

1 **Millennial-scale variations of sedimentary oxygenation in the western**
2 **subtropical North Pacific and its links to the North Atlantic climate**

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21 **Key Points**

22 1. This study reconstructs the History-history of sedimentary oxygenation processes at
23 mid-depths in the western subtropical North Pacific since the Last-last gGlacial period
24 is reconstructed using sediment bound geochemical proxies.

25 2. Sediment-bound rRedox-sensitive proxies reveal millennial-scale variations in
26 sedimentary oxygenation that correlated closely to changes in the North Pacific
27 Intermediate Water.

28 3. A millennial-scale out-of-phase relationship between deglacial ventilation in the
29 western subtropical North Pacific and the formation of North Atlantic Deep Water is
30 suggested.

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31 | 4. A larger CO₂ storage at mid-depths of the North Pacific corresponds to the
32 | termination of atmospheric CO₂ rise during the Bölling-Alleröd interval.

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Abstract

Deep ocean carbon cycle, especially carbon sequestration and outgassing, is one of the competitive mechanisms to explain variations in Lower glacial atmospheric CO₂ concentrations on orbital and millennial timescales have been attributed to carbon sequestration in deep oceans. However, the potential roles of voluminous subtropical North Pacific subsurface waters in modulating atmospheric CO₂ levels on millennial timescales are is poorly constrained. Further, an increase in respired CO₂ concentration in the glacial deep ocean due to biological pump generally is coeval with corresponds to less deoxygenation in the subsurface layer. This link thus offers a chance to visit oceanic ventilation and the coeval export productivity based on redox-controlled sedimentary geochemical parameters. Here we investigate a suite of sediment geochemical proxies in a sediment core CSH1 to understand the sedimentary oxygenation variations in the subtropical North Pacific (core CSH1) over the last 50 thousand years (ka). Our results suggest that enhanced sedimentary oxygenation at mid-depths of the subtropical North Pacific intensifies occurred during the cold interval episodes of late glacial (50–25 ka), Last Glacial Maximum (LGM) and also the interval after 8.5 ka, while decreased oxygenation during the Bölling-Alleröd (B/A) and Preboreal. The especially pronounced for the North Atlantic millennial scale abrupt cold events of the Younger Dryas, Heinrich Stadial (HS) 1 and 2. On the other hand, oxygen-depleted seawater is found during the Bölling–Alleröd (B/A) and Preboreal. Our findings of enhanced sedimentary oxygenation in the subtropical North Pacific is aligned with intensified formation of North Pacific Intermediate Water (NPIW) during cold spells, while the ameliorated sedimentary oxygenation seems to be linked with to the intensified Kuroshio Current since 8.5 ka. The enhanced formation of NPIW during HS1 can be driven by the perturbation of sea ice formation and sea surface salinity oscillation in high-latitude North Pacific. The In our results, diminished sedimentary oxygenation during the B/A due to upwelling of aged, nutrient-rich deep water and enhanced export production, indicates an enhanced CO₂ sequestration at mid-depth waters, along with a slight increase in atmospheric CO₂ concentration. Mechanistically, we We speculate that attribute these millennial-scale

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changes ~~were linked to the intensified NPIW and enhanced abyss flushing during deglacial cold and warm intervals, respectively, on the basis of background climate change due to shift in strength of North Atlantic Deep Water formation, leading to intensification of NPIW formation and enhanced abyss flushing during deglacial cold and warm intervals, respectively. Enhanced formation of NPIW seem to be driven by the perturbation of sea ice formation and sea surface salinity oscillation in high latitude North Pacific through atmospheric and oceanic teleconnection. During the B/A, decreased sedimentary oxygenation likely resulted from an upward penetration of aged deep water into the intermediate depth in the North Pacific, corresponding to a resumption of Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation.~~

Keywords: sedimentary oxygenation; millennial timescale; North Pacific Intermediate Water; North Atlantic Deep Water~~Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation~~; subtropical North Pacific

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1. Introduction

The sluggish ocean ventilation and efficient biological pump in the ocean ~~depletes dissolved oxygen in the sediment water interface and~~ facilitates the carbon storage-sequestration of respired in the ocean interior-carbon, linking to atmospheric CO₂ drawdown, which in turn plays a crucial role in regulating sedimentary oxygen; ~~potentially linking to atmospheric CO₂ changes~~ on millennial and orbital ~~and millennial~~ timescales (Hoogakker et al., 2015; Jaccard and Galbraith, 2012; Sigman and Boyle, 2000). ~~The r~~Reconstruction of past sedimentary oxygenation is therefore crucial for understanding changes in export productivity and the renewal rate of deep ocean circulation (Nameroff et al., 2004). Previous studies from high-latitude eastern and western North Pacific margins~~s~~ and subarctic Pacific have identified drastic variations in export productivity and ~~marine-ocean~~ oxygen levels at glacial-interglacial timescales using diverse proxies such as trace elements (Cartapanis et al., 2011; Chang et al., 2014; Jaccard et al., 2009; Zou et al., 2012), benthic foraminiferal assemblages (Ohkushi et al., 2016; Ohkushi et al., 2013; Shibahara et al., 2007) and nitrogen isotopic composition ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$) of organic matter (Addison et al., 2012; Chang et al., 2014; Galbraith et al., 2004; Riethdorf et al., 2016) in marine sediment ~~cored sediments~~. These studies further suggested that both North Pacific Intermediate Water (NPIW) and export of organic ~~carbon-matter~~ regulate the sedimentary oxygenation variation during the last glaciation and Holocene in the ~~northeast-subarctic~~ North Pacific. By contrast, little information exists on millennial-scale oxygenation changes to date in the western subtropical North Pacific.

The modern NPIW is mainly sourced from the NW Pacific marginal seas (Shcherbina et al., 2003; Talley, 1993; You et al., 2000), and then it spreads into subtropical North Pacific at intermediate depths of 300 to 800 m (Talley, 1993). The pathway and circulation of NPIW have been identified by You (2003), who suggested that cabbeling, a mixing process to form a new water mass with increased density than that of parent water masses, is the principle mechanism responsible for transforming subpolar source waters into subtropical NPIW along the subarctic-tropical frontal zone. More specifically, You et al. (2003) argued that a

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lower subpolar input of about 2 Sv ($1 \text{ Sv} = 10^6 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$) is sufficient for subtropical ventilation. Benthic foraminiferal $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ~~data, a quasi-conservative tracer for water mass,~~ from the North Pacific suggested ~~an~~ enhanced ventilation (~~enriched $\delta^{13}\text{C}$~~) at water depths of < 2000 m during the last glacial period (Keigwin, 1998; Matsumoto et al., 2002). Furthermore, on the basis of both radiocarbon data and modeling results, Okazaki et al. (2010) provided further insight into the formation of deep water in the North Pacific during early deglaciation. Enhanced NPIW penetration is further explored using numerical model simulations (Chikamoto et al., 2012; Gong et al., 2019; Okazaki et al., 2010). ~~The downstream effects of intensified GNPIW can be seen in the record of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of *Cibicides wuellerstorfi* in core PN-3 from the middle Okinawa Trough (OT), whereas lower deglacial $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values were attributed to enhanced OC accumulation rates due to higher surface productivity by Wahyudi and Minagawa (1997). More recently, Max et al (2017) identified the substantial effects of intensified NPIW on $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of deep-dwelling planktic foraminifera *Globorotaloides hexagonus* in the Eastern Equatorial Pacific during Marine Isotope Stage (MIS) 2. Subsequently, Rippert et al. (2017) confirmed that such enhanced effect of NPIW also occurred during MIS 6. The downstream effects of intensified NPIW also can be seen in the record of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of *Cibicides wuellerstorfi* in core PN-3 from the middle Okinawa Trough (OT), whereas lower deglacial $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values were attributed to enhanced OC accumulation rates due to higher surface productivity by Wahyudi and Minagawa (1997).~~

The Okinawa Trough is separated from the Philippine Sea by the Ryukyu Islands and is an important channel of the northern extension of the Kuroshio in the western subtropical North Pacific (Figure 1). ~~Initially the OT opened at the middle Miocene (Sibuet et al., 1987) and since then, it has been a depositional center in the East China Sea (ECS), receiving large sediment supplies from nearby rivers (Chang et al., 2009).~~ Surface hydrographic characteristics of the OT over glacial-interglacial cycles are largely influenced by the Kuroshio and ~~East China Sea~~ECS Coastal Water (Shi et al., 2014); the latter is related to the strength of summer East Asian monsoon (EAM) sourced from the western tropical Pacific. Modern physical oceanographic

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investigations showed that intermediate waters in the OT are mainly derived from horizontal advection and mixture of NPIW and South China Sea Intermediate Water (Nakamura et al., 2013). These waters intrude into the OT through two ways (Nakamura et al., 2013): (i) deeper part of the Kuroshio enters the OT through the channel east of Taiwan (sill depth 775 m) and (ii) through the Kerama Gap (sill depth 1100 m). In the northern OT, the occupied subsurface water mainly flows through the Kerama Gap through horizontal advection from the Philippine Sea (Nakamura et al., 2013). Recently, Nishina et al. (2016) found that an overflow through the Kerama Gap controls the modern deep-water ventilation in the southern OT.

Both surface hydrography and deep ventilation in the OT varied greatly since the last glaciation. During the last glacial periods, the mainstream of the Kuroshio likely migrated to the east of the Ryukyu Islands or and also became weaker due to lower sea levels (Shi et al., 2014; Ujiie and Ujiie, 1999; Ujiie et al., 2003) and the hypothetical emergence of a Ryukyu-Taiwan land bridge (Ujiie and Ujiie, 1999). In a recent study, based on the Mg/Ca-derived temperatures in surface and thermocline waters and planktic foraminiferal indicators of water masses from two sediment cores located in the northern and southern OT, Ujiie et al. (2016) ~~further~~ argued that the hydrological conditions of North Pacific Subtropical Gyre since MIS 7 is modulated by the interaction between the Kuroshio and the NPIW. Besides the Kuroshio, the flux of East Asian rivers to the ~~East China Sea (ECS)~~, which is related to the summer EAM and the sea level oscillations coupled with topography ~~are also have also been~~ regulating the surface hydrography in the ~~Okinawa Trough~~ OT (Chang et al., 2009; Kubota et al., 2010; Sun et al., 2005; Yu et al., 2009).

Based on benthic foraminiferal assemblages, previous studies have implied a reduced oxygenation in deep waters of the middle and southern OT during the last deglacial period (Jian et al., 1996; Li et al., 2005), but a strong ventilation during the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM) and the Holocene (Jian et al., 1996; Kao et al., 2005). High sedimentary $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values, an indicator of increased denitrification in the subsurface water column, also occurred during the late deglaciation in the middle OT (Kao et al., 2008). Inconsistent with these results, Dou et al. (2015) suggested an oxic

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depositional environment during the last deglaciation in the southern OT based on weak positive cerium anomalies. Furthermore, Kao et al. (2006) concluded a reduced ventilation of deepwater in the OT during the LGM due to the reduction of KC inflow using a 3-D ocean model. Yet, the patterns and reasons that caused sedimentary oxygenation in the OT thus remain unclear.

2. Paleo-redox proxies

Sedimentary redox condition is ~~the balance between~~ governed by the rate of oxygen supply from the overlying bottom water and the rate of oxygen removal from pore water (Jaccard et al., 2016), processes that are ~~closely~~ related to the supply of oxygen by ocean circulation ~~advection of submarine ocean circulation~~ and organic matter respiration, respectively. Contrasting geochemical behaviors of redox-sensitive trace metals (Mn, Mo, U, etc.) have been ~~extensively~~ used to reconstruct bottom water and sedimentary oxygen changes (Algeo, 2004; Algeo and Lyons, 2006; Crusius et al., 1996; Dean et al., 1997; Tribovillard et al., 2006; Zou et al., 2012), as their concentrations readily respond to redox condition of the depositional environment (Morford and Emerson, 1999).

