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16 **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

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22 **1. Makassar Strait Hydrography**

23 The Makassar Straits between Borneo and Sulawesi, serves as a major conduit for  
24 the Indonesian Throughflow (ITF) transporting water from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean  
25 (Fig S1, S2) primarily through the main thermocline (~150-400m; (1)). Annual sea surface  
26 temperatures (SST) at this region is on average 29.3°C with coldest SST occurring from  
27 July to September (JAS) during the upwelling season (2). Surface salinity in this region  
28 varies temporally and spatially following the rainy and dry seasons. Below the surface,  
29 water in the upper thermocline represents a mixture of North Pacific and to a lesser extent  
30 south Pacific subtropical waters (NPSW and SPSW, respectively), which is recognized as  
31 salinity maximum between 100 and 200 m (Fig. S3, S4). Within the main thermocline,  
32 between about 200 and 500 m the inflow of low salinity North Pacific Intermediate Water  
33 (NPIW) dominates the ITF flow, recognized by its salinity minimum (~ 34.45 psu; 26.5  $\sigma_t$ ).  
34 Salinity increases below the main thermocline (at ~450m) and remains relatively constant  
35 down to 1000m (~34.55 psu; 27.2-27.3  $\sigma_t$ ). This water mass known as the Indonesian  
36 Intermediate Water (IIW) is formed in the Banda Sea by strong vertical mixing between  
37 shallow/warm/relatively fresh and deep/cold/relatively salty waters (1, 3). We note that the  
38 intermediate water exchange through the Makassar Strait is restricted, however, below  
39 ~680 m by the Dewakang Sill on the southern edge of the straits (1, 4). Therefore, our  
40 deep cores (>650) m in the Flores Sea, south of the sill, are all influenced by IIW forming  
41 in the Banda Sea.

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43 **2. Age models**

44 Accelerator mass spectrometry (WHOI AMS facility) <sup>14</sup>C dates were obtained on  
45 mixed planktonic species (primarily *G. ruber* and *G. sacculifer*) and corrected and  
46 converted to calendar age (5) using a reservoir age correction of 500 years for all the

47 cores (6) (Table S1). In core 13GGC we identified an ash layer at 3 cm depth, which we  
48 assumed to be Mt. Tambora ash layer, and therefore assigned this depth the age of the last  
49 eruption 1815 CE.

50 We generated several high-resolution records of the Common Era (CE) using a  
51 combination of multi- and gravity cores. The composite records have higher resolution  
52 and more replication than the longer ones. The age models for the gravity cores are  
53 based on AMS radiocarbon dating. The chronology of the multi-cores is based on several  
54 criteria. All multi-core tops contained significant amounts of bomb radiocarbon.  
55 Therefore, we use the similarity between the planktonic foraminiferal  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  records and  
56 the decrease in atmospheric  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  (aka Suess Effect) to date the top-most part of the multi  
57 cores, whereas AMS radiocarbon dating was used to determine the age of the bottom of  
58 the multi-cores. We assume a linear age change between the top and bottom, and tested  
59 this assumption using lead isotopes ( $^{210}\text{Pb}$ ) dating and correlation of distinctive ash layers  
60 in these cores with known historic volcanic eruptions (e.g., Mt Tambora's eruption in  
61 1815). For details see MSc thesis by Katharine L. Esswein (7).

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### 63 **3. Analytical methods**

64 For Mg/Ca analysis, foraminiferal tests were cleaned using a protocol to remove  
65 clays, metal oxides and organic matter following the protocol of (8) as modified by (9).  
66 The foraminifera were gradually dissolved in trace metal clean 0.065N  $\text{HNO}_3$   
67 (OPTIMA<sup>®</sup>) and 100 $\mu\text{l}$  of this solution was diluted with 300 $\mu\text{l}$  trace metal clean 0.5N  
68  $\text{HNO}_3$  to obtain a Ca concentration of  $3\pm 1 \text{ mmol L}^{-1}$ . Samples were analyzed by Finnigan  
69 MAT ElementXR Sector Field Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICP-  
70 MS) operated in low resolution ( $m/\Delta m=300$ ) following the method outlined in (10).  
71 Fe/Ca and Al/Ca were used to monitor for sedimentary contamination. Direct  
72 determination of elemental ratios from intensity ratios requires control of the sample Ca  
73 concentration; in each run six standard solutions with identical elemental ratios but  
74 variable Ca concentrations, which covered the range of Ca concentrations of the samples,  
75 were included. These solutions allowed us to quantify and correct for the effects of  
76 variable Ca concentrations in a sample solution on the accuracy of Mg/Ca measurement

77 (so-called matrix effects) based on the sample's Ca concentration (10). Matrix corrections  
78 were typically  $<0.1 \text{ mmol mol}^{-1} \text{ Mg/Ca}$ . Instrument precision was determined by  
79 repeated analysis of three consistency standards over the course of this study. The long  
80 term precision of the consistency standard with Mg/Ca of  $1.10 \text{ mmol mol}^{-1}$  was  $\pm 1.5\%$   
81 (r.s.d.), the precisions of the consistency standards with Mg/Ca of  $2.40 \text{ mmol mol}^{-1}$  and  
82  $6.10 \text{ mmol mol}^{-1}$  was about  $\pm 1.2\%$ .

83 Isotope measurements were done both at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution  
84 (using a Kiel device coupled to a Finnigan MAT 251 mass spectrometer) and at the State  
85 University of New York at Albany (using a Fisons Optima mass spectrometer). The long-  
86 term external precision of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  analysis was  $0.07\text{‰}$  and  $0.05\text{‰}$  at WHOI and SUNYA,  
87 respectively.

#### 88 **4. Intermediate Water Temperature estimates**

89 Intermediate water temperature (IWT) reconstructions are based on Mg/Ca  
90 measurements in the benthic foraminifer *Hyalinea balthica* and the recently published  
91 calibration [  $\text{Mg/Ca} = (0.488 \pm 0.03) \times \text{BWT}$  ] (11, 12). The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  records are based mostly on  
92 measurements of *H. balthica* tests and supplemented when its abundance was low, with  
93 additional data from *Cibicides pachyderma* (Fig. S3). For both species, measured  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   
94 data were adjusted by  $+0.64\text{‰}$  to calculate the equilibrium value of calcite (11). Previous  
95 work showed that core top Mg/Ca-derived temperatures and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  ratios of *H. balthica*  
96 tests reliably reflect bottom water temperatures (BWTs) at the studied sites (11). We  
97 note, however, that temperature estimates for our deepest core (900 m) are slightly higher  
98 than expected, which may reflect the fact that its depth is at the lower limit of the  
99 ecological tolerance of this species.

