

## 1 **Supplementary Information**

2 **Field sampling methods.** We sampled primarily granitic or gneissic glacial erratic boulders that  
3 were greater than 1 m in diameter and rested on stable geomorphic surfaces with minimal till  
4 cover or directly on bedrock. Each sampling site was spaced ~100 km from the next site (Figure  
5 S1), and boulder samples at each site were sampled within an ~1 km<sup>2</sup> area, with the ages on the  
6 boulder population from each site reflecting the time of deglaciation from that site. Erratics  
7 sampled in southern Sweden and Finland were under forested canopy, while sites in northern  
8 Finland and Sweden were sampled amongst sparse vegetation. Samples were collected with a  
9 hammer and chisel from the tops of the boulders, making sure to not sample along any sides. We  
10 also avoided sampling heavily weathered surfaces exhibiting pitting and spallation. Because  
11 many of the sampled boulders had glacial polish, we assume post-depositional erosion was  
12 minimal, and that no correction for erosion was necessary. Geographic location and elevation  
13 were recorded using a handheld GPS. Because of the low relief of our sampling sites, corrections  
14 for topographic shielding were not necessary. Sites in northern Sweden, where the relief was  
15 greatest, were sampled in low-lying valleys far from surrounding topography that would  
16 otherwise provide some shielding to the boulders.

17 **Sample processing.** Rock samples were crushed and sieved to isolate the 250-710 µm fraction.  
18 Mafic grains were removed using a Frantz magnetic separator. Samples were then leached in  
19 dilute solutions of HCl and a combination of HNO<sub>3</sub> and HF repeatedly until sufficient quartz  
20 purity was reached, as determined by ICP-OES measurements at the University of Colorado,  
21 Boulder. Anion exchange, cation exchange, and pH adjustment steps were performed to isolate  
22 the beryllium (Kohl and Nishiizumi, 1992). A reference <sup>9</sup>Be spike was added to each sample  
23 (Marcott, 2011). Developed at Oregon State University, this spike has a <sup>9</sup>Be concentration of 358

24 ppm and has an average blank ratio of  $1.1 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-15}$  (n=11) (Table S1). During each sample  
25 batch (typically nine samples), a procedural blank was processed to assess background levels of  
26 contamination in the cosmogenic lab.  $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$  ratios were measured by accelerator mass  
27 spectrometry at PRIME Laboratory at Purdue University.

28  **$^{10}\text{Be}$  production rate and age calculation.**  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ages were calculated using the CRONUS-Earth  
29 online calculator (v2.2) (Balco et al., 2008) using our uplift-corrected production rate (see text).  
30 Inputs needed to calculate ages are given in Table S4. Samples were not corrected for snow  
31 cover, vegetation, or erosion. All previously published  $^{10}\text{Be}$  chronologies used in our compilation  
32 (Anjar et al., 2014; Briner et al., 2014; Heine et al., 2009; Johnsen et al., 2009; Larsen et al.,  
33 2012; Linge et al., 2007; Mangerud et al., 2013; Rinterknecht et al., 2014; Rinterknecht et al.,  
34 2008; Rinterknecht et al., 2006; Rinterknecht et al., 2004; Rinterknecht et al., 2005; Rinterknecht  
35 et al., 2007; Stroeven et al., 2011; Stroeven et al., 2015; Svendsen et al., 2015) are recalculated  
36 using our revised western Norway production rate (Table S2).

37 **Comparison to existing age control.** Along transect 1 in southern Sweden (Fig. 1), we first  
38 compare previously published recalculated mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ages used in our study with the constraints  
39 on deglaciation derived from varve chronologies and  $^{14}\text{C}$  ages synthesized by Lundqvist and  
40 Wohlfarth (herein the L&W chronology) (Lundqvist and Wohlfarth, 2001). We note that the  
41 mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ages directly date the time of deglaciation, whereas the varve and  $^{14}\text{C}$  ages provide  
42 minimum limiting ages for deglaciation. In several cases, the mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ages from this region  
43 are slightly older than the L&W chronology, consistent with the latter being minimum-limiting  
44 ages, but all of the ages are in agreement within the uncertainties of the  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ages (Anjar et al.,  
45 2014; Johnsen et al., 2009; Larsen et al., 2012).

