



1 **Glacial CO₂ decrease and deep-water deoxygenation by iron** 2 **fertilization from glaciogenic dust**

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8 **Abstract**

9 **Increased accumulation of respired carbon in the deep ocean associated with enhanced efficiency of the biological**
10 **carbon pump is thought to be a key mechanism of glacial CO₂ drawdown. Despite greater oxygen solubility due to sea**
11 **surface cooling, recent quantitative and qualitative proxy data show glacial deep-water deoxygenation, reflecting**
12 **increased accumulation of respired carbon. However, the mechanisms of deep-water deoxygenation and contribution**
13 **from the biological pump to glacial CO₂ drawdown have remained unclear. In this study, we report the significance of**
14 **iron fertilization from glaciogenic dust for glacial CO₂ decrease and deep-water deoxygenation using our numerical**
15 **simulation, which successfully reproduces the magnitude and large-scale pattern of the observed oxygen changes from**
16 **the present to Last Glacial Maximum. Sensitivity experiments reveal that physical changes (e.g., more sluggish ocean**
17 **circulation) contribute to only half of all glacial deep deoxygenation, whereas the other half is driven by enhanced**
18 **efficiency of the biological pump. We found that iron input from the glaciogenic dust with higher iron solubility is the**
19 **most significant factor for enhancement of the biological pump and deep-water deoxygenation. Glacial deep-water**
20 **deoxygenation expands the hypoxic waters in the deep Pacific and Indian Ocean. The simulated global volume of**
21 **hypoxic waters is nearly double the present value, which suggest that the glacial deep-water is severe environment for**
22 **the benthic animals. Our model underestimated the deoxygenation in the deep Southern Ocean due to enhanced**
23 **ventilation. The model-proxy comparison of oxygen change suggest that the stratified Southern Ocean is required for**
24 **reproducing oxygen decline in the deep Southern Ocean. Enhanced efficiency of biological pump contributes to**



25 **decrease of glacial CO₂ by more than 30 ppm, which is supported by the model-proxy agreement of oxygen change.**

26 **Our findings confirm the significance of the biological pump in glacial CO₂ drawdown and deoxygenation.**

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28 **1 Introduction**

29 The oceanic carbon cycle has been proposed as a driver of glacial–interglacial CO₂ change; however, the magnitude of glacial
30 CO₂ reduction of 80–100 ppm has yet to be fully reproduced by numerical model simulations using both an ocean general
31 circulation model (OGCM) and a biogeochemical model (Ciais et al., 2013). The oceanic biological carbon pump, by which
32 the photosynthetic production, sinking, and remineralization of organic matter store dissolved inorganic carbon in the deep
33 ocean, is one of the mechanisms controlling glacial–interglacial CO₂ change, as well as future atmospheric CO₂ change
34 (Sarmiento and Gruber 2006; Sigman et al., 2010; Yamamoto et al., 2018). During the glacial periods, the efficiency of the
35 biological pump would have been enhanced by biogeochemical processes (e.g., dust-borne iron fertilization (Martin, 1990)
36 and increase in nutrient inventory associated with sea-level drop (Broecker, 1982; Wallmann et al., 2016) and thus, atmospheric
37 CO₂ would have been transported to the glacial deep ocean. Although changes in marine productivity during glacial periods
38 and its relationship to the dust deposition flux have been widely supported by the proxy records (Kohfeld et al., 2005; Jaccard
39 et al., 2013), there were no direct proxy records of greater accumulation of respired organic carbon. Thus, the contribution of
40 the biological pump on glacial CO₂ reduction is poorly understood.

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42 Because the dissolved oxygen cycle is the mirror image of the biological carbon cycle (oxygen is produced by photosynthesis
43 and is utilized with consistent stoichiometry through the remineralization of sinking organic matter in the ocean interior),
44 oxygen is consumed in the ocean interior when respired organic carbon is accumulated into the seawater. Thus, reconstructed
45 oxygen change is useful for constraining the magnitude of the biological pump and accumulation of respired carbon. Proxy
46 data show that, despite greater oxygen solubility due to lower sea surface temperatures (SSTs), oxygen concentrations
47 decreased throughout the deep ocean during the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM) (Jaccard and Galbraith, 2012). This indicates
48 greater oxygen consumption and accumulation of respired carbon, which could have been caused by several processes: greater
49 transport of organic matter into the deep ocean, more restricted air–sea exchange due to sea-ice expansion, and/or more sluggish
50 ocean circulation. However, previous modeling studies display conflicting oxygen changes in the LGM simulations (Galbraith
51 and Jaccard, 2015; Buchanan et al., 2016; Bopp et al., 2017; Galbraith and de Lavergne, 2018), and the causes of oxygen
52 decline in the deep ocean have not yet been fully explored.



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54 Furthermore, because most observations provide only qualitative estimates of oxygen changes, previous model-proxy
55 comparisons discussed only the glacial oxygen trend (oxygenation in the upper ocean and deoxygenation in the deep ocean).
56 Several recent studies using $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ in benthic foraminiferal or iodine-to-calcium ratios in planktonic foraminifera, were able to
57 quantify changes in oxygen concentration (Hoogakker et al., 2015, 2018; Umling and Thunell, 2018; Gottschalk et al., 2016;
58 Lu et al., 2016; Bunzel et al., 2017; Schmieidl and Mackensen, 2006). These quantitative proxy data provide firmer constraints
59 on accumulation of respired carbon, such that quantitative model-proxy comparison of oxygen change is very useful for
60 quantifying the contribution of the biological pump to glacial CO_2 drawdown.

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62 In this study, to quantify the impact of changes in the biological pump on the glacial carbon and oxygen cycles, we conducted
63 pre-industrial (PI) and LGM simulations using the coupled atmosphere–ocean general circulation model (Oka et al., 2011),
64 aerosol model (Ohgaito et al., 2018), and ocean biogeochemical model (Yamamoto et al., 2015). We focus here on the iron
65 fertilization process for enhancing the biological pump. Our new attempt is to quantify iron fertilization effects from desert
66 dust and glaciogenic dust (derived from glacier erosion), separately. Previous studies using mineral aerosol models suggest
67 that glaciogenic dust significantly contributes to an increase in dust deposition flux at high latitudes during the LGM (e.g., the
68 glaciogenic dust derived from Patagonian glaciers increases dust deposition in the Southern Ocean (SO)) and provides a LGM
69 dust deposition flux distribution more consistent with the reported measurements (Mahowald et al., 2006; Ohgaito et al., 2018).
70 Moreover, the solubility of iron in glaciogenic dust (~3%) is much higher than that in desert dust (~1%) (Schroth et al., 2009),
71 but the higher solubility effect of glaciogenic dust on the iron fertilization was not considered in previous modeling studies.
72 Glaciogenic dust supply bioavailable iron significantly (Shoenfelt et al., 2018) and would therefore have a large impact on
73 biological productivity in high nutrient and low chlorophyll (HNLC) regions where biological productivity is limited by lack
74 of iron. We also consider the effect of an increase in macronutrients inventory associated with glacial sea level drop of ~120
75 m (Broecker, 1982; Wallmann et al., 2016). Decrease in area of continental margins reduces the burial of organic matter in
76 margin sediments, thus leading to increases in global inventory of phosphate (PO_4) and nitrate (NO_3). Based on a recent
77 simulation, increases in NO_3 and PO_4 inventories by 15% are assumed (Wallmann et al., 2016).



