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15 **Abstract**

16 What we regard as anomalously old ¹⁰Be exposure dates reported from the terminal
17 moraine of the Laurentide Ice Sheet (LIS) in northeastern North America, such as recently
18 published for Allamuchy NJ, ostensibly point to the start of deglaciation at 25 thousand calendar
19 years before present (cal. ka). These dates are well within the conventional age span of the Last
20 Glacial Maximum (LGM) and are in stark contrast with published ¹⁴C accelerator mass
21 spectrometry (AMS) dates for earliest terrestrial plant macrofossils found in LIS deglacial clay
22 deposits that range back to only ~16 cal. ka, which more plausibly coincide with the known
23 timing of the glacio-eustatic rise and meltwater discharge to the North Atlantic and Gulf of
24 Mexico that mark the demise of the LGM in the marine record. To explore possible explanations
25 for this inconsistency, we first employed a statistical model of the geomagnetic field that
26 includes secular variation with nondipole terms and can be applied globally. The model results in
27 a decrease in the magnetic shielding factor by about 10% at mid-latitudes compared to oft-used
28 geomagnetic scaling schemes. However, the time-integrated axial dipole moment estimated
29 separately suggests little overall change in average shielding since about 20 cal. ka. This seems
30 to leave cosmic ray flux modulated by a time-varying heliomagnetic field linked to sunspot
31 activity as an underestimated factor in widely used ¹⁰Be exposure age calculators. If generally

32 biased by about 23% higher compared to modern levels as reported for the past 9.4 cal. ka, the
33 elevated high cosmic ray flux would make ^{10}Be reference production rates proportionately
34 higher, to about 5.5 at/g/y at sea level-high latitude, and reduce exposure ages to about 3/4 of
35 those that have been previously calculated for LGM and younger rocks (to less than 20 cal. ka in
36 the case of Allamuchy). Varying but generally higher solar modulation will require reevaluation
37 of cosmogenic exposure dates in general, as in the case of Allamuchy, that would allow
38 improved synchronization of marine and terrestrial records of glaciation. Other test cases can
39 result in improved GIA deglaciation models and alternative estimates of effects of shielding in
40 ice-flow models.

41 **1. Introduction**

42 There are widely divergent published results from cosmogenic surface exposure dating
43 and radiocarbon chronologies for the retreat of the Laurentide ice sheet (LIS) from the Last
44 Glacial Maximum (LGM) in northeastern North America (**Fig. 1**). Recession of the southeastern
45 lobe of the LIS was placed at around 25 cal. ka (calendar kilo-annum or thousands of years ago)
46 according to ^{10}Be measurements on glacial boulders associated with terminal moraines in New
47 England and ostensibly supported by ^{14}C bulk sediment dates ranging from ~22 to 27 cal. ka on
48 deglacial sediments in the region (Balco et al., 2009; Balco and Schaefer, 2006; Balco et al.,
49 2002). However, Peteet et al. (2012) soon afterwards reported calibrated ^{14}C accelerator mass
50 spectrometry (AMS) dates on terrestrial plant macrofossils in earliest deglacial sediments in the
51 region that range back to only ~16 cal. ka. The younger timing was seen as much more
52 compatible with the well-dated sea level record, which implied that melting of the LIS, the
53 largest variable continental ice volume for the LGM (circa. 16–29 cal. ka) and equivalent to 70 to
54 80 m of the ~120 m sea level drop that characterizes it (Clark and Mix, 2002; Tarasov et al.,
55 2012), did not sensibly proceed until around 20 cal. ka and not in earnest until about 16 cal. ka
56 (**Fig. 2**).

57 Nonetheless, a recent ^{10}Be exposure age study (Corbett et al., 2017) that builds on
58 unpublished but widely cited thesis work (Larsen, 1996) on glacial boulders and pavements
59 associated with the terminal moraine in Allamuchy Forest and vicinity in northern New Jersey
60 (NJ) (**Fig. 1**) also reported an exposure age of 25.2 ± 2.1 cal. ka. The ^{10}Be exposure ages of ~25
61 cal. ka taken at face value would imply that the southeastern lobe of the LIS started to retreat

62 during maximum ice volume well within the LGM as denoted by low global sea-level (**Fig. 2**).
63 As pointed out by Peteet et al. (2012), this would also imply an extraordinarily long delay of
64 9,000 years (from 25 cal. ka until 16 cal. ka) before introduction of vegetation on the deglaciated
65 landscape. Such an extended delay in temperate latitudes does not seem plausible (Jones and
66 Henry, 2003; Matthews, 1992) because trees today grow in close proximity to (and even on
67 debris-covered) glaciers in southern Alaska including on permafrost (Fickert et al., 2007) with
68 rapid primary succession by plants following deglaciation in decades (Chapin et al., 1994;
69 Cooper, 1923). The oldest ^{14}C AMS-dated terrestrial plant macrofossils found thus far occur in
70 clays of less than 5% organic content that argue for deposition with glacial meltwater during
71 earliest ice retreat.

72 The broader conflict between old ^{14}C bulk sediment dates and younger ^{14}C AMS dates on
73 terrestrial plant macrofossils in the same clays of deglaciation bog/limnic sequences associated
74 with the LIS terminal moraine is systemic and regional in scope (**Fig. 3**). For example, reliance is
75 still placed (Corbett et al., 2017) on previously rejected ^{14}C bulk sediment dates of 27.2 ± 1.4 cal.
76 ka at Budd Lake, NJ (unpublished thesis of Harmon, 1968) and 25.8 ± 1.6 cal. ka in a contorted
77 section of the Harbor Hill moraine in Port Washington on Long Island, New York (Sirkin and
78 Stuckenrath, 1980). These dates are from the same terminal moraine associated with published
79 ^{14}C AMS dates on first appearance of tundra plants from basal silts/clays of 14.4 ± 0.4 cal. ka at
80 Tannersville just to the west of Budd Lake and 14.6 ± 0.3 cal. ka at High Rock just to the east
81 (Peteet et al., 2012) (**Fig. 4**). More pertinently, Corbett et al. (2017) cite evidence from
82 controversial ^{14}C bulk sediment dates of 22.2 and 22.5 cal. ka from nearby Francis Lake
83 (unpublished thesis of Cotter, 1983; but see opposing view by Karrow et al., 1986) in support of
84 the ^{10}Be exposure age of 25.2 ± 2.1 cal. ka that was obtained from glacial pavement and boulders
85 at nearby Allamuchy Forest and environs. Yet at Allamuchy Pond the same litho- and
86 biostratigraphy is recorded as at Francis Lake only 6 km to the west where *Dryas* and willow
87 leaves screened from basal clays in the basal herb zone transition are ^{14}C AMS dated at 14.4 ± 0.8
88 cal. ka (Peteet et al., 2012; Peteet et al., 1993).

89 The requisite usage of terrestrial macrofossils for ^{14}C AMS dating in basal clays/silts for
90 timing of deglaciation versus ^{14}C dates on bulk sediment, which is apt to be contaminated by
91 older carbon in the landscape, is widely acknowledged (e.g., Birks, 1993; Curry et al., 2010;
92 Gaglioti et al., 2014; Grimm et al., 2009; Hajdas et al., 1993; Peteet et al., 1993; Peteet and

93 Mann, 1994; Peteet et al., 1990; Thompson et al., 2017; Zimmerman and Wahl, 2020).
94 Moreover, usage of terrestrial rather than aquatic plant macrofossils, which tend to give variably
95 older ^{14}C dates (MacDonald et al., 1987), is essential for radiocarbon dating accuracy in these
96 environments (Birks, 2002; Marty and Myrbo, 2014).

97 Recently updated compilations (Dalton et al., 2020; Wickert et al., 2023) that include ^{14}C
98 AMS terrestrial plant macrofossil dates and reject the earlier bulk dating used by Dyke et al.
99 (2003) indicate that the southern Laurentide margin was at LGM extent from 26.0 to 18.7 cal. ka
100 (**Fig. 1**). This timing is in tempo with the global sea level record (**Fig. 2**) and with independent
101 evidence that meltwater to the North Atlantic was minimal prior to 18.5 cal. ka (Keigwin et al.,
102 1991) and started by 16.1 cal. ka in the Gulf of Mexico (Flower et al., 2004). The 25 cal. ka ^{10}Be
103 exposure age for the terminal moraine in NJ (Corbett et al., 2017) thus appears anomalously old
104 even in this broader context and despite the continued usage of old ^{14}C bulk dates for support
105 (Stanford et al., 2020).

106 **2. ^{10}Be production and surface exposure dating**

107 Cosmogenic exposure dating is a long-established technique of more than 30 years and is
108 based on measurements of the concentration of a cosmogenic nuclide, in this case, ^{10}Be produced
109 in quartz in natural rock surfaces (Gosse and Phillips, 2001; Lal, 1991). The basic assumption is
110 that the flux of highly energetic charged particles ($\sim 90\%$ protons, $\sim 10\%$ helium nuclei)
111 constituting galactic cosmic rays is constant over long time scales (Aab and others, 2017)
112 although modulated in Earth's space environment by a varying solar magnetic field (Steinhilber
113 et al., 2012). Production of ^{10}Be takes place overwhelmingly by high-energy spallation from
114 secondary particles produced in the atmosphere and occurs within centimeters of the rock surface
115 with only $\sim 2\%$ by interactions with deeper penetrating muons (Balco, 2017). Production rates
116 depend strongly on the site altitude, an approximation of atmospheric pressure or weight but in
117 the case of spallation the cosmogenic production is also modulated by the local geometry and
118 magnitude of the time-varying geomagnetic field to about 60° in magnetic latitudes (74° in
119 magnetic inclination), poleward of which the geomagnetic dependency becomes negligible.

120 A variety of scaling schemes have been used to normalize ^{10}Be production at a given site
121 to sea level and high latitude (SLHL). Five scaling schemes (St, De, Du, Li, Lm) are in the
122 various versions of the first online exposure age calculator (v2, v2.2, v2.3; Balco et al., 2008)

123 and two additional schemes (LSDn, LSD) for a total of seven in the CRONUS-Earth effort
124 (Marrero et al., 2016; Phillips et al., 2016a). The reported differences in applications amongst the
125 various scaling schemes tend to be small and are often averaged although there remain
126 “*substantial unresolved difficulties in modeling cosmogenic nuclide production and the*
127 *calibration of production rates*” (Borchers et al., 2016).

128 The number of scaling schemes has been mercifully reduced to only three in the recent
129 version (v3) of the widely used ‘online exposure age calculator formerly known as the
130 CRONUS-Earth online exposure age calculator’ (<http://hess.ess.washington.edu/>;
131 <https://cosmognosis.wordpress.com/2016/08/01/let-a-hundred-flowers-bloom/>). Scheme St
132 continues from the initial version of the online exposure age calculator and is based on the
133 latitude-altitude scaling factors of (Lal, 1991) recast in terms of atmospheric pressure by (Stone,
134 2000) and for the geomagnetic latitude of the present-day field. Scheme Lm is basically scheme
135 St with a time-varying geomagnetic field intensity model, which according to what
136 documentation is available online for v3 (<https://sites.google.com/a/bgc.org/v3docs/>), is now a
137 spherical harmonic analysis (SHA) of the geomagnetic field for the past 14 cal. ka
138 (SHA.DIF.14k; Pavón-Carrasco et al., 2014) and a geocentric axial dipole (GAD) field with a
139 prescribed time-varying dipole moment model for earlier periods. A third scheme, LSDn, is a
140 nuclide-dependent variant (Phillips et al., 2016a) of what is described as a physics-based
141 analytical framework for *in situ* cosmogenic nuclide production (Lifton et al., 2014). LSDn
142 apparently uses the same geomagnetic field model as scheme Lm with look-up tables of
143 precalculated scaling factors for the forward integrations. We could not readily access these
144 tables and instead focus on simple numerical experiments with the longstanding St-Lm schemes
145 based on empirical data and the Desilets-Dunai-Lifton (DeDuLi) schemes that LSDn seems
146 similar to and utilize particle ray trajectory tracing to calculate effective vertical cutoff rigidities
147 as a geomagnetic cutoff parameter, a common parameterization of cosmic ray intensity
148 measurements.

149 *2.1 St and Rc-based scaling schemes*

150 We calculate spallation rate factors for scheme St from scaling equation coefficients in
151 Stone (2000) normalized to the value at 60° latitude and a standard sea level pressure. The
152 DeDuLi schemes are based on analytical estimates of the effective vertical cutoff rigidity, *Rc*

153 (here using Equation 2 of Lifton et al. (2014) for consistency). These and other relevant
154 functions are included in **Section S1** as routines for heuristic purposes in the R programming
155 language (R_Core_Team, 2018) .

