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Modulation of the vertical particle transfer efficiency in the oxygen minimum zone off Peru

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Tab. S1: Particles fluxes and their transfer efficiencies (T) according to the sampling dates for both AMOP1 AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP1) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2) datasets.

T is determined from $\%Flux_{149m}/Flux_{34m}$ and its uncertainty from logarithmic expansion calculation, and b coefficient from the Martin's curves theory (Suess, 1980; Martin et al., 1987). *Italic and non-italic values correspond to the fluxes at 34 m and 149 m, respectively. On the last lines of the table, bold colored values in red, yellow and blue correspond to particles fluxes averaged values for low, intermediate and high T_{eff} ranges, respectively, with the relative standard deviation between samples ($\pm SD\%$). Analysis accuracy on the particles total mass fluxes is $\pm 3\%$, inducing an absolute uncertainty on their vertical transfer efficiency estimated from a logarithmic expansion of $\pm 6\%$ (cf. Methods).*

Tab. S2: Organic elemental fluxes and their transfer efficiencies according to the sampling dates for both AMOP1 AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP1) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2) datasets.

a), b), c) and d) POC, PON, POP and BSi fluxes in $mg.m^{-2}.d^{-1}$, $mmol.m^{-2}.d^{-1}$ and $mol\%$ (on POC+PON+POP+BSi), and their transfer efficiency in $\%$ (T_{eff} , T_{effPON} ; cf. Table 1 caption for calculation) in terms of Particulate Organic Carbon (POC), Nitrogen (PON), Phosphorus (POP) and Biogenic Silica (BSi) according to the sampling dates for both AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2) datasets.

For a), b), c) and d), *italic and non-italic values correspond to the fluxes at 34 m and 149 m, respectively. On the last lines of the table, bold values correspond to particles fluxes averaged values for low, intermediate and high T_{eff} ranges, with the relative standard deviation between samples ($\pm SD\%$). Analysis accuracies on the elementary fluxes are $\pm 0.2\%$ for both POC and PON, $\pm 3\%$ for POP, and $\pm 5\%$ for BSi, inducing an absolute uncertainty of $\pm 0.2\%$ (T_{eff}), $\pm 0.2\%$ (T_{effPON}), $\pm 3\%$ (T_{effPOP}) and $\pm 5\%$ (T_{effBSi}) on the transfer efficiency (cf. Methods).*

Tab. S3: Molar ratios and their transfer efficiencies according to the sampling dates for both AMOP1 AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP1) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2) datasets.

a) Values of elementary ratios (C:N, C:P and N:P) and transfer efficiency of these ratios in $\%$ ($T_{effC:N}$, $T_{effC:P}$, and $T_{effN:P}$; cf. Table 1 caption for calculation) according to the sampling dates for both AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP1) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2) datasets.

b) Values of elementary ratios (Si:C, Si:N and Si:P) and transfer efficiency of these ratios in $\%$ ($T_{effSi:N}$, $T_{effSi:C}$ and $T_{effSi:P}$; cf. Table 1 caption for calculation) according to the sampling dates for both AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP1) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2) datasets.

For a) and b), *italic and non-italic values correspond to the fluxes at 34 m and 149 m, respectively. On the last lines of the table, bold values correspond to particles fluxes averaged values for low, intermediate and high T_{eff} ranges, with the relative standard deviation between samples ($\pm SD\%$). Analysis accuracies on the elementary ratios are ± 0.4 , 3.2 , 3.2% and ± 5.2 , 5.2 , 8% for C:N, C:P and N:P and for Si:C, Si:N and Si:P, respectively, inducing an absolute uncertainty of $\pm 0.9\%$ ($T_{effC:N}$), $\pm 6.3\%$ ($T_{effC:P}$), $\pm 6\%$ ($T_{effN:P}$), and of $\pm 12\%$ ($T_{effSi:C}$), $\pm 13.4\%$ ($T_{effSi:N}$) and $\pm 19\%$ ($T_{effSi:P}$) on the transfer efficiency cf. Methods. Classical (reference) molar ratios have been reported on the second lines from Redfield et al. (1963) and Brezinski (1985).*

Tab. S4: Isotopic fluxes and their transfer efficiencies according to the sampling dates for both AMOP1 AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP1) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2) datasets.

