

# Supplementary Information for: The PaleoJump database for abrupt transitions in past climates

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## ABSTRACT

Tipping points (TPs) in Earth's climate system have been the subject of increasing interest and concern in recent years, given the risk that anthropogenic forcing could cause abrupt, potentially irreversible, climate transitions. Paleoclimate records are essential for identifying past TPs and for gaining a thorough understanding of the underlying nonlinearities and bifurcation mechanisms. However, the quality, resolution, and reliability of these records can vary, making it important to carefully select the ones that provide the most accurate representation of past climates. Moreover, as paleoclimate time series vary in their origin, time spans, and periodicities, an objective, automated methodology is crucial for identifying and comparing TPs. To address these challenges, we introduce the open-source PaleoJump database, which contains a collection of carefully selected, high-resolution records originating in ice cores, marine sediments, speleothems, terrestrial records, and lake sediments. These records describe climate variability on centennial, millennial and longer time scales and cover all the continents and ocean basins. We provide an overview of their spatial distribution and discuss the gaps in coverage. Our statistical methodology includes an augmented Kolmogorov-Smirnov test and Recurrence Quantification Analysis; it is applied here, for illustration purposes, to selected records in which abrupt transitions are automatically detected and the presence of potential tipping elements is investigated. These transitions are shown in the PaleoJump database along with other essential information about the records, including location, temporal scale and resolution, as well as temporal plots. This open-source database represents, therefore, a valuable resource for researchers investigating TPs in past climates.

# Supplementary Tables

The sites of proxy records included in the PaleoJump database have been compiled in five tables according to their geological nature. For each site, the available data have been analyzed to determine the essential information, which is given in the tables below: location, depth/elevation, temporal range, maximum temporal resolution, and types of paleoproxies. This information is accompanied by links to the original data and the associated publications. The “maximum resolution” value in the tables is calculated as the maximum of the average temporal resolution for a 10-kyr time interval, excluding the Holocene and the late deglacial, i.e. the last 14 000 years, during which the proxy time resolution is frequently much higher than for the older part of the record. This was done so as to allow a more accurate comparison of the centennial- and millennial-scale variabilities between different records of the glacial and earlier interglacials periods.

