A. Cruise Narrative: AR13 and AR27



A.1. Highlights

WHP Cruise Summary Information

WOCE section designation	AR13 and AR27
Expedition designation (EXPOCODE)	06AZ172
Chief Scientist/affiliation	Monika Rhein/IfMK*
Dates	1998.Jul.14 - 1998.Jul.30
Ship	RV Valdivia
Ports of call	unknown
Number of stations	47
	59°N
Geographic boundaries of the stations	58°W 42°W
	46°N
Floats and drifters deployed	unknown
Moorings deployed or recovered	unknown
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WHP Cruise and Data Information

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Sample collection and technique

The water samples were drawn from precleaned 10 L Niskin bottles with gas tight 100 mL glass syringes (Becton and Dickinson). CFCs were measured on board with a GC-ECD (Electron Capture Detector) technique first described by Bullister and Weiss [1988]. About 15-25 mL were transferred to a purge and trap unit. The CFCs were separated on a packed stainless steel column filled with Porasil C and detected with an ECD. The carrier gas is ECD pure Nitrogen, which was additionally cleaned by molsieves (13X mesh 80/100).

All 'O' rings and valves as well as the nylon stopcocks (of the syringes) were removed and washed in isopropanol and baked in a vacuum oven for 24 hours prior the cruise. The Niskin bottles were cleaned with isopropanol. The rubber bands on all bottles were replaced by stainless steel springs. The personnel for all water sampling and handling procedures at the bottles wore one-way gloves to protect the valves from grease. A standard gas (kindly provided by D. Wallace, IfM Kiel) was used to convert the ECD signal in concentrations. The CFC concentrations are reported in pmol kg⁻¹ on the SIO93 scale (R. Weiss, SIO).



Station Locations for AR13 and AR27, 1998

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Performance

The cruise was split into three legs. During the first leg (stations 1-12) mooring work were carried out, and the CFC system was not on board. On leg 2 (stations 13-48), the Kiel CFC system worked continuously and a total of 410 CFC-12 and 510 CFC-11 water samples were measured. The survey was dedicated to the circulation of the deep water masses. During periods of dense station spacing, sampling was focused on the water column below 800 m depth.

Accuracy of the data was checked by analysing 70 CFC-11 and 47 CFC-12 samples twice and the mean rms was 0.8% for CFC-12 and 0.6% for CFC-11 (Figure 1). The system and syringe blanks were checked by purging ECD clean Nitrogen permanently through 5 L seawater. The blanks were lower than 0.005 pmol kg⁻¹ for both components.

As no CFC poor water is available in the western subpolar North Atlantic, the Niskin bottle blanks could not be checked directly. On our cruises in the Northern Indian Ocean and the Tropical Atlantic, where CFC free deep water is available, the blanks of the precleaned bottles were lower than 0.003 pmol kg⁻¹ for both components (CFC-12 and CFC-11).

The temporal evolution of the ECD effciency is shown in Figure 2. During the cruise the effciency decreased about 20%. Major changes occured, when the drying agent (magnesiumperchlorate) in the purge and trap unit was exchanged or the molsieves had to be baked and therefore exchanged.

To correct the temporal drift, a calibration curve with 4-6 different standard gas volumes was carried out before and after each station, the change between these curves is thought to occur linear with time. As a typical example, the two calibration curves for station 20 are presented in Figure 3. CFC concentrations are calculated by using the two neighboured calibration points, assuming that the calibration curve is linear between these points.

At first we used sample volumes, precalibrated by the company (Machery and Nagel, Germany) for the analysis of standard gas. It turned out that these volumes could be off by more than 5%, affecting the precision of the measured oceanic CFC concentrations by the same amount. Therefore, in 1998, the volumes for the gas standard measurements (nominal 2 mL and 5 mL) were calibrated against two 'master' volumes by D. Wallace's group, who had done this task also for the CO₂ community.

CFC measurements of the air inside the vessel and especially in the lab were carried out frequently in order to check for contamination. In general, the CFC concentrations in both places were only a few percent higher than in clean air. Clean air measurements were carried out occasionally by sampling air from the ship's compass bridge or forecastle.



