

Past climate lesson for future



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Cause e conseguenze delle variazioni climatiche nella storia del pianeta Terra Sviluppo di nuovi approcci nei sistemi di cattura, stoccaggio e riconversione della CO₂

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Carbon

dioxide (CO₂)

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atmCO₂ increasing



The atmCO₂ concentration is predicted to rise in the 21st century reaching up to **2000** ppm at rates ~100x faster than has occurred over the past

At the present rate of increase, atmCO₂ may reach 600 ppm by the end of this century, a value that appears not to have been typical for at least **24My**



compromise ecosystem resilience, global thermal-stress and alteration of ocean chemistry, triggering responses of marine biota in terms of extinction, innovation and/or temporary adaptations

 CO_2 has increased by 40% since 1750 and the rate of increase has been the fastest during the last decade

Global Warming



global average surface temperature change projections





Land-ocean T° index, 1880 to present. black line: global annual mean; red line: 5-year Lowess smoothing; blue uncertainty bars (95% confidence limit) account only for incomple spatial samples

Increasing T up to 5°C in 2100

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Ocean Warming and Acidification

The oceans are absorbing about 80% to 90% of the additional heat. The top 2000 m of the ocean will increase in T° of about 0.8 C at the end of 21 century

The oceans absorbe about 30% of CO₂, which has an impact on marine organisms that secrete calcium carbonate shells.



Studies on recent ecosystems have demonstrated that abrupt global warming and OA are detrimental for carbonate-secreting organisms and can determine dramatic biotic shifts with the demise of carbonate platforms and coral reefs as well as biocalcification failure of planktonic calcifiers.





Melting Glaciers and Shrinking Sea Ice





Antarctica is melting at 118 gigatons per year *Greenland* is melting at 281 gigatons per year



2050



Causes: melting of glaciers and thermal expansion, since 1970, account for 75% of the sea-level rise

GLOBAL SEA LEVEL



Possible future sea levels for different greenhouse gas pathways



Observed sea level from tide gauges (dark gray) and satellites (light gray) from 1800-2015, with future sea level through 2100 under six possible future scenarios (colored lines). The scenarios differ based on potential future rates of greenhouse gas emissions and differences in the plausible rates of glacier and ice sheet loss. NOAA Climate.gov graph, adapted from Sweet et al., 2017.

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Hawaii (dark blue).

Present atm O₂ lowering





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O₂ lowering:

- Atmosphere: 0,1 % in the last 100 years
- Oceans: more than 2% in the last 50 years
- 1% to 7% within 2100 (Schmidtko et al, 2017, Nature Letter)

Acidification combined with warmer temperature and lower oxygen levels is expected to have severe impacts on marine ecosystems



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Schematic of interaction of open ocean oxygen minimum zone (OMZ, red) with hypoxic shelf system and dead zones on continental shelves of eastern ocean boundaries



modified after Stramma et al., 2010, Stramma and Schmidtko, 2019

 Hypoxia: low or depleted oxygen

Eutrophication: increased load of nutrients to estuaries and coastal waters

lead to 'dead zones'





Paleoecosystems

- before pre-disturbed conditions
- during disturbed conditions
- returning to pre-disturbed conditions (recovery)
- shifting to a new regime after reaching tipping-points



Throught a suite of biotic and abiotic archives and geochemical proxies

Data set from PRIN 2017 (CIRILLI et al)



The research aims to reconstruct the tempo and mode of resilience in marine and continental ecosystems when tipping-points trigger permanent modifications and the response of continental and marine ecosystems to excess CO_2 and global warming to data understanding produce for strategies enabling ecosystems to adapt to current (and future) global change



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Calculated evolution of the atmospheric CO₂ level over the Phanerozoic



Deep DUST project: A. Spina (PI)-Anadarko (Oklaoma) and Paris Basins

High-resolution CO₂ reconstructions include values comparable to those predicted for Earth's immediate future



Major trends in the Permian Earth system

End Permian Mass Extinction (260-250 My)



Largest mass extinction of the Earth history

Global negative peak of $\delta^{13}C$: Siberian traps, ocean anoxia, methan hydrate dissociation

Increased amount of atmospheric CO₂ linked to the Siberian Traps LIP: global warming and ocean acidification







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OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Early Triassic:

- · Microbialite bindstone: recovery of carbonate sedimentation and life
- Change in the carbonate factory type: tropical (late Permian) to microbial after mass extinction

End Permian:

- sea level rise •
- biocalcification crisis
- mass extinction
- dysoxic to anoxic ocean water





Changxingian lagenide diversity > 100 species



Central Magmatic Province CAMP



Comment on "Synchrony between the Central Atlantic magmatic province and the Triassic-Jurassic mass-extinction event? By Whiteside et al. (2007)" Earth and Planetary Science Letters Latest Triassic onset of the Central Atlantic Magmatic Province (CAMP) volcanism in the Fundy Basin (Nova Scotia): Nev stratigraphic constraint Litho ⁴⁰ Ar/³⁹ Ar ages of CAMP in North America: Implications for the Triassic-Jurassic boundary and the ⁴⁰K decay constant bias ew data on the palynology of the Thassic-Jurassic boundary of th oup, Lusitanian Basin, Portugal ida Vilas-Boas ^a Zélia Pereira ^{ba} Simonetta Cirilli ^c Luís Vítor I

End Triassic Exctintion (ETE)

(201 My)

volume of magma flow: $\sim 2-3 \times 10^6$ km³

gases (CO₂ and SO₂) into atmosphere

total area of $>7x10^6$ km²

Short event ~600,000y

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New biostratigraphic constraints show rapid emplacement of the Central Atlantic Magmatic Province (CAMP) during the end-Triassic mass extinction

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Geological time (Ma)

Geology (2004) 32 (11): 973-976







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Past climates

Pliocene

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Understanding of the Earth system at time scales longer than human observations has became imperative, because anthropogenic activities are likely to telescope by order of magnitude the rates of climatic change that usually result from geologic (= natural) processes.

500 (1750)(3 Ma) (90 Ma) (0.02 Ma) (50 Ma) Emission 000 Today (2020)Middle Road 00 CO_2 Sustainability Sustainability Middle road **High emissions** From Meinhausen et al. (2020), GMD From Tierney et al. (2020), Science 1950 2050 2150 2250 100 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 **Future climates** Millions of years ago Years CE Tierney et al., 2020

pm 000 Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide

Past climates provide the only opportunity to observe how the Earth system responds to high carbon dioxide, underlining a fundamental role for paleoclimatology in constraining future climate change

Eocene Cretaceous

Mid-



Last

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Glacial Preindustrial



High

Past Future

Future

CO₂ Capture, Underground Storage, Utilization





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GeoFac project

ERC Synergy Grant

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Future

Sedimentologic and Structural analyses

Facies and petrographic analyses

X-ray Powder Diffraction (XRPD) analysis.

Chemical and mineralogical analyses

 ✓ Catalysts elements



Wavenumber (cm-1)

Experimental phase to understand the physics and chemical role of the rock within the catalytic process.





Sandstone

Before CO2

After CO2

Pixel Comparison





X-ray phasecontrast microtomography (µ-CT)

Limestone

After CO2

Before CO2







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