

## **The Arctic Ocean in the Cenozoic climate system**

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The history of the Arctic Ocean remained poorly known until the 2004 IODP coring of Lomonosov Ridge sediments which revealed the existence of an Eocene 'lake-stage' prior to the marine submergence (e.g., Moran et al., *Nature* 441, 2004). As a consequence of high latitude plate tectonics movements, the opening of Fram Strait (cf. Jakobsson et al., *Nature* 447, 2007) allowed input of North Atlantic marine water into the Arctic basin leading to a shift from lacustrine to marine environmental conditions. Osmium isotope stratigraphy and Re-Os isochrons concur to assign a Late Eocene age (~36 Ma) to this lake drainage/marine submergence event (Poirier & Hillaire-Marcel, *GRL* 36, 2009; *GRL* 28, 2011). This late Eocene opening of Fram Strait confers a potential role to the Arctic basin into the inception of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) during the Early Oligocene (Davies et al., *Nature* 410, 2001). Coring expeditions of the last decade yielded complementary records spanning the last few climatic cycles, although stratigraphies, in the central Arctic Ocean notably, remain open to debate beyond a few tens of thousand years. Nonetheless, the late deglaciation is sufficiently well documented to illustrate the potential role of export of Arctic Ocean sea-ice and freshwater into instabilities of the AMOC.

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**Peer-reviewed publications** (last five years; \* relevant public. for this proposal)

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- Refsnider, K.A., Miller, G.H., Hillaire-Marcel, C., Fogel, M., Ghaleb, B., Bowden, R., 2012: Subglacial carbonates constrain basal conditions and oxygen isotopic composition of the Laurentide Ice Sheet over Arctic Canada. *Geology* 40, 135-138.

2011

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#### **Reviewed conference proceedings (last 5 years)**

- \*Hillaire-Marcel, C., 2011. Foraminifera isotopic records, with special attention to high northern latitudes and the impact of sea-ice distillation processes. *Integrated Ocean drilling Program, Summer School, IOP Conf. Series: Earth and Environmental Science* 14 (2011) 012009 doi:10.1088/1755-1315
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### Book chapters & monographs (last 5 years)

- \*de Vernal, A., Hillaire-Marcel, C., Solignac, S. and Radi, Taoufik, 2008. Reconstructing Sea Ice Conditions in the Arctic and Sub-Arctic Prior to Human Observations. *Geophysical Monographs* 180, 10.1029/180GM04.
- \*Hillaire-Marcel, C. and de Vernal, A., 2007: Introduction and definitions. In *Methods in Late Cenozoic Paleoceanography*. Elsevier, Hillaire-Marcel and de Vernal, eds., Elsevier, Amsterdam (NL).
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### Post-doctoral fellow supervised (last 5 years; \* co-supervised)

*Bianca Fréchette	2011	<i>Paleoclimatology of the Arctic</i>
André Poirier	2007	<i>Isotope geochemistry of Osmium on Lomonosov Ridge</i>
Jennifer McKay	2007	<i>Paleoceanography of the Western Arctic</i>

### Doctorate theses supervised (last 5 years; \* co-supervised)

*Jenny Maccali	2012	<i>Arctic-North Atlantic linkages through Fram Strait</i>	Canada
*Eric Rosa	2011	<i>Isotope tracers of large river basin systems of Eastern</i>	
Christelle Not	2010	<i>Geochemistry of actinides and daughter isotopes in Arctic Sediments</i>	
*Matthieu Moingt	2007	<i>Residence time of organic carbon in aquatic systems</i>	
*Kim, Sang-Tae	2006	<i>Isotopic fractionation in carbonates</i>	

### Ongoing Theses (expected year of completion and working titles; \* co-supervised):

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Laurence Nuttin	2013	<i>Les actinides dans les sédiments quaternaires (mer du Labrador et Baie de Baffin)</i>
*Olivia Gibb	2012	<i>Micropaléontologie, géochimie isotopique et paléocéanographie (Baie de Baffin &amp; Mer du Labrador)</i>
*Quentin Simon	2012	<i>Géochronologie &amp; paléomagnétisme sédiments quaternaires Baie de Baffin</i>