

# Sediments as the redox paleo-record

<u>Elvira Bura-Nakić<sup>1,4</sup></u>, Morten B. Andersen<sup>2,4</sup>, Eric Viollier<sup>3</sup>, Derek Vance<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Ruđer Bošković Institute, Bijenička 54, 10 000 Zagreb, Croatia <sup>2</sup>Cardif University, Park Place, Cardiff, UK <sup>3</sup>Paris Diderot University, Paris, France <sup>4</sup>ETH, Zurich, Switzerland

11<sup>th</sup> International SedNet Conference - 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Dubrovnik, Croatia



# Overview (state of the art in the research area)

Results

□ Future investigations



#### Evolution of Earth's atmosphere through time







#### Earth's early atmosphere





### Map of ocean low oxygen - dead zones





#### Co-evolution of Earth's atmosphere and ocean redox state through time



Hadean	Archean	Paleo-	Meso-	Neo-	Dhanarazaia
		Pro	Phanerozoic		

#### ocean redox state



Modified after *TW Lyons et al. Nature* **506**, 307-315 (2014) and after *NJ Planavsky et al. Nature* **477**, 448-452 (2011)



#### Co-evolution of ocean redox state and Mo and U sedimentary concentrations through time

ocean redox state















Modified after X Chen et al. Nature Commun. DOI: 10.1038/ncomms8142 (2015)

Euxinic sink δ<sup>96/95</sup>Mo = ~ 0 ‰

Oxic sink δ<sup>98,95</sup>Mo = - 2.9 ‰

#### Euxinic Mo sink predominates





U concentrations,  $\delta^{238/235}$ U, and  $\delta^{234/238}$ U variations in primary carbonate precipitates. Error bars represent the  $2\sigma$  precision of replicate analyses of the same solutions. Estimated U concentration errors are smaller than the symbol size. Horizontal solid lines indicate the composition of average seawater. Vertical dotted lines separate different sample types.



Mo isotope and concentration data of modern biologically precipitated carbonates. Open circles = gastropods, filled circles = bivalves, open triangles = corals, filled triangle = calcareous algae (*Halimeda*), diamond = brachiopod (*T. septentrionalis*), open square = serpulid tubes. All other labellings are as specified in Fig. 3.

Romaniello, S.J., Hermann, A. and Anbar, A.D. (2013) Uranium concentrations and <sup>238</sup>U/<sup>235</sup>U isotope ratios in modern carbonates from the Bahamas: Assessing a novel paleoredox proxy. *Chemical Geology* **362**, 305-316.

Vogelin, A.R., Nägler, T.F., Samankassou, E. and Villa, I.M. (2009) Molybdenum isotopic composition of modern and Carboniferous carbonates. *Chem. Geol.* **265**, 488-498









- Mir Lake
  Prokljan Lake
  Krka River estuary
- Rogoznica LakeMljet Lake





× ×







	Year Date		Lake dept	Lake depth / m		epth / m	
	1951	13.03	20 H <sub>2</sub> S / mg I <sup>-1</sup> not detected	25 H <sub>2</sub> S / mg l <sup>-1</sup> 1.86	20 m H <sub>2</sub> S / µmol I <sup>-1</sup>	25 m H <sub>2</sub> S / μmol l <sup>-1</sup> 58.13	
		19.04	not detected	3 72		116.25	
		19.04.	not detected	2.21		60.06	
		17.05	not detected	2,21		60.39	
		17.00.		2,22	10.00	09,30	
		13.07.	0,01	3,31	19,06	103,44	
		24.08.	0,33	2,96	10,3125	92,50	H <sub>2</sub> S CO
		04.10.	1,32	2,73	41,25	85,31	column
		07.11.	not detected	2,53		79,06	column
		13.12.	not detected	2,35		73,44	were ta
	1952	15.01.	not detected	2,88		90,00	
		21.02.	not detected	4,71		147,19	
		06.03.	not detected	3,88		121,25	
		31.03.	not detected	3,01		94,06	
		02.04.	not detected	1,93		60,31	
		05.05.	not detected	3,43		107,19	
	/	07.05.	present	2,88		90,00	
		08.06.	present	present			
		10.06.	present	present			
		15.07.	present	present			
		17.07.	present	present			
		19.08.	present	present			
		21.08.	not detected	present			
		25.09.	not detected	present			
		27.09.	not detected	3,17		99,06	
		06.11.	1,28	2,33	40,00	72,81	
		08.11.	not detected	traces	,		
	/	11.12.	4.84	4.95	151.25	154.69	
		13.12.	3,83	3,68	115,00	115,00	
	1953	22.01.	not detected	traces			
		05.00		0.00		04 50	
		19.05.	pink water, not detected	2,93 not detected		91,00	
		21.05	pink water, not detected	not detected			
		24.06	rod water, traces	no data			
		24.00.		no data			
		14.08.	present	no dala			
		10.00.	present		01 56	100.21	
		23.09.	2,95 not detected	0.20	91,56	6.25	
		24.11.	The delected	0,20		0,25	
	1954	20.01.	not detected	not detected			
		12.03.	not detected	not detected			
M		27.05.	not detected	not detected			
		21.07.	not detected	not detected			
		20.08.	not detected	not detected			
		25.09.	not detected	not detected			
		24.11.	not detected	1,12		35,00	
	1955	13.02.	not detected	not detected			
		01.04	not detected	not detected			
		25.09	Dresent	present			
		20.00.	protont	procent			



