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RÉSUMÉ

Une carotte sédimentaire, couvrant les derniers 2500 ans, a été échantillonnée sur la marge continentale Ouest du Spitzberg dans le détroit de Fram (78,92°N 6,77°E, profondeur d'eau : 1497 m) avec pour objectif de reconstituer les variations hydroclimatiques à partir de l'analyse des assemblages de dinokystes. L'abondance relative des taxons de dinokystes ainsi qu'une analyse en composantes principales permet de distinguer une période de transition majeure à 300 ans cal. BP. Celle-ci est marquée par la disparition simultanée des taxons thermophiles Spiniferites mirabilishyperacanthus et Impagidinium sphaericum ainsi qu'une augmentation des taxons polaires-subpolaires Impagidinium pallidum et Pentapharsodinium dalei. Les températures de surface estimées suggèrent des conditions plus chaudes que celles de l'actuel (moyenne de 7°C en Été, soit une anomalie d'environ +2°C) jusqu'à 300 ans cal. BP malgré plusieurs phases de refroidissement vers 1700, 1500, 1200 et 800 ans cal. BP. Les derniers 300 ans se caractérisent par une tendance au refroidissement, avec des températures d'Été chutant de 7,6 à 3,5°C et un couvert de glace de mer atteignant 7 mois/an. Les résultats obtenus montrent que le couvert de glace de mer et la température de surface océanique dans la région du détroit de Fram sont sensibles aux variations hydroclimatiques, principalement liées au débit relatif des eaux chaudes et salées du courant Nord Atlantique pénétrant à l'Est et des eaux froides et dessalées sortant de l'Arctique, à l'Ouest. Nos données mettent également en évidence un optimum thermique vers 1320 ans cal. BP qui représenterait le seul intervalle des derniers 2500 ans pouvant être un analogue des conditions modernes post-AD 2000 et se singularisant par une absence du couvert de glace de mer.

Mots clés : Holocène, mers nordiques, détroit de Fram, conditions océaniques de surface, dinokyste

INTRODUCTION GÉNÉRALE

Changement climatique et instabilités du climat Holocène

Les observations climatiques et hydrographiques de ces dernières décennies nous ont montré à quel point le climat est sensible aux moindres perturbations. Le dernier rapport du groupe d'experts intergouvernemental sur l'évolution du climat (GIEC, 2007) met en évidence ces instabilités climatiques et le fait que ce sont principalement les hautes latitudes qui enregistrent les changements les plus significatifs. En outre, les données satellitaires illustrent une diminution sans précédent dans l'étendue et la concentration du couvert de glace de mer arctique (cf. par exemple, <u>http://arctic.atmos.uiuc.edu/</u>). À l'échelle de l'Holocène, de nombreux travaux sur les hautes latitudes de l'hémisphère Nord confirment l'existence d'instabilités climatiques de basse fréquence. À titre d'exemple, en 1995, O'Brien démontra que la circulation atmosphérique au-dessus de la calotte groenlandaise variait en suivant des cycles millénaires (O'Brien et al., 1995). D'autres études menées sur les carottes de glace du Groenland (GRIP : Greenland Ice Core Project et GISP 2: Greenland Ice Sheet Project Two) ont confirmé ces instabilités avec des fluctuations séculaires à millénaires. Des observations semblables ont été faites à partir de divers enregistrements issus de carottes de glace (e.g., Alley et al., 1997), de spéléothèmes (e.g., McDermott, Mattey et Hawkesworth, 2001), de la dendrochronologie (e.g., MacDonald et al., 2000; Bennike, 2004) et de carottes marines (e.g., Bond et al., 1997, 1999; Campbell et al., 1998; Bianchi et McCave, 1999; Husum et Hald, 2004) (cf. Tableau et Figures des pages 5-9). Malheureusement, en raison de vitesses de sédimentation souvent faibles dans les milieux marins, notamment dans les régions arctiques et subarctiques, les reconstitutions paléocéanographiques manquent de résolution temporelle pour documenter les variations décennales à séculaires de l'Holocène (e.g., Hald et al., 2004).

Objectifs

Dans le contexte du réchauffement climatique actuel, il s'avère pertinent d'étudier les changements climatiques et océaniques récents, avec une résolution temporelle élevée, afin de mieux dissocier les cycles naturels des perturbations anthropiques. Ici, notre objectif est de développer un enregistrement haute résolution des variations hydroclimatiques pendant l'Holocène tardif dans le détroit de Fram, à partir de l'étude de la carotte JM-06-WP-04-MCB (JM04 dans le texte ; 78,92°N 6,77°E, profondeur d'eau : 1497 m, Figure 1). Celle-ci est localisée sur le talus de la marge continentale Ouest du Spitzberg où le sédiment holocène atteint plusieurs mètres d'épaisseur (Husum, 2006). Situé entre le Groenland et le Spitzberg, le détroit de Fram fait partie des mers nordiques, une des régions les plus importantes de l'Atlantique Nord puisqu'elle constitue une zone de convergence entre les masses d'eau des océans arctique et atlantique (Figure 1). Quelques études ont été menées dans cette région mais le manque de résolution ne permet pas de distinguer ces oscillations décennales à séculaires, en particulier pour l'Holocène tardif (*e.g.*, Hald *et al.*, 2004, 2007 ; Ślubowska-Woldengen *et al.*, 2007).

Contexte océanographique

Les mers nordiques se caractérisent par la rencontre des masses d'eaux chaudes et salées du courant Nord Atlantique (CNA), s'écoulant vers le Nord-Est, et les masses d'eaux froides et dessalées du courant Est Groenlandais (CEG), qui s'écoulent vers le Sud-Ouest. Le CNA, dans le prolongement du Gulf Stream, traverse l'Atlantique via la dérive Nord Atlantique et se poursuit par le courant Atlantique Norvégien puis le courant Ouest Spitzberg. Le CNA représente un débit de 35 Sv (Krauss *et al.*, 1987). En atteignant les hautes latitudes, celui-ci redistribue la chaleur latente accumulée au niveau de l'Équateur. Le CNA joue donc un rôle prépondérant sur le climat des régions polaires. Il joue également un rôle important sur la circulation thermohaline puisque son refroidissement hivernal rend compte de la formation d'eau profonde dans les mers nordiques. La formation d'eau profonde dépend aussi de la densité et de la salinité des eaux de surface. Or, dans les mers nordiques, ces deux paramètres sont déterminés par les flux d'eau douce d'origine arctique. Le débit d'eau douce du détroit de Fram est estimé à environ 160 mSv réparti de la manière suivante : 80 mSv sous forme de glace et 65-95 mSv sous forme liquide (*cf.* Dickson *et al.*, 2007). Toutefois, la quantification de l'exportation de glace est différente selon les études et les paramètres pris en compte, sans doute en raison d'une variabilité interannuelle élevée. Par exemple, Koenigk *et al.* (2006) rapporte un flux sortant de glace de mer entre 75 et 100 mSv. Quoi qu'il en soit, le détroit de Fram semble être un secteur très sensible du système climatique, qu'il s'agisse du CNA ou des flux d'eau douce issus de l'Arctique.

Méthodes

Les conditions océaniques de surface (température, salinité, glace de mer) de la carotte JM04 sont reconstituées en utilisant les kystes de dinoflagellés (*i.e.*, dinokystes) qui sont des protistes. Les dinokystes sont composés d'une paroi organique réfractaire nommée dinosporine (*e.g.*, Kokinos *et al.*, 1998 ; Versteegh et Blokker, 2004), ils présentent l'avantage de ne pas être affectés par la dissolution et la distribution de leurs assemblages est étroitement liée aux paramètres hydrographiques. Dans les environnements subpolaires, ils sont bien préservés dans les sédiments et leur diversité taxonomique est relativement élevée (de Vernal, Guiot et Turon, 1994 ; de Vernal *et al.*, 1997, 2001, 2005 ; de Vernal et Marret, 2007 ; Mudie et Rochon, 2001).

Dans le but de faire les meilleures reconstitutions possibles au site de carottage, nous avons augmenté le nombre d'échantillons de la base de données de référence des dinokystes dans les mers nordiques et le détroit de Fram à partir de l'analyse des échantillons de surface collectés lors des campagnes océanographiques *WarmPast* en 2006 et 2007 (JM06-WP et JM07-WP) (Figure 2) (Husum, 2006, 2007). La base de données de référence des dinokystes dans les mers nordiques, présentée ici, comprend 94 sites au-dessus de 70°N. Elle a été utilisée pour analyser la distribution des assemblages à une échelle régionale et pour définir les relations avec les conditions hydrographiques modernes, le plus précisément possible (Figure 2). Ces données régionales ont été combinées avec la base de données Nord Atlantique et Arctique des dinokystes (de Vernal *et al.*, 2005) pour la reconstitution du couvert de glace, des températures et salinités de surface, à partir de la technique des analogues modernes (MAT) et de celle des réseaux artificiels de neurones (ANN) (*e.g.*, Guiot et de Vernal, 2007).



Graphique illustrant les anomalies de températures dans l'hémisphère Nord pour les derniers deux mille ans AD à partir d'observations, de reconstitutions et de simulations (figure empruntée au GIEC, 2007). La Période Chaude Médievale et le Petit Âge Glaciaire sont définis entre AD 500-1500 et 1550-1850, respectivement (GIEC, 2007).



Carte de localisation de la carotte étudiée JM04 et des sites de l'Atlantique Nord auxquels il est fait référence dans le tableau. Les trajectoires des principaux courants de surface sont représentées (*cf.* Hansen et Østerhus, 2000). Les flèches épaisses et en tiretés correspondent, respectivement, aux courants chauds et froids. CEG : courant Est groenlandais, CEI : courant Est islandais, COG : courant Ouest groenlandais, CES : courant Est Spitzberg, CL : courant du Labrador, GS : Gulf Stream, CI : courant d'Irminger, N-CNA : branche Nord du courant Nord Atlantique, N-CNA : branche Sud du courant Nord Atlantique, RH-CNA : branche Rockall-Hatton du courant Nord Atlantique, CP : courant de pente, CF : courant des îles Féroé, E-CN : branche Est du courant norvégien, O-CN : branche Ouest du courant norvégien, COS : courant Ouest Spitzberg.

