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30 Abstract

Palaeo-dust records in sediments and ice cores show that wind-borne mineral aerosol ('dust') is 31 strongly linked with climate state. During glacial climate stages, for example, the world was 32 much dustier, with dust fluxes two to five times greater than in interglacial stages. However, the 33 influence of dust on climate remains a poorly quantified and actively changing element of the 34 35 Earth's climate system. Dust can influence climate directly, by the scattering and absorption of solar and terrestrial radiation, and indirectly, by modifying cloud properties. Dust transported to 36 37 the oceans can also affect climate via ocean fertilization in those regions of the world's oceans where macronutrients like nitrate are abundant but primary production and nitrogen fixation are 38 limited by iron scarcity. Dust containing iron, as fine-grained iron oxides/oxyhydroxides and/or 39 within clay minerals, and other essential micronutrients (e.g. silica) may modulate the uptake of 40 carbon in marine ecosystems and, in turn, the atmospheric concentration of CO2. Here, in order 41 42 to critically examine past fluxes and possible climate impacts of dust in general and iron-bearing dust in particular, we consider present day sources and properties of dust, synthesise available 43 records of dust deposition at the last glacial maximum (LGM); evaluate the evidence for changes 44 45 in ocean palaeo-productivity associated with, and possibly caused by, changes in aeolian flux to the oceans at the LGM; and consider the radiative forcing effects of increased LGM dust 46 47 loadings.

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49 Keywords: aerosols, dust, climate change, palaeoclimatology, radiative forcing, iron

50 fertilisation.

51 1. Introduction

- 52 Palaeo-dust records show that wind-borne mineral aerosol (here referred to as 'dust') is strongly
- 53 linked with climate state. Studies of dust in sediments and ice cores show that dust
- 54 concentrations and fluxes have changed greatly in association with changes in climate, for
- 55 example, in the transitions from glacial to interglacial regimes. During glacial climate stages, the
- 56 world was much dustier, with dust fluxes two to five times greater than in interglacial stages (e.g.
- 57 Kohfeld and Harrison, 2001). However, the influence of dust on climate remains a poorly
- 58 quantified and actively changing element of the Earth's climate system. We know from present-
- 59 day studies that dust can influence climate directly, by changing the radiative properties of the
- atmosphere through the scattering and absorption of solar and terrestrial radiation, and indirectly,
- by acting as ice nuclei (Sassen et al., 2003) and modifying cloud properties which, in turn, can
- 62 impact both the radiative balance of the Earth and the hydrological cycle (Arimoto, 2001). Dust
- 63 transported to the oceans can also affect climate indirectly, by supplying elements such as Fe, an
- 64 essential micronutrient in enzymes essential to photosynthesis (Martin et al., 1991);
- 65 phytoplankton in about 40% of the world ocean are Fe-limited (Moore et al., 2002). Thus, dust
- delivery to the ocean can modulate the uptake of carbon in marine ecosystems and, in turn, the
- 67 atmospheric concentration of CO₂.
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- 69 Dust not only can affect climate, but the generation and transport of dust is itself extremely
- sensitive to climate. At the present day, the most obvious link is with aridity the globally
- dominant sources of dust are all located in arid or semi-arid regions. Global model estimates of
- 72 present-day dust mobilization rates are poorly constrained, reflecting the scarcity of temporal and
- r spatial data coverage, and range between ~ 1 and 3.5 Pg yr⁻¹ (e.g. Tanaka and Chiba, 2006;
- 74 Zender et al., 2003; Engelstaedter et al., 2006); optimized multi-model estimates yield a range of
- 75 1.5 to 2.6 Pg yr-1(Cakmur et al., 2006). Estimates of deposition to the oceans range from about
- 76 0.3 to 2 Pg yr⁻¹ (Zender et al., 2004; Mahowald et al., 2005). Human activities can have an
- impact on dust mobilization but here too estimates are poorly constrained and range from 0 to 50
- 78 % of global dust emissions (e.g. Tegen et al., 2004; Mahowald et al., 2004; Yoshioka et al.,
- 79 2005).
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As recorded in sediments and ice cores, there have been large and systematic variations in dust 81 loading in the past. The large changes in dust emissions and transport seen from the palaeo-dust 82 83 record may reflect a variety of processes: changes in sources and source conditions; changes in vegetative cover; sub-aerial erosion of emergent continental shelves; deflation from periglacial 84 deposits; variations in wind speed and gustiness; changed wind patterns linking sources to 85 86 deposition areas; changes in deposition along the dust transport path. In order to interpret the palaeo-record and to anticipate future changes in climate, we need to have a better understanding 87 of the factors that affect dust mobilization and its subsequent climatic impacts. 88 89 The complex linkages between climate and the dust generation-transport process on glacial-90 interglacial time scales is illustrated in figure 1. There are many processes that can affect the dust 91 cycle either directly or indirectly under any specific climate scenario. The relative importance of 92 93 any specific process can change dramatically when shifting from one climate state to another e.g., during glacial stages, low sea levels expose coastal sediments and glacial action can produce 94 unvegetated, unconsolidated deposits all of which can become major sources of dust. A major 95 driver in the Earth's climate system is atmospheric CO₂. Figure 1 shows how dust transport to the 96 oceans could conceivably modify ocean productivity and atmospheric CO₂ and the consequent 97 impacts on other climate variables including the dust cycle. One major objective of 98 palaeoclimatology is to use the dust record in ice cores and sediments, coupled with our 99 knowledge of Earth surface processes today, to improve our understanding of these linkages in 100 the current climate state and to use this information to better interpret the Earth's past climate 101 102 history. 103 104

For the future, dust cycle models predict large changes in aeolian transport from the continents to the oceans over coming centuries, in response to anthropogenic climate change (e.g. Mahowald et al., 2006). In order to anticipate the effects of future changes in dust emissions, it is important to identify the impacts of past and present-day dust flux changes in terms of feedbacks with regard to radiative forcing of dust aerosols and any ocean fertilization and resultant productivitydriven changes in atmospheric CO₂.

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112	Here, in order to examine past fluxes and possible climate impacts of dust in general and iron-	
113	bearing dust in particular, we synthesise available records of dust deposition at the last glacial	
114	maximum (LGM); evaluate the evidence for changes in ocean palaeo-productivity associated	
115	with, and possibly caused by, changes in aeolian flux to the oceans at the LGM; and consider the	
116	radiative forcing effects of increased LGM dust loadings. We begin by presenting an overview of	
117	global dust processes and the state of our knowledge about these processes.	
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119	Figure 1	
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121	2. Present-Day Global Dust Processes and Distributions	
122	2.1 Dust source processes.	
123	Dust mobilization is a highly complex process that is a function of many atmospheric, soil, and	
124	terrain properties (Goudie, 2008). Consequently the detachment, entrainment and transport of	
125	dust are highly variable both spatially and temporally. Dust generation is mostly associated with	
126	strong and/or gusty winds with the emitted flux varying as the third or fourth power of wind	
127	speed. The necessary wind fields to uplift dust can be generated by a wide range of local	
128	meteorological conditions. <u>In particular, surface heat fluxes that induce convective activity can</u>	Deleted: ranging from synoptic-scale systems
129	lead to dust generation (Engelstaedter and Washington, 2007), e.g., haboobs (Williams, 2008).	Deleted: to smaller scale convective processes
130	Terrain features can strongly modulate emission rates (Washington et al., 2005; Koren et al.,	
131	2007). Particle detachment is inhibited by any element which increases surface roughness, e.g.	
132	vegetation, snow cover and surface armouring (by pebbles, stones or by salt crusts). Soil	
133	moisture plays a critical role by affecting particle cohesion along with cementation by salt	
134	content and soil structure. Dust emission thus tends to be favoured in arid or semi-arid areas,	
135	with annual rainfall $\leq \sim 250$ mm p.a. (Prospero et al., 2002; Washington et al., 2003), little or no	
136	vegetation cover and strong, long-fetch winds.	Deleted: 1
137	Many of the most intense present-day dust sources are associated with deep alluvial deposits laid	
138	down in the Pleistocene and Holocene (Prospero et al., 2002). Direct detachment and	
139	entrainment by the wind of particles (especially fine particles, $<20~\mu\text{m},~PM_{20})$ appears	
140	subordinate to the effects of saltation (fig. 2); the impacts of sand-sized grains and/or aggregates	
141	on their downward trajectory cause 'sandblasting' - the emission of finer dust grains from the	
142	surface and/or from the original saltating aggregate (e.g. Gillette, 1978; Shao et al., 1993; Sow et	

al., 2009). Thus the dust mobilization process and the resulting properties of the deflated dust can 146 147 be extremely sensitive to a wide range of environmental variables (including, for example, land 148 use change (Tegen et al., 1995)). The complexity of these processes potentially makes dust a good proxy for climate variability but also makes the dust record difficult to interpret. 149 150 151 Figure 2. 152 153 2.2. Global dust sources and transport. Much of our knowledge of the large-scale transports of dust is based on remotely sensed data, 154 155 primarily from satellites. While there is an extensive literature of the directly measured 156 concentrations and physical properties of dust, these are mostly too isolated in time and space to provide a coherent picture of dust transports. However, such measurements, when coupled with 157 158 remote sensing data, can provide a compelling and informative picture of global dust transport. 159 Satellites have come to play a dominant role in aerosol research (Kaufman et al., 2002). At present there is a large variety of sensors and platforms that provide information on aerosol 160 161 concentrations and on some aspects of their physical properties - e.g., size, radiative absorption, 162 polarization (Dubovik et al, 2008) - and also on the altitude distribution of these properties (e.g., 163 Liu et al., 2008). 164 165 Satellite measurements of aerosol optical depth (AOD) with NOAA Advanced Very High 166 Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR) provide a global picture of aerosol transport over the oceans (Fig. 3a; Husar et al., 1997). Over land, the most active dust source regions are detected with the 167 168 Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS) absorbing aerosol product (Fig. 3b; Prospero et al., 169 2002). More recently, Shepanski et al. (2007) identified the regions where dust source is 170 activated using three different infrared channels of the Meteosat Second Generation (MSG) Deleted: 171 instrument. This analysis is based on the frequency of dust generation but does not allow to 172 retrieve the magnitude of the flux resulting from the episodes. Analyzing dust emission flux or 173 evaluating dust mass requires a careful analysis of dust optical depth retrieved over deserts by 174 the MISR (Multiangle Imaging SpectroRadiometer) instrument ,together with information on the Formatted: Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt vertical distribution of dust retrieved from CALIPSO (Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared 175 Formatted: Font: Times New Roman 176 Pathfinder Satellite Observation). Shepanski et al. (2009) were able to retrieve information on

178	the diurnal cycle of dust emissions over Western Africa. Sixty five percents of dust source
179	activation was found to occur in early morning from 0600-0900 UTC, well before the hours
180	when the surface latent heat fluxes become important.
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182	It is clear from Figure 3 that at the present day the northern hemisphere is far more 'dusty' than
183	the southern hemisphere. This statement is based largely on <i>in situ</i> aerosol measurements made
184	in different ocean regions (e.g. Duce et al., 1991; Prospero, 1996a; Prospero et al., 1989) and on
185	satellite products such as shown in Figure 3. Satellite AOD distributions (fig. 3a) show large
186	areas of high AOD over the oceans; the distribution of these plume-like features is clearly linked
187	to continental sources. The largest and most persistent plumes (fig. 3a) emanate from arid
188	regions in North Africa, the Middle East and Asia; the aerosols in these plume regions typically
189	contain high concentrations of dust (e.g., Husar et al., 1997; Duce et al., 1991; Prospero, 1996;
190	Prospero et al., 1989). These plumes can be directly linked to dust sources on the continents
191	using the TOMS satellite (fig. 3b), one of the few sensors that can effectively sense aerosols over
192	land (Herman et al., 1997).
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194	It is notable that the major source regions (Fig. 3a and b; Table 1) are concentrated within a
195	broad 'dust belt' that extends from the west coast of North Africa eastward to the Pacific coast of
196	China. The timing of maximum dust emissions varies across this dust belt. In North Africa,
197	maximum dust transport occurs in boreal summer, with dust transported across the
198	Mediterranean to Europe and the Middle East (Moulin et al., 1998) and across the Atlantic to the
199	Caribbean (Prospero and Lamb, 2003), the southeastern United States (Perry et al., 1997;
200	Prospero, 1999), and the midlatitude western North Atlantic (Arimoto et al., 1995). There is also
201	considerable transport in the winter with dust carried into South America (Prospero, 1981). In the
202	Middle East, activity peaks in the late spring/summer and is at a minimum in the winter. Over
203	the Indian subcontinent, activity peaks in the spring and decreases in the summer with the onset
204	of the southwest monsoon. In Asia, dust activity peaks strongly in the boreal spring.
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- 206 Of the major dust sources, North Africa is by far the strongest, contributing \sim 40-60 % of global
- 207 dust emissions (e.g. Prospero, 1996b; Ginoux, 2001). For example, the so-called Sahara–Sahel
- 208 'dust corridor' extends over $\sim 4000~{\rm km}$ from Chad to Mauritania and emits very large volumes

of dust over the Atlantic Ocean (Moreno et al., 2006). Within this broad 'corridor', specific 209 210 sources stand out as 'hot spots' of activity. Most notable is the Bodele Depression, Chad, the 211 world's most persistently intense dust source at present day, responsible for an estimated $\sim 15-20$ % of North African emissions (Washington et al., 2006). While the Bodele stands out as a unique 212 source on a global scale, much of North Africa serves as an effective dust source. Indeed, much 213 214 of North Africa is frequently covered by a dust pall during much of the year. A large region of intense and frequent dust activity lies in Mali, Mauritania and southern Algeria (Prospero et al., 215 2002; Goudie and Middleton, 2006). Many of the most active sources are associated with 216 drainage systems from the Ahaggar Mountains. This region is probably more representative 217 generally of arid region dust sources and source processes, with many types of sources 218 contributing to the dust emissions: i.e., old alluvial deposits, playas, dried lakes and wadis. 219 Another area of dust activity lies in Tunisia and Northeast Algeria, greatest activity occurring in 220 221 association with an extensive system of salt lakes and dry lakes in the lowlands south of the Tell Atlas Mountains. Major dust activity also occurs in the eastern Libyan desert in a region marked 222 with an interconnected a chain of wadis (Wadi al-Farigh, Wadi al Hamim). Other active sites are 223 224 found in Egypt, Sudan and the flanks of the Ethiopian Highlands. 225 The other major source regions of the Northern Hemisphere are the Arabian peninsula (~10-20 226 % of global emissions, Table 1) and central and eastern Asia (~15-20 %). For the Arabian 227 peninsula, two major active areas extend along the eastern side of the peninsula along the Persian 228 229 Gulf, and along the Oman coastal margins (fig. 3), comprising coastal sabkhas and dissected

230 wadi systems, respectively (Goudie and Middleton, 2006). The lower Tigris-Euphrates basin,

231 from north of Baghdad to the Persian Gulf, also provides a summer peak in dust activity, sourced

232 from an immense alluvial plain. Very high concentrations of dust and pollution-derived species

- are found over the Arabian Sea early in the year (fig. 3a) carried by the winter monsoon and the
- action of systems moving from the North (Verma et al., 2007). Dust is carried from sources in

the eastern Sahara and in northwest India (including the Thar Desert) and Pakistan.

236 Concentrations of dust and pollutant species drop sharply across the inter-tropical convergence

237 zone and with the onset of the southwest (summer) monsoon (Savoie et al., 1987; Krishnamurti

et al., 1998) and demonstrate the effectiveness of the inter-tropical convergence zone in blocking

the transport of aerosols to the southern hemisphere.

