Dynamic of POC and DOC concentrations in the southern Baltic Sea. II - Raport on measurments

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Why do we believe that POC and DOC are important components in sea-water?

• Play key role in many natural processes occuring in marine enviroment

(vertical downwards transport of chemical substances: C, N, P, heavy metals, O₂ depletion, etc.)

- Take part in the carbon cycling
- POC and DOC are responsible for many chemical and physical (sea-color, light-availability etc.) properties

POC





- Particulate Organic Carbon
- Measure of particulate organic matter (POM) in the marine environment
- POM ≈ 2.12 POC
- Sum of phytoplankton, zooplankton, bacteria and dead organic matter (detritus) concentrations



Membrane Ultrafilters

- Measure of dissolved organic matter
- POC + DOC = (OC) Organic carbon in sea-water

Concentration of **OC** constitute around 45% of organic matter in sea



Model validation





Location of sampling station

- r/v Oceania cruise
 (March, April, October 2009)
 Samples: sediments and water
- r/v Aranda cruise
 (January 2009)
 Samples: sediments and water
- r/v **Oceania** cruise (April/May **2008**) Samples: sediments and water



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Results April 2008



Raport on measurments

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Baltic Sea

Component	Analyzed samples	Samples to analyze	Average concentration	SD
POC	155	83	Surface - 0,39	0,35
			Water column-0,32	0,27
DOC	134	86	Surface - 3,41	1,52
			Water column -3,21	1,39

Gdansk Deep

Component	Analyzed samples	Samples to analyze	Average concentration	SD
POC	76	32	Surface - 0,45	0,41
			Water column - 0,36	0,31
DOC	71	36	Surface - 3,76	1,68
			Water column - 3,42	1,42

Summary

- To create good working model and establish POC and DOC distribution we have to based on prolonged and extended measuring programs
- So far 40% of required samples have been analyzed
- I performed extentive measurments for model validation
- In my data based there is a lack of samples from summer therefore i would like to take part in summer cruises covering Gdansk Deep Borholm Deep and Gotland Deep

Thank you