

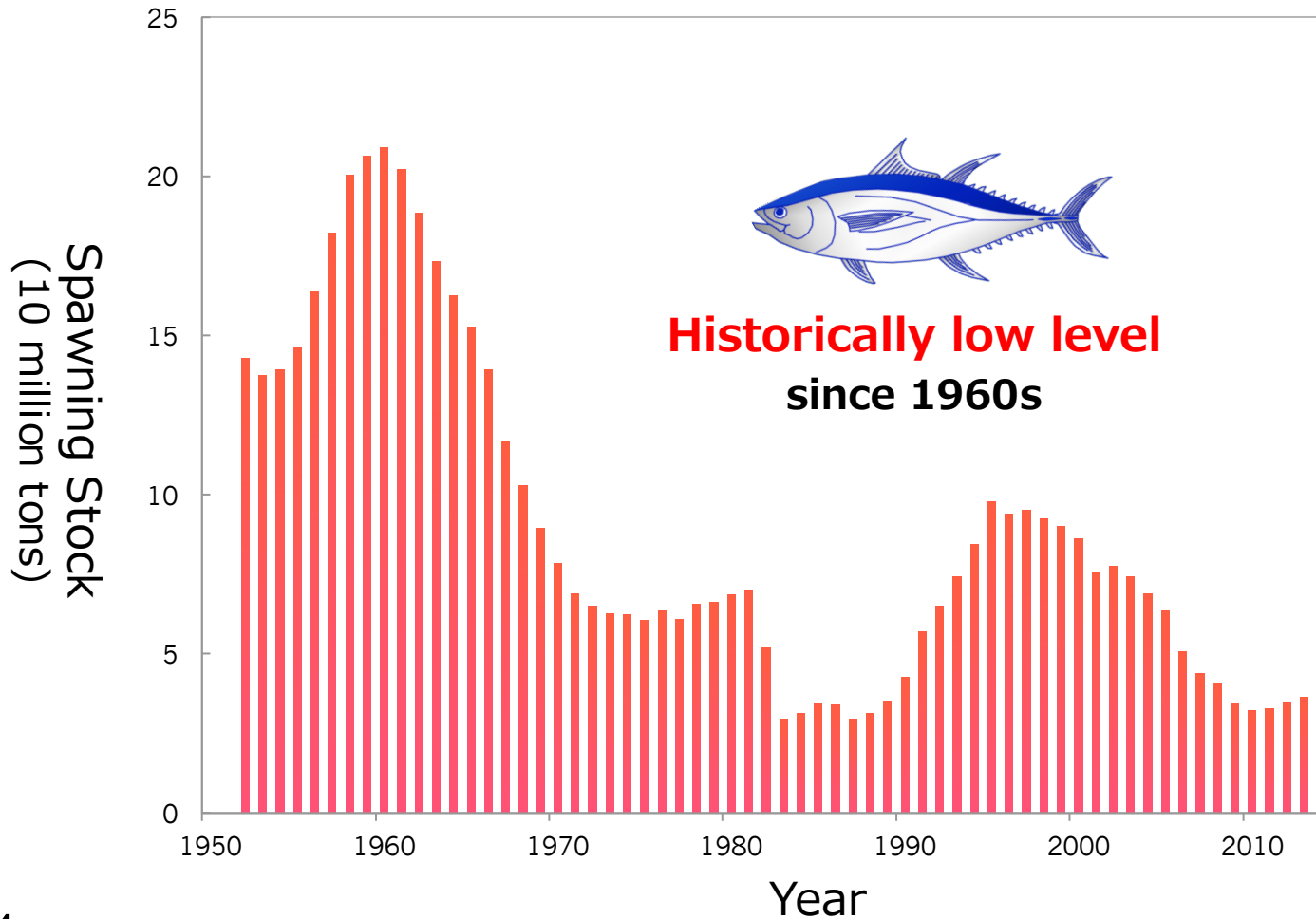
Development of methodology for analyses of larval ambient water temperature of Pacific bluefin tuna using SIMS

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Stock of Pacific bluefin tuna



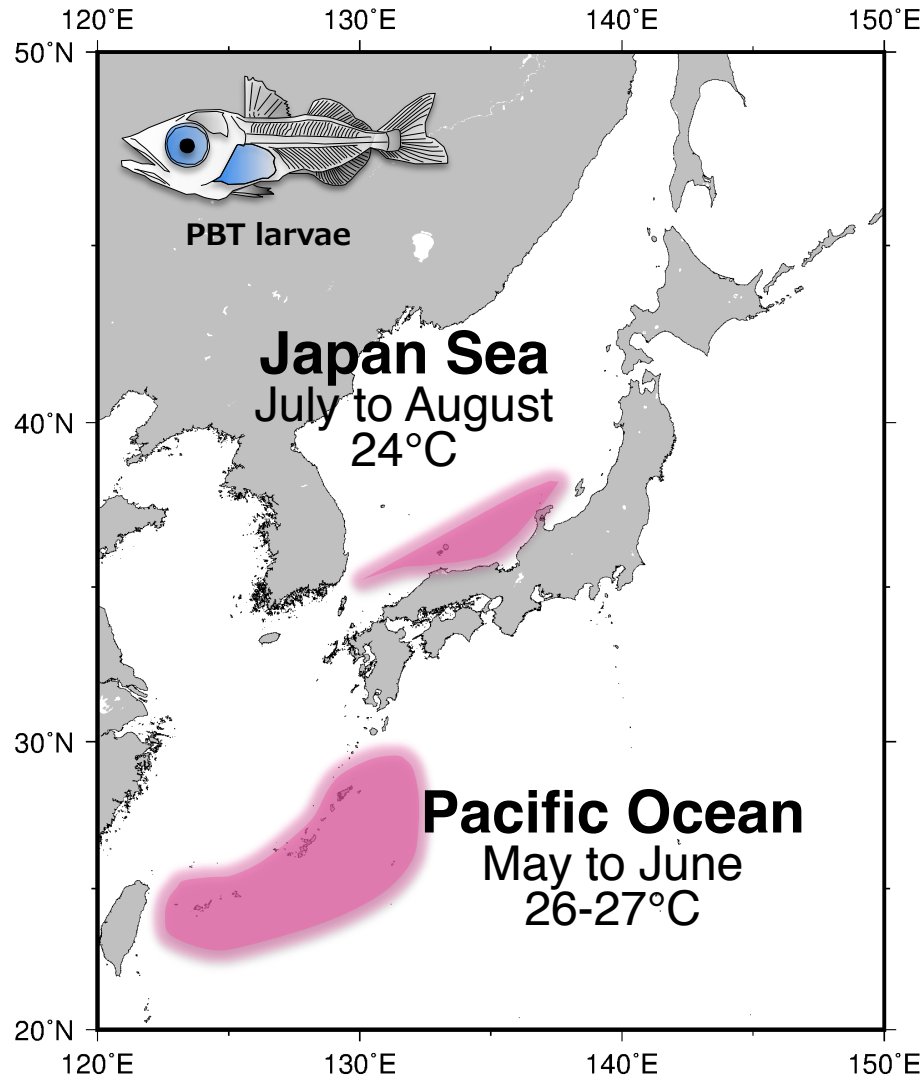
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Listed as **endangered species** on IUCN's red list



