

1 **The role of seasonality of mineral dust concentration and size on glacial/interglacial dust**
2 **changes in the EPICA Dronning Maud Land ice core**

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22 Key Points:

23 Dust concentration and size are analysed in the EDML ice core.

24 Seasonal phase-lag between dust concentration and size changes over Termination 1

25 Major atmospheric change over Antarctica likely around 16,000 yr BP

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27 **Abstract**

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29 We present a record of particulate dust concentration and size distribution in subannual
30 resolution measured on the EPICA Dronning Maud Land (EDML) ice core drilled in the
31 Atlantic sector of the East Antarctic plateau. The record reaches from present day back to the
32 penultimate glacial until 145,000 yr BP with subannual resolution from 60,000 yr BP to
33 present. Mean dust concentrations are a factor of 46 higher during the Glacial (~850-4600
34 ng/mL) compared to the Holocene (~16-112 ng/mL) with slightly smaller dust particles
35 during the Glacial compared to the Holocene and with an absolute minimum in the dust size
36 at 16,000 yr BP. The changes in dust concentration are mainly attributed to changes in source
37 conditions in southern South America. An increase in the modal value of the dust size
38 suggests that at 16,000 yr BP a major change in atmospheric circulation apparently allowed
39 more direct transport of dust particles to the EDML drill site. We find a clear in-phase relation
40 of the seasonal variation in dust mass concentration and dust size during the Glacial
41 ($r(\text{conc}, \text{size}) = 0.8$) but no clear phase relationship during the Holocene ($0 < r(\text{conc}, \text{size}) <$
42 0.4). With a simple conceptual 1D-model describing the transport of the dust to the ice sheet
43 using the size as an indicator for transport intensity, we find that the effect of the changes in
44 the seasonality of the source emission strength and the transport intensity on the dust decrease
45 over Transition 1 can significantly contribute to the large decrease of dust concentration from
46 the Glacial to the Holocene.

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50 **1. Introduction**

51 Since Antarctica is covered to 98% by ice, the aeolian dust deposited on the Antarctic ice
52 sheet is almost solely of remote origin and was transported thousands of kilometres in the

53 atmosphere. Accordingly, mineral dust measured in Antarctic ice cores presents a unique
54 archive to reconstruct the aeolian mineral dust load in the Southern Ocean region and
55 atmospheric dust transport to Antarctica during the past up to 800,000 years [*Lambert et al.*
56 2008, *Lambert et al.*,2012]. Previous studies showed that the dust concentration in the ice
57 cores from the East Antarctic plateau (EAP) changes on glacial-interglacial timescales by a
58 factor of approximately 50 [e.g. *Fischer et al.*, 2007a, *Lambert et al.*, 2008, *Delmonte et al.*,
59 2008, *Petit et al.*, 1999], with significant impact on the radiative balance of the Earth at least
60 on a regional scale [e.g. *Mahowald et al.*, 2003].

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62 The dust concentration in ice cores is influenced by the conditions at the source, where the
63 dust particles are uplifted into the atmosphere, by the transport processes through the
64 atmosphere from the source to the ice sheet and by deposition processes onto the snow
65 surface. However the contribution of each of these factors to the overall glacial-interglacial
66 change is not sufficiently quantified, although different explanations are put forward [e.g.
67 *Petit and Delmonte*, 2009, *Fischer et al.*, 2007a] as summarized in the Discussion. Moreover,
68 dust enabled atmospheric circulation models still fail to reproduce the large glacial-
69 interglacial amplitudes in dust concentration variability in Antarctic ice cores by one order of
70 magnitude [e.g. *Mahowald et al.*, 2011].

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72 Due to the purity of the ice and the small amount of sample available, the measurement of
73 dust characteristics is challenging, thus, most of the studies are based on samples with a
74 resolution of several years or decades. However, the seasonal variability of dust input to
75 Antarctica is highly variable and a different seasonal timing of source emissions and transport
76 intensity may play a significant role also in the observed long-term changes and cannot be
77 assessed with multi-year averages. Dust plumes originating from South America were found
78 in Antarctica within 6-10 days after the dust emission event [*Gasso et al.*, 2010]. But dust

79 transported in the high troposphere can have a much longer transport time to Antarctica. Due
80 to the relatively short lifetime of mineral dust aerosol of a few days to weeks, maximum dust
81 concentrations in Antarctica can only be encountered when strong source emissions and
82 efficient transport work together seasonally. There are few studies dealing with dust
83 concentration records in seasonal resolution providing information on the seasonal dust
84 concentration maximum. These studies do not give a consistent picture for the whole
85 Antarctic continent. *Bory et al.* [2010], find a maximum in dust concentration in
86 spring/summer on top of Berkner Island. At Law Dome, elevated concentrations were found
87 in spring and autumn with a minimum in winter [*Burn-Nunes et al.*, 2011]. At the northern tip
88 of the Antarctic peninsula on James Ross Island, concentrations in aluminosilicate dust levels
89 are highest during late winter [*McConnell et al.*, 2007]. Again, aerosol measurements at
90 South Pole show a dust concentration peak in austral summer [*Tuncel et al.*, 1989]. Model
91 results of seasonal dust input to all Antarctic sites suggest a maximum in summer for current
92 climate conditions [*Albani et al.*, 2012b]. These discrepancies indicate that models seem not
93 to capture the seasonality of the dust maximum very well at all Antarctic sites and that the
94 dust maxima do not occur synchronously over the whole Antarctic continent. Dust sources,
95 the dynamics of the transport and processes en route can differ significantly within Antarctica,
96 especially between lower altitude coastal sites and sites on the EAP.

97 The predominant dust source for the interior EAP during glacial times is southern South
98 America with possible inputs from additional sources during the dusty glacials [e.g. *Delmonte*
99 *et al.*, 2008, *Delmonte et al.*, 2010, *Marino et al.*, 2009]. During the Holocene, other sources
100 like Australia might become relatively more important in the Indian sector of the EAP [e.g.
101 *Revel-Rolland et al.*, 2006], whereas in the Atlantic sector the influence of Australian dust is
102 minor [*Wegner et al.*, 2012]. At the present day the emission strength of the South American
103 source is highly variable but shows a maximum in summer [*Johnson et al.*, 2010]. Also the

104 highest frequency of dust storms in Australia occurs in spring to summer [*Ekström et al.*,
105 2004].

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107 Additional information primarily on dust transport and deposition may be derived from size
108 distribution measurements on Antarctic ice cores. Assuming a relatively constant dust size
109 during the dust emission at the source [*Kok et al.*, 2011], the dust size in the airborne mineral
110 dust aerosol is mainly influenced by the size fractionating dry deposition en route and, thus,
111 by the length of the transport time as well as transport pathways and therewith atmospheric
112 conditions. But size fractionation during the deposition process over the ice sheet may also
113 influence the size distribution in polar ice [*Unnerstad and Hansson*, 2001]. The longest record
114 of dust size from the EPICA Dome C ice core and the record from Komsomolskaya ice core
115 revealed smaller sizes during cold stages [*Lambert et al.*, 2008, *Delmonte et al.*, 2004]. This
116 was tentatively explained by changes in the contributions of dust transported over different
117 pathways, larger particles transported by advection in lower altitudes and smaller particles
118 transported in higher altitudes via subsidence [*Lambert et al.*, 2008, *Delmonte et al.*, 2004].
119 At Dome C also a slight decrease could be observed in the early deglaciation until 16,000 yr
120 BP. In the Dome B ice core the dust size record shows the opposite glacial/interglacial trend
121 with significantly larger dust particles during the glacial, which could be explained by
122 regional atmospheric circulation changes over Antarctica [*Delmonte et al.*, 2004].

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124 For previous Antarctic ice core studies no consideration has been made that the size
125 distribution of the dust deposited on the ice sheet is not only dependent on the size
126 distribution in the overlying atmosphere (this size distribution is controlled by transport
127 intensity), but that also the ratio of wet vs. dry deposition at the site can have an influence on
128 the size of the dust deposited on the ice sheet. Generally, it is assumed that wet deposition is
129 at first order not size-fractionating, while dry deposition velocity by gravitational settling

130 assuming Stokes settling is dependent on the diameter squared of the dust particles. However,
131 precipitation still has an effect on the size distribution of the deposited aerosol because the
132 amount of wet-deposited aerosol is diluting the contribution of the size fractionating dry
133 deposition. In essence, the dust aerosol deposited on the ice sheet is shifted to larger particles
134 than the overlying atmospheric aerosol by dry deposition, however, the shift decreases with
135 increasing precipitation rate and hence with the amount of wet deposition of mineral dust.
136 Thus changes in precipitation rate, as parametrized by the accumulation rate in ice cores, from
137 one climatic condition to another may have an impact on the size distribution of the dust in
138 the ice, which might add to or compensate for the transport time effect. For the EAP, most of
139 the deep drilling ice core sites have lower accumulation rates than at Dronning Maud Land
140 (DML). Thus, an effect by wet deposition might contribute more strongly in DML, whereas at
141 sites with even lower accumulation rate wet deposition plays an even smaller role.

