

# Muted change in Atlantic overturning circulation over some glacial-aged Heinrich events

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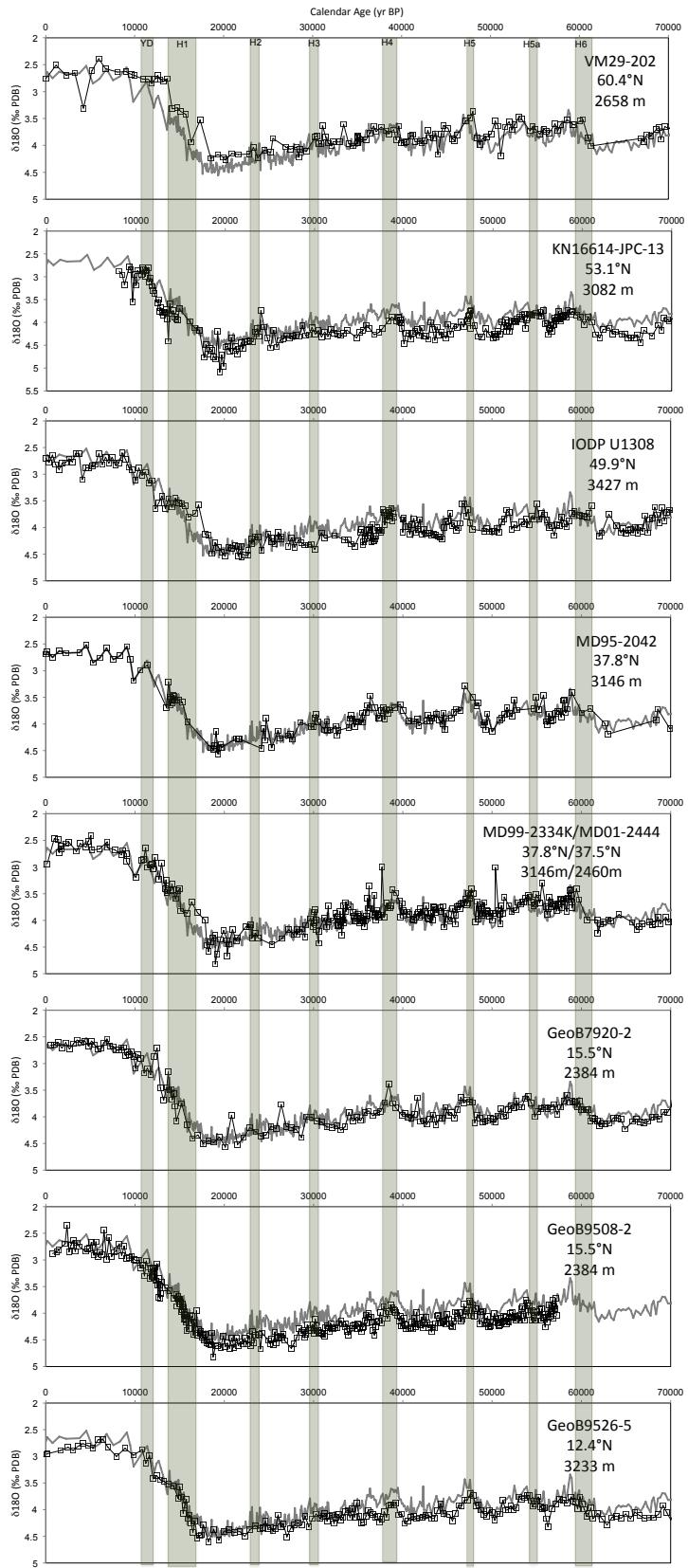
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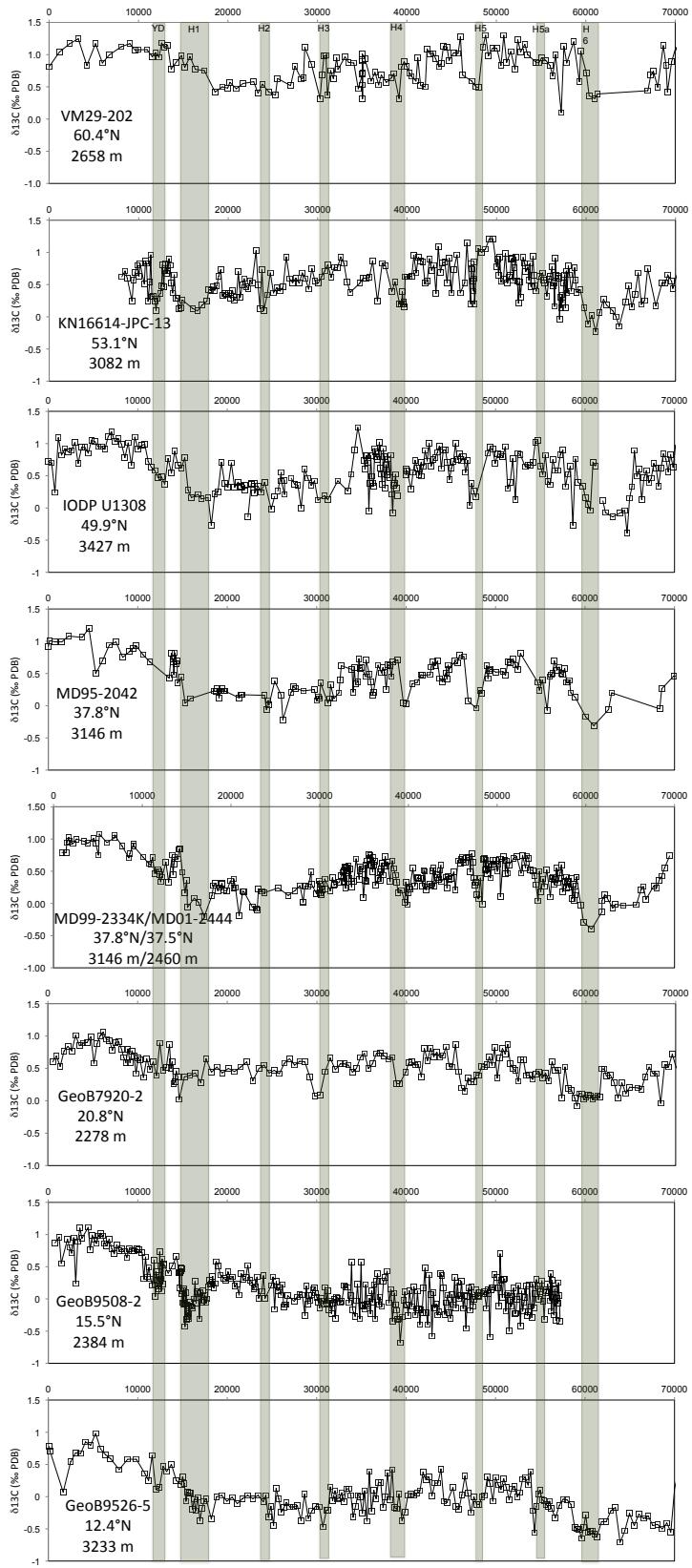
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## **Supplemental Methods: Deep North Atlantic Carbon Isotope Stacks**