In eastern Asia, dust sources - mostly in China - are extremely active in the boreal spring. Very 241 242 large quantities of dust (often mixed with high concentrations of pollutants) are carried out of China eastward, across the coastal waters, and over Korea and Japan where the dust is such a 243 persistent phenomenon, noted in many centuries of historical records, that it is given a name, 244 245 'kosa' – yellow dust (Kar and Takeuchi, 2004). Asian dust is routinely observed in relatively high concentrations at stations in the central North Pacific (Prospero et al., 1989). The strong 246 seasonal dust cycle and the trans-Pacific extent of the transport can be seen in figure 3a. 247 Although there are many active dust sources in China (Prospero et al., 2002; Goudie and 248 Middleton, 2006; Wang et al., 2004), several stand out in satellite images: the Tarim Pendi basin 249 (containing the Taklimakan Desert; central Inner Mongolia Plateau and the Gobi Desert); the 250 Hexi Corridor and the Loess Plateau; and western Inner Mongolian Plateau. The Tarim Pendi 251 basin, which receives very little rainfall (50-100 mm a year along its periphery and ~ 10 mm in 252 the central regions), is most active from February through May. The Gobi desert, located east of 253 254 the Tarim Basin on the Mongolian Plateau, is a major dust source at present. Every spring, 255 spectacular dust storms can be seen generated over the Gobi; similar to many dust events in North Africa, the most active sources cover a relatively small area of the surface in effect acting 256 as 'point' sources. Gobi dust outbreaks can be followed n satellite imagery as they move across 257 the Pacific to North America (Husar et al., 2001). The Loess Plateau extends over ~440,000 km² 258 and is covered with loess with depths ranging from typically ~100 m to as much as 350 m 259 (Maher et al., 2008). The Loess Plateau is unique in the global dust picture in that it is the only 260 loess region that serves as a highly active dust source at the present day. These loessic soils are 261 now susceptible to enhanced deflation because of the intense agricultural activity in this region 262 263 (Wang et al., 2004). While various estimates exist as to the quantitative effects of human 264 activities in dust mobilization (see Section 1), it is clear that of all the major dust sources, the 265 Asian sources are those where humans could be having a major effect on emissions, although 266 this is still a matter of considerable debate (Wang et al., 2006). 267

268 Figure 3 a and b

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For the southern hemisphere, contemporary dust sources have been mapped by Prospero et al. 270 (2002) using TOMS data. Australia, South America and southern Africa each have localized 271 272 areas of dust emissions. However, there is little evidence of major and sustained dust activity in these regions. Although there are few measurements of aerosols over the southern oceans, these 273 show much lower concentrations than over the northern oceans (e.g., Prospero et al., 1989; Baker 274 275 et al., 2006; Wagener et al., 2008). Measurements of AOD (e.g. Fig. 3a) made by a wide variety of satellite systems (Zhu et al., 2007) fail to detect substantial aerosol plume effects that can be 276 attributed to dust sources. This may partly reflect some under-estimation by TOMS due to 277 difficulties of dust detection in cloudy conditions (e.g. Gassó and Stein, 2007). However, 278 279 compilations of satellite aerosol event imagery contain many hundreds of examples of dust plumes, the overwhelming majority of which are linked to Northern Hemisphere sources (see, 280 for example: http://visibleearth.nasa.gov/; http://rapidfire.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/gallery/). In stark 281 282 contrast, model results (IPCC, 2001a; Li et al., 2008) often identify emission of large dust plumes from Australia (comparable to those sourced from NW Africa). Ground-truthing of 283 284 either the remotely sensed or modelled data is severely constrained by the lack of modern dust 285 data. For example, while the ModelE dust component of the GISS Global Circulation Model (Cakmur et al., 2006) is constrained by data from 96 individual sites, only 18 of those are in the 286 southern hemisphere (and of these, 13 were measured during a historic low for dust emissions 287 from Australia (Mackie et al., 2008). The main Australian source is the Lake Eyre basin (Bullard 288 et al., 2008), followed by the Murray-Darling basin, both comprising extensive river systems, 289 290 floodplains and dunefields (Bullard and McTainsh, 2003). There are two main dust transport paths, one to the northwest and one to the southeast (Bowler, 1976). Although the southeast path 291 is often described as crossing the Tasman Sea (and Australian dust is often reported in New 292 293 Zealand, e.g. Marx et al., 2005), individual events are variable and can contribute sediment 294 further south, to the Southern Ocean and southwest Pacific (McGowan et al., 2000; McTainsh et 295 al., 2005; Shao et al., 2007). Iron is a conspicuous component of Australian soils and dust storms 296 (Taylor et al., 1983; McTainsh, 1989; Mackie et al., 2008) but the concentrations and mineralogy of Antipodean long range transport (LRT) dusts are poorly known. From magnetic 297 298 measurements, modern dusts from eastern Australia and the palaeo-dust contained within 299 Tasman Sea sediments contain fine-grained haematite/goethite, which varies directly with the concentration of the mineral dust fraction (Hesse, 1997). New Zealand appears to be an 300

insignificant source of dust at the present day (Prospero et al, 2002), unsurprising as prevailing 301 trans-Tasman winds are to the east (McGowan et al., 2000). 302 303 Although southern Africa has some significant dust sources (notably the Etosha, Namibia and 304 Magkadikgadi, NE Botswana, pans; Prospero et al., 1992; Washington et al. 2003), it is not a 305 306 major exporter of dust. Iron-rich South African dust that enters the ocean is largely (> 90 %) deposited in the S. Indian Ocean (e.g. Piketh et al., 2000) along latitude ~ 35 °E with only ~ 4 % 307 entering the S. Atlantic (Garstang et al., 1996) Some work (Stuut et al. 2005) points to deflation 308 309 of silt-rich (> 20 μ m) dust to the southwest into the South Atlantic, but it is unknown if this is 310 then transported into the higher latitudes. 311 For South America, the southern region is spanned by a continuous band of arid or semi-arid terrains extending from the Peruvian to the Patagonian coast (the 'Diagonal àrida'/arid 312 313 diagonal). Based on TOMS data, Prospero et al. (2002) identified three main dust sources in 314 southern S. America which overlap most of this arid diagonal: the Puna (22-26 °S)/Altiplano (15-22 °S) Plateau, central-west Argentina (27-35 °S) and Patagonia (39-52 °S). Preferential 315 316 emission sources appear linked to large dry lakes (Puna/Altiplano), thousands of small enclosed 317 basins (Patagonia) and extensive alluvial fans (central-west Argentina). Patagonia is strongly 318 influenced by the southern hemisphere westerlies. Patagonian-sourced dust is estimated to supply ~90 % (~ 30 g m⁻² a⁻¹) of the present day sediment flux to the SW Atlantic from S. America 319 320 (Gaiero et al. 2003). In the high arid plateau (Puna/Altiplano) of the central Andes, the climate is 321 mostly governed by the subtropical jet stream and dust emitted from this area can be directly injected into the tropospheric winds. Both wind systems can produce eastward dust transport and 322 deposition to proximal areas like the Pampas and the nearby Atlantic Ocean or, distally, to the 323 324 Southern Ocean or the East Antarctic Plateau. The characteristics of present day Patagonian dust are relatively well known (Gaiero et al., 2003; Gaiero et al., 2004; Gaiero et al., 2007). Clay-size 325 fractions are dominated by the clay mineral, smectite. The chemical/isotopic composition of dust 326 reflects the contribution of Jurassic and Quaternary explosive volcanism (Gaiero et al., 2007). 327 Dust deposition rates vary from ~5 g m⁻² a⁻¹ at the Patagonian coast, ~28 g m⁻² a⁻¹ (Gaiero et al., 328 in prep.) at the Central Pampa (33 °S); and ~26 g m⁻² a⁻¹ for the southern Pampa (39 °S) regions 329 (Ramsperberger et al., 1998; Gaiero et al., 2003). 330

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Major dust sources require not only the operation of efficient dust deflation and transport 332 processes but also a replenishment of dust supply, through active weathering and comminution 333 of parent materials. TOMS (fig. 3b) shows a clear association of dust sources with specific types 334 of terrains and environments. All major sources in figure 2b are located in arid regions (annual 335 rainfall < ~ 200-250 mm) and centered over topographical lows or on lands adjacent to strong 336 337 topographical highs. Although the source regions themselves are arid or hyper-arid, fluvial action is evident everywhere by the presence of ephemeral rivers and streams, alluvial fans, playas, and 338 saline lakes. Furthermore, even presently arid source areas have had a relatively recent pluvial 339 history. The association of dust sources with water features is consistent with our understanding 340 of the processes involved in the production of fine particles through weathering (Pye, 1989; 341 Smalley et al., 2005). Fluvial and chemical weathering processes appear much more efficient in 342 the production of small particles (i.e., particles $< \sim 10 \mu m$ diameter) than are aeolian processes 343 344 (i.e. grinding and impaction). Subsequently, through fluvial action, small particles are carried to depositional basins or alluvial plains where, after drying, they are subject to deflation by wind. 345 Thus, precipitation totals and timing are important both in the (low-lying) area of emission and in 346 any adjacent, dust-supplying highlands. TOMS shows a remarkably consistent association of 347 dust sources with playas and associated terrain environments [Prospero et al., 2002], such as the 348 alluvial fans that ring the basins in which the playas are found (Reheis et al., 1995). The playa is 349 the ultimate receptacle of almost all the fine-grained sediments eroded within a basin over a 350 geological time period, thus they are storehouses of fine, dry, unconsolidated (and thus wind-351 erodible) sediments often in amounts far in excess of production rates in the present climate. An 352 important characteristic of other major dust sources is the presence of deep and extensive alluvial 353 deposits. During pluvial phases, these basins were flooded and thick layers of sediment were 354 deposited which are now exposed. Many of the most active TOMS sources were flooded during 355 356 the Pleistocene - Holocene. The prime example is the Bodele Depression in Chad, the largest 357 source of long-range dust in the world (Warren et al., 2007). 358 Thus, the most productive dust-source environments at the present day are the result of the

359 complex interplay between climate, terrain and geological history. In order to understand the

360 linkages between climate, dust production, and transport, we must understand in detail how these

- 361 features interact.
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Over the past decade, global circulation models and chemical transport models have come to 363 364 play an important role in understanding dust-climate relationships. At present, there are over a 365 dozen models that simulate the dust cycle, represent its optical properties and predict dry and wet deposition over the global domain (Textor et al., 2006). However, the accuracy of global aerosol 366 models is limited by uncertainties in aerosol emission source characteristics, in our knowledge of 367 368 atmospheric transport and removal processes and also errors in the meteorological data assimilated into the model computations. Thus there can be large differences among the outputs 369 370 of the various models and, in the absence of aerosol measurements over large areas of the Earth, it is difficult to select the "best" model. Regardless of these shortcomings, most of the currently 371 reported dust budget values are based on transport models (e.g. Werner et al., 2002; Luo et al., 372 2003; Zender et al., 2003 and 2004; Ginoux et al., 2004; Mahowald et al., 2005; Cakmur et al., 373 2006; Miller et al., 2006; Tanaka and Chiba, 2006; Li et al., 2008). 374 375 376 3. Dust impacts on climate. 377 3.1 Dust as a source of bioavailable iron 378 Dust may play a critical, indirect role in climate change, through biogeochemical interactions (e.g. via iron or other essential element fertilization of ocean and/or terrestrial ecosystems) and 379 chemical interactions with ozone and sulphur cycles (Cwiertny et al., 2008; Chin et al., 2000). In 380 the case of ocean fertilization, dust containing iron, as fine-grained iron oxides/oxyhydroxides 381 and/or within clay minerals, and other essential micronutrients (e.g. silica) may play a significant 382 383 role for those regions of the world's oceans where macronutrients like nitrate are abundant but primary production and nitrogen fixation is limited by iron scarcity. Hence, as formalised by 384 Martin et al. (1990, 1991), the efficiency of the 'biological pump' is low and there is significant 385 386 potential for enhanced export production and drawdown of atmospheric CO₂. The Southern 387 Ocean and the equatorial and northwestern subarctic Pacific are the major high nitrate, low 388 chlorophyll (HNLC) areas, totalling some 30-50 % of the world ocean (Moore et al., 2004; 389 Aumont et al., 2003). Diatoms are the key phytoplankton group for formation of algal blooms in such areas and are strongly iron-limited. Additionally, in tropical and subtropical regions, iron 390

- deficiency may also limit phytoplankton growth in subtropical gyres (Johnson et al., 1997;
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- 392 Sedwick et al., 2005) and nitrogen fixation by the diazotrophs (Falkowski, 1997; Moore et al.,
- 2006). Supply of iron-bearing dust may thus directly and indirectly limit primary productivity for 393

large portions of the world ocean (Moore and Doney, 2007), affecting biological carbon export at
the global scale (Moore and Braucher, 2008).
Consistently higher dissolved iron concentrations (>1 nM) are observed for ocean areas below
major dust plumes (Sarthou et al., 2003). The 'iron hypothesis' (Martin, 1990) suggests that past
increases in aeolian, iron-bearing dust supply to the surface of HNLC ocean waters during
glacial stages relieved iron limitation on primary productivity. The resultant increase in the
export of biogenic carbon from surface to deep ocean waters (the 'biological pump') caused a

402 decrease in surface ocean pCO_2 that was balanced by an increased drawdown of CO_2 from the 403 atmosphere. The details of this process, and the possible magnitude of its effects on the global 404 carbon cycle, are the subject of much international debate (e.g. Honda et al., 2006; Maher and

405 Dennis, 2001; Moore and Doney, 2007).

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The sensitivity of HNLC regions to increased iron supply has been demonstrated by a series of 407 artificial mesoscale iron fertilization experiments in the HNLC regions (e.g. Boyd et al., 2007; 408 409 Coale et al., 2004; Coale et al., 1996). The common outcomes to these experiments were the expansion of phytoplankton standing stocks, with distinct population shifts to large diatom 410 species, and resultant drawdown in atmospheric CO₂ (deBaar et al., 2008; Tsuda et al., 2003). It 411 has been difficult to quantify export production via subsurface storage of carbon (rather than 412 subsequent re-release from the ocean mixed layer). For the NW Pacific SEEDS experiment, 413 drawdown of atmospheric carbon was estimated at ~ 150-1500 C atoms per iron atom added 414 (Tsuda et al., 2003). The most recent experiment was also the largest (Lohafex, 2009), with 6 415 tonnes of dissolved iron added to a 300 km² ocean patch in the southwest Atlantic sector of the 416 417 Southern Ocean. However, whilst there was a doubling of (non-diatom) phytoplankton biomass 418 within the first two weeks, increased grazing pressure of zooplankton prevented further 419 development of the algal bloom, with only minor amounts of carbon being removed from the 420 ocean surface layer as a result. 421 Based on these magnitudes of export production, and taking into account the rather low fractions 422

- 423 of iron estimated to be bioavailable from mineral dust (e.g. Baker et al., 2006a), modelled
- 424 glacial-stage changes in atmospheric CO₂ resulting from dust-driven iron fertilisation range from

 ~ 20 % (Bopp et al., 2003) to > 50 % (Watson et al., 2000) of the total interglacial-glacial change 425 of ~ 100 ppmv. However, extrapolation of the artificial iron enrichment experiments to estimate 426 427 past carbon sequestration may be unrealistic given their short duration and use of unfeasibly large and rapid iron additions, which lead to loss of most (80 - 95 %) of the iron added during 428 the enrichment experiments (Bowie et al., 2001). More realistic estimates of carbon sequestration 429 430 may be derived from analysis of a recent (Nov. 2004 - Feb. 2005), natural phytoplankton bloom in the Southern Ocean (Blain et al., 2007). This natural event was driven by indirect iron supply 431 from upwelling of bottom waters (Lefevre and Watson, 1999; Maher and Dennis, 2001), rather 432 than direct aeolian iron supply. pCO2 measurements of the surface waters showed that the bloom 433 was an important CO_2 sink, with mean pCO_2 drawdown 2–3 x higher than that observed for the 434 artificial Southern Ocean iron experiments, probably reflecting the longer duration of the natural 435 bloom. Carbon sequestration efficiency was estimated to be at least 10 times higher than that 436 437 estimated from the artificial experiments. The higher sequestration efficiency of the natural bloom has been attributed to its more complete and longer-lasting development, aided by slow 438 439 and continuous natural additions of iron (and eventually other required macro-nutrients), from adjacent deep water supply (Blain et al., 2007). These results indicate first that aeolian supply of 440 iron to the oceans, both directly and indirectly (i.e. deposited elsewhere and subsequently 441 dissolved and transported), may have been significant in palaeo-ocean and atmospheric CO₂ 442 changes. Second, the HNLC oceans may presently be, and previously have been, more sensitive 443 to aeolian iron supply than has been indicated to date by the artificial experiments. However, 444 445 the SOIREE experiment (Boyd and Abraham, 2001) showed that the photosynthetic competency of iron-limited Southern Ocean phytoplankton increased only when the concentration of 446 dissolved iron exceeded a threshold value of ~0.2 nM, i.e. ~ 2 x twice the ambient [Fe]dissolved 447 448 value. Deposition of dust can thus increase the iron inventory of surface waters without 449 stimulating a phytoplankton bloom (Boyd et al., 2009). Previous reports of correlation between 450 dust events and remotely observed increases in surface water chlorophyll (e.g. Gabric et al., 451 2002; Shaw et al., 2008) need to be evaluated with respect to a physiologically realistic lag time between the increase in dust/iron supply and phytoplankton response (Boyd et al., 2004). For 452 453 example, whilst Shaw et al. (2008) attributed a bloom in waters of the Great Barrier Reef Lagoon 454 (<50 km from mainland) coastal to a large dust storm (the largest in over 40 years), Mackie (2009) pointed out that the time (<<1 day) between dust deposition and observations of 455

that smaller dust events before the large dust storm were responsible. However, in waters so 457 458 close to the coast, subject to numerous such small dust events, it is unlikely that iron limitation would develop in any case. 459 460 461 An assumption of many of the dust-cycle and iron supply models is that atmospheric input of bioavailable iron to the surface ocean varies linearly with dust loading. Present day field 462 collection and dust leaching studies (Sedwick et al., 2007; Baker & Jickells, 2006; Jickells et al., 463 2005) indicate that it is critical to identify the nature (mineralogy), source (e.g. size distribution) 464 and transport history of the dust, in order to evaluate the possible proportion of bioavailable iron 465 carried within the terrigenous dust loading (Baker and Jickells, 2006; Baker and Croot, 2009). A 466 467 diverse range of dissolution experiments has been reported for a range of iron-bearing 468 aluminosilicates and iron oxides (e.g. Journet et al., 2008), potential source soils (e.g. Visser et al., 2003) and increasing numbers of natural dust samples (e.g. Spokes et al., 1994; Baker et al., 469 2006b; Desboeufs et al., 2005; Mackie et al., 2005). Generally low but spatially variable iron 470 solubilities appear the norm, i.e. < 0.6 % (e.g. Baker et al., 2006b; Journet et al., 2008). At or 471 close to source areas, soil mineralogy appears to be the key influence on iron solubility. For 472 example, for some African sources, higher solubilities (0.3 %) were displayed by iron-bearing, 473 smectite-rich dust from the central Sahara and lower values (0.1 %) by illite/haematite/goethite-474 rich dust from the western Sahara and the Sahel (Journet et al., 2008). Conversely, at areas 475 476 remote from major dust sources, and associated with decreased dust concentrations, increased levels of iron solubility have been reported, and ascribed to progressive particle fining with long 477 range transport (e.g. Baker and Croot, 2009). However, as discussed below, the particle size of 478 479 LRT dust appears to stabilise rather than become progressively finer. Other factors of likely 480 significance for iron solubility include enhancement of fine particle reactivity during the 481 transport process, especially related to ligand formation and surface adsorption and/or desorption 482 processes. Depending on ambient pH, iron-hydroxyl groups at iron oxide surfaces can achieve negative surface charge by dissociation (Fe-OH \rightarrow FeO⁻ + H⁺) or association (FeOH+ H⁺ \rightarrow 483 FeOH²⁺) of protons (e.g. Cornell and Schwertmann, 2003; Taylor et al., 1983). For the iron 484

chlorophyll increase precluded dust as a causal agent. In response, Shaw et al. (2009) suggested

