

# Ecosystem Modeling & Ocean Acidification

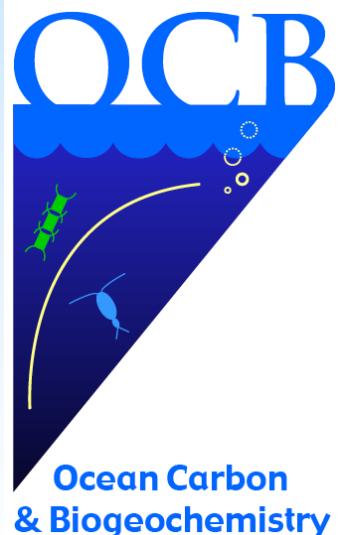
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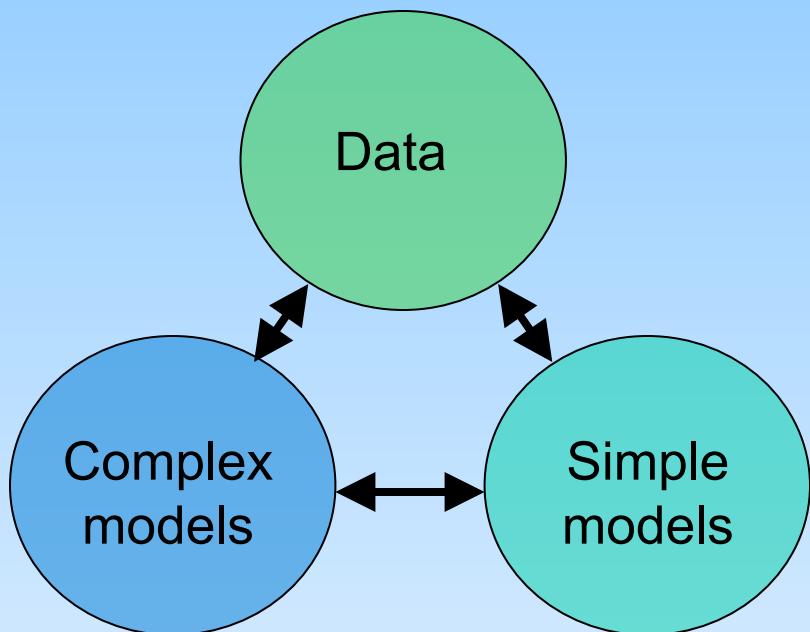
## Biological Hierarchy

- cell & organism
- population & community
- ecosystem/biogeochemistry
- coupled human-natural systems

## Multiple Stressors & Climate



# Ecosystem Modeling of Ocean Acidification



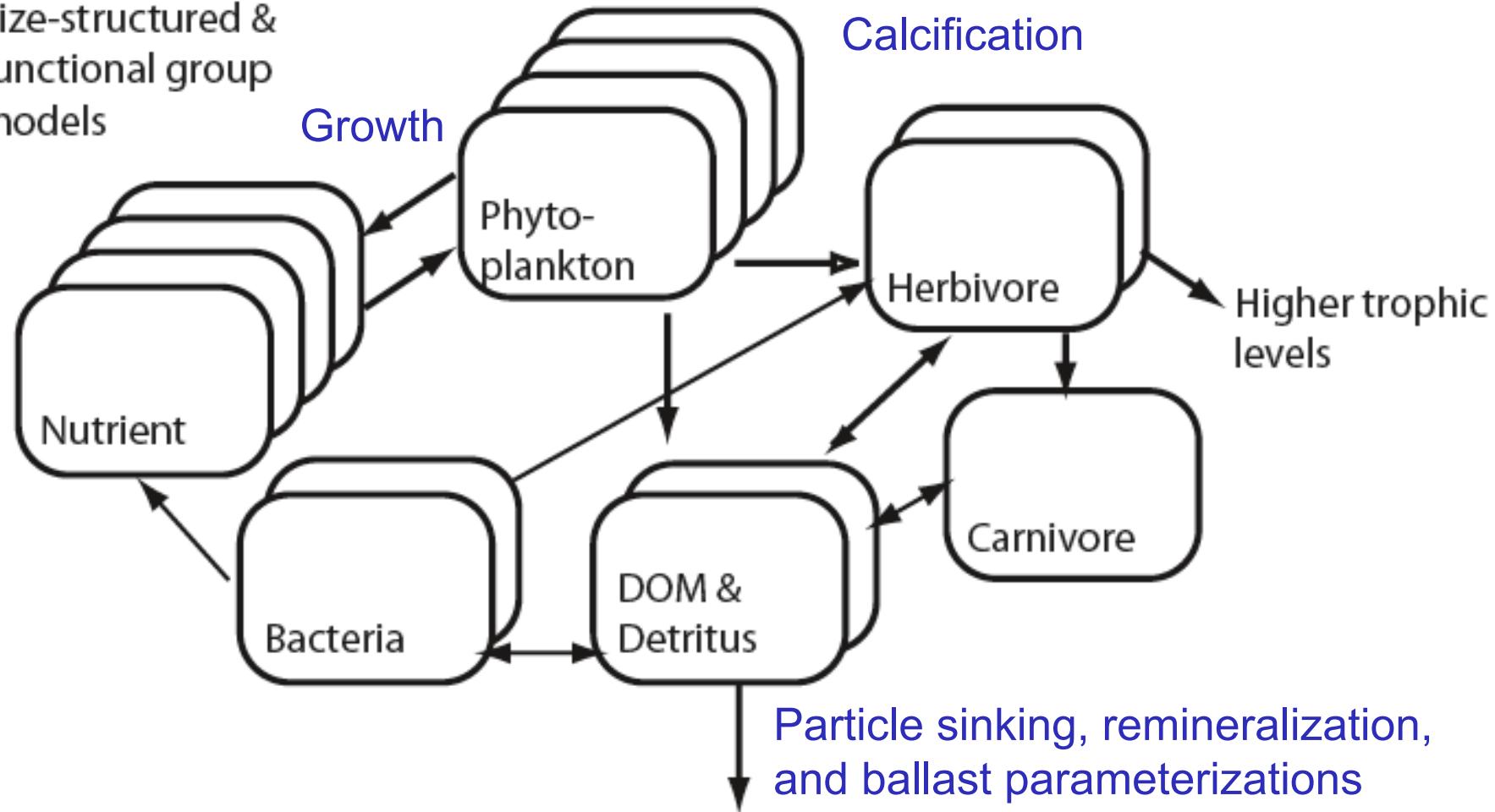
## Complexity & Trade-offs

- empirical vs. dynamical
- functional form & parameters
- parameterizing across scales & unresolved processes
- data for model evaluation
- physical-chemical framework
- quantifying uncertainty



# Plankton Functional Type (PFT) Models

Size-structured & functional group models

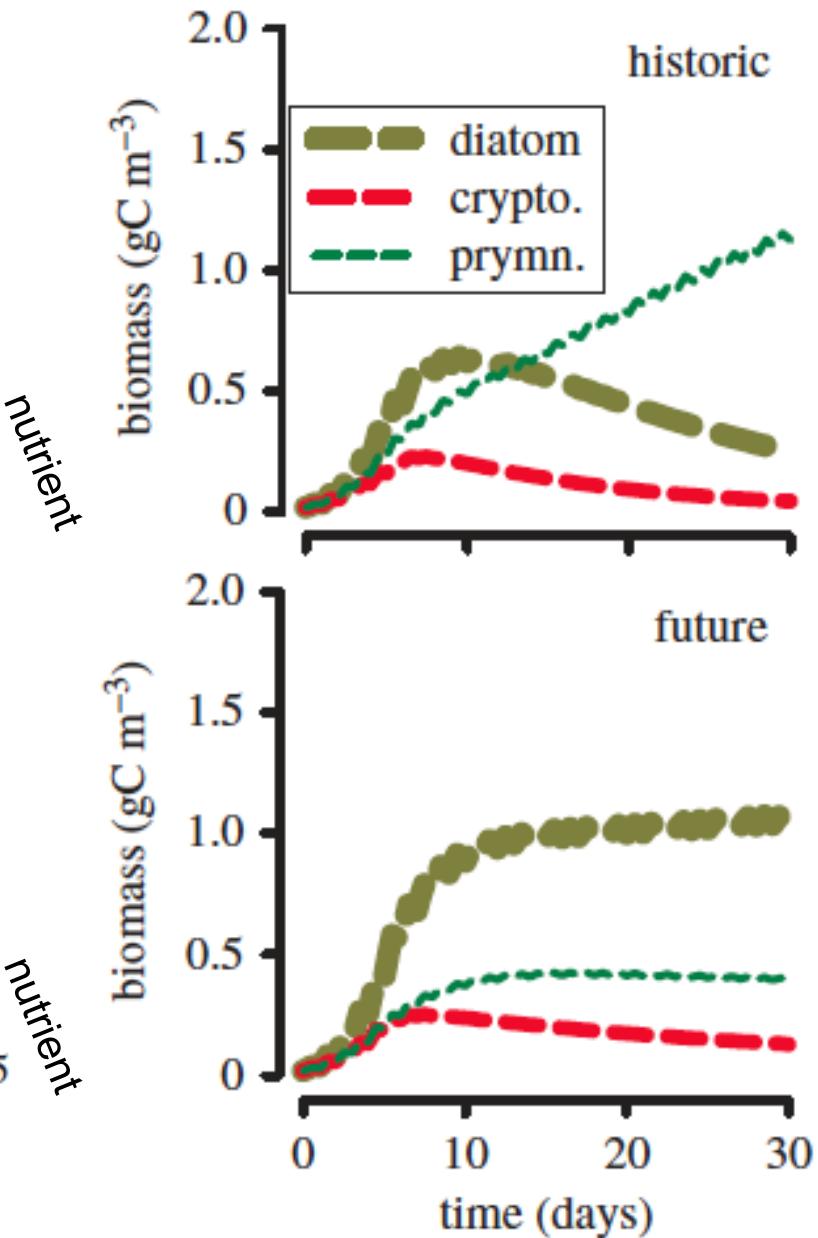
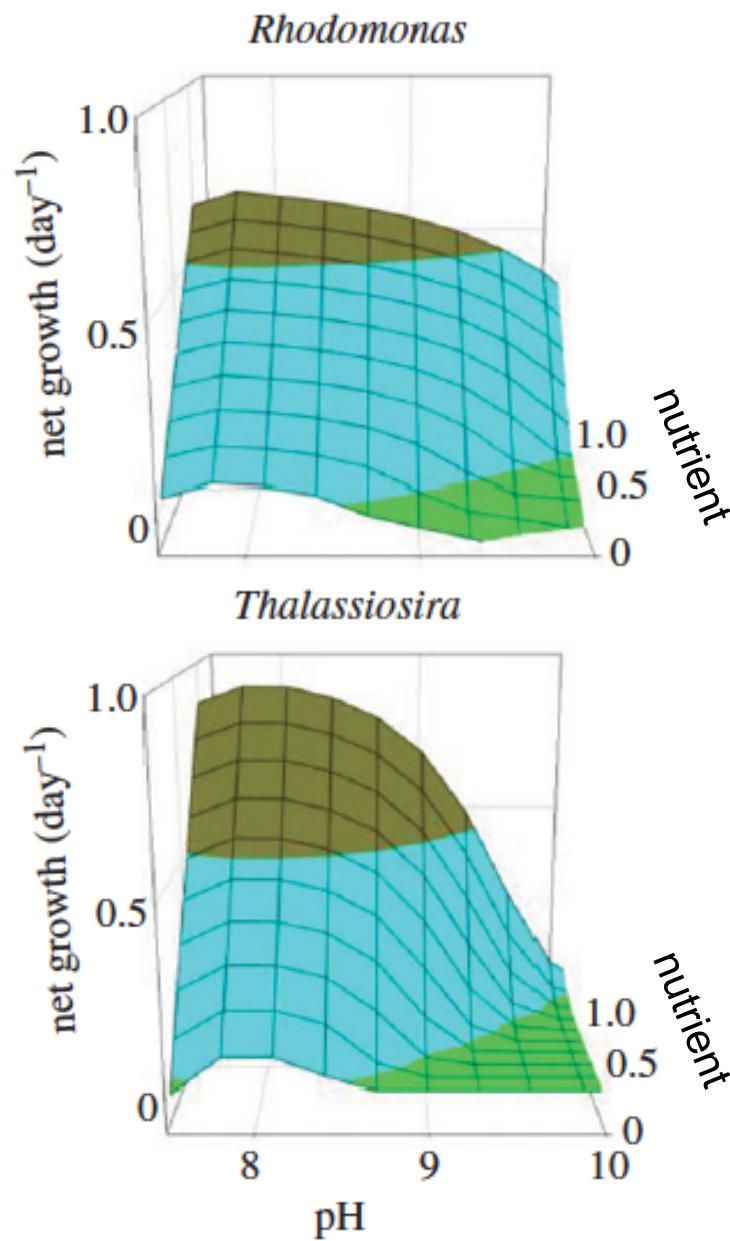