Carbon isotopic ratio ($\delta^{13}C$) and nitrogen isotopic ratio ($\delta^{15}N$) fluxes in $\%$ and their transfer efficiencies in $\%$ ($T_{eff^{13}C}$ and $T_{eff^{15}N}$; cf. Table 1 caption for calculation) according to the sampling dates for both AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP1) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2) datasets. *Italic and non-italic values correspond to the fluxes at 34 m and 149 m, respectively. On the last lines of the table, bold values correspond to particles fluxes averaged values for low, intermediate and high T_{eff} ranges, with the relative standard deviation between samples ($\pm SD\%$). Analysis accuracies on the isotopic values are $\pm 0.006\%$ for $\delta^{13}C$ and $\pm 0.007\%$ for $\delta^{15}N$, inducing an absolute uncertainty of $\pm 0.06\%$ ($T_{eff^{13}C}$) and $\pm 0.26\%$ ($T_{eff^{15}N}$) on the transfer efficiency (cf. Methods).*

Tab. S5: Inorganic calcium carbonate flux and its transfer efficiencies according to the sampling dates for both AMOP1 AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP1) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2) datasets.

Inorganic calcium carbonate (CaCO_3) fluxes in $\text{mgCa}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$ and in % of the total mass flux, and its transfer efficiency in % (T_{effCaCO_3} ; cf. Table 1 caption for calculation) according to the sampling dates for both AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP1) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2) datasets. *Italic and non-italic values correspond to the fluxes at 34 m and 149 m, respectively. On the last lines of the table, bold values correspond to particles fluxes averaged values for low, intermediate and high T_{eff} ranges, with the relative standard deviation between samples ($\pm\text{SD}\%$). Analysis accuracies on the elementary fluxes are $\pm 3\%$ for CaCO_3 , inducing an absolute uncertainty of $\pm 3\%$ on the transfer efficiency (T_{effCaCO_3} ; cf. Methods).*

Sample name	Date in 2013		TOTAL MASS FLUX		Transfer efficiency %	Error bar on T %
	Start	End	mg.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹			
			34 m	149 m	T	
AMOP1-S1	06/01	13/01	486.9	474.6	97	±1.2
AMOP1-S2	13/01	20/01	630.8	336.9	53	± 0.7
AMOP1-S3	20/01	27/01	748.3	419.3	56	± 0.6
AMOP1-S4	27/01	03/02	667.1	70.4	11	± 0.5
AMOP1-S5	03/02	10/02	431.9	165.4	38	± 1.0
AMOP1-S6	10/02	17/02	655.2	164.2	25	± 0.6
AMOP1-S7	17/02	24/02	256.9	118.4	46	± 1.7
AMOP1-S8	24/02	03/03	383.7	76.5	20	± 0.9
AMOP1-S9	03/03	10/03	386.8	127.5	33	± 1.0
AMOP1-S10	10/03	17/03	181.8	65.8	36	± 2.2
AMOP1-S11	17/03	24/03	65.6	38.2	58	± 7.2
AMOP1-S12	24/03	31/03	227.0	73.8	33	± 1.8
AMOP2-S1	28/06	09/07	260.5	488.0	187	± 3.3
AMOP2-S2	09/07	20/07	235.4	154.3	66	± 2.1
AMOP2-S3	20/07	31/07	81.9	123.8	151	± 9.2
AMOP2-S4	31/07	11/08	83.0	25.3	30	± 4.7
AMOP2-S5	11/08	22/08	82.2	82.2	100	± 7.3
AMOP2-S6	22/08	02/09	39.0	78.0	200	± 23.1
AMOP2-S7	02/09	13/09	4647.1	48.6	1	± 0.1
AMOP2-S8	13/09	24/09	2998.3	18.9	1	± 0.1
AMOP2-S9	24/09	05/10	1228.5	33.9	3	± 0.3
AMOP2-S10	05/10	16/10	814.9	47.0	6	± 0.4
AMOP2-S11	16/10	27/10	877.2	30.8	4	± 0.4
AMOP2-S12	27/10	07/11	484.5	12.1	3	± 0.6
			328.6	278.1	81	
			(±69%)	(±79%)	(±80%)	
			408.6	144.9	49	
			(±61%)	(±77%)	(±85%)	
			1767.5	42.9	36	
			(±97%)	(±48%)	(±226%)	

