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Abstract: A major research question concerning global pelagic biodiversity remains 41 42 unanswered: when did the apparent tropical biodiversity depression [i.e., bimodality of latitudinal diversity gradient (LDG)] begin? The bimodal LDG may be a consequence of recent 43 ocean warming, or of deep-time evolutionary speciation and extinction processes. Using rich 44 time-slice datasets of planktonic foraminifers, we show here that a unimodal (or only weakly-45 bimodal) diversity gradient, with a plateau in the tropics, occurred during the last ice age and has 46 since then developed into a bimodal gradient through species distribution shifts driven by 47 postglacial ocean warming. The bimodal LDG likely emerged before the Anthropocene (here 48 defined as ~1950) and perhaps ~15,000 years ago, indicating a strong environmental control of 49 tropical diversity even before the start of anthropogenic warming. However, our model 50 projections suggest future anthropogenic warming further diminishes tropical pelagic diversity to 51 a level not seen in millions of years. 52

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54 **Significance Statement:** We discovered that the tropical oceanic diversity depression is not a 55 recent phenomenon nor very deep-time in origin, by using a comprehensive global dataset of the 56 calcified shells of planktonic foraminifers, abundant unicellular organisms in the world's oceans 57 which are exceptionally well-preserved in marine sediments as fossils. The diversity decline in 58 the lowest latitudes may have started due to rapid post-ice-age warming around 15,000 years 59 ago. Warming may by the end of this century diminish tropical oceanic diversity to an 50 unprecedented level in human history.

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One Sentence Summary: The bimodal pelagic latitudinal diversity gradient, at least in
 planktonic foraminifers, appears to have emerged from the glacial unimodal gradient through
 species distribution shifts probably driven by postglacial ocean warming.

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66 Introduction

Latitudinal diversity gradients (LDGs), the equatorially-centred parabolic diversity patterns, have
been described for over 200 years in terrestrial systems (1-4) and are also well-established in
marine environments (5-7). However, there is an increasing recognition that marine LDGs,
particularly those in open-ocean systems, tend to have an tropical diversity depression and thus
to be bimodal (8-14).

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This current tropical depression is consistent with present-day temperatures being beyond the upper physiological thermal tolerances of some species. An inability of species to tolerate high temperatures or sustained physiological stresses may cause shifts of their latitudinal ranges further poleward as the climate warms. Indeed, a near-future tropical biodiversity decline has been predicted with ongoing human-induced climate warming (15-19), and ecosystem-scale impacts of ocean warming are already evident (20-24).

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Alternatively, or additionally, the current tropical dip in diversity could be explained through an evolutionary mechanism of higher speciation rates and/or lower extinction rates at the edges of the tropics (8, 13). Distinguishing the ecological and evolutionary time-scale processes

- responsible for observed variations in the shape of marine LDGs is critical for assessing the 83 outcome of biotic responses to rapid anthropogenic warming over the coming century (12). 84 However, the lack of a standardized paleoecological baseline for the pelagic LDG has 85 compromised separating whether the observed bimodality is caused by a rapid ecological 86 response to ocean warming, by a longer-term and slower evolutionary process, or both (e.g., 14). 87 While several paleontological studies have shown deep-time bimodal LDGs (25), they are not 88 directly comparable to the present-day pelagic bimodality, or do not answer this question directly 89 for various reasons, including that they tend to be from other (e.g., terrestrial) systems or too 90 deep time to evaluate the hypothesis of rapid ecological response, and/or affected by limited data 91 coverage. 92
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The calcified shells of planktonic foraminifers, abundant and widespread protists in the world's 94 oceans, are well-preserved in marine sediments and can thus provide a baseline for tracking 95 trends in the LDG over the geologic past (26, 27). In addition, the relationship to temperature of 96 planktonic foraminiferal diversity is consistent with that of many other open ocean organisms (5, 97 11, 28). Here we use global datasets of pre-industrial (broadly representing a late Holocene 98 situation; see Materials and Methods) and last-ice-age planktonic foraminifers as well as a future 99 diversity projection to provide empirical evidence that the tropical diversity depression is neither 100 a recent anthropogenic phenomenon nor of deep-time origin. Rather, it was likely caused by a 101 post-ice-age warming, suggesting a major role for distributional shifts driven by climate. 102

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104 **Results and Discussion**

