

Projected impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on the global biogeography of planktonic foraminifera

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1 **Abstract**

2 Planktonic foraminifera are a major contributor to the deep carbonate-flux and their microfossil
3 deposits form one of the richest databases for reconstructing paleoenvironments, particularly through
4 changes in their taxonomic and shell composition. Using an empirically-based planktonic foraminifer
5 model that incorporates three known major physiological drivers of their biogeography—temperature,
6 food and light—we investigate i) the global redistribution of planktonic foraminifera under
7 anthropogenic climate change, and ii) the alteration of the carbonate chemistry of foraminiferal habitat
8 with ocean acidification. The present-day and future (2090–2100) 3D distributions of foraminifera are
9 simulated using temperature, plankton biomass, and light from an Earth system model forced with
10 historical and a future (IPCC A2) high CO₂ emission scenario. Foraminiferal abundance and diversity
11 are projected to decrease in the tropics and subpolar regions and increase in the subtropics and
12 around the poles. Temperature is the dominant control on the future change in the biogeography of
13 foraminifera. Yet food availability acts to either reinforce or counteract the temperature driven
14 changes. In the tropics/subtropics the largely-temperature driven shift to depth is enhanced by the
15 increased concentration of phytoplankton at depth. In the higher latitudes the food-driven response
16 partly offsets the temperature-driven reduction both in the subsurface and across large geographical
17 regions. The large-scale rearrangements in foraminiferal abundance and the reduction of the
18 carbonate ion concentrations of the habitat range of planktonic foraminifers—from 10–30 μmol kg⁻¹ in
19 their polar/subpolar habitats to 30–70 μmol kg⁻¹ in their subtropical/tropical habitats— would be
20 expected to lead to changes in the marine carbonate flux. High-latitude species are most vulnerable
21 to anthropogenic change: their abundance and available habitat decrease and up to 10% of the
22 volume of their habitat drops below the calcite saturation horizon.

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24 1. Introduction

25 Large-scale changes to the biogeography and shell chemistry of planktonic foraminifera have the
26 potential to alter the marine carbonate flux as planktonic foraminifera form shells of calcium carbonate
27 (tests). Through the sinking of their tests to the seafloor, planktonic foraminifera contribute as much
28 as 32–80% to the global flux of calcium carbonate (Schiebel, 2002), despite their relatively sparse
29 distribution throughout the ocean (Buitenhuis *et al.*, 2013). Thus, they represent one of the three
30 planktonic groups that dominate the oceanic carbonate flux alongside coccolithophores and
31 pteropods (Honjo, 1996). Indeed, much of the seafloor is covered by foraminiferal tests. This is partly
32 due to the efficient transport of foraminifera to the ocean floor since they are comparatively large
33 (mostly between 0.01 to 1 mm) and have rapid sinking speeds (Berger & Piper, 1972). Also, the tests
34 of foraminifera are relatively well preserved because they are composed of calcite: the less soluble of
35 the biogenic forms of calcium carbonate.

36 Under future scenarios of climate change, ocean acidification is projected to reduce the carbonate
37 production by planktonic calcifiers (Orr *et al.*, 2005). As the ocean absorbs excess atmospheric CO₂,
38 the increase in dissolved CO₂ results in a reduction in pH (i.e. an increase in acidity) and a reduction
39 in the concentration of carbonate ions [CO₃²⁻]. This decrease in carbonate concentration makes it
40 more difficult for calcifying organisms to form biogenic calcium carbonate. It also leads to a reduction
41 in the calcium carbonate saturation state (Ω_C) of the oceans (Feely *et al.*, 2004), where

$$42 \quad \Omega_C = \frac{[\text{Ca}^{2+}][\text{CO}_3^{2-}]}{K_{sp}^{\text{CaCO}_2}}, \text{ [Ca}^{2+}\text{] and [CO}_3^{2-}\text{] are the calcium and carbonate ion concentrations and } K_{sp}$$

43 is the stoichiometric solubility product of calcite (CaCO₃).

44 Present-day responses of planktonic foraminifera to anthropogenic change should provide a 'living
45 laboratory' for interpreting past responses to climatic change that have been recorded in the
46 sediments over geological timescales. Foraminifera are expected to be useful biological indicators of
47 anthropogenic climate change in the marine environment because:

- 48 • foraminifera are established proxies of past climatic conditions (Kucera *et al.*, 2005) and, by
49 corollary, should 'record' future climate change,
- 50 • the present-day global distribution of foraminifera is one of the most well known of all oceanic
51 taxa (Rutherford *et al.*, 1999), and can provide a useful baseline for measuring change,
- 52 • there are no known specific predators of foraminifera (Hemleben *et al.*, 1989), so, changes in
53 the distributions of foraminifera are more likely to reflect climatic rather than ecological
54 changes,
- 55 • the spatial distributions of pelagic organisms are expected to shift faster in response to
56 climate change than demersal species (Pereira *et al.*, 2010),
- 57 • the growth rates and abundances of foraminifera are very responsive to changes in
58 temperature, particularly at the limit of their temperature range (Rutherford *et al.*, 1999),
- 59 • historical changes in foraminiferal abundance have been shown to reflect anthropogenic
60 climate change (Field *et al.*, 2006), and
- 61 • changes in the abundance and distribution of foraminifera are well preserved in ocean
62 sediments, and can be measured from plankton tows and sediment traps.

63 Temperature, food availability and light traits demarcate much of the foraminiferal distribution
64 throughout the global ocean (Hemleben *et al.*, 1989). Temperature exerts a first order control on the
65 distribution of foraminifera (Rutherford *et al.*, 1999). Each species has a unique optimum temperature
66 range with a fairly sharp drop in their growth rates at either extreme (Lombard *et al.*, 2009a; Figure
67 S1). Yet other factors have been shown to influence the distribution patterns of foraminifera (e.g.
68 Fairbanks *et al.*, 1982; Bijma *et al.*, 1990; Bijma *et al.*, 1992). Light also plays an important role in the
69 distribution of many foraminifera species, both directly through providing energy to the algal
70 symbionts hosted by some species of foraminifera (Spero & Lea, 1993), and indirectly by controlling
71 the distribution of the foraminiferal prey (Bijma *et al.*, 1992). There are some generalizations that can
72 be made about the broadscale biogeography of foraminifera based on light availability. Planktonic
73 foraminifera can be divided into two groups based on whether or not their tests carry spines

74 (spinose) or not (non-spinose). Many of the spinose species host algal symbionts that can contribute
75 to the growth of the foraminifera. Species with algal symbionts are generally optimized for shallow,
76 high-light, low-nutrient environments, so dominate the abundance in the oligotrophic gyres. Some
77 symbiont-barren species, such as *G. bulloides* and *N. pachyderma*, are optimized for survival in
78 regions with high productivity. Prey availability has also been shown to have a significant impact on
79 the distribution of foraminifera (Ortiz *et al.*, 1995; Watkins *et al.*, 1996; Watkins *et al.*, 1998). The
80 spinose species have calcareous spines that assist in prey capture and tend to be carnivorous or
81 omnivorous, feeding on copepods and other zooplankton; while the nonspinose species tend to prefer
82 phytoplankton (Spindler *et al.*, 1984).

83 Given the sensitivity of planktonic foraminifera to environmental change and their contribution to the
84 global carbonate flux, it is timely to address how the planktonic foraminifera could respond to
85 anthropogenic perturbations of the oceanic environment. Changes in the characteristics of planktonic
86 foraminiferal assemblages preserved in microfossil-rich sediments, and knowledge of the
87 ecophysiological traits of foraminifera species, has helped to reconstruct past environmental
88 conditions to as far back as 120 million years ago. Here, we reverse the problem and project the
89 future change by the end of the century in both i) the 3D biogeography of planktonic foraminifera
90 based on their physiological sensitivities to environmental conditions (temperature, food and light),
91 and ii) the carbon chemistry of their habitat with ocean acidification.

92 2. Materials and methods

93 2.1. Earth system model and simulations

94 To simulate the present-day and future global ocean environments we used the Institut Pierre-Simon
95 Laplace Coupled Model 4 (IPSL-CM4) model. The IPSL model couples the Laboratoire de
96 Météorologie Dynamique atmospheric model (LMDZ-4), with a horizontal resolution of about $3 \times 2.5^\circ$
97 and 19 vertical levels (Hourdin *et al.*, 2006) to the OPA-8 ocean model, with a horizontal resolution of
98 $2^\circ \times 2^\circ \cdot \cos\phi$, 31 vertical levels and a surface ocean thickness of 10 m, and the LIM sea-ice model
99 (Madec *et al.*, 1998). The terrestrial biosphere is represented by the global vegetation model

100 ORCHIDEE (Krinner *et al.*, 2005) and the marine biogeochemical cycles by the PISCES model
101 (Aumont *et al.*, 2003).

102 PISCES simulates the cycling of carbon, oxygen, and the major nutrients determining phytoplankton
103 growth (PO_4^{3-} , NO_3^- , NH_4^+ , Si, Fe). Phytoplankton growth is limited by the availability of external
104 nutrients, as well as temperature, and light. The model has two phytoplankton size classes (small and
105 large), representing nanophytoplankton and diatoms, as well as two zooplankton size classes (small
106 and large), representing microzooplankton and mesozooplankton. The C:N:P ratios are assumed
107 constant 122:16:1 (Anderson & Sarmiento, 1994), while the internal ratios of Fe:C, Chl:C, and Si:C of
108 phytoplankton are predicted by the model. For more details on PISCES see Aumont and Bopp (2006)
109 and Gehlen *et al.* (2006).

110 To produce the simulations used here, the IPSL model is forced with historical (1860–1999) CO_2
111 emissions (Marland and Andres, 2005) and the IPCC AR4 A2 high CO_2 emission future (2000–2100)
112 scenario (Nakicenovic *et al.* 2000). To calculate the input fields for the FORAMCLIM model (i.e. ocean
113 temperature, T ; total phytoplankton concentration, PHY ; photosynthetically active radiation, PAR ; and
114 the carbonate ion concentration, CO_3^{2-}) a monthly climatology is calculated by averaging the drift-
115 corrected fields over two ten-year periods: present (2000–2009) and future (2090–2099). These IPSL
116 model simulations have been evaluated over the historical period (Schneider *et al.*, 2008) and have
117 contributed to multimodel studies of the future change in marine primary productivity (Steinacher *et al.*
118 *et al.*, 2010) and the carbon cycle (Roy *et al.*, 2011).

119 2.2. Foraminifera model (FORAMCLIM)

120 We use the FORAMCLIM model (Lombard *et al.*, 2011) to simulate the growth rates and the
121 abundances of eight common and widely-studied foraminiferal species. Five of the simulated species
122 are spinose (*Orbulina universa*, *Globigerinoides sacculifer*, *Globigerinoides ruber*, *Globigerinella*
123 *siphonifera*, *Globigerina bulloides*) and three species are nonspinose (*Neogloboquadrina dutertrei*,
124 *Neogloboquadrina incompta*, *Neogloboquadrina pachyderma*). The FORAMCLIM model incorporates
125 i) the response of each species of foraminifera to multiple environmental drivers (food, temperature
126 and light) and ii) the impact of these drivers on independent process (photosynthesis, nutrition and

127 respiration). Growth rates in the model are the result of the antagonism between food inputs (nutrition,
 128 photosynthesis) and the physiological expenses of the organisms (respiration). For a full appreciation
 129 of the model design, readers are encouraged to refer to the model description in Lombard *et al.*
 130 (2011) and references therein.

