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Terrestrial biosphere changes over the last 120 kyr and their impact on ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$

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Abstract

A new global synthesis and biomization of long (> 40 kyr) pollen-data records is presented, and used with simulations from the HadCM3 and FAMOUS climate models to analyse the dynamics of the global terrestrial biosphere and carbon storage over the last glacial–interglacial cycle. Global modelled (BIOME4) biome distributions over time generally agree well with those inferred from pollen data. The two climate models show good agreement in global net primary productivity (NPP). NPP is strongly influenced by atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentrations through CO₂ fertilization. The combined effects of modelled changes in vegetation and (via a simple model) soil carbon result in a global terrestrial carbon storage at the Last Glacial Maximum that is 210–470 Pg C less than in pre-industrial time. Without the contribution from exposed glacial continental shelves the reduction would be larger, 330–960 Pg C. Other intervals of low terrestrial carbon storage include stadial intervals at 108 and 85 kaBP, and between 60 and 65 kaBP during Marine Isotope Stage 4. Terrestrial carbon storage, determined by the balance of global NPP and decomposition, influences the stable carbon isotope composition ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$) of seawater because terrestrial organic carbon is depleted in ¹³C. Using a simple carbon-isotope mass balance equation we find agreement in trends between modelled ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ based on modelled land carbon storage, and palaeo-archives of ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, confirming that terrestrial carbon storage variations may be important drivers of ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ changes.

1 Introduction

The terrestrial biosphere (vegetation and soil) is estimated to contain around 2000 Pg C (Prentice et al., 2001) plus a similar quantity stored in peatlands and permafrost (Ciais et al., 2014). Variations in global climate on multi-millennial time scales have caused substantial changes to the terrestrial carbon pools. Quasi-periodic variations in the Earth's orbital configuration (axial tilt with a ~ 41 kyr period, precession with ~ 19

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BIOMES_data) synthesized palaeovegetation records from many sites to provide global datasets for the LGM and mid-Holocene. Data syntheses are valuable in allowing researchers to see the global picture from scattered, individual records, and to enable model-data comparisons. The data can be viewed through the prism of a global, physically based model that allows the point-wise data to be joined together in a coherent way. There are continuous, multi-millennial palaeoenvironmental records that stretch much further back in time than the LGM but they have not previously been brought together in a global synthesis. These records can provide a global picture of transient change in the biosphere and the climate system. Here we have synthesized and biomized (Prentice et al., 1996) a number of these records, providing a new dataset of land biosphere change that covers the last glacial–interglacial cycle.

To improve understanding of land biosphere interactions with the ocean-atmospheric reservoir, we have modelled the terrestrial biosphere for the last 120 kyr (e.g. from the previous – Eemian – interglacial to the pre-industrial period). We present quantitative estimates of changes in the terrestrial biosphere reconstructed from two atmosphere–ocean general circulation model (AOGCM) simulations over the last glacial cycle. We evaluate biome reconstructions based on these climate model outputs using our new biomized synthesis of terrestrial pollen data records, focusing on the pre-industrial period, 6 kaBP (mid-Holocene), 21 kaBP (LGM), 54 kaBP (a relatively warm interval in the last glacial period), 64 kaBP, (a relatively cool interval in the glacial period), 84 kaBP (the early part of the glacial cycle), and 120 kaBP (the Eemian interglacial). We assess the contribution of terrestrial biosphere and carbon storage changes to deep ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ over the last 120 kyr by means of a comparison with deep ocean benthic foraminiferal carbon isotope records, representative for the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of dissolved inorganic carbon of deep water.

2 Methods

2.1 Biomization

Biomization assigns pollen taxa to one or more plant functional types (PFTs) based on basic biological and climatological ranges. The PFTs are assigned to their respective biomes and affinity scores are calculated for each biome (sum of the square roots of pollen percentages contributed by the PFTs in each biome). This method was first developed for Europe (Prentice et al., 1996) and versions of it have been applied to most regions of the world (Jolly et al., 1998; Elenga et al., 2000; Takahara et al., 1999; Tarasov et al., 2000; Thompson and Anderson, 2000; Williams et al., 2000; Pickett et al., 2004; Marchant et al., 2009). We apply these regional PFT schemes (Table 1) to pollen records that generally extend > 40 kyr, assigning the pollen data to megabiomes (tropical forest, warm temperate forest, boreal forest, savannah/dry woodland, grassland/dry shrubland, desert and tundra) as defined by Harrison and Prentice (2003), in order to harmonize regional variations in PFT to biome assignments and to allow globally consistent model-data comparisons.

Table 2 lists the pollen records used. Biomization matrices and megabiome score data can be found in the Supplement. For taxa with no PFT listing, the family PFT was used if part of the regional biomization scheme. Plant taxonomy was checked using www.itis.gov, www.tropicos.org, and the African Pollen Database. Pollen taxa can be assigned to more than one PFT either because they include several species in the genus or family, with different ecologies, or because they comprise species that can adopt different habitats in different environments.

