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3 **SCLEROCHRONOLOGICAL EVIDENCE OF LIFE HISTORY AND AMBIENT**
4 **TEMPERATURE FROM MODERN AND EARLY PLEISTOCENE *GLYCYMERIS***
5 ***AMERICANA* (MOLLUSCA:BIVALVIA) OF THE U.S. EASTERN SEABOARD**
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27 **ABSTRACT: Growth-increment and isotopic studies of shells of the marine bivalve *Glycymeris***
28 ***americana* are a potential source of information bearing on its life history and preferred**
29 **environment over the late Cenozoic on the U.S. eastern seaboard. We demonstrate that the**
30 **ages of shells can be determined from growth bands and ontogenetic profiles of oxygen isotope**
31 **($\delta^{18}\text{O}$) composition, and that shell aragonite is deposited in oxygen isotopic equilibrium with**
32 **seawater, enabling calculation of ambient temperatures by means of a generic transfer**
33 **function. Modern specimens from North Carolina rarely reach the large size commonly**
34 **attained by modern forms from Florida and early Pleistocene forms from both states, and**
35 **modern populations from North Carolina probably include fewer old individuals, the most**
36 **certain disparity being with early Pleistocene populations from the state. The temporal change**
37 **in age structure in North Carolina may be an effect of recent scallop trawling but earlier non-**
38 **anthropogenic environmental change cannot be ruled out as the cause. Maximum and**
39 **minimum temperatures calculated from the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ profiles of early Pleistocene shells indicate a**
40 **larger seasonal range than now in both Florida and North Carolina, due to cooler winters. This**
41 **may reflect greater southward penetration of cool northern waters, with transport along the**
42 **shelf supplemented by upwelling of water brought south at depth.**

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INTRODUCTION

45 *Glycymeris* da Costa is a genus of non-siphonate, shallow-burrowing arcoid bivalves that evolved
46 from cucullaeid arcoids in the Cretaceous (Cox et al. 1969; Thomas 1975) and, as recorded in the
47 Ocean Biodiversity Information System (OBIS, undated), now occurs worldwide in tropical and
48 temperate marine shelf settings. The genus is a common element in fossil assemblages representing
49 these environments from the Neogene onwards. The aragonite shell (particularly the interior of the
50 hinge plate, which serves as the attachment surface for the ligament and bears the taxodont teeth)
51 generally shows a good record of annual increments. For this reason *Glycymeris* has attracted much
52 attention from sclerochronologists, who have used the increment information to construct multi-

53 decadal to multi-centennial (multi-individual) chronologies and to determine life and environmental
54 histories (Peharda et al. 2012, 2016; Brocas et al. 2013; Reynolds et al. 2013, 2017a, 2017b; Royer et
55 al. 2013; Bušelić et al. 2015; Moss et al. 2016; Yamaoka et al. 2016; Beaver et al. 2017; Featherstone
56 et al. 2017; Nemeth and Kern 2018; Gimenez et al. 2020; Alexandroff et al. 2021; Johnson et al.
57 2021). In many of these studies, increment information has been supplemented by oxygen isotope
58 ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$) profiles to test the annual periodicity of bounding growth lines and supply temperature
59 estimates. Some further studies of *Glycymeris* have been largely or entirely based on $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data
60 (Berthou et al. 1986; Walliser et al. 2015, 2016; Crippa et al. 2016; Peharda et al. 2019a, 2019b;
61 Featherstone et al. 2020; Johnson et al. 2022).

62 Most $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ thermometry using *Glycymeris* has employed the generic aragonite equation of
63 Grossman and Ku (1986). However, Royer et al. (2013) determined a species-specific equation
64 applicable to modern *Glycymeris glycymeris* from Brittany (France). This equation, implying non-
65 equilibrium isotopic incorporation, was subsequently used by Featherstone et al. (2020) for further
66 work on modern *G. glycymeris* in Brittany and (in a comparison with results derived using the
67 Grossman and Ku equation) by Reynolds et al. (2017a) for work in north-west Scotland; it has also
68 been used for work on Oligocene *G. obovata* and *G. planicostalis* (Walliser et al. 2016). The
69 equations of Grossman and Ku (1986) and Royer et al. (2013) yield significantly different estimates
70 for seasonal temperatures and annual range from the same shell (and water) $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values so it is
71 important to know which equation is the better one to use in *Glycymeris*-based $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ thermometry
72 (Reynolds et al. 2017a; Johnson et al. 2022).

73 A potentially useful *Glycymeris* species for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ thermometry is *G. americana*, an apparently
74 long-lived form (Johnson et al. 2021) that occurs in Neogene to present-day shelf assemblages on the
75 eastern seaboard of the United States and farther south (Porter and Wolfe 1971; Campbell 1993;
76 Abbott and Morris 1995). However, to date there has been no study of modern forms to determine
77 whether or not isotopic incorporation in *G. americana* departs from equilibrium. We remedy this
78 deficiency herein and go on to provide some initial temperature estimates from early Pleistocene

79 forms. We also use the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data to test whether the growth increments in the hinge plate of *G.*
80 *americana* are annual, and proceed to make some preliminary interpretations of life history at present
81 and in the early Pleistocene from counts and measurements of hinge increments and of cycles in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
82 profiles. Life history information is of potential value for conservation of marine bivalve species
83 (Schöne et al. 2003; Kirby and Miller 2005; Lockwood and Mann 2019; Hesterberg et al. 2020;
84 Killam et al. 2021; Palmer et al. 2021) and is particularly worth obtaining for *G. americana* since it
85 may be approaching extinction (Nicol 1953).

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87 *G. AMERICANA* (DEFRANCE, 1826): BACKGROUND INFORMATION

88 *G. americana* (Fig. 1) belongs to the group of *Glycymeris* species (including *G. glycymeris*) with
89 numerous low, striated ribs (Thomas 1975). It appears at approximately the same time in the late
90 Pliocene throughout the US Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain from Virginia and North Carolina
91 (Rushmere Member of the Yorktown Formation; Ward et al. 1991) to central western Florida
92 (Pinecrest Beds; Campbell 1993) and occurs over the same area in the Pleistocene (Ward and
93 Blackwelder 1987; Campbell 1993). Abbott and Morris (1995) gave the modern range as from Brazil
94 to Virginia, but Nicol (1953) considered the northern limit of *G. americana* (and indeed of
95 *Glycymeris* in the western North Atlantic) to be Cape Hatteras (North Carolina; Fig. 2). The latter
96 view is taken in the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS, undated) and we have seen no
97 evidence in the form of museum specimens or described individuals to contradict it; Abbott and
98 Morris (1995) seem likely to have been mistakenly referring to Pliocene or Pleistocene material from
99 Virginia in their description of the modern range. While *G. americana* occupies much the same
100 geographic range at present as it did in the past, Nicol (1953) noted that it now occurs more patchily
101 and in lower numbers, less commonly reaches a large size, and exhibits a smaller range of
102 morphological variation—indications, in his view, that the species is nearing extinction.

103 Both ancient and modern forms of *G. americana* are largely restricted to relatively coarse
104 sediments representing current-swept settings (Thomas 1975). They sometimes show evidence of

105 attack by predators in the form of repair scars and drill holes (Thomas 1976; Sime and Kelly 2016),
106 but drill holes are less frequent in large individuals (B. Kelly, personal communication 2019),
107 suggesting the existence of a size refuge from predation. Large individuals (anterior–posterior length
108 > 70 mm) occur in the Pliocene and are also present in the early Pleistocene (e.g., Fig. 1: JC3, JC4,
109 BC1), with many specimens of this size in early Pleistocene populations from Florida and North
110 Carolina and individuals over 100 mm in length from both states. Apparently referring to modern
111 forms, Abbott and Morris (1995) recorded a length of ‘5 in.’ (127 mm) in the southern part of the
112 range. While we did not observe modern specimens of this great size in our examination of
113 collections at the Natural History Museum, London (BMNH), U.S. National Museum of Natural
114 History, Washington (USNM), and Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida,
115 Gainesville (UF), many individuals from Florida are large (e.g., Fig. 1: FL2). Abbott and Morris
116 (1995) stated that *G. americana* is about ‘½ in.’ (13 mm) in length in the northern part of its range,
117 again apparently referring to modern forms. Most of the 90+ dredged valves (45+ individuals) at the
118 USNM from the northernmost part of the modern range (North Carolina) are larger than this, but we
119 discovered amongst these only eight valves (five individuals) exceeding 37 mm in length, with the
120 largest 55 mm in length (Fig. 1: NC2). This information supports the notion of a northward decline in
121 maximum size amongst modern forms, albeit less steep than indicated by Abbott and Morris (1995).
122 The notion is, however, undermined by evidence from a substantial collection of dredged specimens
123 from North Carolina at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh (NCSM). This
124 material, of which we only became aware at a very late stage in our investigation (long after isotopic
125 and growth-increment research had been conducted on a set of specimens from other museums),
126 includes a few valves about 90 mm in length (measurements from photographs kindly supplied by
127 A.E. Bogan, NCSM). The maximum size of modern forms from Florida and North Carolina is
128 therefore similar, although large forms are clearly less common in the latter area. From the evidence
129 of museum collections the species seems to be fairly frequent in North Carolina at present (or at least
130 it was in the mid-twentieth century, when most modern material was obtained) and not obviously

131 less common than in Florida. However, we discovered very few modern examples from South
132 Carolina and Georgia, evincing the view of Nicol (1953) that the overall abundance of *G. americana*
133 is in decline and perhaps supporting his idea that the species is approaching extinction.

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MATERIAL

136 For the purposes of our investigation we selected four modern specimens (Fig.1, Table 1) and four
137 early Pleistocene specimens (Fig. 1, Table 2) for study, two from Florida and two from North
138 Carolina in each case to allow assessment of latitudinal effects. The geographic provenance of the
139 specimens is shown in Figure 2.

140 The fossil shells were in a similar condition to the modern ones, being hard, minimally abraded and
141 little perforated by bore holes (Fig. 1). All are from arenaceous units and therefore likely to be from
142 fairly shallow marine settings. Ward and Blackwelder (1987) estimated a depth of 20 m or a little
143 more for the James City Formation (JC3, JC4) while DuBar (1974) estimated a depth of less than 15
144 m for the Bermont Formation (possible horizon of BC1).

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METHODS

147 All the shells not supplied as ‘thick sections’ (i.e., all but FL1) were initially photographed. Of
148 these, all but NC1 (see below) were then stabilised by mounting in resin (Buehler EpoThin 2). The
149 mounted shells were then sawn (Buehler Isomet Precision rock saw; 100 rpm) along the line of
150 maximum growth (= dorso-ventral axis) and along parallel lines about 10 mm either side to produce
151 convenient thick sections for growth increment study and isotopic sampling. The faces corresponding
152 to the dorso-ventral axis of each pair of sections were progressively smoothed on a Buehler
153 Metaserve grinder using disks with 600-, 1200- and finally 2500-grit silicon carbide coatings, and
154 then hand-polished using a 0.05 µm aluminium oxide suspension to produce a reflective finish. One
155 of the polished faces was used for growth increment study by standard acetate peel (Richardson and
156 Walker 1993), then by acetate peel after staining the face with Alizarin Red (Johnson et al. 2021),

157 and finally (following repolishing) by treatment of the face with Mutvei's solution (c. 15 minutes
158 immersion; cf. Schöne et al. 2005). Acetate peels were not produced from BC1 because of the
159 limited support from resin on the exterior side. For detailed examination, peels and faces were
160 photographed under a Keyence VHX-7000 digital microscope using High Dynamic Range (HDR)
161 imaging. The non-treated polished face of each pair was also used for growth increment study
162 (likewise with the aid of HDR imaging) and as the preferred source of information (see 'Results and
163 Comparisons') on the number and size of hinge increments. Their width was determined with the
164 custom-made software Panopea (© Peinl and Schöne, 2004) along the line of maximum growth, as
165 illustrated in Johnson et al. (2021). The main part of the shell in the non-treated polished section was
166 drilled for isotope samples under a binocular optical microscope using a fixed drill fitted with a 0.3
167 mm conical bit, the section being hand-held during the process and brushed to remove any remaining
168 powder after transfer of each sample to a vial for storage. A series of holes c. 0.5 mm deep was
169 drilled along a curved path in the outer shell layer, starting as near to the origin of growth (dorsal) as
170 the thickness of the outer layer would permit and proceeding through ontogeny with roughly constant
171 spacing in most cases (Fig. 1: FL1), though with wider spacing in early ontogeny for NC1 (see Fig.
172 6) and JC3. Mean spacing of the centres of sample holes was from 0.55 mm (NC2) – 0.71 mm (JC3).
173 The smaller specimens were drilled to the ventral margin and the larger (FL2, JC3, JC4, BC1) to a
174 height (measured from the origin of growth by the method of Johnson et al. 2022) of 52.90 mm (JC3)
175 – 58.57 mm (JC4).

176 Mounting and sectioning of specimens involves an investment of resources and time, and results in
177 permanent disfigurement. Permission for preparation of already-curated specimens in this way is
178 sometimes difficult to obtain, it being seen as prejudicial to other uses—e.g., in studies of
179 morphological evolution. We therefore decided to investigate whether sampling of the shell exterior,
180 as conducted on some modern *Glycymeris* shells with minimal disfigurement and excellent results
181 (e.g., Peharda et al. 2019a) could yield similar results from fossil material. Accordingly, after
182 removal of any surficial organic material through the method adopted by Valentine et al. (2011), the

183 exterior of specimen NA1 was sampled by drilling sequential commarginal grooves, *c.* 0.1 mm in
184 depth (i.e., within the outer layer) and *c.* 10 mm in length (to obtain sufficient material for possible
185 replicate analysis), straddling the line of maximum growth. The same equipment was used as for
186 sampling cross-sections, the specimen was likewise hand-held, and sample spacing was similar
187 (mean spacing of the centres of grooves: 0.78 mm). A photograph of NA1 seen from the anterior was
188 used for measurement of sample heights from the origin of growth, the last sample being at 54.31
189 mm, a little short of the ventral margin at 58.48 mm. Sampling from the exterior enabled accurate
190 documentation of the position of sample sites relative to external growth bands and lines (Fig. 1:
191 NA1). In the case of other shells (mounted in resin, sectioned, and sampled in the cut face) the
192 positions of external growth lines (= growth breaks) were determined as well as possible (beneath the
193 encasing resin) and then projected into the sample path in accordance with the orientation of growth
194 structures in the cut face. The sometimes poor definition of these structures, together with the only
195 approximate determination of growth line positions on the exterior, provides scope for error in the
196 location of growth breaks relative to the isotope record in internally sampled shells.

197 Aliquots of samples (typically 50–100 µg) were analysed for their stable carbon and oxygen
198 isotope composition (given as $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values) at the stable isotope facility, British Geological
199 Survey, Keyworth, UK (NC1, FL1, JC3 *pars*, JC4 *pars*, BC1 *pars*) and the Institute of Geosciences,
200 University of Mainz, Germany (NC2, FL2, JC3 *pars*, JC4 *pars*, NA1, BC1 *pars*). At Keyworth,
201 samples were analysed using an Isoprime dual inlet mass spectrometer coupled to a Multiprep
202 system; powder samples were dissolved with concentrated phosphoric acid in borosilicate Wheaton
203 vials at 90°C. At Mainz, samples were analysed using a Thermo Finnigan MAT 253 continuous
204 flow–isotope ratio mass spectrometer coupled to a Gasbench II; powder samples were dissolved with
205 water-free phosphoric acid in helium-flushed borosilicate exetainers at 72°C. Both laboratories
206 calculated $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ against VPDB and calibrated data against NBS-19 (preferred
207 values: +1.95‰ for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, –2.20‰ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$) and their own Carrara Marble standards
208 (Keyworth: +2.00‰ for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, –1.73‰ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$; Mainz: +2.01‰ for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, –1.91‰ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$). Values

209 were consistently within $\pm 0.05\%$ of the values for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ in NBS-19. This, together with the
210 similarity of seasonal values and continuation of trends in shells analysed partly at Keyworth and
211 partly at Mainz (see the graphs in the online Supplemental Information), confirms the comparability
212 of results from each laboratory established in earlier work (Johnson et al. 2019). Note that $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of
213 shell aragonite was not corrected for different acid-fractionation factors of the aragonite samples and
214 calcite standards (for further explanation see Füllenbach et al. 2015).

215 We investigated isotopic incorporation by comparing directly measured temperatures at the sites of
216 origin of the modern shells with temperatures calculated from shell $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ using the equilibrium
217 equation of Grossman and Ku (1986):

$$218 \quad T (\text{°C}) = 20.60 - 4.34 * (\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{arag}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{w}}) \quad (1)$$

219 and the non-equilibrium equation of Royer et al. (2013):

$$220 \quad T (\text{°C}) = 18.11 - 2.66 * (\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{arag}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{w}}) \quad (2)$$

221 where $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{arag}}$ is the oxygen isotope ratio of aragonite relative to VPDB (Vienna PeeDee Belemnite)
222 and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{w}}$ is the oxygen isotope ratio of water relative to VSMOW (Vienna Standard Mean Ocean
223 Water). To compensate for measurement against two different scales, 0.27% was subtracted from the
224 $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{w}}$ value (Gonfiantini et al. 1995). For the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{w}}$ term we used annual mean seafloor values of
225 $+0.79\%$ (NC1), $+0.93\%$ (NC2) and $+0.94\%$ (FL1, FL2), obtained from the gridded data product
226 compiled by LeGrande and Schmidt (2006), which integrates 50 years of observational data and uses
227 high-resolution salinity data and the statistical relationship between $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{w}}$ and salinity measurements
228 to fill in missing values. The data are at 1° resolution in latitude and longitude, and are available for
229 every 10 m of depth. Measured temperature (and salinity) data were obtained from decadal averaged
230 monthly mean climatological data from the World Ocean Atlas 2018 (Locarnini et al. 2018; Zweng
231 et al. 2018). These data are obtained from climatological averages based on high-resolution 1955–
232 2017 data, and are at 0.25° resolution in latitude and longitude, and 5 m resolution in depth. The time
233 interval covers the collection period of NC1 and FL1, and possibly FL2. While NC2 was collected
234 prior to the time interval (1913), we verified that there was not a statistically significant shift in

235 temperature seasonality between the early and mid-20th century in the collection vicinity using
236 outputs from the COBE SST product (Ishii et al. 2005). All the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_w$, temperature and salinity data
237 should be interpreted as reflecting long-term climatological values in the vicinity of our collection
238 localities.

239 For calculation of temperatures from the early Pleistocene shells we used the favoured equation
240 from the investigation of modern shells (see ‘Results and Comparisons’) together with the lowest and
241 highest modelled $\delta^{18}\text{O}_w$ values for the Pliocene of the US eastern seaboard (+0.70‰ and +1.10‰;
242 Williams et al. 2009), there being no modelled values for the early Pleistocene. For the early and late
243 Pliocene, respectively, the modelling produced values of +0.70‰ and +1.10‰ for the North
244 Carolina area, and +0.90‰ and +1.02‰ for the Florida area—i.e., in the early Pliocene a slightly
245 lower value for the former area than the latter (as recorded now; see above), but in the late Pliocene a
246 slightly higher value. From this evidence it seems unlikely that there were significant differences in
247 $\delta^{18}\text{O}_w$ between the areas in the early Pleistocene, and the two values chosen for calculation of
248 temperatures represent the minimum and maximum that are likely to have obtained.

249 The modern temperature and salinity data, together with the isotopic and increment data from
250 shells and the temperatures calculated from $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, are provided in the online Supplemental Material.

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252 RESULTS AND COMPARISONS

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254 *Growth Structures and Ages*

255 With the exception of NC1, all shells showed some commarginal light/dark banding on the
256 exterior, and amongst these all but JC4 showed prominent growth lines (commarginal steps or
257 indentations in the shell corresponding to growth breaks) at ventral-ward transitions from light to
258 dark shell material (e.g., Fig. 1: NA1); a few such growth lines were also evident at other positions.

259 In untreated cross-sections, light and dark bands were visible to the naked eye, both in the hinge
260 plate and main part of the shell. However, the bands were not always easily discernible through the

261 entirety of each, being for instance only evident in the hinge plate of FL2 in the dorsal sector, and in
262 the main part of other large shells generally only well-defined above a height of about 60 mm; in that
263 height range they were observed to be relatively narrow (and composed of dark material bounded by
264 light lines) compared to the less distinct bands visible at heights between about 40 and 60 mm. As far
265 as could be determined, the light and dark material visible on the exterior was equivalent to the same
266 in cross-sections of the main part of the shell. HDR imaging revealed faint light/dark banding in the
267 ventral sector of the hinge plate of FL2 and, with digital enhancement of contrast, increased the
268 visibility of light/dark hinge banding generally (Figs. 3–5), including the dark-band/light-line variety
269 seen at relatively large hinge sizes (Fig. 5) and at equivalent heights in the main part of the shell.
270 HDR imaging also revealed fine banding in the main part of the shell at heights below about 40 mm
271 (Fig. 6).