In general, enrichment of Mn with higher speciation states (Mn (III) and Mn (IV)) in the form of Mn-oxide coatings is observed in marine sediments, when oxic condition prevails into greater sediment depths as a result of low organic matter degradation rates and well-ventilated bottom water (Burdige, 1993). ~~In-Under~~ reducing conditions, the authigenic fraction of Mn (as opposed to its detrital background) is released as dissolved Mn (II) species into the pore water and thus its concentration is usually low in suboxic (O_2 and HS^- absent) and anoxic (HS^- present) sediments. In addition, when Mn enrichment occurs in oxic sediments as solid phase Mn oxyhydroxides, it may lead to co-precipitation of other elements, such as Mo (Nameroff et al., 2002).

The elements Mo and U behave conservatively in oxygenated seawater, but are preferentially enriched in oxygen-depleted water (Morford and Emerson, 1999).

However, these two trace metals behave differently in several ways. Molybdenum can be enriched in both oxic sediments, such as the near surface manganese-rich horizons

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199 in continental margin environments (Shimmield and Price, 1986) and in anoxic
200 sediments (Nameroff et al., 2002). Under anoxic conditions, Mo can be reduced either
201 from the +6 oxidation state to insoluble MoS₂, though this process is known to occur
202 only under extremely reducing conditions, such as hydrothermal and/or diagenesis
203 (Dahl et al., 2010; Helz et al., 1996) or be converted to particle-reactive
204 thiomolybdates (Vorlicek and Helz, 2002). Zheng et al. (2000) suggested two critical
205 thresholds for Mo scavenging from seawater: 0.1 μ M hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) for
206 Fe-S-Mo co-precipitation and 100 μ M H₂S for Mo scavenging as Mo-S or as
207 particle-bound Mo without Fe. Although Crusius et al. (1996) noted insignificant
208 enrichment of sedimentary Mo under suboxic conditions, Scott et al. (2008) argued
209 that burial flux of Mo is not so low in suboxic environments. Excess concentration of
210 Mo (Mo_{excess}) in sediments thus suggests the accumulation of sediments either in
211 anoxic (H₂S occurrence) or well oxygenated conditions (if Mo_{excess} is in association
212 with Mn-oxides).

213 In general, U is enriched in anoxic sediments (>1 μ M H₂S), but not in oxic
214 sediments (>10 μ M O₂) (Nameroff et al., 2002). Accumulation of U depends on the
215 content of reactive organic matter (Sundby et al., 2004) and U precipitates as uraninite
216 (UO₂) during the conversion of Fe (III) to Fe (II) in suboxic conditions (Morford and
217 Emerson, 1999; Zheng et al., 2002). One of the primary removal mechanisms for U
218 from the ocean is via diffusion across the sediment-water interface of reducing
219 sediments (Klinkhammer and Palmer, 1991). Under suboxic conditions, soluble U (VI)
220 is reduced to insoluble U (IV), but free sulfide is not required for U precipitation
221 (McManus et al., 2005). Jaccard et al. (2009) suggested that the presence of excess
222 concentration of U (U_{excess}) in the absence of Mo enrichment is indicative of a suboxic,
223 but not sulfidic condition, within the diffusional range of the sediment-water interface.
224 The felsic ~~volcanic~~ volcanism is also a primary source of uranium (Maithani and
225 Srinivasan, 2011). Therefore, the potential input of uranium from active volcanic
226 sources around the northwestern Pacific to the adjacent sediments should not be
227 neglected.

228 In this study, we investigate a suite of redox-sensitive elements and the ratio of

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Mo/Mn along with productivity proxies from a sediment core retrieved from the northern OT to reconstruct the sedimentary oxygenation in the western subtropical North Pacific over the last 50ka. Based on that, we propose that multiple factors, such as NPIW ventilation, the strength of the Kuroshio Current and export productivity, control the bottom sedimentary oxygenation in the OT on millennial time-scales since the last glacial.

3. Oceanographic setting

~~The OT resulted from the collision of the Philippine and Eurasian plates and initially opened at the middle Miocene (Sibuet et al., 1987). Since that time, the OT has been a depositional center in the ECS and receives large sediment supplies from nearby rivers (Chang et al., 2009). At present, water depth in the axial part of the OT deepens from 500 m in the north to 2700 m in the south.~~

Surface hydrographic characteristics of the OT are mainly controlled by the warmer, more saline, oligotrophic Kuroshio water and cooler, less saline, nutrient-rich Changjiang Diluted Water, and the modern flow-path of the former is influenced by the bathymetry of the OT (Figure 1a). The Kuroshio Current originates from the North Equatorial Current and flows into the ECS from the Philippine Sea through the Suao-Yonaguni Depression. In the northern OT, Tsushima Warm Current (TWC), a branch of the Kuroshio, flows into the Japan Sea through the shallow Tsushima Strait. Volume transport of the Kuroshio varies seasonally due to the influence of the EAM with a maximum of 24 Sv (~~1 Sv = 10⁶ m³/s~~) in summer and a minimum of 20 Sv in autumn across the east of Taiwan (Qu and Lukas, 2003).

Figure 2a ~~and 2b and b~~ show that the lower sea surface salinity (SSS) zone in summer ~~relative to the one in winter~~ in the ECS migrates toward the east of OT, indicating enhanced impact of the Changjiang discharge associated with summer EAM. ~~An estimated ~80% of The-the~~ mean annual discharge of ~~the~~ Changjiang ~~is 0.028 Sv and ~80% of its total discharge~~ is supplied to the ECS (Ichikawa and Beardsley, 2002). ~~In and in situ observational data of surface hydrography along the ship track from Taiwan Strait to Korea Strait and around the entrance of the Tsushima Strait in the northern part of the ECS show a lower SSS in summer and a pronounced~~

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negative correlation between the Changjiang discharge and SSS in July (Delcroix and Murtugudde, 2002). ~~Lower SSS in summer than that in winter suggests stronger effects of summer EAM on surface hydrography over the Kuroshio Current (Sun et al., 2005).~~ Consistently, previous studies from the ~~Okinawa Trough~~OT reported such close relationship between summer EAM and SSS back to the late Pleistocene (Chang et al., 2009; Clemens et al., 2018; Kubota et al., 2010; Sun et al., 2005).

Despite the effects of EAM and the Kuroshio, evidence of geochemical tracers (temperature, salinity, oxygen, nutrients and radiocarbon- $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$) collected during the World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) Expeditions in the Pacific (transects P24 and P03) favors the presence of low saline, nutrient-enriched intermediate and deep waters (Talley, 2007). Dissolved oxygen content is $<100 \mu\text{M}$ -mol/kg at water depths of below 600 m in the OT along WOCE transects PC03 and PC24 (Talley, 2007). Modern oceanographic observations at the Kerama Gap reveal that upwelling in the OT is associated with the inflow of NPIW and studies using box model predicted that overflow through the Kerama Gap is responsible for upwelling ($3.8\text{--}7.6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m s}^{-1}$) (Nakamura et al., 2013; Nishina et al., 2016).

4. Materials and methods

4.1. Chronostratigraphy of core CSH1

A 17.3 m long sediment core CSH1 ($31^{\circ} 13.7' \text{ N}$, $128^{\circ} 43.4' \text{ E}$; water depth: 703 m) was collected from the northern OT, close to the main stream of ~~Tsushima Warm Current (TWC)~~ (Figure 1b) and within the depth of NPIW (Figure 1c) using a piston corer during *Xiangyanghong09* Cruise in 1998. This location is thus enabling us to reconstruct millennial-scale changes in the properties of TWC and NPIW. The expedition was carried out by the First Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources of China. Core CSH1 mainly consists of clayey silt and silt with occurrence of plant debris at some depth intervals (Ge et al., 2007) (Figure 3a). In addition, three layers of volcanic ash were observed at depths of 74–106 cm, 782–794 cm, 1570–1602 cm and these three intervals can be correlated with well-known ash layers, Kikai-Akahoya (K-Ah; 7.3 ka), Aira-Tanzawa (AT; 29.24 ka) and Aso-4 (roughly around MIS 5a) (Machida, 1999), respectively. The core was split and

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289 sub-sampled at every 4 cm interval and then stored in China Ocean Sample
290 Repository at 4 °C until analysis.

291 Previously, some paleoceanographic studies have been conducted and a set of
292 data have been investigated for core CSH1, including the contents of planktic
293 foraminifers as well as their carbon ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$) and oxygen isotope ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$) compositions
294 (Shi et al., 2014), pollen (Chen et al., 2006), paleomagnetism (Ge et al., 2007) and
295 CaCO_3 (Wu et al., 2004). An age model for this core has been constructed by using
296 ten Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS) ^{14}C dates and six oxygen isotope ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$)
297 age control points. The whole 17.3 m core contains *ca.* 88 ka-long record of
298 continuous sedimentation (Shi et al., 2014).

299 It is noteworthy that previous age control points with constant radiocarbon
300 reservoir throughout core CSH1 are used to reveal orbital-scale Kuroshio variations
301 (Shi et al., 2014), but insufficient to investigate millennial-scale climatic events. On
302 the basis of original age model, a higher abundance of *Neogloboquadrina*
303 *pachyderma* (*dextral*) that occurred during warmer intervals, such as the B/A, has
304 been challenging to explain reasonably. On the other hand, paired measurements of
305 $^{14}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ and ^{230}Th ages from Hulu Cave stalagmites suggest magnetic field change has
306 greatly contributed to high atmospheric $^{14}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ values at HS4 and the YD (Cheng et
307 al., 2018). Thus a constant reservoir age assumed when calibrating foraminiferal
308 radiocarbon dates using CALIB 6 software and the Marine_13 calibration dataset
309 (Reimer et al., 2013) for ~~Core-core~~ CSH1 may cause large chronological
310 uncertainties.

311 Here, we therefore recalibrated the radiocarbon dates using CALIB 7.04 software
312 with Marine 13 calibration dataset (Reimer et al., 2013). Moreover, on the basis of
313 significant correlation between planktic foraminifera *species Globigerinoides ruber*
314 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and Chinese stalagmite $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (Cheng et al., 2016), a proxy of summer EAM
315 related to SSS of the ECS, we re-established the age model for core CSH1 (Figures
316 3b-d). Overall, the new chronological framework is similar to the one previously
317 reported by Shi et al. (2014), but with more dates. In order to compare with published
318 results associated with ventilation changes in the North Pacific, here we mainly report

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the history of sedimentary oxygenation in the northern OT since the last glacial period. Linear sedimentation rate varied between ~ 10 and ~~60–40~~ cm/ka with higher sedimentation rate (around 30–40 cm/ka) between ~ 24 ka and 32.5 ka. The age control points were shown in Table 2.–

4.2. Chemical analyses

Sediment subsamples for geochemical analyses were freeze-dried and ground to a fine powder with an agate mortar and pestle. Based on the age model, 85 subsamples from core CSH1 with time resolution of about ~~200–600~~ years (every 4 cm interval) were selected for detailed geochemical analyses of major and minor elements and total contents of carbon (TC), organic carbon (TOC) and nitrogen (TN). The pretreatment of sediment and other analytical methods have been reported elsewhere (Zou et al., 2012).

TC and TN were determined with an elemental analyzer (EA; Vario EL III, Elementar Analysen systeme GmbH) in the Key Laboratory of Marine Sediment and Environment Geology, First Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources of China, Qingdao. Carbonate was removed from sediments by adding 1M HCl to the homogenized sediments for total organic carbon (TOC) analysis using the same equipment. The content of calcium carbonate (CaCO_3) was calculated using the equation:

$$\text{CaCO}_3 = (\text{TC} - \text{TOC}) \times 8.33$$

where 8.33 is the ratio between the molecular weight of carbonate and the atomic weight of carbon. National reference material (GSD-9), blank sample and replicated samples were used to control the analytical process. The relative standard deviation of the GSD-9 for TC, TN and TOC is $\leq 3.4\%$.