## 1. Records included in the PaleoJump database

| Site name                        | Location        | Depth  | Age         | Res.  | Proxies  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------------|-------|--|
| MD95-2010 <sup>1</sup>           | 66.684, 4.566   | 1226 m | 67 - 10 ka  | 35 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; IRD; mag sus           |
| ODP162-983 <sup>2</sup>          | 60.403, -23.641 | 1984 m | 1.2 - 0 Ma  | 89 y  | IRD; %NPS  |
| SO82-5 <sup>3,4</sup>            | 59.186, -30.905 | 1416 m | 57 - 15 ka  | 62 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; SST; IRD               |
| MD95-2006 <sup>5</sup>           | 57.03, -10.058  | 2122 m | 56 - 40 ka  | 90 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; %NPS; SST; IRD         |
| JPC-13 <sup>6</sup>              | 53.057, -33.53  | 3082 m | 128 - 7 ka  | 12 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; grain size; XRF        |
| U1308 <sup>7,8</sup>             | 49.878, -24.238 | 3871 m | 3.14 - 0 Ma | 118 y | ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; bulk carbonate $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; Ca/Sr; Si/Sr; pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ |
| MD01-2412 <sup>9</sup>           | 44.523, 145.003 | 1225 m | 116 - 0 ka  | 113 y | SST  |
| MD99-2331 <sup>10-13</sup>       | 42.15, -9.683   | 2120 m | 160 - 16 ka | 137 y | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; IRD; SST; pollen; temperate forest pollen  |
| U1313 <sup>14-16</sup>           | 41, -32.957     | 3426 m | 4.3 - 0 Ma  | 185 y | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; SST; Qz/Cal  |
| MD95-2040 <sup>17,18</sup>       | 40.582, -9.861  | 2465 m | 360 - 0 ka  | 78 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; SST; IRD               |
| MD95-2039 <sup>10,19</sup>       | 40.579, -10.349 | 3381 m | 51 - 0 ka   | 107 y | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; IRD; SST   |
| MD01-2443 <sup>17,20</sup>       | 37.881, -10.176 | 2925 m | 433 - 86 ka | 188 y | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; SST  |
| MD95-2042 <sup>10,11,21,22</sup> | 37.8, -10.167   | 3146 m | 418 - 0 ka  | 83 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; SST                    |
| U1385 <sup>23,24</sup>           | 37.571, -10.126 | 2587 m | 1.4 - 0 Ma  | 47 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; reflectance; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; SST   |
| MD01-2444 <sup>20,21</sup>       | 37.565, -10.134 | 2656 m | 420 - 0 ka  | 86 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; reflectance; SST                                   |
| MD99-2341 <sup>10</sup>          | 36.389, -7.066  | 582 m  | 49 - 1 ka   | 104 y | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  |
| ODP977a <sup>21</sup>            | 36.032, -1.955  | 1984 m | 244 - 0 ka  | 181 y | SST  |
| MD99-2339 <sup>19,25</sup>       | 35.886, -7.528  | 1177 m | 47 - 0 ka   | 38 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; SST; grain size        |
| M40/4_SL71 <sup>26-28</sup>      | 34.811, 23.194  | 2788 m | 182 - 0 ka  |       | grain size; XRF; clay; pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   |
| ODP893A <sup>29-31</sup>         | 34.28, -120.03  | 576 m  | 65 - 0 ka   | 41 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  |
| U1429 <sup>32</sup>              | 31.617, 128.998 | 732 m  | 393 - 0 ka  |       | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; SST                    |
| MD02-2575 <sup>33</sup>          | 29.002, -87.119 | 847 m  | 400 - 1 ka  | 135 y | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; SST  |
| MD04-2876 <sup>34</sup>          | 24.843, 64.008  | 828 m  | 50 - 0 ka   | 169 y | $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ; total N; TOC   |
| SO90-93KL <sup>35</sup>          | 23.583, 64.217  | 1802 m | 109 - 1 ka  | 177 y | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  |
| SO130-289KL <sup>36,37</sup>     | 23.122, 66.497  | 571 m  | 79 - 2 ka   | 0.2 y | reflectance; grain size; TOC; ...  |
| SO90-136KL <sup>35</sup>         | 23.117, 66.5    | 568 m  | 66 - 2 ka   | 63 y  | TOC  |
| SO90-111KL <sup>35</sup>         | 23.1, 66.483    | 775 m  | 62 - 2 ka   | 72 y  | TOC  |
| ODP658C <sup>38</sup>            | 20.75, -18.583  | 2263 m | 84 - 0 ka   | 135 y | SST  |
| SO188-17286-1 <sup>39</sup>      | 19.743, 89.879  | 1428 m | 129 - 0 ka  | 158 y | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; SST  |
| U1446 <sup>40</sup>              | 19.083, 85.733  | 1440 m | 1.46 - 0 Ma | 24 y  | Rb/Ca  |
| GeoB9526-5 <sup>41,42</sup>      | 12.435, -18.057 | 3223 m | 72 - 1 ka   | 55 y  | Fe/K; SST; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   |
| NIOP905 <sup>43</sup>            | 10.767, 51.951  | 1580 m | 88 - 1 ka   | 145 y | ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  |
| MD03-2621 <sup>36</sup>          | 10.678, -64.972 | 847 m  | 109 - 6 ka  | 0.1 y | reflectance  |
| MD97-2141 <sup>44</sup>          | 8.78, 121.28    | 3633 m | 395 - 5 ka  | 51 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  |
| MD98-2181 <sup>45,46</sup>       | 6.3, 125.83     | 2114 m | 68 - 0 ka   | 66 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; SST  |
| MD03-2707 <sup>47</sup>          | 2.502, 9.395    | 1295 m | 155 - 0 ka  | 92 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; SST; BWT   |
| TR163-22 <sup>48</sup>           | 0.52, -92.4     | 2830 m | 135 - 1 ka  | 169 y | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; SST  |
| SO189-039KL <sup>49</sup>        | -0.79, 99.908   | 517 m  | 45 - 0 ka   | 66 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; SST  |