272 With the exception of JC4 (Fig. 7; see Johnson et al. 2021 for illustrations of other specimens from
273 this sample, similarly treated to good effect), staining with Alizarin Red did little to improve the
274 definition of growth bands in the hinge plate, as viewed in acetate peel. With or without staining,
275 bands were scarcely visible at all in peels from NC1, despite their clear visibility in the untreated
276 cross-section (Fig. 3). However, they were more evident in peels from other specimens and clear in
277 the dorsal part of the hinge in FL2, although even in this case only a little more so than in the
278 untreated cross-section (Fig. 3). The hinge-bands seen in peels were sharply defined by lines
279 (variably light or dark), whereas those seen in untreated cross-sections had gradational boundaries, a
280 light/dark pair being equivalent to a single band seen in peel (Fig. 3: FL2). The narrow bands seen
281 above a height of about 60 mm in the main part of the shell in untreated cross-sections were also
282 represented in peels (Fig. 7), the dark lines between bands in peels corresponding to the light lines
283 bounding dark bands in untreated cross-sections. Also seen in peels were the wider but less distinct
284 bands at heights between about 40 and 60 mm and the fine bands at heights below about 40 mm (Fig.
285 7), though the latter were less evident than in untreated cross-sections (Fig. 6). From oxygen isotope
286 evidence that the 31-mm-high specimen in Figure 6 is 5 years old (see Fig. 9: NC1), it is clear that

287 the fine banding at heights below about 40 mm must represent a sub-annual (perhaps tidal)
288 periodicity, whereas the banding at greater shell heights is probably annual, the passage from
289 relatively wide bands at heights between about 40 and 60 mm to narrow thereafter reflecting the
290 ontogenetic slowing of growth typical of bivalves.

291 Treatment of bivalve cross-sections with Mutvei's solution usually enhances the visibility of
292 growth increments (of all scales), these being bounded by sharp ridges of material resistant to the
293 action of the acetic-acid component of the solution (Schöne et al. 2005). None of our specimens
294 responded in this way, although we had some success with other *G. americana* shells. In the hinge
295 plate of our specimens, Mutvei's solution gave a pale blue colour to the bands of light material but
296 did not make them any more distinct from dark bands (Figs. 3, 4). In the main part of the shell,
297 treatment with the solution sometimes produced zones of stronger and weaker blue coloration, with
298 the number of the former the same as that of dark bands in the hinge plate in one case (Fig. 3: NC1).
299 However, in other cases zonation was either not produced (Fig. 3: FL2) or was not relatable to the
300 banding in the hinge plate (Fig. 4).

301 The most clearly and consistently visualised growth structure in our *G. americana* specimens was
302 the light/dark banding of untreated hinge cross-sections, as seen in HDR images with enhanced
303 contrast. In so far as this banding is apparently equivalent to the banding seen (usually) in peels, and
304 hinge bands in peels from *G. glycymeris* have been shown to represent annual increments (Brocas et
305 al. 2013), the light/dark hinge banding in our specimens can be used to supply estimates of age in
306 years. We interpreted some relatively narrow bands of dark material within light, and of light
307 material within dark, as adventitious (perhaps due to passing encounters with predators or mild
308 fishing disturbance; Ramsay et al. 2000), basing our definition of annual increments in these cases on
309 the broader light and dark bands in which the narrow bands were included. However, even where
310 very narrow, we took the first dark band as the complement of the preceding light one (i.e., the two
311 as an annual pair) because to have done otherwise would have led to identification of an improbably
312 large first annual increment. Our approach is illustrated in Figures 3–5 and the resultant age

313 estimates are given in Table 3. Included in the table is an estimate for the unsectioned specimen NA1
314 based on the external light/dark banding of the main part of the shell (Fig. 1), given that this appears
315 to correspond to the light/dark banding seen in cross-section, which is probably annual.

316 From hinge-banding evidence, the smaller of the two modern North Carolina shells (NC1; length
317 37 mm) was 4 years old when it died, the larger (NC2; length 55 mm) 9 years old, and the smaller of
318 the two modern Florida shells (FL1; length 74 mm) 10 years old. The larger of the modern Florida
319 shells (FL2; length 91 mm) shows 6 bands in the first half of hinge ontogeny but equivalent
320 structures cannot be clearly seen thereafter. At least the same amount of time is likely to be
321 represented by the second half of hinge ontogeny because growth typically declines with age in
322 bivalves, so we can infer a minimum age at death of 12 years. Modern specimens of similar size are
323 quite common in Florida so we can further infer that this minimum age is reached frequently there.
324 North Carolina specimens of a size greater than the largest investigated from there (NC2; length 55
325 mm) are relatively rare, so while the age of the latter specimen (apparently 9 years) is no doubt
326 exceeded by some, it is probably not by many—i.e., the age structure of modern *G. americana*
327 populations may well differ between North Carolina and Florida.

328 Banding evidence suggests long lifespans in early Pleistocene *G. americana* from North Carolina.
329 While JC4 (86 years in this investigation; 89 years in Johnson et al. 2021, as measured by A.C.
330 Featherstone from a peel) appears to be an exceptionally long-lived individual (Johnson et al. 2021),
331 JC3 (31 years in this investigation; 23 years in Johnson et al. 2021, as measured by A.C.
332 Featherstone from a peel) probably represents the other end of the range of ‘normal’ lifespans, a
333 greater age (42 years) being specified by a very clear peel record from the hinge plate of a larger
334 specimen (length 107 mm) from the same unit and locality (JC1 in Johnson et al. 2021). Specimens
335 the same size or larger than JC3 (length 87 mm) are quite common at this site, as they are also in
336 another early Pleistocene unit (Waccamaw Formation) at a more southerly locality (Clyde Moor
337 Quarry) in North Carolina: a larger specimen than JC3 from there (length 107 mm) supplied a peel-
338 based age of 46 years, a slightly smaller one (length 83 mm) an age of 49 years, and four other

339 specimens of lengths 71–78 mm ages of 25–46 years (Johnson et al. 2021). While these
340 determinations were by another operative (K.A. Richardson), and different operatives and
341 visualisation methods can provide significantly different figures (see above), ages greater than 20
342 years were probably achieved quite commonly during the early Pleistocene in North Carolina, in
343 likely contrast to now.

344 The existing banding evidence does not suggest such long lifespans in Florida as in North Carolina
345 during the early Pleistocene. The larger of the two Florida shells investigated (BC1; length 84 mm) is
346 only fractionally smaller than JC3 but apparently lived only 15 years. The smaller (NA1; length 68
347 mm) almost certainly died at a younger age because the 6 annual increments recognised in the main
348 shell constitute nearly all of ontogeny, probably no more than 3 further years being represented by
349 earlier and later growth (Fig. 1). However, specimens of much greater size are common in the early
350 Pleistocene of Florida (up to a length of 110 mm in the Nashua Formation; UD 53428) so
351 substantially greater ages are probable, and it may be that old specimens are as common as in the
352 early Pleistocene of North Carolina.

353 Plots of hinge size against age from hinge increments (Fig. 8A) suggest slower growth in North
354 Carolina than Florida at present and in the early Pleistocene. This conforms with the pattern of
355 poleward decrease in growth rate seen in other bivalves (Moss et al. 2016) but requires confirmation
356 from investigation of further specimens (see also ‘Oxygen Isotopes, Ages, Growth Rates and
357 Temperatures’ for discussion of relative growth rates from plots of shell height against age from
358 oxygen isotope cycles).

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360 *Oxygen Isotopes, Ages, Growth Rates and Temperatures*

361 All the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ profiles (Fig. 9) show the anticipated cyclicity, reflecting seasonal differences in
362 water temperature (low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values representing the warm temperatures of summer, high $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values
363 the cool temperatures of winter). The cyclicity is smoothest and most regular in the externally
364 sampled shell (NA1) and corresponds precisely with the light/dark banding seen on the exterior, high

365 values falling in dark bands. The assumption that this banding can be used to determine age (see
366 ‘Growth Structures and Ages’) is therefore shown to be valid.

367 The ages indicated by the number of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ cycles are given in Table 3. The 8 cycles from FL2 fall
368 within the first 53 mm of shell height. The summer-to-summer wavelength of the last cycle is 8 mm
369 so conservatively assuming the same wavelength for the rest of ontogeny a total of 11 cycles would
370 have been identified if sampling had continued to the ventral edge (height 81 mm). Projecting the
371 number of increments to the end of hinge ontogeny gave almost the same figure (12) but both are
372 probably underestimates of the number of years that the animal lived because of the typical
373 ontogenetic decline in growth rate. The 9 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ cycles from JC3, 19 from JC4, 8 from NA1 and 8
374 from BC1 also fall within only a part of shell ontogeny as measured by height: the first 53 mm of 82
375 mm, 59 mm of 82 mm, 54 mm of 58 mm and 53 mm of 76 mm, respectively. By the method applied
376 to FL2, if sampling had been continued to the ventral edge, total lifespans of 16, 38, 9 and 13 years,
377 respectively, would have been identified. Again, these figures are very likely underestimates of the
378 age at death, especially in the case of the large shells JC3 and JC4, so the large discrepancies with the
379 ages indicated by hinge-banding for JC3 and JC4 are unsurprising. For all the other shells the ages
380 determined or projected from $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ evidence are within 2 years of those inferred from banding
381 evidence, and the ages of the modern shells sampled to the ventral margin (NC1, NC2, FL1) are
382 within 1 year of those determined from banding evidence (Table 3). This shows that band-counting is
383 a quite accurate means of determining age in *G. americana*, subject to use of an effective technique
384 (e.g., HDR imaging) to enhance the visibility of annual bands. Plots of shell height against age as
385 determined from $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ cycles (Fig. 8B) provide some indication of the geographic difference in
386 growth rates inferred from plots of hinge height against age from hinge increments (Fig. 8A).
387 However, the evidence of slower growth in North Carolina is weaker, especially when account is
388 taken of the fact that the apparently very slow-growing early Pleistocene specimen JC4 is unusually
389 thick-shelled—i.e., while it certainly grew very slowly in terms of shell height, the rate at which it
390 secreted carbonate may well have been similar to that of other individuals (Johnson et al. 2021).

391 For the three modern shells sampled to the ventral edge we can use the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ profile to determine
392 the season of death. In all three the last segment comprises falling values, so death occurred in spring
393 (NC2, FL1) or summer (NC1), before the date of collection in each case (Table 1).

394 The right-hand plots in Figure 10 show temperature profiles calculated from the shell $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values
395 of each of the modern specimens, while the left-hand plots show measured monthly temperature and
396 salinity data (in practical salinity units; PSU) for the locations concerned. The limited variation in
397 seafloor salinity and low correlation (see r values) with seafloor temperature at the locations of NC1,
398 NC2 and FL1 suggest that the calculated temperature profiles are unlikely to be distorted by use of a
399 single (annual mean) water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ value in each of these cases. The greater variation in seafloor
400 salinity at the location of FL2 and higher (negative) correlation with seafloor temperature suggest
401 that here, winter and summer water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values may be less well represented by the annual mean and
402 that the calculated temperature profile may be somewhat distorted due to the interaction with
403 changing water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values (artificially low winter temperatures and high summer temperatures).

404 A comparison of calculated winter minimum and summer maximum temperatures from the
405 modern shells with the measured values at their locations (Fig. 10) shows the close approximation to
406 reality of temperatures obtained with the equation of Grossman and Ku (1986) and the significant
407 departure from reality of the temperatures obtained using the equation of Royer et al. (2013). The
408 latter gives underestimates of both winter and summer temperatures but especially of the latter,
409 resulting in an underestimate also of seasonal range. Such discrepancies as exist between measured
410 seasonal temperatures and those calculated using the equation of Grossman and Ku (1986) could
411 reflect differences in the years represented (i.e., inter-annual variation in seasonal extremes).
412 Recalculating the 'Grossman and Ku' temperature profile from FL2 with salinity-adjusted values for
413 water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ would have the effect of raising winter temperatures and lowering summer temperatures,
414 assuming a normal (positive) relationship between salinity and water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$. While this would increase
415 the discrepancy with measured winter and summer temperatures, it would do so very little due to the
416 variation of only 1.26 PSU between winter (March) and summer (October) salinity. On the basis of

417 typical salinity/water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ relationships (e.g., Harwood et al. 2008), this variation would alter
418 calculated winter and summer temperatures by less than 1°C , leaving discrepancies with measured
419 temperatures well within the range plausibly accountable to inter-annual variation in seasonal
420 extremes.

421 The shape of the temperature profiles from most shells (cusate winter sectors, rounded summer
422 sectors) is indicative of a decline in growth during the coldest part of the year. In so far as the
423 calculated winter minimum temperatures (using the equation of Grossman and Ku 1986) are close to
424 measured values it appears that sampling was at a sufficiently high resolution to avoid significant
425 time-averaging and misrepresentation of the minimum temperatures experienced. The paucity of
426 growth breaks associated with winter temperature minima is a factor that might have contributed to
427 the closeness of the isotope-derived and measured winter values. However, growth breaks are
428 commonly associated with summer temperature maxima (see NC2 and FL1), yet the isotope-derived
429 and measured summer values are as close as the corresponding winter values. From this, and the fact
430 that isotope-derived temperatures in summers without growth breaks are essentially the same as
431 those in summers with them (again, see NC2 and FL1), one is led to the conclusion that growth
432 breaks were of short duration, representing significant cases of such brief events as predator attack or
433 fishing disturbance (Ramsay et al. 2000), and their presence or absence thus has little influence on
434 the fidelity of the isotope-derived temperature record to reality.

435 Figure 11 shows temperature profiles for the fossil shells calculated using the evidently superior
436 equation of Grossman and Ku (1986) and the maximum and minimum plausible values for water
437 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ inferred herein. Growth breaks are relatively rarely associated with seasonal temperature
438 extremes, and where there is a correspondence it is usually with winter extremes, unlike in the
439 modern shells. The first two growth breaks (heights 14.9 and 22.7 mm) in JC3 are associated with
440 much warmer winter extremes than are registered in some later years without winter growth breaks,
441 the higher temperatures presumably reflecting sufficiently long interruptions of growth for
442 significant truncation of the record. In each of NA1 and BC1, however, the first growth break

443 (heights 15.5 and 26.4 mm, respectively) is associated with a winter extreme much like those
444 registered in later years without winter growth breaks. The duration of these growth breaks was
445 therefore presumably short and the impact on the isotopic temperature record minimal, as inferred for
446 all growth breaks in modern shells. It is worth noting that in NA1, the shell in which the position of
447 growth breaks was most reliably determined, their location in the temperature profile is mainly in
448 intervals of declining temperature. Such fall growth breaks are known in other bivalve taxa (e.g.,
449 *Arctica islandica*; Schöne 2013) and it may be that the summer and winter growth breaks recorded in
450 some of our *G. americana* shells (fossil and modern) are actually examples of these, misidentified as
451 a result of inaccurate determination of their positions (see ‘Methods’). If so, they can have had no
452 influence on the seasonal temperature extremes registered. In comparison to other fossil shells, the
453 profile from JC4 has a noticeably lower amplitude and wavelength. The latter parameter indicates
454 slow extensional growth in this specimen (confirming the increment-based interpretation of Johnson
455 et al. 2021), which would have caused time-averaging in sampling and hence the reduced amplitude.
456 Amplitude and wavelength are particularly low over the last 5 years represented, manifesting the
457 ontogenetic slowing of growth typical of bivalves. In view of these observations the profile from JC4
458 must be taken as a truncated record of seasonal temperature variation. However, it seems reasonable
459 to view the profiles from the three other fossil shells as accurate indicators of seasonal temperature
460 range on the seafloor. There is no reason to think that external sampling of NA1 had any effect on
461 the range recorded, as it is very similar to that from the other early Pleistocene shell from Florida
462 (BC1), sampled internally. It is striking that all three shells show ranges in some (JC3, BC1) or all
463 (NA1) years that are somewhat larger than the modern average seafloor range in the relevant state
464 (Fig. 11). While this might reflect relatively shallow situations or chance sampling of intervals with
465 relatively high seasonality, higher seasonality than now is also indicated by early Pleistocene
466 examples of the scallop *Carolinpecten eboreus* from Florida and North Carolina (Johnson et al.
467 2019, table 3), including two specimens (EPLE-MACP 11 and 12) from the same unit and locality as
468 JC3. Like results from *C. eboreus*, those from *G. americana* specimens JC3, NA1 and BC1 suggest

469 that increased seasonality was largely a consequence of cooler winters than now, rather than warmer
470 summers, and some cooler winters are even shown by the truncated record from JC4 (Fig. 11). While
471 this conclusion (the same as that of Ivany et al. 2000 for the Eocene/Oligocene transition in the Gulf
472 Coastal Plain) is dependent on assumed values for water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, it is very credible because cooler
473 winters are indicated using not only the minimum but also the maximum plausible value inferred
474 herein (giving warmer temperatures for a given shell $\delta^{18}\text{O}$), and this value (+1.10‰) is higher than
475 the present water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ value in both Florida and North Carolina (see ‘Methods’). Maximum and
476 minimum temperatures at the surface are likely to have been slightly warmer and cooler,
477 respectively, than on the seafloor (cf. Fig. 10, left-hand diagrams), thus the surface range would have
478 been still larger than the seafloor range. While seasonality appears from this evidence to have been
479 greater in the early Pleistocene, the latitudinal temperature gradient was evidently as low as at
480 present, there being little difference between the summer temperatures from the *G. americana* shells
481 from Florida and North Carolina (excluding JC4), and likewise between the winter temperatures, just
482 as between modern measured temperatures at comparable latitudes (Figs. 10, 11).

483 Figure 12 pools and summarises the seasonal temperature data (calculated with the equation of
484 Grossman and Ku 1986) from the early Pleistocene and modern shells of Florida and North Carolina,
485 but excluding JC4 for the reasons given above. Unsurprisingly, in view of the excellent match
486 between calculated and measured temperatures at each of the individual locations concerned, the
487 pooled data from the modern shells accurately depict the low latitudinal temperature gradient
488 between Florida and North Carolina shown by measured values (Figs. 10, 11). Likewise
489 unsurprisingly, the pooled data from the early Pleistocene shells bear out the impression gained from
490 consideration of individual profiles that the latitudinal temperature gradient was similarly low at that
491 time. However, only the data from Florida bear out the impression of greater seasonality than now,
492 and by cooler winters alone just in the case of temperatures calculated using a water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ value of
493 +0.70‰. This is a result of pooling data from all years and might be seen as a more realistic picture
494 than that gained from consideration of individual profiles and the years within them showing greatest

495 seasonal variation. However, it must be remembered that the data for North Carolina are solely from
496 JC3 and include two high winter values that are almost certainly substantial overestimates as a result
497 of growth cessation. Exclusion of these and inclusion of winter values from JC4 (which would be
498 reasonable because even the lowest are also almost certainly overestimates) would give a more
499 convincing picture of greater seasonality, caused by somewhat cooler winters.

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501 *Carbon Isotopes*

502 With the exception of fossil specimen BC1 ($+0.01 \pm 0.96\text{‰}$; $\pm 1\sigma$), the mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values from the
503 modern and fossil shells, calculated from the data in Figure 9, lie in small, very similar ranges,
504 between $+1.84 \pm 0.25\text{‰}$ (NC1) and $+2.33 \pm 0.20\text{‰}$ (NC2) for the former and between $+1.78 \pm$
505 0.25‰ (JC4) and $+2.32 \pm 0.29\text{‰}$ (NA1) for the latter. These values are a little lower than those
506 ($+2.42 \pm 0.40\text{‰}$, $+2.69 \pm 0.32\text{‰}$) from two fossil (late Pliocene) specimens of *G. radiolyrata* from
507 Belgium (Johnson et al. 2022). As in *G. radiolyrata*, the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ profiles from *G. americana* show
508 cyclicity, with an amplitude lower (again excepting BC1) but a wavelength similar to that of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
509 (i.e. the variation is seasonal), although typically with an in-phase rather than antiphase relationship.
510 This relationship is expressed by generally positive (albeit small) correlation coefficients for entire
511 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ datasets (see Fig. 9) but is more readily appreciated in the form of short-term parallel
512 trends in the variables (e.g. the successive parallel increases and decreases shown by NA1; Fig. 9).
513 Seasonal variation in $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ has been documented by Gillikin et al. (2007) in Pliocene and modern
514 *Mercenaria mercenaria* and by Chauvaud et al. (2011) in modern *Pecten maximus*. The latter authors
515 attributed the pattern to variation in food availability, leading to corresponding variation in the
516 contribution of dietary/metabolic carbon (isotopically light) to shell carbon. However, the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ value
517 of dissolved organic carbon (e.g., as determined by phytoplankton photosynthesis) also influences
518 shell $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ in *P. maximus* (Marchais et al. 2015) and seasonal variation in this parameter has been
519 said to be the cause of seasonal variation in $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ in other bivalves (e.g., Arthur et al. 1983; Krantz et
520 al., 1987, 1988).

