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**Deep hydrography of the South China Sea and deep water circulation in the Pacific since the last glacial maximum**

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Core	Date	Sediment Depth (cm)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)
MD12-3428 (20.14N, 115.83E; water depth of 890 m)	Late Holocene (0-6 ky BP)	2	2.11	0.55
		8	1.94	0.57
		14	2.08	0.53
		24	1.91	0.59
		34	2.09	0.55
	LGM	44	1.98	0.49
		234	3.25	0.29
		248	3.24	0.36
		264	3.26	0.24
		276	3.43	0.30
MD12-3434 (18.83N, 116.32E; water depth of 2990 m)	Late Holocene	0	2.73	0.17
		4	2.57	0.21
	LGM	156	4.14	0.37
		160	4.06	0.27
		168	4.26	0.35
		172	4.28	0.34
		176	4.07	0.39
		180	4.09	0.36
		184	4.08	0.39
		192	4.12	0.30
208	4.04	0.25		
MD12-3433 (19.28N, 116.24E; water depth of 2125 m)	Late Holocene	2	2.51	0.36
		4	2.58	0.31
		10	2.73	0.38
		14	2.58	0.42
		20	2.71	0.41
	LGM	196	4.05	-0.87
		206	4.07	-0.36
		216	4.19	0.16
		226	4.17	-0.39
		238	3.94	-0.39
		244	4.04	-0.37
		250	4.06	-0.26
		254	4.17	-0.30
		264	4.19	-0.24
		298	3.80	-0.23
304	4.16	-0.09		
306	4.23	-0.23		
312	4.00	-0.47		

Core	Date	Sediment Depth (cm)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)
MD05-2899 (13.79N, 112.18E; water depth of 2393 m)	Late Holocene	3	2.56	0.25
		5	2.75	0.30
		7	2.45	0.21
		9	2.59	0.27
		11	2.62	0.24
		13	2.65	0.26
		15	2.61	0.24
		17	2.68	0.26
	LGM	63	4.23	-0.13
		65	4.19	-0.19
		67	4.11	-0.12
		69	4.09	-0.24
		71	3.98	-0.10
		73	4.14	-0.19
		75	4.00	-0.17
		77	4.11	-0.09
		79	3.93	-0.19
		81	3.99	-0.13
		83	3.94	-0.05
85	3.84	-0.21		
MD05-2896 (8.83N, 111.44E; water depth of 1657 m)	Late Holocene	1	2.66	0.19
		9	2.61	0.30
		17	2.59	0.21
	LGM	145	4.16	-0.03
		150	4.09	-0.21
		156	4.09	-0.07
		162	4.04	-0.19
		170	3.92	-0.23
		174	3.92	-0.19
		178	3.97	-0.17
		182	3.91	-0.17
		186	4.03	-0.18
		190	3.78	-0.20
		194	4.08	-0.14
		198	3.97	-0.05
		202	3.96	-0.16
206	3.95	-0.14		

Core	Date	Sediment Depth (cm)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)
