Nutrients, targeted proteomics, and pigments from the METZYME cruise (KM1128)

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Program

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Coverage

Spatial Extent: **N**:17 **E**:205.6 **S**:-15 **W**:185.5 **Temporal Extent**: 2011-10-03 - 2011-10-24

Dataset Description

This dataset includes data from 3 sampling systems:

- Macronutrients from the trace metal rosette (TMR); analyzed by Joe Jennings at OSU.

- Targeted metaproteomics from the McLane pumps; analyzed by triple quadrupole mass spectrometry

calibrated with stable isotope labeled peptides.

- Pigments from a combination of CTD and TMR samples; determined by HPLC; analyzed by Jack DiTullio, University of Charleston. Note that pigments were collected by both CTD and TMR due to a loss of the CTD as station 2/3.

Samples were collected during the KM1128 METZYME research expedition (Metals and Enzymes in the Pacific) on the R/V Kilo Moana October 1-25, 2011 from Oahu, Hawaii to Apia, Samoa.

01 Aug 2017: dataset was revised to include columns for date/time and cast numbers for each sampling system.

Related publications:

Saito, M. A., M. R. McIlvin, D. M. Moran, T. J. Goepfert, G. R. DiTullio, A. F. Post, and C. H. Lamborg. 2014. Multiple nutrient stresses at intersecting Pacific Ocean biomes detected by protein biomarkers. Science 345:1173-1177. DOI: [10.1126/science.1256450](http://dx.doi.org/10.1126/science.1256450)

Saito, M. A.; Dorsk, A.; Post, A. F.; McIlvin, M.; Rappé, M. S.; DiTullio, G.; Moran, D. 2015. Needles in the Blue Sea: Sub‐Species Specificity in Targeted Protein Biomarker Analyses Within the Vast Oceanic Microbial Metaproteome. Proteomics. DOI: [10.1002/pmic.201400630](http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/pmic.201400630)

Methods & Sampling

The methods are provided in the supplemental from the Saito et al., 2014 [paper](https://dx.doi.org/10.1126/science.1256450). Relevant sections are duplicated here:

Research Expedition and Sample Collection

Samples were collected during the KM1128 METZYME research expedition (Metals and Enzymes in the Pacific) on the R/V Kilo Moana October 1-25, 2011 from Oahu, Hawaii to Apia, Samoa, with Carl Lamborg and Mak Saito as Chief Scientists. Microbial biomass for protein analyses was collected on vertical profiles using in situ high volume particle filtration pumps with a focus on the North Pacific and Equatorial regions (Table S1). Specifically, the protein samples were collected by a suite of 4 L/min and 8 L/min McLane Pumps (WTS-LV; McLane Research Laboratories Inc., Falmouth MA, USA) outfitted with custom Mini-MULVS multiple filter head systems. The 0.2-3.0 micron size fraction was collected on 142 mm filters (Supor, Pall Corp.) for analyses used in this study. The volume of water was pumped until a minimal flow rate was achieved or the allotted cast time period expired, typically ~300-500 L. Filters were sectioned immediately after pump retrieval, and protein samples ($\frac{1}{4}$ filter) were stored in RNAlater reagent (Ambion, Life Technologies), which has been shown to be an effective preservative for cyanobacterial biomass (Saito et al. 2011a), frozen at -80 degrees C, transported back to the laboratory on dry ice, and stored at -80 degrees C until analysis.

Dissolved trace metal samples (iron and cobalt) were collected by an internally programmed standard SBE Rosette (Seabird Electronics Inc.) user-modified to serve as a trace metal clean system with 12 8 L X-Niskin bottles (Ocean Test Equipment), 12 X-Niskin bottles were attached to the rosette per deployment) with minimal exposed metal surfaces using 5000 m of non-metallic non-conducting line. Temperature, oxygen and conductivity sensor data were collected using a SBE19plusV2 system (Seabird Electronics Inc.) attached to a CTD extension stand on the Trace Metal Rosette. All sensors were factory calibrated immediately prior to the expedition. X-Niskins were pressurized with ultra-high purity nitrogen gas and seawater was filtered through cleaned 47 mm 0.2 micron Supor membrane filters within a HEPA filtered cleanroom space aboard the ship. The volume filtered was calculated (X-Niskin volume minus small unfiltered samples) and the filters were stored in cleaned tubes and frozen for particulate metal analysis (see below).

