



# PMEL

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# Earth-Ocean Interactions

## Basin-Scale Impacts & Processes

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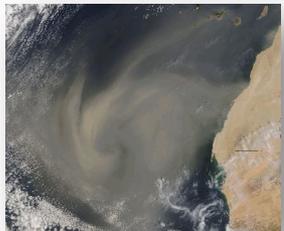
# The influence of solid Earth on Ocean chemistry



Submarine **Hydrothermal and Volcanic** activity adds  $^3\text{He}$ , Fe, Mn,  $\text{CO}_2$  (and others chemicals) to the Ocean on a continual and consistent basis.



**Rivers and coastal sediments** provide Fe and other metals to the distal ocean.



Natural Aerosols: **Atmospheric dust** is transported from continents and supplies micronutrients (e.g., Fe, Zn) to the surface ocean.  
**Volcanic eruptions**, glacial flour.



**Fossil-fuel and bio-mass burning** supply highly soluble aerosols with both potentially toxic trace metals (e.g., Cu, As, Se, Pb) and bioavailable Fe and other elements (V, Cr, Ni).



# Tracers

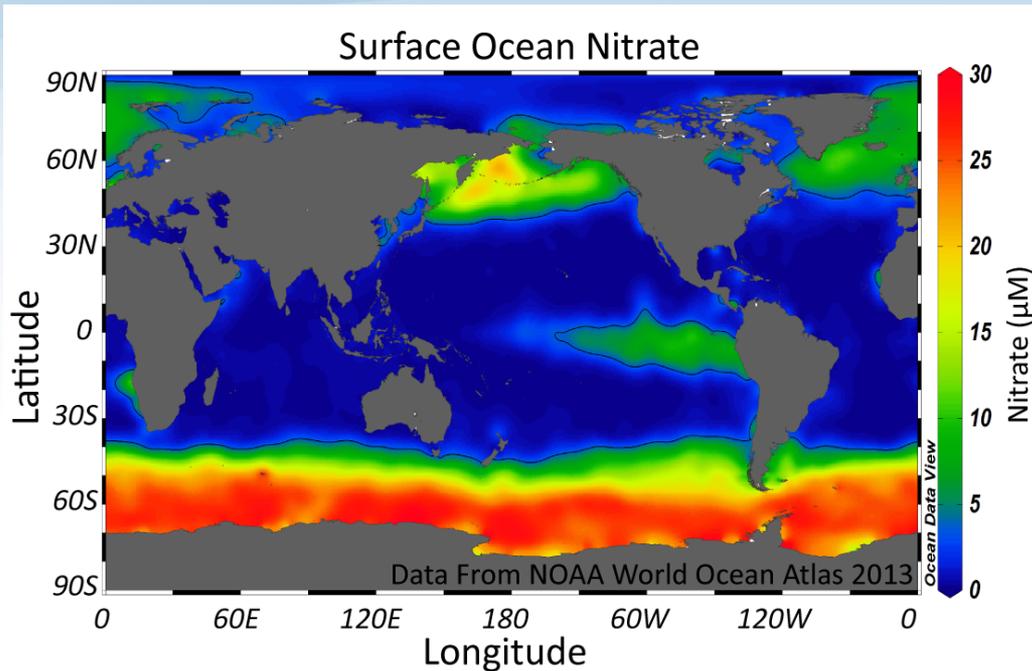
- Al** -Dust and submarine eruptions
- Mn** -Hydrothermal activity and trace nutrient
- Fe** -Hydrothermal activity and trace nutrient
- <sup>3</sup>He** -Unambiguous, conservative tracer of magmatic activity

**Light Scatter** -Relative particle abundance

## Analytical sensitivity (weight basis)

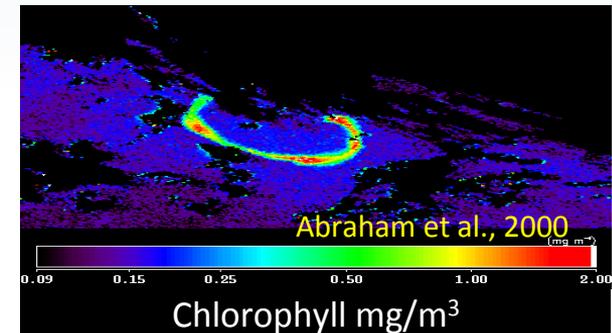
- **Al** 0.0000000000001  $1 \times 10^{-12}$
- **Mn** 0.00000000000006  $6 \times 10^{-13}$
- **Fe** 0.00000000000006  $6 \times 10^{-13}$
- **<sup>3</sup>He** 0.0000000000000000000001  $1.20 \times 10^{-20}$

# Relevance



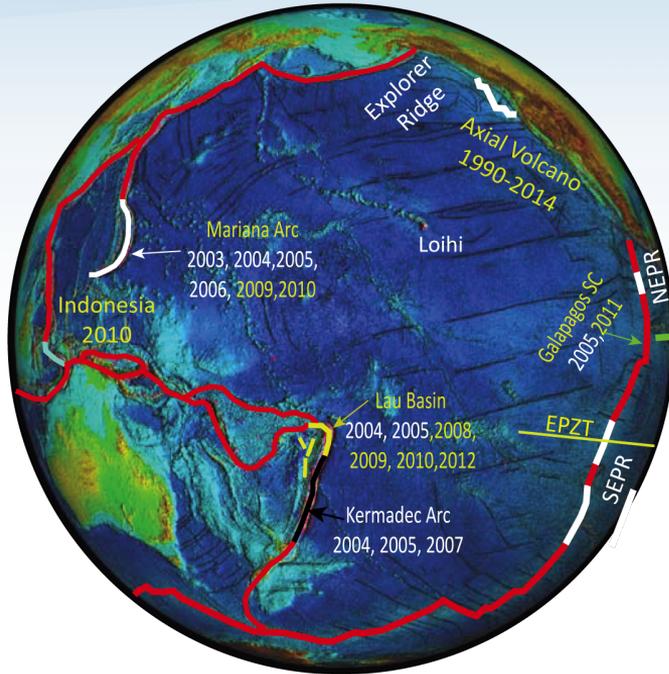
In  $\sim 1/3$  of the ocean, excess nutrients are perennially available yet phytoplankton biomass is relatively low.

