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*Archean Biogeochemistry:  
Investigating Environmental Controls on  
Archean Earth's Habitability*

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00:00:00,240 --> 00:00:10,850

[Music]

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00:00:18,089 --> 00:00:13,890

hi I'm Julia Horne

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00:00:20,220 --> 00:00:18,099

I'm here as a graduate student from the

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00:00:23,070 --> 00:00:20,230

school of Earth and shine earth and

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00:00:25,710 --> 00:00:23,080

ocean sciences in the University of

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00:00:27,769 --> 00:00:25,720

Victoria in Canada I'm here to talk to

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00:00:29,700 --> 00:00:27,779

you about our Keon biogeochemistry

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00:00:31,230 --> 00:00:29,710

investigating environmental controls on

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00:00:33,240 --> 00:00:31,240

Archaean earth's habitability which is

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00:00:35,280 --> 00:00:33,250

different than the program has listed

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00:00:39,000 --> 00:00:35,290

because I changed the title because I

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00:00:41,370 --> 00:00:39,010

can and my supervisor at University of

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00:00:43,830 --> 00:00:41,380

Victoria is Colin Goldblatt and he is

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00:00:47,280 --> 00:00:43,840

actually an alumnus of the a Brad

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00:00:48,990 --> 00:00:47,290

conventions or conch meetings so he was

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00:00:51,630 --> 00:00:49,000

very excited that I could come and visit

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00:00:56,779 --> 00:00:51,640

you and he wanted to highlight but he

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00:01:01,650 --> 00:00:56,789

has an AB grad Khan oh nine shirt so

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00:01:03,990 --> 00:01:01,660

yeah so thank you amber for explaining

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00:01:06,870 --> 00:01:04,000

the faint young Sun paradox so I do not

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00:01:10,020 --> 00:01:06,880

have to it is kind of central to my

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00:01:13,429 --> 00:01:10,030

interest in Archaean earth and the earth

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00:01:16,140 --> 00:01:13,439

Earth's development of habitability so

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00:01:20,070 --> 00:01:16,150

it's a little bit complex to look at

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00:01:22,830 --> 00:01:20,080

this figure on the left but what I want

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00:01:24,690 --> 00:01:22,840

you to take a note of is that the major

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00:01:25,230 --> 00:01:24,700

outgoing radiation from the Earth's

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00:01:29,789 --> 00:01:25,240

surface

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00:01:32,580 --> 00:01:29,799

Thermal IR is in the attend well 8 to 13

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00:01:34,770 --> 00:01:32,590

micron vapor window where neither carbon

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00:01:38,910 --> 00:01:34,780

dioxide nor water vapor necessarily

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00:01:40,770 --> 00:01:38,920

absorb that much radiation so this is

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00:01:43,710 --> 00:01:40,780

where most of the heat is lost from the

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00:01:46,649 --> 00:01:43,720

planet and basically the faint young Sun

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00:01:48,719 --> 00:01:46,659

paradox since it requires at least 30 to

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00:01:50,399 --> 00:01:48,729

15 watts per meter squared of additional

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00:01:54,330 --> 00:01:50,409

radiative forcing to keep the planet

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00:01:56,420 --> 00:01:54,340

habitable in the Archaean it needs a

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00:01:59,969 --> 00:01:56,430

greenhouse gas to plug this hole so

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00:02:03,120 --> 00:01:59,979

there are many greenhouse gases as you

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00:02:06,569 --> 00:02:03,130

probably know one of our favorites is in

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00:02:10,109 --> 00:02:06,579

the modern day is co2 ch4 has also been

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00:02:15,790 --> 00:02:10,119

proposed to fill in this gap but nh3

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00:02:19,000 --> 00:02:15,800

ammonia is uniquely good for this kind

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00:02:22,720 --> 00:02:19,010

of greenhouse gas forcing because it

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00:02:27,120 --> 00:02:22,730

fills almost exactly the 8 to 13 micron

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00:02:30,190 --> 00:02:27,130

vapor window it is theoretically

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00:02:32,320 --> 00:02:30,200

proposed to be abundant or at least way

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00:02:34,390 --> 00:02:32,330

more abundant than a modern-day in a

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00:02:37,270 --> 00:02:34,400