| Site name                    | Location          | Depth  | Age         | Res.   | Proxies   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|---|
| GeoB6518-1 <sup>50,51</sup>  | -5.588, 11.222    | 962 m  | 43 - 0 ka   |        | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; TOC; SST  |
| GeoB7139-2 <sup>52</sup>     | -30.2, -71.983    | 3267 m | 70 - 1 ka   | 53 y   | $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ; total N   |
| MD03-2611G <sup>53</sup>     | -36.73, 136.548   | 2420 m | 94 - 0 ka   | 15 y   | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; SST; quartz; Ti                                       |
| ODP1089 <sup>54</sup>        | -40.93, 9.9       | 4621 m | 615 - 0 ka  | 189 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ |
| TNO57-21 <sup>55</sup>       | -41.1, 7.8        | 4981 m | 99 - 0 ka   | 112 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; %NPS  |
| MD02-2588 <sup>56</sup>      | -41.332, 25.828   | 2907 m | 353 - 0 ka  | 246 y  | ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$                             |
| ODP181-1123 <sup>57</sup>    | -41.786, -171.499 | 3290 m | 1.5 - 0 Ma  | 388 y  | ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; Mg/Ca   |
| MD07-3076Q <sup>58,59</sup>  | -44.153, -14.228  | 3770 m | 67 - 1 ka   | 61 y   | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; pla $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; SST   |
| MD97-2120 <sup>60</sup>      | -45.534, 174.931  | 1210 m | 151 - 4 ka  | 103 y  | pla $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; SST   |
| MD88-770 <sup>61</sup>       | -46.017, 96.467   | 3290 m | 149 - 5 ka  | 187 y  | SST   |
| CENOGRID stack <sup>62</sup> | N/A               | N/A    | 67.1 - 0 Ma | 2000 y | ben $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; ben $\delta^{13}\text{C}$   |

**Supplementary Table S 1.** Marine Sediment Cores, ordered by latitude. Res.: temporal resolution, pla: planktic, ben: benthic, SST: sea surface temperature, BWT: bottom water temperature, IRD: ice rafted detritus, TOC: total organic carbon, mag sus: magnetic susceptibility.

| Site name                         | Location          | Elevation | Age        | Res.  | Proxies   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------|---|
| NEEM <sup>63-65</sup>             | 77.45, -51.06     | 2545 m    | 129 - 0 ka | 4 y   | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; Ca <sup>2+</sup> ; Na <sup>+</sup> ; ...  |
| NGRIP <sup>66,67</sup>            | 75.1, -42.32      | 2925 m    | 122 - 0 ka | 20 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; Ca; dust; CH4; ...  |
| GISP2 <sup>66</sup>               | 72.97, -38.8      | 3208 m    | 104 - 0 ka | 20 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; Ca <sup>2+</sup> ; CH4; $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ; ...                                 |
| GRIP <sup>66</sup>                | 72.58, -37.63     | 3200 m    | 104 - 0 ka | 20 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; Ca; CH4; ...  |
| Guliya <sup>68</sup>              | 35.28, 81.48      | 6200 m    | 132 - 0 ka | 400 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; dust; ...   |
| TALDICE <sup>69,70</sup>          | -72.783, 159.067  | 2315 m    | 314 - 0 ka | 39 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; CH4; Fe   |
| EPICA EDML <sup>71</sup>          | -75.003, 0.068    | 2416 m    | 150 - 0 ka | 19 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   |
| EPICA Dome C <sup>72-77</sup>     | -75.1, 123.35     | 3189 m    | 802 - 0 ka | 39 y  | $\delta\text{D}$ ; $\delta\text{T}$ ; CO <sub>2</sub> ; CH4; dust; $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; Ca <sup>2+</sup> |
| Dome Fuji <sup>78</sup>           | -77.32, 38.7      | 3810 m    | 716 - 0 ka | 34 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; dust  |
| Vostok <sup>79</sup>              | -78.47, 106.8     | 3488 m    | 423 - 0 ka | 55 y  | $\delta\text{D}$ ; $\delta\text{T}$ ; CH4; dust; ...  |
| WAIS Divide <sup>80</sup>         | -79.468, -112.087 | 1806 m    | 68 - 0 ka  | 12 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; CH4; ...  |
| Synthetic Greenland <sup>81</sup> | N/A               | 2135 m    | 798 - 5 ka | 50 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   |