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79 We performed several sensitivity experiments listed in Table 1 to explore the contribution of changes in atmospheric dust and
80 nutrient inventory on glacial carbon and oxygen cycles. Moreover, our modeled oxygen changes are compared to recently
81 reported qualitative (Jaccard and Galbraith, 2012) and quantitative reconstructions (Hoogakker et al., 2015, 2018; Gottschalk
82 et al., 2016; Lu et al., 2016; Bunzel et al., 2017; Umling and Thunell, 2018; Schmiedl and Mackensen, 2006) to evaluate the
83 simulated accumulation of respired carbon. Our simulation show that enhanced efficiency of biological pump associated with
84 glaciogenic dust and increased nutrient inventory plays a crucial role in the glacial CO₂ decrease and deep-water deoxygenation.

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86 **2 Model and experiments**

87 The ocean biogeochemical cycle was calculated by the MIROC-based offline biogeochemical model, based on Yamamoto et
88 al. (2015), with the implementation of an iron cycle. A one box atmosphere is coupled to an offline biogeochemical model in
89 order to predict atmospheric CO₂ concentration through gas exchange between the atmosphere and ocean surface. For the
90 tracer calculation, the model uses prescribed monthly output data of horizontal ocean velocities, vertical diffusivity,
91 temperature, salinity, sea surface height, sea surface wind speed, sea-ice fraction, and sea surface solar radiation, derived from
92 PI and LGM simulations conducted by Oka et al. (2011) using the MIROC 4m AOGCM. Both PI and LGM simulations follow
93 the PMIP2 protocol (Braconnot et al., 2007). MIROC 4m simulates the weaker and shallower AMOC at the LGM (see Fig. 1
94 in Oka et al. (2011)), which is consistent with $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ distributions reported from proxy data (Curry and Oppo, 2005). The
95 horizontal and vertical resolutions of offline biogeochemical model are the same as in MIROC 4m.

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97 This biogeochemical model includes two phytoplankton classes (nitrogen fixers and other phytoplankton), zooplankton,
98 particulate detritus, nitrate (NO₃), phosphate (PO₄), dissolved iron (DFe), dissolved oxygen (O₂), dissolved inorganic carbon
99 (DIC), alkalinity (ALK), two carbon isotopes (¹³C and ¹⁴C), and an ideal age tracer. The ideal age is set to zero at the surface
100 and ages at a rate of 1 yr yr⁻¹ in the ocean interior. Constant stoichiometry relates the C, N, P, and DFe content of the biological
101 variables and their exchanges to inorganic variables (NO₃, PO₄, DFe, O₂, ALK, and DIC). The maximum phytoplankton growth
102 and microbial remineralization rates are assumed to increase with seawater temperature (Eppley, 1972). The iron cycle that is



103 incorporated in the biogeochemical model mainly follows Parekh et al (2005). Dust deposition, sedimentary fluxes, and
104 hydrothermal fluxes are considered as DFe sources. To obtain a realistic distribution of the iron limited region, total ligand
105 concentration which controls the amount of the free form of iron is set to a global constant value of $0.6 \mu\text{mol m}^{-3}$ instead of
106 the original value of $1 \mu\text{mol m}^{-3}$ (Fig. 1a).

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108 Dust deposition flux is obtained from monthly output data of MIROC-ESM in PI and LGM simulations (Ohgaito et al., 2018).
109 Dust is assumed to contain a constant fraction of iron (3.5 wt%), and 1% of the iron in desert dust is assumed to dissolve
110 instantaneously at the sea surface. The global DFe flux from dust in the PI is 2.7 Gmol yr^{-1} (Table 1). We used two sets of
111 LGM dust deposition flux labelled as LGMctl and LGMglac that were calculated in a previous study (Ohgaito et al., 2018).
112 LGMctl is the standard LGM simulation, which has been submitted to CMIP5/PMIP4. LGMglac is identical to LGMctl, except
113 that additional glaciogenic dust flux based on Mahowald et al (2006) was included. In LGMctl, the dust deposition flux is
114 underestimated in North America, Eurasia, the South Pacific, the SO, and Antarctica compared to proxy data of ice and
115 sediment cores (Kohfeld et al., 2013; Albani et al., 2014). Since glaciogenic dust increases dust deposition at high latitudes,
116 the underestimation is generally improved in LGMglac (see Ohgaito et al., 2018, for more details). The global DFe fluxes from
117 dust are 8.6 Gmol yr^{-1} and $13.9 \text{ Gmol yr}^{-1}$ for LGMctl and LGMglac, respectively. In LGM_glac3%, iron solubility of 3% in
118 glaciogenic dust is assumed (Schroth et al., 2009), so that the global DFe flux is $24.5 \text{ Gmol yr}^{-1}$. As with the present DFe input
119 from dust, glacial DFe input has large uncertainties. Thus, as an upper estimate of the DFe flux from dust, we set the iron
120 solubility of 10% in glaciogenic dust in LGM_glac10%. This assumption is consistent with ice core data of EPICA Dome C
121 from East Antarctica (Conway et al., 2015). In present days, wider range of aerosol Fe solubility (from 0.2% to 48%) has been
122 derived from observations over the Southern Ocean, but different types of Fe-containing minerals such as pyrogenic Fe oxides
123 could be considered to achieve the high Fe solubilities (Ito et al., 2019).

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125 DFe input flux from the sediments is estimated based on Moore and Braucher (2008). We assumed that sedimentary DFe flux
126 is proportional to the flux of organic carbon reaching the sea floor. In order to consider the realistic bathymetry of the
127 continental shelves, the iron flux is weighted by the fraction of bottom area of ETOPOV2 data that falls within the bounds of



128 the model grid cell. The global DFe flux from the sediments in the PI is 33.1 Gmol yr⁻¹. In LGM simulations, DFe input from
129 sedimentary sources changes according to the flux of organic carbon reaching the sea floor. A decrease in DFe input from
130 sedimentary sources due to sea-level drop is not considered. The hydrothermal DFe flux is regulated by the ridge spreading
131 rate, as parameterized by a constant DFe/Helium ratio (Tagliabue et al., 2010). The hydrothermal DFe flux in the PI is ~8.5
132 Gmol yr⁻¹. In LGM simulations, DFe input from hydrothermal sources is not changed from PI.

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134 The biogeochemical model was initialized from the annual mean climatology data based on the World Ocean Atlas 2009
135 (WOA2009: Garcia et al., 2010a and 2010b) for dissolved NO₃, PO₄, and O₂ and the Global Ocean Data Analysis Project (Key
136 et al., 2004) for DIC and ALK. The initial concentration of DFe is a constant value of 0.6 nM. For the spin-up, the last 50 years
137 of data in the MIROC PI experiments are cyclically applied to the offline ocean biogeochemical model. The model was spun
138 up for more than 3000 years with prescribed atmospheric CO₂ concentration of 285 ppm in order to eliminate model drift in
139 the global inventory of all tracers. Similar to Yamamoto et al (2015), all physical and biogeochemical tracers, except salinity
140 and dissolved iron, have correlation coefficients with observational data of more than 0.85 and normalized standard deviation
141 values between 0.7 and 1.1.

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143 LGM experiments were run for 3000 years, following 3000 years spin-up under PI conditions. Atmospheric CO₂ concentration
144 is predicted. We increased salinity, PO₄, and NO₃ inventory by 3% in the first year of simulations to account for reduced ocean
145 volume due to sea level drop. All experiments are listed in Table 1. LGM_clim uses LGM boundary conditions. LGM_dust is
146 based on LGM_clim but use dust deposition flux of LGMctl. Similarly, LGM_glac3% and LGM_glac10% use dust deposition
147 flux of LGMglac, but with an iron solubility of glaciogenic dust of 3% and 10%, respectively. LGM_all is similar to
148 LGM_glac3%, but NO₃ and PO₄ inventories are increased by 15%. This assumption is based on a recent model simulation that
149 shows ~15% increase in nutrients inventory is caused by reduced burial of organic matter in shallow sediments associated with
150 sea level drop (Wallmann et al., 2016). We analyzed the results from the last 100 years of each simulation.