Need for Sustainable stock management

Spawning grounds of Pacific bluefin tuna



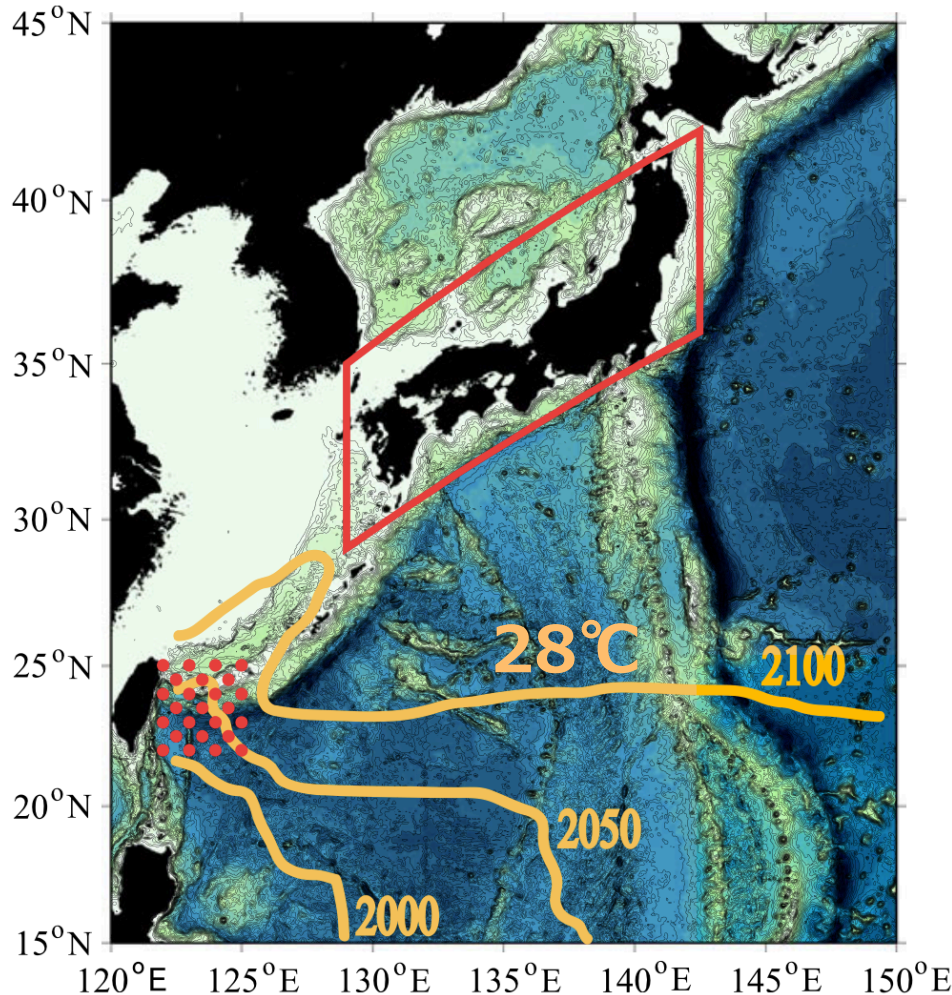
- Spawning grounds and seasons are **limited**



- **Vulnerable** to oceanic fluctuations

The effect of long-term oceanic fluctuations on PBT spawning grounds

(Kimura et al. 2010)



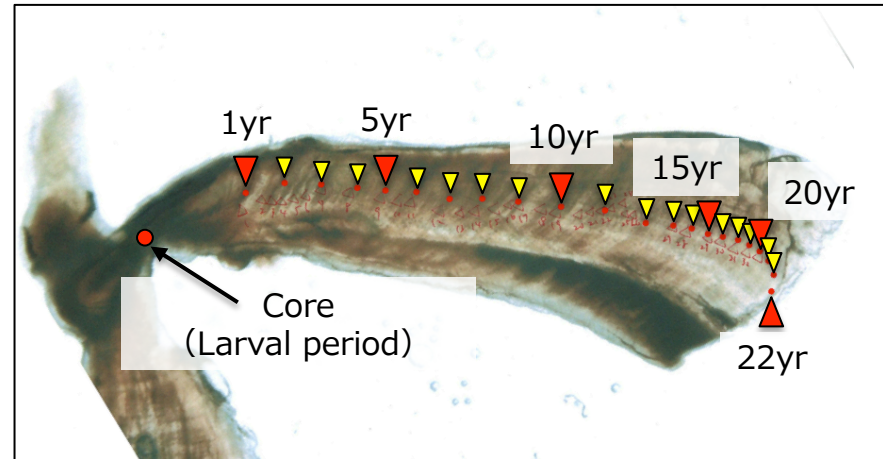
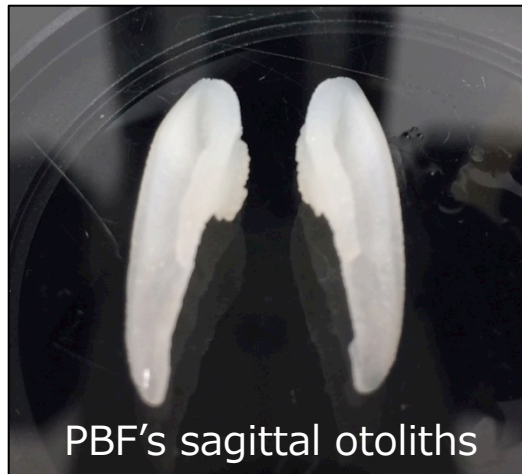
Most of spawning grounds will be out of the range of optimal spawning temperature for egg hatching and larval survival.



Potential northward shift in PBF spawning grounds

Otolith:

Effective indicator of environmental history



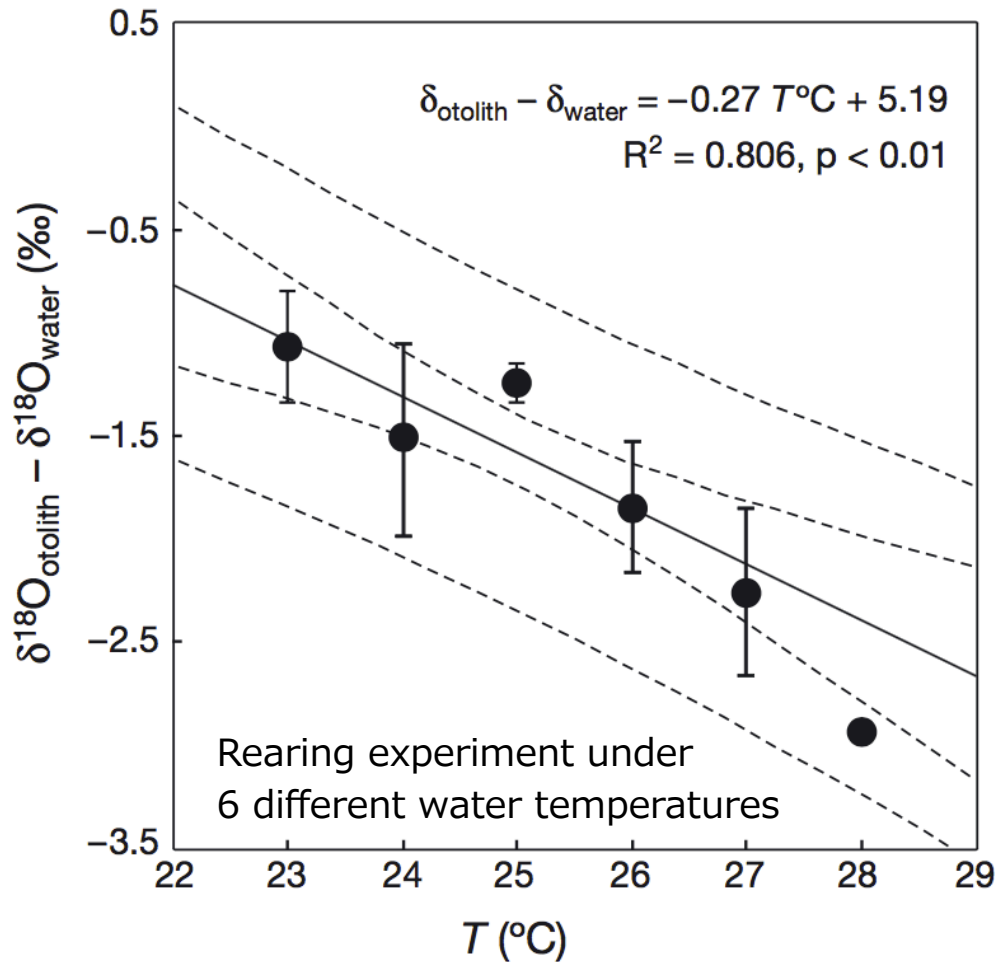
- **Rock-like structure** made of calcium carbonate
- **Metabolically inert**
- **Trace elements and isotopes** kept after death of fish

$\delta^{18}\text{O}$: Effective proxy for **estimating water temperature**

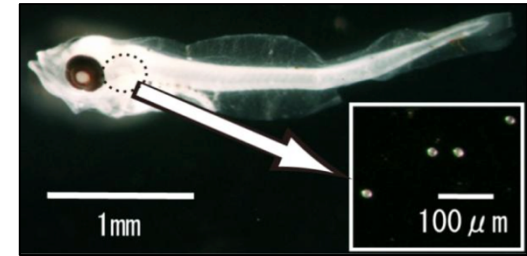
Kitagawa et al. (2013)

Otolith $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of PBF larvae and ambient water temperature

(Kitagawa et al., 2013)



Rearing experiment



Negative correlation between otolith $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and water temperature