**Supplementary Table S 2.** Ice cores, ordered by latitude.

| Site name                                 | Location         | Elevation | Age            | Res. | Proxies                                       |
|---|------------------|-----------|----------------|------|---|
| Gassel Tropfsteinhöhle Cave <sup>82</sup> | 47.823, 13.843   | 1225 m    | 108 - 77 ka    | 5 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$                         |
| Grete-Ruth Cave <sup>82</sup>             | 47.543, 12.027   | 1435 m    | 111 - 103 ka   | 12 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$                         |
| Hölloch im Mahdthal Cave <sup>82</sup>    | 47.378, 10.151   | 1438 m    | 74.4 - 73.6 ka | 5 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$                         |
| Schneckenloch Cave <sup>82,83</sup>       | 47.375, 10.068   | 1285 m    | 118 - 64 ka    | 7 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$                         |
| Grosser Baschg Cave <sup>82,83</sup>      | 47.25, 9.667     | 785 m     | 87 - 81 ka     | 14 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$                         |
| Villars Cave (Vil-stm09) <sup>84,85</sup> | 45.442, 0.785    | 175 m     | 83 - 31 ka     | 88 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ |
| Kesang Cave <sup>86</sup>                 | 42.93, 81.78     | 2000 m    | 500 - 52 ka    | 23 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$                         |
| Sofular Cave <sup>87</sup>                | 41.416, 31.934   | 700 m     | 50 - 0 ka      | 18 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ |
| Tonnel'naya Cave <sup>88</sup>            | 38.4, 67.23      | 3226 m    | 134 - 8 ka     | 1 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ |
| Leviathan Cave <sup>89</sup>              | 37.831, -115.607 | 2400 m    | 174 - 0 ka     | 50 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$                         |
| Dim Cave (Dim-E3) <sup>90</sup>           | 36.54, 32.109    | 232 m     | 90 - 10 ka     | 82 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ |
| Devils Hole <sup>91</sup>                 | 36.425, -116.291 | 719 m     | 204 - 5 ka     | 65 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ |
| Fort Stanton Cave <sup>92</sup>           | 33.507, -105.494 | 1864 m    | 56 - 11 ka     | 23 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$                         |
| Hulu Cave (MSD; MSL) <sup>93</sup>        | 32.058, 119.041  | 86 m      | 76 - 18 ka     | 68 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; U/Th ages             |
| Cave of the Bells <sup>94</sup>           | 31.729, -110.768 | 1639 m    | 53 - 11 ka     | 18 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$                         |
| Sanbao Cave <sup>95,96</sup>              | 31.667, 110.433  | 1900 m    | 641 - 0 ka     |      | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; U/Th ages             |

| Site name                           | Location         | Elevation | Age         | Res.  | Proxies  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|-------|--|
| Soreq Cave <sup>97</sup>            | 31.45, 35.03     | 400 m     | 184 - 0 ka  | 44 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$                |
| Bittoo Cave <sup>98</sup>           | 30.79, 77.776    | 3000 m    | 284 - 0 ka  | 18 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$                |
| Abaco Island Cave <sup>99</sup>     | 26.23, -77.16    | -17 m     | 64 - 14 ka  | 14 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; Sr/Ca; Mg/Ca |
| Dongge Cave <sup>100</sup>          | 25.28, 108.08    | 680 m     | 146 - 99 ka | 20 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; U/Th ages                            |
| Moomi Cave <sup>101</sup>           | 12.533, 54.317   | 400 m     | 53 - 40 ka  | 15 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  |
| Terciopelo Cave <sup>102</sup>      | 10.167, -85.333  | 370 m     | 98 - 24 ka  | 100 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  |
| Northern Borneo <sup>103</sup>      | 4.085, 114.85    | 250 m     | 162 - 0 ka  | 55 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  |
| Santiago Cave <sup>104</sup>        | -3.017, -78.133  | 980 m     | 94 - 6 ka   | 49 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  |
| Paraiso Cave (PAR07) <sup>105</sup> | -4.067, -55.45   | 60 m      | 45 - 18 ka  | 21 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$                |
| Pacupahuain Cave <sup>106</sup>     | -11.24, -75.82   | 3800 m    | 50 - 16 ka  | 27 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$                |
| Lapa Sem Fim Cave <sup>107</sup>    | -16.149, -44.627 | 690 m     | 84 - 12 ka  | 8 y   | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  |
| Lapa Grande Cave <sup>107</sup>     | -16.707, -43.943 | 730 m     | 84 - 40 ka  | 14 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  |
| Ball Gown Cave <sup>108</sup>       | -17.28, 125.12   | 100 m     | 40 - 8 ka   |       | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  |
| Botuvera Cave <sup>109</sup>        | -27.225, -49.158 | 230 m     | 116 - 0 ka  | 95 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$                |
| Hollywood Cave <sup>110</sup>       | -41.952, 171.476 | 130 m     | 73 - 11 ka  | 58 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$                |
| China cave composite <sup>96</sup>  | N/A              | N/A       | 641 - 0 ka  | 22 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; U/Th ages                            |

