

# Nutrients and pigments from HPLC analysis for fire ash deposition to coastal ocean study, southern California, December 2017

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**Data Type:** Cruise Results

**Version:** 1

**Version Date:** 2019-04-22

## Project

» [RAPID: Biogeochemical effects of fire ash deposition to the coastal ocean, in response to the 2017 Southern California fires](#) (FADCO)

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## Abstract

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## Coverage

**Spatial Extent:** N:34.367 E:-117.734 S:32.867 W:-120.072

**Temporal Extent:** 2017-12-16 - 2017-12-22

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## Dataset Description

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## Methods & Sampling

POC: 500 mL seawater was filtered from depths above 100 m. One L seawater was filtered for depths below 100 m. All seawater samples were filtered gently via vacuum (<10 mm Hg) through 25 mm (0.7 µm) Whatman GF/F filters that were precombusted at 450°C for 4 hours. Filters were folded in quarters and stored in pre-combusted (450°C for 4 h) glass scintillation vials. Samples were stored at -20°C until analysis at the UC Santa Barbara Marine Science Institute Analytical Lab on an Automated Organic Elemental Analyzer following the Dumas combustion method.

Nutrients: 40 mL of seawater was directly filtered from the Niskin bottle through a 0.8 µm polycarbonate filter housed in a 47 mm polycarbonate filter holder into a sterile 50 mL conical centrifuge tube. Samples were

stored at -20°C until analysis at the UC Santa Barbara Marine Science Institute Analytical Lab via flow-injection analysis on a QuickChem 8500 Series 2.

HPLC: Approximately 2 L seawater was filtered through 25 mm (0.7 µm) Whatman GF/F filters. Filters were folded in half, stored in foil packets, and put immediately in liquid nitrogen, where they were kept through shipment to and until analysis at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. HPLC pigments were analyzed by Crystal Thomas following Van Heukelem and Thomas (2001): <https://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/fsg/hplc/>

Quality flags reflect those used by the World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE):

- 1: sample taken
- 2: acceptable measurement
- 3: questionable measurement
- 4: bad measurement
- 5: not reported
- 9: no sample drawn

## Data Processing Description

### BCO-DMO Processing Notes:

- added conventional header with dataset name, PI name, version date

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## Data Files

| File  |
|---|
| <b>FADCO_nuts_hplc.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 231.45 KB)<br>MD5:8f9f151d55ddfada034696e6a7cdb02f |
| Primary data file for dataset ID 765868   |

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## Parameters

| Parameter    | Description                               | Units           |
|--------------|---|-----------------|
| Cruise       | Cruise Number                             | unitless        |
| Station      | Station Number                            | unitless        |
| Time_Stamp   | Date & Time formatted as yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm | unitless        |
| Latitude     | latitude; north is positive               | decimal degrees |
| Longitude    | longitude; east is positive               | decimal degrees |
| Bottom_Z     | Bottom Depth                              | meters          |
| CruiseCN     | Cruise Cast Number                        | unitless        |
| Niskin       | Niskin Bottle Number                      | unitless        |
| Target_Z     | Niskin Target Depth                       | meters          |
| Conductivity | conductivity from sensor                  | S/m             |
| BeamAt       | Beam Attenuation from sensor              | 1/m             |
| BeamT        | percent Beam Transmission from sensor     | unitless        |
| Density00    | Density from sensor                       | kg m3           |

|                 |   |                      |
|-----------------|---|----------------------|
| Z               | Depth from sensor                         | meters               |
| Fluorescence    | fluorescence from sensor                  | mg m-3               |
| Oxygen          | Oxygen from sensor                        | ml L-1               |
| Par             | Photosynthetically Available Radiation    | umol photons m-2 s-1 |
| Salinity        | salinity                                  | psu                  |
| Temperature     | temperature                               | degrees C            |
| Pressure        | pressure                                  | db                   |
| Neutral_Density | neutral density                           | kg m3                |
| Sigma_Theta     | potential density                         | kg m3                |
| Potential_Temp  | potential temperature                     | degrees C            |
| PO4             | Phosphate                                 | umol P L-1           |
| PO4_QF          | Phosphate Quality Flag                    | unitless             |
| SiO4            | Silicate                                  | umol Si L-1          |
| SiO4_QF         | Silicate Quality Flag                     | unitless             |
| NO2             | Nitrite                                   | umol N L-1           |
| NO2_QF          | Nitrite Quality Flag                      | unitless             |
| NO2_NO3         | Nitrite + Nitrate                         | umol N L-1           |
| NO2_NO3_QF      | Nitrite + Nitrate Quality Flag            | unitless             |
| NH4             | Ammonia                                   | umol N L-1           |
| NH4_QF          | Ammonia Quality Flag                      | unitless             |
| POC             | Particulate Organic Carbon                | ug L-1               |
| POC_QF          | Particulate Organic Carbon Quality Flag   | unitless             |
| PON             | Particulate Organic Nitrogen              | ug L-1               |
| PON_QF          | Particulate Organic Nitrogen Quality Flag | unitless             |
| TChl_a          | Chlorophyll a from HPLC                   | mg m-3               |
| TChl_b          | Chlorophyll b from HPLC                   | mg m-3               |
| TChl_c          | Chlorophyll c from HPLC                   | mg m-3               |
| Alpha_beta_Car  | Alpha beta carotene from HPLC             | mg m-3               |
| But_fuco        | 19'-Butanoyloxyfucoxanthin from HPLC      | mg m-3               |
| Hex_fuco        | 19'-hexanoyloxyfucoxanthin from HPLC      | mg m-3               |
| Allo            | Alloxanthin from HPLC                     | mg m-3               |
| Diadino         | Diadinoxanthin from HPLC                  | mg m-3               |
| Diato           | Diatoxanthin from HPLC                    | mg m-3               |
| Fuco            | Fucoxanthin from HPLC                     | mg m-3               |
| Perid           | Peridinin from HPLC                       | mg m-3               |
| Zea             | Zeaxanthin from HPLC                      | mg m-3               |
| MV_ChI_a        | Monovinyl Chlorophyll a from HPLC         | mg m-3               |
| DV_ChI_a        | Divinyl Chlorophyll a from HPLC           | mg m-3               |
| Chlide_a        | Chlorophyllide from HPLC                  | mg m-3               |
| MV_ChI_b        | Monovinyl Chlorophyll b from HPLC         | mg m-3               |
| DV_ChI_b        | Divinyl Chlorophyll b from HPLC           | mg m-3               |

