

BONGO LOPC unprocessed data from R/V New Horizon cruise NH1008 in Monterey Bay, near MBARI buoy M1 (36.747°N, 122.022°W); 2010 (GATEKEEPERS project)

Website: <https://www.bco-dmo.org/dataset/3737>

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Project

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Dataset Description

BONGO LOPC - UnProcessed Data Files

Sensor specific binary (.BIN) data files were converted to unprocessed, ascii, text using LOPC system software.

No further processing of these text files has been carried out.

Individual text files per deployment are served.

[How To Do A BONGO Tow \(.pdf\)](#)

[BONGO Tow Sheet Example](#)

[Information on processing LOPC data files](#)

[Link to Alex Herman's Site on LOPC Post Processing](#)

Methods & Sampling

Collected during BONGO/LOPC deployments

Data Processing Description

Note - These are unprocessed, ascii text files

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Data Files

File
BONGO_LOPC_UnProcData.csv (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 4.81 KB) MD5:6349cd84507cd56adb360bdd4cbb6d3e
Primary data file for dataset ID 3737

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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
Recorded_Station	BONGO/LOPC Recorded Station	Dimensionless
Order_Occupied	BONGO/LOPC Order Occupied	Dimensionless
File_Number	BONGO/LOPC File Number	Text
Latitude	Tow Latitude (South is negative)	decimal degrees
Longitude	Tow Longitude (West is negative)	decimal degrees
ISO_DateTime_Local_Begin_Tow	Begin Tow Date/Time (PDT) ISO formatted	YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.xx[+/-TZ]
ISO_DateTime_Local_End_Tow	End Tow Date/Time (PDT) ISO formatted	YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.xx[+/-TZ]
UnProcessed_Data_File	UnProcessed Data File	text

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Instruments

Dataset-specific Instrument Name	Bongo Net
Generic Instrument Name	Bongo Net
Generic Instrument Description	A Bongo Net consists of paired plankton nets, typically with a 60 cm diameter mouth opening and varying mesh sizes, 10 to 1000 micron. The Bongo Frame was designed by the National Marine Fisheries Service for use in the MARMAP program. It consists of two cylindrical collars connected with a yoke so that replicate samples are collected at the same time. Variations in models are designed for either vertical hauls (OI-2500 = NMFS Pairovet-Style, MARMAP Bongo, CalVET) or both oblique and vertical hauls (Aquatic Research). The OI-1200 has an opening and closing mechanism that allows discrete "known-depth" sampling. This model is large enough to filter water at the rate of 47.5 m3/minute when towing at a speed of two knots. More information: Ocean Instruments, Aquatic Research, Sea-Gear

Dataset-specific Instrument Name	Laser Optical Plankton Counter
Generic Instrument Name	Laser Optical Plankton Counter
Generic Instrument Description	Laser Optical Plankton Counter (LOPC)

Deployments

NH1008

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/58852
Platform	R/V New Horizon
Report	http://bcodata.whoi.edu/GATEKEEPERS/cruise_plan_checkley_nh_8_25_jul_10_v3.pdf
Start Date	2010-07-08
End Date	2010-07-25
Description	Collaborative Research: Zooplankton at the Base of the Particle Maximum: Gatekeepers of the Vertical Flux?: Deployment and recovery of SOLOPCs in Monterey Bay, plus CTD and MOCNESS deployments in Monterey Bay Cruise information and original data are available from the NSF R2R data catalog. Figure 1. R/V New Horizon Cruise NH1008 GATEKEEPERS [click on the image to view a larger version]

Project Information

Zooplankton feeding at the base of the particle maximum: Gatekeepers of the Vertical Flux? (GATEKEEPERS)

Website: <http://iod.ucsd.edu/gatekeeper/>

Coverage: Monterey Bay, CA and waters offshore

Zooplankton feeding at the base of the particle maximum: Gatekeepers of the Vertical Flux?