156 The altitude scaling factor for spallation reactions (Eq. 7 in (Desilets et al., 2006)) as
157 given in terms of R_c and atmospheric depth or weight (x) relative to sea level (1033 g/cm², equal
158 to standard atmospheric pressure of 1023.15 hPa) agrees well with the original empirical altitude
159 scaling factor for the Lal/Stone St scheme from sea level to about 800 hPa (~2000 m altitude) but
160 then the St and R_c -based scaling factors diverge with decreasing atmospheric pressure (higher
161 altitude) (**Fig. 5A**). The scaling factor for latitude depends on the geomagnetic field model and
162 has more variants than for altitude. The Lal/Stone St scheme has numerically larger scaling
163 factors at any given latitude, ranging albeit not very regularly from almost 0.6 at the equator to
164 1.0 at 60° latitude poleward of which cosmogenic production rates become essentially
165 independent of the geomagnetic latitude (Elsasser et al., 1956; Gosse and Phillips, 2001; Lifton
166 et al., 2014) (**Fig. 5B**). The St scaling factor is cast in terms of geomagnetic latitude (presumably
167 equivalent to geographic latitude in this context although that is not entirely clear) to organize
168 and model the empirical cosmogenic data, a common practice in all scaling schemes, rather than
169 the directly observable local geomagnetic inclination (as in Dunai, 2000; see also informative
170 Comment and Reply of Desilets et al. (2001) and Dunai (2001))

171 For a geomagnetic dipole field of comparable modern magnetic moment (~80 ZAm²),
172 geomagnetic shielding for spallation reactions expressed in terms of R_c can then be used to
173 calculate a latitude scaling factor ($f(R_c)$) using Eq. 6 with Dorman function in Desilets et al.
174 (2006). The $f(R_c)$ factor at sea level takes the canonical sigmoidal form plotted for a stationary
175 GAD field (**Fig. 5B**) and varies from ~0.54 at the equator to 1.0 at the ‘knee’ at 60° and higher
176 latitudes. Other geomagnetic models have similar sigmoidal curves and are discussed below. The
177 grand scaling factor, F , is then the product of the latitude and altitude scaling factors ($F(R_c, x) =$
178 $f(R_c) f(x)$), which can be used to estimate the ¹⁰Be production rate ($P(R_c, x)$) at a sample site
179 relative to the production rate (P_0) at a SLHL calibration site using Eq. 8 in Desilets et al. (2006):
180 $P(R_c, x) = F * P_0$.

181 *2.2 R_c and dipole wobble*

182 The SHA-DIF-14k model (Pavón-Carrasco et al., 2014), which is apparently now used in
183 scheme Lm as well as LSDn in version v3 of the online calculator, is inherently limited by the
184 inhomogeneous distribution of available archeomagnetic and volcanic paleomagnetic data: 97%
185 of the total in this analysis are located in the Northern Hemisphere and 83% of the total are from
186 3 cal. ka to present. The spherical harmonic model is nonetheless sufficient to calculate virtual
187 geomagnetic poles (VGPs) from estimates of the dipole (g^0_1 , g^1_1 and h^1_1) coefficients that are
188 provided at 50-year intervals since 14 cal. ka (data listings available in the Earth Ref Digital
189 Archive at <http://earthref.org/ERDA/1897/>). The overall mean VGP pole position is located at
190 89.3°N 337.0°E (n= 279, angular standard deviation (ASD) = 7.6°, precision parameter (K) =
191 118, and radius of circle of 95% confidence (A95) = 0.8°), which is not significantly different
192 from the geographic axis despite the very tight grouping of the VGPs. This close correspondence
193 confirms that the GAD provides an appropriate fit to the geomagnetic field averaged over the
194 past 14 cal. ka, and importantly, even within just 2 cal. ka according to Pavón-Carrasco et al.
195 (2014). The average R_c will thus be essentially the same whether calculated with respect to the
196 latitude from the mean VGP pole or with respect to the geographic axis for any site; nonetheless,
197 R_c averaged from constituent VGP distributions will tend to be sensibly different because of
198 nonlinearity in the relationship of R_c and latitude. The VGP dispersion can be regarded as a
199 proxy for the effect of the dipole wobble component of secular variation of the geomagnetic field
200 on R_c . The small dispersion of VGP poles from SHA-DIF-14k (K=118), however, hardly
201 captures the full range of secular variation (as discussed below) and thus differs from the
202 singular GAD pattern by only a few percent in mid-latitudes (**Fig. 5B**).

203 *2.3 R_c and a statistical geomagnetic field model*

204 A more generalized approach to latitude scaling is to use a statistical model of the
205 geomagnetic field that includes the full range of spherical harmonic contributions to the secular
206 variation and that is also conveniently applicable over time scales of arbitrary duration from
207 thousands to even millions of years ago. A candidate model is TK03 (Tauxe and Kent, 2004)
208 where the geomagnetic field is treated as a Giant Gaussian Process (Constable and Parker, 1988)
209 that follows Model G of McElhinny and McFadden (1997), which attributes the observed
210 latitudinal dependence in directional dispersion to independent contributions from spherical
211 harmonic families of odd and even symmetry for dynamo sources (**Section S1**). Modern studies
212 of dispersion of paleomagnetic directions observed in lava flows from different areas as reliable

213 instantaneous recorders of the geomagnetic field confirm that the ASD of the calculated VGPs
214 roughly doubles from nominally 12° at the equator ($K \sim 46$) to around 24° ($K \sim 11$) by 60° and
215 higher north and south latitudes (Cromwell et al., 2018; Johnson et al., 2008), as modeled by
216 TK03 for a time-averaged GAD field.

217 Mean Rc can be calculated from individual inclinations converted with dipole formula to
218 virtual geomagnetic latitudes in 5000 realizations of TK03 at every 5° of site latitude (**Table S1**).
219 The resulting magnetic scaling factors are comparable to those for the other field models at
220 geographic latitudes less than 30°; however, the TK03 scaling factors are appreciably lower at
221 higher geographic latitudes, for example, 0.866 compared to 0.933 at 45° for the singular GAD
222 model (**Fig. 5B**). Since the geocentric dipole typically represents more than 90% of the strength
223 of the geomagnetic field at Earth's surface, much of this departure from the singular GAD model
224 can be attributed to greater dipole wobble modeled by VGP poles with a more dispersed
225 Fisherian distribution than SHA, for example, with about a nominal ASD=16° ($K=27$) (**Table**
226 **S1**). Contributions from the much smaller nondipole field components, which TK03 fully
227 represents (to degree and order 8) statistically by design, account for the yet larger departures of
228 $f(Rc)$ values because of averaging over a broader window of virtual geomagnetic latitudes.
229 Parenthetically, we note that the magnitude of the key axial-dipole (g^0_1) term in TK03 has no
230 impact on the VGP scatter produced by the statistical model (Cromwell et al., 2018) although a
231 varying dipole moment is an important element of cosmic ray modulation.

232 *2.4 Varying geomagnetic and heliomagnetic fields*

233 Temporal variation in strength of the geomagnetic field expressed as M_t/M_0 , the ratio of
234 the average dipole moment from a given time (M_t) to its present-day value (M_0 , $\sim 80 \text{ ZAm}^2$), is
235 the lead term in calculating Rc at any given site latitude (e.g., Equation 2 of Lifton et al., 2014)
236 (**Fig. 6**). Continuous empirical models for the axial dipole moment (ADM) such as GGF100k
237 (Panovska et al., 2019), which we have chosen to use here (data listings available in the Earth
238 Ref Digital Archive at <https://earthref.org/ERDA/2382/>), show that the dominant feature since
239 100 cal. ka is a distinct low associated with the Laschamp geomagnetic excursion at around 42
240 cal. ka (**Fig. 7A**). A cumulative plot of ADM as a proxy for the integrated shielding effect of a
241 fluctuating dipole moment on ^{10}Be production shows that the time-averaged dipole moment has
242 been within a few percent of a constant present-day fiducial back to around 20 cal. ka, which

243 happens to encompass the age range of the primary ^{10}Be calibration sites (see below). The near-
244 constant time-integrated dipole moment also renders schemes St and Lm as equivalent over this
245 time frame. The ADM cumulative curve then gradually decreases to about 0.85 of a constant
246 present-day fiducial from 20 cal. ka to around 50 cal. ka across the Laschamp excursion (**Fig.**
247 **7B**). We note that the time-varying ADM model also provides a broad framework for
248 understanding well-calibrated production rate variations of cosmogenic ^{14}C in the atmosphere
249 such as derived by (Fairbanks et al., 2005) where the long-term pattern of systematic age offsets,
250 in this case calibrated by precise U-series dating on corals, can be linked to lower overall
251 geomagnetic shielding of cosmic ray flux from lingering effects of the Laschamp excursion in
252 conjunction with radiocarbon capture in short-term carbon cycling (**Fig. 7C**).

253 Solar modulation (S) of the interplanetary magnetic field generated by the Sun can
254 variably deflect portions of the galactic cosmic ray flux impinging Earth (Gosse and Phillips,
255 2001; Lifton et al., 2005; Steinhilber et al., 2012). The solar magnetic field is closely associated
256 with sunspot cycles where a higher solar magnetic field (and greater shielding of Earth's
257 neighborhood in the solar system from galactic cosmic rays) occurs when sunspot numbers are
258 higher, and *vice versa*. The 11-year sunspot (Schwabe) cycle is modulated by longer-period
259 variations, such as the Gleissberg and Dalton minima and famously the first-named Maunder
260 Grand Minimum, when sunspots were largely absent for practically a century. Such long solar
261 magnetic minima should be times of relatively higher cosmic ray flux impinging Earth and are
262 expected to be reflected in higher cosmogenic isotope production. This is indeed what has been
263 reported using a variety of independently dated ice core and tree ring archives of cosmogenic
264 nuclides (^{10}Be and ^{14}C) for the past 9.4 cal ka (Steinhilber et al., 2012) data available at
265 https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/paleo/climate_forcing/solar_variability/steinhilber2012.txt.
266 The younger part of the record (**Fig. 8**) allows direct linkages of cosmogenic production rates to
267 sunspot activity; the inferred relationship between solar magnetic field variations and cosmic ray
268 intensity is extended to the rest of the available record back to 9.4 cal. ka based on the measured
269 cosmogenic isotope production rates in the ice core and tree-ring archives.

270 Compared to the average cosmic ray intensity for 1944-1988 CE corresponding to
271 relatively lively sunspot activity, most of the earlier part of the record has reduced sunspot
272 activity that allowed higher cosmic ray flux to Earth. For example, cosmic ray flux for the
273 Gleissberg, Dalton and Wolf grand solar minima was ~1.5 times higher and the Maunder and

274 Spörer grand solar minima more than 1.6 times higher than modern levels. A scaling factor, S_t/S_0 ,
275 based on this record is incorporated in our R-routines (**Section S1**) in which relative ^{10}Be
276 production at a given site varies directly with incremental cosmic ray intensity as estimated for
277 the past 9.4 cal. ka, over which the flux (S_t/S_0) is on average a factor of 1.23 larger. In
278 comparison, a weighted mean solar factor for the past 11.4 cal. ka based on the tree-ring
279 radiocarbon record and used in scaling scheme Li (Balco et al., 2008) is only 1.05 (Lifton et al.,
280 2005) although solar factors ~30% higher were predicted by (Desilets and Zreda, 2001). The
281 same solar modulation framework of (Lifton et al., 2005) as implemented by (Balco et al., 2008)
282 was later adopted in the LSD model by (Lifton et al., 2014), who explicitly chose not to explore
283 alternative frameworks citing Steinhilber et al. (2008). More recent exchanges (e.g., Beer et al.,
284 2018; Cameron and Schüssler, 2019; Usoskin et al., 2011) also indicate that further work is
285 needed to determine how changes in the heliomagnetic field affect cosmic ray deflection.

286 **3. Comparison of scaling schemes with primary ^{10}Be calibration sites**

287 With these analytical tools in hand, we apply the different scaling schemes to the
288 CRONUS-Earth primary ^{10}Be calibration sites (Borchers et al., 2016), as lodged in the ICE-D
289 production rate online database (Martin et al., 2017) (**Section S2**). The ^{10}Be data were collected
290 by modern sampling, laboratory and measurement protocols (e.g., referenced to 07KNSTD);
291 local shielding and erosion corrections, typically a few percent, are accepted as given. Data
292 relevant to determination of ^{10}Be production at each calibration locality with various scaling
293 schemes are summarized in **Table 1**.

