Zooplankton fecal pellet flux data from NBST deployments from VERTIGO cruises KM0414, ZHNG09RR from the Hawaiian Islands HOT Site, NW SubArctic Pacific Ocean K2 Site, 2004-2005 (VERTIGO project)

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Dataset Description

Zooplankton fecal pellet flux data from NBST deployments

Methods & Sampling

Methodology: Methodology

Change history: YYMMDD
080804: contributed by Debbie Steinberg
081105: date, lon, lat and ev_code from cruise logs merged with original data
one single multi-ship dataset generated for both KM0414 and RR_K2 data
081106: added to OCB database; Steve Gegg (sgegg@whoi.edu), BCO DMO

DMO Note: Used common event number from these data and from logs to determine sample position, date and event code for zooplankton data
KM0414 event log
RR_K2 event log

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Data Files

File
zoop_pelletflux.csv(Comma Separated Values (.csv), 4.52 KB) MD5:c7aed9830a2f977ad8ca70e4d4e9369b Primary data file for dataset ID 2932

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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
Cruise_ID	VERTIGO cruise name	text
event	unique sampling event	dimensionless
date	date of sample (GMT)	YYYYMMDD
lon	longitude, negative denotes West	decimal degrees
lat	latitude, negative denotes South	decimal degrees
ev_code	event code from cruise log	alphanumeric
depth	depth of sediment trap	meters
NBST_num	NBST number	dimensionless
dep_num	deployment number	dimensionless
V_num	sample bottle ID number	alphanumeric
dep_dur	deployment duration	decimal days
flux_C_lb	flux in carbon; light brown, light brown mottled, and beige pellets	microgram carbon/meter^2/day
flux_C_db	flux in carbon; brown, mixed browns, and dark brown pellets	microgram carbon/meter^2/day
flux_C_wtm	flux in carbon; white, transparent, and multiple colored pellets	microgram carbon/meter^2/day
flux_C_rd	flux in carbon; red and orange pellets and pellets with red in them	microgram carbon/meter^2/day

flux_C_a	flux in carbon; amorphic and odd-shaped pellets	microgram carbon/meter^2/day
flux_C_c	flux in carbon; cylindrical and cylindrical-bent pellets	microgram carbon/meter^2/day
flux_C_oe	flux in carbon; oval, tear-drop, bean, and elliptical shaped pellets	microgram carbon/meter^2/day
flux_C_s	flux in carbon; spherical pellets	microgram carbon/meter^2/day
flux_C_larv	flux in carbon; larvacean pellets	microgram carbon/meter^2/day
flux_C_total	flux in carbon; total	microgram carbon/meter^2/day
flux_num_lb	flux in number; light brown, light brown mottled, and beige pellets	number/meter^2/day
flux_num_db	flux in number; brown, mixed browns, and dark brown pellets	number/meter^2/day
flux_num_wtm	flux in number; white, transparent, and multiple colored pellets	number/meter^2/day
flux_num_rd	flux in number; red and orange pellets and pellets with red in them	number/meter^2/day
flux_num_a	flux in number; amorphous and odd-shaped pellets	number/meter^2/day
flux_num_c	flux in number; cylindrical and cylindrical-bent pellets	number/meter^2/day
flux_num_oe	flux in number; oval, tear-drop, bean, and elliptical shaped pellets	number/meter^2/day
flux_num_s	flux in number; spherical pellets	number/meter^2/day
flux_num_larv	flux in number; larvacean fecal pellets	number/meter^2/day
flux_num_total	flux in number; total	number/meter^2/day
pct_broken	percentage of pellets that were damaged	percent
pct_pellet_flux	percentage of total trap flux that consisted of recognizable fecal pellets	percent