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143 Seasonal variations in dust size distribution have yet not been derived from Antarctic ice
144 cores yet. Here we fill this gap with dust size measurements on the EPICA (European Project
145 for Ice Coring in Antarctica) ice core drilled in DML. Within EPICA two deep ice cores were
146 drilled. The ice core drilled in DML (EDML: 75°00'S, 00°04'E, 2882 m above sea level,
147 [EPICA-community members, 2006]) has a 2-3 times higher accumulation rate than the one at
148 Dome C (EDC: 75°06'S, 123°21'E, 3233 m above sea level, [EPICA-community members,
149 2004]) and therefore provides higher resolution records down to Marine Isotope Stage 4.
150 Moreover, it is located in the Atlantic sector of the Antarctic continent, directly downwind of
151 the South American continent, which is the main dust source for the EAP [e.g. Delmonte,
152 2008, Marino *et al.*, 2009]. Accordingly, the EDML ice core is excellently suited for high
153 resolution dust studies during Termination I (hereafter T1). In this paper we present the first
154 dust particle concentration and size record from the Atlantic sector of the EAP covering the
155 time period from 60,000 yr BP to 7500 yr BP in subannual resolution and investigate the

156 seasonal phasing of dust concentration and size, which we use as a proxy for the transport
157 intensity. Using a conceptual model we estimate the effect that a change in seasonality could
158 have on glacial-interglacial dust concentration changes.

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161 **2. Methods**

162 Samples for the dust size and concentration analyses were taken using a continuous flow
163 analysis (CFA) melting device, which precluded contact of the melt water with contaminated
164 ice core surfaces [Kaufmann *et al.*, 2008, Röthlisberger *et al.*, 2000]. Two laser particle
165 detectors (LPD, Abakus, Fa. Klotz, Bad Liebenzell, Germany) were connected to the
166 meltwater flow with a flow rate of 1.6 mL/min. Data were stored every second, yielding
167 subannual resolution records in dust concentration and size covering the Holocene and back
168 to the last glacial. With one LPD only dust concentration was analysed, whereas with the
169 second LPD dust concentration and size was analysed. For the dust concentration both
170 detectors revealed the same results. Due to dispersion in the entire melt and dust detector line
171 a nominal depth resolution of approximately 0.5 cm was achieved. The entire EDML ice core
172 starting at a depth of 113 m (~1200 yr BP) was continuously analysed down to bedrock.
173 However, below ~2400 m unambiguous dating is not possible; therefore, only results above
174 this depth (corresponding to 145,000 yr BP) are used here. Some intervals could not be
175 evaluated for high resolution dust size due to the insufficient core quality in the brittle ice
176 zone interval 700-800 m (14,600 -12,000 yr BP) and in the depth interval 1258 – 1352 m
177 (35,000 – 40,000 yr BP) due to a failure of the LPD. Due to the layer thinning with depth the
178 annual layer thickness below 1710 m was generally below 1.5 cm except for two excursions
179 of thicker layers between 1800 and 1900 m (not shown). Therefore, the dust concentration
180 and size could not be reliably derived in subannual resolution below 1710 m corresponding to
181 ~60,000 yr BP. For the size calibration of the LPD, additional samples were analyzed for dust

182 size and concentration using a Coulter Counter Multisizer II, Beckmann-Coulter (CC). For
183 details of the Multisizer measurements see *Delmonte et al.*, [2002]. The calibration method
184 was adopted from *Ruth et al.*, [2003]. For each sample measured by CC, the corresponding
185 depth interval measured using the LPD was extracted from the continuous profile. All CC
186 samples were taken from the upper 7 cm of each meter of the core, where the CFA
187 measurement started a new run and often the beginning was affected by contamination or
188 missing ice. If more than 1 cm was missing in the corresponding part of the LPD profile, the
189 sample was not used for the calibration. If in only one of the samples from CC or LPD
190 unusual high concentrations of larger particles were found, this was treated as contamination
191 and the samples were not used for the calibration. Finally, a set of 45 samples was available
192 for the calibration with similar number of Holocene and Glacial samples. Beginning with the
193 large particles (to reduce the uncertainty due to noise in the lowermost channels), the number
194 size distribution from the LPD samples was shifted onto the CC spectra for each of the 45
195 calibration samples. To this end, the bin boundaries of the LPD were adjusted to match the
196 size distributions to the CC results (Figure 1). On the basis of the new bin boundaries a new
197 calibration line was generated for each of the samples. Possible differences in recovery were
198 corrected by the ratio of the concentration measured by both methods. Eventually, the new
199 calibration line was calculated as the mean value of all 45 individual calibration lines.
200 Examples for the Holocene (580 m) and the Glacial (1051 m) are given in Figure 1.

201 As a proxy for the dust size, the coarse particle percentage (CPP) was calculated by dividing
202 the volume fraction $>2 \mu\text{m}$ (diameter of a sphere with the same volume as the respective
203 particle) by the total volume concentration ($>1 \mu\text{m}$). In previous studies the fine particle
204 percentage (FPP volume fraction $1 \mu\text{m}$ to $2 \mu\text{m}$ divided by total volume concentration) was
205 widely used [*e.g. Lambert et al.* 2008], which is the inverse of the CPP. For convenience, we
206 use the CPP, as the value of both CPP and mode increase if more large particles are found in
207 the sample. The uncertainty of the CPP inferred from the counting error of each size bin is

208 usually below 1%. Therefore, we can exclude, that the observed variations are caused by
209 analytical biases. Additionally, for the low resolution profiles (1 m averages), we used the
210 modal value μ of a fitted logarithmic normal function as a measure for the mean dust size.
211 The uncertainty of the modal value μ is controlled by the counting error of each size bin (
212 \sqrt{N}) and the interval chosen for fitting. The influence of the counting statistics was
213 determined by a Monte Carlo technique as follows: 1000 size spectra were calculated, where
214 the counts in each size bin were varied within the counting uncertainty. The mean of the 1000
215 values for this size bin equaled the measured value $N(r)$ for the specific size bin and the 1σ
216 interval the statistical counting error $\sqrt{N(r)}$ for this size bin with mean radius r . This was
217 done for all size bins yielding 1000 size spectra. The mode obtained by performing a log-
218 normal fit on all those spectra varied within 1σ of less than $0.02 \mu\text{m}$ for the glacial samples
219 and $0.05 \mu\text{m}$ for interglacial samples. The influence of the interval chosen for fitting
220 (approximately from 1 - $4 \mu\text{m}$) was determined by changing the fitting interval. The range for
221 reasonable values for μ by changing the range of the fitting interval was $0.05 \mu\text{m}$ for glacial
222 and interglacial values and thus the dominant error compared to the counting error. For the
223 high resolution dust size measurements, the total number of counted dust particles was often
224 too low to fit a logarithmic normal function and the CPP provided a more robust estimate of
225 changes in dust size. The two different size parameters are interchangeable especially during
226 the Glacial and the first part of the transition (Figure 2 and Figure 3). Thus, the use of either
227 of them will not affect the results and the discussion. For the Holocene the CPP appeared to
228 be the more robust parameter. Below 2050 m (corresponding to about 87,000 yr BP) mm-
229 scale z-folds and up to 15° tilts start to show up in visible layers in the ice core [Faria et al.,
230 2010]. At that depth CPP and mode start to diverge. Thus we assume, that dust size cannot be
231 reliably reproduced with our methods in this depth interval and the size data are not used here.
232 The concentration does not seem to be affected as shown by the very good correspondence of
233 Ca^{2+} and dust concentration profiles (Figure 2). In the following we will always refer to the

234 CPP. The age scale of the EDML ice core was adopted from AICC2012 [Veres *et al.*, 2013].
235 For the depth intervals 450 – 800 m and 1450-1500 m individual layer counting was
236 conducted. For all other depth intervals the AICC2012 agescale was linearly interpolated on 1
237 m intervals.

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239 **3. Results**

240 An overview over the dust concentration, flux and size in the EDML ice core is shown in
241 Figure 2. Additionally, accumulation rates [EPICA-community members, 2006], $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values
242 [EPICA-community members, 2006] as an indicator for temperature, and nss- Ca^{2+} -fluxes for
243 EDML and EDC quantified using CFA [Kaufmann *et al.*, 2010] as a proxy for the soluble
244 dust fraction are given. Here, the dust particle number and dust mass concentrations are given.
245 Mass concentration and number concentration profiles show a very high coherence (Figure 2
246 (f) and (g)). Further on, only dust mass concentrations will be used (which can be directly
247 compared to other geochemically important dust tracers such as Ca^{2+}) and denoted as dust
248 concentration. The complete undisturbed ice core record reaches back to 145,000 yr BP.
249 Below that, unambiguous dating is not possible at the present stage. Down to 60,000 years the
250 annual layer thickness is above 1.5 cm, the limit for the identification of a seasonal signal.
251 Below 1.5 cm, dispersion in the CFA system does not allow to distinguish single years.
252 Accordingly, we will interpret seasonal cycles in dust concentration and size only for the last
253 60,000 years in this study.