reducing or subtly reducing atmosphere

51  
00:02:39,790 --> 00:02:37,280  
which is what the Archaean earth should

52  
00:02:42,880 --> 00:02:39,800  
have been it's a very low oxygen in the

53  
00:02:45,790 --> 00:02:42,890  
atmosphere when they say reducing and it

54  
00:02:48,340 --> 00:02:45,800  
has a few cons some some detractions it

55  
00:02:50,200 --> 00:02:48,350  
is soluble in water so theoretically it

56  
00:02:53,410 --> 00:02:50,210  
can get rained out but if you have a

57  
00:02:56,260 --> 00:02:53,420  
constant supply of ammonia from you know

58  
00:02:58,360 --> 00:02:56,270  
biological or geologic systems you can

59  
00:03:00,970 --> 00:02:58,370  
kind of perpetuate its atmospheric

60  
00:03:02,860 --> 00:03:00,980  
partial pressure it is also photolytic

61  
00:03:05,350 --> 00:03:02,870  
li destroyed irreversibly in the

62  
00:03:07,330 --> 00:03:05,360  
atmosphere so incoming radiation breaks

63  
00:03:13,300 --> 00:03:07,340

it apart hydrogen escapes you left to

64

00:03:15,070 --> 00:03:13,310

die nitrogen yay kind of so anyway I'll

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00:03:17,650 --> 00:03:15,080

get a little bit more into the model

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00:03:20,230 --> 00:03:17,660

details later but a background model was

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00:03:23,920 --> 00:03:20,240

developed by a previous undergrad

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00:03:26,380 --> 00:03:23,930

student who found that just working with

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00:03:27,970 --> 00:03:26,390

nitrogen only biogeochemical systems you

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00:03:29,680 --> 00:03:27,980

can get at least three watts per meter

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00:03:31,750 --> 00:03:29,690

squared which is about a tenth of what

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00:03:33,850 --> 00:03:31,760

we need as a baseline but it's not

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00:03:35,860 --> 00:03:33,860

insignificant so this is still very

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00:03:38,790 --> 00:03:35,870

promising and I decided to take the

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00:03:41,970 --> 00:03:38,800

project on and move forward with it so

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00:03:44,500 --> 00:03:41,980

most of you probably don't use

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00:03:47,020 --> 00:03:44,510

biogeochemical models so I'll explain

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00:03:48,250 --> 00:03:47,030

them a little bit to you so you can kind

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00:03:51,010 --> 00:03:48,260

of understand where I'm coming from

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00:03:52,990 --> 00:03:51,020

so they model development just like

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00:03:54,640 --> 00:03:53,000

everything just starts when you have a

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00:03:55,990 --> 00:03:54,650

question and you're defining what kind

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00:03:58,240 --> 00:03:56,000

of species or systems you're

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00:04:01,090 --> 00:03:58,250

investigating so for me it was not only

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00:04:03,940 --> 00:04:01,100

the nitrogen biogeochemical species but

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00:04:05,500 --> 00:04:03,950

also carbon can i biogeochemical species

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00:04:07,750 --> 00:04:05,510

because I want to understand what other

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00:04:10,240 --> 00:04:07,760

greenhouse gases may interact in order

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00:04:11,860 --> 00:04:10,250

to promote habitability so once you

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00:04:14,860 --> 00:04:11,870

identify those species you have to

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00:04:16,690 --> 00:04:14,870

quantify fluxes and build OD ease or

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00:04:18,699 --> 00:04:16,700

ordinary differential equations so

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00:04:20,710 --> 00:04:18,709

fluxes are just mass movement from one

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00:04:22,570 --> 00:04:20,720

reservoir to the other reservoirs can be

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00:04:25,200 --> 00:04:22,580

anything from the atmosphere to the

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00:04:28,860 --> 00:04:25,210

surface ocean to sediments and the deep

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00:04:30,210 --> 00:04:28,870

ocean and Oh des are these ordinary

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00:04:32,850 --> 00:04:30,220

differential equations are just

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00:04:34,800 --> 00:04:32,860

describing how these reservoirs and the

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00:04:37,290 --> 00:04:34,810

