

1 **Marine radiocarbon reservoir age simulations for the past 50,000**  
2 **years revisited**

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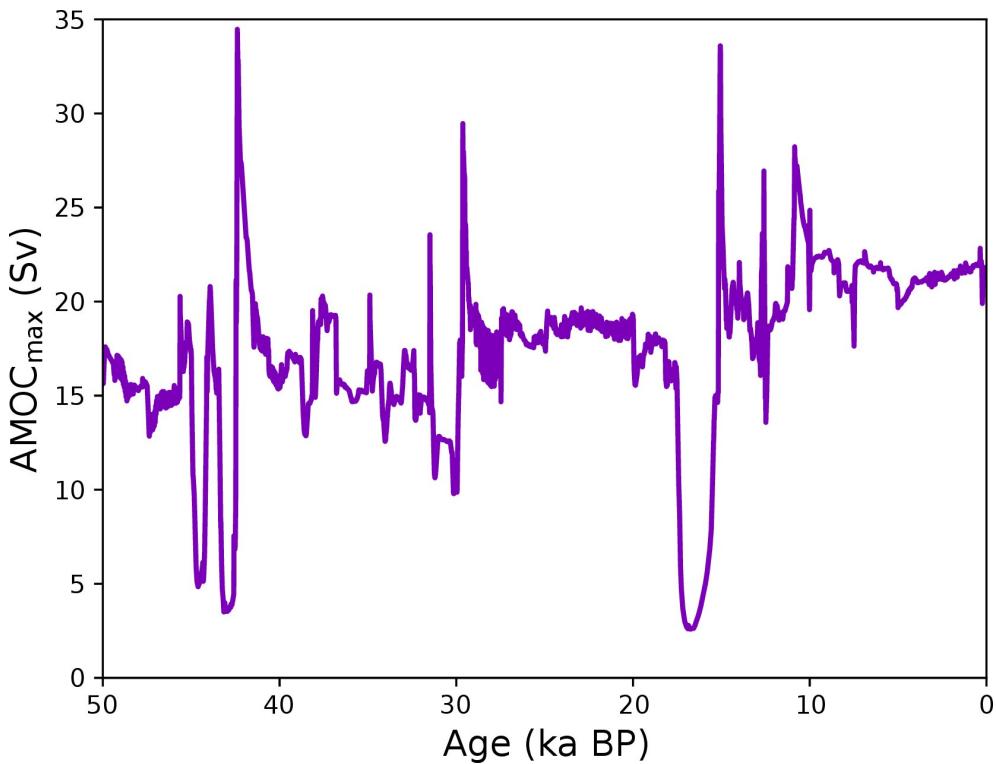
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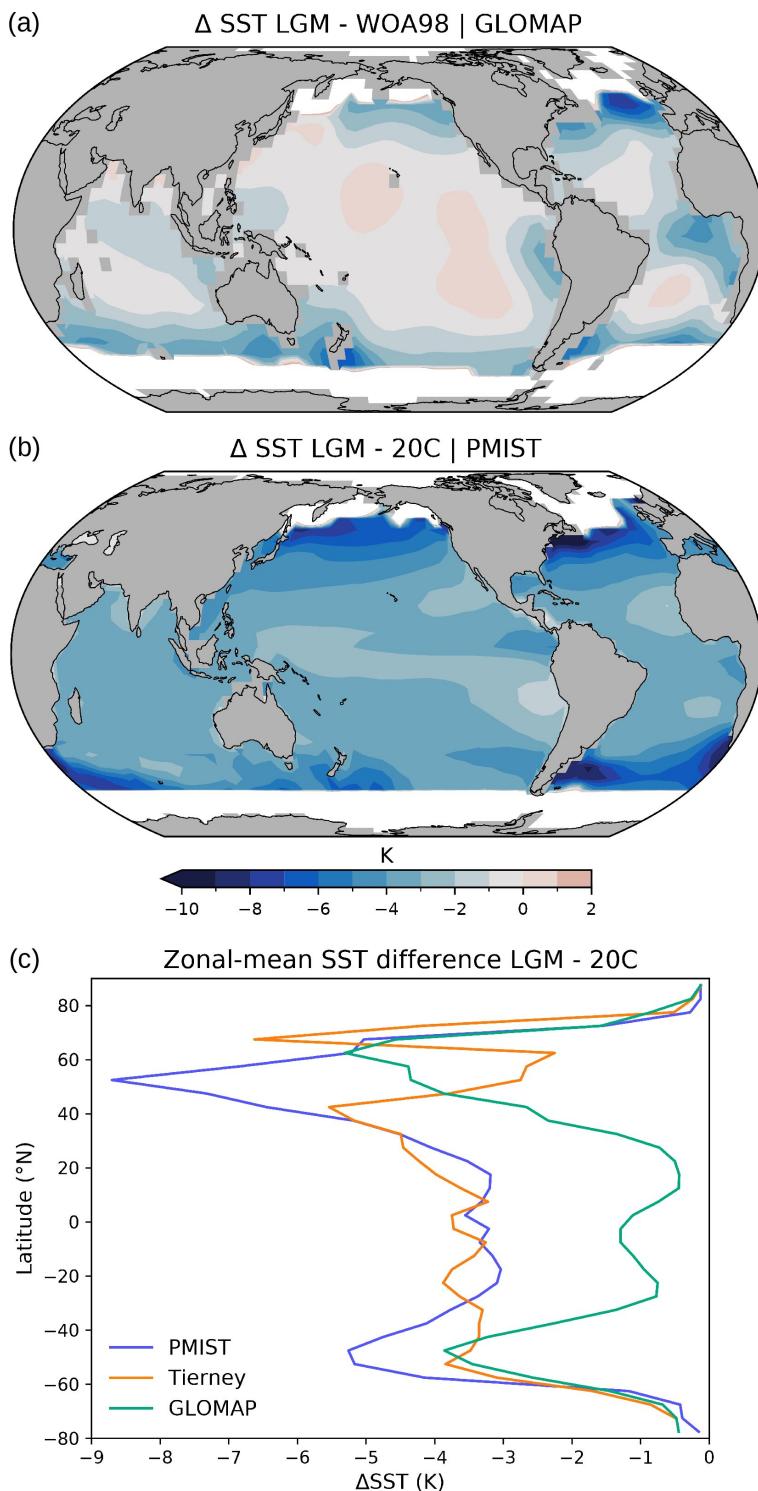
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19 **Supplementary Figures S1 – S3**