131 The growth-rate relationships in FORAMCLIM were based on the observed physiological responses
 132 of living specimens under controlled laboratory conditions (Lombard *et al.*, 2009a; Lombard *et al.*,
 133 2009b; Lombard *et al.*, 2011). In FORAMCLIM, the daily growth rate μ (d^{-1}) is calculated as $\ln(W_f/W_i)$,
 134 where W_f and W_i are the final and initial weights of the foraminifera over a one day period. The
 135 change in weight, ΔW , ($\mu\text{gC d}^{-1}$)—that is, the species-specific change in weight of a 250 μm individual
 136 per day—is simulated based on three main physiological rates: nutrition (N), respiration (R) and
 137 photosynthesis by the algal symbionts (P).

$$138 \quad \Delta W(T, F, PAR) = N(T, F) + P(T, PAR) - R(T) \quad (1)$$

139 These physiological rates are a function of ocean temperature (T), light (PAR , photosynthetically
 140 active radiation) and food concentration (F). Here, the total phytoplankton concentration (PHY) is
 141 used as a proxy for F , according to Lombard *et al.* (2011). We use the 3D decadal-mean climatologies
 142 of T , F , and PAR for present and future time slices of the IPSL model simulations.

143 The relationships between growth rates and abundances were calibrated against abundances
 144 observed in multinet plankton tows (Lombard *et al.*, 2011). Based on the strong relationship between
 145 physiological rates and abundances observed in multinet plankton tows, an exponential relationship
 146 between abundance ($Abund$, individuals per m^3) and μ was assumed (Lombard *et al.*, 2011), where

$$147 \quad Abund = a \mu^b - a + 0.1 \quad (2)$$

148 Generally, the abundance, or standing stock in the water column, is given by the annual mean

$$149 \quad \sum_{t=1:12} \frac{Abund_i(t)}{12} dt.$$

In the cases where we estimate the maximum abundance that could potentially

150 reach the ocean sediments, the monthly-mean depth-integrated abundances are integrated over the

151 seasonal cycle $\sum_{t=1:12} Abund_i(t) dt$. The relative abundances, $Rabund$, for each species are

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$$Rabund_i = \frac{Abund_i}{\sum_{i=1:8} Abund_i} \times 100\%.$$

153 All the physiological parameters are species-specific. The most relevant parameters to this study are
154 listed in Table 1. The contribution of photosynthetically-derived organic matter to the nutrition rate is
155 set by both $\%p$, the fraction of the symbiont photosynthesis that is utilized in foraminiferal growth, and
156 s_{nb} , the number of algal symbionts per 250 μm individual (Table 1). Photosynthesis only contributes to
157 the growth rate in species that bear algal symbionts. The food-driven component of the foraminiferal
158 nutrition rate is largely dependent on the half-saturation constant for the Michaelis-Menten
159 relationship, k_n . Species with lower k_n , tend to be more adapted to oligotrophic waters, while species
160 with high k_n tend to require higher food concentrations for growth.

161 *2.3. Foraminiferal assemblage and calcite saturation data*

162 For model evaluation we use two independent data sets: i) the surface abundances from global
163 plankton tows (Bé & Tolderlund, 1971), and ii) the relative abundances from sediment top cores. The
164 observed relative abundances of foraminifera in sediment cores (Figure S2a) are compiled from the
165 MARGO database (Barrows & Juggins, 2005; Hayes *et al.*, 2005; Kucera *et al.*, 2004). Although the
166 key focus of the MARGO database is the reconstruction of sea surface temperatures, the relative
167 abundances are also available. We compiled all the available relative abundances in the MARGO
168 database from the top cores and recalculated the relative abundances based on only the eight
169 species used in this study.

170 The empirical relationships between foraminiferal growth rates and abundances in the FORAMCLIM
171 model were originally calibrated against a compilation of multinet plankton tow data (Watkins *et al.*,
172 1996; Watkins *et al.*, 1998; Schiebel *et al.*, 2001; Field, 2004; Kuroyanagi & Kawahata, 2004;
173 Schiebel *et al.*, 2004), which is why we can't use this database to evaluate the model. We use the
174 sampling sites from this same data set to characterize the carbonate chemistry of the present-day
175 potential habitat of foraminiferal species. Here we "sample" the observed calcite saturation state, Ω_c ,

176 at the same locations (latitude, longitude, depth; Figure S2b) where foraminifera have been collected
177 in multinet plankton tows (Watkins *et al.*, 1996; Watkins *et al.*, 1998; Schiebel *et al.*, 2001; Field, 2004;
178 Kuroyanagi & Kawahata, 2004; Schiebel *et al.*, 2004). Ω_C is calculated based on the GLODAP (Key
179 *et al.*, 2004) and WOCE (World Ocean Circulation Experiment) databases. For each species of
180 foraminifera we estimate the percentage of the abundance residing in waters of different Ω_C ranges.

181 2.4. Model performance

182 The FORAMCLIM model captures the broadscale patterns of abundance and species dominance.
183 The distributions of surface abundance from plankton tows (Bé & Tolderlund, 1971) are well captured
184 by the model with the highest abundances in the tropics and subpolar regions and the lowest in the
185 subtropics (Figure S3a). Yet, surface abundances tend to be overestimated, particularly in the
186 subtropics. This is most likely due to the model being calibrated against multinet plankton tow data,
187 which uses smaller mesh sizes (63–100 μm) relative to the 200 μm used by Bé & Tolderlund (1971).

188 Qualitatively, the dominant species (the species with the highest abundance) were also simulated well
189 by the model with *G. bulloides* in the more productive upwelling areas and temperate zones, *G. ruber*
190 in the subtropical gyres, *N. pachyderma* in the subpolar/polar regions and *G. sacculifer* dominating in
191 the tropical/subtropical regions in between (Figure S3). The model reproduced 43% of the observed
192 species dominance from surface plankton tow data (Table 2). This level of agreement is lower than
193 the model-based and satellite-based estimates of Lombard *et al.* (2011) (Table 2) and is most likely
194 due to the displacement of the simulated water masses and oceanic fronts relative to their real world
195 counterparts, as is typical of Earth system models (Seferian *et al.*, 2013). Also some species have
196 quite similar abundances locally, so small errors in abundance can lead to significant errors in species
197 dominance.

198 The relative abundances and diversity are well captured by the model with the relative abundance
199 root mean square errors (RMSE) ranging between 3.2% and 24.1% and a diversity RMSE of 0.48
200 (Table 2). For all species, except *N. pachyderma*, the relative abundance RMSEs are slightly larger
201 than in Lombard *et al.* (2011), but smaller than in Fraile *et al.* (2008).

202 In summary, there is a tendency to slightly overestimate the standing stock of foraminifera relative to
203 the sparse surface plankton data, and to underestimate the changes in abundance in response to
204 changing environmental conditions relative to observed abundances from sediment cores (Kageyama
205 *et al.*, 2012).

206 *2.1. Modelling planktonic foraminifera: strengths and limitations*

207 The two most established approaches currently used to simulate the biodiversity of foraminifera are
208 the ecophysiological approach used in this study, FORAMCLIM (Lombard *et al.*, 2011), and the
209 ecosystem approach developed specifically to capture dynamic changes in planktonic foraminiferal
210 populations, PLAFOM (Fraile *et al.* 2008). All approaches used for projecting climate impacts on
211 marine biogeography have their unique set of strengths and weaknesses (Pereira *et al.*, 2010). One
212 of the drawbacks of the dynamic ecosystem approach is that many processes (i.e. mortality,
213 competition, and predation) are not well known (Hemleben *et al.*, 1989). Furthermore, the parameters
214 that describe these processes can't be optimized independently using the data that is currently
215 available. Another limitation of the Fraile *et al.* (2008) approach is that the depth profiles of
216 foraminiferal abundance are not simulated. Capturing vertical changes is important if we want to
217 estimate the impact of shifts in habitat preference on both the net foraminiferal abundance and the
218 climate signals recorded by foraminiferal paleoproxies. Yet, the dynamical approach could be better
219 adapted to simulate events controlled by population biology and hydrodynamics, which are known to
220 be important in controlling foraminifera abundance and their flux to the deep ocean (De La Rocha &
221 Passow, 2007), such as the pulsed fluxes of foraminiferal tests that can occur sporadically (Sautter &
222 Thunell, 1991) or in short bursts in response to storms (Schiebel *et al.*, 2005), and the advection of
223 empty tests from their production sites (Siegel & Deuser, 1997; von Gyldenfeldt *et al.*, 2002).

224 One of the attractive aspects of the FORAMCLIM model is that it is empirically-based. The
225 relationships between environmental conditions (i.e. light, temperature) and foraminiferal growth rates
226 are derived under controlled laboratory conditions. Since it is impossible, based on the available
227 knowledge, to incorporate the influence of all ecological and physiological processes on foraminiferal
228 abundance, the relationships between growth rates and abundance are calibrated against the
229 standing stock of foraminifera from multinet plankton tows; effectively allowing us to bridge this

230 sizeable knowledge gap. The parameters of this calibration integrate the influence of the processes
231 unresolved by the model. By applying the foraminifera model to climate simulations we can project
232 these observation-based relationships into the future.

233 Critical to reliable model performance is that these model relationships are realistic. Here we
234 elaborate on a previous discussion of the strengths and limitations of the FORAMCLIM model
235 (Lombard *et al.*, 2011). First, the laboratory-based growth rate relationships may not hold for the real
236 ocean. The laboratory experiments were conducted on specific specimens whose response to
237 environmental perturbations may not be representative of the global population—similar to the
238 responses that have been observed for different strains of coccolithophore species in response to
239 changes in carbonate concentration (Ridgwell *et al.*, 2009; Langer *et al.*, 2009). Also, foraminifera in
240 the laboratory could be more sensitive to perturbations in environmental conditions than in their
241 natural habitat. It hasn't been possible to reproduce planktonic foraminifera in the laboratory, which is
242 one indication that foraminifera in the laboratory are not behaving as they would in their natural
243 environment. Furthermore, the physiological responses of foraminifera in the laboratory could be
244 more related to stress than to environmental perturbations. It is important to keep in mind that
245 although all physiological laboratory experiments are artificial, they are currently the most direct
246 approach available for quantifying the growth response of foraminifera to specific environmental
247 changes.

