

Carbon and nitrogen concentration from filtered in situ LVP pump samples from SOFeX cruises PS02_2002, COOK19MV from the Southern Ocean, south of New Zealand, Southern Ocean in 2002 (SOFeX project)

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Dataset Description

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Methodology:

[Buesseler, et al. 2005](#) "Particle export during the Southern Ocean Iron Experiment (SOFeX)". Limnol. Oceanogr., 50(1). American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Inc. pp.311-327. URI: <http://hdl.handle.net/1912/908> This is the author's version of the work posted here by permission of the publisher for personal use, not for redistribution. These data are part of a multi-ship data set ([see full data set](#)).

Change history: YYMMDD

070323: data contributed by Ken Buesseler as emailed Excel file

070418: added to OCB database by Cyndy Chandler, OCB DMO, (cchandler@whoi.edu)

LVP event, date, time, lon and lat agree with cruise event logs;

the patch_loc values are not identical to those in the cruise event logs

070504: adjust parameter names for database consistency

PI and OCB DMO Notes: [processing notes](#)

Methods & Sampling

SOFeX 2002 Melville and Polar Star cruises

DMO processing notes for in situ LVP data

PI: Ken Buesseler (WHOI)

18 April 2007: Prepared for OCB data system by Cyndy Chandler, OCB DMO (WHOI).

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Original Excel file received via email from PI:

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Data Files

File
LVP_pump.csv (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 12.56 KB) MD5:add45f006993a9b054e1f04e4fe53c30
Primary data file for dataset ID 2817

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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
ship_name	research ship name	dimensionless
patch_loc	sampling location relative to patch	dimensionless
event	event number from cruise event log Melville event is doYhhmm and Polar Star event is DDMMYY_hhmm	doYhhmm or DDMMYY_hhmm
date	date sampling began (UTC)	YYYYMMDD
time	time sampling began (UTC)	hhmm
yday	day of year	doY
lon	longitude, negative denotes West	decimal degrees
lat	latitude, negative denotes South	decimal degrees
comments	notes regarding sampling	dimensionless
station	station location number	dimensionless
depth	depth, calculated from pressure	meters
sample_ID	sample identification	dimensionless
filter_size	filter size	micrometers
frac_anlyd	fraction of total volume analyzed	dimensionless
volume_filt	sample volume filtered	liters
PON	Particulate Organic Nitrogen	micromolar
POC	Particulate Organic Carbon	micromolar
C_to_N	Carbon to Nitrogen ratio	molar ratio
dN15_POM	delta 15N of particulate organic matter relative to atmospheric N2	per mil
dC13_POM	delta 13C of particulate organic matter relative to the PDB standard	per mil

Instruments

Dataset-specific Instrument Name	Large Volume Pumping System
Generic Instrument Name	McLane Large Volume Pumping System WTS-LV
Dataset-specific Description	in situ pumping/filtration (battery-powered from McLane Labs) units were deployed at multiple depths per cast
Generic Instrument Description	<p>The WTS-LV is a Water Transfer System (WTS) Large Volume (LV) pumping instrument designed and manufactured by McLane Research Labs (Falmouth, MA, USA). It is a large-volume, single-event sampler that collects suspended and dissolved particulate samples in situ. Ambient water is drawn through a modular filter holder onto a 142-millimeter (mm) membrane without passing through the pump. The standard two-tier filter holder provides prefiltering and size fractioning. Collection targets include chlorophyll maximum, particulate trace metals, and phytoplankton. It features different flow rates and filter porosity to support a range of specimen collection. Sampling can be programmed to start at a scheduled time or begin with a countdown delay. It also features a dynamic pump speed algorithm that adjusts flow to protect the sample as material accumulates on the filter. Several pump options range from 0.5 to 30 liters per minute, with a max volume of 2,500 to 36,000 liters depending on the pump and battery pack used. The standard model is depth rated to 5,500 meters, with a deeper 7,000-meter option available. The operating temperature is -4 to 35 degrees Celsius. The WTS-LV is available in four different configurations: Standard, Upright, Bore Hole, and Dual Filter Sampler. The high-capacity upright WTS-LV model provides three times the battery life of the standard model. The Bore-Hole WTS-LV is designed to fit through a narrow opening such as a 30-centimeter borehole. The dual filter WTS-LV features two vertical intake 142 mm filter holders to allow simultaneous filtering using two different porosities.</p>

