

Automatic calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphy using the latest version of SYRACO

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SYRACO

SYstème de Reconnaissance Automatique de COccolithes

- Method based on CNN and automated microscopy that we started to developed in the 90's
- Both CNN, and microscopy have evolved since the beginning and we constantly adapted new method to SYRACO
- SYRACO is used routinely at CEREGE and in 7 teams around the world

Neural networks

1999



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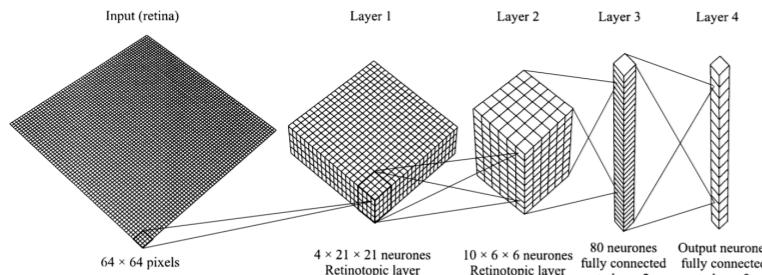
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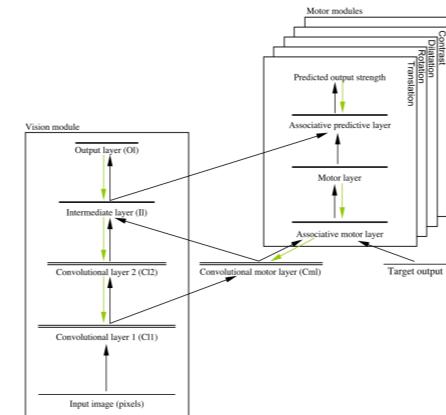
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Automatic recognition of coccoliths by dynamical neural networks

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2020

Particle trieur,
Marchand et al., subm.

ResNet (He et al., 2015):
basic cyclic network with
16 filters and the addition of
residual connections

Evolution of the recognition accuracy (%) on key nanofossil species

	CNN on FFT	CNN on images	Dynamical CNN	ResNet (ParticleTrieur)
	SYRACO I (1996)	SYRACO II (1998)	SYRACO III (2004)	SYRACO V (2020)
<i>C.leptoporus</i>	40	96	96	100
<i>U.tenuis</i>	49	89	95	87
<i>U.sibogae</i>	75	80	87	100
<i>E.huxleyi</i>	83	99	97	100
<i>G.caribbeanica</i>	26	82	86	100
<i>G.oceano</i>		84		87
<i>S.pulchra</i>	40	80	80	100
<i>Syracosphaera spp</i>	41	87	87	100
<i>Pontosphaera spp</i>	42	80		91
<i>H.carteri</i>	10	96	96	100
<i>Rhabdoliths sp</i>	90	89	88	100
<i>Scapholithes</i>			98	100
<i>F.profunda</i>	23	83	86	96
Average	47	87	91	97

Evolution of methods

Year	Lens resolution	Camera	Pixel light	Polarisation	Focus	Slide preparation method	Patern recognition
1996	50X	0.5 Mpixel	0.3 µm	Linear	Auto	Smear slides	CNN
2004	50X	0.5 Mpixel	0.3 µm	Linear	Auto	Smear slides	Dyn CNN + hierarchy
2012	100X	4 Mpixel	0.062 µm	Linear	Auto	Smear slides	Dyn CNN + hierarchy
2014	100X	4 Mpixel	0.062 µm	Rotative / circular	Auto	Random settling	Dyn CNN + Random Forest
2020	100X	4 Mpixel	0.059 µm	Bidirectional Circular	Multi-focus	Filtrated Radom settling	ResNet + size

***(breakthrough technological development)**

Details of current method

Microscope : Leica DM6000, Lens 100x 1.47 oel

Chroma Filters : monochrom 562 nm, 2 x Circular Pol +45°, Circular Pol -45°

Camera : Hamamatsu ORCA Flash v 4.1

Focus : Multi focus with 10 images grabbed at every 0.5 µm Z levels

Bidirectional circular polarization : 2 images grabbed and combined to get constant and standardized brightness (*Beaufort et al., Biogeosc. Disc., 2020*)

Batch of 16 samples/ microscope

2 batchs per day with 150 filed of view / sample => ~2000 cocco / sample
=> 32 samples a day /microscope