Age models provided with the individual records were used. However, in cases where radiocarbon ages were only provided for specific depths (e.g. Mfabeni, CUX), linear interpolations between dates were used to estimate ages for the remaining depths. Some age models may be less certain, especially at sites which experience variable sedimentation rates and/or erosion. To aid comparison, for several Southern European sites (e.g. Italy and Greece) it has been assumed that vegetation changes occurred

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forest were found during the Holocene at the Rusaka Burundi mountain site, whereas those of the last glacial again had highest scores for grassland and dry shrubland biome. At the Rwanda Kamiranzovy site the grassland and dry shrubland biome displayed highest scores during the last glacial (from ~ 30 kaBP) and deglaciation, occasionally alternating with the warm temperate forest biome. In Uganda at the low mountain site Albert F (619 m) the Holocene and potentially Bølling Allerød is dominated by highest affinity scores for tropical forest, whereas the Younger Dryas and last glacial show highest affinity scores for the grassland and dry shrubland biome. In the higher-elevation Ugandan mountain site Mubwindi swamp (2150 m), the Holocene pollen record shows alternating highest affinity scores between tropical forest and the grassland and dry shrubland biome, whereas the glacial situation is similar to the Albert F site (e.g. dominated by highest scores for the grassland and dry shrubland biome). In South Africa, the Mfabeni Swamp record shows highest affinity scores for the grassland and dry shrubland biome for the last 46 kyr years occasionally, alternated with the savanna and dry woodland biome, and tropical forest during the late Holocene. At the Deva Deva Swamp in the Uluguru Mountains highest affinity scores are for grassland and dry shrubland for the last ~ 48 kyr. At Saltpan the grassland and dry shrubland biome dominates throughout the succession, including the Holocene and glacial. At Lake Tritrivakely (Madagascar) the grassland and dry shrubland biome dominates, apart from between 3 and 0.6 kaBP when the tropical forest biome dominates. Our results compare well with those of Elenga et al. (2004) who show a LGM reduction in tropical rainforest and lowering of mountain vegetations zones in major parts of Africa.

3.1.4 Europe

For European pollen records three biomization methods were used that are region specific. For Southern Europe the biomization scheme of Elenga et al. (2004) was used, where Cyperaceae is included in the biomization as it can occur as “upland” species characteristic of tundra. For sites from the Alps the biomization scheme of

Prentice et al. (1992) was used, and for Northern European records the biomization scheme of Tarasov et al. (2000).

In Southern Europe at the four Italian sites (Monticchio, Lago di Vico, Lagaccione and Valle di Castiglione) the Holocene and last interglacial show highest affinity scores for warm temperate forest and temperate forest. During most of the glacial and also cold interglacial substages the grassland and dry shrubland biome has highest affinity scores, whereas during warmer interstadial intervals of the last glacial the temperate forest biome had highest affinity scores again. At Tenaghi Phillipon and Ioannina a similar biome sequence may be observed, with highest affinity scores for temperate forest and warm temperate forest during interglacials. During the last glacial and last interglacial cool substages the grassland and dry shrubland biome showed highest affinity scores at Tenaghi Philippon. At Ioannina the LGM and last glacial cool stadial intervals have highest affinity scores for grassland and dry shrubland, whereas affinity scores of glacial interstadial periods are highest for temperate forest. Our biomization results for Southern European sites agree well with those of Elenga et al. (2004) who also found a shift to dryer grassland and dry shrubland biomes.

All four alpine sites are from altitudes between 570 and 670 m and for all four sites the last interglacial period was characterized by having highest scores for the temperate forest biome. At Füramoos the last glacial (note hiatus between 15 and 41 kaBP) showed highest affinity scores for the tundra biome, whilst during the Holocene the temperate forest biome shows highest affinity scores.

Most Northern European sites are mainly represented for the last interglacial period, apart from Horoszki Duze in Poland. At most sites the temperate forest biome and boreal forest biome show highest affinity scores during the last interglacial (Eemian), whereas cool substages and early glacial (Butovka, Horoszki Duze) show high affinity scores for the grass and dry shrubland biome. These results compare well with Prentice et al. (2000), who suggest a southward displacement of the Northern Hemisphere forest biomes and more extensive tundra and steppe like vegetation during the LGM.

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The model grids do not seem to have sufficient resolution to reproduce much of the band of tundra directly around the Laurentide ice-sheet, but the forest biomes they show for North America are largely supported by Williams et al. (2000). However, Thompson and Anderson (2000) suggest larger areas of the open-conifer biome in the southwestern US than in the Holocene that the models again do not show. Both models predict a smaller Amazon rainforest area. Marchant et al. (2009) suggest that the Holocene rainforest was preceded by cooler forest biomes, whereas both models produce a climate that favours grasslands. Marchant et al. (2009) also provide evidence for cool, dry grasslands in the south of the continent; FAMOUS follows this climatic trend but suggests desert or tundra conditions, whilst HadCM3 shows a smaller area of the desert biome. For Africa, Elenga et al. (2000) show widespread grassland areas where the Holocene has forest, with which the models agree, and dry woodland in the southeast, with which the models do not agree; they appear to be too cold to retain this biome. Elenga et al. (2000) also shows increased grassland area in southern Europe, which is not strongly indicated by the models having some degree of forest cover here.

