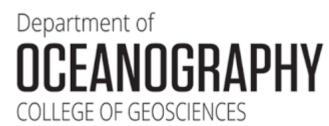
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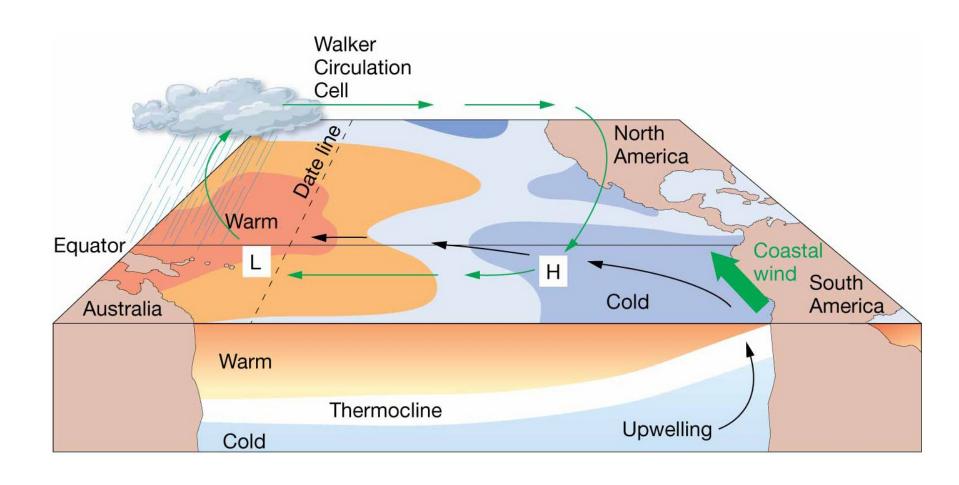
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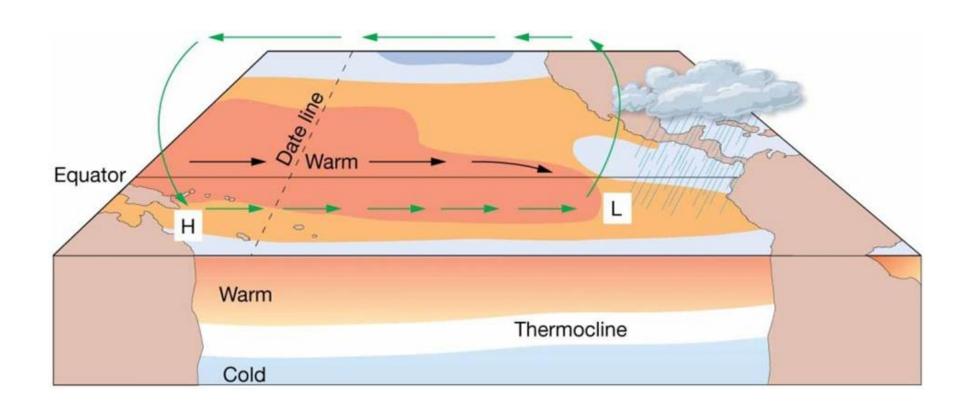