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#### 101 **5. Errors in temperature estimates**

102 The calibration data and a validation test of (11) demonstrates that the uncertainty in  
103 reconstructing the absolute intermediate water temperature (IWT) and salinity from  
104 paired Mg/Ca and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  measurements of *H. balthica* is better than  $\pm 0.7^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\pm 0.69$   
105 units, respectively and for density better than better than  $0.3\sigma_\rho$  units. However, the error  
106 in reconstructing relative, rather than absolute, changes in IWT is much smaller, on the

107 order of about 0.045° and 0.09°K for 67 and 95% confidence (1SEE and 2SEE). The  
108 error associated with the instrumental analysis is about the same i.e. 0.09°K. A larger  
109 error comes from variability among samples at the same depth interval. Replicated  
110 measurements of parallel samples at the same depth interval of a core and comparison of  
111 data generated from cores bathed under the same water mass suggest a SD in down core  
112 records of ~0.35°K. In generating the compiled records shown in figure 2 and 3 we  
113 estimated the standard deviations (1SD) in the records as follows:

114 1) At 500 meters we have only one record, so we estimate the

$$115 \text{SD}=(0.09)^2+(0.09)^2+(0.35)^2=0.37^\circ$$

116 To calculate the SEE we used 3-point moving average which results in a smaller  
117 uncertainty of the relative change of  $1\text{-SEE}=(0.09)^2+(0.09)^2+(0.35/\text{sqrt}(2))^2=0.35^\circ$   
118 (using 1 degree of freedom)

119 2) At 600-900 meters we have three records. The estimated SD is the same as above

$$120 \text{SD}=(0.09)^2+(0.09)^2+(0.35)^2=0.37^\circ$$

121 To calculate the SEE we re-sampled the three records at constant time intervals and  
122 averaged the results. The uncertainty of the relative change is 1-

$$123 \text{SEE}=(0.09)^2+(0.09)^2+(0.35/\text{sqrt}(2))^2=0.35^\circ$$

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## 125 **6. Correcting IWT for sea level change**

126 The 30m sea level rise from the early to late Holocene should have only minor  
127 effect on our IWT estimates, because our cores are at the bottom of the thermocline  
128 where the temperature gradient is very low. We use the Barbados sea level record (13)  
129 and the modern thermocline structure to estimate this bathymetric influence. We  
130 estimate that the early-mid Holocene IWT estimates are at most overestimated by 0.2-  
131 0.4°C relative to the true climatologic change due to the lower sea level at that time.

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## 133 **7. Surface and upper Thermocline Temperature estimates**

134 In this paper we use the published sea surface (SST) and upper Thermocline  
135 Water (TWT) temperature reconstructions. SST records are based on Mg/Ca ratios in the  
136 mixed-layer foraminifer *G. ruber s.s.* (white variety 212-300 μm size). Upper  
137 thermocline temperature (TWT) reconstructions are based on Mg/Ca measurements in the

138 subsurface planktonic foraminifer *P. obliquiloculata*. Modern calibrations suggest that in  
139 the IPWP region *P. obliquiloculata* tends to calcify at about 75-100m depth(14, 15). We  
140 treat the records as strictly reflecting changes in TWT, as was done in the original  
141 publications, although it is difficult to rule out that changes in calcification depth partially  
142 contributed to the observed changes.

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## 144 **8. Estimating down-core salinity**

145 The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  composition of sea water was calculated from the sea-level corrected  
146  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}$  records using the equation of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}(\text{‰SMOW})=0.27+(T-16.9+4*\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{calcite}}$   
147  $(\text{‰PDB}))/4$  (16), where T is temperature in °C after adjusting the measured benthic  
148 foraminifera  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{calcite}}$  by +0.64‰. Seawater salinities for the deep sites at 500, 600 and  
149 650 m were then estimated using available data from three hydrographic stations  
150 intersecting the NPIW and AAIW water masses, closest to our region (Table S2). One  
151 station is from the western Pacific (29.08°N 142.85°E; 0-1000m) from Oba (1988) (17).  
152 The other stations are located in the southern hemisphere intersecting AAIW (39.95°S  
153 109.97°E and 19.49°S 109.97°E; 0-1400 m). Using this data set we generate the  
154 following relationship:

155  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw-iv}}(\text{‰SMOW})=0.74*\text{Salinity} - 25.4$  ( $r^2=0.9$ ), where  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw-iv}}$  is the ice-volume  
156 corrected  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw-iv}}$  using the Barbados sea level record (13). We prefer this relationship  
157 over published ones from the western equatorial Pacific since the latter are based on  
158 surface water measurements, which are both very variable in the tropical Pacific and do  
159 not reflect the intermediate water.

160 Although we are fully aware of potential errors associated with the conversion of  
161  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw-iv}}$  into salinity estimates, it is instructive to assess the down core variations in the  
162 density of these water masses. Plotting the down-core data on a T-S plot allows for a  
163 visual assessment of down core trends in water mass densities and provides important  
164 insights as to the likely processes that affect T & S changes in our records, in a way that  
165 cannot be gained by looking at the primary records. Core top estimates fall somewhat off  
166 the modern CTD data, but nonetheless agree within the 2SE of the estimate.

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## 168 **9. Pacific Ocean Heat Content (OHC) estimates**

169 We use the compiled IWT anomaly records to estimate the Pacific OHC at four  
170 time slices: 1) Early Holocene 9000-7500 years BP; 2) mid-Holocene 5000-3000 years  
171 BP; 3) 0-1000 CE which includes the Medieval Warm Period; 4) 1400-1800 CW which  
172 includes the Little Ice Age. First we combined the  $\Delta$ IWT records presented in figures 2 &  
173 3 and resampled at 200 years resolution using linear integration between samples. We  
174 then calculate the OHC for the 0-700m depth interval using the following equation:

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$$176 \text{OHC}(t) = \text{OHC}(t-\Delta t) + C_p * M_z * \Delta T$$

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178 where OHC(t) is the Ocean Heat Content (in Joules) at each time step,  $\Delta t = 200$  years  
179 intervals,  $C_p$  is the seawater heat content (4000 Joules/ $^{\circ}$ C/kg),  $M_z$  is the seawater mass at  
180 the specified water volume (in Kg) and  $\Delta T$  is the temperature change during each time  
181 interval. To compare our estimates with modern observations we normalize the records  
182 to a common reference period. The top age of our composite & smoothed Pacific IWT  
183 record is  $\sim$ 1970 CE. Since our core top IWT estimates are consistent, within errors, with  
184 the hydrographic data we normalize our OHC record to this reference period. The Pacific  
185 OHC for the 0-700m depth changed between  $-2 \times 10^{22}$  J and 0 between 1955 and 1995  
186 ([http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/OC5/3M\\_HEAT\\_CONTENT/](http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/OC5/3M_HEAT_CONTENT/))(18). Thus we normalized our  
187 OHC reconstruction to  $-1 \times 10^{22}$  J to match the top samples with the observed OHC during  
188 the 1965-1970 CE period.

189 There are significant uncertainties in this estimation of which the largest is about  
190 the volume of water affected by the IWT changes. With no additional benthic Mg/Ca  
191 records it is difficult to assess the oceanographic extent of the observed IWT changes.  
192 Instrumental observations show regional variability in OHC changes in the Pacific  
193 Ocean, with reduced warming in the central and eastern tropical Pacific as compared with  
194 the western Pacific. This pattern may apply only for short-term, transient changes and on  
195 longer time scales the change may be more uniform over the entire Pacific when the  
196 upper ocean is equilibrated with the atmosphere warming. But, it is also plausible that  
197 dynamical responses in the tropical Pacific associated with zonal changes in the depth of  
198 the equatorial thermocline resulted in regional differences in the magnitude of OHC

199 changes between the western and eastern Pacific. To account for the different scenarios  
200 we consider three sensitivity cases:

201 Case 1) Assumes that IWT trends observed in Indonesia apply to most of the Pacific  
202 volume (75%) between 0-700m (100%  $M_z = 1.12 \times 10^{20}$  kg;  
203 [http://ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/global/etopo1\\_ocean\\_volumes.html](http://ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/global/etopo1_ocean_volumes.html)).

