Ice2Ice Cruise GS16-204 16. Aug. to 5. Sept. 2016

Cruise report







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2. Ice2Ice project overview

The cryosphere is in fast transition. The possibility that the ongoing rapid demise of Arctic sea ice may instigate abrupt changes on the Greenland Ice Sheet (GIS) is, however, not tackled by current research. Ice cores from the GIS show clear evidence of past abrupt warm events with up to 15 degrees warming in less than a decade, most likely triggered by rapid disappearance of Nordic Seas sea ice. Is the dramatic decline in Arctic Sea Ice heralding a new phase of abrupt change, similar to those recorded in ocean sediments and ice cores? Such changes would have major consequences for the GIS mass balance and global climate, including accelerated sea level rise.

Ice2Ice will is the first concerted effort to tackle question of the cause and future implications of past abrupt climate change in Greenland, the main hypothesis being that Arctic and sub-Arctic sea ice cover exerts important controls on past and future Greenland temperature and ice sheet variations.

In Ice2Ice this will be done by:

- describing the nature, timing and extent of abrupt events across climate archives,
- resolving mechanisms behind the sudden demise of sea ice cover,
- identifying the risk that the ongoing rapid diminution of Arctic sea ice cover could give abrupt GIS changes in the future
- determining the impacts of such changes for the GIS and Arctic and global climate

The cruise tackles the first of these objectives, and aims to provide material for detailed investigations of past rapid changes in sea ice cover and ocean circulation from areas off southern Greenland (Fig.1; 2).

3. Background

The Eirik Ridge, situated off Cape Farewell, the southern tip of Greenland [*Hunter et al.*, 2007] is an elongate, mounded sediment drift with a length to width ratio of 2:1. Sediment accumulates rapidly in this area as a result of the influx of sediments eroded from the Denmark Strait and eastern Greenland margin suspended in Denmark Strait Overflow Water (DSOW) and transported by the deep-water flow of the Deep Western Boundary Current (DWBC). It is suggested that during the Mid-Miocene [*Hunter et al.*, 2007] the flow of deep water into the North Atlantic was established as a result of basin formation and rifting of the Labrador and North Atlantic Basins as well as the subsidence of the Greenland –Scotland Ridge.

South of Greenland, when DWBC reaches Cape Farewell, the Coriolis force causes the current to reverse its direction to predominantly flow north into the Labrador Sea along the West Greenland Margin. The loss of velocity associated with the reversal of the bottom current direction results in deposition of the suspended sediment and hence the formation of the Eirik Drift [*McCave and & Tucholke*, 1986].

The Eirik drift area is a key location for monitoring past changes in some of the crucial Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) water masses. At depth, the sites lay in the pathway of the DWBC with a dominating signal of DSOW, the Nordic Overflow that flows west of Iceland [*Holliday et al.*, 2009]. Hence North



Atlantic Deep Water /DWBC flow variability can be studied over time (Fig. 2). The surface and intermediate depths are bathed by the Subpolar Mode Waters and Labrador Sea Water with incursions of the Irminger Current and East Greenland Current which allows to monitor the rates of Arctic freshwater export carried in the East Greenland Current (EGC) and the East Greenland Coastal Current. Moreover, being located in the northern Subpolar Gyre (SPG) the location is ideal monitoring surface water variability in the latter one in conjunction with changes observed in the Nordic Sea inflow.

4. Cruise objectives and activities

4.1. Objectives of coring operations

In order to investigate the history of the DWBC and the SPG dynamics during Dansgaard–Oeschger events (D/O) within Marine Isotope Stage 3 in the northern North Atlantic, the G.O. Sars visited sites at the Eirik Drift during this expedition. The recovered sediment archives aim to document changes in ocean circulation and sea ice cover at times of abrupt changes.

Surface waters reaching the southern tip of Greenland constitute the western branch of the SPG. Changes in its strength influence the properties, structure and volume transport of the surface circulation in the North Atlantic [*Hátún et al.*, 2005] and hence the NAC inflow behaviour in the Nordic Seas. Material collected in the western Nordic Seas during the Ice2Ice cruise 2015 was aiming to document sea-ice variability and ocean-circulation changes during D/O events in relation to changes in the GIS temperatures. In combination with material collected this year we aim to understand when deep-water formation re-occurred in comparison to the observed sea-ice cover decline/ subsurface water masses changes in the Nordic Seas during D/O events. Moreover, these sites will additionally give insights about when and how the northern North Atlantic was influenced by freshwater discharges coming of the GIS after abrupt warming during D/O interstadials. Freshening of surface water masses within the SPG will have had consequences, among others, for Labrador Sea deep-water formation.

4.2 Objectives of shell dredging at Flaxaflói and Jökulbanki

The aim of the dredging was to collect live-collected and dead, sub-fossil, specimens of bivalves that can be used for chronology building. The primary target for the dredging was the long-lived species *Arctica islandica* (L.). Until recently, the species *A. islandica* has been a commercially interesting species fished for export around Iceland. Today, commercial fishing of this species is only done on the north-eastern shelf of Iceland.



4.3 Cruise activities

The ship left Reykjavik harbour on Tuesday August 17th at 5pm (UCT) after bringing on-board the coring systems and the associated supplies. The departure was delayed by one day due to the installation procedure of the refurbished Calypso[™] piston corer winch system.

After leaving the port, scientific operations started approximately 45 min thereafter on the Faxafloi area northwest of Reykjavik where an extensive 12 hour program of dredging was performed. Known stations from the previous Ice2Ice cruise in 2015 (GS15-198) were revisited as well new stations in the area were performed (**station 1-14**) (Fig. 2).

The dredging started in a relatively shallow area (40-45 meters water depth) of Flaxaflói where both living and sub-fossil specimens were collected from this shallow location. A deeper location was re-dredged, an area which in 2015 also proved to be inhabited by the *A. islandica*. These stations were all located at approximately 100 meters' depth. Live-collected and sub-fossil specimens were retrieved from these deeper areas as well, and these will supplement those specimens dredged in the same area during GS15-198. There appears to be a gap in the distribution through time (i.e. geological age) at the deepest locations compared to the shallower locations. Dredging was also performed at deeper water depths (145-170 meters) of Jökulbanki, aiming to locate specimens even further into North Atlantic waters. No specimens, either live-collected or sub-fossil, where found at these depths. Thereafter the vessel started the transit to the first proposed coring station on the 18th of August.

The first Conductivity, Temperature, and Depth measurement (CTD) (Number (NB): 566; station 15) was taken for calibration purposes on the 19th of August at a water depth of 131 m off southwest Island at $64^{\circ}24,72 \text{ N}/22^{\circ}32,80 \text{ W}$. One water sample from the ocean bottom was taken. A full CTD (NB: 567; station 16) was taken on the same day at $62^{\circ}26,09 \text{ N}/32^{\circ}14,87 \text{ W}$ at 2970 m water depth with ten depth intervals sampled for stable oxygen (O) and three for stable carbon isotopes (C). Testing of the winch system continued throughout all stations. On the 20th of August at station 17; southeast Greenland margin; another CTD (NB: 568) was taken with a water depth of 2785 m at 59°42,92 N/39°30,28 W with eleven water samples for O and three for C isotopes. Topas surveying was started on the 20th of August in order to evaluate the sediment properties on the sea floor for coring purposes (Fig.1).