## Fe- Fertilization

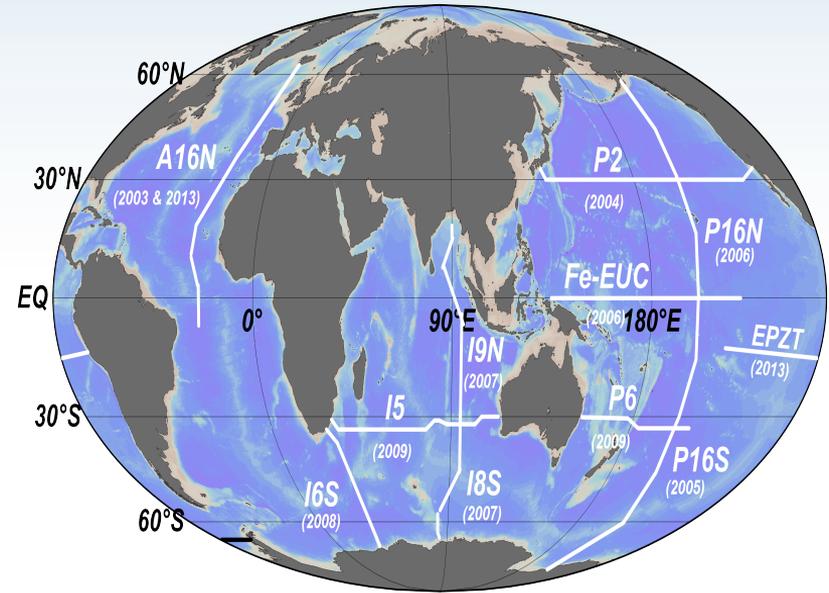


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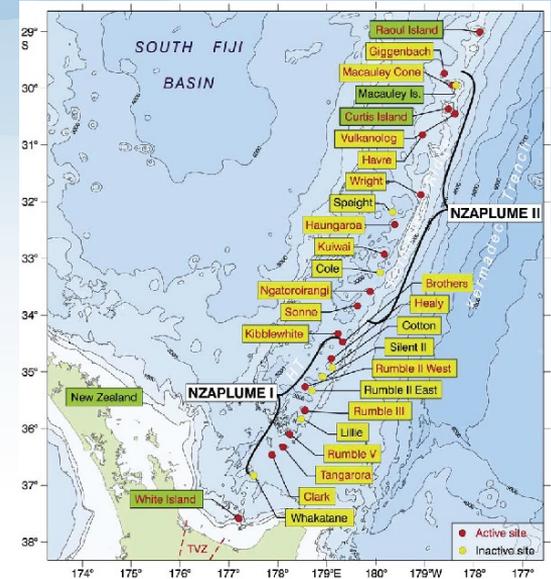
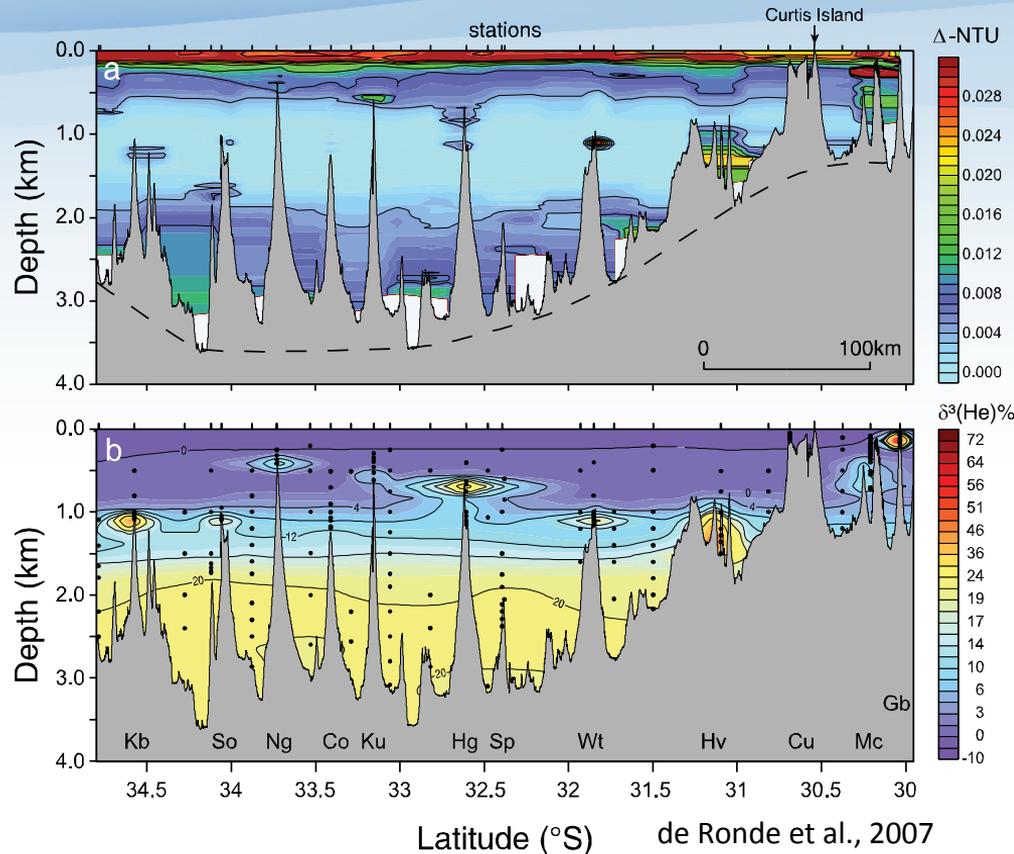
## Basin Scale Hydrothermal Impact