Deployments

PS02_2002

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57825
Platform	USCGC Polar Star
Report	http://ocb.whoi.edu/SOFeX/CRUISES/proj_description.pdf
Start Date	2002-02-11
End Date	2002-02-21

Description	<p>Cruise dates provided by David Forcucci, USCG Science Liaison Brief cruise plan description: Three ships were involved in the SOFeX experiment. Each ship operated in the study area at a different time to afford the longest observation time. The designations SOFeX-N and SOFeX-S are sometimes used to distinguish between two iron enriched patches - one in low silicate waters north of the polar front (SOFEX-N), and the other in high silicate waters south of the polar front (SOFEX-S). All three ships, Melville (MV), Revelle (RR) and Polar Star (PS), worked in SOFeX-S, but only the Revelle and Melville worked in the SOFeX N patch and shuttled between the two patches. The USCGC Polar Star was the third of the three vessels to occupy the SOFeX study area in 2002. The main focus of the scientific party aboard the Polar Star was to assess how much carbon was removed from the iron fertilized patches. The cruise report includes a more complete description of the Polar Star cruise and a cruise logbook includes daily entries filed by the Chief Scientist aboard each vessel.</p> <p>Methods & Sampling</p> <p>SOFeX 2002 Melville and Polar Star cruises DMO processing notes for in situ LVP data PI: Ken Buesseler (WHOI) 18 April 2007: Prepared for OCB data system by Cyndy Chandler, OCB DMO (WHOI). These data are from the filters from in-situ pumps (LVP) operated by Ken Buesseler's group and used on both the Melville and Polar Star. These data have also been published in: K. O. Buesseler, J. E. Andrews, S. Pike, M. A. Charette, L. E. Goldson, M. A. Brzezinski, and V. P. Lance, 2005. "Particle export during the Southern Ocean Iron Experiment (SOFeX)". <i>Limnol. Oceanogr.</i>, 50(1). American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Inc. pp.311-327. (download PDF). The sampling and analysis methodology is also described in that publication. 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COOK19MV

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57826
Platform	R/V Melville
Report	http://ocb.whoi.edu/SOFEX/CRUISES/proj_description.pdf
Start Date	2002-01-19
End Date	2002-02-26

Description	<p>Brief cruise plan description: Three ships were involved in the SOFeX experiment. Each ship operated in the study area at a different time to afford the longest observation time. The designations SOFeX-N and SOFeX-S are sometimes used to distinguish between two iron enriched patches - one in low silicate waters north of the polar front (SOFEX-N), and the other in high silicate waters south of the polar front (SOFEX-S). All three ships, Melville (MV), Revelle (RR) and Polar Star (PS), worked in SOFEX-S, but only the Revelle and Melville worked in the SOFeX N patch and shuttled between the two patches. The R/V MELVILLE sailed several weeks after the R/V REVELLE to arrive in the study area just as the 'patches' were forming in response to iron fertilization. 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Project Information

Southern Ocean Iron Experiment (SOFeX)

Website: <http://www.mbari.org/expeditions/SOFeX2002/>

Coverage: Southern Ocean, south of New Zealand

Before he passed away in 1993, John Martin suggested that an increase in the flow of iron-rich dust to the ocean causes phytoplankton (single celled algae) to grow. The increased photosynthesis removes carbon dioxide from surface waters as the algae create biomass. This carbon dioxide is replaced by carbon dioxide gas that flows into the sea from the atmosphere. Reduced carbon dioxide in the atmosphere cools the planet (CO₂ is a greenhouse gas that warms the earth). The results of this work, funded by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and the US Coast Guard, will be a much better understanding of how biological processes may regulate climate. (see Related Info: Fe cycle)

A direct test of the 'Martin Hypothesis' that trace concentrations of Fe are responsible for phytoplankton's ability to grow by direct experimental addition of Fe to the surface waters. Consequently the distribution of bioavailable Fe in the surface waters determines large geographical areas primary production and the following flux of fixed organic matter to the deep sea. The aim of the SOFeX project is to investigate the effects of iron fertilization on the productivity of the Southern Ocean. The results of this work will contribute significantly to our understanding of important biogeochemical processes which bear directly on the global carbon cycle, atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration, and climate control.