On the 21st of August 2016 at 2220 m water depth operation started at **station 18** at $60^{\circ}01,84 \text{ N}/40^{\circ}33,45 \text{ W}$ with taking a set of two multicores which failed. Thereafter a gravity core (GC) was lowered and a total recovery of 228 cm of sediment was made. A CTD (NB: 569) was taken with a total of twelve samples for O and four C isotopes. A calypso core (CC) was taken at this station with a full recovery of 1861 cm.

Same day **station 19 at** 59°48,86 N/39°47,92 W and 2675 m water depth a full set of four multicores were taken with a recovery up to 36 cm. Thereafter a GC was taken with a recovery of 316.5 cm (3 sections). A CTD (NB: 570) with eleven O and three C samples was taken. A CC followed these operations with a full recovery of 2008,5cm.



On 23rd of August **station 20** was reached at 58° 57,02 N/44° 33,36 W with 2004 m water depth. A CTD (NB:571) was taken with eleven samples for O and two C isotopes. A GC was lowered and only had 33.5 cm recovery due to a opened core catcher loosing the remaining sediment. A CC was taken and only revealed 925 cm of sediment as a big dropstone was hit and blocked the tube.

On the 24th of August transit to Narsarsuaq, SW Greeland, was made to drop off parts of the Kley France crew. Thereafter the vessel moved towards the Eirik Ridge area. Due to a storm in the area the arrival was delayed. Topas recording was started on the 25th of August at and continued throughout the night.

Operation on **station 21** at 57° 42, 70 N/ 48° 00,69 W started the 26th of August 2016 at 3335 m water depth with taking a CTD (NB: 572) with twelve samples for O and three samples for C isotopes. Two GCs were taken, however returned on the surface broken and hence without sediment recovery. Thereafter a CC was successfully taken with a recovery of 1964 cm. Operations continued with the recovery of 4 multicores of a length between 30- 31 cm. At the end of the day into the morning of the 27th of August 2016 a plankton net was taken at 400, 200, 100 and 50 m water depth.

The transit continued on the 27th of August 2016 recording Topas on selected lines (Fig. 2). However strong winds in the area prevented from any coring operations on that day. On the 28th of August **station 22** at 58° 02,83 N/47° 02,36 W with 3160 m water depth was reached and operations started with a CTD (NB:573) where 11 samples were taken for O and three for C isotope analysis. Two CCs with 1974 cm and 1955,5 cm recovery respectively were taken. One GC core recovered 332,5 cm of sediment at this station and operations ended with a complete set of multicores up to 42 cm recovery. Topas operations were started after completion of the coring and continued into the morning of the 29th of August.

The vessel arrived at **station 23** at 58° 76.13 N/ 45° 41.87 W at 2270 m water depth and coring operation started with a CC on the 29th of August 2016. Two GCs with 318 and 320 cm recovery respectively were taken at that station and one multicore. Operations ended with CTD (NB:574) operations taking twelve O and three C isotope samples.

The night to the 30th of August 2016 was used for Topas operations. **Station 24** was reached in the morning of the 30th of August at 58° 36,21 N/ 46° 22,77 W and 2540 m water depth. Operations started with taking a complete set of multicores between 35.5 and 37.5 cm length. A GC, 338,5 cm recovery and CC, 2042 cm recovery, were taken thereafter. Operations on that station ended with taking CTD (NB:575) with eleven samples taken for O and three samples taken for C isotope analysis. From that station the vessel continued on surveying Topas throughout the night.

On the 31st of August the vessel reached **station 25** at 58° 13, 29 N/ 45° 31,56 W with a water depth of 2274 m. A GC, 315 cm recovery and a CC, 1970,5 cm recovery were taken. The vessel started the transit back to Island when operations finished in the evening. On the 1st of September 2016 a plankton net was taken at **station 26** at 59° 13,95 N/ 43° 02.87 W. The upper water column was samples for plankton samples at 400, 200, 100 and 50 m water depth.

The vessel continued thereafter with the transit back to Island with arrival in Reykjavik the 4th of September 2016.



5. Area of operation



Figure 1: Map showing Topas transits acquired during the cruise. GS16-204 core stations are indicated as red open circles.



5.1 Topas lines

					Survey log					
_	ile name	Date	Time	(UTC)	Area	Start	of line	End c	of line	Direction
			Start of line	End of line		Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	
	20160820173204	20-Aug-16	17:32	18:40	SE Greenland	59° 53,14	39° 16,39	59° 44,11	39° 31,16	SW/220°
	20160820202858_000	20-Aug-16	20:28	01:58 (21.08)	SE Greenland	59° 44,02	39° 31,34	60° 02,32	40° 35,31	NW/310°
	20160821020000_001	21-Aug-16	02:00	02:48	SE Greenland	60° 02,36	40° 35,47	$60^{\circ} 04,81$	$40^{\circ} 44,86$	NW/310°
	20160821230402	21-Aug-16	23:04	23:43	Eirik Drift	59° 50,87	39° 45,08	59° 47,39	39° 50,10	SW/220°
	20160823052410	23-Aug-16	05:24	06:43	Eirik Drift	58° 57,30	44° 11,53	58° 50,17	44° 26,54	SW/231°
	20160823064311	23-Aug-16	06:43	07:37	Eirik Drift	58° 50,20	44° 26,59	58° 55,34	44° 36,44	NNW/315°
	20160823073841	23-Aug-16	07:38	00:00	Eirik Drift	58° 55,51	44° 36,42	59° 01,36	$44^{\circ} 28,11$	NE/49°
	20160823090030	23-Aug-16	00:00	11:15	Eirik Drift	59° 01,33	$44^{\circ} 28,17$	58° 57,01	44° 33,36	SW/230°
	20160823201628_000	23-Aug-16	20:16	23:44	Toward Narsasuag	58° 57,78	44° 34,12	59° 32,69	45° 16,91	NW/330°
	20160823234415_001	23-Aug-16	23:44	00:43 (24.08)	Toward Narsasuag	59° 32,75	45° 16,98	59° 42,64	45° 28,49	NW/330°
	20160825134453_000	25-Aug-16	13:44	18:16	Eirik Drift	58° 56,15	45° 01,89	58° 36,10	45° 52,25	SW/212°
	20160825181650_001	25-Aug-16	18:16	23:06	Eirik Drift	58° 36,05	45° 52,38	58° 12,91	$46^{\circ} 49,28$	SW/212°
	20160825230601_002	25-Aug-16	23:06	05:35 (26.08)	Eirik Drift	58° 12,83	$46^{\circ} 49,48$	57° 39,59	48° 07,83	SW/212°
	20160826053531 003	26-Aug-16	05:35	05:58	Eirik Drift	57° 39,58	$48^{\circ} 07,84$	57° 37,65	48° 12,21	SW/212°
	20160827021617	27-Aug-16	02:16	04:55	Eirik Drift	57° 41,81	$48^{\circ} 02,31$	57° 29,49	$48^{\circ} 30, 10$	SW/230°
	20160827045544_000	27-Aug-16	04:55	09:15	Eirik Drift	57° 29,50	48° 30,07	57° 40,98	47° 48,23	NE/65°
	20160827091524_001	27-Aug-16	09:15	13:35	Eirik Drift	57° 40,99	47° 48,23	57° 50,50	47° 11,75	NE/65°
	20160827133504_002	27-Aug-16	13:35	17:45	Eirik Drift	57° 50,50	47° 11,75	58° 01,43	46° 54,87	NE/65°
	20160827174556_003	27-Aug-16	17:45	19:22	Eirik Drift	$58^{\circ} 01,43$	46° 54,88	58° 05,20	47° 07,74	NE/65°
	20160827200125	27-Aug-16	20:01	22:02	Eirik Drift	58° 05,31	$47^{\circ} 08, 17$	58° 10,37	47° 24,97	NW/290°
	20160827220238	27-Aug-16	22:02	22:45	Eirik Drift	58° 10,39	47° 24,95	58° 12,40	47° 21,89	NE/41°
	20160827224602	27-Aug-16	22:46	02:31 (28.08)	Eirik Drift	58° 12,39	47° 21,87	58° 04,35	46° 55,46	$SE/104^{\circ}$
	20160828023301	28-Aug-16	02:33	03:10	Eirik Drift	58° 04,30	46° 55,44	58° 02,35	47° 00,68	SW/229°
	20160828031156	28-Aug-16	03:11	04:51	Eirik Drift	58° 02,38	47° 00,95	58° 04,97	47° 07,98	NW/308°

