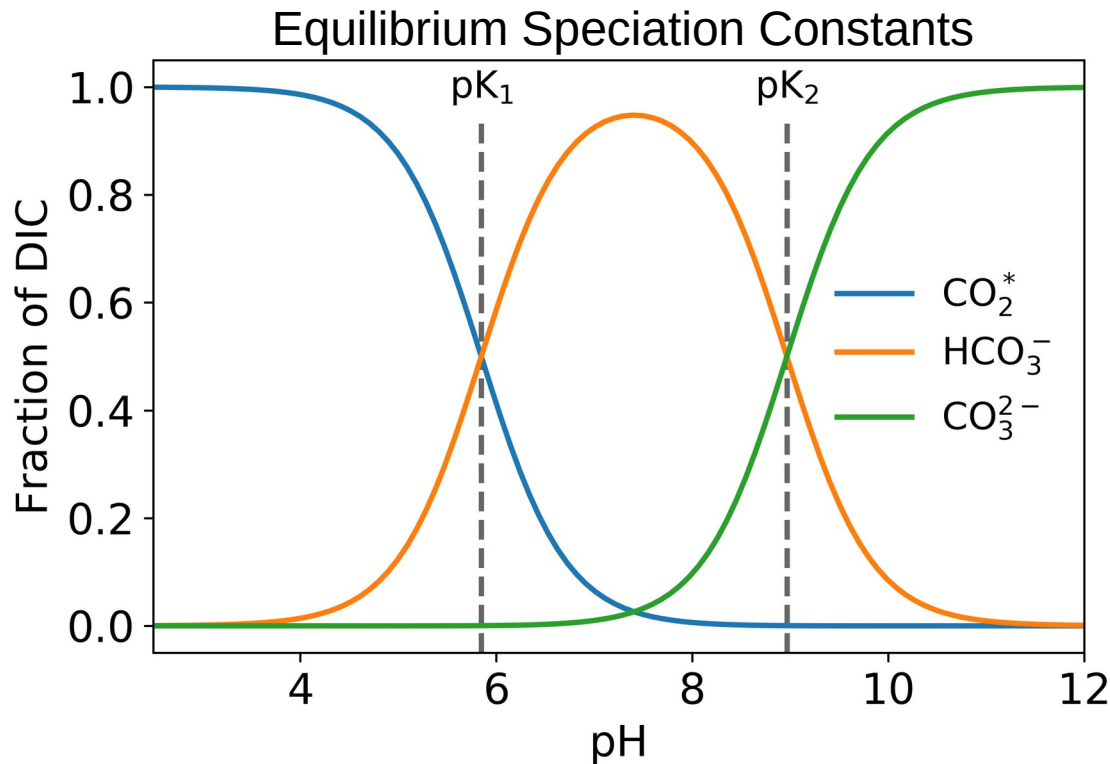
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$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10}([\text{H}^+])$$

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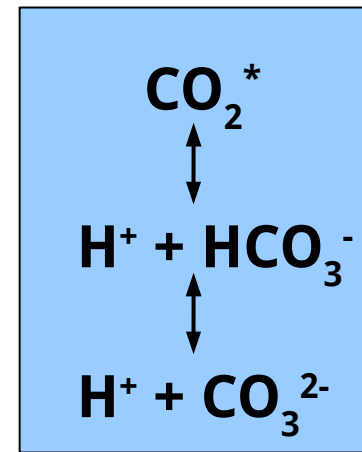
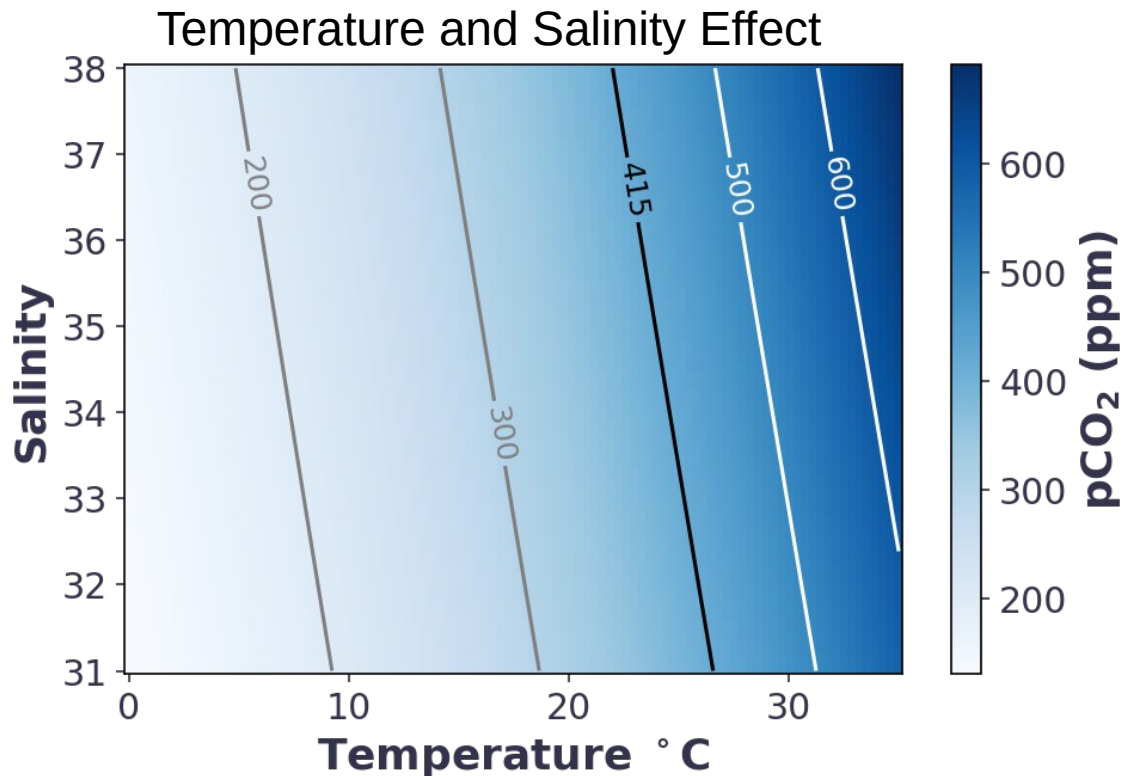


$$K_0 = \frac{[\text{CO}_2^*]}{f\text{CO}_2}$$

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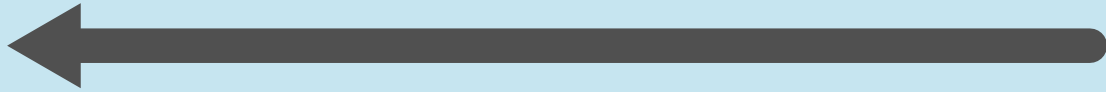
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Think: Circulation + Chemistry

High Lat

Equator

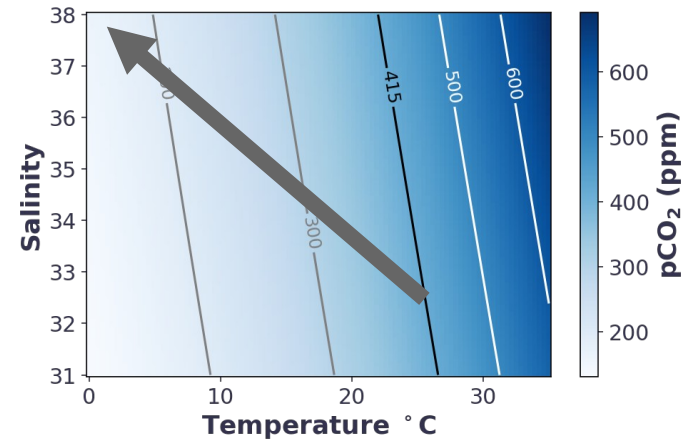
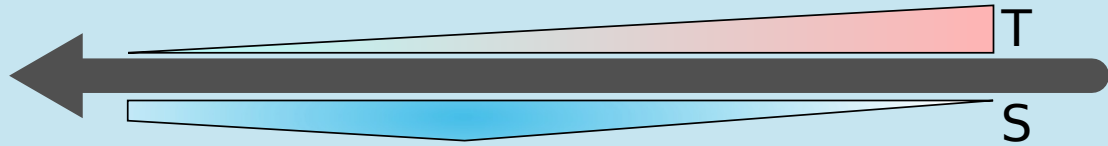


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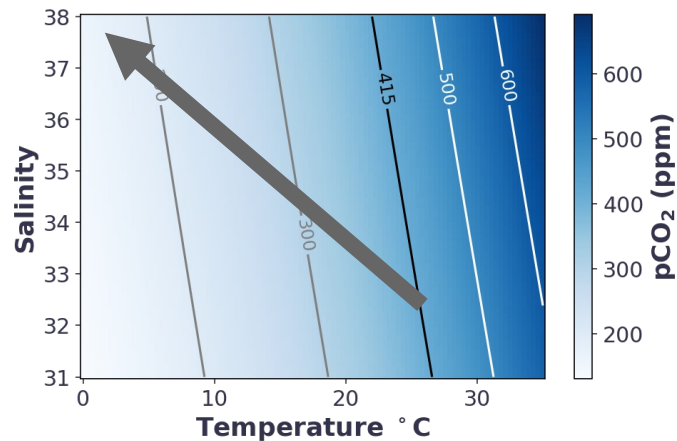
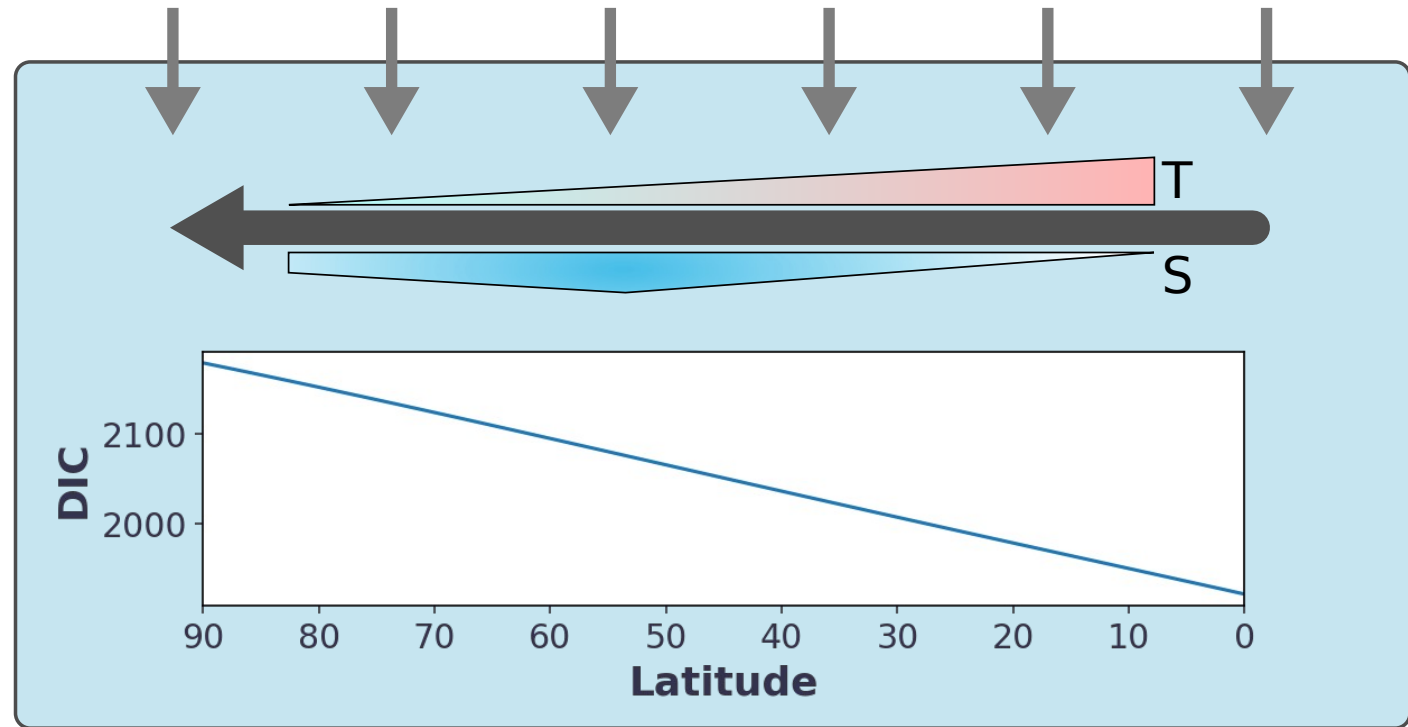


