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Investigating connectivity between Arctic freshwater outflow, Atlantic biogeochemistry and AMOC

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1 Cruise Summary

1.1 Summary in English

Cruise MSM130 on MARIA S. MERIAN took place in the high latitude North Atlantic Ocean, in the waters on the eastern side of Greenland. The cruise took place in the period July 9 to August 14, 2024. The high latitude North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans are visibly affected by anthropogenic climate change through ocean warming, freshening, acidification, increased cryosphere and river discharge, and rapid acceleration of sea ice loss. The changing dynamics at polar ice-oceanatmosphere interfaces have far-reaching implications for the Earth's climate on diverse timescales through feedbacks on atmospheric circulation, oceanic mixing, circulation and carbon sequestration, and greenhouse gas sources and sinks. The overall goals of the POLAR BEAST cruise are achieved through observations and modelling, and are: (i) to investigate the role of Arctic sea ice loss as a driver of global change, (ii) to quantify chemical and physical processes at the iceocean-atmosphere interface that may constitute poorly-characterized climatic feedbacks in the Earth system. We investigated the key physical, chemical and biological factors determining salinity distribution, ocean productivity, greenhouse gas exchange and sediment carbon concentrations. The cruise sailed along the East Greenland coast and into fjord systems to capture land-ocean exchange, gradients in salinity, primary production and historical carbon export (from cores), with observations of water column biogeochemistry, ocean physics, in combination with satellite observations. Our improved understanding will be used to improve model projections of Arctic and low latitude systems under future climate scenarios.

1.2 Zusammenfassung

Die Fahrt MSM130 der MARIA S. MERIAN fand in den hohen Breiten des Nordatlantiks, in den Gewässern östlich von Grönland statt. Die Fahrt fand im Zeitraum vom 9. Juli bis 14. August 2024 statt. Der Nord Atlantik auf hohen Breitengraden und der Arktische Ozean sind sichtbar vom anthropogenen Klimawandel betroffen, der durch Erwärmung der Ozeane, Erfrischung, Versauerung, erhöhte Kryosphäre und Flussabflüsse sowie eine rasche Beschleunigung des Meereisverlusts verursacht wird. Die sich verändernde Dynamik an den polaren Grenzflächen zwischen Eis, Ozean und Atmosphäre hat weit reichende Auswirkungen auf das Erdklima auf verschiedenen Zeitskalen durch Rückkopplungen auf die atmosphärische Zirkulation, ozeanische Vermischung, Zirkulation und Kohlenstoffbindung sowie Treibhausgasquellen und -senken. Die Gesamtziele der Fahrt POLAR BEAST werden durch Beobachtungen und Modellierung erreicht: (i) die Rolle des arktischen Meereisverlusts als treibende Kraft des globalen Wandels zu untersuchen, (ii) chemische und physikalische Prozesse an der Schnittstelle Eis-Ozean-Atmosphäre zu quantifizieren, die möglicherweise schlecht charakterisierte klimatische Rückkopplungen im Erdsystem darstellen. Wir untersuchten die wichtigsten physikalischen, chemischen und biologischen Faktoren, die die Verteilung des Salzgehalts, die Produktivität der Ozeane, den Austausch von Sedimentkohlenstoff und Treibhausgasen bestimmen. Die Fahrt führte entlang der ostgrönländischen Küste und in die Fjordsysteme, um den Land-Ozean-Austausch, die Gradienten des Salzgehalts, die Primärproduktion und den historischen Kohlenstoffexport (aus Kernen) zu erfassen, mit Beobachtungen der Biogeochemie der Wassersäule, der Ozeanphysik, und Satellitenbeobachtungen. Unser verbessertes Verständnis wird genutzt werden, um Modellprojektionen von arktischen und niedrigbreiten Systemen unter zukünftigen Klimaszenarien zu verbessern.

2 Participants

2.1 Principal Investigators

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2.3 Participating Institutions

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3. Research Program

3.1 Description of the Work Area

The study region includes the high latitude North Atlantic Ocean and Greenland Sea. The cyclonic subpolar gyre of the North Atlantic flows through the Irminger and Iceland Basins. The North Atlantic Current (NAC) is part of the southern region of the subpolar gyre and flows as the main near-surface current northward into the central region of the high latitude North Atlantic (between ca. 10° W to 30°W). A branch of the NAC moves in the direction of the Faroe Islands and then into the Nordic Seas towards the Fram Strait (Hansen & Østerhus, 2000). The NAC feeds the Northern Icelandic Irminger Current (NIIC), which flows northwards past western Iceland. The NAC also feeds the Irminger Current, which is prominent in the east Irminger Basin, and turns west in the north Irminger Basin before moving south in the subpolar gyre flow. The western Irminger Basin features a fresh and cold western boundary current (East Greenland Current (EGC)) with a southerly flow, and salinity and temperature ranges of 30-34 and 3.5-5.5°C, respectively. The East Greenland System is strongly influenced by fresh, cold polar waters exiting the Arctic Ocean through the oceanic gateway of the Fram Strait, and flowing south to Cape Farewell in the EGC along, or inward of, the East Greenland shelf break. The EGC is the main freshwater exit route for the Arctic Ocean. In addition to transporting meteoric freshwater, the EGC transports sea ice southwards parallel to the coastline with ice melt accounting for approximately 1/3 of the EGC freshwater flux through the Fram Strait. Arctic-derived water masses in the East Greenland region can be classified as Polar Intermediate Water (PIW) and Polar Surface Water (PSW), with subsurface Atlantic Intermediate Water (AIW) and AIW modified by freshwater inputs (mAIW) flowing in northward directions. Freshwater in the EGC is primarily derived from Eurasian river waters advected across the Arctic Basin, with an additional contribution from sea ice melt, and an increasing component of runoff from Greenland as the current proceeds southward. South of Denmark Strait, a distinct inner-shelf current, the East Greenland Coastal Current (EGCC) has been identified with a faster velocity that appears to be an inner-branch of the EGC. The NAC recirculates in the Arctic and exits as cold/fresh surface waters via the EGC through the Fram Strait and along the East Greenland coastline. A branch of the EGC detaches from the shelf after Scoresby Sund (70 0°N) and becomes the East Iceland Current (EIC).

Fig. 3.1 Stations and cruise track for cruise MSM130.

3.2 Aims of the Cruise

Overall aims of the cruise:

Overall aim 1. We will conduct a salinity census of the East Greenland System with concurrent biogeochemical measurements to constrain the fate of freshwater and understand the effects of Arctic freshwater outflow on circulation and biogeochemistry in the North Atlantic.

Overall aim 2. We will conduct underway surface ocean and atmosphere measurements of trace gases (CO2, CH4) across the East Greenland system, alongside full depth profiles of nutrients, carbonate chemistry parameters (total alkalinity, dissolved inorganic carbon), CH4, and intensive surveys of glacier-fjord systems (e.g. Kangerlussuatsiaq, Sermilik). These compliment prior early/late season inshore surveys of Sermilik – the only system in SE Greenland with prior data available- and moorings positioned in fjord mouths throughout the year.

Overall aim 3. We will collect sediment cores along the East Greenland shelf (complimenting GEUS cores already collected from further north in the Fram Strait). These will be used to reconstruct past climate variability and changes as a result of shifts in sea ice cover, salinity and productivity in the East Greenland system over the past 2000 years.

The specific objectives of the POLAR BEAST cruise are:

1. Conduct a census of low salinity waters across the East Greenland Current system (including the East Greenland Coastal Current) focusing on near-surface waters and inner-shelf waters, which are poorly captured in existing mooring and cruise work.

2. Determine the effects of shelf freshening on ocean biogeochemistry including climaticallyactive trace gases, carbonate chemistry, and nutrient availability.

3. Contribute to seasonal studies of physical/biogeochemical dynamics in east Greenland fjord systems complimenting earlier and later season work conducted by WHOI, NIOZ and SCRIPPS partners (which, to date, have focused on the OVIDE section and Sermilik).

4. Quantify past variations in blue carbon storage resulting from changing ocean properties at the ice-ocean interface in the East Greenland system by proxy reconstructions over the past 2000 years.

3.3 Agenda of the Cruise

The scientific group on MSM130 consisted of one technician, 10 senior scientists, and 8 PhD students, 1 MSc student and 3 HiWis. This group was made up by 12 females and 10 males with 11 different nationalities. The group embarked in Reykjavik (Iceland) on 8 July and we started our journey towards the study area in the region east of Greenland on 9 July. All scientists were eager to get started and spend the steaming time to prepare the laboratories and calibrate the scientific equipment. One test station was conducted in the Irminger Basin to test the CTD and other sampling equipment.

The cruise was conducted along the east coast of Greenland whereby fjord systems were accessed for detailed sampling, and cross sections were sampled in the East Greenland Current. The cruise captured land-ocean exchange, gradients in salinity, primary production and historical carbon export (from sediment cores), with observations of water column biogeochemistry, ocean physics, in combination with satellite observations.

On cruise MSM130, we have adhered to all 'Measures to Conduct Responsible Marine Research'. We have carried out our research activities in the frame of the OSPAR Code of Conduct for Responsible Marine Research in the Deep Seas and High Seas of the OSPAR Maritime Area. Water samples were collected using a CTD rosette configuration with Niskin bottles attached. Sediments were collected using a mini multicorer and a gravity corer. The impact on the marine environment was hence negligible. There were no collections of zoological samples. No explosive or noise intensive measurements were conducted. All chemicals used onboard were be returned to home laboratories. In case we worked in the EEZ of a state, then all the additional measures prescribed measures were adhered to.

4 Narrative of the Cruise

Loading in Reykjavik and departure for east Greenland: The cruise participants arrived in Reykjavik (Iceland) on July 6 and 7 (2024), and mobilized the cruise MSM130. There were a total of 22 scientists participating in the cruise on RV MARIA S. MERIAN. We departed on Tuesday July 9 and set sail for the Kangerlussuatsiaq (otherwise known as Lindenow Fjord) which is the most southerly fjord in southeast Greenland that was studied on this expedition. The sea conditions during our transit from Reykjavik through the Irminger Basin to southeast Greenland were fine. We started sampling on the shelf on Thursday night (July 11) and conducted a detailed sampling campaign that reached the inner regions of Lindenow Fjord. The ice conditions in the Lindenow Fjord were fine with a relatively small amount of ice. The work included more than 20 stations and 2 short sampling expeditions with our Zodiac. At the stations we sampled for biological and

chemical variables using the standard stainless steel CTD rosette, which also has a UVP camera system and a range of biogeochemical sensors. In addition, we conducted casts for trace metal sampling using trace metal clean Niskin bottles on a plastic wire with the bottles being closed by deploying messengers. Then at a couple of the stations we deployed a mini MUC (multi corer) for collection short (ca. 30 cm) sediment cores. A gravity corer was also deployed at 3 to 4 stations in the fjord and on the shelf, to collect sediment cores of up to 5 m length. The further we moved into Lindenow Fjord, the more difficult the ice conditions became, and the vessel slowed down to about 2 knots to find a way through the ice. The work in Lindenow Fjord was finalised on Monday July 15 and we made our way towards Sikuijivitteq (otherwise known as Mogens Heinesens Fjord). The ice conditions on the shelf were favourable, but just before entering the fjord on July 18, we experienced difficult dense ice in front of the fjord. The next morning we managed to move through the ice and into the fjord, where the ice conditions were favourable. We managed to get a good distance into the fjord until the ice blocked us. We were able to successfully complete 8 stations with CTDs, MUC and gravity corer deployments, also very close to the glaciers. We had daily sightings of polar bears, even as far south as below 62°N.