The large areas of tundra shown by Tarasov et al. (2000) in northern Eurasia to the east of the Fennoscandian ice-sheet are well reproduced by the models, although HadCM3's slightly wetter conditions produce more of the boreal forest in the centre of the continent. The generally smaller amounts of forest cover in Europe in FAMOUS agree with the distribution of tree populations in Europe at the LGM proposed by Tzedakis et al. (2013) better than those from HadCM3, possibly due to HadCM3's warm bias at the glacial maximum. Both models agree with the smaller areas of tropical forest in China and southeast Asia reconstructed by Yu et al. (2000) and Pickett et al. (2004) compared to the Holocene, but have too much forest area in China compared to the biomization of Yu et al. (2000). Neither model reproduces the reconstructed areas of xerophytic biomes in south Australia, or the tropical forest in the north (Pickett et al., 2004).

3.3.4 54 ka BP (Marine Isotope Stage 3)

There are fewer published biomization results for periods before the LGM, so our model-data comparison is restricted to the biomization results at sites synthesised in this paper. Of these sites, only two sites show a different megabiome affiliation with respect to the LGM: in South America Uyuni shows highest affinity scores for the forest biome, and in Australia, Caledonian Fen shows highest affinity scores for the dry woodland biome (both sites show highest affinity score for grassland during the LGM). Overall, the few sites where data are available show little differences compared with the LGM. This is perhaps a surprise given the evidence that this was a relatively warm interval in the glacial, in Europe at least (Voelker et al., 2002). The similar biome assignments are supported by the model simulations in that, although relatively warm compared to the LGM, the model-based reconstructions for 54 ka BP are similar to LGM biomizations at the pollen sites in the Americas, most of southern Europe (apart from Ioannina where the data show highest affinity scores for temperate forest) and east Africa.

In other parts of the world, the biomes simulated at 54 ka BP by the model do differ from those of the LGM. Both model simulations show increased vegetation in Europe and central Eurasia due to the smaller Fennoscandian ice-sheet as well as reduced desert areas in North Africa and Australia, generally reflecting a warmer and wetter climate under higher CO₂ availability. The models disagree on climates and impact on the vegetation in several areas in this period. These include differences related to prescribed ice-sheets, particularly in North America where the ice-sheet configuration in FAMOUS shows a realistic two-dome pattern. Further afield, HadCM3 model has significantly more tropical rainforest, especially in Latin America, and predicts widespread boreal forest cover right across Eurasia. FAMOUS, however, reproduces a more limited vegetation extent, with more grassland in central Eurasia. The differences in the tropics appear to be linked to a wetter climate in HadCM3, possibly due to a stronger response to precessional forcing, whilst the west and

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interior of northern Eurasia is cooler in FAMOUS, with a greater influence from the Fennoscandian ice-sheet.

3.3.5 64 ka BP (Marine Isotope Stage 4)

There are only a few differences between biomized records at the LGM, 54 kaBP, and 64 kaBP (Fig. 2). Apart from one southern European site (Ioannina), which has a highest affiliation with grassland (compared with temperate forest during the LGM), the pollen biome affiliations are much the same as at the LGM for the sites presented here. The two sites in northern Australasia show a highest affiliation with the warm-temperate forest biome during this period, compared with tropical forest at 54 kaBP, however affinity scores between the two types are close, so this is unlikely to be related to different climates. The model-based reconstructions support this as they also do not show major differences at the pollen sites.

Both model-based biome reconstructions are, in general, similar to those reproduced for 54 kyr. The climate of 64 kyr simulated in HadCM3 is cooler and drier than for 54 kyr, producing larger areas of tundra in north and east Eurasia and patchy tropical forests. There is less difference between 64 and 54 kyr in the FAMOUS reconstructions, which simulates a cooler climate at 54 kyr compared to HadCM3, so the FAMOUS and HadCM3 biome reconstructions agree better in this earlier period. North American vegetation distributions primarily differ between the models in this period due to the different configurations of the Laurentide ice-sheet imposed on the models.

3.3.6 84 ka BP (Marine Isotope Stage 5b)

The pollen-based biomization for 84 kaBP clearly reflects the warmer and wetter conditions with more CO₂ available than at 64 kaBP, especially in Europe, with the majority of sites showing highest affinity scores for the temperate forest biomes. Sites in other parts of the world show similar affinity scores to the 64 ka BP timeslice, although they are sparse and it is less clear whether they reflect widespread climatic conditions.

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The model-based reconstructions reflect the warmer European climate resulting from the small Fennoscandian ice-sheet, with FAMOUS showing some European forest cover, and HadCM3 extending Eurasian vegetation up to the Arctic coast. The HadCM3-based reconstruction shows more of this vegetation to be grassland rather than forest, probably a result of a slightly cooler climate in the model. Around the southern European pollen sites themselves, however, HadCM3 shows little differences and FAMOUS predicts dry woodlands, perhaps a result of poorly modelled Mediterranean storm-tracks that would bring moisture inland.

Although there are still differences in the configuration of the Laurentide ice-sheet between the models, both now reproduce dry vegetation types in Midwest America and significant boreal forest further north. Both models show significantly smaller desert areas in North Africa and forest in the tropical belt than at 64 ka BP, reflecting significant precipitation and higher CO_2 levels here, although both also show a dry anomaly over Latin America that reduces vegetation, especially in the HadCM3 reconstruction. Because of increased rainfall in Australia, HadCM3 simulations show a smaller desert compared with 54 ka BP.

