

# A key to the past? Element ratios as environmental proxies in two Arctic bivalves

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## Abstract

Understanding rapid climate change in the Arctic and its ecosystem implications requires more information on the environment at temporal resolutions and time-periods not available from instrumental records. Such information can be acquired through geochemical proxy records, but sub-annual records are rare. We analyzed shell material of bivalve mollusks (*Serripes groenlandicus* and *Ciliatocardium ciliatum*) placed on oceanographic moorings for one year in two Arctic fjords to assess the potential use of shell elemental ratios as environmental proxies. Li/Ca, Mg/Ca, Li/Mg, Li/Sr, Mn/Ca, Sr/Ca, Mo/Ca, and Ba/Ca were determined using Laser-Ablation Inductively-Coupled-Plasma Mass-Spectrometry. Combining data from moorings with previously derived

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sub-annual shell growth models allowed us to relate the elemental ratio patterns to oceanographic parameters (temperature, salinity, and fluorescence). Shell Ba/Ca profiles were characterized by abrupt peaks occurring 11 to 81 days after the phytoplankton bloom, as indicated by an index of seawater fluorescence. Li/Ca and Mg/Ca values exhibited significant logarithmic relationships with shell growth rate, indicated by marginal  $R^2$  values of 0.43 and 0.30, respectively. These ratios were also linearly related to temperature, with marginal  $R^2$  values of 0.15 and 0.17, respectively. Mn/Ca and Sr/Ca ratios exhibited variability among individuals and their temporal pattern was likely controlled by several unidentified factors. Mo/Ca patterns within the shells did not demonstrate correlations with any of the oceanographic parameters. Our results reflect complex relationships between elemental ratios and bivalve metabolism, methodological limitations, as well as contemporaneous environmental processes, suggesting that none of the studied elemental ratios can be used as unequivocal proxies of seawater temperature, salinity, paleoproductivity, or shell growth rate. Despite this, Ba/Ca and Li/Ca can be used as sub-annual temporal anchors in further studies because the variability of these elements was synchronized in each fjord.

*Keywords:* *Serripes groenlandicus*, *Ciliatocardium ciliatum*, Laser-Ablation Inductively-Coupled-Plasma Mass-Spectrometry, paleoclimatology, paleoceanography, bivalve shells

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## 1. Introduction

Bivalve shells offer keys for interpreting past environmental conditions. Food supply, temperature, salinity, and other factors can be reflected in growth rate and mineralogy of shell carbonate, and can show distinct temporal variability.

5 For example, shell growth of bivalve mollusks is often regulated by food and temperature, and visible lines demonstrate seasonal patterns in growth (Chauvaud et al., 1998; Schöne et al., 2005a; Chauvaud, 2005; Ambrose et al., 2006; Carroll et al., 2011a,b, 2014; Vihtakari et al., 2016). These growth lines can be used as time markers to develop a chronology of shell deposition (e.g. Jones,

10 1980; Schöne et al., 2005b; Wanamaker et al., 2012). Multiple shells can be  
cross-dated to construct chronologies that can span multiple centuries, with the  
further possibility of using the geochemical signature of shell material as an in-  
dicator of the environment during shell-deposition (Pearson and Palmer, 2000;  
Strom et al., 2004; Wanamaker et al., 2012; Butler et al., 2013; Masson-Delmotte  
15 et al., 2013).

Bivalves are distributed across a wide range of habitats and latitudes (Dame,  
2012), and their shells are well represented in the geological record (Krantz et al.,  
1987; Valentine et al., 2006; Clapham and Bottjer, 2007; Dame, 2012). Two  
common circumpolar filter-feeding bivalve species, the Greenland cockle (*Ser-*  
20 *ripes groenlandicus* Mohr, 1786) and the hairy cockle (*Ciliatocardium ciliatum*  
Fabricius, 1780), have been used as environmental and climatic indicators in  
previous studies (Ambrose et al., 2006; Sejr et al., 2009; Carroll et al., 2011a,b,  
2014). They are long-lived species, with maximum longevity of 30–60 years,  
forming aragonitic shells with prominent annual growth lines. These growth  
25 lines are deposited during a slow winter shell-growth period that is regulated by  
low food availability (Khim et al., 2003; Carroll et al., 2009; Sejr et al., 2009;  
Selin, 2010; Ambrose et al., 2012; Henkes et al., 2013; Vihtakari et al., 2016).  
Shell growth of bivalves is further affected by temperature and often correlates  
with large-scale climatic drivers over annual to decadal scales (Ambrose et al.,  
30 2006; Carroll et al., 2011a,b; Ambrose et al., 2014; Carroll et al., 2014).

In theory, the environmental information stored in bivalve shells can be  
used to reconstruct seawater conditions with a sub-annual resolution based on  
geochemical proxies, such as element-to-calcium ratios, that are sampled along  
chronologically deposited shell material (Klein et al., 1996; Richardson, 2001;  
35 Wanamaker et al., 2011). Elements are incorporated into the shell during growth  
(Wheeler, 1992; Weiner and Dove, 2003; Marin, 2012). Uptake of these elements  
can occur directly from ambient water in dissolved form, but also from molecules  
or from food particles (Zhao et al., 2015). Several elemental ratios, such as Li/Ca  
(Thébault et al., 2009b; Thébault and Chauvaud, 2013), Mg/Ca (Dodd, 1965;  
40 Klein et al., 1996; Pearce and Mann, 2006), Sr/Ca (Dodd, 1965; Richardson,

2004), and Sr/Li (Füllenbach et al., 2015) have been suggested as proxies of seawater temperature in bivalve shells. These ratios are, however, often affected by metabolic processes. Further, shell growth rate might be correlated with crystal growth rate (kinetics) of calcium carbonate (Swan, 1953; Purton et al., 1999; 45 Takesue and van Geen, 2004; Gillikin et al., 2005; Lorrain et al., 2005), and thus Li/Ca, Mg/Ca and Sr/Ca may be used as temperature proxies in specific cases when shell growth rate and seawater temperature are strongly intercorrelated (Schöne et al., 2011). Lithium-to-magnesium ratios could be used to tease apart the metabolic and growth rate effects associated with Li/Ca and Mg/Ca 50 in corals (Case et al., 2010; Hathorne et al., 2013; Rollion-Bard and Blamart, 2015). The ratios of barium, manganese, molybdenum, and lithium-to-calcium have been suggested as proxies of pelagic productivity (Vander Putten et al., 2000; Gillikin et al., 2006; Barats et al., 2010; Thébault and Chauvaud, 2013). Barium-to-calcium provides the most consistent elemental ratio signal in bivalve 55 shells: Ba/Ca profiles are characterized by a flat background signal that is periodically interrupted by sharp peaks in a wide range of species across various habitats and latitudes (Stecher et al., 1996; Toland et al., 2000; Vander Putten et al., 2000; Torres et al., 2001; Lazareth et al., 2003; Gillikin et al., 2006, 2008; Barats et al., 2009; Carroll et al., 2009; Elliot et al., 2009; Thébault et al., 2009a; 60 Marali et al., 2015). Barium-to-calcium ratios have been shown to reflect Ba concentration in ambient seawater (Gillikin et al., 2006; Tabouret et al., 2012; Poulain et al., 2015) that might in some cases be associated with primary productivity. In contrast, manganese is often associated with shell precipitation rate and may also be influenced by seawater redox conditions, and therefore 65 shows variable species specific patterns (Carré et al., 2006; Freitas et al., 2006, 2009; Shirai et al., 2008; Ullmann et al., 2013). Finally, molybdenum may be incorporated through diet, making Mo/Ca a potential proxy of paleoproductivity (Barats et al., 2010; Tabouret et al., 2012).

The exploration of elemental ratios in bivalve shells as environmental proxies 70 is valuable, especially in the Arctic where instrumental records are short or interrupted and climate change is rapid (Wassmann et al., 2011). Interpretation

of these geochemical proxies is complicated by shell growth rate, which varies through the year (Vihtakari et al., 2016) and appears to influence some element ratios (Fig. 4 in Vihtakari, 2014). Consequently, understanding sub-annual shell-growth patterns is a fundamental prerequisite for using any shell-based proxy at sub-annual resolution. Very few studies, and none in the Arctic, have been able to relate sub-annual patterns of elemental ratios within bivalve shells to seawater parameters recorded at the growth location.

In this study, we examine elemental ratios within the shells of *S. groenlandicus* and *C. ciliatum*, and assess their potential use as environmental proxies. We deployed these bivalves on moorings in two oceanographically contrasting fjords in Svalbard for one year (Ambrose et al., 2012; Vihtakari et al., 2016). The bivalve deployment, combined with previously obtained sub-annual growth models (Vihtakari et al., 2016), allowed us to relate the elemental ratio patterns to the oceanographic data recorded by mooring instrumentation. We aimed to determine whether: 1) Li/Ca, Ba/Ca, Mn/Ca or Mo/Ca could be used as proxies of primary productivity, as has been suggested by other studies, 2) Li/Ca, Li/Mg, Li/Sr, Mg/Ca or Sr/Ca could be used as proxies of temperature or shell growth rate, and 3) any of the above-mentioned elemental ratios were deposited simultaneously in different individuals, thereby indicating that they can be used as sub-annual chronological markers in the studied species.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1. Study design

A suite of element-(Li, Mg, Mn, Sr, Mo, and Ba)-to-calcium ratios was examined at sub-annual resolution in shells of two bivalve species (*S. groenlandicus* and *C. ciliatum*). The specimens were deployed on oceanographic moorings for one year during September 2007–2008 and September 2009–2010 in two fjords on Svalbard: Kongsfjorden (K, 78°57.4'N 11°49.6'E, depth 170 m) and Rijpfjorden (R, 80°18'N 22°20'E, depth 220 m). These two fjords are oceanographically different. Kongsfjorden is an Atlantic water-influenced open fjord,

whereas Rippfjorden is a fjord with a sill (depth 100-200 m) that is influenced mainly by Arctic water masses (Svendsen et al., 2002; Howe et al., 2010; Wallace et al., 2010; Søreide et al., 2010). Kongsfjorden was ice-free throughout the field deployment with the exception of occasional drift ice, whereas Rippfjorden  
105 was ice-covered for 8 months (January 21–September 16) in 2007–2008 (Norwegian Meteorological Institute, 2014), and for 5 months (February 15–July 21) in 2009–2010 (Vihtakari et al., 2016). The bivalve deployment on moorings is described in detail by Ambrose et al. (2012) and Vihtakari et al. (2016). In brief, bivalves were collected east of Spitsbergen (76°30'N 25°56'E, depth 75 m)  
110 in August 2007 and from Spitsbergenbanken (76°1'N 19°56'E, depth 120 m) in August 2009. They were held in flow-through seawater tanks for 1–4 weeks at the University Centre in Svalbard and incubated in seawater with 125 mg L<sup>-1</sup> of calcein dye for 24 h immediately before they were placed in 7 mm mesh plastic cages (hereafter baskets) on the oceanographic moorings. Each basket contained  
115 15–18 bivalves, providing free water-flow for all specimens. The baskets did not contain sediments. The calcein mark was used as an absolute time marker of deployment and was identified in sectioned shells using fluorescent imaging (see Vihtakari et al., 2016). During 2009–2010, the bivalves were deployed at two water depths, 15 m (basket A) and 25 m (basket B), while in 2007-2008 they  
120 were deployed only at 25 m (Table 1).

Bivalves collected from the moorings were sacrificed and shells then were embedded in two-component epoxy (as described in Ambrose et al., 2012). Embedded shells were cut into thick-sections along the maximum growth axis, as described in Vihtakari et al. (2016), and the thick-sections were ground and  
125 polished to a thickness of  $2.0 \pm 0.1$  mm. These thick-sections then were transferred to a clean room, where they were rinsed and brushed in Milli-Q water, sonicated for 5 min and rinsed again. Finally, the thick-sections were left to dry overnight in room temperature before they were analyzed using Laser-Ablation Inductively-Coupled-Plasma Mass-Spectrometry (hereafter LA-ICP-  
130 MS). Eleven shells were further analyzed for *in situ*  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values using secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS) to determine sub-annual growth models

(see Vihtakari et al., 2016, for data and analytical methods). Measured element ratio patterns determined for nine shells that exhibited shell growth adequately reproduced by growth models were compared to weekly averages of seawater temperature, salinity and fluorescence index records obtained from mooring instruments located adjacent to bivalve baskets (Table 2, Section 2.3, see Vihtakari et al., 2016 for details about mooring instrumentation).

## 2.2. Elemental ratio analyses

LA-ICP-MS (Mokgalaka and Gardea-Torresdey, 2006) was conducted at the Plasma Mass Spectrometry Facility, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (MA, US), using a Thermo-Finnigan Element 2 sector field ICP-MS coupled to a New Wave Laser UP 193 nm excimer laser ablation system. A sequence of sample spots was ablated along the middle of the shell thick-section from the outer margin to the calcein line (see Figure 1 and Vihtakari et al., 2016) using 95 s dwell time, 10 Hz repetition rate and 90 % output power. Analyses were conducted in 2009 and 2011 for specimens recovered in 2008 and 2010, respectively. Magnesium ( $^{25}\text{Mg}$ ), calcium ( $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ), manganese ( $^{55}\text{Mn}$ ), strontium ( $^{88}\text{Sr}$ ) and barium ( $^{138}\text{Ba}$ ) were analyzed in both years. Molybdenum ( $^{98}\text{Mo}$ ) and lithium ( $^7\text{Li}$ ) were added to the analysis for 2009–2010 samples. Due to the low concentration of Mo in the  $\text{CaCO}_3$  matrix, 2009–2010 shells had a larger ablation crater size [ $\bar{x} = 87.5 \pm 0.7 \mu\text{m}$  (standard error of the mean, SE),  $n = 612$ ] compared to 2007-2008 samples [ $\bar{x} = 42.0 \pm 0.3 \mu\text{m}$  (SE),  $n = 311$ ]. The distance between laser spots [ $\bar{x} = 104.1 \pm 14.3$  (standard deviation, SD)  $\mu\text{m}$ ] was kept constant between sessions and samples, and therefore the number of ablation spots varied between 17 and 64 per analyzed shell depending on the length of annual growth increment.

