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Zusammenfassung

Die rasche Entwicklung von computerunterstützten tomographischen Verfahren bietet erstmalig eine einzigartige Möglichkeit in die Gehäuse von Großforaminiferen zu blicken und deren Kammervolumina effektiv zu messen. In Kombination mit mathematischen Methoden zur Berechnung umweltgesteuerter Oszillationen des Gehäusewachstums von Foraminferen, können diese genutzt werden, um eine neue Art von ökologischen Proxys zu berechnen. Diese neue Methodik wurde auf rezente Exemplare von *Heterostegina depressa* von unterschiedlichen Beprobungsorten und aus Laborkulturen angewandt. Anhand der vorab Kenntnis der rezenten ökologischen Bedingungen, konnten Informationen über den Zusammenhang zwischen diesen Oszillationen und ökologischen Schwankungen gewonnen werden. Im Vergleich mit den Exemplaren aus Laborkulturen, welche unter kontrollierten Bedingungen gezüchtet wurden, konnte die Gültigkeit der Methodik überprüft werden. Dies ist äußerst wichtig, um eine bessere Einsicht in die Art und Weise zu gewinnen, wie Gezeitenströmungen und das Mondmonat bzw. saisonale Schwankungen das Foraminiferenwachstum beeinflussen.

Abstract

Development of computed tomography gives a unique opportunity to look into larger benthic foraminifera and measure chamber volumes efficiently. Combined with new mathematic methodologies for calculation of environmentally driven oscillation in foraminiferal test growth a, new kind of ecological proxies can be created. This new methodology has been applied on recent specimens of *Heterostegina depressa* from different sampling sites and laboratory cultured ones. With known recent ecological constraints the informative value of these oscillations for environmental relations has been inspected and in comparison with laboratory cultured individuals, grown under controlled conditions, its validity has been tested. This is important to gain insight in which manner tidal currents and lunar months or seasonal fluctuations interfere with foraminiferal growth.

Preamble

Larger benthic foraminifera (LBF) are large single-celled eukaryotes, mostly restricted to marine oligotrophic shallow water environments. They build large and highly complex structured tests and harbour just beneath their test walls photosymbionts of different algal groups. Such tests are important in carbonate rock-forming processes during the upper Paleozoic, Cretaceous and the Cenozoic. The group, which includes *Heterostegina depressa*, a nummulitid, is considered as an excellent biostratigraphic marker during the Palaeogene and originates from the sub-order of the Rotaliina (Fig.P1).

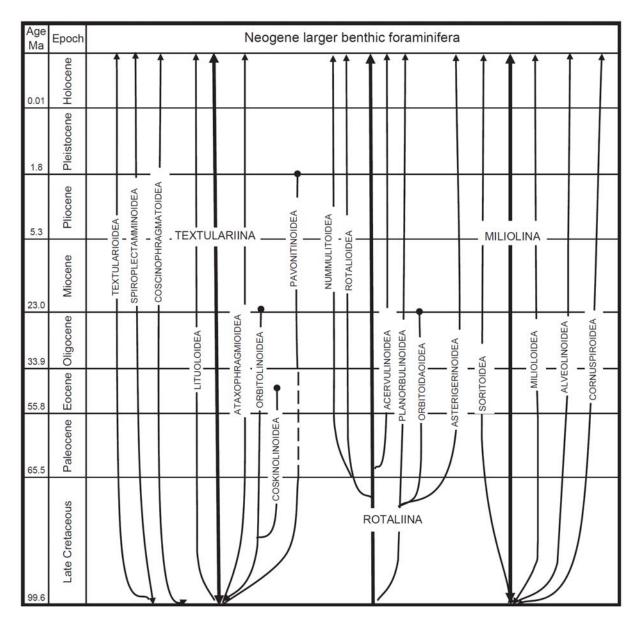


Fig.P1 Evolution of the Neogene suborders (BouDagher-Fadel, 2008).

LBF seem to have kept their way of life since their origin during the carboniferous and still populate analogous habitats. Therefore fossil, as well as recent taxa record unique paleo-environmental information (BouDagher-Fadel, 2008).

A dimorphic lifecycle is well documented on many different foraminiferal taxa and show clear alterations between a diploidic asexually reproductive generation (microspheric agamonts, called B-forms) and a haploidic sexually reproductive generation (megalospheric gamonts, called A-forms). Additionally to this, a third phase has been also found within *Heterostegina depressa*, shown in figure P2. This so-called schizont is a megalospheric generation, which reproduces through multiple cell fission (Röttger & Krüger., 1990).

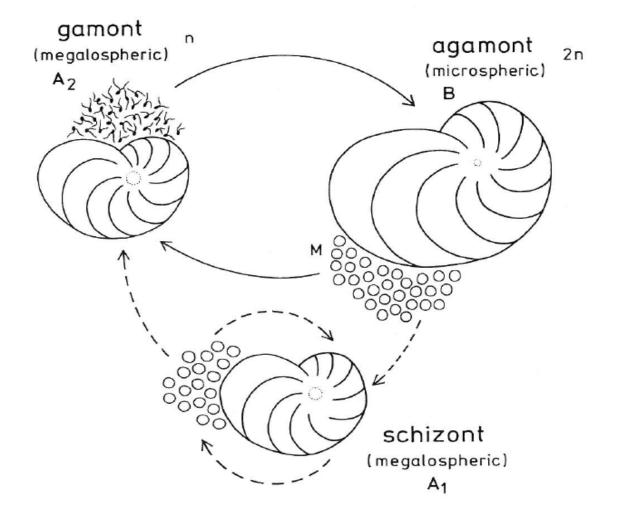


Fig.P2 the "trimorphic" life cycle of H. depressa. (Röttger & Krüger, 1990)

The test of Heterostegina depressa is divided into radially arranged chambers, which are well

defined by the septa and are again subdivided into small chamberlets by septula. Those compartments serve as greenhouses for their endosymbiotic diatoms. Generally there are four different systems of cavities within the test of *H. depressa*. First the major lumina build up by chambers and chamberlets. Secondly, the organism has a system of canals, located within the keel (marginal canal), the septa and the septula (Fig. P3).

When a new chamber is build, parts of the marginal canals connect to the inner part of the test, therefore the marginal chords reaches spirally through the whole shell. The septal canals are originally marginal canals, which get incorporated into the septa during chamber building processes.

Furthermore there are tube like connection between chamber and chamberlets. They are divided into foraminal tubes, interconnecting chambers and apertural tubes, connecting the last chamber to the surrounding medium (Fig. P3). The last kind of connections is between the canal system and the cavities of chambers and chamberlets (Spindler, 1978).

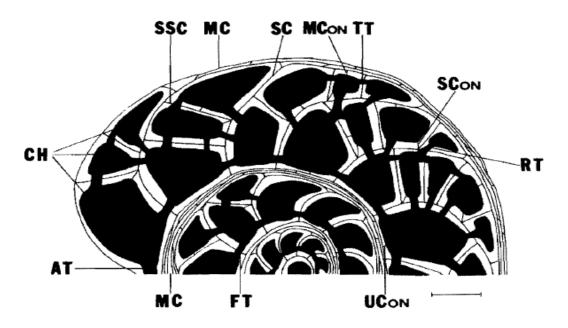


Fig.P3 Scheme of a *H. depressa* test; AT = apertural tube, CH = chamber divided into three chamberlets, FT = foraminal tube, MC = marginal canal, MCon = marginal connection, RT = radial tube, SC = septal canal, SCon = septal connection, SSC = secondary septal canal, TT = tangential tube, UCon = umbilical connection. Scale 100 μ m (Spindler, 1978).

The task of this work was to take a more precise look on oscillatory growth in LBF, namely in recent specimens of *Heterostegina depressa*. Therefore, the quality of these oscillations, as well as the presence or absence of cyclicities in laboratory-cultured specimens, have been in focus. To gain the required data set 12 *Heterostegina depressa* d'Orbigny specimens were chosen (Tab.P1).

Code	Origin	Sample No.	A/B	Depth in m	Gompertz prameter	Amplitude	Phase	Period	р	R ²
					$k = 723.21 \ b = 12.016$	$\alpha l = 0.289 \ \alpha 2 = 0.243 \ \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = 3.02 \ \varphi 2 = -1.6$	$\tau I = 192.6 \tau 2 = 12.20 \tau 3$		
D1-68	Maui, Kekaa Point	#68	A	40	$c = -0,0105 R^2 = 0,998$	= 0,213	$\varphi 3 = -0,822$	= 28,16	0,0000009	0,54922000
					k = 70184,09 b = -17,113	$\alpha I = 0,252 \ \alpha 2 = 0,188 \ \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = 3,10 \ \varphi 2 = -2,81$	$\tau I = 158,30 \ \tau 2 = 24,38 \ \tau 3$		
D2-68	Maui, Kekaa Point	#68	A	40	$c = -0,008 R^2 = 0,996$	= 0,156	$\varphi 3 = 2,63$	= 13,79	0,0000006	0,60285000
					k = 2,396 b = -8,946	$\alpha I = 0,281 \alpha 2 = 0,331 \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = 0,269 \ \varphi 2 = 3,03 \ \varphi 3$	$\tau I = 32,33 \tau 2 = 14,27 \tau 3$		
D3-68	Maui, Kekaa Point	#69	A	40	$c = -0,033 R^2 = 0,999$	= 0,23	= 1,13	= 10,29	0,00000887	0,57488000
					$k = 562,694 \ b = -16,118$	$\alpha I = 0,253 \ \alpha 2 = 0,241 \ \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = -2,47 \ \varphi 2 = -3,11$	$\tau I = 36,02 \tau 2 = 178,3 \tau 3$		
B44	Maui, Kekaa Point	P.1.10.91	В	n.n	$c = -0,011 R^2 = 0,988$	$= 0,217 \alpha 4 = 0,196$	$\varphi 3 = 1,22 \ \varphi 4 = -2,4$	$= 26,19 \tau 4 = 13,48$	0,00000000	0,57470000
					k = 164,52 b = -13,271	$\alpha I = 0,282 \ \alpha 2 = 0,202 \ \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = 2,74 \ \varphi 2 = 2,71$	$\tau I = 62,24 \tau 2 = 34,6$		
A1	Sesoko-Jima	Transect A	A	20	$c = -0.012 R^2 = 0.999$	$= 0,198 \alpha 4 = 0,17$	$\varphi 3 = 0,402 \ \varphi 4 = 3,13$	$\tau 3 = 26,75 \tau 4 = 12,20$	0,0000001	0,70263000
					$k = 2,192 \ b = -10,794$	$\alpha I = 0,318 \alpha 2 = 0,115 \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = -1,44 \ \varphi 2 = 0,697$	$\tau I = 84,40 \ \tau 2 = 10,89 \ \tau 3$		
A2	Sesoko-Jima	Transect A	A	20	$c = -0,031 R^2 = 0,999$	$= 0,145 \alpha 4 = 0,0948$	$\varphi 3 = -1,7 \ \varphi 4 = -1,32$	$= 34,24 \tau 4 = 25,08$	0,00000003	0,75477000
					$k = 0,693 \ b = -12,602$	$\alpha I = 0,27 \alpha 2 = 0,23 \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = -1,29 \ \varphi 2 = 0,503$	$\tau I = 74,32 \tau 2 = 22,69 \tau 3$		
A3	Sesoko-Jima	Transect A	A	20	$c = -0,0375 R^2 = 0,995$	$= 0,161 \alpha 4 = 0,137$	$\varphi 3 = 2,11 \varphi 4 = 2,69$	$= 10,12 \tau 4 = 35,92$	0,00785910	0,50903000
					k = 146482, 1 b = -25, 3	$\alpha I = 0,309 \ \alpha 2 = 0,288 \ \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = -0.948 \ \varphi 2 = -1.08$	$\tau I = 26,96 \tau 2 = 17,74 \tau 3$		
B1	Sesoko-Jima	Transect A	В	20	c = -0,009	$= 0,263 \alpha 4 = 0,423$	$\varphi 3 = -2,43 \ \varphi 4 = 3,01$	$= 43,6 \tau 4 = 213,63$	0,00000000	0,78054000
					k = 0,573 b = -8,944	$\alpha I = 0,741 \alpha 2 = 0,246 \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = -2,45 \ \varphi 2 = 0,216$	$\tau I = 290, 1 \tau 2 = 52$		
R1	Universität Kiel	F1.27.1.91	A	n.n.	$c = -0,05 R^2 = 0,987$	= 0,16	$\varphi 3 = -2,11$	$\tau 3 = 37$	0,00000000	0,87033000
					$k = 7,269 \ b = -7,990$	$\alpha I = 1,13 \ \alpha 2 = 0,3 \ \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = 1,75 \ \varphi 2 = 1,23$	$\tau I = 275, 3, 1 \tau 2 = 55, 05$		
R2	Universität Kiel	F1.27.1.92	Α	n.n.	$c = -0,015 R^2 = 0,976$	= 0,115	$\varphi 3 = -2,56$	$\tau 3 = 21,32$	0,00000000	0,98282300
					$k = 0,548 \ b = -8,642$	$\alpha 1 = 1,22 \alpha 2 = 0,76 \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = -2,13 \ \varphi 2 = -2,55$	$\tau l = 336, 5, 1 \tau 2 = 47, 35$		
R3	Universität Kiel	F1.27.1.93	A	n.n.	$c = -0,046 R^2 = 0,988$	= 0,699	$\varphi 3 = 1,22$	$\tau 3 = 43,79$	0,00000000	0,90321000
					k = 1119289,97 b = -20,39	$\alpha 1 = 0,674 \alpha 2 = 0,335 \alpha 3$	$\varphi I = -2,73 \ \varphi 2 = 1,75$	$\tau l = 146, 4, 1 \tau 2 = 30, 43$		
R6	Universität Kiel	F1.27.1.94	A	n.n.	$c = -0,005 R^2 = 0,996$	= 0,36	$\varphi 3 = -2,62$	$\tau 3 = 40,41$	0,00000000	0,83679000

Tab.P1 List of the used specimens of *Heterostegina depressa*, showing Gompertz parameter, amplitudes, phases, periods as well as p and R^2 values.

Four gamonts were cultured by Röttger in 1991 at the University of Kiel (R1, R2, R3, R6),

three naturally grown gamonts were sampled by Kürger in Maui at Kekaa Point (D1-68, D2-

68, D3-68) and another agamont also sampled at Kekaaa Point (Fig.P4) was used (B44).

Additionally three gamonts and one agamont from Sesoko-Jima (Fig.P5) were kindly provided by Hohenegger (A1, A2, A3, B1). Those specimens from Sesoko-Jima and Hawaii, which grew under natural conditions were used as reference group and posed as control fauna for comparison with laboratory-cultured specimens. All samples have been analysed using micro-computed tomography (Micro CT) with the high energy Scanner Skyscan 1173 at the Department of Palaeontology, university of Vienna. CT scanners are quite simple instruments composed mainly of an X-ray source represented by a (micro) focused X-ray tube, a chargedcoupled device (CCD) camera such as the X-ray detector, and a sample tray, as seen in figure P6. During the scanning process, several one- or two-dimensional radiographs are recorded for different positions during a stepwise rotation around a central axis of either the sample or the system source-detector. Commonly, in scanners built for academic purposes, the sample rotates and the system source-detector remains fixed. For LBF, the use of high resolution CTs (micro or nano) is commonly mandatory since the resolution needed to visualize chambers or parts of chambers are always < 0.5 mm.

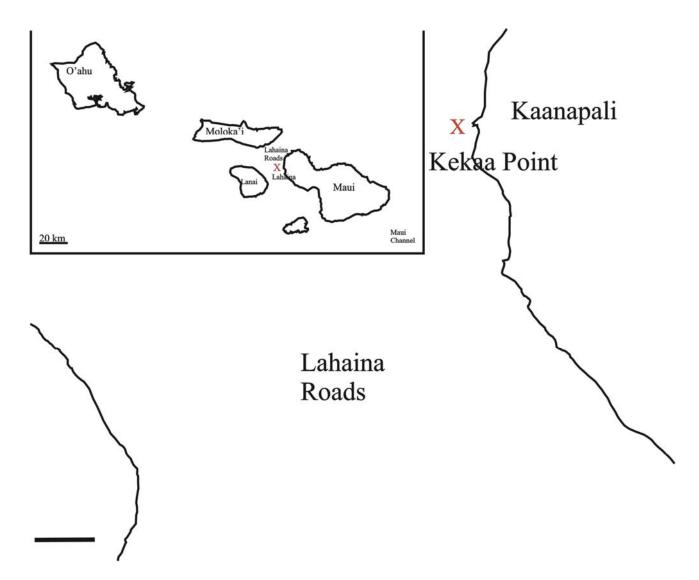


Fig.P4 Sketch of western Maui coastline, the red X marks the sampling point, modified after Krüger, (1994).

The magnification of a scan depends mainly on the CCD camera resolution and on the position of the sample along the line defined by the system "X-ray source-object-detector".

In CT scanners, the resolution is given in pixels depending on the detector type, but on the three-dimensional models obtained, the word "voxel" is used instead of pixel.

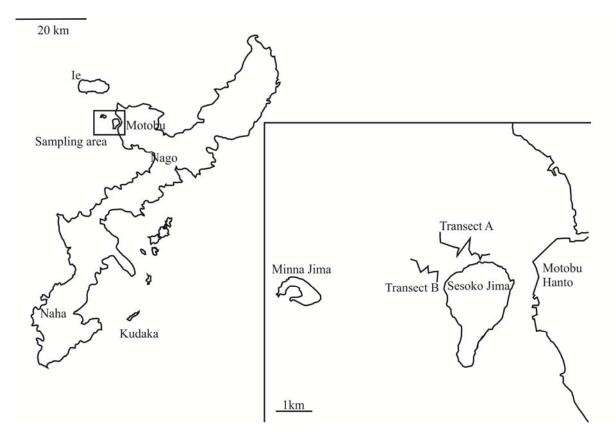


Fig.P5 Sample locality Sesoko-Jima, Okinawa, showing Transect A and B, after Hohenegger et al., (1999).

The voxel is a three-dimensional pixel, it has commonly a cubic shape and, therefore, the pixel size represents the length, the height and the thickness of the voxel.

The slices are put together afterwards by digital geometric processing by an algorithmic-based procedure, which is commonly made by a computer cluster equipped with larger storage and memory systems. Extreme computational power is needed because the reconstruction process must collect information stored by the CCD detector and reveal slices normal to the X-ray imaging plane. The volume is calculated by counting the number of voxels within selected slice areas defined by greyscale thresholds (Briguglio et al., in press).

Initially six specimens of laboratory cultured gamonts of the culture F1 27.10.1991 have been scanned at 100 kV. Two of them were preliminarily discarded because of alignment issues and blurred images. The remaining four specimens are presented in Table 1 and have been used

for 3D segmentation, reconstruction and data evaluation, which have been done using the dedicated software Amira 5.4.3 VSG.

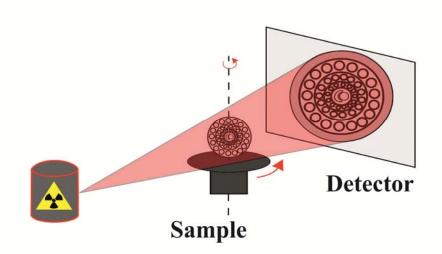


Fig.P6 simplified CT Scanner (Briguglio et al., in press).

One major problem during the segmentation process was the definition of the greyscale threshold. It should be wide enough to contain the complete chamber cavity, but small enough that the selected areas don't include parts of the test or ingress through stolons and foramina into the next chamber. If this happens, a manual barrier has to been drawn, implementing a biased error in the data.

Serendipitous observations led to the discovery that the gamonts cultured by Röttger show great alteration in septal growth (see appendix figures A1 - A12). Septa and septula are strongly underdeveloped or are uncompleted and chambers have large connections. These fused chambers, i.e., cavities, present a relative great problem for 3D segmentation and later on also for estimating oscillation in growth. Hence, to accelerate the segmentation process different greyscale threshold have been used for these gamonts. However, the greyscale threshold had to be adjusted slightly every 10 to 20 chambers or otherwise artificial boundaries had to be drawn to replace underdeveloped septa or septula.

All naturally grown gamonts and agamonts from Kekaa Point and Sesoko-Jima didn't show any strong alteration of internal structures. They have mostly grown according to their bauplan structure and showed only some reparatory chambers as reaction to fractioning. The aim of this was not only to compare specimens of *H. depressa* grown under natural and laboratory conditions, but also to search for growth oscillation by looking at chamber volumes gained trough MicroCT Analysis and 3D segmentation.

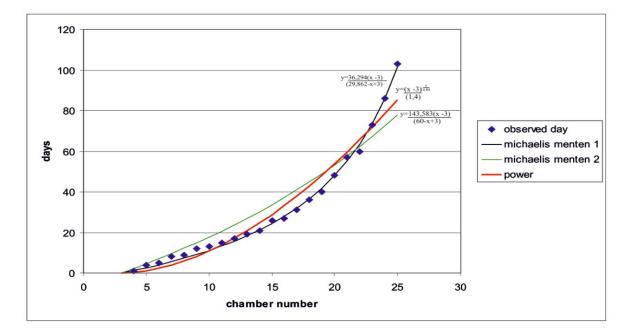
To estimate growth oscillation, the estimation of the growth rate is pivotal as it can alter the length of the measured periods dramatically. Based on observed growth values for *H. depressa* gamonts of Röttger's culturing experiments in 1972, estimation has been made by using the Michaelis-Menten function (for more details see p.12) shown in figure P7. This growth rate is probably correct for naturally grown gamonts, because the gained growth curve based on laboratory-cultured gamonts has slightly slower growth. Still the same curve has been used for both to keep the procedure relatively simple and the results comparable. The growth curve for agamonts has not been based on observed values, but was gained by altering the growth rate of the gamonts to fit the assumption, that growth in agamonts is accelerated in early ontogenesis and slows down later on, reflecting their strict K-strategic life.

Finally one major problem concerning the timing of the teratologies should be mentioned. Since the aforementioned cavities don't grow independently, but consist of many fused chambers, this single value of volume contains different planes of time. Therefore, any chamber influenced by the cavities has not been taken in account and secondly the point in time contained in the cavities have been estimated and then deleted before searching for oscillations. For further information how to calculate these oscillations see p. 23 or Hohenegger et al. (in press).

First results of naturally grown specimens confirmed the *a priori* assumption that these periodicities in growth are related to oscillation of the earth-moon system. The most

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significant periods of approximately 14 and 29 days respond to the tidal cycle and the lunar month. Additionally the naturally grown LBF recorded more intermediate to long-term cycles, which probably reflect seasonal fluctuations and therefore differ in each sample locality.



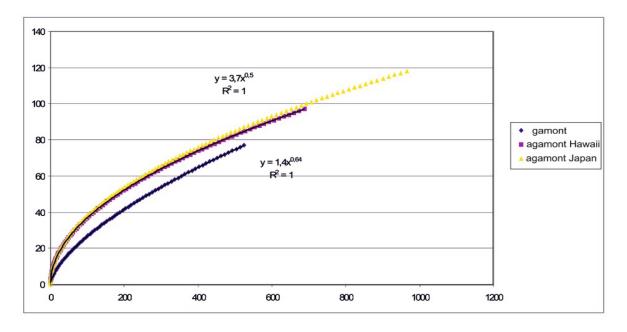


Fig.P7 the upper graph shows the observed values; Michealis Menten; power function for estimating the gamont growth rate and the lower one shows the estimated agamont growth rate in relation to those of the gamonts.

At the end most of these long-term cycles could be explained either by seasonality in local rainfall or wind regime.

The laboratory-cultured specimens recorded also periods of different lengths, but with smaller significance than that of the control fauna. These are very likely artefacts of the used methodology, since no fitting environmental factor controlling these periods could be determined. Due to the large amount of internal morphological abnormalities, which are not visible from the outside, we have discovered within the test of the cultivated specimens of *H*. *depressa*, it is advisable to be careful in using cultivated foraminifera as proxy for whatever task. Most of times, good cultivation experiment are designated by increase of diameter or by chamber building events. As discovered in this study, neither the formation of new chambers nor the increase in size depicts a well and healthy growth condition for the specimen.

Systematic Palaeontology

Order Foraminiferida Eichwald, 1830 Family Nummulitidae de Blainville, 1827 Genus Heterostegina d'Orbigny, 1826

Heterostegina depressa d'Orbigny, 1826.

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Description: The test is involute to evolute and centrally thickened. The megalospheric proloculus is followed by up to sixteen operculinoid and unfolded septa. Microspheric tests are larger and relatively rare with about thirty unfolded septa, with chamberlets formed by complete secondary septa, which are produced by folds of the septal flap.

The marginal cord consists of an anastomosing bundle of canals in the peripheral band that connects to those in the spiral septum of earlier whorls. Intraseptal canals are formed from parts of the former marginal canals, as new chambers are added, and connect the marginal canals of successive whorls. Secondary sutural canals within the septula of the chamberlets connect successive sutural canals. The apertures of the proloculus and early undivided chambers form the primary stolons or apertural or foraminal tubes. Later chambers and chamberlets of a single chamber are connected by radial stolons or tubes and may have annular stolons or tangential tubes, so-called because of their position. Y-shaped supplementary stolons occur at the distal tip of the secondary septula in the median plane. Smaller connections occur between the chamber lumen and peripheral canals of the final whorl and spiraling canals of the underlying whorl and may lead to the intraseptal canals. The canal system opens through small branches or trabeculae into the relative large pores or openings of the margin. Septal and secondary septal canals reach to the exterior. The wall is calcareous and finely perforate. U. Eocene to Holocene (Hottinger, 1977).