**Supplementary Table S 3.** Speleothems, ordered by latitude.

| Site name                                  | Location        | Elevation | Age         | Res.   | Proxies   |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-------------|--------|---|
| ELSA-Eifel loess stack <sup>111</sup>      | 50.16, 6.83     | 403 m     | 132 - 0 ka  | 100 y  | dust  |
| Nussloch loess <sup>112, 113</sup>         | 49.316, 8.722   | 180 m     | 130 - 18 ka |        | grain size; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; Snails; earth worms; mag sus; paleosol-loess doublets |
| Dunaszekcsó loess <sup>114</sup>           | 46.09, 18.763   | 135 m     | 150 - 20 ka |        | grain size; paleosol-loess doublets   |
| Chashmanigar loess                         | 38.392, 69.833  | 1400 m    | 1.77 - 0 Ma |        | grain size; mag sus; reflectance  |
| Gulang loess <sup>115-117</sup>            | 37.49, 102.88   | 2400 m    | 1.48 - 0 Ma | 50 y   | grain size; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$   |
| Jiyuan loess <sup>118</sup>                | 37.14, 107.39   | 1730 m    | 130 - 0 ka  |        | grain size  |
| Zichang loess <sup>118</sup>               | 37.14, 109.85   | 1265 m    | 249 - 0 ka  |        | grain size  |
| Hongde loess <sup>118</sup>                | 36.77, 107.21   | 1640 m    | 249 - 0 ka  |        | grain size  |
| Huanxian loess <sup>118</sup>              | 36.65, 107.26   | 1500 m    | 249 - 0 ka  |        | grain size  |
| Jingyuan loess <sup>115-117, 119</sup>     | 36.35, 104.62   | 2050 m    | 1.7 - 0 Ma  | 26 y   | grain size; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$   |
| Huachi loess <sup>118</sup>                | 36.34, 107.93   | 1395 m    | 249 - 0 ka  |        | grain size  |
| Xinzhuangyuan loess <sup>118</sup>         | 36.19, 104.73   | 2110 m    | 249 - 0 ka  |        | grain size  |
| Linxia loess <sup>117, 118</sup>           | 36.15, 103.63   | 2210 m    | 660 - 0 ka  |        | grain size  |
| Lijiaoyuan loess <sup>118</sup>            | 36.12, 104.86   | 1850 m    | 249 - 0 ka  |        | grain size  |
| Yimaguan loess <sup>120</sup>              | 35.917, 107.617 | 1500 m    | 879 - 0 ka  | 197 y  | grain size; mag sus   |
| Luochuan loess <sup>120</sup>              | 35.717, 109.417 | 1100 m    | 884 - 0 ka  | 289 y  | grain size; mag sus   |
| Chinese Loess Plateau stack <sup>121</sup> | 35.41, 107.73   | 1300 m    | 3.6 - 0 Ma  | 1000 y | grain size; mag sus   |
| Chiloparts loess stack <sup>122</sup>      | 35.3, 107.6     | 1300 m    | 2.6 - 0 Ma  |        | grain size  |
| Lingtai loess <sup>119</sup>               | 35.067, 107.65  | 1350 m    | 7 - 0 Ma    | 107 y  | grain size; mag sus; carbonate  |
| CHILOMOS loess stack <sup>118</sup>        | N/A             | N/A       | 249 - 0 ka  | 200 y  | grain size  |