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152 **3 Results and Discussion**



153 3.1 Glacial nutrient cycles and export production

154 In the LGM_clim, which uses LGM climate boundary conditions, the redistribution of NO₃ induced by weaker and shallower
155 Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC) reduces nutrient supply from the deep ocean to the surface (Table 2 and
156 Fig. 2). NO₃ concentration in the euphotic zone decreases by 12%, and the global export production (EP) is reduced by 0.54
157 Pg C yr⁻¹ compared with the PI simulation. Corresponding to the surface NO₃ decrease, significant EP decreases are found in
158 the North Atlantic and North Pacific (Fig. 3a and Fig. S1). On the other hand, surface dissolved iron (DFe) concentration
159 changes slightly. Since these changes in DFe and NO₃ shrink the iron-limited areas by 27% (Fig. 1b), the simulated LGM
160 climate tends to mitigate the impacts of iron fertilization on biological productivity and the carbon cycle.

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162 To evaluate the impacts of desert and glaciogenic dust on the ocean biogeochemical cycles, we conducted sensitivity studies.
163 The DFe input from desert dust with 1% iron solubility is applied in LGM_dust, whereas glaciogenic dust with 3% or 10%
164 iron solubility is additionally applied in LGM_glac3% or LGM_glac10%, respectively. Iron fertilization from only desert dust
165 have a limited impact on EP because dust deposition flux of the Southern Ocean is underestimated in LGM_dust. Iron
166 fertilization from both desert and glaciogenic dust increases EP by 0.88 Pg C yr⁻¹ in the south of 45°S with iron limitation,
167 whereas EP decreases by 0.86 Pg C yr⁻¹ in the north of 45°S, where most oceans are nitrogen-limited regions (LGM_glac3%
168 – LGM_clim; Table 2). Enhanced primary production consumes NO₃ of the euphotic zone in the SO and its anomaly is
169 transported to the Antarctic bottom water (AABW). Subsequently, the reduction of surface NO₃ in the SO is also transported
170 to low-latitude regions via surface and intermediate waters (Fig. 2), thus reducing EP in nitrogen-limited regions at the low
171 latitudes. Remarkable EP reductions occur in the north of the iron-limited regions of the SO (Fig. 3b). Our results demonstrate
172 that enhanced biotic carbon export in the SO is partly compensated for by reduced carbon export in the low-latitude regions.
173 From the comparison between the effect of desert dust (LGM_dust – LGM_clim) and that of glaciogenic dust (LGM_glac3%
174 – LGM_dust), we found that an increase in export production due to dust-borne iron fertilization in the SO is mainly caused by
175 glaciogenic dust (Table 2).

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177 Under 15% increases in NO_3 and PO_4 inventory associated with sea level drop (LGM_all), EP is increased globally in the
178 nitrogen-limited regions, leading to global EP increase by $0.86 \text{ Pg C yr}^{-1}$ (LGM_all – LGM_glac3%; Table 2). Simulated EP
179 changes from PI are in good agreement with the paleoproductivity reconstruction (Kohfeld et al., 2005) (Fig. 3c). One of the
180 common patterns is the north-south dipole pattern in the SO with decrease of EP at higher-latitudes and increase of EP at
181 lower-latitudes. EP decrease at higher latitudes is attributed to the expansion of sea ice and associated reduction of surface
182 shortwave (Oka et al., 2011), whereas iron fertilization increases EP at lower latitudes. On the other hand, EP changes also
183 have an east-west dipole pattern; both the proxy data and model show no significant changes of EP in the South Pacific Ocean
184 and clear EP increases in the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans. We found that this pattern is attributed to iron fertilization by
185 glaciogenic dust. Glaciogenic dust derived from Patagonian glaciers is transported to the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans by
186 the southern westerly wind, but is unable to reach the South Pacific (Fig. S2). The realistic distribution of glaciogenic dust
187 deposition simulated by an aerosol model and our consideration of its higher iron solubility enable us to reproduce the east-
188 west dipole pattern of EP changes.

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190 **3.2 CO_2 reduction and its relationship to efficiency of the biological pump and dust flux**

191 Climate change reduces the atmospheric CO_2 concentration by 26.4 ppm (LGM_clim – PI, Table 2), which is similar to
192 previous simulations (Chikamoto et al, 2012; Kobayashi et al., 2015). Circulation changes (i.e., weaker and shallower AMOC
193 and expansion of AABW) cause dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) to decrease in the upper ocean and increase below 2000 m,
194 so that the vertical DIC gradient between the surface and deep oceans is enhanced (Fig. 4). The efficiency of the oceanic
195 biological pump is calculated following Ito and Follows (2005). Global mean preformed PO_4 is the difference between total
196 globally averaged PO_4 and global mean remineralized PO_4 , $P_{\text{pref}} = P_{\text{tot}} - P_{\text{remi}}$. Here P_{pref} is preformed PO_4 concentration, P_{tot}
197 is the total PO_4 concentration, and P_{remi} is remineralized PO_4 concentration. The remineralized PO_4 is given by $P_{\text{remi}} = \text{AOU} \times$
198 $R_{\text{P:O}}$, where $R_{\text{P:O}}$ is a constant phosphorous to oxygen ratio. Decrease in preformed PO_4 and thus increase in remineralized PO_4
199 indicate the increase in the efficiency of the oceanic biological pump. Although globally integrated EP decreases, circulation
200 change and deepening of the remineralization profile due to seawater cooling (Matsumoto, 2007) reduce the preformed nutrient



201 inventory and thus enhance the efficiency of the biological pump (Table 2). The enhanced accumulation of respired carbon
202 associated with a more efficient biological pump and increased CO₂ solubility from lower SST contribute to decreased CO₂.

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204 Iron fertilization from desert dust and glaciogenic dust enhance the vertical DIC gradient and cause CO₂ reduction of 1.2 ppm
205 (LGM_{dust} – LGM_{clim}) and 15.6 ppm (LGM_{glac3%} – LGM_{dust}), respectively. Our results show that the glacial CO₂
206 reduction due to dust-borne iron fertilization is mainly driven by glaciogenic dust. Simulated total CO₂ reduction of 16.8 ppm
207 induced by iron fertilization is in the range of previous studies using OGCM (8-25 ppm CO₂ drawdown (Bopp et al., 2003;
208 Parekh et al., 2006; Tagliabue et al., 2009; Oka et al., 2011; Lambert et al., 2015; Muglia et al., 2017). DFe supply from dust
209 also contributes to glacial CO₂ reduction through enhancing the efficiency of the biological pump (Table 2). The simulated
210 atmospheric CO₂ concentration is reduced proportionally to the preformed PO₄ (Fig. 5a), similar to previous simulations under
211 the present climate (Ito and Follows, 2005; Marinov et al., 2008). Figure 5b shows CO₂ change in response to the magnitude
212 of DFe input. The efficiency of iron fertilization to reduce CO₂ decreases with increasing DFe flux. This nonlinear response is
213 driven by decrease in iron-limited areas and the associated weakening of the effect of iron on EP (Fig. 5c). Since the iron-
214 limited region shrinks dramatically and CO₂ difference between LGM_{glac3%} and LGM_{glac10%} is small, CO₂ reduction of
215 20 ppm in LGM_{glac10%} is close to the upper limit (i.e., there are no iron-limited regions and thus no additional CO₂
216 reduction).