|          |                                |        |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Chl_c2   | Chlorophyll C2 from HPLC       | mg m-3 |
| Chl_c3   | Chlorophyll C3 from HPLC       | mg m-3 |
| Lut      | Lutein [ug/L]                  | mg m-3 |
| Neo      | Neoxanthin from HPLC           | mg m-3 |
| Viola    | Violaxanthin from HPLC         | mg m-3 |
| Phytin_a | Total pheophytin a from HPLC   | mg m-3 |
| Phide_a  | Total pheophorbide a from HPLC | mg m-3 |
| Pras     | Prasinoxanthin from HPLC       | mg m-3 |

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## Instruments

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|---|---|
| <b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b> |   |
| <b>Generic Instrument Name</b>          | CTD Sea-Bird SBE 911plus  |
| <b>Generic Instrument Description</b>   | The Sea-Bird SBE 911 plus is a type of CTD instrument package for continuous measurement of conductivity, temperature and pressure. The SBE 911 plus includes the SBE 9plus Underwater Unit and the SBE 11plus Deck Unit (for real-time readout using conductive wire) for deployment from a vessel. The combination of the SBE 9 plus and SBE 11 plus is called a SBE 911 plus. The SBE 9 plus uses Sea-Bird's standard modular temperature and conductivity sensors (SBE 3 plus and SBE 4). The SBE 9 plus CTD can be configured with up to eight auxiliary sensors to measure other parameters including dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, fluorescence, light (PAR), light transmission, etc.). more information from Sea-Bird Electronics |

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|---|---|
| <b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b> |   |
| <b>Generic Instrument Name</b>          | Niskin bottle   |
| <b>Generic Instrument Description</b>   | A Niskin bottle (a next generation water sampler based on the Nansen bottle) is a cylindrical, non-metallic water collection device with stoppers at both ends. The bottles can be attached individually on a hydrowire or deployed in 12, 24, or 36 bottle Rosette systems mounted on a frame and combined with a CTD. Niskin bottles are used to collect discrete water samples for a range of measurements including pigments, nutrients, plankton, etc. |

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## Deployments

SR1718

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|--------------------|---|
| <b>Website</b>     | <a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/777408">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/777408</a> |
| <b>Platform</b>    | R/V Sally Ride  |
| <b>Start Date</b>  | 2017-12-16  |
| <b>End Date</b>    | 2017-12-22  |
| <b>Description</b> | Sampling for project ACIDD: Across the Channel: Investigating Diel                                |

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## Project Information

### **RAPID: Biogeochemical effects of fire ash deposition to the coastal ocean, in response to the 2017 Southern California fires (FADCO)**

**Coverage:** Santa Barbara Channel

NSF Award Abstract:

Massive wildfires in coastal regions cause ash to fall into the ocean, with unknown impacts. Ash contains chemical elements and materials that can encourage the growth of microscopic organisms in the surface ocean. The Thomas Fire has burned over 240,000 acres in southern California since Dec 4, 2017. The winds have carried a plume of smoke, ash and soot more than 1000 km over the Santa Barbara Channel. The intellectual merit of this RAPID project focuses on the impact of fire ash supply to coastal ocean ecosystems, by studying the 2017 Thomas Fire. This is achieved through a combination of experiments and environmental measurements, including an oceanographic expedition to the affected area aboard the R/V Sally Ride. The broader impacts of this award include the shipboard training of more than twelve graduate students as well as providing insight as to effects of the Thomas Fire on the coastal ocean.

Massive wildfires can couple terrestrial ecosystems to coastal ocean ecosystems through depositional and runoff processes. The Thomas Fire, which began on Dec 4, 2017, has burned over 240,000 acres and the persistent offshore winds created a plume of smoke, ash and soot that extended over 1000 km off shore. This unfortunate circumstance provides an opportunity to investigate the impact of ash deposition on the coastal ocean. This research entails a series of incubation experiments and measurements designed to assess the impact of fire ash deposition on the biogeochemistry of the coastal ocean. Specifically, the research tests the hypothesis that the deposition of wildfire-derived particulate matter to the coastal ocean impacts the planktonic communities of the upper water column, providing nutrients that facilitate blooms of phytoplankton, leaching dissolved organic carbon to surface waters that feeds heterotrophic bacterial populations, and serving as a source of sinking particulate matter that feeds heterotrophic bacterial populations deeper in the water column. These hypotheses are tested through a series of experiments at sea and in the home laboratories, and through shipboard measurements and analysis of samples collected from impacted waters.

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## Funding

| Funding Source   | Award                       |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <a href="#">NSF Division of Ocean Sciences (NSF OCE)</a> | <a href="#">OCE-1821916</a> |

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