

Making AABW Salty with Buoyancy Feedbacks from the North

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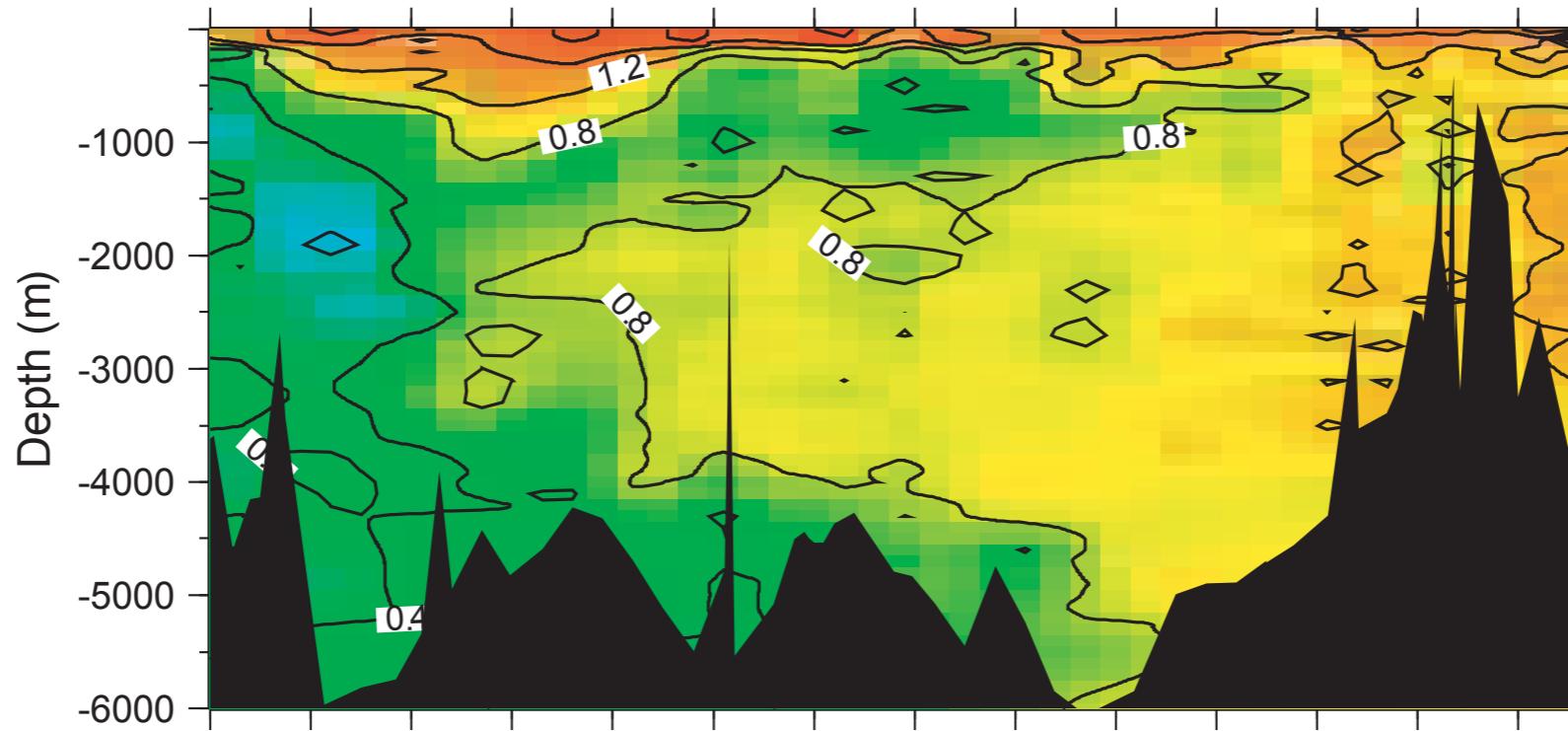
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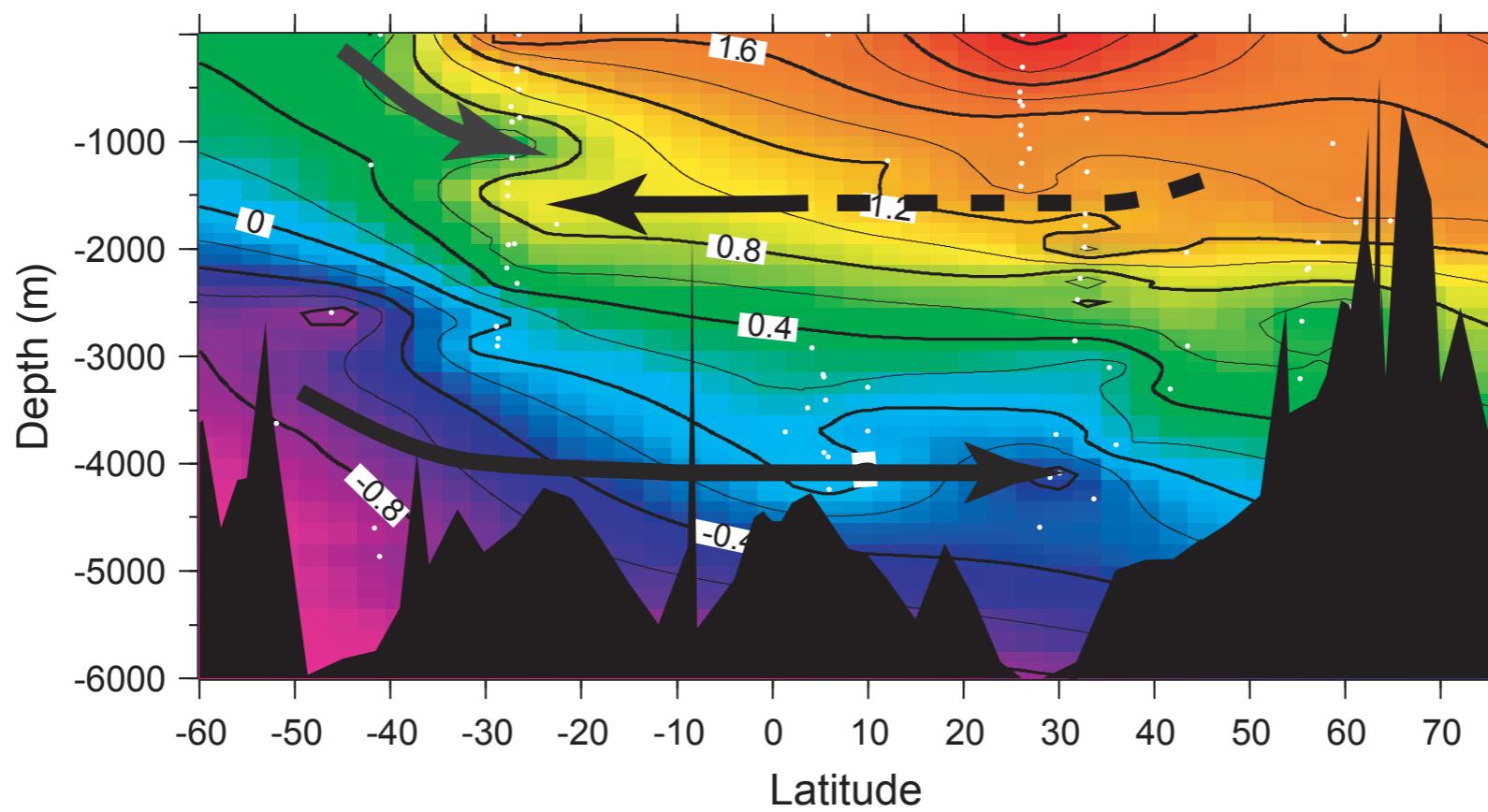
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Western Atlantic GEOSECS $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (PDB)

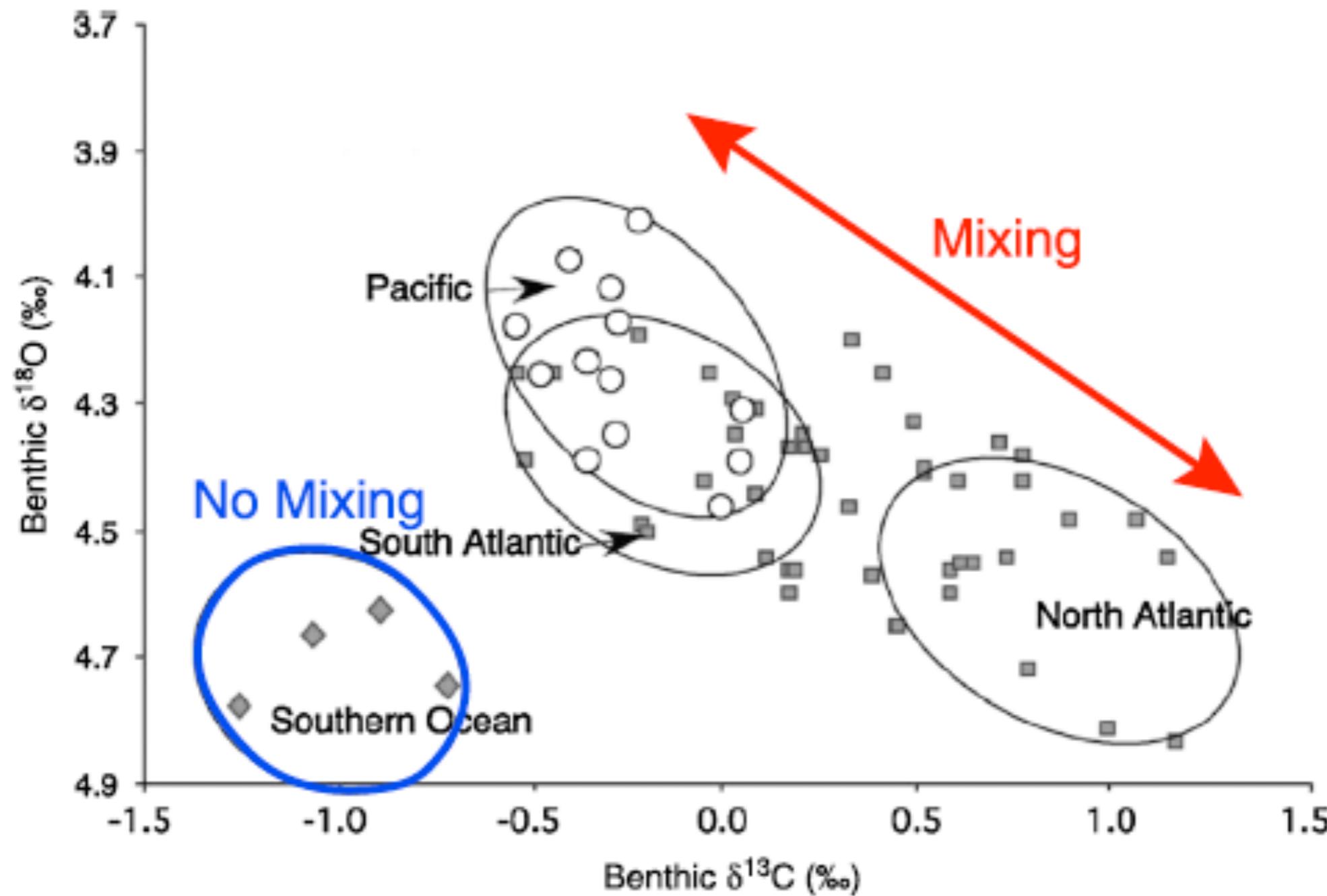


Western Atlantic Glacial $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (PDB)



How can we extract the information content from the LGM tracer distribution without over interpreting it?

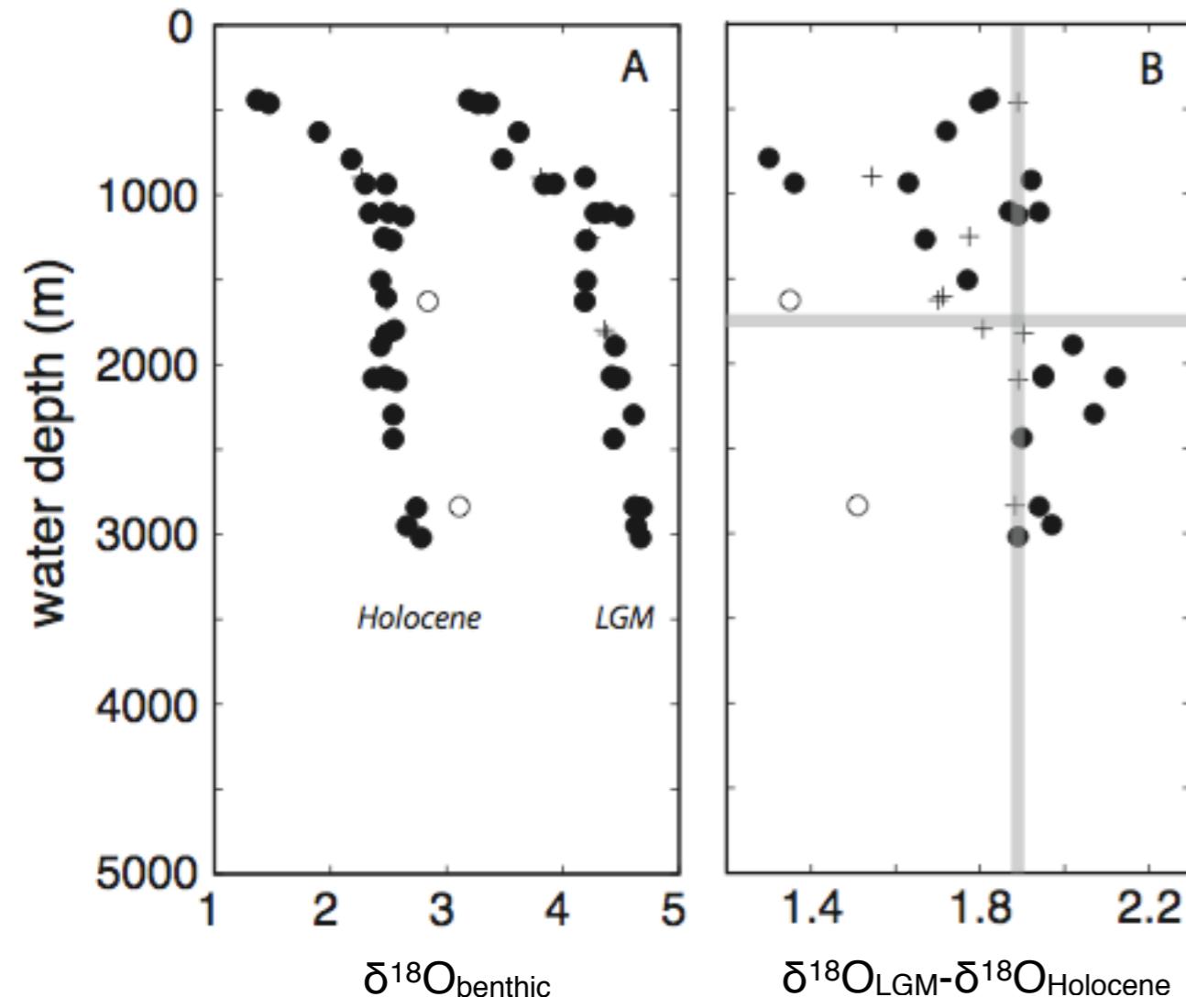
LGM Benthic $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ Show 2-Cell Separation