A range of observations suggest that zooplankton act as gatekeepers for material leaving the euphotic zone. This study will investigate the interactions of zooplankton with other particles using a suite of autonomous and tethered instruments in conjunction with finescale water sampling. The SOLOPC (Sounding Oceanographic Observer with Laser Optical Plankton Counter) will be the autonomous instrument and provide hourly profiles of zooplankton and other particles. Previous sampling with the SOLOPC indicated a diel cycle of production and abundance of particles in the euphotic zone and their sinking and consumption, presumably by zooplankton observed at the base of the particle abundance maximum. The SOLOPC senses particles, including zooplankton and aggregates, and measures their equivalent spherical diameters which can be used to compute particle size spectra. However, it is difficult to use the SOLOPC to distinguish among particle types, such as copepods, larvaceans, and aggregates, particularly if they are small. The research will include an intensive field study that will take place in Monterey Bay and use adaptive sampling to observe near SOLOPCs with a new, AUV-borne imaging system, ship-based CTD and MOCNESS sampling, and MBARI's ROV Ventana. The investigators will alter a SOLOPC to be stationary relative to an isopycnal and use the particle counts that it accumulates to calculate a flux spectrum. They will combine the flux and concentration spectra to estimate particle sinking velocities as a function of particle diameter. Zooplankton feeding in the water column will be estimated by analyzing the gut fluorescence of animals caught in zooplankton nets and by counting the distribution of fecal pellets in water samples. Results will enhance the understanding of the role of the zooplankton as gatekeepers in the vertical flux of particles and, hence, the biological pump. The study will also provide new insight into factors that affect zooplankton behavior and ecology.

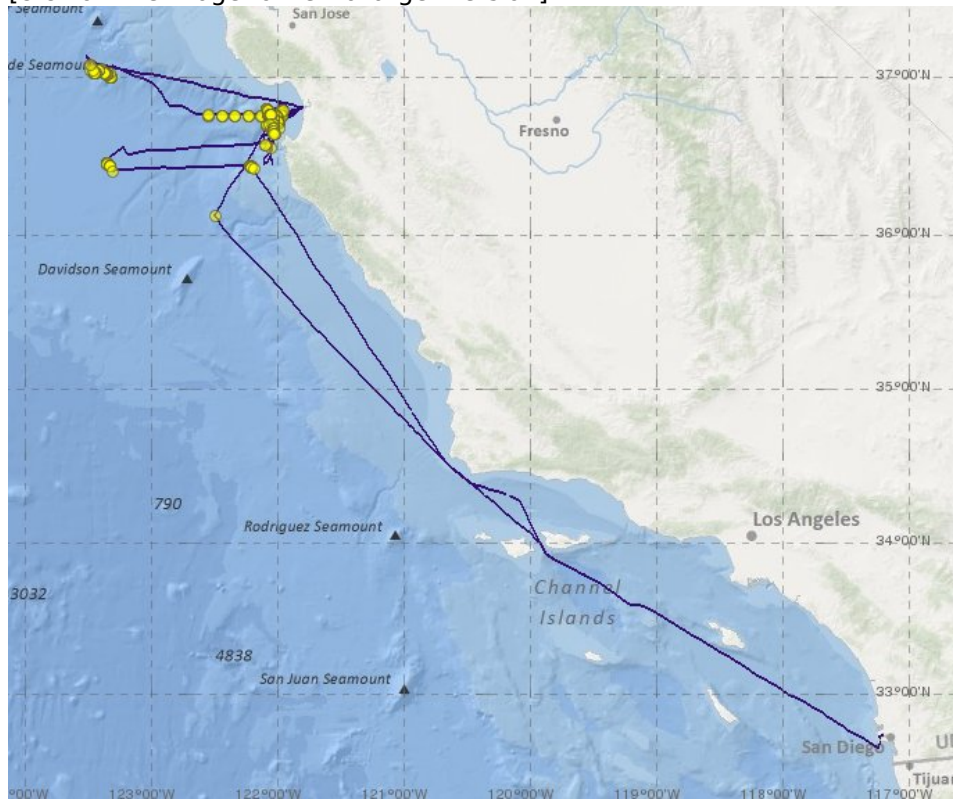
Collaborating institutions include SIO, TAMU, LUMCON, MBARI, BIO, and Université Paris VI. The SOLOPC, modified to measure flux as well as profile, and REFLICS are intended for acquisition and use by other researchers worldwide. The understanding we gain of role of the zooplankton as gatekeepers of the vertical flux will contribute valuably to understanding of the biological pump and the carbon cycle.

PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED AS A RESULT OF THIS RESEARCH

Jackson, GA and DM Checkley Jr. "Particle size distributions in the upper 100 m water column and their implications for animal feeding in the plankton," *Deep-Sea Research*, 2011.

Figure 1. R/V New Horizon Cruise NH1008 GATEKEEPERS

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