					Survey log					
See map	File name	Date	Time	э (UTC)	Area	Start	of line	End o	f line	Direction
Line #			Start of line	End of line		Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	
17	20160829023717_000	29-Aug-16	02:37	06:30	Eirik Drift	58° 03,01	$47^{\circ} 00,02$	58° 09,34	46° 13,67	NE/72°
	20160829063055_001	29-Aug-16	06:30	09:31	Eirik Drift	58° 09,34	46° 13,67	58° 14,35	45° 37,95	NE/72°
18	20160829225849	29-Aug-16	22:58	23:08	Eirik Drift	58° 13,96	45° 40,47	58° 14,33	45° 38,84	NE/74°
19	20160829230840 000	29-Aug-16	23:08	02:10 (30.08)	Eirik Drift	58° 14,34	45° 38,85	58° 28,98	$46^{\circ} 08,43$	NW/315°
	20160830021027 001	30-Aug-16	02:10	05:12	Eirik Drift	58° 28,98	$46^{\circ} 08,44$	58° 42,77	46° 38,35	NW/315°
	20160830051213_002	30-Aug-16	05:12	06:34	Eirik Drift	58° 42,78	46° 38,36	58° 48,56	46° 50,86	NW/315°
20	20160830063947	30-Aug-16	06:39	00:00	Eirik Drift	58° 48,86	46° 50,77	58° 36,21	46° 22,76	SE/108°
21	20160830200945_000	30-Aug-16	20:09	23:11	Eirik Drift	58° 36,25	46° 22,75	58° 44,29	46° 10,35	NW/329°
	20160830231131_001	30-Aug-16	23:11	02:13 (31.08)	Eirik Drift	58° 44,29	$46^{\circ} 10,35$	58° 40,19	45° 34,65	NW/329°
	20160831021317_002	31-Aug-16	02:13	04:37	Eirik Drift	58° 40,19	45° 34,64	58° 36,77	45° 07,36	NW/329°
22	20160831043736_000	31-Aug-16	04:37	08:57	Eirik Drift	58° 36,74	45° 07,35	58° 16,68	45° 29,14	SSW/200°
	20160831085716_001	31-Aug-16	08:57	11:21	Eirik Drift	58° 16,67	45° 29,14	58° 06,03	45° 40,04	SSW/200°
23	20160831112652	31-Aug-16	11:26	12:32	Eirik Drift	58° 06,55	45° 40,17	58° 15,00	45° 41,60	NW/355°
24	20160831123332	31-Aug-16	12:33	13:15	Eirik Drift	58° 14,98	45° 41,45	58° 13,32	45° 32,40	SE/112°
25	20160831202932 000	31-Aug-16	20:29	00:49 (01.09)	Eirik Drift	58° 13,28	45° 32,42	58° 36,93	44° 33,14	NE/53°
	20160901004912_001	01-Sep-16	00:49	04:41	Eirik Drift	58° 36,93	44° 33,13	58° 57,12	43° 31,63	NE/53°
	20160901044151_002	01-Sep-16	04:41	05:12	Eirik Drift	58° 57,13	43° 31,63	58° 59,91	43° 23,63	NE/53°





5.2 Station list

9	516-204- Ice2ice					Sta	tion rep	oort	
Station	Area	Date	Time (UTC)	Water depth (m)	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	Device	Recovered length (cm)	Remarks
-	SW Iceland	17/08/16	18:26	44	64° 12,78	22° 49,90	Dredge		Collecting A. islandica
~ ~	SW Iceland	17/08/16	19:12	44	64° 12,90	22°49,31	Dredge		Collecting A. islandica
ν -	SW Iceland	17/08/16	19:39	44	64° 12,95 64° 21 0F	22° 49,12 22° 54 35	Dredge		Collecting A. Islandica
ou t	SW Iceland	18/08/16	23:14	100	64° 21,99	22°51,87	Dredge		collecting A. <i>islandica</i> Collecting A. <i>islandica</i>
9	SW Iceland	18/08/16	00:14	100	64° 22,00	22° 51,86	Dredge		Collecting A. islandica
2	SW Iceland	18/08/16	01:11	102	64° 21,95	22° 54,24	Dredge		Collecting A. islandica
œ	SW Iceland	18/08/16	01:44	101	64° 21,97	22° 52,69	Dredge		Collecting A. islandica
o ۲	SW Iceland	18/08/16	02:20	98 101	64°21,40	22° 52,00 22° 52,00	Dredge		Collecting A. islandica
2 [SW Iceland SW Iceland	18/08/16	26:20	168	64° 20 28	22°32,00	Dradge		Collecting A. <i>Islandica</i>
12	SW Iceland	18/08/16	07:03	148	64° 29.01	22°38.38	Dredae		collecting A. <i>islandica</i> Collecting A. <i>islandica</i>
13	SW Iceland	18/08/16	07:20	149	64° 28,56	22° 38,70	Dredge		Collecting A. <i>islandica</i>
14	SW Iceland	18/08/16	08:10	146	64° 25,62	22° 33,53	Dredge		Collecting A. islandica
15	SW Iceland	18/08/16	08:38	131	64° 24,72	22° 32,80	СТD		CTD 566
16	Irminger basin	19/08/16	09:53	2970	62° 26,09	32°14,87	CTD		CTD 567
17	SE Greenland margin	20/08/16	18:44	2785	59° 42,92	39° 30,28	CTD		CTD 568
		21/08/16	02:45	2220	60° 01,84	40° 33,45	ы М	0.0	No sediment i Multicorer (two times)
18	SE Greenland margin						3 8	228.0	Penetration till c. 2,5m - good recovery
							cc	1861.0	Full penetration, corer head full of sediment
		22/08/16	11:00	2675	59° 48,86	39° 47,92	MC MC	36.0	A: 36cm, B: 36cm, C: 36cm, D: 35,5cm
19	SE Greenland marain						3	3 6.5	3,5 m barrel, 3 sections
							ម ខ	2008.5	14 sections
		22/00/16	12.20	1000	E0° E7 00	30 00 011			
00	Civit Dvit	23/08/10	13:30	2004	20'Je 86	44 33,30	ב כ	30 E	
07							ខ្លួ	925.0	short section, sild out Stone filling the barrel
		26/08/16	05:30	3335	57° 42,70	48° 00,69	CTD		CTD 572
							ပ္ပ	0.0	4,5 m core barrel broken
21	Eirik Drift						ខ	1964.0	14 sections
i							с С	0.0	3,5 m barrel intact, corecatcher lost (nails cut off).
							MC D	31.0	Plankton net: 400m, 200m, 100m, 50m A: 31cm B: 30cm. C: 30.5cm. D: 30cm
		28/08/16	00:00	3160	58° 02,83	47° 02,36	CTD		CTD 573
							CC-A	1974.0	14 sections
22	Eirik Drift						ပ္ပ	332.5	3,5 m barrel, 3 sections
							8-0 0	1955.5	Core for DNA analysis
		20/00/10	10.00	0200	LO0 10 70	468 41 07	D NC	1042.0	A: 41cm, B: 42cm, C: 42cm, D: 42cm
		29/08/10	00:01	0/22	58' 13,70	45 41,87	ပ ပို	210.0	14 sections
23	Eirik Drift						e B C-B	320.0	for Earth-lab. U. of Bergen. Dept. Of Earth Sci., not splitted.
							MC	33.0	A: 33cm, B: 32cm, C: 32cm, D: 32cm
							CTD		CTD 574
		30/08/16	08:15	2540	58° 36,21	46° 22,77	MC	37.5	A: 37,5cm, B: 37,5cm, C: 37,5cm, D: 36,5cm
24	Eirik Drift						98	2042.0	14 sections
							ß	0.000	
25	Eirik Drift	31/08/16	12:30	2274	58° 13,29	45° 31,56	ເຊ ເ	315.0 1070 E	3,5 m barrel, 3 sections
		01/00/16	12.30	2	50°13 05	43° N2 87	3 M	C.U/81	14 sections Diankton not: 400m -200m -100m 50m
26	Eirik Drift	01/09/10	06:21	D.a	06'01 60	40 06,01	N		Plankton net: 400m, 200m, 100m, 50m