Numéro associé à la carte de localisation	Coordonnées	Auteurs	Site/réglon d'étude	Intervalle de temps étudié (année)	Résolution temporelle	Proxies utilisés	Paramètres étudiés	Périodicité(s) des évènements	AmpHtude des évènements	Petit Âge Glaclaire (cal. BP)	Période Chaude Médievale (cal. BP)
1	60.55°N, 7.42°E	Dahl <i>et al</i> 1994	Norvège (Hardangerjokulen)	9100-0	-	Dépôts terrrestres ot lacustres	Fluctuations des glaciers	-	-	575±75	-
2	Région autour de 68°N, 19°E	Grudd <i>et al.,</i> 2002	Suède	7400-0	Annuelle	Anneaux d'arbres (dendrochronologie)	Température d'Été	De quelques années à plusieurs siècles, pas de variations millénaires	-	-	950-850
3	Région autour de 62.28°N, 6.65°E et 68.05°N, 18.22°E	Karlén et Kuylenstierna, 1996	Suède et Norvège	10 000-0	-	Sédiments glacio- lacustres et moraines alpines	Fluctuations des glaciers	2200 et 1000 ans	2°C	-	-
4	52.28°N, 9.43°W	MeDermott et al., 2001	irlande (Crag Cave)	10 000-0	Décennale à 22 ans	Enregistrement δ ¹² Ο à partir d'un spéléothème	Température de l'air et composition isotopique de la vapeur d'eau	Pics centrés à 625, 169 ot 78 ans	-	2 phases et est centré à 400	Contré à 1000±200
5	61.67°N, 7.17°E	Nesje et al., 2001	Norvàge (règion de Jostedalsbreen)	10 500-0	13 à 118 ans avec une moyenne de 35 ans	Taille des grains dans les sédiments et perte au feu	Fluctuations des glaciers et précipitations hivernales	-	-	800	-
6	72.57°N, 38.48°W	O'Brien et al., 1995	Groenland (GISP 2)	12 000-0	-	Flux du sel de mer et poussières terrestres	Composition chimique et circulation atmosphérique	2600 ans	-	-	-
7	69.2°N, 21.47°E	Scppă <i>et al.</i> , 2002	Fennoscandie (Toskałjavri)	9600-0	60 ans	Potten	Précipitations annuelles et température moyenne de Juillet	Pas de périodicité de 1500 ans, pas de changement abrupt du climat	< 2°C	800-200	1400-1000

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Tableau de synthèse des enregistrements paléoclimatiques de l'Holocène dans le domaine continental (voir Figure précédente pour la carte de localisation)

Numéro associé à la carte de localisation	Coordonnées	Auteurs	Site/région d'étude	Intervalle de temps étudié (année)	Résolution temporelle	Proxies utilisés	Paramètres étudlés	Périodicité(s) des évènements	Amplitude des évènements	Petit Âge Glaciaire (cal. BP)	Période Chaude Médievale (cal. BP)
8	66.97°N, 7.64°E	Andersson er al., 2003	Mer de Norvège (Plateau de Voring)	3000-0	2 carolles : 3.4 et 8.4 ans	lsotopes stables et foraminifères planetoniques	Température de surface de l'océan	-	< 2°C	Commence vers 600- 500, 2 phases et est centré à 300	1100-700.
9	66.98°N, 17.95°W	Bendle et al., 2007	Islande	10 200-0	20 ans	Alkénones	Température de surface de l'océan	Oscillations millénaires	> 2°C	340-80	-
10	56.35°N, 27.8°W	Bianchi et McCave, 1999	Islande	10 500 -0	-	Taille moyenne des silts	Vitesse do l'ISOW (Iceland-Scotland Overflow Water)	1500 ans	-	Centré à 400	1050-750
11	64.78°N, 29.57°W 54.27°N, 16.78°W 54.25°N, 16.83°W 55.47°N, 14.72°W	Bond et al., 2001	Détroit du Danemark (Plateau de Rockall)	12 000-0	30 à 50 ans	Débris glaciaires (vélage), foraminifères planctoniques, 8 ¹³ C, verre volcanique d'Islande, grains d'hématite	Débris glaciairos (vélago)	1100-900 ct 500-300 ans	-	-	-
12	64.78°N, 29.57°W 54.27°N, 16.78°W	Bond <i>et al.,</i> 1997	Détroit du Danemark (Plateau de Rockall)	11 100-1400	-	Débris glaciaires (vélage), foraminifères planctoniques, δ ¹⁷ C, verte volcanique d'Islande, gruns d'hérnatite	Débris glaciaures (vélage)	1470±500 ans	< 2°C	-	-
13	66.97°N, 7.63°E	Calvo et al., 2002	Mer de Norvège (Plateau de Voring)	15 800-0	7 à 200 ans	Alkénones	Température de surface de l'océan	1500 ans	Max. 2.6°C	-	-
14	Islande : 66.5°N. 19.5°W et 66.55°N. 17.68°W Norvège : 60.85°N. 3.72°E et 60.87°N, 3.73°E Écosse : 56.67°N. 5.83°W	Etriksson et al., 2006	Islande, Norvège, Écosse	2000-0	Islande : moins de 20 ans Norvège : 4 à 22 ans Écosse : 7 ans	Islande : isotopes stables, diatomées, nandyses sédimentologiques, dinolystes Norvège : isotopes stables Écosse : isotopes stables	Islande : débris glaciaires (vélage), tempériture de surface de l'océan Norvége : changements de l'umpériture dans le flux du courant Nord Atlantique Écosse : tempériture des eaux de font en Été	Écosse : oscillations décennales à centennales	Islande : 2°C Norvègo : 2°C Écosse : 1 à 2°C	650-50	Islande : 050 850

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Tableau de synthèse des enregistrements paléoclimatiques de l'Holocène dans le domaine océanique (voir Figure précédente pour la carte de localisation)

Numéro associé à la carte de localisation	Coordonnées	Auteurs	Site/région d'étude	Intervalle de temps étudié (année)	Résolution temporelle	Proxies utilisés	Paramétres étudiés	Périodicité(s) des évènements	Amplitude des évènements	Petit Âge Giaciaire (cai. BP)	Période Chaude Médievale (cal. BP)
15	69.48°N, 18.38°E	Husum <i>et al.</i> , 2004	Norvège (Malangenfjord)	8000-1600	33 à 78 nns	Foraminifères benthiques et isotopes stables	Températures des eaux de fond	Oscillations millénaires	3°C	-	-
16	68.3°N, 29.91°W	Jenuings <i>et al.,</i> 1996	Groenland (Naûsen Fjord)	1300-0	4 à 9 ans	Foraminifères benthiques et planctoniques, lithofaciès, analyses sédimentologiques	Débris glaciaires (vélage), glace de mer, massos d'eau régionales	-	-	320-45	1220-840
17	66.5°N, 19.07°\V	Jiang <i>et al.</i> 2002	Islandc	4600-0	-	Diatomées	Température de surface de l'océan en Été	-	1-2°C	Centré à 350	Centré à 850
18	62.36°N, 6.16°E	Mikalson <i>et al.,</i> 2001	Norvège (Sulafjord)	5500-0	17 à 22 ans	Foraminiferes benthiques et 8 ³⁶ O	Oxygénation et température des eaux de fond	-	Min 2°C	325	-
19	66.96°N, 7.63°E	Risebrobakken et al., 2003	Mer de Norvège (Plateau de Voring)	13 800-0	15 à 27 2ns	δ ¹¹ O des foraminifères	Température de surface de l'océan	Faibles périodicités décennales, centennales et millénaires (1400, 1250, 1150, 900, 570, 550, 417, 260, 115, 81 ans)	2°C	-	-
20	66.55°N, 17.68°W	Rousse et al., 2006	Islande	10 000-0	10 à 20 ans	Analyses paléomagnétiques	Transport du sédiment et taille des grains	Oscillations centennales (714, 238, 167, 104 ans)	-	620-150	930-620
21	75°N, 14°E	Sarnthein <i>et al.</i> , 2003	Mer de Barents	14 000-700	10 à 70 ans	Foramin:feres planetoniques	Température de surface de l'océan	1000-1350, 885/840, 400- 650, 505/605, 230, 145 et 92/95 ans	< 4°C	-	-
22	50.2°N, 45.68°W et 58.2°N, 48.37°W	Solignac et al., 2004	Islande	8000-2500	100 à 300 ans	Dinokystes	Température et salinité de surface de l'océan, couvert de glace de mer	Oscillations millénaires	Max. 5°C	-	

Tableau de synthèse des enregistrements paléoclimatiques de l'Holocène dans le domaine océanique (voir Figure précédente pour la carte de localisation)

CHAPITRE I

VARIABILITY OF SEA-SURFACE TEMPERATURE AND SEA-ICE COVER IN THE FRAM STRAIT OVER THE LAST TWO MILLENNIA

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Abstract

A sediment core located on the West Spitzbergen margin in the Fram Strait (78.92°N 6.77°E, water depth: 1497 m) was analyzed for its dinocyst content in order to reconstruct hydroclimatic variations of the last 2500 years. The relative abundance of dinocyst taxa and principal component analysis show a major transition at about 300 cal. years BP. It is characterized by the disappearance of thermophilic taxa Spiniferites mirabilis-hyperacanthus and Impagidinium sphaericum and the increase of polar-subpolar taxa Impagidinium pallidum and Pentapharsodinium dalei. Seasurface temperature (SST) estimates suggest warmer conditions than present (anomaly $\sim +2^{\circ}$ C) averaging at 7°C in summer until 300 cal. years BP, although cooling pulses are recorded around 1700, 1500, 1200 and 800 cal. years BP. The last 300 years were marked by a cooling trend from 7.6 to 3.5°C and sea-ice cover up to 7 months/yr. The results demonstrate that the Fram Strait area is sensitive to hydroclimatic variations, notably with respect to sea-ice and SSTs, which are linked to the relative strength of northward flow of North Atlantic waters to the East and southward outflow of cold and fresh waters from the Arctic Ocean. Based on our data, the thermal optimum recorded around 1320 cal. years BP is the only interval of the last 2500 years that provides a possible analogue for the modern post-AD 2000 interval, which is characterized by sea-ice free conditions.

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1. Introduction

Located North of the Greenland Sea, the Fram Strait is the major gateway between the Arctic and North Atlantic oceans (Figure 1). It is a key area with respect to poleward heat transport through the North Atlantic Current (NAC) to the East and freshwater fluxes from the Arctic to the North Atlantic to the West. Whereas the NAC inflow represents 35 Sv (Krauss et al., 1987), the total freshwater outflow is estimated around 160 mSv (80 mSv as ice and 65-95 mSv as liquid) according to Dickson et al. (2007). Thus, exchanges taking place in the Fram Strait play an important role in polar climate, sea-ice cover extent and thermohaline properties of upper water masses in the Nordic Seas. At high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere, numerous studies have shown instabilities in the Holocene climate. They include studies on Greenland ice cores (e.g., O'Brien et al., 1995; Alley et al., 1997), speleothems (e.g., McDermott et al., 2001), tree-rings (e.g., MacDonald et al., 2000; Bennike, 2004) and marine cores (e.g., Bond et al., 1997; Campbell et al., 1998; Bianchi and McCave, 1999; Husum and Hald, 2004). In particular, some studies led by Hald et al. (2004, 2007) and Ślubowska-Woldengen et al. (2007) in the area of Svalbard show a gradual cooling from 8800 cal. years BP to the late Holocene, possibly resulting from regional decrease in the contribution of Atlantic water fluxes to polar waters. However, due to low sedimentation rates in marine environments, paleoceanographic reconstructions often lack of temporal resolution to document decadal to centennial timescale variations of the late Holocene (e.g., Hald et al., 2004).

Here, our objective is to develop a high-resolution record of ocean and climate variations during the late Holocene in the Fram Strait based on the analysis of core JM-06-WP-04-MCB (JM04 in the text; 78.92°N 6.77°E, water depth: 1497 m; Figure 1), which is located on the slope of the western continental margin of Svalbard, in an area characterized by relatively thick Holocene sedimentary sequence (Husum, 2006). In the present study, we report on the paleoclimate record of core JM04 based on

organic-walled dinoflagellate cysts (or dinocysts), which permit the reconstruction of sea-surface conditions, including winter and summer sea-surface temperatures (SSTs), salinities (SSSs) and sea-ice cover (de Vernal et al., 1994, 1997, 2001, 2005; de Vernal and Marret, 2007). In subpolar environments, dinocysts are usually well preserved in sediments and distribution of their assemblages is closely related to hydrographical parameters, notably to the seasonal sea-ice extent.

