

# 1 **Defining the maximum extent of the Laurentide Ice Sheet in Home** 2 **Bay (eastern Arctic Canada) during the Last Glacial episode**

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19 7 Three sediment cores recovered on the lower slope of the continental shelf in western Baffin Bay  
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21 8 (Arctic Canada) as well as swath bathymetry and subbottom profiler data collected on the shelf  
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23 9 and slope of the region were analyzed to investigate if the Laurentide Ice Sheet (LIS) reached the  
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26 10 shelf edge offshore Home Bay during the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM). Physical,  
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28 11 sedimentological, and palaeomagnetic analyses of the cores were also used to constrain the  
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30 12 chronostratigraphy of upper sedimentary facies of the Home Bay trough-mouth fan (TMF).  
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32 13 Seven lithofacies were identified in the cores and reveal that the sediments recorded a genuine  
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35 14 geomagnetic signal and that the cores span the last 40 ka. In the Home Bay Trough, sets of  
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37 15 elongated ridges are discernable on swath bathymetry imagery and are interpreted as mega-scale  
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39 16 glacial lineations (MSGs) resulting from an ice stream eroding the trough and delivering  
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42 17 glaciogenic sediments to the TMF. The geomorphology of the TMF, combined with the  
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44 18 sedimentary records and the chronostratigraphy, indicates that a series of debris flows and  
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46 19 turbidity currents were generated between 35 and 15 ka BP. These results indicate that the LIS  
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48 20 margin extended near the shelf edge during the LGM and allow us to propose a new maximum  
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50 21 extent of the LIS during the Last Glacial episode.

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11 28 The Laurentide Ice Sheet (LIS) covered most of North America during the last glaciation and the  
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17 31 Baffin Island and Greenland, forms a unique setting capturing sediments related to the pulses of  
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19 32 ice sheet margins on the surrounding continental shelves (e.g. Simon *et al.* 2012, 2014, 2016;  
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21 33 Brouard & Lajeunesse 2017; Jenner *et al.* 2018). Recent studies have suggested that the LIS  
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23 34 margin extended on the northeastern Baffin Island shelf during the Last Glacial Maximum  
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25 35 (LGM) and reached the shelf edge (Fig. 1A, B; Li *et al.* 2011; Brouard & Lajeunesse 2017;  
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29 37 chronologies which portray the LIS as only extending few kilometers seaward of the mouth of  
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31 38 the fiords (Briner *et al.* 2005, 2006). According to Dyke *et al.* (2002) ice only began to recede  
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39 40 Ice sheet dynamics near a shelf edge can generate considerable temporal and spatial  
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41 41 variability in the depositional processes of glaciogenic sediments onto the continental slope and  
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43 42 in ocean basins (Laberg & Vorren 1995; King *et al.* 1998; Vorren *et al.* 1998; Nygard *et al.*  
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45 43 2002). A range of sedimentary processes have been described and include glaciogenic debris  
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47 44 flows (GDFs) and turbidity currents, which flow through canyons and gullies, and can  
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49 45 accumulate tens to hundreds of kilometers downslope on submarine deep sea fans (e.g. TMFs; Ó  
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51 46 Cofaigh *et al.* 2003; De Blasio *et al.* 2004; Laberg & Vorren 1995; Vorren *et al.* 1998; Tripsanas  
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53 47 & Piper 2008). TMFs are generally composed of stacked glaciogenic debrites that in some cases  
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3 48 alternate laterally with turbidites also of glacial origin; they can therefore be used to identify  
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9 51 accumulation within a TMF can, however, be highly challenging due to chronostratigraphic  
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11 52 limitations. Indeed, datable material such as biogenic carbonates are scarce and/or not well-  
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13 53 preserved in the Canadian Arctic, especially in Baffin Bay (de Vernal *et al.* 1987, 1992 ; Ledu *et*  
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15 54 *al.* 2008; McKay *et al.* 2008; Simon *et al.* 2012). To circumvent these issues, palaeomagnetism  
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17 55 combined with radiocarbon dating can provide an age control on the glaciogenic triggering events  
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19 56 (Stoner & St-Onge 2007; St-Onge & Stoner 2011). Sediment cores taken offshore of high-  
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21 57 latitude continental margins are particularly well suited for high-resolution Quaternary  
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23 58 palaeoenvironmental reconstructions and can provide continuous and reliable records of  
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25 59 variations in the geomagnetic field (e.g. Andrews & Jennings 1990; Snowball & Sandgren 2002;  
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27 60 Snowball & Muscheler 2007; Barletta *et al.* 2008).

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33 61 Here, we present a palaeomagnetic sequence of the relative palaeointensity from the  
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35 62 continental margin of Baffin Island and compare this sequence to one palaeomagnetic record  
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37 63 (Simon *et al.* 2012) and two others palaeomagnetic stacks from the North Atlantic and  
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39 64 Mediterranean Sea/Somalian Basin (Meynadier *et al.* 1992; Laj *et al.* 2000) to obtain a time  
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41 65 frame for the cores collected from Home Bay TMF, in order to determine if the LIS reached the  
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43 66 self edge during the LGM. In addition, we use swath bathymetry and subbottom profiler data to  
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45 67 identify landforms and deposits left by the LIS on the Home Bay cross-shelf trough and fan.  
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## 51 69 Regional setting

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3 70 Baffin Bay forms a narrow (450 km-wide) oceanic basin located between the Canadian  
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5 71 Arctic Archipelago and Greenland that is characterized by an anticlockwise ocean circulation  
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7 72 (West Greenland and Baffin Island currents; Fig. 1A) and by partial sea ice cover during most of  
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9 73 the year (Tang *et al.* 2004). Archaean and Palaeoproterozoic cratons form the main geological  
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11 74 units on either side of Baffin Bay, and are overlain by a succession of Palaeozoic rocks  
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13 75 dominated by shallow carbonates such as dolostones and limestones (Aksu & Piper 1987; Hiscott  
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15 76 *et al.* 1989; Simon *et al.* 2012; Stanley & Luczaj 2015).  
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19 77 During the LGM, Baffin Bay was surrounded by three major ice sheets that flowed into it:  
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21 78 the Greenland Ice Sheet (GIS), the Laurentian Ice Sheet (LIS) and the Innuitian Ice Sheet (IIS)  
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23 79 (Dyke & Prest 1987; Dyke *et al.* 2002; Stokes 2017). The LIS extended across Baffin Island and  
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25 80 possibly covered much of the fiords and the continental shelf (Briner *et al.* 2006; Funder *et al.*  
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27 81 2011). Quaternary deposits from Baffin Bay, mainly debris flows and turbidites, also suggest  
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29 82 that the LIS may have reached the Baffin Island continental shelf during the LGM (Aksu &  
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31 83 Piper 1987; Hiscott & Aksu 1994; Praeg *et al.* 2006). These turbidites and debrites relate to  
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33 84 meltwater processes that periodically incised canyons and submarine valleys on TMFs (e.g.  
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35 85 Tripsanas & Piper 2008; Li *et al.* 2012). Therefore, they record periods of ice occupying the  
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37 86 troughs. Basal diamictons are often observed in sediment cores collected on the NE Baffin slope  
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39 87 near the mouths of TMFs (Table 1, Fig. 2). They usually represent GDFs that were triggered by  
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41 88 glacial advance during the LGM (Jenner *et al.* 2018). Deglaciation of the LIS in Baffin Bay is  
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43 89 thought to have begun around 16-15 cal. ka BP, but only beginning around 13-12 cal. ka BP in  
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45 90 Home Bay (Dyke & Prest 1987; Dyke *et al.* 2002; Dyke 2004).  
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## 54 92 Material and methods

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3 93 *Sediment cores*  
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8 95 trigger weight cores (TWC) and associated box cores (BC) in central Baffin Bay in 2016 and  
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10 96 2017. Cores AMD16-LGM-09 and AMD0217-01, hereinafter referred as cores 9CASQ and  
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12 97 1Comp, were collected aboard the CCGS Amundsen from the Home Bay TMF; core HU2013-  
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14 98 029-0077 (hereinafter referred as 77PC) was collected in 2013 aboard the CCGS Hudson during  
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16 99 cruise 2013029 with the purpose of serving as a chronostratigraphic reference core (Table 1, Fig.  
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24 102 *Seismo-stratigraphy and swath bathymetry*  
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27 103 High-resolution swath bathymetry data were acquired using a hull-mounted Kongsberg EM-302  
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29 104 (30 kHz) echosounder. High-resolution acoustic subbottom data were collected with a  
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31 105 Knudsen 3.5 kHz Chirp system and analyzed using The Kingdom Suite software (IHS).  
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33 106 Subbottom profiles were analyzed onboard in order to identify areas of Quaternary sedimentary  
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35 107 sequences in which mass movements and/or sediment perturbations were present inside the TMF  
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37 108 (i.e. the coring sites). The geomorphology of the Home Bay area was mapped by the  
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39 109 interpretation of the swath bathymetric data that were processed using the CARIS HIPS and SIPS  
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41 110 software and then visualized with the QPS Fledermaus software. Finally, airgun seismic  
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43 111 reflection data (Line 76029\_AG\_280\_1730) were acquired through the public database of the  
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45 112 National Resources Canada Marine Data Holdings. The airgun data were used to investigate the  
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47 113 sedimentary architecture of the cross-shelf trough in search of potential grounding-zone wedges  
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### 116 *Physical and geochemical properties*

117 To define the stratigraphy and sedimentary facies, sections of core 9CASQ were passed through a  
118 computerized axial tomography scanner (CAT-Scan) at the Institut national de la recherche  
119 scientifique, Centre Eau Terre Environnement (INRS-ETE) in Québec City to characterize the  
120 sedimentary facies and sediment structures (St-Onge *et al.* 2007). Similarly, the sections of  
121 core 1Comp were scanned with a GEOTEK XCT digital X-ray system at ISMER (Fig. 2). Whole  
122 cores were then analyzed using the GEOTEK Multi Sensor Core Logger (MSCL) at 1 cm  
123 intervals to measure the low-field volumetric magnetic susceptibility ( $k_{LF}$ ) and the wet bulk  
124 density using gamma-ray attenuation; then, the core was split, described and photographed.  
125 Diffuse spectral reflectance was then acquired with an online Minolta CM-2600d  
126 spectrophotometer at 0.5 cm intervals, while the concentration of minor and major chemical  
127 elements (calcium (Ca), strontium (Sr), iron (Fe), Rubidium (Rb), among others) were  
128 determined by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometry for the same intervals using an Olympus  
129 Innov-X Handheld Delta XRF analyser Delta Family integrated to the MSCL. The grain size  
130 analysis was performed at 10 cm intervals on bulk sediment samples at ISMER using a Beckman  
131 Coulter™ LS13320 laser diffraction grain size analyzer, as well as at a higher resolution in  
132 specific facies such as in turbidites. Prior to analyses, samples were sieved at 2 mm. Apart from a  
133 few intervals with a few pebbles, no material larger than 2 mm was recovered. Therefore, the size  
134 fraction larger than 2 mm has been excluded from the grain size metrics.

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### 136 *Palaeomagnetic analysis*

137 Palaeomagnetic data were measured at 1 cm intervals on u-channel samples (2 x 2 x 150 cm)  
138 using a 2G Enterprises™ cryogenic magnetometer at ISMER for chronostratigraphic purposes

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3 139 and to identify possible rapidly deposited layers such as turbidites and debrites, which are  
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5 140 characterized by low quality palaeomagnetic data and shallow inclinations (e.g. St-Onge *et al.*  
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7 141 2004; Tanty *et al.* 2016). The measurements performed were as follows: natural remanent  
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9 142 magnetization (NRM), anhysteretic remanent magnetization (ARM), isothermal remanent  
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11 143 magnetization (IRM) and saturation isothermal magnetization (SIRM). Due to the finite spatial  
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13 144 resolution of the pick-up coils that integrates measurements over ~7–8 cm (Philippe *et al.* 2018),  
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17 146 data from the first and last 4 cm of each u-channel were excluded.  
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21 147 The NRM was measured and then progressively demagnetized using stepwise alternating  
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23 148 field demagnetization (AF) at peak fields from 0 to 75 mT at 5 mT increments. Directions  
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25 149 (inclination and declination) of the characteristic remanent magnetization (ChRM) were  
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27 150 calculated using the Excel spreadsheet developed by Mazaud (2005) with AF demagnetization  
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29 151 steps from 10 to 60 mT (11 steps) for the three cores. This method also provides maximum  
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31 152 angular deviation (MAD) values, which are indicative of high-quality directional data for  
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33 153 Quaternary palaeomagnetic studies if the MAD is lower than 5° (Stoner & St-Onge 2007). Using  
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35 154 this spreadsheet, the median destructive field (MDF) of the NRM is also calculated. The MDF  
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37 155 represent the required demagnetization field necessary to reduce the initial magnetic remanence  
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39 156 by half of its initial intensity. The MDF is an indicator of magnetic mineralogy, reflects the mean  
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41 157 coercivity state of the magnetic grain assemblage and depends on both the grain size and the  
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43 158 mineralogy (e.g. Stoner & St-Onge 2007; Barletta *et al.* 2010) The ARM was then induced using  
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45 159 a 100 mT AF with a 0.05 mT direct current (DC) biasing field. The ARM was then demagnetized  
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47 160 and measured from 0 to 75 mT at every 5 mT. Two IRMs were imparted with a DC field of 0.3 T  
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49 161 (IRM) and 0.95 T (SIRM) using a 2G Enterprises pulse magnetizer. Each IRM was measured  
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3 162 from 0 to 75 mT at 5 mT demagnetization step increments; the steps used in the SIRM were 0,  
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7 164 To define the magnetic mineralogy, hysteresis measurements were performed at 10 cm  
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12 166 Corporation MicroMag 2900 alternating gradient force magnetometer (AGM). The saturation  
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14 167 magnetization (Ms), the coercive force (Hc), the saturation remanence (Mrs) and the coercivity of  
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19 169 and grain size (Day *et al.* 1977).  
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### 23 24 171 *Radiocarbon dating*

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26 172 To develop the chronology of the cores, <sup>14</sup>C ages were obtained by accelerator mass spectrometry  
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28 173 (AMS) on six samples from mixed planktonic and benthic foraminifera and one sample derived  
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30 174 from *Neogloboquadrina pachyderma* shells (Table 2) at the Laboratoire des sciences du climat et  
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32 175 de l'environnement (LSCE), Gif-sur-Yvette, France (cores 9CASQ and 1Comp). The  
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34 176 conventional ages were then calibrated using the CALIB 7.1 online calibration software (Stuiver  
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36 177 *et al.* 2017) and the MARINE13 calibration curve (Reimer *et al.* 2013) with a regional reservoir  
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38 178 correction  $\Delta R$  of  $220 \pm 20$  years (Coulthard *et al.* 2010). Of the 6 samples that were analyzed,  
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## 48 49 182 **Results**

### 50 51 52 183 *Sea floor morphology and stratigraphic framework*

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3 184 *Subbottom profiles.* The acoustic subbottom profiles (3.5 kHz) from the sampling location of  
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6 185 core 9CASQ show high amplitude parallel acoustic reflections at the middle of the core (between  
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8 186 362 to 125 cm) where a turbidite and alternating mud and IRD layers are observed. These units  
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10 187 are topped by an acoustically transparent unit associated with postglacial hemipelagic sediments  
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12 188 (Fig. 3A). However, given the loss of the signal at the base of the core (between 552 and 362  
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14 189 cm), the seismic profile in Fig. 3A does not reflect the stratigraphy at the base. The seismic  
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18 191 amplitude parallel reflections in the basal part of the core and transparent acoustic facies  
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20 192 associated with the hemipelagic sediments in the upper part of the core (Fig. 3B; Campbell &  
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26 195 acoustically transparent unit is interpreted as postglacial hemipelagic sediments (Fig. 4). The  
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28 196 available data within the cross-shelf trough, including the airgun profile (Fig. S1), do not show  
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38 199 *Swath bathymetry.* Glaciogenic landforms associated with the presence of the LIS and/or  
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44 202 eastern end of the trough. These are interpreted as the product of iceberg keels eroding the  
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46 203 seafloor (Figs 5A, B, S2; Brouard & Lajeunesse 2019A). Sets of other erosional landforms  
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3 207 Lajeunesse 2017); 2) smaller-scale longitudinal ridges that have morphologies similar to mega-  
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13 212 eroded by underflows or currents transporting sediment downslope and have been reported on  
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15 213 other high-latitude shelves and in fiords (Syvitski & Shaw 1995; Syvitski *et al.* 2012;  
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17 214 Dowdeswell & Vásquez 2013; Brouard & Lajeunesse 2019B).  
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### 23 24 216 *Lithofacies*