204 Case 2) Assumes that IWT trends observed in Indonesia apply to 50% of the Pacific  
205 volume between 0-700m.

206 Case 3) Assumes that IWT trends observed in Indonesia apply to 25% of the Pacific  
207 volume between 0-700m.

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209 The minimum case (25%) assumes the observed trends affected only the western Pacific,  
210 whereas the central and eastern Pacific were unaffected. However, there are some  
211 indications that these changes might have extended into the eastern Pacific Ocean.

212 Benthic foraminifera  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  records from the Santa Barbara Basin (ODP site 893A at  
213 580m) (19), California Margin (ODP Site 1017E at 956m) (20) and North Pacific (21)  
214 show minimum values at the early Holocene with subsequent trend of 0.1-0.15‰ toward  
215 heavier values in the late Holocene. Although we cannot unequivocally attribute these  
216 trends to cooling, we note that they are consistent with the trend observed in our 70GGC  
217 record suggesting that changes observed in Indonesia might have affected the entire  
218 Pacific intermediate water mass. This would be consistent with the expectation that on  
219 centennial and longer time scales the ocean should be in thermal equilibrium with the  
220 atmosphere (18, 22). It is also noteworthy that changes in the surface layer contribute  
221 very little to the OHC ( $\ll 10\%$  in modern observations) (18) and therefore, the fact that  
222 Holocene SST changes are small doesn't introduce a large error to the estimates.

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224 For each of the cases we also estimate the rate of OHC change for three intervals  
225 during the Holocene and Common Era when significant changes in OHC occur and  
226 compare these with modern rates (Table S3). First, we define multi-centennial  
227 temperature trends (Fig. S7) for the three time intervals namely a) mid Holocene  
228 transition 2 – 7.5 Ka; B) MWP to LIA transition 1100-1700 CE; and C) LIA to present  
229 1600 – 1950 CE. We then estimate the rate of OHC change considering 25, 50, 75% of



230 the Pacific -700m volume. In these estimates we also include the errors associated with  
231 our IWT estimates. We compare these rates with the average rate estimated for the 1955-  
232 2010 period for the Pacific Ocean. Using the total temperature change in each interval we  
233 calculate the change in OHC for each time interval and the rate of change in Joules per  
234 century. The estimates in Table S3, albeit with large uncertainties, suggest that the  
235 modern rate of Pacific OHC change is significantly higher than the absolute rates  
236 reconstructed for the past. This is the case even when considering the maximum  $\Delta$ IWT  
237 rate (-0.15°K per century) from the MWP to LIA (~1100-1700 CE) for 75% volume.

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306 **TABLES AND FIGURES**

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308 **Table S1:** Radiocarbon measurements made on mixed planktonic foraminifera at the  
 309 National Ocean Sciences Accelerator Mass Spectrometry Facility (NOSAMS) and  
 310 converted to calendar age using a reservoir age of 500 years (5, 6).  
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CORE	Depth	ID	<sup>14</sup> C Age Years B.P.	S.D. Years	Calendar age Years B.P.	S.D. Years
MC6	43-44	OS-90418	745	30	286	53
7GGC	12-14	OS-90414	445	30	>Modern	-
7GGC	50-52	OS-79127	1293	20	702	16
7GGC	163-164	OS-90419	2210	35	1611	50
7GGC	200-202	OS-79128	2867	20	2355	16
7GGC	350-352	OS-79211	4323	20	4212	37
7GGC	448-449	OS-90417	5781	40	6038	69
10GGC	7-8	OS-45433	635	30	275	37
10GGC	160-161	OS-56409	3500	35	3385	58
10GGC	336-337	OS-56410	7890	50	8342	91
10GGC	488-489	OS-45434	10700	70	12050	63
13GGC	30-32	OS-57851	925	30	564	20
13GGC	100-101	OS-56281	2190	30	1784	42
13GGC	272-273	OS-56282	5050	40	5408	63
13GGC	408-409	OS-56408	8220	45	8730	40
13GGC	503-504	OS-45499	9610	60	10422	96
MC31	0-1	OS-45713	>Modern	-	-	-
MC31	26-27	OS-58731	620	30	138	94
MC31	49-50	OS-52863	675	45	232	95
32GGC	3.5-4.5	OS-52745	45	40	*	
32GGC	70.5-71.5	OS-57846	920	30	503	14
32GGC	135.5-136.5	OS-54078	1140	30	639	34
32GGC	179.5-180.5	OS-57776	1610	35	1034	44
32GGC	229.5-230.5	OS-54079	2210	30	1644	46
32GGC	275.5-276.5	OS-57777	2460	35	1928	38
34GGC	8.5-9.5	OS-52741	780	55	358	79
34GGC	103.5-104.5	OS-52742	1320	40	748	43
34GGC	199.5-200.5	OS-52743	1900	45	1320	30
34GGC	303.5-304.5	OS-52733	2270	45	1719	59
34GGC	380-381	OS-45717	2750	30	2308	43
47MC	58-60	OS-81572	1120	35	604	39
48GGC	20-22	OS-81571	1020	35	532	22
48GGC	60-62	OS-87066	1180	35	649	30

48GGC	100-102	OS-81693	1570	30	967	27
48GGC	140-142	OS-87074	2050	35	1428	47
48GGC	180-182	OS-81692	2280	35	1701	47
70GGC	63-64	OS-45435	1310	30	716	24
70GGC	104-105	OS-54152	2750	50	2274	68
70GGC	176-177	OS-54153	4240	50	4092	75
70GGC	201-202	OS-60747	4850	40	4894	53
70GGC	241-242	OS-60750	5410	35	5631	28
70GGC	280-281	OS-54154	6160	60	6435	65
70GGC	320-321	OS-60737	7190	45	7562	34
70GGC	361-362	OS-60748	10250	40	11191	25
70GGC	393-394	OS-65581	12550	50	13849	60
70GGC	405-406	OS-45436	12900	45	14265	114

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**Table S2:** Seawater and salinity and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  measurements used for determining the modern relationship in this region

Longitude	Latitude	Depth	pot T °C	Salinity	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ‰SMOW	Year	Ref
101.29	-19.49	472	9.57	34.78	0.2	1978	1
101.29	-19.49	638	7.07	34.57	0.09	1978	1
101.29	-19.49	808	6.02	34.64	0.09	1978	1
101.29	-19.49	1193	4.51	34.65	0.07	1978	1
142.85	29.08	0	28.3	34.67	0.06	1984	2
142.85	29.08	48	21.64	34.77	0.17	1984	2
142.85	29.08	97	18.83	34.82	0.16	1984	2
142.85	29.08	193	17.7	34.81	0.29	1984	2
142.85	29.08	290	16.51	34.79	0.19	1984	2
142.85	29.08	387	14.52	34.6	0.09	1984	2
142.85	29.08	483	11.76	34.4	-0.05	1984	2
142.85	29.08	677	6.16	34.08	-0.28	1984	2
142.85	29.08	967	3.85	34.31	-0.28	1984	2

- 1) GEOSECS Ostlund et al (1987)  
2) Oba (1988)

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318 **Table S3:** Estimated changes in Pacific ocean heat content (OHC). The three tables  
319 depict 3 different sensitivity tests associated with the uncertainties in the volume of the  
320 Pacific ocean involved in these changes and the SD in temperature estimates. Modern  
321 observations for the 1955-2010 C.E. are from Levitus et al. 2012  
322 ([http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/OC5/3M\\_HEAT\\_CONTENT/index3.html](http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/OC5/3M_HEAT_CONTENT/index3.html))

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324 A. Pacific OHC estimate considers 50% Pacific volume and average temperature changes  
325 inferred from Fig. 8