In order to better understand the distribution of dinocyst assemblages in the Nordic Seas and Fram Strait prior to making quantitative reconstructions at the coring site, we have developed a regional dataset with surface sediment samples collected during WarmPast expeditions JM-06-WP and JM-07-WP (Figure 2) (Husum, 2006, 2007). The regional dataset that comprises 94 sites North of 70°N was used for multivariate analyses with the aim to define the relationships between dinocyst assemblages and hydrographic conditions with the best possible accuracy (Figure 2). It was combined with the North Atlantic and Arctic dinocyst database (de Vernal et al., 2005) for the reconstructions of sea-ice cover, sea-surface temperatures and salinity using the modern analogue and artificial neural network techniques (e.g., Guiot and de Vernal, 2007).

2. Modern oceanic setting

The surface currents in the Fram Strait are characterized by two main components: (1) the Arctic sea-ice and freshwater discharge flowing southward along the Greenland margin and forming the East Greenland Current (EGC); (2) the North Atlantic current (NAC) to the East which mixes with the East Spitsbergen Current (ESC) and forms the West Spitzbergen Current (WSC) flowing northward into the Arctic Ocean (Dickson et al., 2007; Walczowski et al., 2005) (Figure 1). The WSC arises from the North Atlantic Drift (NAD) and constitutes its northernmost extension. The NAD water mass is warm and saline, becoming colder and fresher toward high latitudes, with SSSs and SSTs gradients ranging from 35.45 to 35.04 and 10.5°C to 3.1°C between the Greenland-Scotland Ridge (57° to 66°N) and Fram Strait (75°N) (Hansen and Østerhus, 2000; Walczowski et al., 2005). In winter, the cooling of North Atlantic waters in the Nordic Seas is accompanied by convection, thus playing a major role in the formation of the North Atlantic Deep Water (NADW) and thermohaline circulation (Hansen and Østerhus, 2000; Rudels et al., 2005; Dickson et al., 2007; Komuro and Hasumi, 2007). Surface waters at the location of core JM04 are principally influenced by the WSC. Studies led by Fahrbach et al. (2001) between September 1997 and August 1999 indicate a mean transport at 78°50'N of 9.5 \pm 1.4 Sv northward (through the WSC) and 11.1 \pm 1.7 Sv southward (through the EGC) at 79°N. The balance of northward flow takes place in the Barents Sea (e.g., Schauer et al., 2002). The EGC carries fresher and colder waters with a total freshwater flux (ice and liquid) of roughly 160 mSv (80 mSv as ice and 65-95 mSv as freshwater) (Dickson et al., 2007; Holfort and Meincke, 2005).

At the coring site, mean modern SSTs (1930-2001) are -0.13 ± 1.27 °C in February and 5.17 \pm 1.62°C in August. Modern SSSs are 34.79 \pm 0.12 in February and 34.31 ± 0.78 in August (NODC, 2001). The large standard deviations of temperatures and summer salinity indicate high interannual variability of sea-surface conditions in this area. It can be explained by the site location close to the Arctic Front that separates the Atlantic and Arctic water masses and corresponds to the maximum limit of sea-ice in winter (Figure 1). Figure 3a represents the 1953-2001 sea-ice data (concentration greater than 50%) provided by the National Snow and Ice (NSIDC, http://nsidc.org/index.html) Data Center and historical records (concentration greater than 30%) from the Arctic Climate System Study (ACSYS, 2003). Both data sets show large amplitude variations of seasonal coverage from one year to another, with sea-ice ranging from 0 to 6 months/yr. Since 1982, no sea-ice cover was recorded around the site, which is probably a regional consequence of the post-industrial warming (IPCC, 2007). Sea-ice variations in Fram Strait seem interrelated with surface air temperature, which also record large amplitude variations, especially in winter (Figure 3b). These data are available at: http://www.ipcc-data.org/index.html.

3. Material and methods

The samples analyzed were collected with a multi-corer (MC) or box corer (BC) during the expeditions of R/V *Jan Mayen* (Husum, 2006, 2007) and the *Healy-Oden Trans Arctic Expedition* (HOTRAX; Darby, 2005). The multi-core JM04 is 54 cm long and was sub-sampled at 1 cm interval. Surface sediment (0-1 cm) samples from all other cores were sub-sampled and used to improve the reference database (Table 1).

In the upper 3 cm of core JM04, ²¹⁰Pb, ¹³⁷Cs measurements were performed in order to identify the depth of biological mixing and to evaluate the sediment accumulation rate. Five AMS-¹⁴C measurements on planktic foraminifera (*Neogloboquadrina pachyderma* and *Globigerina bulloides*) allowed the establishment of a chronology (Figure 8 and Table 2). The software Calib 5.0.2 (Stuiver et al., 2000) was used for calibration after correction for a 400-year atmosphere-ocean reservoir difference and normalization for a δ^{13} C of -25‰ PDB (MARINE04 calibration curve) (Hughen et al., 2004). All ages are reported as calibrated years BP (AD 1950 = 0 cal. years BP).

Samples were processed using standard palynological procedure (de Vernal et al., 1996). About 5 cm³ of sediments were sieved on 106 μ m and 10 μ m mesh sieves to eliminate the coarse and fine fractions. The fraction between 10 and 106 μ m was treated 4 times with warm HCl (10%) and 3 times with warm HF (49%) to dissolve, respectively, carbonate and silica particles. The remaining residue was mounted between slide and cover-slide in glycerin gel for observation in transmitted light microscopy at 400x magnification. A minimum of 250 dinocyst specimens were counted and identified in each sample. Pollen grains, spores and organic linings of benthic foraminifera were also counted. Only dinocyst results are presented here and

the detailed palynological results are reported in Bonnet (2009). Dinocyst taxa were identified using the nomenclature in Rochon et al. (1999) and Head et al. (2001). Concentration of palynomorphs was calculated from the marker-grain method (Matthews, 1969), which provides results with an accuracy of about 10% for a 0.95 confidence interval (de Vernal et al., 1987).

Modern hydrographic data at surface sample sites were compiled from databases of NODC (2001) and NSIDC (2003). Compilations of SSTs and SSSs were made from measurements performed between AD 1930-2001 within a radius of 30 nautical miles around sites. Sea-ice data were compiled for the interval between 1953 and 2001 within a grid of 1 degree by 1 degree of latitude and longitude. Sea-ice is expressed as the number of months per year with a concentration greater than 50%. Data from ACSYS are interpreted from ice edge position, i.e., they are defined by a set of geographic coordinates, which are compiled using polylines and polygons in GIS files. Data from the period 1553-2002 are assembled in ACSYS historical ice chart archives provided by the Norwegian Polar Institute (ACSYS, 2003). For periods with scattered data, interpolations were applied for months with no available data. It concerns mainly wintertime prior to 1750. Until 1966, data were derived from aircraft observations, ship logbooks, diaries, newspaper reports and maps. From 1966 to 2002, data constitute a combination of satellite imagery and in situ observations.

Principal component analysis (PCA) and canonical correspondence analysis (CCA) were performed with the software XLSTAT (Addinsoft, 2008). CCA was performed on the 94 surface samples of the Nordic Seas, between 70°N and 80°N and 20°W to 20°E (Figure 2) and PCA was applied on core JM04 assemblages.

Reconstructions of past sea-surface conditions were made using two different approaches for comparison and to insure the robustness of estimates. We used the modern analogue technique (MAT), which is based on the similarity degree between fossil and modern spectra and assumes fossil assemblages developed in environmental conditions that are similar to their modern analogues (Guiot, 1990). We also used the artificial neural network (ANN) technique, which relies on calibration between hydrographical parameters and assemblages (cf. Malmgren and Nordlund, 1997). Among transfer function methods currently used in paleoceanography, MAT and ANN perform the best although both have caveats (e.g., Kucera et al., 2005; Guiot and de Vernal, 2007).

Reconstructions from MAT were made using the Northern Hemisphere reference database that includes 1189 sites in addition to the 19 surface samples from the Fram Strait analyzed here (Figure 4). We followed the procedures described by de Vernal et al. (2005) and we used a set of ten analogues for estimating past sea-surface conditions. Reconstructions from ANN were based on two different calibration data sets following the procedures described by Peyron and de Vernal (2001). The geographical domain of the calibration data set is important since it may introduce a bias in reconstructions with equivalent error of prediction as shown by Peyron and de Vernal (2001). One calibration data set comprises all sites from the North Atlantic and Arctic oceans, including adjacent seas (n = 735). The other calibration data set was constrained on the basis of the geographical domain determined from the location of analogues in core JM04 (n = 437; Figure 4). MAT and ANN were performed using the R software, available at this website: http://www.r-project.org/, with scripts adapted by Guiot from PPPbase (Guiot and Goeury, 1996; http://www.imep-cnrs.com/pages/3pbase.htm).

Quantitative reconstructions of winter and summer SSTs, summer SSSs and seasonal sea-ice cover (> 50%) duration in months/year were performed. Validation tests of MAT and ANN with the two calibration data sets were made in order to evaluate the respective performance of each approach and to calculate the error of prediction (Table 3). The reliability of approaches is given by the coefficient of correlation (\mathbb{R}^2) between observed and estimated values, whereas the accuracy is provided by the root mean square error ($\mathbb{R}MSE$) that corresponds to the standard deviation of the difference between observed and estimated values. The root mean square error of prediction (RMSEP) is calculated by dividing the database in calibration (5/6) and verification data sets (1/6) (Guiot and de Vernal, 2007). The use of verification data set, which represents 1/6 of the database for the RMSEP calculations, avoids the problem of spatial autocorrelation (Telford, 2006). On the whole, all approaches provide good results, the best ones being obtained with MAT (Table 3).

4. Results

4.1. Dinocyst assemblages in surface sediments from the Nordic Seas

Surface sediment samples collected in 2006 and 2007 in the Fram Strait contain abundant dinocysts, with concentrations ranging from 195 cysts/cm³ along the Greenland margins to 28 000 cysts/cm³ in eastern Fram Strait (Figure 5). The dinocyst assemblages are dominated by the ubiquitous taxa *Operculodinium centrocarpum* and *Nematosphaeropsis labyrinthus*, in addition to *Islandinium minutum* and *Brigantedinium* spp., which often dominate in Arctic seas (e.g., Rochon et al., 1999; de Vernal et al., 2001; Matthiessen, 1995). Accompanying taxa include *Impagidinium pallidum*, *Spiniferites elongatus*, *Spiniferites ramosus* and *Pentapharsodinium dalei* (Figure 5).

I. minutum and Brigantedinium spp. occur principally along the eastern Greenland margin as documented by Rochon et al. (1999) (Figure 5). I. pallidum is mostly abundant in the open ocean settings and P. dalei is common in most samples. S. ramosus and S. elongatus are frequent in low numbers as accompanying taxa.