Adkins, 2013, but after:
Duplessy et al., 2002

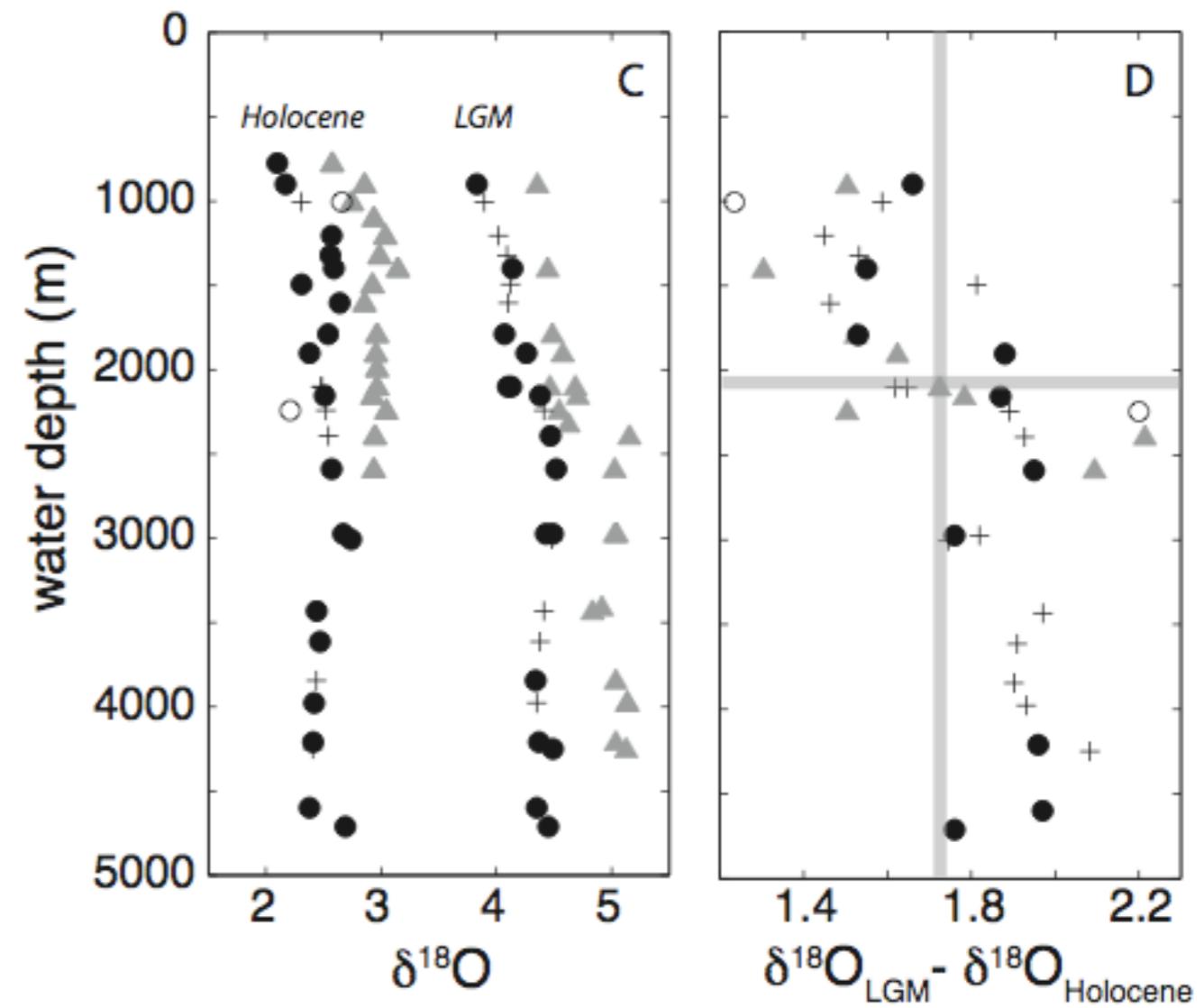
Profiles of $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{foram}}$ in the N and S Atlantic

Brazil Margin (30°S)



Curry and Oppo, 2005

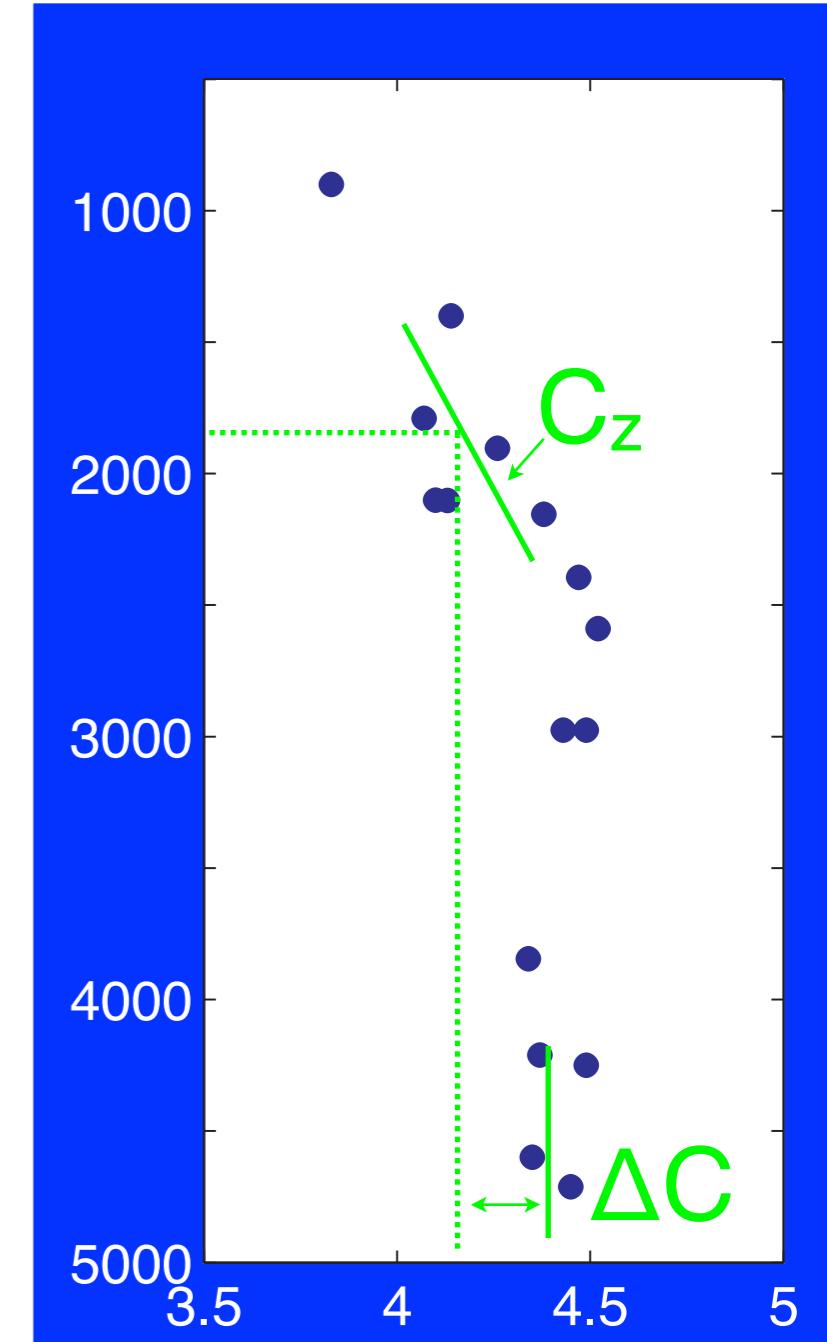
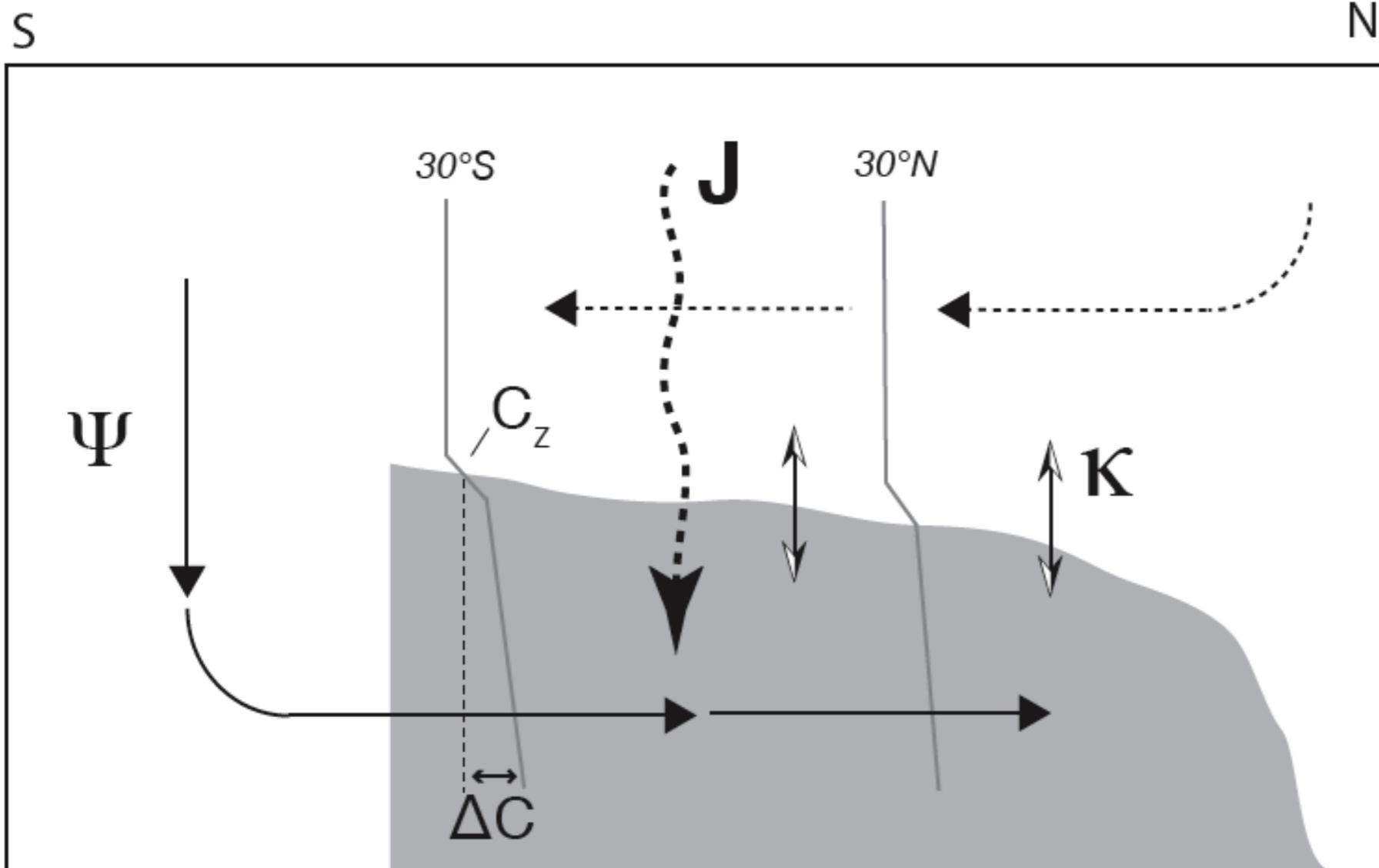
Blake Ridge (30°N)