 $H_2S$  concentration in Malo Jezero water column from 1951 to 1961 (concentration were taken from Buljan and Špan, 1976).



Velik udio terigenog materijala (karbonatni detritus)















 $+0.24 \pm 0.06\%$ 





Concentration (a) and U isotope composition (b, c and f) depth profiles in the "central cut" (Step 2) of Site 1009 carbonates. Concentration and  $\delta^{238}$ U histograms are also shown (d and e). Orange vertical bars represent the average of the dataset and blue vertical bars show the seawater value. Blue filled circles denote samples deposited during sea-level lowstands. Symbols:  $\circ =$  unlithified,  $\oplus =$  partially lithified,  $\otimes =$  lithified. On panel (c) and (f), the green, blue, and red curves show the expected  $\delta^{(234}$ U) depth profiles calculated assuming that the samples formed with the seawater composition and closed, respectively, 0, 5, and 10 m below the water-sediment interface. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

Tissot, F.L.H., Chen, C., Go, B.M., Nazeimiec, M., Healy, G., Bekker, A., Swart, P.L., Dauphas, N. (2018) Controls of eustasy and diagenesis on the <sup>238</sup>U/<sup>235</sup>U of carbonates and evolution of the seawater (<sup>234</sup>U/<sup>238</sup>U) during the last 1.4 Myr. Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta **242**, 233-265.















Depth profiles of dissolved  $\delta^{238}\text{U}$  and  $\delta^{98}\text{Mo}$  at Rogoznica Lake in October 2013



Bura-Nakić, E., Andersen, M.B., Archer, C., de Souza, G.F., Marguš, M., Vance, D., 2017. Coupled Mo-U abundances and isotopes in a small marine euxinic basin: constraints on processes in euxinic basins. Submitirano u Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta









**Bura-Nakić, E.**, Andersen, M.B., Archer, C., de Souza, G.F., Marguš, M., Vance, D., 2017. Coupled Mo-U abundances and isotopes in a small marine euxinic basin: constraints on processes in euxinic basins. Submitirano u **Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta** 







, Geochemistry and redox proxie's signature under the *i.)* improve the usage of coupled Mont abundance and isotopic composition as redox proxy;

*ii.)* development/implementation of specific analytical procedures for determining V redox speciation and Re pre-concentration;

 $\begin{array}{c} 100 \\ 80 \\ 60 \\ 40 \\ 20 \\ 0 \\ -20 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} V(IV) \\ V(IV) \\ 0 \\ -20 \end{array}$ 



*iii.)* determine the processes controlling Re and V abundance and mobility in sediments and overlying waters spanning oxic, hypoxic and anoxic conditions.







## Thank you on your attention!

This work has been fully supported-supported in part by Croatian Science Foundation under the project IP-2018-01-7813

"Geochemistry and redox proxie's signature under the diverse environmental conditions: towards better understanding of the past redox" REDOX