Confusion matrix for a Pleistocene core MD97-2125 (Tropical south Pacific)

- Same species
- Similar morphologies / same families
- Problems (e.g. invasion, escape between different group or worse with non-coccoliths)

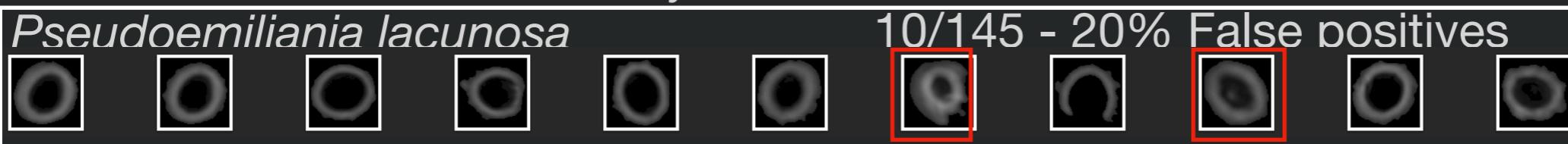
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Cocco																													
C. leptoporus	100																												
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U. tenuis		12	75	12																									
U.sibogae				100																									
Noelarha																													
E.huxleyi					81	4						15																	
G.erico						79	18	3																					
G.carib.						2	98																						
G.oceano						3	9	81	3	3	3																		
P.lacunosa									97	3																			
Reticulo sp							5		5	85		5																	
Cribri											100																		
S. pulchra											38		50	12															
Syraco. spp												9		91															
Pontosphaera													100																
Hcarteri														100															
Rhabdo															100														
Base Rhabdo															33	67													
Discosphaera															100														
Scapholiths																100													
Florisphaera																	96											4	
Other (rare coco)																		100											
Non coccoliths																			100										
Thoraco (Dinoflag.)																				92									
Eguille (needles)																					89								
Fragment			5																			100							
Pelotte (pelet)																							100						
Agregat																								91	9				
Zero1 (dark)																	17										65	4	
Zero2 (bright)																		13									20	80	
Ecaille (scale)																													100

Work in progress : Based on a training set composed of 200 specimens per class.
The errors made when applying on few samples are fed back in a new training set with a goal of 400 specimens per class.

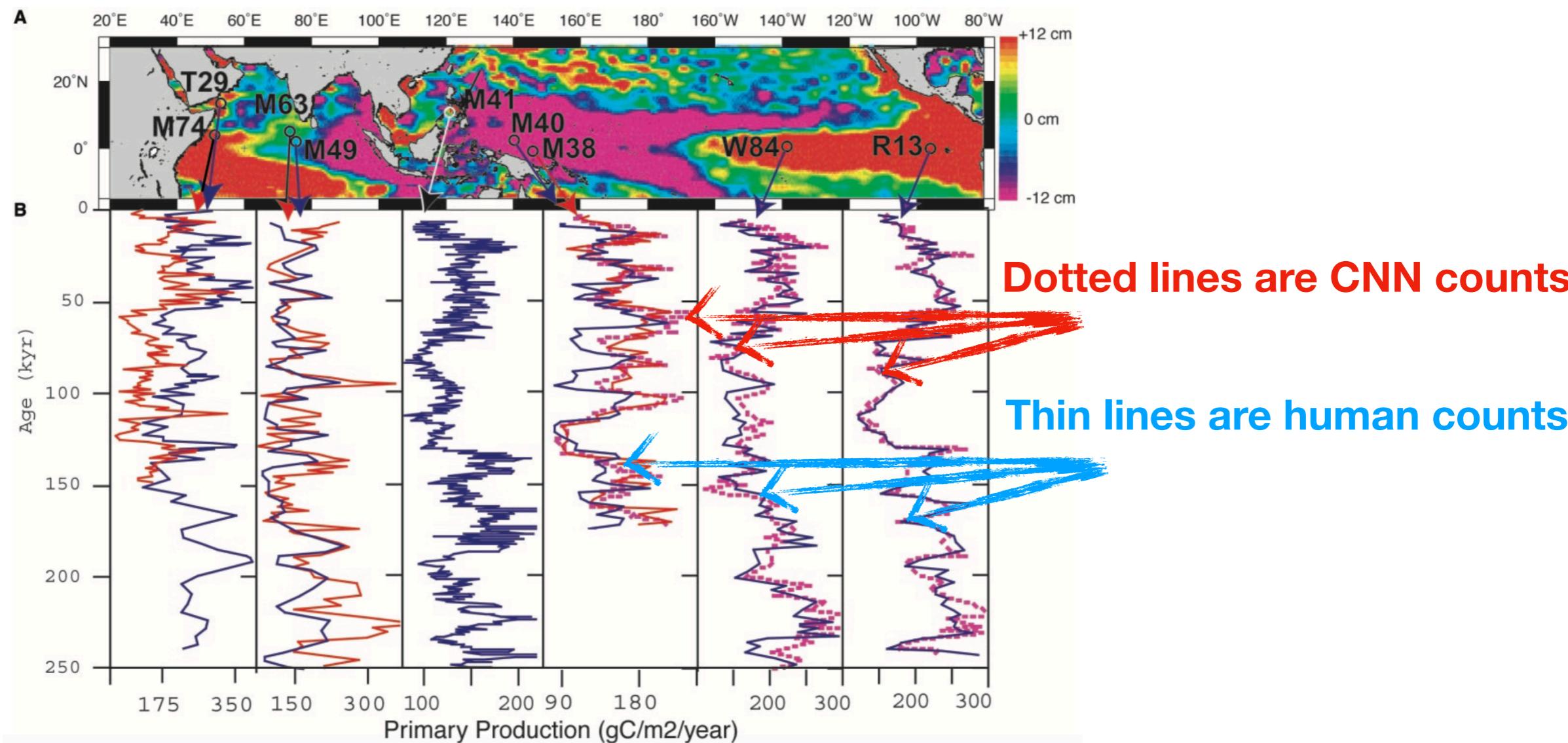
MD97-2125 / 700 cm - 210 kyr BP => few *E.huxleyi* and no *P.lacunosa*