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522 DISCUSSION
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524 *Differences in Age Structure of Populations*

525 There is a strong suggestion that modern populations of *G. americana* from North Carolina include
526 fewer old individuals than modern populations from Florida, and rather firmer evidence that they
527 include fewer old individuals than early Pleistocene populations from North Carolina. The apparent
528 reduction in frequency of old individuals over time in North Carolina could reflect increased
529 predation in view of the evidence of somewhat warmer conditions now and the usual positive
530 relation between predation intensity and temperature (Vermeij 1987). However, there are no direct
531 indications of an early Pleistocene–present increase in predation in North Carolina, and the probably
532 higher present-day frequency of old forms in Florida (slightly warmer) argues against any control of
533 age structure by predation.

534 Human harvesting of large, relatively old individuals for food has been implicated in Holocene
535 changes of age structure in *Crassostrea virginica* populations of the U.S. eastern seaboard
536 (Lockwood and Mann 2019; Hesterberg et al. 2020). However, this is not an explanation applicable
537 to the early Pleistocene–present decline in the frequency of old *G. americana* individuals in North
538 Carolina because this species is neither now, nor ever has been, thus exploited in the region.
539 Removal of large *G. americana* individuals in the process of harvesting other species certainly has
540 occurred, as shown by the existence of such specimens in museum collections from the Cape
541 Canaveral (Florida) area that were either obtained live in the process of scallop trawling (e.g., USNM
542 821429) or recovered from waste heaps of scallop shells (e.g., BMNH 20094595). The scallop
543 species harvested there, *Argopecten gibbus* (calico scallop), has also been exploited intermittently
544 since 1959 in North Carolina (Cummins 1971), with a by-catch including *G. americana* (Porter and
545 Wolfe 1971). None of the 20 individuals (40 paired valves; USNM 765105, 76106, 76110) of *G.*
546 *americana* dredged live or recently-dead off Ocracoke Inlet by the survey vessel ‘Silver Bay’ in 1961

547 (i.e., shortly after the start of scallop exploitation in North Carolina) has a length greater than 37 mm,
548 whereas of the few large (length *c.* 90 mm) modern individuals from North Carolina that became
549 known to us late in our investigation, one (NCSM 10680) was collected in 1949 and another (NCSM
550 7844) in 1951 (i.e., both before the start of scallop exploitation). While these data are consistent with
551 the notion that the modern paucity of large *G. americana* in North Carolina is due to scallop trawling
552 (causing their removal or perhaps the early death of individuals by disturbance or damage), the high
553 frequency of large (presumably old) modern forms from Florida, where scallop trawling has also
554 occurred since 1959, and on a larger scale (Blake and Moyer 1991), suggests that this is not an
555 influence on the age structure of populations. It may be that many of the large modern Florida
556 specimens were collected before 1959, or that they were actually obtained through scallop
557 harvesting. However, until this is shown, it is appropriate to consider other explanations for
558 differences in age structure, particularly the most firmly established difference between early
559 Pleistocene and modern populations in North Carolina. One possibility is that the high frequency of
560 old forms there in the early Pleistocene is a reflection of the isotopically-demonstrated relatively cool
561 conditions; such circumstances are conducive to longer life in bivalves (Moss et al. 2016). Another
562 more speculative possibility is that there was local continuation into the Pleistocene of the high
563 productivity conditions that existed more widely at earlier times on the U.S. eastern seaboard (Riggs
564 1984; Allmon 2001; Anderson 2001; Johnson et al. 2019), and that this favoured longer life. High
565 productivity is, however, associated with faster growth rather than longer life in the co-occurring
566 bivalve *Carolinapecten eboreus* (Johnson et al. 2019). Further investigation of these possible non-
567 anthropogenic controls on age structure would illuminate the amount of future bottom-trawling
568 permissible without jeopardizing the survival of benthic species.

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570 *Early Pleistocene Marine Climate and Oceanography of the U.S. Eastern Seaboard*

571 We have shown that, subject to the accuracy of our chosen water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values, winter seafloor
572 temperatures in the early Pleistocene were a little lower than now in both Florida and North Carolina.

573 The early Pleistocene winter temperatures from *G. americana* are still in the subtropical range but
574 there are indications of lower temperatures from *C. eboreus*—into the cool temperate winter range in
575 North Carolina (Johnson et al. 2019). Since the values from North Carolina *C. eboreus* include some
576 from the unit and locality (James City Formation, Lee Creek Mine) supplying the North Carolina *G.*
577 *americana* investigated herein, one must presume some short-term fluctuation in winter conditions,
578 but about a mean state cooler than the present winter temperature. Early Pleistocene summer
579 temperatures were seemingly at least sometimes as high as at present in Florida and North Carolina
580 so it is difficult to interpret the cooler winters than now in terms of global change to the icehouse
581 conditions of the later Pleistocene. Rather, they seem more likely to reflect a fairly continuous and
582 large supply of cool water from the north beyond the latitude of Cape Hatteras, in contrast to the
583 situation on the shelf now but as proposed for the Pliocene to account for low winter temperatures in
584 southern North Carolina (Johnson et al. 2017). Such a supply, equivalent to that at present in the
585 western South Atlantic transporting high-latitude waters to the shelf as near the equator as 23°S
586 (Bisbal 1995), would bring nutrients (Johnson et al. 2017), thereby enhancing primary production
587 and conceivably providing the means for more *G. americana* individuals to reach a substantial age
588 (see ‘Differences in Age Structure of Populations’). Intermittent present-day ‘leakage’ of northern
589 waters along the shelf to latitudes a few degrees south of Cape Hatteras has long been recognised
590 (Pietrafesa et al. 1994) but a more continuous southward flow offshore at depth has now been
591 observed (Andres et al. 2018). Upwelling of such deep water, just as happens in the subtropical
592 western South Atlantic (Castelao et al. 2004), could result in cool shelf conditions south of Cape
593 Hatteras. Presumably this does not happen much now—summer temperatures are high south and
594 (some way north) of Cape Hatteras, and winter temperatures are much higher south than north of this
595 feature (Johnson et al. 2017)—but it might have done in the early Pleistocene if the Gulf Stream
596 (which flows north along the shelf edge as far as Cape Hatteras) often occupied a relatively offshore
597 position (cf. Castelao et al. 2004). Occasional switches to a more nearshore position would have cut
598 off this supply and allowed intrusions of warm water onto the shelf (Atkinson 1977; Castelao 2011,

599 Zeng and He 2016), possibly accounting for the higher (but still cool) winter temperatures recorded
600 by *G. americana* compared to *C. eboreus*. At present, Gulf-Stream incursions only have an influence
601 as far as the mid-shelf (Lee et al. 1991), so it is questionable whether they would have affected the
602 shallow-water settings of the early Pleistocene shells discussed herein. However, it is worth noting
603 that in the subtropical western South Atlantic cool-water incursions can extend onto the Brazilian
604 shelf as far as the coast (Castelao et al. 2004).

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606 CONCLUSIONS AND FURTHER WORK

607 The principal conclusions of this work are as follows:

- 608 (1) *G. americana* precipitates its shell in oxygen isotopic equilibrium with seawater;
- 609 (2) cyclical $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data, reflecting seasonal temperature variation, can be obtained by serial sampling
610 of the outer shell layer from the exterior as well as in cross-section;
- 611 (3) the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data facilitates age determination, both directly (by the annual nature of cycles) and
612 indirectly (by confirming that various forms of growth structure are likewise annual, or very nearly
613 so);
- 614 (4) interruptions in shell growth are usually brief, enabling accurate reconstruction of seasonal
615 temperature maxima and minima from high resolution $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ profiles;
- 616 (5) $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data from *G. americana* indicate that the temperature gradient between Florida and North
617 Carolina (to the latitude of Cape Hatteras) was as low in the early Pleistocene as now;
- 618 (6) the seasonal range in temperature was somewhat greater in the early Pleistocene than now in both
619 Florida and North Carolina, due to lower winter temperatures;
- 620 (7) lower winter temperatures in the early Pleistocene may have been due to greater and more
621 extensive supply of cool northern waters to latitudes south of modern Cape Hatteras, with shelf
622 transport supplemented by upwelling of water brought south at depth;
- 623 (8) modern populations of *G. americana* from North Carolina do not lack large individuals (contrary
624 to the view of Abbott and Morris 1995) but they are rare, so these populations probably include

625 fewer old individuals than modern populations from Florida and (more definitely) early Pleistocene
626 populations from North Carolina;
627 (9) the temporal change in age structure of *G. americana* populations in North Carolina may be an
628 effect of recent scallop fishing but could be a result of earlier (non-anthropogenic) environmental
629 changes.

630 It would be valuable to test the early Pleistocene temperature results presented herein with
631 independent proxy data from the same shells. The two most promising approaches are carbonate
632 clumped isotope (Δ_{47}) analysis and measurement of biomineral unit (BMU) size, shape and
633 orientation. The Δ_{47} approach has been successfully applied to various modern and fossil bivalves
634 (e.g., Douglas et al. 2014; Briard et al. 2020; Caldarescu et al. 2021; de Winter et al., 2022; Huyghe
635 et al. 2022; Wichern et al. 2023; Zhang and Petersen 2023) and the BMU approach likewise (e.g.,
636 Gilbert et al. 2017; Milano et al. 2017a, b; Höche et al. 2021), including to *Glycymeris* (modern
637 examples of *G. bimaculata*; Höche et al. 2020). There is great scope for also applying these
638 approaches, and the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -based approach used herein, to Pliocene *G. americana* of the U.S. eastern
639 seaboard, in particular to investigate the mid-Piacenzian warm period, the most recent interval in
640 Earth history when global temperature was as high as anticipated at the end of this century (Dowsett
641 et al. 2019). It would be for instance possible and useful to test the accuracy and meaning (season
642 represented) of other geochemical and biotic temperature proxies applied in this interval and area
643 (e.g. Dowsett et al. 2021). Investigation of life history using $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and growth increment data could
644 also be extended to Pliocene *G. americana* in order to determine if and how this character evolves in
645 response to climate fluctuations (Moss et al. 2021).

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SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

668 Data are available from the PALAIOS Data Archive: [URL to be provided]

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

1005 FIG. 1.—The studied specimens of *Glycymeris americana*, showing the locations of sample holes in
1006 FL1 and of sample grooves (numbered) in NA1, together with the positions of prominent growth
1007 lines (filled green triangles) and of light (white bars) and dark (black bars) shell material in the latter;
1008 from the heights spanned by the first and last of the light/dark pairs depicted it is probable that one
1009 more pair is represented in early ontogeny and two more in late ontogeny. Specimens are shown as
1010 greyscale images with dorsal at the top (height is the dorso-ventral dimension and length the
1011 perpendicular dimension in the plane of the illustration). Boundary between outer (to right) and inner
1012 shell layers shown by yellow dashed line in inset for FL1; outer layer also identified in Figure 7.
1013 Scale applies to main images, not insets.

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1015 FIG. 2.—Collection locations of studied modern (squares) and early Pleistocene (circles) specimens
1016 of *Glycymeris americana* from the eastern U.S. (details in Tables 1 and 2, respectively), with
1017 abbreviated names for states. Those referred to herein are VA (Virginia), NC (North Carolina), SC
1018 (South Carolina), GA (Georgia) and FL (Florida).

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1020 FIG. 3.—HDR images (with enhanced contrast) of whole-shell and hinge-plate cross-sections of the
1021 modern shells NC1 (from North Carolina) and FL2 (from Florida). The whole-shell images are of
1022 surfaces treated with Mutvei's solution; the hinge-plate images are of (from left) acetate peels of
1023 unstained surfaces, acetate peels of surfaces stained with Alizarin Red, surfaces treated with
1024 Mutvei's solution and untreated surfaces (seen in greyscale). Hinge banding is scarcely visible in the
1025 peels from NC1 but is clear in the dorsal part of the same from FL2 and in the dorsal part of the
1026 Mutvei-treated and untreated surfaces of both specimens. The sharply-defined bands in the peels
1027 from FL2 approximately correspond to more gradationally-bounded light/dark pairs of bands in the
1028 Mutvei-treated and untreated surfaces. The lines between numbered peel-bands (taken to be annual
1029 increments; see text) occupy a position within the dark bands seen in Mutvei-treated and untreated
1030 surfaces, hence the numbered 'pairs' in these surfaces (also in NC1) have been delimited midway

1031 through each dark band and are actually constituted by a whole light band and two halves of dark
1032 bands. Note that the Mutvei-treated whole-shell cross-section of NC1 shows 4 zones of darker-blue
1033 colouration (db) which may be equivalent to the 4 dark bands in the similarly treated hinge-plate
1034 cross-section. White spots in peel images are bubbles.

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1036 FIG. 4.—HDR images (with enhanced contrast) of whole-shell and hinge-plate cross-sections of the
1037 modern shells NC2 (from North Carolina) and FL1 (from Florida). The whole-shell images are of
1038 surfaces treated with Mutvei's solution; the hinge-plate images are of (left) surfaces treated with
1039 Mutvei's solution and (right) untreated surfaces (seen in greyscale). Annual increments identified
1040 and delimited as in Figure 3 (see text for further details). Although darker-blue zones can be
1041 discerned in the Mutvei-treated whole-shell cross-sections, as in NC1 (Fig. 3), the number (< 4 in
1042 NC2, < 7 in FL1) is in both cases lower than the number of dark bands (9 in NC2, 10 in FL1) in the
1043 hinge plate.

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1045 FIG. 5.—HDR images (greyscale; with enhanced contrast) of untreated hinge-plate cross-sections of
1046 the early Pleistocene shells JC3, JC4 (both from North Carolina) and BC1 (from Florida). Annual
1047 increments identified and delimited as in Figure 3; not indicated individually above age 20.

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1049 FIG. 6.—HDR image (greyscale; with enhanced contrast) of untreated whole-shell cross-section of
1050 the modern North Carolina shell NC1. Note the fine-scale banding, reflecting a sub-annual
1051 periodicity, in this 31-mm-high, 5-year-old individual (see Fig. 9). Sample holes also evident.

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1053 FIG. 7.—HDR image of acetate peel from Alizarin Red-stained whole-shell cross-section of JC4
1054 (early Pleistocene, North Carolina), with insets (not to same scale) showing details in the hinge plate
1055 (lower right as seen) and in the outer layer (OL) of the main part of the shell. Note the very clear
1056 increments (presumed to be annual) in the hinge plate and near the ventral margin (left as seen) in the

1057 main shell, the broader but less clear increments (again presumed to be annual) at a somewhat more
1058 dorsal location (lower height) in the main shell, and the absence of annual increments and presence
1059 of fine increments representing a shorter periodicity at a still more dorsal location (see text for
1060 explanation). White spots and patches are bubbles.

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1062 FIG. 8.—Plots of size measurements against age measurements for modern (continuous lines) and
1063 early Pleistocene (dotted lines) specimens of *Glycymeris americana* from Florida (rose) and North
1064 Carolina (mid-blue). Smaller dots represent data from Johnson et al. (2021). **A)** hinge size against
1065 age from hinge increments. **B)** shell height against age from oxygen isotope cycles (years defined by
1066 summer minima).

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1068 FIG. 9.— $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (black line) and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (brick-red line) profiles from the modern (pale blue background)
1069 and early Pleistocene (pale yellow background) shells, together with numbered years (summers) of
1070 growth from $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ evidence and the height intervals (grey bars) of dark shell material on the exterior
1071 of the externally sampled specimen NA1. In accordance with common practice, the isotopic axis has
1072 been reversed such that lower $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values (corresponding to higher temperatures) plot towards the
1073 top. Stars indicate positions of large single-point $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ excursions, which more probably reflect
1074 contamination by material from other sample sites (i.e. failure to remove every vestige of powder
1075 after drilling) than seasonal extremes of additional annual cycles. [1] = presumed first year.

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1077 FIG. 10.—Left-hand plots: mean monthly surface temperature (thin red line) and seafloor
1078 temperature and salinity (thicker red and green line, respectively) for the locations of the modern
1079 shells from direct measurement (as described in ‘Methods’). Right-hand plots: temperature profiles
1080 from the modern shells, calculated from the shell $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data in Figure 9 using the relevant annual
1081 mean seafloor value for water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (see ‘Methods’) and the equations of Grossman and Ku (1986;
1082 mauve line) and Royer et al. (2013; pink line). Vertical green dotted lines mark the projected

1083 positions of moderate–major external growth breaks in the isotope-sample path. Horizontal red and
1084 blue dashed lines mark the respective maximum and minimum directly-measured seafloor
1085 temperatures for the location, as recorded in the corresponding left-hand plot.

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1087 FIG. 11.—Temperature profiles from the early Pleistocene shells calculated from the shell $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data
1088 in Figure 9 using the equation of Grossman and Ku (1986) and water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of +0.7‰ (light
1089 blue line) and +1.1‰ (orange line). Vertical green dotted lines mark the positions of moderate–
1090 major growth breaks. Horizontal red and blue dashed lines mark the modern maximum and minimum
1091 seafloor temperatures in North Carolina and Florida (averages of the two values for each state in Fig.
1092 10).

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1094 FIG. 12.—Summary statistics for summer (red) and winter (blue) temperatures calculated from
1095 minima and maxima, respectively, of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ profiles from all the analysed *Glycymeris americana*
1096 specimens apart from JC4 (see text), using the equation of Grossman and Ku (1986). Symbols show
1097 the mean seasonal temperature (circles, early Pleistocene; squares, modern), one standard deviation
1098 either side of the mean (thick bars), and the range of values, with the sample size indicated alongside.
1099 For each of the modern specimens the respective $\delta^{18}\text{O}_w$ value for the location (see text) was used in
1100 calculation. The water $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w$) values of +0.7‰ and +1.1‰ used for the early Pleistocene
1101 specimens are the minimum and maximum inferred herein (see text).

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TABLE CAPTIONS

1104 TABLE 1.—*Repository, provenance, condition and size information for modern specimens of*
1105 *Glycymeris americana. Key to superscripts: a = U.S. National Museum of Natural History; b =*
1106 *Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida; c = assumed to have been collected*
1107 *during scallop dredging (see ‘Differences in Age Structure of Populations’) and hence assigned to*
1108 *the most productive location and depth off Cape Canaveral (Blake and Moyer 1991); d =*

1109 *erroneously labelled as from 87 fathoms (159 m) rather than 87 feet (27 m), the depth at the*
1110 *collection location according to Google Earth Pro 7.3 (2022); e = provided as two 10-mm-thick*
1111 *resin-mounted slabs, each showing a section along the dorso-ventral axis (anterior and posterior*
1112 *portions of shell not available); f = length estimated from height.*

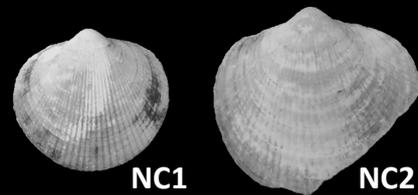
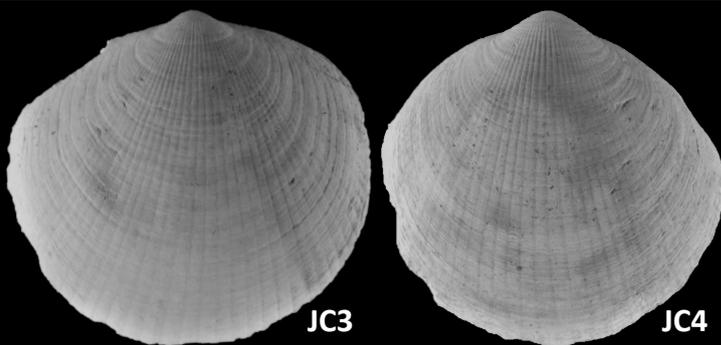
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1114 TABLE 2.—*Repository, provenance, age, condition and size information for fossil specimens of*
1115 *Glycymeris americana. Key to superscripts: a = code designated by Johnson et al. (2021) and*
1116 *retained here for cross-referencing purposes; b = University of Derby, Geological Collections; c =*
1117 *Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida; d = UD 53384–53389 (JC1–6 of Johnson*
1118 *et al. 2021) and four further valves, including an articulated pair (all UD 53426); e = 1.80–0.77*
1119 *Ma—see Johnson et al. (2019, online supplemental data file 1) for more precise information on age;*
1120 *f = 2.58–1.80 Ma—the Nashua Formation spans the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary (Kittle et al.*
1121 *2013) but only the upper part, equivalent to the Caloosahatchee Formation, yields aragonitic fossils*
1122 *(R.W. Portell, personal communication 2019), hence G. americana specimen NAI is here considered*
1123 *to be Gelasian in age; g = 2.58–0.77 Ma—see Johnson et al. (2019, online supplemental data file 1)*
1124 *for more precise information on age; h = other valve possibly constituted by JC2, which is almost*
1125 *identical in size and provides a very similar increment-based figure for age—see Johnson et al.*
1126 *(2021, online supplemental material).*

