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Working backwards: How do we know a paleo-proxy works?

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What the modern ocean can tell us about Earth's past

In this talk, I will revisit the third theme of GEOTRACES—developing proxies for past change—and explore how modern trace-element and isotope distributions inform what we can reliably reconstruct about Earth's past.

Beryllium isotopes in ice-marginal sediments: what are we measuring?

In this talk, I will outline uses for sedimentary beryllium in ice-marginal settings (e.g. melt, circulation). But every proxy interpretation is built on method-related assumptions, so I will discuss their limits and key open questions.



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