3.3.7 120 ka BP (last interglacial period, Marine Isotope Stage 5e)

This time-slice represents the previous interglacial, and should have the smallest anomalies from the pre-industrial control climate of the models. The pollen-based biomization shows widespread forest cover for Eurasia, with the only other difference from both the 84 ka BP period and the pre-industrial control being Lake Titicaca, which has the highest affinity toward desert for this period. The affinity scores for temperate forest are almost as high for this site, and neither climate model has the resolution to reproduce the local climate for this altitude well, although both do reflect dry conditions near the coast here, possibly as a result of regional climate feedbacks (Bush et al., 2010).

The models do indeed produce relatively small climate anomalies and vegetation in line with the pre-industrial control and each other. Both models produce widespread

represent mountainous regions such as the Andes well nor its topographically-induced variation in vegetation (see Sect. 3.3.1), which may positively skew NPP values. The model may also overestimate NPP compared to observationally based techniques for the modern or pre-industrial partly because it does not contain any representation of non-climatically induced changes, e.g. cultivation or land degradation.

In the LGM simulations global NPP declines to $\sim 42 \text{ PgCyr}^{-1}$ in FAMOUS and 48 PgCyr^{-1} in HadCM3. While these are also higher than some other model-based estimates of $28\text{--}40 \text{ PgCyr}^{-1}$ (e.g. François et al., 1999; 2002), the relative decrease in the LGM in our models to approximately two-thirds of PI is consistent with several previous studies. A calculation based primarily on isotopic evidence has produced an even lower estimate of LGM NPP of $20 \pm 10 \text{ PgCyr}^{-1}$ (Ciais et al., 2011); with LGM primary productivity approximately 50 % lower than their PI estimate.

The PI-LGM difference is greater in FAMOUS than in HadCM3 (Fig. 5a) primarily due to the fact that HadCM3's glacial land area increases as sea-level lowers, enabling additional NPP on continental shelf regions, whereas FAMOUS land area remains the same. This is demonstrated by recalculating global NPP for HadCM3 neglecting exposed shelf regions (HadCM3_NS), which then matches the values from FAMOUS (Fig. 5a, green line). The effect of vegetating continental shelves on global NPP is small in comparison to the overall decrease during the glacial period; NPP reduction at the LGM is 40 % for HadCM3_NS and 35 % for HadCM3_S compared to the PI. Further analysis with HadCM3 suggests that CO_2 fertilization and CO_2 forcing of climate are the main driving forces of the glacial NPP decrease – both of these factors are included in our model setups. By comparison, the impact of large continental ice-sheets reducing the land surface area available for primary production is negligible, as these high-latitude areas only contribute a small fraction of global NPP in any case; if the area covered in ice at the LGM is excluded from NPP calculations of the PI, global NPP only decreases by a maximum of $\sim 5 \text{ PgCyr}^{-1}$.

Some differences in the timing of some events between the HadCM3 and FAMOUS-forced runs are apparent, especially in the earlier half of the simulation. These phase

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shifts, all of the order of a few thousand years, can largely be ascribed to the multiple snap-shot setup of the HadCM3 run, which only produces simulations at 2 or 4 ka intervals, compared to the 1 ka resolution of the FAMOUS-forced biome reconstruction. Differences in the forcing provided by the ice-sheet reconstructions used in the models, as well as in the strength of their responses to orbital forcing in the early part of the glacial (see Fig. 3) may also play a role.

Both models predict lower NPP during the previous interglacial, the Eemian (-5 PgCyr^{-1}). The first large-scale decrease in NPP occurs during the initial glaciation following the Eemian, estimated at about 10 PgCyr^{-1} (both models). NPP values then go up and down by ~ 2 to 5 PgCyr^{-1} until another large drop of -10 PgCyr^{-1} (HadCM3_S) to -20 PgCyr^{-1} (HadCM3-NS, FAMOUS_NS) $\sim 70 \text{ kaBP}$, associated with MIS 4. NPP then recovers to similar values as between 105 and 70 kaBP (MIS 5d to 5a) during MIS 3, followed by the final reduction (-10 PgCyr^{-1}) to lowest values during the LGM (Fig. 5).

4.3 Terrestrial carbon storage

Early modelling studies and data-based reconstructions produced a range of 270–1100 PgC decrease in terrestrial carbon storage during the LGM compared with pre-industrial time (see summary table 1 in Kohler and Fischer, 2004). These estimates were based on various techniques including isotopic mass balance based on known marine and atmospheric $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values (Bird et al., 1994), and either data-based or simple model-based reconstructions where constant carbon storage per unit area of each biome was assumed (e.g. Prentice et al., 1993; Crowley, 1995). These early estimates were unreliable, however, because (a) they do not account for variation in carbon storage within biomes and (b) they neglect the substantial influence of atmospheric CO_2 concentration on carbon storage (see Prentice and Harrison, 2009, for a fuller discussion). More recent studies have narrowed the range of LGM terrestrial carbon storage decreases to 300–700 PgC. Prentice et al. (2011) estimated a 550–694 PgC decrease at the LGM using the LPX dynamic vegetation model forced by

et al., 2011). An ensemble of ocean circulation model simulations suggests a similar decrease of $-0.31 \pm 0.2\%$ (Tagliabue et al., 2009).