We had an eventful week with cross-shelf sections in the region between Mogens Heinesens Fjord and Sermilik Fjord, and a lot of dense ice and thick fog which delayed our progress. The shelf work included more than 20 stations and additional geophysical surveys. Upon arrival in the shelf waters outside Sermilik Fjord on July 23, a wide and dense ice cover blocked our entry into the fjord. The ice situation this year were very difficult for the late July period. A French yacht of 22 m length had attempted to cross the dense ice region and reach Sermilik Fjord, but got stuck in the ice in thick fog. The skipper had no up to date ice charts and got into difficulties and had to send out a Mayday call. MARIA S. MERIAN moved to the area and positioned itself next to the dense ice region. The visibility and ice conditions were treacherous and prevented us from sailing into the ice. Fortunately, the ice broke up sufficiently to allow our vessel to escort the yacht out of the ice and into safety. They continued their voyage to Reykjavik, and we continued our shelf work until ice conditions improved later in the week.

On July 28th the ice conditions had improved sufficiently and we could sail into Sermilik Fjord and start operations with the CTD, trace metal clean Niskins on the Kevlar wire, multi-corer and gravity corer. We had a very successful week in Sermilik Fjord and conducted in-depth surveys in the fjord on physics, particle transport and biogeochemistry. We were able to sample right at the glacier edge, allowing us to collect valuable samples on particle release from glaciers. We endured a strong storm on July 30 whilst in the fjord (windforce 8 and above) which moved the ice and icebergs around the fjord and made operations difficult. We managed to sail from the northern part of the fjord towards the open waters of the outer fjord and occupied numerous stations for CTDs, trace metal sampling, MUCs and gravity cores. On August 3 we moved into the shelf waters outside of Sermilik Fjord to investigate the present and past transfer of material from Sermilik Fjord into the North Atlantic Ocean through CTD and coring operations. We also assessed the southward movement of polar waters in the East Greenland Current through cross shelf sections in the area.

The difficult wind, ice and fog conditions over the previous 2 weeks have slowed down our

progress. We therefore made the decision to use our remaining ship-time to study the region outside the Sermilik Fjord in more detail, and not move north to Kajser Franz Josef Fjord. We subsequently had a very successful week on the shelf near Sermilik Fjord and conducted in-depth surveys on the waters flowing in and out of Sermilik Fjord through different channel systems. The work involved detailed measurements of physics, particle transport and biogeochemistry. We had clear weather most of the week, but also periods with dense fog and moving ice fields, which made transits between the stations more difficult.

August 10 a strong storm developed (windforce 8 and above) on the shelf which moved the ice and iceberg at great speeds (more than 2 knots) and made our sampling challenging. We followed a deep channel in an off-shelf direction and reached the deep waters of the open North Atlantic on August 12. We finished our last station August 12 and transited to Reykjavik and arrived in port on Wednesday morning at 1210 h (August 14). A short detour occurred on the crossing back to Reykjavik to assist a yacht which had lost engine power and required escorting back to Iceland.

The cruise has been very successful, and we have been able to achieve our objectives, despite challenging ice, fog and wind conditions. The MARIA S. MERIAN encountered ice over 31 days of the cruise. The crew and captain of RV Maria S MERIAN have been wonderful in facilitating our research activities. The ice, fog and wind conditions required frequent changes to the cruise programme, which resulted in a very dynamic cruise. The multi-national and multi-disciplinary science team has done a wonderful job on this cruise. We managed to occupy 172 stations and take about 4400 samples for nutrients and more than 500 samples for trace elements, carbonate chemistry, POC, DOC ammonium etc. This has vastly improved the data paucity for the inshore waters off southeast Greenland which was previously among the least surveyed regions of the Greenland shelf. Only \sim 5 glacier fjord systems around Greenland have been previously characterized in terms of coordinated physical, chemical and biological oceanography (Hopwood et al., 2020), and few of these campaigns constrained benthic dynamics in parallel with water column observations. The inner shelf region south of Denmark Strait and north of Cape Farewell has also remained data deficient despite efforts to understand links between regional increases in freshwater discharge and AMOC. In providing two new regions of data (Kangerlussuatsiaq and Sikuijivitteq) and adding an additional year of summertime observations to the only relatively well studied site on the SE coastline (Sermilik), the cruise has made valuable contributions to data coverage around Greenland.

5 Preliminary Results

5.1 Hydroacoustic Operations

(K. Streuff, A. Burmester)

Knowledge of seabed topography and seafloor stratigraphy, obtained via hydroacoustic methods, is necessary to understand a range of marine processes. Specifically in glaciated regions, the hydroacoustic data offer insight into past ice sheet and glacier evolution. Bathymetry data often represent the first image of the seafloor, and particularly in sparsely covered areas ultimately leading to the development of improved navigation charts. During MSM130, the hydroacoustic data were mainly used to select suitable sites for the deployment of gravity cores, but also helped uncover ~3165 nautical miles of previously mostly unchartered seafloor.

Hydroacoustic data acquisition was carried out throughout most of the cruise, starting on 09.07.2024 at 09:17 UTC, after leaving the port of Reykjavik. It ended on the 14.08.2024 at 07:00 UTC. In addition to the data acquired during transits between stations, selected surveys were conducted wherever possible, to map out observed features in greater detail. The MARIA S. MERIAN systems, comprising the two Kongsberg Maritime Simrad echosounders, EM122 and EM712, as well as the Atlas Parasound parametric sediment echosounder, were turned off only during station work and inside the narwhal protection zone designated by the Greenlandic authorities, when visibility was too poor for mammal observations (rough seas, darkness hours and fog). The systems were operational for a total of about 755 hours (EM122), 42 hours (EM712), and 590 hours (Parasound). Water column data were logged on Greenland continental shelf areas during 404 of these hours. Acquisition velocity ranged from 0.1 knots in areas with extensive sea ice to 10 knots during transit, weather permitting. Inside the narwhal zone and during designated survey time, data acquisition was carried out at a maximum speed of 5 knots.

Methodology

*Multibeam bathymetry-*All bathymetry was gathered using the EM122 and the EM712 systems installed on RV MARIA S. MERIAN, using the Kongsberg Seafloor Information System software to log and visualise the collected data. Bathymetric and backscatter data were stored as *.all and water column data as *.wcd files. Although the EM712 would have offered better resolution in the mostly shallow (<900 m) southeast Greenland shelf waters, the system interfered strongly with the Parasound and the acoustic doppler current profiler. As a result, the EM122 was used for most of the data acquisition, as it offers the better compromise when using multiple acoustic systems. The EM712 was only used during designated fjord surveys.

The EM122 is a deep-water system, operating in water depths between 20 and 11,000 m. In contrast, the EM712 is a shallow- to mid-water system, optimal for water depths between less than 3 and up to 3,500 m. Both systems use two linear transducer arrays that are configured in a Mills Cross alignment. The beam width configuration is 2° by 2° for the EM122 and 0.5° by 0.5° for the EM712. The EM122 operates with an acoustic frequency of about 12 kHz with a beam number of 576; the EM712 was set to operate with variable frequencies between 40 and 100 kHz and uses a beam number of 512. Beam spacing was set to in-between for the former, and to high-density quasi-equidistant for the latter, while the ping mode was set to automatic. Both systems were set to a dynamic dual-swath mode throughout, providing up to 864 (EM122) and up to 1600 soundings (EM712) per ping. To ensure maximum coverage, the opening angle was kept at the maximum of 150° for the EM122 and 140° for the EM712 during most of MSM130 – the port or starboard side angles were only adjusted manually when encountering particularly steep slopes.

Both systems were frequently calibrated, using the sound velocity profiles from CTD casts for all shelf work, and from the WOA13 Atlas Model during transit from and to Iceland.

*Sediment echosounder (Parasound)-*The ATLAS Parasound echosounder uses the principle of acoustic wave propagation to identify differences in sediment properties, such as density and sound velocity, through which lithological changes can be identified in the sediment column. Compared to conventional echo sounders, the Parasound system offers an improved lateral and vertical resolution of sedimentary structures because of the parametric effect on the one hand, and a much smaller opening angle (4° compared to 20°) on the other. The software programmes ATLAS Parastore and ATLAS Hydromap Control Center were used to modify the settings of the Parasound

Fig. 5.1 Overview of the unprocessed bathymetry obtained during MSM130. Water depths are colour-coded according to the scale in the bottom right-hand corner. The narwhal zone is illustrated in red. As Parasound and multibeam were running simultaneously during the cruise, the extent of the bathymetry data displayed here also represents the lines, along which sediment echosounder data were acquired.

during MSM130. The system was operated at two main frequencies, a primary high (PHF, 18 kHz) and a secondary low frequency (SLF, 4kHz), in order to obtain information on the water column and seafloor stratigraphy, respectively. To achieve better resolution for the latter, which served as the main priority for core site identification, the transmission was set to quasi-equidistant throughout the entire cruise. The pulse type was set to continuous wave and the number of pulses to 1. Data storage occurred as raw .asd files, which were partially replayed in the Parastore software, and both, pre-processed .ps3 and .sgy files. Due to their superior quality, only the .ps3 files were used; they were converted into UTM-corrected envelope .sgy files with the software tool PS32SGY (courtesy of Hanno Keil, University of Bremen). The resulting output files were then imported into SMT The Kingdom Suite v. 2020 for visualisation and on-the-fly interpretation. An overview of the data collected with the multibeam and sediment echosounders is given in Fig. 5.1.

5.2 SS-CTD System, Oxygen Measurements, and Calibration

(H. Oliver, L. Taenzer, B. Bogner)

5.2.1 SS-CTD-Rosette System

(H. Oliver, L. Taenzer, B. Bogner)

During MSM130 a total of 163 CTD-profiles were collected with the SBE 911 CTD rosette system provided by the RV MARIA S. MERIAN. The CTD system was installed in a Sea-Bird Rosette System frame for 24 Niskin bottles (Ocean Test Equipment). All casts were made with 24 bottles installed. Depth profiles up to a maximum pressure of 1540 dbar were performed. For most stations, the full water column was sampled. Data acquisition was done using Sea-Bird Seasave software version 7.22. Preprocessing was done with SBE Data Processing 7.26.7. The exact configuration of the CTD system can be found in **Table 5.2.1**.

At the first ship station the CTD data acquisition was corrupted as the calibration coefficients for the new CTDs had not yet been entered into the system. After we updated the CTD coefficients in Seasave data acquisition worked fine throughout the cruise. Therefore, the first CTD profile must be processed using the updated calibration coefficients. It was determined that all regular sensors (P, T, S, O_2) as well as the Chl-fluorescence sensor ECO-AFL/FL and turbidity sensor ECO-NTU manufactured by Wetlabs recorded data with sufficient accuracy and no errors were detected. These sensors provided high quality reliable data throughout the cruise. A full-depth PAR sensor was attached to the CTD and delivered good measurements throughout the cruise. A Sea-Bird Deep SUNA optical nitrate sensor was included on most casts shallower than 500 m, the pressure rating of its battery pack.