The signal intensity (counts per second) of the analyzed elements was monitored in an Element2 low resolution mode during the LA-ICP-MS analyses. The recording of element signal intensity was started approximately 10 s after initiating the laser ablation to clean the shell surface of debris and to ensure that the ablation fume had reached the ICP-MS. An estimated value for each

element was generated by averaging 50 signal intensity measurements during the peak of material flow. Nitric acid (5 vol% HNO<sub>3</sub>) was used as a blank, ensuring a constant flow of the acid into the ICP-MS. Every tenth sample analyzed was a blank. The moving average of blanks was calculated and subtracted from the data. Since the analyzed shell matrix was predominantly aragonite (Khim et al., 2003; Henkes et al., 2013), <sup>48</sup>Ca was used as an internal standard by normalizing all other elements to Ca concentration (Vander Putten et al., 1999). Two liquid standards, Japanese Certified Reference Material or “JpnCRM” (Yoshinaga et al., 2000) and FEBS-1 (Sturgeon et al., 2005), were run as every tenth and twentieth sample, respectively. These standards were used to correct for instrument drift and to calibrate elemental ratios to cover all isotopes. FEBS-1 was used for Mn/Ca and Li/Ca and JpnCRM for the other elemental ratios. The reference materials did not have a certified value for Mo. Therefore, Mo/Ca concentrations are given as percentage of Mo/Ca maximum for each shell and comparison of absolute Mo/Ca values was not possible. Li/Mg and Li/Sr ratios were calculated from the corresponding ratios to calcium using <sup>48</sup>Ca as an internal reference.

### *2.3. Datasets and statistical analyses*

LA-ICP-MS sampling was targeted in the middle of a bivalve shell section, resulting in samples being taken mostly from the composite fibrous prismatic outer shell layer (Figure 1; Schneider and Carter, 2001). The position of the sample spots was related to sub-annual growth lines and a distance axis that was related to the historical location of the shell margin using ImageJ (Schneider et al., 2012) and sclero package (Vihtakari, 2016) for R software (R Core Team, 2016), as described in Vihtakari et al. (2016). The method also allowed a spatial estimation of averaging error (Goodwin et al., 2004; Beelaerts et al., 2008). Resulting LA-ICP-MS sample distances are therefore expressed as mm from deployment (i.e. the calcein mark) along the distance axis, together with minimum and maximum extents for each LA-ICP-MS sample spot (Figures B.9-B.14).



Growth models for nine shells (three from each basket: KB, RA and RB, Table 1), based on estimated daily growth trajectories for SIMS  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  centroids (Figure 9 in Vihtakari et al., 2016), allowed comparison of elemental ratio data  
195 to mooring instrument data (temperature, fluorescence index and salinity) and modeled growth rate. The estimated temporal extent sampled by each LA-ICP-MS spot was used to calculate average growth rate, temperature, salinity, and fluorescence index values that were used as predictor variables in consequent regression models. The averages were calculated using daily means. The re-  
200 lationship between element ratios (response variable in all models) and shell growth rate was logarithmic, and therefore growth rates were log-transformed before analyses.

Linear mixed-effect regression models (LMMs, McCullagh and Nelder, 1989) were used to examine the overall relationships in the dataset by using samples  
205 as random effects, assuming a random intercept and a constant slope (see Appendix A). In order to examine the overall variance of each elemental ratio explained by each predictor variable, LMMs were run separately with each non-transformed predictor variable (Model 1; Appendix A). Marginal  $R^2$  values for LMMs, analogous to the coefficient of determination in classic regression models (Snijders and Bosker, 1994), were calculated using MuMIn package (Barton,  
210 2014) for R (R Core Team, 2016) and the method described by Johnson (2014). Marginal  $R^2$  values were used as a measure of overall variance explained by each response variable and to examine whether the proxy relationship was constant among samples. To examine the overall relative importance of each predictor  
215 variable and the direction of the linear relationship, all predictor variables were combined as fixed effects into a same LMM (Model 2; Appendix A). Response variables were log-transformed, and predictor variables were centered to their means and scaled to their standard deviations before running Model 2. The fixed effects (effects of each predictor variable to an elemental ratio) were then  
220 scaled to the maximum absolute value of 95 % confidence intervals resulting in a measure of relative effect for each fixed effect. Linear mixed-effect models were calculated using the nlme package (Pinheiro and Bates, 2014). The variabil-

ity in relationships between response and predictor variables among individual samples was examined using linear regression models fitted for each sample, response variable and predictor variable separately (Model 3; Appendix A).

Coefficients of variation (CV) for minimum and maximum elemental ratios over the mooring deployment were used to assess among-individual consistency of elemental ratios using all analyzed shells over two deployment periods ( $n = 30$ , Table 1). Correlations between elemental ratios and predictor variables for regression models were examined using principal component analysis (Pearson, 1901) calculated on correlation matrices averaged over samples using Fisher z-transformation ( $r_z$ ) (Fisher, 1921; Corey et al., 1998; Bonett and Wright, 2000). These correlation matrices are presented in Table B.9.

The relative importance of the predictor variables (Genizi, 1993), (1) cultivation basket, (2) bivalve age and (3) growth increment length during mooring deployment to the total variance explained by these three factors was analyzed using the Lindemann-Merenda-Gold method (Lindeman et al., 1980) on linear models of minimum and maximum element ratios. The analyses were conducted using the `relaimpo` package (Grömping, 2006) for R.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Oceanographic conditions in the fjords

Kongsfjorden experienced warmer temperatures in 2007–2008 than in 2009–2010 (Figure 2): The autumn (September to December) temperatures in Kongsfjorden were on average 1.0 °C higher in 2007 compared to 2009, the winter (January to April) temperatures 1.7 °C warmer, and the spring/summer (May to September) temperatures 2.6 °C warmer in 2008 compared to 2010. In contrast, temperature differences between years varied seasonally in Rippfjorden: The autumn (September to November) temperatures in Rippfjorden were also on average 1.0 °C higher in 2007 compared to 2009, the winter (December to May) temperatures were almost equal between years, but the summer temperatures were on average 2.4 °C higher in 2010 compared to 2008. In Kongsfjorden,

temperature began to increase in May in both years. In 2007–2008, temperature remained above zero, while in the winter of 2009–2010, temperature was generally below zero. Temperature was recorded at two depths (15 and 25 m) in 2009–2010. Temperature differences between depths were generally small, except during the summer stratification period, when temperature at 15 m was approximately 1 °C higher than at 25 m. Rippfjorden experienced temperatures close to –1.7 °C from January until July (6 months) in 2007–2008 and from January until June (5 months) in 2009–2010. Temperature rose abruptly in mid-July 2010, whereas in 2008 it started to increase in mid-May, but did not exceed 0 °C. In 2009–2010, temperatures were similar at both measured depths until late August, when the surface layer cooled by approximately 3 °C relative to the deeper (25 m) layer.

In both fjords, the fluorescence index (FLI) was close to zero prior to a dramatic increase during the spring (Figure 2). The first fluorescence peak occurred later (mid-June to mid-July) in Rippfjorden than in Kongsfjorden (mid-May to beginning of June). Salinity was relatively stable in Kongsfjorden, with a range between 33.3 and 35.0 (Figure 2). Rippfjorden experienced a variable salinity regime, related to melt water from sea ice, from July to December. Salinity varied more in 2009–2010 (30.6–34.6) than in 2007–2008 (31.7–34.3), and was most variable at the shallow baskets (15 m).

### *3.2. Patterns in element ratio profiles*

#### *3.2.1. Li/Ca*

Lithium-to-calcium ratios were consistently lower during winter and increased after the winter growth band in all studied shells (Figures 3, B.11–B.14). The increase occurred simultaneously with increased growth rate in the growth modeled shells (Figures 3, B.15). On average, minimum Li/Ca was  $13.9 \pm 0.3$  (SE,  $n = 22$ )  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  (Table 3). The Li/Ca minimum occurred sometime between October and late May in Kongsfjorden and between October and mid-July in Rippfjorden (Figure 3). Coefficient of variation for minimum Li/Ca values varied between 7.5 and 14.1 % among baskets and was higher than that for maximum

values (Table 3). The maximum values were, on average,  $21.6 \pm 0.3 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  (SE,  $n = 22$ ) and were estimated to occur from July to early September in Kongsfjorden and mid-July to early August in Rijpfjorden (Figure 3).

### 285 3.2.2. *Mg/Ca*

Magnesium-to-calcium ratios were at their lowest in the winter growth band and increased immediately thereafter toward the end of the winter growth period in most analyzed shells (Figures 3, B.9–B.14). Three shells deployed in Rijpfjorden in 2007, however, did not demonstrate clear seasonal Mg/Ca fluctuations (Figure B.10). The strongest increase in Mg/Ca values occurred during 290 spring, coinciding with increased growth rate (Figures 3, B.16). After reaching the maximum in July to mid-August in Kongsfjorden and in late July to late August in Rijpfjorden, Mg/Ca values decreased slightly until the end of the deployment period (Figure 3). Maximum Mg/Ca values ranged between 1.04 and 295  $4.15 \text{ mmol mol}^{-1}$  being generally higher in 2009–2010 than in 2007–2008 (Table 3). Minimum Mg/Ca values ranged between 0.39 and  $1.70 \text{ mmol mol}^{-1}$  and were not obviously different among years. Coefficient of variation for Mg/Ca minimum and maximum values was higher than that for Li/Ca (Table 3).

### 3.2.3. *Mn/Ca*

300 Manganese-to-calcium values exhibited variable patterns, but were also characterized by peaks in the translucent summer growth band in 24 of 30 analyzed shells (Figure B.9–B.14). These peaks were recorded in shell portions laid down between late May and August in Kongsfjorden, and between early July and early August in Rijpfjorden, occurring one to 70 days after the fluorescence peak (Table 4 and Figure 3). Low Mn/Ca values were measured in the winter 305 growth band (Figure B.17). Average maximum manganese values ranged between  $1.31$  and  $8.52 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  (Table 3). Maximum Mn/Ca values within baskets showed substantial variability as illustrated by a high coefficient of variation (Table 3). Average minimum Mn/Ca values ranged between  $0.16$  and  $0.75$  310  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  among baskets, with high coefficient of variation (Table 3). Aver-

age minimum and maximum values were lower in 2009–2010 than in 2007–2008 (Table 3).

#### 3.2.4. *Sr/Ca*

Individuals within baskets demonstrated considerable variability with respect to Sr/Ca profiles (Figures 3, B.9–B.14). Minimum values were recorded before the winter growth band in three samples, during the winter growth in four samples, and after the winter growth in 23 samples. Furthermore, maximum Sr/Ca values occurred before, during and after the winter growth band in 7, 7, and 16 samples, respectively (Figures B.9–B.14). Minimum Sr/Ca values occurred in shell portions formed between May and August in two growth modeled *S. groenlandicus* from Kongsfjorden and between October and March in the growth modeled *C. ciliatum* specimen (Figures 3 and B.18). In Rijpfjorden, the minimum values were recorded between July and mid-August in five shells and between April and mid-July in one *S. groenlandicus* specimen (Figure 3). Maximum Sr/Ca values in growth modeled shells from Kongsfjorden were recorded at the end of the mooring deployment in mid-September, whereas Rijpfjorden shells showed more variability, with maximum values occurring in the beginning of the mooring deployment (September to December) as well as towards the end of the mooring deployment (August to September, Figure 3). Coefficient of variation for minimum and maximum Sr/Ca values was lower than those for Mg/Ca (Table 3). Minimum Sr/Ca value was, on average,  $1.32 \pm 0.04$  mmol mol<sup>-1</sup> (SE, n = 30) and maximum value  $2.37 \pm 0.09$  mmol mol<sup>-1</sup> (SE, n = 30).

#### 3.2.5. *Mo/Ca*

Molybdenum-to-calcium ratios were at their highest before or during the winter growth band in all shells analyzed for Mo/Ca (2009–2010) and the ratios decreased after the end of the growth check (Figures 3, B.11–B.14). After the minimum Mo/Ca, which occurred between mid-April and September in Kongsfjorden and between July and August in Rijpfjorden, Mo/Ca values increased again until the end of the mooring exposure (mid-September 2010, Figures 3

340 and B.19). Maximum Mo/Ca values were measured at the beginning of the mooring deployment (September to April, Figure 3).

### 3.2.6. Ba/Ca

Barium-to-calcium profiles were characterized by abrupt unimodal peaks (maximum values = 3.1–76.1  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\bar{x}$  = 20.0  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ , Table 5) that  
345 were differentiated from low Ba/Ca background levels (0.43–2  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\bar{x}$  = 1  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ , Figures 3, B.9–B.14). The peaks appeared annually, occurring subsequent to the winter growth band in 27 of 30 analyzed shells (Figures B.9–B.14). A distinct barium peak was not present in two *C. ciliatum* from 2007–2008 deployed in the 25 m basket in Rjippfjorden (Figure B.10) and one *C.*  
350 *ciliatum* from 2009–2010 deployed in the 15 m basket in Kongsfjorden (Figure B.11). In 2009–2010 samples, the Ba maxima was considerably lower in the 25 m basket in Rjippfjorden compared to other baskets (RB in Table 3 and Figure B.14). Barium peak values were not consistent within a basket as indicated by high coefficient of variation (Table 3). The minimum Ba/Ca values were associ-  
355 ated with a lower within-basket-variability than the maximum values (Table 3). Barium peaks in Kongsfjorden were estimated to occur between June and mid-August, 18 to 100 days after the fluorescence peak (Table 5). Further, Ba/Ca peak values were recorded in July in Rjippfjorden occurring 11 to 36 days after the first peak in fluorescence index (Table 5).