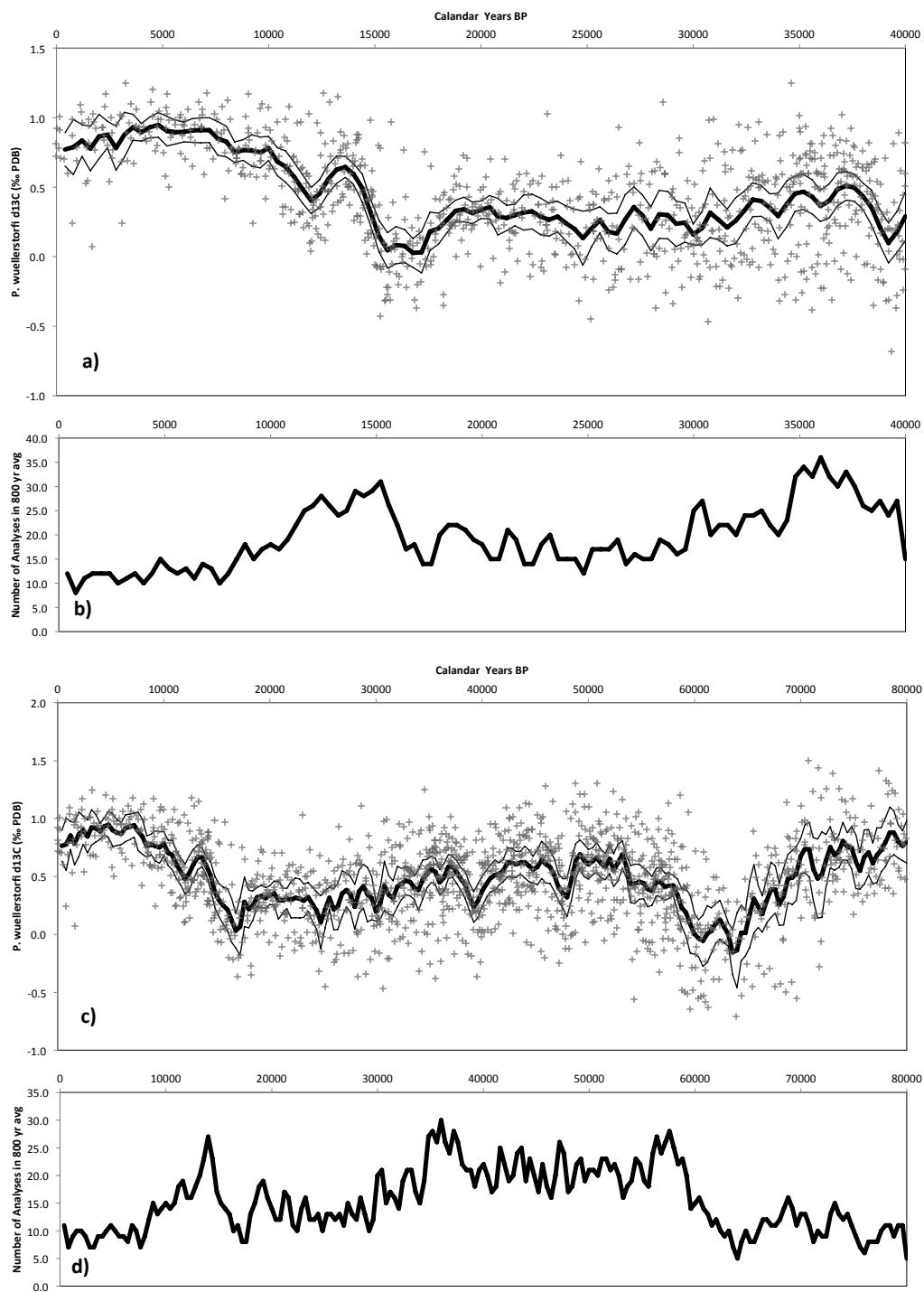
Seven benthic *P. wuellerstorfi*  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  records from the deep North Atlantic were averaged to compute a stacked  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  time series for the last 80 kyr<sup>1-8</sup>. An additional, shorter, record<sup>9</sup> was used to create an eight record 40 kyr stack (Supplemental Table 2, Supplemental Figures 1-3). All records in this compilation meet or exceed an average time resolution of 500 years and are from greater than 2.2 km depth. All records were placed on a common timescale. For the upper portion of the cores, the age models were constructed using radiocarbon dates converted to calendar age using Calib 6.0 and the MARINE09 calibration data set<sup>10</sup>. Below the level for which radiocarbon dates were available, the age models were constrained by correlation of the *P. wuellerstorfi*  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  to the benthic  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  record from MD95-2402 using the modified Greenland ice-core age-scale (SFCP04)<sup>11</sup> that has been shown to be broadly consistent with the North Atlantic event stratigraphy implied by the Hulu speleothem record<sup>12</sup>. All records except the following two were previously published with time scales constructed in this way. For GeoB7920<sup>6</sup>, subsequently published radiocarbon data<sup>13</sup> were converted to calendar age and used to constrain the age model above 300 cm depth in the core, and below 300 cm published tie points to the MD95-2042 benthic  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  record were converted to the SFCP04 timescale. For V29-202<sup>3</sup> radiocarbon data were converted to calendar age and used to constrain the age model above 300cm and below 300 cm the benthic  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  data was tied to the MD95-2042 benthic  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  record on the SFCP04 timescale.