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218 Increases in nutrient inventory from lower sea levels drive additional CO₂ drawdown by 16 ppm (LGM_{all} – LGM_{glac3%}).
219 We found that changes in the biological pump induced by iron fertilization and an increase in nutrient inventory contribute to
220 glacial CO₂ decline by more than 30 ppm. The resulting total CO₂ reduction is ~60 ppm, which our model does not reproduce
221 as the full variation of glacial-interglacial CO₂ change. Note that the carbonate compensation process is not considered in our
222 simulation. The simulated increase in the bottom water DIC (Fig. 4) would enhance dissolution of calcium carbonate in the
223 sediments and thereby increase ocean alkalinity, leading to further CO₂ decline (Bouttes et al., 2011; Brovkin et al., 2012;
224 Kobayashi et al., 2018). In the next section, to assess the simulated accumulation of respired carbon, we compare the simulated
225 oxygen changes with qualitative and quantitative proxy records.



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227 3.3 Model-proxy comparison of glacial oxygen changes

228 Compared with the compilation of qualitative and quantitative proxy records of oxygen change from the Holocene to Last
229 Glacial Maximum, LGM_clim shows the increase in oxygen for the entire SO and underestimates deoxygenation in the deep
230 Pacific and Indian Ocean, which is in contrast to proxy records (Fig. 6a). On the other hand, LGM_all successfully reproduces
231 large-scale spatial patterns of oxygen change, including the SO (Fig. 6b). Moreover, the simulated changes in oxygen
232 concentration are in good agreement with quantitative reconstructions: 45-65 mmol m⁻³ decrease in the deep North Atlantic
233 (Hoogakker et al., 2015), ~30-80 mmol m⁻³ decrease in the eastern equatorial Pacific (Hoogakker et al., 2018; Umling and
234 Thunell, 2018), and >80 mmol m⁻³ in the upper SO of the Pacific sector (Lu et al., 2016). Our results clearly show the
235 importance of the enhanced biological pump associated with iron fertilization and increase in nutrient inventory for global
236 deep deoxygenation. These model-proxy agreements of oxygen change support the simulated CO₂ decrease of 30 ppm by the
237 biological pump. However, reconstructed O₂ decrease of ~175 mmol m⁻³ in the deep SO (Gottschalk et al., 2016) is much
238 larger than the simulated decrease of ~30 mmol m⁻³ from LGM_all, which means that the accumulation of respired carbon in
239 the deep SO is underestimated in our model. This is the one reasons why the glacial-interglacial CO₂ change of ~100 ppm
240 cannot be reproduced in our simulations.

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242 To clarify the mechanism of O₂ change from LGM_all – PI, we decomposed the O₂ change into changes in saturation (O_{2sat})
243 and apparent oxygen utilization (AOU), where $\Delta O_2 = \Delta O_{2sat} - \Delta AOU$. The O_{2sat} is computed from simulated seawater
244 temperature and salinity, and AOU is calculated by subtracting the O₂ concentration from O_{2sat}. Ocean cooling increases O_{2sat}
245 globally, increasing the global mean value by 25.5 mmol m⁻³ (Fig. 7a). As with O₂ change, ΔAOU shows the contrast between
246 the upper and deep oceans (Fig. 7b). At depth of 0-800 m, the AOU decreases by 5.2 mmol m⁻³ in north of 45°S, which results
247 from the decrease in biological oxygen consumption associated with EP reduction and increased ventilation (Fig. 7f). Therefore,
248 the combined effects of O_{2sat} increase and AOU decrease contribute to overall O₂ increase in the upper ocean. In the deep
249 ocean (>2 km), the sum of AOU increases by 72.8 mmol m⁻³ (LGM_all in Table 2), which overcomes the O_{2sat} increase,



250 resulting in deep O₂ depletion. The relationship between changes in O₂ concentration, O_{2sat}, and AOU are consistent with a
251 previous simulation (Bopp et al., 2017).

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253 The Δ AOU is also decomposed into effects of climate change (LGM_clim – PI), iron fertilization (LGM_glac3% – LGM_clim)
254 and increase in nutrient inventory (LGM_all – LGM_glac3%). The effects of climate change, circulation change, restricted
255 air-sea gas exchange from sea-ice expansion, and deepening of remineralization due to seawater cooling, leads to AOU
256 increasing by 37.3 mmol m⁻³ in the deep ocean (Table 2). In the deep North Atlantic, the simulated water mass age is older in
257 the LGM than in PI by up to 500 years, suggesting reduced ventilation (Fig. 7f). Therefore, significant AOU increases are
258 found there (Fig. 7c). Meanwhile, in the SO and deep Pacific Ocean, an increase in ventilation tends to decrease AOU and
259 thus partly cancels out the increase in AOU. As for the effects of iron fertilization and nutrient inventory, EP changes associated
260 with iron fertilization and increase in nutrient inventory enhance biological oxygen consumption and thus increase AOU by
261 21.4 and 14.1 mmol m⁻³ in the deep ocean, respectively (Table 2 and Fig. 7d,e). In particular, glaciogenic dust causes an increase
262 in AOU of 19.8 mmol m⁻³. Our results demonstrate that in addition to climate change, enhanced biological oxygen consumption
263 associated with iron fertilization and increased nutrient inventory are crucial drivers of glacial deoxygenation in the deep ocean.
264 While some previous modelling studies show deep ocean oxygenation during the LGM (Buchanan et al., 2016; Galbraith and
265 Lavergne, 2018), this study and some other studies reproduce deep ocean deoxygenation (Galbraith and Jaccard, 2015; Bopp
266 et al., 2017). The conflicting oxygen change between the previous simulations can be attributed to different treatments of
267 enhanced biological oxygen consumption because iron fertilization and increased nutrient inventory are not considered in these
268 simulations which fail to reproduce deep deoxygenation (Buchanan et al., 2016; Galbraith and Lavergne, 2018).

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270 Glacial oxygen change expands the volume of hypoxic waters (defined here as [O₂] < 80 mmol m⁻³) below 1000 m, so that the
271 simulated global volume of hypoxic waters increases from the present value of 120 Mkm³ to 237 Mkm³ in LGM_all.
272 Significant expansion occurs in the deep Pacific and Indian Ocean (Fig. 8), with hypoxic waters also appearing in the upper
273 SO in the Pacific sector, which is consistent with proxy records (Hoogakker et al., 2018; Lu et al., 2016). Since hypoxic
274 conditions are lethal for more than half of marine benthic animals (Vaquer-Sunyer and Duarte, 2008), expansion of hypoxic



275 water in the deep ocean could have an adverse impact on benthic fauna. The biotic responses to glacial expansion of hypoxic
276 water would be helpful for understanding the biotic response to future deoxygenation associated with global warming.

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278 Finally, we discuss underestimation of deoxygenation in the deep SO in LGM_all. Since simulated changes in the biological
279 pump and sea-ice distributions are consistent with reconstructions (Obase et al., 2017), we turn our attention to changes in
280 circulation. The simulated water mass age of the deep SO is younger in the LGM than in the PI by ~200 years (Fig. 7f),
281 indicating an increase in ventilation. However, $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ records show an increase in water mass age by more than 1000 years, and
282 thus increased stratification (Skinner et al., 2010; Burke and Robinson, 2012). Enhanced mixing of surface waters with deep
283 waters supplies oxygen-rich surface waters into the deep ocean and simultaneously releases carbon accumulated in the deep
284 water to the atmosphere. Therefore, we attribute the underestimation of deoxygenation and carbon accumulation in deep SO
285 to overestimated ventilation. Our results suggest that the stratified SO is required for reproducing glacial CO_2 drawdown and
286 oxygen decline in the deep SO, which is consistent with the recent paleo-proxy data and model (Sigman et al., 2010; Kobayashi
287 et al., 2015; Fischer et al., 2010).