## Basin Scale Trace Element Chemistry

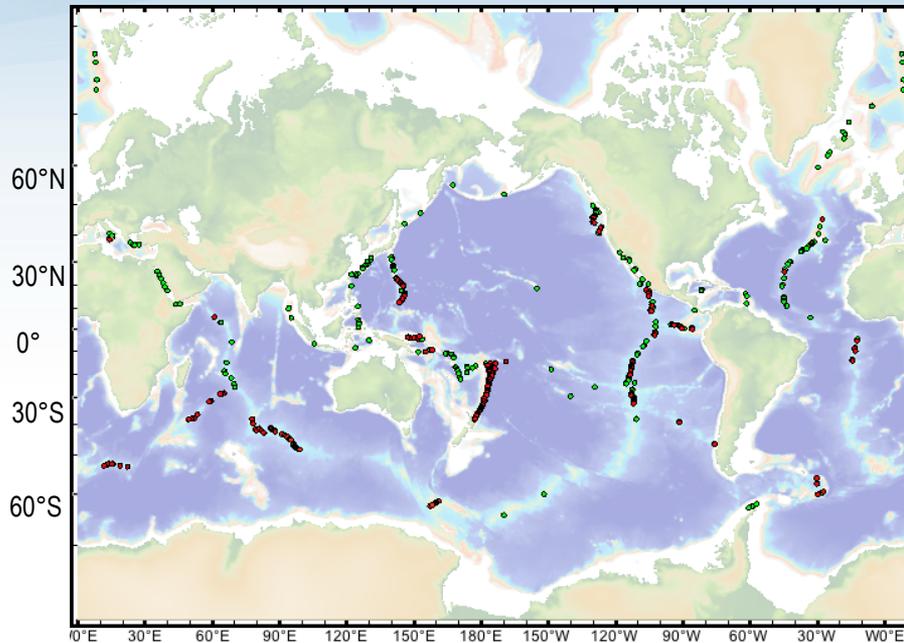


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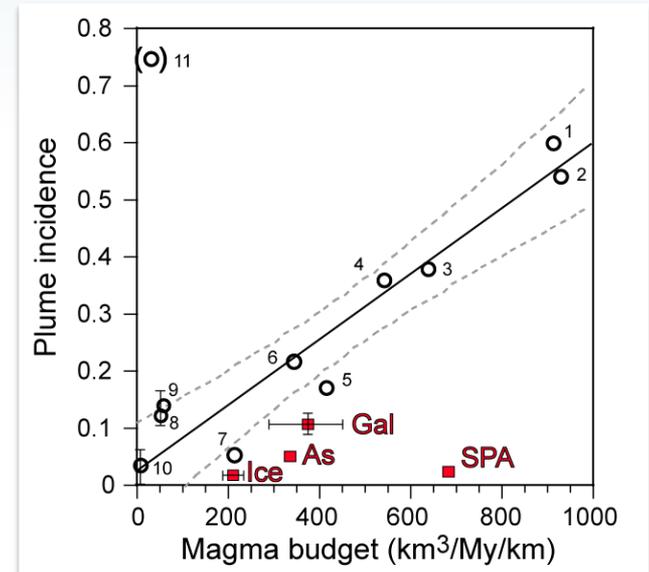
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 Leybourne., **2012a 2012b**, Baker et al.,  
 2002, 2003, **2012**, Embley et al., **2008,**  
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 al., **2008**, Dziak et al., **2008**, Lavelle et  
 al., **2008**

# Hydrothermal Activity is a Global Scale Phenomena



Baker et al., 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014a, 2014b submitted

- Green dots—~600 confirmed and inferred vents
- Red dots—those discovered by PMEL (~50%)
- ~25% of all known vents discovered by MAPRs

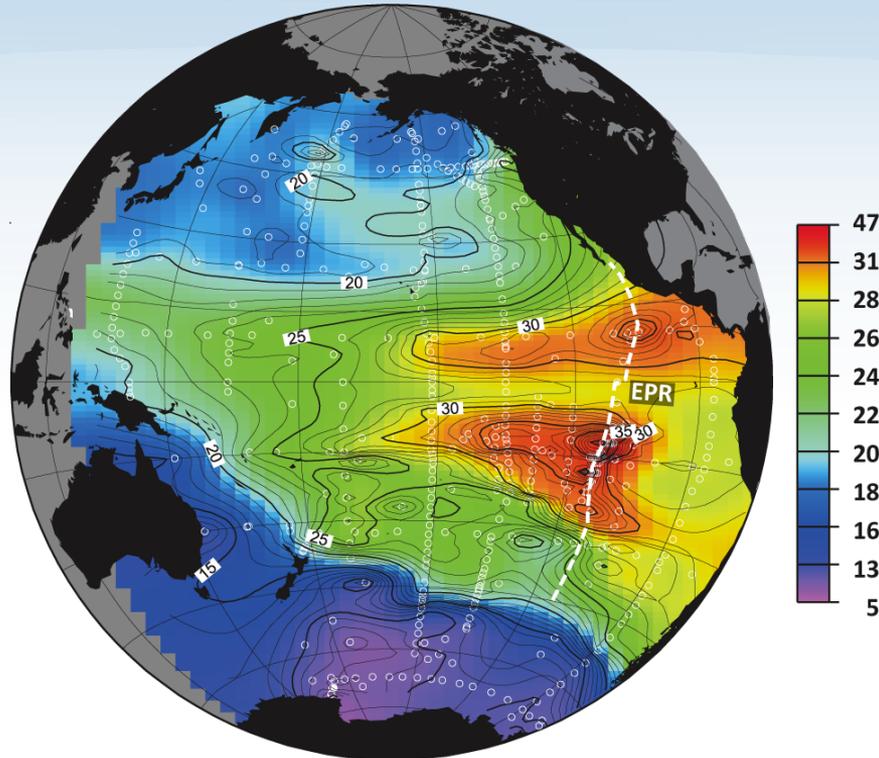


# Basin Scale Impacts

$\delta(^3\text{He})\%$  at 2500m

Hydrothermal activity influences the chemistry of the ocean basins.

$^3\text{He}$  is a conservative tracer of magmatic activity.



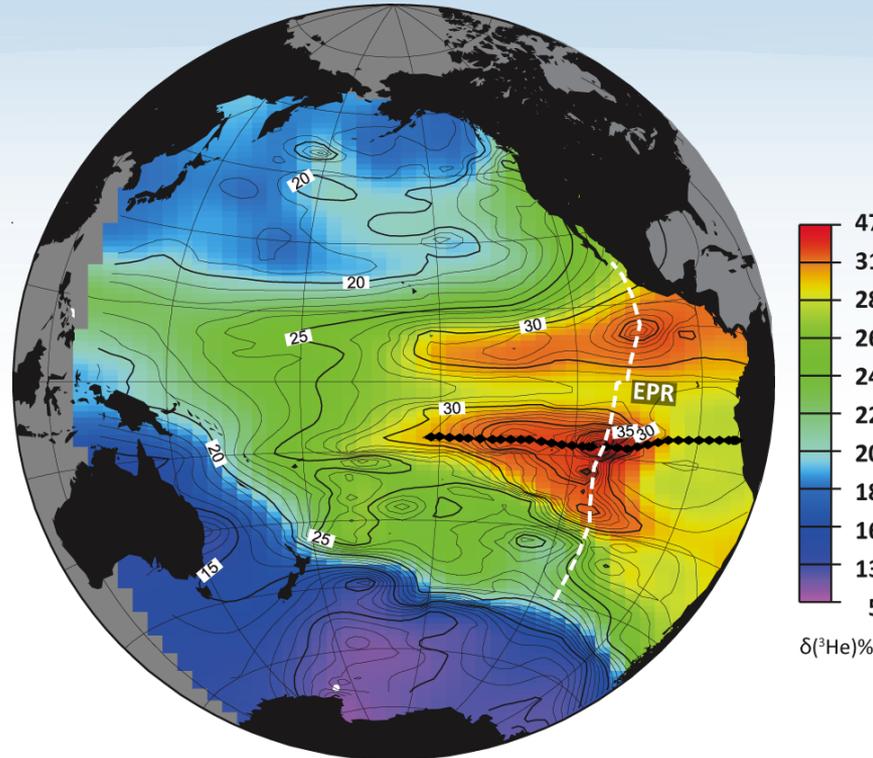
$^3\text{He}$  enables us to track deep ocean flow



# Eastern Pacific Zonal Section US-GEOTRACES Program

## GEOTRACES

An international program designed to understand the broad-scale trace-element chemistry of the oceans.