Keigwin, 2004

LAF, 2013

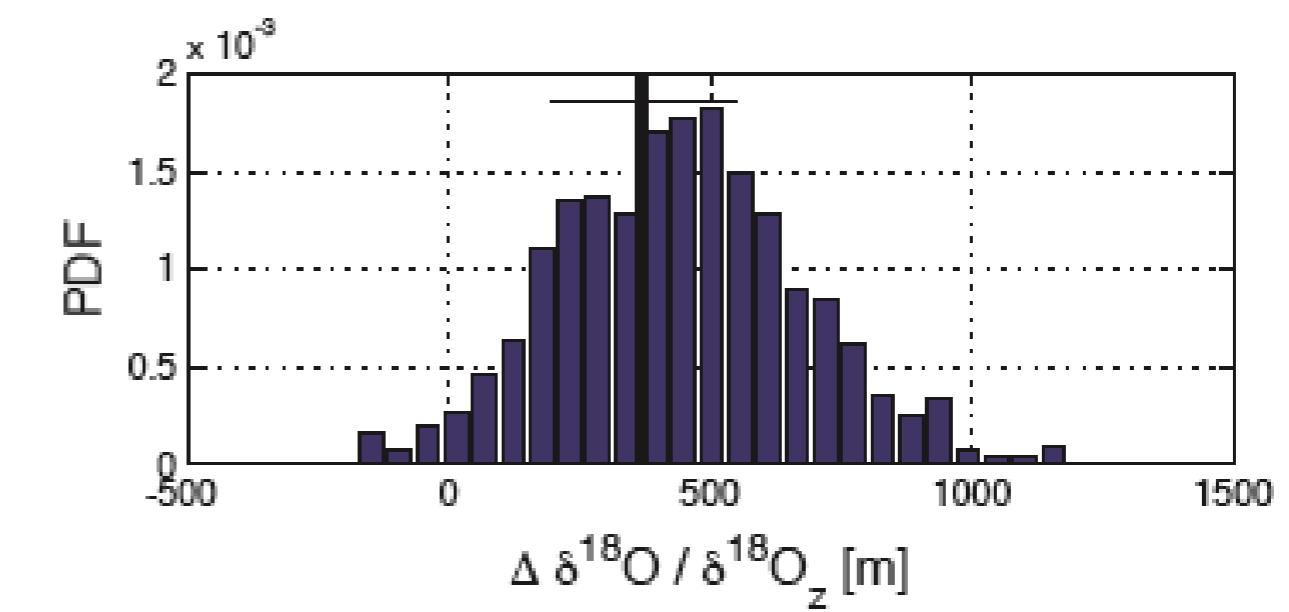
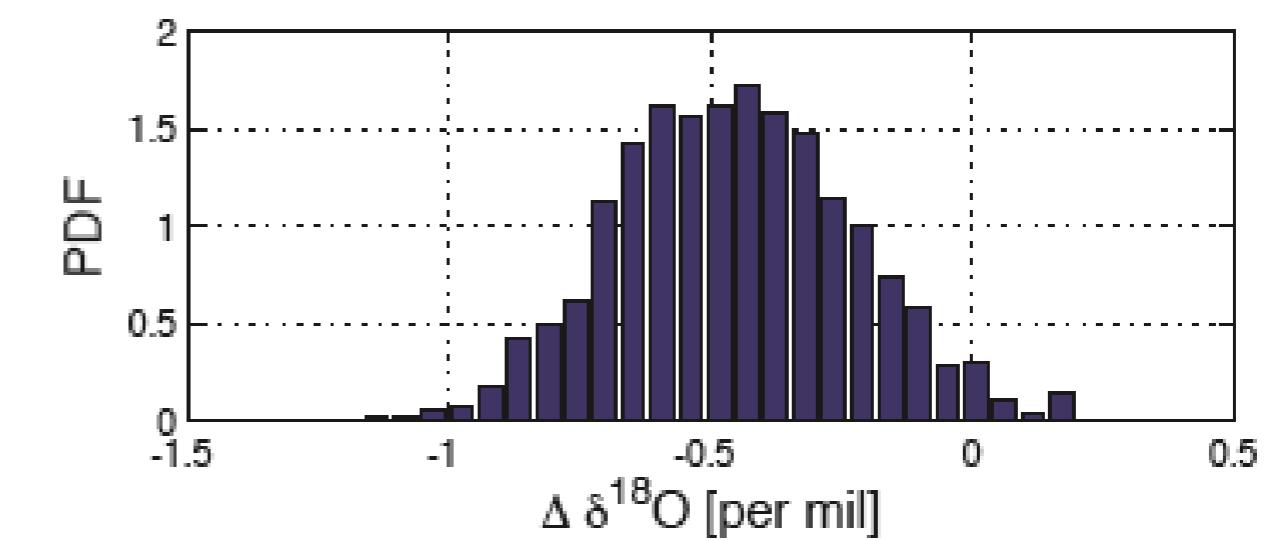
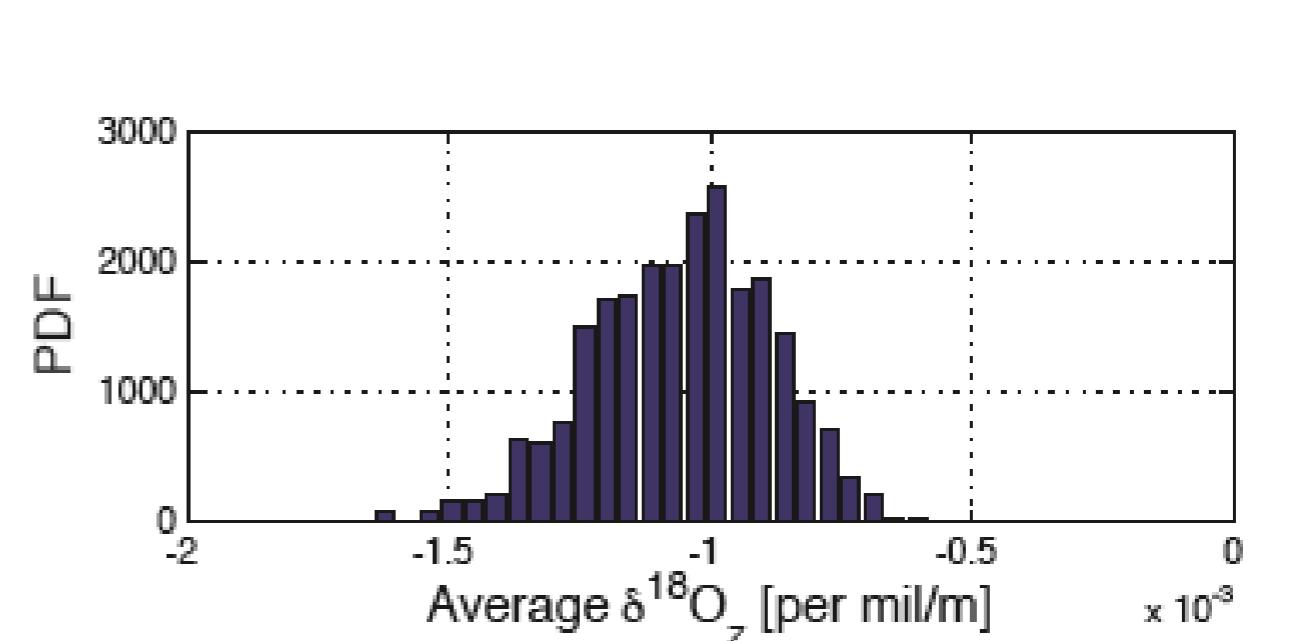
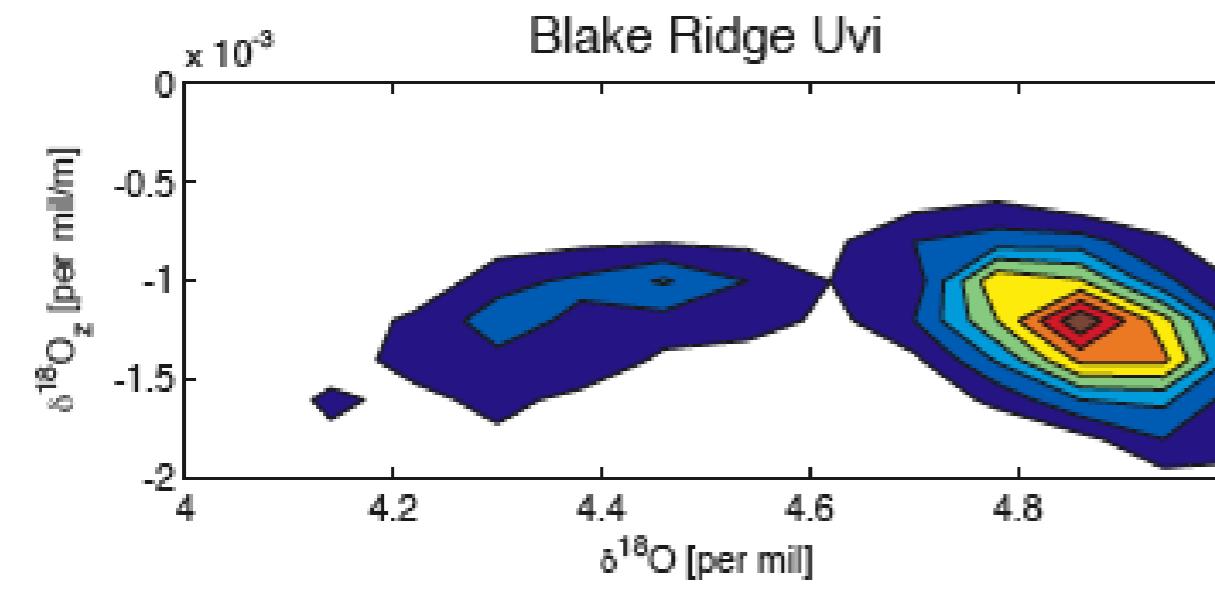
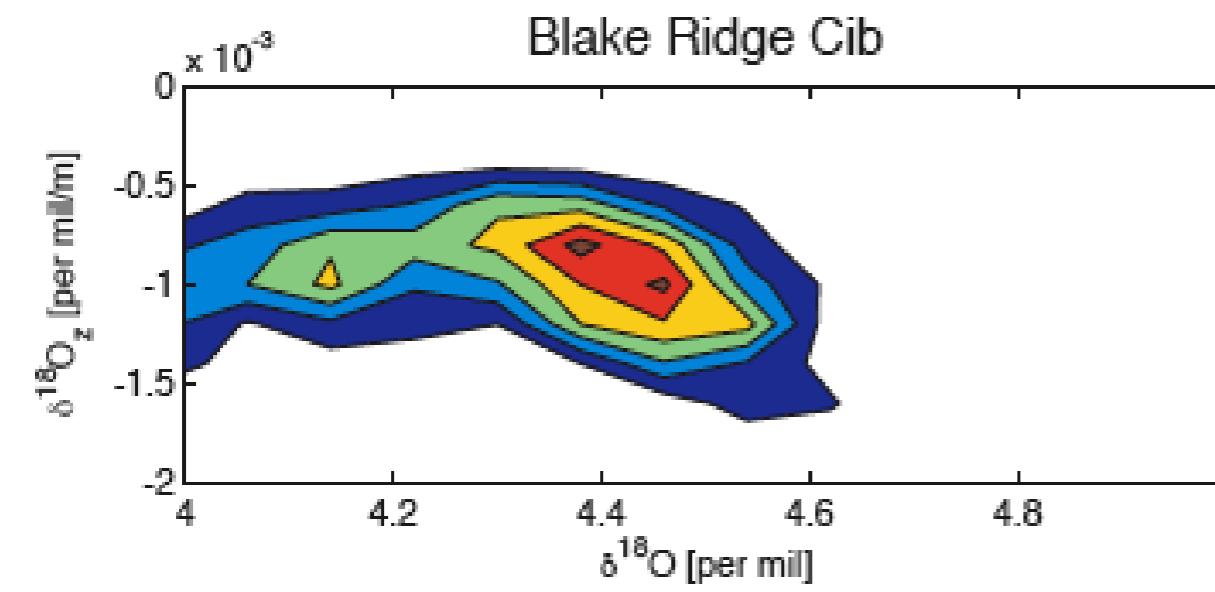
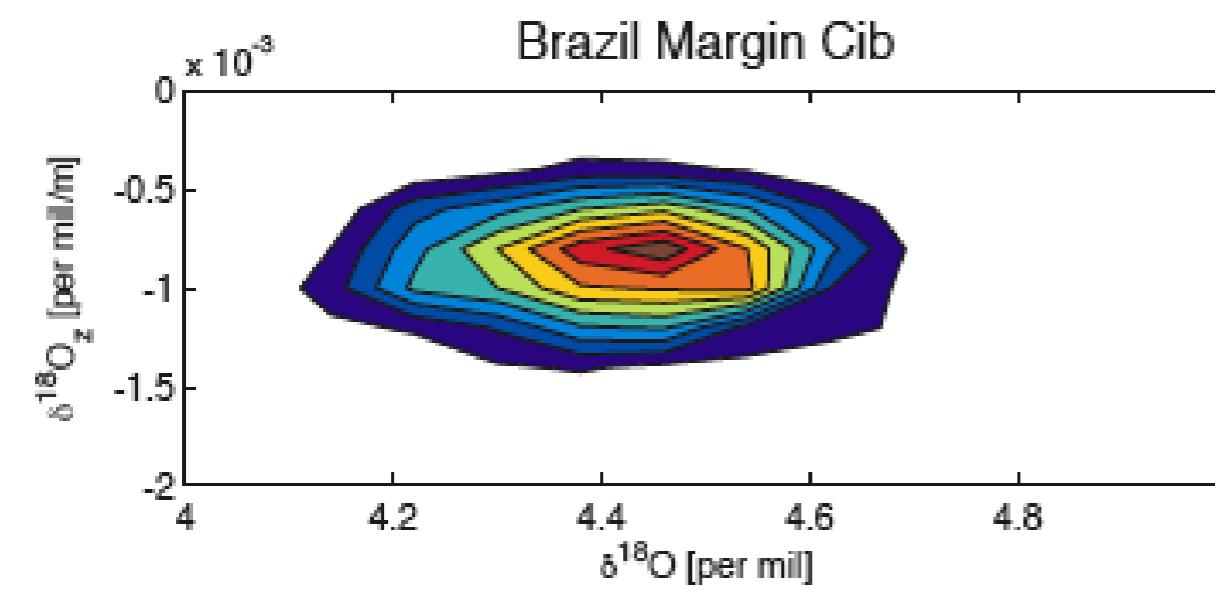
A Schematic of the Tracer Balance



$$\Psi \Delta C \sim K C_z \text{Area}$$

$$W \Delta C \sim K C_z$$
 (Munk's "Abyssal Recipies")

Monte Carlo results for the LGM $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ profiles

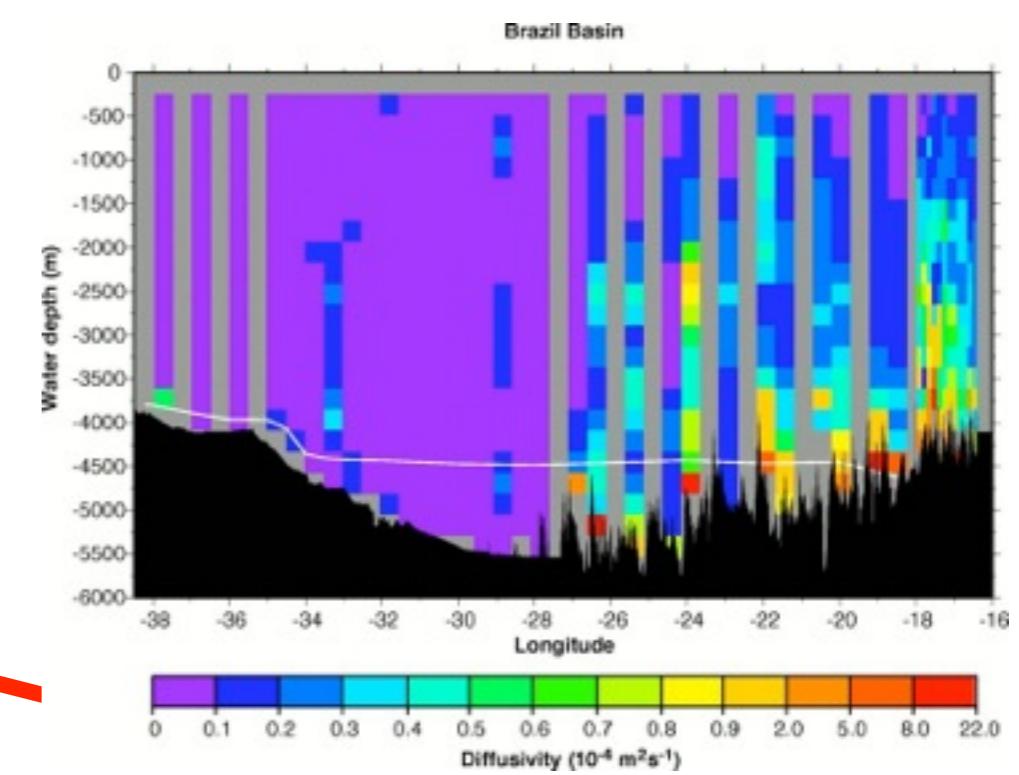
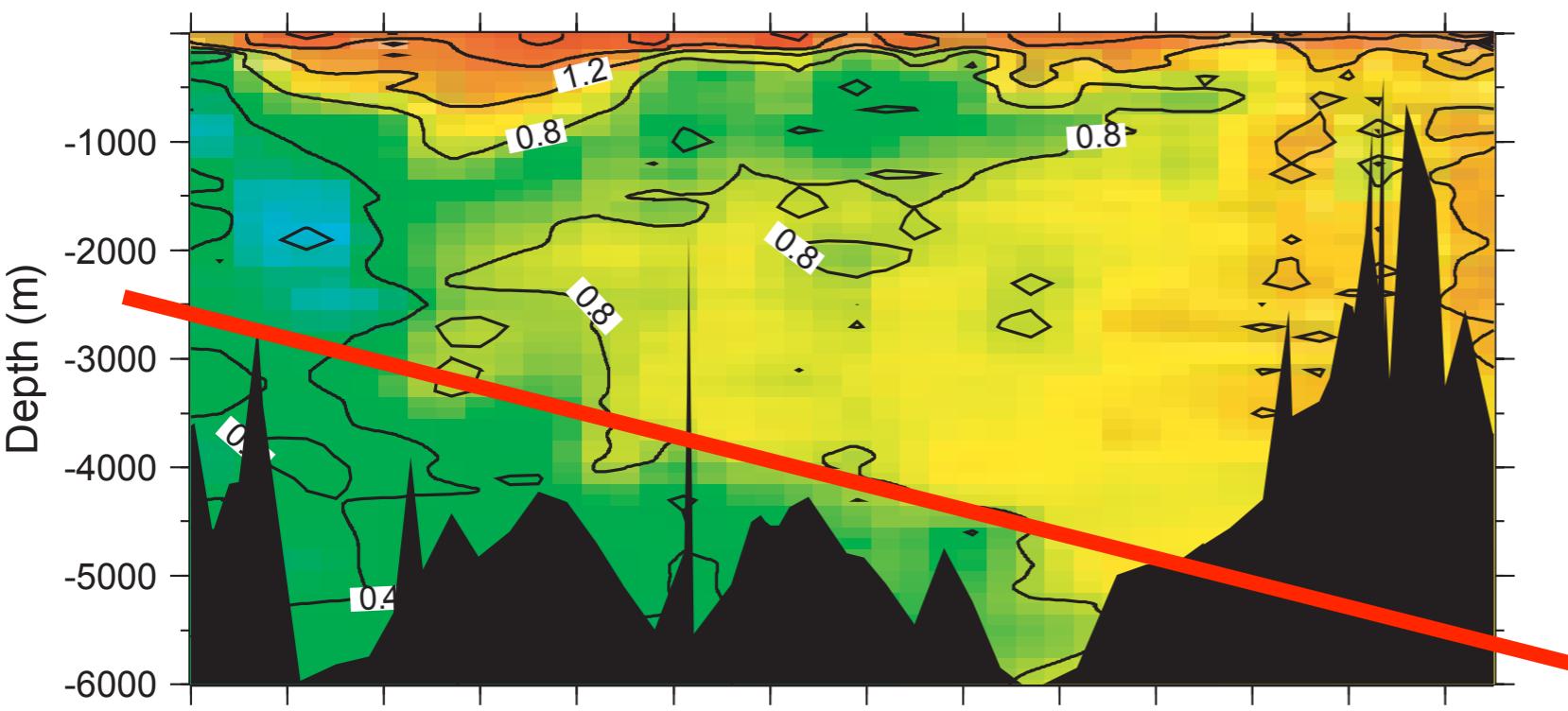


