



Proxy development and application: Paleo-seasurface temperatures deduced from Mg/Ca in planktonic foraminifera

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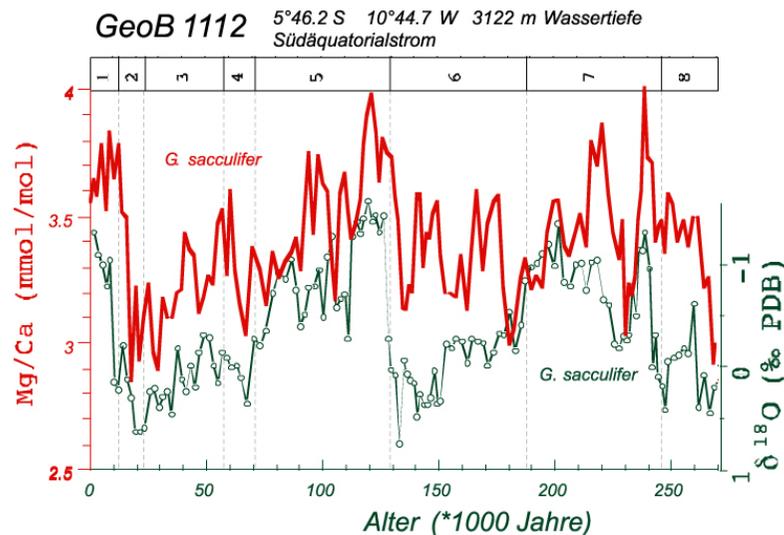
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Motivation:

Variations in the heat exchange through the surface layer of the ocean play a key role for global climatic changes. **Reliable sea surface temperature estimates** are therefore crucial to the reconstruction and modelling of past oceanic salinity and density, water column stratification, and thermohaline circulation.



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Mg/Ca-paleothermometry is a powerful paleoceanographic tool, which - in combination with the analysis of stable oxygen isotopes in the same biotic carrier - allows to reconstruct changes in sea surface hydrography.