CCA analyses were performed on the assemblages from the 94 sites of the Nordic Seas (Figure 6). Axis 1 (CCA 1) represents 77.27% of the total variance. It is defined by negative scores of *I. minutum* and *Brigantedinium* spp., which belong to Protoperidiniales, and are generally associated with heterotrophic productivity. Axis 1 is also defined by positive scores of all other taxa, which can be mostly associated with phototrophic behavior (e.g., Taylor and Pollingher, 1987). Axis 1 correlates

negatively with sea-ice cover ($R^2 = -0.989$) and positively with August SSTs ($R^2 = 0.939$) and SSSs ($R^2 = 0.909$) (Figure 6). The geographical distribution of CCA axis 1 illustrates a strong relationship between dinocyst assemblages and sea-ice cover, positive values being associated with ice-free areas that are predominantly influenced by the North Atlantic Current. Conversely, negative values of CCA axis 1 correspond to the sites characterized by extensive sea-ice cover along the margins of the eastern Greenland coast marked by outflow of Arctic waters (Figure 7). CCA axis 2 explains 12.81% of the variance. It shows an opposition between *I. pallidum* and *N. labyrinthus* on one side, and the other taxa on the other side (Figure 6). Geographical distribution of axis 2 scores shows that the most negative values occur in the central part of the Nordic Seas, whereas positive values correspond to neritic regions (Figure 7).

4.2. Core JM04

4.2.1. Chronology

The age vs. depth relationship in the core has been established from AMS-¹⁴C measurements on planktonic foraminiferal populations and ²¹⁰Pb measurements in core-top sediments (Table 2, Figure 8). A first order estimate of sedimentation rates has been obtained from a linear regression using the calibrated ¹⁴C-ages between 11.5 and 48.5 cm. It indicates a mean sedimentation rate of about 18 cm/kyr and suggests a core-bottom age of 2500 years. However, the spreading of datum points around the regression line (R² = 0.99) points to relatively variable sedimentation rates. This is further indicated by core-top ²¹⁰Pb and ¹³⁷Cs data.

Nearly constant ²¹⁰Pb activities down to approximately 3 cm lead to set a mixed-layer boundary at this depth, but with incomplete mixing through bioturbation, as suggested by ¹³⁷Cs activities peaking some 1.5 cm below core top (Figure 8a). Below 3 cm and down to 8 cm, ln²¹⁰Pb-excesses show a decreasing linear trend leading to estimate a mean sedimentation rate of 94 cm/kyr. Extrapolating this rate up

to the core top, the age of the 3 cm-thick mixed layer can be estimated using the equation below (cf. Berger and Johnson, 1978):

 $T = 1/\lambda \times \ln[1 + (\lambda x / S)]$

where λ is the decay constant, x is the mixed-layer thickness, S the sedimentation rate and T, the radiometric age of the mixed layer. A "T" value of about 30 years is obtained here.

A significant decline in the ²¹⁰Pb-excess (from 12 to 1.3 dpm/g) is seen between mid-sample depths of 7.5 and 8.5 cm, suggesting a major drop in sedimentation rate. A poorly constrained value of about 18 cm/kyr can be calculated, contrasting sharply with the value estimated for the overlying sediment (94 cm/kyr). Nonetheless, the calibrated ¹⁴C-age of 213.5 \pm 40.5 years yielded by foraminifers at a depth of 11.5 cm and the mean sedimentation rate estimated above for the 11.5 and 48.5 cm section fit with this scenario, as illustrated in Figure 8b.

The cause of a sharp rise in the sedimentation rate dating from approximately a century ago is unknown but we observe changes in grain size, which indicate variations in detrital inputs (Figure 8c). The upper part of the sequence is marked by an increased proportion of coarse sand (fraction >106 μ m) and probably corresponds to higher sedimentary supply, notably through ice rafting. The significant decrease in dinocyst concentrations in the upper few centimeters of the core could also be explained by higher sedimentation rates and dilution with higher sedimentary inputs (cf. Figure 9b).

The final age model used for this core is based on a mixed layer age around 30 years, followed by a 90-year interval with high sedimentation rate, then ages interpolated from ¹⁴C-data assuming unchanged reservoir correction of 400 years for each datum before calibration. It is worth mentioning that assuming a constant 3 cm-thick mixed layer, bioturbation mixing would limit the temporal resolution to about 30 years near core top to approximately 150 years below.

4.2.2. Dinocyst record

Dinocysts are abundant in all samples from core JM04 with concentrations ranging from 4000 to 38 000 cysts/cm³. This corresponds to fluxes ranging from 376 to 684 cysts/cm²/yr (Figure 9b). Such values are characteristic of high productivity continental margin environments (e.g., de Vernal et al., 1994).

Dinocyst assemblages of core JM04 (Figure 9) are dominated by O. centrocarpum (60-90%), with abundant I. minutum (0.4-22%), N. labyrinthus (1-13%) and Brigantedinium spp. (0.1-11%). Accompanying taxa include S. elongatus, S. ramosus, P. dalei and I. pallidum. In the lower part of the sequence, assemblages also include thermophilic taxa, which occur rarely in surface sediment samples of the Nordic Seas. These taxa are Spiniferites mirabilis-hyperacanthus, Selenopemphix quanta and Impagidinium sphaericum (Figures 9 and 11).

We performed a PCA on taxa percentages (Figure 10). The first principal component (PC 1) explains 27.65% of the total variance and shows an opposition between *I. pallidum, S. ramosus, P. dalei* and *I. minutum* on one side and *I. sphaericum, S. mirabilis-hyperacanthus* and *O. centrocarpum* on the other side. Thus, PC 1 seems to reflect an opposition between polar-subpolar taxa and more thermophilic ones. The second principal component (PC 2) represents 16.48% of the variance and shows an opposition between *I. minutum, Brigantedinium* spp. and *S. quanta* on one side and most other taxa on the other side. PC 2 therefore seems to be determined by the trophic behavior of taxa (i.e. heterotrophic vs. phototrophic).

On the basis of taxa percentages and PCA, we can distinguish two assemblage zones (Figures 9-10). The lower zone, spanning 2500 to 300 cal. years BP is characterized by positive values of PC 1, with the occurrence of *S. mirabilis-hyperacanthus*, *S. quanta*, and *I. sphaericum*. It suggests relatively mild sea-surface conditions. The upper zone, covering from 300 cal. years BP to present, is marked by negative PC 1, the absence or rarity of thermophilic taxa *S. mirabilis-hyperacanthus*, *S. quanta* and *I. sphaericum*, and relatively high percentages of *I. pallidum*. This zone

is also characterized by increased percentages of *I. minutum*. On the whole, the upper zone reflects colder conditions than the lower one.

4.2.3. Quantitative reconstructions of sea-surface conditions

Sea-surface conditions were reconstructed quantitatively from dinocyst assemblages using MAT and ANN as briefly described in the material and methods section (Figure 12). Validation tests suggest that MAT provides the most accurate results (Table 3), but ANN was nonetheless used as a means to verify the robustness of the estimates and trends. It is worth to mention the RMSEP is lower than the RMSE for most parameters using the MAT. This demonstrates that spatial autocorrelation does not bias the MAT results (Telford, 2006).

The MAT applied to assemblages of core JM04 shows that most modern analogues are located in the Nordic Seas and northern North Atlantic (Figure 4b). It also shows that good analogues with high degree of similarity exist for all assemblages of core JM04, with distance considerably below the threshold value for poor analogue situation (Table 4). Therefore, given the high dinocyst concentrations in samples suggesting a high regional production, the accuracy of the approach as defined from validation exercises and the degree of similarity of selected analogues, MAT results meet all reliability criteria (de Vernal et al., 2005; Kucera et al., 2005; Guiot and de Vernal, 2007).

Results from ANN are generally consistent with those obtained from MAT, especially for summer and winter temperatures. Time series from ANN, however, show a lesser variability and amplitude of changes than those from MAT, which suggests a smoothing effect from calibrations. Nevertheless, the SST curves are nearly identical and show oscillations between -1°C and 5.5°C in winter and between 2.4°C and 10.0°C in summer. From 2500 to 300 cal. years BP, SSTs were relatively high with mean values of about 2°C and 7°C in winter and summer, respectively. Warm phases are recorded around 1900, 1600, 1320, 1120 and 325 cal. years BP,

with an optimum centered at 1320 cal. years BP. After 300 cal. years BP, SSTs were significantly lower with mean values of about 0°C and 3.5-4°C in winter and summer, respectively.

Salinity reconstructions show discrepancies, not only between MAT and ANN, but mostly between ANN reconstructions based on the two different calibration databases. By applying the North Atlantic-Arctic database that includes a wide range of salinity (from 20 to 36), the reconstructed summer salinity with ANN is relatively low (mean of 33). Conversely, by using the North Atlantic database as delimitated by the distribution of analogues in core JM04 (Figure 4b), the reconstructed salinity with ANN is relatively high (mean of 34). The MAT estimates average around 33.5 and vary between the maximum and minimum values provided by ANN estimates. It thus seems the ANN estimates are biased toward low and high salinity depending upon the calibration database. Salinity reconstructions from MAT seem more reliable and suggest high salinity variability, ranging from 30.5 to 35. Of interest here, are the low salinity peaks recorded around 2240, 640 cal. years BP and at the top of the sequence (280 cal. years BP). They correspond to cool phases and suggest important outflow of low saline Arctic water. The maximum salinity recorded at about 1320 cal. years BP corresponds to the thermal optimum and underlines maximum northward flow of warm and saline North Atlantic Current in the eastern Fram Strait.

Sea-ice estimates based on MAT and the two ANN calibrations also show discrepancies. In general, estimates from MAT yield higher sea-ice values than ANN, and ANN calibration using the North Atlantic data alone yields the lowest values. Here again, ANN reconstructions appear biased depending on the calibration database chosen. Given the lower sea ice RMSEP from MAT (Table 3), we are more confident with MAT results. Moreover, the MAT estimates of sea-ice cover during the last centuries are in agreement with historical data (see Figure 3), in contrary to ANN estimates. In any case, despite some uncertainties, there are consistent features in the sea-ice record, notably the existence of ice-free conditions during the thermal

optimum centered at about 1320 cal. years BP and the increased trend of sea-ice cover after 300 cal. years BP, with maximum values up to 7 months/yrs in a sub-recent interval. Moreover, all approaches lead to reconstructions showing the spreading of sea-ice cover during the cooling pulses recorded around 1700, 1500 and centered to 800 cal. years BP.

5. Discussion

Reconstructions of sea-surface conditions were performed in core JM04 that spans the last 2500 years. According to the age model based on ²¹⁰Pb and ¹⁴C measurements, sedimentation rates average around 18 cm/kyr throughout most of the sequence and reach up to 94 cm/kyr in the upper part of the core (0-8 cm), representing the last century. Taking into account mixing by bioturbation over 3 cm thick layers, the time resolution achieved with analyses performed at one cm interval is about 160 years for the interval spanning 2500 to 100 cal. years BP. Such a chronological resolution is not as high as expected, but it nevertheless remains the best one available for late Holocene marine records in the northern part of the Nordic Seas. The paleoceanographical time series of core JM04 we established, based on dinocyst assemblages, is also unique since it allows documenting sea-surface salinity and sea-ice cover in addition to sea-surface temperature.

Beyond uncertainties inherent to the application of transfer functions (see sections 3 and 4.2.3 and Table 3) and despite the smoothing effect of bioturbation, the results demonstrate large amplitude variations of temperatures, from 2 to 10°C in summer, and from -1 to 5.5°C in winter. They also show large amplitude changes in sea-ice, from ice-free conditions up to 7 months/yr, and summer salinity variations from 30.7 to 34.9. Clearly, the area of the Fram Strait is extremely sensitive to climate and ocean changes as also shown from the historical sea-ice records (Figure 3) and hydrographic data (NODC, 2001).