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255 Clearly identifiable are the strongly elevated dust levels during the Glacial stage. The mean
256 glacial dust concentration is 46 times higher than during the Interglacials (Holocene 7000 yr
257 BP – 10,000 yr BP: 16-112 ng/mL, Glacial 18,000 yr BP – 26,000 yr BP: 850-4600 ng/mL).
258 However, the absolute minimum of 6 ng/mL in the dust concentration record is reached at
259 ~11,600 yr BP. This is in line with dust concentration ratios of other Antarctic ice cores like

260 Vostok and EPICA Dome C [*Lambert et al.*, 2008, *Petit et al.*, 1999]. In the very low
261 accumulation areas of the high EAP dry deposition of dust aerosol prevails. In this case
262 variations in the dust flux are more representative of accompanying changes in the
263 atmospheric aerosol concentration [*Fischer et al.*, 2007b]. The absolute dust flux in the
264 EDML ice core is about twice as high as at EPICA Dome C due to the closer proximity of the
265 EDML drill site to Southern South America (Figure 2(d)), the main glacial dust source for the
266 entire EAP and also the predominant Holocene source in the case of EDML [*Wegner et al.*
267 *2012*]. The glacial dust flux at EDML is a factor of 18 higher than in the Holocene. The
268 profiles of the dust concentration and the nss-Ca^{2+} concentration show very good
269 correspondence especially for the parts of the records with higher dust concentrations, where
270 the Ca^{2+} concentration is dominated by input of crustal material.

271 The dust particle size (given as modal value μ or CPP in Figure 2(c) and 3(d)) is slightly
272 larger during the Holocene than during the Glacial. However, early during T1, the particle
273 size intermittently decreases even further until about 16,000 yr BP, followed by an increase to
274 the Holocene level. This is in line with results from other Antarctic ice cores. In the EPICA
275 Dome C and Komsomolskaya ice cores, larger particles were also found during warm stages
276 [*Delmonte et al.*, 2004]. An evident size minimum during the early deglaciation until 16,000
277 yr BP was also observed at Dome C [*Delmonte et al.*, 2004] and at Talos Dome [*Albani et al.*,
278 2012a]. For the last Glacial, there is no clear correspondence between particle size and
279 temperature or dust concentration. Dust size in the Dome B record shows the opposite
280 glacial/interglacial trend with significantly larger dust particles during the glacial. This has
281 been attributed to regional differences in atmospheric pathways in terms of transport through
282 either advection or subsidence over the EAP [*Delmonte et al.*, 2004]. Note, that when
283 considering multi-annual mean modal values, the results are biased to the modal values
284 occurring during the dust concentration maxima. Thus a different seasonality in dust
285 concentration and size at different sites may also contribute to the differences in the size

286 record additional to the effect of different atmospheric pathways. It cannot be ruled out, that
287 during different climatic stages, the contribution of particles transported in lower atmospheric
288 levels by advection onto the plateau and particles transported in higher atmospheric levels and
289 subsidence may have changed on seasonal scale. However, due to the lack of seasonally
290 resolved dust size information at other sites, the extent of this effect cannot be quantified at
291 this point.

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293 The high resolution concentration and size profiles measured in this study allow for the first
294 time also an investigation of the seasonal phase relationship of dust concentration and dust
295 size. Examples for high resolution size and dust mass concentrations in different climatic
296 stages are given in Figure 4. Here, higher covariance of dust concentration and size can be
297 identified during the Glacial compared to the Holocene. Figure 5 shows the mean seasonality
298 during a time interval of ~3000 years during the Holocene (6700 – 9500 yr BP) and Glacial
299 (45,000 – 48,000 yr BP). During the Glacial, CPP and dust concentration show their
300 maximum approximately during the same time of the year, whereas during the Holocene the
301 maximum of the CPP is opposite to the dust concentration maximum. The lower amplitude
302 during the glacial can be explained by the lower layer thickness and therewith higher
303 dispersion over one year. The correlation between the CPP and the dust concentration over 1
304 m intervals over the past 60 000 is displayed in Figure 3. To investigate the effect of the
305 different time resolution for the Holocene and the Glacial the correlation was also calculated
306 using data on an equidistant time scale in the depth intervals 450 - 800 m and 1450 -1500 m
307 revealing the same results. The high correlation during the Glacial ($r = \sim 0.8$) decreases during
308 T1 to very variable and much lower correlation coefficients between 0 and 0.4. Due to bad
309 core quality in the so called “brittle zone”, data gaps arise between 12,000 yr BP and 16,000
310 yr BP. Additionally, between 35,000 yr BP and 39,000 yr BP, the dust size could not be
311 evaluated in high resolution due to technical failure of the LPD. During Marine Isotope Stage

312 3 we find lower concentrations in parallel to the major Antarctic isotope maxima (AIM,
313 EPICA-community members, 2006). The correlation of dust concentration and CPP ranges
314 between $0.2 < r < 0.7$ for these AIM events, with lower correlations during warmer periods.
315 As mentioned above, a shift in seasonal phasing could have an influence on the multi-annual
316 mean values. During warmer climatic stages, we find more often the dust size maximum not
317 to be synchronous with the concentration maximum. The multi-annual size mean value is
318 dominated by the size during the dust maximum, thus shifted to larger particles during the
319 Glacial compared to the Holocene. The influence of the dust deposited outside the
320 concentration maximum on the multiannual mean size is much smaller. Thus, we conclude,
321 that the increase in size from the Glacial to the Holocene cannot be explained by the shift in
322 the seasonal phasing of dust concentration and size.

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324 As mentioned above, the timing of the dust input to Antarctica during the year is not
325 simultaneous at all sites because sources, atmospheric transport dynamics and processes
326 occurring during transport can be different. To pinpoint the timing during the year when dust
327 input to DML reaches its maximum, the particle and Na^+ -concentration profiles during the
328 Holocene were used. At EDML the Na^+ -concentration maximum occurs clearly during austral
329 winter [Sommer *et al.*, 2000, Weller and Wagenbach, 2007]. In order to determine the
330 seasonality of the dust maximum at EDML, first, the maxima in the high resolution Na^+ -
331 concentration profile from the EDML ice core were defined as winter and the distance
332 between adjacent Na^+ -concentration maxima were subdivided in 12 equidistant intervals. The
333 position of the dust concentration maximum in one of the 12 intervals was then determined
334 (Figure 6). Note, that this plot does not show the mean seasonality, but the timing of the dust
335 peak. Dust maxima occur during all times of the year. However, most maxima are found at
336 the same time as the Na^+ -concentration maximum during winter with a probability of dust
337 maximum occurrence twice as high as during summer. The analysis technique used to

338 determine Na^+ -concentrations causes larger dispersion than the determination of Ca^{2+} - and
339 dust concentrations. Thus, the investigation of the phase lag of Na^+ and Ca^{2+} - as well as dust
340 concentrations cannot be performed for the deeper part at 1450 m – 1500 m, where dust
341 concentrations still show a seasonal signal, whereas seasonal variability in Na^+ - concentration
342 is completely smoothed out in the CFA data.

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344 4. Discussion

345 4.1 Multiannual mean values

346 First, we will focus on the multiannual mean values of the dust proxies with emphasis on the
347 dust size. The decrease of the dust concentration during T1 starts around 20,000 yr BP (Figure
348 3). Simultaneously, also the dust size starts to decrease until ~16,000 yr BP, where a sharp
349 increase in the dust size to larger Holocene values can clearly be discerned. This intermittent
350 decrease in dust size during T1 could also be observed in Dome C and Talos Dome [*Delmonte*
351 *et al.*, 2004, *Albani et al.*, 2012a]. At the same time, the chemical signature of the dust
352 changes in DML and Dome C [*Röthlisberger et al.*, 2002, *Gabrielli et al.*, 2010, *Wegner et*
353 *al.*, 2012]. A divergence between the dust flux in Talos Dome and Dome C, was found after
354 16,000 yr BP with a higher ratio between Talos Dome and EDC dust fluxes after 16,000 yr
355 BP compared to the time before [*Albani et al.*, 2012b]. Summarizing the observations from
356 the Antarctic dust records, evidence increases that around 16,000 yr BP a significant change
357 occurred in either the sources or the transport characteristics of dust, that had an Antarctic
358 wide influence on the dust deposition.

359 In previous studies the glacial/interglacial decrease in the dust flux was explained by an
360 increased hydrological cycle, weaker source emissions and a change in atmospheric transport
361 [e.g. *Petit et al.*, 1999, *Fischer et al.*, 2007b]. *Röthlisberger et al.* [2002] attributes the
362 changes in dust flux during the first part of T1 (until 15,000 yr BP) mainly to changes in the
363 source areas (vegetation cover and local climate) and the further decrease to a reorganization

364 of atmospheric circulation. From a sediment core offshore Chile at 41°S an increase in sea
365 surface temperatures (SSTs) occurred mainly between 18,800 yr BP and 16,700 yr BP [*Lamy*
366 *et al.*, 2007], which is closely linked to the position of the southern westerly wind belt
367 (SWW), which has large impacts on the uplift and long range transport of dust from
368 Patagonia, the main source area until 16,000 yr BP. *Stenni et al.* [2010] observed a different
369 climatic evolution between the Atlantic and the Indo-Pacific sector between 16,000 yr BP and
370 14,500 yr BP with a deceleration of the warming in the Atlantic Sector connected to different
371 shifts in moisture sources, which is explained by a reorganization of the atmospheric
372 circulation. Taking these facts together, evidence becomes stronger that T1 can be subdivided
373 into two parts. During the first part from 20,000 yr BP until around 16,000 yr BP gradual
374 processes like a weakening of the source due a shift in the westerly wind belt cause the
375 decrease in dust concentration. Around 16,000 yr BP, a more abrupt change happened with an
376 Antarctic wide atmospheric reorganisation, that allowed more direct transport of dust
377 indicated by larger particles to DML.