### 360 3.3. Ontogenic effects on minimum and maximum element ratios

The analysis of relative importance of regressors indicated that fjord and basket where the bivalves were grown was the most important factor to explain variability in minimum and maximum element-to-calcium ratios (Figure 4). The length of growth increment during mooring deployment was an impor-  
365 tant factor to explain total variation, especially for Li/Sr and Sr/Ca. Bivalve age contributed little to the total coefficient of determination in most cases,  $R^2$  values varying from 0.01 to 0.17. Age of bivalves used in this study ranged from 4 to 10 years.

### 3.4. Correlations between element ratios, growth rates and mooring instrument

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Li/Ca and Mg/Ca covaried within 2009-2010 shells as indicated by arrows pointing approximately to the same direction in the PCA plot (Figure 5B) and high correlation coefficients [mean for all samples ( $r_z$ ) = 0.78, correlation coefficient among samples ( $r$ ) = 0.13–0.92; Table B.9]. Similar correlations between  
375 element ratios were evident for Sr/Ca and Mo/Ca in 2009-2010 (Figure 5B,  $r_z$  = 0.59,  $r$  = –0.69–0.99), Mn/Ca and Ba/Ca – especially in the growth modeled shells (Figure 5C,  $r_z$  = 0.50,  $r$  = –0.02–0.78), and Mg/Ca and Mn/Ca in 2007-2008 shells (Figure 5A,  $r_z$  = 0.38,  $r$  = –0.31–0.78). Further, Mg/Ca and Li/Mg were strongly negatively correlated in 2009-2010 shells as demon-  
380 strated by arrows pointing to opposite directions in the PCA plot (Figure 5B,  $r_z$  = –0.92,  $r$  = –0.99 – –0.60). Li/Sr and Mo/Ca demonstrated similar negative correlations (Figure 5B,  $r_z$  = –0.66). Also Li/Ca and Li/Mg, Mg/Ca and Mo/Ca, and Li/Ca and Mo/Ca were negatively correlated (Table B.9). Temperature and salinity were negatively correlated ( $r_z$  = –0.71,  $r$  = –0.86–0.57),  
385 whereas temperature yielded positive correlations with fluorescence ( $r_z$  = 0.48,  $r$  = 0.34–0.67) and logarithm of shell growth rate ( $r_z$  = 0.43,  $r$  = 0.22–0.66, Figure 5D).

Overall, logarithm of growth rate was the best explanatory factor for element ratio variability in growth modeled shells (Figure 6A, Table B.7). Coefficient  
390 of determination ( $R^2$ ) for individual samples ranged between 0.19 and 0.75 for regressions between Li/Ca and growth rate, between 0.30 and 0.59 for Mg/Ca, between 0.11 and 0.24 for Li/Mg, between 0.02 and 0.52 for Li/Sr, and between 0.01 and 0.87 for Mn/Ca (Table B.8). Also Sr/Ca exhibited significant correlations with growth rate, but these relationships varied from positive to  
395 negative (Table B.8). Temperature yielded significant slopes for the regression lines with Li/Ca, Mg/Ca, Li/Mg, and Sr/Ca (Table B.8), but in the majority of samples these correlations were not as strong as those for logarithm of growth rate (Figure 6A). Notably temperature did not yield significant regressions with Li/Sr (Figure 6B, Table B.8). Temperature relationships for Li/Ca, Mg/Ca and

400 Li/Mg were relatively consistent among samples, although associated with large residual standard error (Tables B.7-B.8).

#### 4. Discussion

Barium-, manganese-, molybdenum-, and lithium-to-calcium ratios have previously been related to primary production (Fig. 4 in Vihtakari, 2014, Section 4.1). Although Mn/Ca and Ba/Ca exhibited patterns that resembled the patterns of the fluorescence index (Figure 3), which was used as a proxy of primary production, the differences in peak heights among samples from the same basket suggested that these element ratios were also affected by other processes and could not be used as unequivocal proxies of primary production (Tables 3–5; see Section 4.1). Despite this, Ba peaks were likely deposited at the same time in the bivalve shells of each basket, but the timing varied among specimens in different baskets occurring 11 to 81 days after the phytoplankton bloom (Figure 3, Table 5, Section 4.3). Ba/Ca could potentially be related to dissolved or particular Ba in ambient seawater (Gillikin et al., 2006). Mo/Ca and Li/Ca did not exhibit patterns linked to primary production (Figure 3).

Lithium-, magnesium- and strontium-to-calcium ratios, in turn, have been suggested as proxies of growth rate or temperature (Klein et al., 1996; Richardson, 2004; Pearce and Mann, 2006; Thébault et al., 2009b; Thébault and Chauvaud, 2013) (Section 4.2). We did observe similar patterns between Li/Ca, Mg/Ca, growth rate and temperature (Figures 5–6), but individual samples from the same basket demonstrated variability in element-to-calcium ratios, making it difficult to use these ratios as proxies of absolute shell growth rate or temperature (see Section 4.2, Figures 7–8). Finally, specimens from the same baskets demonstrated variability in Sr/Ca profiles that could not satisfactorily be explained by any single predictor variable (growth rate, temperature, fluorescence and salinity) used in this study (Figure 6).

In general, our results highlight the limitations caused by metabolically controlled deposition of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  in bivalves (Checa, 2000; Schöne, 2008), suggesting



that none of the studied element ratios could be used as unequivocal proxies  
430 of temperature, salinity, paleoproductivity or shell growth rate. In following  
sections we discuss the studied element ratios as potential proxies of primary  
production (Section 4.1), shell growth rate or temperature (Section 4.2), and  
sub-seasonal temporal anchors (Section 4.3). We also highlight the methodolog-  
ical constraints associated with our data (Section 4.4).

#### 435 4.1. Potential proxies of primary production

Barium-to-calcium profiles were characterized by distinct unimodal peaks,  
which resembled the peaks in the fluorescence index (Figures 2, 3, B.9–B.14).  
The barium peak in Kongsfjorden shells occurred approximately 74 days after  
the phytoplankton peak, which took place in mid-May, and 19 days after the  
440 ice-algae/phytoplankton associated fluorescence peak in Rijpfjorden (Table 5).  
Gillikin et al. (2008) reported a comparable 40-day lag between phytoplankton  
bloom and shell Ba/Ca peak in the great scallop (*Pecten maximus*). Dissolved  
barium from seawater, which in turn is sometimes connected with phytoplank-  
ton blooms (Fisher et al., 1991; Barats et al., 2009), has been found to be con-  
445 sistently incorporated into the calcitic blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*) and great  
scallop as well as aragonitic *Saxidomus giganteus* shells with a partition coef-  
ficient of approximately 0.1 (Gillikin et al., 2006, 2008; Tabouret et al., 2012).  
Applied to our shells, Ba/Ca values should have been approximately similar  
within the averaging error framework (see Section 4.4), in each basket assuming  
450 that calcium was uniformly distributed along studied shells. This expectation  
was supported by the Ba/Ca background values, but not by the peak values:  
The background values varied between 0.4 and  $\sim 2 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  being consistent  
with those reported earlier (Barats et al., 2009), and did not show any obvi-  
ous variation within baskets that could not have been explained by averaging  
455 error (Table 3). Measured maximum Ba/Ca values, on the other hand, varied  
between 3.1–76.1  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ , demonstrating different peak values among shells  
from a same basket (Table 3). This variability in maximum values is among  
the largest reported (Barats et al., 2009; Marali et al., 2015), and cannot be

explained by averaging error (see Section 4.4).

460 Our results are inconclusive about the environmental factors associated with  
the observed barium peaks: Predictor variables did not satisfactorily explain the  
Ba/Ca peaks. Although Ba/Ca peaks occurred simultaneously with increased  
shell growth in all growth modeled shells (Figures 3, B.20), growth rate ex-  
plained only 2 % of Ba/Ca variation across samples (marginal  $R^2$  from LMM;  
465 Figure 6) and <1 to 18 % among samples ( $R^2$  from regression models; Table  
B.8). Further, temperature was negatively related to Ba/Ca explaining 2 % of  
variation across samples (Figure 6). Bivalve age, shell height, or length of the  
growth increment during mooring deployment did not yield significant slopes in  
a regression model with Ba/Ca peak values, and demonstrated fairly low rela-  
470 tive importance compared to growth location (Figure 4). Finally, Ba/Ca peak  
values were significantly lower in specimens of the 25 m basket in Rjippfjorden  
compared to those of other baskets. Even though our results cannot exclude the  
possibility that Ba/Ca peaks in bivalve shells might be connected to processes  
related to primary production, the considerable differences in Ba/Ca maximums  
475 among samples from same basket and the variable time-lag between the phyto-  
plankton bloom and the signal in the shell (Table 5) strongly suggest that the  
ratio cannot be used as a direct paleoproductivity proxy – in agreement with  
recent studies (Gillikin et al., 2008; Barats et al., 2009; Tabouret et al., 2012;  
Goodwin et al., 2013; Zhao et al., 2015).

480 In addition to barium, manganese-to-calcium profiles also demonstrated  
peaks that resembled the fluorescence index peaks (Figures 2, 3, B.9-B.14).  
Despite the seemingly synchronous deposition of Mn in growth modeled shells  
(Table 4), Mn/Ca patterns exhibited individual differences among shells from  
same basket (Table 3). Further, Mn/Ca values in the growth modeled shells  
485 were clearly correlated with growth rate (Figure 6, Table B.8). Bivalve shell  
formation through transient precursor phases, such as amorphous  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , al-  
lows incorporation of Mn in substantial concentrations due to a change in local  
symmetry of aragonite lattice (Soldati et al., 2016). A varying amount of  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$   
bound to the  $\text{CaCO}_3$  matrix during shell formation or Mn not directly bound

490 to the  $\text{CaCO}_3$  matrix, as suggested by Takesue et al. (2008), could explain the  
mixed Mn/Ca results in our study. Nevertheless, Mn/Ca peaks occurring ap-  
proximately simultaneously in growth modeled shells also demonstrate a degree  
of synchronous environmental or physiological control. Previous studies suggest  
that Mn/Ca could be incorporated in relationship with Mn concentration in  
495 seawater (Freitas et al., 2006; Barats et al., 2008). Phytoplankton blooms have  
also been suggested as a cause for Mn fluctuations in bivalve shells (Vander  
Putten et al., 2000; Carroll et al., 2009). Our data do not support the direct  
connection with phytoplankton blooms, but it is possible that pelagic Mn cy-  
cle is connected to productivity to some extent, as reviewed by Barats et al.  
500 (2008). Consequently, Mn/Ca is a potential but complicated proxy of several  
environmental and physiological factors in both species.

Maximum molybdenum-to-calcium values were measured in shell portions  
deposited at the beginning of fall in all growth modeled shells (Figure 3). Our  
dataset did not demonstrate prominent Mo peaks during spring, as has been  
505 reported for calcitic scallops *Decatopecten radula* (Thébault et al., 2009a) and  
*P. maximus* (Barats et al., 2010). Nevertheless, Mo/Ca profiles were relatively  
similar among shells demonstrating that the incorporation mechanism could  
have been environmentally regulated. The incorporation of Mo into bivalve  
shells might occur through diet, which makes Mo/Ca a promising environmen-  
510 tal proxy (Barats et al., 2010; Tabouret et al., 2012). If this was the case, local  
phytoplankton may not have been enriched in Mo. Alternatively, Mo could be  
connected to sediment surface redox-processes (Tribovillard et al., 2006) or sed-  
iment particles, as bivalves in our study were deployed in the water column and  
did not grow in their natural habitat. Although our results do not preclude the  
515 possibility for Mo/Ca being a potential proxy in *S. groenlandicus* and *C. cilia-*  
*tum*, more research is needed to draw further conclusions about this elemental  
ratio.

Our data did not demonstrate a clear connection between the fluorescence in-  
dex and Li/Ca (Figures 6, B.15) casting doubt on the hypothesis of phytoplank-  
520 ton blooms causing Li/Ca peaks (Thébault and Chauvaud, 2013). Therefore,

Li/Ca peaks cannot be used as a proxy of timing and magnitude of phytoplankton blooms in our species, although it is possible that phytoplankton blooms could have contributed to the increase in the Li/Ca values in Kongsfjorden (Table B.8).

525 *4.2. Potential proxies of shell growth rate or temperature*

Lithium-to-calcium patterns were similar among individuals in baskets, suggesting synchronized responses to environmental or physiological processes (Table 3 and Figure 3). The logarithm of average growth rate explained 43 % of overall Li/Ca variation across all samples (LMM, Figure 6) and 19–75 % among  
530 samples (regressions, Table B.8). Li/Ca–shell growth rate relationships were logarithmic, unlike in previous published studies where the authors reported linear relationships with a similar slope, but different intercept for *P. maximus* (Thébault and Chauvaud, 2013) and ocean quahog (*Arctica islandica*) (Thébault et al., 2009b) (Figure 7A). Shell growth rate can be an indicator  
535 of crystal growth rate in bivalve mollusk shells (Lorrain et al., 2004; Gabitov et al., 2011; Thébault and Chauvaud, 2013). Consequently, the positive correlations between Li/Ca and shell growth rate in this study agree with other published studies suggesting that crystal growth rate could be an important primary driver of Li/Ca incorporation in bivalve mollusk shells (Thébault et al.,  
540 2009b; Thébault and Chauvaud, 2013). Nevertheless, studies report different regression equations between Li/Ca and shell growth rate and these relationships do not yield particularly high  $R^2$  values (Figure 7A). This suggests that other factors also affect Li/Ca incorporation.