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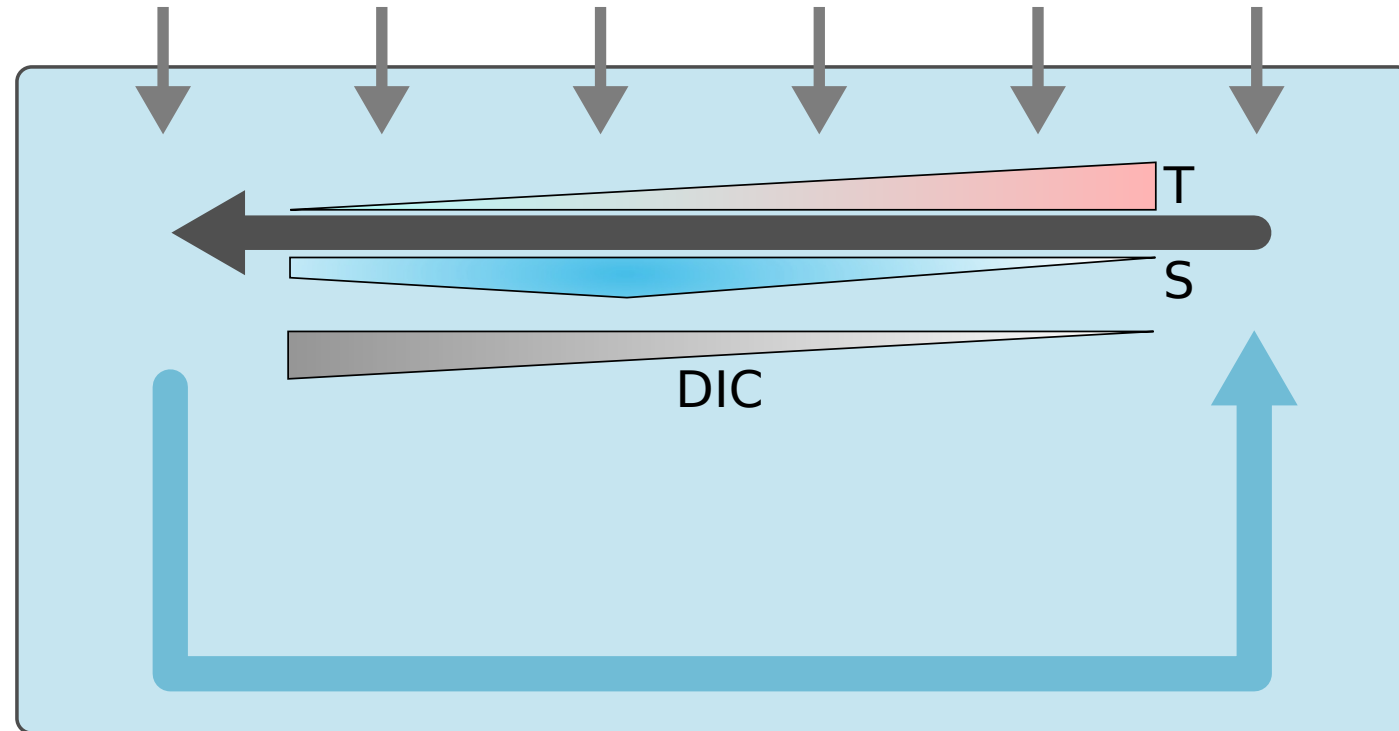


