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**Key Points.**

- Modeled deep ocean tidal dissipation approximately doubled during the LGM but the magnitude is affected by uncertainties in LGM ice sheet extent.
- Increase in LGM tidal mixing enhances diffusivities in the LGM ocean, especially in the Atlantic.
- Including LGM tidal mixing in climate model simulations strengthens the LGM MOC, and alters ocean temperature and salinity distributions.

At present, tides supply approximately half (1 TW) of the energy necessary to sustain the global deep meridional overturning circulation (MOC) through diapycnal mixing. During the Last Glacial Maximum (19,000–26,500 years BP; LGM) tidal dissipation in the open ocean may have strongly increased due to the 120–130 m global mean sea-level drop and changes in ocean basin shape. However, few investigations into LGM climate and ocean circulation consider LGM tidal mixing changes. Here, using an intermediate complexity climate model we present a detailed investigation on how changes in tidal dissipation would affect the global MOC. Present-day (PD) and LGM tidal constituents  $M_2$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $K_1$  and  $O_1$  are simulated using a tide model, and accounting for LGM bathymetric. The tide model results suggest that the LGM energy supply to the internal wave field was 1.8–3 times larger than present and highly sensitive to Antarctic and Laurentide ice sheet extent. Including realistic LGM tide forcing in the LGM climate simulations leads to large increases in Atlantic diapycnal diffusivities, and strengthens (by 14–54% at 32°S) and deepens the Atlantic MOC. Increased input of tidal en-

20 ergy leads to a greater draw-down of North Atlantic Deep Water and mix-  
21 ing with Antarctic Bottom Water altering Atlantic temperature and salin-  
22 ity distributions. Our results imply that changes in tidal dissipation need be  
accounted for in paleo-climate simulation setup as they can lead to large dif-  
24 ferences in ocean mixing, the global MOC, and presumably also ocean car-  
25 bon and other biogeochemical cycles.

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## 1. Introduction

26 The meridional overturning circulation (MOC) is an important component of the  
27 Earth's climate system redistributing large amounts of heat, freshwater and momentum  
across the globe [*Wunsch and Ferrari, 2004*] with the Atlantic MOC (AMOC) being a key  
3 part of the system. In the modern ocean the AMOC is characterized by two overturning  
30 cells: one upper cell in which warm and salty water flows northward from the tropics  
31 losing heat to the atmosphere and supplying the formation of North Atlantic Deep Wa-  
32 ter (NADW) in the Nordic and Labrador Seas which flows southwards, occupying the  
33 upper North Atlantic; and one 'deep' cell in which Antarctic Bottom Water (AABW) flows  
34 southward in the deepest parts of the Atlantic, gradually mixing with the lower portions  
35 of NADW (see e.g. *Talley et al. [2011]*). The global MOC is maintained by diapycnal  
36 mixing in the thermocline and deep ocean driven by the tides and the wind with each  
37 supplying around 1 TW of energy [*Wunsch and Ferrari, 2004*].

38 The strength and structure of the AMOC during the Last Glacial Maximum (26.5 –  
39 19 kyr BP; henceforth LGM; see e.g. *Peltier and Fairbanks [2006]* or *Clark et al. [2009]*),  
40 however, remains contended. Studies reconstructing the AMOC from nutrient tracers  
41 [*Sigman et al., 2010; Skinner et al., 2010; Muglia et al., 2018*] infer a more sluggish and  
42 reduced water mass in the North Atlantic, together with a stronger influx of southern  
43 sourced waters in the deep North Atlantic; whereas others suggest a shoaling of North  
44 Atlantic Deep Water (NADW) but with vigorous overturning [*Curry and Oppo, 2005;*  
45 *Stouffer et al., 2016; Keigwin, 2004; Marchitto and Broecker, 2006; Bradtmiller et al., 2014;*  
46 *Gherardi et al., 2009; Lippold et al., 2012; Lynch-Stieglitz, 2017; Kurahashi-Nakamura*

47 *et al.*, 2017]. Theoretical concepts that link AMOC shoaling to sea ice expansion in the  
48 Southern Ocean have been proposed suggesting reduced mixing of NADW with Antarctic  
49 Bottom Water.

Further studies put forth that the water mass structure may have been similar to today's  
51 AMOC [Gebbie, 2014]. The latest Paleo-Model Intercomparison Project (PMIP3) models  
52 generally show a strengthened AMOC and a deepened NADW cell for the LGM [Muglia  
53 and Schmittner, 2015], whereas the older generation of models (PMIP2) showed more  
54 conflicting results with some showing a strengthened AMOC and others indicating a  
weakened overturning [Otto-Bliesner *et al.*, 2007; Weber *et al.*, 2007].

56 A number of studies have proposed that the 120–130 m sea-level drop (SLD) during  
57 the LGM exposing most continental shelves lead to a shift of tidal dissipation from the  
58 highly energetic present-day shelf seas into the deep ocean, where tidal dissipation in the  
59 semi-diurnal band increased by around a factor of two [Arbic *et al.*, 2004; Egbert *et al.*,  
60 2004; Griffiths and Peltier, 2009; Green, 2010; Wilmes and Green, 2014]. It has been  
61 suggested that parts of the ocean such as the North Atlantic are close to resonance at  
62 M<sub>2</sub> frequencies (see e.g. Platzman *et al.* [1981] or Müller [2008]) and the removal of the  
shelf seas during the LGM reduces the damping of the ocean and thus increases tides and  
dissipation in the deep ocean [Egbert *et al.*, 2004; Green, 2010], especially throughout the  
65 Atlantic [Egbert *et al.*, 2004; Green *et al.*, 2009; Green, 2010; Wilmes and Green, 2014],  
66 where it could affect the MOC. Previous work [Griffiths and Peltier, 2009; Wilmes and  
Green, 2014] also suggests that the extent to which dissipation increases may be sensitive  
68 to the location of the grounding-line around Antarctica. The most recent reconstructions

69 of LGM ice sheet extent around Antarctica by *Hillenbrand et al.* [2014] show that the  
70 grounding line in the Weddell Sea during the LGM cannot be unambiguously constrained  
71 and may have either been located at the shelf break with grounded ice occupying the  
entire shelf or else it could have been situated much further southward in some areas  
73 giving rise to the possibility of large ice shelves in the Weddell Sea area.

74 Enhancements in tidal dissipation during the LGM have been expected to increase the  
75 amount of energy available to the internal tide and hence for diapycnal mixing [*Wunsch*,  
76 2003; *Egbert et al.*, 2004; *Green et al.*, 2009; *Schmittner et al.*, 2015], however, climate  
model (see e.g. *Otto-Bliesner et al.* [2007], *Kageyama et al.* [2017]) or conceptual [*Ferrari*  
78 *et al.*, 2014] studies of LGM ocean circulation generally assume present-day tidal mix-  
79 ing despite considering a variety of other boundary condition changes or apply spatially  
80 uniform tidal mixing changes [*Kurahashi-Nakamura et al.*, 2017].

81 Previous modeling work [*Schmittner et al.*, 2015; *Green et al.*, 2009; *Montenegro et al.*,  
82 2007] has investigated the impact of altered tidal mixing on the LGM AMOC, however,  
83 with conflicting results. *Montenegro et al.* [2007] indicate negligible effects of LGM tides  
84 on the AMOC, whereas *Schmittner et al.* [2015] report a substantial strengthening and  
deepening of the overturning cell in the North Atlantic. There have been some attempts  
86 to model tides and ocean circulation in an ocean model setup that explicitly models tidal  
87 dynamics at the same resolution as the ocean general circulation (see e.g., *Müller et al.*  
88 [2010], *Müller et al.* [2012], *Weber et al.* [2017]). However, the tide models in these config-  
urations either are less accurate due to their low resolution, or else at higher resolution the  
90 computational expense of the ocean model becomes prohibitive for multimillennial-length

91 simulations necessary for the LGM. Here, we take the approach of separately modelling  
92 the tides and ocean circulation, in order to capture small scale variations in the tide ac-  
93 curately with a high resolution tide model, and use an intermediate complexity ocean  
94 general circulation model suitable for long-term simulations.

95 The overarching aim of this work is to investigate in more detail possible impacts of  
96 changes in tidal dissipation on the LGM MOC and to expand on the work by *Schmittner*  
97 *et al.* [2015] by providing a more comprehensive uncertainty analysis. Specific aims are to

- 98 1. compare the impact of different internal wave drag parameterizations on LGM tidal  
99 dissipation estimates,
- 100 2. determine the impact of different LGM ice extent and sea-level change estimates on  
101 LGM tidal dissipation, and
- 102 3. analyze effects and uncertainties of LGM tidal dissipation changes on the MOC,
- 103 4. contrast the individual and combined effects of LGM tidal dissipation changes and  
104 wind effects on the MOC, thereby building on *Schmittner et al.* [2015] and *Muglia and*  
105 *Schmittner* [2015].

106 We present a series of sensitivity experiments designed to test which processes the  
107 simulated tidal energy dissipation and MOC are most sensitive to. We do not attempt  
108 to simulate a realistic LGM MOC, which requires comparison to paleo data and will be  
109 published elsewhere. The paper is structured as follows: In the methodology we introduce  
110 the tidal model and the climate model and detail the experiments; in the results section  
111 we will first present the tide modeling results and then discuss the results from the climate



112 model simulations. The study will be concluded with a discussion tying our results in with  
 113 previous work.