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289 **4 Conclusion and remarks**

290 We quantify impacts on glacial deoxygenation and CO_2 decrease caused by glaciogenic dust with higher iron solubility and
291 increase in nutrient inventory associated with sea-level drop, using the coupled atmosphere–ocean general circulation model,
292 aerosol model, and ocean biogeochemical model. As a result, we successfully reproduced the magnitude and large-scale pattern
293 of the observed oxygen change between present and LGM. In conclusion, our results find that the enhanced efficiency of the
294 biological pump is responsible for glacial CO_2 decline of more than 30 ppm and approximately half of deep ocean
295 deoxygenation. These results also demonstrate the usefulness of the quantitative model-proxy comparison of oxygen change
296 for understanding glacial-interglacial CO_2 change. However, large uncertainty remains, due to the limited number of proxy
297 data of quantitative oxygen change. Thus, we anticipate our findings would encourage studies to gain further qualitative and
298 quantitative reconstructions from throughout the global deep ocean. The comparison between model and other proxy data (e.g.,



299 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, (Schmittner and Somes, 2016)) is also required to obtain a more robust and comprehensive understanding of the glacial
300 carbon cycle.

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302 We focus on the impacts of changes in DFe flux from the dust on the glacial CO_2 drawdown and deoxygenation in this study.
303 However, changes in the sedimentary and hydrothermal DFe flux and ligand concentration that are not considered in this study
304 could be also important. Glacial sea-level drop decreases the sedimentary DFe flux due to the reduction in continental shelves.
305 On the other hand, the hydrothermal DFe flux is increased by lower sea level and bottom pressure (Middleton et al., 2016).
306 Muglia et al (2017) show that the changes in sedimentary and hydrothermal DFe flux associated with sea-level drop increase
307 CO_2 by 15 ppm and decrease CO_2 by 6ppm, respectively. Although sedimentary DFe flux is proportional to the organic carbon
308 flux reaching the seafloor in our model, a parametrization with Dfe flux as a function of organic carbon flux and bottom oxygen
309 concentrations is proposed in Dale et al (2015). Glacial deep-water deoxygenation would increase sedimentary DFe flux,
310 leading to further CO_2 decrease through biological pump. Ligand concentrations strongly control DFe concentrations (Gledhill
311 and Buck, 2012). Because ligand concentration is affected by numerous factors (Völker and Tagliabue, 2015), changes in
312 ligand concentration from PI to LGM have large uncertainty. Thus, we quantify the effect of changes in DFe flux under
313 constant ligand concentration in the PI and LGM simulations. Changes in sedimentary and hydrothermal DFe flux and ligand
314 concentration should be the subject of future research.

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316 Our model-proxy comparison shows the importance of the combination of more sluggish SO circulation and enhanced
317 biological transport of organic matter for the greater accumulation of respired carbon and deoxygenation in the deep SO.
318 However, present climate models cannot reproduce the stratified SO. A possible reason is that the climate models are too
319 coarse to capture the process of dense water formation on the Antarctic shelf and tend to underestimate the strength of
320 stratification in the SO (Heuzé et al., 2013). The brine rejection process and/or change in the vertical diffusion coefficient
321 could be necessary to reproduce the stratified SO (Kobayashi et al., 2015; Bouttes et al., 2011). Similar to glacial oxygen
322 changes, changes in ocean circulation in the SO are crucial for projecting future oxygen changes associated with global



323 warming (Yamamoto et al., 2015). Therefore, the understanding of glacial oxygen changes will help us to better understand
324 and predict future oxygen changes.
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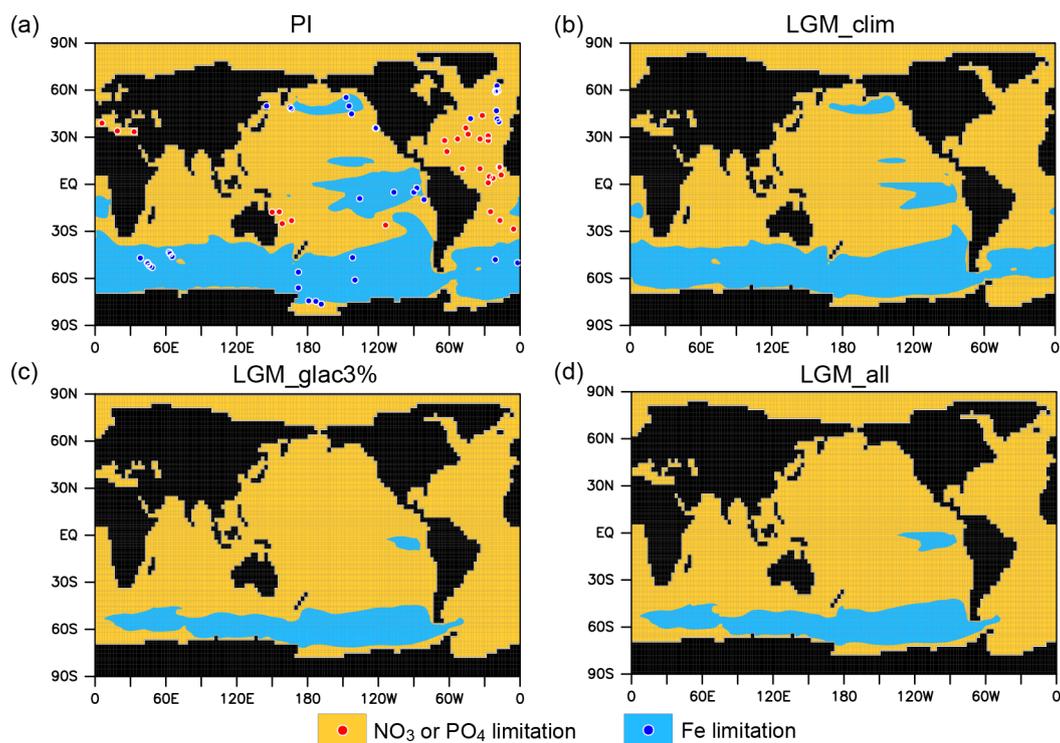
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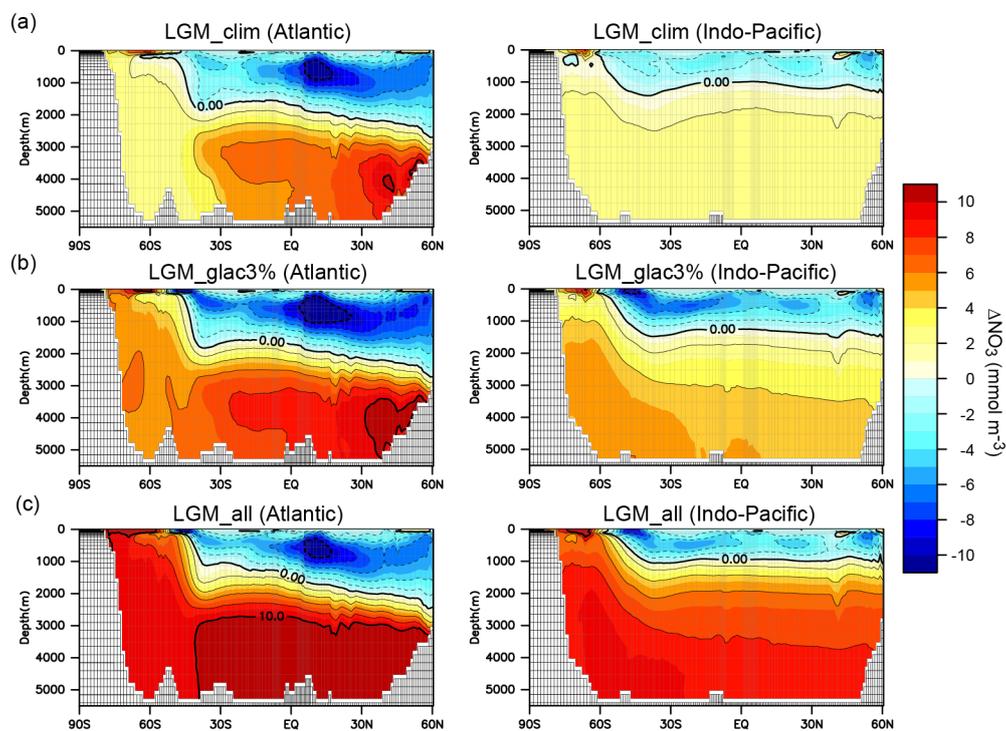
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506 **Figure 1.** Primary limiting nutrient for phytoplankton for (a) PI, (b) LGM_clim, (c) LGM_glac3%, and (d) LGM_all. Shade
507 indicates NO₃ or PO₄ limitation (orange) and Fe limitation (blue). Circles represent observed limiting nutrients from nutrient
508 addition experiments (Moore et al., 2013).