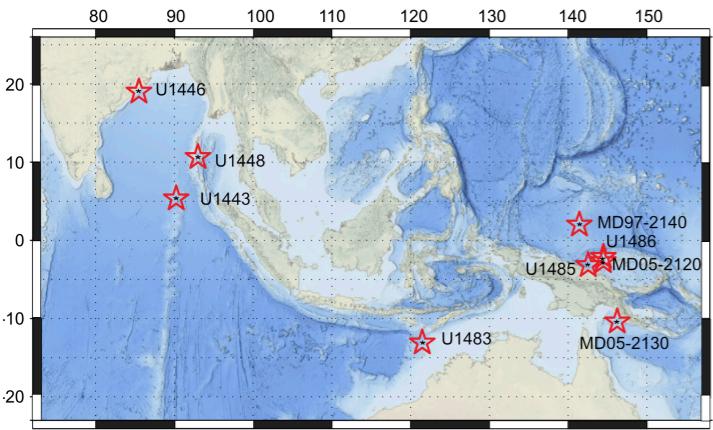
MD97-2125 / 2700 cm - 620 kyr BP => Presence of *P.lacunosa*



First publication with CNN for microfossil recognition in 2001



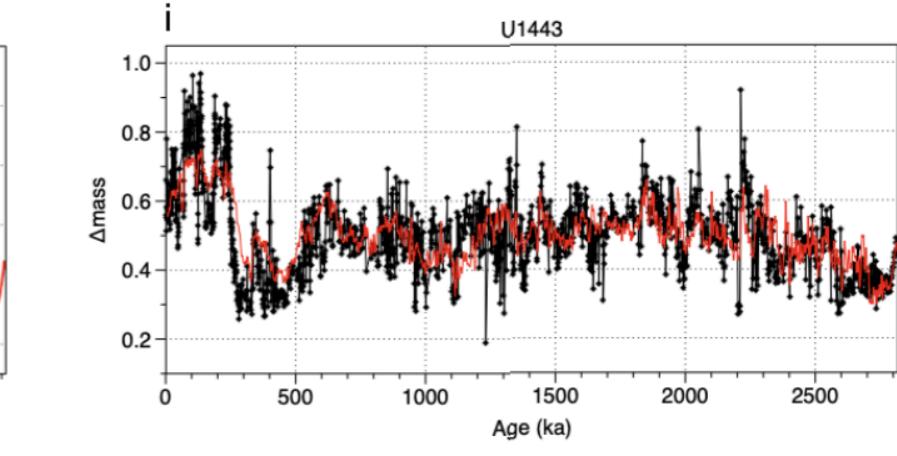
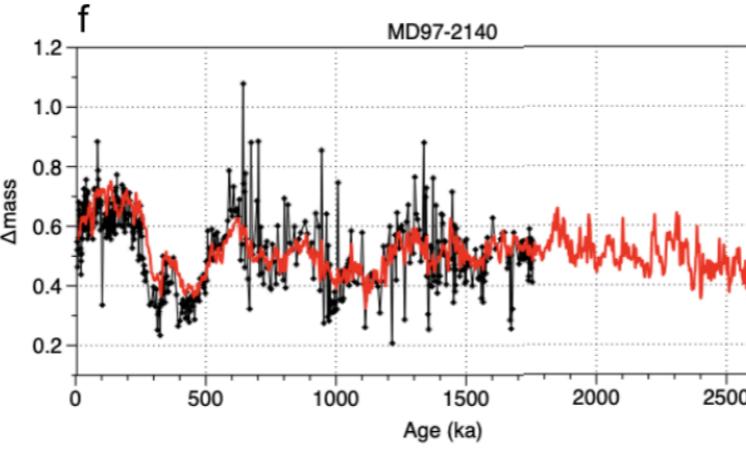
