

GLOBAL GLACIAL INCEPTION THRESHOLD FROM POSITIVE DEGREE-DAY MODELLING

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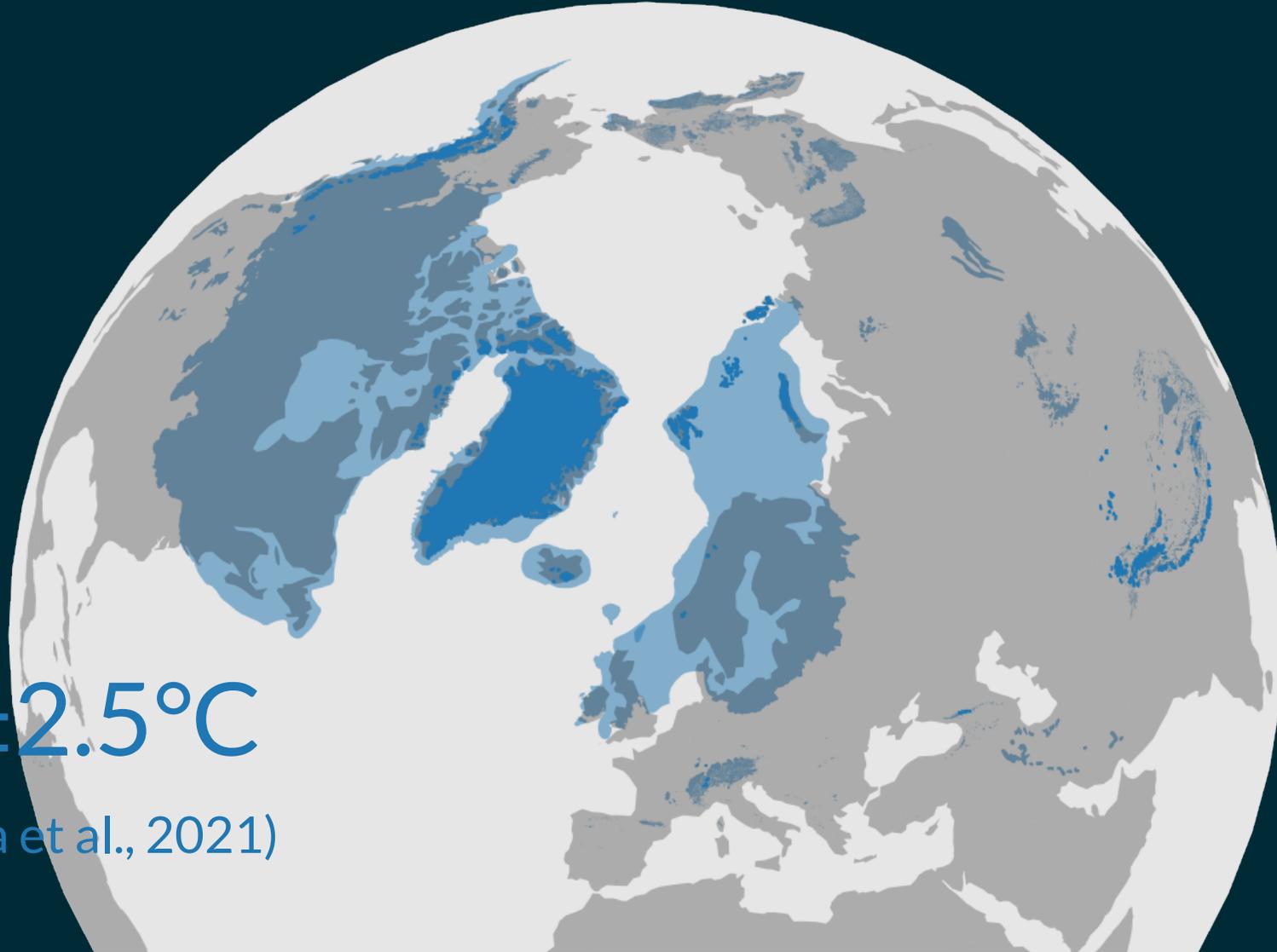