num_pellets	number of pellets counted	individual pellets

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Deployments

KM0414

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57847
Platform	R/V Kilo Moana
Start Date	2004-06-20
End Date	2004-07-10
Description	VERTIGO project expedition to the U.S. Hawaii Ocean Time-series (HOT) site, near the deep-water Station ALOHA (A Long-Term Oligotrophic Habitat Assessment; 22° 45'N, 158° 00'W) located 100 km north of Oahu, Hawaii. Funded by: NSF OCE-0301139 Related information: VERTIGO cruise information from the VERTIGO Project site: https://cafethorium.whoi.edu/projects/vertigo/vertigo-hi/ HOT Web site: https://hahana.soest.hawaii.edu/index.html Original cruise data are available from the NSF R2R data catalog: http://www.rvdata.us/catalog/KM0414 **Methods & Sampling** Methodology: Methodology Change history: YYMMDD 080804: contributed by Debbie Steinberg 081105: date, lon, lat and ev_code from cruise logs merged with original data one single multi-ship dataset generated for both KM0414 and RR_K2 data 081106: added to OCB database; Steve Gegg (sgegg@whoi.edu), BCO DMO DMO Note: Used common event number from these data and from logs to determine sample position, date and event code for zooplankton data KM0414 event log

ZHNG09RR

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57848
Platform	R/V Roger Revelle
Start Date	2005-07-21
End Date	2005-08-27
Description	VERTIGO 2005 expedition to the K2site in the NW Pacific near 45° N and 160° E Funded by: NSF OCE-0301139 Cruise information from the VERTIGO project site: https://cafethorium.whoi.edu/projects/vertigo/vertigo-k2/ Original cruise data for the Revelle are available from the NSF R2R data catalog: http://www.rvdata.us/catalog/ZHNG09RR **Methods & Sampling** Methodology: Methodology Change history: YYMMDD 080804: contributed by Debbie Steinberg 081105: date, lon, lat and ev_code from cruise logs merged with original data one single multi-ship dataset generated for both KM0414 and RR_K2 data 081106: added to OCB database; Steve Gegg (sgegg@whoi.edu), BCO DMO DMO Note: Used common event number from these data and from logs to determine sample position, date and event code for zooplankton data RR_K2 event log

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Project Information

VERtical Transport In the Global Ocean (VERTIGO)

Website: https://cafethorium.whoi.edu/projects/vertigo/

Coverage: HOT site and subarctic NW Pacific

NSF Award Abstract:
In this study, researchers at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, University of California - Santa Cruz, University of California - Santa Barbara, University of Tasmania, and NIWA-Australia will work collaboratively to answer a difficult question in marine biogeochemistry: What controls the efficiency of particle transport between the surface and deep ocean? More specifically, what is the fate of sinking particles leaving the upper ocean and what factors influence remineralization length scales for different sinking particle classes? Knowing the efficiency of particle transport is important for an accurate assessment of the ocean carbon sink. Globally, the magnitude and efficiency of the biological pump will in part modulate levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide.

The research team intends to test two basic hypotheses about remineralization control, namely: (1) particle source characteristics are the dominant control on the efficiency of particle transport; and/or that (2) mid-water processing, either by zooplankton or bacteria, controls transport efficiency. To do so, they will conduct process studies at sea focused on particle flux and composition changes in the upper 500-1000m of the ocean. The basic approach is to examine changes in particle composition and flux with depth within a given source region using a combination of approaches, many of which are new to the field. These include neutrally buoyant sediment traps, particle pumps, settling columns and respiration chambers, along with the development of new biological and geochemical tools for an integrated biogeochemical assessment of the biological pump. Two sites will be studied extensively on three-week process study cruises: the Hawaii Ocean Time-series site (HOT) and a new moored time-series site in the subarctic NW Pacific (Japanese site K2; 47oN 160oE). There are strong contrasts between these sites in rates of production, export, particle composition and expected remineralization length scales.