Numerous studies in high latitudes of the North Atlantic Ocean and surrounding lands led to document climate changes during the Holocene with amplitude ranging from 1 to 3°C (e.g., Bendle and Rosell-Melé, 2007; Ślubowska-Woldengen et al., 2007; Hald et al., 2004, 2007; Rousse et al., 2006; Eiriksson et al., 2006; Solignac et al., 2004; Husum and Hald, 2004). At the scale of the last two millennia, most data come from Scandinavia, Greenland, Svalbard and Iceland, and there are a few records available from the marine realm (e.g., compilation in IPCC, 2007). In most of records, the largest climate change is associated with the transition from the Medieval Warm Period (MWP) to Little Ice Age (LIA). For example, data from the Vøring Plateau suggest a cooling of $\sim 2^{\circ}$ C at 600-500 cal. years BP based on stable isotopes and planktic foraminifers (Andersson et al., 2003). As another example, alkenone and diatom data from the North Icelandic Basin area permitted to reconstruct a cooling of about 1-2°C around 350 cal. years (cf. Bendle and Rosell-Melé, 2007; Jiang et al., 2002). Among the terrestrial records, those from Scandinavia and Ireland suggest that the LIA cooling was 2°C in amplitude and began around 800 cal. years BP (Seppä et al., 2002; Nesje et al., 2001; Karlén and Kuylenstierna, 1996). As illustrated from the examples above, there are many proxy data documenting climate changes related to the transition from the MWP to the LIA, but the amplitude and timing of the LIA cooling remains equivocal. The discrepancies from one record to another may reflect regionalism in the climate change. They may also result from uncertainties in age models and from different sensitivity of the proxies. The reconstructions from core JM04 illustrate higher amplitudes of temperature changes (up to 5°C) than what is reported in the literature, which can be related to higher sensitivity of the dinocyst proxy as compared to others in a subpolar-polar context (e.g., Solignac, 2004; de Vernal et al., 2005, 2006) or to the location of the coring site close to the Arctic Front, probably to both.

In the core JM04, dinocyst assemblages led to identify a thermal optimum dated from 1450 to 1300 cal. years BP. This optimum is marked by sea-ice free conditions,
SSTs reaching 5°C in winter and 10°C in summer and salinity slightly above the modern value. It is the only interval of the JM04 record showing conditions as warm as the ones observed since the late eighties (Figure 3). The 1450-1250 cal. years BP optimum corresponds probably to maximum strength of the NAC, which resulted in a northward shift of the Arctic Front. At the scale the northern North Atlantic region, this interval is not identified as a thermal optimum. On the contrary, it rather corresponds to a cooling in the Rockall and Vøring Plateau areas (Bond et al., 1997; Andersson et al., 2003). If we assume the chronology is correct, the discrepancies between the Fram Strait record and those of the Rockall and Vøring Plateau could reflect regionalism in the strength and characteristics of the eastern and western branches of the North Atlantic Current in the northern North Atlantic.

The record of sea-surface conditions from core JM04 indicates warmer than modern winter SSTs during the last 2500 years. The only exception is the interval spanning from 250 to 50 years BP, which is characterized by particularly low temperatures both in winter and summer. This interval illustrates a major change in dinocyst assemblages with the disappearance of *Selenopemphix quanta* and *Spiniferites mirabilis-hyperacanthus*. It also corresponds to an interval of abundant ice-rafted debris. A cold event dated at about 350-300 cal. years BP has been recorded in a few sequences, notably North of Iceland (Jiang et al., 2002; Bendle et al., 2007), off eastern Greenland (Jennings et al., 1996) and along the western Norwegian coast (Mikalsen et al., 2001). This event is commonly associated with the latest phase of the LIA. Although apparently younger, the drastic cooling recorded in core JM04 is probably correlative taking into account the chronological uncertainties.

Beyond temperature and sea-ice fluctuations, our reconstructions point out two major low salinity events, down to 31, at about 2340 and 700 cal. years BP. These events indicate dilution with freshwater outflow from the Arctic. It is worth mentioning that the freshwater event dated between 850 and 550 cal. years BP corresponds to the onset of the LIA in many marine and terrestrial paleoclimate

records of the circum Atlantic region (Nesje et al., 2001; Seppä et al., 2002; Andersson et al., 2003; Eriksson et al., 2006; Rousse et al., 2006). This supports the hypothesis of thermohaline circulation weakening as a cause of the LIA.

6. Conclusion

Dinocyst assemblages of surface sediment samples in the Fram Strait and Nordic Seas show a geographical distribution closely related to the sea-ice cover extent in addition to sea-surface temperature and salinity. It relates to the main path of surface circulation, the EGC exporting fresh and cold water from the Arctic to the West and the WSC bringing water masses warmer and saltier from the North Atlantic to the East. Thus, in the context of the Fram Strait, dinocysts are a suitable proxy for paleoceanographical conditions, especially since they are well preserved and form assemblages characterized by relatively high diversity of species. The analyses of core JM04 in the eastern Fram Strait show that important changes of sea-surface conditions occurred during the last 2500 years. In general, the late Holocene is characterized by SSTs warmer than present, but centennial oscillations of winter and summer temperatures and sea-ice cover indicate the limit of the Arctic Front remained close to the coring site throughout most of the last two millennia. From 1450 to 1300 cal. years BP, particular warm (up to 5.5°C in summer) and saline (> 34 in summer) water masses characterized the area together with year-round ice-free conditions. This corresponds to the only interval during which the Arctic Front shifted significantly to the north in Fram Strait due to poleward penetration of warm and saline North Atlantic Waters at the surface before subducting into the Arctic Ocean. In contrary, from 250 cal. years BP to the upper part of the sequence, particularly harsh conditions are recorded with sea-ice cover reaching up to 7 months/yr. Such a cooling event might constitute the regional signature of the LIA, but would correspond to its later phase. Beyond these paleotemperature peaks and centennial oscillations of SSTs, the record shows large amplitude variations of salinity with minimum values (< 33 in summer) between 850 and 550 cal. years BP. This interval coincides with the LIA as recorded at many middle-high latitude sites of the Northern Hemisphere (e.g., IPCC, 2007). This low salinity episode in the Fram Strait probably corresponds to freshwater outflows from the Arctic and might be at the origin of lower density in surface water of the Nordic Seas, thus reduced strength of the deep-water formation and thermohaline circulation in the northern North Atlantic. From this point of view, the record of core JM04 points to instabilities that are related to the dynamic of freshwater fluxes from the Arctic to the North Atlantic. This study demonstrates the sensitivity of the Fram Strait area, suggests variations in the strength and/or the latitude reached by the NAC as well as fluctuations in the thermohaline circulation.

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Figure 1. Location of core JM-06-WP-04-MCB (JM04; 78.92°N, 6.77°E, water depth: 1497 m, core length: 54 cm) and trajectories of main ocean surface currents (cf. Hansen and Østerhus, 2000). Thick arrows depict warm currents and thin arrows, cold currents. Respectively, the dashed line and dotted line represent the Arctic and Polar Front, which are associated to the maximum sea-ice extension in winter and summer as defined from the 1953-2001 data set provided by the National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC, 2001). Isobaths correspond to 200, 1000 and 3000 m. EGC: East Greenland Current, EIC: East Icelandic Current, ESC: East Spitsbergen Current, NC-E: eastern branch of the Norwegian Current, NC-W: western branch of the Norwegian Current, IC: Irminger Current.



Figure 2. Location map of the surface sediment samples used for canonical correspondence analysis (cf. Figure 6). Diamonds: data from de Vernal et al. (2005); circles: data from new reference sites (cf. Table 1). Isobaths correspond to 200, 1000 and 3000 m.



Figure 3. a) Historical records of sea-ice cover with concentration greater than 30% as a function of years for the period AD 1596-2002 at the site of core JM04. The close-up represents the sea-ice cover with concentration greater than 50% as a function of years for the period AD 1953-2001 (black curve). These data are provided by the NSIDC (2001). The grey curve illustrates historical records for the period AD 1953-2002. Data are compiled from ACSYS (2003). Note the important variability of sea-ice cover and its absence since 1982.



Figure 3. b) Historical sea-ice records for the period AD 1900-2002 and mean annual (black curve) and mean winter (December to March; grey curve) air temperature anomalies (°C) between 1901 and 1995 in this area (75-80°N; 5-11°E). Annual and winter temperatures are, respectively, -8.35 \pm 1.57°C and -16.03 \pm 2.92°C.



Figure 4. Location map of surface sediment samples used to reconstruct past sea-surface conditions from dinocyst assemblages in core JM04. a) Reference database used for MAT (n=1208 sites). b) Calibration databases for ANN: one includes all sites from the North Atlantic and Arctic (n=735 sites). The other one includes sites from the area delimited by the dashed line (n=437 sites), as defined from the best analogues selected using MAT (red points).



Figure 5. Percentage diagram of dinocyst taxa in surface sediment samples ranked by latitude (cf. Figure 2 for location). Different scales were used for dominant and accompanying taxa. Percentages of taxa with occasional occurrence lower than 1% are not reported. Dinocyst concentrations and modern sea-surface conditions (cf. National Ocean Data Center (NODC) and NSIDC, 2001) are indicated on the right of the diagram.



Figure 6. Results of CCA analysis. Ordination diagram of dinocyst taxa and environmental variables according to axis 1 and 2, and Pearson cross-correlation matrix between these two axes and hydrographical parameters. This analysis was performed with the XLSTAT software (Addinsoft, 2008), using the 94 sites (cf. Figure 2).



Figure 7. Geographical distribution of the scores for CCA axes 1 and 2, which represent, respectively, 77.27% and 12.81% of the total variance. Isobaths correspond to 200, 1000 and 3000 m.

Figure 8. a) Ln Lead-210 excess and Cesium-137 activities as a function of depth in core JM04. b) Age model of core JM04. The five dots with error bars represent calibrated Carbon-14 ages (see Table 2). The black line shows the interpolated ages vs. depth relationship, which was used to establish the chronology in the core (Figures 9, 10 and 12). From 11.5 cm to the base of the core, we calculate mean sedimentation rate of 18 cm/kyrs. The close-up of depth vs. age for the upper 12 cm of the core shows the age model based on Lead-210. c) Percentage of the coarse sand fraction (>106 μ m) as a function of age.

Figure 9. a) Diagram of dinocyst taxa percentages as a function of age in core JM04. Different scales were used for dominant and accompanying taxa. Two assemblage zones separated by the horizontal dashed line were defined on the basis of the principal component analysis calculations (cf. Figure 10). b) Dinocyst concentrations (solid line) and fluxes (dotted line). The thick dashed line correspond to smoothed concentration values (three-point running average).

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Figure 10. Principal components 1 and 2 (PC 1 and PC 2) as a function of age (left) and ordination diagram of dinocyst taxa based on PC 1 and PC 2 (right) for core JM04.

Figure 11. Distribution maps of *Selenopemphix quanta*, *Spiniferites mirabilis-hyperacanthus* and *Impagidinium sphaericum* in surface sediment samples of the northern North Atlantic. Occurrences are expressed in percentages. Isobaths correspond to 200, 1000 and 3000 m.

