SOCCOM BROKE HPLC

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Sample collection

Near-surface samples from SOCCOM CTD stations were taken for HPLC analysis. 1-2 L of sample was filtered in the dark through glass fiber filter (GF/F) having a diameter of 25 mm. Filters were immediately stored at -80°C on the ship and in the lab. Samples were shipped and analyzed at NASA GSFC.

More information on the cruise are available at: https://soccom.princeton.edu/content/shipboard-data-reports

Analysis method

The analysis was performed by Crystal Thomas following the method of Van Heukelem and Thomas (2001), further described in Hooker et al. (2005). For more information on the analysis, please contact Crystal Thomas (crystal.s.thomas@nasa.gov).

The HPLC used for pigment analysis is an Agilent RR1200 with a programmable autoinjector (900 ul syringe head), refrigerated autosampler compartment, thermostatted column compartment, quaternary pump with in-line vacuum. degasser, and photo-diode array detector with deuterium and tungsten lamps. The HPLC is controlled by Agilent Chemstation software.

The 4.6 x 150 mm HPLC Eclipse XDB column (Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA) is filled with a C8 stationary phase (3.5 um stationary phase); the mobile phase consists of a linear gradient from 5-95% solvent B over 27 minutes, for which solvent A is 70 parts methanol, 30 parts 28 mM tetrabutylammonium acetate (pH 6.5) and solvent B is methanol. The column temperature is 60 C and the photodiode array detector is set to plot chromatograms at 450, 665, and 222 nm to acquire visible absorbance spectra between 350 and 750 nm.

Vitamin E acetate is used as the internal standard (ISTD) for determining extraction volumes. Its absorbance is monitored at 222 nm; it has negligible absorbance at 450 nm and none at 665 nm. Therefore, it does not interfere at wavelengths used to quantify pigments and can be used in very high concentrations with S:N ratios much higher than are possible with pigments. The high signal:noise ratio contributes to excellent analysis precision, for which injection repeatability averages 0.6%. It is stable under conditions of extraction and analysis.

Calibration is performed with individual pigment standards, whose concentrations have been determined spectrophotometrically using absorption coefficients in common with those used by most other laboratories (Hooker et al. 2005) and the commercial vendor, DHI Water and Environment (Horsholm, Denmark). Standards are either purchased from DHI (in solution with concentrations provided) or purchased in solid form and suspended in solvent at GSFC.

Thirty-six peaks are individually quantified by HPLC, from which 26 pigments are reported (some pigments contain individual components that are summed and reported as one pigment).

Analysis was performed at NASA GSFC by Crystal Thomas, following the protocol of Hooker et al. 2012.

Abbreviations

Tertiary Pigments

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Neo

Abbreviations			
Primary Pigments	Allo	alloxanthin	
	alpha-beta-Car	carotenes	
	But-fuco	19'-butanoyloxyfucoxanthin	
	Diadino	diadinoxanthin	
	Diato	diatoxanthin	
	Fuco	fucoxanthin	
	Hex-fuco	19'-hexanoyloxyfucoxanthin	
	Perid	Peridinin	
	Tot_Chl_a	total chlorophyll a	
	Tot_Chl_b	total chlorophyll b	
	Tot_Chl_c	total chlorophyll c	
	Zea	Zeaxanthin	
Secondary Pigments	Chl_c3	Chlorophyll c3	
	Chlide_a	chlorophyllide a	
	DV_Chl_a	divinyl chlorophyll a	
	DV_Chl_b	divinyl chlorophyll b	
	MV_Chl_a	monovinyl chlorophyll a	
	MV_Chl_b	monovinyl chlorophyll b	
		Chlorophyll c2 + chlorophyll c1 + MGDVP	
		Mg-2,4-divnyl pheoporphyrin a5	
	monomethyl		
		ester	

Lutein

Neoxanthin

Phide_a total pheophorbide a
Phytin_a total pheophytin a
Pras Prasinoxanthin
Viola Violaxanthin

Ancillary Pigment Gyro Gyroxanthin diester

Other abbreviations

TPg

total pigments

DP	total diagnostic pigments	$PSC + allo + zea + Tot_Chl_b$
PPC	photoprotective carotenoids	allo + diadino + diato + zea + alpha-beta-car
PPC_TCar	ratio of photoprotective	[PPC]/[Tcar]
	carotenoids to total carotenoids	
PPC_TPg	ratio of photoprotective	[PPC]/[Tpg]
	carotenoids to total pigments	
PSC	photosynthetic carotenoids	but-fuco + fuco + hex-fuco + perid
PSC_TCar	ratio of photosynthetic	[PSC]/[TCar]
	carotenoids to total carotenoids	
PSP	photosynthetic pigments	PSC + TChl
PSP_TPg	ratio of photosynthetic pigments	[PSP]/[TPg]
	to total pigments	
TAcc	total accessory pigments	PPC + PSC + Tot_Chl_b + Tot_Chl_c
TAcc_TChla	ratio of total accessory	[Tacc]/[Tchla]
	pigments to total chlorophyll a	
TCar	total carotenoids	PPC + PSC
TChl	total chlorophylls	Tot_Chl_a +Tot_Chl_b +Tot_Chl_c
TChl_TCar	ratio of total chlorophyll to	[TChl]/[TCaro]
	total carotenoids	
TChla_Tpg	ratio of total chlorophyll a to	[TChla]/[TPg]
	total pigments	

TAcc + Tot_Chl_a