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The influence of low latitude forcing on European Ice sheet dynamics

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Distinct mid-glacial $\delta 180$ enrichment events found at Site U1386 in the Gulf of Cadiz during Marine Isotope Stages 6 and 8 represent a striking feature absent in most deep-sea benthic $\delta 180$ records studied worldwide. These $\delta 180$ enrichment events are closely related to periods of maximum precession and aligned with previous findings from the Mediterranean and Red Seas. Here we present paired planktic and benthic stable isotope ($\delta 180$ and $\delta 13C$) and Mg/Ca-based temperature records of Site U1386 of the last 300.000 years. Our results show that these $\delta 180$ enrichment events are recorded in both subsurface and bottom water masses and pre-date the largest cooling events along the Iberian Margin and associated European sourced meltwater pulses of the Drenthe and Fuhne major ice-sheet advances, suggesting that they instead correspond to periods of maximum ice volume extend in Europe.