46 The mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  age on the Halland Coastal Moraines in southwestern Sweden is  $16.3 \pm 0.9$

47 ka (Larsen et al., 2012), in agreement with the age of the moraines suggested by the L&W  
48 chronology (16-18 ka). The mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  age from the Skåne region of southernmost Sweden is  
49  $15.2\pm 0.7$  ka (Anjar et al., 2014), while the L&W chronology places deglaciation of this region at  
50  $>14.95$  ka. Just to the north, a mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  age of  $15.1\pm 0.6$  ka (Anjar et al., 2014) is in an area  
51 where the L&W chronology suggests minimum deglacial ages of 14.5-14.7 ka and an age of  
52 14.5-15.4 ka for the Göteborg moraine immediately to the west. Next to the north, the Vimmerby  
53 Moraine has a mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  age of  $14.7\pm 0.7$  ka (Johnsen et al., 2009) in the area where the L&W  
54 chronology suggests a minimum deglacial age of 13.9-14.0 ka. In addition, the L&W chronology  
55 suggests that the Trollhättan Moraine to the west, dated to  $>14.2$  ka, is correlative to the  
56 Vimmerby Moraine. The mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  age for the Levene moraine is  $14.4\pm 0.9$  ka (Larsen et al.,  
57 2012) while the L&W chronology suggests the age of the moraine is  $>13.4$  ka. The mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$   
58 age from the Kättebo area in northern Småland on the east side of Lake Vättem is  $14.5\pm 0.6$  ka  
59 (Anjar et al., 2014), which agrees well with the age of the Levene Moraine directly to the west of  
60 the lake.

61         The Middle Swedish End Moraines (MSEMs) record the next well-defined ice-marginal  
62 position just to the north of the Levene moraine (Lundqvist and Wohlfarth, 2001). Our first two  
63 sites on transect 1 (Swe-1 and Swe-2) are north of the MSEMs. The mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ages from these  
64 sites, which are in stratigraphic order with mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ages to the south and north, suggest that ice  
65 had retreated from the MSEMs before  $13.1\pm 0.6$  ka. However, this conflicts with the age of the  
66 MSEMs according to the standard deglaciation model of Sweden, which suggests that they  
67 formed earlier during the Younger Dryas period ( Björck, 1995; Lundqvist, 1986; Lundqvist and  
68 Wohlfarth, 2001; Wohlfarth et al., 2008).

69           The MSWMs are not directly dated, but their age is suggested by the need for the ice  
70 margin to be at the northern tip of Mount Billingen immediately west of Lake Vättem to dam the  
71 Baltic Ice Lake until its rapid drainage at the end of the Younger Dryas ( Björck, 1995;  
72 Wohlfarth et al., 2008). The timing of this lake drainage associated with retreat from the MSEM  
73 at Mount Billingen is based on multiple lines of evidence. Perhaps the most robust constraint on  
74 the timing of lake drainage comes from the isolation of lakes along the Swedish east coast, where  
75 there is evidence for a rapid change in deposition from varved clays to sediments indicating  
76 isolation from a much larger water body (Björck, 1995; Svensson, 1991). Multiple lakes that  
77 were sampled across an elevation transect suggest that this isolation event occurred due to a 20-  
78 25 m drop in the level of the Baltic Ice Lake. Pollen stratigraphy places this sudden isolation just  
79 before the Younger Dryas/Preboreal palynostratigraphic boundary, which is a regional signal that  
80 is well dated in other pollen stratigraphic records in southern Sweden (Björck et al., 1996).  
81 Although there are no age constraints, there is independent geomorphic evidence for a  
82 comparable lake-level drop within the basin (Jakobsson et al., 2007; Svensson, 1991), and the  
83 inferred drop of 20-25 m is consistent with the lake level on the eastern side of Mount Billingen  
84 (150 m) and the elevation of the contemporaneous sea level on the western side (125 m), to  
85 which the lake level would have lowered following drainage ( Björck and Digerfeldt, 1986).  
86 Additional evidence is suggested by marine records off the Swedish west coast that show a  
87 freshwater signal at the end of the Younger Dryas that has been attributed to the drainage of the  
88 Baltic Ice Lake (Bodén et al., 1997).