-Aggregate into trophic levels/functional groups/size classes

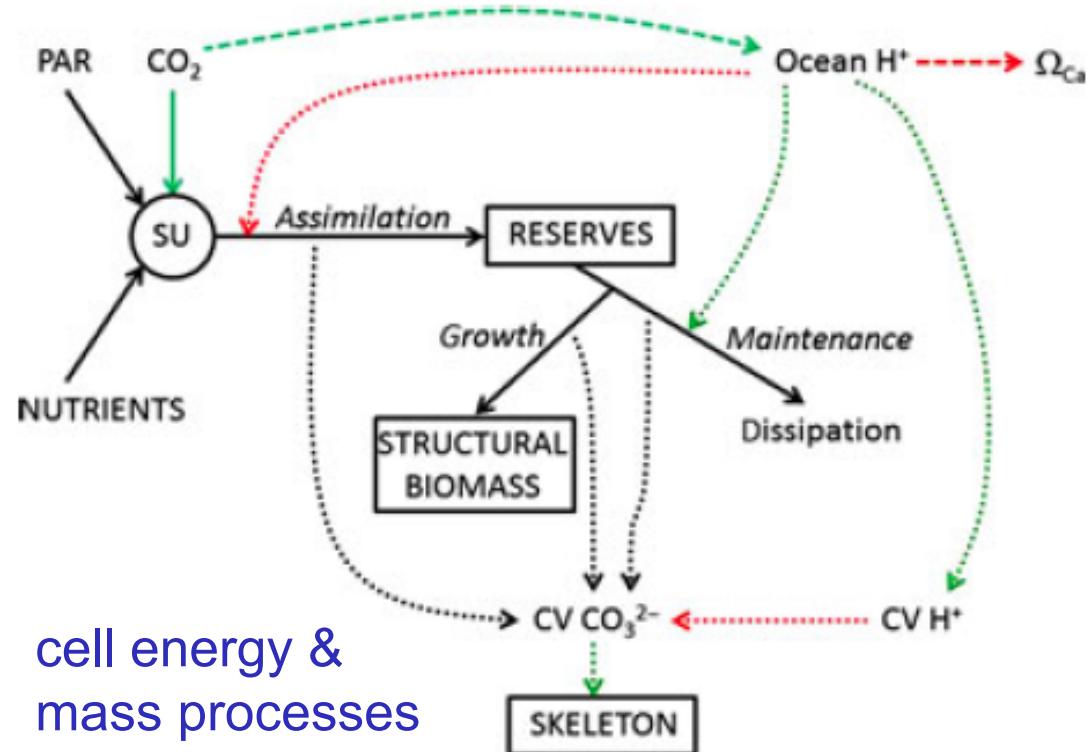
Moore et al. Global Biogeochem. Cycles 2004; LeQuere et al. Global Change Biology 2005; Hood et al. Deep-Sea Res. II 2006

# Rules Governing Plankton Group Responses

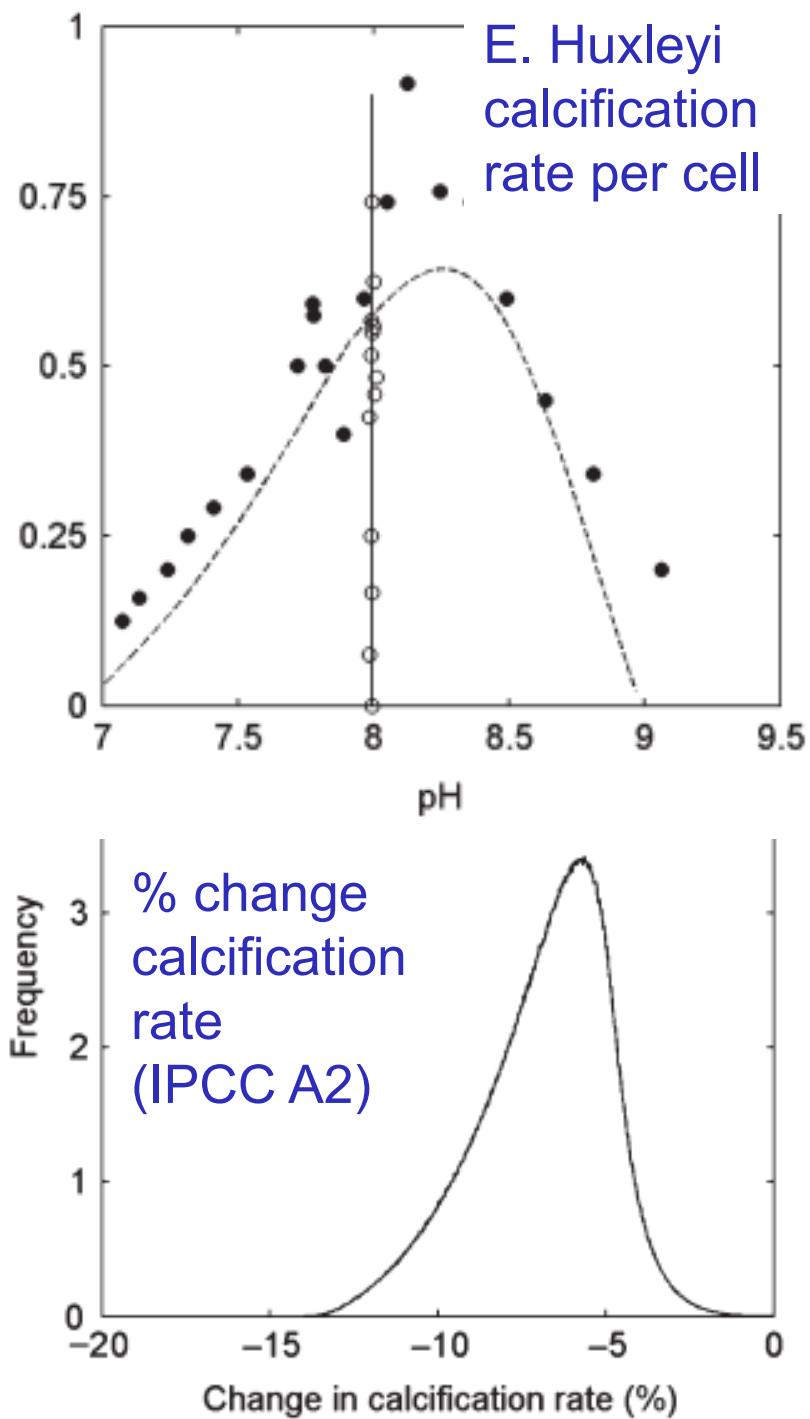
Flynn et al.  
Royal Soc.  
B 2015



# Dynamic Energy Budget Models

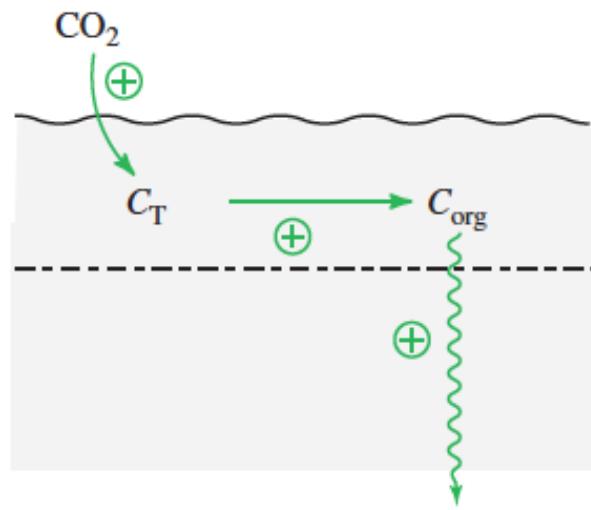


Muller & Nisbet  
Global Change Biology 2014

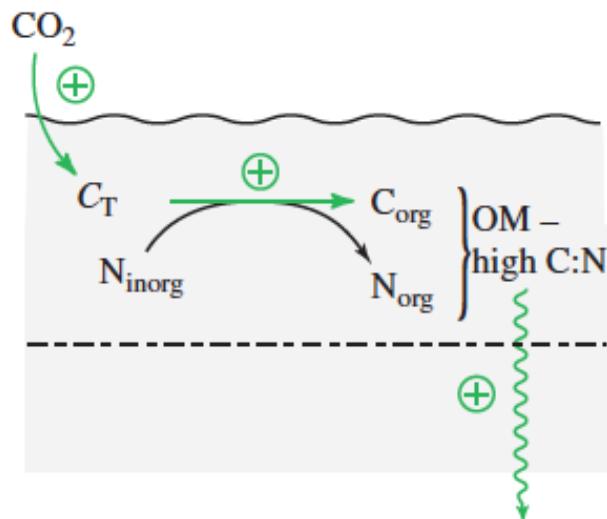


# Potential Biogeochemical Impacts & Feedbacks

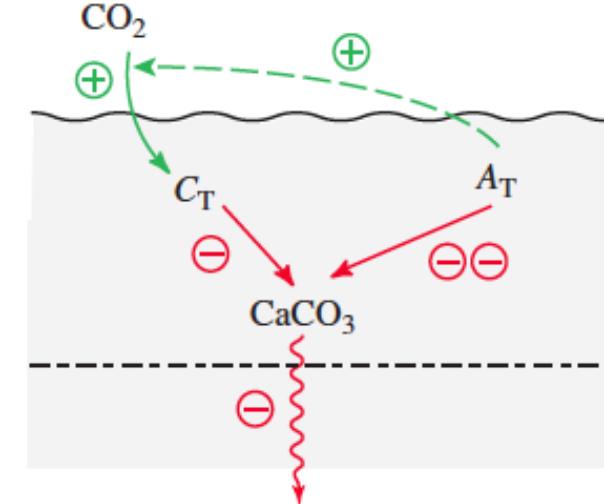
## PHOTOSYNTHESIS (Fertilization)