248 Another potential weakness is that the relationships between the abundances and the growth rates
249 are weakly correlated (Lombard *et al.*, 2011). This could partly be due to each morphological species
250 being a combination of cryptic species, each with distinct habitat preferences and responses to
251 environmental change (de Vargas *et al.*, 2002). A convincing explanation for the weak relationship
252 between biomass and abundance could be related to the FORAMCLIM model not resolving variations
253 in shell size: a wide range of abundances can be fitted to the same total biomass of a foraminiferal
254 population depending on how this biomass is distributed over different size classes. To illustrate this
255 point, we can take the typical biomass size spectrum from Schiebel and Mollevan (2012): a 1 m³ of
256 water with a foraminiferal abundance of 100 individuals m⁻³ is grouped into 3 size classes 100–150
257 μm, 150–250 μm, and 250+ μm with each size class having 75, 19 and 6 individuals respectively. A
258 small change in the size spectrum (e.g. having just two more individuals in the largest and

259 intermediate size classes (i.e. 21, 8 individuals each) would require a large decrease in the total
260 abundance from 100 to 68 individuals to match the same total biomass.

261 Another limitation of the FORAMCLIM model is that it currently includes only the species on which
262 sufficient physiological laboratory experiments have been conducted. That is, 8 of the approximately
263 50 species of morphologically-distinct planktonic foraminifera. Therefore, it can't be used to estimate
264 the total (i.e. all species) foraminiferal abundance, diversity or carbonate production. Nevertheless,
265 based on sediment top-core samples (Kucera et al., 2004), the 8 species currently represented in the
266 FORAMCLIM model account for a large proportion of the total abundance (about 50%).

267 3. Results

268 3.1. Future changes in abundance and diversity

269 Under climate change, temperature, food availability and light were perturbed such that the total
270 foraminiferal abundance (combined abundance of the eight species in the FORAMCLIM model, Figure
271 1a) shifted polewards from the tropics to the subtropics, while abundance decreased in the subpolar
272 regions (Figure 1b) by the end of the century. The simulated depth-integrated abundance reduced by
273 up to 40% in the tropics and subpolar regions and increased by greater than 100% in the subtropics.
274 Throughout the tropics the total abundance (Figure 1c) shifted deeper in the water column (Figure
275 1d), reducing the total abundance of foraminifera at the ocean surface by more than 50% ($>10 \text{ ind m}^{-3}$,
276 Figure 2b). Under climate change the pattern of foraminiferal diversity (Figure 2c) responded
277 similarly to that of abundance: it decreased in the tropics, increased in the subpolar regions (Figure
278 2d) and shifted to depth in the tropics (not shown). The decreased diversity in the tropics is primarily
279 due to the local disappearance of *G. siphonifera* and *N. dutertrei*.

280 In the simulation, three species dominated the changes in total foraminiferal abundance: the two
281 abundant warm-water species—*G. ruber* and *G. sacculifer*—drove the reduction in total abundance in
282 the tropics and the increase in the subtropics, while *N. pachyderma* dominated the reduction in the
283 high latitudes and the small increases in abundance around the poles (Figures 3a and 3b). In the
284 tropics, the climate-driven reductions in the distribution of *G. ruber* and *G. sacculifer* were similar in

285 magnitude (5 ind m^{-3}), and each integrated to a more than 100 ind m^{-2} reduction over the whole water
286 column (Figure 3b). In the high-latitudes, the poleward shift in abundance of *N. pachyderma* reduced
287 the net abundance in surface waters ($\sim 4 \text{ ind m}^{-3}$) and throughout the water column ($\sim 200 \text{ ind m}^{-2}$, not
288 shown).

289 The changes in relative abundance are also presented, since this is what is measured in sediment
290 cores. In the tropics, despite the large decreases in the abundances of the two dominant species (*G.*
291 *ruber* and *G. sacculifer*), their relative abundances at the ocean surface increased (Figure 3c) and the
292 depth-integrated relative abundances changed very little (Figure 3d). In the mid latitudes ($10^\circ\text{--}40^\circ$)
293 the abundance and relative abundance of *G. bulloides*, *N. incompta* and *N. dutertrei* decreased, while
294 *G. sacculifer* and *G. ruber* increased. In the high latitudes ($>50^\circ$), where the species diversity is much
295 lower than in the tropics (Figure 2c), the changes in abundance resulted in changes in the relative
296 abundance that can be interpreted more easily. Although the abundance of *G. bulloides*, *N. incompta* and
297 *N. dutertrei* barely changed (Figure 3a and 3b), the large decrease in the abundance of the dominant
298 species, *N. pachyderma*, drove a substantial increase in the relative abundance of these species
299 (Figure 3c and 3d). The more even distribution of abundance between the species resulted in an
300 overall increase in the diversity index in the higher latitudes (Figure 2d).

301 3.2. Environmental drivers of foraminiferal biogeography

302 It is not directly possible to separate the impact of temperature and food on foraminiferal distributions
303 in nature, so we turn to the model to attempt to explore the potential relative impacts of projected
304 changes in food, temperature and light on future foraminiferal distributions. An advantage of the
305 FORAMCLIM model is the ease with which the various drivers of the changes in abundance can be
306 disentangled. By systematically allowing only one parameter to vary, we can partially separate the
307 total change in foraminiferal abundance into components driven by each of the environmental
308 drivers—temperature, food and light. Given the paucity of data for the evaluation of these simulated
309 responses, these results should be regarded as initial sensitivity experiments. The future change in
310 ocean temperature (Figure 4) is the primary driver of the change in the basin-scale biogeography of
311 foraminifera (Figure 5), followed by food availability (Figures 4,5). Changes in light availability have a
312 minor impact (not shown).

313 Temperature was the dominant driver of the poleward shift of foraminiferal abundance from the
314 tropics (Figure 5a). The 1–3°C increase in sea surface temperatures in the tropics and subtropics
315 (Figure 4a) throughout the water column (Figure 4b) decreased the habitat suitability in the tropical
316 waters—the waters became too warm for optimal foraminiferal growth—yet increased the habitat
317 suitability in the subtropics (Figure 5a) and in the deeper waters of the tropics (Figure 5b).

318 In the subpolar and polar regions, where *N. pachyderma* dominates (Figure 3a,b), the shift in
319 abundance was a combined response to temperature and food-driven changes in nutrition rates
320 (Figure 5a and 5c respectively). The broadscale patterns, the subpolar decrease and polar increase in
321 abundance (Figure 5a,b), were driven by temperature (Figure 4a). Yet, increases in phytoplankton
322 concentration in localized patches, particularly in the Southern Ocean (Figure 4c), and in subsurface
323 waters (Figure 4d) drove increases in abundance (Figures 5c and 5d). The increase in phytoplankton
324 abundance in the Southern Ocean is a shared feature of many future climate change simulations and
325 is explained by the alleviation of light and iron limitation on phytoplankton growth (Steinacher et al.,
326 2010). The food-driven increases in the foraminiferal abundance tended to offset the temperature-
327 driven reductions. Other areas with similar offsets include large patches throughout the North Atlantic
328 and the Equatorial and coastal upwelling regions.

329 3.3. *Species abundance and potential suitable habitat*

330 To assess the species-specific vulnerability of foraminifera to climate change we calculated the
331 percent change in the globally-averaged species abundance and potential suitable habitat (Figure 6),
332 where the potential habitat is defined as anywhere where the environmental conditions (i.e.
333 temperature, food and light conditions) are sufficient for foraminiferal growth. Some species ‘profited’
334 (*O. universa*, *G. sacculifer*, *G. siphonifera* and *G. ruber*); that is their potential habitat increased by
335 between 5% and 20%. Whilst higher-latitude species were more vulnerable (e.g. *N. incompta*, *N.*
336 *pachyderma*): their potential habitat and net abundance decreased by between 10% and 40%. For *G.*
337 *siphonifera* the potential habitat increased but the abundance decreased.

338 3.4. Carbon chemistry of the foraminiferal habitat

339 Although we don't explicitly account for the impact of ocean acidification on either foraminiferal
340 calcification or physiological processes in the current version of the FORAMCLIM model, we can
341 make an assessment of the potential impacts by quantifying the predicted changes in the carbonate
342 concentration $[\text{CO}_3]^{2-}$ and calcite saturation state, Ω_C , within the habitat range of each species of
343 foraminifera.

344 First, we would like to have an indication of the present-day distribution of foraminiferal abundance
345 within waters of different Ω_C classes. We find that only a very small proportion of the abundance of all
346 the foraminiferal species resides in waters with Ω_C less than 2, even though substantial volumes of
347 water with low Ω_C are sampled, particularly in the northern high latitudes (Figure 7). The highest
348 foraminiferal abundances from the multinet plankton tows were sampled in waters with $3 < \Omega_C < 6$.

349 Second, we project how the carbonate chemistry of foraminiferal habitat changes by the end of this
350 century. Calcite saturation states decrease throughout the global ocean and waters with low
351 saturations states ($\Omega_C < 2$) shoal (Figure 8a,b) and become more widespread across the surface
352 ocean. Most surface waters polewards of 40° have $\Omega_C < 2$. Virtually none of the simulated present-
353 day foraminiferal habitat has ambient $\Omega_C < 2$. Yet, by the end of the century between 10% and 95% of
354 the habitats of most foraminiferal species have an $\Omega_C < 2$ (Figure 8c). High latitude species, *N.*
355 *pachyderma* and *N. incompta*, are potentially most vulnerable, with some of their suitable habitat even
356 becoming undersaturated ($\Omega_C < 1$) with respect to calcite by the end of the century (when Ω_C is below
357 the threshold of $\Omega_C = 1$, mineral calcite becomes unstable). Also, the carbonate ion concentrations of
358 the potential foraminiferal habitat decrease to between 20 and $70 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$, with the largest
359 reductions in the equatorial regions (Figure 8d).

360 4. Discussion

361 4.1. Climate impacts

362 It is unclear how vulnerable specific foraminiferal species may be to anthropogenic climate change.
363 Since the last substantial extinction event in the Pliocene the modern assemblage of species has
364 remained relatively stable under glacial-interglacial fluctuations (Jackson & Sheldon, 1994). Yet, the
365 oceanic environment is fast approaching conditions that are well outside those of glacial-interglacial
366 cycles. It is expected that pelagic species, and in particular planktonic species, will have the potential
367 to escape some climatic changes by shifting their populations to regions with more favorable
368 conditions (Burrows *et al.*, 2011), as predicted here for species such as *G. sacculifer* and *G. ruber*. Yet,
369 we show that the available potential habitat is reduced for high latitude species, such as *N.*
370 *pachyderma*, and that this reduction is associated with a drop in the net global abundance. For one
371 species, *G. siphonifera*, the suitable habitat range increases, yet it's net global abundance decreases.
372 Such an increase in habitat range without similar increases in abundance indicates that temperature,
373 light and food availability are perturbed such the species can exist over a greater habitat range, but
374 that the overall environmental conditions are suboptimal for foraminiferal growth.

375 Based on the FORAMCLIM simulations, it would be expected that anthropogenically-driven shifts in
376 the basin-scale biogeography of foraminifera should be observable (Figure 3 a,b). But, in sediment
377 samples, the changes in the relative abundances in some regions, particularly the tropics, may be too
378 small to detect (Figure 3d). Furthermore, shifts in the species abundance can cause non-intuitive
379 shifts in the relative abundance, particularly in regions of high species diversity such as the tropics.
380 Yet, in the high latitudes, where the diversity is lower (Figure 2d), the interpretation of the changes in
381 relative abundance should be simpler.