6. Station description



Figure 2: Map showing the geographical positions of coring stations described beneath.



Station: GS16-204-1 to 3

Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
64° 12,78	22° 49,90	44 m	17.08.16	18:26

Device	Remarks
Dredge	Collecting bivalve Arctica Islandica

Station: GS16-204-4 to 11

Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
64° 21,95	22° 54,25	100-102 m	17.08.16	22:44

Device	Remarks
Dredge	Collecting bivalve Arctica Islandica

Station: GS16-204-11 to 14

Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
64° 29,28	22° 39,16	146-168 m	18.08.16	06:42

Device	Remarks
Dredge	Collecting bivalve Arctica Islandica

Station: GS16-204-15

Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
64° 24,72	22° 32,80	131 m	18.08.16	08:38

Device	Remarks
CTD	Water sample taken at bottom. CTD 566.



Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
62° 26,09	32° 14,87	2970m	19.08.16	09:55

Device	Remarks
CTD	Water samples taken (see report below). CTD 567



Figure 3: CTD Profile 567- Station 16: Water samples taken for $\delta^{18}O$ analysis at 20; 50; 100; 200; 500; 1100; 1600; 2000; 2800 ($\delta^{13}C$); 2966 ($\delta^{13}C$) m water depth. Samples taken for $\delta^{13}C$ are indicated respectively.



Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
59° 42,92	39° 30,28	2785m	20.08.16	18:45

Device	Remarks
CTD	Water samples taken (see report below). CTD 568



Figure 4: CTD Profile 568- Station 17: Water samples taken for $\delta^{18}O$ analysis at 20; 100; 120; 300; 800 ($\delta^{13}C$); 1200; 1700 ($\delta^{13}C$); 2400; 2600; 2760; 2813($\delta^{13}C$) m water depth. Samples taken for $\delta^{3}C$ are indicated respectively.



Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
60° 01,84	40° 33,45	2220m	21.08.16	02:45

Coring Devices	Remarks
Multicore	No sediment in multicore (Failed two times)
CTD	Water samples taken (see report below). CTD 569
Gravity core (GC)	226,5cm
Calypso core (CC)	1861cm



Figure 5:CTD Profile 569- Station 18: Water samples taken for $\delta^{18}O$ analysis at 20; 80; 200 $(\delta^{13}C)$; 800 $(\delta^{13}C)$; 1000; 1400; 1600 $(\delta^{13}C)$, 1800; 2100; 2200 $(\delta^{13}C)$; 2212; 2240 m water depth. Samples taken for $\delta^{13}C$ are indicated respectively.



Topas profile at coring station











Figure 6: Graphical correlation of sediment colour reflectance (L*; a*; b*) profiles for cores GS16-204-18 Gravity Core (GC); (top left& middle panel) and Calypso Core (CC); (left& middle panel). Graphical correlation of magnetic susceptibility (SI) profiles for cores GS16-204-18 GC (top right panel) and CC (lower right panel). All records are displayed on their individual depth scales in cm.



Section pictures





Lithology

Core: GS16-204-18 GC





Core: GS16-204-18 CC





Core: GS16-204-18 CC





Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
59° 48,86	39° 47,92	2675m	22.08.16	14:35

Coring Devices	Remarks
Multicore	A: 36cm, B: 36cm, C: 36cm, D: 35,5cm
СТD	Water samples taken (see report below). CTD 570
Gravity core (GC)	316,5 cm
Calypso core (CC)	2008,5 cm



Figure 7: CTD Profile 570- Station 19: Water samples taken for $\delta^{18}O$ analysis at 20; 80; 200; 400; 800($\delta^{13}C$); 1300; 1500; 1900 ($\delta^{13}C$); 2200; 2600; 2704 ($\delta^{13}C$) m water depth. Samples taken for $\delta^{13}C$ are indicated respectively.



Topas profile at coring station

Topas file name: 20160821230402





Spectrophotometer (colour) and magnetic susceptibility



Figure 8: Graphical correlation of sediment colour reflectance $(L^*; a^*; b^*)$ profiles for cores GS16-204-19 GC (top left& middle panel) and CC (lower left& middle panel). Graphical correlation of magnetic susceptibility (SI) profiles for cores GS16-204-19 GC (top right panel) and CC (lower right panel). All records are displayed on their individual depth scales in cm.