Processed preliminary CTD data, 1-m and 1-s binned, was provided in near real time to the scientists aboard MSM130 to inform adaptive sampling decisions. Sea-Bird program setup files for preliminary processing steps were provided by WHOI. After data conversion, the following processing steps were conducted: Wild Edit, Filter, Align CTD, Cell Thermal Mass, Loop Edit, Derive (using EOS-80 to derive thermodynamic properties). The resulting .cnv files were then bin averaged into both 1-m and 1-s files, and then the 1-m bin averaged files split into separate downcast (d*.cnv) and upcast (u*.cnv) files, with all final cnv files then converted into ascii files (*.asc).

Preliminary SUNA reprocessing was conducted onboard to remove the effects of bromide absorption, which is temperature and salinity dependent, following Sakamoto et al. (2009). We also apply the Plant et al. (2023) correction to account for nonlinear changes in seawater absorption with temperature. Reference spectra were collected and calibration coefficients were updated aboard MARIA S. MERIAN before the first deployment (8 July), midway through the cruise (4 August),

and upon removing the instrument from the rosette after the last deployment (12 August). Before the first The SUNA internal clock was re-synced to the ship clock five times throughout the cruise, approximately once per week. All SUNA data will be corrected using the bottle nitrate data when made available.

Fig . 5.2. Station map of MSM130, separated by transect.

The 172 individual stations can be grouped into 24 transects or types (**Table 5.2.1, Figure 5.2**). These include five cross shelf-transects, two transects associated with Kangerlussuantsiaq (also known as Lindenow fjord), one transect for Sikuijivitteq (also known as Mogens Heinesen Fjord), two transects along Sermilik, three transects across Sermilik, and ten associated with the shelf region in the vicinity of the mouth of Sermilik ("Sermilik Shelf"). Ten stations were "glacier" proximal stations, those stations as close as possible to the glacier fronts within the three fjords sampled. We also conducted eight repeat stations for comparison of changing conditions mainly over the shelf to evaluate the effects of a strong storm on ambient conditions.

Table 5.2.1.1 CTD rosette sensors, serial numbers, and calibration dates.

Notes: $\frac{1}{1}$ Stations in the vicinity of glacier fronts within fjords. $\frac{2}{1}$ Individual stations do not belong to any transect, but may represent data for comparison.³ No water sampling has been done at 'coring only' stations. Most 'coring only' stations coincide with the locations of previous station locations.

Table 5.2.1.2. All MSM130 station numbers categorized by transect and type.

5.2.2 CTD-conductivity Calibration

(E. Achterberg)

Overall, 155 calibration points were obtained by sampling for salinity. Salinity samples were taken by the CTD watch in 'Flensburger' bottles, which proved to be ideal for storing salinity samples over a long time. In order to calibrate the conductivity sensors of the CTD system, the conductivity of 155 water samples will be measured at GEOMAR. Therefore, we cannot give further

information on salinity and pressure downcast calibration for the CTD system used during MSM130.

5.2.3 Oxygen Calibration

(B. Bogner)

Dissolved Oxygen (DO) was determined by using the Winkler method with visual (starch) endpoint detection within a minimum of 48 min and maximum of 16 h after sampling, following standard protocols in Grasshoff et al. (1999, chap. 4: Determination of oxygen). Samples were taken with 100 mL wide-necked WOCE glass bottles with well-defined volumes (calibrated flasks with matched pair of flask and stopper). Oxygen samples were taken immediately after the CTD cast was finished. It was ensured that the sample bottles were flushed with at least 3 times its volume and the samples were free of air-bubbles. Immediately after sampling, the seawater samples were spiked from the bottom with the fixation solution (NaOH/NaI and MnCl₂) and shaken vigorously for at least 40 seconds. Some of the samples were taken as triplicates or duplicates in order to quantify sampling and titration uncertainties.

A total of 212 discrete water samples were taken from selected depths of 47 CTD casts. The following reagents were used during this cruise:

- Sulfuric acid (50%)
- Zinc iodide starch solution (500 mL, Merck KGaA)
- Stock solution, pre-weighted: sodium thiosulfate pentahydrate 4,95 g/L
- Fixation solution, all pre-weighted:
- manganese(II)chloride (600 g/L),
- sodium iodide (600 g/L)
- $-$ and sodium hydroxide (320 g/L)
- Standard solution, pre-weighted: potassium hydrogen diiodate (0,325 g/L)
- Standard Diiodatsolution OSIL

Titrations were performed within the WOCE bottles using a 20 mL Piston Burette (No. 10058872) TITRONIC universal from SI Analytics GmbH. The iodate standard was added with a 50 mL Piston Burette (No. 10058865) TITRONIC universal SI Analytics GmbH.

1 mL of the fixation solutions (NaI/NaOH and MnCl₂) were dispensed with a high precision bottletop dispenser (0.4 - 2.0 mL, Ceramus classic,Hirschmann).

Every newly prepared standard solution (pre-weighted KH(IO₃)₂) was carefully validated against a standard solution (potassium iodate) from OSIL.

*Titration procedure-*The titration procedure for each measurement was as follows:

1. Switch on Piston Burettes and clear the system (dosing tubes) from air bubbles

2. Determine factor of the thiosulfate working solution by titrating the homemade standard 5 times on a daily basis

- 3. Measure the reagent blank
- 4. Measure the actual Winkler samples

A number of oxygen samples were rejected due to possible sampling (air bubble entry during fixation), storage (air bubble) and measurement errors. Results derived from those measurements were not considered in the final data evaluation. Thus a total of 196 samples were declared valid.

The relative difference of both sodium thiosulphate factors was 0.5% of the OSIL factor on average, and were between 0.9949 and 0.9874 (ideally 1). The reagent blank (resulted in a difference of ar $= 0.007$ mL (arithmetic mean). The thiosulphate factor determination on the first day of sample measurements was disturbed my problems with the MilliQ supply. For this reason the titrations were repeated in the following day and the new factor was used for calculations of the previous day.

DO concentrations were calculated according to Grasshoff et al. (1999) and varied between 275.994 µmol·L-1 (minimum) and 388.096 μmol·L-1 (maximum). The precision (arithmetical averages of all standard deviations per replicate) of the Winkler-titrated oxygen measurements was 0.377 μmol·L-1 based on 27 replicates (17 triplicates and 10 duplicates).

5.2.4 Thermosalinograph

(E. Achterberg)

Underway measurements of sea surface temperature (SST) and sea surface salinity (SSS) were continuously conducted by the ship's dual thermosalinograph (TSG). One inlet is located at the portside (TSG A) while the other thermosalinograph's inlet is at the starboard side (TSG B). The parallel system worked well throughout MSM130. SSS and SST measured by the TSG system will be calibrated with CTD measurements at 5 m as soon as the salinity of CTD system is calibrated.

5.3 Sample Collection From Trace Metal Clean Bottles and Tow-fish Surface Sampler

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Water column sampling using trace metal clean bottles

Water column samples were collected using 6 Niskin bottles (6 L, Ocean Test Equipment) and 1 GoFlo bottle (12 L, General Oceanics) for a total of 7 depths. At each sampling location, the bottles were manually attached to a Kevlar wire fitted to one of the ship's winches. The bottles were attached with their ends open and triggered to close using a plastic coated messenger sent down the wire once all bottles were at their planned depths. Sampling depths were determined from physical and biological parameters measured during the preceding CTD cast. To verify the sampling depths and targeted water masses, pressure and salinity sensors were attached to selected bottles. Upon retrieval, bottles were transported to a metal free 'bubble', and attached to a custom built plastic rack where sub-sampling took place. The bottle taps were rinsed with deionised water prior to sampling. The bubble was constructed in one of the ship's laboratories using plastic sheeting and kept at positive air pressure via a High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filter with additional protection provided from a laminar flow hood inside the 'bubble'. Plastic overcoats and shoes were worn inside the bubble to minimize airborne contamination of samples.

Unfiltered seawater sampling

Unfiltered samples for total mercury (THg, 60 mL) and methyl-mercury (MeHg, 250 mL) were collected first after bottle retrieval (Table 1). The sample bottles were rinsed 3 times prior to seawater collection which was done directly from the bottle tap ensuring no bubbles were present. Samples were then transferred to the laminar flow hood for acidification by hydrochloric acid (HCl, optima grade).

Filtered seawater sampling

For all filtered samples, a 0.8/0.2 µm cartridge filter (Acropak 500, Pall) was connected to the bottle taps and allowed to flush for 30 seconds prior to taking the first sample. All bottles were rinsed three times before collection. Filtered parameters included dissolved trace metals (dTM, 125 mL LDPE bottle), dissolved aluminium (dAl, 60 mL LDPE bottle), dissolved Barium (dBa, 60 mL LDPE bottle), dissolved iron (Fe) and lead (Pb) isotopes (1 L LDPE bottle) and ligands (500 mL LDPE bottle) (Table 1). All samples (except for ligands) were transferred to the laminar flow hood for acidification (HCl, optima grade, acidified to $pH < 2$). Ligand bottles were transferred to a freezer (-20°C).

At selected stations, filtered subsamples were collected for the analysis of the soluble fraction of trace metals. These samples were initially collected in 125 mL LDPE bottles, and then the seawater was further filtered through 0.02 μm filters (25 mm, Anapore, Whatmann) via a peristaltic pump under the laminar flow hood. The peristaltic tubings were first rinsed with 25 mL of dilute HCl, deionised water and seawater sample (as a bottle conditioning step) respectively.

All LDPE bottles used to collect respective trace metal clean samples were cleaned prior to the cruise in accordance with GEOTRACES cleaning approval. Further information on this is provided in the GEOTRACES cookbook (https://www.geotraces.org/methods-cookbook/.)

Filtered particles

After collection of filtered seawater, particulate trace metals (suspended marine particles) were collected by filtering seawater through acid cleaned filters (25 and 47 mm diameter, Supor, 0.45 and 5 μm pore size) placed inside swinnex filter holders connected directly to the Niskin bottle tap via tubing (Table 1). Between stations, swinnex filter holders and tubing were kept in a dilute HCl solution and rinsed thoroughly with deionised water before next use. Particles were only collected from the 6 Niskin bottles which were secured on either end using an adjustable Teflon clamp and pressurised using pure nitrogen gas (~0.5 bar; 99.999% Alphagaz). Prior to filtration, bottles were agitated by gently tipping from vertical to horizontal 3 times each. Measuring cylinders were placed below each swinnex holder to measure the volume of water filtered. Water volumes were variable depending on the depths and region, however typically 0.5-4.5 L would pass through each filter. A filter blank was done at each station by vertically stacking a filter in a separate swinnex holder below the sample filter. At selected stations, an additional set of filters (collected and stored in the same manner) was collected for speciation analysis. Filters were removed from swinnex holders with plastic forceps and sealed in acid cleaned petri dishes and stored in a -20^oC freezer.