Distribution: cosmopolitan, tropical to temperate Atlantic. Pacific, and Indian Oceans, e.g.: Bazaruto Archipelago, Caroline Islands, European waters, Guam, Maldives, Mediterranean Sea ,New Caledonia, Rabbit Key Basin, South Florida Keys, Okinawa, Hawaii (W.o.r.m.s., 2013).

Introduction

Larger benthic foraminifera (LBF) are a non-taxonomic, informal group of symbiont bearing marine shallow water organisms, which belong to the phylum of foraminifera. Their tests are commonly very large and quite complex, which function as greenhouse structures for their phototrophic algal symbionts (Hohenegger, 2011). They are well adapted and abundant in extreme oligotrophic environments (Hallock, 1985).

In shallow water deposits, LBF are among the most important sediment builders of the late Paleozoic and Cenozoic. The Nummulitid family was extremely diverse, abundant and dominant in all shallow water sediments of Eocene to Oligocene times (BouDagher-Fadel, 2008).

Nummulitids, as well as all other LBF, are considered as non-opportunistic K-strategists organisms, they gain large body size as a product of continuous and constant growth (Hottinger, 1982).

Additionally, it has been recently identified that shell form and size of larger benthic foraminifera reflect environmental changes. Each of their growth steps is represented by the addition of a single chamber, or a set of chamberlets. Volume, size and shapes of these growth steps are influenced by the environmental scenario they are living in (Hohenegger, 2011; Ferrández-Caňadell, 2012; Briguglio et al., in press).

During the last decades, much effort has been spent on cultivation of larger benthic foraminifera, to get some insights on the chamber building process, its timing, its geochemical composition and reproduction cycles of the cell. However, cultivation attempts on larger benthic foraminifera are known since the beginning of last century (Winter, 1907) but successfully cultivation experiments have been obtained only during the last 15 to 20 years,

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when laboratory facilities allowed the creation of stabile and complex cultivation settings. LBF demand complex requirements concerning their habitat, e.g. high median temperature and rather high light intensity. These restrictions are due to their photosynthetic endosymbionts, which, in case of *Heterostegina*, are diatoms (Hohenegger, 2011). While several species have been held in captivity, only few research groups were able to culture gamonts of LBF. Among the first was Winter (1907), who has been able to reproduce gamonts and even a filial generation of agamonts of *Peneroplis pertusus*.

Irwan (1980) achieved a reproduction of *Amphistegina.lessoni*, while Hallock (1981) could calculate growth functions for *A. lessoni* and *lobifera*. The first definite megalospheric filial generation belonged to *Marginopora vertebralis* by Ross (1972). Lutze and Wefer (1980) observed the forming of megalospheric daughter cells of *Cyclorbiculina compressa*. Krüger (1990) managed to observe a complete reproduction cycle of *Calcarina gaudichaudii* and successfully

cultured consecutive generations of Heterostegina depressa (Krüger, 1994).

Beside these former developments in cultivation, periodicity in growth of Nummulitids has also been an important topic in research for quite some time. Purton and Brasier (1999) worked on isotopic signals of δ ¹⁸O and δ ¹³C isotopes in extinct taxon of *Nummulites laevigatus*. They conclude that species of *Nummulites* were long-lived protists and could have recorded isotopic signals over a longer time span.

Even though wavelength and amplitude of the isotopic signal aren't constant over time the cyclicity is evident. Both authors interpret this oscillation as seasonal variations and, by using the chamber-building rate estimated for *Heterostegina depressa* by Röttger (1972), estimate ages roughly about 60 years for the very large *Nummulites millecaput* at a diameter of 160 mm.

Contrary to this, Ferrández-Caňadell (2012) assumes a higher growth rate in nummulitids under optimal conditions. The evidence of multispiral growth can play a major role in such large protists and the same size measured by Purton and Brasier can be achieved in much less than 10 years. This theory matches with the assumptions by Ross (1979) who named rapid growth as key characteristics for larger foraminifera and Beavington-Penny and Racey (2004) who estimated 1 to 5 years for the gigantic size of late Palaeogene foraminifer taxa.

(Ferrández-Caňadell, 2012).

The isotopic oscillation discovered by Purton and Brasier in 1999 may be much shorter than only seasonal variations. Like those recently found in recent LBF like *H. depressa* and *Marginopora vertebralis* (Wefer et al., 1981; Saraswati et al., 1997; Saraswati, 2008), which have high similarity with symbiont bearing *Monastrea* (Dávalos-Dehullu et al., 2008). δ^{18} O values measured by Wefer et al. (1981) in *H. depressa* from the Bermudas show high similarity with results of Purton and Brasier (1999).

Therefore recent LBF can be used to reconstruct controlling factors that operate as underlying principles to chamber formation. Patterns oscillating around a fixed growth function can be established and those may reflect periodically recurring ecological signals in nature, such as tides, moon cycles or seasonality (Hohenegger et al., in press; Briguglio, in press). Hence, this study tries to apply new techniques on the study of lifetime and periodic cyclicity to the well-known taxon *Heterostegina depressa*. Among the six recent *Nummulitid* species, *Heterostegina depressa* has one of the broadest depth distributions and geographical range and can be considered, as is the best-suited taxon for a large variety of applications. Tasks of this works are the study how the ontogenetic growth of chamber and chamberlets is influenced by environmental events and the comparison of growth styles between naturally grown specimens and those cultivated under laboratory conditions, cultured by Röttger and Krüger in 1991. These cyclicities have been calculated and plotted in different taxa of larger benthic foraminifera, e.g. *Palaeonummulites venosus* (Hohenegger et al., in press) using MicroCT technology for volumetry. Therefore it was a firsthand opportunity to look not only into naturally grown individuals but also cultured specimens of *H. depressa* (Hohenegger,

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2011).

Materials and Methods

For this research 12 specimens were chosen (Tab.1). This sample consists of some naturally grown gamonts from Hawaii and Sesoko-Jima, some naturally grown agamonts also from Hawaii and Sesoko and some cultured gamonts cultivated by Röttger in 1991.

Code	Origin	Sample No.	A/B	Depth in m	Gompertz prameter	Amplitude	Phase	Period	р	R ²
D1-68	Maui, Kekaa Point	#68	A	40	$k = 723,21 \ b = 12,016$ $c = -0.0105 \ R^2 = 0.998$	$\alpha I = 0,289 \ \alpha 2 = 0,243 \ \alpha 3$ = 0.213	$\varphi I = 3,02 \ \varphi 2 = -1,6$ $\varphi 3 = -0,822$	$\tau I = 192,6 \tau 2 = 12,20 \tau 3$ = 28.16	0.00000009	0.54922000
	Maui, Kekaa Point		A	40	$k = 70184,09 \ b = -17,113$ $c = -0,008 \ R^2 = 0,996$	$\alpha I = 0,252 \ \alpha 2 = 0,188 \ \alpha 3$ = 0,156	$\varphi I = 3,10 \ \varphi 2 = -2,81$ $\varphi 3 = 2,63$	$\tau I = 158,30 \ \tau 2 = 24,38 \ \tau 3$ = 13,79	0,00000006	0,60285000
D3-68	Maui, Kekaa Point	#69	A	40	$k = 2,396 \ b = -8,946$ $c = -0,033 \ R^2 = 0,999$	$\alpha I = 0,281 \ \alpha 2 = 0,331 \ \alpha 3$ = 0,23	$\varphi I = 0,269 \ \varphi 2 = 3,03 \ \varphi 3$ = 1,13	$\tau I = 32,33 \ \tau 2 = 14,27 \ \tau 3$ = 10,29	0,00000887	0,57488000
B44	Maui, Kekaa Point	P.1.10.91	в	n.n	$k = 562,694 \ b = -16,118$ $c = -0,011 \ R^2 = 0,988$	$\alpha I = 0.253 \ \alpha 2 = 0.241 \ \alpha 3$ = 0.217 \alpha 4 = 0.196	$\varphi I = -2,47 \ \varphi 2 = -3,11$ $\varphi 3 = 1,22 \ \varphi 4 = -2,4$	$\tau I = 36,02 \ \tau 2 = 178,3 \ \tau 3$ = 26,19 $\tau 4 = 13,48$	0,00000000	0,57470000
A1	Sesoko-Jima	Transect A	A	20	$k = 164,52 \ b = -13,271$ $c = -0,012 \ R^2 = 0,999$	$\alpha I = 0.282 \ \alpha 2 = 0.202 \ \alpha 3$ = 0.198 \alpha 4 = 0.17	$\varphi I = 2,74 \ \varphi 2 = 2,71$ $\varphi 3 = 0,402 \ \varphi 4 = 3,13$	$\tau I = 62,24 \ \tau 2 = 34,6$ $\tau 3 = 26,75 \ \tau 4 = 12,20$	0,00000001	0,70263000
A2	Sesoko-Jima	Transect A	A	20	$k = 2,192 \ b = -10,794$ $c = -0,031 \ R^2 = 0,999$	$\alpha I = 0.318 \ \alpha 2 = 0.115 \ \alpha 3$ = 0.145 \alpha 4 = 0.0948	$\varphi I = -1,44 \ \varphi 2 = 0,697$ $\varphi 3 = -1,7 \ \varphi 4 = -1,32$	$\tau I = 84,40 \ \tau 2 = 10,89 \ \tau 3$ = 34,24 $\tau 4 = 25,08$	0,000000003	0,75477000
A3	Sesoko-Jima	Transect A	A	20	$k = 0,693 \ b = -12,602$ $c = -0,0375 \ R^2 = 0,995$	$\alpha I = 0.27 \ \alpha 2 = 0.23 \ \alpha 3$ = 0.161 \alpha 4 = 0.137	$\varphi I = -1,29 \ \varphi 2 = 0,503$ $\varphi 3 = 2,11 \ \varphi 4 = 2,69$	$\tau I = 74,32 \ \tau 2 = 22,69 \ \tau 3$ = 10,12 $\tau 4 = 35,92$	0,00785910	0,50903000
B1	Sesoko-Jima	Transect A	в	20	$k = 146482, 1 \ b = -25, 3$ c = -0,009	$\alpha I = 0,309 \ \alpha 2 = 0,288 \ \alpha 3 = 0,263 \ \alpha 4 = 0,423$	$\varphi I = -0.948 \ \varphi 2 = -1.08$ $\varphi 3 = -2.43 \ \varphi 4 = 3.01$	$\tau I = 26,96 \tau 2 = 17,74 \tau 3$ = 43,6 $\tau 4 = 213,63$	0,00000000	0,78054000
R1	Universität Kiel	F1.27.1.91	A	n.n.	k = 0.573 b = -8.944 $c = -0.05 R^2 = 0.987$	$\alpha I = 0,741 \alpha 2 = 0,246 \alpha 3$ = 0,16	$\varphi I = -2,45 \ \varphi 2 = 0,216$ $\varphi 3 = -2,11$	$\tau I = 290,1 \ \tau 2 = 52$ $\tau 3 = 37$	0,00000000	0,87033000
R2	Universität Kiel	F1.27.1.92	A	n.n.	$k = 7,269 \ b = -7,990$ $c = -0,015 \ R^2 = 0,976$	$\alpha I = 1,13 \ \alpha 2 = 0,3 \ \alpha 3 = 0,115$	$\varphi I = 1,75 \ \varphi 2 = 1,23$ $\varphi 3 = -2,56$	$\tau I = 275,3,1 \ \tau 2 = 55,05$ $\tau 3 = 21,32$	0,00000000	0,98282300
R3	Universität Kiel	F1.27.1.93	A	n.n.	$k = 0,548 \ b = -8,642$ $c = -0,046 \ R^2 = 0,988$	$\alpha I = 1,22 \ \alpha 2 = 0,76 \ \alpha 3 = 0,699$	$\varphi I = -2,13 \ \varphi 2 = -2,55 \ \varphi 3 = 1,22$	$\tau I = 336,5,1 \ \tau 2 = 47,35$ $\tau 3 = 43,79$	0,00000000	0,90321000
R6	Universität Kiel	F1.27.1.94	A	n.n.	$k = 1119289,97 \ b = -20,39$ $c = -0,005 \ R^2 = 0,996$	$\alpha I = 0,674 \alpha 2 = 0,335 \alpha 3$ = 0,36	$\varphi I = -2,73 \ \varphi 2 = 1,75$ $\varphi 3 = -2,62$	$\tau I = 146,4,1 \ \tau 2 = 30,43$ $\tau 3 = 40,41$	0,00000000	0,83679000

Tab.1 List of the used specimens of *Heterostegina depressa*, showing Gompertz parameter, amplitudes, phases, periods as well as p and R^2 values.

The Hawaiian material originates from Maui, Kekaa Point (20° 55' 38.38" N, 156° 41' 55.91" E; Fig.1) and was sampled at 15 to 60 meters of water depth in 1991 by Röttger and Krüger (Krüger et al., 1994). The selected gamonts have been collected from Kekaa Point, Station 8, sample No. 68, the exact water depth (40 metres) is know, in this study named as D1-68, D2-68 and D3-68.

According to Krüger (1994), 113 agamonts were sampled at aforementioned locality and water depth and maintained at 22°C in clear "open ocean water" (Krüger, 1994). Afterwards, they were shipped to the University of Kiel and maintained at 25°C, 450 Lux and a day-night interval of 12/12 hours. Half synthetic seawater has been used as culture medium; the mixture was based on Helgolandian seawater with 30 to 33‰ of salinity and has been enriched with

concentrated "simple synthetic seawater" (Hauenschild, 1962), enhancing the salinity to 35‰ (Krüger, 1994).

The laboratory cultured gamonts R1, R2, R3 and R6 originate from agamonts haltered from 12.08.91 to their reproduction at the 27.10.1991 after 76 days of captivity (Krüger, 1994).

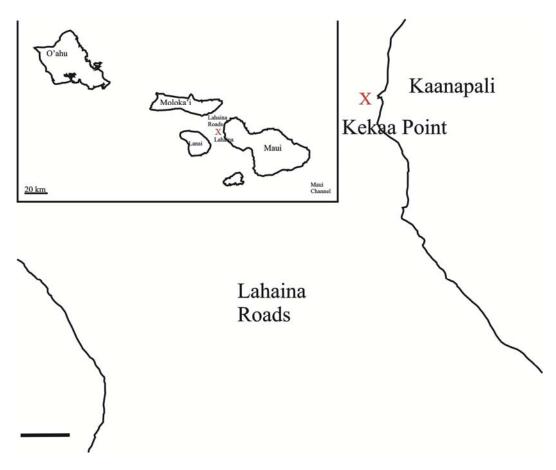


Fig.1 Sketch of western Maui coastline, the red X marks the sampling point, modified after Krüger, (1994).

The chosen specimens of Sesoko-Jima have been sampled in June and July 1996 at 20 metres water depth. The sampling was arranged in two transects around the northern coastline of Sesoko-Jima (Fig.2), whereof the northern transect is the origin of the specimen of *H*. *depressa* used in this study (known as transect A). For more precise information on sampling, the reader should refer to Hohenegger et al. (1999).

Environmental settings of localities

The sampling environment around Kekaa Point is microtidal. The tide heights oscillate between 0,5 m above mean sea level at nip tides and around 0,7 m during spring tides (Fig.3).

The macroclimate of Hawaii is influenced by the trade winds coming from Northeast. The NE trade winds undulate during the year reaching their northern-most position during summer fully hitting the islands. Therefore, it generates a winter season of seven months from October to April and five months summer season from May through September. The climate on the

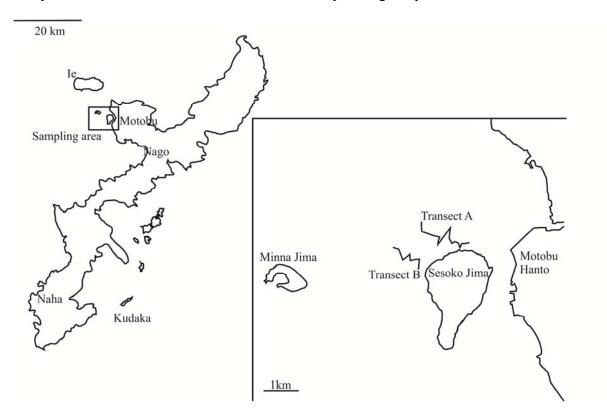


Fig.2 Sample locality Sesoko-Jima, Okinawa, showing Transect A and B, after Hohenegger et al., (1999).

western coast of Maui corresponds to the Kona Coast mesoclimate of Hawaii (Fig.3). It is the only region on the island where a rainfall peak in summer exists. Overall the mesoclimate is warmer and drier than trade-windward weather. Additionally the so-called Kona winds hit the Islands form October to March, consisting of heavy storms, rains and cold fronts. However, these winds aren't equally pronounced every year and the amount of events may vary between two to three or even six per season (Hartley and Chen, 2010).

The sampling points in Sesoko Jima also lie in a microtidal environment, but with much stronger tides reaching from 0.7 m at nip tides to 2 m at spring tides (Fig.4). The macroclimate of Sesoko Jima shows distinctive seasonality. Rainfall regime and

temperature variations depict a monsoon-influenced climate with two rainfall peaks during summer and a relative increase in temperature (Fig.4).

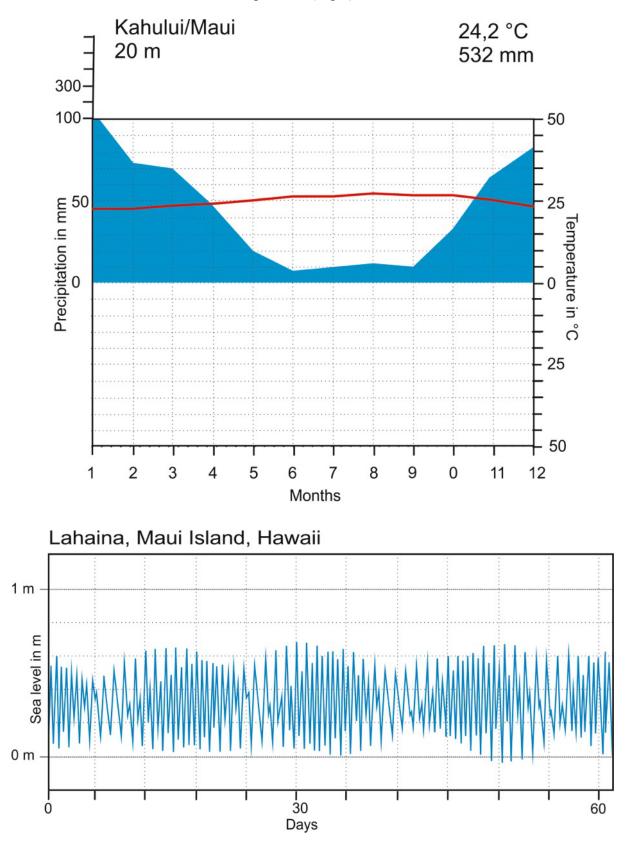


Fig.3 Climate diagram and tidal calendar of the nearest monitoring stations to Kekaa Point.

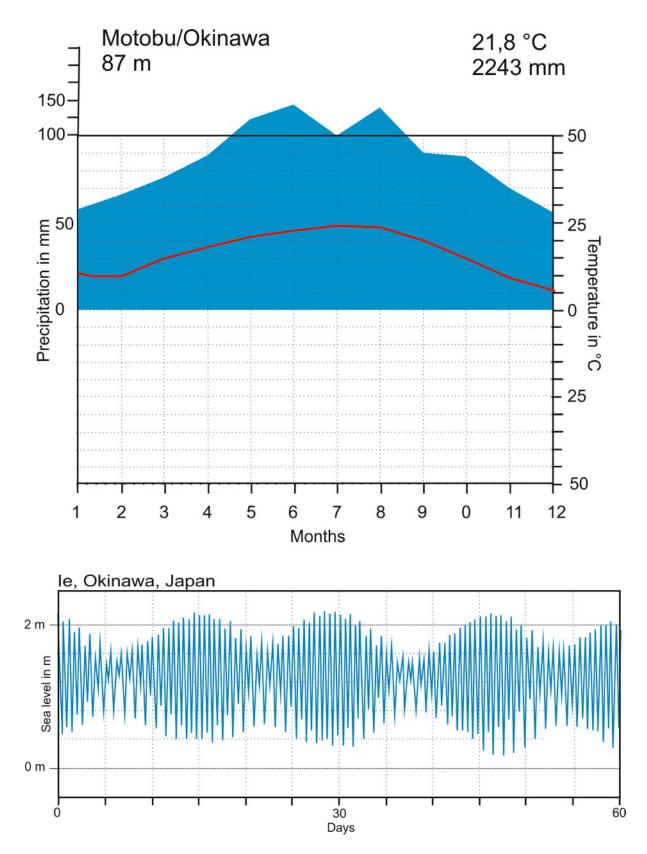


Fig.4 Climate diagram and tidal calendar of the nearest monitoring stations to Sesoko-Jima.

Beside this, there is a distinct seasonality of predominant wind directions. From autumn to spring NE winds are dominant while in summer the wind direction switches to south. This changes again after the crossing of the tropical front in September (Hohenegger et al., 1999). For the present investigation, the most complete specimens of *H. depressa* were chosen to collect the highest amount of data and to simplify afterwards the process of three-dimensional segmentation, since broken or thin-walled chambers had to be redrawn.

Analysis

Micro-computer-tomography (MicroCT) was used to take a closer look at the internal structure of *H. depressa* and to measure volumes of chamber sequences of each individual. The images were taken with the high-energy scanner Skyscan 1173 at the Department of Palaeontology of the University of Vienna.

All investigated specimens cultured by Röttger in 1991 show various internal test anomalies concerning formation of septa and septula and chamber formation. Using external views tools, such anomalies are only hardly visible; therefore, tomographic slices had to be used to get access to these teratologies (Hohenegger et al., in press).

Chamber volumes of each specimen were extracted and summed to get a cumulative sum, to represent the overall growth in volume. This dataset fits best to the Gompertz function equation (1), which has been estimated by using the following equation:

$$V_e = K \exp(b \exp(cj)) \tag{1},$$

Where *K*, *b* and *c* are parameters to be estimated, *V* is the volume of the test and *j* is the number of the chamber. Afterwards the first derivatives of the V_e values are computed (Eq. 2)

for each chamber number to compare them to observed chamber volumes and prove the quality of fit of the Gompertz function.

$$v'_{e} = \frac{dV_{e}}{dj} = cV_{e}\ln(K/V_{e})$$
⁽²⁾

where *j* represents the chamber number [3, 4, 5, 6 ...] and *v*' the estimated volumes obtained by the Gompertz function.

Then, the residuals have been obtained by the equation (3) as follows:

$$d_{j} = \frac{(v_{mj} - v'_{ej})}{v'_{ej}}$$
(3)

Where d_j represents the standardized residuals, v_{mj} the measured volumes and v'_{mj} the derivative of the estimated volumes for the *j*th chamber. Residuals show how far the predicted data of the regression model deviates from the measured data and represent periodic or instantaneous deviations from the estimated growth function. By using the same equation (Eq. 3) for linearized volumes and derivatives the gained residuals are standardized and linearized ones. The standardized and linearized residuals are afterwards used to show oscillation and cyclicity patterns by plotting against the chamber-building rate. The used chamber-building rate is based on laboratory observations of *Heterostegina depressa* made by Röttger (1972). Chamber building rates of larger benthic foraminifera aren't well researched yet and therefore estimation for building rates has been used, which is based on a power function (Hohenegger et al., in press).

$$j = 1.4t^{0.640} \tag{4}$$

Where t is the time when chamber j has been build. The equation (4) has been inverted to gain the timing of chamber formation resulting in equation (5), which fits the timing of observed growth of *Heterostegian deperessa* best.

$$t = (j/1.4)^{(1/0.640)}$$
(5)

For chamber building rates of agamonts, a theoretical growth function was estimated based on the growth of gamonts, even though the chamber building rate in agamonts should differ from that of gamonts at last due to some aspects. During earlier life phases it should display accelerated growth, while later life stages show adaptions to strict K-strategy. Therefore, starting from observed values of gamonts cultured by Röttger (1972), estimation for the agamonts has been calculated. Exponential regressions models were used to gain a function for chamber building rates of *H. depressa* for a theoretical life span of three year, since the actual length of an agamont's life is not known yet (Hohenegger et al., in press).

$$j = 3.7t^{0.5}$$
(6)

Using the standardized linearized residuals (3), cyclic patterns were searched using sinusoidal regression model (Press et al., 1992) as well as REDFIT spectral analysis (Schulz and Mudelsee, 2002).

For better visualization values for the sinusoidal functions were summed up to contain all significant cycles and amplitudes α and phases ϕ as well as periods τ . Additionally p and R² values for the summed functions are given.

For three dimensional analyses, Amira 5.4.3 VSG was used. Gompertz functions and parameters have been calculated in SPSS statistics v. 18.0. REDFIT spectral analysis and sinusoidal function were computed in PAST 2. 17c (Hammer et al., 2001) and for basal

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calculation Microsoft Office EXCEL 2003 have been used.

Results

In Table 1 the most significant cycles of each specimen with amplitudes α , phases ϕ and periods τ , as well as R^2 and p values are given, which have been acquired by REDFIT spectral analysis. An oversampling rate of four was used to increase the number of points. Significant cycles exhibiting a power around the 80% χ^2 false alarm level were then chosen. For the Hawaiian, Japanese and cultivated gamonts histograms on weighted frequencies and for the agamonts from Kekaa Point and Sesoko non-weighted histograms are given (Figs.5, 6).