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485 oxides/ hydroxides, the zero point of charge (zpc, i.e. where there are equal concentrations of

486 surface FeO⁻ and FeOH²⁺) varies between ~ pH 5 - 8. Similar pH-dependence of surface and

- inter-layer charge is displayed by the clay minerals, but with much lower zpc values, from < pH 487 2-3 for smectite to pH 2-4.5 for kaolinite . Below the zpc, negatively-charged adsorbates, such 488 489 as natural organic matter, can subsequently be retained at or near the mineral surface. Such adsorption may play a key role both in reducing particle scavenging and increasing iron 490 solubility in the marine environment. Iron reduction can result from photolysis of Fe³⁺ -491 492 complexed with bacterially-produced siderophores (Barbeau et al., 2001) complexes. The solubilised Fe^{2+} could then undergo direct biological uptake, be re-oxidised to Fe^{3+} and/or 493 subjected to subsequent complexation. Recent reports suggest that Fe-reducing compounds, such 494 as dimethyl sulphide, might interactively be released from iron-deficient phytoplankton 495 (Johansen and Key, 2006), although the iron compound modelled in this study was ferrihydrite, 496 the most microcrystalline and reactive of the soil oxyhydroxides. It is clear that large 497 uncertainties presently remain regarding the biogeochemistry of iron complexation, release, 498 499 uptake and scavenging in the marine environment (Baker and Croot, 2009). 500 The interpretation of Fe solubility in aerosol samples is complicated at the present day by the 501 502 possible presence of Fe derived from anthropogenic sources, in particular, combustion processes, both industrial and biomass burning. Measurements on Bermuda (Sedwick et al., 2007) show 503 that air masses from North American air typically contain relatively low concentration of aerosol 504 iron (0.5 nmol Fe m⁻³) but the fractional solubility is very high, 19 %. In contrast dust-laden 505 African air masses contained relatively high concentrations of aerosol iron (27.8 nmol Fe m-3) 506 but the fractional solubility was low, only 0.44 %. The net result is that the quantity of soluble Fe 507 derived from the aerosols was the same in both cases. The finest particle size fraction yielded the 508 highest solubility for both aerosol types. Model results (Luo et al., 2008) suggest that 509 510 combustion-derived iron can account for as much as 50 % of the total iron deposited in some 511 regions. However, over the open ocean it is usually less than 5 % of the total iron although close 512 to the East Asian continent in the North Pacific values can be as high as 30 %. 513 The observation of increased iron solubility associated with low dust concentrations would imply 514
- 515 proportionally enhanced supply of bioavailable iron to ocean areas distal from dust sources
- 516 (notably, the Southern Ocean) and less to high dust flux areas (Baker and Croot, 2009). The
- 517 nature of the causal link between dust concentration and solubility requires further evaluation, in

order for robust incorporation of varying values of iron solubility of dust into global models of
iron flux (e.g. Fung et al., 2000; Bopp et al., 2003). Most models for dust-iron processes use a
single uniform value for iron solubility from dust but a recent report of 2-3 % solubility of iron
from glacial flour compared to <1 % for arid soils (Schroth et al., 2009) provides a new variable
for models to incorporate. The impacts of ocean acidification, likely to modify aerosol and iron
solubilisation processes, also require evaluation (Breitbarth et al., 2009).

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525 *3.2 Dust impacts on climate: radiative effects.*

526 *3.2.1 Dust particle size*

527 Dust size distributions in ocean sediments and ice cores are often used as a measure of dust 528 generation and transport dynamics. The size distributions of dust particles also have a critical influence on the direct and indirect climate impact of dust (see below) and they are also a major 529 530 uncertainty in dust modelling. Most of the long-traveled dust mass is located in the size range 531 under about 20 μ m diameter (e.g. Arimoto et al., 1997), with a mass median diameter of ~ 1.5 – 3 µm (Balkanski et al., 1995; Reid et al., 2003). Particles in this size range can remain suspended 532 in the troposphere for days to weeks, and be carried over great distances (>> 1000 km) before 533 being removed from the atmosphere by deposition processes. Asian dust, for example, has been 534 shown to contribute to dust samples spanning western to eastern China (Gao et al., 1992), the 535 Yellow Sea (Gao et al., 1997), Japan and Korea (e.g. Park et al., 2005), the Pacific Ocean (e.g. 536 Duce et al., 1980; Rea et al., 1985; Uematsu et al., 1985). More distally, it has a significant 537 impact on air quality in the western United States (VanCurren and Cahill, 2002); and is a major 538 539 source of dust in Greenland ice cores (Bory et al., 2003). North African dust is carried in great quantities to the Amazon basin (Swap et al., 1992), into the Caribbean (Prospero and Lamb, 540 2003) and the southeastern (Prospero, 1999), eastern and northeastern US (Perry et al., 1997). 541 542 The first challenge for improving data on dust particle size distributions, whether at present day 543 or for the palaeo-record, is the need for expanded geographic and temporal coverage. The second requires instrumental convergence. Across the modern and palaeo-data aerosol communities, 544 particle size tends to be measured using different instruments. For ice and sediment cores, for 545 example, particle size analyses are most frequently derived from instruments using the Coulter 546 547 Principle (such as the Coulter Multisizer). In contrast, the atmospheric community uses a wide range of instruments that are based on different physical principles, i.e., the mobility of aerosols 548

in electric fields, the optical properties of aerosols, aerosol aerodynamic properties. These 549 instruments yield widely disparate results even when making measurements on identical dust 550 aerosol populations, including African dust (e.g. Reid et al., 2003). 551 552 Notwithstanding this instrumental caveat, modern aerosol size data suggest evolution of the 553 554 modal diameters for long range transport (LRT, i.e. > 1000 km) dust to a rather invariant range of \sim 3 to 3.5 μ m diameter, in contrast to values obtained in or near source regions, which tend to 555 cluster at ~ 5 µm diameter (Sviridenkov et al., 1993; Arimoto et al., 1997, Moore et al., 2004; 556 Maring et al., 2003). For example, dust measured on the Canary Islands (300 km from the N. 557 African coast) and in Puerto Rico (5000 km to the west) shows very similar particle size 558 distributions for the $< 7 \mu m$ size range (fig. 4a). Larger particles ($> \sim 7-8 \mu m$ diameter) do 559 display between-event differences, due to their preferential removal during atmospheric 560 561 transport. 562 563 Similarly, in surface sediments along a 3600 km-long, west-east transect of the North Pacific, a 564 transect lying ~ 4000-8000 km downwind from the E. Asian source areas (i.e. distal from any possible non-aeolian terrigenous sources), the median dust grain size barely changes, at $\sim 2.8 \,\mu m$ 565 to 2.4 µm (Janecek, 1985). More recent atmospheric sampling campaigns also suggest a size 566 range of \sim 1- 3 µm for LRT particles in this region (e.g. Zhao et al., 2003). A simple empirical 567 model, which sets the vertical velocity of dust particles equal to the Stokes gravitational settling 568 velocity minus an upward velocity of ~0.33 cm s⁻¹, accurately predicts changes in dust size 569 distribution during atmospheric transport (Maring et al., 2003). Thus it appears that some 570 atmospheric process or processes partially counteract gravitational settling along long transport 571 572 pathways. It should also be noted that the transport of giant, $>75 \mu m$, grains of dust for up to 573 10,000 km has been reported (e.g. Pitty, 1968; Betzer et al., 1988, Middleton et al., 2001) and can not be explained in terms of simple Stokes type settling. The presence of long-lived, long-574 575 travelled dust concentrations within the atmosphere remains an unresolved challenge to our 576 understanding of LRT processes. 577

578 Such relative observed invariance of dust size also suggests some degree of constancy in dust

579 mineralogy, morphology and size at the regional scale (e.g. fig. 4a), in turn indicating that source

soils or sediments are a factor in controlling dust particle size, in addition to wind speed and/or 580 in-transport processing (Grini and Zender, 2004). In this scenario, dust properties remain 581 582 consistent when the sources also remain constant, but can be expected to change if and when the source areas change. Wang et al. (2007) report similar conclusions for modern dusts sourced 583 from NW China. The dust grain size distributions vary from source to source but are generally 584 585 trimodal, with the first peak for particles > 11 μ m, the second for particles 4.7 – 7 μ m, the third 586 for sub-micrometre particles ($< 0.43 \mu m$). These distributions remain essentially the same for any one source whether under dust storm or non-dust storm conditions. As noted by Wake and 587 Mayewski (1994), distinctive variations have been observed in the particle number- and mass-588 size distributions of dusts collected from different geographic regions, including Europe (e.g. 589 590 Junge, 1963), the Sahara (Schutz and Jaenicke, 1974), the Swiss Alps (Wagenbach and Geis, 1987), Colorado and Texas (Patterson and Gillette, 1976), Tajikistan (Gomes and Gillette, 1993) 591 and Greenland (Steffensen, 1985, 1997). 592 These observational data do not support the wind speed dependence of LRT dust particle size 593 (fig. 4b) reported experimentally by Alfaro et al. (1998) and by observation by Sow et al. (2009). 594 These studies indicate enhancement of very fine ($\leq 2 \mu m$) particles with increased wind speeds 595 and surface shear velocity (u*), as a result of 'sandblasting' by saltating grains. Within an 596 597 erosional event, however, the dust size distribution appears relatively insensitive to measured 598 changes of u*. This apparent conflict may reflect a dissonance between the typically long u* 599 averaging time (15 mins) and significantly shorter response times of the dust emission processes (Sow et al., 2009). Engelstaedter et al. (2007), in contrast, use AERONET data to support the 600 601 conventional view that larger particle sizes reflect stronger, or possibly gustier, winds. 602 603 Figure 4.

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605 *3.2.2 Dust radiative properties: effective particle size and mineralogy.*

In terms of radiative effects (RE), atmospheric dust can both scatter and absorb incoming solar

and outgoing long-wave radiation (direct RE), which alters the energy balance of the atmosphere

608 (IPCC 2001b; IPCC 2007), and can in turn produce changes in atmospheric circulation (Miller

and Tegen, 1998) and cloud cover (Perlwitz and Miller, 2009). The effect of dust absorptivity is

to produce warming of the atmosphere, locally or regionally, and cooling of the surface. The

effect of scattering is to produce more widespread cooling, the result of increased upwards 611 612 radiance. Dust also plays an important role in cloud microphysics, particularly with regard to 613 numbers of cloud condensation and ice nuclei, thus influencing the formation and lifetime of clouds (indirect RE), which in turn influences the planetary albedo (e.g. Spracklen et al., 2008). 614 Estimates from dust-cycle models of the net top of atmosphere direct RE currently span both 615 616 negative and positive values, ranging from -0.6 to +0.4 Wm⁻² (IPCC 2007). This uncertainty in both sign and amplitude of dust radiative forcing at the present day reflects both the complexity 617 of dust distribution (including its vertical distribution, interaction with clouds, the albedo of the 618 underlying surface) and poor understanding of the scattering/absorptivity of dust particles, in 619 turn related to poorly known dust concentrations, mineralogy, particle size, and shape (e.g. 620 Nousiainen, 2009). These latter properties vary regionally, depending on the source materials 621 622 (soils, dry lake beds, ephemeral channels etc); and for any population of grains within a parcel of 623 entrained dust, they also vary interdependently. Mineral dusts typically consist of an internal mixture of mineral species (and particle morphologies), often including quartz, clay minerals, 624 625 iron oxides and calcium carbonate (Claquin et al., 1999), each with their own optical properties (Sokolik and Toon, 1999). Platy clay mineral particles, for example have different optical 626 properties than equidimensional silicates (Nousiainen et al., 2009). Recent estimates in radiative 627 forcing computations indicate that assuming that dust particles are homogenous spheres causes 628 roughly as large an error as that associated with the uncertainties in refractive index (Kahnert et 629 al., 2007). The latter has previously been considered the dominant source of uncertainty in dust 630 631 optical properties. The radiative behaviour of dust particles also depends on their effective particle size, i.e. in relation to the wavelength under consideration. Thus, particles with diameters 632 633 of around $0.5 - 1 \mu m$ are effective in scattering solar radiation (fig. 5), relatively unaffected by 634 particle shape or surface roughness effects. Such effects become increasingly important for wavelength-scale and larger particles (Nousiainen, 2009), including therefore those within the \sim 635 1.5 - 3 µm size range (i.e. the reported mass median diameter for LRT dust, as above). 636 637

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- 639 Another poorly quantified potential control on dust absorptivity is the presence of iron oxides/
- oxyhydroxides, as so-called 'free iron', i.e. often as discrete, sub-micrometre particles (figure 6),
- 641 or as surface coatings on quartz grains, and, more rarely, iron oxide-clay aggregates (Sokolik and

Toon, 1999). Only where soil pH is low will iron oxide grains carry sufficient positive charge,

- 643 and/or the clay particles carry sufficient negative charge, to interact with each other (Cornell and
- 644 Schwertmann, 2003).
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- 646 Figure 6.
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Haematite and goethite occur as minor soil components (< 5 % by mass) on a global scale, 648 reflecting the near-surface weathering of Fe²⁺-containing primary (lithogenic) minerals by 649 hydrolysis and oxidation. Given that they occur in minor concentrations, both these minerals 650 have a disproportionate radiative impact, displaying large absorbing potential at shorter 651 wavelengths (Alfaro et al., 2004; Sokolik and Toon, 1999; Balkanski et al., 1997). The 652 mineralogy and concentration of iron oxides in dusts is dominantly controlled by the source soil 653 hydrology and mineralogy (Schwertmann and Taylor, 1977), subsequently by any erosional 654 processes of grain aggregation and/or disaggregation, and finally, by any particle size changes 655 during transport (e.g. Zhang et al., 2005). Establishing mineralogical linkages between potential 656 sources and airborne dust is likely to be most robust when based on particle size-specific 657 comparisons between the clay and fine silt fractions of source soils/ sediments and the fine and 658 coarse mode of sampled dust (Maher et al., 2009; Sokolik and Toon, 1999). Compared with its 659 'parent' soil, dust is likely to be biased towards smaller, less dense, and flatter (large surface-660 area-to-volume ratio) particles (Nousiainen, 2009). Haematite and goethite tend to be associated 661 662 with fine (<< 10µm, i.e. fine silt and clay-sized) particles, with long residence times (i.e. days) in the atmosphere and thus potentially long transport paths. 663 664 Haematite has been identified as a significant absorber in terms of dust radiative properties 665 (especially when present as sub-micrometre grains, fig. 6b and c). It is very stable, is the end product of the dehydroxylation of all iron oxyhydroxides and is thus prevalent in warmer and 666 drier regions and increasingly limited in occurrence pole-wards of latitudes ~ 40 ° N and S 667 (Cornell and Scherwtmann, 2003). For modern dusts from arid and semi-arid regions (Claquin et 668 al., 1999), haematite content varies between 0.6 to 3.4 % (by volume). The iron oxyhydroxide, 669 goethite, is less restricted in its distribution. Although the red coloration of many soils and dusts 670 often reflects the presence of haematite (highly pigmenting when it occurs as sub-micrometre 671 672 grains), goethite is often volumetrically the more important. In the loess and palaeosols of the

Chinese Loess Plateau, for example, the wt % of goethite is 2-3 x higher that of haematite 673 (Balsam at al., 2007; Ji et al., 2004). Similar dominance of goethite has been reported for a 674 limited number of dust source samples from the Sahara and the Sahel (Lafon et al., 2006). The 675 presence of goethite can lead to large differences in the wavelength dependence of the single 676 scattering albedo (Sokolik and Toon, 1999). The evenness of distribution of goethite in the soil 677 678 matrix and resultant dusts is also likely to maximize its absorptivity. Inclusion of goethite in dust modelling thus seems essential, given its near-ubiquity in source soils. 679 680 Direct RE forcing by dust appears to result in cooling over much of the Earth's surface (fig. 7, 681 and e.g. Perlwitz et al., 2001; Zhu et al., 2007). Conversely, over bright surfaces (such as 682 deserts), dust can exert significant warming effects. For example, discrepancies between 683 measured and modelled outgoing radiation over cloud-free, desert areas of north Africa indicate 684 685 that dust may exert a long wave radiation forcing as great as 50 Wm⁻² in the monthly mean at 1200 U TC (Haywood et al., 2005). Similarly, for the 'great Indian desert' (Thar) area, warming 686

687 of the lower atmosphere from dust absorptivity (greatest during the winter season) has been

estimated at 0.7–1.2 K day⁻¹ (Moorthy et al., 2007). Due to direct and indirect RE, dust can

regulate and interact with the heat sources and sinks of monsoonal regions, altering the

690 monsoonal water budget (Lau and Kim, 2006). A further complication arises from increased

691 emissions of anthropogenic, carbonaceous aerosols, which have reduced the global annual

average single scattering albedo; aerosol at present day is estimated to be approximately twice as

absorbing as that in preindustrial conditions (Myhre, 2009).