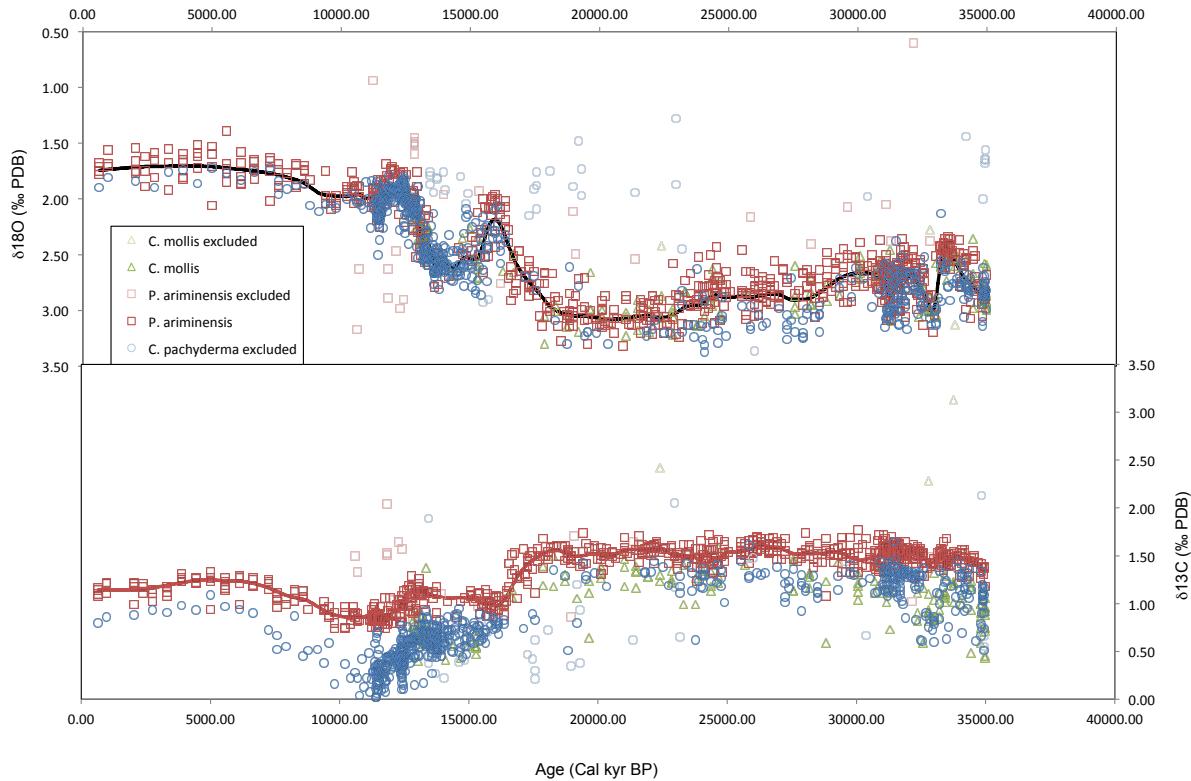
**Supplemental Figure 1. Deep North Atlantic Oxygen Isotope Records.** High resolution *P. wuellerstorfi* oxygen isotope records from the deep North Atlantic. The locations and sources for each record can be found in Supplemental Table 2. The time scales are constructed as described in the methods section. Grey vertical bars extending through all of the plots indicate the timing of the Younger Dryas and Heinrich stadials<sup>14</sup>. For reference, the benthic oxygen isotope record from MD95-2042 on the SFCP04 Age scale<sup>11</sup> is also shown in grey in each plot.