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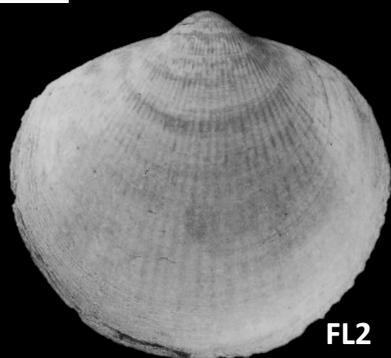
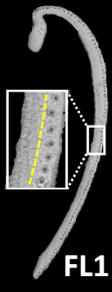
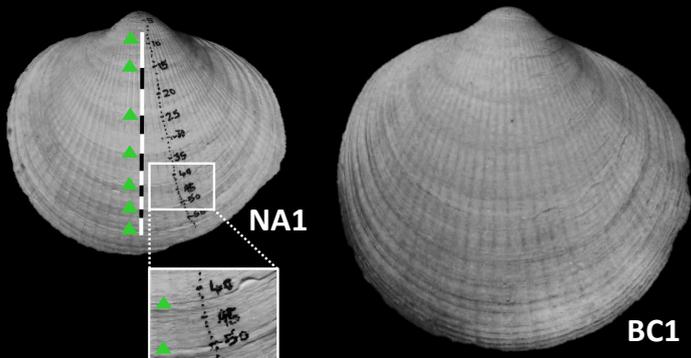
1128 TABLE 3.—*Estimated ages (complete years) from hinge-bands or (NA1) from bands on the exterior*
1129 *of the main shell, and from $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ cycles. Partial visibility of bands or partial isotopic sampling is*
1130 *indicated by figures in italics, the first being the number of years indicated by bands/ $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ cycles and*
1131 *the second (in parentheses) the minimum total number projected from the height interval spanned by*
1132 *the last band/isotope cycle (see text for explanation).*

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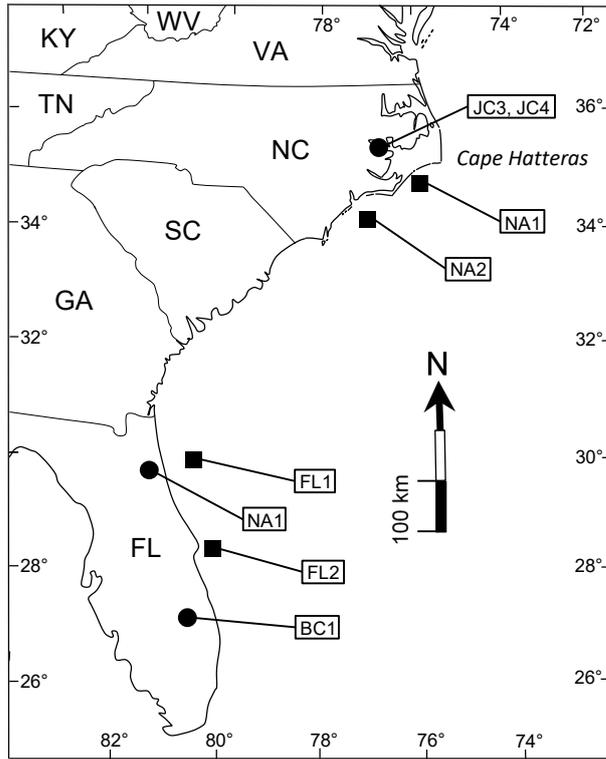
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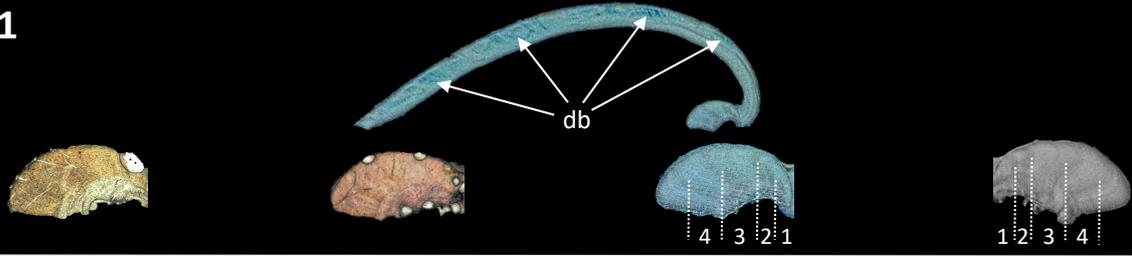


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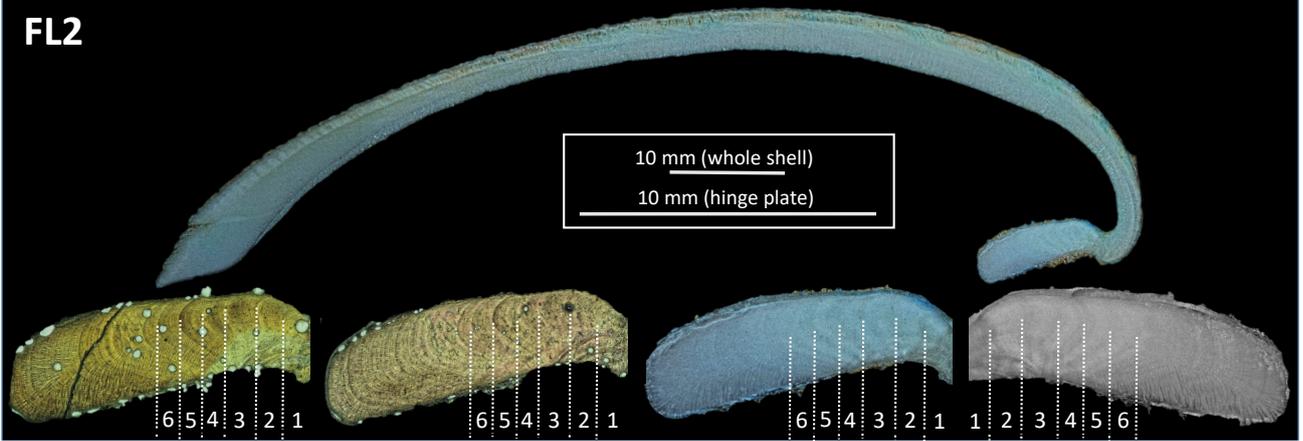
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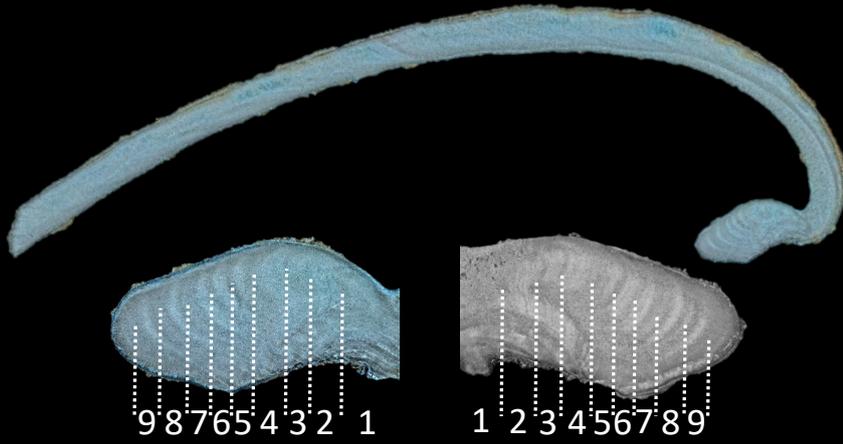
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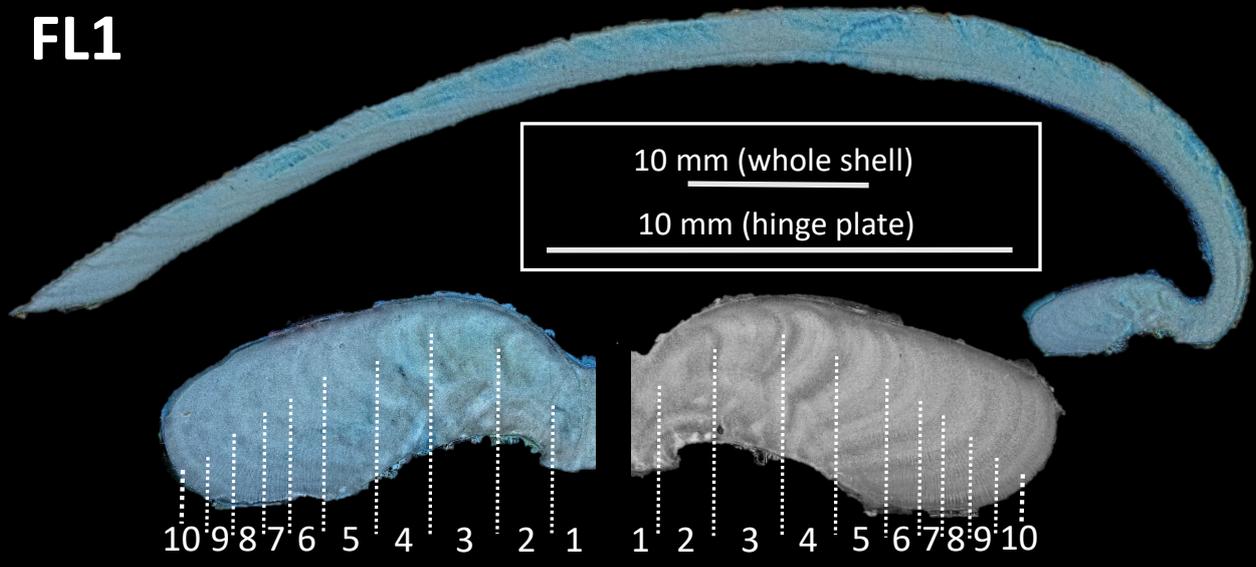
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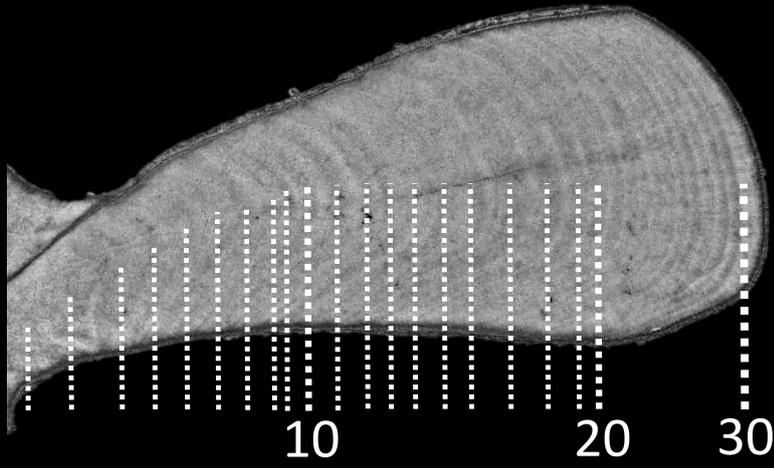
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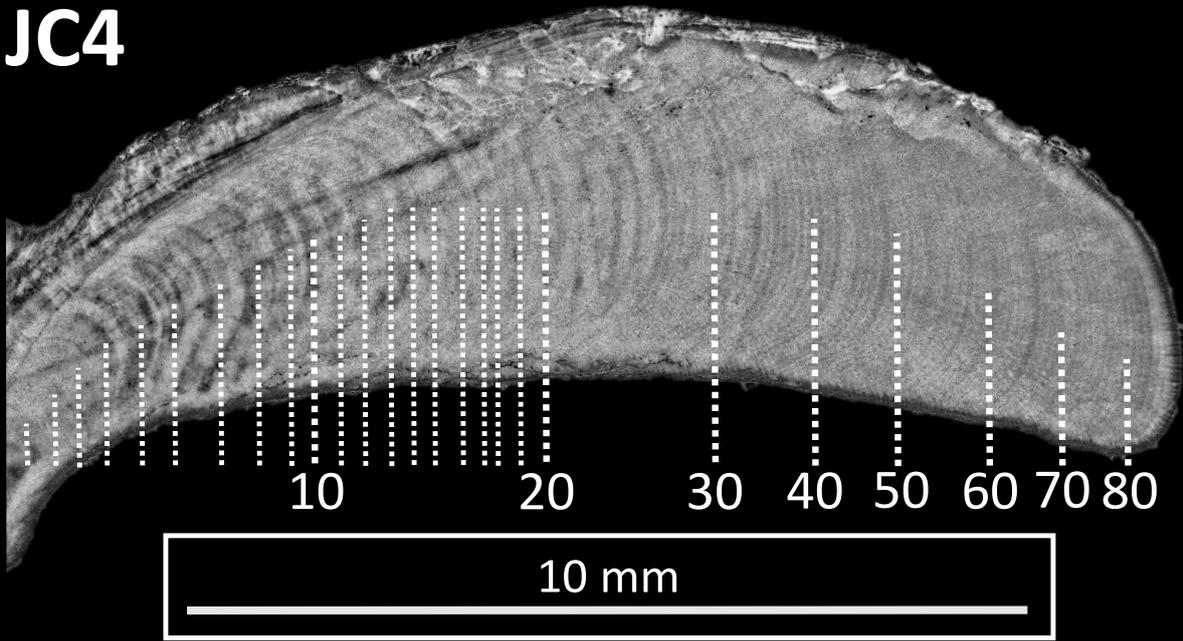
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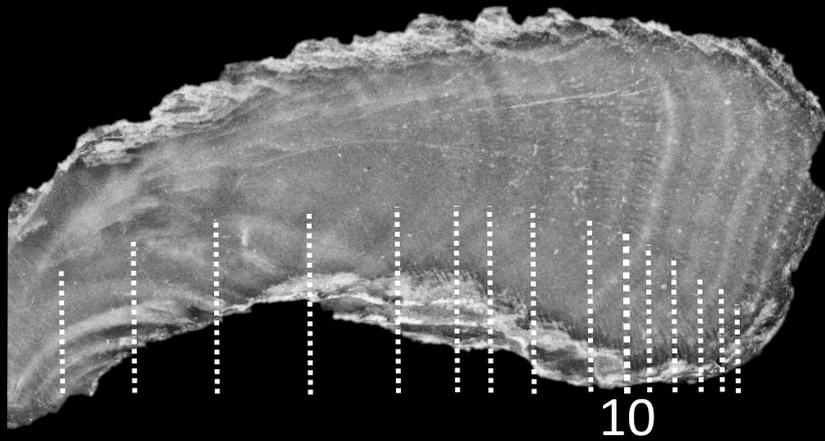
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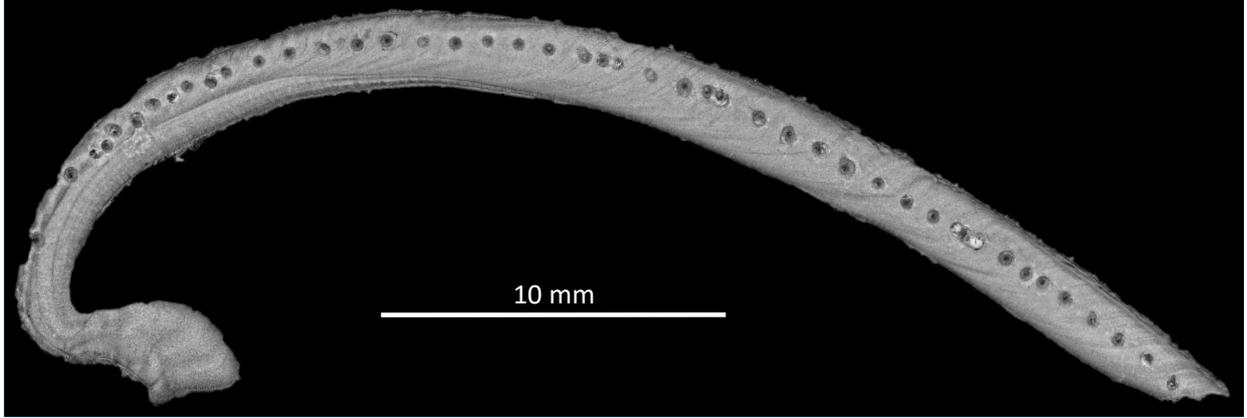


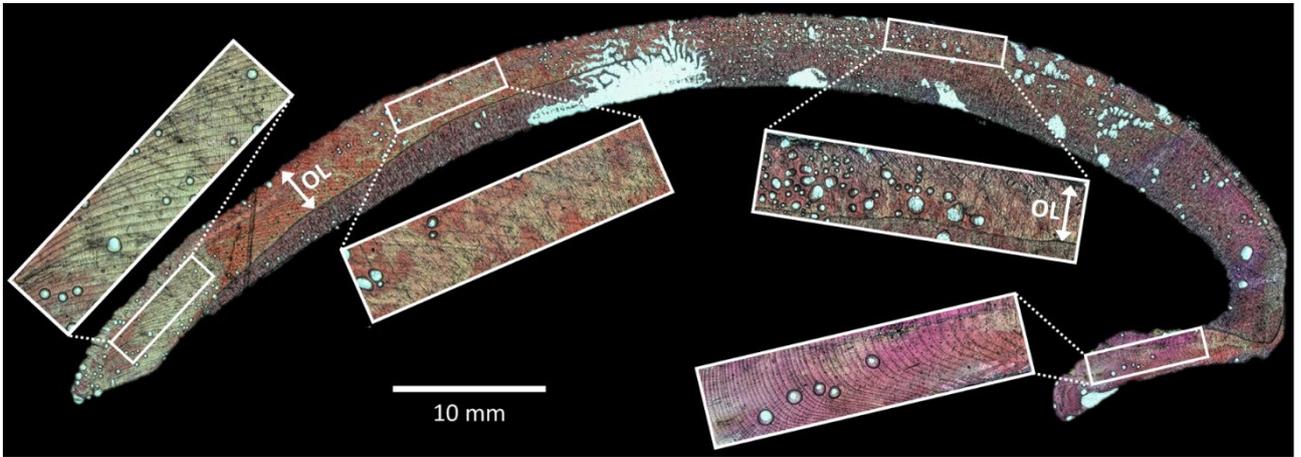
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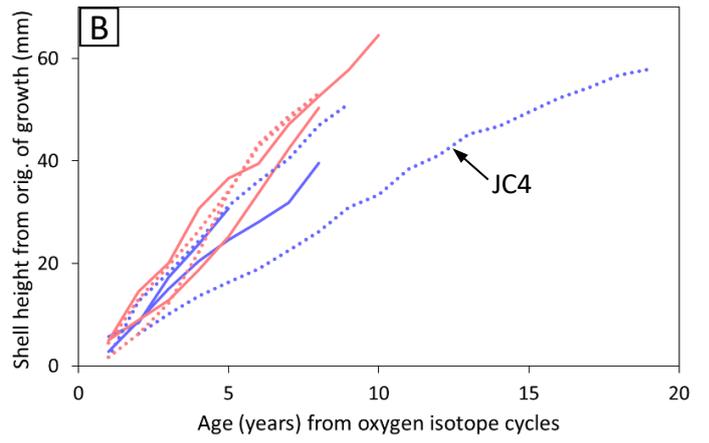
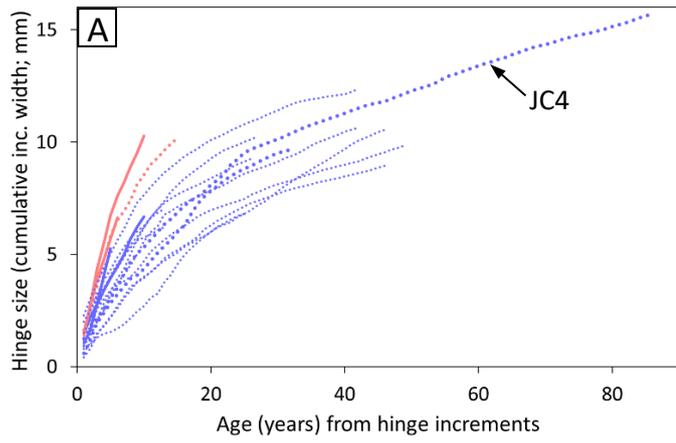