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379 The dust size is modulated by changes in transport time and pathways [*Ruth et al.*, 2003,
380 *Fischer et al.*, 2007b] as well as the snow accumulation rate through atmospheric scavenging
381 processes. The significant warming between 18,000 and 16,000 yr BP and further on during
382 the transition suggests also an increasing accumulation rate at this time [*EPICA-community*
383 *members*, 2004, 2006], which would favor smaller particles in the ice at the onset of the
384 termination. This is suggested by the dust size change in Figure 3, however, the change in the
385 accumulation rate, which is significantly less than a factor of 2 at this point, cannot
386 quantitatively explain the accompanying decrease in dust concentration of about a factor of
387 10. Additionally, the dust size starts to decrease already at 20,000 yr BP whereas the increase
388 of accumulation rate seem to start slightly later. Thus especially during the time between
389 20,000 yr and 18,000 yr BP accumulation rate changes probably does not account for a

390 reduction in dust size. Alternatively, a less efficient transport at the onset of the termination
391 could contribute to the smaller particles at that time and would also slightly reduce the dust
392 concentration. However, the main driver of the 10-fold decrease in dust concentration in this
393 time interval appears to be a reduction in source strength.

394 After 16,000 yr BP the dust concentration continues to decrease but the dust size is
395 increasing. This occurs at a time where accumulation rates continue to rise significantly and,
396 thus, we can exclude that accumulation rate accounts for the change in dust size. At that time
397 the transport effect must overcompensate a reduced relative contribution of size fractionating
398 dry deposition and we conclude that after 16,000 yr BP transport must have intensified or
399 different transport pathways enabling larger particles to reach DML became more important.

400 This explanation holds both for EDML, EDC and Komsomolskaya but cannot explain the
401 opposite glacial/interglacial change of dust size at Dome B. The latter may reflect a regional
402 difference in dust transport [Delmonte *et al.*, 2004]. A more efficient transport for dust to the
403 EAP during the second part of the transition, however, would also lead to higher dust
404 concentrations. This may be partly compensated by the stronger wash out of particles en route
405 reducing the atmospheric life time of dust and the higher snow accumulation at that time
406 leading to a dilution of dust concentrations in the ice. Also, a decrease in the source strength
407 occurring simultaneously could lead to a decreased dust concentration in the ice. If the
408 accompanying change in Rare Earth element composition at ~16,000 yr BP [Wegner *et al.*,
409 2012] is due to a strong reduction of one source, this supports the latter explanation. The total
410 change in dust concentration after 16,000 yr BP to the Holocene is a decline by a factor of 4-
411 5, which is in the possible range of the combined effects on dust concentration by stronger
412 wet deposition during transport and at the ice core drill sites (see also section on seasonality
413 below). Interestingly, such competing effects of shortened transport time and significantly
414 reduced atmospheric lifetime are in general agreement with little net change in the difference
415 between dust fluxes between EDML and EDC over time [Fischer *et al.*, 2007a], assuming a

416 major Patagonian dust contribution for both sites. Note, however, that for sites in the
417 Indopacific sector of the EAP such as Dome C other sources than Patagonia become relatively
418 more important in the late stage of the transition.

419 Thus we conclude that during the first part of T1 up to 16,000 yr BP, where only South
420 American dust is identified in East Antarctica, a reduced emissivity of the source must have
421 occurred accompanied by a less effective transport. Additionally an increase of wet deposition
422 could have played a minor role. After 16,000 yr BP the source strength may have continued to
423 decline but a reorganization of atmospheric circulation allowed for faster dust transport or
424 different transport pathways but significantly increased wash out of dust during transport.

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426 4.2 High resolution dust concentration and size profile

427 Quantitatively disentangling the contribution of different processes to the large
428 glacial/interglacial variability in dust concentration in ice cores is a key question. Here we
429 propose a new approach using subannual resolution dust concentration and size profiles to
430 investigate possible seasonal processes contributing to the decrease in dust flux over T1:

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432 The main processes influencing the dust concentration in the snow C_{snow} for different time
433 periods (t_1 and t_2) are the source emission strength E , the transport efficiency T and processes
434 related to the deposition D with:

$$\frac{C_{t1}}{C_{t2}} = \frac{E_{t1}}{E_{t2}} \cdot \frac{T_{t1}}{T_{t2}} \cdot \frac{D_{t1}}{D_{t2}} \quad (1)$$

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436 *Martinez-Garcia et al.*, [2009] found a factor of 5 higher dust fluxes in the glacials compared
437 to interglacials in a sediment core from the South Atlantic, at a site directly downwind
438 Patagonia, the main dust source for the EAP during Glacials [e.g. *Delmonte et al.*, 2008,
439 *Marino et al.*, 2009, *Gabrielli et al.*, 2010] and for DML also during the Holocene [*Wegner et*

440 *al.*, 2012]. Thus, this record can be taken as an estimate for the ratio in the Patagonian dust
441 source emission strength between the last Glacial and the Holocene. *Petit and Delmonte*,
442 [2009] derived a factor of 2-4 change in apparent source strength slightly lower than
443 *Martinez-Garcia et al.* [2009]. Since on the EAP most of the dust is deposited by dry
444 deposition, the increase in snow accumulation between the last glacial to the Holocene
445 accounts for another factor of 2 in the dust concentration [*EPICA-community members*, 2006].
446 Overall changes in emission strength together with changes in local deposition over the ice
447 sheet (due to the lower glacial accumulation rate) can explain about a factor of 10 (out of 46)
448 in the glacial/interglacial dust concentration change. Accordingly, another factor of 4-5 is
449 missing in the budget.

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451 As outlined above the increase in dust size in the later part of the transition implies a faster or
452 more direct transport and thus a tendency to higher concentration at that time, which is the
453 opposite to the observed decrease in dust concentration during that time. When looking at
454 multi-annual mean modal values, the obtained size is biased to the sizes occurring during the
455 dust concentration maxima, which could affect the estimates for the glacial/interglacial
456 change in dust concentration. In this study, we address the question how much of the glacial-
457 interglacial dust concentration changes can be attributed to a change in the seasonal phasing
458 of dust transport and dust emission. Needless to say that other processes such as a reduced
459 hydrological cycle and the larger amount of total emitted dust during the glacial are other
460 important factors influencing the dust concentration in Antarctic ice cores.

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462 To explain the effect of the phase lag in dust concentration and size on the glacial/interglacial
463 dust difference we apply a simple conceptual model for the dust transport from the dust
464 source to the ice sheet.

465 Taking into account a seasonal variability in each of the components Eq. (1) turns into

$$C_{snow}(t) = E(t) \cdot T(t) \cdot D(t) \quad (2)$$

466 where t is the time of the year. The maximum of the dust storm frequency in Patagonia at
 467 present day occurs in summer [Johnson *et al.*, 2010]. This already shows that the occurrence
 468 of the dust maximum in EDML in winter for interglacial conditions cannot be explained by
 469 the emission seasonality $E(t)$, but is controlled by the recent seasonality in transport and/or
 470 deposition.

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472 To estimate a magnitude of the effect of seasonality with our simple model approach we
 473 describe the dust emission $E(t)$ with a sin-function

$$E(t) = \Delta E \cdot \sin(\omega_E \cdot t) + \bar{E} \quad (3)$$

474 with \bar{E} the mean total emission flux per year, $\omega_E = 2\pi/1year$ and t given in years.. ΔE
 475 accounts for the seasonal amplitude in source, with $\Delta E < \bar{E}$, to exclude a negative value for
 476 the source strength.

477 Based on an atmospheric model, the simulated tracer age [Krinner and Genthon, 2003] at the
 478 EDML drill site as a proxy for the age of the air mass reaching the site is smaller in austral
 479 winter than summer for present day and the LGM. However, the absolute modeled tracer age
 480 is smaller in the LGM compared to present day. Also backtrajectory studies [Rejmer *et al.*,
 481 2002] show a clear seasonal cycle in transport times of air masses reaching the EAP. In this
 482 meteorological study recent transport to EDML is also slowest in austral summer and more
 483 efficient in winter, but most efficient in austral spring. In any case a significant seasonal
 484 variation in transport time for dust transport to EDML can be expected. We describe the
 485 transport with a sine function

$$T(t) = \Delta T \cdot \sin(\omega_T \cdot t + \varphi) + \bar{T} \quad (4)$$

487 With \bar{T} the mean transport intensity during one year, $\omega_T = 2\pi/1year$ and $0 < \varphi < 2\pi$. ΔT
 488 accounts for the seasonal amplitude in transport efficiency, with $\Delta T < \bar{T}$, to exclude transport

489 from Antarctica to the source area. The phase $0 < \varphi < 2\pi$ accounts for the case that dust
490 emission and transport occurs at different times of the year.