Protein Extraction

Total microbial protein (0.2-3.0 um fraction) was extracted using detergent-based methods, described below. Total protein showed enhanced concentrations in the photic zone, particularly in the Equatorial and South Pacific portions of the transect (Fig. S1F). For protein extraction, samples were thawed and the filter and RNAlater preservative (Ambion Life Technologies) were separated. The removed preservative was spinconcentrated by a 5K MWCO membrane (Sartorius Stedim Biotech 6 mL, 5 K MWCO Vivaspin units; Goettingen, Germany), and rinsed with 0.1M Tris buffer to recover, desalt, and concentrate any suspended material. The sample filter was unfolded and placed in a larger tube to which 1% SDS extraction buffer (1% SDS, 0.1M Tris/HCL pH 7.5, 10mM EDTA) and the rinsed/desalted RNAlater fraction was added back. Each sample was incubated at room temperature for 15 minutes, heated at 95 degrees C for 10 minutes, and shaken at room temperature for 350 rpm for 1 h. The protein extract was decanted and placed in a new tube and centrifuged for 30 min x 3220 g at room temperature. The supernatants were removed and filtered through a 5 um low protein binding syringe filter (Fisher Scientific), and the filter rinsed with extraction buffer. The extracts were concentrated by 5 kD membrane centrifugation to a small volume, washed with extraction buffer, and concentrated again. Each sample was precipitated with cold 50% methanol (MeOH) 50% acetone 0.5 mM HCL for 3 days at –20 degrees C, centrifuged at 14100 x g (14500 rpm) for 30 m at 4 degrees C, decanted and dried by vacuum concentration (Thermo Savant Speedvac) for 10 min or until dry. Pellets were resuspended in 1% SDS extraction buffer and left at room temperature (RT) for 1 h to redissolve. Total protein was quantified (Bio-Rad DC protein assay, Hercules, CA) with BSA as a standard.

Extracted proteins were purified from SDS detergent, reduced, alkylated, and trypsin digested, while embedded within a polyacrylamide tube gel, using a modified protocol from a previously published method (Lu et al. 2005). The tube gel approach allowed all proteins including membrane proteins to be solubilized by detergent and purified while immobilized in the gel matrix. A gel premix was made by combining 1 M Tris HCL (pH 7.5) and 40% Bis-acrylimide L 29:1 (Acros Organics) at a ratio of 1:3. The premix (103 ul) was combined with an extracted protein sample (usually 25 ug-200 ug), TE, 7 ul 1% APS and 3 ul of TEMED (Acros Organics) to a final volume of 200 ul. After 1 h of polymerization at RT, 200 ul of gel fix solution (50% ETOH, 10% acetic

acid in LC/MS grade water) was added to the top of the gel and incubated at RT for 20 minutes. Liquid was then removed and the tube gel was transferred into a new 1.5 mL microtube containing 1.2 mL of gel fix solution then incubated at room temperature, 350 rpm in a Thermomixer R (Eppendorf) for 1 h. Gel fix solution was then removed and replaced with 1.2 mL destain solution (50% MeOH, 10% acetic acid in H2O) and incubated at 350 rpm, RT for 2 h. Liquid was then removed, gel cut up into 1 mm cubes and then added back to tubes containing 1 mL of 50:50 acetonitrile:25 mM ammonium bicarbonate (ambic) incubated for 1 h, 350 rpm, and at RT. Liquid was removed and replaced with fresh 50:50 acetonitrile:ambic and incubated at 16 degrees C and 350 rpm overnight. The step was repeated for 1h the following morning. Gel pieces were then dehydrated twice in 800 ul of acetonitrile for 10 min at RT and dried for 10 min in a ThermoSavant DNA110 speedvac after removing solvent. 600 ul of 10 mM DTT in 25 mM ambic was added to reduce proteins incubating at 56 degrees C, 350 rpm for 1 h. Unabsorbed DTT solution was then removed with volume measured. Gel pieces were washed with 25 mM ambic and 600 ul of 55 mM iodacetamide was added to alkylate proteins at RT, 350 rpm for 1 h. Gel cubes were then washed with 1 mL ambic for 20 minutes, 350 rpm at RT. Acetonitrile dehydrations and speedvac drying were repeated as above. Trypsin (Promega #V5280) was added in appropriate volume of 25 mM ambic to rehydrate and submerse gel pieces at a concentration of 1:20 ug trypsin:protein. Proteins were digested overnight at 350 rpm 37 degrees C. Unabsorbed solution was removed and transferred to a new tube. 50 ul of peptide extraction buffer (50% acetonitrile, 5% formic acid in water) was added to gels, incubated for 20 min at RT then centrifuged at 14,100 x q for 2 min. Supernatant was collected and combined with unabsorbed solution. The above peptide extraction step was repeated combining all supernatants. Combined protein extracts were centrifuged at 14,100 x g for 20 minutes, and supernatants transferred into a new tube and dehydrated down to approximately 10 ul-20 ul in the speedvac. Concentrated peptides were then diluted in 2% acetonitrile 0.1% formic acid in water for storage until analysis. All water used in the tube gel digestion protocol was LC/MS grade, and all plastic microtubes were ethanol rinsed and dried prior to use.

