# Editor Decision: Publish subject to minor revisions (review by Editor) (03 Nov 2016) by Prof. Arne Winguth Comments to the Author: Dear Dr. Buchanan,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript entitled "The simulated climate of the Last Glacial Maximum and insights into the global carbon cycle" [Paper #cp-2016-73] to Climate of the Past. I have now received an assessment by two reviewers who found moderate issues that will need to be addressed before we can finally accept the paper. The first reviewer suggested an additional simulation to evaluate the attribution of changes in the carbon content and I agree with him that this would make the paper stronger. I also noticed that the paper misses a discussion about feedbacks associated with marine sediments (as e.g. discussed in Archer et al., Rev. Geophysics, 2000) which should be included in the revised version.

I suggest to change the title of the paper to "The simulated climate of the Last Glacial Maximum and insights into the global marine carbon cycle" since it focuses on the marine carbon cycle.

The feedback to your manuscript provided by the reviewer assessments is important and should be taken into account as you complete your revision. Please include a point-by-point reply to the reviewer comments, consider the reviewers' concerns in the revision, and submit a marked-up manuscript version showing the changes made in your revision. I encourage you to submit a suitably revised version of your manuscript, if possible, by November 25, 2016.

Sincerely, Arne Winguth Editor

Editor comment	Author response	Altered?
1) The first reviewer suggested an	We have run two additional experiments	Υ
additional simulation to evaluate the	to address this suggestions:	
attribution of changes in the carbon	1. O-PI <sup>LGM</sup> -ice	
content and I agree with him that this	2. O-PI <sup>LGM</sup> -sol	
would make the paper stronger.		
	These experiments both use the pre-	
	industrial overturning circulation, but	
	prescribe atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub> at 185 ppm.	
	For O-PI <sup>LGM</sup> -ICE, the sea ice field from the	
	LGM climate has been prescribed and	
	affects only the biogeochemical tracers.	
	For O-PI <sup>LGM</sup> -sol, the sea surface	
	temperature and salinity fields of the LGM	
	climate are used to govern air-sea	
	exchange of biogeochemical tracers.	
	The findings from these experiments have	
	been added to the paper. These were that	
	solubility can account for an additional	
	storage of 349 Pg C, while sea ice	
	expansion reduced the oceans carbon	
	content by 160 Pg C. Thus, by the	
	difference of 668 Pg C between the O-	
	PI <sup>LGM</sup> CO2 and O-LGM experiments, we find	
	that the circulation changes of the LGM	

	ocean caused an addition 479 Pg C to be held within the ocean. This confirmed the strong effect that circulation changes had on the carbon cycle at the LGM.	
2) I also noticed that the paper misses a discussion about the feedbacks associated with marine sediments (as e.g. discussed in Archer et al. Rev. Geophysics, 2000) which should be included in the revised version.	We have discussed the limitations of not including sedimentary processes in section 3.3.3 (Reconciling carbonate chemistry).	Y
3) I suggest to change the title of the paper to "The simulated climate of the Last Glacial Maximum and insights into the global marine carbon cycle" since it focuses on the marine carbon cycle.	The title has been changed to the editor's suggestion.	Y

Additionally, we would like to alert the editor to a number of additional, minor changes that have been made to the manuscript. These are detailed in the track changes document that was uploaded with the revised version.

# Katsumi Matsumoto

The authors tackle a grand old problem in geochemistry, the low glacial atmospheric pCO2. The topic is of interest to and appropriate for the CP readership. Since Broecker's work in the 1980s, it's been well recognized that the ocean chemistry must have played a significant role. However, the community has struggled to explain the problem with any single mechanism or a combination/sequence of multiple mechanisms. This new modeling work by Buchanan does not offer a new mechanism per se but very nicely puts some of the major mechanisms within a theoretical framework offered by a single model architecture.

There is a lot to like in this submission. The coupled model simulations of physics (ice, circulation) are quite reasonable for both PI and LGM. I was impressed with their LGM simulations that realized a deep chemical divide that separated the upper ocean (well ventilated, low values of C, P, ALK) from the deeper ocean. The rationale for requiring biogeochemical mechanisms is well articulated. There is good discussion of the new results with available paleoproxies. Data-model disagreement (e.g., deep O2) and model shortcomings (e.g., inability to simulate open system carbonate compensation) are plainly presented. The paper is organized logically and well written. I believe this submission would make a nice contribution to the field and I support its publication.

I do have some comments and suggestions in no particular order that the authors may consider in their revision.

Reviewer comment	Author response	Altered?
<b>Reviewer comment</b> 1) Overall I see newer papers being cited. While this shows that the authors are up to date and is obviously good, I also feel that some of the original papers should be cited. For example, David Archer has written many important papers on G-I CO2. There is a lot in his 2000 paper in Rev. of Geophysics. The lead author should read it, if he has not already, and cite it. Archer has explicitly modeled open system carbonate compensation in an OGCM, something that this work does not do and speculates on. Another example is that Broecker (1982) is probably one of the first to say that the ocean is key to the low glacial CO2, way earlier than the 2014-2015 papers cited (line 9, p. 2). There are other examples. My preference is that original papers are cited instead of newer papers that regurgitate original ideas.	Author responseThe reviewer has made an importantpoint here that we have rectified to thebest of our ability. We agree completelywith the reviewer in that it is important tocite original papers, as well as referencingcontemporary findings. The changes havebeen made in the Introduction, and assuch, the first paragraph of theintroduction has seen some majorchanges.We have cited the following seminalstudies already:1. The Broecker (1982) paper thatthe reviewer mentioned is indeedincluded in the text (p2, line 28),when we make a special effort todiscuss the potential of oceanbiology for affecting the climate.2. Papers by Shackleton (1967) andEmiliani (1966) that were amongthe first to identify the sawtoothcycling between glacial-interglacialclimates	Altered? Y

	<ol> <li>Jouzel (1987) and Petit (1999) discovered the remarkable correlation between atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and climate cycles</li> <li>Duplessey (1988) found that a chemical divide between the upper and deep ocean occurred during glacial periods, indicating reorganisations in the ocean circulation.</li> <li>Archer &amp; Maier-Reimer (1994) was the first to use a model with carbon compensation to show that changes in the dissolution of calcium carbonate in the deep ocean can explain large changes in glacial-interglacial CO<sub>2</sub> changes.</li> <li>We have added the following studies:</li> </ol>	
	<ol> <li>Shackleton (1977) showed that the terrestrial reservoir of carbon was diminished during glacial periods using changes in carbon isotopes.</li> <li>Sowers et al. (1991) and Broecker &amp; Henderson (1998) show that CO<sub>2</sub> likely had a causal role in</li> </ol>	
	<ul> <li>causing ice mass depletion during glacial terminations.</li> <li>3. Archer et al. (2000) has been added twice. First, to the exploration of nutrient increase in the glacial ocean (p2, line 28). Second, to the list of studies that explored changes in the calcium carbonate to organic carbon rain</li> </ul>	
	ratio (p3, line 10). 4. Eppley (1972) has been added to refer to changes in microbial metabolism with temperature.	
2) The names of LGM experiments are just numeric (esp. 3-6) which I found a bit difficult to commit to my memory. Perhaps rename them to something more obviously descriptive.	The names of the experiments have been altered to reflect the changes that were made. The changes are as follows: • O-PI1 $\rightarrow$ O-PI • O-PI2 $\rightarrow$ O-PI <sup>LGM</sup> <sub>CO2</sub> • O-LGM1 $\rightarrow$ O-LGM • O-LGM3 $\rightarrow$ O-LGM <sup>BGC</sup> -poc • O-LGM4 $\rightarrow$ O-LGM <sup>BGC</sup> -rem • O-LGM5 $\rightarrow$ O-LGM <sup>BGC</sup> -pic • O-LGM6 $\rightarrow$ O-LGM <sup>BGC</sup> -all	Υ

3) The biogeochemical runs (LGM3-5) all simulate the effects of the desired modifications without explicitly modeling the modifications themselves mechanistically. The authors should discuss the actual mechanism (e.g., how do you envision the ocean actually increasing production? Fe? Excess nutrients from shelf weathering? How do you envision remineralization depth scale actually increasing? Temperature dependence? But you actually only change the power law exponent everywhere without regard to how the temperature distribution changed. How would the ocean turn off PIC export? Diatom dominance due to Si leakage? What about corals?). The authors should then discuss possible impacts of the simplifications made.	The mechanisms that inspired the biogeochemical modifications have been acknowledged in the text (beginning page 4, line 25). For the experiment where export production is increased (O-LGM3), we justify this increase by evidence of enhanced iron fertilisation during the glacial period. For the experiment where we increase the power law exponent (O-LGM4), we justify this global increase by evidence of reduced remineralisation rates in cooler waters. For the experiment where we eliminate the production of inorganic carbon (O- LGM5), this is inspired by evidence that calcification is limited by temperature. However, it may be that that the <b>prescription</b> of changes (as opposed to their generation through modelling their mechanistic behaviour) was not made clear enough in the text. To make this clear, we have added the following to the Methods Section: It should be made clear that these experiments did not explicitly simulate the biogeochemical changes caused by an altered climate in any mechanistic sense. However, the prescription of the following changes allowed us to undertake a theoretical investigation into their capacity to sequester carbon at the LGM.	Y/N
4) Need reference for why whaling records give true estimates of ice.	The sentence has been removed.	Y
5) Change "whom" to "who" on page 7, line 34	Changed	Y
6) Section 3.2.1 Carbon: I might suggest splitting the attribution of changes in carbon content to ocean physics into those driven by solubility, ice, and circulation. For example, how can we make better sense of the 517 PgC change (page 9, line 12)? You could create a mask for SST as it relates to solubility and control for that. Likewise, you could	<ul> <li>Two additional experiments were run:</li> <li>1. O-PI<sup>LGM</sup>-ICE</li> <li>2. O-PI<sup>LGM</sup>-ICE</li> <li>isolated the effects of an expanded sea ice field on ocean carbon storage. Experiment O-PI<sub>LGM-sol</sub></li> <li>isolated the effect of changes in sea</li> </ul>	Y

create a sea ice mask as it relates to gas exchange and control for that. Then you can get the circulation component by	surface temperature and salinity on ocean carbon storage.	
subtraction: total change – change due to	The results of these experiments were	
solubility – change due to ice. An	integrated into section 3.2 (LGM climate:	
example of how you can do this splitting	biogeochemical fields), and additional	
can be seen, for example, in Matsumoto et al. (2010) in Tellus. This splitting would	sentences were added to the methods.	
require making masks from the PI1 run and doing additional experimentsextra	With regard to the tables and figures, the experiments were added to Table 1, Table	
work for	3 and Table 4, as well as Figure 4.	
sure.		
7) What specifically about the glacial BCs	The increase in salinity throughout the	Y
that causes the NADW to go down by 25% and the AABW-NADW boundary to	global ocean had a greater effect on the formation of deep waters in the Southern	
shoal by 1500 m? I think this is rather	Ocean than in other regions. The surface	
important to note.	density difference across the Southern	
	Ocean increased (+0.9 kg m <sup>-3</sup> ), which	
	increased the ACC transport (+160 Sv) and increased the subduction of AABW into	
	the deep ocean.	
	We have added this discussion into the	
	section concerning the Meridional Overturning Circulation.	
8) Figure 1b: why is the Arctic warmer in	The Arctic in general was not necessarily	Ν
LGM than PI?	warmer. The confusion may have arisen due to the pink colour, but if special	
	attention is given to the colour bar at the	
	bottom of Figure 1, it can be seen that this	
	pink colour centres around a 0°C change.	
	However, the reviewer is right to point out	
	that there is a small region of slightly	
	warmer temperature in the Arctic above	
	eastern Europe. On further investigation of our simulations, the warmer spot as	
	seen in the annual average sea surface	
	temperature difference (Fig 1b) is a	
	symptom of warmer late winter, spring	
	and early summer temperatures. The warmer temperatures also caused lower	
	sea ice coverage in this region during	
	spring/early-summer, despite increased	
	sea ice coverage in general throughout the NH.	
	The increase in temperature and loss of	
	sea ice during the spring in the surface	

