

# Data from moored instruments (pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, salinity, PAR, pressure) at 9 depths outside and inside the kelp canopy at Hopkins Marine Station, recorded between June and October 2018.

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## Project

» [Collaborative Research: RUI: Building a mechanistic understanding of water column chemistry alteration by kelp forests: emerging contributions of foundation species](#) (Kelp forest biogeochemistry)

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## Abstract

Data from moored instruments (pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, salinity, PAR, pressure) at 9 depths outside (36° 37.342' N, 121° 54.049' W) and inside the kelp canopy (36° 37.297' N, 121° 54.102' W.) at Hopkins Marine Station, recorded between June and October 2018. The tidal depth of the kelp canopy mooring ranges from 8 to 11 meter. The outside mooring is located 115m north and offshore from the kelp forest, the tidal range is 16 to 9 meters.

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## Coverage

**Spatial Extent:** N:36.6224 E:-121.9008 S:36.6216 W:-121.9017  
**Temporal Extent:** 2018-06-07 - 2018-10-04

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## Dataset Description

These data are published in Hirsh *et al.*, see related publications section.

## Methods & Sampling

The moorings were deployed from June to October 2018. The moorings consisted of a subsurface mooring buoy anchored to a weight so that it was approximately 1 m below the surface at spring low tide. A 5 m line connected the subsurface buoy to a small float at the surface.

Inside Kelp Forest Mooring Instruments:

- 3 MiniDO2T dissolved oxygen loggers (Precision Measurement Engineering (PME), 5 minute sampling frequency)
- 3 SBE 56 thermistors (Sea-Bird Electronics, 1 minute sampling frequency)
- 2 HOBO Pro v2 temperature loggers (Onset Data Loggers, 1 minute sampling frequency)
- 1 HOBO U20L pressure sensor (Onset Data Loggers, 1 minute sampling frequency)
- 1 miniPAR sensor (PME, 1 minute sampling frequency). PME miniPAR sensors were paired with PME miniWIPERs set to wipe the PAR sensors every six hours to prevent biofouling.
- 7 pH loggers were deployed on the kelp mooring between July and October. The kelp mooring configuration included two SeapHOx instrument packages (Bresnahan *et al.*, 2014) deployed 1 meter above the bottom (mab) and just below the subsurface mooring buoy. Each SeapHOx consisted of a Honeywell Durafet pH electrode (Martz *et al.*, 2010), an Aanderaa 4835 oxygen optode, and an SBE-37 MicroCAT CTD equipped with a pressure sensor. The other 5 pH loggers (mFETs) were custom built at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute utilizing Honeywell Durafet electrodes (Martz *et al.*, 2010). SeapHOxes measured pH, O<sub>2</sub>, temperature, salinity and pressure every 10 minutes, whereas mFETs measured pH and temperature every 5 minutes.
- An SBE 37-SM MicroCAT CTD recorder was deployed at mid depth on the mooring beginning in mid-August with sampling frequencies of 5 minutes.
- A miniDO2T sensor was installed on a surface buoy located ~50 m from the kelp mooring between July 18 and August 1. This two-week miniDO2T deployment provided the only in situ surface O<sub>2</sub> data inside the kelp forest.

Outside Kelp Forest Mooring Instruments:

- 3 MiniDO2T dissolved oxygen loggers (Precision Measurement Engineering (PME), 5 minute sampling frequency)
- 3 SBE 56 thermistors (Sea-Bird Electronics, 1 minute sampling frequency)
- 2 HOBO Pro v2 temperature loggers (Onset Data Loggers, 1 minute sampling frequency)
- 1 HOBO U20L pressure sensor (Onset Data Loggers, 1 minute sampling frequency)
- 1 miniPAR sensor (PME, 1 minute sampling frequency). PME miniPAR sensors were paired with PME miniWIPERs set to wipe the PAR sensors every six hours to prevent biofouling.
- 1 pH logger (mFET) was deployed between July and October and measured pH and temperature every 5 minutes. The mFET was custom built at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute utilizing Honeywell Durafet electrodes (Martz *et al.*, 2010).
- An SBE 37-SM MicroCAT CTD recorder was deployed at 13.5 m beginning in mid-August with sampling frequencies of 5 minutes.

