

Thomazo et al. Possible nitrogen fertilization of the early Earth Ocean by microbial
continental ecosystems

Supplementary Table 1: Matrix of calculated N transport fluxes to underlying soil (Tmol yr⁻¹) vs. percentage of colonized continental area for net N outputs fluxes varying from 0.0133 g N m⁻² yr⁻¹ to 8.820 g N m⁻² yr⁻¹. The red values represent calculated result scaled to the modern export flux threshold.

N transport underlying soil (Tmol yr ⁻¹) Vs.% modern continental area		Net N outputs from crusts to subsurface soil (m ² yr ⁻¹)																																		
Surface continent (km ²)	%	0.013	0.020	0.025	0.050	0.080	0.110	0.133	0.140	0.144	0.190	0.200	0.247	0.260	0.290	0.320	0.342	0.380	0.410	0.440	0.470	0.500	0.530	0.560	0.590	0.620	0.650	0.680	0.710	0.740	0.770	0.800	1.900	2.080	8.820	
148647000	100	0.141	0.212	0.265	0.531	0.849	1.167	1.412	1.486	1.528	2.016	2.123	2.621	2.759	3.078	3.396	3.630	4.033	4.351	4.670	4.988	5.307	5.625	5.943	6.262	6.580	6.899	7.217	7.535	7.854	8.172	8.490	20.165	22.075	93.607	
133782300	90	0.127	0.191	0.239	0.478	0.764	1.051	1.270	1.337	1.375	1.815	1.910	2.359	2.483	2.770	3.057	3.267	3.630	3.916	4.203	4.489	4.776	5.062	5.349	5.636	5.922	6.209	6.495	6.782	7.068	7.355	7.641	18.148	19.868	84.247	
118917600	80	0.113	0.170	0.212	0.425	0.679	0.934	1.129	1.189	1.223	1.613	1.690	2.097	2.208	2.462	2.717	2.904	3.226	3.481	3.736	3.991	4.245	4.500	4.755	5.009	5.264	5.519	5.774	6.028	6.283	6.538	6.792	16.132	17.660	74.886	
100000000	0	0.102	0.162	0.215	0.373	0.624	0.874	1.040	1.100	1.140	1.508	1.586	1.935	1.98	2.154	2.374	2.541	2.823	3.03	3.292	3.492	3.732	3.937	4.160	4.388	4.605	4.826	5.052	5.275	5.487	5.703	5.923	6.145	6.353	65.515	
89188200	60	0.085	0.127	0.159	0.248	0.509	0.700	0.847	0.891	0.917	1.210	1.274	1.573	1.656	1.907	2.137	2.358	2.611	2.802	2.99	3.204	3.404	3.605	3.807	4.003	4.212	4.403	5.094	12.099	13.245	46.164					
74323500	50	0.071	0.106	0.133	0.265	0.425	0.584	0.706	0.743	0.764	1.008	1.061	1.311	1.300	1.539	1.598	1.615	1.916	2.016	2.176	2.335	2.494	2.653	2.812	2.972	3.131	3.290	3.440	3.609	3.768	3.927	4.086	4.245	10.082	11.038	46.804
59458800	40	0.056	0.088	0.106	0.213	0.340	0.467	0.558	0.594	0.611	0.807	0.849	1.049	1.104	1.321	1.358	1.453	1.613	1.743	1.868	1.995	2.123	2.350	2.377	2.505	2.632	2.750	2.887	3.014	3.141	3.269	3.306	8.066	27.443		
44594100	30	0.042	0.064	0.080	0.159	0.255	0.350	0.423	0.446	0.458	0.605	0.637	0.786	0.828	0.923	1.019	1.089	1.210	1.305	1.401	1.496	1.592	1.687	1.783	1.879	1.974	2.070	2.165	2.261	2.356	2.452	2.547	6.049	6.623	28.082	
29729400	20	0.028	0.042	0.053	0.106	0.233	0.282	0.297	0.303	0.403	0.425	0.524	0.552	0.616	0.679	0.726	0.807	0.870	0.934	0.998	1.061	1.125	1.189	1.252	1.316	1.380	1.443	1.507	1.571	1.634	1.698	4.033	4.415	18.721		
25269990	17	0.024	0.036	0.045	0.090	0.144	0.198	0.240	0.253	0.260	0.343	0.361	0.446	0.469	0.523	0.577	0.617	0.686	0.740	0.794	0.848	0.902	0.956	1.010	1.064	1.119	1.173	1.227	1.281	1.335	1.389	1.443	3.428	3.753	15.913	
14864700	10	0.014	0.021	0.027	0.053	0.085	0.117	0.141	0.149	0.153	0.202	0.212	0.262	0.276	0.308	0.340	0.363	0.403	0.435	0.467	0.499	0.531	0.562	0.594	0.626	0.658	0.690	0.722	0.754	0.785	0.817	0.849	2.016	2.208	9.361	
13378230	9	0.013	0.019	0.024	0.048	0.076	0.105	0.127	0.134	0.138	0.181	0.192	0.236	0.248	0.277	0.306	0.327	0.363	0.392	0.420	0.449	0.478	0.505	0.535	0.564	0.592	0.621	0.650	0.678	0.707	0.735	0.764	1.815	1.987	8.425	
11891760	8	0.011	0.017	0.021	0.042	0.068	0.093	0.113	0.119	0.122	0.161	0.170	0.210	0.221	0.246	0.272	0.290	0.323	0.348	0.374	0.399	0.425	0.450	0.475	0.501	0.526	0.552	0.577	0.603	0.628	0.654	0.679	1.613	1.766	7.489	
10405290	7	0.010	0.015	0.019	0.037	0.059	0.082	0.099	0.104	0.107	0.141	0.149	0.184	0.193	0.215	0.238	0.254	0.282	0.305	0.327	0.349	0.371	0.399	0.416	0.438	0.463	0.483	0.505	0.527	0.550	0.574	0.603	1.412	1.545	6.553	
89188200	6	0.008	0.013	0.016	0.032	0.051	0.070	0.085	0.089	0.092	0.121	0.127	0.157	0.166	0.185	0.204	0.218	0.242	0.261	0.280	0.299	0.318	0.337	0.357	0.376	0.395	0.414	0.433	0.452	0.471	0.490	0.509	1.210	1.325	5.616	
74323500	5	0.006	0.009	0.011	0.021	0.034	0.047	0.056	0.069	0.081	0.085	0.105	0.110	0.123	0.136	0.149	0.161	0.174	0.187	0.200	0.212	0.225	0.238	0.250	0.263	0.276	0.289	0.301	0.314	0.327	0.340	0.367	0.383	3.744		
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29729400	2	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.011	0.017	0.023	0.028	0.030	0.031	0.040	0.042	0.052	0.055	0.062	0.068	0.073	0.083	0.087	0.093	0.100	0.106	0.112	0.119	0.125	0.132	0.138	0.144	0.151	0.157	0.163	0.170	0.403	0.442	1.872	
14864700	1	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.008	0.012	0.014	0.015	0.020	0.021	0.026	0.028	0.031	0.034	0.036	0.040	0.044	0.047	0.050	0.053	0.056	0.060	0.063	0.066	0.072	0.075	0.079	0.082	0.085	0.202	0.221	0.936		
0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000			

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