294 For MR (Macaulay Ridge, New Zealand), ^{10}Be concentrations are reported to average
295 89900 at/g for 7 boulder samples after taking into account corrections of 1-2% for sample
296 thickness and local shielding, with a tight age constraint from ^{14}C AMS determinations of
297 9634 ± 50 cal. years ago on wood fragments immediately beneath the rock slide (Putnam et al.,
298 2010). Our implementation of the St scheme delivers a SLHL ^{10}Be production rate of 4.00 at/g/y
299 for spallation with a ~2% contribution from muon processes (Balco, 2017), which when
300 discounted gives 3.92 at/g/y that is reassuringly close to the rate of 3.84 ± 0.08 at/g/y determined
301 in more thorough online fashion for the St scheme by Putnam et al. (2010). When the ^{10}Be
302 concentration is scaled according to R_c for a constant GAD or the comparable average ADM
303 field and divided by the calibration age, a P_{SLHL} of about 4.16 at/g/y is obtained, which when

304 discounted for ~2% muon contributions (4.1 at/g/y) is within the range of SLHL ^{10}Be production
305 rates (3.74–4.15 at/g/y) quoted by the authors from the five scaling methods in online calculator
306 v2 (Putnam et al., 2010). Scaling schemes that include secular variation of directions give higher
307 total SLHL ^{10}Be production rates, 4.35 at/g/y for SHA and 4.52 at/g/y for TK03. The calibration
308 age of MR is close to the older age limit of 9.4 cal. ka of the relative cosmic ray intensity record
309 determined by Steinhilber et al. (2012), which would indicate that the SLHL ^{10}Be production
310 rates determined by any of the scaling schemes should be increased by a factor of 1.23. This
311 would imply that the estimated bracketing P_{SLHL} values for the St and TK03 scalings would
312 range from 4.93 to 5.56 at/g/y (4.8 to 5.5 at/g/y for spallation only).

313 Comparable results are obtained from the primary calibration dataset for PPT
314 (Promontory Point Terrace, Utah), providing P_{SLHL} bracketing total rates of 4.04 and 4.48 at/g/y
315 for St and TK03 even though the calibration age (18.3 cal. ka) is almost twice as old as the one
316 for MR (**Table 1**). Although the older calibration age for PPT makes it less clear how to factor in
317 the higher relative cosmic ray intensity determined thus far for only the past 9.4 cal. ka
318 (Steinhilber et al., 2012); a simple extension of the factor of 1.23 would imply that the estimated
319 bracketing P_{SLHL} values for the St and TK03 scalings would range from 4.97 to 5.51 at/g/y (4.9
320 to 5.4 at/g/y for spallation only). Results reported for the SCOT (Scotland, United Kingdom)
321 dataset provide similar P_{SLHL} bracketing total rates of 4.22 and 4.58 at/g/y for St and TK03,
322 respectively; an extrapolation of the factor of 1.23 to the 11.7 cal. ka calibration age would imply
323 that the estimated bracketing P_{SLHL} values for St and TK03 scalings would range from 5.20 to
324 5.63 at/g/y (5.1 to 5.5 at/g/y for spallation only).

325 The MR, PPT and SCOT data sets provide SLHL ^{10}Be production rates within about 5%
326 of each other for any particular scaling scheme. Much more problematic is the primary
327 calibration dataset HU08 based on glacial boulders from the high altitude (4859±9 m) and low
328 latitude (13.9° S) Huancane site in Peru with a calibration age of 12.3 cal. ka. Samples from 10
329 glacial boulders give average P_{SLHL} ranging from 3.73 at/g/y for St to only 2.99 at/g/y for TK03,
330 opposite to the low to high sense for these scaling schemes and as little as 60% of the more
331 mutually consistent P_{SLHL} determined for MR, PPT and/or SCOT. The wide divergence of the
332 Huancane P_{SLHL} may point to analytical shortcomings at the extreme of altitude ranges (Phillips
333 et al., 2016b) (e.g., **Fig. 5A**). Contributing factors may be uncompensated effects of boulder
334 surface erosion and weathering evidenced by 5-6 cm-high remnant pedestals (Kelly et al., 2015)

335 and degraded sample bulk densities of only 2.29 g/cm³ (Phillips et al., 2016a) compared to more
336 typical bulk sample densities of around 2.7 g/cm³ reported for the other calibration sites.

337 **4. Significance for ¹⁰Be exposure age at Allamuchy**

338 Measured ¹⁰Be concentrations for 13 boulders and glaciated surfaces at Allamuchy
339 average 122000 at/g (Corbett et al., 2017) (**Table 1**). Using SCOT calibrations, for example,
340 P_{SLHL} values according to the various scaling schemes without the solar-factor would give
341 exposure ages ranging from 22.7 to 24.2 cal. ka (22.3 to 23.8 cal. ka discounted 2% for muon
342 contribution) for St and TK03, respectively, within but at the younger end of the age range of
343 25.2 ± 2.1 cal. ka reported with one standard deviation by Corbett et al. (2017) using the official
344 CRONUS ¹⁰Be production rates and array of scaling schemes. Similar exposure ages would be
345 obtained for the MR and PPT calibrations, whose P_{SLHL} are about the same as for SCOT.
346 However, using the anomalously low P_{SLHL} values determined from the HU08 calibration site
347 would imply implausibly old exposure ages at Allamuchy, for example, 36.4 cal. ka using the
348 P_{SLHL} rate of 3.0 at/g/y with TK03 even when discounted 2% for muon contribution.

349 Extending the average solar-factor determined for the past 9.4 years (Steinhilber et al.,
350 2012) effectively decreases the calculated exposure ages for Allamuchy by 3/4 across all
351 calibration schemes to be less than 20 cal. ka. For example, the resulting exposure ages
352 (discounted for 2% muon production) for SCOT would be 18.1 cal. ka for St and 19.3 cal. ka for
353 TK03. These age estimates that factor in the documented solar influence are much closer to the
354 16 cal. ka ¹⁴C AMS dates on earliest terrestrial plant macrofossils in deglacial sediments on the
355 Laurentide terminal moraine (Petet et al., 2012).

356 **5. Discussion**

357 A plausible explanation for an exposure age of 25 cal. ka that we regard as anomalously
358 old by some 9,000 years for LIS recession from its terminal moraine in northeastern North
359 America is an undervalued solar modulation factor in estimates of the ¹⁰Be production rate in the
360 widely used online exposure age calculators from the published versions (v2, v2.2, v2.3; Balco et
361 al., 2008) to the current online-only version (v3) of the ‘online exposure age calculator formerly
362 known as the CRONUS-Earth online exposure age calculator’ (<http://hess.ess.washington.edu/>;
363 <https://cosmognosis.wordpress.com/2016/08/01/let-a-hundred-flowers-bloom/>; last accessed
364 [25May2023](#)). A solar modulation factor for cosmic ray flux determined for the past 9.4 cal. ka

365 (Steinhilber et al., 2012) increases ^{10}Be production rates globally by an average of $\sim 23\%$, which
366 if applied to Allamuchy would reduce the previously calculated exposure age estimates of ~ 25
367 cal. ka (Corbett et al., 2017) to less than 20 cal. ka using any of the reliable (i.e., excluding
368 HU08) ^{10}Be primary calibration data (**Table 1**). Additional localized factors could further
369 decrease the likely ^{10}Be exposure ages for Allamuchy. For example, Corbett et al. (2017) pointed
370 out that between-sample ^{10}Be concentrations for the erratic boulders and glaciated surfaces vary
371 several times more than expected from analytical uncertainties alone, which could reflect the
372 presence of inherited ^{10}Be in the sample population even though inheritance was ultimately
373 discounted largely because of the widespread occurrence of glacial striations as indication of
374 presumed sufficient abrasion of contaminating material from rock surfaces. Another contributing
375 factor could stem from less shielding due to reduced atmospheric pressure during lowered sea
376 level and/or from katabatic winds at the ice sheet margin in the early LIS recession stage (Staiger
377 et al., 2007).

378 The inclusion of a solar modulation factor is expected to have broad ramifications to
379 reported ^{10}Be exposure ages if it is indeed as large on average as the 23% determined for the past
380 9.4 cal. ka (Steinhilber et al., 2012). We believe such a percentage is already supported by
381 bringing exposure ages at Allamuchy into reasonable alignment with reliable marine (sea-level,
382 meltwater) and continental (earliest deglacial terrestrial plants) dating of Laurentide recession.
383 As shown in **Table 1**, the St scheme as one of the three remaining favored schemes in v3 of the
384 ‘online exposure age calculator formerly known as the CRONUS-Earth online exposure age
385 calculator’ results in P(SLHL) for the MR, PPT and SCOT calibration sets of 4.0 to 4.2 at/g/y, in
386 the neighborhood of what is currently regarded as the global value for ^{10}Be exposure dating
387 (Borchers et al., 2016; Phillips et al., 2016a). However, adding the solar modulation factor would
388 increase P(SLHL+S) to around 4.9 to 5.2 at/g/y and thus make ^{10}Be exposure dates
389 proportionately younger. Scaling schemes that effectively include geomagnetic secular variation,
390 such as the statistical TK03 model, have higher P(SLHL), which with solar modulation
391 (according to Steinhilber et al., 2012) increase to around 5.5 at/g/y for spallation.

392 Adoption of ~ 4 at/g/y average P(SLHL) in CRONUS-Earth was partly due to including
393 legacy scheme St, which runs notably low (~ 3 at/g/y) for the mid-latitude, low to moderate
394 altitude calibration sites (MR, PPT and SCOT) compared to other scaling schemes (**Table 1**) yet
395 P(SLHL) with scheme St for primary calibration site HU08 (3.73 at/g/y) is beguilingly close to

396 those of the other calibration sites (4.00, 4.04 and 4.22 at/g/y for MR, PPT and SCOT,
397 respectively). It assumes a static geomagnetic field with no secular variation and yet the
398 magnetic scaling factor shows a more erratic pattern as a function of latitude than the schemes
399 based on effective vertical cutoff rigidity (**Fig. 5B**). We suggest that an average P(SLHL+S) of
400 5.5 ± 0.1 at/g/y based on the TK03 scaling scheme for MR, PPT and SCOT calibration sites that
401 includes a solar modulation factor of 1.23 (and is discounted 2% for muon contribution) provides
402 a good working estimate for exposure age determinations as far back as 20 cal. ka, beyond which
403 a lower average geomagnetic dipole moment (that would tend to increase ^{10}Be production rates)
404 needs to be taken into account. Compared to the currently accepted CRONUS consensus
405 P(SLHL) of ~ 4.0 at/g/y, this would reduce exposure ages to nominally $\sim 3/4$ of the quoted values.

406 Another indication that the SLHL ^{10}Be reference production rate is appreciably higher
407 than the currently used level of ~ 4 at/g/y comes from attempts to include glacial isostatic
408 adjustment (GIA) in exposure dating. For example, Lowell et al. (2021) report ^{10}Be exposure
409 dates using a SLHL ^{10}Be production rate of 4.3 at/g/y from Balco et al. (2009) on glacial
410 boulders along a 375 km transect just west of Lake Superior (see **Fig. 1** for transect location)
411 perpendicular to the retreating margin of the southwestern Labrador lobe of the LIS as delineated
412 by radiocarbon isochrons (Dalton et al., 2020). According to the ^{10}Be exposure dates,
413 deglaciation occurred by ~ 18 cal. ka near the projected southwestern end of the transect at Kylen
414 Lake and by ~ 10.5 cal. ka near Pillar at the northeastern end at a mean retreat rate of ~ 50 km/kyr
415 (thick red line in **Fig. 9**). Over the same transect, isochrons of ice-margin retreat derived from
416 radiocarbon ages of deglacial deposits converted to calendar years in Lowell et al. (2021) are up
417 to 4 ka *younger*. A related problem emerges with the stated inability to correct the ^{10}Be ages for
418 changes in elevation due to uplift from GIA. Even updated GIA model ICE-6G (Peltier et al.,
419 2015) produces adjusted ^{10}Be ages that are deemed to be unacceptably up to $\sim 10\%$ older, for
420 example, increasing the ^{10}Be age from 17.4 to 19.2 cal. ka for sample AF-109 and 15.3 to 16.4
421 cal. ka for sample AF-110 near the southern end of the transect (Supplemental Material text 1.3
422 and Table S4 in Lowell et al., 2021). However, if a SLHL ^{10}Be production rate of ~ 5.3 at/g/y that
423 included a solar modulation factor of 1.23 was used, the ^{10}Be date for sample AF-109 would be
424 only 15.3 cal. ka (and sample AF-110 would be 13.4 cal. ka) after uplift correction with GIA
425 model ICE-6G as implemented in the iceTEA online toolkit (Jones et al., 2019). The average

426 retreat rate would be faster (~70 km/kyr, dashed line in **Fig. 9**) and the recession trajectory would
427 be mostly within the radiocarbon isochron error envelope.