Results for the tracer mass balance

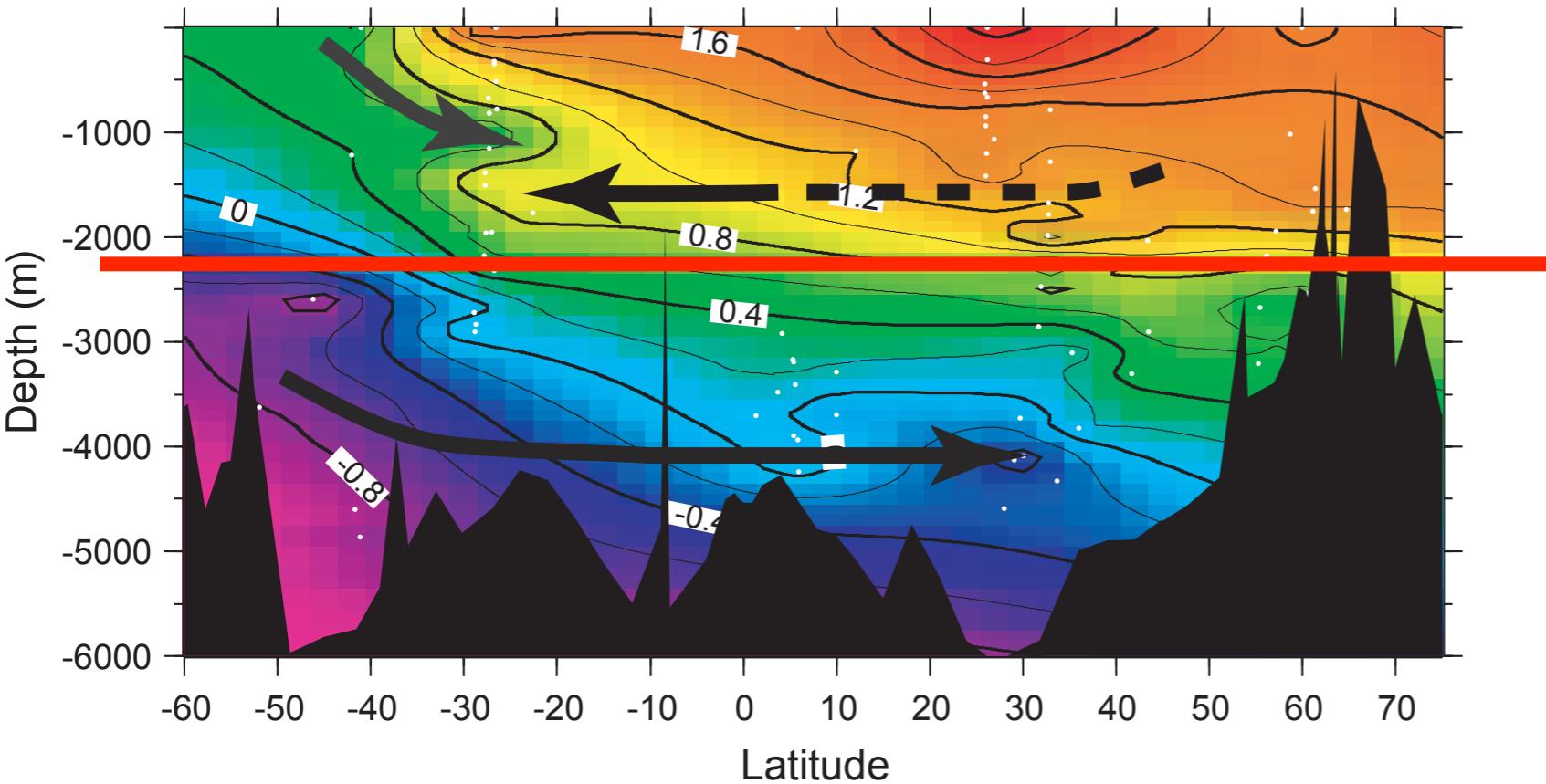
	$\delta^{18}\text{O}_z$ (‰/m)	$\Delta\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}_z$ (‰/m)	$\Delta\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	Area (m ²)	Ψ/K (m)	Pe
Modern	-3.1±0.8e-4	-0.12±0.04	4.8±1.0e-4	0.24±0.05	4.7±0.5e12	1.8±0.8e10	1.3±0.7
LGM	-1.0±0.2e-3	-0.46±0.23	1.2±0.2e-3	1.14±0.25	4.5±0.9e13	1.6±0.9e11	2.1±1.3

The ratio of transport to diffusion is **8x** larger at the LGM due largely to an increase in the area (volume) of the southern source water mass, and the similar ratio of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ gradients between the two times

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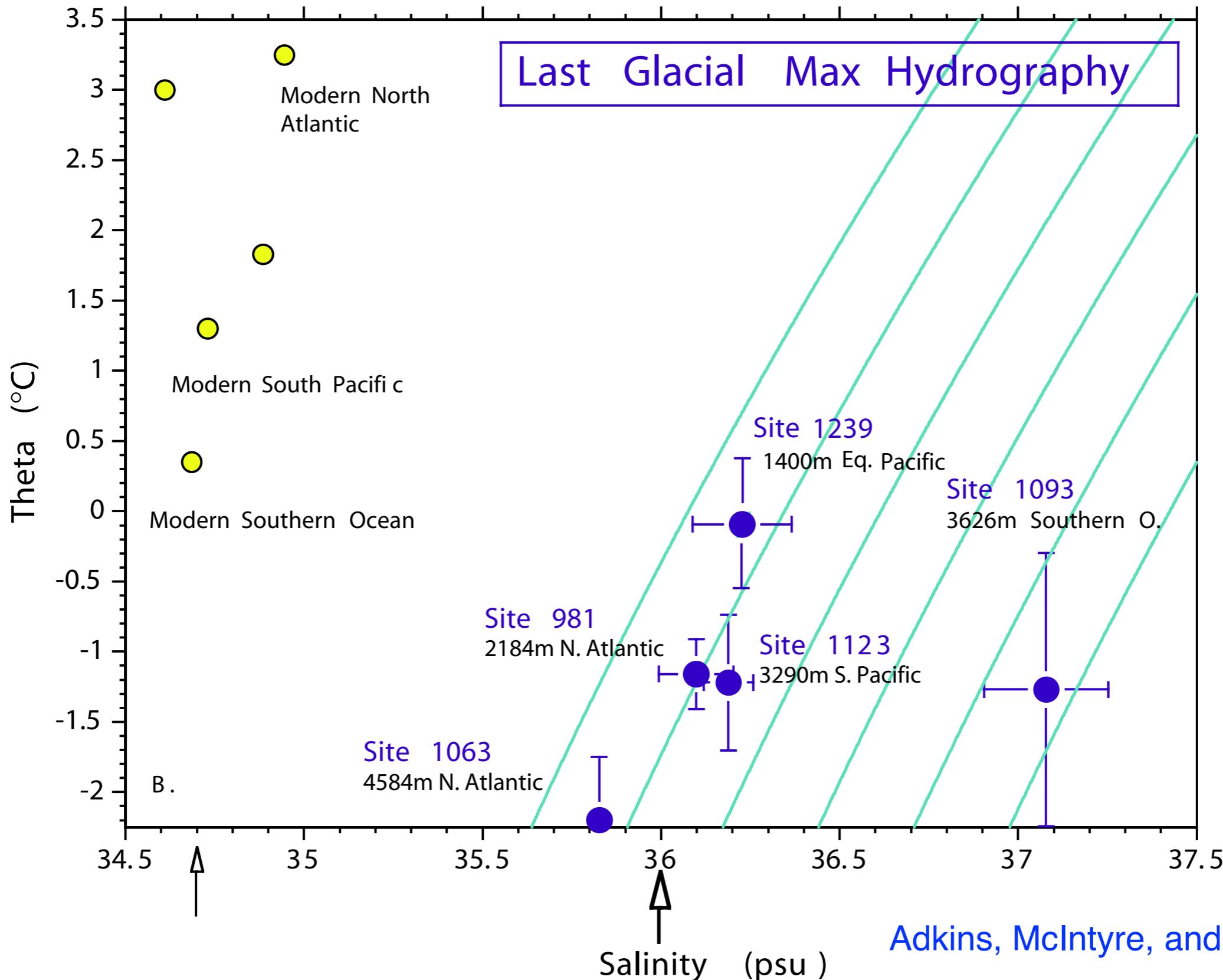
Western Atlantic Glacial $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (PDB)

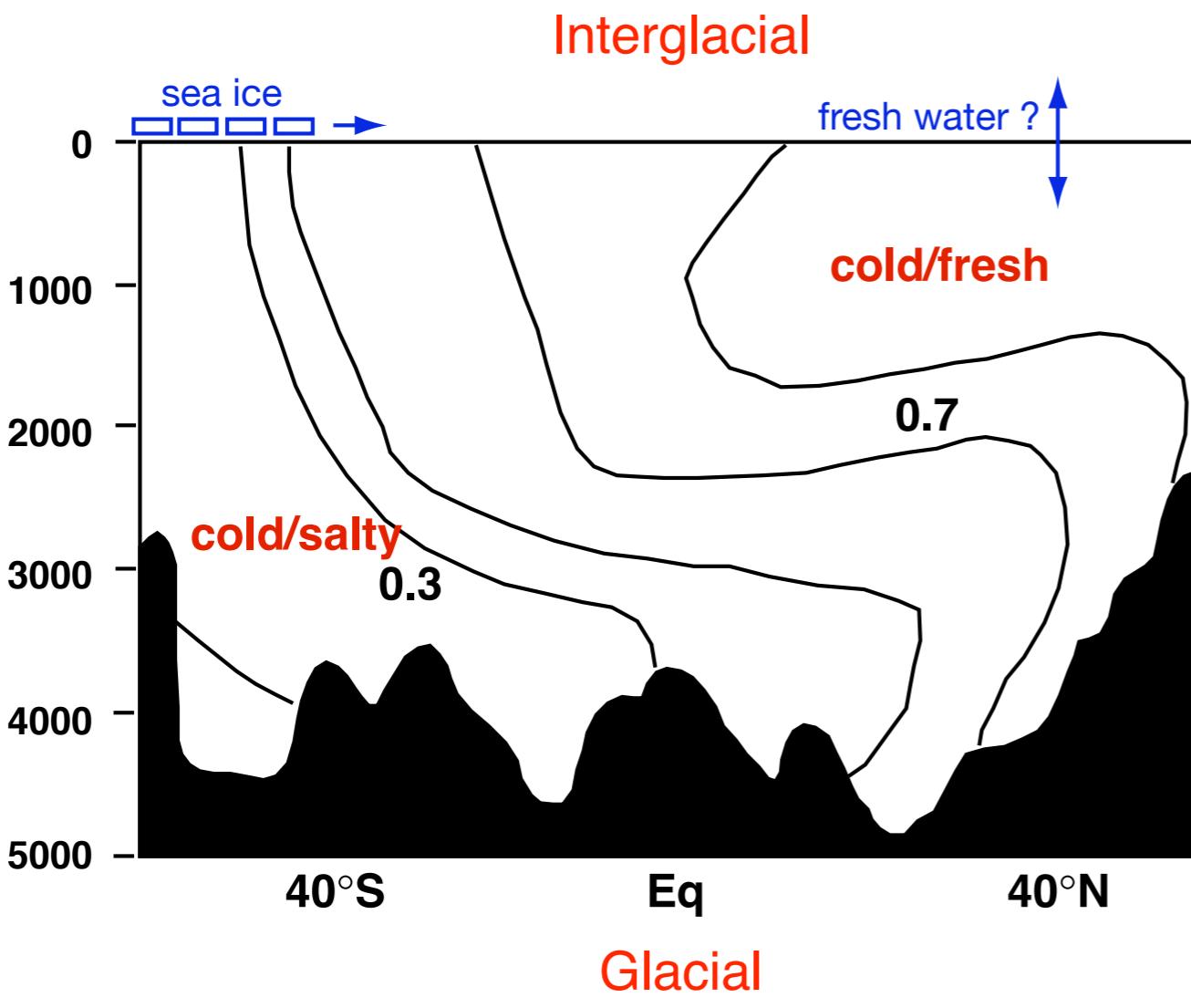
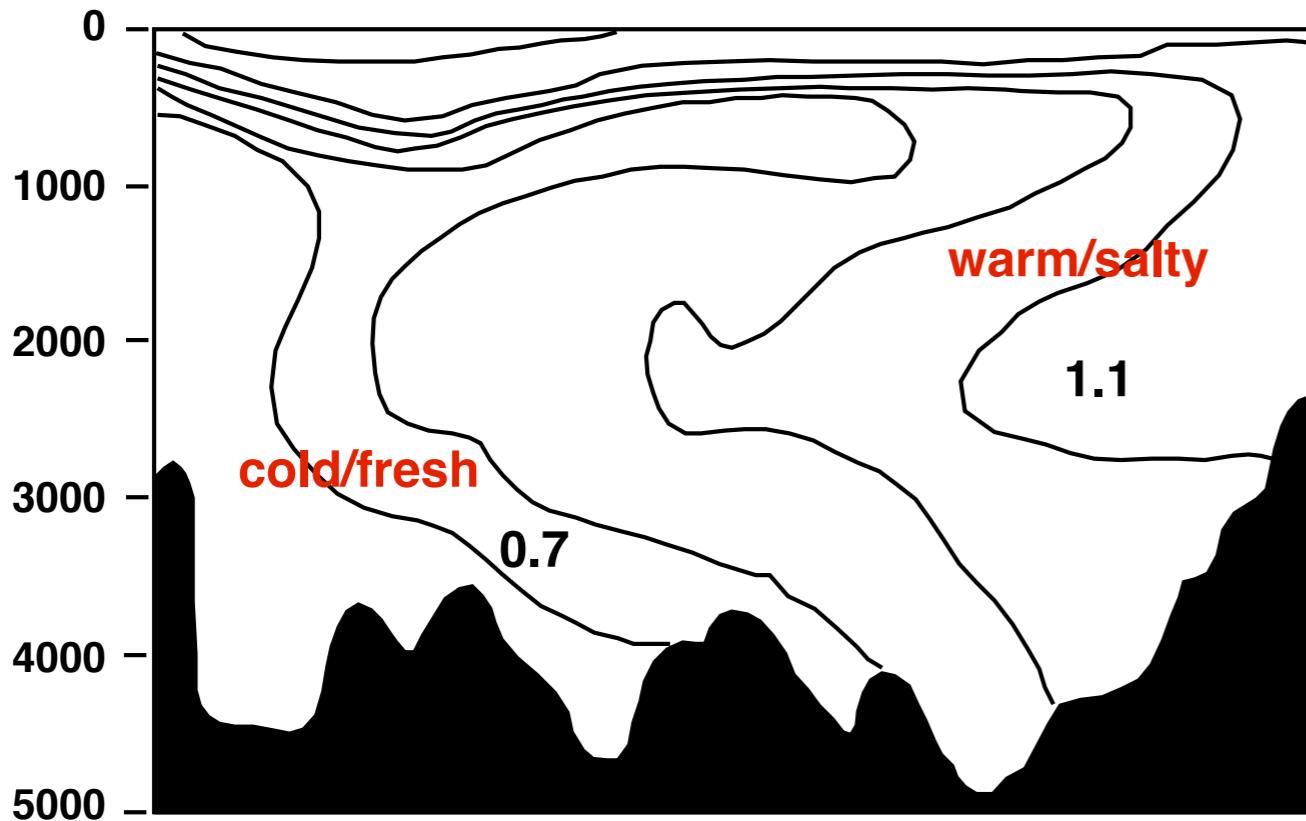