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695 Given the potential impacts of effective particle size and iron mineralogy, improved modelling of

dust optical properties at solar wavelengths can only be achieved with improved data on present

and past regional variations in aerosol size and shape distributions, and in iron oxide

698 concentrations, mineralogies and mixing state. Given that haematite and goethite occur mostly in

699 minor concentrations, their quantification in dusts and sediments requires from any method of

analysis the capacity to analyse to low concentrations (i.e. below the detection levels of x ray

701 diffraction, for example). Diffuse reflectance spectrometry and environmental magnetic methods

702 offer potential in this regard, these measurements responding selectively to the iron oxide-

703	specific signals of colour and magnetic properties, respectively (Arimoto et al., 2002; Balsam et
704	al., 2007; Maher et al., 2007; Watkins et al., 2007).
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706	Figure 7.
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708	4. The palaeo-dust record for the last glacial maximum.
709	4.1 Dust fluxes, size distributions, mineralogy.
710	Glacial/interglacial changes in the flux and particle size of dust have been recorded in ice cores
711	and sediment records, both continental (windblown loess, lake sediment and peat records) and
712	marine. Spanning the entire transect from pole to equator to pole, these dust records have shown
713	that dust flux was higher in both hemispheres during past glacial stages (fig. 8). In light of the
714	ongoing debates regarding modern dust supply and transport outlined above, what does the
715	palaeo-dust record represent? Flux changes may record information on changes in the dust
716	supply, reflecting changes at and/or of source area(s). Source areas may have expanded, through
717	glacigenic action (Mahowald and Muhs, 2006), emergence of continental shelves into the sub-
718	aerial zone (Bigler et al., 2006), and (seasonally-extended) expansion of arid and semi-arid areas
719	(Werner et al., 2002; Tegen et al., 2002). Particle size changes may reflect changes in transport
720	and/or source. Many palaeoclimate studies have used dust size as an indicator of wind strength in
721	source regions (i.e. larger particles indicate stronger palaeo-winds, e.g. Rea 1995) or changes in
722	the transport pathway (smaller particles indicate longer transport pathways, e.g. Lambert et al.,
723	2008). Clearly, these arguments only hold if there is no change in the source size distributions,
724	and no change in the source-sink distance. However, transporting winds may have altered in their
725	trajectory and/or speed or gustiness (see section 3.2.1). Transport paths may have been
726	effectively extended or shortened by changes in the degree of rain-out en route (Yung et al.,
727	1996; Ruth et al., 2005; Lambert et al., 2008). Deposition rates on land may have varied in
728	response to changes in vegetation and resultant trapping of dust by increased surface roughness
729	(Marticorena and Bergametti, 1995; Marticorena et al., 1997).
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731	Rates of dust deposition in sediment records are most often reported (e.g. Kohfeld and Harrison,
732	2001) as aeolian mass accumulation rates (MARs), calculated as:
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MAR $(g m^{-2} a^{-1}) = LSR x DBD x f$ 734 735 where LSR = the linear sedimentation rate (calculated as the thickness of the sediment 736 737 section (m)/ the time taken for the sediment to accumulate (yrs), DBD is the dry bulk 738 density of the sediment (g m⁻³), and f is the fraction of the sediment that is of aeolian origin. Figures 9a and 10a show aeolian MARs for the present day and the LGM, respectively, as 739 740 collated in our updated version ('DIRTMAP3') of the original 'Dust indicators and records of 741 terrestrial and marine palaeo-environments, DIRTMAP' database (Kohfeld and Harrison, 2001). For comparison, figures 9b and 10b show modelled present day and LGM dust fluxes 742 743 (Mahowald et al., 2006). Here, we discuss LGM deposition rates (as archived in DIRTMAP3); comparisons between these palaeo-data and the model simulations are discussed in section 6.2. 744 745 746 747 Figure 9. 748 749 750 Figure 10. 751 752 753 4.2. The continental loess record. 754 For the terrestrial environment, sequences of loess sediments provide key aeolian archives on 755 every continent. High-resolution loess/palaeosol sequences can provide new understanding of the relation between aerosols and climate (e.g. Maher, 2007): they provide a record of dust 756 accumulation over large continental areas (Kukla, 1987; Thompson and Maher, 1995); they can 757 be dated directly (Roberts, 2008; Roberts and Duller, 2003), to obtain dust flux changes through 758 time; and they provide mineralogical, physical and chemical information on transported dust 759 (e.g. Prins et al., 2008; Sun et al., 2008), which in turn may affect biogeochemical cycles in the 760 761 ocean. Loess sequences can act both as a sink and a source for aeolian sediments. For example, the Chinese Loess Plateau, the largest Quaternary accumulation of windblown sediment in the 762 world, has been identified by elemental and isotopic characterization as a major dust source for 763 764 the sedimentary record of the northwest and equatorial Pacific (Rea et al., 1994; Shigemetsu et

al., 2007; Ziegler et al., 2008). In turn, the glacial stage units of the Chinese Loess Plateau 765 comprise extremely well-mixed dust sourced most likely by westerly transport from the western 766 Taklimakan Desert and the northern margins of Tibet (e.g. Maher et al., 2009). The controversy 767 over the extent of Tibetan glaciations during past glacial stages, and hence the extent of 768 glaciogenic supply of loess, remains unresolved at present (e.g. Lehmkuhl and Owen, 2005). 769 770 Reflecting the proximal nature of many loess deposits to their sources, loess MARs at the LGM 771 are the highest of any recorded aeolian fluxes (fig. 10a). For North America, for example, last 772 glacial MARs in excess of 6,700 g m⁻² a⁻¹ have been recorded from loess sections in central 773 Nebraska (Roberts et al., 2003). Provenance information indicates that these extremely high 774 775 deposition rates reflect increased sediment supply resulting from desiccation and expansion of areas of the Great Plains, rather than from glacial production of silt-sized particles (Aleinikoff et 776 777 al., 2008). In light of MARS typically ranging from \sim 100s to 1000s g m⁻² a⁻¹, and notwithstanding their proximal and thus coarser-grained nature, loess transport on such a scale 778 779 inevitably incurred deflation and entrainment of large volumes of finer particles ($< 10 \mu m$), of potentially significant radiative impact. For the central Nebraskan region, for example, PM₁₀ 780 MARs range from ~ 500 to > 900 g m⁻² a⁻¹; such high rates of fine particle flux suggested to have 781 caused prolonged post-LGM cooling in the central N. American region (Roberts et al., 2003). 782 Elsewhere in N. America, loess was supplied from glacial sediment sources, downwind from the 783 784 Rocky Mountains, and close to rivers issuing from the southern margins of the Late Wisconsin 785 ice sheet. Significant loess accumulations span areas of Iowa, Illinois and Kansas; further north and west, parts of Idaho, Wyoming, Alaska and the Yukon peninsula (fig. 10a). 786 787 788 For the Eurasian region of the northern hemisphere, a swathe of loess girdles Eurasia from west 789 to east (fig. 10a), reflecting dust supply both from expanded glacigenic and arid/semi-arid sources. For the European zone, loess MARs typically range from ~ 200 to 600 g m⁻² a⁻¹ for the 790 last glacial stage, with some 'hotspots' of deposition reported, e.g. for the Nussloch site, 791 Germany (> 2000 g m⁻² a⁻¹, Rousseau et al., 2002) and Paks in Hungary (> 1000 g m⁻² a⁻¹, 792

- 793 Frechen et al., 1997). Extending eastwards over the Russian steppe, loess MARs have a similar
- range (~ 200 700 g m⁻² a⁻¹), rates then increase towards Tajikistan (~ 1700 g m⁻² a⁻¹, Frechen
- and Dodonov, 1998) and into the loess sequences of China. Across the Chinese Loess Plateau,

796	the increase in MARs during the last glacial stage, as estimated from median MARs across the
797	region, is of the order of up to x 5, i.e. ~ 300 g $m^{\text{-}2} a^{\text{-}1}$ compared to an estimated 65 g $m^{\text{-}2} a^{\text{-}1}$ for
798	the last interglacial stage (~ 125 ka, MIS5e) (Kohfeld and Harrison, 2003). However, the range
799	of LGM MARs estimated for the Loess Plateau spans < 100 to > 1000 g m ⁻² a ⁻¹ . In common with
800	most of the world's loess sequences, major spatial and temporal (sub-millennial) variability of
801	these glacial-stage increases in dust flux have been reported (e.g. Zhang et al., 2002). In terms of
802	mineralogy, quartz (~ 35 %), feldspars (~ 20 %), clay minerals (25 %, illite and illite-smectite)
803	and calcite (12 %) make up the very well-mixed loess (Jeong et al., 2008). Magnetic analyses
804	additionally quantify the presence of minor amounts of haematite and goethite (~ 1 %); the grain
805	size of the haematite in the interbedded palaeosols is distinctively sub-micrometre, and confers
806	the reddish hues to these soils (Maher, 2007).
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809 A characteristic feature of many loesses is their trimodal particle size distribution, with 810 overlapping coarse and fine size modes (fig. 11, and e.g. Wang et al., 2006; Machalett et al., 811 2008; Lim and Matsumoto, 2008). For the Chinese Loess Plateau, particle size end members 812 have been identified (Prins et al., 2007) comprising a 'sandy loess' component (modal size 63 813 μ m), a 'silty loess' (modal size 37 μ m), and a 'clayey loess' (modal size 22 μ m). The two 814 815 coarser end members are thought to reflect saltation and suspension of 'local' coarse dust during 816 dust storms in spring; the finer end member inferred to represent higher level transport by background and dust storm supply. For these sequences, increases in the proportion of coarse 817 818 particles has been interpreted as an increase in wind speed and thus of more intense winter 819 monsoon circulation (e.g. Xiao et al., 1995; Maher and Hu, 2006). The increased glacial-stage 820 MARs are also associated with increased particle size. At Luochuan, central Loess Plateau, for example, the median diameter of aeolian quartz particles is $\sim 15 \ \mu m$ for the last glacial stage 821 sediments compared with $\sim 6 - 9 \mu m$ for the Holocene (fig. 12; Xiao et al., 1992). These paired 822 increases in fluxes and particle size may indicate both expanded source areas and increased wind 823 speeds, possibly coupled with a shortened transport path. Asian dust is and has been a major 824 component of the sedimentary record of the Pacific Ocean (see section 4.3). Downwind of the 825 Loess Plateau, present day estimates of dust flux range from ~ 6 to 12×10^6 tons of Asian dust 826

transported annually to the central North Pacific. Larger quantities are probably deposited over 827 the western North Pacific, closer to the Asian sources (Uematsu et al., 1983). 828 829 Figure 12 830 831 832 For the southern hemisphere, significant loess accumulations exist in South America and New Zealand (fig. 10a). For the South American continent, the loess sequences of the Argentinian 833 pampas (the central Argentinian plains) cover ~1.0 x 10⁶ km², with an average thickness of ~ 30-834 40 m, thus comprising the largest loess accumulation in the southern hemisphere. Many of these 835 sequences have yet to be analysed in detail; age control is limited for the Tezanos Pinto 836 Formation, traditionally considered to represent the last glacial stage but possibly extending to \sim 837 145 ka (Kemp et al., 2004). Estimated/adjusted MARs for the Pampas for the LGM are thus 838 839 scarce but range from 45-145 g m⁻² a⁻¹ (Krohling and Iriondo, 1999, cited in Mahowald et al., 2006). Primary sources of these aeolian sediments are linked directly or indirectly to the Andean 840 region and the arid diagonal located to the west. In general, the composition of the Argentine 841 842 loess mirrors the mineralogical and chemical composition of Andean rocks (Gaiero, 2007). Reflecting a dominant Patagonian dust source, the southern loess deposits (~ 36-38 °S) have 843 similar chemical and isotopic composition and a dominance of smectite, with illite present in 844 smaller amounts (Gaiero et al., 2004). This contrasts with the clay mineralogy of northern loess 845 deposits (~ 26-28 °S), dominated (Schellenberger and Veit, 2006) by illite (70-85 %), followed 846 by smectite (10-25 %). Between the northern and southern loesses, illite slightly dominates the 847 mineralogical composition of loess, while the coastal plains (Buenos Aires province) exhibit an 848 approximately equal mixture of smectite, illite and kaolinite (Zarate, 2003). The loess deposits 849 850 are coarse-textured. In the southern Pampas, the average sand-silt-clay content is 44 %, 26 % 851 and 24 %, respectively, the maximum sand content (mostly very fine sand) being ~ 80 % (Bidart, 852 1996). Magnetic properties of loess from this area indicate the presence of detrital magnetite and 853 titanomagnetite as the main ferromagnesian minerals (Orgeira et al., 2009). Northern loess deposits show fairly uniform particle size (silt loam) averaging 14 % sand, 74 % silt, and 12 854 855 % clay. 80 % of the iron in the sediment is in paramagnetic minerals; ~ 20 % of the iron is in 856 hematite (~1.6 % of the sediment's mass), and << 1 % of the total iron is present as magnetite/maghemite (~0.1 % of the sediment's total mass) (Carter-Stiglitz et al., 2006). 857

- Elsewhere in the southern hemisphere, loess occurs most extensively in New Zealand, notably in 858
- 859 the lowlands surrounding formerly glaciated areas of the South Island (Eden and Hammond,
- 860 2003). Glacial and floodplain sources have dominated dust production in New Zealand; its loess
- deposits are thicker (or possibly better documented) than in the S. American Pampean region, for 861
- example. Locally, Holocene loess has accumulated up to several metres thickness and very thick 862
- 863 (> 10s m) LGM accumulations have been documented (Berger et al. 2002). MARs for the LGM
- range between 70 to 150 g m⁻² a⁻¹ (Eden and Hammond, 2003). Most of the New Zealand loess is 864
- quartz- and feldspar-rich. Glacially-derived loess deposits are strongly weathered (Marx et al., 865
- 2005), being clay-poor but mica-rich and relatively coarse-grained compared to dust derived 866
- from arid lands (McGowan et al., 2005). 867
- Loessic sediments occur to more limited extents in other southern hemisphere countries. The 868
- 'parna' of southeastern Australia, for example, is characterised by low supply and deposition 869
- 870 rates; it dominantly comprises illite and kaolinite, carbonate and silt-sized quartz particles (e.g.
- Summerell et al., 2000). Accumulation rates measured at a 3m loess section in the highlands 871
- west of Sydney were relatively unchanged from 50-10 ka, at between 28 45 g m⁻² a⁻¹ (Hesse et 872 al., 2003).
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- 4.3. The palaeo-dust record of HNLC regions in the Pacific. 875
- As discussed above, the dust-generating regions of E. Asia appear to have expanded and 876
- contracted across a range of glacial/periglacial and arid zone environments during the LGM. In 877
- turn, these source changes have produced major changes in dust flux and dust characteristics to 878
- the downwind continental sequences of the Chinese loess and palaeosols, and thence onwards to 879
- the northwestern and equatorial Pacific. 880
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- 882 For the northwest and the equatorial Pacific regions, there are globally important questions
- 883 regarding the possible causal role of changes in ocean biogeochemistry and export production
- 884 (carbon sequestration, i.e. biomass permanently removed from the carbon cycle) during the
- glacial and interglacial stages of the Quaternary. The importance of understanding the influence 885
- 886 of aeolian-supplied Fe can be illustrated by recent fertilization experiments in the northwest
- 887 region of the Pacific, where iron-enrichment experiments led to the greatest expansion yet
- observed of phytoplankton standing stocks, together with shifts to dominance of large centric 888

889	diatoms (Tsuda et al., 2003; de Baar et al., 2005). These two features suggest that the NW Pacific
890	Ocean may be particularly sensitive to iron fertilization. With regard to export production (i.e.
891	subsurface storage, rather than re-release from the ocean mixed layer), the drawdown of
892	atmospheric carbon resulting from this experiment is estimated at \sim 150-1500 C atoms per iron
893	atom added (see section 3.1; de Baar et al., 2008). The controversial question of whether changes
894	in palaeo-dust fluxes have caused past changes in ocean productivity in the NW Pacific is also
895	outlined here. Unequivocal identification of palaeo-productivity changes in the Pacific remains
896	challenging in light of: differing approaches to determining sediment fluxes; varying rates of
897	formation and dissolution of individual biogenic components (e.g. carbonate and opal; Honjo et
898	al., 1995); and varying interpretations of radionuclide (e.g. ²³⁰ Th) and organic degradation
899	products (e.g. biogenic barite). Combined, these issues have resulted in difficulties in quantifying
900	and integrating different biological products and hence total marine export production. As
901	discussed below, different proxies and different approaches to age models have resulted in
902	differing interpretations of glacial-interglacial changes in palaeo-productivity.
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904 4.3.1. Northwest Pacific dust fluxes

Reported as one of the best records of aeolian flux from the NW Pacific, core V21-146 from the 905 Shatsky Rise (37.7°N 163°E) was retrieved from an elevated core site which lies beneath the 906 loess-transporting westerlies and provides a robust δ^{18} O record for age control (Hovan et al., 907 908 1989, 1991). These Shatsky Rise sediments display increased dust fluxes (~ x 3.5, i.e. from ~ 2 909 to 7 g m⁻² a⁻¹) during glacial stages, and indicate a direct link between intervals of accelerated continental deposition of loess and enhanced dust flux to the open ocean. Variations in aeolian 910 grain size in the Shatsky Rise (fig. 13) show forcing at Milankovitch orbital frequencies, but 911 coarser grains (median diameter $\sim 8 \,\mu m$) show some association both with interglacial stages (at 912 913 the 100 ka frequency) and with low tilt and maximal precession, i.e. associated with glaciations (Rea, 1994). Gravity core H3571 was recovered from the Hess Rise (34.9 °N 179.7 °E) some 914 1500 km to the east of the Shatsky Rise site and ~ 3000 km from the Chinese mainland. This 915 record also displays higher dust fluxes during glacial stages, of similar magnitude to the V21-146 916 record. However, these two records show significant differences in the timing and magnitude of 917 their dust flux maxima; V21-146 has maximal fluxes at the LGM, for example, while H3571 918

919 displays only moderate flux values (~ $5.5 \text{ g m}^{-2} \text{ a}^{-1}$) at this time.

