



Future Sites for Intermediate Depth Cores (1500m)



- North Taylor Dome
- Allen Hills Intermediate core
- Qaannaak
- Amundsen Sea Coastal Domes

Deep Drilling Target: WAIS MIS5e climate record

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The Previous Interglacial

- 115 to 130 ka
- 0-2 °C warmer globally
- 3-5 °C warmer in polar regions
 - Peak in Greenland of 8 ± 4 °C warmer at onset (NEEM, 2013)

Conditions similar to what is
expected by 2100



The four IPICS science themes:



Oldest Ice

Why did glacial cycles switch from 40k to 100k around 1 Ma?

Last Interglacial

Best analog for our future. Did WAIS collapse?

40k Array

What was the spatial pattern of the climate system's response to a major forcing (the last deglaciation)?

2k Array

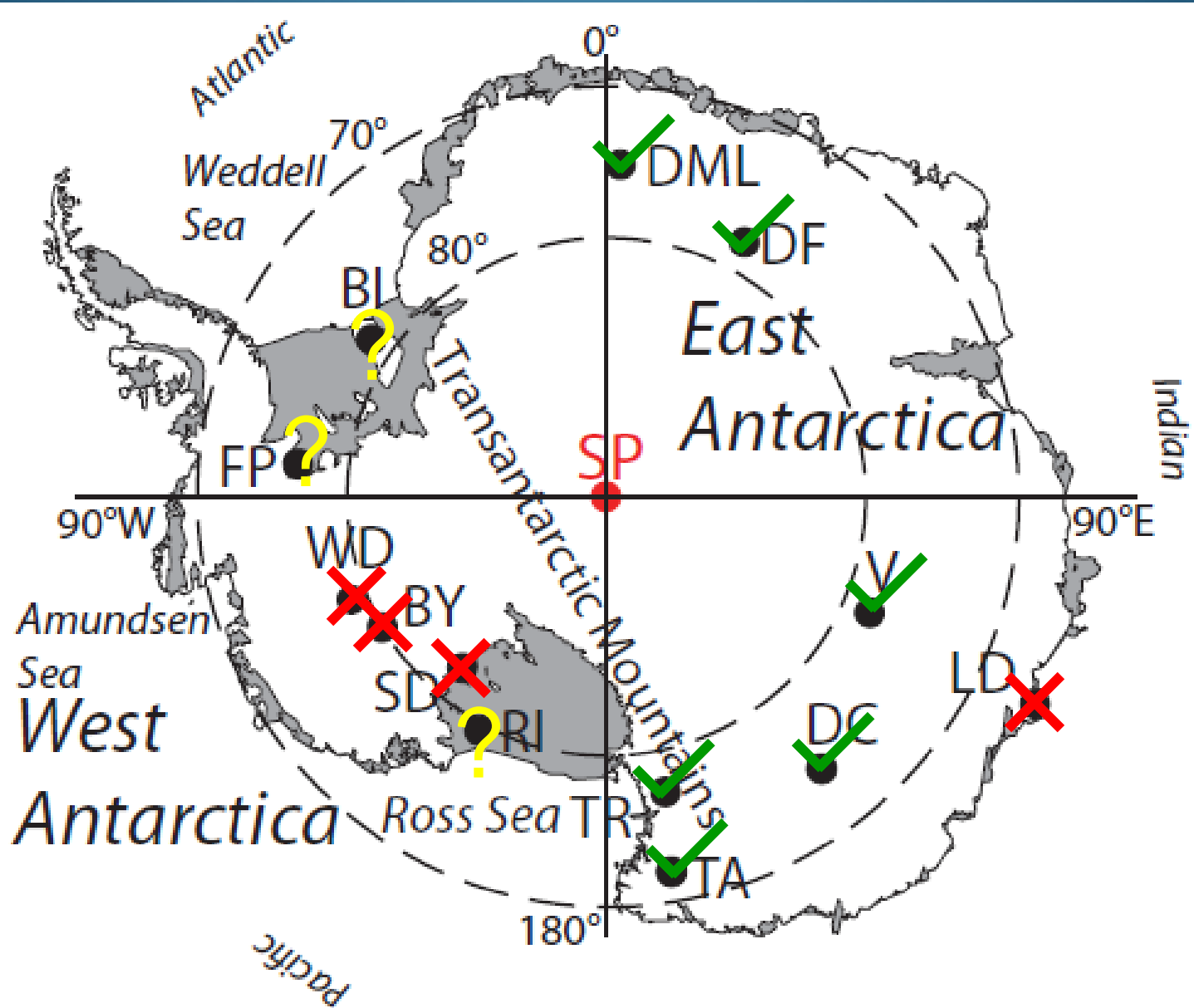
What is the spatial pattern of natural climate change, upon which anthropogenic change is superimposed?