Histograms of naturally grown gamonts and laboratory-cultured gamonts clearly show a triplet of significant periods. In the Hawaiian naturally grown specimens periods of the categories 10-15 (mean: 12.6), 20-35 (mean: 28.2) and 160-195 (mean: 175.4) days are the most significant, while in the Japanese gamonts categories of 10-15 (mean: 11.0), 20-40 (mean: 28.2) and 60-85 (mean 73.6) are dominant.

Those differences are neither based on weighting method or on chamber number (nearly equal among the samples), but on differences in amplitudes.

The significant periods of the laboratory cultivated gamonts differ quite evidently from those of naturally grown ones. The specimens show distinctive cycles at 40-50, 275-290 and 335-340 days with mean period lengths of 52, 282.7 and 336.5.

The agamonts of Kekaa point show three significant periods 28.0 days, 37.3 days and 191.9 days; they lack the shorter cycle of 12.6 days recorded by the gamonts, but show much longer periods.

In contrast, agamonts of Sesoko Jima show short-term cycles of 17.74 days. Other significant cycles take 26.96 days, 43.6 days and 213.6 days.

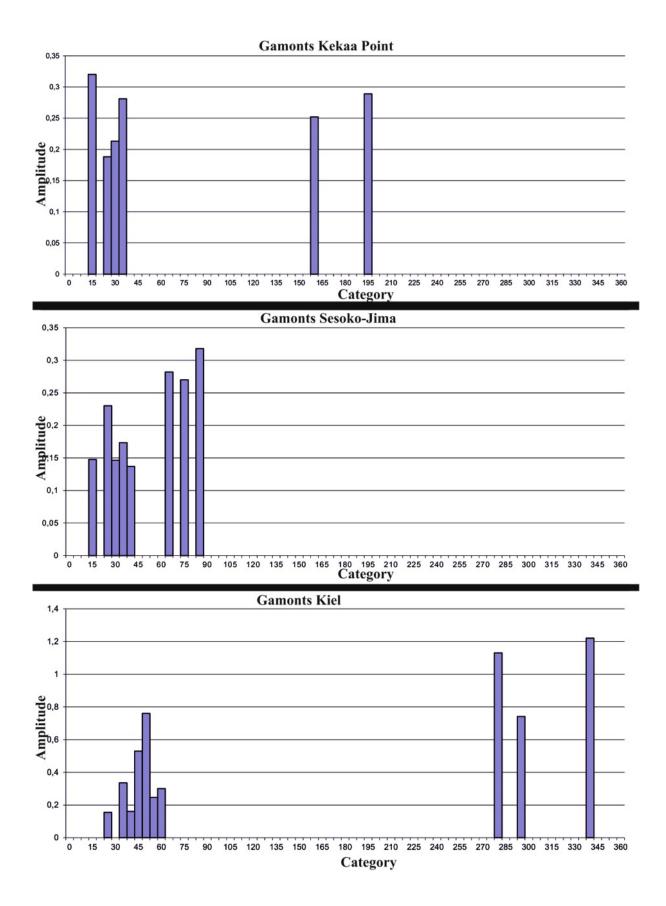
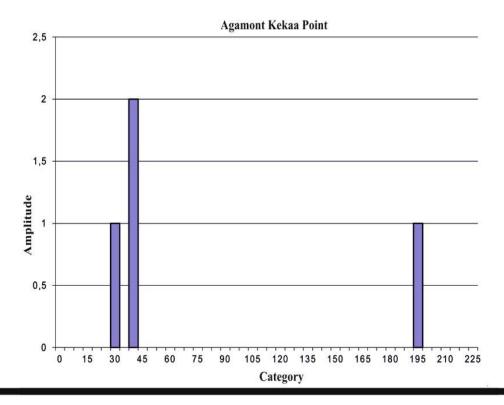


Fig.5 Histograms of the naturally grown gamonts of Kekaa Point and Sesoko-Jima, and laboratory-cultured gamonts from Kiel, weighted on frequency.



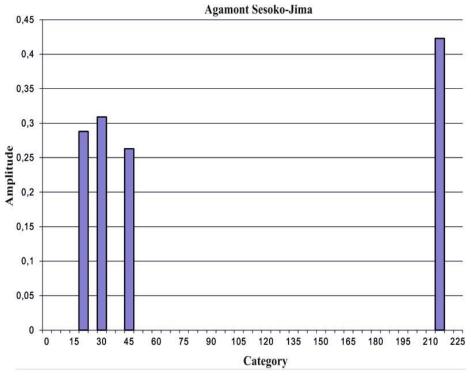


Fig.6 non-weighted histograms for the agamonts from Kekaa Point and Sesoko.

Discussion

All investigated specimens of naturally grown *Heterostegina depressa* show distinct cyclicity, which can be well approximated by a sum of sinusoidal functions. These resulting periods can be compared to orbital oscillations of the earth-moon system, e.g. lunar cycles and/or seasonal events. To connect such environmental cycles to oscillations in foraminiferal growth, an estimation of the estimated growth is mandatory. This has been presented here based on theoretical adaptation to the gamonts whose growth rate is much better known. Using such growth rates, naturally grown gamonts show tendencies to record rather short-term periods. Longer-lived specimens (agamonts from Sesoko and Kekaa Point) with three years of estimated lifetime show similar periods over all, but the agamont from Kekaa Point misses the shortest time interval. This might be due to differences in tidal regimes of the two localities.

Periods around ~ 14 and 29 days are the most frequent with very high significance possibly proving the effects tides and lunar month. This dependency of moonlight possibly seen in larger foraminifera has been proven quite recently in animal and plant growth in shallow water and deep-sea metazoan (Mercier, 2011). This correlation of foraminiferal growth and full moon phases around each 29 days is relatively easy to explain considering the continuous positive activity of their endosymbiontic algae during full moon nights.

The shorter period of 14 days seem to depict the time interval between spring and neap tides. The tidal regime of Sesoko and Hawaii has semi-diurnal range with periodicity of half a lunar month ~14 days, which can be seen in the naturally grown specimens of both places. For Sesoko Jima a tidal height of ~1.3 metres is known (Fig.4), thus creating strong and deep reaching tidal currents (Zuo et al., 2009). These currents run along the substrate layer influencing sessile benthic organisms like LBF and suspend a lot of fine-grained deposits, hence diminishing light intensity and increasing the nutrient availability affecting foraminiferal endosymbionts.

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The tidal effect on the samples collected at Kekaa should be relatively reduced in respect to that on the Japanese material.

Besides these short-term cycles, naturally grown specimens from Sesoko show also intermediate term periods of ~ 60 to 85 days. These differences in period may seem to reflect meso to macroclimatic seasonal fluctuations of Sesoko. Sesoko-Jima's climate is dominated by the monsoon front as seen in figure 4. Therefore this region is influenced by two strong raining seasons and additionally relatively cold winter months. These factors might explain the period length of approximately 3 months. Additionally, the agamont from Sesoko shows a long-term period of 213.6 days, which possibly depicts the yearly shift of the wind regime during summer.

Agamonts and gamonts form Kekaa Point exhibit nearly the same long-term cycles from 175.4 to 191.9 days. Those cycles might correspond to a period of intense influence of the NE trade winds on the islands during the Hawaiian summer months.

Agamonts of both sampling localities show a 40 to 45 days cycle, which is quite hard to interpret since no fitting environmental signal could be found. This period might result due to constructive interferences within the sinusoidal function or to small incongruences caused by a different growth rate.

As expected, the laboratory-cultured gamonts show different cyclicity patterns, as those seen in naturally grown foraminifera. Since they have been cultured in petri dish a climate chamber at 25° C without strong temperature fluctuations, no ecological driven growth oscillations should be visible within their growth.

The cycle with the longest period \sim 300 days possibly reflects the complete lifetime of the gamonts or might be the result of the so-called tendency cycles. An interpretation for the 40 to 50 days cycle is hard to find and no evident reason could be determined. Additionally one should comment that it is the basic task of the used method to search for cycles within a certain data set. Most data set contain these periodic cycles which aren't significant or are just

artefacts of the statistical method used. Therefore they don't have to be necessarily ecological controlled.

Conclusion

Larger benthic foraminifera show direct dependence of environmental variability during their growth and record short to long-term oscillation during their chamber formation expressed as chamber size variation. Special attention should be given to chamber building rates, which are estimated using power function approximating the Michaelis-Menten function and especially difference of the localities can alter these rates. The gained results confirm that naturally grown foraminifera are affected by lunar oscillations even though the exact factor controlling the 14 days period is yet to be found. For Sesoko-Jima strong tidal currents and connected disturbances as factor for the 14 days cycle may be true. But for Kekaa Point, where there are only slight water height differences between neap and spring tides, other factors have to be effective.

Investigation of laboratory cultured gamonts showed that significant cyclicities may still be valid, but are being expressed due to arbitrarily inflicted conditions. The approach of simulating complex environmental factors of natural marine habitats should be closely revised. Very acute developed teratologies support this view and create severe complications for further analysis using. Therefore the validity of many geochemical analyses and environmental proxies applied on cultivated foraminifera may be badly affected.

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Appendix

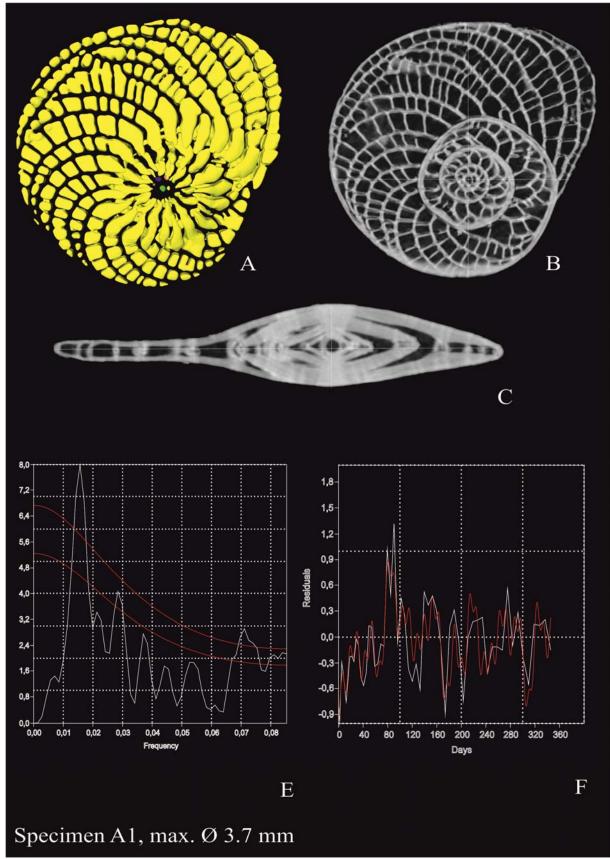
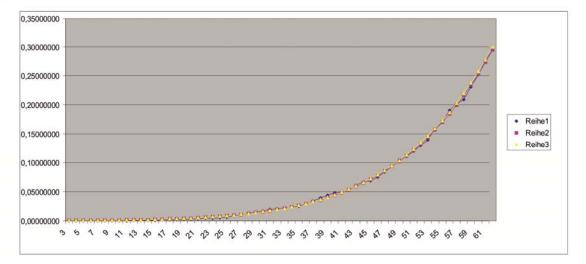


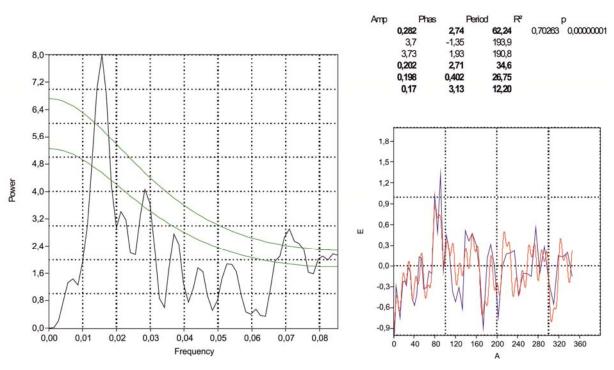
Fig.A1 Specimen A1, gamont from Sesoko Jima, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram.

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Tab.A1 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of A1.

Freq	Power	Period	Theor.AR(1)chi2	80%	chi2 90%	chi2 95%	chi2 99%	chi2 crit.	
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0,0014225		702,987698	3.55	5,244	6,719	8,1188	11,201	8,9136	
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0,0099572									
		87,8734622	3,28	4,8463	6,2095	7,5032	10,352		
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0,072545		13,7845475	1,25	1,8438	2,3806	2,8766	3,9687	3,134	
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	2 1762	11,9154007	1,21	1,7921	2,2962	2,7745	3,828	3,0461	
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Tab.A2 showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of A1.

Log File A1

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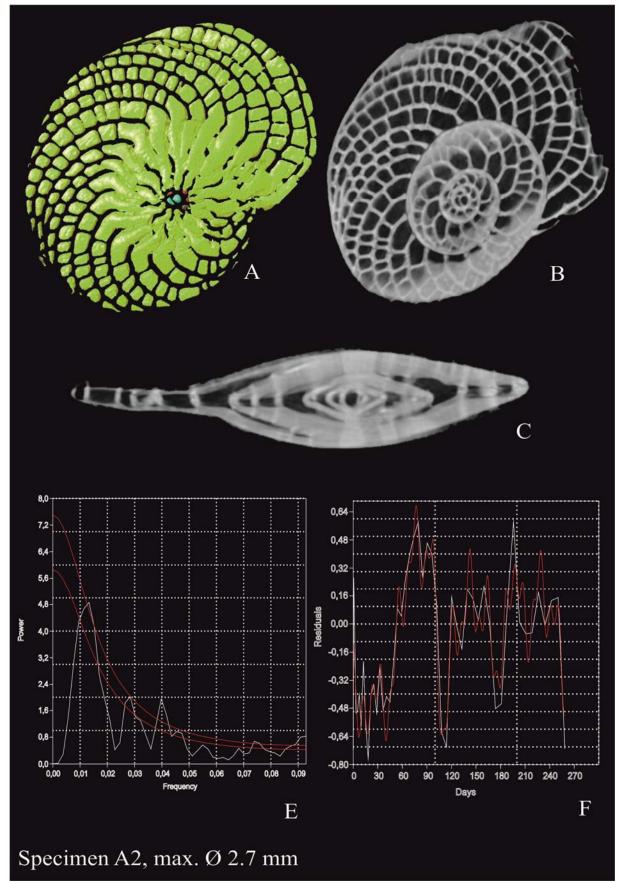
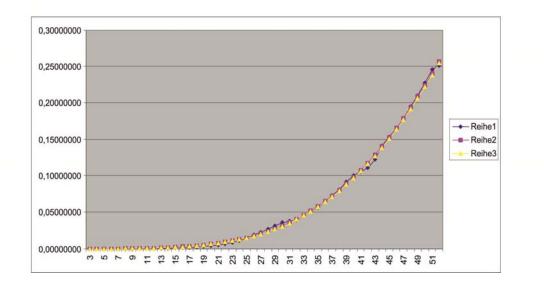
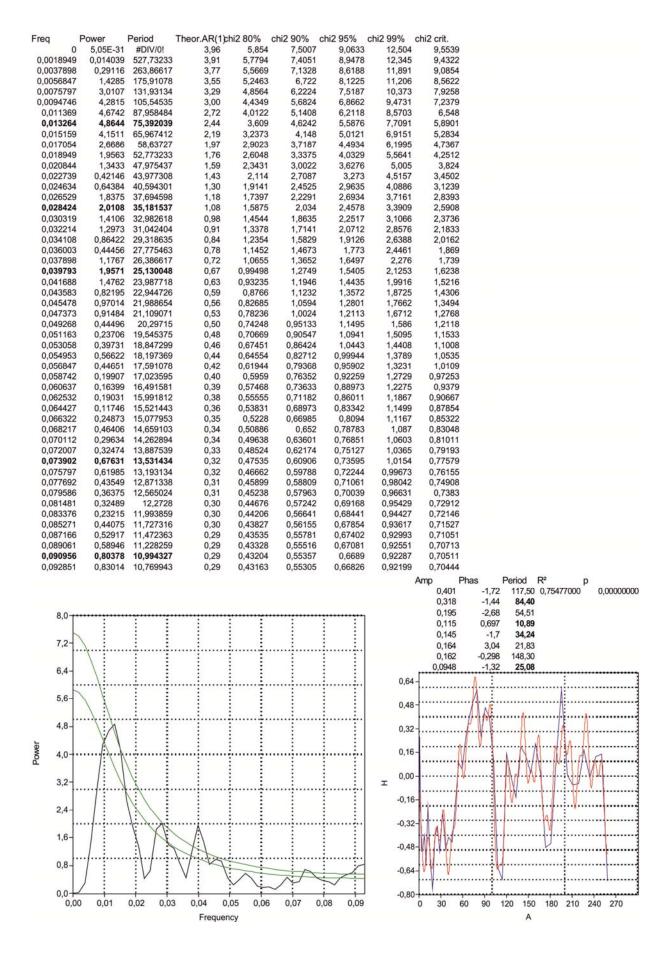


Fig.A2 Specimen A2, gamont from Sesoko Jima, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram.

day	chamber	volume mm ³	comul. Sum	Gomp SPSS	Gomp Excel	Derivate	Residuals	lin vol	lin derivate	stand lin res
0	3	0.000033	0,00003300	0,0001177	0,00011732	0,00011732	-0,71871720	0,00001100	0,00003911	-0,71871720
0.3323559	4			0.000159			and a set of a set of the set	0.00001733		0,26581480
1,153592	5			0,0002129			-0.00960255	0.00001767		-0.00960255
2.3888811	6			0.0002824		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		0.00001133		-0,50785547
4,0040645	7			0,0003715			-0,50233107	0,00001467		-0,50233107
5,9770478	8			0,0004846				0.00002233		-0,40280643
8.2916959	g			0.000627	0.00062280			0.00002000		-0.57507697
10,93541	10			0,0008049	0,00079911		-0,21159381	0,00004633		-0,21159381
13.897923	11			0.0010254				0.00003067		-0.57883587
17,170608	12			0,0012966				0.00002100		-0,76547867
20,746056	13			0,0016279				0.00006467		
24,617796	14			0,0020296			-0,34355969	0,00008700		-0,34355969
28,780093	15			0.0025133				0.00007833		-0.50912820
33,22781	16	0,000433	0,00176000	0,0030921	0,00306313	0.00057264	-0,24385526	0,00014433	0,00019088	-0,24385526
37,956304	17			0,0037802		1 Contract Section 1997		0,00011567		
42,961343	18			0,004593		 A second sec second second sec		0.00015700		
48,239047	19			0,0055473				0,00017433		
53,785834	20			0.0066614	0,00659293			0.00028833		-0.21476042
59,598385	21	0,001389	0,00535500	0,0079546	0,00787143	0.00127850	0,08642722	0.00046300	0.00042617	0,08642722
65,673605	22	0,001543	0,00689800	0,0094473	0,00934715	0,00147572	0,04558915	0,00051433	0,00049191	0,04558915
72,008602	23			0,0111613	0,01104148	0,00169432	0,25890937	0,00071100	0,00056477	0,25890937
78,600663	24			0,0131191	0,01297677	0.00193529	0,39617107	0.00090067		
85.447232	25			0.0153442			0.49579379	0.00109667		0.49579379
92,545896	26	0.00394	0,01896300	0.0178609	0,01766395	0.00248768	0,58380304	0,00131333	0,00082923	0,58380304
99,894371	27	0,003558	0,02252100	0,0206939	0,02046438	0,00280042	0,27052247	0,00118600	0,00093347	0,27052247
107,49049	28	0,004591	0,02711200	0,0238685	0,02360251	0.00313814	0,46296924	0,00153033	0.00104605	
115,33219	29	0,004905	0,03201700	0,0274101	0,02710359	0.00350107	0,40099975	0,00163500	0.00116702	0,40099975
123,41751	30	0,004343	0,03636000	0,0313442	0,03099286	0,00388928	0,11666038	0,00144767	0,00129643	0,11666038
131,74457	31	0,001649	0,03800900	0,0356961	0,03529547	0,00430261	-0,61674442	0,00054967	0,00143420	-0,61674442
140,31159	32		0,03943100	0,0404908	0,04003622	0,00474074	-0,70004696	0,00047400	0,00158025	-0,70004696
149,11684	33	0,006006	0,04543700	0,0457527	0,04523934	0,00520313	0,15430547	0,00200200	0,00173438	0,15430547
158,15867	34		0,05106200	0,0515054	0,05092838		-0,01125591	0,00187500	0,00189635	-0,01125591
167,4355	35		0,05637700	0,0577716	0,05712591	0,00619753	-0,14240031	0,00177167	0,00206584	-0,14240031
176,94581	36		0,06443600	0,0645728	0,06385340	0,00672749	0,19792018	0,00268633	0,00224250	0,19792018
186,68814	37		0,07276800	0,0719293	0,07113103	0,00727762	0,14487908	0,00277733	0,00242587	0,14487908
196,66107	38			0,0798598	0,07897748		0,02211770	0,00267333		
206,86324	39			0,0883812			0,21733444	0,00342167		
217,29332	40			0,0975088			0,00547194	0,00302767		
227,95004	41		[6] A. M. B.	0,1072559				0,00166000		
238,83218	42			0,1176339				0,00186533		
249,93853	43			0,1286518			0,10673154	0,00402467		
261,26793	44			0,1403166			0,58524854	0,00610433		0,58524854
272,81927	45			0,152633			0,00880249	0,00410233		0,00880249
284,59144	46			0,1656036				0,00404300		-0,05609416
296,58339	47			0,1792283				0,00427400		-0,05025233
308,79409	48			0,1935052		a second s	0,17900296	0,00556067		0,17900296
321,22252	49			0,2084298	0,20632066		-0,00804444	0,00489167		-0,00804444
333,86773	50			0,2239956			0,13351488	0,00583100		
346,72874	51			0,2401938	0,23781585			0,00615867		
	52	0,004828	0,25051100	0,2570134	0,25449816	0,01668231	-0,71059168	0,00160933	0,00556077	-0,71059168



Tab.A3 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of A2.



Tab.A4. showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of A2.