382 We have shown that climate change is projected to alter the temperature, food and light conditions
383 that influence foraminiferal growth rates and, consequently, shift both the vertical and geographical
384 distributions of foraminiferal abundance/diversity (Figures 1 & 2). In the tropics/subtropics, the
385 changes in abundance are driven by the regionally dominant species: *G. ruber* and *G. sacculifer*.
386 Here, temperature (Figure 4) dominates the geographical shifts in foraminiferal abundance, while

387 multiple drivers (phytoplankton and temperature) cause the vertical shifts (Figure 5). On the contrary,
388 in the polar/subpolar regions food availability and temperature drive the geographical shifts in
389 foraminiferal abundance, while mostly changes in phytoplankton concentrations drive the vertical
390 shifts. The changes in the abundance of foraminifera are associated with *N. pachyderma* and are in
391 agreement with observational studies (Fairbanks & Wiebe, 1980; Kohfeld *et al.*, 1996; Kuroyanagi &
392 Kawahata, 2004; Bergami *et al.*, 2009) that demonstrate that the geographical distribution was
393 primarily controlled by ocean temperatures, while the vertical distribution was controlled by the depth
394 of the chlorophyll maximum and the pycnocline. Light doesn't produce a strong change in abundance
395 in our simulations and is therefore not discussed here. In reality, however, the response of symbiont-
396 bearing foraminifera to light is likely to be much more complex than simulated in the foraminifera
397 model.

398 The drivers of vertical and horizontal distributional changes can differ because food, light and
399 temperature may have impacts on foraminiferal abundances that are uncorrelated: they either act to
400 reinforce or counteract each other's impact on foraminiferal abundances. Also, the drivers themselves
401 may not be well correlated. Under climate change, Earth system models simulate increases in ocean
402 temperature in most regions, yet PP can either decrease or increase (Steinacher *et al.*, 2010).
403 Furthermore, the nutritional requirements of each species is unique representing the different
404 strategies that foraminifera use to feed and grow. Symbiotic species have a strong dependence on
405 light availability. Therefore they mostly display horizontal effects and vertical shifts that are restricted
406 to the euphotic zone (up to about 200 m). Species without symbionts can display less restricted
407 vertical responses because they don't rely directly on light. They can travel as deep as the food
408 source. Species with a stronger prey dependency are more likely to be more sensitive to changes in
409 the availability of prey than temperature. This complexity is taken into account in the
410 ORCA/PISCES/FORAMCLIM models. For example, in the high latitudes, the dominant species here,
411 *N. pachyderma*, drives much of the change in the simulated total foraminiferal abundance. It's
412 abundance is reduced throughout most of it's habitat range in response to a warming ocean, but it's
413 abundance increases over patches of the ocean, and shifts to depth in some regions, in response to
414 an increase in food availability. By contrast, in tropics/subtropics the dominant species *G. sacculifer*
415 and *G. ruber* shift polewards and deeper in the water column both as the thermocline and nutricline

416 deepen, yet food availability does not contribute to the latitudinal shifts because the column-integrated
417 food availability is not altered significantly throughout the habitat range.

418 We show that climate change could result in vertical shifts in foraminiferal abundance that are driven
419 by either or both food availability and temperature. Interestingly, comparable vertical shifts in
420 foraminiferal abundance over glacial-interglacial time periods may complicate the reconstruction of
421 sea-surface temperatures from foraminiferal microfossil deposits: in paleoclimate reconstructions the
422 vertical distributions foraminifera are generally assumed to be stationary over time (e.g. Kucera et al.,
423 2005).

424 Opinions differ on the relative impacts of food availability, temperature or other environmental factors
425 on the distribution of planktonic foraminifera. Although it is generally accepted that at the extremes of
426 a species temperature tolerance, temperature drives the changes in the geographical extent of
427 foraminifera (Rutherford *et al.*, 1999), each species' preferred temperature range is broad. Within
428 these temperature ranges it has been shown that regional patterns of abundance are strongly
429 correlated with specific-specific responses to food, light (Ortiz *et al.*, 1995; Watkins *et al.*, 1996; Field,
430 2004) salinity, and turbidity (Retailleau *et al.*, 2011). On the contrary, it could be argued that food
431 availability is generally adequate to maintain foraminiferal populations and that changes in abundance
432 are primarily temperature-driven. A database of time series of abundance/assemblage data and
433 concomitant environmental measurements of temperature, food and light would be an invaluable
434 resource for the evaluation of the drivers of the simulated changes in the distributions of foraminiferal
435 abundance.

436 The simulated response of foraminiferal diversity to climate change may differ significantly if all extant
437 species could be included in the model. For example, tropical species present in low concentrations,
438 but excluded in this analysis, could flourish as temperatures increase. Also, the vertical stratification of
439 large regions of the global ocean should increase with climate change (Sarmiento *et al.*, 2004), which
440 can increase vertical niche separation thereby allowing a greater diversity of species to subsist (Al-
441 Saboui *et al.*, 2007). By including more species in the FORAMCLIM model, these effects could
442 counteract the simulated decrease in diversity in the tropics. Another important factor that will
443 influence how diversity responds to climate change is that most foraminiferal morphospecies have

444 many genotypes that exhibit specific ecology, habitat preferences and biogeography (Aurahs *et al.*,
445 2009). A potential approach to incorporate more species diversity, and to partially circumvent the lack
446 of information on key ecological and physiological processes for many foraminiferal species, would be
447 to apply the self-assembling biodiversity approach (Follows *et al.*, 2007) to simulate more complex
448 foraminiferal assemblages.

449 *4.2. Calcification and acidification impacts*

450 If net calcification were to scale directly with foraminiferal abundance, the large-scale rearrangements
451 in abundance with climate change would alone cause significant changes in regional carbonate
452 production. For example, in the tropics/subtropics the 40% decrease in total simulated foraminiferal
453 abundance could produce a 20% reduction in total planktic foraminiferal carbonate production, given
454 that the 8 species in the FORAMCLIM model account for about 50% of the total planktonic
455 foraminiferal abundance observed in the sediment core-tops (Kucera *et al.*, 2004). Such population–
456 driven impacts on carbonate production could be further amplified or dampened if calcification rates
457 themselves are impacted by anthropogenic change. Ocean acidification and the associated decrease
458 in carbonate ion concentrations can alter foraminiferal calcification rates (Lombard *et al.* 2010; Keul *et*
459 *al.*, 2013), while higher ocean temperatures could accelerate calcification rates within certain
460 temperature windows.

461 With future increases in atmospheric CO₂, we show that the carbonate concentration of the preferred
462 habitat range of planktonic foraminifera decreases zonally from 10–30 μmol kg⁻¹ in the polar/subpolar
463 regions to 30–70 μmol kg⁻¹ in the subtropical/tropical regions by the end of this century (Figure 8d).
464 Even without dropping below the calcite saturation state, such changes in carbonate ion concentration
465 may have significant impacts on foraminiferal tests. Evidence exists for shell thinning in foraminifera
466 over recent (de Moel *et al.*, 2009; Moy *et al.*, 2009) and geological timescales (Barker & Elderfield,
467 2002) and it has been suggested that these changes are a response to higher atmospheric CO₂
468 concentrations and the reduction of carbonate ion concentrations (Keul *et al.*, 2013). Such as for other
469 calcifying planktonic species (Riebesell *et al.*, 2000; Zondervan *et al.*, 2001; Fabry *et al.*, 2008;
470 Comeau *et al.*, 2010), the calcification by foraminifera is sensitive to changes in the carbonate ion
471 concentration both in their natural environment (Beer *et al.*, 2010) and in laboratory cultures (Spero *et*

472 *al.*, 1997; Bijma *et al.*, 1999; Bijma *et al.*, 2002; Russell *et al.*, 2004; Beer *et al.*, 2010; Lombard *et al.*,
473 2010; Manno *et al.*, 2012; Keul *et al.*, 2013).

474 Despite the uncertainties associated with foraminiferal calcification, it is interesting to have a sense of
475 the magnitude of the change in calcification that could be expected by applying laboratory-derived
476 relationships (i.e. calcification vs carbonate ion concentration) from the literature to the foraminiferal
477 distributions and the carbonate ion concentrations simulated here. For example, in a series of
478 laboratory experiments, a reduction of 30–40 $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ in the carbonate ion concentration was
479 associated with a 21–30% reduction in the calcification rates of *N. pachyderma* (Manno *et al.*, 2012).
480 The reduction in the carbonate ion concentration throughout the habitat of *N. pachyderma* is projected
481 to be $\sim 30 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ (Figure 8d) and by crude extrapolation, we could expect a similar >20% drop in
482 the net *N. pachyderma* foraminiferal carbonate flux in the high-latitudes due to ocean acidification by
483 the end of this century. This reduction would reinforce the reduction in carbonate production due to
484 the net climate-driven decrease in abundance of this species throughout its habitat range (Figures 3b,
485 6). Similarly, based on the observed changes in the calcification rates of *G. sacculifer* with carbonate
486 ion concentration (Bijma *et al.*, 2002; Lombard *et al.*, 2010, see equation 3), the projected reduction of
487 up to 70 $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ in the carbonate ion concentration in the tropical/subtropical habitat range of *G.*
488 *sacculifer* (Figure 8d) could result in an up to 10% reduction in the calcification rates of this species.
489 Again, this would reinforce the reduction in carbonate production associated with the decrease in the
490 abundance of this species throughout the tropics (Figure 3b), yet would counteract the increase in
491 carbonate production associated with enhanced abundance in the subtropics.

492 In the polar/subpolar regions *N. pachyderma* dominates the assemblages (Figure S3b). The tests of
493 *N. pachyderma* are expected to be most vulnerable to dissolution because the polar regions have
494 lower carbonate ion concentrations and are consequently closer to the threshold of calcite saturation
495 ($\Omega = 1$). We show that by the end of the century, most of the habitat of high-latitude species drops
496 below the calcite saturation state of 2 with greater than 10% of the potential habitat of the dominant
497 high-latitude species, *N. pachyderma*, residing below the saturation horizon (Figure 8c), which could
498 result in shell dissolution throughout this range.

499 Although calcification by foraminifera is directly influenced by CO_3^{2-} , many other environmental factors
500 besides ambient carbonate ion concentrations influence the shell weight (de Villiers, 2004) including
501 temperature (Hemleben *et al.*, 1989; Manno *et al.*, 2012), light (Spero, 1992; Lombard *et al.*, 2010),
502 growth potential (Aldridge *et al.*, 2012). Clearly, the environmental controls on calcite production by
503 foraminifera are still poorly understood. A complex intra- and interspecies-specific interplay of factors
504 drive foraminiferal shell weights (Beer *et al.*, 2010). Both the magnitude and the sign of the slope of
505 the relationships between shell weight and carbonate ion concentrations vary between and within a
506 species (Keul *et al.*, 2013) and they vary widely depending on whether the relationships were based
507 on plankton tows (Beer *et al.*, 2010), top core sediments (Barker & Elderfield, 2002), or laboratory
508 cultures (Bijma *et al.*, 1999; Bijma *et al.*, 2002). A quantitative assessment of the impact of
509 acidification on the foraminiferal carbonate flux can be made with confidence only once these
510 complexities have been taken into account.