Period	Observed $\Delta T$ °K	$\Delta Ho$ $10^{22}$ Joules <sup>c</sup>	$\Delta t$ years	$\Delta Ho$ $10^{22}$ Joules/ century	$\Delta T$ °K/ century
2-7.5 Ka B.P. <sup>a</sup>	-1.1	-25	5500	-0.45	-0.02
1700-1100 CE <sup>b</sup>	-0.9	-20	600	-3.4	-0.15
1950-1600 CE	0.25	5.6	370	1.5	0.09
<b>2010-1955 CE</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0.032</b>

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327 B. Upper bound OHC estimate considers 75% Pacific volume and maximum temperature changes  
328 (Avg+S.E.) inferred from Fig. 8

Period	Observed $\Delta T$ °K	$\Delta Ho$ $10^{22}$ Joules <sup>c</sup>	$\Delta t$ years	$\Delta Ho$ $10^{22}$ Joules/ century	$\Delta T$ °K/ century
2-7.5 Ka B.P. <sup>a</sup>	-1.4	-47	5500	-0.85	-0.02
1700-1100 CE <sup>b</sup>	-1.1	-37	600	-6.1	-0.15
1950-1600 CE	0.35	12	370	3.2	0.09
<b>2010-1955 CE</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.032</b>

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330 C. Lower bound OHC estimate considers 25% Pacific volume and minimum temperature changes  
331 inferred from Fig. 8

Period	Observed $\Delta T$ °K	$\Delta Ho$ $10^{22}$ Joules <sup>c</sup>	$\Delta t$ years	$\Delta Ho$ $10^{22}$ Joules/ century	$\Delta T$ °K/ century
2-7.5 Ka B.P. <sup>a</sup>	-0.8	-8.9	5500	-0.16	-0.02
1700-1100 CE <sup>b</sup>	-0.7	-7.8	600	-1.3	-0.15
1950-1600 CE	0.15	1.7	370	0.45	0.09
<b>2010-1955 CE</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.032</b>

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334 <sup>a-</sup> Although SST in the WPWP shows only a small cooling trend through the Holocene,  
335 reconstructed upper thermocline temperature trend is of similar magnitude as obtained for the  
336 BWT. Based on the modern data from (18) the contribution of the 0-100m surface layer to  
337 the Pacific OHC between 0 and 700 m is << 10%. During the Common Era, temperature  
338 changes at the surface and below 0-700 m are very similar suggesting uniform cooling of the  
339 0-700m water column.

340 <sup>b-</sup> Considering Pacific ocean mass between 0-700m of  $M_0=1.12 \times 10^{20}$ kg  
341 ([http://ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/global/etopo1\\_ocean\\_volumes.html](http://ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/global/etopo1_ocean_volumes.html)) and seawater heat capacity =  
342 4000 J/°C/kg

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347 **SOM Figure captions**

348 **Figure S1:** A map showing the annually averaged salinity distribution at 500m in the  
349 western equatorial Pacific. The main flow of the ITF through the main thermocline is  
350 shown by the black arrow-line. The main pathway of intermediate water into the  
351 Indonesian archipelago is through the New Guinea Coastal Undercurrent (NGCUC)  
352 shown in blue arrows. Recent studies suggest that the NGCUC gets a significant  
353 contribution from Antarctic Intermediate Water (AAIW). Part of the NGCUC spreads  
354 into the Banda Sea through the Lifamatola and Makssar passages while some returns  
355 eastward with the Southern and Northern Intermediate Counter Currents (SICC / NICC,  
356 rspectively) (23). Red stars mark the general core locations of our cores in the Makassar  
357 Strait and Flores Sea. Yellow stars mark location of other cores discussed in the text (see  
358 Figure S2).

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360 **Figure S2:** Location maps showing core sites discussed in this paper. The top panel (A)  
361 shows the genera location of the cores and yellow circles mark the location of *P.*  
362 *obliquiloculata* records (MD78, MD88, MD04) are shown in the top map. The area  
363 marked with the yellow square is showed in the bottom panel with the location of cores  
364 31MC/32GGC, 34GGC, 47MC/48GGC and 70GGC in the Labini Channel; 6MC/7GGC,  
365 10GGC and 13GGC in the Bali Basin of the Flores Sea.

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367 **Figure S3:** A north-south salinity section (0-2000 m) compiled from the World Ocean  
368 Circulation Experiment P9 (north Pacific along 137°E) and P11 (south Pacific along  
369 155°E) lines. Note that the low salinity tongue at ~600-900m depth on the northern side  
370 of Papua New Guinea. This is the core of the NGCUC which arguably is linked to the  
371 low salinity AAIW clearly seen south of PNG.

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373 **Figure S4:** CTD profiles of temperature and salinity obtained near the core sites in the  
374 Flores Sea, Makssar Strait, Celebes Sea and Maluku Sea east of Halmahera during the  
375 BJ8-2003 cruise. The CTD profiles are color-coded and their location is given in the  
376 legend. The inset shows salinity and temperature profiles from stations in the north

377 Pacific (17°N 137°E) and south Pacific (18.5°S 154.5°E) along the transect used in Fig.  
378 S3 clearly showing the distinct signatures of NPIW and AAIW, respectively. The  
379 increase in salinity below ~400m in our stations suggests an increasing contribution of  
380 south Pacific intermediate waters at the deeper sites. Arrows mark the depths of  
381 Makassar Straits and Bali Basin cores and the bottom water temperatures at each core  
382 site.

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384 **Figure S5:**  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  in benthic foraminifera in our Holocene records.

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386 **Figure S6:** Down core temperature and salinity data from cores at 500 m (70GGC and at  
387 600-650 (combined 10 and 13GGC) plotted on a T-S plot. For the 500 m depth the early-  
388 mid Holocene (10.5-6 Ka) and Late Holocene (6-0 Ka) data are marked with the red and  
389 dark grey diamonds, respectively. For the 600-650 m depth the early-mid Holocene  
390 (10.5-6 Ka) and Late Holocene (6-0 Ka) data are marked with the light grey and dark  
391 blue squares, respectively. Isopycnal surfaces (solid black lines) are marked by their  $\sigma_t$   
392 values. The records show a slight decreasing density trend through the Holocene  
393 suggesting that the relative large temperature trends should have been compensated by  
394 salinity.