Sea level during the previous interglacial

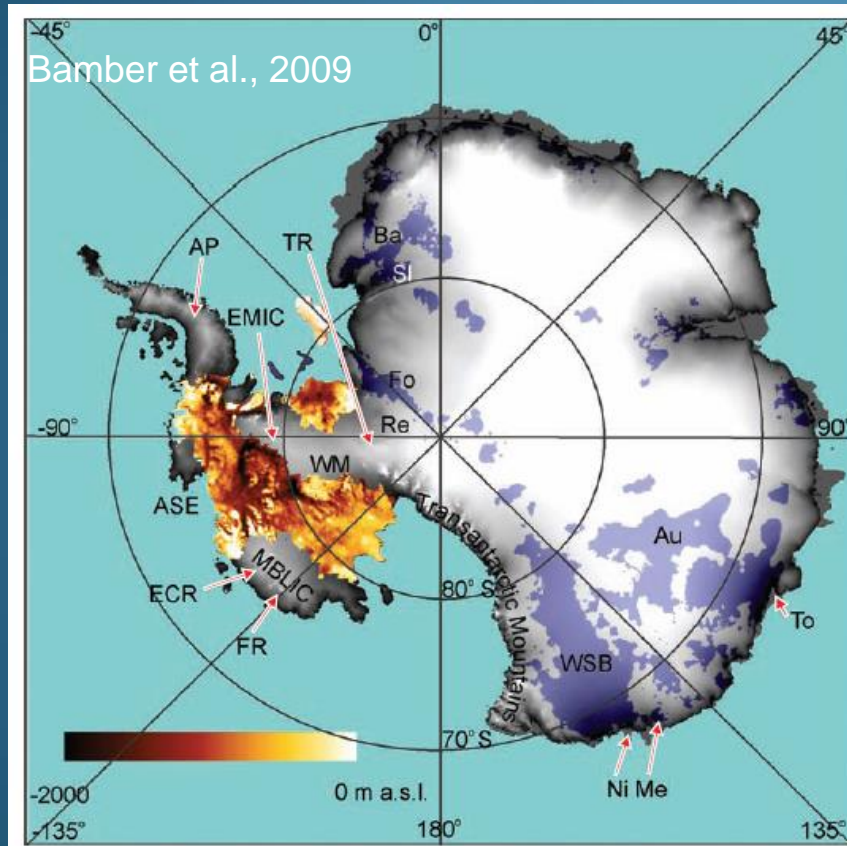
- Likely ~6 m higher (Kopp et al., 2009)
- Maybe up to 9.5 m higher

Greenland contribution up to 4 m
Requires large Antarctic contribution
-WAIS collapse likely source

MIS5e Ice



What site conditions are necessary for WAIS MIS5e climate record?