## 2. Methodology

### 2.1. Tide model

114 The Oregon State Tidal Inversion Software (OTIS) has been widely used for modeling  
 115 tides in both regional and global applications for the past, present and future [Egbert  
 116 *et al.*, 2004; Green, 2010; Pelling and Green, 2013; Wilmes and Green, 2014; Green *et al.*,  
 117 2017; Wilmes *et al.*, 2017]. OTIS solves the linearized shallow water equations [Egbert  
 118 *et al.*, 2004] which are given by

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{f} \times \mathbf{U} = -gH\nabla(\zeta - \zeta_{EQ} - \zeta_{SAL}) - \frac{c_d|\mathbf{U}|\mathbf{U}}{H^2} - \frac{\mathbf{C}_{IT} \cdot \mathbf{U}}{H} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U}, \quad (2)$$

119 where  $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{u}H$  is the depth integrated volume transport, which is calculated as tidal cur-  
 120 rent velocity  $\mathbf{u}$  times water depth  $H$ .  $f$  is the Coriolis vector,  $g$  denotes the gravitational  
 121 constant,  $\zeta$  stands for tidal elevation,  $\zeta_{SAL}$  denotes the tidal elevation due to self-attraction  
 122 and loading, and  $\zeta_{EQ}$  is the equilibrium tidal elevation.  $\frac{c_d|\mathbf{U}|\mathbf{U}}{H^2}$  and  $\frac{\mathbf{C}_{IT} \cdot \mathbf{U}}{H}$  represent drag  
 123 due to bed friction and internal tides (IT), respectively (see Section 2.1.2 for details).

124 The spatially uniform drag coefficient,  $c_D$ , is set to 0.003. These equations are solved on  
 125 an Arakawa C-grid, using explicit finite differences time stepping, with periodic forcing,  
 126 followed by harmonic analysis of the steady state solution to obtain tidal elevations and  
 127 transports [Egbert *et al.*, 2004, 1994]. OTIS is run for  $M_2$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $K_1$  and  $O_1$  at  $1/8^\circ$  hori-  
 zontal resolution for 23 days with the last 17 days being used for harmonic analysis. The

129 model is run in a near-global set up with a full longitudinal extent and ranging from 86°  
130 S to 89° N. At the northern open boundary we prescribe elevation boundary conditions  
131 from the TPXO7.2 database. For a discussion on applying open boundary conditions for  
paleo-tide simulations see *Wilmes and Green* [2014].

### 133 2.1.1. Bathymetry and LGM sea-level changes

134 The present-day bathymetry comes from the RTOPO2 database [see *Schaffer et al.*,  
135 2016, and <https://doi.pangaea.de/10.1594/PANGAEA.856844> for the latest version]  
136 which has been averaged to 1/8° degree horizontal resolution. For the LGM bathyme-  
tries we use sea-levels from the ICE-5G (VM2 L90) version 1.2 [*Peltier*, 2004] and ICE-  
138 6G (VM5a) [*Argus et al.*, 2014; *Peltier et al.*, 2015] databases (both obtained from  
139 <http://www.atmosph.physics.utoronto.ca/~peltier/data.php>) for the present day  
140 and 21 kyr BP. The sea-level difference between the present-day and the LGM was calcu-  
141 lated by subtracting the present-day sea-levels from the LGM sea-levels in the respective  
142 ICE-5G or ICE-6G dataset. The lower-resolution paleo sea-level changes (1° degree hori-  
143 zontal resolution) are then interpolated to the 1/8° degree grid and added to present-day  
RTOPO2 bathymetry in order to retain higher-resolution topographic features. Land ice  
present in ICE-5G or ICE-6G is assumed to be fully grounded and is set to land in the  
1/8° resolution LGM bathymetries. Both the sea-level changes between the present-day  
147 and the LGM, and the LGM ice extent slightly differ between ICE-5G and ICE-6G, with  
148 discrepancies being especially prominent in the Weddell Sea and the Ross Sea. These  
differences and their implications for LGM tides will be investigated in the results section  
149 with sensitivity experiments detailed in Section 2.3.1. Additional experiments reproduc-

151 ing the setup by *Montenegro et al.* [2007] are detailed in the Supplementary Materials  
 152 (Suppl. Text S1).

## 153 2 1.2. Tidal energy conversion

The loss of energy to the internal tide is parameterized through a spatially varying  
 155 drag tensor  $\mathbb{C}_{IT}$ . Various schemes have been proposed to calculate  $\mathbb{C}_{IT}$  which tend to  
 156 be a function of topographical roughness, buoyancy frequency, Coriolis parameter, wave  
 157 number and tidal frequency [e.g. *Bell*, 1975; *Jayne and St.Laurent*, 2001; *Nycander*, 2005;  
 158 *Zaron and Egbert*, 2006] and a selection of schemes were contrasted in *Green and Nycander*  
 159 [2013]. Here, we shall apply the tidal conversion parameterizations by *Zaron and Egbert*  
 160 [2006] (ZE) and *Jayne and St.Laurent* [2001] (JS). For the ZE scheme,  $\mathbb{C}_{IT}$  is given by  
 161 the tensor

$$\mathbb{C}_{ZE} = \Gamma H (\nabla H)^2 \frac{N_b \bar{N}}{8\pi^2 \omega}, \quad (3)$$

162 where  $\Gamma$  is a tuning factor originally set to 50 and  $H$  is water depth.  $N_b$  and  $\bar{N}$  are  
 163 buoyancy frequency at the sea-bed ( $z = -H$ ) and mean buoyancy frequency, respectively.  
 164  $\omega$  is the tidal frequency of the respective tidal constituent. The ZE scheme originally uses  
 165 parameterized bottom and mean buoyancy frequencies; however, in order to account for  
 166 possible variations in stratification in the glacial ocean, we here use  $N_b$  and  $\bar{N}$  calculated  
 167 from temperatures and salinities from the WOA 2013 v2 database (*Locarnini et al.* [2013]  
 168 and *Zweng et al.* [2013]; see <https://www.nodc.noaa.gov/OC5/woa13/woa13data.html>  
 169 for the latest version).

170 The JS scheme includes no directional variations in  $\mathbb{C}_{IT}$  and the ITdrag therefore becomes

171 a spatially varying scalar calculated as follows:

$$C_{JS} = \frac{\pi}{L} \hat{H}^2 N_b, \quad (4)$$

172 where  $L$  is a topographical length scale set to 10,000 m in the original work,  $\hat{H}^2$  is the  
173 standard deviation of the topography and  $N_b$  is observed bottom buoyancy frequency.  $\hat{H}^2$   
174 presents subgrid-scale topographic variations and is calculated from the 1' original data  
175 base.

176 The conversion of energy from the barotropic to baroclinic tide depends on stratification  
177 (see Equations 3 and 4). Our tide model experiments use present-day stratification fields.  
178 However, we have performed simulations where temperature and salinity anomalies from  
179 a range of LGM circulation configurations from *Muglia et al.* [2018] were added to the  
180 present-day temperature and salinity stratification fields and stratification was recalcu-  
181 lated. Some of the input fields had high abyssal salinities and increased deep stratification  
182 consistent with *Adkins et al.* [2002]'s reconstructions. We find very weak sensitivity to  
183 the resulting changes in bottom and mean buoyancy frequency. Globally integrated dis-  
184 sipation for the runs using LGM stratification fields lies within  $\pm 0.1$  TW of the globally  
185 integrated dissipation of the tidal simulations used to force the climate model [see also  
186 *Eoert et al.*, 2004; *Green and Huber*, 2013, for further discussions on the topic]. This  
187 is also consistent with the results from *Schmittner et al.* [2015] who applied an iterative  
188 procedure for updating the stratification field in the tide model with output from the  
189 climate model and then re-running the tide model and subsequently the climate model.

### 191 2.1.3. Tuning and model evaluation

192 Both ITdrag schemes contain a tunable parameter ( $\Gamma$  and  $L$ , respectively). Here,  
 193 we modify the tuning factors in order to obtain tidal amplitudes and open ocean  
 194 dissipation values as realistic as possible. The tuning factors used for our simula-  
 tions are shown in Table 1. It is worth noting that for different model resolutions  
 195 different tuning factors are required as the roughness of the topography (given by  
 197  $(\nabla H)^2$  and  $\hat{H}^2$ , respectively) changes with resolution. The simulations are evaluated  
 198 against the TPXO8 global barotropic tidal atlas [see *Egbert and Erofeeva, 2002*, and  
 199 [http://volkov.oce.orst.edu/tides/tpxo8\\_atlas.html](http://volkov.oce.orst.edu/tides/tpxo8_atlas.html) for the latest version]. We cal-  
 culate latitudinally weighted amplitude root-mean square errors together with dissipation  
 201 for both the global ocean and the deep ocean.

## 2.2. Calculation of dissipation

202 Two different methods can be applied to calculate tidal dissipation. Firstly, the tidal  
 203 dissipation due to both bed friction  $D_B$  and internal tide conversion  $D_{IT}$  can be calculated  
 204 directly, provided the mechanism by which the energy is lost, i.e.  $\mathbb{C}_{IT}$ , is known. It is  
 205 worth noting that the tidal conversion parameterization shows up at the locations where  
 206 energy is lost from the barotropic tide to the baroclinic tide but not where the internal  
 207 waves finally dissipate their energy. The corresponding equations of the 'direct method'  
 208 are

$$D_B = \rho_0 c_d |u| u^2 \text{ and} \quad (5)$$

$$D_{IT} = \rho_0 \mathbb{C}_{IT} u^2 \quad (6)$$

209 where  $\rho_0$  is reference density, which is set to  $1035 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

210 In contrast, the method put forth by *Egbert and Ray* [2001] calculates the work balance  
 211 of the tides (henceforth referred to as the 'energy balance method') without knowledge of  
 the mechanism by which the energy is lost. Here the dissipation  $D$  is calculated as the  
 213 balance between the work done by the tide,  $W$ , and the divergence of the energy flux,  $P$ :

$$D = W - \nabla \cdot P \quad (7)$$

214 where  $W$  and  $P$  are given by

$$W = g\rho_0 \langle U \cdot \nabla (\zeta_{EQ} + \zeta_{SAL}) \rangle, \text{ and} \quad (8)$$

$$P = g\rho_0 \langle U \zeta \rangle, \quad (9)$$

215 where  $\langle \rangle$  denote time averages. This method has advantages for the calculation of dissi-  
 216 pation from e.g. assimilated tidal solutions such as TPXO as, apart from tidal elevations  
 217 and transports, only the astronomic tide forcing needs to be known and will therefore be  
 used for the evaluation of the present-day simulation in comparison to TPXO8. Elsewhere  
 219 in the manuscript dissipation will be calculated with the direct method unless otherwise  
 220 specified.