Curry and Oppo, 2005

Glacial Maximum T and S for the Deep Ocean

(Based on pore fluid measurements of [Cl] and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$)

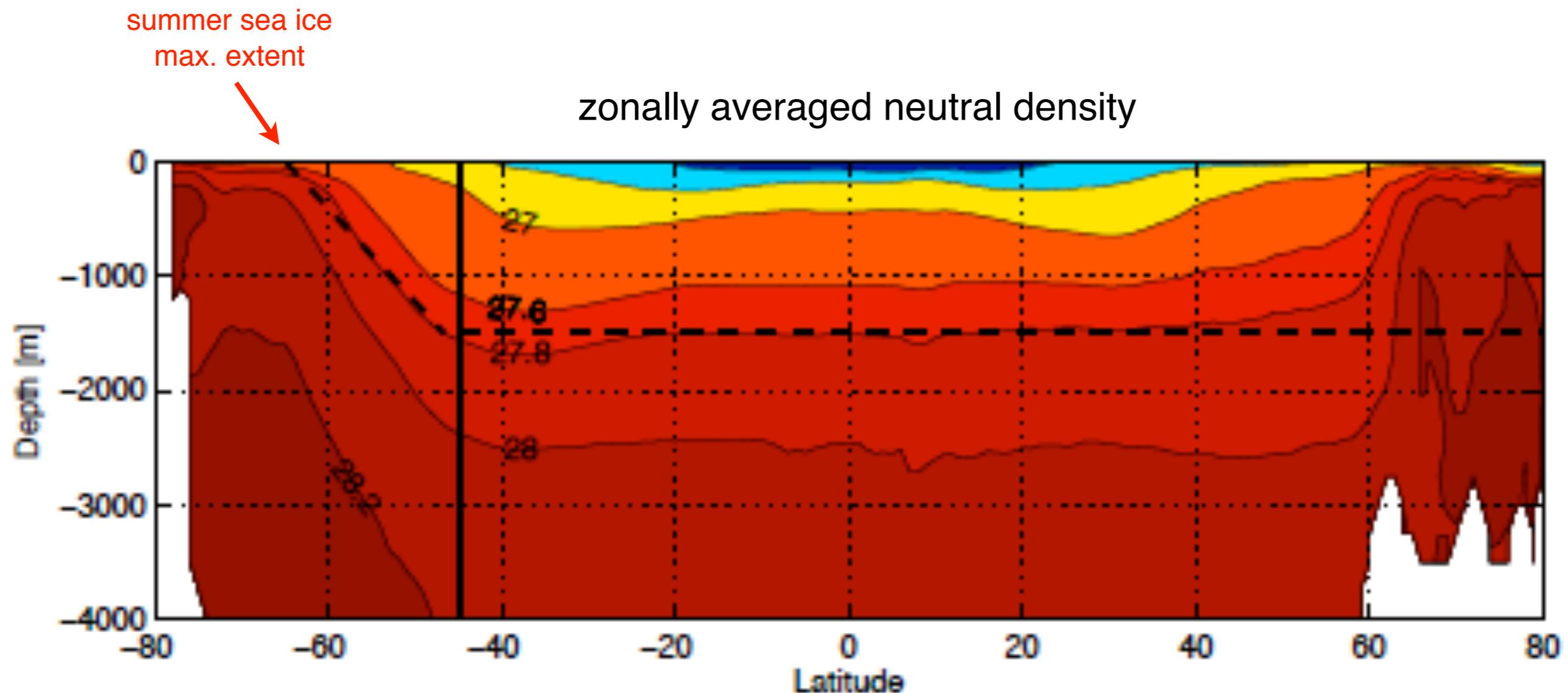




Oddly, the LGM
really does seem
to be a 2-cell
structure (at least
in the Atlantic)

How did this come
about?

The Southern Ocean is one key to setting stratification of the ocean interior

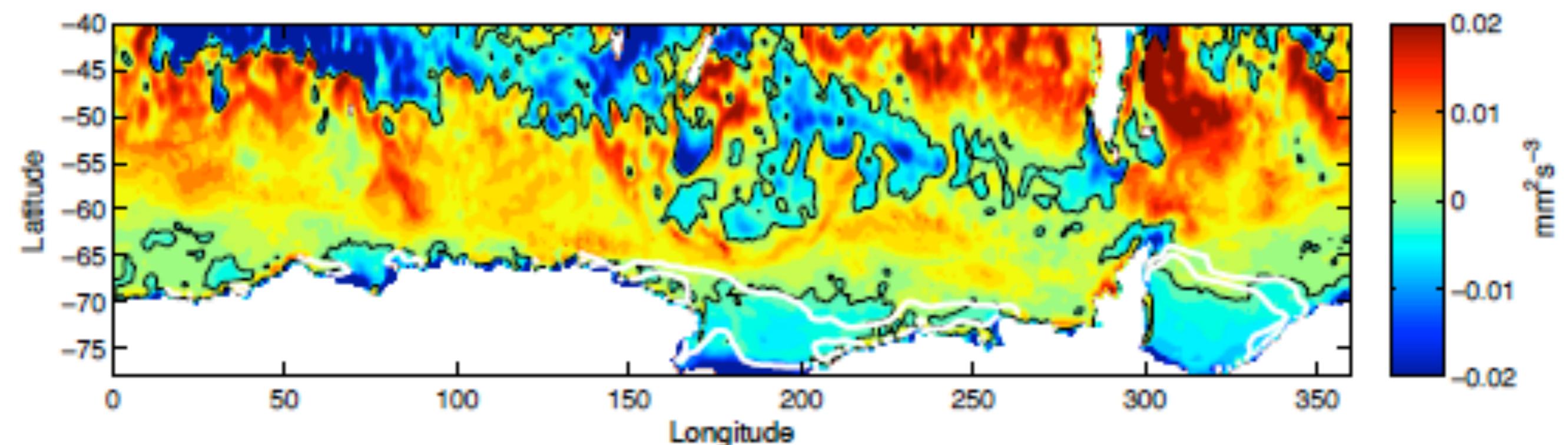


$$\text{dashed line slope} = \frac{T_0}{fpK}$$

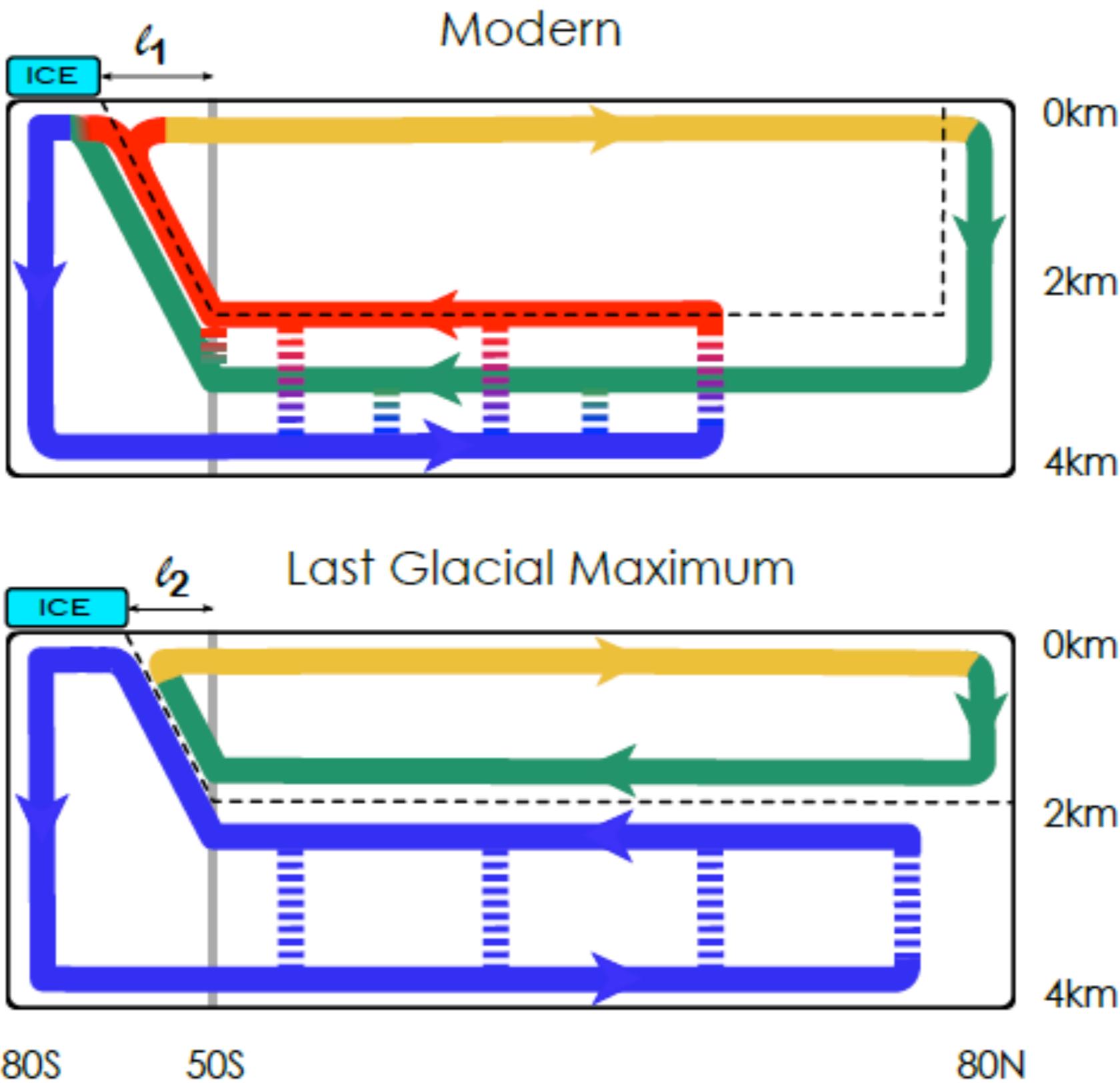
Ferarri et al., 2014

Annual Mean Buoyancy Flux from SO State Estimate

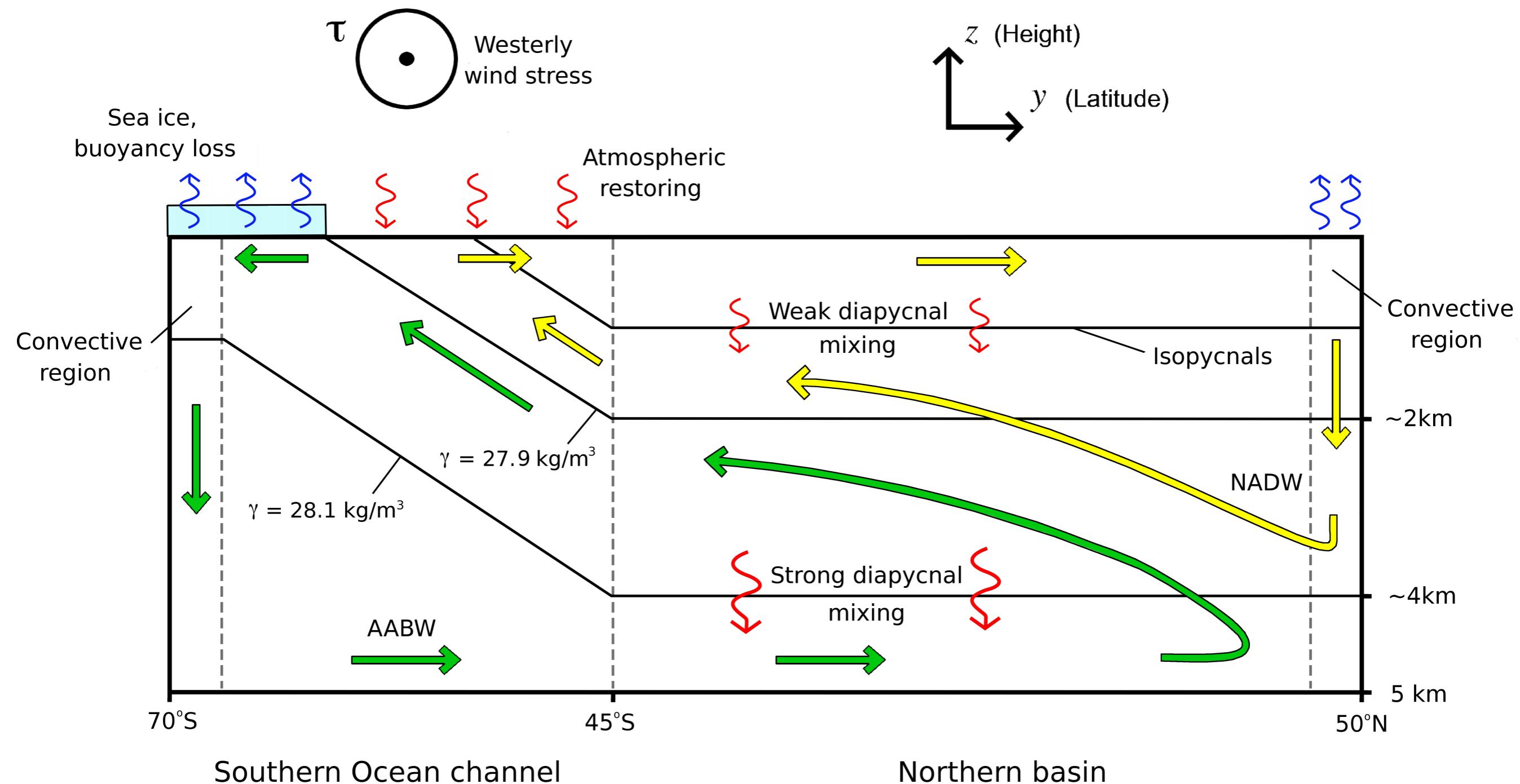
(Negative is out of the ocean)