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492 Wet deposition of dust particles occurs in combination with snow accumulation, whereas dry
493 dust deposition is caused by gravitational fallout. At present day about 75% of the dust is
494 estimated to be dry deposited at DML [Fischer *et al.*, 2007b]. During the glacial, when
495 accumulation rates in DML were similar to present day Dome C accumulation, almost all dust
496 is expected to be dry deposited [Fischer *et al.* 2007b]. The overall higher snow accumulation
497 during the Holocene shifts the modal value of the dust volume distribution to smaller values
498 during wet deposition but does not change the seasonality in dust deposition per se. Here the
499 seasonal variation in snow accumulation and its glacial/interglacial change have to be
500 considered. For instance a higher snow accumulation in winter as suggested by [Laepple *et*
501 *al.*, 2011] will favor smaller particles to be deposited during that season. Dependent on the
502 seasonality of dust transport, the seasonal preference of larger dust particles due to changes in
503 the transport time may be either compensated or amplified by the seasonality in precipitation.
504 For present day there exist no reliable seasonally resolved precipitation measurements for the
505 EDML drill site. For other sites on the EAP higher snow accumulation rates were estimated
506 for austral winter [Laepple *et al.*, 2011 and references therein]. The snow height recorded by
507 an automatic weather station in the vicinity of the EDML drill site does not provide a picture
508 representative of the seasonality in precipitation [Welker *et al.*, 2015], but modeling studies
509 suggest that most precipitation is supplied by single snowfall events distributed randomly
510 over the year [Reijmer and van den Broeke, 2001, Schlosser *et al.*, 2010]. For the last glacial
511 there exists no direct estimates of the seasonality in precipitation at all for Antarctica,
512 however there is no indication for a changed seasonality compared to present day [Laepple *et*
513 *al.*, 2011]. To assess the effect of seasonality on the change in the glacial/interglacial dust
514 budget, only the change in precipitation seasonality between Glacial and Holocene has to be

515 considered. Here we assume that the seasonality in precipitation [Laepfle *et al.*, 2011] and
516 thus $D(t)$ has not changed over time. Accordingly, in the following we will neglect the
517 influence of changes in deposition seasonality in our model.

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519 By using equation (2), (3) and (4) with variable φ we can describe a variable phase lag
520 between dust emission and dust transport intensity throughout the year (illustrated in Figure
521 7). For variable φ and fixed ΔT , ΔE , \bar{T} and \bar{E} we calculated the correlation coefficient r
522 between T and C_{snow} .

523 In the following we estimate how the phase lag between T and C influences the loss compared
524 to in-phase emission and transport. Note, however, that the results still depend on the values
525 of \bar{E} , \bar{T} and ΔE , ΔT in Eq. (3) and (4). Figure 8 illustrates the reduction of the dust
526 concentration between source and sink solely from a changed phase-lag of dust emission and
527 transport. For aligned maxima of $E(t)$ and $T(t)$ ($\varphi = 0$) the reduction is 1. With increasing φ
528 the loss due to the changed phase lag increases to a minimum at $\varphi = \pi$. This implies that for
529 an out-of-phase relationship between emission and transport efficiency the high dust load at
530 the source cannot be efficiently transported to Antarctica.

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532 For the last glacial maximum we find correlation coefficients $r(\text{CPP}, C) \sim 0.8$ between the dust
533 size and concentration. Taking this as an estimate for $r(T, C)$, the corresponding value
534 $(E \cdot T)_{\text{norm}} = (E \cdot T(\varphi)) / (E \cdot T(\varphi = 0))$ ranges between $0.8 < (E \cdot T)_{\text{norm}} < 0.85$ dependent on $\bar{T} / \Delta T$
535 corresponding to a reduction of the maximum possible $(E \cdot T)_{\text{norm}}$ to $\sim 80 - 85$ % (indicated as
536 horizontal and vertical dashed lines in Figure 9). For typical Holocene correlation coefficients
537 $0 < r(T, C) < 0.4$, the corresponding value of $(E \cdot T)_{\text{norm}}$ ranges between $0.32 < (E \cdot T)_{\text{norm}} < 0.68$
538 dependent on $\bar{T} / \Delta T$. With our conceptual model approach this corresponds to a reduction of
539 $(E \cdot T)_{\text{norm}}$ to $\sim 32 - 50$ %, i.e. a factor of 2 reduction of $(E \cdot T)_{\text{norm}}$ relative to its glacial value

540 solely due to the dephasing of emission and transport seasonality. Note, that the higher the
541 background transport intensity given by \bar{T} the smaller is the influence of the seasonality. For
542 $\bar{T}/\Delta T = 1$, $(E \cdot T)_{norm}$ is reduced by approximately a factor of 2 from ~ 0.8 to 0.32-0.5. However,
543 for $\bar{T}/\Delta T = 1.5$, $(E \cdot T)_{norm}$ is reduced by a factor of 1.4 from ~ 0.85 to 0.55-0.65 between the
544 Glacial and the Holocene.

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546 As $(E \cdot T)_{norm}$ gives the contribution of a change in the seasonality to the observed
547 Glacial/Interglacial dust decrease, in this simple model approach we find a possible influence
548 of a changed seasonality between dust concentration and size of a factor of 1.5 - 2
549 contributing to the glacial/interglacial dust concentration in EDML change dependent on the
550 phasing of $E(t)$ and $T(t)$. The maximum effect is achieved if emission and transport were in-
551 phase during the glacial and uncorrelated in the interglacial, as suggested by our high-
552 resolution dust data.

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554 What causes the de-phasing of emission and transport during the transition? A contribution by
555 other dust sources like Australia during a different season could influence our estimate. At
556 present day the highest frequency of dust storms in Australia occurs in spring to summer
557 [Ekström *et al.*, 2004], exhibiting only a small shift compared to the summer maximum in
558 Southern South America. As the dust input to DML is dominated by South American dust, the
559 minor contribution by Australian dust is not expected to change the seasonal signal in the dust
560 record significantly. Alternatively, local sources in the Transantarctic Mountains could act as
561 a dust supplier but mainly for larger particles. Another possible contribution to the dust input
562 to DML could originate from the Puna Altiplano (PAP) in Bolivia. There is no study yet, that
563 could distinguish from where in South America the dust reaching DML originates from. In
564 the PAP most of the annual precipitation occurs during austral summer. The maximum wind
565 speed is observed during winter and early spring, when the subtropical jet stream crosses the

566 PAP [Clapperton, 1993]. In contrast to dust emission from Southern Patagonia, this favors the
567 dust emission in austral winter and early spring. Studies on Sr and Nd isotopes indicate that
568 the PAP has contributed to the dust input in the Indian sector of the East Antarctic plateau as a
569 second contributor besides the Patagonian Pampa [Gaiero, 2007, Delmonte *et al.*, 2008]. The
570 proximity to DML makes it likely, that the PAP might have contributed to the dust input in
571 DML. Thus, additional to the summer emissions from Patagonia a contribution from the PAP
572 during winter and early spring, when dust transport intensity is strongest [Krinner and
573 Genthon, 2003] or a contribution from local sources cannot be ruled out and could lead to a
574 decorrelation of dust concentration and size. To further evaluate the possibility, if different
575 dust sources contribute during different times of the year, provenance studies in seasonal
576 resolution as the one performed by Bory *et al.* [2010] in Berkner Island are needed.

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578 In summary we can draw the following picture of the main factors influencing the dust
579 reaching DML during the Glacial and the Holocene: During the Glacial a longer atmospheric
580 lifetime and stronger dust emissions lead to more dust in the atmosphere especially over the
581 sources. Under favorable glacial conditions for intensified direct transport (indicated by larger
582 particles) a synchronous seasonal maximum occurs in DML in dust size and concentration.
583 During the Holocene a shorter atmospheric lifetime and a weaker source lead to a general
584 reduction of the amount of dust in the atmosphere over the source. However, during the
585 Holocene, favorable conditions for intensified transport (indicated by larger particles) are
586 mostly seasonally decoupled from elevated concentrations at the source and thus no dust
587 concentration maximum occurs in DML at the same time.

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589 A stronger coupling between the Antarctic climate and the southern hemisphere mid-latitude
590 climate during glacial times compared to warm stages was already proposed by Lambert *et al.*
591 [2008]. A high atmospheric dust concentration over the source during favorable transport

592 conditions leads to a more direct transfer of the climatic signal from South America to
593 Antarctica, resulting in a stronger coupling of the two regions supporting the results by
594 *Lambert et al.* [2008]. The onset of the major deglacial decrease in dust concentration occurs
595 simultaneously with the increase in temperature (expressed as $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values, Figure 3) and the
596 decrease of the correlation between dust concentration and size around 20,000 yr BP (Figure
597 6). This coincides with the southward displacement of the westerly wind belt [*Lamy et al.*,
598 1999], indicating that the westerly wind belt may have played a major role for the emission
599 strength of the dust sources in Southern South America. In this respect the long-term changes
600 in dust size distribution at EDML may be also partly interpreted to reflect changes in the
601 position of the westerly wind belt.