105 *Diversity patterns with latitude and temperature*

Our global analysis of planktonic foraminiferal diversity [calculated as species richness (Hill 106 number, q = 0) and effective number of common species (Hill number, q = 1), see Materials and 107 Methods] demonstrates that during the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM, ca. 21 kyr ago), the LDG 108 was unimodal (or only weakly bimodal), whereas the pre-industrial LDG was bimodal with a 109 distinct tropical diversity depression (Fig. 1, SI Appendix, Fig. S1, Tables S1, S2). This indicates 110 that the strength of the bimodal LDG for planktonic foraminifers cannot be entirely due to long-111 term evolutionary processes because it was minimal during the LGM (Fig. 1, SI Appendix, Fig. 112 113 S1, Tables S1, S2), and there have been no known global extinctions or speciations of any planktonic foraminiferal species since the LGM (29). 114

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We propose that the cause of the bimodality may then be environmentally-driven extirpation and/or immigration. During warming, any diversity losses at higher latitudes (due to range shifts of species to even higher latitudes) are compensated for by the poleward movements of species from lower latitudes. However, in the tropics, such compensation due to species range shifts is not possible, resulting in an tropical diversity decline (15, 17, 30, 31).

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122 It is unlikely that the tropical diversity depression is a very recent phenomenon originating in the 123 Anthropocene, because we found that the pre-industrial LDG was already bimodal. Thus, the 124 bimodal LDG most likely developed during the post-LGM warming, with a 5.2 % loss in the mean projected species richness since the LGM at the equator (calculated based on the mean predictions within ± 1 degree latitude; Fig. 1).

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The LDG exhibited a tropical plateau (or weak bimodality) during the LGM (Fig. 1, SI 128 Appendix, Fig. S1) indicating an approach towards diversity saturation (at or beyond the 129 optimum in the unimodal temperature-diversity relationship; see the next paragraph) with 130 relatively low maximum global sea temperature. The distinct tropical diversity decline may have 131 begun ~15,000 years ago, given that a rapid postglacial warming started at that time (32). The 132 duration of glacial periods has been much longer than that of interglacial periods during the late 133 Ouaternary. Therefore, the tropical thermal niches of marine organisms may be optimized to the 134 maximum temperatures of glacial periods, leading to tropical diversity depressions during warm 135 periods, given marine niche conservatism is known to have existed during late Quaternary 136 climate changes (33). As a bimodal LDG is known to be present during the last interglacial (in 137 corals; 34), it is likely that the bimodal LDG has appeared repeatedly during warm interglacial 138 periods during the late Quaternary, and weakened during glacial periods. Species adapted to very 139 warm temperatures existed during the Pliocene, the major previous warmer-than-present period, 140 but significant extinctions of these species are known during the Plio-Pleistocene cooling (27). 141 Note that pre-Plio-Pleistocene Phanerozoic LDG are also known to be dynamic (14, 35-37) 142 though the underlying mechanism may be different. 143

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Sea surface temperature has been and is unimodal with latitude (Fig. 2d, but see the next 145 paragraph for the equatorial upwelling zone). It is also predicted to remain unimodal under the 146 RCP 8.5 'business-as-usual' climate warming scenario in 2091-2100 ('2090s' hereafter), with 147 ~0-4 degrees warming relative to the pre-industrial control (PIC) (Fig. 2). The magnitude of the 148 predicted warming from the PIC to the RCP 8.5 2090s will be larger (and much more rapid) than 149 that from the LGM to PIC (Fig. 2), particularly in the tropics. The unimodal (or only weakly 150 bimodal) LDG during the LGM and the bimodal LDG during the pre-industrial time period 151 reflect a positive temperature-diversity relationship from -2°C to 20°C and a negative 152 relationship beyond that, especially beyond 25°C and for species richness (SI Appendix, Fig. 153 S2). Thus, the present reduction of species diversity in the tropics is likely due to high sea 154 temperatures (SI Appendix, Fig. S2), a thermal response also identified in other pelagic groups 155 (38). Such very high temperatures (those exceeding 25°C) did not exist in any latitudinal band 156 during the LGM (Fig. 2). Supporting our interpretation is the observation that planktonic 157 for a minifer species tend to have optimum temperature ranges at $\sim 20-30^{\circ}$ C, with a sharp drop in 158 their growth rates above these temperatures, showing a high-end temperature threshold of 159 thermal performance curves (19, 39, 40). Using the relationship between sea surface temperature 160 and diversity for both time periods (LGM and PIC), we predict a more than 15 % diversity loss 161 at the equator (calculated based on the mean predictions within ± 1 degree latitude) within this 162 century under the 'business-as-usual' climate warming scenario (Fig. 1, SI Appendix, Fig. S1). 163 In comparison, only ~5 % diversity loss at the equator has been observed between the LGM and 164 PIC (Fig. 1, SI Appendix, Fig. S1), indicating the potential for a three times greater reduction 165 over the coming century. It is also noteworthy that corals had a bimodal LDG in the last 166 interglacial, a warmer-than-present time period (34). Thus, we may see tropical diversity decline 167 not only in planktonic foraminifers but also in other taxonomic and functional groups with 168 further future warming. 169

