
Relative paleointensity (RPI) in the latest Pleistocene (10–45 ka) and implications for deglacial atmospheric radiocarbon

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Abstract :

We report magnetic properties and relative paleointensity (RPI) proxies from a suite of 10 conventional piston cores and Kasten cores from the SW Iberian Margin collected during cruise JC089 of the RSS James Cook in August 2013. Mean sedimentation rates are in the 10–20 cm/kyr range. Age models were acquired by correlation of Ca/Ti and Zr/Sr XRF core-scanning data to L* reflectance from the Cariaco Basin that is, in turn, tied to the Greenland ice-core chronology. The natural remanent magnetization (NRM) is represented by a single magnetization component carried by a low-coercivity mineral (magnetite), although reflectance and bulk magnetic properties indicate the presence of a high-coercivity (hematitic) magnetic phase, possibly from eolian dust. The presence of fine-grained hematite means that the sediments are not ideal for RPI studies, however the detrital hematite does not appear to contribute to the NRM or anhysteretic remanent magnetization (ARM). In order to test the usefulness of the RPI data, we construct a stack of 12 RPI records from the SW Iberian Margin for the 0–45 ka interval and compare it with a stack of 12 globally distributed marine and lake records, chosen on the basis of mean sedimentation rates (>15 cm/kyr) and superior age models. The two stacks are similar, but different from published RPI stacks, particularly for the 10–30 ka interval, and imply a virtual axial dipole moment (VADM) high at ~15–18 ka followed by a drop in field strength from ~15 to 13 ka. A revised VADM estimate calculated from Greenland ¹⁰Be ice-core flux using a contemporary age model is remarkably consistent with the new overall RPI stack, based on Iberian Margin and global RPI records. The elevated atmospheric ¹⁴C levels of the last ice age cannot, however, be fully explained by this RPI stack although relative changes such as the long-term drop in atmospheric ¹⁴C from 30 to 15 ka are reproduced, supporting the hypothesis of a combined influence of production rate and ocean ventilation on ¹⁴C during the last ice age.

Highlights

► Revised view of relative paleointensity for the latest Quaternary (0–45 ka). ► Stack of SW Iberian and global relative paleointensity records for 0–45 ka. ► RPI stack consistent with recalculated ^{10}Be -based estimate of field intensity. ► Implications for the carbon cycle, ocean ventilation, and the “mystery interval”.

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45 1. Introduction

46 Consistent correlation of sedimentary relative paleointensity (RPI) proxies to
47 oxygen isotope data over the last 1-2 Myrs (e.g., Channell et al., 2009; Xuan et al., 2016)
48 has shown that RPI proxies in sediments can reflect the Earth's axial dipole (AD) field
49 and therefore provide a signal suitable for global stratigraphic correlation. This
50 conclusion is supported by the consistent picture of dipole field strength from RPI and
51 from sedimentary $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ ratios back to 850 ka (e.g., Simon et al., 2016). Because the
52 strength of the AD field is an important control on atmospheric cosmogenic isotope
53 production, RPI records have implications for the calibration of radiocarbon dates and for
54 the carbon cycle including the apparent drop in atmospheric $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ in the "mystery
55 interval" at 17.5-14.5 kyr (Broecker and Barker, 2007).

56 The Holocene (0-11.5 ka) record of paleointensity has been modeled from
57 archeomagnetic and lava-flow data (Korte et al., 2009, 2011; Pavon-Carrasco et al.,
58 2014) indicating a pattern of AD field intensity changes characterized by a broad high in
59 intensity at ~1-3 ka, preceded by a broad low in the 5-7 ka interval (Fig. 1b). Beyond the
60 range of archeomagnetic data, latest Pleistocene (11.5-45 ka) sedimentary RPI data have
61 been compiled into regional and global stacks (Laj et al., 2000, 2004; Stoner et al., 2002;
62 Valet et al., 2005; Channell et al., 2009; Ziegler et al., 2011), but with little agreement

63 between stacks, or individual records, for the 10-30 ka interval (Fig. 1a). The poor
64 consistency of sedimentary RPI data since the time of the Mono Lake (~34 ka) and
65 Laschamp (~41 ka) excursions (Fig. 1a) is attributed to drilling disturbance in the
66 uppermost few meters of recovered sediment sequences.

67 Absolute paleointensity data from volcanics have not contributed significantly to
68 the paleointensity time-series for the 10-30 ka interval for several reasons: lava sequences
69 are plagued by unknown time-gaps between flows, $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ dating has poor precision
70 for young (<40 ka) ages, scarcity of robust radiocarbon age control, and scatter in
71 absolute paleointensity determinations when plotted versus age particularly for the 10-30
72 ka interval (e.g., Teanby et al., 2002; Pressling et al., 2006; Genevey et al., 2008; Laj et
73 al., 2014).

74 Using models of cosmogenic nuclide production (Masarik and Beer, 1999),
75 Muscheler et al. (2005) calculated the virtual axial dipole moment (VADM)
76 corresponding to the flux of cosmogenic isotopes in ice cores for ^{36}Cl (Baumgartner et
77 al., 1998; Wagner et al., 2000) and ^{10}Be (Yiou et al., 1997; Finkel and Nishiizumi, 1997).
78 Estimates of atmospheric ^{14}C activity have been derived from independent age control on
79 radiocarbon ages from stalagmites (Beck et al., 2001; Wang et al., 2001; Southon et al.,
80 2011), corals (Fairbanks et al., 2005), lake varves (Bronk Ramsey et al., 2012) and from
81 the correlation of marine sediment cores to Greenland ice (Hughen et al., 2004; Peterson
82 et al., 2000; Bard et al., 2004). VADM estimates derived from atmospheric ^{14}C
83 (Muscheler et al., 2005) are not consistent with estimates from ^{36}Cl and ^{10}Be from
84 Greenland ice, particularly for 10-30 ka (Fig. 1b). Discrepancies may be due to differing
85 transport pathways for ^{36}Cl and ^{10}Be from the atmosphere to ice, diffusion of ^{36}Cl in firn
86 (not likely in Greenland), and changes in the carbon cycle, particularly changes in ocean
87 ventilation (e.g. Skinner and Shackleton, 2004; Muscheler et al., 2004; Robinson et al.,
88 2005; Skinner et al., 2010; Chen et al., 2015). Furthermore, revisions in ice-core
89 timescales directly impact the radionuclide flux calculation. For the last glacial maximum
90 (LGM) interval, the latest Greenland ice core timescale (Svensson et al., 2008) results in
91 adjustments to the ^{10}Be -based VADM estimates of Muscheler et al. (2005).

92 Magnetic concentration parameters in sediments, such as susceptibility or
93 anhysteretic remanent magnetization (ARM) intensity, are less affected by subtle drilling

94 disturbance than natural remanent magnetization (NRM) intensities. Sedimentary NRM
95 intensities depend on magnetic grain alignment, and are an essential entity in RPI
96 proxies. Published RPI stacks (Fig. 1a) rely largely on cores collected from the *Marion*
97 *Dufresne* (MD) using the Calypso corer, and cores collected using the Advanced Piston
98 Corer (APC) of the Ocean Drilling Program and Integrated Ocean Drilling Program
99 (ODP/IODP). The stretching (oversampling) of the upper part of sediment cores collected
100 by the Calypso corer has been well documented (Skinner and McCave, 2003; Széreméta
101 et al., 2004). Deformation of the upper part of APC cores is less well documented
102 although familiar to shipboard scientists who regularly observe poorly consolidated or
103 “soupy” conditions in the topmost few meters of recovered sediment. Drilling disturbance
104 of APC cores down-section has been associated with shearing of the sediment as the APC
105 core-barrel rips through the sediment and physically deflects the ancient magnetization
106 particularly at core edges (Acton et al., 2002). This secondary magnetization component
107 tends to have a coercivity spectrum that overlaps with the ancient (primary)
108 magnetization, being largely produced by magnetic grain deflection, and therefore the
109 primary magnetization is often not recoverable through laboratory demagnetization
110 (Acton et al., 2002).

111 The influence of drilling disturbance can be mitigated to some extent by choosing
112 sites with elevated mean sedimentation rates, so that the uppermost few meters of the
113 sediment sequence have a more restricted (younger) age range, and by choice of coring
114 and sampling methods. With these factors in mind, we investigated the RPI record for the
115 latest Quaternary (0-45 ka) from a suite of short (NIOZ-type) piston cores and Kasten
116 cores (Zangger and McCave, 1990) collected from the SW Iberian Margin during cruise
117 JC089 of the RSS *James Cook* in August 2013 (Hodell et al., 2014). The coring methods
118 used during JC089 are not immune to drilling disturbance; however, traditional piston
119 cores and especially square barrel Kasten cores are expected to be less susceptible to
120 drilling disturbance than Calypso or APC cores (Skinner and McCave, 2003). The JC089
121 sites are located on a spur on the continental slope of the Iberian Margin (Promontorio
122 dos Principes de Avis) that is elevated above the abyssal plain and the influence of
123 turbidites (Fig. 2). Uppermost Quaternary sediments comprise greenish-gray hemipelagic
124 nannofossil mud and clays with mean sedimentation rates in the 10-20 cm/kyr range

125 (Table 1). Our discussion includes JC089 cores collected from water depths >2500 m
126 (Table 1); cores collected at shallower water depth during the same cruise display more
127 significant heterogeneity in both lithology and magnetic properties.

128 The site locations are in the vicinity of Core MD95-2042 (Fig. 2) made famous by
129 Shackleton et al. (2000, 2004) due to their observation that planktic and benthic $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
130 records mimic Greenland and Antarctic ice-core air-temperature records, respectively. As
131 a result, sediment cores from this part of the Iberian Margin have potential for precise age
132 control over the last glacial cycle through correlation to ice-core chronologies. One of the
133 sites discussed here (Station 6, Table 1) is at the same location as Core MD01-2444 (Fig.
134 2), and is close to (1.8 km from) IODP Site U1385. At MD01-2444 and Site U1385,
135 precise age models have been constructed by correlation of oxygen isotope and X-ray
136 fluorescence (XRF) core-scanning data to Core MD99-2334K and ice-core chronologies
137 (Skinner et al., 2003; Skinner and Shackleton, 2004; Hodell et al., 2013, 2015; Freeman
138 et al., 2016). The SW Iberian Margin has distinct chronological advantages relative to
139 most marine sites where traditional oxygen isotope stratigraphy usually has limited
140 resolution, even at glacial terminations, resulting in poor stratigraphic control within the
141 last glacial cycle. Core MD95-2042 was one of several cores used to build the Portuguese
142 Margin RPI stack (Thouveny et al., 2004) that was accompanied by sedimentary $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$
143 data (Carcaillet et al., 2004; Ménébréaz et al., 2011). Although magnetite dominates the
144 magnetic properties of Cores MD95-2042 and MD01-2444, the suitability of these
145 sediments for RPI studies is compromised by the presence of a high-coercivity magnetic
146 phase (Moreno et al., 2002), believed to be hematite sourced from eolian dust, or possibly
147 from riverine input (Channell et al., 2013; Hodell et al., 2013).

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149 2. XRF methods and age control

150 The JC089 cores were scanned at the University of Cambridge using an Avaatech
151 XRF core scanner (3rd generation) to obtain semi-quantitative elemental data. The surface
152 of the cores was scraped clean then covered with 4 μm thick SPEXCertiPrep Ultralene
153 foil to avoid contamination and to prevent the cores drying out and cracking. Each
154 section was measured at three different voltages and currents: 10 kV and 750 mA, 30 kV
155 and 500 mA, and at 50 kV and 1000 mA. The entire length of each core was analyzed at

156 5-mm resolution with an irradiated surface length and width of 5 mm (downcore) and 12
157 mm (cross core). The count time was 60 s for each measurement. Element intensities
158 were obtained by post-processing of the XRF spectra using the Canberra WinAxil
159 software with standard software settings and spectrum-fit models.

160 Sediments deposited on the SW Iberian Margin were particularly responsive to
161 Quaternary climate on both millennial and orbital timescales, being optimally positioned
162 to respond to fluctuations in sea-surface and bottom-water temperatures (Shackleton et
163 al., 2000, 2004; Skinner et al., 2003, 2007; Hodell et al., 2013, 2015). Variations in
164 carbonate concentrations in sediments from this region have been associated with
165 changes in terrigenous supply (Thomson et al., 1999, 2000), although surface-water
166 productivity and sea-surface temperatures affect carbonate content on millennial
167 timescales (Hodell et al., 2013). For Core MD01-2444, same location as JC089-06 (Fig.
168 2), the Ca/Ti ratio from XRF core-scanning provides a reliable proxy for wt % CaCO₃,
169 and largely reflects the mixing ratio of biogenic (Ca) and detrital (Ti) components
170 (Hodell et al., 2013). The Ca/Ti ratio at MD01-2444 mimics planktic $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and can be
171 correlated to the Greenland ice-core $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ record for the last glacial cycle (Hodell et al.,
172 2013).

173 For this study, age models for JC089 cores were constructed by correlating Ca/Ti
174 and Zr/Sr signals to the L* reflectance record from Cariaco Basin (Deplazes et al., 2013).
175 The Cariaco age model is a hybrid of layer counting, radiocarbon, and correlation of the
176 L* record to the ice core $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ record of NGRIP using the GICC05 age scale for 0-60 ka
177 (see supplement of Deplazes et al., 2013). Peaks in Ca/Ti mark interstadials whereas
178 Zr/Sr values are generally higher during stadials, particularly Heinrich stadials (Fig. 3;
179 Figs. S1-S4). We used the Cariaco Basin record as the intermediary to Greenland because
180 Heinrich stadials are well expressed in the Cariaco color record, whereas they are muted
181 in the Greenland ice core $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and dust record. There are only very minor differences
182 between our age models constructed via Cariaco and those of Freeman et al. (2016) in
183 which the same JC089 cores were correlated directly to Greenland (Figs. S5 and S6).

184 Precise age control from correlation to ice-core chronologies is a result of
185 heterogeneity in geochemistry and lithology as a result of the high fidelity response of
186 these sediments to climatic change. The heterogeneity that facilitates the age control is,

187 on the other hand, not advantageous for relative paleointensity determinations that rely on
188 uniformity in magnetic properties.

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190 3. Magnetic measurements and methods

191 Magnetic measurements using a 2G Enterprises pass-through cryogenic
192 magnetometer (Weeks et al., 1993) were made on u-channel samples ($2 \times 2 \times 150 \text{ cm}^3$)
193 collected from the split face of piston cores and the scraped side of Kasten cores.
194 Cleaning/scraping of the surfaces prior to u-channel sampling is particularly critical for
195 Kasten cores because of the likelihood of coring disturbance close to core-walls and
196 hence close to the u-channel sample. NRM was measured prior to alternating field (AF)
197 demagnetization and after demagnetization at peak fields of 10-30 mT in 5mT steps, 30-
198 60 mT in 2.5 mT steps and 60-70 mT in 5 mT steps, and 80 mT. All magnetometer
199 measurements were carried out at 1-cm spacing, with a 10-cm leader and trailer at the
200 ends of the u-channel sample. NRM component magnetizations were determined in a
201 uniform 20-80 mT demagnetization range, and maximum angular deviation (MAD)
202 values were determined using the standard method (Kirschvink, 1980) and the software
203 of Xuan and Channell (2009). Volume magnetic susceptibility was then measured at 1-
204 cm spacing using a susceptibility track designed for u-channel samples (Thomas et al.,
205 2003). ARM was then imposed along the long-axis of u-channel samples using a $50 \mu\text{T}$
206 DC field and a 100 mT alternating field. The ARM was then AF demagnetized at peak
207 fields of 10-60 mT in 5 mT steps, and 60-80 mT in 10 mT steps. ARM was then
208 incrementally imposed along the axis of each u-channel sample using a uniform ($50 \mu\text{T}$)
209 DC field and stepwise increasing alternating fields, using the same AF increments as for
210 ARM demagnetization. Next, an isothermal remanent magnetization (IRM) was imposed
211 along the axis of each u-channel using a DC field of 300 mT, and the $\text{IRM}_{0.3\text{T}}$ was then
212 demagnetized at the same peak field used for ARM demagnetization. Finally, an $\text{IRM}_{1\text{T}}$
213 was imposed using a DC field of 1 T, and again demagnetized using the same alternating
214 fields used for ARM and $\text{IRM}_{0.3\text{T}}$.