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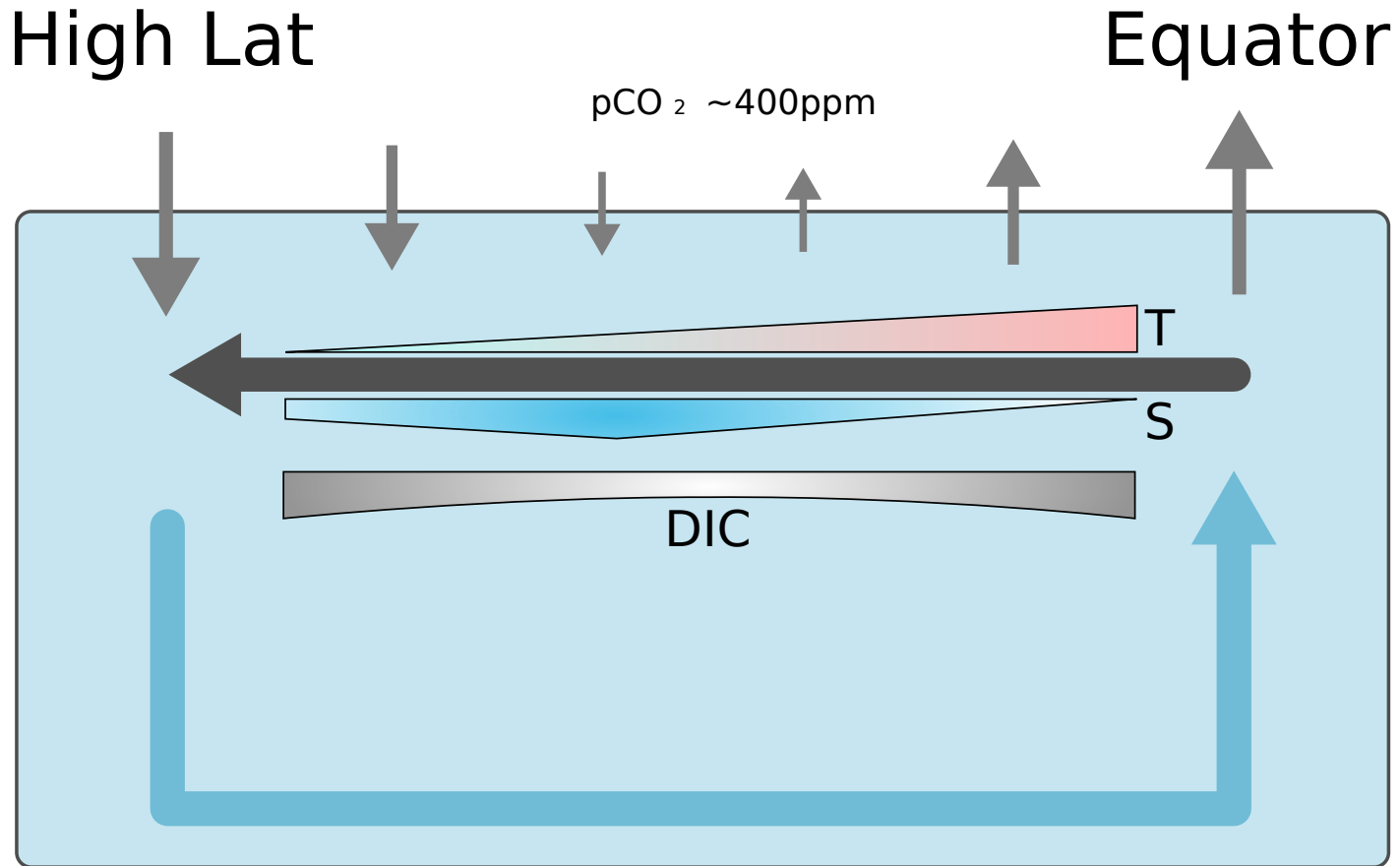
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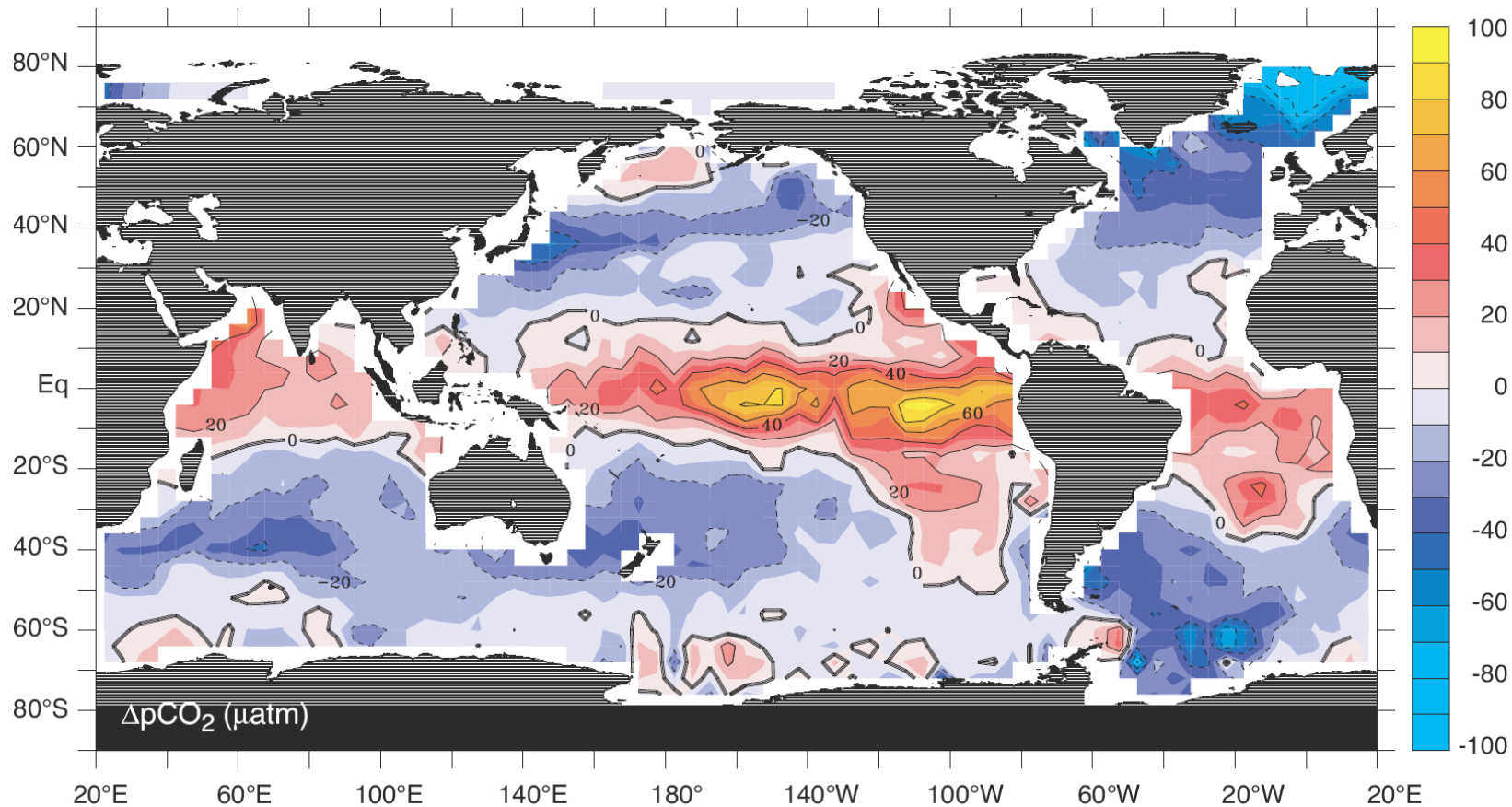
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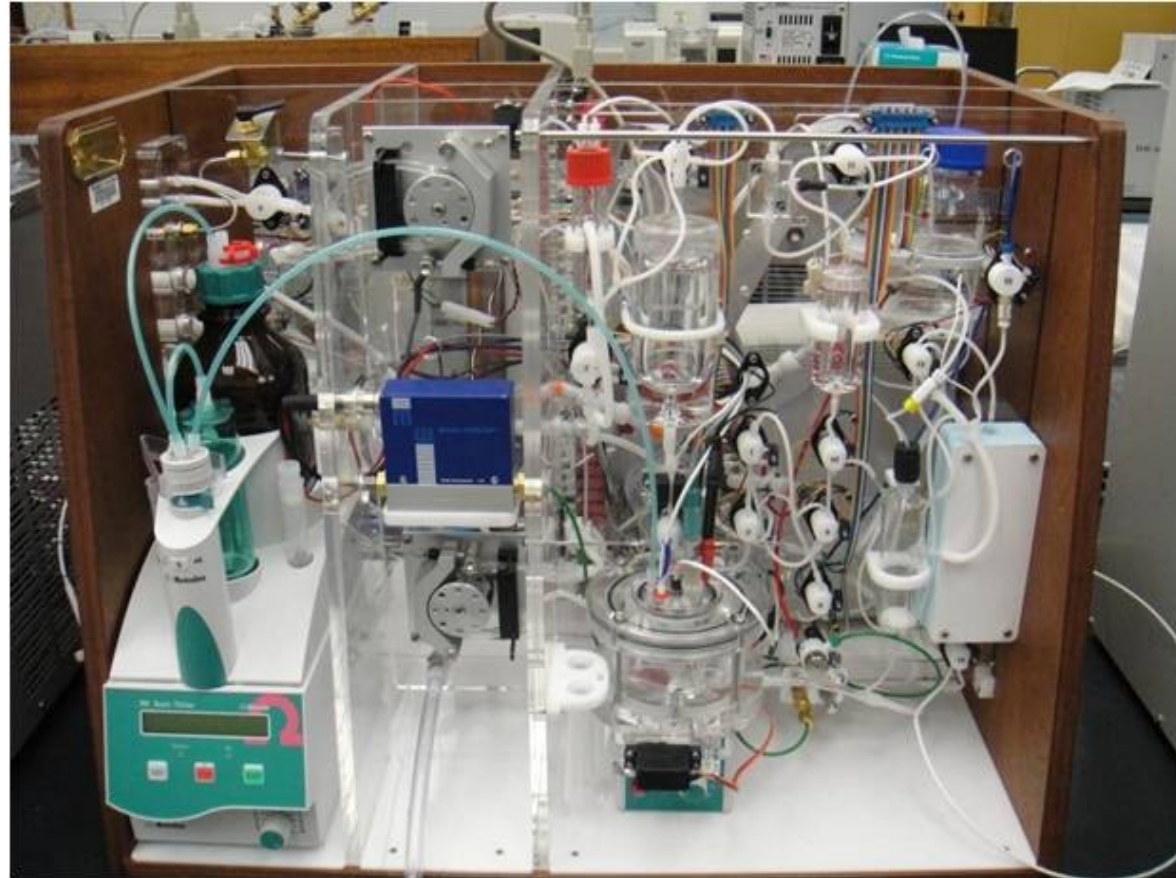
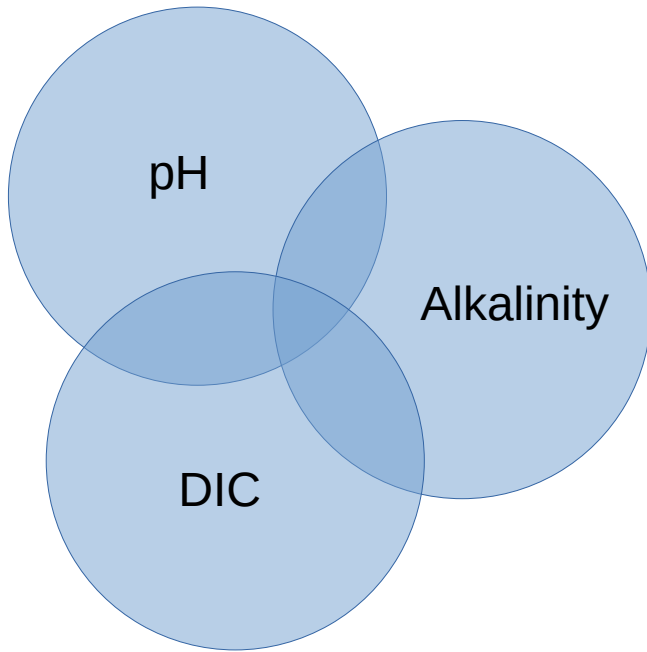
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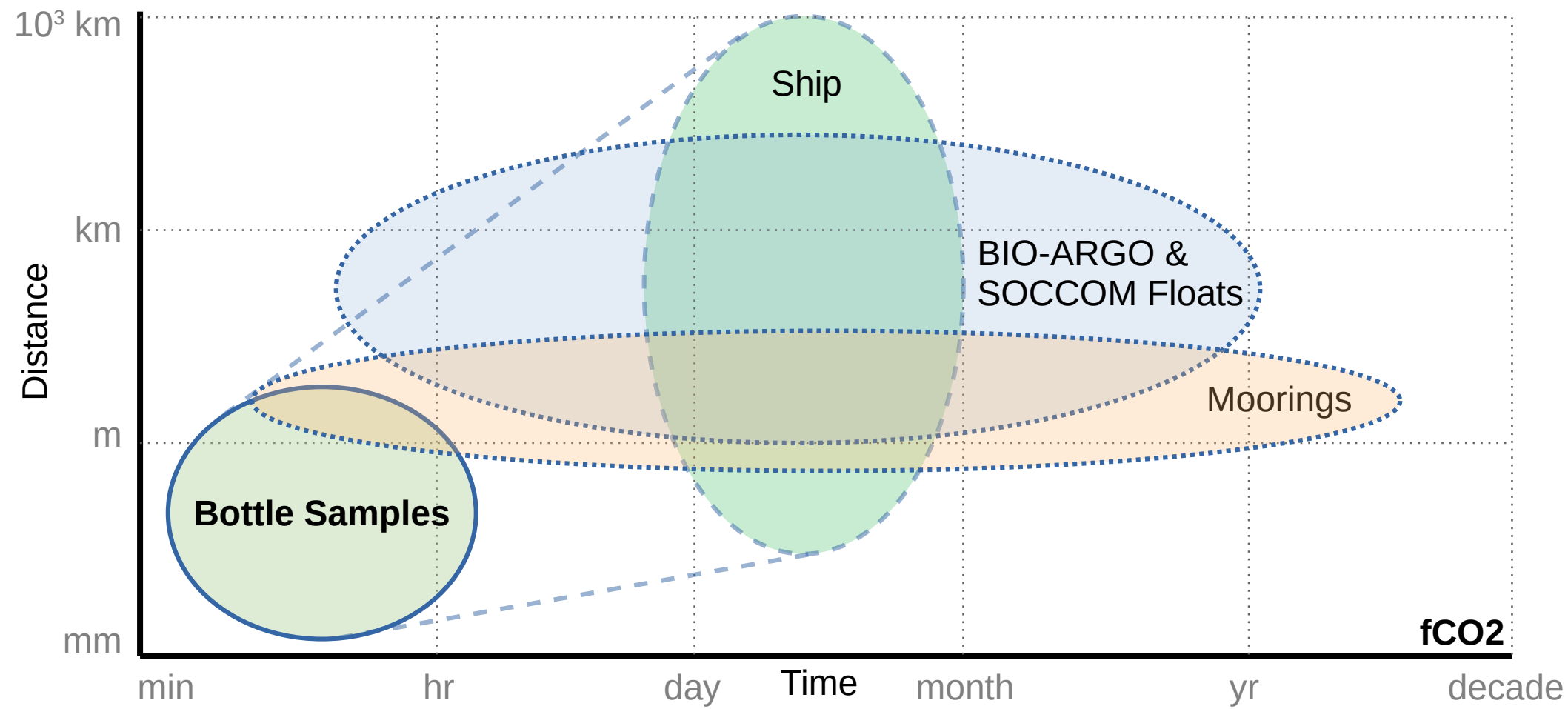