In the equatorial upwelling zone of the eastern Pacific Ocean (especially at ~100-120 °W; Fig. 171 2b), sea surface temperature is lower than that in adjacent higher-latitude (e.g., 5–10 °N and °S) 172 tropical waters, which may affect species diversity. Indeed, the equatorial diversity is higher than 173 that at 5-10 °N and °S in the eastern Pacific at ~100-120 °W (Fig. 1b). Thus, in the present-day 174 175 ocean, the equatorial upwelling zone with lower temperature than adjacent higher-latitude tropical waters may be within or close to the optimum temperature range of many species and act 176 as a refugium. In the future warmer ocean, however, temperature will be beyond the optimum 177 temperature range even in the equatorial upwelling zone (Fig. 2c) and the refugium will 178 disappear (Fig. 1c). Nonetheless, the equatorial upwelling zone does not affect our major results, 179 because the low temperature zone related to the equatorial upwelling is limited to a very narrow 180 equatorial band of the eastern Pacific Ocean. The analyses of just the Atlantic Ocean, which 181 lacks a distinct equatorial temperature decline, show the same basic results (see Materials and 182 Methods). 183

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Higher latitude, especially temperate, diversity increases from the LGM to PIC and from the PIC 185 to RCP 8.5 2090s and offsets the tropical diversity decline (Fig. 3). The temperate peaks of 186 diversity shift poleward in the comparison between the PIC and RCP 8.5 2090s (Fig. 3b) relative 187 to that between the LGM and PIC (Fig. 3a), indicating that future warming will further enhance 188 poleward species range shifts. Both the tropical diversity decline and temperate diversity 189 increase from the PIC to 2090s would be reduced with the low-emission scenario RCP 2.6 190 relative to the business-as-usual scenario RCP 8.5 (Fig. 3c). The subpolar diversity decline from 191 the PIC to 2090s (negative Δ diversity peak at ~50–60 °N: Fig. 3b, c) is probably due to 192 projected subpolar North Atlantic cooling related to a collapse of the local deep-ocean 193 convection (41-43). 194

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196 Beta-diversity and the process of diversity change

Beta-diversity quantifies how species composition changes in space and time; for example in 197 response to temperature gradients and ocean warming. We divided beta diversity into turnover 198 and nestedness components (Fig. 4, see Materials and Methods). Turnover occurs with species 199 200 replacement along an environmental gradient, and nestedness indicates species loss without replacement; i.e., when an assemblage is a subset of a more species rich neighbouring biota. The 201 relative contributions of turnover and nestedness components had positive and negative peaks 202 respectively in the tropics during the LGM, showing unimodal and inverse unimodal LDGs (Fig. 203 4). Since then the peaks have moved poleward towards the edges of the tropics, showing bimodal 204 and inverse bimodal LDGs during the pre-industrial time (Fig. 4). The tropical peak of the pre-205 industrial inverse bimodal nestedness LDG is due to a reduction of species, presumably those 206 most sensitive to the warming. In other words, the pre-industrial tropical assemblage has lost 207 species and has become more of a subset of the adjacent higher-latitude tropical assemblages. 208 The peaks in relative contribution of turnover (positive) and nestedness (negative) to beta 209 diversity at the edges of the pre-industrial tropics (Fig. 4) indicate distributional shifts of some of 210 tropical species, which had an equatorial distribution during the LGM, towards higher latitudes 211 (SI Appendix, Fig. S3). Overall, 23 of 27 species extended their interquartile range (75-25 212 213 percentile) and shifted southern and northern edges of distributions (97.5-2.5 percentiles)