215 Relative paleointensity (RPI) proxies in sediments are determined by
216 normalization of NRM intensity by the intensity of a laboratory-induced magnetization
217 designed to activate the same magnetic grains that contribute to the NRM (Levi and

218 Banerjee, 1976; Tauxe, 1993). The most commonly used normalizers are ARM and IRM.
219 The NRM and the normalizer should be carried by magnetite in a restricted grain size and
220 concentration range (see Tauxe, 1993). Here we acquire potential paleointensity proxies
221 for the 20-60 mT demagnetization/acquisition interval using four slopes: NRM
222 demagnetization versus ARM demagnetization, NRM demagnetization versus ARM
223 acquisition, NRM demagnetization versus $IRM_{0.3T}$ demagnetization, and NRM
224 demagnetization versus IRM_{1T} demagnetization. The software of Xuan and Channell
225 (2009) allows linear correlation coefficients (r) to be determined for slopes determined at
226 each 1-cm spaced measurement position.

227 A Princeton Measurements Corp. vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM) was
228 used to determine hysteresis ratios and first order reversal curves (FORCs) on sediment
229 samples encased in #4 gel-caps. No FORCs are reproduced in this paper as the FORC
230 results and conclusions are very similar to those for Core MD01-2444 (Channell et al.,
231 2013).

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233 4. Magnetic properties

234 NRM has low coercivity in Core MD01-2444 (Channell et al., 2013) and at
235 neighboring sites including MD95-2042 (Thouveny et al., 2004). The magnetic properties
236 of Core MD01-2444 are dominated by biogenic and detrital magnetite with a greater
237 proportion of biogenic magnetite in interglacial stages (Channell et al., 2013). Fine-
238 grained hematite in Core MD01-2444 is indicated by S-ratios and a^* (570-560 nm)
239 reflectance data, and it was associated with eolian Saharan dust due to precessional power
240 in a^* reflectance data (Hodell et al., 2013; Channell et al., 2013). In JC089 cores, the
241 NRM component directions have low coercivity, are associated with low ($<5^\circ$) MAD
242 values, and inclinations are consistent with site latitude although with shallower
243 inclinations at depth (Fig. 4) possibly associated with sediment compaction. The
244 characteristic (primary) NRM magnetization components are not obviously correlated
245 amongst the cores, and the Laschamp or Mono Lake magnetic excursions are not
246 observed in any of the JC089 cores, or in Core MD01-2444, although the Laschamp
247 excursion is apparently represented by divergent declinations for several adjacent u-
248 channel measurement positions in Core MD95-2042 (Thouveny et al., 2004). Recordings

249 of directional aberrations associated with Laschamp and Mono Lake excursions are rare
250 in sediments with similar (~ 15 cm/kyr) sedimentation rates, presumably due to filtering
251 of the directional signal by non-instantaneous remanence-acquisition, the stochastic
252 nature of sediment accumulation on short timescales, and the centennial-scale duration of
253 these two directional excursions (see Laj and Channell, 2015).

254 Orthogonal projections of u-channel AF demagnetization data of JC089 Kasten
255 cores (Fig. 5a) are displayed at sediment depths of 100 cm, 200 cm, 250 cm, and ~ 350
256 cm (300 cm corresponds to a section break). For one core (06-5K), the projection at 330
257 cm is shown because the core does not reach 350 cm (Table 1). A single NRM
258 magnetization component appears to be present throughout the suite of cores, and the
259 maximum peak field (80 mT) implies low coercivity NRM carrier(s). Orthogonal
260 projections from samples at these depths in JC089 piston cores are shown in Figure S7.

261 Volume susceptibility shows subdued variability other than during HS4 (Fig. 6d)
262 Variations in the magnetite grain-size parameter $\kappa_{\text{arm}}/\kappa$ indicate coarser magnetite during
263 Heinrich stadials (HS), a progressive fining of grain size at Termination I, and fine
264 magnetite grain sizes in the early Holocene (Fig. 6c). The change in $\kappa_{\text{ARM}}/\kappa$ at
265 Termination I is controlled by an increase, by a factor of ~ 2 , of ARM intensity as the
266 concentration of fine-grained biogenic magnetite increases relative to coarser detrital
267 magnetite in the Holocene. The plot of κ_{arm} versus susceptibility (κ) indicates fine
268 magnetite grain sizes apart from during HS4 (Fig. 6a), and the range of magnetite grain
269 sizes is consistent with estimates from the hysteresis (Day et al., 1977) plot (Fig. 6b). Our
270 interpretation of the magnetic properties of JC089 cores is consistent with the
271 interpretations from Core MD01-2444 where magnetic properties are controlled by
272 variations in the proportion of biogenic and detrital magnetite (Channell et al., 2013) with
273 interglacial stages, including the Holocene, characterized by enhanced concentration of
274 biogenic magnetite, whereas Heinrich stadials have enhanced detrital input associated
275 with sea level low-stands. High susceptibility and coarse magnetite grain size during HS4
276 (Fig. 6) are consistent with the presence of ice-rafted debris (IRD). Heinrich stadials tend
277 to be associated with lower values of $\kappa_{\text{arm}}/\kappa$ (coarser magnetite grain size), higher
278 susceptibility and higher S-ratios, but only HS4 has the prominent susceptibility signal
279 denoting IRD (Fig. 6).

280 In Cores MD95-2042 and MD1 magnetic
 281 mineral was detected by Moreno et al. (2002) and Channell et al. (2013), respectively,
 282 and attributed to eolian dust (Hodell et al., 2013). In Core MD01-2444, isothermal
 283 remanent magnetization acquired in magnetizing fields of 300 mT ($IRM_{0.3T}$) and 1 T
 284 (IRM_{1T}) yield S-ratios (determined as $IRM_{0.3T} / IRM_{1T}$ after demagnetization of both
 285 IRMs at peak fields of 30 mT) with values in the 0.8-0.95 range with lower values (high
 286 coercivities) associated with glacial and stadial climatic episodes (see Fig. 5 in Channell
 287 et al., 2013). For JC089 cores, the values of $IRM_{0.3T}$ and IRM_{1T} yield S-ratios in a
 288 similar (0.8-0.95) range although values are variable from core to core (Fig. 6e). Using
 289 two of the sediment depths (100 cm and 200 cm) used for orthogonal projections of NRM
 290 (Fig. 5a), normalized intensities (J_r/J_o) of NRM indicate higher coercivity in the 20-80
 291 mT peak field demagnetization range than for ARM (Fig. 5b). Both $IRM_{0.3T}$ and IRM_{1T}
 292 have higher coercivity in the 60-80 mT range than NRM and ARM (Fig. 5b). The
 293 progressive bifurcation with increasing peak fields for $IRM_{0.3T}$ and IRM_{1T} denotes the
 294 high-coercivity signal of the hematitic dust that is apparently less important in NRM and
 295 ARM (Fig. 5b).

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297 5. Relative paleointensity (RPI) proxies

298 RPI proxies in these sediments are complicated by the presence of biogenic
 299 magnetite (see Roberts et al., 2012), and by the presence of detrital hematite, as RPI
 300 proxies traditionally require magnetite to be the sole remanence carrier with uniformity in
 301 magnetite grain size and concentration (Tauxe, 1993). On the other hand, the hematite in
 302 Core MD01-2444 is from eolian dust, or possibly from riverine input, and therefore
 303 detrital (Hodell et al., 2013), and therefore may not contribute to the NRM due to the low
 304 intrinsic magnetization (alignment efficiency) of hematite. The possibility of acquiring
 305 useful RPI proxies depends on the extent to which the detrital hematite contributes to the
 306 NRM and to the normalizers used to acquire the RPI proxies.

307 Core MD01-2444 and Cores 06-4K and 06-5K were collected at the same location
 308 (Fig. 2), and yet the MD01-2444 apparent sedimentation rates are about twice those at
 309 06-4K and 06-5K (Fig. 7), presumably because of relative stretching of the MD core. The
 310 two Kasten cores (06-4K and 06-5K) have similar but not identical sedimentation rates

311 with differences attributable to differential compaction (Figs. S5 and S6). Clearly, cores
312 collected at nominally the same location are not identical, and depend on the coring
313 method, and perhaps on the precise location of core penetration. RPI proxies from the
314 three cores differ, particularly in the 12-15 ka interval (Fig. 7). The Ca/Ti and Zr/Sr ratios
315 for 06-4K (Fig. 3; Figs. S2 and S4) imply a hiatus that apparently removed part or all of
316 the Younger Dryas, which appears to be recorded in 06-5K (Fig. 3). Note that all four
317 RPI proxies (NRM/ARM, NRM/ARMAQ, NRM/IRM_{0.3T}, NRM/IRM_{1T}) are similar in
318 the glacial interval, but differ in the Holocene, although correlation coefficients (r)
319 associated with all slopes are close to unity, implying well-defined slopes (Fig. 7). A
320 similar difference in the four RPI proxies was observed in the Holocene at MD01-2444
321 and was attributed to under-normalization by IRM due to high concentration of ultra-fine
322 biogenic magnetite (Channell et al., 2013). A fine-grained high-coercivity hematitic
323 phase would be expected to affect the four proxies differently, and the general similarity
324 of the RPI proxies implies that the hematite does not contribute significantly to NRM
325 intensity or to the normalizers used to generate the RPI proxies.

326 For other JC089 cores (Table 1), linear sedimentation rates are not identical for
327 Kasten and piston cores from the same location, attributable to differential coring
328 disturbance, with the piston cores having generally higher linear sedimentation rates (Fig.
329 8; Figs. S5 and S6). The four RPI proxies (NRM/ARM, NRM/ARMAQ, NRM/IRM_{0.3T},
330 NRM/IRM_{1T}) are generally similar although again there is the tendency, as in Cores 06-
331 4K and 06-5K (Fig. 7), for under-normalization by IRM in the Holocene where the
332 concentration of ultra-fine biogenic magnetite is greater (Fig. 8). The linear correlation
333 coefficients (r) are generally >0.98 , indicating that the slopes (RPI proxies) are well
334 defined. Note that all RPI proxies (slopes) were determined for the 20-60 mT
335 demagnetization/acquisition range in an effort to exclude the enhanced influence of
336 hematite at peak fields >60 mT (Fig. 5b).

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338 6. Relative paleointensity (RPI) stacks

339 In order to test the fidelity of the RPI proxies, we constructed a RPI stack for the
340 SW Iberian Margin for the 0-45 ka interval for comparison with other records. The
341 Iberian Margin Stack (Fig. 9a) includes the ten JC089 cores (Table 1, Fig. 9b), the RPI

342 record from Core MD01-2444 (Table 2, Channell et al., 2013) and the Portuguese Margin
343 Stack (Table 2, Thouveny et al., 2004). All records are on their individual age models,
344 with no age adjustments or record matching. The JC089 and MD01-2444 RPI proxies
345 that are incorporated in the stack are the slopes of NRM/ARM. Each record was
346 interpolated to a uniform 0.5-kyr sampling spacing, and set to a common mean and
347 common standard deviation. The stack is the mean at each 0.5-kyr data step, giving equal
348 weight to each of 12 records (Fig. 9a).

349 The choice of records for inclusion in the stack from outside the Iberian Margin
350 for 0-45 ka (Table 2) was based on mean sedimentation rate (>15 cm/kyr) and deemed
351 adequacy of age models. The vast majority of marine cores do not have adequate
352 sedimentation rates, nor do they have age control in the last glacial other than
353 identification from $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of the last glacial termination. The twelve records that are
354 included in the stack from outside the Iberian Margin (Fig. 9c) are listed in Table 2. Each
355 record was placed on its published age model, was interpolated to a uniform 0.5-kyr
356 sampling spacing, and set to a common mean and common standard deviation. The stack
357 is the arithmetic mean at each 0.5-kyr data step (Fig. 9a).

358 The lacustrine records included in the 0-45 ka stack from outside the Iberian
359 Margin (Table 2) are the Lac du Bouchet (France) record of Thouveny et al. (1993), the
360 Lake Biwa (Japan) record of Hayashida et al (2007), the Lake Potrok Aike (Patagonia)
361 record of Lisé-Pronovost et al. (2013), the Lake Van (Turkey) record of Vigliotti et al.
362 (2014), and the Lake Towuti (Indonesia) record of Kirana et al. (2018). Lisé-Pronovost
363 et al. (2013) offered a “corrected” NRM/ARM RPI proxy record, designed to compensate
364 for the influence on RPI of magnetic grain-size changes. The correction method was
365 originally applied to NRM/IRM data from Lake Pepin (Brachfeld and Banerjee, 2000),
366 and has rarely been used since. We utilize the Potrok Aike RPI record before “correction”
367 because we have concerns about the veracity of the correction, particularly for
368 NRM/ARM data. Age models for lacustrine RPI data incorporated in the stack are as
369 published, and are based on radiocarbon, tephrochronology, and for Lake Van,
370 correlation of XRF core-scanning records to ice-core chronologies.

371 The marine RPI records included in the 0-45 ka stack from outside the Iberian
372 Margin (Table 2) are the Black Sea record of Nowaczyk et al. (2013), the Rockall Trough

373 record of Channell et al. (2016), the ODP Site 1063 record of Channell et al. (2012), the
374 Bermuda Rise record of Schwartz et al. (1996), the Philippine Sea record of Stott et al.
375 (2002), the ODP Site 1089 (South Atlantic) record of Stoner et al. (2003), and the Scotia
376 Sea record of Xiao et al. (2016). Age models are as published apart from the ODP Site
377 1063 age model where a single additional age-depth point has been added to the
378 published age model (Channell et al., 2012). Age models are based on combinations of
379 orbitally-tuned oxygen isotope data, radiocarbon, tephrochronology and correlation to
380 ice-core chronologies.

381 For the stack from outside the Iberian Margin, the 12 records were interpolated to
382 a uniform 0.5-kyr sampling spacing, and set to a common mean and common standard
383 deviation. The stack is the mean at each 0.5-kyr time-step, giving equal weight to each of
384 the twelve records (Fig. 9a).

385 Finally an overall stack (Fig. 9a) was constructed by combining the individual
386 records from outside the Iberian Margin with a stack of all 10 JC089 records, the
387 Portuguese Margin Stack of Thouveny et al. (2004) and the MD01-2444 record of
388 Channell et al. (2013), giving equal weight to each record. Again, all records are on their
389 individual (published) age models, with no age adjustments (apart from a single extra age
390 tie-point for Site 1063) or record matching.

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392 7. Discussion

393 Individual RPI records in the SW Iberian Margin stack (Fig. 9b) and in the stack
394 from outside the Iberian Margin (Fig. 9c) show considerable variability. Age model
395 discrepancies account for some of this variability, and the saw-tooth character of some of
396 individual records reflects low resolution at the 0.5 kyr sampling step. Rather than
397 emphasizing individual higher resolution records, we assign equal weight to each record
398 in the two stacks, and construct an overall stack as described above, that comprises a
399 combination of three Iberian Margin records and 12 records from outside the Iberian
400 Margin. The resulting stacks are similar to one another (Fig. 9a), but are very different
401 from the published stacks for this time interval (Fig. 1a). The Holocene part of the RPI
402 stacks can be only broadly matched to the Holocene compilations, CALS10k.1b and
403 SHA.DIF.14k of Korte et al. (2011) and Pavon-Carrasco et al. (2014) (Fig. 9a). The

404 scaling of the stacks to VADM was accomplished by matching the stacks to CALS10k.1b
405 and SHA.DIF.14k and assuming a VADM of $\sim 3 \times 10^{22}$ Am² for the Laschamp RPI
406 minimum (Fig. 9a). The pre-Holocene part of the RPI stacks are characterized by a RPI
407 shoulder (notch) at ~ 13 -14 ka, that is represented in some individual records by a RPI
408 minima (Figs. 9 b,c), and is preceded by a RPI high at ~ 15 -18 ka (Fig. 9a). The decrease
409 in RPI from ~ 20 ka to the Laschamp excursion at ~ 41 ka is marked by two poorly defined
410 minima at ~ 26 -30 ka and 34 ka. These RPI minima occur in some individual records,
411 and are smoothed by the stacking process. In one of the cores included in the stack from
412 outside the Iberian Margin (Core MD04-2822 from Rockall Trough), a directional
413 excursion was recorded within a RPI minimum at 26.5 ka (Channell et al., 2016).