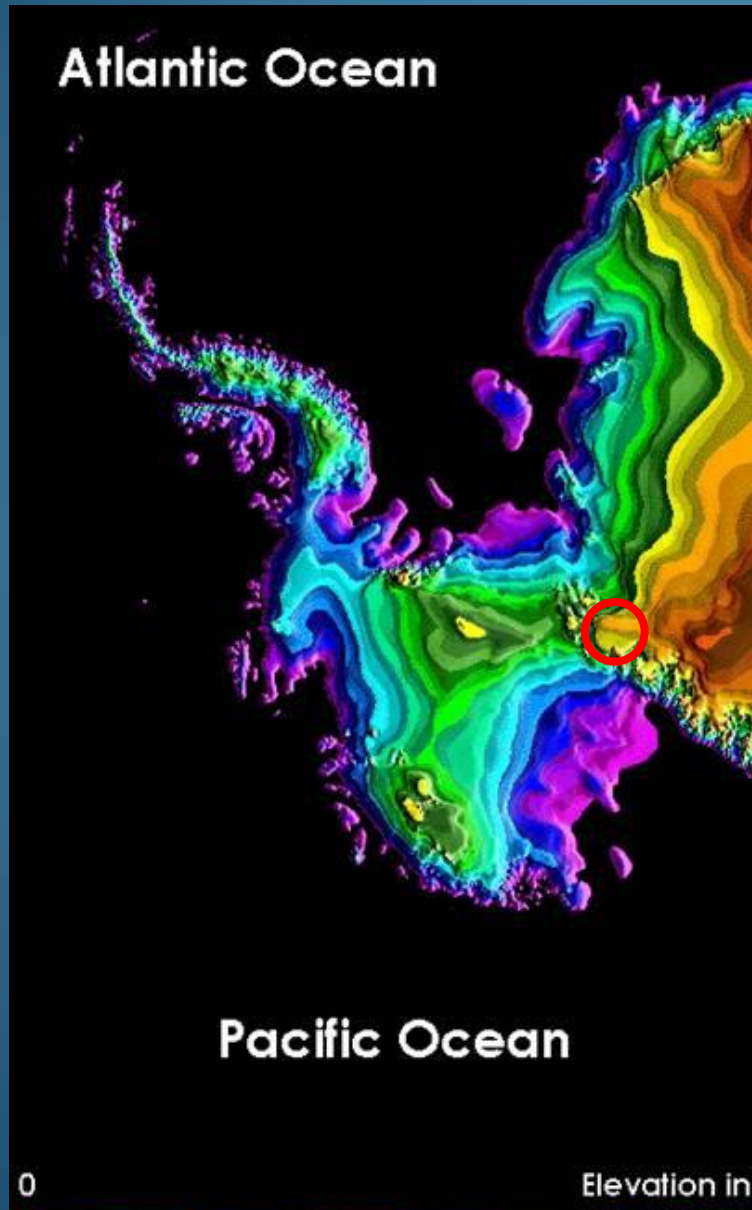


- Stable Ice Flow
- Moderate Accumulation
- Deep Ice
- Little basal melt

WAIS Configuration after collapse

Need site with signals of WAIS collapse but where the ice flow is not affected