Calibration by taking discrete samples alongside sensors in situ can lead to relatively large uncertainties, especially in highly dynamic coastal environments (Bresnahan *et al.* 2014); therefore, we decided to calibrate sensors in a flow through tank where the pH is more stable, and multiple discrete samples for DIC and TA analysis could be collected. Prior to deployment, the mFET sensors logged in a tank for 6 days (3 discrete samples) and the SeapHOxes logged in an adjacent tank for 1 day (2 discrete samples). We estimate the accuracy of the pH sensor data to be  $\pm 0.015$ .

Oxygen sensors were calibrated by making measurements in a black bucket filled with freshwater while bubbling air for 8 hours. We assumed 100% saturation and applied a gain correction to the raw sensor output (Bittig & Körtzinger, 2015; Bushinsky & Emerson, 2013; Johnson *et al.*, 2015). Because the air-stone was

placed at the bottom of the bucket, elsewhere we would expect slight over-saturation. However, since the depth of the bucket was < 40 cm, we estimate the accuracy of this calibration to be better than 1-2%. Post-deployment calibration indicated no drift in the oxygen sensors.

## Data Processing Description

Sensor data were quality controlled with several steps. First, obviously erroneous data such as spikes were removed. When bubbles were present on the sensors they led to clearly erroneous data; for instance, pH values typically changed in a large, stepwise manner (usually >0.3 or more) with no correlation to temperature or O<sub>2</sub>.

Second, the sensors were deployed facing downwards on the mooring line, and bubbles from divers were sometimes trapped on the sensing surface for several hours, leading to incorrect sensor readings. The data bias by bubbles was clearly evident. Sensor data that showed short, stepwise shifts when divers were near the mooring were manually removed.

Finally, the first day of sensor data is not included in this data set to ensure that the instruments were fully equilibrated with environmental conditions.

BCO-DMO Processing notes:

- Adjusted column headers to comply with database requirements
- Converted Timestamp to ISO format, and timezone from Pacific Standard Time (PST) to UTC

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## Data Files

File
<b>mooring_inside_outside.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 51.28 MB) MD5:41b9a9f1c221740ea4378298a924bf9d
Primary data file for dataset ID 822549

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## Supplemental Files

File
<b>Sensor deployment details for the kelp and outside mooring</b> filename: KelpMooring_Outside_DeploymentDetails.pdf (Portable Document Format (.pdf), 54.27 KB) MD5:92adbabbf47ac77dd462d38d86c70d16
Sensor deployment details for the kelp and outside mooring for datasets related to the Kelp forest biogeochemistry project.

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## Related Publications

Bittig, H. C., & Körtzinger, A. (2015). Tackling Oxygen Optode Drift: Near-Surface and In-Air Oxygen Optode Measurements on a Float Provide an Accurate in Situ Reference. *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology*, 32(8), 1536–1543. doi:10.1175/jtech-d-14-00162.1 <https://doi.org/10.1175/JTECH-D-14-00162.1>  
*Methods*

Bresnahan, P. J., Martz, T. R., Takeshita, Y., Johnson, K. S., & LaShomb, M. (2014). Best practices for autonomous measurement of seawater pH with the Honeywell Durafet. *Methods in Oceanography*, 9, 44–60. doi:[10.1016/j.mio.2014.08.003](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mio.2014.08.003)  
*Methods*

Bushinsky, S. M., & Emerson, S. (2013). A method for in-situ calibration of Aanderaa oxygen sensors on surface moorings. *Marine Chemistry*, 155, 22–28. doi:[10.1016/j.marchem.2013.05.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marchem.2013.05.001)  
*Methods*

Hirsh, H. K., Nickols, K. J., Takeshita, Y., Traiger, S. B., Mucciarone, D. A., Monismith, S., & Dunbar, R. B. (2020). Drivers of Biogeochemical Variability in a Central California Kelp Forest: Implications for Local Amelioration of Ocean Acidification. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, 125(11). Portico.  
<https://doi.org/10.1029/2020jc016320> <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020JC016320>  
*Results*