Table S1

b) Sample name	Date in 2013		PON flux						Transfer efficiency
	Start	End	mgN.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	mmolN.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	%molN	mgN.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	mmolN.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	%molN	%
				34 m			149 m		
AMOP1-S1	06/01	13/01	23.6	1.7	10	15.7	1.1	8	67
AMOP1-S2	13/01	20/01	19.8	1.4	9	10.5	0.8	8	53
AMOP1-S3	20/01	27/01	20.8	1.5	8	11.5	0.8	7	55
AMOP1-S4	27/01	03/02	14.3	1.0	9	3.6	0.3	9	25
AMOP1-S5	03/02	10/02	14.3	1.0	8	6.3	0.5	8	44
AMOP1-S6	10/02	17/02	17.3	1.2	7	7.1	0.5	9	41
AMOP1-S7	17/02	24/02	5.7	0.4	6	2.2	0.2	5	39
AMOP1-S8	24/02	03/03	12.0	0.9	7	2.4	0.2	6	20
AMOP1-S9	03/03	10/03	15.5	1.1	9	5.0	0.4	8	32
AMOP1-S10	10/03	17/03	7.4	0.5	9	2.4	0.2	8	32
AMOP1-S11	17/03	24/03	2.7	0.2	8	1.8	0.1	10	65
AMOP1-S12	24/03	31/03	6.2	0.4	6	2.9	0.2	8	47
AMOP2-S1	28/06	09/07	6.4	0.5	7	7.1	0.5	5	110
AMOP2-S2	09/07	20/07	6.0	0.4	7	2.8	0.2	5	46
AMOP2-S3	20/07	31/07	2.9	0.2	8	2.5	0.2	6	84
AMOP2-S4	31/07	11/08	3.8	0.3	11	1.0	0.1	10	26
AMOP2-S5	11/08	22/08	3.4	0.2	9	1.7	0.1	6	51
AMOP2-S6	22/08	02/09	1.1	0.1	8	1.4	0.1	6	123
AMOP2-S7	02/09	13/09	77.3	5.5	6	1.1	0.1	7	1
AMOP2-S8	13/09	24/09	67.3	4.8	7	0.8	0.1	8	1
AMOP2-S9	24/09	05/10	26.0	1.9	7	1.0	0.1	6	4
AMOP2-S10	05/10	16/10	23.6	1.7	9	0.9	0.1	4	4
AMOP2-S11	16/10	27/10	36.7	2.6	10	0.9	0.1	10	3
AMOP2-S12	27/10	07/11	16.5	1.2	11	0.7	0.0	14	4
			10.6	0.8	8	5.7	0.4	7	54
			(±85%)	(±85%)	(±11%)	(±87%)	(±87%)	(±26%)	(±13%)
			10.7	0.8	8	3.7	0.3	8	34
			(±46%)	(±46%)	(±20%)	(±56%)	(±56%)	(±19%)	(±27%)
			41.2	2.9	8	0.9	0.1	8	3
			(±61%)	(±61%)	(±24%)	(±18%)	(±18%)	(±41%)	(±47%)