**Supplemental Figure 2. Deep North Atlantic Carbon Isotope Records.** The *P. wuellerstorfi* carbon isotope records from the deep North Atlantic. The locations and sources for each record can be found in Supplemental Table 2. The time scales are constructed as described in the methods section. Grey vertical bars extending through all of the plots indicate the timing of the Younger Dryas and Heinrich stadials<sup>14</sup>.

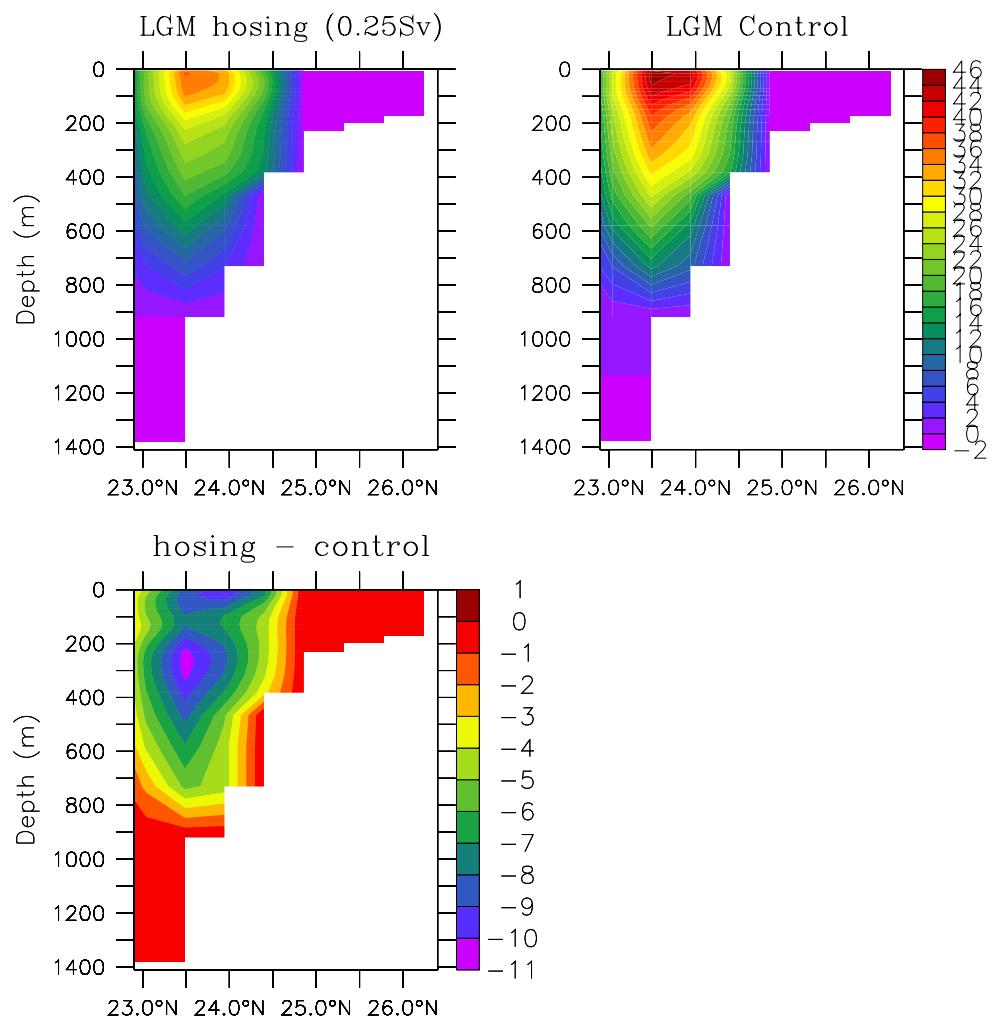


**Supplemental Figure 3. North Atlantic Carbon Isotope Stack.** For panels (a) and (c) the light crosses show the individual data points contributing to the 40 kyr and 80 kyr averages, respectively. The solid heavy lines are the average (800 year window) and lighter lines are  $\pm 2$  standard error of the 800 year averages. Panels (b) and (d) show the total number of analyses contributing to each 800 year average for the 40 kyr and 80 kyr averages, respectively.