Core: GS16-204-19 CC

Depth	Sec	tio	n Lithology	Depth	Se	ection Lithology
(cm)				(cm)		
0	1	35	0-14: Extremely soupy, 1 high water content, sediments disturbed 14-33: Grey-brown, homogenous silty clay 33-44: Brown, homogenous clay, forams 44-45: Very dark grey, silt, sharp boundaries, vel. Horizontal base (ash?), only clastic grains no microfossils	500- s,	-	524.5 524.5-559: Grey, low water content, forams, consolidated with black color and holes (449 – 550 cm) 537, 539: Dropstone (0.1.5 cm)
100 -	2		45-71: Grey with irregular brown intervals, silty clay 71-85 : Darker grey, homogenous silty clay, forams	600 -	5	559-675: Dark grey and smooth with a hole at 588-593 cm, containing 5 layers of coarse material (dark in color) at 571, 575.5, 652, 657 and 660-663cm
200-	2	235.:	85-109.5: Dark grey, homogenous silty clay 109.5-135: Lighter grey, homogenous, silty cl lighter grey spots, perhaps bioturbation 135-158: Dark grey, homogeneous silty clay 158-163: Two uneven brown layers at 94 cm and 97 cm, ~0.5 cm thick 5 163-235: Dark grey, homogenous silty clay, with few mm-sized gravels (IRD) at 120 cm	lay, 700 –	6	- 675 675-810: Dark grey with dropstone at 730 (Φ 15 cm), hole at 731-733cm, black at 740, coarse at 781.5 and 792.5 cm 810 825 5: Vary dark, consolidated
300-	3		235.5-335: Dark grey, homogenous silly clay, few intervals og lighter grey at 278 cm 1cm-sized dropstone, hole at 321 cm 335-337: Very dark grey, clay, less wet, sharp boundaries 337-375: Light grey, partly brownish sandy silt, dropstone at 375 cm	800 –		- 825.5
400-	4	375	375-439: Light grey, brownish interval at 387-393 cm; silty clay 439-444: Lighter grey with darker grey inclusions, silty clay 444-497: Dark grey, homogenous silty clay,	900 -	7	825.5-860: Consolidated, grey, microfossils (shells) 860-967.5: Grey, silt, dropstone cm-sized at 885, 901.5, 911 and 845-955 cm dark grey, generally coarser
500-	4	524.:	black layers (ash?) at 456, 472 and 489 cm 497-524.5: Dark grey, sandy silty clay with gravel (IRD) at 505 and 510 cm	1000 -	8	 967.5 967-1118: Grey with lenses formed like ripples (change in color to light grey or even reddish); some with change in size fraction (at 1031 cm), some with bioturbation (at 1040-1046 cm); Dropstones at 1047.5 and 1063.5 cm
				1100 -		1118



Core: GS16-204-19 CC





Core: GS16-204-19 GC





Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
58° 57,02	44° 33,36	2004m	23.08.16	13:30

Coring Devices	Remarks
Multicore	No Multicore taken
СТД	Water samples taken (see report below). CTD 571
Gravity core (GC)	33,5 cm
Calypso core (CC)	925 cm



Figure 9: CTD Profile 571- Station 20: Water samples taken for $\delta^{18}O$ analysis at 20; 80; 190; 570; 900; 1200; 1500; 1800 ($\delta^{13}C$); 1900; 2000 ($\delta^{13}C$); 2021 m water depth. Samples taken for $\delta^{13}C$ are indicated respectively.



Topas profile at coring station

Topas file name: 20160823090030







Figure 10: Graphical correlation of sediment colour reflectance (L*; a*; b*) profiles for cores GS16-204-20 CC (left& middle panel). Graphical correlation of magnetic susceptibility (SI) profile for core GS16-204-20 CC (right panel). All records are displayed on their individual depth scales in cm.







Lithology

Core: GS16-204-20 CC



Shear strength (kPa) measuredat the bottom of each sectionSec. #01-Sec. #0239.23Sec. #03-Sec. #04-Sec. #0533.34

Sec. #06 58.84 Sec. #07 -



Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
57° 42,70	48° 00,69	3335 m	26.08.16	05:30

Coring Devices	Remarks
Multicore	A: 31cm, B: 30cm, C: 30,5cm, D: 30cm
CTD	Water samples taken (see report below). CTD 572
Gravity core (GC)	No gravity core. Two attempts, broken barrel and core- catcher lost
Calypso core (CC)	1964 cm



Figure 11: CTD Profile 572- Station 21: Water samples taken for $\delta^{18}O$ analysis at 20; 80; 200; 400; 750 ($\delta^{13}C$); 1500; 1900; 2100 ($\delta^{13}C$); 2800; 3150; 3200, 3390($\delta^{13}C$) m water depth. Samples taken for $\delta^{13}C$ are indicated respectively.


Topas profile at coring station

Topas file name: 20160825230601_002

















Lithology

Core: GS16-204-21 CC-A





Core: GS16-204-21 CC





Station: GS16-204-22

Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
58° 02,83	47° 02,36	3160 m	28.08.16	06:06

Coring Devices	Remarks
Multicore	A: 41cm, B: 42cm, C: 42cm, D: 42cm
СТД	Water samples taken (see report below). CTD 573
Gravity core (GC)	332,5 cm
Calypso core (CC)	CC-A - 1964 cm
	CC-B – 1955,5cm (For DNA analysis, frozen on board)

CTD (Temperature, Salinity, Oxygen, Density profile)



Figure 13: CTD Profile 573- Station 22: Water samples taken for $\delta^{18}O$ analysis at 20; 80; 300; 500; $1100(\delta^{13}C)$; 1500; 1900; $2200(\delta^{13}C)$; 2600; 3000; 3206 ($\delta^{13}C$) m water depth. Samples taken for $\delta^{13}C$ are indicated respectively.



Topas profile at coring station

Topas file name: 20160828031156







Spectrophotometer (colour) and magnetic susceptibility

Figure 14: Graphical correlation of sediment colour reflectance $(L^*; a^*; b^*)$ profiles for cores GS16-204-22 GC-A (top left& middle panel) and CC-A (lower left& middle panel). Graphical correlation of magnetic susceptibility (SI) profiles for cores GS16-204-22 GC-A (top right panel) and CC-A (lower right panel). All records are displayed on their individual depth scales in cm.





Figure 15: Graphical correlation of sediment colour reflectance (L*; a*; b*) profiles for cores GS16-204-22 GC-A (top left& middle panel) and CC-B (lower left& middle panel). Graphical correlation of magnetic susceptibility (SI) profiles for cores GS16-204-22 GC-A (top right panel) and CC-B (lower right panel). All records are displayed on their individual depth scales in cm.



Section pictures









Core: GS16-204-22 CC-A





Core: GS16-204-22 CC-A





Core: GS16-204-22 CC-B

Depth (cm)	Se	ectio	on	Litholog	зу	Depth (cm)	i Se	ectic	on Lithology
0	1	63	0 - 4: B to firm a 0 - 63: in betwee 33 - 34	oundary between up sediment Grey, silt, some dark een (e.g. 33-34cm) : Less dense, line of	per soupy layer er grey lines dark grey silt	600 -	8	568.	5 568.5 – 669.5: Brownish-grey, bioturbation, sandy silt 631.5 – 633: Line of dark grey sandy silt
100 -	2		63 – 16. 68: Lay	3.5: Grey silt, some of darker grey silt	dark grey spots	_		669.	5 Some gravel
_		163.	5		1. 1	700 -	9		669.5 – 770: Grey, sandy silt 730: Bioturbation 715.5 – 726: Brownish grey
200 -	3		163.5 - 195 - 19227 - 227 - 227	263.5: Grey sandy s 98: Soft, lower densi 32: Some lighter gre	ilt, homogenous ity, grey silt y patches	_		770	770 – 787: Brownish grey, sandy silt,
300-	4	263. 288	⁵ 263.5 more br 282 – 23	– 288: Grey, sandy s ownish colour. Biotu 88: Some gravel	silt, transition to arbation?	800 -	10		some gravel 792 – 798: Crack in the sediment 790 – 801: Bioturbation 781 – 863: Dark grey, sandy silt
_	5	369	288 - 29 296 - 3 355 - 30	96: Grey sandy silt, s 55: Brownish, silt, b 69: Grey silt	some gravel ioturbation	900 -	11	863	863 – 907: Grey, homogenous, sandy silt, some darker grey lines in between (e.g. 938) 907: Boundary, transition to darker shade of grey silt 960 – 963: Bioturbation
400 -	6		369 - 40 404 - 40 410 - 40	04: Grey silt 09.5: Light grey, san 68.5: Bioturbation, g	dy silt grey silt	-		964	
_		468.	5			1000-	12		963 – 1064: Dark grey, sandy silt, homogenous 970 – 974: Bioturbation
500 -	7		468.5 - 482.5 - 519.5 - 551 - 50	482.5: Brownish-gre 519.5: Grey, homog Brownish-grey, sand 60: Soft, lower densi	ey, sandy silt enous silt ly silt, bioturbatio ity, muddy	on –		1064	1064 – 1165.5: Dark grey, homognous,
600		568.	5	,		1100 -	13		silty clay 1093.5 – 1034.5: Line of darker grey silt, higher porosity 1122: Line of darker grey silt
						l		1165	5.5