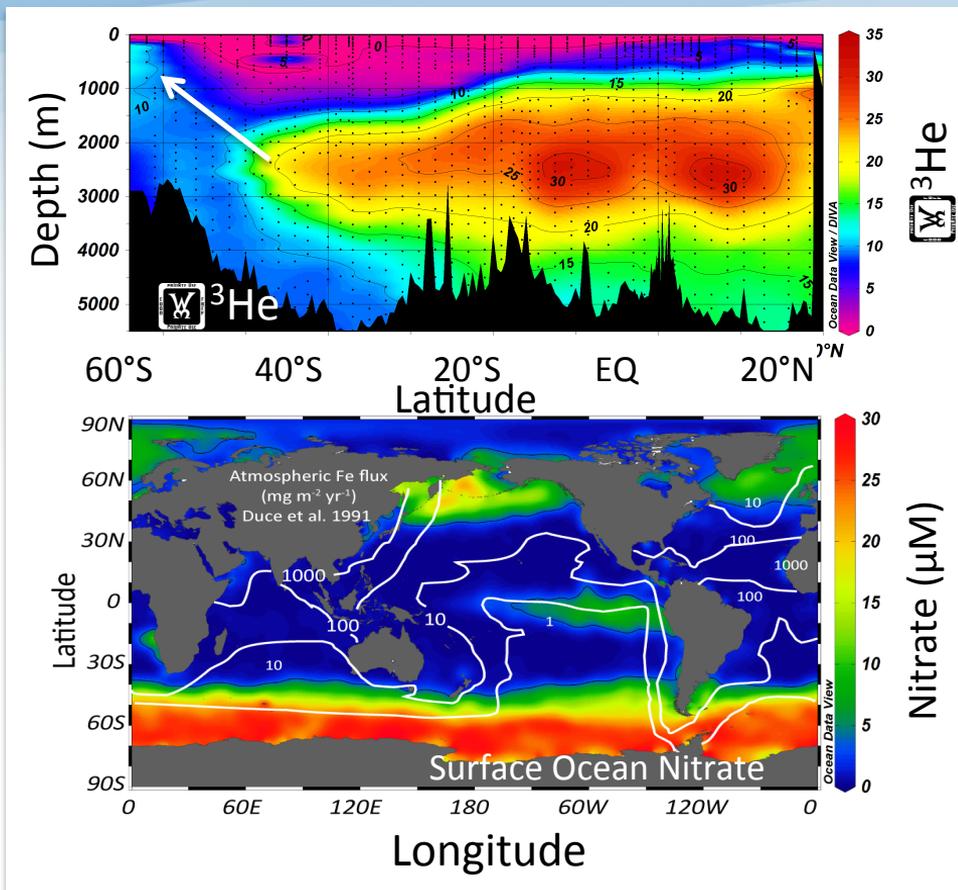
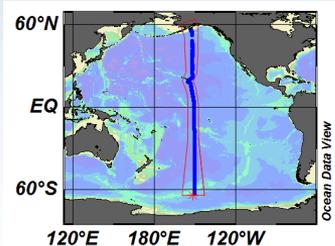


The  $^3\text{He}$  plume from the EPR enables us to evaluate hydrothermal impacts.

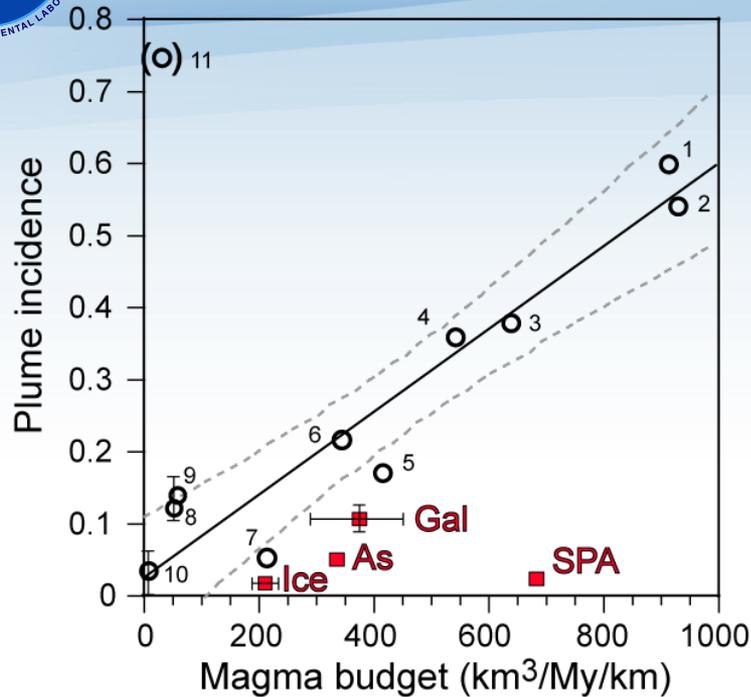
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# Relevance

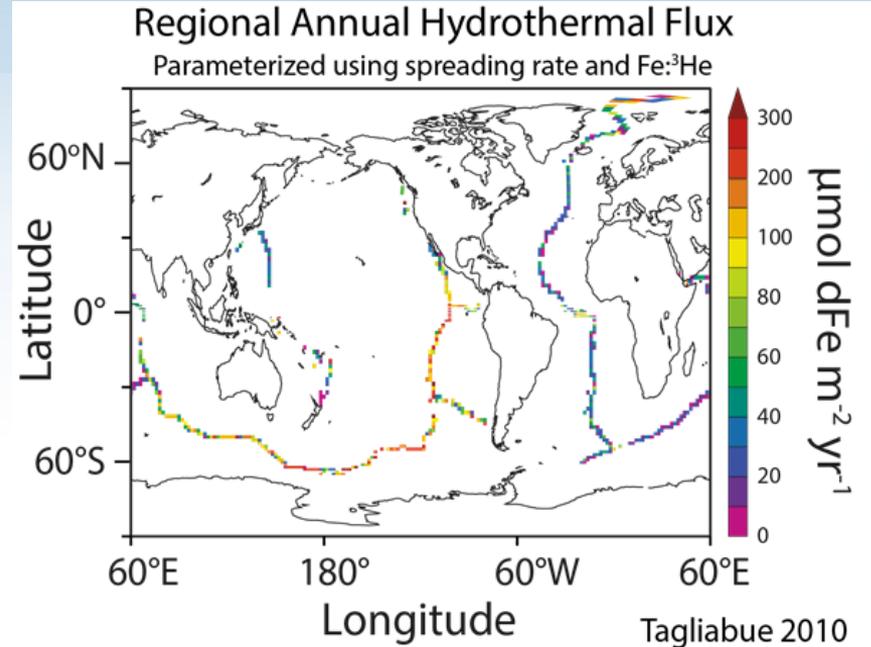
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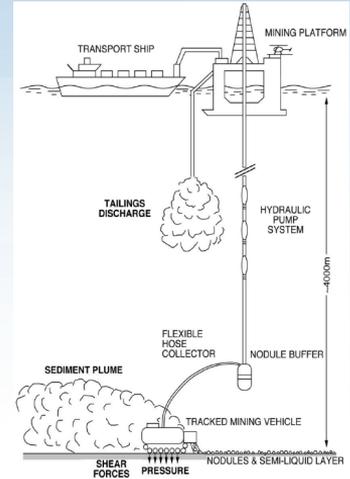
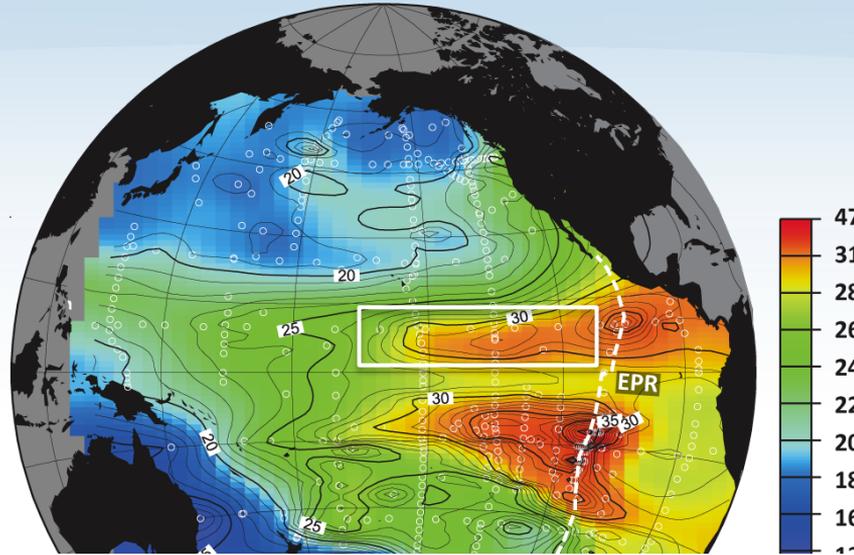