Temperature and riverine input have been suggested to partly control Li/Ca  
545 in bivalve shells (Thébault et al., 2009b; Thébault and Chauvaud, 2013). Since temperature and growth rate were correlated in our shells (Vihtakari et al., 2016), the effects of these factors are difficult to separate. Nevertheless, temperature significantly explained Li/Ca variability, although these correlations were generally not as strong as for shell growth rate (Table B.8, Figures 6–7).  
550 The imprecision in our growth models could have contributed to the lower tem-

perature correlations, as a one-month shift in Li/Ca peak would have led to considerably stronger temperature correlations for Rjipfjorden shells (Figures 3 and B.15). Despite this, the relationships for species that have been studied so far do not appear to demonstrate strong enough  $R^2$  values to reconstruct seawater temperatures (Figure 7B). Instead, significant regressions between Li/Ca and temperature in bivalve mollusk shells (Figure 7B) could be explained by dependency between temperature and shell growth rate, and therefore  $\text{CaCO}_3$  crystal growth rate.

Since we lack elemental concentration measurements in seawater, we can only speculate about the effect of riverine input increasing Li concentration in ambient water and therefore contributing to shell Li/Ca (Thébault et al., 2009b). Li/Ca peaks were coincident with decreased salinity (Figures 3 and B.15). If melt-water events increased Li concentration in ambient water, it is possible that these events could have contributed to Li/Ca fluctuations, as suggested by Thébault et al. (2009b). Despite the uncertainties in our dataset, we can conclude, with a relatively high certainty, that Li/Ca cannot be used as a temperature proxy in *S. groenlandicus* and *C. ciliatum* shells, but appears to be a promising proxy of shell and/or crystal growth rate. Li/Ca, however, did not yield strong enough relationships to precisely reconstruct sub-annual shell growth.

Relatively consistent patterns in Mg/Ca among individuals from the same basket (Figures 3, B.9–B.14) suggested that the incorporation of Mg/Ca is likely related to synchronized environmental or physiological factors. A large coefficient of variation, however, indicates that these processes do not yield similar Mg/Ca peak values among shells (Table 3). Reasonably strong correlations with logarithm of average growth rate indicated that incorporation of Mg/Ca could be related to shell precipitation rate similarly to Li/Ca (Figure 6, Gabitov et al., 2011). Furthermore, Mg/Ca correlated positively with temperature (Table B.8, Figure 6). Many studies have reported similar significant correlations between Mg/Ca ratio and sea surface temperature (Dodd, 1965; Klein et al., 1996; Lazareth et al., 2003; Richardson, 2004; Freitas et al., 2005; Pearce and

Mann, 2006; Wanamaker et al., 2008; Freitas et al., 2009, 2012; Schöne et al., 2011). Most of these studies report either a large variability in temperature correlations similar to our study (e.g. Richardson, 2004; Schöne et al., 2011),  
585 or that the relationship is restricted to certain conditions (e.g. Freitas et al., 2005; Wanamaker et al., 2008). Magnesium bound to organic matter in biogenic  $\text{CaCO}_3$  matrix can interfere with paleoenvironmental signals in Mg/Ca (Schöne et al., 2010). Consequently, organic matter has been removed prior to elemental analysis in some studies that have reported strong relationships  
590 between temperature and Mg/Ca (Klein et al., 1996, 1997).

The ratio of Mg/Ca is inversely correlated with temperature in abiogenic aragonite (Gaetani and Cohen, 2006), while the opposite is true for abiogenic calcite (Oomori et al., 1987). Despite this, the Mg/Ca in studied aragonitic bivalve shells demonstrated significantly positive, although weak, relationships  
595 with temperature (Figure 8, Table B.8). Crystal kinetics, on the other hand, yield positive correlations with Mg/Ca in abiogenic aragonite (Gabitov et al., 2011), and could have driven the Mg/Ca incorporation as indicated by strong correlations with logarithm of growth rate (Figure 6) assuming that shell and  $\text{CaCO}_3$  crystal growth rate were correlated. Similarly to our results, Pearce and  
600 Mann (2006) reported positive Mg/Ca–temperature relationship for an aragonitic bivalve *Ensis siliqua*, whereas Schöne et al. (2011) found the expected negative relationship for *Arctica islandica*. Our Mg/Ca–temperature relationships had reasonably similar slope and intercept to those reported for calcitic bivalves *Mytilus trossulus* (Klein et al., 1996), *M. edulis* (Freitas et al., 2008),  
605 and *P. maximus* (Freitas et al., 2012), with the exception that coefficients of variation were clearly lower in our study (Figure 8). Mg/Ca–temperature relationships appear generally stronger for calcitic bivalves (Figure 8) than for aragonitic bivalves, possibly because Mg can be better accommodated in the crystal lattice of calcite than aragonite (Soldati et al., 2016). Nevertheless, reported Mg/Ca–temperature relationships vary between locations and studies for  
610 same calcitic species (Figure 8).

Magnesium-to-calcium is thought to be strongly metabolically controlled in

marine bivalves: present day Mg/Ca molar ratio is  $5.2 \text{ mol mol}^{-1}$  (Stanley and Hardie, 1998), while Mg/Ca ratios in bivalve  $\text{CaCO}_3$  are several orders of magnitude lower than the ambient molar ratios (varied between 0.0004 and 0.0041  $\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  in this study). Varying metabolic control depending on species, population, condition of individuals and time of the year, together with temperature, differing ambient Mg concentrations and potential kinetic effects, seem to affect Mg/Ca incorporation into bivalve shells. Even though Mg/Ca may function as a local temperature proxy in some calcitic bivalve shells (Figure 8), Mg/Ca incorporation is often influenced by several factors, leading to a proxy-derived imprecision larger than the seasonal temperature fluctuations. Our results are an example of such imprecision and indicate that Mg/Ca is an unreliable temperature proxy for *S. groenlandicus* and *C. ciliatum*. Nevertheless, our results also indicate that temperature does correlate with Mg incorporation, and further studies should consider removal of organic matter before ICP-MS analyses as also suggested by Schöne et al. (2010).

Studies on deep-sea corals have demonstrated that combining Li/Ca and Mg/Ca could potentially be used to tease apart the metabolic effects associated with these ratios and strengthen the temperature relationship (Case et al., 2010). Similar results have been presented for Li/Sr in shells of the bivalve *Cerastoderma edule* (Füllenbach et al., 2015). Our results, however, demonstrated generally weaker correlations between Li/Mg or Li/Sr and temperature than those between Li/Ca and temperature, Mg/Ca and temperature, and Sr/Ca and temperature separately (Figure 6, Table B.8). Consequently, either Li/Mg or Li/Sr do not provide a robust temperature proxy in the studied species.

Strontium-to-calcium ratio was significantly affected by all predictor variables (Figure 6), temperature and fluorescence index yielding the most consistent regressions (Table B.8). Strontium partition into calcium carbonate is related to the precipitation rate of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  matrix (Lorens, 1981; Carpenter and Lohmann, 1992; Gaetani and Cohen, 2006), but also to ambient Sr concentration and temperature (Lorens and Bender, 1980; Zhao et al., 2015). There are no seasonal seawater element concentration data available for the Svalbard area,

and therefore we cannot dismiss the possibility of ambient Sr concentrations interfering with possible temperature signal in Sr/Ca in studied shells. Coefficient of variation for Sr/Ca maximum values, however, indicated that Sr/Ca values varied among samples from same basket (Table 3). The large variability in Sr/Ca among samples from the same location is consistent with the literature (Lazareth et al., 2003; Gillikin et al., 2005; Poulain et al., 2015) and suggests that any environmental signals in Sr/Ca may be difficult to separate from vital effects. Although, some studies have successfully used Sr/Ca as a temperature proxy (Dodd, 1965; Richardson, 2004; Yan et al., 2013; Zhao et al., 2015), other studies question the relationship (Vander Putten et al., 2000; Gillikin et al., 2005; Carré et al., 2006; Saenger et al., 2008; Schöne et al., 2013). Our results demonstrated weak negative Sr/Ca correlations with shell growth rate and weak positive correlations with temperature (Figure 6). Since temperature and shell growth rate were correlated (Figure 5), it is possible that these factors worked against each other thereby reducing  $R^2$  values between temperature and Sr/Ca (Figure 3, Table B.8). Even so, the relationships between Sr/Ca and temperature or crystal kinetics for abiogenic aragonite (Gaetani and Cohen, 2006) are the opposite to what we observed. This is a strong indication of metabolic control in studied shells, assuming that shell and crystal growth rate were correlated. Such conflicting correlations and large variability of peak values in our data (Table 3) indicate that Sr/Ca cannot be used as a temperature proxy for studied shells.

#### 4.3. *Sub-seasonal temporal anchors*

Barium-to-calcium maximum values were deposited at approximately the same time among samples from the same basket (Table 5) considering the uncertainty caused by LA-ICP-MS averaging error and growth models derived from  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values (see Section 4.4). Measured Ba/Ca maxima were estimated to be deposited in mid-July to early August in Kongsfjorden (Table 5). Barium peaks in Rijpfjorden occurred during or immediately after a fast shell growth period (Figures 3, B.20) and were timed to occur in early July in the basket at



15 m depth and late July, 12 days later, in the deeper basket at 25 m (Table  
675 5). Simultaneous occurrence of Ba/Ca maximums within baskets and similar  
patterns in 29 of 32 analyzed shells (Figure B.9-B.14) indicates synchronous  
environmental or physiological drivers for incorporation of Ba in studied shells.  
Synchronously deposited chemical proxies are useful temporal anchors to com-  
bine chronologies across bivalves sampled from the same location (Marali et al.,  
680 2015). Our results indicate that the Ba/Ca peaks are likely to occur simultane-  
ously 2.5 weeks to 2.5 months after primary production blooms. Similar results  
have been reported elsewhere (Gillikin et al., 2008; Marali et al., 2015) and in-  
dicate that Ba/Ca peaks can be used as sub-annual anchors across shells from a  
same location, if averaging error of elemental sampling is kept sufficiently low.

685 Li/Ca also demonstrated remarkably synchronous patterns within baskets  
(Table 3) as minimum and maximum value variability could likely be explained  
by averaging error caused by LA-ICP-MS sampling (see Section 4.4). Therefore,  
Li/Ca peak and trough values could have been approximately similar across indi-  
viduals from a same basket, further demonstrating the synchronized occurrence  
690 of this element ratio. Overall, Li/Ca ratios corresponded with those reported  
by Thébault et al. (2009b): the range of Li/Ca fluctuation they reported was  
1.3 to 1.6 fold over a growing season, whereas lithium values in this study varied  
between 1.3 and 2.2 fold (1.6 on average). This demonstrates that Li/Ca could  
work as a temporal anchor also for other species than *S. groenlandicus* and *C.*  
695 *ciliatum*. Since Li/Ca peaks were rather broad in studied shells it is advisable  
to use the increases in Li/Ca as temporal anchors.

#### 4.4. Methodological limitations

The bivalves used in our study were held in the water column on oceanog-  
raphic moorings without sediment, and therefore they might not have incor-  
700 porated trace elemental impurities as they would do in their natural habitat.  
Age is known to influence element-to-calcium ratios bivalves record in their  
shells (Schöne et al., 2011). In the present study, ontogeny was not found to  
substantially affect element-to-calcium ratios (Figure 4), possibly due to the

relatively young age of bivalves (4 to 10 years). Physiological factors related  
705 to mooring deployment and condition of individuals (Schöne, 2008) could have  
explained inconsistencies of element levels, but we could not separate such in-  
dividual differences due to our experimental design. The mooring deployment  
likely excluded the effect of sediment-surface redox-processes, which have been  
suggested as important contributors for the seasonal dynamics of Mn, at least  
710 (Dehairs et al., 1989; Tribovillard et al., 2006; Barats et al., 2008; Thébault  
et al., 2009a). Further, we did not observe similar seasonal patterns in Sr/Ca  
ratios that has been reported earlier for *S. groenlandicus* (Ambrose et al., 2006;  
Carroll et al., 2009). It is possible that Sr/Ca is partly connected with sediment  
surface processes and, therefore our shells did not record seasonal patterns in  
715 this element ratio. Alternatively, physiological stress could have disturbed the  
natural incorporation of this element.

Many elements are incorporated into bivalve shells either directly from amb-  
ient water or through food particles (Lorens and Bender, 1980; Tabouret et al.,  
2012; Zhao et al., 2015). The lack of data on seasonal element concentration in  
720 seawater in the Arctic or in temperate oceans, and element data on potential  
food particles is a limiting factor for paleoclimatic and paleoecological studies.  
Seasonal fluctuations of studied elemental ratios in ambient water could partly  
explain the low correlations with temperature.

The extent of time-averaging sampled by LA-ICP-MS is relative to the sam-  
725 ple volume and average shell growth rate over the sampled area (Goodwin et al.,  
2004; Beelaerts et al., 2008). Because sample spot size in our study varied lit-  
tle within years (see Section 2.2), time averaging was related to shell growth  
rate. Even though LA-ICP-MS sampling was able to capture the Ba/Ca peaks  
(Figures 3, B.9-B.14) it is possible that time-averaging contributed to profiles of  
730 some elements during low growth rate such that no meaningful environmental  
correlations were detected (Shirai et al., 2014).

Growth models used to determine the time extent for each LA-ICP-MS sam-  
ple were subject to uncertainty (Vihtakari et al., 2016). It is unlikely that these  
growth models were an entirely accurate representation of the actual growth

735 during the mooring deployment and, therefore, our dataset contained a bias.  
This could lead to elevated correlations between element ratios and average  
shell growth rate because shell growth rate was obtained from growth models  
which affected the alignment of elemental ratios. Further, shell growth rate and  
temperature were significantly correlated in all growth modeled shells (Figure  
740 5; Vihtakari et al., 2016).