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27 217 The classification of these facies was determined from CAT-scan images, physical and magnetic  
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31 219 Ó Cofaigh *et al.* 2013; Simon *et al.* 2012; Jackson *et al.* 2017; Jenner *et al.* 2018). Photography  
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33 220 and CAT-scan images reveal a highly variable lithology across the cores (Figs. 2, 7). Overall,  
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35 221 seven lithofacies were identified in the two cores from the TMF (1Comp and 9CASQ; Figs. 6, 7).  
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37 222 Lithofacies 1 (LF1) is defined as a massive, matrix-supported diamicton facies with very dense,  
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39 223 black, and coarse-grained sediment. It is mixed with a fine-grained matrix and has a sharp upper  
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41 224 contact. This facies contains a concentration of granules, pebbles, and cobbles, which are angular  
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43 225 to sub-rounded in shape. Lithofacies 2 (LF2) is defined as a laminated dark gray to dark grayish-  
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45 226 brown silty mud, rich in IRD, with an unrhythmic succession of stratified pebbly mud. The  
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47 227 concentrated pebbles often deform the laminae and contacts range from diffuse to sharp (Fig. 2).  
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49 228 Lithofacies 3 (LF3) is defined as dense, very dark gray silts and sands with clasts. Facies LF3 is  
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3 230 contact of this layer is also visible, as shown by the contrast between the finer sediment and the  
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7 232 Poudroux *et al.* 2012). Lithofacies 4 (LF4) is defined as a laminated dark grayish-brown  
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9 233 rhythmic succession of clay and silt laminae. The laminae and contacts range from diffuse to very  
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11 234 sharp and do not contain IRD or bioturbation. Lithofacies 5 (LF5) is defined as a massive  
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15 236 distribution of pebbles within LF5 ranges from dispersed to concentrated and the contacts range  
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17 237 from diffuse to gradual. Lithofacies 6 (LF6) is defined as a carbonate-rich light olive brown  
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19 238 sandy and pebbly mud with IRD. Finally, lithofacies 7 (LF7) is defined as a massive and  
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21 239 homogenous bioturbated grayish to brownish mud without IRD. Apart from traces of  
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23 240 bioturbation such as well-defined burrows, no apparent structures are observed in this lithofacies  
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### 33 *Interpretation of lithofacies*

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35 244 LF1 exhibit characteristics (massive, matrix-supported diamicton facies) that are similar to GDFs  
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37 245 triggered near an ice-sheet margin and that have been described at the margin of other deglaciated  
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39 246 shelves (King *et al.* 1998; Ó Cofaigh *et al.* 2013). The IRD rich silty mud of the LF2 facies  
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41 247 suggests that it was probably deposited during episodes of warming leading to sea-ice cover  
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43 248 break-ups which enables icebergs to drift along currents (Dowdeswell *et al.* 2000). However, the  
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45 249 laminated character of LF2 also suggests other possible processes for deposition; the laminations  
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47 250 could result from turbidity current activity and/or turbid meltwater plumes originating from  
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3 253 Dowdeswell & Cromack 1991; Jennings 1993; Dowdeswell *et al.* 2000; Jenner *et al.* 2018). This  
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5 254 assumption is supported by the fact that during winter or a long phase of climate cooling, ice  
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7 255 covers all of Baffin Bay and traps icebergs, suppressing their drift offshore. In this case,  
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11 257 (1997) suggested the opposite and proposed punctuated IRD deposition occurs in winter and  
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13 258 turbid meltwater deposition, dominated by turbidity currents and suspension deposits, occurs in  
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15 259 summer. One way or the other, the fine-grained laminated glaciomarine sediments are usually not  
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17 260 regarded as typical of icebergs-dominated areas, but sometimes they can vary rhythmically with  
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19 261 IRD and rapidly deposited layers (Domack 1990; Dowdeswell *et al.* 2000). Overall, both  
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21 262 processes (IRD and turbidity current deposition) probably reflect punctuated IRD deposition  
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23 263 during winters and turbid meltwater deposition, dominated by turbidity currents and suspension  
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25 264 deposits, during summers (Cowan *et al.* 1997). A similar layer in core 9CASQ represents a  
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27 265 glaciomarine environment. Suspension deposit sedimentation during periods of continuous sea-  
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29 266 ice cover probably generated the mud of this unit. The hypothesis of multiyear sea-ice cover of  
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31 267 the core sites is reinforced by the scarcity of foraminifera, as continuous sea-ice cover suppresses  
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33 268 biological activity (Syvitski 1989; Dowdeswell *et al.* 2000).

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35 269 The coarse-grained laminated mud at the base of LF3 and its normal grading is suggestive  
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37 270 of a silty and sandy turbidite. Core 9CASQ was collected at 1220 m water depth and contains  
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39 271 such LF3 layer (Figs. 6, 8). As the Baffin Island Current (BIC) is particularly strong at 1000–  
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41 272 1200 water depth on the Baffin Bay Slope (Dunlap & Tang 2006) and can trigger low density  
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43 273 muddy turbidity currents on the Baffin Bay Slope. LF3 facies could be interpreted as a turbidite  
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45 274 resulting from bottom current activity (Dunlap & Tang 2006; Roger *et al.* 2013; Jenner *et al.*  
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3 276 Rhythmic succession of clay and silt laminae with diffuse contacts and without IRD and  
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5 277 bioturbation in LF4 can be deposited through various processes in northern environments, such as  
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7 278 the deposition by meltwater plumes (Hesse *et al.* 1997), as mud turbidites seaward of glacial  
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10 279 troughs (Roger *et al.* 2013) and as subglacial outbursts of turbid meltwaters (Lucchi *et al.* 2013).  
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12 280 In cores 9CASQ and 1Comp, this facies mostly overlies a debrite or turbidite. We therefore  
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14 281 associate it with muddy density flows and meltwater plumes emanating from glacial discharge  
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17 282 during ice retreat.

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19 283 The massive and homogenous character of LF5 mud indicates a low-energy environment  
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21 284 that probably reflects the absence of glacial activity near the core site. The frequent IRD of LF5  
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23 285 relate to drifting icebergs and suggests that a significant portion of Home Bay was ice-free at this  
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28 287 The carbonate-rich sandy and pebbly mud with IRD of LF6 is similar to ice-rafted,  
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30 288 carbonate-rich sediments observed all around Baffin Bay (Andrews *et al.* 1998, 2009; Jackson *et*  
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32 289 *al.* 2017). These layers, named Baffin Bay Detrital Carbonate layers (e.g. Andrews *et al.* 1998;  
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34 290 Simon *et al.* 2014) are associated with episodes of high iceberg activity originating from  
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36 291 NW Baffin Bay (Aksu & Piper 1987) and have been dated to 10.5-12 (BBDC0) and 13.7-15 cal.  
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38 292 ka BP (BBDC1; Simon *et al.* 2014). Aksu & Piper (1987) suggested that northwestern Baffin  
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40 293 Bay, Devon and Ellesmere Islands and northwestern Greenland are the source of the lower  
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42 294 Palaeozoic limestones and dolomites observed in sediments transported as IRD to southern  
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44 295 Baffin Bay. In contrast with the previous facies, which were rich in ice rafted debris (IRDs), LF7  
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46 296 contains massive and homogenous bioturbated mud without IRD in the uppermost part of the  
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48 297 core and reflects hemipelagic sedimentation in a postglacial environment similarly to other  
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50 298 uppermost parts of cores recovered in Baffin Bay (e.g. Dowdeswell *et al.* 2008; Ó Cofaigh *et al.*  
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6 301 *Physical, stratigraphic and magnetic properties*  
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8 302 *Core 77PC.* Core 77PC is used here as a chronostratigraphic reference core; Jenner *et al.* (2018)  
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10 303 provided a detailed description of the core together with original ages. Overall, this core is  
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12 304 composed of laminated and bioturbated mud, wavy silty laminae and detrital carbonate layers but  
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14 305 contains no rapidly deposited layers. The grain size results show relatively fine material with an  
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16 306 average of  $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$  in the entire core (Fig. 6A). Between 161 and 117 cm, a sharp increase in the  
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18 307 density and MAD values is observed, as well as a decrease in the inclination and NRM values.  
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20 308 Aside from this interval, the NRM values are relatively constant ( $\sim 0.02 \text{ A m}^{-1}$ ), but peaks are  
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22 309 seen in the ARM, IRM, and SIRM profiles between 310 and 270 cm, as well as between 470 and  
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24 310 450 cm (Fig. 6A). Nonetheless, the MAD values are lower than  $5^\circ$  in the entire core, indicating  
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26 311 high quality palaeomagnetic data except for a few intervals.  
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31 312 The ChRM was determined after using a 5 mT demagnetization steps between 10 and 60  
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33 313 mT. The ChRM fluctuates around the expected inclination value for the coring site that was  
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35 314 calculated according to the geocentric axial dipole model ( $I_{\text{GAD}}$ ), denoting a well-recorded  
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37 315 palaeomagnetic signal (Fig. 6A; Stoner & St-Onge 2007). The downcore MAD values are  
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39 316 generally lower than  $2^\circ$ , indicative of a very well-defined ChRM. The  $\text{MDF}_{\text{NRM}}$  values fluctuate  
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41 317 between 20 and 40 mT throughout the core with an average of 35 mT. Such an average indicates  
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3 321 *Core 1Comp*. The correlation between the density measured on the piston and the trigger weight  
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7 323 missing sediment was taken into account when constructing the composite profile (Fig. S3).  
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10 324 The physical and magnetic properties allow the identification of 5 distinct stratigraphic  
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12 325 units (Figs. 6B, 7). The base of the core extends from 381 to 175 cm and is characterized by a  
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14 326 thick and poorly sorted layer with high density values. This layer showing the LF1 facies is  
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16 327 absent in 9CASQ and core 77PC.  
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19 328 Overlying LF1, LF4 layer extends from 175 to 161 cm, has low magnetic susceptibility,  
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21 329 good sorting and a mean grain size  $\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$ . The coarse material from LF5 (161-129 cm) reflects  
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23 330 the high values of magnetic susceptibility that peaks at approximately  $400 \times 10^{-5}$  SI, which is due  
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25 331 to the presence of pebbles containing a high concentration of ferrimagnetic minerals. Unit 5  
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27 332 (LF5) extends from 161 to 129 cm.  
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30 333 Over LF4 lies a layer (117-65 cm) showing distinct peaks in Ca/Sr ratio (Fig. 6B)  
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32 334 reflecting a high carbonate content. The Ca/Sr ratio averages approximately 100 throughout the  
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34 335 core 1Comp, but reaches 750 at 85 cm. In addition, between 117 and 65 cm, the MAD values  
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36 336 reach  $30^\circ$  at 100 cm, as well as a decrease in inclination and remanence values (NRM, ARM,  
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38 337 IRM, SIRM; Fig. 6B). These results attest to the presence of detrital carbonate probably  
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40 338 associated to BBDC events (Fig. 6B; e.g. Balsam *et al.* 1999; Hodell *et al.* 2008; Channell *et al.*  
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42 339 2012; Winsor *et al.* 2012; Simon *et al.* 2014, 2016; Jackson *et al.* 2017). LF7 tops the core from  
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49 341 The NRM, ARM, IRM and SIRM values are variable throughout this core (Fig. 6B).  
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51 342 Inclination values in this core also generally fluctuate around the expected values of the GAD  
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53 343 with MAD values below  $5^\circ$ , indicating high quality palaeomagnetic data (Stoner & St-Onge  
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55 344 2007; Tauxe 2010). Shallower inclinations and much higher MAD values are observed between  
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3 345 381-175 (LF1), 161-115 and 117-65 cm (BBDC). In LF1, the alternating negative and positive  
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5 346 inclination values denote the presence of clasts (Fig. 6B). The  $MDF_{NRM}$  values fluctuate between  
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10 348 of approximately 45 mT (Fig. 6B); these values indicate the presence of low coercivity minerals,  
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12 349 such as magnetite, and a contribution from higher coercivity minerals (Tauxe & Wu 1990; Stoner  
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14 350 *et al.* 2000).  
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19 352 *Core 9CASQ*. Core 9CASQ is characterized by 6 lithofacies (Figs. 6C, 7). LF2 facies forms the  
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21 353 lower part of the core (550-362 cm) and is characterized by a succession of stratified pebbly mud  
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23 354 with frequently deformed, diffuse to sharp, parallel laminations and some IRDs (Fig. 6C). The  
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25 355 lowermost part of LF2 reveal small peaks in mean grain size and in sorting that could be related  
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27 356 to small turbidity current activity. Over LF2, a coarser layer of LF3 (362-340 cm) shows high  
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29 357 density and CT number, and magnetic susceptibility values of up to  $\sim 400 \times 10^{-5}$  SI (Fig. 6C).  
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31 358 Over LF3, two distinct intervals of the LF4 facies (241-211 and 340-305 cm) consisting of a  
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33 359 rhythmic succession of clay and silt laminae alternate with homogeneous muds without IRDs  
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35 360 (LF7; 305-275 and 125-0 cm) and layers with carbonate peaks (LF6; 211-125 cm), which can be  
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37 361 related to BBDC.  
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42 362 The grain size distribution shows relatively constant variations throughout the core,  
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44 363 ranging from fine clay to coarse silt with an average of 4  $\mu\text{m}$ , except in three distinct layers with  
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46 364 increased average values, which correspond respectively to LF3 (362-340 cm; Figs. 6C, 7, 8) and  
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48 365 two thin layers at the base of LF2 (544-536 and 533-523 cm; Fig. 6C). These three layers are also  
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50 366 less sorted than the rest of the core and show a normal grading typical of turbidites (Fig. 8; e.g.  
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3 368 basal palaeomagnetic inclinations and high MAD values (Figs. 6C, 8; St-Onge *et al.* 2004;  
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8 370 The ChRM inclination along the core generally fluctuates around the expected inclination  
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10 371 values ( $I_{GAD}$ ) and MAD values are lower than  $2^\circ$ , indicative of very well-defined palaeomagnetic  
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12 372 data, except for the detrital carbonate and turbidite layers (LF6 and LF3), which have low  
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14 373 inclination (Fig. 8) and high MAD values. Aside from LF6, the  $MDF_{NRM}$  values range between  
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16 374 20 and 40 mT with an average of 30 mT, which is indicative of low coercivity minerals such as  
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18 375 magnetite (Fig. 6C). The sharp increase in MDF values in the detrital carbonate layer indicates a  
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20 376 lower concentration of magnetite and a higher concentration of coercivity minerals in this layer  
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### 27 28 379 *Magnetic properties*

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31 380 Day plots (Fig. 9B) indicate that most of the sediments of the three cores are composed of  
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33 381 magnetic grains in the pseudo single domain (PSD) range with only few samples from  
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35 382 cores 1Comp and 9CASQ falling in the multi-domain range (MD). The samples in the MD range  
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37 383 reflect the coarser grains observed in the rapidly deposited layers (e.g. turbidite and debrite). The  
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39 384 magnetic  $k_{ARM}/k$  diagram (King *et al.* 1983) for the three cores indicates that the magnetic grain  
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41 385 size is relatively fine and under 5  $\mu\text{m}$ . The absolute magnetic grain size values should be  
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43 386 interpreted with caution because these empirical relationships were derived from synthetic  
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45 387 magnetic grains. However, taken together with the results from the Day plot, these values suggest  
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47 388 an optimal PSD range for palaeomagnetic reconstructions (e.g. Tauxe 1993).