414 Previously published estimates of geomagnetic field intensity (VADM) since 30
415 ka from Greenland ³⁶Cl and ¹⁰Be records, and from estimated atmospheric ¹⁴C
416 concentrations (Muscheler et al., 2005) do not resemble one another (Fig. 1b) or
417 previously published RPI stacks (Fig. 1a), or the stacks resolved here (Fig. 9a). The
418 resemblance amongst the previously published cosmogenic-based estimates of VADM is
419 improved prior to 30 ka (Fig. 1b), possibly because cosmogenic isotope production is
420 more sensitive to low field intensity, and is relatively insensitive to field intensities higher
421 than modern (Masarik and Beer, 2009).

422 The peak in RPI stacks at 15-18 ka (Fig. 9a) may partially explain the well-
423 documented drop in atmospheric $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ in the “mystery interval” at 17.5-14.5 kyr
424 (Broecker and Barker, 2007). The apparent lag of a peak in RPI at ~ 15 -18 ka relative to
425 the peak VADM at 14.5 ka inferred from ¹⁴C production (Fig. 10) may be attributable to
426 lock-in delay in acquisition of the remanent magnetization, with a ~ 2 kyr lag at a 10-15
427 cm/kyr sedimentation rate being equivalent to ~ 20 -30 cm lock-in depth. On the other
428 hand, no such offset is observed at the Laschamp excursion where ages from lavas and
429 sediments agree rather well (e.g., Laj et al., 2014). Immediately after the RPI high at ~ 15 -
430 18 ka, a RPI minimum at ~ 13.5 ka is observed in some individual records (Fig. 9),
431 notably in Core MD01-2444 where it is accompanied by a directional magnetic excursion
432 (Channell et al., 2013). This excursion has not been observed elsewhere, and it is not
433 present in any of the JC089 cores, although an excursion of similar age from ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar

434 methods (at ~17 ka) has been documented in the Tianchi Volcanics in China (Singer et
435 al., 2014).

436 The new overall VADM stack from Figure 9a, combined with the CALS10k.1b
437 model for the Holocene (Korte et al., 2011), is now compared with updated calculations
438 of VADM from Intcal13 atmospheric ^{14}C (Reimer et al., 2013) and Greenland ^{10}Be using
439 a current Greenland ice core timescale (Svensson et al., 2008). The updated VADM
440 calculation based on ^{10}Be (Fig. 10a), using recent ^{10}Be production models (Poluianov et
441 al., 2016; Herbst et al., 2017), is different from those shown in Figure 1b (from
442 Muscheler et al., 2005) since the timescale update results in corresponding revisions in
443 accumulation rates and ^{10}Be flux. Here we based the ^{10}Be flux calculation on the average
444 GRIP and GISP2 ^{10}Be record (Muscheler et al., 2005) and adjusted the accumulation rate
445 and ^{10}Be flux to be consistent with the most recent Greenland ice core timescale
446 (Svensson et al., 2008). This procedure may lead to a significant climate signal in the
447 ^{10}Be flux (e.g., Adolphi et al., 2014), however; it is not clear how such potential climate
448 influence can be identified and corrected over longer timescales. The new calculations
449 indicate that although the ^{10}Be -based VADM fits rather well with the overall VADM
450 stack, the ^{14}C -based VADM does not (Fig. 10), presumably due to changes in carbon
451 cycling over the last Termination and probably also due to an underestimated ^{14}C
452 production rate. Nevertheless, the overall VADM stack can explain the atmospheric ^{14}C
453 trend from about 25 to 15 ka as indicated by the similar trends in the VADM stack and
454 ^{14}C -based geomagnetic field during this period (Fig. 10).

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456 8. Conclusions

457 Based on 24 sedimentary RPI records from the SW Iberian Margin and elsewhere
458 (Tables 1 and 2), we make the case for a revised view of geomagnetic field intensity in
459 the latest Pleistocene (10-30 ka). We construct a stack of RPI data from 10 sediment
460 cores recovered during Cruise JC089 (Table 1). This stack is combined with two
461 previously published records from the Iberian Margin (Thouveny et al., 2004; Channell et
462 al., 2013) and with 12 RPI records from outside the Iberian margin (Table 2) to produce
463 an overall RPI stack (Fig. 9a). The RPI stacks feature a high in RPI at ~15-18 ka that is
464 followed by a shoulder (notch) at 13-15 ka as RPI decreases to a minimum at ~9 ka. In

465 some individual records (Fig. 9), the notch at 13-15 ka is manifest as a low in RPI that is
466 largely smoothed out by stacking. In one record, MD01-2444 (Table 2), a RPI low at 13.5
467 ka is associated with a directional magnetic excursion (Channell et al., 2013).

468 The overall stack indicates a progressive increase in RPI from the low in RPI at
469 ~41 ka associated with the Laschamp magnetic excursion to a high at 15-18 ka
470 corresponding to late HS1 (Fig. 10). A low in RPI at ~34 ka, associated with the Mono
471 Lake magnetic excursion, and at ~26-30 ka are manifest by more pronounced RPI
472 minima in some individual records. A prominent RPI minimum at 26.5 ka is
473 accompanied by a directional excursion in the Rockall Trough record (Table 2, Channell
474 et al., 2016).

475 The inconsistent picture of RPI in the 10-30 ka interval from published RPI stacks
476 (Fig. 1a) is attributed to poor preservation of recovered sediment in the uppermost part of
477 sediment sequences, particularly those recovered by Calypso cores and the APC used by
478 ODP/IODP. The cores incorporated into our stacks are not immune to drilling
479 disturbance, but we minimize disturbance by preferentially selecting cores recovered
480 using conventional piston and Kasten (gravity) coring, and cores with mean
481 sedimentation rates >15 cm/kyr.

482 The new overall RPI stack is supported by a revised calculation of VADM from
483 Greenland ^{10}Be flux (Fig. 10) using a recent ice-core timescale (Svensson et al., 2008)
484 although a possible climate influence on the ^{10}Be flux is hard to assess. The overall RPI
485 stack is, on the other hand, inconsistent with the estimated VADM from atmospheric ^{14}C
486 (Fig. 10). The new overall RPI stack, even with 2 kyr magnetization lock-in delay, cannot
487 explain atmospheric ^{14}C levels (Reimer et al., 2013), not only during the “Mystery
488 Interval” but also back to 45 ka although it can explain the atmospheric ^{14}C trend from
489 ~25 to 15 ka (Fig. 11). An increase in marine radiocarbon ventilation in late HS1 and/or
490 the onset of the Bølling-Allerød has been observed in numerous records (e.g. Skinner and
491 Shackleton, 2004; Robinson et al., 2005; Skinner et al., 2010, 2014, 2015; Burke and
492 Robinson, 2012; Chen et al., 2015; de la Fuente et al., 2015; Umling and Thunell, 2017).
493 If the timing of the observed RPI maximum is accurate, at ~15-18 ka (Fig. 10), this
494 would raise the bar for the magnitude of marine radiocarbon ventilation change that
495 would be needed to fully account for the atmospheric $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ record, as it would imply an

496 increasing trend in radiocarbon production while atmospheric radiocarbon activity was
497 decreasing. Offsets between observed atmospheric $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ changes and modeled
498 atmospheric $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ changes (e.g. derived from ^{10}Be - or RPI-based reconstructions of
499 variable radiocarbon production rates, using an ocean outcrop-diffusion box-model), can
500 provide an indication of how much atmospheric $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ variability might be attributed to
501 carbon cycle changes rather than ^{14}C production rate changes (Figure 11a). Across the
502 deglaciation, these offsets track atmospheric CO_2 closely (Figure 11c), and share many
503 features with available marine radiocarbon ventilation records, suggesting an ocean
504 ventilation influence on atmospheric $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ and CO_2 . However, it is also notable that the
505 existing marine radiocarbon ventilation records exhibit smaller changes than would seem
506 to be required to fully reconcile the observed atmospheric $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ record and the revised
507 ^{10}Be and RPI records (Figure 11b). Therefore, while several independent records strongly
508 support the combined influence of ocean ventilation and ^{14}C production changes on
509 atmospheric $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ and CO_2 during the last ice age and over the last Termination, a
510 complete solution to the mystery of deglacial radiocarbon and carbon cycling remains
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819 Figure Captions

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821 Fig. 1 (a) Relative paleointensity stacks: NAPIS (blue, Laj et al., 2000), GLOPIS (orange,
822 Laj et al., 2004), SAPIS (dark green, Stoner et al., 2003), Sint-2000 (dashed red, Valet et
823 al., 2005), PISO-1500 (dashed black, Channell et al., 2009) and PADM2M (dashed light
824 green, Ziegler et al., 2011). (b) Modeled Holocene axial dipole field intensity (brown,
825 Korte et al., 2011; black, Pavon-Carrasco et al., 2014), virtual axial dipole moment
826 (VADM) determined from ^{10}Be flux (blue) and ^{36}Cl flux (green) in Greenland ice cores
827 (Muscheler et al., 2005), and from $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ (red dashed, Muscheler et al., 2005).

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829 Fig. 2. Location of stations (3-8) occupied during cruise JC089 (Table 1), and
830 neighboring cores (MD95-2042 and MD01-2444, Table 2). Core MD01-2444 and Station
831 6 are nominally at the same location.

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833 Fig. 3. (a) Ca/Ti ratio from XRF core scans of piston cores (blue) and Kasten cores (red)
834 correlated to the L^* reflectance from Cariaco Basin (black) from Deplazes et al. (2013)
835 for the 0-50 ka interval. (b) Ca/Ti ratio from XRF core scans for the 12-18 ka interval. (c)
836 Zr/Sr ratio from XRF core scans for the 12-18 ka interval. Piston cores shown in blue,
837 Kasten cores shown in red with labeled records from core 06-4K (light green), 06-5K
838 (dark green) and 05-3K. Younger Dryas (YD), Bølling-Allerød (BA), Heinrich stadials
839 (HS1-HS5) are marked.

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841 Fig. 4. Component declination, inclination and associated maximum angular deviation
842 (MAD) values determined for a uniform 20-80 mT peak field demagnetization interval.
843 Piston cores 05-3P (green) and 03-1P (black) show variable declinations in the upper
844 part. Other piston cores shown in blue, and Kasten cores in red. Cores were not oriented
845 in azimuth, and the declinations were set by uniform rotation of the mean declination for
846 each core to 0° .

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848 Fig. 5 (a) Examples of orthogonal projection of AF demagnetization of natural remanent
849 magnetization (NRM) for u-channel samples from JC089 Kasten cores. Examples from

850 piston cores are shown in Figure S7. Projections are shown for core depths of 100 cm,
 851 200 cm, 250 cm and 350 cm (300 cm usually corresponds to a section break). Peak fields
 852 are 0, 10-30 mT in 5mT steps, 30-60 mT in 2.5 mT steps and 60-80 mT in 5 mT steps.
 853 Intensities are given in mA/m. (b) Normalized intensities for NRM (black), ARM (blue),
 854 $IRM_{0.3T}$ (orange), and IRM_{1T} (red) at core depths of 100 cm and 200 cm in Cores 03-6K,
 855 04-2K and 05-3K.

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857 Fig. 6. (a) Plot of anhysteretic susceptibility (κ_{arm}) versus susceptibility (κ) with lines
 858 indicating lines of equal magnetite grain-size after King et al. (1983). (b) Hysteresis ratio
 859 plot for JC089 piston core data (blue) and JC089 Kasten core data (red) after Day et al.
 860 (1977) with magnetite grain size mixing line (green) from Carter-Stiglitz et al. (2001),
 861 and data for unannealed sized magnetite (Dunlop, 2002; Carter-Stiglitz and Dunlop,
 862 2006). (c) Susceptibility (κ) versus age for JC089 piston cores (blue) and JC089 Kasten
 863 cores (red) with core 07-4P labeled. (d) κ_{arm}/κ versus age for JC089 piston cores (blue)
 864 and JC089 Kasten cores (red) with cores 06-4K and 07-4P labeled. (e) S-ratios
 865 determined as the ratio of $IRM_{0.3T}$ over IRM_{1T} (both after AF demagnetization at peak
 866 fields of 30 mT) for a selection of JC089 Kasten cores (red) and piston cores (blue).
 867 Labeling of Younger Dryas (YD) and Heinrich stadials: see caption of Figure 3.

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869 Fig. 7. Sedimentation rates, and relative paleointensity (RPI) proxies for Cores 06-4K,
 870 06-5K and MD01-2444. Slopes and accompanying linear correlation coefficients (r):
 871 NRM/ARM (dark blue), NRM/ARMAQ (light blue), NRM/ $IRM_{0.3T}$ (orange),
 872 NRM/ IRM_{1T} (red). Core MD01-2444 RPI proxy (black) and sedimentation rates (red)
 873 from Channell et al. (2013). Yellow shading indicates RPI minimum at ~13.5 ka. Grey
 874 shading indicates last 2 kyr (unreliable surface sediment).

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876 Fig. 8. Sedimentation rates, and relative paleointensity (RPI) proxies for (a) Cores 03-1P
 877 and 03-6K, (b) Cores 04-2P and 04-2K, (c) Cores 05-3P and 05-3K, (d) Cores 07-4P and
 878 08-5P. Slopes and accompanying linear correlation coefficients (r): NRM/ARM (dark
 879 blue), NRM/ARMAQ (light blue), NRM/ $IRM_{0.3T}$ (orange), NRM/ IRM_{1T} (red). Yellow

880 shading indicates RPI minimum at ~13.5 ka. Grey shading indicates last 2 kyr (unreliable
881 surface sediment).

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883 Fig. 9. Relative paleointensity data: (a) Iberian Margin stack (red), the stack from outside
884 the Iberian Margin (blue) and an overall stack (black, see text for details) with the
885 Holocene models of Korte et al. (2011) (brown) and Pavon-Carrasco et al. (2014) (black).
886 Error bars on stacks are standard errors (2σ). (b) Individual Iberian Margin records from
887 piston cores (blue) and Kasten cores (red) with Core MD01-2444 data (black continuous
888 line, Channell et al., 2013) and the Portuguese Margin Stack (green, Thouveny et al.,
889 2004). The black dashed line represents the Iberian Margin stack. (c) Individual records
890 from outside the Iberian Margin (Table 2) including records from the South Atlantic
891 realm (red), western Pacific realm (green), North Atlantic (blue) and
892 Europe/Mediterranean (black). Black dashed line is the resulting stack for records from
893 outside the Iberian Margin. Yellow shading marks RPI minima at ~13.5 ka, 26.5 ka
894 (Rockall excursion), 34 ka (Mono Lake excursion) and 41 ka (Laschamp excursion).
895 Grey shading indicates last 2 kyr (unreliable surface sediment).

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897 Fig. 10. The overall virtual axial dipole (VADM) geomagnetic stack from Figure 9a
898 (black with 2σ error) with the Holocene model of Korte et al. (2011) (green) plotted with
899 an updated calculation of the ^{10}Be -based VADM (blue) and ^{14}C -based VADM (red). The
900 updated VADM calculations from ^{14}C and ^{10}Be , in contrast to Figure 1b (from Muscheler
901 at al., 2005), are based on the most recent Greenland ice-core time scale (Svensson et al.,
902 2008). The ^{10}Be -based curve was calculated after low-pass filtering (cut-off 1/3000 yrs)
903 the revised ^{10}Be flux, and by using the most recent ^{10}Be production models (Poluianov et
904 al., 2016; Herbst et al., 2017).

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906 Fig. 11 (a) Comparison of the Intcal13 ^{14}C data (black, Reimer et al., 2013) and modeled
907 $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ based on the overall VADM stack (labeled PI), and the ^{10}Be -based VADM, using a
908 box-diffusion carbon cycle model (Siegenthaler, 1983) where the solid blue curve
909 includes no magnetization lock-in delay and the dashed light blue curve includes a 2 kyr
910 lock-in delay. The conversion of geomagnetic field into ^{14}C production rates was

911 achieved using the local interstellar cosmic ray spectrum of Herbst et al. (2017) and the
 912 cosmogenic radionuclide yield functions of Poluianov et al. (2016). (b) Selected
 913 published marine radiocarbon ventilation records from the North Atlantic (red line and
 914 stars; Skinner et al., 2014), South Atlantic (black line and crossed diamonds; Skinner et
 915 al., 2010), South Pacific (purple filled diamonds; Skinner et al., 2015), and Eastern
 916 Equatorial Pacific (purple line and crossed squares; de la Fuente et al., 2015) compared
 917 with the ‘expected’ mean ocean ventilation age derived from the observed and modeled
 918 atmospheric radiocarbon activities in (a), assuming that their offset up to 5 ka is
 919 accounted for by mass balance of radiocarbon in the ocean-atmosphere system. (c)
 920 Comparison of atmospheric pCO₂ (Monnin et al., 2001; Lemieux-Dudon et al., 2010) and
 921 offsets between the observed and modeled Δ¹⁴C records shown in (a). The mass balance
 922 calculation assumes that changes in the marine and atmospheric radiocarbon inventories
 923 form a closed and conservative system such that:

$$924 \quad -\Delta R_a \cdot XCO_2 \cdot M_a = \Delta R_o \cdot C_o \cdot V_o$$

925 where Δ*R_a* and Δ*R_o* are incremental changes in the atmospheric- and average ocean
 926 radiocarbon activities, *XCO₂* is the molar mixing ratio of the atmosphere (assumed
 927 equivalent to partial pressure at a nominal pressure of 1 atm), *M_a* is the molar mass of the
 928 atmosphere, *C_o* is the average carbon concentration of the ocean (assumed invariant at
 929 ~2.28352 mol/m³), and *V_o* is the volume of the ocean (assumed to equal to 1.3 x 10⁸ m³).
 930 Incremental changes in *R_a* were derived at 200 yr time-steps and summed up forward in
 931 time.

