

# $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and B/Ca ontogenetic variability within *Globigerina bulloides*

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Understanding the atmosphere-continent-ocean carbon cycle and its associated oceanic carbon system is one of the keystones to face the Anthropocene's climate change. Since the 1990s the isotopic ratio of boron ( $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ ) in calcitic shells of planktic foraminifera has proven to be a powerful geochemical proxy to determine the oceanic paleo-pH and its link to atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  level over geological times<sup>1</sup>, whereas the ratio B/Ca as proxy of the seawater carbonate chemistry is still questionable<sup>2,3</sup>.

However, the use of planktonic foraminifera in paleoclimatic reconstructions requires calibrations of the pH –  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  relationships to correct what is known as « vital effect »<sup>4</sup>: each species controls differently its calcification process and consequently slightly modifies the seawater chemistry during biomineralization<sup>5,6</sup>. Moreover, shell size effect on  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  has been reported for some symbiont-bearing species due to photosynthetic increase of pH<sup>7,8</sup>.

Calibrations for the symbiont-barren *Globigerina bulloides* have been already determined<sup>9,10</sup> but sparse data have been reported so far for the test size effect on  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ <sup>11</sup>.

Here we measured the  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  of three different fractions (250-315, 315-400 and >400  $\mu\text{m}$ ) of *G. bulloides* sampled along the coretop PS97-122 from the Chilean margin (54.10°S, 74.91°W), by using a new protocol developed at IPGP and dedicated to small samples which couple a microsublimation technique and a micro-direct injection device ( $\mu$ -dDIHEN<sup>12</sup>). Our preliminary results show significantly higher  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values for the large fractions compared to the small ones, as found for symbiont-bearing planktonic species such as *Globigerinoides sacculifer*<sup>7</sup> and *Globigerinoides ruber*<sup>8</sup>.

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