### 2.2 Tide model simulations

221 We carry out present-day simulations at  $1/8^\circ$  horizontal resolution for both ZE and JS  
 222 ITdrag. For the LGM (here, 21 kyr BP) we carry out simulations for realistic sea-level  
 changes from both ICE-5G and ICE-6G for each ITdrag. Additionally, for comparison  
 224 with the next set of runs, we also perform simulations with sea-level uniformly lowered

225 by 120 m. For the simulations reproducing the *Montenegro et al.* [2007] results see Sup-  
226 plementary Text S1.

### 227 **2 3.1. Sensitivity simulations**

228 Additionally, we carry out simulations for  $M_2$  only to test for the sensitivity to the  
229 differences in mean sea-level change and ice extent between ICE-5G and ICE-6G. To test  
230 for sea-level sensitivity we perform simulations with a uniform SLD of 100 m, 110 m,  
231 120 m, 130 m and 140 m with each ICE-5G and ICE-6G landmasks, respectively. For  
232 sensitivity to ice-sheet extent we start from the LGM ICE-5G case and incrementally  
233 block the Weddell Sea until the ice extent is that found in ICE-6G (denoted 'ICE-5G  
234 blk1' to 'ICE-5G blk5'). In the next step the ICE-6G landmask is applied in the northern  
235 hemisphere (denoted 'ICE-5G blk5 + NH ice6g lnd').

### **2.4. Climate model**

236 The climate model simulations are carried out with the University of Victoria Earth Sys-  
237 tem Climate Model (UVic) [*Weaver et al.*, 2001] version 2.9 [*Eby et al.*, 2009] in the same  
238 setup at *Schmittner et al.* [2015]. UVic has a three-dimensional ocean-general-circulation  
239 model coupled to a one-layer energy-moisture balance atmosphere and a thermodynamic  
240 sea-ice model. It has a horizontal resolution of  $3.6 \times 1.8^\circ$  with 19 vertical layers. The model  
241 is forced with seasonally varying top-of-the-atmosphere solar irradiance, wind stress, cloud  
242 albedo and moisture advection velocities. The model setup for this study uses the tidal  
243 mixing parameterization by *Schmittner and Egbert* [2014], based on *Jayne and St.Laurent*  
244 [2001] and *Simmons et al.* [2004], which includes effects of subgrid-scale bathymetry on  
the depth of energy input and distinguishes between diurnal and semi-diurnal tides. The

246 diapycnal diffusivity,  $k_v$ , is given by

$$k_v = k_{bg} + \frac{\Gamma\epsilon}{N^2}, \quad (10)$$

247 where  $k_{bg}$  is the background diffusivity which is set to  $0.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$  and includes the  
 248 effect of remotely dissipated tidal energy and mixing through other processes.  $\Gamma$  is the  
 249 mixing efficiency which is set to 0.2 and  $N^2$  is the buoyancy frequency. The rate of tidal  
 250 energy dissipation,  $\epsilon$  is

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{\rho} \sum_{z' > z}^H \sum^{TC} q_{TC} D_{IT,TC}(x, y, z') F(z, z'), \quad (11)$$

251 where  $D_{IT,TC}(x, y, z')$  is the energy flux from the barotropic to the internal tide from  
 the high-resolution tide model,  $D_{IT}$ , mapped onto the climate model grid accounting  
 253 for subgrid-scale bathymetric effects in the horizontal (thus the dependence on  $z'$ ; for  
 254 a more detailed description see *Schmittner and Egbert [2014]*).  $F$  is the vertical decay-  
 255 function using an e-folding depth of 500 m above the sea floor  $H$ .  $q_{TC}$ , the local dissipation  
 efficiency, accounts for the critical latitude  $y_c$  of diurnal and semi-diurnal tidal constituents  
 257 ( $TC$ ):

$$q_{TC} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } |y| > y_{c,TC} \\ 0.33, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

258  $y_c$  is  $30^\circ$  for the diurnal constituents  $K_1$  and  $O_1$ , and  $72^\circ$  for the semi-diurnal constituents  
 259  $M_2$  and  $S_2$ .

260 Paleo-boundary conditions for the LGM simulations include prescribed ice sheets  
 261 [*Peltier, 2004*], orbital parameters altering latitudinal and seasonal distributions of so-  
 lar irradiance and atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  concentrations. In the LGM simulations  $\text{CO}_2$  levels  
 263 are lowered to 185 ppm in contrast to 280 ppm in the preindustrial control simulations.



264 Changes in other greenhouse-gas concentrations are neglected here. The bottom topog-  
265 raphy is kept constant between the pre-industrial and LGM setup. Wind forcing is either  
266 kept at preindustrial control levels (denoted "PD winds") or LGM anomalies from the  
PMIP3 ensemble average were added as in *Muglia and Schmittner* [2015] (denoted "LGM  
268 winds"). PMIP3 experiments were based on a blended ice sheet reconstruction (ICE-6G,  
269 ANU and MOCA) whereas our LGM UVic simulations using LGM tidal fields based on  
270 either ICE-5G or ICE-6G. This slight inconsistency will likely have only minor effects on  
271 the results since the main effect of wind changes, an increase over the North Atlantic  
caused by the presence of the Laurentide ice sheet [*Muglia and Schmittner*, 2015], is likely  
273 to be a robust first order effect regardless of the specific ice reconstruction, consistent  
274 with only minor effects of different ice reconstructions on the MOC found by *Vettoretti*  
275 *and Peltier* [2013].

## 2.5. Climate model simulations

276 The following climate model simulations are carried out. The preindustrial control  
277 simulation (denoted 'PIC') has pre-industrial climate forcing, PD winds and PD ZE  $1/8^\circ$   
278 CO<sub>2</sub> tide fields. Six LGM simulations are performed:

- 279 1. PD tides and PD winds ('LGM\_pdT\_pdW')
- 280 2. PD tides and LGM winds ('LGM\_pdT\_lgmW')
3. LGM ICE-5G tides and PD winds ('LGM\_i5gT\_pdW')
- 282 4. LGM ICE-5G tides and LGM winds ('LGM\_i5gT\_lgmW')
5. LGM ICE-6G tides and PD winds ('LGM\_i6gT\_pdW')
- 284 6. LGM ICE-6G tides and LGM winds ('LGM\_i6gT\_lgmW')

285 For the simulations reproducing the *Montenegro et al.* [2007] results see Supplementary  
286 Text S1.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Tide modeling

##### 3.1.1. Present-day run evaluation

All present-day simulations are summarized and compared to TPXO8 in Table 1. The  
higher resolution simulations at  $1/8^\circ$  horizontal resolution show considerably lower  
root-mean square  $M_2$  amplitude errors (RMSE) in comparison to TPXO8. In the deep  
ocean ( $h > 500$  m) the  $M_2$  RMSE for PD\_ZE\_1.8 has an RMSE of below 4 cm whereas  
for PD\_JS\_1.8 it is slightly higher at 4.5 cm. All runs show realistic total and deep  
dissipation values in comparison with TPXO8 (using the energy balance method yields  
a total dissipation of 3.1 TW and 1.2 TW in the deep ocean for TPXO8). The energy  
balance method and the direct method for the dissipation calculation yield similar (within  
20%) deep and total dissipation values and from here onwards only the direct method shall  
be used.

##### 3.1.2. LGM tides

The model produces large increases in deep dissipation for the LGM simulations (see  
Figs. 1 and 2), mainly due to the  $M_2$  tidal constituent. For the ICE-5G case, deep  
dissipation approximately triples to 3.4 TW for ZE ITdrag and to 2.9 TW for JS, in  
line with previous estimates of deep dissipation during the LGM [*Egbert et al.*, 2004;  
*Griffiths and Peltier*, 2009; *Green*, 2010; *Wilmes and Green*, 2014; *Schmittner et al.*,  
2015]. In contrast to the ( $\sim$ )2 TW increases for ICE-5G the dissipation increase for ICE-

6G is halved to only  $\sim 1$  TW for both ZE and JS. This is a somewhat surprising result given that ICE-6G is an updated version of ICE-5G. For both the ICE-5G and ICE-6G simulations large increases in dissipation take place throughout the Atlantic and are especially pronounced at mid latitudes both in the North and South Atlantic. For ICE-5G the increases also extend into the western Indian Ocean. The runs with ZE ITdrag result in dissipation increases in the Atlantic by almost a factor of 8 for ICE-5G and by about a factor of 3 for ICE-6G. In comparison to ICE-5G the ICE-6G dissipation changes are considerably reduced both in the North and South Atlantic and also around the equator where dissipation decreases are seen. Throughout the Pacific (increases of 56 and 53% for ICE-5G and ICE-6G, respectively) and eastern Indian Ocean the dissipation changes are very similar regardless of the LGM bathymetry used. The integrated Indian Ocean dissipation more than doubles in ICE-5G (ZE ITdrag) but shows no change in ICE-6G. Both the ZE ITdrag and JS ITdrag simulations show very similar responses in dissipation for the two LGM scenarios; as the ZE simulations agree better with present day tide observations this ITdrag parameterization will be used for the high resolution simulations from this point onwards.

### 3.1.3. Reasons for the large differences between ICE-5G and ICE-6G

The global mean sea-level in the LGM ICE-5G bathymetry is on average 122 m lower than at present whereas for ICE-6G the sea-level drop is reduced to 114 m at 21 kyr BP. Large differences can be seen in the land mask between ICE-5G and ICE-6G, which are especially prominent in the Weddell Sea due to differences in ice extent in the two versions (Fig. 3a). In order to test the sensitivity of the tides to the mean sea-level decrease we

327 perform simulations where sea-level is uniformly decreased by 110–140 m and the land  
328 mask for either ICE-5G or ICE-6G is applied (see Fig. 1).