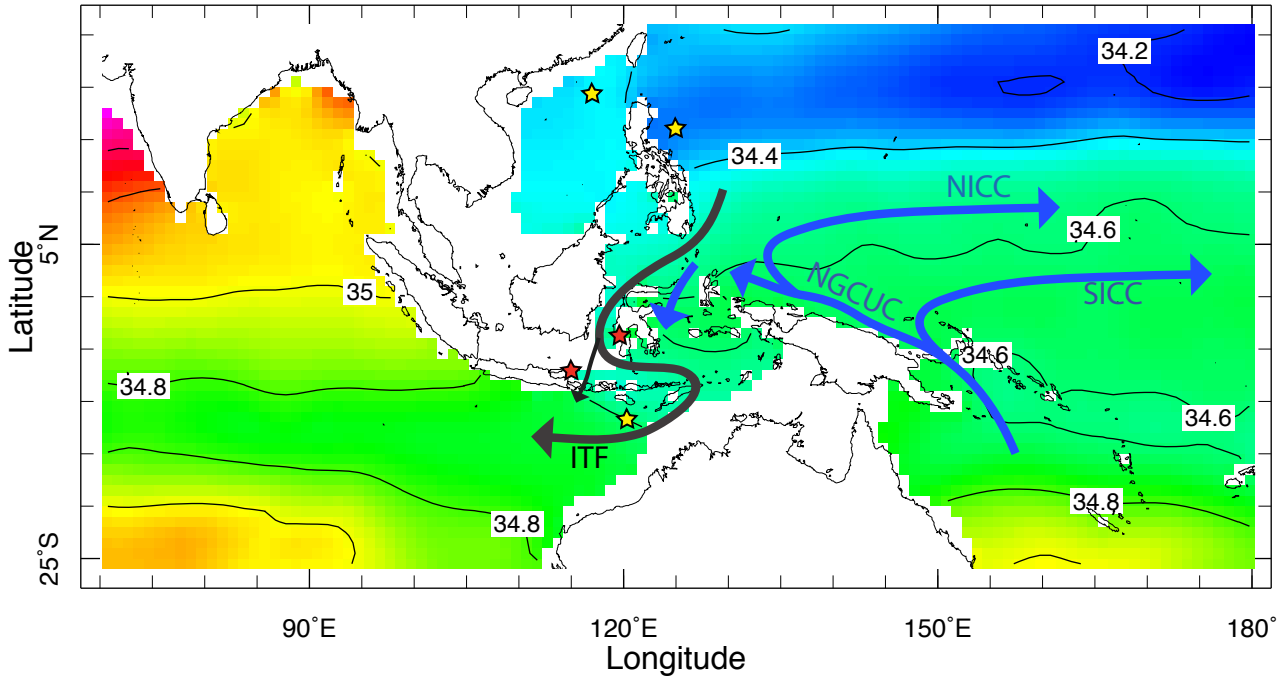
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396 **Figure S7:** Common Era benthic *H. balthica* records from sites in the Makassar Strait  
397 and Flores Sea spanning a depth range of ~500-900 m. A) Mg/Ca-derived IWT; B)  
398 Bottom water  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw-iv}}$ . Age models for the records are based on AMS C-14 dating (Table  
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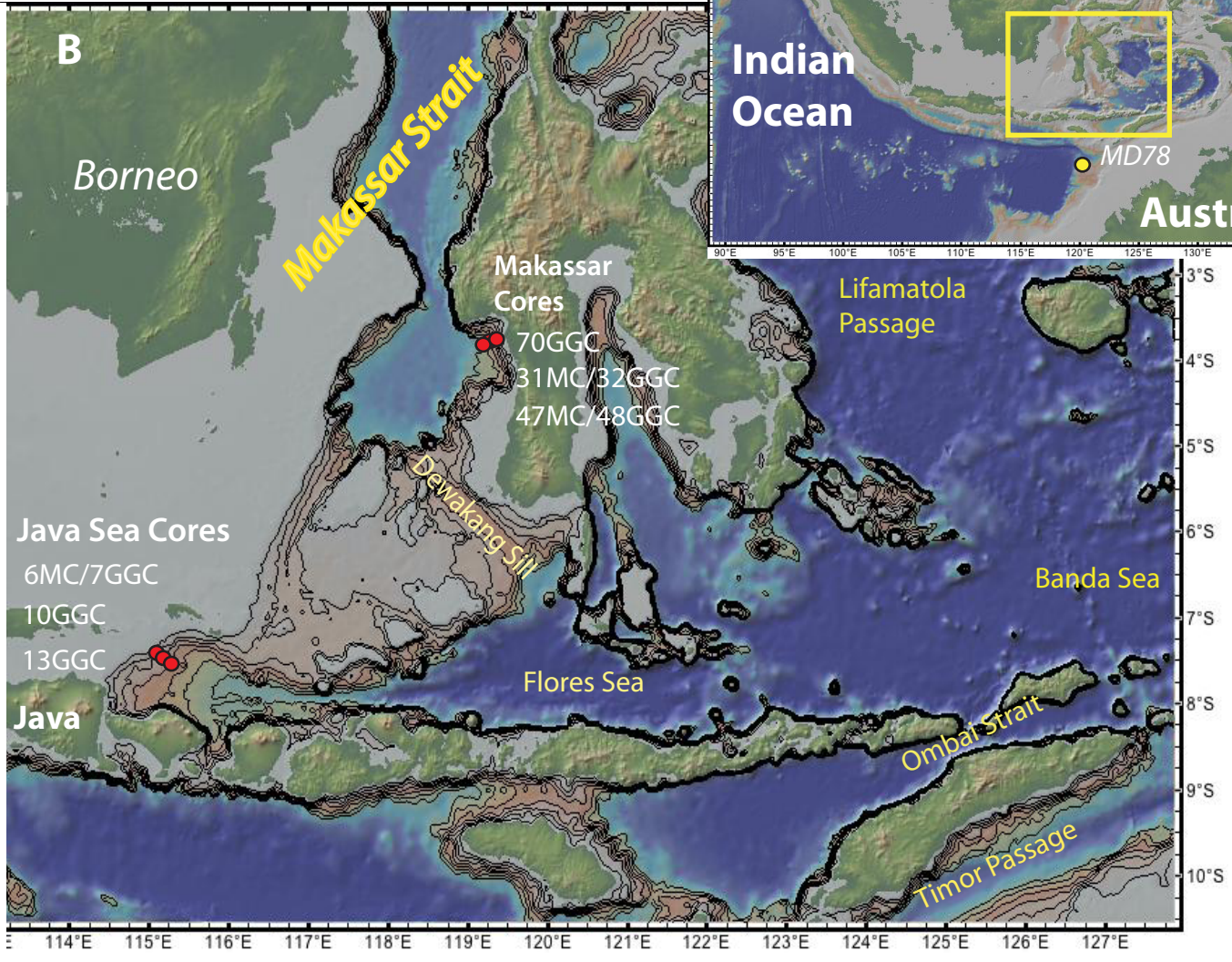
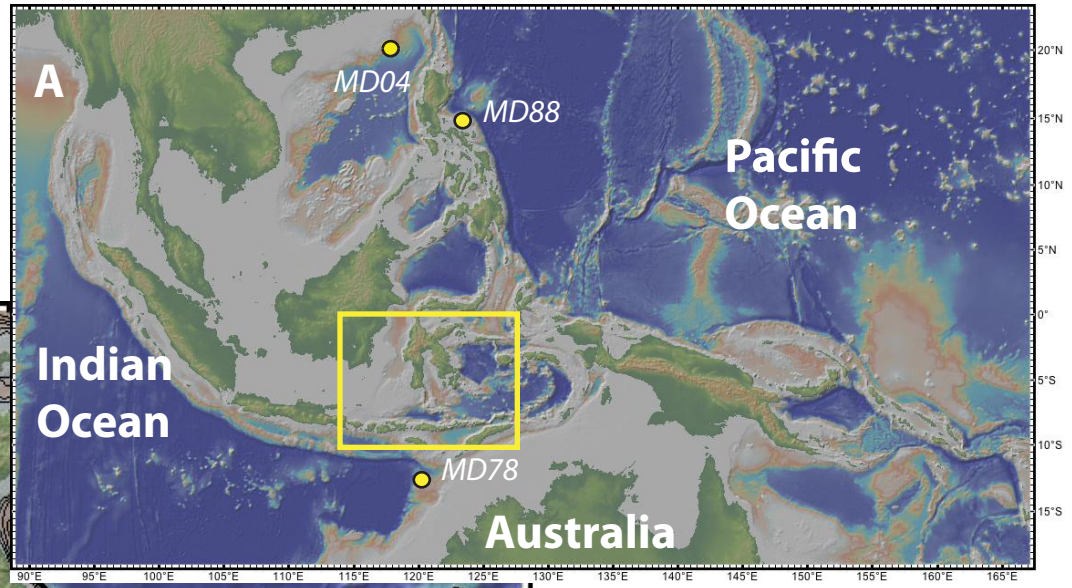
400 **Figure S8:** Average trends of BWT changes (in °K per kyr) calculated from the compiled  
401 data set (Fig. 2, 3) the time intervals of a) 2 – 7.5 Ka; B) 1100-1700 CE; and C) 1600 –  
402 1950 CE. Note that in the text and Table S3 the trends are given as °K per century.