- poleward since the LGM, and 6 of 27 species show much stronger bimodal latitudinal
 distributions of their occurrence density in the PIC than in the LGM, which is probably
- responsible for the observed bimodal PIC LDG (SI Appendix, Fig. S3).
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218 Future scenario

A future tropical diversity depression has not only been predicted for planktonic foraminifers but also for other taxonomic and functional groups (Fig. 1; 8, 9, 11, 18, 19). Planktonic foraminifer diversity is known to track marine and especially pelagic diversity (5, 26). Given the exceptional fossil record of planktonic foraminifers used here as an ideal model system and the fact that most marine organisms have poor fossil records, our findings may further apply to other taxonomic groups. For example, Kaschner et al. (44) suggested a reduction of tropical and an increase in temperate diversity in marine mammals under a warming scenario.

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227 In a warmer pelagic world, temperate regions will hold more tropical species, and polar regions more temperate species, as they change their distributions to live within their optimum 228 temperature niches (16). However, tropical regions will have no source for such immigrants (16-229 18). Our study shows that this tropical dead-end causes a local diversity reduction of planktonic 230 foraminifers between 20 °S and °N. The situation will worsen with continued global warming in 231 the coming decades, particularly without appropriate mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions 232 (Fig. 3c). This tropical pelagic diversity decline likely emerged before industrialization and the 233 Anthropocene and perhaps during the onset of the postglacial warming ~15,000 years ago. 234 Future anthropogenic warming may diminish tropical diversity to a level not seen in millions of 235 236 years.

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425 Materials and Methods

- 426 <u>Foraminifera</u>
- We used exceptionally comprehensive global census datasets of planktonic foraminifera, the 427 ForCenS (45) and the MARGO (46, 47) compilations, for "present-day" pre-industrial (see 428 below) and LGM LDG reconstructions, respectively. The databases comprise specimens 429 collected using a constant 150 µm sieve size (see Yasuhara et al., 2012 for discussion on the 430 sieve size). We consider *Globigerinoides ruber* pink and white as separate species. We merged 431 432 Globorotalia menardii and Globorotalia tumida. P/D integrade is merged with *Neogloboquadrina incompta.* Otherwise, we used species only and did not use subspecies or 433 categories including multiple species. Globorotalia crassula was removed from the datasets, 434 because it already became extinct ~0.9 million years ago (28, 29). We also removed small, rare, 435 and/or taxonomically obscure species (Tenuitella iota, Berggrenia pumilio, Dentigloborotalia 436 anfracta, Globorotalia cavernula, Globigerinita minuta, and Globorotalia ungulata) following 437 Siccha and Kucera (45). Eventually, we used these 34 species: Beella digitata, Candeina nitida, 438 Globigerina bulloides, Globigerina falconensis, Globigerinella adamsi, Globigerinella calida, 439 440 Globigerinella siphonifera, Globigerinita glutinata, Globigerinita uvula, Globigerinoides conglobatus, Globigerinoides ruber pink, Globigerinoides ruber white, Globigerinoides tenellus, 441 Globoconella inflata, Globoquadrina conglomerata, Globorotalia crassaformis, Globorotalia 442 hirsuta, Globorotalia menardii+tumida, Globorotalia scitula, Globorotalia theyeri, Globorotalia 443 truncatulinoides, Globorotaloides hexagonus, Globoturborotalita rubescens, Hastigerina 444 pelagica, Hastigerinella digitata, Neogloboquadrina dutertrei, Neogloboquadrina incompta, 445

- 446 Neogloboquadrina pachyderma, Orbulina universa, Pulleniatina obliquiloculata,
- 447 Sphaeroidinella dehiscens, Trilobatus sacculifer, Turborotalita humilis, Turborotalita
- 448 *quinqueloba*. After removing duplicated samples, the pre-industrial ForCenS and LGM MARGO 449 datasets include 4138 and 1442 samples, respectively, with >~300 specimens per sample for
- 449 datasets include 4138 and 1442 samples, respectively, with $>\sim$ 300 specimens per sample for 450 most samples (45-47). Given generally slow sedimentation rate in the deep sea, the ForCenS
- 451 coretop "present day" dataset probably represents mostly the late Holocene (= the last few
 - 452 thousand years) but pre-industrial and pre-Anthropocene (48). Although small proportion of
 - 453 specimens would be from the Anthropocene, they should be negligible, given time averaging of a 454 few thousand years. It is unlikely that the bimodal LDGs are artifacts of sampling biases (49),
 - few thousand years. It is unlikely that the bimodal LDGs are artifacts of sampling biases (49), because tropical regions are well sampled in our datasets (Fig. 1, SI Appendix, Fig. S1), and the
 - 456 less sampled LGM dataset does not show a remarkably bimodal LDG.