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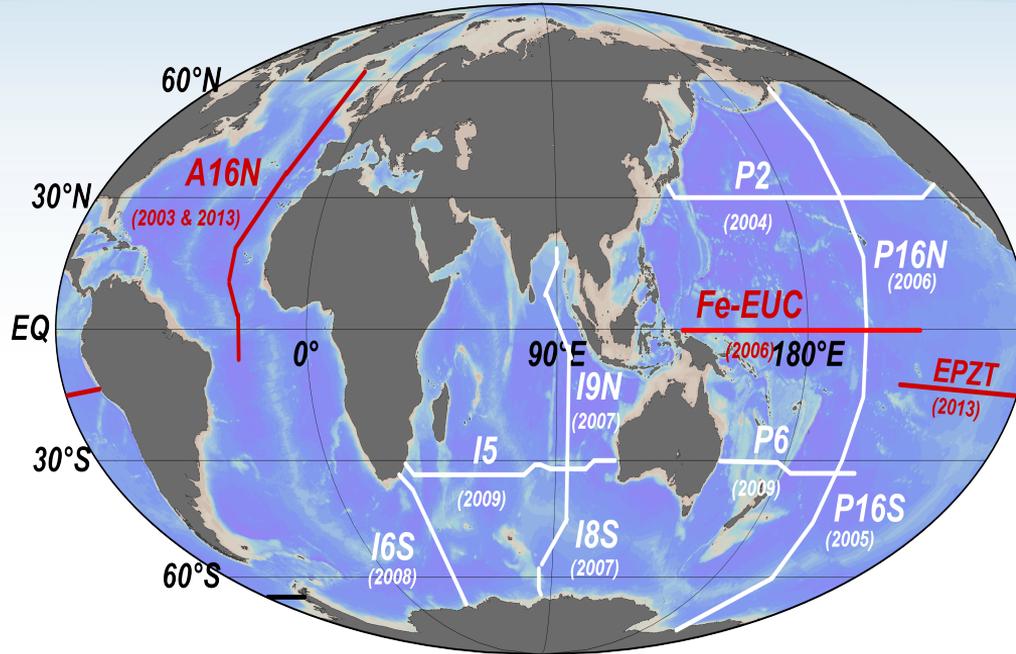


Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology

Joint Project Agreement: Development of a Monitoring & Research Plan for Korean Benthic Environmental Impact Study



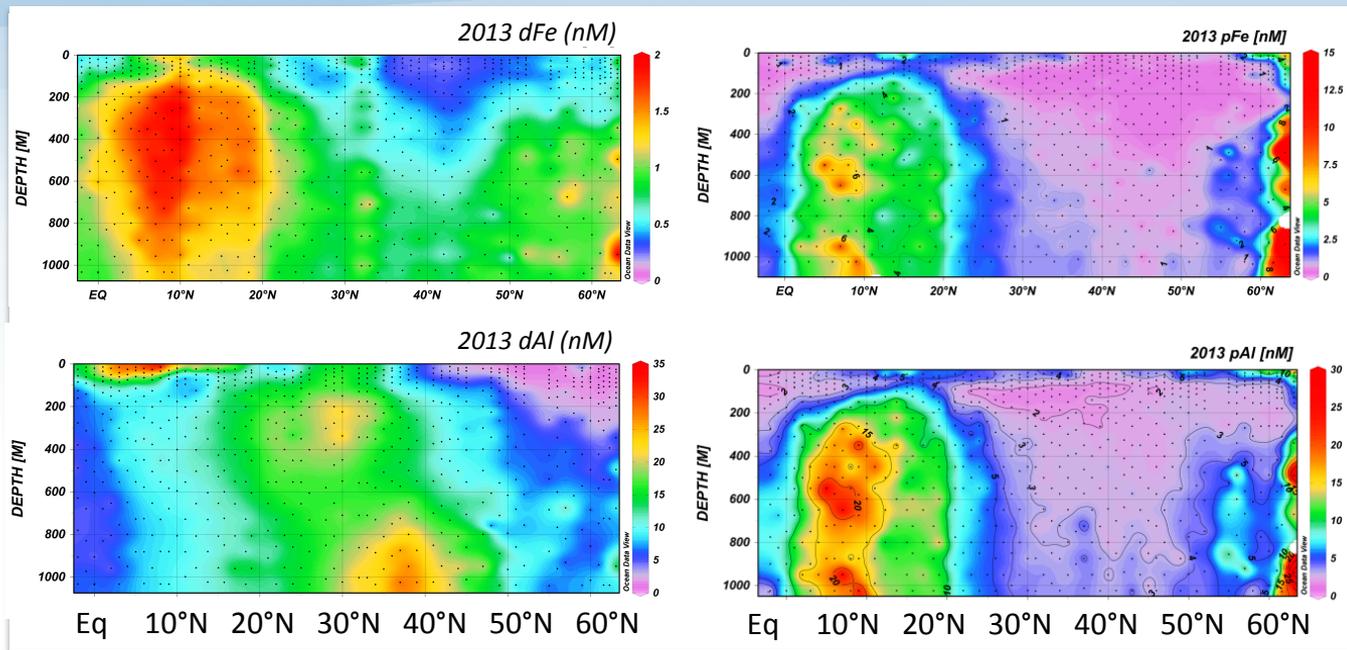
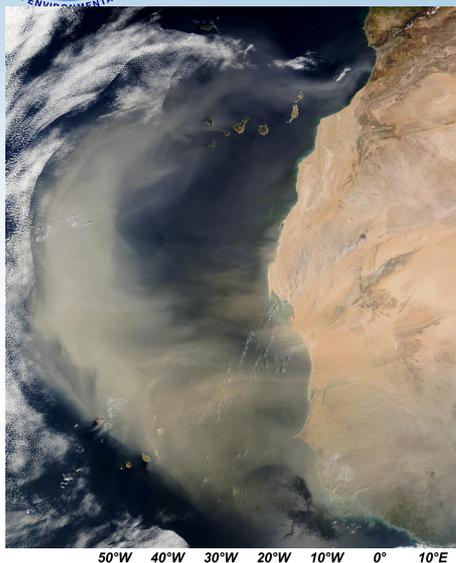
# Trace Element Chemistry Repeat Hydrography and Other Transects