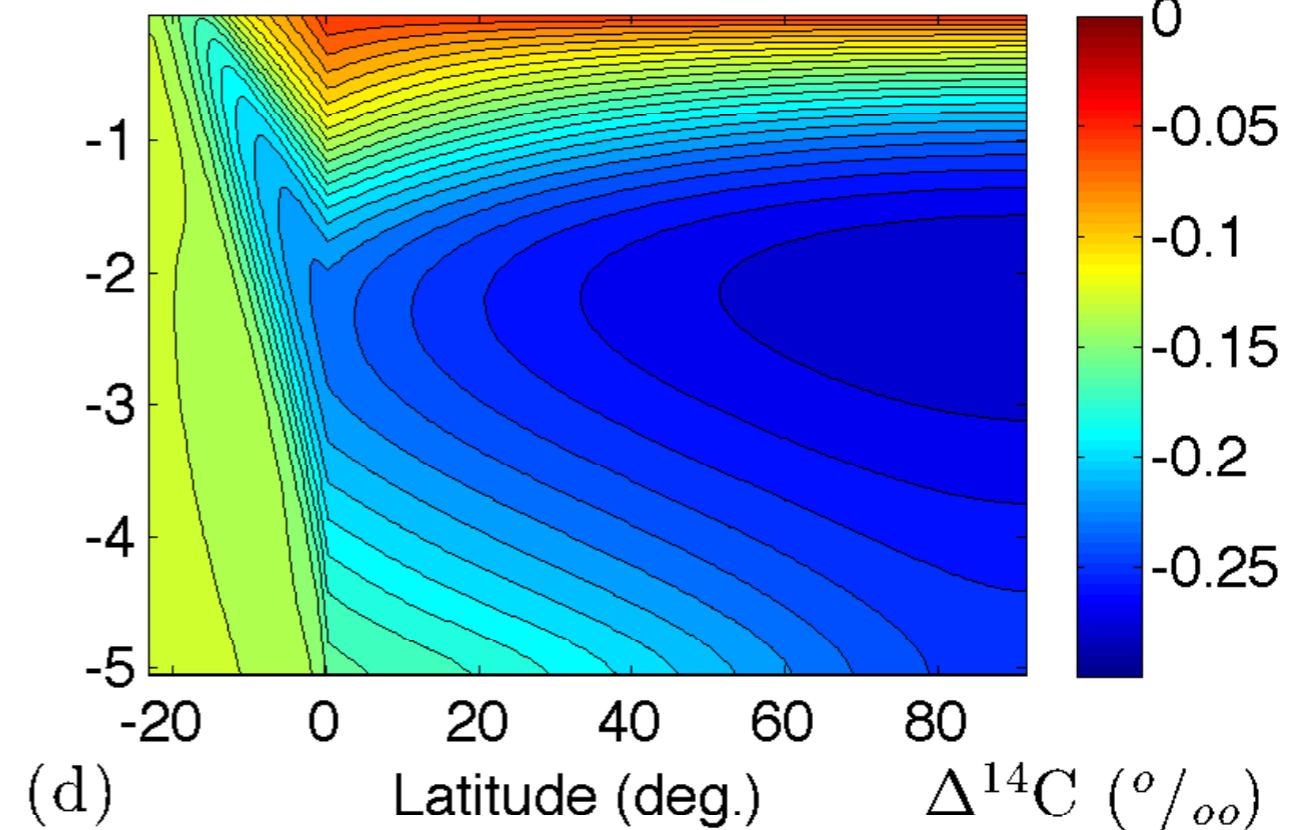
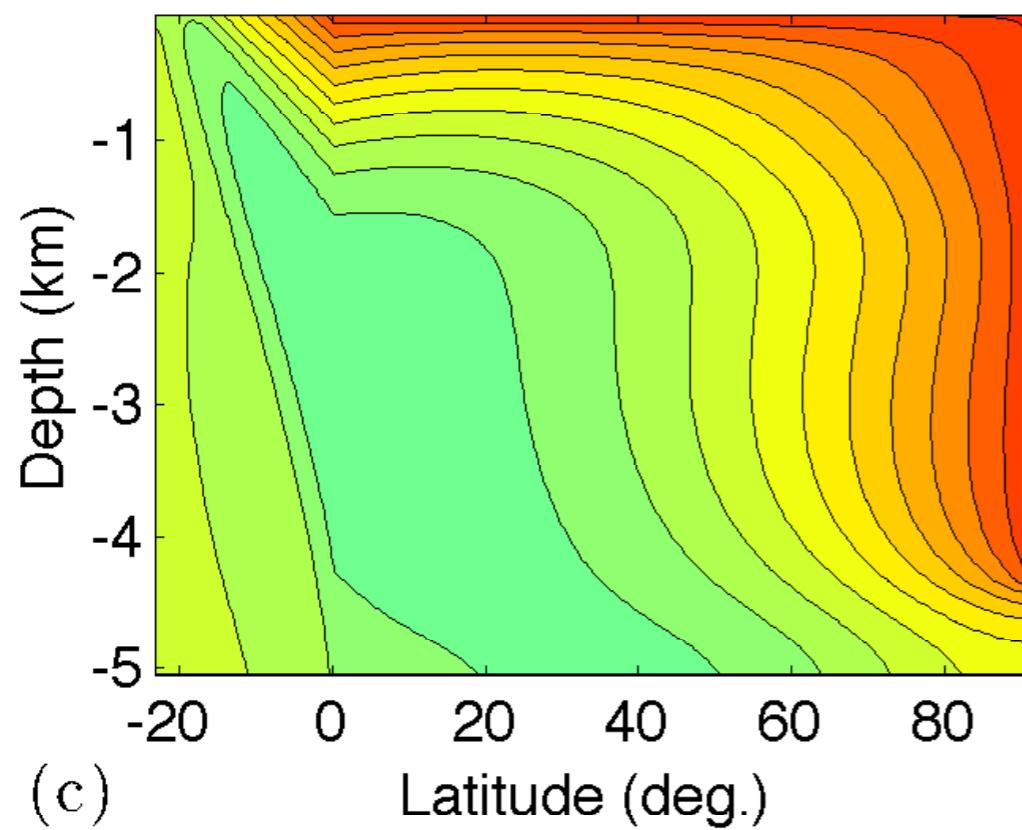
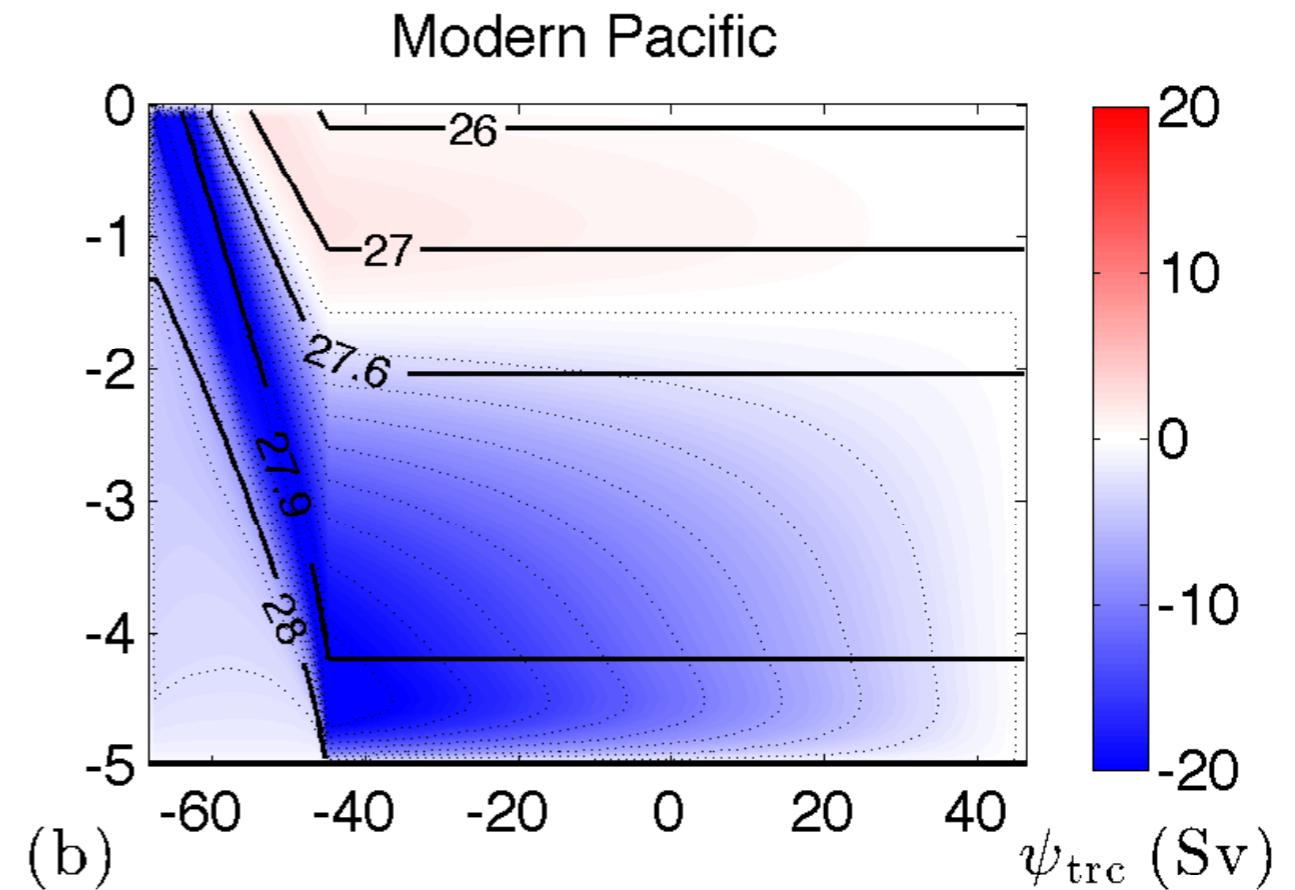
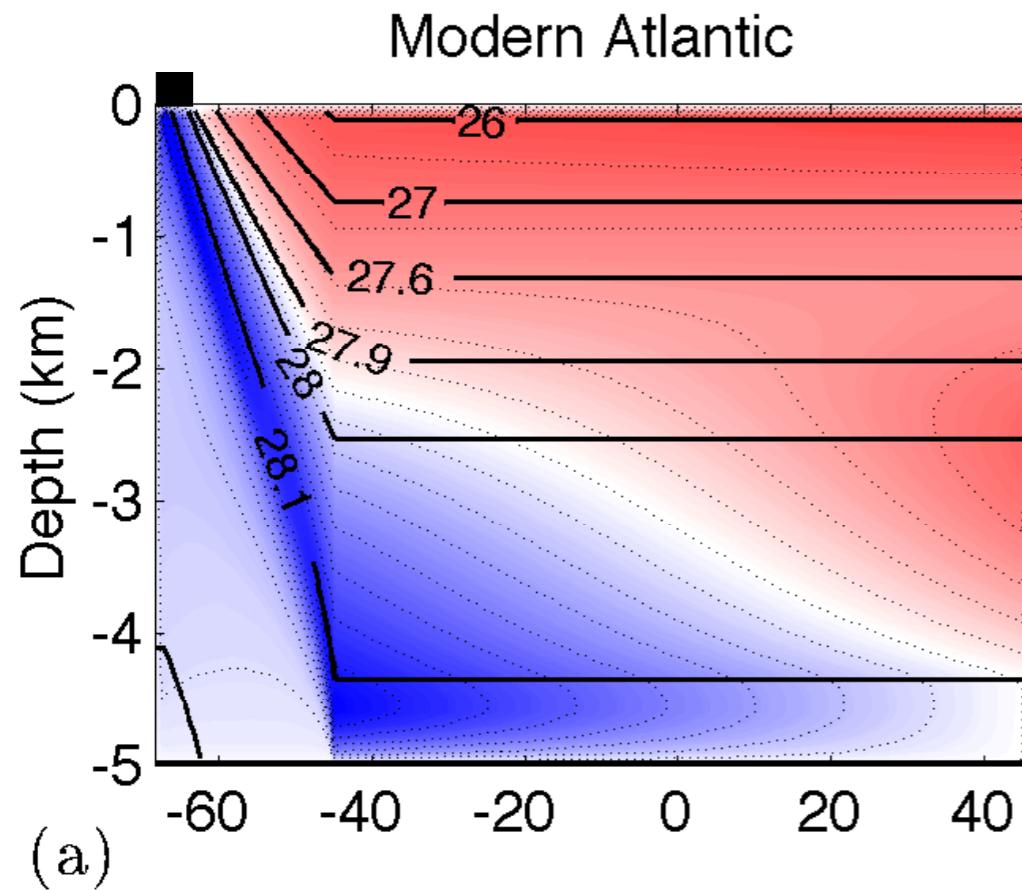
2 Stable Steady-States from the interaction of vertical mixing and sea ice extent.