458 <u>Temperature</u>

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We used the 3-D, fully coupled Earth system models GISS-E2-R from the Goddard Institute for 459 Space Studies, IPSL-CM5A-LR from the Institut Pierre Simon Laplace, and MPI-ESM-P from 460 the Max Planck Institute to calculate the ensemble average of annual mean sea surface 461 temperature (SST) for the last 100 years during the LGM (50-52). For the last 100 years of the 462 pre-industrial control (PIC) scenario and the years 2091-2100 (2090s) projections (RCP 8.5 a.k.a. 463 business-as-usual scenario and RCP 2.6 with appropriate mitigations of carbon dioxide 464 emission), we use earth system model simulations from the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics 465 Laboratory's GFDL-ESM-2G, the Institut Pierre Simon Laplace's IPSL-CM5A-MR, and the 466 Max Planck Institute's MPI-ESM-MR to calculate the ensemble average of the annual mean SST 467 (51, 53, 54). We re-projected the SST layer of each Earth system model to 0.5 by 0.5-degree 468 grids based on bilinear interpolation and then calculated the multi-model average of each 469 interpolated grid. All Earth system models are part of the Coupled Model Intercomparison 470 Project Phase 5 (CMIP5) and were downloaded from the Earth System Grid Federation (ESGF) 471 Peer-to-Peer (P2P) enterprise system (https://esgf.llnl.gov/). 472

474 <u>Statistical modeling</u>

For diversity measures, we used Hill numbers (55), ${}^{q}D = (\sum_{i=1}^{S} p_{i}^{q})^{1/(1-q)}$, where S is the number of 475 species in a site and p_i is the relative abundance of the *i*th species. The (larger) value of order q 476 discounts the rare species and thus emphasizes the abundant species. When q = 0, all species 477 478 have equal weight and ${}^{q}D$ is equivalent to species richness. Where q approaches 1, the derived mathematical expression of Hill numbers $({}^{1}D)$ is given as ${}^{1}D = exp(-\sum_{i=1}^{S} p_{i}^{q} log(p_{i}))$. Because the 479 equation gives more weight to common species (with higher relative abundance), it can be 480 interpreted as the effective number of equally-abundant and common (typical) species in a 481 community (56). Both measures were very similar in our results, so we present the Hill number 482 of order q = 0 in the main text because species richness is the most intuitive and commonly used 483 measure of diversity, and q = 1 (the exponential form of the Shannon index) in the SI Appendix. 484

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We decomposed beta-diversity (multiple-site Sorensen dissimilarity) which is influenced by
turnover and species richness, into spatial turnover (also called Simpson's dissimilarity index)
and nestedness components (57, 58). The beta-diversity measures and partitions were conducted
over a one-degree-latitude moving window. Within each moving window, five sites were
randomly resampled (with replacement) for 1000 times to estimate the mean and standard
deviation. Windows with less than five sites were omitted from the calculations. The same

analyses were tested across one- to five-degree-latitude moving window and show consistent
latitudinal patterns in beta diversity (SI Appendix, Fig. S4).

The latitudinal gradients of diversity were fitted by a generalized additive model (GAM) with a 495 quasipoisson error distribution, and a thin plate regression spline for the LGM and PIC datasets. 496 We also used a GAM to fit the LGM or PIC SST to their observed Hill numbers (e.g., species 497 richness or effective number of common species) to visualize the thermal gradient of diversity. 498 Finally, we constructed a third type of GAM using SST, longitude, latitude (and their interaction), 499 the ocean basins (i.e., Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic, and Southern Oceans) where the samples 500 were collected, and time (LGM and PIC) as predictor variables to account for spatial and 501 temporal diversity variations and to project the future distribution of species richness based on 502 the ensemble average of projected SST under RCP 8.5 and RCP 2.6 in the 2090s. The basis 503 dimensions in the GAMs was chosen (k = 5 or 6) to generate smooth curve fit for ease of 504 interpretation; nevertheless, the fitted lines are in general agree to the GAM with automatic 505 selection of k. 506