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933 Supplementary Fig. S1. Log(Ca/Ti) of JC089 cores from the Iberian Margin cores
 934 correlated to L* of Cariaco Basin for 0 to 80 ka (Deplazes et al., 2013). Individual
 935 records have been offset by a constant for illustration purposes.

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937 Supplementary Fig. S2. Log(Ca/Ti) of JC089 cores from the Iberian Margin cores
 938 correlated to L* of Cariaco Basin for 0 to 25 ka (Deplazes et al., 2013). Individual
 939 records have been offset by a constant for illustration purposes.

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941 Supplementary Fig. S3. Log(Zr/Sr) of JC089 cores from the Iberian Margin cores
942 correlated to L* of Cariaco Basin for 0 to 80 ka (Deplazes et al., 2013). Individual
943 records have been offset by a constant for illustration purposes.

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945 Supplementary Fig. S4. Log(Zr/Sr) of JC089 cores from the Iberian Margin cores
946 correlated to L* of Cariaco Basin for 0 to 25 ka (Deplazes et al., 2013). Individual
947 records have been offset by a constant for illustration purposes.

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949 Supplementary Fig. S5. Tie points and sedimentation rates for piston (filled circles) and
950 kasten (filled squares) cores from the Iberian Margin based on correlating XRF Ca/Ti and
951 Zr/Sr to Cariaco L* for 0 to 80 ka. Open squares are the tie points used by Freeman et al.
952 (2016).

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954 Supplementary Fig. S6. Tie points and sedimentation rates for piston (filled circles) and
955 kasten (filled squares) cores from the Iberian Margin based on correlating XRF Ca/Ti and
956 Zr/Sr to Cariaco L* for 0 to 25 ka. Open squares are the tie points used by Freeman et al.
957 (2016).

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959 Supplementary Fig. S7. Examples of orthogonal projections of AF demagnetization of
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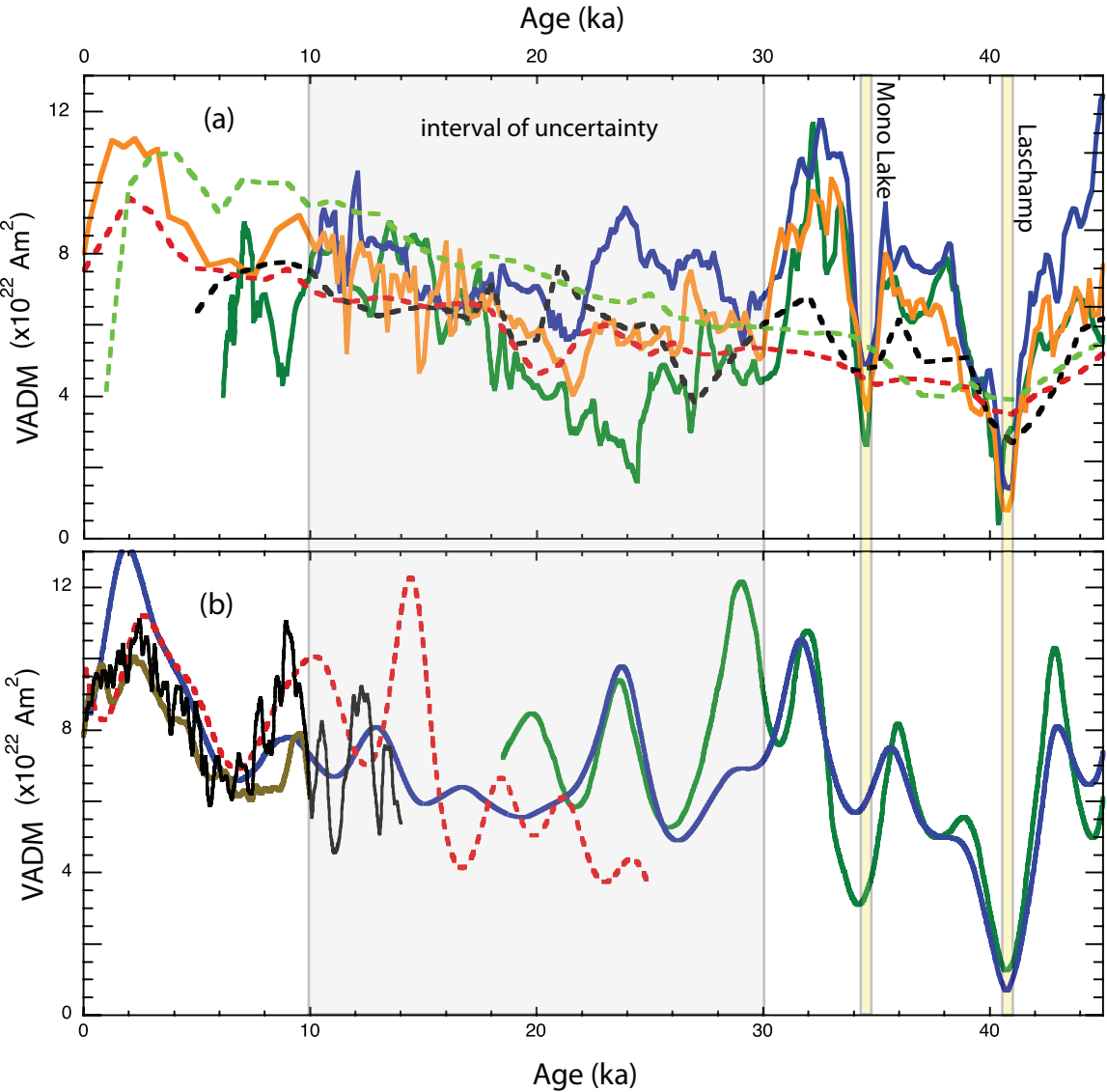
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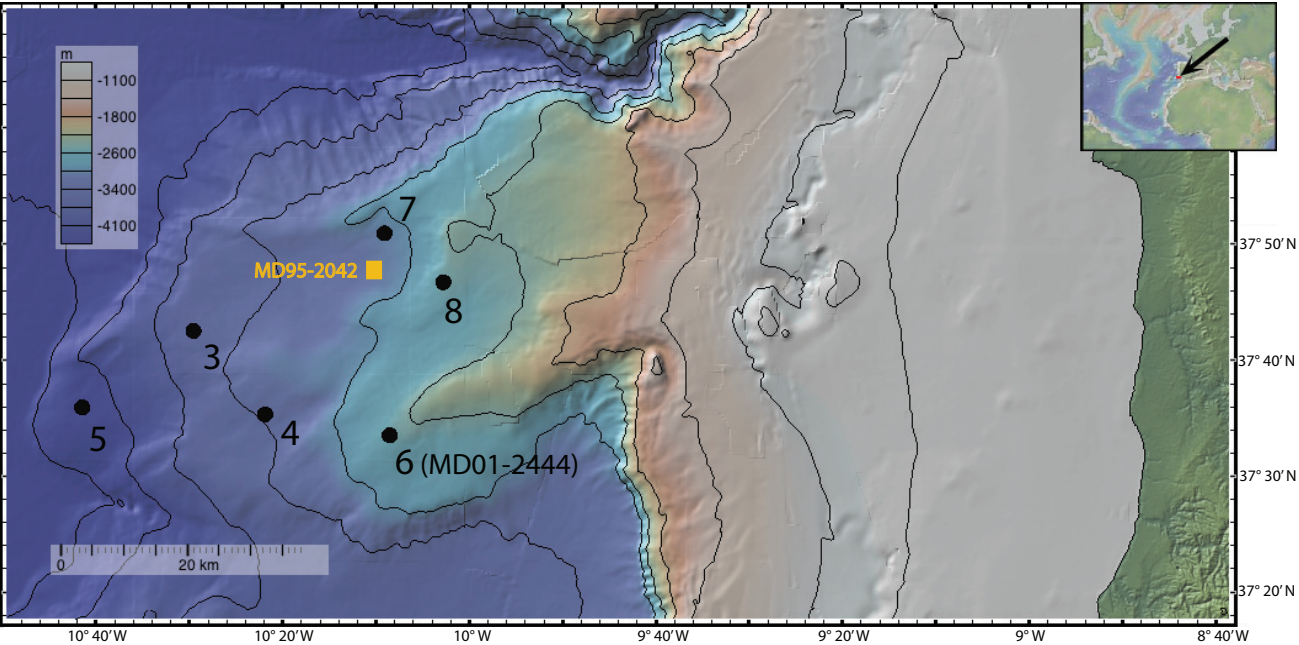
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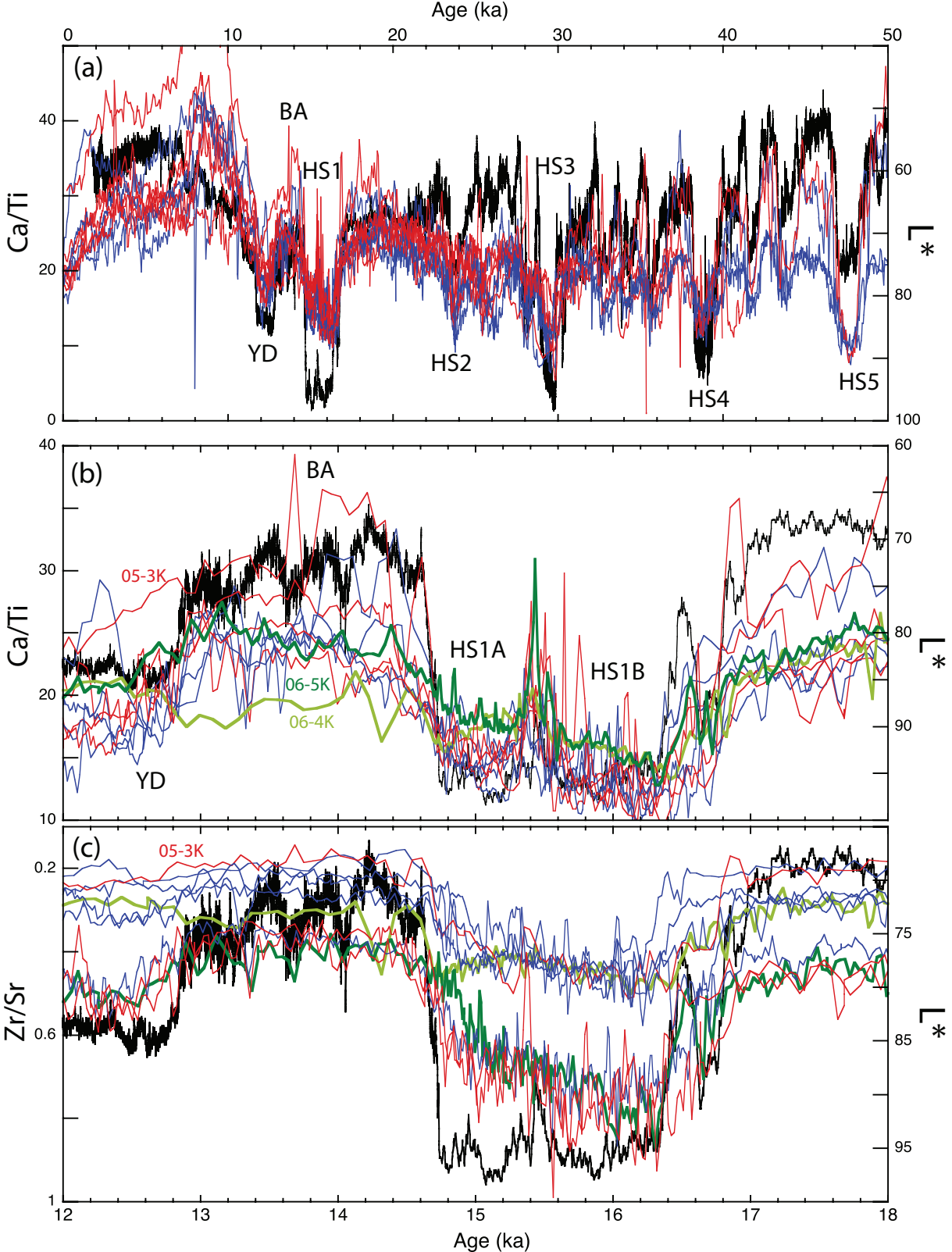
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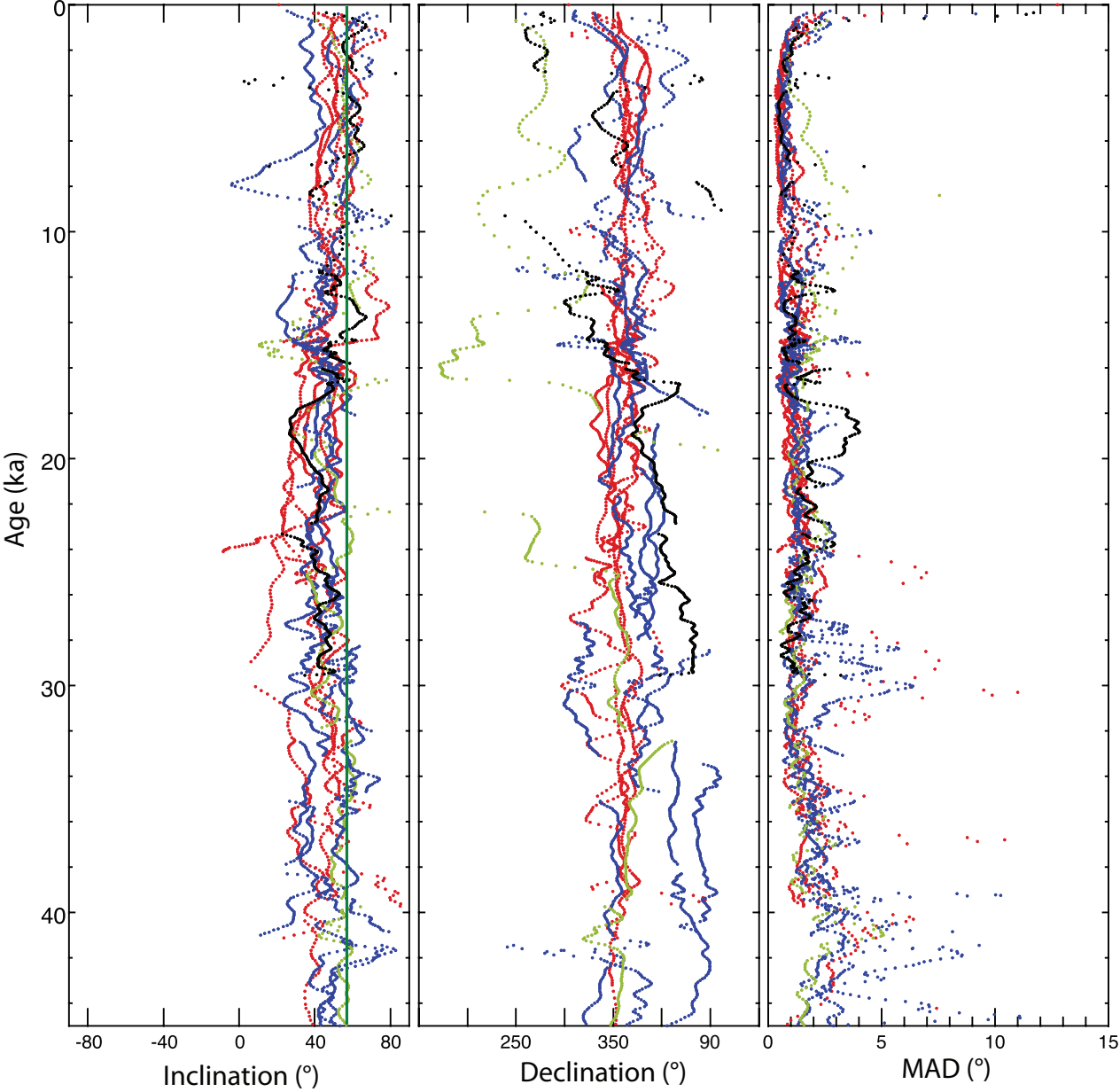
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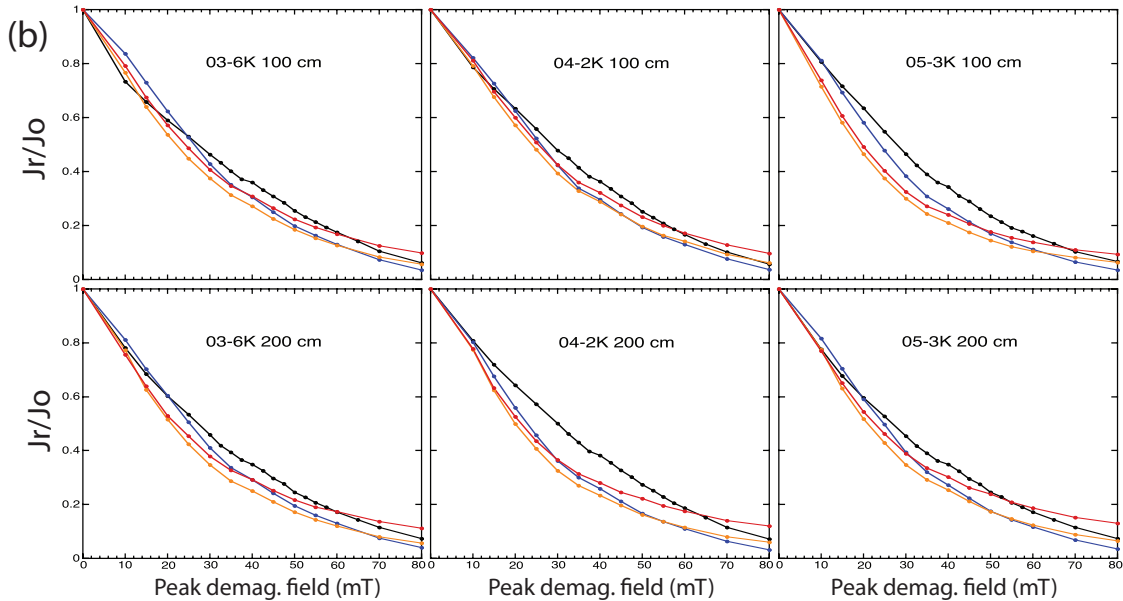
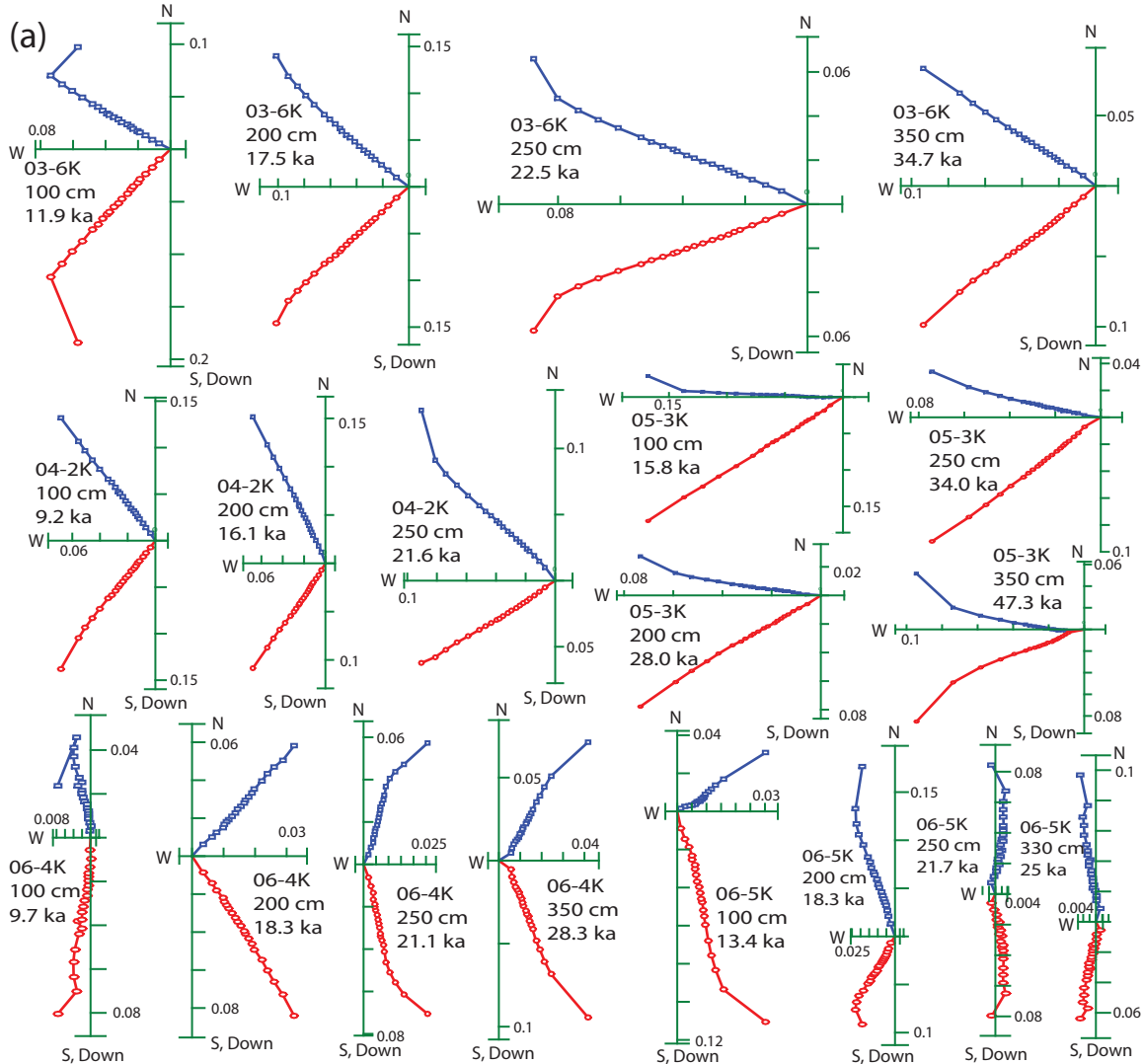
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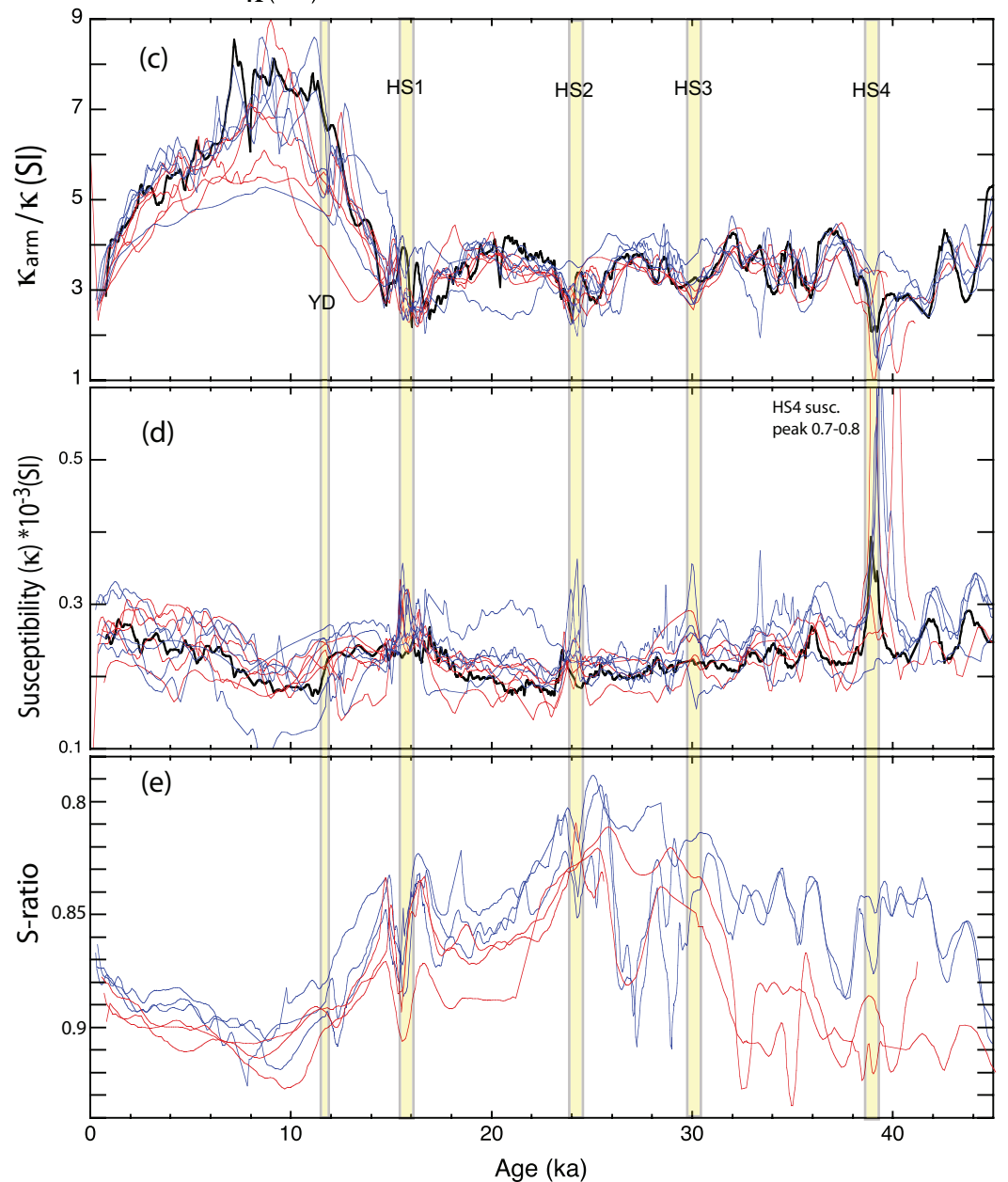
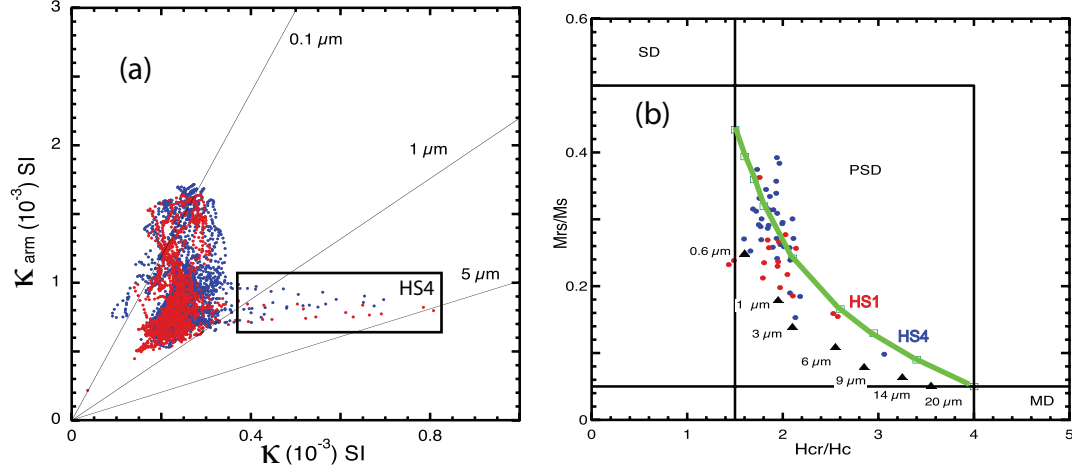


