

Response to comments by reviewer 1

The authors would like to thank the reviewer 1 for the valuable comments and the suggested modifications/ improvements, which will help us to enhance the content of the manuscript.

Hereunder, we address the comments and suggestions from the reviewer 1 and provide the response to each point raised. Our responses are given in black colour.

Reviewer comment:

ΔR instead of R: The focus of the paper shifts from Marine Reservoir Age (MRA) R to ΔR (line 60-63) to discuss local deviations from a modelled global MRA that is, however, uncertain at high latitudes. The definition of MRA is the deviation from the atmosphere (globally well mixed, line 47-48). Since the correlation of the sediment core with the $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ ice core record provides an independent time scale and thus access to the IntCal20 atmospheric ^{14}C record, the local MRA at any place in the sediment core record follows from a simple comparison between the measured sediment ^{14}C concentration and IntCal20.

Reply:

Thank you for this thoughtful comment. The framework of our study is designed to estimate the likelihood of ΔR , rather than the likelihood of R directly. The reason is, that the R-estimate in Marine20 include some aspects that will also affect high-latitude records, such as the dependence of air-sea gas exchange on CO_2 -levels and transient changes of atmospheric $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$. Of course, additional factors can affect local R especially at high latitudes. However, we want to point out that when applying a constant ΔR we obtain a good for match for ^{10}Be and hence, we don't see any evidence for a variable ΔR from our data.

Reviewer comment:

Local ΔR range: Comparison with Heaton et al. 2023 modelled Laptev Sea MRA will give local ΔR values for this location near the Lena mouth at the edge of the continental shelf under changing sea level and climate that can be compared with the range of values (-100 to +800 yr) mentioned.

Reply:

Yes correct, in this study we are comparing our estimated ΔR value with the modern ΔR values. We discuss this topic in the Discussion section in the paragraph from line 362 to 370.

Reviewer comment:

Figure 2: Figure 2 provides $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ after climate correction. These assumed corrections are based on our best understanding of the ^{10}Be production, its distribution, and local snow accumulation but the corrections may have flaws. It is thus interesting to compare the $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ record of Figure 2 with the NORTHGRIP $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ climate record and the IntCal20 $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ record (supplemental figure).

From 6000 to ~14500 yr BP there is detailed agreement between WAIS and GISP2 while beyond this, to 18000 yr BP the agreement is worse. This change in character closely coincides

with the resumption of a strong Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) and the start of the Bølling in Greenland. IntCal20 shows a steep decrease in $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ slightly earlier, more coeval with the apparently opposite excursions in $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ in WAIS and GISP2. Is this a problem of the Polar Seesaw? The discussion of one high-latitude MRA and one ΔR thus does not do justice to the data presented.

Comparison of the three records further indicates coincidence of the Older Dryas climate episode around 14000 yr BP with a $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ low and a little increase in $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$. (AMOC?) The end of the Allerød/start Younger Dryas shows again coeval cooling and $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ increase with a possible $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ low but here the rapid changes in the $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ record around this time require a more detailed synchronisation to be substantiated. A challenge to the authors.

Reply:

We appreciate your insightful suggestion. The MRA is changing over this time period and it is only the ΔR that is constant. In the Marine20, modelled MRA-changes do not account for changes in AMOC, however, the MRA mainly depends on the equilibration between atmosphere and surface ocean and hence, air-sea gas exchange. So as long as atmospheric $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ is prescribed in the model, the MRA estimate should be reliable (see Köhler et al. 2024). Further, the Laptev Sea is a shallow shelf sea in the tightly enclosed Arctic Ocean with limited exchange with the North Atlantic. It is hence, not clear whether an AMOC-imprint can be expected in this setting. Indeed, climate records from PS2458-4 do not show any evidence for such a coupling during the deglaciation (Spielhagen et al., 2005). Instead, our analysis shows that using a single, constant ΔR value provides a robust match for the Beryllium records. Therefore, we believe that our current methodology is both adequate and appropriate.