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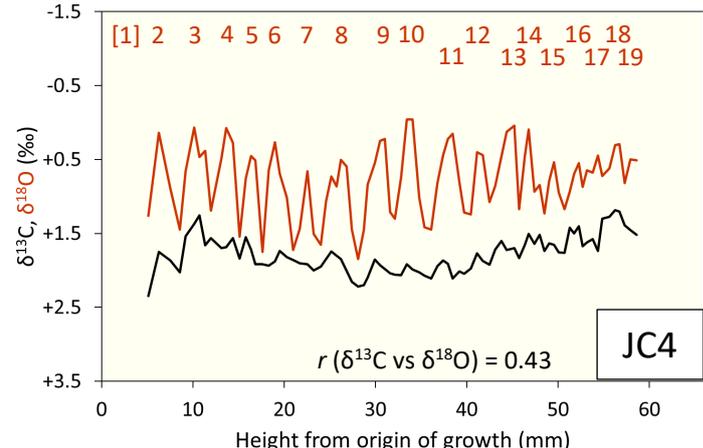
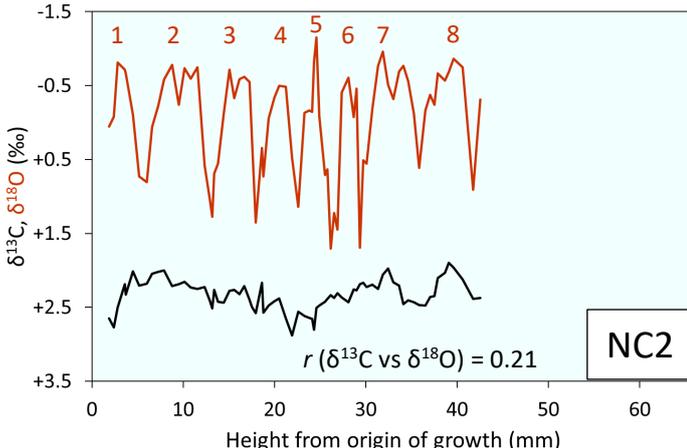
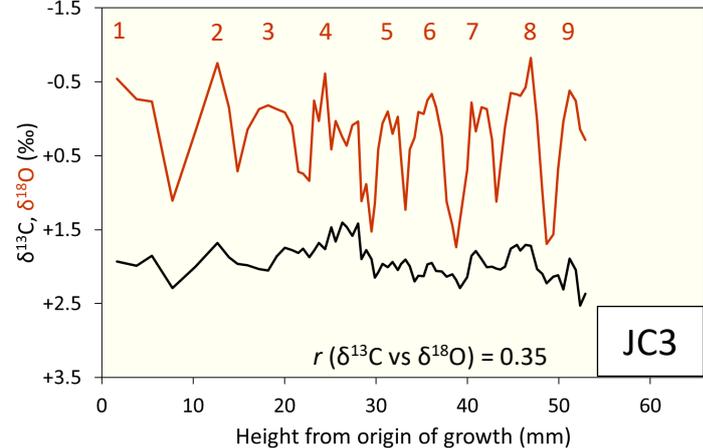
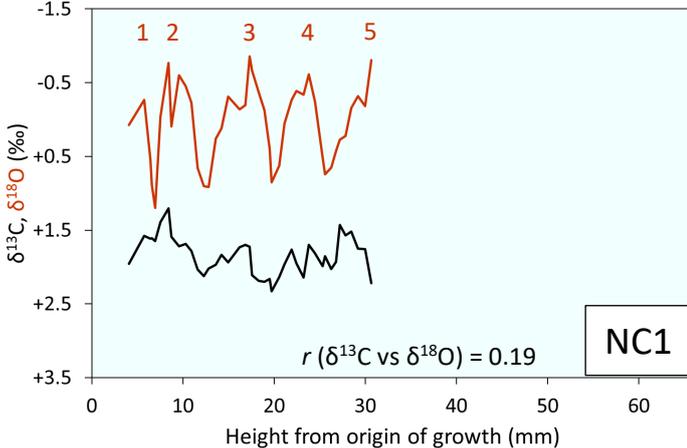




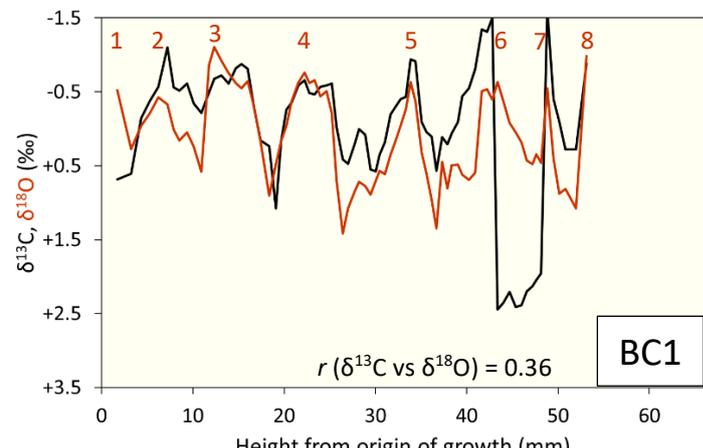
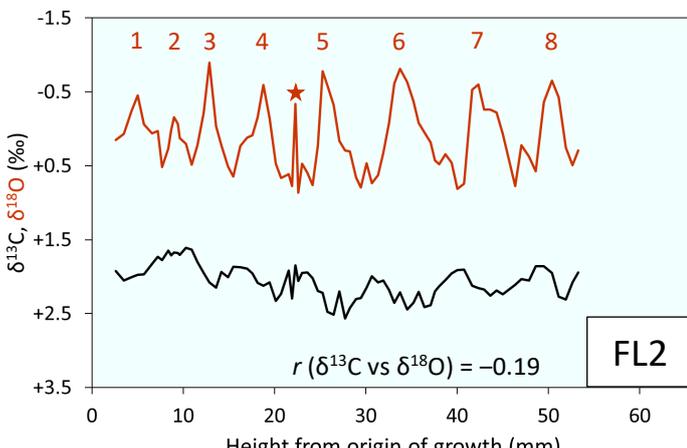
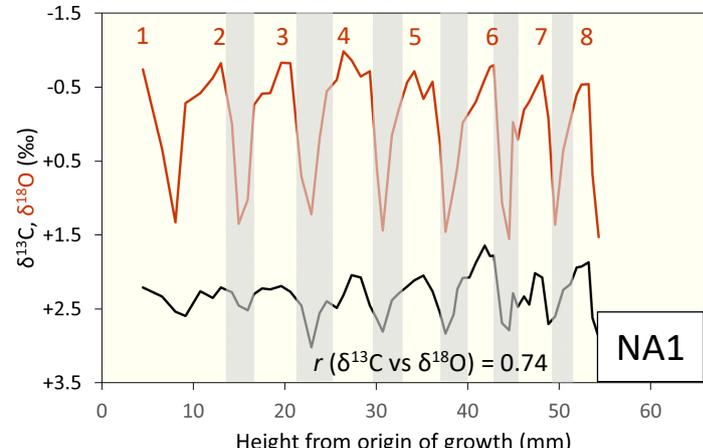
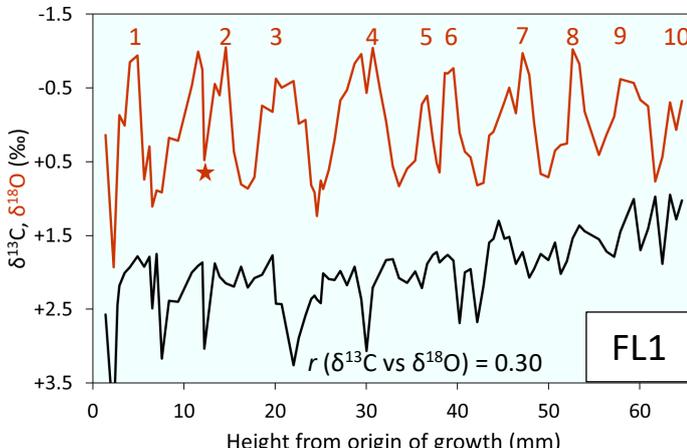




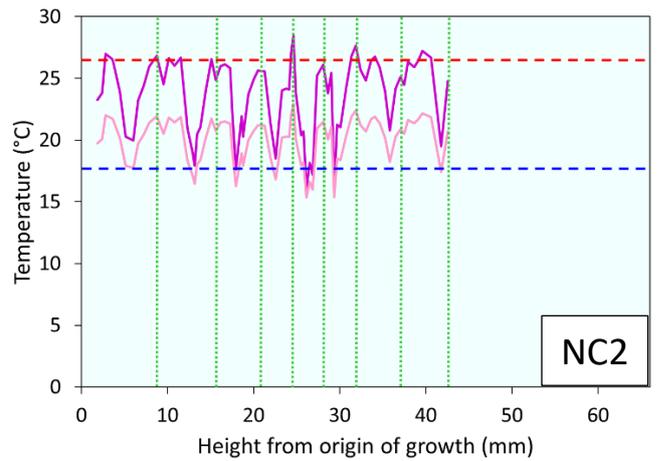
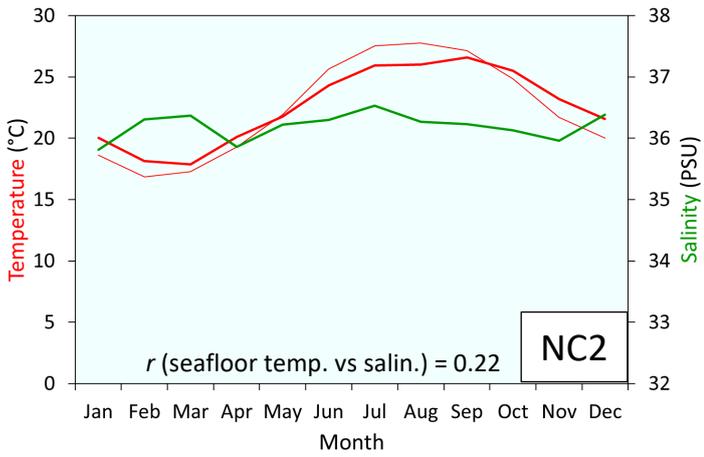
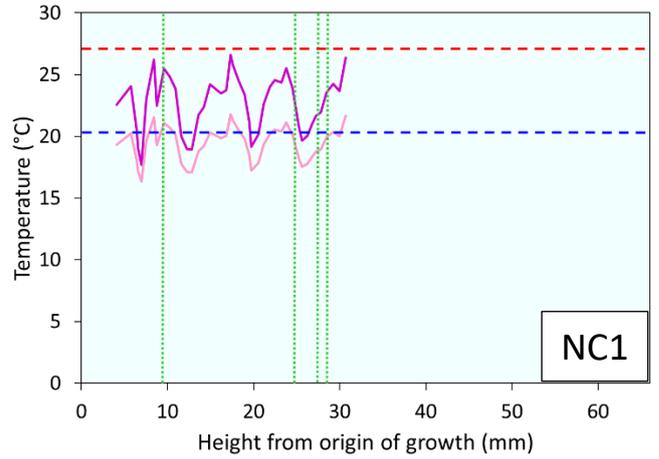
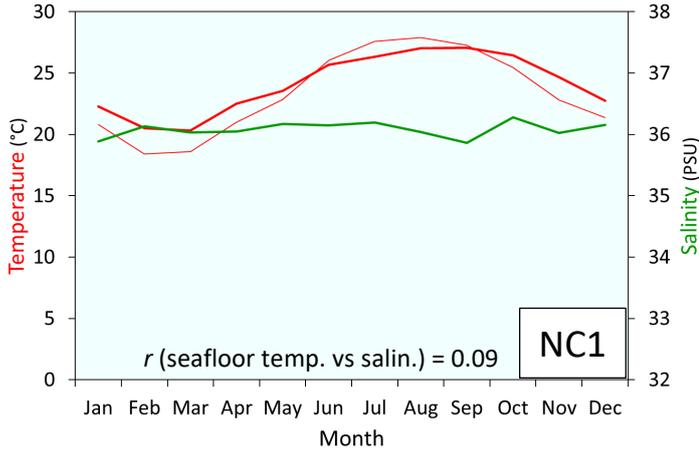
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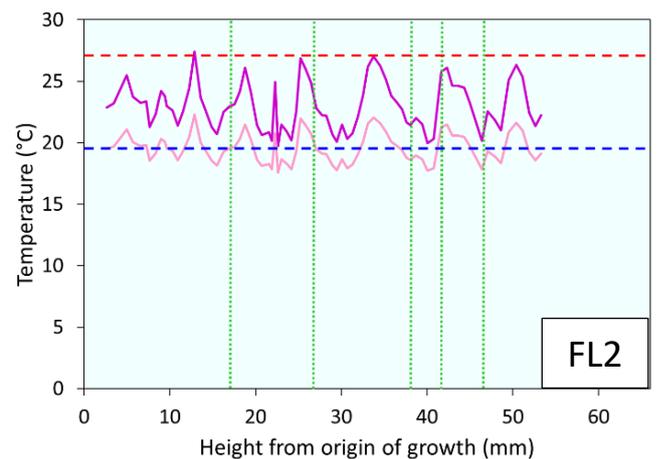
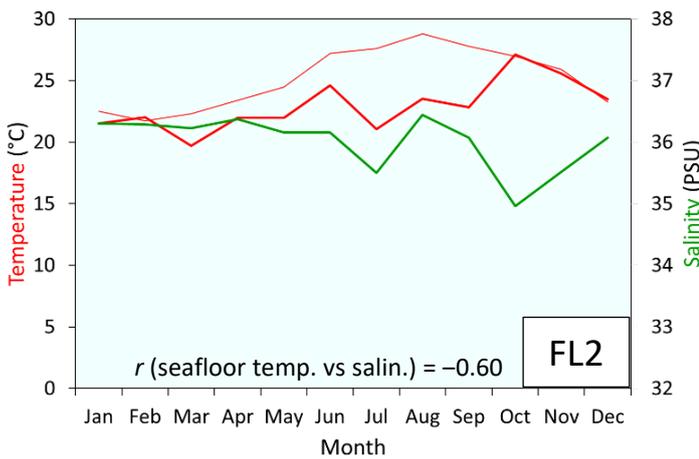
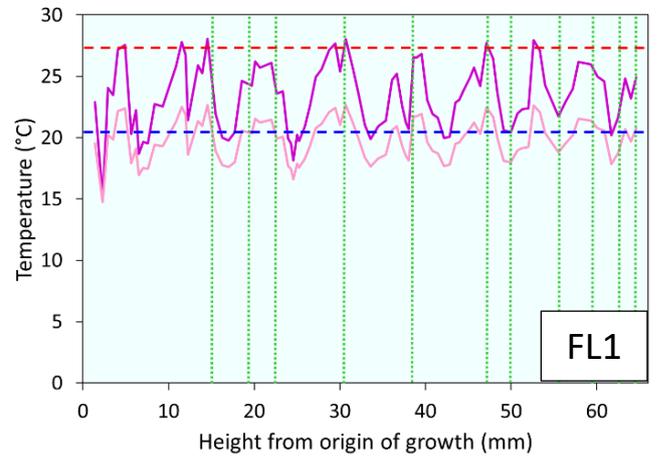
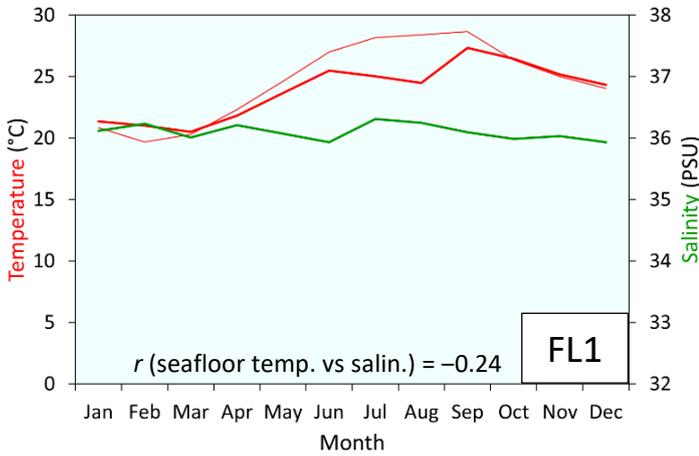
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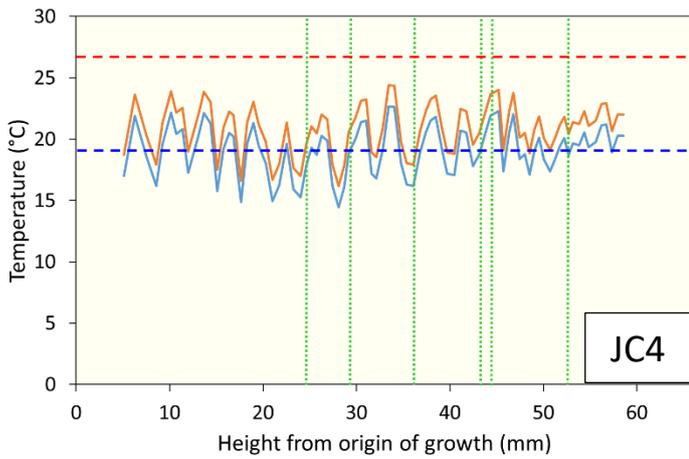
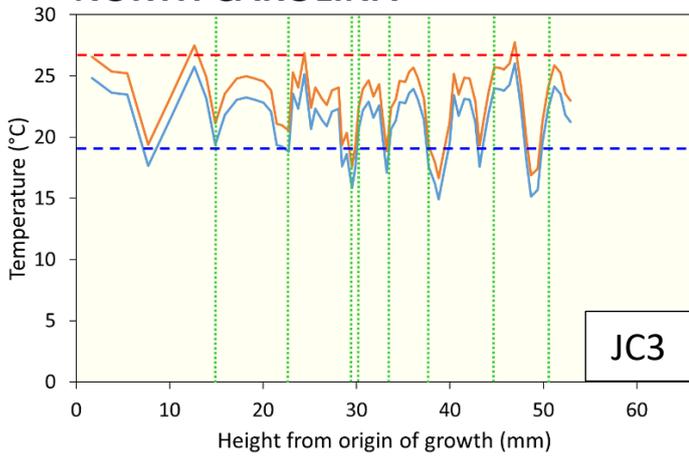
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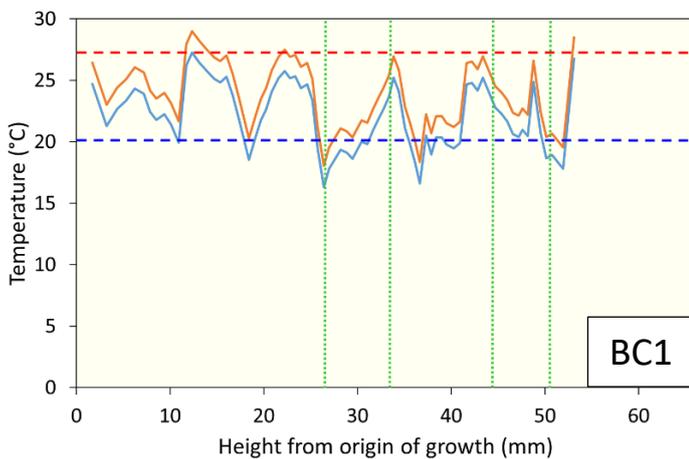
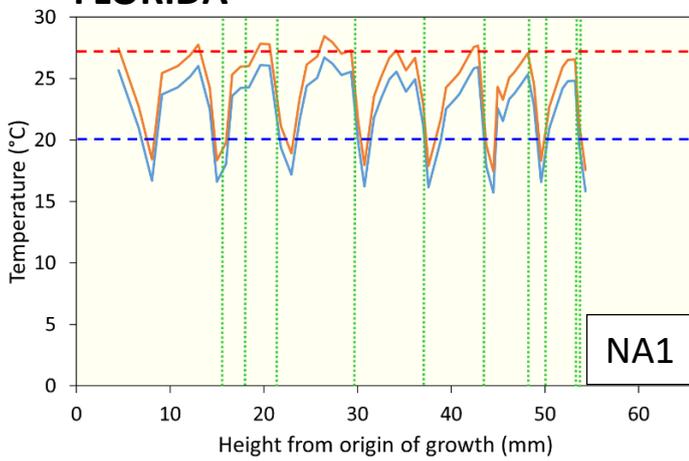
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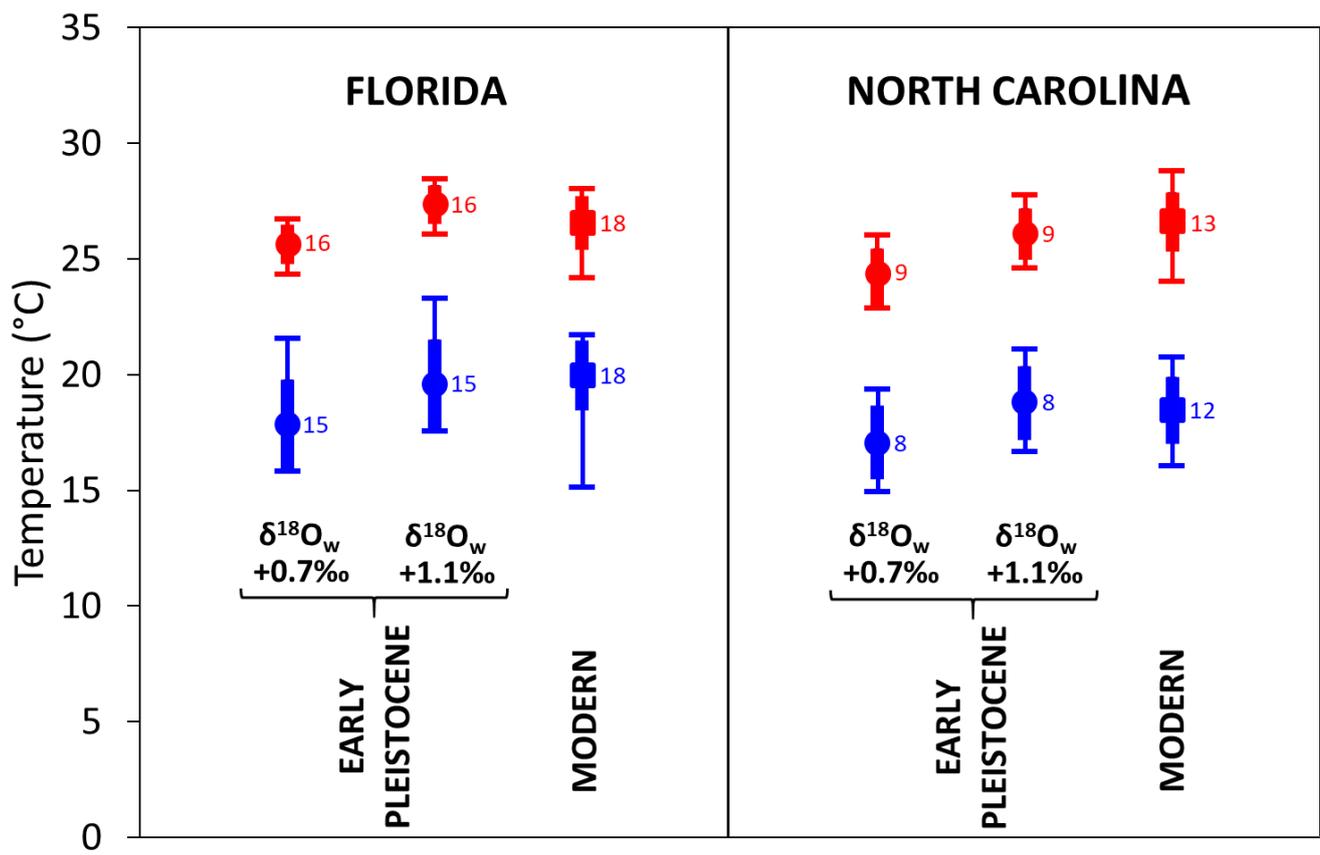


