GP17 in the context of the global survey



SeaWiFS - Annual Mean Chlorophyll



Chlorophyll a Concentration (mg/m³) 0.01 0.1 1.0 10 60

https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=4097

GP17 - Lowest model dust flux in the Southern Ocean

b. Model Deposition (g m⁻² yr⁻¹)



Are surface Fe concentrations correlated with modern (model) dust flux? Test by comparing GP17 with other sections (pink). *Dust model of Albani, Mahowald et al., 2014*

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Fe and N have similar distributions in the north, dissimilar in the south. Causes & consequences for ecosystems?

Complements of Chris Measures & Mariko Hatta



SPSG: High Al coincides with low Fe – ultra-low scavenging intensity? Complements of Chris Measures & Mariko Hatta



Low AI in the Southern Ocean – diatom scavenging? Complements of Chris Measures & Mariko Hatta

GP17 Tentative Cruise Track



NBP1702 with Orsi climatological fronts



Temp and Salinity

A little tricky to say what the northward extent of the subsurface T minimum is – seems to go much further north than what you'd usually call the APF



Oxygen

Obvious $\rm O_2$ minimum associated with UCDW



dSi and bSi

Consistency between SiOH₄ drawdown at 61-63°S with highest bSi values there – region of most intense diatom productivity. High SiOH₄ south of 63S (incomplete utilization of nutrients supplied by deep winter mixing?), low SiOH₄ in waters carried north of ~61S by Ekman transport





Picture from Si* is the same – surface Si* values are lowest at 62S, higher but still negative at 63S, and positive at 64S.

Note 500m depth scale
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What is the source of dFe to support this diatom growth?

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What other TEIs are scavenged by opal as well? Al?

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Sampling resolution

Standard GEOTRACES sampling at 5° resolution could miss the zone of maximum diatom productivity

Higher resolution sampling is essential

Iron source and implications South of the APF

JGOFS Hypothesis:

Fe scarcity limits dSi utilization south of the SBACC Implications:

dFe in upwelled UCDW is sufficient for complete dSi consumption dFe is much lower in LCDW upwelled further south

Question: If so, is higher dFe in UCDW hydrothermal?

Iron source and implications North of the APF

Fe Recycling Hypothesis:

Landing: Aerosol source of Fe is sufficient for PP in the N Pacific Aerosol Fe is insufficient for PP in the S Pacific

(P6 TEI data + Satellite-based models)

H1: Lateral source of bioavailable dFe

H2: Plankton recycle Fe more efficiently in the S Pacific (Rafter hypothesis)

Invoked by Schlosser et al. for S Atlantic

Testable using siderophore measurements (Rene Boiteau/ Dan Repeta)

Particles in the SPSG with ultra low dust fluxes should have high Fe/Ti ratios if there is a source of dFe from upwelling or from lateral transport by currents.

N fixation: Controls and Consequences GP15 + GP17 will sample:

3 regimes w/o N fixation (SNP, EqPac, So Ocean) 2 regimes with N fixation (NPSG, SPSG)

Wang et al., Nature, 2019 (w/ News & Views by Gruber) offer predictions (hypotheses) about global N fixation testable with GEOTRACES data on GP15 + GP17

Do dissolved and particulate TEI data (including N isotopes) support these paradigms? What role does Fe play?

Compare with N Atlantic (GA03) to test hypothesis that low P limits N fixation in the N Atlantic (needs GEOTRACES nano nutrients)

So Ocean processes set end-member water mass micronutrient composition

Biological uptake:

For Cd, Zn, others (?) is much greater in the Southern Ocean than at lower latitudes. Why?

H1: Response to Fe limitation

H2: dMe in upwelled water exceeds ligand concentrationHigh concentrations of free inorganic ions"Luxury" uptake of free metal

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Regeneration:

For Cd, Zn, others (?) is much greater in the Southern Ocean than at lower latitudes (because of high uptake).

