

**On the early fate of hydrothermal iron at deep-sea vents: a reassessment after in-situ filtration**

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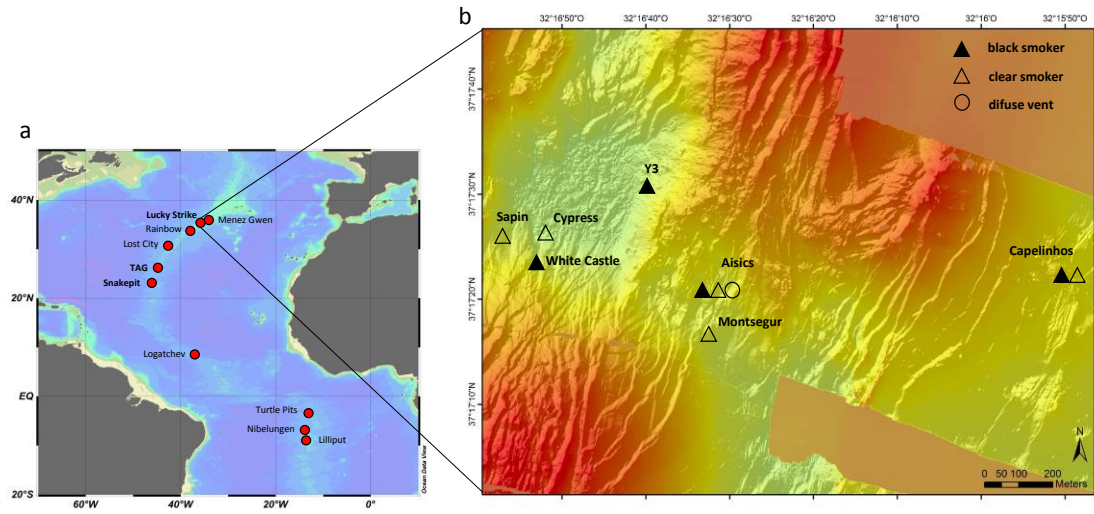
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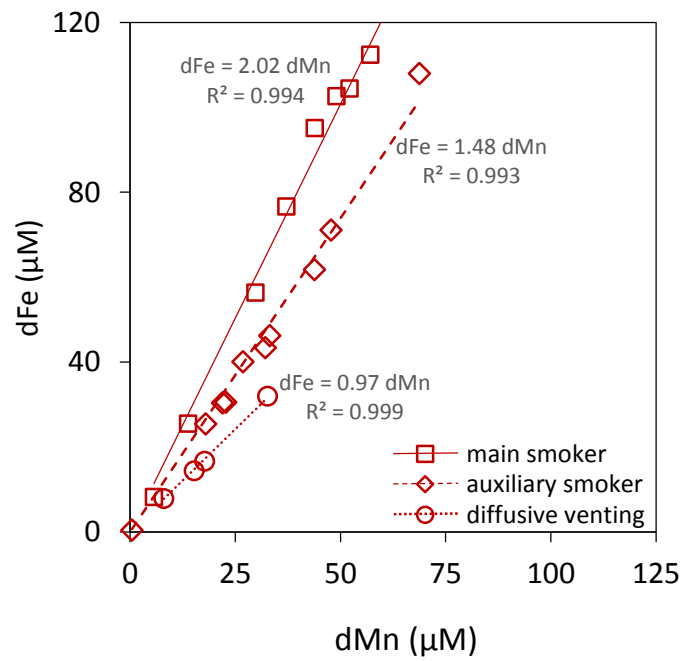
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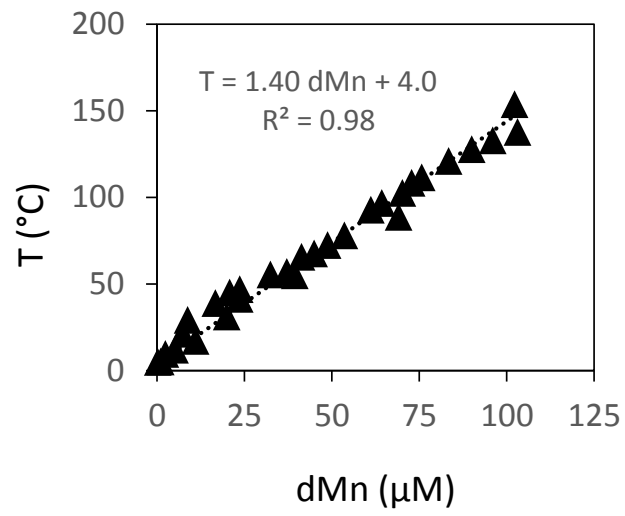
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**Figure S1.** (a) Main known hydrothermal fields of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. (b) Vent discharge sites of the Lucky Strike field where dissolved and particulate concentrations of Fe were measured after in-situ filtration.