Core: GS16-204-22 CC-B





Core: GS16-204-22 GC





Station: GS16-204-23

Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
58° 13,76	45° 41,87	2270 m	29.08.16	10:10

Coring Devices	Remarks
Multicore	A: 33cm, B: 32cm, C: 32cm, D: 32cm
CTD	Water samples taken (see report below). CTD 574
Gravity core (GC)	GC-A - 318 cm
	GC-B – 320 cm
Calypso core (CC)	1943 cm

CTD (Temperature, Salinity, Oxygen, Density profile)



Figure 16: CTD Profile 574- Station 23: Water samples taken for $\delta^{18}O$ analysis at 20; 50; 100; 200; 500; 700; 1000 ($\delta^{13}C$); 1400; 1600 ($\delta^{13}C$); 2000; 2250; 2285 ($\delta^{13}C$) m water depth. Samples taken for $\delta^{13}C$ are indicated respectively.



Topas profile at coring station

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Spectrophotometer (colour) and magnetic susceptibility



Figure 17: Graphical correlation of sediment colour reflectance (L*; a*; b*) profiles for cores GS16-204-23 GC-A (top left& middle panel) and CC (lower left& middle panel). Graphical correlation of magnetic susceptibility (SI) profiles for cores GS16-204-23 GC-A (top right panel) and CC (lower right panel). All records are displayed on their individual depth scales in cm.







Lithology

Core: GS16-204-23 CC



splitting the section. Only half of the core half was "intact", held together by floral foam
Samples taken from archive half for 14C dating

at 200-201 and 500-501 cm



Core: GS16-204-23 CC





Core: GS16-204-23 GC-A





Station: GS16-204-24

Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
58° 36,21	46° 22,77	2540 m	30.08.16	08:15

Coring Devices	Remarks
Multicore	A: 37,5cm, B: 37,5cm, C: 37,5cm, D: 36,5cm
СТD	Water samples taken (see report below). CTD 575
Gravity core (GC)	338,5 cm
Calypso core (CC)	2042 cm

CTD (Temperature, Salinity, Oxygen, Density profile)



Figure 18: CTD Profile 575- Station 24: Water samples taken for $\delta^{18}O$ analysis at 20 ($\delta^{13}C$); 80 ($\delta^{13}C$); 150; 300; 600; 1100; 1600 ($\delta^{13}C$); 2000; 2300; 2450; 2572 ($\delta^{13}C$) m water depth. Samples taken for $\delta^{13}C$ are indicated respectively.



Topas profile at coring station









Figure 19: Graphical correlation of sediment colour reflectance (L*; a*; b*) profiles for cores GS16-204-24 GC (top left& middle panel) and CC (lower left& middle panel). Graphical correlation of magnetic susceptibility (SI) profiles for cores GS16-204-24 GC (top right panel) and CC (lower right panel). All records are displayed on their individual depth scales in cm.







Core: GS16-204-24 CC



 Samples taken from archive half for 14C dating at 200-201 and 570-571 cm



Core: GS16-204-24 CC





Core: GS16-204-24 GC





Station: GS16-204-25

Longitude	Latitude	Water depth	Date	Start time
58° 13,29	45° 31,56	2274 m	31.08.16	12:30

Coring Devices	Remarks
Gravity core (GC)	315 cm
Calypso core (CC)	1970,5 cm

CTD (Temperature, Salinity, Oxygen, Density profile)

Closely related to GS16-204-23

Topas profile at coring station





Spectrophotometer (colour) and magnetic susceptibility



Figure 20: Graphical correlation of sediment colour reflectance $(L^*; a^*; b^*)$ profiles for cores GS16-204-25 GC (top left& middle panel) and CC (lower left& middle panel). Graphical correlation of magnetic susceptibility (SI) profiles for cores GS16-204-25 GC (top right panel) and CC (lower right panel). All records are displayed on their individual depth scales in cm.







Core: GS16-204-25 CC

Depth	Sect	tion	Lithology	Depth	Se	ection	Lithology
(cm)				(cm)			
0	1	2	 0 – 17: Brown silty clay, IRD at 5.5 & 9.5cm, elongated and flat IRD, some sand. 17 – 42: Dark grey, sharp transition at 17cm, silty clay, very soft and high water content, especially at 33-42cm. 	600	_	635,5	35.5 – 644.5: Dark grey silty clay with
100 -	2	:	 42 - 64.5: Silty clay, soft, grey 64.5 - 159: Lighter grey, consolidated between 126 - 145cm, less water, silty clay with coarser, sandy particles, IRD at 68cm. 159 - 168.5: Finer silty clay 168.5 - 174: Darker silty clay 174 - 192.5:Lighter grey, silty clay, 179cm: red grain, IRD at 190cm 	[/] 700 – _	6	li, 64 at 65 sh 74 cc 75 75 75 75	ghter/brownish areas 44.5 – 742:Grey silty clay; consolidated 649 & 658cm, dropstone (ϕ 5-7cm) at 71-678; darker coarser layer at 715-718cm; hells at 723cm; some black spots 42 – 758: Lighter silty clay with onsolidations (black) esp. at 751cm 58 – 781: Grey silty clay, homogenous 81 – 786: Lighter grey silty clay; transition ot straight
200-	19	92,5	192.5 – 235: Light grey silty clay, consolidated at 209 and 230 cm 235 – 247: Darker grey, silty clay, higher water content 247 – 320: Uneven transition, grey silty clay (249-266cm disturbed, holes etc.) 301: Gap (diatomes? 1 piece, 1cm thick slice) 320 – 335: Slightly lighter, with sand and gravel (IRD)	800 -	7	786 7. s	36 – 926.5: Dark grey silty clay, some black pots, getting bigger from 906cm
400 -	33	35	 335 – 350: Grey, consolidated silty clay 350 – 378: Darker grey, silty clay, homogenous, higher water content 378 – 389: Lighter grey 389 – 485.5: Darker grey, consolidated at 400 & 420; 416-421 lighter (no clear transition) 	1000 -	8	926 92 1a 30 92 92 94 94 94 94 94 94 94 94 94 94 94 94 94	26.5 – 953: Dark grey, silty clay, some black yers, boreholes at 947 cm, some consolidated reas, gradual transition at bottom 53 – 992: Grey silty clay, 974-977cm: coarser taterial, black, with forams; at 984: darker onsolidated layer 92 – 1006.5: Grey with darker layer, 0.5cm ide lighter lenses 006.5 – 1077.5: Dark grey, silty clay, some RD (sandy); at 1011cm: consolidated material
500 -	48 5	35,5	 485.5 - 546.5: Lighter grey silty clay, layer with consolidations 500-502. IRD at 520cm and hole at 515cm 546.5 - 579: Darker grey silty clay, homogenou a few black spots 577 - 579: Clear transition to darker, coarser (sandy) clay (forams + tephra) 579 - 590: Light grey with diffuse colour chang silty clay 590 - 635.5:Grey silty clay, consolidated at 597-605; light lenses at 505-509cm; 618-632 	1100 - s, - e, 1200 -	9	1077,5	1077.5 – 1116.5: Gradually getting lighter, silty clay; 1109.5 cm: foram rich; layer with IRD at bottom 1116.5 – 1117: Dark layer 1117 – 1133: Light grey with IRD (sandy); from 1129cm down: bioturbation? 1133 – 1154: Dark grey, silty clay with rough surface; 1150-1154 slightly darker; consolidated at 1154cm 1154 – 1161.5: Grey silty clay; at 1157cm: darker layer 1161.5 – 1173: Brown silty clay with IRD, bioturbation at top + bottom 1173 – 1196: Grey silty clay, few consolidated
L	63	35,5	6 6 9 - r 6 (L		1227,5	1196 – 1227.5: Dark grey, silty clay, black spots; at 1211cm lens-shaped layer of darker material



