



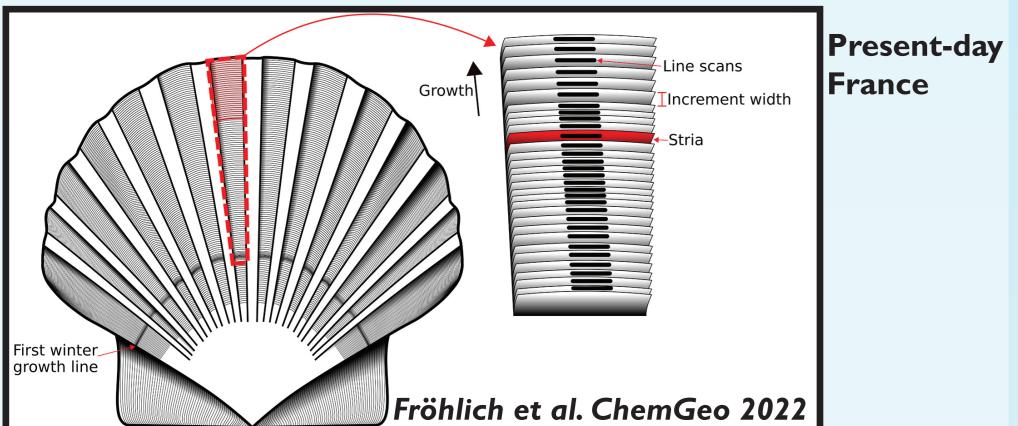
What fossil shells tell us about past climate

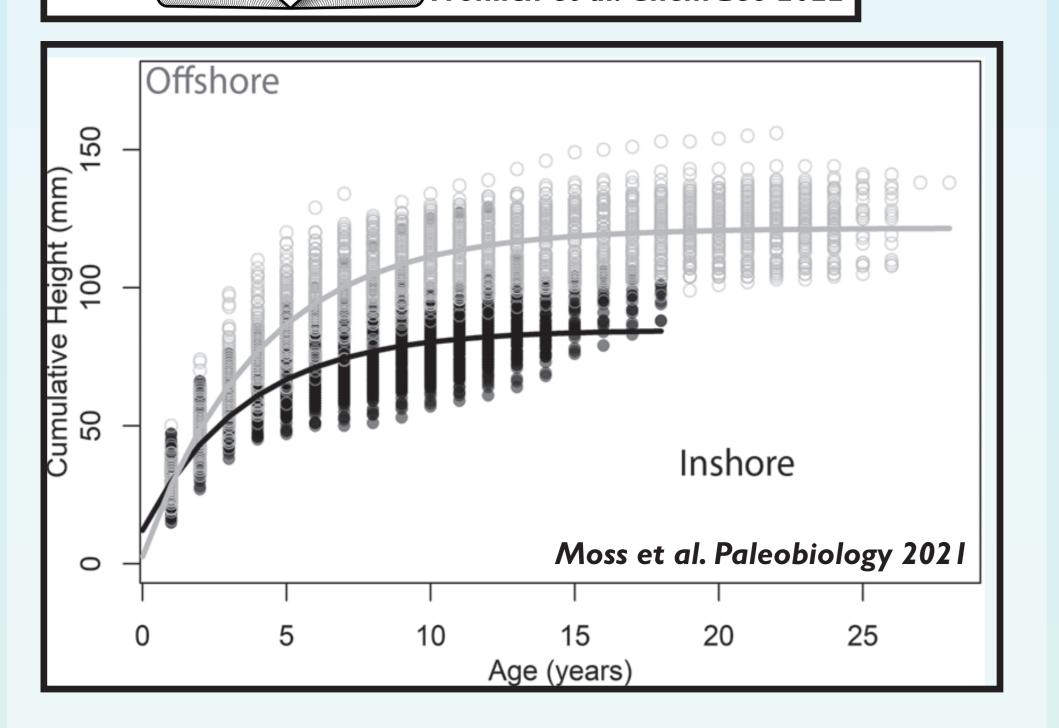




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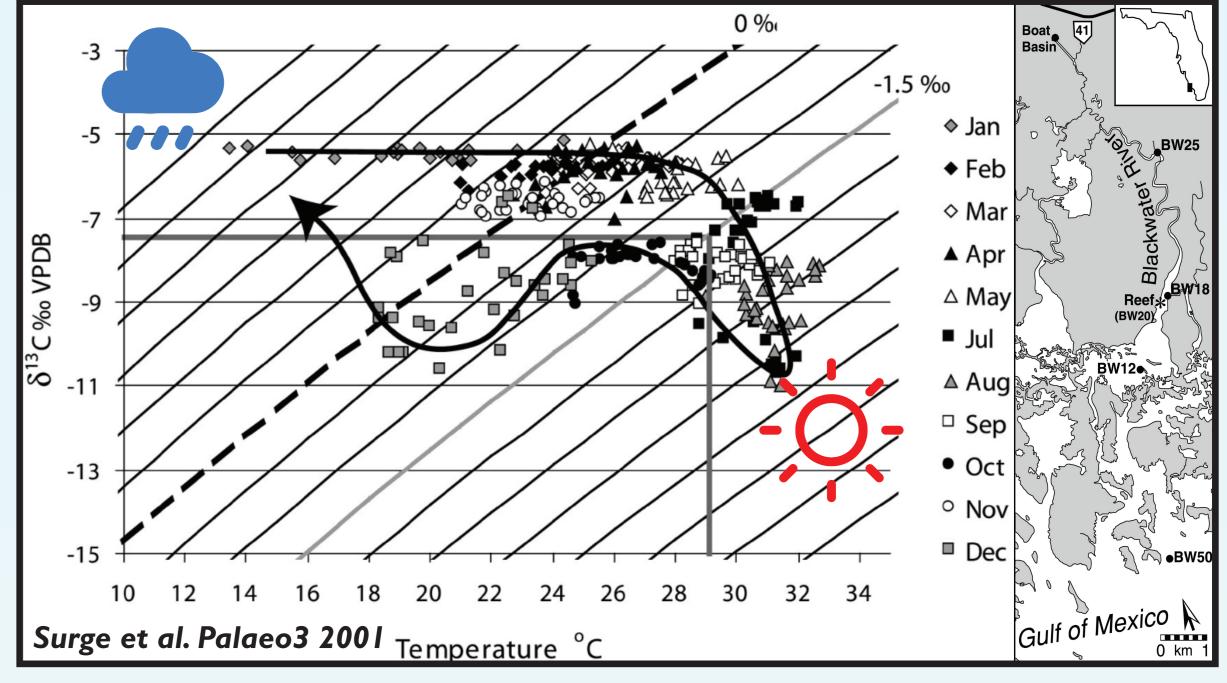