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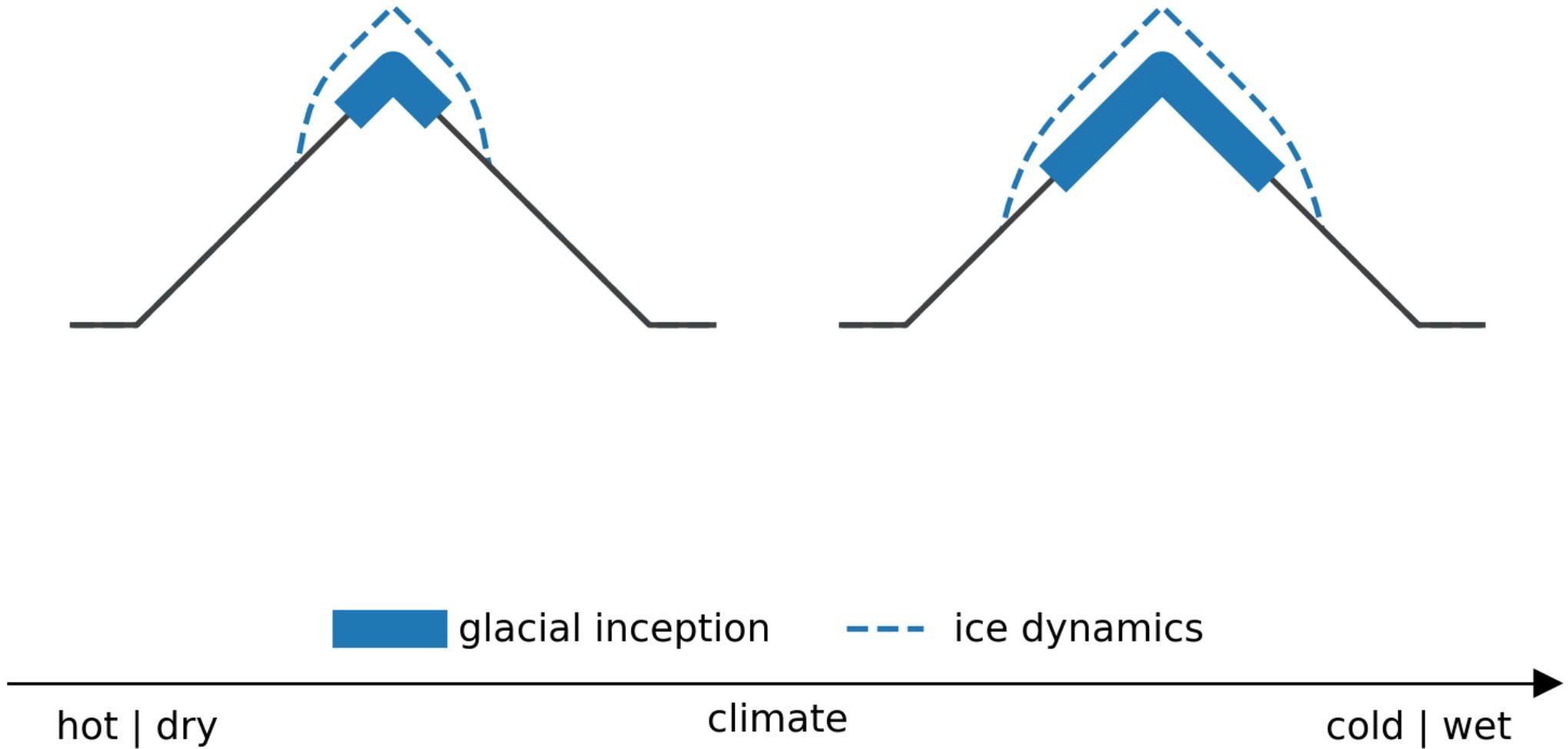
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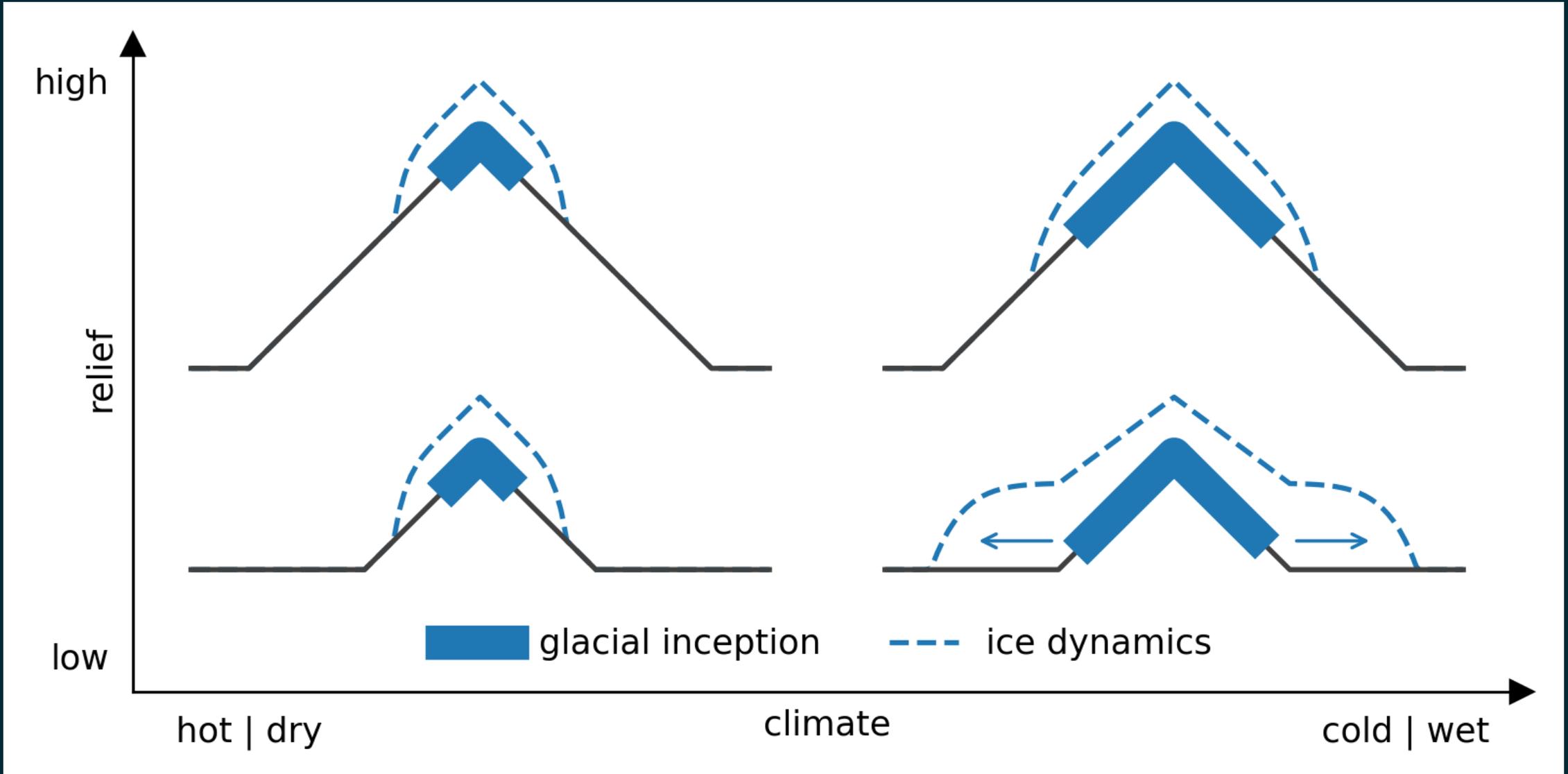