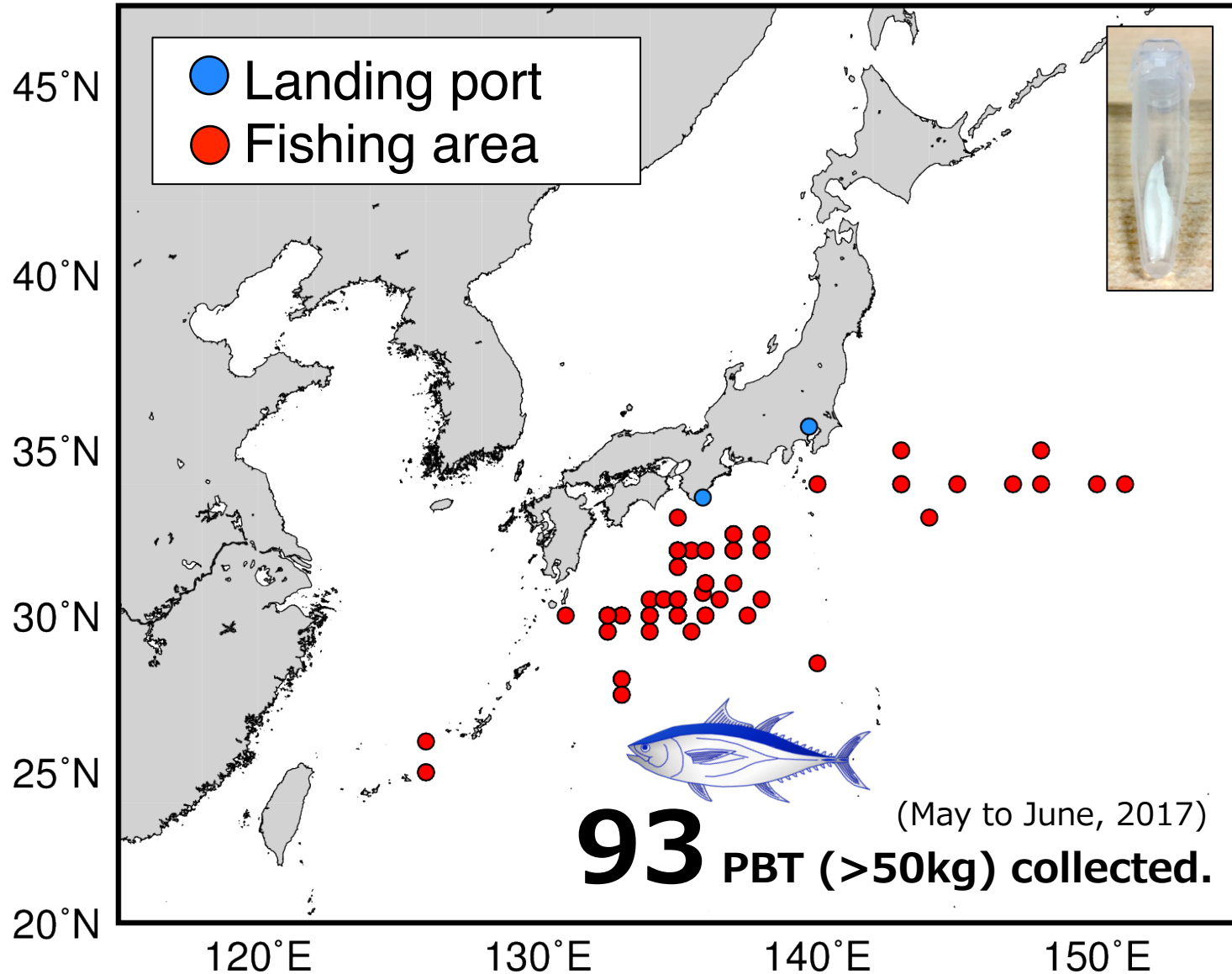
Otolith core $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of mature fish \rightarrow **Spawning temperature**



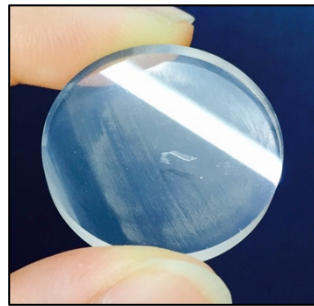
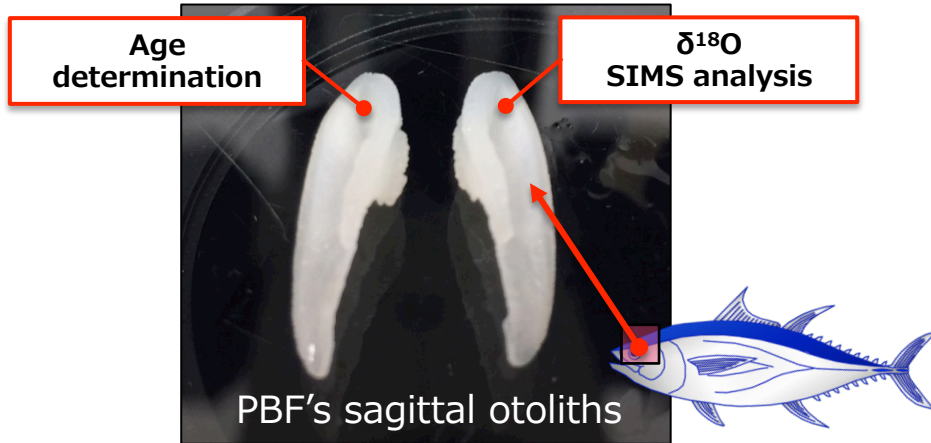
Objective

1. **Estimate spawning temperature and spawning grounds** using otolith core $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
2. Investigate changes in **spawning grounds related to long-term oceanic climate change**

Materials and methods: Sample collection

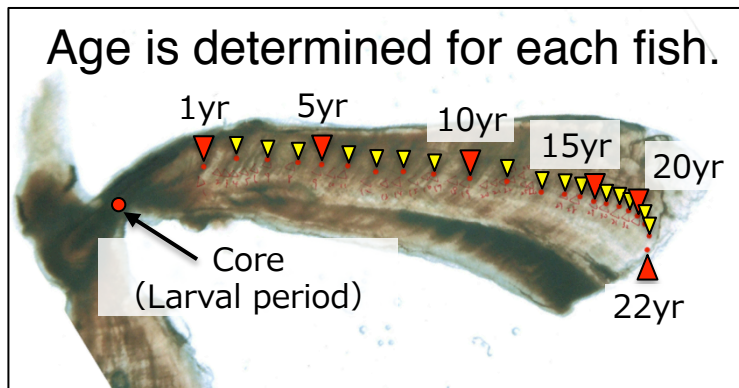


1. Otolith preparation



A thin section with a **mirror-finished surface** is prepared.

Sample preparation protocol needed!



2. $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ analysis by SIMS



Measure $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ by SIMS technique.

$$\delta_{\text{otolith}} - \delta_{\text{water}} = -0.27 T^{\circ}\text{C} + 5.19$$

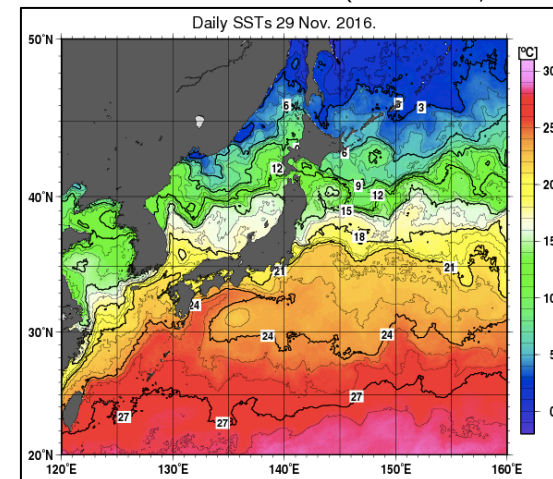
($R^2 = 0.806$, $p < 0.01$)

(Kitagawa *et al.*, 2013)

Estimate spawning temperature.