Core: GS16-204-25 CC





Core: GS16-204-25 GC




7. Mapping of possible object

A possible object on the sea floor south of Cape Farewell, Greenland.

While transiting from the Eirik Drift towards Reykjavik G.O. Sars passed just south of the last reported position of the Danish vessel Hans Hedtoft that collided with an iceberg and sank January 30, 1959. Given that the wreck of Hans Hedtoft is still to be located, it was decided to use the sophisticated multi-beam system on G.O. Sars to acquire the detailed sea floor bathymetry south of the collision position (59.5°N, 43.0°W) for а few hours on September 1. 2016. An object the size of Hans Hedtoft is near the detection limit of the multi-beam system at the considerable depths in this area. Hence, no objects of interest were detected while the sea floor scanning took place. Post processing of the acquired bathymetry data (while G.O. Sars proceeded towards Reykjavik), did however reveal a small signal on an otherwise flat sea floor at 59° 08'10.4 N, 43° 11'20.6 W. The signal (shown in the figure below) is consistent with the size of the vessel Hans Hedtoft, but as it was acquired by a single multi-beam ping-line only, it could also be a noise-generated artifact. Another possibility is that the signal is some naturally topography (such occurring underwater big rock). as а The location of the small signal, some 23 nautical miles SSW of the collision position reported by Hans Hedtoft in its SOS, is consistent with the expected drift of the vessel due to current and strong northerly winds during the 4 hours it stayed afloat after the SOS. Hence, while the signal detected by G.O. Sars is of an undetermined and somewhat dubious nature, we still feel obliged to report its exact position. Publishing this information will enable a ship passing by in the future to target the signal and determine whether it is just noise or a real object - even with more commonly available depth-sounding systems.



Figure 21: Figure with panels displaying the G.O. Sars multi-beam data: (a) shows the bathymetry of the area surveyed south of Greenland indicating the small signal with a white arrow, (b) is a zoom in on the section with the small signal at 59° 08'10.4 N, 43° 11'20.6 W, while (c) shows the profile and dimensions of the signal along the single ping-line where it was detected.



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Appendix

A1: Equipment

Kongsberg Simrad Multibeam echo sounder

The Kongsberg Simrad Multibeam echo sounders EM300 and EM1002 are designed to do seabed mapping at variable depths, and therefore have a variable resolution The echo sounders consist of three units:

- Transducer arrays
- Transceiver unit
- Operator station

Transducer arrays

The transducer arrays are different in form for the different models, but are used for both transmitting and receiving the pulses.

Transceiver unit

The transceiver unit is a wall-mounted cabinet with integrated shock and vibration absorbers. It contains transmit- and receive electronics, the processors for beam forming, bottom detection, and control of all parameters with respect to gain, ping rate and transmit angles.

Operator station

The operator station contains processors for beam forming, bottom detection and parameter control as well as the operator interface.

It detects:

- Depth and sounding positions
- Raw ranges and beam pointing angles
- Seabed imaging
- Vessel position and attitude
- Sound speed data
- System installation and setup parameters

The system does not require operator intervention during normal operation, but tracks the bottom automatically while adjusting mode, gain and range dependant parameters as required.

Data processing

There are three software that are commonly used during the processing process:

- The Neptune software, which is used for post processing of bathymetric data (i.e. cleaning and filtering of raw data etc.).
- The Triton software, which is used for the seabed sediment classification. This process extracts signal features from the seabed image data, and applies this data to a statistical classification procedure in order to obtain the best estimate for seabed sediment type as a function of position in the form of a map overlay.



• The Cfloor software is used for digital terrain modelling and plot generation. These terrain models can easily produce contour maps, 3D plots, combined bathymetry and acoustic imagery, depth profiles along specified routes, volume calculation etc.

TOPAS PS18 (Parametric Sub-bottom Profiler System)

The TOPAS PS18 system is a single, narrow beam sub-bottom profiler system with electronic roll, pitch and heave stabilisation. The range resolution is normally less than 0.3 m, and penetration capability is normally more than 150 m. These factors, however, depends on sediment, water depth and ambient noise.

The TOPAS are designed around a parametric antenna utilising the non-linear propagation characteristics of water to generate a low frequency acoustic pulse from a short high frequency burst or from the inter-modulation of two high frequency signals. The received echoes are amplified, digitized, processed and displayed online, and can be printed out during the process. Raw, unprocessed data may be stored for later processing.

There are several types of pulses that can be used, depending on the different depth and different use that is needed. Generally, high frequency gives high resolution, but low penetration, and for both, the Ricker- and Chirp pulse, the maximum and minimum frequency is 6 000 Hz and 500 Hz respectively.

The TOPAS system is divided into two main modes:

- High resolution
- High penetration

Ricker wavelet

The high resolution pulse is called the Ricker pulse, and gives detailed information about the top 5 - 10 m sediments in water depths less than $2\ 000 - 3\ 000$ m. This mode gives short single pulses with power spectrums centred on 3.5 kHz. Ricker pulse is a wide-band wavelet and requires a high signal to noise ratio for optimal performance.

Ping intervals depends on wavelet type, water depth and operation mode. It range from 200 ms to 15 000 ms, but default ping/shot interval for Ricker pulse is 300 - 500 ms in shallow areas.

Chirp wavelet

The high penetration mode is called Chirp, and is used in very deep water, noisy environment, or where maximum penetration is desired. These pulses have much longer wavelengths than the Ricker pulse. Chirp wavelet is a coded wavelet where the signal energy is stretched out in time. Chirp waveform is for increasing the total transmitted energy, thereby increasing the signal to noise ratio and correspondingly the penetration.

Producing a burst consisting of two high frequency signals swept in opposite directions generates the Chirp wavelet. By filtering the received echoes in a matched



filter or a deconvolution filter, the wavelet energy is compressed into a narrow peak with a 3 dB width of about 1/B, where B is the bandwidth of the sweep. The bandwidth is determined by the start and stop frequencies of the sweep, which is normally set to 2 and 5 kHz respectively. Larger bandwidth would give higher resolution, but lower penetration.