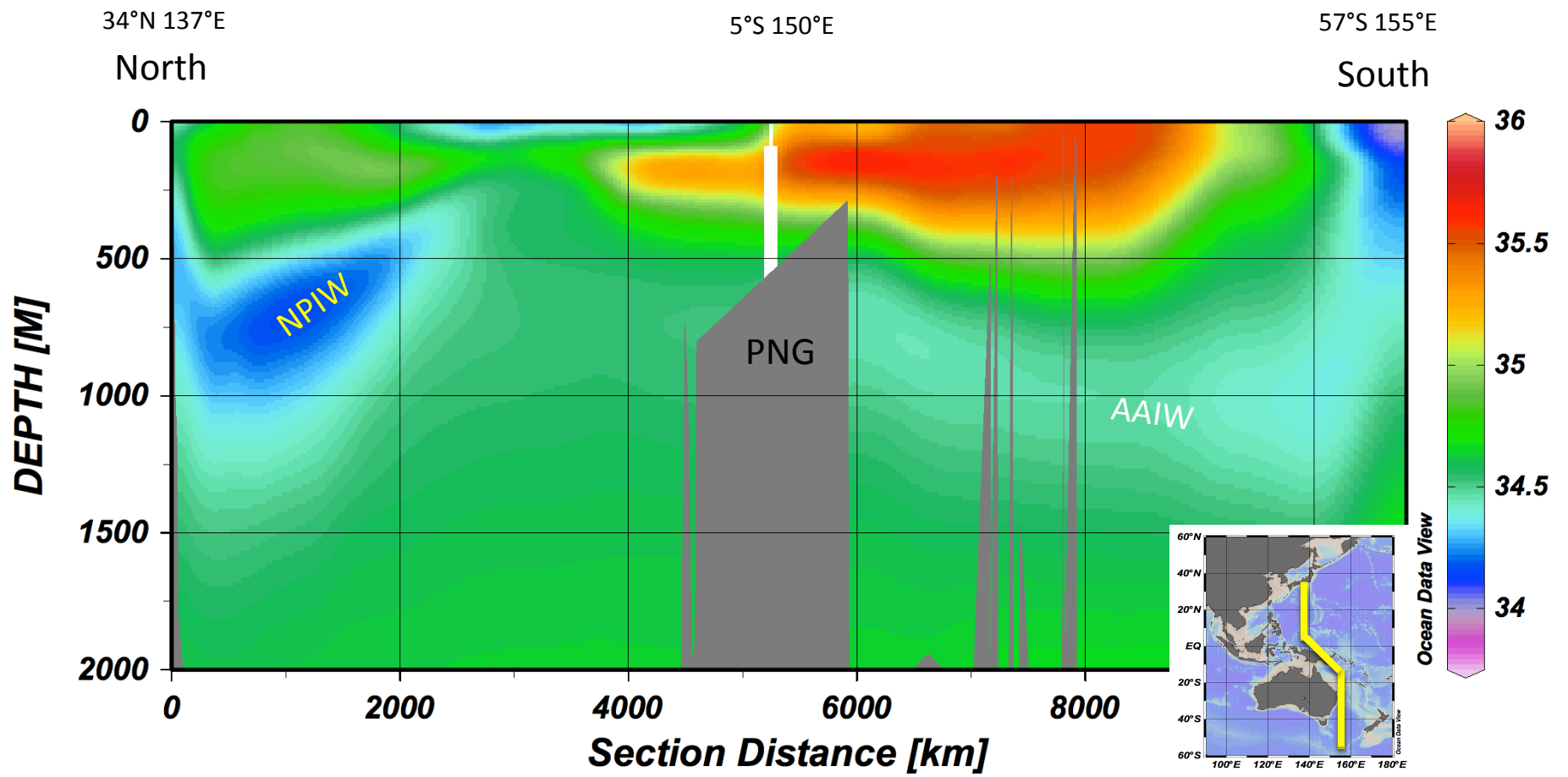
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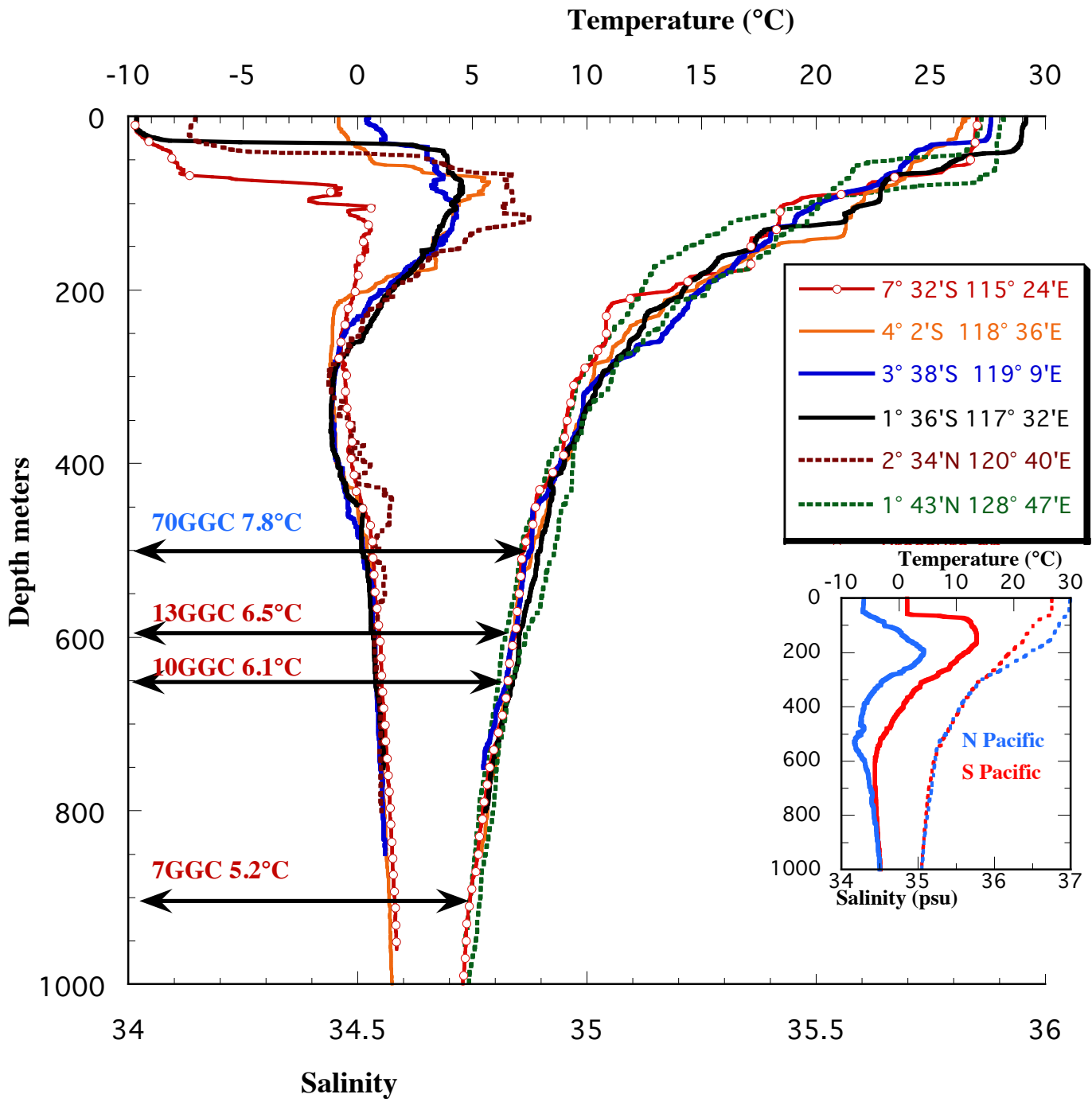
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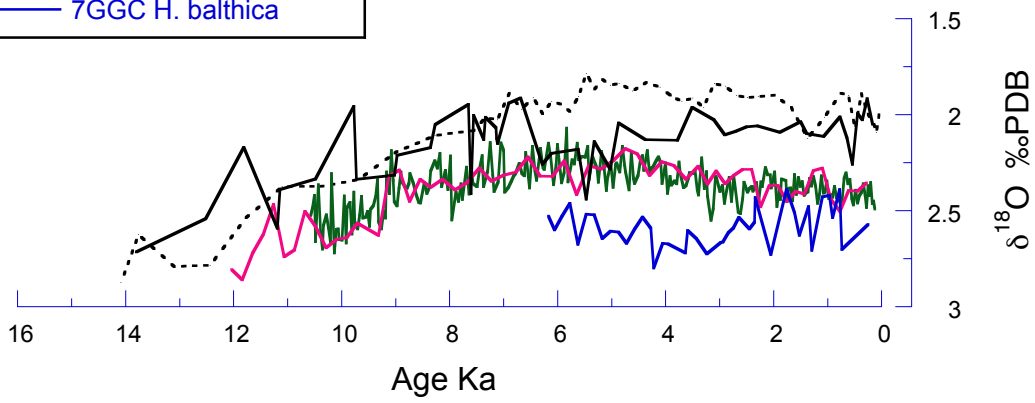
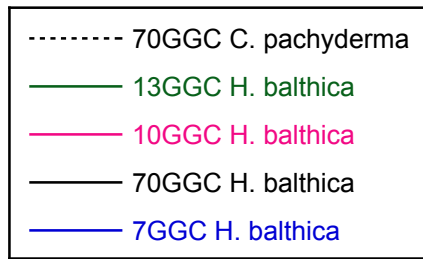