MD05-2904 (19.46N, 116.15E; water depth of 2066 m)	Late Holocene	1	2.67	0.30
		9	2.76	0.33
		15	2.60	0.36
		25	2.81	0.46
		29	2.76	0.17
		33	2.67	0.30
		43	2.59	0.32
		49	2.75	0.33
		57	2.67	0.37
	LGM	665	4.08	-0.31
		711	3.92	-0.43
		744	3.89	-0.24
		757	4.00	-0.31
		769	3.95	-0.31
		809	3.81	-0.51
		849	3.81	-0.27
		866	3.83	-0.14
		907	3.94	-0.30

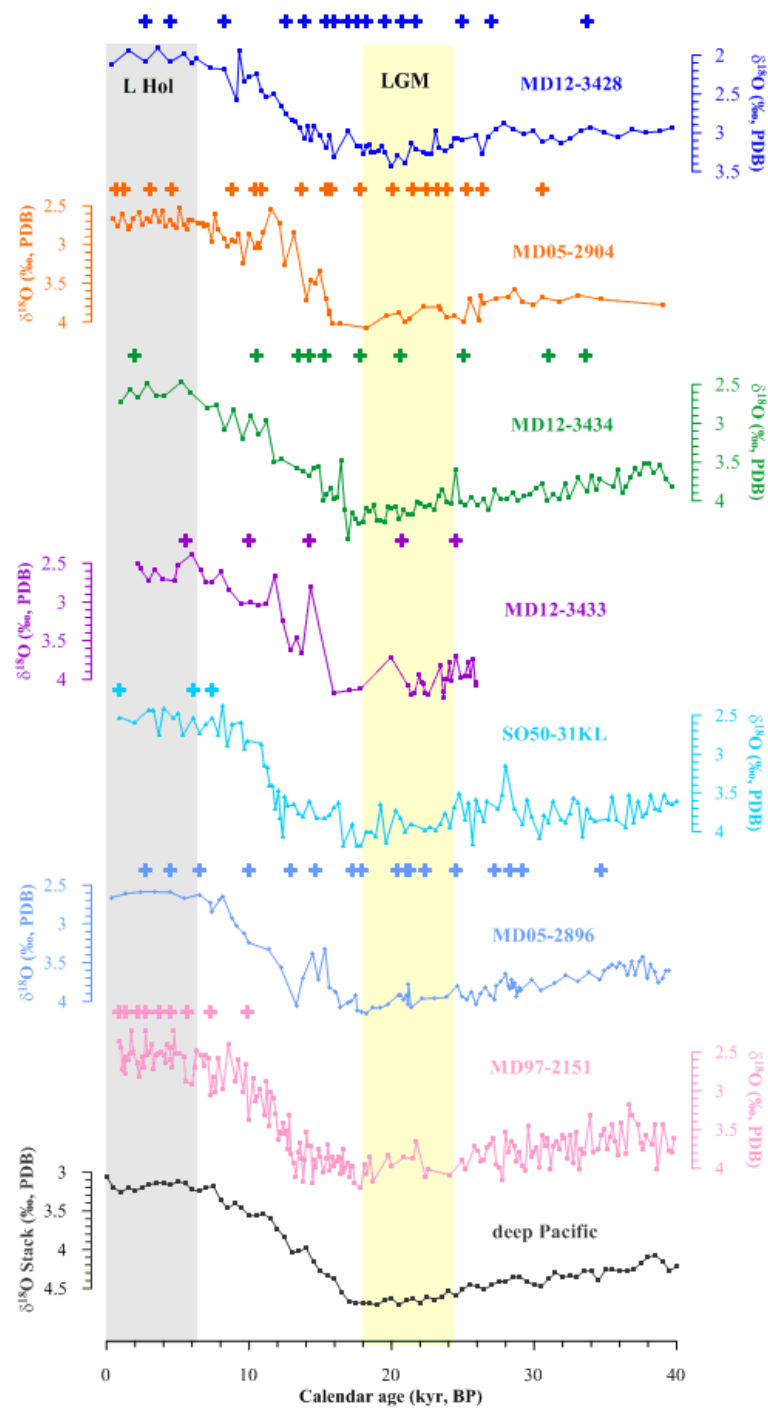
Core	Lat. (N)	Long. (E)	w.d. (m)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ Hol.	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ Hol.	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ LGM	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ LGM	Reference
ERDC92bx	-2.22	156.98	1622	2.40	0.41	3.73	0.21	Herguera et al., [1992]
ERDC88bx	0.03	155.87	1933	2.46	0.42	3.8	0.03	
ERDC113p	-1.63	159.22	2157	2.61	0.31	4.07	-0.08	
ERDC112bx	-1.62	159.23	2170	2.65	0.39	4.08	-0.02	
ERDC120bx	-0.02	158.68	2257	2.58	0.40	3.9	-0.08	
ERDC83bx	1.4	157.3	2357	2.72	0.40	4.04	-0.02	
ERDC79bx	2.78	156.22	2780	2.58	0.40	4.12	-0.07	
ERDC123bx	-0.02	160.4	2943	2.72	0.33	4.06	-0.10	
ERDC125bx	0	160.98	3379	2.66	0.35	4.14	-0.17	
ERDC108bx	-1.73	160.8	3403	2.69	0.31	4.16	-0.12	
ERDC135bx	0.87	160.98	3503	2.78	0.38	4.15	-0.02	
ERDC77bx	4.85	156.05	3591	2.67	0.22	4.14	-0.14	
ERDC128bx	0	161.42	3740	2.79	0.29	4.07	-0.12	
ERDC136bx	1.1	161.6	3852	2.88	0.33	4.23	0.02	
ERDC139bx	1.35	162.38	4164	2.97	0.40	4.06	-0.02	
ERDC129bx	0	161.97	4127	2.89	0.36	4.18	0.06	
ERDC131bx	-0.02	162.7	4438	2.87	0.48	4.12	-0.03	
KH82-4-14	31.44	129.02	740	—	—	2.68	0.38	Matsumoto et al., [2002]
PN3PC	28.06	127.55	1058	2.25	0.07	3.35	0.11	
V20-133	32.58	140.34	1503	2.69	-0.07	3.85	-0.19	
V28-297	31.59	140.26	2047	—	—	3.91	-0.14	
MR97-4	35.59	141.48	2308	2.69	0.1	4.11	—	
KT89-18 P4	32.09	133.54	2700	2.40	-0.12	4.52	-0.2	
PC14	32.4	138.27	3252	2.83	0.34	4.08	-0.09	
PC16	31.55	138.25	3320	2.83	0.51	4.26	-0.07	
RS67-GC27	38.648	141.192	506	1.03	1.55	2.85	1.91	Bostock et al., [2013] and therein
RS78-GC18	41.385	144.233	814	1.44	1.13	3.11	1.20	