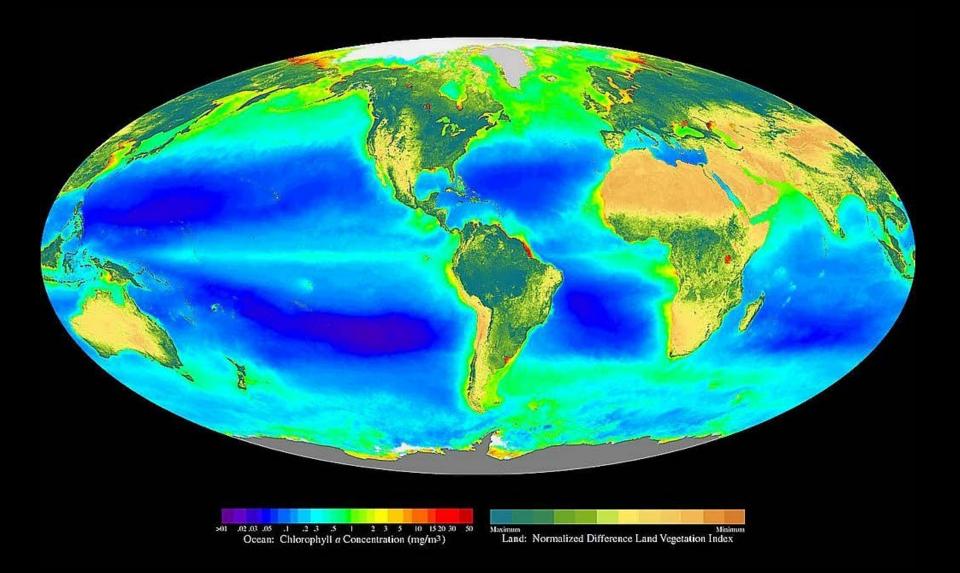
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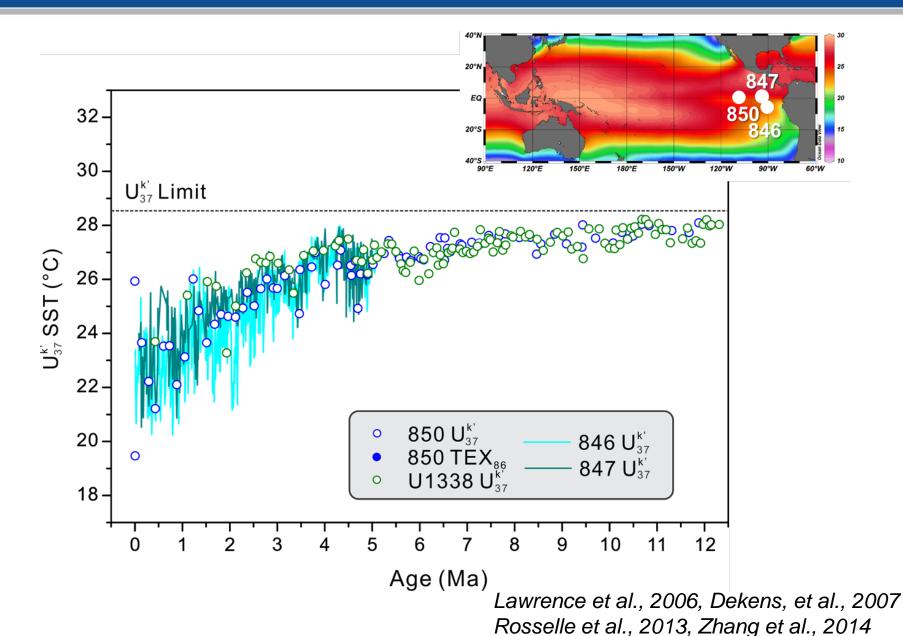
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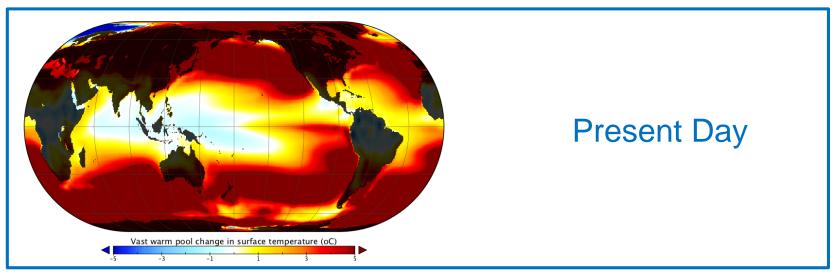
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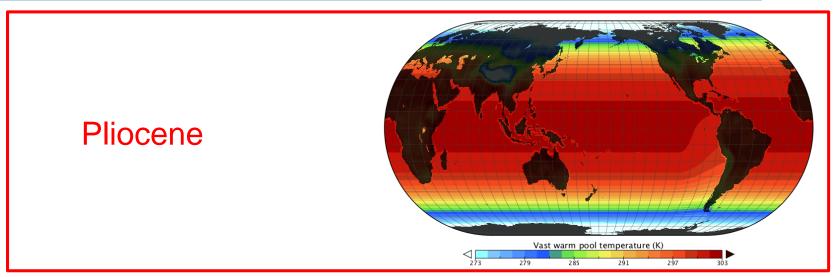
remained the same. The latter change in the Earth's response can be explained by hypothesizing that the global cooling during the Cenozoic affected the thermal structure of the ocean; it caused a gradual shoaling of the thermocline. Around 3 Ma the thermocline was sufficiently shallow for the winds to bring cold water from below the thermocline to the surface in certain upwelling regions. This brought into play feedbacks involving ocean-atmosphere interactions of the type associated with El Niño and also mechanisms by which high-latitude