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Grand et al., 2014a  
Grand et al., 2014b

# Performance-Atlantic Ocean



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Resing et al 2014

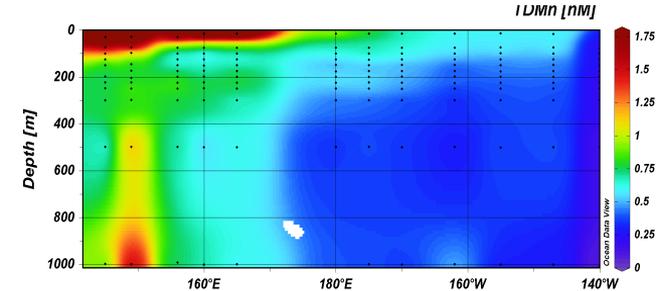
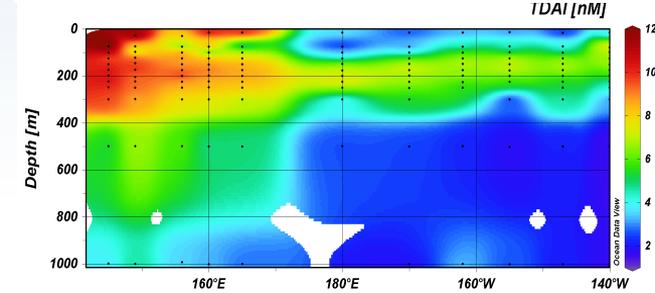
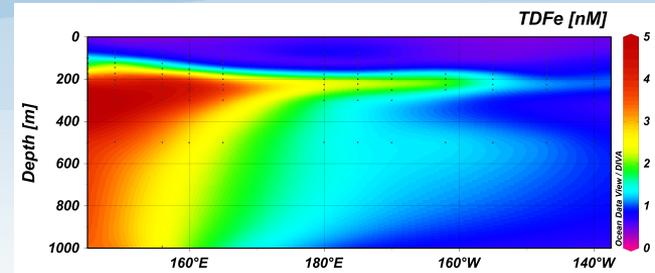
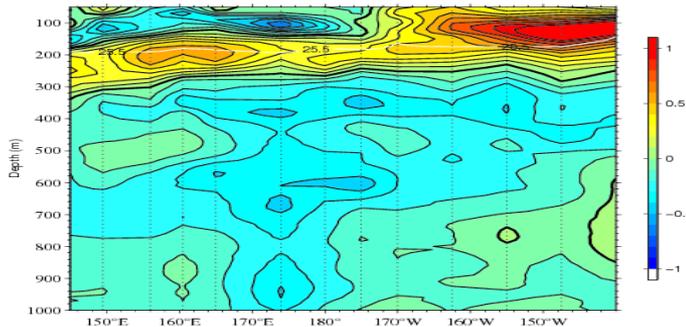
Barrett et al., 2013, 2014

Buck et al 2013a, 2013b

# Performance-Pacific Ocean



Zonal Velocity along Equator

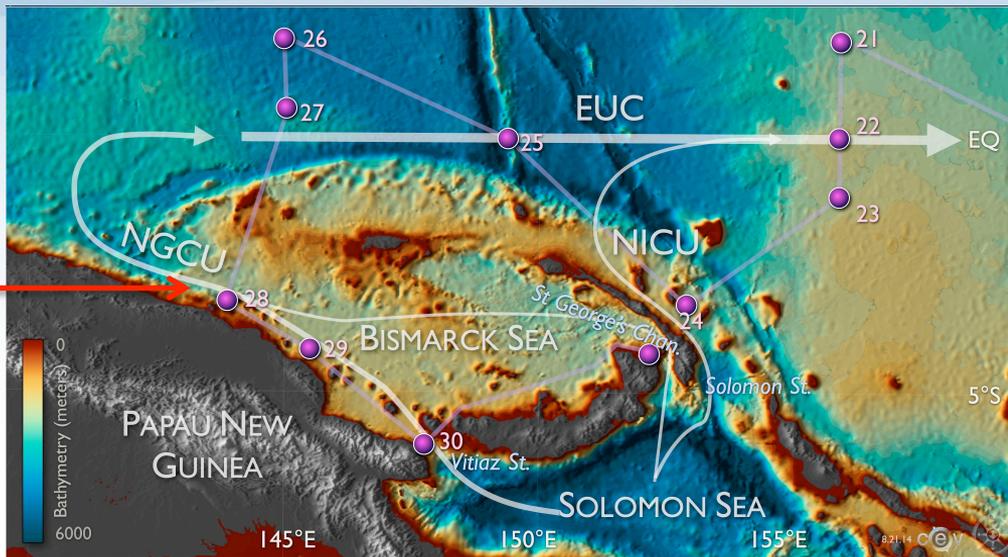


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Slemons et al., (2010),  
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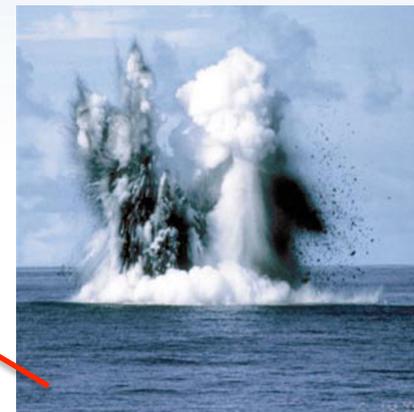
# Sources of Fe