species within them change over time

101  
00:04:39,150 --> 00:04:37,300  
simple enough you set that up you run

102  
00:04:41,550 --> 00:04:39,160  
your model over a geologically relevant

103  
00:04:43,140 --> 00:04:41,560  
amount of time so anywhere from a

104  
00:04:46,740 --> 00:04:43,150  
hundred million to a billion years

105  
00:04:50,879 --> 00:04:46,750  
basically what I run not in real time

106  
00:04:53,779 --> 00:04:50,889  
obviously and you have to validate your

107  
00:04:55,110 --> 00:04:53,789  
model so what happens is that I have two

108  
00:04:58,080 --> 00:04:55,120  
parameterizations and this

109  
00:05:00,719 --> 00:04:58,090  
parameterization is based on key

110  
00:05:02,760 --> 00:05:00,729  
insights into our difference the

111  
00:05:04,200 --> 00:05:02,770  
difference between the modern planet the

112  
00:05:07,080 --> 00:05:04,210  
modern earth I should say and the

113  
00:05:09,180 --> 00:05:07,090

Archaean earth which is oxygenation so

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00:05:14,820 --> 00:05:09,190

the PD acity of oxygen partial pressure

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00:05:16,710 --> 00:05:14,830

of co2 the amount of continental erosion

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00:05:20,149 --> 00:05:16,720

per year would have been lower

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00:05:22,800 --> 00:05:20,159

without oxidative erosion etc etc so

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00:05:25,170 --> 00:05:22,810

parameterizing it at modern-day running

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00:05:28,170 --> 00:05:25,180

that model I should get modern outputs

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00:05:29,939 --> 00:05:28,180

for reservoir and flux estimates so if I

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00:05:31,950 --> 00:05:29,949

do I just seen my fluxes because you can

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00:05:33,810 --> 00:05:31,960

always improve and then I can run the

123

00:05:36,890 --> 00:05:33,820

tests on my Archaean parameterization

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00:05:40,290 --> 00:05:36,900

because essentially my fluxes are valid

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00:05:41,969 --> 00:05:40,300

of course if they don't agree you have

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00:05:43,770 --> 00:05:41,979

to recalculate your fluxes modify your

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00:05:45,570 --> 00:05:43,780

OD ease you might have to add more boxes

128

00:05:47,610 --> 00:05:45,580

which you definitely do usually you have

129

00:05:49,890 --> 00:05:47,620

to rerun the model you go into this loop

130

00:05:53,399 --> 00:05:49,900

of sadness from which it appears you

131

00:05:56,610 --> 00:05:53,409

will never return but you do kind of

132

00:05:59,010 --> 00:05:56,620

usually in the end you end up with

133

00:06:01,110 --> 00:05:59,020

something that can be represented in a

134

00:06:03,089 --> 00:06:01,120

schematic like this where all of the

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00:06:05,459 --> 00:06:03,099

arrows are fluxes that I calculate all

136

00:06:07,219 --> 00:06:05,469

of the species are tracked in the model

137

00:06:09,749 --> 00:06:07,229

I don't want you to get overwhelmed by

138

00:06:11,279 --> 00:06:09,759

the details in it and obviously there

139

00:06:13,920 --> 00:06:11,289

are a lot more fluxes and species that I

140

00:06:15,120 --> 00:06:13,930

could include format more accuracy but I

141

00:06:19,080 --> 00:06:15,130

don't want to be in that loop of sadness

142

00:06:21,810 --> 00:06:19,090

anymore I want to move on so just note

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00:06:23,570 --> 00:06:21,820

that like there's a lot going on there

144

00:06:25,620 --> 00:06:23,580

are a lot of interplaying

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00:06:28,200 --> 00:06:25,630

reactions between the carbon and

146

00:06:29,490 --> 00:06:28,210

nitrogen system and I include phosphate

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00:06:32,010 --> 00:06:29,500

because it's going to be the key

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00:06:35,070 --> 00:06:32,020

nutrient for my biological systems in

149

00:06:36,530 --> 00:06:35,080

the Archaean yes there's oxygen in here

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00:06:37,970 --> 00:06:36,540

the oxygen is

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00:06:40,100 --> 00:06:37,980

they kept at a low level for the

152

00:06:42,830 --> 00:06:40,110

Archaean parameterization and it's it's

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00:06:45,530 --> 00:06:42,840

included in like nitrate and phosphate

154

00:06:46,910 --> 00:06:45,540

species because I need to compare with

155

00:06:50,390 --> 00:06:46,920

modern-day and if I don't include them

156

00:06:52,160 --> 00:06:50,400

that doesn't work so once I run the

157

00:06:54,380 --> 00:06:52,170

model at my two different

158

00:06:57,230 --> 00:06:54,390

parameterizations again this figure is

159

00:07:00,050 --> 00:06:57,240

kind of hard to look at I know because I

160

00:07:02,330 --> 00:07:00,060

look at it a lot the black dots are the

161

00:07:04,340 --> 00:07:02,340

model output for my modern

162

00:07:07,220 --> 00:07:04,350

parameterization so I'm comparing that

163

00:07:09,440 --> 00:07:07,230

to these green blue and red symbols that

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00:07:11,870 --> 00:07:09,450