3. Spawning grounds estimation

(SST衛星画像, 気象庁)

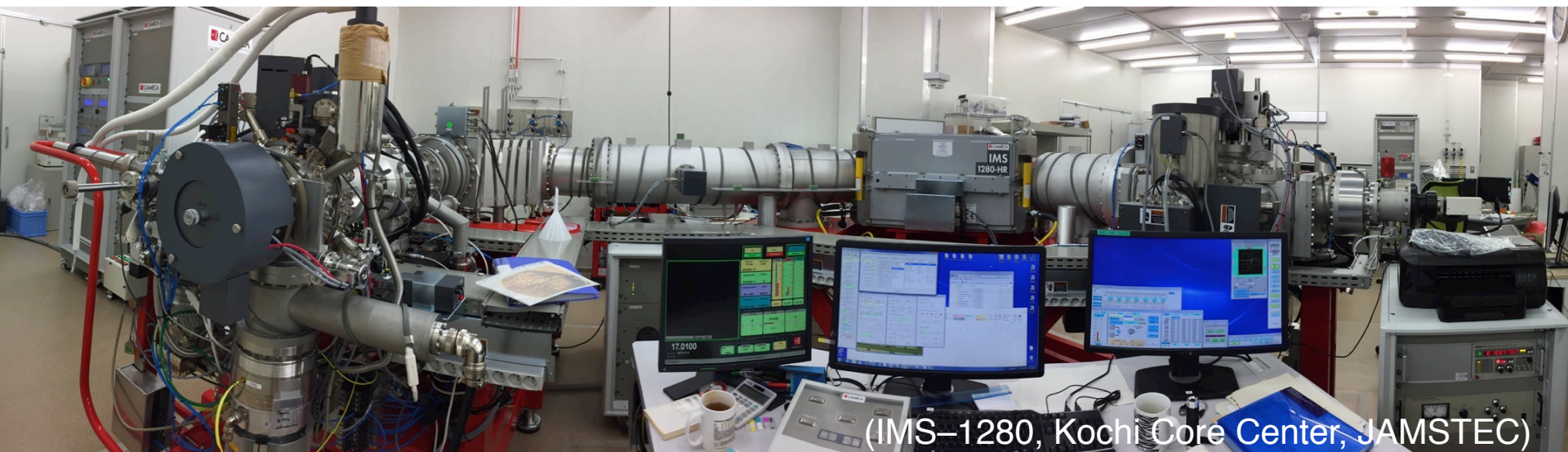


Spawning ground is estimated using SST satellite images and in-situ data.

Materials and methods

SIMS: Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry

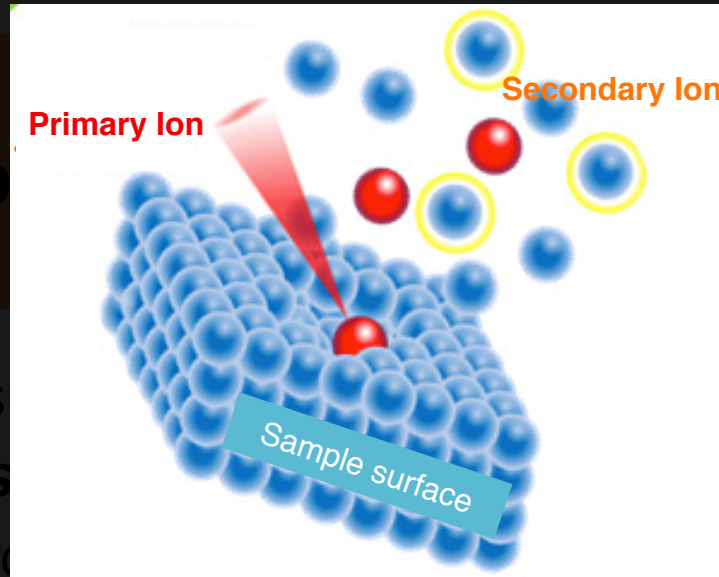
- High sensitive surface analysis of **sub- μm to $10\mu\text{m}$**
- **Isotope ratios** and trace element analysis
- Data quality strongly depends on **sample surface condition**



Materials and methods

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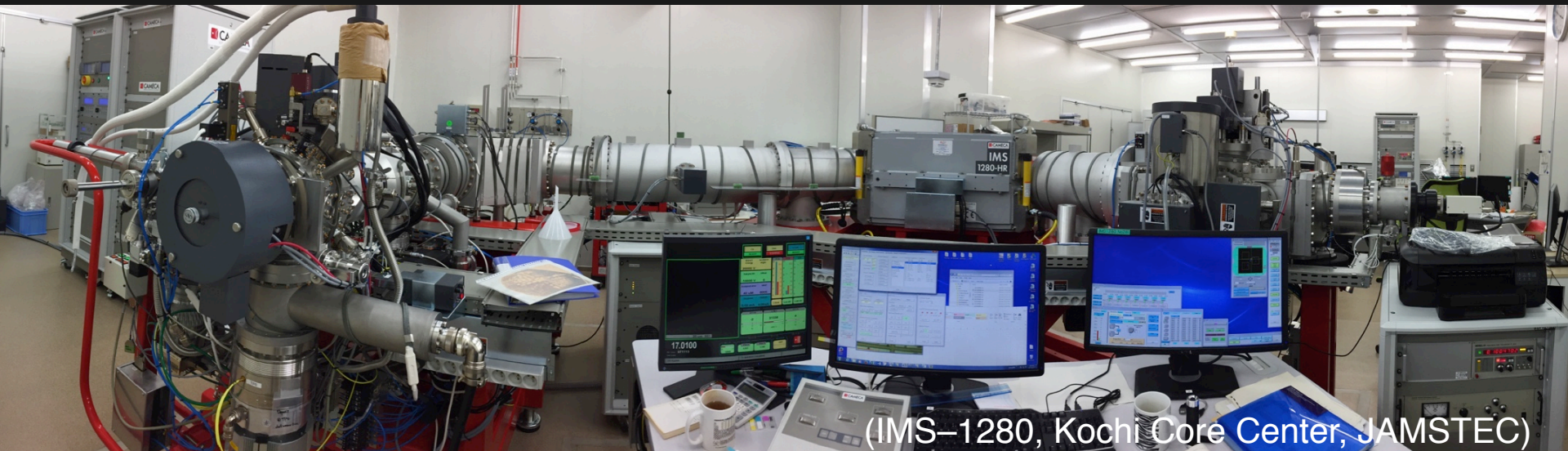
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Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry

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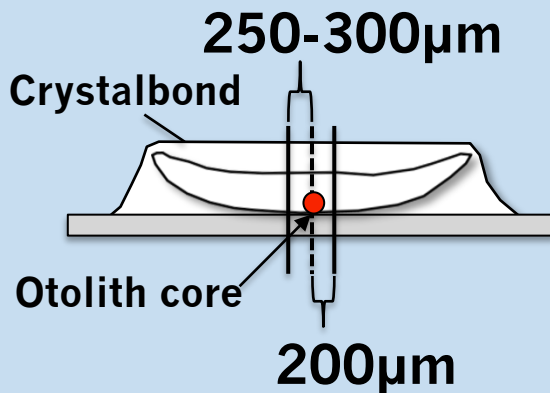


(IMS-1280, Kochi Core Center, JAMSTEC)

Sample preparation protocol for SIMS analysis

1. Cutting and embedding

1. Draw lines

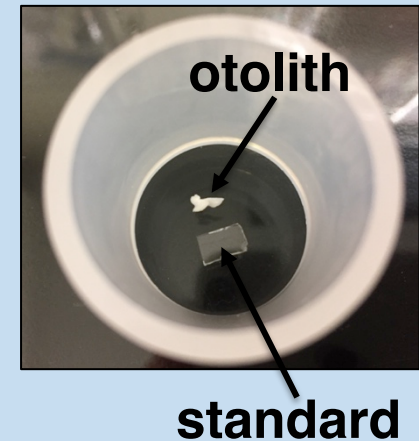


2. Cut a thin section



(ISOMET5000, Struers)