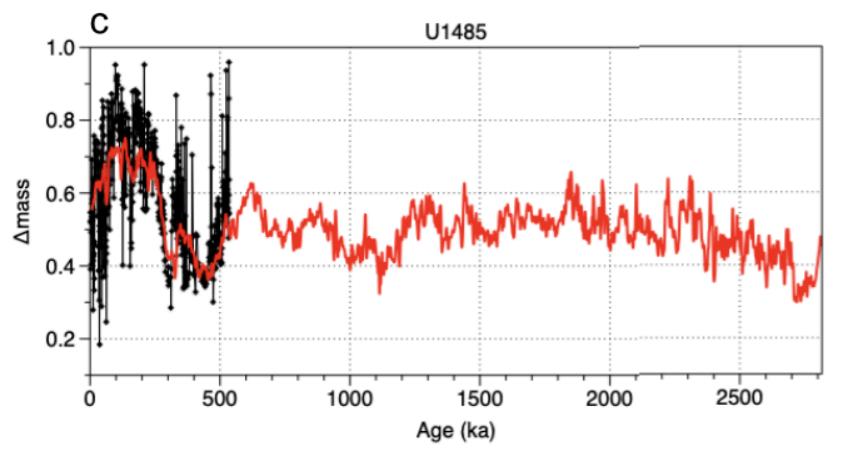
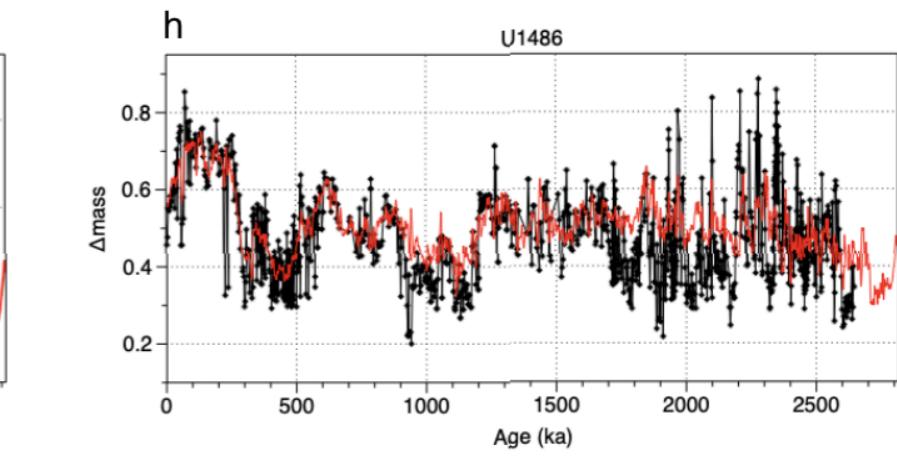
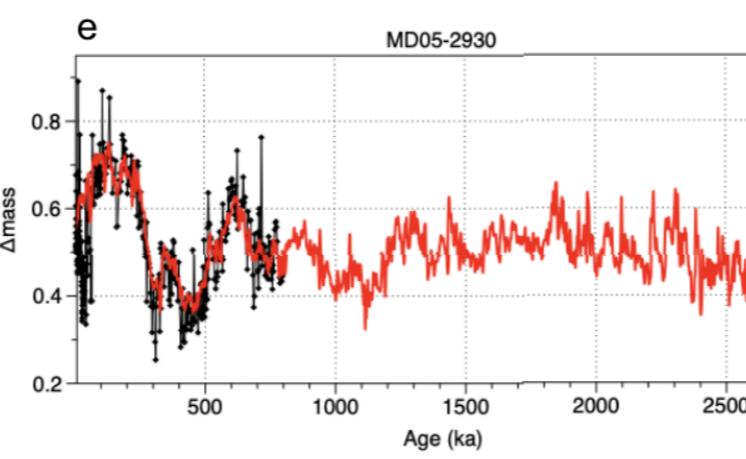
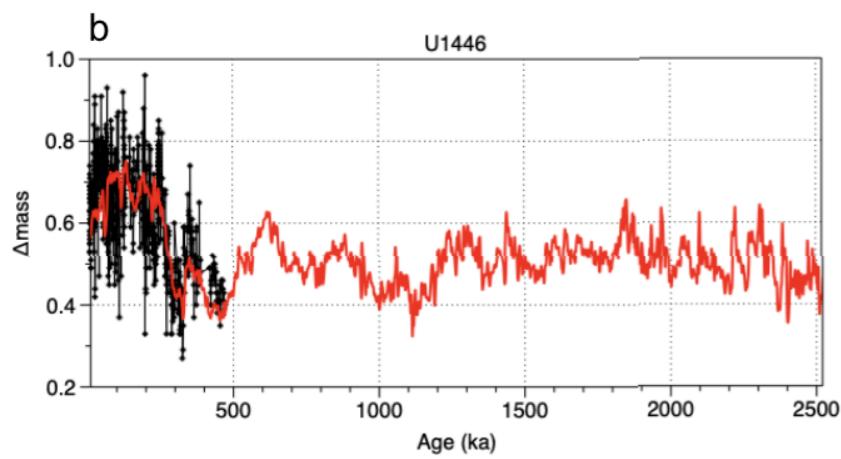