428 The stated anchor of the transect to the southwest was a basal radiocarbon age of 18.1 cal.
429 ka from sediment cores at Kylen Lake. However, Lund and Banerjee (1985) reported a major age
430 reversal of several thousand years in bulk sediment radiocarbon ages at the base of one of the
431 Kylen Lake cores with palynological evidence for the classic landscape ragweed disturbance
432 (*Ambrosia*) up-core almost 1 cal. ka off, and warned that the radiocarbon dates were likely
433 contaminated and too old. The problem was acknowledged by Lowell et al. (2021) but following
434 an evaluation of radiocarbon dates from prior work as well as radiocarbon dates from a new
435 sediment core from Kylen Lake in an unpublished thesis (Norris, 2019), a modeled basal age of
436 18.1 cal. ka from Kylen Lake was nevertheless used to anchor the transect in the shifting shoals
437 of bulk sediment radiocarbon dating.

438 A more recent example of potential implications of recognizing significant solar
439 modulation of cosmic ray flux is in a study of cosmogenic-nuclide concentrations in subglacial
440 bedrock cores between Thwaites and Pope glaciers in Antarctic where Balco et al. (2023) argued
441 that the West Antarctic Ice Sheet (WAIS) at the site was about 35 m thinner several thousand
442 years ago and subsequently thickened to its present thickness. The conclusion basically followed
443 from modeling the concentrations of ^{10}Be , ^{26}Al and ^{14}C measured in cores of the subglacial
444 bedrock that were higher than expected from shielding by present ice thickness, implicitly
445 assuming a uniform present-day cosmic ray flux over the entire Holocene. However, Steinhilber
446 et al. (2012) showed that the average cosmic ray flux was about 50% higher about 7.5 cal. ka and
447 decreased to modern levels by around 2.5 cal. ka before increasing to another series of peaks
448 during the Spörer and Maunder solar minima in the last millennium before decreasing to present-
449 day levels (**Fig. 8B**). This suggests an alternative interpretation of the variable cosmogenic-
450 nuclide concentrations whereby the ice thickness for WAIS at that locale may have stayed
451 approximately the same for the past ~6 cal. ka but a varying cosmic ray flux caused
452 commensurate changes in the cosmogenic-nuclide production rate and hence accounted for much
453 of the observed age-dependent pattern of their subglacial bedrock concentrations.

454 Other implications of a significant solar modulation factor exist but are less immediately
455 obvious considering the wide range of SLHL ^{10}Be production rates from around 6 to 4 at/g/y that

456 have been used in more than 30 years of published investigations. Normalization of these results
457 to a consistent SLHL ^{10}Be production rate and scaling scheme would be revealing.

458 **6. Conclusions**

459 • The anomalously old ^{10}Be exposure dates for LIS recession in northeastern North
460 America of ~ 25 cal. ka, such as at Allamuchy, which are inconsistent with independently
461 documented timing of meltwater production and global sea level rise from the marine record and
462 are not supported by ^{14}C AMS dates on terrestrial plant macrofossils in early deglacial
463 sediments, point to a deficiency in the ^{10}Be exposure dating methodology.

464 • The incorporation of a published but apparently unutilized solar modulation factor
465 results in an average increase by about a factor of 1.23 in cosmic ray intensity compared to the
466 modern over the 9.4 cal. ka length of the currently available record. This decreases ^{10}Be exposure
467 ages to about $\frac{3}{4}$ of stated values and in the case of Allamuchy to less than 20 cal. ka, which
468 works toward resolving the glaring age discrepancy with the marine record and reliable
469 radiocarbon dates in the terrestrial realm.

470 • Secular variation in geomagnetic field directions could be conveniently represented in
471 scaling schemes on time scales of several millennia and longer using a globally valid statistical
472 field model (TK03) that incorporates secular variation with non-dipole components and results in
473 SLHL ^{10}Be production rates for mid-latitude sites that are about 10% higher than with
474 conventional models that have little (e.g., SHA.DIF.14k) to no (geocentric axial dipole or GAD)
475 directional dispersion.

476 • Estimates of the axial dipole moment such as GGF100k have a time-integrated mean at
477 about the present-day field value going back to ~ 20 cal. ka, decreasing to about 0.85 of the
478 modern value only by ~ 50 cal. ka. Geomagnetic field strength thus does not appear to be a
479 critical factor in exposure dating over the latest Pleistocene and Holocene.

480 • An average P(SLHL+S) of 5.5 at/g/y based on extending the published solar modulation
481 factor of 1.23 for the past 9.4 cal. ka and using the TK03 magnetic scaling scheme for mid
482 latitude calibration sites produces a reasonable fit to GIA model ICE-6G of exposure age data
483 from the Labrador Dome of the LIS along a transect just west of Lake Superior.

484 • Changes in observed ^{10}Be production in subglacial bedrock due to known variable solar
485 modulation provides an alternative explanation to changes in shielding from variation in
486 thickness of West Antarctic ice-sheet, providing another line of evidence to test implications of
487 large-amplitude solar modulation.

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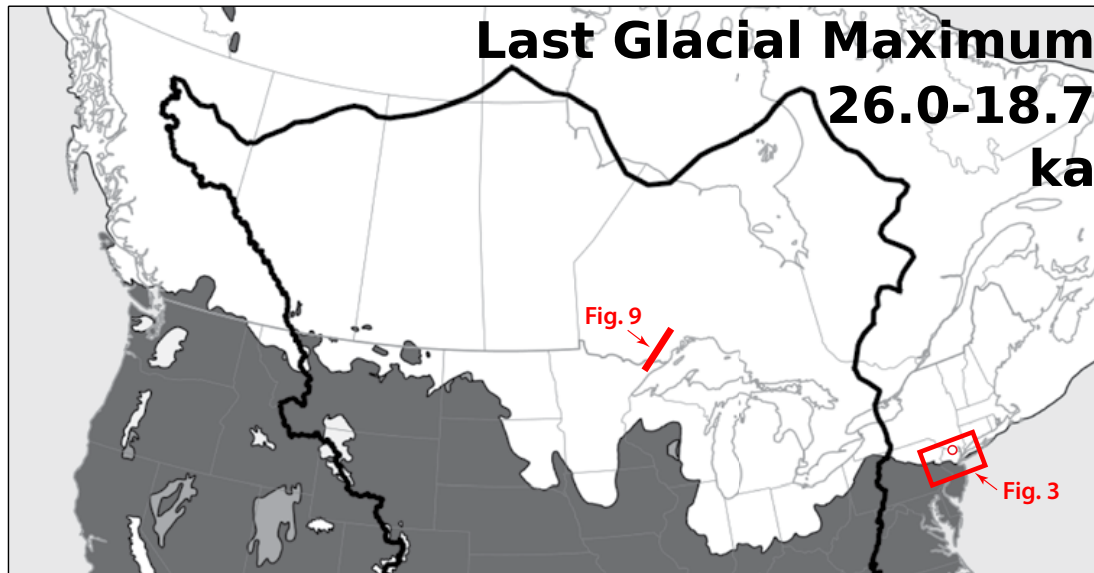
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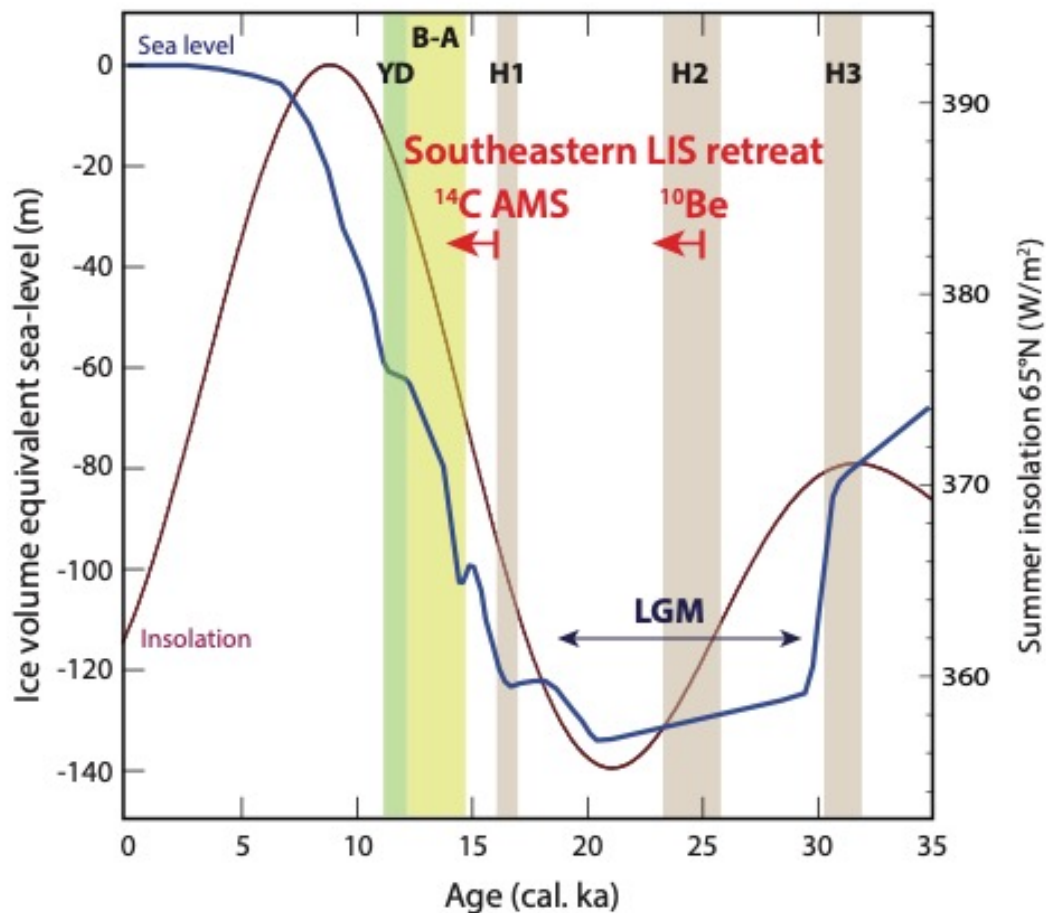
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707 **Fig. 1.** Synthesis of southern Laurentide ice sheet (white area) during Last Glacial Maximum
708 from 26.0 - 18.7 cal. ka (figure from Wickert et al., 2023) based on revised dates from Dalton et
709 al. (2020) modified to fit a marine chronology. Lakes are medium gray, land is dark gray, and
710 oceans are light gray; associated Mississippi River drainage-basin extent shown by heavy black
711 line. Box shows location of map in **Fig. 3** and includes locale (small red open circle) of terminal
712 moraine at Allamuchy and environs studied by Corbett et al. (2017); thick red line shows the
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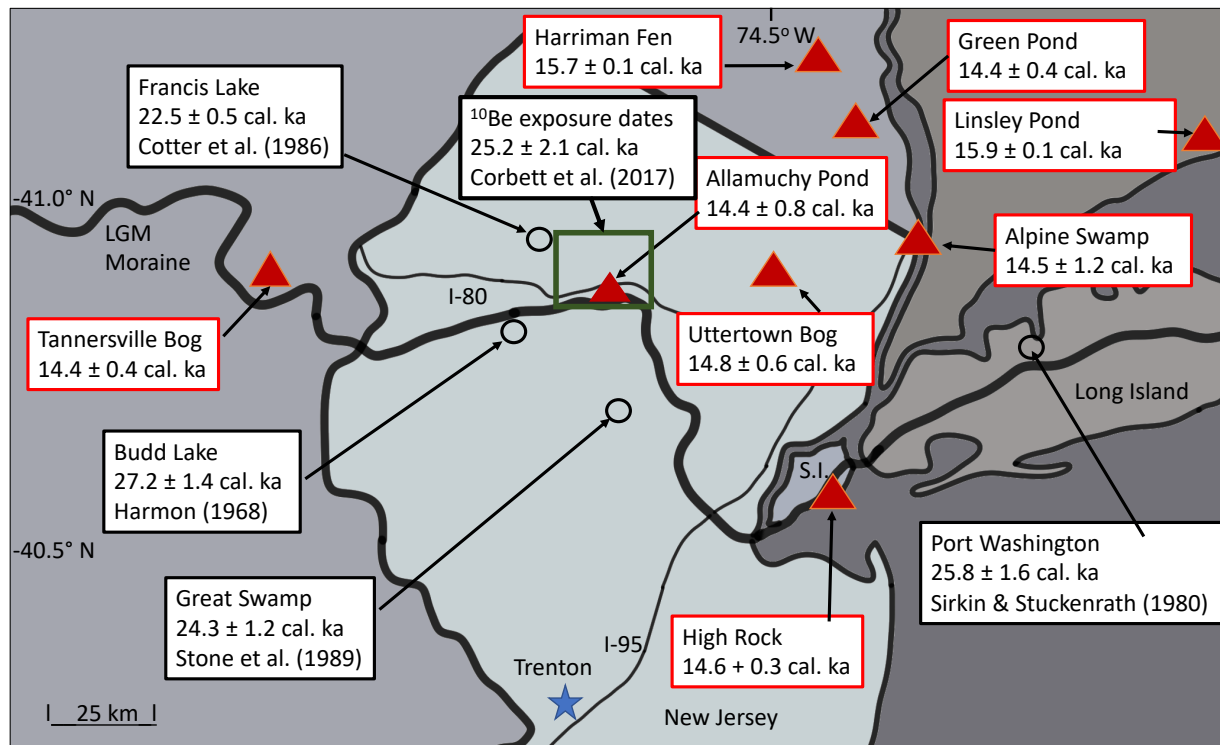
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718 **Fig. 2.** Contrasting age estimates for deglaciation of southeastern lobe of Laurentide ice sheet
 719 (LIS) based on ^{14}C AMS dating of earliest terrestrial plant macrofossils in deglacial sediments
 720 (Petee et al., 2012) and on ^{10}Be exposure dating for terminal moraine in Allamuchy area of New
 721 Jersey (Corbett et al., 2017), plotted with respect to major climate events (Last Glacial
 722 Maximum, (LGM), Heinrich events H1, H2 and H3, the Bolling-Allerod warm period (B-A) and
 723 the Younger Dryas cold period (YD), estimated ice-volume equivalent sea-level change (blue
 724 curve) since 35 cal. ka (from Lambeck et al., 2014), and summer insolation at 65°N (maroon
 725 curve, calculated with Paillard et al. (1996)). See Petee et al. (2012) for additional climate
 726 proxies and discussion.