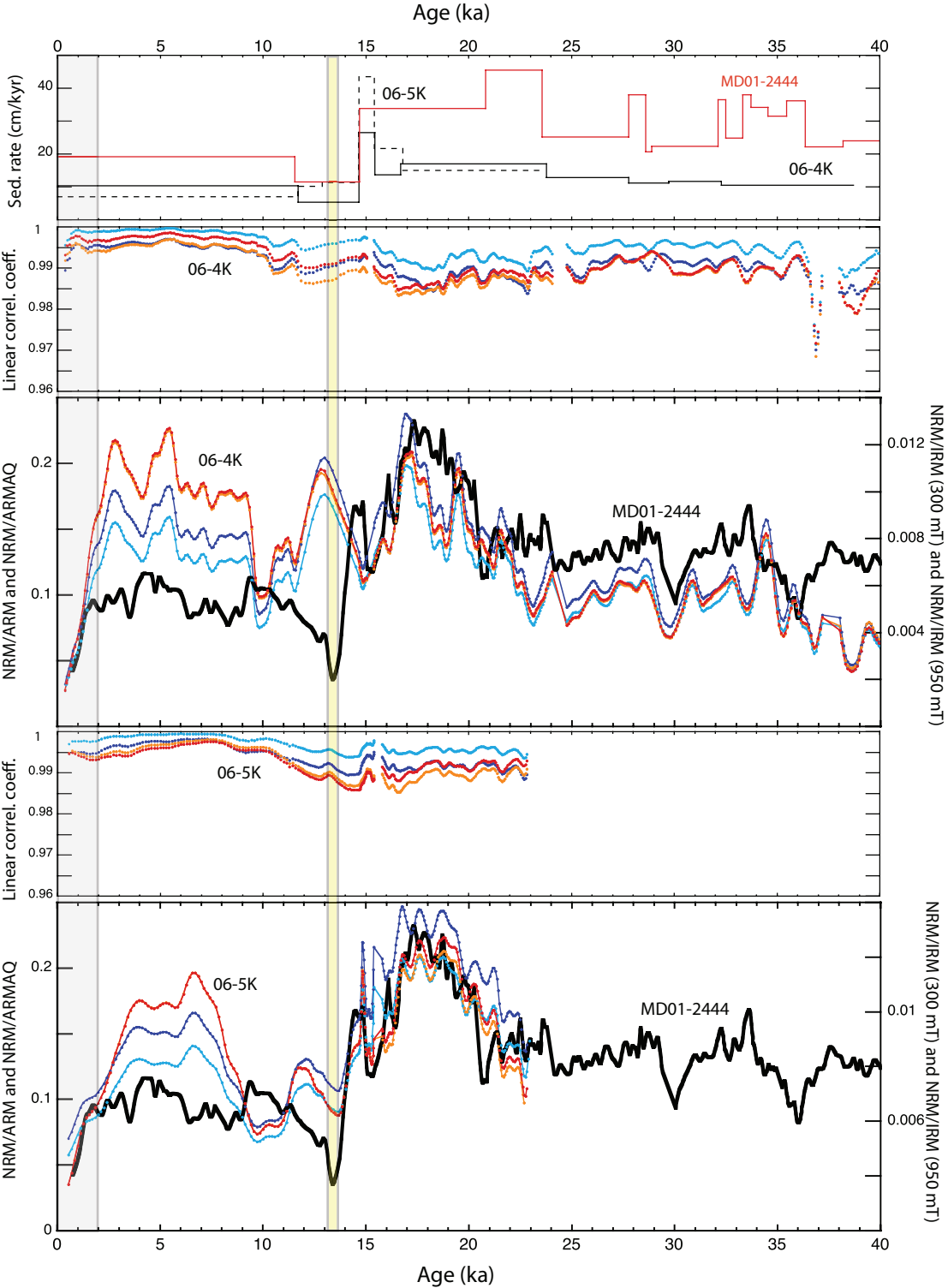


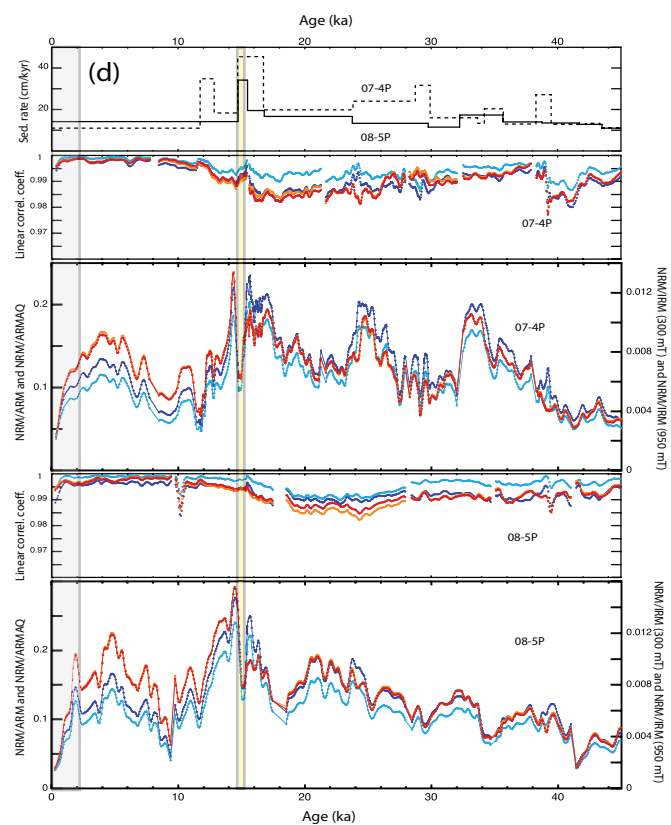
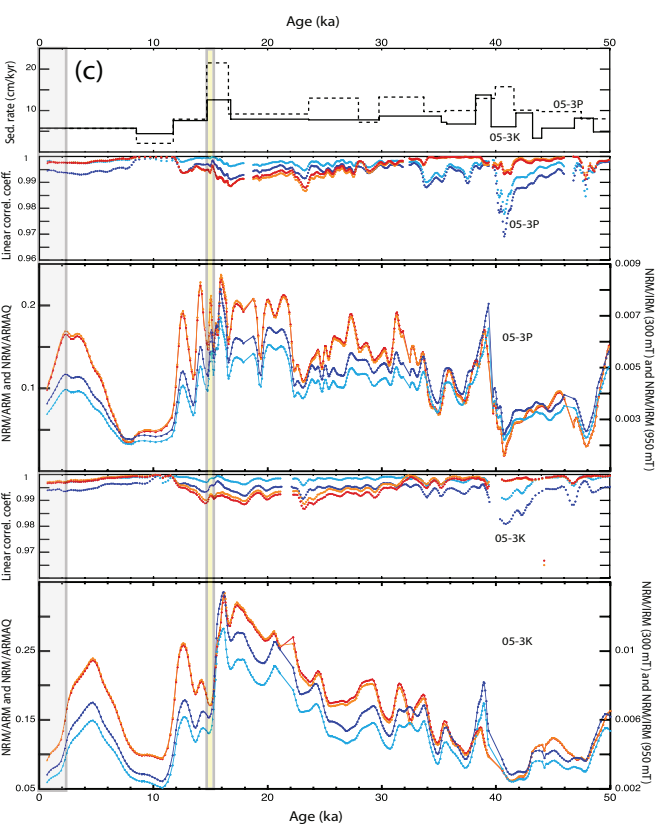
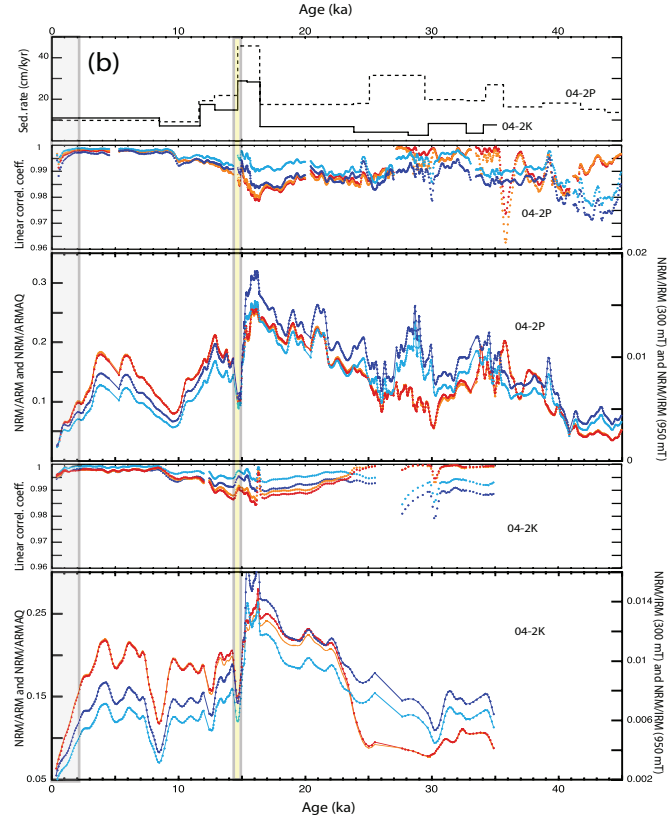
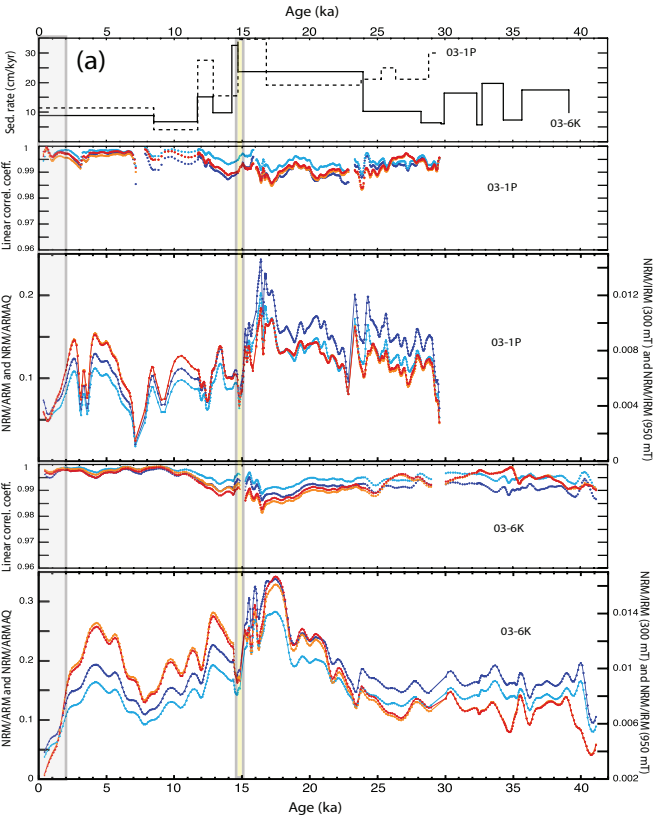