511 To quantify the foraminiferal carbonate flux, further model development should be encouraged,
512 particularly the incorporation of enhanced species diversity, shell calcification processes, and
513 empirical relationships between environmental conditions and foraminiferal size. Ideally, future
514 models will also incorporate the physiological response of foraminiferal calcification to multiple
515 environmental drivers.

516 *4.3. Future challenges*

517 The challenge remains to observationally evaluate how well foraminifera models capture changes in
518 abundance in response to environmental change. There is little large-scale observational evidence for
519 historical trends in foraminiferal abundance and diversity over the period of anthropogenic climate
520 change. Large-scale changes in foraminiferal abundance have been observed in continuous plankton
521 records over the last five decades in the North Atlantic that are intriguingly similar to our simulations
522 (McQuatters-Gollop *et al.*, 2010), with large increase in the frequency of occurrence between 40°N
523 and 60°N. But further analysis of this data set is required before a quantitative assessment can be
524 made. Changes in species composition in response to anthropogenic climate change have been
525 observed in the sediment record of the Santa Barbara basin (Field *et al.*, 2006). It was shown that

526 historical warming trends were associated with an increase in the abundance of tropical/subtropical
527 species, and a decrease in subpolar/polar species (i.e. *N. pachyderma*) over the 20th century.

528 Ideally, the FORAMCLIM simulations should be tested against present-day time series of planktonic
529 abundance and the key environmental variables such as temperature, phytoplankton concentration
530 and light. For future studies, there are several instrumental records that should become available and
531 provide an invaluable resource to improve our understanding of the environmental controls on the
532 biogeography of foraminifera, including data collected with: i) plankton tows, ii) sediment traps (Zaric
533 *et al.*, 2005), iii) sediment cores, and iv) continuous plankton recorders (CPR).

534 The plankton tow data used here for the construction of the empirical relationships between
535 physiological growth rates and abundances, represent only a subsample of what should become
536 available in the future. More studies of historical trends in the assemblage of planktonic foraminifera
537 deposited in ocean sediments, such as that of Field *et al.*, (2006), would be invaluable for evaluating
538 the longer-term responses of species assemblages to climate change. Yet, such studies are restricted
539 to ocean sediment cores from locations with high sedimentation rates and sufficient temporal
540 resolution to determine historical trends. These would not be expected to provide the spatial coverage
541 required for the basin-scale evaluation of global models. CPR records provide long time series of
542 plankton diversity, yet unfortunately, we found that the routine preservation protocol used to store
543 CPR samples did not preserve foraminifera well enough to determine relative abundances or shell
544 weights. Only the most robust individuals were preserved and even their shells were found to be
545 brittle and difficult to speciate. Another potential complication with foraminiferal CPR data is that the
546 sample may not represent the mean surface ocean distribution of foraminifera because i) the CPR
547 does not resolve different water depths, and ii) the large mesh size (>200 μm) means that the smaller
548 fraction of the foraminiferal fauna is not captured in the samples. Nevertheless, by taking the statistics
549 of the CPR sampling protocol into account, it should be possible to use the total abundance of
550 foraminifera recorded in the original written records for each CPR sample to evaluate the simulated
551 changes in total foraminiferal abundance from the model.

552 Sedimentary paleorecords over glacial/interglacial timescales may be useful analogs for historical
553 climate change. Yet, it can be difficult to know which combination of species is driving the observed

554 changes in relative abundance. The differential dissolution of foraminifera in the sediments further
555 complicates the interpretation of the signals recorded here. Also, we don't have direct measurements
556 of the key environmental drivers of foraminiferal abundance — temperature, light, food availability—
557 back through time, and must draw on proxy-based estimates of these quantities, which are plagued
558 by similar uncertainties, and the proxies themselves are often based on foraminifera.

559 Improved skill in representing the simulated responses of foraminiferal growth and abundance to
560 environmental change and variability in models will increase our confidence in both future projections
561 of foraminiferal biogeography and the reconstructions of past climates. Subsequent studies should
562 focus on i) the continued sampling of foraminiferal diversity, abundance, and shell size and
563 concomitant biophysical parameters to quantify changes in their distributions in response to
564 environmental perturbations, and ii) evaluating the detectability of large-scale biogeographical shifts
565 driven by climate-change given the natural variability in foraminiferal distributions. Given that the
566 distributions of foraminifera are one of the most well known of all the taxa in the pelagic ocean and the
567 feasibility of monitoring the large-scale changes in foraminifera, we have confidence that ongoing
568 model-data syntheses should lead to detection and attribution of anthropogenically-driven changes in
569 large-scale planktonic foraminiferal distributions.

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6. Tables

Table 1. Key species-specific parameters used in the FORAMCLIM model. The half saturation constant for the Michaelis-Menten relationship that describes the influence of food availability on the nutrition rate, k_n ; the fraction of the symbiont photosynthesis that is utilized in foraminiferal growth, % p ; and the number of symbionts per individual 250 μm foraminifer, s_{nb} .

| | k_n ($\mu\text{gC L}^{-1}$) | % p | s_{nb} |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|----------|
| <i>O. universa</i> | 1.73 | 0.46 | 716 |
| <i>G. sacculifer</i> | 1.32 | 0.40 | 1160 |
| <i>G. siphonifera</i> | 1.19 | 0.30 | 720 |
| <i>G. ruber</i> | 0.51 | 0.37 | 1104 |
| <i>N. dutertrei</i> | 1.00 | - | - |
| <i>G. bulloides</i> | 6.84 | - | - |
| <i>N. incompta</i> | 3.33 | - | - |
| <i>N. pachyderma</i> | 4.70 | - | - |

Table 2. Assessment of the simulated distribution of foraminiferal species (percentage of area with model-data agreement) using the plankton tow data of Bé and Tolderlund (1971). The RMSE of diversity and relative abundance are assessed against the MARGO top-core data. *Lombard*¹ is the model-based (FORAMCLIM) estimate from Lombard *et al.* (2010); *Lombard*² refers to the satellite-based estimate from Lombard *et al.* (2010); *Fraile*¹ refers to the model-based (PLAFOM) estimate from Fraile *et al.* (2008).

| | This study | Other studies | | |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | <i>Lombard</i> ¹ | <i>Lombard</i> ² | <i>Fraile</i> ¹ |
| Dominant species (%) | 43% | 59% | 71% | |
| Diversity (RMSE) | 0.56 | 0.48 | 0.52 | |
| Relative abundance (RMSE) | | | | |
| <i>O. universa</i> | 3.2 | 3.24 | 3.28 | - |
| <i>G. sacculifer</i> | 12.1 | 12.38 | 17.46 | 23 |
| <i>G. siphonifera</i> | 6.1 | 5.29 | 6.00 | - |
| <i>G. ruber</i> | 24.1 | 23.14 | 17.76 | 25 |
| <i>N. dutertrei</i> | 18.3 | 17.53 | 17.23 | - |
| <i>G. bulloides</i> | 22.0 | 21.02 | 18.97 | 25 |
| <i>N. incompta</i> | 16.2 | 15.85 | 14.85 | 22 |
| <i>N. pachyderma</i> | 20.6 | 17.01 | 12.32 | 9 |

7. Figures

Figure 1

Present (a,c) and future changes (b,d) in the total simulated abundance (all species). (a,c) column-integrated abundance (Ind m^{-2}), and (b, d) zonal-mean abundance (Ind m^{-3}).

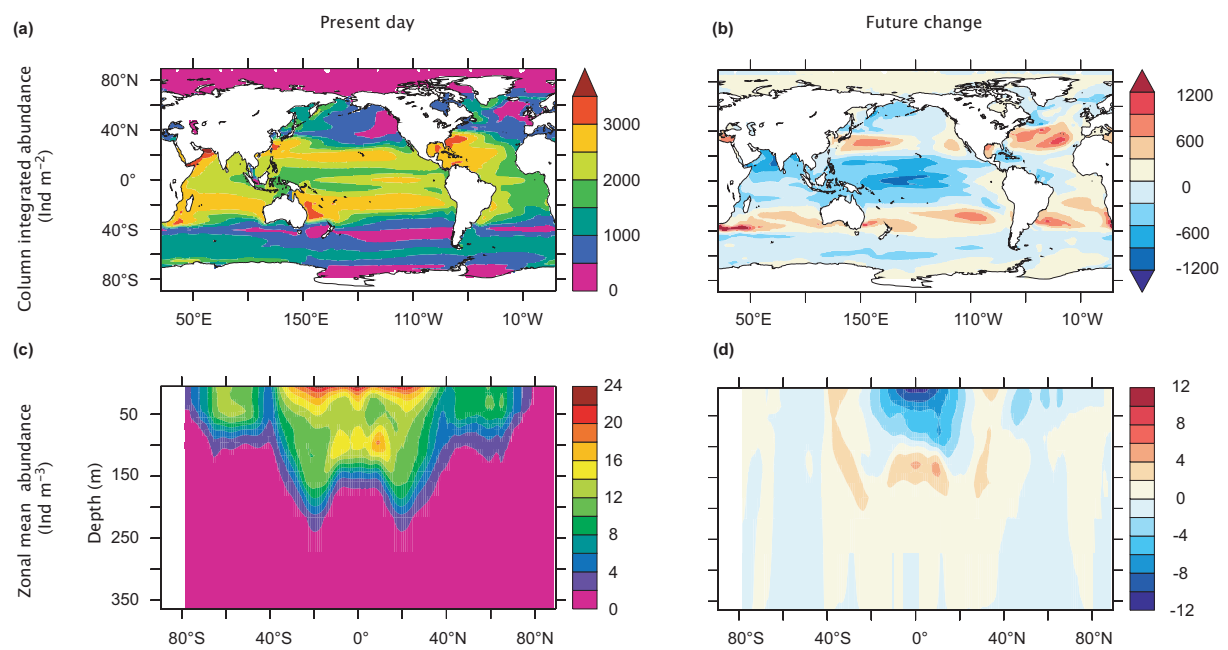


Figure 2

Total surface abundance of foraminifera (Ind m^{-3}): (a) present-day surface distribution, and (b) zonally-averaged surface abundance for the present-day and the future. Shannon diversity index of the simulated foraminifera: (c) surface distribution, and (d) zonally-averaged for the present-day and future.