89           We conclude that there is a considerable difference in deglaciation age (on the order of  
90 1000 years) for this region of southern Sweden based on our mean <sup>10</sup>Be ages from sites Swe-1  
91 and Swe-2 when compared to the Younger Dryas age for the MSEM to the south of our sites

92 that is suggested for the Baltic Ice Lake history. On the other hand, there are other lines of  
93 evidence suggesting that the ice margin was at the northern tip of Mount Billingen during the  
94 Younger Dryas up until the drop of the Baltic Ice Lake immediately before the end of the  
95 Younger Dryas.

96       Until further age control becomes available involving dating the MSEM's directly or  
97 obtaining additional ages to the north of the MSEM's near our sites Swe-1 and Swe-2, we  
98 propose that both scenarios are equally viable. The first scenario, based on our mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ages  
99 from sites Swe-1 and Swe-2, suggests a more gradual retreat from the MSEM's, as suggested by  
100 the mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  age of the Levene Moraine immediately to the south of the MSEM's ( $14.4\pm 0.9$  ka)  
101 (Larsen et al., 2012) and the mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  age for site Swe-1 ( $13.1\pm 0.6$  ka). In contrast, a Younger  
102 Dryas age for the MSEM's suggests that our mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ages from sites Swe-1 and Swe-2 are too  
103 old. In this case, retreat from the MSEM's at the end of the Younger Dryas ( $\sim 11.7$  ka) to site  
104 Swe-3 further north on transect 1 ( $11.1\pm 0.7$  ka) (Fig. 1) implies a more rapid rate of retreat at the  
105 end of the Younger Dryas.

106       We next discuss several cases where existing age constraints of ice retreat in northern  
107 Norway, Sweden and Finland are consistent with our new ages from this region. Transect 3  
108 begins at site Fin-5 within an inferred Younger Dryas moraine complex (Johansson et al., 2011),  
109 which is confirmed by our mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  age for this site ( $11.7\pm 0.6$  ka). Our mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  age from  
110 site Fin-6 ( $11.6\pm 0.8$  ka) is in agreement with the mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  age from an adjacent site ( $11.4\pm 0.5$   
111 ka) (Stroeven et al., 2011) that occurs near the same isochrone (Fig. 1). Calibrated radiocarbon  
112 ages on macrofossils from sediments cores near Aareavaara, northern Sweden ( $67^{\circ}25'\text{N}$ ,  
113  $23^{\circ}31'\text{E}$ ) provide a minimum age for deglaciation of 10.5-10.7 ka (Möller et al., 2012). This site  
114 occurs on an isochrone whose age is constrained by mean  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ages from two of our sites: Fin-8

115 (10.8±0.5 ka) and Swe-5 (11.1±0.5 ka) (Fig. 1). Calibrated <sup>14</sup>C ages of 10.6±0.2 ka and 10.7±0.3  
116 ka provide minimum-limiting ages on deglaciation from Norrbotten northern Sweden (~65°30'N,  
117 20°45'E) (Linden et al., 2006). This site occurs on the same isochrone as the ages from  
118 Aareavaara, and thus provides further agreement for the age of regional deglaciation suggested  
119 by our mean <sup>10</sup>Be ages from sites Fin-8 and Swe-5.