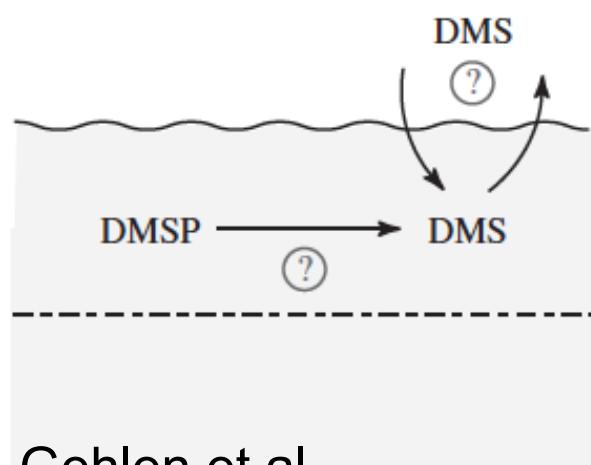
## C:N STOICHIOMETRY



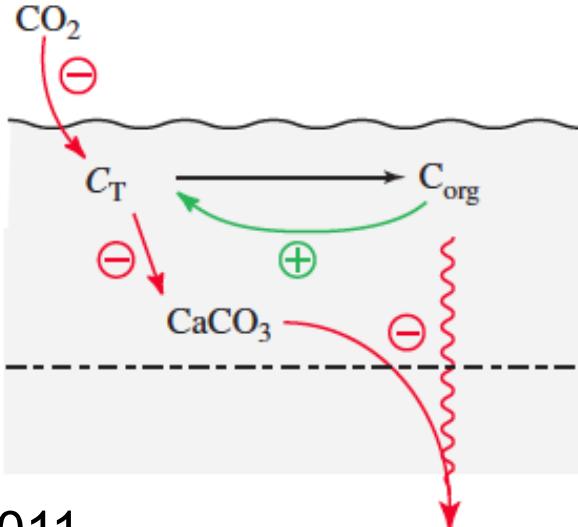
## CALCIFICATION



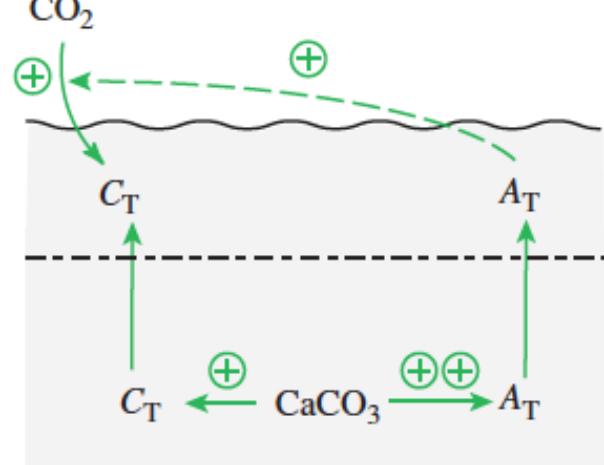
## DMS PRODUCTION



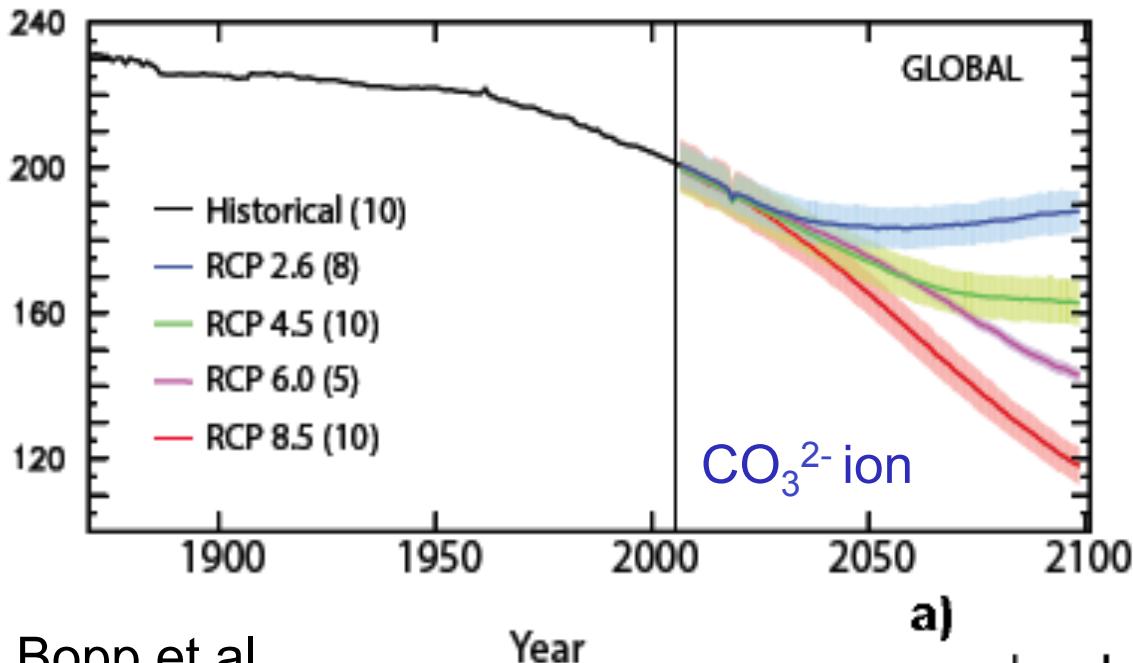
## BALLAST EFFECT



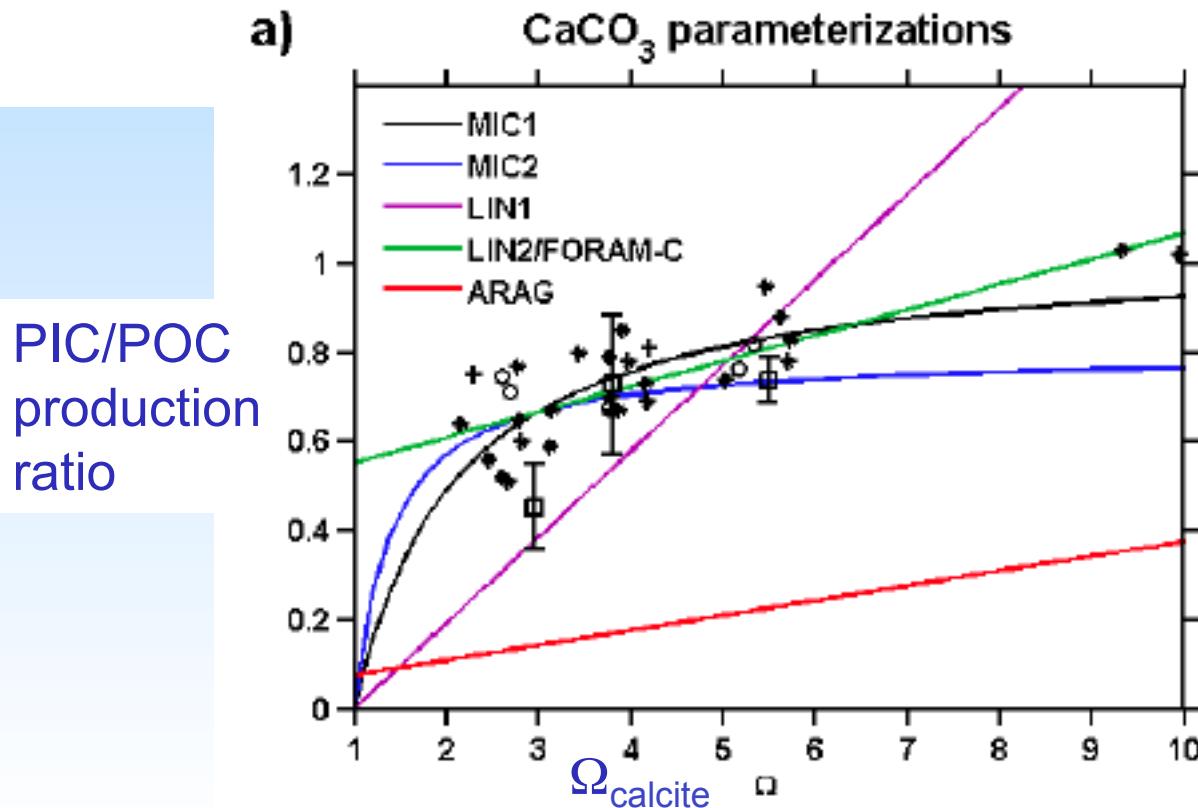
## $\text{CaCO}_3$ DISSOLUTION



# $\text{CaCO}_3$ Cycle Parameterizations



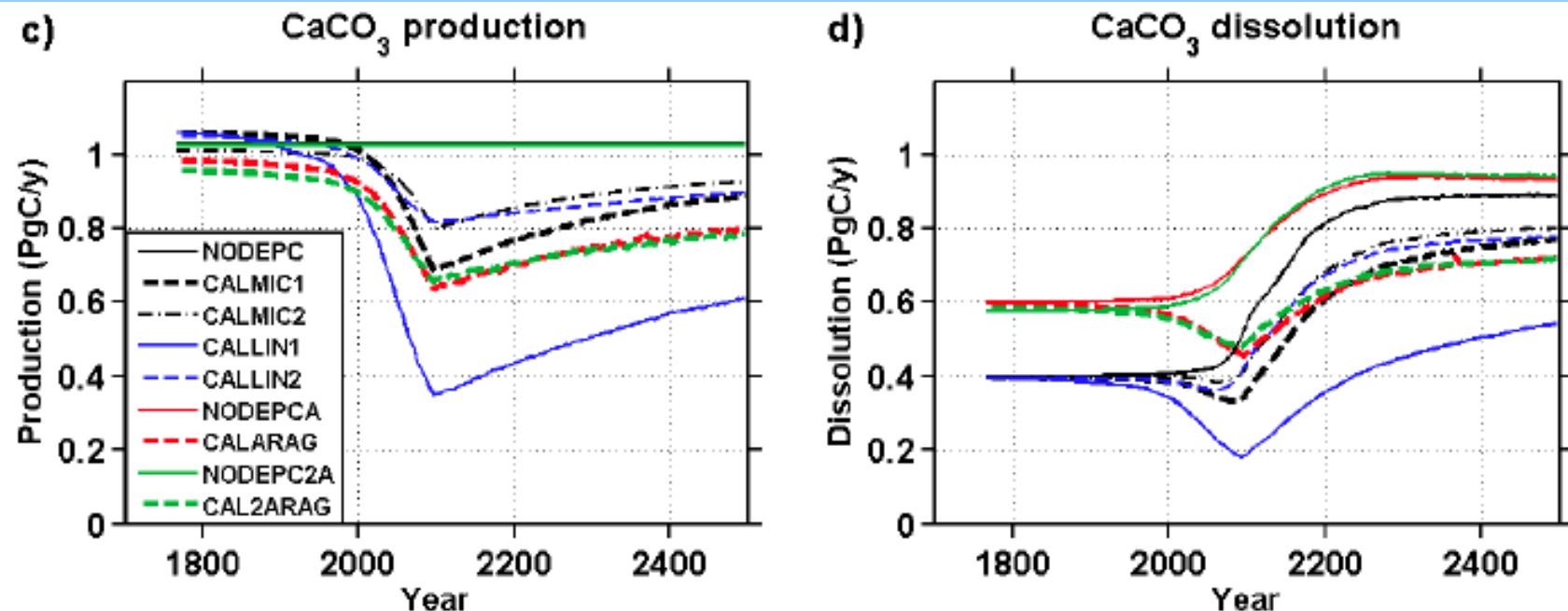
Bopp et al.  
Biogeosciences 2013



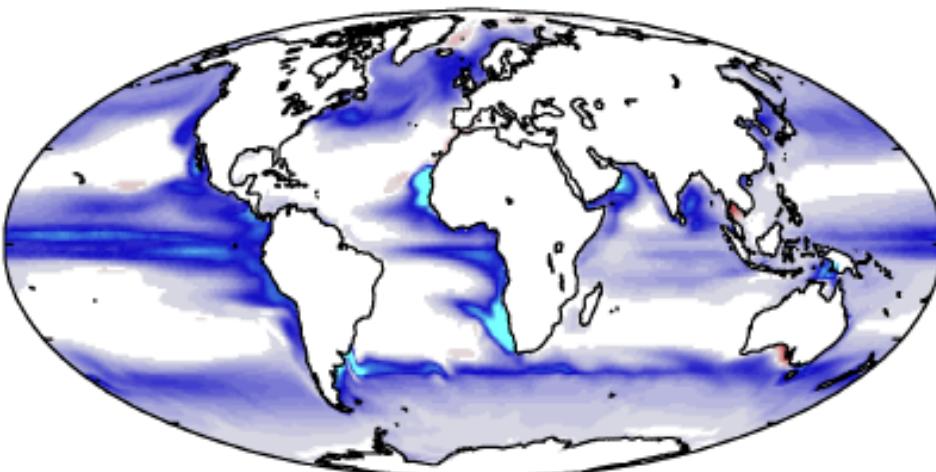
Gangstø et al.  
Biogeosciences 2011  
Gehlen et al.  
Biogeosciences 2007