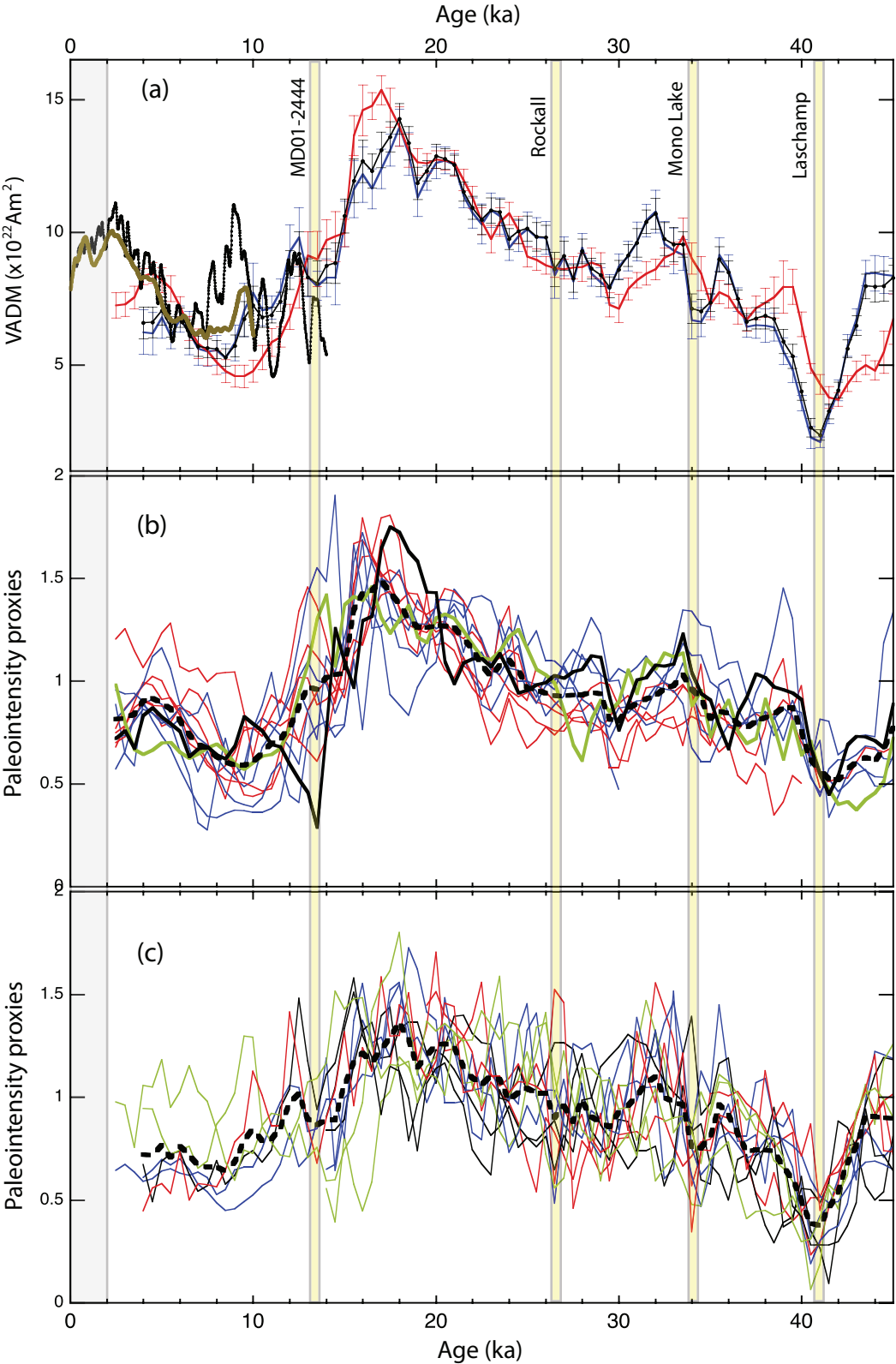




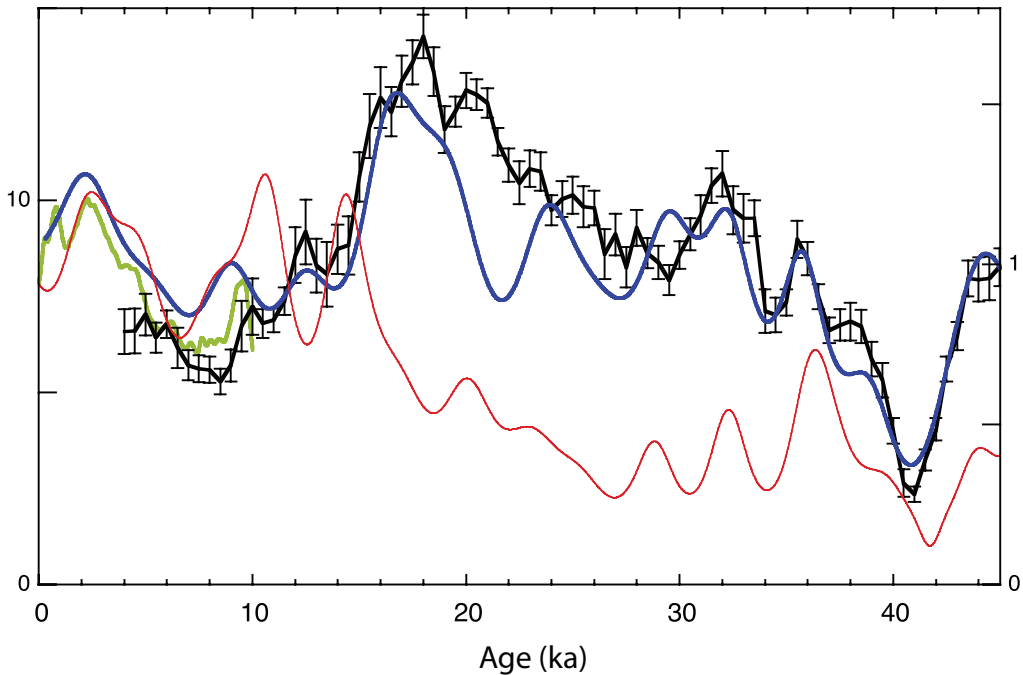






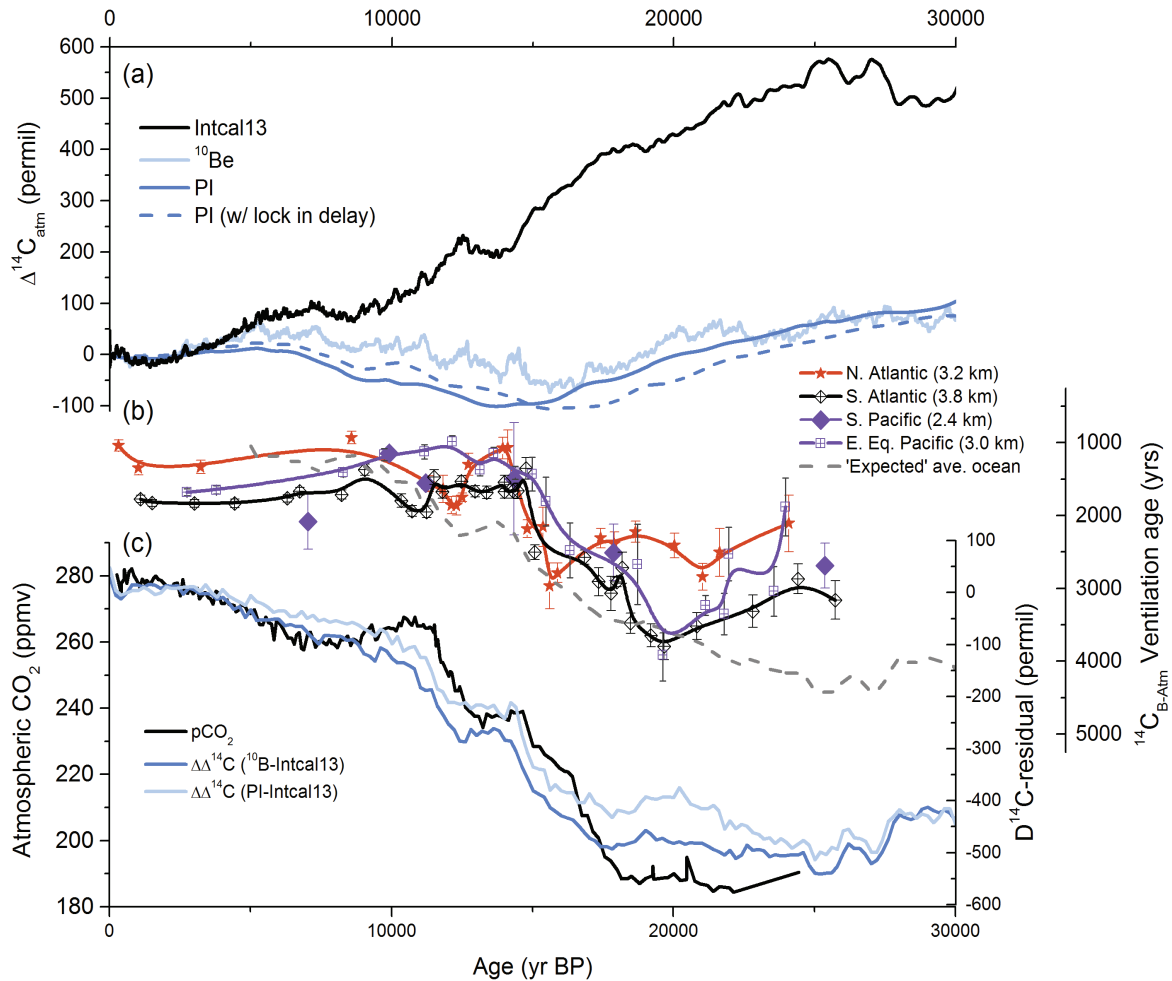


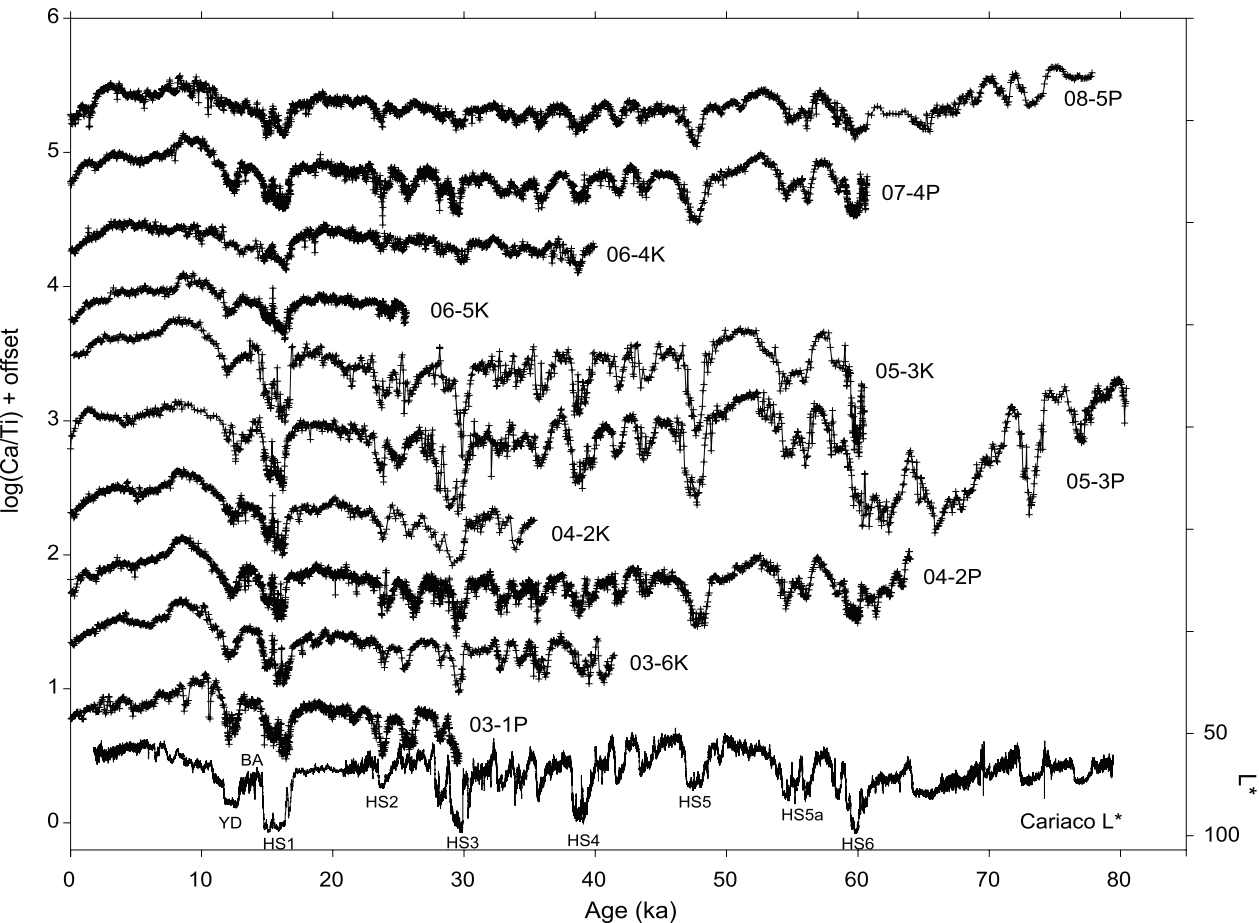
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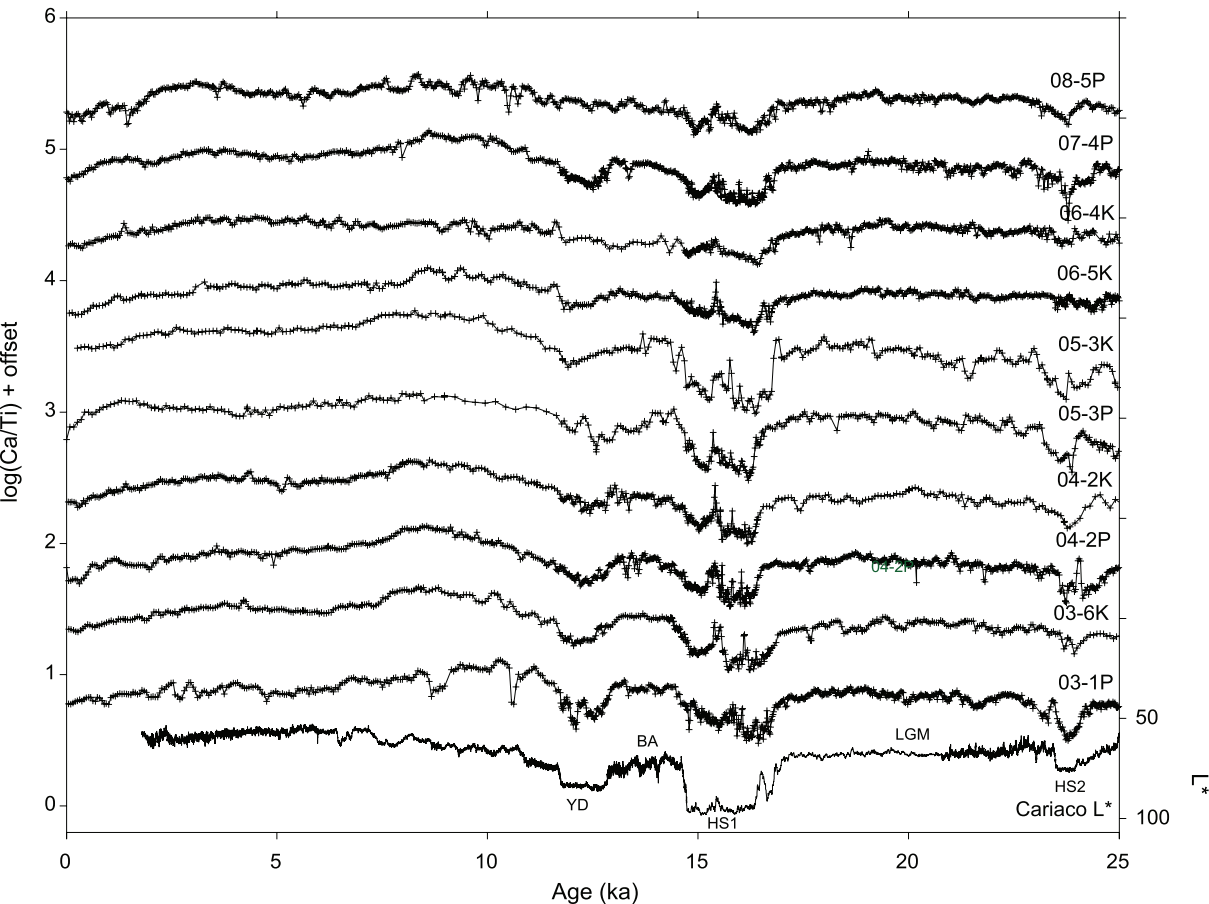