are literature compiled literature

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00:07:14,420 --> 00:07:11,880

estimates from different researchers for

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00:07:15,980 --> 00:07:14,430

reservoirs in the modern day so I want

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00:07:19,880 --> 00:07:15,990

to see how those black dots fit in with

168

00:07:21,470 --> 00:07:19,890

those circle symbols and the gray dots

169

00:07:23,900 --> 00:07:21,480

which you may or may not be able to see

170

00:07:25,730 --> 00:07:23,910

are simply just the plots of my Archaean

171

00:07:29,120 --> 00:07:25,740

parameterization results for my

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00:07:31,340 --> 00:07:29,130

reservoir sizes so suffice to say that

173

00:07:33,410 --> 00:07:31,350

there the parameterization certainly

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00:07:35,300 --> 00:07:33,420

does matter and you'll get very

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00:07:38,300 --> 00:07:35,310

different reservoir outputs depending on

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00:07:39,740 --> 00:07:38,310

your parameterization and the privation

177

00:07:42,530 --> 00:07:39,750

of the Archaean system is basically

178

00:07:44,390 --> 00:07:42,540

included over here I won't go over it

179

00:07:46,340 --> 00:07:44,400

too much because you guys probably have

180

00:07:48,020 --> 00:07:46,350

a little bit of an idea how different

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00:07:51,940 --> 00:07:48,030

the Archaean earth would have been from

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00:07:53,930 --> 00:07:51,950

the present earth a very important

183

00:07:56,320 --> 00:07:53,940

parameterization is this extended

184

00:07:59,090 --> 00:07:56,330

ammonia atmospheric lifetime so

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00:08:02,780 --> 00:07:59,100

atmospheric ammonia is photolytic li

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00:08:05,150 --> 00:08:02,790

destroyed today at a rate about it lasts

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00:08:07,820 --> 00:08:05,160

for maybe five days in the atmosphere so

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00:08:09,890 --> 00:08:07,830

in the are can we assume that lasts for

189

00:08:11,960 --> 00:08:09,900

at least 10 years some people would say

190

00:08:13,640 --> 00:08:11,970

that's too high some people would say

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00:08:16,360 --> 00:08:13,650

that's way too low so it's a happy

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00:08:20,180 --> 00:08:16,370

medium for me to make that assumption

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00:08:22,760 --> 00:08:20,190

and as I said that schematic before

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00:08:24,830 --> 00:08:22,770

there are a lot of interacting reactions

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00:08:27,590 --> 00:08:24,840

between the two systems nitrogen and

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00:08:29,180 --> 00:08:27,600

carbon and you have to before you run

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00:08:30,890 --> 00:08:29,190

any tests on this model you have to

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00:08:32,690 --> 00:08:30,900

consider those reactions you know what

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00:08:34,670 --> 00:08:32,700

to perturb in order for it to be Geo

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00:08:38,240 --> 00:08:34,680

physically relevant or biologically

201  
00:08:39,560 --> 00:08:38,250  
relevant this is a feedback diagram I'm

202  
00:08:43,159 --> 00:08:39,570  
going to highlight some freeze you don't

203  
00:08:45,440 --> 00:08:43,169  
have to look at it too long so what

204  
00:08:47,000 --> 00:08:45,450  
we're trying to get at is increasing the

205  
00:08:47,990 --> 00:08:47,010  
global temperature through partial

206  
00:08:50,150 --> 00:08:48,000  
pressure of

207  
00:08:51,830 --> 00:08:50,160  
house gasses so if you increase the

208  
00:08:54,650 --> 00:08:51,840  
global temperature increase continental

209  
00:08:56,090 --> 00:08:54,660  
erosion kind of continental erosion will

210  
00:08:58,750 --> 00:08:56,100  
increase the flux of alkalinity

211  
00:09:02,120 --> 00:08:58,760  
bicarbonate to the ocean that will

212  
00:09:04,360 --> 00:09:02,130  
increase the pH and it was said in a

213  
00:09:08,480 --> 00:09:04,370

talk yesterday I forget by who sorry

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00:09:12,380 --> 00:09:08,490

that there's this reaction in

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00:09:15,200 --> 00:09:12,390