Surface water sampling

Surface water (approx. 2 m depth) samples were collected from a towfish deployed from the aft starboard winch when ice conditions permitted (largely in the offshore sections of the cruise free from icebergs and growlers). The towfish consists of a torpedo shaped steel frame (60 kg) with a

Teflon cap and acid cleaned tubing with an outflow into a basin within the metal free bubble. A Teflon bellow pump (Dellmeco) ensured a consistent outflow of roughly 1 L per minute. The pump was operated for minimum 15 minutes prior to collecting samples to flush and rinse the line, and the pump was turned off prior to stations to prevent contamination from the ship. A bubble trap was fitted to the outflow of water which was mounted alongside an EXO-1 (YSI, Sonde) to monitor temperature, salinity, turbidity and chlorophyll a in the water flow. When underway, regular samples were taken for measurement of dissolved trace metals, macronutrients and other parameters (Table 1) at 00:01, 08:00 and 16:00 daily, or at higher resolution when passing notable features (e.g. the shelf break). Filtered underway samples were obtained by fitting a flow-through filter to the towfish outflow (Acropak 0.8/0.2 µm). Under ice-free conditions, a towfish sample was collected immediately prior to stations.

Parameter	Collection method	Filtered/unfiltered	Acidified/unacidified	Type of storage
Total Mercury	Niskin/towfish	Unfiltered	Acidified	60 mL glass bottle
Methyl Mercury	Niskin/towfish	Unfiltered	Acidified	250 mL plastic bottle
Ammonia	Towfish	Unfiltered Unacidified		15 mL Falcon tube, 4°C fridge
Macronutrients	Towfish	Filtered	Unacidified	15 mL Falcon tube, frozen
Dissolved TM's	Niskin/towfish	Filtered	Acidified	125 mL LDPE
dAl	Niskin/towfish	Filtered	Acidified	30 mL LDPE
dBa	Niskin	Filtered	Acidified	60 mL LDPE
Pb isotopes	Niskin/towfish	Filtered	Acidified	1 L LDPE
Fe isotopes	Niskin/towfish	Filtered	Acidified	1 L LDPE
Cd isotopes	towfish	Filtered	Acidified	4 L LDPE
Ligands	Niskin	Filtered	Unacidified	500 mL LDPE, frozen
pTM's	Niskin	0.45 & 5 um pore size		Petri dish, frozen

Table 5.3. Details of sampled parameters.

5.4 POC Export Estimated From the ²³⁴Th/²³⁸U Disequilibria

(X, Jin)

Our main objective is to use the ²³⁴Th tracer to provide a comprehensive understanding of vertical particulate organic carbon (POC) fluxes on the east Greenland shelf. Thorium-234 is widely used as a tracer for particle flux in the ocean. Thorium-234 has a short half-life ($\tau_{1/2} = 24.1$ days). It is constantly produced by its radioactive parent ²³⁸U ($\tau_{1/2}$ = 4.77 billion years), which is conservative in most of the ocean. Thorium-234 is particle-reactive and thus the deficit of ²³⁴Th relative to ²³⁸U in the upper ocean is used to quantify the export fluxes of 234 Th from the euphotic zone to the deeper waters. This 234 Th flux can be converted to POC flux when both POC and particulate 234 Th are measured for the same sample. When compared with surface primary production data, these estimates on carbon export allow one to quantify the biological carbon pump efficiency.

Methods

Samples of total ²³⁴Th (dissolved ²³⁴Th + particulate ²³⁴Th), dissolved ²³⁸U, and particulate ²³⁴Th and POC were collected from Niskin bottles mounted on a stainless steel CTD-Rosette-system at 19 stations (station 4, 7, 9, 17, 36, 37, 42, 44, 47, 53, 58, 65, 71, 76, 82, 90, 95, 114 and 121). In addition, one surface sample for each station was collected from the ship's underway system 30 minutes before ship arrived at each station. Sampling depths range from surface (underway seawater) to subsurface layers (400 - 600 m) (Table 1).

Four liters of total ²³⁴Th per sample were collected unfiltered, and subsequently acidified to pH $= 1.6 - 1.8$ by adding 6 mL concentrated nitric acid. After more than 8 h of equilibrium, 7 mL of concentrated ammonia solution was added to raise the pH valves to 8.2 - 8.5. Subsequently, 50 μL of KMnO₄ solution (7.5 g/L) and 50 μ L of MnCl₂ solution (8.9 g/L) were added to co-precipitate ²³⁴Th with MnO₂. After more than 8 h of precipitation, particles were filtered onto 25 mm OMA filters (Whatman[®], 2.2 µm pore size) and dried at 50 \degree C overnight.

Particulate ²³⁴Th and POC samples were collected and immediately filtered onto the 25 mm QMA filters. After filtration, filters were dried at 50℃ overnight. All sampling bottles were rinsed with cleaning solution (1M HCl/H₂O₂ solution) and three times with Milli-Q water and three times with seawater samples before sampling. Corresponding to each total 234 Th samples, 238 U samples were collected by filtering seawater through syringe filters (0.22 μm pore size). After filtration, the ²³⁸U samples were acidified and stored at room temperature.

Total and particulate ²³⁴Th samples will be counted for beta activities at a monthly interval using the Risø low-level beta GM multicounter at Shanghai Jiao Tong University and Xiamen University, China, to determine ²³⁴Th activities at time of filtration, for total ²³⁴Th, or sampling, for particulate ²³⁴Th. After the final counting, total ²³⁴Th samples will be dismounted, dissolved in a mixture of H_2O_2 and HNO₃ and analyzed on an ICP-MS to determine chemistry yield, following Pike et al. (2005). For particulate ²³⁴Th samples, they will be dismounted and POC and PON content will be concurrently measured to determine the POC^{234} Th or PON^{234} Th ratios. Dissolved uranium seawater samples will be analyzed for ²³⁸U concentrations on the ICP-MS at GEOMAR, following Xie et al. (2020).

Stations	Sampling depth (m)				
	Total 234 Th and dissolved 238 U	Particulate ²³⁴ Th and POC			
$\overline{4}$	11, 25, 43, 97, 139, 396, Underway	43, 139			
7	5, 11, 23, 52, 102, 170, 400	52, 170			
9	10, 13, 50, 100, 109, 399, Underway	50, 113			
17	20, 40, 100, 200, 301, 350, Underway	20,100			
36	20, 50, 150, 300, 500, Underway	50, 150, 300			
37	25, 50, 150, 300, 450, 780, Underway	50, 300			
42	10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 500, Underway	50, 150			

Table 5.4. Sampling depth of total ²³⁴Th, dissolved ²³⁸U, and particulate ²³⁴Th and POC samples.

5.5 Underwater Vision Profiler

(E. Trudnowska)

The concentrations of particles and images of marine plankton & aggregates were assessed by the Underwater Vision Profiler (UVP), instrument belonging to GEOMAR, version UVP6-HF (serial number 000169HF). UVP is a compact and autonomous underwater imaging system developed at the Laboratoire d'Oceanographie de Villefranche-sur-Mer (LOV) and manufactured by Hydroptic [\(http://www.hydroptic.com/\)](http://www.hydroptic.com/). The UVP is the only intercalibrated camera-based counter for counting particles in the size range between 80 and 2000 μm, and for imaging aggregates of the size > 700 μm. The objects imaged by the camera (5 Mpixels CMOS monochrome image sensor - Sony IMX264) are illuminated by a lateral collimated light beam created in front of the lens, therefore, all imaged particles within this fixed volume (0.7 l per frame) are in focus and at the same distance from the camera, thus enabling reliable size measurements as well as accurate determinations of particle concentrations.

During the cruise, the UVP was mounted at the base of the CTD rosette, and this way it was collecting data from vertical profiles at 161 stations (Fig 5.5.1), in which particles abundances were processed and analyzed immediately after each section, and by which more than 2 million images were collected (Fig. 5.5.1), and their morphology and composition will be analyzed afterwards.

Fig. 5.5.1. Map with sampling stations (left) and examples of collected images of marine aggregates (right).

In general, we observed very high concentrations of particles in the fjords compared to shelf waters, with surface concentration peaks in Lindenow fjord, sub-surface peaks in Mogens (at ~200) m depth) and extreme plumes both in terms of particle concentrations and broad depth ranges in Sermilik (Fig. 2). Whilst surveying Sermilik we experienced a storm, which resulted in a downward shift of the observed particle plumes.

The preliminary analysis of shelf transects showed that the further north we surveyed, the higher the concentration of particles on the shelf (Fig. 5.5.2). Particles typically were concentrated only within the surface layers in the more southern locations, while their high abundances were observed also deeper in the northern parts of the shelf.

Fig. 5.5.2 Top: Vertical profiles of particle concentration (colors) at shelf stations grouped across latitudinal locations and arranged from land to open sea. Centre: vertical profiles of particle concentration from south to north over shelf. Bottom: Section of profiles constraining inflow/outflow dynamics at entrance to Sermilik showing outflow of particles was through SE part of the mouth, while the western part remains clear.

5.6 Nutrient Analysis

(B. Bogner)

The distribution of nutrients in seawater is key for understanding the biogeochemical processes, and their signatures allow the differentiation between the various water masses in the ocean. They also play a major role in the stimulation of primary production by phytoplankton in the ocean. Especially the lack of nitrogen and phosphorus can have a limiting effect on phytoplankton growth. Around Greenland, dissolved silicic acid (dSi) concentrations may be enriched in inshore waters from fjord-scale processes (Meire et al., 2016), and Arctic outflow may also impart a strong regional signature in the East Greenland Current (Torres-Valdés et al., 2013).

Each Niskin bottle from each CTD cast was sampled for nutrients. For DOP/DON, 4 to 10 bottles were sampled depending on depth and downcast features. Additionally, outside of station work as condition permitted a tow fish pumped by Teflon membrane pump was deployed from which a sample for nutrients and DON/DOP was drawn 3 times daily. Sample vials and caps were cleaned in 10% by volume hydrochloric acid baths prior and during the cruise. During sampling they were rinsed three times with the water of the sample before the actual sampling. All samples to be frozen were filtered through a "AcroPak 500 Supor Membrane 0.8/0.2 µm" filter membrane and were placed in the freezer directly after sampling.

Sampling vials

- 15 mL polypropylene vial with cap for freezing at -20° C and subsequent measurement of nutrients in the GEOMAR laboratory
- 50 mL polypropylene vial with screw-on cap for freezing at -20° C and subsequent measurement of DOP/DON in the GEOMAR laboratory.

Samples frozen for analysis at GEOMAR

The frozen samples will be measured in the lab by segmented flow injection analysis using a QUAATRO (Seal Analytical) auto-analyzer including a XY2-autosampler unit. The system setup included 4 channels for nitrate + nitrite (TON), silicic acid, nitrite, and phosphate. The analytical methods followed during the MS130 cruise correspond to those described by QuAAtro Applications Method No.:

• Q-068-05 Rev. 11 for TON, Q-066-05 Rev. 5 for Silicic acid, Q-070-05 Rev. 6 for Nitrite and Q-064-05 Rev. 8 for Phosphate.