Using our modelled glacial–interglacial terrestrial carbon storage changes the above approach may be inverted to estimate global ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ changes over the same time period. The mass balance approach of Bird et al. (1996) was followed to estimate ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ at any point from 120 kaBP to the PI. Using the modelled terrestrial biosphere carbon mass and that of the atmosphere (from the ice core record), contributions to global ocean mass changes were estimated. First, changes in total terrestrial biosphere $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ were estimated by multiplying the terrestrial carbon storage calculated at each grid point (described above in Sect. 3.4.3) by the model output $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ for each grid cell. These were then averaged to produce a global biosphere $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (Fig. 6a). We then assumed a constant atmospheric $\delta^{13}\text{C}$. Ice core records suggest variations between -6.5 to -7% but the time period covered only extends to the LGM (Leuenberger et al., 1992; Laurantou et al., 2010; Schmitt et al., 2012), so we did not estimate $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values between 22 and 120 kaBP and instead kept all values at -6.5% . Sensitivity tests (not shown) demonstrated that the calculated $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ocean changes would not change significantly whether constant or varying atmospheric $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ was used (the maximum difference at LGM was 2% on total ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ depending on whether -6.5 or -7% was assumed). Combining calculated terrestrial and atmospheric $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and assuming total isotopic mass balance over time, total ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ was calculated for the last 120 kyr (Fig. 6b).

The modelled terrestrial biosphere $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (Fig. 6a) displays the largest increase during the LGM when atmospheric CO_2 was at its lowest concentrations, due to changes in C_4 vegetation input (C_4 vegetation discriminates against ^{13}C less than C_3 vegetation when carbon is incorporated by photosynthesis). Consequently, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ increases (becomes less negative) when C_4 vegetation is more prevalent. The differences in biome area between FAMOUS and HadCM3 driven output (Fig. 3), in particular warm temperate and boreal forest coverage, do not result in large differences

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changes. Modelled ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ changes derived with FAMOUS are larger because of larger simulated changes in terrestrial carbon storage. The differences in terrestrial carbon storage between the models in turn derive from differences in the variability of ice-sheet prescription (Fig. 3) and regional climate biases, where HadCM3 is generally wetter and slightly warmer in the glacial than FAMOUS, which means productivity and extent of warm temperate and boreal forests does not decrease as it does into the glacial in FAMOUS.

Existing data coverage is still low, and so there are still large areas of uncertainty in our knowledge of the palaeo-Earth system. Better spatial and temporal coverage for all parts of the globe, especially lowland areas, is required, and for this we need data from new sites incorporated into global datasets that are easily accessible by the scientific community.

The synthesised biomized dataset presented in this paper can be downloaded as supplementary material to this paper, or may be obtained by contacting the authors.

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Table 2. Details of the locations of pollen-data records synthesised in this study.

	Core	Latitude	Longitude	A.S.L. (m)	Age ~ (kaBP)	Reference	Biomization reference
North America							
Canada (short)	Brother-of-Fog	67.18	-63.25	380	Last interglacial	Frechette et al. (2006)	Williams et al. (2000)
Canada (short)	Amarok	66.27	-65.75	848	Holocene and last interglacial	Frechette et al. (2006)	Williams et al. (2000)
USA	Carp Lake	45.92	-120.88	714	0 to ca 130	Whitlock and Bartlein (1997)	Thompson and Anderson (2000)
USA	Bear Lake	41.95	-111.31	1805	0 to 150	Jiménez-Moreno et al. (2007)	Thompson and Anderson (2000)
USA	Potato lake	34.4	-111.3	2222	2 to ca 35	Anderson et al. (1993)	Thompson and Anderson (2000)
USA	San Felipe	31	-115.25	400	16 to 42	Lozano-Garcia et al. (2002)	Thompson and Anderson (2000)
USA	Lake Tulane	27.59	-81.50	36	0 to 52	Grimm et al. (2006)	Williams et al. (2000)
Latin America							
Mexico	Lake Patzcuaro	19.58	-101.58	2044	3 to 44	Watts and Bradbury (1982)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Guatemala	Lake Petén-Itzá	16.92	-89.83	110	0–86	Correa-Metrio et al. (2012)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Colombia	Ciudad Universitaria X	-4.75	-74.18	2560	0 to 35	van der Hammen and González (1960)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Peru	Laguna Junin	-11.00	-76.18	4100	0 to 36 (LAPD1?)	Hansen et al. (1984)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Peru/Bolivia	Lake Titicaca	-15.9	-69.10	3810	3–370 (shown until 140)	Gosling et al. (2008); Hanselman et al. (2011); Fritz et al. (2007)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Guatemala	Lago Quexil	16.92	-89.88	110	9 to 36	Leyden (1984); Leyden et al. (1993, 1994)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Brazil	Salitre	-19.00	-46.77	970	2 to 50 (LAPD1)	Ledru (1992, 1993); Ledru et al. (1994, 1996)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Brazil	Colonia	-23.87	-46.71	900	0 to 120	Ledru et al. (2009)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Brazil	Cambara	-29.05	-50.10	1040	0 to 38	Behling et al. (2004)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Peru/Bolivia	Lake Titicaca	~ -16 to -17.5	~ -68.5 to -70	3810	3–138	Hanselman et al. (2011); Fritz et al. (2007)	Marchant et al. (2009)
Bolivia	Uyuni	-20.00	-68.00	653	17 to 108	Chepstow Lusty et al. (2005)	Marchant et al. (2009)

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Table 2. Continued.