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603 **Conclusions:**

604 In this study we investigated for the first time the dust concentration and size in the Atlantic
605 sector of the EAP and its seasonal phasing over the last 60,000 yr BP. We find 46 times
606 higher dust concentrations and smaller dust particles during the LGM compared to the
607 Holocene. In the interval 20,000 – 16,000 yr BP a reduced emissivity of the source area
608 compared to the peak glacial and a reduction in transport intensity are identified as the main
609 factors controlling the dust concentration decrease in Antarctic ice cores. An abrupt increase
610 in dust size and a change in the dust provenance indicate an atmospheric reorganization at
611 around 16,000 yr BP. Adding to previously proposed interpretations, where differences in
612 dust sizes were explained by transport in different atmospheric altitudes [*Delmonte et al.*,
613 2004, 2005], we propose an additional effect acting on seasonal scale at EDML. We find a
614 high correlation of $r = 0.8$ between dust size and dust concentration in the ice during the cold
615 glacial and lower values with higher variability during warmer stages with $0 < r < 0.4$ during
616 the Holocene. We argue that dust input to Dronning Maud Land is much more efficient if dust
617 emission and favorable dust transport conditions occur at the same time of the year.

618 According to our study at EDML this is the case during colder climate and but not during
619 warmer climate. Applying a conceptual model approach using the dust size as a proxy for
620 transport we derive a contribution of a factor of 1.5-2 to the observed factor of 46 of the
621 Glacial-Interglacial dust concentration decrease at EDML by decoupled changes in
622 seasonality of dust emission and transport. Together with the glacial/interglacial source
623 change estimate derived from marine records in the Atlantic sector of the Southern Ocean
624 [*Martinez-Garcia et al.*, 2009] of a factor of 5 and a doubling of the accumulation rate from
625 glacial to interglacial conditions (changing the total dust deposition at the drill site) this leaves
626 a further reduction factor of 2-3 to be explained by the net change in atmospheric aerosol
627 concentrations due to transport effects like increased washout en-route, where a shorter
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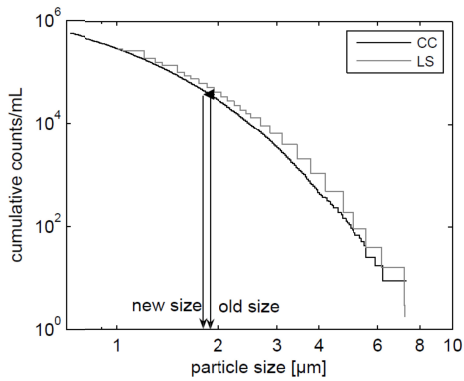
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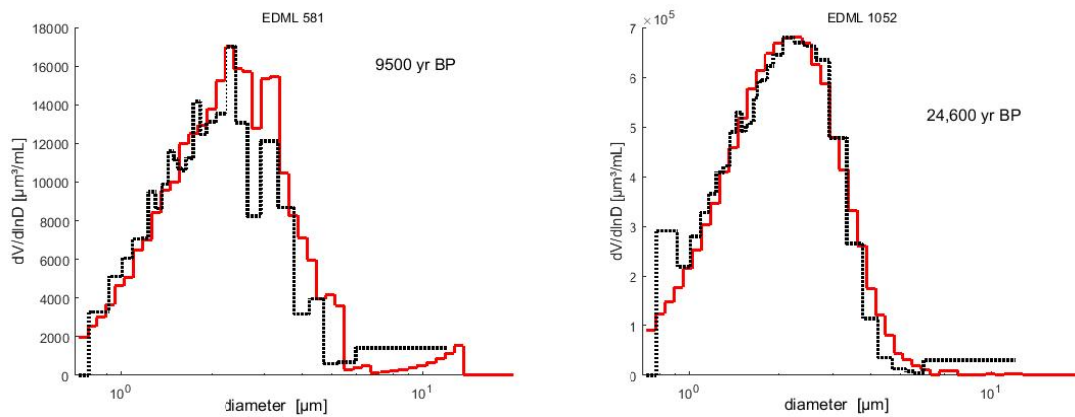
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877 **Figures**



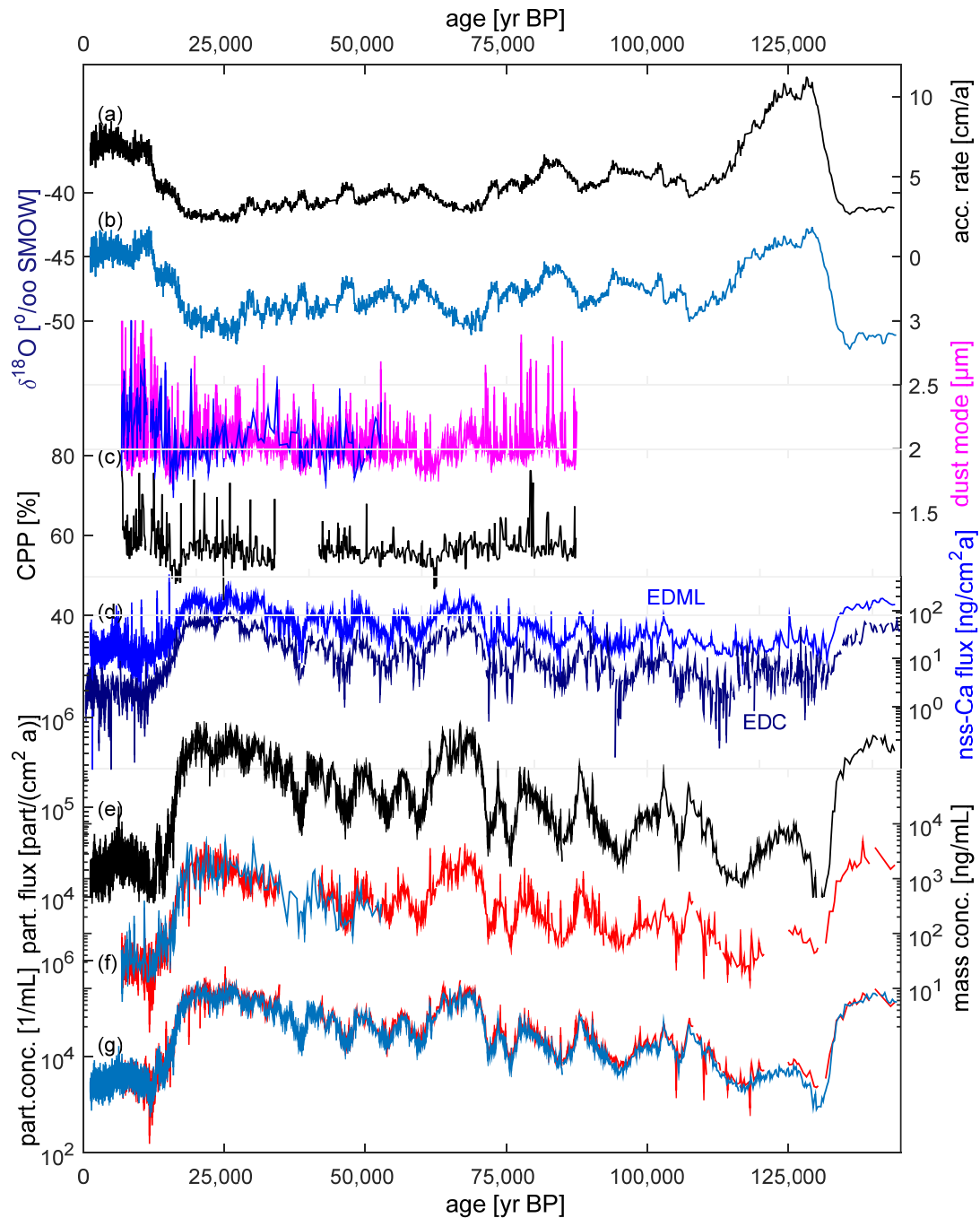
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880 Figure 1: Illustration of the calibration method: The LPD size spectrum (LS) is shifted onto
881 the CC spectrum to obtain new bin sizes (top). Examples for the size distribution used for the
882 calibration from the Holocene (~9500 yr BP, left) and Glacial (~24,500 yr BP, right). The
883 LPD data are shown after the adjustment of the size axis and averaging the 45 individual
884 calibration lines. CC data are shown in red, LPD data are shown in black. Note, that
885 especially the maximum in the size distribution, which is always at a diameter close to 2 μm ,
886 is practically identical for both methods after recalibration.