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51 389 The shape of the hysteresis curves of the discrete samples from the three cores are typical  
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53 390 of low coercivity ferrimagnetic minerals such as magnetite (Fig. 9A; Tauxe *et al.* 1996; Dunlop

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3 391 & Özdemir 1997). In addition, the magnetic mineralogy-dependent ratio IRM/SIRM (Pseudo S-  
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6 392 ratio) is useful for estimating changes in magnetic mineralogy, with values close to 1 indicating a  
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8 393 low-coercivity ferrimagnetic mineralogy (e.g. magnetite; St-Onge *et al.*, 2003). The S-ratio in  
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10 394 cores 77PC, 1Comp and 9CASQ, with mean values of 0.992, 0.988 and 0.987, respectively,  
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12 395 suggest that low coercivity minerals, such as magnetite, are the dominant magnetic carriers.  
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15 396 Moreover, the  $MDF_{NRM}$  values range from 25 to 40 mT, which also suggest the presence of  
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17 397 magnetite and/or titanomagnetite throughout most of the 3 cores (Fig. 6). On the other hand,  
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19 398 sediments of LF1 and LF6 in core 1Comp are characterized by lower MDF values that indicate  
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21 399 the occurrence of coarser magnetic grains, as seen in the Day plot (Fig. 9B) and in the physical  
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23 400 grain size data (Fig. 9C). Finally, changes in the NRM, ARM, IRM, and SIRM values vary by  
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### 31 403 *Relative palaeointensity (RPI) determination and chronostratigraphy*

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34 404 The magnetic properties of the cores indicate that the NRM of most of the sediments, apart from  
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36 405 RDL, is characterized by a strong, stable, single component magnetization carried by PSD  
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38 406 magnetite grains, thus fulfilling the established criteria to derive a reliable RPI proxy (e.g. Levi &  
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42 408 comparison between ARM and IRM as normalizers seems to activate the same magnetic  
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46 410 normalizers also suggest that ARM has a slightly better  $R^2$  than IRM (Figs. S4, S5). The  
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48 411 comparison of the normalized remanence with its normalizer among the 3 cores indicates that  
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50 412 NRM/ARM is not correlated with the ARM when rapidly deposited layers are excluded (Fig. S4).  
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53 413 Conversely, the same comparison indicates a correlation for RDL (e.g. debrite and turbidite; LF1  
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3 414 and LF3) and detrital carbonates (DC) layers (LF6) with  $R^2$  values of 0.37 and 0.40, respectively  
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5 415 (Fig. S4). Based on these results, ARM has been selected as the best normalizer. Detrital  
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7 416 carbonate layers were then excluded from palaeomagnetic reconstructions, but RDL values, even  
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10 417 if they do not yield appropriate results, have been retained in the figures to give the reader a  
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## 16 17 420 Discussion

### 18 19 20 421 *RDL layers: debrite and turbidite*

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22 422 Glaciogenic debris flow deposits are major components of TMFs (Fig. 10; Laberg &  
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24 423 Vorren 1995; King *et al.* 1998; Vorren *et al.* 1998; Nygard *et al.* 2002). In Home Bay, LF1 is  
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26 424 characterized by a massive, matrix-supported diamicton facies with clasts, the highest MAD  
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28 425 values, and low values of palaeomagnetic inclinations (Fig. 6B). This combination of parameters  
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30 426 clearly indicates that a debrite was recorded. Magnetic properties of sediments can be a source of  
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32 427 significant information for the interpretation of sedimentary products. In fact, turbidites, debrites  
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34 428 and detrital carbonate layers generate higher MAD values ( $>5^\circ$ ) and highly variable inclinations  
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36 429 which move away from the expected values. If the inclination is highly variable and very low  
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38 430 such as in LF1 or LF3 it has no geomagnetic meaning, but it indicates the presence of rapidly  
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40 431 deposited layers (Figs. 6B, C, 8).

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42 432 Both physical and magnetic profiles of the 9CASQ highlight the presence of a turbidite (LF3) in  
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44 433 the most distal part of Home Bay TMF (Fig. 5A). The turbidite contrasts sharply with  
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46 434 hemipelagic muds and IRD layers associated with the continuous “background” sedimentation  
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48 435 (Figs. 6B, 7). The presence of a debrite and a turbidite attests to the sensitivity of Home Bay  
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50 436 TMF for capturing mass wasting events on the shelf edge. The glacial debris flow reflect the  
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3 437 presence of nearby glacial ice alike LGM sedimentary processes of other glaciated continental  
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5 438 slopes: large debris flows were generated and accumulated down the slope on the trough-mouth  
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7 439 fans when the local ice sheets reached the shelf break (Fig. 10; e.g. Laberg & Vorren 1995;  
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9 440 Laberg *et al.* 1995; Dowdeswell *et al.* 1996; Laberg & Vorren 1996a; Vorren & Laberg 1997;  
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11 441 King *et al.* 1998; Dowdeswell & Siegert 1999; Batchelor *et al.* 2014, 2015). Subbottom profiles  
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13 442 over the sampling location of core 1Comp (Figs. 1B, 4, S6) reveal that the acoustic facies  
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15 443 associated with the debris flow extends laterally to form a series of stacked debris flow deposits  
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17 444 which accumulated inside this TMF (Figs. 4, 10). Subglacial landforms such as MSGLs and  
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19 445 deeply-incised iceberg ploughmarks that are oriented in the trough axis also suggest that glacial  
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21 446 ice extended near the shelf edge to later retreat while calving deep-keeled icebergs. Icebergs  
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23 447 flowing along the BIC most likely produced iceberg ploughmarks scars that are oriented N-S.  
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25 448 However modern-day drafts of icebergs flowing through Baffin Bay rarely exceed 300 m (Praeg  
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27 449 *et al.* 2006), indicating that they cannot account for the deep keel scours that occur below 300 m  
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29 450 within the trough (Praeg *et al.* 2006). This suggests ploughmarks are not modern and that they are  
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31 451 most likely resulting from deep glacial ice grounding in Baffin Bay. The orientation of the  
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33 452 ploughmarks within the trough suggests that the icebergs responsible for the deep keel erosion  
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35 453 were originating from within the trough. The ice flow landforms (MSGLs) within the trough can  
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37 454 be interpreted as a signature of ice stream activity while the several channels on the TMF have  
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39 455 probably been eroded by sediment-rich meltwaters from nearby glacial ice (Fig. 5B; Ottesen *et*  
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41 456 *al.* 2005; Montelli *et al.* 2017). Such sediments can be transported by ice streams and be advected  
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43 457 towards the slope where they can take the shape of debris flows (e.g. Laberg & Vorren 1995;  
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45 458 Lasabuda *et al.* 2018) and turbidity currents. The several canyons and gullies could have formed  
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462 *Late Quaternary Baffin Bay chronostratigraphy*

463 While the geophysical data point towards the LIS extending near the shelf edge during the LGM,  
464 ages are needed to define whether the debrite or the turbidite are of LGM age. The 3 studied  
465 cores show similar relative palaeointensity (RPI) features that can be correlated on a regional and  
466 hemispheric scale. A combination of radiocarbon ages and palaeomagnetic tie points were used to  
467 determine the chronology of the cores. Therefore, the cores can produce a chronostratigraphic  
468 framework for the last 45 ka (Fig. 11).

469 A comparison between the cores and other RPI records from the Northern Hemisphere  
470 indicate that the geomagnetic origin of the signal in the 0–45 ka interval for cores 77PC, 9CASQ  
471 and 1Comp is consistent with the available radiocarbon ages (Fig. 11). Based on this comparison  
472 and the chronological model, we suggest that the debrite observed in core 1Comp was deposited  
473 before 15 cal. ka BP, while the turbidite (LF3) in 9CASQ was deposited at approximately 20 cal.  
474 ka BP. Subbottom profiles (3.5 kHz) from the coring site of core 1Comp illustrates that the core  
475 was collected on the side edge of a debris flow channel (Figs. 4, 5A, S6) in a thin, side section of  
476 the channel and therefore record the full sequence since the last debris flow (i.e. since 15 ka BP).  
477 Without discarding the possibility of an earthquake in the Baffin Bay area at this time, the  
478 turbidite recorded in core 9CASQ was dated from the Last Glacial episode (~20 ka BP) and could  
479 have been triggered by the presence of the LIS margin on the continental shelf. Previous work  
480 showed that large volumes of turbidites along ice margins are related to subglacial outbursts and  
481 can be used as a proxy to determine a glaciomarine source (Dowdeswell *et al.* 1998; Hesse *et al.*  
482 1999; Toucanne *et al.* 2012). There is still no general agreement in regards to which sedimentary  
483 structures can be used to distinguish fine-grained turbidites from contourites (Hollister 1967;

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3 484 Hollister & Heezen 1972; Piper 1972). Some authors contend that fine turbidite deposits such as  
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5 485 LF3 in core 9CASQ can be differentiated from those of contourites based on certain  
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7 486 characteristics: the absence of widespread burrowing, bioturbation, a lack of a vertical sequence  
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10 487 of structures (Lovell & Stow 1981; Stow & Piper 1984) and traction sedimentary structures  
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12 488 (Carter *et al.* 1996; Wynn & Stow 2002; Shanmugam 2006). These criteria are considered to be  
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14 489 diagnostic of fine-grained turbidites rather than contourites: therefore, together with geophysical  
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16 490 and sedimentological data, the graded sediment in LF3 is interpreted as a glaciogenic turbidite.  
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18 491 The occurrence of >15,000 years-old GDFs and turbidity current deposits on the Home Bay TMF  
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20 492 together with glacial lineations clearly indicate that the LIS advanced near the shelf edge during  
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22 493 the Last Glacial episode. According to several authors, the maximum extension of the LIS in the  
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24 494 Home Bay area probably lasted up to ~14-12 cal. ka BP (Dyke *et al.* 2002; Margold *et al.* 2015).  
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26 495 The chronostratigraphy obtained by a combination of palaeomagnetism and radiocarbon ages  
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28 496 shows that debrites were being deposited in the Home Bay TMF until around 15 cal. ka BP,  
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30 497 which approximately marks the beginning of the Bølling warm period (Deschamps *et al.* 2012).  
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32 498 Hence, perennial temperatures and precipitation during post-LGM and pre-Bølling were cold  
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34 499 and/or precipitations high enough to keep the ice margin near the shelf edge. This late retreat of  
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36 500 the LIS margin offshore Home Bay is somehow similar to persistent glacial ice in southern  
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38 501 regions (e.g. Des Moines lobe, James Bay lobe, and Great Lakes lobes; Dyke 2004) which only  
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40 502 show significant retreat after 15 cal. ka BP. This pattern could point out to a similar response of  
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## 51 505 Conclusions

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5 507 glaciogenic debrite and turbidite allowed to reconstruct the activity of the LIS margin in the  
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7 508 Home Bay trough and trough-mouth fan during the Last Glacial episode. The following results  
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10 509 suggest that an ice margin extended near the shelf edge of Home Bay during the Last Glacial  
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15 511 • Seven lithofacies within the cores depict a full glacial-deglacial-postglacial sedimentary  
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17 512 sequence: i) rapidly deposited layers such as a debrite and a turbidite generated in a glacial  
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19 513 environment; ii) sediments from meltwater plumes, turbidity currents and possibly bottom  
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21 514 currents generated in an ice-proximal environment; iii) ice-rafted debris deposited since the last  
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23 515 deglaciation; and iv) postglacial hemipelagic sediments.

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26 516 • Chronostratigraphy from the core 9CASQ indicate that the turbidite observed was  
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28 517 probably transported along the slope of Home Bay trough-mouth fan during the LGM.

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31 518 • High-resolution swath bathymetry data allowed the identification of subglacial landforms  
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33 519 related to ice-stream activity near the shelf edge. The subglacial landforms, such as mega-scale  
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35 520 glacial lineations (MSGLs), together with the age of the debrite and the turbidite, indicates that  
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37 521 glacial processes have eroded and molded the shelf during and since the LGM.

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40 522 Finally, this paper outlines the usefulness of combining palaeomagnetic measurements  
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44 524 calcium carbonate dissolution challenges the use of foraminifera for dating.

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49 526 Index of abbreviations: TMF: trough-mouth fan; GDF : glaciogenic debris flows; LIS : Laurentide Ice Sheet; IIS:  
50 527 Inuitian Ice Sheet; GIS : Greenland Ice Sheet; LGM: Last Glacial Maximum; BIC: Baffin Island Current; 9CASQ:  
51 528 AMD16-LGM-09; 1Comp: AMD0217-01PC and AMD0217-01TWC; 77PC: HU2013-029-0077; LF1 to LF7:  
52 529 Lithofacies 1 to 7; RDL: rapidly deposited layer; BBDC: Baffin Bay detrital carbonates; GZW: grounding-zone  
53 530 wedge; MSGL: mega-scale glacial lineation; MSCL: Multi Sensor Core Logger; XRF: X-ray fluorescence.  
54 531 Palaeomagnetic parameters:  $k_{LF}$ : magnetic susceptibility; NRM: natural remanent magnetization; ARM: anhysteretic  
55 532 remanent magnetization; IRM : isothermal remanent magnetization; SIRM: saturation isothermal magnetization;  
56 533 ChRM: characteristic remanent magnetization; MAD: maximum angular deviation; MDF: median destructive field;

