

Light intensity control on compound specific carbon isotope fractionation in cultures of *Haslea ostrearia*.

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Highly branched isoprenoids (HBIs) have successfully been used in sea ice reconstructions in the Arctic (IP₂₅) and the Antarctic (IPSO₂₅) [1] and show to be robust qualitative sea ice proxies preserved in sedimentary records dating back as far as the Late Miocene [2]. To explore unique information about sea ice characteristics e.g. ice thickness/light penetration, novel tools such as compound-specific stable isotopes ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$) may be useful. In the case of IP₂₅ $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ in the Arctic sea-ice, sediment traps and sediments, high values suggest that carbon fractionation is affected by sea-ice environments [3]. We present $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ data of certain HBIs from *Haslea ostrearia* grown under different light settings, which aim to explore biochemical effects of *Haslea ostrearia* adaptation to different light settings [4]. Further efforts will focus on the investigation of both $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ of HBIs from sea-ice diatoms as part of the developmental work looking at new and complementary HBI derived tools for sea ice reconstructions.

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