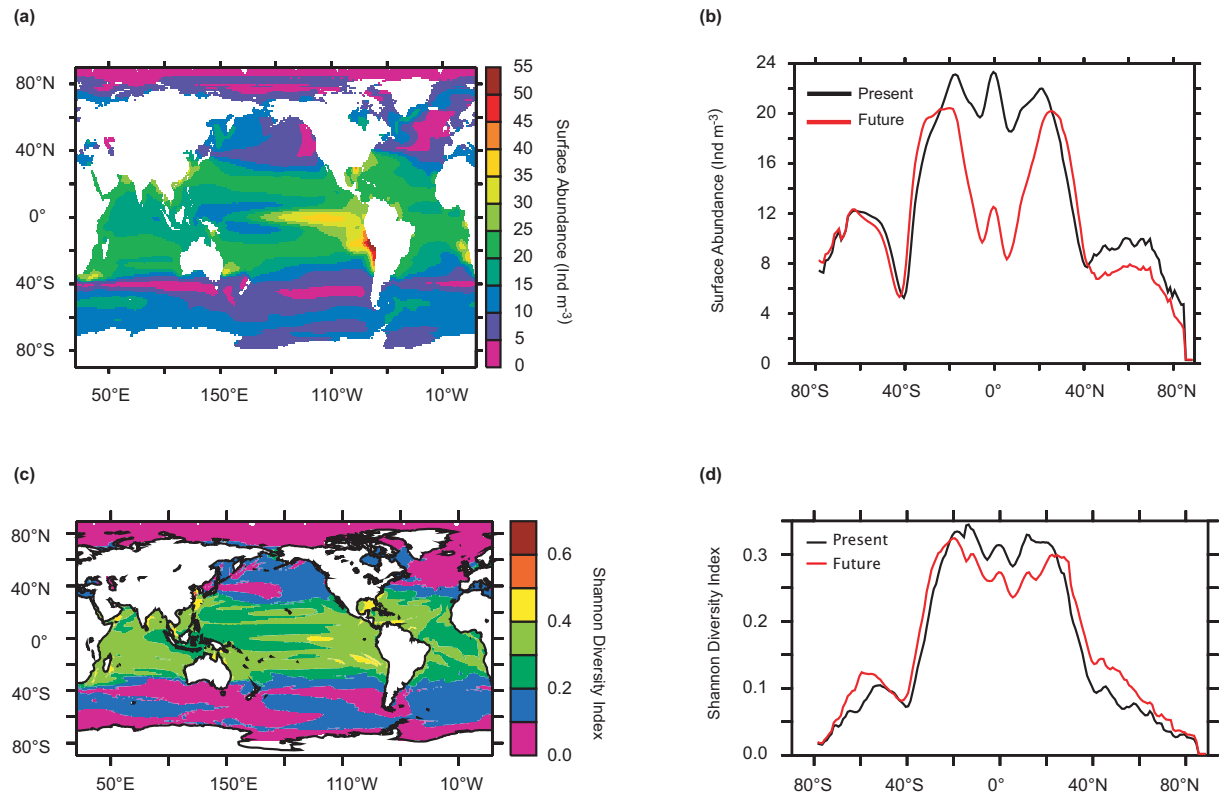


Figure 3

Zonally averaged changes (i.e. present – future) in the abundance and the relative abundance of each foraminifer species simulated in FORAMCLIM at (a,c) the ocean surface, and (b, d) integrated throughout the water column.

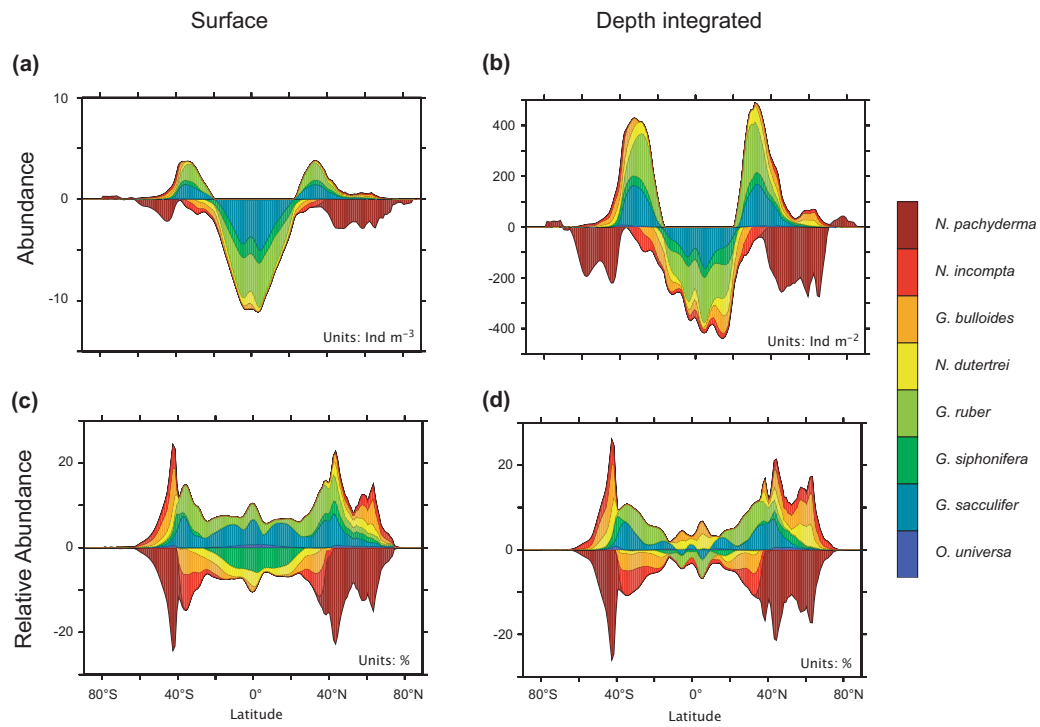


Figure 4

Future changes by 2100 in the dominant environmental drivers of foraminiferal abundance. Ocean temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$): (a) at the surface and (b) zonally averaged. Phytoplankton concentration ($\mu\text{C L}^{-1}$): (c) at the surface, and (d) zonally averaged.

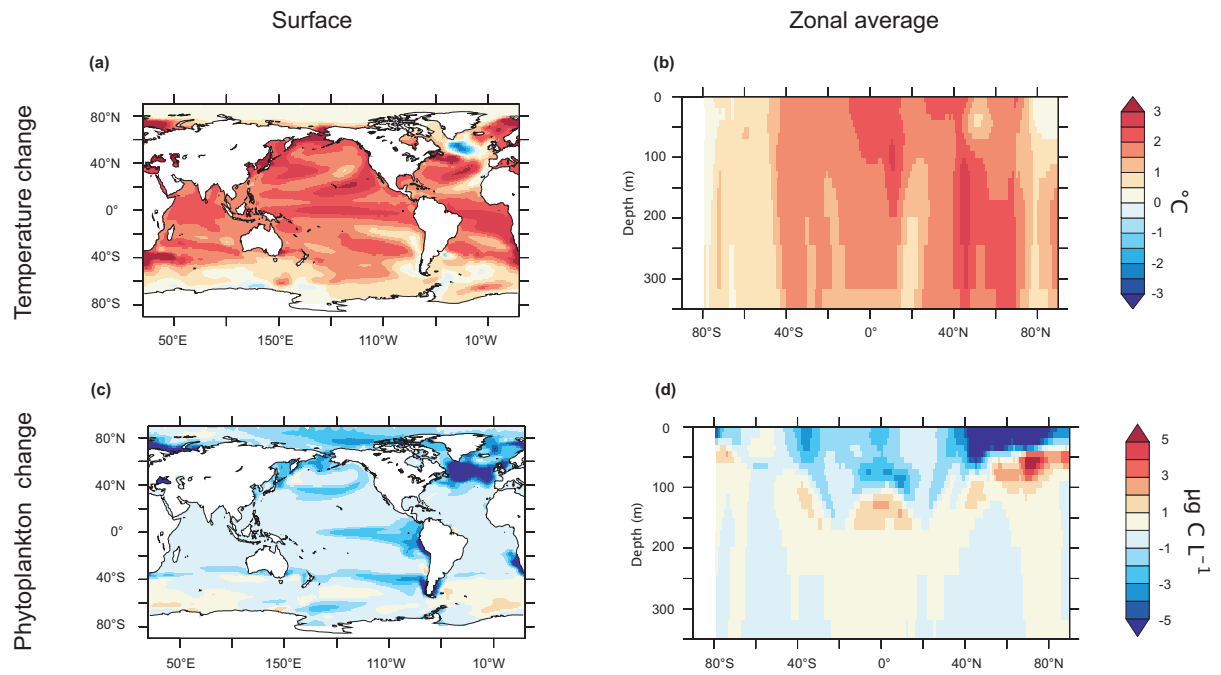


Figure 5

Components of the future change by 2100 in total foraminiferal abundance due to temperature: (a) depth integrated (Ind m^{-2}), (b) zonally-averaged (Ind m^{-3}). Components of the future change in total foraminiferal abundance due to food availability: (c) depth integrated (Ind m^{-2}), (d) zonally-averaged (Ind m^{-3}).

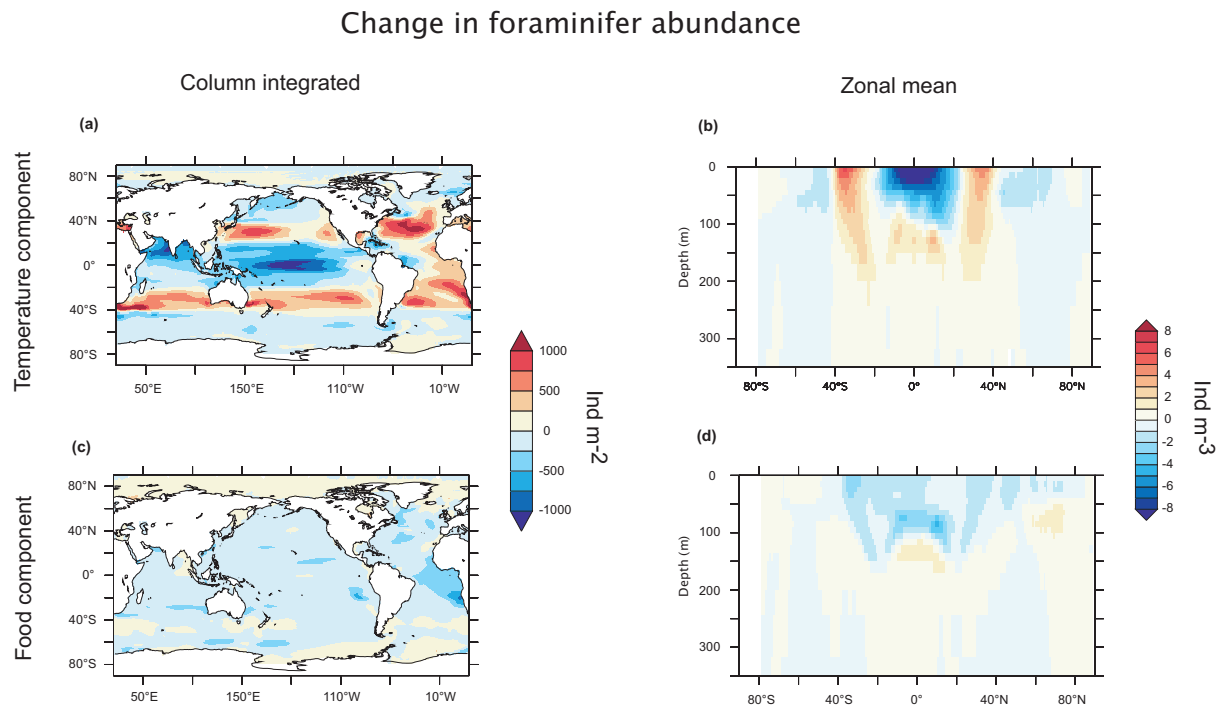


Figure 6

Future change (%) in the potential habitat range (blue) and abundance (red) of each foraminiferal species. Potential habitat range is defined as the area where a foraminifer has the potential to grow given the environmental conditions (i.e. temperature, food availability and light).