$-4.8 \pm 2.5^{\circ}\text{C}$

(Kageyama et al., 2021)

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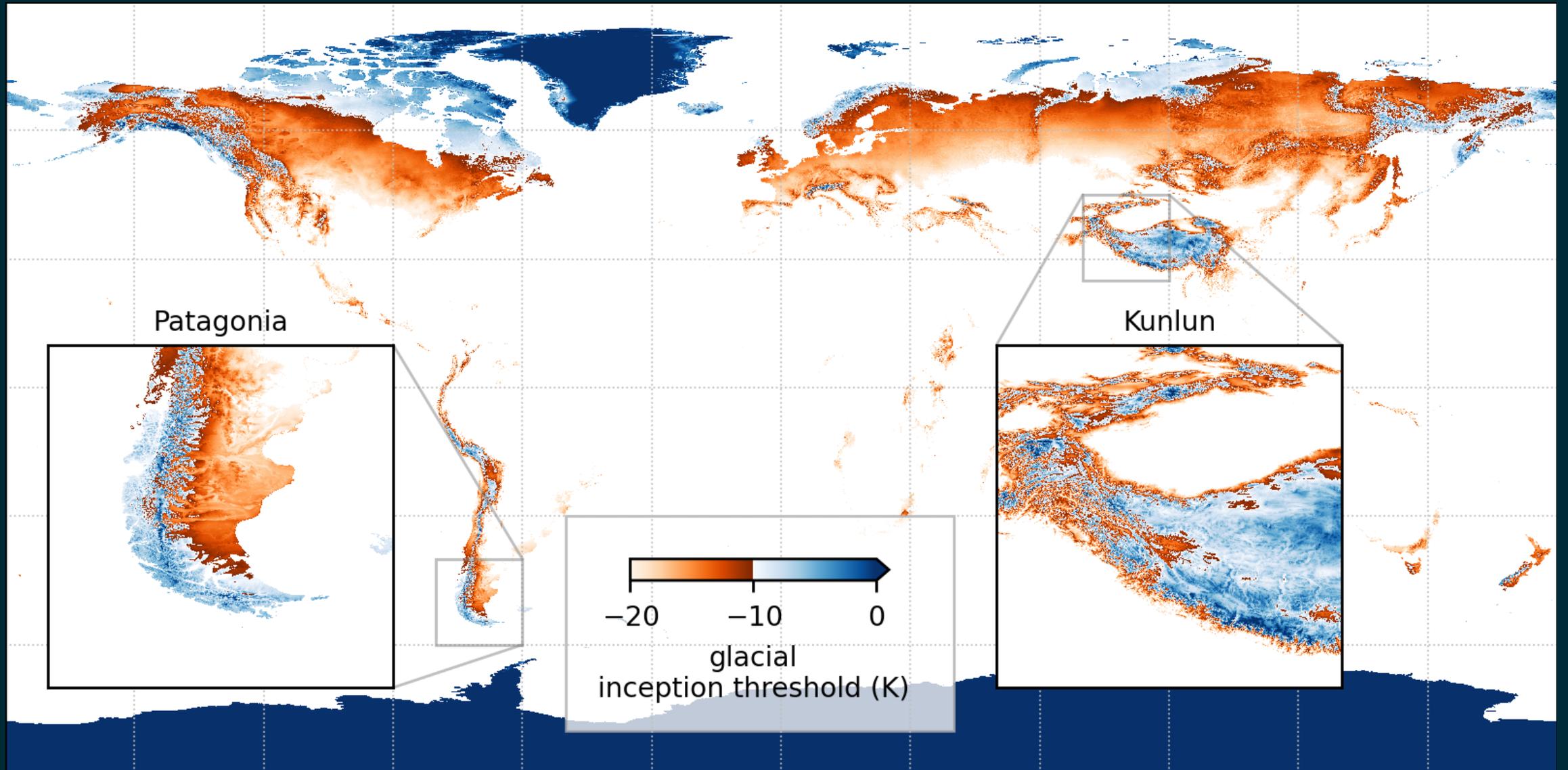
GLOBAL DEGREE-DAY MODELLING