All statistical analyses were performed with R version 3.5.1 (59). Hill numbers and multivariate 508 analysis used the *vegan* package (60), beta-diversity the *betapart* packages (61), GAMs the *mgcv* 509 package (62), and GIS mapping and data visualization used the *raster*, *sp* and *ggplot2* packages 510 (63-65). A significance level of $\alpha = 0.05$ was applied to all statistical tests. All model residuals 511 were checked by standard diagnostic plots (i.e., residual vs. fitted values, qq plot) for 512 assumptions of homogeneity, independence and normal distribution, and by Moran's I test, 513 Moran's I spatial correlogram and variogram for spatial autocorrelation (66). The assumptions of 514 homogeneity, independence and normal distribution were reasonably met. Spatial 515 autocorrelations in the model residuals were detected at distances up to 2791 km for the LGM 516 and 1696 km for PIC species richness (Hill numbers of order q = 0) and up to 785 km for the 517 LGM and 1229 km for PIC effective number of common species (Hill numbers of order q = 1). 518

Dissolution of planktonic foraminiferal shells and upwelling may affect diversity. To 520 demonstrate that the diversity patterns were not affected by dissolution or upwelling, we ran the 521 same analysis for three subsets; namely samples with water depth less than 3000 m, those from 522 Atlantic Ocean only, and those excluding all coastal ecoregions, and thus coastal upwelling areas 523 (67). The shallow-depths and Atlantic subsets have higher calcium carbonate saturation state, 524 and thus better foraminiferal preservation (than the whole dataset including deeper depths and 525 other oceans than the Atlantic). The Atlantic Ocean does not have distinct low temperature zone 526 related to the equatorial upwelling, compared to the Pacific Ocean (Fig. 2). The results of these 527 subsets remain qualitatively the same (SI Appendix, Figs S5, S6, S7), showing that our results 528 are not artefacts of preservation or affected by upwelling. 529

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Fig. 1. Species richness of planktonic foraminifers during the (a) Last Glacial Maximum (LGM), (b) pre-industrial control (PIC), and for (c) 2091-2100 (2090s) as maps and latitudinal gradients. The observed diversities (LGM & PIC, gray symbols) were modeled by sea surface temperature, coordinates, and ocean basin using a Generalized Additive Model (GAM). The diversities in 2090s (gray symbols) were predicted from the same set of variables with future sea surface temperature (based on RCP 8.5). The predicted latitudinal diversities for the three time periods (enclosed by blue dashed lines) were smoothed by a GAM to show latitudinal diversity gradients (blue lines). The latitudinal gradient of observed diversities during the LGM and PIC were also fitted by a GAM and shown as the red lines with the shaded areas indicating the 95% confidence intervals (small and not visible in the PIC panel). LGM and PIC observations points have been had a small amount of jitter added on the x-axis to make them visible when overlapping. See SI Appendix Fig. S1 for empirical and projected diversities using a Hill number of order q = 1.



Figure 2. Maps and latitudinal gradients of the projected ocean sea surface temperature (SST) during the (a) LGM, (b) pre-industrial control (PIC), and (c) 2091-2100 (2090s) based on RCP 8.5. The latitudinal SST (LGM: blue; PIC: green; 2090s: red) and Δ SST (warming from the LGM to PIC as green and from the PIC to 2090s as red) are smoothed by a GAM and shown in panels (d) and (e), respectively. Grey dots in panels (a) and (b) indicate sample locations.



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Figure 3. Changes in predicted species richness (Δ species richness) from the LGM to PIC (a), from the PIC to RCP 8.5 2090s (b), and from the PIC to RCP 2.6 2090s (c). Species richness was predicted using sea surface temperature for LGM, PIC, RCP 8.5 2090s, and RCP 2.6 2090s. The Δ species richness were calculated for the LGM samples in panel (a) and PIC samples in panel (b) and (c), and smoothed by a GAM [blue lines with the gray shaded areas indicating the 95% confidence intervals that are small and not visible in the panels (b) and (c)].



Figure 4. The latitudinal gradients in beta diversity during (a) the LGM and (b) the pre-industrial periods. The total beta-diversity, i.e. Sorensen dissimilarity (red), was separated into turnover (green) and nestedness (blue) components. Panels (c) and (d) show the relative contribution of the turnover (green) and nestedness (blue) components to total dissimilarity for the LGM and pre-industrial periods, respectively.