Certified Reference Material for Nutrients in Seawater (RMNS) (KANSO CRM, Lot-No. to be determined) will be used for every analytical run. Duplicate samples were collected from 50 samples over the cruise duration to further quality control nutrient analyses.

5.7 Sampling and Onboard Analysis of Dissolved Aluminium

(Y. Guo)

Introduction

A high abundance of aluminium (Al) in continentally derived mineral aerosols and a short residence time (typically, a few weeks to 5 years, Orians and Bruland, 1986) of dissolved Al (dAl) in surface waters render the surface ocean dAl distribution sensitive to atmospheric mineral dust deposition, particularly in the open ocean regions (Measures and Vink, 2000). Other important external sources of dAl to the ocean include suspended sediments from continental shelf/slope and the seafloor, and riverine discharges of lithogenic sediments and freshwater. Dissolved Al distributions have been used to trace the mixing of water masses, carrying the dAl-rich signatures of their source regions (e.g. of high dust input) and/or that acquired along the advective pathways via interaction with Al-rich sediments over the continental shelf/slope and abyssal plain (Measures and Edmond, 1988).

Prior work in SE Greenland suggests dAl may be a useful tracer of local lithogenic inputs, potentially associated with outflow from Greenland's fjords (Barraqueta et al., 2018). Along the MSM130 cruise transect, the dAl distribution will therefore be potentially useful to track the external supply of trace metals from lithogenic material input at different interfaces along the east Greenland coast.

Sampling and Analysis of aluminium

Shipboard measurements of dissolved aluminium

Dissolved Al concentrations were analyzed onboard in acidified samples taken from the 1 Go-Flo bottle, 6 Niskin bottles, boat sampling, Sermilik grab sampling, rain sampling, and underway Tow-fish sampling system (Tabe 5.3). A modified analytical method based on the aluminumlumogallion complex detection proposed by Ren et al. (2001) was adopted, and the fluorescence signal of the complex was measured using a Carey Eclipse fluorimeter. A running eight-point external standards (0, 1, 2, 4, 10, 20, 50, 100 nM Al standard additions), prepared by spiking low-Al acidified surface seawater samples with different proportions of $~500$ nM stock standard solution. For each sample batch, the blank contributions from both the manifold and reagent addition were evaluated, which were determined separately as the manifold blank and the reagent blank. The manifold blank was assessed by the average counts of acidified surface seawater samples (used for standard preparation) without reagents. The reagent blank was determined using two different methods. The first method used three acidified seawater samples spiked with 1x, 2x, and 3x volumes of reagent. The second method used two sets of calibration curves, each prepared with 1x and 2x volumes of reagent. The reagent blank was evaluated based on the difference between the intercepts of these two calibration curves. Some seawater samples were run after a dilution factor of 1-20 to reduce Al concentrations to within the linear response range of the method. Standards showed a linear relationship up to 100 nM, so samples with dAl concentrations >100 nM were re-analyzed after dilution.

Preliminary Results

Results for stations in the fjord and shelf regions along east Greenland are shown in Figure

5.7.3, and show enhanced concentrations in surface waters associated with supply of lithogenic material to the fresher polar waters. The highest concentrations were observed within fjords reaching values of up to 200 nM which were clearly elevated compared to a more constant concentration across the shelf. Shelf profiles showed decreasing concentrations with depth in the Atlantic derived waters to about 200 m depth followed by more constant concentrations in deeper waters.

Fig. 5.7. (A) Dissolved aluminum (dAl) concentrations in Lindenow fjord (station 9 and station 10), near Sikuijivitteq fjord (station 51), shelf break (station 65) and Sermilik fjord (station 95 with particle plume) in East Greenland.

5.8 Sampling and Analysis of Ammonium

(E. Achterberg)

Samples for ammonium analysis were taken from Niskin bottles deployed on the SS-CTD. At all stations, samples were taken with varying resolution depending on depths which were sampled with the SS-CTD. Additionally, samples were taken from the tow fish.

Analysis of ammonium was conducted using the OPA method. After sampling, either the fluorescent OPA reagent was added to the samples immediately or stored in the fridge for maximum 7 h period before the addition of the reagent. Thereafter, the samples were incubated for 24 h at room temperature and kept in the dark with tightly closed caps.

Subsequent detection of ammonium was performed on a Carey Eclipse fluorimeter. Calibration was carried out using the external standard addition method using ammonium-free deep ocean waters $($ > 600 m). Blanks were prepared with ammonium-free deep ocean water.

Fig. 5.8 Ammonium profiles for casts 3 (60°21.11 N 41°15.39 W) and 5 (60°17.83 N 42°4.25 W) in the SE Greenland shelf

5.9 Sampling of Underway Samples, Rainwater Collection and Small Boat Sample Collection

(M. Hopwood)

5.9.1 Underway Sample Measurements

The ship's seawater inflow line (from approximately 5 m depth) was cleaned with bleach at the start of the cruise to ensure a clean flow of seawater into the hanger deck. Two flows of identical water were used throughout the cruise, one was used to fill a sensor package with inflowing seawater, the other was used to conduct underway measurements. At regular intervals (00:01, 08:00 and 16:00 on days without stations) or immediately before stations (on days with transects), surface water was collected from the underway system to provide samples from the uppermost water column where a freshwater film was expected in inshore waters. The sampling routine was designed to capture gradients, particularly moving from fjord to coastal waters, and from shelf to offshore waters across the shelf break. Primary production incubations were timed to start at 00:01 to tie the data together with the underway sampling program. A total of 141 underway samples were collected over the cruise duration.

5.9.2 Rain Water Measurements

(M. Hopwood)

A rain water collector was deployed alongside the high volume aerosol collector on the uppermost deck. During rain events a large (c 30 cm) plastic funnel collected rainfall in a 2 L acid cleaned LDPE bottle. After rain events, the water was processed in the clean room. Syringe filtered (0.2 µm PTFE Millipore) samples were retained for macronutrients, dAl and dissolved trace metals. Unfiltered water was retained for ammonium and O^{18} analysis. Filters and syringes for trace metal clean sampling were pre-cleaned with dilute (1 M) HCl and rinsed with deionised water. Two rain events were encountered and sampled (12.07.2024 and 31.07.2024).

Fig. 5.9.2 The rainwater collector used on the cruise.

5.9.3 Inshore Water Sample Collection (M. Hopwood)

In Kangerlussuatsiaq (Lindenow fjord), the ship's motor boat was deployed twice to collect inshore samples in shallow waters around the fjord's periphery which were too shallow for the MARIA S. MERIAN. Four scientific persons were deployed on the motor boat which operated within line of sight of the main vessel while coring operations were conducted. Two L LDPE bottles (Nalgene) were pre-cleaned with 1 M HCl and deionized water. The bottles were filled upstream and upwind of the motor boat. Water properties were determined with a EXO-1 (YSI, Sonde) in situ (temperature, salinity, turbidity, chlorophyll a) and the position of the motor boat was logged with a GPS system (Garmin Solar). Water bottles were returned to the ship for processing. Ice samples were collected from ice slicks randomly and boxed in large plastic boxes which had been precleaned with deionized water. Because of the strong heterogeneity expected in individual ice pieces, each box was treated as one homogenized sample. Upon return to the ship, boxes were sealed with cable ties and tape, then allowed to melt at the ambient temperature of the hanger (ca. 10°C) for two days before sampling.

In Sermilik fjord, the motor boat could not be deployed due to heavy ice cover and strong winds. On exiting the fjord, some surface grab samples were collected using an extended plastic pole loaded with trace metal clean 2 L LDPE bottles. The pole was extended ca, 2 m from the ship (similar to the tow fish) and used to collect samples whilst the ship moved at low speeds downs fjord.

Low salinity freshwater and ice samples were processed in the trace metal clean room. Samples were retained for O^{18} and ammonium. Syringe filtered (0.2 μ m PTFE Millipore) samples were retained for macronutrients. For low salinity samples collected under trace metal clean conditions, additional samples were syringe filtered for dAl, dissolved trace metals, Hg and Me-Hg. Filters and syringes for trace metal clean sampling were pre-cleaned with dilute (1 M) HCl and rinsed with deionized water. Over the cruise duration we were able to cover the full salinity gradient from 35 to 0.1. Particularly in inshore regions, tow fish and underway samples were notably often 3-4 psu units fresher than the shallowest sampled CTD depth (typically 10 m) evidencing the presence of a thin, fresh film of low salinity water at the surface.

Table 5.9.3 Low salinity samples collected during the cruise.

5.9.4 Bulk Suspended Glacier Particles Collection (M. Hopwood)

In Sermilik fjord an intense turbidity plume was encountered in the inner fjord (turbidity off-scale, >25 NTU) with water from the CTD casts at the innermost stations (especially station 93) visibly turbid. After sampling from the CTD cast for standard parameters, the excess water from plume depths was retained in large 5 L bottles which were allowed to stand in the fridge for two days. Excess water was then decanted and the remaining particle-rich water filtered to provide some bulk samples of (re)suspended glacier rock flour which could be used for incubation experiments and mineralogy tests upon return to our home laboratories. These samples were frozen at -20°C and returned to SUSTech for analysis.

5.10 ¹⁸O Sampling

(M. Hopwood)

 18 O, a natural stable isotope of oxygen, may be of use in water mass tracing (Benetti et al., 2019). Numerous sources of meteoric water around the Greenland shelf have similar salinity/temperature dynamics and thus additional tracers are required to distinguish different fresh water sources which include subglacial discharge, runoff, ice melt, precipitation and sea ice melt. ¹⁸O samples were collected across the salinity gradient focusing on areas with particularly diverse fresh water inputs and close to endmembers. 400 samples were collected in total. ¹⁸O samples were collected as per O² and DIC samples, with an overflow of vials through a bubble free tube, retained in sealed in air-tight glass vials (4 mL) and stored refrigerated (4°C) in the dark until analysis. Samples were transferred to SUSTech for analysis using an L2130-I Picarro.

5.11 Sensors on Ship's Underway Water Supply (M. Esposito)

A set of 9 commercial sensors were immersed into a sink supplied with seawater from 5 m depth from the ship underway system (Figure 5.11). Prior to the start of the measurements, 10 L of 10 % bleach was used to wash the ship's flow lines and tubing by pumping the solution through the underway system for at least 20 minutes. For underway measurements, the water flow rate was fixed at 10 L/min with a water turnover time of about 2 minutes. The suite of sensors included an Exo1 Sonde (YSI, Xylem brand) equipped with probes for measurements of conductivity, temperature, oxygen, turbidity and fDOM; three different sensors – SAMI (SunBurst), AquapHOx-L (Pyroscience) and AQ5 (ANB sensors) – were used for colorimetric, optical and transconductance measurements of pH, respectively; an HydroC (4H-Jena engineering GmbH, CONTROS) sensor for $pCO₂$ measurements; a mini CH₄ (ProOceanus) sensor for measurements of dissolved methane; a VLux AlgaePro (Chelsea Technologies) multiparameter fluorometer for turbidity and chlorophyll-a measurements; two sensors $-$ Opus (Trios) and PO₄ analyser (ClearWater) for measurements of inorganic nutrients of nitrate and phosphate, respectively. A second tap from the same underway water supply system was connected to the bench top HydroFIA TA analyser (4H-Jena engineering GmbH) via a cross-flow-filter module and a custom made de-bubbler. The flow rate was fixed at 5 L/min. Measurement accuracy was determined by the analysis of certified reference material (supplied by A. Dickson Laboratory, Scripps Institution of Oceanography) at the start and end of the cruise while precision and instrument performance were monitored by daily analysis of ICOS substandard material for DIC and TA.