- CHELSA-W5E5 ca. 1 km input climate (T, P, σ)
- Temperature offset +4.0, +3.8, ..., -20.0 K
- Positive degree-day mass balance model

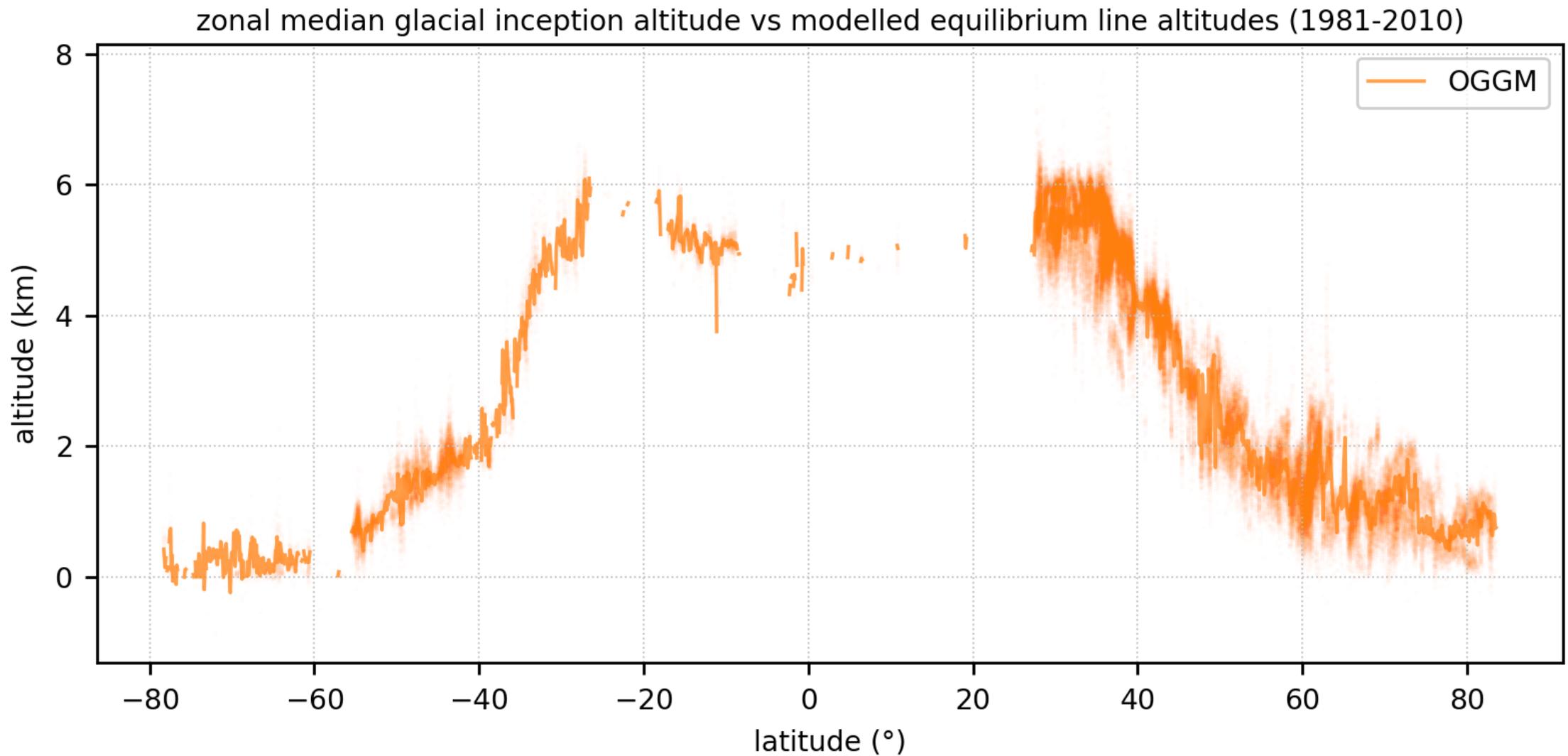