Log Files A2

Scanner=SkyScan1173 Instrument S/N=10C05009 Hardware version=A Software=Version 1. 6 (build 3) Home directory=C:\Skyscan Source Type=Hamamatsu 130/300 Camera=FlatPanel Sensor Camera Pixel Size (um)=50.0 CameraXYRatio=1.0050 Incl.in lifting (um/mm)=0.8800 [Acquisition] Data directory=C:\Results\nello\depressa\A1 2\original Filename Prefix=depressa A1 2 Number of Files= 1600 Source Voltage (kV)= 88 Source Current (uA)= 87 Number of Rows= 2240 Number of Columns= 2240 Image crop origin X = 0Image crop origin Y=0 Camera binning=1x1 Image Rotation=-0.2600 Gantry direction=CC Number of connected scans=1 Image Pixel Size (um) = 5.70Object to Source (mm)=41.700 Camera to Source (mm)=364.000 Vertical Object Position (mm)=35.675 Optical Axis (line)=1110 Filter=User Filter Image Format=TIFF Depth (bits)=16 Screen LUT=0 Exposure (ms)= 650Rotation Step (deg)=0.150 Frame Averaging=ON (20) Random Movement=ON (15) Use 360 Rotation=NO FF updating interval=89 Geometrical Correction=OFF Camera Offset=OFF Median Filtering=OFF Flat Field Correction=ON Rotation Direction=CC Scanning Trajectory=ROUND Type Of Motion=STEP AND SHOOT Study Date and Time=Dec 31, 2011 19:54:31 Scan duration=06:11:44 [Reconstruction]

Reconstruction Program=NRecon Program Version=Version: 1.6.4.1 Program Home Directory=C:\Skyscan Reconstruction engine=NReconServer Engine version=Version: 1.6.4 Reconstruction from batch=Yes Reconstruction servers= CLUSTER-PC-1 Option for additional F4F float format=OFF Reconstruction mode=Standard Dataset Origin=SkyScan1173 Dataset Prefix=depressa A1 2 Dataset Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\antonello to be reconstructed\depressa\A1 2\original Output Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\antonello to be reconstructed\depressa\A1 2\original\depressa A1 2 Rec Time and Date=Jan 02, 2012 15:30:57 First Section=884 Last Section=1801 Reconstruction duration per slice (seconds)=3.286492 Postalignment=49.00 Section to Section Step=1 Sections Count=918 Result File Type=TIF Result File Header Length (bytes)=12 Result Image Width (pixels)=980 Result Image Height (pixels)=1028 Pixel Size (um)=5.70145 Reconstruction Angular Range (deg)=240.00 Use 180+=OFF Angular Step (deg)=0.1500 Smoothing=0 Ring Artifact Correction=0 Draw Scales=OFF Object Bigger than FOV=OFF Reconstruction from ROI=ON ROI Top (pixels)=2043 ROI Bottom (pixels)=1014 ROI Left (pixels)=757 ROI Right (pixels)=1737 ROI reference length=2240 Filter cutoff relative to Nyquisit frequency=100 Filter type=0 Filter type meaning(1)=0: Hamming (Ramp in case of optical scanner); 1: Hann; 2: Ramp; 3: Almost Ramp; Filter type meaning(2)=11: Cosine; 12: Shepp-Logan; [100,200]: Generalized Hamming, alpha=(iFilter-100)/100 Undersampling factor=1 Threshold for defect pixel mask (%)=0 Beam Hardening Correction (%)=30 CS Static Rotation (deg)=0.0 Minimum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0000

Maximum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0731 HU Calibration=OFF BMP LUT=0 Cone-beam Angle Horiz.(deg)=17.412422 Cone-beam Angle Vert.(deg)=17.412422 [File name convention] Filename Index Length=4 Filename Prefix=depressa A1_2_rec_Sag [CS image conversion 1] Converted by=Dataviewer (Version: 1.4.4) Conversion time=Jan 03, 2012 10:12:32 Original configuration file=depressa A1_2_rec.log Conversion description=...SAG. Rotated(deg): (273.118, 62.840, 90.180). Image scale modified=0 HU calibration modified=0

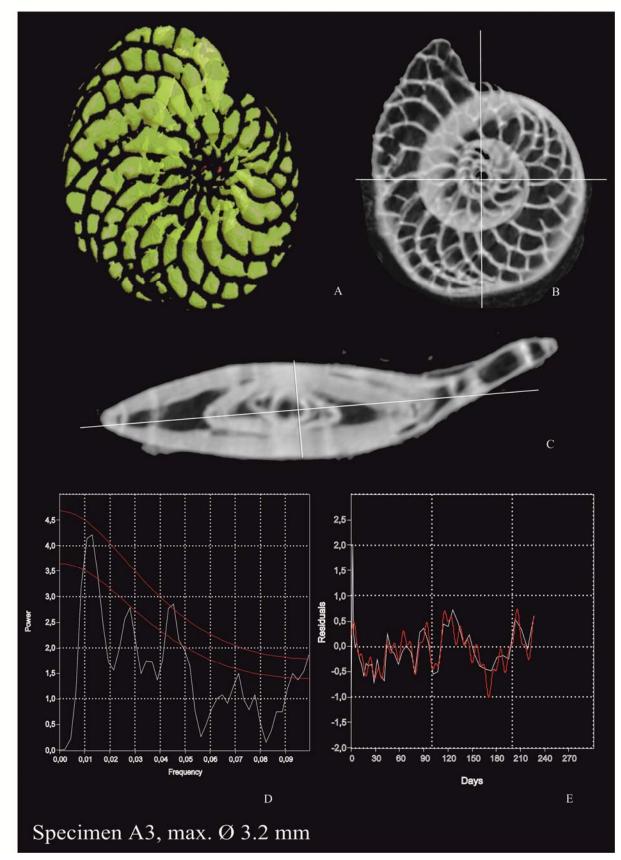
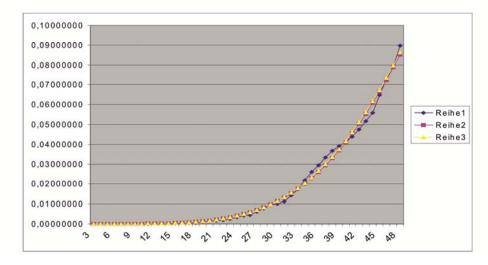
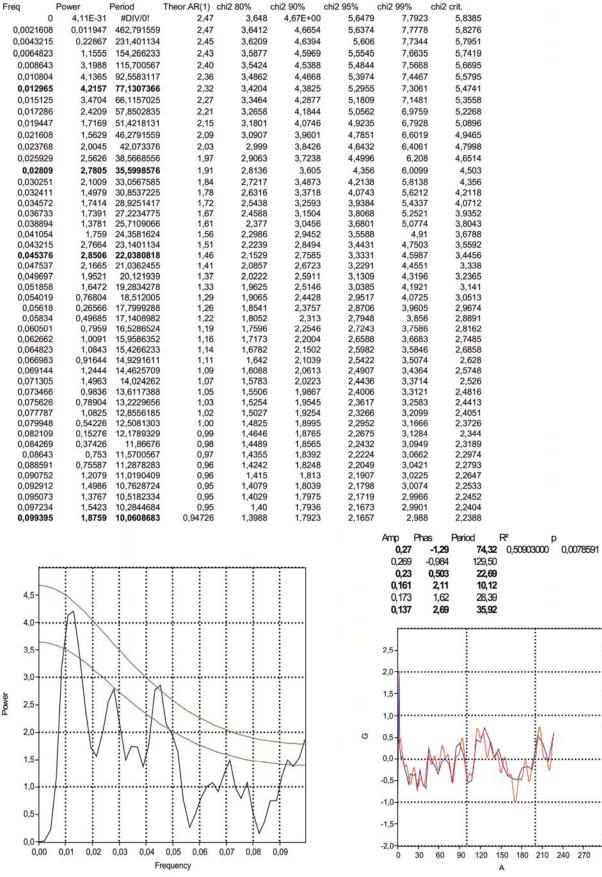


Fig.A3 Specimen A3, gamont from Sesoko Jima, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram.

days	chamber	volume mm	r č omul. Sum	Gomp SPS	Somp Excel	Derivate	Residuals	lin vol	lin derivate	stand lin res
0,33	3	0.00001	0,00001000	0.0000089	0.00000891	0.00000891	0.12177649	0.00000333	0.00000297	0,12177649
1,15			0.00001000				-1.00000000			
2,39	5		0.00003000		0.00002011				0,00000221	
4,00	6		0.00004200		0,00002954				0,00000314	
5,98	7		0,00005500				-0,01840735			
8,29	8		0.00007500				0.09041792			
10,94	9	0,00002	0,00009500	0,0000853	0,00008619	0,00002506	-0,20206714	0,00000667	0,00000835	-0,20206714
13,90	10	0,000022	0,00011700	0,0001187	0,00012001	0,00003381	-0,34939444	0,00000733	0,00001127	-0,34939444
17,17	11	0,000019	0,00013600	0,0001632	0,00016507	0,00004506	-0,57831549	0,00000633	0,00001502	-0,57831549
20,75	12	0,000039	0,00017500	0,0002217	0,00022439	0,00005933	-0,34261438	0,00001300	0,00001978	-0,34261438
24,62	13		0,00022200	0,0002978	0,00030161	0,00007722	-0,39135060	0,00001567	0,00002574	-0,39135060
28,78	14	0,000064	0,00028600	0,0003958	0,00040102	0,00009940	-0,35616903	0,00002133	0,00003313	-0,35616903
33,23	15	0,000036	0,00032200	0,0005205	0,00052762	0,00012661	-0,71565273	0,00001200	0,00004220	-0,71565273
37,96	16	0,000118	0,00044000				-0,26065837			
42,96	17	0,000085	0,00052500	0,0008739	0,00088644	0,00019922	-0,57332555	0,00002833	0,00006641	-0,57332555
48,24	18	0,000078	0,00060300	0,0011165	0,00113274	0,00024630	-0,68331542	0,00002600	0,00008210	-0,68331542
53,79	19	0,000378	0,00098100	0,0014135	0,00143448	0,00030173	0,25275630	0,00012600	0,00010058	0,25275630
59,60	20	0,000338	0,00131900	0,0017742	0,00180086	0,00036639	-0,07748102	0,00011267	0,00012213	-0,07748102
65,67	21	0,000381	0,00170000	0,0022085	0,00224198	0,00044112	-0,13629081	0,00012700	0,00014704	-0,13629081
72,01	22	0,000341	0,00204100	0,002727	0,00276874	0,00052676	-0,35264121	0,00011367	0,00017559	-0,35264121
78,60	23	0,000562	0,00260300	0,0033413	0,00339280	0,00062406	-0,09944919	0,00018733	0,00020802	-0,09944919
85,45	24	0,00075	0,00335300	0,0040636	0,00412654	0,00073374	0,02216580	0,00025000	0,00024458	0,02216580
92,55	25	0,000762	0,00411500	0,0049067	0,00498292	0,00085638	-0,11020778	0,00025400	0,00028546	-0,11020778
99,89	26	0,00048	0,00459500	0,0058839	0,00597541	0,00099249	-0,51636614	0,00016000	0,00033083	-0,51636614
107,49	27	0,001469	0,00606400	0,0070088	0,00711783	0,00114242	0,28586255	0,00048967	0,00038081	0,28586255
115,33	28		0,00783800		0,00842425	The second state second states			0,00043547	
123,42			0,00944900		0,00990881				0,00049485	
131,74	30		0,01019500				-0,55509274			the state of the s
140,31	31		0,01112500				-0,50604728			
149,12			0,01414300		0,01557054				0,00070074	
158,16	33 34		0,01741400		0,01790503				0,00077816	
167,44	52.0		0,02186100		0,02048394				0,00085964	
176,95 186,69	35 36		0,02600700 0,02922800		0,02331852 0,02641902				0,00094486 0,00103350	
196.66	30		0,02922800		0.02979457				0,00103350	
206,86	38		0,03659500	-,	-,		-0,11957537			
217,29	39		0,03039300				-0,38499169			
217,29	40		0.04138400				-0,38499189			
238,83	40		0,04138400				-0,44348733			
249,94 261,27	42 43	2017 1011 1011 1011	0,04756200 0.05177300				-0,21257616 -0,18107442			
201,27			0,05177300				-0,18107442			
272,82	44		0,05591800				0,54115060			
284,59	45		0,06476400		0,06734943				0,00191329	
308,79	40		0,07289200				-0.04762330			
321,22			0,07891300				0,61164414			
521,22	40	0,010043	0,00900000	0,0052575	0,00000090	0,00000362	0,01104414	0,00334707	0,00220127	0,01104414



Tab.A5 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of A3



Tab.A6 showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of A3

Log File A3

Scanner=SkyScan1173 Instrument S/N=10C05009 Hardware version=A Software=Version 1. 6 (build 3) Home directory=C:\Skyscan Source Type=Hamamatsu 130/300 Camera=FlatPanel Sensor Camera Pixel Size (um)=50.0 CameraXYRatio=1.0050 Incl.in lifting (um/mm)=0.8800 [Acquisition] Data directory=C:\Results\nello\depressa\A3 4\original Filename Prefix=depressa A3 Ven 4 Number of Files= 1600 Source Voltage (kV)= 87 Source Current (uA) = 91Number of Rows= 2240 Number of Columns= 2240 Image crop origin X = 0Image crop origin Y=0 Camera binning=1x1 Image Rotation=-0.2600 Gantry direction=CC Number of connected scans=1 Image Pixel Size (um) = 6.06Object to Source (mm)=44.313 Camera to Source (mm)=364.000 Vertical Object Position (mm)=35.303 Optical Axis (line)=1110 Filter=User Filter Image Format=TIFF Depth (bits)=16 Screen LUT=0 Exposure (ms)= 650Rotation Step (deg)=0.150 Frame Averaging=ON (20) Random Movement=ON (15) Use 360 Rotation=NO FF updating interval=89 Geometrical Correction=OFF Camera Offset=OFF Median Filtering=OFF Flat Field Correction=ON Rotation Direction=CC Scanning Trajectory=ROUND Type Of Motion=STEP AND SHOOT Study Date and Time=Jan 02, 2012 19:03:13 Scan duration=06:11:50 [Reconstruction]

Reconstruction Program=NRecon Program Version=Version: 1.6.4.1 Program Home Directory=C:\Skyscan Reconstruction engine=NReconServer Engine version=Version: 1.6.4 Reconstruction from batch=Yes Reconstruction servers= CLUSTER-PC-1 Option for additional F4F float format=OFF Reconstruction mode=Standard Dataset Origin=SkyScan1173 Dataset Prefix=depressa A3 Ven 4 Dataset Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\antonello to be reconstructed\depressa\A3 4\original Output Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\antonello to be reconstructed\depressa\A3 4\original\depressa A3 Ven 4 Rec Time and Date=Jan 03, 2012 16:55:32 First Section=753 Last Section=1712 Reconstruction duration per slice (seconds)=3.021875 Postalignment=49.50 Section to Section Step=1 Sections Count=960 Result File Type=TIF Result File Header Length (bytes)=12 Result Image Width (pixels)=688 Result Image Height (pixels)=888 Pixel Size (um)=6.05771 Reconstruction Angular Range (deg)=240.00 Use 180+=OFF Angular Step (deg)=0.1500 Smoothing=0 Ring Artifact Correction=0 Draw Scales=OFF Object Bigger than FOV=OFF Reconstruction from ROI=ON ROI Top (pixels)=1887 ROI Bottom (pixels)=996 ROI Left (pixels)=1032 ROI Right (pixels)=1721 ROI reference length=2240 Filter cutoff relative to Nyquisit frequency=100 Filter type=0 Filter type meaning(1)=0: Hamming (Ramp in case of optical scanner); 1: Hann; 2: Ramp; 3: Almost Ramp; Filter type meaning(2)=11: Cosine; 12: Shepp-Logan; [100,200]: Generalized Hamming, alpha=(iFilter-100)/100 Undersampling factor=1 Threshold for defect pixel mask (%)=0 Beam Hardening Correction (%)=20 CS Static Rotation (deg)=0.0 Minimum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0000

Maximum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0580 HU Calibration=OFF BMP LUT=0 Cone-beam Angle Horiz.(deg)=17.409575 Cone-beam Angle Vert.(deg)=17.409575 [File name convention] Filename Index Length=4 Filename Prefix=depressa A3 [CS image conversion 1] Converted by=Dataviewer (Version: 1.4.4) Conversion time=Jan 04, 2012 10:46:01 Original configuration file=depressa A3_Ven 4_rec.log Conversion description=...SAG. Rotated(deg): (292.203, 317.019, 79.854). Image scale modified=0 HU calibration modified=0

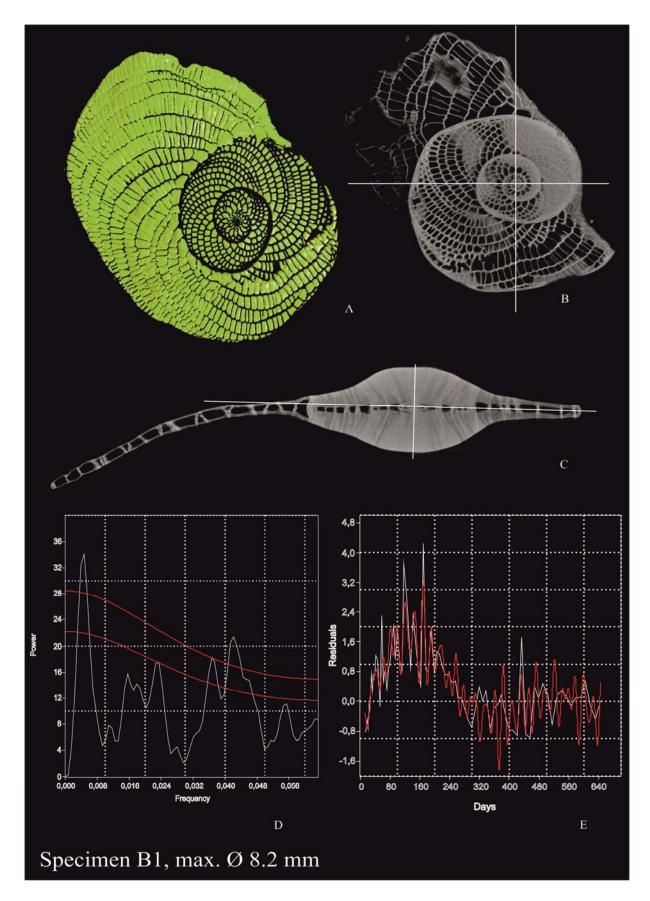
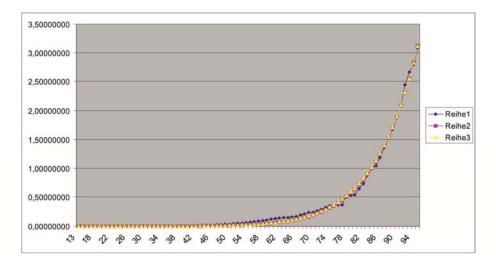
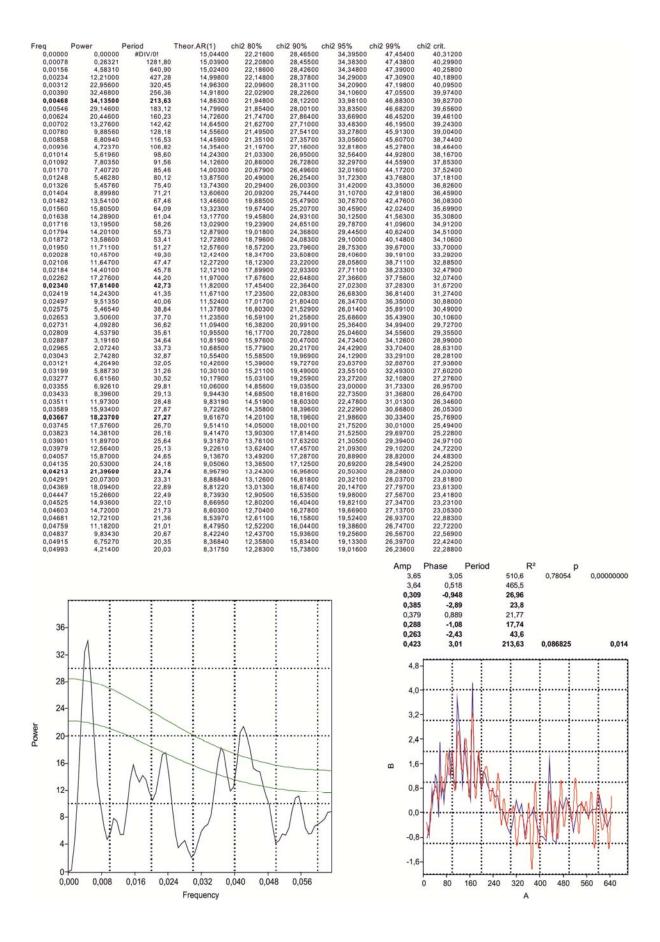


Fig.A4 Specimen B1, agamont from Sesoko Jima, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram.

days	chamber	Volume mm ³	comul. Vol	Gomp SPSS	Gomp Excel	Derivate	Residuals	lin vol	lin derivate	stand lin res
12,34	13	0,000004	0,00000400	0,00001710	0,00002461	0,00002461	-0,83748754	0,00000133	0,00000820	-0,83748754
14,32	14	0,000001	0,00000500	0,00002100	0,00003011	0,00000550	-0,81815319	0,0000033	0,00000183	-0,81815319
16,44	15		0,00000700	0,00002590		0,00000666			0,00000222	
18,70	16		0,00001100			0,00000805			0,00000268	
21,11	18		0,00001700			0,00002144				
23,67	19		0,00003000	0,00005830	0,00008035					-0,07725458
26,37	20		0,00004300	0,00007110	0,00009727					-0,23147898
29,22	21		0,00007800		0,00011754					0,72623867
32,21 35,35	22 23		0,00010900 0,00015900	0,00010510 0,00012750		0,00002426 0,00002898			0,00000809 0,00000966	0,27777605 0,72526787
38,64	23		0.00022000	0,00012730		0.00003456			0.00001152	0,76496666
42.07	25		0,00031200	0.00018650		0.00004115			0.00001372	1,23580946
45,65	26		0,00041600	0,00022500		0,00004891	1,12634776		0.00001630	1,12634776
49,38	27		0,00049600			0,00005804				0,37832694
53,25	28	0,000059	0,00055500	0,00032570	0,00042221	0,00006877			0,00002292	-0,14202123
57,27	29	0,000269	0,00082400	0,00039090	0,00050356	0,00008134	2,30699684	0,00008967	0,00002711	2,30699684
61,43	30		0,00097200	0,00046840		0,00009607	0,54059561			0,54059561
65,74	31		0,00118400			0,00011328				0,87150308
70,20	32		0,00136000			0,00013336			0,00004445	0,31968807
74,80	33		0,00165200	0,00079780		0,00015677			0,00005226	0,86258263
79,55 84,44	34 35		0,00203800	0,00094970		0,00018400			0,00006133	1,09777164
89,48	36		0.00260700 0.00336700	0.00112880 0.00133940		0.00021564 0.00025234	2,01182387		0.00007188 0.00008411	1,63863648 2,01182387
94.67	37		0.00400500			0,00029484		0.00021267		1,16387308
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105,48	39		0,00586200	0,00221710		0,00040076	1,10850336		0,00013359	1,10850336
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Tab.A7 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of B1.



Tab.A8 showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of B1.

Log File B1

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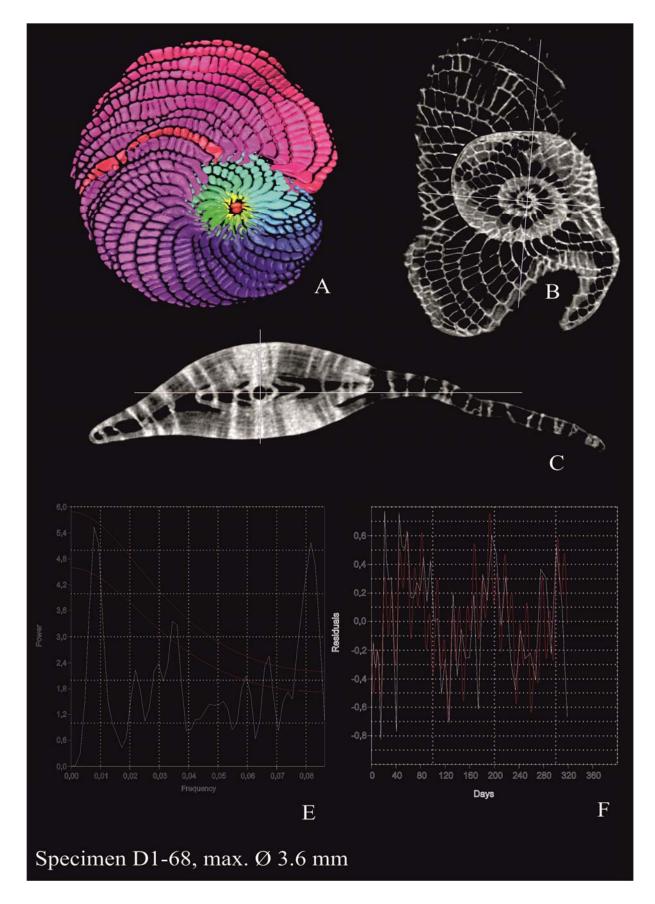
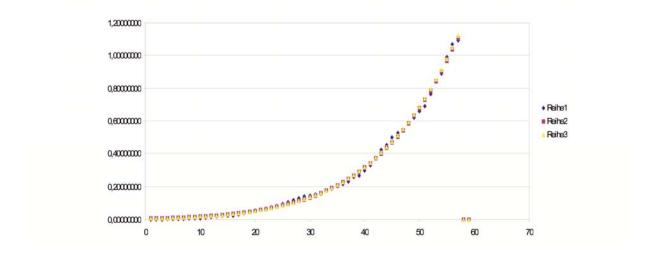
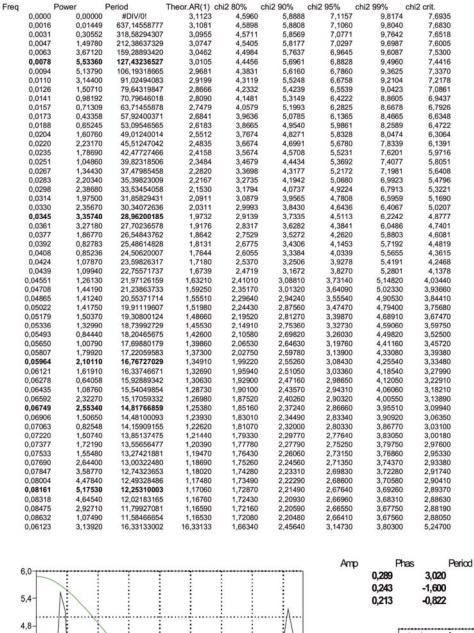


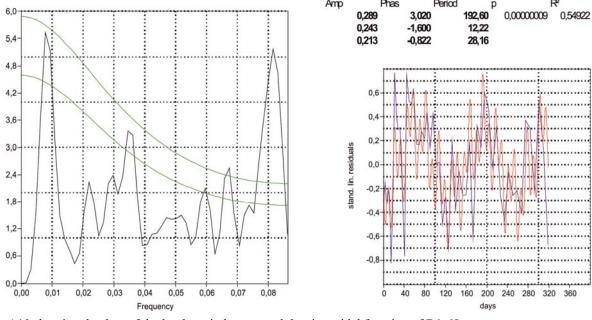
Fig.A5. Specimen D1-68, gamont from Kekaa Point, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram

days	chamber	Volume	volume mm ³	comul. Vol	Gomp SPSS	Gomp Excel	Derivate	Residuals	lin vol	lin derivate	stand lin res
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0,33	4	436855,906	0,00043686	0,00058463	0,00715860	0.00716835	0.00082086	-0.46780714			-0.46780714
1,15	5	675646,688	0.00067565	0,00126027	0.00807080		0.00091674	-0.26298760		0.00030558	-0.26298760
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4,00	7	812289,375	0,00081229	0,00293982	0,01022050		0.00113908		0,00027076		-0,28689274
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53,79	20	6363007,500	0,00636301	0,03832003	0,04229000		0,00379138	0,75102105		0,00120386	0,52940198
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65,67	22	8110876,000	0,00811088	0,05331712	0,04080350		0,00499322	0,62437728		0,00166441	0,62437728
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78,60	23	6960986,000	0.00696099	0.06667004	0.06305820		0.00596740	0,17650309			0,16650309
85,45	24	8292250,500	0,00829225	0,07496229	0,06950160			0,27309881			0,27309881
92,55	26	8650993,000	0.00865099	0.08361328	0,07652590	0.07718182			0.00288366		0,21807770
99,89	27	11204252,000	0,01120425	0,09481754	0,08417570				0,00373475		0,44827609
107,49	28	9591913,000	0,00959191	0,10440945	0,09249840		0,00841853	0,13938032			0,13938032
115,33	29	13013543,000	0.01301354	0,11742299	0.10154430		0.00915188	0.42195223		0.00305063	0.42195223
123,42	30	9977361,000	0.00997736	0.12740035	0.11136670		0.00993935		0,00332579		0.00382404
131,74	31	10998398,000	0,01099840	0,13839875	0,12202180				0.00366613		0.01987235
140,31	32	5831347,500	0,00583135	0,14423010	0,13356930	0,13490134	0,01168938		0,00194378		-0,50114147
149,12	33	9339325,000	0,00933933	0,15356942	0,14607210		0,01265861	-0.26221584			-0,26221584
158,16	34	4106623,500	0,00410662	0,15767605	0,15959640	0,16125526	0.01369531	-0,70014381	0.00136887	0,00456510	-0,70014381
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Tab.A9 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of D1-68.