Figure 5.11. Sensors setup (A) and total alkalinity unit (b) connected to the underway system during MSM130 cruise.

Sensors configuration

The 9 sensors were powered by a common power supply and connected via a multiport USB hub to a computer screen in order to display measurements in real-time. Data were stored both internally on the individual sensors and externally on the laptop via serial communication logging. The frequency of the sampling was defined according to individual sensor performances (Table 5.11.1).

For quality control of cruise data, the EXO-1 sensor units used on the tow fish inflow were intercalibrated with the underway sensors by deploying them alongside the main sensor packages for time periods of 6-12 hours at regular intervals during the cruise (total >4 days of intercalibration time). Following quality check and inter-calibration analysis with the ship's measurements,

measurements from all sensors will be merged and reported at one minute interval, when possible.

Table 5.11.1. Sensors type and configuration used for measurements of surface water (5 m) from the ship underway system during MSM130 cruise.

5.12 DIC, TA and Methane Sampling in Bottles

(M- Esposito)

A variable number of Niskin bottles were selected from vertical CTD casts for sampling of dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC), total alkalinity (TA) and dissolved methane (CH4) (Table 5.12.1). Regular sampling for salinity and TA/DIC from the on-board underway water supply system was also undertaken (Table 5.12.2).

Dissolved inorganic carbon and total alkalinity sampling

The 24 x 10 L Niskin bottles rosette mounted on the frame of the CTD system was used for discrete water sampling. Samples for TA/DIC were drawn directly from the Niskin bottles into 250 mL Pyrex borosilicate glass bottles. Bottles were rinsed with the sample water before filling. While filling, the bottles were rotated to ensure no bubbles accumulate inside and to avoid the persistence of any minute bubbles. Overflowing for at least three times the bottle volume was allowed. After removal of 2.5 mL of sampled seawater for headspace, samples were preserved by addition of 100 μL of 50% saturated HgCl₂ solution (Dickson et al. 2007). A thin layer of silicone grease was applied around the glass stoppers and after ensuring appropriate labelling, the bottles were sealed and stored in the dark for later analysis at GEOMAR. The same sampling procedure was applied to underway water samples. Analysis will be performed on an Apollo analyser.

Dissolved methane sampling

Samples for CH⁴ were drawn directly from the Niskin bottles into 120 mL glass bottles. Bottles were rinsed with the sample water before filling. Sample bottles were filled from the bottom using a silicone tubing and care was taken to avoid the formation or accumulation of bubbles. Overflowing for at least three times the bottle volume was allowed. Bottles were closed immediately after sampling with a crimp cap and septum. Following appropriate labelling, samples were preserved by addition of about 200 μ L of 50% saturated HgCl₂ solution by using a needle syringe. The collected CH⁴ water samples will be analysed at AWI by gas chromatography.

Date	Station	DIC/TA	CH ₄	Date	Station	DIC/TA	CH ₄
	Number	samples	Samples			samples	Samples
12.07.2024	3	10	10	29.07.2024	91	7	τ
12.07.2024	5	10	11	29.07.2024	92	$\overline{3}$	$\overline{}$
12.07.2024	6	10		29.07.2024	93	$\overline{3}$	$\qquad \qquad \blacksquare$
12.07.2024	8	10	11	29.07.2024	94	$\overline{3}$	
13.07.2024	10	10	10	30.07.2024	95	$\overline{7}$	8
13.07.2024	11	10		30.07.2024	96	$\overline{3}$	$\overline{}$
13.07.2024	13	9	10	30.07.2024	97	$\overline{3}$	9
13.07.2024	14	10		30.07.2024	98	$\overline{3}$	$\mathbf{9}$
13.07.2024	15	10	10	01.08.2024	99	$\overline{3}$	$\overline{7}$
14.07.2024	16	10	10	02.08.2024	104	11	8
14.07.2024	18	9		04.08.2024	119	$\overline{3}$	$\overline{7}$
14.07.2024	19	6	$\overline{7}$	04.08.2024	120	$\overline{3}$	$\overline{}$
15.07.2024	23	7		04.08.2024	124		$\overline{7}$
15.07.2024	24	6	10	05.08.2024	127	$\overline{3}$	$\overline{7}$
15.07.2024	26	$\overline{4}$	8	05.08.2024	131	6	6
17.07.2024	30	3		05.08.2024	133	6	6
17.07.2024	32	$\overline{3}$		05.08.2024	134	6	6
17.07.2024	33	$\overline{3}$		06.08.2024	135	6	6
17.07.2024	36	3		06.08.2024	137	7	6
18.07.2024	38	$\overline{3}$	9	06.08.2024	138	6	6
18.07.2024	39	$\overline{3}$		06.08.2024	140	$\overline{7}$	6

Table 5.12.1. List of samples collected from Niskin bottles on CTD casts

18.07.2024	40	3	10	06.08.2024	141	7	
18.07.2024	41	3		07.08.2024	150	3	
18.07.2024	43	10		08.08.2024	151	8	8
19.07.2024	45	9	10	08.08.2024	152		7
19.07.2024	46	3		08.08.2024	153		
20.07.2024	50	3		08.08.2024	154	4	
22.07.2024	53	4		08.08.2024	155	9	9
22.07.2024	55	$\overline{4}$		08.08.2024	156	9	9
22.07.2024	56	3		10.08.2024	161	7	7
28.07.2024	82	7	7	11.08.2024	163	9	9
28.07.2024	83	4	4	11.08.2024	169	10	10
28.07.2024	84	7					
29.07.2024	86	7	7				
29.07.2024	90	7		TOTAL		392	335

Table 5.12.2. List of underway samples collected during MSM130 cruise

5.13 Filtration of Samples for Biological Variables

5.13.1 HPLC Pigments

(E. Trudnowska)

Samples for the analysis of phytoplankton pigment composition through HPLC (high-pressure

liquid chromatography) method were collected at selected depths at 43 stations (Fig. 5.13.1). Overall 340 filters were assessed by filtration of 650 liters of water.

Fig. 5.13.1 Bio-profiles where **HPLC** concentrations were collected.

Sampling bottles were all triple rinsed with filtered target water from the rosette prior to final sampling. Then, the sampled water was immediately transported to the lab and was filtered onto glass-microfibre filters (grade GF/F, Whatman), with volumes ranging from 400 ml to 4 000 ml (1 900 ml on average), depending on the color intensity of the filter (Fig. 5.13.1.2). After the filtration, the filter was rinsed with pH 9 MilliQ water. Each filter was separately folded in aluminium foil, marked with a sticker with a unique number, supplemented by small card inside with station and depth metadata, and deep frozen (-80°C) for further laboratory HPLC analyses. The results will be processes by CHEMTAX – a program for estimating class abundances from chemical markers. This will be done to assess the relations between dominating phytoplankton taxa and the morphotypes of marine snow.

Fig. 5.13.1.2 Filters after sample collection for HPLC showing a range of biogenic and lithogenic particle types.

Moreover, the underway samples from 5 m depth were collected daily to assist primary production experiment, to provide also surface layer at the sampled stations, as well as to resolve finer spatial distribution, resulting in additional 87 surface data points.

5.13.2 Chlorophyll a Sampling

(L. Frankholz)

Water samples were collected from Niskin bottles mounted on the CTD rosette. Each 4 L container was rinsed thrice with target water before collection of the sample. All water samples were kept in the dark until processing by filtration onto Fisher MF300 glass-fibre filters (25 mm diameter). Filtered volumes ranged between 500 – 2000 ml (and recorded), depending on water and time availability, were filtered with a vacuum pump at 200 bar. Filtration columns and filters were rinsed with pH 9 MilliQ water after processing of each sample. Filters were folded in half, packaged into aluminium foil bags with a sample ID sticker (MSM130 $\# \# \#$), and stored at -20°C. In addition to station samples, a midnight sample was taken each night from the ship's underway supply, to supplement a collaborating primary production experiment.

Approximately 500 L water was filtered in total onto 450 filters. The glass fibre filters will be extracted at GEOMAR for 12-24 h in 10 mL 90% acetone in a -20°C freezer in the dark before measurement on a Turner Designs trilogy fluorometer following Welschmeyer (1994). Chlorophyll concentrations will be used to calibrate the fluorescence sensor data from the CTD profiles.

5.13.3 Particulate Organic Carbon (POC) and Organic Matter (L. Frankholz)

Water samples for the determination of POC, PON, particulate amino sugars (AS) and particulate amino acids (AA) were collected in the same containers as samples for Chl a filtration, thereby collected and treated in the same manner as described above. Water volumes ranging between 2000 – 4000 ml were filtered onto previously combusted Fisher MF300 glass-fibre filters (25 mm diameter) at 200 mbar. Zooplankton that were found on filters were not removed, but their presence was recorded after visually inspecting filters. Filters were folded in half, wrapped in aluminium foil bags with the corresponding sample ID sticker (MSM130 $\# \# \#$), and stored at -20°C in small zip-lock bags. Additionally to station samples, a midnight sample was taken each night from the ship's underway supply (5 m depth) , to supplement a collaborating primary production experiment.

Approximately 900 L water were filtered onto 373 filters.

Samples for POC, PN and bulk $\delta^{13}C$ and $\delta^{15}N$ determination will be fumigated with hydrochloric acid (HCl) to remove inorganic carbonate followed by oven-drying at 60°C for 24 h, and analyzed using a Flash EA IsoLink CN elemental analyzer coupled with a MAT 253 plus IRMS (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Germany). Pretreatment of AS samples will follow acid leaching. GF/F filters will be hydrolyzed using 6 M HCl at 105°C for 8 h. The hydrolysates will be then neutralized with 6 M potassium hydroxide (KOH) to a pH ~ 6.8 and centrifuged immediately. The supernatant will be taken through solid phase extraction (SPE) cartridges to remove salts, and then eluted with methanol and dichloromethane. The eluent containing AS will be concentrated under nitrogen and then redissolved in Milli-Q water for concentration and stable carbon isotope analysis. Individual AS concentrations will be quantified using an ion chromatograph (IC, Dionex ICS-5000+ SP) coupled with an electrochemical detector.

Concentrations of D- and L-amino acids will be hydrolyzed using 6 M hydrochloric acid and then separated as *o*-phthaldialdehyde derivatives using a Thermo Fisher Scientific U3000 ultrahigh performance liquid chromatography (UPLC) system equipped with a Poroshell 120 EC-C18 column $(4.6 \times 100 \text{ mm}, 2.7 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ particles).