Previously we have implicated coastal sediments rivers



Shallow hydrothermal and eruptive activity

Kavachi



Baker et al 2002

Synergy:  
William Kessler

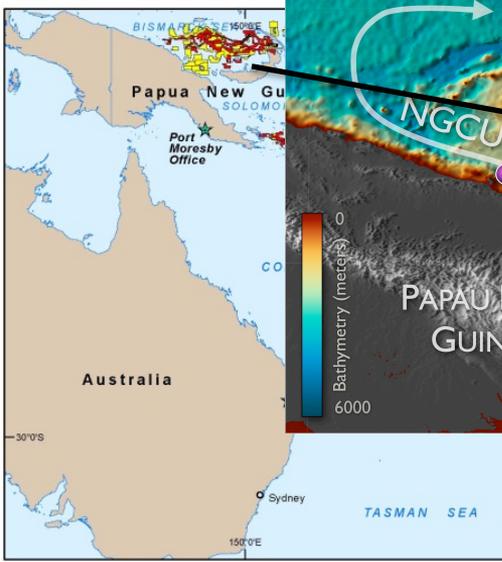
Mackey et al 2002; Wells et al 1999, suggested that Fe may be supplied to the EUC by shallow hydrothermal activity.

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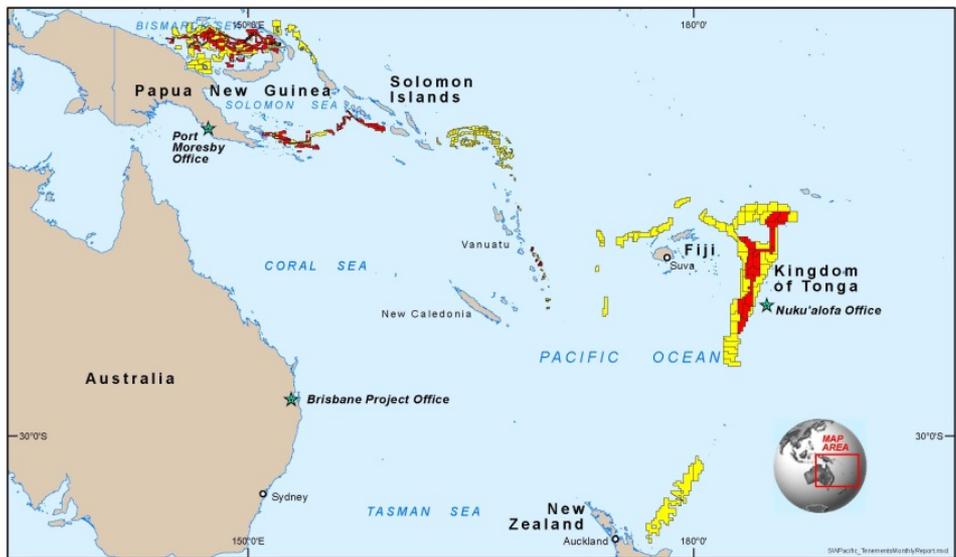
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**Figure 7**  
**SOUTHWEST PACIFIC REGION**  
**LOCATION OF TENEMENTS**  
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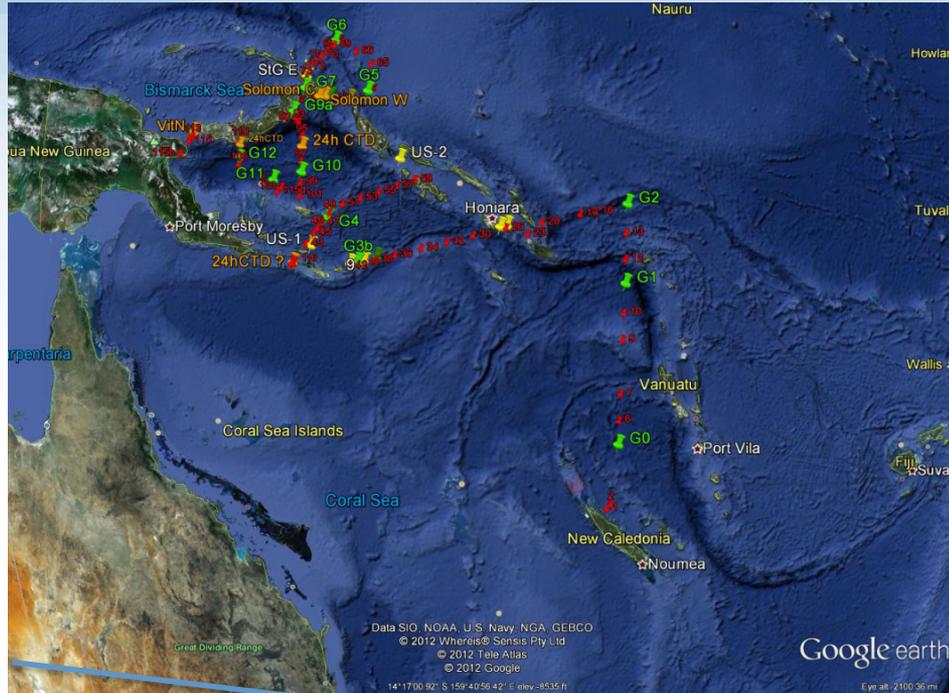