Tracing Asian dust around its entire northern hemisphere trajectory, the Chinese loess, Pacific 920 921 deep-sea record and Greenland ice cores all display large and rapid changes both in dust flux and 922 particle size from interglacial into glacial climate stages (fig. 12). It is notable too that large dust flux changes are also evident within glacial stages, on sub-millennial timescales. The relative 923 significance of changes in source (e.g. stronger and/or more frequent dust emission events) 924 925 compared with changes in transport efficiency (e.g. shorter transit times and/or reduced rain-out en route) has been the subject of debate (e.g. Nilson and Lehmkuhl, 2001; Ruth, 2005; Lambert 926 et al., 2008; Fischer et al., 2007). For the North-Greenland Ice Core Project (NGRIP) core, at the 927 distal end of this transport path, the dust source is thought from isotopic evidence to have 928 remained 'constant' through glacial and interglacial stages, i.e. the Taklimakan and Tengger/Mu 929 Us deserts of W. China and Inner Mongolia, respectively (Svensson et al., 2000; Bory et al., 930 2003), though this is poorly expressed by models (e.g. Andersen et al., 1998). Given stationary 931 932 sources, the evidence for increased dust flux all along the transport pathway, i.e. from the proximal Chinese loess sequences (e.g. Xiao et al., 1999; Ding et al., 2002), and across the mid-933 latitude Pacific (e.g. Hovan et al., 1991; Kawahata et al., 2000) does indicate stronger and/or 934 935 more frequent winds at source (Ruth, 2005). This conclusion requires careful examination, however. Care is needed in linking the more proximal loess sequences with the distal Pacific 936 937 record. First, from air mass back-trajectory analysis, present day (coarse, ~ 2- 20 µm) dust supply to the Loess Plateau appears dominantly controlled by ambient (non-dust storm) 938 939 northwesterly surface winter winds (Zhang et al., 1999). This is in contrast to the (fine-grained) 940 LRT dust, which is uplifted during springtime dust storms from sources such as the western Taklimakan Desert (Bory et al., 2003) and carried by the westerly jet at upper levels (~ 5-8 km) 941 942 before descending towards the northeasterly trade winds, to the south and east of the subtropical 943 high (Zhang et al., 1999). In contrast, during glacial stages, the dust source for both the LRT dust and the Loess Plateau appears, on multi-proxy elemental and magnetic grounds, to have been the 944 same, dominantly the western desert and Tibetan Plateau regions (Maher et al., 2009; Torii et al., 945 2001). Second, in terms of particle size, glacial-interglacial variations of particle size along the 946 proposed dust trajectory - from the East Asian deserts to the Loess Plateau to the NW Pacific to 947 Greenland - present some complications. For the Loess Plateau and for NGRIP, glacial stages are 948 associated with increased particle size (fig. 12). Glacial stages in the NGRIP dust record are 949 characterized by particles > 1.6 μ m in diameter; interglacials by particle sizes ~ 1 μ m. 950

952 reported for glacial stages and coarser sizes (5 µm) during interglacials (e.g. Hovan et al., 1991), whilst data collated by Zhang et al. (2007) show no clear glacial-interglacial trend (fig. 13). 953 954 Figure 13 955 956 4.3.2. Equatorial Pacific dust fluxes 957 Until recently, consistency of glacial-interglacial records of dust flux has been difficult to obtain 958 for the equatorial Pacific, reflecting the confounding effects of sediment redistribution by bottom 959 water currents (e.g. Mitchell and Lyle, 2005) and inputs of volcanically-derived aerosols 960 961 (Olivarez and Owen, 1991). Critically, glacial to interglacial aeolian fluxes estimated from oxygen isotope-derived age models have varied both in sign and magnitude (e.g. Rea, 1994; 962 Murray et al., 1995). Development of the ²³⁰Th normalization method (Bacon, 1984; Francois et 963 al., 1991; Francois et al., 2004) may provide a means (Lyle et al., 2007; Broecker, 2008) to 964 calculate truly aeolian MARs. This method is based on the assumption that the rain-out rate of 965 particulate ²³⁰Th sinking to the sea bed is equivalent to the known rate of ²³⁰Th production by 966 ²³⁴U decay in the overlying water column. MARs are calculated by dividing the production rate 967 of ²³⁰Th in the water column by the concentrations of scavenged ²³⁰Th in the sediment. In 968 tandem, terrigenous dust fluxes have been estimated for these sediments by using the ratio of 969 232Th) and 230Th as a proxy for dust flux. 232Th is dominantly sourced from continental dust 970 sources (its concentration in volcanogenic materials, for example, is an order of magnitude 971 972 lower), it is almost insoluble in seawater, and is not subjected to any post-depositional redoxrelated change. Differences in dust provenance have so far been reported to exert relatively little 973 effect on measured ²³²Th concentrations, falling within 1 ppm of the upper continental crustal 974 average of 10.7 ppm (Anderson et al., 2006). For an increasing number of sediment cores 975 976 spanning the equatorial Pacific, recent studies making use of these techniques consistently demonstrate increased dust fluxes during glacial stages, with dust fluxes up to 2.5 x higher 977 during the last glacial stage (Anderson et al., 2006; McGee et al., 2007, Winckler et al., 2008). 978 979 Dust fluxes decrease from west to east, and towards the south, where northern and equatorial 980 South American dust sources may contribute (Anderson et al., 2006), compared to the dominantly Asian-sourced aerosol towards the north (Ziegler et al., 2009). These new data 981

For the NW Pacific (Shatsky Rise), in contrast, finer sizes (median diameter ~ 3 µm) have been

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982	indicate a coherent response by dust generation and transport processes, from the equator to the
983	South Pole, to glacial/interglacial climate changes through the late Pleistocene (fig. 14). The
984	gradient in dust flux values from north to south across the equator may change through time in
985	response to changes in the latititudinal position and/or the intensity of the intertropical
986	convergence zone (Rea, 1994; Rea and Hovan, 1995; McGee et al., 2007; Ziegler et al., 2008).
987	As noted by Anderson et al. (2006) and Winckler et al. (2008), the observed equatorial Pacific
988	glacial flux increase (up to x 2.5 higher) is very different from modelled dust fluxes for this
989	region. For example, while earlier models (Mahowald et al., 1999, Reader et al. 1999) produced
990	unrealistically large LGM flux increases (LGM/modern ratios ranging between 12 and 105),
991	more recent simulations result in disproportionately low LGM fluxes and also a west to east
992	increase in flux (Mahowald et al., 2006).
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997	4.4. The palaeo-dust record of the HNLC ocean regions: Antarctic ice cores and Southern
998	Ocean.
999	4.4.1. Antarctic ice cores
1000	Some of the longest, most detailed palaeo-dust records have been retrieved from the Antarctic
1001	polar region. Our interpretation of this paleo-record would be greatly facilitated by
1002	measurements of present-day dust transport. Unfortunately, there are remarkably few dust data in
1003	the Southern Hemisphere and, consequently, a major problem in quantifying LGM/modern dust
1004	flux ratios for the wider Southern Ocean region is the paucity of data with which to assess
1005	present day dust fluxes from any of the S. hemisphere land masses (section 2.2). Dust fluxes
1006	recorded in Antarctic ice cores show that across the southern polar region dust flux was $\sim 30~x$
1007	higher during the LGM (fig. 15). The reasons for this very large increase in dust at the LGM can
1008	be multiple. Source regions over Patagonia were certainly extended due to drier conditions and
1009	the decrease in sea-level that left exposed wide continental regions. In addition, the transport
1010	paths could have been changed and the wet deposition is likely to have been considerably
1011	reduced. These factors taken in combination or seldom can explain the differences seen in the
1012	deposition fluxes in the ice cores (Yung et al., 1996).

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The growing number of ice cores retrieved from the Antarctic plateau provide long, undisturbed 1016 1017 dust and climate records (extending back over eight glacial cycles) representing not only the 1018 Southern Ocean region but also sectoral differences (fig. 16) within that region (Fischer et al., 2007). High resolution dust flux records can be compared between several locations, including 1019 Vostok (78° 28'S 106° 48'E) (Petit et al., 1999) and the two EPICA sites (EPICA community 1020 members, 2006), Dome C (EDC, 75°06'S, 123°21E, in the Indian Ocean sector) and at Kohnen 1021 station in Dronning Maud Land (EDML: 75°00'S, 00°04'E), and Talos Dome (72° 48'S 159° 1022 06'E; Delmonte et al., 2009). For all these cores, the dust profiles are extremely similar both in 1023 terms of total dust flux and the magnitude of the glacial/interglacial changes (Fischer et al., 2007; 1024 1025 Lambert et al., 2008) with high dust fluxes during glacial stages; up to 30 x higher compared with the Holocene and earlier interglaciations. At EDC, total dust fluxes range from ~ 0.4 mg m⁻² 1026 1027 a-1 at the Holocene to 12 mg m-2 a-1 during glacial maxima. Tight coupling of the dust and climate records is especially evident during cold intervals of glacial stages (i.e. when $\delta D > ~425$ 1028 1029 ‰, Lambert et al., 2008). Episodes of warming are linked with reduced dust fluxes; for instance, 1030 each of the Antarctic isotopic maxima (EPICA community members, 2006) is associated with a decline in dust fluxes at both the EDC and EDML sites (Fischer et al., 2007), indicating 1031 synchronous changes in the dust source regions (e.g. reduced dust supply and/or reduced wind 1032 1033 speeds). 1034 1035 Figure 16. 1036

1037 Comparison of the EDML and EDC records identifies that the flux of non-sea salt calcium (i.e. 1038 as a mineral dust proxy) was 3 x higher at the EDML, Atlantic sector site; this higher flux is 1039 attributed to its greater proximity to S. American dust sources (Fischer et al., 2007). Debate is 1040 ongoing with regard to the relative influences of glacial-interglacial changes in source strength 1041 and changes in dust transport processes (especially atmospheric residence time and transport 1042 rate) on rates of dust deposition at Antarctica (e.g. see Fischer et al., 2007 compared with 1043 Lambert et al., 2008). If source strength has been the major influence, then glacial dust fluxes to

the Atlantic sector of the Southern Ocean, lying between the S. American sources and the 1044 Antarctic region, should approach those observed in Antarctica (see section 4.4.2). 1045 1046 An additional if subtle complication arises with reported regional differences dust particle size 1047 1048 around the different Antarctic sectors (Delmonte et al., 2004). In terms of dust particle size, the 1049 mass-size distribution of aeolian particles in east Antarctica is well sorted around a mean mass 1050 diameter of 2 μ m, the largest particle diameter is ~ 5 μ m, and the contribution of particles < 0.7 μ m contributes < ~10 % of the total mass (Delmonte et al. 2004b). However, during glacial 1051 stages, smaller particles were deposited at the EDC site, in contrast to Vostok and Dome B, 1052 where increased particle size has been reported during glacial stages (Petit et al, 1982; Delmonte 1053 1054 et al. 2004). 1055 Provenancing of the Antarctic dust by magnetic (Maher, 2009), elemental (Marino et al., 2008) 1056 and isotopic, Sr and Nd, techniques (e.g. Grousset et al., 1992; Basile et al., 1997) is still being 1057 refined, in order to extend the range of well-characterised potential source areas. As noted by 1058 Mahowald et al. (1999), no potential source area can be discounted or verified if it has not been 1059 sampled and characterised. It is also essential to take into account particle size effects on 1060 mineral, elemental and isotopic signatures (figure 17a and b and e.g. Delmonte et al., 2004; 1061 2009). For dust both at Vostok and EDC, the isotopic fields are almost identical (within the 1062 ranges $0.708 < {}^{87}Sr$: ${}^{86}Sr < 0.711$ and ${}^{-5} \le Nd(0) < +5$), indicating a common dust source across 1063 1064 the East Antarctic region. So far, around 60 potential source areas samples from S. America (33 1065 samples), New Zealand (15), Australia (22), southern Africa (6) and the Antarctic Dry Valleys 1066 (6) have been subjected to isotopic analysis of their fine size fractions ($< 5 \mu m$), encompassing loess and loess-like deposits, silts and sands, fluvioglacial sediments, soils, moraines (Delmonte 1067 et al., 2004, 2007, 2009) and glacial lacustrine deposits (Sugden et al., 2009). At present, those 1068 potential source areas showing partial overlap with the glacial stage ice core dusts are S. 1069 America, New Zealand, the Antarctic Dry Valleys (fig. 17), and some Australian areas (Lake 1070 Eyre). The overlap with Australian-sourced samples increases for interglacial stage samples 1071 1072 (Revel-Rolland et al., 2006; Delmonte et al., 2007; 2009; Marino et al., 2008). 1073

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1076 So far, the consensus has been that Patagonia, and possibly the Puna Altiplano area, have been 1077 the major glacial dust sources for the Antarctic ice records (Gaiero, 2007; Delmonte et al., 2007). Satellite observations identify these hypothesized source regions as prominent present-day dust 1078 sources (see fig. 3b, section 2.2). Lowered glacial-stage sea level rendered Patagonia twice as 1079 1080 large as today and glacial activity was extensive; this region was most likely an intense dust 1081 source during the LGM and previous glacial stages (e.g. Iriondo, 2000; Sugden et al., 2009). There is no published continental record of Quaternary dust accumulation from Patagonia, 1082 1083 reflecting the high potential for wind erosion and poor geomorphic conditions for sediment accumulation. Rather, loess accumulation was concentrated further to the north and east in the 1084 pampas of Argentina (e.g. around ~ 30 °S, ~ 60 °W). Age control for these loess sequences has 1085 not been well established yet, but MARs at the LGM are estimated at between ~ 45 and 145 g 1086 1087 m⁻² a⁻¹ (Krohling and Iriondo, 1999). Evidence for direct links between the Antarctic records of dust deposition and activating sources within the Patagonian region comes from chronological 1088 and isotopic data on glacial outwash sediments fringing the Straits of Magellan (Sugden et al., 1089 2009). During the last glaciation, an Andean ice sheet developed between latitudes 44 °S and 55 1090 °S. Outlet glaciers flowing eastwards from this ice sheet debouched into large outwash plains, 1091 1092 with meltwater eventually draining into the S. Atlantic Ocean. When the outlet glaciers advanced to terminate directly at the outwash plains around the (then emergent) Magellan Straits, large 1093 1094 amounts of glacigenic dust were supplied and available for uplift and transport by intensified 1095 westerly winds. Conversely, when the glaciers terminated in proglacial lakes, the dust supply was effectively 'switched off'. Isotopic analysis (Sr, Nd) of the finest fraction (<5 µm) of 1096 1097 Magellan glacial lacustrine sediments indicates that they may have been one of the sources of the 1098 Antarctic dust during glacial stages (Sugden et al., 2009). Correlation between the dated sequence of Patagonian glacial activity and the Antarctic (Dome C) dust peaks is good, although 1099 anomalies do occur (e.g. the ice core dust peak at 30 ka has no glacial correlative in Patagonia; 1100 and the dated sediments are lacustrine, possibly indicative of periods of glacial retreat rather than 1101 1102 advance). Rapid retreat of the glaciers can account for the observed rapid decreases in dust flux during deglaciation. Notably, the deglacial decline in Antarctic dust flux precedes the reduction 1103 1104 in sea ice in the Southern Ocean, the warming of the Southern Ocean and the deglacial rise in sea level (Sugden et al., 2009; Fischer et al., 2007; Wolff et al., 2006). One problem with this 1105