Table S2b

c) Sample name	Date in 2013		POP flux						Transfer efficiency
	Start	End	34 m			149 m			T _{effPOP} %
			mgP.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	mmolP.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	%molP	mgP.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	mmolP.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	%molP	
AMOP1-S1	06/01	13/01	17.3	0.6	4	5.6	0.2	1	32
AMOP1-S2	13/01	20/01	7.1	0.2	1	2.4	0.1	1	34
AMOP1-S3	20/01	27/01	5.9	0.2	1	2.1	0.1	1	35
AMOP1-S4	27/01	03/02	3.5	0.1	1	0.9	0.0	1	26
AMOP1-S5	03/02	10/02	4.7	0.2	1	1.3	0.0	1	27
AMOP1-S6	10/02	17/02	3.9	0.1	1	2.6	0.1	2	66
AMOP1-S7	17/02	24/02	2.2	0.1	1	0.9	0.0	1	40
AMOP1-S8	24/02	03/03	3.4	0.1	1	0.9	0.0	1	27
AMOP1-S9	03/03	10/03	6.4	0.2	2	1.6	0.1	1	25
AMOP1-S10	10/03	17/03	2.7	0.1	2	1.4	0.0	2	53
AMOP1-S11	17/03	24/03	1.0	0.0	1	0.5	0.0	1	45
AMOP1-S12	24/03	31/03	3.0	0.1	1	0.9	0.0	1	31
AMOP2-S1	28/06	09/07	1.8	0.1	1	2.7	0.1	1	152
AMOP2-S2	09/07	20/07	2.0	0.1	1	1.6	0.1	1	80
AMOP2-S3	20/07	31/07	0.8	0.0	1	0.8	0.0	1	104
AMOP2-S4	31/07	11/08	3.7	0.1	5	0.4	0.0	2	12
AMOP2-S5	11/08	22/08	0.5	0.0	1	0.5	0.0	1	107
AMOP2-S6	22/08	02/09	0.2	0.0	1	0.5	0.0	1	267
AMOP2-S7	02/09	13/09	9.2	0.3	0	0.2	0.0	1	3
AMOP2-S8	13/09	24/09	8.3	0.3	0	0.1	0.0	1	2
AMOP2-S9	24/09	05/10	2.8	0.1	0	0.5	0.0	2	19
AMOP2-S10	05/10	16/10	2.2	0.1	0	0.6	0.0	1	25
AMOP2-S11	16/10	27/10	5.1	0.2	1	1.5	0.1	8	30
AMOP2-S12	27/10	07/11	2.0	0.1	1	0.2	0.0	2	9
High Teff			3.3 (±91%)	0.1 (±91%)	1 (±32%)	1.4 (±63%)	0.0 (±63%)	1 (±32%)	60 (±53%)
Intermediate Teff			3.7 (±33%)	0.1 (±33%)	2 (±79%)	1.2 (±50%)	0.0 (±50%)	1 (±36%)	34 (±48%)
Low Teff			4.9 (±64%)	0.2 (±64%)	0 (±33%)	0.5 (±98%)	0.0 (±98%)	2 (±120%)	15 (±81%)

Table S2c

d) Sample name	Date in 2013		BSi flux						Transfer efficiency
	Start	End	mgSi.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	mmolSi.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	%molSi	mgSi.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	mmolSi.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹	%molSi	%
				34 m			149 m		
AMOP1-S1	06/01	13/01	69.3	2.5	15	105.6	3.8	28	152
AMOP1-S2	13/01	20/01	110.6	3.9	24	85.5	3.1	31	77
AMOP1-S3	20/01	27/01	151.8	5.4	28	97.4	3.5	30	64
AMOP1-S4	27/01	03/02	66.3	2.4	21	19.6	0.7	25	30
AMOP1-S5	03/02	10/02	84.5	3.0	23	43.1	1.5	26	51
AMOP1-S6	10/02	17/02	138.5	4.9	28	46.4	1.7	29	33
AMOP1-S7	17/02	24/02	84.9	3.0	44	44.1	1.6	48	52
AMOP1-S8	24/02	03/03	93.0	3.3	29	22.2	0.8	29	24
AMOP1-S9	03/03	10/03	61.8	2.2	17	26.2	0.9	21	42
AMOP1-S10	10/03	17/03	27.1	1.0	17	11.4	0.4	18	42
AMOP1-S11	17/03	24/03	10.3	0.4	16	4.8	0.2	13	47
AMOP1-S12	24/03	31/03	51.7	1.8	27	18.2	0.7	25	35
AMOP2-S1	28/06	09/07	84.1	3.0	43	158.5	5.7	52	188
AMOP2-S2	09/07	20/07	78.1	2.8	44	50.6	1.8	47	65
AMOP2-S3	20/07	31/07	28.7	1.0	38	39.9	1.4	45	139
AMOP2-S4	31/07	11/08	13.5	0.5	19	4.1	0.1	20	30
AMOP2-S5	11/08	22/08	26.0	0.9	35	28.4	1.0	47	109
AMOP2-S6	22/08	02/09	12.1	0.4	41	21.6	0.8	46	178
AMOP2-S7	02/09	13/09	1394.8	49.8	53	11.2	0.4	34	1
AMOP2-S8	13/09	24/09	863.8	30.8	45	5.2	0.2	28	1
AMOP2-S9	24/09	05/10	256.4	9.2	36	13.5	0.5	41	5
AMOP2-S10	05/10	16/10	179.8	6.4	33	21.9	0.8	54	12
AMOP2-S11	16/10	27/10	199.4	7.1	28	3.7	0.1	20	2
AMOP2-S12	27/10	07/11	78.9	2.8	26	1.3	0.0	13	2
High Teff			75.4	2.7	29	53.3	1.9	34	72
			(±78%)	(±78%)	(±36%)	(±72%)	(±72%)	(±41%)	(±32%)
Intermediate Teff			69.0	2.5	25	26.2	0.9	27	38
			(±54%)	(±54%)	(±33%)	(±58%)	(±58%)	(±33%)	(±26%)
Low Teff			495.5	17.7	37	9.5	0.3	32	4
			(±105%)	(±105%)	(±28%)	(±81%)	(±81%)	(±46%)	(±120%)