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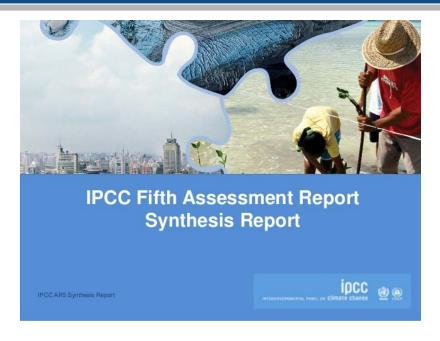


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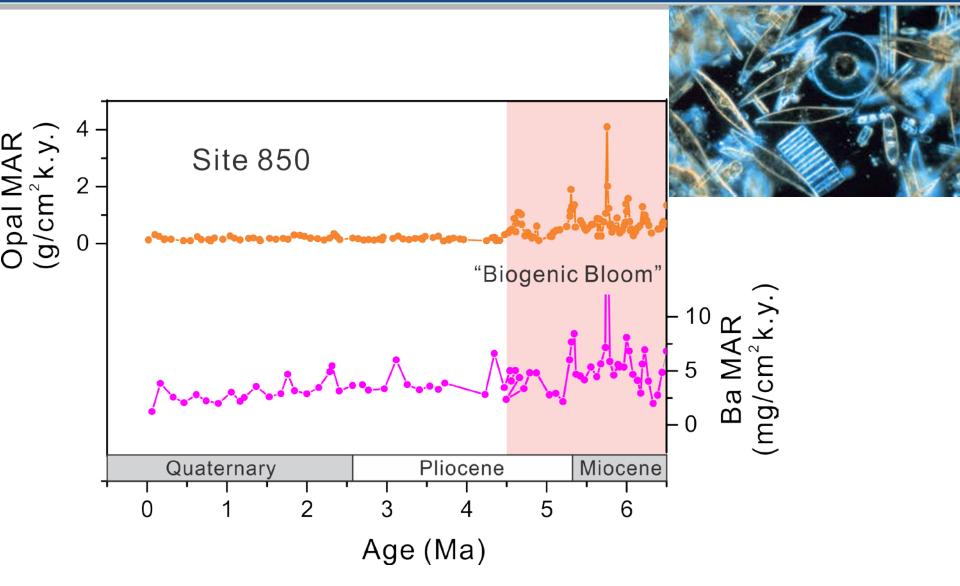
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#### 5.4.1 Tropical Modes

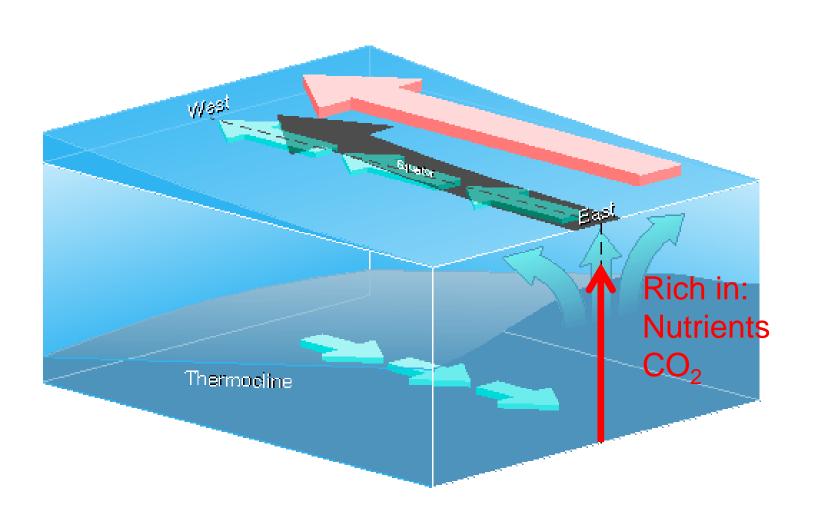
During the MPWP, climate conditions in the equatorial Pacific were characterized by weaker zonal (Wara et al., 2005) and cross-equatorial (Steph et al., 2010) SST gradients, consistent with the absence of an eastern equatorial cold tongue. This state still supported interannual

