Eukaryotic metatranscriptomics illuminates physiological response of phytoplankton to nutrient pulses at Station ALOHA





Harriet Alexander, MIT-WHOI Joint Program



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"How do plankton size, community composition and trophic interactions modify carbon export from the euphotic zone in the Sargasso Sea?"



1. Size-fractionated chl a (HPLC-Chemtax)

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- 2. Microscopy/FCM
- 3. Size-fractionated rates of primary productivity
- 4. Incorporate these data (+other) into inverse food web models

How do the three dominant picophytoplankton groups in the North Atlantic (*Pro*, *Syn* and picoeukaryotes) differ in their absolute and relative contributions to abundance, carbon biomass and rates of carbon fixation?



Using ¹⁴C-incubations and flow cytometric sorting

Iron ligands produced by Prochlorococcus

Rene Boiteau Daniel Repeta Jessica Fitzsimmons Edward Boyle Sallie Chisholm



Prochlorococcus Ligands



Phil Bresnahan (PhD Candidate) Advisor: Prof. Todd Martz

- Scientific interests:
 - Inorganic carbon system sensor development & evaluation
 - Coastal chemistry
 - Global change outreach
- Poster: Best practices for autonomous measurement of seawater pH with the Honeywell Durafet
 - Focus on quantifying accuracy & detecting sensor drift
 - Sensor values compared to discrete samples and regional empirical relationships (Alin et al., 2012)





We can obtain **autonomous PP estimates** from **diel cycles** in Lagrangian float O₂ and c_p



Nathan Briggs – University of Maine





Autonomous PP agrees **quantitatively** (±30%) with independent estimates (from ¹⁴C P vs E)



Research Interest Influence of physical forcing on phytoplankton spatial patchiness and community size structure at various scales: Mode water circulation Mesoscale eddies Submesoscale process Haidi Chen Haidi Chen @ UW-Madison University of Wisconsin, Madison **Advisor: Galen McKinley Biogeochemistry Research Group**



0.6

0.4

0.2

0

-0.2

-0.4

- Surface %CHL in difference physical features of +/- vorticity ?
- Resolution matters?
- Seasonality?

On going research: Subtropical Mode Water nutrient characters + Upwelling Forcing

Diatom Bloom?

Communication by peroxidation?

A lipid-derived stress response to ultraviolet radiation in the coastal Antarctic

Jamie Collins MIT/WHOI Joint Program in Oceanography

Benjamin Van Mooy wноi Hugh Ducklow

WHOI/Gareth Lawson

UV-B a significant environmental stressor at high latitudes

For algae in upper euphotic zone, cell and plastid membrane lipids represent "first line of defense"

DOC-catalyzed peroxidation of these lipids produces suite of oxidized daughter fatty acid products

Hypothesis: These labile, highly reactive oxylipins are an "infochemical" mechanism by which patterns of primary productivity (and export?) are modulated 1a. Indirect photolysis: Primary mechanism. Generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) by UV-B irradiation in presence of dissolved organic matter $\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & &$



Approach: Laboratory experiments with (1) cultures of model species (*P. antarctica, N. frigidia*) and (2) liposomes

Environmental sampling: In conjunction with Palmer LTER study Oct 2013 - Feb 2014

Preliminary results with on-deck liposome incubations: Can identify oxylipins produced only in presence of natural UV-B

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Carbon Management in the Post-Cap-and-Trade Carbon Economy



<u>Carbon Management in the Post-Cap-and-</u> <u>Trade Carbon Economy</u>



Jakob, Michael, and Robert Marschinski. "Interpreting Trade-related CO₂ Emission Transfers." *Nature Climate Change*. Nature Publishing Group, a Division of Macmillan Publishers Limited. All Rights Reserved., 23 Sept. 2012. Web. 12 May 2013. http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/nclimate1630>.