**Figure S2.** Dissolved Fe concentrations (dFe) as a function of dissolved Mn concentrations (dMn) at the main smoker, auxiliary smoker and diffusive smoker of Aisics.



**Figure S3.** dMn-T relationship obtained at the main smoker of Aisics with the PEPITO sampler.

| Site/Cruise     | Depth (m) | dMn (nM) | dFe (nM) | pFe (nM) |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>TAG</b>      |           |          |          |          |
| CD-77           | 3579      | 2.4      | 5.4      | 10       |
| CD-77           | 3567      | 2.8      | 6.9      | 18       |
| CD-77           | 3612      | 3.3      | 13       | 14       |
| CD-77           | 3107      | 4.7      | 16       | 15       |
| CD-77           | 3420      | 6        | 18       | 21       |
| CD-77           | 3337      | 6.5      | 15       | 29       |
| CD-77           | 3082      | 8.6      | 20       | 41       |
| CD-77           | 3294      | 11       | 25       | 20       |
| CD-77           | 3376      | 11       | 43       | 31       |
| CD-77           | 3413      | 18       | 50       | 61       |
| CD-77           | 3206      | 22       | 97       | 76       |
| CD-77           | 3520      | 23       | 28       | 95       |
| Geotraces GA03  | 3419      | 17.3     | 51       | 72       |
| Geotraces GA03  | 3330      | 18.6     | 37       | 96       |
| Geotraces GA03  | 3274      | 14.1     | 46       | 36       |
| Geotraces GA03  | 3252      | 18.3     | 67       | 98       |
| <b>Snakepit</b> |           |          |          |          |
| CD-77           | 3455      | 1.4      | 6.3      | 6.5      |
| CD-77           | 3305      | 3        | 7.3      | 18       |
| CD-77           | 3340      | 3.6      | 13       | 12       |
| CD-77           | 3376      | 4.6      | 15       | 9.1      |
| CD-77           | 3351      | 5.8      | 24       | 8.3      |
| CD-77           | 3372      | 7.5      | 20       | 22       |
| CD-77           | 3363      | 7.8      | 20       | 19       |
| CD-77           | 3384      | 10       | 24       | 15       |
| CD-77           | 3364      | 11       | 35       | 20       |
| CD-77           | 3348      | 13       | 34       | 19       |
| CD-77           | 3354      | 18       | 42       | 16       |
| CD-77           | 3371      | 24       | 47       | 34       |
| CD-77           | 3335      | 32       | 87       | 69       |

**Table S2.** Dissolved and particulate Fe concentrations obtained in the neutrally buoyant plume of TAG and Snakepit. Data from cruise CD-77 are from James and Elderfield [1996]; data from cruise Geotraces-GA03 are from Hatta et al. [2015] and Ohnemus and Lam [2015]. A regression with the least square method with these data gives  $dFe+pFe=6.8 dMn$  ( $R^2=0.88$ ) at TAG and  $dFe+pFe=4.3 dMn$  ( $R^2=0.89$ ) at Snakepit. When compared to the Fe:Mn ratio of their relative well-focused black smoker source, i.e. 8.0 at TAG and 5.7 at Snakepit [James and Elderfield, 1996], about 15% and 25% of Fe is “missing” in the neutrally buoyant plumes of TAG and Snakepit, respectively.