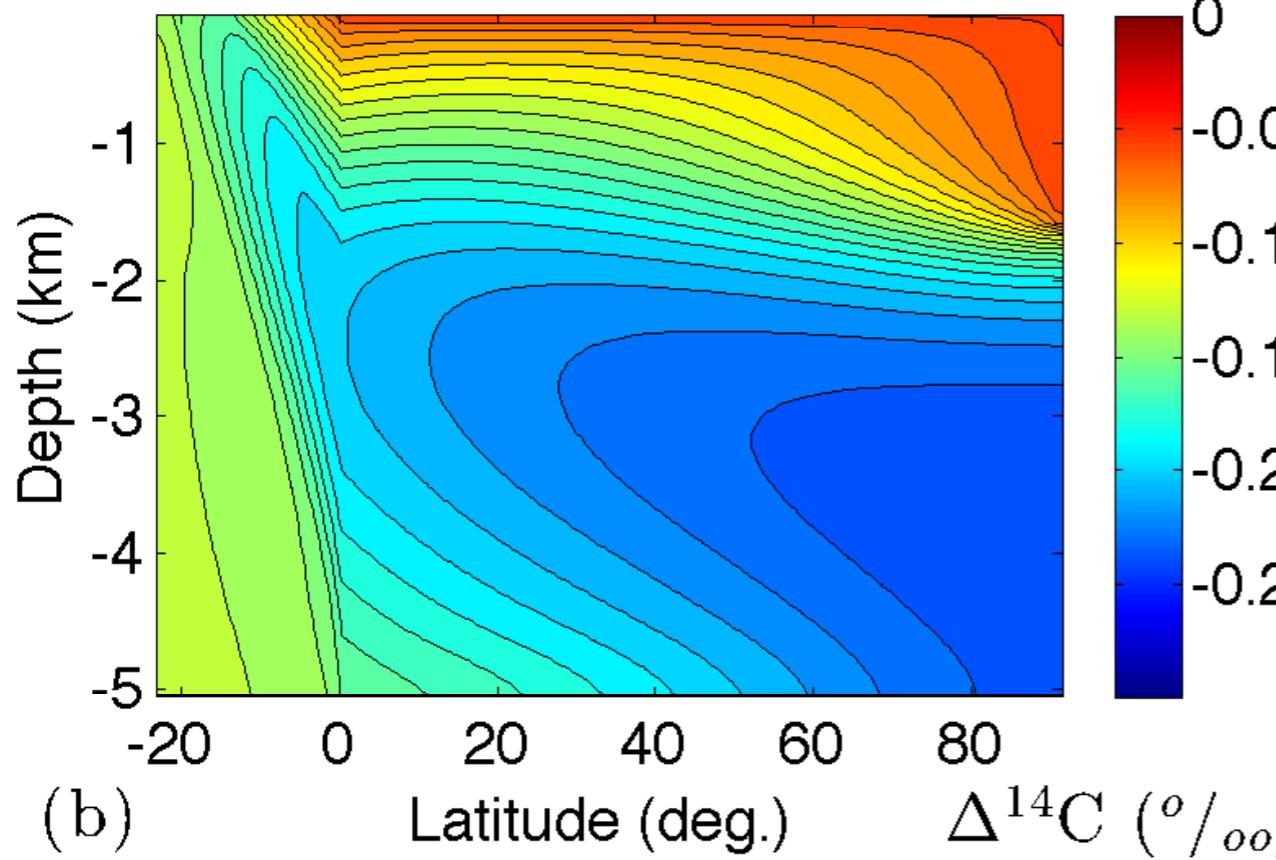
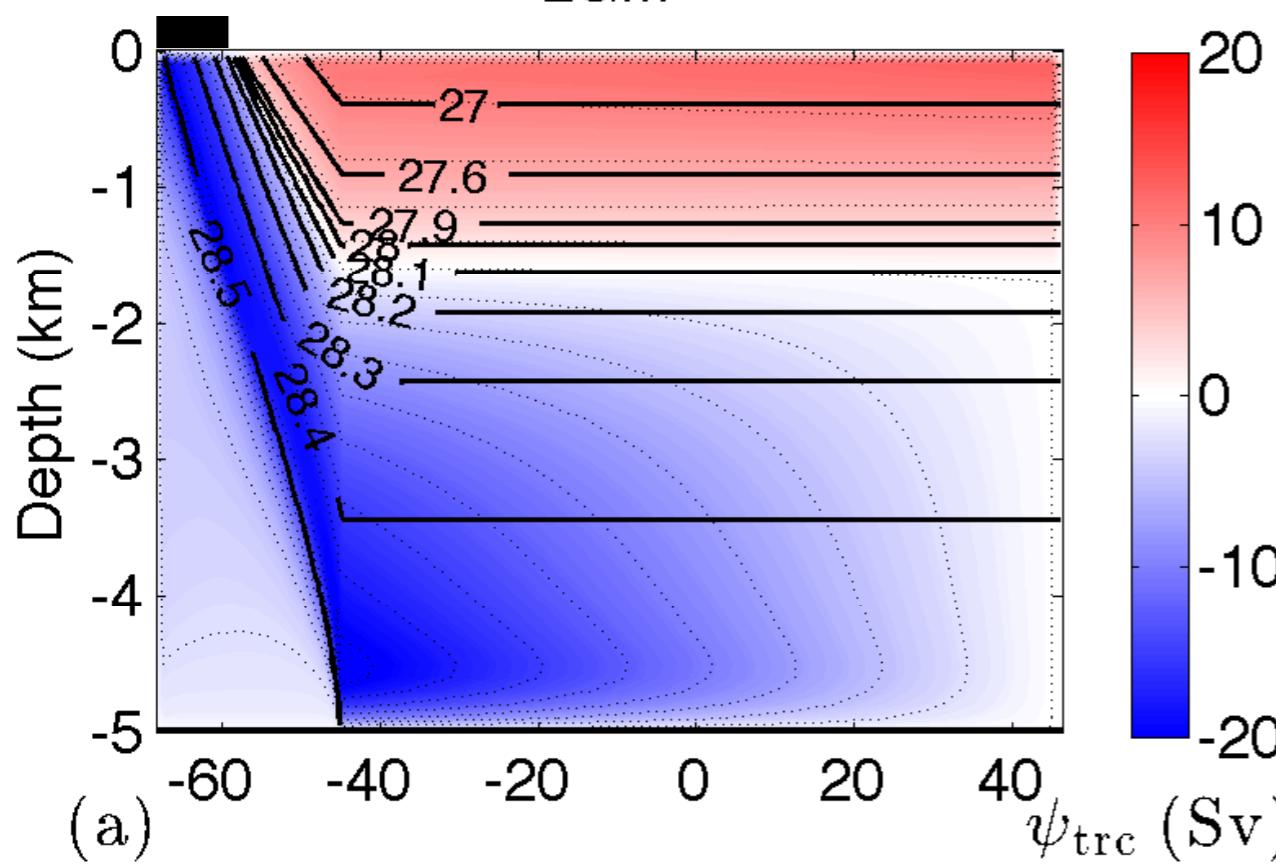
A 2-D residual circulation model to look at these issues



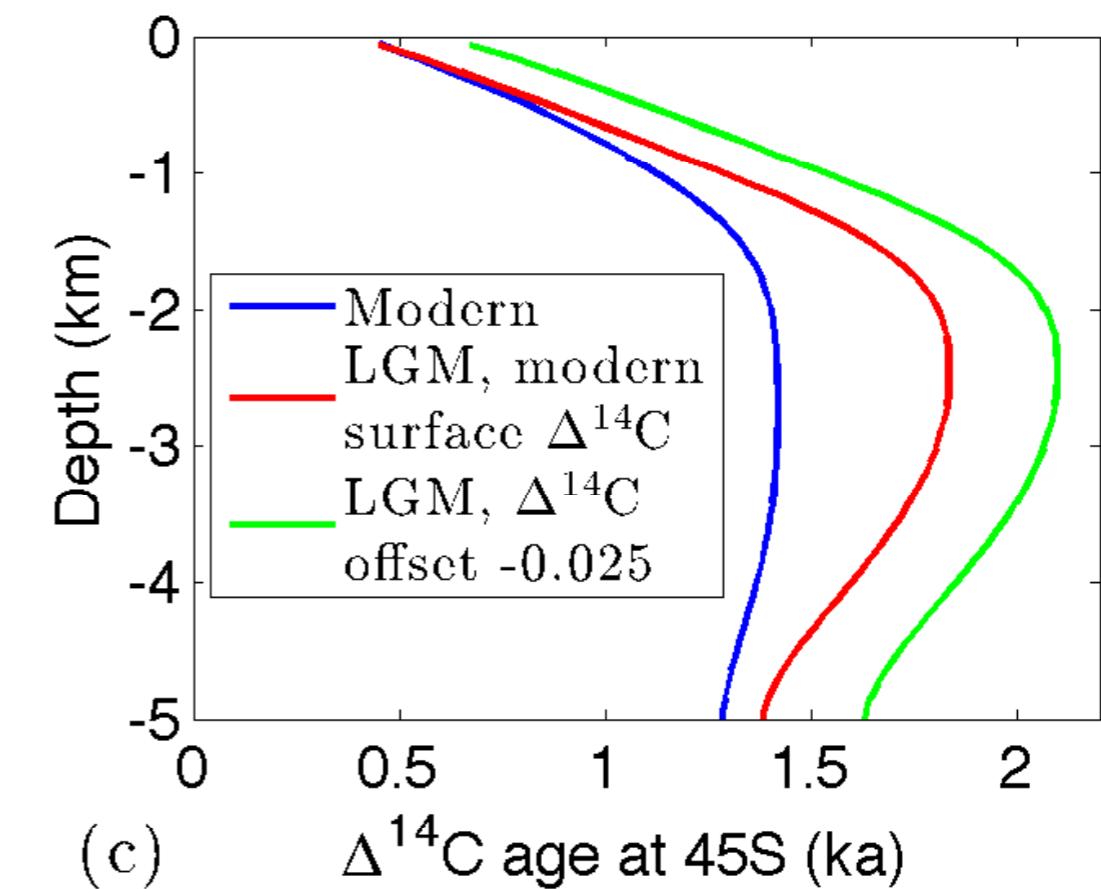
Model Results for the Atlantic and Pacific



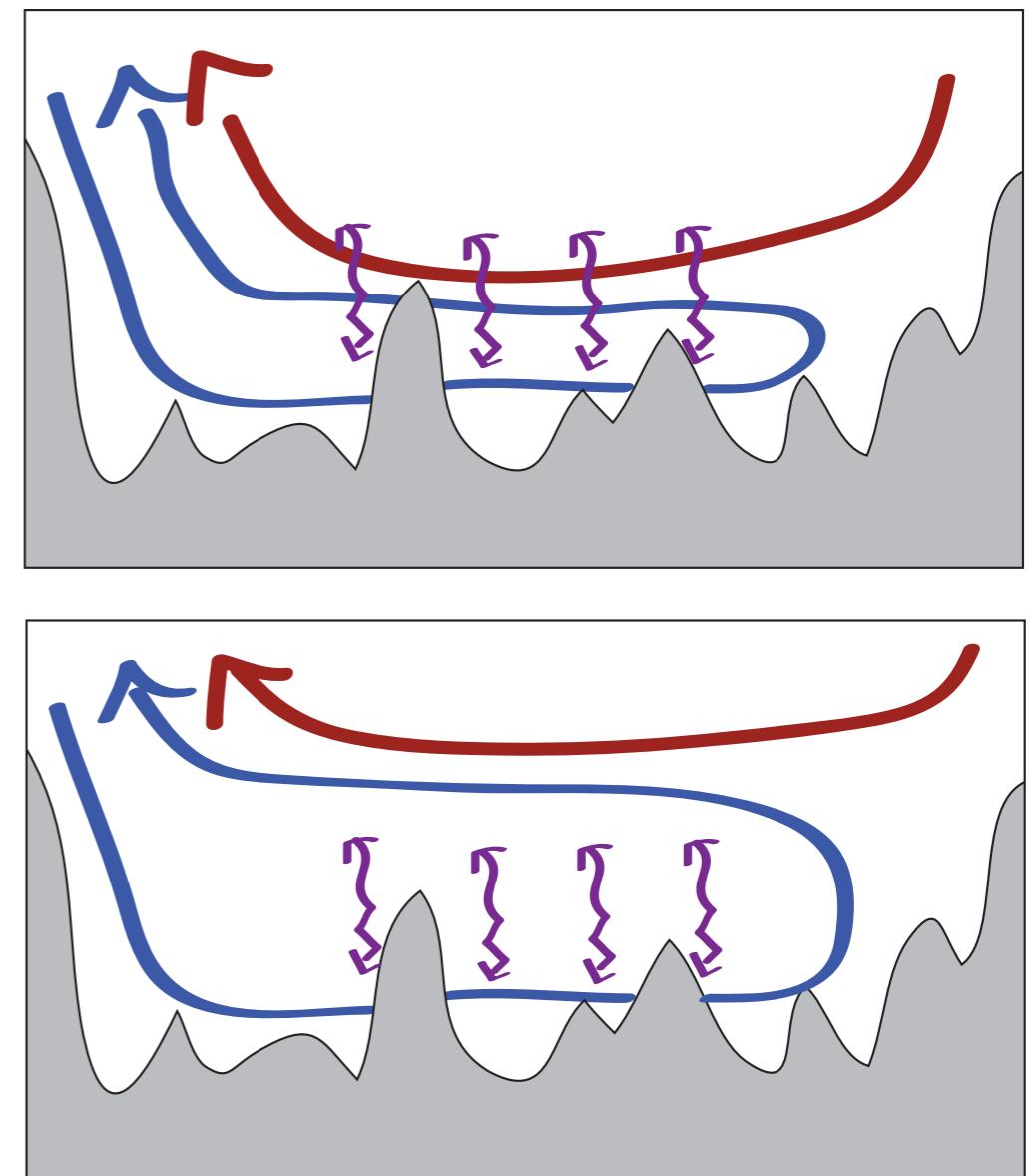
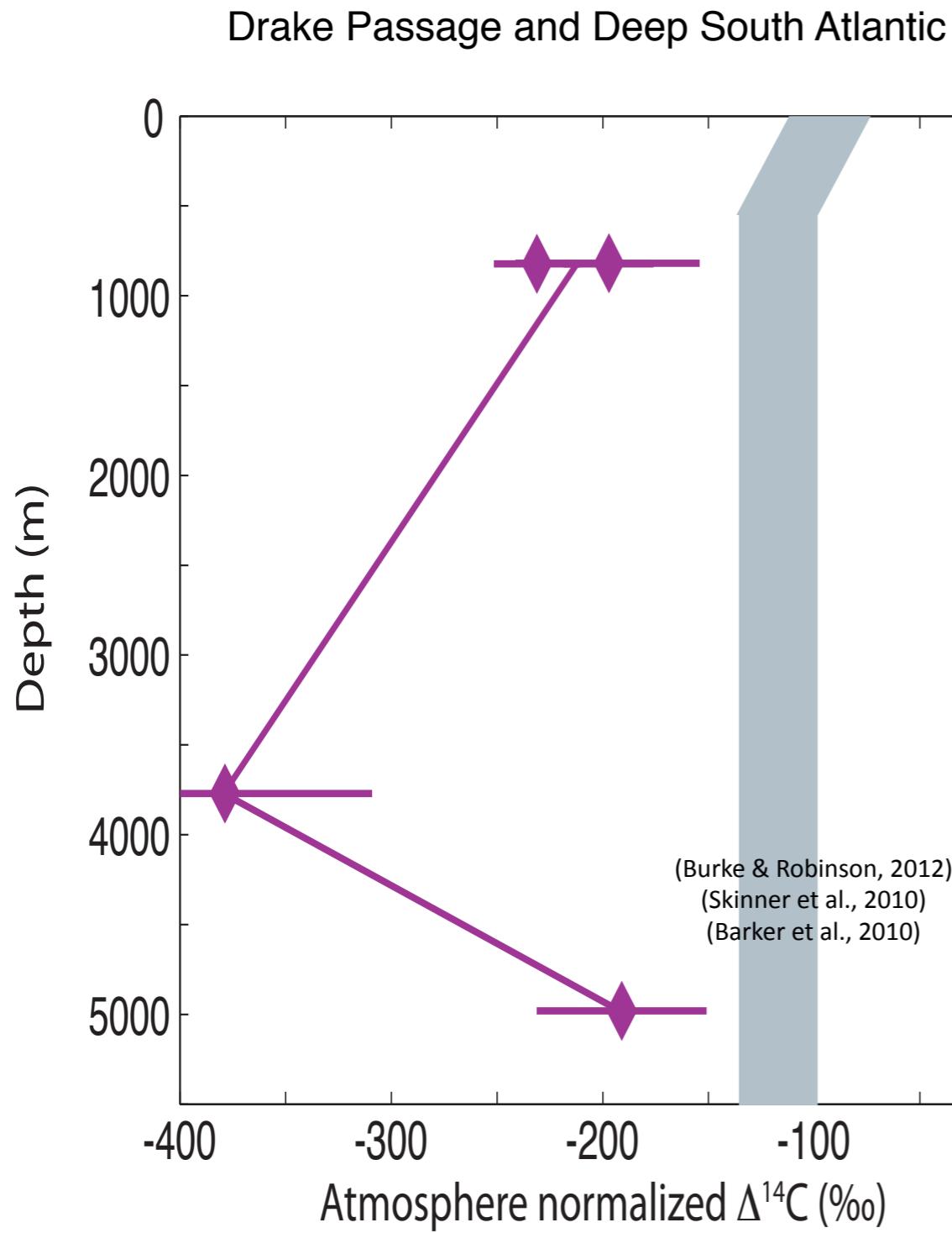
LGM



In the LGM Atlantic there is a
shoaling of the deep water
boundary, and a ^{14}C bulge.