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3 534  $I_{GAD}$ : axial dipole model; PSD: pseudo single domain; SD: single domain; PSV: palaeomagnetic secular variation;  
4 535 RPI: relative palaeointensity; Ms: saturation magnetization; Hc: coercive force; Mrs: saturation remanence; Hcr:  
5 536 coercivity of remanence; AMS: accelerator mass spectrometry; AGM: alternating gradient force magnetometer; AF:  
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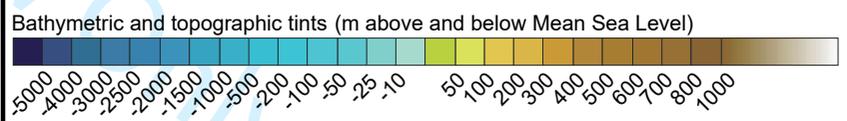
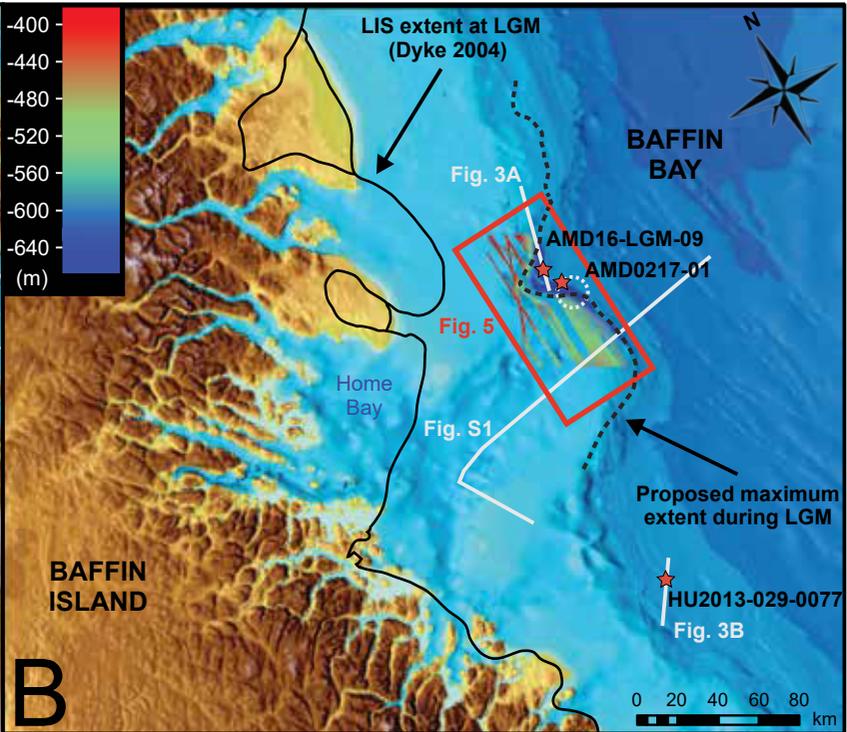
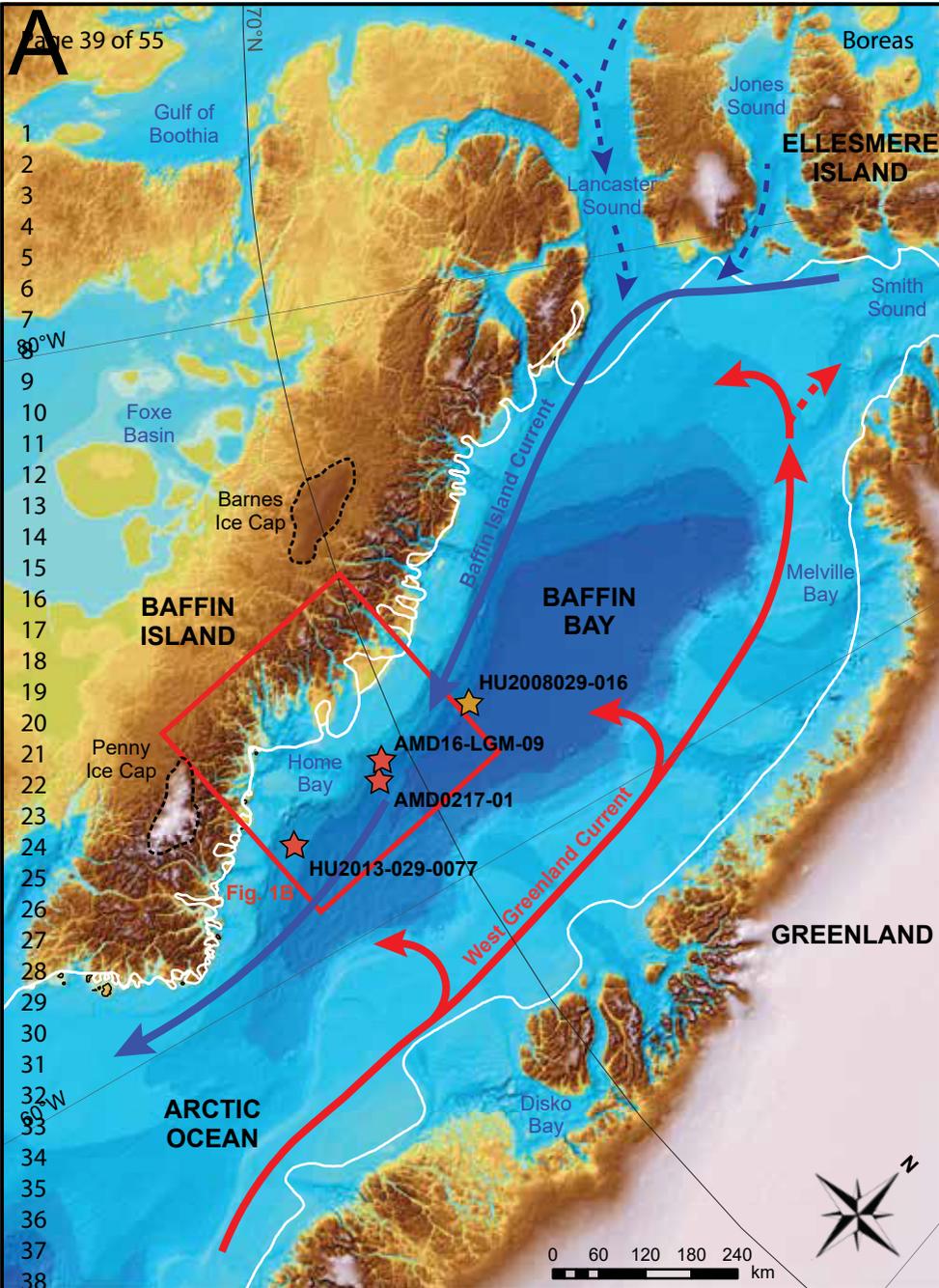
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AMD16-LGM-09 CASQ	68.28	64.56	Slope (TMF)	1220	554
AMD0217-01 PC/TWC	69.24	64.43	Slope (TMF)	1076	350/152
Composite	69.24	64.43	Slope (TMF)	1076	380

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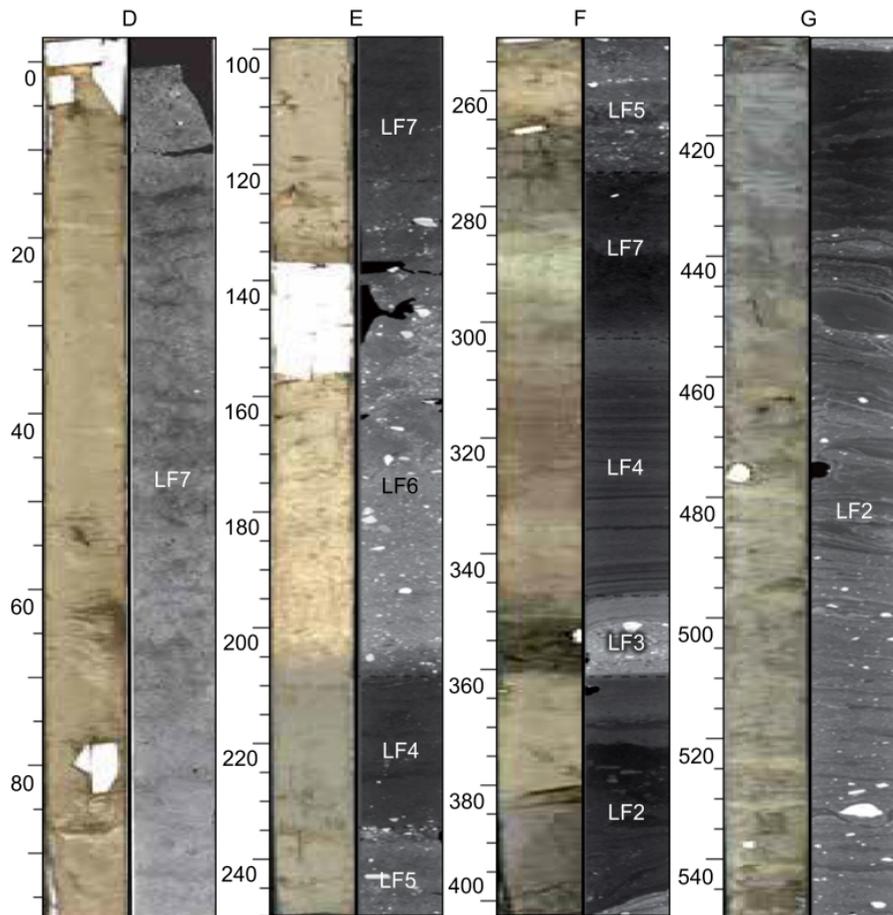
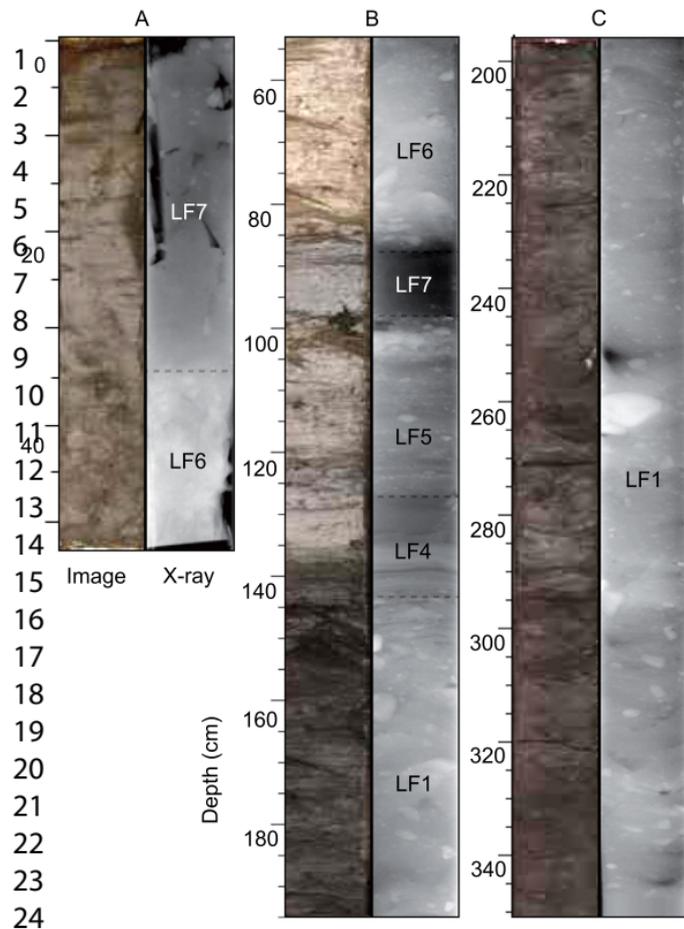
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	644 (core catcher)	Neogloboquadrina pachyderma	37 900±1600	41 461	OS-UCIAMS 181265
119CASQ	465	Mixed benthic and planktonic foraminifera	35 160±760	39 024	ECHo 2458
1301-PC	109 (not valid)	Mixed benthic and planktonic foraminifera	10 180±1490	11 029	ECHo 2559
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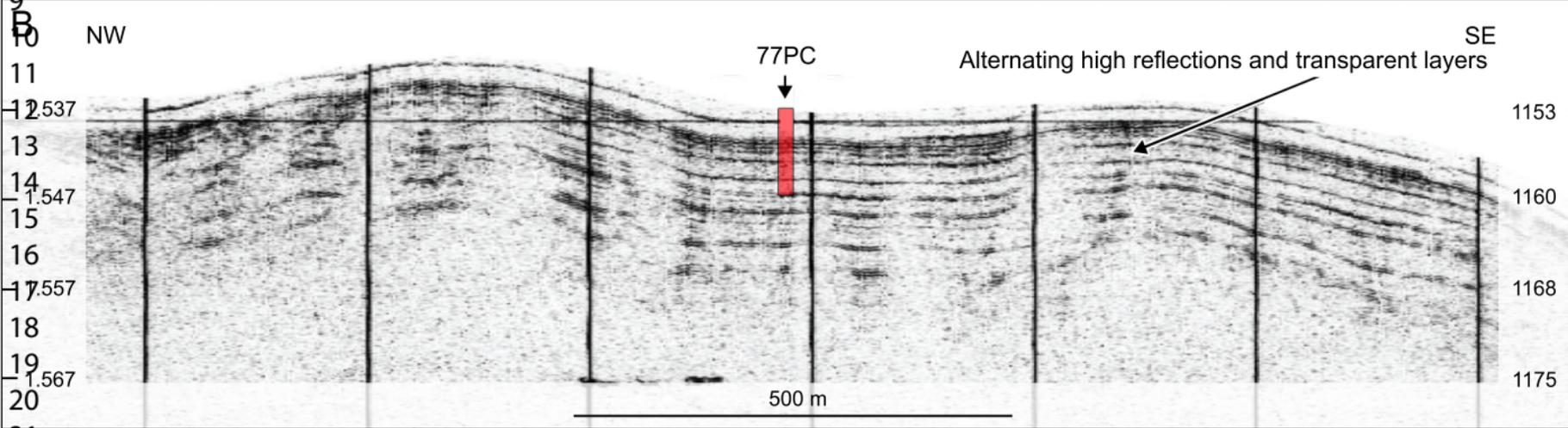
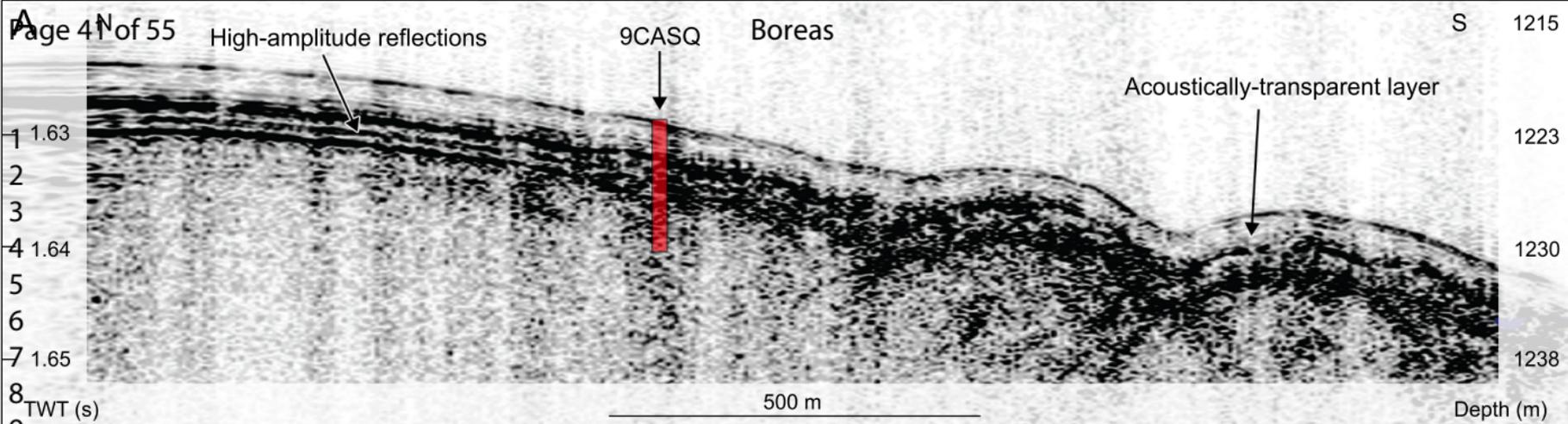
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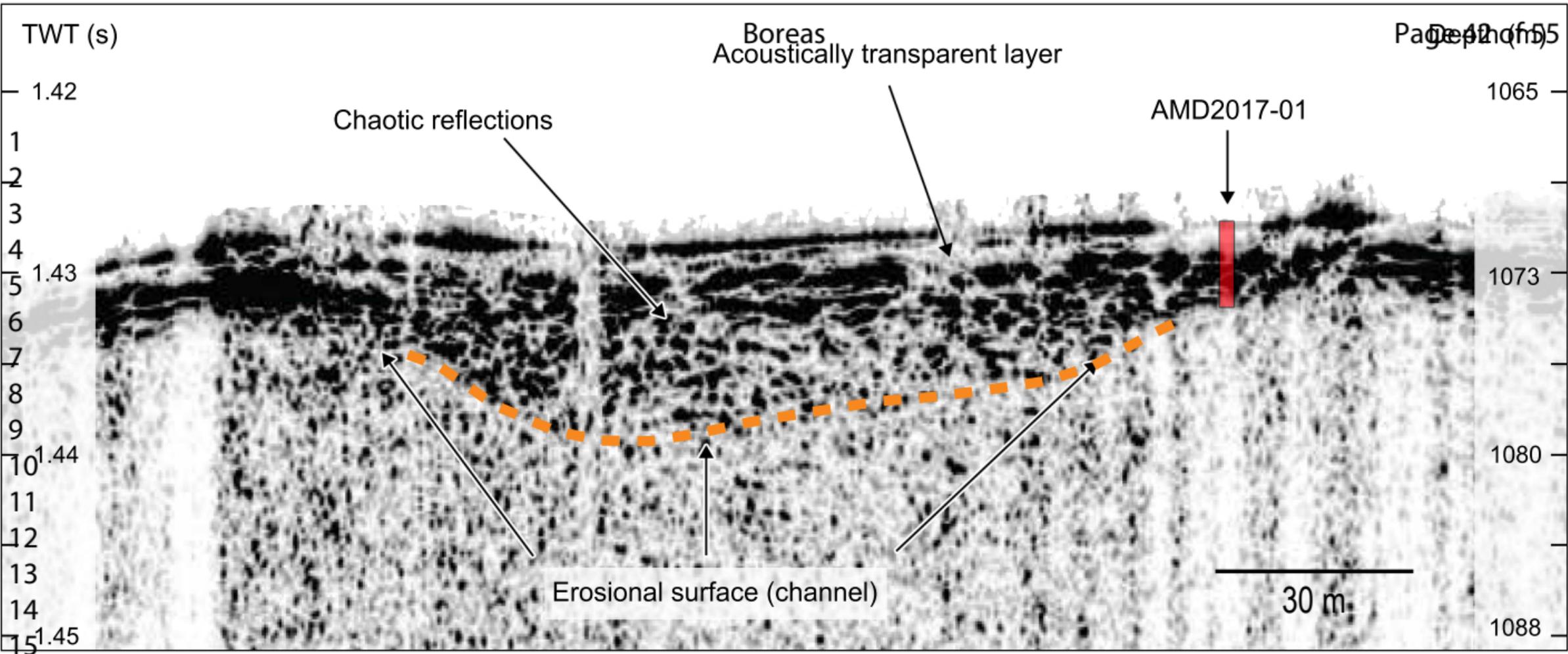


