

# Suspended particulate organic matter composition of three marsh ponds in PIE-LTER (Rowley, MA) from 2014.

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## Project

» [Eutrophication Effects on Sediment Metabolism and Benthic Algal-bacterial Coupling: An Application of Novel Techniques in a LTER Estuary](#) (Benthic\_PP\_at\_TIDE)

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## Abstract

Suspended particulate organic matter composition of three high marsh ponds within PIE-LTER. Data were collected over 11 weeks in the summer and fall of 2014.

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## Coverage

**Spatial Extent:** Lat:42.738349 Lon:-70.809432

**Temporal Extent:** 2014 - 2014

## Dataset Description

The three ponds are located in the high marsh (1.43-1.46 m above North American Vertical Datum of 1988) of the Plum Island Ecosystems – Long Term Ecological Research (PIE-LTER) site. Suspended POM in pond surface waters was collected weekly in 1 L combusted glass bottles and filtered through combusted glass fiber filters (June 25-August 13, November 11-25, 2014) and analyzed for TOC, TN,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ , and  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ . All samples were frozen (-20 °C) until analysis. Samples were prepared for elemental and isotopic analyses by drying to constant mass (60 °C) and fuming with hydrochloric (HCl) acid to remove carbonates (Hedges and Stern 1984). Analyses were performed by the Stable Isotope Laboratory at the Marine Biological Laboratory (Woods Hole, MA). Isotopic data are reported in the conventional  $\delta$ -notation in units of per mil (‰).

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## Data Processing Description

### BCO-DMO Data Processing Notes:

- reformatted column names to comply with BCO-DMO standards
- filled in blank cells with "nd"

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## Data Files

File
<b>POM.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 4.05 KB) MD5:587c68d98a31885e33fd3cee992d0d06 Primary data file for dataset ID 738178

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## Related Publications

Spivak, A. C., Gosselin, K. M., & Sylva, S. P. (2018). Shallow ponds are biogeochemically distinct habitats in salt marsh ecosystems. *Limnology and Oceanography*. doi:[10.1002/lno.10797](https://doi.org/10.1002/lno.10797)

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## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
season	Season at time of sampling	unitless
Tide	Tide type	unitless
week	Week number	unitless
Pond	Site number	unitless
TOC	Percent total organic carbon	percent
mg_C_L	Carbon per liter	milligrams per liter
mg_N_L	Nitrogen per liter	milligrams per liter
d13C	d13C in per mil	per mil
TN	Percent total nitrogen	percent
d15N	d15N in units of per mil	per mill

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## Instruments

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	Isotope mass spectrometer
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Isotope-ratio Mass Spectrometer
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	Extracted and analyzed isotopes
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	The Isotope-ratio Mass Spectrometer is a particular type of mass spectrometer used to measure the relative abundance of isotopes in a given sample (e.g. VG Prism II Isotope Ratio Mass-Spectrometer).

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## Deployments

### Plum\_Island

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/669365">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/669365</a>
<b>Platform</b>	shoreside Massachusetts
<b>Start Date</b>	2012-07-27
<b>End Date</b>	2012-08-15
<b>Description</b>	Plum Island, MA; LTER sites

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## Project Information

### Eutrophication Effects on Sediment Metabolism and Benthic Algal-bacterial Coupling: An Application of Novel Techniques in a LTER Estuary (Benthic\_PP\_at\_TIDE)

**Coverage:** Plum Island Estuary, Rowley Massachusetts

*Extracted from the NSF award abstract:*

This project will address how rates of benthic microalgal production respond to eutrophication and geomorphological changes in human-impacted tidal creeks. Excess nutrient loading increases benthic algal biomass and likely stimulates production rates but the magnitude of nutrient and geomorphological effects on rates of production is unknown. Will changes in benthic algal productivity affect algal-bacterial coupling? Furthermore, how is algal-bacterial coupling affected by geomorphological changes, which may be exacerbated by excess nutrient loading but can also occur in pristine marshes?

This project will take advantage of the infrastructure of the TIDE project, a long-term saltmarsh eutrophication experiment at the Plum Island Ecosystem - Long Term Ecological Research site in Northeastern Massachusetts. Specifically, the Pls will measure benthic metabolism and examine algal- bacterial coupling in fertilized and ambient nutrient tidal creeks in the first field season. The following field season, they will compare sediment metabolism and carbon dynamics on slumped tidal creek walls (i.e. areas where low marsh has collapsed into the tidal creek) to that on the bottom of tidal creeks. In both years, gross and net production will be determined using an innovative triple oxygen isotope technique and traditional dissolved oxygen and

inorganic carbon flux measurements. Comparisons between these methods will be useful in informing studies of sediment metabolism. Lipid biomarkers will be used to characterize the sources of organic matter to creek sediments, and stable isotope analysis of bacterial specific biomarkers to identify the sources of organic carbon utilized by sediment bacteria. The biomarkers will reveal whether sediment bacteria use organic matter substrates, such as benthic microalgal carbon, selectively or in proportion to availability. Overall, results from the proposed study will provide important information about how sediment carbon dynamics in shallow tidal creeks respond to long term eutrophication. Furthermore, findings will enhance understanding of the role of tidal creeks in coastal biogeochemistry.

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## Funding

Funding Source	Award
<a href="#">NSF Division of Ocean Sciences (NSF OCE)</a>	<a href="#">OCE-1233678</a>

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