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Tab.A10 showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of D1-68.

Power

Log File D1-68

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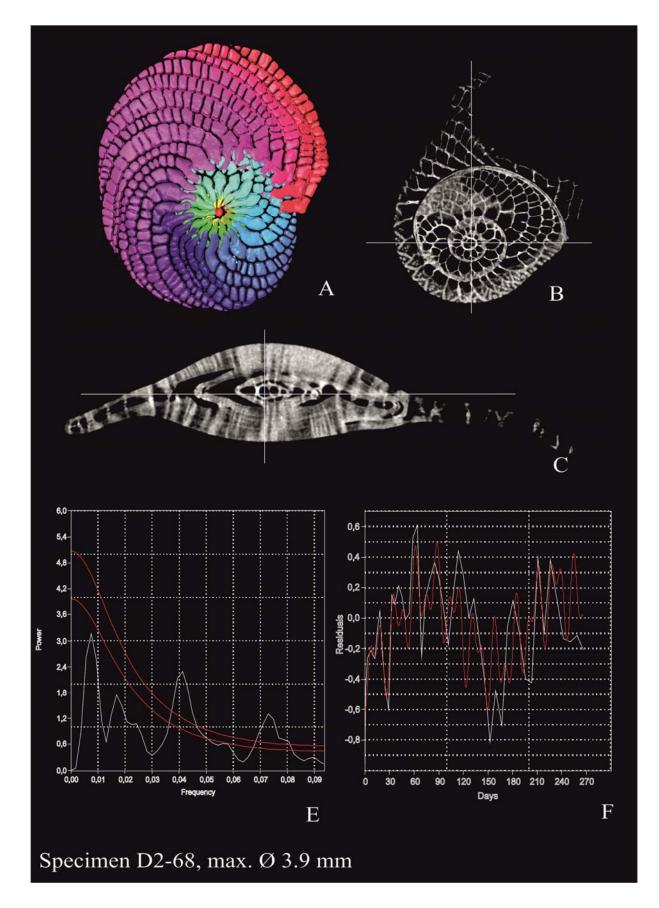
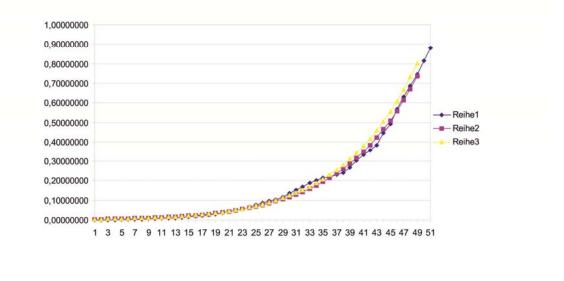
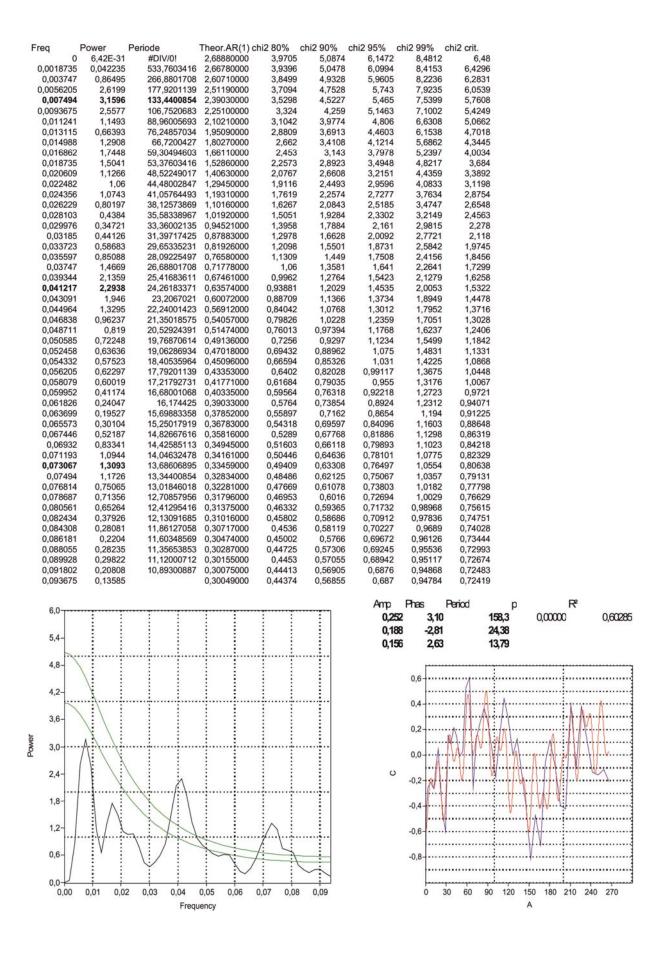


Fig.A6 Specimen D2-68, gamont from Kekaa Point, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram.

day	chamber \	/olume	volume mm ³	comul. Sum	Gomp SPSS	Gomp Excel	Derivate	Residuals	lin vol	lin derivate	stand lin res
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0,33	4	295344,53			0,00440380	0,00444855	0,00055448		0,00009845		-0,46735242
1,15	5	376972,41		0.00083260		0.00507660	0,00062805	-0,39977338			-0.39977338
2,39	6	524088,09		0.00135669		0,00578723	0.00071063	-0,26249763			-0,26249763
4,00	7	619815,38		0,00197651		0,00659045	0,00080322				-0,22833286
5,98	8	715171,56			0,00735330	0.00749737	0,00090693				-0,21143424
8,29	9	769713,81			0,00833800	0,00852035	0,00102297			0,00034099	-0,24757216
10,94	10	846703,75			0.00944520	0.00967304	0.00115269		0.00028223		-0,26545354
13,90	11	1200672,00	a strack that is not an and as the track service		0.01068910	0,01097057	0.00129754		0,00040022		-0,07465186
17,17	12	1526812,38		0.00703558	0,01208500	0,01242968	0,00145911		0,00050894		0,04639750
20,75	13	1245567,25			0.01365020	0.01406886	0,00163917	-0,24012487			-0.24012487
24,62	14	977864,94			0,01540340	0.01590849	0,00183963	-0,46844492		0,00061321	-0,46844492
28,78	15	825740,25			0.01736540	0.01797106	0.00206257	-0.59965528			-0,59965528
33,23	16	2664779,25		1	0.01955890	0.02028134	0.00231028	0,15344431	0.00088826		0.15344431
37,96	17	2820428,75			0.02200900	0.02286657	0.00258523		1	0.00086174	0.09097648
42,96	18	3508329,25			0,02474320	0,02575671	0,00289013	0,21389810			0,21389810
48,24	19	3713141,00			0,02779160	0.02898463	0,00322792		0,00123771		0,15031933
53,79	20	3566767,50		0.02635820		0.03258642	0.00360178	-0.00972224			-0,00972224
59,60	21	4137606,00		0.03049581	0.03496630	0.03660160	0.00401519	0.03048932			0.03048932
65,67	22	6839118,00			0,03916810	0,04107348	0,00447188	0,52936183			0,52936183
72,01	23	8004727,00	0,00800473	0,04533965	0,04383600	0,04604940	0,00497592	0,60869198	0,00266824	0,00165864	0,60869198
78,60	24	4110891,50	0,00411089	0,04945054	0,04901690	0,05158112	0,00553172	-0,25685108	0,00137030	0,00184391	-0,25685108
85,45	25	6960075,50	0,00696008	0,05641062	0,05476240	0,05772514	0,00614402	0,13282111	0,00232003	0,00204801	0,13282111
92,55	26	8536978,00	0,00853698	0,06494760	0,06112830	0,06454310	0,00681796	0,25213176	0,00284566	0,00227265	0,25213176
99,89	27	10346520,00	0,01034652	0,07529412	0,06817560	0,07210216	0,00755906	0,36875739	0,00344884	0,00251969	0,36875739
107,49	28	10523689,00	0,01052369	0,08581780	0,07597040	0,08047546	0,00837330	0,25681462	0,00350790	0,00279110	0,25681462
115,33	29	9659176,00	0,00965918	0,09547698	0,08458490	0,08974256	0,00926710	0.04230786	0,00321973	0,00308903	0,04230786
123,42	30	8464811,00	0,00846481	0,10394179	0,09409710	0,09998994	0,01024738	-0,17395341	0,00282160	0,00341579	-0,17395341
131,74	31	13154704,00	0,01315470	0,11709650	0,10459180	0,11131149	0,01132155	0,16191755	0,00438490	0,00377385	0,16191755
140,31	32	18027704,00	0,01802770	0,13512420	0,11616100	0,12380908	0,01249759	0,44249470	0,00600923	0,00416586	0,44249470
149,12	33	17731616,00	0,01773162	0,15285582	0,12890400	0,13759313	0,01378405	0,28638614	0,00591054	0,00459468	0,28638614
158,16	34	15249944,00	0,01524994	0,16810576	0,14292860	0,15278324	0,01519011	0,00393875	0,00508331	0,00506337	0,00393875
167,44	35	18872366,00	0,01887237	0,18697813	0,15835110	0,16950883	0,01672558	0,12835313	0,00629079	0,00557519	0,12835313
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186,69	37	12084080,00	0,01208408	0,21478745	0,19390260	0,20813729	0,02022749	-0,40259136	0,00402803	0,00674250	-0,40259136
196,66	38	4172483,50	0,00417248	0,21895993	0,21431370	0,23035444	0,02221715	-0,81219536	0,00139083	0,00740572	-0,81219536
206,86	39	12787379,00	0,01278738	0,23174731	0,23668790	0,25473716	0,02438272	-0,47555575	0,00426246	0,00812757	-0,47555575
217,29	40	7842770,00	0,00784277	0,23959008	0,26119520	0,28147502	0,02673786	-0,70667918	0,00261426	0,00891262	-0,70667918
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238,83	42	35792528,00	0,03579253	0,30305316	0,31735260	0,34284792	0,03207583	0,11587230	0,01193084	0,01069194	0,11587230
249,94	43	31705196,00	0,03170520	0,33475836	0,34940980	0,37793848	0,03509056	-0,09647506	0,01056840	0,01169685	-0,09647506
261,27	44	23078614,00	0,02307861	0,35783697	0,38441600	0,41629721	0,03835873	-0,39834779	0,00769287	0,01278624	-0,39834779
272,82	45	24239586,00	0,02423959	0,38207656	0,42261360	0,45819608	0,04189887	-0,42147397	0,00807986	0,01396629	-0,42147397
284,59	46	63843948.00	0.06384395	0,44592050	0,46426270	0,50392671	0.04573064	0,39608705	0.02128132	0,01524355	0,39608705
296,58	47	45031692,00			0,50964160	0,55380157	0,04987486			0,01662495	-0,09710640
308,79	48	75177792,00		0,56612999	0,55904830	0,60815517	0,05435360	0,38312451			0,38312451
321,22	49	65622880,00			0,61280110	0,66734535	0,05919018		0,02187429		0,10867855
333,87	50	55790804,00			0,67124020	0,73175461	0,06440926			0,02146975	-0,13380778
346,73	51	59136804,00		0,74668048		0,80179152	0,07003691		0,01971227		-0,15563370
359,80	52	67325568,00	0,06732557	0,81400604	0,80365430	0,87789211	0,07610059	-0,11530824	0,02244186	0,02536686	-0,11530824
373,09	53	65615644,00	0,06561564	0,87962169	0,87842950	0,96052142	0,08262931	-0,20590352	0,02187188	0,02754310	-0,20590352



Tab.A11 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of D2-68.



Tab.A12. showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of D2-68.

Log Files D2-68

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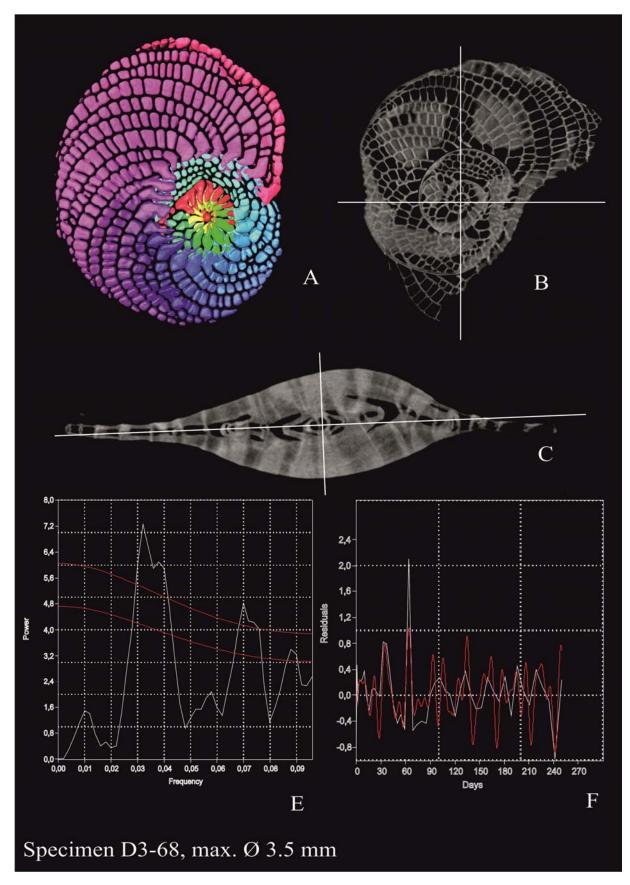
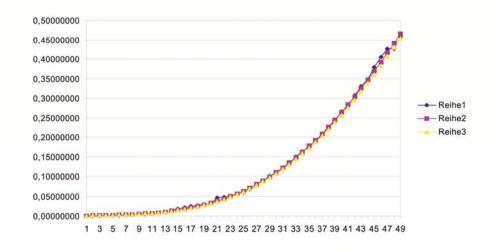


Fig.A7 Specimen D3-68, gamont from Kekaa Point, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram.

day	chamber '	Volume	volume mm ³	comul. Sum	Gomp SPSS	Gomp Excel	Derivate	Residuals	lin vol	lin derivate	stand lin res
0,00	3	125005,2812500	0,00012501	0.00012501	0.0007306	0.00072526	#BEZUG!	#BEZUG!	0.00004167	#BEZUG!	#BEZUG!
0.33	4	320754,2812500	0,00032075	0,00044576	0,0009524	0,00094347	0.00021821	0,46996614	0,00010692	0,00007274	0,46996614
1,15	5	247232,6718750	0,00024723	0,00069299	0,0012309	0,00121689	0,00027342	-0,09577838	0,00008241	0,00009114	-0,09577838
2,39	6	411869,2500000	0,00041187	0,00110486	0.0015775	0,00155664	0,00033975	0,21228684	0,00013729	0,00011325	0,21228684
4,00	7	511873,4687500	0,00051187	0,00161673	0,0020053	0,00197538	0,00041875	0,22239167	0,00017062	0,00013958	0,22239167
5,98	8	643916,0625000	0,00064392	0,00226065	0,0025291	0,00248747	0,00051208	0,25744569	0,00021464	0,00017069	0,25744569
8,29	9	857814,0000000	0,00085781	0,00311847	0,0031657	0,00310895	0,00062148	0,38027376	0,00028594	0,00020716	0,38027376
10,94	10	742253,5625000	0,00074225	0,00386072	0,0039334	0,00385767	0,00074873	-0,00864447	0,00024742	0,00024958	-0,00864447
13,90	11	677806,4375000	0,00067781	0,00453853	0,0048526	0,00475330	0,00089563	-0,24320672	0,00022594	0,00029854	-0,24320672
17,17	12	1156900,7500000	0,00115690	0,00569543	0,0059457	0,00581731	0,00106401	0,08730488	0,00038563	0,00035467	0,08730488
20,75	13	1390984,6250000	0,00139098	0,00708641	0,0072366	0,00707296	0,00125565	0,10777999	0,00046366	0,00041855	0,10777999
24,62	14	1510063,7500000	0,00151006	0,00859647	0,0087513	0,00854525	0,00147229	0,02565412	0,00050335	0,00049076	0,02565412
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33,23	16	3630894,0000000	0,00363089	0,01390651	0,0125641	0,01224789	0,00198706	0,82727372	0,00121030	0,00066235	0,82727372
37,96	17	4099988,0000000	0,00409999	0,01800650	0,0149218	0,01453598	0,00228809	0,79188352	0,00136666	0,00076270	0,79188352
42,96	18	3541260,7500000	0,00354126	0,02154776	0,0176224	0,01715587	0,00261989	0,35168353	0,00118042	0,00087330	0,35168353
48,24	19	2564738,0000000	0,00256474	0,02411250	0,0206988	0,02013933	0,00298346	-0,14034682	0,00085491	0,00099449	-0,14034682
53,79	20	1924710,8750000	0,00192471	0,02603721	0,0241843	0,02351889	0,00337956	-0,43048499	0,00064157	0,00112652	-0,43048499
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78,60	24	2436399,2500000		0,04800962			0,00529559			0,00176520	
85,45	25	3219024,7500000	0,00321902	0,05122865		0,04751786	0,00585657	-0,45035661	0,00107301	0,00195219	-0,45035661
92,55	26	3880904,7500000		0,05510955						0,00214965	
99,89	27	4034615,0000000		0,05914417	0,0628883		0,00707149	-0,42945331		0,00235716	-0,42945331
107,49	28	7859961,5000000		0,06700413	0,0708518		0,00772270		0,00261999	and the second second second	0,01777322
115,33	29	10137280,0000000		0,07714141	0,0795126		0,00840081		0,00337909		0,20670233
123,42	30	11606601,0000000		0,08874801	0,0888956		0,00910378			0,00303459	0,27492052
131,74	31	10535260,0000000		0,09928327	0,0990234		0,00982935		the second second second second	0,00327645	0,07181624
140,31	32	10782307,0000000		0,11006557	0,109916		0,01057504		0,00359410		0,01959954
149,12	33	7696621,5000000		0,11776220			0,01133818			0,00377939	-0,32117690
158,16	34	12938324,0000000		0,13070052			0,01211596	0,06787451		0,00403865	0,06787451
167,44	35	17835754,0000000	0,01783575		0,147338		0,01290541			0,00430180	0,38203675
176,95	36	13805768,0000000			0,1614302		0,01370349			0,00456783	0,00746367
186,69	37	11486041,0000000			0,1763418		0,01450707			0,00483569	-0,20824518
196,66	38	12403302,0000000	0,01240330	0,18623139			0,01531298			0,00510433	-0,19001403
206,86	39	20662354,0000000	0,02066235	0,20689374	0,2086254		0,01611806	0,28193778		0,00537269	0,28193778
217,29	40	18052430,0000000		0,22494617			0,01691915	0,06698206		0,00563972	
227,95	41	16066049,0000000		0,24101222			0,01771314	-0,09298674		0,00590438	
238,83	42	23785634,000000		0,26479785			0,01849698			0,00616566	0,28591986
249,94	43	13177779,0000000		0,27797563			0,01926774			0,00642258	-0,31607028
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272,82	45	22249644,000000		0,32923558	0,3246145		0,02075882		0,00741655		0,07181645
284,59	46	18276884,000000		0,34751246			0,02147391	-0,14887945		0,00715797	
296,58	47	31054460,0000000	0,03105446	0,37856692	And the second second		0,02216547	0,40102858		0,00738849	0,40102858
308,79	48	25866464,0000000		0,40443338	0,3925584		0,02283132	0,13293788		0,00761044	0,13293788
321,22	49	21578874,0000000	0,02157887	and the second			0,02346943	-0,08055411		0,00782314	
333,87	50	524837,0000000					0,02407801			0,00802600	-0,97820264
346,73	51	30598514,0000000	0,03059851	0,45713561	0,4662221	0,45452312	0,02465542	0,24104598	0,01019950	0,00821847	0,24104598



Tab.A13 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of D3-68.

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	0,035944	5,9074			4,0313	5,1653	6,2414	8,6111	6,5168			
	0,037941	6,0918		2,6907	3,9734	5,0911	6,1517	8,4874	6,4232			
	0,039938	5,9024		2,6518	3,9159	5,0174	6,0627	8,3646	6,3302			
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	0,045929	1,6971		2,5383	3,7483	4,8027	5,8033	8,0067	6,0593			
	0,047926	0,96226		2,5021	3,6949	4,7342	5,7205	7,8924	5,9729			
	0,049922	1,2617		2,4669	3,6429	4,6676	5,64	7,7815	5,8889			
	0,051919 0,053916	1,5411 1,5496		2,4328 2,4	3,5926 3,5441	4,6032 4,541	5,5621 5,487	7,674 7,5703	5,8076 5,7291			
	0,055913	1,8883		2,3684	3,4975	4,4812	5,4148	7,4707	5,6538			
	0,05791	2,0808		2,3382	3,4528	4,4241	5,3457	7,3754	5,5816			
	0,059907 0,061904	1,6011 1,3423	16,69254 16,154045	2,3094 2,282	3,4103 3,3698	4,3695 4,3177	5,2798 5,2172	7,2845 7,1981	5,5128 5,4474			
	0,063901	2,1234		2,2561	3,3316	4,2687	5,158	7,1164	5,3856			
	0,065898	2,9288		2,2317	3,2956	4,2226	5,1023	7,0395	5,3274			
	0,067894		14,728842	2,2088	3,2618	4,1793	5,05	6,9674	5,2728			
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	0,073885		13,534547	2,1496	3,1744	4,0673	4,9502	6,7806	5,1315			
	0,075882	4,012	13,178356	2,133	3,1499	4,0359	4,8767	6,7283	5,0919			
	0,077879		12,840432	2,118	3,1277	4,0075	4,8424	6,6809	5,056			
	0,079876 0,081873	1,1465	12,519405 12,214039	2,1046 2,0928	3,1079 3,0904	3,9821 3,9597	4,8117 4,7846	6,6386 6,6012	5,024 4,9957			
	0,08387	2,1666		2,0825	3,0752	3,9403	4,7612	6,5689	4,9712			
	0,085867		11,645918	2,0738	3,0624	3,9238	4,7413	6,5415	4,9505			
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Tab.A14 showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of D3-68.