**Supplementary Table S 4.** Loess and dust records, ordered by latitude.

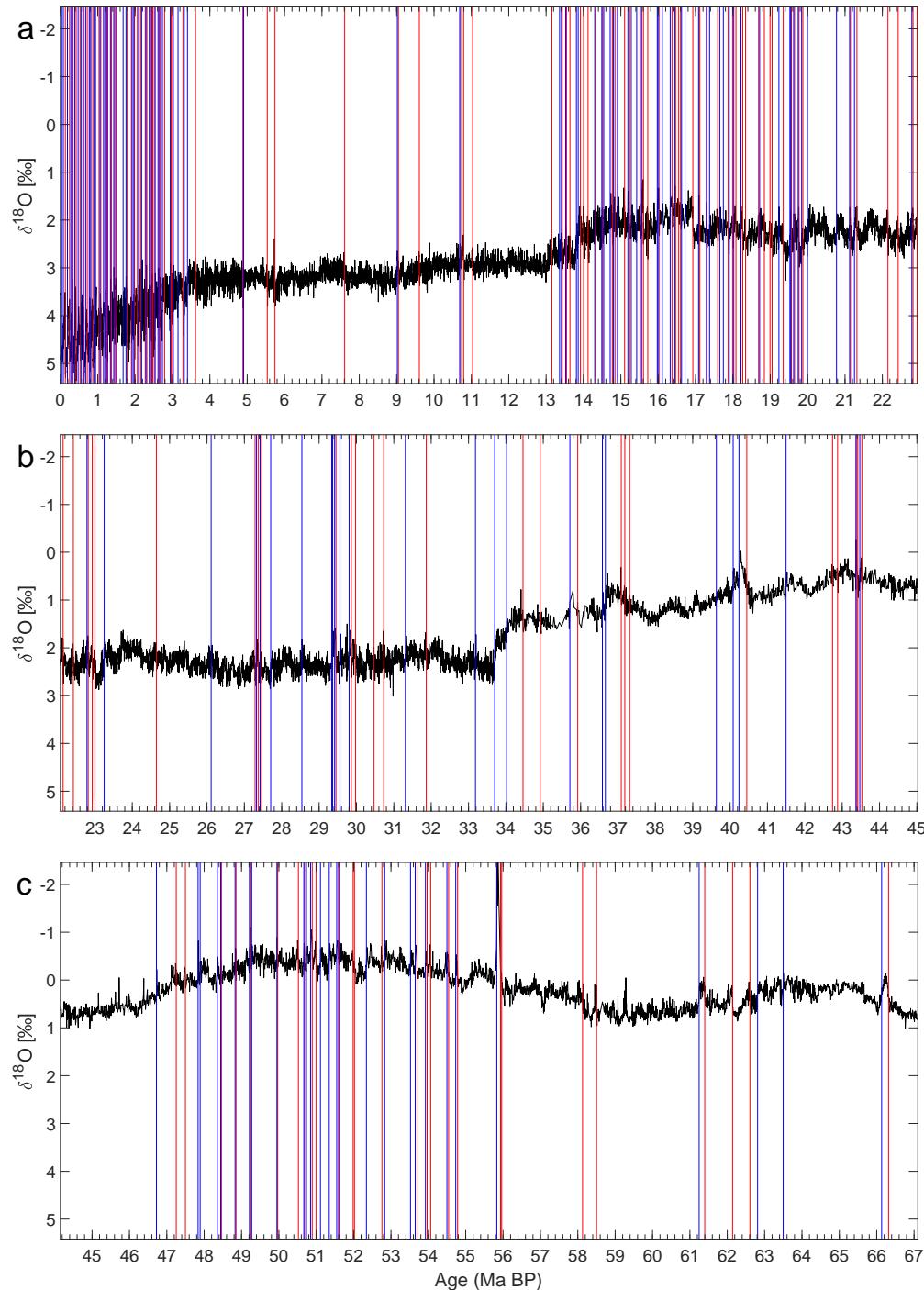
| Site name                            | Location        | Elevation | Age        | Res.  | Proxies                                      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------|--|
| Lake El'gygytgyn <sup>123, 124</sup> | 67.5, 172.104   | 489 m     | 3.6 - 0 Ma | 27 y  | Mn/Fe; Si/Ti; mag sus; TOC; TIC; biogenic Si |
| Lake Baikal <sup>125</sup>           | 53.696, 108.352 | 456 m     | 1.8 - 0 Ma | 223 y | biogenic Si                                  |
| Füramoos <sup>126</sup>              | 47.983, 9.883   | 662 m     | 140 - 0 ka |       | pollen                                       |
| Les Echets <sup>127, 128</sup>       | 45.833, 5       | 267 m     | 46 - 15 ka |       | pollen; diatoms; mag sus; geochemistry       |