Even though we attempted to keep LA-ICP-MS samples as close to the mid-  
dle of the shell section as possible (Figure 1), non-linear growth patterns could  
have caused variations in the actual location of LA-ICP-MS samples hence af-  
fecting the element ratios (Lazareth et al., 2013). This is because the sample  
745 spot alignment method used in this study (Vihtakari, 2016) could not correct for  
measurement bias caused by variability in  $\text{CaCO}_3$  matrix. Shell microstructure,  
for instance, can influence elemental ratios (Schöne et al., 2010, 2013). Any ele-  
ment ratio variations caused by the microstructure essentially became averaged  
in our study due to relatively large sample spot diameter ( $\bar{x} = 87.5 \mu\text{m}$  in 2009–  
750 2010), and could have introduced a bias to our measurements. Furthermore,  
the sample alignment method assumed two-dimensional sampling ignoring any  
effects of LA-ICP-MS sample volume. Consequently, the curvature of growth  
lines deeper in the sample could have increased imprecision of element ratios  
through three-dimensional time-averaging. Despite all these uncertainties, our  
755 extensive dataset clearly indicates that all of the studied elemental ratios were  
affected by several factors to the extent that no element ratio in this study could  
be used as an unequivocal proxy of temperature, salinity, fluorescence or shell  
growth rate.

## 5. Conclusions

760 We conclude that Ba/Ca, Li/Ca and Mg/Ca are potential environmental  
proxies in *S. groenlandicus* and *C. ciliatum* shells. Incorporation of Ba/Ca  
might be connected with seasonal dissolved or particular Ba dynamics in am-  
bient water, and incorporation of Li/Ca and Mg/Ca is likely connected with

both shell growth rate and seawater temperature. All studied element ratios  
765 were likely affected by multiple environmental and physiological factors, complicating the interpretation of element ratios. Our study was further affected by methodological constraints, such as time-averaging error, experimental artifacts, and uncertainties in sub-annual growth models, leading to partly inconclusive results for Sr/Ca and Mo/Ca. Nevertheless, our results are an important contribution to high-latitude bivalve shell geochemistry by highlighting that none of  
770 the studied elemental ratios can be used as unequivocal proxies of seawater temperature, salinity, paleoproductivity, or shell growth rate. This, however, does not preclude the use of element-to-calcium ratios as environmental proxies, but merely indicates that seasonal dynamics of elements in seawater, element content in potential food particles, and seasonal variations in bivalve metabolism  
775 must be understood better to link elemental ratios in bivalve mollusk shells to environmental processes.

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## Figure captions

Figure 1: Sampling schematics of *S. groenlandicus* and *C. ciliatum* shells. A) Bivalve shells were cut along the maximum growth axis (black line). B) Resulting cross-section of the shell for specimen E (*S. groenlandicus* from 15 m basket in Rjippfjorden). The growth increment during mooring deployment is highlighted using a black box. C) Light microscopy picture of thick-section of the growth during the mooring deployment showing a disturbance line formed during deployment (blue arrow), a prominent opaque winter growth line (red arrow), several weaker intra-annual growth lines, and LA-IPC-MS sampling spots targeted on the middle of shell section between the inner and outer shell surface. Black arrow demonstrates the direction of growth (DoG). The figure is modified from Vihtakari et al. (2016).

Figure 2: Temperature, fluorescence index (FLI) and salinity during the study period. Kongsfjorden is plotted with a red line, while blue represents Rjippfjorden. The lighter hue illustrates instruments close to the 15 m baskets (15 m for temperature, 10-17 m for fluorescence and salinity; see Table 2) and the darker hue represents instruments adjacent to the 25 m baskets (25 m for temperature; 25-36 m for fluorescence and salinity). Grey bars indicate the time of sea-ice cover in Rjippfjorden.

Figure 3: Element-to-calcium ratios variability during the mooring deployment in growth modeled shells. Baskets are presented in columns and element ratios and predictor variables in rows. A) Kongsfjorden 25 m basket, B) Rjippfjorden 15 m basket, and C) Rjippfjorden 25 m basket. Element ratios from top: Li/Ca (yellow), Mg/Ca (red), Mn/Ca (blue), Sr/Ca (purple), Mo/Ca (orange), Ba/Ca (green). Solid lines represent *S. groenlandicus* and dot-dashed lines *C. ciliatum*. Predictor variables are overlaid on top of each other. Growth rate is given as bars, temperature, salinity and fluorescence index as red, blue and green lines, respectively. Shading for element ratio panels illustrates the averaging error of LA-ICP-MS samples. Grey shading on the background represents the estimated average winter growth band for each basket (see Vihtakari et al., 2016).

Figure 4: Relative importance of fjord and basket (black), bivalve age (grey) and growth increment length during mooring deployment (white) as predictor variables for minimum (A) and maximum (B) element-to-calcium ratios recorded during the mooring deployment. Bars indicate the explained variation ( $R^2$ , x-axis) by all three predictor variables. Shades within each bar represent the variation explained by each of the predictor variables. The analysis includes all 2009–2010 bivalves.

Figure 5: Principal component analysis (PCA) on correlation matrices of A) element ratios in 2007-2008, B) element ratios in 2009-2010, C) averaged element ratios (= response variables for regression models) for shells with growth models in 2009-2010, and D) predictor variables for regression models (GR = logarithm of growth rate, T = temperature, F = fluorescence index, and S = salinity). Principal components were calculated with correlation coefficients averaged over samples using Fisher z-transformation (see Section 2.3). Coloring of variables is equal to Figure 3. See Table B.9 for detailed list of correlations.

Figure 6: Overall relationships between element ratios and predictor variables (Fixed effect: GR = logarithm of growth rate, T = temperature, F = fluorescence index, and S = salinity) estimated using linear mixed-effect models. A) Marginal coefficient of variation indicating the variation in an element ratio explained by a predictor variable across all samples. B) Relative effect (i.e. the slope using intercepts from the random effect) of predictor variables indicating the relative magnitude and direction of correlations. Error bars represent 95 % confidence intervals (CIs) for relative effects. Relative effects are scaled to absolute value of maximum CI (see Appendix A). If a CI does not cross the horizontal line at 0, the effect is significantly different from 0 at 95 % confidence-level.

Figure 7: Regressions between bivalve shell Li/Ca and A) shell growth rate, and B) temperature for *S. groenlandicus* and *C. ciliatum* (this study), as well as *Pecten maximus* (Thébault and Chauvaud, 2013), *Arctica islandica* (Thébault et al., 2009b), and *Cerastoderma edule* (Füllenbach et al., 2015). Triangles illustrate measured values for *S. groenlandicus* and circles measured values for *C. ciliatum*. Relationships were logarithmic for *S. groenlandicus* and *C. ciliatum* in A. Regressions for *P. maximus* are for the year 2001. Regression equations for *S. groenlandicus* and *C. ciliatum* are presented in Table B.8.

Figure 8: Comparison of linear regressions between bivalve shell Mg/Ca and temperature among studies [1 = this study, 2 = Klein et al. (1996), 3 = Vander Putten et al. (2000), 4 = Richardson (2004), 5 = Freitas et al. (2005), 6 = Freitas et al. (2006), 7 = Freitas et al. (2008), 8 = Wanamaker et al. (2008) (all salinities), 9 = Freitas et al. (2012)]. Triangles illustrate measured values for *S. groenlandicus* and circles measured values for *C. ciliatum*. Regression equations were extracted from Freitas et al. (2012).

## Table captions

Table 1: Total number of LA-ICP-MS analyzed bivalve specimens. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of samples with growth models determined through SIMS  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  measurements. Basket abbreviations used through out this study are specified in “Basket” column.

Table 2: Depths (m) of mooring instruments used to record environmental variables.

Table 3: Mean values ( $\bar{x}$ ) and coefficient of variation (CV) of maximum and minimum element ratios measured along shell sections. Year 2010 refers to the deployment period 2009-2010 and year 2008 to the deployment period 2007-2008. Number of samples is specified in “n” column. See Table 1 for basket abbreviations.

Table 4: Manganese-to-calcium peaks and their relation to spring bloom peaks determined from fluorescence index for samples with growth models. Columns from the left: Sample = sample IDs and basket averages corresponding to Vihtakari et al. (2016); Treatment = treatment basket, see Table 1; Species: Ser = *S. groenlandicus*, and Cil = *C. ciliatum*; Mn/Ca max = maximum measured Mn/Ca ratio; Timing of Mn/Ca max = estimated timing for the Mn/Ca peak using centroids, and minimum (Min) and maximum (Max) extent of a LA-ICP-MS spot. Minimum (Min) and maximum (Max) are expressed as days from the centroid; After fluorescence peak = indicating how many days after the spring bloom peak when the Mn/Ca maximum took place.

Table 5: Barium-to-calcium peaks and their relation to spring bloom peaks determined from fluorescence index for samples with growth models. See Table 4 for legend.

## 795 Appendix A. Mathematical formulae of regression models in subject-specific scalar form

See Table A.6 and Section 2.3 for further information.

Appendix A.1. Model 1

$$Y_{ij} = (\beta_0 + \beta_x X_{ij}) + b_{i0} + E_{ij}, \quad i = A, B, \dots, I, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n_i \quad (\text{A.1})$$

800 Where  $i$  is the sample;  $j$  the  $n^{\text{th}}$  row for sample  $i$ ;  $Y_{ij}$  the element ratio for each  $i$  and  $j$ ;  $\beta_0$  the estimated common intercept across all  $i$  and  $j$ ;  $\beta_x$  the estimated common slope across all  $i$  and  $j$ ;  $X_{ij}$  the predictor variable (logarithm of growth rate, temperature, fluorescence index or salinity) value for each  $i$  and  $j$ ;  $b_{i0}$  the estimated random intercept for each  $i$ ; and  $E_{ij}$  the residuals for each  $i$   
805 and  $j$ .

Appendix A.2. Model 2

$$\text{Ln}(Y_{ij}) = (\beta_0 + \beta_{GR} GR_{ij} + \beta_T T_{ij} + \beta_F F_{ij} + \beta_S S_{ij}) + b_0 + E_{ij}, \quad i = A, B, \dots, I, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n_i \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Where  $\beta_{GR}$ ,  $\beta_T$ ,  $\beta_F$ , and  $\beta_S$  are the estimated common slopes across all  $i$  and  $j$  for logarithm of growth rate, temperature, fluorescence index and salinity, respectively;  $GR_{ij}$ ,  $T_{ij}$ ,  $F_{ij}$ , and  $S_{ij}$  the normalized and scaled values of predictor variables for row  $j$  of sample  $i$ . Arithmetic mean of GR, T, F, and S (columns covering all  $i$  and  $j$ ) = 0, and standard deviation = 1.  $\beta_{GR}$ ,  $\beta_T$ ,  $\beta_F$ , and  $\beta_S$  were standardized to the maximum absolute value of their confidence intervals (CI):

$$\text{Relative } \beta_x(\%) = \frac{\beta_x}{\max[|CI(\beta_x)|]} \times 100\% \quad (\text{A.3})$$

815 Appendix A.3. Model 3

$$Y_j = \beta_0 + \beta_x X_{xj} + E_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Where  $Y_j$  is the element ratio value for  $j^{\text{th}}$  row,  $X_{xj}$  the predictor variable (logarithm of growth rate, temperature, fluorescence index or salinity) value for



each  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $\beta_0$  the estimated intercept of the regression model,  $\beta_x$  the estimated slope, and  $E_j$  the residuals for each  $j$ . The regressions were run for each sample separately.

Table A.6: Overview of models used to illustrate the relationships between element ratios in growth modeled shells and predictor variables (GR = logarithm of modeled growth rate, T = temperature, F = fluorescence index, and S = salinity). Predictor variables were averaged over the estimated temporal extent of each LA-ICP-MS sample using daily values. Columns from the left: Model number used in the text (see Section 2.3); Used analysis; Type of linear model (LMM = linear mixed-effect regression model. LR = linear regression model); Definition of the model given in R notation [ $x$  = each predictor variable separately,  $y$  = element ratio used as a response variable (Li/Ca, Mg/Ca, Mg/Li, Mn/Ca, Sr/Ca, Mo/Ca or Ba/Ca)]; Transformations conducted before analysis; R functions used; Figures and tables where the results of an analysis are presented.

## Appendix B. Supplementary electronic data

Figure B.9: Element to calcium ratios for Kongsfjorden 2007-2008 shells grown in the basket at 25 m depth. Horizontal error bars illustrate the estimated extent covered by a LA-ICP-MS sample along the distance axis. Grey shading illustrates the winter growth band.

Figure B.10: Element to calcium ratios for Rjipfjorden 2007-2008 shells grown in the basket at 25 m depth. See Figure B.9 for legend.

Figure B.11: Element to calcium ratios for Kongsfjorden 2009-2010 shells grown in the basket at 15 m depth. See Figure B.9 for legend.

Figure B.12: Element to calcium ratios for Kongsfjorden 2009-2010 shells grown in the basket at 25 m depth. See Figure B.9 for legend.

Figure B.13: Element to calcium ratios for Rjipfjorden 2009-2010 shells grown in the basket at 15 m depth. See Figure B.9 for legend.

Figure B.14: Element to calcium ratios for Rijpfjorden 2009-2010 shells grown in the basket at 25 m depth. See Figure B.9 for legend.

Figure B.15: Weekly averages of Li/Ca (black line) and growth rate (gray bars) for individual samples together with temperature (red line), fluorescence index (green line) and salinity (blue line) for corresponding basket. Samples **A-C** are from Kongsfjorden 25 m basket, **D-F** from Rijpfjorden 15 m basket, and **G-I** from Rijpfjorden 25 m basket. **C**, **F**, and **I** are *C. ciliatum*, the rest *S. groenlandicus*. Black dots represent the centroids of LA-ICP-MS samples, gray shading and horizontal error bars the averaging error. Dashed vertical lines illustrate the estimated extent of the winter growth band. Variables are scaled to Li/Ca.