The ping interval is normally set to 1 000 ms (i.e. one ping / shot per second), and the ping duration of the Chirp to 10 ms. Long duration (max 100 ms) increases the amount of energy transmitted.

CTD

System overview

The 911*plus*CTD system includes:

- SBE 9*plus* Underwater Unit with sensors for C (conductivity), T (temperature), P (pressure) and O (oxygen), and a submersible pump.
- SBE 11*plus* Deck Unit
- Computer for displaying logging and read time date acquisition

SBE 9plus Underwater Unit

Standard underwater units have aluminium housings rated to 6 800 m (22 300 ft), and are supplied with two conductivity and two temperature sensors (fitted with a *TC Duct* and constant flow pump), and an internally mounted, temperature-compensated Paroscientific Digiquartz pressure sensor for 6 800 m (10 000 psia) full scale range. Input channels and bulkhead connectors (SBE 43 dissolved oxygen) are provided for an optional second (redundant) pair of temperature and conductivity sensors.

SBE 11plus Deck Unit

SBE 11plus Deck Units include RS-232 and IEEE-488 computer interfaces, NMEA 0183 interface for adding GPS position to CTD data, 12-bit A/D input channel for surface PAR sensor, switch-selectable 115/230 VAC operation, audio tape interface (data backup), LED readout for raw data, and audible bottom contact (or altimeter) alarm. Calibration coefficients are stored in EEPROM, and a separate microcontroller converts raw CTD data to temperature, depth, salinity, etc. The SBE 11*plus* is prewired for installation of the optional subcarrier modem (including water sampler control push buttons and status lights). Http://www.seabird.com/products/spec sheets/911data.htm

Standard Carousel

The heart of the carousel is the magnetically actuated lanyard release. A pressureproof electromagnet at each bottle position is energized on command to release the latch holding the bottle lanyard. The standard carousel includes the electronics / release assembly (12 – position), mounting hub, adapter plates, protective frame, and CTD extension stand – with a 9*plus* CTD underwater unit.

Sea Bird Software

SEATERM and SeatermAF – Terminal programs for setup and data uploading SEASAVE – Real-time data acquisition and simultaneous keyboard control of bottle firing. A typical real-time CTD data plot shows how the software automatically marks



the display with bottle numbers, keeps track of which bottles have been fired, and creates a bottle data file during real-time data collection.

SBE Data Processing – Filtering, aligning, averaging, and display of CTD and auxiliary sensor data and derived variables.

Dredge

A big arctica dredge is a metal cage with an approximate size of 2mx1.5mx0.5m, with an opening in one end (see figure). The opening has metal teeth at both top and bottom to ensure that the dredge will serve its purpose no matter which side it settles on at the sea floor. A dredge was used to trawl the sea floor for the bivalve species *Arctica islandica*. The dredge was fastened to a wire and lowered to the sea floor, and thereafter dragged after the ship along the sea floor for 5-10 minutes at a speed of 2 knots.



Appendix figure 1: Shell dredge ready to be emptied on deck

Multi-corer description

The multi-corer used on the cruise is a KC multi-corer (see figure 2.1), model 72.000 customized.

The corer is equipped with 4 tubes, each with a diameter of 110 mm and a length of 600mm. The sample tubes are transparent with a sleeve for a quick change system.



Principle of operation:

While the multi corer is lowered into the sea, there is a full flow through the sample tubes in order to obtain an undisturbed sample. The top of each sample tube has a spring-loaded lid, which is in open position during the sampling. When the sample has been taken the lid will close and the resulting vacuum will hold the sample until the shovel covers the end of the tube.

Upon raising the multi corer and as soon as the tubes are leaving the sediment, a spring-loaded shovel is pressed in position under the sample tubes. It turns down, having a space of approximately 1 cm to the end of the tube. Finally the shovel is lifted against the tube to avoid exit of the sample. Further information of the corer can be found at KC's homepage at: http://www.kc-denmark.dk/



Appendix figure 2: Boarding of successfully recovered multicores.

Gravity-corer description

The GEO-UoB gravity coring system capable of taking up to 5m long cores was also employed. The core liner is rigged directly onto the weighted coring head with a cutting head/core catcher combo installed at the base of the liner.





Appendix figure 3: A gravity core is retrieved and brought on board in vertical position.

Calypso-corer description

The Calypso piston corer is developed by Kley France and IPEV and modified to use on R/V G.O. Sars by StigMonsen, UiB. It can be fitted with a tube of 21,5 meter, retrieving cores up to ca 20 m. The internal diameter of a Calypso core is about 10 cm.



Appendix figure 4: Principles of the Calypso coring system.



On-board core handling and analyses

Three different coring devices were applied on this cruise, a Multicorer, a Gravity corer and a Calypsocorer. With the Multicorer we get four tubes of undisturbed surface sediment samples up to 50 cm long. With the Gravitycorer we recover the upper 3-5 meters of the sediments depending on the properties of the sediments and the ability to penetrate the sediments with the applied weight of the coring equipment and the length of the tube. When the Calypsocorer is applied we have the ability to recover 21,5 meters of sediments.

Subsequent to the coring operation the cores were cut into sections, preferably 150 cm, and spilt into two equal halves, one for archive and one for work. Floral foam where put in the ends of the section for stabilisation of the sediments. The splitting was done with a handheld saw on a table designed for the operation. From each station one of the Multicores were drained and split. Shear strength measurements were taken in the bottom of every section.

After splitting, both halves of the cores were properly cleaned with a spatula, and a lithological description (grain-size, layering etc.) was made. Thin plastic film was put on the surface and the work section was subsequently measured for colour and magnetic susceptibility. High-resolution pictures were taken every 10 cm.

A hand-held Konica Minolta CM 600d spectrophotometer was used to measure the light reflectance of sediment core surfaces immediately after opening of the core. Any enclosed air-bubbles between the plastic foil and the sediment were carefully removed. Measurements were carried out every 1 cm by placing the device directly on the core surface. The spectrum of the reflected light is measured by a multi-segment light sensor, measuring at a 10 nm pitch between wavelengths of 400 to 700 nm

A hand-held Bartington MS3 Magnetic Susceptibility meter with a MS2E surface Scanning Sensor was used to measure the Magnetic Susceptibility of the sediments in the opened core. Measurements were carried out at 1cm intervals of all cores.

After processing all the core sections were enveloped in plastic, properly labelled and put in d-tubes for storage.

GS16-204-22 CC-B were processed normally, but the d-tubes were immediately frozen at-18° C.

Water sample handling

On nearly every station we obtained a CTD (conductivity, temperature, density) profile of the water column. Water samples (50 ml) were taken on different depths in order to analyse changes in oxygen and carbon isotopes with depth. Samples were preferably taken on 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 400 m and then every 400 m below that. Additional water samples were taken for the CTD calibration at IMR.



Piston coring physics

During coring the movements of the trigger arm and the corer head were measured by using two NKE STPH sensors. The sensors measure both depth and acceleration. The data is used together with the kinematics module in the CINEMA software developed by IFREMER. The module is used to plot the graphics of kinematics and the graphic of the estimated place of the layers in the core regarding to the penetration.