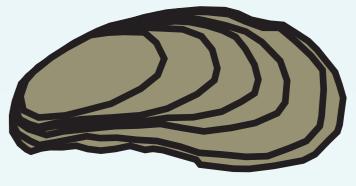




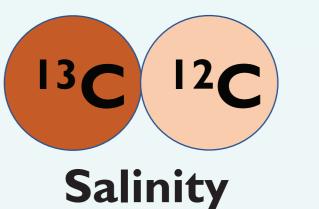
Mollusk shells are ideal archives for reconstructing climate and environment on the human timescale (days to decades). Their incremental growth records variability in their environment at a very fine timescale, their calcium carbonate shells have a high preservation potential throughout the Phanerozoic, and their long evolutionary history and diversity allows us to reconstruct their paleobiology throughout Earth's history and obtain information about their paleoenvironment across latitudes. Future work should focus on exploring how far we can push this archive towards ultra-high resolution reconstructions of climate, environment or even paleo-weather patterns!

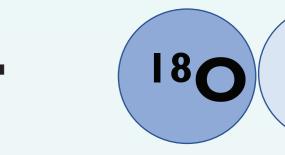
Paleoceanography





Present-day Florida

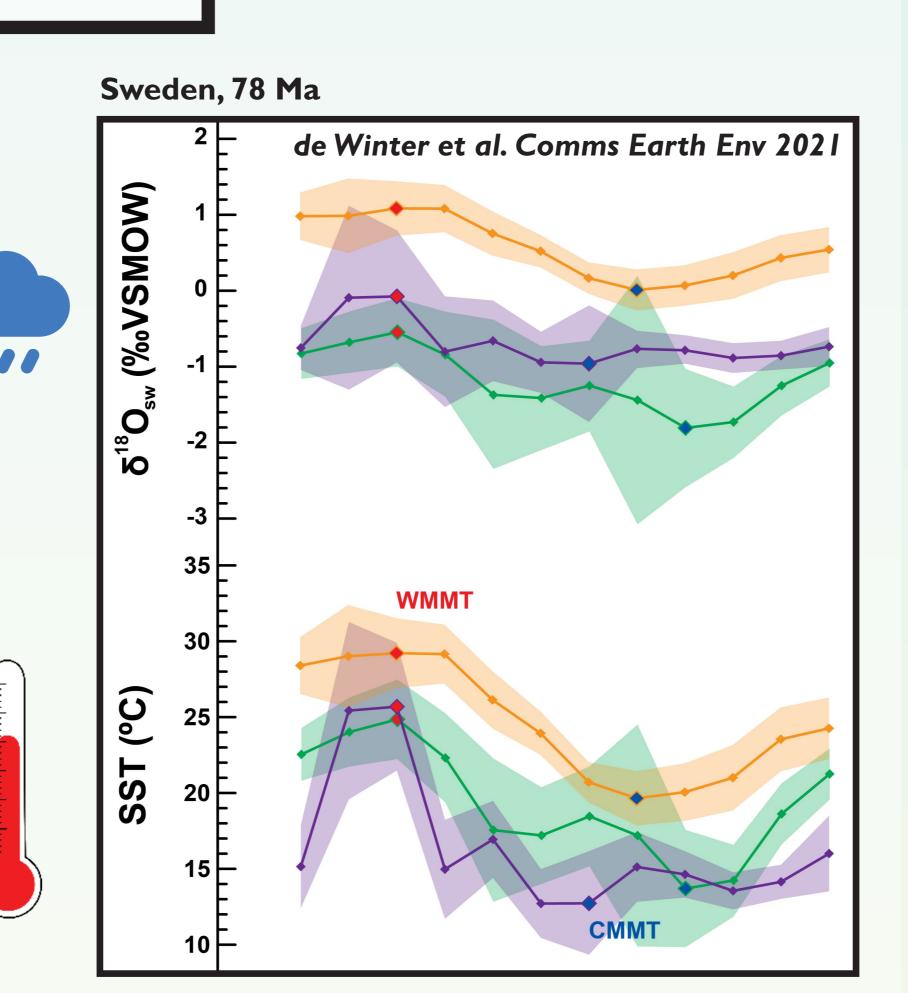




Temperature

Paleotemperature

Modern cultured bivalves Temperature (°C) Bernasconi et al., 2018 Clumped isotope thermometry Anderson et al., 2021 de Winter et al., in review



Paleo-weather?

Oman, 75 Ma Mg/Ca (mmol/mol) HR-LA-ICP-MS Transect in growth direction "de Winter et al. Pal&Pal 2020



