

**Supplemental Information for:**  
**Coupled Mg/Ca and clumped isotope analyses of foraminifera**  
**provide consistent water temperatures**

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**Estimating the effect of changes in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\Delta_{47}$**

The task is to find  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}$  as a function of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{cc}}$  ( $f(\Delta_{47}, \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{cc}})$ ) using

$$T = m_2 + 1/S_0 (\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{cc}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}) + 1/S_0 (\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{cc}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}})^2 \quad (1)$$

and

$$\Delta_{47} = (S_{\Delta_{47}}/T^2) + \text{const.} \quad (2)$$

For this we consider only small changes of  $T$ ,  $\Delta_{47}$ , and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{cc}}$ , because then we can simplify eqs. (1) and (2). For small changes in  $T$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{cc}}$ , it would be enough to consider only the linear part in eq. (1), which then becomes

$$T = m_2 + 1/S_0 (\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{cc}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}) \quad (3)$$

Small changes can then be calculated simply as

$$\Delta T = 1/S_0 (\Delta \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{cc}} - \Delta \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}) \quad (4)$$

which results in

$$\Delta \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}} = \Delta \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{cc}} - S_0 \Delta T \quad (5)$$

To find the effect of small changes in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}$  due to small changes in  $\Delta_{47}$  is not so simple as for eq. (1), because the dependence on  $T$  is not linear, but  $1/T^2$ . Therefore, we need to apply a Taylor expansion on eq. (2) which results in

$$\Delta \Delta_{47} = -S \Delta_{47} (2/T^3) \Delta T, \text{ or } \Delta T = -(\Delta \Delta_{47} T^3 / 2S_{\Delta_{47}}) \quad (6)$$

Replacing  $\Delta T$  in eq. (5) we finally get

$$\Delta \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}} = \Delta \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{cc}} + (S_0/S \Delta_{47}) (T^3/2) \Delta \Delta_{47} \quad (7)$$

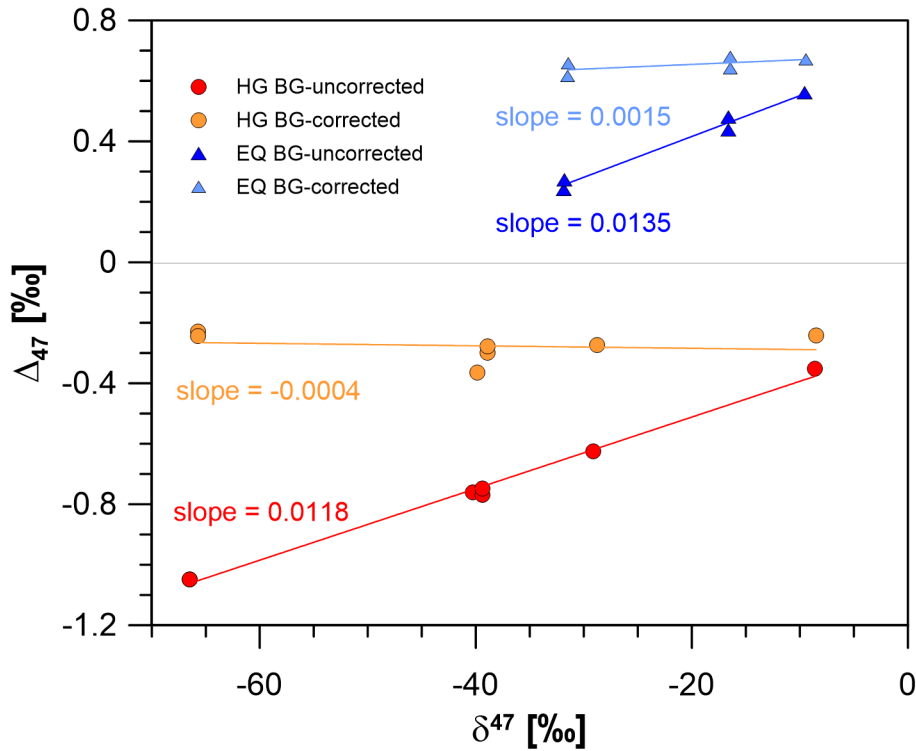
From these last equations it should be clear that the nonlinear nature of the relationship between  $\Delta_{47}$  and  $T$  causes a temperature dependent factor. Still, selecting a certain value for  $T$ , i.e.,  $T = 300$  K, small changes in  $T$  and, hence, in  $\Delta_{47}$  cause a linear response. Here the range of change in  $\Delta_{47}$  can be between 0.5‰ and 0.8‰.