Figure 12. Reconstruction of sea-surface conditions (temperatures, salinity, sea-ice cover) from dinocyst assemblages for the last 2500 years as a function of age, based on MAT and ANN techniques. The overall reference database (n=1208 sites) was used for MAT (red line), the North Atlantic and Arctic database with n=735 sites was used for ANN (blue line) as well as the database delimited by the analogues with n=437 sites (dashed line) (cf. Figure 4 for calibration databases). The modern values with their standard deviations are represented by $\boxed{}$.

Cruises	Cores	Abbreviation indicated on fig. 2 and 5	Sampling type	Latitude (°N)	Longitude	Water depth (m)
HOTRAX 2005	HLY0503-22MC-8	HLY0503-22	Multicore	80.48	7.77	798
Warm Past 2006	JM06-WP-10-BCB	10	Boxcore	78.94	5.4	2483
Warm Past 2006	JM06-WP-14-BCE	14	Boxcore	78.93	1. 11	2502
Warm Past 2006	JM06-WP-04-MCB	4	Multicore	78.92	6.77	1497
Warm Past 2006	JM06-WP-12-BCB	12	Boxcore	78.91	2.42	2426
Warm Past 2006	JM06-WP-16-MCB	16	Multicore	78.9	0.28	2546
Warm Past 2006	JM06-WP-7-BCC	7	Boxcore	78.88	7.34	1181
Warm Past 2007	JM07-WP-183-MCB	183	Multicore	78.23	0.1	340
Warm Past 2006	JM06-WP-19-MCB	19	Multicore	78.01	-2.5	2859
Warm Past 2007	JM07-WP-182-MCB	182	Multicore	77.5	-0.4	3100
Warm Past 2007	JM07-WP-180-MCB	180	Multicore	77.48	-2.4	3029
Warm Past 2006	JM06-WP-21-MCE	21	Multicore	77	-3.39	1779
Warm Past 2006	JM06-WP-26-MCC	26	Multicore	74.89	-10.77	3064
Warm Past 2006	JM06-WP-24-MCA	24	Multicore	74.63	-11.19	2974
Warm Past 2007	JM07-WP-172-MCB	172	Multicore	73.78	-12.35	2742
Warm Past 2007	JM07-WP-171-MCB	171	Multicore	73.77	-13.1	2570
Warm Past 2007	JM07-WP-170-MCB	170	Multicore	73.75	-14.2	2285
Warm Past 2007	JM07-WP-168-MCB	168	Multicore	70.15	-14.52	332
Warm Past 2007	JM07-WP-176-MCB	176	Multicore	69.85	-22.13	482

Table 1. Location of surface sediment samples and core JM-06-WP-04-MCB

Table 2. Radiocarbon ages determined for the core JM-06-WP-04-MCB. The software Calib 5.0.2 (Stuiver et al., 2000) was used for calibration with a reservoir correction of 400 years and normalization for a δ^{13} C of -25‰ PDB (Stuiver et al., 2000)

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Depth (cm)	Material dated	Uncorrected AMS-"C ages (years BP)	Calibrated age interval (10) (years BP)	Calibrated age interval (10) (years AD/BC)	Laboratory	Laboratory number
11-12	Neogloboquadrina pachyderma and Globigerina bulloides	560±35	173-254	AD 1696 - AD 1777	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	140961
20-21	Neogloboquadrina pachyderma and Globigerina bulloides	1 005± 35	551-622	AD 1328 - AD 1399	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	140962
30-31	Neogloboquadrina pachyderma	1790±25	1294-1353	AD 597 - AD 656	Leibniz Laboratory, Kiel (Germany)	KIA-33880
43-44	Neogloboquadrina pachyderma and Globigerina bulloides	2235±35	1792-1889	AD 61 - AD 158	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	140963
48-49	Neogloboquadrina pachyderma	2555±25	2189-2289	340 BC - 240 BC	Leibniz Laboratory, Kiel (Germany)	KJA-34274

Table 3. Results of validation tests of sea-surface temperatures, salinity and sea-ice cover reconstructions based on MAT and ANN (databases of Atlantic+Arctic sites and according to the analogues). R² corresponds to the correlation coefficient between observed and estimated values. RMSE (Root Mean Square error) is the standard deviation of the difference between observed and estimated values. RMSEP (Root Mean Square Error of Prediction) is calculated by dividing the database in calibration and verification data sets

						TRA	NSFER FUNCT	TIONS				
		MAT (1	0 analogues)		ANN (Atla	antic + Arctic)	5 hidden layers.	5000 iterations	ANN (accordin	g to the analogue	s) 5 hidden layers	. 2000 iterations
ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETERS	σ	R²	RMSE	RMSEP	σ	R²	RMSE	RMSEP	σ	R²	RMSE	RMSEP
February temperature	1.10	0.97	1.21	1.03	1.15	0.93	1.12	1.46	1.11	0.91	1.10	1.50
Winter temperature	1.08	0.97	1.19	0.96	1.13	0.94	1.10	1.45	1.09	0.92	1.09	1.52
August temperature	1.66	0.95	1.82	1.59	1.98	0.87	1.96	1.98	1.72	0.90	1.66	2.10
Summer temperature	1.55	0.95	1.71	1.52	1.82	0.89	1.79	1.88	1.62	0.91	1.58	2.04
August salinity (>30)	0.67	0.89	0.67	0.73	0.72	0.83	0.70	0.93	0.67	0.83	0.65	0.94
Summer salinity (>30)	0.63	0.90	0.62	0.73	0.67	0.85	0.65	0.88	0.62	0.85	0.59	0.91
Sea-ice cover	1.19	0.89	1.24	1.18	1.52	0.88	1.46	1.73	1.11	0.90	1.05	1.90

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	Distance of the ten closest analogues													
Depth (cm)	ι	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
0	0.23	0.37	0.39	0.48	0.50	0.53	0.55	0.56	0.56	0.57				
I	0.18	0.26	0.40	0.41	0.45	0.50	0.51	0.51	- 0.52	0.53				
2	0.31	0.38	0.40	0.48	0.49	0.50	0.52	0.55	0.55	0.57				
3	0.29	0.32	0.32	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.41	0.41				
4	0.19	0.29	0.36	0.37	0.39	0.43	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45				
5	0.28	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.39	0.39	0.41	0.41				
6	0.24	0.35	0.37	0.37	0.39	0.39	0.41	0.42	0.43	0.46				
7	0.32	0.36	0.38	0.46	0.48	0.50	0.50	0.51	0.53	0.54				
8	0.31	0.36	0.39	0.43	0.48	0.49	0.53	0.56	0.57	0.57				
9	0.31	0.33	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38				
10	0.23	0.30	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.47	0.49	0.53	0.53				
11	0.28	0.31	0.38	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.45				
12	0.38	0.39	0.40	0.40	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.46				
13	0.31	0.42	0.48	0.49	0.50	0.57	0.58	0.61	0.61	0.61				
14	0.39	0.39	0.49	0.56	0.56	0.58	0.59	0.59	0.60	0.61				
15	0.35	0.44	0.50	0.51	0.53	0.55	0.55	0.57	0.58	0.58				
16	0.37	0.38	0.39	0.40	0.42	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.48	0.49				
17	0.34	0.41	0.42	0.43	0.45	0.45	0.51	0.51	0.52	0.52				
18	0.33	0.37	0.39	0.42	0.44	0.47	0.52	0.54	0.54	0.56				
19	0.28	0.41	0.46	0.48	0.49	0.51	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.54				
20	0.26	0.41	0.42	0.43	0.46	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.51	0.51				
21	0.14	0.39	0.40	0.42	0.43	0.45	0.47	0.48	0.51	0.52				
22	0.29	0.33	0.39	0.41	0.43	0.44	0.46	0.47	0.47	0.48				
23	0.33	0.41	0.45	0.45	0.50	0.51	0.51	0.53	0.55	0.55				
24	0.37	0.40	0.43	0.43	0.47	0.47	0.50	0.51	0.54	0.55				
25	0.24	0.45	0,46	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.54	0.54	0.55				
26	0.15	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.45	0.47	0.47	0.49	0.53				
27	0.35	0.43	0.48	0.50	0.50	0.51	0.52	0.53	0.56	0.57				
28	0.20	0.40	0.43	0.45	0.45	0.46	0.47	0.49	0.51	0.52				
29	0.32	0.46	0.47	0.52	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.56	0.56	0.57				
30	0.19	0.25	0.31	0.34	0.39	0.39	0.40	0.42	0.44	0.44				
31	0.21	0.24	0.34	0.38	0.40	0.43	0.43	0.45	0.45	0.46				
32	0.30	0.33	0.36	0.37	0.41	0.41	0.44	0.45	0.47	0.47				
33	0.20	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.48	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.50	0.50				
34	0.22	0.31	0.34	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.39	0.39	0.40				
35	0.34	0.40	0.49	0.51	0.54	0.57	0.58	0.60	0.60	0.61				
36	0.20	0.37	0.38	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.50	0.51	0.53	0.53				
37	0.39	0.40	0.41	0.46	0.49	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.55	0.56				
38	0.35	0.37	0.39	0.39	0.40	0.42	0.46	0.47	0.50	0.51				
39	0.30	0.34	0.40	0.46	0.52	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.54	0.54				
40	0.36	0.44	0.49	0.50	0.54	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.57				
41	0.31	0.32	0.37	0.38	0.40	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.43				
42	0.35	0.38	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.48	0.49	0.50				
43	0.38	0.40	0.40	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.48	0.49	0.51	0.52				
44	0.32	0.34	0.37	0.38	0.39	0.42	0.44	0.46	0.46	0.47				
45	0.26	0.38	0.39	0.44	0.46	0.47	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.51				
40	0.26	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.38	0.39	0.44	0.44	0.47	0.47				
47	0.29	0.42	0.44	0.44	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.53	0.55	0.55				
48	0.22	0.41	0.41	0.45	0.48	0.48	0.50	0.52	0.54	0.54				
49	0.23	0.25	0.33	0.39	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.45				
50	0.16	0.36	0.42	0.4.3	0.45	0.49	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.54				

Table 4. Distance of the ten closest analogues for the core JM-06-WP-04-MCB as a function of depth, obtained with MAT. The threshold value for poor analogues is 1.31

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CONCLUSION GÉNÉRALE

Fiabilité des dinokystes comme proxy

Dans le cadre de cette thèse, nous avons pu confirmer le potentiel des dinokystes comme proxy pour les reconstitutions paléoenvironnementales dans les hautes latitudes. Ils se révèlent particulièrement utiles dans les régions polaires et subpolaires pour retracer l'évolution du couvert de glace de mer. En effet, l'abondance de certains taxons hétérotrophes comme Islandinium minutum semble être reliée à la présence d'un couvert de glace saisonnier. En ce qui concerne la région du détroit de Fram, les dinokystes sont bien préservés dans les sédiments et constituent des assemblages relativement diversifiés. Par conséquent, ils représentent un excellent proxy pour les reconstitutions des conditions de surface océanique et de la glace de mer. Ainsi, les résultats d'analyse multivariée (*i.e.*, analyse canonique des correspondances) obtenus avec les assemblages de dinokystes des sédiments de surface (détroit de Fram et mers nordiques) illustrent une distribution géographique étroitement liée à l'étendue du couvert de glace de mer et à la circulation océanique de surface, avec le courant Est groenlandais exportant des eaux dessalées et froides de l'Arctique, à l'Ouest, et le courant Ouest Spitsberg apportant des masses d'eau plus chaudes et salées de l'Atlantique Nord, à l'Est.