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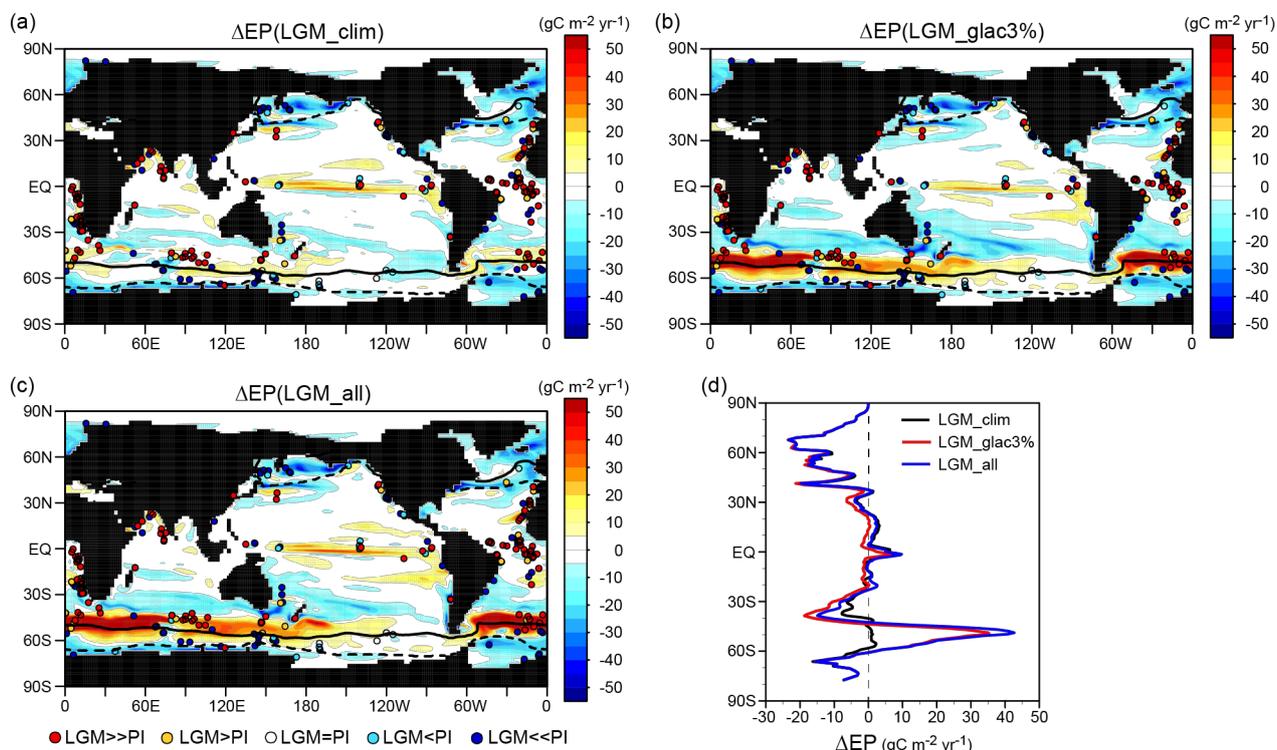
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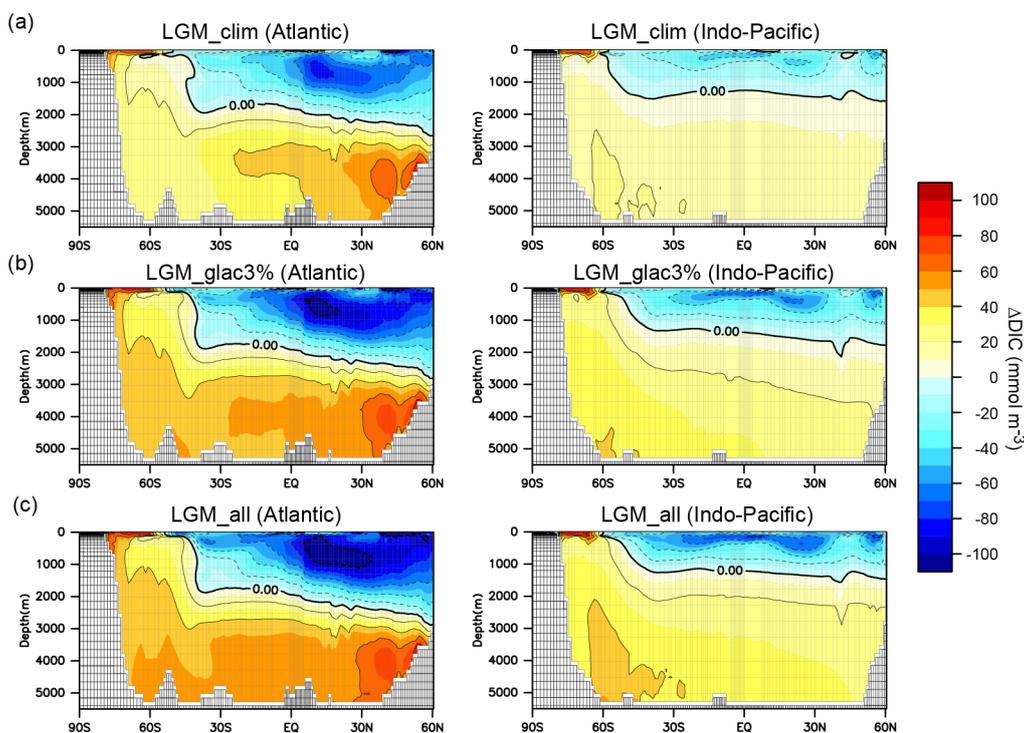
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516 **Figure 3.** Model-proxy comparison of EP change from the PI to LGM. EP difference from the PI for (a) LGM_clim, (b)
517 LGM_glac3%, and (c) LGM_all. Circles show proxy data (Kohfeld et al., 2005). Solid (dotted) lines refer to the glacial sea
518 ice fraction of 0.1 in August (February). (d) Zonal mean changes in surface EP from the PI for LGM_clim (black),
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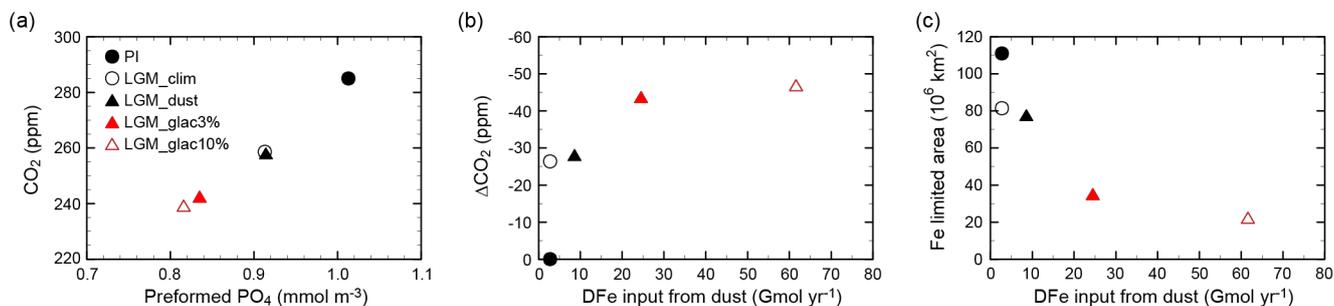