Hercules Dome



**West Antarctic influenced
(although technically in
East Antarctica)**

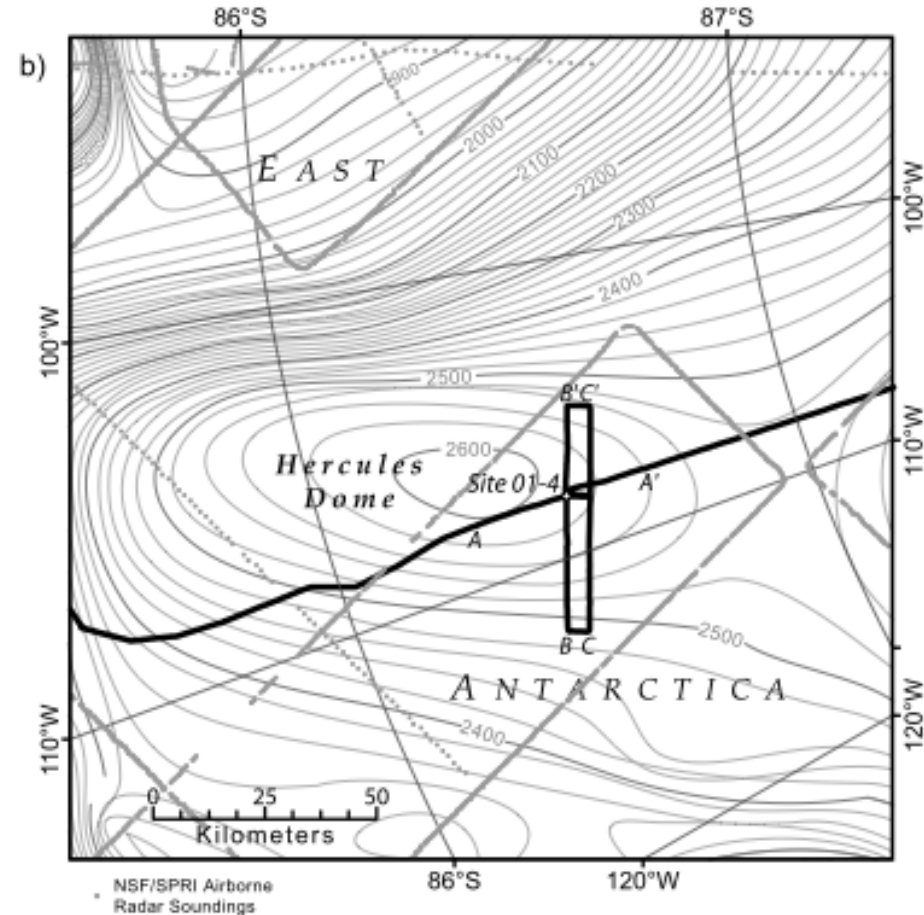
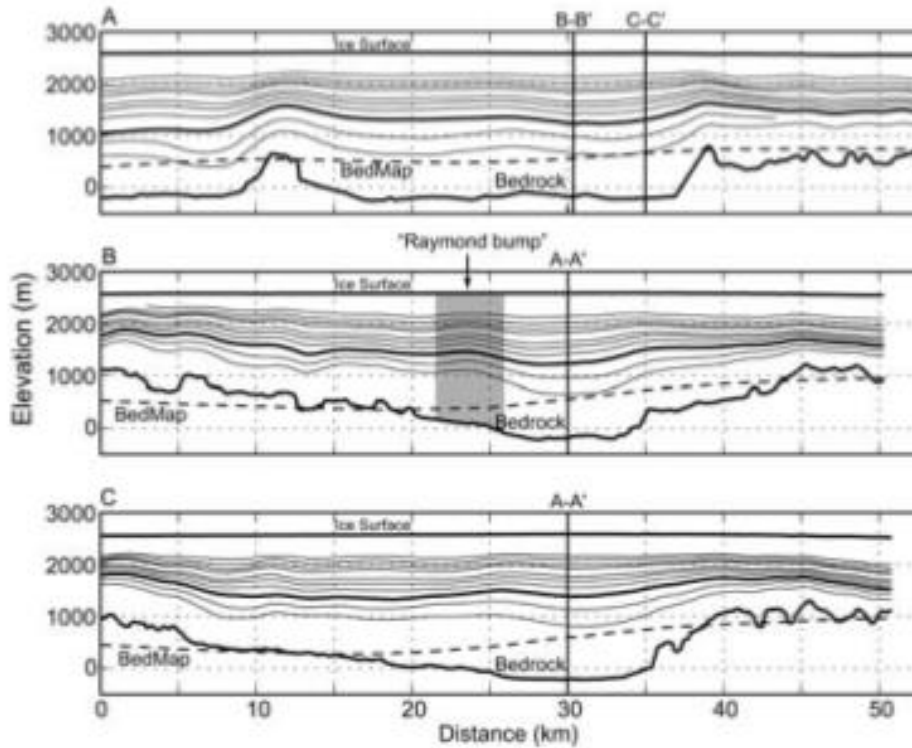
Deep ice (2800 m)