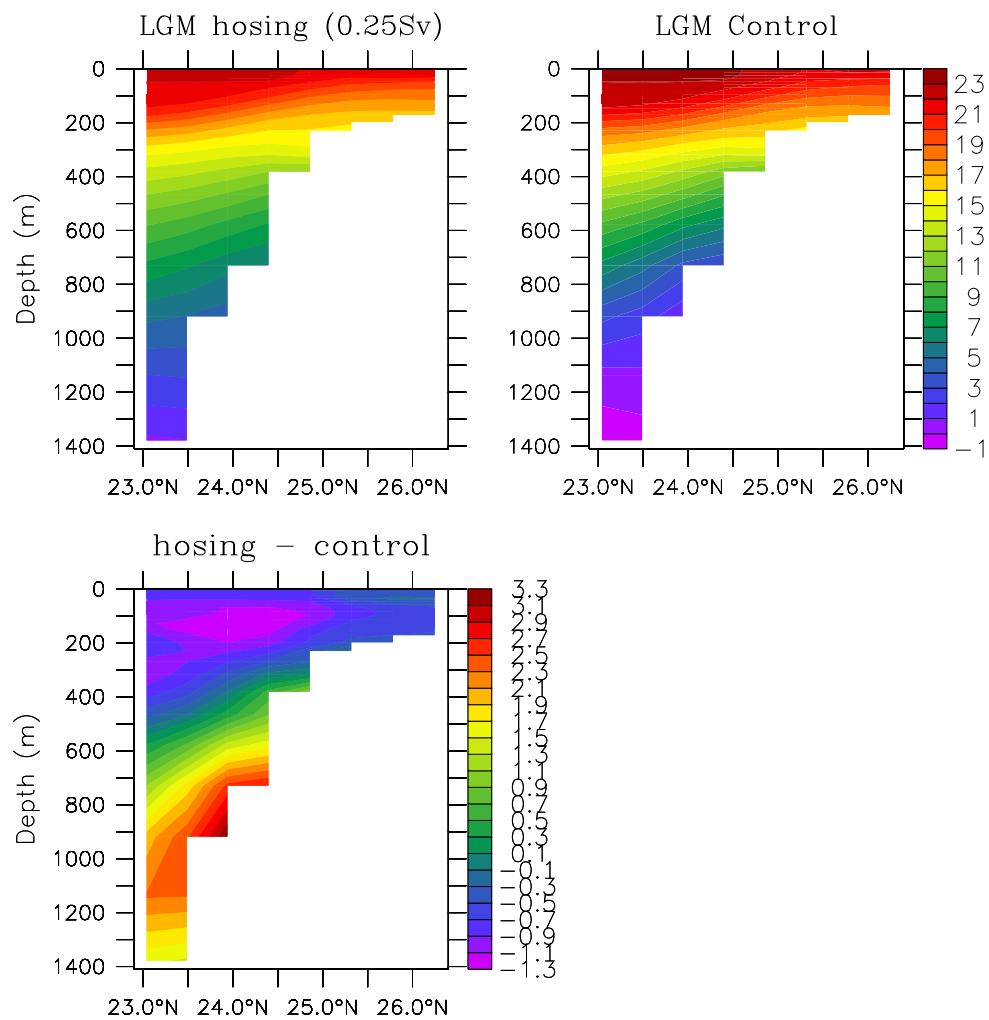


**Supplemental Figure 4. Measurements on Individual Foraminifers** a)  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  for individual measurements contributing to the average values at each depth shown in Figure 2. The 4% of the measurements not contributing to the averages because they have been flagged as having a distance from the robust loess smooth of the data (black line) greater than 2 standard deviations from the mean are indicated in a lighter shade. b)  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  for individual measurements. Only the data from *P. ariminensis* contribute to the depth average values shown in Figures 2 and 4.