PIC/POC  
production  
ratio

# Acidification Impacts on Biogeochemistry



RCP 8.5,  $\text{CaCO}_3$  production



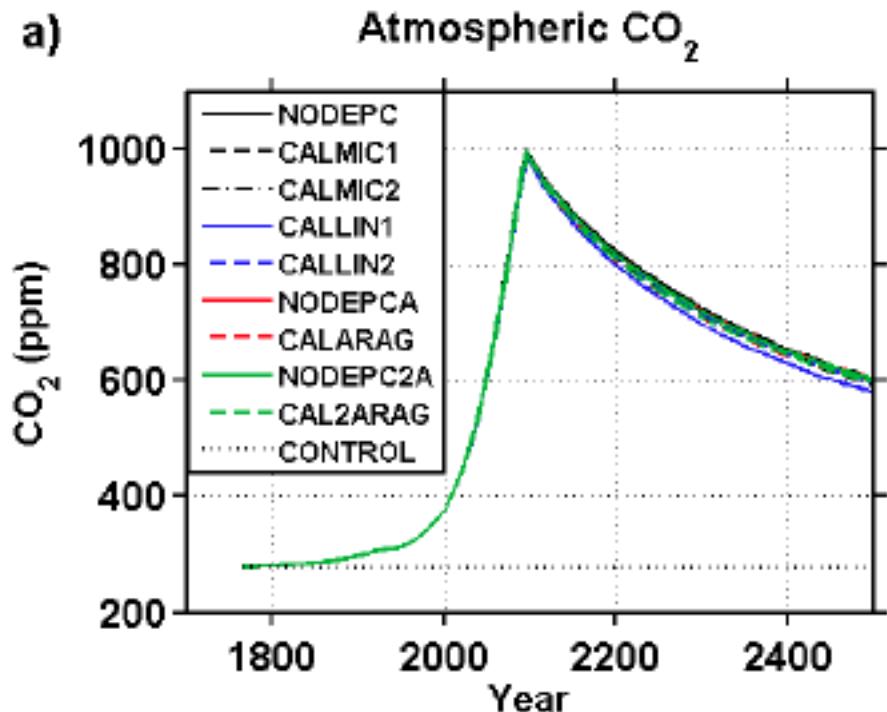
Gangstø et al.  
Biogeosciences 2011

	<u>T &amp; CO<sub>2</sub></u>	<u>T only</u>
$\text{CaCO}_3$ prod.	-56%	-18%
Export 1000m	-41%	-18%
Yool et al. Biogeosciences 2013		

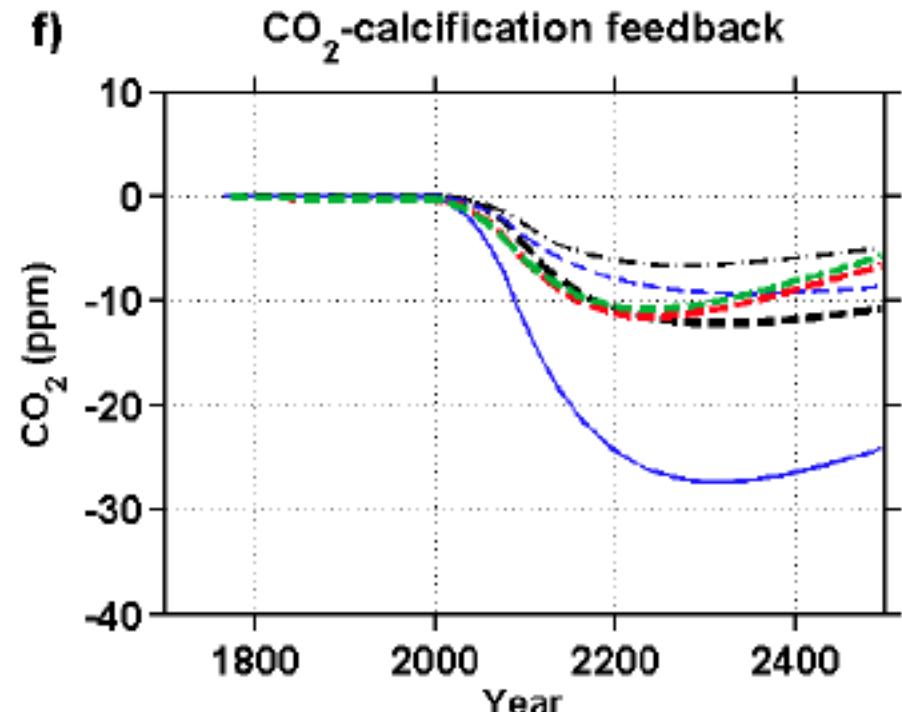


# $\text{CaCO}_3$ – Acidification – Carbon Cycle Feedbacks

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Gangstø et al.  
Biogeosciences 2011

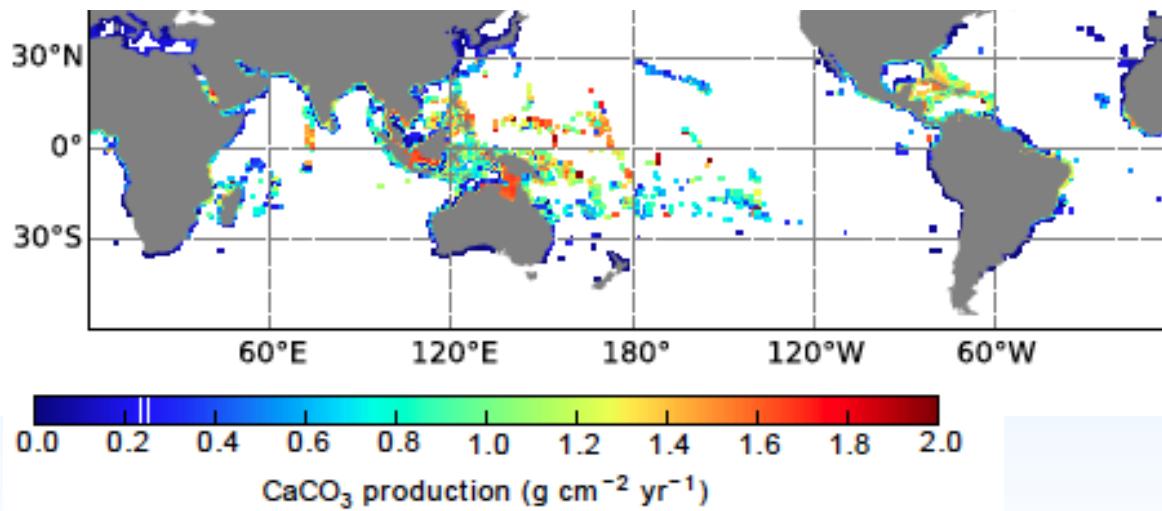
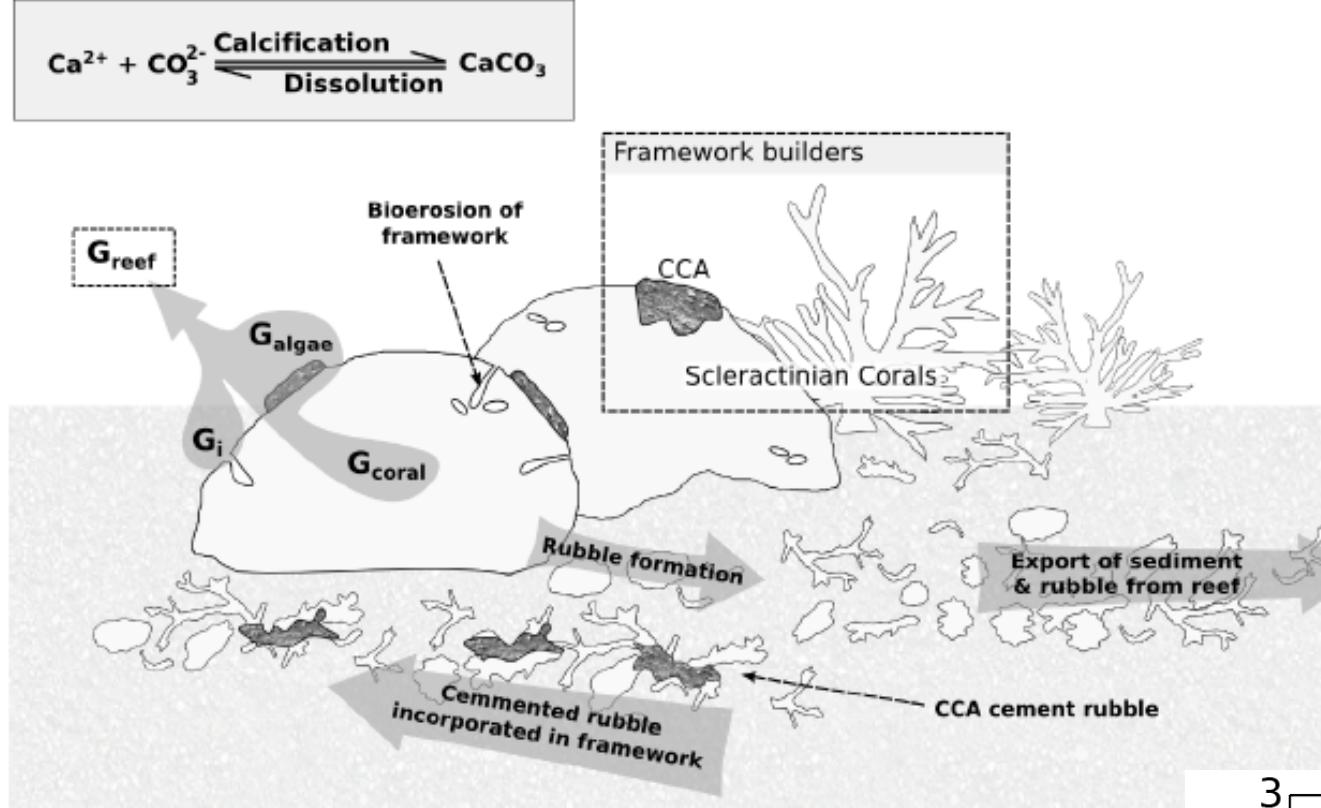
See also:  
Heinze Geophys. Res. Lett. 2004  
Ridgwell et al. Biogeosciences 2009  
Pinsonneault et al. Biogeosciences 2012



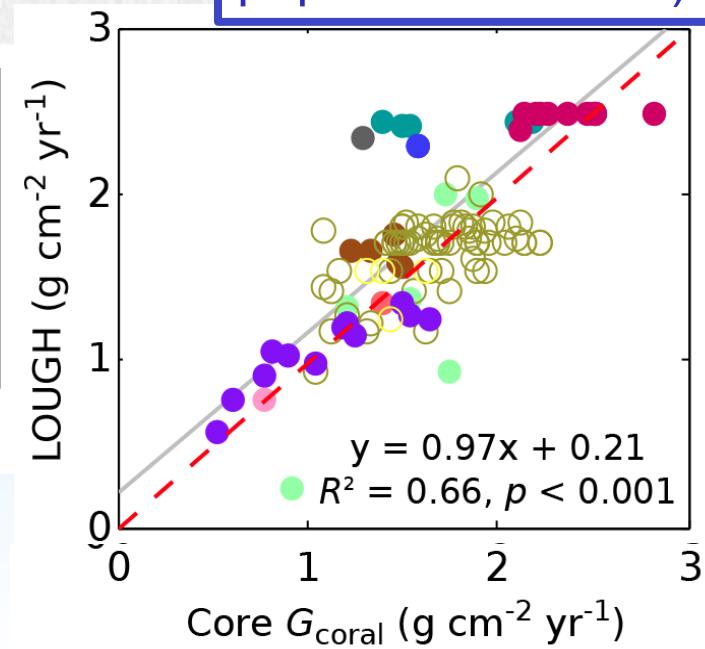
# Coral Reef Carbonate Production

$\text{CaCO}_3$  production function of light, temp &  $\Omega_{\text{aragonite}}$

Need improved estimates of coral cover (coral population models)