About 0.5 g of sediment powder was digested in double distilled $\text{HF}:\text{HNO}_3$ (3:1), followed by concentrated HClO_4 , and then re-dissolved in 5% HNO_3 . Selected major and minor elements such as aluminum (Al) and manganese (Mn) were determined by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES; Thermo Scientific iCAP 6000, Thermo Fisher Scientific), as detailed elsewhere (Zou et al., 2012). In addition, Mo and U were analyzed with inductively coupled plasma mass

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spectrometry (ICP-MS; Thermo Scientific XSERIES 2, Thermo Fisher Scientific), as described in Zou et al. (2012). Precision for most elements in the reference material GSD-9 is $\leq 5\%$ relative standard deviation. The excess fractions of U and Mo were estimated by normalization to Al:

$$\text{Excess fraction} = \frac{\text{total}_{\text{element}} - (\text{element}/\text{Al}_{\text{average shale}} \times \text{Al})}{\text{Al}_{\text{average shale}}}, \text{ with } \text{U}/\text{Al}_{\text{average shale}} = 0.307 \times 10^{-6} \text{ and } \text{Mo}/\text{Al}_{\text{average shale}} = 0.295 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (Li and Schoonmaker, 2014).}$$

In addition, given the different geochemical behaviors of Mn and Mo and co-precipitation and adsorption processes associated with the redox cycling of Mn, we calculated the ratio of Mo to Mn, given assuming that higher Mo/Mn ratio indicates lower oxygen content in the depositional environment and vice versa. In combination with the concentration of excess uranium, we infer the history of sedimentary oxygenation in the subtropical North Pacific since the last glaciation.

5. Results

5.1. TOC, TN, and CaCO₃

The content of CaCO₃ varies from 8.8 to 35% (Figure 4a) and it mostly shows higher values with increasing trends during the last deglaciation. In contrast, the content of CaCO₃ is low and exhibits decreasing trends during the late MIS 3 and the LGM (Figure 4a). TN content shows a larger variation compared to TOC (Figure 4b), but it still strongly correlates with TOC ($r = 0.74$, $p < 0.01$) throughout the entire core. Concentration of TOC ranges from 0.5 to 2.1% and it shows higher values with stable trends during the last glacial phase (MIS 3) (Figure 4c). Molar ratios of TOC/TN vary around 10, with higher ratios at the transition into the LGM (Figure 4d), corresponding to higher linear sedimentation rate (Figure 4a4e). ~~The content of CaCO₃ varies from 8.8 to 35% (Figure 4e) and it mostly shows higher values with increasing trends during the last deglaciation. Conversely, the content of CaCO₃ is low and exhibits decreasing trends during late MIS 3 and the LGM (Figure 4e).~~

Both TOC and CaCO₃ have been ~~are widely~~ used as proxies for the reconstruction of past export productivity (Cartapanis et al., 2011; Lembke-Jene et al., 2017; Rühlemann et al., 1999). Molar C/N ratios of >10 (Figure 4c) suggest that terrigenous organic sources significantly contribute to the TOC concentration in core

CSH1. The TOC content therefore may be not a reliable proxy for the reconstruction of surface water export productivity during times of the LGM and late deglaciation, when maxima in C/N ratios co-occur with decoupled trends between CaCO_3 and TOC concentrations.

Several lines of evidence support CaCO_3 as a reliable productivity proxy, particularly during the last deglaciation. (Shi et al., 2014) In addition, the strong negative correlation coefficient ($r = -0.85$, $p < 0.01$) between Al and CaCO_3 in sediments throughout core CSH1 confirms the biogenic origin of CaCO_3 against terrigenous Al (Figure 4f). Generally, terrigenous dilution decreases the concentrations of CaCO_3 . Inconsistent relationship between percentage CaCO_3 and sedimentation rate indicates a minor effect of dilution on CaCO_3 . Furthermore, the increasing trend in CaCO_3 associated with high sedimentation rate during the last deglacial interval indicates a substantial increase in export productivity (Figures 4a and 4d). The high coherence between percentage CaCO_3 and alkenone-derived sea surface water (SST) (Shi et al., 2014) indicates a direct control on CaCO_3 by SST. Moreover, a detailed comparison between CaCO_3 concentrations and the previously published foraminiferal fragmentation ratio (Wu et al., 2004) clearly shows, apart from a small portion within the LGM, no clear co-variation between them. This/These evidence suggests that CaCO_3 changes are primarily driven primarily by variations in carbonate primary production, and not overprinted by secondary processes, such as carbonate dissolution through changes in the lysocline depth and dilution by terrigenous material through changes in the lysocline depth. Likewise, similar deglacial trend in CaCO_3 is also observed in core MD01-2404 (Chang et al., 2009), indicating a ubiquitous, not local picture in the OT. On the other hand, terrigenous dilution generally decreases the content of CaCO_3 . All these lines of evidence thus support CaCO_3 of core CSH1 as a reliable productivity proxy to a first order approximation. The increasing trend of CaCO_3 associated with high sedimentation rate (Figures 4a, e) indicates a substantial increase in export productivity during the last deglacial interval. Thus, we can confidently use CaCO_3 content as productivity proxy to a first order approximation.

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5.2. Redox-sensitive Elements

Figure 4 shows time series of selected redox-sensitive elements (RSEs) and proxies derived from them. Mn shows higher concentrations during the LGM and HS1 (16 ka–22.5 ka) and middle-late Holocene, but lower concentrations during the last deglacial and Preboreal periods (15.8 ka–9.5 ka) (Figure 4g). Generally, concentrations of excess Mo and excess U (Figures 4j and 4l) show coherent patterns with those of Mo and U (Figures 4i and 4k), but both are out-of-phase with Mn over the last glacial period (Figure 4h). It should be noted that pronounced variations in U concentration since 8.5 ka is related to the occurrence of discrete volcanic materials.

A significant positive Eu anomaly (Zhu et al., 2015) together with more radiogenic Nd values (unpublished data) from the same core confirms the occurrence of discrete volcanic materials and its dilution effects on terrigenous components since 7 ka. Occurrence of discrete volcanic material is likely related to intensified Kuroshio Current during the mid-late Holocene, as supported by higher hydrothermal Hg concentrations in sediments from the middle OT (Lim et al., 2017).

A negative correlation between Mn and Mo_{excess} during the last glaciation and the Holocene, and the strong positive correlation between them during the LGM and HS1 (Figures 5a and 5b) further corroborate the complicated geochemical behaviors of Mn and Mo. A strong positive correlation between Mo_{excess} and Mn (Figure 5b) seems to may be attributed to co-precipitation of Mo by Mn-oxyhydroxide under oxygenated conditions. Here, we use Mo/Mn ratio, instead of excess Mo concentration to reconstruct variations in sedimentary redox state conditions in the study area. Overall, the Mo/Mn ratio shows similar downcore pattern to that of Mo_{excess} with higher values ratios during the last deglaciation, but lower values-ratios during the LGM and HS1. A strong correlation ($r = 0.69$) between Mo/Mn ratio and excess U concentration (excluding the data of Holocene, due to contamination of volcanic material, Figure 5c) further corroborates the integrity of Mo/Mn as an indicator of sedimentary oxygenation changes.

Rapidly decreasing Mo/Mn ratio indicates an oxygenated sedimentary environment since ~8 ka (Figure 4h). Both higher Mo/Mn ratios and excess U

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concentration, together with lower Mn concentrations suggest an oxygen-deficient deoxygenated sedimentary-depositional condition environment during the late deglacial period (15.8 ka–9.5 ka), whereas lower values-ratios during the LGM, HS1 and HS2 indicate relatively better oxygenated sedimentary condition. A decreasing trend in Mo/Mn ratio and excess U concentration from 50 ka to 25 ka also suggest higher sedimentary oxygen levels.

6. Discussion

6.1. Constraining paleoredox conditions in the Okinawa Trough

In general, three different terms, hypoxia, suboxia and anoxia, are widely used to describe the degree of oxygen depletion in the marine environment (Hofmann et al., 2011). Here, we adopt the definition of oxygen thresholds by Bianchi et al. (2012), for oxic ($>120 \mu\text{mol/kg O}_2$), hypoxic ($<60\text{--}120 \mu\text{mol/kg O}_2$) and suboxic ($<2\text{--}10 \mu\text{mol/kg O}_2$) conditions, whereas anoxia is the absence of measurable oxygen. Generally, redox states in waters can be classified as oxic ($>89 \mu\text{mol/L O}_2$), suboxic ($\sim 8.9\text{--}89 \mu\text{mol/L O}_2$), anoxic-nonsulfidic ($<89 \mu\text{mol/L O}_2$, $0 \mu\text{mol/L H}_2\text{S}$), and anoxic-sulfidic or euxinic ($0 \text{ ml O}_2/\text{L}$, $>0 \mu\text{mol/L H}_2\text{S}$) (Savirna and Bottjer, 1991).

Proxies associated with RSEs, such as sedimentary Mo concentration (Lyons et al., 2009; Scott et al., 2008) have been used to constrain the degree of oxygenation in seawater. Algeo and Tribouillard (2009) proposed that open-ocean systems with suboxic waters tend to yield U_{excess} enrichment relative to Mo_{excess} and to result resulting in sediment $(Mo/U)_{\text{excess}}$ ratio less than that of seawater (7.5–7.9). Under increasingly reducing and occasionally sulfidic conditions, the accumulation of Mo_{excess} increase relative to that of U_{excess} leading the $(Mo/U)_{\text{excess}}$ ratio either is equal to or exceeds with that of seawater. Furthermore, Scott and Lyons (2012) suggested a non-euxinic condition with the presence of sulfide in pore waters, when Mo concentrations range from $> 2 \text{ ppm}\mu\text{g/g}$, the crustal average to $< 25 \text{ ppm}\mu\text{g/g}$, a threshold concentration for euxinic condition. Given that the northern Okinawa Trough OT is located in the open oceanic settings weakly restricted basin settings, we use these two above mentioned proxies to evaluate the degree of oxygenation in

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sediments.

Both bulk Mo concentration (1.2-9.5 ~~ppm~~ $\mu\text{g/g}$) and excess (Mo/U) ratio (0.2-5.7) in core CSH1 suggest that oxygen-depleted conditions may have prevailed in the deep water of the northern OT over the last 50 ka (Figure 4m). However, increased excess Mo concentration with enhanced Mo/U ratio during the last termination (18-9 ka) indicate a stronger reducing condition compared to the Holocene and the last glacial period, though Mo concentration is less than 25 ~~ppm~~ $\mu\text{g/g}$, a threshold for euxinic deposition proposed by Scott and Lyons (2012).

The relative abundance of benthic foraminiferal species that thrive in different oxygen concentrations also have been widely used to reconstruct the variations in bottom water ventilation, such as enhanced abundance of *Bulimina aculeata*, *Uvigerina peregrina* and *Chilostomella oolina* found under oxygen-depleted conditions in the central and southern OT during the last deglaciation (18 ka -9.2 ka) (Jian et al., 1996; Li et al., 2005). An oxygenated bottom water condition is also indicated by abundant benthic foraminifera species *Cibicides hyalina* and *Globocassidulina subglobosa* after 9.2 ka (Jian et al., 1996; Li et al., 2005) in cores E017 (1826 m water depth), 255 (1575 m water depth) and high benthic $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values (Wahyudi and Minagawa, 1997) in cores E017 (water depth 1826 m), 225 (water depth 1575 m) in core and PN-3 (water depth 1058 m water depth) from the middle and southern OT (Figures 1 and 3) during the postglacial period. The inferred ventilation pattern poorly-ventilated deep water in the middle and southern OT inferred from by benthic foraminiferal assemblages during the last deglaciation is coeval consistent with the one inferred from RSEs in the northern OT study referring to our RSEs (Figure 4). A clear linkage thus can be established between deep-water ventilation and sedimentary oxygenation in the OT. Although we did not carry out benthic foraminiferal species analyses for our core CSH1, it is reasonable to infer based on RSEs that the deepwater in the northern OT was also in a prominent oxygen-poor condition during the late deglacial interval. A clear link thus can be built between the ventilation of deep water and the sedimentary oxygenation in the OT. In brief Overall, a combination of our proxy records of RSEs in core CSH1 with other

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records shows oxygen-rich conditions during the last glaciation and middle and late Holocene (since 8.5 ka) intervals, but oxygen-poor conditions during the ~~late-last deglaciation deglacial period~~.