Figure B.16: Weekly averages of Mg/Ca (black line) for individual samples. See Figure B.15 for legend.

Figure B.17: Weekly averages of Mn/Ca (black line) for individual samples. See Figure B.15 for legend.

Figure B.18: Weekly averages of Sr/Ca (black line) for individual samples. See Figure B.15 for legend.

Figure B.19: Weekly averages of Mo/Ca (black line) for individual samples. See Figure B.15 for legend.

Figure B.20: Weekly averages of Ba/Ca (black line) for individual samples. See Figure B.15 for legend.

Table B.7: Linear mixed effect regression parameters between element ratio and a single fixed effect. Columns from the left: Ratio = element ratio; Fixef = fixed effect (see Table A.6); Par = regression parameter (Int = intercept and Sl = slope); Fixed effects = estimated value (Est) and 95 % confidence intervals (Min and Max) for corresponding regression parameter.  $R^2$  = Marginal (Marg) and conditional (Cond) coefficient of determination explaining the proportion of variance explained by the fixed effect alone and by both the fixed effect and random effect, respectively; Standard error = random effect (= Sample, Rand) and residual (Res) mean standard error.

Table B.8: Linear regressions between element ratios (Ratio) and logarithm of growth rate (GR), temperature (T), fluorescence (F), and salinity (S) fitted separately for each predictor variable and sample. Sample IDs correspond to Tables 4-5, and “Clino”, “Ser”, and ”all” refer to regression models fitted on *C. ciliatum*, *S. groenlandicus*, and all data respectively. Intercepts, slopes and coefficients of determination are presented in Intercept, Slope and  $R^2$  columns, respectively. Slopes with  $p < 0.05$  are indicated with bold font. Intercepts and slopes are relative to the unit in brackets after an element ratio.

Table B.9: Pearson correlations between element ratios (A-C) and predictor variables (D) calculated using average correlation coefficients for samples. Columns from the left: correlation pair, group (refers to Figure 5), number of averages used as number of observations,  $r_z$  = averaged correlation coefficient after Fisher z-transformation,  $r_{min}$  and  $r_{max}$  minimum and maximum correlation coefficients among n.

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## Main article tables

Table 1:

Year	Fjord	Depth (m)	Basket	<i>Serripes</i>	<i>Ciliatocardium</i>
2007-2008	Kongsfjorden	25	KB	2	2
2007-2008	Rijpfjorden	25	RB	2	2
2009-2010	Kongsfjorden	15	RA	2	3
2009-2010	Rijpfjorden	15	RA	3 (2)	1 (1)
2009-2010	Kongsfjorden	25	RB	4 (2)	1 (1)
2009-2010	Rijpfjorden	25	RB	4 (2)	4 (1)

Table 2:

Variable	Instrument	2007-2008		2009-2010	
		Kongsfjorden	Rijpfjorden	Kongsfjorden	Rijpfjorden
Temperature	TidBit	15 & 25		15 & 25	
Fluorescence	Fluorometer	30	17	36	10
Salinity	CTD	30	17	36	10 & 26



Table 3:

Ratio	Year	Basket	n	Minimum		Maximum	
				$\bar{x}$	CV	$\bar{x}$	CV
Li/Ca ( $\mu\text{mol}$ $\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	2010	KA	5	13.6	14.1	22.5	4.4
	2010	KB	5	13.1	13.5	21.9	6.0
	2010	RA	4	14.9	7.5	22.0	1.8
	2010	RB	8	14.1	9.0	20.8	6.9
Li/Mg ( $\text{mmol}$ $\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	2010	KA	5	6.7	10.4	13.9	34.5
	2010	KB	5	6.2	13.7	18.2	13.8
	2010	RA	4	6.7	20.2	13.3	8.6
	2010	RB	8	6.9	25.3	12.9	21.0
Li/Sr ( $\text{mmol}$ $\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	2010	KA	5	7.8	21.1	13.9	16.2
	2010	KB	5	7.9	10.9	15.1	3.1
	2010	RA	4	6.6	12.8	14.7	20.8
	2010	RB	8	7.2	16.8	14.6	6.8
Mg/Ca ( $\text{mmol}$ $\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	2008	KB	4	0.90	30.4	2.40	37.5
	2008	RB	4	0.63	34.4	1.87	39.2
	2010	KA	5	1.11	35.0	3.04	9.0
	2010	KB	5	0.87	31.3	3.13	6.3
	2010	RA	4	1.28	6.7	3.14	21.6
	2010	RB	8	1.22	25.1	2.90	29.1
Mn/Ca ( $\mu\text{mol}$ $\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	2008	KB	4	0.38	56.0	8.52	107.8
	2008	RB	4	0.75	77.9	7.52	84.2
	2010	KA	5	0.19	45.6	3.75	32.9
	2010	KB	5	0.16	41.8	1.31	51.8
	2010	RA	4	0.17	25.0	1.89	48.8
	2010	RB	8	0.20	65.8	1.68	51.2
Sr/Ca ( $\text{mmol}$ $\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	2008	KB	4	1.23	8.8	2.53	21.9
	2008	RB	4	1.36	22.1	2.63	35.4
	2010	KA	5	1.35	13.7	2.32	17.5
	2010	KB	5	1.28	6.2	2.17	10.0
	2010	RA	4	1.47	24.8	2.53	13.7
	2010	RB	8	1.28	7.3	2.24	18.0
Ba/Ca ( $\mu\text{mol}$ $\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	2008	KB	4	0.61	10.8	49.1	23.6
	2008	RB	4	0.74	25.5	25.2	139.9
	2010	KA	5	0.69	18.2	11.2	48.2
	2010	KB	5	0.50	10.9	14.0	47.8
	2010	RA	4	0.67	30.8	17.1	25.1
	2010	RB	8	0.52	11.0	4.3	27.2

Table 4:

Sample	Basket	Species	Mn max ( $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ )	Timing of Mn/Ca max			After fluorescence peak		
				Centroid (date)	Min (-days)	Max (+days)	Centroid (days)	Min (days)	Max (days)
A	KB	Ser	1.4	19 Jul	4	5	65	61	70
B	KB	Ser	1.0	28 May	12	55	13	1	68
C	KB	Cil	0.6	1 Jun	3	33	17	14	50
Average	KB		1.0	15 Jun	6	31	32	25	63
D	RA	Ser	2.9	5 Jul	1	8	12	11	20
E	RA	Ser	1.2	5 Jul	2	5	12	10	17
F	RA	Cil	0.9	22 Jul	0	1	29	29	30
Average	RA		1.7	10 Jul	1	5	18	17	22
G	RB	Ser	2.4	29 Jul	1	0	36	35	36
H	RB	Ser	2.6	28 Jul	0	1	35	35	36
I	RB	Cil	0.8	27 Jul	3	1	34	31	35
Average	RB		1.9	28 Jul	1	1	35	34	36

Table 5:

Sample	Basket	Species	Ba max ( $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ )	Timing of Ba/Ca max			After fluorescence peak		
				Centroid (date)	Min (-days)	Max (+days)	Centroid (days)	Min (days)	Max (days)
A	KB	Ser	9.9	4 Aug	11	1	81	70	82
B	KB	Ser	8.2	22 Jul	50	32	68	18	100
C	KB	Cil	23.4	27 Jul	30	11	73	43	84
Average	KB		13.8	28 Jul	30	15	74	44	89
D	RA	Ser	21.9	5 Jul	1	10	12	11	22
E	RA	Ser	12.4	8 Jul	4	3	15	11	18
F	RA	Cil	14.9	23 Jul	1	3	30	29	33
Average	RA		16.4	12 Jul	2	5	19	17	24
G	RB	Ser	5.2	17 Jul	1	1	24	23	25
H	RB	Ser	3.1	29 Jul	1	0	36	35	36
I	RB	Cil	5.7	28 Jul	0	0	35	35	35
Average	RB		4.7	24 Jul	1	0	32	31	32

## Appendix A. tables

Table A.6:

Model	Analysis	Type	Model definition	Transformations	Functions	Source
1	Overall proxy relationship	LMM	$y \sim x$ , random = $\sim 1 Sample$	none	lme() & r.squaredGLMM()	Figure ??A, Table ??
2	Overall relative importance	LMM	$y \sim GR + T + F + S$ , random = $\sim 1 Sample$	log(y) & scale(x)	lme()	Figure ??B
3	Proxy relationship by sample	LR	$y \sim x$	none	lm()	Table ??

Appendix B. tables

Table B.7:

Ratio	Fixef	Par	Fixed effects			R <sup>2</sup>		Standard error	
			Min	Est	Max	Marg	Cond	Rand	Res
Li/Ca	GR	Int	14.92	15.62	16.33	0.43	0.51	0.69	1.76
		Sl	0.90	1.06	1.21				
	T	Int	17.57	18.30	19.03	0.15	0.31	1.00	2.08
		Sl	0.42	0.57	0.72				
	F	Int	17.96	18.84	19.71	< 0.01	0.18	1.07	2.29
		Sl	-1.25	0.78	2.82				
	S	Int	25.98	42.92	59.85	0.03	0.17	0.91	2.27
		Sl	-1.22	-0.71	-0.21				
Li/Mg	GR	Int	10.76	11.97	13.18	0.2	0.42	1.46	2.38
		Sl	-1.12	-0.91	-0.70				
	T	Int	8.74	9.81	10.89	0.11	0.35	1.54	2.50
		Sl	-0.78	-0.60	-0.42				
	F	Int	9.04	10.17	11.30	0.06	0.29	1.47	2.61
		Sl	-7.48	-5.15	-2.82				
	S	Int	-34.99	-14.74	5.50	0.02	0.25	1.46	2.67
		Sl	0.11	0.71	1.31				
Li/Sr	GR	int	7.98	8.99	10.01	0.25	0.42	1.17	2.15
		sl	0.71	0.90	1.09				
	T	int	11.35	11.98	12.61	0	0.09	0.76	2.50
		sl	-0.29	-0.11	0.07				
	F	int	12.23	13.07	13.90	0.1	0.23	0.97	2.37
		sl	-7.80	-5.70	-3.60				
	S	int	-29.91	-11.67	6.56	0.03	0.11	0.77	2.48
		sl	0.16	0.70	1.24				
Mg/Ca	GR	Int	1.05	1.39	1.73	0.3	0.57	0.45	0.56
		Sl	0.25	0.30	0.35				
	T	Int	1.76	2.09	2.42	0.17	0.49	0.48	0.61
		Sl	0.16	0.21	0.25				
	F	Int	1.85	2.19	2.54	0.02	0.32	0.46	0.69
		Sl	0.09	0.71	1.33				
	S	Int	7.37	12.56	17.76	0.05	0.35	0.46	0.68
		Sl	-0.46	-0.30	-0.15				
Mn/Ca	GR	Int	-0.07	0.16	0.39	0.22	0.51	0.30	0.39
		Sl	0.13	0.17	0.20				
	T	Int	0.46	0.71	0.96	< 0.01	0.39	0.37	0.46
		Sl	-0.04	0.00	0.03				
	F	Int	0.53	0.79	1.04	0.01	0.39	0.36	0.45
		Sl	-0.81	-0.41	0.00				

Table B.7: (continued)

Ratio	Fixef	Par	Fixed effects			R <sup>2</sup>		Standard error		
			Min	Est	Max	Marg	Cond	Rand	Res	
Sr/Ca	S	Int	-4.89	-1.41	2.06	< 0.01	0.41	0.38	0.45	
		Sl	-0.04	0.06	0.17					
	GR	Int	1.70	1.86	2.02	0.07	0.38	0.20	0.29	
		Sl	-0.09	-0.06	-0.04					
	T	Int	1.46	1.58	1.70	0.09	0.33	0.17	0.28	
		Sl	0.04	0.06	0.08					
F	Int	1.28	1.43	1.58	0.18	0.5	0.21	0.26		
	Sl	0.83	1.07	1.30						
Mo/Ca	S	Int	6.01	8.16	10.31	0.13	0.3	0.14	0.28	
		Sl	-0.26	-0.19	-0.13					
	GR	Int	48.7	61.9	75.0	0.08	0.61	18.6	15.9	
		Sl	-5.9	-4.5	-3.1					
	T	Int	34.5	47.2	59.8	< 0.01	0.55	18.8	17.0	
		Sl	-1.0	0.3	1.5					
	F	Int	31.5	44.2	57.0	0.01	0.55	18.5	16.9	
		Sl	-0.1	15.2	30.4					
	Ba/Ca	S	Int	68.2	198.2	328.2	0.01	0.56	19.0	16.9
			Sl	-8.3	-4.5	-0.6				
GR		Int	0.01	1.16	2.32	0.02	0.08	0.86	3.38	
		Sl	0.05	0.34	0.62					
T		Int	1.89	2.59	3.29	0.02	0.06	0.73	3.39	
		Sl	-0.53	-0.29	-0.04					
F		Int	1.78	2.68	3.59	0.01	0.06	0.77	3.41	
		Sl	-5.05	-2.09	0.86					
S		Int	-36.36	-11.72	12.92	0.01	0.06	0.80	3.41	
		Sl	-0.32	0.42	1.15					

Table B.8:

Ratio	Sample	Basket	Intercept				Slope				R <sup>2</sup>			
			GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S
Li/Ca ( $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ )	A	KB	15.61	17.45	16.63	205.49	<b>1.46</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>9.36</b>	-5.46	0.43	0.44	0.28	0.04
	B	KB	12.00	15.54	14.04	601.56	<b>2.21</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>9.96</b>	<b>-17.19</b>	0.27	0.45	0.25	0.37
	C	KB	15.09	17.40	15.31	171.73	<b>1.68</b>	0.36	<b>10.02</b>	-4.53	0.31	0.04	0.29	0.04
	D	RA	16.51	20.05	22.30	19.62	<b>0.87</b>	0.28	<b>-14.21</b>	0.02	0.44	0.06	0.36	0.00
	E	RA	15.36	18.99	19.91	49.10	<b>1.29</b>	<b>0.54</b>	-1.12	<b>-0.89</b>	0.52	0.25	0.01	0.11
	F	RA	15.31	18.39	21.31	43.77	<b>1.12</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>-13.14</b>	-0.74	0.64	0.21	0.27	0.05
	G	RB	16.33	19.36	19.97	39.16	<b>1.03</b>	0.34	-1.00	-0.58	0.75	0.10	0.01	0.01
	H	RB	16.71	16.88	18.40	168.11	<b>0.54</b>	<b>1.07</b>	2.31	<b>-4.46</b>	0.19	0.66	0.01	0.41
	I	RB	15.24	18.45	19.82	4.35	<b>0.97</b>	0.28	<b>-6.74</b>	0.43	0.67	0.06	0.14	0.00
	Clino	all	15.60	18.14	18.84	52.74	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.44</b>	-1.01	-1.01	0.48	0.11	0.00	0.05
	Ser	all	15.57	18.46	19.32	55.27	<b>1.09</b>	<b>0.65</b>	-0.31	<b>-1.07</b>	0.42	0.18	0.00	0.08
	Li/Mg ( $\text{mmol mol}^{-1}$ )	all	KB	14.01	16.68	14.75	408.84	<b>1.76</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>11.05</b>	-0.46	0.35	0.29	0.30
all		RA	15.87	19.27	20.61	35.09	<b>1.04</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>-4.75</b>	-1.01	0.53	0.14	0.09	0.03
all		RB	16.17	18.57	19.35	56.79	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.45</b>	-1.12	-1.12	0.46	0.15	0.01	0.03
all		all	15.58	18.38	19.13	55.15	<b>1.07</b>	<b>0.58</b>	-0.23	<b>-1.08</b>	0.44	0.16	0.00	0.07
A		KB	13.1	9.5	12.1	-282.6	<b>-1.9</b>	-1.1	<b>-13.0</b>	8.5	0.43	0.16	0.33	0.06
B		KB	16.7	10.2	14.3	-83.7	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-19.1</b>	2.7	0.39	0.20	0.52	0.01
Li/Mg ( $\text{mmol mol}^{-1}$ )	C	KB	14.1	12.0	15.3	-52.3	-1.8	-0.8	<b>-16.7</b>	1.9	0.18	0.10	0.43	0.00
	D	RA	12.3	8.8	4.9	-37.0	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>	0.32	0.57	0.33	0.19
	E	RA	9.8	9.0	9.2	16.9	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	-1.5	-0.2	0.11	0.04	0.08	0.04
	F	RA	10.9	9.8	8.2	-26.4	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	2.9	1.1	0.24	0.55	0.01	0.11
	G	RB	11.1	8.3	8.6	-74.1	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	-5.1	2.4	0.44	0.20	0.11	0.07
	H	RB	13.1	11.6	12.2	77.1	-0.3	0.3	-1.2	-1.9	0.12	0.08	0.01	0.17
	I	RB	12.1	9.4	7.8	54.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.1	<b>9.3</b>	-1.4	0.30	0.01	0.19	0.03
	Clino	all	12.32	10.27	9.96	-41.12	<b>-0.92</b>	<b>-0.64</b>	-2.40	<b>1.51</b>	0.26	0.15	0.01	0.07
	Ser	all	11.21	9.26	9.70	-9.24	<b>-0.76</b>	<b>-0.51</b>	<b>-4.92</b>	0.53	0.15	0.08	0.07	0.01
	all	KB	14.45	10.45	14.38	-130.04	<b>-2.35</b>	<b>-1.17</b>	<b>-17.96</b>	4.09	0.37	0.18	0.48	0.01
	all	RA	11.23	9.06	7.81	-15.94	<b>-0.77</b>	<b>-0.62</b>	3.00	<b>0.73</b>	0.28	0.28	0.03	0.07
	all	RB	11.53	9.53	9.89	35.88	<b>-0.61</b>	-0.14	-3.13	-0.79	0.13	0.01	0.02	0.01
all	all	11.6	9.6	9.9	-16.5	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	0.19	0.10	0.05	0.02	

Table B.8: (continued)

Ratio	Sample	Basket	Intercept						Slope						R <sup>2</sup>					
			GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S		
Li/Sr (mmol mol <sup>-1</sup> )	A	KB	10.88	13.02	12.95	279.19	0.71	-0.03	0.07	-7.83	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12			
	B	KB	10.07	11.28	11.39	421.05	0.61	0.13	-0.02	<b>-12.04</b>	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22			
	C	KB	11.11	11.92	11.26	84.69	0.42	-0.17	2.11	-2.14	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.02			
	D	RA	7.05	10.66	12.81	-21.68	<b>0.79</b>	-0.16	<b>-16.51</b>	<b>0.97</b>	0.30	0.01	0.40	0.16	0.30	0.01	0.40	0.16		
	E	RA	6.33	12.70	14.30	-0.09	<b>1.87</b>	-0.12	<b>-7.92</b>	0.38	0.52	0.01	0.22	0.01	0.52	0.01	0.22	0.01		
	F	RA	9.59	12.97	16.66	-16.07	<b>0.93</b>	-0.14	<b>-23.79</b>	0.87	0.23	0.01	0.47	0.04	0.23	0.01	0.47	0.04		
	G	RB	7.83	11.13	11.55	-74.77	<b>0.91</b>	-0.23	-3.44	2.55	0.45	0.04	0.07	0.11	0.45	0.04	0.07	0.11		
	H	RB	8.20	11.60	14.59	26.95	<b>0.95</b>	0.13	<b>-17.03</b>	-0.45	0.37	0.01	0.41	0.00	0.37	0.01	0.41	0.00		
	I	RB	9.49	12.45	14.24	-79.56	<b>0.75</b>	-0.23	<b>-12.80</b>	2.73	0.31	0.03	0.39	0.13	0.31	0.03	0.39	0.13		
	all	all	9.65	11.86	12.65	-7.79	<b>0.65</b>	-0.07	<b>-4.20</b>	<b>0.58</b>	0.15	0.00	0.06	0.02	0.15	0.00	0.06	0.02		
	Clino	Clino	10.24	12.48	13.73	-1.29	<b>0.68</b>	-0.14	<b>-7.87</b>	0.41	0.21	0.01	0.15	0.01	0.21	0.01	0.15	0.01		
	Ser	Ser	9.29	11.60	12.21	-8.82	<b>0.67</b>	-0.03	<b>-3.01</b>	<b>0.61</b>	0.15	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.15	0.00	0.03	0.02		
	KB	KB	10.42	11.84	11.45	285.13	<b>0.68</b>	0.10	1.74	<b>-8.03</b>	0.09	0.00	0.01	0.14	0.09	0.00	0.01	0.14		
	RA	RA	8.96	11.91	13.40	-13.36	<b>0.76</b>	-0.07	<b>-9.04</b>	<b>0.76</b>	0.15	0.00	0.17	0.04	0.15	0.00	0.17	0.04		
	RB	RB	8.41	11.77	12.92	-44.87	<b>0.89</b>	-0.15	<b>-7.57</b>	1.68	0.38	0.01	0.19	0.04	0.38	0.01	0.19	0.04		
	Mg/Ca (mmol mol <sup>-1</sup> )	A	KB	1.46	2.28	2.07	99.28	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>2.29</b>	-2.84	0.59	0.32	0.22	0.59	0.32	0.22	0.15		
B		KB	0.66	1.85	1.21	105.19	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>3.42</b>	<b>-3.03</b>	0.35	0.35	0.39	0.15	0.35	0.35	0.39	0.15		
C		KB	1.19	1.74	1.08	19.18	<b>0.42</b>	0.12	<b>3.17</b>	-0.51	0.30	0.07	0.45	0.01	0.30	0.07	0.45	0.01		
D		RA	1.05	2.57	4.11	17.46	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>-7.78</b>	<b>-0.43</b>	0.41	0.55	0.38	0.14	0.41	0.55	0.38	0.14		
E		RA	1.59	2.15	2.20	3.25	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.07</b>	0.20	-0.03	0.44	0.17	0.01	0.00	0.44	0.17	0.01	0.00		
F		RA	1.45	1.98	2.57	16.58	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.27</b>	-1.21	<b>-0.43</b>	0.42	0.65	0.03	0.18	0.42	0.65	0.03	0.18		
G		RB	1.83	2.59	2.56	27.29	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.20</b>	1.34	-0.73	0.50	0.29	0.11	0.09	0.50	0.29	0.11	0.09		
H		RB	1.25	1.48	1.52	5.19	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.06</b>	0.37	-0.11	0.49	0.19	0.03	0.02	0.49	0.19	0.03	0.02		
I		RB	1.26	2.10	2.54	-7.91	<b>0.24</b>	0.04	<b>-2.52</b>	0.30	0.49	0.01	0.23	0.02	0.49	0.01	0.23	0.02		
Clino		all	1.37	1.95	2.13	16.85	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.18</b>	0.16	<b>-0.44</b>	0.40	0.22	0.00	0.11	0.40	0.22	0.00	0.11		
Ser		all	1.51	2.25	2.37	11.51	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.20</b>	0.56	<b>-0.27</b>	0.26	0.15	0.01	0.04	0.26	0.15	0.01	0.04		
all		KB	1.00	1.95	1.25	81.28	<b>0.57</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>-2.32</b>	0.49	0.27	0.42	0.09	0.49	0.27	0.42	0.09		
all		RA	1.21	2.31	2.87	12.23	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>-1.69</b>	<b>-0.29</b>	0.44	0.26	0.07	0.08	0.44	0.26	0.07	0.08		
all		RB	1.61	2.15	2.10	2.48	<b>0.18</b>	0.09	0.93	-0.01	0.16	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.16	0.04	0.03	0.00		
all		all	1.45	2.16	2.27	12.86	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.19</b>	0.59	<b>-0.31</b>	0.30	0.16	0.01	0.06	0.30	0.16	0.01	0.06		



Table B.8: (continued)

Ratio	Sample	Basket	Intercept						Slope						R <sup>2</sup>					
			GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S		
Mn/Ca ( $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ )	A	KB	0.47	0.70	0.45	2.63	0.03	-0.08	0.34	-0.06	0.01	0.06	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.05	0.01	0.22		
	B	KB	0.30	0.49	0.50	34.19	0.07	-0.04	-0.13	<b>-0.99</b>	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.08		
	C	KB	0.19	0.25	0.20	8.92	0.04	-0.00	0.19	-0.26	0.11	0.00	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.00	0.07	0.08		
	D	RA	0.63	1.26	1.17	-6.60	0.09	<b>-0.24</b>	-0.96	0.23	0.04	0.33	0.01	0.09	0.04	0.33	0.01	0.09		
	E	RA	0.27	0.69	0.75	4.00	0.14	0.05	-0.00	-0.10	0.26	0.07	0.00	0.05	0.26	0.07	0.00	0.05		
	F	RA	-0.02	0.39	0.71	-0.76	<b>0.13</b>	0.01	<b>-1.80</b>	0.04	0.56	0.01	0.35	0.01	0.56	0.01	0.35	0.01		
	G	RB	0.30	1.05	1.29	13.73	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.14</b>	-0.37	-0.37	0.55	0.18	0.01	0.03	0.55	0.18	0.01	0.03		
	H	RB	-0.37	1.28	1.84	-22.49	<b>0.42</b>	-0.03	<b>-3.77</b>	0.71	0.87	0.00	0.24	0.08	0.87	0.00	0.24	0.08		
	I	RB	0.18	0.38	0.49	-5.01	<b>0.06</b>	-0.00	<b>-0.71</b>	0.16	0.23	0.00	0.17	0.06	0.23	0.00	0.17	0.06		
		all	0.11	0.35	0.47	1.24	<b>0.08</b>	0.01	<b>-0.60</b>	-0.03	0.41	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.41	0.01	0.11	0.00		
		Clino	0.11	0.89	1.08	2.73	<b>0.23</b>	-0.00	<b>-0.92</b>	-0.05	0.33	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.06	0.00		
		Ser	0.23	0.45	0.36	18.79	<b>0.09</b>	-0.01	0.28	-0.54	0.13	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.13	0.00	0.03	0.05		
		all	0.21	0.84	0.86	-1.41	<b>0.15</b>	<b>-0.06</b>	-0.52	0.07	0.17	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.17	0.04	0.02	0.01		
		all	0.10	0.82	1.03	0.91	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.08</b>	-0.56	0.00	0.31	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.31	0.05	0.01	0.00		
		all	0.10	0.73	0.87	2.80	<b>0.19</b>	0.00	<b>-0.65</b>	-0.06	0.28	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.03	0.00		
	Sr/Ca ( $\text{mmol mol}^{-1}$ )	A	KB	1.45	1.35	1.27	-14.46	0.04	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.81</b>	0.04	0.42	0.29	0.05	0.04	0.42	0.29	0.05		
B		KB	1.14	1.40	1.21	4.18	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>1.10</b>	-0.08	0.18	0.43	0.32	0.00	0.18	0.43	0.32	0.00		
C		KB	1.36	1.46	1.37	6.30	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.61</b>	-0.14	0.24	0.23	0.24	0.01	0.24	0.23	0.24	0.01		
D		RA	2.45	1.93	1.67	8.75	<b>-0.10</b>	0.06	<b>2.34</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	0.20	0.09	0.32	0.29	0.20	0.09	0.32	0.29		
E		RA	2.23	1.58	1.41	6.14	<b>-0.18</b>	0.05	<b>1.07</b>	-0.14	0.35	0.08	0.31	0.09	0.35	0.08	0.31	0.09		
F		RA	1.72	1.50	1.24	6.58	-0.05	0.04	<b>1.97</b>	-0.15	0.08	0.09	0.41	0.13	0.08	0.09	0.41	0.13		
G		RB	2.18	1.82	1.80	17.16	<b>-0.09</b>	0.05	0.42	<b>-0.45</b>	0.21	0.09	0.05	0.16	0.21	0.09	0.05	0.16		
H		RB	2.14	1.50	1.06	15.95	<b>-0.12</b>	0.09	<b>3.68</b>	-0.43	0.26	0.12	0.77	0.10	0.26	0.12	0.77	0.10		
I		RB	1.63	1.51	1.37	12.93	-0.02	<b>0.05</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>-0.34</b>	0.02	0.20	0.43	0.25	0.02	0.20	0.43	0.25		
		all	1.57	1.49	1.38	6.54	-0.01	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>-0.15</b>	0.00	0.15	0.25	0.11	0.00	0.15	0.25	0.11		
		Ser	1.82	1.66	1.62	9.39	-0.02	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>-0.23</b>	0.01	0.08	0.05	0.17	0.01	0.08	0.05	0.17		
		all	1.35	1.42	1.29	2.18	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.83</b>	-0.02	0.11	0.33	0.28	0.00	0.11	0.33	0.28	0.00		
		all	1.95	1.71	1.58	7.51	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>-0.17</b>	0.04	0.04	0.13	0.13	0.04	0.04	0.13	0.13		
		all	2.01	1.64	1.51	14.46	<b>-0.08</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>-0.38</b>	0.16	0.09	0.20	0.10	0.16	0.09	0.20	0.10		
		all	1.72	1.61	1.54	8.93	-0.01	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>-0.22</b>	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.15	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.15		

