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Stratigraphic dating of Dansgaard-Oeschger events 5-8 in the NGRIP ice core

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We present a counted absolute time scale for Dansgaard-Oeschger (D-O) events 5-8 in the North Greenland Ice Core Project (NGRIP) ice core. The multi-parameter stratigraphic dating is based on continuous high-resolution records of visual stratigraphy and electrical conductivity of the solid ice, as well as on electrolytical conductivity, and the concentrations of Na^+ and NH_4^+ in the melted ice. The uncertainty of the dating is estimated to be 5%. We identify a very strong correlation between climate ($\delta^{18}O$) and annual layer thickness, which agrees well with the NGRIP modelled time scale ('ss09sea'), but not with the GISP2 time scale. The duration of the entire examined depth interval (1925-2085 m), however, is consistent with both the NGRIP and the GISP2 time scales. We find no regularity in the occurrence of the D-O events.