Table S2d

Sample name	Date in 2013		CaCO ₃		T _{effCaCO₃} %
	Start	End	mgCa.m ⁻² .d ⁻¹		
			34 m	149 m	
AMOP1-S1	06/01	13/01	10.61	19.48	184
AMOP1-S2	13/01	20/01	9.92	13.22	133
AMOP1-S3	20/01	27/01	33.57	11.93	36
AMOP1-S4	27/01	03/02	24.27	4.54	19
AMOP1-S5	03/02	10/02	16.16	4.64	29
AMOP1-S6	10/02	17/02	19.25	3.73	19
AMOP1-S7	17/02	24/02	4.43	2.16	49
AMOP1-S8	24/02	03/03	10.16	2.11	21
AMOP1-S9	03/03	10/03	23.29	5.00	21
AMOP1-S10	10/03	17/03	9.82	7.04	72
AMOP1-S11	17/03	24/03	2.45	1.64	67
AMOP1-S12	24/03	31/03	6.29	2.06	33
AMOP2-S1	28/06	09/07	2.46	14.54	591
AMOP2-S2	09/07	20/07	4.39	5.82	133
AMOP2-S3	20/07	31/07	0.63	6.14	969
AMOP2-S4	31/07	11/08	17.00	1.28	8
AMOP2-S5	11/08	22/08	0.70	1.87	267
AMOP2-S6	22/08	02/09	2.84	2.59	91
AMOP2-S7	02/09	13/09	373.38	2.02	1
AMOP2-S8	13/09	24/09	157.72	0.73	0
AMOP2-S9	24/09	05/10	49.12	1.05	2
AMOP2-S10	05/10	16/10	22.77	0.99	4
AMOP2-S11	16/10	27/10	14.95	4.78	32
AMOP2-S12	27/10	07/11	25.32	0.96	4
			10.21	6.9	127
			(±132%)	(±79%)	(±70%)
			14.52	3.62	30
			(±50%)	(±52%)	(±65%)
			107.21	1.76	7
			(±131%)	(±88%)	(±170%)

Table S5

Figures

Figure S1: Time series in 2013 for particle fluxes (left handed scale) at 34 m (black bar) and 149 m (white bar) and the corresponding transfer efficiency (T ; similarly to T_{eff} defined from Eq.1, gray line, right-handed scale), covering AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP1, a) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2, b) periods. Error bars correspond to the accuracy of analytical determination for the particle flux and is estimated through a logarithmic expansion of Eq. 1 for T as for T_{eff} . (cf. Methods, and Tab. S1 for details).

Figure S2: Relationship between the mass flux and the flux of carbon and nitrogen, and between their Transfer Ratios. a) Total mass fluxes versus the POC fluxes and b) total mass fluxes versus the PON fluxes, at 34 m (filled dots) and at 149 m (empty dots). c) Transfer efficiency of the total mass (T) versus the transfer efficiency of the POC fluxes (T_{eff}) and d) the transfer efficiency of the the total mass (T) versus the transfer efficiency of the PON fluxes (T_{effPON}). The color of the dots symbolizes the three different main T_{eff} ranges (red, yellow and blue for low, intermediate and high T_{eff} , respectively).

Figure S3: Vertical cross-shore section at 12°S at the latitude of the AMOP fixed mooring for the oxygen concentration and pH value. Data were acquired in the framework of R/V L'Atalante AMOP cruise from January 27 to February 3, 2014. AMOP mooring location is indicated by the vertical white line near the coast on the right. The upper panel (a) represents the oxygen concentration ($\mu\text{mol.kg}^{-1}$) and the lower panel (b) represents the pH values. On both graphs the white dashed isopleth corresponds to the averaged oxygen concentration at the depth where the oxygen gradient is the strongest over all the available AMOP cruise casts (lower oxycline boundary at $O_2=87 \mu\text{mol.kg}^{-1}$) in a-b. The black isopleth corresponds to $\text{pH}=7.6$ (average in the oxycline in b).