6.2. Causes for sedimentary oxygenation variations

As discussed above, the pattern of RSEs in core CSH1 suggests that drastic changes in sedimentary oxygenation occurred on orbital and millennial timescales over the last glaciation in the ~~Okinawa Trough~~OT. In general, four factors can regulate the redox condition in the deep water column: (i) O₂ solubility, (ii) export productivity and subsequent degradation of organic matter, (iii) vertical mixing, and (iv) lateral ~~provision supply~~ of oxygen through intermediate and deeper water masses (Ivanochko and Pedersen, 2004; Jaccard and Galbraith, 2012). ~~These processes have been invoked in previous studies to explain the deglacial Pacific-wide variations in oxygenation by either one or a combination of these factors~~ (Galbraith and Jaccard, 2015; Moffitt et al., 2015; Praetorius et al., 2015). ~~In the OT, the oxygen deficiency during the late deglacial period can be caused either by one and/or a combination of more than one of these factors. Our data also suggest drastic variations in sedimentary oxygenation over the last 50 ka. However, In order to uncover the mechanisms responsible for sedimentary oxygenation variations in the basin-wide OT in the basin-wide OT and its connection with ventilation of the open North Pacific remain unclear. In order to place our core results in a wider regional context, here, we~~ compare our proxy records of sedimentary oxygenation (U_{excess} concentration and Mo/Mn ratio) and export productivity (CaCO₃) (Figures 6a, b, c) with ~~abundance of Pulleniatina obliquiloculata (an indicator of Kuroshio strength) and sea surface temperature (Shi et al., 2014), bulk sedimentary nitrogen isotope (an indicator of denitrification) (Kao et al., 2008), benthic foraminifera δ¹³C (a proxy for water mass) in cores PN-3 and PC23A (Rella et al., 2012; Wahyudi and Minagawa, 1997), a proxy for water mass, in core PC23A (Rella et al., 2012), abundance of benthic foraminifera (an indicator of hypoxia) in core E017 (Li et al., 2005) and ODP167 site 1017 (Cannariato and Kennett, 1999) the NE Pacific, an indicator of anoxic condition~~

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(Cannariato and Kennett, 1999), abundance of *Pulleniatina obliquiloculata*, an indicator of the Kuroshio strength (Shi et al., 2014) (Figures 6d-k).

6.2.1. Effects of regional ocean temperature on deglacial deoxygenation

Warming ocean temperatures lead to lower oxygen solubility. In the geological past, solubility effects connected to temperature changes of the water column thought to enhance or even trigger hypoxia (Praetorius et al., 2015). For instance, Shi et al. (2014) reported an increase in SST of around 4°C (~21°C to ~24.6°C) during the last deglaciation in core CSH1 (Figure 6d). Based on thermal solubility effects, a hypothetical warming of 1°C at our site would reduce oxygen concentrations by about 8–3.5 μmol/kg at water temperatures around 22°C (Brewer and Peltzer, 2016) (Benson and Krause, 1984), which therefore a ~4°C warming at core CSH1 (Shi et al., 2014) could drive a conservative estimate of a drop of <15 μmol/kg drastic in drop of oxygen concentration by assuming no large salinity changes <30 μM in subsurface water of the OT. Therefore, we assume that the late deglacial hypoxia in the OT underwent a similar increase in ocean temperatures. However, given the semi-quantitative nature of our data about oxygenation changes, which seemingly exceed an amplitude of >30–15 μmol/kgM, we suggest that other factors, in particular processes like e.g. local changes in export productivity, regional influences such as vertical mixing due to changes of the Kuroshio Current, as well as and far-field effects all may have played some decisive roles in shaping the oxygenation history of the OT.

6.2.2. Links between deglacial primary productivity and sedimentary deoxygenation

Previous studies have suggested the occurrence of high primary productivity in the entire OT during the last deglacial period (Chang et al., 2009; Jian et al., 1996; Kao et al., 2008; Li et al., 2017; Shao et al., 2016; Wahyudi and Minagawa, 1997). Such an increase in export production was due to favorable conditions for bloom development, which were likely induced by warm temperatures and maxima in nutrient availability, the latter being mainly sourced from increased discharge of the Changjiang River, erosion of material from the ongoing flooding of the shallow continental shelf in the ECS, and upwelling of Kuroshio Intermediate Water (Chang

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et al., 2009; Li et al., 2017; Shao et al., 2016; Wahyudi and Minagawa, 1997). On the basis of sedimentary reactive phosphorus concentration, Li et al. (2017) concluded that export productivity increased during warm episodes but decreased during cold spells on millennial timescales over the last 91 ka in the OT. Gradually increasing concentrations of CaCO₃ in core CSH1 during the deglaciation (Figure 6a) and little changes in foraminiferal fragmentation ratios (Wu et al., 2004), are indicative of high export productivity in the northern OT. Accordingly, our data indicate that an increase in export productivity during the last deglaciation, which was previously ~~reported evidenced by concentrations of reactive phosphorus~~ (Li et al., 2017) and CaCO₃ (Chang et al., 2009) ~~from the middle-and southern OT during the last deglaciation~~, and thus was a pervasive, synchronous phenomenon of entire study region at the outermost extension of the ECS.

~~As a consequence, high export productivity lowers oxygen concentrations in deeper waters, due to subsurface consumption of oxygen by remineralization of organic matter.~~ Similar events of high export productivity have been ~~extensively~~ reported in the entire North Pacific due to increased nutrient supply, high SST, reduced sea ice cover, etc. (Crusius et al., 2004; Dean et al., 1997; Galbraith et al., 2007; Jaccard and Galbraith, 2012; Kohfeld and Chase, 2011). In most of these cases, ~~the increased~~ ds in productivity were thought to be likely also responsible for oxygen depletion in mid-depth waters, due to exceptionally high oxygen consumption. However, the productivity changes during the deglacial interval, very specifically CaCO₃, are not fully consistent with the trends of excess U and Mo/Mn ratio (Figures 46b and 6c). The sedimentary oxygenation thus cannot be determined by export productivity alone.

6.2.3 Effects of the Kuroshio dynamics on sedimentary oxygenation

The Kuroshio Current, one of the main drivers of vertical mixing, has been identified as the key factor in controlling modern deep ventilation in the ~~Okinawa Trough~~OT (Kao et al., 2006). However, the flow path of the Kuroshio in the ~~Okinawa Trough~~OT during the glacial interval remains a matter of debate. Planktic foraminiferal assemblages in sediment cores from inside and outside the ~~Okinawa~~

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588 ~~Trough~~OT indicated that the Kuroshio have migrated to the east of the Ryukyu
589 Islands during the LGM (Ujiié and Ujiié, 1999). Subsequently, Kao et al. (2006)
590 based on modeling results suggested that the Kuroshio still enters into the ~~Okinawa~~
591 ~~Trough~~OT, but the volume transport was reduced by 43% compared to the
592 present-day transport and the outlet of Kuroshio switches from the Tokara Strait to the
593 Kerama Gap at -80 and -135m lowered sea level. Combined with sea surface
594 temperature (SST) records and ocean model results, Lee et al. (2013) argued that there
595 was little effect of deglacial sea-level change on the path of the Kuroshio, which still
596 exited the ~~Okinawa-Trough~~OT from the Tokara Strait during the glacial period.
597 Because the main stream of the Kuroshio Current is at a water depth of ~150 m, the
598 SST records are insufficient to decipher past changes of the Kuroshio (Ujiié et al.,
599 2016). On the other hand, low abundances of *P. obliquiloculata* in core CSH1 in the
600 northern OT (Figure 6e) indicate that the main flow path of the Kuroshio may have
601 migrated to the east of the Ryukyu Island (Shi et al., 2014). Such a flow change would
602 have been caused by the proposed block of the Ryukyu-Taiwan land bridge by low
603 sea level (Ujiié and Ujiié, 1999) and an overall reduced Kuroshio intensity (Kao et al.,
604 2006), effectively suppressing the effect of the Kuroshio on deep ventilation in the OT.
605 Our RSEs data show that oxygenated sedimentary conditions were dominant in the
606 northern OT throughout the last glacial period (Figures 6a, b, c, d). The Kuroshio thus
607 likely had a weak or even no effect on the renewal of oxygen to the sedimentary
608 environment during the last glacial period. More recently, lower hydrothermal total
609 Hg concentration during 20 ka - 9.6 ka, associated with reduced intensity and/or
610 variation in flow path of KC, relative to that of Holocene recorded in core KX12 - 3
611 (1423 water depth) (Lim et al., 2017), further validates our inference (Lim et al.,
612 2017).
613 On the other hand, the gradually ~~increasing~~increased alkenone-derived SST and
614 abundance of *P.obliquiloculata* (Figures 6d and 6e) from 15 ka onwards indicates an
615 intensified Kuroshio Current. ~~At present, mooring and float observations revealed~~
616 that the KC penetrates to 1200 m isobath in the East China Sea (Andres et al., 2015).
617 ~~Matsumoto et al. (2002) suggested that the influence of the present Kuroshio can~~

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reach to the bottom depth of the permanent thermocline, which is approximately at 1000 m water depth. However, as mentioned above, the effect of Kuroshio on the sedimentary oxygenation was likely very limited during the glacial period and only gradually increasing throughout the last glacial termination. Therefore, while its effect on our observed deglacial variation in oxygenation may provide a slowly changing background condition in vertical mixing effects on the sedimentary oxygenation in the OT, it cannot account for the first order, rapid oxygenation changes, including indications for millennial-scale variations, that we observe between 18 ka and 9 ka, including indications for millennial-scale variations (Figure 6).

Better oxygenated sedimentary conditions since 8.5 ka coincided with intensified Kuroshio (Li et al., 2005; Shi et al., 2014), as indicated by rapidly increased SST and *P. obliquiloculata* abundance in core CSH1 (Figures 6d and 6e) and *C. hyaline* abundance in core E017 (Figure 6i). The re-entrance of the Kuroshio into the OT (Shi et al., 2014) with rising eustatic sea level likely enhanced the vertical mixing and exchange between bottom and surface waters, ventilating the deep water in the OT. Previous comparative studies based on epibenthic $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values indicated well-ventilated deep water feeding both inside the OT and outside off the Ryukyu Islands during the Holocene (Kubota et al., 2015; Wahyudi and Minagawa, 1997). In summary, during the Holocene our observed enhanced sedimentary oxygenation regime observed in the OT during the Holocene is mainly related to the intensified Kuroshio, while the effect of the Kuroshio on OT oxygenation was limited before 15 ka.

6.2.4. Effects of GNPIW on sedimentary oxygenation

Relatively stronger oxygenated Glacial North Pacific Intermediate Water (GNPIW), coined by (Matsumoto et al., 2002), has been widely documented in the Bering Sea (Itaki et al., 2012; Kim et al., 2011; Rella et al., 2012), the Okhotsk Sea (Itaki et al., 2008; Okazaki et al., 2014; Okazaki et al., 2006; Wu et al., 2014), off east Japan (Shibahara et al., 2007), the eastern North Pacific (Cartapanis et al., 2011; Ohkushi et al., 2013) and western subarctic Pacific (Keigwin, 1998; Matsumoto et al., 2002). The intensified ventilation-formation of GNPIW due to the displacement of

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648 ~~source region to the Bering Sea is firstly attributable to~~ was proposed by the
 649 ~~displacement of formation source region to the Bering Sea~~ Ohkushi et al. (2003) and
 650 ~~then and then is further~~ confirmed by Horikawa et al. (2010). Under such conditions,
 651 the invasion of well-ventilated GNPIW into the OT through the Kerama Gap would
 652 have replenished the water column oxygen in the OT, although the penetration depth
 653 of GNPIW remains under debate (Jaccard and Galbraith, 2013; Okazaki et al., 2010;
 654 Rae et al., 2014). Both a gradual decrease in excess U concentration and an increase
 655 in Mo/Mn ratio during the last glacial period (25 ~~ka~~-50 ka) validate such inference,
 656 suggesting pronounced effects of intensified GNPIW formation in the OT.