5.13.4 Biogenic Silica (BSi)

(X. Huang)

The silicon cycles in terrestrial-oceanic system are coupled with the carbon cycles. Over long-term time-scales, weathering of rock minerals produces dSi which is delivered to the ocean via runoff. In the ocean, biological uptake by phytoplankton, burial in sediment, remineralization and upwelling to surface waters are the main processes affecting silicon distributions in the ocean and linking them to the carbon biogeochemical cycle. Alongside dissolved silicic acid measurements, we filtered water for biogenic silica to help better understand the silicon cycles in Greenlandic coastal system. "Biogenic' silica is more strictly referred to as 'amorphous' silica in these environments as chemical leaches cannot directly distinguish between the amorphous silica incorporated into diatoms (biogenic silica) and labile particulate silica delivered by runoff into the ocean around Greenland (lithogenic silica), concentrations of which may be elevated in fjords from glacier inputs (e.g. Meire et al., 2016). In order to distinguish these components we additionally

measured dAl at sea, as a tracer of lithogenic particles, and will additionally measure dAl on leached BSi samples to quantitatively distinguish lithogenic and biogenic labile particulate Si phases.

Two liter (2 L) seawater samples were collected in 2 L HDPE brown bottles from Niskin bottles mounted on CTD rosette. Exactly 1 L of seawater was filtered through Whatman 47 mm 0.8 μm Nuclepore Track-Etch membrane filters (vacuum pressure at 60 kPa). For high turbidity samples (a few layers from station 93 to station 99, Sermilik Fjord, were visibly turbid), likely with higher BSi loading, filtration volumes were reduced to 0.5 L per sample. Filters were folded twice and wrapped in aluminium foil and stored at -20° C with labels in a zip-log bag. Sampling bottles and filtration units were cleaned three times with fresh water and rinsed three times with MilliQ water between samples.

More than 700 samples were collected from 83 stations. For each station, samples from underway and depths of 10, 20, 30 and 50 m were collected. Other sampling layers were determined via real time turbidity profile from a sensor mounted on the CTD rosette. For nonstation days, underway samples were taken at 08:00, 16:00 and 23:59 h (midnight) UTC. During the cruise, midnight BSi samples were always taken in parallel with other biological measurements. 10 blanks (MilliQ water collected in same 2 L HDPE brown bottles) and 5 triplicates samples were also collected for assessing sampling quality control.

5.13.5 Particulate Lipids

(X. Huang)

1.5 liter (1.5 L) seawater samples were collected from Niskin bottles mounted on CTD rosette. Duplicates of 0.5 L seawater sample were filtered through Merck 47 mm 0.22 μm Durapore PVDF membrane filters (vacuum pressure at 60 kPa). Filters were folded twice and wrapped in aluminium foil and stored at -80° C with labels in zip-log bags. Sampling bottles and filtration units were cleaned three times with fresh water.

200 samples were collected from 21 stations. For each station, samples from depths of 10, 20, 50 and 100 m were mostly collected. Samples will be analysed at GEOMAR by Dr. Kevin Becker.

5.13.6 Virus Counting (CV), Micro-DNA and Viruses

(X. Huang)

About 20 L seawater samples were collected from the Niskin bottles mounted on the CTD rosette. Seawater samples were passed through a pre-cleaned 200-mesh screen (mounted on the outlet of the sampling tube which was connected to the Niskin bottles) to remove large particles before collected in 20 L plastic folding buckets. During the whole process of sampling collection and filtration, folding buckets were always covered with black bags to minimize light.

Virus Counting-Triplicates of 4.5 mL samples (filtrate from 200-mesh screen) were collected into 5 mL preservation tubes with labels and stored at -80° C (zip-log bag).

A DNA Filtration-Sample was then filtered through Merck 142 mm 0.22 μm Durapore GV membrane filters (142 mm large disc filtration system, peristaltic pump at 90 rpm). Filtrate from this process was stored in another 20 L folding buckets (also covered with black bags to minimize light). Filters were folded four times and kept in 15 mL centrifuge tubes with labels at -80° C (ziplog bag).

Virus Filtration-Filtrate from DNA filtration were reacted with 1 mL 10 g/L FeCl₃ stock (2.415 g pre-weighted FeCl3-6H2O solid dissolved in 50 mL MilliQ, then filtered through 0.22 μm Millex PES syringe filter and 0.02μ m Whatman Anotop 25 syringe filter, stored at 4 °C). Immediately after addition, vials were shaken for 1 minute to mix. Another 1 mL 10 g/L FeCl₃ stock was then added with another 1 min shaking. 1 hour at room temperature with repeated shaking every 10 minutes, the mixture was filtered through Merck 142 mm 0.8 μm Isopore ATTP membrane filters (142 mm large disc filtration system, peristalic pump at 90 rpm). Using PALL 142 mm 0.8 μm Supor PES membrane filters as holder (ATTP membrane on upper layer, PES membrane at lower layer). ATTP filters were folded thrice and kept in 50 mL centrifuge tubes with labels. Centrifuge tubes were then seal with parafilm and stored at -80° C (zip-log bag).

The volume of remaining water of the DNA filtrate and Virus filtrate was used to calculate the actual filtration volume of DNA and Virus. Folding sample containers were cleaned thrice with fresh water and rinsed three times with MilliQ. 142 mm large disc filtration system were cleaned with MilliQ thrice only. Sampling tubes (with 200-mesh screen mounted on) were cleaned thrice with fresh water and rinsed with MilliQ.

79 samples from 20 stations of Micro-DNA and Virus samples were collected in total.

5.13.7 Primary Production Incubations

(C. Arias)

For the primary production incubations, an on-deck incubator covered with a UV filter was used to protect the phytoplankton from excess light. A Fibox 4 sensor and glass bottles with a spot were used to carry out the oxygen measurements In each incubation, there were 10 glass bottles, of which 5 were darkened in order to achieve oxygen consumption and production conditions.

The samples came from the underway supply at 5 m depth, at 00:01 h UTC the water sample was taken in a darkened canister to maintain sample conditions. In addition, this sampling was accompanied by other parameters, for example, HPLC pigment, biogenic silica, chlorophyll, cytometry, etc.

From the canister, the sample was taken in each bottle, first the material was resuspended by shaking the canister, the bottle was primed and it was filled without bubbles. The initial oxygen was measured once the bottle was filled. Depending on the condition of the bottle, it was then darkened with a bag or not. Once the 10 samples were ready, they were taken in a transparent plastic box to the incubator on the port side. After approximately 23 h, the incubation was finished, and the final oxygen in each bottle measured. Then, the bottles were cleaned and left ready for the next incubation.

5.13.8 Flow Cytometry

(C. Arias)

At each sampling depth, 50 mL of seawater was taken. After that, 3 aliquots/replicates were made, using 1350 µl of seawater and the samples fixed with 150 µl of Glutaraldehyde. They were then stored at -80°C. From cryotube 730, one of the replicas had 150 ul of glutaraldehyde and the other two had 75 µl to expand the amount of sampling.

In addition to the station samples, a midnight sample was taken for the primary production experiment along with other biological parameters. The total number of cryotubes sampled was 918, corresponding to 306 depths. 34 of these were samples from midnight incubations carried out from waters from the underway supply, 5 depths were samples taken in the zodiac in the first fjord and the rest corresponded to station samples.

5.14 Sediment Sampling

(C. Wilstermann, L. Schreiber, I. Brinkmann, H. Zimmermann, M. Stry) Sediment cores were targeted at 26 sites (Fig. 5.15.1) for several purposes: (1) to provide a longerterm perspective on cryosphere-biosphere interactions and their impact on carbon dynamics, (2) to obtain surface sediments to investigate contemporary environmental conditions (including living foraminifera), and (3) to investigate microbial processes with a focus on iron cycling as an important anaerobic respiration pathway.

Fig. 5.14.1 Overview maps showing the station locations where sediment coring was carried out.

Sediment sampling was carried out using two devices: a gravity corer for longer sediment cores (3-5m; Fig. 5.15.2 A, B) and the mini-Multicorer (MUC; Fig. 5.16 2A, 2C) to retrieve the undisturbed surface of the seafloor (< 0.6 m). We deployed a total of 15 gravity cores (resulting in 9 successful long cores; Table 1) and 32 MUCs (resulting in 94 successful short sediment cores) during the expedition. For some attempted coring sites, we did not recover a sediment core due to (1) hitting a layer of coarser material (pebbles and sand in core catcher) or (2) soupy, sandy sediments potentially lost during recovery.

5.14.1 Gravity Coring

(L. Schreiber, I. Brinkmann, H. Zimmermann)

Fig. 5.14.2 Equipment used for sediment coring. (A) The GEOMAR mini-Multicorer (MUC) and gravity corer. (B) Deployment of the gravity corer. (C) Successful recovery of the mini-MUC.

A gravity corer consisting of a 3 m- or 5 m-long interchangeable steel barrel was used to recover soft Holocene sediments (Table 5.15.1). Besides the steel barrel, the gravity corer includes a core catcher, and lead plates making up a total weight of about 1 - 1.4 t. Before each deployment a PVC liner was inserted into the steel barrel (outer/inner diameter of 120/110 mm). The gravity corer was deployed at the starboard side of the ship using the ships cranes. Descent rate was 1 m/s until approximately 100 m above the seafloor. For the final 100 m, the speed was reduced to $0.3 - 1$ m/s (Table 5.15.1) velocity depending on the sediment surface. At bottom contact, indicated by a sharp decline in rope tension, the winch was stopped instantly in very soupy inner fjord sediments or after releasing approximately 5 m extra rope for penetration of more dense sediments. We slowly heaved (0.3 m/s) the core out of the sediments and then increased the velocity to 1 m/s until reaching the surface. After returning to the water surface, the gravity corer was cleaned and then recovered onboard. The core catcher, which prevents the liner with sediments from sliding out of the barrel, was carefully removed and we collected any visible organic material suitable for radiocarbon dating. However, most core catchers were devoid of any suitable material. The liner was cut into maximum 1 m long sections, which were labelled, capped on both ends, sealed with tape, and stored in the refrigerated container for return to Kiel (4 °C).

Core name	Latitude (degree)	Longitude (degree)	Water depth (m)	Event time	Core length (cm)	Barrel length (m)	Deployment velocity (m/s)	Notes
MSM130-20-1GC	60.574128	-44.073026	426	7/14/2024 17:10	395	5	0.7	lead plates amount to 1.15 t
MSM130-21-1GC	60.520487	-43.633189	816	7/14/2024 20:25	490	5	0.7	overshot
MSM130-28-1GC	60.450776	-43.276588	791	7/15/2024 20:51	442	5	0.7	overshot
MSM130-47-5GC	62.424261	-42.632106	742	7/20/2024	224	5	0.7	removed 300kg; sediment

Table 5.14.1 List of gravity core deployments.

5.14.2. Mini Multi-Corer (MUC)

(C. Wilstermann, L. Schreiber, I. Brinkmann, H. Zimmermann, M. Stry)

The mini-MUC allows for the simultaneous retrieval of four short sediment cores via custom-made acryl tubes (Fig. 5.15.2). We deployed the MUC once per station for Kangerlussuatsiaq, and twice for Sikuijivitteq and Sermilik to collect enough material for additional incubation experiments (Fig. 5.15.2, Table 5.15.1). Deployments usually followed after CTD and trace metal operations at super stations. Generally, MUC deployments on the shelf did not collect any soft sediments but recovered pebbles/gravel and some faunal remains (e.g. a piece of coral and a piece of a large encrusting sponge) which indicated hard bottom substrates at these sites. The only shelf site for which sediments were retrieved was located in a trough. For each deployment, the cores were dedicated to a range of experiments (Fig. 5.15.2).