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→ Global glacial inception threshold
(temperature change needed to begin glacier growth)

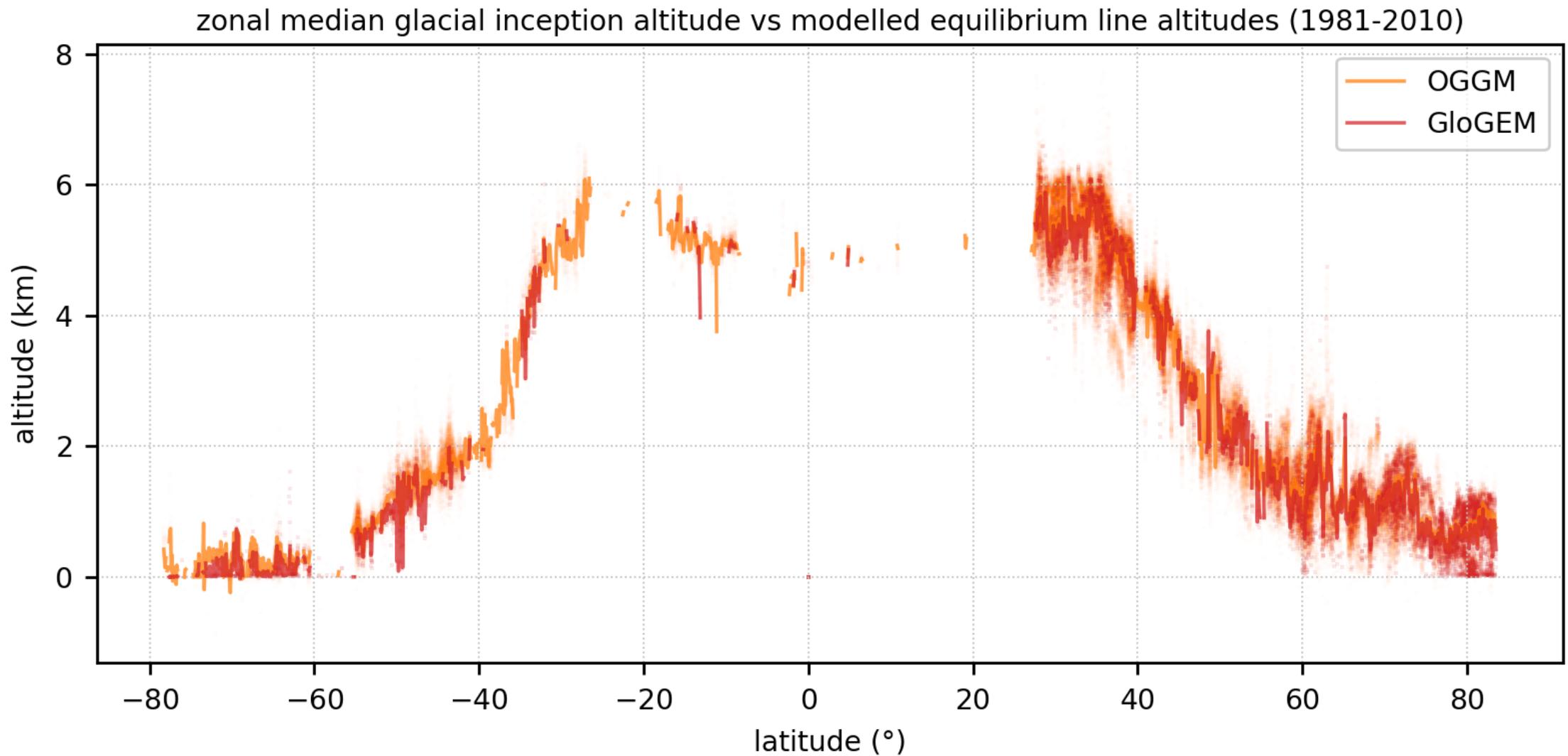