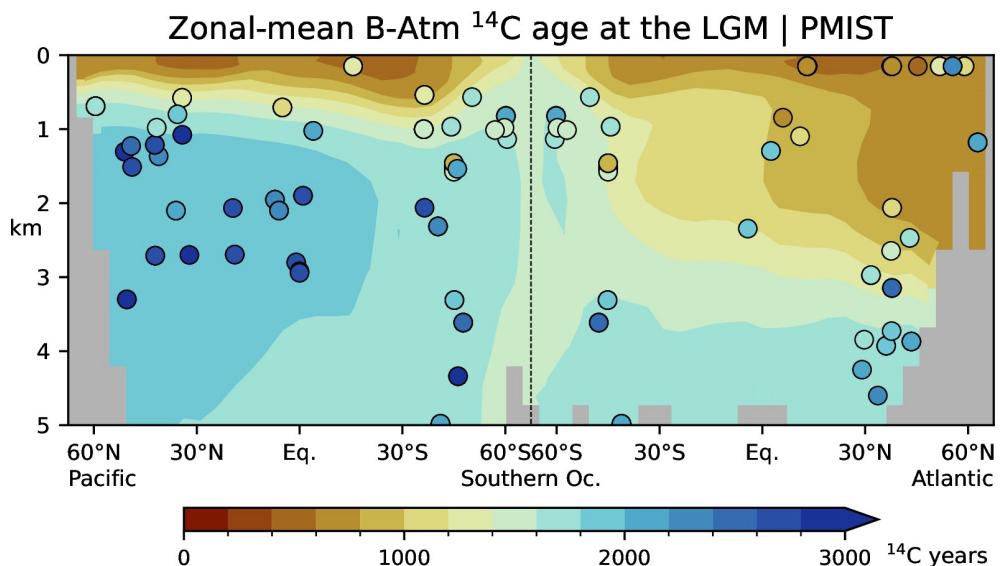


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21 **Figure S1. Time series of the meridional overturning circulation in the Atlantic (AMOC).** Shown  
 22 is the maximum of the meridional streamfunction northward of 30°S below 700 m simulated by  
 23 CLIMBER-X in this study. The long-term average is 17 Sv with a standard deviation of 4 Sv. Most  
 24 of the AMOC oscillations are unrelated to real Heinrich or Dansgaard-Oeschger events. Except  
 25 for Heinrich event H1 (15.0 - 7.5 ka BP), these events are not captured by the PaleoMIST  
 26 reconstruction which has a temporal resolution of 2500 years while CLIMBER-X considers  
 27 interpolated values in between.



28 **Figure S2. Annual-mean sea surface temperature differences ( $\Delta$ SST) between the Last Glacial  
29 Maximum (LGM, 19 - 23 ka BP) and the 20<sup>th</sup> century (20C).** (a): GLOMAP reconstruction (Paul et  
30 al., 2021), reference temperatures are from World Ocean Atlas 1998 (WOA 1998; Levitus, 2012).  
31 (b): This study. White areas in the top and middle panel indicate the annual-mean maximum sea  
32 ice extent at the LGM. (c): Zonally averaged  $\Delta$ SST values, blue curve: this study. Different to the  
33 original publication considering the reference period 0 - 4 cal ka BP,  $\Delta$ SST values by Tierney et al.  
34 (2020) have been recalculated relative to WOA 1998 for direct comparison with GLOMAP values.  
35 SST and sea ice reconstructions have been remapped to the spatial resolution of CLIMBER-X.



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37 **Figure S3. Simulated and reconstructed benthic-atmospheric  $^{14}\text{C}$  ages during the Last Glacial  
38 Maximum.** Shown are values in the Atlantic and Pacific. Shaded areas are zonal-mean results  
39 averaged over 19.0 - 21.8 ka BP (this study). Dots are observations between 19.0 and 21.8 ka  
40 (compiled by Skinner et al., 2023; see further references therein).

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