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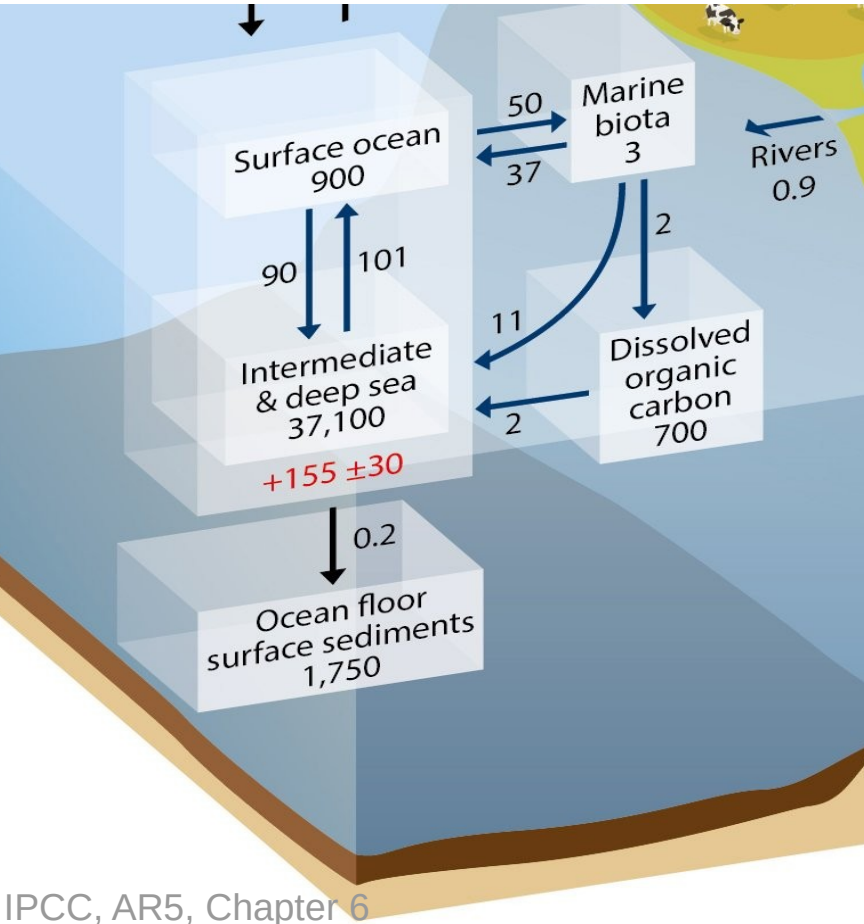
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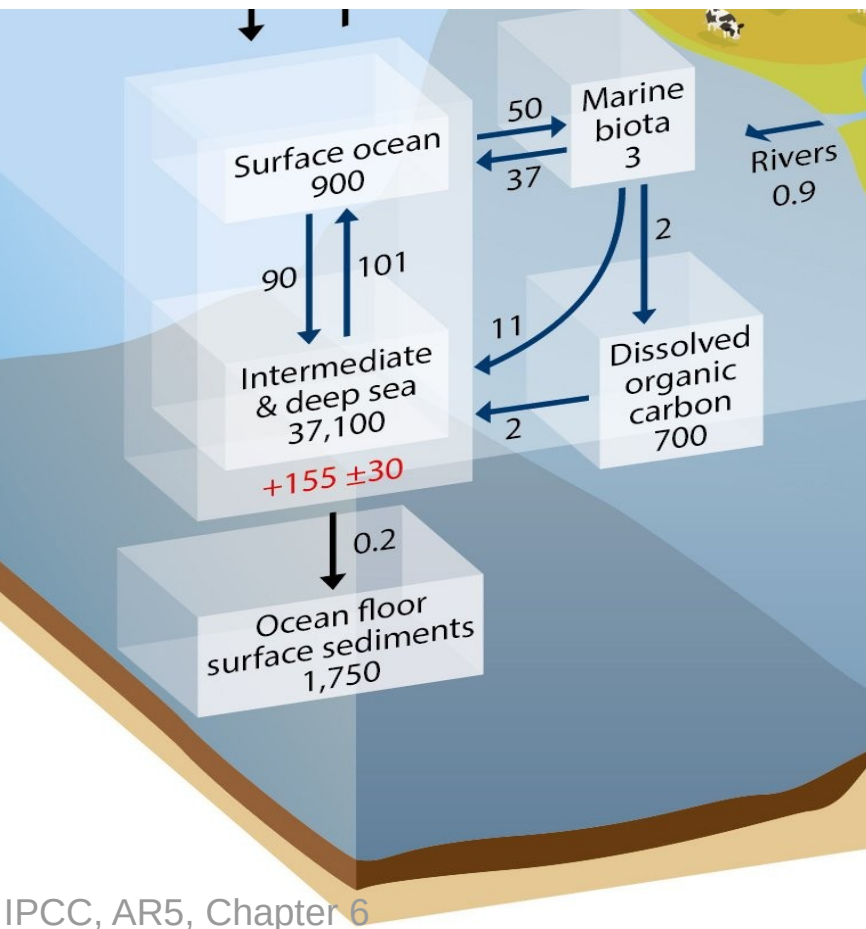
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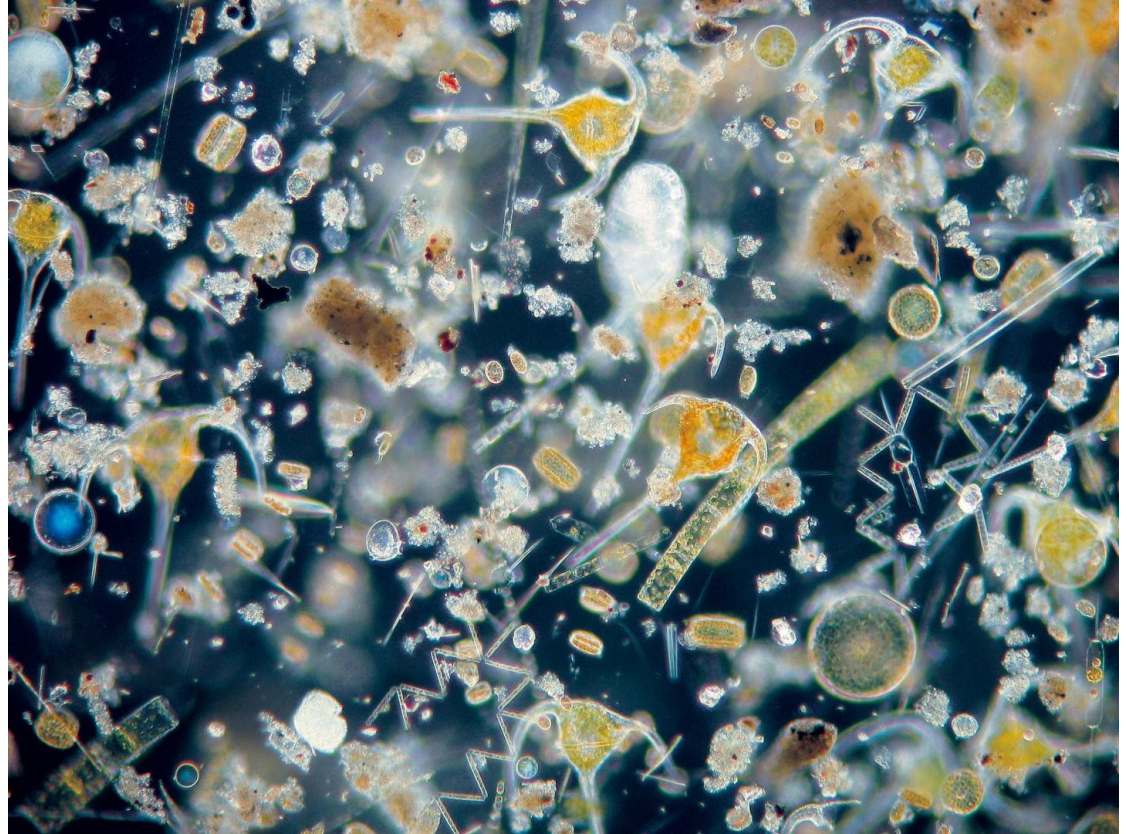
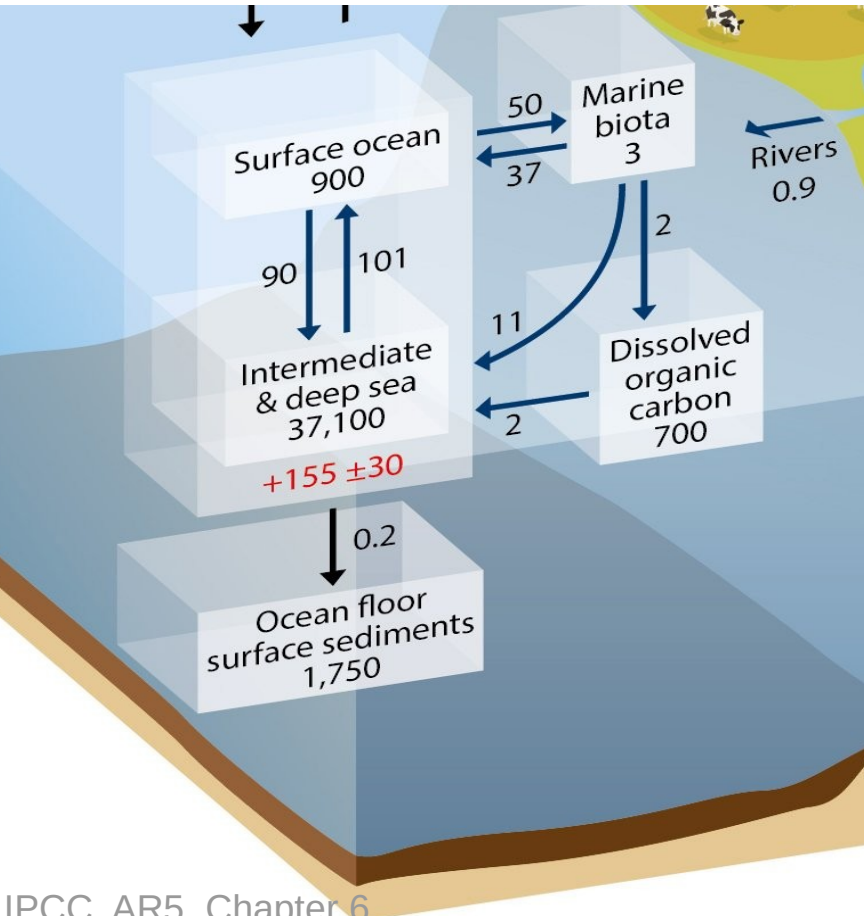


