Carbon and Oxygen Isotope Analyses in Biocarbonates by SIMS





3D image of polished otolith



Nacre



5 µm



Confocal Laser Fluorescent Microscopy Image of a Nautilus shell cross section

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$\delta^{18}O$ and $\delta^{13}C$ in biocarbonates by SIMS



Carbonate samples analyzed at WiscSIMS:

- foraminiferal shells
 - speleothems
 - nautilus shells
 - mollusk shells
 - fish otoliths
 - corals









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Samples analyzed as WiscSIMS

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Identification of diagenetic calcite in foraminiferal shells - reassessment of paleorecords



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 δ^{18} O measurements by SIMS in <u>alteration-resistant</u> domains

Magnitude of the Carbon Isotope Excursion (CIE) in the marine record





Modified after McInerney and Wing, 2012

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Intrashell δ^{18} O variability in foraminiferal shells



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Measurements of **daily growth increments** in foraminiferal shells



Nautilus macromphalus



Nautilus shell



confocal laser fluorescence microscopy

Linzmeier et al., in prep.

Nautilus shell



One half centimeter (~20 days of growth) of Nautilus shell

Mollusk shells



Olson et al. 2012

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Tahitian black pearl oyster

Mollusk shells



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Otoliths



Otoliths (bluegill)





Corals







Epoxy mount for ion microprobe analysis of foraminiferal shells

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Double stick tapeat least 1 inch width

Washer
outer Ø 25.4 mm (1 inch)
inner Ø 10 mm





Example: Mounting of foraminiferal shells. Specimens are placed with the preferred orientation on the double stick tape (inner 10 mm of the washer marking). UWC-3 calcite standard (2 or 3 grains) are centered

Sample casting

Casting approx 6 cm³ epoxy



• inner \varnothing 25.4 mm (1 inch)

After grinding/polishing, the epoxy plug is cut to a thickness of less than 5 mm

Sealant





Zircon grain mount – Evaluation of the polishing relief



Example: Evaluation of the polishing relief of an otolith











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Preselection of suitable domains for SIMS

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Example: Foraminiferal shells



- imaging of **uncoated** samples by SEM in environmental mode using the backscattered electron detector (BSE) has shown to be a useful approach to locate growth bands and cavities that are filled by epoxy and/or organic material
- some of this features may not be clearly visible after coating. Only non-porous areas can be safely analyzed with high precision and accuracy.



Example: Coral

15.0kV x750 BSECOMP



Analysis pits must be placed in nonporous domains. Data from pits overlapping epoxy or organic material may be compromised.

Example: Coral



Example: Planning of δ^{13} C measurements in a foraminiferal shell. The required spot size for δ^{13} C averages several growth bands.



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Example: Cultured Foraminifera



Planned traverses for δ^{13} C measurements



typical shape of the SIMS beam spot

The SIMS beam spot is typically slightly elongated in x-direction. Thus, traverses with high spatial resolution should be analyzed in ydirection (pits should not overlap!).

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Example: Planning of δ^{18} O measurements in mollusk nacre

Tahitian black pearl oyster - cross section





Generation of secondary ions by sputtering



- Single atoms and clusters are ejected (collision cascade)
- A small fraction is ionized.

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UWC-3 calcite STD



The data for both ¹⁶O and ¹⁸O in a single spot are subdivided into a series of 20 cycles (for typical 10 µm-spot analytical conditions), and the internal precision is based on the SE of the 20 comparisons. The ¹⁸O/¹⁶O ratio in carbonate can vary significantly with depth during a single spot analysis, leading to a high internal error. However, this depth effect is reproducible from spot to spot and it is common to obtain external precision that is significantly better than would be predicted from the internal precision.

SIMS Data Table

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average $\delta^{\rm 18}O[{\rm measured}]$ of the eight bracketing STD analyses

± 2SD of the bracketing STD

Spot-to-spot precision of ±0.3‰ (2SD) in δ^{18} O with 10 µm beam-spot



A consistent primary beam intensity is essential for carbonate analyses





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high internal 2SE (internal precision): pit crosscutting epoxy and/or secondary phase

low ¹⁶O count rate, low yield: sample porosity, pit crosscutting epoxy



Data plotting outside the red dashed lines (yield <97% or >103% of the yield of the bracketing standards) were excluded, These pits likely contain a higher percentage of organics or are irregular (sample porosity, cavities, cracks, secondary phases).



Data from pits with a yield of <97% or >103% of the yield in the bracketing standards were excluded. The remaining data show no correlation between yield and measured δ^{18} O. The δ^{18} O values are corrected for instrumental drift, but not converted to the SMOW or PDB scale.



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SEM Imaging of <u>ALL</u> Analysis Pits

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Examples of 'regular' and 'irregular' ion microprobe pits in zircon following δ^{18} O analysis



- (a) '**Regular**' pit, showing slight asymmetry due to inclination of primary beam
- (b) '**Irregular**' pit with through-going cracks, visible in the crater walls and floor
- (c) 'Irregular' pit with a circular 'cavity' at the left side (defined by arrows). The analysis hit a mineral inclusion. Preferential sputtering of the inclusion is thought to have caused this feature. Pits are approximately 2-3 μm in depth.



Cavosie et al. 2005, EPSL

Evaluation of SIMS analysis pits by SEM: Otolith



Evaluation of SIMS analysis pits by SEM: UWC-3 carbonate STD



Evaluation of SIMS analysis pits by SEM: Nautilus shell (prismatic nacre)

Regular and irregular pits in the prismatic aragonite shell



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High ¹⁶OH/¹⁶O ratios indicate the presence of H, presumably organic material, in the analysis pit. The yield in the nonporous standard (UWC-3, coarse crystalline calcite) is about 10% higher than in the porous nautilus shell. Highest yields in the nautilus shell are observed in domains with a high ¹⁶OH/¹⁶O signal (or a high proportion of organics, respectively).

Removal of organics: Sample roasting (Example: Otoliths)



Biocarbonates containing significant amount of organics (e.g. otoliths, bivalves, mollusks) should be roasted or chemically treated to remove organics. However, this may cause disintegration of the sample, therefore, "practice"- samples should be used to evaluate the best procedure.



Sample view by the built-in CCD camera



Vetter et al. 2013, GCA

Point-Logger

POINT LOGGER v1.151 : *1208-1.jpg



During analysis, the sample can be seen by an optical microscope/CCD-camera. This representative image demonstrates the aiming-process (primary beam hits at blue marker). Typically this system is used for sample navigation and aiming. For some types of samples, the resolution of the optical microscope (left image) is insufficient for precise aiming. We can upload SEM images (field of view ~500 μm) and align them to the sample stage. Subsequently, targets can be selected using the more detailed/higher resolution SEM image.



SEM image, showing final traverse (~3 µm pits)



Point Logger

Using SEM images for precise aiming

Vetter et al. 2013, GCA doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2012.12.046



Example: Overlapping traverses for *in situ* δ^{18} O in a foraminiferal chamber wall with 3 µm beam-spot sizes. The Point Logger was used for aiming.

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10.0kV x2.70k SE

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Thank you!