SO36-SL17	42.052	144.585	1042	2.01	1.04	3.13	0.84	
DSDP 594	45.524	174.948	1204	2.88	1.16	4.49	0.06	
MD97 2120	45.534	174.931	1210	2.67	0.90	4.38	0.32	
CHAT 16K	42.533	-1.5	1408	2.42	0.96	3.96	0.43	
P69 (PC)	40.397	177.997	2197	2.93	0.45	4.61	-0.32	
MD97 2121	40.38	177.99	2314	2.99	0.39	4.56	-0.37	
RS67-GC13	38.465	140.167	2525	2.46	0.55	4.18	-0.22	
CHAT 10K	40.033	179.997	3003	2.95	0.67	4.49	-0.73	
ODP 1123	41.786	-8.5	3290	2.94	0.54	4.50	-0.52	
CHAT 1K	41.583	-8.5	3556	2.68	0.71	4.18	-0.22	
CHAT 5K	40.783	-8.45	4240	2.65	0.45	4.26	-0.38	
CHAT 3K	42.658	-12.5	4802	2.62	0.36	4.25	-0.34	

45 **Text S1**

46 The chronological constraints of the down-cores used in this study are shown as  
47 follows: (1) the age models for those cores with planktonic foraminiferal AMS  $^{14}\text{C}$   
48 records (Fig. S1) are established by updated CALIB 7.0 program with the Marine 13  
49 calibration data set [Reimer et al., 2013]. The surface reservoir age (R) in the SCS is  
50 assigned to be ~460 yrs for the Holocene and ~760 yrs for the LGM based on the recent  
51 marine  $^{14}\text{C}$  reservoir age simulations [Butzin et al., 2017]; (2) for the cores without  
52 foraminiferal  $^{14}\text{C}$  dating (Fig. S2), the ages of *C. wuellerstorfi*  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  records were  
53 determined by correlating to the regional benthic  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  stack of North Pacific  
54 intermediate sites by Stern and Lisiecki [2014], which was constructed by  $^{14}\text{C}$ -dated  
55 records from North Pacific over the most recent deglaciation. Overall, the late Holocene  
56 sections were identified by minor  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  changes within the Holocene intervals  
57 or from radiocarbon dates. The LGM sections were identified by their highest  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   
58 values of *C. wuellerstorfi* or from radiocarbon dates. (Fig. S1-S4).

