

Clean room

The elemental composition of foraminifera shells is used as an important proxy for seawater paleoenvironmental conditions. These values are commonly obtained through mass spectrometer results.

To be able to measure the correct geochemical composition of foraminifera shells, the shells must be cleaned from contaminations (clay, organic matter or other artificial elements) that will bias the results.

This is done through specific cleaning procedures in a clean environment where the samples are protected to a certain level from pollutants coming through the air or via the lab-worker.



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