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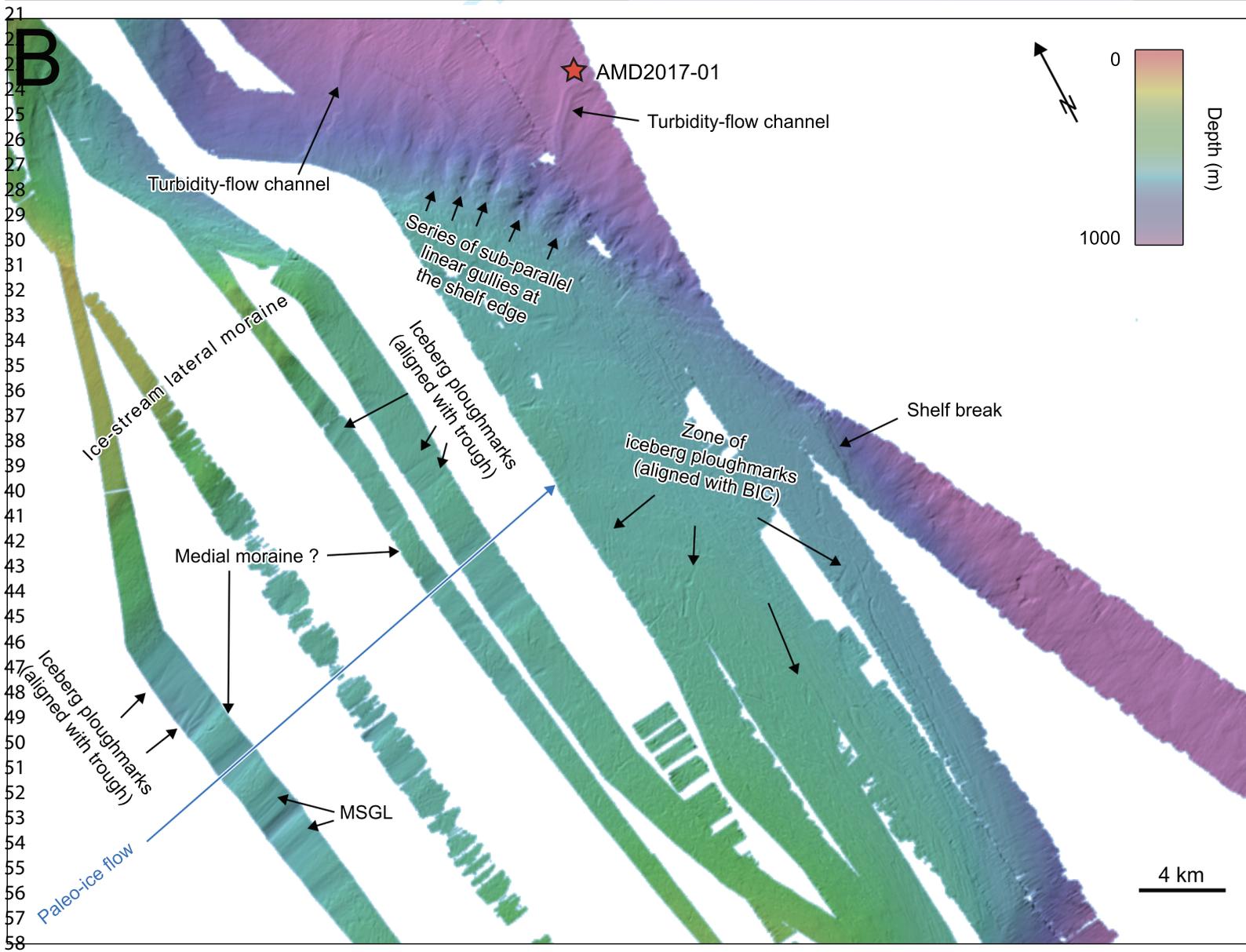
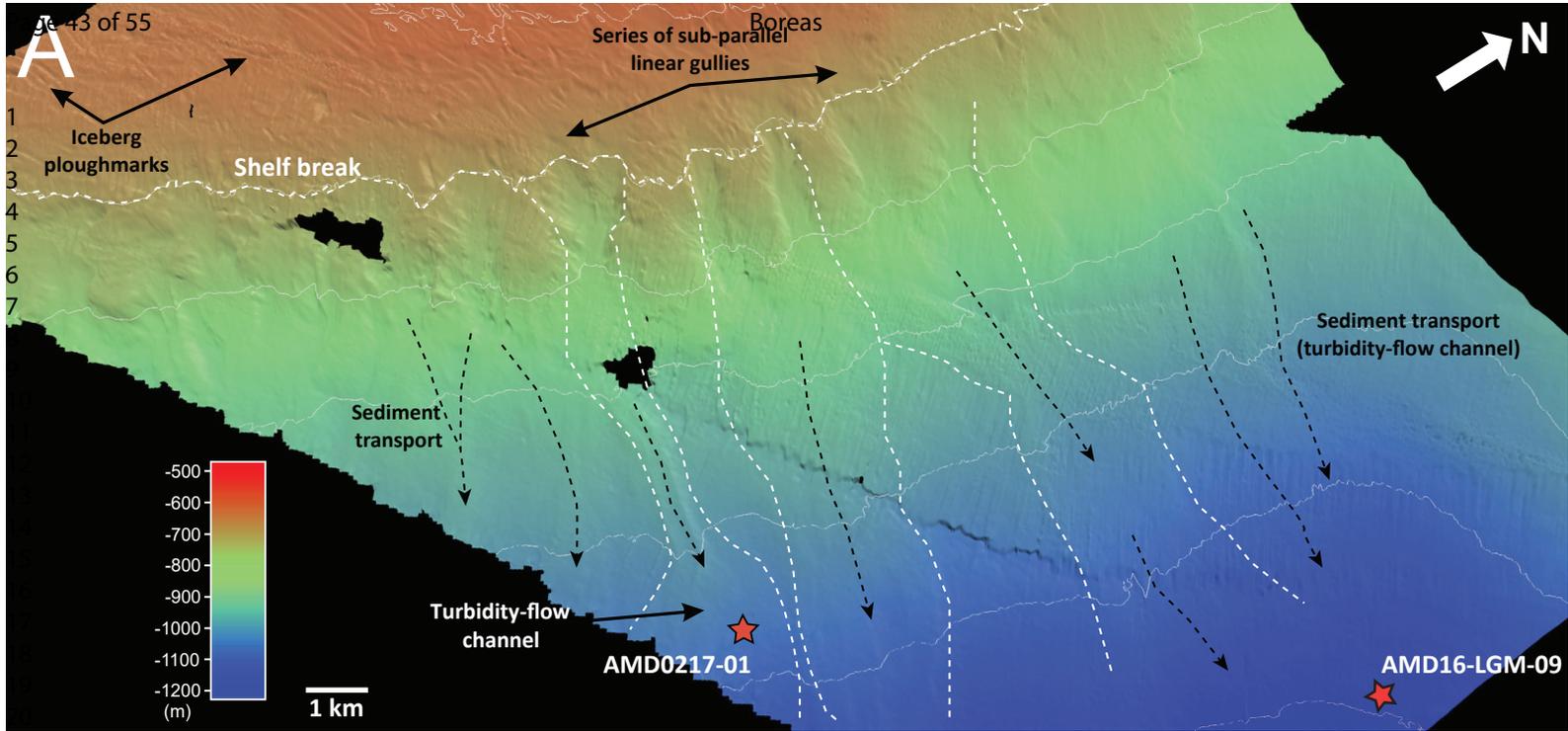
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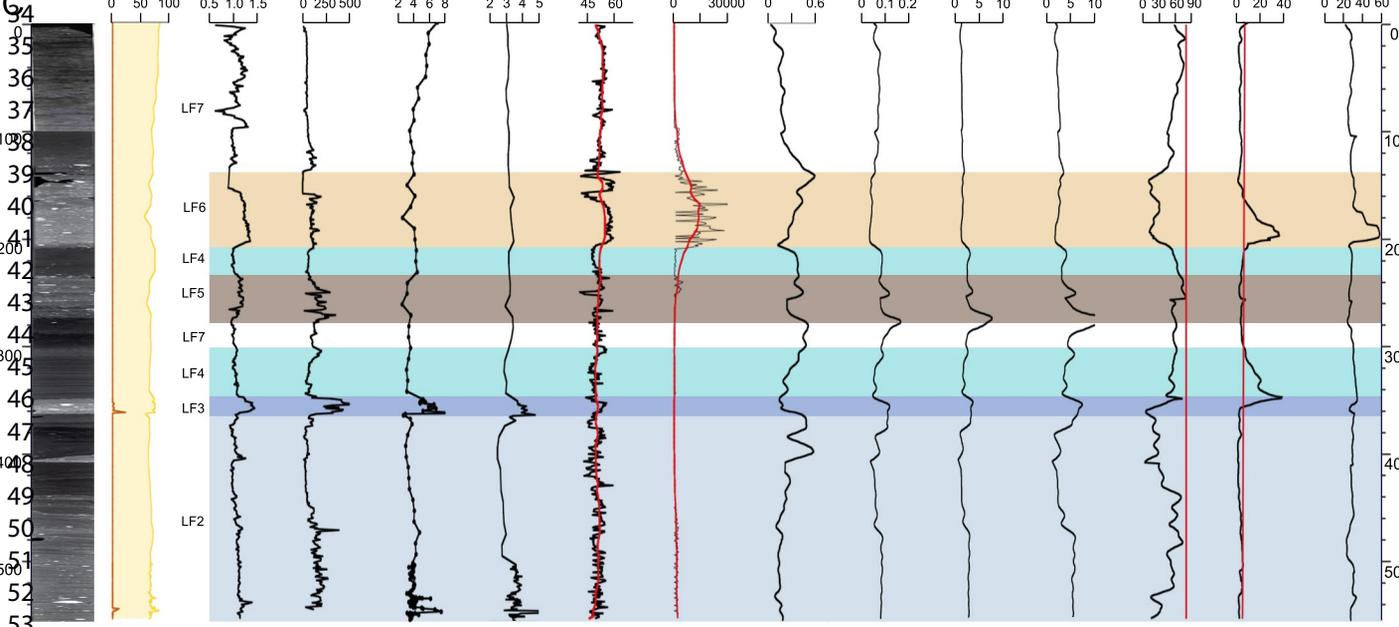
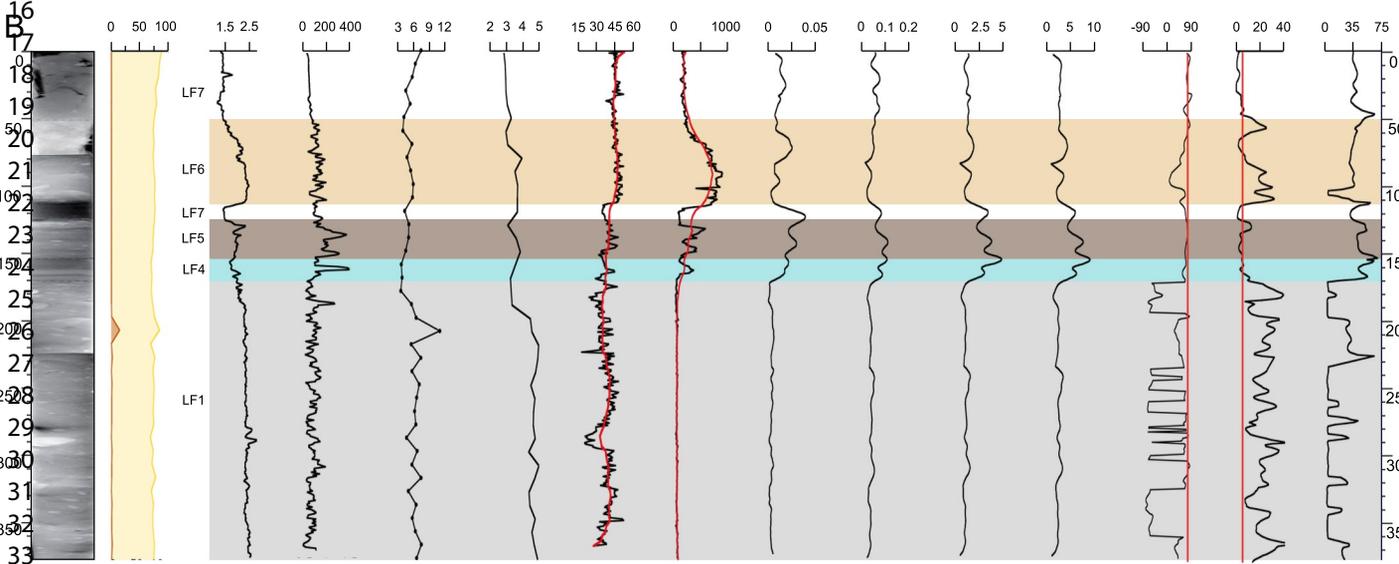
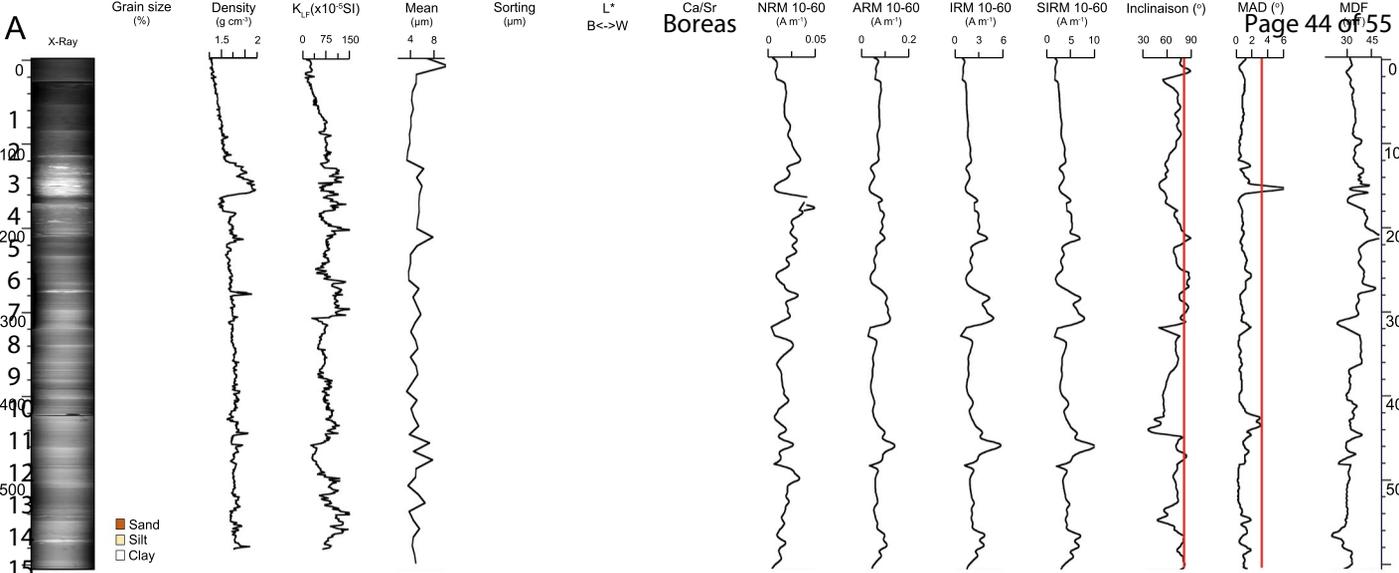
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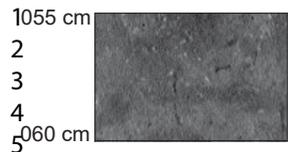
**Facies**

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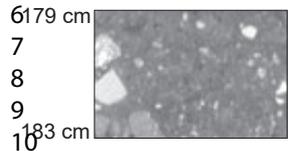
**Processes**



Homogeneous mud without IRD (LF7)

Bioturbated grayish to brownish mud without IRD. No apparent structures are observed.