329 These simulations highlight that the tides are remarkably insensitive to the mean sea-  
level change as an additional sea-level decrease by 30 m increases dissipation by only 0.2  
TW. These simulations indicate that differences in mean sea level cannot be causing most  
332 of the large differences in dissipation between ICE-5G and ICE-6G. Incrementally advanc-  
333 ing the ice (land mask) in the Weddell Sea from the ICE-5G to the ICE-6G position (blk 1  
– blk 5; see Fig. 3b) decreases  $M_2$  deep dissipation by 0.9 TW (Fig. 3 c). This dissipation  
increase occurs mainly in the South Atlantic suggesting that dissipation enhancement  
336 in the South Atlantic for LGM ICE-5G is very sensitive to the LGM ice position in the  
Weddell Sea (Suppl. Fig. S2 a and b). Additionally, applying the ICE-6G land mask in  
337 the Northern Hemisphere leads to a further decrease in dissipation by 0.4 TW to levels  
very close to the dissipation values in ICE-6G. Modifying the Northern Hemisphere land  
340 mask leads to decreases in dissipation in the North Atlantic (Suppl. Fig. S2 c and d)  
and a dissipation change pattern very closely resembling the LGM ICE-5G case. These  
342 results suggests that the LGM tides were very sensitive to even small changes in ice extent  
(land-sea boundaries) both in the North and South Atlantic. These findings are consistent  
with results by *Wilmes and Green* [2014] who suggest that global tidal dissipation during  
345 the LGM may be sensitive to ice extent in the Weddell Sea.

### 3.2. Climate modeling

#### 346 3.2.1. Preindustrial control

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347 In the PIC, the AMOC at 25°N has a strength of 16.0 Sv at 25° N which is in good cor-  
348 respondence and within the error margins of present-day estimates of 17.5 Sv [McCarthy  
349 *et al.*, 2012; Schmittner and Egbert, 2014] (see Table 2 and Fig. 4). The model estimates  
of Atlantic Antarctic Bottom Water (Atl AABW) strength and Circumpolar Deep Water  
export to the Indian Ocean (CPDW Indian) and Pacific Ocean (CPDW Pacific) are 1–2  
352 Sv lower than the present-day estimates but within the error margins of the observational  
353 means. The overall root-mean square error for the differences between the PIC and the  
354 observations is 2.0 Sv which is approximately halved with respect to the values presented  
by Schmittner and Egbert [2014] who used older tidal dissipation fields from Jayne and  
356 S. Laurent [2001] and Egbert and Ray [2003] with higher globally integrated internal tide  
357 flux together with a background diffusivity of  $0.15 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$  rather than the  $0.3 \times$   
358  $10^{-4} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$  in this study.

Diffusivities in the PIC are in good agreement with observations (the values reported in  
360 brackets are the average and range from Table 2 in Waterhouse *et al.* [2014]’s compilation;  
361 all in  $10^{-4} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ ) with globally averaged  $k_v$  from 250 m to 5000 m being  $1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$   
362 (3.3, 0.2-8.6), from 250 m to 1000 m  $0.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$  (0.3, 0.2-0.4) and from 1000 m to  
363 5000 m  $1.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$  (4.3, 0.4-11.5). The model values lie within the error range of  
the observations except for the shallow waters for which they still lie within a factor 2  
365 of the observational mean. It is also worth noting that data in Waterhouse *et al.* [2014]  
366 is somewhat patchy, especially in the central parts of the Pacific and Atlantic, possibly  
causing the means.

### 368 3 2.2. LGM simulations

369 Large increases in tidal dissipation in comparison to the present-day case also result  
370 when dissipation is mapped onto the climate model grid (Suppl. Fig. S3). The increases  
371 in horizontally integrated dissipation in ICE-5G are especially pronounced between  $\sim 500$   
and 3500 m and range between 160 and 260% in these depth layers. For ICE-6G the  
373 increases are smaller with dissipation increases more uniformly with depth between 60  
374 and 100%.

375 In LGM\_pdT\_pdW the horizontally averaged Atlantic  $k_v$  profile closely reflects the PIC  
376 case apart from relatively small mid-depth increases in the Southern Ocean sector (Fig. 5).  
These minor changes are due to changes in stratification (see Eq. 10). In contrast, for  
378 both LGM\_i5gT\_pdW and LGM\_i6gT\_pdW strong mid-depth enhancements in Atlantic  
379 diffusivities occur which are greatest for the ICE-5G tide forcing (with increases of up to  
380 280%) and approximately halved for ICE-6G. This illustrates that stratification changes in  
the climate model have a much smaller impact on vertical diffusivities and the MOC than  
382 changes in tidal energy dissipation. The increases in  $k_v$  mainly take place at mid latitudes  
383 in the North and South Atlantic where increases of nearly an order of magnitude can be  
384 seen for LGM\_i5gT\_pdW (Fig. 4). For LGM\_i6gT\_pdW similar but less pronounced (up  
to 400%) increases can be seen. These diffusivity increases reflect closely the increases in  
tidal energy dissipation discussed above (Fig. 2).

387 The large increases in diffusivities due to the LGM tidal dissipation forcing lead to a  
388 strengthening of the overturning in the Atlantic (see Table 2 and Fig. 4). The AMOC at  
26°N increases from 10.2 Sv in lgm\_pdT\_pdW to 14.0 Sv in lgm\_i5gT\_pdW and to 13.0 Sv  
390 in lgm\_i6gT\_pdW. AABW flow into the Atlantic in lgm\_i5gT\_pdW is reduced by 14% due

391 to a substantial deepening of the AMOC. In contrast, AABW changes by less than 3% in  
392 lgm\_i6gT\_pdW despite of an increase in the AMOC by nearly 30%, presumably because  
393 the AMOC is not deepening as much as in the ICE-5G case. ICE-5G tide forcing increases  
the export of CPDW into the Indian Ocean sector by 1.7 Sv (see Suppl. Fig. S4) due  
395 to strengthened tidal dissipation in the eastern Indian Ocean whereas for the simulations  
396 forced with LGM ICE-6G tides, where dissipation changes in the Indian Ocean are small,  
397 no change in CPDW inflow occurs in comparison to lgm\_pdT\_pdW. In contrast, whilst  
398 CPDW export into the Pacific increases with LGM tidal forcing, the increases are slightly  
weaker for ICE-6G forcing than for ICE-5G. Integrated basin-wide dissipation values for  
400 the Pacific are very similar though, which suggests that the weaker CPDW export into the  
401 Pacific in ICE-6G is due to the weaker AMOC and export of NADW into the Southern  
402 Ocean.

The increased LGM tidal mixing deepens the mixed layer in the North Atlantic in  
403 lgm\_i5gT\_pdW by over 1000 m with the largest increases taking place between 50°N and  
404 60°N in the central North Atlantic, at the south-west of the southern tip of Greenland and  
405 to the south of Iceland (see Suppl. Fig. S5). In lgm\_i6gT\_pdW similar but less pronounced  
increases in mixed layer depth can be seen around the southern tip of Greenland and  
of Iceland. The increase in LGM tidal dissipation leads to enhanced mixing of  
409 southern sourced and northern sourced Atlantic water masses. This increases bottom  
410 water (below 3000 m) temperatures and salinities in the Atlantic (see Fig. 6) due to  
the higher proportion of NADW in lgm\_i5gT\_pdW and lgm\_i6gT\_pdW in contrast to  
412 lgm\_pdT\_pdW where Atl AABW dominates the deep North Atlantic. In the equatorial

413 and north Atlantic temperatures and salinities decrease at mid depths in comparison to  
414 lgm\_pdT\_pdW due to the higher proportion of fresher and colder Atl AABW being mixed  
415 upwards in lgm\_i5gT\_pdW and lgm\_i6gT\_pdW.

The strengths of the subpolar and subtropical gyres in the North Atlantic are in-  
417 creased with respect to lgm\_pdT\_pdW (see Suppl. Fig. S5). For ICE-5G tide forcing  
418 the strength of the subpolar gyre increases from 9 Sv in lgm\_pdT\_pdW to 16 Sv and 12  
419 Sv in lgm\_i5gT\_pdW and lgm\_i6gT\_pdW, respectively. The changes in subtropical gyre  
420 strength are less pronounced, but follow the same pattern.

The stronger AMOC and strengthened gyre circulation in lgm\_i5gT\_pdW and  
422 lgm\_i6gT\_pdW result in an increase in northward Atlantic heat transport between 40°S  
423 and 60°N which is approximately twice as large for ICE-5g tidal mixing than for ICE-6G  
424 (see Fig. 7). Meridional northward salt fluxes increase between 50° N and 65°N and are  
425 related to the increase in strength of the subpolar gyre.

426 Adding PMIP3 ensemble mean LGM wind anomalies to the present-day wind forcing  
427 applied in lgm\_pdT\_pdW increases the AMOC strength by 2.9 Sv in lgm\_pdT\_pdW to 13.1  
428 Sv and adds a secondary maximum in the streamfunction between 50°N and 60°N (Fig. 4).

The AMOC increase is linked to an increase in the northward salt fluxes in the North  
429 Atlantic (see *Muglia and Schmittner [2015]* and Fig. 7) due to increases in the strength  
431 of both the subpolar (increase by a factor of 3) and the subtropical gyre (strengthened  
432 by factor of 1.6) together with an increase in the southward extent of the subpolar gyre  
433 (see Suppl. Fig. S5). This leads to an increase in sea surface salinities in the North  
434 Eastern Atlantic north of 45°N and a decrease in surface salinities in the subtropical



435 Atlantic. Mid-depth temperatures in the North Atlantic strongly decrease but bottom  
436 water temperatures show no change in comparison to `lgm_pdT_pdW` (Fig. 6). AABW  
437 salinities show small enhancements (Fig. 6). Changes in wind forcing and tidal mixing  
lead to very different patterns in the temperature and salinity change fields, respectively  
(see Figs. 6E versus Fig. 6B and C), respectively; despite similar AMOC strength changes  
440 (Fig. 4). This indicates that reconstructions of deep ocean properties may be used to  
441 infer the mechanism of AMOC changes.