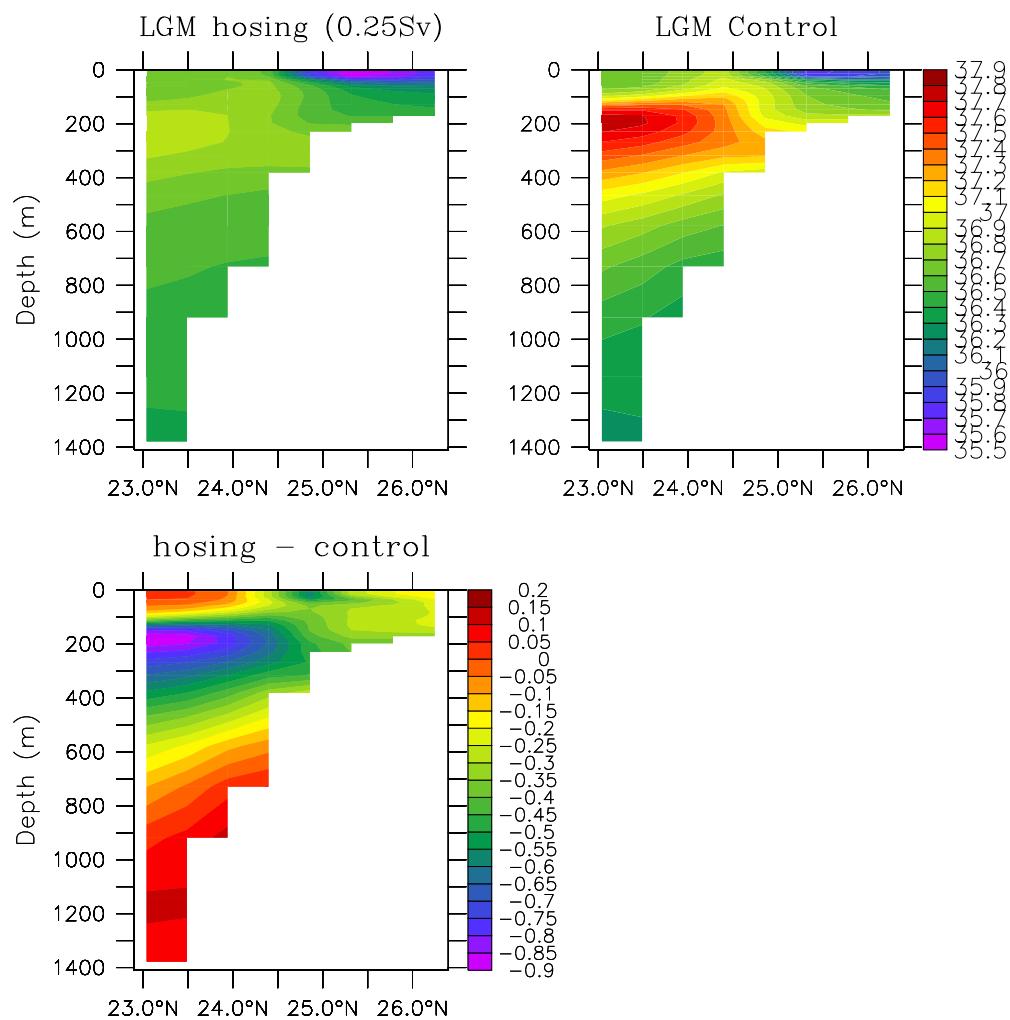
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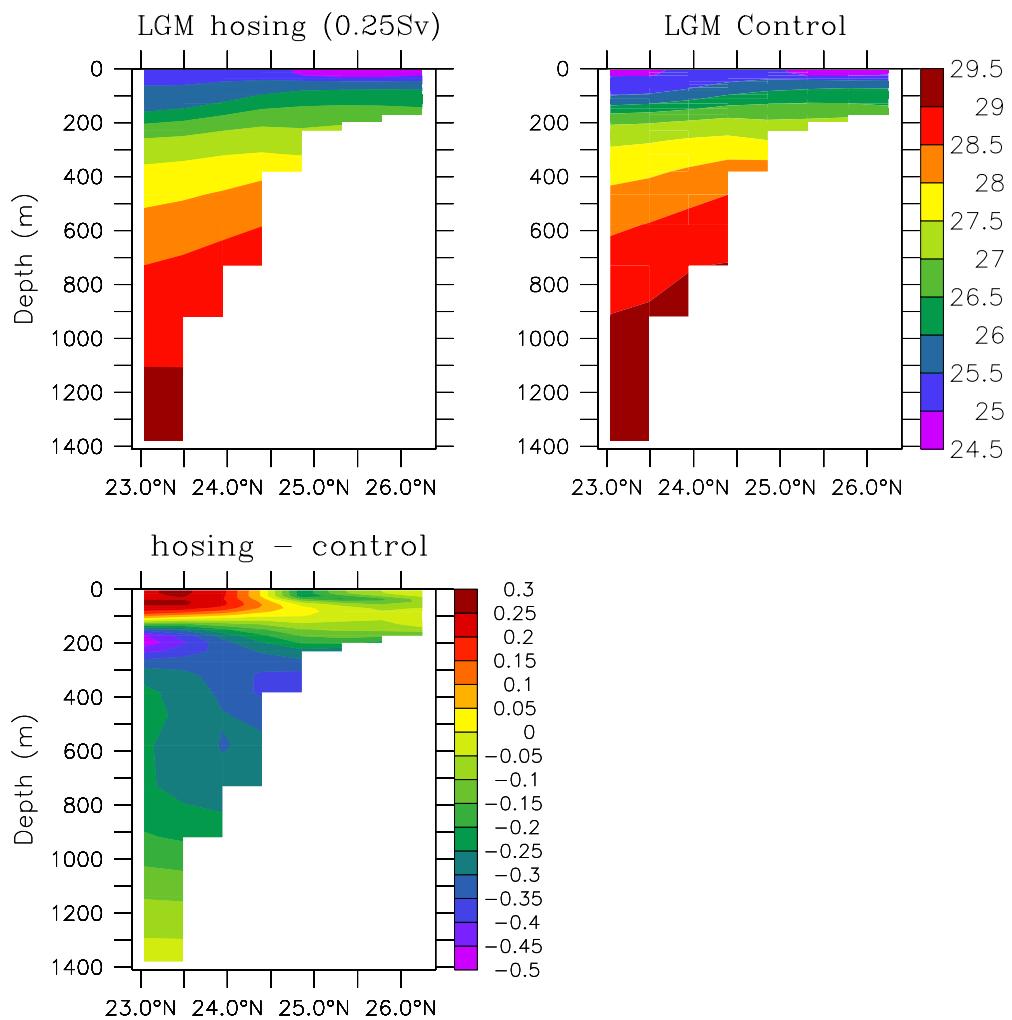
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**Supplemental Figure 5. Florida Straits Sections along 83°W in CCSM3.** For each panel the values for the LGM control run, the last 30 years of the water hosing experiment (0.25 Sv) and the anomaly (hosing – control) are shown<sup>15</sup>. a) velocity ( $\text{cm s}^{-1}$ ) b) Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) c) Salinity (psu) d) Sigma-theta.