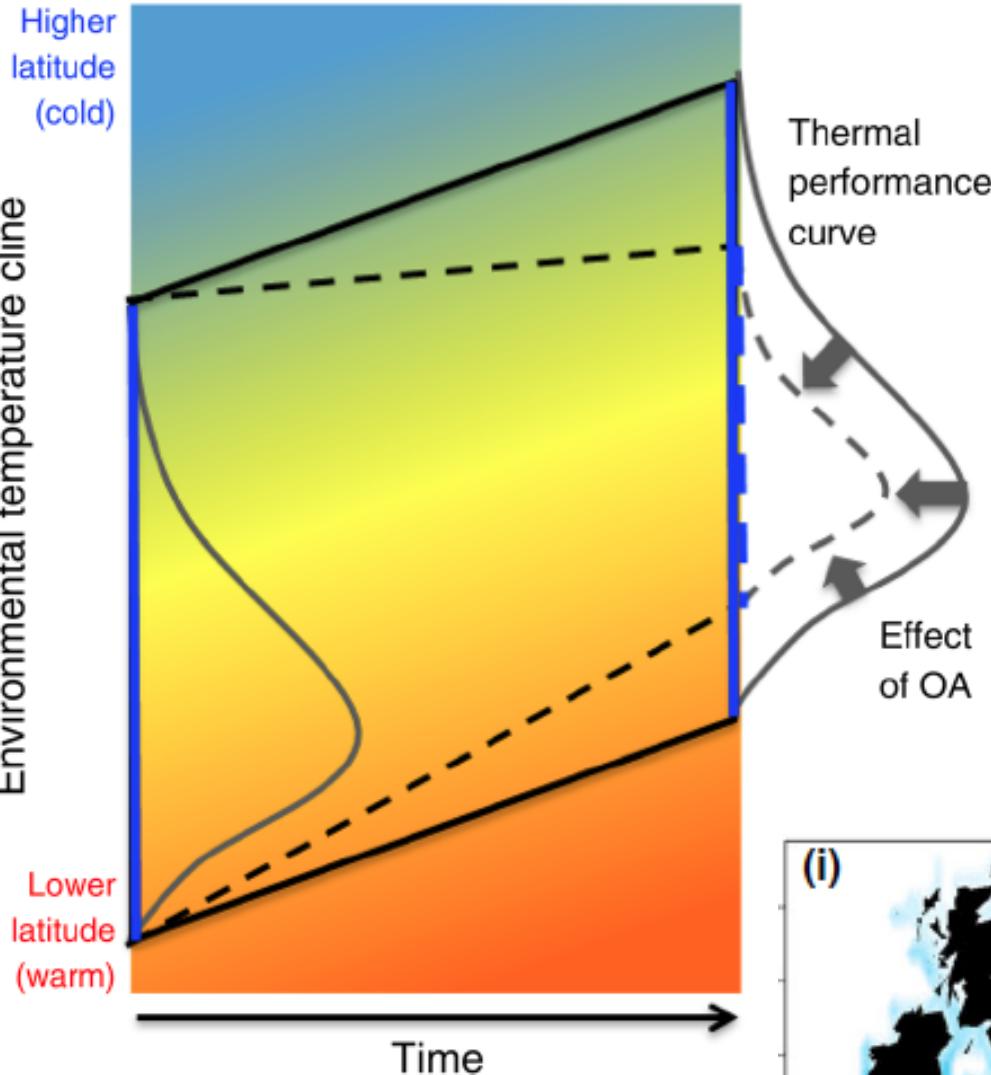


Jones et al. Biogeosciences 2015



# Bioclimatic Envelope Models

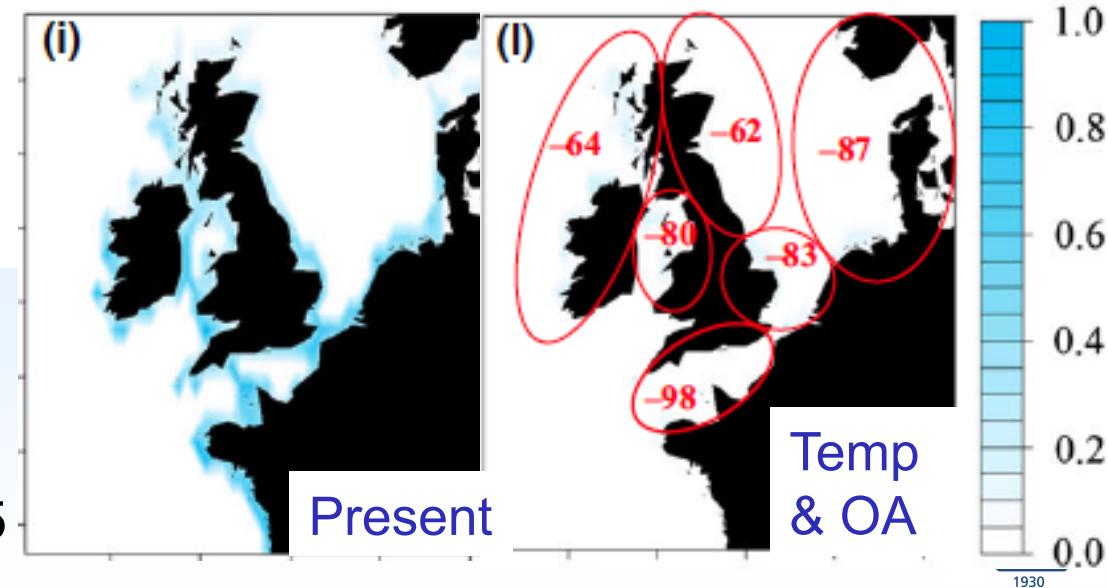
Environmental temperature cline



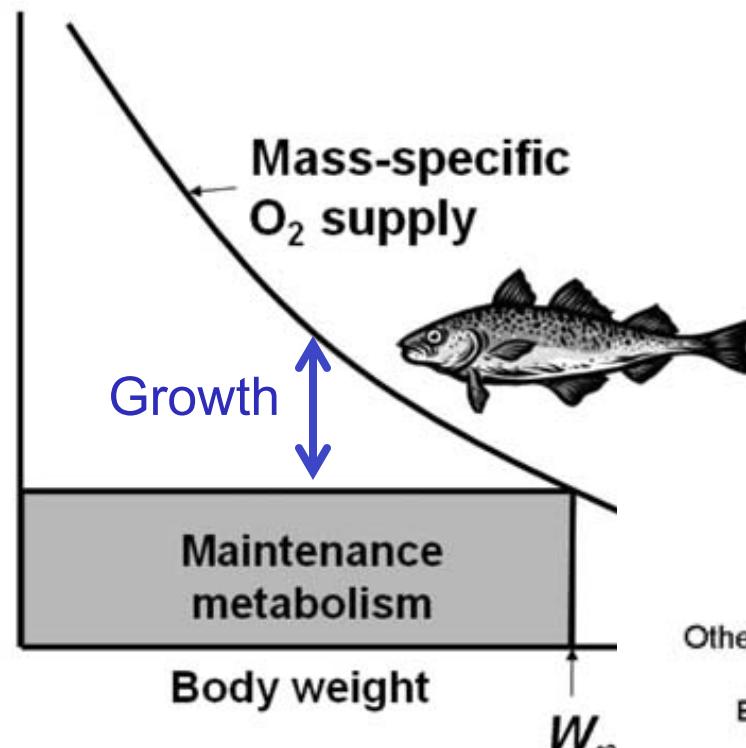
Gaylord et al. Ecology 2015

Queiros et al.  
Global Change Biology 2015

marine gastropod  
*Nucella lapillus*

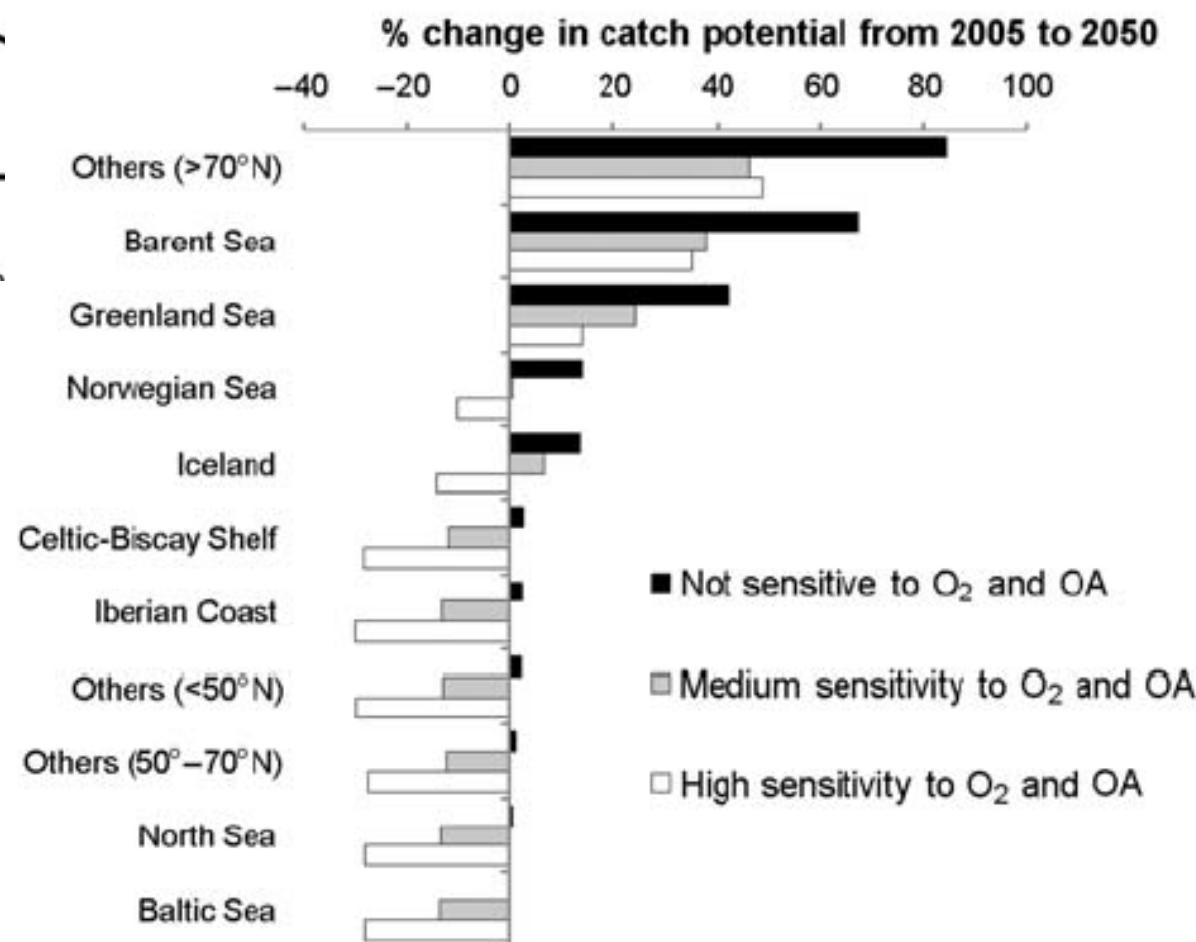


(a)



# Dynamic Bioclimate: Warming, Hypoxia & Acidification

Cheung et al.  
ICES J. Mar. Sci. 2011



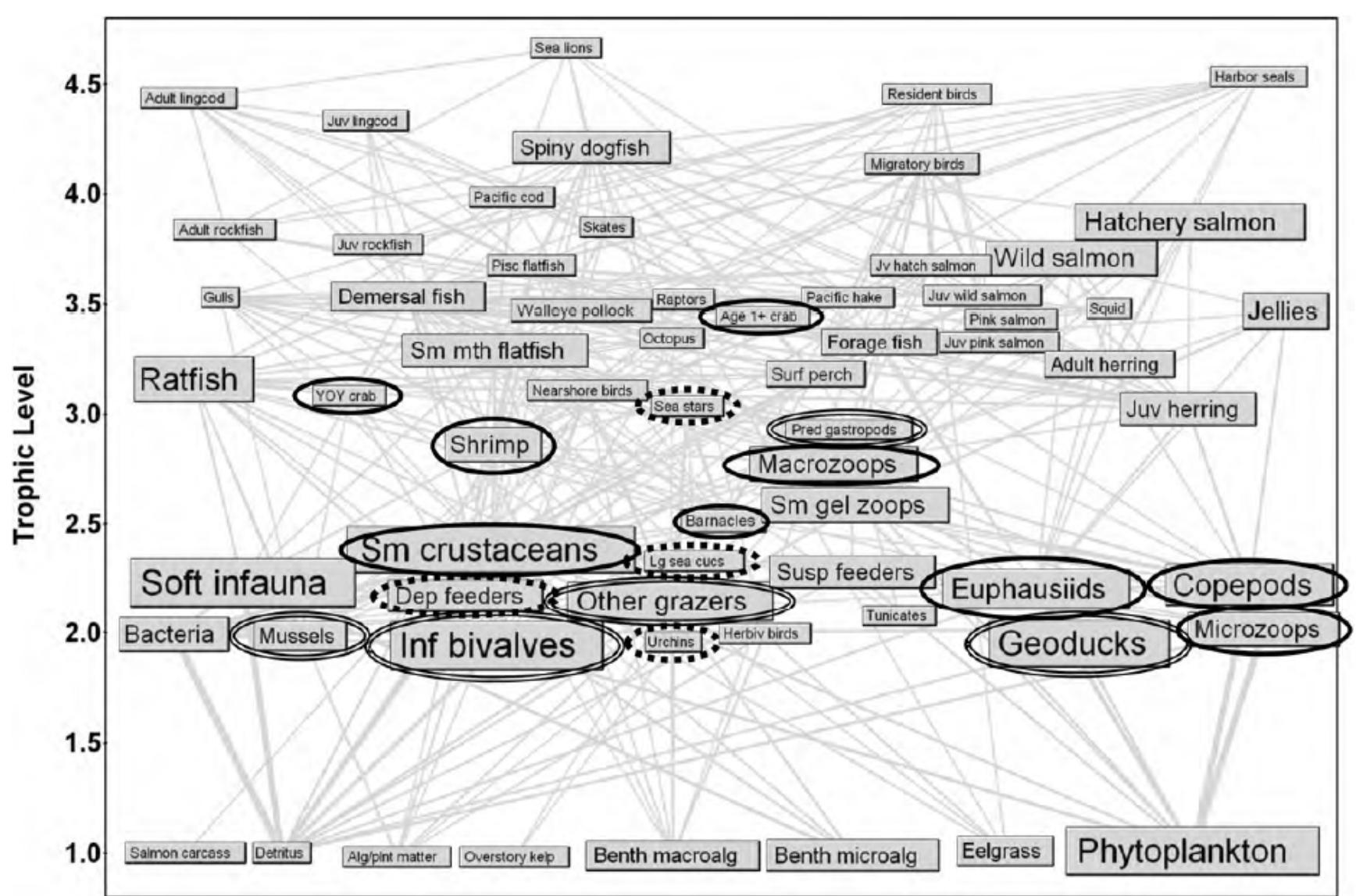
$$\text{Growth} = \text{anabolism} - \text{catabolism}$$