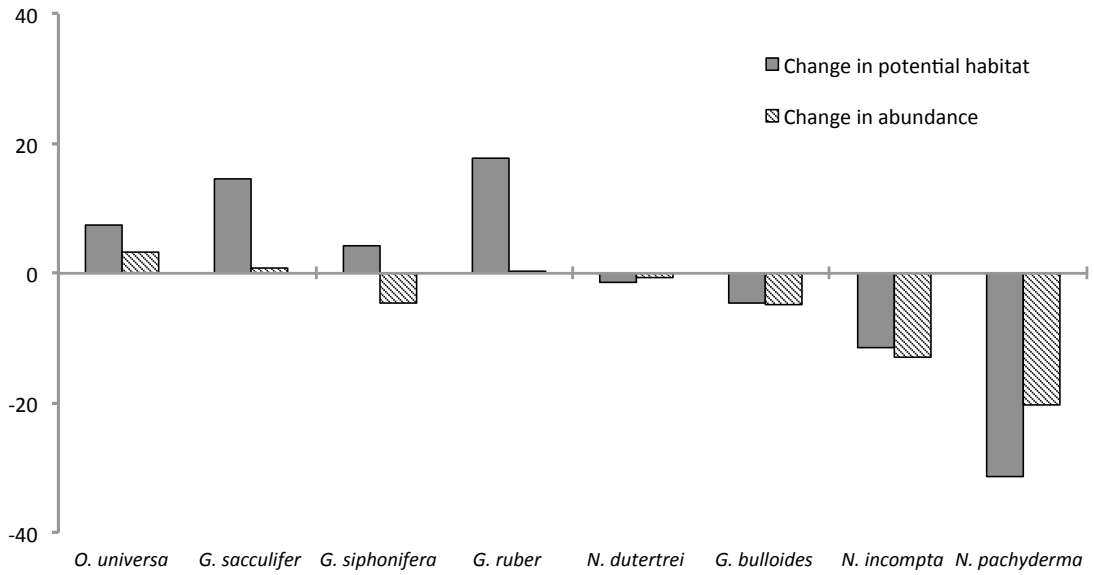


Figure 7

Percentage of the foraminiferal species abundance, collected with multinet plankton tows, that resides in each Ω_c class.

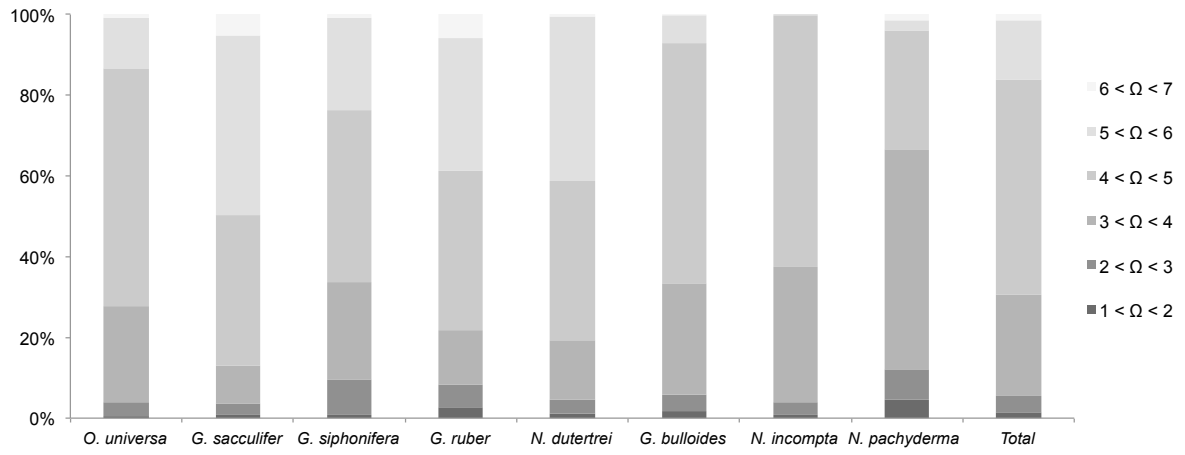
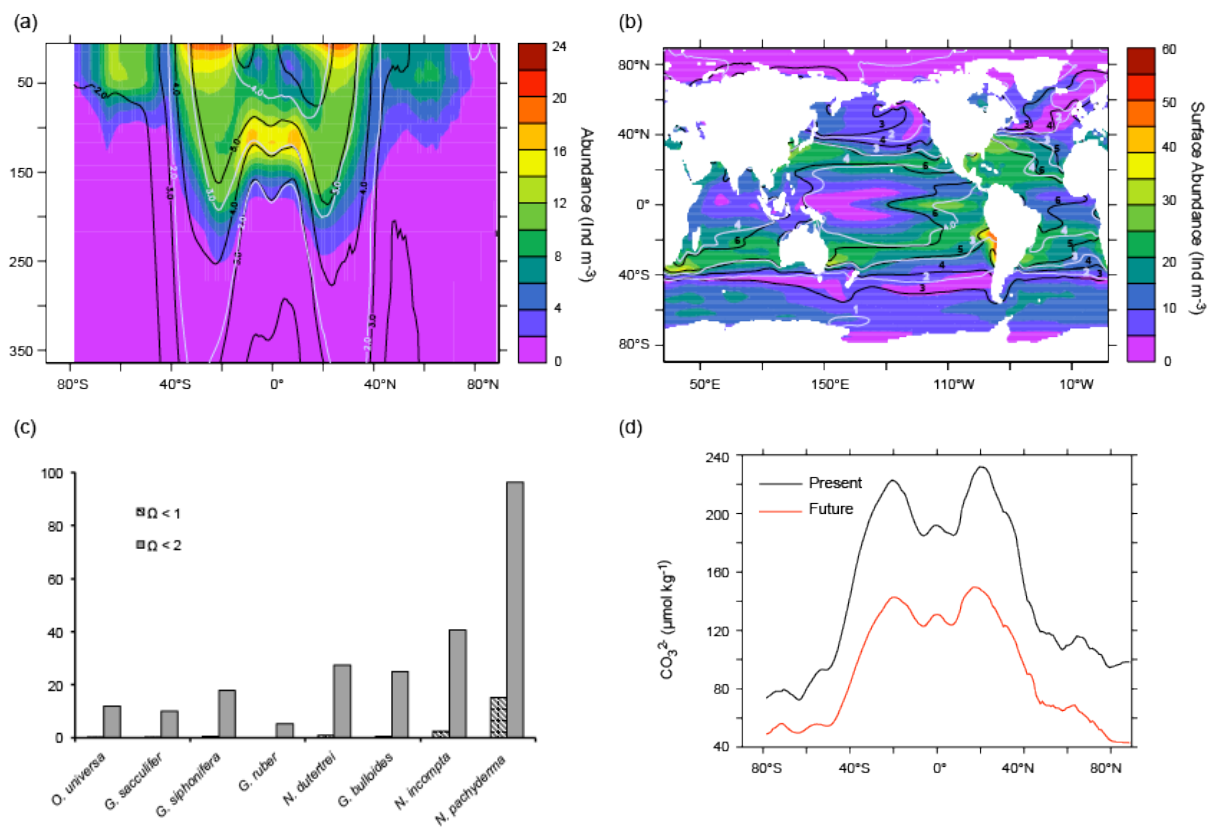


Figure 8

Future changes in carbon chemistry of the potential suitable habitat of foraminifera. Simulated present-day total abundance of foraminifera: (a) zonal mean (Ind m^{-3}), and (b) surface (Ind m^{-3}). Contours represent the calcite saturation state, Ω_C , for the present-day (black) and the future (pale blue). For each foraminifer species: (c) the percentage of the future potential habitat with low calcite saturation states, $\Omega_C < 2$, and (d) the simulated present and future carbonate ion concentration ($\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$) of the potential habitat.



8. Supplementary material

Figure S1

Temperature dependence of the nutrition component of the growth rate (day^{-1} , see $N(T,F)$ in Lombard *et al.*, 2009a) for the eight species included in the FORAMCLIM model.

