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## <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb, <sup>210</sup>Po and stable Pb in the central equatorial Pacific: Tracers for particle cycling

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#### Abstract

Samples were collected during the 1992 US JGOFS EqPac Survey I and II cruises from 12°N to 12°S at 140°W in the central equatorial Pacific for water column profiles of dissolved, particulate and total <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po and total acid soluble stable Pb and sediment trap fluxes of <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po. Survey I occurred in February/March with moderate El Nino conditions while Survey II was conducted in September/October when there was a well developed cold-tongue. <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po are all particle reactive yet they partition differently between dissolved and particulate phases. Fractionation factors (the ratios of the distribution coefficients) show that the selectivity for suspended and sediment trap particles follows Th>Po>Pb. Scavenging residence times ( $\tau$ ) for <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po ranged from 25 to 100 d, 3 to 8 years and 100 to 500 d, respectively. These particle reactive tracers have very different distributions in the water column, which reflect differences in their sources and sinks. The deficiency of <sup>234</sup>Th relative to <sup>238</sup>U was fairly uniformly distributed meridionally, though deficiencies were higher during Survey II when there was higher new production. Excess <sup>210</sup>Pb relative to <sup>226</sup>Ra was very asymmetrical with much higher excess values north of the equator. The distributions were similar for Surveys I and II. The deficiency of <sup>210</sup>Po relative to <sup>210</sup>Pb had a symmetrical distribution about the equator for both Survey I and II but the deficiencies were larger during Survey I when upwelling was smaller. Stable Pb was generally higher at the surface than at 250 m and there was no meridional trend from 12°N to 12°S. A mass balance for <sup>210</sup>Pb was used to determine the atmospheric input of <sup>210</sup>Pb. The average values for Surveys I and II were 0.12 and 0.32 dpm cm<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. There was no general increase in atmospheric input of <sup>210</sup>Pb north of the equator but there was a strong maximum at 2-3°N during Survey I coincident with the location of the intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ), suggesting a large role for wet deposition. A mass balance for stable Pb was used to determine the atmospheric input of stable Pb. Results ranged from 110 to  $140 \,\mathrm{pmol}\,\mathrm{cm}^{-2}\,\mathrm{year}^{-1}$ . This flux was low in the southern hemisphere and increased steadily north of the equator. We evaluated use of <sup>210</sup>Po as a tracer for export of particulate organic matter during Survey I. Organic carbon and <sup>210</sup>Po were highly correlated in suspended matter and sediment trap samples. Average values of organic carbon fluxes determined from the deficiencies of <sup>210</sup>Po times the orgC/<sup>210</sup>Po ratio agreed well with those determined from the

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deficiencies of <sup>234</sup>Th times the organic carbon/<sup>234</sup>Th ratio and <sup>15</sup>N-new production, but had a much larger variability because of the more variable advection corrections. © 2005 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction

Particle cycling and export in the upper ocean are critical biogeochemical components of the ocean's carbon balance. Because it is difficult to study these processes directly, researchers have frequently used particle reactive, radioactive tracers. Particularly, the short-lived particle reactive U–Th series isotopes <sup>234</sup>Th ( $t_{1/2} = 24.1$  d), <sup>210</sup>Pb ( $t_{1/2} = 22.3$  years) and <sup>210</sup>Po ( $t_{1/2} = 138$  d) are useful tracers of these processes. The different half-lives and scavenging affinities of these isotopes integrate the effects of scavenging over different time scales. Their different source functions decouple their boundary conditions. Before now, there have been few studies in which all three tracers were measured on both water column and sediment trap samples at the same time.

<sup>234</sup>Th is a well-studied particle reactive tracer that has been used as a tracer for scavenging (Bhat et al., 1969; Matsumoto, 1975; Honeyman et al., 1988). The deficiency of <sup>234</sup>Th in the euphotic zone, relative to its parent <sup>238</sup>U, has been used to calculate the export flux of particles and carbon (Coale and Bruland, 1985; Murray et al., 1989, 1996; Buesseler et al., 1992, 1995; Bacon et al., 1996). The partitioning of <sup>234</sup>Th between dissolved and particulate phases has been used to determine rates of sorption/desorption and aggregation/ disaggregation (e.g., Honeyman et al., 1988; Honeyman and Santschi, 1989; Clegg and Whitfield, 1990, 1991, 1993; Murnane et al., 1990, 1994a, b; Dunne et al., 1997).

The radioactive deficiency of <sup>210</sup>Pb relative to its parent <sup>226</sup>Ra was first used to estimate scavenging rates in the deep sea (Craig et al., 1973) and subsequently to quantify boundary scavenging at the edges of ocean basins (Bacon et al., 1976; Spencer et al., 1981; Nozaki et al., 1997). <sup>210</sup>Pb activities are usually greater than those of <sup>226</sup>Ra in the surface ocean (e.g. Chung and Craig, 1983; Nozaki et al., 1976) because of atmospheric deposition of <sup>210</sup>Pb resulting from decay of atmospheric <sup>222</sup>Rn transported from the continents (Turekian and Cochran, 1981).

<sup>210</sup>Po is typically deficient relative to its parent <sup>210</sup>Pb because of preferential biological removal (Shannon et al., 1970; Turekian et al., 1974; Kadko, 1993). Its scavenging rate appears to vary with biomass (Nozaki et al., 1998) and primary production (Kadko, 1993).

The geochemistries of stable Pb and <sup>210</sup>Pb have been compared in the Pacific by Settle et al (1982) and in the Atlantic by Boyle et al. (1986, 1994), Shen and Boyle (1988) and Sherrell et al. (1992). Because continental sources for <sup>210</sup>Pb through the atmosphere are assumed to be temporally constant, normalization of stable lead to <sup>210</sup>Pb was used to deduce the decreasing temporal trend in anthropogenic atmospheric input of stable Pb.

Tanaka et al. (1983) measured the vertical and temporal variations in <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po in Funka Bay, Japan, and compared their rates of biological removal. <sup>234</sup>Th and <sup>210</sup>Pb had similar residence times,  $\tau$  which were about half those of Po. Shimmield et al. (1995) measured all three tracers in the Bellingshausen Sea, Antarctica. The export flux of <sup>210</sup>Po was lower than <sup>234</sup>Th, possibly due to more rapid recycling of <sup>210</sup>Po. Sarin et al. (1999) and Charette and Moran (1999) measured <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po on the same samples in the south-equatorial Atlantic. They found similar scavenging residence times of <sup>210</sup>Po and <sup>234</sup>Th. Shorter scavenging and removal residence times were attributed to high biological activity. Harada and Tsunogai (1986) measured <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and  $^{210}$ Po on deep ocean trap samples (>500 m) from the NE Pacific and concluded that settling particles adsorb tracers in the order  $^{234}$ Th $>^{210}$ Po $>^{210}$ Pb. Friederich and Rutgers van der Loeff (2002) combined data for <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po with multiple regression equations of these tracers with POC and biogenic Si to estimate carbon and silica export in the Antarctic Circumpolar Current.

Experimental studies have shown that phytoplankton and zooplankton concentrate these tracers in the order  $Po \gg Pb = Th > Ra > U$  (Heyraud et al., 1976; Kharkar et al, 1976; Cherry and Heyraud, 1991; Fisher et al., 1983). Po appears to be enriched in cell protoplasm by active biological uptake (Stewart and Fisher, 2003a, b), whereas Th and Pb are adsorbed directly onto all particle surfaces nonspecifically. Fisher et al., (1983) hypothesized that Th (and Pb) may be better tracers for the mass flux and Po a better tracer for the organic carbon flux.

We measured the distributions of <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb, stable Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po during the 1992 US JGOFS EqPac process study on the Survey I and Survey II cruises from 12°N to 12°S at 140°W. Survey I was conducted during El Nino conditions with relatively warm surface temperatures. There was a well developed surface cold-tongue during Survey II (Murray et al., 1994). Our analyses were conducted on dissolved, particulate and total water column samples as well as drifting sediment trap samples. Data for <sup>226</sup>Ra from the same stations is available from Ku et al (1995). In this paper, we present the <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po data and, with previously published <sup>226</sup>Ra and <sup>234</sup>Th data, discuss particulate/dissolved partitioning and scavenging residence times of Th, Pb and Po and spatial and temporal variability in the atmospheric input of <sup>210</sup>Pb and stable Pb. Finally, we evaluate the use of <sup>210</sup>Po as a tracer for POC export as has been done previously using <sup>234</sup>Th.

#### 2. Samples and methods

Samples were collected from 12°N to12°S at 140°W on the R./V. Thompson during EqPac Survey I (TT007; February–March, 1992) and Survey II (TT011; August–September, 1992). Stations were occupied at 12°N, 9°N, 7°N, 5°N, 3°N, 2°N, 1°N, Equator, 1°S, 2°S, 3°S, 5°S and 12°S for 1.5–2.5-day periods. The hydrographic and nutrient data for these cruises were presented by Murray et al. (1995).