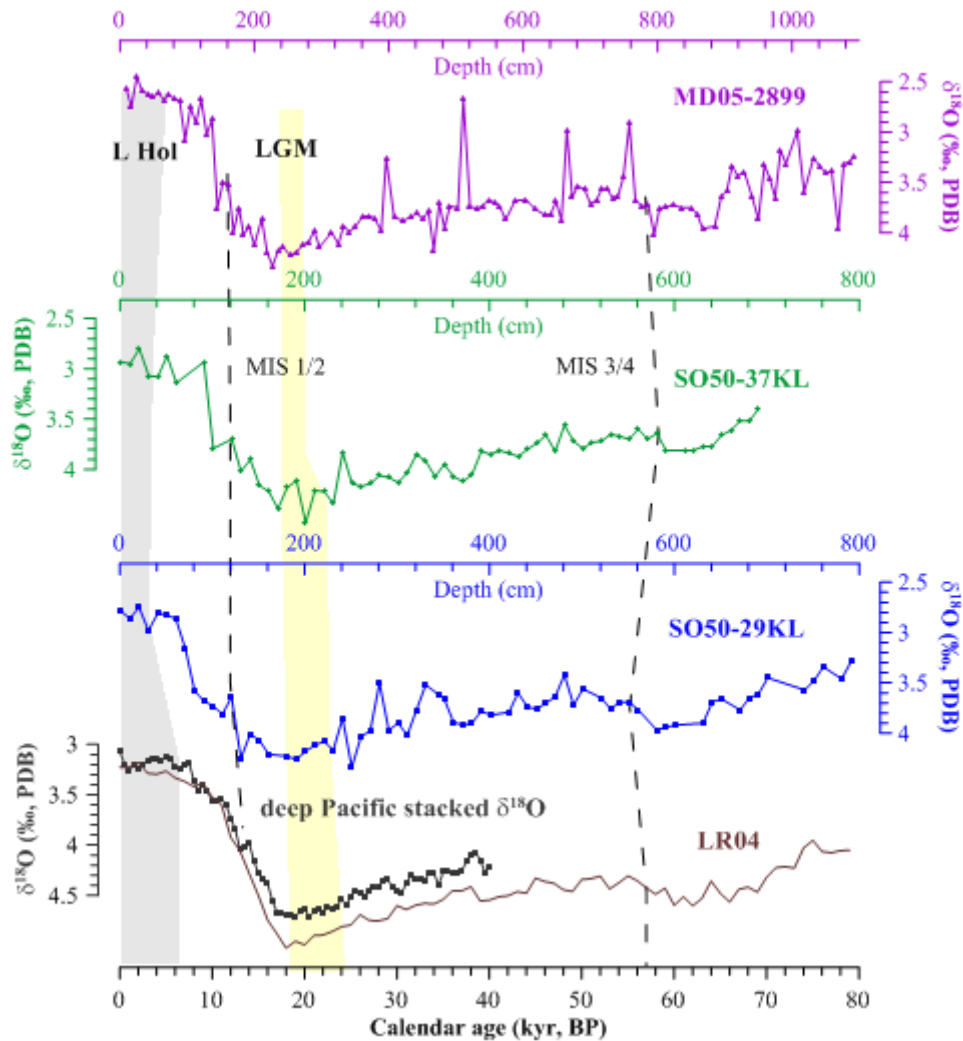
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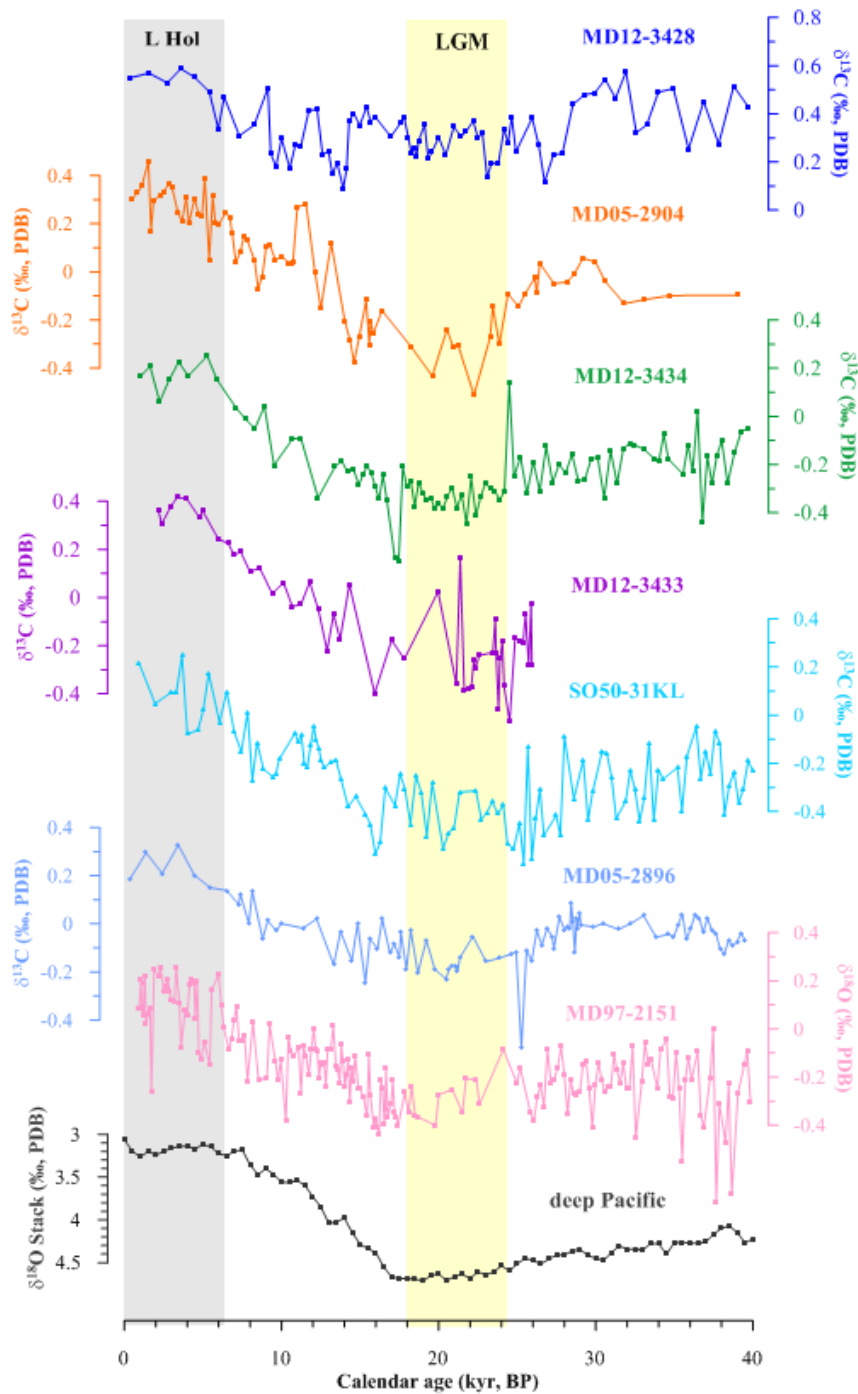
63 **Figure S1:** Age models based on *G. ruber* AMS  $^{14}\text{C}$  records and *C. wuellerstorfi*  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of Cores  
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 65 MD12-3433 (purple), SO50-31KL (light blue), MD05-2896 (pale blue), and MD97-2151 (pink)  
 66 in the SCS [Wei et al., 2006; Wan and Jian, 2014]. The crosses indicate the AMS  $^{14}\text{C}$  dating  
 67 control points in these cores. The bottom  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  stack is the regional benthic  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  stack in the  
 68 North Pacific [Stern and Lisiecki, 2014]. The light grey and orange bars show the intervals of  
 69 the late Holocene (0-6 kyr BP) and LGM (18-24 kyr BP), respectively.