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Program Information

Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry (OCB)

Website: <http://us-ocb.org/>

Coverage: Global

The Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry (OCB) program focuses on the ocean's role as a component of the global Earth system, bringing together research in geochemistry, ocean physics, and ecology that inform on and advance our understanding of ocean biogeochemistry. The overall program goals are to promote, plan, and coordinate collaborative, multidisciplinary research opportunities within the U.S. research community and with international partners. Important OCB-related activities currently include: the Ocean Carbon and Climate Change (OCCC) and the North American Carbon Program (NACP); U.S. contributions to IMBER, SOLAS, CARBOOCEAN; and numerous U.S. single-investigator and medium-size research projects funded by U.S. federal agencies including NASA, NOAA, and NSF.

The scientific mission of OCB is to study the evolving role of the ocean in the global carbon cycle, in the face of environmental variability and change through studies of marine biogeochemical cycles and associated ecosystems.

The overarching OCB science themes include improved understanding and prediction of: 1) oceanic uptake and release of atmospheric CO₂ and other greenhouse gases and 2) environmental sensitivities of biogeochemical cycles, marine ecosystems, and interactions between the two.

The OCB Research Priorities (updated January 2012) include: ocean acidification; terrestrial/coastal carbon fluxes and exchanges; climate sensitivities of and change in ecosystem structure and associated impacts on biogeochemical cycles; mesopelagic ecological and biogeochemical interactions; benthic-pelagic feedbacks on biogeochemical cycles; ocean carbon uptake and storage; and expanding low-oxygen conditions in the coastal and open oceans.

Iron Synthesis (FeSynth)

Coverage: Global

The two main objectives of the Iron Synthesis program (SCOR Working Group proposal, 2005), are:

1. Data compilation: assembling a common open-access database of the *in situ* iron experiments, beginning with the first period (1993-2002; Ironex-1, Ironex-2, SOIREE, EisenEx, SEEDS-1; SOFeX, SERIES) where primary articles have already been published, to be followed by the 2004 experiments where primary articles are now in progress (EIFEX, SEEDS-2; SAGE, FeeP); similarly for the natural fertilizations S.O.JGOFS (1992), CROZEX (2004/2005) and KEOPS (2005).

2. Modeling and data synthesis of specific aspects of two or more such experiments for various topics such as physical mixing, phytoplankton productivity, overall ecosystem functioning, iron chemistry, CO₂ budgeting, nutrient uptake ratios, DMS(P) processes, and combinations of these variables and processes.

SCOR Working Group proposal, 2005. "The Legacy of *in situ* Iron Enrichments: Data Compilation and Modeling".

http://www.scor-int.org/Working_Groups/wg131.htm

See also: SCOR Proceedings Vol. 42 Concepcion, Chile October 2006, pgs: 13-16 2.3.3 Working Group on The Legacy of *in situ* Iron Enrichments: Data Compilation and Modeling.

The first objective of the Iron Synthesis program involves a data recovery effort aimed at assembling a common, open-access database of data and metadata from a series of *in-situ* ocean iron fertilization experiments conducted between 1993 and 2005. Initially, funding for this effort is being provided by the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF).

Through the combined efforts of the principal investigators of the individual projects and the staff of Biological and Chemical Oceanography Data Management Office (BCO-DMO), data currently available primarily through individuals, disparate reports and data agencies, and in multiple formats, are being collected and prepared for addition to the BCO-DMO database from which they will be freely available to the community.

As data are contributed to the BCO-DMO office, they are organized into four overlapping categories:

1. Level 1, basic metadata

(e.g., description of project/study, general location, PI(s), participants);

2. Level 2, detailed metadata and basic shipboard data and routine ship's operations

(e.g., CTDs, underway measurements, sampling event logs);

3. Level 3, detailed metadata and data from specialized observations

(e.g., discrete observations, experimental results, rate measurements) and

4. Level 4, remaining datasets

(e.g., highest level of detailed data available from each study).

Collaboration with BCO-DMO staff began in March of 2008 and initial efforts have been directed toward basic project descriptions, levels 1 and 2 metadata and basic data, with detailed and more detailed data files being incorporated as they become available and are processed.

Related file

[Program Documentation](#)

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Funding

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