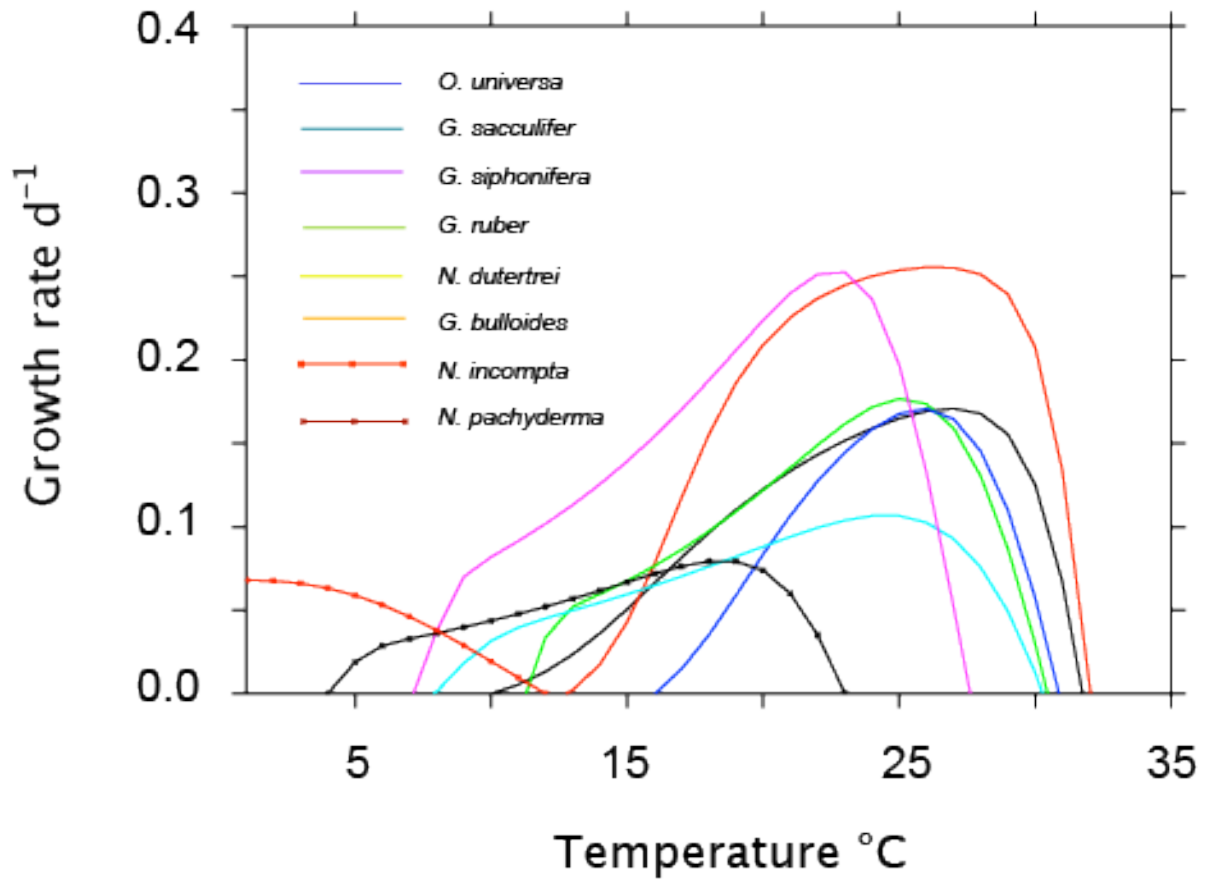
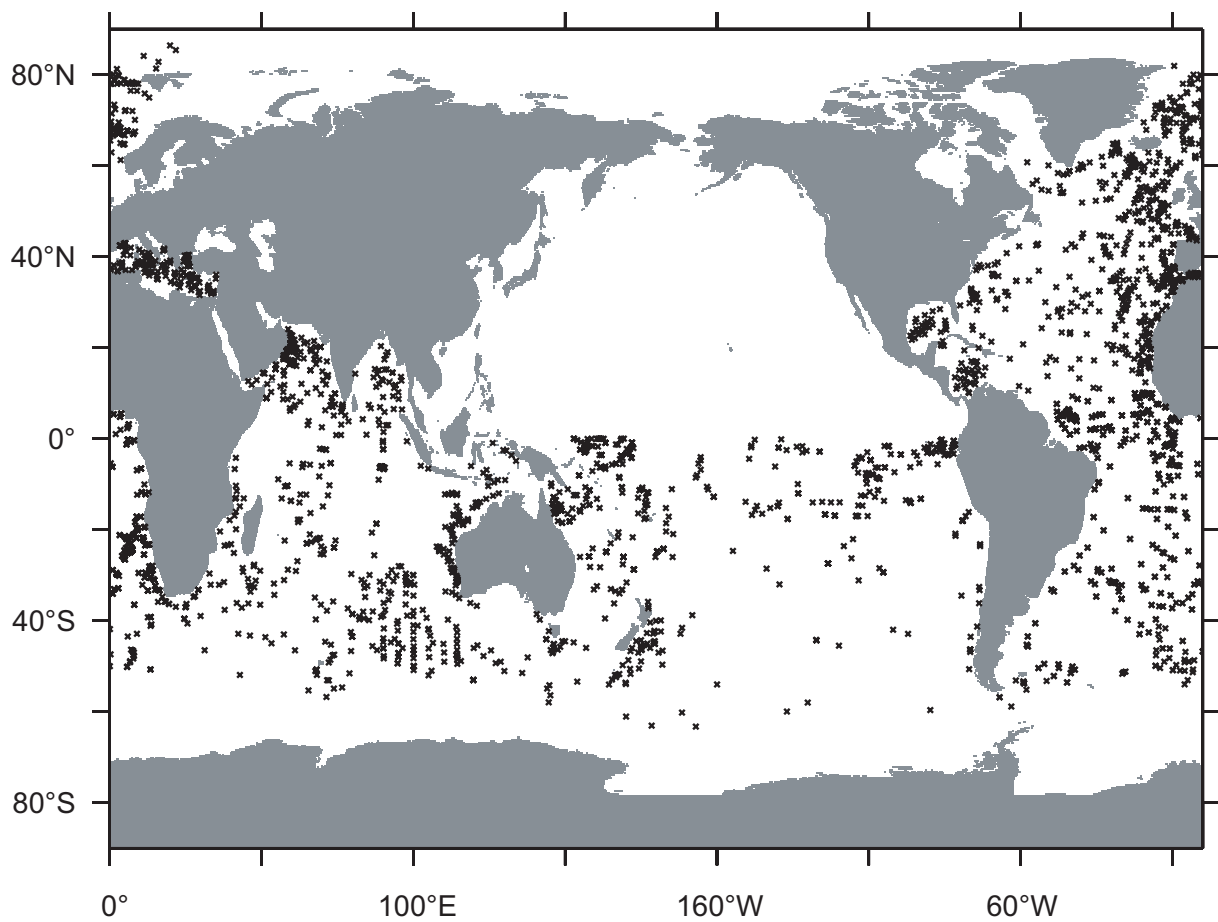


Figure S2

(a) Locations of top-core sediment core data (MARGO database) used for model evaluation. (b) The calcite saturation state of the surface ocean from GLODAP (Key *et al.*, 2004). Red crosses are the locations of multinet plankton tows used to 'sample' the calcite saturation state of present-day foraminiferal habitat (Field, 2004; Kuroyanagi and Kawahata, 2004; Schiebel *et al.*, 2001, 2004; Watkins *et al.*, 1996, 1998).

(a)



(b)

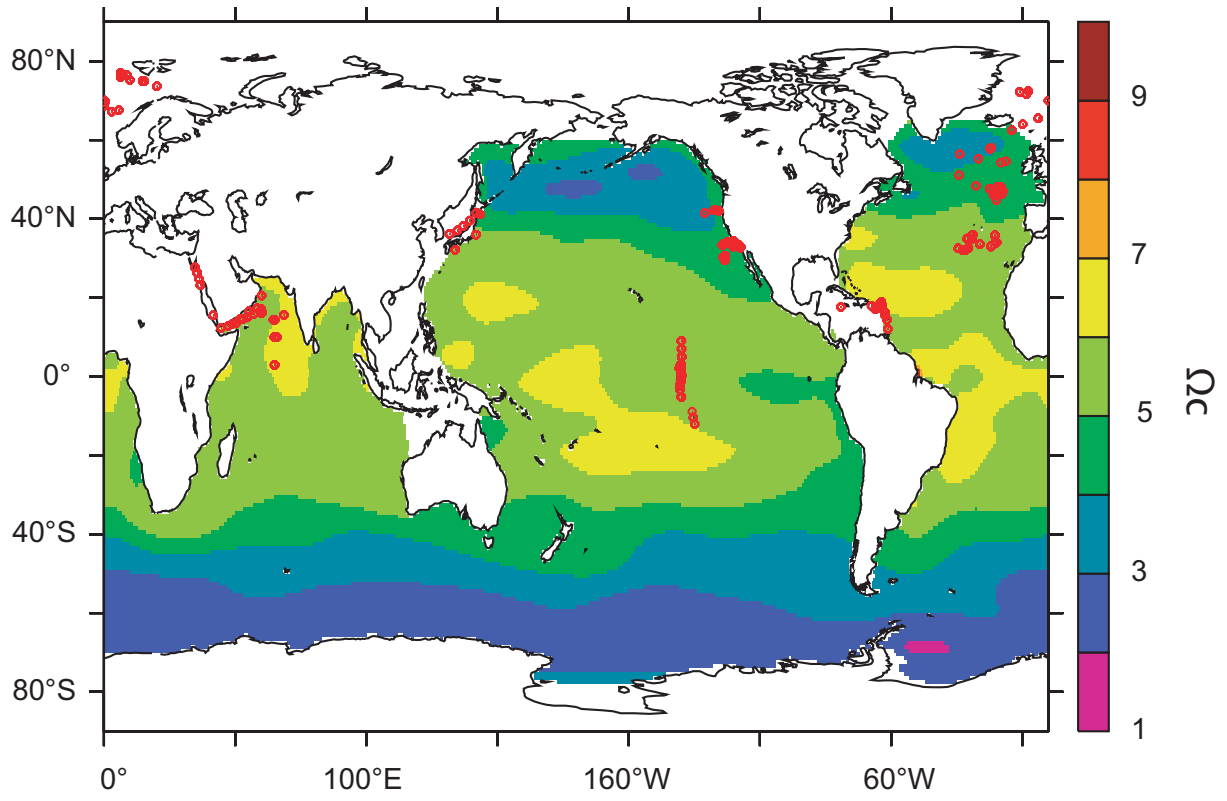
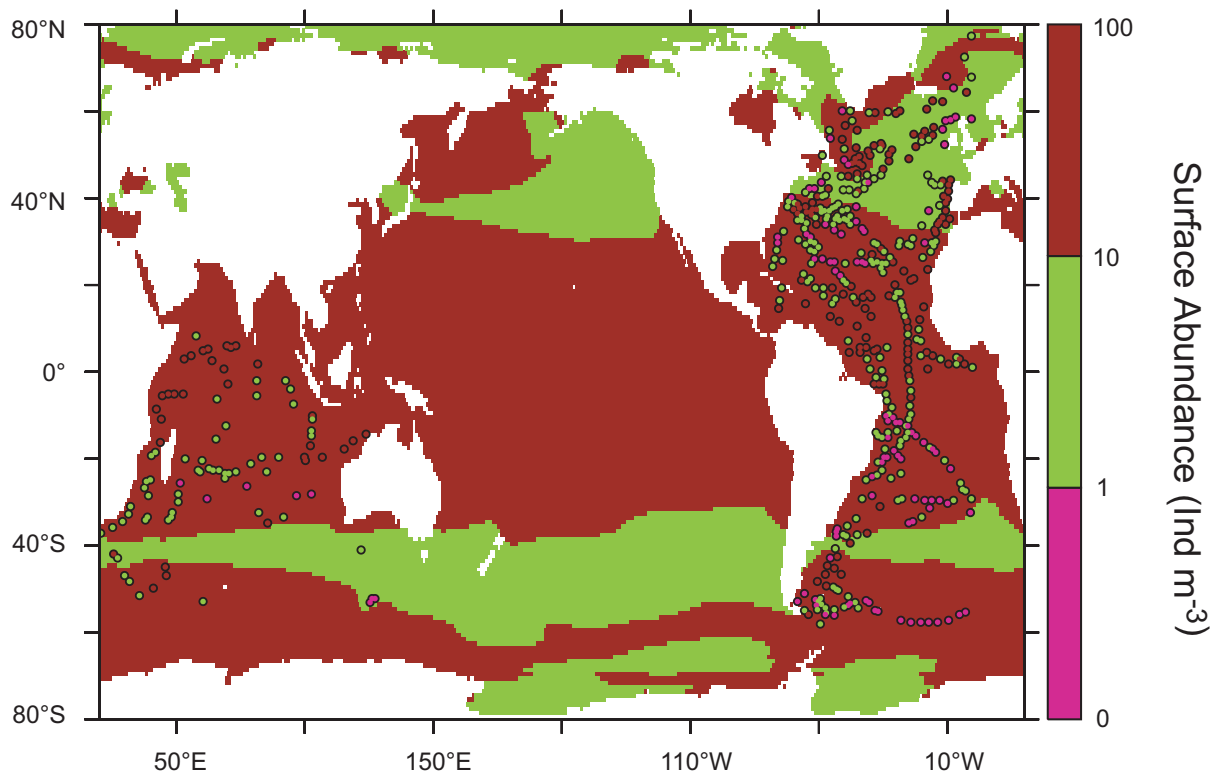


Figure S3

Present-day (simulated and observed) surface (a) total (all species) foraminiferal abundance (Ind m^{-3}), and (b) dominant foraminiferal species (i.e. the most abundant) based on the eight species included in the FORAMCLIM model. Circles represent the surface plankton tow data of Bé and Tolderlund (1971).

(a)



(b)