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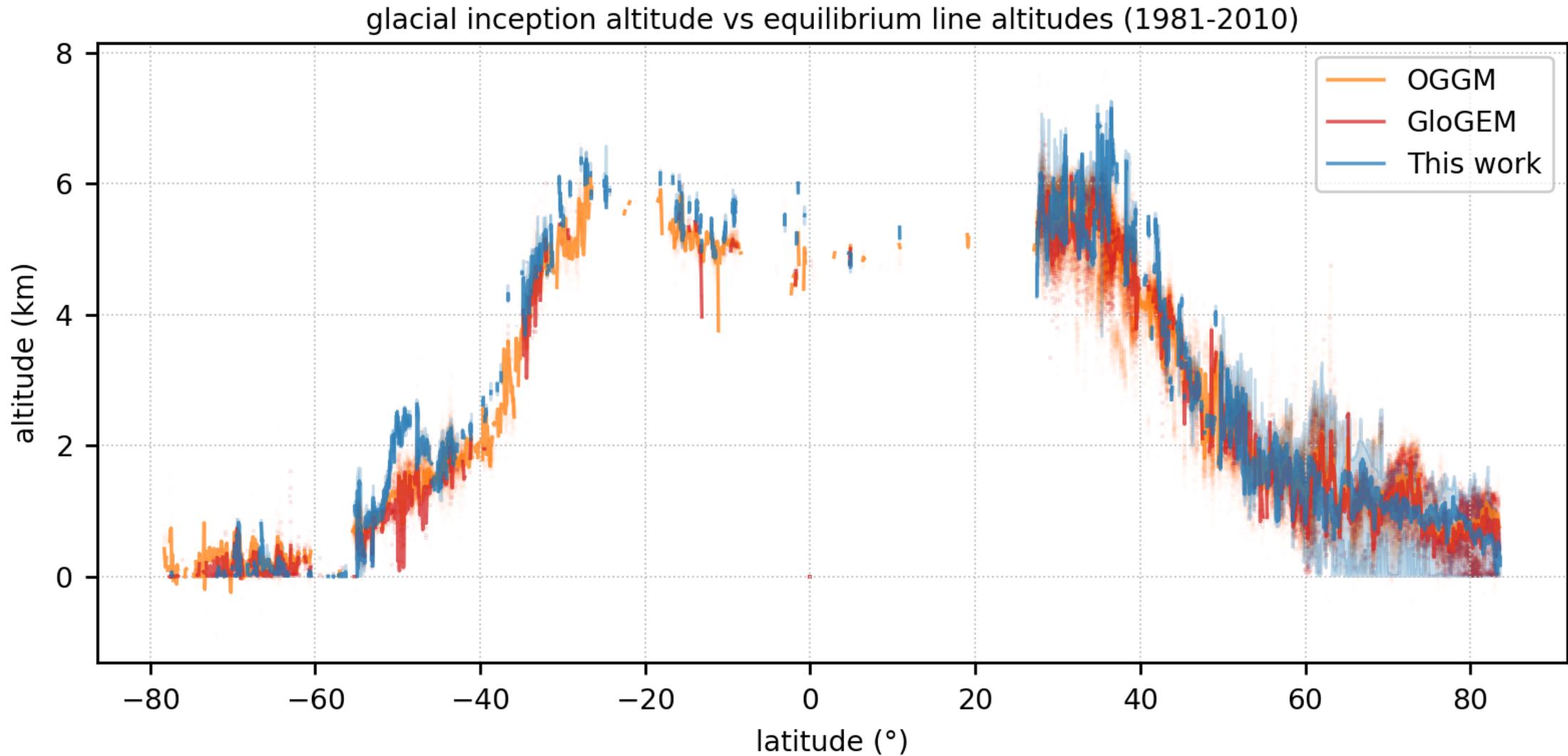
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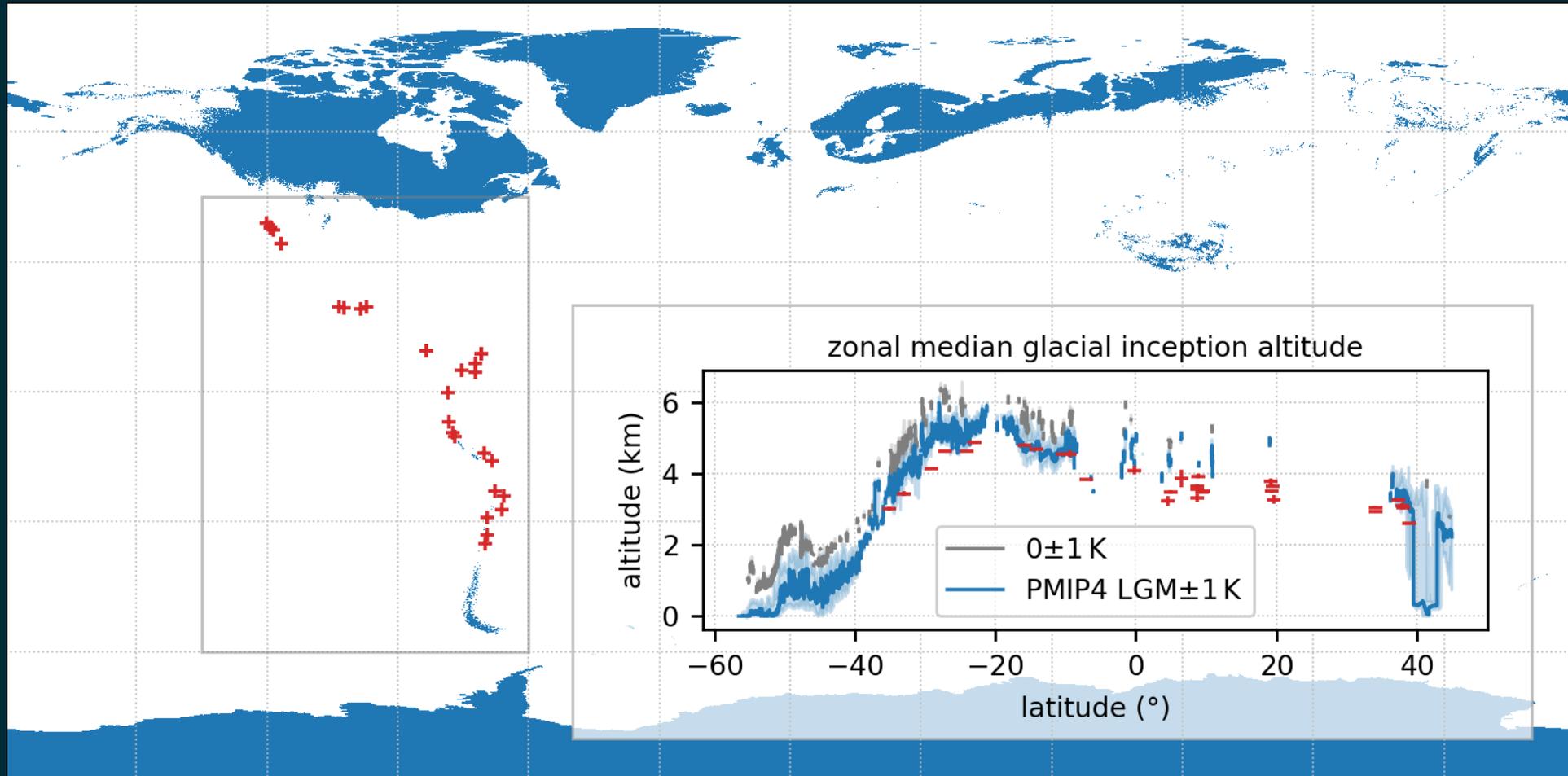