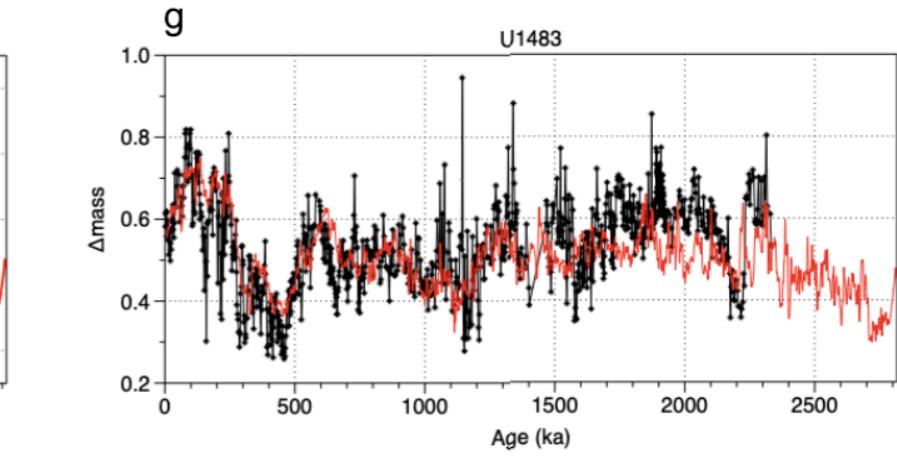
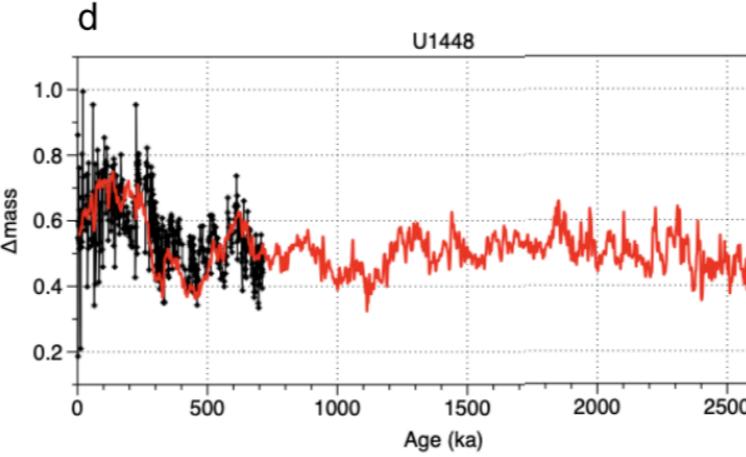
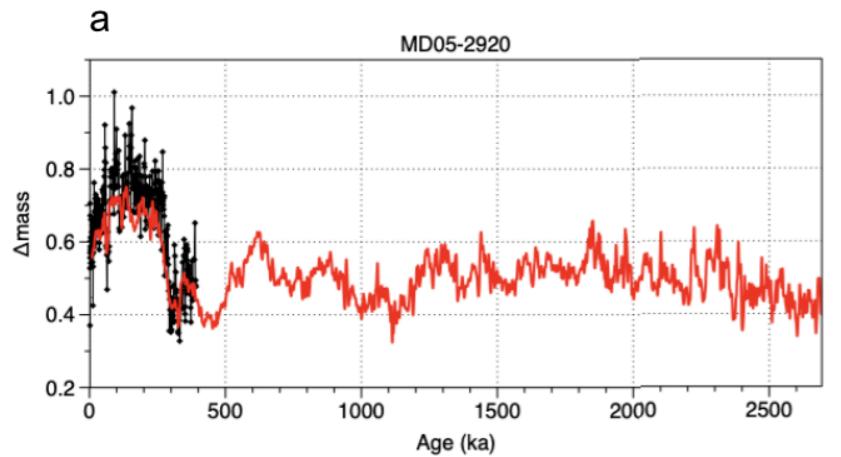