#### Biogenic Accumulation Rate in the EEP

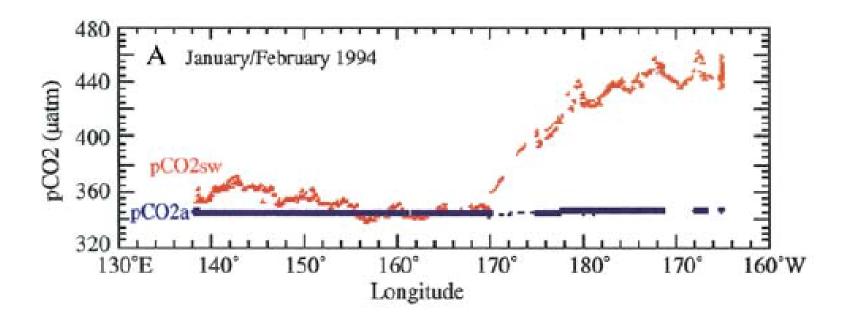


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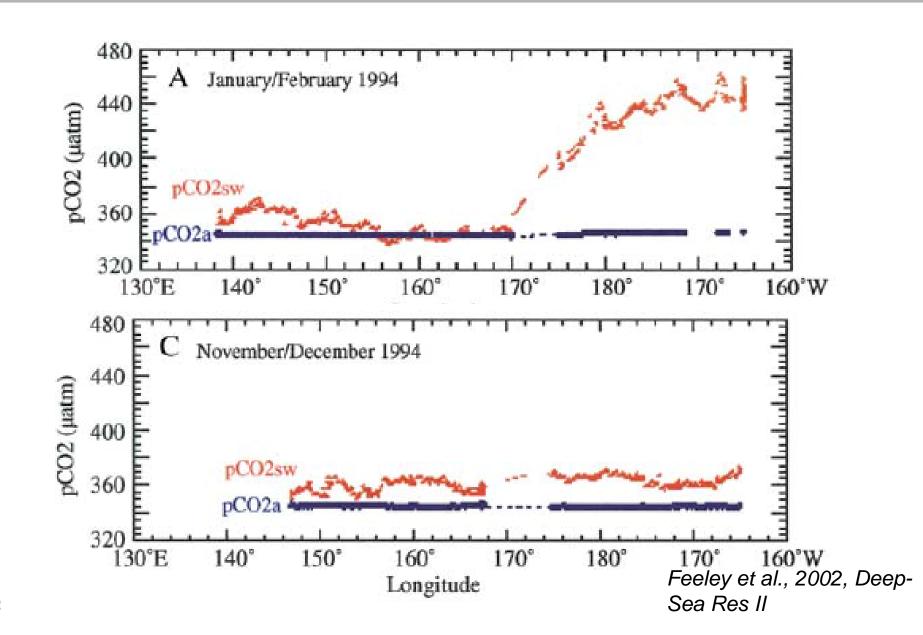
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