442 When both LGM ICE-5G tide forcing and PMIP3 wind forcing are applied  
(`lgm_i5gT_lgmW`) the strength of the AMOC increases by a further 2.7 Sv and by 1.1  
444 Sv for LGM ICE-6G tide forcing in `lgm_i6gT_lgmW` (Table 2). When LGM tide forc-  
445 ing is added to `lgm_pdT_lgmW` instead of `lgm_pdT_pdW` the increases in the AMOC  
446 are approximately halved for both LGM tide scenarios. This suggests that a stronger  
Atlantic overturning is less sensitive to changes in external forcing than a weak AMOC.  
448 This emphasizes the non-linearity of the responses of the circulation to different forcing.  
449 In `lgm_pdT_lgmW` Atl AABW has a strength of -3.1 Sv (-16%), in `lgm_i5gT_lgmW` it  
450 weakens to -2.2 Sv and is slightly stronger in `lgm_i6gT_lgmW` (-3.2 Sv) (Table 2).

With LGM wind forcing CPDW export into the Pacific is enhanced by  $\sim 1$  Sv in com-  
parison to the simulations using PD winds due to enhanced export of NADW into the  
453 Southern Ocean. The strong temperature decreases in the upper 3000 m north of  $40^{\circ}\text{S}$  in  
454 the Atlantic induced by the LGM wind forcing are somewhat reduced and warming and  
stratification of bottom waters result from LGM tidal forcing (Fig. 6).

456 Sea ice is more extensive in all LGM simulations in comparison to the PIC both in the  
457 southern and northern hemisphere (Suppl. Fig. S7) which is consistent with studies such  
458 as *Vettoretti and Peltier* [2013]. The simulations with PD winds show an increase in sea  
ice concentrations when LGM tides are applied whereas for runs with LGM wind forcing  
sea ice concentrations show no sensitivity to tidal forcing changes.

## Discussion

Here, we have investigated the impact of LGM tidal dissipation changes on the overturn-  
ing circulation using two different sea-level reconstructions. Our tide model simulations  
462 show that LGM dissipation is highly sensitive to the extent of the ice sheets adjoining the  
463 Atlantic, whereas it is much less sensitive to different parameterizations of internal wave  
464 drag and stratification. Whilst ICE-5G and ICE-6G show considerable differences both in  
465 the global mean sea-level decrease and the spatial patterns it appears that the ice sheet  
466 extent in the Weddell Sea and the extent of the Laurentide Ice Sheet have the greatest  
467 impact on both North and South Atlantic dissipation values. This is consistent with re-  
468 sults by *Green* [2010], *Arbic et al.* [2004] and *Arbic et al.* [2009] showing that blocking  
469 shelf-seas in the present-day ocean without altering sea-level leads to large dissipation and  
470 amplitude increases due to the near resonant state of the Atlantic. Currently, considerable  
471 uncertainty exists in reconstructions of ice extent in the Weddell Sea during the LGM with  
472 recent work [*Hillenbrand et al.*, 2014] suggesting two different but equally likely scenarios;  
473 one where ice is grounded at the shelf break and one where grounded ice occupies only  
474 part of the continental shelf. *Le Brocq et al.* [2011] and *Whitehouse et al.* [2017] suggest  
475 that it was unlikely that the Weddell Sea was covered by ice grounded to the continental  
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477 shelf break during the Last Glacial for lengthy time periods. This would make the high  
478 dissipation ICE-5G scenario more likely. However, it does not rule out periods during  
479 which ice advanced to the shelf break and consequently lowered Atlantic dissipation, nor  
periods of less extensive ice and increased tidal dissipation. Furthermore, as our results  
emphasize that the amount by which tidal mixing increases during the LGM, especially in  
482 the Atlantic, is dependent on ice extent both in the Weddell Sea and of the Laurentide Ice  
483 Sheet. This suggests that repeated changes in ice extent in the northern and/or southern  
484 hemisphere during the glacial period such as during Heinrich events, may have affected  
dissipation and hence tidal mixing, leading to alterations in the strength and depth of the  
486 MOC and hence further climate feedbacks.

487 *Montenegro et al.* [2007] conclude that changes in tidal dissipation have little effect on  
488 the LGM overturning circulation. In contrast, *Schmittner et al.* [2015] and this study,  
using arguably more realistic LGM tidal forcing with substantial Atlantic dissipation  
490 enhancements, find a strong AMOC sensitivity to LGM dissipation changes. We have  
491 carried out sensitivity simulations using a setup similar to *Montenegro et al.* [2007] (see  
492 Suppl. Text S1 for details and results) and find that the low resolution of the tide model  
together with the older bathymetry used leads to a reduced response in the climate model,  
which is not as weak as the responses seen in *Montenegro et al.* [2007], which additionally  
495 may be linked to the presence of a subgridscale tidal mixing parameterization in our  
496 model. This highlights the necessity to simulate tides at a high enough resolution in order  
to capture tidal changes in enough detail.

498 Our climate model simulations forced with high-resolution tidal dissipation fields high-  
499 light that the MOC in the model is sensitive to the exact tide forcing applied for the LGM.  
500 Using present-day tides results in a weak and shoaled AMOC, whereas applying ICE-5G  
and ICE-6G tide forcing leads to a strengthening of the overturning by several Sverdrups  
to just below present-day levels. Increasing tidal dissipation strongly increases Atlantic  
503 diapycnal diffusivities, especially at mid latitudes in the North and South Atlantic where  
504 the tidal dissipation increases are strongest, and therefore enhances both the downward  
505 mixing of NADW and the mixing of southern and northern sourced waters. This becomes  
evident from the Atlantic temperature and salinity cross-sections shown in Fig. 6. How-  
507 ever, as we do not change the background diffusivity  $k_{bg}$  with increased tidal mixing, our  
508 estimates of  $k_v$  and AMOC strength are likely to be conservative as they do not include  
509 the effects of changes in remotely dissipated tidal energy fluxes. The mixing efficiency and  
the fraction of energy dissipating locally are kept constant in this model setup, which is  
511 likely a limitation (see e.g., *Mashayek et al.* [2017]). Future work will address these issues.  
512 Furthermore, including more realistic LGM tidal mixing increases temperatures in the  
513 vicinity of the Antarctic Ice Sheet in the upper water column in some regions, especially in  
the Amundsen Sea and along the George coast, with the strongest enhancements occurring  
from the combination of tide and wind forcing. The temperature increases along the margins  
516 of Antarctica between 200 and 500 m are small (on the order of 0.1-0.4°C; see Suppl.  
517 Fig. S6), however, on a similar magnitude as those shown by *Bakker et al.* [2017] to evoke  
considerable changes in Antarctic Ice Sheet discharge, and AABW and NADW formation.  
519 The subsurface temperature increases along the Antarctic Ice Sheet margins could alter

520 Antarctic ice extent through melting of its floating ice shelves [*Holland et al.*, 2008], which  
521 could lead to changes in tidal mixing and thus the global MOC, which in turn could evoke  
522 feedbacks on the temperature field and therefore ice sheet extent [*Menviel et al.* [2010].

These temperature changes may also have played a role during the deglacial period when  
523 sea level rose and ice sheet extent changed (see e.g. [*Golledge et al.* [2012]]).

524 Recent work suggests a shallower but stable LGM MOC [*Gebbie*, 2014], possibly with a  
525 weakened NADW flow in comparison to present with an increased proportion of AABW  
526 in the deep Atlantic [*Howe et al.*, 2016; *Lippold et al.*, 2012; *Lynch-Stieglitz*, 2017; *Muglia*  
527 *et al.*, 2018]. In order to counteract the increased tidal mixing and the resulting strength-  
528 ening of the circulation, a mechanism strengthening the influx of southern-sourced water  
529 to the North Atlantic would be needed, such as changes in the Southern Hemisphere  
530 moisture flux [*Sigman et al.*, 2007] or reduced melting of ice shelves [*Miller et al.*, 2012;  
531 *Adkins et al.*, 2013]. Such a mechanism, which is not included in our experiments, may also  
532 explain reconstructions of increased bottom water salinities [*Adkins et al.*, 2002] as shown  
533 by [*Muglia et al.* [2018]].

534 Increased Atlantic diffusivities have generally been discounted as an explanation of  
535 different abyssal water properties. [*Howe et al.* [2016]], for example, conclude that, due to  
536 the large amounts of energy required, mixing of glacial North Atlantic intermediate waters  
537 (GNAIW) with southern-sourced waters to abyssal depths is unlikely. They propose two  
538 water masses - Glacial NADW - with different properties to GNAIW - and GNAIW.  
539 [*Ferrari et al.* [2014]] suggest reduced mixing of AABW and NADW due to a shoaling  
540 of their boundary, but they do not consider increases in tidal mixing. However, our

542 simulations suggest that strongly enhanced Atlantic diffusivities could be a likely feature  
543 of the glacial ocean, given the tidal changes that would be expected from bathymetry  
544 reconstructions.

Including LGM wind anomalies leads to a deepening and strengthening of the AMOC by  
545 strengthening the subtropical and subpolar gyre circulation in the North Atlantic which  
546 increases northward salt flux and increases salinities around 60° N. This is consistent  
547 with the findings by *Muglia and Schmittner* [2015] and *Ullman et al.* [2014]. However, in  
548 LGM\_i5gT\_lgmW and LGM\_i6gT\_lgmW the increased tidal mixing leads to a decrease in  
549 strength of the subpolar gyre suggesting that tidal mixing can influence the strength  
550 of the Atlantic gyre circulation both positively and negatively. Whilst our simulations  
551 suggest that wind and tidal forcing interact (non-linearly) with the gyre systems and that  
552 there may be a link between AMOC strength and gyre circulation as previously suggested  
553 by e.g. *Joyce and Zhang* [2010], further exploration of this issue is beyond the scope of  
554 this paper and will be subject to future research.