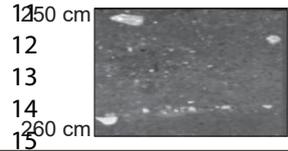
Hemipelagic sedimentation (postglacial).



Rich carbonate bed with IRD (LF6)

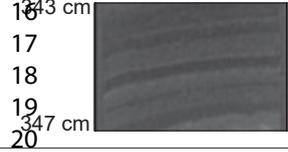
Light olive brown sandy mud and pebbly mud rich in IRD.

Hemipelagic sedimentation with frequent IRD (deglacial/postglacial).



Homogeneous mud with IRD (LF5)

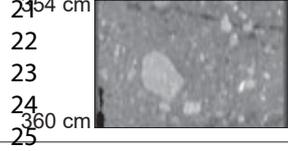
Dark grayish brown silty mud with IRD. No apparent structures are observable.



Laminated mud (LF4)

Dark grayish brown rhythmic succession of mud and silt laminae.

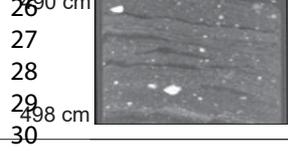
Meltwater plume, turbidity current and possible bottom current influence (deglacial).



Silt and sand turbidite (LF3)

Dense and very dark gray silt and fine sand with clast.

Turbidity current (glacial environment).



Laminated mud rich in IRD (LF2)

Succession of dark gray to dark grayish brown silty laminated mud rich in IRD.

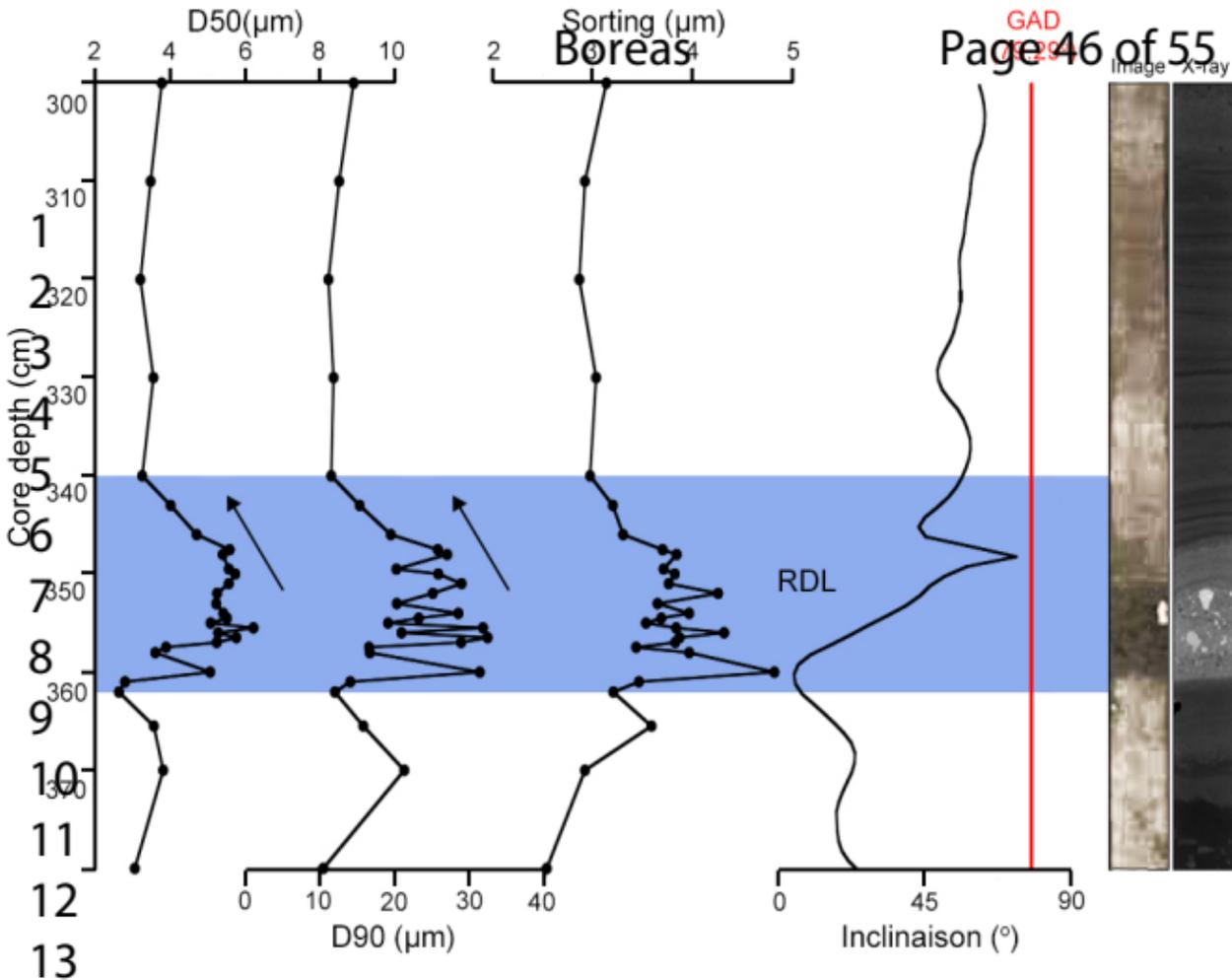
Meltwater plume, ice rafting and turbidity current (glacial environment).

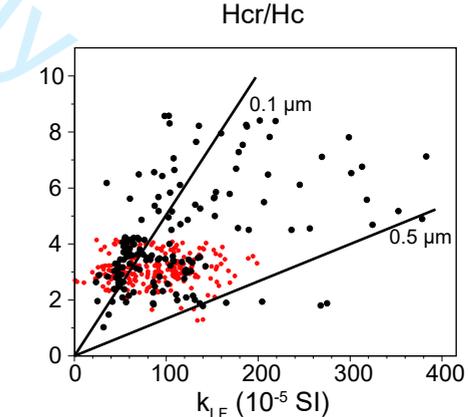
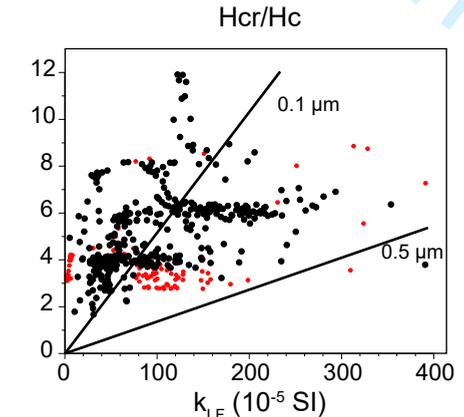
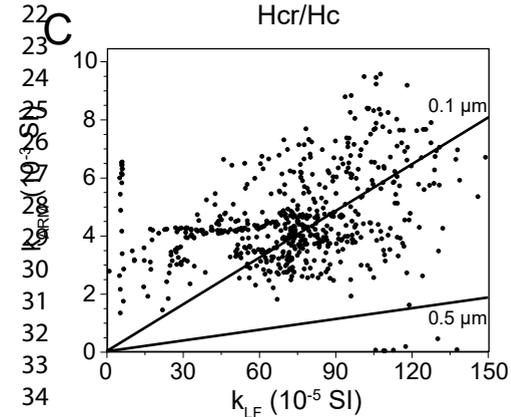
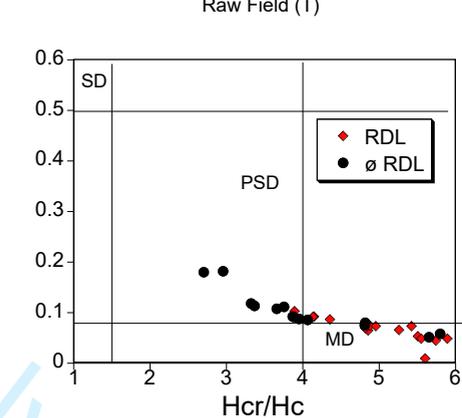
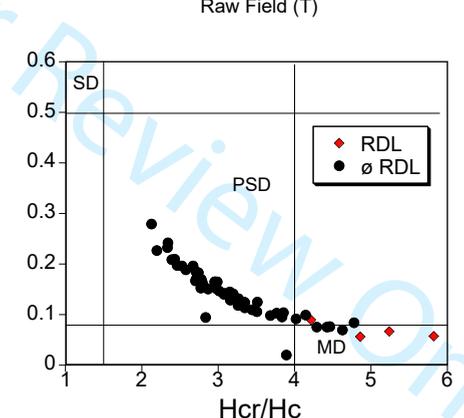
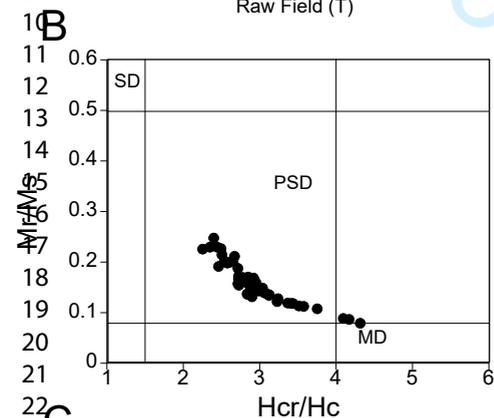
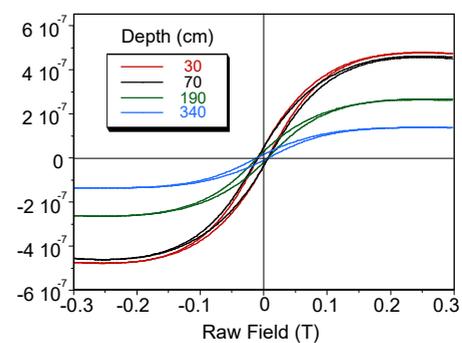
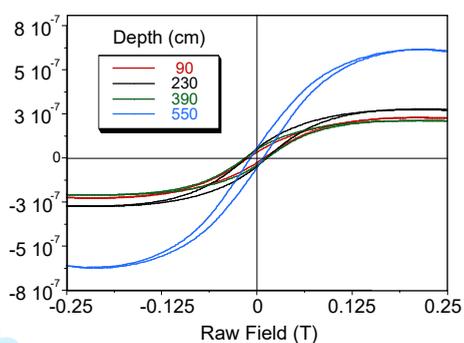
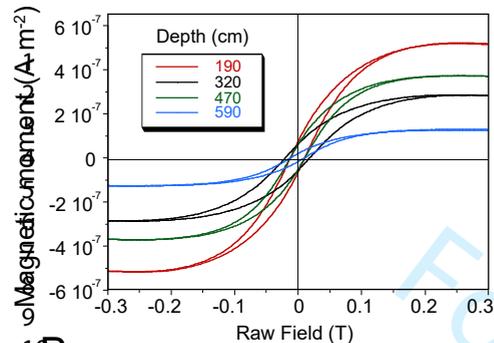


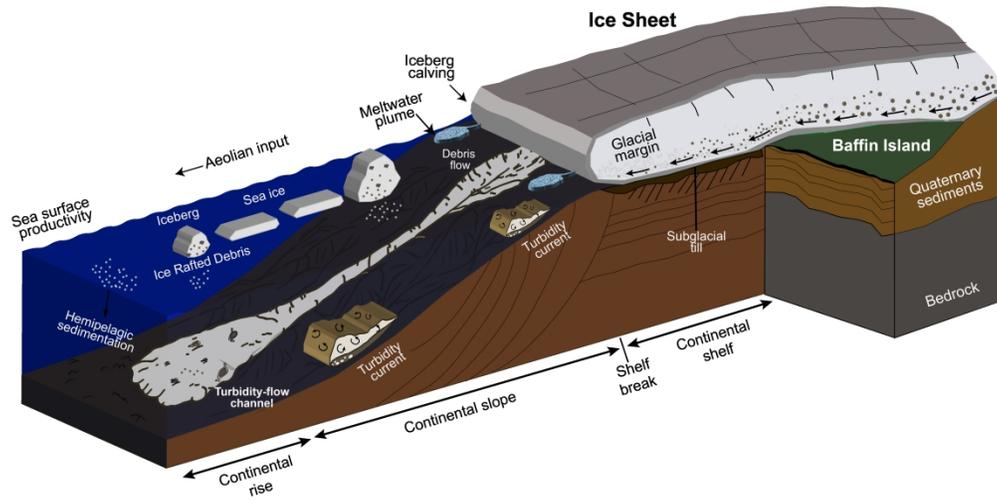
Complex diamicton (LF1)

Massive, matrix-supported diamict facies. Very dense, black and coarse-grained sediment mixed with a fine-grained matrix.

Glacigenic debris flow (glacial environment).