Figure S3: Transfer efficiency for the total mass fluxes and for Organic Matter. The black line represents the mass flux transfer efficiency (T). The green line represents the transfer efficiency of the OM, where the OM is estimated as twice the POC fluxes according to Klaas and Archer (2002). Error bars are estimated from a logarithmic expansion of Eq. 1 and the analysis accuracies (cf. Methods), for both AMOP_{summer} (denoted AMOP1) and AMOP_{winter-spring} (denoted AMOP2) periods in 2013.

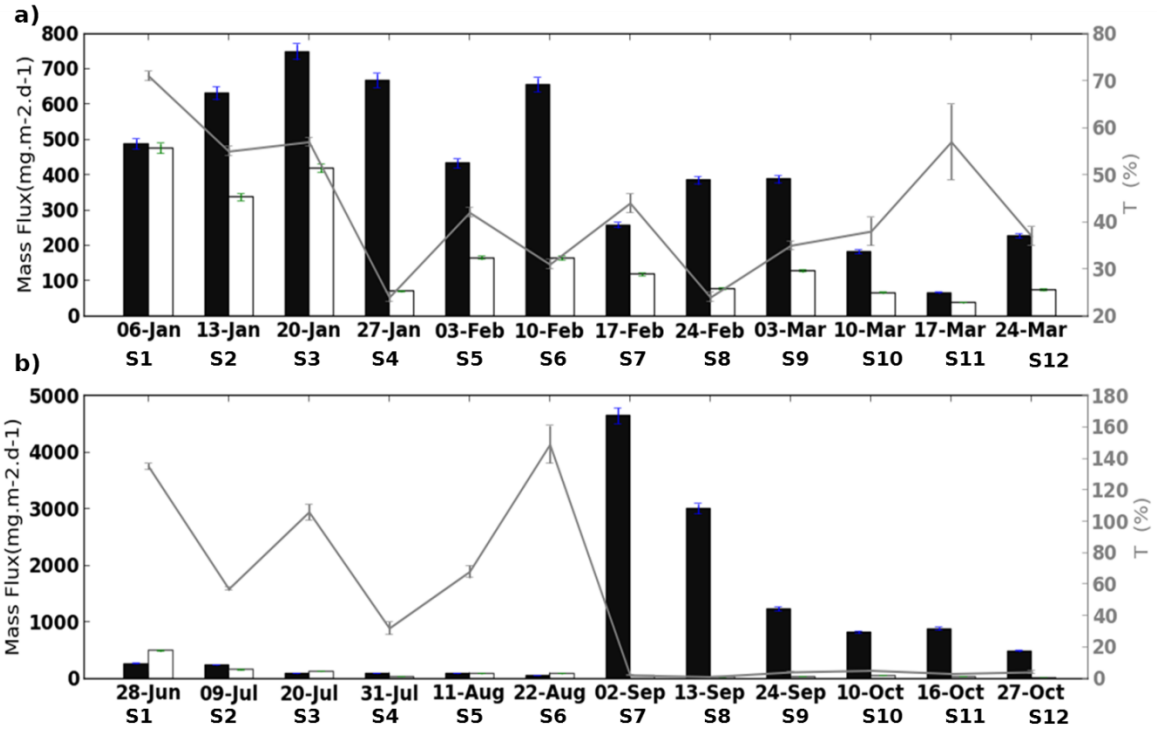


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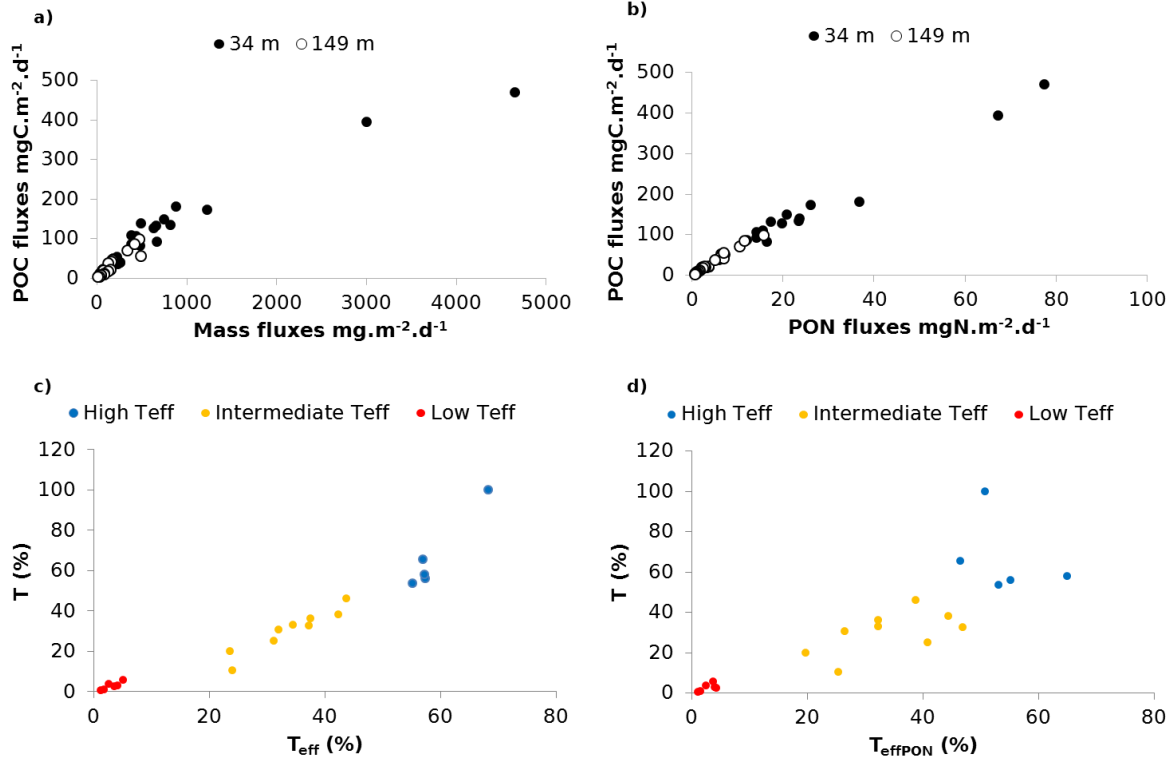


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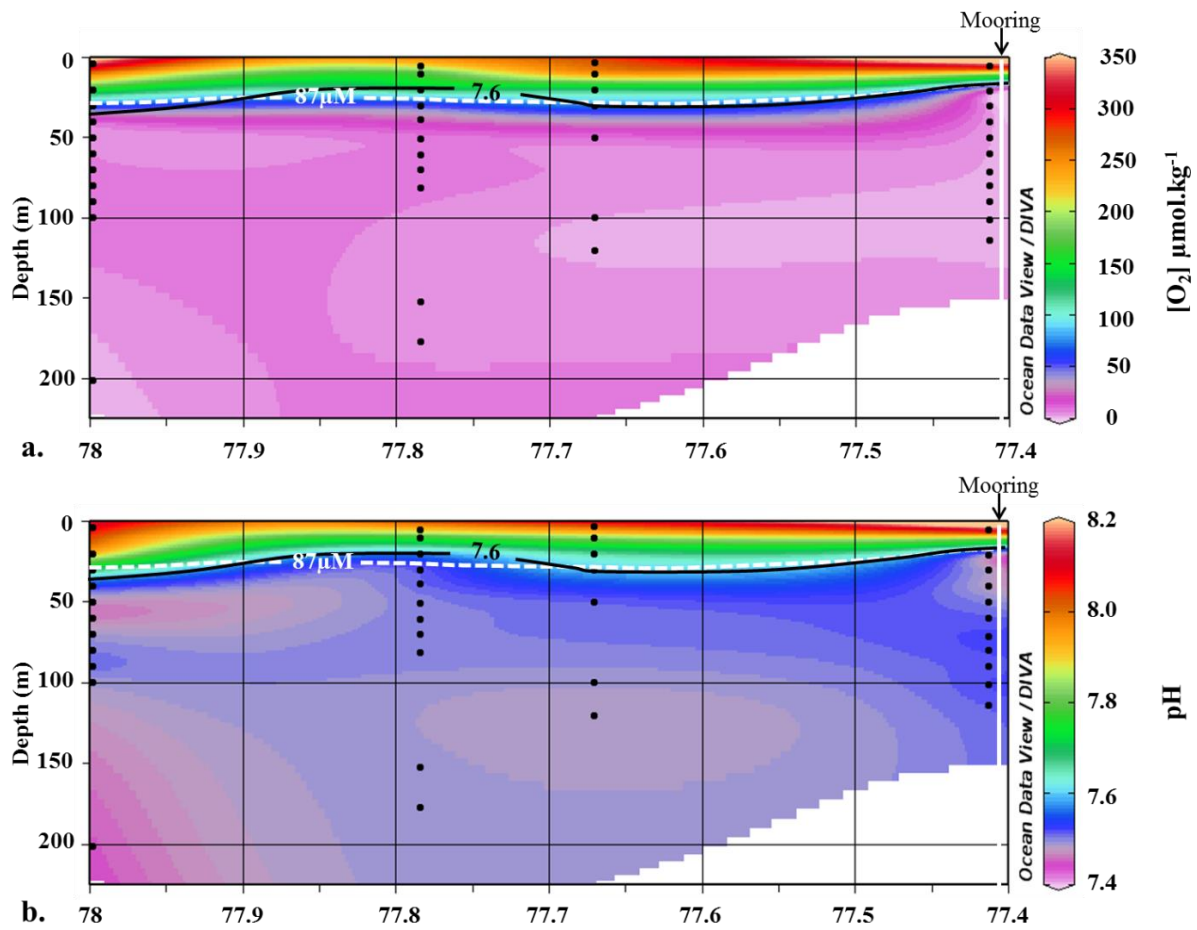