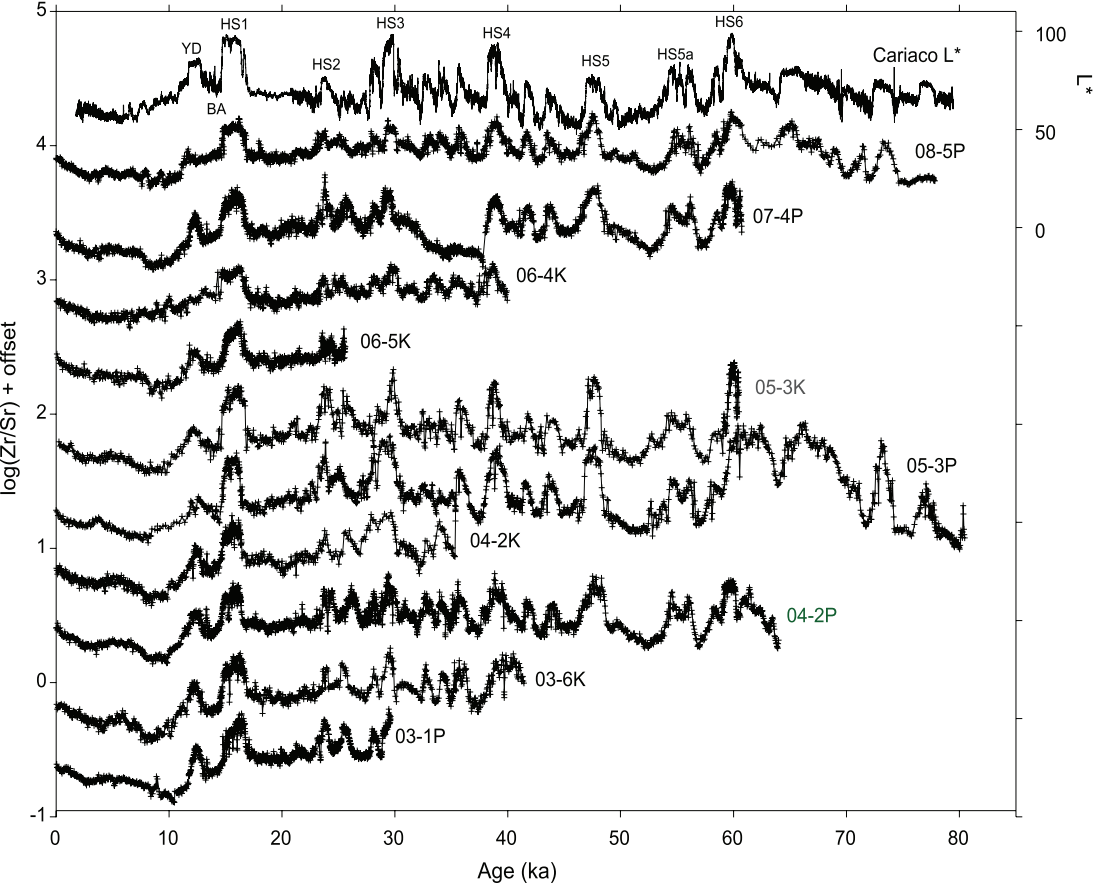
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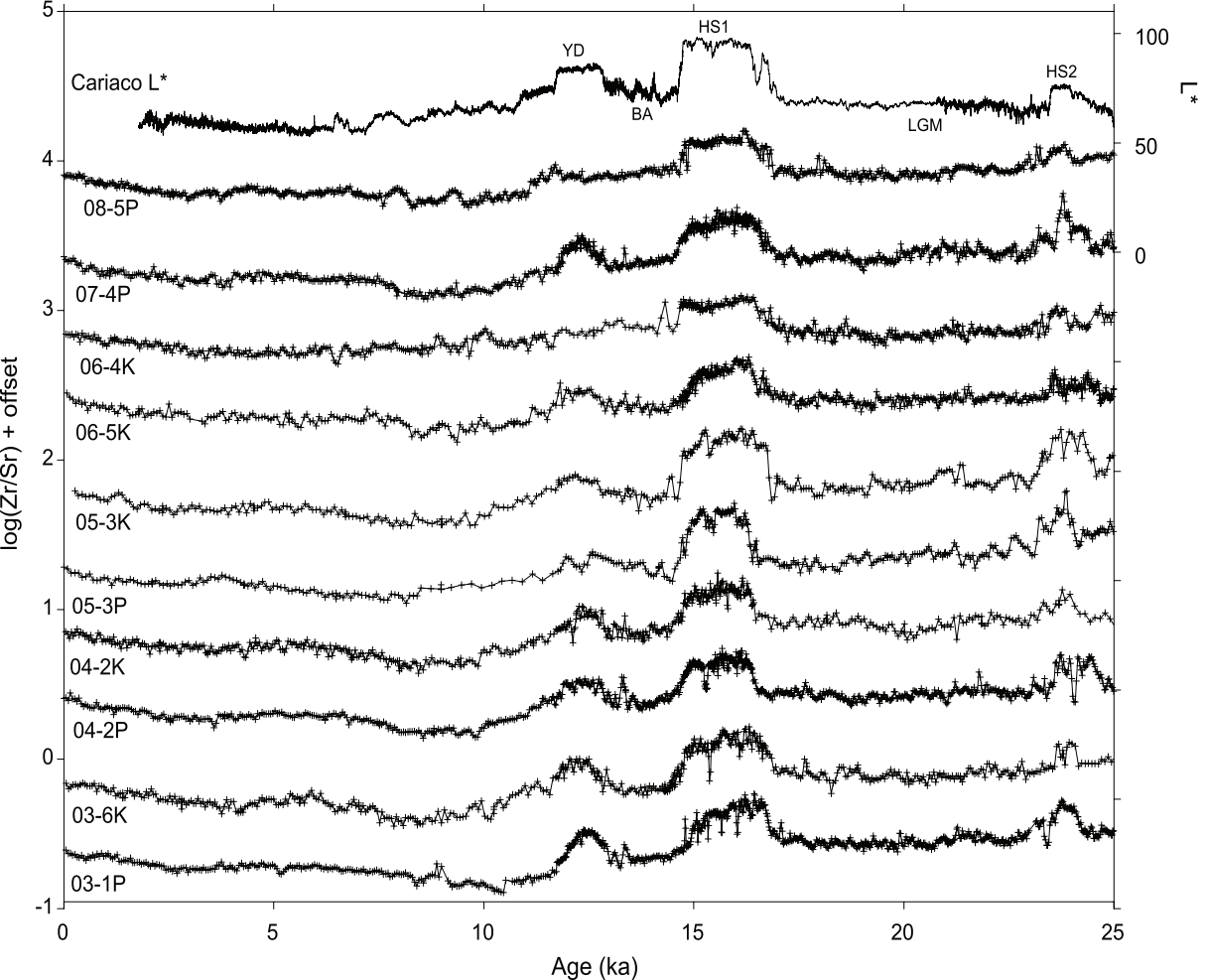
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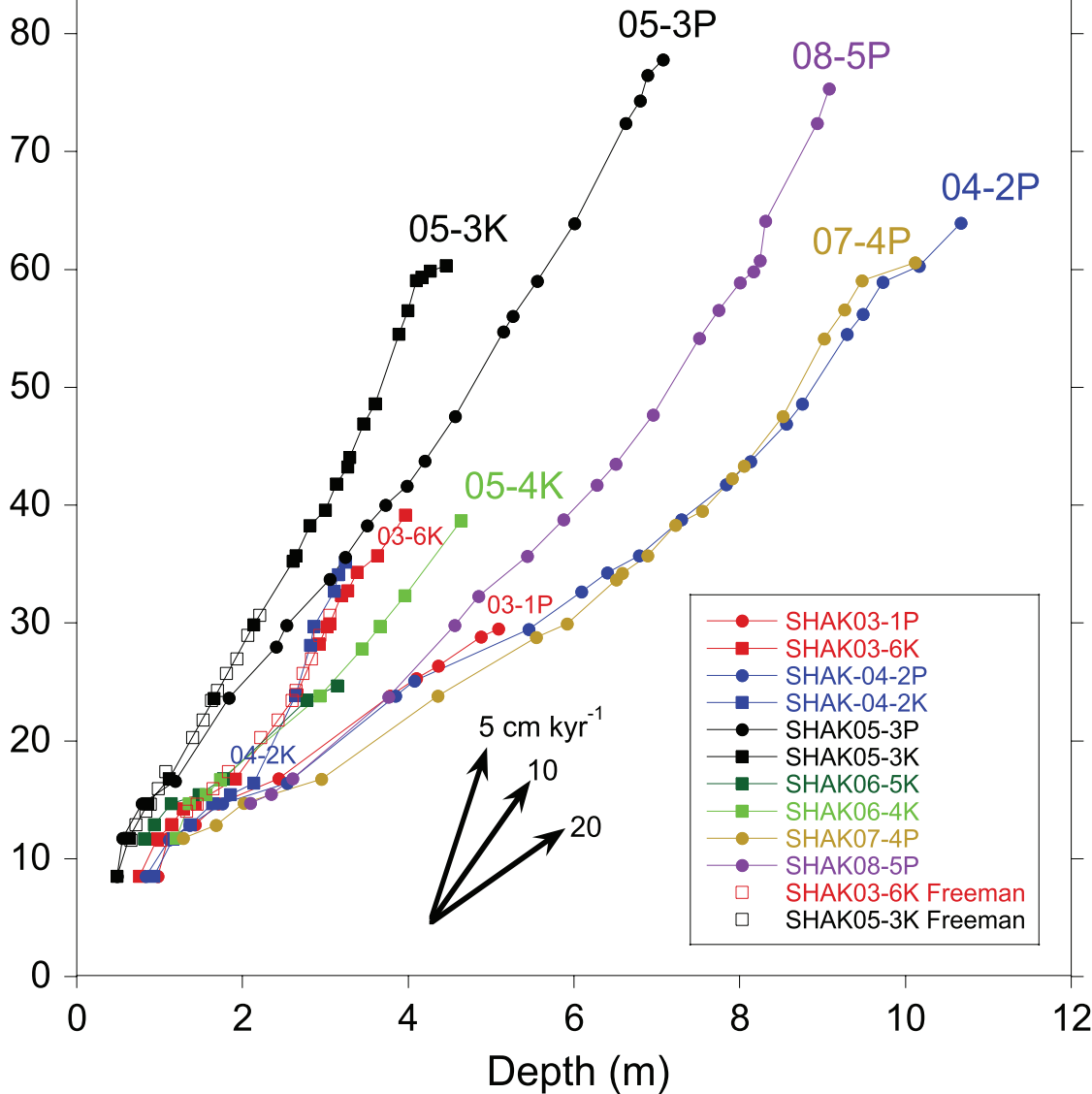