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1106	proposed glacial outwash dust source is the key and characteristic presence of leaf wax-derived
1107	n-alkanes in the intervening sedimentary record of the Southern Ocean (see section 4.4.2); the
1108	presence of vegetation might suggest a more low-lying source area (e.g. the emergent coastal
1109	shelf) rather than a glacial/periglacial source.
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1111	4.4.2. The Southern Ocean dust record
1112	It has so far proved difficult to quantify the flux of dust across the Southern Ocean, and thence to
1113	Antarctica, during past glacial stages. Glacial stage sediments are characterised by increased
1114	lithogenic MARs in all three sectors of the Southern Ocean but these sedimentary records have
1115	diverse terrigenous contributions, including iceberg-rafted debris, current-transported sediment
1116	and aeolian dust (Diekmann, 2007). As with the Pacific sedimentary record, significant lateral
1117	transport of sediment by strong bottom water currents has affected the Southern Ocean records.
1118	There are presently very few integrative studies which have used a range of independent proxies
1119	to establish robust lithogenic and aeolian MARs, and identify glacial/interglacial changes in
1120	export production. Martínez-Garcia et al. (2009) present multiproxy-derived estimates of dust
1121	and iron supply, and marine productivity, over the last 1.1My from a deep-sea sediment record
1122	(PS2489-2, ODP Site 1090) located in the subantarctic South Atlantic (fig. 18). The initial age
1123	model for this composite sedimentary record was obtained by oxygen isotope analysis of benthic
1124	foraminifera (prior to tuning by correlation between the sediment sea surface temperature record
1125	and the EDC temperature record). Using ²³² Th: ²³⁰ Th as a proxy for dust flux (in combination
1126	with other terrigenous tracers, including long-chain n-alkanes derived from leaf waxes), these
1127	authors report dust fluxes varying from $\sim 1~g~m^{-2}~a^{-1}~(\sim 50~mg~m^{-2}~a^{-1}~of~iron)$ for interglacial
1128	periods, to \sim 5-7 g m ⁻² a ⁻¹ (\sim 250 mg m ⁻² a ⁻¹ of iron) for glacial stages (fig. 18). Assuming the dust
1129	source to be S. America, these estimates thus indicate up to 7 x increase in the source strength for
1130	this region. This magnitude of change contrasts with the x 20-25 increase in dust flux recorded
1131	by the Antarctic ice cores (Lambert et al., 2008). These data suggest that increased dust source
1132	strength, due to increased (possibly glacially-driven) dust supply and/or higher wind speeds,
1133	might be less significant for the recorded Antarctic dust fluxes than increased efficiency of long
1134	range transport, due to shorter transit times and/or less rain-out en route.
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1136	Figure 18

In terms of dust source, whilst very few dust flux data exist for either the present day or the LGM 1138 1139 for this region, present day dust fluxes seem very low (see section 2.2). Hence, it is probable that sources additional to present-day southern S. American source areas were active during the last 1140 1141 glacial period. Recent research does indicate that southern S. America was the most important 1142 LGM dust source for this region, as evidenced by the dominant overlap of isotopic compositions of sediments from the Pampean loess (Gaiero, 2007), the Southern Ocean (Walter et al., 2000) 1143 and the Antarctic dust (Delmonte et al., 2008). Modelling (Krinner and Genthon, 2003; Lunt & 1144 Valdes, 2002) and mineralogical studies (Gaiero, 2007; Delmonte et al., 2008) indicate that ~ 80 1145 1146 % of dust reaching the Antarctic Plateau during cold periods was derived from Patagonia. Less clear is the contribution of southern S. American materials to the South Atlantic Ocean. On 1147 1148 isotopic grounds, glacial sediments from the north Scotia Sea seem dominated by a southernmost 1149 Patagonian source (Walter et al., 2000). However, compared with the potential southern S. American sources, sediments from the Atlantic sector of the Southern Ocean (~41 °S, 14 °W) 1150 1151 display notably higher chlorite content (Diekmann, 2007). Total detrital MARs for this region are ~15 g m⁻² a⁻¹ for the last interglacial stage (MIS 5, ~ 125 ka) and ~120 g m⁻² a⁻¹ for the LGM 1152 (Walter et al., 2000), but the aeolian contribution to these figures is not known. 1153 1154 1155 For the other S. hemisphere land masses, the Murray-Darling basin was a major Australian dust 1156 source in the LGM, exporting dust towards the south and southeast (Hesse, 1994; Hesse and McTainsh, 2003). With dust storm frequency ~ 50 % higher (McTainsh and Lynch, 1996), the 1157 LGM flux of Australian dust to the mid-Tasman Sea (160 °E, 40 °S) is estimated at ~ 3 x 1158 Holocene levels (Hesse, 1994). An additional LGM sediment source was the ancestral Lake Eyre 1159 1160 basin (Dulhunty, 1982). Australian dust may have been a long-term contributor to the Southern 1161 Ocean and the southwest Pacific (Stancin et al., 2006, 2008) but the record is obscured by poor 1162 carbonate preservation in the deep Southern Ocean basins and reworking of sediments by strong 1163 Antarctic circum-polar circulation. In terms of particle size, LGM dust transported to the Tasman Sea from Australia (Hesse and McTainsh, 1999) comprises a minor coarse silt component 1164 1165 (modal diameter 20-25 μ m) and dominant fine silt and clay (< 4 μ m). Compared to the present 1166 day, there is little change either in the mode or the size of the coarser particles, indicating little change in the strength of the zonal westerlies over Australia at the LGM. The palaeo-dust 1167

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1168 contained within Tasman Sea sediments contains fine-grained haematite/goethite, the 1169 concentration of which varies directly with the dust concentration (Hesse, 1997). Thus, the flux 1170 of fine-grained haematite/goethite to the Southern Ocean and southwest Pacific and from Australia was greater in the LGM and previous glacials than in the Holocene and previous 1171 interglacials. (The volumetric flux of these minerals, however, has yet to be determined). 1172 1173 Although New Zealand appears to be an insignificant source of dust to the Pacific sector of the Southern Ocean today (Prospero et al, 2002; fig. 3), it represents a (poorly documented) potential 1174 contributor of dust to the palaeo-Southern Ocean. Given its significant terrestrial accumulations 1175 of loess, New Zealand may have been a significant source of dust to the southwest Pacific and 1176 Southern Ocean at least during glacial intervals of the Late Quaternary. While the geochemical 1177 fingerprint of New Zealand dust overlaps glacial and interglacial Vostok dust signatures (figure 1178 1179 16; Delmonte et al., 2004, 2009), it is likely that New Zealand, like Australia, contributes more 1180 to the Pacific than other sectors of the Southern Ocean. It is notable that New Zealand's Taupo volcano has been excluded as a potential aerosol source for the Antarctic ice cores from Dome C 1181 (75°06'S 123°21'E) and Vostok (78°28'S 106°46'E), on the basis of its relatively high SiO₂ 1182 1183 content (Narcisi et al., 2005). The absence of Taupo-sourced tephra from the last 200 ka of the Antarctic ice cores suggests that dust transport from the New Zealand/Australian region to 1184 Antarctica is inefficient (Delmonte et al., 2004; Narcisi et al., 2005). Yet Taupo volcanic dust has 1185 been found in Greenland ice cores (Zielinski et al., 1996); it seems unusual that there could have 1186 been no transmission of dust, at least to subantarctic Southern Ocean waters, given the extreme 1187 size of some eruptions. For example, in an eruption dated at ~ 26.5 ka, Taupo emitted ~ 1.4×10^{18} 1188 g of tephra (Mason et al., 2004), i.e. 1000 x the current global dust flux. 1189 1190 1191 Given the current scarcity of present day or palaeo-dust flux and provenance data for the 1192 southern S. hemisphere region, model simulations remain to be validated. For the LGM, 1193 modelling of southern hemisphere dust deposition (e.g. Lunt and Valdes, 2002) suggests up to 15

- 1194 x greater flux of South American dust in the Atlantic sector of the Southern Ocean (compared
- 1195 with up to 7 x flux as reported by Martinez-Garcia et al., 2009), and > 90 % contribution of S.
- 1196 American dust to deposition in the Atlantic and Indian Ocean sectors. In the Lunt & Valdes
- 1197 (2002) study, the modelled LGM flux of Australian dust exceeds the S. American value
- 1198 (presumably reflecting the greater area of the Australian continent) but the Australian dust is

1199	dispersed over the entire Pacific sector of the Southern Ocean (Lunt and Valdes, 2002). Other
1200	modelled fluxes (Mahowald et al., 1999, 2006) indicate LGM/modern ratios in the Southern
1201	Ocean ranging from 0.5 to 2 (with dust sources as modelled for the present day) and 20 to 50
1202	(with modelled expansion in dust sources at the LGM).
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1204	5. Palaeo-productivity changes during the LGM in the HNLC regions
1205	5.1. Northwestern and equatorial Pacific.
1206	In the context of iron fertilization, did the measured LGM enhancement of flux of Asian dust
1207	overcome iron limitation in the HNLC regions of the northwestern and equatorial Pacific,
1208	resulting in significant drawdown of atmospheric CO ₂ ? Export production has previously been
1209	reported to have been globally higher during the LGM, with just one exception, the Southern
1210	Ocean (Kohfeld et al., 2005). Some studies have identified an association between glacial
1211	climate stages and increased productivity in the Pacific Ocean. For example, for core H3571
1212	from the NW Pacific, biogenic opal and organic carbon were both reported to have increased
1213	during glacial stages (Kawahata et al., 2000). Similarly, for sediments retrieved from the eastern
1214	equatorial Pacific, Pedersen (1983) identified peak sedimentary organic carbon content (Corg) in
1215	association with the LGM. This study used the iodine:Corg ratio to rule out enhanced preservation
1216	as a causal factor and thus ascribed the peak Corg to a significant increase in productivity during
1217	the LGM. Using biogenic barite fluxes as a palaeo-productivity indicator and conventional
1218	stratigraphically-derived MARs, Paytan et al. (1996) also identified ~ 2 x higher export
1219	production during glacial stages for central and eastern equatorial Pacific cores.
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1221	More recent studies reporting increased glacial stage export production, in the western equatorial
1222	and subarctic Pacific, include those of Zhang et al. (2007) and Amo and Minagawa (2003),
1223	respectively. Zhang et al. (2007), using a mixture of micropalaeontological and foraminiferal
1224	isotopic (δ^{13} C) proxies from Hole 807A (Ontong Java Plateau, 3°36.42N, 165°37.49E), find that
1225	productivity has been greater during glacial stages and has gradually increased since MIS13 (~
1226	530 ka). They also find correlation between their palaeoproductivity record and the dust flux
1227	record in northwestern Pacific core V21-146 (37ºN 163ºE), from the Shatsky Rise (Hovan et al.,
1228	1991). Zhang et al. (2007) thus suggest that dust transported from East Asia may be significant
1229	for enhancement of biological productivity in the western equatorial Pacific during glacial times.

1230	Similarly, Amo and Minagawa (2003) estimated temporal changes of organic carbon fluxes
1231	during the last 130 ka from marine and terrigenous sources for sediments at the Shatsky Rise
1232	(33.3 °N, 159 °E). In contrast with the minor input of terrestrially-derived carbon, C _{marine} was
1233	estimated at > 86% of the total organic carbon for the whole core, reaching highest accumulation
1234	rates (9.2 mg C cm ⁻² ka ⁻¹) in the LGM, and next highest rates in earlier glacial periods. From
1235	their alkenone-derived SST reconstructions, Amo and Minagawa (op. cit.) show that although
1236	cold sea surface temperatures (SSTs) prevailed at their Shatsky Rise site throughout MIS 2-4 (\sim
1237	20 – 7- ka), export production peaked at the LGM, when aeolian dust flux to the site was also at
1238	a maximum. It should be noted that both this study and that of Zhang et al. (2007) use
1239	conventional δ^{18} O-derived chronologies for calculation of MARs.
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1241	However, recent work on equatorial Pacific sediments has contradicted these findings. Revising
1242	their previous conclusions, Paytan et al. (2004) reported that with normalisation of sediment
1243	accumulation rates using ²³⁰ Th, the apparent glacial increases in Pacific productivity either
1244	disappeared or even reversed. They conclude that higher rates of biogenic flux during glacial
1245	stages result not from greater export production but from increased lateral influx of sediment,
1246	transported by bottom water currents. This problem of sediment focusing appears to be
1247	widespread across the equatorial Pacific region, as indicated by ratios in excess of 1 for
1248	²³⁰ Th _{measured} : ²³⁰ Th _{expected} water column production). In another approach, using calcite
1249	accumulation rates (excess ²³⁰ Th-normalised and corrected for dissolution), Loubere et al. (2004)
1250	also estimated significantly reduced export production in the eastern equatorial Pacific (from 0.1
1251	to 3.1 °S and 84.65 – 95.65 °W) at the LGM, i.e. \sim 30-50 % lower than during the Holocene.
1252	They attribute this reduction to lowered nutrient supply from the Southern Ocean via the
1253	equatorial undercurrent. This magnitude of productivity reduction is echoed by Bradtmiller et
1254	al.'s (2006) analysis of ²³⁰ Th normalized opal fluxes and ²³¹ Pa: ²³⁰ Th ratios in eleven equatorial
1255	Pacific cores; Holocene opal burial rates those of the late glacial period by 35 %. Rather than
1256	systematic reduction in productivity during glacial stages, Anderson et al. (2008) report that
1257	²³⁰ Th-normalized barite fluxes (equatorial core, TT013-PC72, 140 °W) exhibit no clear glacial-
1258	interglacial pattern of variability (fig. 19). Similarly, whilst acknowledging the absence of any
1259	'ideal' palaeo-productivity proxy, Ziegler et al. (2008) identify no relationship between enhanced
1260	flux of Asian dust and ocean productivity, estimating similar export production rates at the LGM

1261	as at present day (for five equatorial cores retrieved at 140 °W). Nor do they find any relationship
1262	between palaeo-productivity and potential Fe supply by upwelling from the equatorial
1263	undercurrent.
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1265	For the subarctic, northwestern Pacific (ODP 882, 50.3 °N, 167.5 °E), Jaccard et al. (2005) report
1266	reduced export production during glacial stages (defined using a δ^{18} O-derived age model), based
1267	on use of 'biogenic barium' as a palaeoproductivity proxy (i.e. sedimentary barite concentrations
1268	normalized by detritally-sourced aluminium). They attribute this glacial stage reduction in
1269	productivity to increased glacial ocean stratification, and reduced nutrient supply from
1270	upwelling. Their findings are supported by Shigemitsu et al. (2007) who report increased aeolian
1271	fluxes of loess during glacial stages but reduced marine productivity for another western
1272	subarctic Pacific core (50°N, 164.9°E) . Similarly, low glacial productivity (succeeded by
1273	increased deglacial productivity) is reported by Gebhardt et al. (2008), using biogenic opal and
1274	chlorins as proxy indicators for another piston core (51.27 °N, 167.7 °E) near to ODP Site 882.
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1276	At present, therefore, where sedimentation rates have been normalized by excess ²³⁰ Th, evidence
1277	suggests there has been no enhancement of ocean productivity and export production in the
1278	equatorial Pacific during the last glacial stage (fig.19). For the NW Pacific, varying with choice
1279	of proxy, contradictory evidence currently exists. As suggested by Gebhardt et al. (2008),
1280	productivity changes may have differed in time and space across the open ocean. However,
1281	selection and interpretation of productivity proxies in the Pacific region remain an ongoing issue
1282	and, as noted by Ziegler et al. (2008), it may be problematic to infer a change in total
1283	productivity from a change in any one particular biological component.
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1285	Figure 19.
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1287	5.2. Southern Ocean.
1288	In terms of export production, Martínez-Garcia et al. (2009) report good correlation between

- 1289 glacial/interglacial changes in total organic carbon and the estimated fluxes of dust, indicating
- 1290 enhanced, and possibly dust-related, marine productivity in the subantarctic eastern Atlantic
- 1291 sector of the Southern Ocean during glacial stages (fig. 18). However, despite the high fluxes of

1292	dust recorded by the Antarctic ice cores during the LGM, glacial increases in TOC appear much
1293	greater during previous glacial stages. For example, while the LGM is characterised by $\sim 2 \text{ x}$
1294	increase in TOC, increases of up to $\sim 28~x$ are observed during MIS 10 ($\sim 360~ka)$ and earlier
1295	glacial stages. One feature common to all the glacial intervals recorded in this composite record
1296	is that increases in export production (i.e. above the average interglacial value) only occurred
1297	when the ice core record of CO_2 concentration fell below $\sim 230 \ \text{ppmv}$ (i.e. $> 50 \ \text{ppmv}$ lower than
1298	during interglacial stages).
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Figure 20

1302	Enhanced export production in the glacial subantarctic has previously been reported, based on a
1303	range of radionuclide proxies, for each sector of the Southern Ocean, but varying spatially across
1304	the sectors (Kumar et al., 1995; Pondaven et al., 2000; Dezileau et al., 2003; Chase et al., 2001,
1305	2003). At the present day, biogenic opal accumulates at similar rates in each sector, in the
1306	permanently open-ocean zone of the southern part of the Antarctic Circumpolar Current (ACC),
1307	with productivity maxima south of the modern Polar Front (fig. 20). During the Last Glacial
1308	Maximum, opal accumulation rates decreased in the southern part of the ACC at similar rates in
1309	all three sectors, and increased at regionally different rates in the northern part of the ACC, with
1310	maxima in the Atlantic sector (Diekmann, 2007). This suggests that limitation on primary
1311	productivity was overcome to a greater extent in the Atlantic than in the Indian and Pacific
1312	sectors (fig. 19). For the LGM, thorium-normalised lithogenic MARs were $\sim 4 \text{ x}$ higher in the
1313	Atlantic than in the Pacific sector (Chase et al., 2003). Glacigenic and bottom water-transported
1314	sediments are likely, however, to have contributed most of the fine-grained terrigenous material
1315	to this sector (Diekmann, 2007; Maher and Dennis, 2001; Latimer and Filipelli, 2001; Tagliabue
1316	et al., 2009).
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6. Synthesis.