	Core	Latitude	Longitude	A.S.L. (m)	Age ~ (ka BP)	Reference	Biomization reference
Australasia							
Russia	Lake Baikal	53.95	108.9		114–130	–	–
Japan	Lake Biwa	35	135	85.6	0–120	Nakagawa et al. (2008)	Takahara et al. (1999)
Japan	Lake Suigetsu	35.58	135.88	~ 0	0–120	Nakagawa (2008)	Takahara et al. (1999)
Thailand	Khorat Plateau	17	103	~ 180	0–40	Penny (2001)	Pickett et al. (2004)
Australia	Lynch's Crater	–17.37	145.7	760	0–120	Kershaw (1986)	Pickett et al. (2004)
New Caledonia	Xero Wapo	–22.28	166.97	220	0–120	Stevenson and Hope (2005)	Pickett et al. (2004)
Australia	Caldeonia fen	–37.33	146.73	1280	0–120	Kershaw et al. (2007)	Pickett et al. (2004)
New Zealand	Okarito	–43.24	170.22	70	0–120	Vandergoes et al. (2005)	Pickett et al. (2004)

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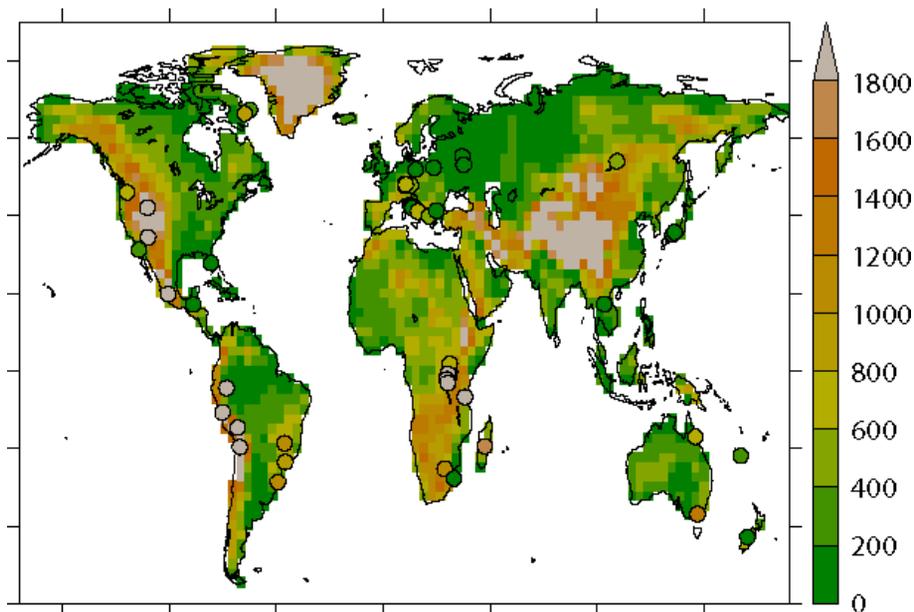


Figure 1. Locations and altitudes of pollen records superimposed on pre-industrial HadCM3 orography (m).

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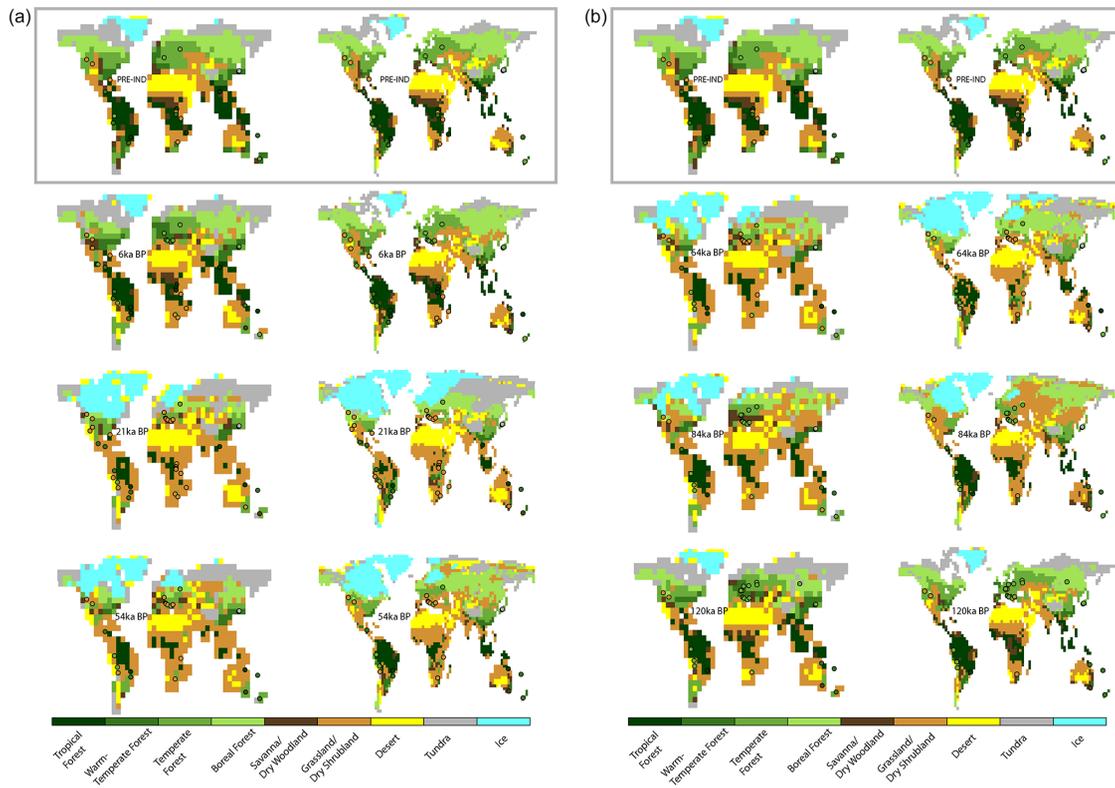