Discrete water column samples were collected from the surface to 250 m using a CTD-Rosette equipped with 30-1 Go-Flo bottles. Samples for total and dissolved isotopes ( $\sim 201$ ) were processed on deck within 8h after collection. Samples  $(\sim 50-801)$  for dissolved/particulate partitioning were filtered through either 142 mm diameter 0.50 µm Nuclepore or 0.45 µm Millipore filters before processing. Samples for stable Pb were collected with a Moss Landing Marine Laboratory (MLML) trace metal clean rosette built for the EqPac study (Sanderson et al., 1995). The flux of particles was sampled with drifting sediment traps of the PIT design (Knauer et al., 1990). Traps were deployed at 5-7 depths from 50 to 250 m. The details of trap deployment and <sup>234</sup>Th and organic carbon sample processing were given in Murray et al. (1996). The acid digestion techniques used for suspended and sediment trap samples were given in Murray et al. (1996).

<sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po in both water and particulate samples were analyzed by conventional alpha and beta counting techniques. For dissolved and total water samples the water was acidified to pH 1.5 with conc. HCl, spiked with yield tracers (<sup>230</sup>Th, <sup>209</sup>Po and stable Pb) and FeCl<sub>3</sub>, equilibrated for at least 6 h and neutralized to pH 9 with NH<sub>4</sub>OH. The Fe(OH)<sub>3</sub> precipitate was removed and dissolved in 9N HCl. The isotopes were separated with a series of anion exchange columns (AG  $1 \times 8$ , 100–200 mesh) (Anderson and Fleer, 1982; Coale and Bruland, 1985). Th was eluted with 9N HCl, Pb with 8N HNO<sub>3</sub> and Po with 0.1 N HNO<sub>3</sub>. <sup>234</sup>Th was platted by stippling while <sup>210</sup>Po was spontaneously plated onto 1 cm<sup>2</sup> silver discs. All the <sup>234</sup>Th chemistry and beta counting for the dissolved and total water column samples were completed at sea. The rest of the analyses were completed ashore. The chemical separations and analyses of <sup>234</sup>Th and <sup>210</sup>Po were completed within 2 months of the end of the cruise. The second counts for <sup>210</sup>Po (for <sup>210</sup>Pb) were conducted about 1 year later. Decay corrections were done after Fleer and Bacon (1984). Sediment trap samples were corrected to the time of trap deployment. The precision of the <sup>234</sup>Th analyses was 6.2% (Murray et al., 1996) while those for <sup>210</sup>Po and <sup>210</sup>Pb were 5% (Wei and Murray, 1994).

Stable Pb was determined by a flow injection method with inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) detection (Chapin, 1997). Sample preconcentration was performed with a micro column packed with 8-hydroxyquinoline (8-HQ) immobilized on Fractogel (EM Science) by the technique of Landing et al. (1986). The detection limit (3 sigma blank) for Pb was 3.9 pM. Accuracy was verified by analysis of standard reference materials (CASS-2 and NASS-3) and by intercalibration with MLMLs measurements made by graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrophotomery (GFAAS) (K. Coale, personal communication).

Water column (4–61) and sediment trap samples for particulate carbon were filtered through precombusted 25 mm Whatman GF/F filters. Particulate carbon analyses were conducted with a Leeman Labs CEC 440 CHN analyzer as described by Murray et al. (1996). Total suspended matter (TSM) values were obtained by whole bottle filtration of 301 Niskin bottles on Nuclepore filters (Chapin, 1997). The filters were lightly rinsed with distilled water then dried. After weighing the filters were rinsed with distilled water and those solutions were analyses for Cl<sup>-</sup> to make a correction for sea salt. The data in (mg m<sup>-3</sup>) are available on the US JGOFS EqPac data system.

 $^{238}$ U (dpm l<sup>-1</sup>) was calculated from the  $^{238}$ U/ salinity relationship of Chen et al. (1986):

$$^{238}$$
U = 0.071 × salinity. (1)

 $^{226}$ Ra (dpm/1001) was determined at the same stations by Ku et al. (1995). We used this data and the EqPac Si data from the same samples (Murray et al., 1995) to determine the linear  $^{226}$ Ra–Si relationship in the upper 300 m:

$$[^{226}\text{Ra}] = 0.082[\text{Si}] + 8.238 \quad (r^2 = 0.741). \tag{2}$$

Similar relationships were determined previously by Nozaki et al. (1998) in the Pacific using the GEOSECS data of Chung and Craig (1980) and by Ku and Lin (1976) in the Antarctic Ocean. We used this equation and the Si data from the bottle casts to calculate  $^{226}$ Ra.

## 3. Results

The water column and sediment trap data for <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po are given in Appendices A and B, respectively, and are available on the US JGOFS EqPac data management web site (www1.whoi.e-du/jgofs.html). The water column and sediment trap <sup>234</sup>Th data were published by Murray et al. (1996). The results for POC were given by Murray et al. (1996). Several sets of duplicate and triplicate analyses were made on different trap cylinders at the same depth and the precision of these replicates for carbon, <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po all averaged 12%. The 0.1% light level during EqPac was at a depth of 120 m and this was defined as the depth of the euphotic zone (Murray et al., 1994).

The vertical profiles of the parent-daughter relationships of total nuclide activities for all stations during Survey I are shown in Fig. 1. Those for Survey II are similar in trend and thus are not shown here.  $^{234}$ Th/ $^{238}$ U ratios (Fig. 1a) in the upper 120 m (the 0.1% light level) average ~0.8. There is 50% excess in  $^{210}$ Pb relative to  $^{226}$ Ra above about 150 m (Fig. 1b).  $^{210}$ Po is about 40% deficient relative to  $^{210}$ Pb in approximately the upper 100 m (Fig. 1c).

Spatial and temporal differences in the parent daughter relationships of these tracers are more easily seen in the meridional sections. The deficiency of total <sup>234</sup>Th (dpm1<sup>-1</sup>) relative to <sup>238</sup>U (<sup>234</sup>Th<sub>def</sub> = <sup>238</sup>U-<sup>234</sup>Th) is shown in Fig. 2. During Survey I <sup>234</sup>Th<sub>def</sub> was uniform at about 0.4 dpm1<sup>-1</sup>, but during Survey II the deficiency was much larger, reaching 0.8 dpm1<sup>-1</sup>. The deficiency was centered about the equator but had its maximum at about 3–5°S. The total integrated deficiencies (dpm cm<sup>-2</sup>) are plotted in Fig. 3a to illustrate the relative homogeneous distribution during Survey I versus the minimum at the equator during Survey II with maximum deficiencies at 3°N and 5°S.

Excess total <sup>210</sup>Pb (dpm l<sup>-1</sup> × 100) (defined as <sup>210</sup>Pb<sub>xs</sub> = <sup>210</sup>Pb<sup>-226</sup>Ra) had a very asymmetrical distribution about the equator with much higher values to the north than to the south (Fig. 4). The excess values of <sup>210</sup>Pb<sub>xs</sub> were mostly confined to the upper 200 m. The surface values are consistent with the surface map of the Pacific by Nozaki et al.



Fig. 1. Vertical profiles of the total activity ratios for (a)  ${}^{234}$ Th/ ${}^{238}$ U, (b)  ${}^{210}$ Pb/ ${}^{226}$ Ra, (c)  ${}^{210}$ Po/ ${}^{210}$ Pb for Survey I for 0–250 m from 12°N to 12°S at 140°W. The vertical lines are drawn at a ratio of 1, which represents secular equilibrium.



Fig. 2. Meridional section of the <sup>234</sup>Th deficiency (dpm l<sup>-1</sup>) for 0–250 m from 12°N to 12°S at 140°W: (a) Survey I; (b) Survey II.

(1976). Integrated values of  $^{210}$ Pb<sub>xs</sub> (dpm cm<sup>-2</sup>) also showed increasingly higher values north of the equator (Fig. 3b) reflecting the larger source of

 $^{210}$ Pb<sub>xs</sub> in the northern hemisphere. The values for Survey I (which occurred during El Nino conditions) were generally higher than for Survey II,



Fig. 3. Inventories (dpm cm<sup>-2</sup>) of integrated: (a) <sup>234</sup>Th deficiency relative to <sup>238</sup>U, (b) excess <sup>210</sup>Pb relative to <sup>226</sup>Ra, (c) <sup>210</sup>Po deficiency relative to <sup>210</sup>Pb from 0 to 250 m from 12°N to 12°S along 140°W for EqPac Survey I ( $\Box$ ) and Survey II ( $\diamondsuit$ ). Values in parentheses are minimum values indicating that the deficiency in the water column extended deeper than our sampling.



Fig. 4. Meridional section of the  $^{210}$ Pb excess (dpm l<sup>-1</sup>) for 0–250 m from 12°N to 12°S at 140°W: (a) Survey I; (b) Survey II.

possibly because of reduced upwelling. Values in parentheses represent lower limits as the excess  $^{210}$ Pb extended deeper than our sampling (>250 m) at those stations. Nozaki et al. (1990) determined integrated  $^{210}$ Pb as large as 10 dpm m<sup>-2</sup> in the Okinawa Trough. Our values at 140°W are much lower (<1.3 dpm m<sup>-2</sup>) because of the remoteness of these transects from continental sources of  $^{222}$ Rn. The total  $^{210}$ Po deficiency (defined as  $^{210}$ Po-

The total <sup>210</sup>Po deficiency (defined as <sup>210</sup>Podef = <sup>210</sup>Pb-<sup>210</sup>Po) had a much more bimodal and symmetrical pattern about the equator than either <sup>234</sup>Th<sub>def</sub> or <sup>210</sup>Pb<sub>exs</sub> (Fig. 5) and frequently extended to depths greater than 200 m. The general meridional patterns were similar for both Survey I and Survey II, but the integrated values showed striking differences between these periods (Fig. 3c). During Survey I (El Nino) the integrated deficiencies were much larger (about  $1 \text{ dpm m}^{-2}$ ) and showed no discernible meridional trend (note however that many points are lower limits because the water column deficiencies extended deeper than we sampled). During Survey II (cold tongue) <sup>210</sup>Po<sub>def</sub> was very low at the equator (<0.05 dpm m<sup>-2</sup>) and increased to the north and south. Even though new production was larger during Survey II, the upwelled flux of water with small <sup>210</sup>Po deficiencies probably dominated the mass balance.