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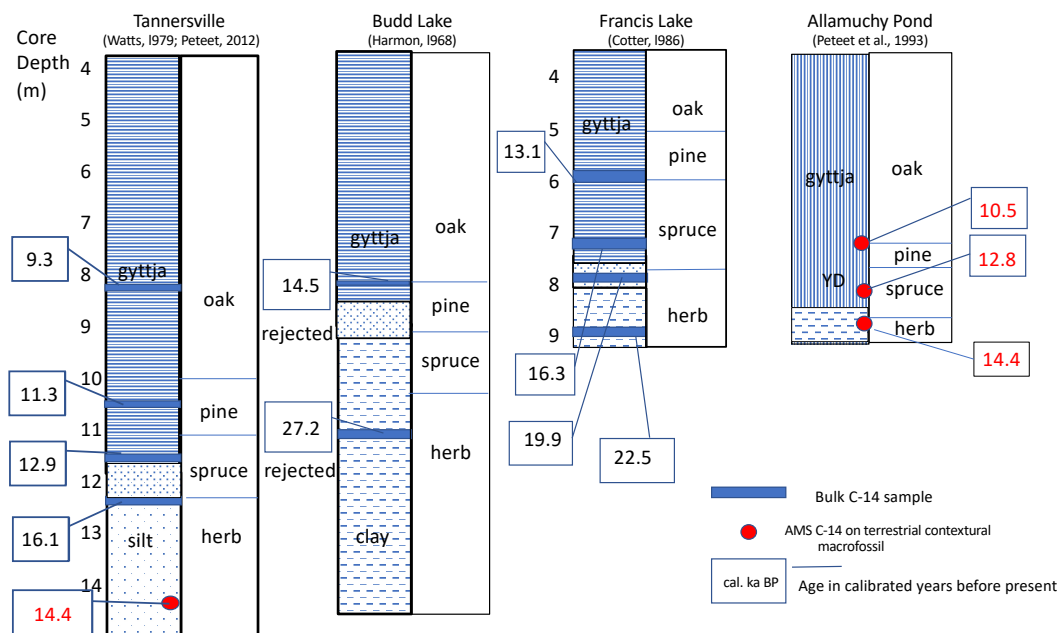
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731 **Fig. 3.** ¹⁴C AMS dates on plant macrofossils in earliest deglacial sediments (red triangles; Peteet
 732 et al., 2012), ¹⁴C bulk sediment dates (open circles with references in labels), and ¹⁰Be exposure
 733 dates from glacial boulders and pavement within the box around Allamuchy Pond that outlines
 734 study region in Fig. 2 of Corbett et al. (2017) associated with the retreat of the southeastern lobe
 735 of the LIS in northern NJ and southern NY. Figure adapted from Corbett et al. (2017).

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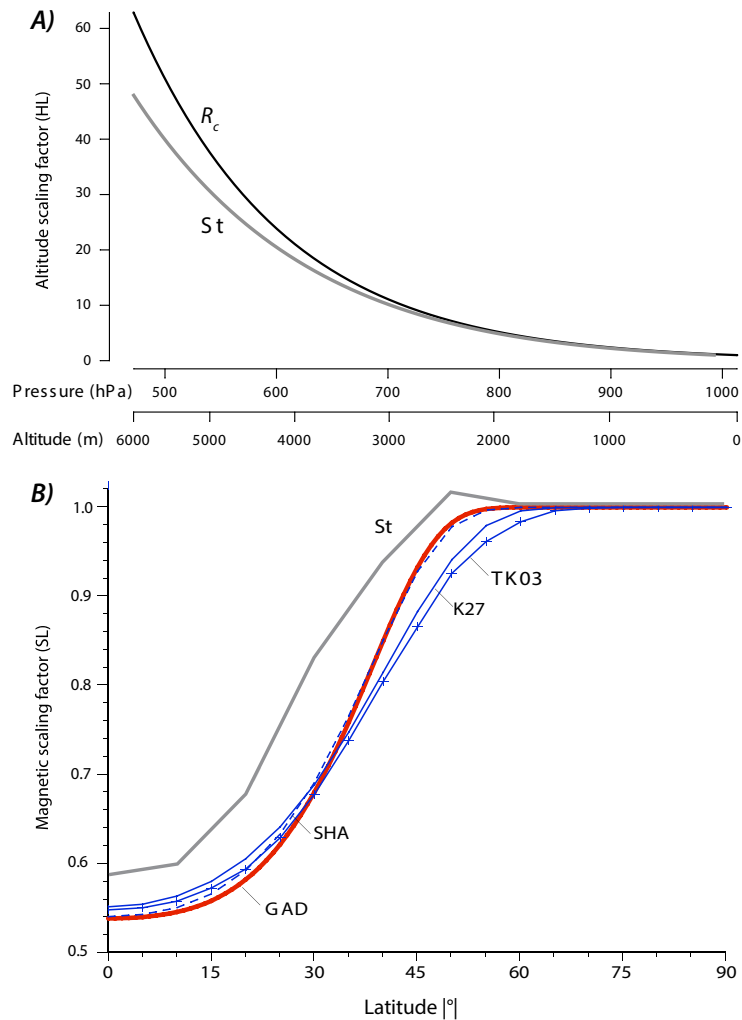


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740 **Fig. 4.** Radiocarbon dates in context of litho- and bio-stratigraphy of cores from ponds and lakes
 741 in close proximity to terminal moraine of Laurentide ice sheet at LGM in northern NJ (see **Fig. 3**
 742 for locations). Bulk sediment ^{14}C dates from gyttja, silts, or clay (stratigraphic layers) are
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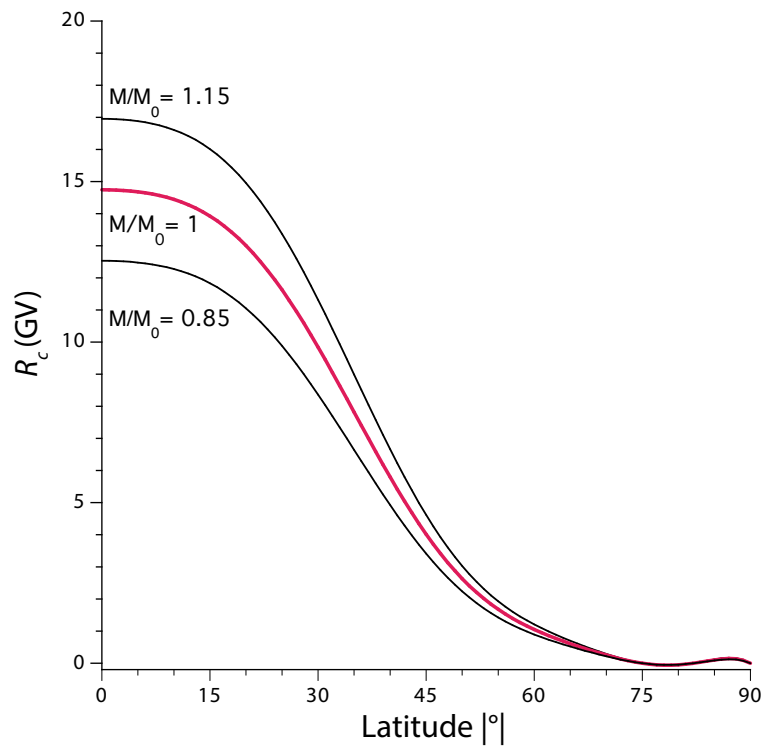
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747 **Fig. 5.** Altitude and latitude scaling factors. A) Altitude scaling factor at high latitude (HL)
 748 versus air pressure and equivalent altitude for St , the Lal/Stone empirical scaling scheme (Stone,
 749 2000) and the analytical scaling scheme based on effective vertical cutoff rigidity, R_c (Desilets et
 750 al., 2006; Lifton et al., 2014). B) Magnetic scaling factor for different schemes including
 751 empirical St (Stone, 2000) and those based on effective vertical cutoff rigidity, R_c , using
 752 Equation 2 of Lifton et al. (2014) to derive a magnetic scaling factor, $f(R_c)$ (Desilets et al., 2006)
 753 with modern magnetic moment ($\sim 80 \text{ Am}^2$) as functions of latitude according to different
 754 geomagnetic field models: GAD, geomagnetic axial dipole field with no dispersion; K118
 755 (SHA), mean VGP from SHA.DIF.14k model of Pavón-Carrasco et al. (2014) for 0-14 cal. ka
 756 with equivalent Fisher precision parameter $K=118$; K27, GAD field with Fisher distribution of
 757 VGP of $K=27$; TK03, statistical geomagnetic field model of Tauxe and Kent (2004).

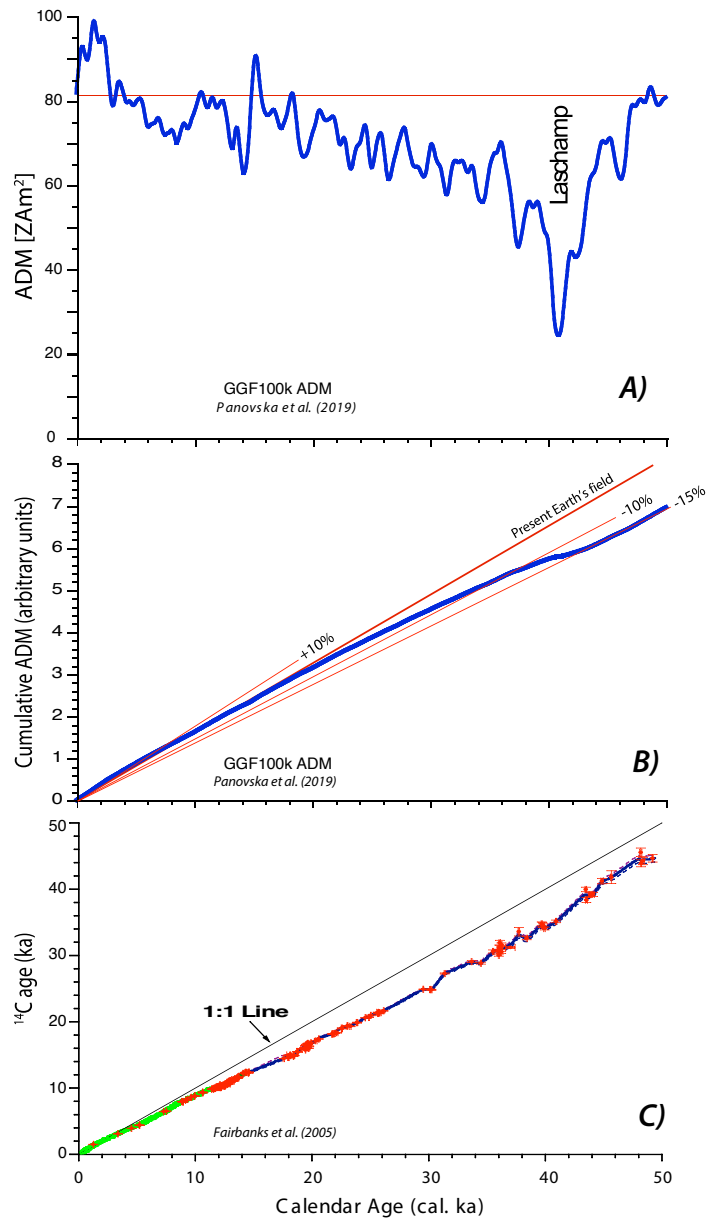
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760 **Fig. 6.** Effective vertical cutoff rigidity (R_c) as a function of geomagnetic latitude for a
761 representative range of dipole moments (M) relative to the modern value (M_0) calculated with
762 Equation 2 of Lifton et al. (2014).