3. Embed the otolith

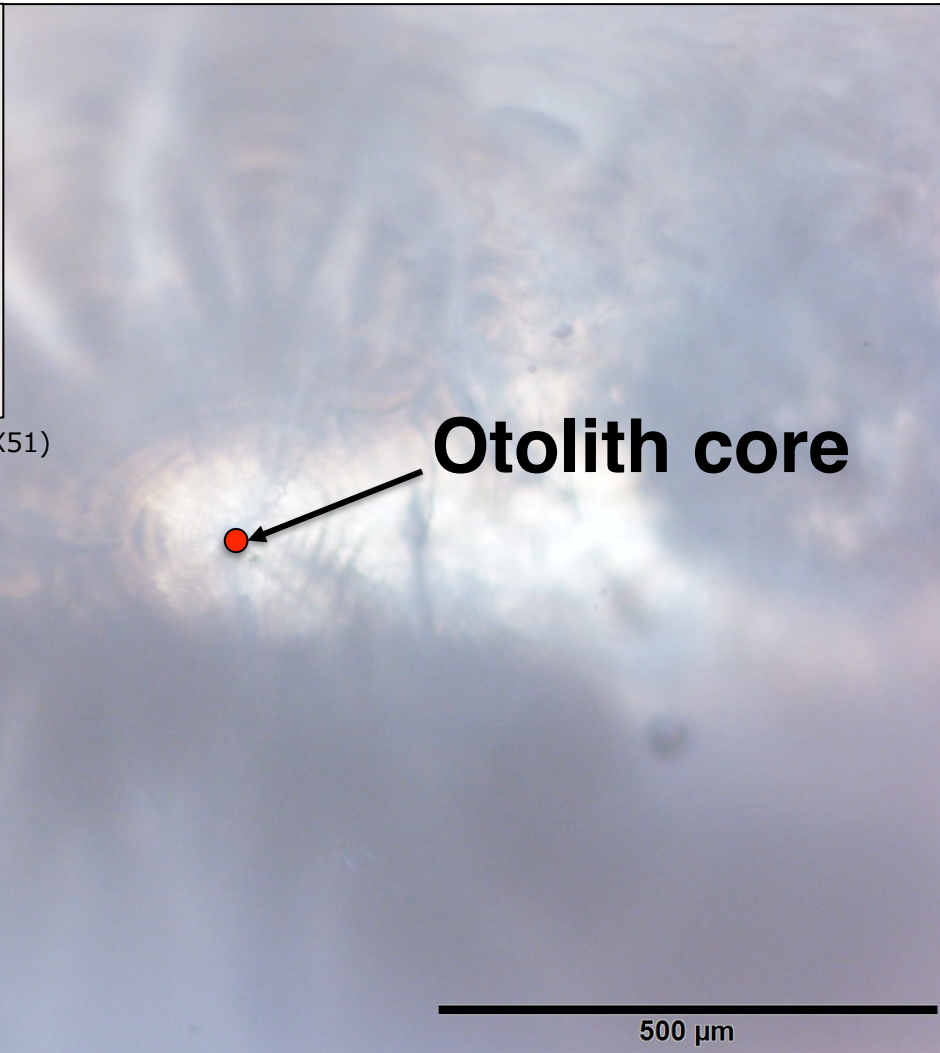


- **Draw lines** on each side of the otolith core
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- **Embed otoliths** in epoxy resin with standard materials

Sample preparation protocol for SIMS analysis



(Inverted microscope, Olympus GX51)

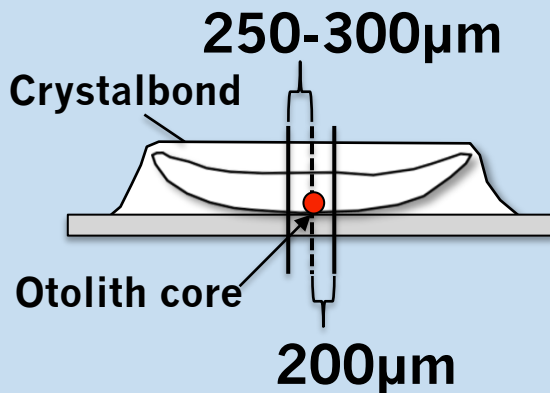


- You can clearly **view otolith core** under the inverted microscope

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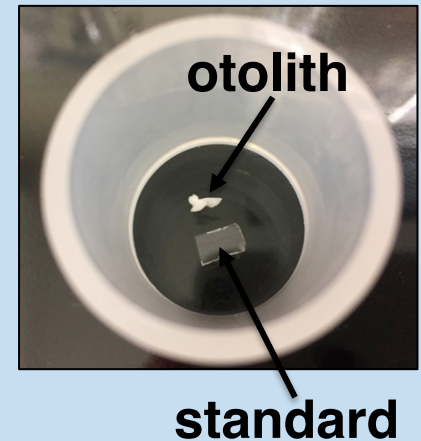


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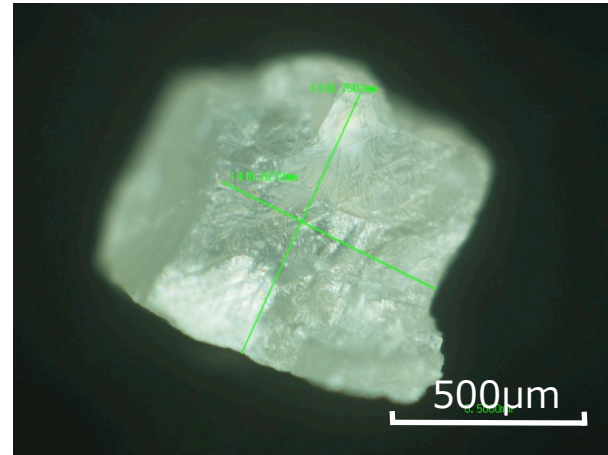
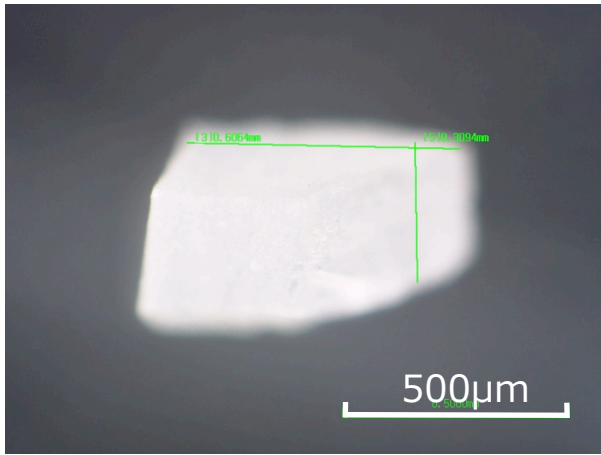
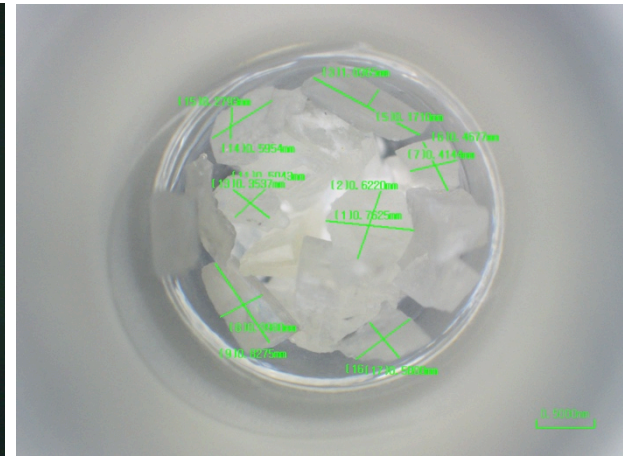
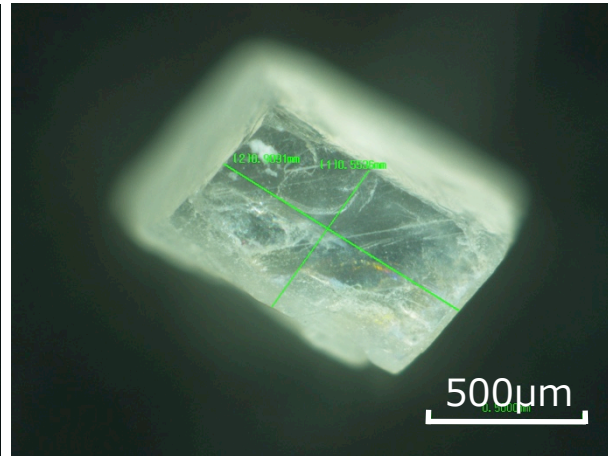
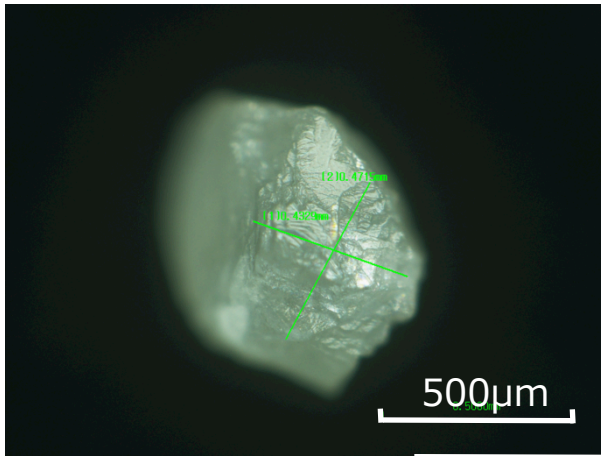
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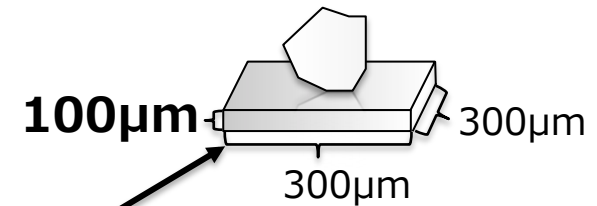
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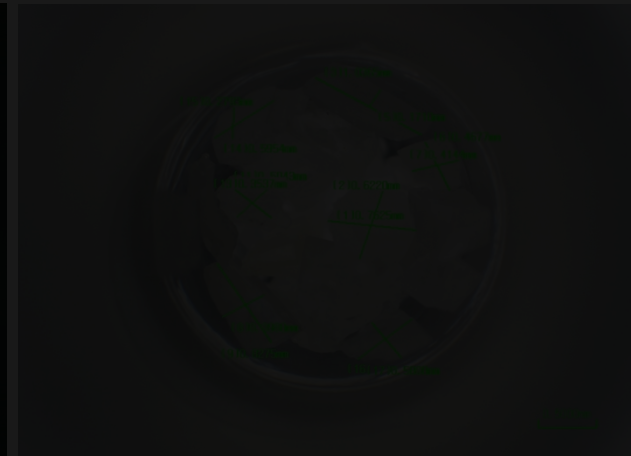
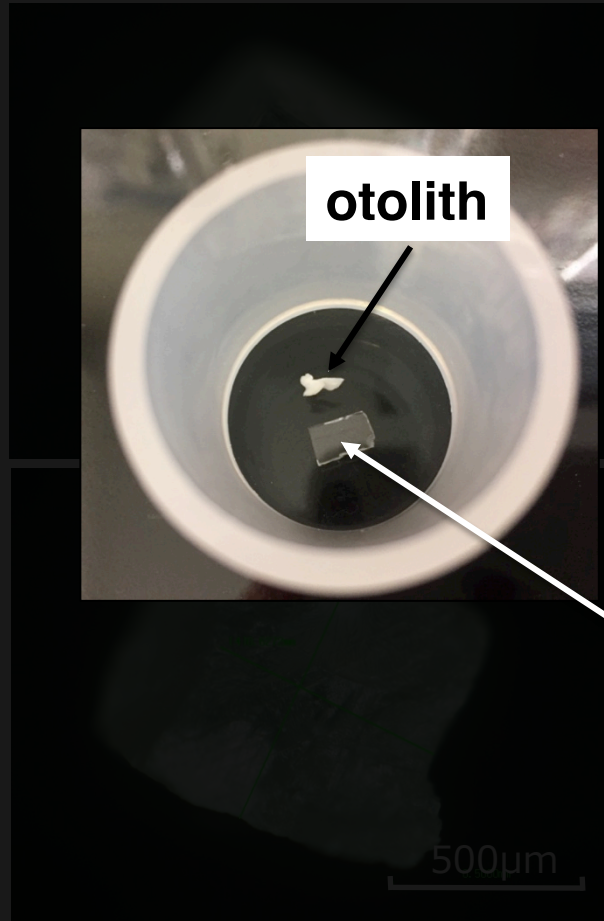
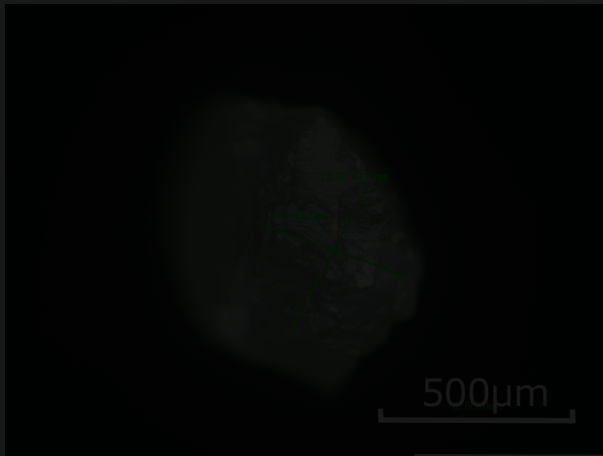
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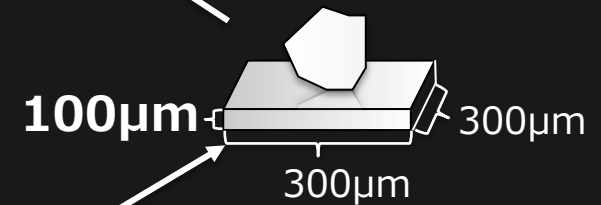
Stand made of epoxy resin