The University of Washington (UW)-MLML intercalibrations for stable Pb were conducted on samples from EqPac Time Series I at the equator (Fig. 6a), Time Series II at the equator (Fig. 6b) and Time Series II at  $12^{\circ}$ S (Fig. 6c). The agreement was excellent and UW Pb = 1.08 MLML Pb -9.3. with  $r^2 = 0.86$ . Stable Pb generally was higher at



Fig. 5. Meridional section of the <sup>210</sup>Po deficiency (dpm l<sup>-1</sup>) for 0 to 250 m from 12°N to 12°S at 140°W: (a) Survey I; (b) Survey II.



Fig. 6. Interlaboratory comparison of Pb analyses: (a) EqPac Time Series I (Eq;  $140^{\circ}$ W); (b) EqPac Time Series II (Eq;  $140^{\circ}$ W), (c) EqPac Time Series II ( $12^{\circ}$ S;  $140^{\circ}$ W). Circles ( $^{\circ}$ ) by graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrophotometry Moss Landing Marine Lab (MLML). Crosses ( $\times$ ) by flow injection-inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry at University of Washington (UW).

the surface (about 20–44 pM) and decreased with depth to about 15 pM at 250 m. The vertical profiles of lead for Survey I and Survey II (as well as the data from Time Series I and II at the equator) are shown in Fig. 7. There was no decrease in surface Pb from  $12^{\circ}N$  to  $12^{\circ}S$  at  $140^{\circ}W$ , contrary to the decrease observed by Flegal and Patterson (1983) at  $160^{\circ}W$ .

### 4. Discussion

# 4.1. Particulate fractionation of $^{234}$ Th, $^{210}$ Pb and $^{210}$ Po

<sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po are all particle reactive, yet they partition differently between particle types. For example, <sup>210</sup>Po is generally deficient relative to <sup>210</sup>Pb in surface waters because of its stronger affinity for all exported particles and its concentration by phytoplankton (Shannon et al., 1970; Heyraud and Cherry, 1979). <sup>234</sup>Th and <sup>210</sup>Pb may be removed by sorption on the surfaces of all particles (e.g., Nozaki et al., 1976; Nozaki and Tsunogai, 1976; Murray et al., 1989), but <sup>210</sup>Po has a more nutrient like behavior and is taken up by the interior of cells (Fisher et al., 1983).

Because <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po have different scavenging pathways it is useful to look at the  $^{210}$ Po/ $^{210}$ Pb ratio in different phases. Dissolved  $^{210}$ Po/ $^{210}$ Pb (Fig. 8a) is similar to total  $^{210}$ Po/ $^{210}$ Pb (Fig. 1c) in that, in both cases, there is a deficiency of  $^{210}$ Po relative to  $^{210}$ Pb in the surface layer.  $^{210}$ Po is in excess relative to  $^{210}$ Pb in suspended particles (Fig. 8b) with most  $^{210}$ Po/ $^{210}$ Pb ratios less than 25, except for one high value at 45. The ratios of  $^{210}$ Po/ $^{210}$ Pb in trap samples (Fig. 8c) are the same or higher with some values reaching as high as 55. The large enrichments of  $^{210}$ Po relative to  $^{210}$ Pb in particulate phases are probably due to preferential uptake of  $^{210}$ Po by plankton.

The contrasting behavior of  $^{234}$ Th,  $^{210}$ Pb and  $^{210}$ Po can be assessed quantitatively through the particulate/dissolved distribution coefficients and fractionation factors (F) for these nuclides. The distribution coefficient ( $K_d$ ) is defined as

$$K_{\rm d} = \frac{C_{\rm p}/C_{\rm d}}{\rm TSM},\tag{3}$$

where  $C_p$  and  $C_d$  are concentrations of the nuclides in particulate and dissolved forms and TSM is the TSM concentration. The values of these  $K_d$ s in the equatorial Pacific are similar to those from other regions (e.g., the New England shelf and slope, Bacon et al., 1988). Log  $K_d$  (Th) is about 7 and does not vary with depth. Log  $K_d$  (Pb) increases with depth from 5 at the surface to 6 at 250 m.



Fig. 7. Vertical profiles of total dissolvable stable lead concentrations for EqPac Survey I ( $\Box$ ) and Survey II ( $\bullet$ ) from 12°N to 12°S. Values by Moss Landing Marine Labs (MLML) at the equator and 12S for TS I (×) and TS II (+) are also shown.



Fig. 8.  $^{210}$ Po/ $^{210}$ Pb in the (a) dissolved phase, (b) suspended particles (>0.45  $\mu$ m Millipore), (c) PIT sediment trap particles for Survey I for 0–250 m along 12°N to 12°S at 140°W.



Fig. 9. Fractionation of (a)  $^{210}$ Po relative to  $^{210}$ Pb and (b)  $^{234}$ Th relative to  $^{210}$ Po in suspended particles for EqPac Survey I. The affinity (F) is expressed as the ratio of the distribution coefficients. A vertical dotted line is drawn for a ratio of one.

Log  $K_d$  (Po) increases slightly with depth from 6.5 at the surface to 7 at 250 m. Otherwise, there is no temporal or spatial variability in these values. These values for <sup>234</sup>Th are significantly higher than  $K_d$  values determined for clean inorganic surfaces (e.g. CaCO<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, FeOOH, MnO<sub>2</sub>)

in seawater but are similar to  $K_d$  values for acid polysaccharides (APS) (Guo et al., 2002; Quigley et al., 2002). This comparison has been used to argue that the surface chemistry of ocean particles is determined by sorbed APS.

The fractionation factors (F) are the ratios of the distribution coefficients, e.g.,

$$F_{\rm Po/Pb} = \frac{K_{\rm d}(\rm Po)}{K_{\rm d}(\rm Pb)},\tag{4}$$

when calculating the values of F, the values of TSM cancel. In this data set,  $F_{Po/Pb}$  are all greater than 1 and range up to 45 (Fig. 9a). There is a general tendency for the particulate preference for Po to be larger in the upper 100 m than deeper than 100 m, which is consistent with the preferential uptake of <sup>210</sup>Po by plankton. Bacon et al. (1988) observed a minimum in  $F_{Po/Pb}$  in the subsurface zone (~100 m) of the mid-Atlantic Bight due to <sup>210</sup>Po remineralization. This feature was not observed in our data, perhaps because we did not sample deep enough.

 $F_{\text{Th/Po}}$  is also greater than 1 (Fig. 9b) but has a different distribution versus depth than  $F_{\text{Po/Pb}}$  with a maximum centered at about 100 m. Comparison of these fractionation factors indicates an overall selectivity for particles of  $^{234}\text{Th} > ^{210}\text{Po} > ^{210}\text{Pb}$ . This sequence is different from the order observed in experimental studies with plankton ( $^{210}\text{Po} \ge ^{210}\text{Pb} = ^{234}\text{Th}$ ), probably because natural particle assemblages in the equatorial Pacific consist of detritus and inorganic material as well as plankton (Dunne et al., 1997).

Dunne et al (1997) demonstrated that phytoplankton played only a minor role in <sup>234</sup>Th scavenging because of rapid recycling in the microbial loop. Applying these results to <sup>210</sup>Po suggests that it's preferential scavenging by phytoplankton would be effectively short-circuited by grazing even more than for <sup>234</sup>Th, consistent with observed fractionation factors.

# 4.2. Scavenging residence times for dissolved $^{234}$ Th, $^{210}$ Pb and $^{210}$ Po

For  $^{234}$ Th,  $^{210}$ Pb and  $^{210}$ Po the general form of the mass balance equations between sources and sinks (all in dpm m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>) are

$$\frac{\partial A_{234}}{\partial t} = A_{238} \cup \lambda_{234} + A_{234} + A_{2$$

$$\frac{\partial A_{210Pb}}{\partial t} = A_{226}{}_{Ra}\lambda_{210Pb} - A_{210Pb}\lambda_{210Pb} + I_{210Pb} - P - V(adv + diff transport),$$
(6)

$$\frac{\partial A_{210}}{\partial t} = A_{210} P_{b} \lambda_{210} P_{o} - A_{210} P_{o} \lambda_{210} P_{o}$$
$$- P - V(adv + diff transport).$$
(7)

In these equations,  $\partial/\partial t$  is the time rate of change, the activities (A) are defined as dpm m<sup>-2</sup>,  $\lambda$  is the decay constant (d<sup>-1</sup>),  $I_{210}$ <sub>Pb</sub> is the <sup>210</sup>Pb input from the atmosphere, P is the scavenging removal rate or export flux and V is the sum of the three dimensional advective and diffusive fluxes.