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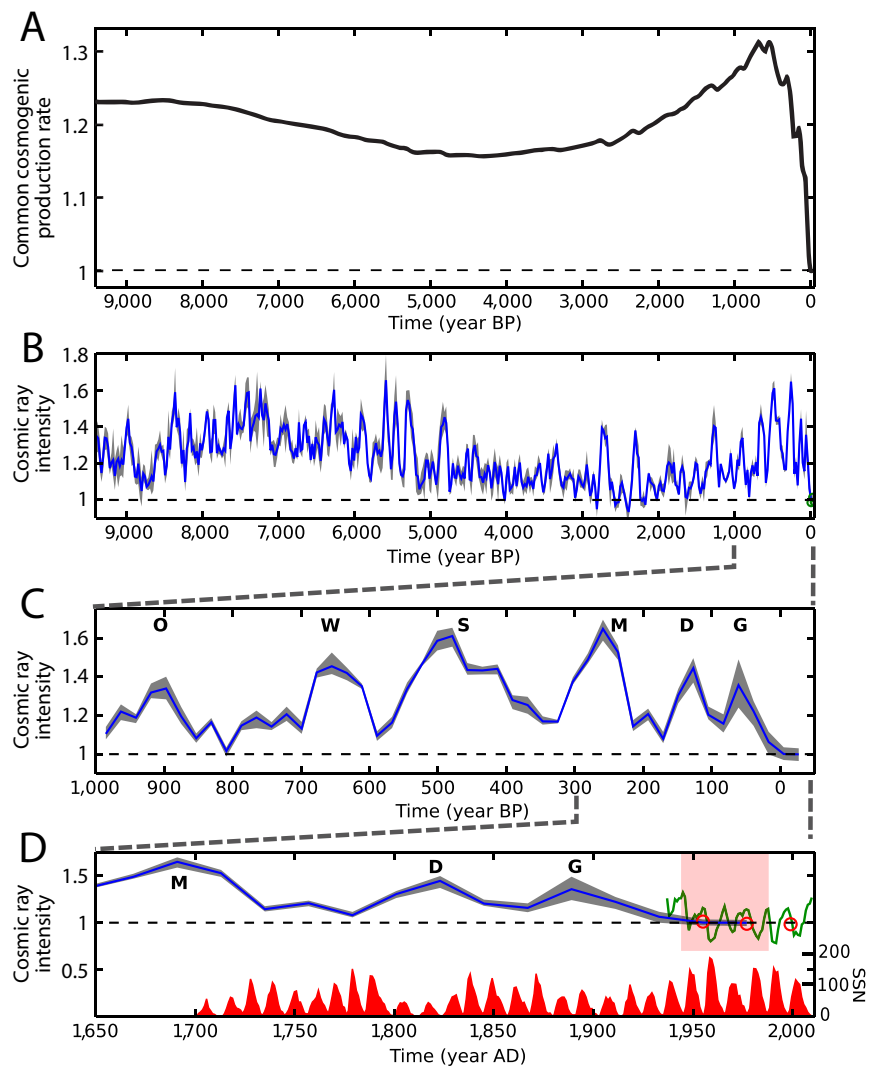
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Fig. 7. A) Variations in geomagnetic axial dipole moment (ADM) for 0–50 cal. ka from Model GGF100k (blue wiggly line; Panovska et al., 2019). Present-day ADM is shown by horizontal line for reference. B) Cumulative ADM in 50-y intervals for Model GGF100k going back in time from the present (blue curve) and compared to cumulative ADM for a constant present Earth field dipole moment and for +10%, -10% and -15% of present Earth field dipole moment shown for reference (labeled red lines). C) Continuous calibration of high precision ^{14}C AMS dates to calendar ages based on U-series dates on corals and other calibration data from 0 to 50 cal. ka (from Fairbanks et al., 2005).

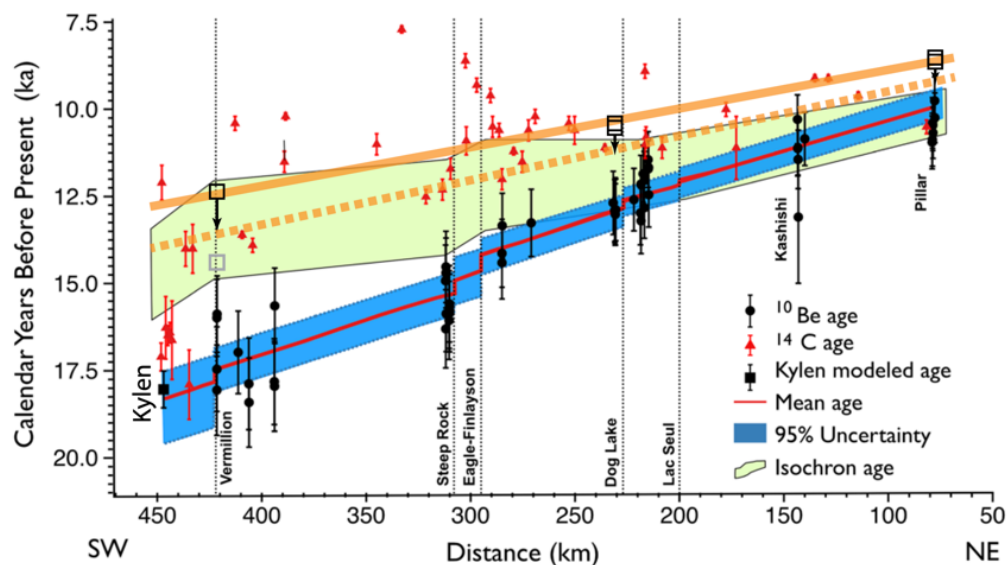
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775 **Fig. 8.** Panel A shows time-integrated common production rate of cosmogenic radionuclides
 776 for the last 9400 cal. years relative to the present day (1944-1988 CE) from data shown in panel
 777 B that is zoomed in to past millennium (panel C) and to last 350 years (panel D). Panels B, C,
 778 and D are from Steinhilber et al. (2012) where red circles and green curve are 22-year averages
 779 and yearly averages of calculated cosmic ray intensity, and annual sunspot numbers (SSN)
 780 plotted at the bottom. Grand solar minima are O: Oort, W: Wolf, S: Spörer, M: Maunder, D:
 781 Dalton and G: Gleissberg. Black dashed lines in each panel represent average cosmic ray
 782 intensity for 1944-1988 CE. Data from Steinhilber et al. (2012)) is available at
 783 https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/paleo/climate_forcing/solar_variability/steinhilber2012.txt.

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787 **Fig. 9.** Time-distance plot (adapted as base from Fig. 2 of (Lowell et al., 2021) with additions
 788 described below) showing chronological constraints on Laurentide Ice Sheet retreat along a
 789 transect from Kylene Lake (Minnesota) in SW to Pillar (Ontario) in NE (see Fig. 1 for transect
 790 location). Red line with blue error envelope from Lowell et al. (2021) is their interpretation of
 791 retreat and hiatus pattern anchored to a ^{14}C bulk sediment mean basal age of 18.1 cal. ka at Kylene
 792 Lake and constrained by ^{10}Be exposure dates (black circles and error bars) using a SLHL ^{10}Be
 793 production rate of 4.33 at/g/y from Balco et al. (2009). Green shaded area is uncertainty envelope
 794 of radiocarbon-based isochrons of LIS retreat from Dalton et al. (2020) converted to calendar
 795 years by Lowell et al. (2021). Dark gray open squares are samples from Table S4 of Lowell et al.
 796 (2021) with ^{10}Be ages recalculated here with addition of a solar modulation factor of 1.23, which
 797 is equivalent to a SLHL ^{10}Be production rate of 5.3 at/g/y (implied retreat sketched as solid
 798 orange line), and scaled by an average of +8% using glacial isostatic adjustment model ICE-6G
 799 (Peltier et al., 2015) as implemented by (Jones et al., 2019) according to (Lowell et al., 2021)
 800 (implied retreat sketched as dashed orange line).

801 Table 1. Primary ¹⁰Be calibration sites and Allamuchy site scaled with various schemes.

Parameters	Calibration				Allamuchy
	MR	PPT	SCOT	HU08	
Latitude, °N	-43.6	41.3	57.4	-13.9	41.0
Longitude, °E	170.6	-112.5	-5.6	70.9	-74.6
Altitude, m	1028	1603	136	4857	328
Air Pressure (ap), hPa	895.70	834.93	997.02	550.60	974.46
Atmospheric depth (x), g/cm ²	913.35	851.38	1016.66	561.45	993.66
Number sampling sites	7	6	8	10	13
Cs (¹⁰ Be concentration), at/g	89900	257530	57274	559650	122000
Age, calendar years	9634	18300	11700	12300	TBD ↴
Ps (¹⁰ Be production rate), at/g/y	9.33	14.07	4.90	45.50	
St:					
S.lambda	2.351	3.525	1.161	12.410	1.276
M.lambda	1.556	1.968	1.069	4.265	1.103
F = S.lambda*M.lambda	2.330	3.484	1.159	12.198	1.272
C(SLHL): Cs/F, at/g	38584	73916	49428	45881	95913
P(SLHL): Cs/F/age, at/g/y	4.000	4.039	*4.224	3.730	*Age= 22707 cal. yr
P(SLHL+S): Cs/F*1.23/age, at/g/y	4.930	4.972	**5.201	4.592	**Age= 18441 cal. yr
GAD:					
Rc	4.479	5.303	1.356	14.069	5.414
f(Rc)	0.912	0.873	0.999	0.555	0.868
f(x)	2.457	3.882	1.134	26.461	1.340
F = f(Rc)*f(x)	2.241	3.390	1.133	14.673	1.163
C(SLHL): Cs/F, at/g	40116	75968	50537	38142	104863
P(SLHL): Cs/F/age, at/g/y	4.164	4.151	*4.320	3.101	*Age= 24274 cal. yr
P(SLHL+S): Cs/F*1.23/age, at/g/y	5.126	5.110	**5.317	3.814	**Age= 19722 cal. yr
SHA:					
Rc	5.209	5.721	1.583	13.139	5.595
f(Rc)	0.877	0.854	0.995	0.578	0.859
f(x)	2.445	3.868	1.134	26.972	1.340
F = f(Rc)*f(x)	2.143	3.303	1.128	15.599	1.150
C(SLHL): Cs/F, at/g	41950	77955	50787	35877	106052
P(SLHL): Cs/F/age, at/g/y	4.354	4.260	*4.341	2.917	*Age= 24430 cal. yr
P(SLHL+S): Cs/F*1.23/age, at/g/y	5.356	5.240	**5.339	3.843	**Age= 19864 cal. yr
TK03:					
Rc	5.833	6.439	2.842	13.493	6.618
f(Rc)	0.848	0.820	0.945	0.569	0.812
f(x)	2.433	3.835	1.132	26.772	1.336
F = f(Rc)*f(x)	2.064	3.145	1.069	15.235	1.100
C(SLHL): Cs/F, at/g	43556	81886	53544	36734	110918
P(SLHL): Cs/F/age, at/g/y	4.521	4.475	*4.576	2.987	*Age= 24239 cal. yr
P(SLHL+S): Cs/F*1.23/age, at/g/y	5.559	5.507	**5.629	3.663	**Age= 19705 cal. yr

853 ¹⁰Be exposure dating parameters for the CRONUS-Earth primary calibration sites from
854 Borchers et al. (2016) (**Section S2**) used to derive ¹⁰Be production rates normalized to
855 sea level high altitude (SLHL) according to various scaling schemes: MR (Macaulay
856 Ridge, NZ), PPT (Promontory Point Terrace, Utah), SCOT (Scotland), and HU08 (Huanacane,
857 Peru). Selected scaling schemes are St, the original empirical scaling scheme of Lal
858 (1991) modified by Stone (2000); GAD, geocentric axial dipole where geographic and
859 geomagnetic latitudes are equivalent in a static field; SHA, spherical harmonic model
860 of 0-14 cal. ka paleomagnetic measurements (Pavón-Carrasco et al., 2014); TK03,
861 statistical geomagnetic field model of Tauxe and Kent (2004). For GAD, SHA, and TK03,
862 the effective vertical cutoff rigidity (R_c) is calculated using Equation 2 in Lifton
863 et al. (2014), and the magnetic (f(R_c)), altitude (f(x)), and total scaling factor (F)
864 are calculated using equations 6, 7 and 5, respectively, in Desilets et al. (2006).
865 Geomagnetic dipole moment assumed to average to present-day value over exposure times
866 less than ~20 cal. ka (see text). Also listed are published parameters for Allamuchy
867 terminal moraine sites in New Jersey used to estimated ¹⁰Be exposure age for retreat of
868 Laurentide ice sheet (Corbett et al., 2017); ages for each scaling scheme based on
869 asterisked production rates according to SCOT primary calibration data for reference;
870 ages corresponding to other primary calibrations can be readily calculated.
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Supplementary Material

Section S1. Various routines used for heuristic purposes relevant to ^{10}Be production rate scaling in the R programming language (R_Core_Team, 2018).