#### Log File D3-68

Scanner=SkyScan1173 Instrument S/N=10C05009 Hardware version=A Software=Version 1. 6 (build 12) Home directory=C:\Skyscan Source Type=Hamamatsu 130/300 Camera=FlatPanel Sensor Camera Pixel Size (um)=50.0 CameraXYRatio=1.0050 Incl.in lifting (um/mm)=0.8800 [Acquisition] Data directory=C:\Results\nello\rögl\original Filename Prefix=roegl Number of Files= 1846 Source Voltage (kV)= 100 Source Current (uA) = 80Number of Rows= 2240 Number of Columns= 2240 Image crop origin X = 0Image crop origin Y=0 Camera binning=1x1 Image Rotation=-0.2600 Gantry direction=CC Number of connected scans=1 Image Pixel Size (um) = 5.70Object to Source (mm)=41.700 Camera to Source (mm)=364.000 Vertical Object Position (mm)=43.767 Optical Axis (line)=1110 Filter=Al 1.0mm Image Format=TIFF Depth (bits)=16 Screen LUT=0 Exposure (ms)= 750Rotation Step (deg)=0.130 Frame Averaging=ON (2) Random Movement=ON (20) Use 360 Rotation=NO FF updating interval=386 Geometrical Correction=OFF Camera Offset=OFF Median Filtering=OFF Flat Field Correction=ON Rotation Direction=CC Scanning Trajectory=ROUND Type Of Motion=STEP AND SHOOT Study Date and Time=Mar 22, 2013 16:45:27 Scan duration=01:34:24 [Reconstruction]

Reconstruction Program=NRecon Program Version=Version: 1.6.4.8 Program Home Directory=C:\Skyscan Reconstruction engine=InstaRecon Engine version=Version: 1.3.8.5 Reconstruction from batch=Yes Reconstruction servers= CLUSTER-PC-1 Dataset Origin=SkyScan1173 Dataset Prefix=roegl Dataset Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\rögl\original Output Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\rögl\original\roegl Rec Time and Date=Mar 22, 2013 17:16:04 First Section=414 Last Section=1731 Reconstruction duration per slice (seconds)=0.296662 Total reconstruction time (1318 slices) in seconds=391.000000 Postalignment=11.00 Section to Section Step=1 Sections Count=1318 Result File Type=TIF Result File Header Length (bytes)=12 Result Image Width (pixels)=1448 Result Image Height (pixels)=1272 Pixel Size (um)=5.70145 Reconstruction Angular Range (deg)=239.98 Use 180+=OFF Angular Step (deg)=0.1300 Smoothing=0 Ring Artifact Correction=33 Draw Scales=OFF Object Bigger than FOV=OFF Reconstruction from ROI=ON ROI Top (pixels)=2089 ROI Bottom (pixels)=814 ROI Left (pixels)=687 ROI Right (pixels)=2137 ROI reference length=2240 Filter cutoff relative to Nyquisit frequency=100 Filter type=0 Filter type meaning(1)=0: Hamming (Ramp in case of optical scanner); 1: Hann; 2: Ramp; 3: Almost Ramp; Filter type meaning(2)=11: Cosine; 12: Shepp-Logan; [100,200]: Generalized Hamming, alpha=(iFilter-100)/100 Undersampling factor=1 Threshold for defect pixel mask (%)=0Beam Hardening Correction (%)=35 CS Static Rotation (deg)=0.0 Minimum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0043 Maximum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0324 HU Calibration=OFF BMP LUT=0

Cone-beam Angle Horiz.(deg)=17.412422 Cone-beam Angle Vert.(deg)=17.412422 [File name convention] Filename Index Length=4 Filename Prefix=roegl_IR_rec_Cor [CS image conversion 1] Converted by=Dataviewer (Version: 1.4.4) Conversion time=Mar 22, 2013 17:22:10 Original configuration file=roegl_IR_rec.log Conversion description=...COR. VOI(840,220,840) @ (249,406,107). Rotated(deg): (4.644, 21.571, 0.028). Image scale modified=0 HU calibration **modified=0** 

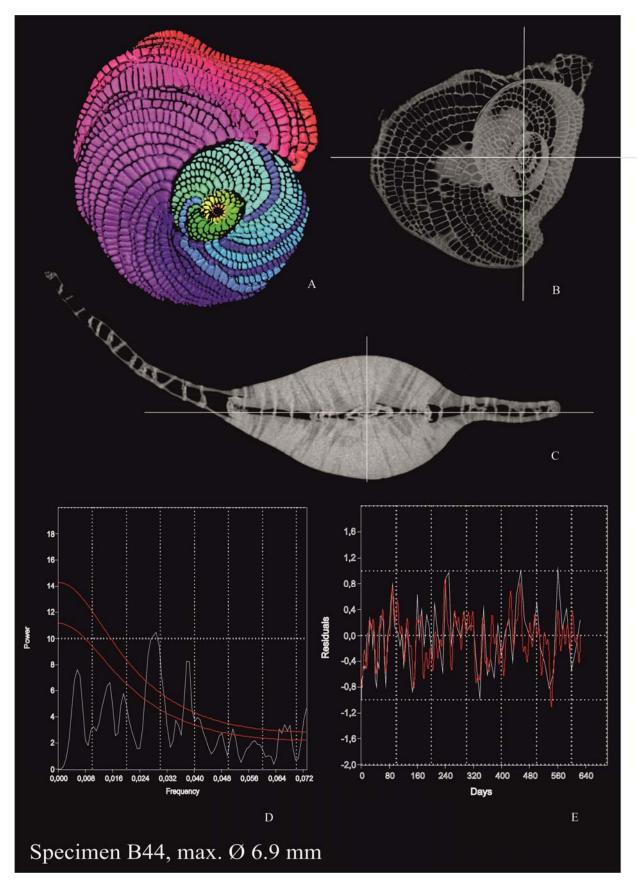
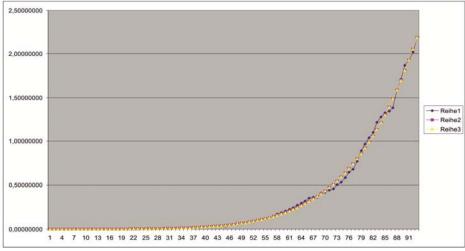
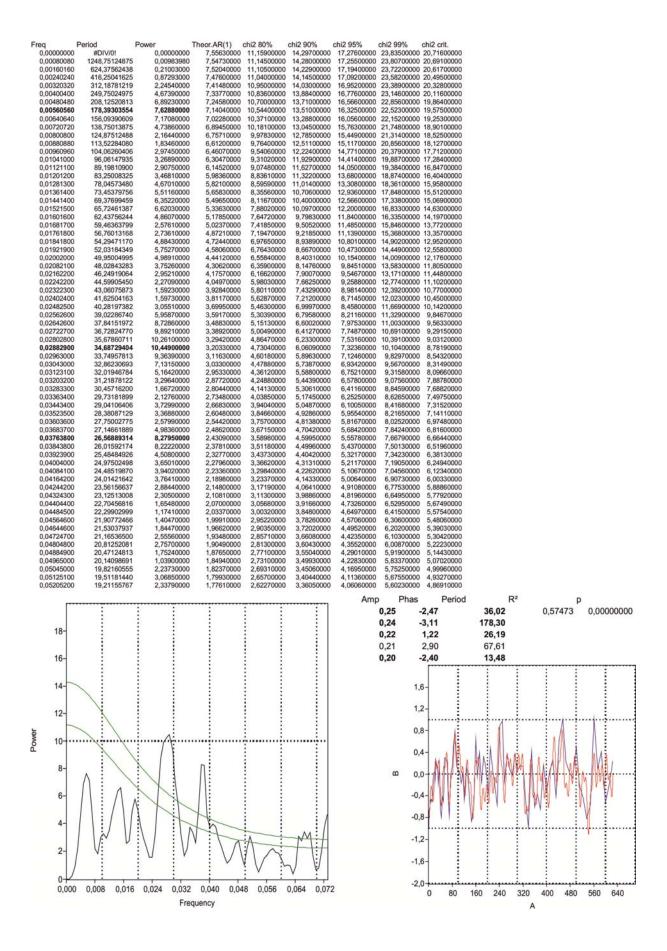


Fig.A8 Specimen B44, agamont from Kekaa Point, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram.

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1,17	4	1580,25	0,00000158	0,00000158	0,00011330	0,00011329	0 00011320	-0,98605120	0 00000053	0 00003776	-0,98605120
1,83		2107.00		0.00000369	0,00013430					0.00000701	-0.89978900
2,63		8164,62						-0,66849249		0,00000821	-0,66849249
3,58		5530,87		0,00001738	0,00018770	0,00018774	0,00002880	-0,80792589	0,00000184	0,00000960	-0,80792589
4,67	8	11851,86			0,00022130	0,00022134	0,00003361	-0,64731860	0,00000395	0,00001120	-0,64731860
5,92		15539,11		0,00004477	0,00026050			-0,60304949			-0,60304949
7,30		19753,10			0,00030600			-0,56604478		0,00001517	-0,56604478
8,84		29497,96		0,00009402							-0,44168750
10,52		29497,96		0,00012352				-0,51814006			-0,51814006
12,34 14,32		37662,58 41613,20		0,00016119 0,00020280				-0,46808573 -0,49100160		0,00002360	-0,46808573 -0,49100160
16,44		46617,32		0.00024942	0,00066690					0.00003141	-0,50531478
18,70		96395,14		0.00034581	0,00077530	0,00077530				0.00003615	-0,11106997
21,11		125893,10		0,00047170	0,00089990					0.00004152	0,01058189
23,67		148806,70		0,00062051	0,00104270						0.04151982
26,37	19	145646,20	0,00014565	0,00076616	0,00120630	0,00120634	0,00016359	-0,10971293	0,00004855	0,00005453	-0,10971293
29,22	20	236247,09	0,00023625	0,00100240	0,00139340	0,00139336	0,00018702	0,26323974	0,00007875	0,00006234	0,26323974
32,21		248625,72			0,00160680		0,00021345			0,00007115	0,16479247
35,35		254946,70			0,00185000				0,00008498		0,04814708
38,64		228345,86							0,00007612		-0,17488243
42,07		371621,69			0,00244120					0,00010479	0,18207668
45,65		118518,61								0,00011886	-0,66763318
49,38 53,25		79012,41 267852,06		0,00230348 0,00257133	0,00320160 0,00365830					0,00013462 0,00015223	-0,80435434 -0,41350575
57,27		254156,58		0,00282548						0,00017190	-0,50715903
61,43		755622,00		0.00358111	0,00475550					0.00019382	0,29951856
65,74		851227,00		0.00443233	0,00541010			0.30024282		0.00021822	0,30024282
70,20		895737,31			0,00614620					0.00024534	0,21697797
74,80		490930,44		0,00581900	0,00697250					0,00027545	-0,40589949
79,55		210963,13								0,00030881	-0,77228451
84,44		1032955,63					0,00103721		0,00034432		-0,00410128
89,48		1321877,63			0,01009580					0,00038655	0,13990075
94,67		1935277,25		0,01032007	0,01139060					0,00043159	0,49468435
100,00		2593450,50								0,00048124	0,79637291
105,48		1847310,13 1923162,00		0,01476083 0,01668400	0,01444190 0,01622980					0,00053589 0,00059596	0,14906844 0,07566854
116,87		2056166,25								0.00066191	0.03547594
122,79		1843359,50		0,02058352						0,00073421	-0,16311172
128,85		2481779,75		0,02306530	0,02285830					0.00081338	0,01706021
135,06		1410898,25		0,02447620	0,02555820					0,00089996	-0,47742413
141,42		3457056,25		0,02793326	0,02854180					0,00099453	0,15869353
147,92	45	3070949,00	0,00307095	0,03100421	0,03183480	0,03183484	0,00329304			0,00109768	-0,06744273
154,57		1500972,38							0,00050032		-0,58653114
161,36		520428,41			0,03946210			-0,86979763			-0,86979763
168,30		1632659,75			0,04385790			-0,62858771		0,00146527	-0,62858771
175,38		7879380,50			0,04868660				0,00262646		0,63179092
182,62		5077337,50		0,04761498	0,05398460					0,00176600	-0,04165058
189,99 197,52		8109043,50 5382852,00		0,05572403 0,06110688						0,00193543 0.00211871	0,39659634
205,19		9180715,00								0.00231675	0,32092049
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220,96		5329387,00		0,08425330	0,08897150					0,00276091	-0,35656728
229,07		13313854,00		0,09756716		0,09799864				0,00300906	0,47486352
237,33	57	10906873,00	0,01090687	0,10847403	0,10782660	0,10782661	0,00982797	0,10977866	0,00363562	0,00327599	0,10977866
245,73		8072698,00		0,11654673	0,11851510				0,00269090	0,00356282	-0,24472753
254,27		4964086,00		0,12151081	0,13012720					0,00387070	-0,57250724
262,97		23873072,00		0,14538388	0,14272960					0,00420082	0,89431825
271,80		26937700,00			0,15639290					0,00455442	0,97154181
280,79 289,92		12588257,00 21555376,00			0,17119120 0,18720290	0,17119122 0,18720285	0,01479834 0,01601163		0,00419609	0,00493278	-0,14934653 0,34623281
209,92		19013282,00		0,20646522	0,20451010					0,00535721	0,09857630
308,62		18048542,00		0,22347830	0,22319930						-0,03428240
318,19		27566640.00		0.27109368						0.00672070	0.36725133
327,90		23229122.00								0.00724337	0,06898293
337,76		27074918,00					0,02339786		0,00902497		0,15715340



Tab.A15 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of B44.



Tab.A16 showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of B44.

#### Log Files B44

Scanner=SkyScan1173 Instrument S/N=10C05009 Hardware version=A Software=Version 1. 6 (build 8) Home directory=C:\Skyscan Source Type=Hamamatsu 130/300 Camera=FlatPanel Sensor Camera Pixel Size (um)=50.0 CameraXYRatio=1.0050 Incl.in lifting (um/mm)=0.8800 [Acquisition] Data directory=C:\Results\nello\cotton\TDP 12-5\original Filename Prefix=TDP 12-5 Number of Files= 1846 Source Voltage (kV)= 100 Source Current (uA) = 80Number of Rows= 2240 Number of Columns= 2240 Image crop origin X = 0Image crop origin Y=0 Camera binning=1x1 Image Rotation=-0.2600 Gantry direction=CC Number of connected scans=1 Image Pixel Size (um) = 6.41Object to Source (mm)=46.913 Camera to Source (mm)=364.000 Vertical Object Position (mm)=41.750 Optical Axis (line)=1110 Filter=Al 1.0mm Image Format=TIFF Depth (bits)=16 Screen LUT=0 Exposure (ms)= 750Rotation Step (deg)=0.130 Frame Averaging=ON (3) Random Movement=ON (5) Use 360 Rotation=NO FF updating interval=484 Geometrical Correction=OFF Camera Offset=OFF Median Filtering=OFF Flat Field Correction=ON Rotation Direction=CC Scanning Trajectory=ROUND Type Of Motion=STEP AND SHOOT Study Date and Time=Jan 23, 2013 17:14:30 Scan duration=01:34:11 [Reconstruction]

Reconstruction Program=NRecon Program Version=Version: 1.6.4.8 Program Home Directory=C:\Skyscan Reconstruction engine=InstaRecon Engine version=Version: 1.3.8.5 Reconstruction from batch=Yes Reconstruction servers= CLUSTER-PC-1 Dataset Origin=SkyScan1173 Dataset Prefix=TDP 12-5 Dataset Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\TDP 12-5\original Output Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\TDP 12-5\original\TDP 12-5 Rec Time and Date=Jan 23, 2013 17:59:55 First Section=505 Last Section=1946 Reconstruction duration per slice (seconds)=0.303745 Total reconstruction time (1442 slices) in seconds=438.000000 Postalignment=14.00 Section to Section Step=1 Sections Count=1442 Result File Type=TIF Result File Header Length (bytes)=12 Result Image Width (pixels)=1528 Result Image Height (pixels)=1240 Pixel Size (um)=6.41412 Reconstruction Angular Range (deg)=239.98 Use 180+=OFF Angular Step (deg)=0.1300 Smoothing=0 Ring Artifact Correction=23 Draw Scales=OFF Object Bigger than FOV=OFF Reconstruction from ROI=ON ROI Top (pixels)=1813 ROI Bottom (pixels)=573 ROI Left (pixels)=624 ROI Right (pixels)=2155 ROI reference length=2240 Filter cutoff relative to Nyquisit frequency=100 Filter type=0 Filter type meaning(1)=0: Hamming (Ramp in case of optical scanner); 1: Hann; 2: Ramp; 3: Almost Ramp; Filter type meaning(2)=11: Cosine; 12: Shepp-Logan; [100,200]: Generalized Hamming, alpha=(iFilter-100)/100 Undersampling factor=1 Threshold for defect pixel mask (%)=0Beam Hardening Correction (%)=65 CS Static Rotation (deg)=0.0 Minimum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0030 Maximum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0241 HU Calibration=OFF BMP LUT=0

Cone-beam Angle Horiz.(deg)=17.412216 Cone-beam Angle Vert.(deg)=17.412216 [File name convention] Filename Index Length=4 Filename Prefix=TDP 12-5_IR_rec_Cor [CS image conversion 1] Converted by=Dataviewer (Version: 1.4.4) Conversion time=Jan 23, 2013 18:05:26 Original configuration file=TDP 12-5_IR_rec.log Conversion description=...COR. VOI(1099,500,1200) @ (152,460,223). Rotated(deg): (19.719, 33.218, 316.430). Image scale modified=0 HU calibration modified=0

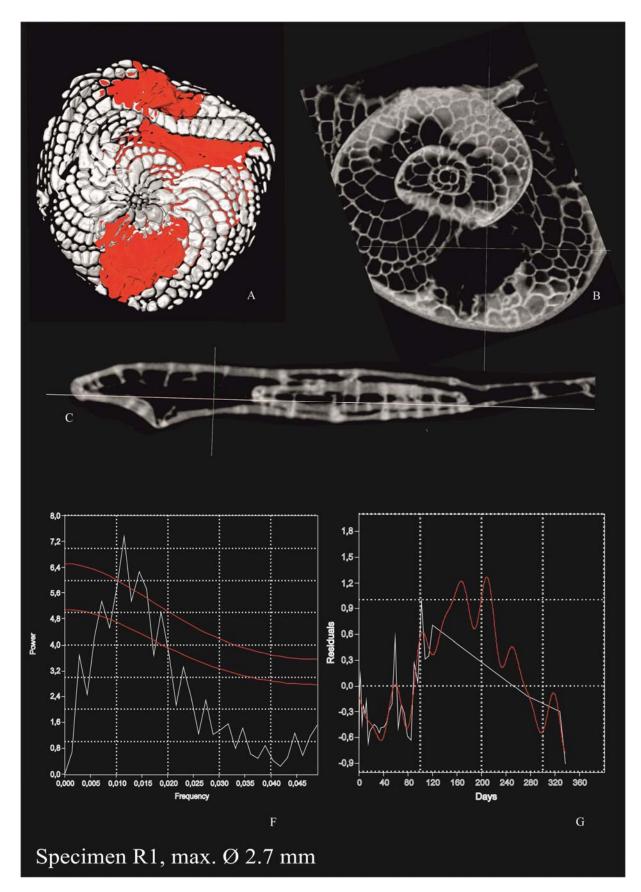
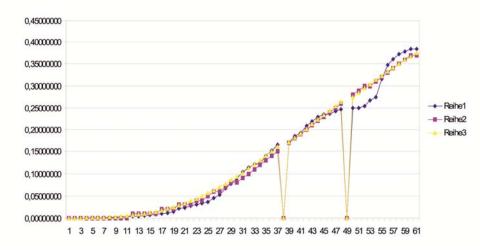


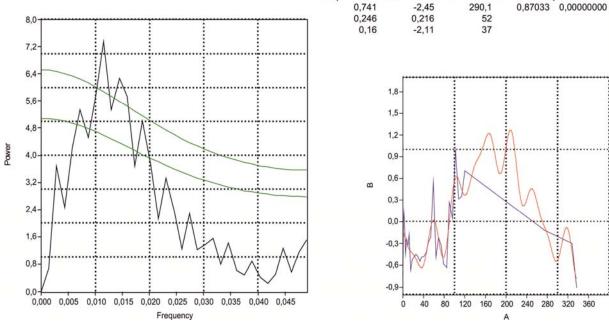
Fig.A9 Specimen R1, gamont from Kiel, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram.

days	chamber \	/olume µm³	volume mm ³	comul. Vol	Gomp SPSS	Gomp Excel	Derivate	Residuals	lin vol	lin derivate	stand lin res
0,00	3	65990,64725	0,00006599	0,00006599	0,00000000	0,00025994	0,00025994	-0,74613581	0,00002200	0,00008665	-0,74613581
0,33	4	116037,24550	0.00011604	0.00018203	0.00000000	0,00037839	0.00011844	-0.02029225	0,00003868	0,00003948	-0,02029225
1,15	5	183578,00863	0,00018358	0,00036561		0,00054080	0.00016241	0,13031483	0,00006119	0,00005414	0,13031483
2,39	6	219452,11888	0.00021945	0.00058506		0.00075958	0.00021878	0,00307516	0,00007315	0.00007293	0,00307516
4,00	7	160104.82538	0.00016010	0.00074516	0.00000000	0.00104933	0.00028976	-0,44744929	0.00005337	0.00009659	-0,44744929
5,98	8	288764,44300		0,00103393		0,00142696	0.00037762	-0,23530790	0.00009625	0.00012587	-0,23530790
8,29	9	327517,33988	0,00032752			0.00191160	0,00048464	-0,32420820	0.00010917	0.00016155	-0.32420820
10,94	10	504451,99475	0.00050445	0.00186590		0,00252458	0.00061298	-0,17705521	0,00016815		-0,17705521
13,90	11	251561,66200	0,00025156	0.00211746			0.00076463	-0.67100012	0.00008385	0,00025488	-0,67100012
17,17	12	447319,15250	0.00044732	0.00256478		0,00423048	0,00094127	-0,52476978	0,00014911	0,00031376	-0,52476978
20,75	13	590815,59350	0,00059082	0.00315559		0.00537473	0.00114425	-0,48366746	0.00019694	0.00038142	-0,48366746
24,62	14	752913,42500	0,00075291	0.00390851	0,01000000	0,00674922	0.00137449	-0,45222304	0,00025097	0,00045816	-0,45222304
28,78	15	841934,36525	0,00084193	0.00475044	0,01000000	0,00838160	0.00163238	-0,48423050	0,00028064	0,00054413	-0,48423050
33,23	16	865186,10338	0,00086519	0,00561563	0,01000000	0,01029942	0,00191782	-0,54886885	0,00028840	0,00063927	-0,54886885
37,96	17	1139113,72300	0,00113911	0,00675474	0,01000000	0,01252951	0,00223009	-0,48920730	0,00037970	0,00074336	-0,48920730
42,96	18	1337750,00013	0,00133775	0,00809249	0,01000000	0,01509746	0,00256795	-0,47905991	0,00044592	0,00085598	-0,47905991
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53,79	20	2341339,30663	0,00234134	0,01211593	0,02000000	0,02133976	0.00331270	-0,29322308	0,00078045	0,00110423	-0,29322308
59,60	21	2939241,14413	0,00293924	0,01505517	0,02000000	0,02505423	0.00371447	-0,20870413	0,00097975	0.00123816	-0,20870413
65,67	22	6404635,90525	0,00640464	0.02145980		0.02918593	0.00413170	0,55011947	0.00213488	0.00137723	0,55011947
72,01	23	2306793,86713	0,00230679	0,02376660	0,03000000	0,03374683	0,00456090	-0,49422384	0,00076893	0,00152030	-0,49422384
78,60	24	3905184,77938	0,00390518	0,02767178	0,03000000	0,03874512	0,00499829	-0,21869526	0,00130173	0,00166610	-0,21869526
85,45	25	3665581,15413	0,00366558	0,03133736	0,04000000	0,04418506	0,00543995	-0,32617361	0,00122186	0,00181332	-0,32617361
92,55	26	2415080,53325	0,00241508	0.03375244	0,04000000	0,05006696	0.00588190	-0,58940459	0,00080503	0,00196063	-0,58940459
99,89	27	2318530,45875	0,00231853	0,03607097	0,05000000	0,05638712	0,00632016	-0,63315326	0,00077284	0,00210672	-0,63315326
107,49	28	8566604,66063	0,00856660	0,04463758	0,06000000	0,06313798	0,00675086	0,26896582	0,00285553	0,00225029	0,26896582
115,33	29	7459379,03563	0,00745938	0.05209696	0,06000000	0,07030824	0,00717027	0,04032123	0,00248646	0,00239009	0,04032123
123,42	30	14983862,93800	0,01498386	0,06708082	0,07000000	0,07788315	0,00757490	0,97809351	0,00499462	0,00252497	0,97809351
131,74	31	10461510,59525	0,01046151	0,07754233		0,08584470	0,00796155	0,31400361	0,00348717	0,00265385	0,31400361
140,31	32	11244319,11213	0,01124432	0,08878665		0,09417203	0,00832734	0,35029022	0,00374811	0,00277578	0,35029022
149,12	33	14767289,60575	0,01476729	0,10355394		0,10284174	0.00866971	0,70332006	0,00492243	0,00288990	0,70332006
158,16	34	10543888,18175	0,01054389	0,11409783		0,11182826	0,00898651	0,17330126	0,00351463	0,00299550	0,17330126
167,44	35	7031325,60900	0,00703133	0,12112915	0,11000000	0,12110423	0,00927597	-0,24198496	0,00234378	0,00309199	-0,24198496
176,95	36	2080476,94938	0,00208048	0,12320963	0,12000000	0,13064092	0,00953669	-0,78184491	0,00069349	0,00317890	-0,78184491
186,69	37	16340878,66400	0,01634088	0,13955051	0,13000000	0,14040857	0,00976765	0,67295907	0,00544696	0,00325588	0,67295907
196,66	38	12533572,62988	0,01253357	0,15208408	0,14000000	0,15037678	0,00996821	0,25735436	0,00417786	0,00332274	0,25735436
206,86	39	13616882,18138	0,01361688	0,16570097	0,15000000	0,16051484	0,01013807	0,34314382	0,00453896	0,00337936	0,34314382
217,29											
227,95	40	3824135,86363	0,00382414	0,16952510	0,17000000	0,17079209	0,17079209	-0,97760941	0.00127471	0,05693070	-0,97760941
238,83	41	15690272,88675	0,01569027	0,18521537	0,18000000	0,18117814	0,01038605	0,51070602	0,00523009	0,00346202	0,51070602
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261,27	43	15933419,63400	0.01593342	0.20895429	0,20000000	0.20215837	0.01051515	0,51528215	0.00531114	0,00350505	0,51528215
272,82	44	10700449,88513	0,01070045	0,21965474	0,21000000	0,21269565	0,01053728	0,01548524	0,00356682	0,00351243	0,01548524
284,59	45	9174028,63850	0,00917403	0,22882877	0,22000000	0,22322831	0,01053266	-0,12899214	0,00305801	0,00351089	-0,12899214
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373,09	52	3877061,24850	0,00387706	0,25434700		0,29488423	0,00987451	-0,60736653	0,00129235	0,00329150	-0,60736653
386,60	53	12658689,12550	0,01265869	0,26700569		0,30459446	0,00971024	0,30364381	0,00421956	0,00323675	0,30364381
400,31	54	8393656,01800	0,00839366	0,27539934		0,31412771	0,00953324	-0,11953811	0,00279789	0,00317775	-0,11953811
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428,38	56	31473774,17113	0,03147377	0,34758293		0,33261994	0,00914717	2,44081962	0,01049126	0,00304906	2,44081962
442,72	57	13966322,58863	0,01396632	0,36154925		0,34156094	0,00894100	0,56205375	0,00465544	0,00298033	0,56205375
457,28	58	10941825,07138	0,01094183	0,37249107		0,35028883	0,00872789	0,25366242		0,00290930	0,25366242
472,04	59	5339484,85400		0,37783056		0,35879794	0,00850911	-0,37249795	0,00177983	0,00283637	-0,37249795
487,02	60	5766431,05500		0,38359699			0,00828587	-0,30406426	0,00192214	0,00276196	-0,30406426
499,47	61	705524,16825	0,00070552	0,38430251	0,37000000	0,37514308	0,00805927	-0,91245808	0,00023517	0,00268642	-0,91245808



Tab.A17 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of R1.