| Site name                               | Location        | Elevation | Age          | Res.  | Proxies  |
|---|-----------------|-----------|--------------|-------|--|
| Lac du Bouchet <sup>13, 129</sup>       | 44.83, 3.82     | 1200 m    | 70 - 0 ka    | 89 y  | pollen; temperate forest pollen  |
| Summer Lake <sup>130</sup>              | 42.83, -120.75  | 1260 m    | 46 - 23 ka   | 76 y  | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$                          |
| Valle di Castiglione <sup>13, 131</sup> | 41.9, 12.76     | 44 m      | 56 - 14 ka   | 357 y | pollen; temperate forest pollen  |
| Tenaghi Philippon <sup>132</sup>        | 41.17, 24.33    | 40 m      | 1.35 - 0 Ma  |       | pollen   |
| Lake Ohrid <sup>133-136</sup>           | 41.049, 20.715  | 693 m     | 1.36 - 0 Ma  | 208 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; TIC; Zr/K; pollen; ... |
| Lago di Monticchio <sup>137-139</sup>   | 40.932, 15.605  | 656 m     | 100 - 10 ka  | 120 y | pollen; temperate forest pollen; biogenic Si; dry density              |
| Ioannina <sup>13, 140</sup>             | 39.75, 20.85    | 470 m     | 130 - 0 ka   | 150 y | pollen; temperate forest pollen  |
| Lake Van <sup>141</sup>                 | 38.667, 42.669  | 1649 m    | 250 - 129 ka | 336 y | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; pollen; ...            |
| Padul <sup>142-144</sup>                | 37, -3.67       | 785 m     | 197 - 0 ka   | 102 y | pollen, precipitation  |
| Dead Sea <sup>145</sup>                 | 31.508, 35.471  | -428 m    | 88 - 14 ka   | 242 y | pollen   |
| Lake Tulane <sup>146</sup>              | 27.584, -81.502 | 36 m      | 61 - 0 ka    |       | Pinus pollen   |
| Lake Tanganyika <sup>147</sup>          | -6.714, 29.833  | 773 m     | 59 - 1 ka    | 260 y | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; $\delta\text{D}$ ; Lake Surface Temperature    |
| Lake Malawi <sup>148</sup>              | -11.294, 34.437 | 500 m     | 1.28 - 0 Ma  | 14 y  | Ca; T; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$   |
| Lake Titicaca <sup>149, 150</sup>       | -15.937, -69.16 | 3810 m    | 370 - 3 ka   | 28 y  | TOC; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ; grain size                                |