| T (°C) | dMn (µM) | dFe(µM) | pFe (µM) | dCu (µM) | pCu (µM) | dZn (µM) | pZn (µM) |
|--------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 12     | 5.68     | 8.29    | 0.56     | 0.037    | 0.13     | 0.64     | 0.20     |
| 27     | 13.75    | 25.55   | 2.12     | 0.028    | 1.11     | 0.381    | 1.74     |
| 52     | 29.82    | 56.39   | 1.63     | 0.057    | 1.43     | 0.487    | 1.15     |
| 62     | 37.13    | 76.69   | 4.51     | 0.068    | 2.57     | 0.290    | 3.25     |
| 69     | 43.90    | 95.14   | 2.97     | 0.073    | 2.97     | 0.254    | 4.96     |
| 90     | 49.03    | 102.7   | 5.59     | 0.022    | 4.00     | 0.095    | 5.42     |
| 82     | 52.12    | 104.5   | 5.28     | 0.278    | 4.44     | 0.447    | 6.60     |
| 103    | 57.04    | 112.4   | 4.84     | 0.090    | 3.53     | 0.175    | 5.49     |
| 127    | 88.13    | 188.1   | 6.36     | 0.158    | 5.47     | 0.200    | 7.83     |
| 158    | 104.2    | 199.0   | 8.37     | 0.207    | 5.89     | 0.234    | 8.61     |

**Table S3.** Dissolved and particulate Fe, Zn and Cu concentrations measured at the main smoker of Aisics (26 July 2014).

| <b>T (°C)</b> | <b>ΣS (μM)</b> | <b>T (°C)</b> | <b>Fe(II)</b> |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 4.1           | 12.8           | 4.6           | 1.30          |
| 5.2           | 0.98           | 9.6           | 6.23          |
| 9.5           | 1.70           | 20.5          | 12.5          |
| 12.1          | 5.29           | 27.6          | 21.0          |
| 17.2          | 27.7           | 39.1          | 31.2          |
| 21.9          | 7.28           | 44.9          | 43.8          |
| 26.1          | 40.5           | 64.8          | 48.7          |
| 31.1          | 62.6           | 100.7         | 94.4          |
| 39.1          | 89.4           |               |               |
| 41.4          | 132.4          |               |               |
| 47.0          | 138.1          |               |               |
| 52.6          | 120.7          |               |               |
| 57.6          | 118.5          |               |               |
| 63.9          | 125.3          |               |               |
| 78.0          | 184.6          |               |               |
| 85.7          | 124.6          |               |               |
| 90.9          | 134.2          |               |               |
| 97.1          | 171.8          |               |               |
| 107.0         | 185.5          |               |               |
| 108.5         | 191.4          |               |               |
| 121.0         | 168.9          |               |               |
| 131.0         | 205.4          |               |               |
| 132.9         | 173.4          |               |               |
| 153.8         | 186.9          |               |               |

**Table S4.** Labile sulfide ( $\Sigma S$ ) and Fe(II) data obtained at the main smoker of Aisics after in situ measurements with the CHEMINI analyser

**Data Set S1.** dissolved Mn (dMn), dissolved Fe (dFe) and particulate Fe (pFe) data at each sampled gradient. Mean temperature during each sampling (T) is also given but can be only use as an indicative value due to important variations in this dynamic area (see Cotte et al., [2015]). Parameters of the regressions with the least squares method to the one parameter linear  $dFe = a \times dMn$  and  $pFe = b \times dMn$  models are also displayed.  $a/(a+b)$  ratio correspond to the Fe fraction being preserved as dissolved species upon mixing. Uncertainties on the  $a/(a+b)$  ratio were deduced from confidence intervals at 95% on a and b.

**Table S1.** Overview of the hydrothermal vent gradients being sampled. The dilution factor range of each examined gradient was determined from the comparison of Mn concentrations in the gradient to Mn end-member concentrations (Table 1).