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Waddington et al. (2005) presented a novel method for estimating ice-thickness and accumulation-rate histories using the depth–age scale and the layer thickness pattern from an ice core. They applied their method to data from Siple Dome ice core (WAISCORES Ice Core Data Archive Index). Paterson (1994) described the basic glaciological principles applied by Waddington et al. (2005).

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Book:

Paterson, W.S.B. (1994), *Physics of Glaciers*, 3rd ed., 481 pp., Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford, England.

Last name of first author, first author's initials, second author's initials, second author's last name, etc. (year of publication), title of book, edition number, number of pages, publisher, location of publisher.

Journal article:

Waddington, E.D., H. Conway, E.J. Steig, R.B. Alley, E.J. Brook, K.C. Taylor, J.W.C. White (2005), Decoding the dipstick: Thickness of Siple Dome, West Antarctica, at the Last Glacial Maximum, *Geology*, 33(4), 281-284.

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Webpage:

WAISCORES Ice Core Data Archive Index, <http://nsidc.org/data/waiscores/data.html>, 03/06/07.

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