Figure 2. Biome reconstructions from FAMOUS and HadCM3 climates for selected marine isotope stages (denoted in kaBP). The biome with the highest affinity score for each site in our synthesis where there is pollen during this stage is superimposed.

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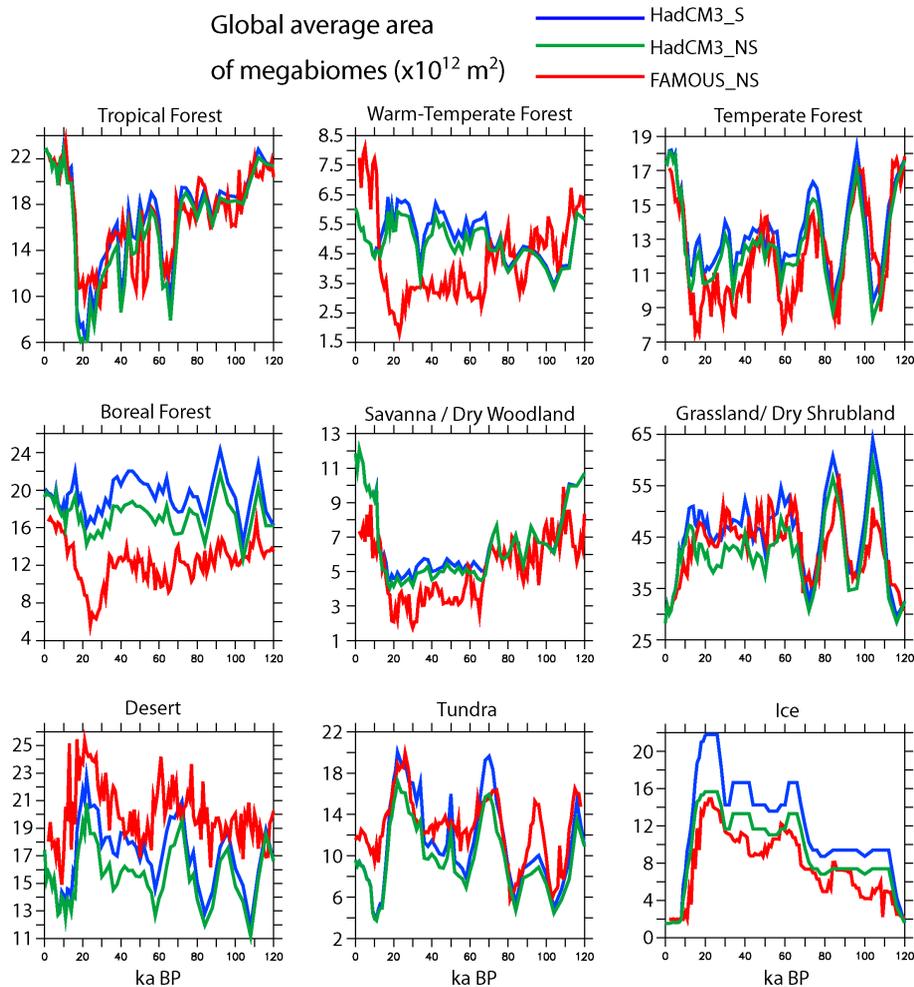
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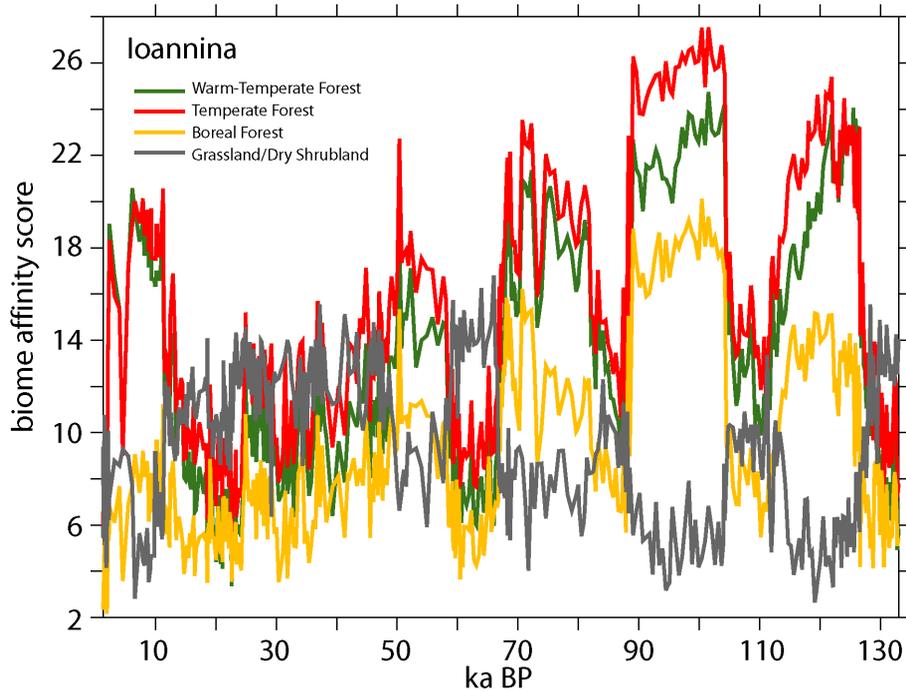