$W$  = body weight

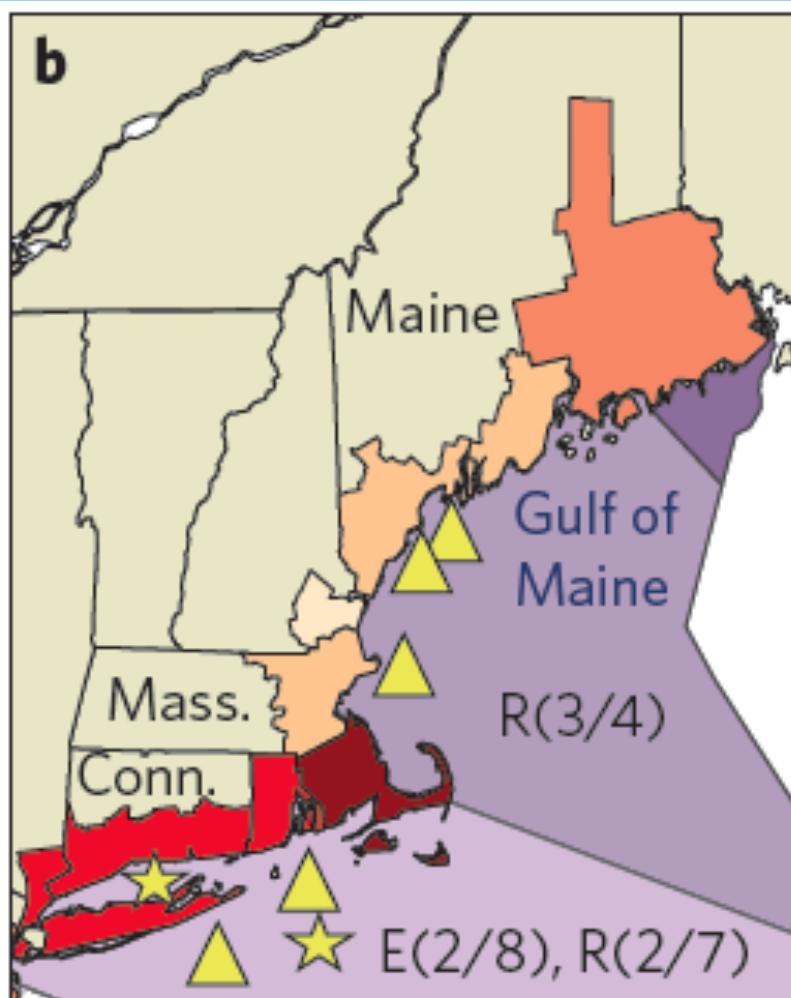
$$H \propto f(O_2)f_1(T),$$

$$k \propto f_2(T)f([H^+]).$$

# Direct and Indirect Food-web Effects



# Vulnerability & Adaptation of Shellfisheries to OA



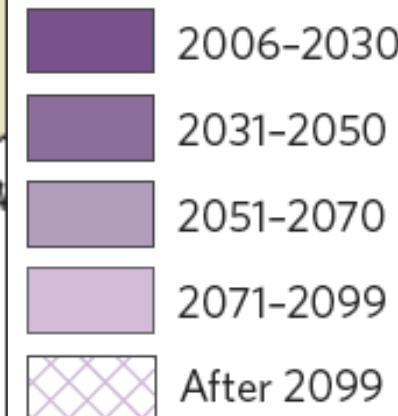
## Local amplifiers

E ★: Highly eutrophic estuaries present

R ▲: River drainage low saturation state and high annual discharge volume

## Marine ecosystem exposure (water)

### Year threshold hit



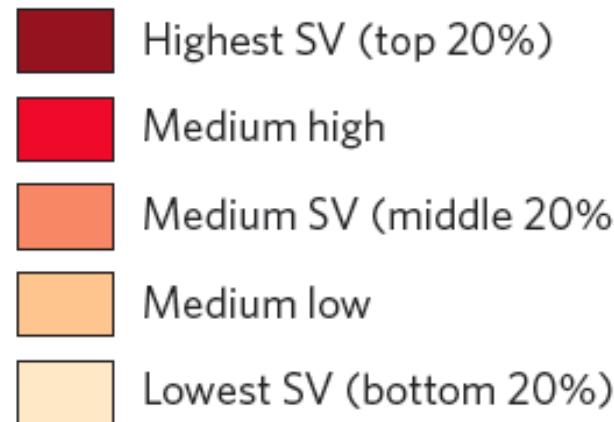
## Exposure

- threshold year
- $\Omega_{\text{aragonite}} = 1.5$
- eutrophication
- river discharge
- upwelling

## Sensitivity

- local societal importance of shellfish

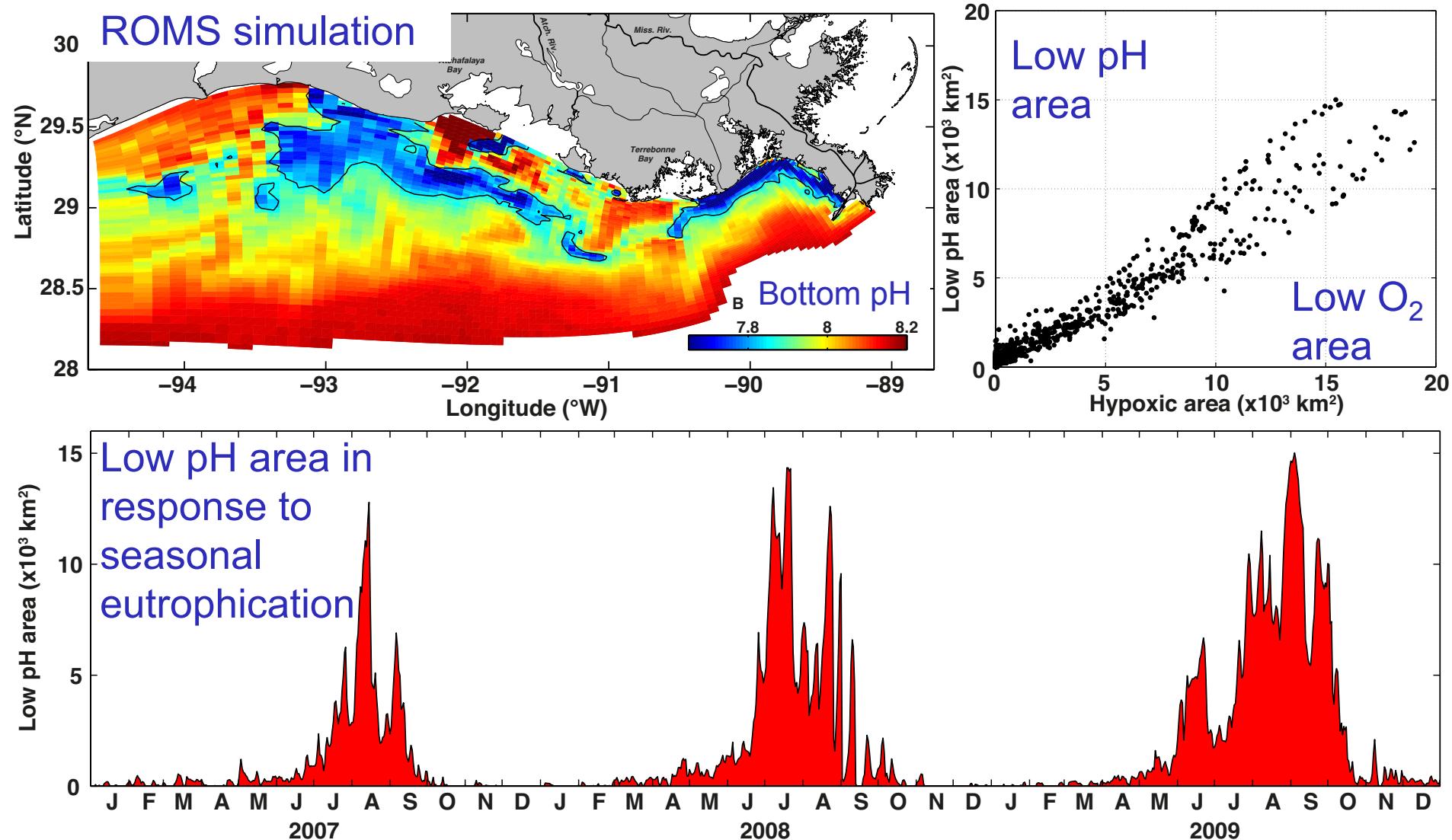
## Social vulnerability (land)



## Adaptive capacity

- assets available to help prepare for or avoid impacts of OA

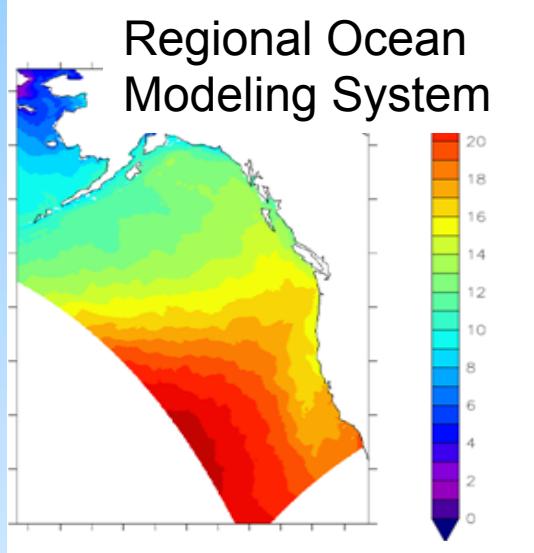
# Regional/Coastal Biogeochemical Models



Laurent, Fennel, Cai, Huang, Barbero & Wanninkhof (in prep.)