equilibrium at around 9 pH between

216

00:09:18,200 --> 00:09:15,210

ammonia and ammonium it's protonated

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00:09:21,950 --> 00:09:18,210

sister species and if so if you increase

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00:09:25,100 --> 00:09:21,960

that ocean pH you decrease the amount of

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00:09:26,770 --> 00:09:25,110

hydrogen atoms that are in the water so

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00:09:29,360 --> 00:09:26,780

you're actually going to force this

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00:09:31,370 --> 00:09:29,370

speciation more towards ammonia which

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00:09:33,620 --> 00:09:31,380

increases your partial pressure and your

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00:09:36,500 --> 00:09:33,630

radiative forcing for ammonia and that's

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00:09:38,210 --> 00:09:36,510

a positive feedback however if you do

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00:09:40,010 --> 00:09:38,220

the same thing you increase Continental

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00:09:41,510 --> 00:09:40,020

erosion you also increase nutrient

227

00:09:43,700 --> 00:09:41,520

transport which in this case is

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00:09:45,320 --> 00:09:43,710

phosphate and if you do that you

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00:09:48,170 --> 00:09:45,330

increase primary productivity and

230

00:09:50,180 --> 00:09:48,180

atmospheric co2 drawdown so if you do

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00:09:52,910 --> 00:09:50,190

that it becomes a negative feedback or

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00:09:56,090 --> 00:09:52,920

the global temperature so this begs the

233

00:09:58,370 --> 00:09:56,100

question do the co2 and ammonia green

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00:10:01,520 --> 00:09:58,380

houses potentially negate one another in

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00:10:02,540 --> 00:10:01,530

the Archaean earth so I gotta have two

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00:10:04,730 --> 00:10:02,550

questions at this point

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00:10:07,010 --> 00:10:04,740

one can I get high enough partial

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00:10:09,140 --> 00:10:07,020

pressure of ammonia to kind of resolve

239

00:10:11,990 --> 00:10:09,150

the faint young Sun paradox cross my

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00:10:15,140 --> 00:10:12,000

fingers second one is this gonna be a

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00:10:16,760 --> 00:10:15,150

problem I have the I kind of explained

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00:10:19,130 --> 00:10:16,770

it to you but if this is a breakdown of

243

00:10:21,590 --> 00:10:19,140

the feedback loop that may or may not be

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00:10:23,990 --> 00:10:21,600

destructive for the atmospheric

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00:10:26,650 --> 00:10:24,000

radiative forcing the Archaean

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00:10:28,760 --> 00:10:26,660

how do I determine which one of these

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00:10:30,470 --> 00:10:28,770

feedback loops is going to be most

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00:10:33,970 --> 00:10:30,480

important how do I determine which

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00:10:37,160 --> 00:10:33,980

parameter values are going to control

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00:10:39,980 --> 00:10:37,170

basically how much radiative forcing I

251  
00:10:41,780 --> 00:10:39,990  
can get out of the Archaean earth well

252  
00:10:44,150 --> 00:10:41,790  
what I do is I take my parameter

253  
00:10:47,180 --> 00:10:44,160  
assumptions which for the Archaean are

254  
00:10:51,370 --> 00:10:47,190  
not well constrained at all their way

255  
00:10:53,420 --> 00:10:51,380  
assumptions and I take basically a

256  
00:10:56,570 --> 00:10:53,430  
magnitude of values

257  
00:10:58,820 --> 00:10:56,580  
I choose each one I put them into the

258  
00:11:01,400 --> 00:10:58,830  
model its kind

259  
00:11:04,850 --> 00:11:01,410  
to explain because it's you know it's

260  
00:11:06,230 --> 00:11:04,860  
code but basically I evaluate a bunch of

261  
00:11:08,420 --> 00:11:06,240  
different values for all of my

262  
00:11:12,380 --> 00:11:08,430  
assumptions so I assume at least like

263  
00:11:15,680 --> 00:11:12,390

three to the eight years of you know for

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00:11:17,920 --> 00:11:15,690

continental erosion but I go from 10 to

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00:11:21,080 --> 00:11:17,930

the 8 to 10 to the 9 years in order to

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00:11:22,670 --> 00:11:21,090

kind of test this area and then I

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00:11:26,060 --> 00:11:22,680

produce something like this where I show

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00:11:28,220 --> 00:11:26,070

you my assumption in this black Asterix

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00:11:30,470 --> 00:11:28,230