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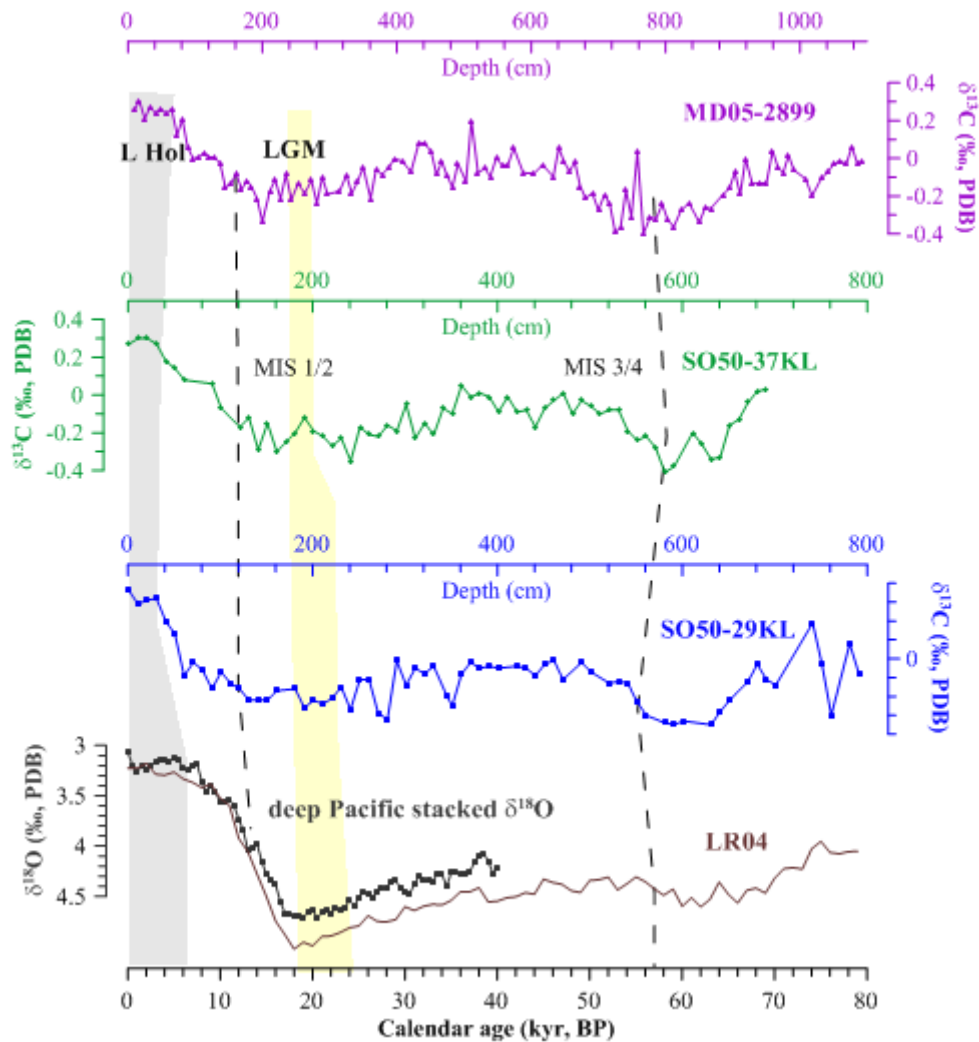
72 **Figure S2:** Determination of the late Holocene and LGM time slices for the *C. wuellerstorfi*  
 73  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of Cores MD05-2899 (purple line and symbols), SO50-37KL (green), and SO50-29KL  
 74 (dark blue) in the SCS [Qian, 1999]. The bottom benthic  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  reference curves come from the  
 75 regional (the North Pacific) and global LR04 stacks, respectively [Stern and Lisiecki, 2014;  
 76 Lisiecki and Raymo, 2005]. The light grey and orange polygons indicate general constraints on  
 77 the intervals of the late Holocene and LGM, respectively. The dashed lines represent the rapid  
 78 shifts of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  on the MIS 1/2 and 3/4 boundaries as age control points.  