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Code herein	Repository number (valves in lot)	General location	Latitude, longitude	Depth	Date of collection	Valve information	Likely state on collection	Size (length)
NC1	USNM ^a 765110 (6)	Off Ocracoke Inlet, NC	34.70° N, -75.90° E	37 m	December 7 th 1961	Disarticulated left valve of pair	Live	37 mm
NC2	USNM ^a 603853 (3)	22 miles SSE of New River Inlet, NC	34.23° N, -77.08° E	27 m ^d	September 8 th 1913	Unassociated right valve	Dead	55 mm
FL1	USNM ^a 765112 (1)	25 miles E of St Augustine, FL	29.83° N, -80.88° E	24.7–26.5 m	October 7 th 1962	Unassociated right valve ^e	Dead	74 mm ^f
FL2	UF ^b 458113 (2)	Cape Canaveral, FL	<i>c.</i> 28.32° N, -80.20° E ^c	<i>c.</i> 30–50 m ^c	Unknown	Unassociated left valve	Dead	91 mm

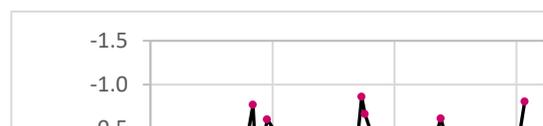
Code herein	Repository number (valves in sample/lot)	General location	Latitude, longitude	Formation	Pleistocene stage	Valve information	Size (length)
JC3 ^a	UD ^b 53386 (10 ^d)	Lee Creek Mine, Aurora, NC	35.37° N, -76.80° E	James City	Calabrian ^e	Disarticulated right valve of probable pair ^h	87 mm
JC4 ^a	UD ^b 53387 (10 ^d)	Lee Creek Mine, Aurora, NC	35.37° N, -76.80° E	James City	Calabrian ^e	Unassociated left valve	81 mm
NA1	UD ^b 53427 (7)	East Coast Aggregates Pit, Hastings, FL	29.68° N, -81.52° E	Nashua	Gelasian ^f	Unassociated left valve	68 mm
BC1	UF ^c 64894 (1)	Star Ranch, Belle Glade, FL	26.70° N, -80.67° E	Bermont/ Caloosahatchee	Calabrian/ Gelasian ^g	Unassociated left valve	84 mm

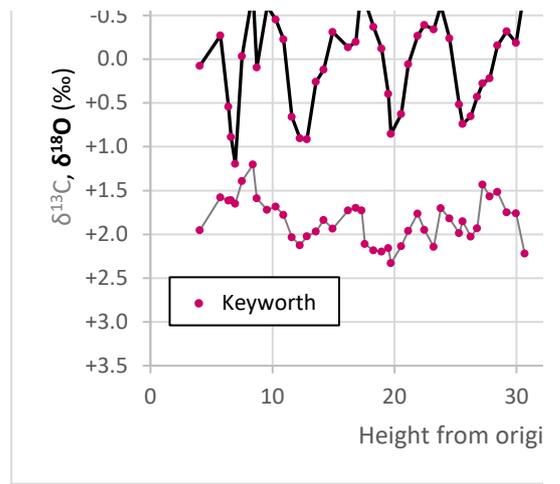
			Estimated age in years	
			From hinge/ main-shell bands	From $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ cycles
Modern	North Carolina	NC1	4	5
		NC2	9	8
	Florida	FL1	10	10
		FL2	6 (12)	8 (11)
Early Pleistocene	North Carolina	JC3	31	9 (16)
		JC4	86	19 (38)
	Florida	NA1	6 (9)	8 (9)
		BC1	15	8 (10)

Environmental data: location of NC1

Shell isotope data and calc

	Surface temp (°C)	Seafloor temp. (°C)	Seafloor salin. (PSU)	Height (mm)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)
Jan	20.80	22.28	35.88	4.05	+1.95	+0.07
Feb	18.41	20.50	36.13	5.73	+1.58	-0.27
Mar	18.59	20.32	36.03	6.40	+1.62	+0.54
Apr	21.01	22.50	36.05	6.60	+1.61	+0.89
May	22.84	23.54	36.17	6.96	+1.65	+1.20
Jun	26.03	25.69	36.15	7.50	+1.39	-0.03
Jul	27.57	26.33	36.20	8.40	+1.20	-0.77
Aug	27.89	27.02	36.04	8.73	+1.59	+0.09
Sep	27.26	27.05	35.86	9.56	+1.72	-0.60
Oct	25.47	26.46	36.28	10.28	+1.68	-0.45
Nov	22.81	24.66	36.02	10.92	+1.78	-0.23
Dec	21.39	22.76	36.15	11.60	+2.03	+0.66
				12.26	+2.12	+0.90
				12.82	+2.02	+0.91
				13.58	+1.97	+0.26
				14.21	+1.84	+0.12
				14.94	+1.94	-0.31
				16.20	+1.73	-0.14
				16.84	+1.70	-0.20
				17.30	+1.73	-0.86
				17.58	+2.11	-0.67
				18.28	+2.18	-0.37
				18.95	+2.20	-0.12
				19.50	+2.16	+0.40
				19.70	+2.33	+0.85
				20.56	+2.14	+0.63
				21.14	+1.96	+0.06
				21.89	+1.77	-0.27
				22.46	+1.95	-0.39
				23.21	+2.14	-0.34
				23.80	+1.70	-0.61
				24.50	+1.82	-0.24
				25.30	+1.99	+0.52
				25.60	+1.85	+0.74
				26.25	+2.03	+0.65
				26.78	+1.93	+0.43
				27.22	+1.43	+0.27
				27.81	+1.57	+0.22
				28.45	+1.52	-0.16
				29.21	+1.75	-0.32
				29.96	+1.76	-0.19
				30.67	+2.22	-0.81





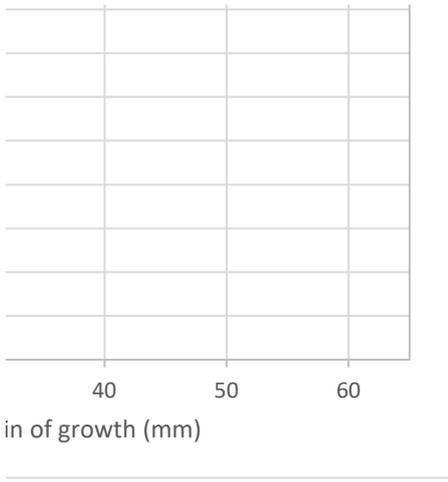
NC1

ulated temperatures ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +0.7940\text{‰}$): NC1

Temp. (°C; Grossman and Ku) Temp. (°C; Royer et al.)

Size/cur
Year Inc. width (μm)

22.55	19.31	1	1047.92
24.04	20.22	2	624.28
20.53	18.06	3	1131.27
19.02	17.14	4	1279.48
17.69	16.32	5	1178.43
23.02	19.59		
26.22	21.55		
22.47	19.26		
25.48	21.10		
24.84	20.71		
23.86	20.11		
20.02	17.75		
18.95	17.10		
18.91	17.07		
21.76	18.82		
22.35	19.18		
24.21	20.33		
23.47	19.87		
23.73	20.03		
26.61	21.79		
25.76	21.28		
24.48	20.49		
23.41	19.83		
21.15	18.45		
19.17	17.23		
20.16	17.84		
22.62	19.35		
24.03	20.21		
24.57	20.54		
24.35	20.41		
25.53	21.13		
23.91	20.14		
20.63	18.13		
19.66	17.53		
20.04	17.77		
21.01	18.36		
21.68	18.77		
21.92	18.92		
23.56	19.93		
24.26	20.35		
23.68	20.00		
26.37	21.65		



Cumulative size of hinge increments: NC1

Cumulative inc. width (μm)	Cumulative inc. width (mm)
1047.92	1.05
1672.20	1.67
2803.47	2.80
4082.95	4.08
5261.38	5.26

Summer $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ height: NC1

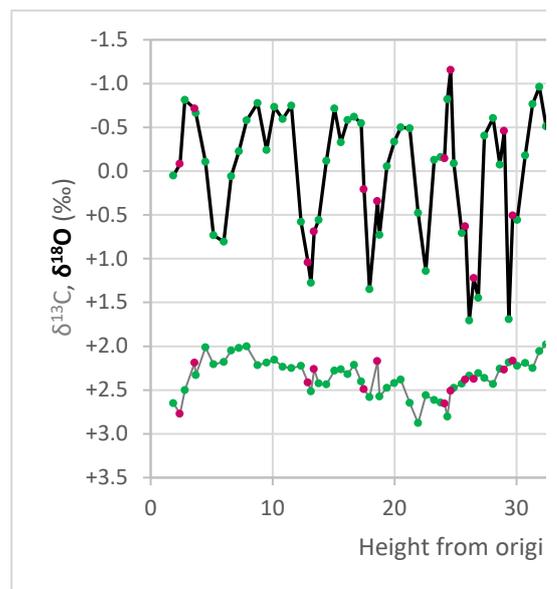
Year	Height (mm)
1	5.73
2	8.40
3	17.30
4	23.80
5	30.67

Environmental data: location of NC2

Shell isotope data and calc

	Surface temp (°C)	Seafloor temp. (°C)	Seafloor salin. (PSU)	Height (mm)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)
Jan	18.64	20.03	35.82	1.87	+2.65	+0.05
Feb	16.86	18.15	36.30	2.40	+2.77	-0.08
Mar	17.27	17.85	36.37	2.82	+2.50	-0.81
Apr	19.29	20.10	35.86	3.60	+2.19	-0.71
May	21.92	21.78	36.22	3.71	+2.33	-0.66
Jun	25.66	24.31	36.30	4.48	+2.01	-0.11
Jul	27.55	25.91	36.53	5.16	+2.20	+0.73
Aug	27.75	25.99	36.27	6.00	+2.18	+0.81
Sep	27.15	26.59	36.23	6.60	+2.05	+0.06
Oct	24.82	25.49	36.13	7.25	+2.02	-0.22
Nov	21.69	23.20	35.96	7.87	+2.00	-0.58
Dec	20.03	21.56	36.38	8.78	+2.21	-0.78
				9.51	+2.19	-0.24
				10.14	+2.15	-0.73
				10.81	+2.23	-0.60
				11.55	+2.25	-0.75
				12.34	+2.22	+0.58
				12.90	+2.41	+1.04
				13.15	+2.52	+1.28
				13.40	+2.26	+0.69
				13.79	+2.43	+0.56
				14.42	+2.43	-0.12
				15.07	+2.28	-0.71
				15.60	+2.26	-0.33
				16.14	+2.32	-0.59
				16.68	+2.21	-0.62
				17.25	+2.40	-0.55
				17.50	+2.49	+0.21
				17.96	+2.58	+1.35
				18.60	+2.17	+0.35
				18.77	+2.57	+0.73
				19.37	+2.48	-0.05
				19.99	+2.42	-0.33
				20.50	+2.38	-0.50
				21.25	+2.65	-0.49
				21.92	+2.88	+0.48
				22.57	+2.56	+1.14
				23.25	+2.62	-0.13
				23.78	+2.64	-0.16
				24.10	+2.66	-0.14
				24.34	+2.80	-0.82
				24.60	+2.51	-1.16
				24.87	+2.48	-0.09
				25.53	+2.43	+0.71
				25.80	+2.38	+0.63
				26.13	+2.34	+1.70
				26.50	+2.38	+1.22

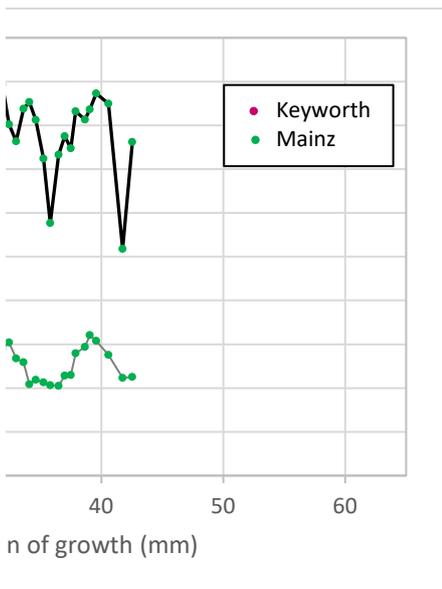
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27.36	+2.36	-0.40
28.08	+2.43	-0.61
28.64	+2.26	-0.07
29.00	+2.27	-0.46
29.37	+2.19	+1.69
29.70	+2.17	+0.51
30.06	+2.22	+0.56
30.71	+2.19	-0.18
31.34	+2.25	-0.77
31.88	+2.06	-0.96
32.43	+1.98	-0.51
33.02	+2.16	-0.32
33.61	+2.21	-0.69
34.08	+2.46	-0.76
34.63	+2.41	-0.56
35.27	+2.43	-0.12
35.81	+2.47	+0.62
36.49	+2.47	-0.16
37.01	+2.36	-0.37
37.50	+2.35	-0.24
37.89	+2.10	-0.66
38.65	+2.03	-0.57
39.07	+1.90	-0.68
39.59	+1.96	-0.86
40.60	+2.12	-0.75
41.75	+2.39	+0.91
42.55	+2.37	-0.31



NC2ulated temperatures ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +0.9277\text{‰}$): NC2

Temp. (°C; Grossman and Ku)	Temp. (°C; Royer et al.)	Year	Inc. width (μm)	Size/cum
23.23	19.72	1		1483.76
23.81	20.08	2		755.14
26.99	22.03	3		534.68
26.55	21.76	4		636.98
26.34	21.63	5		544.10
23.92	20.14	6		499.26
20.28	17.91	7		544.66
19.95	17.71	8		688.08
23.20	19.70	9		554.74
24.43	20.46	10		432.73
25.96	21.40			
26.83	21.93			
24.50	20.50			
26.64	21.81			
26.04	21.44			
26.70	21.85			
20.94	18.32			
18.92	17.08			
17.92	16.47			
20.46	18.03			
21.03	18.37			
23.97	20.17			
26.55	21.76			
24.88	20.73			
25.99	21.42			
26.14	21.51			
25.82	21.31			
22.54	19.30			
17.60	16.27			
21.95	18.94			
20.28	17.92			
23.69	20.00			
24.91	20.75			
25.62	21.19			
25.57	21.16			
21.39	18.59			
18.50	16.82			
24.02	20.20			
24.16	20.29			
24.08	20.24			
27.01	22.04			
28.47	22.93			
23.83	20.09			
20.38	17.98			
20.72	18.18			
16.06	15.32			
18.14	16.60			

17.18	16.01
25.21	20.94
26.08	21.47
23.77	20.05
25.43	21.07
16.12	15.36
21.25	18.51
21.04	18.38
24.24	20.34
26.78	21.90
27.63	22.42
25.67	21.22
24.82	20.70
26.45	21.70
26.77	21.89
25.89	21.35
23.98	20.18
20.78	18.22
24.16	20.29
25.08	20.86
24.49	20.49
26.32	21.62
25.91	21.36
26.42	21.67
27.21	22.16
26.69	21.85
19.50	17.43
24.80	20.68



Relative size of hinge increments: NC2

Cumulative inc. width (μm)	Cumulative inc. width (mm)
1483.76	1.48
2238.89	2.24
2773.57	2.77
3410.56	3.41
3954.65	3.95
4453.91	4.45
4998.58	5.00
5686.65	5.69
6241.39	6.24
6674.12	6.67

Summer $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ height: NC2

Year	Height (mm)
1	2.82
2	8.78
3	15.07
4	20.50
5	24.60
6	28.08
7	31.88
8	39.59

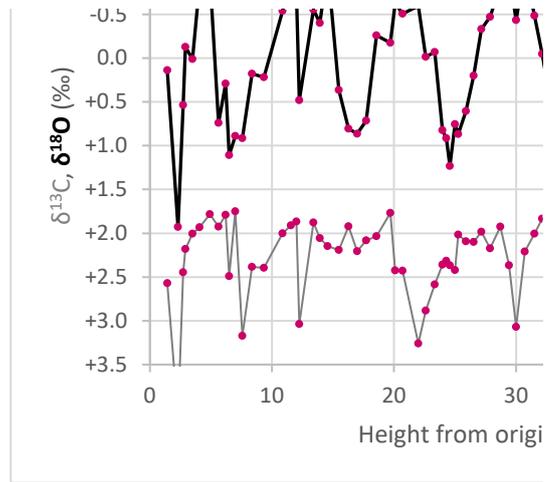
Environmental data: location of FL1

Shell isotope data and calc

	Surface temp (°C)	Seafloor temp. (°C)	Seafloor salin. (PSU)	Height (mm)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)
Jan	20.82	21.37	36.12	1.42	+2.57	+0.14
Feb	19.67	20.99	36.23	2.29	+4.10	+1.93
Mar	20.29	20.50	36.01	2.73	+2.45	+0.53
Apr	22.31	21.82	36.21	2.91	+2.18	-0.13
May	24.60	23.68	36.07	3.50	+2.00	+0.01
Jun	26.99	25.47	35.93	4.08	+1.93	-0.85
Jul	28.18	25.04	36.31	4.90	+1.78	-0.94
Aug	28.39	24.49	36.25	5.63	+1.92	+0.74
Sep	28.65	27.32	36.09	6.20	+1.79	+0.29
Oct	26.34	26.46	35.98	6.50	+2.49	+1.11
Nov	25.01	25.16	36.03	7.00	+1.75	+0.89
Dec	24.04	24.33	35.93	7.57	+3.17	+0.92
				8.36	+2.38	+0.18
				9.33	+2.40	+0.22
				10.88	+2.00	-0.54
				11.56	+1.91	-0.99
				12.00	+1.87	-0.75
				12.25	+3.04	+0.48
				13.40	+1.88	-0.56
				13.92	+2.06	-0.40
				14.56	+2.15	-1.05
				15.48	+2.19	+0.36
				16.27	+1.92	+0.80
				16.99	+2.21	+0.86
				17.72	+2.08	+0.71
				18.57	+2.03	-0.26
				19.70	+1.77	-0.17
				20.10	+2.42	-0.63
				20.69	+2.43	-0.51
				21.99	+3.26	-0.60
				22.60	+2.89	-0.02
				23.34	+2.59	-0.07
				23.96	+2.36	+0.82
				24.30	+2.32	+0.92
				24.58	+2.37	+1.23
				25.00	+2.42	+0.76
				25.25	+2.02	+0.87
				25.90	+2.09	+0.60
				26.53	+2.10	+0.20
				27.15	+1.98	-0.33
				27.86	+2.17	-0.47
				28.71	+1.93	-0.83
				29.44	+2.37	-0.96
				30.01	+3.07	-0.44
				30.71	+2.21	-1.04
				31.50	+2.01	-0.49
				32.14	+1.83	-0.05

32.90	+1.82	+0.56
33.57	+2.08	+0.83
34.48	+2.14	+0.59
35.35	+1.99	+0.48
36.07	+2.21	-0.28
36.66	+1.89	-0.39
37.28	+1.76	+0.20
37.70	+1.72	+0.52
38.03	+1.87	+0.65
38.60	+1.79	-0.70
38.90	+1.76	-0.70
39.52	+1.84	-0.77
40.23	+2.69	+0.10
40.80	+2.00	+0.37
41.44	+1.95	+0.44
42.17	+2.68	+0.82
42.84	+2.19	+0.79
43.48	+1.60	+0.15
43.96	+1.54	+0.10
44.49	+1.30	-0.10
45.14	+1.55	-0.31
45.68	+1.52	-0.51
46.39	+1.89	-0.16
47.13	+1.73	-0.97
47.88	+2.07	-0.68
48.40	+1.95	-0.03
49.12	+1.75	+0.67
49.96	+1.84	+0.71
50.70	+1.60	+0.35
51.30	+2.02	+0.28
52.02	+1.85	+0.25
52.62	+1.54	-1.03
53.33	+1.36	-0.83
53.95	+1.45	-0.18
55.51	+1.55	+0.41
56.35	+1.72	+0.13
57.17	+1.79	-0.11
57.83	+1.45	-0.62
59.32	+1.01	-0.57
60.06	+1.70	-0.34
60.88	+1.41	-0.25
61.67	+0.97	+0.76
62.48	+1.88	+0.43
63.28	+0.95	-0.31
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FL1calculated temperatures ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +0.9402\%$): FL1

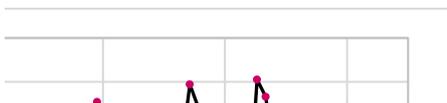
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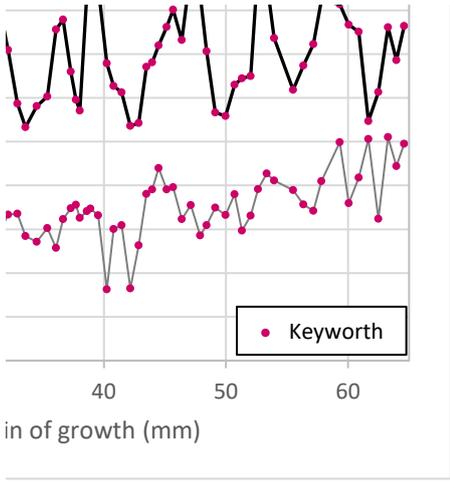
Temp. (°C; Grossman and Ku) Temp. (°C; Royer et al.)