Scavenging residence times are based on dissolved concentrations, and reflect the rate of dissolved to particulate transformation. For calculating scavenging residence times from the euphotic zone, the scavenging removal rates (P) are expressed as  $\Psi$ Ai, where  $\Psi$  is the scavenging removal rate constant  $(d^{-1})$  and Ai is the integrated activity of dissolved isotopes (dpm m<sup>-2</sup> to 120 m). The time rate of change is difficult to evaluate with only two data sets separated by 6 months. Bacon et al. (1996) used the EqPac timeseries data sets to argue that steady state could be assumed for <sup>234</sup>Th with minimal error. Assuming steady state and that upwelling (w) and meridional (v) advection are the only necessary transport terms we get

$$\operatorname{Ai}_{^{238}\mathrm{U}}\lambda_{^{234}\mathrm{Th}} = \operatorname{Ai}_{^{234}\mathrm{Th}}\lambda_{^{234}\mathrm{Th}} + \Psi_{^{234}\mathrm{Th}}\operatorname{Ai}_{^{234}\mathrm{Th}} - w\frac{\partial\operatorname{Ai}_{^{234}\mathrm{Th}}}{\partial z} + v\frac{\partial\operatorname{Ai}_{^{234}\mathrm{Th}}}{\partial y}, \qquad (8)$$

$$I_{210Pb} + Ai_{226}R_{a}\lambda_{210Pb} = Ai_{210Pb}\lambda_{210Pb}$$
$$+ \Psi_{210Pb}Ai_{210Pb}w\frac{\partial A_{210Pb}}{\partial z} + v\frac{\partial A_{210Pb}}{\partial y}, \qquad (9)$$

$$\operatorname{Ai}_{210Pb}\lambda_{210Po} = \operatorname{Ai}_{210Po}\lambda_{210Po} + \Psi_{210Po}\operatorname{Ai}_{210Po} - w\frac{\partial\operatorname{Ai}_{210Po}}{\partial z} + v\frac{\partial\operatorname{Ai}_{210Po}}{\partial y}.$$
 (10)

For these calculations, the magnitude of w and v were taken from Chai (1995) as described by Buesseler et al. (1995), Murray et al. (1996) and Bacon et al. (1996). The contoured streamlines of these velocities were shown in Dunne and Murray



Fig. 10. Scavenging residence times using the integrated activities from 0 to 120 m of dissolved (a)  $^{234}$ Th, (b)  $^{210}$ Pb and (c)  $^{210}$ Po for 12°N to 12°S at 140°W. The symbols represent Survey I ( $\Box$ ) and Survey II ( $\circ$ ). Points from 5°N to 5°S connected by dashed lines include advection corrections.

(1999). The advection corrections were only applied between 5°N and 5°S where the velocities from Chai (1995) are available. The assumption to neglect zonal advection was acceptable for <sup>234</sup>Th (e.g. Buesseler et al., 1995) but is impossible to evaluate explicitly here for <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po because of the lack of data in the zonal direction. It is unlikely that the zonal gradients are large enough for this term to be important here. The residence times are expressed as  $\tau_i = \psi_i^{-1}$  and are calculated as follows from Eqs. (11) to (13), with the transport terms expressed as  $V(= -w(\partial Ai)/\partial z + v(\partial Ai)/\partial y)$ :

$$\tau_{234\text{Th}} = \frac{A_{234\text{Th}}}{(A_{238\text{U}} - A_{234\text{Th}})\lambda_{234\text{Th}} - V},$$
 (11)

$$\tau_{210\rm Pb} = \frac{A_{210\rm Pb}}{I_{210\rm Pb} + (A_{226\rm Ra} - A_{210\rm Pb})\lambda_{210\rm Pb} - V}, \quad (12)$$

$$\tau_{210}_{Po} = \frac{A_{210}_{P0}}{(A_{210}_{Pb} - A_{210}_{P0})\lambda_{210}_{P0} - V}.$$
 (13)

The results are shown in Fig. 10 with and without the advection terms included. A larger magnitude of V results in a larger value of  $\tau$ , but V itself consists of two terms, each with an advection velocity and a concentration gradient, which have opposite effects. Thus, the effect of the transport corrections is not easy to predict.  $\tau_{234Th}$  ranged from 25 to 250 d and were longer for Survey I than Survey II, except right at the equator where transport dominates (Fig. 10a). For both surveys  $\tau$  was longer near the equator than to the north and south, as shown previously by Dunne et al. (1997). The shorter values of  $\tau_{234}$  Th during Survey II have been explained as due to increased export production at that time (Murray et al., 1996). Coale and Bruland (1985) and Bruland and Coale (1986) showed an inverse relationship between  $\psi_{Th}$ and primary and new production. With advection corrections,  $\tau$  was longer at the equator during Survey II because of the larger horizontal advection transport at that time.

 $\tau_{210}$  pb ranged from 1500 to 3000 d (4–8 years) and increased in the northern hemisphere in these surveys (Fig. 10b). A constant atmospheric input of 0.25 dpm cm<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup> was included in the mass balance because Turekian et al. (1989) showed that atmospheric <sup>210</sup>Pb fluxes at widely separated points in the mid-Pacific basin are all in the range 0.2–0.3 dpm m<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>. Our own calculations in the next section support this choice. North of the equator,  $\tau_{210}$ pb was lower during Survey II than Survey I. Including the advection terms decreased

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the value of  $\tau_{210}P_b$  to 200–1000 d, especially at the equator to 2°N because of the dominance of the upwelling term in these calculations. Nozaki et al. (1990) used a similar approach for the Okinawa Trough. Because their site was closer to Asia they used a larger atmospheric input of  $I_{210}P_b = 2 \text{ dpm cm}^{-2}$ . They calculated a mean  $^{210}Pb$ residence time of ~2 years. Sarin et al. (1999) calculated  $\tau_{210}P_b$  of 400–780 d (1.1–2.1 years) in the central Atlantic. Bacon et al. (1976) and Nozaki et al. (1997) both calculated  $\tau_{210}P_b = 2.5$  years, for the North Atlantic and western equatorial Pacific, respectively.

 $\tau_{210P_0}$  are mostly in the range 100–500 d and show little meridional pattern except from 1°S to 2°N during Survey II, where they increased to over 5000 d (Fig. 10c). These long  $\tau_{210P_0}$  are clearly anomalous and were eliminated when advection corrections are made. Sarin et al. (1999) calculated  $\tau_{210P_0}$  of 73–130 d in the central Atlantic. Bacon et al. (1976) calculated  $\tau_{210P_0}$  of 219 d for the North Atlantic. Shimmield et al. (1995) calculated  $\tau_{210P_0}$  of 73 d to 1.0 year. Nozaki et al. (1997) calculated  $\tau_{P_0}$  of 140 d to 2.5 years for the western tropical Pacific and also found a positive correlation between the scavenging rate constant and chlorophyll-*a*.

## 4.3. Atmospheric input of <sup>210</sup>Pb

The surface waters of the tropical Pacific have excess <sup>210</sup>Pb, which increases sharply north of the equator (Fig. 3b, 4). The origin of this excess <sup>210</sup>Pb is decay of atmospheric <sup>222</sup>Rn ( $t_{1/2} = 3.8 \text{ d}$ ), which emanates from continental rocks and is transported over the oceans. (Turekian et al., 1989). When <sup>210</sup>Pb<sub>atm</sub> is produced, it is scavenged rather quickly by precipitation and dry fallout. Its mean life with respect to removal from the atmosphere is about 5-15d (Turekian et al., 1977; Balkanski et al., 1993; Hussain et al., 1998). Because this excess <sup>210</sup>Pb is produced at the Earth's surface, it may be an analogue for other natural (e.g. Fe) and anthropogenic (e.g. stable Pb) components injected into the troposphere from the continents (Turekian and Cochran, 1981; Kim et al., 1999). However, Balkanski et al. (1993) argued that <sup>210</sup>Pb

should not be viewed as a generic tracer of continental aerosols.

A number of different techniques have been used to measure <sup>210</sup>Pb deposition fluxes in the Pacific (Turekian et al., 1989). As most measurement techniques use soil or bucket samples, they are limited to land sites. The pattern of deposition in the North Pacific displays high values  $(0.5-2.5 \text{ dpm cm}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1})$  in Japan with fluxes decreasing with distance from the Asian source to relatively constant values in the range of  $0.2-0.3 \text{ dpm cm}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$  across the Pacific from Enewetak to Fanning Island to Los Angeles, CA. Fanning Island (5°N; 160°W) is the site closest to our study area (140°W).

The mean values of <sup>210</sup>Pb concentration in air generally decrease from north to south (Turekian et al., 1989). The concentrations of <sup>210</sup>Pb in air over the South Pacific are roughly half those over the North Pacific reflecting the smaller ratio of land to ocean in the Southern Hemisphere and aerosol washout associated with the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ). The ITCZ is a welldefined, narrow but effective rain fall barrier to southward transport of northern hemisphere dust in the central equatorial Pacific (Rea, 1994). It is located north of the equator because the shallowness of the thermocline in the eastern equatorial Pacific and the geometries of the continents, which determine the large-scale wind patterns (Philander et al., 1996). Temporal variations in atmospheric <sup>210</sup>Pb concentrations are controlled by variability in air mass trajectory and rainfall.