555 Future work will include biogeochemistry and isotopes in the simulations in order to in-  
556 vestigate the impacted of altered tidal mixing on corresponding tracer distributions in the  
557 LGM ocean, which can be directly compared to reconstructions from sediments. This will  
558 allow for a quantitative evaluation of the different circulations. We will also address lim-  
559 itations in the climate model set up used here. The simplified atmosphere prevents some  
560 feedbacks between ocean and atmosphere, and our model setup currently uses present-  
561 day bathymetry. Repeating a selection of experiments with a fully-coupled global climate  
562 model allowing for feedbacks between the different components in the climate system in

564 a format comparable to e.g. the PMIP3 simulations would be a useful extension of this  
565 work.

### 5. Conclusions

566 Here, we have investigated the impact of tidal dissipation changes on the LGM MOC  
using numerical models. Our tide model simulations show that large enhancements in  
567 tidal dissipation (1.1 - 2.4 TW or 85 - 200%) occur mainly in the Atlantic and that the  
magnitude of those increases are sensitive to LGM ice sheet extent. Better knowledge of  
570 LGM ice sheet grounding line extent, particularly in the Weddell Sea, but also of the ice  
571 sheets in the Northern Hemisphere would improve future estimates of tidal dissipation in  
572 the South Atlantic and in the North Atlantic.

573 Implementing the LGM tidal dissipation changes into a climate model leads to large  
574 increase in diapycnal diffusivities and a substantially strengthened AMOC. Export of  
575 NADW to the Southern Ocean at 32°S, e.g., increases by 1.5-5.2 Sv or 14-62%. LGM  
576 tides increase mixing between northern- and southern-sourced waters in the Atlantic,  
577 which cools the upper ocean and warms the abyss, processes ignored in current theories  
578 [Ferrari *et al.*, 2014] and most climate model simulations of LGM MOC changes. This  
579 work has important implications for future paleoclimate (modeling) studies suggesting  
580 that tidal dissipation changes need to be taken into account when investigating glacial  
581 ocean circulation. Altered mixing of the deep ocean will also affect biogeochemical cycles  
582 (see e.g. discussion in Mashayek *et al.* [2017]) and should be considered in future studies  
583 of the glacial ocean's carbon cycle.

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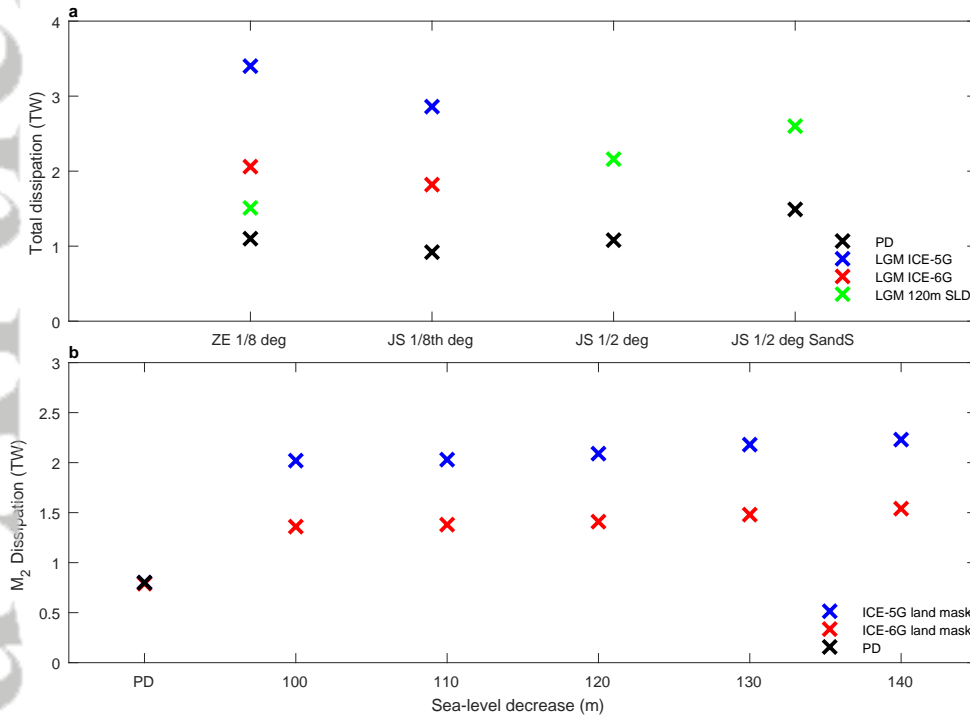
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**Figure 1.** Globally integrated dissipation rates in waters greater than 500 m depth.

(a) Total dissipation rates (sum of  $M_2$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $K_1$  and  $O_1$ ) for the present-day (PD; black crosses), LGM with ICE-5G bathymetry (blue crosses), LGM with ICE-6G bathymetry (red crosses), and a uniform 120 m SLD (gray crosses). For details on the simulations denoted JS 1/2 and JS 1/2 SandS please refer to Supplementary Text S1. (b)  $M_2$  dissipation rates for simulations with ZE ITdrag and uniform SLD with either the LGM ICE-5G (blue crosses) or the LGM ICE-6G (red crosses) land mask.

**Table 1.** Set up of present-day tide model simulation set up and evaluation. Globally integrated dissipation values are given for the energy-balance method (EB) and for the direct method (DIR). 'Deep' refers to water depths greater than 500 m. For details on the simulations denoted PD\_JS\_1.2 and PD\_JS\_1.2\_SS please refer to Supplementary Text S1.

Simulation	Time slice	Bathy- metry	ITdrag	Reso- lution	Tuning factor	EB dissip. (TW)	EB tot. dissip. (TW)	EB deep dissip. (TW)	DIR tot. dissip. (TW)	DIR deep dissip. (TW)	deep RMSE (cm)	total RMSE (cm)
TPX08	PD	TPX08		1/8°		3.14		1.15				
PD_ZE1.8	PD	RTOP02	ZE	1/8°	75	3.30		1.34	3.73	1.10	3.8	6.3
PD_JS1.8	PD	RTOP02	JS	1/8°	1667	3.19		1.19	2.91	0.92	4.5	8.8
PD_JS1.2	PD	RTOP02	JS	1/2°	10000	3.18		1.19	3.45	1.08	5.9	13.3
PD_JS1.2_SS	PD	S&S	JS	1/2°	10000	3.31		1.22	2.78	1.41	6.0	10.4

**Table 2.** Ocean circulation indexes given in units of Sverdrups. The observational data comes from *Schnitner and Egbert* [2014] (see their Table 3) and is a compilation of data from *Lumpkin and Speer* [2007] and *McCarthy et al.* [2012]. “glob. deep” denotes the maximum meridional overturning stream function below 400 m depth, “AMOC 25°N” and “AMOC 32°S” give the maximum Atlantic meridional stream function below 300 m at 25°N and at 32°S, respectively. “ABBW Atl.” gives the minimum meridional stream function below 1.5km at 35°S. “CPDW Ind.” and “CPDW Pac.” give the circumpolar deep water export into the Indian and Pacific Ocean, respectively, at 32°S. Positive (negative) values indicate a clockwise (counter-clockwise) overturning. RMSE represents the root-mean square of the differences between the observations and the PIC.