**Moderate Accumulation
(12 cm yr⁻¹)**

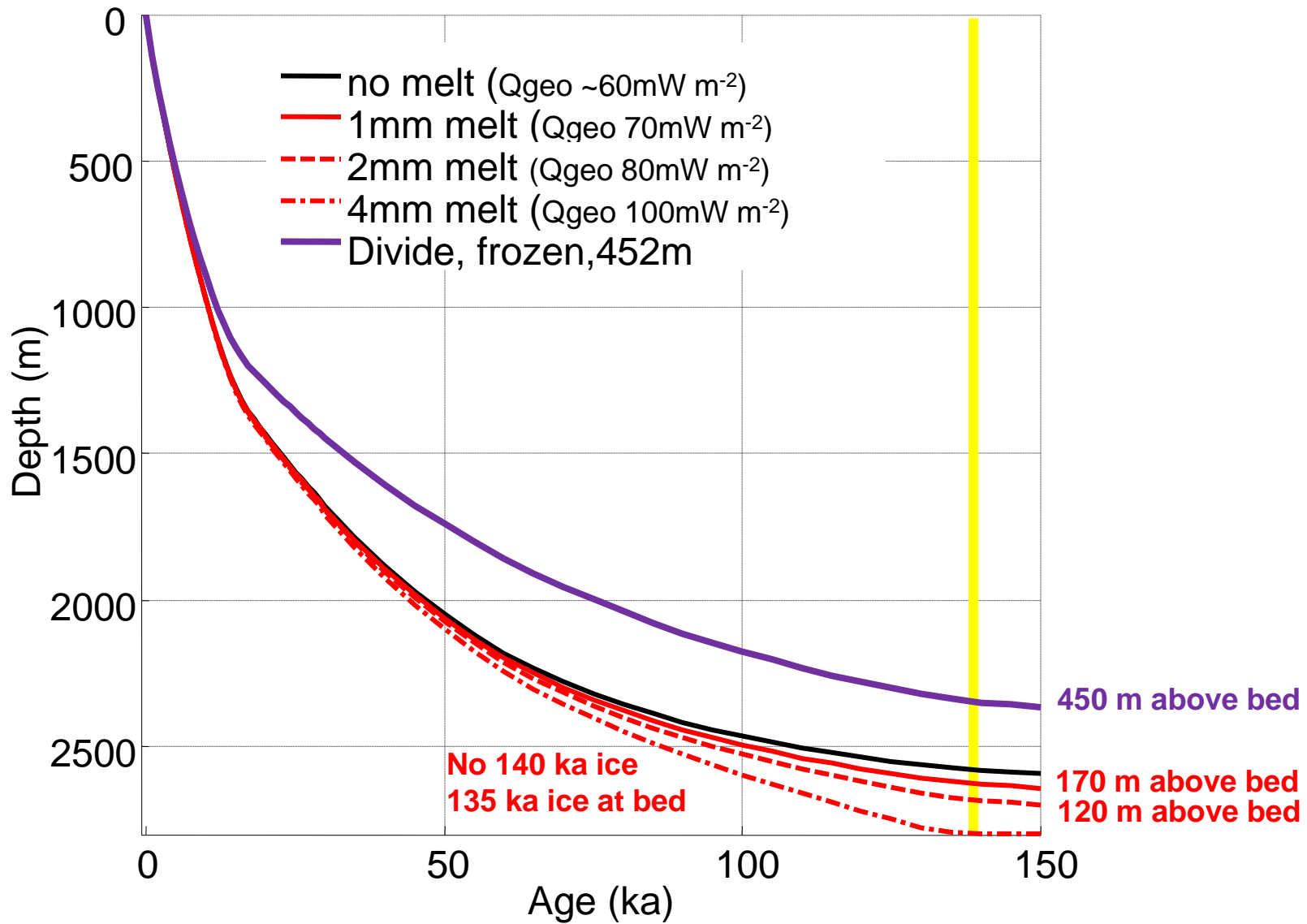
**Likely stable flow and little
basal melt (evidence of
Raymond Bump)**

Hercules Dome: Glaciological Setting

internal layers conformal with bed (a good thing).
some suggestion of a Raymond Bump.



Raymond Bump indicates
frozen bed and stable ice flow



Project Schedule

- April 2014 – site selection proposal
- Summer 15/16 – large radar/GPS survey
 - If Raymond Bump confirmed, propose deep drilling in April 2016
- Summer 16/17 – detailed radar survey
 - Place X on map
- Summer 17/18 – establish field camp
- Summer 18/19 – deploy DISC drill, case firn
- Summer 19/20 – first season deep drilling, to 600m
- Summer 20/21 – second season deep drilling, to 1500 m
- Summer 21/22 – last season deep drilling, to 2600 m (bed)
- Summer 22/23 – replicate coring of MIS5e
- Summer 23/24 – borehole logging, remove DISC drill