if you can see it and it gives me a

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00:11:32,960 --> 00:11:30,480

contour graph of which of these two

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00:11:34,880 --> 00:11:32,970

parameters is kind of forcing more

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00:11:36,800 --> 00:11:34,890

change in the radiative forcing and

273

00:11:39,440 --> 00:11:36,810

personal pressure so these two that's

274

00:11:41,270 --> 00:11:39,450

ammonius partial pressure in log units

275

00:11:44,210 --> 00:11:41,280

can't really read it but and this is co

276

00:11:46,070 --> 00:11:44,220

2 and log units ppm and then these are

277

00:11:47,450 --> 00:11:46,080

their radiative forcings respectively

278

00:11:49,730 --> 00:11:47,460

and this is the combined radiative

279

00:11:53,080 --> 00:11:49,740

forcing what I want you to note is that

280

00:11:55,610 --> 00:11:53,090

if I increase on the x axis here is

281

00:11:59,840 --> 00:11:55,620

ammonia's lifetime in the atmosphere if

282

00:12:01,730 --> 00:11:59,850

I increase that and I will subtly

283

00:12:03,500 --> 00:12:01,740

increase or decrease excuse me the

284

00:12:05,750 --> 00:12:03,510

erosion timescale so if the continents

285

00:12:08,240 --> 00:12:05,760

last longer there's less erosion of the

286

00:12:10,160 --> 00:12:08,250

continents then I can get potentially 20

287

00:12:13,310 --> 00:12:10,170

watts per meter squared out of ammonia I

288

00:12:15,950 --> 00:12:13,320

can get potentially 55 watts per meter

289

00:12:18,290 --> 00:12:15,960

squared of co2 for a total of over 70

290

00:12:23,210 --> 00:12:18,300

watts per meter squared so a reminder I

291

00:12:24,950 --> 00:12:23,220

needed 30 to 50 and so we but of course

292

00:12:27,590 --> 00:12:24,960

this means I can potentially do it I

293

00:12:30,350 --> 00:12:27,600

don't know if these are G or physically

294

00:12:31,820 --> 00:12:30,360

relevant numbers but still and applies

295

00:12:35,540 --> 00:12:31,830

an ammonia solution faint young Sun

296

00:12:38,600 --> 00:12:35,550

paradox so I feel pretty good but I saw

297

00:12:40,640 --> 00:12:38,610

another question don't I but what about

298

00:12:42,650 --> 00:12:40,650

this interaction because I can

299

00:12:46,280 --> 00:12:42,660

parameterize my model this way with

300

00:12:48,560 --> 00:12:46,290

these high high atmospheric ammonia a

301  
00:12:51,920 --> 00:12:48,570  
lifetime low Continental erosion but

302  
00:12:53,330 --> 00:12:51,930  
will it actually yield a high partial

303  
00:12:55,010 --> 00:12:53,340  
pressure of both of those greenhouse

304  
00:12:57,890 --> 00:12:55,020  
gases enough to solve the faint young

305  
00:13:01,430 --> 00:12:57,900  
Sun paradox in the model because I don't

306  
00:13:03,230 --> 00:13:01,440  
know so what I do is I take my model as

307  
00:13:06,200 --> 00:13:03,240  
its fluxes have evolved to steady state

308  
00:13:09,269 --> 00:13:06,210  
I perturb them and what I want you to

309  
00:13:12,210 --> 00:13:09,279  
focus on in this is that these then the

310  
00:13:15,119 --> 00:13:12,220  
top graph I have the dashed line is the

311  
00:13:18,509 --> 00:13:15,129  
reference value study state for red is

312  
00:13:22,290 --> 00:13:18,519  
ammonia and you can't see atmospheric

313  
00:13:24,030 --> 00:13:22,300

co2 because it's just so much I made it

314

00:13:26,579 --> 00:13:24,040

so much bigger both of them were

315

00:13:29,400 --> 00:13:26,589

perturbed by 150% and what's important

316

00:13:32,189 --> 00:13:29,410

to note is that co2 and this blue line

317

00:13:34,650 --> 00:13:32,199

does not get drawn down it remains on

318

00:13:36,329 --> 00:13:34,660

it's high perturbed value way above what

319

00:13:38,730 --> 00:13:36,339

we assume partial pressure of co2 would

320

00:13:40,559 --> 00:13:38,740