657 During HS1, a stronger formation of GNPIW was supported by proxy studies
 658 and numerical simulations(~~Chikamoto et al., 2012; Gong et al., 2019; Jaccard and~~
 659 ~~Galbraith, 2013; Max et al., 2014; Okazaki et al., 2010).~~ recorded in the North Pacific
 660 by a variety of studies.For example, ~~On the basis of paired benthic-planktic (B-P)~~
 661 ~~¹⁴C data, and model simulations, nhanced penetration of~~ Okazaki et al. (2010)
 662 suggested that NPIW penetrated into a much deeper water depth ~~of ~2500 to 3000 m~~
 663 during HS1 relative to the Holocene has been revealed in several studies (Max et al.,
 664 2014; Okazaki et al., 2010; Sagawa and Ikehara, 2008), which was also simulated by
 665 several models (Chikamoto et al., 2012; Gong et al., 2019; Okazaki et al., 2010). On
 666 the other hand, increased intermediate water temperature in the subtropical Pacific
 667 recorded in core GH08-2004 (1166 m water depth) (Kubota et al., 2015) and young
 668 deep water observed in the northern South China Sea during HS1 (Wan and Jian,
 669 2014) along downstream region of NPIW are also related to intensified NPIW
 670 formation. Furthermore, In contrast, Max et al. (2014) argued against deep water
 671 formation in the North Pacific and showed that GNPIW was well ventilated only to
 672 intermediate water depths (< 1400 m). Various mid- and high latitude North Pacific
 673 records of B-P ¹⁴C age offsets at the intermediate water depth (<600–2000 m) showed
 674 an active production of GNPIW during HS1 (Max et al., 2014; Sagawa and Ikehara,
 675 2008). (Kubota et al., 2015)Moreover, Kubota et al. (2010) reported increased
 676 subsurface water temperatures related to enhanced GNPIW contributions during HS1
 677 at a water depth of 1166m (GH08, and young deep water was observed in the northern

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678 ~~South China Sea during HS1 (Wan and Jian, 2014).~~
679 ~~All these multiple lines of evidence imply the presence of well ventilated~~
680 ~~intermediate water in the upper 2000 m of the North Pacific during HS1. At this point,~~
681 ~~the effect of a strong GNPIW likely reached the South China Sea (Wan and Jian, 2014;~~
682 ~~Zheng et al., 2016), further to the south the Okinawa Trough. The pathway of~~
683 GNPIW from numerical model simulations (Zheng et al., 2016) was similar to
684 modern observations (You, 2003). Thus, all these evidence imply a persistent, cause
685 and effect relation ~~has been established~~ between GNPIW ventilation, the intermediate
686 and deep water oxygen concentration ~~in the of OT deepwater~~ and sediment redox state
687 during HS1. In addition, our RSEs data also suggested a similarly enhanced
688 ventilation in HS2 (Figures 6b and 6c) (Figure 6) that ~~must is also also be~~ attributed to
689 intensified GNPIW.

690 Hypoxic conditions during ~~the Bølling-Allerød (B/A)~~ have been also widely
691 observed in the mid- and high-latitude North Pacific (Jaccard and Galbraith, 2012;
692 Praetorius et al., 2015). Our data, ~~both of~~ excess U concentrations and Mo/Mn ratio
693 recorded in core CSH1 (Figures 6b- ~~and 6c~~), together with enhanced denitrification
694 and *B. aculeata* abundance (Figures 6f and 6h), further reveal the expansion of
695 oxygen-depletion at mid-depth waters down to the subtropical NW Pacific during the
696 late deglacial period. Based on high relative abundances of radiolarian species,
697 indicators of upper intermediate water ventilation in core PC-23A, Itaki et al. (2012)
698 suggested that a presence of well-ventilated waters was limited to the upper
699 intermediate layer (200 m–500 m) in the Bering Sea during warm periods, such as the
700 B/A and Preboreal. Higher B-P foraminiferal ¹⁴C ages, together with increased
701 temperature and salinity at intermediate waters ~~temperature and salinity~~ recorded in
702 core GH02-1030 (off East Japan) supported a weakened formation of NPIW during
703 the B/A (Sagawa and Ikehara, 2008). These lines of evidence indicate that the
704 boundary between GNPIW and North Pacific Deep Water shoaled during the B/A, in
705 comparison to HS1. Based on a comparison of two benthic foraminiferal oxygen and
706 carbon isotope records from off northern Japan and the southern Ryukyu Island,
707 Kubota et al. (2015) found a stronger influence of Pacific Deep Water on

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intermediate-water temperature and ventilation at their southern than the northern locations, although both sites are located at similar water depths (1166 m and -1212 m for cores GH08-2004 and GH02-1030, 1212 m, respectively). Higher excess U concentration and low Mo/Mn ratio in our core CSH1 during the B/A and Preboreal suggest reduced sedimentary oxygenation, consistent with reduced ventilation of GNPIW, contributing to the subsurface water suboxia-deoxygenation in the OT.

During the YD, both Mo/Mn ratio and excess U show a slightly decreased oxygen condition in the northern OT. In-By contrast, benthic foraminiferal $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values in a sediment core collected from the Oyashio region suggested a strengthened formation and ventilation of GNPIW during the YD (Ohkushi et al., 2016). This pattern possibly indicates a time-dependent, varying contribution of distal GNPIW to the deglacial OT oxygenation history, and we presume a more pronounced contribution of organic matter degradation due to high export productivity during this period, as suggested by increasing CaCO_3 content.

6.3. Subtropical North Pacific ventilation links to North Atlantic Climate

One of the characteristics climate features in the Northern Hemisphere, in particular the North Atlantic is millennial-scale oscillations during the glacial and deglacial periods. These abrupt climatic events have been widely thought to be related to varying strength of Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) (Lynch-Stieglitz, 2017). One of dynamic proxies of ocean circulation, $^{231}\text{Pa}/^{230}\text{Th}$ reveals that severe weakening of AMOC only existed during Heinrich stadials due to increased freshwater discharges into the North Atlantic (Böhm et al., 2015; McManus et al., 2004). On the other hand, several mechanisms, such as sudden termination of freshwater input (Liu et al., 2009), atmospheric CO_2 concentration (Zhang et al., 2017), enhanced advection of salt (Barker et al., 2010) (Liu et al., 2009) and changes in background climate (Knorr and Lohmann, 2007) were proposed to explain the reinvigoration of AMOC during the B/A.

Our RSEs data in the Northern OT and epibenthic $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ in the Bering Sea (Figures 7a-c) both show a substantial millennial variability in intermediate water ventilation in the subtropical North Pacific. Notably, both enhanced ventilation during

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738 HS1 and HS2 and oxygen-poor condition during the B/A respectively correspond to
 739 the collapse and resumption of ~~Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC)~~
 740 ~~(Bohm et al., 2015; McManus et al., 2004)~~ (Figure 7-d). ~~Such out-of-phase~~
 741 ~~millennial-scale pattern~~ This is consistent with the results of various modeling
 742 simulations (Chikamoto et al., 2012; Menviel et al., 2014; Okazaki et al., 2010;
 743 Saenko et al., 2004), although these models had different ~~scenarios-boundary~~
 744 ~~conditions~~ and causes for the observed effects in GNPIW formation, and ventilation
 745 ages derived from B-P ^{14}C (Freeman et al., 2015; Max et al., 2014; Okazaki et al.,
 746 2012). These lines of evidence ~~reveal-confirm~~ a persistent link between the ventilation
 747 of North Pacific and the North Atlantic climate (Lohmann et al., 2019). Such links
 748 have also been corroborated by ~~using~~ proxy data and modeling experiment between
 749 AMOC and East Asian monsoon during the 8.2 ka event (Liu et al., 2013), the
 750 Holocene (Wang et al., 2005) and 34 ~~ka~~-60 ka (Sun et al., 2012). The mechanism
 751 linking East Asia with North Atlantic has been attributed to an atmospheric
 752 teleconnection, such as the position and strength of Westerly Jet and
 753 Mongolia-Siberian High (Porter and Zhisheng, 1995). However, the mechanism
 754 behind such ~~oceanic ventilation-seesaw-out-of-phase~~ pattern between the ~~ventilation~~
 755 ~~in the subtropical North Pacific and the~~ North Atlantic ~~deep water formation and~~
 756 ~~North Pacific is still remains~~ unclear.

757 Increased NPIW formation ~~of-during~~ HS1 may have been caused by enhanced
 758 salinity-driven vertical mixing through higher meridional water mass transport from
 759 the subtropical Pacific. Previous studies have proposed that intermediate water
 760 formation in the North Pacific hinged on a basin-wide increase in sea surface salinity
 761 driven by changes in strength of the summer EAM and the moisture transport from
 762 the Atlantic to the Pacific (Emile-Geay et al., 2003). Several modeling studies found
 763 that freshwater forcing in the North Atlantic could cause a widespread surface
 764 salinification in the subtropical Pacific Ocean (Menviel et al., 2014; Okazaki et al.,
 765 2010; Saenko et al., 2004). This idea has been tested by proxy data (Rodríguez-Sanz
 766 et al., 2013; Sagawa and Ikehara, 2008), which indicated a weakened summer EAM
 767 and reduced transport of moisture from Atlantic to Pacific through Panama Isthmus

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768 | owing to the southward displacement of Intertropical Convergence Zone ~~ICZ~~ caused
769 | by a weakening of AMOC. Along with this process, as predicted through a general
770 | circulation modeling, a strengthened Pacific Meridional Overturning Circulation
771 | would have transported more warm and salty subtropical water into the high-latitude
772 | North Pacific (Okazaki et al., 2010). In accordance with comprehensive Mg/Ca
773 | ratio-based salinity reconstructions, however, Riethdorf et al. (2013) found no clear
774 | evidence for such higher salinity patterns in the subarctic northwest Pacific during
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776 | On the other hand, a weakened AMOC would deepen the wintertime Aleutian
777 | Low based on modern observation (Okumura et al., 2009), which is closely related to
778 | the sea ice formation in the marginal seas of the subarctic Pacific (Cavalieri and
779 | Parkinson, 1987). Once stronger Aleutian Low, Intense-intense brine rejection due to;
780 | ~~accompanied by expanded~~ sea ice expansionformation, would have enhanced the
781 | NPIW formation. Recently our modeling-derived evidence suggests-confirms that
782 | enhanced sea ice coverage occurred in the southern Okhotsk Sea and off East
783 | Kamchatka Peninsula during HS1 (Gong et al., 2019). In addition, higher-stronger
784 | advection of low-salinity water via the Alaskan Stream to the subarctic NW Pacific
785 | was probably enhanced during HS1, related to a shift of the Aleutian Low pressure
786 | system over the North Pacific, which could also increase sea ice formation, brine
787 | rejection and thereafter intermediate water ventilation (Riethdorf et al., 2013).

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788 | During the late deglaciation, ameliorating global climate conditions, such as
789 | warming Northern Hemisphere, and a strengthened Asian summer monsoon, are a
790 | result of changes in insolation forcing, greenhouse gases concentrations, and variable
791 | strengths of the AMOC (Clark et al., 2012; Liu et al., 2009). During the B/A, a
792 | decrease in sea ice extent and duration, as well as reduced advection of Alaska Stream
793 | waters were indicated by combined reconstructions of SST and mixed layer
794 | temperatures from the subarctic Pacific (Riethdorf et al., 2013). At that time, the
795 | rising eustatic sea level (Spratt and Lisiecki, 2016) would have supported the
796 | intrusion of Alaska Stream into the Bering Sea by deepening and opening glacial
797 | closed straits of the Aleutian Islands chain, while reducing the advection of the Alaska

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Stream to the subarctic Pacific gyre (Riethdorf et al., 2013). In this scenario, saltier and more stratified surface water conditions would have inhibited brine rejection and subsequent formation and ventilation of NPIW (Lam et al., 2013), leading to a reorganization of the Pacific water mass, closely coupled to the collapse and resumption modes of the AMOC during these two intervals.

6.4 Increased storage of CO₂ at mid-depth water in the North Pacific at the B/A

One of the striking features of RSEs data is higher Mo/Mn ratios and excess U concentrations at the B/A, ~~indicating supporting an expansion of Oxygen Minimum Zone~~ ~~a substantial oxygen poor condition~~ in the ~~subtropical~~ North Pacific (Galbraith and Jaccard, 2015; Jaccard and Galbraith, 2012; Moffitt et al., 2015) and ~~coinciding~~ with the termination of atmospheric CO₂ concentration rise (Marcott et al., 2014) (Figure 7a7e). As described above, it can be related to the upwelling of nutrient- and CO₂-rich Pacific Deep Water due to resumption of AMOC and enhanced export production. Although here we are unable to distinguish these two reasons from each other, boron isotope data measured on surface-dwelling foraminifera in core MD01-2416 situated in the western subarctic North Pacific did reveal a decrease in near-surface pH and an increase in pCO₂ at this time (Gray et al., 2018). That is to say, subarctic North Pacific is a source of relatively high atmospheric CO₂ concentration at the B/A. Here we cannot conclude that the same processes could have occurred in the subtropical North Pacific due to the lack of well-known drivers to draw out of the old carbon in the deep sea into the atmosphere. However, an expansion of oxygen-depletion zone in the entire North Pacific suggest an increase in respired carbon storage at intermediate-depth in the subtropical North Pacific, which likely stalls the rise of atmospheric CO₂. Our results support the findings by Galbraith et al. (2007) and are consistent with the hypothesis of deglacial flushing of respired carbon dioxide from an isolated, deep ocean reservoir (Marchitto et al., 2007; Sigman and Boyle, 2000). Given the sizeable volume of the North Pacific, potentially, once the respired carbon could be emitted to the atmosphere in stages, which would play an important role in propelling the Earth out of the last ice age (Jaccard and Galbraith, 2018).