Total Biological Export: ~13 GtC

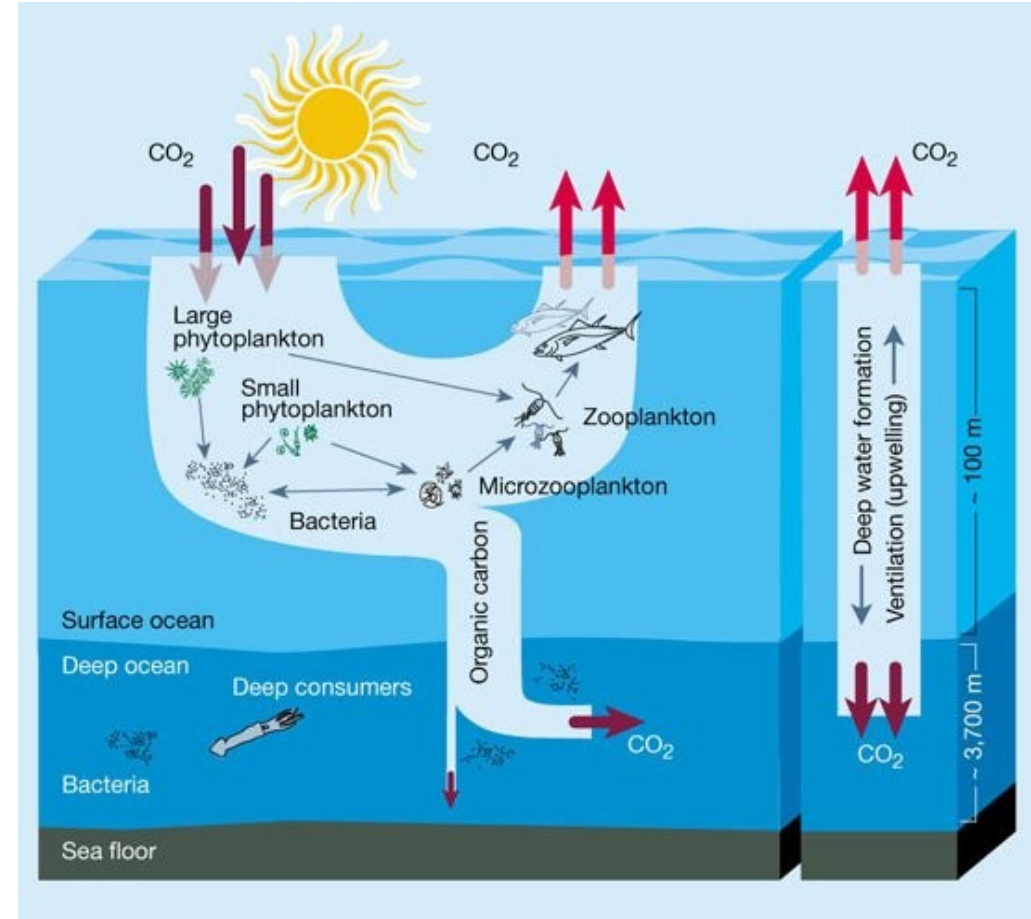
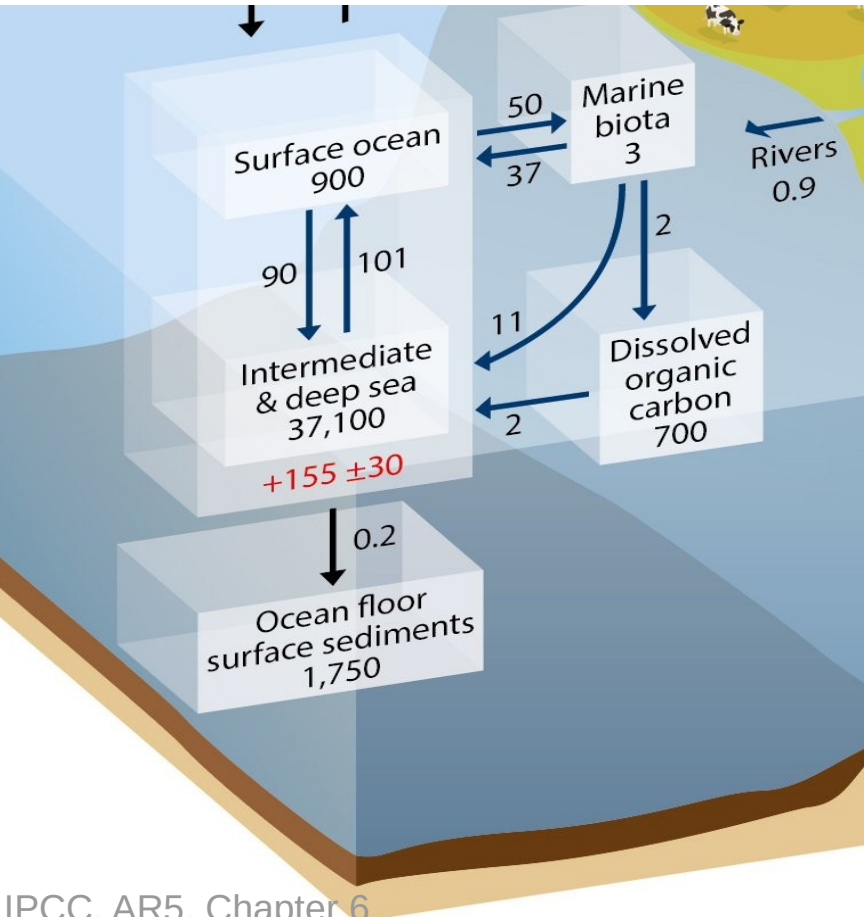
Annual fossil fuel release: 7.8 ± 0.6 GtC

Small compared to solubility, but still BIG!

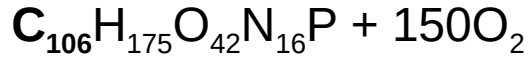
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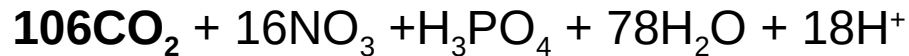


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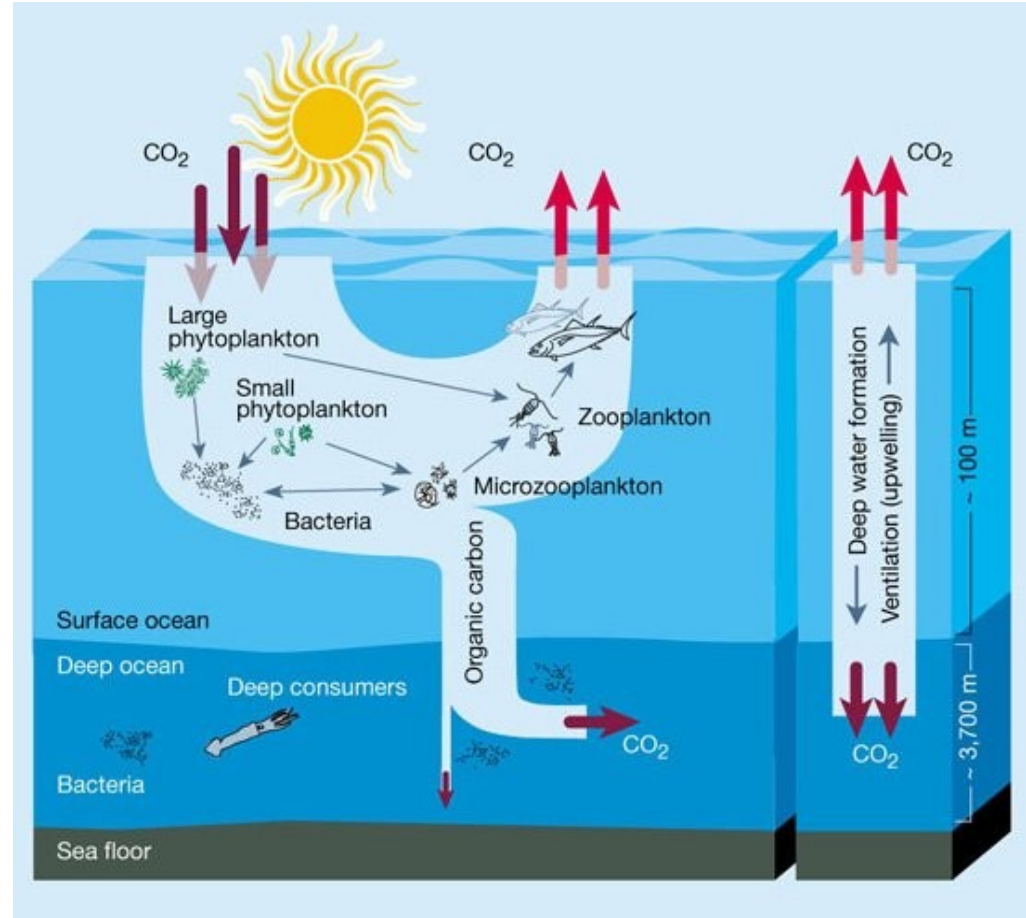


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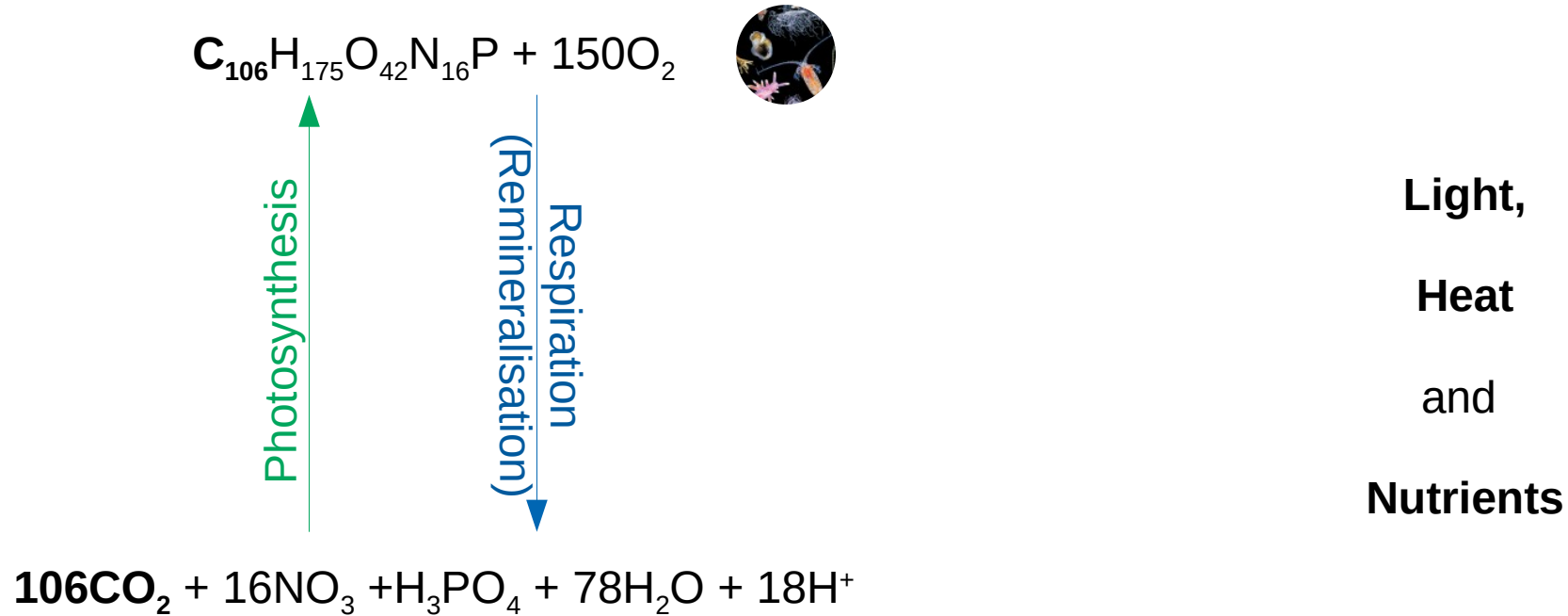
Respiration
(Remineralisation)



