

# Processed CTD profile data from both rosettes (GTC and ODF) deployed on the US GEOTRACES GP17-OCE cruise on R/V Roger Revelle (RR2214) from December 2022 to January 2023

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**Data Type:** Cruise Results

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## Project

» [US GEOTRACES GP17 Section: South Pacific and Southern Ocean \(GP17-OCE\)](#) (GP17-OCE)

## Program

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## Abstract

This dataset includes the processed CTD profile data from both rosettes (GTC and ODF) deployed on the US GEOTRACES GP17-OCE cruise on R/V Roger Revelle (RR2214) from December 2022 to January 2023. Data are binned to 2 meters. Data were processed by the Oceanographic Data Facility (ODF) at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

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## Coverage

**Spatial Extent:** N:-19.9998 E:-75.0972 S:-67.0002 W:-152.00031

**Temporal Extent:** 2022-12-03 - 2023-01-24

## Dataset Description

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## Methods & Sampling

**Excerpts from the GP17-OCE Cruise Report:**

The Cutter group (ODU) and the East Coast van and winch pools provided the GEOTRACES Trace Element Carousel sampling system (GTC), including the A-frame, Dynacon winch with 7300 m of Vectran cable with conductors, clean lab van, and Seabird 9/11+ carousel/CTD with 24 x 12L Go-Flo bottles (+spares).

The GTC sensor array was re-calibrated immediately prior to the GP17-OCE cruise. The sensor array consisted of dual SBE-9 temperature and salinity sensors (calibration date: 23 June 2022), an SBE-43 dissolved oxygen sensor (calibration date: 9 Aug 2022), a Seapoint fluorometer, a Benthos altimeter, and a WetLabs C-Star transmissometer (calibration date: 12 July 2022). The "Salinity-2" sensor on the CTD physically broke after Station 36 and was replaced with a spare calibrated from the same set (and calibration values updated accordingly). The Bishop (UC Berkeley), Lam (UC Santa Cruz), and Ohnemus (UGA Skidaway) groups also installed on the GTC a birefringence sensor that detects particulate inorganic carbon (PIC) at all stations/depths (observed as "Voltage 7" in the GTC CTD data). The Fitzsimmons lab (TAMU) also installed a logging, non-conducting MAPR (Miniature Autonomous Plume Recorder) sensor suite on the rosette frame at deep casts of Stations 18 and 20 in order to collect turbidity and oxidation/reduction potential data near the hydrothermal plumes.

The 36-place Scripps ODF rosette was used to sample water for less contamination-prone elements. Cutter (ODU, co-cruise leader), along with Marty Fleisher (LDEO) and Jule Middleton (WHOI) were responsible for managing the water budget and overall sampling of the ODF rosette.

For more information on CTD deployments and processing, see the cruise report available from BODC at [https://www.bodc.ac.uk/resources/inventories/cruise\\_inventory/reports/rogerrevelle\\_rr2214.pdf](https://www.bodc.ac.uk/resources/inventories/cruise_inventory/reports/rogerrevelle_rr2214.pdf)

## Data Processing Description

WOCE CTD Quality Code descriptions can be found at <https://exchange-format.readthedocs.io/en/latest/quality.html#ctd-quality-codes>, and are replicated below:

- 1: Not calibrated.
- 2: Acceptable measurement.
- 3: Questionable measurement.
- 4: Bad measurement.
- 5: Not reported.
- 6: Interpolated over a pressure interval larger than 2 dbar.
- 7: Despiked.
- (8): Not used for CTD data.
- 9: Not sampled.

## BCO-DMO Processing Description

- Imported original file "data\_from\_WHP\_CTD\_Collection\_2023-11-20T11-23-11.txt" into the BCO-DMO system.
- Renamed fields to comply with BCO-DMO naming conventions.
- Converted the date/time column to ISO 8601 format and renamed the column "ISO\_DateTime\_UTC".
- Added column for Longitude on -180 to 180 scale.
- Removed empty columns: EXPOCODE, SECT\_ID, STNNBR, CRUISE REPORT, SOURCE FILE NAME.
- Saved the final file as "944794\_v1\_gp17-oce\_ctd\_profiles.csv".