Indeed, we recognize the discrepancies between the WAIS and GISP2 records in the period spanning approximately 14,500 to 18,000 years BP. These differences may be due to a variety of reasons: i) The Greenland ice core timescale shows large biases during this period (Adolphi et al. 2018) which would affect the inferred snow accumulation rates and timing of ^{10}Be oscillations, ii) changes in the importance of wet and dry deposition of ^{10}Be into the ice, iii) aerosol transport to Greenland and Antarctica. It is clearly beyond the scope of the paper to discuss or attempt to correct for these effects. Instead, our analysis has deliberately focused on the common structures evident in both records. It is important to note that this particular time frame older than 14,500 years BP is not central to our synchronization efforts. Our synchronization methodology primarily utilizes the period from 6,000 to approximately 14,500 years BP, where there is strong agreement between the WAIS and GISP2 records. This approach allows us to establish a more robust and reliable synchronization. Regarding the changes in $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ and the potential influence of the AMOC, while undoubtedly intriguing, we believe that a comprehensive examination of these factors falls outside the primary scope of our current study.

To elucidate the variability in our records during the Older Dryas climate event (~14,000 years BP) and other periods, we have generated a comprehensive graph (see Fig. A1 below). Recent research by Bard et al. (2023) suggests that the observed excursion in $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ values around this period is attributable to a century-long cosmogenic overproduction event, analogous to the Maunder-type solar minima frequently observed in the past millennia. While a comparative

analysis of $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ record variations with $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ during both the Older Dryas and Younger Dryas periods would be informative, such an investigation extends beyond the primary scope of this study.