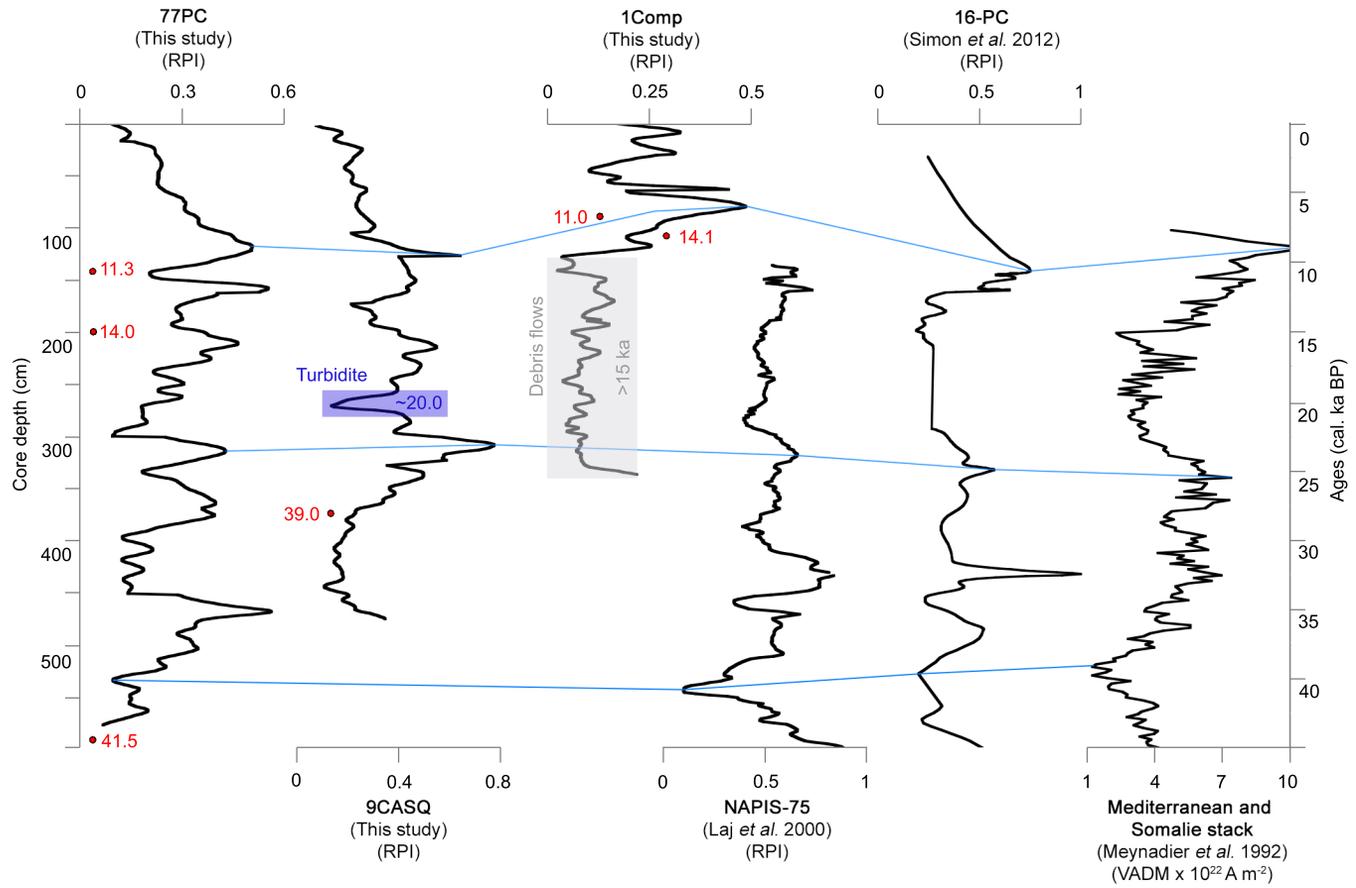


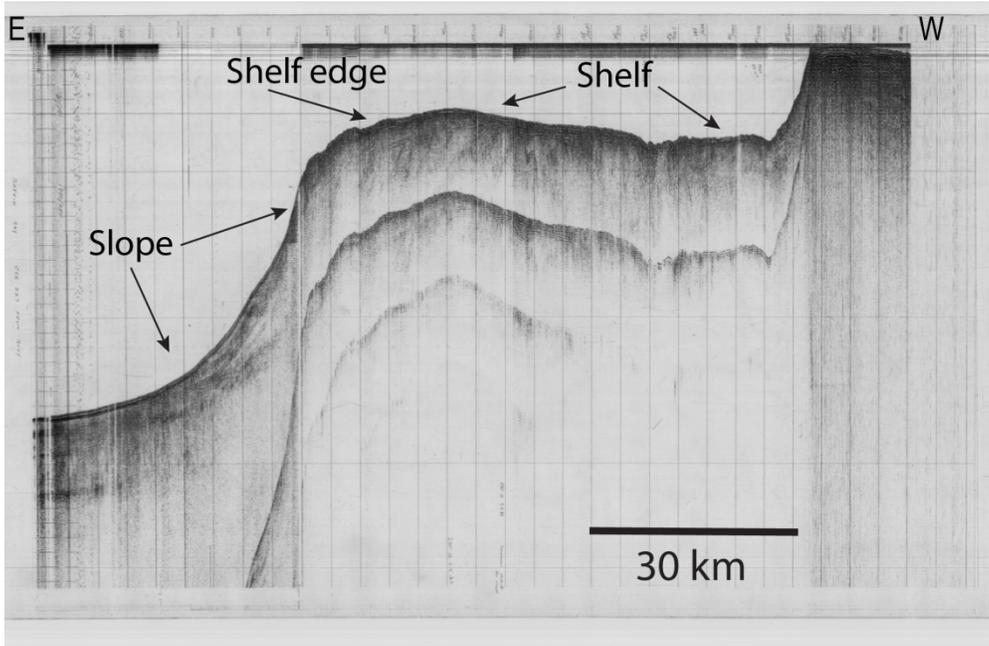


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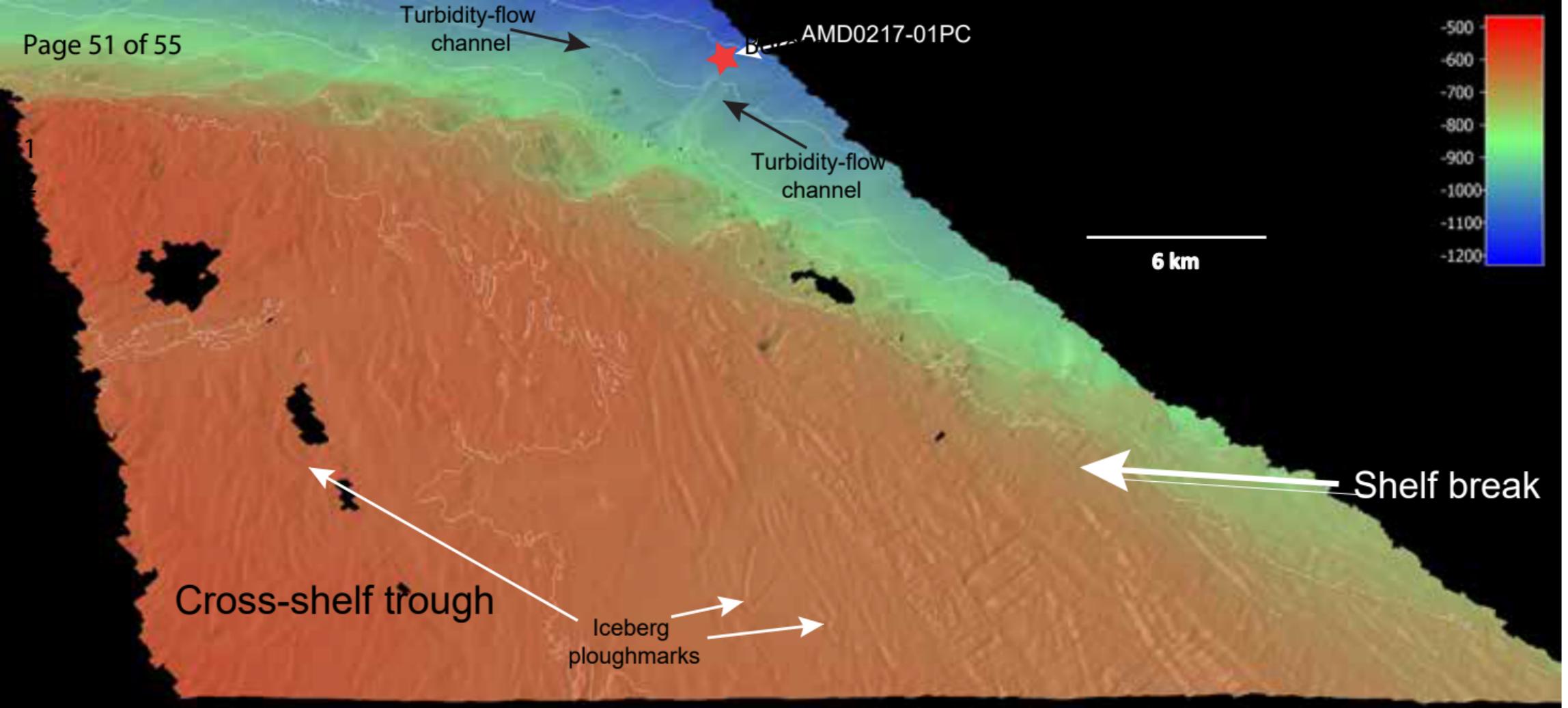
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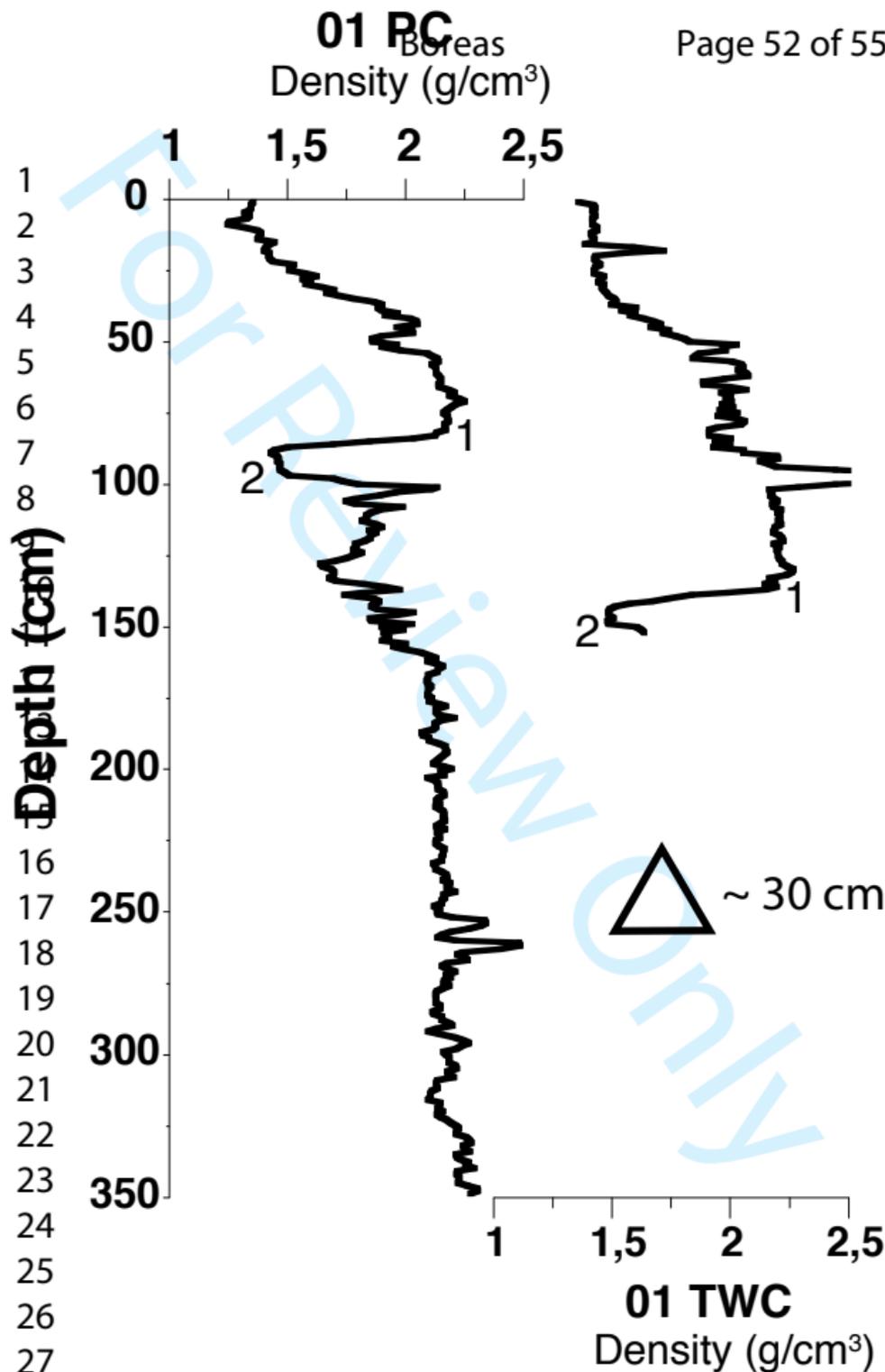
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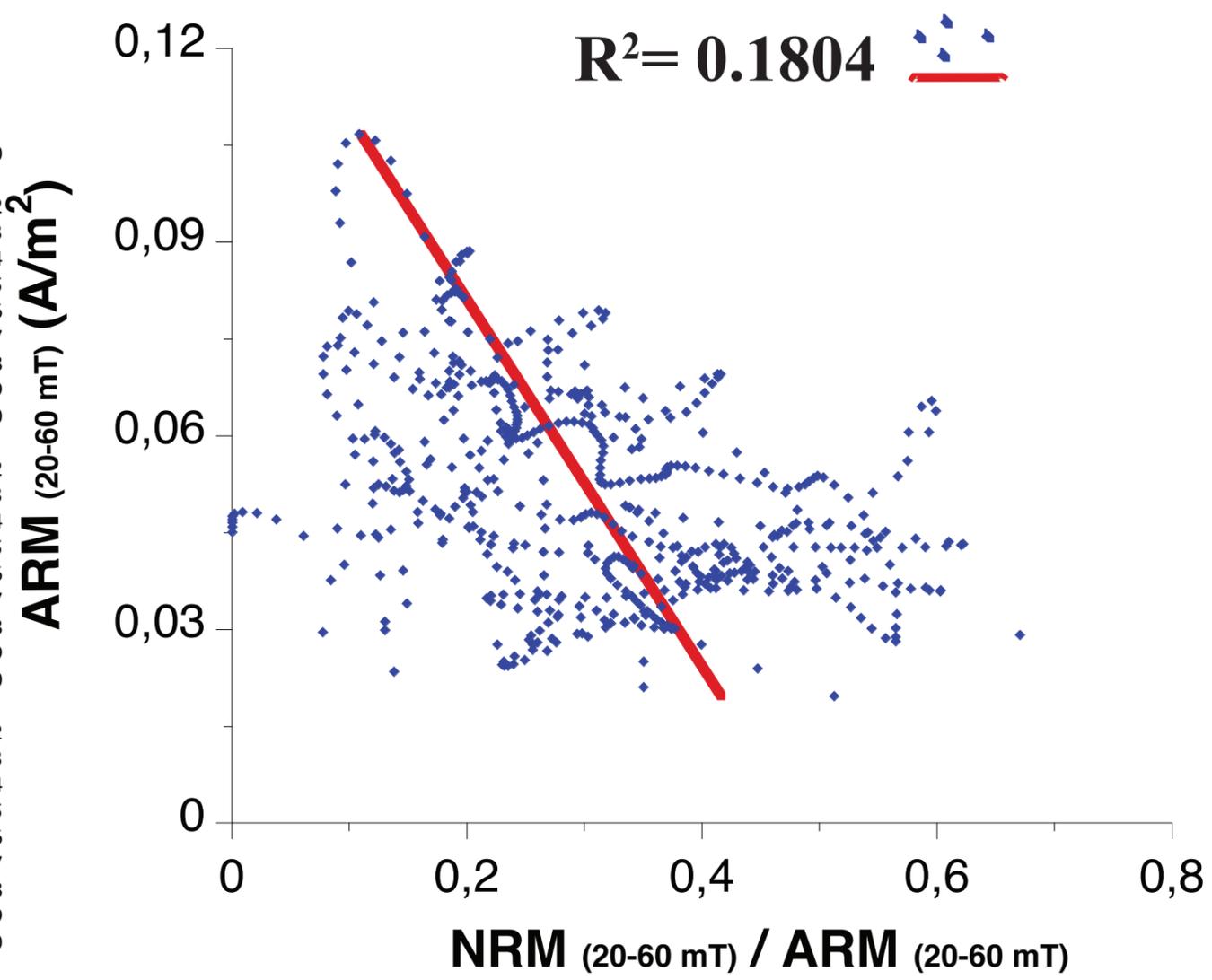