Freq	Power	Period	Theor.AR(1	chi2 80%	chi2 90%	chi2 95%	chi2 99%	chi2 crit.
0	2,23E-31	#DIV/0!	3,4431	5,0844	6,5146	7,8718	10,861	7,5595
0,001442	0,69354	693,4813	3,437	5,0755	6,5032	7,858	10,842	7,5462
0,0028841	3,6802	346,7286	3,419	5,0489	6,4691	7,8168	10,785	7,5067
0,0043261	2,451	231,1551	3,3896	5,0054	6,4134	7,7495	10,692	7,442
0,0057681	4,2267	173,3673	3,3495	4,9463	6,3376	7,658	10,566	7,3542
0,0072101	5,3474	138,6943	3,3	4,8732	6,2439	7,5447	10,409	7,2454
0,0086522	4,52	115,5775	3,2422	4,7879	6,1346	7,4127	10,227	7,1186
0,010094	5,7913	99,0688	3,1776	4,6925	6,0124	7,265	10,023	6,9767
0,011536	7,3642	86,6852	3,1076	4,5891	5,8799	7,1049	9,8025	6,8231
0,012978	5,349	77,0535	3,0337	4,4799	5,74	6,9358	9,5692	6,6607
0,01442	6,2735	69,3481	2,9571	4,3668	5,5951	6,7608	9,3277	6,4925
0,015862	5,7356	63,0438	2,8792	4,2517	5,4477	6,5826	9,0819	6,3214
0,017304	3,6887	57,7901	2,801	4,1363	5,2998	6,4039	8,8353	6,1498
0,018746	4,9989	53,3447	2,7236	4,0219	5,1533	6,2269	8,5911	5,9798
0,020188	3,7223	49,5344	2,6477	3,9099	5,0097	6,0534	8,3518	5,8132
0,02163	2,139	46,2321	2,5741	3,8012	4,8704	5,8851	8,1196	5,6516
0,023072	3,3165	43,3426	2,5033	3,6967	4,7365	5,7232	7,8962	5,4962
0,024514	2,36	40,7930	2,44E+00	3,5969	4,6086	5,5687	7,6831	5,3478
0,025957	1,2418	38,5253	2,3717	3,5023	4,4875	5,4224	7,4811	5,2072
0,027399	2,278	36,4977	2,3115	3,4134	4,3735	5,2846	7,2911	5,075
0,028841	1,2278	34,6729	2,2552	3,3302	4,267	5,1559	7,1135	4,9514
0,030283	1,3864	33,0218	2,2029	3,253	4,1681	5,0364	6,9487	4,8366
0,031725	1,5534	31,5209	2,1547	3,1819	4,0769	4,9263	6,7967	4,7308
0,033167	0,80564	30,1505	2,1106	3,1168	3,9935	4,8255	6,6576	4,6341
0,034609			2,0706	3,0577	3,9178	4,734		4,5462
0,036051			2,0347	3,0046	3,8498	4,6518		4,4673
0,037493	0,48586	26,6716	2,0027	2,9574	3,7893	4,5787	6,3172	4,3971
0,038935	0,88141	25,6838	1,9747	2,916	3,7363	4,5146	6,2288	4,3355
0,040377	0,42381	24,7666	1,9505	2,8804	3,6906	4,4594	6,1526	4,2825
0,041819	0,24173	23,9126	1,9302	2,8503	3,6521	4,413	6,0885	4,2379
0,043261			1,9136	2,8259	3,6208	4,3751	6,0363	4,2015
0,044703			1,9008	2,807	3,5965	4,3458		4,1734
0,046145			1,8917	2,7935	3,5792	4,3249		4,1533
0,047587			1,8862	2,7854	3,5689	4,3124		
0,049029	1,5014	20,3961	1,8844	2,7827	3,5654	4,3082	5,944	4,1373
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Tab.A18 showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of R1.

# Log File R1

Scanner=SkyScan1173 Instrument S/N=10C05009 Hardware version=A Software=Version 1. 6 (build 8) Home directory=C:\Skyscan Source Type=Hamamatsu 130/300 Camera=FlatPanel Sensor Camera Pixel Size (um)=50.0 CameraXYRatio=1.0050 Incl.in lifting (um/mm)=0.8800 [Acquisition] Data directory=\\CLUSTER-PC-1\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\TDP 17-3\original Filename Prefix=TDP17-3 Number of Files= 2000 Source Voltage (kV)= 100 Source Current (uA) = 80Number of Rows= 2240 Number of Columns= 2240 Image crop origin X = 0Image crop origin Y=0 Camera binning=1x1 Image Rotation=-0.2600 Gantry direction=CC Number of connected scans=1 Image Pixel Size (um) = 6.06Object to Source (mm)=44.313 Camera to Source (mm)=364.000 Vertical Object Position (mm)=42.475 Optical Axis (line)=1110 Filter=Al 1.0mm Image Format=TIFF Depth (bits)=16 Screen LUT=0 Exposure (ms)= 750Rotation Step (deg)=0.120 Frame Averaging=ON (3) Random Movement=ON (5) Use 360 Rotation=NO FF updating interval=484 Geometrical Correction=OFF Camera Offset=OFF Median Filtering=OFF Flat Field Correction=ON Rotation Direction=CC Scanning Trajectory=ROUND Type Of Motion=STEP AND SHOOT Study Date and Time=Nov 08, 2012 13:58:22 Scan duration=02:08:10 [Reconstruction]

Reconstruction Program=NRecon Program Version=Version: 1.6.4.8 Program Home Directory=C:\Skyscan Reconstruction engine=InstaRecon Engine version=Version: 1.3.8.5 Reconstruction from batch=Yes Reconstruction servers= CLUSTER-PC-1 Dataset Origin=SkyScan1173 Dataset Prefix=TDP17-3 Dataset Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\depressa1\original Output Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\depressa1\original\TDP17-3 Rec Time and Date=Nov 29, 2012 17:50:53 First Section=1047 Last Section=1871 Reconstruction duration per slice (seconds)=0.420606 Total reconstruction time (825 slices) in seconds=347.000000 Postalignment=19.00 Section to Section Step=1 Sections Count=825 Result File Type=TIF Result File Header Length (bytes)=12 Result Image Width (pixels)=1268 Result Image Height (pixels)=688 Pixel Size (um)=6.05771 Reconstruction Angular Range (deg)=240.00 Use 180+=OFF Angular Step (deg)=0.1200 Smoothing=0 Ring Artifact Correction=23 Draw Scales=OFF Object Bigger than FOV=OFF Reconstruction from ROI=ON ROI Top (pixels)=1370 ROI Bottom (pixels)=681 ROI Left (pixels)=109 ROI Right (pixels)=1380 ROI reference length=2240 Filter cutoff relative to Nyquisit frequency=100 Filter type=0 Filter type meaning(1)=0: Hamming (Ramp in case of optical scanner); 1: Hann; 2: Ramp; 3: Almost Ramp; Filter type meaning(2)=11: Cosine; 12: Shepp-Logan; [100,200]: Generalized Hamming, alpha=(iFilter-100)/100 Undersampling factor=1 Threshold for defect pixel mask (%)=0Beam Hardening Correction (%)=30 CS Static Rotation (deg)=49.0 Minimum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0021 Maximum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0273 HU Calibration=OFF BMP LUT=0

Cone-beam Angle Horiz.(deg)=17.409575 Cone-beam Angle Vert.(deg)=17.409575 [File name convention] Filename Index Length=4 Filename Prefix=TDP17-3_IR_rec_Cor [CS image conversion 1] Converted by=Dataviewer (Version: 1.4.4) Conversion time=Nov 29, 2012 18:15:00 Original configuration file=TDP17-3_IR_rec.log Conversion description=...COR. VOI(714,120,600) @ (301,239,55). Rotated(deg): (0.000, 36.404, 0.000). Image scale modified=0 HU calibration modified=0

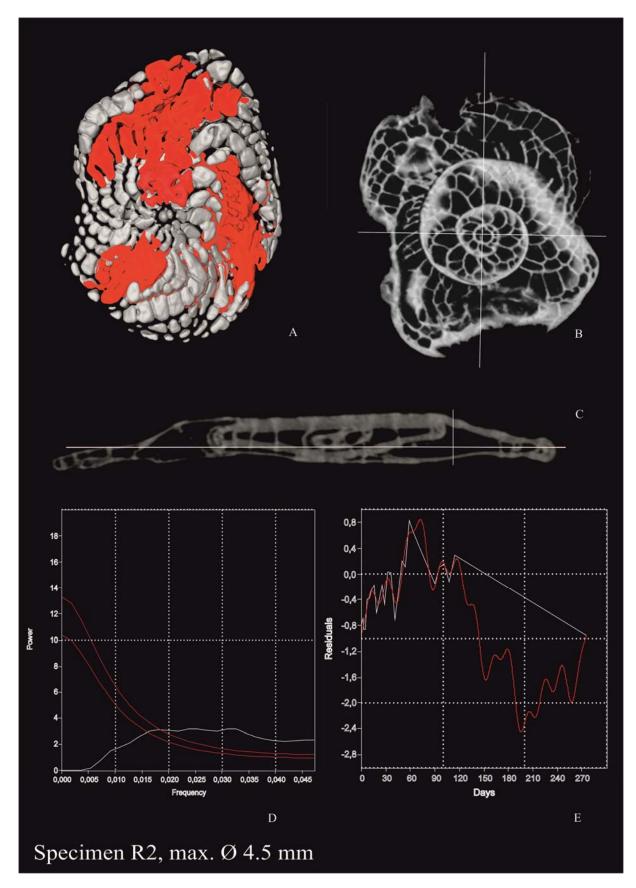
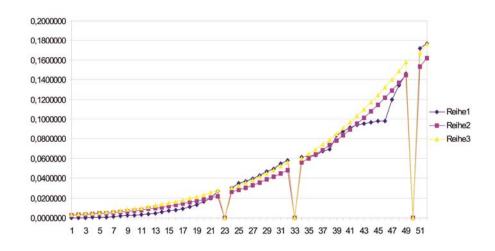


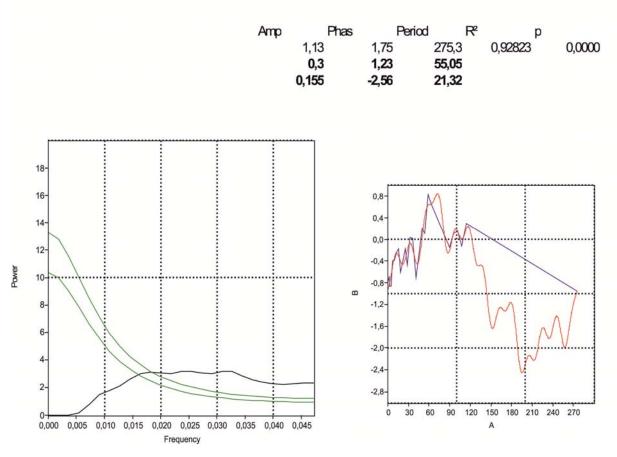
Fig.A10 Specimen R2, gamont from Kiel, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram.

days	chamber	Volume	volume mm ³ c	omul. Sum	Gomp SPSS	Gomp Excel	Derivate	Residuals	lin vol	lin derivate	stand lin res
0,00	) 3	46503,4727	0,0000465	0.0000465	0,00277910	0.00350067	0.00350067	-0,98671583	0.00001550	0.00116689	-0,98671583
0,33		89906,7188		0.0001364		0.00392229				0.00014054	
1,15		141281,984	0.0001413	0,0002777	0,003482	0,00438725	0,00046497	-0,69614507	0.00004709	0,00015499	-0,69614507
2,39		71969,6641	0,0000720	0,0003497	0,0038881	0,00489916	0,00051191	-0,85940850	0,00002399	0,00017064	-0,85940850
4,00	) 7	75512,7813	0,0000755	0,0004252	0,0043347	0,00546181	0,00056265	-0,86579185	0,00002517	0,00018755	-0,86579185
5,98	8 8	370477,688	0,0003705	0,0007957	0,004825	0,00607924	0,00061743	-0,39996386	0,00012349	0,00020581	-0,39996386
8,29	9 9	419195,594	0,0004192	0,0012148	0,0053624	0,00675568	0,00067644	-0,38029286	0,00013973	0,00022548	-0,38029286
10,94	10	565127,938	0,0005651	0,0017800	0,0059506	0,00749561	0,00073993	-0,23623782	0,00018838	0,00024664	-0,23623782
13,90	) 11	667878,438	0,0006679	0,0024479	0,0065934	0,00830372	0,00080811	-0,17352962	0,00022263	0,00026937	-0,17352962
17,17	12	345897,281	0,0003459	0,0027938	0,0072949	0,00918494	0,00088122	-0,60747949	0,00011530	0,00029374	-0,60747949
20,75	5 13	552948,438	0,0005529	0,0033467	0,0080592	0,01014443	0,00095949	-0,42370866	0,00018432	0,00031983	-0,42370866
24,62	2 14	858321,25	0,0008583	0,0042050	0,0088908	0,01118760	0,00104317	-0,17719541	0,00028611	0,00034772	-0,17719541
28,78	8 15	600780,625	0,0006008	0,0048058	0,0097944	0,01232007	0,00113247	-0,46949479	0,00020026	0,00037749	-0,46949479
33,23	16	1271095	0,0012711	0,0060769		0,01354771		0,03539640	0,00042370	0,00040921	0,03539640
37,96		1360115,88		0,0074370	0,0118368	0,01487663	0,00132892	0,02347709	0,00045337	0,00044297	0,02347709
42,96	5 18	425617,5	0,0004256	0,0078626	0,0129859	0,01631316	0,00143653	-0,70371837	0,00014187	0,00047884	-0,70371837
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59,60	21	2007400	0,0020074	0,0129246	0,0170115	0,02133526	0,00179970	0,11541114	0,00066913	0,00059990	0,11541114
65,67	22	3545336,25	0,0035453	0,0164700	0,0185656	0,02327020	0,00193494			0,00064498	
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78,60	24	7086686,5	0,0070867	0,0269725	0,0220296	0,02757584	0,00222801	2,18072876	0,00236223	0,00074267	2,18072876
85,45	5										
92,55	5 25	3590954	0,0035910	0,0305634	0,0260121	0,02996208	0,00238624	0,50485938	0,00119698	0,00079541	0,50485938
99,89	26	4417608,5	0,0044176	0,0349810	0,028215	0,03251461	0,00255253	0,73067899	0,00147254	0,00085084	0,73067899
107,49	27	1912178,5	0,0019122	0,0368932	0,0305686	0,03524167	0,00272706	-0,29881365	0,00063739	0,00090902	-0,29881365
115,33	28	2473320,5	0,0024733	0,0393665	0,0330803	0,03815168	0,00291001	-0,15006496	0,00082444	0,00097000	-0,15006496
123,42	29	3434835,25	0,0034348	0,0428014	0,0357575	0,04125323	0,00310154	0,10746073	0,00114495	0,00103385	0,10746073
131,74	30	3797340,75	0,0037973	0,0465987	0,0386081	0,04455503	0,00330180	0,15008029	0,00126578	0,00110060	0,15008029
140,31	31	3071886,5	0,0030719	0,0496706	0,0416398	0,04806597	0,00351094	-0,12505363	0,00102396	0,00117031	-0,12505363
149,12		4807352		0,0544779		0,05179506				0,00124303	
158,16		3706548,25	0,0037065	0,0581845	0,0482785	0,05575140	0,00395634	-0,06313711	0,00123552	0,00131878	-0,06313711
167,44											
176,95		3124812		0,0613093		0,05994421				0,00139761	
186,69		1128262,88		0,0624376		0,06438281				0,00147953	
196,66		899288,625		0,0633368		0,06907656				0,00156458	
206,86		3479345,75		0,0668162		0,07403490				0,00165278	
217,29		2443868,25		0,0692601		0,07926731		And the second second second second second		0,00174413	and the second second second second
227,95		14073280		0,0833333		0,08478326				0,00183865	
238,83		3838308,25		0,0871716		0,09059228				0,00193634	
249,94		3950138		0,0911218		0,09670385				0,00203719	
261,27				0,0943434		0,10312744				0,00214120	
272,82		901060,188		0,0952444		0,10987247				0,00224834	
284,59	44	1725721,75	0,0017257	0,0969702		0,11694829		-0,75611002	0,00057524	0,00235861	-0,75611002
296,58		776165,125		0,0977463		0,12436418				0,00247196	
308,79		368927,563		0,0981152		0,13212933				0,00258838	
321,22				0,1197024		0,14025280			0,00719571		
333,87				0,1342976		0,14874352				0,00283024	
346,73	49	11489015	0,0114890	0,1457866	0,1447414	0,15761028	0,00886676	0,29574028	0,00382967	0,00295559	0,29574028
368,25	5 50	26013600	0,0260136	0,1718002	0.1531581	0,16686169	0.00925141	1.81185255	0.00867120	0,00308380	1.81185255
380,02				0,1768625		0.17650618	A STATE OF A		Crossel at some manual		



Tab.A19 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of R2.

Freq	Power	Period	Theor.AR(1)	hi2 80%	chi2 90%	chi2 95%	chi2 99%	chi2 crit.
0	8,01E-31	#DIV/0!	7,014	10,358	13,271	16,036	22,124	14,329
0,0018164	0,0011951	550,53953	6,7703	9,9979	12,81	15,479	21,356	13,832
0,0036328	0,024332	275,26976	6,1342	9,0584	11,606	14,024	19,349	12,532
0,0054493	0,18013	183,50981	5,3106	7,8422	10,048	12,141	16,751	10,849
0,0072657	0,7702	137,63299	4,4807	6,6167	8,4778	10,244	14,134	9,1539
0,0090821	1,4914	110,10669	3,7433	5,5278	7,0826	8,56E+00	11,808	7,6475
0,010899	1,7808	91,751537	3,1294	4,6212	5,921	7,1546	9,871	6,3932
0,012715	2,1184	78,647267	2,634	3,8897	4,9838	6,0221	8,3086	5,3813
0,014531	2,6066	68,818388	2,2394	3,307	4,2372	5,12	7,0639	4,5751
0,016348	2,9841	61,169562	1,9258	2,8438	3,6438	4,4029	6,0746	3,9344
0,018164	3,1029	55,053953	1,6757	2,4746	3,1706	3,8311	5,2858	3,4235
0,019981	3,0327	50,047545	1,4752	2,1784	2,7911	3,3726	4,6531	3,0137
0,021797	3,0258	45,877873	1,3132	1,9393	2,4847	3,0024	4,1424	2,6829
0,023613	3,1635	42,349553	1,1816	1,7449	2,2357	2,7015	3,7272	2,414
0,02543	3,1876	39,323634	1,074	1,5859	2,032	2,4554	3,3876	2,1941
0,027246	3,033	36,702635	0,98549	1,4553	1,8646	2,2531	3,1086	2,0133
0,029063	3,0202	34,40801	0,91253	1,3475	1,7266	2,0863	2,8784	1,8643
0,030879	3,1803	32,384468	0,85226	1,2585	1,6126	1,9485	2,6883	1,7412
0,032696	3,1527	30,584781	0,80252	1,1851	1,5184	1,8348	2,5314	1,6395
0,034512	2,857	28,975429	0,76163	1,1247	1,4411	1,7413	2,4024	1,556
0,036328	2,5689	27,526976	0,7283	1,0755	1,378	1,6651	2,2973	1,4879
0,038145	2,4008	26,215756	0,70152	1,0359	1,3273	1,6039	2,2128	1,4332
0,039961	2,2833	25,024399	0,68053	1,005	1,2876	1,5559	2,1466	1,3903
0,041778	2,2247	23,936043	0,66476	0,98165	1,2578	1,5198	2,0969	1,3581
0,043594	2,2734	22,938937	0,65377	0,96543	1,237	1,4947	2,0622	1,3356
0,045411	2,3506	22,021096	0,64729	0,95585	1,2247	1,4799	2,0418	1,3224
0,047227	2,3227	21,174328	0,64514	0,95269	1,2207	1,475	2,035	1,318



Tab.A20 showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of R2.

# Log Files R2

Scanner=SkyScan1173 Instrument S/N=10C05009 Hardware version=A Software=Version 1. 6 (build 8) Home directory=C:\Skyscan Source Type=Hamamatsu 130/300 Camera=FlatPanel Sensor Camera Pixel Size (um)=50.0 CameraXYRatio=1.0050 Incl.in lifting (um/mm)=0.8800 [Acquisition] Data directory=\\CLUSTER-PC-1\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\TDP 17-4\original Filename Prefix=TDP17-3 Number of Files= 1600 Source Voltage (kV)= 100 Source Current (uA) = 80Number of Rows= 2240 Number of Columns= 2240 Image crop origin X = 0Image crop origin Y=0 Camera binning=1x1 Image Rotation=-0.2600 Gantry direction=CC Number of connected scans=1 Image Pixel Size (um) = 6.06Object to Source (mm)=44.313 Camera to Source (mm)=364.000 Vertical Object Position (mm)=39.595 Optical Axis (line)=1110 Filter=Al 1.0mm Image Format=TIFF Depth (bits)=16 Screen LUT=0 Exposure (ms)= 750Rotation Step (deg)=0.150 Frame Averaging=ON (3) Random Movement=ON (5) Use 360 Rotation=NO FF updating interval=484 Geometrical Correction=OFF Camera Offset=OFF Median Filtering=OFF Flat Field Correction=ON Rotation Direction=CC Scanning Trajectory=ROUND Type Of Motion=STEP AND SHOOT Study Date and Time=Nov 08, 2012 16:00:02 Scan duration=01:42:31 [Reconstruction]

Reconstruction Program=NRecon Program Version=Version: 1.6.4.8 Program Home Directory=C:\Skyscan Reconstruction engine=InstaRecon Engine version=Version: 1.3.8.5 Reconstruction from batch=Yes Reconstruction servers= CLUSTER-PC-1 Dataset Origin=SkyScan1173 Dataset Prefix=TDP17-3 Dataset Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\depressa2\original Output Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\depressa2\original\TDP17-3 Rec Time and Date=Nov 29, 2012 18:33:43 First Section=1483 Last Section=2160 Reconstruction duration per slice (seconds)=0.194690 Total reconstruction time (678 slices) in seconds=132.000000 Postalignment=19.00 Section to Section Step=1 Sections Count=678 Result File Type=TIF Result File Header Length (bytes)=12 Result Image Width (pixels)=1256 Result Image Height (pixels)=588 Pixel Size (um)=6.05771 Reconstruction Angular Range (deg)=240.00 Use 180+=OFF Angular Step (deg)=0.1500 Smoothing=0 Ring Artifact Correction=29 Draw Scales=OFF Object Bigger than FOV=OFF Reconstruction from ROI=ON ROI Top (pixels)=1152 ROI Bottom (pixels)=562 ROI Left (pixels)=236 ROI Right (pixels)=1493 ROI reference length=2240 Filter cutoff relative to Nyquisit frequency=100 Filter type=0 Filter type meaning(1)=0: Hamming (Ramp in case of optical scanner); 1: Hann; 2: Ramp; 3: Almost Ramp; Filter type meaning(2)=11: Cosine; 12: Shepp-Logan; [100,200]: Generalized Hamming, alpha=(iFilter-100)/100 Undersampling factor=1 Threshold for defect pixel mask (%)=0Beam Hardening Correction (%)=28 CS Static Rotation (deg)=41.0 Minimum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0024 Maximum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0325 HU Calibration=OFF BMP LUT=0

Cone-beam Angle Horiz.(deg)=17.409575 Cone-beam Angle Vert.(deg)=17.409575 [File name convention] Filename Index Length=4 Filename Prefix=TDP17-3_IR_rec_Cor [CS image conversion 1] Converted by=Dataviewer (Version: 1.4.4) Conversion time=Nov 29, 2012 19:27:00 Original configuration file=TDP17-3_IR_rec.log Conversion description=...COR. VOI(475,113,515) @ (360,230,40). Rotated(deg): (0.000, 335.886, 2.819). Image scale modified=0 HU calibration modified=0

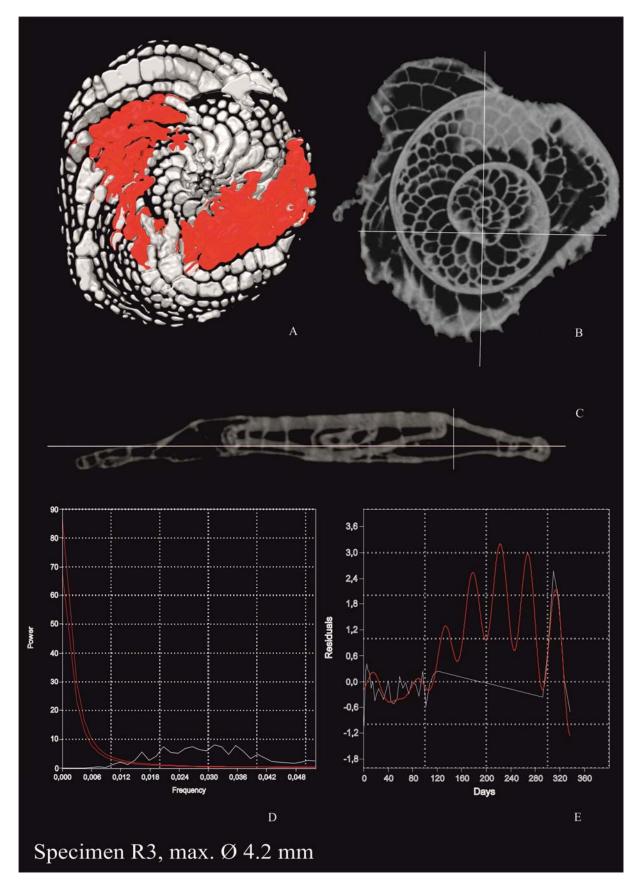
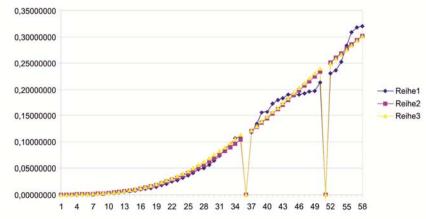