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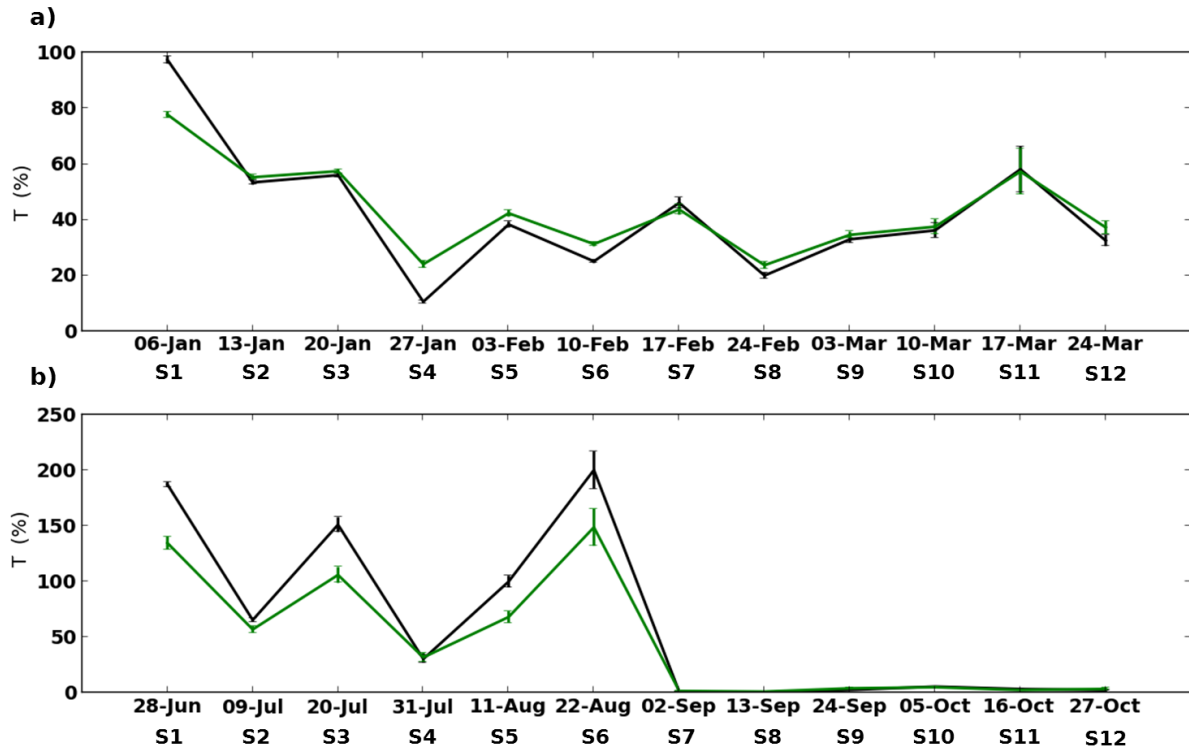


Figure S4