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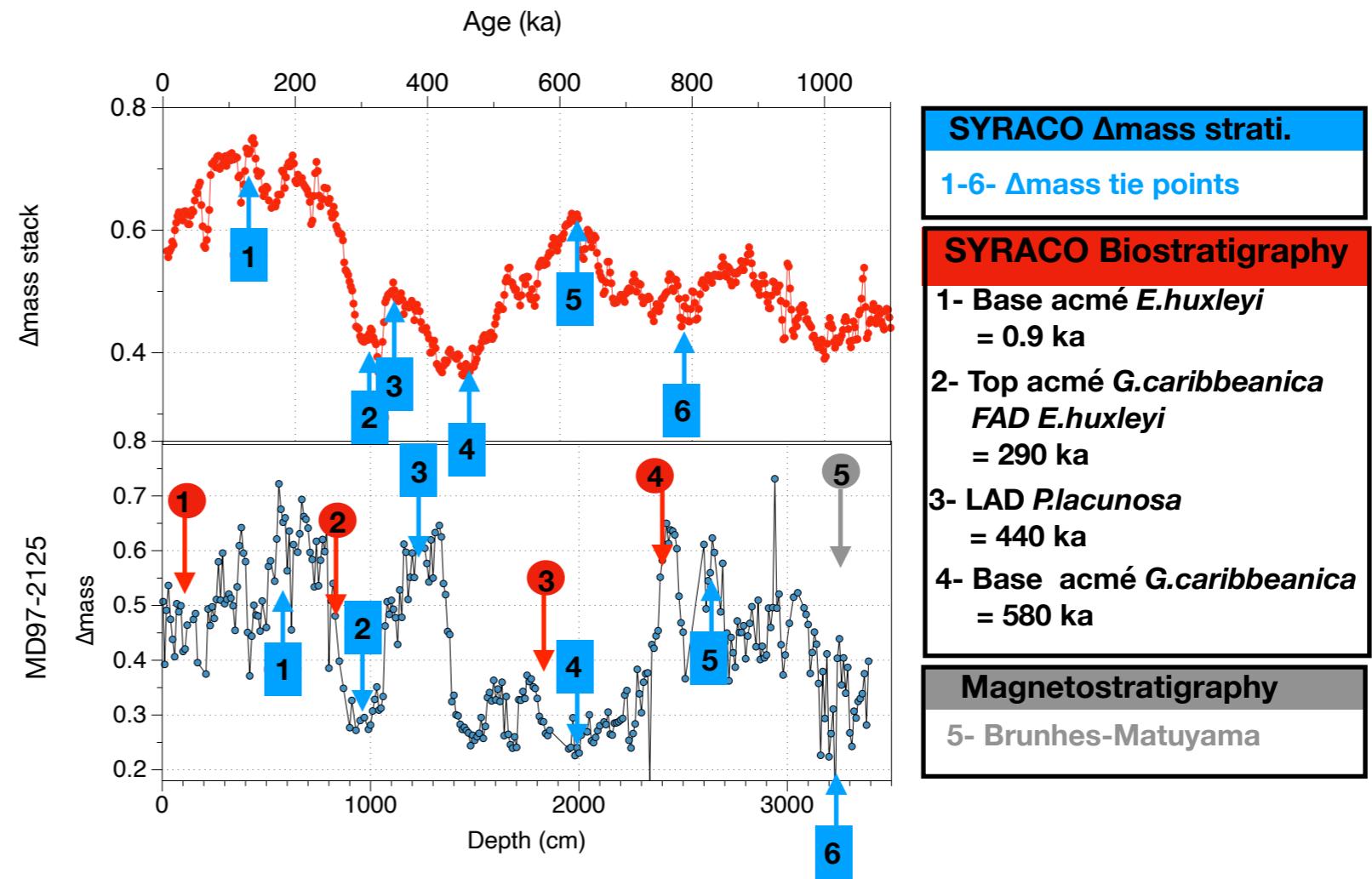
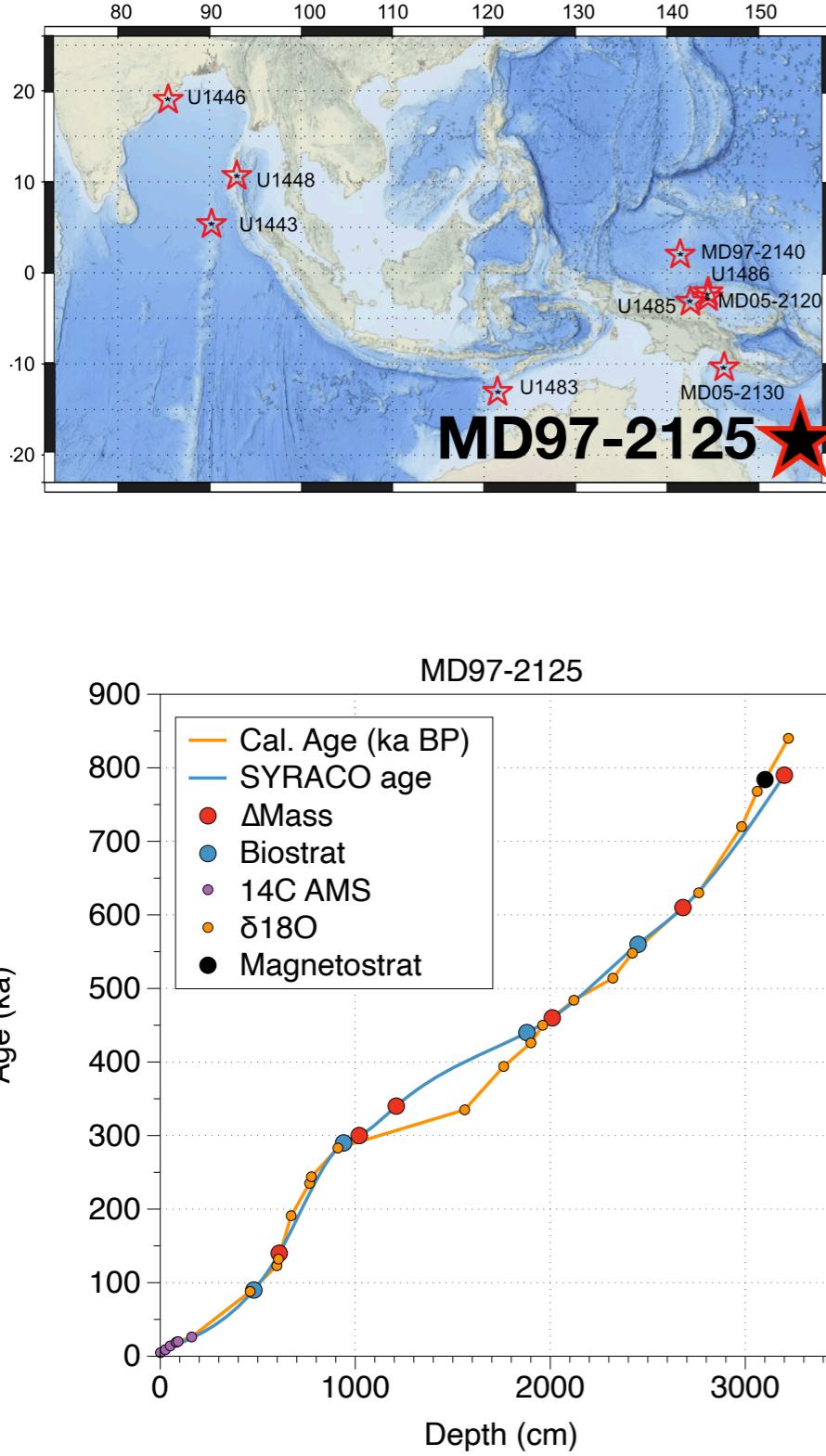