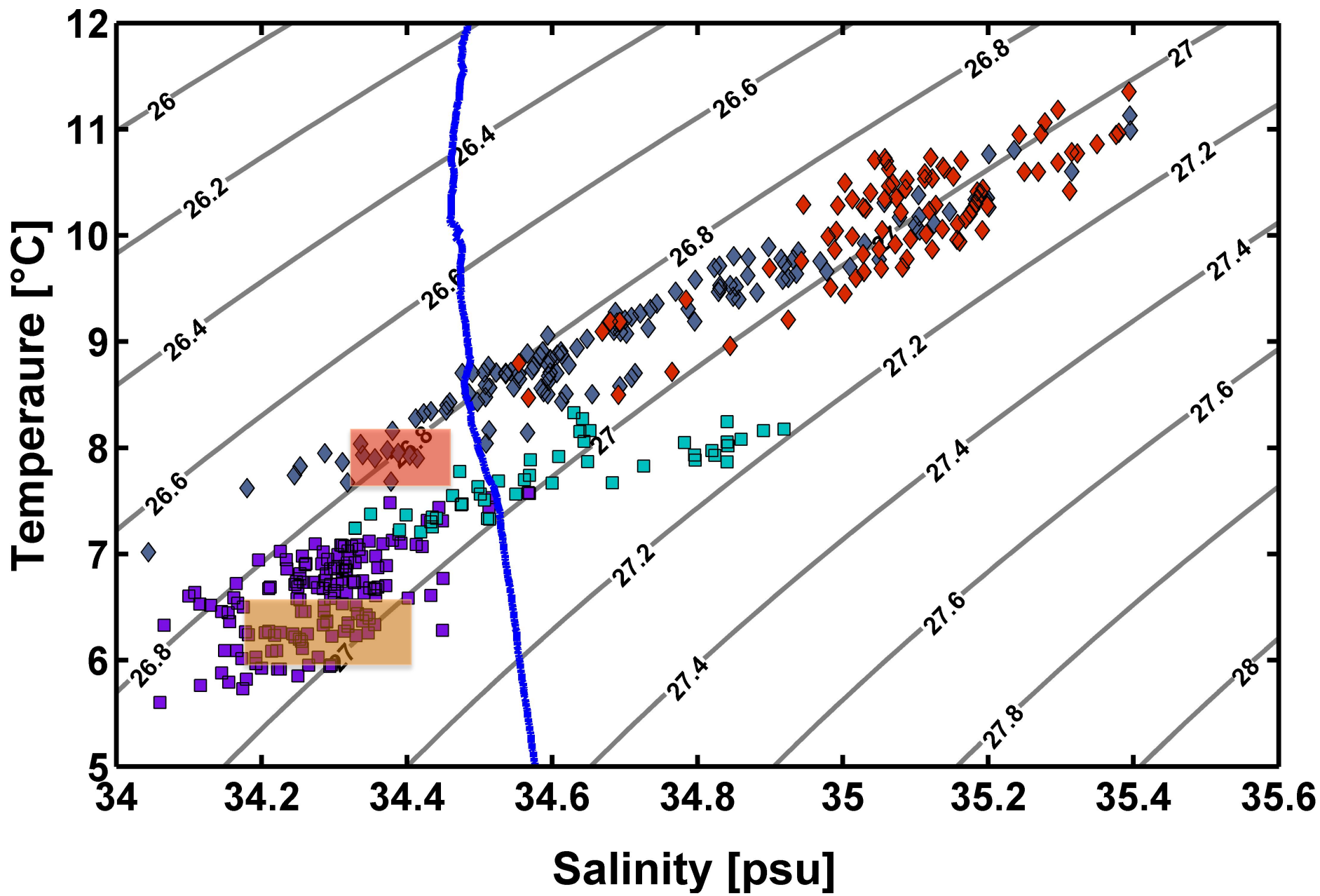












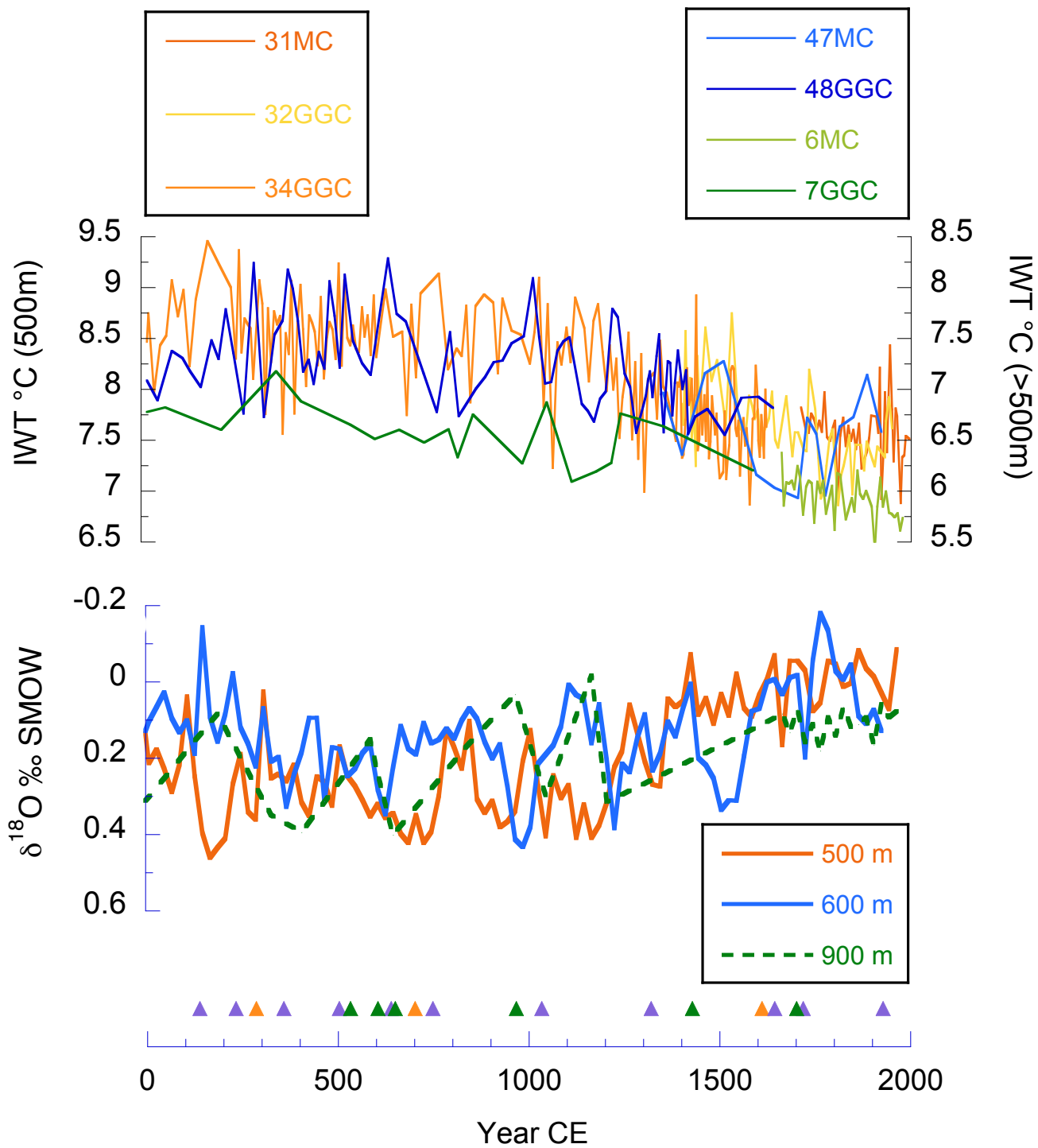


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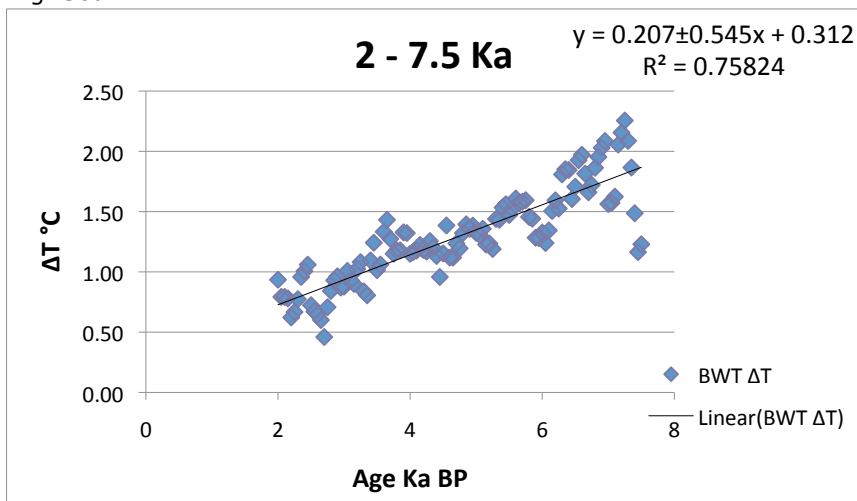