Carbon Management in the Post-Cap-and-Trade Carbon Economy

- Define carbon metric to value carbon in all forms
- Apply carbon metric to assess carbon toll for anthropogenic changes
- Apply carbon metric for anthropogenic movement of embodied carbon into jurisdictions with different metric



Kimberly deLong

University of New Hampshire



Current Project:

 $\delta^{18}O_{sw}$ and Cd/Ca in the Bay of Bengal

Sub-orbital scale variability in the Asian Monsoon

Image: Sarah Schulenburg

Research Interests



- How plankton communities affect the composition of seawater
- And how trace element compositions of sea water affect global nutrient cycling
- Geochemical approach to study past oceans

Physical and biological controls on gas saturation variability in the Central Arctic

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Primary production in salt marsh tidal creeks using gas tracers and oxygen mass balance



Evan Howard and Rachel Stanley, WHOI



salt marshes

- Mediate elemental cycling between terrestrial and marine environment
- Productive and widespread
- Economic and ecological value

Plum Island Estuary LTER: Fertilized and unamended tidal creeks

- Fertilized creek has higher gross primary productivity, but also greater net oxygen consumption
- Most of the production difference at high or mid-tide





Nitrogen Fixation Rates at BATS and along the North Atlantic Subtropical Front





Ocean uptake of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere

- Remote sensing & parameterisation to improve spatial/temporal resolution of data
- Measuring changes in marine carbonate chemistry in the eastern North Atlantic
- Biological impacts of ocean acidification in the surface ocean at high latitudes
- Measurement–model output comparisons
- Monitoring of the Suess effect





Ocean & Earth Science, University of Southampton, UK PhD Supervisors: Eric Achterberg, Toby Tyrrell, Kevin Oliver







Remote sensing & parameterisation Extended Ellett Line DIC increases (poster) dDIC/dt / µmol kg⁻¹ yr⁻¹

Depth [m]

2110

+2.5500 0.0 1000 1500 2000 -2.5 2500 γⁿ < 26.90 $26.90 < \gamma^n < 27.25$ $27.25 < \gamma^n < 27.45$ 2160 2160 2180 2140 2140 6) 2120 2100 2100 2080 mol/kg/ umol/kg 2120 210 DIC / DIC / DIC / 206 2080 212 26.90 - 27.00 27.00 - 27.10 27.10 - 27.20 27.20 - 27.25 2040 26.60 - 26.70 27 2060 26.70 - 26.80 2020 2100 26.80 - 26.90 2040 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2000 **1**985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 Year Year Year $27.45 < \gamma^n < 27.65$ $27.65 < \gamma^n < 27.85$ $27.85 < \gamma^{n}$ 2190 2180 218 21 DIC / hmol/kg



E. Brooke Jones PhD Student

Physical-Biological Oceanography

University of Southern MS Department of Marine Science Stennis Spacecenter, MS

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My research:

Interdisciplinary approach to understand bio-physical marine systems/processes

Integrate the broad spatial and temporal data range of satellite observations with the detailed output of physical/biogeochemical models to describe biophysical interactions



Biophysical case study

Cross-shelf transport of MS River plume

Seasonal (summer) winds can drive mass transport shelf waters eastward in the Northern Gulf of Mexico

This allows the MS River plume to spread near the Desoto Canyon

High cyclonic energy in this region can interact with the loop current/eddies to form a cross-shelf flow

MS River plume waters entrained by this system can result in a highchlorophyll plume extending to the Central Gulf

This plume has effects on phytoplankton growth, primary productivity and potentially export





University of East Anglia

VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE

Daniel Kaufman



Committee: Marjorie Friedrichs, Walker Smith, Eileen Hofmann, Elizabeth Canuel

Biogeochemical Variability in the Ross Sea: Results from a Glider Deployment

Objective is to resolve abrupt changes in Ross Sea phytoplankton biomass and highlight potential mechanisms responsible for this variability using high-resolution glider data



2010 – 2011 370 dives, 28 days CTD, oxygen, bio-optics Polynya Indee from Moderate Resolution Inage from Moderate Resolution Inaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on NSA's Aqua satellite, Nov. 16, 2011

An analysis of glider sections

Observed an abrupt change in POC and chlorophyll

- Suggestive of transition from *Phaeocystis antarctica* to diatoms.

Was most strongly correlated with temperature



Next steps

Develop 1D biogeochemical NPZD model, forced by ROMS

- Assimilate glider data using variational adjoint method for parameter optimization
- Idealized scenario tests





Catherine Lamb

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA MARINE BIOLOGY MAJOR

Currently...

- Humboldt State University Marine Laboratory Volunteer
 - -Bryozoan feeding
 - Algae and diatom culturing
- S.C.U.B.A. certified



Research Interests

• Behavior and ecology of marine animals

 The effects of pollution on the Marine environment and marine mammals





Carbon cycles within oxyclines during seasonal anoxic event in the Chesapeake Bay



GEOMAR Climate-Biogeochemistry Interactions in the Tropical Ocean



"Photoautotrophic responses to changes in nutrient stoichiometry"



Prof. Oschlies, Andreas Dr. Pahlow, Markus Prof. Riebesell, Ulf PhD. Student Marki, Alexandra



(from Capone and Knapp, 2007)

22. July 2013 OCB 2013 Summer Science Workshop, WHOI





Modelling responses in mesocosm food web succession to changes in nutrient stoichiometry



Thank you!