	waters in this region was caused by	
	significantly reduced wind stresses that	
	reduced heat fluxes out of the ocean in	
	late winter and early spring.	
	Because this is a relatively small result in	
	the context of this study, we have not	
	included the above discussion within the	
	paper, which we feel would de-rail the	
	logical flow of the text.	
9) The authors exclusively discuss	The reviewer makes a good point.	Y/N
aragonite when considering carbonate		
ion saturation. My sense is that it is far	We referred to aragonite primarily	
more common to discuss calcite over	because, as the more unstable species of	
aragonite in the paleo literature as it	carbonate, it shows the greatest	
related to the glacial CO2 problem.	sensitivity to changes in alkalinity. Also,	
Lysocline is typically estimated based on	changes in surface aragonite are more	
forams in sediments. I would suggest that	appropriate when assessing the model	
the authors switch to calcite in their	against reconstructions of coral reef	
revision.	changes.	
	We agree with the reviewer and have	
	changed the manuscript to accommodate	
	changes in calcite saturation, rather than	
	aragonite saturation. As such, the	
	following changes have been made:	
	1. Paragraph 3 of section 3.2.3	
	(beginning page 10)	
	2. Section 3.3.3 (beginning page 14)	
	However, we have not altered our	
	discussion of the aragonite saturation	
	state in the surface ocean, because this	
	provides the best model-data comparison	
	for coral reef reconstructions.	
10) Define omega on page 10, line 27	Defined.	
	aragonite saturation state () which is a	
	aragonite saturation state (ar), which is a unitless index indicating under- and super-	
	saturation at values below and above one (Fig.	
	7).	
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11) It is incorrect to equate aragonite	We have referred to calcite saturation	Y
saturation horizon and the lysocline on	now in the revised version. All discussion	
page 11, line 5-6. The former is a water	of the lysocline is related to calcite and we	
column chemistry feature; the latter is a	have made this clear in the text.	
sedimentary feature. Also, the phrase		
"aragonite saturation horizon" sounds		
incorrect to me. It's more accurate to		
say, "carbonate ion saturation horizon		
with respective mineral aragonite." May		
be shorten the phrase after introducing it		
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in full and correctly the first time it appears in the text. Again, it's far more common to talk about calcite than aragonite. It should be noted also that the lysocline and the saturation horizon (for whichever form of CaCO3 mineral) could theoretically be decoupled. 12) Despite the qualifier on page 13, line 6, my sense is that 326 Pg is still low. Glacial atmospheric CO2 was lower by ~100 ppm (or ~200 PgC). That only leaves 126 Pg (326-200) for change in terrestrial biosphere change. That seems too small. The deep ocean carbon isotope constraint on change in terrestrial biosphere (e.g., Shackleton, 1977) is still pretty strong in my view.	The ability of the model to simulate an increase in the carbon content of the ocean is made clear by our results, and our conclusion is that these biogeochemical and physical changes were sufficient to increase carbon sequestration to within the bounds of error around the estimated loss from the terrestrial and atmospheric reservoirs. We also are clear in our concluding remarks that additional mechanisms must be missing from our simulations. In light of the palaeodata that we assess our simulations with, the additional mechanisms are most likely a further increase in the strength of the biological pump. This would not only increase carbon sequestration, thereby addressing the comment by the reviewer, but also further deoxygenate the deep ocean, thereby reconciling our most outstanding	Y
13) There must be a mistake on page 8,	model-data difference. Corrected.	Y
line 9. Can't be tens of thousands of Sv		

# **Andreas Schmittner**

*Review of Buchanan et al. 2016 Climate of the Past Discussions: "The simulated climate of the Last Glacial Maximum and insights into the global carbon cycle".* 

The authors present model simulations of the LGM ocean biogeochemistry. I think the results are well described and make sense and the paper is well written and illustrated. The authors also compare their model to paleo reconstructions at least qualitatively. I agree with many of the authors findings but I think that some conclusions drawn need to be rephrased because the evidence provided is insufficient in supporting them.

The main issue I have with this paper is that the authors conclude both in the abstract (lines 13-14) and in the conclusion section (page 16, lines 8-9) that "physical changes . . . are not sufficient to explain" the CO2 drawdown. I think these conclusions refer to the physical changes simulated by their model. I don't think the authors can conclude that the model exactly reproduces the real LGM ocean physics. Therefore, the statements should make clear that they do not refer to the real ocean but to the model simulated ocean. I suggest to rephrase by e.g. including in the abstract "physical changes simulated by our model cannot in isolation produce . . ." and a similar change in the conclusion section.

The major suggestion by the reviewer is for a general re-wording of our conclusions. When we suggest that "physical changes cannot in isolation explain the necessary drawdown of  $CO_2$  at the Last Glacial Maximum", the reviewer asks for "the simulated physical changes cannot in isolation explain the necessary drawdown of  $CO_2$  at the Last Glacial Maximum". While this necessitates only a small number of additions to the paper, the effect on our conclusions is a significant one. However, we agree with the reviewer in their suggestion because we acknowledge that probably the biggest assumption of this work is that the physics of the LGM as simulated by the CSIRO Mk3L were an accurate representation of reality. Thus, we re-worded the discussion as is suggested by the reviewer and feel that this change has significantly improved the manuscript.

Reviewer comment	Author response	Altered?
1) Page 2, line 5: include Annan and Hargreaves (2014; doi:10.5194/cp-9-367- 2013) for a more up-to-date global mean estimate	The work of Annan and Hargreaves (2013; doi:10.5194/cp-9-367-2013), has already been referenced in the manuscript in the section on Sea	N
2) Page 2, line 19: "inseparable" is a too strong word. I'd suggest "connected" instead.	Surface Temperature (section 3.1.1). Changed to connected	Y
3) Page 2, lines 20-24: In this discussion of physical mechanisms I would suggest to include recent work that has improved understanding of the effects of wind stress changes in the North Atlantic (Muglia and Schmittner, 2015, GRL,	The Muglia & Schmittner (2015) paper refers to an increase in westerly wind stresses in the Northern Hemisphere among the PMIP3 LGM experiments. The increase in westerly winds is responsible for driving a stronger	Y

Below I also suggest to include some recent relevant references:

doi:10.1002/2015GL064583) and tidal	Atlantic Meridional Overturning	
mixing (Schmittner et al. 2015, GRL, doi:	Circulation (AMOC) than that of the	
10.1002/2015GL063561) on the circulation	Pre-Industrial circulation.	
	The Schmittner et al. (2015) paper	
	refers to how increased tidal mixing	
	during the LGM due to lowered sea	
	level would have accelerated the	
	overturning circulation.	
	However, both of these findings	
	contrast with proxy reconstructions and	
	other modelling studies of overturning	
	circulation at the glacial maximum. The	
	deep ocean, for instance, was almost	
	universally deoxygenated. While we do	
	not know for sure why the ocean was	
	deoxygenated, it cannot co-occur with	
	an intensified overturning circulation.	
	The shoaling of the AMOC is clearly	
	reconstructed by $\delta^{13}$ C data. With regard	
	to the modelling studies (including	
	Schmittner & Somes, 2016,	
	Paleoceanography), those that include	
	biogeochemistry consistently require a	
	shoaled AMOC to improve agreement	
	between their simulated fields and	
	proxy records.	
	We have included such a discussion,	
	referring to the findings of Muglia &	
	Schmittner (2015), within the section	
	on Overturning Circulation.	
4) Page 3, lines 32-33: please clarify if Bering	The sentence "The closure of important	Y
Strait is open or closed?	oceanic connections due to sea level	
	loss, such as the Bering Strait, was	
	therefore not considered." was added.	
5) Page 4 lines 4-6: I don't understand this	The sentence was changed to be more	Y
sentence. How does coupling between a	clear: "Over this integration the	
cooler atmosphere and the ocean lead to a	ocean experienced an increase in salinity by	
0.5 psu increase in salinity? That is about	0.5 psu due to increased evaporation,	
half the increase it should be based on the	which reflected the coupling between a	
	cooler, drier atmosphere and the ocean."	
120 m sea level drop.		
	To be clear, we therefore did not add	
	salinity to the Cpl-LGM experiment, but	
	it increased regardless due to model	
	drift over the 5000 year simulation of	
	the LGM climate.	

	We did investigate the impact of the salinity bias on the ocean circulation by correcting the SSS forcing and it did not alter the ocean dynamics. The simulations were re-completed with additional salt (making the total LGM-PI difference 1 psu) and the results of these simulations have now been used in the revised paper.	
6) Page 4, line 16: "averages" do you mean monthly averages or annual?	Changed to monthly	Y
7) Page 4, line 30: please explain the other variables in this equation. What is F(I) ? Light limitation? Why is there a multiplication by 12? What is V_max and P_k?	We have neglected to include certain parts of the equation because they are available in Appendix A of Matear and Lention (2014), which we point the reader to for further information. However, we have included a very brief explanation of what the V <sub>max</sub> , P <sub>k</sub> and F(I) terms represent in equation 1. The multiplication by 12 is to convert from moles carbon to grams of carbon, but this is not necessary to include in the equation and we have removed it for conceptual clarity.	Ŷ
8) Page 7, lines 10-13: Note that Ferrari et al. (2014) do not consider other processes that we know are important for determining the MOC strength such as closure of Bering Strait (Hu et al. 2010, Nat. Geosc., DOI: 10.1038/NGEO729), wind stress and tidal mixing changes (see above papers).	This sentence has been removed.	Y
9) Page 7, line 33: "The Cpl-LGM sea ice in this study is broadly consistent with the palaeo evidence in the North Atlantic," the simulated perrenial sea ice cover seems inconsistent with proxy based evidence of seasonaly ice free Nordic Seas.	It should be noted that we use the term "broadly" in this sentence. This refers to the overall pattern of expansion, including the greater increase in sea ice cover in the western North Atlantic relative to the east. However, the reviewer makes a good point, as the conditions at the LGM in the North Atlantic most likely consisted of greater ice cover in the western Nordic seas and sea ice free summers in the eastern Nordic Seas. This inconsistency between the model and proxies has been addressed.	Ŷ

	It should be remembered that this is a course resolution climate system model and it cannot be expected to capture fine detail changes in sea ice within a region like the Nordic Seas. In fact, on closer inspection, large summertime reductions in sea ice were simulated in the region north of Eastern Europe. Although this is not the eastern Nordic Seas, we again would reinforce that the model "broadly" captures the pattern of sea ice changes at the LGM in the North Atlantic.	
10) Page 8, line 15: "18392 to 5391 Sv" looks like a typo.	This has been removed and replaced with the rate of transport in the Antarctic Circumpolar Current as another metric of circulation change.	Y
11) Page 8, line 16: See Muglia and Schmittner (2015) for updated numbers from the PMIP3 models.	Citation added, and the discussion around this result was modified. The information contained by the results of Muglia and Schmittner (2015) significantly improved the interpretation of the results in this study. This citation alerted the authors to a number of recent insights into the AMOC during the glacial period (i.e. Howe et al. (2016) Nature Comms), which have put our results in a new light. Consequently, we have added another paragraph to the discussion around the changes to the Meridional Overturning Circulation, which talks about our results in light of these recent discoveries. While our conclusions remain the same, it does highlight important steps for improvement of model simulations of the LGM in years to come.	γ
12) Page 8, line 22: check Broecker 2013 reference. I couldn't find it based on the information in the reference list.	Removed.	