have been in the air can however even

321

00:13:42,869 --> 00:13:40,569

though I perturb demonium basically as

322

00:13:44,160 --> 00:13:42,879

soon as like 10 to the negative one

323

00:13:46,980 --> 00:13:44,170

years so as soon as my biological

324

00:13:49,350 --> 00:13:46,990

systems kick in ammonia is drawn down

325

00:13:52,189 --> 00:13:49,360

into the ocean and it's partial pressure

326

00:13:55,110 --> 00:13:52,199

has reduced back down to basically its

327

00:13:56,759 --> 00:13:55,120

original steady state value so that

328

00:13:58,679 --> 00:13:56,769

implies that yes

329

00:14:00,660 --> 00:13:58,689

elevated P co2 in the Archaean should

330

00:14:03,269 --> 00:14:00,670

control the amount of partial pressure

331

00:14:04,860 --> 00:14:03,279

of ammonia in the atmosphere so it

332

00:14:06,540 --> 00:14:04,870

couldn't potentially be an issue for

333

00:14:10,559 --> 00:14:06,550

this faint young Sun solution that I

334

00:14:14,569 --> 00:14:10,569

have proposed however I want to move on

335

00:14:16,829 --> 00:14:14,579

so what happens is that this becomes

336

00:14:19,679 --> 00:14:16,839

basically a stepping stone to a larger

337

00:14:22,170 --> 00:14:19,689

geochemical model so I have a summary of

338

00:14:23,790 --> 00:14:22,180

basically what I've found in this

339

00:14:25,590 --> 00:14:23,800

current work that Archaean

340

00:14:27,360 --> 00:14:25,600

biogeochemical feedbacks are capable of

341

00:14:30,360 --> 00:14:27,370

maintaining modern surface temperatures

342

00:14:31,980 --> 00:14:30,370

so I feel good about that but I want to

343

00:14:33,449 --> 00:14:31,990

understand more about the development of

344

00:14:36,269 --> 00:14:33,459

the Earth's system beyond this faint

345

00:14:38,819 --> 00:14:36,279

young Sun paradox kind of question so

346

00:14:42,329 --> 00:14:38,829

adding oxygen to a biogeochemical model

347

00:14:45,809 --> 00:14:42,339

and the oxygenation events therein would

348

00:14:47,910 --> 00:14:45,819

help a lot with its precision and you

349

00:14:51,150 --> 00:14:47,920

know biogeochemical relevance I want to

350

00:14:53,129 --> 00:14:51,160

include more of a mantel box so I can

351

00:14:55,590 --> 00:14:53,139

get fractionation both biological and

352

00:14:57,419 --> 00:14:55,600

geochemical and I want to trace those

353

00:15:00,569 --> 00:14:57,429

biological and geochemical isotopic

354

00:15:05,340 --> 00:15:00,579

fractionation in nitrogen 1514 and

355

00:15:09,900 --> 00:15:05,350

carbon 1213 and basically tracing them

356

00:15:12,540 --> 00:15:09,910

in in in association with noble gases

357

00:15:15,179 --> 00:15:12,550

which are not fractionated usually with

358

00:15:18,689 --> 00:15:15,189

the geochemical or by biological cycling

359

00:15:20,259 --> 00:15:18,699

can I constrain the evolution of Earth's

360

00:15:23,379 --> 00:15:20,269

major volatiles and not

361

00:15:26,019 --> 00:15:23,389

the evolution of the atmosphere from the

362

00:15:27,460 --> 00:15:26,029

Archaean state to the present so with

363

00:15:29,769 --> 00:15:27,470

that I want to thank you and everybody

364

00:15:45,780 --> 00:15:29,779

at the University of Victoria has helped

365

00:15:53,230 --> 00:15:48,759

is the original source of ammonium in

366

00:15:55,299 --> 00:15:53,240

your oceans nitrogen fixation a source

367

00:15:59,679 --> 00:15:55,309

of ammonium yes it's continental erosion

368

00:16:03,670 --> 00:15:59,689

continental yeah so I I'm gonna take

369

00:16:05,920 --> 00:16:03,680

back you your back to my schematic so I

370

00:16:09,160 --> 00:16:05,930

have a River input of calcium carbonate

371

00:16:11,230 --> 00:16:09,170

phosphate ammonium and organic carbon so

372

00:16:14,009 --> 00:16:11,240

it's sorting that and then I can have

373

00:16:17,049 --> 00:16:14,019

nitrification speciation and

374