Sample preparation protocol for SIMS analysis

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- Different sizes of standard materials (300 – 700µm)



Stand made of epoxy resin

Sample preparation protocol for SIMS analysis

3. Grinding and polishing

1. Grinding

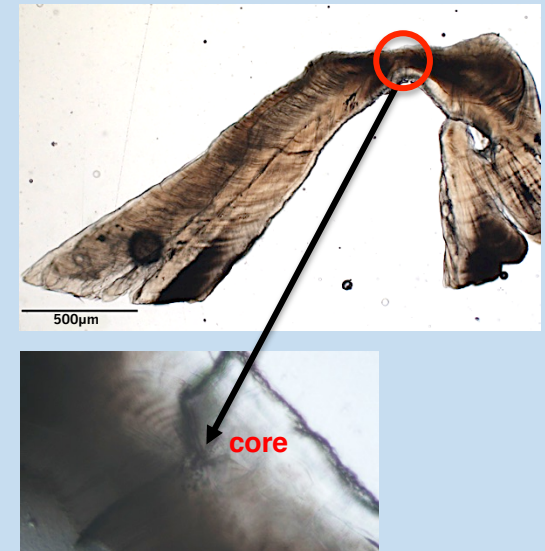


(Discoplan, Struers)

2. 3-steps polishing



3. Expose the core

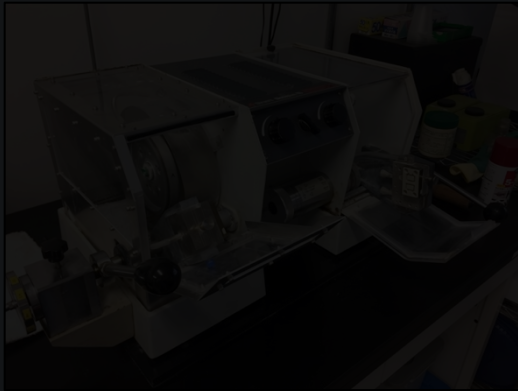


- Grind otoliths with precision grinding machine to near final thickness
- **Polish in 3 steps** with a composite disc using diamond spray