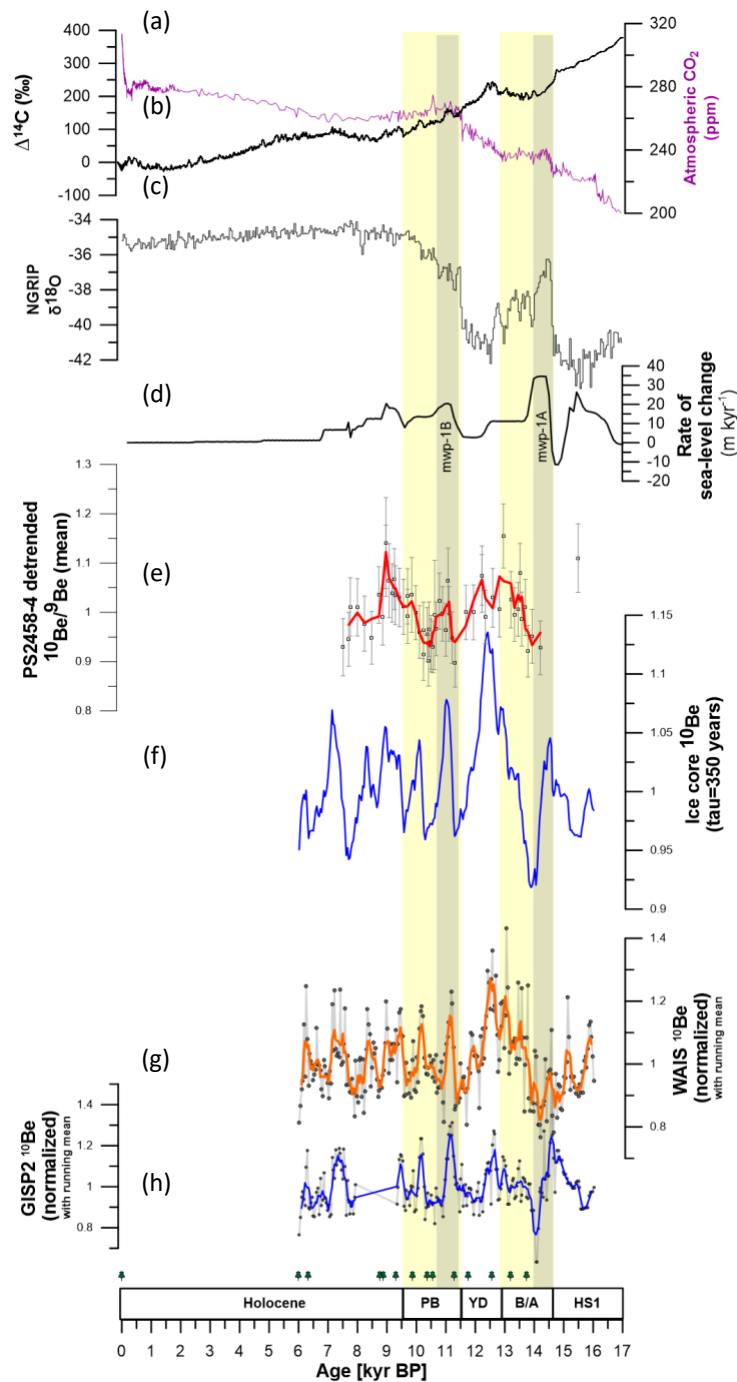


Figure A1. (a) Atmospheric CO₂ (Köhler et al., 2017). (b) $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ (Reimer et al., 2020). (c) NGRIP $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (Andersen et al., 2004). (d) Rate of global sea-level change (Lambeck et al., 2014). (e) PS2458-4 record calculated from the mean of the three detrended data sets with a 3-point LOESS graph using ΔR value of 345 ± 60 ¹⁴C years for age-model. (f) Ice core ¹⁰Be record with tau=350 years. (g) WAIS (Muschitiello et al., 2019; Sigl et al., 2016; Sinnl et al., 2023). (h) GISP2 (Finkel & Nishiizumi, 1997). The pin marks at the bottom represent the age control points of core PS2458-4.

Reviewer comment:

Table S1: The uncertainty intervals of several of the dated samples straddle climate changes in Greenland. The known timing of these changes may, in combination with the sample position in the sediment isotope/climate record, be used to refine the dating intervals. In this respect it would be good to know more about the mixed benthic. Is there information about endobenthic versus epibenthic contributions?

Reply:

Thank you for this suggestion. The measured geochemical parameters from our sediment core does not give a clear indication of the Older Dryas or the Younger Dryas climate signals that can be related to climate changes in Greenland.

More information about the mixed benthic foraminifera and mixed bivalves will be added in Section 2.1 and species details will be included in Table S1 in the revised manuscript (see revised Table S1 hereunder).

Table S1. Radiocarbon and modelled ages from foraminifera and bivalve samples from core PS2458-4

Depth (cm)	¹⁴ C Age (¹⁴ C years)	± (years)	(ΔR= 345 ± 60 ¹⁴ C years BP)		(ΔR= -110 ± 28 ¹⁴ C years BP)		Modelled Age (difference) (cal BP)	Sample type	Species
			Modelled Age (mean) (cal BP)	Modelled Age (cal BP, 2σ)	Modelled Age (mean) (cal BP)	Modelled Age (cal BP, 2σ)			
667	12600	110	13745	14089 – 13360	14452	14870 – 14009	707	mb, mbf	<i>Thyasira</i> sp., <i>Yoldiella</i> sp.
578	12270	65	13198	13428 – 12982	13687	13931 – 13470	489	mb	<i>Thyasira</i> sp., <i>Yoldiella</i> sp.
530	11560	100	12551	12815 – 12244	12980	13199 – 12748	429	mb	<i>Thyasira</i> sp., <i>Yoldiella</i> sp.
491*	10968	159	11753	12220 – 11280	12371	12692 – 12026	618	mbf	<i>L. lobatula</i> , <i>C. neoteretis</i>
467	10600	75	11291	11630 – 11005	11973	12279 – 11683	682	mb	<i>Thyasira</i> sp., <i>Yoldiella</i> sp.
399	10090	65	10551	10811 – 10276	11185	11397 – 10991	634	mb	<i>Thyasira</i> sp., <i>Yoldiella</i> sp.
369	10020	70	10357	10606 – 10135	10966	11187 – 10746	609	mb	<i>Thyasira</i> sp., <i>Yoldiella</i> sp.
331.5*	9596	122	9860	10183 – 9527	10456	10757 – 10172	596	mbf	<i>I. helenae</i> , <i>I. norcrossi</i> , <i>C. neoteretis</i>
291.5*	9089	224	9305	9711 – 8917	9890	10230 – 9529	585	mbf	<i>C. neoteretis</i>
252	8830	55	8880	9129 – 8615	9432	9594 – 9258	552	mb	<i>Thyasira</i> sp., <i>Yoldiella</i> sp.
241.5*	8762	141	8762	9058 – 8448	9310	9527 – 9044	548	mbf	<i>I. helenae</i> , <i>I. norcrossi</i> , <i>C. neoteretis</i>
141.5*	6447	158	6334	6696 – 5969	6838	7177 – 6489	504	mbf	<i>C. neoteretis</i>
121.5*	6029	134	5985	6297 – 5638	6463	6790 – 6143	478	mbf	<i>C. neoteretis</i>
0.5*	0		0					mbf	<i>C. lobatulus</i>