00:16:19,119 --> 00:16:17,059

remineralization of ammonium but yeah

375

00:16:21,189 --> 00:16:19,129

its geologically sourced right so then

376

00:16:33,850 --> 00:16:21,199

this would apply more towards like paleo

377

00:16:37,509 --> 00:16:33,860

archaea yes I just had a question about

378

00:16:39,579 --> 00:16:37,519

the increased life time for the ammonia

379

00:16:41,619 --> 00:16:39,589

enemy atmosphere is that just due to

380

00:16:44,129 --> 00:16:41,629

decreased flux or are you also taking

381

00:16:48,400 --> 00:16:44,139

into account like wavelength shifts so

382

00:16:51,220 --> 00:16:48,410

it's kind of a it's an assumption that

383

00:16:52,689 --> 00:16:51,230

we have to make in order for this kind

384

00:16:55,179 --> 00:16:52,699

of system to work that it had a longer

385

00:16:57,429 --> 00:16:55,189

lifetime it's certainly the reduced

386

00:17:00,179 --> 00:16:57,439

solar flux at the time would have

387

00:17:02,590 --> 00:17:00,189

extended its you know just on its face

388

00:17:04,049 --> 00:17:02,600

I'm having a reducing atmosphere also

389

00:17:05,319 --> 00:17:04,059

just would have extended its lifetime

390

00:17:10,600 --> 00:17:05,329

you know

391

00:17:14,679 --> 00:17:10,610

baseline but we don't know whether there

392

00:17:16,809 --> 00:17:14,689

would be like other you know photolytic

393

00:17:19,269 --> 00:17:16,819

reactions that we're not thinking of in

394

00:17:22,510 --> 00:17:19,279

the reducing atmosphere or if wavelength

395

00:17:24,250 --> 00:17:22,520

would kind of come into play I don't

396

00:17:27,490 --> 00:17:24,260

know enough about atmospheric chemistry

397

00:17:28,930 --> 00:17:27,500

in order to really study that but it is

398

00:17:32,169 --> 00:17:28,940

yeah it's a prevailing assumption that

399

00:17:33,909 --> 00:17:32,179

it just had a longer life time and you

400

00:17:36,940 --> 00:17:33,919

know it's possible if we had some sort

401  
00:17:39,430 --> 00:17:36,950  
of like stratospheric or look you know

402  
00:17:41,560 --> 00:17:39,440  
upper tropospheric haze or something of

403  
00:17:43,299 --> 00:17:41,570  
you know reduced organic molecules that

404  
00:17:45,430 --> 00:17:43,309  
that that would be even more valid that

405  
00:17:47,680 --> 00:17:45,440  
I could put in even a longer lifetime

406  
00:17:56,460 --> 00:17:47,690  
for ammonia but I just don't know it

407  
00:18:01,540 --> 00:17:59,470  
yeah actually a really sweet work um how

408  
00:18:03,790 --> 00:18:01,550  
do you like estimate biological activity

409  
00:18:06,820 --> 00:18:03,800  
like how do you know how much life is

410  
00:18:10,240 --> 00:18:06,830  
around and how hungry it was yeah so

411  
00:18:12,850 --> 00:18:10,250  
okay yeah so the biological assumptions

412  
00:18:15,010 --> 00:18:12,860  
are totally based on modern day so we're

413  
00:18:18,120 --> 00:18:15,020

saying that they're photosynthesizers in

414

00:18:21,070 --> 00:18:18,130

the ocean if I can get their biological

415

00:18:22,900 --> 00:18:21,080

you know productivity fluxes and then

416

00:18:25,030 --> 00:18:22,910

death fluxes to meet the modern-day

417

00:18:28,450 --> 00:18:25,040

estimate I just say okay it's higher

418

00:18:31,000 --> 00:18:28,460

pco2 it's lower oxygen try to live you

419

00:18:33,040 --> 00:18:31,010

know so it is it's totally theoretical

420

00:18:37,180 --> 00:18:33,050

but it is based off of the fact that I

421

00:18:41,200 --> 00:18:37,190

can model these fluxes and you know at

422

00:18:42,760 --> 00:18:41,210

modern-day so as any good modelers

423

00:18:42,760 --> 00:18:43,690

should tell you everything in this is

424

00:18:56,770 --> 00:18:48,700

but also kind of cool so you know take

425

00:19:01,480 --> 00:18:56,780

it with like a whole lake or thistle any

426

00:19:04,250 --> 00:19:01,490

other questions all right if not let's