Figure 4. Affinity scores for the 4 dominant biome types at the Ioannina site (20.73° E, 39.76° N) from Greece.

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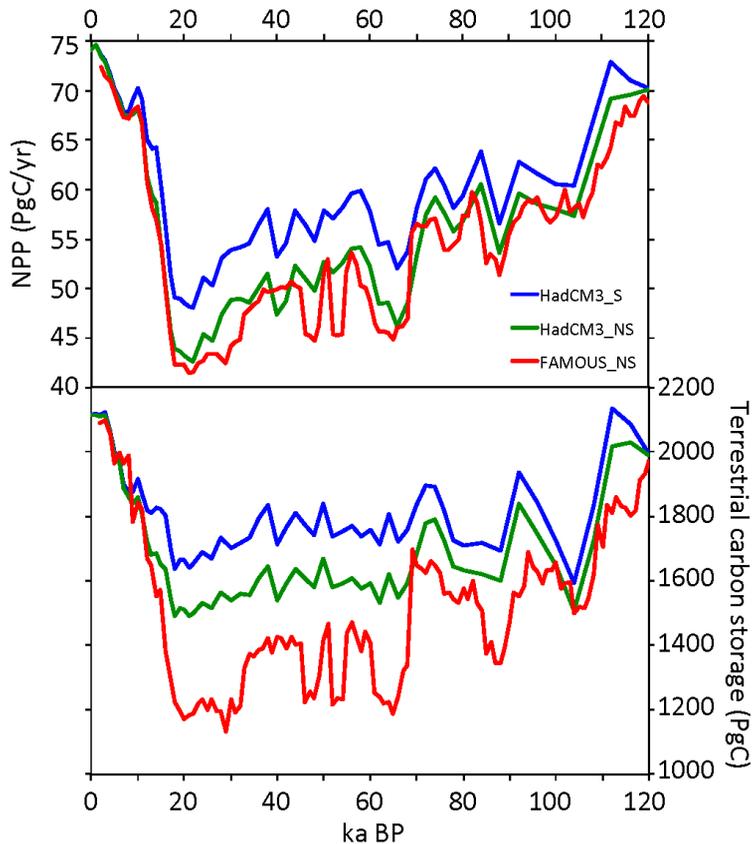


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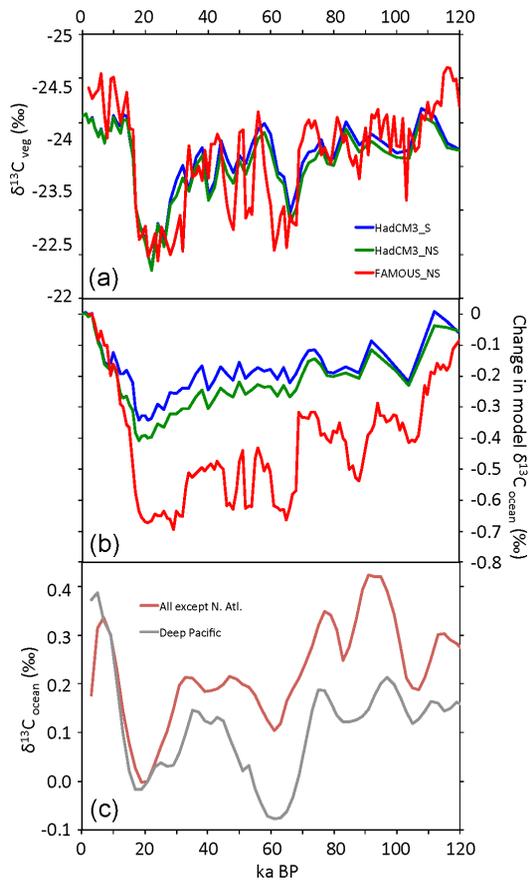


Figure 6. (a) Modelled $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ for terrestrial biosphere; (b) change in modelled total ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, (c) benthic foraminifera deep ocean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ compiled by Oliver et al. (2010).