<ul><li>13) Page 8, line 26: for a different view on diapycnal mixing see Schmittner et al.</li><li>(2015) and references therein.</li></ul>	The connection between "reduced diapycnal mixing" and an increase in the dominance of AABW has been removed. As such, diapycnal mixing due to interactions with bathymetry or tides is not discussed. We feel that this improves the discussion since we do not explicitly model these processes.	Y
14) Page 8, lines 32-35: see my previous comments on Ferrari et al.	This section has been re-written, with a new discussion focusing on the reviewer's findings in their Muglia and Schmittner (2015) paper. This has improved the interpretation of our findings.	Y
15) Page 10, lines 8-11: compare with data constrained model of Schmittner and Somes (2016, PO, doi: 10.1002/2015PA002905).	Included, in a qualitative manner, as Schmittner and Somes (2016) show a more efficient biological pump at the LGM in their simulations evidenced by increased regenerated carbon.	Y
16) Page 11, lines 9-10: this is probably due to the neglect of sediment interactions and whole ocean alkalinity changes (see also discussion in Schmittner and Somes 2016).	We address this limitation further on in the discussion of biogeochemical changes.	N
17) Page 13, lines 29-31: I don't think that the reduction in export production is contrary to arguments for a strengthened biological pump. The strenth or efficiency of the biological pump is best defined as the global mean respired carbon or phosphorous content (see discussion in Schmittner and Somes 2016). Thus a more efficient biological pump which results in sequestration of organic carbon and nutrients in the deep ocean will cause an reduction in export production due to the loss of upper ocean nutrients.	Our discussion has been altered to accommodate the suggestion of the reviewer. We point out that the biological pump was indeed weakened in our LGM simulations by reporting the loss in regenerated carbon, in spite of our BGC modifications. We then discuss this weakening in light of the evidence of an strengthened biological carbon pump (Galbraith et al. (2015) and Schmittner and Somes (2016)). This inconsistency, in combination with the inability of the simulations to deoxygenate the deep ocean, leads us to conclude that the strength of export production could be further increased.	Y

# The simulated climate of the Last Glacial Maximum and insights into the global carbon cycle

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**Abstract.** The ocean's ability to store large quantities of carbon, combined with the millennial longevity over which this reservoir is overturned, has implicated the ocean as a key driver of glacial-interglacial climates. However, the combination of processes that cause an accumulation of carbon within the ocean during glacial periods is still under debate. Here we present simulations of the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM) using the CSIRO Mk3L-COAL Earth System Model to test the contribution

- of physical and biogeochemical processes to ocean carbon storage. For the LGM simulation, we find a significant global cooling of the surface ocean (3.2 °C) and the expansion of both minimum (Northern Hemisphere: 105 %; Southern Hemisphere: 225 %) and maximum (Northern Hemisphere: 145 %; Southern Hemisphere: 120 %) sea ice cover broadly consistent with proxy reconstructions. Within the ocean, a significant reorganisation of the large-scale circulation and biogeochemical fields occurs. The LGM simulation stores an additional 322 Pg C in the deep ocean relative to the Pre-Industrial (PI) simulation, particularly
- 10 due to a strengthening in Antarctic Bottom Water eirculation. However, 839 Pg C is lost from the upper ocean via equilibration with a lower atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, causing a net loss of 517 Pg C relative to the PI simulation. The LGM deep ocean also experiences an oxygenation (>100 mmol O<sub>2</sub> m<sup>-3</sup>) and deepening of the aragonite saturation depth (> 2,000 m deeper) at odds with proxy reconstructions. Hence, physical changes cannot in isolation produce plausible biogeochemistry nor the required drawdown of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> of 80-100 ppm at the LGM. With modifications to key biogeochemical processes, which
- 15 include an increased export of organic matter due to a simulated release from iron limitation, a deepening of remineralisation and decreased inorganic carbon export driven by cooler temperatures, we find that the carbon content in the glacial oceanie reservoir can be increased (326 Pg C) to a level that is sufficient to explain the reduction in atmospheric and terrestrial carbon at the LGM ( $520 \pm 400$  Pg C). These modifications also go some way to reconcile simulated export production, aragonite saturation state and oxygen fields with those that have been reconstructed by proxy measurements, thereby implicating changes
- 20 in ocean biogeochemistry as an essential driver of the climate system.

Keywords: atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, glacial-interglacial cycles, palaeoclimate modelling, ocean biogeochemical cycles, Climate System Model

### 1 Introduction

The late Pleistocene is characterised by a sawtooth-like cycling between cool glacial and warm interglacial states (Emiliani, 1966; Shackleton, 1967). Global temperatures and atmospheric  $CO_2$  are strongly correlated across these climate cycles with approximately 80-100 ppm of change corresponding to global-mean temperature variations of 3-4 °C (Grootes and Stuiver,

5 1997; Jouzel et al., 1987; Parrenin et al., 2013; Petit et al., 1999). This correlation provides an important clue that aids our understanding of how the Earth experiences periods of warm and cold climate. Given the larger carbon storage potential of the ocean compared to the land and atmosphere, and given that major changes to oceanic circulation and productivity occur over multi-millennial timescales, it is now widely acknowledged that the ocean is a major player in driving glacial-interglacial changes in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> (Skinner et al., 2015; Wilson et al., 2015; <del>Yu et al., 2014).</del> However, identifying the combination

10 of mechanisms that drove a flux of carbon into the ocean at the LGM remains a fundamental and largely unresolved problem.

If we first consider only physical changes, a net influx of  $CO_2$  caused by cooling is a feature of the glacial ocean. However, the influx attributed to cooling is partially offset by increased salinity in the glacial ocean, so that the total magnitude of influence by cooling is small and constrained to roughly 15 ppm (Brovkin et al., 2007; Menviel et al., 2012; Sigman and

- 15 Boyle, 2000). Therefore, other physical changes that partition more carbon in the deep ocean, notably changes to the large-scale circulation and sea-ice fields, may make a considerable contribution. Substantial research effort has revealed that the glacial circulation is indeed conducive to storing more carbon in the ocean, with a greater proportion of the deep ocean dominated by southern source waters (Adkins, 2013; Duplessy et al., 1988; Oliver et al., 2010; Skinner et al., 2010; Watson and Naveira Garabato, 2006). The existence of this glacial-type circulation has recently been found to be inseparable from an expanded
- 20 sea ice field (Ferrari et al., 2014; Sun and Matsumoto, 2010), which further restricts outgassing of carbon from nutrient-rich deep waters that upwell in the high latitudes. Other mechanisms, such as an equatorward shift in the westerly winds causing polar stratification (Toggweiler et al., 2006), greater brine rejection due to an expanded sea ice extent (Bouttes et al., 2010), and reduced interaction with bottom topography causing less diapyenal mixing (De Boer and Hogg, 2014), have also been implicated in the development of a glacial-type ocean circulation.

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However, the most promising explanations of the decline in atmospheric  $CO_2$  during glacial periods involve occan biogeochemical changes in concert with reorganisations of the global overturning circulation (Hain et al., 2010; Sigman et al., 2010). Increased glacial productivity, first postulated by Broecker (1982) and now known to be driven by an increased deposition of acolian dust to the Southern Ocean (Martinez-Garcia et al., 2014), is an established feature of the glacial sub-Antarctic

30 Southern Ocean. The Southern Ocean represents the most important region of carbon outgassing to the atmosphere because of the circumpolar extent of deep water upwelling (Burke and Robinson, 2012). Enhanced export production in this region is thus a prime candidate for explaining a large portion of the glacial-interglacial CO<sub>2</sub> difference. This has been demonstrated by models of varying complexity (Brovkin et al., 2012; Hain et al., 2010; Menviel et al., 2012). In numerous other regions, however, productivity appears to have been reduced during glacial climates. The affected regions include waters south of the Antarctic Polar Front (Francois et al., 1997; Jaccard et al., 2013), the North Pacific (Crusius et al., 2004; Jaccard et al., 2005; Kohfeld and Chase, 2011; Ortiz et al., 2004), tropical Indian Ocean (Singh et al., 2011) and the Equatorial Pacific (Costa et al., 2016; Herguera, 2000; Loubere et al., 2007). A weaker export production in these regions

- 5 would have offset a strengthened biological pump in the Sub-Antarctic, thereby weakening the ability of the ocean to store carbon at the LGM. Whether the strengthening of the biological pump in the glacial sub-Antarctic was able to outweigh losses in productivity in other regions requires further testing. This has led some authors to look for alternative biological mechanisms, notably temperature-dependent remineralisation (Chikamoto et al., 2012; Matsumoto, 2007; Menviel et al., 2012) and an altered CaCOg:Corganie export production ratio (Archer and Maier-Reimer, 1994; Lerman and Mackenzie, 2005; Sigman
- 10 et al., 1998), to explain the net flux of earbon into the ocean.

LGM. Following the experiments conducted by Tagliabue et al. (2009), we use an Earth System Model with attached biogeochemistry, CSIRO Mk3L-COAL, to test current theories against these new insights. Using our simulated LGM ocean state, we provide a new perspective on the mechanisms responsible for the 80-100 ppm drawdown in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> during glacial cycles and demonstrate the importance of marine biogeochemistry to global climate.

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### 2 Model and experiments

The model simulations were performed using the CSIRO Mk3L climate system model version 1.2 (Phipps et al., 2011, 2012), which includes components that describe the atmosphere, land, sea ice and ocean. The horizontal resolution of the atmosphere, land and sea ice models are  $5.6^{\circ} \times 3.2^{\circ}$  in the longitudinal and latitudinal dimensions, respectively, with 18 vertical levels. The ocean model has a horizontal resolution of  $2.8^{\circ} \times 1.6^{\circ}$  with 21 vertical levels. For this study, we conduct simulations using both the full climate system model and the stand-alone ocean model.

Two fully coupled model experiments were undertaken to simulate the Pre-Industrial (Cpl-PI) and Last Glacial Maximum (Cpl-LGM) climates. The Cpl-PI climate was obtained by forcing the model with an atmospheric  $CO_2$  concentration of 280

30 ppm and by prescribing 1950 CE values for the orbital parameters. This experiment was integrated for a total of 10,000 years (Phipps et al., 2013). The Cpl-LGM simulation followed the protocol developed by Phase III of the Palaeoclimate Modelling Intercomparison Project (PMIP3), with the exception that no changes were made to terrestrial topography, oceanic bathymetry or the positions of the coastlines. The atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent concentration was set to 167 ppm, providing a radiative forcing

Therefore, numerous physical and biogeochemical changes have been associated with a glacial ocean and all have been identified in some respect as important drivers of the earbon cycle. Now, recent insights into the distributions of dissolved oxygen (Jaccard et al., 2014) and carbonate species (Yu et al., 2014) within the glacial ocean provide new opportunities to identify which combination of physical and biogeochemical changes could have realistically sequestered carbon within the ocean at the

equivalent to the specified reductions in the atmospheric concentrations of  $CO_2$ ,  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  from 280 ppm/760 ppb/270 ppb for pre-industrial simulations to 185 ppm/350 ppb/200 ppb for LGM simulations. The orbital parameters were set to values for 21 ka BP. The Cpl-LGM simulation was initialised from the state of the Cpl-PI simulation at the end of model year 100. The model was then integrated for a total of 3,900 model years, until it had reached quasi-equilibrium. Over this integration the

5 ocean experienced a slow drift in whole-ocean salinity so that 0.5 psu was added, reflecting the coupling between a cooler atmosphere and the ocean.

With the Cpl-LGM climate state a suite of different ocean biogeochemical simulations were made with slightly different parameterisations to explore the effect on the carbon cycle (Table 1). These experiments utilised Mk3L-COAL (Carbon-Ocean-Atmosphere-Land), an enhanced version of the Mk3L climate system model which includes biogeochemical modules embed-

10 Atmosphere-Land), an enhanced version of the Mk3L climate system model which includes biogeochemical modules embedded within the ocean, atmosphere and terrestrial models. For a description of the ocean biogeochemistry the reader is directed towards Appendix A of Matear and Lenton (2014) and the experiments of Duteil et al. (2012).

Temp X total of 8 ocean-only simulations with on-line biogeochemistry were undertaken. All experiments were forced by key bound-

- 15 ary conditions (wind stresses, temperature, salinity, incident radiation, sea ice and atmospheric pressure at sea level), which were obtained as averages over the final 50 years of the fully coupled model experiments. The heat and freshwater fluxes into the ocean were determined by relaxing the SST and SSS towards the prescribed fields using a 20 day timescale. Experiments O-PH and O-LGM1 represent standard Pre-Industrial and Last Glacial Maximum simulations with atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at 280 and 185 ppm, respectively. Experiments O-PI2 and O-LGM2 were exactly the same as experiments O-PI1
- 20 and O-LGM1, except that atmospheric CO₂ concentrations were switched to investigate the effect of physical changes on the storage of earbon in the ocean. For these experiments, the biogeochemical model was unmodified. The remaining experiments, O-LGM3 to O-LGM6, represent glacial ocean-only runs in which the ocean biogeochemistry was altered. These alterations were as follows:
- 25  $\overrightarrow{O-LGM3}$ . The scaling factor  $(S_{npp}^{O})$  was increased by a factor of 10 (Eq. (1)) to increase the export of Particulate Organic Carbon (POC) from the surface ocean, and therefore strengthen the biological carbon pump. Increasing POC export in the LGM ocean was motivated by an enhanced delivery of iron to the surface ocean via aeolian dust at the LGM ( $\overrightarrow{Delmonte et al.}$ , 2004; Kawahata et al., 2000; Lambert et al., 2012; Martin, 1990; Martínez-Garcia et al., 2009; Martinez-Garcia et al., 2014; Watson et al., 2000).