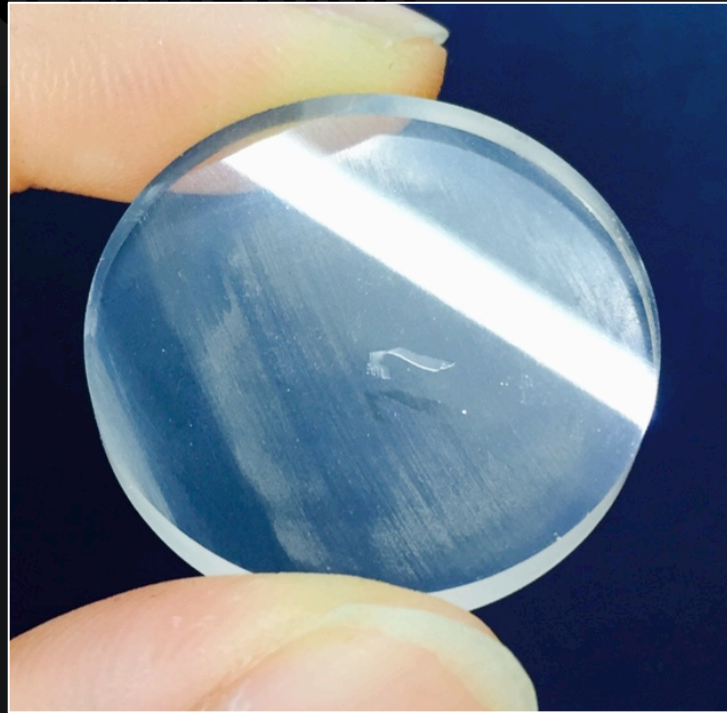
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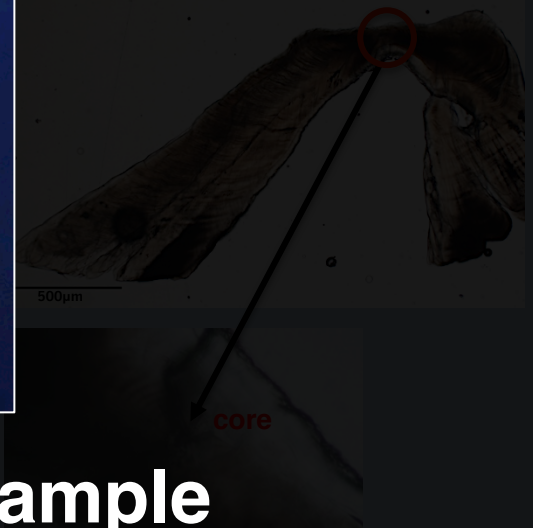
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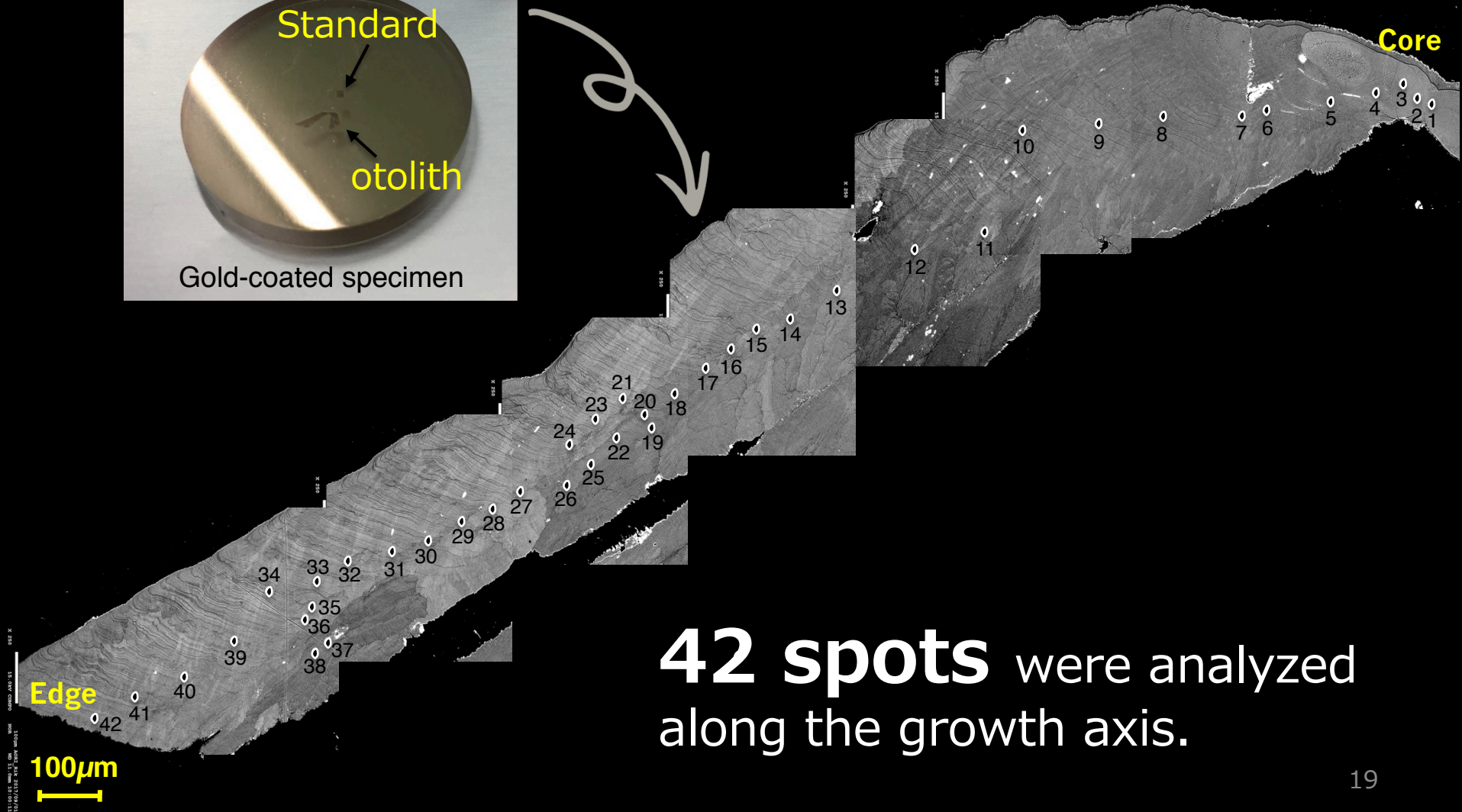
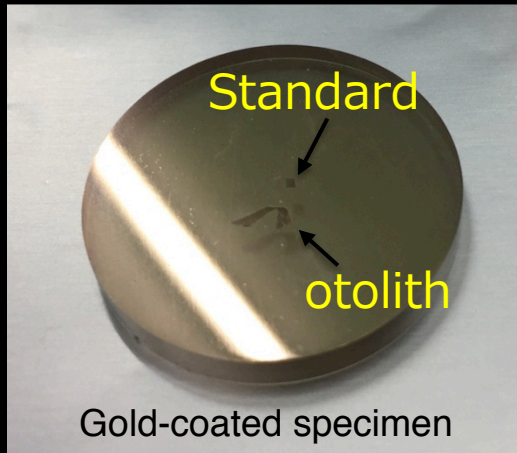
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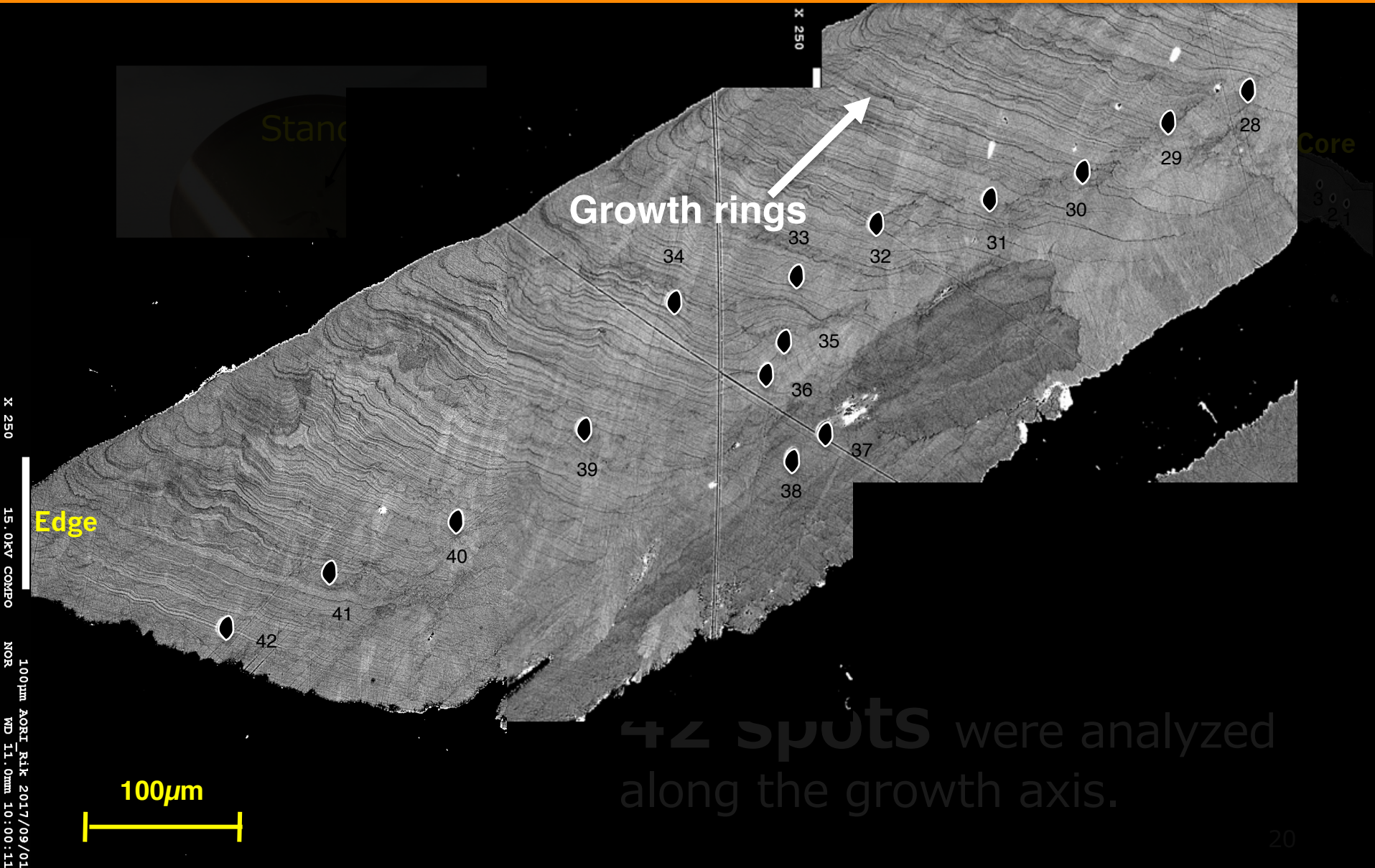
Mirror-finished surface sample