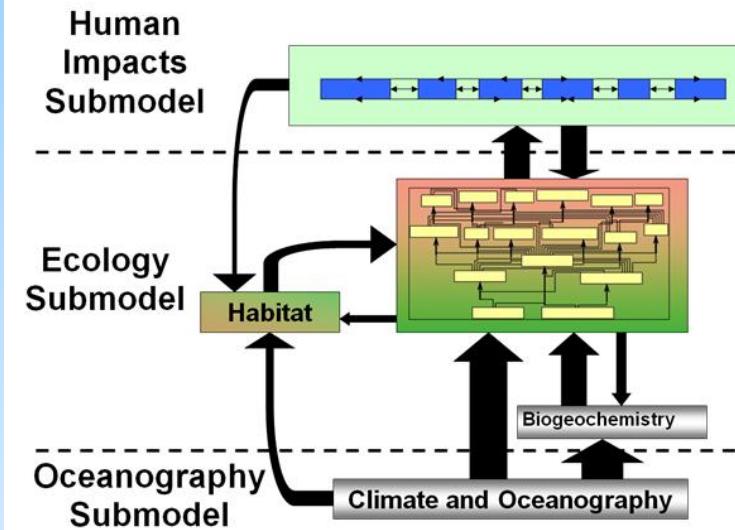
# Vulnerability Assessment of California Current Food Webs and Economics to Ocean Acidification



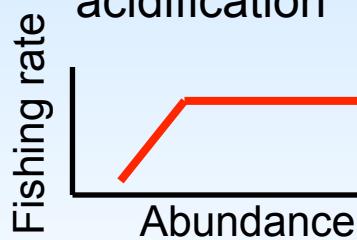
Biology meta-analysis



Atlantis ecosystem model



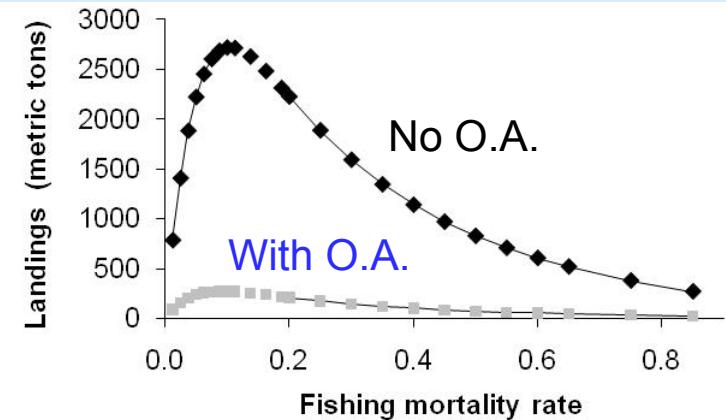
Test management strategy performance in the face of ocean acidification



Spatial economic impacts: input-output model.

**JOBS**    **\$ INCOME**

Stock productivity



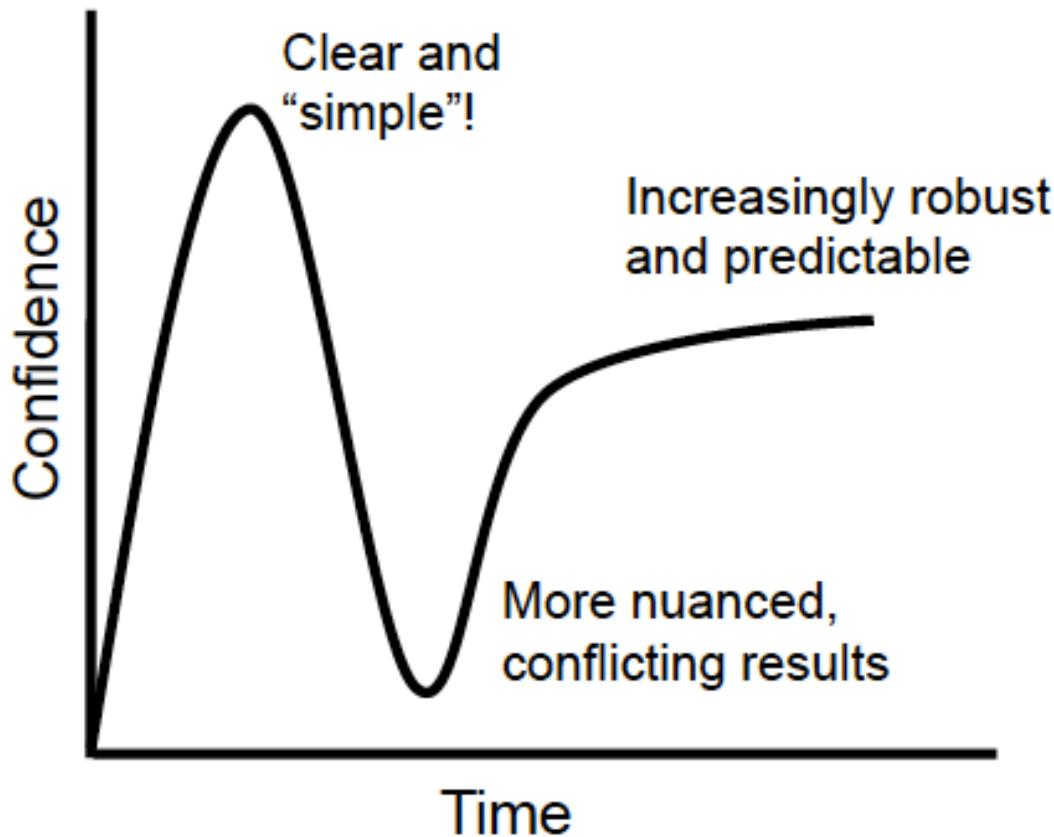
Kaplan, Busch, Fulton, Leonard, Hermann, Harvey, Essington & McElhany (in prep.)

# What Have We Learned in the Past Decade?



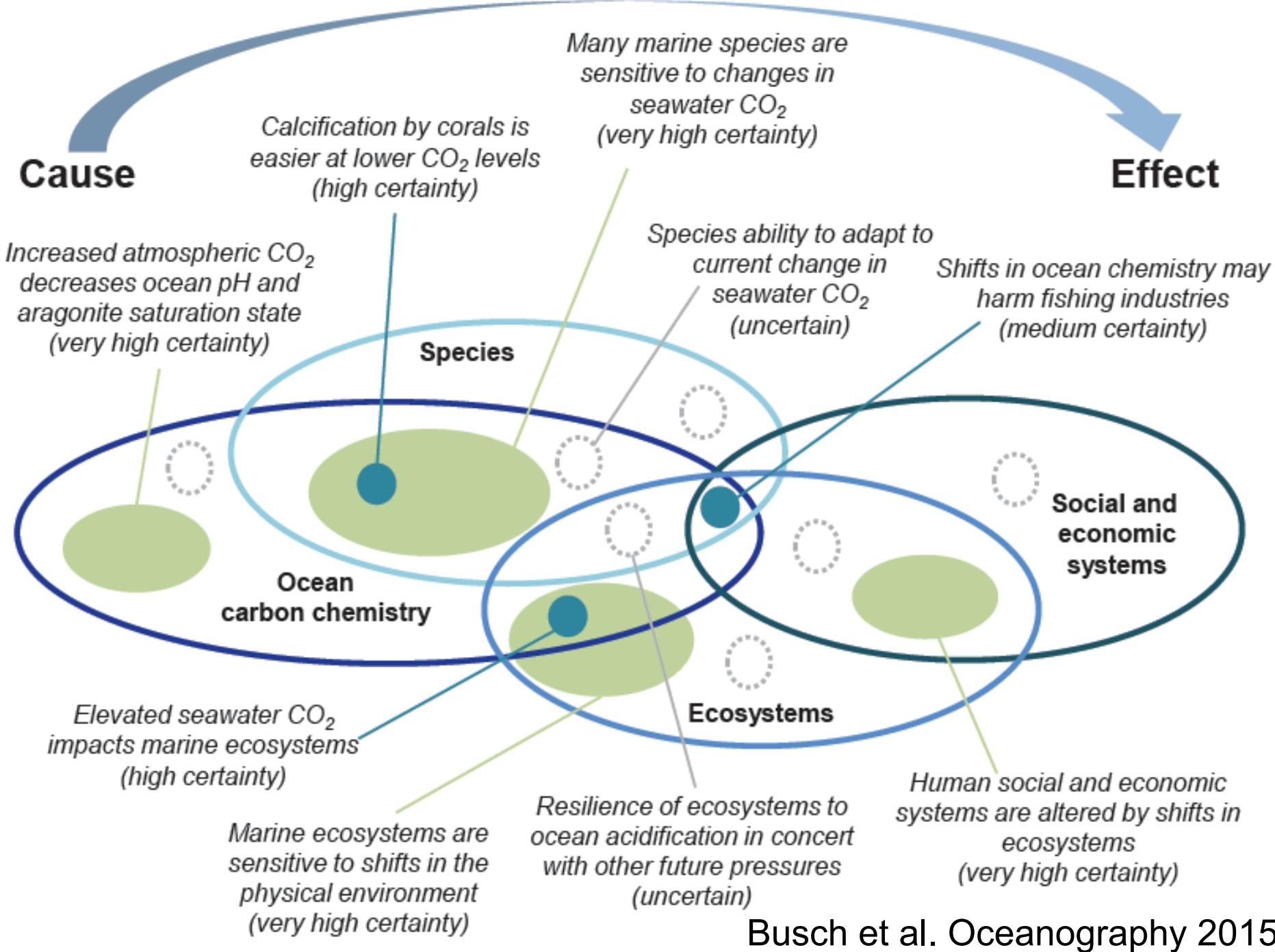
June 2005

## Ocean acidification due to increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide



Busch et al.  
Oceanography  
2015 (in press)



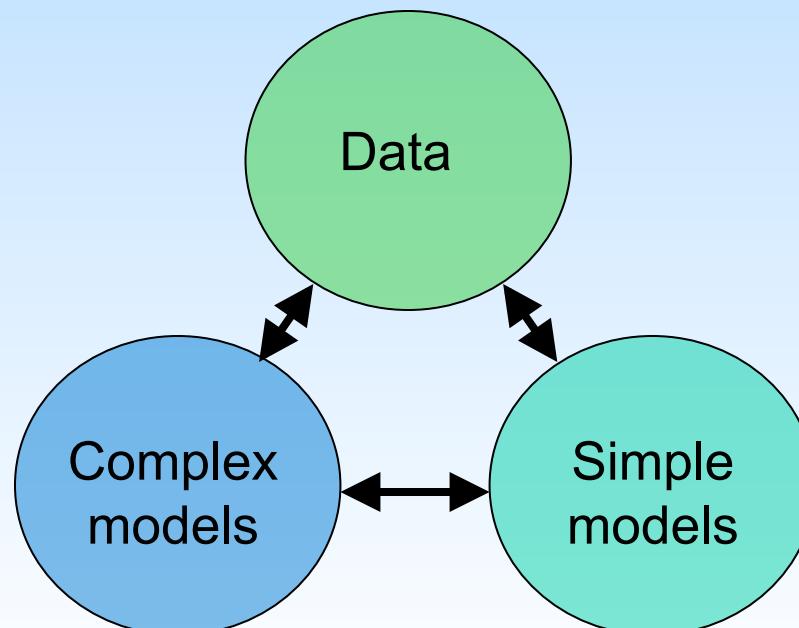


"I am never content until I have constructed a mechanical model of the subject I am studying. If I succeed in making one, I understand; otherwise I do not."