Modelled ages were calculated using OxCal4.4 (Ramsey, 2009) with corresponding ΔR values. Marine ¹⁴C dates were calibrated with the Marine20 curve (Heaton et al., 2020). The depth values with asterisks represent the new benthic foraminifera samples measured for ¹⁴C dates. The depth values without asterisks show the ¹⁴C dates published from (Spielhagen et al., 2005). Libby half-life (5568 years) was used to calculate ¹⁴C age of foraminifera samples. The modelled age (difference) is calculated by subtracting the modelled age (mean) with ΔR= -110 ± 28 ¹⁴C years BP from the modelled age (mean) with ΔR= 345 ± 60 ¹⁴C years BP. Sample type: mb= mixed bivalves, mbf= mixed benthic foraminifera.

Paragraph to include in Section 2.1: The mixed bivalve species used in Spielhagen et al. (2005) were described as *Thyasira* sp. and *Yoldiella* sp. Both bivalve species typically occur in cold water environments at continental margins and in areas of limited food supply, as is the Laptev Sea continental margin. Concerning the mixed benthic foraminifera species, usually epibenthic species such as *Lobatula lobatula* are preferred. Since this latter species is rare in

our sediment samples, other species such as: *Cassidulina neoteretis*, *Islandiella helenae* and *Islandiella norcrossi* were selected for radiocarbon dating. In the Arctic Ocean all these species live close to the sediment surface (Wollenburg & Kuhnt, 2000; Wollenburg & Mackensen, 1998a, 1998b) and reflect the carbon and oxygen isotope record of the bottom water in their shells.

Reviewer comment:

Half-life: Line 66 gives the Audi et al., 2003 half-life of 5700 yr. The value of 5730 yr. is still commonly used in reporting ^{14}C results. Please state clearly what has been used in tables 2 and S1.

Reply:

Thank you for pointing this out. For the calculation of the 'radiocarbon age' of the foraminifera samples, the age is calculated using the Libby half-life of 5568 years, by using the following equation: $\text{Age} = -8033 \ln(F^{14}\text{C})$. Even though it is technically incorrect, the Libby half-life remains the age-dating convention so as to avoid the confusion by attempting to update older literature. In Table 2 and S1, the Libby half-life was used and we will add this information in the revised manuscript at the bottom of the Tables.

Reviewer comment:

Discussion: Robustness is important for calibration and can argue for a statistical use of an averaged MRA or ΔR value (lines 309-314). Yet, the time interval considered includes large climatic changes, changes in AMOC, and sea level change and, therefore, large changes in MRA and ΔR are to be expected.

It will be good to build the discussion on the record of changing MRA values over time, obtained from the direct comparison of the synchronized PS2458-4 record with IntCal20. Using a moving time window of 1000 or 1500 years to calculate a 'temporal' best fit instead of the full period may give robustness and flexibility and show differences for the H1, the Bølling/Allerød, Younger Dryas, and (Pre)Boreal periods.