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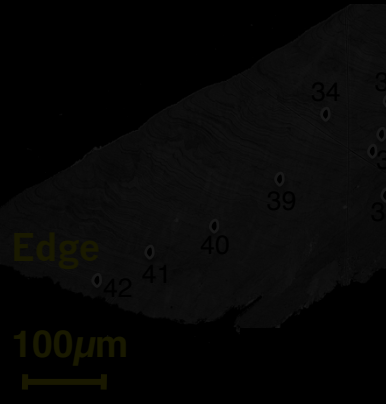
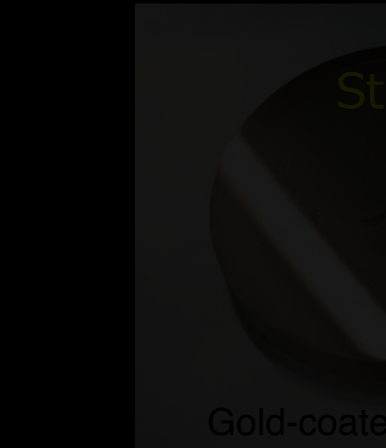
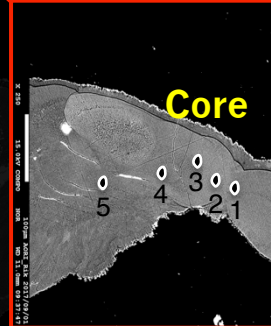
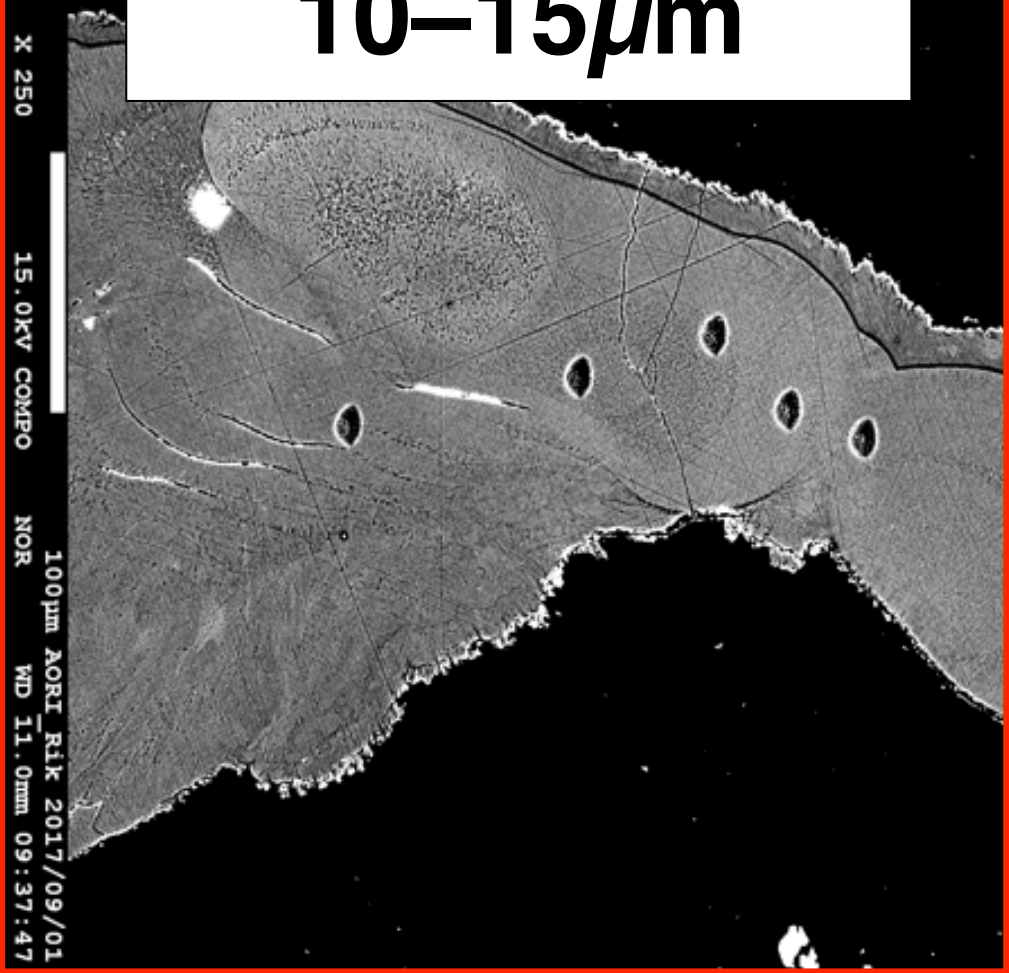
$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ SIMS analysis



SIMS analysis for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$



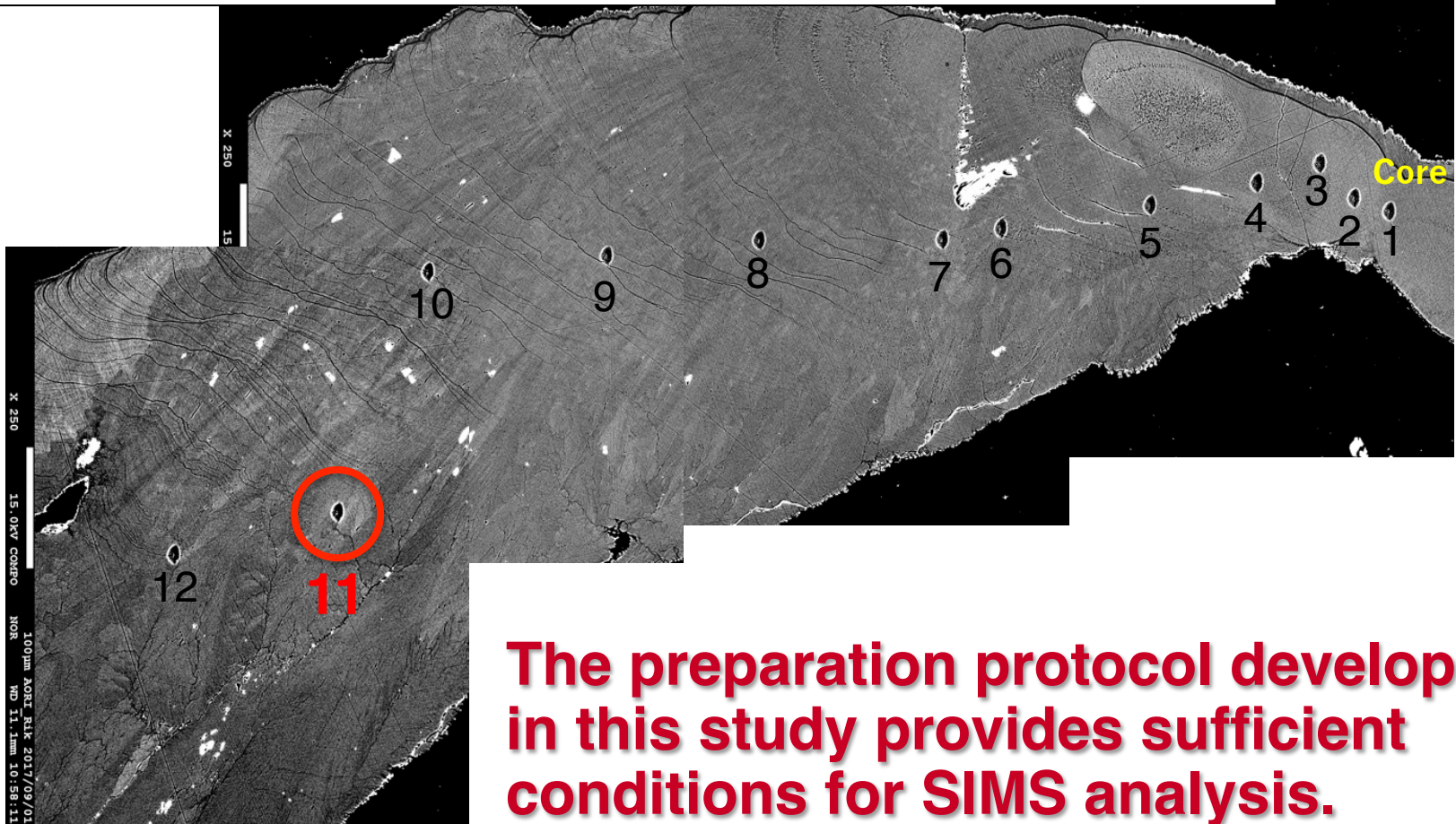
Beam spot size:
10–15 μm



re analyzed
axis.

SIMS analysis for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ increased toward the first annual increment (approx. $800\mu\text{m}$ from the otolith core).



The preparation protocol developed in this study provides sufficient conditions for SIMS analysis.

Future Plan

- **The sample preparation protocol developed in this study assures data quality** for SIMS analysis, as increasing trends in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values was measured toward the first annual increment of PBT's otolith.
- For more efficient analysis, **we need to further develop a method to embed multiple otolith cores in one resin disk.**