



## **Evidence of Little Ice Age cooling in West Antarctica from borehole temperature.**

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We measured the temperature in a 300 m dry hole at the West Antarctica Ice Sheet Divide site, adjacent to the deep ice core hole ( $79^{\circ} 28'S$  and  $112^{\circ} 07'W$ ). WAIS Divide mean annual temperature of  $-31^{\circ}C$  and accumulation rate of 22 cm-ice/year make it an ideal polar opposite to the Greenland Summit site. The record shows a clear cooling signal with a minimum at about 153 m, very similar in amplitude to the GISP2 record. Preliminary inversion results suggest an amplitude of  $1^{\circ}C$  for the Little Ice Age cooling, similar to that of Greenland Summit. This result differs from an unpublished Taylor Dome borehole record discussed by Broecker (PNAS, 2000). This inter-hemispheric synchronicity does not provide support for a bipolar see-saw mechanism but is consistent with a solar forcing cause for the Little Ice Age.