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$$POC = S_{npp}^{O} * V_{max} * \min(\frac{[PO_4]}{[PO_4] + P_k}, F(I)) * 12$$
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**O-LGM4.** The POC remineralisation depth was increased by changing the power law exponent  $(Rem_{pwl})$  in Equation (2) from -0.9 to -0.7, which replicated a bulk shift of POC from the upper to the deep ocean. The motivation for increasing the amount of POC that reaches deeper levels is the expectation that a cooler ocean would reduce the rate of bacterial remineralisation of POC in the upper ocean (Rivkin and Legendre, 2001; Matsumoto, 2007). This change increased the simulated POC that

reaches the 1,000 m depth level from 12.5 % to 20 %.

$$Remin(z) = \min(1.0, \left(\frac{z_{thick}}{100.0}\right) \frac{Rem_{post}}{100.0})$$
(2)

**O-LGM5.** Export production of Particulate Inorganic Carbon (PIC) was turned off by setting the rain ratio  $(R_{PIC})$  of PIC:POC to zero in Equation (3). A reduction in PIC export at the LGM would increase the carbon content of the ocean, as marine

5 calcifiers release CO<sub>2</sub> during formation of their shells and enhanced carbon loss via outgassing. The motivation for reducing PIC export in the glacial ocean is also temperature related, as there is a strong positive relationship between temperature and calcification (Lough and Barnes, 2000).

$$PIC = POC * R_{PIC} \tag{3}$$

**O-LGM6.** All three modifications to ocean biogeochemistry were employed. All ocean-only simulations were integrated for 10,000 years to ensure that the ocean carbon cycle reached a steady state.

To assess whether the behaviour of the biogeochemical tracers within the coupled model differed from those in the oceanonly model, we ran the coupled model with online ocean biogeochemistry for a further 1,000 years using the steady-state biogeochemical fields from the ocean-only experiments. This assessment was made using both the PI and LGM climates. For

15 key diagnostics, such as the meridional overturning circulation, ocean carbon content and global export production, the behaviour of the ocean-only simulation differed by less than 1 % from the coupled simulations. Given the computational speed of the ocean-only model, these experiments provide an ideal platform to test the sensitivity of the ocean biogeochemical fields to the parameterisations used in the biogeochemical model.

### 20 3 Results and discussion

In the following, we first discuss the simulated physical changes to the ocean observed between the Cpl-PI and Cpl-LGM simulations. Second, we discuss how the ocean biogeochemical fields differed between the O-PI1 and O-LGM1 simulations, which were forced with the output of the coupled simulations. Finally, we explore how modifying biogeochemical parameterisations alters the biogeochemistry, including changes to carbon storage, export production, aragonite saturation state and dissolved

25 oxygen, that reconcile our simulated glacial ocean with what is considered realistic according to palaeoelimate proxy records.

### 3.1 LGM climate: physical fields

### 3.1.1 Sea surface temperature (SST)

The simulated change in SST between the Cpl-PI and the Cpl-LGM simulations shows a similar magnitude and spatial struc-30 ture to proxy reconstructions and prior modelling studies, with greatest cooling in the equatorial oceans, high latitudes and eastern boundary currents, and the least cooling in the subtropics and western boundary current regions (Fig. 1; Table 2). The global SST mean of the Cpl-LGM was 3.2 °C cooler than the Cpl-PI. This change falls within the range of estimates (~2-4 °C) produced by other climate models (Alder and Hostetler, 2015; Annan and Hargreaves, 2013; Braconnot et al., 2007; Ganopolski et al., 1998; Kitoh et al., 2001; Shin et al., 2003; Smith and Gregory, 2012), but sits towards the cooler limits

- 5 of previous multiproxy SST reconstructions that estimate a change of 2 ± 1.8 °C (Ballantyne et al., 2005; McIntyre et al., 1976; Waelbroeck et al., 2009). However, a recent reanalysis of the proxy data presented by Waelbroeck et al. (2009) showed past estimates may have underestimated cooling by as much as 50 % (Ho and Laepple, 2015). This finding reconciles some disagreement between climate models and palaeoproxies, and places our simulated cooling of 3.2 °C well within the bounds of uncertainty in reconstructions.
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Regionally, the greatest cooling took place in the high latitudes and in the Equatorial Pacific, where temperatures were in excess of 4 °C cooler than the Cpl-PI climate. Meanwhile, the Western Pacific Warm Pool, subtropical gyres and western boundary currents cooled less (0.5-3.0 °C). Again, proxy (Bostock et al., 2013; Gersonde et al., 2003, 2005; Kaiser et al., 2005; Kucera et al., 2005; Lamy et al., 2004; Lüer et al., 2009; Martínez-Garcia et al., 2009; Waelbroeck et al., 2009) and cli-

- 15 mate model simulations (Alder and Hostetler, 2015; Annan and Hargreaves, 2013, 2015; Shin et al., 2003) are consistent with both the magnitude and spatial pattern of cooling. Enhanced cooling in the high latitudes and in the eastern boundary currents generated strong zonal and meridional temperature gradients relative to Cpl-PI SST. There is a consistent regional pattern to SST cooling in the LGM emerging from proxy and model simulations (Annan and Hargreaves, 2013; Braconnot et al., 2007; Felis et al., 2014) that is broadly consistent with our simulated cooling.
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Where there is still large uncertainty in SST change at the LGM is in the tropical ocean (see Annan and Hargreaves, 2015, for a review). The Cpl-LGM cooling of 3.3 °C across the tropical ocean ( $15^{\circ}$  S -  $15^{\circ}$  N) is greater than other simulations (Annan and Hargreaves, 2013; Ballantyne et al., 2005; Braconnot et al., 2007; Ganopolski et al., 1998; Kitoh et al., 2001; Smith and Gregory, 2012), but falls well within the -5.1 to -2.17 °C estimated by Ho and Laepple (2015). Regionally, climate models and proxies both agree that cooling in the tropical Atlantic Ocean probably exceeded cooling in the tropical Pacific and Indian Oceans by roughly 1 °C (Ballantyne et al., 2005; Ganopolski et al., 1998; Kitoh et al., 2001; Kucera et al., 2005; Otto-Bliesner et al., 2009; Waelbroeck et al., 2009). In contrast, the tropical Pacific Ocean cooled by 2 °C more than the Tropical Atlantic and Indian Oceans in the Cpl-LGM simulation. Although SSTs in the east equatorial Pacific have been reported as 1.5-3.0 °C cooler than the PI (Dubois et al., 2014; Kucera et al., 2005), the simulated cooling over much of the tropical Pacific appears

30 excessive compared to previous studies (Ballantyne et al., 2005; Braconnot et al., 2007; Chen et al., 2005).

### 3.1.2 Sea ice extent

While true estimates of sea ice coverage in the PI elimate can only be inferred from whaling records, our CpI-PI sea ice extents are consistent with estimates made using satellite measurements during the 1979-1987 period (Gloersen et al., 1993, Table 2).

These measurements represent the first global estimates of sea ice coverage, and although some evidence indicates that sea ice has declined by 20 % since the 1950's (Curran et al., 2003), the strong agreement between the Cpl-PI sea ice fields and the observations of Gloersen et al. (1993) provide a good benchmark for assessing LGM sea ice changes.

- 5 Associated with cooler SSTs, sea ice coverage (areas with sea ice concentration at or in excess of 15 %) was greatly expanded in the Cpl-LGM for both hemispheres relative to the Cpl-PI (Fig. 2, Table 2). In the Southern Hemisphere, total sea ice coverage increased by  $\sim$ 120 % and  $\sim$ 225 % at its seasonal maximum and minimum, respectively, relative to the Cpl-PI. In the Northern Hemisphere, total sea ice coverage increased by  $\sim$ 145 % and  $\sim$ 105 % at its seasonal maximum and minimum, respectively, relative to the Cpl-PI. These increases correspond to equatorward expansions of the sea ice field of between 5-10°
- 10 around the Southern Ocean, and in excess of 15° in both the North Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The strong expansion of sea ice aligns with a recent theory postulated by Ferrari et al. (2014), who argued that the changes evident in global overturning circulation at the LGM (discussed in the next section), are inherently linked to an expanded sea ice field during both the winter and summer seasons.
- 15 The simulated expansion of sea ice around much of the Southern Ocean agrees well with proxy reconstructions. Maximum sea ice extent reached as far north as 47° S in both the Atlantic and Indian sectors and 57° S in the Pacific sector of the Southern Ocean (Gersonde et al., 2005, Fig. 2). This magnitude of growth in the Atlantic and Indian sectors has been tested and largely supported by a few subsequent studies (Collins et al., 2012; Xiao et al., 2016), and is consistent with our Cpl-LGM sea ice field. In the Pacific sector, however, the simulated maximum sea ice edge extends well equatorward of the 57° S suggested by Gersonde et al. (2005) (Fig. 2). By comparing the coverage of sea ice in the Southern Hemisphere of the Cpl-LGM (~46×10<sup>6</sup>)
- $km^2$ ) with that estimated by Gersonde et al. (2005) (~39×10<sup>6</sup> km<sup>2</sup>), we can attribute the simulated excess of sea ice in the glacial Southern Ocean to a possible overestimate in the Pacific sector.

In the North Atlantic, perennial sea ice cover was present in the Greenland Sea and Fram Strait during the LGM (Müller et al., 2009; Telesiński et al., 2014). There is also evidence that winter sea ice reached south of Iceland to fill much of the Labrador Sea (Pflaumann et al., 2003) and extended along the eastern Canadian margin (De Vernal et al., 2000, 2005). Meanwhile, the central and eastern parts of the subpolar North Atlantic are thought to have been largely ice-free (Pflaumann et al., 2003). In the North Pacific, proxy reconstructions suggest strong cover in the Okhotsk Sea (Sakamoto et al., 2005; Nürnberg and Tiedemann, 2004; Yamazaki et al., 2013), the Japan Sea (Ikehara, 2003) and the western Bering Sea (Ovsepyan et al., 2013;

- 30 Riethdorf et al., 2013b, a), with seasonally ice-free conditions in the central west (Jaccard et al., 2005). Sea ice reconstructions are lacking in the central and eastern North Pacific Ocean, but climate models that completed the PMIP3 LGM experiment simulate stronger sea ice presence in the western margins of the Northern Hemisphere basins (Fig. 2). The Cpl-LGM sea ice in this study is broadly consistent with the palaeo evidence in the North Atlantic, but an intense and year-round cover developed over the central North Pacific that contrasts directly with the findings of Jaccard et al. (2005), whom argued for ice-free condi-
- 35 tions during the summer. Furthermore, the expansion of Cpl-LGM sea ice is greater than other PMIP3 elimate models, which

places our simulated sea ice field towards the higher bounds predicted by climate system models for the LGM.



# 3.1.3 Meridional overturning circulation

- 5 The changes observed in the surface ocean within the Cpl-LGM climate were accompanied by changes in the global meridional overturning circulation (Fig. 3; Table 2). The rate of Antarctic Bottom Water (AABW) formation, defined here as the strongest negative cell south of 60° S, was greater in the Cpl-LGM than the Cpl-PI. AABW formation rates approached 25 Sv in the Cpl-LGM, about double that of the Cpl-PI. The greater formation rate increased the transport of AABW out of the Southern Ocean (northwards of 50° S) by roughly a factor of four from 17,440 to 71,664 Sv. This indicates that the increase in AABW
- 10 formation was also associated with an increase in the proportion of this water mass that was carried out of the Southern Ocean.