Because previous measurements were limited to land sites, we used an approach of estimating the atmospheric source of <sup>210</sup>Pb for our tropical ocean site at 140°W by combining the water column and sediment trap data sets. The steady-state mass balance for <sup>210</sup>Pb in the surface ocean was given in Eq. (6). We know  $A_{226}_{Ra}$  and  $A_{210}_{Pb}$  (both in integrated values of dpm cm<sup>-2</sup>). By assuming that the flux measured by the sediment traps at 120 m equals the scavenging removal and we can calculate the atmospheric input ( $I_{210}_{Pb}$ ) at each station.

The atmospheric input of  $^{210}$ Pb calculated by this approach is shown in Fig. 11. Most values are between 0.1 and 0.5 dpm cm<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>. The average



Fig. 11. Atmospheric input of  ${}^{210}$ Pb (dpm cm<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>) for Survey I ( $\Box$ ) and Survey II ( $\diamondsuit$ ) along 12°N to 12°S at 140°W. The horizontal lines on the left represent the upper and lower limits and the mean values determined during Searex by Turekian et al. (1989).

values for Survey I (omitting the high points at  $2^{\circ}N$  and  $3^{\circ}N$ ) and Survey II are 0.12 and 0.32 dpm cm<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The grand average of 0.25 dpm cm<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup> is in good agreement with the range of values measured from Enewetak to Fanning to Los Angeles, CA by Turekian et al. (1989) during the Searex Program.

The expected meridional pattern of an increase north of the equator was not observed. However, there was a strong maximum in atmospheric input of <sup>210</sup>Pb at 2–3°N during Survey I. This was the location of the ITCZ at that time, which corresponded to weak El Nino conditions (Murray et al., 1994). In addition, the <sup>210</sup>Pb deposition south of the equator was lower than that to the north, suggesting that precipitation associated with the ITCZ cleansed the atmosphere of <sup>210</sup>Pb during Survey I. There was no equivalent maximum during Survey II, consistent with the fact that there was no well-developed ITCZ zone established at that time.

The situation of high atmospheric deposition of <sup>210</sup>Pb under the ITCZ suggests a strong preference of wet-deposition over dry deposition. Would the

same be true of iron? For most of this EqPac region the trade winds come from Central America. Any iron associated with Asian dust input to the North Pacific would likely be washed out by the ITCZ before it reached the equator. Data are needed to determine the relationship between Fe and <sup>210</sup>Pb in atmospheric deposition in this region.

### 4.4. Atmospheric input of stable Pb

Atmospheric deposition supplies most of the Pb in the ocean surface mixed layer and thermocline (Maring et al., 1989). Today most of this lead is anthropogenic. Thus, Pb concentrations in the surface ocean are not at steady state and exhibit temporal variability (Véron et al., 1993). The atmospheric flux of Pb increased steadily during the industrial revolution (Murozumi et al., 1969; Shotyk et al., 1998) but increased more rapidly from 1930 to 1970 because of the use of alkyl leaded gasolines (Boyle et al., 1986). From 1970 to the present the source of Pb from gasoline decreased dramatically (Nriagu, 1989; Bollhöfer and Rosman, 2001)). Because the source of this Pb is the industrialized continents in the northern hemisphere, higher oceanic concentrations are found there.

Schaule and Patterson (1983) demonstrated that there was a large anthropogenic Pb signal in the western North Atlantic. Boyle et al. (1986), Shen and Boyle (1988) and Boyle et al. (1994) have shown that lead concentrations are highly variable in the surface water of the North Atlantic. Normalization of stable Pb to  $^{210}$ Pb minimizes this variability because  $^{210}$ Pb and Pb sources from North America are spatially correlated and  $^{210}$ Pb sources are constant. Because anthropogenic sources have declined, the Pb/ $^{210}$ Pb ratio in surface waters from Bermuda has steadily declined since at least 1980 (Boyle et al., 1994).

There have been few determinations of Pb in seawater or the atmospheric flux of Pb in the Pacific (Table 1). Schaule and Patterson (1981) measured Pb in 34 surface- and deep-samples in the northeast Pacific. Pb concentrations increased from 5 to  $15 \text{ ng kg}^{-1}$  (~25–75 pmol kg<sup>-1</sup>) along a transect from the California coast to the center of the North Pacific Gyre. They used sediment data

Table 1 Estimates of the atmospheric flux of stable lead to the ocean

Location	Flux (pmol cm <sup><math>-2</math></sup> year <sup><math>-1</math></sup> )	Time period	Reference
NE Pacific	14	Pre-industrial	Schaule and Patterson (1981)
Sierra Nevada, CA	24	Pre-industrial	Patterson and Settle (1987)
North Pacific	289	1980s	Patterson and Settle (1987)
North Pacific			
Easterlies	29	1980s	Flegal and Patterson (1983)
Westerlies	241	1980s	Flegal and Patterson (1983)
North Pacific	72	May-June 1986	Maring et al. (1989)
Central Tropical Pacific (140°W; 12°N to 12°S).	140–110	1992	This study

to estimate the historical pre-industrial flux to sediments during the Pleistocene ( $\sim 3 \, \text{ng} \, \text{cm}^{-2}$  $year^{-1}$  or  $14 \text{ pmol cm}^{-2} year^{-1}$ ). The isotopic signature of Pb in sediments suggests that windblown loess from Asia dominated pre-industrial Pb input to much of the North Pacific (Jones et al., 2000). Samples from south of the ITCZ ( $\sim 5^{\circ}N$ ) have a smaller loess concentration relative to inputs from volcanic ash and young crustal rocks around the Pacific Rim. The prehistoric flux to the Sierra Nevada was about  $5 \text{ ng cm}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$ (or  $24 \text{ pmol cm}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$ )(Patterson and Settle, 1987). The eolian flux for the 1980s to the North Pacific was estimated from three independent approaches to be about  $60 \text{ ng cm}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$  (or  $289 \text{ pmol cm}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$ ). Flegal and Patterson (1983) measured Pb along a surface transect and at two vertical profiles in the Pacific at 14°N and 20°S at 160°W. Surface Pb decreased from  $11 \text{ ng kg}^{-1}$  (~53 pmol kg<sup>-1</sup>) at 14°N to 2.5 ng kg<sup>-1</sup>  $(\sim 12 \text{ pmol kg}^{-1})$  at 20°S. Eolian lead input fluxes were estimated to be  $\sim 6 \,\mathrm{ng}\,\mathrm{cm}^{-2}\,\mathrm{year}^{-1}$  $(\sim 29 \text{ pmol cm}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1})$  and  $50 \text{ ng cm}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$  $(\sim 241 \text{ pmol cm}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1})$  in the North Pacific easterlies and westerlies, respectively. Measurements by Maring et al. (1989) of four rain samples from 40-45°N resulted in a lower atmospheric flux of  $15 \text{ ng cm}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$  (72 pmol cm<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>) in May–June 1986.

The EqPac data for Pb and <sup>210</sup>Pb were combined to estimate the atmospheric input of stable Pb from 12°N to 12°S along 140°W during Survey I and II. In this approach, the steady state mass balance equations for <sup>210</sup>Pb and Pb are combined. The mass balance for <sup>210</sup>Pb was given in Eq. (6). The steady-state mass balance for stable lead is

$$I_{\rm Pb} = \Psi_{\rm Pb}[\rm Pb]. \tag{14}$$

For <sup>210</sup>Pb the atmospheric input and production from <sup>226</sup>Ra are balanced by decay and first-order scavenging. For stable Pb, the balance is between atmospheric input and first order scavenging. Even though stable Pb is a transient tracer we can assume steady state in this case as the time scales of these processes are shorter than the rate of change in the atmospheric flux. We assume that the first-order scavenging rate constants for Pb and <sup>210</sup>Pb are equal. Thus,

$$\Psi_{210\,\mathrm{Pb}} = \Psi_{\mathrm{Pb}} \tag{15}$$

with this assumption the two mass balance equations (Eqs. (6) and (14)) can be combined and solved for the ratio of [Pb] to  $^{210}$ Pb, thus,

$$\frac{[Pb]}{A_{210Pb}} = \frac{I_{Pb}(\lambda_{210Pb} + \Psi_{210Pb})}{\Psi_{Pb}(I_{210Pb} + A_{226Ra})}.$$
(16)

The vertical profiles of the ratio of Pb to  $^{210}$ Pb from 12°N to 12°S at 140°W are plotted in Fig. 12. The ratios for Survey I and II ranged from 100 to 600 pmol dpm<sup>-1</sup>, with an average value of 298 pmol dpm<sup>-1</sup> for Survey I and 329 pmol dpm<sup>-1</sup> for Survey II. The same ratio at Bermuda decreased from 1000 pmol dpm<sup>-1</sup> in 1980 to 400 pmol dpm<sup>-1</sup> in 1988 (Boyle et al., 1994).



Fig. 12. Ratio of stable Pb to  $^{210}$ Pb (pmol/dpm) for EqPac Survey I for 0–250 m from 12°N to 12°S at 140°W.

Assuming that  $I_{^{210}Pb} = 0.25 \text{ dpm cm}^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1}$  (from Fig. 11) and Pb/ $A_{^{210}Pb} = 298 \text{ pmol dpm}^{-1}$  for Survey I and 329 pmol dpm<sup>-1</sup> for Survey II, we calculated the atmospheric input of stable Pb. The values used for  $\Psi_{^{210}Pb}$  were calculated from the residence time results of  $^{210}Pb$  in Fig. 10b.