Reply:

Thank you for this suggestion. According to the initial radiocarbon-based age model that we used, the selected sediment samples covered three large cosmogenic radionuclide production rate swings, as evidenced by ice core ^{10}Be and tree-ring ^{14}C records (e.g., Adolphi & Muscheler, 2016), that occurred between 8,500 and 11,500 kyr BP. The variations that were observed in the sediment $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ record follow closely the same pattern and relative amplitudes compared with the ice core ^{10}Be record (Fig. 5). Therefore, it was suggested that the variations observed in the $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ record indeed reflect the production rate changes in the centennial range. As we discussed, we believe that it is a more robust approach to compare whole timeseries by using a statistical method such as the likelihood function (after removing additional trends from influence of mixing riverine and marine endmembers), instead of matching single wiggles (or shorter time periods of 1,000 years) with each other from both records. The latter method is more prone to noise in each dataset and complicates the correct

identification of matching peaks. Moreover, using just a single ΔR , we found that there is a good match between the Be records. Hence this indirectly supports our assumption of a constant ΔR as we should otherwise have obtained a bad match. However, we want to point out, that a constant ΔR does not imply a constant MRA (which is variable in Marine20) but just a constant offset. Figure A2 below shows the ^{14}C Age calculated from the foraminifera samples plotted together with Intcal20 and Marine20 curves. Figure A3 shows the non-polar global-average MRA corresponding to Marine20 and the inferred MRA calculated by subtracting the atmospheric ^{14}C age (derived from Intcal20) from the ^{14}C age of foraminifera and bivalves samples. Based on the results we observe that the inferred MRA data points follow closely the Marine20 MRA+ ΔR data, indicating a good match. This is of course partly expected by design (i.e., through calibration with a constant ΔR), but the fact that this reconciles the ^{14}C -based age model and the ^{10}Be data from ice cores and sediments, gives us confidence in this result.

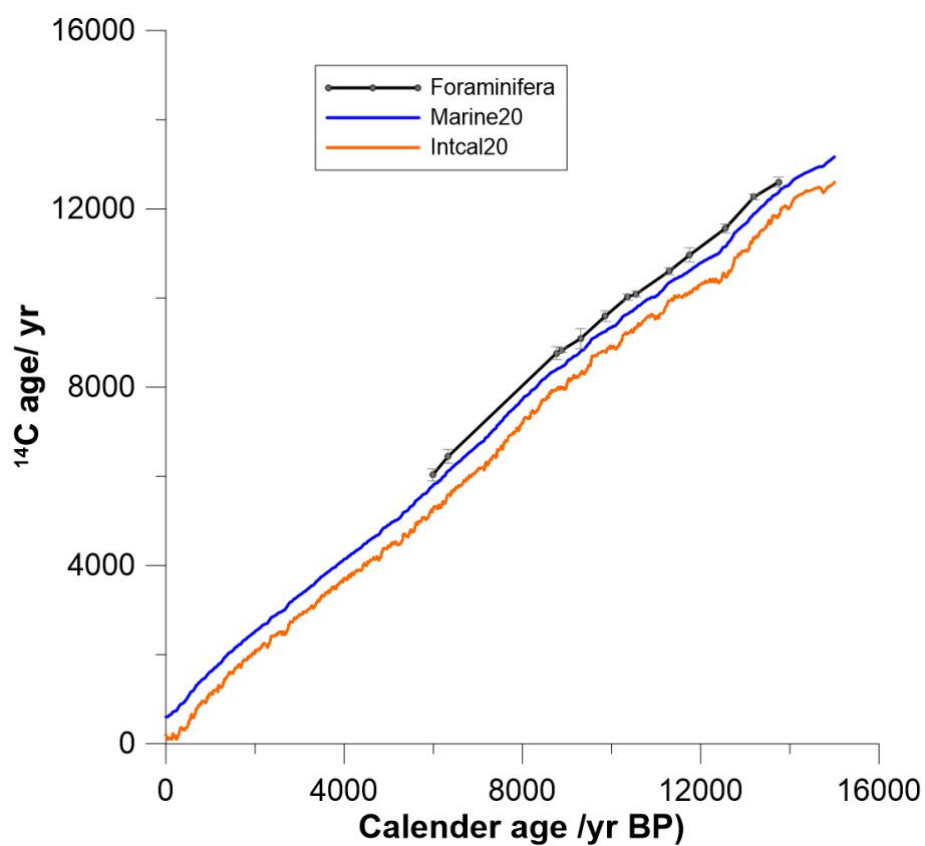


Figure A2. Foraminifera ages plotted with Marine 20 (Heaton et al., 2020) and Intcal20 (Reimer et al., 2020).