Section S2. CRONUS-Earth primary ^{10}Be calibration sample data (Borchers et al., 2016) as lodged in evolving versions of the ICE-D production rate online database (Martin et al., 2017). Items highlighted in yellow in attached pages generated by version 1 of the ICE-D infrastructure were used to calculate quantities shown in **Table 2**. According to the ICE-D document header, “As of April 2022, updates and corrections will only be made in version 2, and version 1 will no longer be updated.” Hence including a copy of version 1 here is deemed useful for stability even though differences appear superficial with version 2 that currently (6/14/2023) resides at: https://version2.ice-d.org/production%20rate%20calibration%20data/cal_data_set/4.

Table S1. Effective vertical cutoff rigidity (R_c) and corresponding magnetic scaling factor ($f(R_c)$) as a function of latitude for various geomagnetic field models.

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##### Cosmogenic Nuclide Funcs v4.2 #####
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# https://www.r-project.org/
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# Computes 10Be production rates according to Lal (1991)
# Earth and Planetary Science Letters, 104 (1991) 424-439
#
# L: geomagnetic latitude (deg)
# y: altitude (m)
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lal.eq1 <- function(L, y){

  L <- abs(L)

  # altitude in km as in original formulation
  y <- y/1000

  ## Table 1 for 10Be
  A <- c(3.511, 3.360, 4.0607, 4.994, 5.594, 6.064, 5.594, 5.594)
  B <- c(2.547, 2.522, 2.734, 3.904, 4.946, 5.715, 6.018, 6.018)
  C <- c(0.95125, 1.0668, 1.2673, 0.9739, 1.3817, 1.6473, 1.7045, 1.7045)
  D <- c(0.18608, 0.18830, 0.22529, 0.42671, 0.53176, 0.68684, 0.71184, 0.71184)

  lam.bins <- c(0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 90)

  # interpolate coefficients to the Latitude (L)
  a <- approx(lam.bins, A, xout=L)$y
  b <- approx(lam.bins, B, xout=L)$y
  c <- approx(lam.bins, C, xout=L)$y
  d <- approx(lam.bins, D, xout=L)$y

  ## equation 1
  q <- a + b*y + c*y^2 + d*y^3

  return(q)
}

##
# Computes eq.2, eq. 3 and eq.4 from Stone (2000)
# JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH, VOL. 105, NO. B10, PAGES 23,753-23,759, OCTOBER 10, 2000
#
# Computes the altitude scaling factors (S.lambda)
# the rate of isotope production by muon capture (M.lambda)
# and the combined scaling factor (F.lambda) for 10Be
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# ap:      atmospheric pressure (hPa)
# lambda:  magnetic latitude (deg)
#
stone.eq2 <- function(ap, lambda){

  lambda <- abs(lambda)

  # Stone (2000) Table 1
  A <- c(31.8518, 34.3699, 40.3153, 42.0983, 56.7733, 69.0720, 71.8733, 71.8733)
  B <- c(250.3193, 258.4759, 308.9894, 512.6857, 649.1343, 832.4566, 863.1927, 863.1927)
  C <- c(-0.083393, -0.089807, -0.106248, -0.120551, -0.160859, -0.199252, -0.207069, -0.207069)

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D <- c(7.4260E-05, 7.9457E-05, 9.4508E-05, 1.1752E-04, 1.5463E-04, 1.9391E-04, 2.0127E-04,
2.0127E-04)
E <- c(-2.2397E-08, -2.3697E-08, -2.8234E-08, -3.8809E-08, -5.0330E-08, -6.3653E-08, -6.6043E-08,
-6.6043E-08)
M.1013 <- c(0.587, 0.600, 0.678, 0.833, 0.933, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000)

lam.bins <- c(0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 90)

# interpolate coefficients to the latitude (lambda)
a <- approx(lam.bins, A, xout=lambda)$y
b <- approx(lam.bins, B, xout=lambda)$y
c <- approx(lam.bins, C, xout=lambda)$y
d <- approx(lam.bins, D, xout=lambda)$y
e <- approx(lam.bins, E, xout=lambda)$y
M <- approx(lam.bins, M.1013, lambda)$y

## Altitude (atm. pressure) factor (eq.2)
S.lambda <- a+b*exp(-ap/150)+c*ap+d*ap^2+e*ap^3

## Factor for isotope production by muon capture (eq.3)
M.lambda <- M * exp((1013.25 - ap)/242)

# fraction of spallogenic production at sea level for 10Be
f.sp <- 0.974

## Combined factor (eq.4)
F.lambda <- f.sp * S.lambda + (1-f.sp) * M.lambda

return(list(S.lambda = S.lambda, M.lambda = M.lambda, F.lambda = F.lambda))
}

##
# Computes vertical rigidity using eq.2 from Lifton et al. (2014)
# http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.epsl.2013.10.052
#
# lambda: magnetic latitude (deg)
# Mt: the dipole moment at given time,
# Mo: the reference dipole moment (2010 DGRF: 7.746e22 A m^2)
#
lifton.eq2 <- function(lambda, Mt=7.746, Mo = 7.746){

lambda <- abs(lambda)

l <- lambda/180*pi # in radiants

c1 <- 6.89901
c2 <- 103.241
c3 <- 522.061
c4 <- 1152.15
c5 <- 1189.18
c6 <- 448.004

Rc1 <- (c1*cos(l) - c2*cos(l)^2 + c3*cos(l)^3 - c4*cos(l)^4 + c5*cos(l)^5 - c6*cos(l)^6)

# rectify the "bouncing" at high latitudes
zz <- which(lambda > 74.9)
Rc1[zz] <- 0

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Rc <- (Mt/Mo) * Rc1

return(Rc)
}

##
# Computes eq.6 and eq.7 from Desilets et al. (2006)
# doi:10.1016/j.epsl.2006.03.051
#
# Computes the altitude scaling factors and
# scaling factor for the given magnetic rigidity.
# Total scaling factor is the product of the 2 factors
#
# ap: atmospheric pressure (hPa)
# Rc: rigidity (GV)
#
desilets.eq7 <- function(ap = 1013.25, Rc = 0){

  # convert hPa to gr/cm^2
  x <- ap * 1.0197

  # Desilets et al 2006 eq.6 (i.e., Dorman function)
  alpha <- 10.275
  kappa <- 0.9615
  f.Rc <- 1 - exp(-alpha * Rc^(-kappa))

  # coefficients from Table 2
  n <- 1.0177E-02
  a <- 1.0207E-01
  k <- -3.9527E-01
  a0 <- 8.5236E-06
  a1 <- -6.3670E-07
  a2 <- -7.0814E-09
  a3 <- -9.9182E-09
  a4 <- 9.9250E-10
  a5 <- 2.4925E-11
  a6 <- 3.8615E-12
  a7 <- -4.8194E-13
  a8 <- -1.5371E-14

  ## polynomial coefficients of eq.5 and eq.7
  # note that c3 and c4 are negligible for any reasonable value of Rc
  c1 <- n/(1 + exp(-a * Rc^(-k)))
  c2 <- (a0 + a1*Rc + a2*Rc^2)/2
  c3 <- (a3 + a4*Rc + a5*Rc^2)/3
  c4 <- (a6 + a7*Rc + a8*Rc^2)/4

  # polynomial values for 1033 g/cm2 and site pressure
  p.1033 <- c1*1033 + c2*1033^2 + c3*1033^3 + c4*1033^4
  p.x <- c1*x + c2*x^2 + c3*x^3 + c4*x^4

  # Desilets et al 2006 eq.5
  lambda.1033 <- (1033 - x) / (p.1033 - p.x)

  ## Desilets et al. (2006) eq.7 (also eq. 2 of Desilets and Zreda, 2003)
  # note that this equation has typos in Desilets et al. (2006)
  f.x <- exp((1033 - x)/lambda.1033)

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return(list(mag.factor=f.Rc, alt.factor=f.x, Total.factor=f.Rc * f.x))
}

##
# Computes the averaged 10Be production factor from Steinhilber et al. 2012
# doi:10.1073/pnas.1118965109
#
# Need file "steinhilber2012_TSI.txt" in the working folder
# ftp://ftp.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/paleo/climate_forcing/solar_variability/steinhilber2012.txt
#
# age: age (yr BP)
#
# Returns the inverse of Steinhilber's production rate averaged between
# today and the given age.
#
# For instance:
# steinhilber.pf(1000) returns a production factor pf = 0.7863477,
# meaning that present day production is 0.7863477 times the averaged
# production of the last 1000 years, hence averaged production in the
# last 1000 yr was almost 30% larger than present day production.
#
steinhilber.pf <- function(age){

  if(age > 9389) {
    warning("steinhilber.pf: age too old, production factor = 1/1.231\n")
    pr <- 1.231
  } else {
    dat <- read.table("steinhilber2012_TSI.txt",
                      header = TRUE,
                      skip = 156)

    idx <- which(dat$Year < age)
    pr <- mean(dat$X1.PC[idx])
  }
  return(sf=1/pr)
}

##
# Computes total cosmogenic production factor with constant geocentric axial dipole
# (GAD) field, air pressure and age (age is used only to include the variability of
# production rate from Steinhilber et al. 2012).
#
# Combines lifton.eq2, desilets.eq7, and Steinhilber (2012) data (if age is given).
# By default the "steinhilber factor" is disregarded (i.e. set to 1).
# If age > 9400 the steinhilber factor is set to 1/1.231 (with a warning message)
#
# lambda: magnetic latitude (deg)
# ap: air pressure (hPa)
# age: age (yrBP) - default NA i.e., no steinhilber correction
# ...: additional arguments passed to lifton.eq2 (e.g. virtual dipole moment Mt)
#
cosmogenic.factor.GAD <- function(ap=1013.25, lambda, age = NA, ...){

  Rc <- lifton.eq2(lambda, ...)
  df <- desilets.eq7(ap, Rc=Rc)

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if (is.na(age)){
  sf <- 1
} else {
  sf <- steinhilber.pf(age)
}

return(list(mag.factor = df$mag.factor,
           alt.factor = df$alt.factor,
           solar.factor = sf,
           total.factor=df$mag.factor * df$alt.factor * sf))
}

##
# Computes total cosmogenic factor with the GAD hypothesis
# and the variable Axial Dipole Moment (ADM) of Panovska et al. (2019)
#
# Combines lifton.eq2, desilets.eq7 using ADM from
# Panovska S., Korte M., & Constable C. G. (2019).
# https://doi.org/10.1029/2019RG000656
#
# It needs the following file in the working directory:
# (downloaded from https://earthref.org/ERDA/2384/)
# "ADM_GGF100k.txt"
#
# lambda: magnetic latitude (deg)
# ap: air pressure (hPa) - default 1013.25
# age: age (yrBP)
# Mo: present day geomagnetic dipole moment (1e22 A m^2) - default 7.746
#
cosmogenic.factor.ADM <- function(ap = 1013.25, lambda, age, Mo = 7.746){

  age <- age/1000 # age in kyr
  if(age > 100){stop("Age must be smaller than 100 kyrBP")}

  adm <- read.table("ADM_GGF100k.txt", header = FALSE, skip = 1)

  idx <- which(adm$V1 <= age)

  ## Compute Rc and df for all ages
  Rcs <- lifton.eq2(lambda, Mt = adm$V2[idx], Mo = Mo)
  df <- desilets.eq7(ap, Rc=Rcs)

  ## return the average values (i.e., integrate through time)
  mag.factor <- mean(df$mag.factor)
  alt.factor <- mean(df$alt.factor)
  Rc <- mean(Rcs)

  return(list(mean.Rc=Rc, mag.factor=mag.factor, alt.factor=alt.factor, total.factor=mag.factor *
alt.factor))
}

##
# Computes total cosmogenic factor using geomagnetic latitude and field intensity
# from the SHA.DIF.14k geomagnetic model, air pressure and age < 14000 yr BP.