The resulting atmospheric input of stable Pb ranged from  $I_{\rm Pb} = 110 - 140 \,\mathrm{pmol}\,\mathrm{cm}^{-2}\,\mathrm{year}^{-1}$ (Fig. 13). The atmospheric flux is low in the southern hemisphere and increases steadily north the equator. The highest values of of 140 pmol cm<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup> are at 12<sup> $\circ$ </sup>N. These are lower than the earlier measurements by Patterson and Settle (1987) and Flegal and Patterson (1983), which would be consistent with decreasing atmospheric fluxes over the past 20 years, but higher than those measured on a single cruise by Maring et al. (1989). The uncertainty in our fluxes is probably  $\pm 15\%$  based on propagation of errors using average values for the stable  $Pb/A_{210Pb}$  ratio and atmospheric input of <sup>210</sup>Pb.

## 4.5. A method for estimating carbon export fluxes using $^{210}Po$

Several studies have explored the use of <sup>234</sup>Th as a tracer for the export flux of particulate matter



Fig. 13. Atmospheric input of stable Pb (pmol cm<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>) for EqPac Survey I ( $\Box$ ) and Survey II ( $\diamond$ ) from 12°N to 12°S at 140°W.

from the euphotic zone (e.g., Buesseler et al, 1992, 1995; Murray et al., 1996; Bacon et al., 1996; Kim and Church, 2001). The approach is to calculate the export flux of <sup>234</sup>Th from its deficiency in the water column then convert the <sup>234</sup>Th flux to that for carbon (or nitrogen or other elements) by measuring the C/<sup>234</sup>Th ratio in sinking particles. When sediment traps are used to obtain the sinking particles, as we did in this study, this is the same as using <sup>234</sup>Th as a tracer for correcting the carbon flux for trap bias. The fluxes calculated by this approach integrate over the mean life of <sup>234</sup>Th due to both decay and scavenging (=  $1/\lambda + \psi$ ) (~30 d).

Previous work in the Bering Sea by Nozaki et al. (1998) showed that the <sup>210</sup>Po<sub>def</sub> can extend to depths greater than 1000 m and reach values of 2.6–4.3 dpm m<sup>-2</sup>. Values in the Okinawa Trough reached 8 dpm m<sup>-2</sup> (Nozaki et al., 1990). The low values in the equatorial Pacific (<1.3 dpm m<sup>-2</sup>) are probably due to low new production (e.g. McCarthy et al., 1996; Aufdenkampe et al., 2001). It has been argued that because <sup>210</sup>Po is taken up by the interior of cells, in contrast to <sup>234</sup>Th, which

is adsorbed by all particle surfaces, <sup>210</sup>Po may be a better tracer for organic carbon than <sup>234</sup>Th. Because <sup>210</sup>Po has a half-life of 138 d, it would integrate the export fluxes over a longer period of time.

There have been few comparable studies. Shimmield et al. (1995) used <sup>210</sup>Po to estimate POC export flux in the Bellinghausen Sea by dividing the POC inventory by the estimated residence time of particulate <sup>210</sup>Po. In that study, the <sup>210</sup>Po-based estimates of flux (2.2 mmol  $Cm^{-2}d^{-1}$ ) were about 10 times less than the <sup>234</sup>Th based estimates (21 mmol  $Cm^{-2}d^{-1}$ ). Their calculations of <sup>210</sup>Po and <sup>234</sup>Th flux did not include upwelling and lateral transport. They suggested that the <sup>234</sup>Th flux was enhanced because of ice-rafted lithogenic material. Friederich and Rutgers van der Loeff (2002) used multiple regression equations to determine the relationships of <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po to POC and biogenic silica (BSi). These regressions were combined with the radionuclide export fluxes to calculate the export flux of POC and BSi. The results showed a preference of <sup>210</sup>Po for POC and of <sup>210</sup>Pb for biogenic silica.

Here we evaluate the use of  $^{210}$ Po to calculate particulate carbon export. First we calculate the export fluxes of  $^{210}$ Po from water column profiles of total  $^{210}$ Po using the mass balance for  $^{210}$ Po (Eq. (7)) where *A* is the activity of total  $^{210}$ Po and  $^{210}$ Pb, and *P* is the particulate export flux of  $^{210}$ Po. Assuming steady state and that upwelling (*w*) and meridional (*v*) advection are the only necessary transport terms we get

$$P = (A_{210}_{Pb} - A_{210}_{Po})\lambda_{210}_{Po} + w \frac{\delta A_{210}_{Po}}{\delta z} - v \frac{\delta A_{210}_{Po}}{\delta y}.$$
 (17)

The results for Survey I are shown in Fig. 14. A similar calculation could not be done effectively for Survey II because of large station-to-station variability in the meridional gradients of  $A_{^{210}Po}$ . The fluxes of  $^{210}Po$  measured by drifting sediment traps are also shown. The advective terms for Survey I are important but are less than the Po deficiency term. The relative importance of the



Fig. 14. Export flux of <sup>210</sup>Po for Survey I from 12°N to 12°S at 140°W. The Po deficiency flux ( $\Box$ ) is compared with contribution due to vertical advection ( $\diamond$ ), meridional advection ( $\circ$ ) and the measured PIT trap flux ( $\boxplus$ ). The total calculated flux with deficiency and transport terms is shown as ( $\Delta$ ).

advection terms for <sup>210</sup>Po is about the same as calculated previously for <sup>234</sup>Th (Murray et al., 1996). In general there is good agreement between the trap flux of <sup>210</sup>Po and the calculated total flux (including advection terms) except at 2°N and 3°N, where the trap flux is considerably larger. These higher fluxes may be due to the divergencedriven upwelling of deeper water higher in <sup>210</sup>Po that can supply additional <sup>210</sup>Po for plankton uptake. As for <sup>234</sup>Th, the <sup>210</sup>Po trap flux is consistently larger than the calculated flux suggesting slight overtrapping of the PIT traps for <sup>210</sup>Po. For the El Nino conditions of Survey I, there is little meridional variability in the <sup>210</sup>Po export flux.

The <sup>210</sup>Po flux can be converted to a carbon flux if we know the  $C/^{210}$ Po ratio in sinking particles.



Fig. 15. The correlation of  $^{210}$ Po and organic carbon in suspended particles ( $\Box$ ) and PIT trap particles ( $\diamond$ ) for EqPac Survey I. The regression shown is: Po (dpm) = 0.307 C (mg) $\pm 0.550$ ; ( $r^2 = 0.637$ ).



Fig. 16. The organic C to <sup>210</sup>Po ratios for individual stations from 12°N to 12°S at 140°W during Survey I. The error bars represent the  $1\sigma$  standard deviation of values at each station. The solid horizontal line and dotted lines are the mean and standard deviations of all samples.

Biscaye et al. (1988) previously reported a strong correlation between <sup>210</sup>Po and organic carbon in deep moored sediment trap samples from the New England margin. The values of <sup>210</sup>Po versus organic carbon in both suspended and sediment trap particles are shown in Fig. 15. The correlation is good ( $r^2 = 0.637$ ) and is the same for both types of particles. This is a much stronger correlation than was observed between <sup>234</sup>Th and carbon (Murray et al., 1996). In addition, the  $C/^{234}$ Th ratios in suspended particles were significantly larger than in trap samples. These differences between <sup>210</sup>Po and <sup>234</sup>Th are consistent with the hypothesis that <sup>210</sup>Po is a better tracer for carbon on the inside of cells, whereas <sup>234</sup>Th is related to surface area. It is plausible that recycling plays a more important role for <sup>210</sup>Po (and C) than for  $^{234}$ Th. The consistency of the C/ $^{210}$ Po ratio suggests that these elements are recycled in a similar manner with little fractionation.

We averaged the C/Po ratios in trap samples at individual stations (shown in Fig. 16 with  $1\sigma$  error bars). The average value for all samples was  $0.25 \,\mu\text{mol d}^{-1} \,\text{pm}^{-1}$ . There were no systematic differences with depth. Because individual stations do vary significantly from the mean we used the average for each station rather than the grand average. The same approach was used for the C/Th ratios in Murray et al. (1996).

The organic carbon fluxes for Survey I determined using <sup>210</sup>Po were calculated as follows:

Model POC flux = model <sup>210</sup>Po flux  $\times$  (trap POC/trap <sup>210</sup>Po). (18)

The carbon fluxes as a function of depth are shown in Fig. 17. The stations have been combined in meridional zones of  $12-7^{\circ}N$ ,  $5-2^{\circ}N$ ,  $1-1^{\circ}S$ ,  $2-5^{\circ}S$ and  $7-12^{\circ}S$  to simplify the number of symbols in the plot. The results are similar to those presented previously for the export flux calculated using <sup>234</sup>Th. Carbon fluxes are either constant or increase with depth from 50 to 250 m. The total range of POC fluxes was from 1-20 mmolC m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>.

