Diagnosing Microbial Responses to Ocean Acidification Using Targeted Metaproteomics in Cultures and Environmental Populations

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Challenges of studying ecosystem and biogeochemical changes

- The oceans are vast: Difficult to extrapolate from limited spatial and temporal sampling
- Potential for multiple stressors

Developed a new method: *Targeted Metaproteomics Can contribute significantly to these challenges*

Described in two recent/upcoming papers:

- Saito et al., Multiple nutrient stresses at intersecting Pacific Ocean Biomes detected by proteomic biomarkers. *Science 2014*
- Saito et al., Targeted Metaproteomics: Finding sub-species needles in the vast blue sea. Proteomics in press.

Observations of Multiple Nutrient Stressors on Marine Primary Productivity



Circle Interior=primary limiting nutrient; Circle Exterior=secondary limiting nutrient Red=Iron Green=Nitrogen Black=Phosphate; Purple=B12 Yellow=Cobalt Cyan=Zn

Moore et al., Nature Geosciences 2013

Can we measure biomarkers that can measure nutrient stresses? *Proteomics – the measurement of many proteins simultaneously* (typically by mass spectrometry)



and standardization

Proteome Reconstruction by comparison with (meta)genomes



"Targeted Metaproteomics"

Meta'omics – the study of diverse environmental populations

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Method of the Year 2012 Nature Methods Jan 2013

New method and tool developments are helping to bring targeted proteome analysis technologies to a broader array of biologists.

At the close of 2012 at *Nature Methods*, we continue our annual celebration of biological research methods with our choice of targeted proteomics as Method of the Year.

Our choice is a little different from those of previous years, when we highlighted very new, cutting-edge techniques such as next-generation sequencing (2007), super-resolution microscopy (2008) and optogenetics (2010). Broadly speaking, methods for targeted protein analysis date back to the introduction of the radioimmunoassay in the 1960s. Antibody reagents have long been indispensable research tools, allowing biologists to pull out their protein of interest from a complex biological sample or detect their protein in a tissue slice or in a western blot. protein levels upon perturbation of a protein network or a clinical researcher to measure how a panel of proposed biomarkers changes in a disease state.

Getting to the current state of affairs in the mass spectrometry-based targeted proteomics field has taken considerable time. The triple quadrupole mass spectrometer was developed in the 1970s, and the first demonstrations that it could be used to detect peptides were published in the 1980s. Interest in applying targeted mass spectrometry technology on a broader scale has been rapidly escalating in the past several years, and new methods, tools, resources and next-generation approaches are helping to bring the technology to a wider community of researchers. In a News Feature on page 19, Vivien

Translating protein quantitation technology for the oceans This startup uses the same technology applied to tumors...



Absolute quantification of protein markers and Genomic Mutation identification for

How will microbes respond to environmental changes? *Prochlorococcus* – Abundant primary producer in the oceans *Trichodesmium* – Major nitrogen fixer in oligotrophic oceans

Trichodesmium

Prochlorococcus

500 nm

Present and future global distributions of the marine Cyanobacteria *Prochlorococcus* and *Synechococcus*

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Prochlorocccus steady state pCO₂ experiment



- Two acclimation transfers
- Biological triplicates
- Carbonate chemistry



Prochlorocccus steady state pCO₂ experiment



Discovery of a novel B_{12} transporter and biomarker - Bertrand et al., 2013 PNAS



Prochlorocccus steady state pCO₂ experiment





Effect of Ocean Acidification on Iron Availability to Marine Phytoplankton

Dalin Shi,* Yan Xu, Brian M. Hopkinson, François M. M. Morel



Ocean acidification decreases iron stress in Prochlorococcus



Carbonate Chemistry by Bill Martin, WHOI

N₂ fixation rates of *Trichodesmium* 380- and 750- adapted cell lines over the subsequent 15 months



Hutchins et al. in revision

N₂ fixation rates of *Trichodesmium* 380- and 750-adapted and 750 to 380 switch cell lines over the subsequent 15 months



Constitutive up-regulation of N₂ fixation rates in all six 750 to 380 switch cell lines...

Hutchins et al. in revision

Growth rates over the subsequent 15 months



In evolutionary terms, a 32% increase in fitness-But what is unprecedented is that they are more fit in the ancestral environment, not in the selection environment!

et al.

And an enzyme that methylates DNA and so plays a role in epigenetic gene expression is highly active in the 750 to 380 switch cell lines



Targeted Metaproteomics in the Oceans



Profiles of *Prochlorococcus* nutrient stress biomarkers



Saito, McIlvin, Moran, Goepfert, DiTullio, Post, Lamborg, Science 2014

Compile Suites of Protein Profiles into ~4500km Biochemical Sections



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Moore, Doney, and Lindsey GBC 2004

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Stoichiometry: Nitrogen Use in 5 key proteins associated with iron and N metabolism (IdiA, flavodoxin, urea transporter, urease, glutamine synthetase)



An Ocean Ecosystem Diagnosis Capability



Fifty targets of proteins in the Pacific: Towards a biochemical assessment of the microbial community



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Stn 1 Stn 3 Stn 5



Carboxysome Abundance and pCO2 flux gradients in the Pacific Ocean



- Increased carboxysome shell protein Cso1 in the North Pacific Subtropical Gyre
- pCO₂ flux increases in Equatorial Upwelling
- What controls carboxysome distributions? How do we reconcile with culture studies?

Growth rate is a controller of carbon acquisition machinery: A decrease in carboxysomes with temperature in *Synechococcus*









Clio: A New Biogeochemical Vertical AUV Chip Breier, Mike Jakuba, Daniel Gomez-Ibanez, Mak Saito, Greg Dick

Pass-thru





Contains upto 4 SUPR samplers: In situ McLane pump-style carousel filtration system With 16 depths, in situ RNAlater preservation possible



Enable ship-based, full depth, high-throughput acquisition of filtered biochemical, genomics, transcriptomics, and chemical samples on ocean sections and time series

Present: Ocean Sections of Micronutrients (GEOTRACES) In the Future: Ocean Sections of Biochemical Biomarkers

Dissolved Iron in the Atlantic (www.egeotraces.org)





Data: Ken Bruland, Tim Conway, Hein de Baar, Fanny Chever, Seth John, Maarten Klunder, Patrick Laan, Francois Lacan, Rob Middag, Abigail Noble, Micha Rijkenberg, Mak Saito, Geraldine Sarthou, Jingfeng Wu Graphics: Reiner Schlitzer

Potential to connect geochemistry with biochemistry on global scales

Conclusions

- OA relieves iron stress at night in *Prochlorococcus*
 - Evidence of ferrous iron use
- Increased N fixation in *Trichodesmium* does not revert
 - Likely caused by epigenetic or post-translational modifications
- Targeted metaproteomic analyses in the Pacific detects multiple stressors for *Prochlorococcus*
- Emerging proteomics methods applicable to any biological system with genomic data

Quantitative Protein Measurements - Pipeline



- In situ pumping by suite of McLane Pumps
- Development of AUV Clio

Total protein extraction (detergent-based)

- Identification & relative quantitation of 10,000's of proteins
- Mapping to metagenomes and genome by HPC

- Measurement by Selected Reaction Monitoring (QQQ)
- Calibration by isotope labeled peptide standards
- Many possible applications...
- Diagnosis using nutrient stress biomarkers; stoichiometry
- Identify biogeochemical reactions by enzyme abundances

Shared Peptides: Intra and Inter Species

Percent Shared Tryptic Peptides



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