Johnson, K. S., Plant, J. N., Riser, S. C., & Gilbert, D. (2015). Air Oxygen Calibration of Oxygen Optodes on a Profiling Float Array. *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology*, 32(11), 2160–2172. doi:10.1175/jtech-d-15-0101.1 <https://doi.org/10.1175/JTECH-D-15-0101.1>  
*Methods*

Martz, T. R., Connery, J. G., & Johnson, K. S. (2010). Testing the Honeywell Durafet® for seawater pH applications. *Limnology and Oceanography: Methods*, 8(5), 172–184. doi:[10.4319/lom.2010.8.172](https://doi.org/10.4319/lom.2010.8.172)  
*Methods*

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## Related Datasets

### IsSourceOf

Hirsh, H., Nickols, K. J., Takeshita, Y., Traiger, S., Monismith, S. G., Mucciarone, D., Dunbar, R. B. (2020) **Kelp forest mooring DIC, TA, pCO<sub>2</sub>, and aragonite saturation state estimations inside the kelp canopy (36° 37.297' N, 121° 54.102' W.) at Hopkins Marine Station, recorded between June and October 2018.** Biological and Chemical Oceanography Data Management Office (BCO-DMO). (Version 1) Version Date 2020-09-02 doi:10.26008/1912/bco-dmo.823008.1 [[view at BCO-DMO](#)]

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## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
Depth_ID	ID to distinguish depth	unitless
Mooring_ID	Mooring name: KELP = inside kelp forest mooring; OUTSIDE = mooring outside kelp forest	unitless
Latitude	Latitude of mooring location, south is negative	decimal degrees
Longitude	Longitude of mooring location, west is negative	decimal degrees
MAB	Meters above bottom	meters (m)
pH	pH of water	unitless
DO	Dissolved oxygen	micromoles per kilogram (umol/kg)
DOSAT	oxygen saturation	percentage (%)
Temperature	Water temperature	degrees Celsius (°C)
Salinity	Salinity	unitless
Pressure	Pressure. Pressure at bottom (0 mab, depth_i=9) provides mab for surface (depth_id=1)	meter (m)
PAR	Photosynthetic Active Radiation	micromoles photons per square meter per seconds (umol/m <sup>2</sup> /s)
ISO_DateTime_UTC	Timestap (date and time) in ISO format, UTC (yyyy-mm-ddThh:mmZ)	yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss'Z'

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## Instruments

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	SBE 37-SM MicroCAT CTD
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	CTD Sea-Bird MicroCAT 37
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	An SBE 37-SM MicroCAT CTD recorder was deployed at mid depth on the mooring beginning in mid-August with sampling frequencies of 5 minutes.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	The Sea-Bird MicroCAT CTD unit is a high-accuracy conductivity and temperature recorder based on the Sea-Bird SBE 37 MicroCAT series of products. It can be configured with optional pressure sensor, internal batteries, memory, built-in Inductive Modem, integral Pump, and/or SBE-43 Integrated Dissolved Oxygen sensor. Constructed of titanium and other non-corroding materials for long life with minimal maintenance, the MicroCAT is designed for long duration on moorings. In a typical mooring, a modem module housed in the buoy communicates with underwater instruments and is interfaced to a computer or data logger via serial port. The computer or data logger is programmed to poll each instrument on the mooring for its data, and send the data to a telemetry transmitter (satellite link, cell phone, RF modem, etc.). The MicroCAT saves data in memory for upload after recovery, providing a data backup if real-time telemetry is interrupted.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	HOBO Pro v2 temperature logger
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Onset HOBO Pro v2 temperature logger
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	2 HOBO Pro v2 temperature loggers (Onset Data Loggers, 1 minute sampling frequency)
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	The HOBO Water Temp Pro v2 temperature logger, manufactured by Onset Computer Corporation, has 12-bit resolution and a precision sensor for $\pm 0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$ accuracy over a wide temperature range. It is designed for extended deployment in fresh or salt water. Operation range: $-40^{\circ}$ to $70^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $-40^{\circ}$ to $158^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) in air; maximum sustained temperature of $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $122^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) in water Accuracy: $0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$ over $0^{\circ}$ to $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $0.36^{\circ}\text{F}$ over $32^{\circ}$ to $122^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) Resolution: $0.02^{\circ}\text{C}$ at $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $0.04^{\circ}\text{F}$ at $77^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) Response time: (90%) 5 minutes in water; 12 minutes in air moving 2 m/sec (typical) Stability (drift): $0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $0.18^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) per year Real-time clock: $\pm 1$ minute per month $0^{\circ}$ to $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $32^{\circ}$ to $122^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) Additional information ( <a href="http://www.onsetcomp.com/">http://www.onsetcomp.com/</a> ) Onset Computer Corporation 470 MacArthur Blvd Bourne, MA 02532