Figure 5.14.2 Overview of dedicated work packages for each of the four short MUC cores per deployment.

5.14.2.1 Proxy Core

(L. Schreiber, I. Brinkmann, H. Zimmermann)

The longest core was collected as proxy core to carry out dating and analyze several sedimentological parameters such as grain size, total organic carbon (TOC), carbon to nitrogen (CN) ratio, and microfossil analysis. Onboard, we sliced this core in 1 cm resolution, placed each sample in a Whirlpak and stored the samples frozen (-20°C).

5.14.2.2 Living Foraminifera From Fjord Surface Sediments by Marine-terminating Glaciers

(L. Schreiber, I. Brinkmann, H. Zimmermann)

Chemical preparation: CTG/DMSO solution

Add 1 ml of DMSO (Dimethyl Sulfoxide; by MedChemTronica) to each 1µg tube of Green CMFDA (5-Chloromethylfluorescein Diacetate; by MedChemTronica). Freeze at -20ºC. Sample preparation:

Sediment samples (Table 5.15.2) were processed as soon as possible after recovery and stored at ambient temperature until then (0–6 h). The top 2–3 cm of the core were sliced into 1-cm intervals, and placed in HDPE containers each (approx. 80 ml sediment). Bottom-water collected from the same site by Niskin bottles was added, bringing the volume up to about 120 ml. 72 µl of stock Green CMFDA + DMSO solution was added to the samples (i.e., 6 μ l per 10 ml volume sediment + seawater). The samples were incubated at 4ºC in darkness for 11–17 h (minimum of 8-12 h required at 4 ºC). Following incubation, c. 80 ml ethanol were added and samples stored at -20ºC.

Fjord	Site	Sample	Sediment	Water	CTG $+$	Ethanol	Incubat
					DMSO	(96%)	ion time
Kanger-	outer	MSM130	3 cm	To	$72 \mu l$	$~80$ ml	\sim 13 h
lussuatsi	fjord	$-10-$	~80 ml	~120	(13/07/24)	(14/07/24)	
aq		3MUC1		ml	18:37)	07:47)	
Lindelo	mid	MSM130	3 cm	To	$72 \mu l$	~80 ml	\sim 12 h
w Fjord	fjord	$-13-$	~80 ml	~120	(14/07/24)	14/07/24	
		3MUC2		ml	00:45	12:55	
	inner	MSM130	3 cm	To	$72 \mu l$	~80 ml	\sim 17 h
	fjord	$-16-$	~80 ml	~120	(14/07/24)	(15/07/24)	
		3MUC4		ml	13:58	6:48	
Sermilik	shelf	MSM130	3 cm	To	$72 \mu l$	~80 ml	\sim 12 h
Fjord	through	$-58-$	~80 ml	~120	(24/07/24)	(25/07/24)	
		4MUC3		ml	19:42)	07.19)	
	outer	MSM130	4 cm	To	$72 \mu l$	~80 ml	\sim 11 h
	fjord	$-81-$	~80 ml	~120	(27/07/24)	(28/07/24)	
		2MUC1		ml	13:23)	00.35)	
	mid	MSM130	3 cm	To	$72 \mu l$	$~80$ ml	\sim 15 h
	fjord	$-85-$	~80 ml	~120	(28/07/24)	29/07/24	
		4MUC2		ml	22:57)	13:54)	
	side	MSM130	3 cm	To	$72 \mu l$	~80 ml	\sim 12 h
	arm	$-105-$	~80 ml	~120	(02/08/24)	(03/08/24)	
		4MUC2		ml	19:28)	07.35)	
	fjord	MSM130	2 cm	To	$72 \mu l$	~80 ml	\sim 13 h
	mouth	$-123-$	~80 ml	~120	(04/08/24)	(05/08/24)	
		1MUC3		ml	20:46	10:14)	
	fjord	MSM130	2 cm	To	$72 \mu l$	$~80$ ml	\sim 13 h
	mouth	$-124-$	$~80$ ml	~120	(04/08/2420:4	(05/08/24)	
		2MUC1		ml	6)	10:14)	

Table 5.14.2 Sample details for the living foraminifera experiments of the top 2-4 cm of sediments from short multicores.

5.14.2.3 Core for DNA and Dinocyst Germination Experiments

(L. Schreiber, I. Brinkmann, H. Zimmermann)

A total of 12 cores were collected for DNA and germination experiments of dinoflagellate cysts (dinocysts). To trace potential downward mixing of younger dinocysts and DNA through core

until only about 150 mL of water was left to which ~65,000 polybead, polystyrene, blue-died microspheres were added. After at least 2 hours of settling, the water was carefully removed with a sterile syringe, and the sediment surface was secured by floral foam (oasis) in a bleached and ethanol rinsed plastic bag. A further layer of floral foam was added on top to soak up excess water and stabilize the top of the core for transport. The core liners were sealed with rubber plugs and tape and stored and transported standing upright in a refrigerated container (4°C).

5.14.2.4.1. Processing of MUC Cores for Geochemical and Microbiological Analysis

(C. Wilstermann, L. Schreiber, I. Brinkmann, H. Zimmermann, M. Stry)

A total of 12 MUC cores were used for geochemical and microbial analysis (Table 5.15.2.4). The MUC core for geochemical and microbiological analysis was sliced under anoxic conditions at ambient temperature inside a glovebag filled with nitrogen. The used plasticware was made anoxic (at least 24h before sampling) by placing it in an anaerogen pack (containing an oxygen-consuming pouch (AnaeroGen, ThermoFischer)). The core was sliced in sections of 1 cm from 0-4 cm sediment depth, 2 cm from 4-10 cm sediment depth, and 3 cm intervals below. From each slice subsamples were taken for, DNA/RNA analysis (stored at -80 °C), sequential HCL extractions (FeHCL) and determination of the porosity of the sediment (both stored at -20 °C). To investigate the porewater of the sediment of each slice, sediment-filled falcon tubes were connected to rhizons that pulled out the porewater into 10 ml syringes. The rhizons were made anoxic by placing them in a Schott bottle filled with MilliQ and bubbling them with N_2 for 20 min. The porewater was pipetted into separate vials for various parameters and fixed as described in Table 5.15.2.4.

Parameter	
dFe/dMn	1.5 ml vial + 100 μ l 6M HCl
Sulfate	1.5 ml vial
Sulfide	1.5 ml vial $+ 500 \mu$ l 5 % ZnAc
Ammonium	1.5 ml vial
DIC	1.8 ml glass vial
$NO2-/NO3-$	1.5 ml vial
Phosphate	1.5 ml vial
Silic acid	1.5 ml vial
Alkalinity	1.8 ml glass vial

Table 5.14.2.4: List of parameters and preparation for porewater sampling.

5.14.3 Incubation Experiments

(C. Wilstermann, M. Stry)

To study the flux of Fe from the fjord sediments into the overlying water, incubation experiments were carried out in triplicates for the second and third fjord transects. For the incubation experiment, three cores from the same MUC cast were processed onboard as soon as possible by

subsampling them with a 6 cm diameter core liner (push core). The remaining sediment was collected in plastic bags and stored at 4 °C. They were acclimated for 24 hours at in-situ temperature (4 °C), and the bottom water was kept oxic by installing aquarium pumps. Then, the overlying water was removed and replaced by fresh bottom water. After 3 hours, T0 was sampled by filtering the overlying water through syringe filters. For Fe sampling, 14 ml was collected in acid-cleaned bottles, to which 40 µl of 6 M HCL were added before .1 ml was sampled for each parameter: NO₃, PO₄, and Si. For the dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) samples, 1.8 ml was pipetted into glass vials prepared with 10 µl mercury chloride solution. The sampling of T1 followed after 24 hours, and the incubation was terminated. Samples were stored at 4°C and – 20°C. For the quantification of the remaining supernatant volume, 2 ml of the supernatant was taken without treatment, and then bromide was added (5 mM of bromide from 1.25 M stock solution). The overlying water was stirred for 10 minutes, and another 2 ml was taken and stored at 4 °C.

5.15 Polar Bear Spotting

(E. Achterberg)

In addition to a dedicated mammal watch within the designated narwhal protection zone, a record was kept of polar bear sittings during the cruise. Four bear sightings were made along the cruise track.

Table 5.16 Polar Bear sightings.

6 Ship's Meteorological Station

Not relevant to this cruise.

7 Station List MSM130

7.1 Overall Station List

EM122: Deep-Sea Multibeam Echosounder; EM712; Shallow-water Multibeam Echosounder

8 Data and Sample Storage and Availability

A cruise summary report (CSR) has been compiled and submitted to DOD (Deutsches Ozeanographisches Datenzentrum), BSH, Hamburg, immediately after the cruise. Part of the cruise was performed in waters under jurisdiction of Denmark, Greenland and Iceland. As requested, the corresponding data and this cruise report have been transferred to the respective authorities.

All hydrographic data acquired during the cruise will be made available to the PANGAEA data base. All nutrient and trace metal and isotope data to be acquired will also be fed into these data bases and will be made publicly available within 3 years after cruise end (3rd quarter of 2027). All water and particulate and sediment samples are stored at the respective laboratories, where the measurements will be carried out. The Kiel Data Management Team (KDMT) provides an information and data archival system where metadata of the onboard DSHIP-System are collected and are made publicly available. This Ocean Science Information System (OSIS-Kiel) is accessible for all project participants and can be used to share and edit field information [\(https://portal.geomar.de/metadata/\)](https://portal.geomar.de/metadata/).

Availability of metadata in OSIS, 2 weeks after completion of the cruise and related experiments. Availability of data in OSIS (https://portal.geomar.de/osis): 6 months after completion of the cruise and related experiments.

Table 8.1 lists the target data bases, tentative availability times and responsible scientists.

Hydrography CTD and ADCP and multibeam data are held at DAM and GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel and are publicly available immediately after cruise (responsible: Prof. E. Achterberg).

Dissolved trace metals - samples and data are held at GEOMAR, Kiel (responsible: Prof. E. Achterberg).

Particulate trace metals - samples and data are held at The University of Brest, France (responsible: Dr Hélène Planquette).

Trace element isotopes (Fe and Pb isotopes) - samples and data are held at GEOMAR, Kiel (responsible: Prof. E. Achterberg).

Phytoplankton/productivity – samples and data are held at IOPAN, Poland (responsible Dr. E. Trudnowska).

Gravity core samples - samples and data are held at GEUS (responsible Dr. S. Ribeiro).

Multi core samples - samples and data are held at GEOMAR, Kiel (responsible: Dr. K. Laufer-

Meiser).

Nutrients, DOC, DOC, alkalinity, carbon cycle - samples and data are held at GEOMAR, Kiel (responsible Prof. E. Achterberg).

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11 Abbreviations

- ADCP Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler
- BCP Biological Carbon Pump
- BSi Biogenic Silica
- Chl Chlorophyll
- CRM Certified Reference Material

12 Appendices

12.1 Sediment Work

Table 12.1 List of collected, sampled and processed short multicores.