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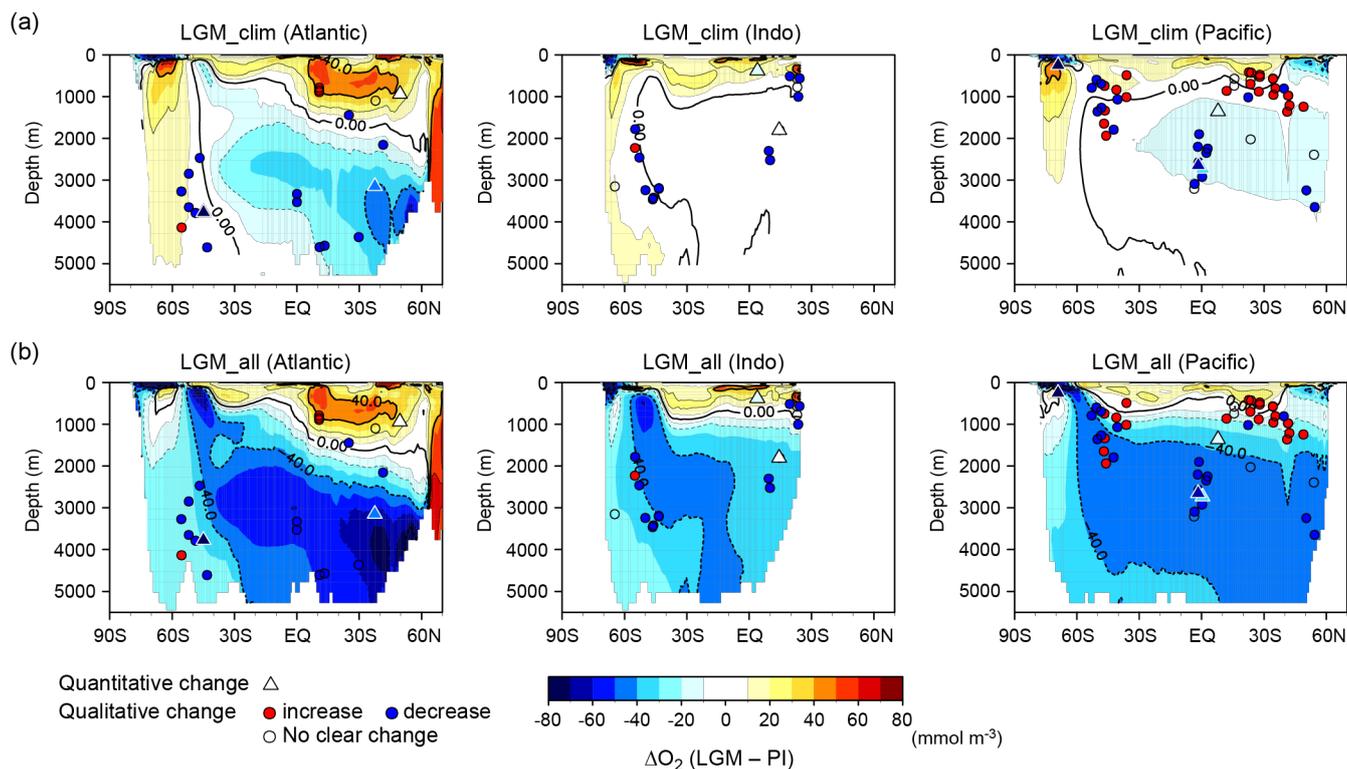
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527 **Figure 5.** CO₂ change and its relationship to efficiency of the biological pump and iron cycle. (a) Atmospheric CO₂ as a
 528 function of globally averaged preformed PO₄. (b) Changes in CO₂ from PI as a function of DFe input from dust. (c) Fe limited
 529 area as a function of DFe input from dust. Shown are PI (black filled circle), LGM_clim (black open circle), LGM_dust (black
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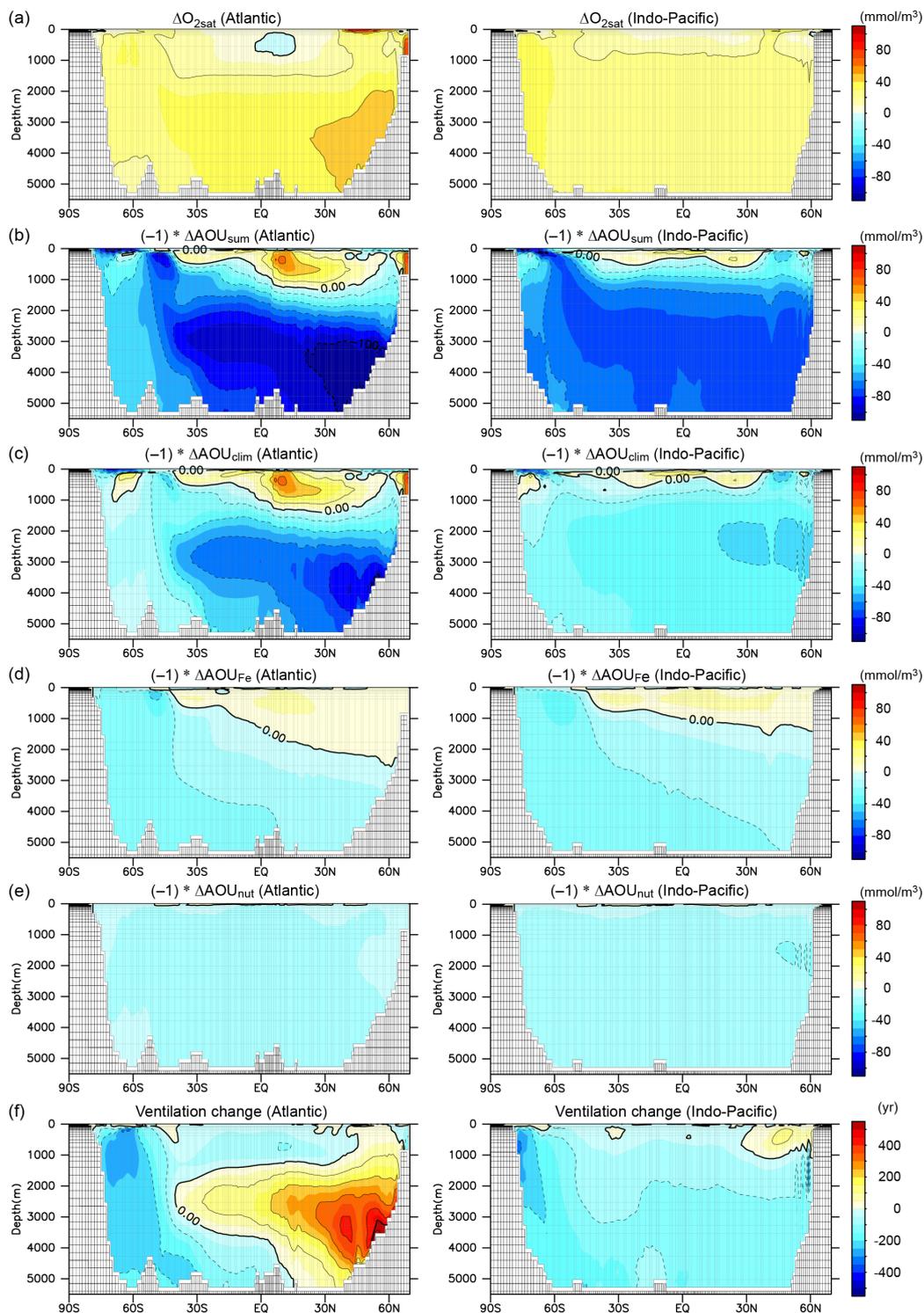