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890 Figure 2:

891 Overview over the EDML dust record: (a) accumulation rates derived from $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (EPICA-

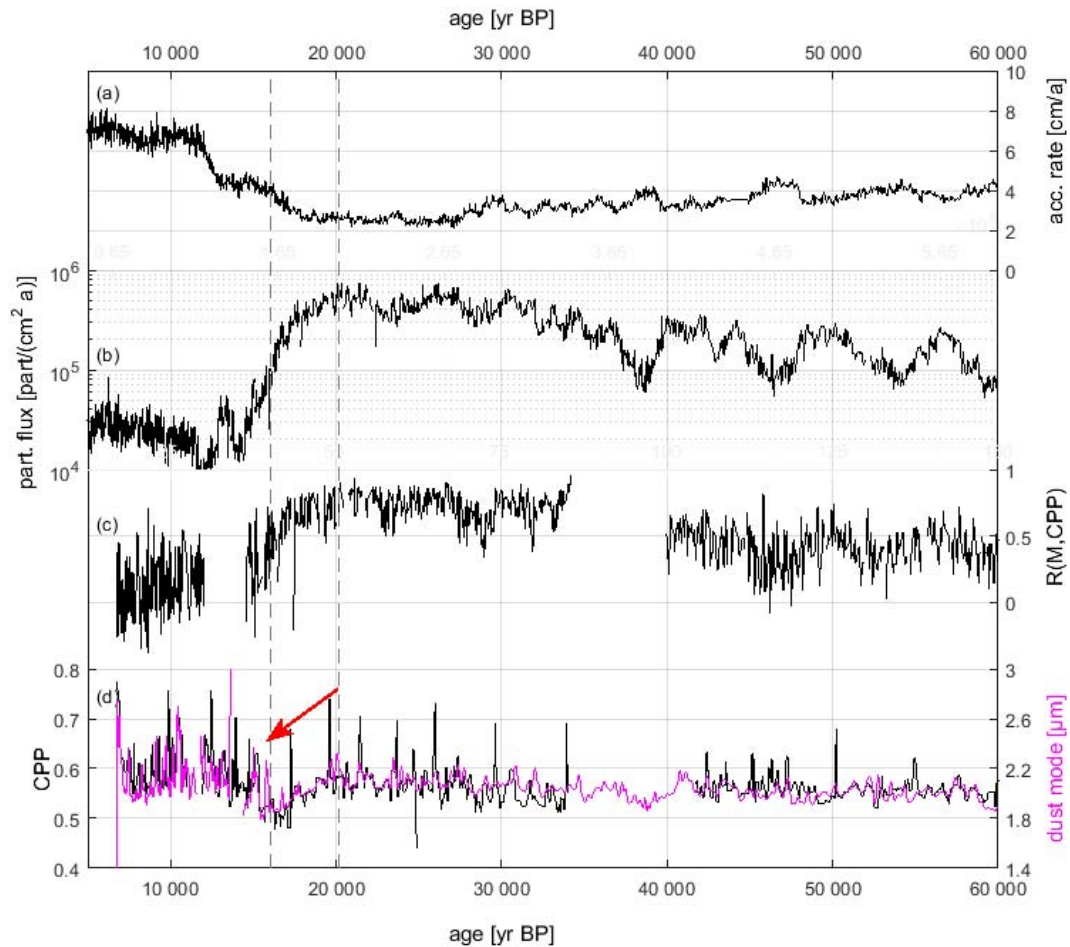
892 community members, 2006], (b) $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ EPICA-community members, 2006], (c) dust size in

893 terms of coarse particle percentage (CPP, ratio of mass of particles larger than $2\ \mu\text{m}$ with

894 respect to total mass, black), modal value of the volume distribution derived from
895 measurements using the LPD (magenta) and CC (blue) (all this study), (d) nss-Ca flux from
896 EDML (light blue) and EDC (dark blue, both [Kaufmann et al. 2010]), (e) dust particle flux
897 (this study), (f) dust mass concentration (this study), and (g) dust particle concentration (this
898 study).

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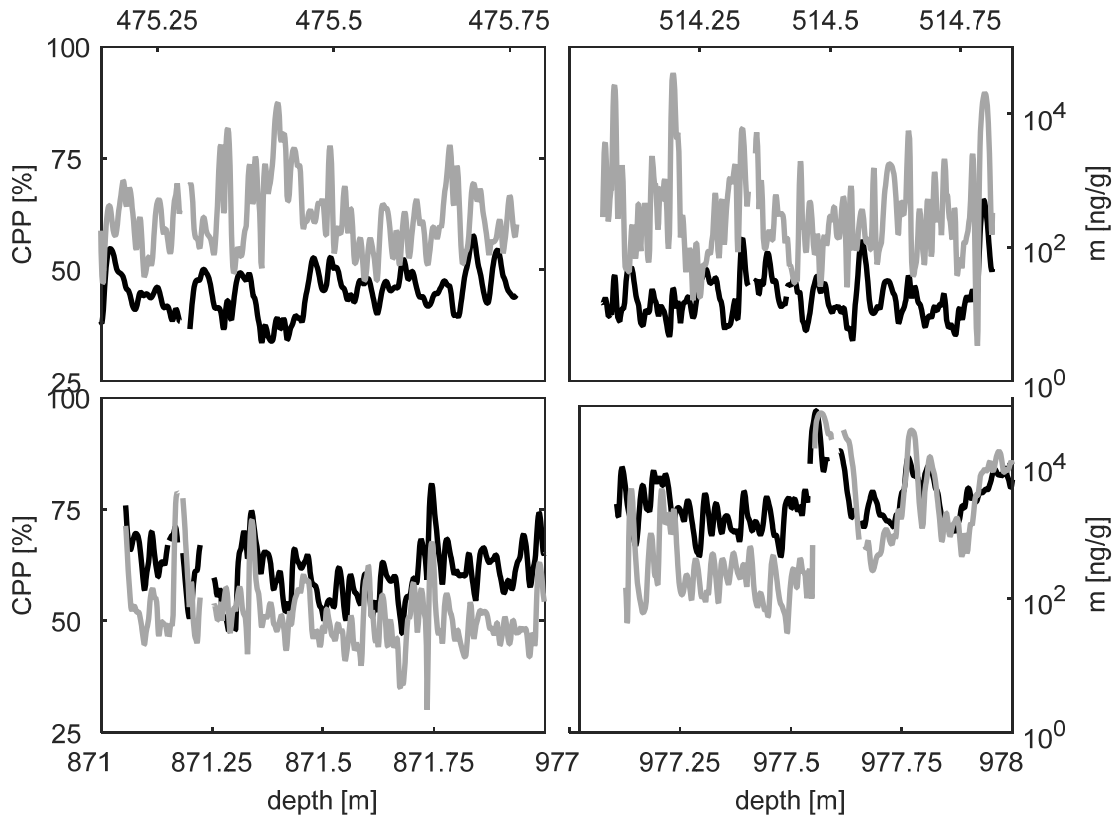
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902 Figure 3:

903 Overview of dust characteristics in EDML during Transition I: (a) accumulation rates derived
 904 from $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ [EPICA-community members, 2006], (b) dust particle flux, (c) correlation
 905 coefficient between dust mass and dust size and (d) dust size in terms of CPP (black) and dust
 906 mode (magenta). The red arrow indicates the decrease in dust size between 20,000 yr BP and
 907 16,000 yr BP before the dust size increases again at 16,000 yr BP

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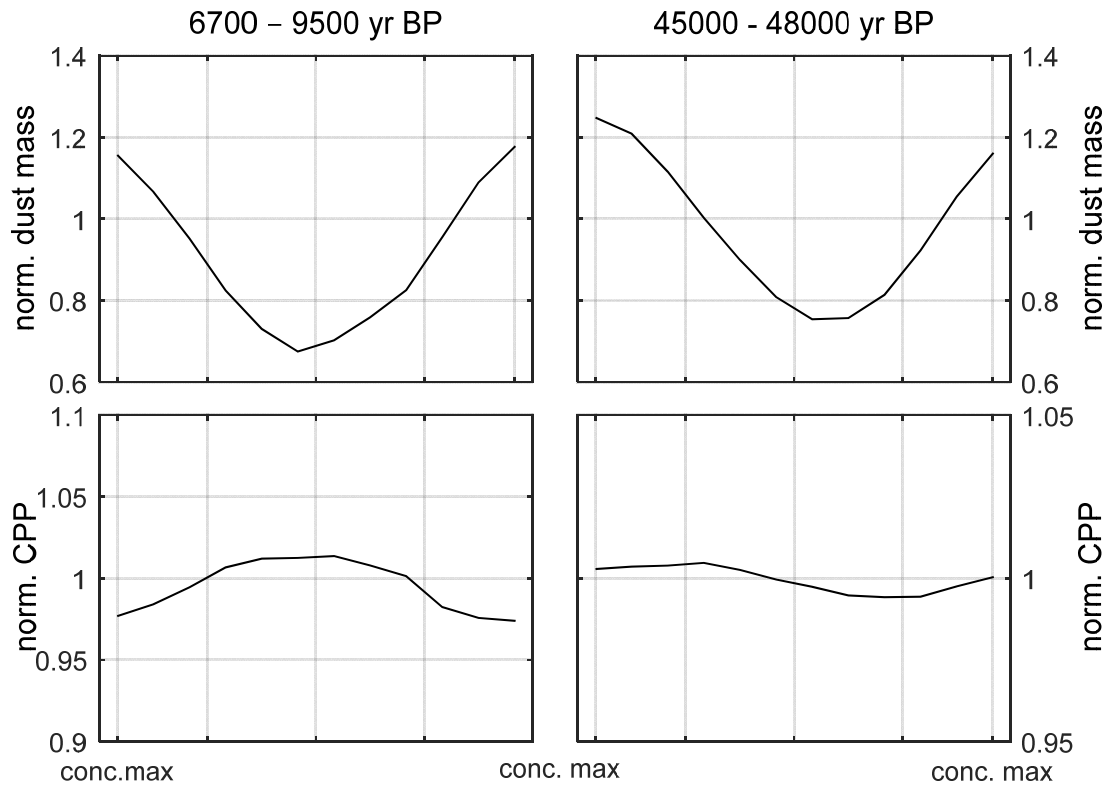


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911 Figure 4:

912 Four examples for size (given in coarse particle percentage CPP, grey) and dust mass
 913 concentration (black line) in different climatic stages. Holocene (2 upper examples, ~7200 yr
 914 BP and ~8000 yr BP), transition (lower left ~17,000 yr BP) and LGM (lower right, ~21,400 yr
 915 BP). The y-axes are the same in all subfigures. The correlation between concentration and
 916 size is higher during the LGM than during the Holocene.