**Supplementary Table S 5.** Lake sediment cores, ordered by latitude.

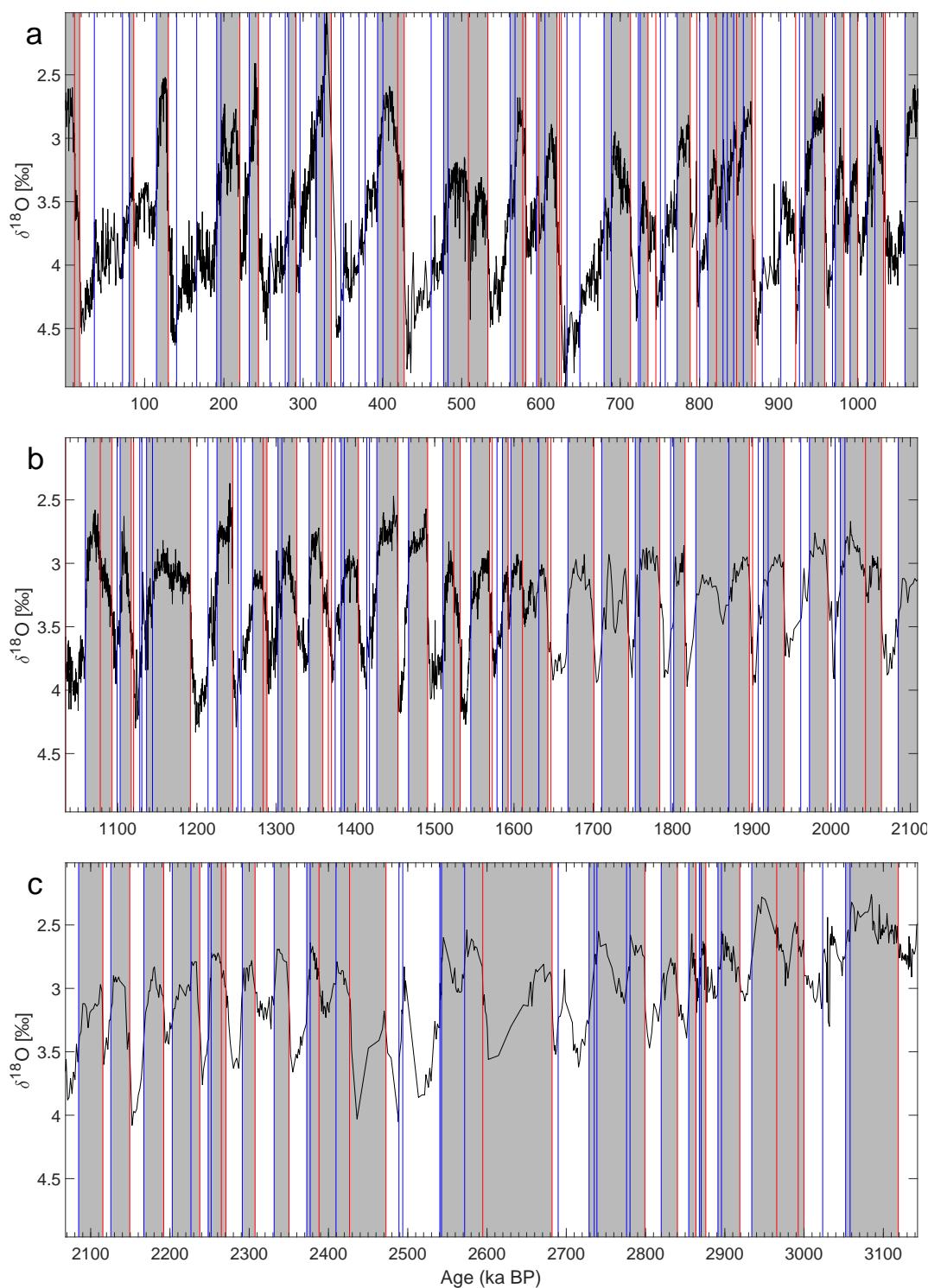
# Supplementary Figures

CENOGRID stack, including transitions detected using a shorter window length



**Supplementary Figure S 1.** CENOGRID stack of benthic  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ <sup>62</sup>: (a) 22.9-0 Ma BP; (b) 45-22.1 Ma BP; and (c) 67.1-44.2 Ma BP. Vertical lines represent transitions detected by the KS test<sup>151</sup>, with red lines for warming transitions and blue lines for cooling ones. Transitions detected for the entire record using a window length of  $0.02 \leq w \leq 2.5$  Myr. The vertical axes are reversed.

## U1308 marine sediment core, including detected transitions



**Supplementary Figure S 2.** Benthic *Cibicidoides* sp. record in the U1308 marine sediment core  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ <sup>7</sup>: (a) 1.07-0 Ma BP; (b) 2.11-1.04 Ma BP; and (c) 3.14-2.07 Ma BP. Vertical lines represent transitions detected by the KS test<sup>151</sup>, with red lines for warming transitions and blue lines for cooling ones. Vertical axes are reversed. Marine isotope stages (MISs) are shaded, with grey bars representing interglacials (odd-numbered MISs), while white bars represent glacials (even-numbered MISs). See also the analysis of this record by Rousseau et al.<sup>152</sup>

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