Δmass is the difference of the average mass of two groups of *Gephyrocapsa*. It traces the morphological evolution of the group. It can be easily measured with SYRACO with an excellent accuracy. It is global and therefore can be used as a quantitative stratigraphy.

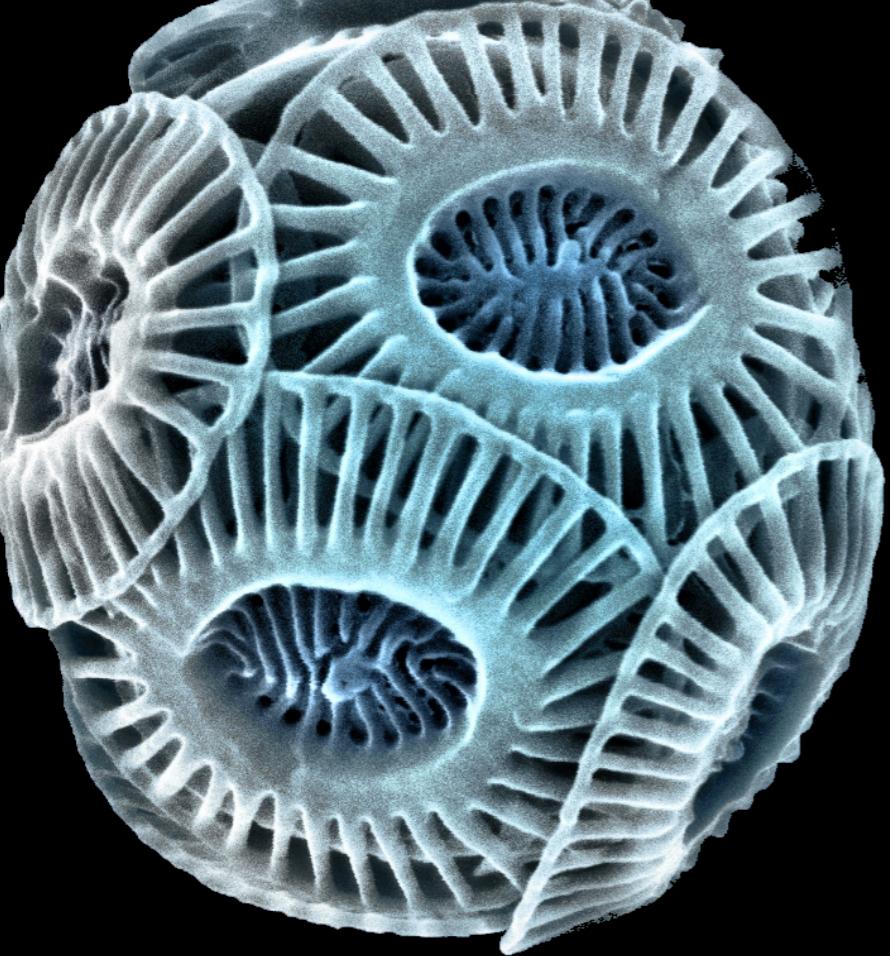
Red : Stack. Black: individual records (see map)

(Beaufort et al., submitted)





By combining the classical biostratigraphy done by SYRACO, and the quantitative biostratigraphy using Δmass, it was possible to draw a stratigraphic scheme as precise as the isotopic stratigraphy on that core



Conclusions

- SYRACO is a robust tool that has been used for 20 years, but that is in constant evolution since its start.
- It is used in stratigraphy for 5 years by TOTAL (Pau, France) since it is able to recognize all Cenozoic species that are grouped in 71 classes.
- Recent technical advances have increased its efficiency and it can now reach the level of species recognition.
- Stratigraphy based on coccolith shape evolution will be a new direction for high resolution quantitative biostratigraphy