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	HOBO U20L pressure sensor
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Onset HOBO U20L water level logger series
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	1 HOBO U20L pressure sensor (Onset Data Loggers, 1 minute sampling frequency)
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	<p>The HOBO U20L is designed for monitoring changing water levels in a variety of applications including tidal areas, streams, lakes, wetlands, and groundwater. It outputs pressure, water level, and temperature data. The instrument can record samples, sensor measurements at each logging interval, and events data, occurrences such as a bad battery or host connected. The samples are recorded as absolute pressure values, which are later converted to water level readings using software. Absolute pressure is atmospheric pressure plus water head. The deployment of an additional HOBO U20L at the surface can be used to compensate for barometric pressure changes. Each instrument is individually calibrated. They require a coupler and optic base station or HOBO waterproof shuttle to connect to a computer. The instrument is operated with a 3.6 V lithium battery. This series contains 3 models, U20L-01, U20L-02, and U20L-04, with different operation ranges, calibrated ranges, and burst pressures. The pressure sensor is temperature compensated between 0 and 40 degrees Celsius (C), and calibrated between 69 and a maximum of 400 kPa (depending on the model). Its accuracy is within 0.3 % of the full scale for absolute pressure, and 0.1 % FS for water level readings. The temperature sensor operates between -20 and 50 degrees C, with an accuracy of 0.44 deg C, and a resolution of 0.1 deg C. The drift is 0.1 deg C per year.</p>

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	MiniDO2T dissolved oxygen logger
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Oxygen Sensor
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	3 MiniDO2T dissolved oxygen loggers (Precision Measurement Engineering (PME), 5 minute sampling frequency)
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	An electronic device that measures the proportion of oxygen (O2) in the gas or liquid being analyzed

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	miniPAR sensor
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Photosynthetically Available Radiation Sensor
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	1 miniPAR sensor (PME, 1 minute sampling frequency). PME miniPAR sensors were paired with PME miniWIPERs set to wipe the PAR sensors every six hours to prevent biofouling.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	A PAR sensor measures photosynthetically available (or active) radiation. The sensor measures photon flux density (photons per second per square meter) within the visible wavelength range (typically 400 to 700 nanometers). PAR gives an indication of the total energy available to plants for photosynthesis. This instrument name is used when specific type, make and model are not known.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	SeapHOx instrument package
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	SeapHOx/SeaFET
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	The outside kelp mooring included one mFET pH sensor and the kelp mooring included 2 seapHOx sensors and 5 mFET pH sensors.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	The SeapHOx and SeaFET are autonomous sensors originally designed and developed by the Todd Martz Lab at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The SeaFET was designed to measure pH and temperature. The SeapHOx, designed later, combined the SeaFET with additional integrated sensors for dissolved oxygen and conductivity. Refer to Martz et al. 2010 (doi:10.4319/lom.2010.8.172). The SeapHOx package is now produced by Sea-Bird Scientific and allows for integrated data collection of pH, temperature, salinity, and oxygen. Refer to Sea-Bird for specific model information.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	SBE 56 thermistor
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Thermistor
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	3 SBE 56 thermistors (Sea-Bird Electronics, 1 minute sampling frequency)
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	A thermistor is a type of resistor whose resistance varies significantly with temperature, more so than in standard resistors. The word is a portmanteau of thermal and resistor. Thermistors are widely used as inrush current limiters, temperature sensors, self-resetting overcurrent protectors, and self-regulating heating elements. Thermistors differ from resistance temperature detectors (RTD) in that the material used in a thermistor is generally a ceramic or polymer, while RTDs use pure metals. The temperature response is also different; RTDs are useful over larger temperature ranges, while thermistors typically achieve a higher precision within a limited temperature range, typically 90C to 130C.