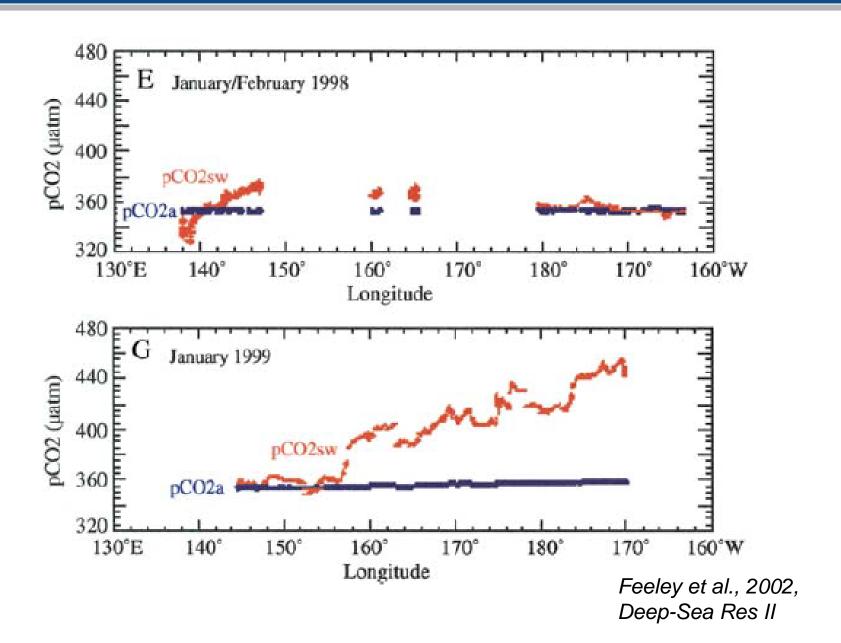
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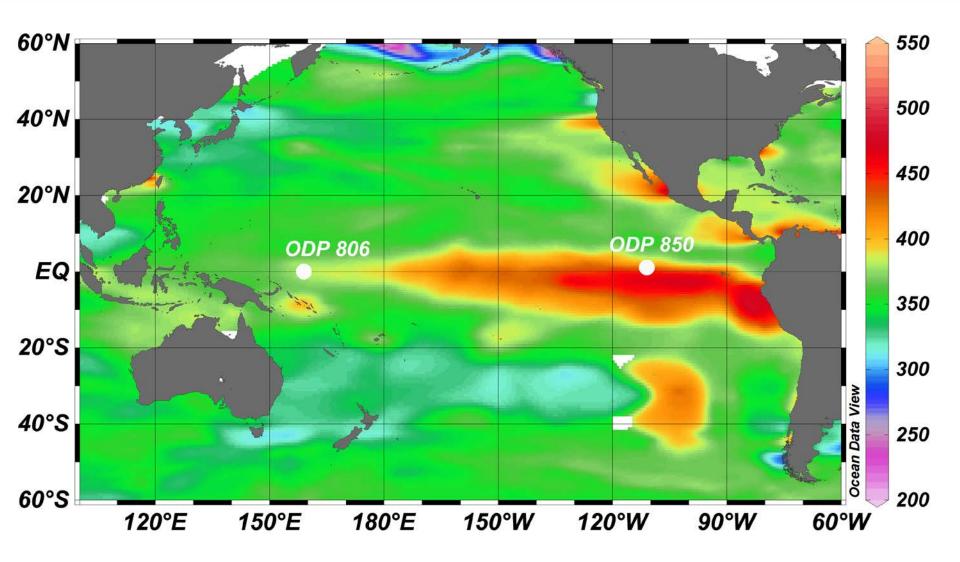
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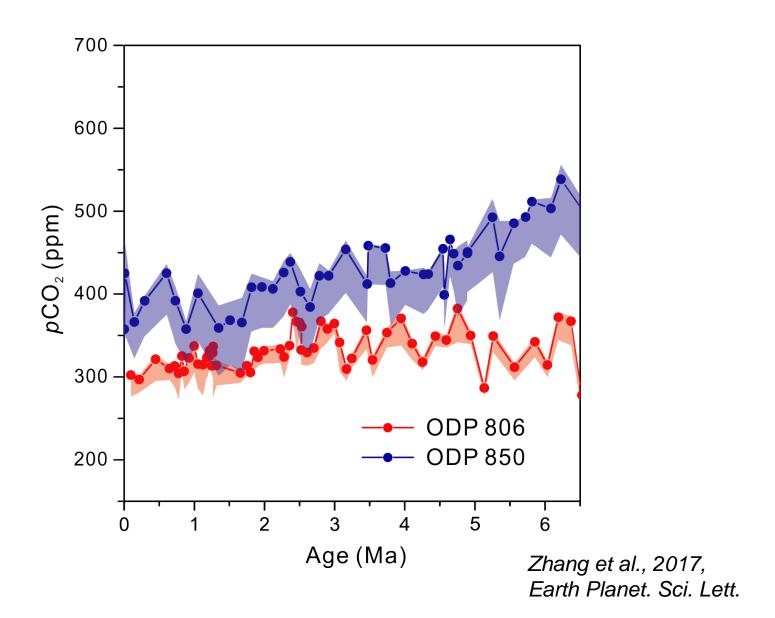