6.1 LGM dust fluxes and changes in ocean productivity?

1322	It is clear from the palaeo-data that dust fluxes to the HNLC regions of the world ocean were
1323	higher during the LGM than at the present day. The key question arises of whether or not these
1324	increased mineral fluxes resulted in significant changes in marine productivity, export production
1325	(i.e. carbon sequestration, biomass that is permanently removed from the carbon cycle) and,
1326	consequently, drawdown of atmospheric CO2 during the last glacial stage.

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As summarized above, a growing body of evidence suggests that there has been no enhancement 1328 of ocean productivity and export production in the equatorial Pacific during the LGM. For the 1329 NW Pacific, the evidence appears contradictory. The differences in data interpretation for this 1330 1331 latter region may reflect heterogeneity in ocean productivity through time and space (Gebhardt et al., 2008), but choice and understanding of productivity proxy also remain an ongoing issue. 1332 1333 Further, the relationships between productivity and export of carbon remain poorly resolved for 1334 this region. Data reported by Hays (2009), for example, indicate lower productivity at the LGM than in the Holocene but higher LGM export of carbon due to significant re-organization of the 1335 1336 epipelagic food web, in particular the glacial dominance of more productive, deep-living (> 200 1337 m water depth) radiolarian species (especially Cycladophora davisiana), as previously reported for the Sea of Okhotsk (e.g. Hays and Morley, 2004). 1338 1339

1340 For the Southern Ocean, coupling between dust flux and export production is inferred by

1341 Martinez-Garcia et al. (2009), who note that the observed increase in export production during

1342 glacial stages is non-linear, rising only slowly in early glaciation stages before accelerating to

peak at glacial maxima. They attribute this exponential pattern to dust-driven iron supply, with
dust flux also rising exponentially as global ice volume increases (Ridgwell and Watson, 2002;

1345 Lambert et al., 2008). These data would indicate that dust-forced increases in Southern Ocean

1346 export production can induce significant CO₂ drawdown but only during glacial maxima, and

1347 thus can account for \sim 40 -50 ppmv drawdown of CO₂ (i.e. as much as half of the total

1348 interglacial-glacial change of ~ 100 ppmv). The apparent coherence between the productivity

1349 proxy (alkenones) and the record of change in atmospheric CO₂ is notable (fig. 21c). Intervals

1350 where the relationship between dust flux, productivity and CO₂ break down (e.g. ~ 220 ka) seem

1351 quite rare but may provide some clue to the required additional causal factors in CO₂ drawdown.

1352 The coupling of dust flux and CO₂ in the reverse direction (i.e. glacial to interglacial) is less

clear. Rothlisberger et al. (2004) note that only small CO2 variations accompanied large 1353 variations in the flux of non-sea salt- Ca^{2+} (as a proxy for dust) during glacial Antarctic warm 1354 events A1 to A4. They estimate that decreased dust deposition to the Southern Ocean during 1355 glacial to interglacial transitions accounts for not more than a 20 ppmv increase in CO₂ (with 1356 changes in the North Pacific adding <8 ppmv CO₂). 1357 1358 As yet, productivity proxies have yet to be quantified; there is no linear relationship between, for 1359 example, the Southern Ocean alkenones concentrations and palaeo-productivity. It is possible, 1360 however, to estimate some upper and lower bounds on the extent of productivity increase needed 1361 to account for the timing and fall in atmospheric CO₂, as recorded in the Antarctic ice cores (Box 1362 1). 1363 1364

1365 Similar calculations can be made for other waters. For example, if the drawdown of CO₂ was attributable to the HNLC waters of the NW Pacific as well as the Southern Ocean, then at ~ 15 % 1366 of the global NPP, the estimated glacial changes to NPP and/or pump efficiency would be 1367 1368 proportionally smaller. Regardless of whether interglacial-glacial changes in atmospheric pCO_2 are due to a change in pump efficiency, a change in NPP or a combination of the two, the 1369 simplest case is for pump efficiency in the Southern Ocean to be towards the upper end of the 1370 1371 probable range (i.e. closer to 20 % than to 1 %). Lack of observational data (as opposed to modelled estimates) prevents further resolution of the terms here and we suggest this is a high-1372 1373 priority goal for future research. 1374 1375 Figure 21.

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However, whereas Martinez-Garcia et al. (2009) infer that dust-forced iron fertilization has been
operating in the subantarctic region over at least the last 1.1 My, the spatial distribution of LGM
increases in ocean productivity does clearly vary with sector. LGM opal accumulation rates
increased in the northern part of the ACC but were greatest in the Atlantic sector of the Southern
Ocean, coincident with highest detrital sediment accumulation rates. Rather than of aeolian
origin, much of this terrigenous flux is likely to have been of glacigenic and/or bottom water-

1383 transported origin (Diekmann, 2007; Maher and Dennis, 2001). Further, even within this sector -

- 1384 much of which lies directly downwind of the S. American dust source -, it is suggested that areas
- 1385 of enhanced LGM productivity existed as rather localized 'hotspots' (Anderson et al., 2008), and
- 1386 that these 'hotspots' may reflect localized iron inputs, such as reactive (i.e. more bioavailable),
- 1387 nanoparticulate iron from iceberg rafting (Raiswell et al., 2008).
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BOX 1: Estimations of changes in net primary productivity and/or efficiency of the biological pump at glacial terminations.

- Global net primary productivity (NPP) is ~ 105 Pg C per year, with ~50 Pg of this in the oceans (e.g. Field et al., 1998). The efficiency of the biological pump is contentious (e.g., Archer and Johnson, 2000; Moore and Doney 2007; Jin et al., 2008); estimates span a wide range from < 1 to 20 % of NPP being exported, depending both on the location and definition of 'exported'. Thus, modern carbon export may lie between 0.5 10 Pg C y¹.
- 2. From the onset of glaciations, it takes at least 10,000 years for CO₂ to drop by 100 ppm, such a decrease representing ~ 220 Pg carbon, or ~ $0.02 Pg C y^{-l}$.
- 3. Assuming that the decrease in atmospheric CO₂ was due solely to enhanced export from the Southern Ocean, bounding conditions can be established by considering two end member cases. The first end member case (see 4. below) is when NPP changes and pump efficiency is constant; the second end member case (see 5. below) is when NPP is constant and the pump efficiency changes.
- 4. Modern primary production in the Southern Ocean (waters south of 50 °S) is ~ $2 Pg C y^{-1}$ (Arrigo et al., 2008). At the termination of a glacial stage, with a 1 % pump efficiency, total export = $0.04 Pg C y^{-1}$, i.e. the 'baseline' export of 1 % of the modern NPP (2 Pg) = $0.02 Pg C y^{-1}$, plus the 0.02 Pg C y⁻¹ 'extra export' required to reduce atmospheric CO₂ to its observed glacial value. This would require NPP at the glacial termination to have been $4 Pg C y^{-1}$, i.e. a 100 % increase over the modern NPP value.
- Conversely, at a glacial termination, with 20 % pump efficiency, the total carbon export of (0.4 + 0.02) Pg C y⁻¹ would have required an NPP of 2.1 Pg C y⁻¹; i.e. just *a 5% increase* over modern NPP.
- 6. In the case of constant NPP (at 2 Pg C y⁻¹), the total required glacial export in the Southern Ocean of 0.04 Pg C y⁻¹ indicates a pump efficiency of 1.3 % (a 30 % increase over a baseline 1% efficiency), while total export of 1.22 Pg C y⁻¹ gives a pump efficiency of 20.3 % (~2 % increase over a baseline 20 % efficiency).

1391	In summary, changes in Southern Ocean marine productivity, during the later stages of the LGM,
1392	may have contributed up to half the recorded glacial fall in atmospheric CO ₂ . These changes may
1393	have been linked directly and causally with increased S. American dust fluxes, but are also likely
1394	to reflect iron supply from other detrital sources.
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1396	6.2 LGM dust fluxes and changes in radiative forcing?
1397	Dust flux data retrieved from sediment archives (e.g. figs. 8, 10a, 14) demonstrate the major,
1398	global increase in 'dustiness' at the LGM, with at least some evidence of coherent MAR
1399	increases between both hemispheres, even at sub-millennial timescales. From the terrestrial loess
1400	sequences in particular, very high dust fluxes indicate marked increases in dust source 'strength',
1401	i.e. dust supply increasing due to significant expansion of source areas. Provenance studies of
1402	loess shows that this expansion reflects desiccation and expansion of arid and semi-arid areas
1403	(such as the American Great Plains, the Russian steppe), as well as continental- (northern
1404	hemisphere) and regional-scale (southern hemisphere) glaciation, acting to supply freshly ground
1405	rock particles for deflation and transport at and beyond the ice sheet margins (Hughes, 1992).
1406	Modelling studies also indicate that expansion of dust source areas is required to simulate the
1407	observed LGM fluxes. Using linked terrestrial biosphere, dust source, and atmospheric transport
1408	models to simulate the dust cycle, Mahowald et al. (1999), for example, show that the simulated
1409	increase in high-latitude dustiness requires the expansion of unvegetated areas, especially in the
1410	high latitudes and central Asia. This expansion results from increased aridity and lowered
1411	atmospheric CO ₂ , indicating the impact of vegetation feedbacks in modulating the atmospheric
1412	dust sources and fluxes. Visual comparison of the LGM modelled and measured dust fluxes (fig.
1413	10), however, shows that while the dust cycle models simulate far-field dust deposition
1414	moderately well, they frequently under-estimate dust loadings close to dust sources, and over the
1415	continents in general, sometimes by up to an order of magnitude. Some of this discrepancy has
1416	been resolved by a twofold approach: firstly, by incorporating dust into a GCM and secondly, by
1417	including in dust cycle models a number of glaciogenic dust sources, designated by inversion
1418	from the palaeo-data (fig. 10b, and Mahowald et al., 2006). An important caveat is that dust
1419	cycle models do not commonly represent particles at the coarser end of the size distribution (> 10
1420	μm). Present day observations of dust are often similarly constrained; many aerosol studies use
1421	cascade samplers with a cut-off at 2 μ m. Thus, in making comparisons between model outputs

1422	and dust observations and/or archives (e.g. sediment cores), it is important that size fractions are
1423	matched (e.g. Mahowald et al., 2006). Nevertheless, current dust cycle models have yet to
1424	adequately compute deposition fluxes in regions including or in the vicinity of dust sources (as
1425	above). The converse problem is that the models appear to over-estimate dust fluxes in the
1426	Southern Ocean, where dust deposition (to the Kerguelen Plateau) is up to 2 orders of magnitude
1427	lower than in most current models (Wagener et al., 2008).
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Complementing these increases in supply of dust, the enhanced transport of that dust can readily 1429 be invoked, given - for example - that the Southern Ocean westerly winds are likely weaker 1430 and/or shifted equatorward during glacial periods compared to interglacial periods (Toggweiler 1431 et al., 2006). However, enhanced transport can be ascribed not only to more vigorous 1432 1433 atmospheric circulation. Changes in transport path and removal mechanisms are also likely to 1434 have occurred, e.g. reduced rain-out (leading to increased atmospheric residence times), shortening of trajectory from an expanded source, and/or shifting of the atmospheric jet. Such 1435 1436 transport factors may also have resulted in regional-scale variations in dust particle size, rendering subsequent inferences of wind speed changes subject to some degree of caution. Based 1437 on changes in dust particle size, LGM increases in wind speed have previously been inferred for 1438 northern and central China, Greenland, NW Africa, southern S. America and Antarctica. 1439 1440 However, more complicated particle size/transport path relationships are evident, for example, for the dust record of the NW Pacific (despite its 'intermediate' position between the Chinese 1441 loess and the Greenland ice cores), and indeed across the Antarctic Plateau. 1442 1443 Intensified cyclonic activity in northern middle latitudes has been modelled for the LGM (e.g. 1444 1445 Shin et al., 2003; Bush and Philander, 1999) although with some southerly displacement (~ 3°) 1446 of the core of the jet. Depending on the reconstructed ice sheet topography (Peltier, 1994), the Laurentide ice sheet also splits the jet stream in the above-cited models; such a split might have 1447 resulted in a more directly coupled transport path from the Chinese dust sources to the Greenland 1448 1449 ice sheet. 1450

1451 In radiative terms, models have indicated rather different outcomes arising from increased glacial1452 dust fluxes. For example, enhanced glacial fluxes of dust may have increased albedo resulting in

marked net cooling (Claquin et al. (2003); Mahowald et al. (2006)), in turn reducing 1453 convectional intensity and precipitation (Miller et al, 2004), and diminishing poleward transport 1454 1455 of heat and moisture (Ivanochko et al., 2005). In direct contrast, Overpeck et al. (1996) suggested that high atmospheric dust loadings during glaciations may have resulted in episodic, regional-1456 1457 scale warming (of the order of ~5 °C), downwind of the major Asian and ice-margin dust source 1458 regions. The modelled degree of warming was greater at progressively higher latitudes, reaching peak values (+2.4 °C) for high-albedo (snow- and ice-covered) areas with high atmospheric dust 1459 loadings. Over such bright surfaces, the effects of dust absorption may dominate those of 1460 scattering, thus reducing short wave backscattering and enhancing long wave radiation (see 1461 section 3.2.2). The model simulations reported by Overpeck et al. (1996) also show glacial-stage 1462 warming patterns which differ markedly from the pattern of the applied, dust-induced radiative 1463 forcing. These differences likely reflect the interactive role of feedbacks, as atmospheric 1464 1465 pressure, circulation and cloud patterns are altered, in modifying the regional energy balance. These authors note that these dust-driven radiative impacts may be under-estimated by the 1466 model, given the spatial and temporal variability of flux changes traced by the palaeo-dust 1467 record. Nor did the simulations include the radiative effects of deposited dust on snow and ice, 1468 which may significantly amplify warming effects (Peltier and Marshall, 1995; Krinner et al., 1469 2006). Sub-millennial variability in dust fluxes may in turn reflect feedback-induced oscillations; 1470 for example, in the case of the Asian region, through modifying land-ocean thermal gradients, 1471 resultant monsoonal intensity and extent and type of vegetation cover in the semi-arid zone. 1472 1473 Similarly, dust-induced warming in the Southern Ocean region may have caused glacial retreat in the southern S. America dust source areas, cutting off dust supply as glaciers terminated and 1474 deposited sediment in proglacial lakes rather than as unvegetated debris on outwash plains 1475 (Sugden et al., 2009). 1476

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1478 Across a range of palaeo-dust records, it appears that dust fluxes peak just prior to

1479 Dansgaard/Oeschger oscillations, before and during Heinrich events, and just before glacial

1480 terminations (Rothlisberger et al., 2002). The Southern Ocean records suggest that up to half of

1481 the glacial-interglacial change in atmospheric CO₂ can be accounted for by dust-driven changes

1482 in marine productivity. It seems possible that radiative forcing by dust can provide an additional

1483 key feedback, producing warming above and beyond the extensive bright surfaces – whether ice
1484 and snow or bare soil and desert - of the glacial world.

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1486 7. Conclusions.