Table B.8: (continued)

Ratio	Sample	Basket	Intercept				Slope				R <sup>2</sup>			
			GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S
Mo/Ca (% of max)	A	KB	76.8	64.4	68.0	-1287.6	-1.6	4.6	12.0	40.0	0.02	0.16	0.02	0.09
	B	KB	44.6	35.3	44.8	-60.4	-4.2	0.2	-33.5	2.8	0.02	0.00	0.07	0.00
	C	KB	41.6	45.9	64.2	1850.0	6.2	<b>6.1</b>	<b>-54.6</b>	-52.9	0.16	0.44	0.32	0.19
	D	RA	60.8	36.7	11.2	108.5	<b>-5.9</b>	-1.7	<b>171.0</b>	-2.2	0.25	0.02	0.65	0.01
	E	RA	83.9	62.0	58.2	284.7	<b>-6.1</b>	1.3	24.4	<b>-6.7</b>	0.22	0.03	0.08	0.12
	F	RA	67.9	57.1	43.6	269.8	-2.9	0.6	<b>87.8</b>	-6.4	0.11	0.01	0.31	0.09
	G	RB	52.5	29.7	28.9	-57.4	<b>-7.7</b>	-2.4	-10.5	2.5	0.43	0.05	0.01	0.00
	H	RB	44.7	23.3	4.2	64.3	<b>-6.8</b>	-2.7	88.6	-1.4	0.26	0.04	0.15	0.00
	I	RB	71.5	65.8	58.8	505.4	-1.3	0.9	<b>50.1</b>	-13.1	0.03	0.01	0.15	0.07
	Clino	all	57.7	57.5	60.7	337.0	0.7	<b>1.9</b>	-5.3	<b>-8.3</b>	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.08
	Ser	all	62.0	41.6	31.8	148.7	<b>-6.1</b>	-0.2	<b>43.7</b>	-3.2	0.13	0.00	0.07	0.01
	all	KB	38.7	43.8	52.3	1246.9	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>	-6.8	-35.2	0.06	0.14	0.00	0.03
	all	RA	78.0	50.1	38.4	203.8	<b>-7.2</b>	0.9	<b>72.0</b>	-4.6	0.27	0.01	0.23	0.03
	all	RB	57.6	42.2	38.1	-35.9	<b>-5.4</b>	-2.9	1.8	2.2	0.10	0.03	0.00	0.00
	all	all	60.7	46.2	41.1	174.0	<b>-4.3</b>	0.4	<b>26.9</b>	-3.8	0.08	0.00	0.03	0.01
	Ba/Ca ( $\mu\text{mol}$ $\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	A	KB	-0.6	2.89	2.59	453.06	0.95	-0.37	-0.90	-13.27	0.11	0.02	0.00
B		KB	1.46	2.53	2.60	159.65	0.37	-0.31	-1.20	-4.63	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.04
C		KB	2.99	3.73	2.81	93.41	0.45	-0.04	3.69	-2.64	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
D		RA	3.16	4.97	5.16	-36.03	0.09	<b>-1.52</b>	-11.63	1.19	0.00	0.21	0.03	0.04
E		RA	-0.97	2.70	2.75	-21.30	<b>0.89</b>	<b>-0.57</b>	-3.48	0.70	0.15	0.17	0.05	0.04
F		RA	-0.78	2.35	5.44	34.98	<b>1.13</b>	0.50	-14.41	-0.96	0.18	0.06	0.09	0.02
G		RB	0.81	1.20	1.27	-15.90	0.07	-0.12	-1.06	0.50	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.03
H		RB	0.93	0.81	0.82	36.63	0.08	<b>0.25</b>	2.62	-1.06	0.03	0.24	0.11	0.16
I		RB	0.54	1.17	1.52	-25.27	0.19	0.04	-1.97	0.79	0.05	0.00	0.02	0.03
Clino		all	1.68	2.21	2.51	15.65	0.26	0.24	-0.11	-0.39	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Ser		all	1.07	2.82	2.66	-11.59	<b>0.32</b>	<b>-0.56</b>	-2.41	0.41	0.02	0.09	0.01	0.01
all		KB	2.13	2.88	2.72	190.99	0.22	-0.23	-0.30	-5.54	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.03
all		RA	0.22	3.48	4.10	-18.05	<b>0.71</b>	<b>-0.51</b>	<b>-7.05</b>	0.63	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.01
all		RB	0.75	1.15	1.31	-3.89	0.12	0.01	-0.85	0.15	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00
all		all	1.30	2.60	2.66	-6.19	<b>0.29</b>	<b>-0.30</b>	-2.05	0.25	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00

Table B.8: (continued)

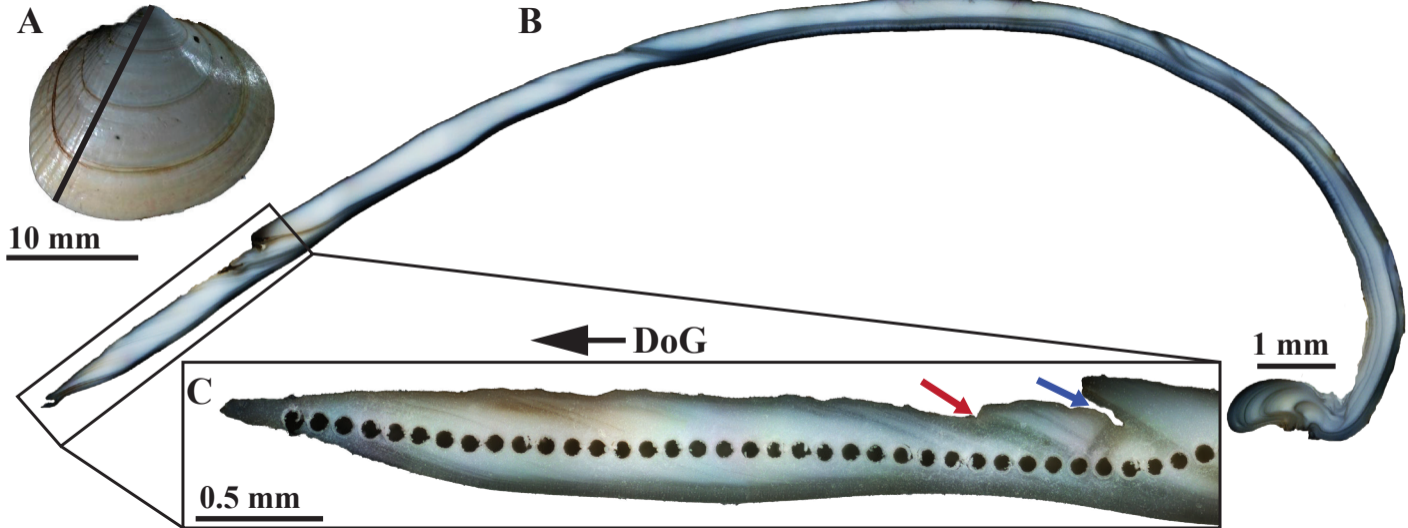
Ratio	Sample	Basket	Intercept			Slope			R <sup>2</sup>									
			GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S	GR	T	F	S				

Table B.9:

Pair	Group	n	$r_z$	$r_{min}$	$r_{max}$
Mg-Mn	A (2007-2008)	8	0.38	-0.31	0.78
Sr-Ba	A (2007-2008)	6	0.24	-0.32	0.61
Mn-Ba	A (2007-2008)	8	0.13	-0.38	0.73
Mg-Ba	A (2007-2008)	8	0.06	-0.57	0.76
Mn-Sr	A (2007-2008)	6	0.00	-0.36	0.37
Mg-Sr	A (2007-2008)	6	-0.17	-0.36	0.16
Li-Mg	B (2009-2010)	22	0.78	0.13	0.92
Li-LiSr	B (2009-2010)	22	0.68	-0.49	0.91
Sr-Mo	B (2009-2010)	22	0.59	-0.69	0.99
Li-Mn	B (2009-2010)	22	0.50	-0.33	0.82
Mg-LiSr	B (2009-2010)	22	0.47	-0.29	0.90
Mg-Mn	B (2009-2010)	22	0.38	-0.45	0.87
Mn-LiSr	B (2009-2010)	22	0.35	-0.60	0.85
Mo-LiMg	B (2009-2010)	22	0.32	-0.43	0.85
Mn-Ba	B (2009-2010)	22	0.30	-0.48	0.78
Ba-LiSr	B (2009-2010)	22	0.25	-0.65	0.70
Li-Ba	B (2009-2010)	22	0.17	-0.85	0.65
Mg-Ba	B (2009-2010)	22	0.11	-0.58	0.59
Sr-LiMg	B (2009-2010)	22	0.01	-0.77	0.67
Mg-Sr	B (2009-2010)	22	0.00	-0.67	0.79
Ba-LiMg	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.08	-0.48	0.57
Mn-Sr	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.11	-0.76	0.95
Li-Sr	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.12	-0.70	0.86
Sr-Ba	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.15	-0.47	0.51
Mo-Ba	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.21	-0.62	0.38
Mn-LiMg	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.25	-0.78	0.57
Mn-Mo	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.26	-0.77	0.62
LiMg-LiSr	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.31	-0.82	0.48
Mg-Mo	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.32	-0.77	0.44
Li-Mo	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.42	-0.89	0.61
Li-LiMg	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.52	-0.87	0.32
Mo-LiSr	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.66	-0.96	0.12
Sr-LiSr	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.85	-0.96	-0.06
Mg-LiMg	B (2009-2010)	22	-0.92	-0.99	-0.60
Li-Mg	C (response)	9	0.84	0.50	0.92
Li-LiSr	C (response)	9	0.73	0.59	0.83
Sr-Mo	C (response)	9	0.64	-0.12	0.90
LiSr-Mg	C (response)	9	0.60	0.18	0.93
LiSr-Mn	C (response)	9	0.55	0.34	0.77
Li-Mn	C (response)	9	0.54	0.03	0.81
LiMg-Mo	C (response)	9	0.50	-0.32	0.80

Table ?? (continued)

Pair	Group	n	$r_z$	$r_{min}$	$r_{max}$
Mn-Ba	C (response)	9	0.50	-0.02	0.78
Mg-Mn	C (response)	9	0.42	-0.31	0.68
LiSr-Ba	C (response)	9	0.35	0.05	0.70
Li-Ba	C (response)	9	0.31	-0.02	0.66
Mg-Ba	C (response)	9	0.25	-0.23	0.59
LiMg-Sr	C (response)	9	0.04	-0.77	0.71
Mg-Sr	C (response)	9	-0.10	-0.69	0.79
Sr-Ba	C (response)	9	-0.16	-0.47	0.33
LiMg-Ba	C (response)	9	-0.18	-0.46	0.18
Li-Sr	C (response)	9	-0.23	-0.60	0.58
Mo-Ba	C (response)	9	-0.23	-0.60	0.10
LiMg-Mn	C (response)	9	-0.29	-0.63	0.32
Mn-Mo	C (response)	9	-0.33	-0.57	0.04
Sr-Mn	C (response)	9	-0.35	-0.52	0.06
LiMg-LiSr	C (response)	9	-0.42	-0.87	0.35
Li-Mo	C (response)	9	-0.46	-0.67	-0.07
Mg-Mo	C (response)	9	-0.51	-0.79	-0.16
Li-LiMg	C (response)	9	-0.60	-0.78	0.40
LiSr-Mo	C (response)	9	-0.66	-0.84	0.07
LiSr-Sr	C (response)	9	-0.84	-0.93	-0.23
LiMg-Mg	C (response)	9	-0.92	-0.97	-0.60
T-F	D (predictor)	3	0.48	0.34	0.67
GR-T	D (predictor)	3	0.43	0.22	0.66
GR-F	D (predictor)	3	0.02	-0.31	0.55
GR-S	D (predictor)	3	-0.24	-0.46	-0.02
S-F	D (predictor)	3	-0.28	-0.64	0.08
S-T	D (predictor)	3	-0.71	-0.86	-0.57



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