Core	Depth in core	species	<sup>14</sup> C age	error	Calendar Age	Source
KNR166-2 26JPC	0.75	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	1070	70	634	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	48.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	2990	30	2760	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	112.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	6720	40	7251	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	144.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	8100	80	8576	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	216.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	9550	40	10418	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	280.25	<i>G. sacculifer, G. ruber</i>	10100	45	11130	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	344.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	10000	110	10944*	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	356.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	11750	95	13225*	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	364.25	<i>G. sacculifer, G. ruber</i>	10600	70	11872*	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	374.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	10500	50	11656*	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	392.25	<i>G. ruber</i>	10850	65	12342*	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	408.25	<i>G. sacculifer, G. ruber</i>	10300	60	11285*	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	442.25	<i>G. sacculifer, G. ruber</i>	10700	65	12077	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	464.25	<i>G. sacculifer, G. ruber</i>	10800	55	12251	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	544.25	<i>G. sacculifer, G. ruber</i>	11000	65	12515	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	592.25	<i>G. ruber</i>	11400	65	12866	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	606.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	11600	35	13106	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	648.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	12350	200	13807	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	704.25	<i>G. ruber</i>	13500	55	15857	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	752.25	<i>G. ruber</i>	15550	70	18271	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	848.25	<i>G. ruber</i>	20300	120	23760	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	878.25	<i>G. sacculifer, G. ruber</i>	21300	95	24896	this study
	952.25	<i>G. ruber</i>	26300	130	30693	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	1014.25	<i>G. ruber</i>	28200	180	31890	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	1032.25	<i>G. ruber</i>	28200	590	32160*	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	1074.25	<i>G. ruber</i>	29300	380	33482	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	1088.25	<i>G. sacculifer, G. ruber</i>	31300	200	35398*	this study
	1104.25	<i>G. sacculifer, G. ruber</i>	30600	170	34800	this study
	1118.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	30900	220	34958	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
KNR166-2 73GGC	0.25	mixed planktonics	650	35	297	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	28.25	mixed planktonics	2670	30	2357	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	48.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	3510	30	3394	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	96.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	5040	40	5388	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	152.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	6580	40	7102	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	168.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	6890	45	7404	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	196.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	9080	50	9805	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	212.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	10550	55	11782	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	224.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	12150	70	13592	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	232.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	18300	90	21372	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	240.25	<i>G. ruber</i>	21100	95	24691	this study
	248.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	22900	130	27255	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	266.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	29300	140	33435	this study
	280.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	31000	190	35019	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	296.25	<i>G. sacculifer</i>	36800	350	41474	Lynch-Stieglitz et al., 2011
	356.25				63000	MIS 3/4 boundary
	372.25				73000	MIS 4/5 boundary

Radiocarbon dates calibrated using Calib 6.0 and Marine09 curve

\*Not used in age model

### Supplemental Table 1. Age Control Points

Core	Longitude		Latitude		Depth (m)	Reference
GeoB9508-5	17 °	57	W	15 °	30	N
MD99-2334K	10 °	10	W	37 °	48	N
MD01-2444	10 °	8	W	37 °	33	N
IODP U1308	24 °	14	W	49 °	53	N
VM29-202	20 °	58	W	60 °	23	N
KN166-14-JPC-13	33 °	32	W	53 °	3	N
MD95-2042	10 °	10	W	37 °	48	N
GeoB7920-2	18 °	35	W	20 °	45	N
GeoB9526-5	18 °	3	W	12 °	26	N
					3233	Zarriess and Mackensen (2011), Zarreiss (2010)

**Supplemental Table 2. Sediment Core Locations and Sources for Carbon Isotope Stack.**

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