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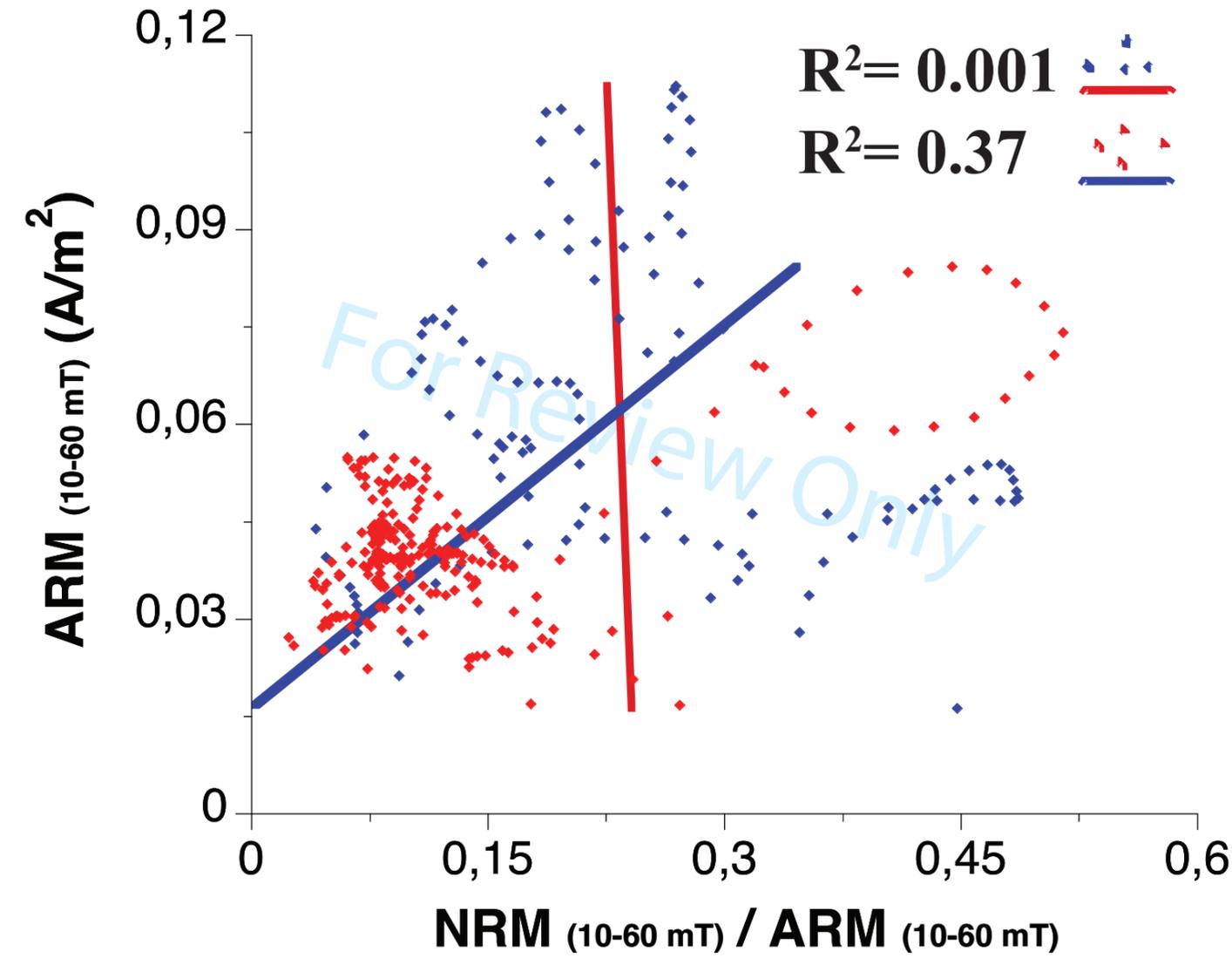




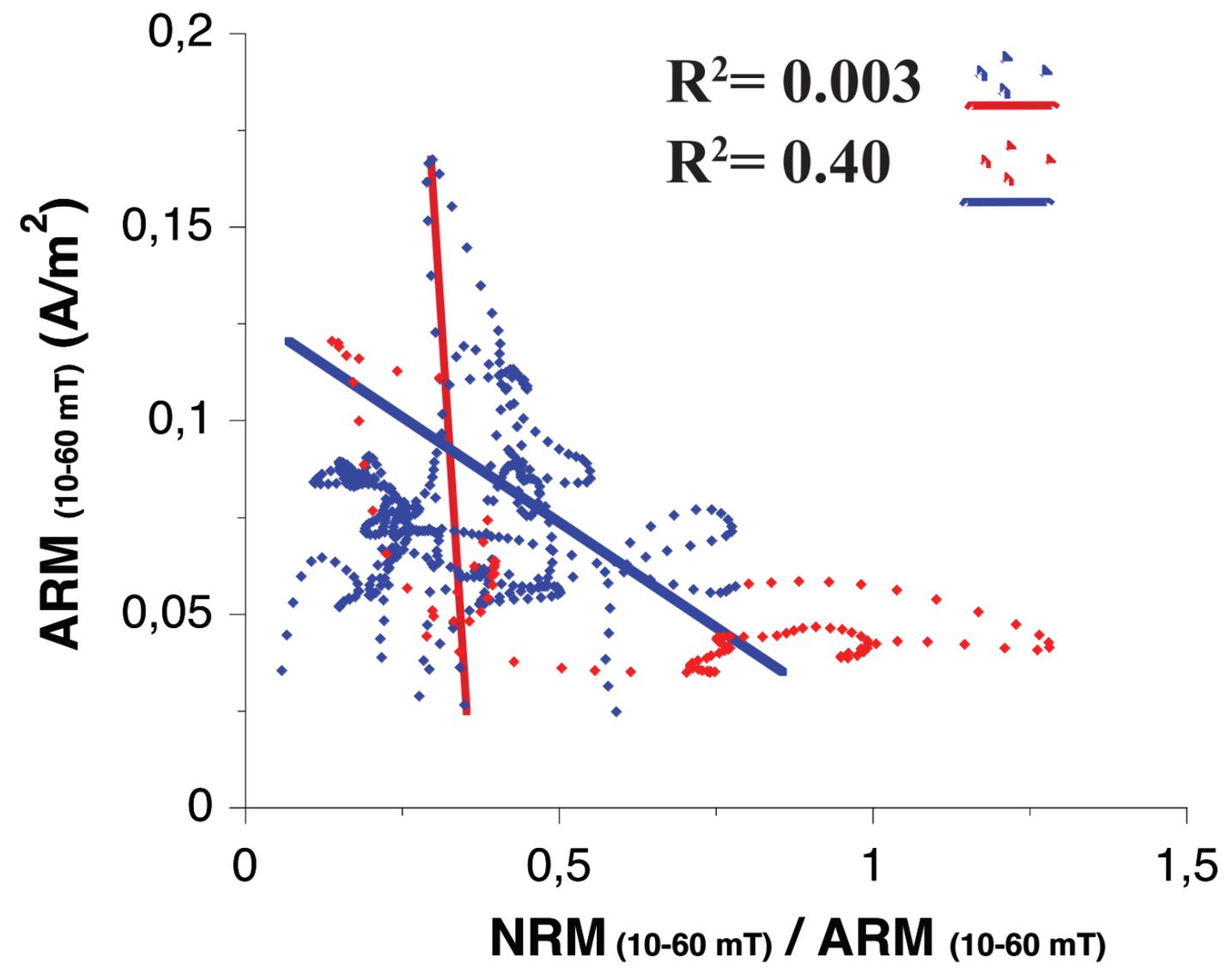
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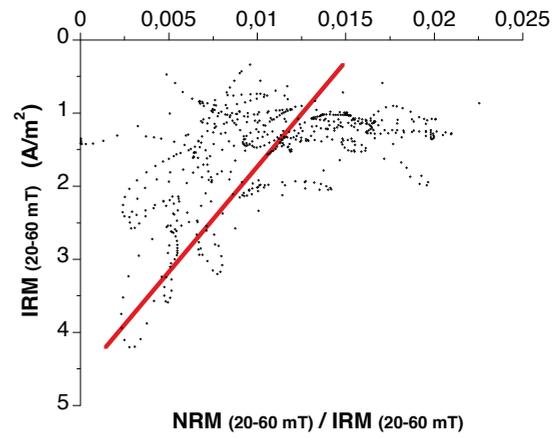
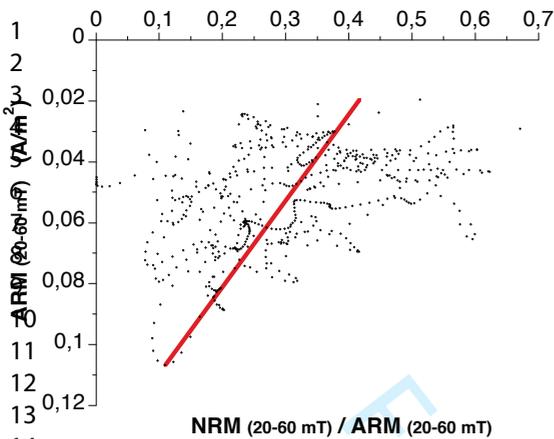


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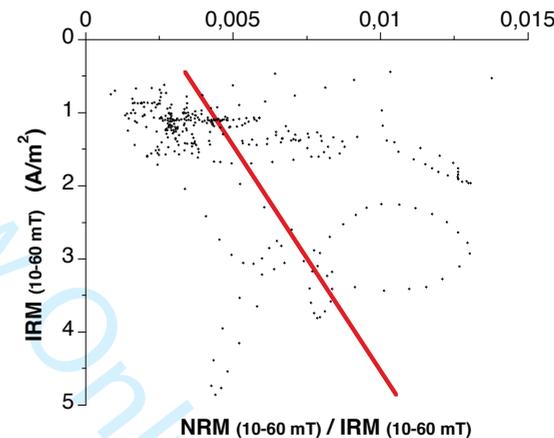
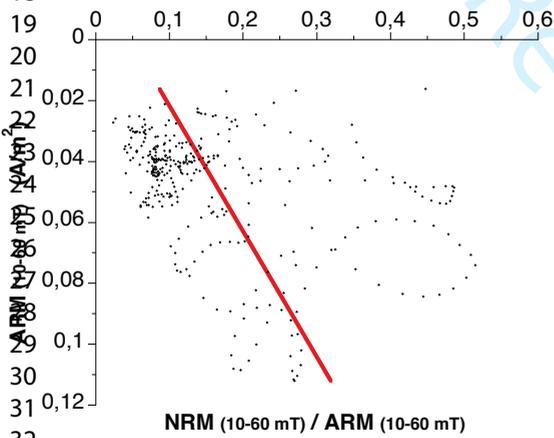


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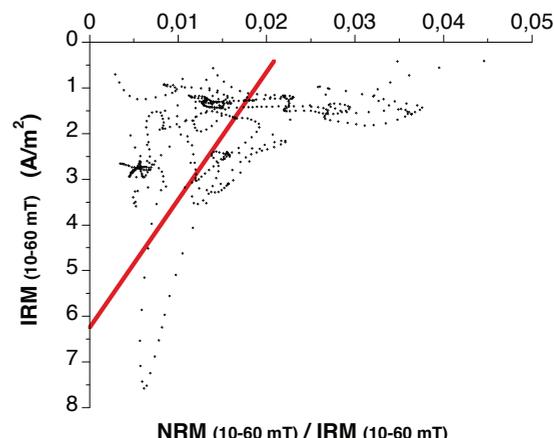
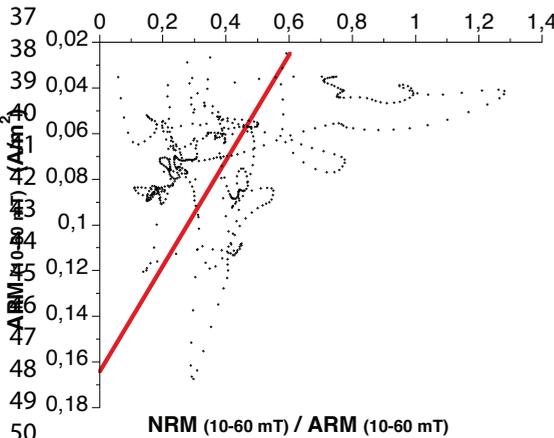
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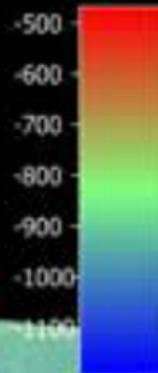


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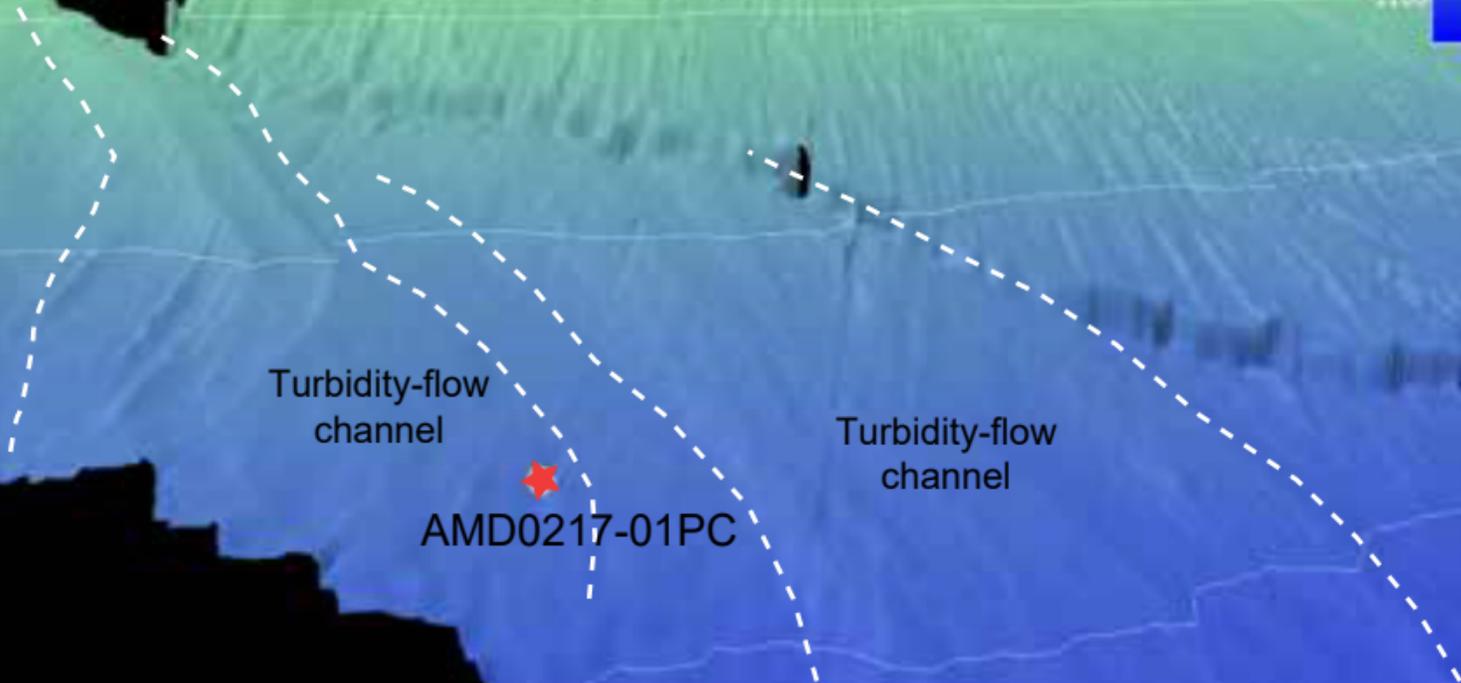


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