Evidence for variability in the flux vs. depth relationship of sinking particles is not in dispute, but the controls on particle transport efficiency through the twilight zone remain poorly understood. A lack of reliable flux and particle characterization data within the twilight zone has hampered our ability to make progress in this area, and no single approach is likely to resolve these issues. The proposed study will apply quantitative modeling to determine the net effects of the individual particle processes on the effective transport of carbon and other elements and to place the shipboard observations in the context of spatial and temporal variations in these processes

Besides the obvious contributions to the study of the oceanic and planetary carbon cycles, there are broader outcomes and impacts forthcoming from this project. Graduate and undergraduate students will be included in all aspects of the research, and the involvement of non-US PIs will encourage exchange of students and post-docs between labs in different countries. In addition, the component groups will continue to maintain science web sites designed for both public and scientific exchange where the broader and specific goals and outcomes of this work can be communicated.

Original PI-provided project description:
The main goal of VERTIGO is the investigation of the mechanisms that control the efficiency of particle transport through the mesopelagic portion of the water column.

Question: What controls the efficiency of particle transport between the surface and deep ocean? More specifically, what is the fate of sinking particles leaving the upper ocean and what factors influence remineralization length scales for different sinking particle classes? VERTIGO researchers have set out to test two basic hypotheses regarding remineralization control, namely:
1. particle source characteristics are the dominant control on the efficiency of particle transport; and/or that
2. mid-water processing, either by zooplankton or bacteria, controls transport efficiency.

To test their hypotheses, they will conduct process studies in the field focused on particle flux and composition changes in the upper 500-1000m of the ocean. The basic approach is to examine changes in particle composition and flux with depth within a given source region using a combination of approaches, many of which are new to the field. These include neutrally buoyant sediment traps, particle pumps, settling columns and respiration chambers, along with the development of new biological and geochemical tools for an integrated biogeochemical assessment of the biological pump. Three week process study cruises have been planned at two sites - the Hawaii Ocean Time-series site (HOT) and a new moored time-series site in the subarctic NW Pacific (Japanese site K2; 47oN 160oE) - where there are strong contrasts in rates of production, export, particle composition and expected remineralization length scales.

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The efficiency of particle transport is important for an accurate assessment of the ocean C sink. Globally, the magnitude and efficiency of the biological pump will in part modulate levels of atmospheric CO2. We maintain that to understand present day ocean C sequestration and to evaluate potential strategies for enhancing sequestration, we need to assess possible changes in the efficiency of particle transport due to climate variability or via purposeful manipulations of C uptake, such as via iron fertilization.

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Program Information

Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry (OCB)

Website: http://us-ocb.org/

Coverage: Global

The Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry (OCB) program focuses on the ocean's role as a component of the global Earth system, bringing together research in geochemistry, ocean physics, and ecology that inform on and advance our understanding of ocean biogeochemistry. The overall program goals are to promote, plan, and coordinate collaborative, multidisciplinary research opportunities within the U.S. research community and with international partners. Important OCB-related activities currently include: the Ocean Carbon and Climate Change (OCCC) and the North American Carbon Program (NACP); U.S. contributions to IMBER, SOLAS, CARBOOCEAN; and numerous U.S. single-investigator and medium-size research projects funded by U.S. federal agencies including NASA, NOAA, and NSF.

The scientific mission of OCB is to study the evolving role of the ocean in the global carbon cycle, in the face of environmental variability and change through studies of marine biogeochemical cycles and associated ecosystems.

The overarching OCB science themes include improved understanding and prediction of: 1) oceanic uptake and release of atmospheric CO2 and other greenhouse gases and 2) environmental sensitivities of biogeochemical cycles, marine ecosystems, and interactions between the two.

The OCB Research Priorities (updated January 2012) include: ocean acidification; terrestrial/coastal carbon fluxes and exchanges; climate sensitivities of and change in ecosystem structure and associated impacts on

biogeochemical cycles; mesopelagic ecological and biogeochemical interactions; benthic-pelagic feedbacks on biogeochemical cycles; ocean carbon uptake and storage; and expanding low-oxygen conditions in the coastal and open oceans.

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