Research Interests

INTERACTIVE EFFECTS OF OCEAN ACIDIFICATION AND MULTIPLE STRESSORS ON THE PHYSIOLOGY OF MARINE BIVALVES

Omera Matoo PhD candidate Sokolova lab, Dept. of Biology UNC, Charlotte



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SIMULATION OF MARINE ORGANIC MACROMOLECULES - FEBRUARY O. Ogunro, O. Wingenter, S. Burrows and S. Elliott

40°S -

50°F

150°F



Polysaccharides (µM)



| 10⁰₩

110°W



Chemically-resolved submicron sea spray aerosol organic mass fraction – February

Polysaccharides

Proteins



S. Burrows, et al., 2013, in prep.

Seasonal Nitrate Drawdown, Potential New Production (PNP) and Export Production (EP) for the Waters off the Western Antarctic Peninsula (WAP) Region

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Research Approach: 1-D Analytical Model

$$PNP = \left[\frac{d}{dt}\int_{-Ze}^{0} NO_3 \, dz - Kz \frac{\partial NO_3}{\partial z} \mid_{-Ze}\right] x \text{ Redfield Ratio}$$

Vertical nitrate flux = Kz
$$\left(\frac{\partial NO3}{\partial z}\right)$$
 Evaluated at Z = Ze

Where: Ze = is the base of the euphotic layer, Kz = Vertical Eddy diffusivity and Redfield Ratio is the molar ratio between carbon and nitrogen (C:N), i.e. 6.625 (Bisagni 2003; Lance *et al.*, 2012; Weston *et al.*, 2013; Pedulli *et al.*, in prep.).

Data: NO₃, PAR, Kz, MLD, ¹⁴C, Sediment Trap data

Palmer Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) Program, US Southern Ocean Global Ocean Ecosystem Dynamics (US SO-GLOBEC), Rothera Time-series (RaTS, BAS); BCO-DMO, Datazoo (UCSD)

Study Site: Western Antarctic Peninsula (WAP) – Palmer LTER program sampling grid

Results: Pedulli et al., in prep.

Please stop by our poster under: "Southern Ocean Processes" session

Sub-region	Mean PNP (mg C m ⁻² d ⁻¹)	Mean PP (mg C m ⁻² d⁻¹)	Potential f- ratio
Coastal	2482.6	1080.6	2.3
Shelf	384.5	799.7	0.48
Slope	891.1	359.6	2.5

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Université du Québec à Rimouski Institut des Sciences de la Mer de Rimouski

Photo-oxydation of dissolved organic matter:

Implications for carbon, nitrogen and sulphur cycling in the Arctic Ocean

Abderrahmane TAALBA Ph.D Student

TAALBA A. Ph.D Student

A Climatology-Based Quality Control Procedure for Profiling Float Oxygen Data (JGR in Review)

Yuichiro Takeshita, Todd R. Martz, Kenneth S. Johnson, Josh N. Plant, Denis Gilbert, Stephen C. Riser, Craig Neill, and Bronte Tilbrook

- Method validated using 14 profiling floats with corresponding discrete samples.

- Two methods agree to 2-3%Sat at surface

Deep Sea Durafet: At-sea Tests Results

Research Interests:

 Inorganic Coastal Carbon Dynamics: my master thesis research focused on:

- My current research interests lie on using isotope biogeochemistry to elucidate oceanic methane dynamics.
 - I am interested on understanding the effect of methane gas hydrate dissociation on the oceanic inorganic carbon cycle and its potential for outgassing of greenhouse gases to atmosphere.

Hannah Traggis University of New Hampshire

Phytoplankton Physiology

Iron limitation of antioxidant systems * Current research* ♦ Iron-containing proteins and enzymes involved in photosynthesis and antioxidant defense systems **Ascorbate Peroxidase \diamond Mehler Reaction** ♦ FeSOD vs MnSOD \diamond Catalase Ferredoxin/flavodoxin Research Interests Control of the second se

oceans

Specific: Focus within Southern Ocean HNLC regions and iron-limitation effects on the global carbon cycle

CLIVAR: P6, L2 2010