#### **Comparison of $T_{\Delta_{47}}$ and $T_{\text{Mg/Ca}}$ with Atlas-based SST and calcification depth temperatures**

To test if the reconstructed temperatures ( $T_{\Delta_{47}}$  and  $T_{\text{Mg/Ca}}$ ) agree with modern data, we plot them against GISS-Atlas ([NODC\\_WOA98](http://data.giss.nasa.gov), <http://data.giss.nasa.gov>) derived SST and calcification depth temperatures (Fig. S2).  $T_{\Delta_{47}}$  and  $T_{\text{Mg/Ca}}$  are compared with annual mean temperatures at the estimated calcification depth ( $T_{\text{calc}}$ ) of the different foraminifera species and at the sea surface ( $T_{\text{sst}}$ ), with  $T_{\text{calc}}$  and  $T_{\text{sst}}$  data derived from the GISS Atlas ([NODC\\_WOA98](http://data.giss.nasa.gov)).  $T_{\Delta_{47}}$  agree well with annual mean temperature estimates for calcification depths, but show higher scatter when compared to SST estimates (Figs. S2a, b). These observations support the notion that clumped isotope signal reflects the temperature at the time and depth of test calcification.

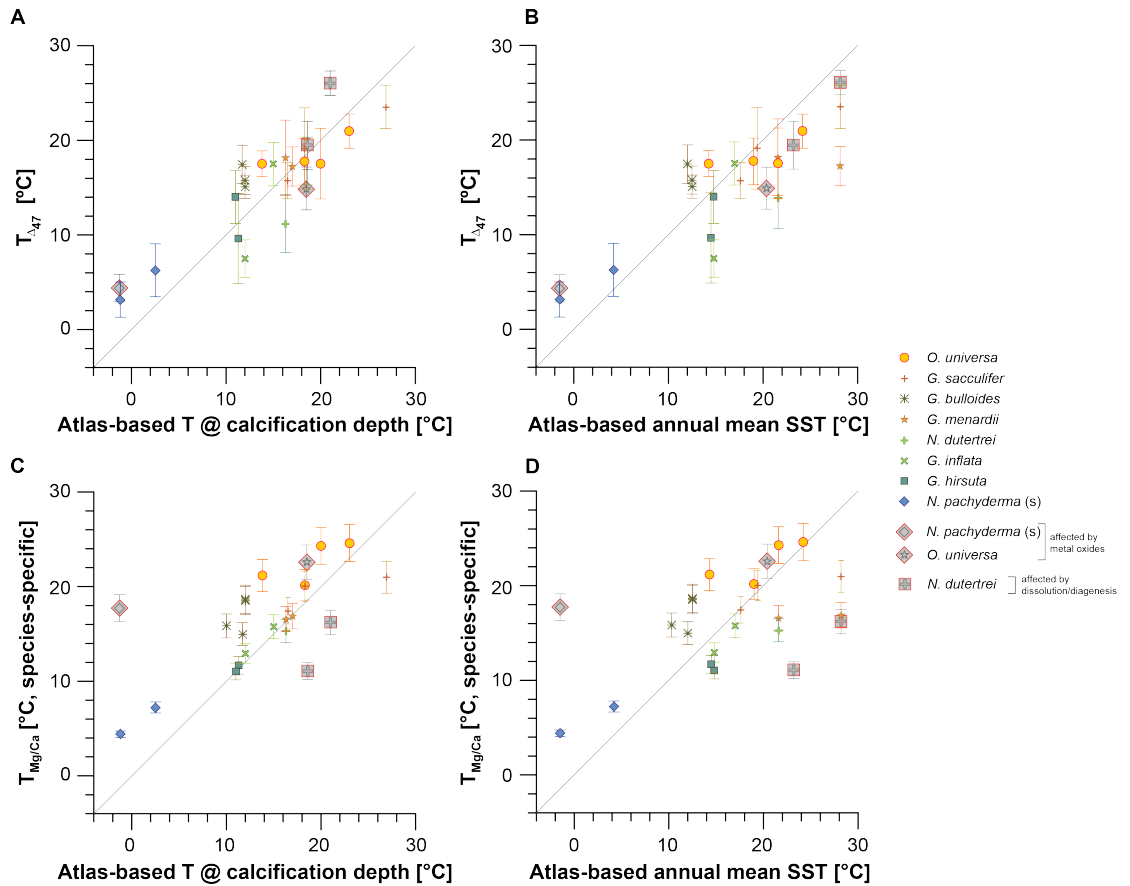
$T_{\text{Mg/Ca}}$  estimates are seemingly too high when compared to annual temperature at the estimated calcification depth (Figs. S2c), whereas they are closer to the mean annual sea surface temperature (Figs. S2d), even though the scatter increases. This observation could be explained by a combination of the following factors:

- i) Calcification depths are notoriously difficult to define and thus might not be correctly assigned (Pearson 2012). If calcification occurred mainly in lower water depths, the calcification depth estimate might result in too high temperatures. However, the fact that  $T_{\Delta_{47}}$  agrees well with calcification depth estimates (Fig. S2a) suggests that calcification depths are correctly assigned. Thus, calcification depth estimates are likely correct.
- ii) Mg/Ca might be elevated due to addition of Mg via crust formation (Fehrenbacher et al. 2017), or during gametogenesis (Nürnberg et al. 1996, Sadekov et al. 2005, Fehrenbacher et al. 2017) or contamination (Lea et al. 2005). Addition of such Mg would lead to erroneous  $T_{\text{Mg/Ca}}$  estimates.