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# The Steinhilber production factor can be included for ages < 9400 yr BP
#
# Needs the following files in the working directory:
# "coeff_SHA.DIF.14k.dat"
# "steinhilber2012_TSI.txt" (if steinhilber = TRUE)
#
# ap:          air pressure (hPa) - default 1013.25
# lat:         geographic latitude (deg)
# long:        geographic longitude (deg) - default 0
# age:         age (yrBP) - must be < 14000
# steinhilber: if TRUE includes the variability of production rate - default FALSE
# dir.only:    if TRUE ignore field intensity - default FALSE
#
cosmogenic.factor.SHAdif <- function(ap = 1013.25,
                                     lat,
                                     long = 0,
                                     age,
                                     steinhilber = FALSE,
                                     dir.only = FALSE)
{

if (age > 14000){
  warning("cosmogenic.factor.SHAdif: calculation is inaccurate for age > 14000\n")
}

# SHA.DIF.14k uses ages in yrAD
ageAD <- 1950 - age

## This is the complete dataset of Gauss coefficient from file "sha-dif-14k.rar"
# (downloaded it from https://earthref.org/ERDA/1897/)
#
## read SHA table of sha_dif_14k
sha <- read.table("coeff_SHA.DIF.14k.dat", header = T)

## select only dipole coefficients
tmp1 <- subset(sha, subset = order == 1 & rank == 0, select = c(Age, g0=g))
tmp2 <- subset(sha, subset = order == 1 & rank == 1, select = c(g, h))
sha.dipole<-data.frame(Age = tmp1$Age, g01 = tmp1$g, g11 = tmp2$g, h11 = tmp2$h)

## compute dipole axis from Gauss dipolar coefficients
dipole <- gauss2dipole(sha.dipole$g01, sha.dipole$g11, sha.dipole$h11)
dipole$Age <- sha.dipole$Age

site <- c(long, lat)

# select relevant ages (AD)
idx <- which(ageAD <= dipole$Age)

# Magnetic colatitude of site is the angle (great circle distance) between magnetic pole and site
Mlat <- 90 - angle(cbind(dipole$phi[idx], 90-dipole$theta[idx]), site, all=T)

idx2 <- which(Mlat >90)
Mlat[idx2] <- 180-Mlat[idx2]

if (dir.only){
  # disregards the variability of dipole intensity
  Rcs <- lifton.eq2(lambda = Mlat)
} else {
  # direction and intensity (Mo = 30.1 µT from IGRF2000)

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    Rcs <- lifton.eq2(lambda = Mlat, Mt = dipole$Bo[idx], Mo = 30.1)
  }

df <- desilets.eq7(ap, Rc=Rcs)

mf <- mean(df$mag.factor) # mean magnetic factor
af <- mean(df$alt.factor) # mean altitude factor
Rc <- mean(Rcs)           # mean Rc

if (steinhilber){
  sf <- steinhilber.pf(age)
} else {
  sf <- 1
}

return(list(mean.Rc=Rc, mag.factor=mf, alt.factor=af, solar.factor=sf, total.factor=mf * af * sf))
}

##
# Computes total cosmogenic factor using the geomagnetic latitudes
# from TK03 geomagnetic model and air pressure
#
# ** It needs pmag.py installed to compute the TK03 dataset **
# https://pmagpy.github.io/PmagPy-docs/intro.html
#
#
# ap:   air pressure (hPa) - default 1013.25
# lat:  site latitude (deg)
# ...:  additional arguments passed to lifton.eq2 (e.g. virtual dipole moment Mt)
#
cosmogenic.factor.TK03 <- function(ap = 1013.25, lat, ...){

  ## compose the command string to run tk03.py
  # this makes 5000 surrogates and store in temporary file named tk03.tmp
  # command string will be: tk03.py -n 5000 -lat xx > tk03.tmp
  cmd.str <- paste("tk03.py -n 5000 -lat ", lat)
  cmd.str <- paste(cmd.str, "> tk03.tmp")

  ## loop the multiple command strings (i.e., lat)
  # for each cmd.str compute the Rc
  r <- length(cmd.str)
  mf <- mat.or.vec(nr = r, nc = 1)
  af <- mat.or.vec(nr = r, nc = 1)
  mRc <- mat.or.vec(nr = r, nc = 1)
  for (l in 1:r){
    system(cmd.str[l])
    TK03 <- read.table("tk03.tmp", skip = 7) # skip = 7 remove some warning lines in my computer

    pole <- vgp(TK03[, 1:2], lat[l], 0)
    Mlat <- angle(cbind(pole[,2], pole[,1]), c(0, lat[l]), all=T) # pls note that latitudes can be
    negative

    # compute vertical rigidities
    Rc <- lifton.eq2(Mlat)

    # compute scaling factors
    df <- desilets.eq7(ap, Rc=Rc)
  }
}

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mf[l] <- mean(df$mag.factor) # mean magnetic factor
af[l] <- mean(df$alt.factor) # mean altitude factor
mRc[l] <- mean(Rc)

}

# make a table with results
results <- data.frame(Command.string = cmd.str,
                      latitude = lat,
                      mean.Rc = mRc,
                      mag.factor = mf,
                      alt.factor = af,
                      total.factor = mf * af)

# remove the temporary file
system("rm tk03.tmp")

return(results)
}

##
# conversion from height or altitude (meters, m), to air pressure (hPa) at temperature = 15 C
h2p <- function(h) {
  ap <- 101325 * (1 - 2.25577e-5 * h)^5.25588
  return(ap/100)
}

##
# Compute the dipole axis direction and Bo given the Gauss coefficient of order 1
#
gauss2dipole <- function(g01, g11, h11){
  Bo <- sqrt(g01^2 + g11^2 + h11^2)
  c1 <- sqrt(g11^2 + h11^2)

  theta <- acos(-g01/Bo) *180/pi
  phi <- acos(-g11/c1) *180/pi

  idx <- which(h11 > 0)
  phi[idx] <- -phi[idx] + 360

  return(list(theta = theta, phi = phi, Bo = Bo))
}

##
# angle between directions dir1 and dir2, in deg
angle <- function(dir1, dir2, all = FALSE){

  P1 <- ai_lmn(dir1)
  P2 <- ai_lmn(dir2)
  A <- acos(P1 %*% t(P2))*180/pi

  if(!all) {A <- diag(A)}

  return(A)
}

```

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##
# from azimuth and anclination to directors cosine
ai_lmn <- function(di){
  di <- as.matrix(di)
  if(ncol(di) == 1) {di <- t(di)}
  di <- di*pi/180 # in rad

  l <-cos(di[,2]) * cos(di[,1])
  m <-cos(di[,2]) * sin(di[,1])
  n <-sin(di[,2])

  lmn <- cbind(l, m, n)
  colnames(lmn) <- c("l", "m", "n")
  return(lmn)
}

##
# Calculate the (Virtual) Geomagnetic Pole given the site coordinates
# and the (paleo)magnetic direction.
# Angles are in deg.
# dir: column matrix with declination and inclination
#
vgp <- function(dir, site.lat, site.long)
{
  dec <- dir[,1]
  inc <- dir[,2]
  r <- pi/180

  P <- atan2(2, tan(inc*r)) # magnetic colatitude in radiants

  # Buttler eq: 7.2 (radiants)
  vgp.lat <- asin(sin(site.lat*r)*cos(P) + cos(site.lat*r)*sin(P)*cos(dec*r))

  # Buttler eq: 7.3
  a <-round((sin(P)*sin(dec*r))/cos(vgp.lat), 10)
  beta <- asin(a)*180/pi

  vgp.long <- site.long + 180 - beta
  idx <- which(cos(P) >= (sin(site.lat*r)*sin(vgp.lat)))
  vgp.long[idx] <-site.long+beta[idx] # overwrite condition above

  vgp.lat <- vgp.lat *180/pi # VGPlat in deg
  return(cbind(lat = vgp.lat, long = vgp.long))
}

```

Table S1. Effective vertical cutoff rigidity (R_c) and corresponding magnetic scaling factor ($f(R_c)$) as a function of latitude for various geomagnetic field models.

Lat °	R_c (GV)				$f(R_c)$			
	GAD	SHA	K27	TK03	GAD	SHA	K27	TK03
0	14.745	14.665	14.197	14.347	0.538	0.540	0.551	0.548
1	14.743				0.538			
2	14.735				0.539			
3	14.723				0.539			
4	14.705				0.539			
5	14.681	14.556	14.081	14.247	0.540	0.543	0.554	0.550
6	14.650				0.541			
7	14.612				0.541			
8	14.565				0.543			
9	14.509				0.544			
10	14.444	14.234	13.716	13.946	0.545	0.550	0.563	0.558
11	14.366				0.547			
12	14.277				0.549			
13	14.174				0.552			
14	14.057				0.555			
15	13.924	13.619	13.083	13.365	0.558	0.566	0.580	0.572
16	13.775				0.562			
17	13.610				0.566			
18	13.426				0.571			
19	13.225				0.576			
20	13.005	12.632	12.172	12.581	0.582	0.592	0.605	0.594
21	12.766				0.588			
22	12.509				0.596			
23	12.233				0.603			
24	11.939				0.612			
25	11.627	11.252	10.997	11.391	0.621	0.633	0.641	0.629
26	11.299				0.632			
27	10.955				0.642			
28	10.597				0.654			
29	10.226				0.667			
30	9.843	9.542	9.608	9.915	0.680	0.691	0.689	0.678
31	9.450				0.694			
32	9.049				0.709			
33	8.643				0.725			
34	8.232				0.742			
35	7.819	7.653	8.090	8.319	0.759	0.766	0.748	0.738
36	7.406				0.777			
37	6.995				0.795			
38	6.589				0.813			
39	6.189				0.832			
40	5.797	5.783	6.551	6.781	0.850	0.851	0.815	0.804
41	5.414				0.868			
42	5.044				0.886			
43	4.686				0.902			
44	4.343				0.918			
45	4.016	4.122	5.097	5.464	0.933	0.928	0.883	0.866

46	3.704				0.946			
47	3.410				0.958			
48	3.133				0.968			
49	2.874				0.976			
50	2.633	2.792	3.813	4.172	0.983	0.978	0.941	0.926
51	2.409				0.988			
52	2.202				0.992			
53	2.011				0.995			
54	1.836				0.997			
55	1.676	1.817	2.747	3.298	0.998	0.997	0.980	0.962
56	1.528				0.999			
57	1.393				0.999			
58	1.269				1.000			
59	1.155				1.000			
60	1.049	1.137	1.910	2.591	1.000	1.000	0.996	0.984
61	0.951				1.000			
62	0.858				1.000			
63	0.771				1.000			
64	0.688				1.000			
65	0.608	0.659	1.280	1.884	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.996
66	0.532				1.000			
67	0.458				1.000			
68	0.386				1.000			
69	0.318				1.000			
70	0.252	0.328	0.828	1.506	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999
71	0.191				1.000			
72	0.133				1.000			
73	0.081				1.000			
74	0.036				1.000			
75	-0.003	0.122	0.518	1.088	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
76	-0.032				1.000			
77	-0.053				1.000			
78	-0.064				1.000			
79	-0.064				1.000			
80	-0.054	0.026	0.322	0.906	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
81	-0.034				1.000			
82	-0.006				1.000			
83	0.029				1.000			
84	0.066				1.000			
85	0.102	0.002	0.215	0.770	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
86	0.131				1.000			
87	0.145				1.000			
88	0.136				1.000			
89	0.092				1.000			
90	0.000	0.000	0.180	0.773	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

GAD is mean effective vertical cutoff rigidity (R_c , in GV) as a function of absolute latitude (Lat) at sea level calculated using Equation 2 of Lifton et al. (2014); SHA is mean R_c for VGP distribution calculated from dipole coefficients for 14 cal. ka to present from Pavón-Carrasco et al. (2014); K27 is mean R_c for VGP distribution with Fisher's precision parameter $K=27$; and TK03 is mean R_c for the statistical geomagnetic field model of Tauxe and Kent (2004). The corresponding magnetic scaling factors ($f(R_c)$) were calculated with mean R_c using Equation 6 with Dorman function in Desilets et al. (2006). Mean and standard deviation (SD) are for GAD, SHA, K27, and TK03 entries for R_c and for $f(R_c)$.