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## Deployments

### KELP

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/826373">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/826373</a>
<b>Platform</b>	Mooring - Hopkins Marine Station
<b>Start Date</b>	2018-06-08
<b>End Date</b>	2018-10-04
<b>Description</b>	This deployment represents the mooring itself and data that has been acquired at this site or in close proximity of it, and are considered samples "inside a kelp forest": ADCP data:

### OUTSIDE



<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/826371">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/826371</a>
<b>Platform</b>	Mooring - Hopkins Marine Station
<b>Start Date</b>	2018-06-07
<b>End Date</b>	2018-10-04
<b>Description</b>	This deployment represents the mooring itself and related datasets that have been taken in close proximity of it and are reviewed as samples "outside a kelp forest": ADCP data:

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## Project Information

**Collaborative Research: RUI: Building a mechanistic understanding of water column chemistry alteration by kelp forests: emerging contributions of foundation species (Kelp forest biogeochemistry)**

**Coverage:** Central California 36.6 N 122 W

### *NSF Award Abstract:*

Kelp forest ecosystems are of ecological and economic importance globally and provide habitat for a diversity of fish, invertebrates, and other algal species. In addition, they may also modify the chemistry of surrounding waters. Uptake of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) by giant kelp, *Macrocystis pyrifera*, may play a role in ameliorating the effects of increasing ocean acidity on nearshore marine communities driven by rising atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>. Predicting the capacity for kelp forests to alter seawater chemistry requires understanding of the oceanographic and biological mechanisms that drive variability in seawater chemistry. The project will identify specific conditions that could lead to decreases in seawater CO<sub>2</sub> by studying 4 sites within the southern Monterey Bay in Central California. An interdisciplinary team will examine variations in ocean chemistry in the context of the oceanographic and ecological characteristics of kelp forest habitats. This project will support an early career researcher, as well as train and support a postdoctoral researcher, PhD student, thesis master's student, and up to six undergraduate students. The PIs will actively recruit students from underrepresented groups to participate in this project through Stanford University's Summer Research in Geosciences and Engineering (SURGE) program and the Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS). In addition, the PIs and students will actively engage with the management community (Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and California Department of Fish and Wildlife) to advance products based on project data that will assist the development of management strategies for kelp forest habitats in a changing ocean.

This project builds upon an extensive preliminary data set and will link kelp forest community attributes and hydrodynamic properties to kelp forest biogeochemistry (including the carbon system and dissolved oxygen) to understand mechanistically how giant kelp modifies surrounding waters and affects water chemistry using unique high-resolution measurement capabilities that have provided important insights in coral reef biogeochemistry. The project sites are characterized by different oceanographic settings and kelp forest characteristics that will allow examination of relationships between kelp forest inhabitants and water column chemistry. Continuous measurements of water column velocity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and photosynthetically active radiation will be augmented by twice-weekly measurements of dissolved inorganic carbon, total alkalinity, and nutrients as well as periods of high frequency sampling of all carbonate system parameters. Quantifying vertical gradients in carbonate system chemistry within kelp forests will lead to understanding of its dependence on seawater residence time and water column stratification. Additional biological sampling of kelp, benthic communities, and phytoplankton will be used to 1) determine contributions of understory algae and calcifying species to bottom water chemistry, 2) determine contributions of kelp canopy growth and phytoplankton to surface water chemistry, and 3) quantify the spatial extent of surface chemistry alteration by kelp forests. The physical, biological, and chemical data collected across multiple forests will allow development of a statistical model for predictions of kelp forest carbonate system chemistry alteration in different locations and under future climate scenarios. Threshold values of oceanographic conditions and kelp forest characteristics that lead to alteration of water column chemistry will be identified for use by managers in mitigation strategies such as targeted protection or restoration.

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## Funding

Funding Source	Award
<a href="#">NSF Division of Ocean Sciences (NSF OCE)</a>	<a href="#">OCE-1737096</a>
<a href="#">NSF Division of Ocean Sciences (NSF OCE)</a>	<a href="#">OCE-1737176</a>

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