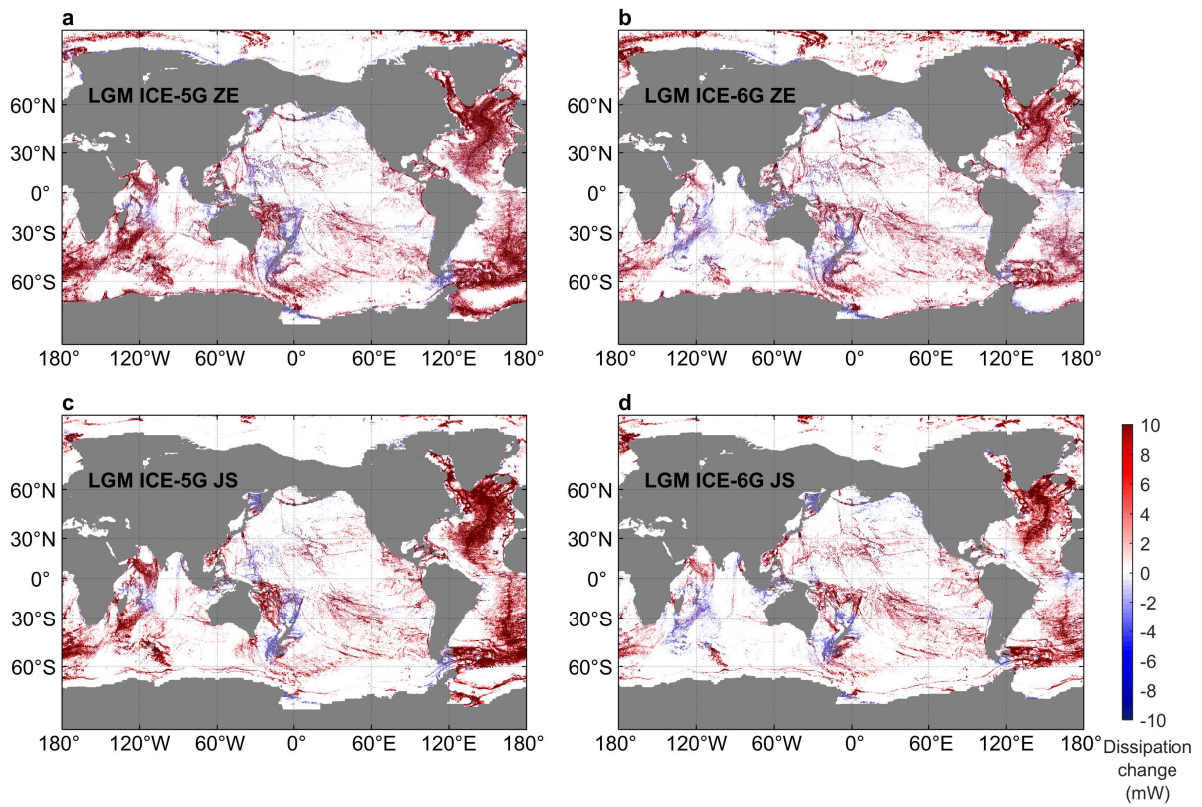
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observations	20.9±6.7	17.5±2.0	12.0±3.1	-5.6±3.0		-9.2±2.7		-11.0±5.1		2.0
PIC	18.0	16.0	14.1	-4.0		-7.2		-9.5		
LGM_pdT_pdw	13.0	10.2	8.3	-3.7		-5.4		-10.1		
LGM_i5gT_pdw	16.0	14.0	13.5	-3.2		-7.1		-11.2		
LGM_i6gT_pdw	14.3	13.0	10.8	-3.6		-5.4		-11.7		
LGM_pdT_lgmW	17.2	13.1	10.7	-3.1		-5.2		-10.7		
LGM_i5gT_lgmW	18.4	15.8	13.7	-2.2		-7.0		-12.2		
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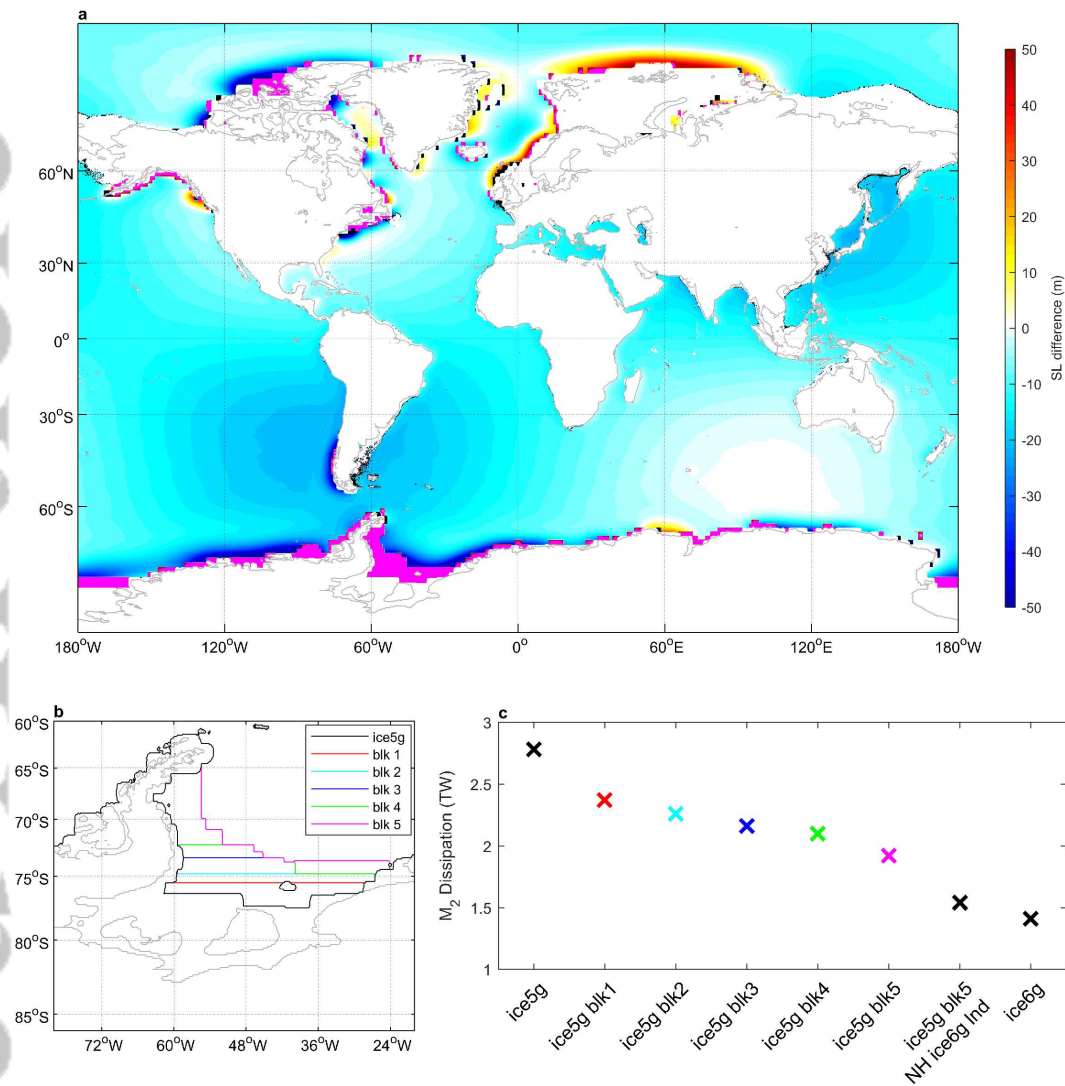
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**Figure 2.** Change in dissipation rates (all constituents; sum of  $M_2$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $K_1$  and  $O_1$ ) with respect to present day for (a) LGM ICE-5G ZE ITdrag, (b) LGM ICE-6G ZE ITdrag, (c) LGM ICE-5G JS ITdrag and (d) LGM ICE-6G JS ITdrag.



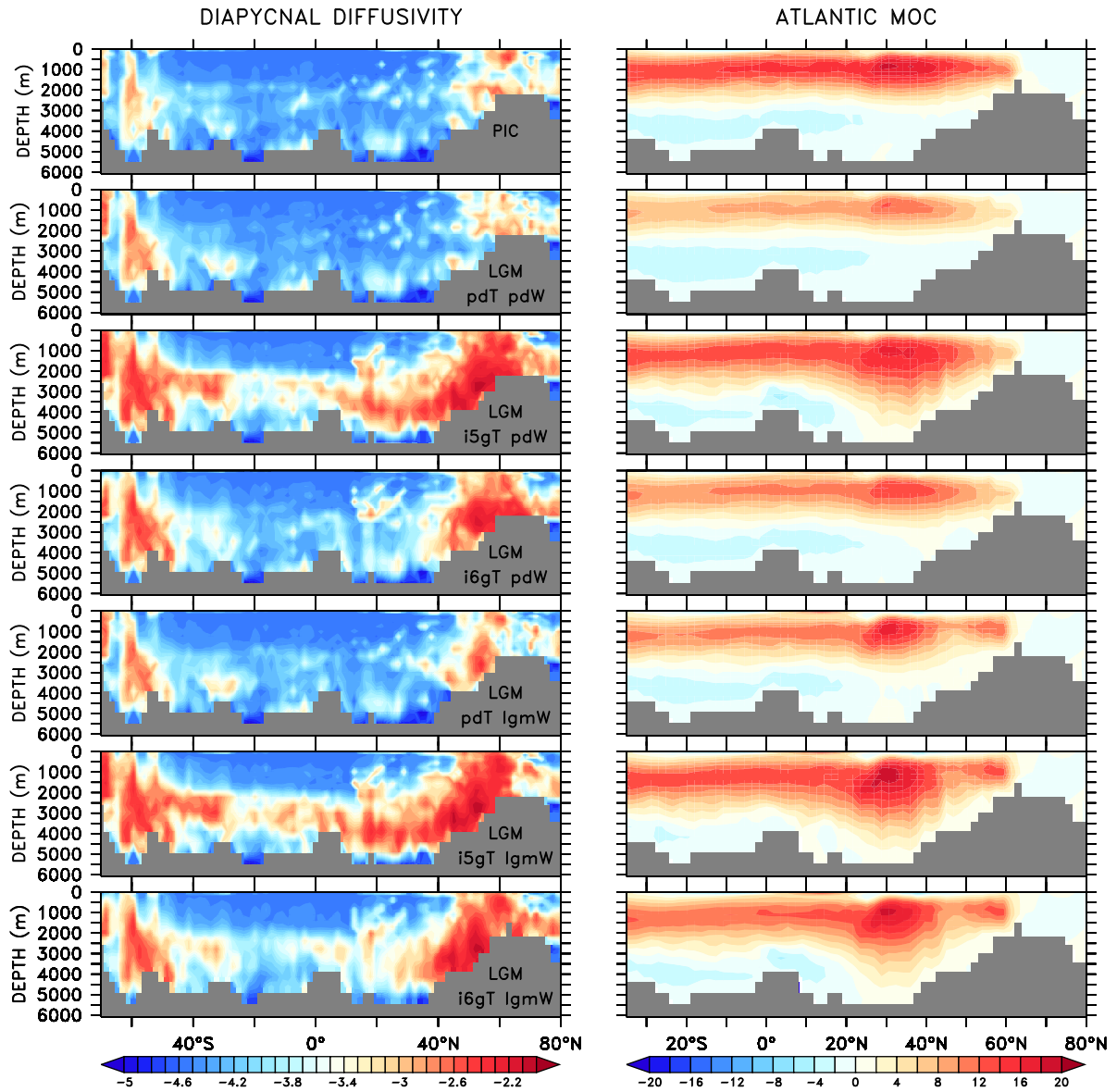


**Figure 3.** (a) Difference in sea-level between LGM ICE-5G and LGM ICE-6G. Pink shaded areas indicate locations where grounded ice exists in ICE-6G but not in ICE-5G, while blue shading shows areas where ice was grounded in ICE-5G but not in ICE-6G. Grey contours show the PD coastline. (b) Ice extent in the Weddell Sea for the ICE-5G blk 1 to blk 5 sensitivity simulations. The ICE-5G ice extent is contoured in black. Grey contours show the PD coastline. (c) M<sub>2</sub> dissipation rates for simulations where the Weddell Sea is experimentally blocked from the LGM ICE-5G case (blk 1 - blk5), and the ICE-6G land mask is applied in the northern hemisphere (ice5g blk5 + NH ice6g lnd).