Station by station comparison of export carbon fluxes for Survey I by the <sup>234</sup>Th and <sup>210</sup>Po methods with <sup>15</sup>N-new production (McCarthy et al., 1996)



Fig. 17. Organic carbon fluxes from 0 to 250 m for Survey I determined using the "Po-Method".

is shown in Fig. 18. In all cases there is variability in the data but no systematic meridional pattern for this El Nino period. The average fluxes (mmol  $Cm^{-2}d^{-1}$ ) (with std. dev.) at 120 m for Survey I were:

<sup>15</sup>N-New production = 
$$5.7 \pm 2.1$$
,  
<sup>234</sup>Th-POC export =  $3.4 \pm 1.5$ ,  
<sup>210</sup>Po-POC export =  $7.1 \pm 4.0$ ,  
(excluding station 9 at 1°S).

The uncertainty is larger for the <sup>210</sup>Po approach because the advection corrections derived from the station-to-station variability are larger. This uncertainty would be smaller in less dynamic regimes. Because the different approaches integrate over different time scales, perfect agreement would not be expected. The values based on <sup>210</sup>Po are higher than the others, probably because the Po-method integrates over the previous 200 d, and POC export

for the more normal cold-tongue period prior to



Fig. 18. Comparison of new production (expressed as carbon) (McCarthy et al., 1996) and particulate organic carbon export fluxes (mmol C m<sup>-2</sup>d<sup>-1</sup>) determined from <sup>234</sup>Th (Murray et al., 1996) and <sup>210</sup>Po. All fluxes determined at 120 m during Survey I. The average fluxes from 12°N to 12°S were <sup>15</sup>N-new production =  $5.7\pm 2.1$ ; <sup>234</sup>Th-POC =  $3.4\pm 1.5$ ; <sup>210</sup>Po-POC =  $7.1\pm 4.0$  (omitting station).

the El Nino period of Survey I was probably larger.

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## Appendix A

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Water column data for total <sup>226</sup>Ra (calculated from Si) and total, dissolved and particulate <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>210</sup>Po: Negative latitudes are south of the equator.

Stn	Lat.	Long.	Depth (m)	<sup>226</sup> Ra (dpm m <sup>-3</sup> )	${{Total}\atop^{234}Th}(dpmm^{-3)}$	Diss $^{234}$ Th (dpm m <sup>-3</sup> )	Part  234Th  (dpm m-3)	Total 210Pb (dpm m-3)	$Diss ^{210}Pb(dpm m-3)$	Part <sup>210</sup> Pb (dpm m <sup>-3</sup> )	Total 210Po (dpm m-3)	$Diss ^{210}Po(dpm m^{-3})$	Part <sup>210</sup> Po (dpm m <sup>-3</sup> )
Surv	vev I-TT(	007											
1	11.98	140.08	0	82	2435		366	146		0.8	90		8.2
1	11.98	140.08	50	82	1922	1258	366	142	151	1.6	79	68	15.7
1	11.98	140.08	75	85	2174	1392	365	174	172	0.0	161	123	6.7
1	11.98	140.08	100	92	2471	1606	384	180	163	0.8	180	170	6.3
1	11.98	140.08	150	103	2569	2117	235	155	139	1.6	142	61	6.3
1	11.98	140.08	175	111	2215	2008	213	138	119	1.0	120	58	5.6
1	11.98	140.08	200		2411		217	115		1.1	97		5.4
1	11.98	140.08	250	110	2377	2284	235	124	124	0.8	114	70	6.3
2	9.01	140.09	0	86	1963	1270	353	144	132	0.6	84	46	9.3
2	9.01	140.09	50	86	2046	1219	502	130	118	0.8	74	87	8.1
2	9.01	140.09	75	93	1709	1241	611	154	186	1.4	90	80	7.9
2	9.01	140.09	100	103	2372	1375	637	151	149	0.3	94	116	6.4
2	9.01	140.09	150	109	2545	2145	250	122	124	0.6	65	40	5.3
2	9.01	140.09	175	112	2613	2378	181	123	110	0.3	90	57	2.8
2	9.01	140.09	200	111	2682	2258	179	117		0.0	75		3.4
2	9.01	140.09	250	111	2708	2259	196	105	111	0.0	79	51	3.1
3	7.06	140.02	0	85	2158			109			65		
3	7.06	140.02	25	86	1884			120			76		
3	7.06	140.02	50	85	2268			117			94		
3	7.06	140.02	75	87	2407			153			153		
3	7.06	140.02	100	89	2493			132			149		
3	7.06	140.02	150	105	2369			111			101		
3	7.06	140.02	200	110	2401			117			105		
3	7.06	140.02	250	112	2510			96			99		
4	5.05	140.02	0	86	1767			133			74		
4	5.05	140.02	50	86	1718			122			67		
4	5.05	140.02	75	86	1674			99			76		
4	5.05	140.02	100	87	2466			119			79		
4	5.05	140.02	150	94	2394			142			110		
4	5.05	140.02	175	104	2497			126			122		

4	5.05	140.02	200	109	2443			130			98			
4	5.05	140.02	250	111	2903			107			84			
5	3.01	139.99	0	85	1961	1188	369	125	115	1.0	84	54	12.3	
5	3.01	139.99	25	85	1820	1315	324	128	116	1.1	76	35	12.4	
5	3.01	139.99	50	85	1944	1760	363	127	172	0.8	68	54	10.9	
5	3.01	139.99	75	85	2122	1457	272	119	129	1.0	73	54	8.3	
5	3.01	139.99	100	86	2071			106			71			
5	3.01	139.99	125	96	2533			127			126			
5	3.01	139.99	150	100	2594			101			98			
5	3.01	139.99	175	102	2655			105			112			
5	3.01	139.99	225	104	2893			107			96			
5	3.01	139.99	250	106	2639			96			106			
5	3.01	139.99	300	106	0			102			103			
6	2.08	139.92	0	85	1912	1506	280	125	118	1.0	78	45	12.5	
6	2.08	139.92	50	85	2244	1619	363	122	112	3.6	80	56	8.7	
6	2.08	139.92	75	85	2053	1587	229	105	117	1.0	72	46	8.8	
6	2.08	139.92	100	85	2015	2063	198	144	104	20.5	88	42	0.0	
6	2.08	139.92	125	86	2630	2423	228	107	105	0.9	101	162	12.5	
6	2.08	139.92	150	98	2675	2306	231	121	112	0.9	103	88	8.7	
6	2.08	139.92	200	102	2646	2345	206	94	101	0.7	76	97	8.8	
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8	0.00	140.06	75	85	2338	1880	243	120	100	0.8	68	55	7.3	
8	0.00	140.06	100	85	2522	1732	257	113	106	0.6	76	58	4.6	
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12	-5.05 1	140.00	100	84	2447	1581	554	101	93	0.5	47	55	6.5	earc
12	-5.05 1	140.00	125	106	2697	1813	338	74	86	0.2	44	87	3.4	<sup>th</sup> I
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12	-5.05 1	140.00	200	89	2483	1995	161	76	69	0.6	0	84	1.8	(2)
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1	12.01	140.03	250	108	1922	1460	225	68	100	1.2	117	53	5.5	
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2	8.97	139.97	200	108	2291	2098	216	84	102	1.4	69	66	4.5	
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3	7.01	139.91	0	84	1944			135			71			
3	7.01	139.91	25	84	1815			184			78			
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3	7.01	139.91	200	108	2368			85			102			
3	7.01	139.91	250	110	2382			93			91			
4	5.01	139.83	0	85	1651	1047	417	122	118	2.1	67	44	0.0	
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5	2.90	140.21	0	83	1591			125			65			
5	2.90	140.21	25	83	1367			126			76			
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6-A	2.12	140.24	0	84	1572	1026	294	92	65	2.0	90	60	7.5	
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6-A	2.12	140.24	150	85	2386	2061	241	80	99	1.3	67	122	3.3	213
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6-B	2.27	140.87	25	84	1462	996	420	98	78	1.6	94	59	15.6	
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7	1.14	140.01	200	102	2095			61			104			/ D
7	1.14	140.01	250	102	2396			79			92			eep
8	0.21	139.90	0	84	1679	904	195	84	76	0.6	85	50	6.8	-Se
8	0.21	139.90	25	84	1899	925	273	99	84	1.8	99	75	11.5	a F
8	0.21	139.90	50	84	1948	1020	322	98	60	1.8	112	59	11.2	lese
8	0.21	139.90	75	85	1887	1518	328	96	64	1.7	104	47	2.2	arc
8	0.21	139.90	100	87	2625	1902	277	100	78	2.5	136	110	5.4	h I
8	0.21	139.90	150	96	2524	1778	174	71	76	3.4	111	53	4.4	52
8	0.21	139.90	200	97	2353	1933	216	91	75	2.8	60	82	4.5	(20
8	0.21	139.90	250	102	2276	1987	221	85	76	2.4	98	94	5.4	)05 <sub>.</sub>
8	-1.08	139.96	0	85		957	185		94	1.6		59	9.4	) 2.
8	-1.08	139.96	25	85		922	355		84	1.6		50	10.5	901
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9	-1.08	139.96	75	85		1312	422		69	1.1		50	6.4	39
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12	-5.11	140.00	200	89	2494	2056	226	85	76	1.3	85	100	2.1
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15	-11.93	134.95	25	83	2009	1086	839	102	93	2.1	71	41	12.8
15	-11.93	134.95	50	83	1947	1103	710	102	86	2.9	53	30	11.1
15	-11.93	134.95	75	83	2220	1406	620	102	98	1.3	17	41	6.8
15	-11.93	134.95	100	82	2236	1632	360	89	91	1.9	87	83	4.4
15	-11.93	134.95	150	83	2701	2145	217	92	88	2.7	87	89	2.7
15	-11.93	134.95	200	83	2481	2096	233	95	95	2.8	101	96	2.2
15	-11.93	134.95	250	84	2649	2054	191	96	93	3.8	104	83	4.6

## Appendix B

Sediment trap flux data for <sup>234</sup>Th, <sup>210</sup>Pb, <sup>210</sup>Po and organic carbon: Negative latitudes are south of the equator.

