### Two Decades of Inorganic Carbon Dynamics Along the Western Antarctic Peninsula

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Physics & biology effects on regional CO<sub>2</sub>-system patterns

Ocean acidification & climate change trends in CO<sub>2</sub>-system



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#### **Research Article**

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### **Palmer LTER Study Region**



### **Climatological Surface Means**



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### Water-mass Structure & Aragonite Saturation State



### **Mixing versus Biological Drawdown**



## **Net Community Production**



After correction for gas exchange, seasonal DICnutrient drawdown ratio agrees well with Redfield C/N



### **Organic versus Inorganic Carbon Uptake**



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# Climate Trends & Variability

#### Seasonal Sea-Ice



## Seawater CO<sub>2</sub> System Trends







## **Ocean Acidification versus Sea Ice**

Pteropods *Limacina helicina* 



Steinberg et al. Deep Sea Res. I 2015, in press



# Palmer LTER CO<sub>2</sub> System Analysis

### Large-Scale Spatial Patterns

- Near-shore dilution & biological drawdown
  - low DIC & alkalinity
  - high pH &  $\Omega$
- Vertical structure controlled by UCDW upwelling, sea-ice, mixing etc.
  - surface saturated for CaCO<sub>3</sub>

-Seasonal & Temporal Trends

- Seasonal cycle estimated from underway pCO<sub>2</sub> & surface alkalinity-salinity fit
- Large interannual variability (sea-ice, biology)
- Weak or undetectable decadal trends
  - rising Fall & Spring pCO<sub>2</sub> ~matching atmosphere







### **WOCE Deepwater DIC & Alkalinity Comparisons**



-Compares well against other CO<sub>2</sub> system data

- WOCE deep-water data
- LDEO underway surface pCO<sub>2</sub>

![](_page_13_Picture_5.jpeg)

## Surface pCO<sub>2</sub> Comparison

![](_page_14_Figure_1.jpeg)

LTER pCO<sub>2</sub> computed from surface DIC & alkalinity

Data spatially matched within 1km

Years 2002, 2005-2012

![](_page_14_Picture_5.jpeg)

## Surface pCO<sub>2</sub> Comparison

![](_page_15_Figure_1.jpeg)

LTER pCO<sub>2</sub> computed from surface DIC & alkalinity

Data spatially matched within 1km

Years 2011, 2005-2007 larger range

![](_page_15_Picture_5.jpeg)

## **Biological & Solubility Carbon Pumps**

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## **Ocean Acidification**

![](_page_17_Figure_1.jpeg)

Wolf-Gladrow et al. (1999)

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