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## Parameters

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Units</b>
Cruise	Cruise ID and EXPOCODE	unitless
Station	Station number	unitless
Type	Data type; C = CTD	unitless
ISO_DateTime_UTC	Date and time (UTC) in ISO 8601 format	unitless
Longitude_360	Longitude in degrees East (0 to 360)	decimal degrees
Longitude	Longitude in degrees East (-180 to 180); negative values = West direction	decimal degrees
Latitude	Latitude in degrees North; negative values = South direction	decimal degrees
Bot_Depth	Bottom depth	meters (m)
Comments	Comments/notes	unitless
CTDPRS	The corrected pressure as measured by the CTD	decibars (db)
QV_WOCECTD_CTDPRS	WOCE quality flag for CTD data	unitless
CTDTMP	The corrected temperature as measured by the CTD [ITS-90]	degrees Celsius
QV_WOCECTD_CDTMP	WOCE quality flag for CTD data	unitless
CTDSAL	The corrected practical salinity as measured (calculated) by the CTD [PSS-78]	PSU
QV_WOCECTD_CTDSAL	WOCE quality flag for CTD data	unitless
CTDOXY	The corrected oxygen measured by the CTD	micromoles per kilogram (umol/kg)
QV_WOCECTD_CTDOXY	WOCE quality flag for CTD data	unitless

CTDXMISS	Transmissometer reading in volts	0-5 volts direct current (VDC)
QV_WOCECTD_CTDXMISS	WOCE quality flag for CTD data	unitless
CTDFLUOR	Fluorometer reading in volts	0-5 volts direct current (VDC)
QV_WOCECTD_CTDFLUOR	WOCE quality flag for CTD data	unitless
CTDORP	Oxidation-reduction (or redox) potential sensor	millivolts
QF_CTDORP	WOCE quality flag for CTD data	unitless
CTDTURB	Turbidity reading in FTU	FTU
QF_CTDTURB	WOCE quality flag for CTD data	unitless
QV_WOCECTD_SAMPLE	WOCE quality flag for CTD data	unitless

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## Instruments

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Altimeter
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	An instrument that measures height above a fixed surface. The data can be used to map ocean-surface topography and generate gridded surface height fields.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	CTD Sea-Bird 9
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	The Sea-Bird SBE 9 is a type of CTD instrument package. The SBE 9 is the Underwater Unit and is most often combined with the SBE 11 Deck Unit (for real-time readout using conductive wire) when deployed from a research vessel. The combination of the SBE 9 and SBE 11 is called a SBE 911. The SBE 9 uses Sea-Bird's standard modular temperature and conductivity sensors (SBE 3 and SBE 4). The SBE 9 CTD can be configured with auxiliary sensors to measure other parameters including dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, fluorometer, altimeter, etc.). Note that in most cases, it is more accurate to specify SBE 911 than SBE 9 since it is likely a SBE 11 deck unit was used. more information from Sea-Bird Electronics

<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

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	Seapoint fluorometer
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Fluorometer
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	A fluorometer or fluorimeter is a device used to measure parameters of fluorescence: its intensity and wavelength distribution of emission spectrum after excitation by a certain spectrum of light. The instrument is designed to measure the amount of stimulated electromagnetic radiation produced by pulses of electromagnetic radiation emitted into a water sample or in situ.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Sea-Bird SBE 43 Dissolved Oxygen Sensor
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	The Sea-Bird SBE 43 dissolved oxygen sensor is a redesign of the Clark polarographic membrane type of dissolved oxygen sensors. more information from Sea-Bird Electronics

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	WET Labs {Sea-Bird WETLabs} C-Star transmissometer
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	The C-Star transmissometer has a novel monolithic housing with a highly integrated opto-electronic design to provide a low cost, compact solution for underwater measurements of beam transmittance. The C-Star is capable of free space measurements or flow-through sampling when used with a pump and optical flow tubes. The sensor can be used in profiling, moored, or underway applications. Available with a 6000 m depth rating. More information on Sea-Bird website: <a href="https://www.seabird.com/c-star-transmissometer/product?id=60762467717">https://www.seabird.com/c-star-transmissometer/product?id=60762467717</a>