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82 **Figure S3:** *C. wuellerstorfi*  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  records from Cores MD12-3428 (navy blue), MD05-2904  
 83 (orange line and signals), MD12-3434 (grass green), MD12-3433 (purple), SO50-31KL (light  
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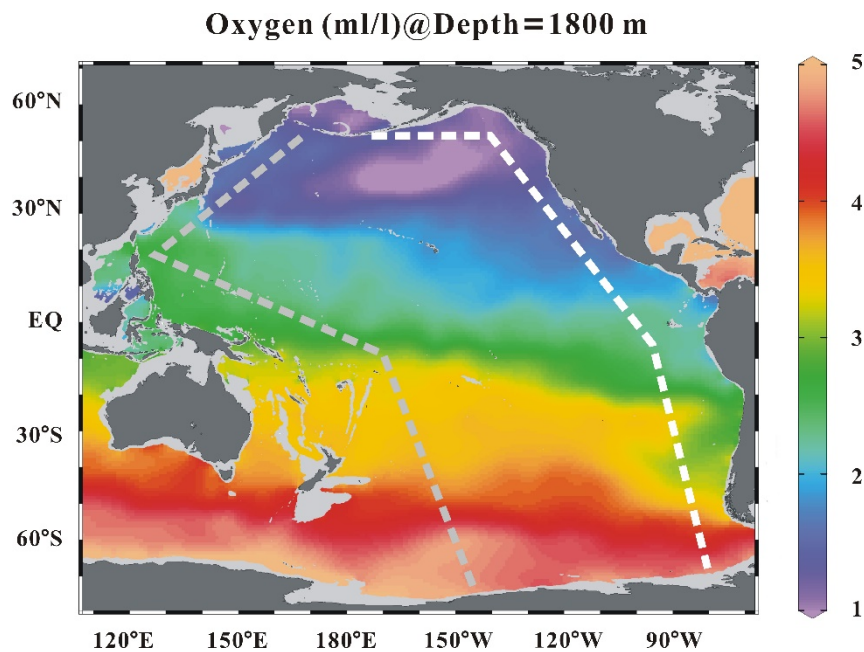
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90 **Figure S4:** *C. wuellerstorfi*  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  records from Cores MD05-2899 (purple line and symbols),  
 91 SO50-37KL (green), and SO50-29KL (dark blue) in the SCS [Qian, 1999]. The bottom benthic  
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100 **Figure S5:** The selected transects in the western (grey broken line) and eastern (white broken  
101 line) Pacific. The colors of oceanic background show oxygen concentration at depth of 1800 m  
102 based on World Ocean Atlas 2013 [Garcia et al., 2013].

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