



PhD School of Earth Sciences

Short Course

Isotope (carbon and strontium) stratigraphy of shallow-water carbonates: principles, methods and case histories.

12h of lectures and exercises – 3 ECTS credits

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Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of carbonate sedimentology, paleontology, geochemistry.

Short Program of the Course:

Course introduction: why isotope stratigraphy (30 min)

1. Strontium isotope stratigraphy (2h 30 min lectures + 3h exercise)

- Principles, methods and applications
- The problem of sample selection and diagenetic screening
- Discussion of case histories: critical evaluation of papers applying strontium isotope stratigraphy to shallow-water carbonates
- Exercise: sample selection and data evaluation

2. Carbon isotope stratigraphy (3h lectures + 3h exercise)

- Principle, methods and applications
- Problems and limitations in the application of carbon isotope stratigraphy to shallow-water carbonates
- Discussion of case histories: critical evaluation of papers applying carbon isotope stratigraphy to shallow-water carbonates
- Exercise: evaluation and interpretation of datasets of carbon isotope stratigraphy

Suggested introductory readings:

McArthur, J. M., Howarth, R. J., Shields, G. A. & Zhou, Y. (2020). Chapter 7 - Strontium Isotope Stratigraphy. In: Geologic Time Scale 2020 (vol. 1, pp. 211–238). Elsevier.

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Cramer, B. D. & Jarvis, I. (2020). Chapter 11 - Carbon Isotope Stratigraphy. In: Geologic Time Scale 2020 (vol. 1, pp. 309–343). Elsevier.

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