7. Conclusions

Our geochemical results of sediment core CSH1 revealed substantial changes in intermediate water redox conditions in the northern Okinawa Trough over the last 50 ka on orbital and millennial timescales ~~in the past~~. Enhanced sedimentary oxygenation mainly occurred during cold intervals, such as the last glacial period, Heinrich stadials 1 and 2, and during the middle and late Holocene, while diminished sedimentary oxygenation prevailed during the Bölling-Alleröd and Preboreal. The sedimentary oxygenation variability presented here provides key evidence for the substantial impact of ventilation of NPIW on the sedimentary oxygenation in the subtropical North Pacific and ~~highlights shows out-of-phase pattern with North Atlantic Climate during the last deglaciation the major role of Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation in regulating the variations in sedimentary oxygenation in the Okinawa Trough through ventilation of NPIW.~~ The linkage is attributable to the disruption of NPIW formation caused by climate changes in the North Atlantic, which is transferred to the North Pacific via atmospheric and oceanic teleconnections. ~~Combined with other published records,~~ We also suggest an expansion of oxygen-depleted zone and accumulation of respired carbon at the mid-depth waters of the North Pacific ~~at during~~ the B/A, coinciding with the termination of atmospheric CO₂ rise. A step-wise injection of such respired carbon into the atmosphere, mechanism likely to propel the Earth out of glacial climate, would be helpful to maintain high atmospheric CO₂ levels during the deglaciation.

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~~Once the release of the sequestered carbon into the atmosphere in stages, it would be helpful to maintain high atmospheric CO₂ levels during the deglaciation and to propel the earth out of the glacial climate.~~

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Table 1. Locations of different sediment core records and their source references discussed in the text.

Table 2. Age control points adopted between planktic foraminifera species *Globigerinoides ruber* $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of Core CSH1 and Chinese stalagmite $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (Cheng et al., 2016) for tuning the age model between 10 ka and 60 ka in this study. A linear interpolation was assumed between age control points.

Figure 1. (a) Spatial distribution of dissolved oxygen content at 700 m water depth in the North Pacific. Black arrows denote simplified Kuroshio and Oyashio circulations and North Pacific Intermediate Water (NPIW) in the North Pacific. The red thick dashed line indicates transformation of Okhotsk Sea Intermediate Water (OSIW) by cabbeling the subtropical NPIW along the subarctic-tropical frontal zone (You, 2003). The light brown solid line with arrow indicates the spreading path of subtropical NPIW from northeast North Pacific southward toward the low-latitude northwest North Pacific (You, 2003). Yellow solid lines with arrow represent two passages through which NPIW enter into the Okinawa Trough. This figure was created with Ocean Data View (odv.awi.de). (b) Location of sediment core CSH1 investigated in this study (red diamond). Also shown are locations of sediment cores PN-3, E017, 255 and MD012404 investigated previously from the Okinawa Trough, GH08-2004 from the East of Ryukyu Island, GH02-1030 off ~~-(PN-3, E017, 255 and MD012404; white cross-line), the east of Japan~~ ~~northern and southern Japan (GH08-2004 and GH02-1030), PC-23A from~~ the Bering Sea ~~(PC-23A)~~ and ODP167-1017 from the northeastern Pacific ~~(ODP167-1017)~~. Letters A to E represent the sediment cores from and near the OT. The detailed information for these cores ~~can be shown seen~~ in Table 1.

Figure 2. Spatial distribution of sea surface salinity in the East China Sea. (a) summer (July to September); (b) winter (January to March). Lower sea surface salinity in

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summer relative to that of winter indicates strong effects of summer East Asian Monsoon.

Figure 3. (a) Lithology and oxygen isotope ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$) profile of planktic foraminifera species *Globigerinoides ruber* (*G. ruber*) in core CSH1. (b) Plot of ages versus depth for core CSH1. Three known ash layers are indicated by solid red rectangles. (c) Time series of linear sedimentation rate (LSR) from core CSH1. (d) Comparison of age model of core CSH1 with Chinese Stalagmite composite $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ curve of (Cheng et al., 2016). Tie points for CSH1 core chronology (Table 2) in Figures 2b-3c and 2e-3d are designated by blue and red solid colored dots/crosses.

Figure 4. Age versus (a) CaCO_3 concentration, linear sedimentation rate (LSR), (b) Total nitrogen (TN) concentration, C/N molar ratio, (c) Total organic carbon (TOC) concentration, (d) C/N molar ratio, Total nitrogen (TN) concentration, (e) linear sedimentation rate (LSR), CaCO_3 concentration, (f) Al concentration, (g) Mn concentration, (h) Mo/Mn ratio, (i) Mo concentration, (j) excess Mo concentration, (k) U concentration and (l) excess U concentration and (m) $(\text{Mo}/\text{U})_{\text{excess}}$ ratio in core CSH1. Light gray and dark gray/Gray and black vertical bars indicate different sediment intervals in core CSH1. MIS indicates Marine Isotope Stage. 8.2 ka, PB, YD, B/A, HS1, LGM and HS2 refer to 8,200 year cold event, Preboreal, Younger Dryas, Bölling - Alleröd, Heinrich Stadial 1, Last Glacial Maximum and Heinrich Stadial 2, respectively, which were identified in core CSH1. Blue solid diamonds in Figure 3l and 4m indicate the age control points.

Figure 5. Scatter plots of $\text{Mo}_{\text{excess}}$ vs Mn concentrations and U_{excess} concentration vs Mo/Mn ratio at different time intervals in core CSH1. A various correlation is present in core CSH1 at different time intervals, which shows their complicated geochemical behaviors (Figs. 5a and 5b). Strong positive correlation between U_{excess} concentration and Mo/Mn ratio and U_{excess} concentration (Fig. 5c) suggest that Mo/Mn ratio they are is a reliable proxy suitable to track sedimentary redox conditions in the geological

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1332 **Figure 6.** Proxy-related reconstructions of ~~intermediate-water~~mid-depth sedimentary
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1334 locations of the North Pacific and published climatic and environmental records from
1335 the Okinawa Trough. From top to bottom: (a) CaCO_3 concentration, (b) U_{excess}
1336 concentration, (c) Mo/Mn ratio, and (d) ~~Mn concentration~~sea surface temperature
1337 (SST-) (Shi et al., 2014), ~~and~~ (e) abundance of *P.obliquiloculata* in core CSH1 (Shi et
1338 al., 2014) ~~and~~ (f) bulk sedimentary organic matter $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ~~of TOC~~ in core MD01-2404
1339 (Kao et al., 2008), (g) $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of epibenthic foraminiferal *C.wuellerstorfi* in core PN-3
1340 (Wahyudi and Minagawa, 1997), (h) relative abundance of *B. aculeata* (hypoxia-like
1341 species) and (i) *C. hyaline* (oxygen-like species) (Li et al., 2005), (hj) Dysoxic
1342 dysoxic taxa (%) in core ODP 167-1017 in the northeastern Pacific (Cannariato and
1343 Kennett, 1999) and ~~(ik)~~ $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of benthic foraminiferal *Uvigerina akitaensis* in core
1344 PC23A in the Bering Sea (Rella et al., 2012). Light gray ~~Gray~~ and dark gray ~~black~~
1345 vertical bars are the same as those in Figure 4.

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1347 **Figure 7.** Proxy records favoring the existence of out-of-phase connections ~~oceanic~~
1348 ~~ventilation seesaw~~ between the subtropical North Pacific and North Atlantic during
1349 the last deglaciation and enhanced carbon storage at mid-depth waters. (a) U_{excess}
1350 concentration in core CSH1; Atmospheric CO_2 concentration (Marcott et al., 2014) (b)
1351 Mo/Mn ratio in core CSH1; Indicator of strength of Atlantic Meridional Ocean
1352 Circulation ($^{231}\text{Pa}/^{230}\text{Th}$) (Böhm et al., 2015; McManus et al., 2004); (c) benthic $\delta^{13}\text{C}$
1353 record in core PC-23A in the Bering Sea (Rella et al., 2012); (d) Indicator of strength
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1355 et al., 2004); Mo/Mn ratio in core CSH1; (e) Atmospheric CO_2 concentration (Marcott
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A	CSH1	31.23	128.72	703	Okinawa Trough	this study
	PN-3	28.10	127.34	1058	Okinawa Trough	Wahyudi and Minagawa, (1997)
	B	MD012404	26.65	125.81	Okinawa Trough	Kao et al., (2008)
	C	E017	26.57	126.02	Okinawa Trough	Li et al., (2005)
	D	255	25.20	123.12	Okinawa Trough	Jian et al., (1996)
E	GH08-2004	26.21	127.09	1166	East of Ryukyu Island	Kubota et al. (20102015)
	GH02-1030	42.23	144.21	1212	Off Japan	Sagawa and Ikehara, (2008)
	PC-23A	60.16	179.46	1002	Bering Sea	Rella et al.,(2012)
	ODP167-1017	34.54	239.11	955	NE Pacific	Cannariato and Kennett, (1999)