### Sites for $pCO_2$ reconstructions

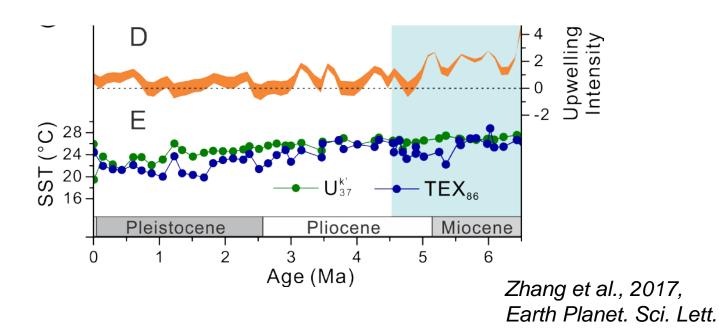


CO<sub>2</sub> Data from Takahashi et al., 2009, Deep Sea Res. II

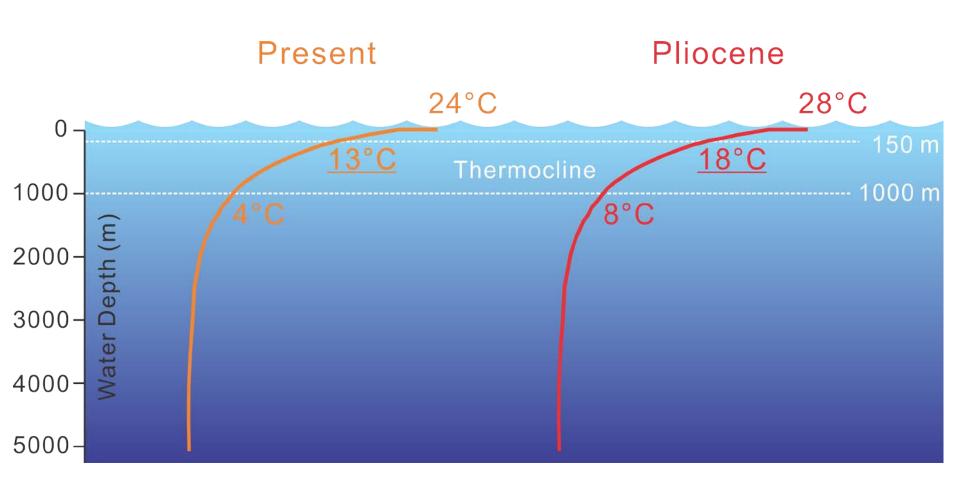
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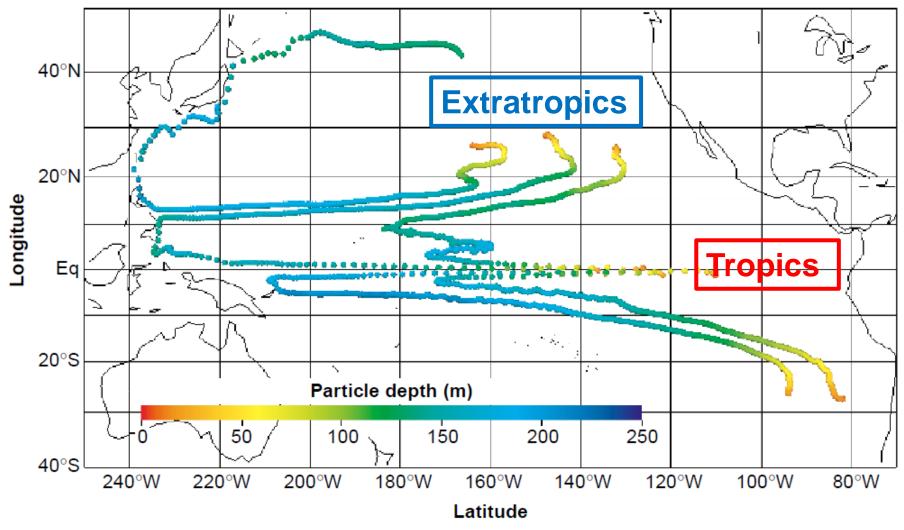