# Future Directions-Pandora

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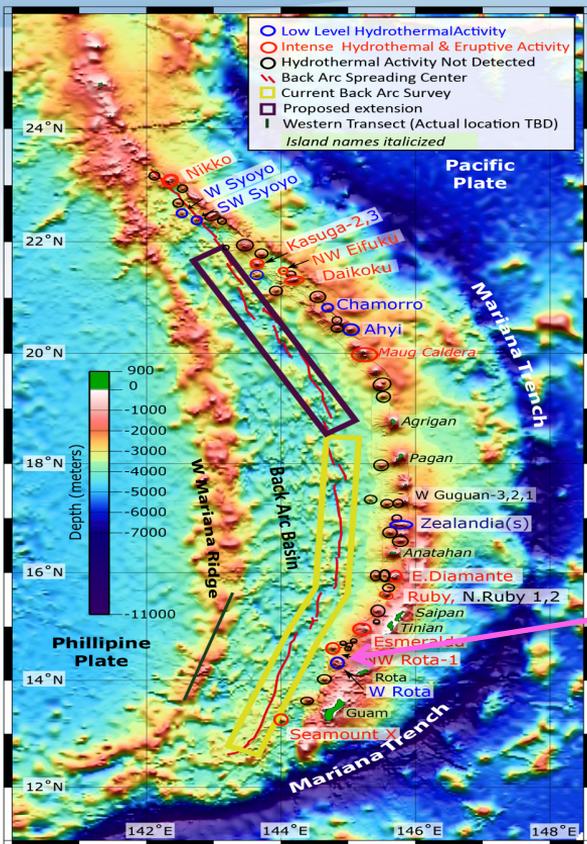
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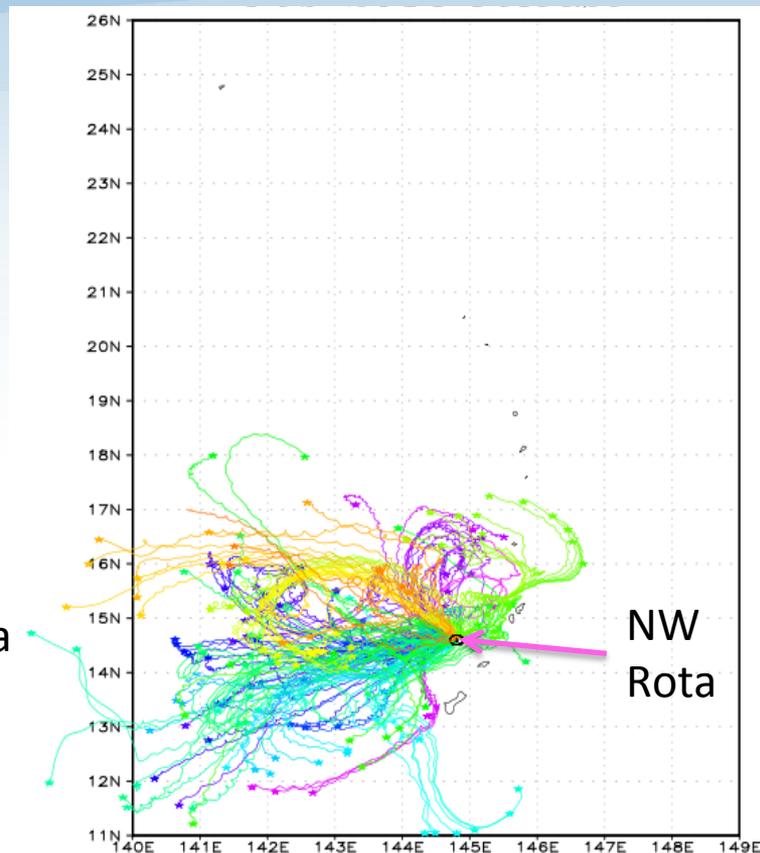
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# Future Directions



NW Rota



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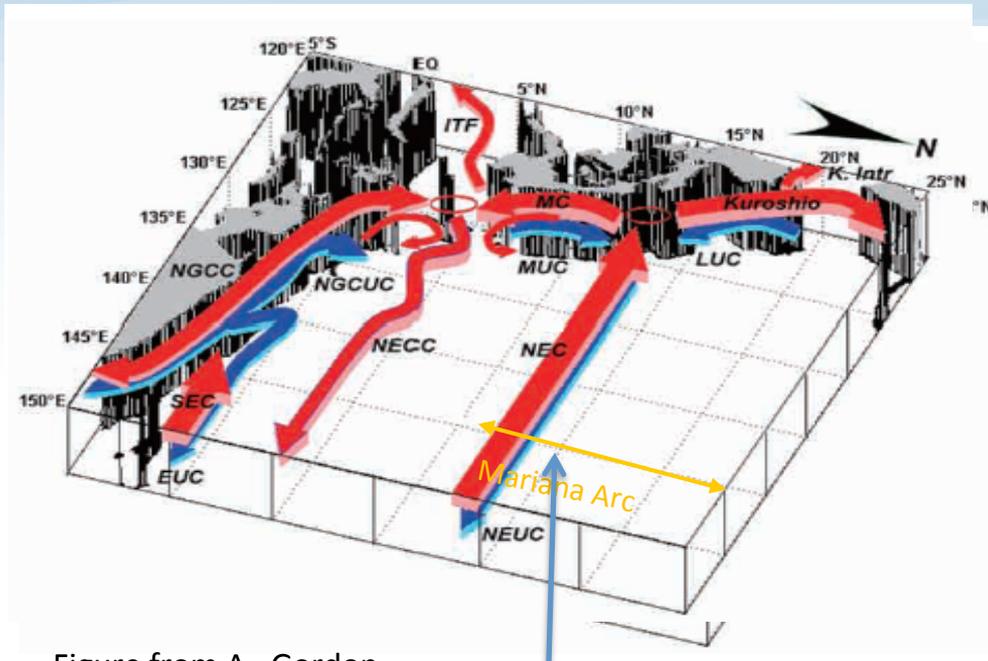
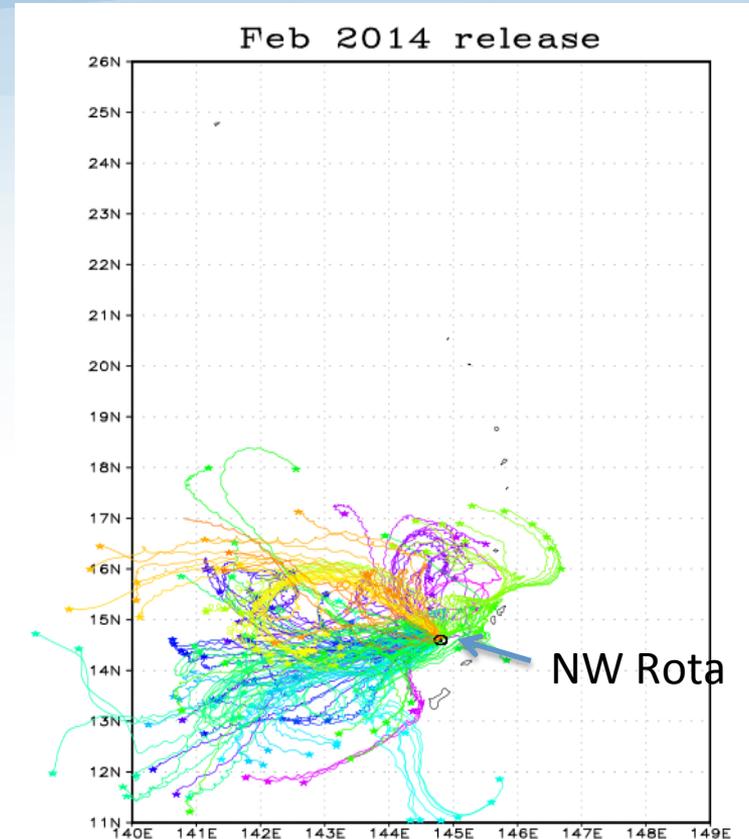


Figure from A. Gordon

NW Rota



NW Rota



# Summary

- Global Exploration and Research reveal how the solid Earth interacts with the Ocean.
- Submarine Hydrothermal and Volcanic activity affect the chemistry of the ocean basins.
- Conservative tracers like  $^3\text{He}$  (and CFCs and  $\text{SF}_6$ ) provide critical information on ocean transport.
- Fe from shallow and deep hydrothermal sources reach the surface ocean.
- The impacts of ocean mining are not well understood.
- Processes responsible the input, processing, and transport of Fe throughout the ocean needs to be understood to properly model anthropogenic and natural effects on ocean productivity.