Dust is important because not only can it affect climate, but the generation and transport of dust 1487 1488 is itself extremely sensitive to climate (fig. 1, fig. 22). For the future, dust cycle models predict large changes in aeolian transport from the continents to the oceans over coming centuries, in 1489 response to anthropogenic climate change. It is thus important and timely to evaluate the extent 1490 to which changes in dust fluxes and properties may modulate or amplify global warming. 1491 1492 Because spatial and temporal coverage of data on dust properties and emissions is limited at the present day, most of the currently reported dust budget values are based on transport models. The 1493 utility of these models and simulations is limited by uncertainties in our knowledge and 1494 1495 understanding of dust sources and characteristics, and of atmospheric transport and dust removal and reaction processes (fig. 22). For example, regional-scale variations in dust composition, 1496 1497 shape, particle size and surface roughness introduce significant uncertainties to the problem of modelling dust radiative forcing. At present, direct radiative forcing by dust appears to result in 1498 cooling over much of the Earth's surface; bright surfaces (such as deserts and ice and snow) are 1499 the exception, where dust can exert significant warming effects. Improved modelling of dust 1500 1501 optical properties at solar wavelengths can only be achieved with improved data on present and past regional variations in aerosol size and shape distributions, and in iron oxide 1502 1503 concentrations, mineralogies and mixing state. 1504 Other types of dust cycle model are being developed in order to estimate the biogeochemical 1505 1506 effects of dust transport to the oceans, through the supply of otherwise limited nutrients to 1507 marine phytoplankton. For example, an observational dust proxy (ocean surface concentrations 1508 of dissolved aluminium), a biogeochemical element cycling ocean model and a global dust 1509 entrainment and deposition model have recently been used in semi-independent combination to constrain dust deposition to the oceans (Han et al., 2008). However, even with major recent 1510 1511 expansion of the ocean Al database, the present day spatial and temporal dust proxy coverage 1512 remains inadequate for resolving global dust climatology. This scarcity of data on dust fluxes

and properties is an issue to be addressed with new field campaigns. In the case of ocean Al, new

sampling transects across the Pacific and Indian Oceans (within the CLIVAR and GEOTRACES 1514 programs), will begin to address one aspect of this problem. However, the most robust estimates 1515 1516 of past and present dust fluxes are likely to be achieved only with use of multiple observational datasets (at optimized spatial resolution) to constrain dust cycle models (Cakmur et al., 2006). 1517 The DIRTMAP3 data (figs. 9a and 10a) clearly delineate those regions which remain severely 1518 1519 under-represented in terms of any observed dust fluxes for the present day and/or the LGM. Such under-represented sites include much of the southern hemisphere, both terrestrial and marine. 1520 Even for those sites encompassed by DIRTMAP3, very few data exist regarding the key dust 1521 properties associated with the known sources and fluxes. Enhanced collaboration between the 1522 modelling (radiative and biogeochemical) and data-gathering scientific communities can 1523 optimize design of new field campaigns to obtain key observational data both for the present day 1524 1525 and for past time- (and climate-) slices. 1526 In order to achieve the required spatial and temporal information on dust fluxes, mineralogy, 1527 particle size and shape, effective and economically-feasible means of analysis are required. In 1528 1529 terms of mineralogy, rapid elemental analysis using x ray-based techniques such as particle induced x-ray emission (PIXE), x ray fluorescence and automated scanning electron microscopy 1530 (with energy dispersive x ray analysis, e.g. 'QEMSCAN'), continue to evolve in terms of sample 1531 1532 preparation, and lowering of analysis cost. For the iron-bearing components of dust, often nanoscale in size and present in minor or trace concentrations, non-destructive magnetic methods 1533 1534 may provide both a sensitive and fast means of analysis. Regarding particle size, the first challenge for improving data on dust particle size distributions, whether at present day or for the 1535 1536 palaeo-record, is the need for expanded geographic and temporal coverage. The second requires 1537 a degree of instrumental convergence between the atmospheric and oceanic communities. In 1538 particular it is notable that in the oceanic and ice-core community particle sizes are commonly 1539 measured with instruments based on the Coulter Principle (such as the Coulter Multisizer); such 1540 instruments are rarely used in aerosol research programs. Thus it is difficult or impossible to relate the size distributions measured by different research groups. 1541 1542 1543 Not only is this a problem for those measuring dust fluxes but also in turn for the modelling

1544 community. If the cut-off size of the instruments used to measure dust fluxes is poorly defined,

then meaningful comparison subsequently with modelled dust fluxes is also hindered. *Thus, if*one wants to say with confidence that a model is able to reproduce the main characteristics of
the dust deposition fields at present and during the LGM period, then a strategy for measurement
and treatment of dust particle size distributions is needed which is agreed and implemented
across both the data-gathering and dust modelling communities.
Similarly, just as convergence in analytical methods is at least desirable across the aerosol and

palaeo-dust research communities, similar discussions between the aerosol, biological and
palaeo-dust communities might aid development of the most appropriate analytical approaches
to assessing the solubility and bioavailability of iron-bearing dusts.

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1556 The large changes in dust emissions and transport seen from the palaeo-dust record may reflect a 1557 variety of processes (fig. 22): changes in sources and source conditions; changes in vegetative cover; sub-aerial erosion of emergent continental shelves; deflation from periglacial deposits; 1558 1559 variations in wind speed and gustiness; changed wind patterns linking sources to deposition areas; changes in deposition along the dust transport path. For the HNLC regions of the world 1560 ocean, the palaeo-dust record indicates increased dust fluxes at the LGM. The equatorial Pacific, 1561 for example, saw dust fluxes ~ 2.5 x higher during the last glacial stage, with dust fluxes 1562 decreasing from west to east, and towards the south. However, where sedimentation rates have 1563 been normalized by excess ²³⁰Th, no enhancement of ocean productivity and export production 1564 1565 has been observed in the equatorial Pacific during the LGM. The deep-sea record of the northwest Pacific, and the Greenland ice cores, display large and rapid changes both in dust flux 1566 1567 and particle size from interglacial into glacial climate stages. It is notable too that large dust flux 1568 changes are also evident within glacial stages, on sub-millennial timescales. Contradictory 1569 evidence currently exists for productivity and export changes at the last glacial stage in the 1570 northwest Pacific region, interpretations vary depending on the type of proxy used and its 1571 interpretation. More information is needed on the reorganization of marine ecology which results from glacial changes in ocean temperature and subsequent effects on export production. 1572 1573 1574 Dust flux data remain notably scarce in the southern hemisphere, both for the present day and for

1575 the past. *There is an urgent need for dust flux measurements in the Southern Oceans so that we*

can improve our understanding of dust processes in this region and to facilitate the development 1576 of atmosphere-ocean models. One practical approach to obtaining improved data coverage at the 1577 1578 present day would be to install air samplers on the commercial and/or research vessels travelling between the Antipodes, South Africa, Antarctica and on islands in the Southern Ocean. For the 1579 past, the sedimentary record recently reported by Martinez-Garcia et al. (2009) appears to 1580 1581 indicate up to 7 x higher dust flux at the LGM compared with the present day. This is in contrast to the much larger increase (x 30) recorded by the ice cores of the Antarctic Plateau. In terms of 1582 productivity, the Atlantic sector of the Southern Ocean appears to have responded most to these 1583 increased LGM dust fluxes, with increased export production having occurred slowly during the 1584 1585 early glacial period before rising to a peak at the glacial maximum. This temporal pattern suggests that dust-forced increases in Southern Ocean export production can induce significant 1586 CO2 drawdown but only during glacial maxima, and thus can account for ~40 -50 ppmv 1587 1588 drawdown of CO₂ (i.e. as much as half of the total interglacial-glacial change of \sim 100 ppmv). Other drivers must be responsible for the early glacial decrease in atmospheric CO₂, i.e. from \sim 1589 1590 280 ppmv during the interglacial stage to the mid-glacial level of \sim 230 ppmv. It is possible to 1591 estimate some upper and lower bounds on the extent of the productivity increase in a) the Southern Ocean and b) the Southern Ocean and NW Pacific combined, in order to account for 1592 the timing and fall in atmospheric CO₂, as recorded in the Antarctic ice cores. These estimates 1593 suggest that the efficiency of the biological pump in HNLC waters is towards the upper end of 1594 the range (i.e. closer to 20 % than to 1 %). 1595 1596 Finally, it seems clear that enhanced collaboration between the diverse scientific communities -1597 observational, modelling, biological - can only expedite resolution of the key gaps which exist in 1598 our understanding of dust sources, processes and climate impacts (fig. 22). Targeted and cross-1599 1600 calibrated collection of field data, both for the present day and past time- and climate-slices, 1601 seems a fundamental imperative. The aim must be to achieve not only robust measurement

1602 and/or estimation of dust fluxes across currently data-sparse regions, but also enhanced

1603 information on dust mineralogy, size, shape and surface roughness. Such data are essential both

to benchmark model simulations and indeed to frame new dust, climate and biogeochemical

1605 models, including transient simulations and mesoscale modelling. *Until we have a good*

- understanding of present-day processes, we will not be able to adequately address these
 processes either in the palaeo- record or with regard to the future impacts of dust on climate.
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2716 Figure 1. Schematic of the hypothetical glacial dust-atmospheric CO₂-climate feedback system. Different components of the Earth system can directly interact in three possible ways: positive 2717 2718 influences (an increase in one component resulting directly in an increase in a second 2719 component) are indicated by red arrows; negative influences are indicated by black arrows; or no influence.. An even number (including zero) of negative influences within any given closed loop 2720 2721 give rise to a positive feedback, operation of which tends to amplify any initial perturbation (e.g. 2722 the ice-albedo feedback). An odd number of negative influences gives rise to a negative 2723 feedback, which tends to dampen any perturbation. Primary interactions are indicated by solid lines, additional interactions dotted lines. Four main (positive) dust-atmospheric CO₂-climate 2724 2725 feedback loops exist in this system. 1. Dust supply \rightarrow ocean export production \rightarrow xCO₂ \rightarrow temperature \rightarrow ice volume \rightarrow sea level \rightarrow dust supply (four negative interactions). 2. Dust 2726 supply \rightarrow ocean export production \rightarrow xCO₂ \rightarrow temperature \rightarrow hydrological cycle \rightarrow vegetation 2727 2728 \rightarrow dust supply (two negative interactions). 3. Dust supply \rightarrow ocean export production \rightarrow xCO₂ 2729 \rightarrow temperature \rightarrow hydrological cycle \rightarrow dust supply (two negative interactions). 4. Dust supply 2730 \rightarrow ocean export production \rightarrow xCO₂ \rightarrow temperature \rightarrow ice volume \rightarrow dust supply (two negative interactions). From Ridgwell, 2002. 2731 2732 2733 Figure 2. Dust deflation and entrainment processes (modified from Pye, 1987). 2734 2735 Figure 3. a) Remotely sensed aerosol optical depth measurements (Husar et al., 1997); b) The global distribution of major dust sources and dust transport paths based on the Total Ozone 2736 Mapping Satellite (TOMS) absorbing aerosol index (AAI) (Prospero et al., 2002). The figure is a 2737 2738 composite of monthly mean TOMS AAI frequency of occurrence distributions computed using a threshold of 1.0 in the North Africa – Middle East – Asian dust belt and 0.7 everywhere else. 2739 2740 The arrows show the main transport paths over the oceans. The arrow size is not indicative of the 2741 magnitude of the transport nor the distance that dust is carried. Some major points of note: During the late boreal spring, summer and fall, huge quantities of African dust are carried 2742 2743 to the western Atlantic and into the Caribbean and the eastern United States; also, from sources in the Arabian Peninsula and southwest Asia to the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean. Dust is also 2744 2745 carried across the Mediterranean to Europe and the Middle East. 2746 Over the Atlantic during the boreal winter and early spring, dust from the Sahara and the 2747 Sahel is carried to South America; large quantities are also carried on occasion to the mid-2748 latitude Atlantic and into Europe, as indicated by the north-looping arrow. 2749 The large arrow in the North Pacific shows the main direction of large dust storms carried 2750 from Asia every boreal spring, in some cases penetrating to North America; the dust originates

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than those in the Northern Hemisphere. The most active are those in Argentina, southern Africa
and Australia.

2757 Figure 4. a) Normalised size distributions of dust measured on Tenerife, Canary Islands (July,

2758 1995) and in Puerto Rico (July, 2000) using the identical instrument, a TSI APS 3310. The

2759 Tenerife site is \sim 300 km from the N. African coast while Puerto Rico is 5000 km to the west.

The transit time for dust outbreaks is about 5 - 7 days; b) wind tunnel data (Alfaro et al., 1997) 2760 2761 indicating smaller modal particle sizes entrained and transported at higher wind speeds. 2762 2763 Figure 5. Effect of the mass median diameter on dust deposition flux and on optical depth of the particle size distribution. Optical depth expresses the amount of radiation removed by scattering 2764 or absorption. Values are normalized to a size distribution with a mass median diameter of 4.5 2765 μm and a sigma value of 2.1 (Reid et al., 2003, Table 1). A log-normal distribution with a 2766 2767 constant width is assumed (Balkanski et al., 2007). 2768 2769 Figure 6. Transmission electron micrographs of discrete, pedogenic 'free iron' grains, a) typically acicular particles of goethite (α FeOOH), scale bar = 200 nm, b) more equidimensional 2770 particles of haematite (α Fe₂O₃) - the smaller, electron-opaque particles -, essentially 2771 unassociated with the larger, clean flakes of kaolinite, scale bar = 1 μ m; c) ultrafine haematite 2772 2773 crystallite, soil sample, Morocco, scale bar = 100 nm. Micrographs from Maher et al. (2003), Jones (in Schwertmann, 1991), and Lieke (pers. comm.), respectively. 2774 2775 2776 Figure 7. a) Atmospheric warming from absorption of radiation by dust; b) resultant net surface cooling. Integration of satellite and ground-based data for 2002 (from Chung et al., 2005). 2777 2778 Figure 8. Changes in glacial/interglacial dust concentrations over a pole-to-pole transect, 2779 spanning Greenland (the NGRIP ice core record, dust mass, ppm/10, Ruth, 2005, Svensson et al., 2780 2000), the northern North Atlantic (Core T88, 48.3 °N, 25.0°W, high-field magnetic dust proxy, 2781 Maher, unpub. data), equatorial Atlantic (ODP Site 633A, 1.28 °N, 11.98 °W, terrigenous %, 2782 deMenocal et al., 1993) and Antarctica (EPICA Dome C, dust mass, EPICA Community 2783 2784 members, 2004). 2785 Figure 9. a) Measured aeolian MARs for the present day (for MAR data, see Appendix 1, and for 2786 MARs, age, site and quality control data, see the updated 'DIRTMAP3' database (Maher and 2787 2788 Kohfeld, 2009, http://www.lec.lancs.ac.uk/research/LU themes/ingua working group.php); b) modelled LGM MARs (Mahowald et al., 2006). 2789 2790 Figure 10. a) Measured aeolian MARs for the LGM (for MAR data, see Appendix 1, and for 2791 MARs, age, site and quality control data, see the updated 'DIRTMAP3' database (Maher and 2792 Kohfeld, 2009, http://www.lec.lancs.ac.uk/research/LU themes/inqua working group.php); b) 2793 modelled LGM MARs (Mahowald et al., 2006 and Mahowald, pers. comm). 2794 2795 2796 Figure 11. Typically trimodal particle size distribution of Chinese loess (Wang et al., 2007). 2797 2798 Figure 12. Time series of North Greenland Ice core Project (NGRIP) and Chinese loess data, 2799 synchronized on the NGRIP SS09 age scale (Ruth et al., 2003). Ice core data: δ^{18} O, dust mass 2800 and mean particle size (diameter, lognormal mode of volume distribution); loess data: quartz 2801 mean diameter, from the central Loess Plateau site, Luochuan (Xiao et al., 1999). 2802 Figure 13. Particle size records for the mid-latitude Pacific over several glacial-interglacial 2803 stages (redrawn from Hovan et al., 1991 and Zhang et al., 2007; 'v' in panel 3 = volcanic ash). 2804 2805

Figure 14. Time series of dust flux to the central equatorial Pacific (TTN013-PC72; 0.1°N, 2806 2807 139.4°W) and to the EPICA Dome C Antarctic ice core (from Winckler et al., 2008). 2808 2809 Figure 15. Dust fluxes at the Vostok and EPICA Dome C Antarctic ice cores (redrawn from 2810 Lambert et al., 2008). 2811 2812 Figure 16. The sectors of the Southern Ocean, together with the frontal system of the Antarctic 2813 Circumpolar Current, and the locations of the deep sea sediment and Antarctic ice cores referred to here (modified from Diekmann, 2007). 2814 2815 2816 Figure 17. Isotopic characterization (Nd:Sr) of Antarctic dusts and suite of potential source 2817 areas, a) as reported for $< 5\mu m$ potential source samples (Delmonte et al., 2004), and b) a refinement of plot a; progress definition of the Patagonian isotopic signature and inclusion of 2818 2819 new samples from Australia (Revel-Rolland et al., 2006) and the Puna/Altiplano of South America (Gaiero, 2007; Delmonte et al., 2009) to explain the non-Patagonian isotopic signature 2820 found in the Antarctic dust. 2821 2822 2823 Figure 18. Comparison of the Southern Ocean and Antarctic ice core records over the last 1.1Ma. 2824 (a) Temperature reconstruction from EPICA ice cores (black) (Jouzel et al., 2007) and alkenonebased SST from site PS2489-2/ODP1090 (red). Marine Isotope Stages (MIS) are shown for 2825 2826 reference. (b) Atmospheric CO₂ concentrations from the EPICA ice cores. Dashed line indicates 2827 the CO₂ level when productivity starts to increase above the average interglacial value. Filled area illustrates CO₂ concentrations below 230 ppmv. Glacial terminations are shown for 2828 2829 reference. (c) EPICA Fe flux (blue) and site PS2489-2/ODP1090 Fe flux (red). (d) EPICA Insoluble dust (light brown) and site PS2489-2/ODP1090 long-chain odd carbon-numbered n-2830 alkanes (C25-35) mass accumulation rate (MAR) (blue). (e) Site PS2489-2/ODP1090 C37 2831 2832 alkenones MAR (green) and TOC MAR (Diekmann and Kuhn, 2002) (black). Shaded areas highlight the high-productivity intervals, when alkenone MARs are 3 x the average interglacial 2833 2834 value. (Redrawn from Martinez-Garcia et al., 2009). 2835 Figure 19. Time series of proxy records for palaeo-productivity and dust flux for the equatorial 2836 2837 Pacific through several glacial-interglacial cycles (Redrawn from Anderson et al., 2008). Figure 20. ²³⁰Th-normalised fluxes of biogenic opal in the three sectors of the Southern Ocean 2838 2839 (from Diekmann, 2007). Figure 21. a) Global δ^{18} O stack(Lisiecki & Raymo, 2005) versus n-alkanes concentrations from 2840 2841 Southern Ocean site PS2489-2/ODP1090; marine isotope stages shown; b) Temperature reconstruction from EPICA ice cores (Jouzel et al., 2007) and alkenone-based SSTs from 2842 PS2489-2/ODP1090; c) atmospheric CO₂ concentration from the EPICA ice cores (Luthi et al., 2843 2844 2008; Petit et al., 1999; Siegenthaler et al., 2005) versus alkenones concentration, PS2489-2/ODP1090. 2845 2846 2847 Figure 22. Schematic of the sources, process and impacts of dust on climate, a) at the present day, and b) at the LGM, with key gaps in data and understanding marked by '?' on the diagrams. 2848 2849

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