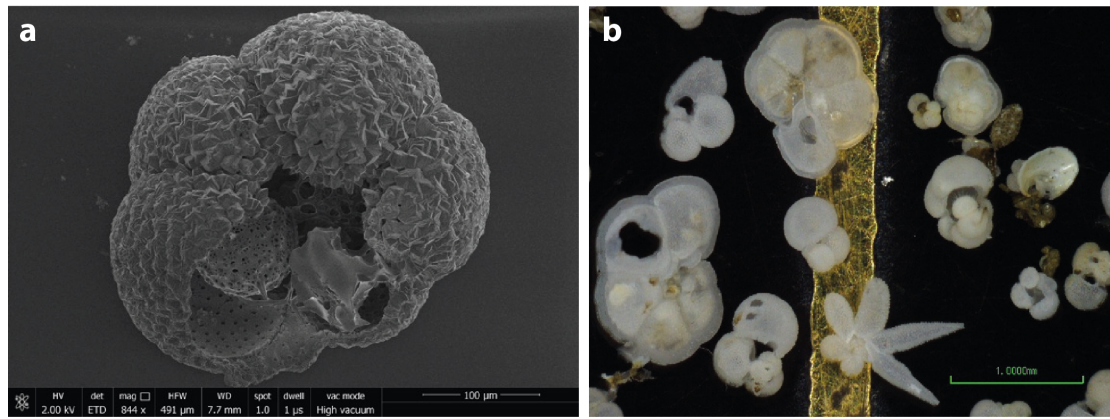
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94 **Figure S1.** Visualization of the effectiveness of the PBL correction determined by monitoring the  
 95 backgrounds on all cups before each run. This correction effectively eliminates the slope of the  
 96 heated (HG, 1000°C) and equilibrated (EQ, 24.9°C) gas lines, as illustrated here for data collected  
 97 from January-February 2016.



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**Figure S2.** Comparison of reconstructed temperatures ( $T_{\Delta 47}$  and  $T_{Mg/Ca}$ ) with GISS Atlas data (NODC\_WOA98). **A)**  $T_{\Delta 47}$  vs Atlas derived temperatures at calcification depth. **B)** Same as A, but with GISS Atlas based SST estimates. **C)**  $T_{Mg/Ca}$  is shown against Atlas derived calcification depth temperature. **D)** Same as B, but with  $T_{Mg/Ca}$ . Samples identified as being affected by diagenesis, dissolution, or metal oxide coating/filling are highlighted by grey symbols. Metal oxides do not significantly affect  $T_{\Delta 47}$  estimates as confirmed by the agreement between calcification depth temperature and SST (figures A and B), whereas  $T_{Mg/Ca}$  estimates are strongly offset (figures C and D). Diagenesis effects can affect both,  $T_{Mg/Ca}$  and  $T_{\Delta 47}$ .



**Figure S3. a)** Example of dissolution in *N. dutertrei* from sample IODP1436C-1H1W\_25cm, Pacific Ocean, where the calcite saturation depth is much shallower compared to the Atlantic. Samples from this site have been reported to suffer extensive dissolution at 1700 water depth (Tamura et al. 2015). Here we document dissolution of umbilical teeth and the last chamber on the generally dissolution resistant *N. dutertrei* sample. This sample falls below the tandem line. **b)** Carbonate dissolution on a number of very delicate and lightly-calcified tests of planktonic foraminifera (*G. menardii* and *G. sacculifer*) from core MD 77-191, showing initial signs of supra-lysocline dissolution as evidenced by holes in some final chambers.

### Comparison of selected calibrations

The table below gives the slopes and intercepts for selected calibrations, projected to 25°C.

Reference	Slope	Intercept
Ghosh et al. (2006)	0.062	0.021
Kelson et al. (2017) (Eq. 2)	0.0422±0.0013	0.215±0.014
Bonifacie et al. (2017) (global)	0.0422±0.0019	0.218±0.0207
Kele et al. (2015) original	0.044±0.005	0.207±0.047
Kele et al. (2015) fully recalculated	0.0449±0.001	0.167±0.01
Cambridge (this study)	0.0447±0.006	0.149±0.07

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