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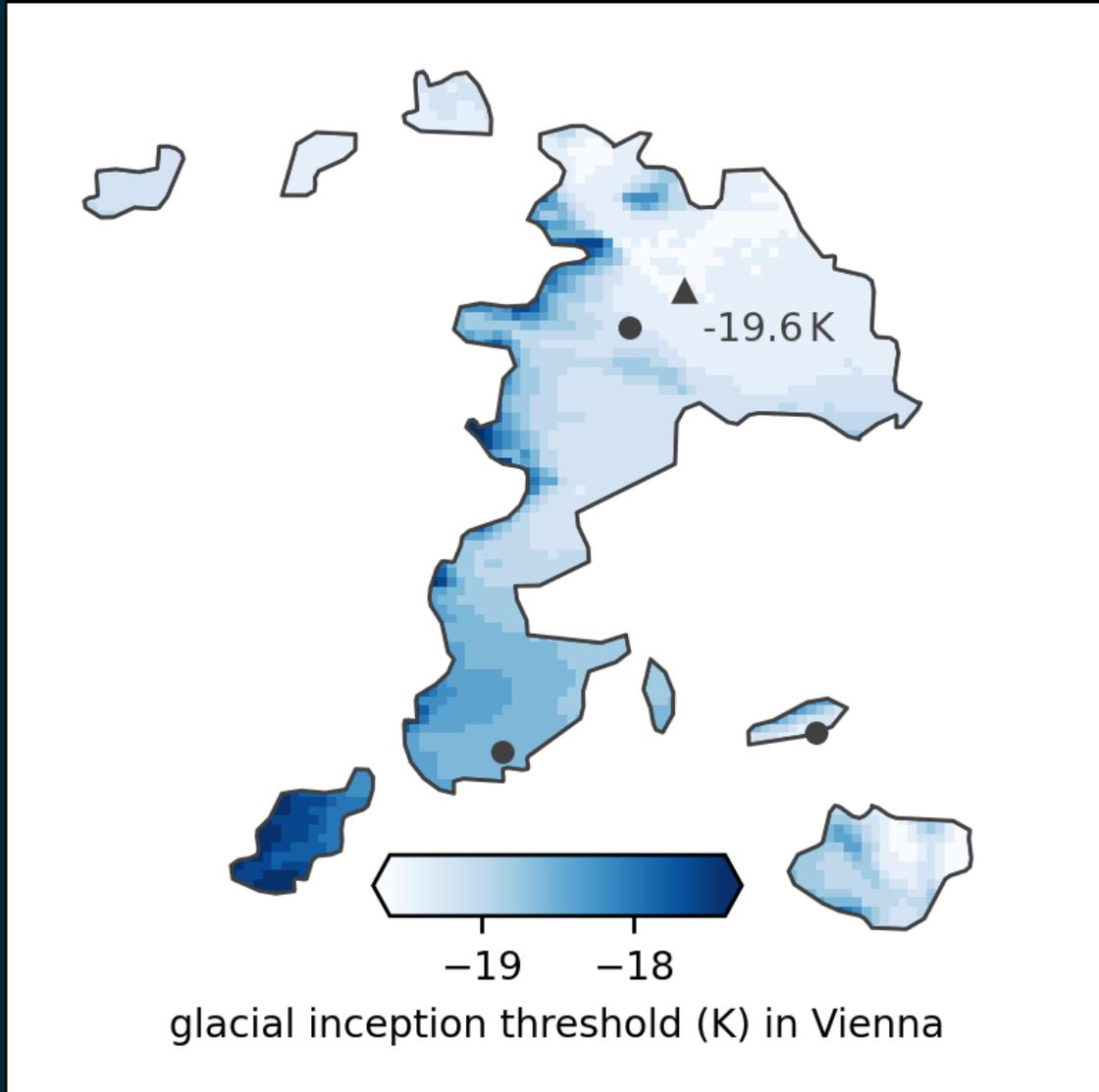
VS. PMIP4 AND LGM EQUILIBRIUM LINES



See also poster **EGU25-6672** by Van Cappellen et al.

GLACIAL INCEPTION ON THE AUSTRIA CENTER

(but glaciers from the Alps would flow here first)



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