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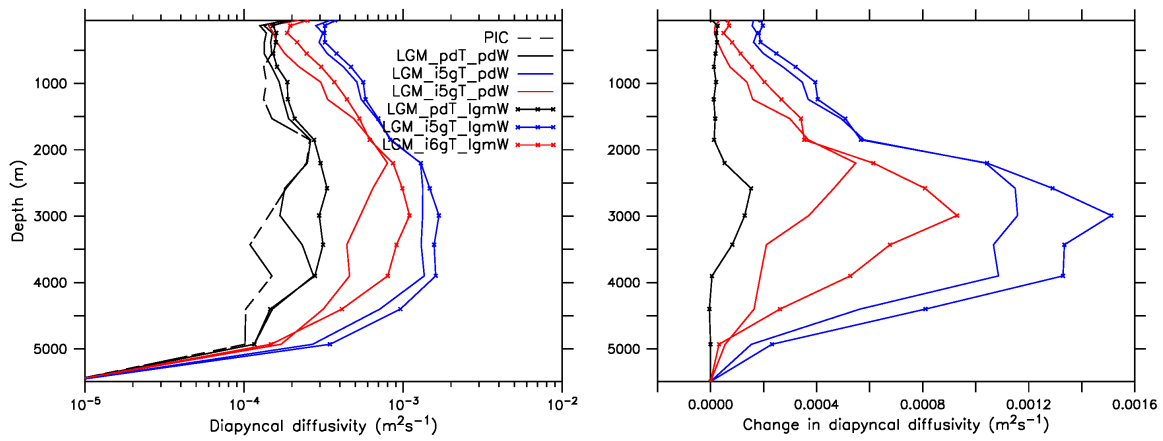


**Figure 4.** (left)  $\log_{10}$  of zonally averaged diapycnal diffusivities ( $\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ ) in the Atlantic and (right) AMOC strength (Sv) for (a) PIC, (b) LGM\_pdT\_pdW, (c) LGM\_i5gT\_pdW, (d) LGM\_i6gT\_pdW, (e) LGM\_pdT\_lgmW, (f) LGM\_i5gT\_lgmW and (g) LGM\_i6gT\_lgmW.

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**Figure 5.** (a) Horizontally averaged Atlantic diapycnal diffusivities and (b) change in Atlantic diffusivities with respect to `lgm_pdT_pdW`.

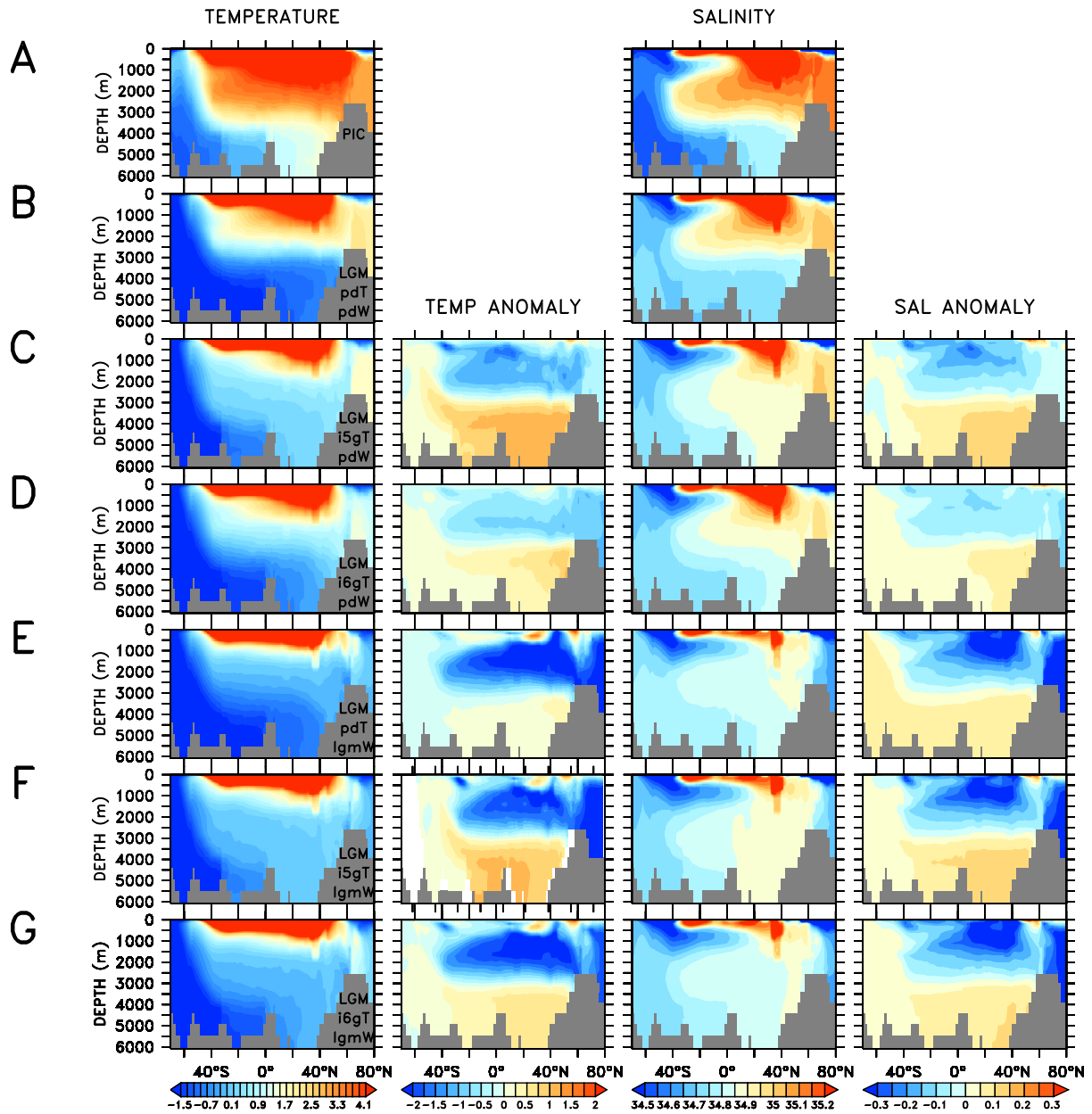
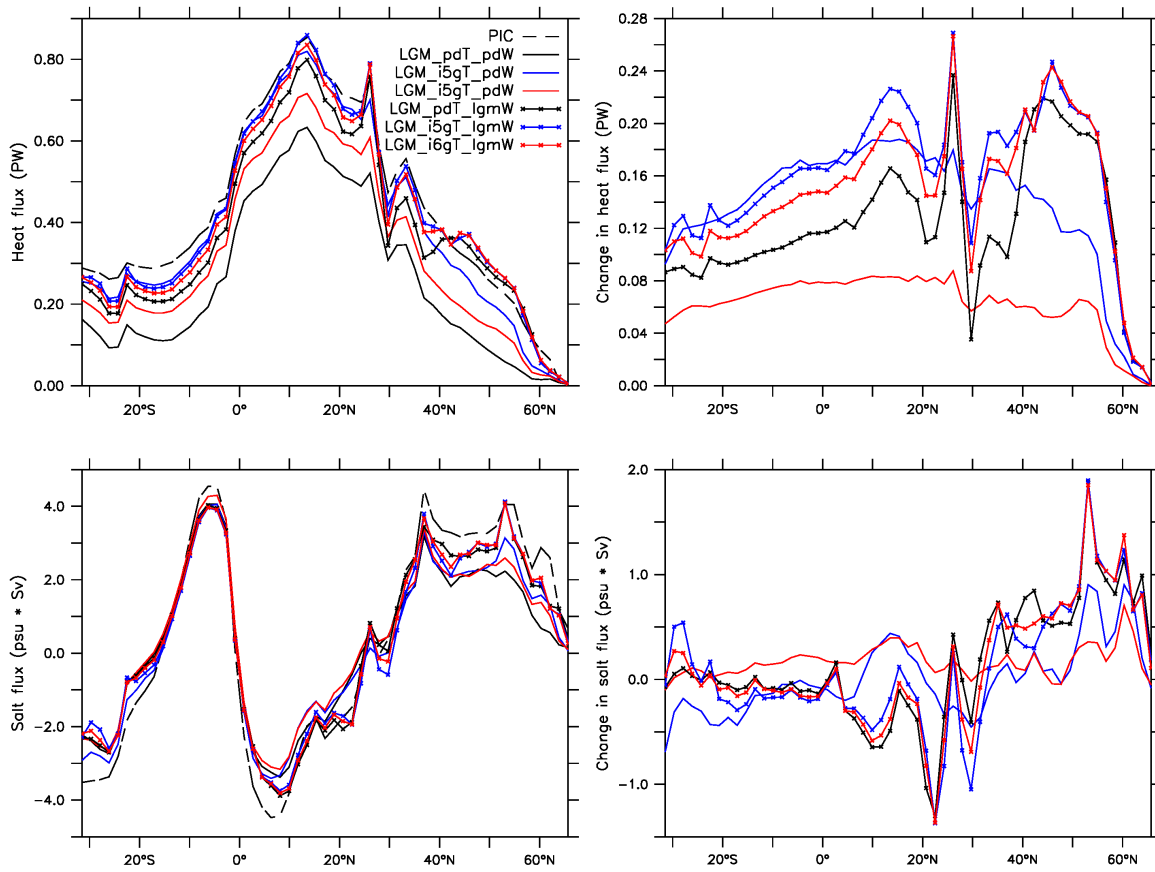


Figure 6. (1st column) Atlantic temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), (2nd column) Atlantic temperature anomalies with respect to LGM\_pdT\_pdW ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), (3rd column) Atlantic salinities (psu) and (4th column) Atlantic salinity anomalies with respect to LGM\_pdT\_pdW (psu) for (a) PIC, (b) LGM\_pdT\_pdW, (c) LGM\_i5gT\_pdW, (d) LGM\_i6gT\_pdW, (e) LGM\_pdT\_lgmW, (f) LGM\_i5gT\_lgmW and (g) LGM\_i6gT\_lgmW.



**Figure 7.** (a) Horizontally integrated Atlantic meridional heatflux and (b) change in Atlantic heat flux with respect to lgm\_pdT\_pdW. (c) Horizontally integrated Atlantic salt flux and (d) change in Atlantic salt flux with respect to lgm\_pdT\_pdW.