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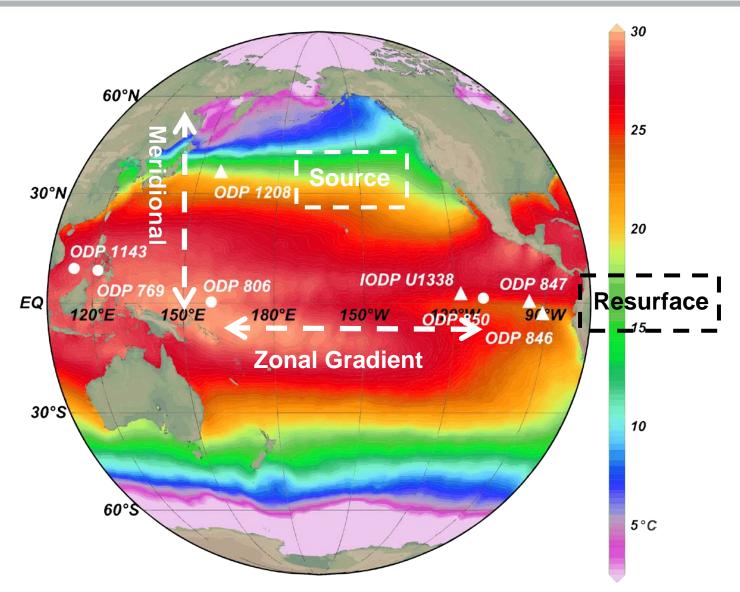
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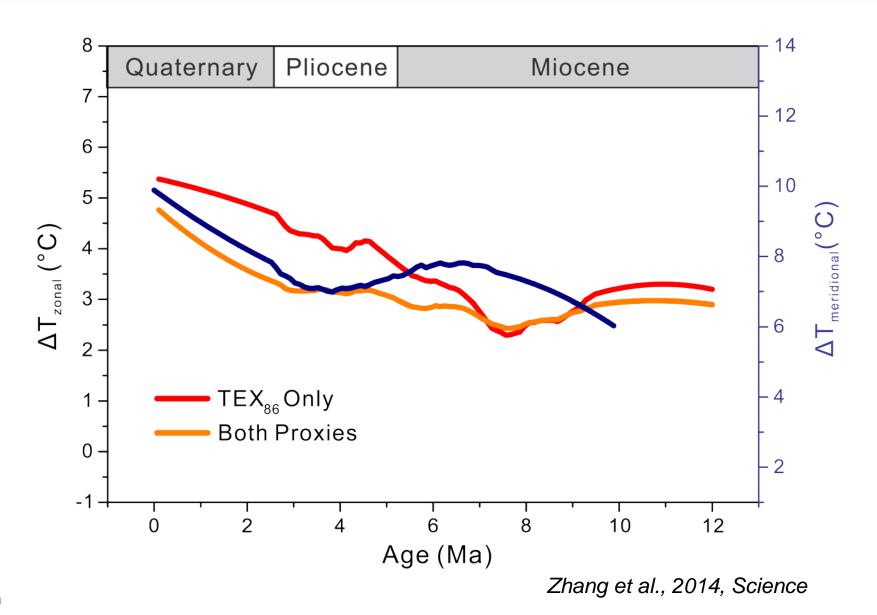


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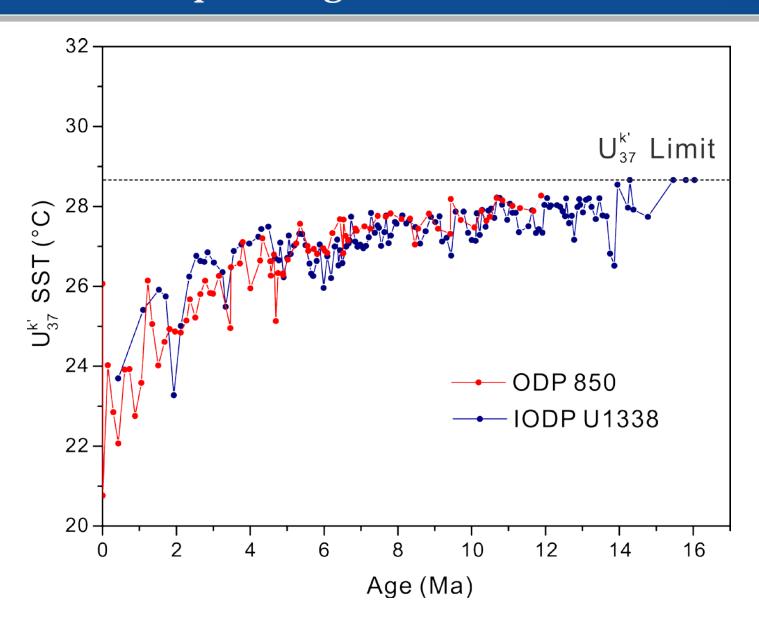
#### Outcropping of high-latitude waters at EEP



#### Pacific Meridional and Zonal Gradient



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