High latitude data needed to set end-member Me/P ratios

Essential for OMPA analysis to derive regenerated TEIs at lower latitudes

Not only micronutrients

e.g., OMPA evidence for substantial benthic REE source

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But - Martin power law absolute "b" values (0.2 – 0.5) seem to be too small (both in SoOc and at low latitudes) Based on inverse model of Roshan et al. (2018)

Testable using GEOTRACES data Calculate "b" values for TEIs across gradients in nutrients, productivity and ecosystems





PDW flux to SoOcean concentrated along eastern boundary ²⁰[%] ³He distribution and flow in the layer 27.98 kg m⁻³ < γ^{n} < 28 kg m⁻³ Observations a) b) Posterior mean

Faure & Speer, 2012 See also Tamsitt et al. 2017, 2018



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GP17 cruise and proposal timeline

Tentative timeline for discussion (working backwards)

Cruise(s)	Nov 2021 – Feb 2022
Fill-gap proposals	Feb 2021
PI proposals	Aug 2020
Management proposal	Feb 2020

If two ships then back to back or in sequential years?

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BIOSOPE – Deep Chlorophyll Maximum



HLN GYR EGY UPW 1718 19 20 21 UPX MAR 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 0 0.25 100 Depth (m) 1.5 200 0.25 300 0.5 400 -Δ 500 120°W 100°W 80°W 140°W

Are colloidal TEIS removed from the DCM under extreme: 1) low dust input 2) Deep DCM?

From Claustre et al., 2008

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Updated map δ^3 He at 2500 m

From Frankie Pavia, LDEO

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Why? Low Fe supply? Deep mixed layers?



SE Pacific – Deep Winter Mixed Layers



But MLD in summer seems not to be exceptional. Snapshot from monthly animation at: <u>https://www.pmel.noaa.gov/mimoc/mimoc_gallery.html</u>

Eddy-driven upwelling hot-spots associated with topography



Locations where particles released in deep water at 30°S upwell across 200 m. Upwelling is concentrated in 5 regions of topography GP17 will sample at 2 locations downstream of PAR hot spot – Fe gradient? *Tamsitt et al., 2017*

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High biomass in some areas suggest benthic source of iron stimulating phytoplankton growth



SeaWiFS Images prepared for CROZEX Program Courtesy of Raymond Pollard SOC South-to-North section of dissolved Fe near 90°W (in red on map) from de Baar et al. (1999)



South



Amundsen sea summary from Pete Sedwick

Dissolved Fe data from Pine Island Polynya (Gerringa et al., 2012) and GPpr03 cruise report



North

North-to-South DFe section along box in map

DFe profiles from Stn 3 (see map) and Stn 160 (in ACC near 66°30'S, 128°W)

South

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Dissolved trace metal data from Amundsen Sea Polynya (Sherrell et al., 2015) – Shelf sediment and ice shelf metal sources.



North-to-South DFe section along box in map Does not extend beyond shelf break.

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High TM concentrations (except Mn) extend beyond the shelf break - Sherrell unpublished

CLIVAR SP4 - 2011



Chris Measures – unpublished data, figures from Poster at 2012 OSM





East – West gradients in macronutrients May also influence diatom productivity



High NO₃ and low Si in the east; Uniformly low Fe except near margins

Nowotarski, Morton, Neeley, Hatta, Landing, Measures, Grand - Poster Complements of Pete Morton

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- TM from coastal sources extend off the shelf.
- How far, and to what extent do they contribute micronutrients to the broader Southern Ocean?
- Provenance and rate tracers are needed.

Challenges - Uncertainty about Sea Ice



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Upwelling trajectory depends on model resolution



Magenta = 1° resolution; Yellow = 0.1° Resolution Drake et al., GRL, 2018

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a) Transit-time distribution of upwelling particle-transport



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Drake et al., GRL, 2018;

Similar results in Tamsitt et al.,. 2017: "The timescale for half of the deep water to upwell from 30° S to the mixed layer is ~60–90 years."

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The timescale upwelling is comparable to the residence time of dFe in the deep ocean.

With large uncertainties in both transit times and residence times one needs empirical constraints on the supply of dFe to the Southern Ocean euphotic zone by upwelling.

GP17 Plausible Logistics – requires Palmer