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## Deployments

## RR2214

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/905754">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/905754</a>
<b>Platform</b>	R/V Roger Revelle
<b>Report</b>	<a href="https://www.bodc.ac.uk/resources/inventories/cruise_inventory/reports/rogerrevelle_rr2214.pdf">https://www.bodc.ac.uk/resources/inventories/cruise_inventory/reports/rogerrevelle_rr2214.pdf</a>
<b>Start Date</b>	2022-12-01
<b>End Date</b>	2023-01-25
<b>Description</b>	<p>The U.S. GEOTRACES GP17-OCE expedition departed Papeete, Tahiti (French Polynesia) on December 1st, 2022 and arrived in Punta Arenas, Chile on January 25th, 2023. The cruise took place in the South Pacific and Southern Oceans aboard the R/V Roger Revelle with a team of 34 scientists led by Ben Twining (Chief Scientist), Jessica Fitzsimmons, and Greg Cutter (Co-Chief Scientists). GP17 was planned as a two-leg expedition, with its first leg (GP17-OCE) as a southward extension of the 2018 GP15 Alaska-Tahiti expedition and a second leg (GP17-ANT; December 2023-January 2024) into coastal and shelf waters of Antarctica's Amundsen Sea. The GP17-OCE section encompassed three major transects: (1) a southbound pseudo-meridional section (~152-135 degrees West) from 20 degrees South to 67 degrees South; (2) an eastbound zonal transect from 135 degrees West to 100 degrees West; (3) and a northbound section returning to Chile (100-75 degrees West). Additional cruise information is available from the following sources: R2R: <a href="https://www.rvdata.us/search/cruise/RR2214">https://www.rvdata.us/search/cruise/RR2214</a> CCHDO: <a href="https://cchdo.ucsd.edu/cruise/33RR20221201">https://cchdo.ucsd.edu/cruise/33RR20221201</a> More information can also be found at: <a href="https://usgeotraces.ldeo.columbia.edu/content/gp17-oce">https://usgeotraces.ldeo.columbia.edu/content/gp17-oce</a></p>

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## Project Information

### US GEOTRACES GP17 Section: South Pacific and Southern Ocean (GP17-OCE) (GP17-OCE)

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

**Coverage:** Papeete, Tahiti to Punta Arenas, Chile

The U.S. GEOTRACES GP17-OCE expedition departed Papeete, Tahiti (French Polynesia) on December 1st, 2022 and arrived in Punta Arenas, Chile on January 25th, 2023. The cruise took place in the South Pacific and Southern Oceans aboard the R/V Roger Revelle (cruise ID RR2214) with a team of 34 scientists lead by Ben Twining (Chief Scientist), Jessica Fitzsimmons and Greg Cutter (Co-Chief Scientists). GP17 was planned as a two-leg expedition, with its first leg (GP17-OCE) as a southward extension of the 2018 GP15 Alaska-Tahiti expedition and a second leg (GP17-ANT; December 2023-January 2024) into coastal and shelf waters of Antarctica's Amundsen Sea.

The South Pacific and Southern Oceans sampled by GP17-OCE play critical roles in global water mass circulation and associated global transfer of heat, carbon, and nutrients. Specific oceanographic regions of interest for GP17-OCE included: the most oligotrophic gyre in the global ocean, the Antarctic Circumpolar Current (ACC) frontal region, the previously unexplored Pacific- Antarctic Ridge, the Pacific Deep Water (PDW) flow along the continental slope of South America, and the continental margin inputs potentially emanating from South America.

Further information is available on the [US GEOTRACES website](#) and in the [cruise report](#) (PDF).