Figure 1: Accuracy (%) of the CFC-12 (a) and CFC-11 replicate samples (b) against station number. The lines represent the mean accuracy of the CFC-12 and CFC-1 1 samples, respectively.





Figure 2: Temporal evolution of the efficient of the ECD (mVs/mg standard) for the 5 mL sample volume.



Figure 3: Examples for calibration curves of CFC-12 and CFC-11, station 20.

Problems

From CTD profiles 14 to 21 the CFC-12 data could not be processed because of an unknown substance with a similar retention time than CFC-12.

On the third leg, the CFC system malfunctioned and it was later found out, that the connection between the gas chromatographic column and the ECD was broken.

Comments

The CFC-11 surface saturation relative to the atmospheric value of 266 ppt varied from 104-125% (Figure 4). The largest supersaturations were found off the shelf near Flemish Cap, they are correlated with a low salinity (Figure 5). These supersaturations are presumably caused by recent mixing of cold, fresh, and CFC rich water with warmer water from the south, while the air sea gas exchange had not enough time to equilibrate with the atmosphere. Such extreme values are observed in summer 1997, too [Körtzinger et al., 1999].



Figure 4: CFC-11 surface saturation relative to 266 ppt CFC-11, black dot: 120-125%, star: 120-115%, circle with cross: 115-105%, and cross: 105-104%.



Figure 5: Theta-S diagram for surface water; black dots: CFC-11 saturation (relative to 266 ppt) 120-124%, star: 120-115%, plus: 115-110%, open circles: 110- 105%, small circles: 105-103%.

The CFC-11/CFC-12 ratio below 1000 m depth is 2.05 in the mean (Figure 6), which is similar to the observation made in summer 1997 during the Meteor 39 cruise.

In Figure 7 all CFC-11 concentrations measured during the cruise Valdivia 172 are shown. In the upper 2000 m (the lower limit of the LSW) the values are about 4 pmol kg⁻¹. At larger depth (within the GFZW) the concentrations decreased to less than 2 pmol kg⁻¹ and increased again near the bottom caused by CFC-rich DSOW.

References

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Figure 7: Cruise V172, all CFC-11 [pmol kg⁻¹] data versus depth.

Appendix

Th inc	e station file 'valdivia172.sum' ludes:	Th inc	e bottle file 'valdivia172.sea' ludes:
1	station number	1	station number
2	year	2	bottle number
3	month	3	depth (dbar)
4	day	4	in-situ temperature (°C)
5	hour: decimal minutes	5	salinity (psu)
6	latitude: decimal minutes	6	CFC-12 (pmol kg ⁻¹)
7	longitude: decimal minutes	7	CFC-11 (pmol kg ⁻¹)
8	water depth (m)	8	WOCE quality flag for CFC-12 and
9	depth of CTD profile (m)		CFC-11

Technical information

Gas chromatograph	Shimadzu GC 14
GC column	stainless steel, packed with Porasil C
Cooling trap	with Porapak T and Porasil C
Trap temperatures	-30°C, 100°C
Column temperature	70°C, isothermal
ECD temperature	300°C
Electron capture detector	Shimadzu
Software for chromatogram analysis	Shimadzu CLASS LC 10 (1.63)
Standard gas	ALM 066676, D. Wallace, IfM Kiel
Precision	CFC-11: 3%, CFC-12: 5%
Accuracy	CFC-11: 0.6%, CFC-12: 0.8%
Blanks	negligible

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	btl: cfcs only; doc: pdf; SUM needs reformatting. BOT only contains CFCs & needs reformatting. No CTD. DOC not ascii/r	
04/03/03	Kappa DOC Final PDF/TXT Reports Compiled	
	Previous online doc was a text version of the PI's pdf file. New pdf includes figs & whpo-generated cruise track.	
	Both new reports (text and pdf) include M. Rhein's cfc report (reformatted), whe summary page, and these data processing notes.	