Year Inc. width (μm)

22.91	19.53	1	1402.15
15.13	14.76	2	1436.07
21.19	18.47	3	1493.98
24.07	20.23	4	1199.83
23.46	19.86	5	1212.18
27.20	22.15	6	864.25
27.58	22.39	7	591.71
20.30	17.93	8	706.81
22.24	19.12	9	652.83
18.70	16.95	10	722.17
19.65	17.53		
19.53	17.45		
22.74	19.42		
22.57	19.32		
25.85	21.33		
27.81	22.53		
26.75	21.88		
21.43	18.62		
25.92	21.37		
25.25	20.96		
28.05	22.68		
21.93	18.92		
20.02	17.75		
19.77	17.60		
20.42	18.00		
24.64	20.59		
24.27	20.36		
26.23	21.56		
25.71	21.24		
26.10	21.48		
23.58	19.94		
23.80	20.07		
19.94	17.71		
19.54	17.46		
18.16	16.61		
20.23	17.88		
19.74	17.58		
20.89	18.29		
22.64	19.36		
24.95	20.78		
25.54	21.14		
27.12	22.11		
27.67	22.44		
25.40	21.05		
28.02	22.66		
25.62	21.19		
23.72	20.02		

21.06	18.39
19.89	17.67
20.94	18.32
21.41	18.61
24.73	20.64
25.22	20.94
22.64	19.36
21.25	18.51
20.70	18.17
26.55	21.76
26.53	21.75
26.84	21.94
23.05	19.61
21.92	18.92
21.61	18.73
19.95	17.71
20.09	17.80
22.87	19.50
23.09	19.64
23.93	20.15
24.85	20.71
25.70	21.24
24.20	20.32
27.72	22.48
26.45	21.70
23.65	19.98
20.62	18.12
20.43	18.01
21.99	18.96
22.31	19.16
22.41	19.22
27.96	22.62
27.10	22.09
24.30	20.38
21.73	18.80
22.94	19.54
23.99	20.19
26.19	21.53
25.97	21.40
24.97	20.79
24.61	20.57
20.19	17.86
21.62	18.74
24.84	20.71
23.21	19.71
24.91	20.75





Cumulative size of hinge increments: FL1

Summer $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ height: FL1

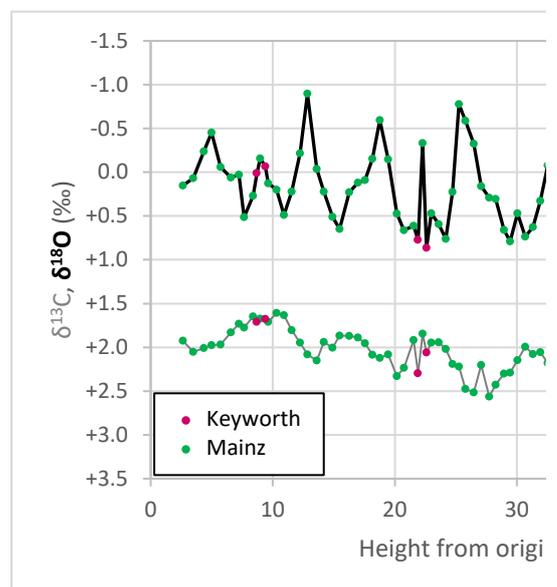
Cumulative inc. width (μm)	Cumulative inc. width (mm)	Year	Height (mm)
1402.15	1.40	1	4.90
2838.23	2.84	2	14.56
4332.21	4.33	3	20.10
5532.04	5.53	4	30.71
6744.22	6.74	5	36.66
7608.46	7.61	6	39.52
8200.18	8.20	7	47.13
8906.99	8.91	8	52.62
9559.82	9.56	9	57.83
10281.99	10.28	10	64.60

Environmental data: location of FL2

Shell isotope data and calc

	Surface temp (°C)	Seafloor temp. (°C)	Seafloor salin. (PSU)	Height (mm)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)
Jan	22.51	21.51	36.30	2.63	+1.92	+0.15
Feb	21.71	22.03	36.29	3.49	+2.05	+0.07
Mar	22.30	19.69	36.22	4.35	+2.01	-0.24
Apr	23.37	21.96	36.37	4.99	+1.98	-0.45
May	24.46	21.96	36.15	5.72	+1.97	-0.06
Jun	27.20	24.60	36.16	6.57	+1.83	+0.06
Jul	27.58	21.06	35.50	7.23	+1.73	+0.03
Aug	28.80	23.52	36.44	7.66	+1.78	+0.51
Sep	27.78	22.81	36.07	8.39	+1.65	+0.27
Oct	26.95	27.10	34.96	8.70	+1.71	+0.01
Nov	25.90	25.55	35.52	8.98	+1.67	-0.16
Dec	23.27	23.50	36.07	9.40	+1.68	-0.07
				9.62	+1.71	+0.13
				10.30	+1.61	+0.20
				10.92	+1.63	+0.49
				11.56	+1.80	+0.22
				12.24	+1.95	-0.22
				12.84	+2.08	-0.90
				13.59	+2.15	-0.04
				14.20	+1.94	+0.22
				14.89	+2.01	+0.51
				15.49	+1.87	+0.65
				16.26	+1.87	+0.23
				16.99	+1.89	+0.12
				17.55	+1.95	+0.09
				18.16	+2.09	-0.15
				18.78	+2.12	-0.59
				19.47	+2.08	-0.14
				20.16	+2.33	+0.47
				20.74	+2.23	+0.66
				21.53	+1.92	+0.61
				21.90	+2.30	+0.77
				22.27	+1.85	-0.33
				22.60	+2.06	+0.87
				23.00	+1.95	+0.47
				23.60	+1.94	+0.59
				24.17	+2.02	+0.76
				24.72	+2.19	+0.23
				25.24	+2.22	-0.78
				25.79	+2.47	-0.59
				26.46	+2.52	-0.33
				27.07	+2.20	+0.16
				27.74	+2.56	+0.29
				28.26	+2.43	+0.30
				28.94	+2.30	+0.66
				29.45	+2.29	+0.79
				30.06	+2.15	+0.47

30.67	+1.99	+0.74
31.31	+2.08	+0.63
31.93	+2.05	+0.33
32.53	+2.18	-0.08
33.10	+2.35	-0.62
33.74	+2.21	-0.81
34.50	+2.44	-0.63
35.22	+2.35	-0.37
35.78	+2.21	-0.08
36.39	+2.41	+0.05
37.08	+2.39	+0.18
37.58	+2.20	+0.43
38.03	+2.13	+0.48
38.72	+2.05	+0.34
39.40	+1.95	+0.46
40.03	+1.91	+0.81
40.75	+1.91	+0.74
41.66	+2.13	-0.53
42.34	+2.15	-0.60
42.92	+2.17	-0.26
43.63	+2.26	-0.26
44.30	+2.19	-0.22
44.97	+2.24	+0.07
46.37	+2.11	+0.77
47.03	+2.03	+0.22
47.87	+2.05	+0.38
48.59	+1.86	+0.58
49.49	+1.86	-0.36
50.37	+1.95	-0.65
51.10	+2.27	-0.43
51.89	+2.31	+0.25
52.63	+2.08	+0.49
53.26	+1.94	+0.29



FL2calculated temperatures ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +0.9400\%$): FL2

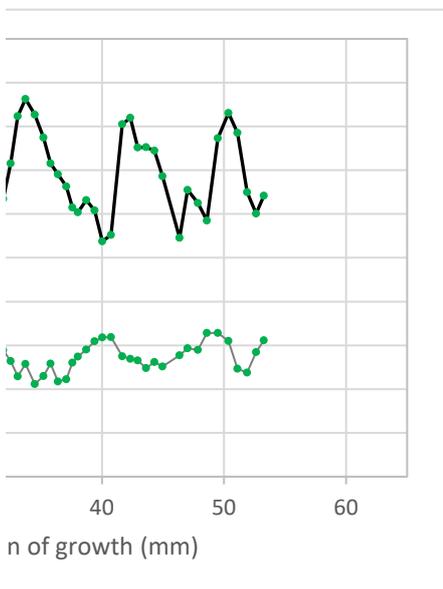
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Temp. (°C; Grossman and Ku) Temp. (°C; Royer et al.)

Year Inc. width (μm)

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24.54	20.53	3	1181.90
25.48	21.10	4	868.55
23.76	20.05	5	908.21
23.25	19.73	6	944.53
23.38	19.81		No
21.27	18.52		
22.34	19.18		
23.45	19.86		
24.20	20.31		
23.79	20.07		
22.96	19.56		
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24.45	20.47		
27.40	22.28		
23.67	19.99		
22.54	19.30		
21.30	18.54		
20.70	18.17		
22.52	19.29		
22.99	19.58		
23.12	19.66		
24.18	20.30		
26.08	21.47		
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24.96	20.78		
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20.07	17.78		
21.47	18.65		

20.31	17.93
20.79	18.22
22.09	19.02
23.85	20.10
26.18	21.53
27.04	22.06
26.26	21.58
25.13	20.89
23.84	20.10
23.30	19.77
22.71	19.40
21.65	18.76
21.42	18.61
22.02	18.98
21.51	18.67
19.98	17.73
20.30	17.93
25.80	21.30
26.10	21.48
24.64	20.59
24.65	20.59
24.48	20.49
23.21	19.71
20.15	17.83
22.54	19.30
21.88	18.89
21.00	18.36
25.09	20.86
26.34	21.63
25.36	21.03
22.42	19.22
21.36	18.58
22.25	19.12



Cumulative size of hinge increments: FL2

Summer $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ height: FL2

Cumulative inc. width (μm)	Cumulative inc. width (mm)
1537.80	1.54
2730.35	2.73
3912.25	3.91
4780.80	4.78
5689.01	5.69
6633.54	6.63

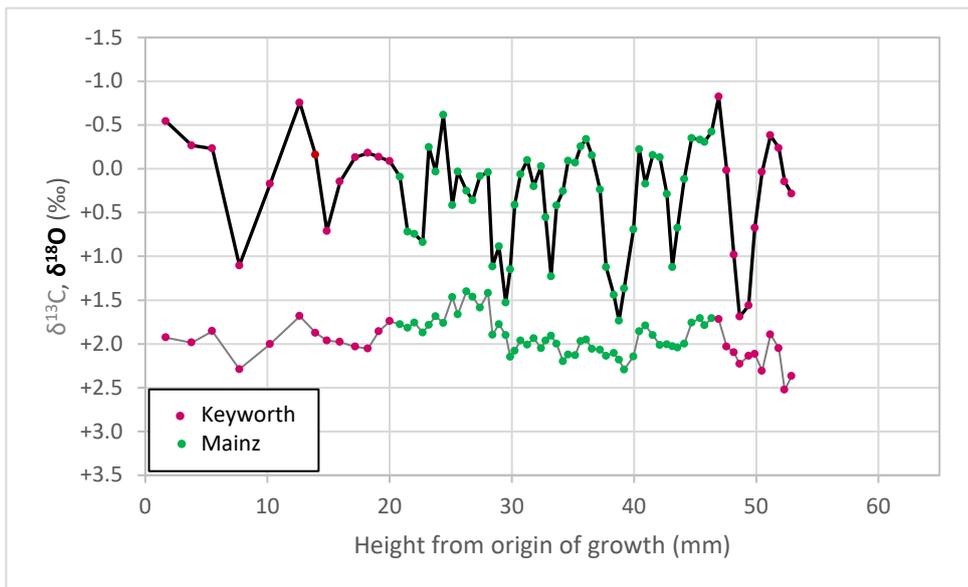
Year	Height (mm)
1	4.99
2	8.98
3	12.84
4	18.78
5	25.24
6	33.74
7	42.34
8	50.37

Distance to ventral edge of hinge plate

Shell data and calculated temperatures (Grossman and Ku): JC3

Height (mm)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)	Temp. ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +0.7\text{‰}$): JC3	Temp. ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +1.1\text{‰}$): JC3
1.69	+1.93	-0.54	24.82	26.56
3.80	+1.99	-0.27	23.62	25.36
5.48	+1.85	-0.23	23.47	25.21
7.71	+2.29	+1.11	17.67	19.41
10.22	+2.00	+0.17	21.72	23.45
12.64	+1.68	-0.75	25.74	27.47
13.93	+1.87	-0.16	23.15	24.89
14.87	+1.96	+0.71	19.38	21.11
15.93	+1.98	+0.15	21.83	23.56
17.19	+2.03	-0.13	23.03	24.77
18.22	+2.05	-0.18	23.25	24.98
19.12	+1.86	-0.13	23.05	24.79
20.01	+1.74	-0.08	22.83	24.57
20.84	+1.77	+0.09	22.07	23.81
21.48	+1.82	+0.72	19.36	21.09
22.02	+1.76	+0.74	19.23	20.97
22.71	+1.87	+0.84	18.83	20.56
23.20	+1.78	-0.25	23.54	25.28
23.76	+1.68	+0.03	22.33	24.06
24.40	+1.76	-0.62	25.14	26.87
25.12	+1.47	+0.42	20.66	22.40
25.58	+1.66	+0.03	22.33	24.07
26.29	+1.40	+0.25	21.38	23.12
26.79	+1.46	+0.36	20.90	22.63
27.39	+1.59	+0.08	22.10	23.84
28.06	+1.42	+0.04	22.30	24.04
28.42	+1.90	+1.12	17.62	19.36
28.95	+1.77	+0.88	18.63	20.37
29.51	+1.90	+1.53	15.84	17.58
29.86	+2.15	+1.15	17.48	19.22
30.24	+2.08	+0.41	20.67	22.41
30.70	+1.96	+0.06	22.19	23.93
31.27	+2.01	-0.10	22.89	24.63
31.79	+1.93	+0.20	21.60	23.33
32.39	+2.05	-0.03	22.60	24.34
32.77	+1.96	+0.55	20.06	21.80
33.22	+1.91	+1.23	17.13	18.87
33.67	+2.00	+0.42	20.66	22.39
34.19	+2.20	+0.26	21.36	23.09
34.62	+2.12	-0.09	22.86	24.60
35.19	+2.13	-0.07	22.77	24.50
35.64	+1.97	-0.26	23.58	25.32
36.07	+1.95	-0.34	23.94	25.68
36.56	+2.06	-0.16	23.14	24.88
37.21	+2.07	+0.24	21.44	23.18
37.72	+2.13	+1.12	17.59	19.32
38.35	+2.10	+1.44	16.22	17.95

38.77	+2.18	+1.74	14.93	16.67
39.20	+2.29	+1.37	16.54	18.28
39.94	+2.14	+0.69	19.46	21.19
40.43	+1.86	-0.22	23.43	25.17
40.92	+1.79	+0.17	21.73	23.46
41.52	+1.90	-0.16	23.15	24.88
42.10	+2.01	-0.13	23.03	24.77
42.68	+2.00	+0.29	21.22	22.95
43.15	+2.03	+1.12	17.59	19.33
43.57	+2.04	+0.67	19.55	21.28
44.12	+2.00	+0.11	21.97	23.70
44.72	+1.76	-0.35	23.99	25.72
45.39	+1.71	-0.33	23.91	25.65
45.77	+1.78	-0.31	23.80	25.54
46.35	+1.71	-0.42	24.31	26.04
46.93	+1.72	-0.82	26.04	27.77
47.58	+2.03	+0.02	22.38	24.12
48.17	+2.10	+0.98	18.21	19.95
48.65	+2.23	+1.69	15.13	16.86
49.38	+2.14	+1.56	15.68	17.42
49.89	+2.12	+0.68	19.53	21.27
50.48	+2.31	+0.04	22.31	24.05
51.16	+1.89	-0.38	24.12	25.85
51.84	+2.05	-0.24	23.50	25.23
52.32	+2.53	+0.15	21.83	23.57
52.90	+2.37	+0.29	21.23	22.96



JC3

Size/cumulative size of hinge increments: JC3

Year	Inc. width (μm)	Cumulative inc. width (μm)	Cumulative inc. width (mm)
1	596.56	596.56	0.60
2	634.11	1230.67	1.23
3	718.90	1949.57	1.95
4	447.99	2397.56	2.40
5	431.52	2829.08	2.83
6	398.20	3227.27	3.23
7	350.96	3578.23	3.58
8	348.72	3926.95	3.93
9	168.96	4095.91	4.10
10	250.50	4346.41	4.35
11	369.42	4715.83	4.72
12	345.23	5061.06	5.06
13	297.64	5358.70	5.36
14	297.08	5655.78	5.66
15	345.23	6001.01	6.00
16	289.80	6290.81	6.29
17	482.56	6773.37	6.77
18	455.35	7228.72	7.23
19	352.58	7581.30	7.58
20	242.11	7823.41	7.82
21	227.86	8051.26	8.05
22	242.11	8293.37	8.29
23	200.94	8494.31	8.49
24	172.85	8667.16	8.67
25	139.38	8806.55	8.81
26	124.25	8930.80	8.93
27	179.33	9110.13	9.11
28	144.90	9255.03	9.26
29	144.90	9399.92	9.40
30	110.49	9510.41	9.51
31	89.86	9600.28	9.60
32	82.71	9682.98	9.68

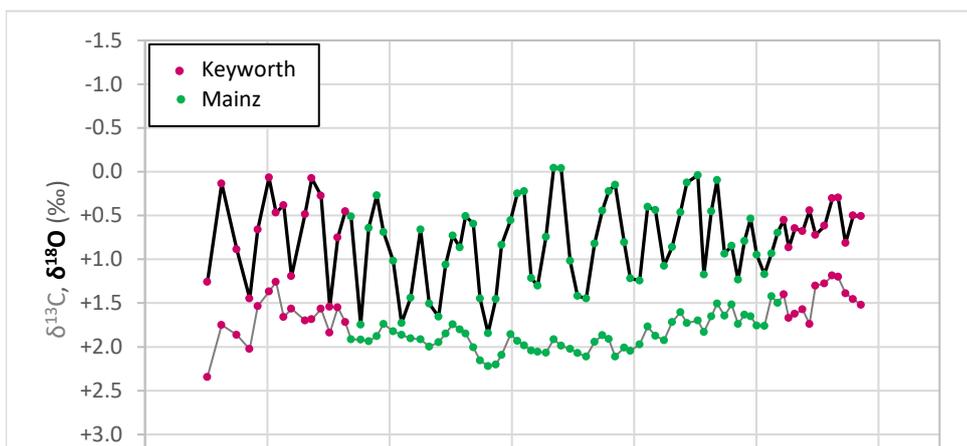
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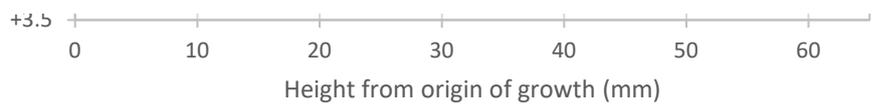
Year	Height (mm)
1	1.69
2	12.64
3	18.22
4	24.4
5	31.27
6	36.07
7	40.43
8	46.93
9	51.16