Station	Lat	Long	Depth	<sup>234</sup> Th	<sup>210</sup> Pb	<sup>210</sup> Po	Org carbon
	(deg)	(deg)	(m)	$(\mathrm{dpm}\mathrm{m}^{-2}\mathrm{d}^{-1})$	$(dpm m^{-2} d^{-1})$	$(dpm m^{-2} d^{-1})$	$(\operatorname{mmol} \mathrm{m}^{-2} \mathrm{d}^{-1})$
Survey I -	·TT007						
1	11.98	140.08	50	3301	4.9	78.1	10.4
1	11.98	140.08	75	2281	3.0	37.0	11.6
1	11.98	140.08	100	1961	3.4	26.6	6.5
1	11.98	140.08	125	2029			4.8
1	11.98	140.08	150	1083	2.9	15.3	3.0
1	11.98	140.08	175		2.0	16.1	
1	11.98	140.08	200	1040	1.3	10.6	3.2
1	11.98	140.08	250	415	1.5	10.7	2.8
2	9.01	140.09	50	1292	3.2	51.7	12.2
2	9.01	140.09	75	3222	5.8	45.1	14.8
2	9.01	140.09	100	3190	3.0	19.2	6.9
2	9.01	140.09	125	2771			4.3
2	9.01	140.09	150	1600			4.2
2	9.01	140.09	200	1243			2.9
2	9.01	140.09	250	764			2.3
3	7.06	140.02	75	5621	6.0	55.6	14.7
3	7.06	140.02	100	2580	2.5	30.2	9.3
3	7.06	140.02	125	2050		15.2	5.3
3	7.06	140.02	200	1546	3.8	15.6	4.0
3	7.06	140.02	250	1369		13.8	3.0
4	5.05	140.02	75	8361	10.2	83.9	15.3
4	5.05	140.02	100	6585	8.0	81.5	14.6
4	5.05	140.02	125	4501	5.8	21.9	6.5
4	5.05	140.02	200	2540	3.6	15.3	3.5
4	5.05	140.02	250	2333	2.2	13.0	2.8
6	2.08	139.92	75	10510	17.4	90.8	21.5
6	2.08	139.92	100	29333	55.5	237.0	36.0
6	2.08	139.92	125	7478	17.8	63.9	11.4
6	2.08	139.92	200	2312	4.5	15.6	4.4
6	2.08	139.92	250	1653	4.4	17.7	3.7
7	1.13	140.05	75	3157	11.5	73.5	9.0
7	1.13	140.05	100	8313	12.0	105.2	14.9
7	1.13	140.05	125	10783	48.2	155.2	21.0
7	1.13	140.05	200	2183	8.2	25.5	5.6
7	1.13	140.05	250	2701	5.1	22.9	3.9
9	-1.02	140.16	75	2593	1.3	30.6	10.2
9	-1.02	140.16	100	9900	5.9	53.6	12.0
9	-1.02	140.16	150	1495	1.9	13.6	6.3
9	-1.02	140.16	200	1456	0.9	7.3	4.7

9	-1.02	140.16	250	1191	3.1	7.2	3.1
10	-2.02	140.13	75	3062	41.0	87.5	8.2
10	-2.02	140.13	100	3513	3.0	55.5	12.8
10	-2.02	140.13	150	1853	2.6	31.3	2.8
10	-2.02	140.13	200	917	0.6	11.4	1.9
10	-2.02	140.13	250	909	0.6	11.4	2.5
12	-5.05	140.00	75	1682	1.4	56.0	6.3
12	-5.05	140.00	100	1721	0.6	32.4	3.4
12	-5.05	140.00	150	1297	0.4	24.3	3.5
12	-5.05	140.00	200	952	1.3	12.4	3.3
12	-5.05	140.00	250	1000	2.9	6.3	3.0
15	-12.03	135.00	75	1052	3.1	38.1	6.0
15	-12.03	135.00	100	1493	1.7	53.2	5.4
15	-12.03	135.00	150	1068	0.0	25.5	3.9
15	-12.03	135.00	200	588	1.5	18.6	3.3
15	-12.03	135.00	250	635	2.8	13.6	3.2
Survey II -TT	011						
1	12.01	140.03	75	1283	3.08	36.51	14.65
1	12.01	140.03	100	1414	3.59	25.44	7.15
1	12.01	140.03	150	1759	2.74	19.37	5.06
1	12.01	140.03	200	955	3.09	13.52	3.85
1	12.01	140.03	250	853	1.53	10.47	2.60
2	8.97	139.97	75	1357	3.81	27.51	5.61
2	8.97	139.97	100	2342	5.49	34.89	8.80
2	8.97	139.97	150	3914	0112	2	3.40
2	8.97	139.97	200	1676	2.76	17.02	2.33
2	8.97	139.97	250	939	1.11	14.16	2.83
3	7.01	139.91	75	1319	3.24	50.64	7.99
3	7.01	139.91	100	1854	5.22	28.05	5.47
3	7.01	139.91	150	1492	5.18	19.75	3.22
3	7.01	139.91	200	1016			3.08
3	7.01	139.91	250	912	4.73	16.12	3.56
4	5.01	139.83	75	3260	5.31	71.14	7.62
4	5.01	139.83	100	4057	6.17	57.21	15.10
4	5.01	139.83	150	1733	5.34	61.86	8.42
4	5.01	139.83	200	1913	5.05	25.11	7.85
4	5.01	139.83	250	1901	4.25	43.59	6.38
5	2.90	140.21	75	3484	9.73	72.71	21.27
5	2.90	140.21	100	5786	11.13	78.94	14.46
5	2.90	140.21	150	2637	6.05	29.13	7.50
5	2.90	140.21	200	1427	4.89	23.84	5.65
5	2.90	140.21	250	1388	3.85	25.61	5.18
6-A	2.12	140.24	75	3440	10.94	433.56	41.11
6-A	2.12	140.24	100	4261	11.27	152.32	33.43
6-A	2.12	140.24	150	1976	8.85	52.12	11.05
6-A	2.12	140.24	200	1901	6.94		10.56
6-A	2.12	140.24	250	1762	7.36	36.98	6.20

6-B	2.27	140.87	75	3440	10.94	433.56	41.11
6-B	2.27	140.87	100	4261	11.27	152.32	33.43
6-B	2.27	140.87	150	1976	8.85	52.12	11.05
6-B	2.27	140.87	200	1901	6.94		10.56
6-B	2.27	140.87	250	1762	7.36	36.98	6.20
Survey II -	TT011						
7	1.14	140.01	100	5716	13.50	447.48	28.72
7	1.14	140.01	125	2940	12.10	53.26	14.96
7	1.14	140.01	150	2729	11.78	39.67	13.53
7	1.14	140.01	200	2501	9.31	35.01	12.60
7	1.14	140.01	250	2653	10.22	31.47	13.60
8	0.21	139.9	100	3097	7.49	108.43	6.39
8	0.21	139.9	125	1770	6.08	23.56	5.16
8	0.21	139.9	150	2198	6.79	28.61	6.82
8	0.21	139.9	200	2094	7.00	21.94	5.51
8	0.21	139.9	250	1057	8.18	30.55	4.60
9	-1.07	139.95	100	3257	7.71	33.03	8.29
9	-1.07	139.95	125	3206	14.11	81.41	5.73
9	-1.07	139.95	150	2108	8.28		3.99
9	-1.07	139.95	200	1902	7.54	24.93	4.44
9	-1.07	139.95	250	1300	6.59	21.61	4.90
10	-2.19	140.16	100	5213	9.55	46.24	14.63
10	-2.19	140.16	125	3454	3.58	43.78	11.58
10	-2.19	140.16	150	2918	8.02	27.84	6.44
10	-2.19	140.16	200	3878	7.28	22.70	5.71
10	-2.19	140.16	250	2844	7.34	18.69	4.69
11	-3.22	140.26	100	3773		67.65	20.49
11	-3.22	140.26	125	3231	8.79	38.70	15.18
11	-3.22	140.26	150	2825	9.95	35.04	8.08
11	-3.22	140.26	200	3175	8.77	29.16	5.86
11	-3.22	140.26	250	5042	11.09	28.86	9.21
12	-5.11	140	100	5015	18.98	64.77	29.06
12	-5.11	140	125	5749	84.37	74.02	29.44
12	-5.11	140	150	6179	13.13	78.71	22.49
12	-5.11	140	200	2961	5.28	14.49	10.41
12	-5.11	140	250	6357	6.62	38.06	5.95
15	-11.93	134.95	100	1663	4.70	20.99	4.04
15	-11.93	134.95	125	4482	6.18	26.45	12.38
15	-11.93	134.95	150	3663	7.60	23.03	10.74
15	-11.93	134.95	200	3135	5.92	16.30	4.32
15	-11.93	134.95	250	643	4.50	16.71	4.46

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