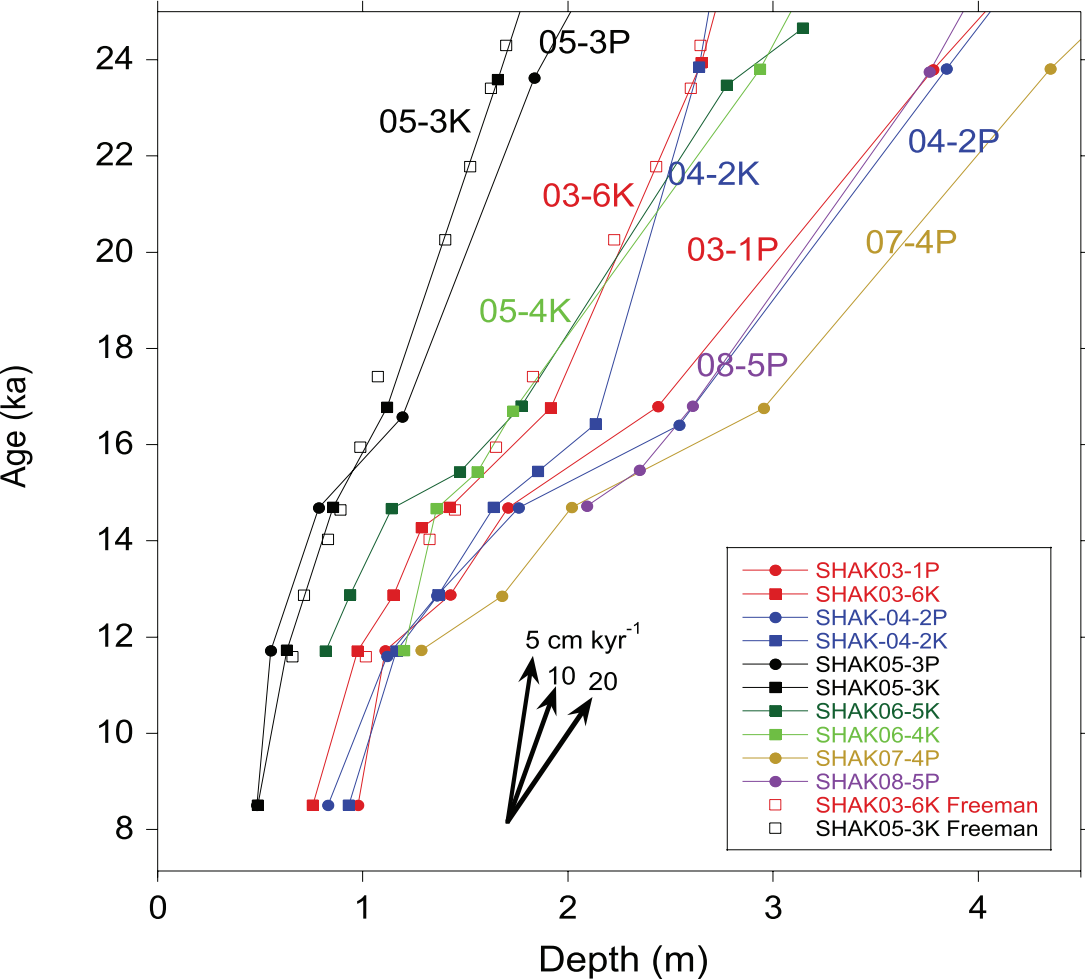






Age (ka)





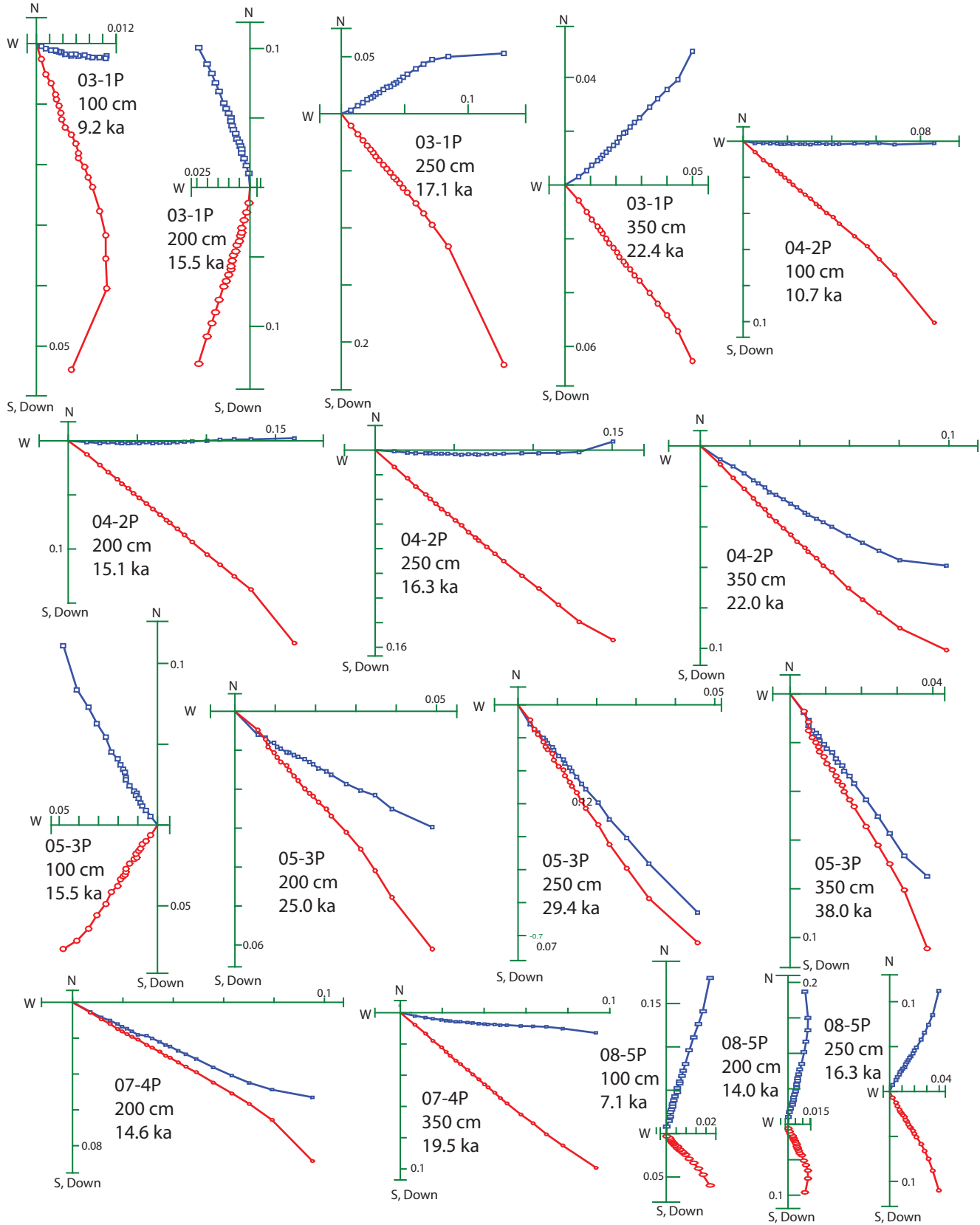


Table 1. JC089 cores included in the SW Iberian Margin stack

Station (Fig. 2)	Core	Core type	Lat. (°N)	Long. (°W)	WD (m)	Max. age (ka)	Recovery (m)	Mean sed. rate 10-45 ka (cm/kyr)
3	03-6K	Kasten	37.71	10.49	3740	41	4.16	10.2
3	03-1P	Piston	37.71	10.49	3731	30	5.14	17.2
4	04-2K	Kasten	37.59	10.36	3459	35	3.25	9.25
4	04-2P	Piston	37.59	10.36	3470	>45	10.69	18.3
5	05-3K	Kasten	37.60	10.69	4690	>45	4.68	7.5
5	05-3P	Piston	37.60	10.69	4662	>45	7.45	9.8
6	06-4K	Kasten	37.56	10.14	2646	40	4.75	12.2
6	06-5K	Kasten	37.56	10.14	2646	26	3.44	12.8
7	07-4P	Piston	37.85	10.15	3100	>45	10.19	18.4
8	08-5P	Piston	37.78	10.05	2619	>45	9.20	15.1

Table 2. Records other than from JC089 (Table 1) included in the RPI stacks for 0-45 ka

Site	Core type	Lat. (°)	Long. (°)	Water depth (m)	Mean sed rate (10-45 ka) cm/kyr	Ref.
MD01-2444 (SW Iberia)*	CAL	37.6 N	10.1 W	~3162	28	1
Portuguese Margin Stack*	CAL	39.0 N	10.2 W	2344	~25	2
Lac du Bouchet (France)	LC	4.9 N	3.8 E		22.2	3
Lake Biwa (Japan)	PC	35.2 N	136.1 E	67	40	4
Lake Potrok Aike (Patagonia)	PC	52.0 S	70.4 W	100	66	5
Lake Van (Turkey)	PC	38.6 N	42.7 E	360	40	6
Lake Towuti (Indonesia)	KPC	2.8 S	121.5 E	154	19	7
Black Sea	GC	42.0 N	37.0 E	200-800	60	8
MD04-2822 (Rockall Trough)	PC	56.8 N	11.4 W	2637	54	9
ODP 1063 (Bermuda Rise)	APC	33.7 N	57.6 W	4584	61	10
CH88-10p (Bermuda Rise)	PC	29.6 N	19.3 W	3818	23	11
MD98-2181 (Philippines)	CAL	6.3 N	125.8 E	2114	43	12
ODP 1089 (South Atlantic)	APC	40.9 S	9.9 E	4620	20	13
PS67-197-1 (Scotia Sea)	PC	55.1 S	44.1 W	3837	31	14

* included in SW Iberian Margin stack

Core type: LC Livingstone corer; KPC Kullenberg piston corer; PC piston corer; GC gravity corer; CAL Calypso corer (MD), APC Advanced piston corer (ODP).

References: (1) Channell et al. (2013), (2) Thouveny et al. (2004), (3) Thouveny et al. (1993), (4) Hayashida et al. (2007); (5) Lisé-Pronovost et al. (2013); (6) Vigilotti et al. (2014), (7) Kirana et al. (2018), (8) Nowaczyk et al. (2013), (9) Channell et al. (2016), (10) Channell et al. (2012), (11) Schwartz et al. (1996), (12) Stott et al. (2002), (13) Stoner et al. (2003), (14) Xiao et al. (2016).

Age (ka)	VADM (x10 ²² Am ²)	Std. error	Age (ka)	VADM (x10 ²² Am ²)	Std. error
4.00	6.585	0.592	25.00	10.136	0.478
4.50	6.604	0.585	25.50	9.833	0.537
5.00	7.032	0.541	26.00	9.800	0.450
5.50	6.432	0.391	26.50	8.600	0.648
6.00	6.777	0.354	27.00	9.112	0.538
6.50	6.162	0.522	27.50	8.257	0.520
7.00	5.705	0.391	28.00	9.283	0.462
7.50	5.625	0.350	28.50	8.627	0.389
8.00	5.587	0.343	29.00	8.384	0.430
8.50	5.284	0.334	29.50	7.926	0.396
9.00	5.708	0.417	30.00	8.581	0.360
9.50	6.728	0.655	30.50	9.119	0.419
10.00	7.238	0.728	31.00	9.601	0.535
10.50	6.798	0.374	31.50	10.386	0.445
11.00	6.881	0.308	32.00	10.695	0.587
11.50	7.380	0.355	32.50	9.746	0.620
12.00	8.573	0.725	33.00	9.533	0.636
12.50	9.179	0.835	33.50	9.533	0.472
13.00	8.303	0.703	34.00	7.120	0.566
13.50	8.078	0.847	34.50	7.016	0.452
14.00	8.731	0.641	35.00	7.346	0.335
14.50	8.830	0.764	35.50	8.984	0.481
15.00	10.615	0.646	36.00	8.483	0.430
15.50	11.935	0.828	36.50	7.497	0.326
16.00	12.676	0.796	37.00	6.617	0.327
16.50	12.309	0.647	37.50	6.758	0.409
17.00	13.101	0.667	38.00	6.847	0.497
17.50	13.593	0.569	38.50	6.719	0.425
18.00	14.267	0.570	39.00	5.875	0.450
18.50	13.356	0.632	39.50	5.326	0.450
19.00	11.847	0.613	40.00	4.006	0.329
19.50	12.314	0.387	40.50	2.639	0.356
20.00	12.867	0.458	41.00	2.354	0.201
20.50	12.756	0.396	41.50	3.244	0.270
21.00	12.537	0.378	42.00	4.045	0.296
21.50	11.528	0.359	42.50	5.612	0.331
22.00	10.918	0.435	43.00	6.472	0.369
22.50	10.462	0.555	43.50	7.964	0.467
23.00	10.823	0.476	44.00	7.942	0.570
23.50	10.752	0.503	44.50	7.970	0.568
24.00	9.744	0.389	45.00	8.266	0.494
24.50	10.034	0.462			

Age (ka)	¹⁰ Be-based intensity	Age (ka)	¹⁰ Be-based intensity
0.50	1.098	23.00	1.068
1.00	1.163	23.50	1.158
1.50	1.234	24.00	1.186
2.00	1.278	24.50	1.146
2.50	1.270	25.00	1.077
3.00	1.211	25.50	1.011
3.50	1.133	26.00	0.960
4.00	1.066	26.50	0.921
4.50	1.019	27.00	0.897
5.00	0.985	27.50	0.900
5.50	0.949	28.00	0.944
6.00	0.904	28.50	1.028
6.50	0.862	29.00	1.120
7.00	0.841	29.50	1.166
7.50	0.858	30.00	1.143
8.00	0.910	30.50	1.097
8.50	0.973	31.00	1.085
9.00	1.004	31.50	1.124
9.50	0.978	32.00	1.170
10.00	0.918	32.50	1.145
10.50	0.871	33.00	1.026
11.00	0.865	33.50	0.894
11.50	0.901	34.00	0.825
12.00	0.953	34.50	0.844
12.50	0.981	35.00	0.937
13.00	0.967	35.50	1.031
13.50	0.935	36.00	1.014
14.00	0.928	36.50	0.885
14.50	0.977	37.00	0.750
15.00	1.094	37.50	0.673
15.50	1.262	38.00	0.657
16.00	1.428	38.50	0.663
16.50	1.523	39.00	0.635
17.00	1.529	39.50	0.552
17.50	1.487	40.00	0.452
18.00	1.442	40.50	0.386
18.50	1.410	41.00	0.377
19.00	1.370	41.50	0.427
19.50	1.295	42.00	0.533
20.00	1.179	42.50	0.673
20.50	1.049	43.00	0.820
21.00	0.945	43.50	0.943
21.50	0.892	44.00	1.018
22.00	0.900	44.50	1.031
22.50	0.966	45.00	0.991