The formation rate of North Atlantic Deep Water (NADW), defined as the maximum cell of the North Atlantic streamfunction north of 45° N, was 12.5 Sv in the Cpl-LGM and 16 Sv in the Cpl-PI simulation, which equates to a ~25 % reduction in NADW strength. Although this decrease was slight, the southward transport of NADW across the Equator was reduced three-fold from

- 15 18392 to 5391 Sv. Our simulated strength of NADW formation in the Cpl-LGM extends the lower bound of previous LGM simulations from 13.9 Sv to 12.5 Sv (Otto-Bliesner et al., 2007). The weakened formation of NADW was also associated with its shoaling from approximately 3,000 m in the PI to 1,500 m in the Cpl-LGM. Thus, in the Cpl-LGM the water mass below 1,500 m was characterised by AABW.
- 20 The changes to AABW and NADW circulation were conducive to the development of a global overturning circulation dominated by dense water from the Southern Ocean. An altered global overturning circulation is now a widely recognised component of glacial elimate states across the Pleistocene (Broecker, 2013). In fact, several authors now attribute at least half of the glacialinterglacial atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> difference to circulation changes in the ocean (Broecker et al., 2015; Kohfeld et al., 2005; Sigman et al., 2010). Theoretical, proxy and model-based research is now beginning to converge on the large-scale characteristics of
- 25 the glacial ocean circulation, where AABW was more dominant due to a combination of expanded sea ice, enhanced brine rejection causing denser bottom waters, and reduced diapyenal mixing (Adkins, 2013; De Boer and Hogg, 2014; Ferrari et al., 2014; Skinner et al., 2010; Watson and Naveira Garabato, 2006). The neutral density boundary between a northward flowing AABW and a southward flowing NADW was also shoaled substantially at the LGM in comparison with the current elimate. Numerous palaeonutrient tracers support the presence of AABW within the deep North Atlantic Ocean at the LGM (Curry and
- 30 Oppo, 2005; Duplessy et al., 1988; Keigwin, 2004; Marchitto and Broecker, 2006; Oliver et al., 2010). The maximum depth of NADW flow was displaced to above 2,000 m as a direct result, and the shoaling of NADW facilitated the development of a saltier, more stratified glacial deep ocean (Adkins, 2013). Ferrari et al. (2014) have interpreted these changes as inextricably linked to the expansion of sea ice in the Southern Ocean, which caused a greater proportion of Circumpolar Deep Water to rise into a zone of negative buoyancy flux and thereby produce greater quantities of denser AABW. Imposing only the orbital

parameters and atmospheric radiative forcing of the LGM, our Cpl-LGM simulation was able to reproduce these features of a glacial ocean circulation.



## 3.2 LGM climate: biogeochemical fields

5 The physical changes in the ocean between the Cpl-PI and the Cpl-LGM, as described above, caused significant changes in ocean biogeochemistry within the ocean-only simulations (Table 3). To assist in the discussion of the large-scale biogeochemical changes we divide the upper and the deep ocean based on the 2,000 m depth. This approach also allows for more clearly distinguishing between changes to the global overturning circulation, air-sea exchange and biological processes on the biogeochemical fields.

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# 3.2.1 Carbon

For the occan-only experiment O-LGM<sup>+</sup>, the carbon content of the ocean was 517 Pg C less than the O-PI<sup>+</sup> experiment (Fig. 4; Table 3). This change in carbon content reflects the combined effects of an altered ocean physics, which increased earbon in the deep ocean by 322 Pg C, and a lower atmospheric partial pressure, which caused 839 Pg C of carbon to be lost from the upper ocean. The air-sea gas exchange scheme in CSIRO Mk3L-COAL is based on the parameterisation given by Wanninkhof

15 upper ocean. The air-sea gas exchange scheme in CSIRO Mk3L-COAL is based on the parameterisation given by Wanninkhof (1992), and therefore regardless of the increase in solubility in the upper ocean that is caused by cooling, the decrease in partial pressure in the atmosphere ensured that the upper ocean DIC equilibrated at a lower concentration.

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- To quantify the carbon gail caused by a cooler ocean with expanded sea ice and an altered overturning circulation, the oceanonly experiment, O-LGM2, forced by the Cpl-LGM output was run with a PI atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 280 ppm. The ocean carbon content of O-LGM2 was increased by 1,127 Pg C relative to O-PH. The gain of carbon in O-LGM2 confirmed that the glacial ocean was indeed conducive to partitioning greater quantities of carbon in the deep ocean, which can largely be attributed to the increased formation rate of AABW. AABW has recently been identified as eliciting the greatest response in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> of all major ocean water masses (Menviel et al., 2015). However, total carbon content decreased in ex-
- 25 periment O-LGM1, which indicated that the loss from the upper ocean due to equilibration with a lower atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration outweighed the gains caused by an altered physics. To quantify this effect, the ocean-only experiment, O-PI2, forced by the CpI-PI output was run with a LGM atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 185 ppm. The ocean carbon content of O-PI2 was reduced by 1,486 Pg C relative to O-PI1, and this confirmed that changes in the carbon content of the ocean are highly dependent on atmospheric carbon. Although the contribution of physical changes to ocean carbon storage was significant at
- 30 1,127 Pg C, it could not in isolation outweigh the loss of 1,486 Pg C caused by equilibration with lower atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>.

Phosphate (PO<sub>4</sub>) concentrations in experiment O-LGM<sup>1</sup> also declined in the upper ocean and increased in the deep ocean (Fig. 5). Like DIC, this reorganisation was driven by a strengthened AABW circulation cell and is consistent with proxy reconstructions. Cadmium and  $\delta^{13}$ C measurements from the Atlantic Ocean show increased nutrient concentrations in the deep

5 ocean, but reduced levels above 2,000 m at the LGM (Boyle, 1992; Gebbie, 2014; Marchitto and Broecker, 2006; Tagliabue et al., 2009).

A direct consequence of the redistribution of  $PO_4$  was the reduction in the production of particulate organic matter across many regions of the O-LGM<sup>+</sup> ocean (Fig. 5). With the exception of the South Pacific and isolated areas in the subtropics,

- 10 export production in the O-LGM<sup>+</sup> experiment decreased relative to the O-PI<sup>+</sup> experiment, so that global export production was 56 % of O-PI1. The global reduction was also illustrated by a decrease in regenerated carbon (<del>DIC</del><sub>org</sub>), which indicates a weakened biological carbon pump (Table 3). The magnitude of the reduction in export production for the O-LGM1 experiment sits outside the range of 76-83 % estimated using oxygen isotopic measurements (Blunier et al., 2002) and in the opposite direction to the conclusions of Galbraith and Jaccard (2015), who argued for a net strengthening of the glacial biological pump
- 15 at the LGM. The strong reduction of export production can be attributed, in part, to a large decrease in export production from the sub-Antarctic zone. This feature is in direct conflict with palaeoproductivity proxies in the Atlantic and Indian sectors of the sub-Antarctic Ocean (Anderson et al., 2002, 2014; Chase et al., 2001; Jaccard et al., 2013; Nürnberg et al., 1997), and some parts of the Pacific sector (Bradtmiller et al., 2009; Lamy et al., 2014). Outside of the Southern Ocean, the reduction in export production in the O-LGM1 experiment is consistent with palaeoproductivity evidence (see Introduction).
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#### **3.2.3** Carbonate chemistry

The loss of phosphate from the upper ocean and its increase at depth was mirrored by changes in alkalinity, so that the more alkaline signature of AABW, relative to NADW, dominated the deep ocean in experiment O-LGM<sup>1</sup>. The redistribution of alkalinity matches the redistribution of salinity, where salinity decreased (by 0.87 psu) in the surface ocean and increased (by 2.21 psu) in the deep ocean (Fig. 6).

The aragonite saturation state ( $\Omega$ ) in surface waters of experiment O-LGM1 agrees with proxy reconstructions of coral reef extent at the LGM. Surface  $\Omega$  between 40° S and 40° N in O-LGM1 ( $\Omega = 3.8$ ) was slightly lower than that of O-PII ( $\Omega = 4.0$ ), but increased in the high latitude oceans (Fig. 7). The globally averaged surface  $\Omega$  of O-LGM1 was therefore only slightly

<sup>30</sup> different from that of O-PH, at  $\Omega = 3.3$  and  $\Omega = 3.4$ , respectively. Consequently, the simulated  $\Omega = 3.25$  isoline, the value at present used to define the location of viable coral reef conditions (Hoegh-Guldberg et al., 2007), was nearly unchanged between the O-LGM<sup>1</sup> and O-PI<sup>1</sup> experiments. Recent sonar and coring in the southern portion of the Great Barrier Reef (Abbey et al., 2011; Yokoyama et al., 2011) have detected the presence of drowned coral reefs that existed at the LGM as far south as

reefs present today. Such observations are consistent with our O-LGM1 experiment and indicates that the extent of viable coral reefs was unlikely to have been significantly different at the LGM relative to today.

However, the magnitude of increase in alkalinity in the glacial deep ocean, which was not accompanied by a stoichiomet-5 rically matched increase in <del>DIC,</del> caused unrealistic increases in the aragonite</del> saturation horizon ( $\Omega = 1$ ), otherwise known as the lysoeline. The average position of the aragonite saturation horizon doubled in depth from 1526 m in O-PII to 2944 m in O-LGM1. Outside of the castern tropical Pacific the entire water column of experiment O-LGM1 was super-saturated for aragonite (Fig. 8). There is good evidence that the mean position of the lysoeline was not appreciably different at the LGM as compared to the Late Holocene (Yu et al., 2014): This information places the simulated lysoeline ( $\Omega = 1$ ) of O-LGM1 as

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### 3.2.4 Dissolved oxygen

Experiment O-PI1 produced a global average oxygen concentration of ~181 mmol O<sub>2</sub> m<sup>-3</sup>, similar to the PI global average of about 178 mmol O<sub>2</sub> m<sup>-3</sup> (Garcia, 2005). The combination of cooler SSTs, an enhanced subduction of AABW and the
reduction in export production in experiment O-LGM<sup>1</sup> dramatically increased the oxygen levels in both the upper and deep ocean by ~80 and ~120 mmol m<sup>-3</sup>, respectively, which constitutes a global increase of 55 % (Fig. 9; Table 3).

The increase in dissolved oxygen in O-LGM1 was considerable, but agreed well with proxy reconstructions for the upper ocean. The oxygen-poor intermediate waters of the western North Pacific (Ishizaki et al., 2009; Shibahara et al., 2007), eastern North Pacific (Cannariato and Kennett, 1999; Cartapanis et al., 2011; Chang et al., 2014; Dean, 2007; Nameroff et al., 2004;

- North Pacific (Cannariato and Kennett, 1999; Cartapanis et al., 2011; Chang et al., 2014; Dean, 2007; Nameroff et al., 2004; Pride et al., 1999; Ohkushi et al., 2013; van Geen et al., 2003), eastern South Pacific (Martinez et al., 2006; Muratli et al., 2010; Salvatteci et al., 2016), Equatorial Pacific (Leduc et al., 2010) and Indian Ocean (Reichart et al., 1998; Suthhof et al., 2001; van der Weijden et al., 2006) were better oxygenated at the LGM relative to the PI climate. An important consequence of oxygenating the upper ocean is a reduction in the strength of denitrification in the these regions. Sedimentary δ<sup>15</sup>N records
  suggest that global aggregate rates of water column denitrification rates over the past 200 kya were lower during glacial periods
- and higher during interglacial periods (Galbraith et al., 2004), and this is consistent with the simulated oxygenation of the upper ocean.

However, dissolved oxygen concentrations in the deep ocean increased to an average of 304 mmol O<sub>2</sub> m<sup>-3</sup> in O-LGM4,
and this contrasts starkly with existing palaeoclimate reconstructions. Deep waters of the Indian (Murgese et al., 2008; Sarkar et al., 1993; Schmiedl and Mackensen, 2006), North Atlantic (Hoogakker et al., 2014), Southern Ocean (Chase et al., 2001; Jaccard et al., 2016) and Equatorial Pacific (de la Fuente et al., 2015) were poorly ventilated at the LGM relative to the Holocene. Drawing from a global compilation of like studies, Jaccard and Galbraith (2012) and Jaccard et al. (2014) demonstrated that the deep ocean was largely deoxygenated relative to the Holocene on a global scale. While the increase in oxygen concentrations

in the upper ocean aligned with the direction of change inferred from proxies, the response in the deep ocean can be considered unrealistic.

### 5 3.3 Importance of ocean biogeochemistry for climate

The spatial pattern of export production, the depth of the aragonite saturation horizon and the dissolved oxygen field of experiment O-LGM1 are outstanding in their disagreement with proxy evidence. Notably, experiment O-LGM1 lost a substantial quantity of earbon from the upper ocean in excess of the additions to the deep ocean caused by an altered physical ocean state. Experiment O-LGM1 was therefore unable to explain the glacial-interglacial drawdown of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, despite the

10 presence of a physical ocean state within realistic bounds, generated by the Cpl-LGM experiment. If we are to reconcile the biogeochemistry of the glacial ocean with that inferred from proxy evidence, we must consider altering ocean biogeochemistry.

