Late diagenetic versus nearprimary isotopic compositions in Ordovician carbonate rocks and fossils: A Baltoscandian example

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Outcrop samples: Floian to Darriwilian carbonates

Core samples: Darriwilian to Sandbian. Kareham core drilled offshore Oland, Sweden.

The Baltoscandia Palaeobasin with Ordovician facies belts outlined (modified from Stouge, 2004).





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RESULTS

Scanning Electron Microscopy



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- Mn/Ca ratios do not systematically vary with C nor O isotope data.
- Heaviest C & O isotope values are associated with elevated Mn/Ca and depleted Sr/Ca
- Sr/Ca ratios show negative correlation with C isotope data suggesting that diagenetic alteration is associated with heavier C isotope values



Sr/Ca and Mn/Ca ratios plotted against brachiopod oxygen and carbon isotope data





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- Bulk carbonate and brachiopods show similar carbon isotope trends
- Brachiopods are offset by 0.5 ‰ wrt C isotopes.
- The prominent Middle Darriwilian carbon isotope excursion – MDICE – is preserved in both bulk rocks and brachiopods.
- O isotopes show a clear Darriwilian increase similar to coeval trend documented in the east Baltic (Rasmussen et al. 2016).
- Although partially altered, these fossil brachiopods are interpreted to retain a record of Middle Ordovician climate amelioration.

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