Fonctions de transfert : validation des approches

Deux techniques ont été testées et utilisées pour reconstituer quantitativement les conditions de surface à partir des assemblages de dinokystes. La technique des meilleurs analogues (MAT) et celle des réseaux neuronaux (ANN). Les résultats des tests de validation indiquent que la méthode des analogues modernes est la plus fiable avec des erreurs de prédictions inférieures à celles obtenues avec les réseaux neuronaux. Lorsque utilisées à partir des assemblages de la carotte JM04, les deux techniques livrent des températures similaires. Par contre, la salinité et la glace de mer présentent des différences. Pour la salinité, un biais positif ou négatif est observé avec ANN selon la base de données de calibration. Pour ce qui concerne la glace de mer, ANN livre des valeurs systématiquement plus faibles que MAT. Les données historiques de glace de mer disponibles pour la période 1553-2002 (ACSYS, 2003) confirment la validité des reconstitutions de MAT. Elles révèlent en effet un couvert de glace de mer moyen entre 4 et 3 mois/an, ce qui correspond aux reconstitutions de MAT alors que ANN indique une moyenne de 1 mois/an.

Variabilité des derniers 2500 ans dans le détroit de Fram

La carotte JM04, analysée à 1 cm d'intervalle, représente une période de 2500 ans sur une longueur de 50 cm avec un taux de sédimentation variable allant de 18 $cm/10^3$ ans à 94 $cm/10^3$ ans dans la partie supérieure (0-8 cm). La résolution temporelle est de l'ordre d'une centaine d'années. Ainsi, la carotte JM04 constitue un enregistrement unique, avec une telle résolution, pour la température et la salinité de surface ainsi que pour la glace de mer. Dans l'ensemble, les températures sont plus chaudes que l'actuel avec un couvert de glace de mer saisonnier de 4 mois/an, et deux évènements climatiques majeurs marqués par (1) un optimum thermique pendant la Période Chaude Médiévale (PCM) vers 1320 ans cal. BP caractérisé par l'absence de glace de mer et (2) une sévère détérioration des conditions climatiques associée au Petit Âge Glaciaire (PAG) vers 300-250 ans cal. BP se traduisant par un refroidissement d'environ 3°C en Hiver et 5°C en Été. Au-delà de ces deux évènements, plusieurs périodes froides sont observées vers 1700, 1500, 1200 et 800 ans cal. BP. Également, deux épisodes de faible salinité (< 31) sont enregistrés à 2340 et 700 ans cal. BP auxquels s'ajoute un épisode plus récent qui pourrait coïncider avec la grande anomalie de salinité observée dans l'Atlantique Nord dans les années 1970. L'épisode centré à 700 ans cal. BP serait associé à la mise en place de la première phase du PAG, ce qui concorde avec les autres études. Le refroidissement brutal vers 300 ans cal. BP correspondrait alors à sa dernière phase. Les oscillations

séculaires à millénaires de la température et salinité de surface ainsi que de la glace de mer montrent des instabilités qui sont reliées à la dynamique des flux de l'Arctique vers l'Atlantique Nord. Les épisodes de faible salinité auraient entraîné une diminution de la densité des eaux de surface et par conséquent, une réduction de la formation d'eau profonde dans les mers nordiques et donc de la circulation thermohaline. Cette étude démontre la sensibilité du climat dans la région du détroit de Fram et suggère des variations dans le débit relatif et/ou dans la latitude atteinte par le courant Nord Atlantique ainsi que des fluctuations dans la circulation thermohaline.

APPENDICE A

TABLEAUX DE COMPTAGES ET CONCENTRATIONS DES PALYNOMORPHES TERRESTRES ET MARINS DE LA CAROTTE JM-06-WP-04-MCB

Tableau A.1. Dénombrements et concentrations des dinokystes de la carotte JM-06- WP-04-MCB
Tableau A.2. Dénombrements et concentrations des grains de pollen et des spores de la carotte JM-06-WP-04-MCB
Tableau A.3. Dénombrements et concentrations des palynomorphes remaniés et desréseaux organiques de foraminifères benthiques de la carotte JM-06-WP-04-MCB

Profondeur (cm)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Ataxiodinium choane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impagidinium pallidum	0	1	5	8	3	8	2	5	3	10	2	8	1	0	2	0	3
Impagidinium paradoxum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impagidinium sphaericum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Nematosphaeropsis labyrinthus	13	11	23	33	31	28	25	34	14	32	31	31	49	17	12	25	33
Operculodinium centrocarpum	169	286	414	303	381	369	331	376	268	397	403	402	466	403	494	501	630
Operculodinium centrocarpum court processus	1	17	12	11	5	26	15	10	1	10	11	14	7	14	12	11	5
Spiniferites elongatus	4	10	11	9	16	14	10	18	12	11	11	13	6	4	14	12	9
Spiniferites ramosus	7	5	17	17	3	10	5	12	9	8	9	15	21	20	19	10	15
Spiniferites mirabilis-hyperacanthus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	3
Spiniferites spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyste Pentapharsodinium dalei	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	2
Islandinium minutum	62	54	59	47	48	35	6	52	17	48	50	41	28	25	24	37	32
Brigantedinium spp.	18	18	13	13	18	33	4	9	6	23	29	11	22	13	13	14	8
Brigantedinium cariacoense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Brigantedinium simplex	5	1	0	0	6	6	2	4	2	0	4	0	9	4	9	4	9
Selenopemphix quanta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	3
Trinovantedinium applanatum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	279	403	554	446	511	531	400	520	332	541	550	537	615	501	605	624	754
Concentration (dinokystes /cm ³)	4414	3852	8199	16 156	10 604	13 209	29 149	11 503	4975	7285	7713	14 055	27 539	14 323	15 724	22 300	18 558

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 Tableau A.1.

 Dénombrements et concentrations des dinokystes de la carotte JM-06-WP-04-MCB

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Protondeur (cm)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
Ataxiodinium choane	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impagidinium pallidum	5	2	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Impagidinium paradoxum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impagidinium sphaericum	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0
Nematosphaeropsis labyrinthus	28	19	14	9	10	8	12	11	17	35	27	24	25	54	33	51	21
Operculodinium centrocarpum	557	553	514	431	348	262	301	307	340	161	231	404	206	348	366	381	177
Operculodinium centrocarpum court processus	20	9	5	4	3	18	10	24	15	22	9	28	27	29	27	22	13
Spiniferites elongatus	7	6	7	6	8	1	8	1	4	4	4	7	10	5	7	7	3
Spiniferites ramosus	13	12	7	3	1	2	3	7	4	1	3	2	4	3	7	4	1
Spiniferites mirabilis-hyperacanthus	3	1	2	1	í	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Spiniferites spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kyste Pentapharsodinium dalei	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Islandinium minutum	20	27	42	30	38	31	35	25	29	22	18	42	38	2	3	10	9
Brigantedinium spp.	10	5	17	19	19	24	14	9	12	11	4	5	3	5	7	20	6
Brigantedinium cariacoense	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Brigantedinium simplex	12	13	13	9	14	16	7	6	6	7	5	4	5	2	1	9	3
Selenopemphix quanta	2	1	4	7	2	3	3	3	1	0	2	2	3	2	3	2	0
Trinovantedinium app/anatum	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	678	650	628	520	445	369	400	394	430	263	305	519	321	453	457	510	235
Concentration (dinokystes /cm ³)	20 487	27 4 52	12 895	10 066	13 231	13 994	30 972	22 880	17 957	9309	13 495	19 484	8171	13 688	27 573	10 530	18 196

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Profondeur (cm)	. 34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Ataxiodinium choane	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impagidinium pallidum	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impagidinium paradoxum	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impagidinium sphaericum	1	2	2	3	3	1	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Nematosphaeropsis labyrinthus	25	23	18	13	26	32	22	29	28	38	29	16	29	50	18	9	8
Operculodinium centrocarpum	256	291	308	303	307	170	207	300	594	436	471	415	524	436	360	327	303
Operculodinium centrocarpum court processus	13	13	39	25	42	30	50	38	43	41	27	61	62	59	24	50	49
Spiniferites elongatus	4	6	6	4	3	4	8	14	17	9	17	7	9	6	2	7	6
Spiniferites ramosus	0	4	1	5	2	3	0	2	4	0	5	2	0	3	1	4	0
Spiniferites mirabilis-hyperacanthus	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	2	3	1	4	2	0	2	0	0	1
Spiniferites spp.	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Kyste Pentapharsodinium dalei	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Islandinium minutum	46	50	15	12	18	7	27	18	18	11	5	14	10	40	30	30	24
Brigantedinium spp.	6	4	6	5	8	8	14	11	5	0	4	4	5	6	4	8	8
Brigantedinium cariacoense	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brigantedinium simplex	2	4	7	3	4	1	7	6	1	1	0	3	0	2	1	5	2
Selenopemphix quanta	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Trinovantedinium applanatum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	355	401	403	376	417	256	346	425	717	537	564	525	640	605	440	444	403
Concentration (dinokystes /cm ³)	9371	13 427	13 616	14 866	11 922	11 893	7391	11 046	20 657	23 760	34 936	20 325	26 139	38 111	36 340	15 279	8368

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Profondeur (cm)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Abies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Picea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinus	9	4	2	2	5	7	1	2	1	6	6	1	1	2	3	1	1
Corylus	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juniperus	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Betula	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alnus spp.	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alnus type crispa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alnus type rugosa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indéterminés	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lycopodium annotinum	1	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lycopodium clavatum	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0 .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spore monolète	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spore trilète	4	5	5	4	6	6	3	2	4	2	6	2	2	1	1	1	4
Sphagnum	4	5	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	2	2
Total	21	23	13	7	14	14	5	4	5	8	12	3	4	3	11	4	7
Concentration (pollens / cm ³)	174	77	44	72	125	174	73	44	15	81	84	26	45	57	78	36	25
Concentration (spores / cm ³)	158	143	148	181	166	174	291	44	59	26	84	52	134	29	208	107	148

 Tableau A.2.