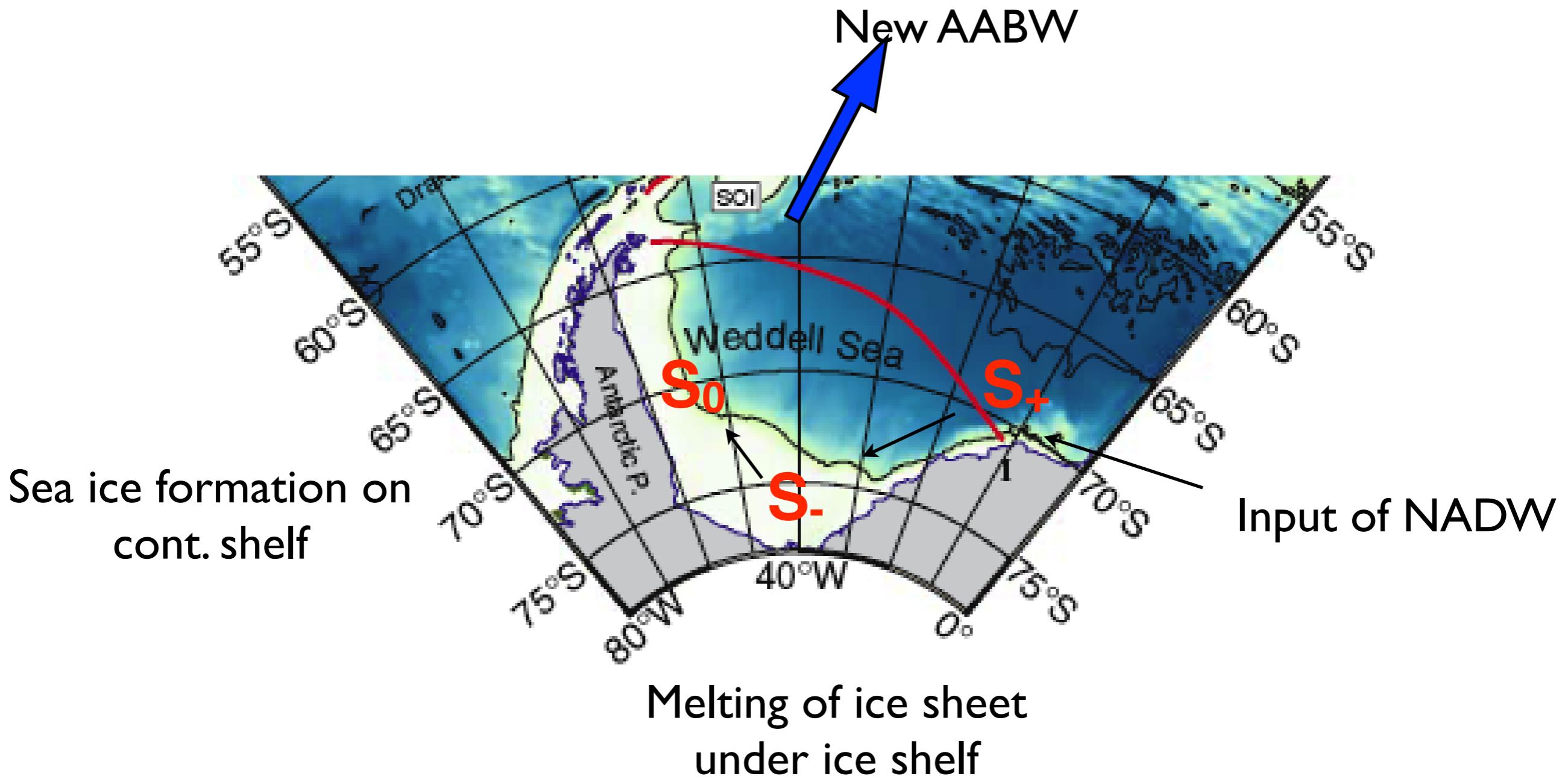


Radiocarbon has a ‘mid-depth bulge’ at LGM



How did this southern cell get so salty without the modern salt contribution of NADW?

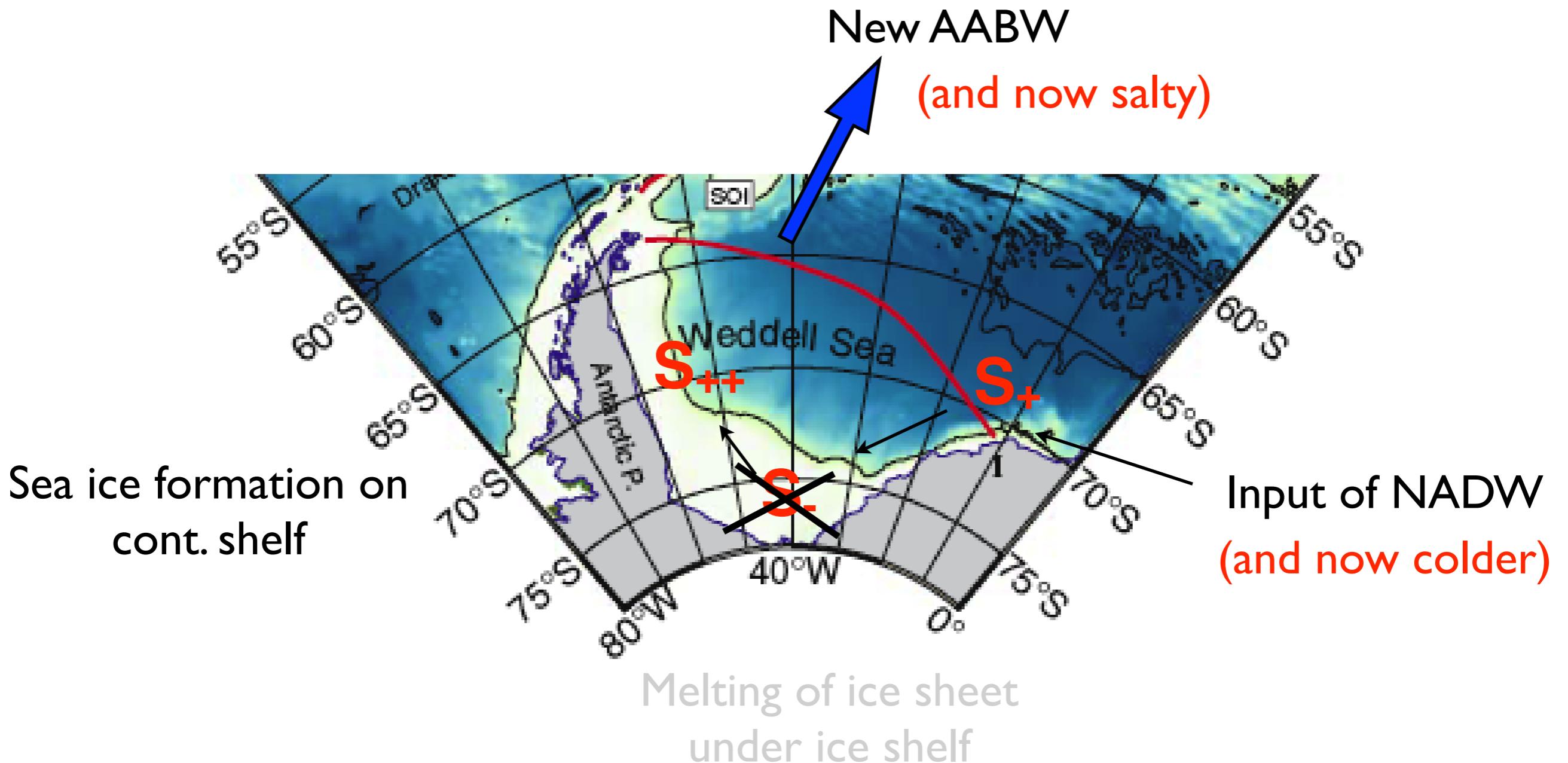
(and is there a feedback that causes the Southern Cell to be denser than the Northern Cell?)



-30 mSv of fresh water melts around the whole of Antarctica
(over half of which is in the Weddell domain)

after Hellmer, 2004

A Glacial version of AABW in the Weddell Sea

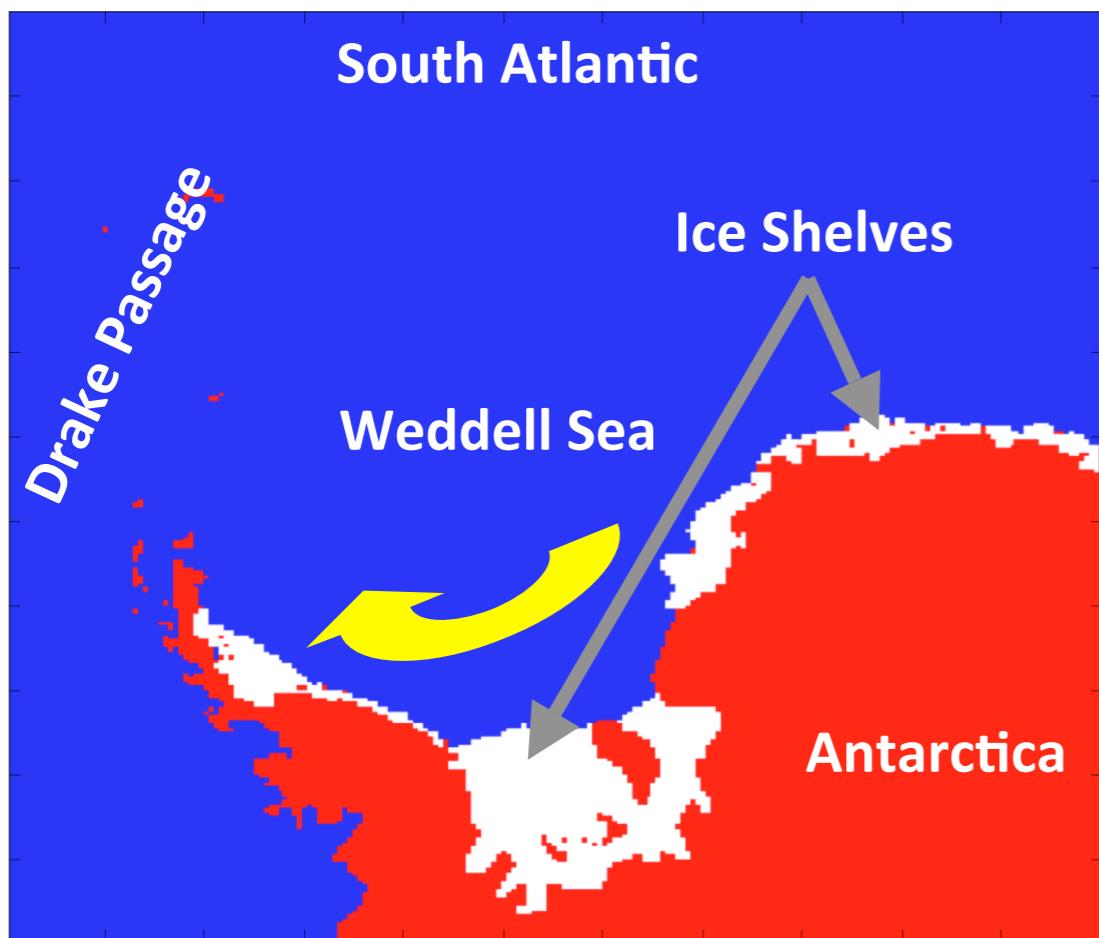


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experiment setup (control)

domain (top down view):



horizontal
resolution:

≈ 18 km

vertical
resolution:

50 layers, 10 to 450 m

surface
boundary:

blended reanalysis from NCEP
and ECMWF

ocean (H_2O)
boundaries:

U,V, S, θ at every grid point,
interpolated from monthly
diagnostics of global solution

ocean (sea ice)
boundaries:

U,V, A, H, at each point
interpolated from daily
diagnostics of global solution

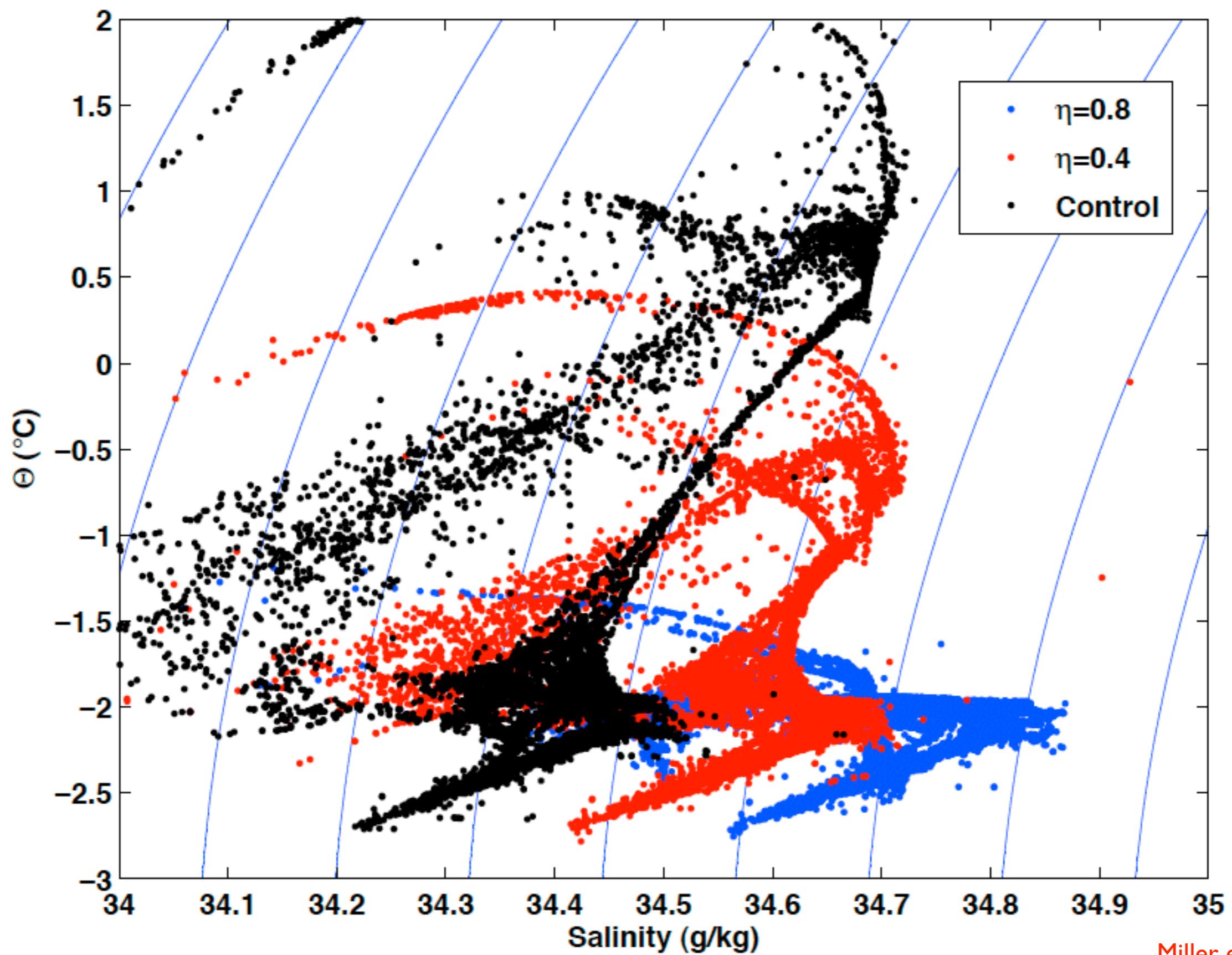
equation of
state:

fully non-linear (50+ terms)

bathymetry:

modern, including ice shelf cavities,
represented using partial cells

Cooling Increases the Salinity of Deep Water Precursors



A cartoon of how the 2 stable steady-states might work