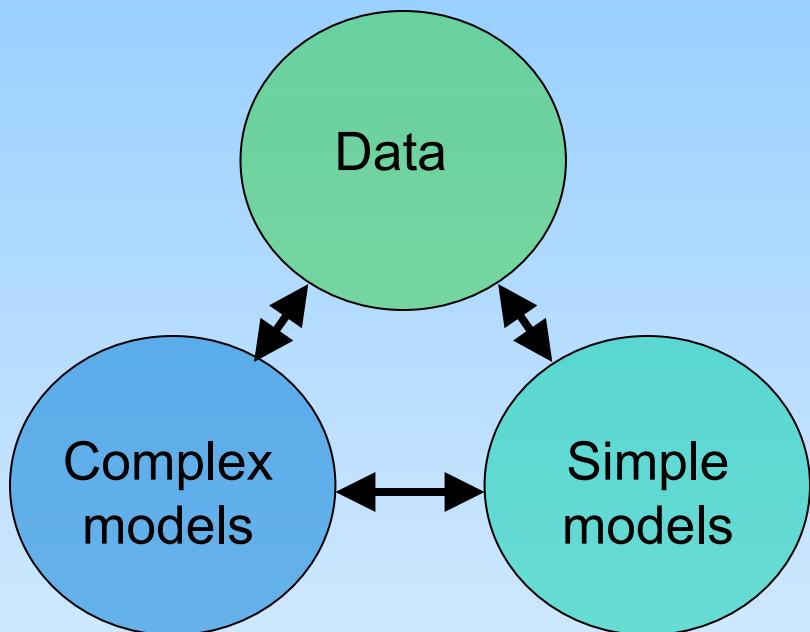
- Lord Kelvin

"People don't understand the earth, but they want to, so they build a model, and then they have two things they don't understand,"

-Gerard Roe in "The Whale and the Supercomputer" by C. Wohlforth



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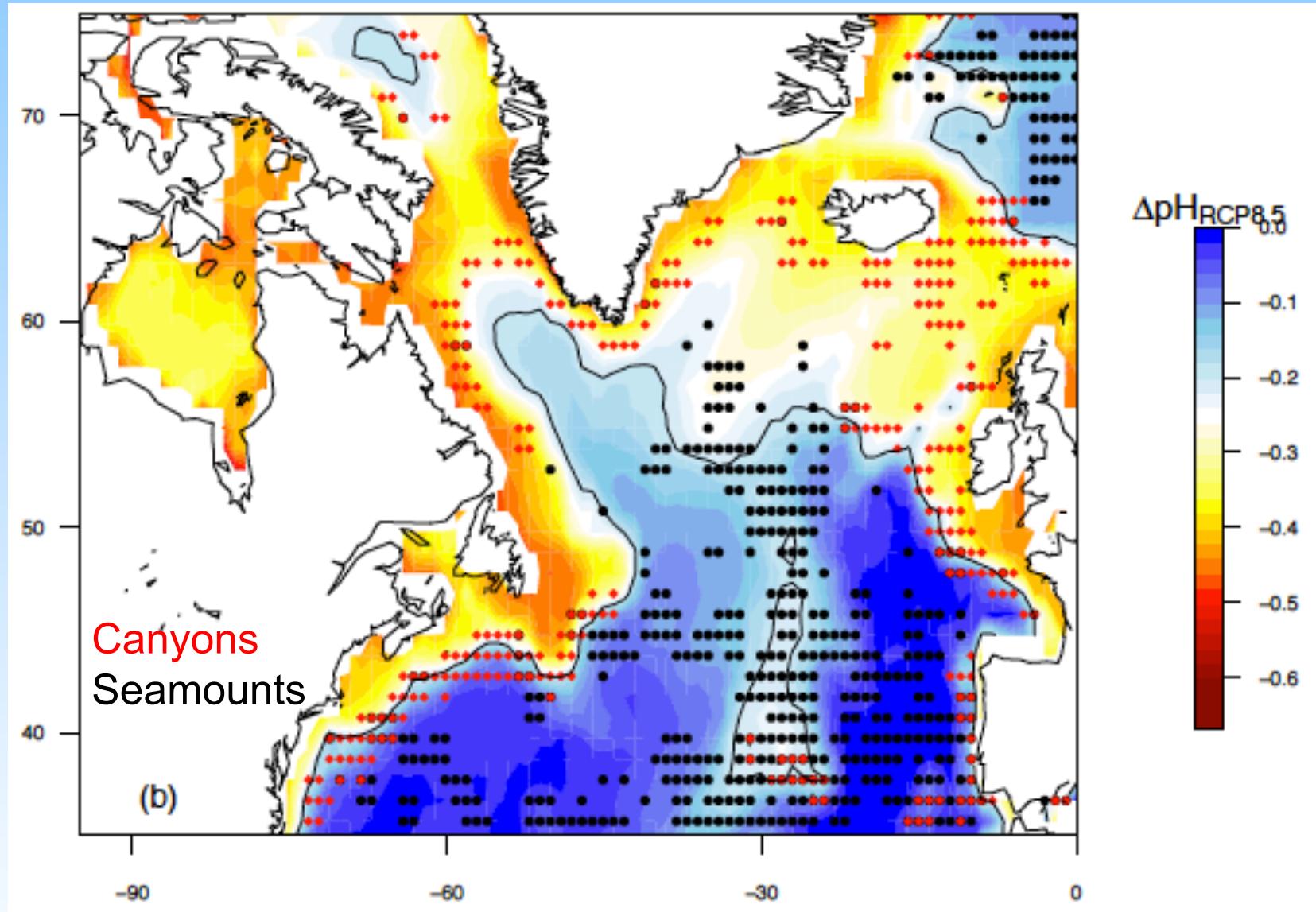
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# Extra Slides



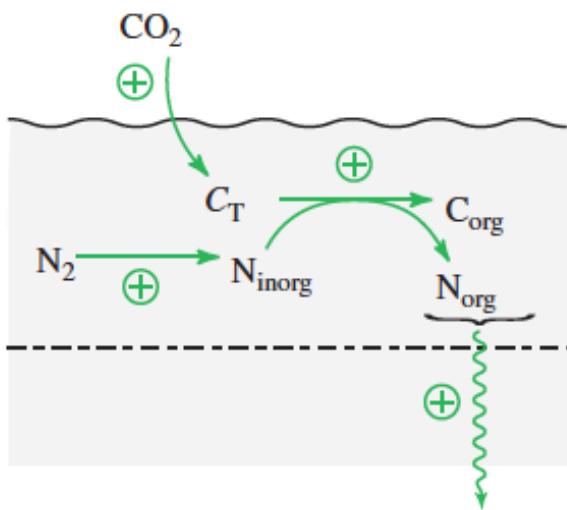
# Projected Deep pH Trends & Biodiversity Threats



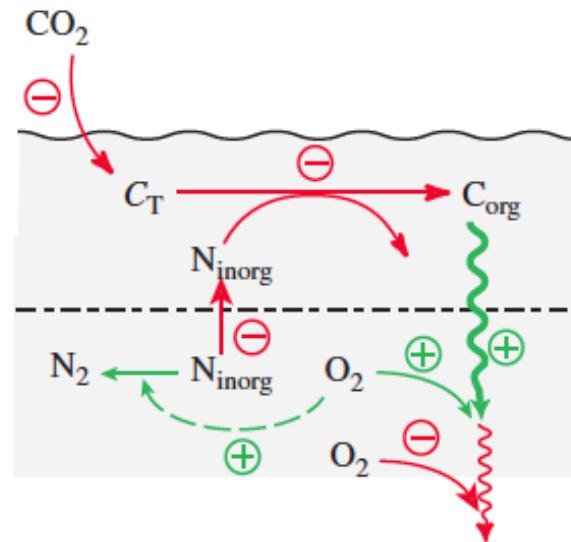
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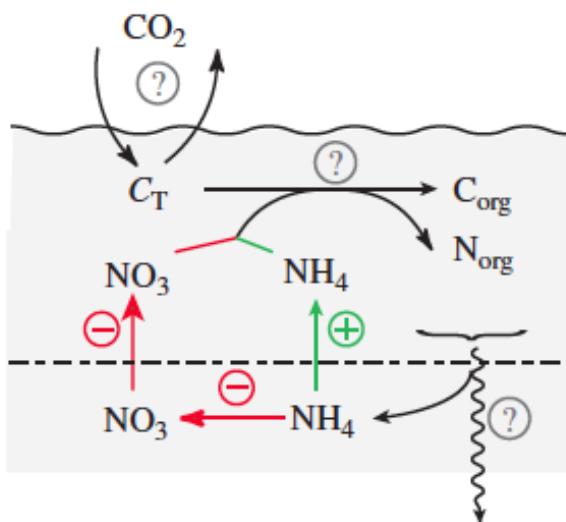
### *N<sub>2</sub> FIXATION*



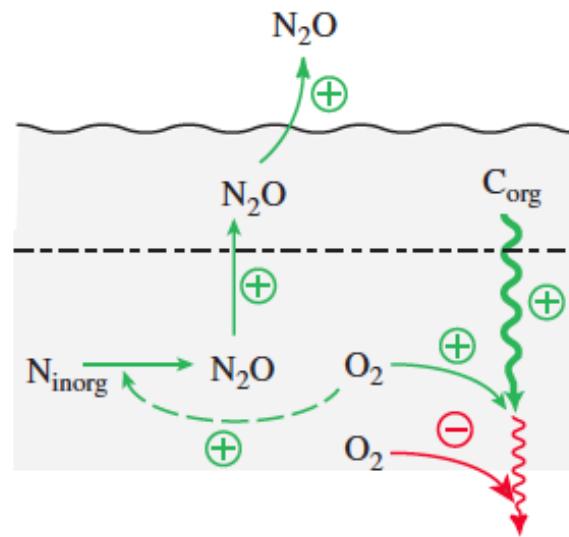
### *OXYGEN-DENITRIFICATION*



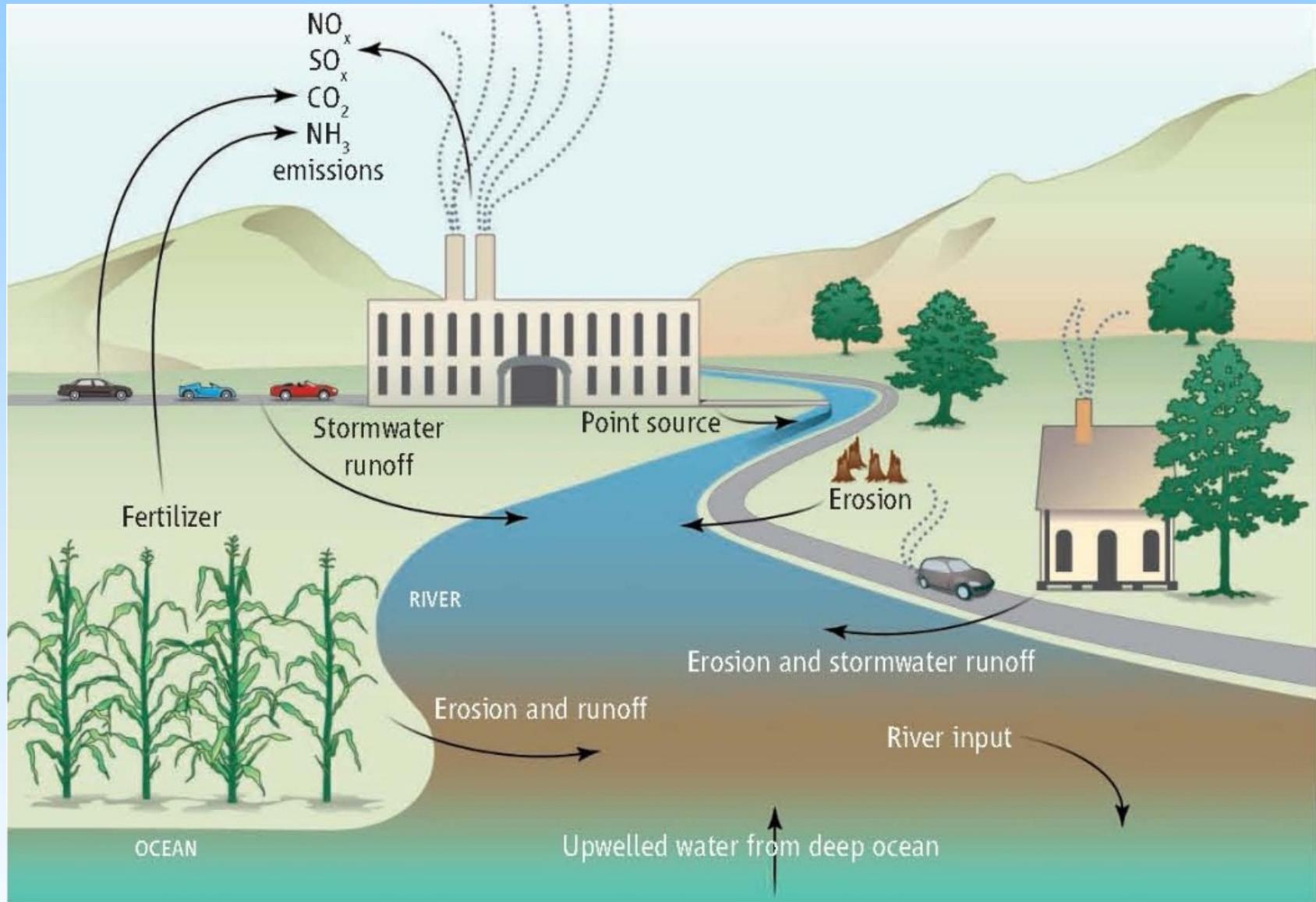
### *NITRIFICATION*



### *N<sub>2</sub>O PRODUCTION*



# Other Local Sources of Acidification



Doney et al. PNAS 2007; Doney Science 2010; Kelly et al. Science 2011