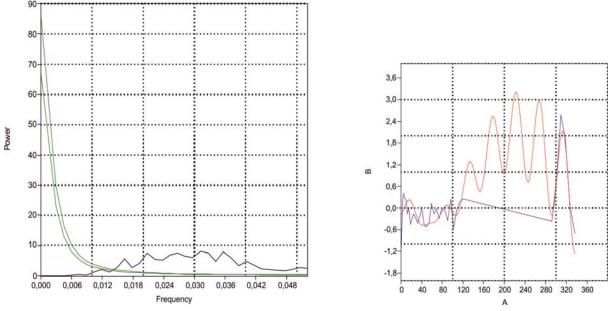
Fig.A11 Specimen R3, gamont from Kiel, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram.

days	chamber '	Volume	volume mm ³	comul. Sum	Gomp SPS	Gomp Excel	Derivate	Residuals	lin vol	lin derivate	stand lin res
0,00	3	69090.883	0.00006909	0.00006909	0.0002854	0.00029471	0.00029471	-0,76556406	0.00002303	0.00009824	-0,76556406
0,33	4	1771,5612	0.00000177			0.00041341			0.00000059		
1,15	5	91899.734	0,00009190	0,00016276		0,00057116		-0.41743580		0.00005258	
2,39	6	267505,75	0,00026751	0,00043027		0,00077772			0.00008917		
4,00	7	374020,84		0,00080429		0,00104439			0,00012467		
5,98	8	432703,81	0,00043270	0.00123699		0,00138403			0,00014423		0,27401418
8,29	9	518624,53	0,00051862	0,00125055		0,00130405			0,00017287		
10,94	10	444440,41	0.00044444	0,00220006		0,00131103			0,00014815		
13,90	10	652598.81	0.00065260	0,00220000		0.00299215			0,00014815		
17,17											
	12	440897,28	0,00044090	0,00329355		0,00378194			0,00014697		
20,75	13	703088,31	0,00070309	0,00399664		0,00473012			0,00023436		
24,62		932505,5	0,00093251	0,00492915		0,00585681		-0,17235208			
28,78	15	935605,75	0,00093561	0,00586475		0,00718255	0,00132574		0,00031187		
33,23	16	906817,88	0,00090682	0,00677157		0,00872795	0,00154540		0,00030227		
37,96	17	1448472,8	0,00144847			0,01051335			0,00048282		
42,96	18	2076712,6	0,00207671	0,01029676		0,01255844	0,00204509		0,00069224		
48,24	19	1239428,5	0,00123943	0,01153618		0,01488195			0,00041314		
53,79	20	1255372,5	0,00125537	0,01279156		0,01750127			0,00041846		-0,52072584
59,60	21	1684311,8	0,00168431			0,02043214			0,00056144		
65,67	22	3664031,3	0,00366403	0,01813990	0,0214543	0,02368836	0,00325622	0,12524208	0,00122134	0,00108541	0,12524208
72,01	23	3053728,5	0,00305373	0,02119363	0,0247106	0,02728153	0,00359317	-0,15013078	0,00101791	0,00119772	-0,15013078
78,60	24	3819264,5	0,00381926	0,02501289	0,0282863	0,03122088	0,00393935	-0,03048264	0,00127309	0,00131312	-0,03048264
85,45	25	3032027	0,00303203	0,02804492	0,032189	0,03551305	0,00429217	-0,29359173	0,00101068	0,00143072	-0,29359173
92,55	26	4580814,5	0,00458081	0,03262573	0,0364243	0,04016204	0,00464899	-0,01466478	0,00152694	0,00154966	-0,01466478
99,89	27	4614917	0,00461492	0,03724065	0,0409953	0,04516912	0,00500707	-0,07832032	0,00153831	0,00166902	-0,07832032
107,49	28	3540022	0,00354002	0,04078067	0,0459025	0,05053280	0,00536368	-0,34000173	0,00118001	0,00178789	-0,34000173
115,33	29	7059892,5	0.00705989	0.04784057	0,0511444	0,05624893	0.00571613	0,23508307	0,00235330	0,00190538	0,23508307
123,42	30	2663985	0,00266399	0,05050455	0.0567167	0,06231072	0,00606179	-0.56052824	0,00088800	0,00202060	-0,56052824
131,74	31	6102142,5		0,05660669		0,06870889			0,00203405		
140,31	32	7859531	0,00785953	0,06446622		0,07543183	0,00672294	0,16906186			
149,12	33	8792701	0,00879270	0,07325893		0,08246576	0,00703393		0,00293090		
158,16	34	12757455	0,01275746	0,08601638		0,08979496	0,00732920		0,00425249		0,74063403
167,44	35	9322841	0,00932284	0,09533922		0,09740198	0,00760702		0,00310761		
176,95	36	11494553	0.01149455	0.10683377		0.10526788	0.00786590		0.00383152		
186.69	37	3264987,3	0.00326499	0.11009876		0,11337247			0.00108833	2. State 1.	
196,66	57	0204007,0	0,00020400	0,11005070	0,1041007	0,1100/24/	0,00010400	-0,001 14002	0,00100000	0,00270100	-0,001 14002
206,86	38	7946116	0.0070/612	0,11804488	0 1200200	0,12169457	0 00833300	0.04517826	0,00264871	0,00277403	-0,04517826
217,29	39	15983246	0.01598325	0,13402812		0,12103437		0,87648836		0,00283921	0.87648836
227,95	40	22606670	0,02260667	0,15663479		0,13890289	0.00869069	1,60125098			1,60125098
238,83	40	112051,24	0,00011205	0,15674685		0,13850285		-0,98732588			
	41										
249,94		16136043		0,17288289		0,15671217		0,79922686			
261,27	43	6758063	0,00675806	0,17964095		0,16578507			0,00225269		
272,82	44	3978705	0,00397871	0,18361966		0,17494003			0,00132624		
284,59	45	6403086,5	0,00640309	0,19002274		0,18415499	0,00921496		0,00213436		
296,58	46	795209,5	0,00079521	0,19081795		0,19340847	0,00925348		0,00026507		
308,79	47	93006,961	0,00009301	2		0,20267970			0,00003100		
321,22	48	2170383,8		0,19308134		0,21194871	0,00926902		0,00072346		
333,87	49	3089824	0,00308982	0,19617117		0,22119648	0,00924777	-0,66588433			
346,73	50	1572482	0,00157248	0,19774365		0,23040494	0,00920846	-0,82923505			
359,80	51	15558736	0,01555874	0,21330239	0,2340658	0,23955707	0,00915213	0,70001271	0,00518625	0,00305071	0,70001271
373,09											
386,60	52	17683060	0,01768306	0,23098545	0,2516768	0,24863693	0,00907986	0,94750380	0,00589435	0,00302662	0,94750380
400,31	53	5725685,5	0,00572569	0,23671113	0,2603592	0,25762968	0,00899276	-0,36330026	0,00190856	0,00299759	-0,36330026
414,24	54	15766451	0,01576645	0,25247758	0,2689429	0,26652163	0,00889194	0,77311650	0,00525548	0,00296398	0,77311650
428,38	55	31244138	0,03124414	0,28372172	0,2774169	0,27530017		2,55914728	0,01041471	0,00292618	2,55914728
442,72	56	25075340	0,02507534			0,28395386	0,00865368		0,00835845		
451,83	57	8978936	0,00897894			0,29247232	0,00851846		0.00299298		
464,68	58	2410430.5		0.32018643		0.30084627					-0,71215147



Tab.A21 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of R3.

Freq	Power	Periode	Theor.AR(1)	chi2 80%	chi2 90%	chi2 95%	chi2 99%	chi2 crit.	
0			45,535	67,242		104,11	143,63		
0,0014857				45,57			97,34		
0,0029715	0,06849	336,53037	15,71	23,199		35,918	49,555	34,999	
0,0044572			8,6614	12,79			27,321		
0,0059429	0,23211	168,26802	5,3365	7,8804	10,097	12,201	16,833	11,888	
0,0074286				5,2951	6,7845		11,311		
0,0089144	0,3083			3,7943			8,1048		
0,0104	1,3326	96,153846	1,9326	2,8539	3,6566	4,4184	6,096		
0,011886	2,1559	84,132593	1,5092	2,2287	2,8556	3,4506	4,7607		
0,013372	1,2385	74,783129	1,2144	1,7933	2,2977	2,7764	3,8306	2,7054	
0,014857			1,0012	1,4785			3,1582		
0,016343	5,594	61,188276	0,84239	1,244	1,5939	1,9259	2,6572	1,8767	
0,017829	2,6633	56,088395	0,72102	1,0647	1,3642	1,6484	2,2743	1,6063	
0,019314	4,1282	51,775914	0,6263	0,92487	1,185	1,4319	1,9756	1,3953	
0,0208	7,3431	48,076923	0,55108	0,81379	1,0427	1,2599	1,7383	1,2277	
0,022286	5,3174	44,87122	0,49043	0,72423	0,92794	1,1213	1,547	1,0926	
0,023772	5,2324	42,066296	0,4409	0,65109	0,83423	1,008	1,3908	0,98224	
0,025257	6,8981	39,592984	0,40001	0,5907	0,75686	0,91454	1,2618	0,89114	
0,026743	7,434	37,392963	0,36594	0,54038	0,69239	0,83663	1,1543	0,81523	
0,028229	6,3626	35,424563	0,33732	0,49812	0,63824	0,7712	1,064	0,75147	
0,029715				0,4624			0,9877		
0,0312	8,161	32,051282	0,29257	0,43204	0,55356	0,66889	0,92285	0,65178	
0,032686	7,3763	30,594138	0,27503	0,40614	0,52038	0,6288	0,86754	0,61271	
0,034172	4,7825	29,263725	0,26003	0,38399	0,492	0,5945	0,82022	0,57929	
0,035657	7,8367	28,044984	0,24719	0,36502	0,4677	0,56513	0,77971	0,55068	
0,037143	5,9227	26,922973	0,23619	0,34879	0,44689	0,54	0,74502	0,52618	
0,038629	3,3785	25,887287	0,2268	0,33492	0,42913	0,51853	0,7154	0,50526	
0,040115	4,7642	24,928331	0,21882	0,32313	0,41402	0,50027	0,69022	0,48747	
0,0416	3,4843	24,038462	0,21208	0,31318	0,40128	0,48487	0,66897	0,47247	
0,043086	2,2829	23,209395	0,20646	0,30489	0,39065	0,47204	0,65126	0,45996	
0,044572			0,20187	0,2981	0,38195		0,63676		
0,046058			0,19821	0,29269			0,62521	0,44156	
0,047543	1,714	21,033591	0,19542	0,28858	0,36975	0,44678	0,61642	0,43535	
0,049029				0,28569			0,61024		
0,050515	2,6054	19,7961	0,1923	0,28397	0,36385	0,43965	0,60658	0,4284	
0,052				0,2834			0,60536		
				Amp	Phas	Peri	od R ^a	° n	ě.
				, and	1,22	-2,13	336,5	0,90321	0,00000000
					0,76	-2,55	47,35	0,00021	0,00000000
					0,699	1,22	43,79		
					0,000	1,22	40,10		
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Tab.A22 showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of R3.

# Log Files R3

Scanner=SkyScan1173 Instrument S/N=10C05009 Hardware version=A Software=Version 1. 6 (build 8) Home directory=C:\Skyscan Source Type=Hamamatsu 130/300 Camera=FlatPanel Sensor Camera Pixel Size (um)=50.0 CameraXYRatio=1.0050 Incl.in lifting (um/mm)=0.8800 [Acquisition] Data directory=\\CLUSTER-PC-1\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\TDP 17-5\original Filename Prefix=TDP17-5 Number of Files= 1846 Source Voltage (kV) = 100Source Current (uA) = 80Number of Rows= 2240 Number of Columns= 2240 Image crop origin X = 0Image crop origin Y=0 Camera binning=1x1 Image Rotation=-0.2600 Gantry direction=CC Number of connected scans=1 Image Pixel Size (um) = 6.06Object to Source (mm)=44.313 Camera to Source (mm)=364.000 Vertical Object Position (mm)=44.635 Optical Axis (line)=1110 Filter=Al 1.0mm Image Format=TIFF Depth (bits)=16 Screen LUT=0 Exposure (ms)= 750Rotation Step (deg)=0.130 Frame Averaging=ON (2) Random Movement=ON (5) Use 360 Rotation=NO FF updating interval=700 Geometrical Correction=OFF Camera Offset=OFF Median Filtering=OFF Flat Field Correction=ON Rotation Direction=CC Scanning Trajectory=ROUND Type Of Motion=STEP AND SHOOT Study Date and Time=Nov 08, 2012 17:49:41 Scan duration=01:34:55 [Reconstruction]

Reconstruction Program=NRecon Program Version=Version: 1.6.4.8 Program Home Directory=C:\Skyscan Reconstruction engine=InstaRecon Engine version=Version: 1.3.8.5 Reconstruction from batch=Yes Reconstruction servers= CLUSTER-PC-1 Dataset Origin=SkyScan1173 Dataset Prefix=TDP17-5 Dataset Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\depressa3\original Output Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\depressa3\original\TDP17-5 Rec Time and Date=Nov 29, 2012 16:26:23 First Section=866 Last Section=1667 Reconstruction duration per slice (seconds)=0.380299 Total reconstruction time (802 slices) in seconds=305.000000 Postalignment=17.00 Section to Section Step=1 Sections Count=802 Result File Type=TIF Result File Header Length (bytes)=12 Result Image Width (pixels)=1008 Result Image Height (pixels)=164 Pixel Size (um)=6.05771 Reconstruction Angular Range (deg)=239.98 Use 180+=OFF Angular Step (deg)=0.1300 Smoothing=0 Ring Artifact Correction=23 Draw Scales=OFF Object Bigger than FOV=OFF Reconstruction from ROI=ON ROI Top (pixels)=1707 ROI Bottom (pixels)=1542 ROI Left (pixels)=247 ROI Right (pixels)=1257 ROI reference length=2240 Filter cutoff relative to Nyquisit frequency=100 Filter type=0 Filter type meaning(1)=0: Hamming (Ramp in case of optical scanner); 1: Hann; 2: Ramp; 3: Almost Ramp; Filter type meaning(2)=11: Cosine; 12: Shepp-Logan; [100,200]: Generalized Hamming, alpha=(iFilter-100)/100 Undersampling factor=1 Threshold for defect pixel mask (%)=0Beam Hardening Correction (%)=30 CS Static Rotation (deg)=136.0 Minimum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0016 Maximum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0436 HU Calibration=OFF BMP LUT=0

Cone-beam Angle Horiz.(deg)=17.409575 Cone-beam Angle Vert.(deg)=17.409575 [File name convention] Filename Index Length=4 Filename Prefix=TDP17-5_IR_rec_Cor [CS image conversion 1] Converted by=Dataviewer (Version: 1.4.4) Conversion time=Nov 29, 2012 18:08:04 Original configuration file=TDP17-5_IR_rec.log Conversion description=...COR. VOI(670,117,802) @ (128,16,0). Rotated(deg): (0.000, 1.637, 1.580). Image scale modified=0 HU calibration modified=0

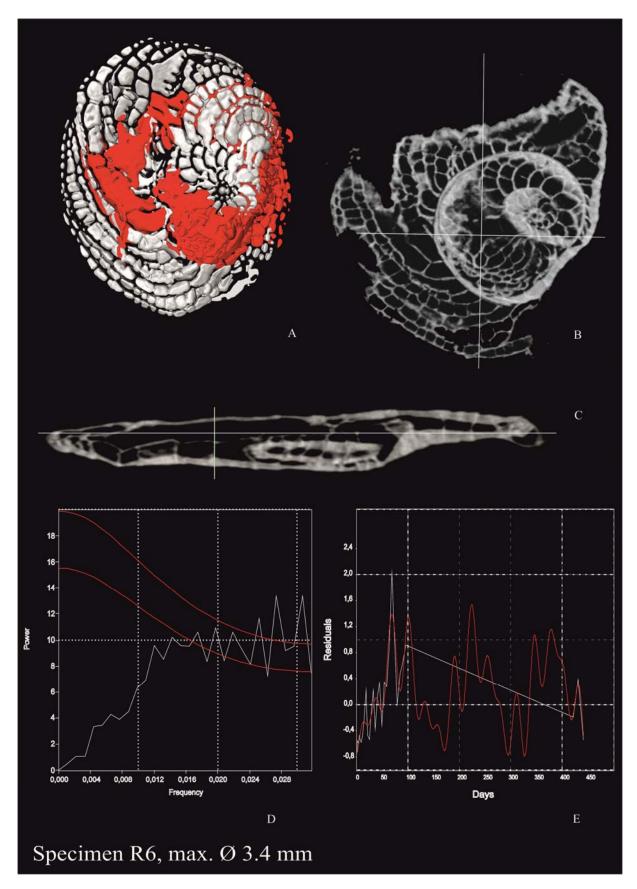
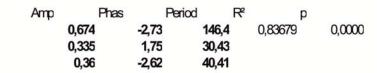


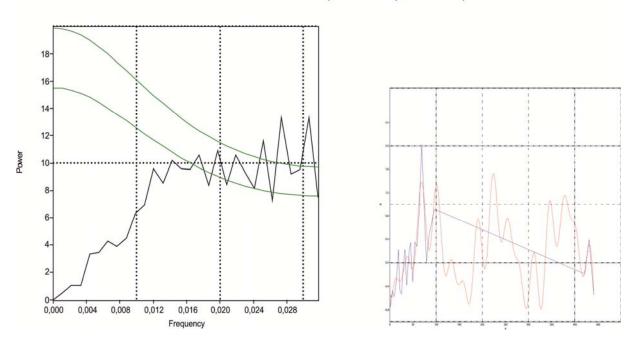
Fig.A12 Specimen R6, gamont from Kiel, A = 3D reconstruction, B = equatorial slice, C = transaxial slice, E = simusoidal function, F = lomb periodogram.

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Tab.A23 showing raw data and the consensus of the cumulative sum, and the Gompertz function of R6.

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0	5,57E-30	#DIV/0!	10,522	15,537	19,908	24,055	33,189	22,352
0,0010949	0,52263	913,32542	10,489	15,49	19,847	23,982	33,087	22,283
0,0021898	1,0614	456,66271	10,394	15,349	19,667	23,764	32,787	22,081
0,0032847	1,0527	304,44181	10,241	15,122	19,376	23,413	32,302	21,755
0,0043796	3,3594	228,33135	10,035	14,819	18,988	22,943	31,655	21,319
0,0054744	3,4273	182,66842	9,787	14,453	18,518	22,376	30,872	20,791
0,0065693	4,2649	152,22322	9,5054	14,037	17,985	21,732	29,983	20,193
0,0076642	3,869	130,47676	9,1999	13,586	17,407	21,033	29,019	19,544
0,0087591	4,4805	114,16698	8,8799	13,113	16,802	20,302	28,01	18,864
0,009854	6,3028	101,48163	8,5536	12,631	16,184	19,556	26,981	18,171
0,010949	6,9038	91,332542	8,2282	12,151	15,569	18,812	25,954	17,48
0,012044	9,6117		7,9095	11,68	14,965	18,083	24,949	16,803
0,013139			7,6021	11,226	14,384			16,15
0,014234			7,3092	10,794	13,83		23,056	15,527
0,015328	9,6014	65,240084	7,0335	10,386	13,308	16,08	22,186	14,942
0,016423			6,7763	10,007	12,821	15,493		14,395
0,017518	10,573	57,084142	6,5386	9,6557	12,372		20,625	13,89
0,018613	8,3504	53,725891	6,3209	9,3341	11,96	14,451	19,938	13,428
0,019708	10,941	50,740816	6,123	9,0418	11,585	13,999	19,314	13,007
0,020803	8,4232	48,06999	5,9447	8,7786	11,248	13,591	18,752	12,629
0,021898	10,605	45,666271	5,7857	8,5438	10,947	13,228	18,25	12,291
0,022993	9,3558	43,491497	5,6454	8,3366	10,682	12,907	17,807	11,993
0,024088	8,1373	41,514447	5,5233	8,1562	10,45	12,628	17,422	11,733
0,025182	11,644	39,710905	5,4187	8,0019	10,253	12,389	17,092	11,511
0,026277	7,2835	38,056095	5,3312	7,8727	10,087	12,189	16,816	11,325
0,027372	13,371	36,533684	5,2604	7,768	9,9531	12,027	16,593	11,175
0,028467	9,197	35,128394	5,2057	7,6873	9,8496	11,902	16,42	11,059
0,029562	9,5516	33,827211	5,1668	7,6299	9,7761	11,813	16,298	10,976
0,030657	13,38	32,618978	5,1436	7,5957	9,7322	11,76	16,225	10,927
0,031752	7,4671	31,494079	5,1359	7,5843	9,7176	11,742	16,2	10,911





Tab.A24 showing the data of the lomb periodogram and the sinusoidal function of R6

# Log File R6

Scanner=SkyScan1173 Instrument S/N=10C05009 Hardware version=A Software=Version 1. 6 (build 8) Home directory=C:\Skyscan Source Type=Hamamatsu 130/300 Camera=FlatPanel Sensor Camera Pixel Size (um)=50.0 CameraXYRatio=1.0050 Incl.in lifting (um/mm)=0.8800 [Acquisition] Data directory=\\CLUSTER-PC-1\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\TDP 17-8\original Filename Prefix=TDP17-8 Number of Files= 1846 Source Voltage (kV) = 100Source Current (uA) = 80Number of Rows= 2240 Number of Columns= 2240 Image crop origin X = 0Image crop origin Y=0 Camera binning=1x1 Image Rotation=-0.2600 Gantry direction=CC Number of connected scans=1 Image Pixel Size (um) = 5.70Object to Source (mm)=41.700 Camera to Source (mm)=364.000 Vertical Object Position (mm)=40.430 Optical Axis (line)=1110 Filter=Al 1.0mm Image Format=TIFF Depth (bits)=16 Screen LUT=0 Exposure (ms)= 750Rotation Step (deg)=0.130 Frame Averaging=ON (3) Random Movement=ON (5) Use 360 Rotation=NO FF updating interval=484 Geometrical Correction=OFF Camera Offset=OFF Median Filtering=OFF Flat Field Correction=ON Rotation Direction=CC Scanning Trajectory=ROUND Type Of Motion=STEP AND SHOOT Study Date and Time=Nov 09, 2012 12:19:44 Scan duration=01:57:50 [Reconstruction]

Reconstruction Program=NRecon Program Version=Version: 1.6.4.8 Program Home Directory=C:\Skyscan Reconstruction engine=InstaRecon Engine version=Version: 1.3.8.5 Reconstruction from batch=Yes Reconstruction servers= CLUSTER-PC-1 Dataset Origin=SkyScan1173 Dataset Prefix=TDP17-8 Dataset Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\depressa6\original Output Directory=C:\Users\Public\Briguglio\cotton\depressa6\original\TDP17-8 Rec Time and Date=Nov 30, 2012 12:34:06 First Section=1319 Last Section=2163 Reconstruction duration per slice (seconds)=0.649704 Total reconstruction time (845 slices) in seconds=549.000000 Postalignment=18.00 Section to Section Step=1 Sections Count=845 Result File Type=TIF Result File Header Length (bytes)=12 Result Image Width (pixels)=1148 Result Image Height (pixels)=716 Pixel Size (um)=5.70145 Reconstruction Angular Range (deg)=239.98 Use 180+=OFF Angular Step (deg)=0.1300 Smoothing=0 Ring Artifact Correction=19 Draw Scales=OFF Object Bigger than FOV=OFF Reconstruction from ROI=ON ROI Top (pixels)=985 ROI Bottom (pixels)=268 ROI Left (pixels)=873 ROI Right (pixels)=2024 ROI reference length=2240 Filter cutoff relative to Nyquisit frequency=100 Filter type=0 Filter type meaning(1)=0: Hamming (Ramp in case of optical scanner); 1: Hann; 2: Ramp; 3: Almost Ramp; Filter type meaning(2)=11: Cosine; 12: Shepp-Logan; [100,200]: Generalized Hamming, alpha=(iFilter-100)/100 Undersampling factor=1 Threshold for defect pixel mask (%)=0Beam Hardening Correction (%)=30 CS Static Rotation (deg)=0.0 Minimum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0026 Maximum for CS to Image Conversion=0.0317 HU Calibration=OFF BMP LUT=0

Cone-beam Angle Horiz.(deg)=17.412422 Cone-beam Angle Vert.(deg)=17.412422 [File name convention] Filename Index Length=4 Filename Prefix=TDP17-8_IR_rec_Cor [CS image conversion 1] Converted by=Dataviewer (Version: 1.4.4) Conversion time=Nov 30, 2012 12:38:02 Original configuration file=TDP17-8_IR_rec.log Conversion description=...COR. VOI(625,200,700) @ (222,315,30). Rotated(deg): (348.863, 353.959, 6.365). Image scale modified=0 HU calibration modified=0

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EDV: Proficient in Microsoft Office, PAST, SPSS, Amira, Corel Graphic Suite

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