### 3.3.1 Reconciling the carbon budget

Three plausible modifications to the ocean biogeochemistry (see methods) were considered: (1) increased POC export production, (2) increased depth of POC remineralisation, and (3) reduced PIC export. In the following we step through the changes to carbon content caused by each modification, and the reader is directed to Table 3 for reference.

(1) **Experiment O-LGM3.** Although the the scaling factor controlling the export production of organic matter was increased 10-fold, the actual increase in POC export production averaged over the global ocean was more modest at roughly 30 %. Because most of the ocean within the O-LGM1 experiment became phosphate limited as greater quantities of nutrients were

- Because most of the ocean within the O-LGM1 experiment became phosphate limited as greater quantities of nutrients were redistributed into the deep ocean, the increase in export production in experiment O-LGM3 was only felt in those regions where PO<sub>4</sub> was not limiting. The sub-Antarctic zone of the Southern Ocean experienced the greatest increase in export production ( $\sim$ 250 %) due to the increase in the scaling factor, followed by a few small regions along the Chilean margin and in the Northwest Pacific (Fig. 7). These regional responses caused the global net export production rate to increase from 4.48 to 5.92 Pg C
- 25  $yr^{-1}$ . Although this rate of POC export production was still lower than the O-PI+ experiment of 8.0+ Pg C yr  $^{-1}$ , this increased carbon content by 188 Pg C.

(2) Experiment O-LGM4. The shift of organic matter to depth was associated with a global reduction in POC export production of ~1.2 Pg C yr<sup>-1</sup> as remineralisation released PO<sub>4</sub> and DIC further from the photic zone. Despite the reduction in the biological pump, the bulk transfer of POC to depth generated an increase in ocean carbon storage of 150 Pg C.

(3) **Experiment O-LGM5.** The elimination of PIC in the simulated glacial ocean increased the solubility of  $CO_2$  in the surface ocean and enabled the ocean to store an additional  $\frac{262}{29}$  Pg C.

Independently, none of the above modifications were able to increase ocean carbon content relative to the O-PI+ experiment (O-LGM3: -329 Pg C; O-LGM4: -367 Pg C; O-LGM5: -255 Pg C). However, by employing all three biogeochemical modifications in one experiment (Experiment O-LGM6), the glacial ocean was able to store an additional 843 Pg C more

than experiment O-LGM1 and 326 Pg C more than O-PI1. This magnitude of increase is within the plausible bounds required 5 to offset the loss of atmospheric and terrestrial carbon reported by Ciais et al. (2011) of  $\sim$  520 ± 400 Pg C at the LGM (Table 4).



### 3.3.2 Reconciling export production

Experiment O-LGM1 generated a strongly reduced POC export production across almost all regions of the global ocean (Fig. 5). Of the three biogeochemical modifications applied to the LGM ocean, only two had any effect on POC export, as the <del>10</del> amount of PIC exported from the photic zone has no influence on the amount of POC export. Deepening the remineralisation of POC ( $\Theta$ -LGM4) shifted a greater fraction of regenerated PO<sub>4</sub> into the deep ocean, which resulted in a global reduction of export production. Increasing the scaling factor (O-LGM3), however, caused an increase in global export production from 4.48 to 5.92 Pg C yr<sup>-1</sup>. Most of this increase occurred in the Southern Ocean, particularly the sub-Antarctic zone, and in a few isolated pockets in the Northwest Pacific and North Atlantic (Fig. 10). 15

The increase in the scaling factor dominated the change in export production produced when combining all three biogeochemical modifications (O-LGM6). The strong increase in export production observed in the sub-Antarctic was clearly replicated within this experiment and reconciles our simulated export production field with current evidence of productivity at the LGM.

- In the Southern Ocean, the Atlantic and Indian sectors of the sub-Antarctic zone experienced a greater flux of organics to the 20 sediments (Anderson et al., 2002, 2014; Chase et al., 2001; Jaccard et al., 2013; Nürnberg et al., 1997). Whether this was also the case for the Pacific sector remains under debate, with some evidence for increase (Bradtmiller et al., 2009; Lamy et al., 2014) conflicting with evidence for no change (Bostock et al., 2013; Chase et al., 2003). Meanwhile, it is widely accepted that waters south of the Antarctic Polar Front were reduced in their productivity (Bostock et al., 2013; Chase et al., 2003; Elderfield
- and Rickaby, 2000; Francois et al., 1997; Frank et al., 2000; Kohfeld et al., 2005; Kumar et al., 1995; Mortlock et al., 1991; 25 Ninnemann and Charles, 1997; Shemesh et al., 1993), likely due to increased sea ice extent (Gersonde et al., 2003; Jaccard et al., 2013) and stratification (Anderson et al., 2014; Jaccard et al., 2005).

In experiment  $\frac{O-LGM6}{O}$ , net export production remained weakened by 3.19 Pg C yr<sup>-1</sup> relative to O-PH despite the appli-30 cation of biogeochemical modifications. This result is contrary to arguments for a strengthened biological pump at the LGM (Galbraith and Jaccard, 2015), and aligns more with the findings of Blunier et al. (2002). The net decline in export production observed in this study was dominated by the decline in tropical and subtropical waters. Many palaeoproductivity studies located outside of the sub-Antarctic zone have found weakened productivity at the LGM (Chang et al., 2014, 2015; Costa et al., 2016; Crusius et al., 2004; Kohfeld et al., 2005; Kohfeld and Chase, 2011; Jaccard et al., 2005; McKay et al., 2015; Ortiz et al., 2004; Riethdorf et al., 2013b; Salvatteci et al., 2016; Singh et al., 2011; Thomas et al., 1995). Additionally, an enhanced utilisation of available nutrients in the sub-Antarctic zone (Martinez-Garcia et al., 2014) would reduce nutrient content of intermediate waters formed in the Southern Ocean and would thus reduce the delivery of nutrients to lower latitudes (Sarmiento et al., 2004). This mechanism coupled with cooler temperatures caused reductions in export production across much of the mid and lower

5 latitude oceans in experiment O-LGM6, which maintains the qualitative agreement between simulated and proxy observations (see Introduction). Hence, the good spatial agreement between O-LGM6 and palaeoproductivity proxies at the LGM gives confidence that a stronger biological pump in sub-Antarctic waters, combined with an expanded sea ice cover that limited airsea exchange in the Antarctic Zone, was a key component for transferring earbon from the atmosphere to the ocean at the LGM.

### 10 3.3.3 Reconciling carbonate chemistry

There is good evidence that the mean position of the lysocline was not appreciably different at the LGM as compared to the Late Holocene (Yu et al., 2014). Because much of the ocean was saturated for aragonite in the O-LGM6 experiment, additional processes are required to shoal the aragonite saturation horizon ( $\Omega = 1$ ) and thereby reconcile proxy evidence.

15 One mechanism to shoal the aragonite saturation horizon would be to reduce continental inputs of alkalinity at the LGM. However, the presence of glaciers, drier atmospheric conditions and the exposure of continental shelves due to lower sea level would have increased the supply of carbonates to the ocean (Gibbs and Kump, 1994; Riebe et al., 2004), thereby increasing ocean alkalinity and further deepening the aragonite saturation horizon. This mechanism has been largely refuted as having a significant effect on the glacial-interglacial difference in the carbon budget (Brovkin et al., 2007; Foster and Vance, 2006; Jones et al., 2002), and can therefore be ignored.

The individual biogeochemical modifications were also insufficient to effectively shoal the depth of aragonite saturation to be consistent with palaeo evidence. However, combining all three modifications in experiment O-LGM6 shoaled the aragonite saturation horizon significantly (Fig. 11), with a globally-averaged position of 1818 m. Regionally, the aragonite saturation horizon in the Pacific Ocean was deeper in experiment O-LGM6 relative to O-PH, but was shallower in the Atlantic Ocean and within the Atlantic and Indian sectors of the sub-Antarctic zone. Remarkably, these positions relative to the PI climate are consistent with palaeoproxy reconstructions. A deepening of less than 1,000 m has been suggested in the North Pacific and Southern Ocean at the LGM (Anderson et al., 2002; Catubig et al., 1998), while other proxy evidence suggests that the lysocline in the Atlantic Ocean was shallower than the PI climate (Anderson et al., 2002).

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However, an important caveat of this study is the exclusion of calcium carbonate  $(CaCO_3)$  burial within ocean sediments. Because this process is not included in the model, it is highly likely that the deepening of the aragonite saturation horizon that occurred in experiment O-LGMI was too extreme. CaCO<sub>3</sub> burial lowers the alkalinity of the glacial ocean, and is therefore a negative feedback mechanism to changes in the position of the aragonite saturation horizon (see Sigman et al., 2010, for a review). If the aragonite saturation horizon deepens, as found in O-LGM<sup>1</sup>, the burial of  $CaCO_3$  would increase and cause a subsequent reduction in ocean alkalinity, the depth of the lysocline and the ability of the ocean to store carbon. By not taking this process into account in experiment O-LGM<sup>1</sup>, both the deepening of the aragonite saturation horizon and the atmospheric drawdown of carbon were overestimated.

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However, the same reasoning can be applied to the experiments with biogeochemical modifications. If the burial of  $CaCO_3$  was included in these experiments, the shoaling in the aragonite saturation horizon would have been somewhat mitigated by decreased  $CaCO_3$  burial that increased ocean alkalinity. Consequently, the shoaling that was observed in these experiments was likely exaggerated, just as the deepening observed in experiment O-LGM+ was exaggerated. Again, this can be applied

- 10 to changes in the carbon content of the ocean, as a shallower aragonite saturation horizon would have increased whole-ocean alkalinity and thereby increased the drawdown of atmospheric  $CO_2$ . This effect would have been particularly important for experiment O-LGM5, where inorganic carbon export was eliminated. If whole-ocean alkalinity was able to respond to the decrease in CaCO<sub>3</sub> rain, this would further increase the associated  $CO_2$  drawdown. Therefore, the exclusion of CaCO<sub>3</sub> burial in experiment O-LGM6 caused an exaggerated shoaling of the aragonite saturation horizon and an underestimated increase in
- 15 carbon content.

### 3.3.4 Reconciling dissolved oxygen

As discussed previously, the increase in oxygen concentrations of the upper ocean in experiment O-LGM<sup>+</sup> is consistent with proxy evidence. All experiments with modified biogeochemistry, including <del>O-LGM6</del>, had little effect on the upper ocean oxygen concentration (Fig. 12; Table 3). Modifying the biogeochemistry did not compromise the good agreement between

simulated and proxy reconstructions of oxygen concentrations in the upper ocean.

Modifying ocean biogeochemistry did, however, have a large effect on the oxygen concentrations of the deep ocean (Fig. 13). Increasing export production ( $\Theta$ -LGM3) and deepening the remineralisation depth ( $\Theta$ -LGM4) both reduced oxygen concen-

- trations by 28 and 13 mmol m<sup>-3</sup>, respectively. The combination of these modifications (O-LGM6) amplified their individual effects, so that deep ocean oxygen was reduced by 63 mmol m<sup>-3</sup> relative to the O-LGM4. The increased sensitivity of deep ocean oxygen to the combination of increased export production and a deeper remineralisation depth was due to an increase in the quantity of regenerated nutrients (DIC<sub>org</sub> and P<sub>org</sub>) that resulted (Table 3). A greater proportion of regenerated nutrients relative to preformed nutrients at the LGM has been identified as a key driver of interior ocean deoxygenation (Jaccard and
- 30 Galbraith, 2012; Sigman et al., 2010), and this process was captured in experiment O-LGM6.

While the combination of biogeochemical modifications ( $\Theta$ -LGM6) did reduce deep ocean oxygen towards those concentrations equivalent to or lower than those of experiment  $\Theta$ -PH in a number of areas (Fig. 13), by no means were average deep ocean concentrations (238 mmol m<sup>-3</sup>) close to those of  $\Theta$ -PH (181 mmol m<sup>-3</sup>). The over-oxygenation of the deep ocean rel-

ative to proxy records may be resolved by (1) reducing the strength of the AABW circulation cell, and/or (2) further increasing export production, and/or (3) altering the spatial pattern of export production. These possibilities strongly indicate that global export production at the LGM may be underestimated by our simulations. Further investigation is required to reconcile our experiments with palaeo evidence of deep ocean deoxygenation.