*NSF Project Title:* Collaborative Research: Management and Implementation of US GEOTRACES GP17 Section: South Pacific and Southern Ocean (GP17-OCE)

*NSF Award Abstract:*

This award will support the management and implementation of a research expedition from Tahiti to Chile that will enable sampling for a broad suite of trace elements and isotopes (TEI) across oceanographic regions of importance to global nutrient and carbon cycling as part of the U.S. GEOTRACES program. GEOTRACES is a global effort in the field of Chemical Oceanography, the goal of which is to understand the distributions of trace

elements and their isotopes in the ocean. Determining the distributions of these elements and isotopes will increase understanding of processes that shape their distributions, such as ocean currents and material fluxes, and also the processes that depend on these elements, such as the growth of phytoplankton and the support of ocean ecosystems. The proposed cruise will cross the South Pacific Gyre, the Antarctic Circumpolar Current, iron-limited Antarctic waters, and the Chilean margin. In combination with a proposed companion GEOTRACES expedition on a research icebreaker (GP17-ANT) that will be joined by two overlapping stations, the team of investigators will create an ocean section from the ocean's most nutrient-poor waters to its highly-productive Antarctic polar region - a region that plays an outsized role in modulating the global carbon cycle. The expedition will support and provide management infrastructure for additional participating science projects focused on measuring specific external fluxes and internal cycling of TEIs along this section.

The South Pacific Gyre and Pacific sector of the Southern Ocean play critical roles in global water mass circulation and associated global transfer of heat, carbon, and nutrients, but they are chronically understudied for TEIs due to their remote locale. These are regions of strong, dynamic fronts where sub-surface water masses upwell and subduct, and biological and chemical processes in these zones determine nutrient stoichiometries and tracer concentrations in waters exported to lower latitudes. The Pacific sector represents an end member of extremely low external TEI surface fluxes and thus an important region to constrain inputs from the rapidly-changing Antarctic continent. Compared to other ocean basins, TEI cycling in these regions is thought to be dominated by internal cycling processes such as biological uptake, regeneration, and scavenging, and these are poorly represented in global ocean models. The cruise will enable funded investigators to address research questions such as: 1) what are relative rates of external TEI fluxes to this region, including dust, sediment, hydrothermal, and cryospheric fluxes? 2) What are the (micro) nutrient regimes that support productivity, and what impacts do biomass accumulation, export, and regeneration have on TEI cycling and stoichiometries of exported material? 3) What are TEI and nutrient stoichiometries of subducting water masses, and how do scavenging and regeneration impact these during transport northward? This management project has several objectives: 1) plan and coordinate a 55-day research cruise in 2021-2022; 2) use both conventional and trace-metal 'clean' sampling systems to obtain TEI samples, as well as facilitate sampling for atmospheric aerosols and large volume particles and radionuclides; 3) acquire hydrographic data and samples for salinity, dissolved oxygen, algal pigments, and macro-nutrients; and deliver these data to relevant repositories; 4) ensure that proper QA/QC protocols, as well as GEOTRACES intercalibration protocols, are followed and reported; 5) prepare the final cruise report to be posted with data; 6) coordinate between all funded cruise investigators, as well as with leaders of proposed GP17-ANT cruise; and 7) conduct broader impact efforts that will engage the public in oceanographic research using immersive technology. The motivations for and at-sea challenges of this work will be communicated to the general public through creation of immersive 360/Virtual Reality experiences, via a collaboration with the Texas A&M University Visualization LIVE Lab. Through Virtual Reality, users will experience firsthand what life and TEI data collection at sea entail. Virtual reality/digital games and 360° experiences will be distributed through GEOTRACES outreach websites, through PI engagement with local schools, libraries, STEM summer camps, and adult service organizations, and through a collaboration with the National Academy of Sciences.

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## Program Information

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

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

**Coverage:** Global

**GEOTRACES** is a [SCOR](#) sponsored program; and funding for program infrastructure development is provided by the [U.S. National Science Foundation](#).

GEOTRACES gained momentum following a special symposium, SO2: 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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## Funding

Funding Source	Award
<a href="#">NSF Division of Ocean Sciences (NSF OCE)</a>	<a href="#">OCE-2023315</a>
<a href="#">NSF Division of Ocean Sciences (NSF OCE)</a>	<a href="#">OCE-2023206</a>
<a href="#">NSF Division of Ocean Sciences (NSF OCE)</a>	<a href="#">OCE-2023237</a>

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