 Dénombrements et concentrations des grains de pollen et des spores de la carotte JM-06-WP-04-MCB

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Profondeur (cm)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
Abies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Picea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinus	3	3	3	9	4	0	4	2	2	0	2	4	5	11	3	7	2
Corylus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juniperus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Betula	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alnus spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alnus type crispa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alnus type rúgosa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indéterminés	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lycopodium annotinum	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0
Lycopodium clavatum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spore monolète	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spore trilète	2	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Sphagnum	0	j	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	0
Total	5	5	7	10	8	2	8	2	3	2	4	7	8	15	6	11	2
Concentration			(0)						0.7	0	00	150	107	262	101	144	155
(pollens / cm³) Concentration	91	127	62	174	119	0	310	116	83	0	89	150	127	303	181	144	133
(spores / cm ³)	60	84	82	19	119	76	310	0	42	71	133	113	76	121	181	62	0

Tableau A.2. (suite)

Profondeur (cm)	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Abies	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Picea	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	i	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pinus	1	2	6	5	2	3	6	4	3	4	4	3	2	4	3	3	4
Corylus	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Juniperus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Betula	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Alnus spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alnus type crispa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alnus type rugosa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indéterminés	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lycopodium annotinum	0	0	1	3	5	0	2	3	3	2	3	1	2	2	2	1	3
Lycopodium clavatum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spore monolète	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spore trilète	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Ó	0	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	0
Sphagnum	2	0	3	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	3	2	0	3	2
Total	3	3	10	9	9	5	18	9	8	10	14	9	8	9	6	10	10
Concentration	26	100	270	100	170	100	200	156	115	177	272	166	0.2	215	220	201	104
(pollens / cm ³)	20	100	270	198	1/2	180	299	120	115	1//	5/2	122	82	315	330	200	104
Concentration	53	34	135	158	200	46	85	78	86	265	106	104	245	252	165	138	104
(spores / cm ³)	55	74	155	150	200	40	0.2	/0	00	205	470	174	245	232	105	130	104

Tableau A.2. (suite)
Profondeur (cm)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Nombre de remaniés	2	6	8	1	1	0	2	3	2	2	2	0	8	10	5	1	7
Concentration (remaniés / cm ³)	32	57	118	36	21	0	146	66	30	27	28	0	358	286	130	36	172
Nombre de réseaux organiques	30	76	91	75	69	48	0	12	41	33	85	22	75	27	80	35	119
Concentration (réseaux organiques /cm ³)	475	726	1347	2717	1432	1194	0	265	614	444	1192	576	3358	772	2079	1251	2929
Profondeur (cm)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
Nombre de remaniés	4	1	4	1	3	3	1	0	1	3	0	5	6	7	3	7	5
Concentration (remaniés / cm ³)	120	42	82	19	89	114	77	0	42	106	0	188	153	211	181	145	387
Nombre de réseaux organiques	161	97	1 99	174	141	102	69	39	62	21	36	60	60	54	24	101	25
Concentration (réseaux organiques /cm ³)	4865	4097	4086	3368	4192	3868	5343	2265	2589	743	1593	2252	1527	1632	1448	2085	1936
Profondeur (cm)	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Nombre de remaniés	4	12	12	10	11	4	12	10	7	0	1	4	2	2	0	0	5
Concentration (remaniés / cm ³)	106	402	405	395	315	186	256	260	202	0	62	155	82	126	0	0	104
Nombre de réseaux organiques	43	48	149	117	82	93	164	135	69	42	47	63	56	37	52	43	82
Concentration (réseaux organiques /cm ³)	1135	1607	5034	4626	2344	4321	3503	3509	1988	1858	2911	2439	2287	2331	4295	1480	1703

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 Tableau A.3.

 Dénombrements et concentrations des palynomorphes remaniés* et des réseaux organiques de foraminifères benthiques de la carotte JM-06-WP-04-MCB

* Les palynomorphes incluent tous les microfossiles à paroi organique (composée de chitine et de sporopllénine), d'origine continentale et marine. Les remaniés incluent les organismes pré-Quaternaires et ceux qui ne peuvent être identifiés en raison d'un mauvais état de conservation (gymnospermes, spores trilètes, triporés, acritarches, dinokystes).

APPENDICE B

TABLEAUX DE COMPTAGES ET CONCENTRATIONS DES PALYNOMORPHES TERRESTRES ET MARINS DES ÉCHANTILLONS DE SURFACE DES MERS NORDIQUES (PROFONDEUR: 0-1 CM)

Tableau B.1. Dénombrements et concentrations des dinokystes des échantillons de surface des mers nordiques (profondeur : 0-1 cm)
Tableau B.2. Dénombrements et concentrations des grains de pollen et des spores des échantillons des mers nordiques (profondeur : 0-1 cm)
Tableau B.3. Dénombrements et concentrations des palynomorphes remaniés et des réseaux organiques de foraminifères benthiques des échantillons de surface des mers nordiques (profondeur : 0-1 cm)

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Carotte	HLY0503-22MC-8	JM06-WP-7-BCC	JM06-WP-04-MCB	JM06-WP-10-BCB	JM06-WP-12-BCB	JM06-WP-14-BCE	JM06-WP-16-MCB	JM06-WP-19-MCB	JM06-WP-21-MCE	JM06-R/P-26-MCC
Ataxlodinium choane	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bitectatodinium tepiksense	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
Impagldinium pallidum	н	0	0	6	2	7	2	2	L	1
Impagidinium sphaericum	ł	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nematosphaeropsis labyrinthus	22	10	13	35	16	35	27	8	8	1
Operculadinium centrocarpum	276	109	169	482	230	366	271	84	105	49
Operculadinium centrocarpum court processus	6	5	1	14	9	13	3	4	6	4
Spiniferites elongatus	6	1	4	18	0	8	8	3	3	0
Spiniferites ramosus	2	1	7	5	0	1	ì	0	0	0
Spiniferites mirabilis-hyperacanthus	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spiniferites spp.	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Kyste Pentapharsodinium dalei	18	1	0	2	0	5	0	0	1	1
Islandinium minutum	23	32	62	24	25	48	13	33	16	13
Islandinium? cesare	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brigantedinlum spp.	9	25	18	6	7	18	3	18	7	0
Brigantedinlum carlacoense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Brigantedinium simplex	0	4	5	2	1	4	6	3	2	0
Selenopemphix quanta	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Prinovantedinium applanatum	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	381	190	279	\$97	290	513	337	157	149	69
Concentration (dinokystes /cm3)	27 985	2278	44]4	14 792	3849	3351	6231	994	1611	629

Tableau B.1. Dénombrements et concentrations des dinokystes des échantillons de surface des mers nordiques (profondeur : 0-1 cm)

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Carotte	ЛМ06-WP-24-MCA	JM07-WP-168-MCB	JM07-WP-170-MCB	JM07-WP-171-MCB	JM07-WP-172-MCB	JM07-WP-176-MCB	JM07-WP-180-MCB	JM07-WP-182-MCB	JM07-WP-183-MCB
Ataxiodinium choane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bltectatodinium tepikiense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impagidinium pallidum	2	11	8	37	19	7	11	18	2
İmpagidınlum sphaericum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nematosphaeropsis labyrinthus	14	4	21	21	18	2	10	24	3
Operculodinium centrocarpum	47	8	114	101	110	5	29	79	19
Operculodinhum centrocarpum court processus	3	0	15	5	5	0	1	6	5
Spiniferites elangatus	0	0	7	3	1	0	0	4	2
Spintferites ramosus	0	0	0	L	0	0	0	0	0
Spiniferites mirabilis-hyperacanthus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spintferites spp.	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Kyste Pentapharsodinium dalei	0	0	1	4	1	0	1	0	1
Islandinium minutum	19	1	39	21	33	258	18	18	163
Islandinium? cesare	0	0	2	3	5	0	0	2	0
Brigantedinium spp.	6	8	19	13	14	35	6	10	16
Brigantedinium cariacoense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brigantedinium sumplex	l	0	0	2	4	9	0	2	0
Selenopemphix quanta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	i
Trinovantedivision applanation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	92	32	226	213	210	316	76	164	212
Concentration (dinokystes /cm ³)	756	196	1795	1706	1555	4432	1127	1071	13 585

Tableau B.1. (suite)

	Dénombrements	et	concentrations	des	grains	de	pollen	et	des	spores	des	échantillons	des	mers	nordiques
	(profondeur : 0-1 cm)														
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Tableau B.2.

Carotte	HLY0503-22MC-8	JM06-WP-7-BCC	JM06-WP-04-MCB	JM06-WP-10-BCB	JM06-WP-12-BCB	JM06-WP-14-BCE	JM06-WP-16-MCB	JM06-WP-19-MCB	JM06-WP-21-MCE	JM06-WP-26-MCC
Abies	0	0	0	0-	0	1	0	0	0	0
Picea	!	3	0	2	3	3	0	4	1	0
Plnus	5	6	9	4	3	7	3	6	4	0
Corylus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juniperus	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Betula	i	I	0	0	0	1	I	2	0	0
Alnus spp.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ainus type crispa	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lycopodium annotinus.	0	1	I	0	2	I	I	1	0	1
Lycopodium clavatum	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	I.
Spore monolète	0	0	ì	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spore trilète	17	I	4	1	t	1	0	0	2	I
Sphagmum	3	12	4	0	3	2	0	4	1	I
Osmonda	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	27	24	21	9	13	16	7 -	18	8	4
Concentration (pollens / cm³)	514	120	174	173	80	78	74	82	40	0
Concentration (spores / cm ³)	1469	168	158	50	93	26	55	32	24	36

Carotte	ЛМ06-WP-24-MCA	JM07-WP-168-MCB	JM07-WP-170-MCB	JM07-WP-171-MCB	JM07-WP-172-MCB	JM07-WP-176-MCB	JM07-WP-180-MCB	JM07-WP-182-MCB	JM07-WP-183-MCB
Abies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Picea	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pinus	6	3	7	7	13	1	4	8	ł
Corylus	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juniperus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Betula	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	0
Alnus spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alnus type crispa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lycopodium annotinum	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lycopodium clavatum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spore monolète	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spore trilète	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sphagnum	0	0	3	0	4	1	1	0	1
Osmonda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11	7	13	8	20	2	5	10	2
Concentration (pollens / cm ³)	82	24	63	64	118	14	59	65	64
Concentration (spores / cm ³)	8	18	40	0	30	14	15	0	64

Tableau B.2. (suite)

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Tableau B.3.

Dénombrements et concentrations des palynomorphes remaniés* et des réseaux organiques de foraminifères benthiques des échantillons de surface des mers nordiques (profondeur : 0-1 cm)

Nom de la carotte Profondeur (cm)		Nombre de remaniés	Concentration (remaniés / cm ³)	Nombre de réseaux organiques	Concentration (réseaux organiques /cm ³)
HLY0503-22MC-8	0-1	3	220	53	3893
JM06-WP-7-BCC	0-1	7	84	135	1619
JM06-WP-04-MCB	0-1	2	32	30	475
JM06-WP-10-BCB	0-1	5	124	147	3642
JM06-WP-12-BCB	0-1	6	80	198	2628
JM06-WP-14-BCE	0-1	5	33	356	2325
JM06-WP-16-MCB	0-1	0	0	552	10 207
JM06-WP-19-MCB	0-1	4	25	549	3476
JM06-WP-21-MCE	0-1	2	16	148	1183
JM06-WP-26-MCC	0-1	1	9	161	1467
JM06-WP-24-MCA	0-1	0	0	277	2278
JM07-WP-168-MCB	0-1	1	6	52	318
JM07-WP-170-MCB	0-1	0	0	280	2224
JM07-WP-171-MCB	0-1	1	8	118	945
JM07-WP-172-MCB	0-1	6	44	329	2436
JM07-WP-176-MCB	0-1	2	28	111	1557
JM07-WP-180-MCB	0-1	1	15	416	6170
JM07-WP-182-MCB	0-1	1	6	698	4559
JM07-WP-183-MCB	0-1	2	128	75	4806

* Les palynomorphes incluent tous les microfossiles à paroi organique (composée de chitine et de sporopllénine), d'origine continentale et marine. Les remaniés incluent les organismes pré-Quaternaires et ceux qui ne peuvent être identifiés en raison d'un mauvais état de conservation (gymnospermes, spores trilètes, triporés, acritarches, dinokystes).

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