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### 4 Conclusions

In this study we have shown that physical changes to the ocean state, including an expanded sea ice field and an altered circulation, are not sufficient to explain the drawdown of 80-100 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere of the LGM. While we demonstrate that

- the physical ocean state at the LGM is indeed highly conducive to storing carbon, owing largely to an increased subduction of Antaretic Bottom Water, the tendency for the upper ocean to lose carbon through its equilibration with a lower atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration outweighs these gains. Thus, various biogeochemical modifications are necessary to overcome these losses and produce net gains of carbon in the ocean. The marine biogeochemical changes explored in this study were (1) an increase in export production consistent with greater iron fertilisation, (2) a shift of remineralisation to the deep ocean consistent with
- 15 cooler temperatures, and (3) a decrease in the production of Particulate Inorganic Carbon consistent with cooler temperatures. Only when all three changes were applied to a glacial ocean does the ocean carbon content increase sufficiently to account for the combined loss of carbon from the atmosphere and land at the LGM. Furthermore, their addition helps to reconcile unrealistic fields of export production, aragonite saturation state and dissolved oxygen produced by a simulation of the LGM without biogeochemical changes.
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A key limitation of this study was the inability of biogeochemical modifications to truly deoxygenate the deep ocean on a global scale, as shown in palaeoelimate reconstructions. Either one or a combination of the following could resolve this inconsistency in our simulations: (1) the strength of the AABW circulation cell was too strong; (2) global export production was too weak; (3) the true spatial pattern of export production was not captured. Importantly, points (2) and (3) further implicate ocean biogeochemical processes as a strong influence on climate. New focus should be applied to investigate these possibilities, including the use of multiple representations of the LGM physical ocean state and its effect on ocean biogeochemistry. Future work should also aim to include sedimentary processes, including carbonate burial, considering the importance of sediment processes to ocean biogeochemistry and climate.

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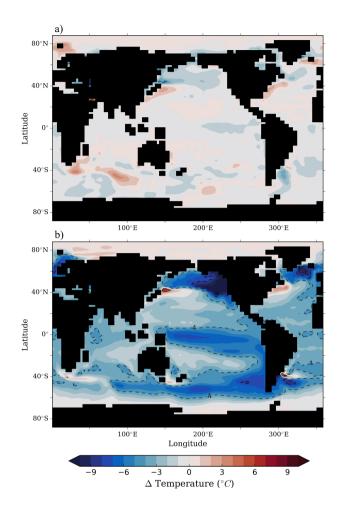
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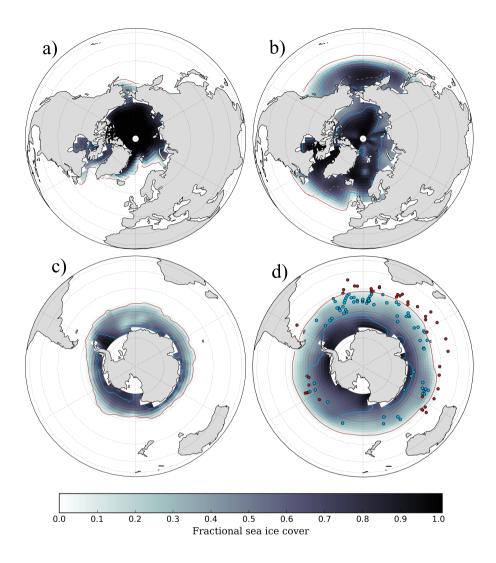
Experiment	Model	Greenhouse Gas	Orbital	Comment
		Forcing $(CO_2e)^a$	Parameters	
Cpl-PI	Coupled	280	0 ka BP	Unmodified BGC
Cpl-LGM	Coupled	167	21 ka BP	Unmodified BGC
Experiment	Model	Atmospheric	Climate	Comment
		CO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	State	
O-PI1	Ocean	280	PI	Unmodified BGC
O-PI2	Ocean	185	PI	Unmodified BGC
O-LGM1	Ocean	185	LGM	Unmodified BGC
O-LGM2	Ocean	280	LGM	Unmodified BGC
O-LGM3	Ocean	185	LGM	$10 \times$ POC export scaling increase
O-LGM4	Ocean	185	LGM	Increased depth of POC remineralization <sup>b</sup>
O-LGM5	Ocean	185	LGM	No PIC export
O-LGM6	Ocean	185	LGM	BGC modifications of O-LGM3, O-LGM4 and O-LGM5

 $^{a}$  Carbon Dioxide equivalents, corresponding to CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O from 280 ppm/760 ppb/270 ppb for PI simulations to 185 ppm/350 ppb/200 ppb for LGM simulations.

<sup>b</sup> Power law exponent for POC remineralization changed from -0.9 to -0.7.



**Figure 1.** Annual sea surface temperature (SST) difference between (a) the coupled PI experiment, Cpl-PI, and the observations from Levitus (2001), and (b) the difference between the coupled LGM and PI experiments (Cpl-LGM -Cpl-PI). Solid contour lines denotes positive changes in SST by 4 and 8 °C, while negative changes in SST are denoted by dashed lines at 4 and 8 °C.



**Figure 2.** Annual average sea-ice cover for (a) the Cpl-PI Northern Hemisphere, (b) the Cpl-LGM Northern Hemisphere, (c) the Cpl-PI Southern Hemisphere, (d) the Cpl-LGM Southern Hemisphere. The red and blue contour lines in each projection represent the maximum and minimum seasonal sea ice extents (where sea ice concentration equals 15 % as per Gersonde et al. (2005)). In panel (b), the dashed orange contour line represents the maximum seasonal sea ice extent produced by the IPSL climate system model, which took part in the PMIP3 LGM experiment, and is broadly consistent with the results of other PMIP3 models. In panel (d), the coloured markers represent locations were winter sea ice was deemed to have been present (blue) and absent (red) at the LGM according to Gersonde et al. (2005).

			$\Delta$ SST (°C)		
		$15^{\circ} \text{ S-} 15^{\circ} \text{ N}$	$30^{\circ} \text{ S}-30^{\circ} \text{ N}$	$60^{\circ} \text{ S}-60^{\circ} \text{ N}$	$00^{\circ} \text{ S}{-}90^{\circ} \text{ N}$
Simulated	Global	-3.3	-3.2	-3.9	-3.2
	Atlantic	-3.6	-3.4	-3.9	-3.3
Waelbroeck et al. (2009)	Global	$-1.7 \pm 1.0$	$-1.5 \pm 1.2$	$-1.9\pm1.7$	$-1.9 \pm 1.8$
	Atlantic	$-2.9 \pm 1.3$	$-2.3\pm1.5$	$-2.6\pm2.0$	$-2.4 \pm 2.2$
Ho and Laepple (2015)	Global	·	$-5.1$ to $-2.17 \pm 1.43$		$-12.52$ to $-2.17 \pm 1.43$
		Sea ice ext	Sea ice extent (10 <sup>6</sup> km <sup>2</sup> )		
		SH maximum	SH minimum	NH maximum	NH minimum
Simulated	PI	20.8	4.12	15.0	9.73
	TGM	46.3	13.3	36.6	19.9
(Gloersen et al., 1993)	Id	19	3.5	16	6
(Gersonde et al., 2005)	LGM	39			
		Overtur	Overturning metrics		
		Max forma	Max formation rate <sup><math>a</math></sup> (Sv)	Tra	Transport <sup>b</sup> (Sv)
Simulated	AABW (PI    LGM)	13.2	13.2    25.1	17,	17,440    71,664
	NADW (PI II LGM)	16.2	16.2    12.5	18,	18,392    5,391
PMIP2 models	AABW (PI    LGM)	10.4–16.2	10.4–16.2    19.6–40.0		
(Otto-Bliesner et al., 2007)	NADW (PI II LGM)	18.6–19.4	18.6-19.4    13.9-30.7		

Table 2. Changes in sea surface temperature (SST), sea ice extent and large scale circulation between the LGM and PI simulations. SST changes are compared with

depth and time.

Table 3. Global ocean averaged diagnostics from the model simulations described in Table 1. The subscript organic refers to the inventory due to the remineralization computed from the apparent oxygen utilization. POC and PIC refer to the annual export of particulate organic and inorganic carbon from the upper 50 m, respectively. The tracer columns refer to global ocean inventory or global ocean mean values. Global inventory of phosphate was 2.68 Pmol in all simulations. White space for experiments O-PI2 and O-LGM2 indicate no difference with experiments O-PI1 and O-LGM1, respectively.

n) = 1									
Depth <sup><i>C</i></sup> (m) where $\Omega = 1$		1526		2944		2995	2994	2883	1818
-	DeepJ	180		301		273	288	301	238
c	Upper	182		263		271	266	263	265
Oxygen (mean) (mmol m - 3)	Global	181		281		272	276	281	252
DICorg (PgC)		1650		667		772	721	667	1004
دي	DeepJ	0	-686	322	1165	603	391	190	732
$\Delta$ DIC <sup>b</sup> (Pg C)	Upper	0	-801	- 839	-40	-933	-760	- 447	- 406
	Global	0	-1486	-517	1127	-329	-367	-255	326
$\underset{(PgCy^{-1})}{PIC}$	Global	0.64		0.36		0.47	0.26	0.00	0.00
$\begin{array}{c} \text{POC} \\ (\text{Pg}\text{C}\text{y}^{-1}) \end{array}$	Global Southern Ocean <sup>a</sup>	1.60		0.76		4.06	0.74	0.76	O-LGM6 185 4.82 3.44
0	Global	8.01		4.48		5.92	3.25	4.48	4.82
Atmospheric <sup>a</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)		280	185	185	280	185	185	185	185
Model		0-PI1	0-P12	0-LGM1	0-LGM2	0-LGM3	0-LGM4	0-LGM5	0-LGM6

<sup>b</sup> Change in the ocean inventory of carbon relative to experiment O-PI1 with atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> at 280 ppm.

ocess. <sup>c</sup> Where the aragonite saturation horizon exceeds the depth of the ocean, the deepest grid box was included in the averagi

 $^d$  All grid boxes south of 45° S.

 $^{\rm e}$  All grid boxes above 2,000 m depth.

 $^f$  All grid boxes below 2,000 m depth.

Table 4. The change in the LGM ocean carbon content relative to the PI ocean.

Estimate	$\Delta Carbon$
	(Pg C)
Ciais et al. (2011)	$520 \pm 400^a$
PI - unmodified $BGC^b$	$-520\pm400$
PI - unmodified BGC (CO <sub>2</sub> of 185 ppm)	$-2006\pm400$
LGM - unmodified BGC	$-1037\pm400$
LGM - unmodified BGC (CO <sub>2</sub> of 280 ppm)	$607\pm400$
LGM - modified BGC (O-LGM6) <sup>c</sup>	$-194\pm400$

 $^a\,$  Estimate of increase in ocean carbon content during the LGM made by Ciais et al. (2011), whereby atmospheric carbon was reduced by 194  $\pm$  2 Pg C and terrestrial carbon was reduced by 330  $\pm$  400 Pg C.

<sup>b</sup> BGC refers to biogeochemistry.

 $^{\rm c}$  Assumes all three biological modifications that were postulated (see Table 1, experiments O-LGM3, O-LGM4 and O-LGM5) occurred to provide an upper bound estimate of ocean carbon storage.