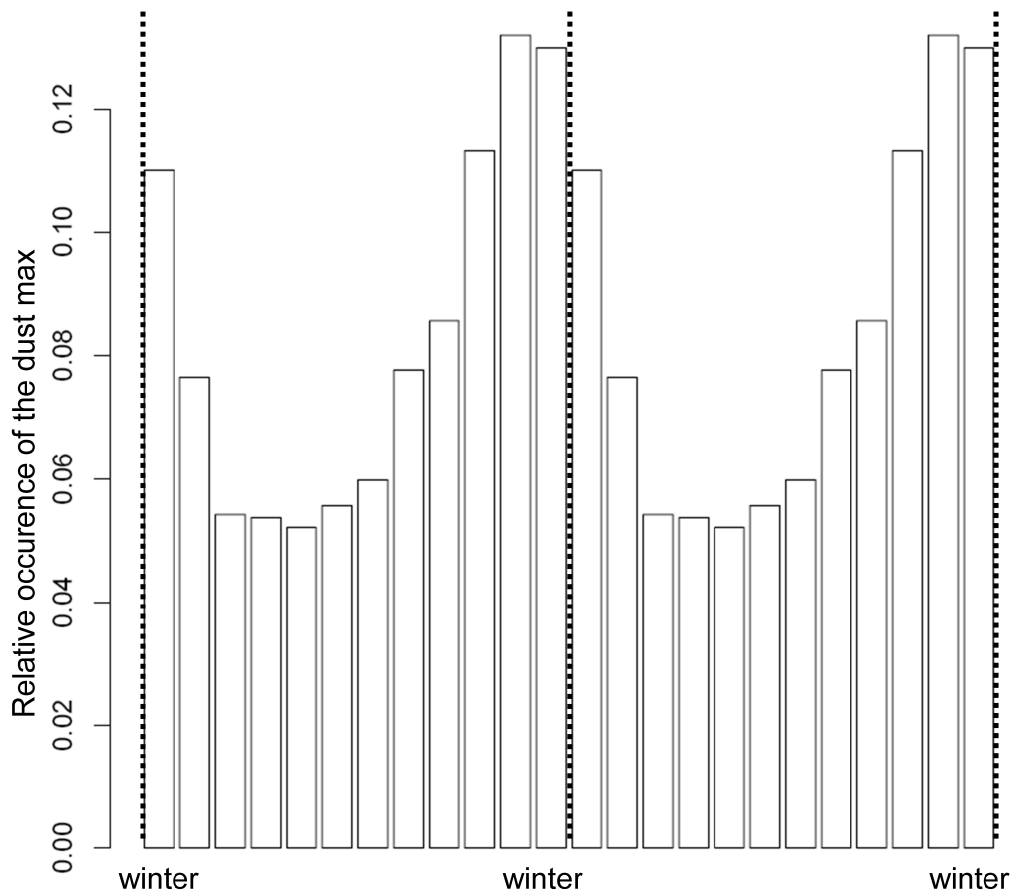
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919 Figure 5:

920 Relative seasonality of dust concentration (top) and size (bottom during the Holocene (left)
 921 and the Glacial (right): The median of the normalized seasonal cycle of dust mass and
 922 concentration was calculated. 12 time steps over one year are linear interpolated within one
 923 year according to the annual layer counted year based on the ammonium concentration peak.
 924 During recent times the dust concentration maximum occurs during winter [Sommer et al.
 925 2000]. We assume that the dust concentration maximum also occurs during winter during the
 926 time intervals presented here.



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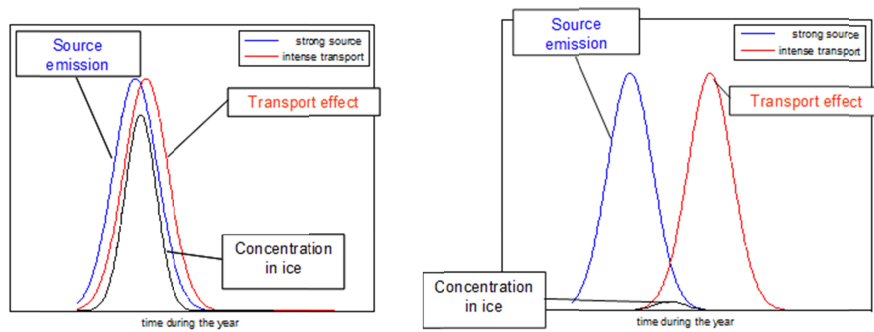
930 Histogram of the seasonal occurrence of the dust maxima at EDML relative to the Na⁺-
 931 concentration maximum in winter. The dashed lines indicate the maximum of the Na⁺-
 932 concentration over the Holocene (~2000 yr BP - ~15,000 yr BP). The dust peak occurs twice
 933 as likely in winter than in summer.

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939 Figure 7:

940 Illustration of the conceptual model for the phasing of dust transport and source emission

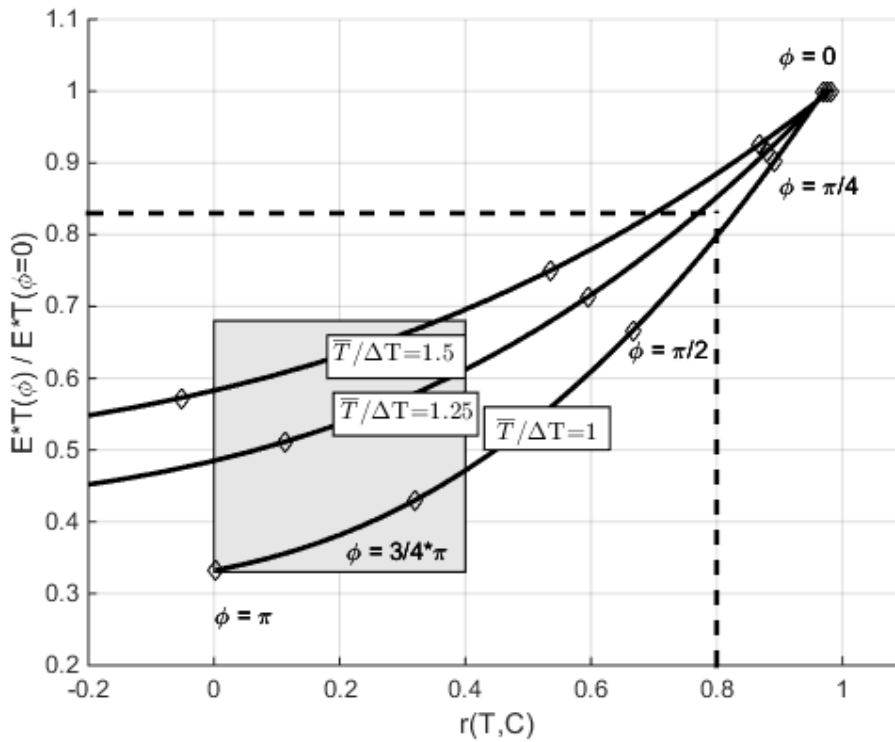
941 strength. Maximum dust emission and maximum transport intensity occur simultaneously

942 during the year (left) as is the case during glacial conditions. A phase shift between the two

943 effects results in a significantly lower dust concentration in the ice (right).

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948 Figure 8:

949 Product of transport efficiency T and source emission strength E ($E \cdot T(\phi)$)/($E \cdot T(\phi=0)$) vs.
 950 correlation coefficient r between dust concentration in the ice core C and transport intensity T
 951 for different ϕ and different $\bar{T}/\Delta T$ (Equation 4). This figure illustrates the reduction of dust in
 952 the ice due to a phase shift between maximum transport efficiency and the maximum of
 953 source emission strength. The dashed lines illustrate the mean correlation coefficient of CPP
 954 and dust concentration during the Glacial. The grey square gives the range of respective
 955 correlation coefficients during the Holocene.

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