Photosynthesis captures CO_2 in the surface
Remineralisation releases CO_2 in deep



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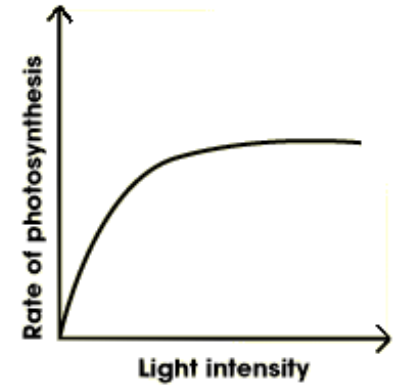
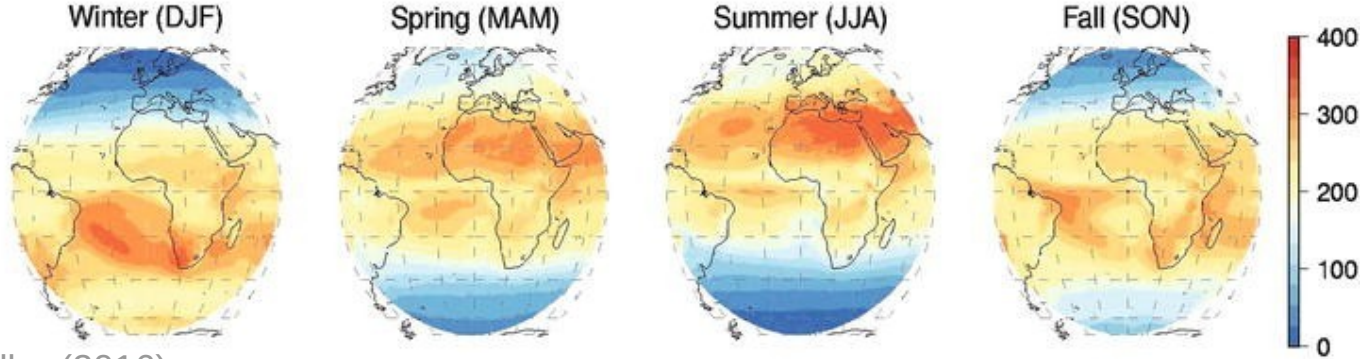




Ocean: Chlorophyll *a* Concentration (mg/m³)

Biology: Light

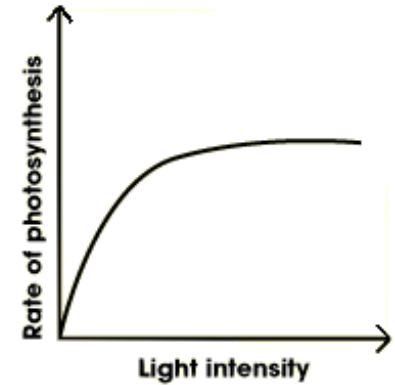
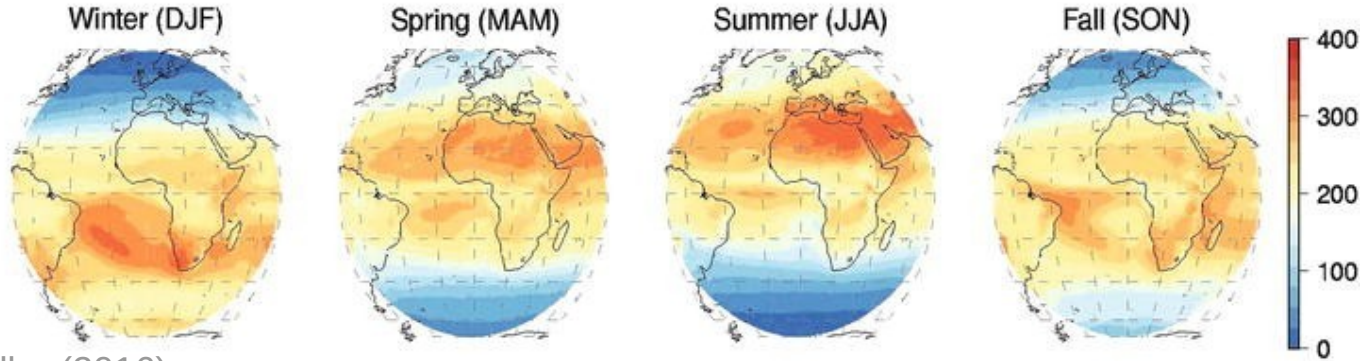
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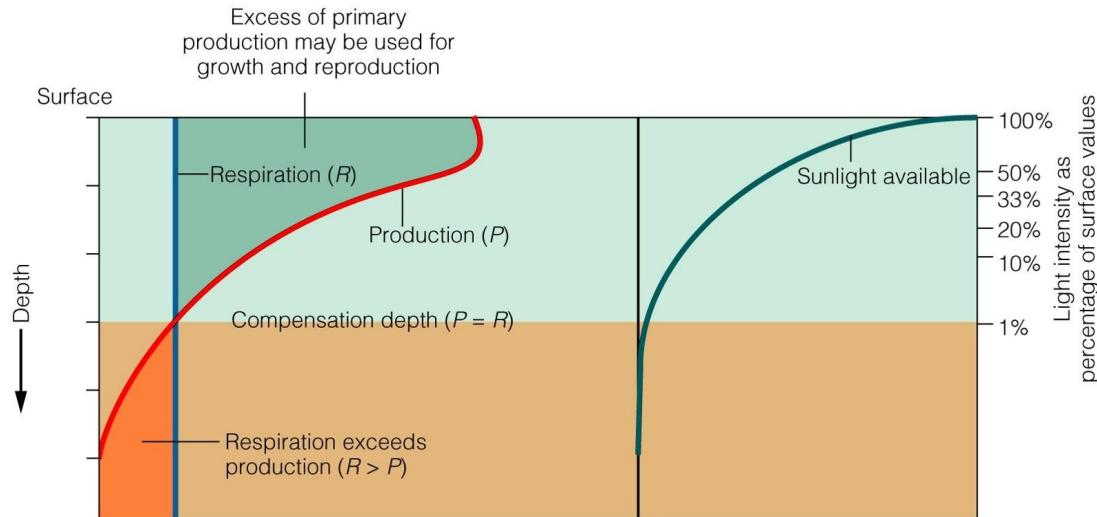
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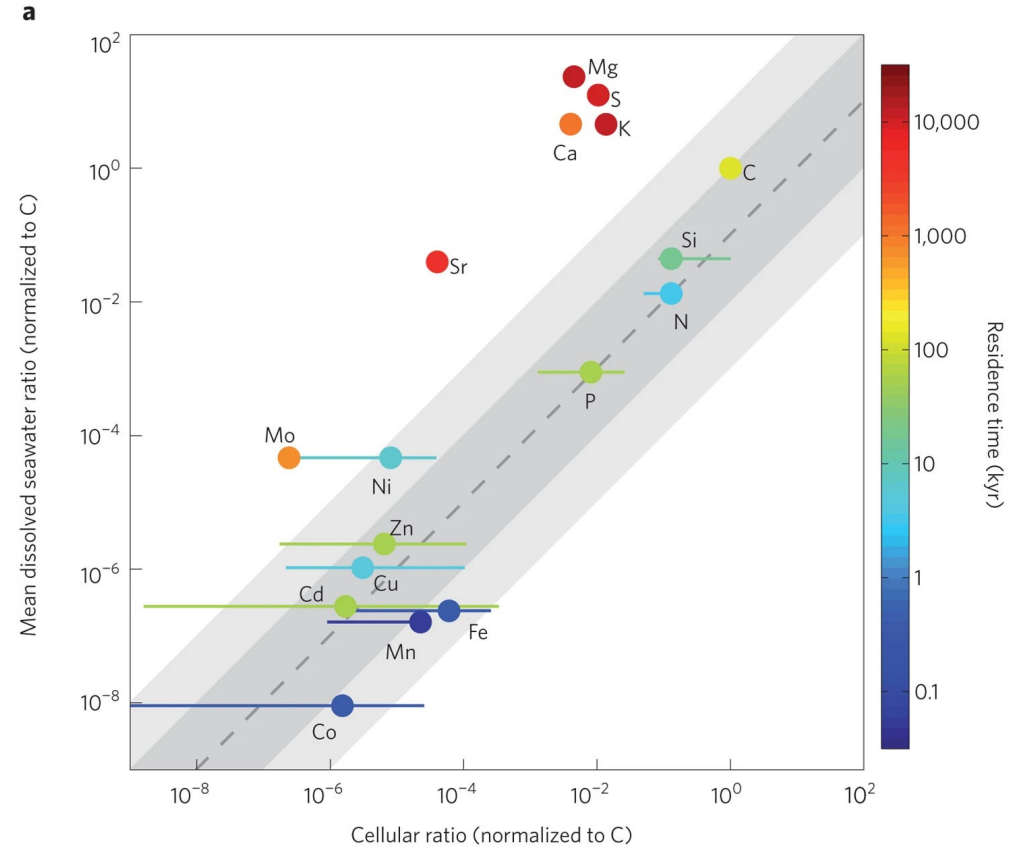