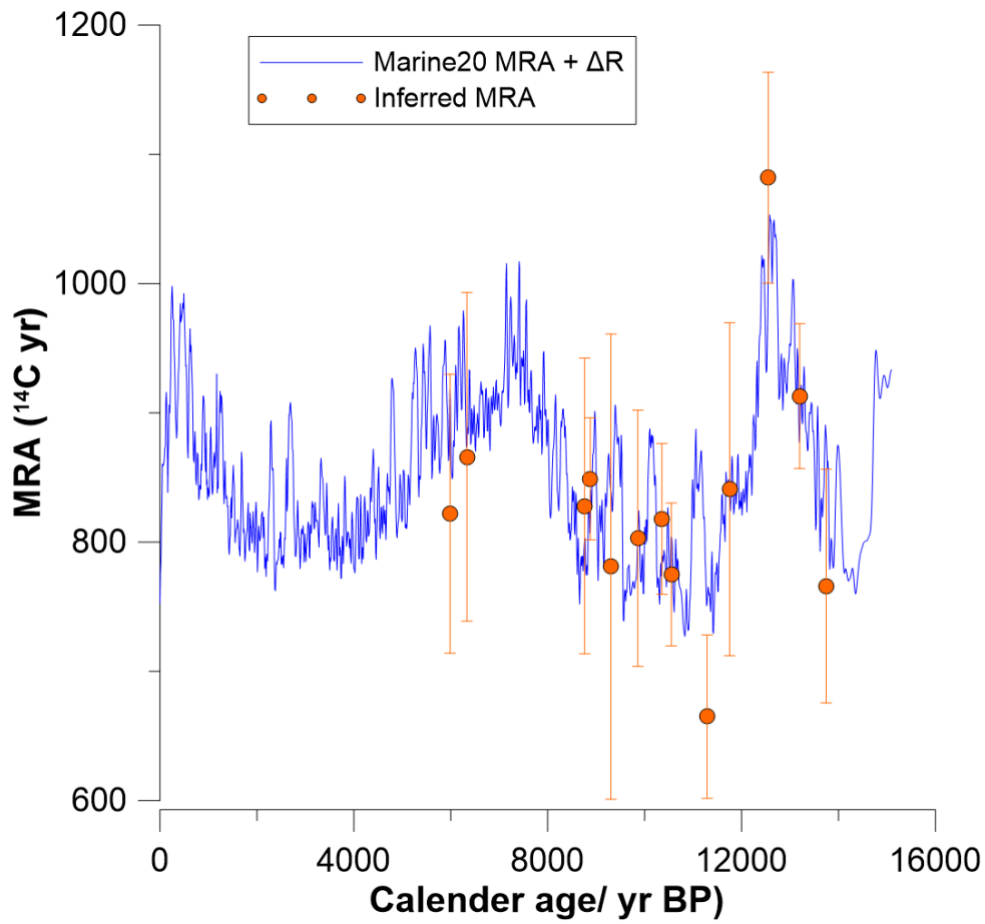


Figure A3. Non-polar global-average MRA corresponding to Marine20 (Heaton et al., 2020) added to ΔR value 345 ¹⁴C years (blue) and the inferred MRA calculated by subtracting the atmospheric ¹⁴C age (derived from Intcal20) from the ¹⁴C age of foraminifera and bivalves samples (orange).

Reviewer comment:

Figure 4b: The Y-axis should read ¹⁰Be/⁹Be

Reply:

The Y-axis of Fig. 4b will be changed accordingly.

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