120 A mean <sup>10</sup>Be age of 10.2±0.5 ka from northern Norway (Linge et al., 2007) lies on an  
121 isochrone whose age is bracketed by mean <sup>10</sup>Be ages from two of our sites: Swe-5 (11.1±0.5 ka)  
122 and Swe-6 (10.0±0.5 ka) (Fig. 1). A mean <sup>10</sup>Be age of 9.2±0.6 ka from northern Sweden  
123 (Stroeven et al., 2011) is in agreement with our mean <sup>10</sup>Be age of 9.0±0.6 ka for final  
124 deglaciation of the SIS.

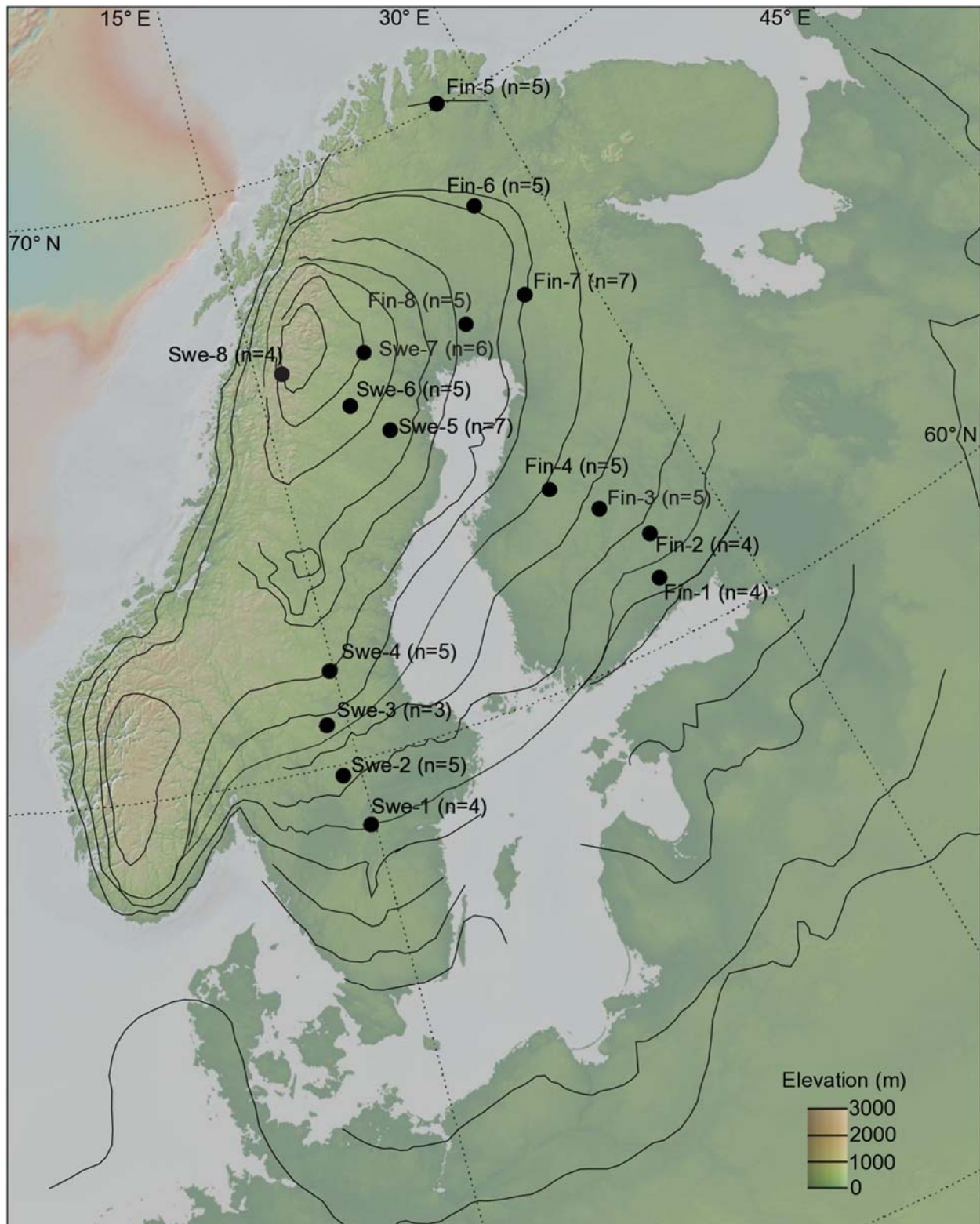
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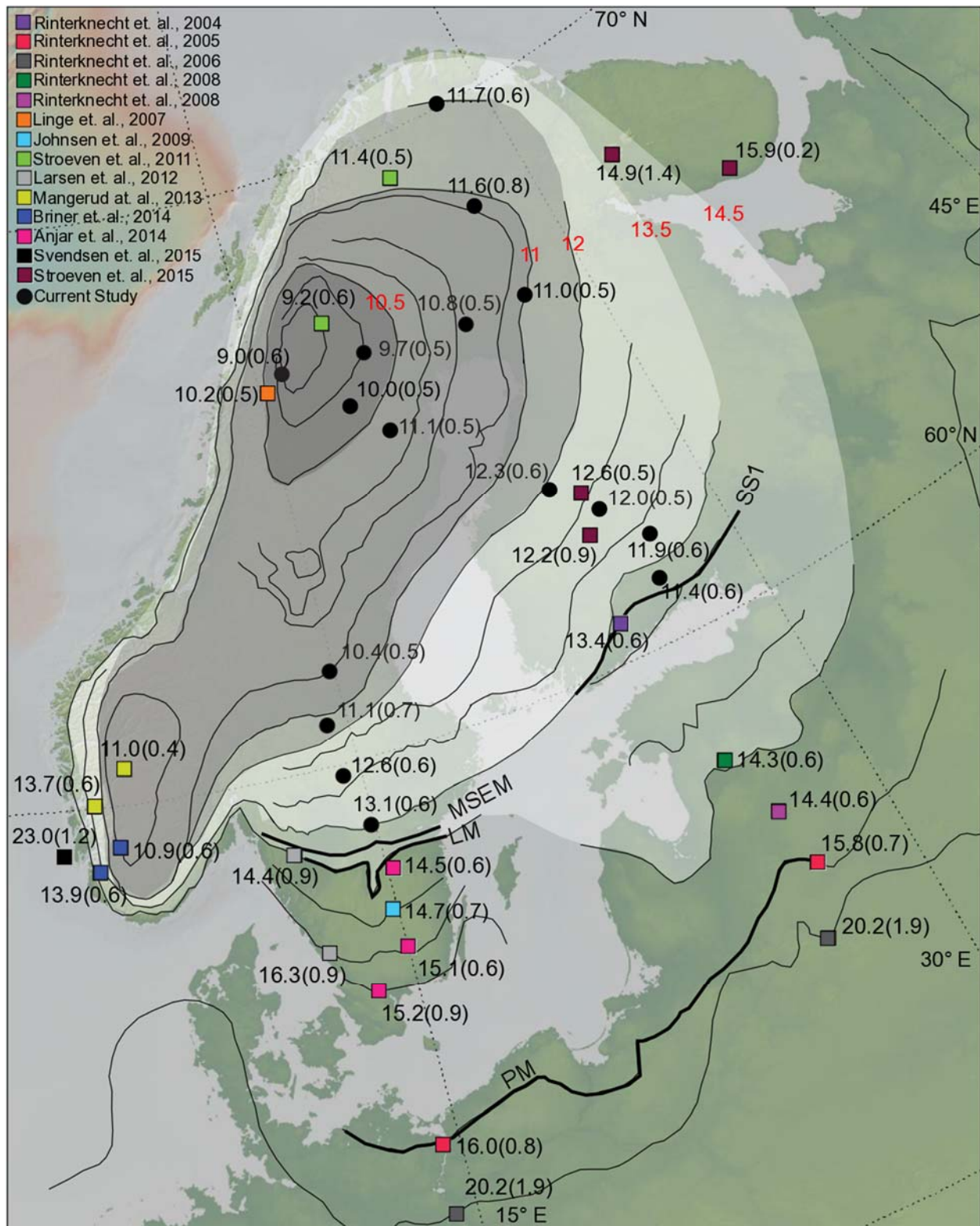
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230 **Figure S1.** Location of our sampled sites along mapped ice-retreat contours (Boulton et al.,  
 231 2001; Johansson et al., 2011; Lundqvist, 1986), with the number of  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ages from each site.