Targeted Protein Analyses

Biomarkers selected for this study focused on trypsin-digested peptide fragments of the proteins (tryptic peptides) that were frequently identified in metaproteome analyses with reproducible mass spectra fragmentation patterns to allow for targeted analyses by triple quadrupole mass spectrometry (Fig. S3-4). The specificity of these tryptic peptide biomarkers was determined by searching for their sequences within sequenced microbial genomes and gene databases (Fig. S9-S14). Absolute quantitation of proteins was conducted by triple quadrupole mass spectrometry using a Thermo Vantage mass spectrometer and synthetic isotope labeled peptide standards as described previously (Bertrand et al. 2013; Saito et al. 2011b). Selected peptides were chosen with an effort to minimize presence of methionines and cysteines both of which can be oxidized and create variability in analyses (Lange et al. 2008, Stahl-Zeng et al. 2007). However, in some cases tryptic peptides were identified in the metaproteome than included these amino acid residues (Peptides IDs 31and 144) with few alternatives peptides corresponding to the protein of interest. Mass spectrometry conditions were optimized for each peptide (collision energy and S-lens), and analyzed using chromatographic scheduling to increase the multiplexing capabilities and resolution for each peptide analyte. These peptide sequences and optimization conditions are presented in Table S3 [\(PDF\)](http://dmoserv3.whoi.edu/data_docs/METZYME/Table_S3.pdf). Peptide abundances were calculated as a peak ratio of the corresponding isotopically labeled internal standard. Each internal standard was examined for its linear performance on the mass spectrometer using standard curves (Figure S17). Isotopically labeled standards were obtained from JPT Peptide Technologies, which contain a C-terminal peptide tag. The tag was released by tryptic digestion prior to analysis following the manufacturer's protocol. Chromatographic separation and mass spectrometry were performed using a Paradigm MS4 HPLC (Michrom Bioresources) coupled to a Thermo Vantage TSQ mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific) via an Advance capillary electrospray source (Michrom Bioresources). Samples were loaded on a peptide CapTrap prior to separation on a Magic C18AQ column (0.2 x 50 mm, 3 mm particle size, 200 Å pore size, Michrom Bioresources). Chromatographic separation was done with a 45 min gradient of 5% to 35% buffer B (where buffer A was 0.1% formic acid in water, Fisher Optima and buffer B was 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile, Fisher Optima) at 4 mL/min. Examples of methodological precision are shown in Figure S18 for triplicate analyses of two Station 6 samples.

Pigment and Nutrient Analyses

Nutrient analyses were conducted by nutrient autoanalyzer by Joe Jennings at Oregon State University as previously described (Noble et al. 2012). HPLC: Seawater samples (4 L) were filtered onto glass fibre filters (Whatman GF/F) and stored in liquid nitrogen until analysis. Samples were analyzed on an Agilent 1100 HPLC (High Performance Liquid Chromatography) system with diode array and fluorescence detection. Elution gradient and protocols were described in detail elsewhere (DiTullio et al. 2003).