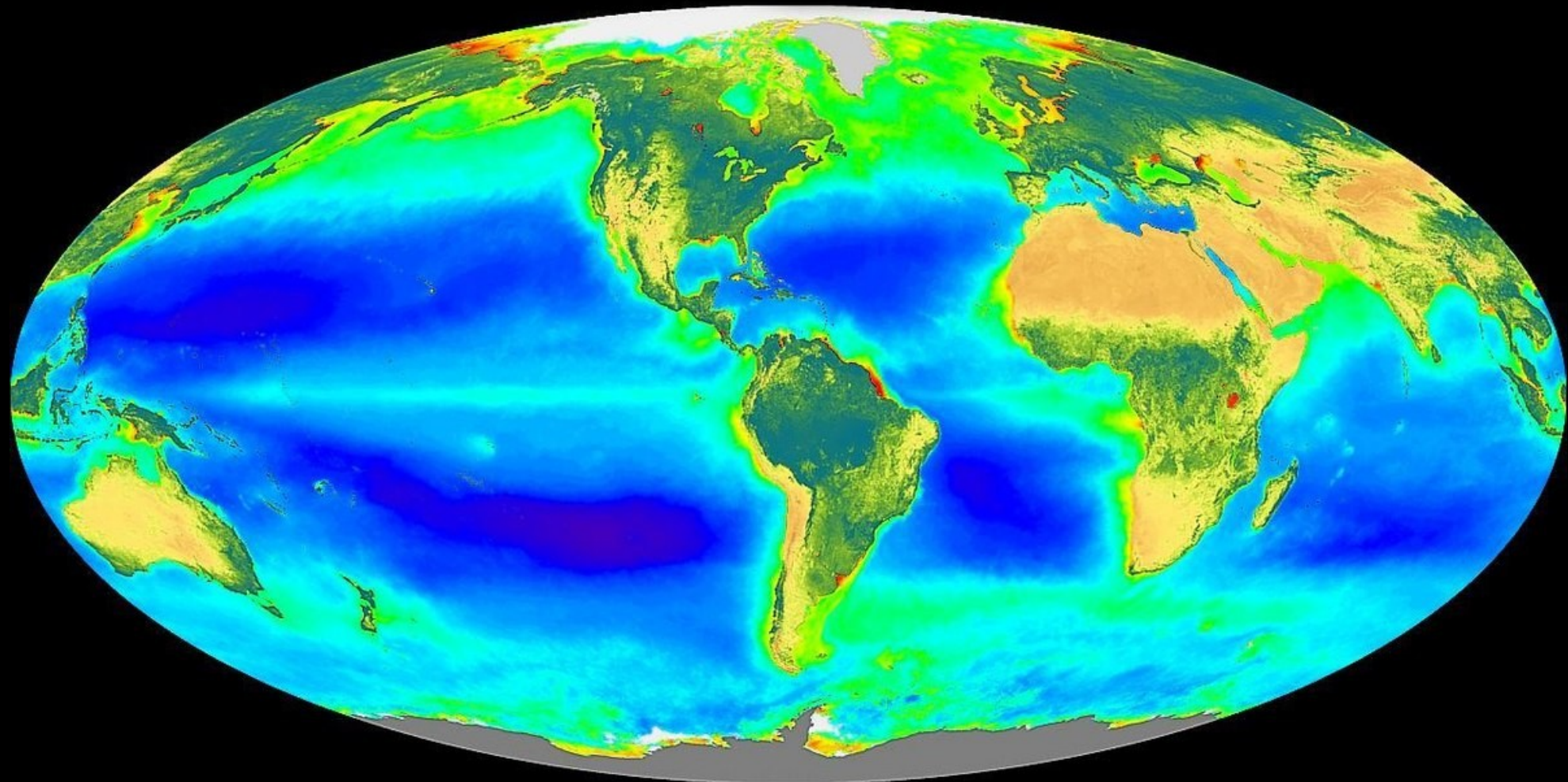
Mixed Layer Depth
is critical

Biology: Nutrients

Productivity is limited by:

- P
- Fe
- Mn
- Co

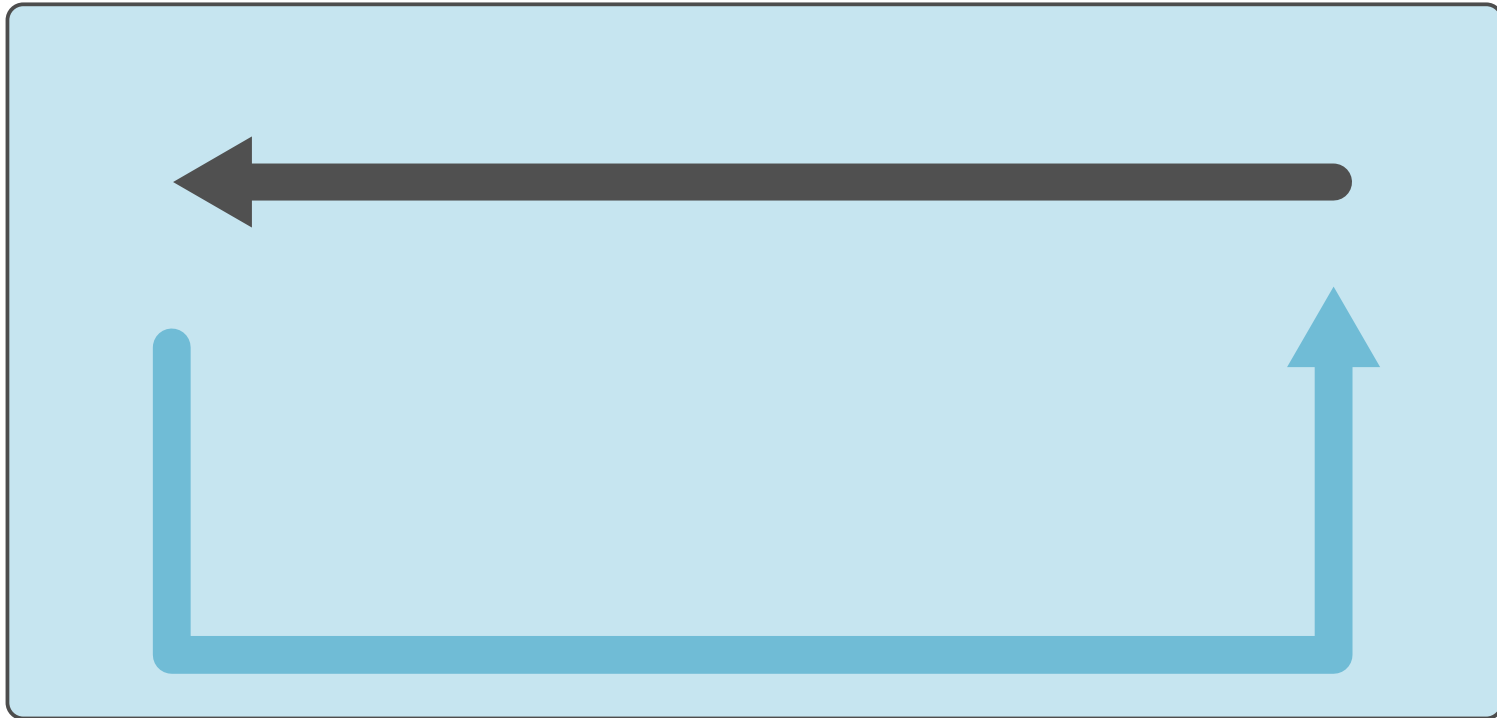




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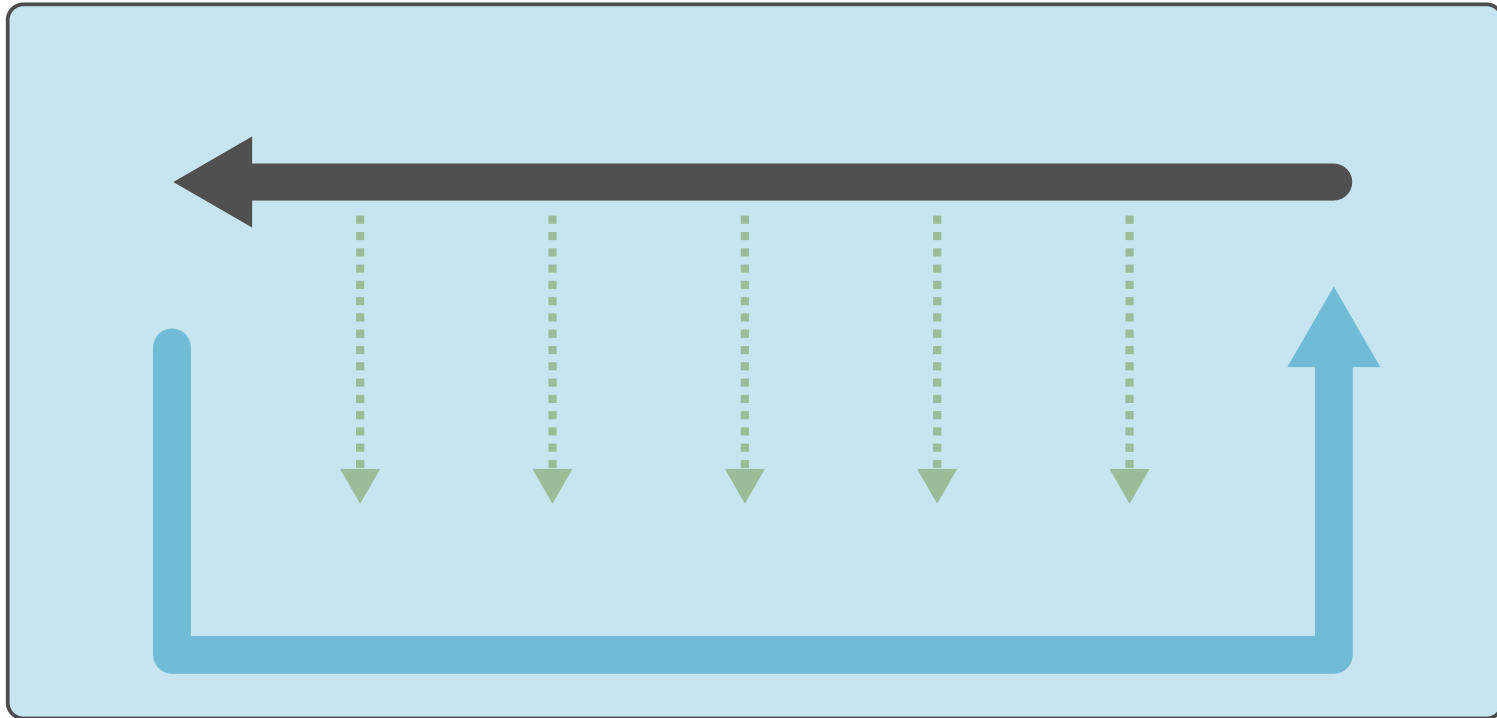
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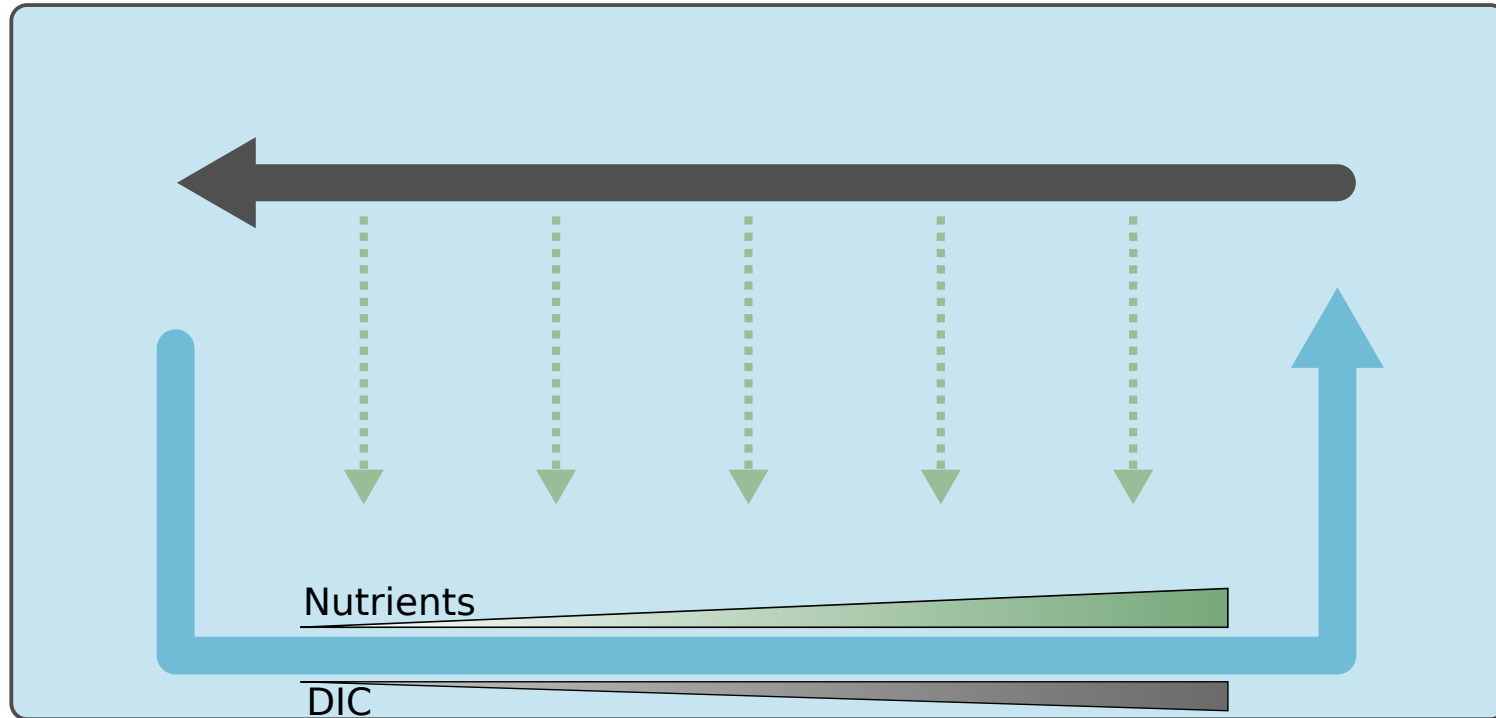
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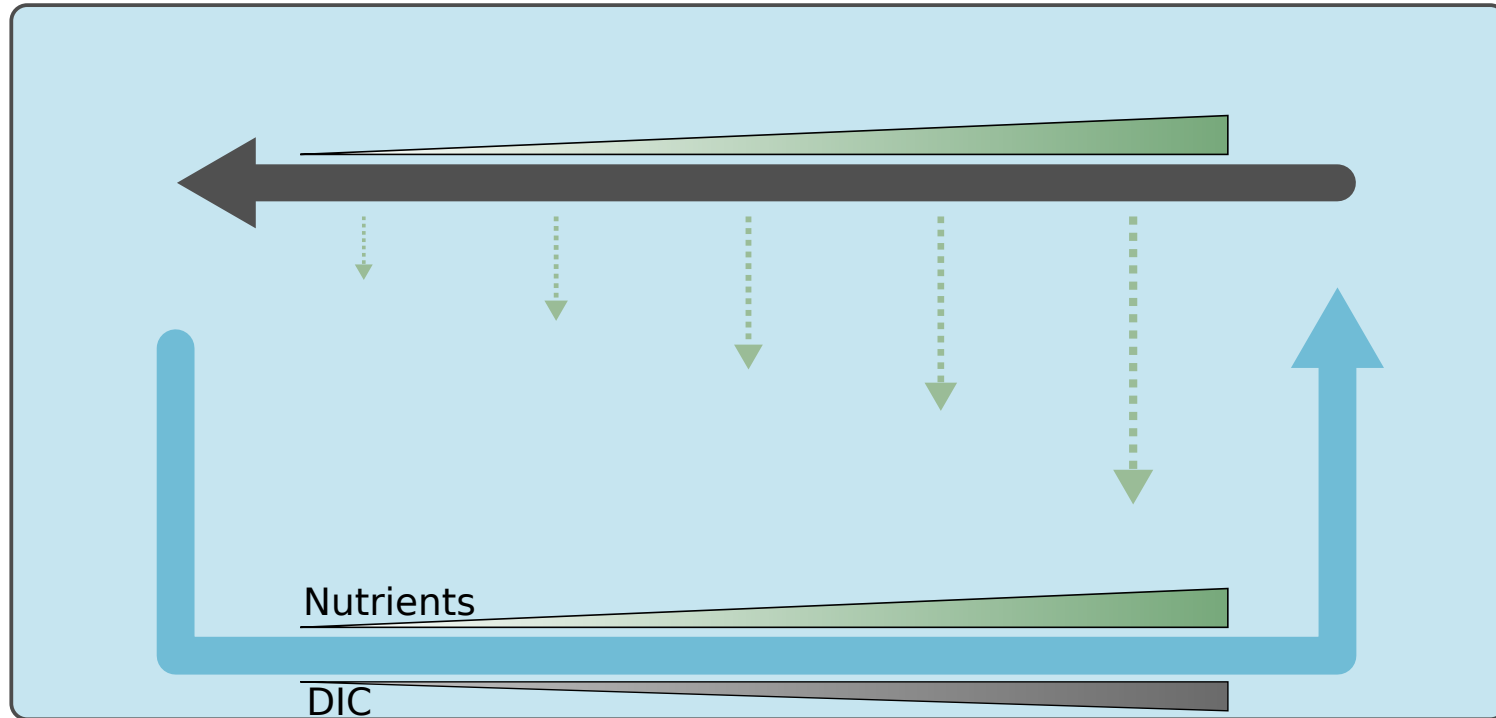
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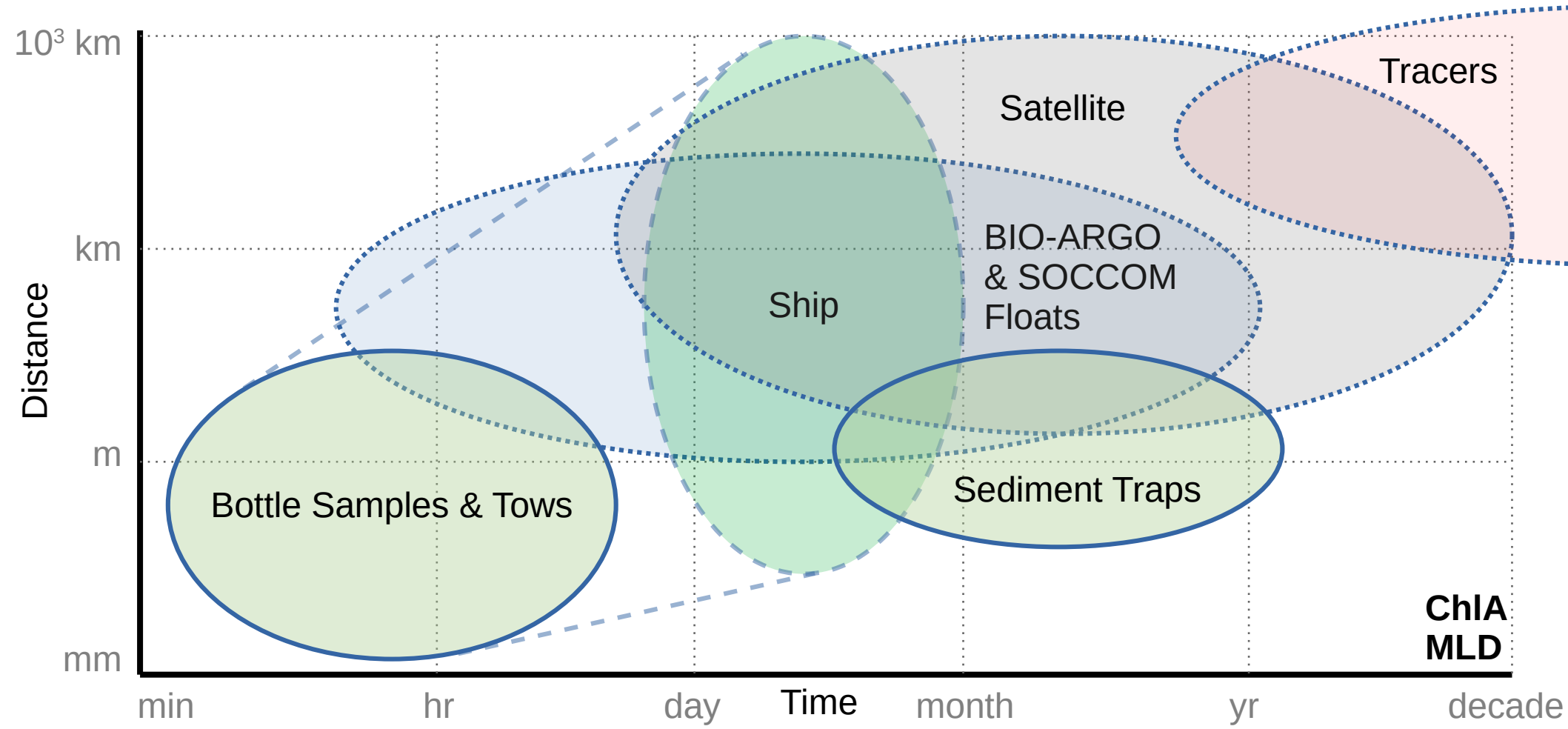
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Measuring Biology



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