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534 **Figure 6.** Model-proxy comparison of changes in dissolved oxygen concentration from the PI to LGM. Zonal mean changes
 535 in O_2 from PI to (a) LGM_clim and (b) LGM_all for the Atlantic (left), Indian (middle), and Pacific (right) Oceans; contour
 536 interval is 20 mmol m⁻³. Circles show proxy records of qualitative O_2 change from multi-proxy data compilation from Jaccard
 537 and Galbraith (2012) and Durand et al (2018). Red (blue) circles indicate O_2 increase (decrease) from the Holocene to LGM.
 538 Triangles show proxy records of quantitative O_2 change from (Hoogakker et al., 2015, 2018; Gottschalk et al., 2016; Lu et al.,
 539 2016; Bunzel et al., 2017; Umling and Thunell, 2018; Schmiedl and Mackensen, 2006) (triangles shaded using the same colour
 540 scale).

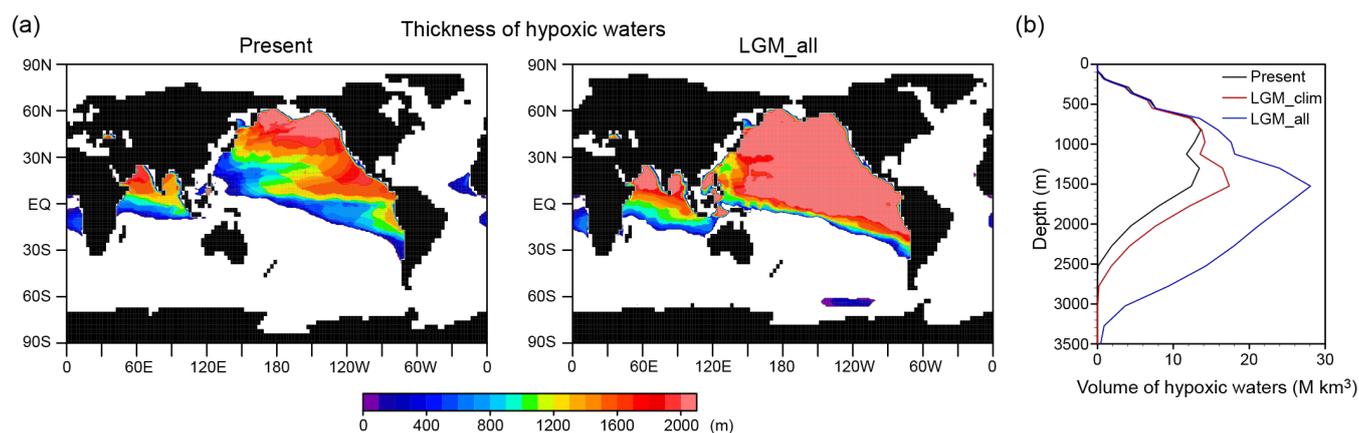
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544 **Figure 7.** Contributions of individual mechanisms to oxygen change and ventilation change. Zonal mean changes of (a) O_{2sat} ,
 545 (b) AOU_{sum} , (c) AOU_{clim} , (d) AOU_{Fe} , (e) AOU_{nut} , and (f) ventilation age from PI to LGM. Left and right panels show the
 546 Atlantic and Indo-Pacific Oceans: contour intervals are 20 mmol m^{-3} for (a)–(e) and 100 years for (f). We decomposed the
 547 total AOU change ($\Delta AOU_{sum} = AOU_{(LGM_all)} - AOU_{(PI)}$) into the effects of climate change ($\Delta AOU_{clim} = AOU_{(LGM_clim)} -$
 548 $AOU_{(PI)}$), iron fertilization ($\Delta AOU_{Fe} = AOU_{(LGM_glac3\%)} - AOU_{(LGM_clim)}$), and increase in nutrient inventory ($\Delta AOU_{nut} =$
 549 $AOU_{(LGM_all)} - AOU_{(LGM_glac3\%)}$).
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 552 **Figure 8.** Expansion of hypoxic waters. Horizontal distribution of thickness of hypoxic waters ($[O_2] < 80 \text{ mmol m}^{-3}$) for (a)
 553 present and (b) LGM_all. (c) Vertical distribution of hypoxic waters for the present (black), LGM_clim (red), and LGM_all
 554 (blue). Because present coarse resolution models have difficulties in reproducing low oxygen concentration for the present day
 555 (Bopp et al., 2013), observed values from WOA2009 (Garcia et al., 2010a) are used for the present. For the LGM simulations,
 556 we combine the observed values with the modelled changes.
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Experiments	Climate	Dust deposition	Fe solubility in glaciogenic dust	Dust DFe (Gmol/yr)	Global PO ₄ (mmol/m ³)
PI	PI	PI	-	2.7	2.13
LGM_clim	LGM	PI	-	2.7	2.2 (+3%)
LGM_dust	LGM	LGMctl	-	8.6	2.2 (+3%)
LGM_glac3%	LGM	LGMglac	3%	24.5	2.2 (+3%)
LGM_glac10%	LGM	LGMglac	10%	61.6	2.2 (+3%)
LGM_all	LGM	LGMglac	3%	24.5	2.45 (+15%)

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559 Table 1. Description of the model experiments.

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Experiments	Surface NO ₃ (mmol/m ³)	Surface DFe (μmol/m ³)	Fe limited area (10 ⁶ km ²)	Global ΔEP (Pg C/yr)	ΔEP (>45°S) (Pg C/yr)	ΔEP (<45°S) (Pg C/yr)	Preformed PO ₄ (mmol/m ³)	ΔCO ₂ (ppm)	ΔO ₂ deep (mmol/m ³)	ΔAOU _{deep} (mmol/m ³)
PI	7.7	0.38	111	(8.54)	(6.19)	(2.35)	1.013	(285)	(156)	(182.5)
LGM_clim	6.8	0.39	81	-0.54	-0.45	-0.09	0.913	-26.4	-7	37.3
LGM_dust	6.9	0.42	80	-0.54	-0.49	-0.05	0.914	-27.6	-8	38.9
LGM_glac3%	5.8	0.5	35	-0.54	-1.31	+0.77	0.835	-43.2	-28	58.7
LGM_glac10%	5.5	0.54	23	-0.54	-1.46	+0.92	0.816	-46.4	-33	63.6
LGM_all	6.5	0.48	39	+0.32	-0.63	+0.95	1.002	-59.2	-42	72.8

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562 Table 2. Results of the model experiments. Simulated global average of surface NO₃, DFe, Fe limited area and changes in
 563 export production at 100 m, atmospheric CO₂, and globally averaged O₂ and AOU below 2000 m depth from the PI. Values in
 564 brackets are the results of PI.