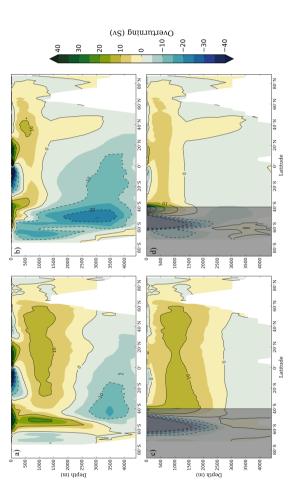
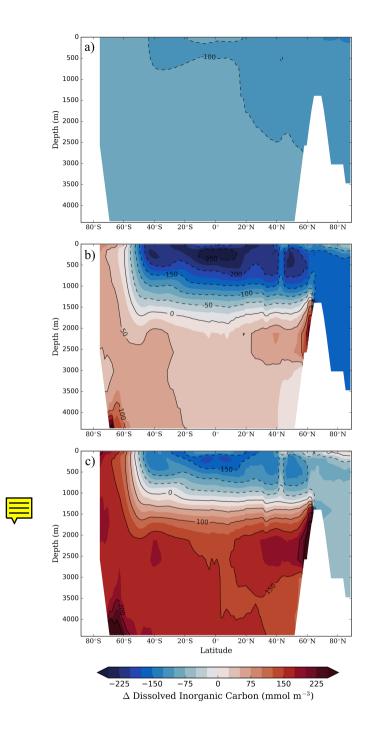
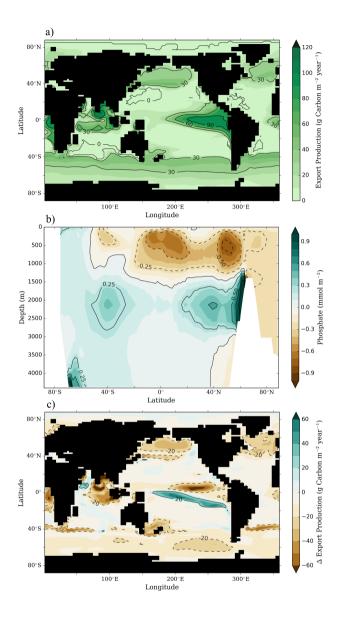


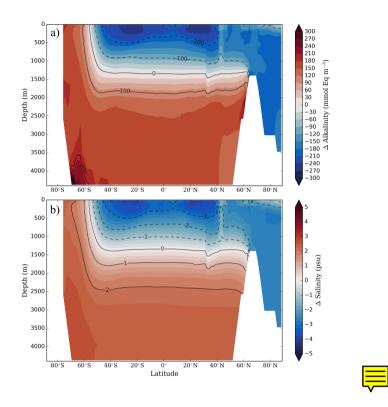
Figure 3. The upper panels depict the total meridional overturning streamfunction (Sv) for the global ocean in the (a) Cpl-PI and (b) Cpl-LGM simulations. The bottom panels depict the total meridional overturning streamfunction (sv) for the Atlantic ocean in the (c) Cpl-PI and (d) Cpl-LGM simulations. Note that those latitudes corresponding to the Southern Ocean are obscured for panels (c) and (d) in the Atlantic Ocean, as these overturning velocities are invalid considering that waters can exit to the east and west and that the streamfunction does not account for these losses.



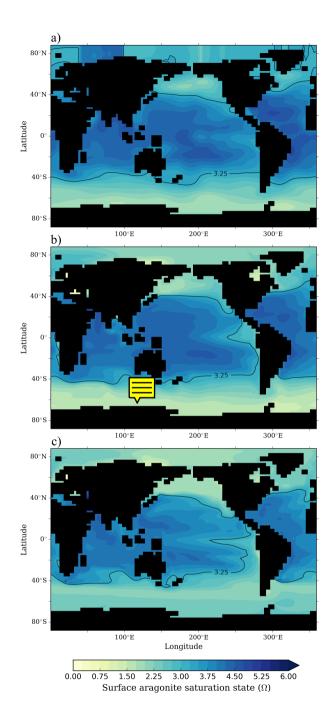
**Figure 4.** The zonally-averaged change in the concentration of dissolved inorganic carbon (mmol  $m^{-3}$ ) relative to the O-PI1 experiment with an atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 280 ppm for (a) the PI ocean with an atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 185 ppm (O-LGM1), and (c) the LGM ocean with an atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 185 ppm (O-LGM1), and (c) the LGM ocean with an atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 280 ppm (O-LGM1), and (c) the LGM ocean with an atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 280 ppm (O-LGM1), and (c) the LGM ocean with an atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 280 ppm (O-LGM1), and (c) the LGM ocean with an atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 280 ppm (O-LGM1), and (c) the LGM ocean with an atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 280 ppm (O-LGM1), and (c) the LGM ocean with an atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 280 ppm (O-LGM1), and (c) the LGM ocean with an atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 280 ppm (O-LGM1), and (c) the LGM ocean with an atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 280 ppm (O-LGM2).



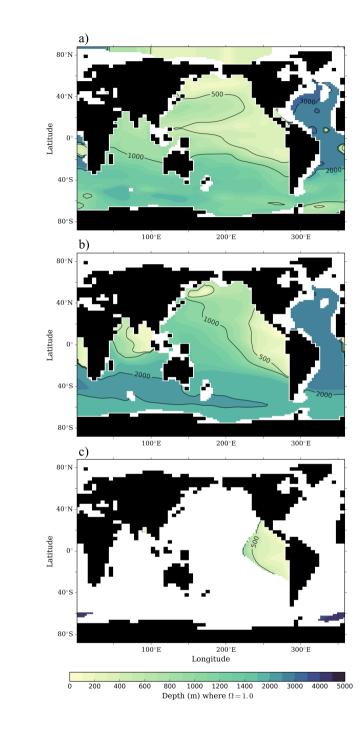
**Figure 5.** Changes in the export production of Particulate Organic Matter (POC) and Phosphate concentrations between the O-LGM1 and O-PI1 experiments. (a) Annually averaged export of POC from the upper 50 m (g Carbon  $m^{-2} year^{-1}$ ) for O-PI1, (b) the O-LGM1 – O-PI1 difference in Phosphate concentrations (mmol  $m^{-3}$ ), and (c) the O-LGM1 – O-PI1 difference in export production of POC from the upper 50 m (g Carbon  $m^{-2} year^{-1}$ ).



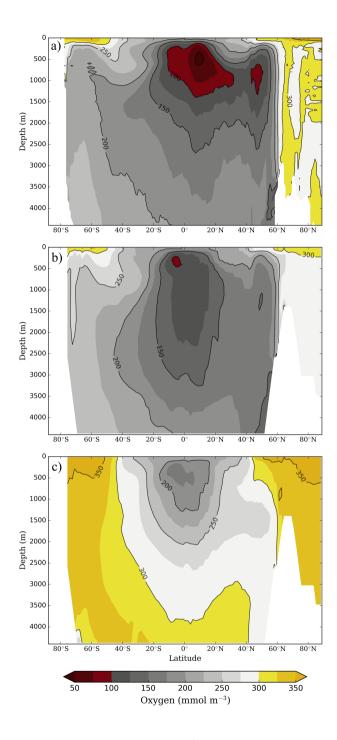
**Figure 6.** Change in the zonally-averaged global distribution of (a) alkalinity (mmol Eq m<sup>-3</sup>), and (b) salinity (psu) between the O-LGM1 and O-PI1 experiments (O-LGM1 – O-PI1). Despite the strong reduction in salinity in upper ocean of the O-LGM1 experiment relative to O-PI1, the whole-ocean salt content increased by 0.5 psu.



**Figure 7.** The annual average surface aragonite saturation state ( $\Omega$ ) calculated from (a) the observations of Key et al. (2004), (b) the O-PI1 experiment, and (c) the O-LGM1 experiment.



**Figure 8.** The depth of the aragonite saturation horizon ( $\Omega = 1$ ) calculated from (a) the observations of Key et al. (2004), (b) the O-PI1 experiment, and (c) the O-LGM1 experiment. The contour lines represent 500, 1000, 2000 and 3000 m depth. Note that the O-LGM1 experiment, which is unmodified in its biogeochemistry relative to the O-PI1 experiment, is completely saturated in aragonite across the majority of the ocean (white space).



**Figure 9.** Zonally-averaged dissolved oxygen concentrations  $(mmol m^{-3})$  in (a) the modern ocean according to the World Ocean Atlas (Garcia et al., 2013), (b) the O-PI1 experiment, and (c) the O-LGM1 experiment.

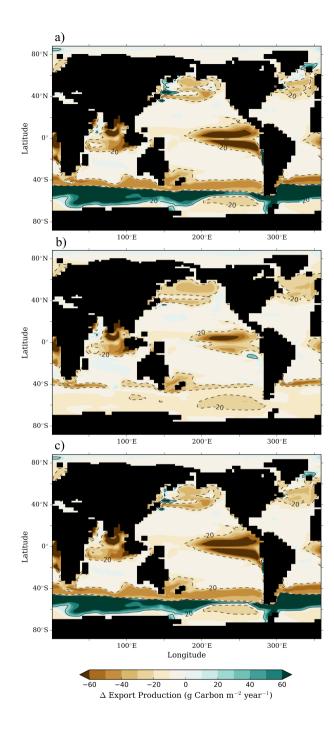
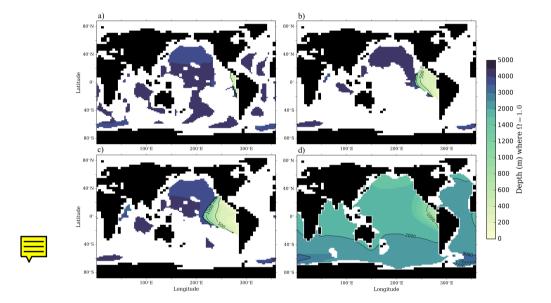
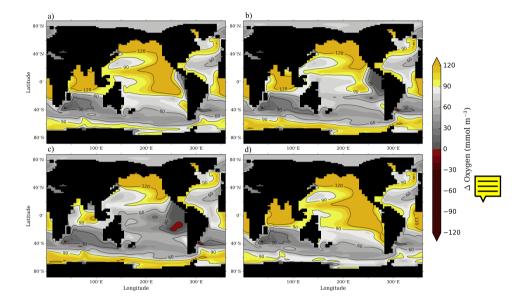


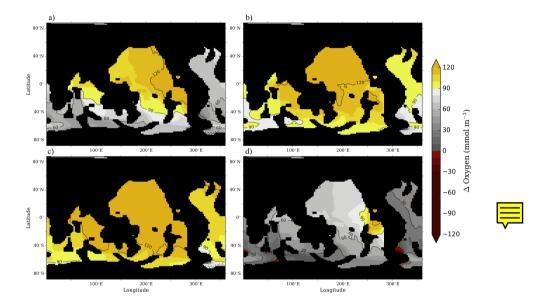
Figure 10. Change in annually averaged export of particulate organic carbon from the upper 50 m (g Carbon  $m^{-2}$  year<sup>-1</sup>) between the LGM and PI from the experiments with modified biogeochemical formulations for (a) O-LGM3 - O-PI1, (b) O-LGM4 - O-PI1, and (c) O-LGM6 – O-PI1. It should be noted that the export production field of particulate organic carbon for experiment O-LGM5, whereby particulate inorganic carbon was set to zero, did not differ from unmodified experiment O-LGM1 and is therefore not shown. For this comparison, the reader is directed to Figure 5. 42



**Figure 11.** The depth of the aragonite saturation horizon ( $\Omega = 1$ ) for the experiments with modified biogeochemical formulations. (a) O-LGM3, (b) O-LGM4, (c) O-LGM5, and (d) O-LGM6. The white areas in the ocean are regions where the aragonite saturate horizon is deeper than the ocean bottom.



**Figure 12.** Change in oxygen concentration  $(mmol m^{-3})$  at 500 m between the LGM and PI for the experiments with modified biogeochemical formulations. (a) O-LGM3 – O-PI1, (b) O-LGM4 – O-PI1, (c) O-LGM5 – O-PI1, and (d) O-LGM6 – O-PI1. A depth of 500 m is representative of the depth at which the greatest extent of low oxygen water exists in the simulated PI climate. It should be noted that the oxygen field for experiment O-LGM5, whereby particulate inorganic carbon was set to zero, did not differ from the unmodified glacial experiment O-LGM1 and can therefore be used here as a reference to that simulation.



**Figure 13.** Change in oxygen concentration  $(mmol m^{-3})$  at 3,500 m between the LGM and PI for the experiments with modified biogeochemical formulations. (a) O-LGM3 – O-PI1, (b) O-LGM4 – O-PI1, (c) O-LGM5 – O-PI1, and (d) O-LGM6 – O-PI1. A depth of 3,500 m is representative of the deep ocean. It should be noted that the oxygen field for experiment O-LGM5, whereby particulate inorganic carbon was set to zero, did not differ from the unmodified glacial experiment O-LGM1 and can therefore be used here as a reference to that simulation.