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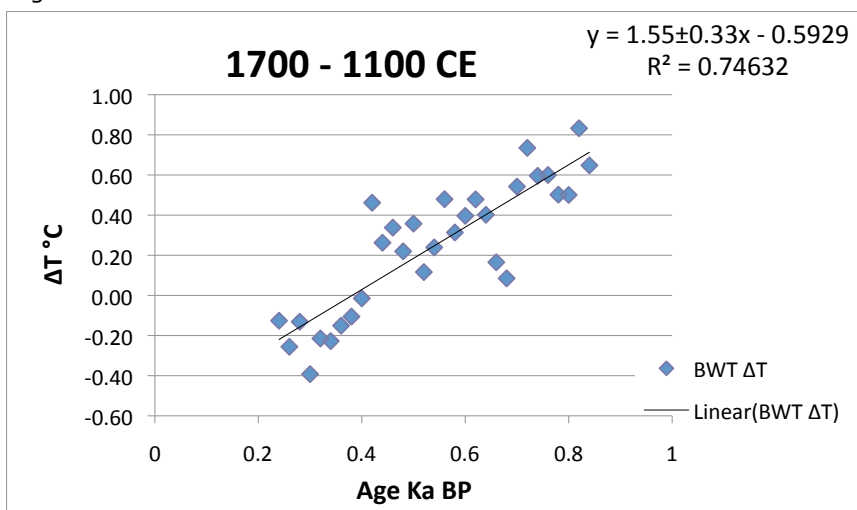
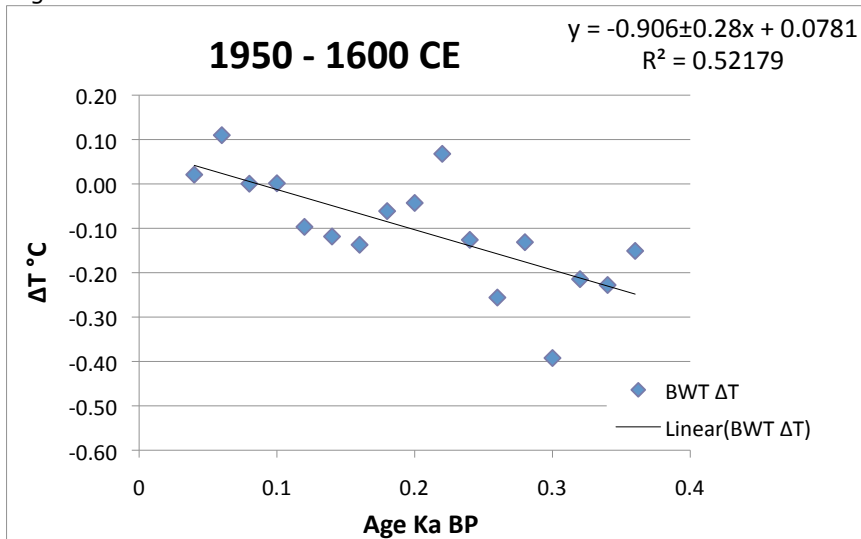


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