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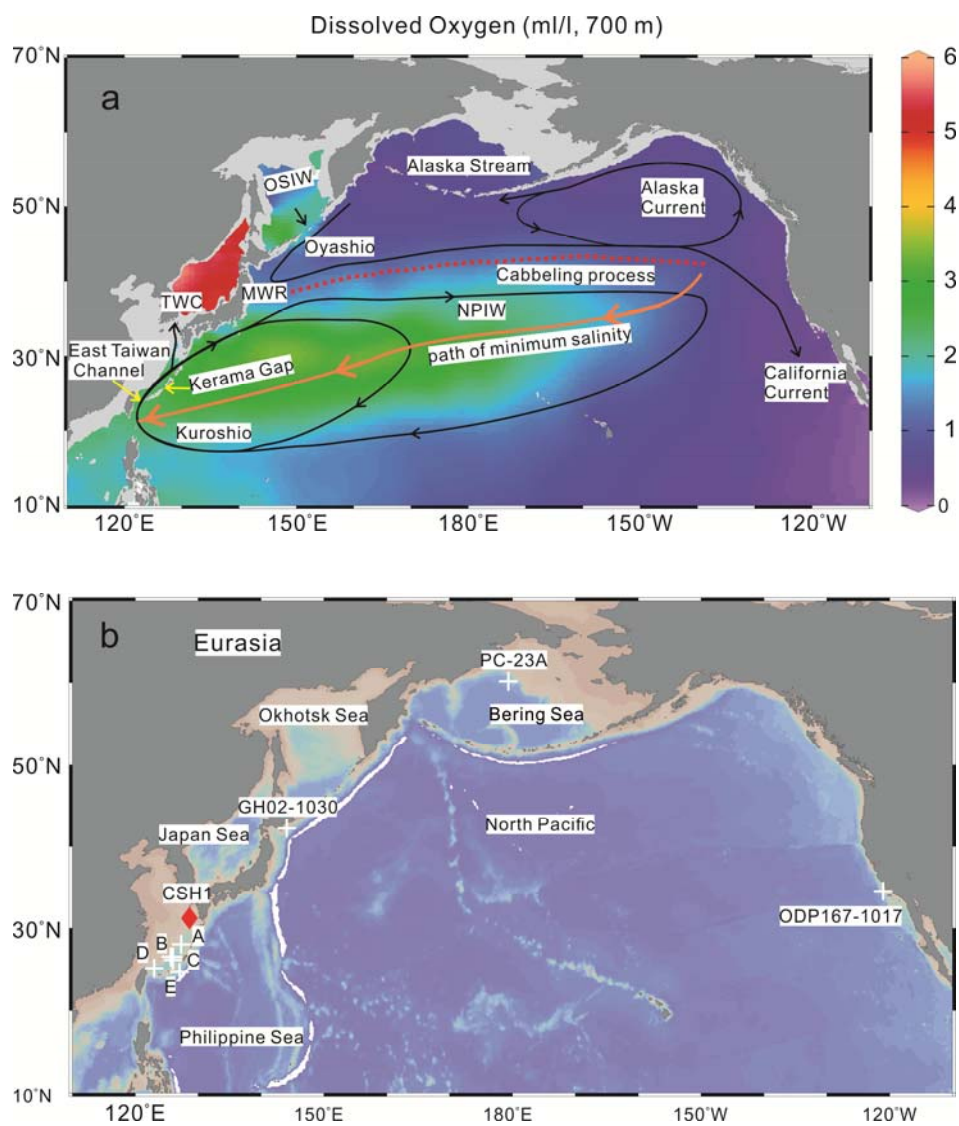
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106	7060	± 40	7545	¹⁴ C	22.59	Shi et al., (2014)
218			12352	Stalagmite, YD	23.30	This study
322			16029	Stalagmite, H1	28.28	This study
362			19838	Stalagmite	10.50	This study
466			23476	Stalagmite, DO2	28.59	This study
506			24163	Stalagmite, H2	58.2233.29	This study
698			28963	Stalagmite, DO4	40.00	This study
746			29995	Stalagmite, H3	46.51	This study
834			32442	Stalagmite, DO5	3539.0996	This study
938			37526	Stalagmite, DO8	20.46	This study
978			39468	Stalagmite, H4	20.60	This study
1058			46151	Stalagmite, DO12	11.97	This study
1122			49432	Stalagmite, DO13	19.51	This study
1242			52831	Stalagmite, DO14	35.30	This study
1282			57241	Stalagmite, DO16	9.07	This study
1346			61007	Stalagmite, H6	16.99	This study
1530		±2590	73910	MIS4/5	14.26	Shi et al., (2014)
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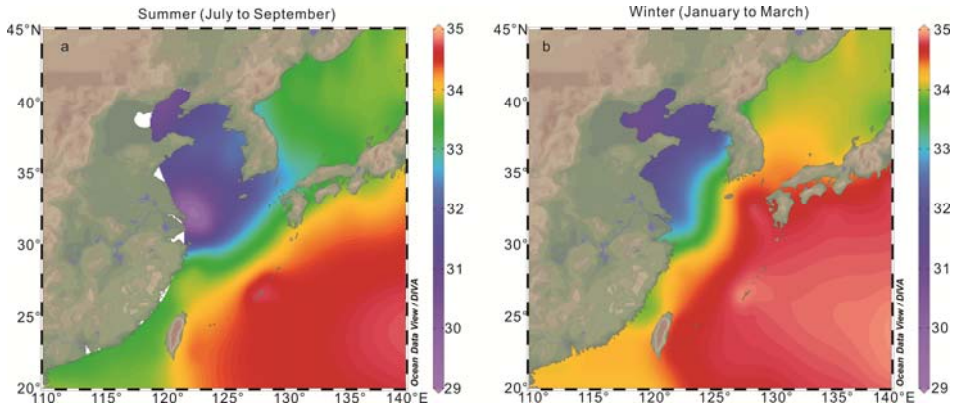
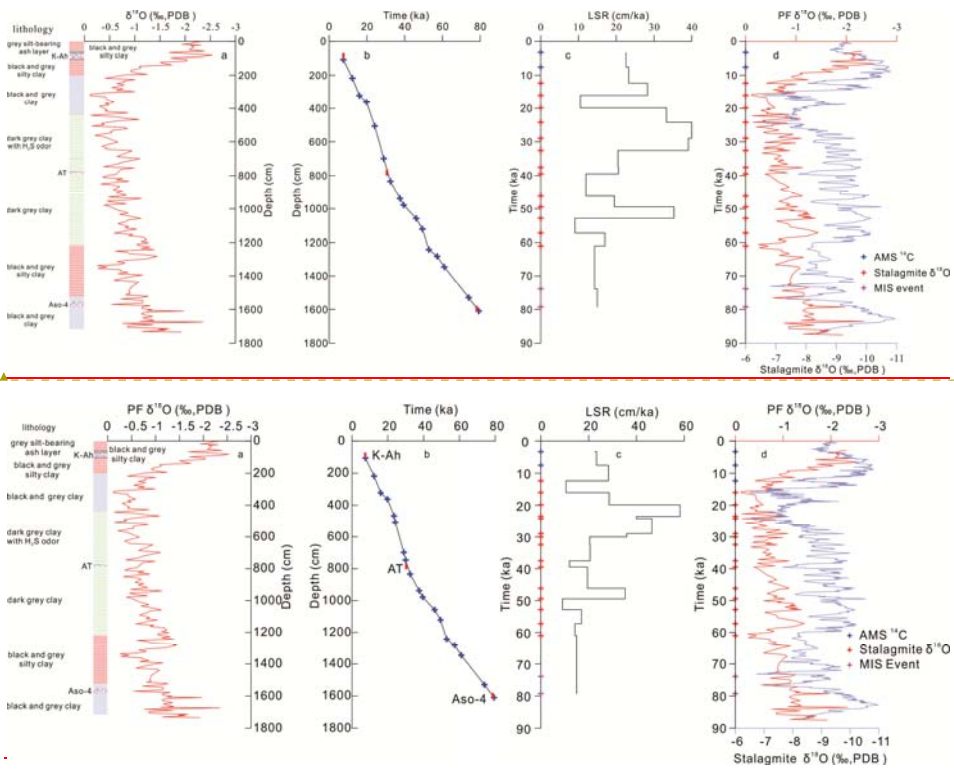
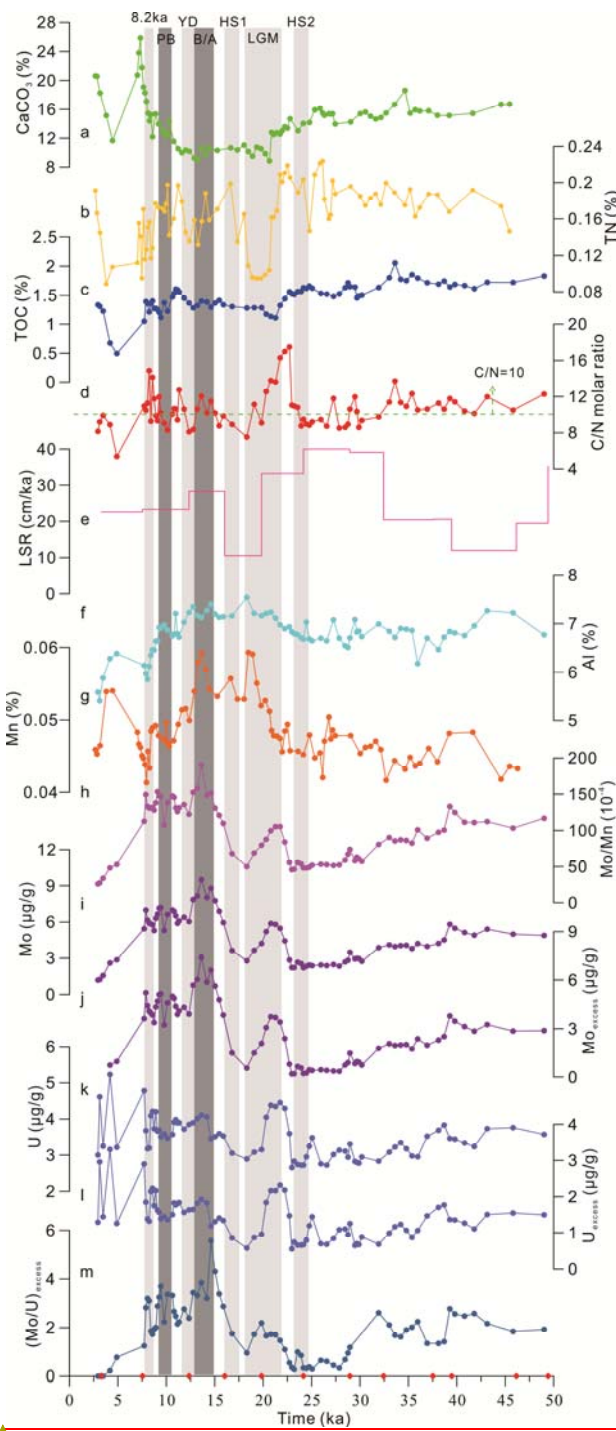


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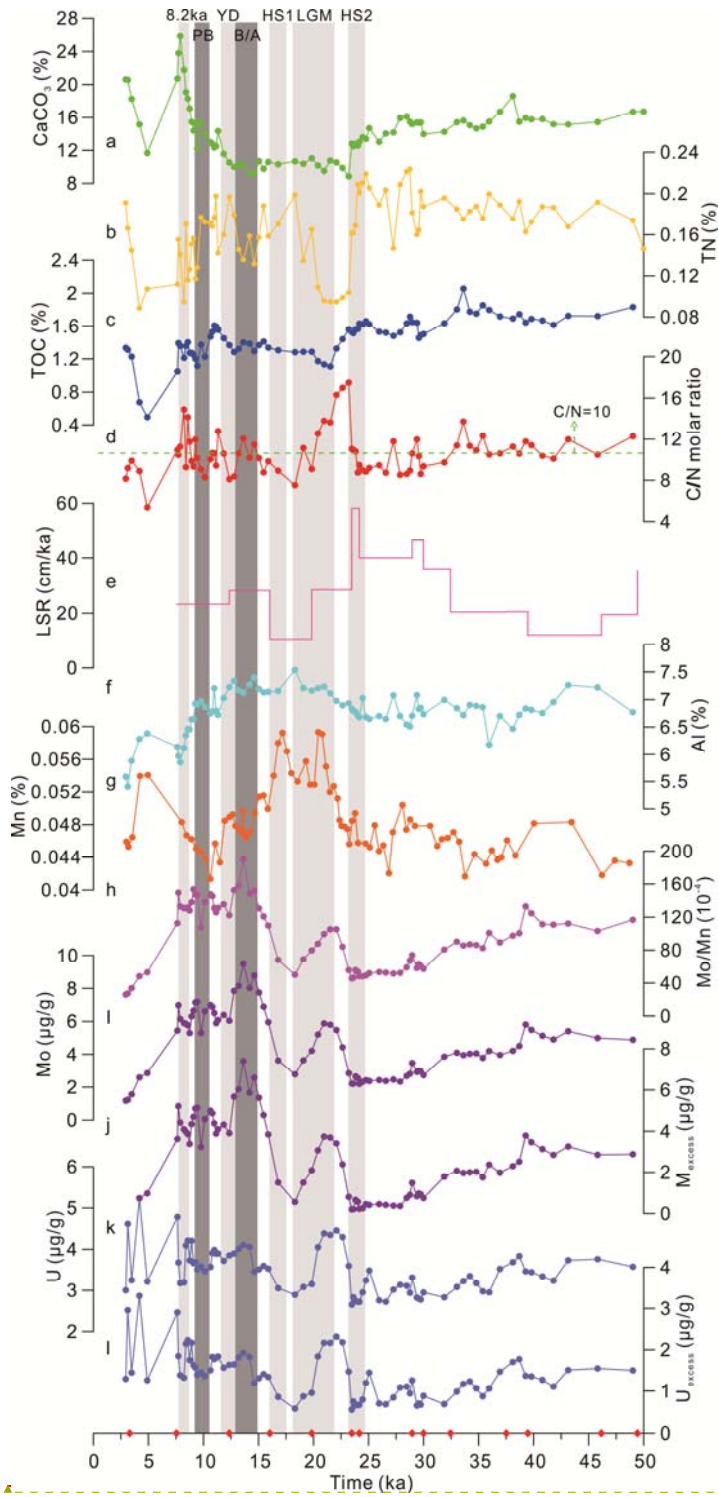