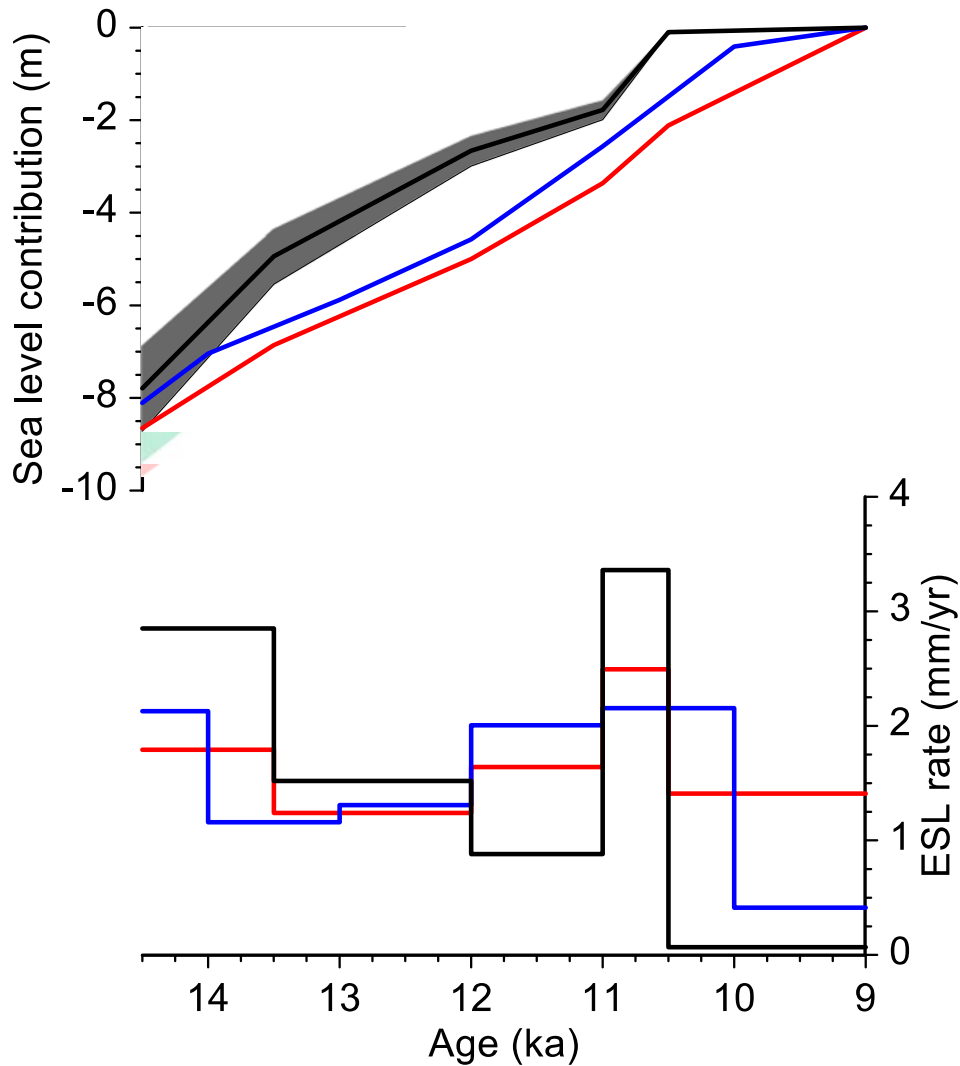


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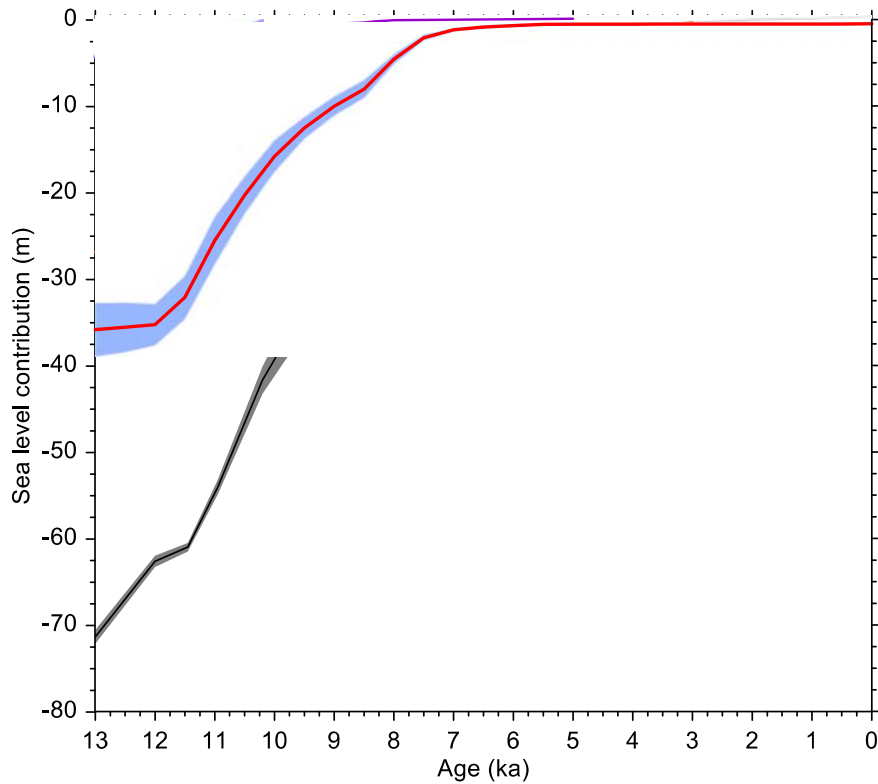
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234 **Figure S2.** Areas (shaded) drawn at discrete time intervals (associated ages shown in red),  
 235 which are used for the calculations of the SIS volume and estimated sea level contribution. Sites

236 with ages for present study are shown as black circles; sites with recalculated ages are shown as  
 237 colored squares (Anjar et al., 2014; Briner et al., 2014; Heine et al., 2009; Johnsen et al., 2009;  
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 242 **Figure S3.** Upper - Reconstructed sea-level histories for the Scandinavian Ice Sheet based on  
 243 our study (black), the DATED study (blue) (Hughes et al., 2015), and from Stroeven et al. (2015)  
 244 (red), as derived using our methodology (see text). Lower – Rates of sea-level rise based on  
 245 reconstructed sea-level histories.



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247 **Figure S4.** Estimated sea-level contributions over the last 13 kyr. **A.** Sea-level contribution from  
 248 the Scandinavian Ice Sheet (blue) (current study), Laurentide Ice Sheet (red) (Tarasov et al.,  
 249 2012), and Greenland Ice Sheet (magenta) (Lecavalier et al., 2014). The residual (orange) is the  
 250 difference between the sum of the Northern Hemisphere ice sheets and global mean sea level  
 251 (black) (Lambeck et al., 2014).