Shell data and calculated temperatures (Grossman and Ku): JC4

Height (mm)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)	Temp. ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +0.7\text{‰}$): JC4	Temp. ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +1.1\text{‰}$): JC4
5.10	+2.34	+1.26	17.00	18.73
6.26	+1.75	+0.14	21.88	23.61
7.50	+1.86	+0.89	18.61	20.34
8.56	+2.03	+1.45	16.18	17.92
9.22	+1.54	+0.66	19.60	21.34
10.15	+1.37	+0.07	22.17	23.90
10.71	+1.26	+0.47	20.43	22.17
11.35	+1.66	+0.38	20.80	22.54
11.98	+1.57	+1.19	17.28	19.02
13.10	+1.70	+0.49	20.36	22.09
13.64	+1.69	+0.08	22.14	23.87
14.40	+1.57	+0.28	21.27	23.01
15.11	+1.84	+1.55	15.76	17.49
15.77	+1.55	+0.75	19.20	20.94
16.38	+1.72	+0.45	20.49	22.23
16.84	+1.91	+0.51	20.25	21.99
17.64	+1.92	+1.75	14.88	16.62
18.29	+1.94	+0.64	19.68	21.41
18.96	+1.88	+0.27	21.30	23.04
19.51	+1.74	+0.69	19.47	21.21
20.29	+1.82	+1.02	18.05	19.78
20.99	+1.86	+1.73	14.97	16.71
21.72	+1.90	+1.44	16.22	17.96
22.54	+1.91	+0.66	19.60	21.34
23.24	+2.00	+1.51	15.93	17.67
24.02	+1.95	+1.66	15.28	17.01
24.60	+1.85	+1.06	17.86	19.60
25.17	+1.74	+0.73	19.30	21.03
25.75	+1.80	+0.86	18.72	20.45
26.23	+1.85	+0.51	20.26	22.00
26.84	+2.01	+0.59	19.89	21.63
27.40	+2.16	+1.45	16.19	17.93
28.07	+2.22	+1.84	14.46	16.20
28.70	+2.20	+1.45	16.15	17.89
29.16	+2.09	+0.84	18.84	20.57
29.90	+1.86	+0.55	20.07	21.81
30.47	+1.93	+0.25	21.39	23.12
31.02	+1.98	+0.22	21.50	23.23
31.60	+2.04	+1.21	17.20	18.94
32.12	+2.06	+1.30	16.82	18.55
32.81	+2.07	+0.74	19.25	20.98
33.42	+1.92	-0.04	22.65	24.39
34.04	+1.99	-0.04	22.64	24.38
34.78	+2.02	+1.02	18.05	19.78
35.38	+2.07	+1.42	16.31	18.04
36.08	+2.11	+1.45	16.19	17.92
36.78	+1.94	+0.82	18.91	20.65

37.40	+1.87	+0.44	20.54	22.28
37.94	+1.91	+0.22	21.50	23.24
38.46	+2.11	+0.15	21.82	23.56
39.19	+2.01	+0.81	18.97	20.71
39.70	+2.04	+1.22	17.17	18.91
40.45	+1.97	+1.24	17.07	18.81
41.11	+1.77	+0.40	20.72	22.46
41.76	+1.87	+0.44	20.56	22.30
42.47	+1.92	+1.07	17.80	19.54
43.13	+1.72	+0.86	18.73	20.47
43.80	+1.60	+0.46	20.46	22.19
44.34	+1.73	+0.12	21.93	23.66
45.21	+1.70	+0.04	22.29	24.03
45.72	+1.83	+1.17	17.38	19.11
46.33	+1.65	+0.45	20.51	22.24
46.79	+1.51	+0.10	22.05	23.79
47.42	+1.64	+0.94	18.40	20.14
47.98	+1.52	+0.85	18.79	20.52
48.50	+1.74	+1.23	17.12	18.85
49.04	+1.63	+0.79	19.04	20.77
49.55	+1.65	+0.54	20.13	21.87
50.05	+1.76	+0.95	18.36	20.09
50.68	+1.76	+1.17	17.38	19.12
51.25	+1.42	+0.93	18.42	20.15
51.75	+1.50	+0.70	19.45	21.18
52.25	+1.40	+0.55	20.07	21.81
52.67	+1.67	+0.87	18.70	20.44
53.17	+1.62	+0.65	19.66	21.39
53.80	+1.57	+0.68	19.52	21.26
54.36	+1.74	+0.44	20.54	22.28
54.85	+1.30	+0.72	19.33	21.07
55.59	+1.28	+0.62	19.78	21.51
56.22	+1.19	+0.31	21.14	22.87
56.71	+1.20	+0.30	21.18	22.92
57.31	+1.39	+0.82	18.92	20.66
57.93	+1.46	+0.50	20.29	22.03
58.57	+1.52	+0.51	20.26	22.00





JC4

Size/cumulative size of hinge increments: JC4

Year	Inc. width (μm)	Cumulative inc. width (μm)	Cumulative inc. width (mm)
1	1261.87	1261.87	1.26
2	489.56	1751.43	1.75
3	407.00	2158.43	2.16
4	434.18	2592.61	2.59
5	470.62	3063.23	3.06
6	456.48	3519.71	3.52
7	634.34	4154.04	4.15
8	501.11	4655.15	4.66
9	403.08	5058.23	5.06
10	267.22	5325.45	5.33
11	349.02	5674.48	5.67
12	313.09	5987.57	5.99
13	341.66	6329.23	6.33
14	251.66	6580.89	6.58
15	275.21	6856.10	6.86
16	308.51	7164.61	7.16
17	236.62	7401.24	7.40
18	164.45	7565.69	7.57
19	246.88	7812.57	7.81
20	277.69	8090.26	8.09
21	234.46	8324.72	8.32
22	292.33	8617.05	8.62
23	387.01	9004.06	9.00
24	243.12	9247.18	9.25
25	295.24	9542.42	9.54
26	136.51	9678.93	9.68
27	115.77	9794.70	9.79
28	110.02	9904.72	9.90
29	115.77	10020.50	10.02
30	104.24	10124.73	10.12
31	131.76	10256.49	10.26
32	134.00	10390.49	10.39
33	134.00	10524.48	10.52
34	143.31	10667.79	10.67
35	102.81	10770.59	10.77
36	105.97	10876.56	10.88
37	93.46	10970.02	10.97
38	99.74	11069.76	11.07
39	115.31	11185.07	11.19
40	105.92	11290.99	11.29
41	110.78	11401.78	11.40
42	95.86	11497.64	11.50
43	107.67	11605.31	11.61
44	77.96	11683.27	11.68
45	74.98	11758.25	11.76
46	62.86	11821.11	11.82
47	116.64	11937.75	11.94

48	104.81	12042.56	12.04
49	128.70	12171.26	12.17
50	107.67	12278.93	12.28
51	87.65	12366.58	12.37
52	111.42	12478.00	12.48
53	85.10	12563.10	12.56
54	135.26	12698.36	12.70
55	191.18	12889.54	12.89
56	88.41	12977.95	12.98
57	94.65	13072.60	13.07
58	120.46	13193.05	13.19
59	108.54	13301.59	13.30
60	96.63	13398.22	13.40
61	97.86	13496.08	13.50
62	92.92	13589.00	13.59
63	89.36	13678.36	13.68
64	98.32	13776.68	13.78
65	116.91	13893.59	13.89
66	103.13	13996.72	14.00
67	110.20	14106.93	14.11
68	91.96	14198.89	14.20
69	80.42	14279.31	14.28
70	61.81	14341.12	14.34
71	75.96	14417.08	14.42
72	110.20	14527.28	14.53
73	84.89	14612.16	14.61
74	80.67	14692.84	14.69
75	84.72	14777.55	14.78
76	47.73	14825.28	14.83
77	62.18	14887.46	14.89
78	81.01	14968.47	14.97
79	83.02	15051.49	15.05
80	89.07	15140.56	15.14
81	93.44	15234.00	15.23
82	84.72	15318.72	15.32
83	103.22	15421.93	15.42
84	113.63	15535.56	15.54
85	80.39	15615.95	15.62
86	88.76	15704.71	15.70

Summer $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ height: JC4

Year Height (mm)

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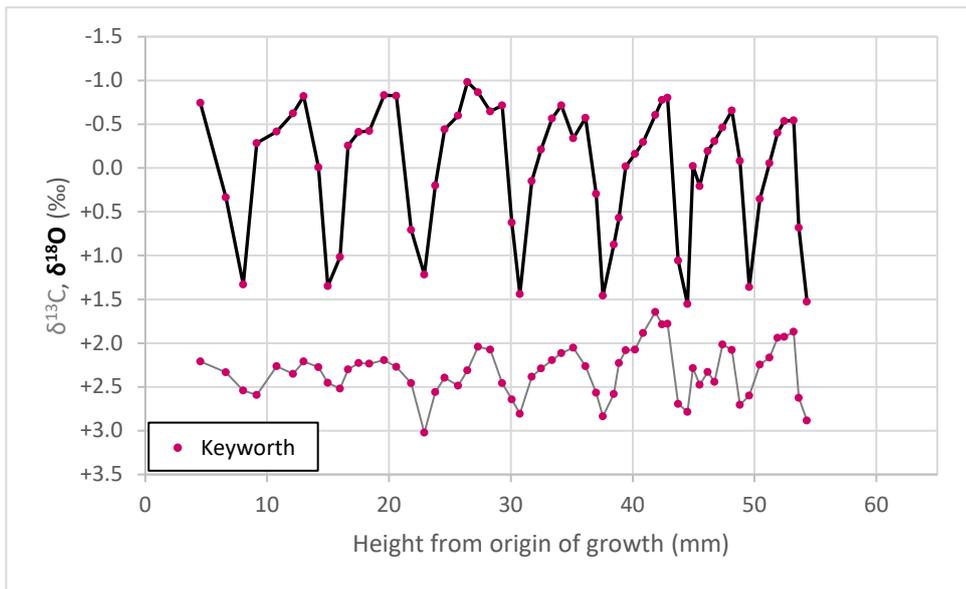
2	6.26
3	10.15
4	13.64
5	16.38
6	18.96
7	22.54
8	26.23
9	31.02
10	33.42
11	38.46
12	41.11
13	45.21
14	46.79
15	49.55
16	52.25
17	54.36
18	56.71
19	57.93

NA1

Shell data and calculated temperatures (Grossman and Ku): NA1

Height (mm)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)	Temp. ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +0.7\text{‰}$): NA1	Temp. ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +1.1\text{‰}$): NA1
4.52	+2.21	-0.74	25.69	27.43
6.61	+2.33	+0.34	21.01	22.75
8.04	+2.54	+1.33	16.69	18.43
9.14	+2.59	-0.28	23.70	25.43
10.80	+2.26	-0.42	24.28	26.01
12.12	+2.35	-0.63	25.18	26.91
13.00	+2.21	-0.82	26.04	27.77
14.21	+2.27	-0.01	22.49	24.23
14.98	+2.45	+1.35	16.62	18.35
15.97	+2.52	+1.02	18.05	19.78
16.63	+2.30	-0.26	23.58	25.32
17.52	+2.23	-0.41	24.26	26.00
18.40	+2.23	-0.42	24.30	26.03
19.61	+2.19	-0.83	26.08	27.82
20.60	+2.27	-0.83	26.05	27.78
21.81	+2.46	+0.71	19.40	21.13
22.91	+3.02	+1.22	17.18	18.91
23.79	+2.56	+0.20	21.60	23.33
24.57	+2.39	-0.44	24.38	26.12
25.67	+2.49	-0.60	25.07	26.80
26.44	+2.31	-0.98	26.73	28.47
27.32	+2.04	-0.86	26.22	27.96
28.31	+2.07	-0.65	25.27	27.01
29.30	+2.46	-0.72	25.58	27.31
30.07	+2.64	+0.62	19.76	21.50
30.73	+2.81	+1.44	16.21	17.95
31.73	+2.39	+0.15	21.81	23.55
32.50	+2.29	-0.21	23.39	25.13
33.38	+2.19	-0.57	24.92	26.66
34.15	+2.11	-0.72	25.57	27.31
35.14	+2.05	-0.34	23.95	25.68
36.13	+2.26	-0.57	24.95	26.68
37.01	+2.57	+0.29	21.19	22.93
37.56	+2.84	+1.46	16.13	17.87
38.45	+2.58	+0.87	18.67	20.40
38.89	+2.23	+0.57	20.00	21.74
39.44	+2.08	-0.02	22.55	24.29
40.21	+2.08	-0.16	23.17	24.91
40.87	+1.88	-0.29	23.75	25.48
41.86	+1.65	-0.61	25.09	26.83
42.41	+1.79	-0.78	25.83	27.57
42.85	+1.78	-0.80	25.94	27.68
43.73	+2.69	+1.06	17.88	19.61
44.50	+2.79	+1.55	15.73	17.46
44.95	+2.29	-0.02	22.57	24.31
45.50	+2.47	+0.21	21.57	23.30
46.16	+2.33	-0.20	23.31	25.05

46.71	+2.44	-0.31	23.79	25.53
47.37	+2.01	-0.46	24.47	26.21
48.14	+2.08	-0.66	25.32	27.06
48.80	+2.70	-0.08	22.81	24.55
49.57	+2.60	+1.36	16.56	18.30
50.45	+2.24	+0.35	20.94	22.67
51.22	+2.17	-0.06	22.71	24.45
51.89	+1.94	-0.40	24.21	25.94
52.44	+1.93	-0.53	24.79	26.52
53.21	+1.87	-0.54	24.83	26.57
53.65	+2.62	+0.68	19.52	21.25
54.31	+2.89	+1.53	15.83	17.57



Summer $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ height: NA1

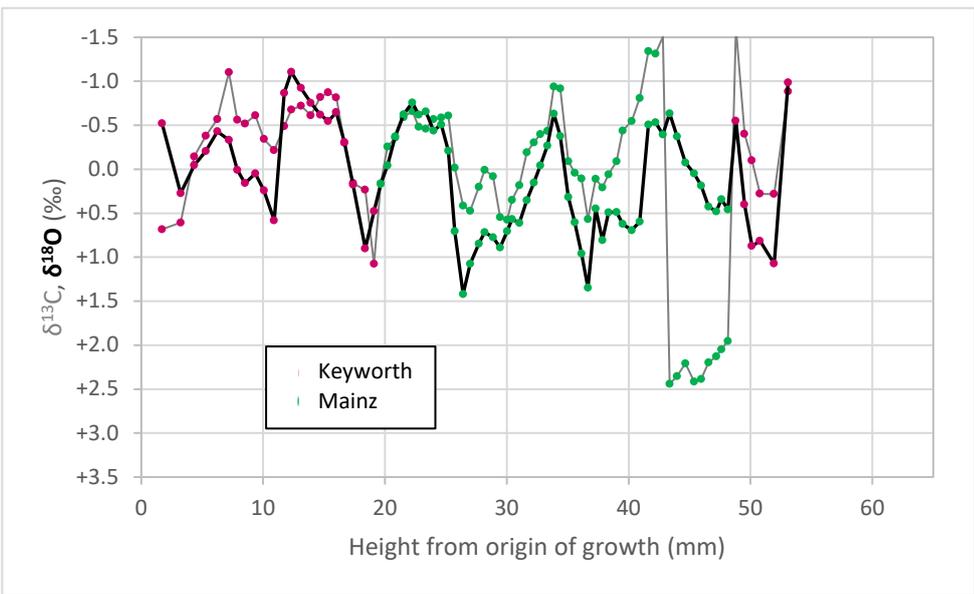
Year Height (mm)

1	4.52
2	13.00
3	19.61
4	26.44
5	34.15
6	42.85
7	48.14
8	53.21

Shell data and calculated temperatures (Grossman and Ku): BC1

Height (mm)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)	Temp. ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +0.7\text{‰}$): BC1	Temp. ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_w = +1.1\text{‰}$): BC1
1.70	+0.68	-0.52	24.73	26.46
3.24	+0.61	+0.27	21.28	23.02
4.34	-0.14	-0.04	22.66	24.39
5.30	-0.38	-0.21	23.36	25.10
6.24	-0.57	-0.43	24.33	26.07
7.20	-1.10	-0.33	23.91	25.64
7.88	-0.56	+0.01	22.43	24.17
8.52	-0.52	+0.16	21.77	23.51
9.36	-0.61	+0.05	22.25	23.99
10.08	-0.34	+0.24	21.41	23.15
10.91	-0.22	+0.58	19.94	21.67
11.74	-0.49	-0.87	26.23	27.96
12.32	-0.68	-1.11	27.27	29.00
13.11	-0.72	-0.92	26.47	28.20
13.92	-0.61	-0.75	25.74	27.48
14.69	-0.82	-0.62	25.15	26.89
15.34	-0.87	-0.55	24.84	26.58
16.00	-0.81	-0.65	25.27	27.01
16.68	-0.30	-0.31	23.80	25.53
17.39	+0.16	+0.18	21.70	23.43
18.38	+0.24	+0.90	18.55	20.29
19.10	+1.08	+0.48	20.39	22.13
19.66	+0.16	+0.17	21.74	23.48
20.22	-0.26	-0.04	22.65	24.38
20.84	-0.36	-0.37	24.09	25.83
21.54	-0.59	-0.63	25.18	26.92
22.23	-0.66	-0.76	25.76	27.49
22.76	-0.48	-0.62	25.17	26.90
23.35	-0.46	-0.66	25.32	27.05
23.98	-0.57	-0.44	24.38	26.11
24.62	-0.59	-0.51	24.67	26.41
25.20	-0.61	-0.21	23.37	25.11
25.73	-0.02	+0.70	19.41	21.15
26.41	+0.42	+1.42	16.31	18.04
26.98	+0.47	+1.08	17.79	19.53
27.71	+0.20	+0.85	18.79	20.52
28.18	+0.01	+0.71	19.37	21.10
28.87	+0.08	+0.78	19.10	20.84
29.46	+0.55	+0.89	18.60	20.34
30.02	+0.58	+0.70	19.41	21.15
30.42	+0.35	+0.57	20.01	21.75
31.03	+0.18	+0.61	19.81	21.55
31.65	-0.19	+0.35	20.94	22.67
32.21	-0.30	+0.15	21.81	23.54
32.75	-0.40	-0.04	22.65	24.39
33.33	-0.44	-0.27	23.63	25.37
33.85	-0.94	-0.63	25.20	26.94

34.38	-0.92	-0.38	24.10	25.83
35.05	-0.09	+0.32	21.09	22.83
35.58	+0.04	+0.60	19.85	21.58
36.12	+0.11	+0.96	18.30	20.04
36.66	+0.57	+1.35	16.63	18.36
37.29	+0.11	+0.45	20.52	22.26
37.85	+0.21	+0.81	18.96	20.70
38.35	+0.06	+0.49	20.34	22.08
39.00	-0.09	+0.49	20.36	22.10
39.52	-0.44	+0.62	19.78	21.51
40.25	-0.55	+0.69	19.46	21.19
40.92	-0.81	+0.60	19.88	21.62
41.62	-1.34	-0.51	24.67	26.41
42.21	-1.32	-0.53	24.79	26.52
42.80	-1.51	-0.40	24.19	25.92
43.37	+2.44	-0.63	25.22	26.96
43.98	+2.35	-0.37	24.09	25.82
44.67	+2.21	-0.08	22.80	24.54
45.36	+2.41	+0.05	22.26	24.00
45.96	+2.39	+0.18	21.66	23.40
46.56	+2.20	+0.43	20.61	22.35
47.18	+2.13	+0.48	20.38	22.11
47.61	+2.05	+0.34	20.98	22.71
48.14	+1.95	+0.46	20.47	22.21
48.79	-1.61	-0.55	24.86	26.59
49.51	-0.40	+0.40	20.72	22.45
50.12	-0.10	+0.87	18.67	20.41
50.77	+0.28	+0.82	18.93	20.66
51.94	+0.28	+1.07	17.81	19.54
53.08	-0.88	-0.98	26.74	28.48



BC1

Size/cumulative size of hinge increments: BC1

Year	Inc. width (μm)	Cumulative inc. width (μm)	Cumulative inc. width (mm)
1	1639.94	1639.94	1.64
2	956.95	2596.89	2.60
3	1037.65	3634.54	3.63
4	1116.22	4750.77	4.75
5	1078.39	5829.16	5.83
6	696.64	6525.80	6.53
7	412.78	6938.59	6.94
8	491.04	7429.62	7.43
9	688.74	8118.36	8.12
10	442.08	8560.44	8.56
11	452.72	9013.17	9.01
12	275.63	9288.80	9.29
13	337.39	9626.19	9.63
14	296.67	9922.87	9.92
15	251.41	10174.28	10.17

Summer $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ height: BC1

Year Height (mm)

1	1.7
2	6.24
3	12.32
4	22.23
5	33.85
6	43.37
7	48.79
8	53.08