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**DATING ARCHAEOLOGICAL ENTITIES IN THE DESERTIC LEVANT**

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Assembling the radiocarbon dates for the Holocene period in the Southern Levant and especially from desertic sites, enables us to modify the chronological boundaries between archaeological periods and cultures. The calibration of many dates indicates the need to reconsider several accepted cultural explanations and the meaning of archaeological gaps in sub-regional sequences. Using the calibration curve as a partial indicator for climatic fluctuations, we will examine here a few archaeological cases dated to the mid-Holocene through the historical periods.

**COMMON SPECTRAL FEATURES IN THE 5500-YEAR RECORD OF TOTAL CARBONATE IN SEA SEDIMENTS AND RADIOCARBON IN TREE RINGS**

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We present the results of the analysis of the carbonate time series obtained from the Ionian Sea core GT90-3 and corresponding  $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$  from trees. The 3.6-m core extends backward in time to 5520 BP, and extends the results obtained earlier (Castagnoli *et al* 1990a,b; in press) from core GT14 and core GT89-3.

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