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Data Processing Description

For targeted protein values, protein concentrations in fmol / microgram total protein were converted to fmol / liter seawater filtered by multiplying by the total protein extraction and dividing by the McLane pump volume filtered (per $\frac{1}{4}$ filter extracted).

BCO-DMO Processing:

- modified parameter names to conform with BCO-DMO naming conventions;

- replaced #N/A and blanks (missing data) with "nd" ("no data");

- corrected year from 0011 to 2011 in original Excel file;

- 01 Aug 2017: dataset was revised to include columns for date/time and cast numbers for each sampling system; names of the targeted metaproteomics were changed to conform with the recommended BioGeotraces naming conventions.

- 24 May 2018: made correction to a parameter name; changed

"PEP_NEAVENDLIVDNK_UDP_sulfoquin_Pro_PUMP" to "PEP_NEAVE0LIVDNK_UDP_sulfoquin_Pro_PUMP" per request of PI.

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Data Files

nutrients_metaproteome.csv(Comma Separated Values (.csv), 71.00 KB) MD5:365fabfeb49ffe373b2d3897fbeb6526 **File** Primary data file for dataset ID 646115

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Project Information

Connecting Trace Elements and Metalloenzymes Across Marine Biogeochemical Gradients (GPc03) (MetZyme)

Coverage: Tropical North Pacific along 150 degrees West from 18 degrees North to the equator

MetZyme project researchers will determine the role of enzymatic activity in the cycling of trace metals. Specifically the research will address the following questions: (1) degradation of sinking particulate organic material in the Tropical North Pacific can be influenced by the ability of microbes to synthesize zinc proteases, which in turn is controlled by the abundance or availability of zinc, and (2) methylation of mercury is controlled, in part, by the activity of cobalt-containing enzymes, and therefore the supply of labile cobalt to the corrinoidcontaining enzymes or co-factors responsible for methylation. To attain their goal, they will collect dissolved and particulate samples for trace metals and metalloenzymes from three stations along a biogeochemical gradient in the Tropical North Pacific (along 150 degrees West from 18 degrees North to the equator). Sinking particles from metal clean sediment traps will also be obtained. The samples will also be used to carry out shipboard incubation experiments using amendments of metals, metal-chelators, B12, and proteases to examine the sensitivity and metal limitation of heterotrophic, enzymatic degradation of organic matter within the oceanic "Twilight Zone" (100-500 m). This study will result in a novel metaproteomic/metalloenzyme datasets that should provide insights into the biogeochemical cycling of metals, as well as co-limitation of primary productivity and controls on the export of carbon from the photic zone. In addition to the final data being contributed to BCO-DMO, an online metaproteomic data server will be created so the community has access to the raw data files generated by this research.

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Program Information

U.S. GEOTRACES (U.S. GEOTRACES)

Website: <http://www.geotraces.org/>

Coverage: Global

GEOTRACES is a [SCOR](http://www.jhu.edu/scor/GEOTRACES.htm) sponsored program; and funding for program infrastructure development is provided by the U.S. National Science [Foundation](http://www.nsf.gov).

GEOTRACES gained momentum following a special symposium, S02: Biogeochemical cycling of trace elements and isotopes in the ocean and applications to constrain contemporary marine processes (GEOSECS II), at a 2003 Goldschmidt meeting convened in Japan. The GEOSECS II acronym referred to the Geochemical Ocean Section Studies To determine full water column distributions of selected trace elements and isotopes, including their concentration, chemical speciation, and physical form, along a sufficient number of sections in each ocean basin to establish the principal relationships between these distributions and with more traditional hydrographic parameters;

* To evaluate the sources, sinks, and internal cycling of these species and thereby characterize more completely the physical, chemical and biological processes regulating their distributions, and the sensitivity of these processes to global change; and

* To understand the processes that control the concentrations of geochemical species used for proxies of the past environment, both in the water column and in the substrates that reflect the water column.

GEOTRACES will be global in scope, consisting of ocean sections complemented by regional process studies. Sections and process studies will combine fieldwork, laboratory experiments and modelling. Beyond realizing the scientific objectives identified above, a natural outcome of this work will be to build a community of marine scientists who understand the processes regulating trace element cycles sufficiently well to exploit this knowledge reliably in future interdisciplinary studies.

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