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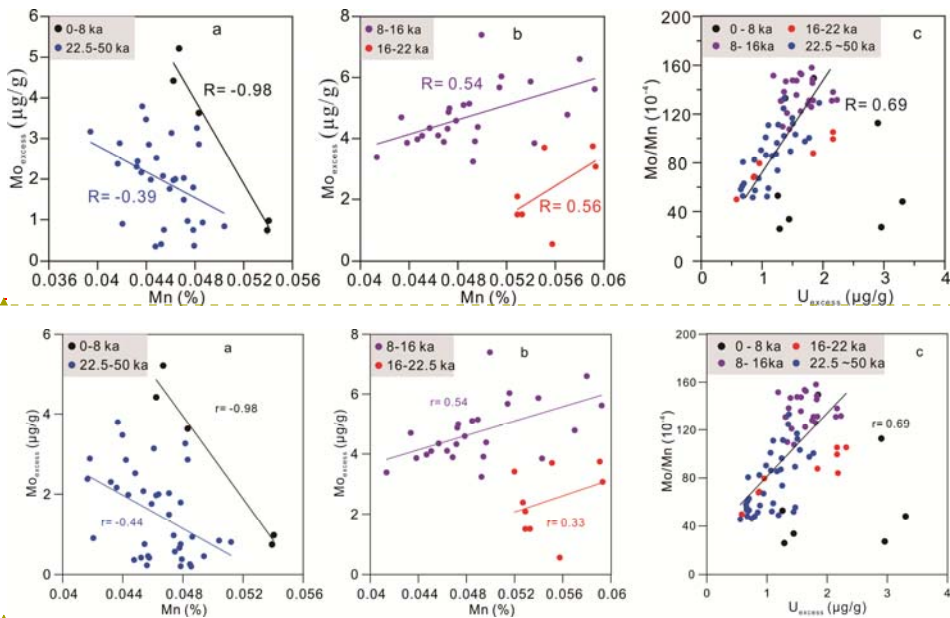


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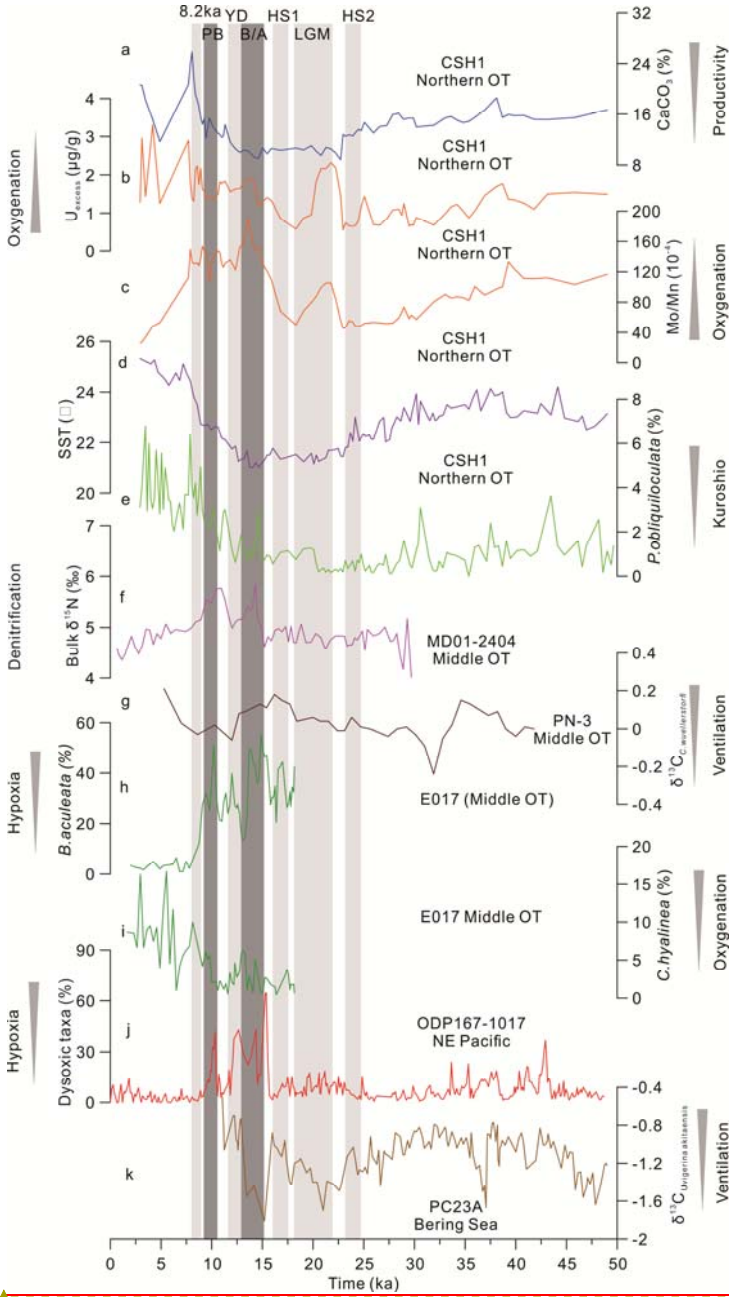
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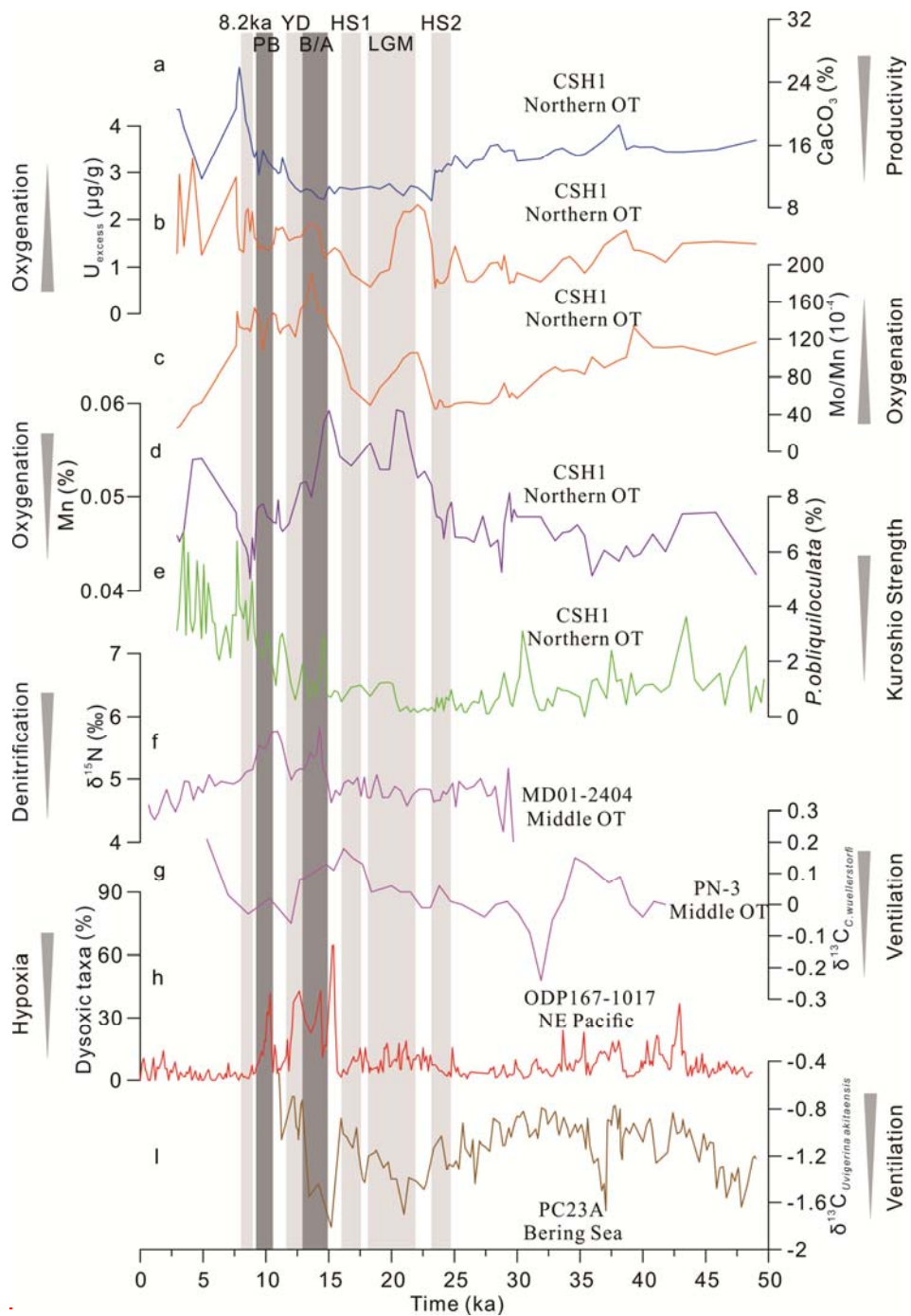


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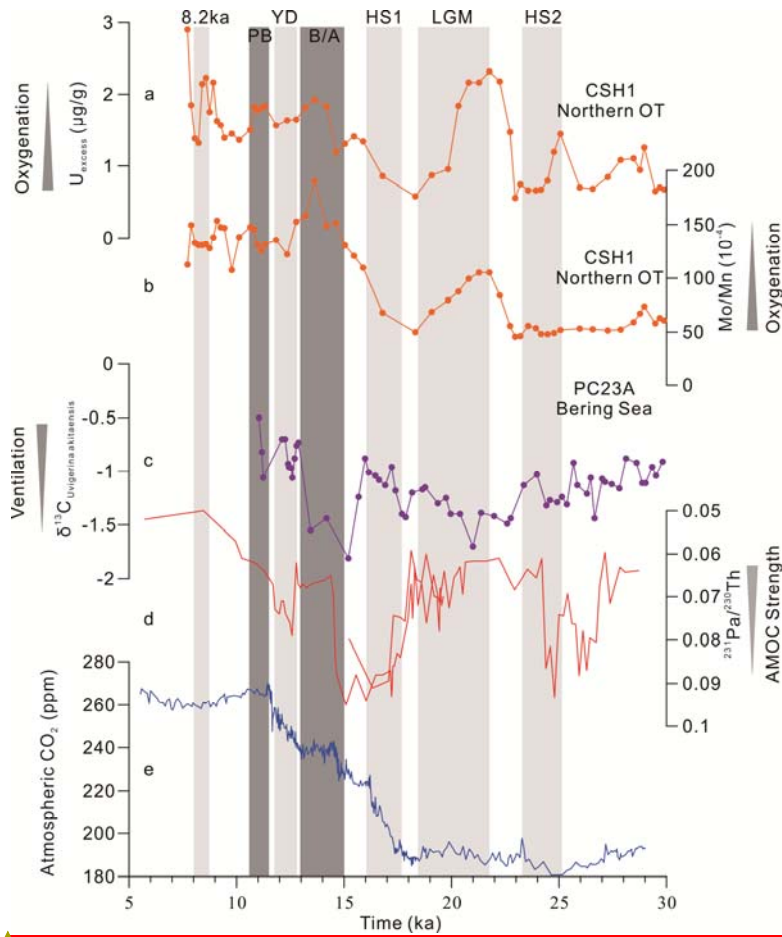


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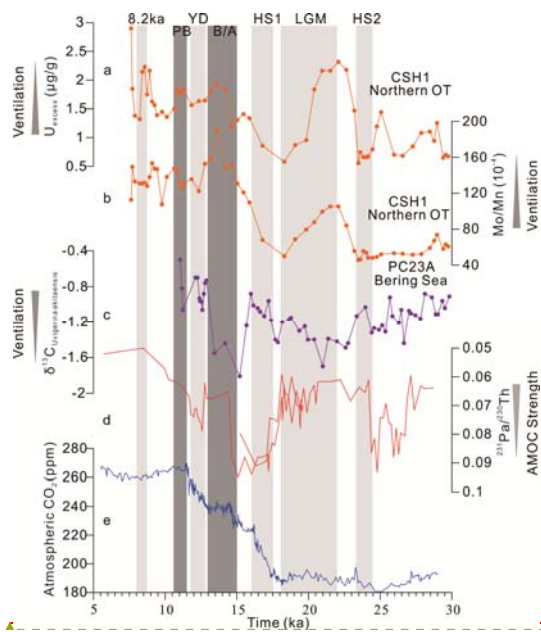


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